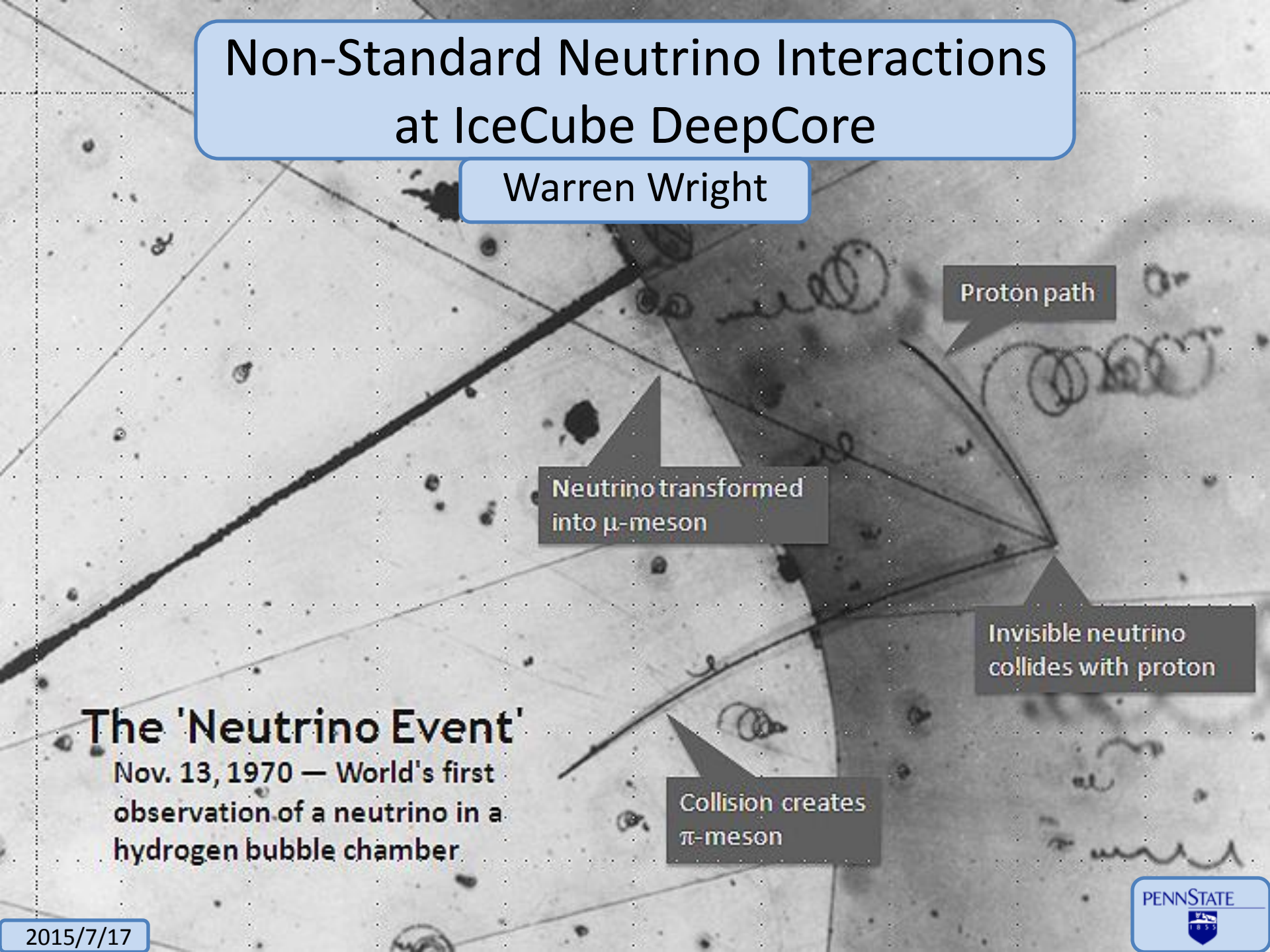


# Non-Standard Neutrino Interactions at IceCube DeepCore

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Proton path

Neutrino transformed  
into  $\mu$ -meson

Invisible neutrino  
collides with proton

Collision creates  
 $\pi$ -meson

## The 'Neutrino Event'

Nov. 13, 1970 — World's first  
observation of a neutrino in a  
hydrogen bubble chamber

1. Neutrino Introduction - **SKIP**
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## 2. Standard Oscillation Framework

$$i \frac{d}{dL} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e(L) \\ \nu_\mu(L) \\ \nu_\tau(L) \end{pmatrix} = \left( \frac{1}{2E} U M U^\dagger + H_I \right) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e(L) \\ \nu_\mu(L) \\ \nu_\tau(L) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H_{I,SI} = V_{cc} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{CC} = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e = 7.6 \times 10^{14} Y_e \rho$$

$G_F$  = the Fermi constant

$N_e$  = the electron number

$Y_e$  = the electron fraction

$\rho$  = the density

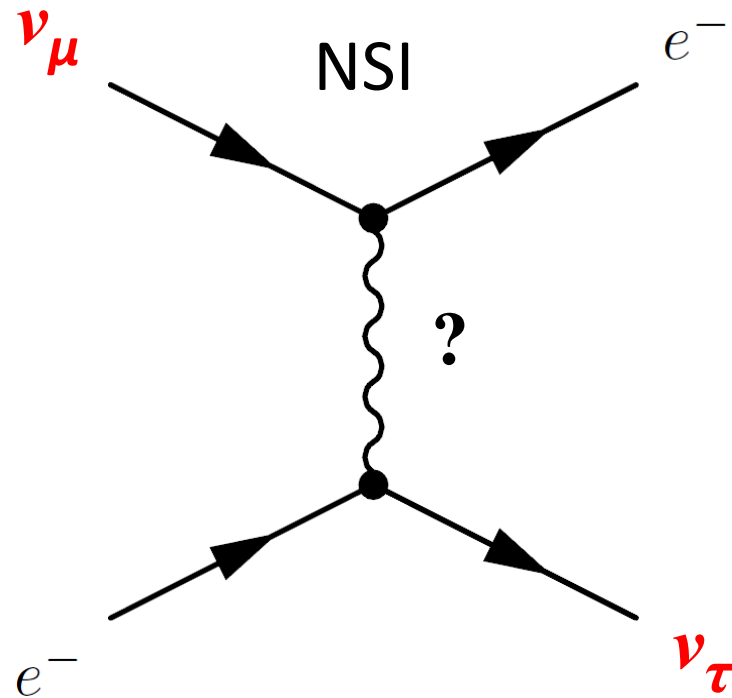
- Precision:  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{31}^2|, \dots$  ?
- Determination:  $m_k, \delta_{cp}, \theta_{23} \langle \rangle \pi/4, \Delta m_{31}^2 \langle \rangle 0, \dots$  ?
- Fundamental:  $m_4, \delta_{maj}, \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}, \dots$  ?

## My Focus: NSI and MH

$\Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$  Normal Hierarchy (**NH**)

$\Delta m_{31}^2 < 0$  Inverted Hierarchy (**IH**)

# 4. Non-Standard Interactions



- Reasons to study NSI:
  - Sub-Leading Phenomena
    - Does the SM explain everything we see?
  - The Standard Model is an Effective theory
    - NSI is Beyond the SM physics
    - The quest for new physics and fundamental answers
- Methods to study NSI:
  - Model Building
    - Seesaw, Zee-Babu, ...
  - Phenomenological / Effective Theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F\bar{\nu}_\alpha\gamma_\mu\nu_\beta \left( \epsilon_L^{\alpha\beta,ij} \bar{f}_L^i\gamma^\mu f_L^j + \epsilon_R^{\alpha\beta,ij} \bar{f}_R^i\gamma^\mu f_R^j \right) + h.c.$$

$$\alpha, \beta = e, \mu, \tau$$

$$i, j = e, u, d$$

$$\epsilon \propto \frac{m_W^2}{m_X^2}$$

$$\therefore m_X \sim 1(10) \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow \epsilon \sim 10^{-2}(10^{-4})$$

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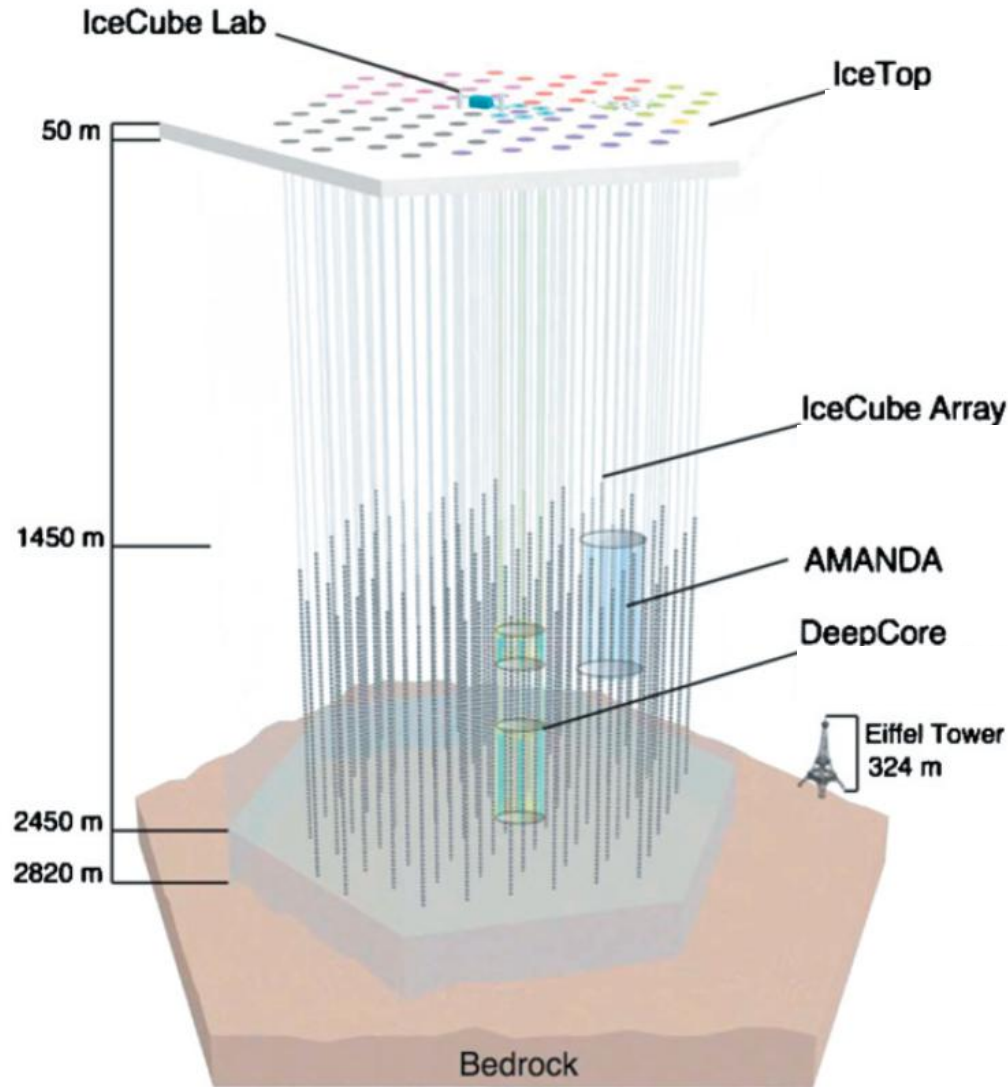
$$H_{I,NSI} = V_{cc} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_{ee} & |\epsilon_{e\mu}| e^{i\delta_{e\mu}} & |\epsilon_{e\tau}| e^{i\delta_{e\tau}} \\ |\epsilon_{e\mu}| e^{-i\delta_{e\mu}} & \epsilon_{\mu\mu} & |\epsilon_{\mu\tau}| e^{i\delta_{\mu\tau}} \\ |\epsilon_{e\tau}| e^{-i\delta_{e\tau}} & |\epsilon_{\mu\tau}| e^{-i\delta_{\mu\tau}} & \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \sum_{\substack{f=e,u,d \\ P=L,R}} \epsilon_P^{\alpha\beta,ff} \frac{n_f}{n_e}$$



