

# VECTOR-LIKE TOP PARTNERS

The background image shows a large, light-colored stone building, likely a cathedral or church, with a prominent rose window and a tall bell tower on the right. In the foreground, there is a large, ornate fountain with multiple tiers and statues. People are seen sitting on the steps of the fountain and walking around the square. The sky is clear and blue.

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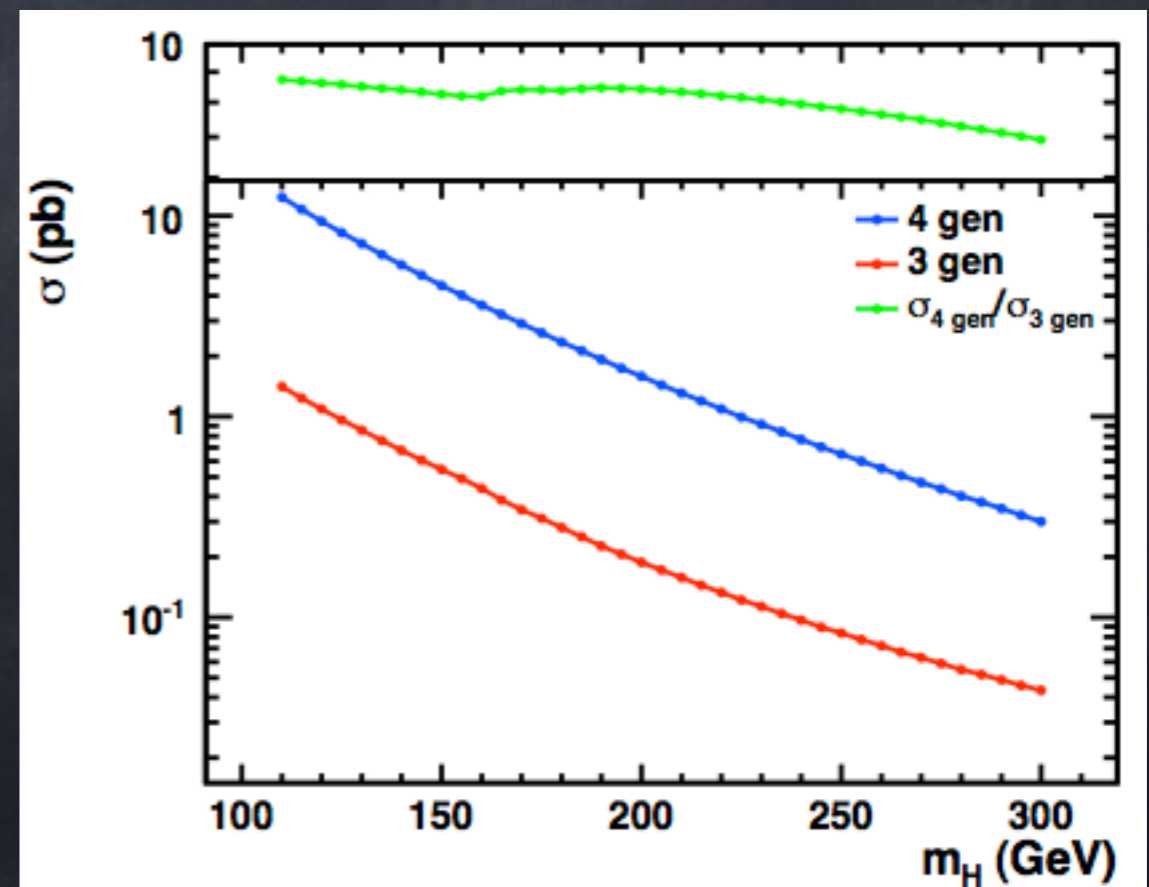
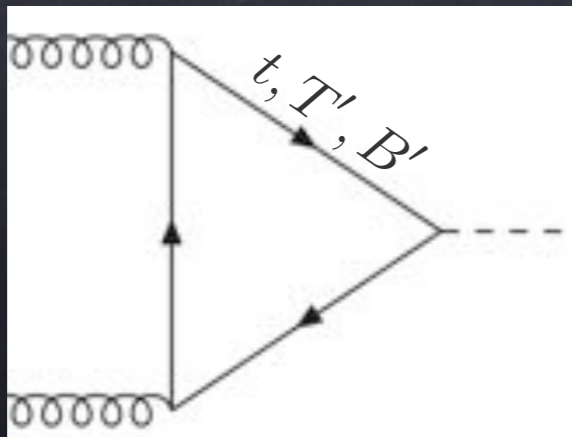
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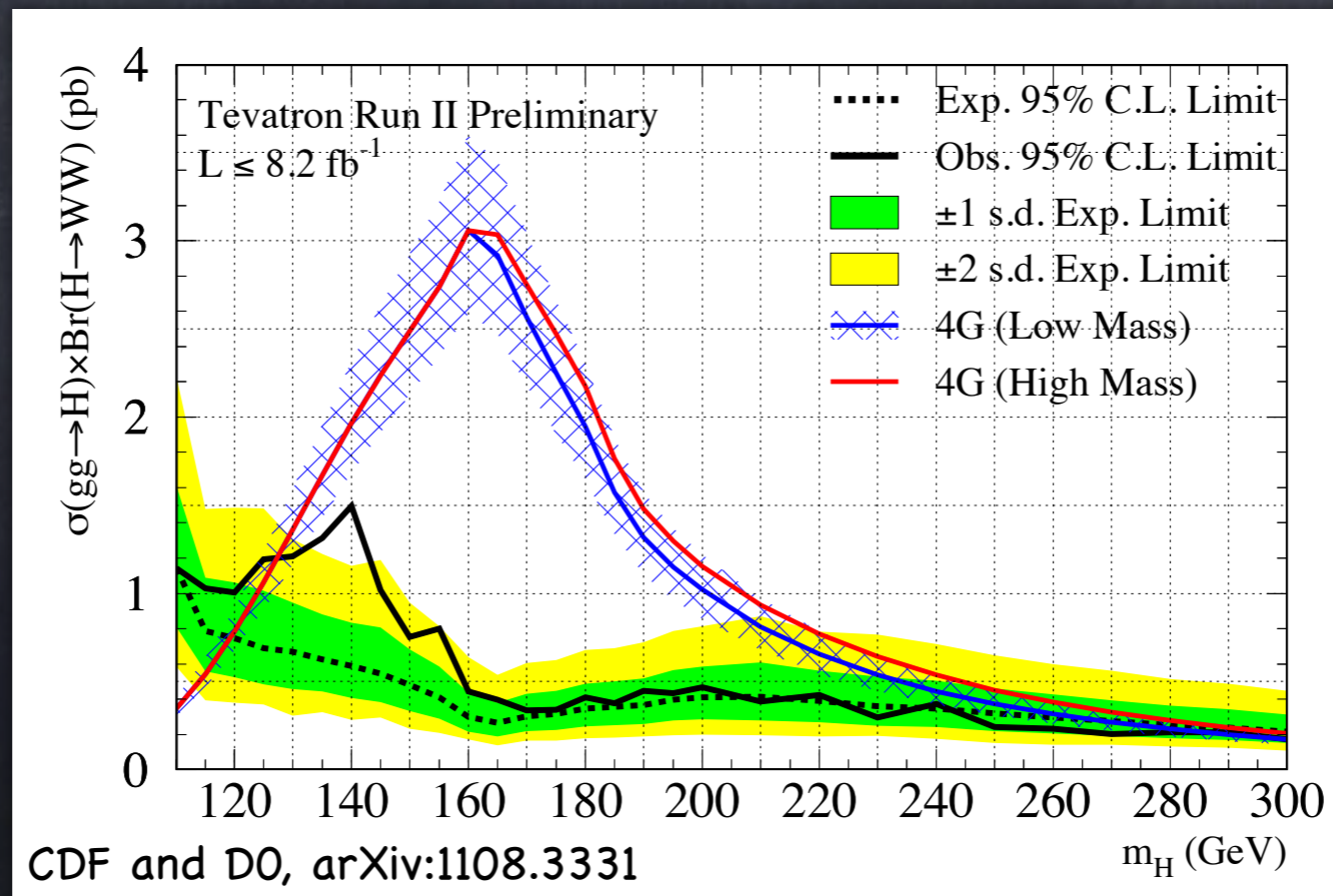
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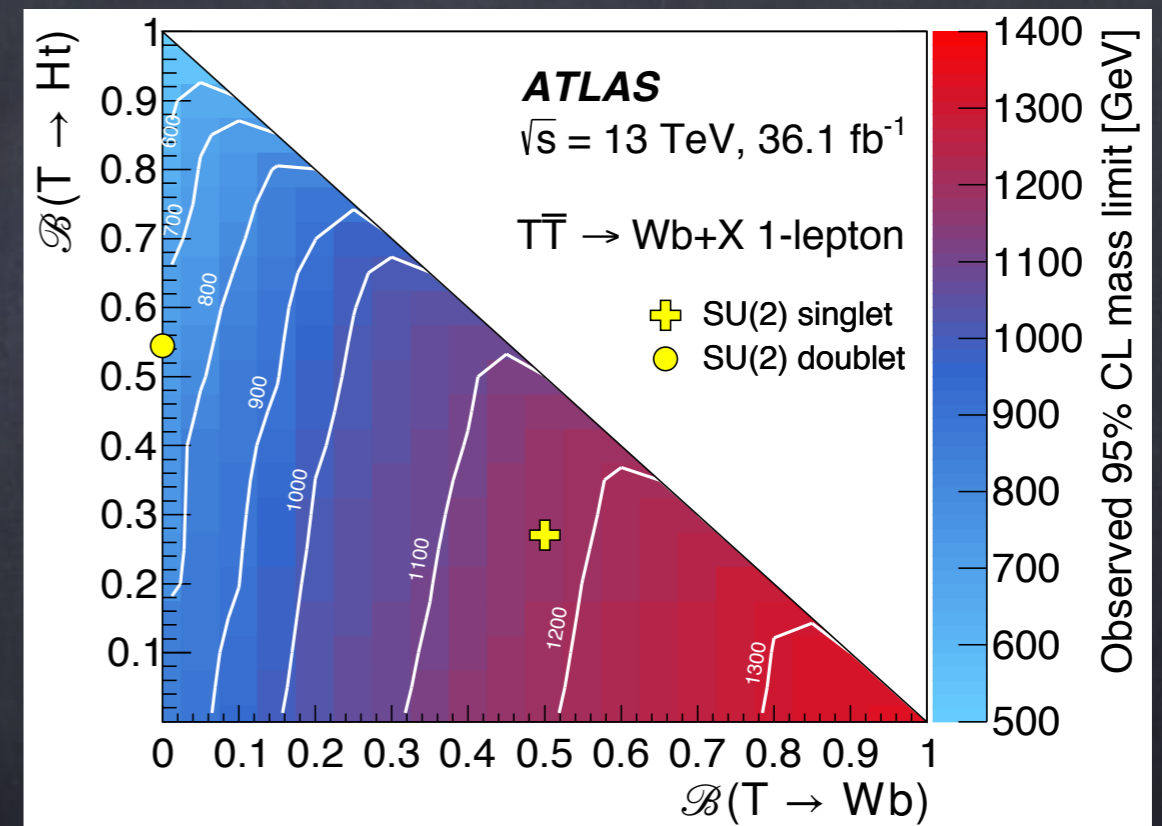
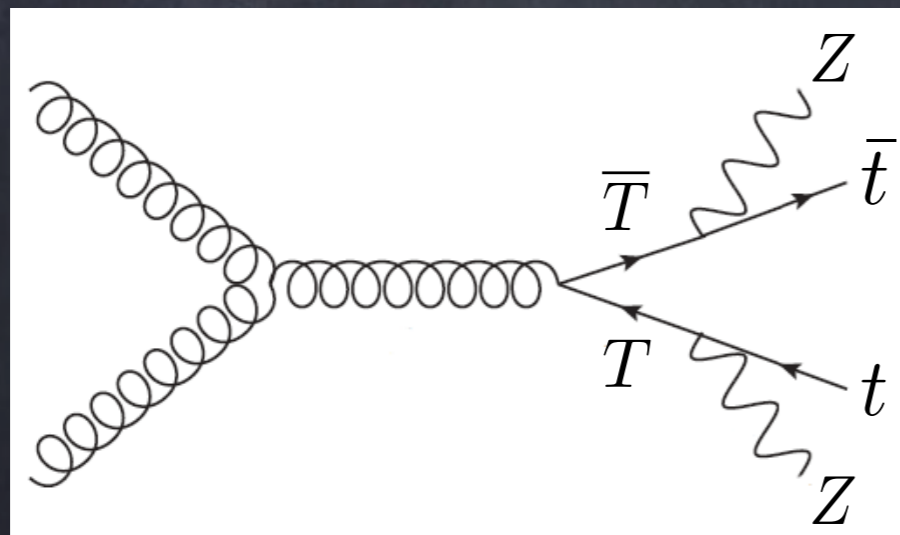
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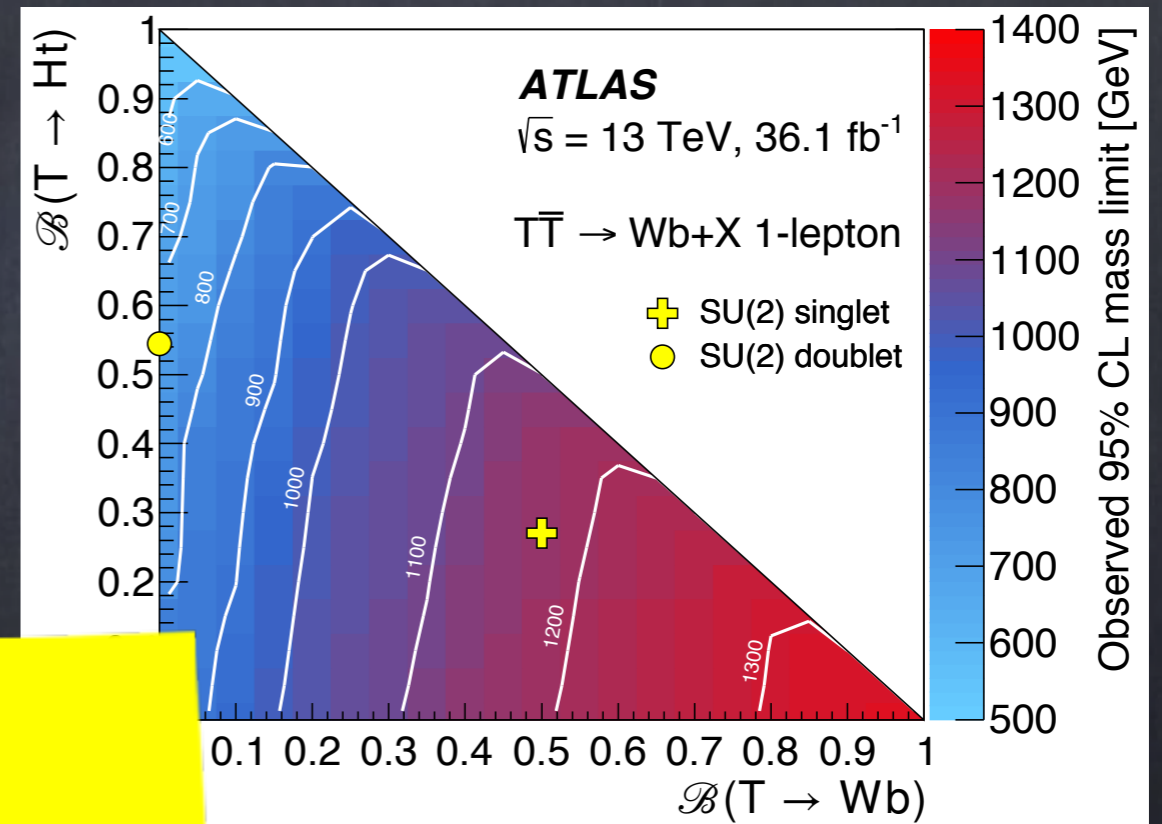
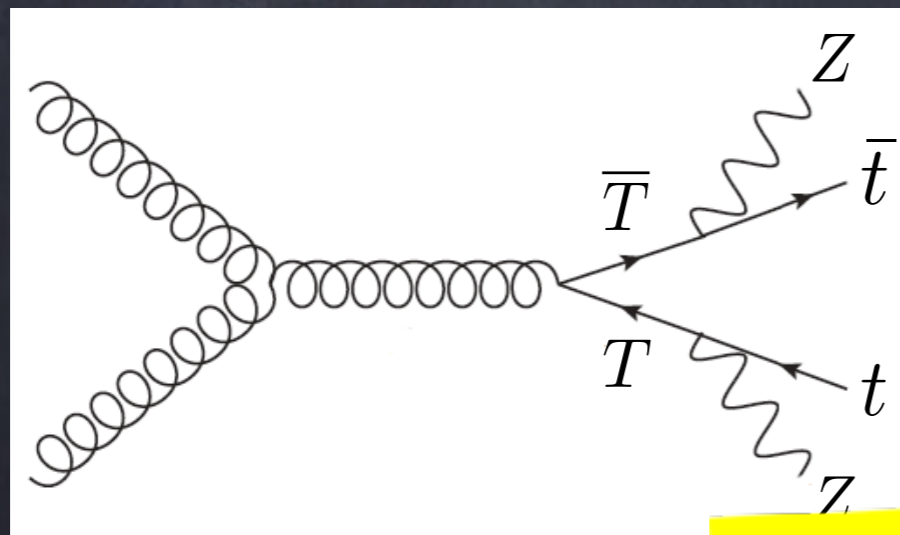


