

# DARK MATTER AT FUTURE COLLIDERS

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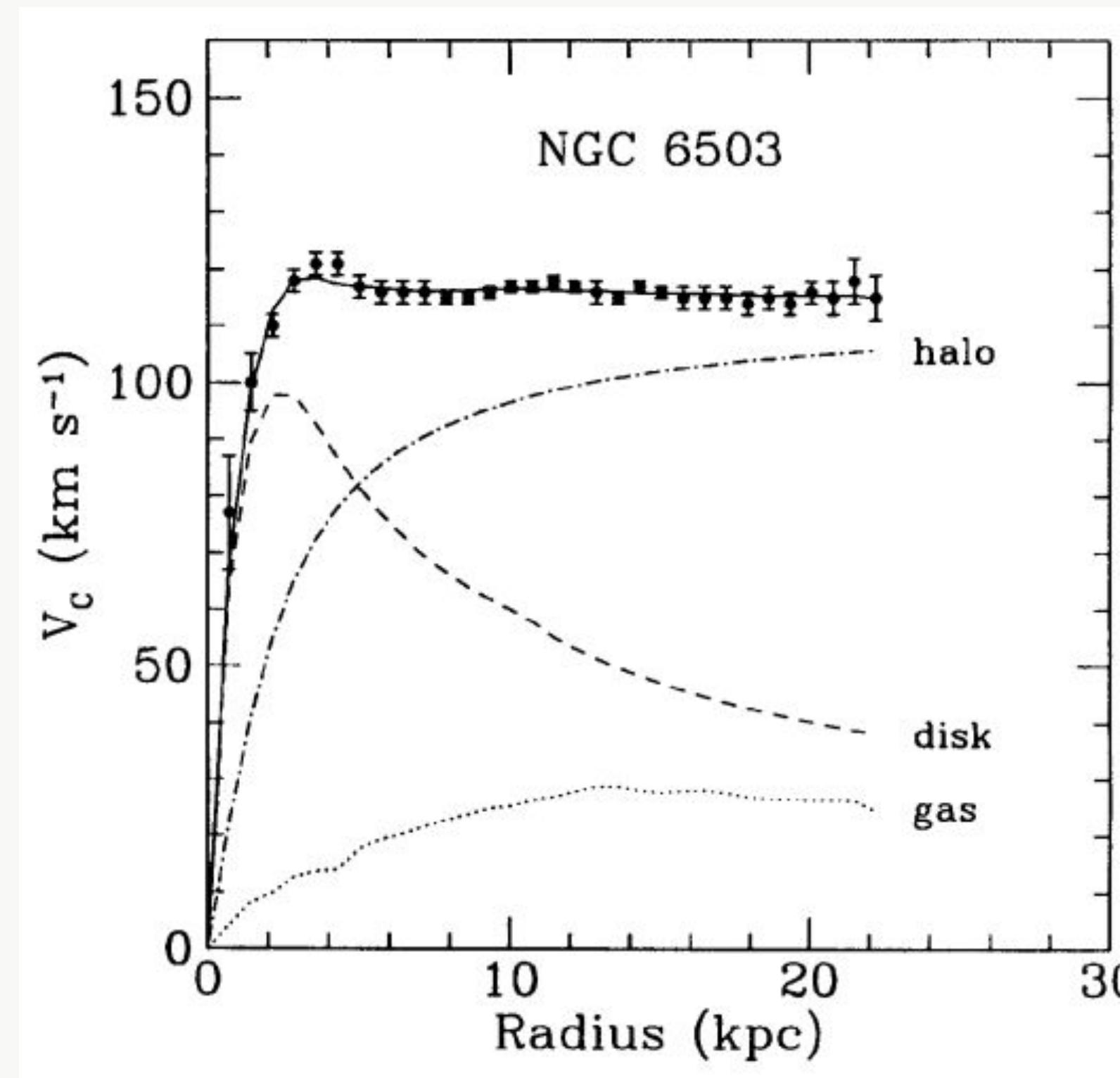
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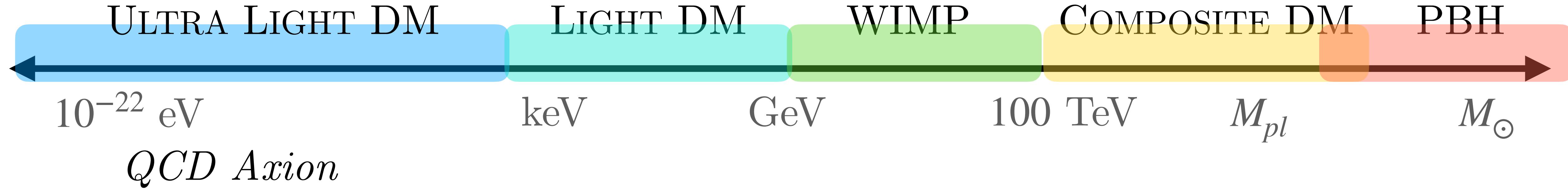
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What is its particle nature?  
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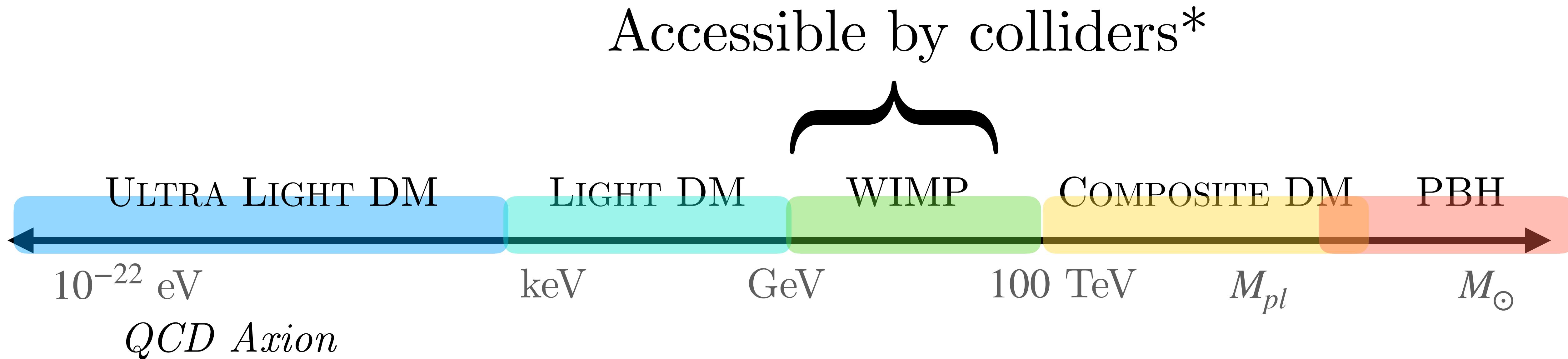
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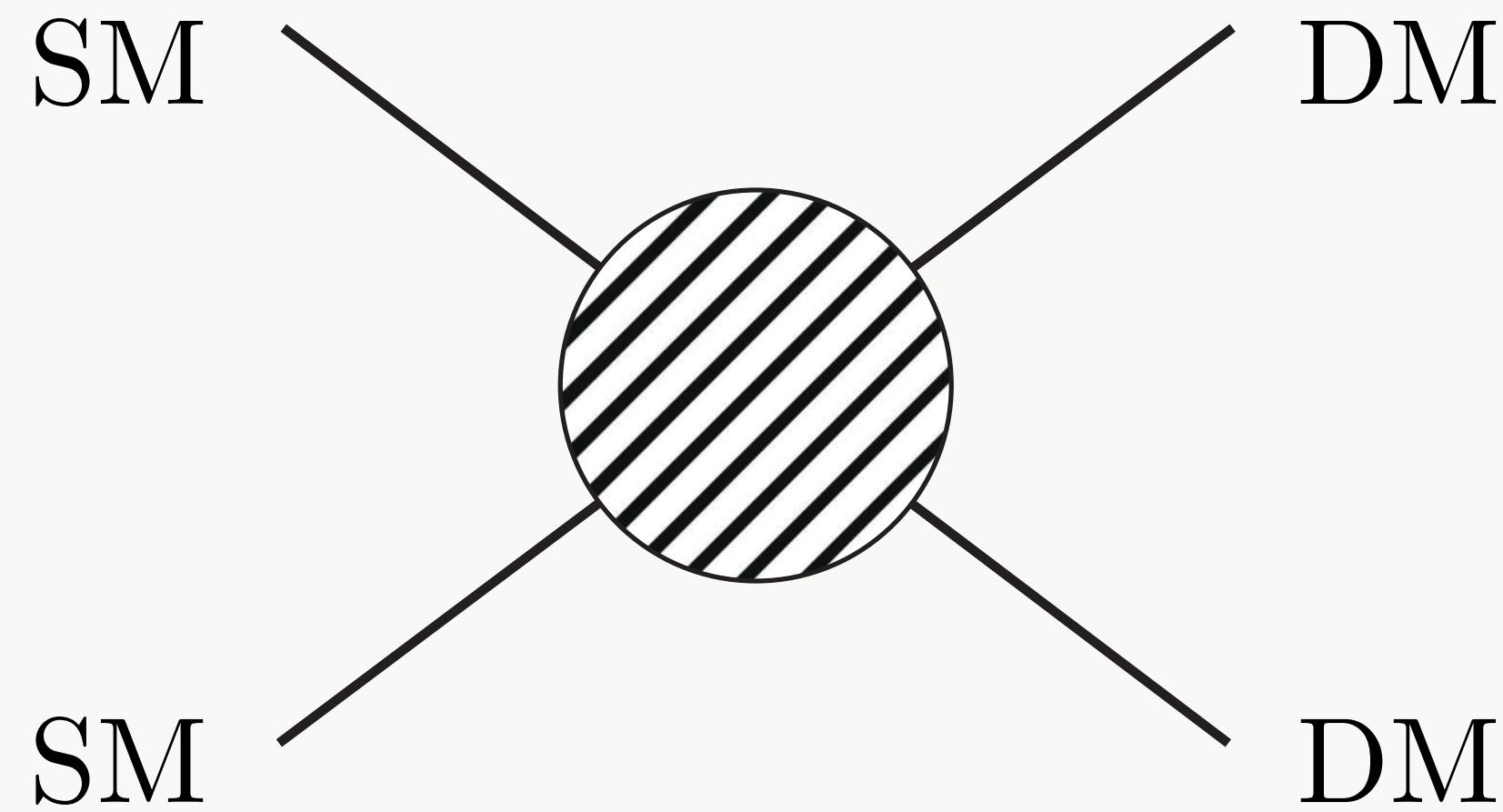


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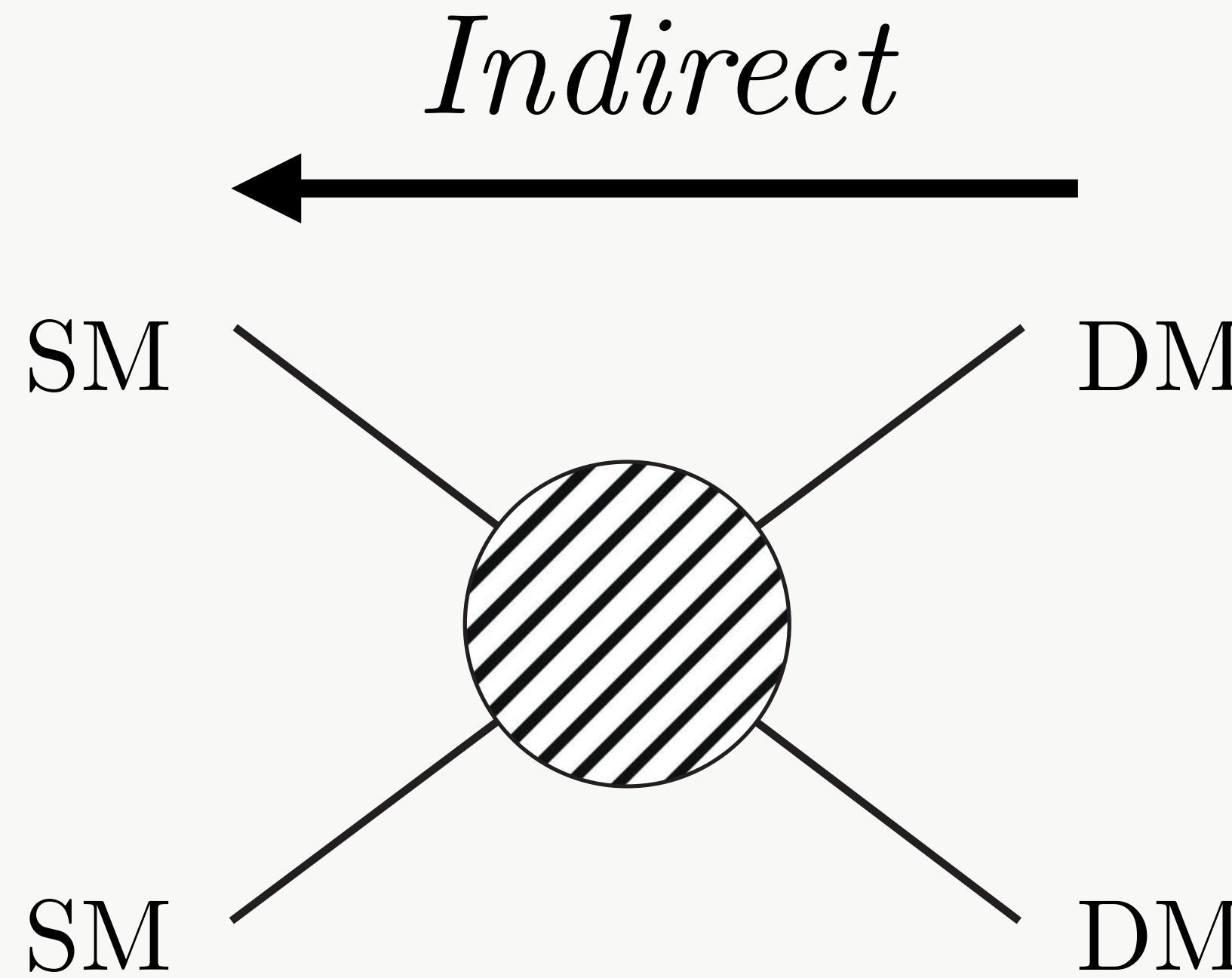
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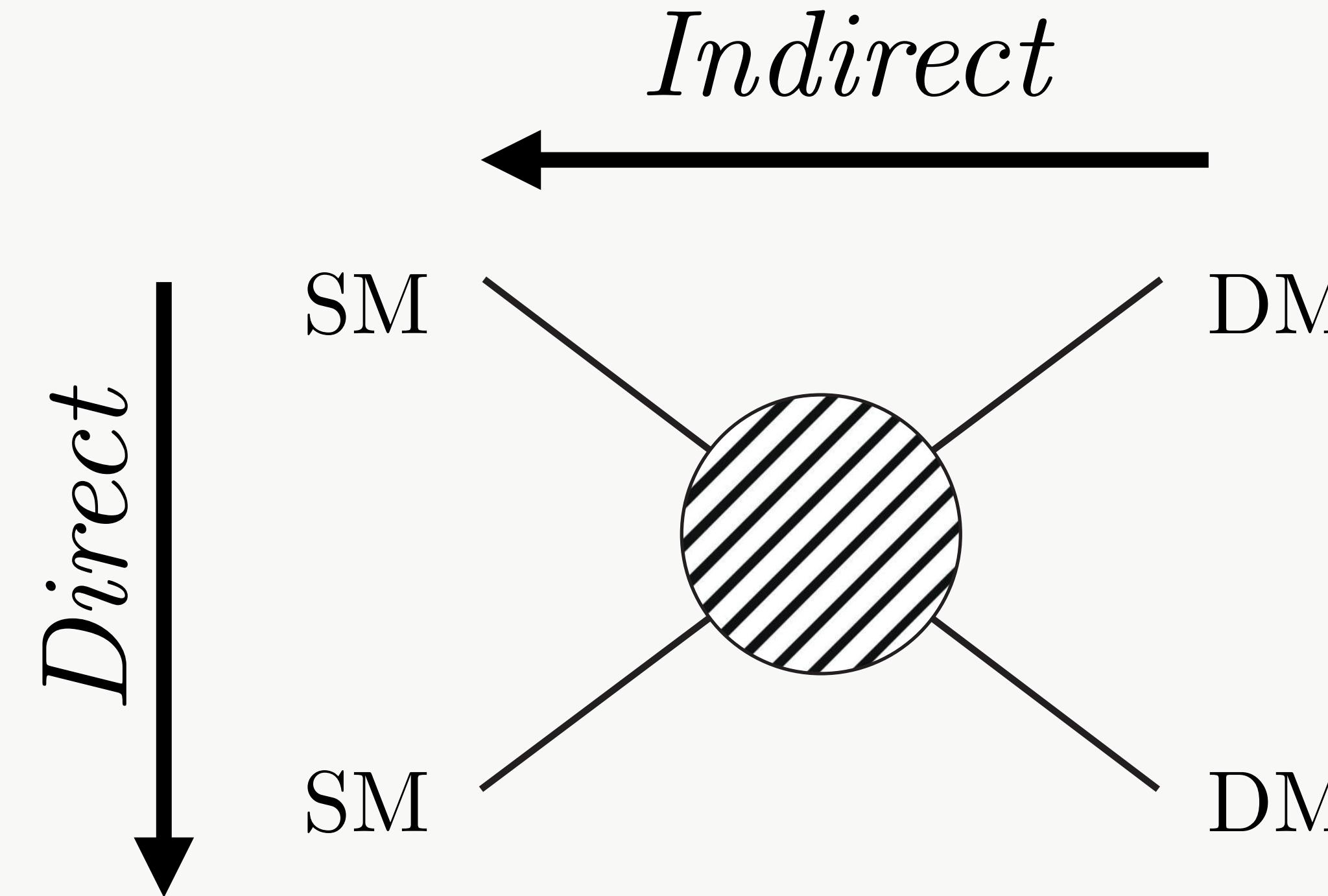


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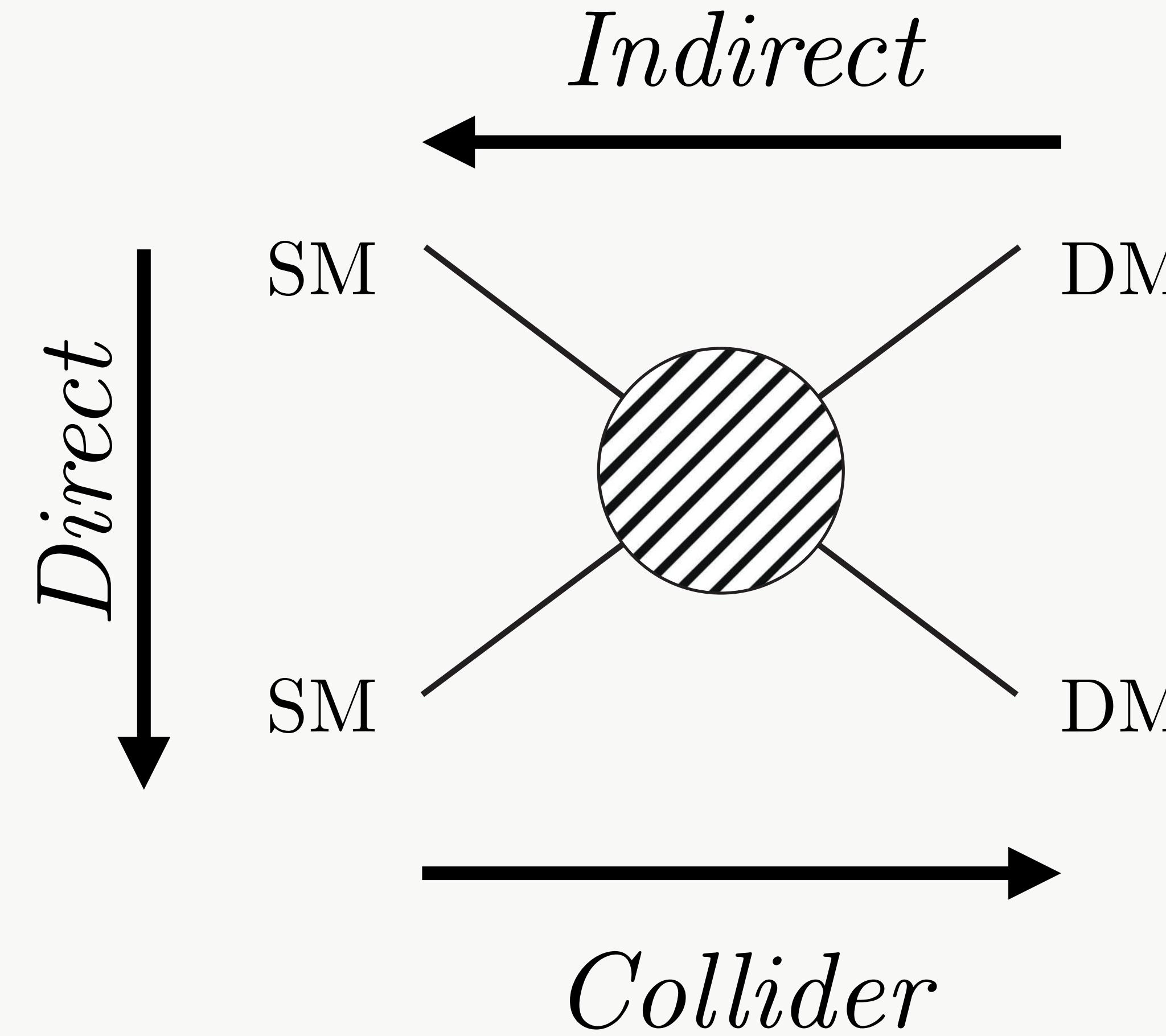
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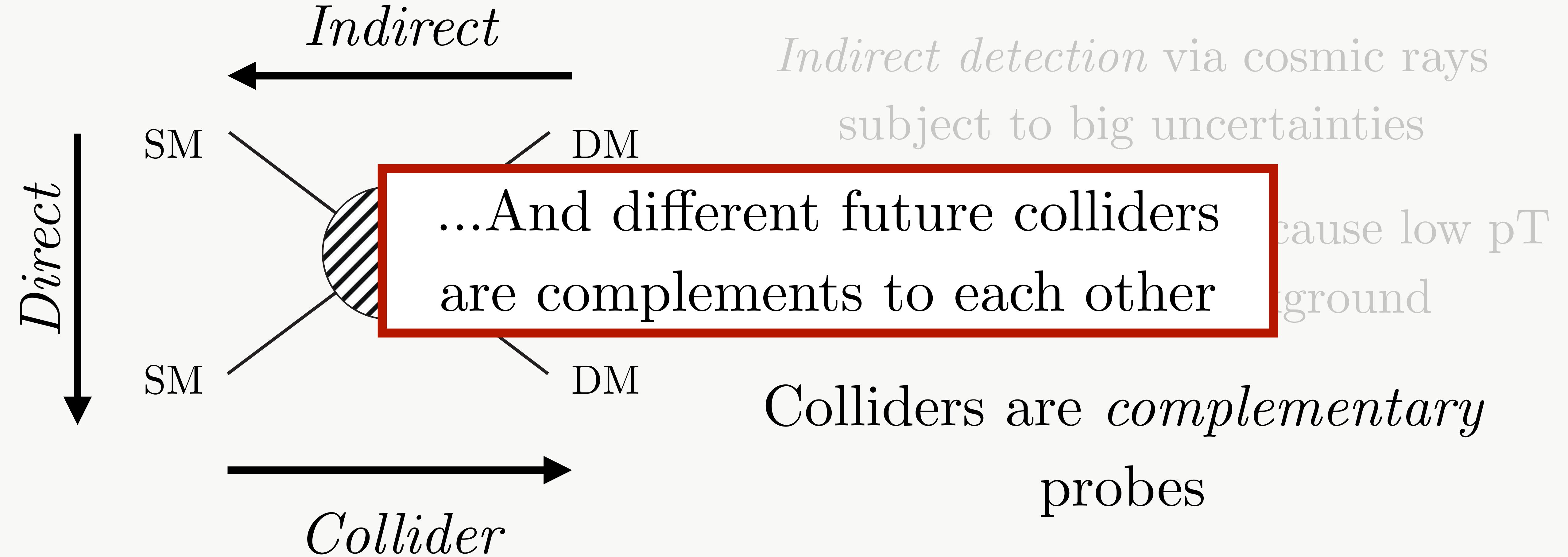
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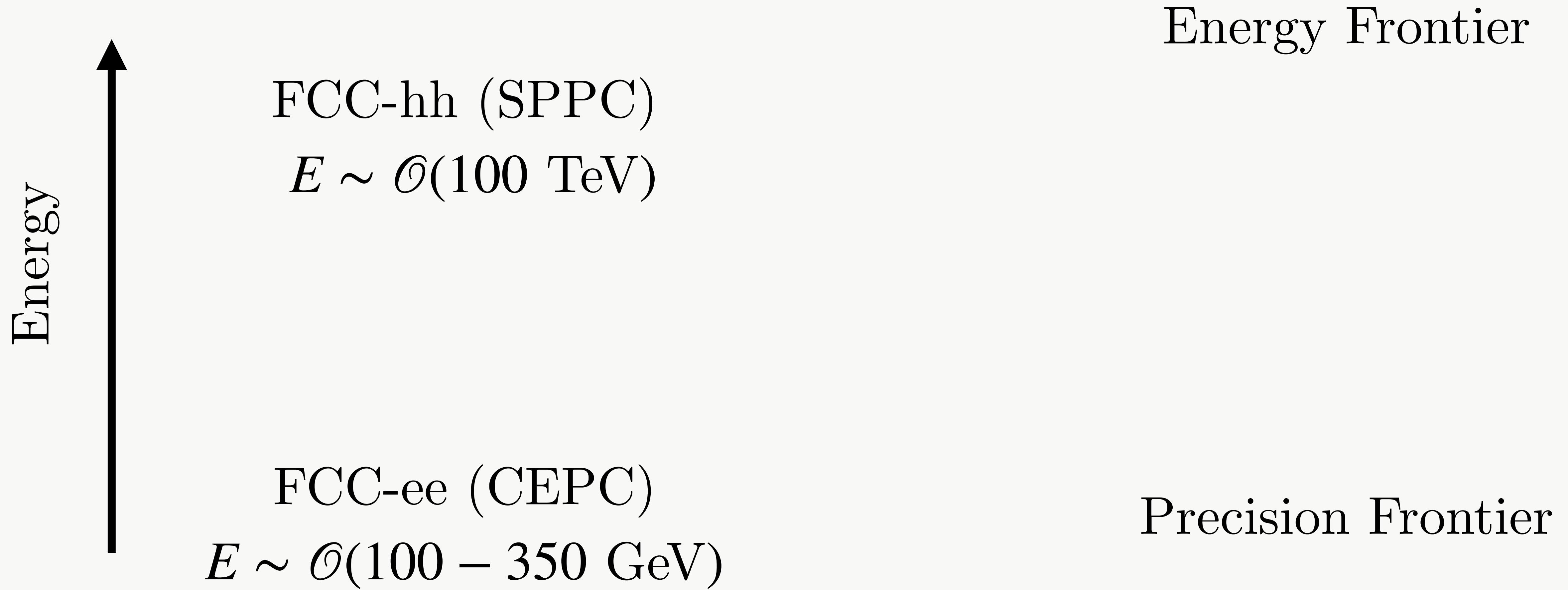
Colliders are *complementary*  
probes

