

## 0.1 $\chi^2$ minimization

For our analyses, we define our  $\chi^2$  as

$$\chi^2(\hat{\theta}, \alpha, \beta, \kappa) = \sum_{ijk} \frac{(N^{\text{th}} - N^{\text{data}})_{ijk}^2}{\left(\sigma_{ijk}^{\text{data}}\right)^2 + \left(\sigma_{ijk}^{\text{syst}}\right)^2} + \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{\sigma_\alpha^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{\sigma_\beta^2} \quad (0.1)$$

where we minimize over the model parameters  $\hat{\theta} \in \{\Delta m^2, \theta_{23}, \epsilon', \epsilon_{\mu\tau}\}$ , the penalty terms  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , and the free parameter  $\kappa$ .  $N_{ijk}^{\text{th}}$  is the expected number of events from theory, and  $N_{ijk}^{\text{data}}$  is the observed number of events in that bin. We set  $\sigma_\alpha = 0.25$  as the atmospheric flux normalization error, and  $\sigma_\beta = 0.04$  as the zenith angle slope error [?]. The observed event number has an associated Poissonian uncertainty  $\sigma_{ijk}^{\text{data}} = \sqrt{N_{ijk}^{\text{data}}}$ .

For IceCube, the event count takes the form

$$N_{ijk}^{\text{th}} = \alpha [1 + \beta(0.5 + \cos(\theta_z^{\text{reco}})_i)] N_{ijk}(\hat{\theta}), \quad (0.2)$$

with  $N_{ijk}(\hat{\theta})$  from Eq. ?? Here, we allow the event distribution to rotate around the median zenith of  $-0.5$ .

For DeepCore and PINGU, the event count takes the form

$$N_{ijk}^{\text{th}} = \alpha [1 + \beta \cos(\theta_z^{\text{reco}})_i] N_{ijk}(\hat{\theta}) + \kappa N_{ijk}^{\mu_{\text{atm}}}, \quad (0.3)$$

with  $N_{ijk}(\hat{\theta})$  from Eq. ?.  $N_{ijk}^{\mu_{\text{atm}}}$  is the muon background, which is left to float freely in the DeepCore analysis. The background at PINGU can be considered negligible to first order [?], and we thus put  $\kappa = 0$  when calculating the PINGU  $\chi^2$ . For IceCube, we set  $\sigma_{ijk}^{\text{syst}} = f \sqrt{N_{ijk}^{\text{data}}}$ . For DeepCore, we use the provided systematic error distribution which accounts for both uncertainties in the finite MC statistics and in the data-driven muon background estimate [?].