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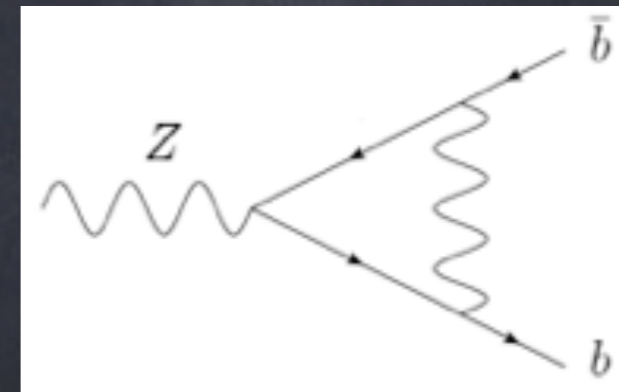
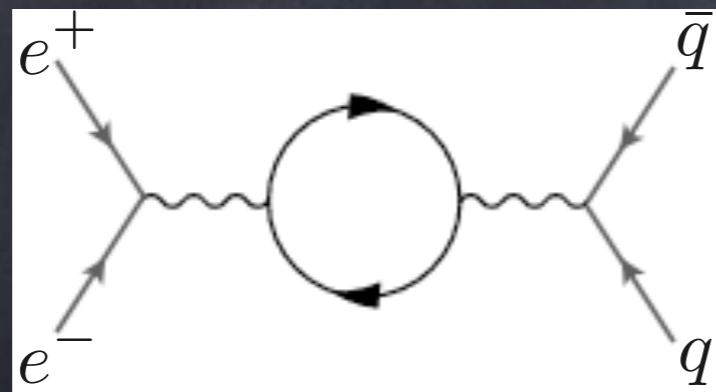


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➔ the new quarks could be too heavy to be observed directly...

... but they could affect loop-mediated processes:

- electroweak precision parameters ( $S, T, U, Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )



- Higgs rates

$$\frac{\sigma}{\sigma^{SM}} = \begin{cases} 1.16^{+0.15}_{-0.14} & \text{(CMS)} \\ 0.99 \pm 0.14 & \text{(ATLAS)} \end{cases}$$

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*Can indirect effects be useful  
in the search for new quarks?*

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"exotic" quarks of charge  
 $5/3$   $-4/3$







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(mixings of SM fermions and VLQs with same quantum numbers rotated away by a redefinition of the fields)



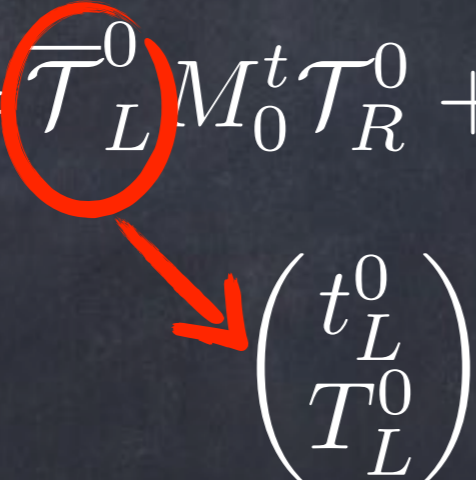
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- The physical quarks are obtained through unitary rotations. For example

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ T_L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_L^t & -\sin \theta_L^t \\ \sin \theta_L^t & \cos \theta_L^t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_L^0 \\ T_L^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# COUPLINGS

- Because of these mixings
  - ▶ the heavy mass eigenstate acquires a coupling with the Higgs boson
  - ▶ the Yukawa coupling of the light “top” quark is suppressed
  - ▶ off-diagonal couplings with the electroweak gauge bosons arise



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- Example:  $(T^0, B^0)$  doublet

parameters:  $m_t, m_b, M_T, M_B, \theta_L^t, \theta_R^t, \theta_L^b, \theta_R^b$

relations:

$$M_T^2 (c_R^t)^2 + m_t^2 (s_R^t)^2 = M_B^2 (c_R^b)^2 + m_b^2 (s_R^b)^2$$

$$M_{T,B} \tan \theta_L^{t,b} = m_{t,b} \tan \theta_R^{t,b}$$

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$$B \text{ singlet : } s_L^b, M_B$$

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$$(XT) \text{ doublet : } s_R^t, M_T$$

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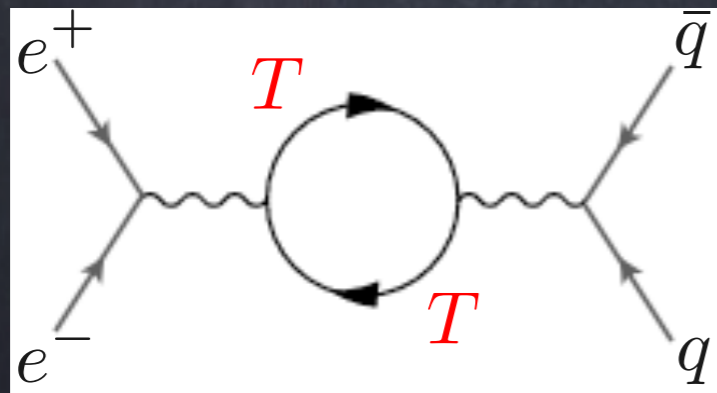