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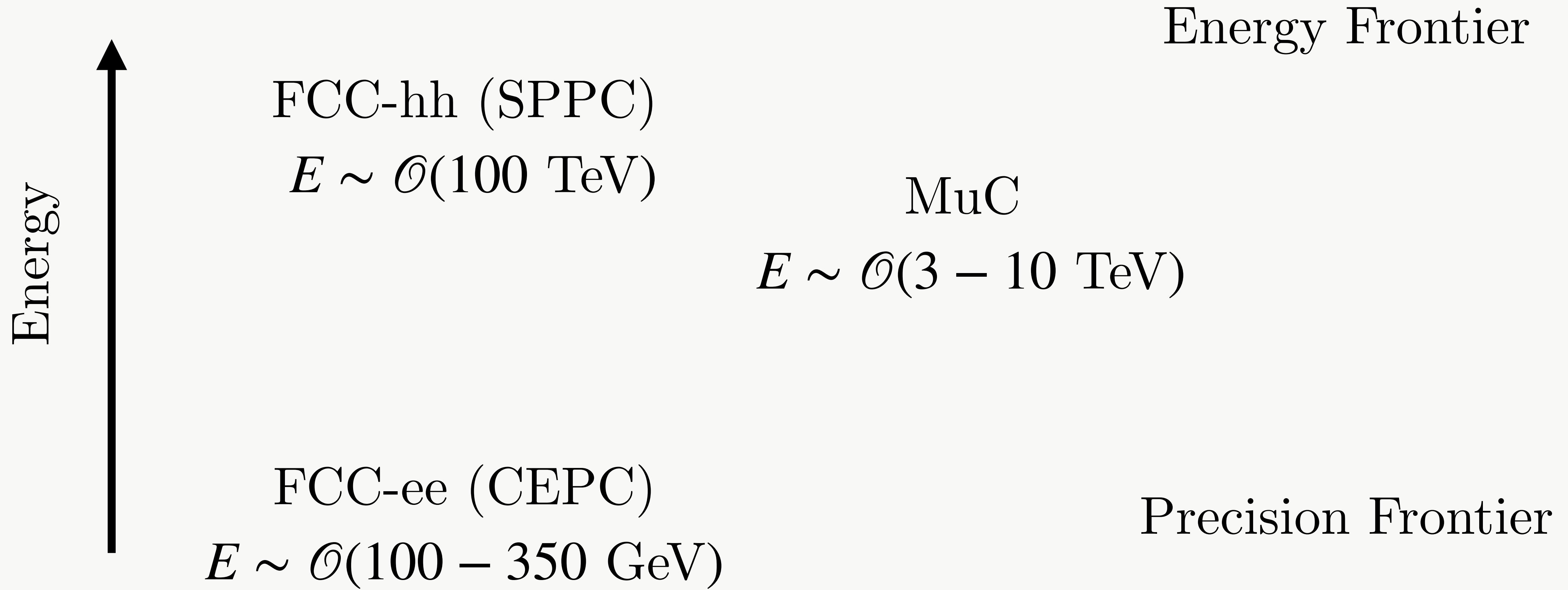
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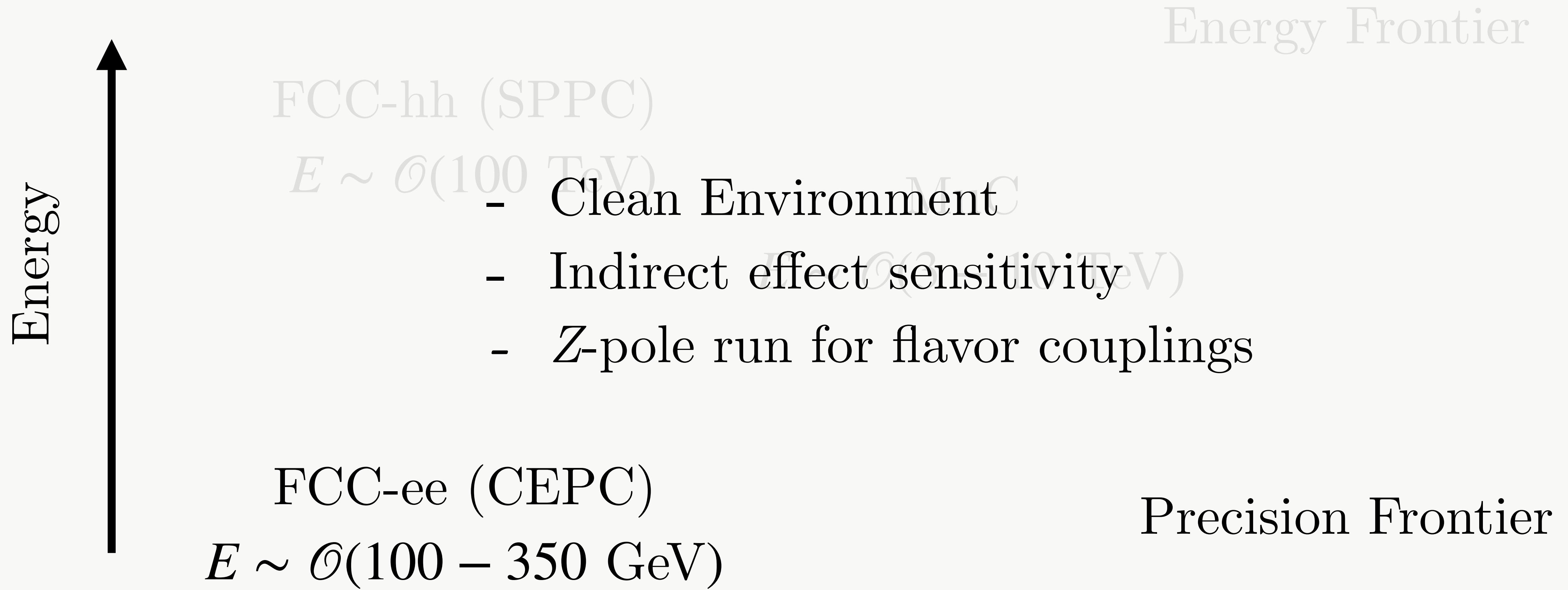
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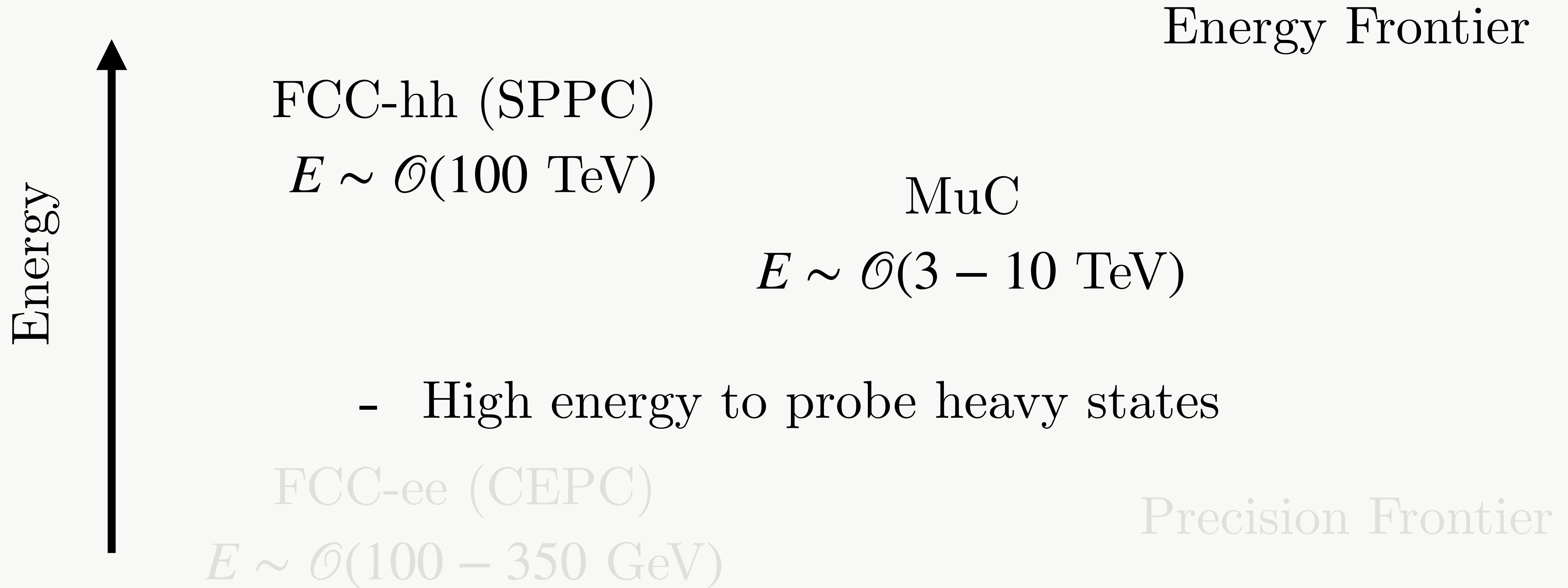
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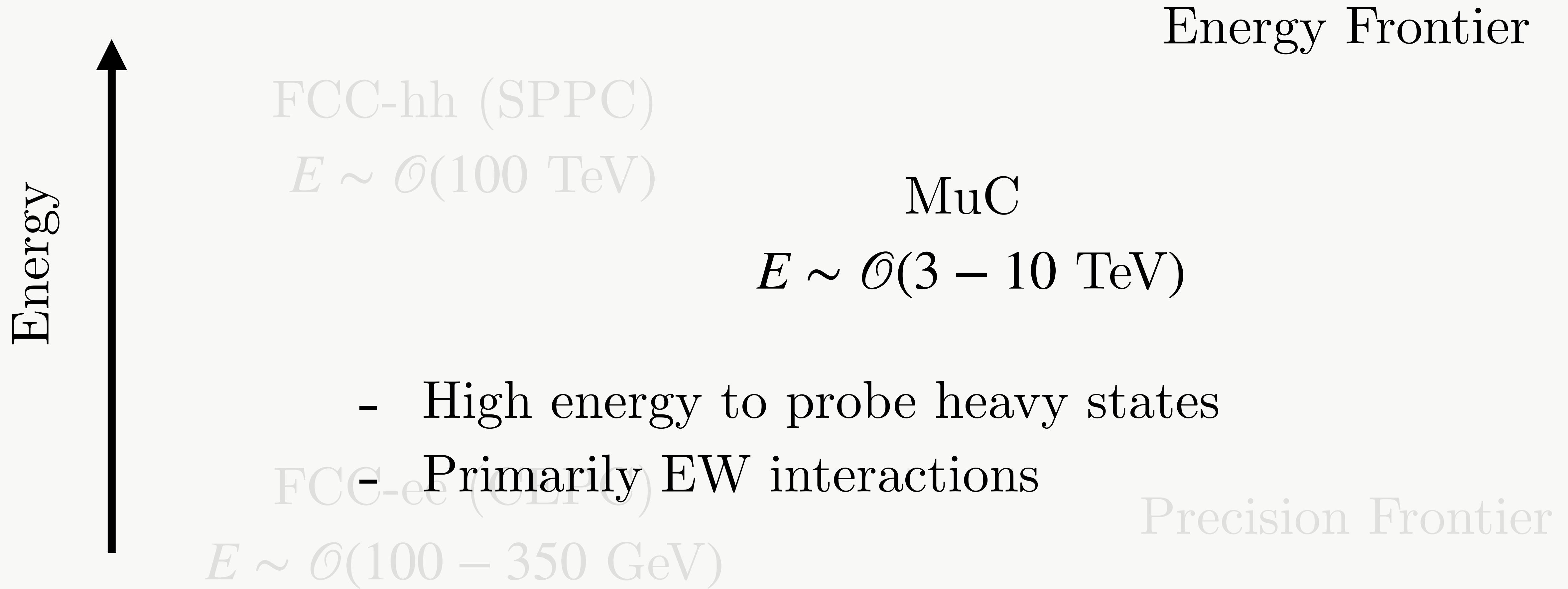
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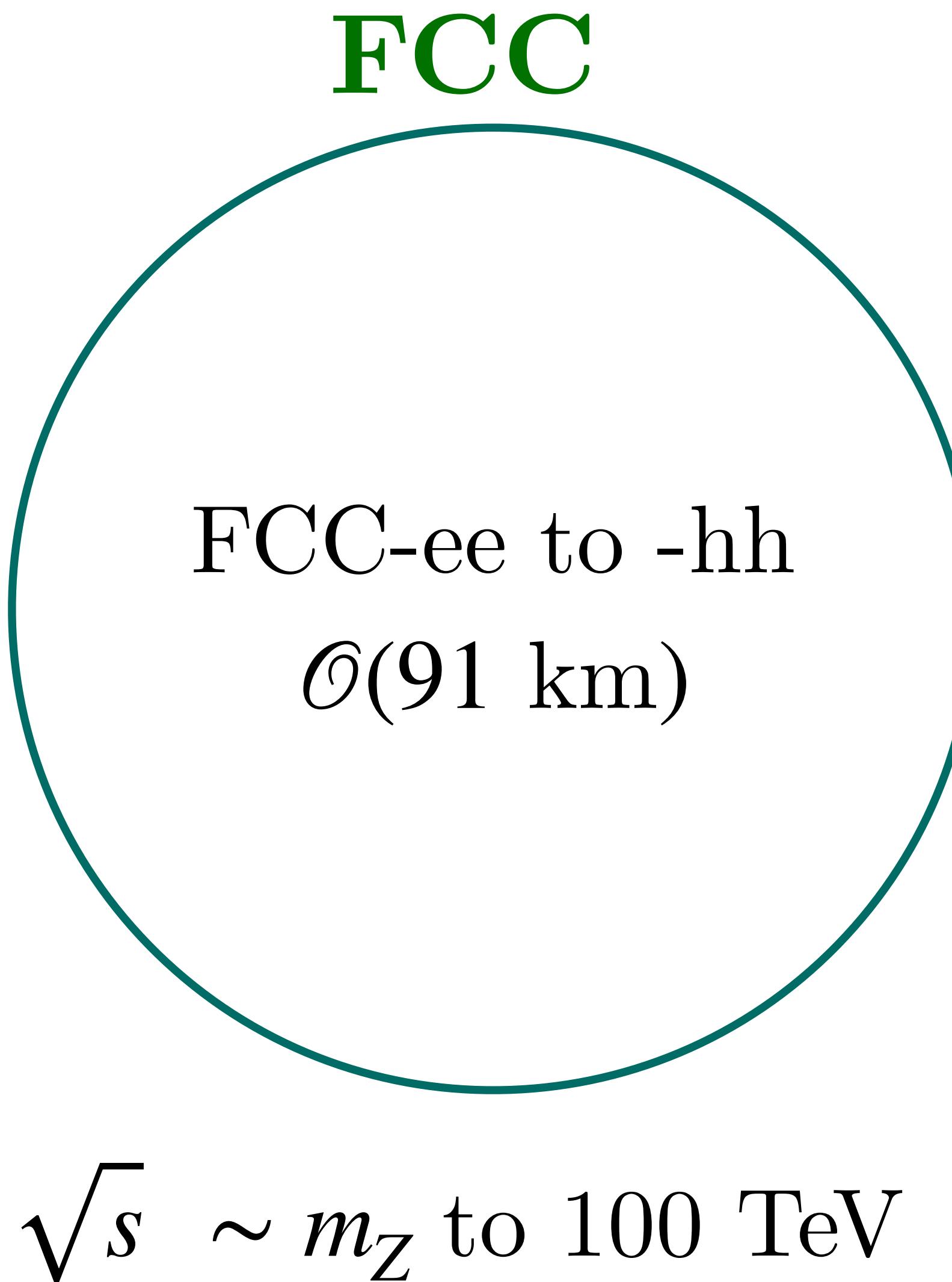


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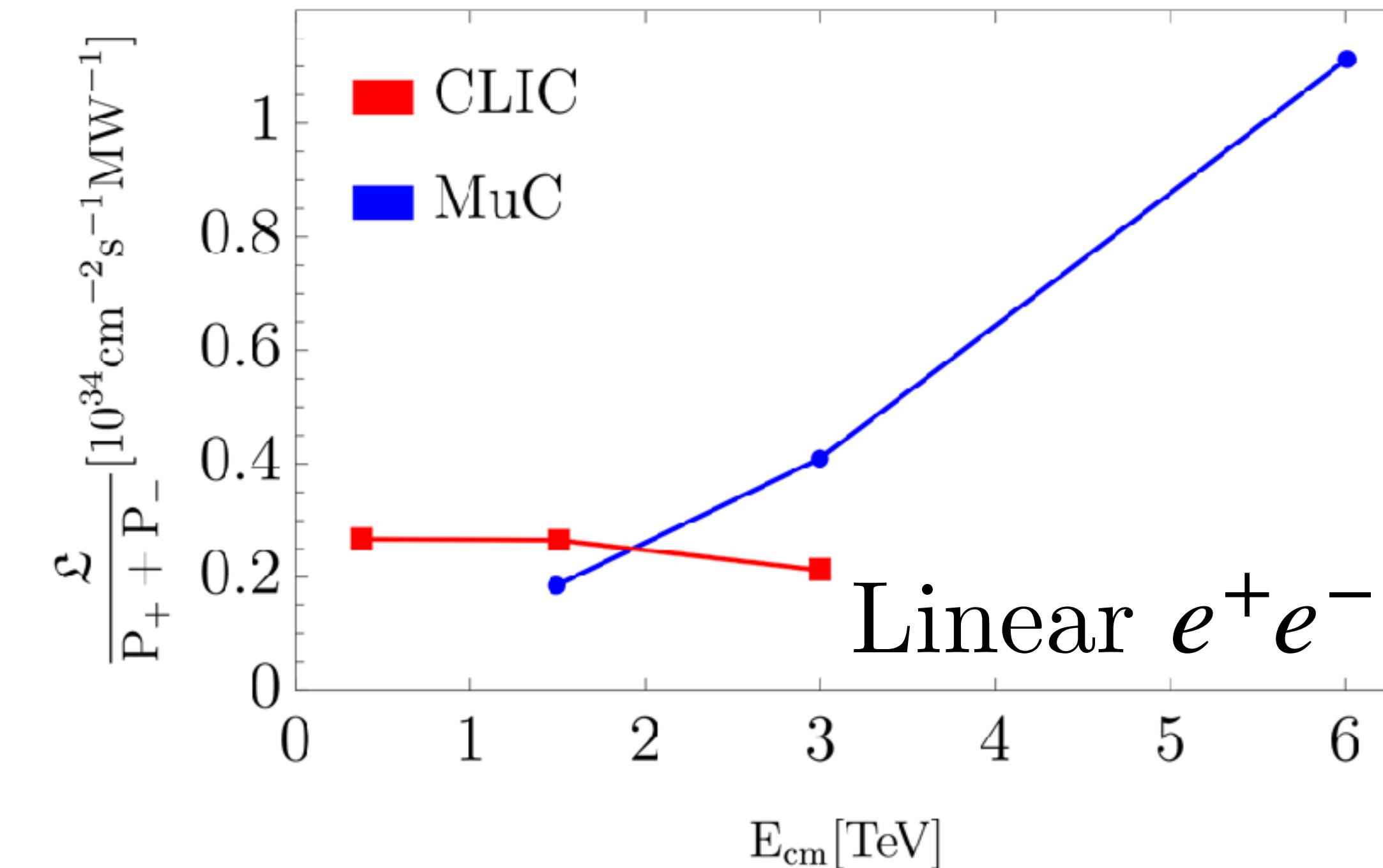
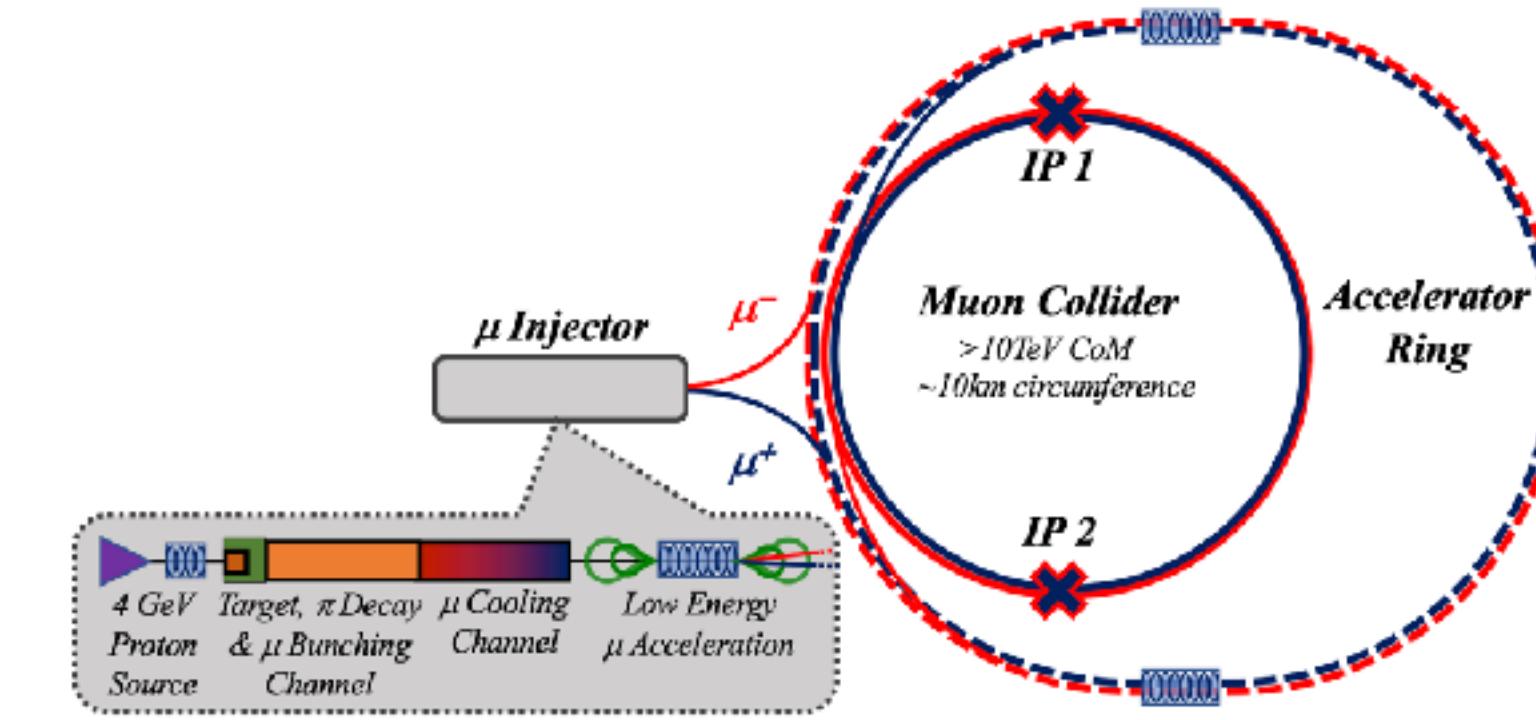
# COMPARISON OF COLLIDERS



**MuC\***

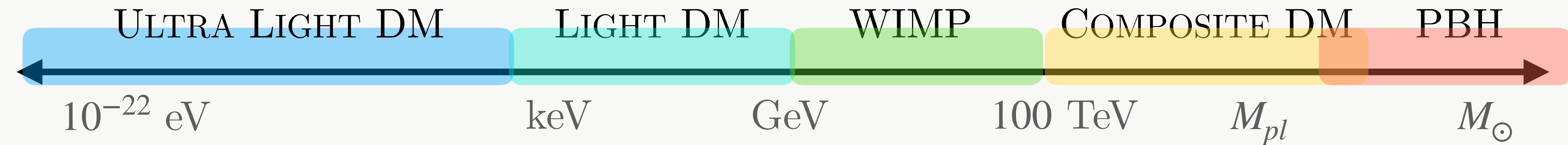
$\mathcal{O}(10 \text{ km})$

$\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$



# MODELS OF DARK MATTER

*Which are most motivated for colliders?*



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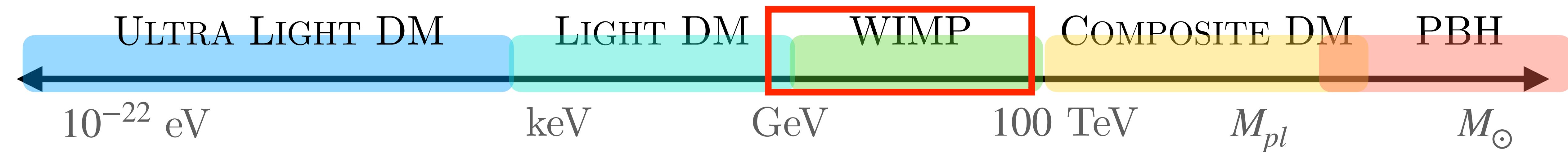
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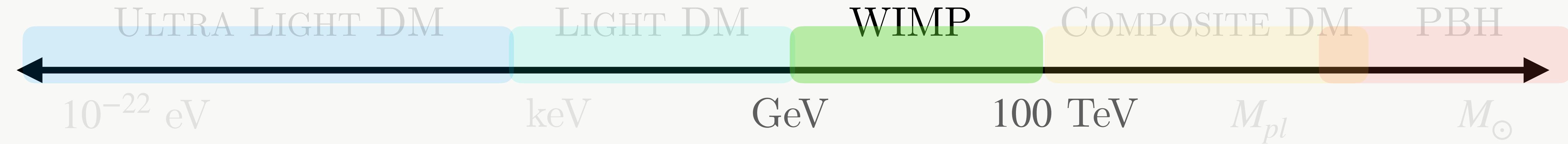
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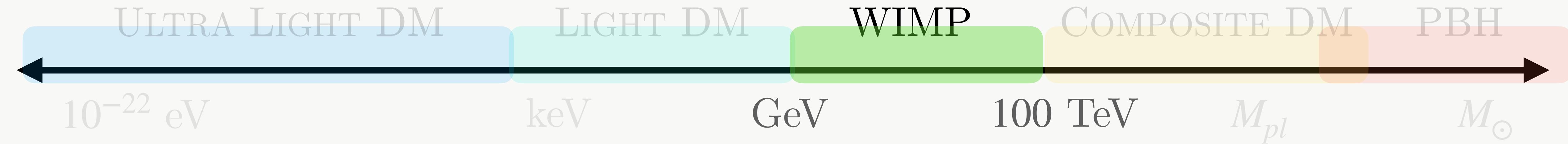
## Relic Abundance