- 3 Types of Bounds:
  - Indirect ( $G_F$ , CKM unitarity, Pion decay, ...)
    - $0.068 < |\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}|$  to  $|\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}| < 21$  *Biggio et al. arXiv:0907.0097 [hep-ph]*
  - Simplified, one NSI/one experiment analysis (SuperK, Minos, ...)
    - $0.033 < |\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}|$  to  $|\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}| < 0.2$  *Adamson et al. arXiv:1303.5314 [hep-ex]*  
*Mitsuka et al. arXiv:1109.1889 [hep-ex]*
  - Global Fit To Oscillation Data ( $3\sigma$ )
    - $0.03 < |\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{u,d}|$  to  $|\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{u,d}| < 0.71$  *Gonzalez-Garcia et al. arXiv:1307.3092 [hep-ph]*
- NSI are constrained at the **1% to 10%** level
  - Believable (not too big)
  - Experimentally reachable (not too small)

# 4. NSI: Experimental Context: ICDC



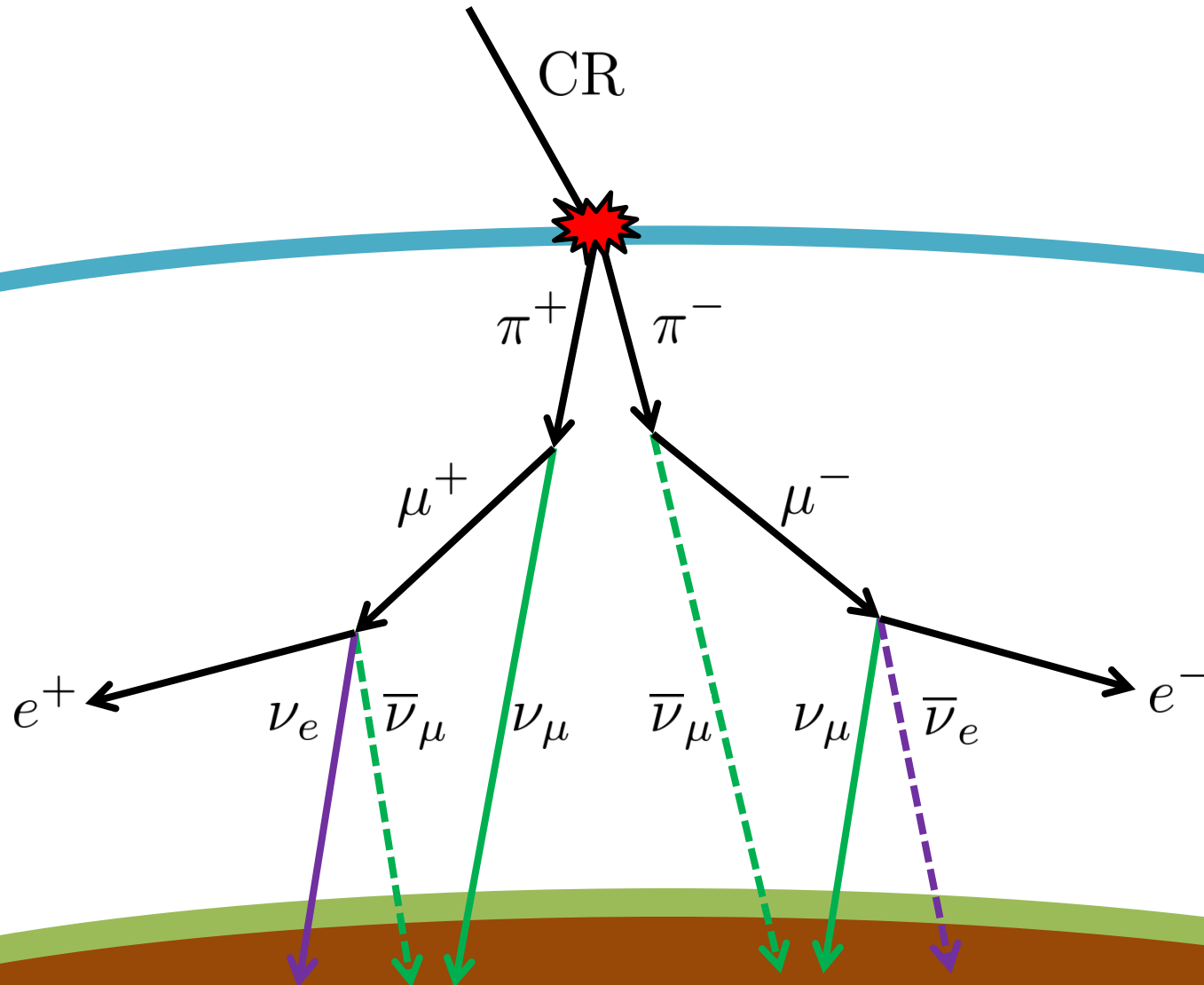
High Statistics

Muon tracks

$E > 6 \text{ GeV}$

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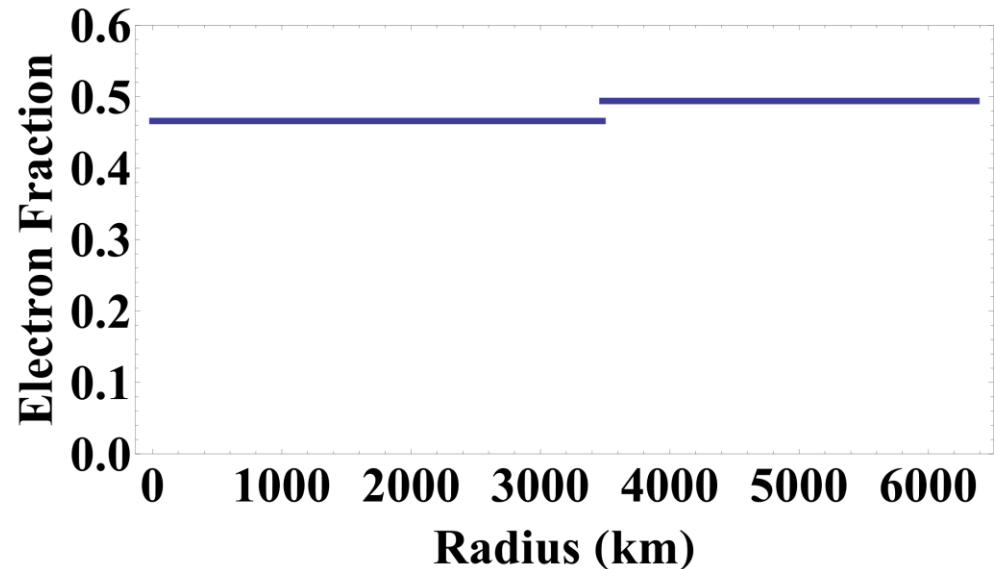
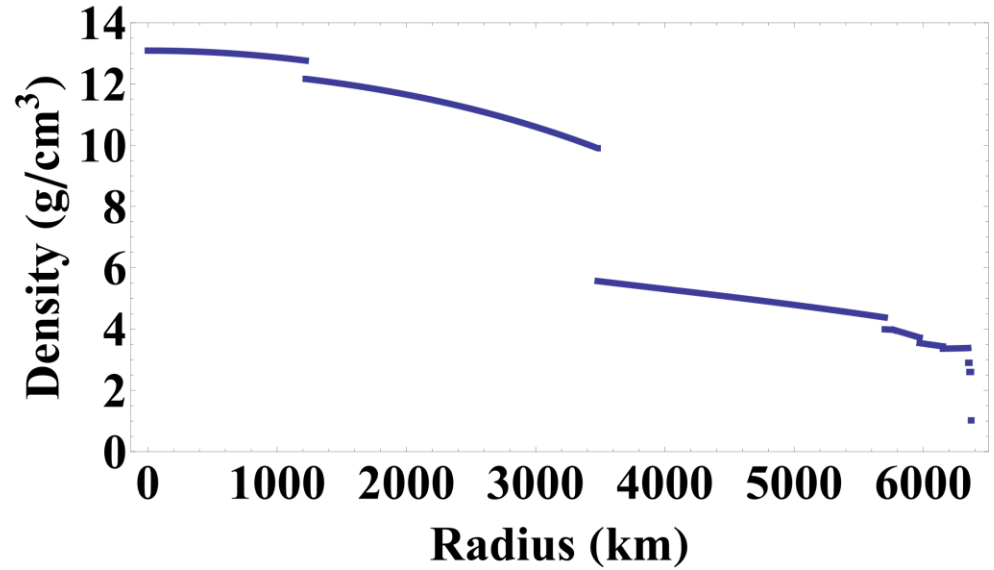
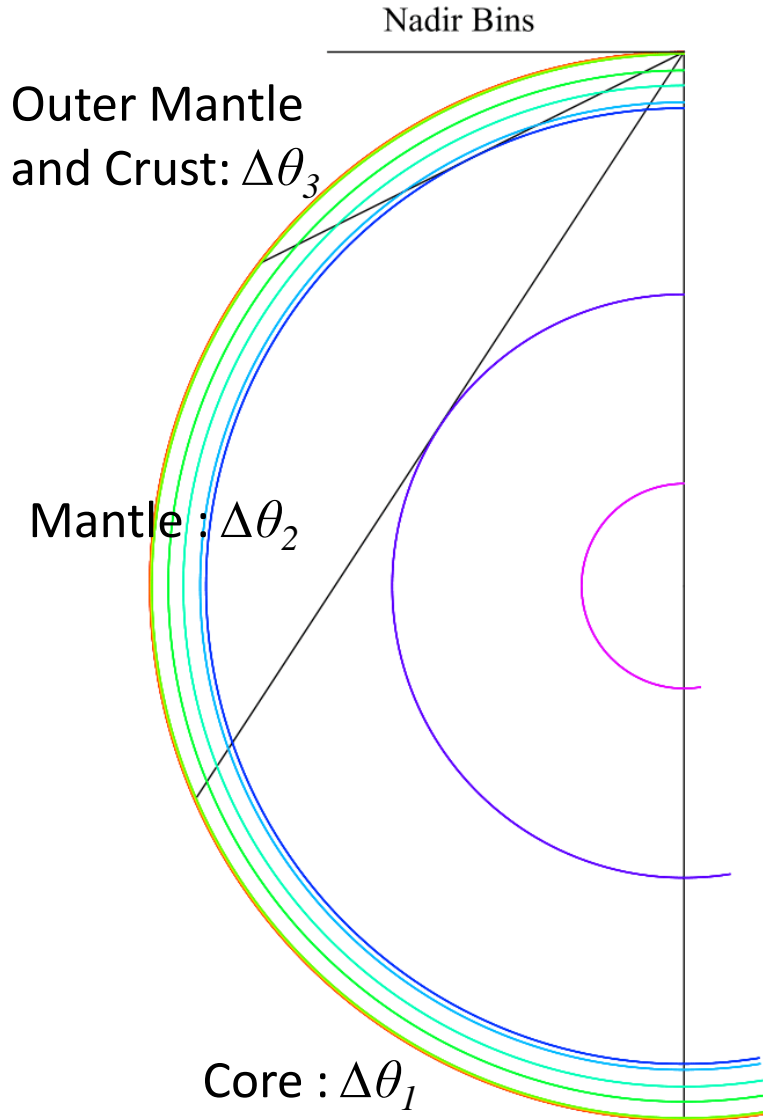
# 4. NSI: ICDC – Atmospheric Neutrinos



$$\begin{aligned}
 N_\mu (\Delta E_\mu, \Delta \theta) = & \\
 & 2\pi t N_A \int_{E_{\mu,i}}^{E_{\mu,f}} dE_\mu \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \sin \theta d\theta \int_{E_\mu}^{\infty} dE_\nu M (E_\nu) \frac{\partial \sigma_{\nu\mu}^{CC}}{\partial E_\nu} (E_\nu, E_\mu) \\
 & \times \left( \frac{\partial^2 \phi_{\nu\mu} (E_\nu, \theta)}{\partial E_\nu \partial \theta} P_{\mu\mu} (E_\nu, \theta) + \frac{\partial^2 \phi_{\nu e} (E_\nu, \theta)}{\partial E_\nu \partial \theta} P_{e\mu} (E_\nu, \theta) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Detector mass:  
IceCube Collaboration. arXiv:1109.6096 [astro-ph]
- Cross Section:  
GQRS. arXiv:9512364 [hep-ph]
- Atmospheric Neutrino Flux:  
Honda *et al.* arxiv:0611418 [astro-ph]

