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Search for large-scale cosmic-ray anisotropy with the first detection units of KM3NeT/ARCA

KM3NeT/ARCA is a very large-volume neutrino telescope currently under construction deep underwater in the Mediterranean Sea. Although primarily designed to search for high-energy neutrinos from astrophysical sources, this detector also has the potential to probe cosmic rays in the TeV-PeV energy range - an advantage made possible thanks to the atmospheric muons, which constitute the predominant background source in deep neutrino telescopes. This study aims to investigate anisotropy in the arrival direction distribution of high-energy cosmic rays observed by KM3NeT/ARCA with its first detection units. Different data-driven models are employed to disentangle the detector effects from the data and allow for a proper interpretation of observations.

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