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(AT HIGH-ENERGY COLLIDERS)

$n$ -plet

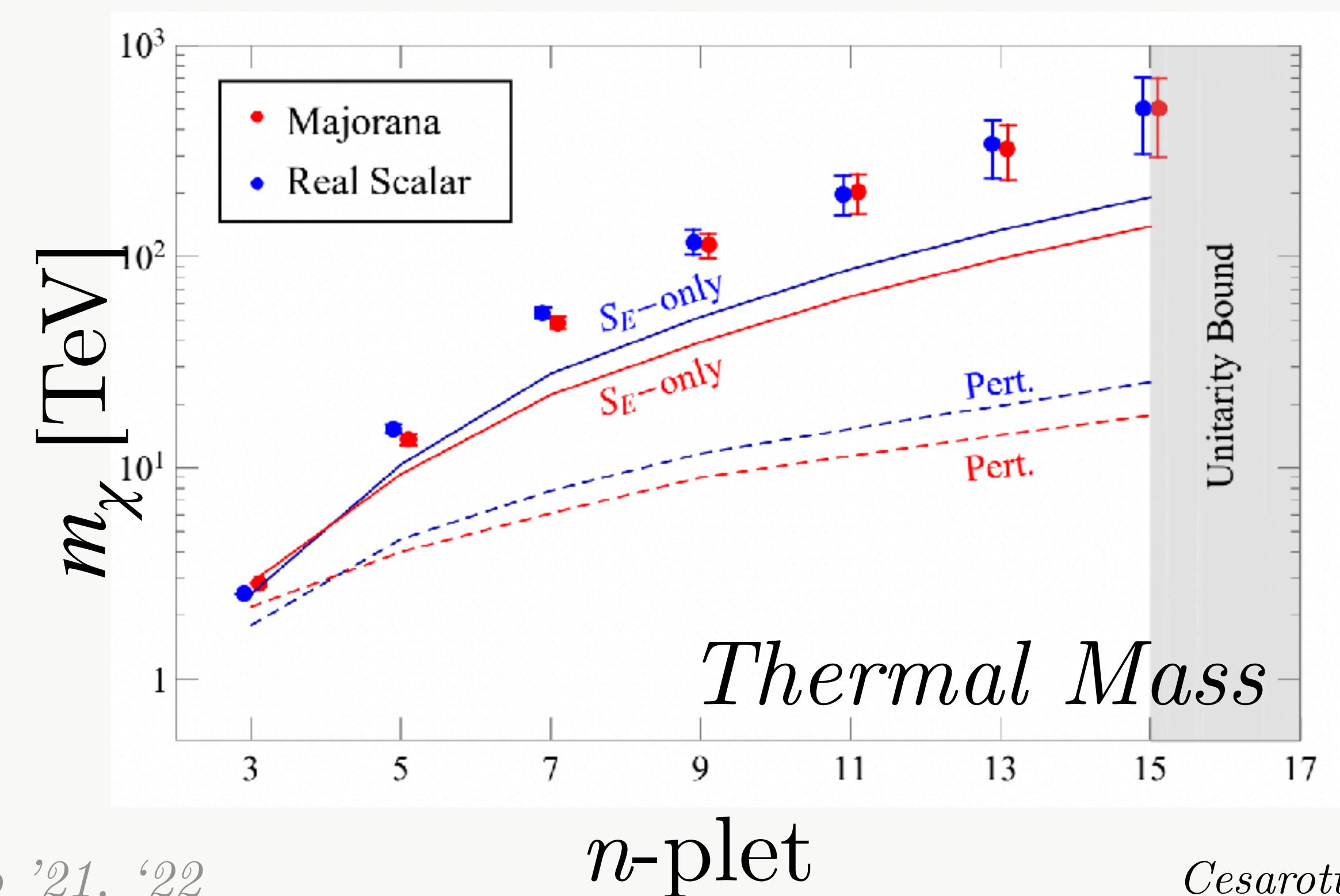
$$\begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ \chi^+ \\ \chi^0 \\ \chi^- \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Predicted at  $\sim$  TeV scale  
 $\Delta m \sim \mathcal{O}(100)$  GeV  
DM candidate

Electroweak Multiplets

Can arise in SUSY scenarios

EW n-plet	Mass [TeV]
$2_{1/2}$	1.08
$3_0$	2.86
$4_{1/2}$	4.8
$5_0$	13.6
$5_1$	9.9
$6_{1/2}$	31.8
$7_0$	48.8
$9_0$	113

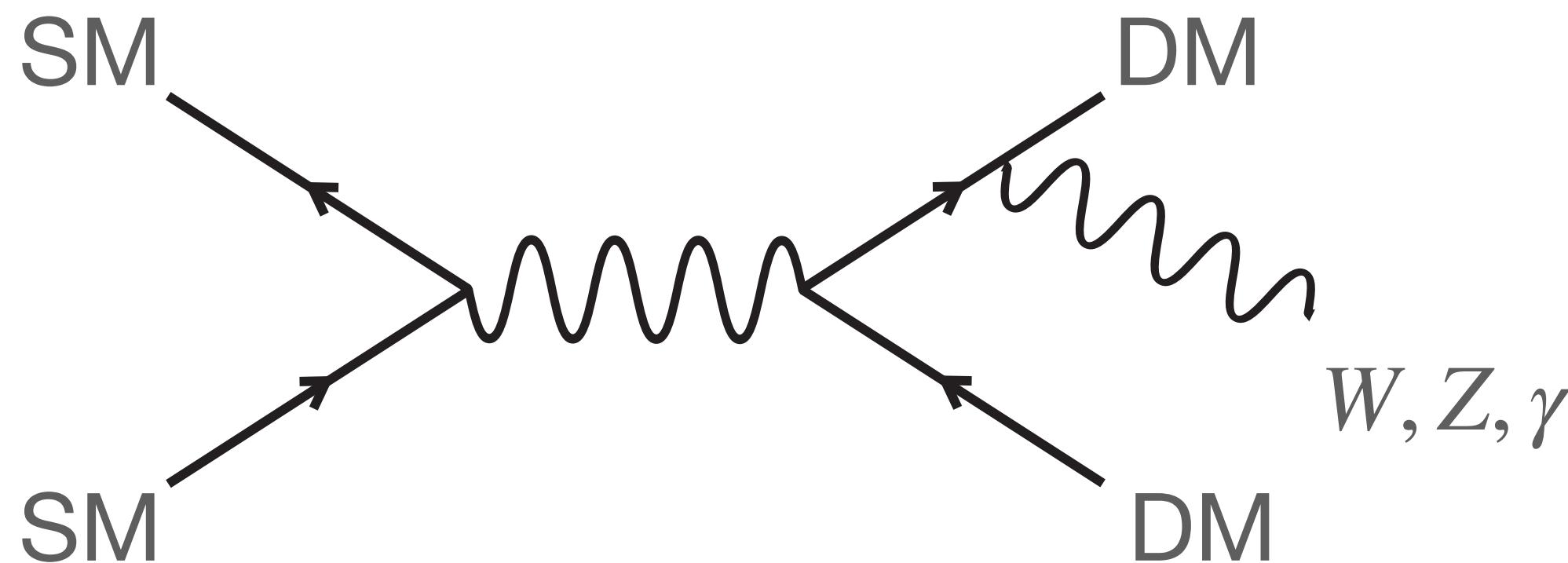


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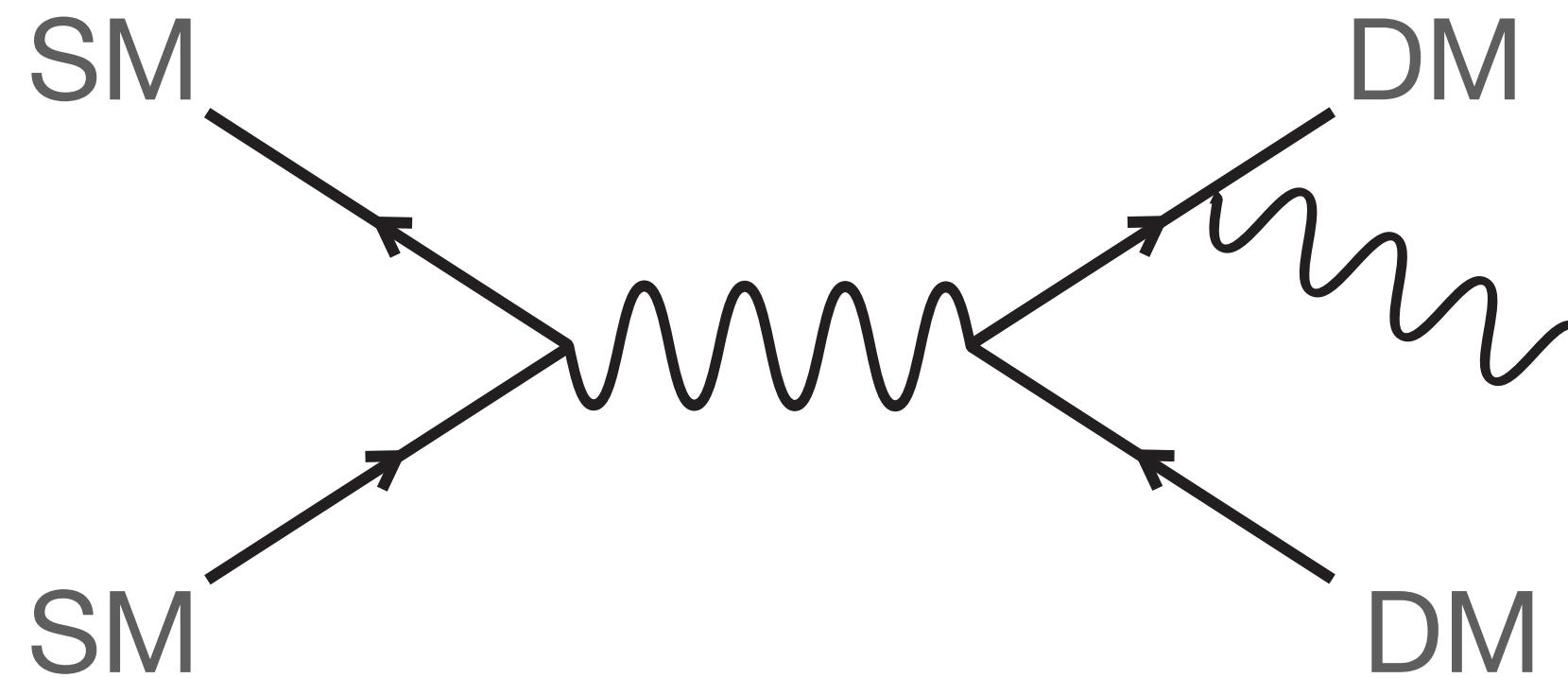


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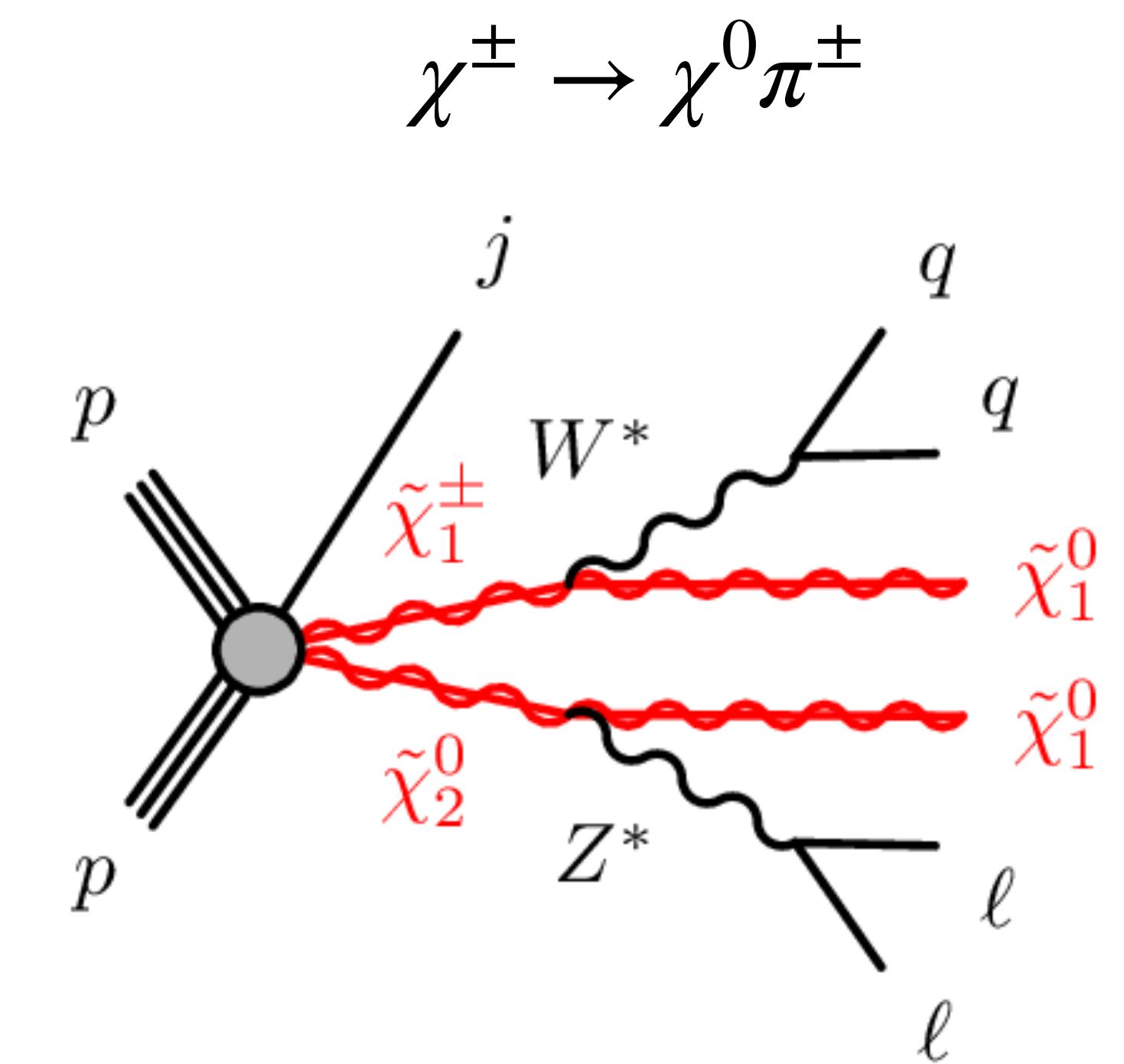
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*Kinematic cuts*

*Disappearing Track*

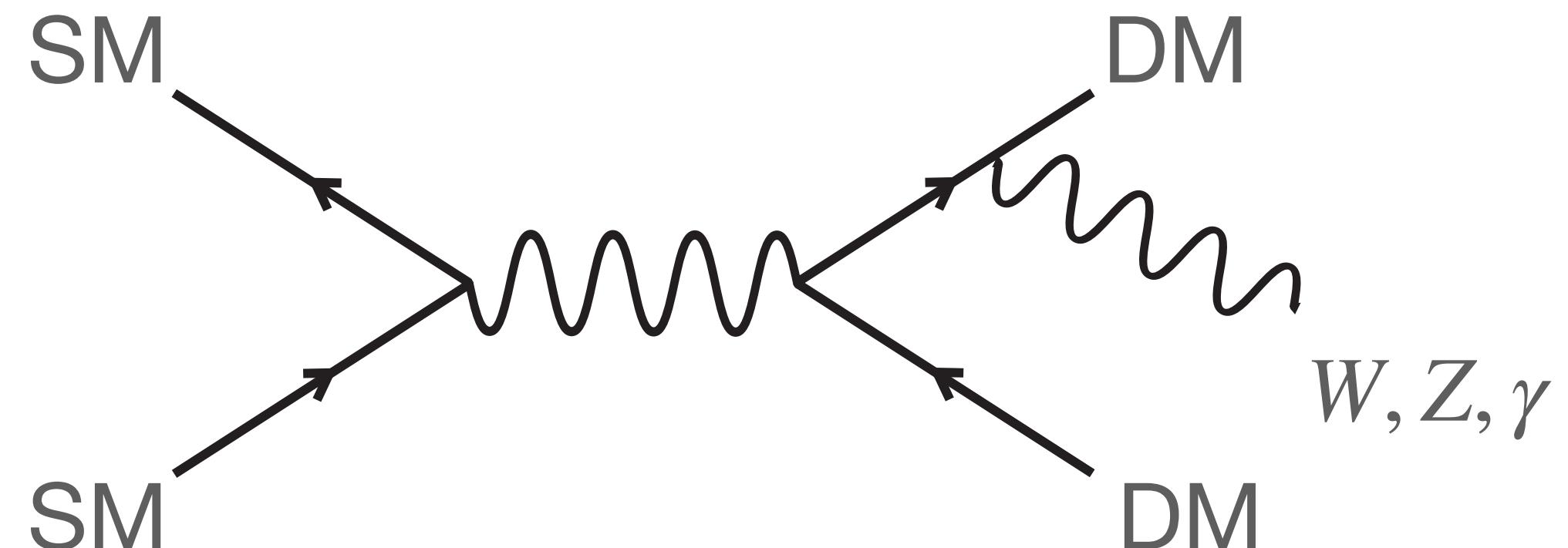


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$X$ : Vectors ( $W, Z, \gamma$ ), jet, Higgs, etc.

*Significance:*

$$\frac{S}{\sqrt{S + B + \epsilon(B^2 + S^2)}}$$

*Backgrounds are large!*

*Cuts:*  $p_T^X \gtrsim 100$  GeV,  $\cancel{E}_T \sim m_\chi$ , MIM, etc.

*FCC Study Vol 1, '18*

*M. Cirelli, F. Sala, M. Taoso, '14*

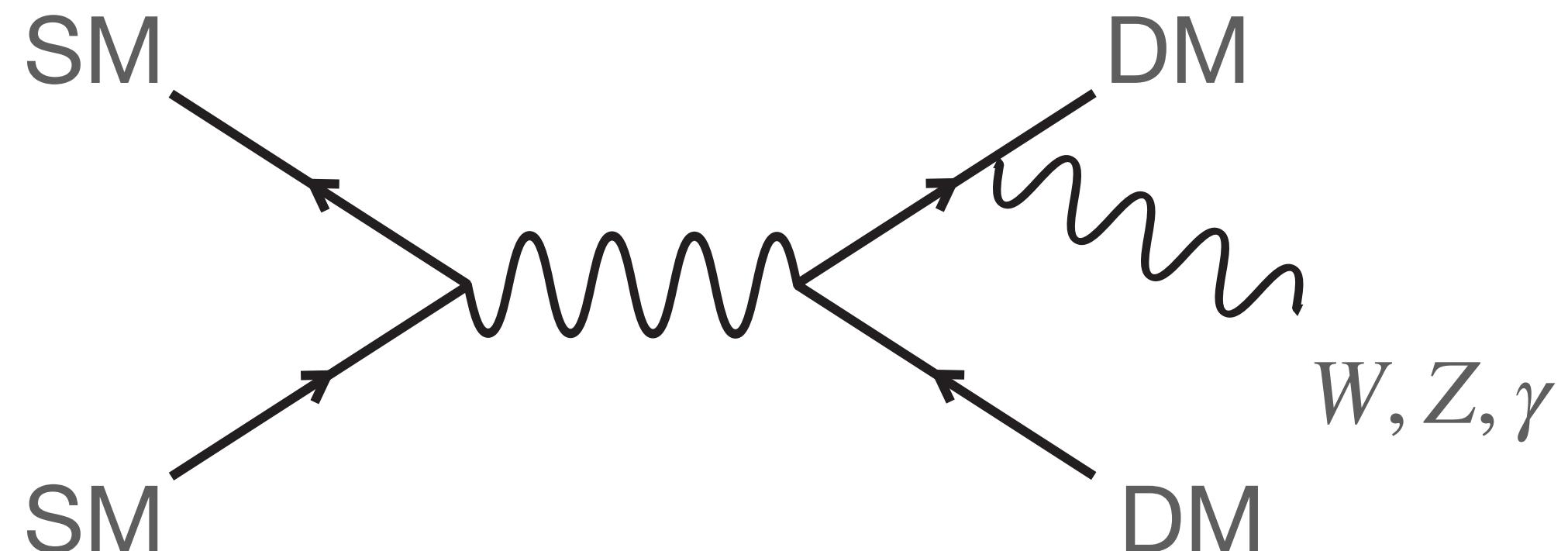
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Need efficient detectors & ID

Backgrounds are SM processes with  
 $\nu$  or missing particle reconstruction

(Ex: MuC)

mono- $\gamma$  bkg:  $\ell^+\ell^- \rightarrow \gamma\nu\bar{\nu}$ ,

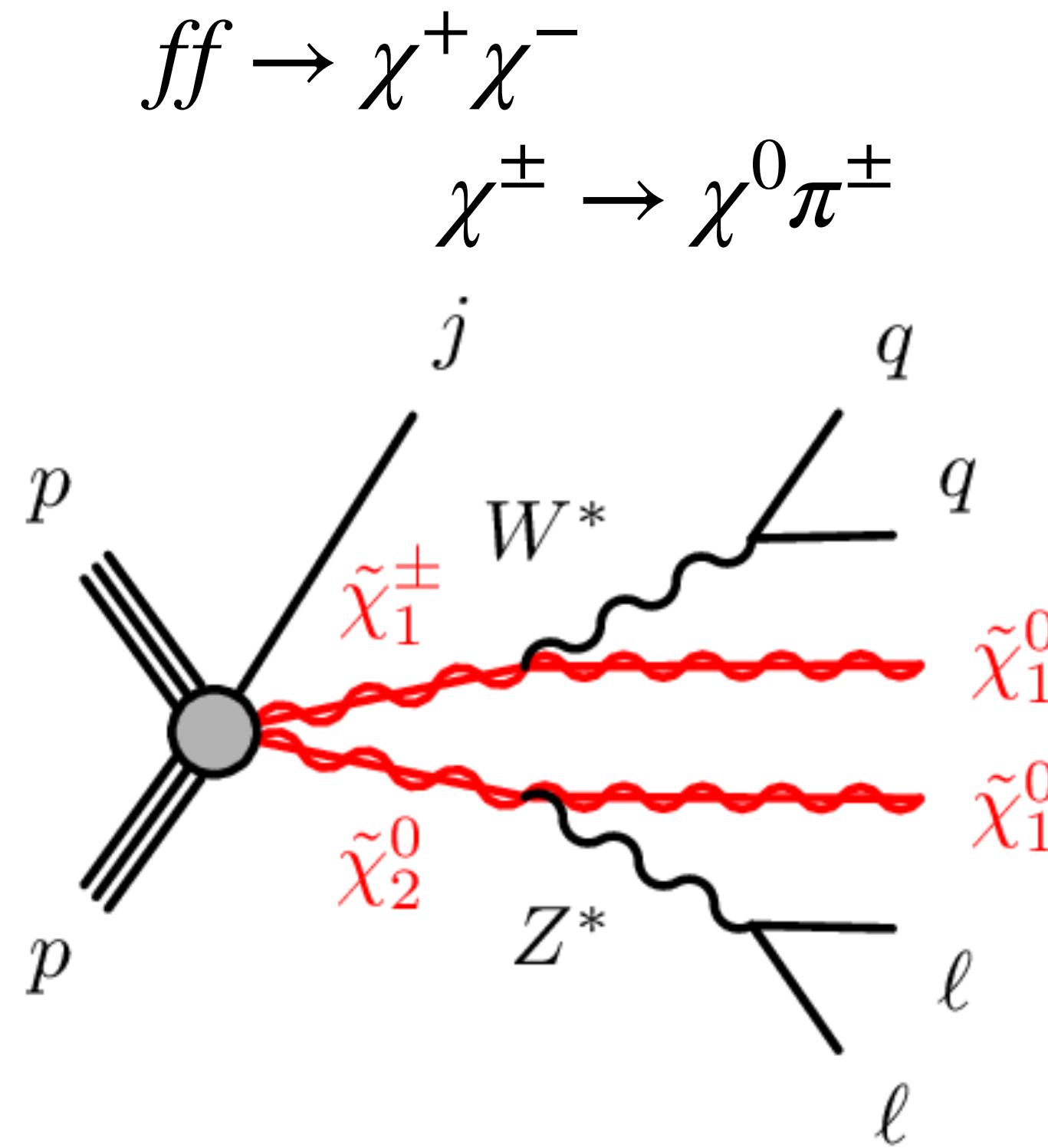
mono- $Z$  bkg:  $\ell^+\ell^- \rightarrow Z\nu\bar{\nu}$ ,

