

# NSI with IceCube

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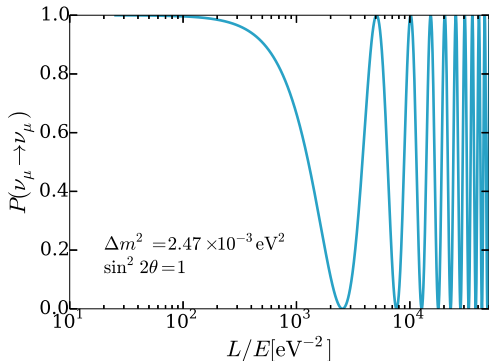
# Neutrino Oscillations

$$H = \frac{1}{2E} UM^2U^\dagger + V_m$$

$M$ ,  $V$  and  $U$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices. In two generations the oscillation probability at a given distance  $L$  and energy  $E$  in vacuum

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

- ▶  $\sin^2 2\theta$  : oscillation amplitude
- ▶  $\Delta m^2$ : oscillation frequency
  - ▶  $L/E \ll 1/\Delta m^2 \rightarrow$  no oscillations
  - ▶  $L/E \sim 1/\Delta m^2 \rightarrow$  oscillations
  - ▶  $L/E \gg 1/\Delta m^2 \rightarrow$  fast oscillations ("averaged")





# Neutrino Oscillations Quantum Evolution



- Neutrinos propagate in a non trivial way.
- Well described by 3D quantum mechanics coherent evolution.

$$H = U \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_3 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + \begin{pmatrix} V_{NC} + V_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{NC} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{NC} \end{pmatrix}$$

Using the dispersion relation  $\varepsilon_i^2 = p^2 + m_i^2$

$$H = \frac{1}{2E} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + \begin{pmatrix} V_{NC} + V_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{NC} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{NC} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Quantum interference is very sensible to small parameters  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.49 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$
- Can we use that?

Non-standard  
interactions  
with matter

NSI



# Non-Standard Interactions



- We can test **non-standard interactions** with ordinary matter.

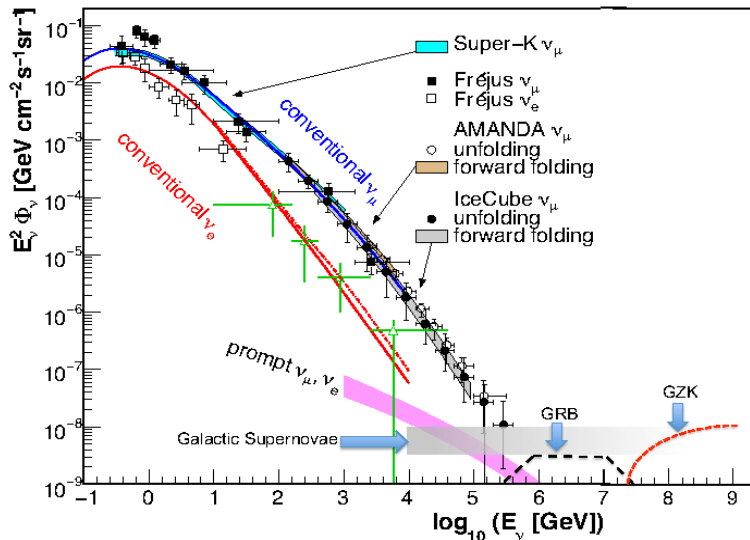
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \left[ \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta} (\bar{\nu}_{\alpha} \gamma^{\mu} P_L \nu_{\beta}) \right] \left[ \sum_{f,P} \xi^{f,P} (\bar{f} \gamma_{\mu} P f) \right]$$

- This induces a modification in the matter potential.

$$H = \frac{1}{2E} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \sqrt{2}G_F N_e(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \varepsilon_{ee}(x) & \varepsilon_{e\mu}(x) & \varepsilon_{e\tau}(x) \\ \varepsilon_{e\mu}^*(x) & \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}(x) & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}(x) \\ \varepsilon_{e\tau}^*(x) & \varepsilon_{\mu\tau}^*(x) & \varepsilon_{\tau\tau}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

