

Taster of "low-energy" analyses@lceCube

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Our "low-energy" is everybody* else "high-energy"



Neutrino oscillation cartoon idea



If two neutrino eigenstates have different rotation they cause quantum interference: neutrino oscillations.



Neutrino Oscillations primer

In two generations the oscillation probability at a given distance L and energy E in vacuum $% \left({{{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{s}}} \right)$

$$P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}} \left(\frac{L}{E}\right) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$$





Our current picture

Neutrino oscillations : mass eigenstates (ν_i ; i = 1, 2, 3) and flavor eigenstates (ν_{α} ; $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$) are not the same.



Testing PMNS matrix unitarity



(Parke et al. arXiv:1508.05095)

Global picture



IceCube measurements *are* at different energies and baselines! We are testing the three massive neutrino picture, (L/E scaling).



How to look for new physics with neutrino oscillation?



If new physics potential affects differently neutrinos propagation states: new oscillation phenomena.



Because we are trying to test (put stress) on the current picture, we use blind analysis to avoid bias.

What is a blind analysis? It's a technique that purposely hides information from the analyzers in order to avoid tweaking the cuts and/or systematics to change the result significance and/or interpretation.

Is my analysis "wrong" if its not blind? No, one just need to be more careful to not accidentally bias yourself. Corollary: things move much slower after unblinding than prior to it.

Typical unblinding procedure looks something like this:

1.Basic checks: check goodness-of-fit, check sideband distributions (e.g. azimuth). **2.Check non-physics parameters:** look at the nuisance parameters pulls.

- **3.Check physics distributions stability:** are your physics distributions compatible when sliced in time or in detector splittings?
- **4.Check pulls at best-fit point:** look at the pull distribution on your physics variables (e.g. energy, zenith)
- **5.Reveal physics parameters.**



Analysis strategy

- Use atmospheric neutrinos from few GeV to 100 GeV.
- In this energy range the neutrinos are coming predominantly from pion and muon decay.
- Cross section is dominated by DIS.
- Oscillation probability baseline proportional to zenith angle.
- Make 3D histograms in: \cos\theta, energy, PID for each component.
- Systematics are implemented as nuisance parameters and fitted simultaneously. Broad L/E range and large statistics allows to control the systematics.



 $\cos\theta\sim L$



Oscillograms

T. DeYoung, Neutrino2018



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Typical systematics

Flux and cross section uncertainties (highly degenerate)	Typical prior/method
Overall rate	unconstrained
Linear energy-dependent effects (flux spectral index, DIS effects)	±0.10 in index
$(v_{\rm e}+ar{v}_{\rm e})$ / $(v_{\mu}+ar{v}_{\mu})$ ratio	±5%
NC / CC ratio	±20%
hadronic flux effects (degenerate with $\bar{\nu}/\nu$ ratio) – energy dependence	from Barr et al. 2006
hadronic flux effects (degenerate with $\bar{\nu}/\nu$ ratio) – angular dependence	from Barr et al. 2006
Axial vector mass M_A (some effect for resonances, negligible for CCQE)	from GENIE
Detector/background uncertainties: IceCube	
DOM overall sensitivity	±10%
DOM angular-dependent response: two parameters	from LED data
Photon scattering and absorption in glacial ice: two parameters	±10%
Atmospheric muon background shape (rate unconstrained)	from MC or tagged veto data

Mix top-bottom and bottom-top approaches

Bottom-top: construct a detail model of the systematic effect.

Top-bottom: construct an ad hoc parameterization that mimics the effect of the systematic.



More comments on systematics

1 year analysis systematic treatment



7 year analysis systematic treatment



Atmospheric flux					
ν flux template	discrete (7)				
$\nu / \overline{\nu}$ ratio	continuous 0.025				
π / K ratio	continuous 0.1				
Normalization	continuous none ¹				
Cosmic ray spectral index	continuous 0.05				
Atmospheric temperature	continuous model tuned				
Detector an	d ice model				
DOM efficiency	continuous				
Ice properties	discrete (4)				
Hole ice effect on angular resp	onse discrete (2)				
Neutrino propagati	on and interaction				
DIS cross section	discrete (6)				
Earth density	discrete (9)				



New continuous and more precise detector systematic treatment!

Systematic treatment is not universal it depends on the sample at hand and the objective measurement. What is appropriate or not depends on statistical power of the sample.