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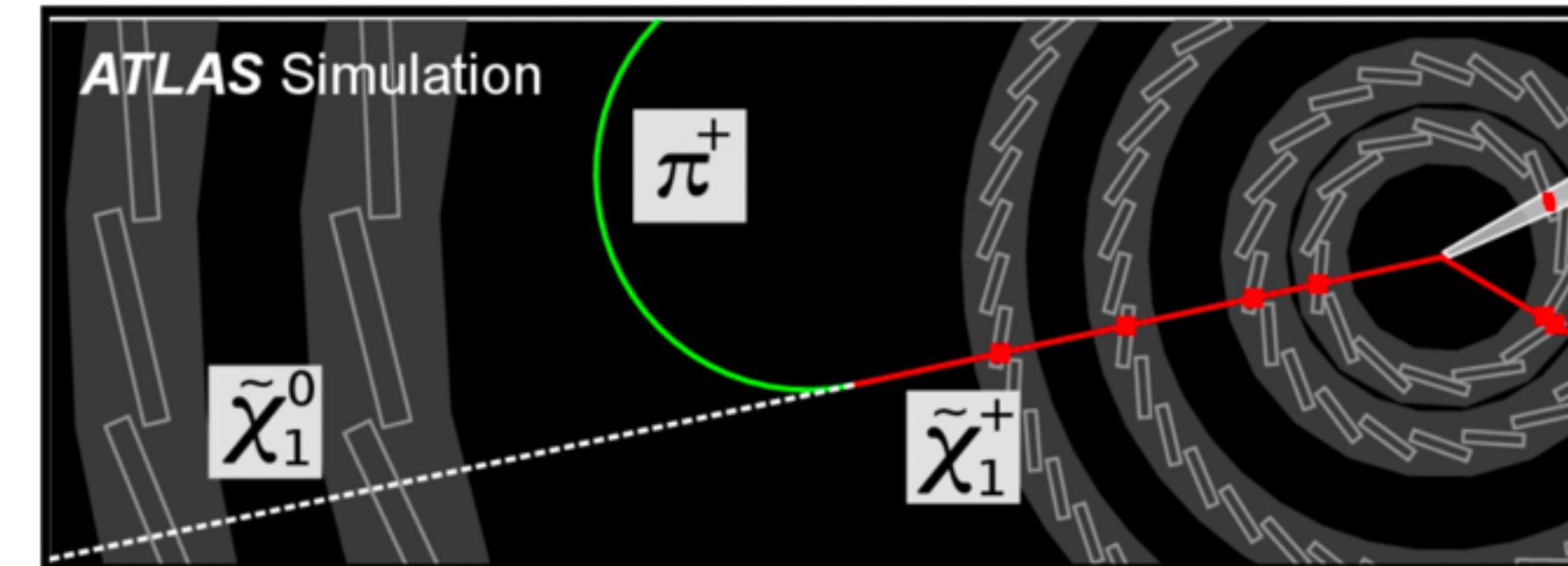
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Additional background mitigation can be done with DT

*Disappearing Track*



*Highly dependent on detector performance*



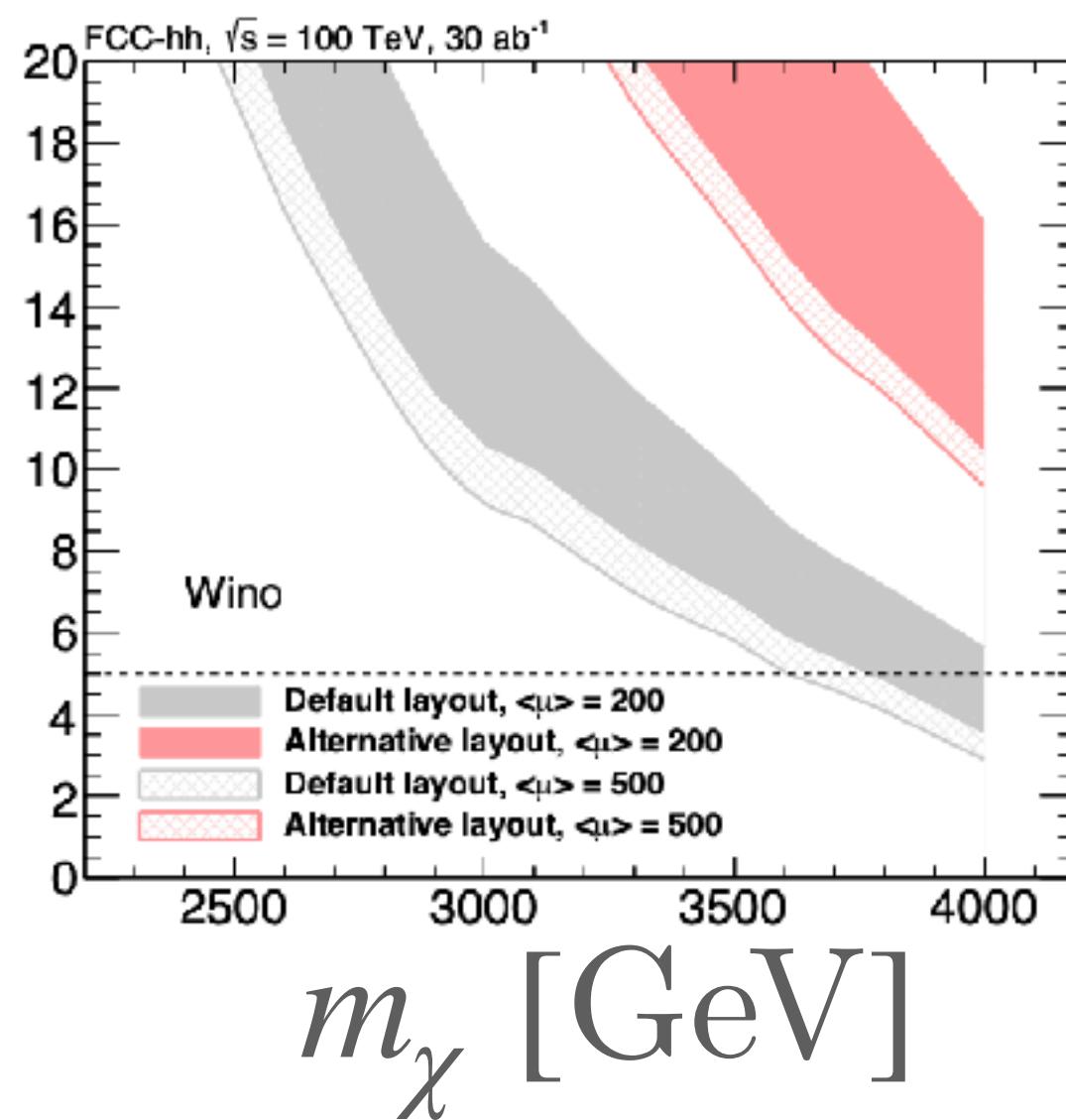
$$c\tau_{\chi^\pm} \sim \frac{48}{(n^2 - 1)} \text{ cm}$$

Difficult for inner tracker resolution &  
FCC-hh: Pile-up effects  
MuC: BIB mitigation

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## *Disappearing Track*

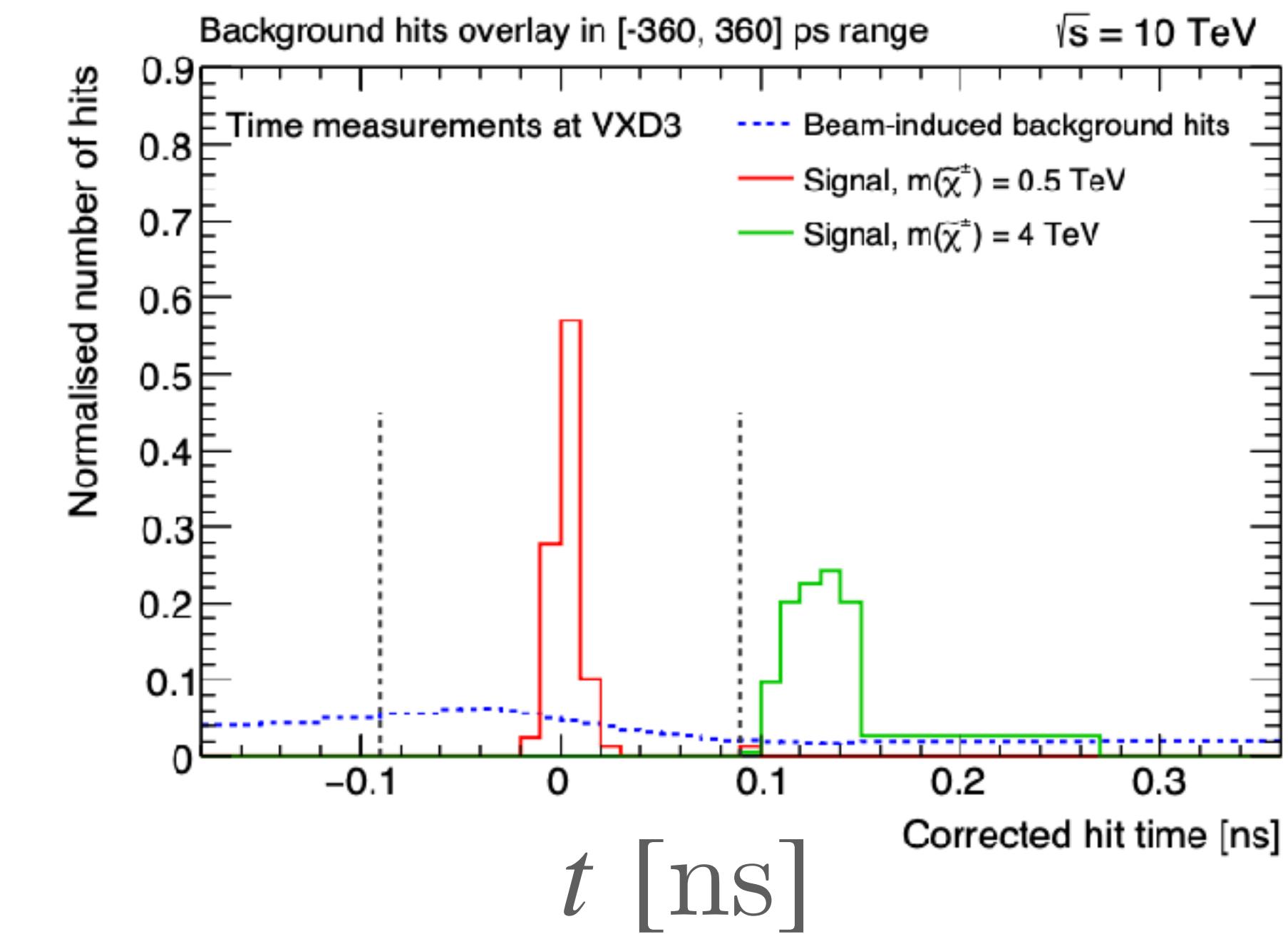
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*Detector improvements*

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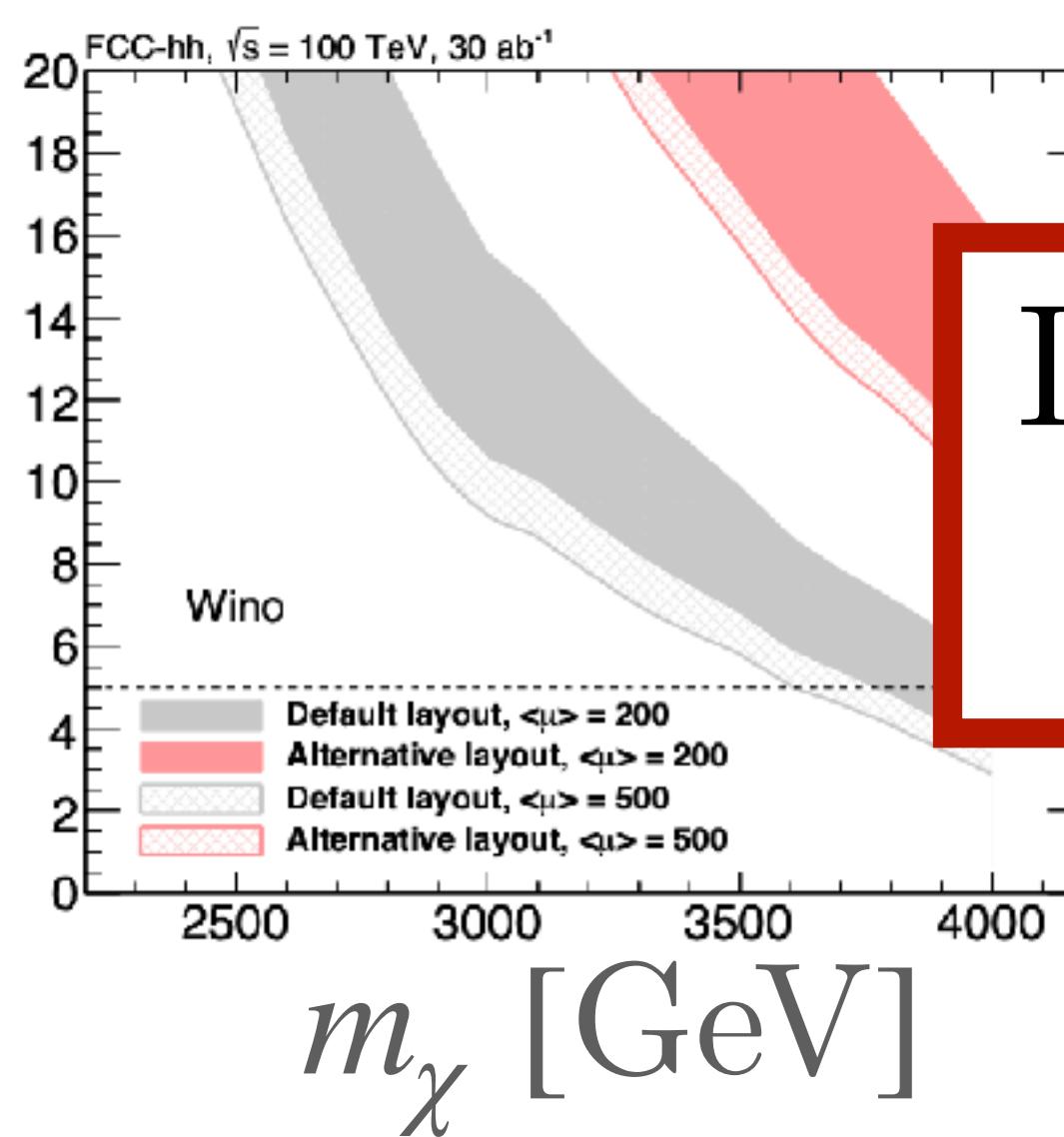
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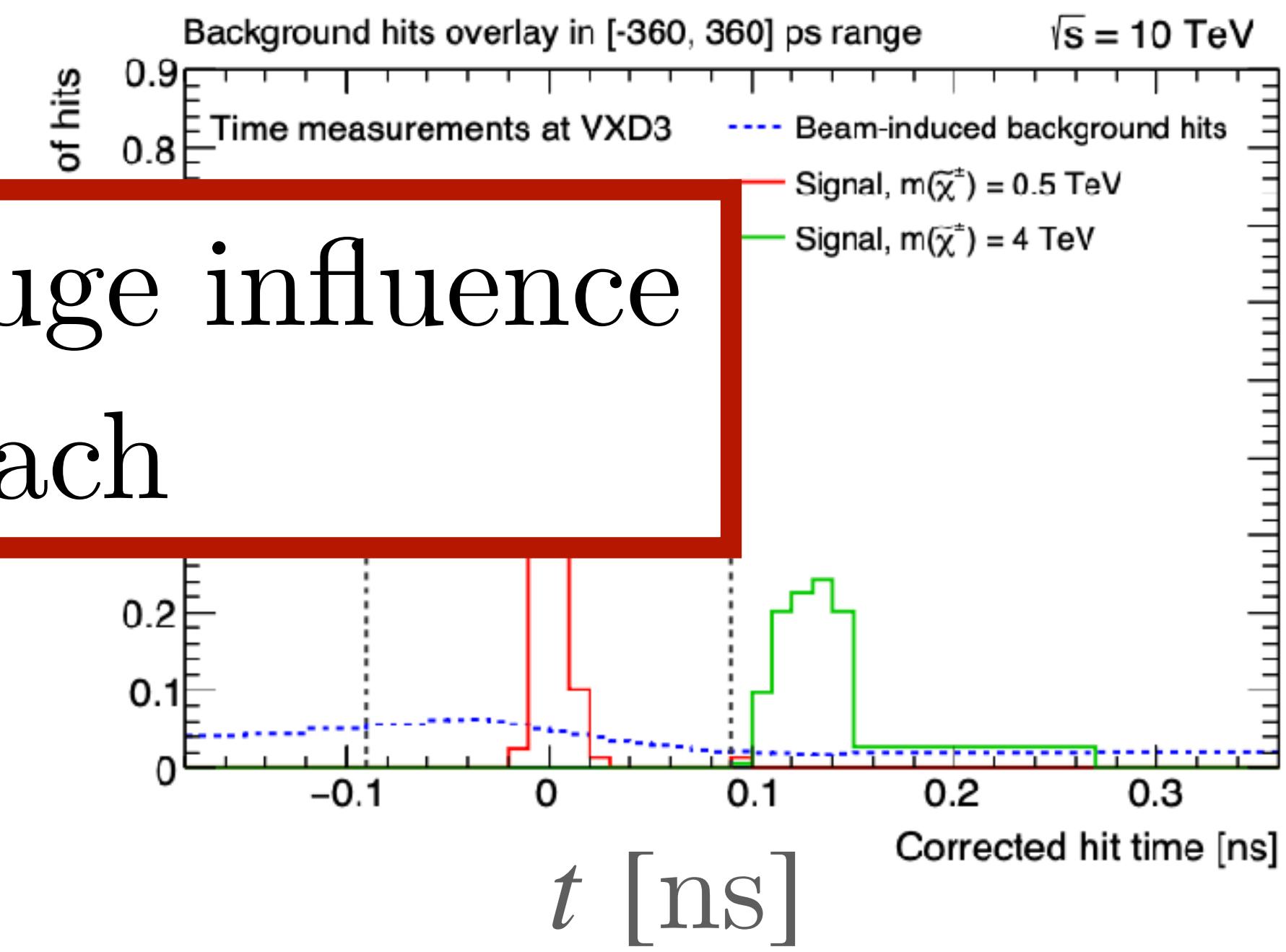
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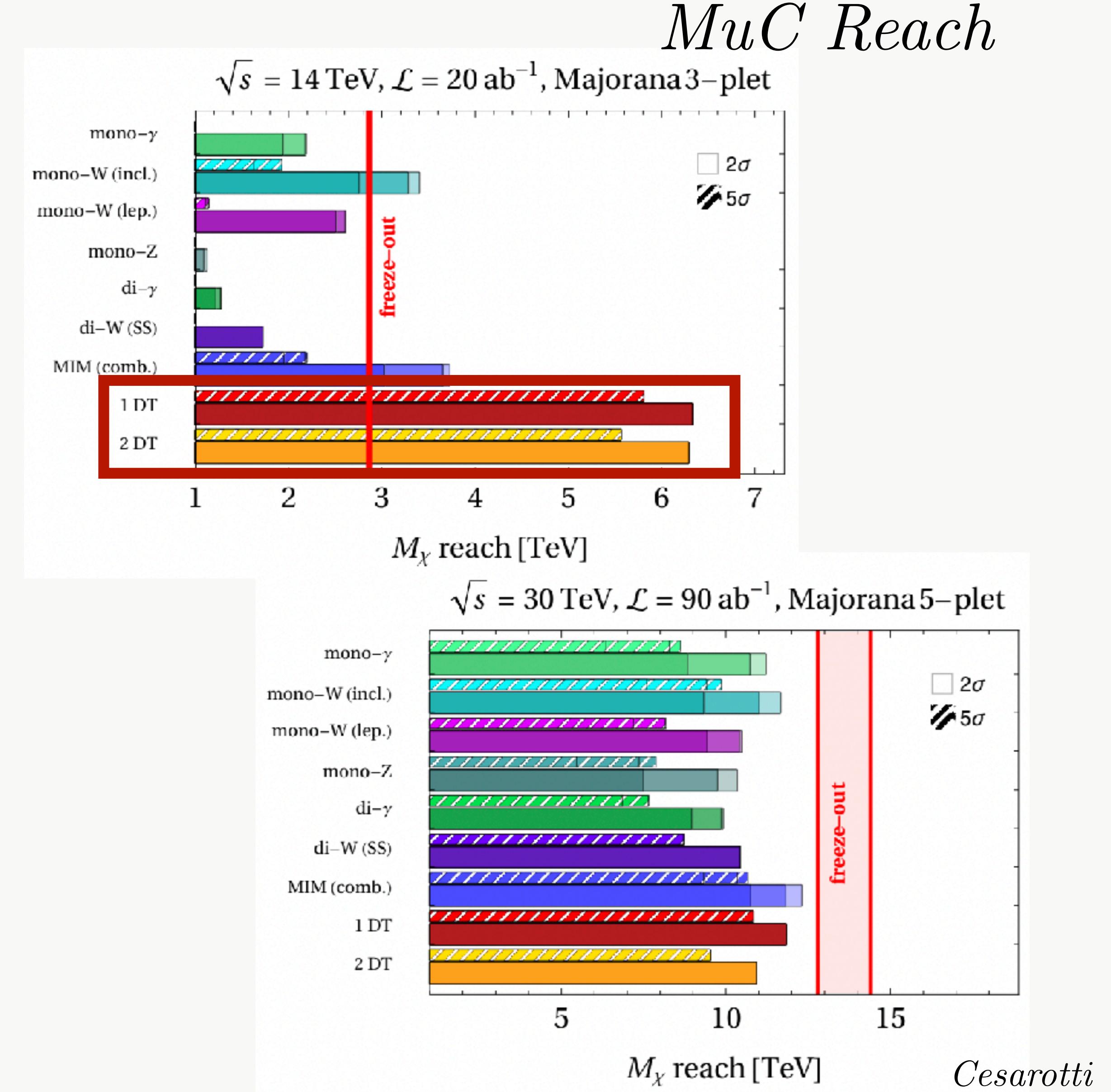
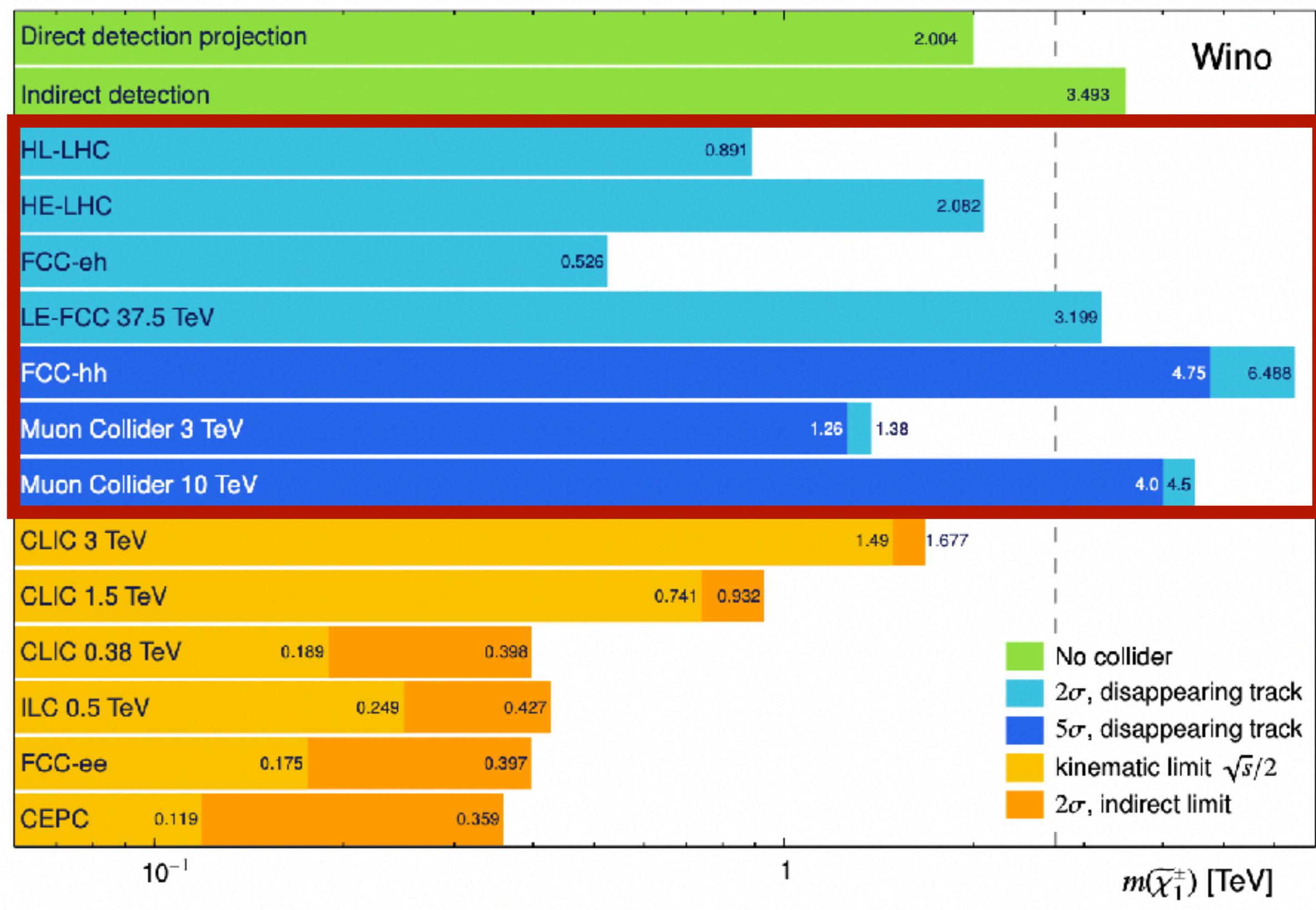