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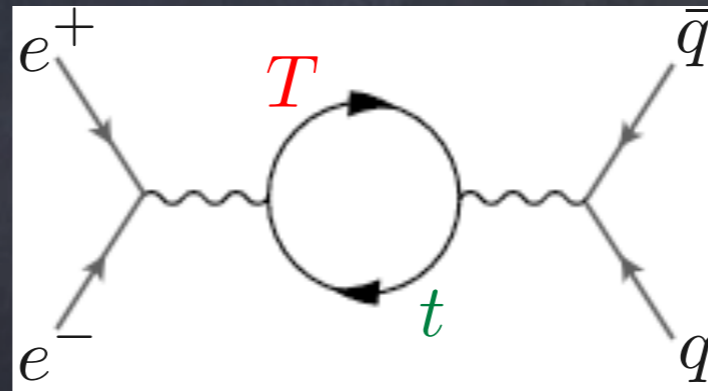
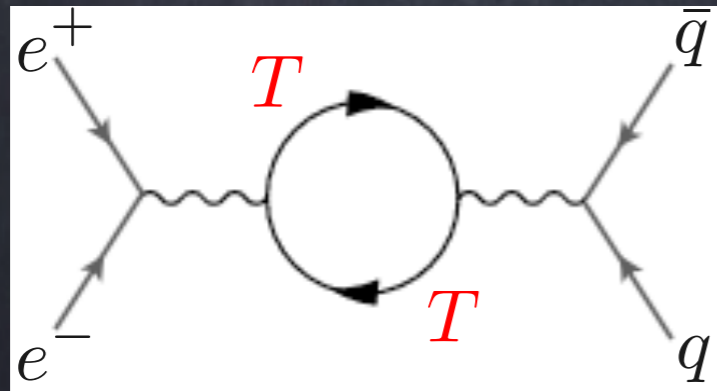
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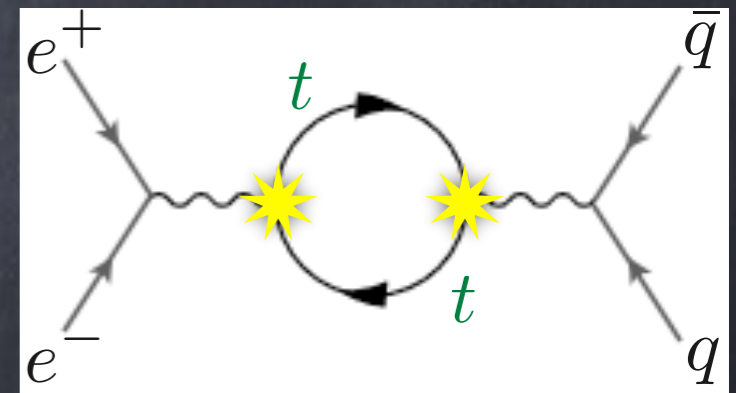
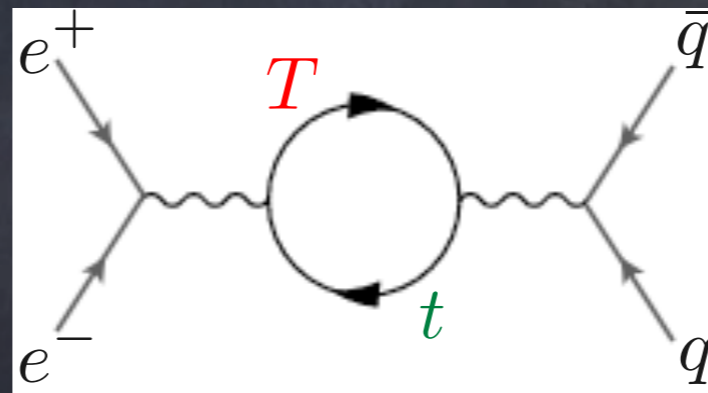
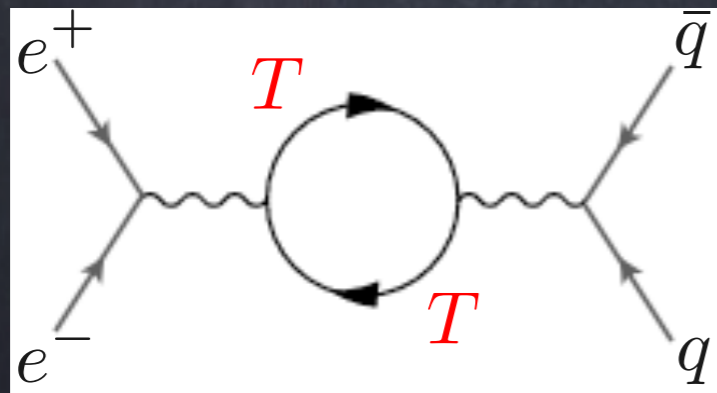
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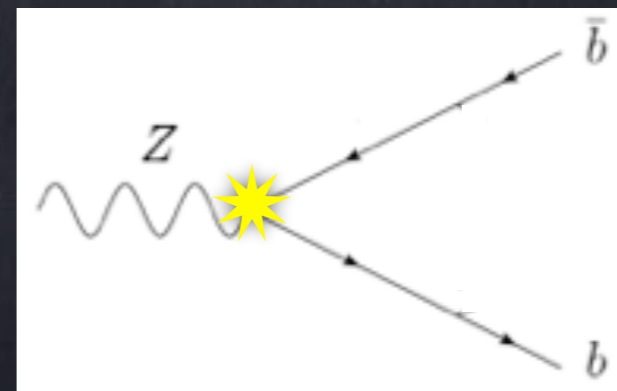
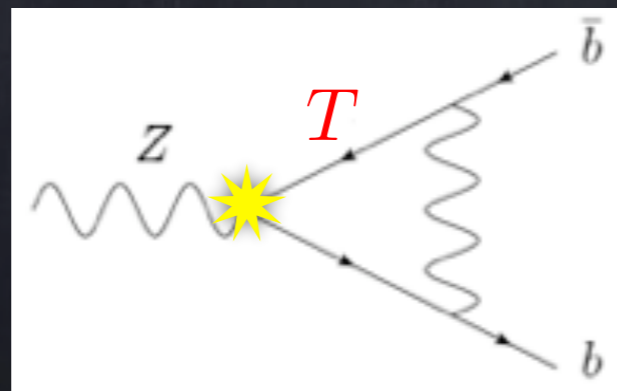
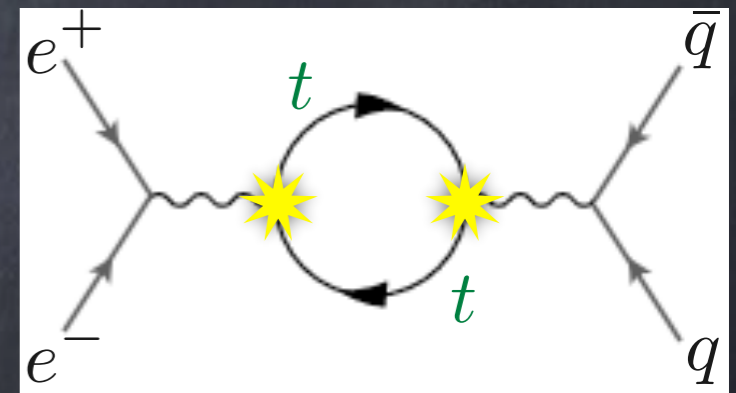
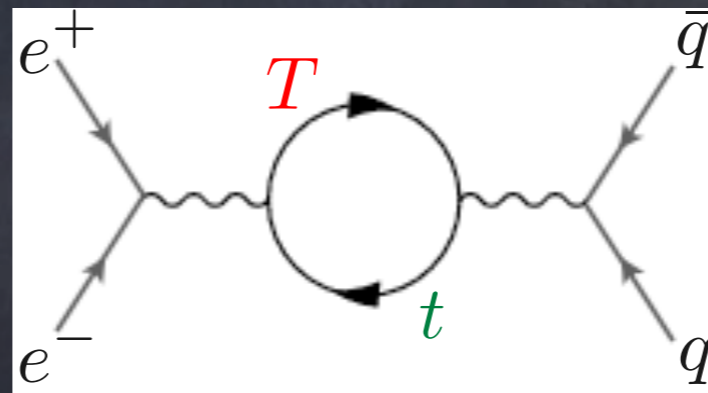
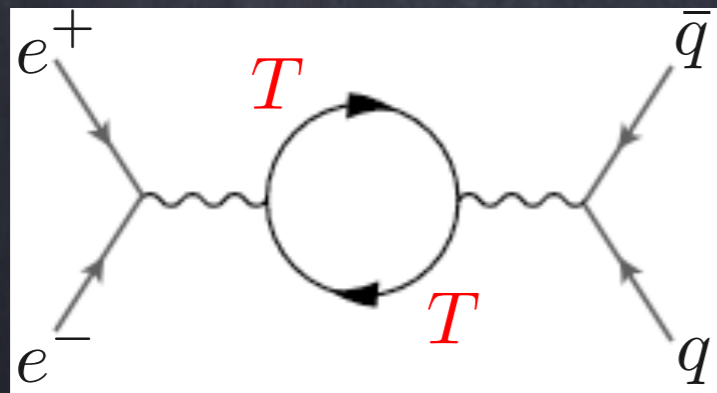