People working in flux and detector systematics are the superheroes of our times!

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"With great statistical power comes great **systematic** responsibility"

Analysis software

Currently two fitting frameworks (packages) use for oscillation analysis:



https://icecube.wisc.edu/~peller/ pisa_docs/index.html



https://github.com/ hogenshpogen/Golem

✤PISA is written in python, GolemFit in c++ with python bindings.

Core concepts very similar: event by event reweighing for syst. treatment.

PISA is more specialized for oscillation analysis at low energies. GolemFit has been used in other analysis such as high energy analysis and is a more recent development, but it follows from a series of previous fitting tools.



Some current on-going analyses and results



Latest nu-mu disappearance



Starting to be competitive with dedicated accelerator experiments.

Best measurement with natural sources.

Remember that we are measuring it at different energies, but same L/E. This is a test of the current framework.



M. Aartsen et al. (IceCube), Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 071801 (2018)

First nu-tau appearance



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Sterile neutrino: low-energy signature





Sterile neutrino: high-energy signature



Matter effects in the Earth introduce a resonance flavor transition at TeV energies.



 $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 1 \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2 2 \theta_{24} = 0.1$

*Matter Enhanced Oscillations With Sterile neutrinos

Sterile neutrino: high-energy signature



*Matter Enhanced Oscillations With Sterile neutrinos

Nonstandard neutrino interactions



$$i\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\begin{pmatrix}\nu_{e}\\\nu_{\mu}\\\nu_{\tau}\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2E} \left[U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^{2} \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger} + A \begin{pmatrix} 1+\varepsilon_{ee} & \varepsilon_{e\mu} & \varepsilon_{e\tau}\\\varepsilon_{e\mu}^{*} & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu} & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}\\\varepsilon_{e\tau}^{*} & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^{*} & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix}\nu_{e}\\\nu_{\mu}\\\nu_{\tau}\end{pmatrix}$$



Nonstandard neutrino interactions





*Salvado et al. uses public high-energy IceCube data

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Violation of Lorentz invariance

If one extends the standard model to include LV/CPT violating terms using the SME:

$$H = H_{std} + \frac{p_{\lambda}}{E} \begin{pmatrix} a_{ee}^{\lambda} & a_{e\mu}^{\lambda} & a_{e\tau}^{\lambda} \\ a_{e\mu}^{\lambda^*} & a_{\mu\mu}^{\lambda} & a_{\mu\tau}^{\lambda} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{p_{\lambda}p_{\sigma}}{E} \begin{pmatrix} c_{ee}^{\lambda\sigma} & c_{e\mu}^{\lambda\sigma} & c_{e\tau}^{\lambda\sigma} \\ c_{e\mu}^{\lambda\sigma^*} & c_{\mu\mu}^{\lambda\sigma} & c_{\mu\tau}^{\lambda\sigma} \end{pmatrix}$$

here $p_{\lambda} = (E, \vec{p})$

Simplifying assumption: lets assume that "a" and "c" only have a time component.

$$H = H_{std} + \tilde{a}^{\mathsf{T}} + E\tilde{c}^{\mathsf{TT}}$$

Kostelecky Phys.Rev. D69 (2004) 016005



Hamiltonian dominance

$$H = H_{vac} + H_{matter} + \tilde{a}' + E\tilde{c}'$$

$$\sim 10^{-24} \text{GeV}\left(\frac{TeV}{E}\right) \quad (\sim 10^{-23} \text{GeV}) \quad ? \quad E^*?$$

note that the matter potential only affects the ee component

back of the envelope sensitivity

$$\tilde{a}^{\mathsf{T}} \sim 10^{-24} \text{GeV} \rightarrow 10^{-27} \text{GeV}$$

 $\tilde{c}^{\mathsf{TT}} \sim 10^{-27} \rightarrow 10^{-32}$



Signal kicks in at high energies

The analysis sensitivity, specially for high-dimension operators, is dominated by the highest energy events.
We are very much statistically limited.



Gray region is irrelevant for the analysis. Removing it changes it marginally.

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Our results in the maximum-flavor violating assumption

Maximum flavor violation = set diagonal terms to zero. (same assumption as SK)



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White: allowed, red: 90% CL, blue: 99% CL.