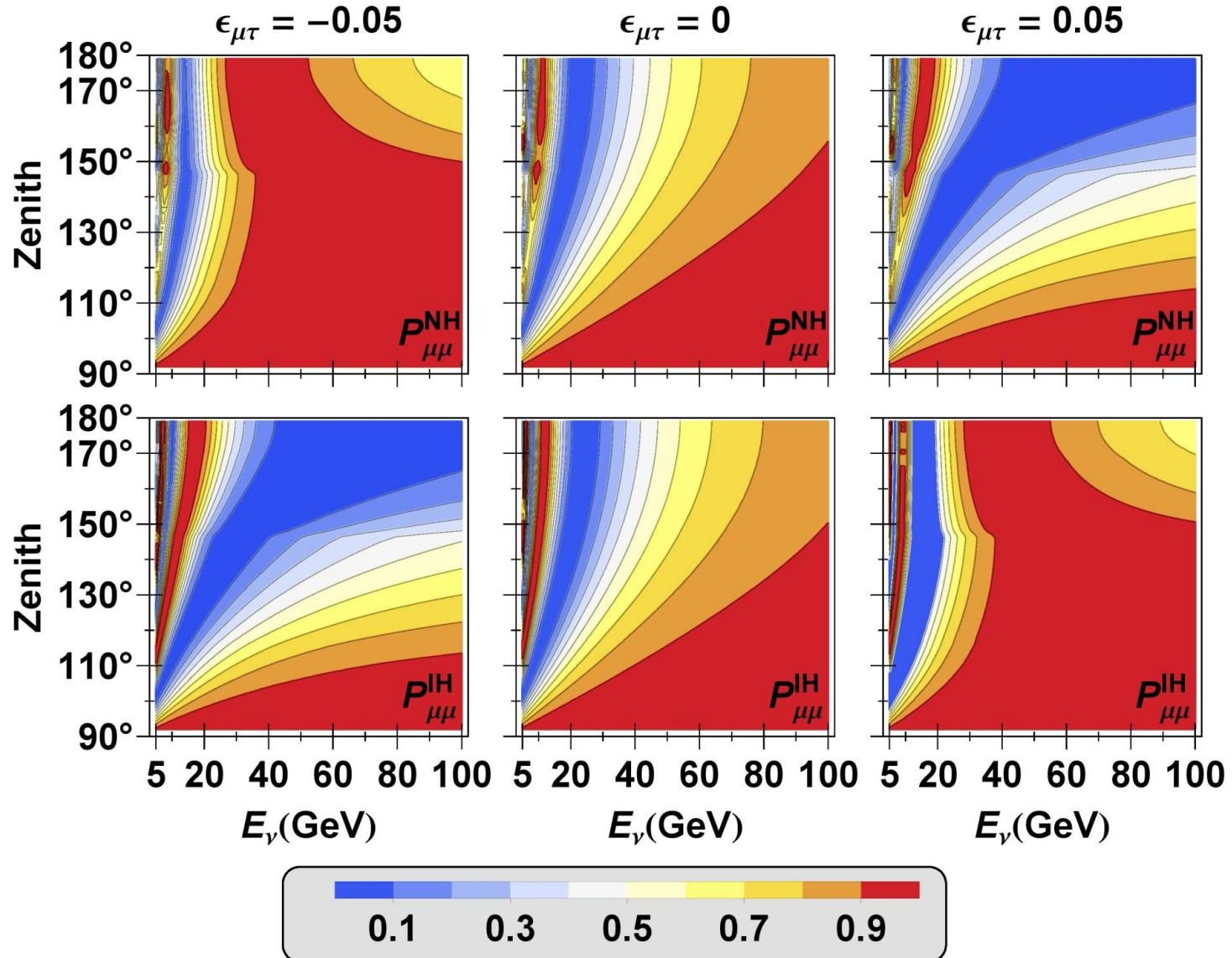
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Dziewonski *et al.* Phys. Earth Planet. Inter., **25** (1981), 297

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# 5. One NSI: Oscillation Probability



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# 5. One NSI: Analytics

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = \theta_{12} = \theta_{13} = \delta_{cp} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\neq\mu\tau} = \delta_{\mu\tau} = 0$$

$$\theta_{23} = \pi/4$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} V_{cc} - \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4E_\nu} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4E_\nu} + V_{cc}\epsilon_{\mu\tau} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4E_\nu} + V_{cc}\epsilon_{\mu\tau} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\mu\mu} = \cos^2 \left( L \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4E_\nu} + V_{cc}\epsilon_{\mu\tau} \right) \right)$$

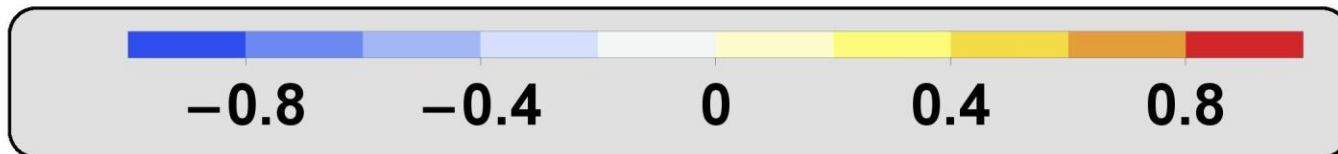
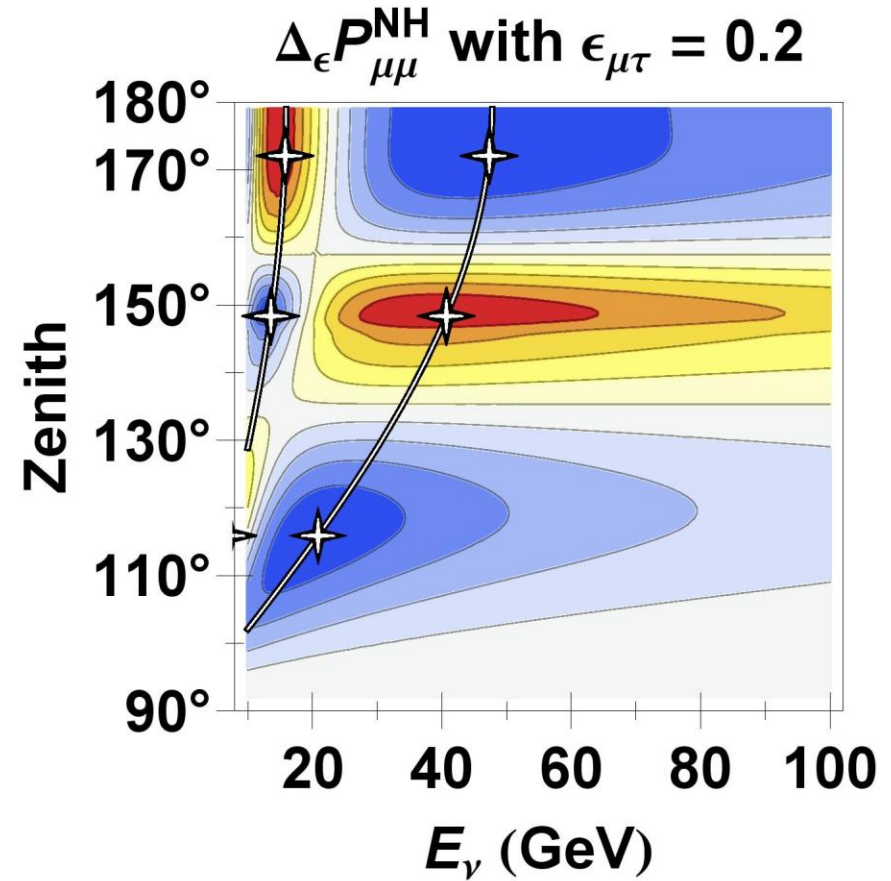
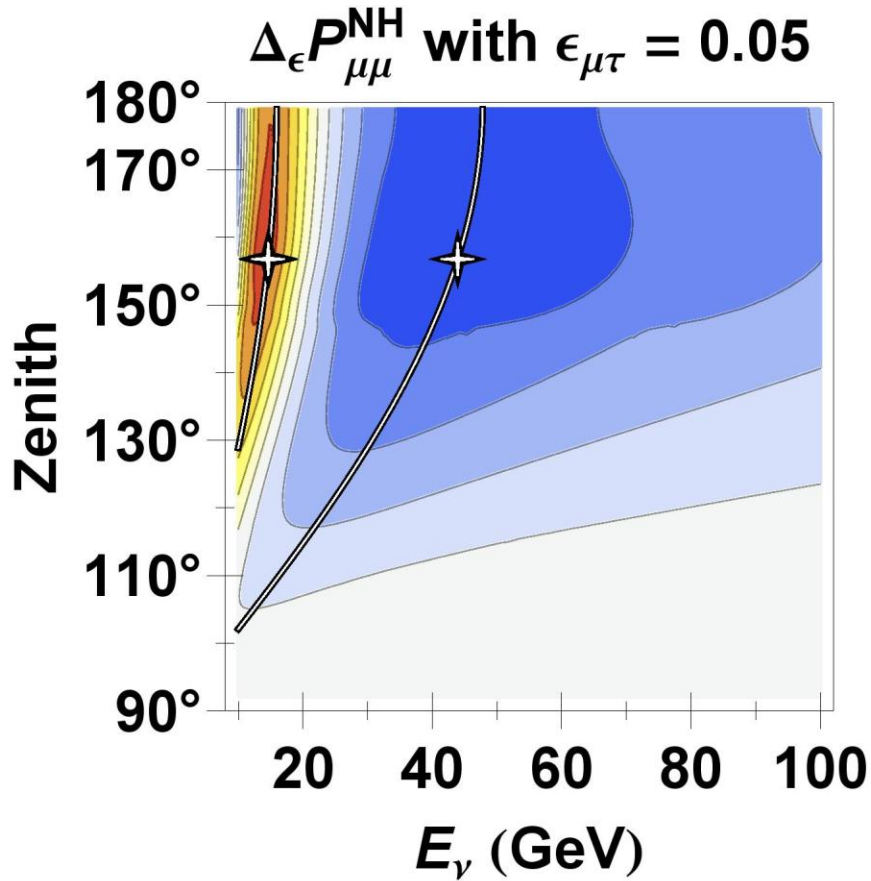
$$\Delta_\epsilon P_{\mu\mu} = P_{\mu\mu}(\epsilon_{\mu\tau}) - P_{\mu\mu}(-\epsilon_{\mu\tau})$$

$$E_\nu = \left( \frac{2m+1}{2n+1} \right) \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{4V_{cc}\epsilon_{\mu\tau}}$$

$$L = \frac{(2m+1)\pi}{4V_{cc}\epsilon_{\mu\tau}}$$

$$\frac{L}{E_\nu} = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{\Delta m_{31}^2}, \text{ Where } n, m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \geq 0$$