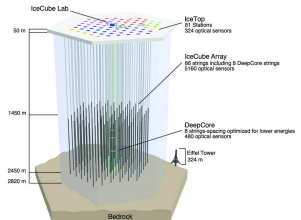
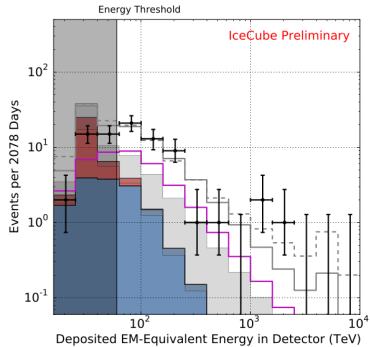
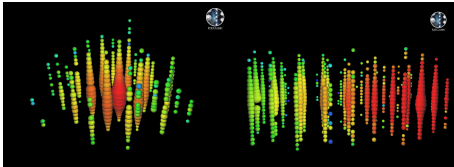
$$\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}(x) = \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta} [\xi^p + Y_n(x)\xi^n] \quad \text{with} \quad \xi^p = \sqrt{5} \cos \eta \quad \xi^n = \sqrt{5} \sin \eta$$

# Icecube Energy Range

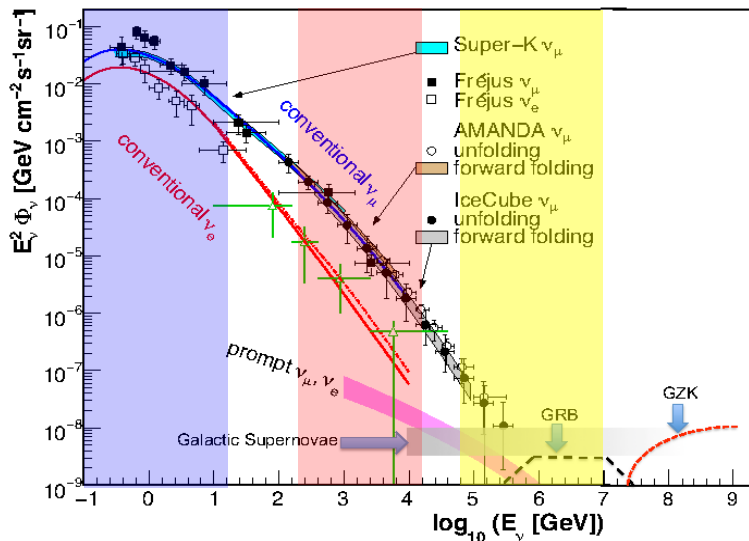


# IceCube Discovery

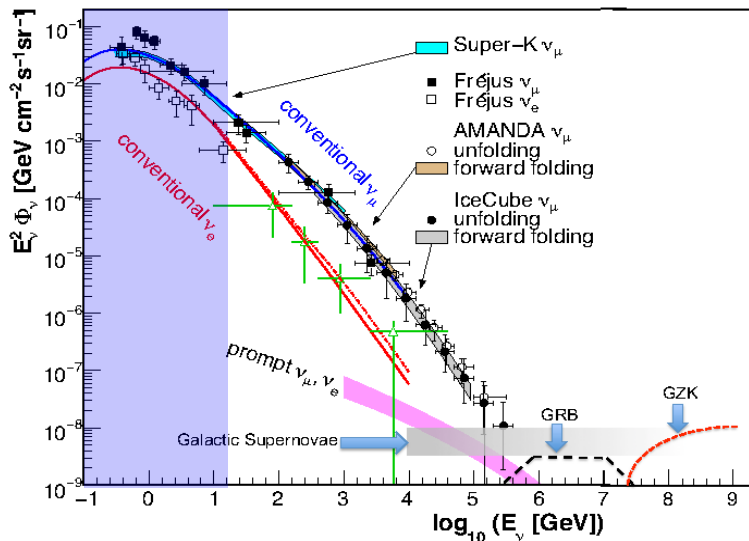
- ▶ More than  $5\sigma$  evidence.
- ▶ Consistent with the other limits.
- ▶ We have 82 neutrinos from few 100 GeV to few PeV
- ▶ Still a lot of questions



# Icecube Energy Range (Different possibilities)

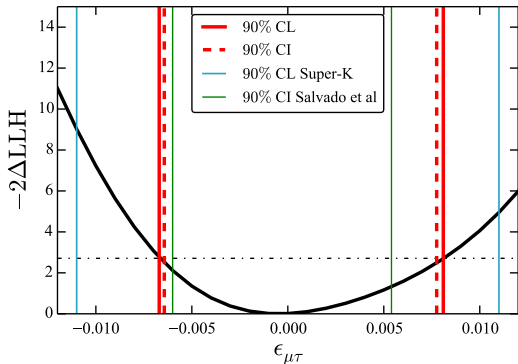


# Icecube Energy Range Low Energy with DeepCore



# Low energy

Physical Review D97,072009 (2018) IceCube Col.