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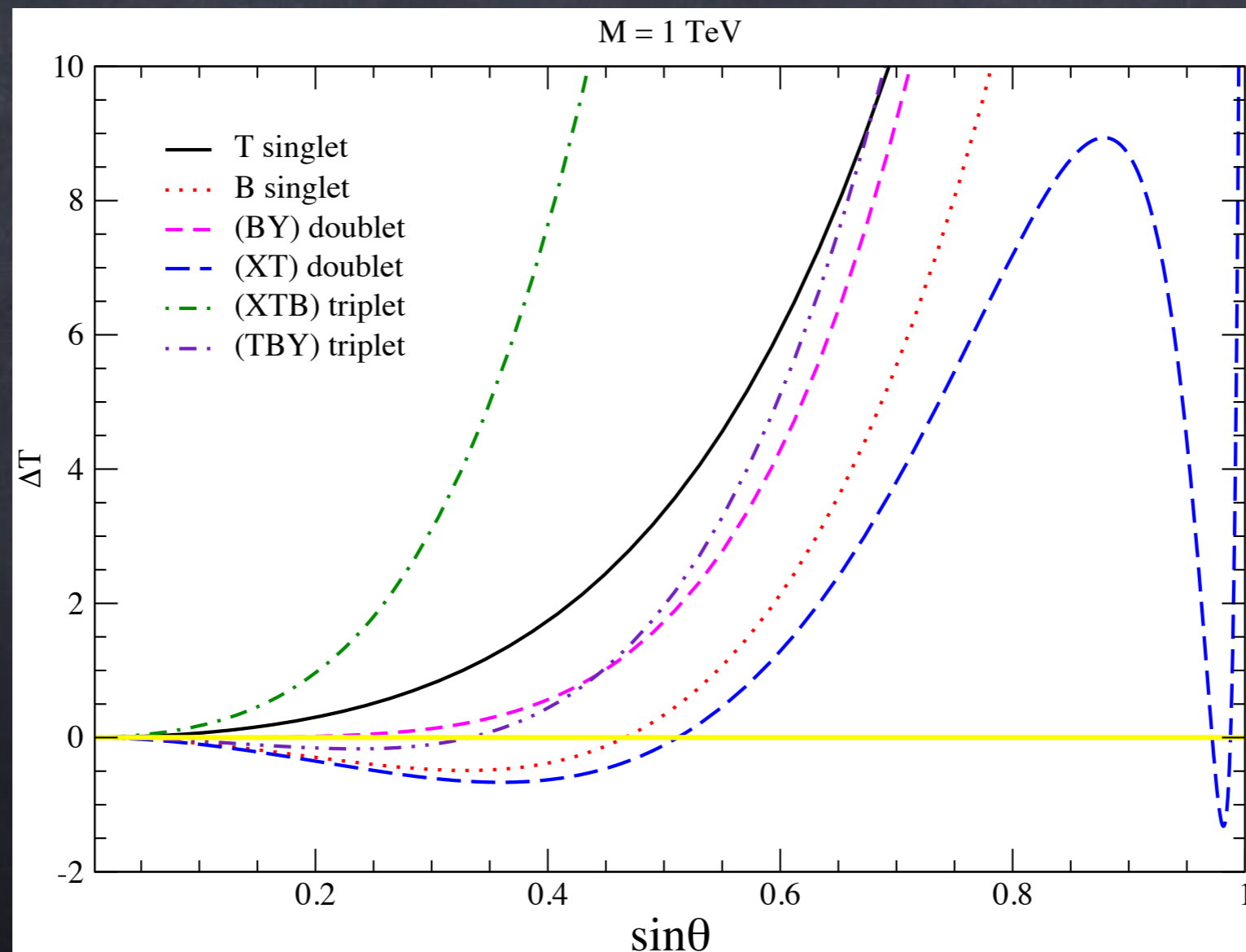
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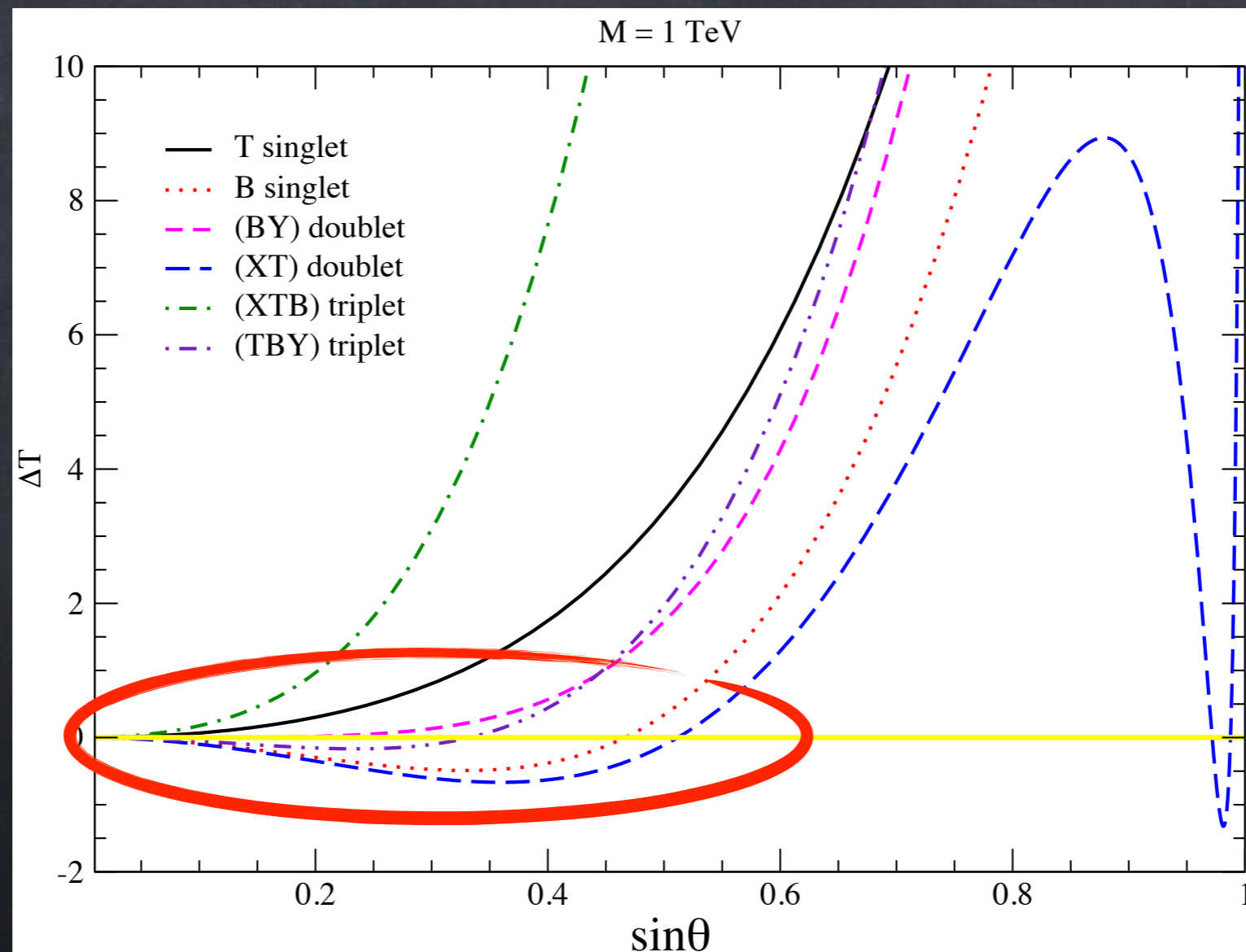
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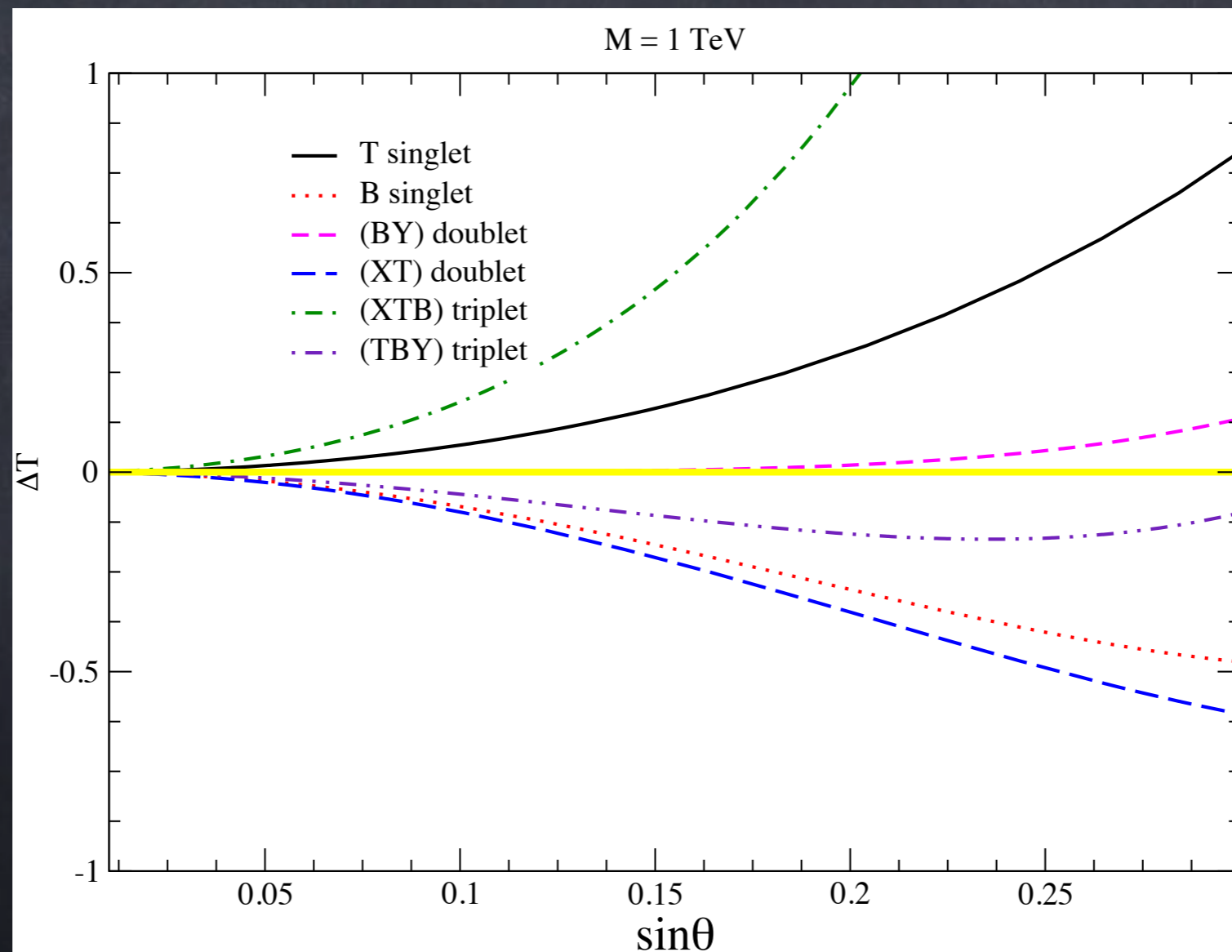
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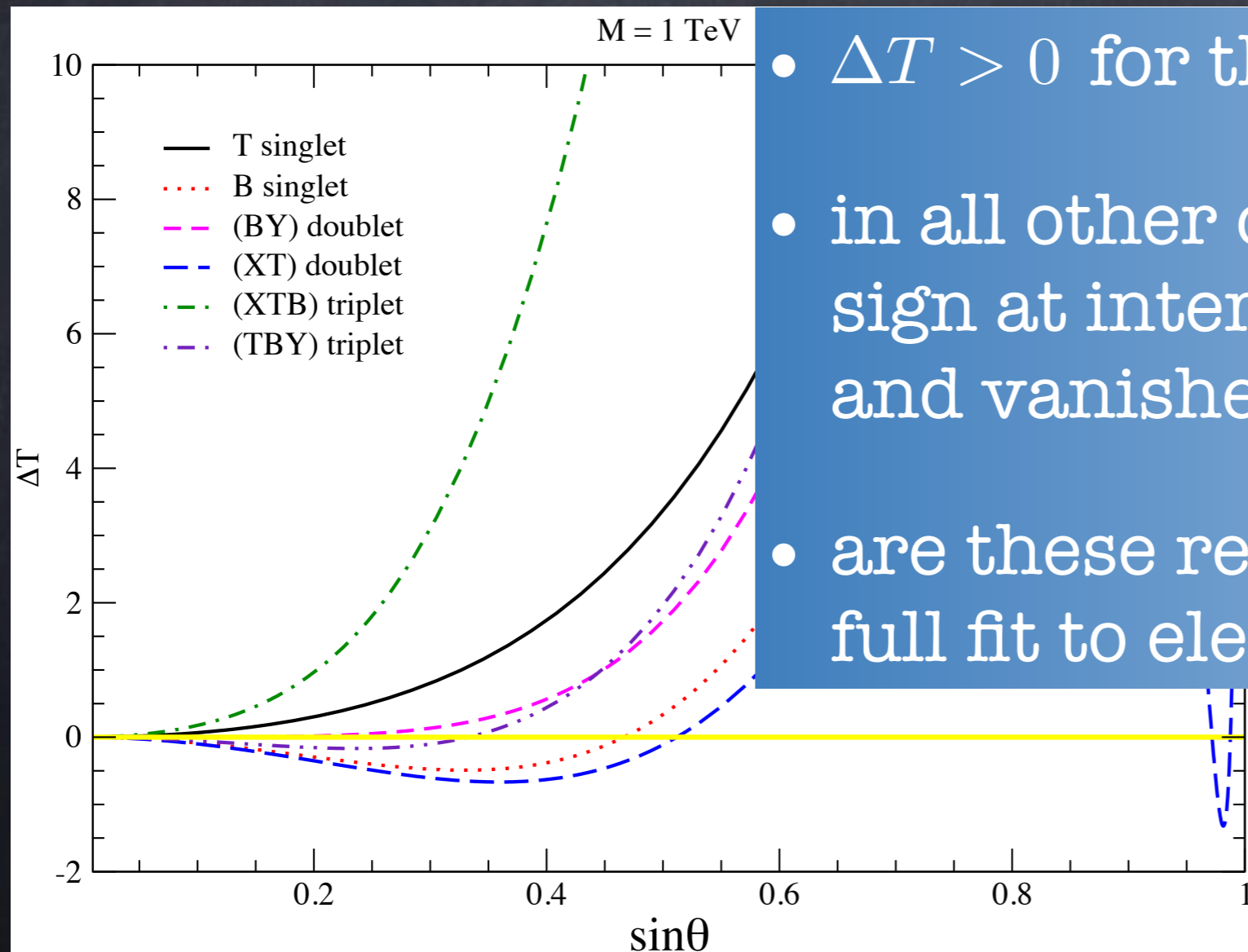
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- $\Delta T > 0$  for the  $T$  and  $(XTB)$  models
- in all other cases,  $\Delta T$  changes sign at intermediate values of  $\theta$  and vanishes again
- are these regions allowed from the full fit to electroweak data?