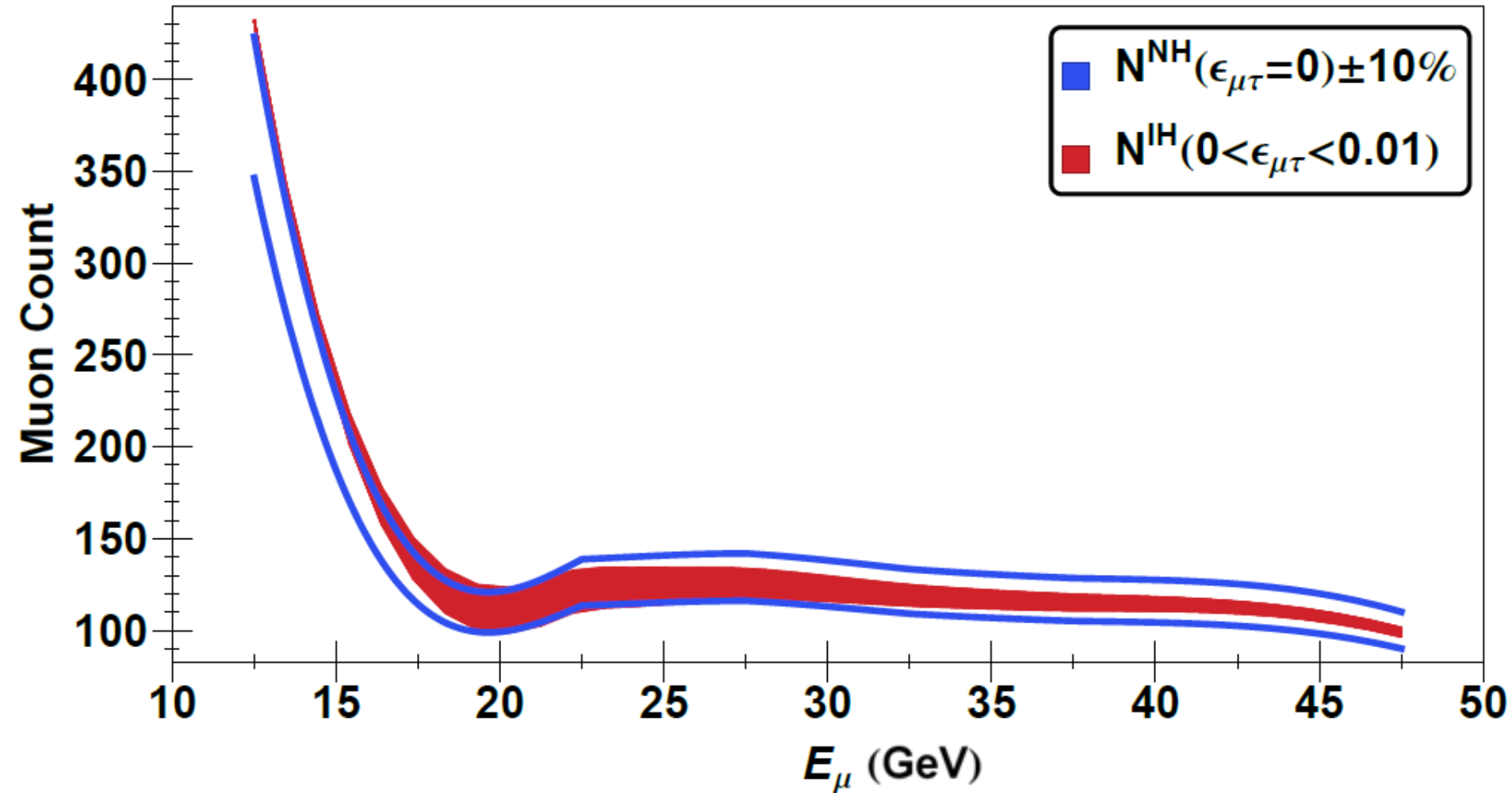
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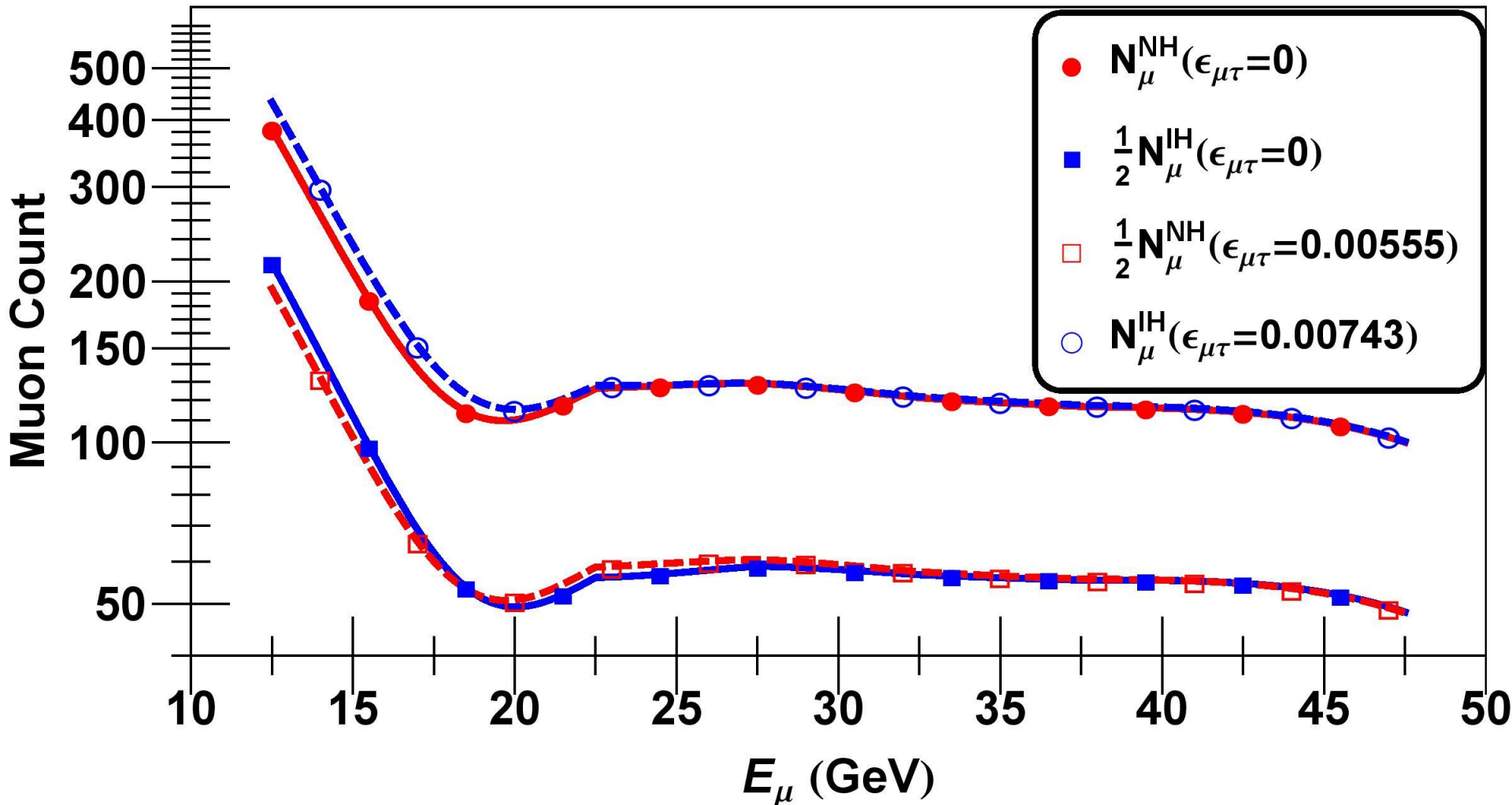
ICDC  $N_\mu + N_{\bar{\mu}}$  through the core in 1yr



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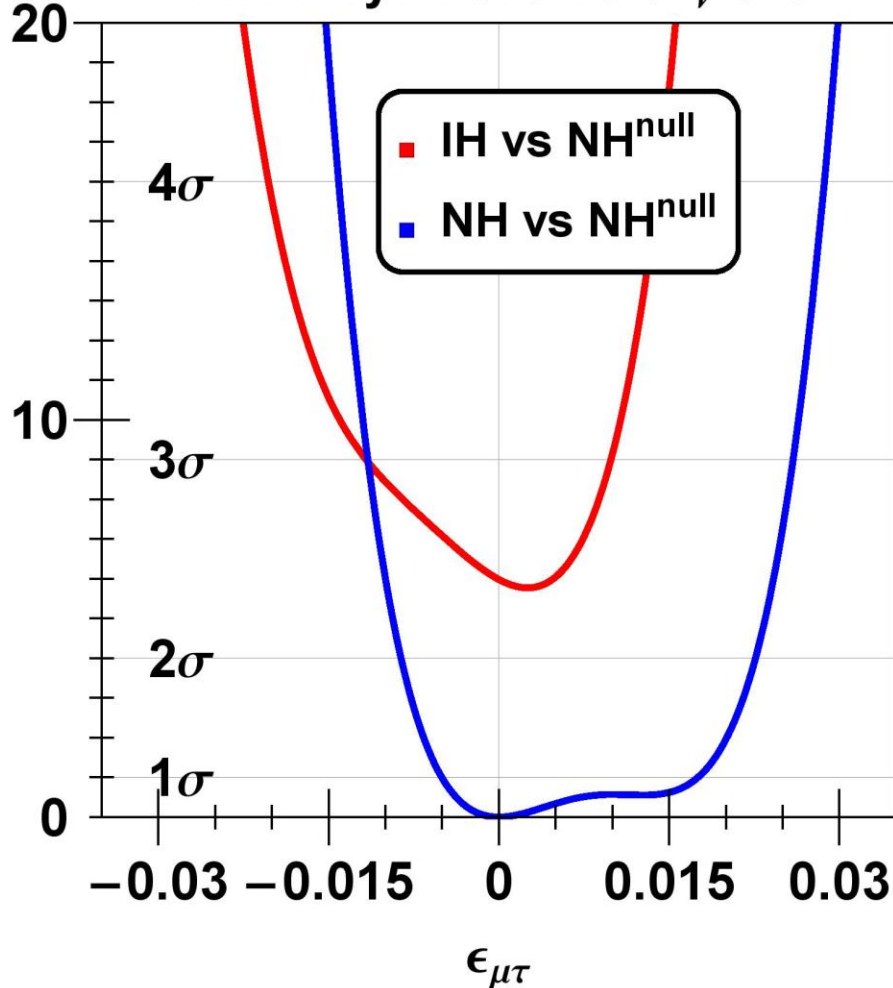


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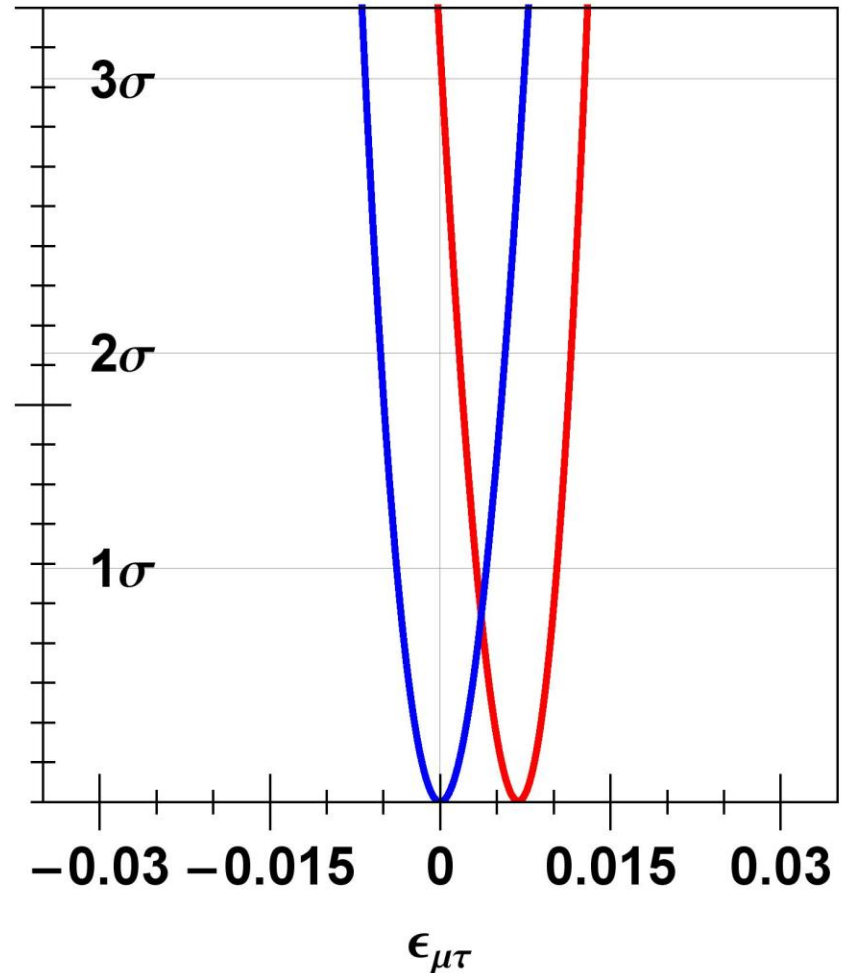
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ICDC 5yrs Core  $20 < E_\nu < 50$

