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## Investigation of backgrounds for horizontal neutrino showers at ultra-high energy

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### Abstract content

A possible signature of a neutrino-induced air shower is a near-horizontal event developing very deeply in the atmosphere at depths exceeding a few thousand  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ . Making use of high-statistics shower libraries we study the background to such events from: (1) high-energy muons produced in primary proton events, which may propagate deeply into the atmosphere before initiating a subcascade; (2) primary photons, which may start to cascade late due to a suppression of the Bethe-Heitler cross-section by the LPM effect. The rates of background events are compared with various flux models of ultra-high energy neutrino production.

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### Summary

### Reference

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