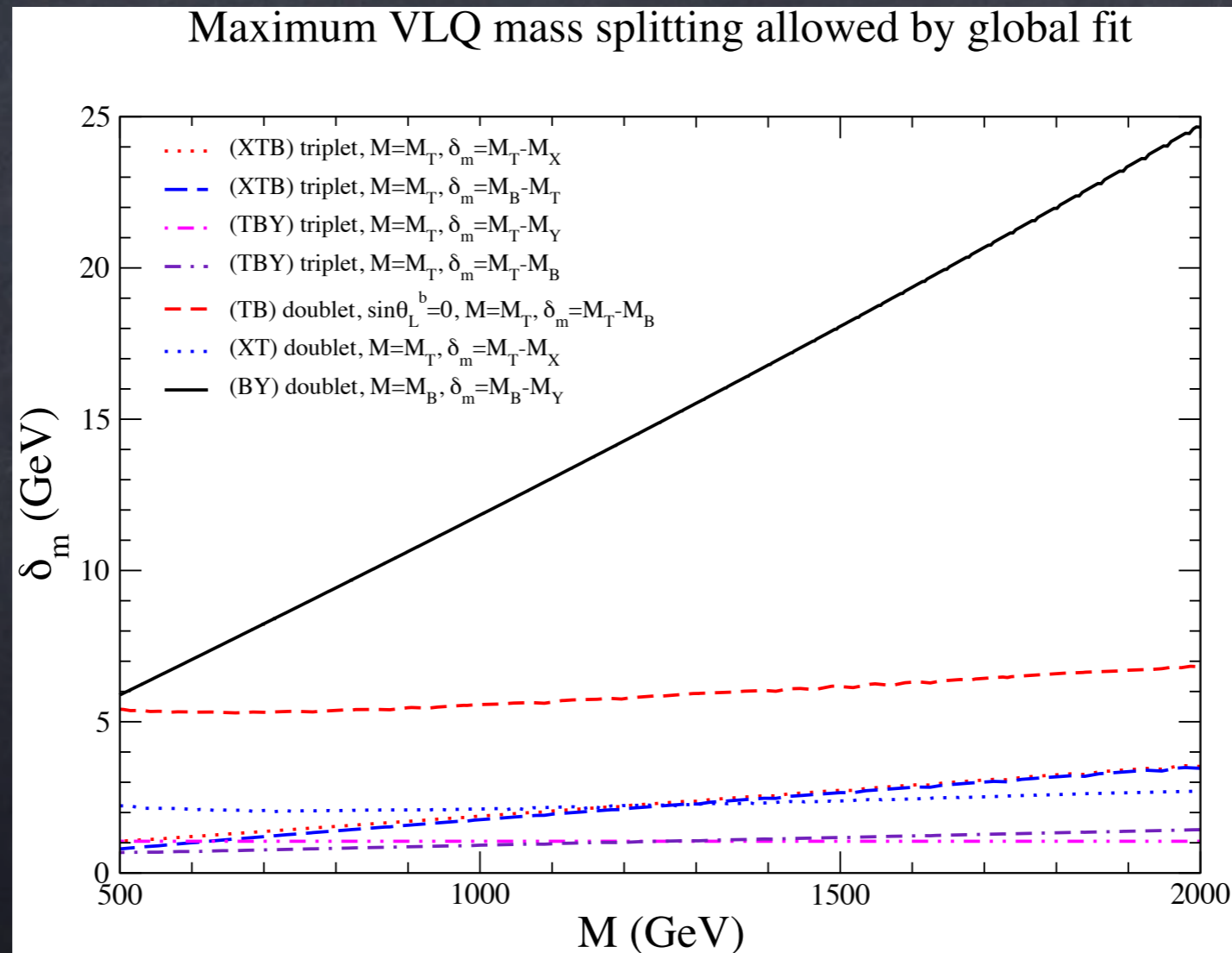
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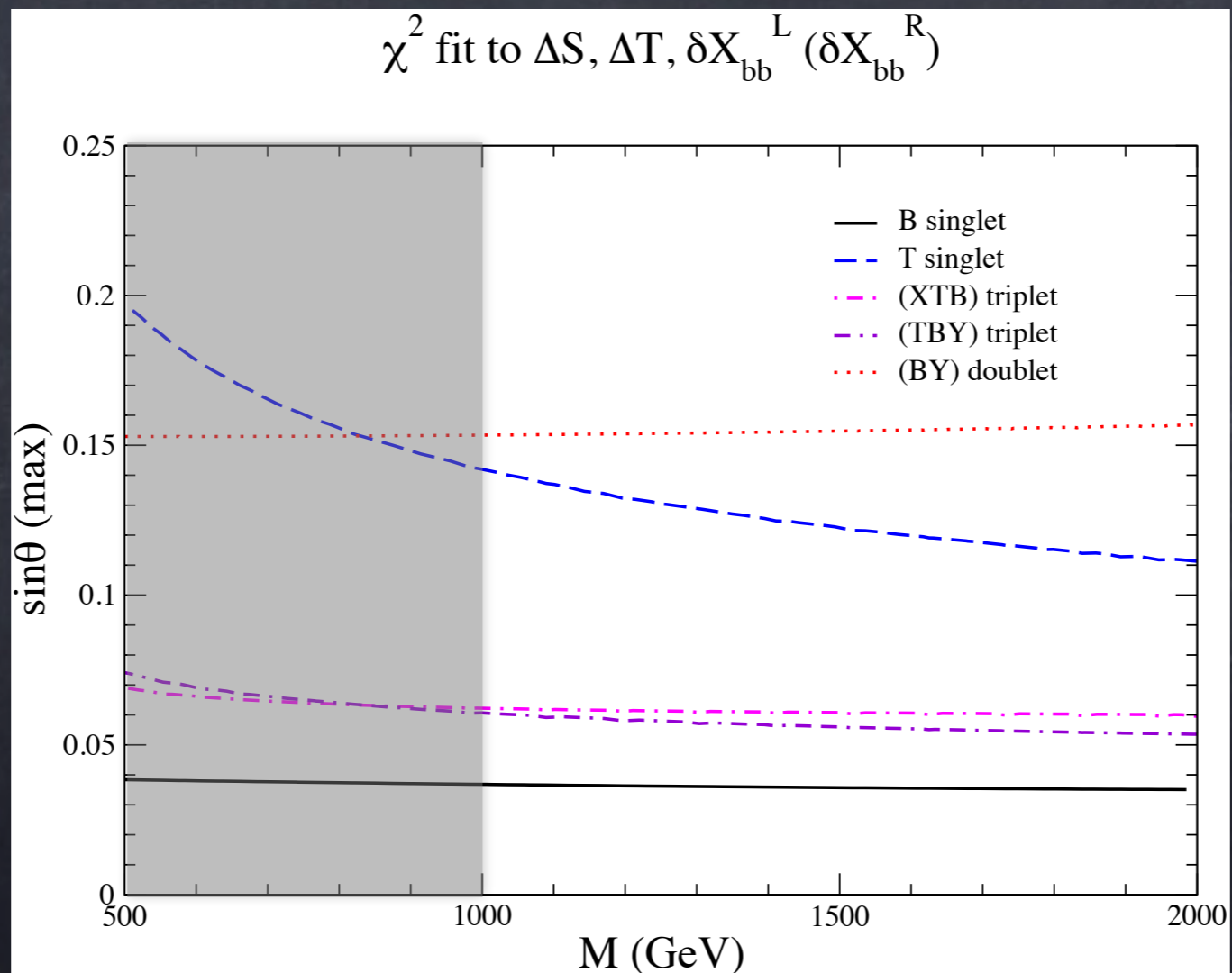
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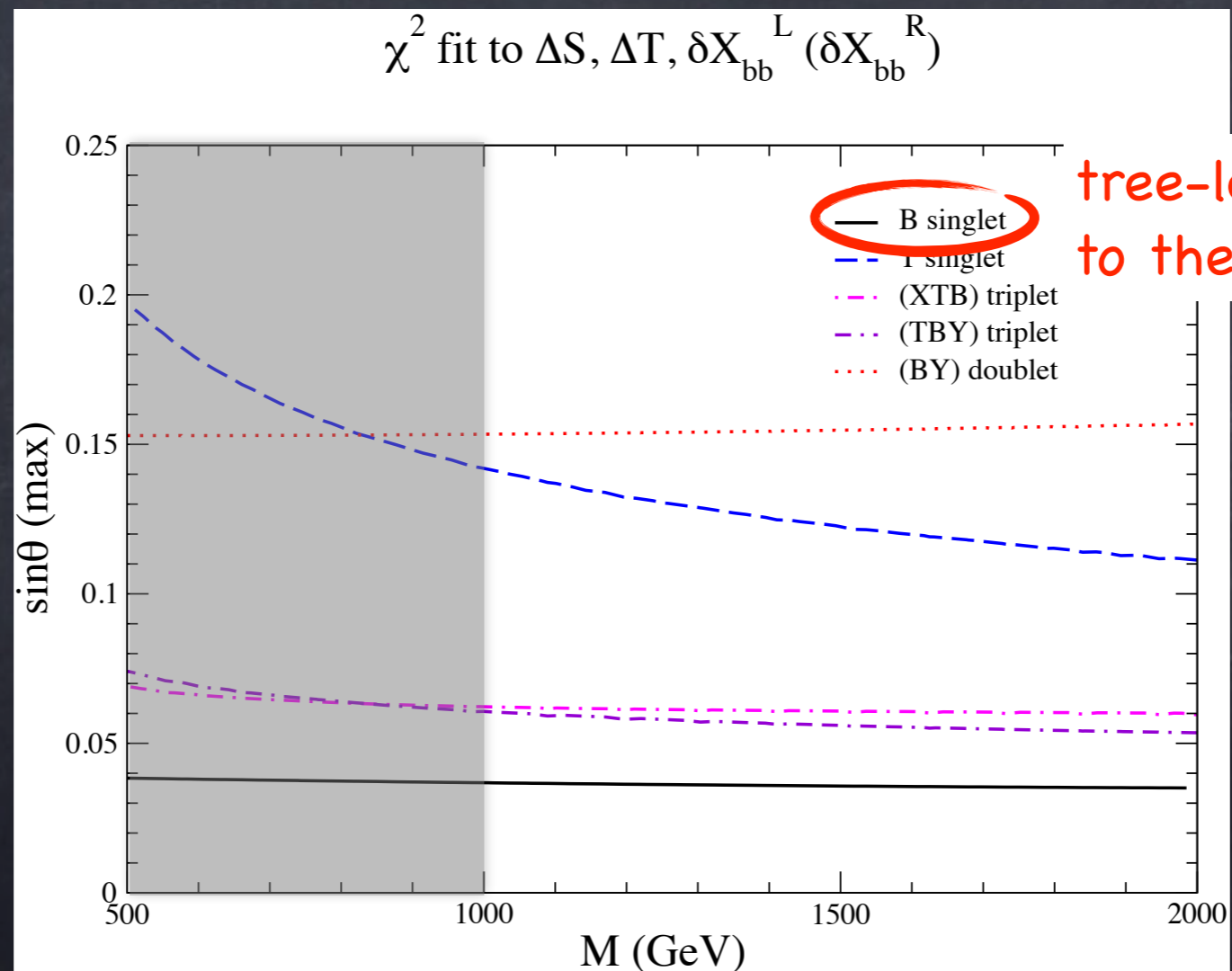
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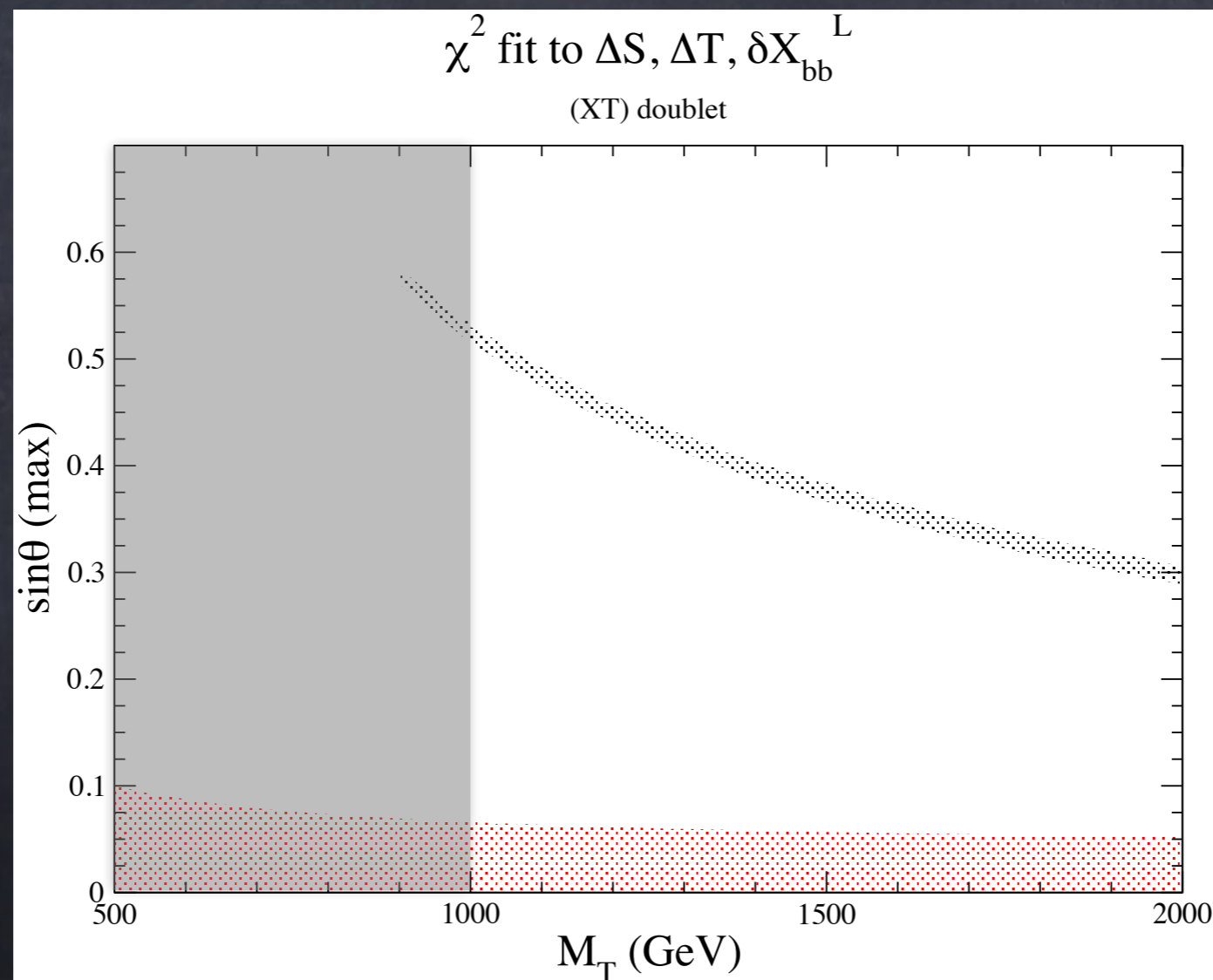