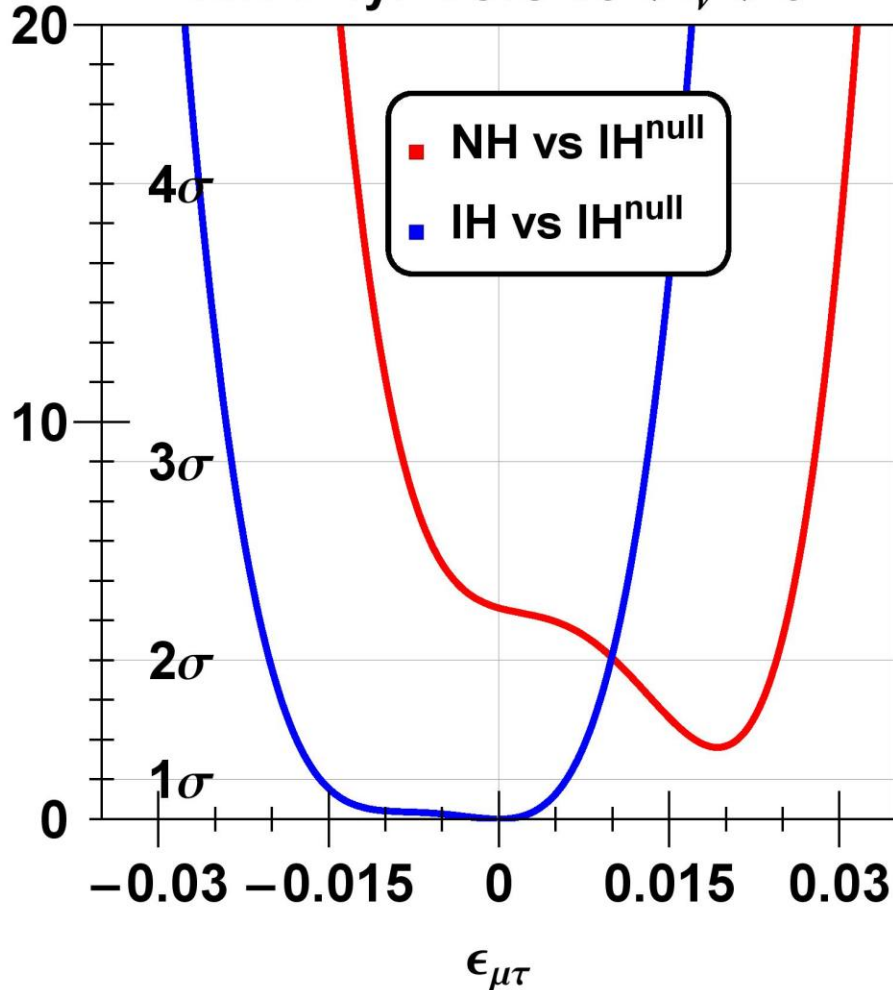


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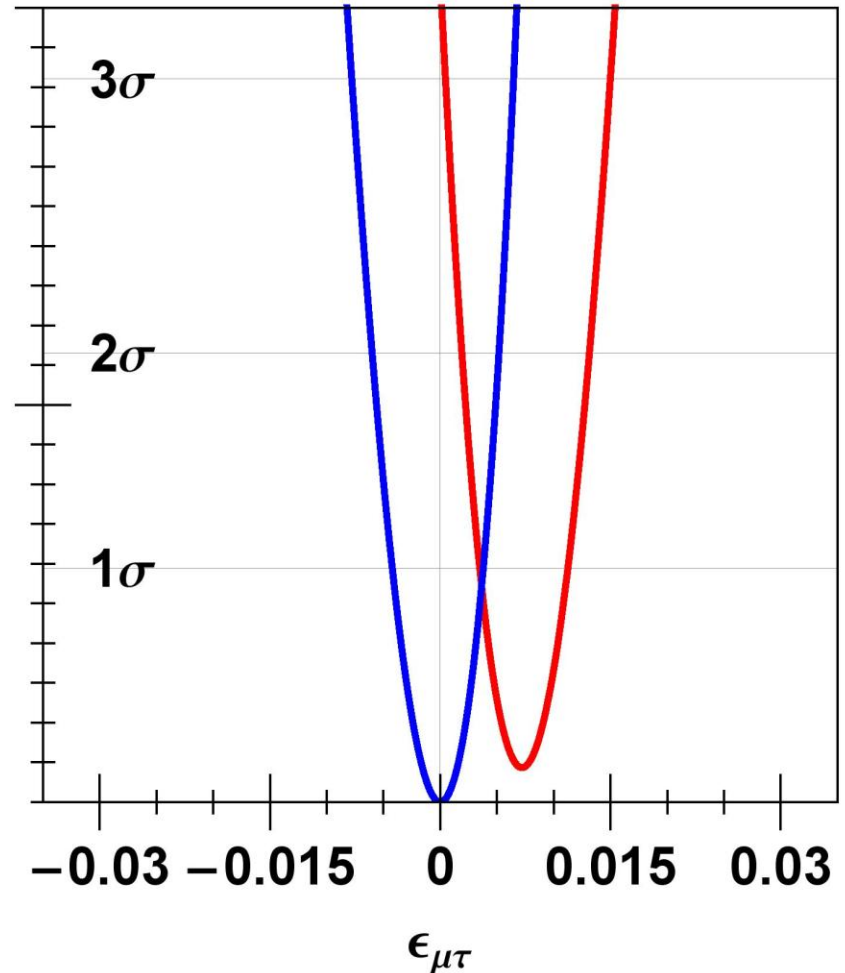
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- Non standard neutrino interactions:
  - are important for the investigation of new physics
  - have significant effects on Neutrino Oscillation
- $\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$  is sign asymmetric (unlike other NSI)
  - Seen in numerical results
  - Well described by analytical solutions
- This asymmetry has mass hierarchy implications
  - Partial degeneracy between  $\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$  and mass hierarchy
  - Potential for Hierarchy misidentification
  - Can separate effects with careful energy bin choices



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## 6. Many NSI: Analytics

All  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = \epsilon_{e\mu} = 0$  and  $\Delta = \Delta m_{31}^2 / (4E_\nu)$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} V_{cc}(1 + \epsilon_{ee}) + 2\Delta s_{13}^2 & \Delta s_{2.13} s_{23} & V_{cc} \epsilon_{e\tau} + \Delta s_{2.13} c_{23} \\ \Delta s_{2.13} s_{23} & V_{cc} \epsilon_{\mu\mu} + 2\Delta c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 & V_{cc} \epsilon_{\mu\tau} + \Delta c_{13}^2 s_{2.23} \\ V_{cc} \epsilon_{e\tau} + \Delta s_{2.13} c_{23} & V_{cc} \epsilon_{\mu\tau} + \Delta c_{13}^2 s_{2.23} & V_{cc} \epsilon_{\tau\tau} + 2\Delta c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & 0 & -s_\beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s_\beta & 0 & c_\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H' = \begin{pmatrix} H'_{11} & m - n & m + n \\ m - n & a - b & g \\ m + n & g & a + b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n = 0 \Rightarrow \tan(2\beta) = \frac{2(V_{cc} \epsilon_{e\tau} + \Delta s_{2.13} c_{23})}{V_{cc}(1 + \epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\tau\tau}) + 2\Delta(s_{13}^2 - c_{13}^2 c_{23}^2)}$$

$$H'_{11} \gg m \Rightarrow$$

$$H' = \begin{pmatrix} H'_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a - b & g \\ 0 & g & a + b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = 1 - \sin^2 \left( \sqrt{b^2 + g^2} L \right) \frac{b^2}{b^2 + g^2}$$

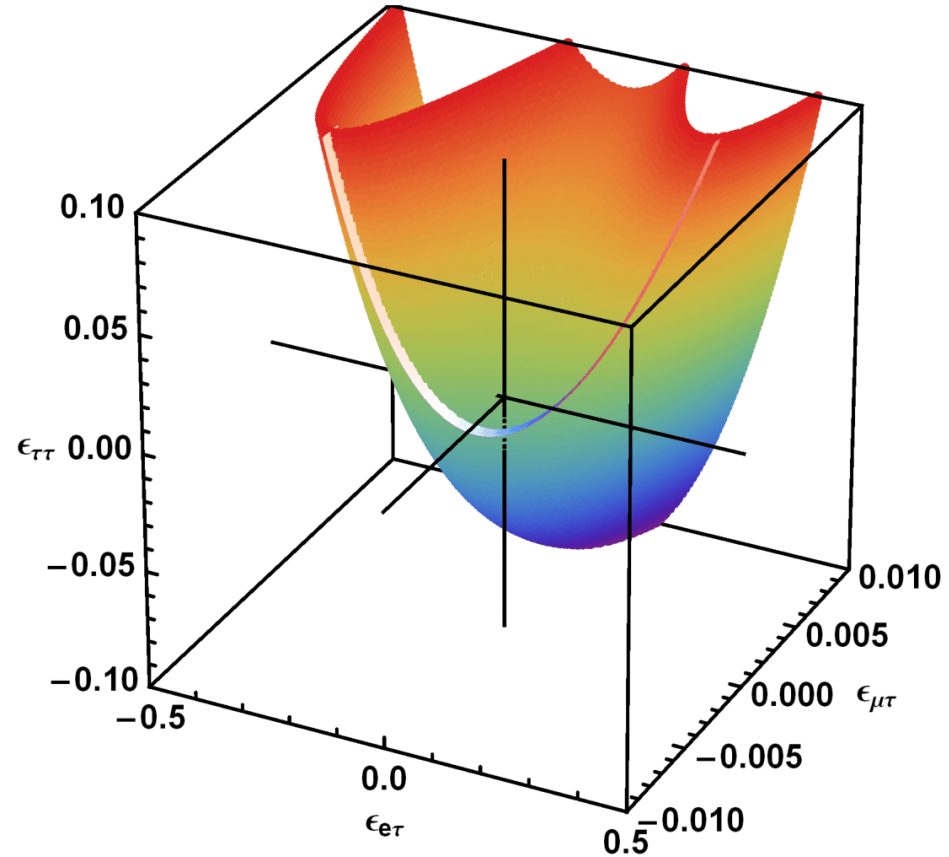
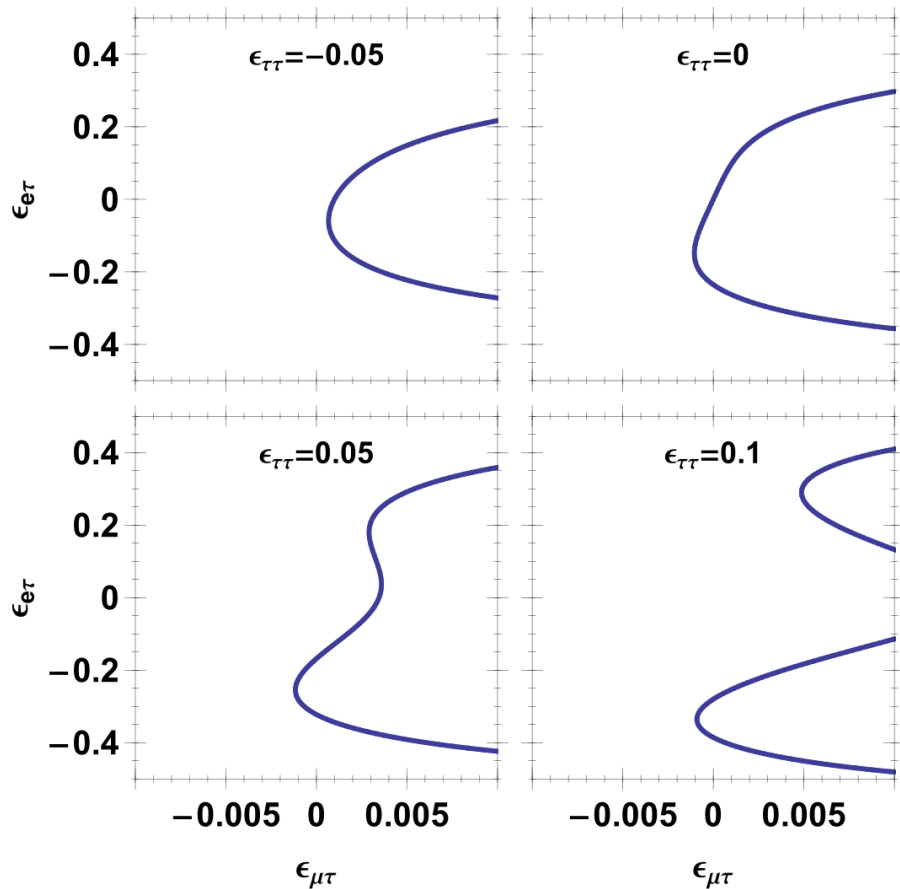
$$b = V_{cc} \epsilon_{\mu\tau} c_\beta + \Delta (c_{13}^2 s_{2\cdot 23} c_\beta - s_{23} s_{2\cdot 13} s_\beta)$$

$$g = \frac{1}{2} V_{cc} (\epsilon_{\mu\mu} - (1 + \epsilon_{ee}) s_\beta^2 - \epsilon_{\tau\tau} c_\beta^2 + \epsilon_{e\tau} s_{2\beta})$$

$$+ \Delta \left( c_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 - (c_{13} c_{23} c_\beta - s_{13} s_\beta)^2 \right)$$