Comparison with other sectors

dim.	method	type	sector	limits	ref.	
3	CMB polarization	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-43} { m GeV}$	[6]	
	He-Xe comagnetometer	tabletop	neutron	$\sim 10^{-34} { m GeV}$	[10]	
	torsion pendulum	tabletop	electron	$\sim 10^{-31}~{ m GeV}$	[12]	
	muon g-2	accelerator	muon	$\sim 10^{-24} { m GeV}$	[13]	
	neutrino oscillation	$\operatorname{atmospheric}$	neutrino	$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}(\mathring{a}^{(3)}_{\mu\tau}) , \text{Im}(\mathring{a}^{(3)}_{\mu\tau}) &< 2.9 \times 10^{-24} \text{ GeV } (99\% \text{ C.L.}) \\ &< 2.0 \times 10^{-24} \text{ GeV } (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \end{aligned}$	this work	
4	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-38}$	[7]	
	Laser interferometer	LIGO	photon	$\sim 10^{-22}$	[8]	
	Sapphire cavity oscillator	tabletop	photon	$\sim 10^{-18}$	[5]	
	Ne-Rb-K comagnetometer	tabletop	neutron	$\sim 10^{-29}$	[11]	
	trapped Ca^+ ion	table top	electron	$\sim 10^{-19}$	[14]	
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)}) , \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)}) < 3.9 \times 10^{-28} (99\% \text{ C.L.}) < 2.7 \times 10^{-28} (90\% \text{ C.L.})$	this work	
5	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-34} { m GeV^{-1}}$	[7]	
	ultra-high-energy cosmic ray	astrophysical	proton	$\sim 10^{-22}$ to $10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$	[9]	
	neutrino oscillation	$\operatorname{atmospheric}$	neutrino	$\frac{ \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(5)}) , \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(5)}) }{< 1.5 \times 10^{-32} \text{ GeV}^{-1} (99\% \text{ C.L.})} $	this work	
6	GRB vacuum birefringene	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-31} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	[7]	
	ultra-high-energy cosmic ray	astrophysical	proton	$\sim 10^{-42}$ to 10^{-35} GeV ⁻²	[9]	
	gravitational Cherenkov radiation	astrophysical	gravity	$\sim 10^{-31} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$	[15]	
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(6)}) , \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(6)}) < 1.5 \times 10^{-36} \text{ GeV}^{-2} (99\% \text{ C.L.}) < 9.1 \times 10^{-37} \text{ GeV}^{-2} (90\% \text{ C.L.})$	this work	
7	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-28} { m GeV^{-3}}$	[7]	
	neutrino oscillation	$\operatorname{atmospheric}$	neutrino	$ \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(7)}) , \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(7)}) < 8.3 \times 10^{-41} \text{ GeV}^{-3} (99\% \text{ C.L.}) < 3.6 \times 10^{-41} \text{ GeV}^{-3} (90\% \text{ C.L.})$	this work	
8	gravitational Cherenkov radiation	astrophysical	gravity	$\sim 10^{-46} { m GeV}^{-4}$	[15]	
	neutrino oscillation	$\operatorname{atmospheric}$	neutrino	$ \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(8)}) , \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(8)}) \leq 5.2 \times 10^{-45} \text{ GeV}^{-4} (99\% \text{ C.L.}) \\ < 1.4 \times 10^{-45} \text{ GeV}^{-4} (90\% \text{ C.L.})$	this work	

Very strong limits on Lorentz Violation induced by dimension-6 operators!



Decoherence



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On going analysis. 32

Join the oscillation or BSM wg to do this kind of physics!





BONUS SLIDES!