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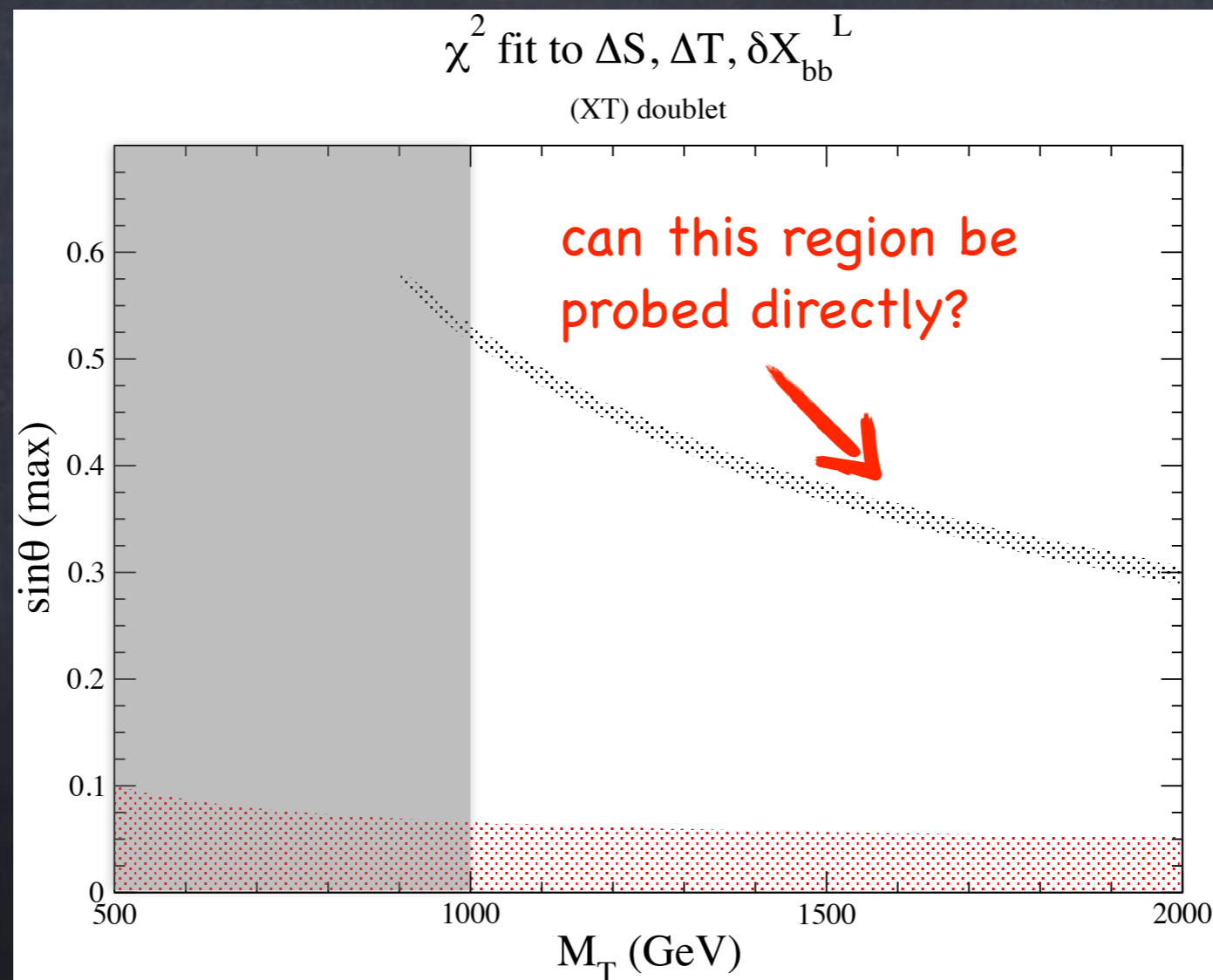
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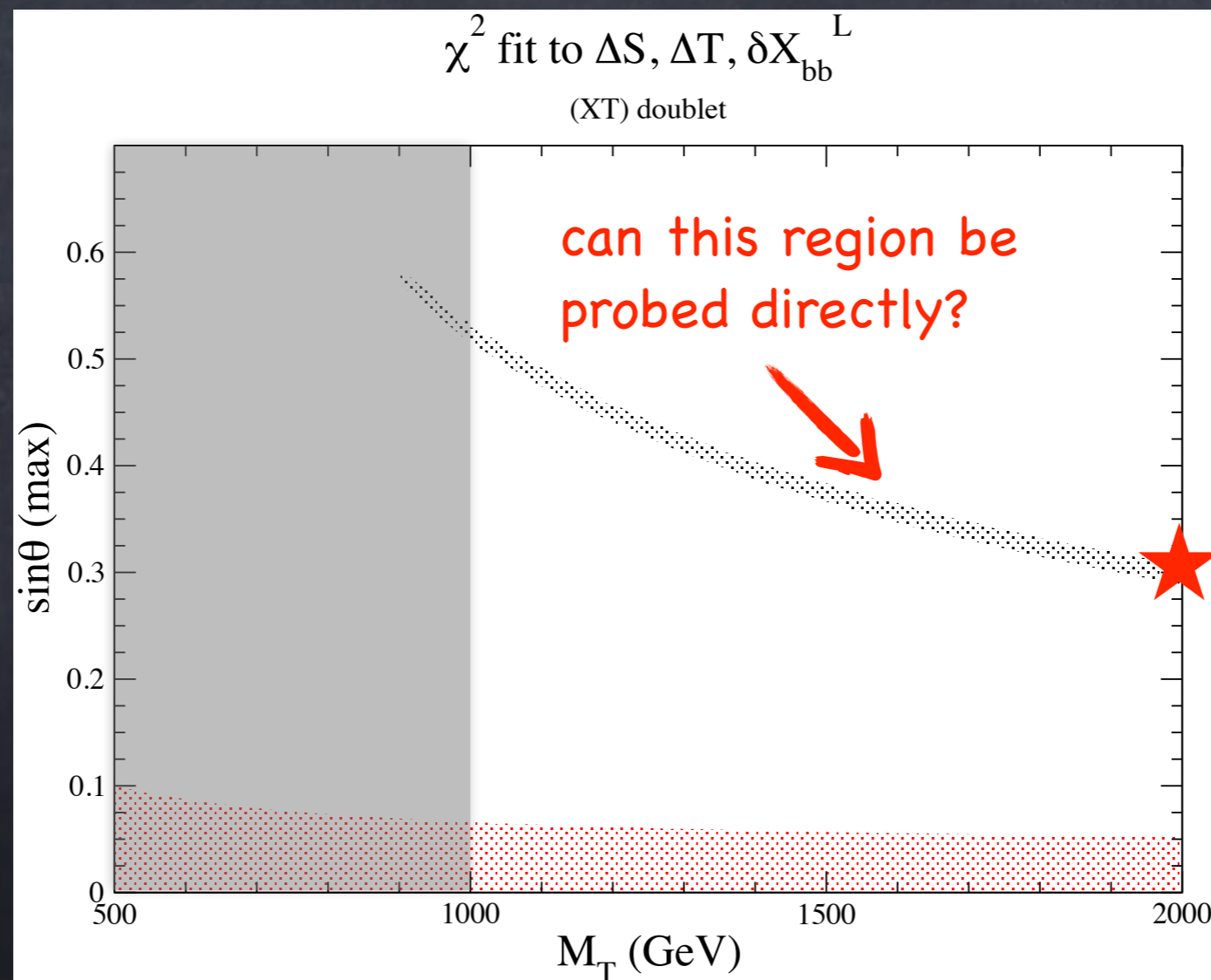
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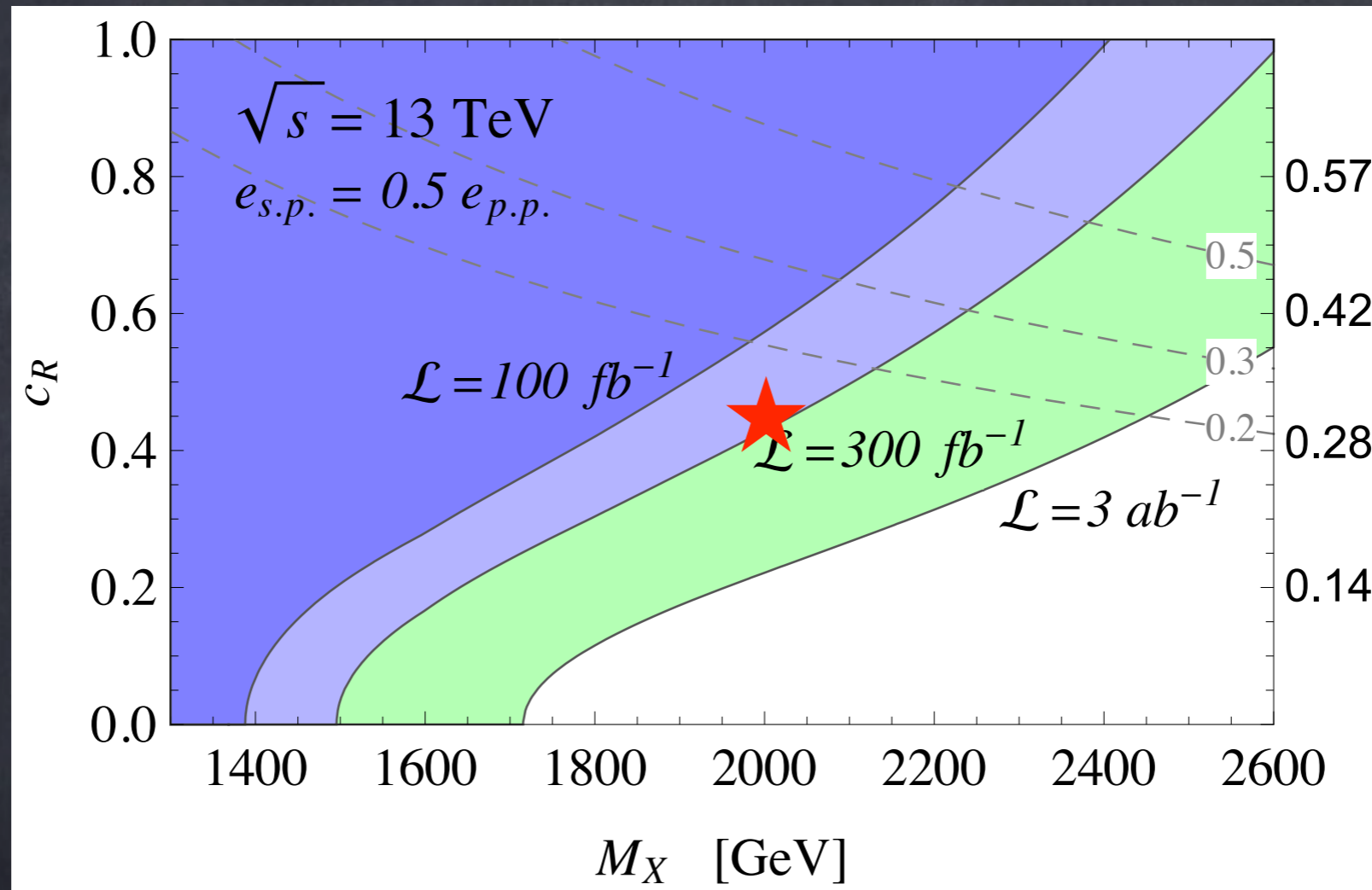
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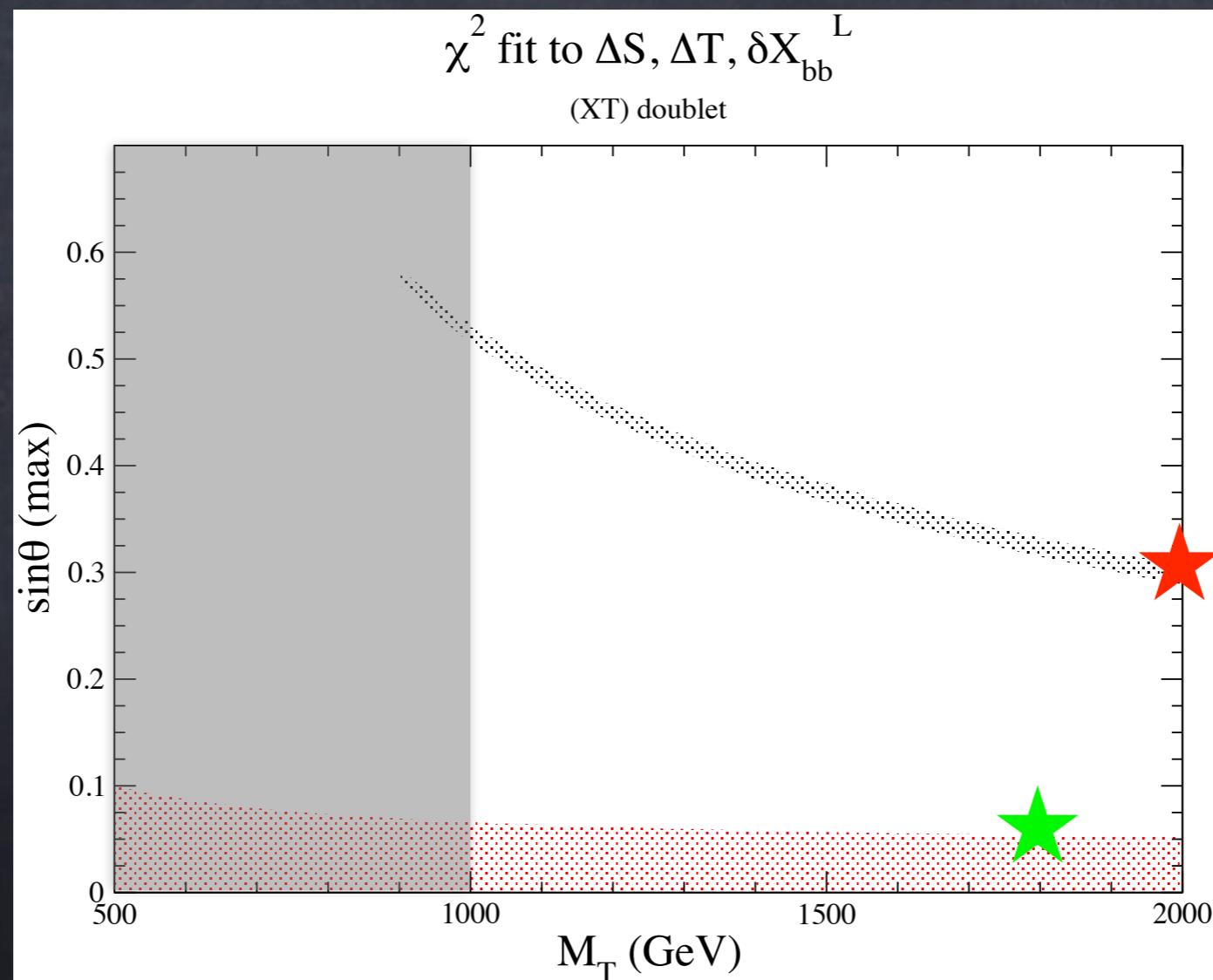