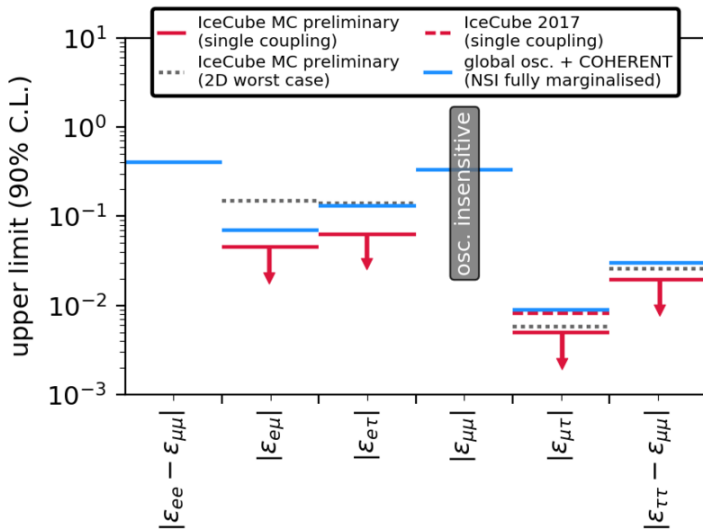


Some uncertainties

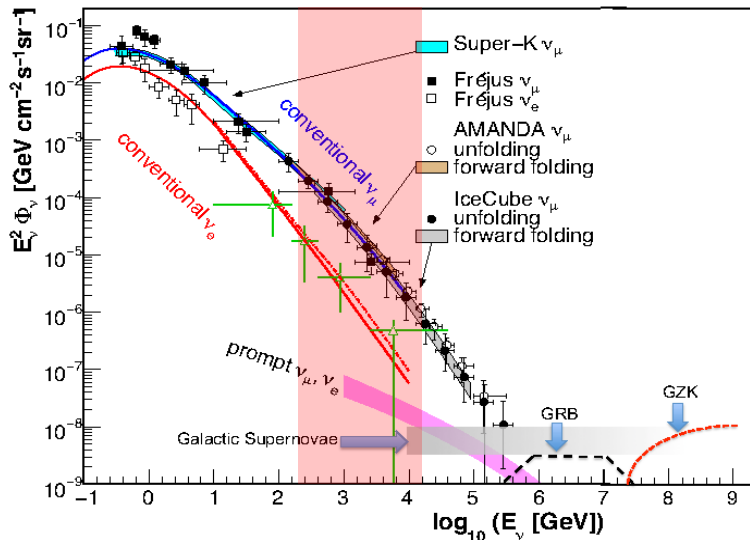
- ▶  $\pi/K$  ratio
- ▶ Normalization
- ▶ Spectral Tilt
- ▶ DOM eff
- ▶ Ice Properties

# Icecube Energy Range Low Energy with DeepCore

Soon more results for the low energy



# Icecube Energy Range Medium Energy, Used for Steriles

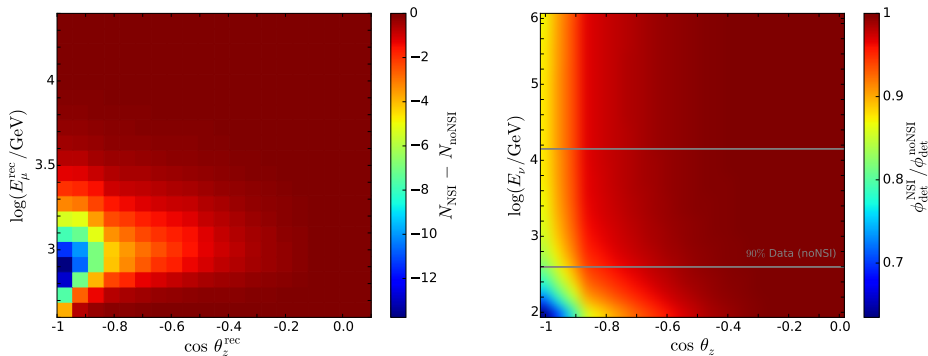




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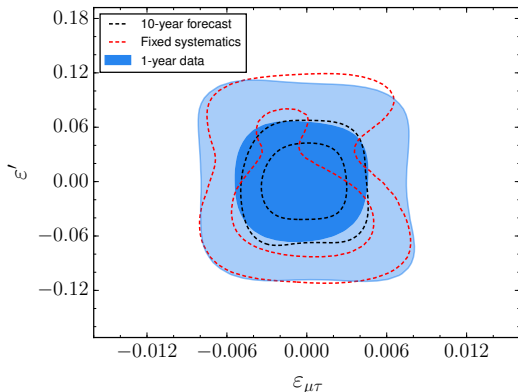
With 1 year of IceCube muon data



Zenith seems the place to look at this energies due to non oscillations.