Detector Design has huge influence  
on physics reach

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*Example: Wino*



Saito, Svada, Terashi, Asai '19

Bottaro, Buttazzo, Costa, Franceschini, Panci, Redigolo, Vittorio '21, '22

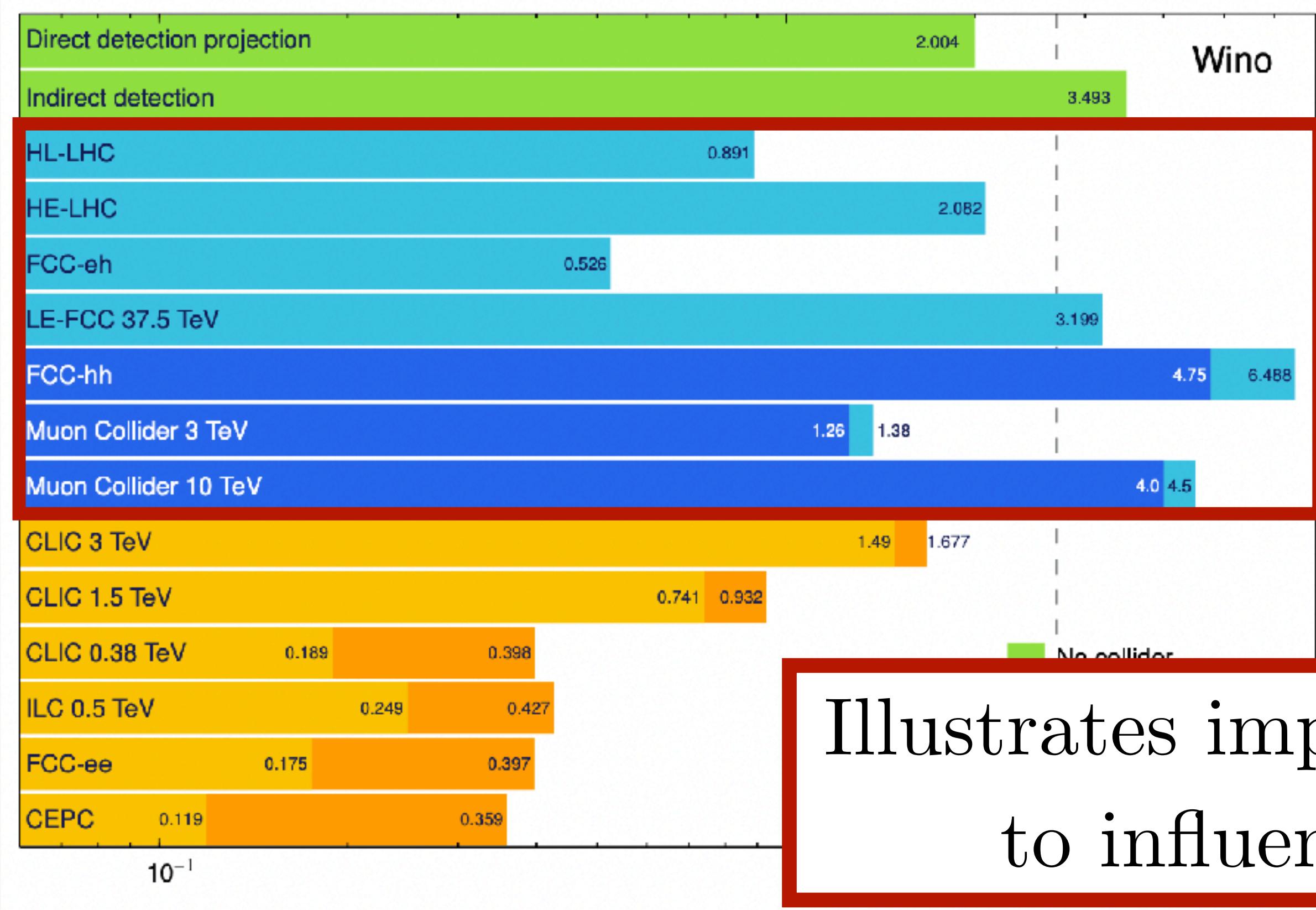
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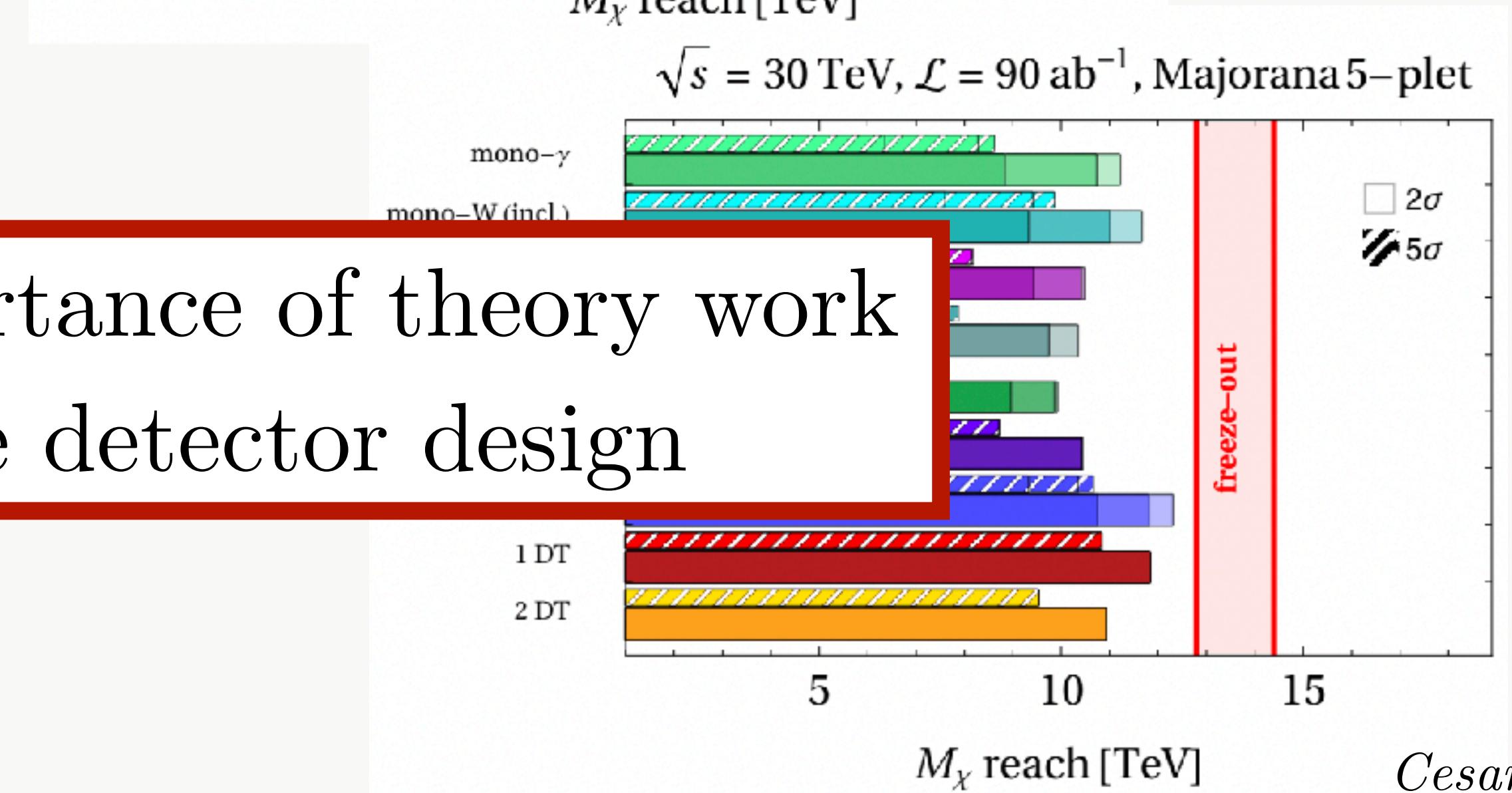
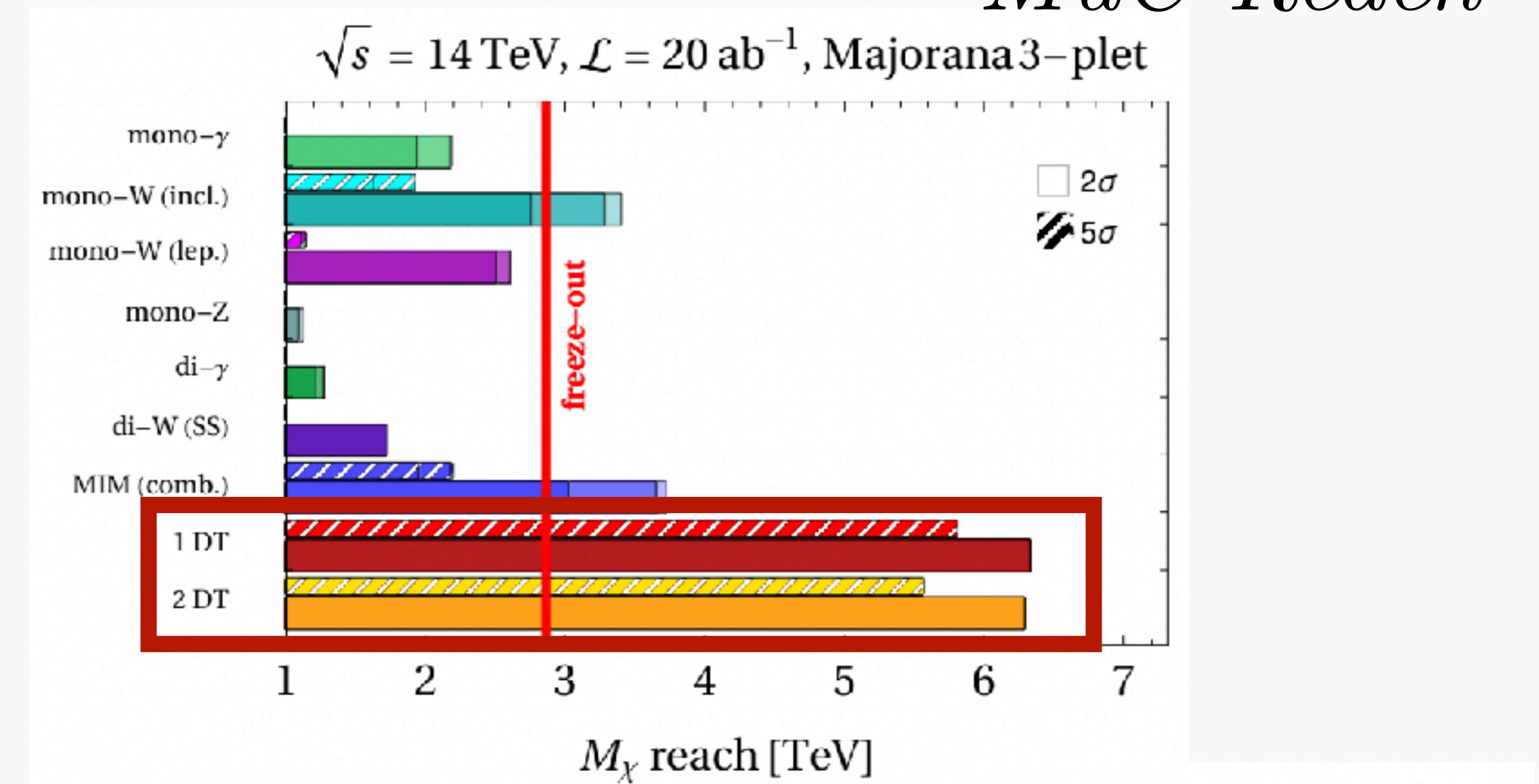
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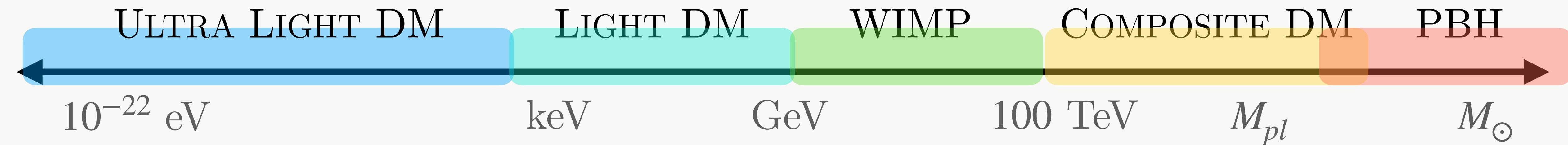


Illustrates importance of theory work  
to influence detector design



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## (AT LEPTON COLLIDERS)

Consider other paradigms beyond the WIMP that could be both (thermal) dark matter and discoverable at colliders

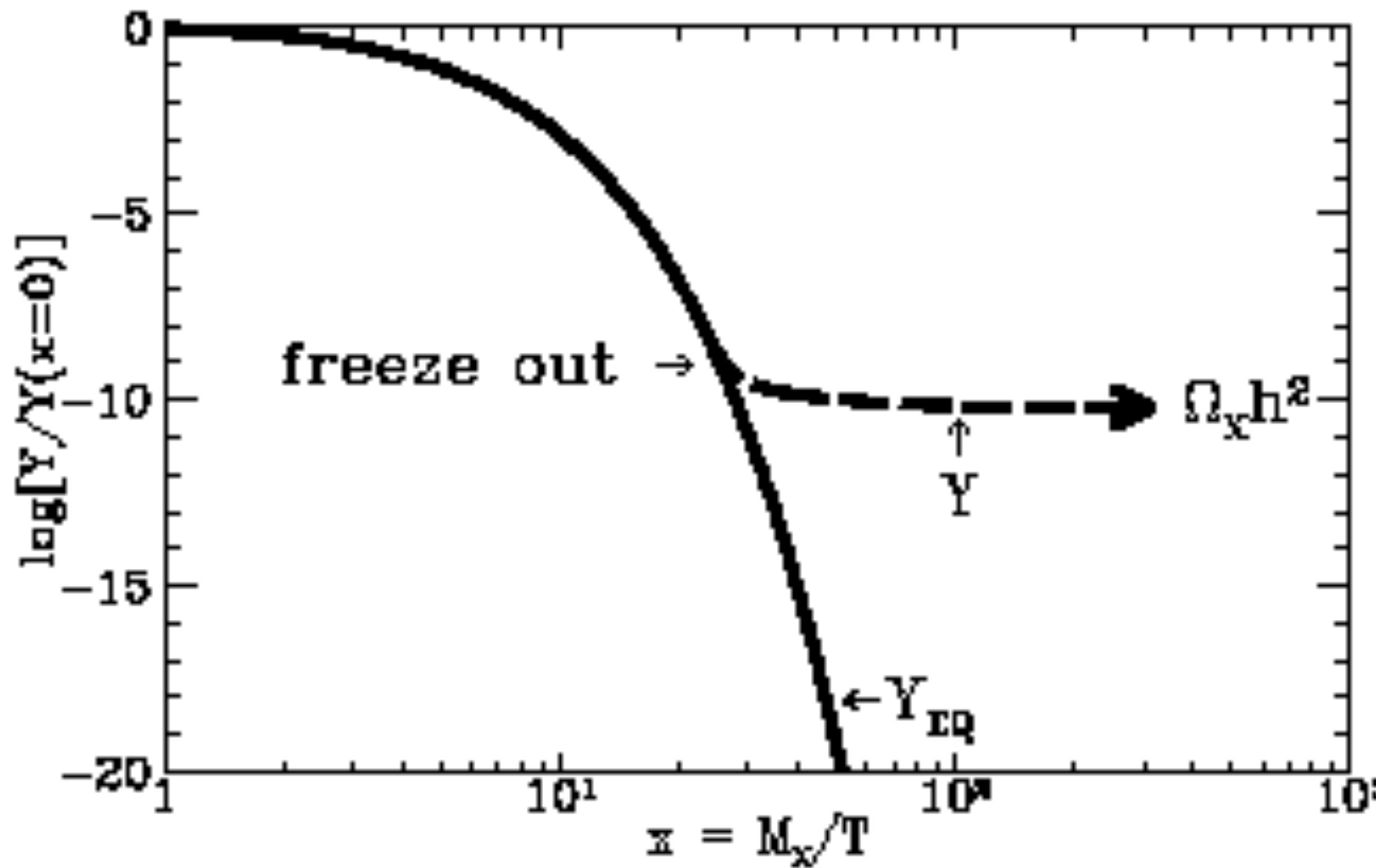
For example, a model with a scalar portal that couples *leptophilically* (proportional to Yukawa couplings)

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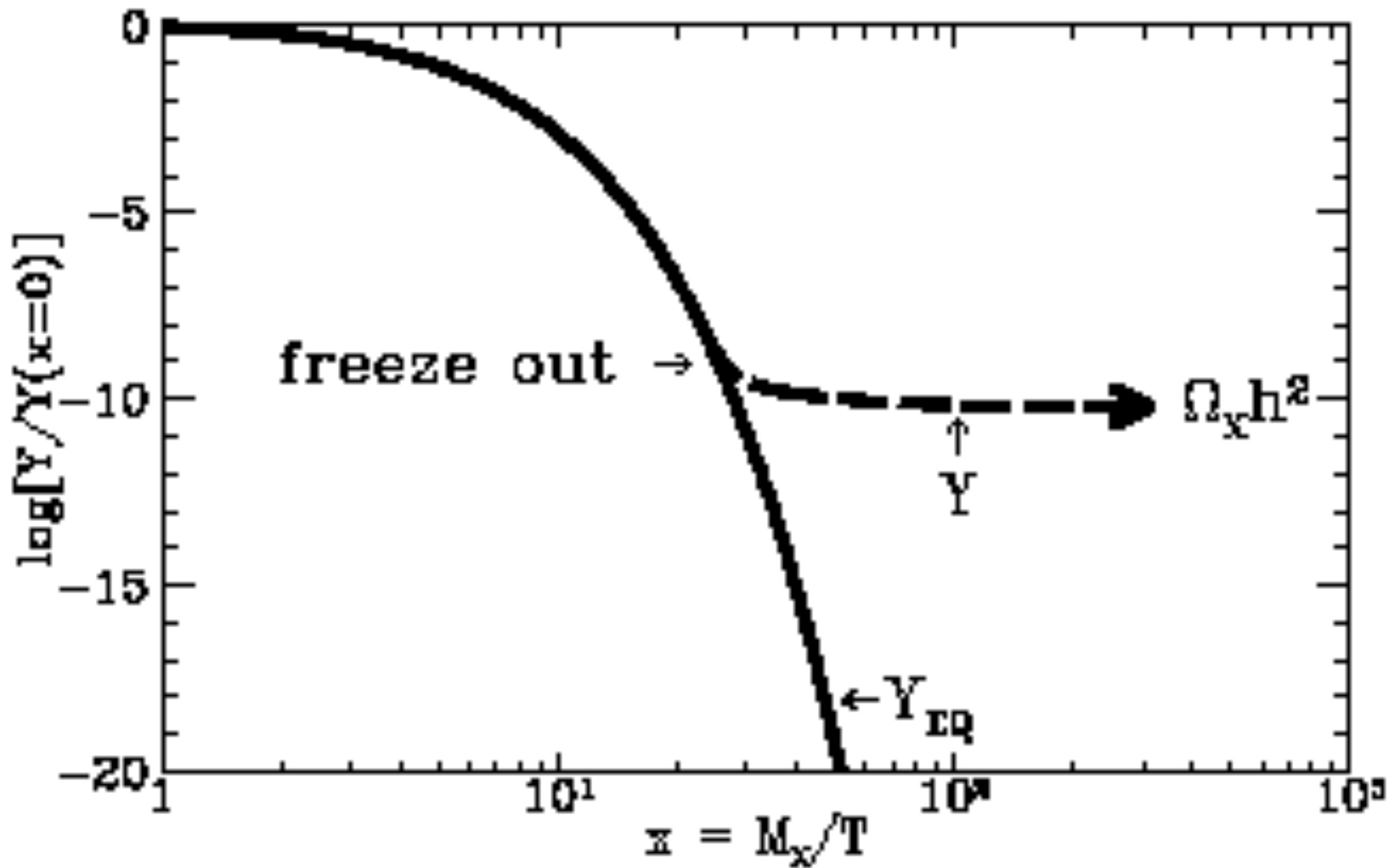


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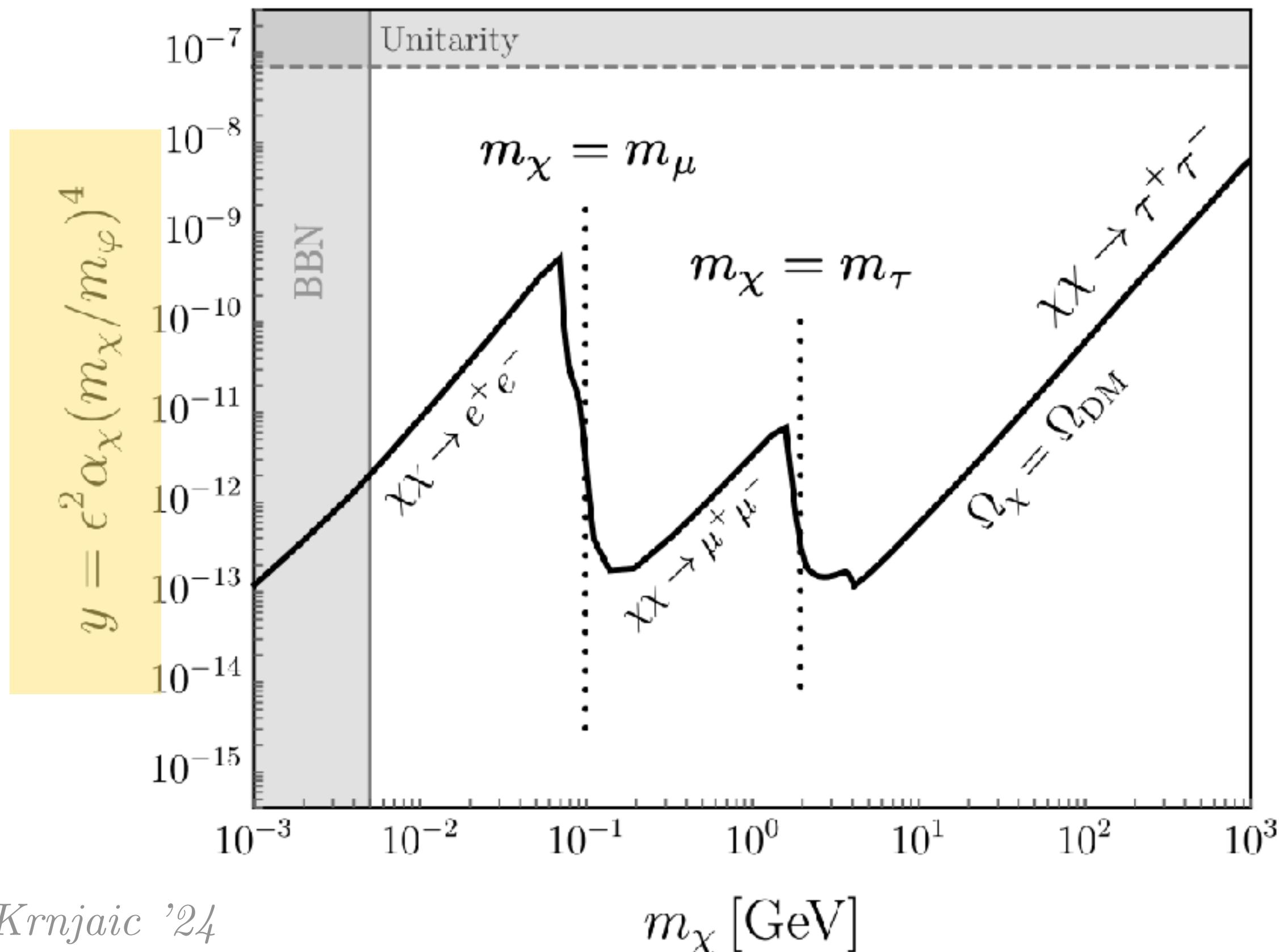
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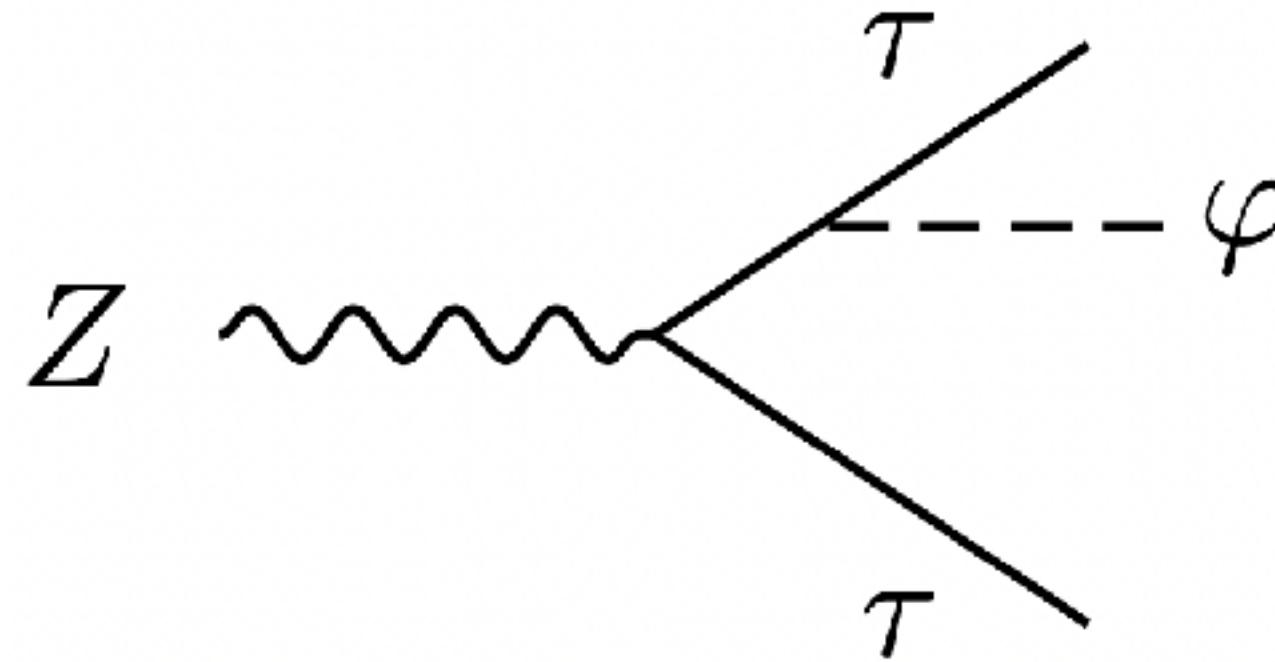
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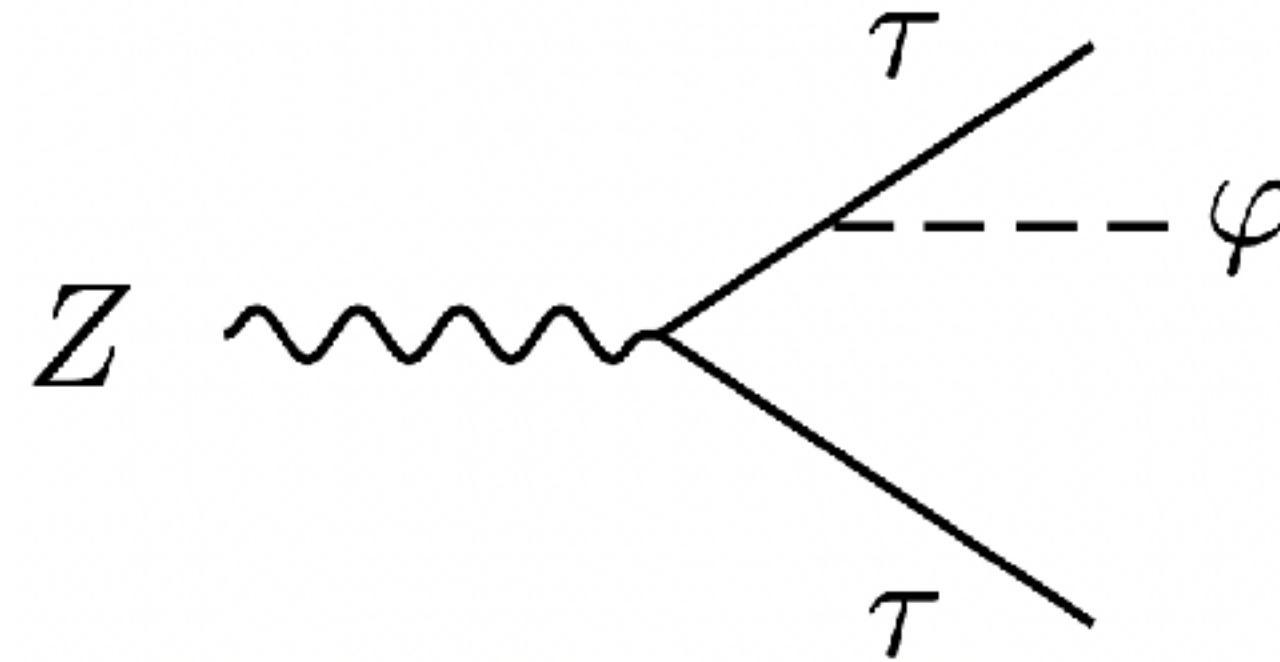
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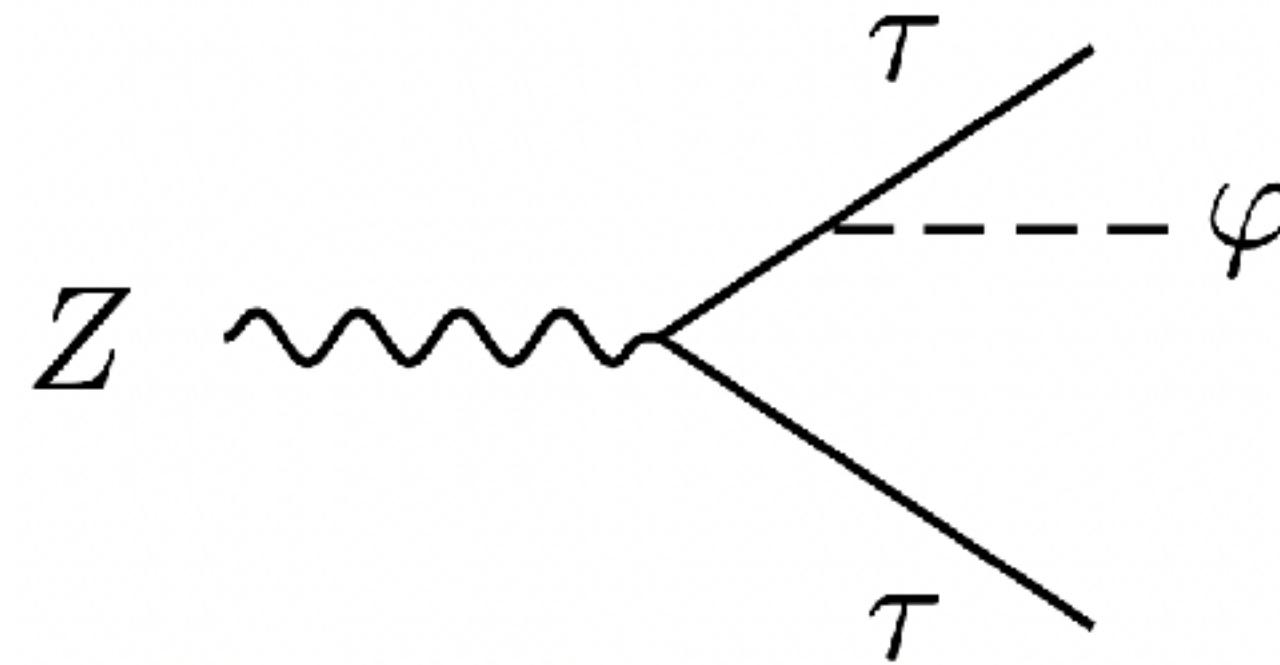
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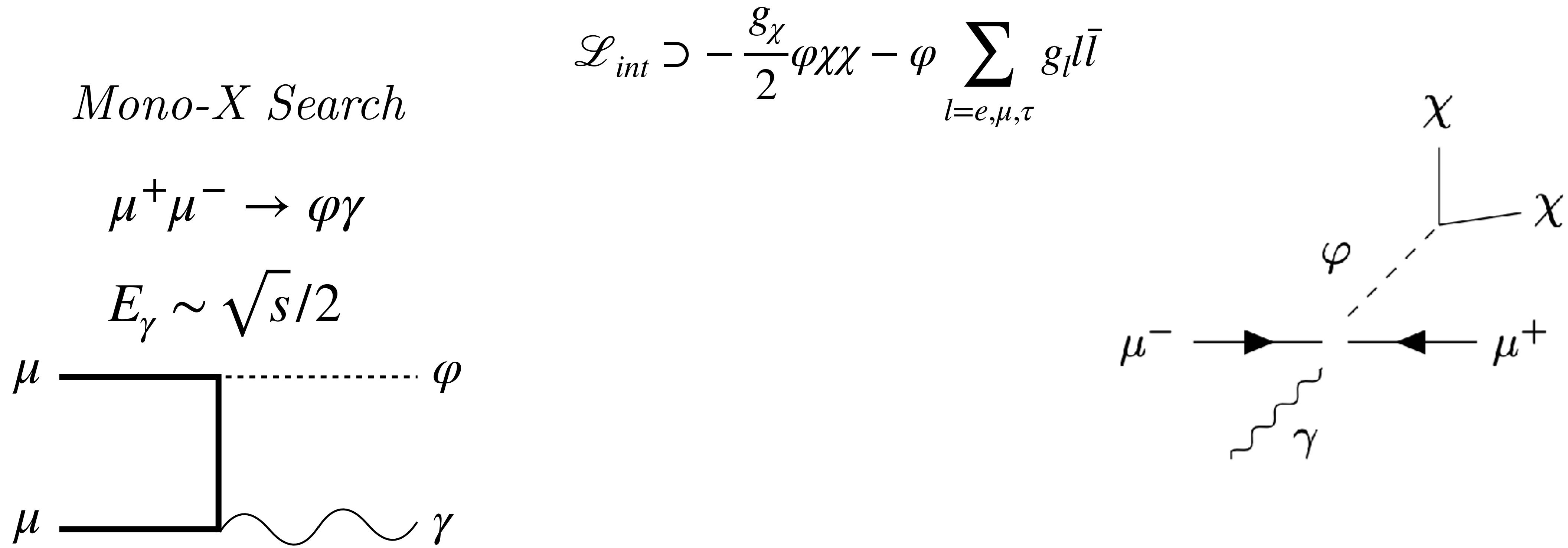
FCCee Tera-Z:  $(10^{12} Z's)$