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➔ probably with  $\sim 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

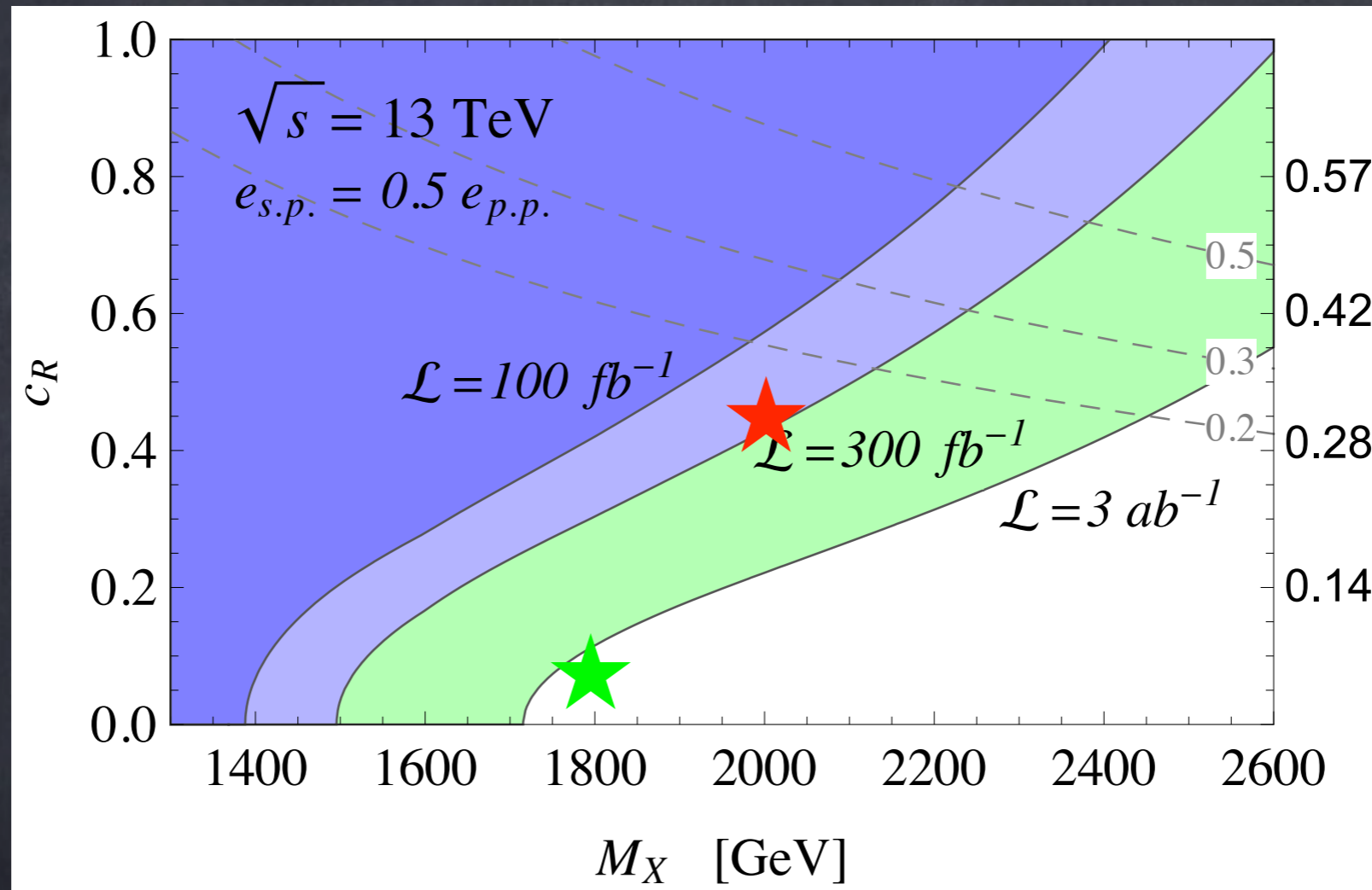
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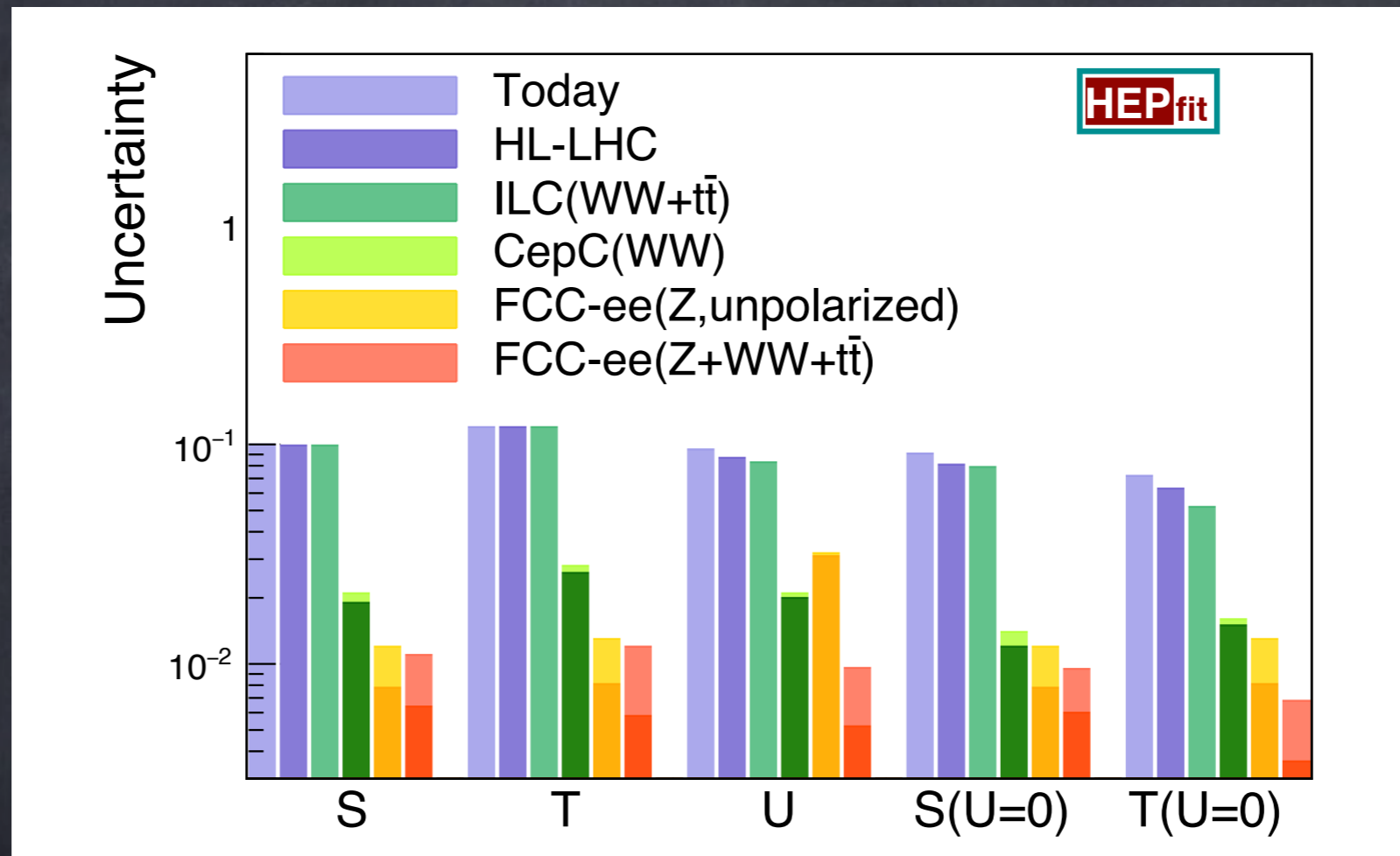
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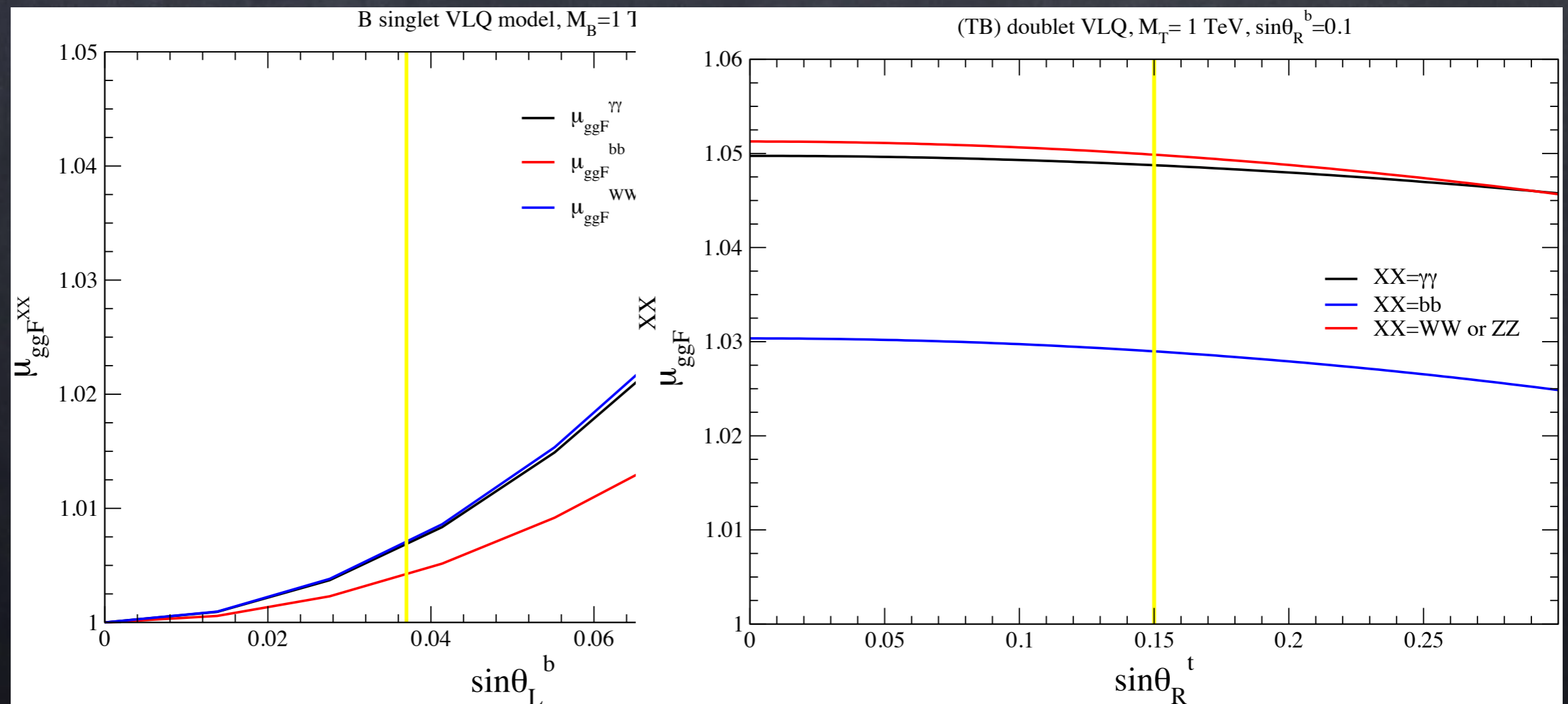
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➔ or with precision observables at lepton colliders?