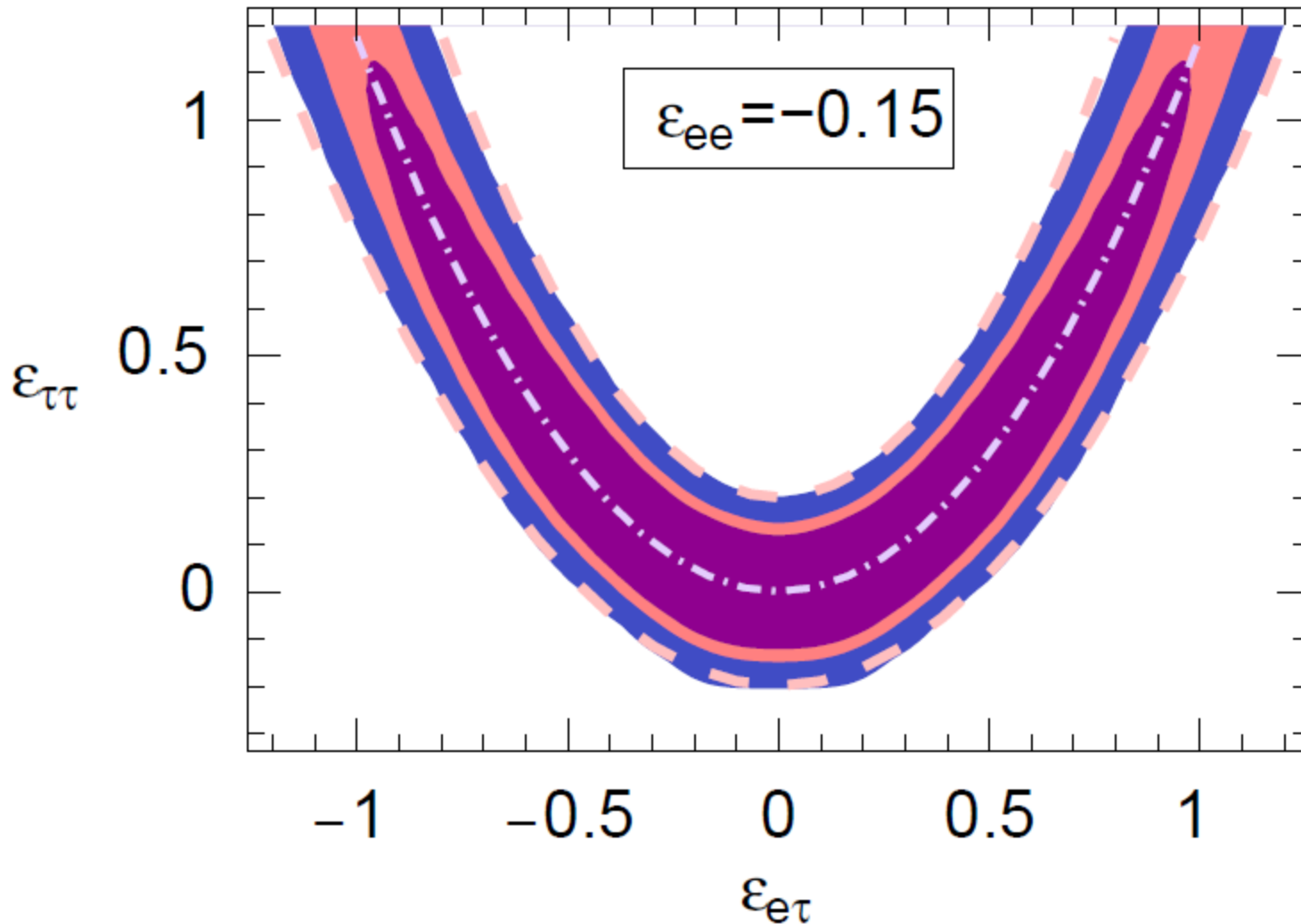
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Curves of Constant  $P_{\mu\mu}(E_\nu=44.8\text{GeV}, \theta_\nu=2.9)=0.5$



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Friedland, Lunardini & Maltoni arXiv:hep-ph/0408264v2

## 6. Many NSI: Analytics: Extrema

MSW resonance at  $g = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\epsilon_{\tau\tau} \approx \frac{(\epsilon_{e\tau} + \dots)^2}{\epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu} + \dots} + \epsilon_{\mu\mu} + \dots$$

... = Terms made up of:  $\Delta, V_{cc}, \theta_{13} \& \theta_{23}$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = 1 - \sin^2(bL) = 1 - \sin^2(\Phi) \quad \therefore b = \Phi/L \Rightarrow$$

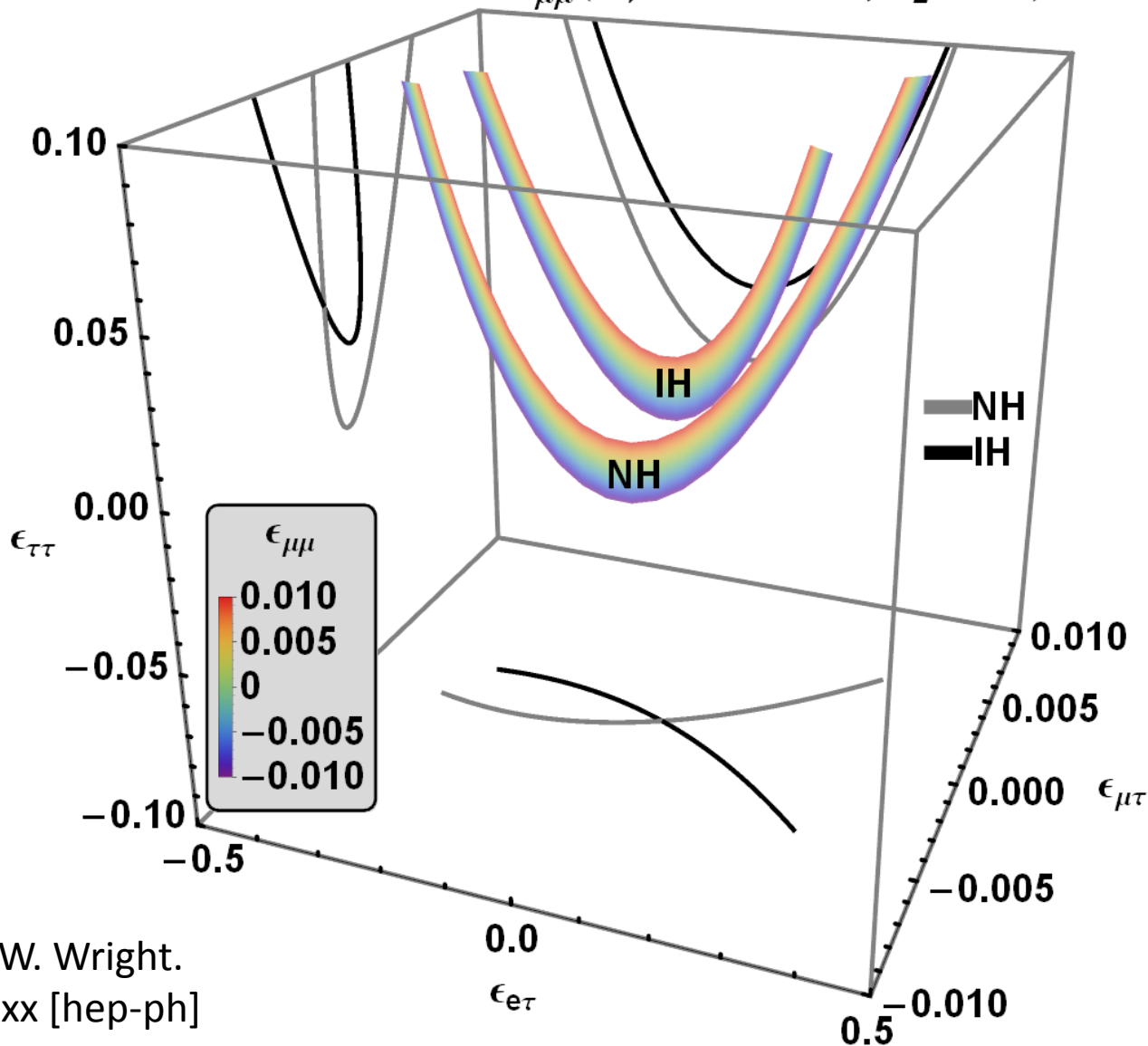
$$\epsilon_{\mu\tau} \approx \frac{\epsilon_{e\tau} + \dots}{\epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu} + \dots} (\dots) \pm \frac{\Phi}{L} \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\epsilon_{e\tau} + \dots}{\epsilon_{ee} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu} + \dots} \right)^2}$$

$$\Phi = \sin^{-1} \left( \sqrt{1 - P_{\mu\mu}(E_\nu, \theta_\nu, \text{All } \epsilon = 0)} \right)$$

$\therefore$  for given  $(E_\nu, \theta_\nu, \epsilon_{ee}, \epsilon_{\mu\mu}) : \vec{\Gamma}(\epsilon_{e\tau}) = \{\epsilon_{e\tau}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau\tau}\}$