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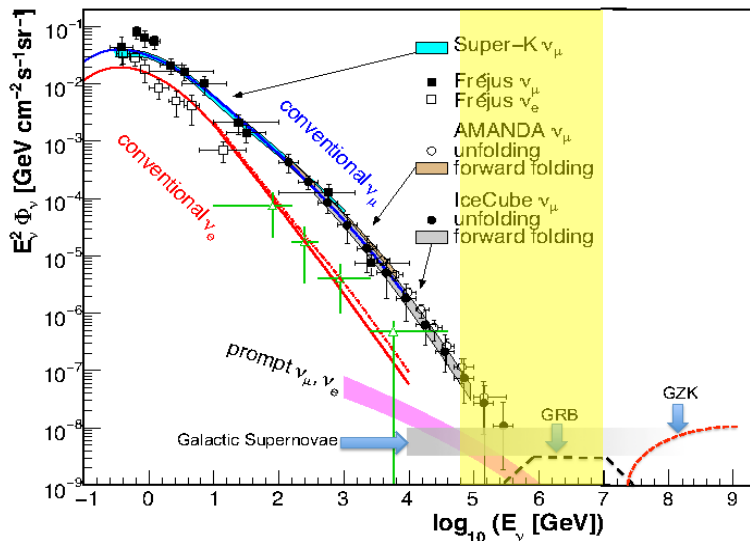
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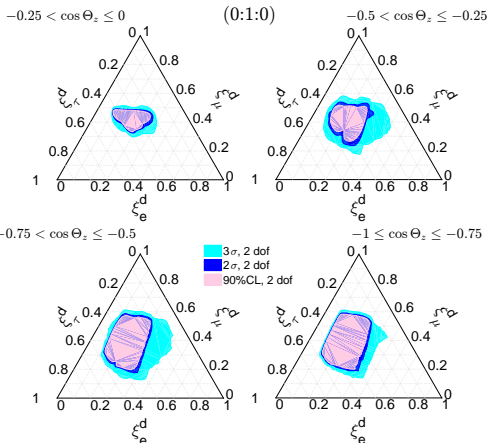
- ▶  $\pi/K$  ratio
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- ▶ Spectral Tilt
- ▶ Primordial CR and Hadronic Models
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Astropart.Phys. 84 (2016) 15-22 M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, I. Martinez-Soler, N. Song

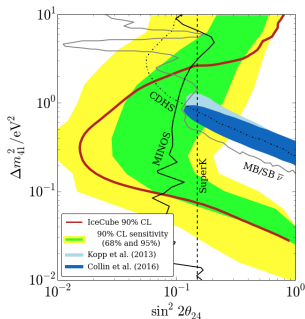
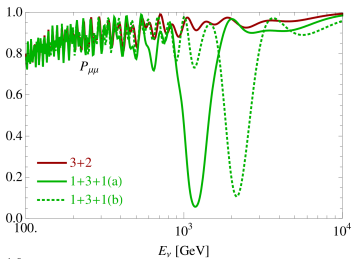


Regions in the flavor triangle with NSI

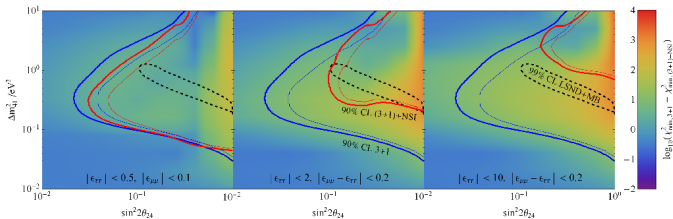
- ▶ The flavor content may change for different zenith angles.
- ▶ Very hard to measure, we need a lot more statistics.
- ▶ Generically better to test Lorentz violation.