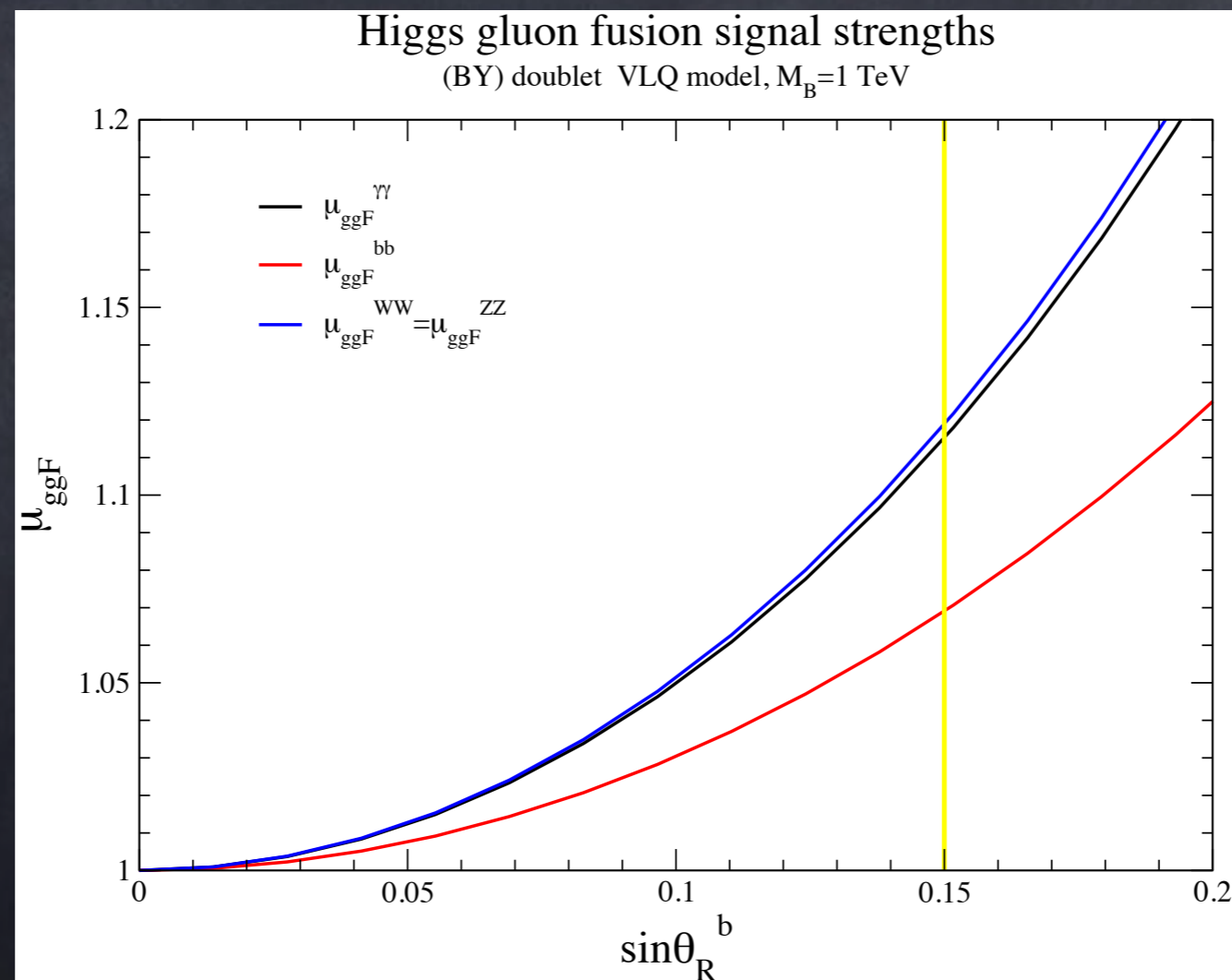
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- the phase space of these models is unlikely to be probed thoroughly by direct production at the LHC; both a lepton collider or a hadron collider with an higher center of mass energy can be useful



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- Higgs phenomenology is affected at most at a 10% level, requiring the determination of the loop-mediated Higgs rates with a precision of a few %