Anatomy of the dim-6 operator constraint

1.00🗙 No oscillation Allowed Fast oscillations: only normalization matters X marks the best-fit 0.75 point: no significance 0.50 · evidence for LV. We use Wilk's theorem $\begin{array}{c} 0.25 \\ 9 \\ 0.00 \\ \eta \\ 0.00 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$ No stats with 3 dof. Excluded -0.25 -0.50 $\mathring{c}^{(6)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathring{c}^{(6)}_{\mu\mu} & \mathring{c}^{(6)}_{\mu\tau} \\ \mathring{c}^{(6)*}_{\mu\tau} & -\mathring{c}^{(6)}_{\mu\mu} \end{pmatrix}$ -0.75 $P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\tau}) \sim \left(\frac{\mathring{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(d)} - \mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(d)}}{\rho_{d}}\right)^{2} \sin^{2}(L\rho_{d} \cdot E^{d} - \frac{1.00}{10^{-37}} + \frac{10^{-36}}{10^{-36}} + \frac{10^{-34}}{10^{-34}} + \frac{10^{-32}}{10^{-31}} + \frac{10^{-30}}{10^{-31}} + \frac{10^{-30}}{10^{-39}} + \frac{10^{-30}}{10^{-39}} + \frac{10^{-30}}{10^{-31}} + \frac{10^{-30}$ $\rho_6 \,(\mathrm{GeV}^{-2})$ $\rho_d \equiv \sqrt{(\mathring{c}_{\mu\mu}^{(d)})^2 + \operatorname{Re}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(d)})^2 + \operatorname{Im}(\mathring{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(d)})^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{IceCube Collaboration,} \\ \text{arXiv:1709.03434} \end{array}$ 35

arXiv:1410.4267



LV	Parameter	Limit at 95% C.L	. Best Fit	No LV $\Delta \chi^2$	Previous Limi	it
eμ	$\operatorname{Re}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$1.8\times 10^{-23}~{\rm GeV}$	$1.0\times 10^{-23}~{\rm GeV}$	1 4	$4.2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ GeV}$	[58]
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$1.8\times 10^{-23}~{\rm GeV}$	$4.6\times 10^{-24}~{\rm GeV}$	1.4	4.2 × 10 Gev	[00]
	$\operatorname{Re}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	8.0×10^{-27}	1.0×10^{-28}	0.0	9.6×10^{-20}	[58]
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	8.0×10^{-27}	1.0×10^{-28}			
	$\operatorname{Re}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$4.1\times 10^{-23}~{\rm GeV}$	$2.2\times 10^{-24}~{\rm GeV}$	0.0	7.8×10^{-20} CoV	[50]
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C1	$\operatorname{Re}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	9.3×10^{-25}	1.0×10^{-28}	03	1.3×10^{-17}	[50]
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	1.0×10^{-24}	3.5×10^{-25}	0.5	1.3 × 10	[09]
$\mu \tau$	$\operatorname{Re}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$6.5\times 10^{-24}~{\rm GeV}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-24} \text{ GeV}$	0.0		
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$5.1\times 10^{-24}~{\rm GeV}$	$1.0\times 10^{-28}~{\rm GeV}$	0.9	—	
	$\operatorname{Re}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	4.4×10^{-27}	1.0×10^{-28}	0.1		
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	4.2×10^{-27}	7.5×10^{-28}	0.1	—	

Current bounds from SK



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Atmospheric flux decomposed



Atmospheric neutrino flux uncertainties



$$\phi_{atm} = N_0 \left(\phi_K + R_{\pi/K} \phi_\pi \right) \times E_{\nu}^{-\Delta \gamma}$$

[Fedynitch et al. arXiv:1504.06639] [Collins et al. URL: http://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/98078]

Cosmic ray models:

Zatsepin-Sokolskaya

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- Polygonato
- Gaisser+Honda

Hadronic models:

- Sibyll 2.3
- QGSJET II



 $Cos(\theta_z) = -0.2$

 $Cos(\theta_z) =$

Detector Systematics: DOM efficiency!

Effect of changing the DOM efficiency in the parameter space:



Ice uncertainties

Fit for ice properties as a function of depth.



+10% absorption



40

20

16

12

8

4

0

-4

-8

-12

-16

-20

shift

%

Hole Ice

Refrozen ice in the hole have **air bubbles** that produce **extra scattering**.







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	$\operatorname{Im}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	1.0×10^{-24}	3.5×10^{-25}			
$\mu \tau$	$\operatorname{Re}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$6.5\times 10^{-24}~{\rm GeV}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-24} \text{ GeV}$	0.9		
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(a^{T} ight)$	$5.1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ GeV}$	$1.0\times 10^{-28}~{\rm GeV}$	0.9	_	
	$\operatorname{Re}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	4.4×10^{-27}	1.0×10^{-28}	0.1	_	
	$\operatorname{Im}\left(c^{TT} ight)$	4.2×10^{-27}	7.5×10^{-28}	0.1		

Current bounds from SK





Through-going nu-mu energy distribution



Astrophysical neutrino dominate at highest energies!



IceCube observes a lot of atmospheric neutrinos!