$$\Delta\Gamma \times \sqrt{N_{LEP}/N_{FCC}}$$

*Assume primary improvements come from statistics*

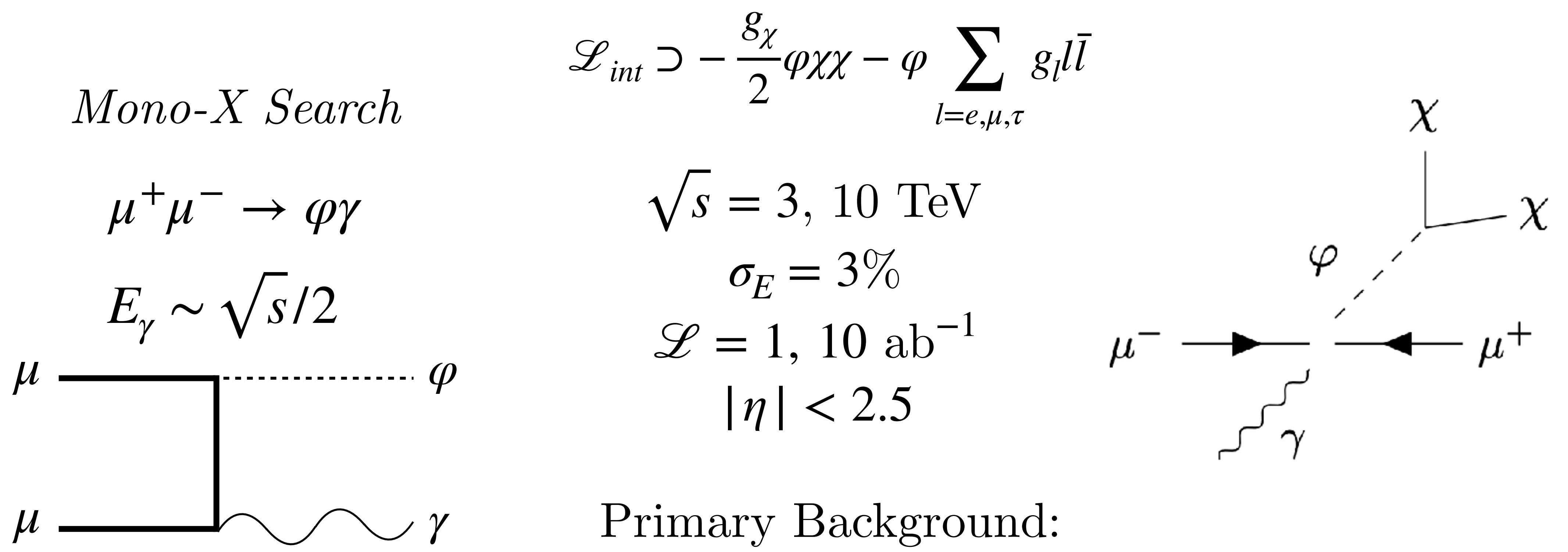
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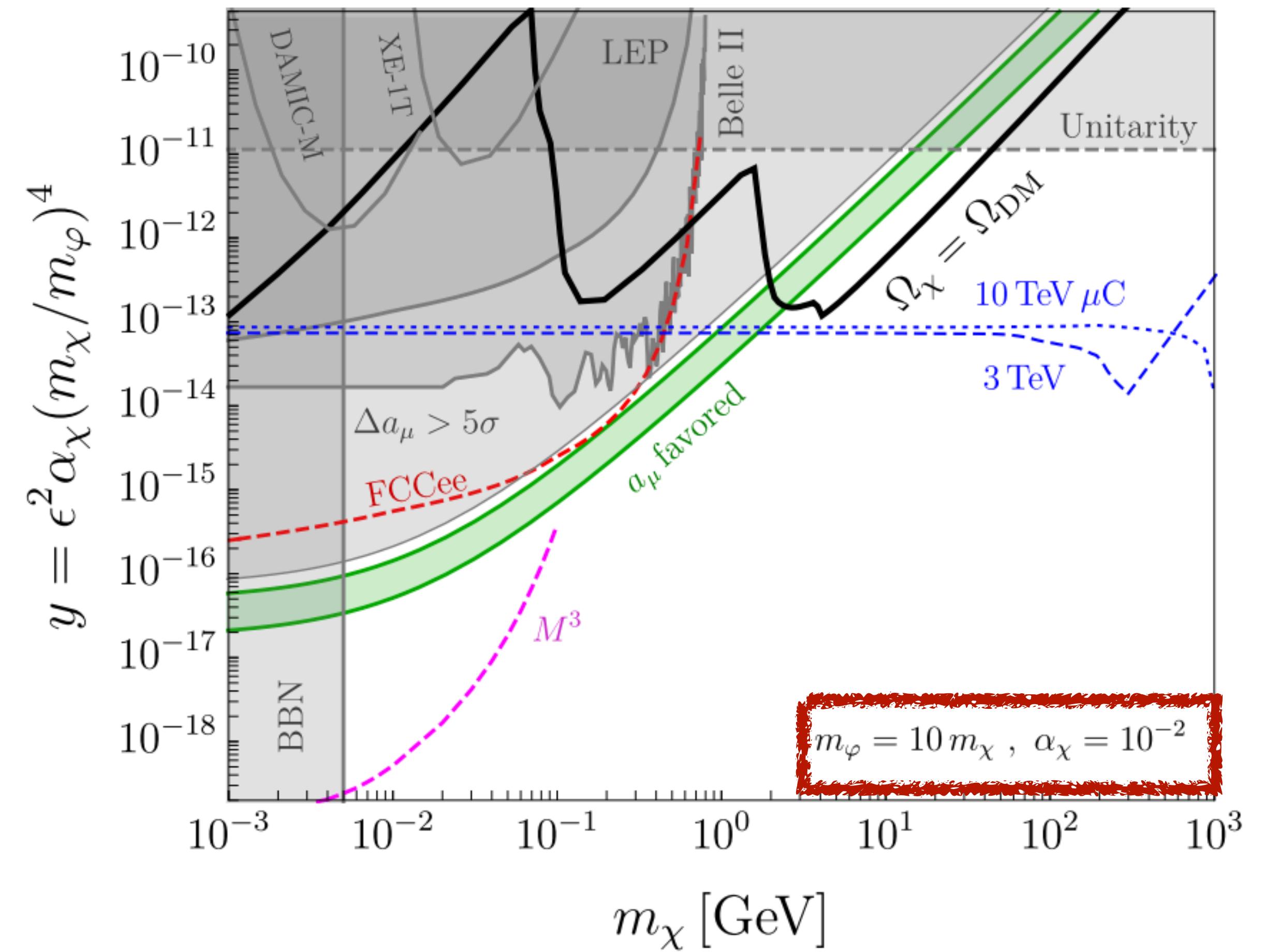
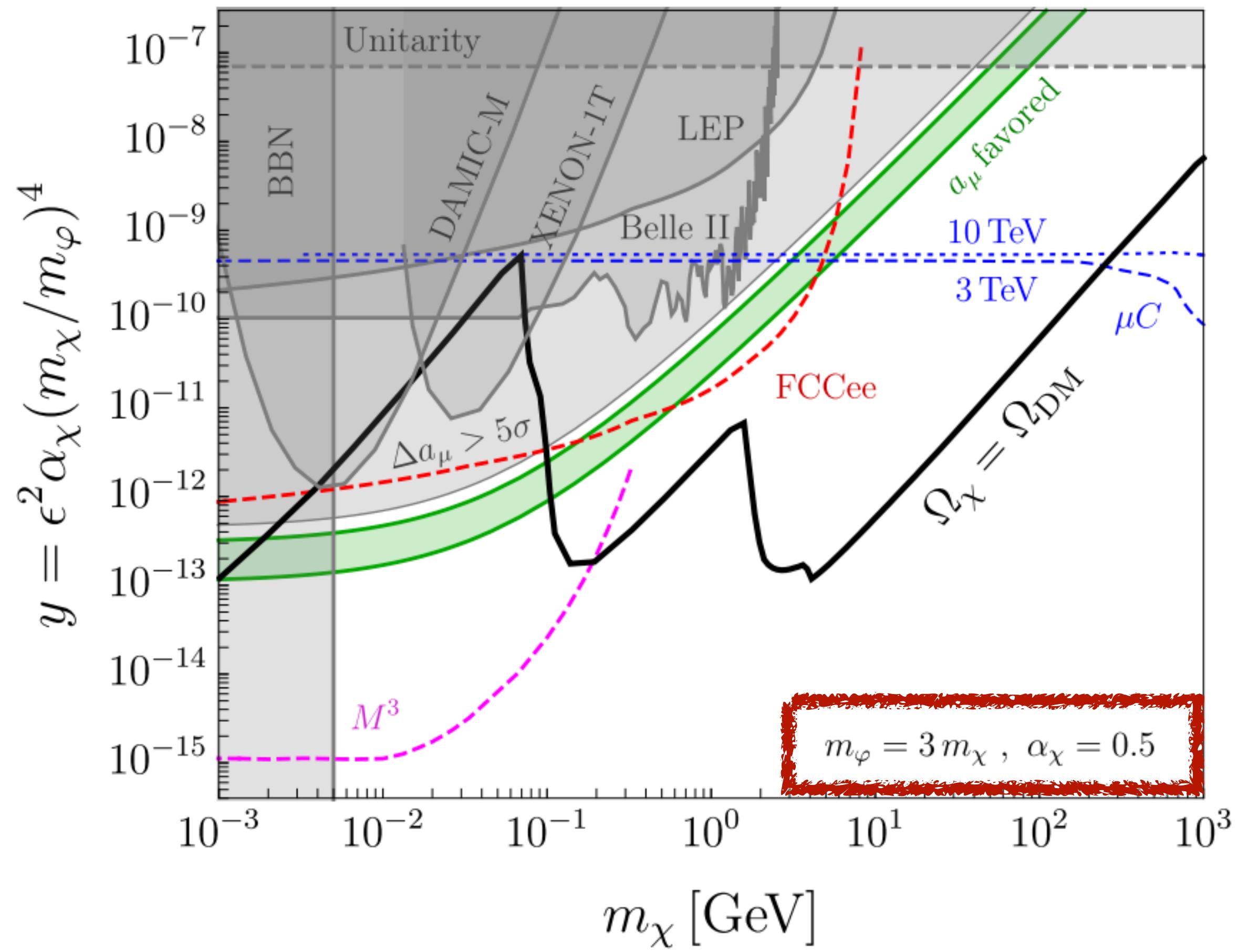
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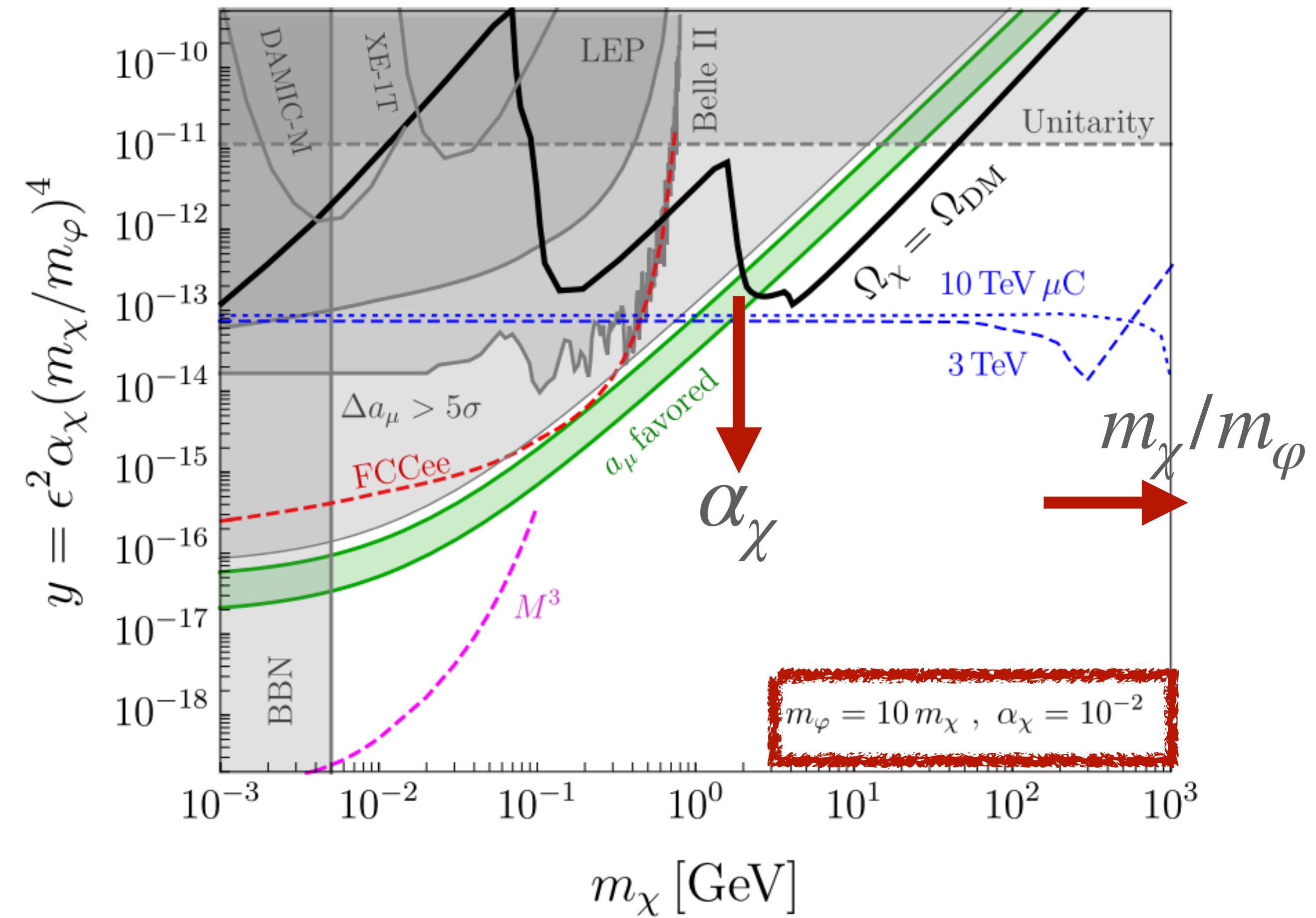
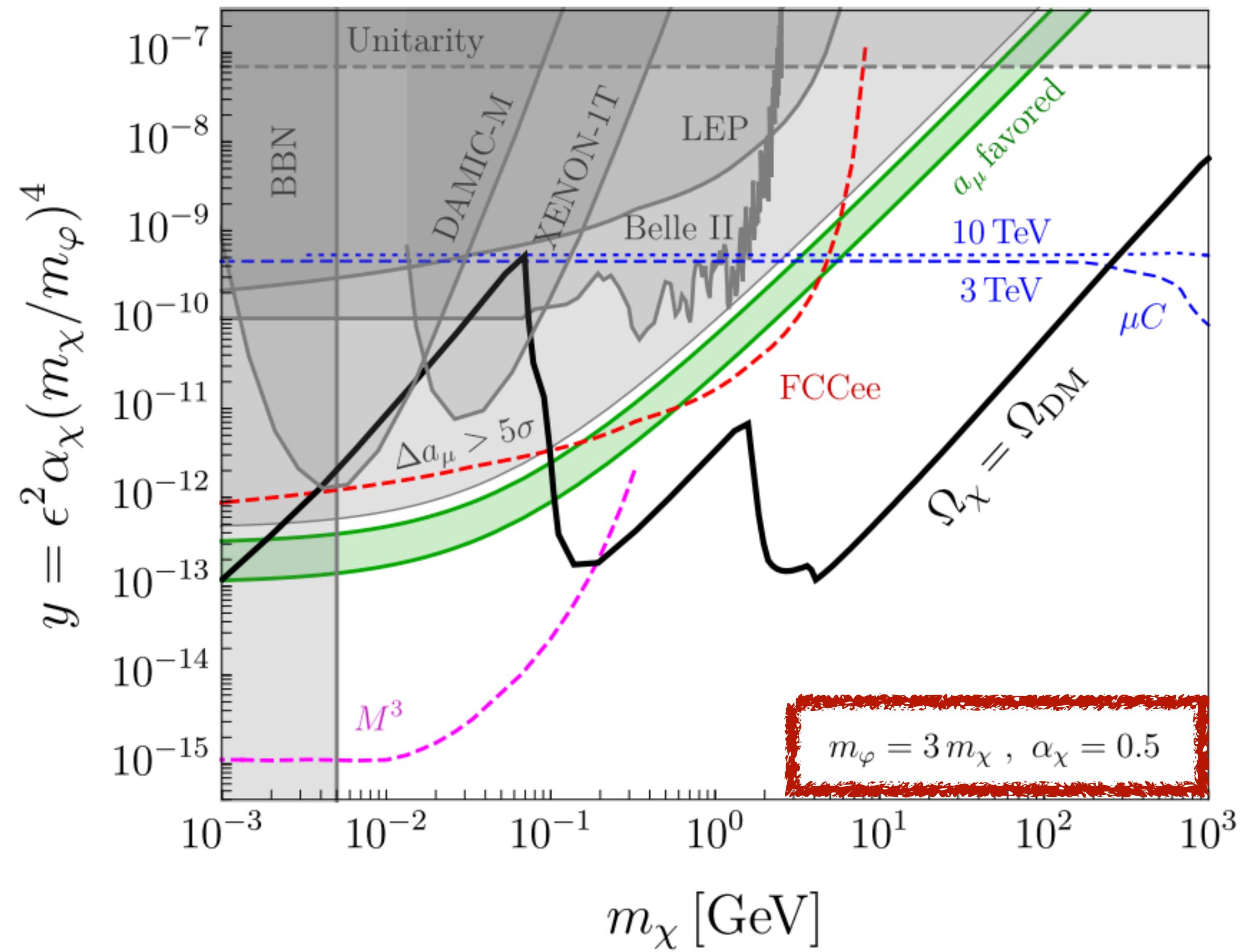
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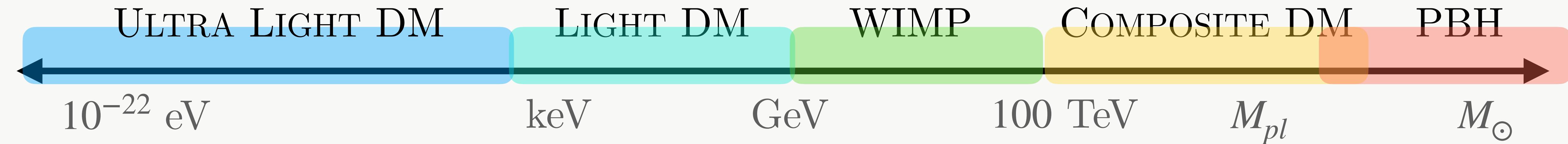
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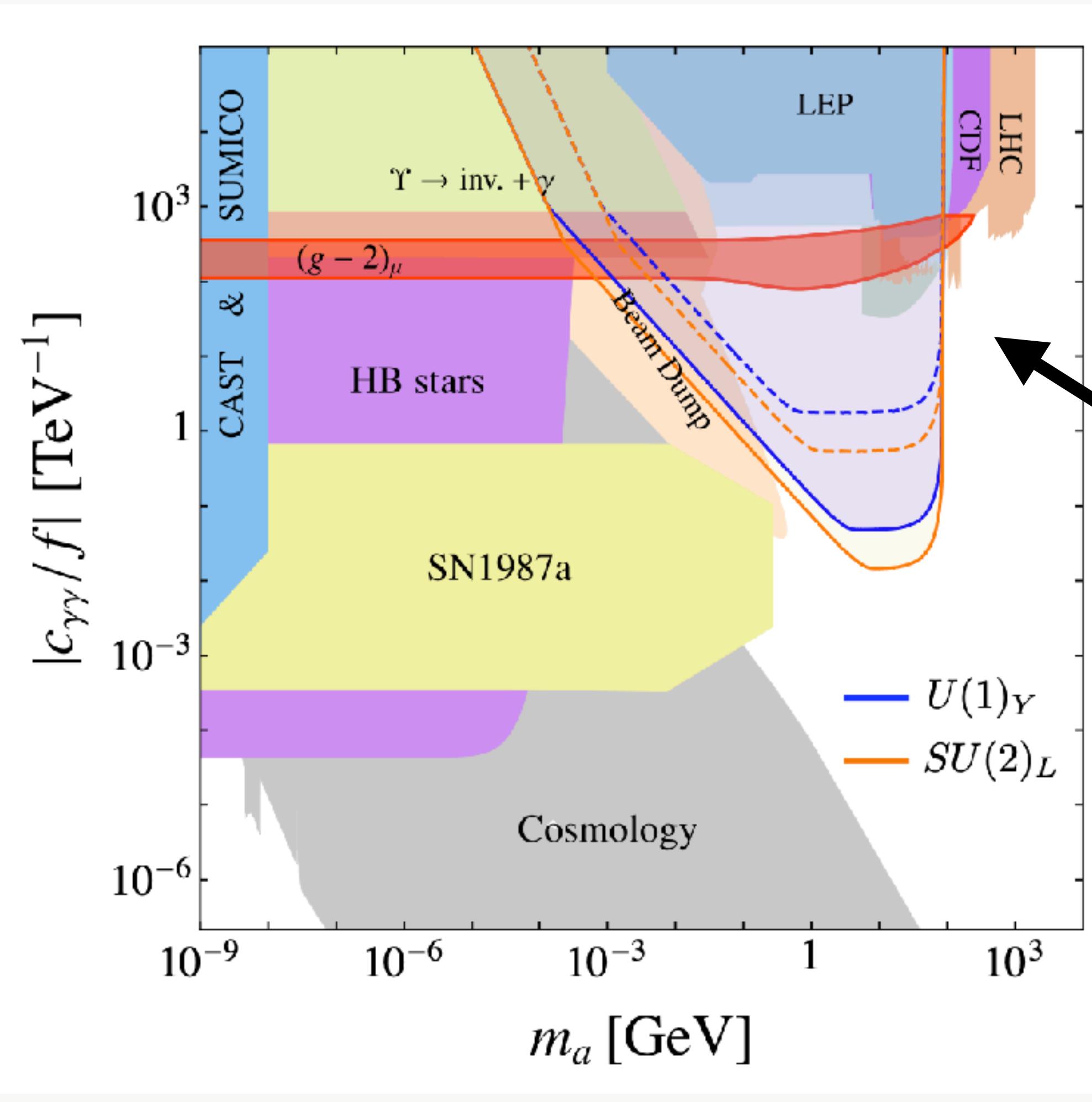