# NSI questioning sterile neutrinos

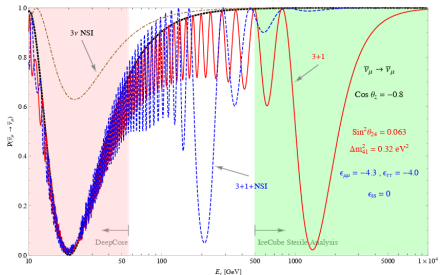
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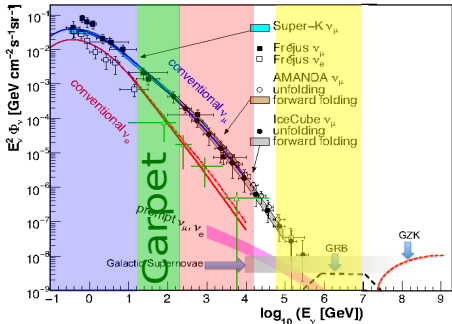
► NSI may move the resonance and remove the sensitivity.



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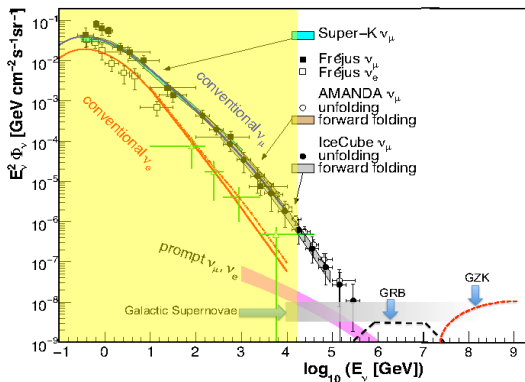
- ▶ Liao and Marfatia just hide the resonance under the carpet!
- ▶ Carpet  $\equiv$  never looked atmospheric neutrino spectrum between the midium and low energy.



A. Esmaili, H. Nunokawa, Eur.Phys.J. C79 (2019)

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# Why not the full Energy Range



- ▶ Technically not as easy as it looks.
- ▶ IceCube at High energy can have a good reconstruction, not so good in the non analyzed.
- ▶ In the low energy IceCube is more a veto for the Deepcore region.
- ▶ Systematic error are less correlated than what may seem.  
Pion vs Kaon, ...

# NSI or not NSI

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Heavy but still kinematically allowed sterile neutrinos look like NSI  
The mixing matrix with sterile neutrinos can be written as:

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} N & \Theta \\ R & S \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

$$S_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i \in \text{light}} N_{\alpha i} S_{ij}^0 N_{\beta j}^* + \sum_{J \in \text{heavy}} \Theta_{\alpha J} \Theta_{\beta J}^* \Phi_J, \quad (2)$$

**FAST, Averaged out**



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In the averaged regime the full mixing matrix can be parameterized as:

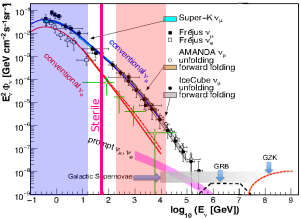
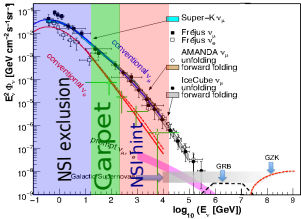
$$H = \frac{1}{2E} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} + ((1-\alpha)N)^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} V_{CC} + V_{NC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{NC} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{NC} \end{pmatrix} (1-\alpha)N$$

$$\alpha \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} (s_{14}^2 + s_{15}^2 + s_{16}^2) & 0 & 0 \\ \hat{s}_{14}\hat{s}_{24}^* + \hat{s}_{15}\hat{s}_{25}^* + \hat{s}_{16}\hat{s}_{26}^* & \frac{1}{2} (s_{24}^2 + s_{25}^2 + s_{26}^2) & 0 \\ \hat{s}_{14}\hat{s}_{34}^* + \hat{s}_{15}\hat{s}_{35}^* + \hat{s}_{16}\hat{s}_{36}^* & \hat{s}_{24}\hat{s}_{34}^* + \hat{s}_{25}\hat{s}_{35}^* + \hat{s}_{26}\hat{s}_{36}^* & \frac{1}{2} (s_{34}^2 + s_{35}^2 + s_{36}^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

# NSI or not NSI

Heavy but still **kinematically allowed** sterile neutrinos look like NSI

► Careful with blindly doing the full energy range study!



► May be we should look there!

# NSI or not NSI

- ▶ IceCube measures the **atmospheric neutrino flux** in the **high energy** region.
- ▶ **Good for NSI** spatially in the  $\mu T$  sector.
- ▶ IceCube has **a lot more data** collected, 8 times more for the sterile!
- ▶ A **careful full energy range** would be great!