# 6. Many NSI: Parameter Selection

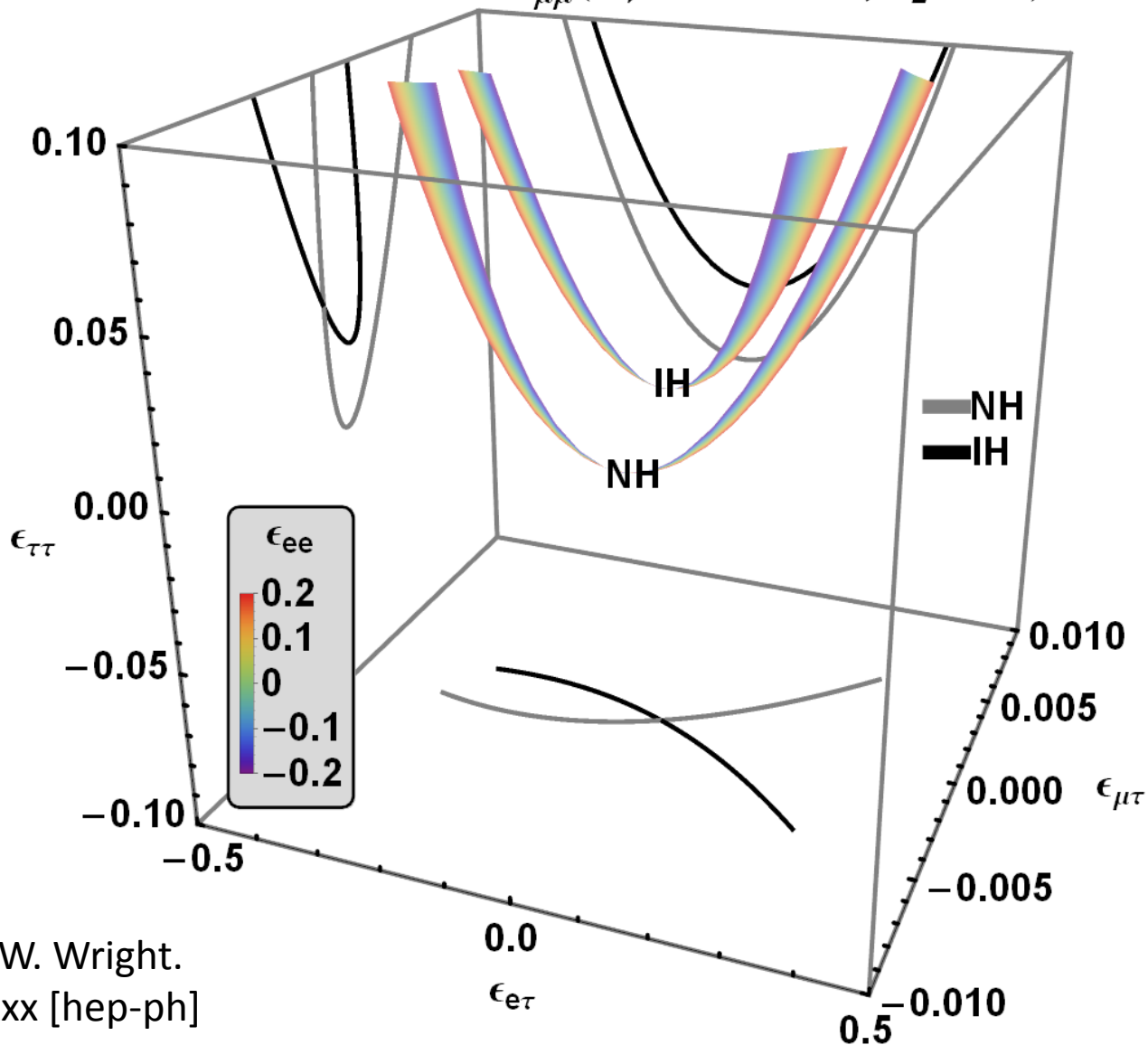
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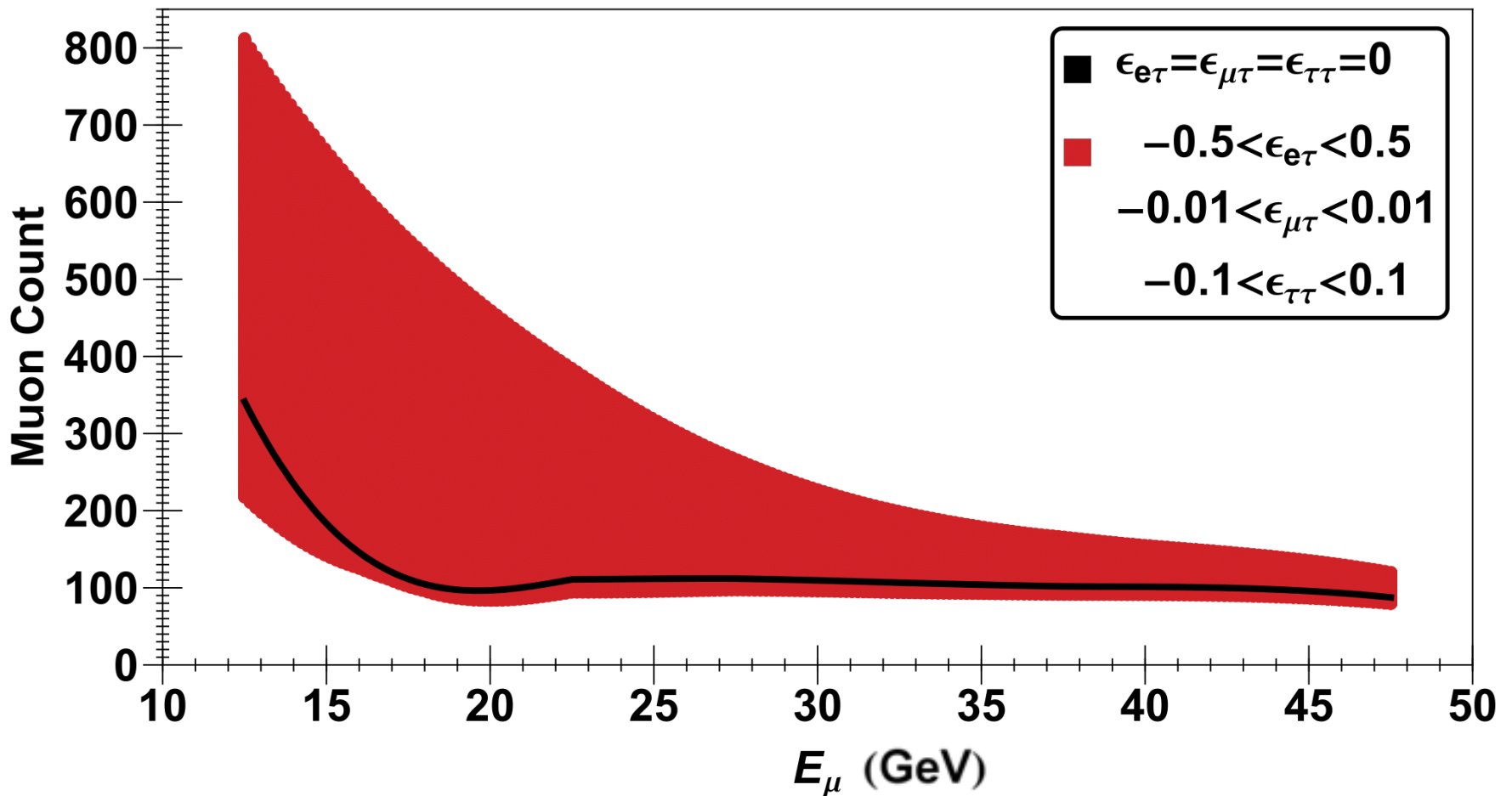


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# 6. Many NSI: Muons at ICDC

ICDC  $N_{\mu+\bar{\mu}}^{\text{NH}}$  from  $\nu_{\mu}, \bar{\nu}_{\mu}, \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  through Core in 1yr



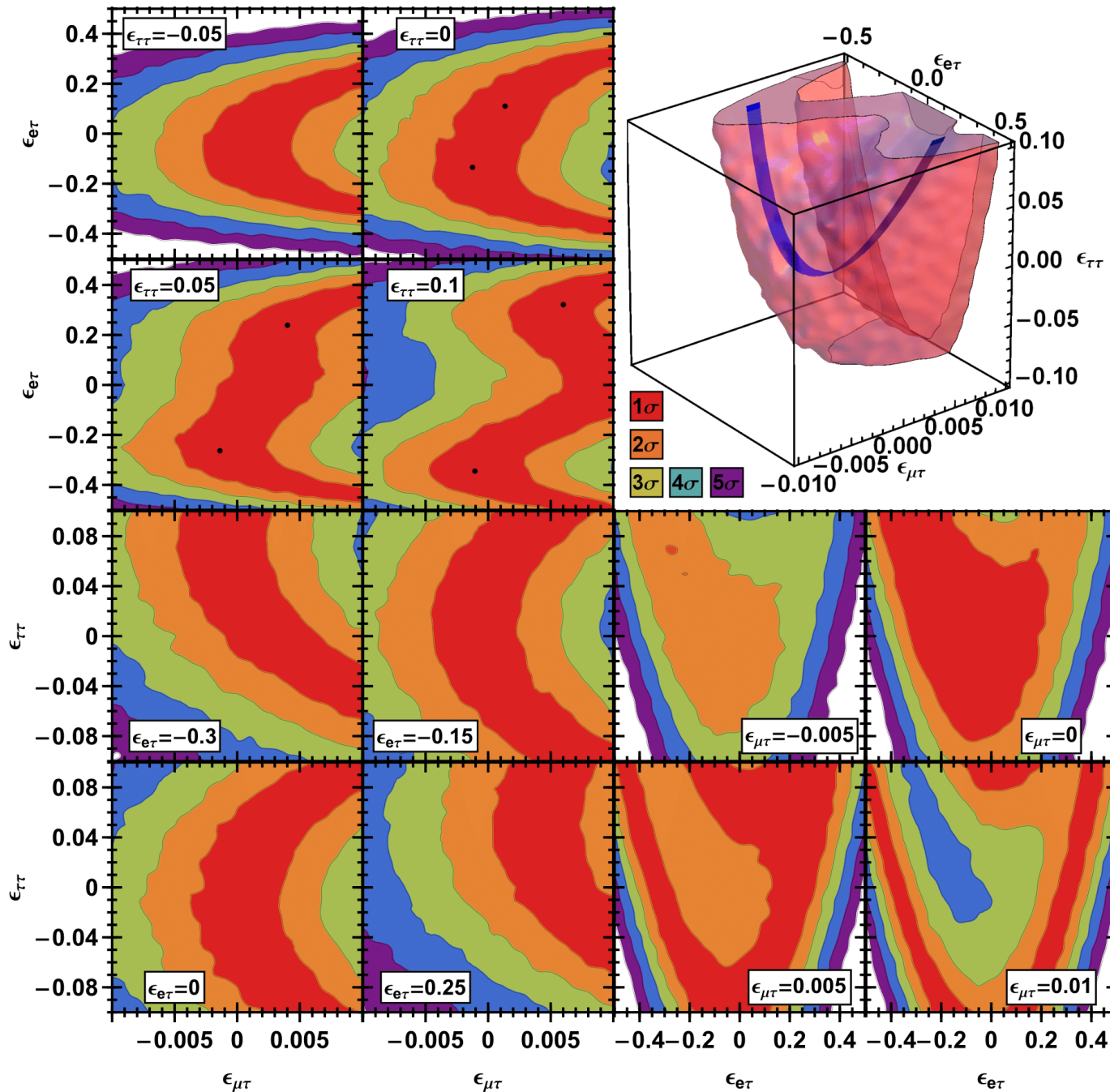
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## 6. Many NSI: Chi Squared

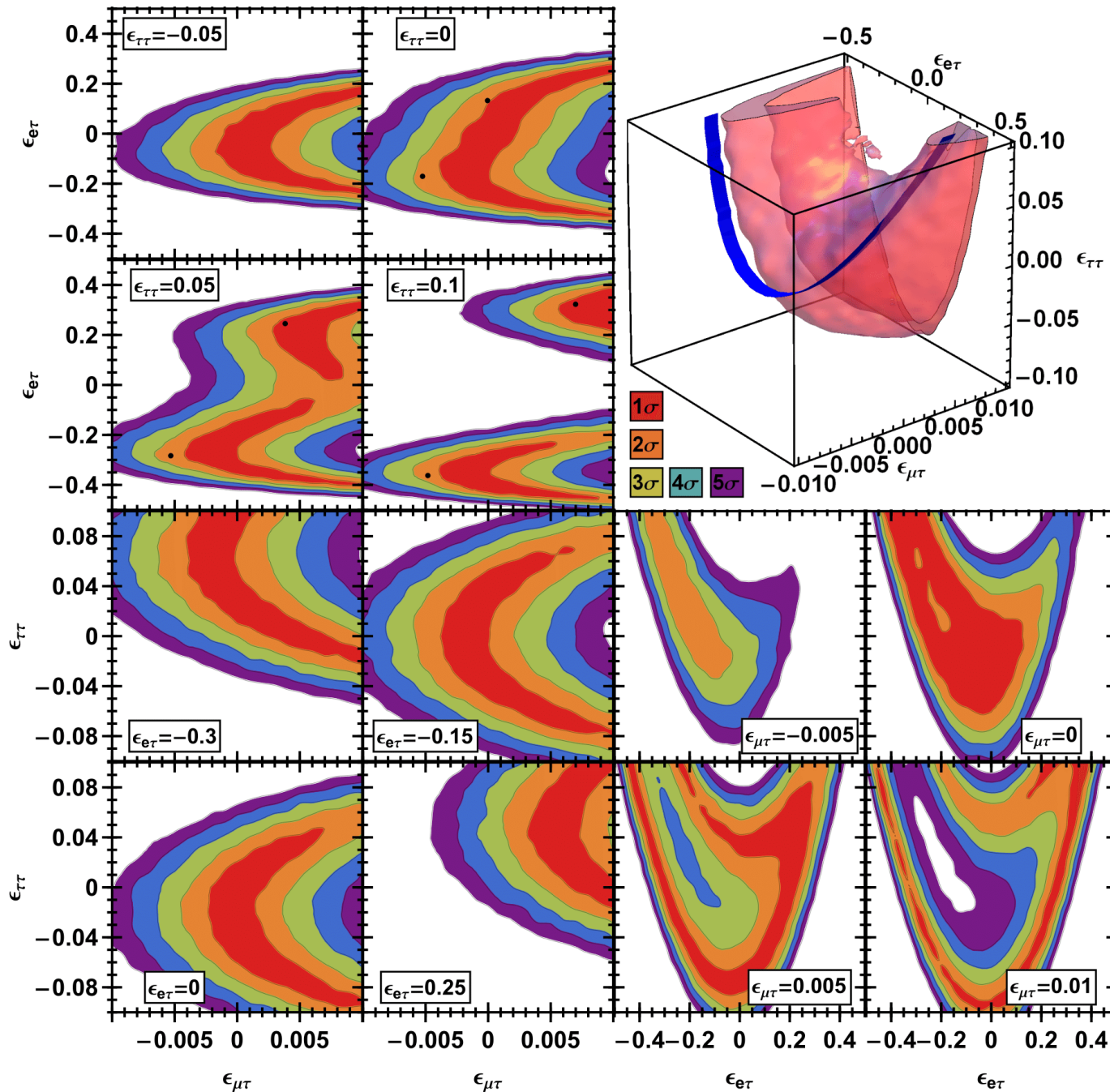
$$\chi^2(\epsilon_{e\tau}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau\tau}) = \sum_{E_\mu} \frac{\left( N_{\mu+\bar{\mu}}(E_\mu, \epsilon_{e\tau}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau\tau}) - N_{\mu+\bar{\mu}}^{\text{Null}}(E_\mu) \right)^2}{N_{\mu+\bar{\mu}}^{\text{Null}}(E_\mu)}$$