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Dark Sector Portals  
 $\tau \ll 1\text{s}$  from BBN constraints  
Can be prompt, DV, or stable

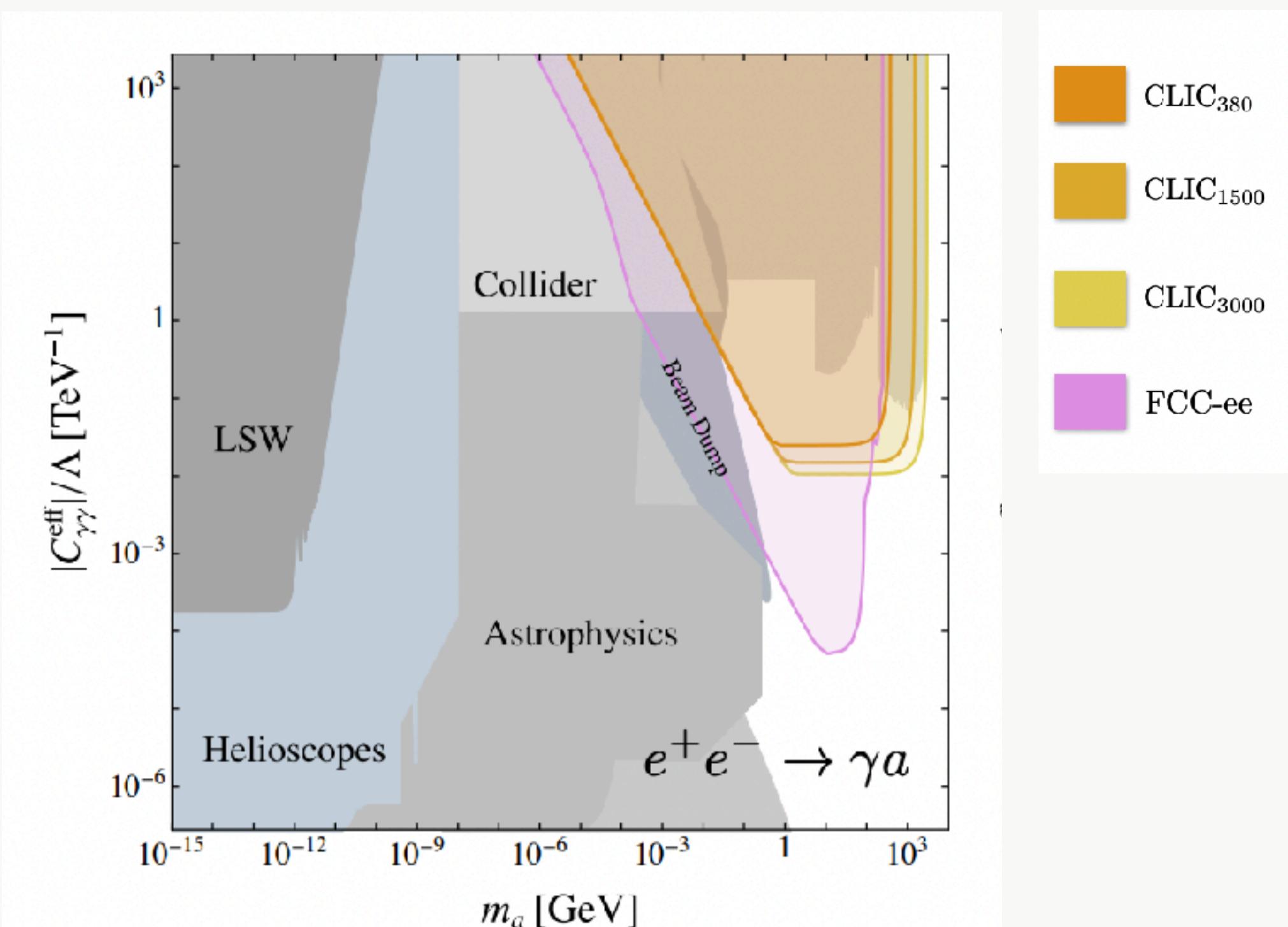
# DARK SECTOR PORTALS

(THESE AND MANY MORE)



*M. Bauer, M. Heiles, M. Neubert, A. Thamm '18*

ALP at FCC-ee  
 $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z$  Utilizing *Tera-Z* run  
 $Z \rightarrow a\gamma$        $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

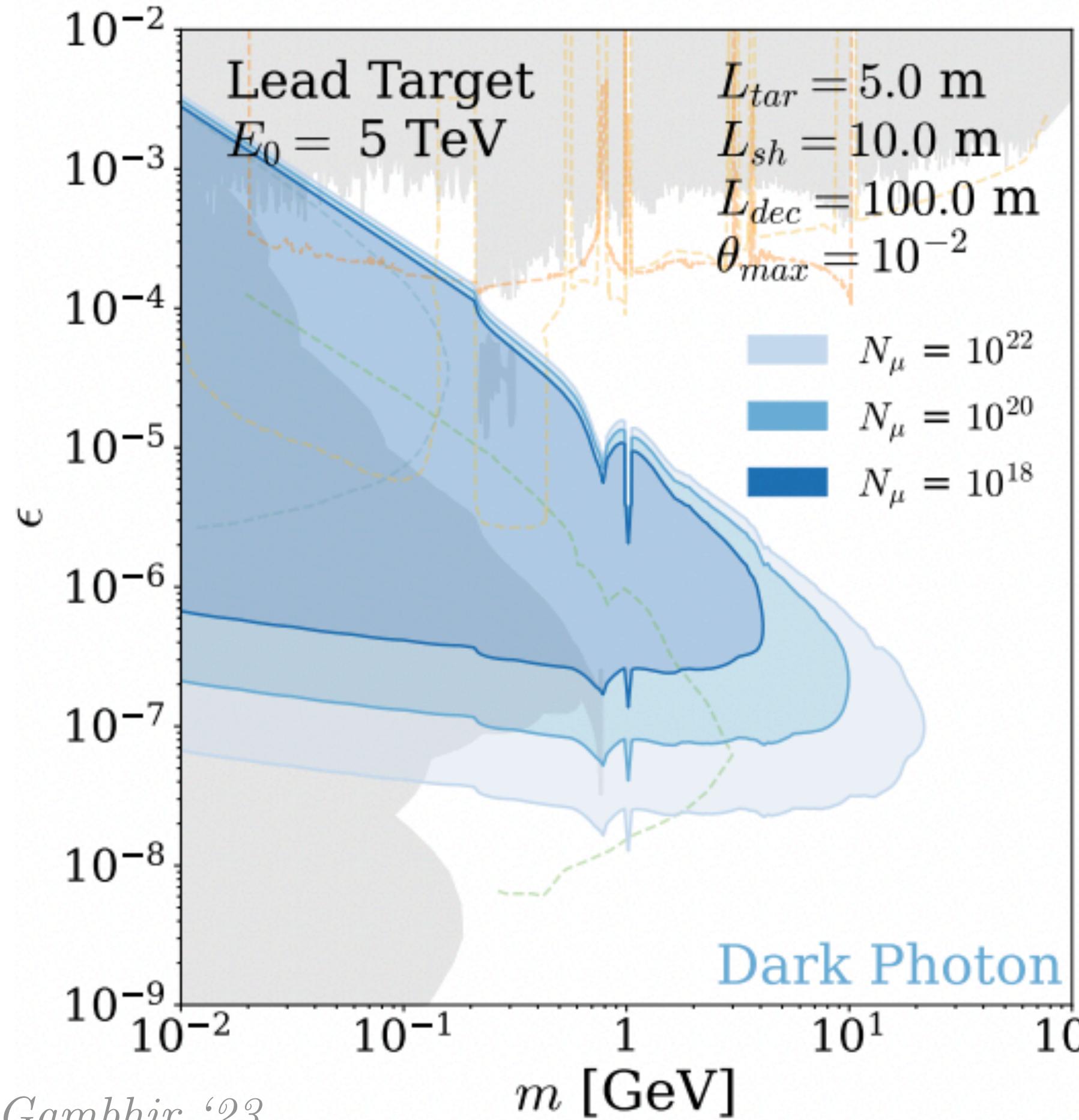


*Cesarotti*

# DARK SECTOR PORTALS

(THESE AND MANY MORE)

## Dark Photon $Z'$ at MuC beam dump



Life time of  $Z'$

$$l_{\text{NP}} = \gamma \tau_0 \approx \frac{E_0}{m_{\text{NP}}} \times \frac{1}{g^2 m_{\text{NP}}}$$
$$\approx \left( \frac{E_0}{\text{TeV}} \right) \times \left( \frac{g}{10^{-6}} \right)^{-2} \times \left( \frac{m_{\text{NP}}}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{-2} \times 100 \text{ m}$$

Use as an *auxiliary* experiment

Higher energy  $\rightarrow$  larger  $\gamma$   $\rightarrow$  smaller  $\epsilon$

# CONCLUSIONS

WIMPs are *motivated* models for *known unknowns* accessible at colliders —  
we can probe only with *high-energy machines*

Detector design has influence on physics reach  
Theory informs physics of interest

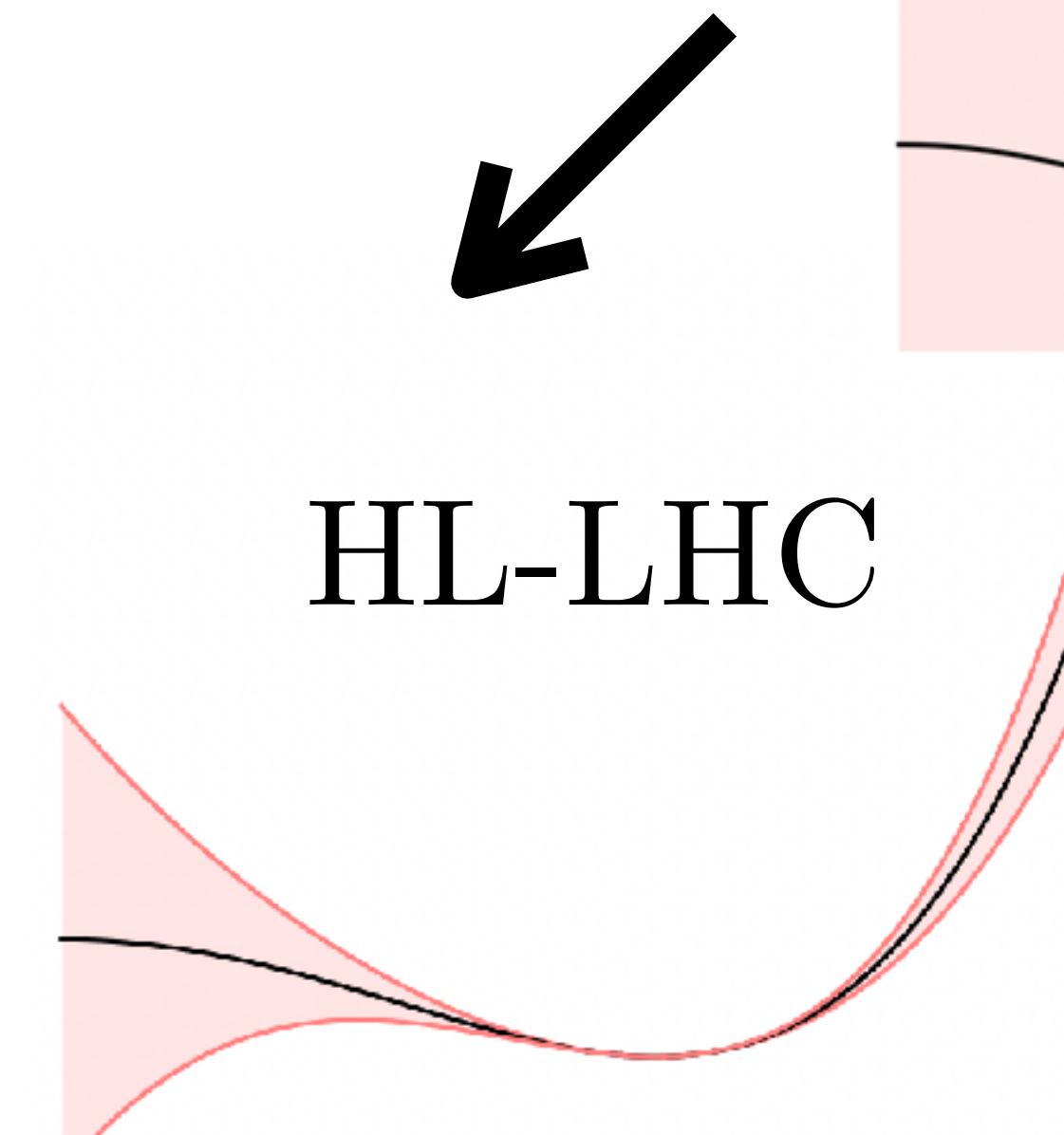
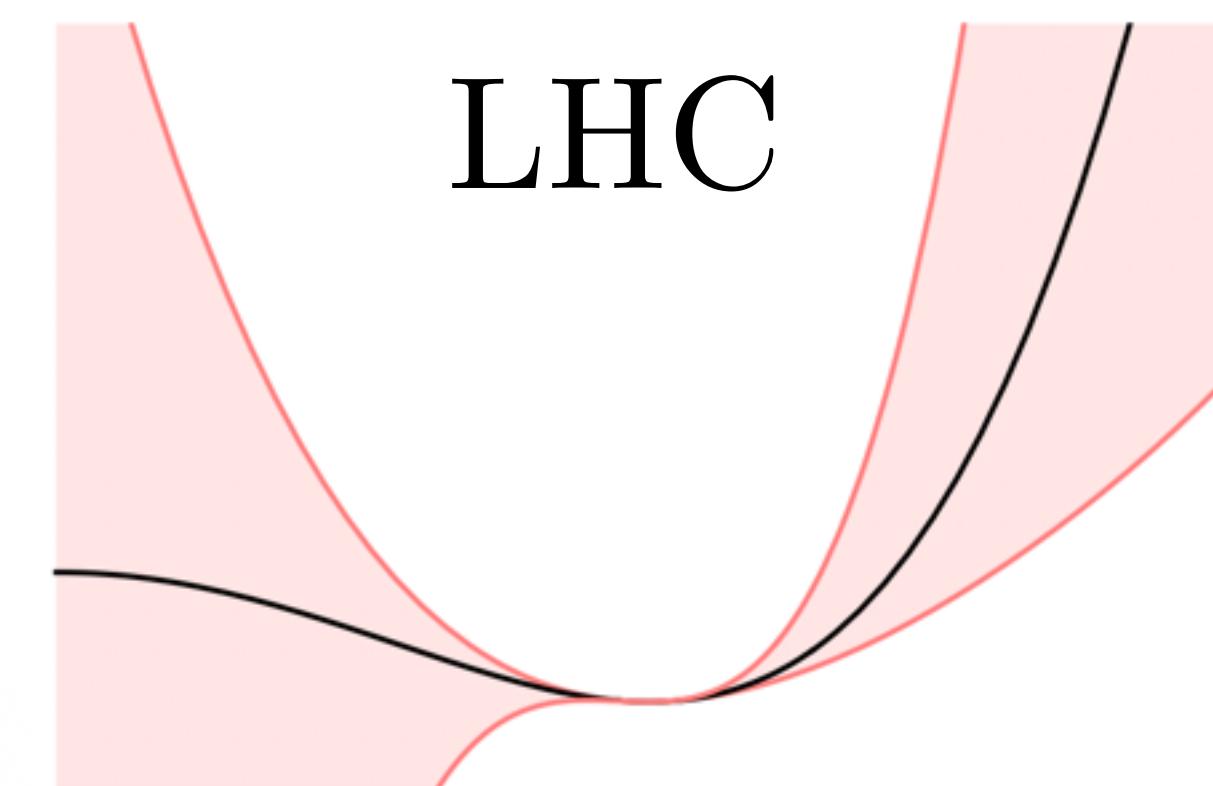
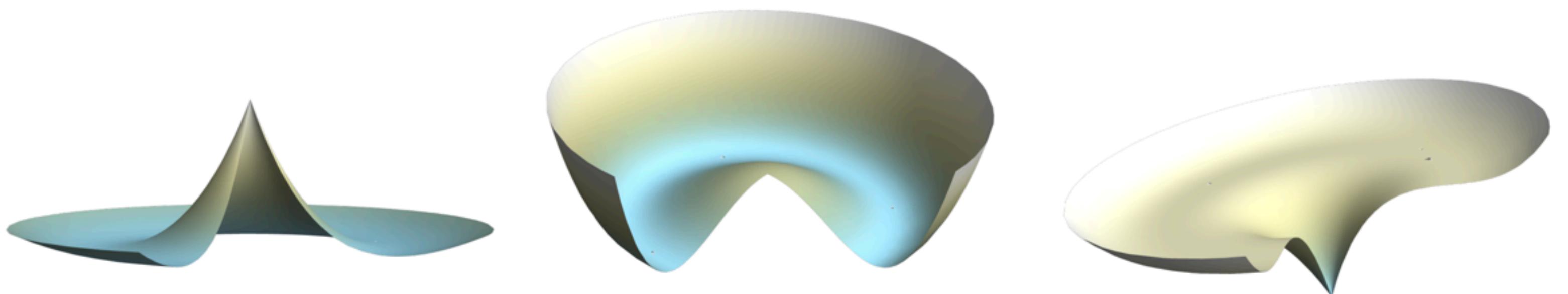
} Why theoretical studies  
should be done *now*

Different future colliders are complements  
to each other

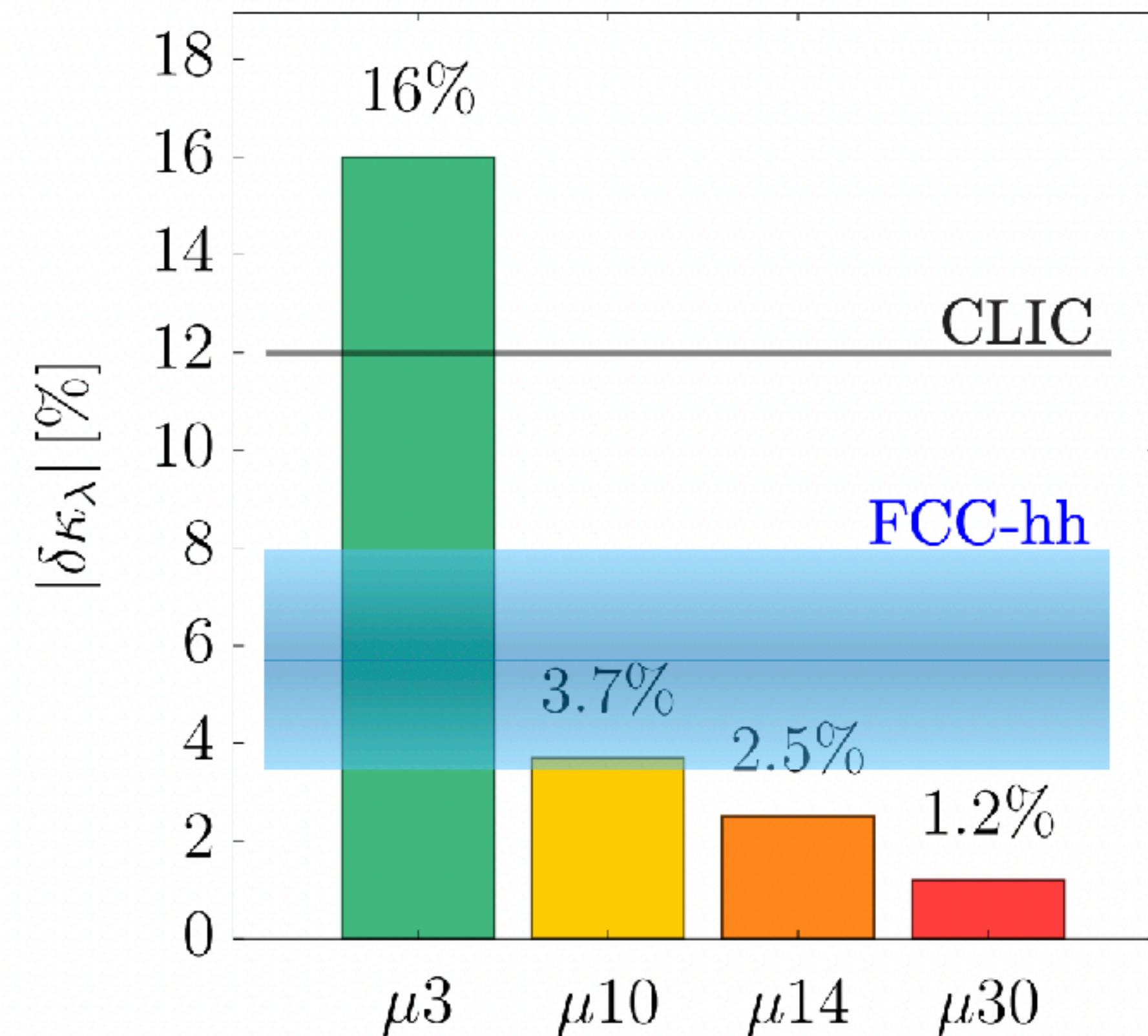
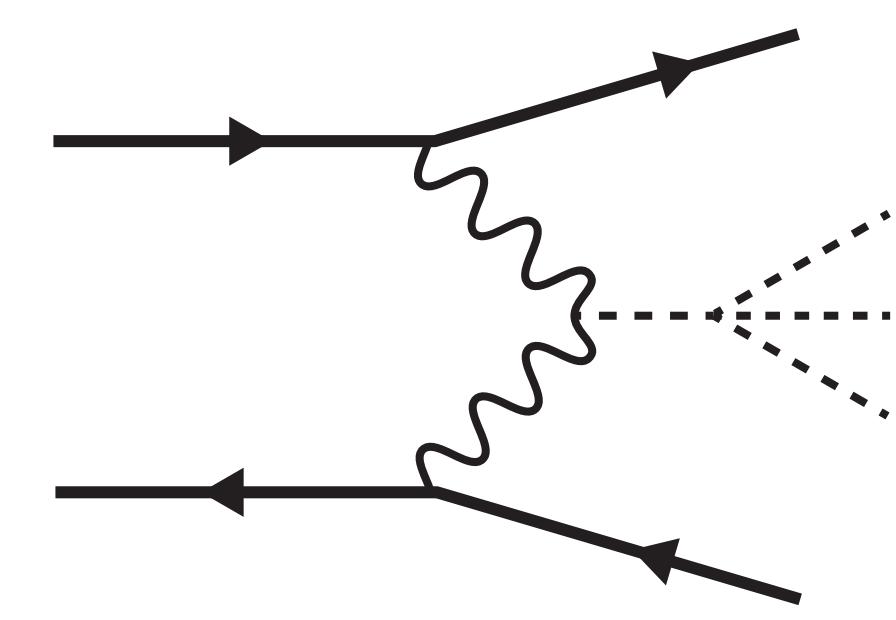
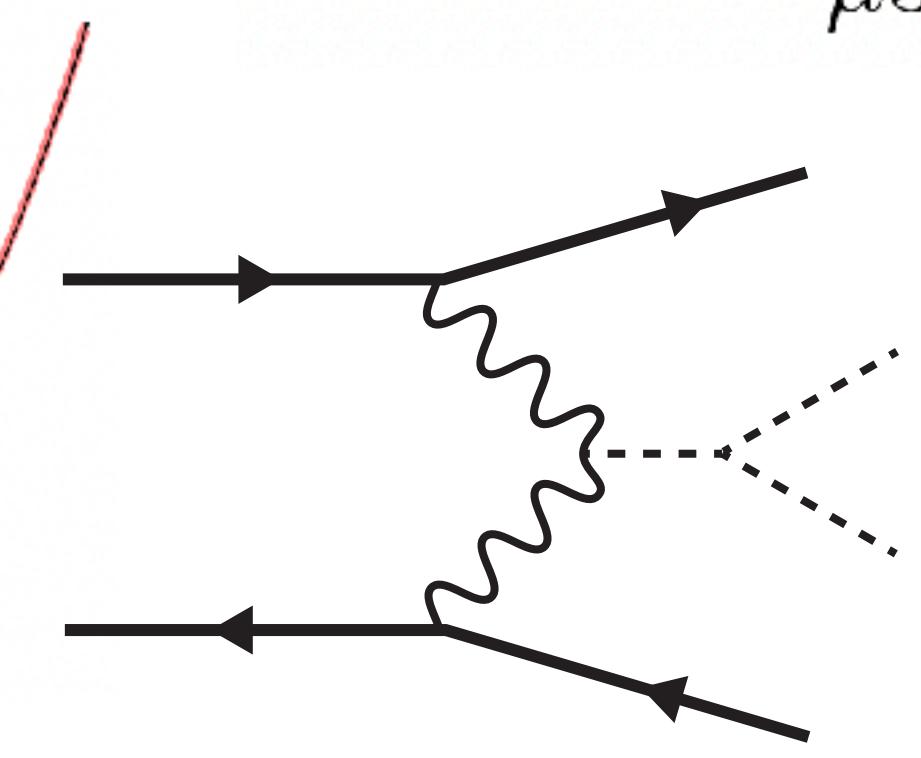
# Backups

