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## Search for a diffuse astrophysical neutrino flux from the Galactic Ridge with KM3NeT/ARCA

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KM3NeT/ARCA is a second-generation neutrino telescope currently under construction in the Mediterranean Sea. Its capability to collect high-quality data has been recently demonstrated by the detection of an ultra-high-energy neutrino of astrophysical origin.

Located in the Northern Hemisphere with a high duty cycle, the detector has an optimal view of the Galactic Center, primarily via well-reconstructed track-like events. This study analyzes the KM3NeT/ARCA dataset acquired during the detector operation to search for an excess of neutrino events from the Galactic Ridge, defined by Galactic coordinates  $|\mathbf{b}| < 2^{\circ}$  and  $|\mathbf{l}| < 30^{\circ}$ . This region, previously investigated also using ANTARES data, is expected to exhibit a harder spectral index for cosmic ray emission compared to other areas of the Galactic plane.

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