$\chi_{\text{low}}^2 : E_\mu \in \{20, 35\} \text{ GeV (3 bins)}$

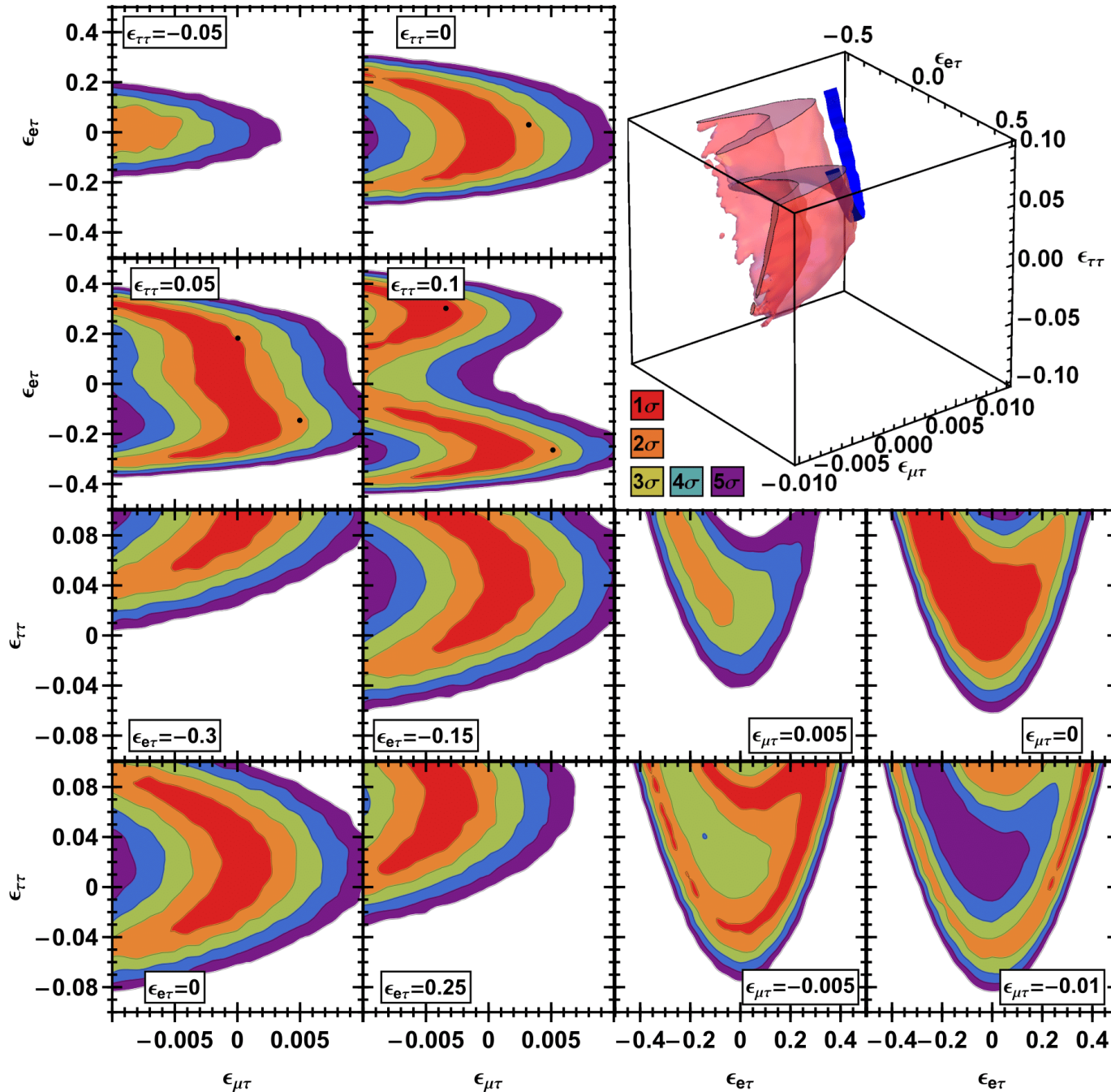
$\chi_{\text{high}}^2 : E_\mu \in \{35, 50\} \text{ GeV (3 bins)}$

$\chi^2$  from ICDC  $N_\mu^{\text{NH, null}}$  vs.  $N_\mu^{\text{NH}}$  for High energy  $\nu_\mu$  through Core. Source:  $P_{\mu\mu}$  only.


$\chi^2$  from ICDC  $N_{\mu}^{\text{NH, null}}$  vs.  $N_{\mu}^{\text{NH}}$  for low energy  $\nu_{\mu}$  through Core. Source:  $P_{\mu\mu}$  only.



$\chi^2$  from ICDC  $N_\mu^{\text{IH, null}}$  vs.  $N_\mu^{\text{IH}}$  for low energy  $\nu_\mu$  through Core. Source:  $P_{\mu\mu}$  only.



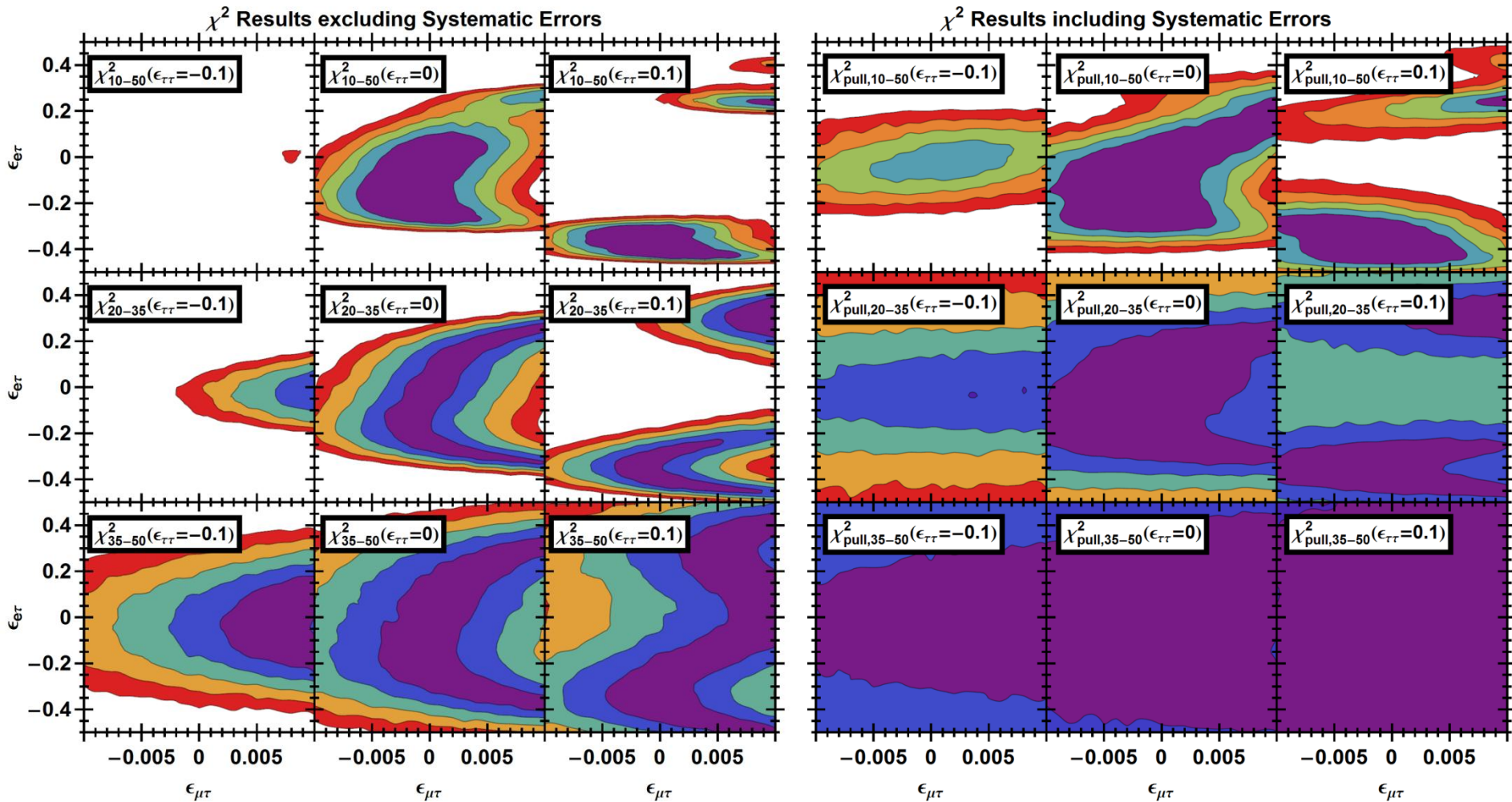
$$\chi_{\text{pull}}^2(\epsilon_{e\tau}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau\tau}) = \min_{\{\xi_k\}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\left( N_{\mu,i}^{\text{model}} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^m \pi_{ij} \xi_j \right) - N_{\mu,i}^{\text{null}} \right)^2}{N_{\mu,i}^{\text{null}}} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \xi_j^2 \right)$$

$$N_{\mu,i}^{\text{model}} \equiv N_{\mu}^{\text{model}}(\epsilon_{e\tau}, \epsilon_{\mu\tau}, \epsilon_{\tau\tau}, \Delta E_{\mu,i})$$

$$N_{\mu,i}^{\text{null}} \equiv N_{\mu}^{\text{null}}(0, 0, 0, \Delta E_{\mu,i}).$$

1. **Energy Dependant Flux Uncertainty:**  $\pi_{i1} \approx 11\%$  to  $17\%$ .
2. **Zenith Dependant Flux Uncertainty:**  $\pi_{i2} \approx 5\%$
3. **Normalization Flux Uncertainty:**  $\pi_{i3} = 20\%$
4. **Normalization Cross Section Uncertainty:**  $\pi_{i4} = 10\%$
5. **Detector Uncertainty:**  $\pi_{i5} = 5\%$

# 6. Many NSI: Chi Squared



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- Many NSI introduce complicated degeneracies:
  - In particular, there are regions in NSI parameter space that predict the same muon signal as a “no NSI” theory.
- Degenerate region:
  - Derived via approximate analytical solution
  - Characterized by parametric curve
  - In agreement with numerical results



- Improve analysis of this potential new physics by:
  - Better Chi Squared from:
    - Multiple data sources and observables
- Extend analysis by:
  - Explore NSI impact on CP phase discovery
  - Investigate effects of NSI phases

Thank you – Questions?