# HIGGS POTENTIAL

Towards a Muon Collider 23

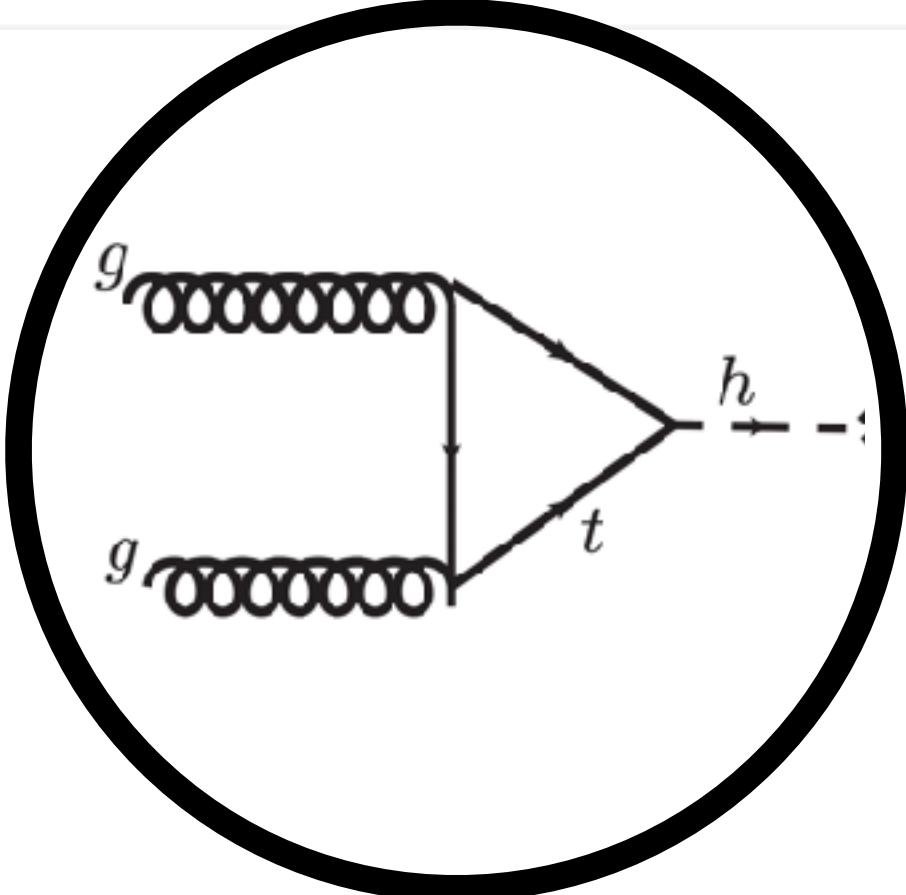
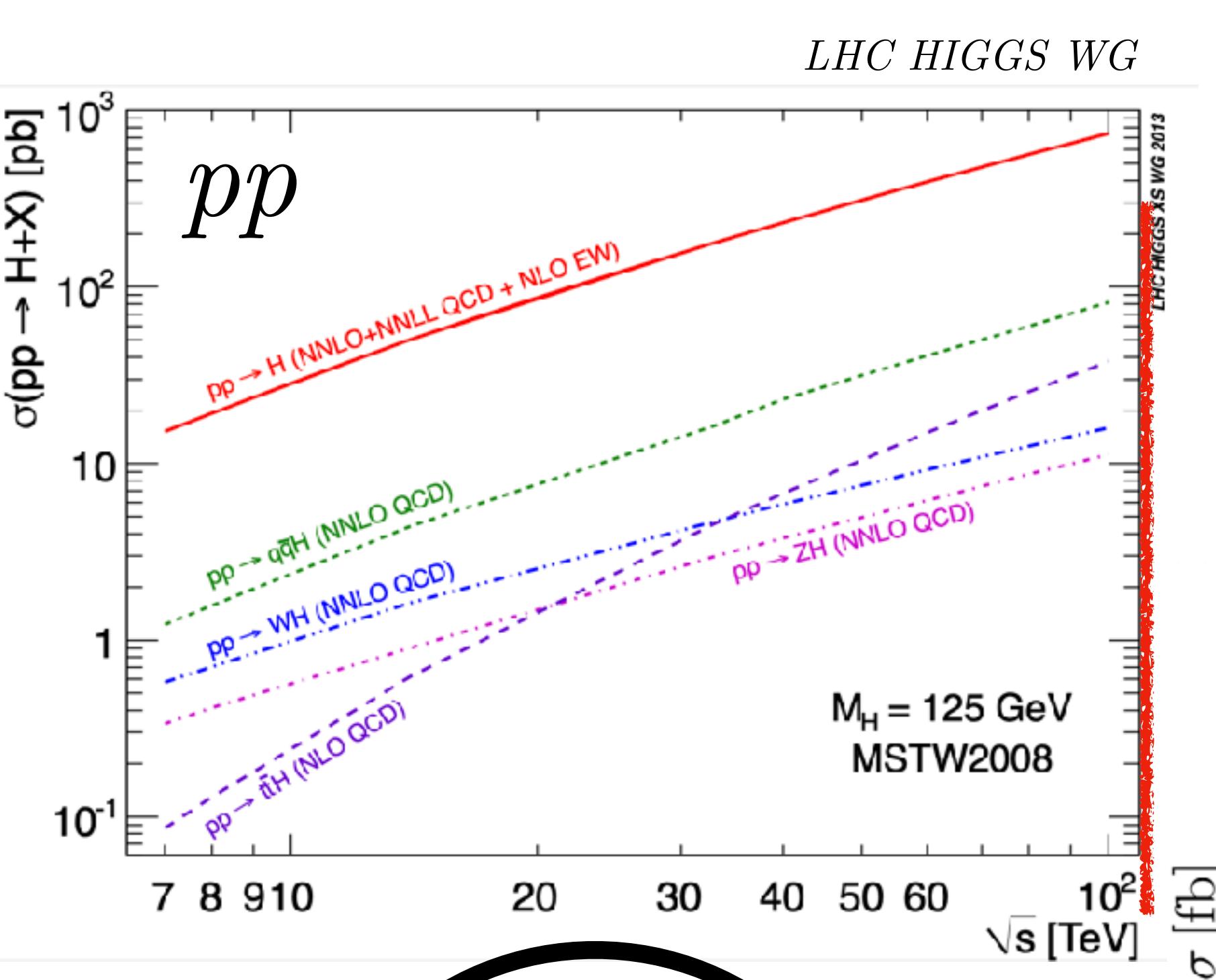


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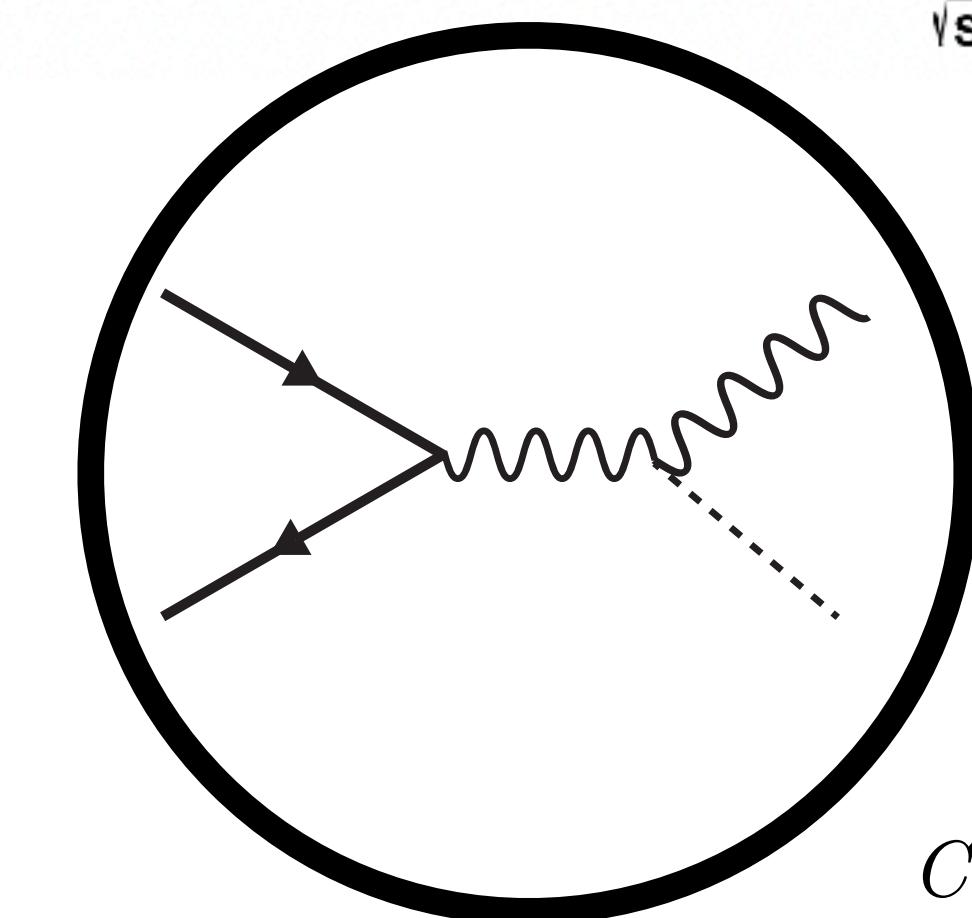
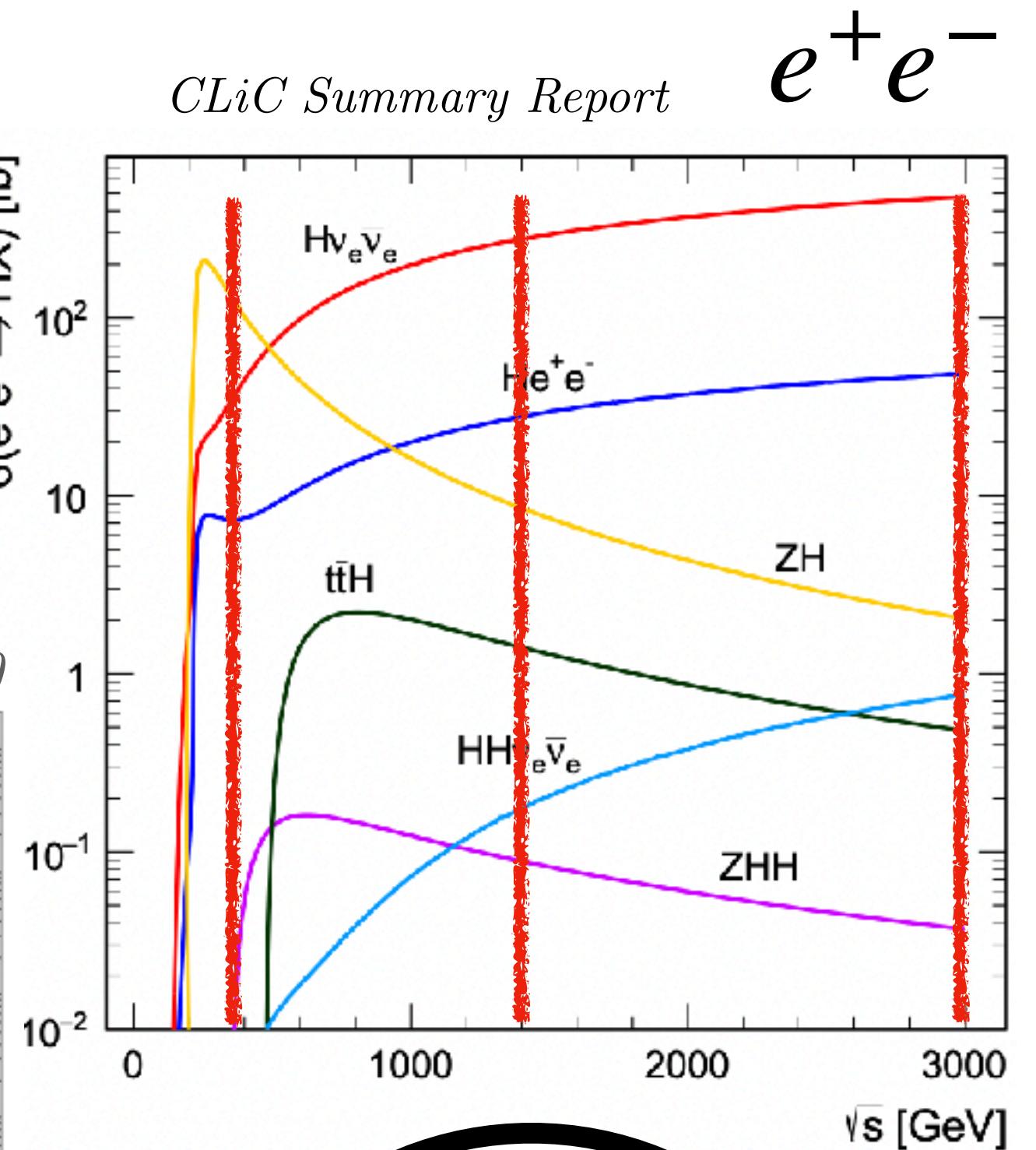
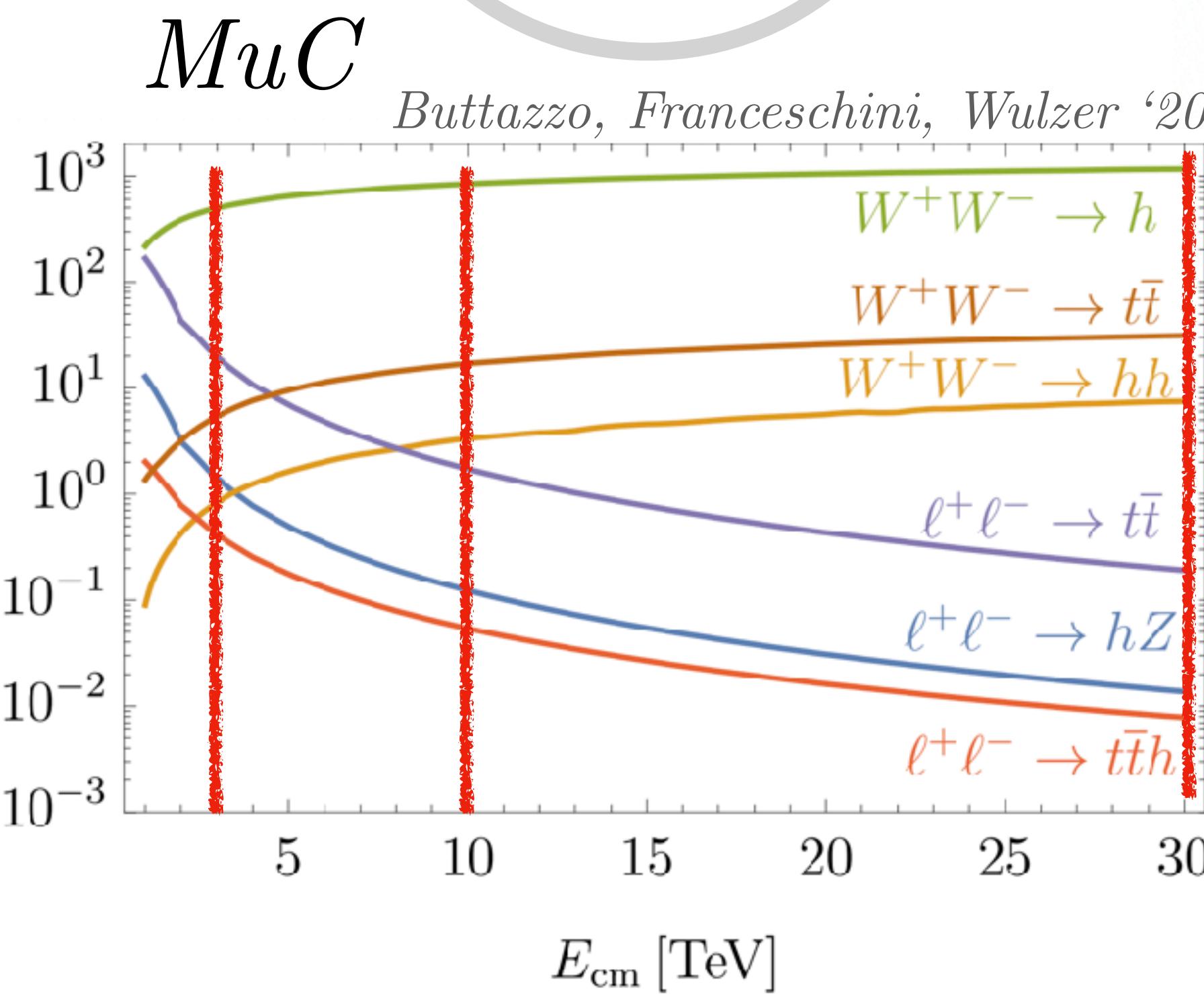
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# HIGGS PRODUCTION



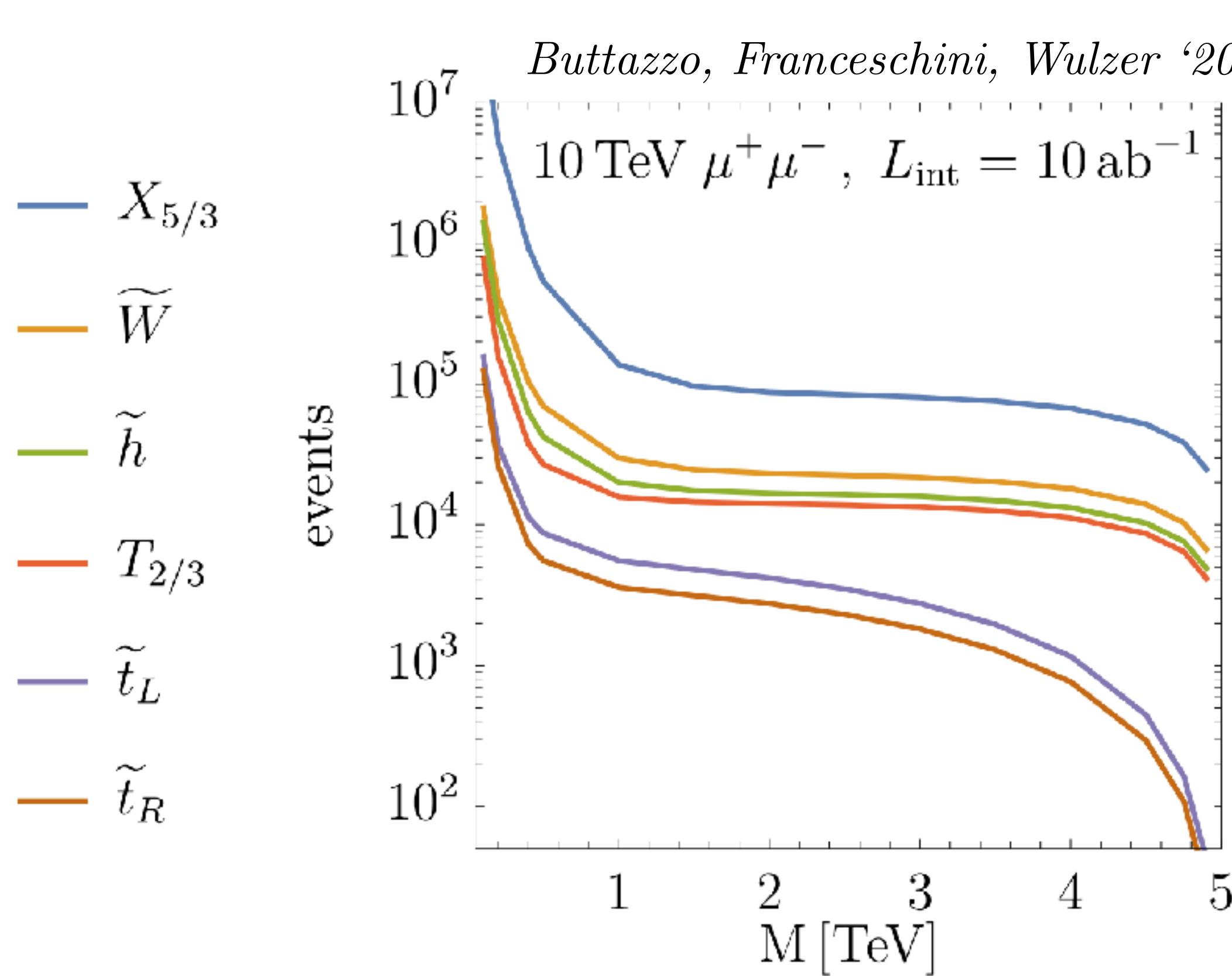
$10^6 - 10^{7+}$

Higgs Produced

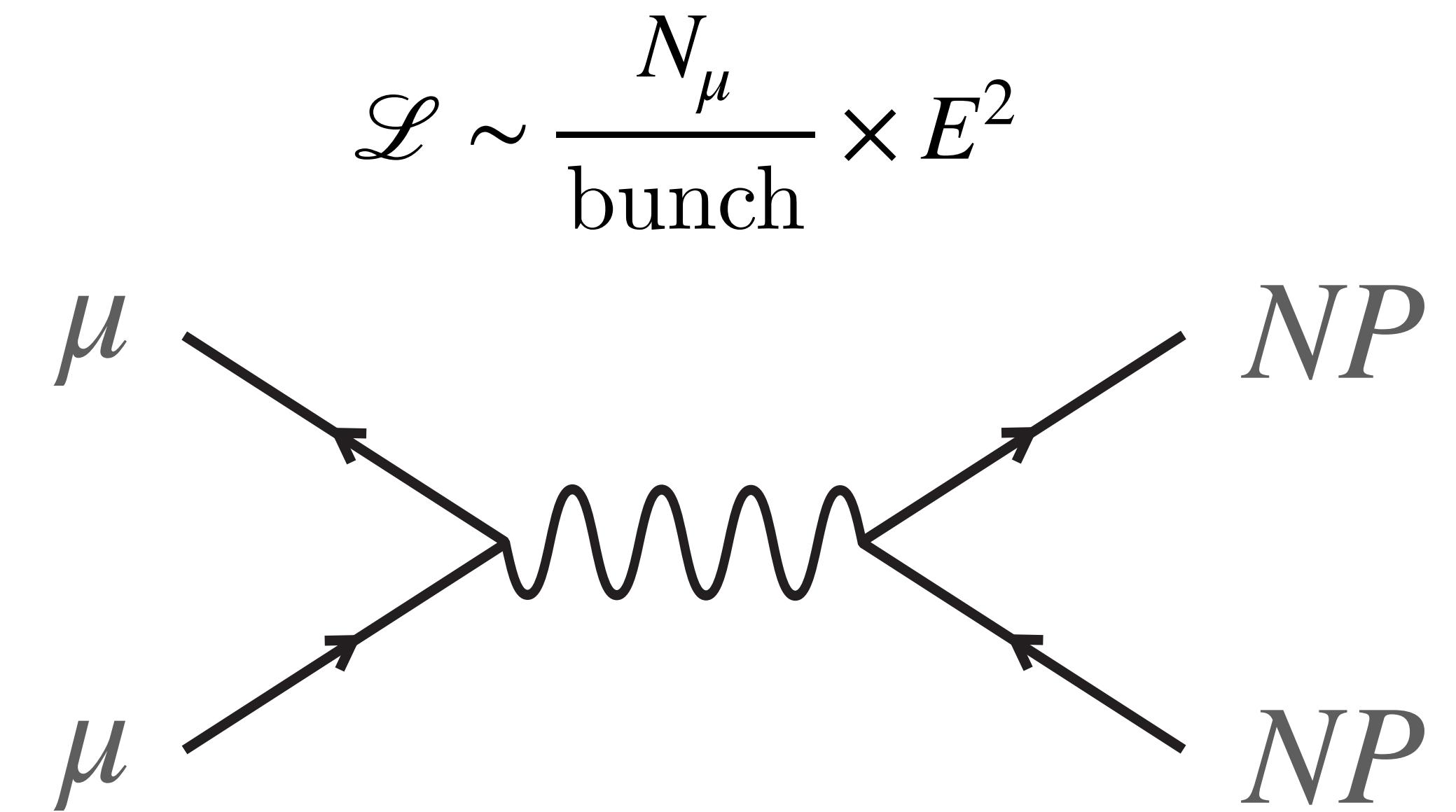


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# Ex: GENERIC DIRECT PRODUCTION

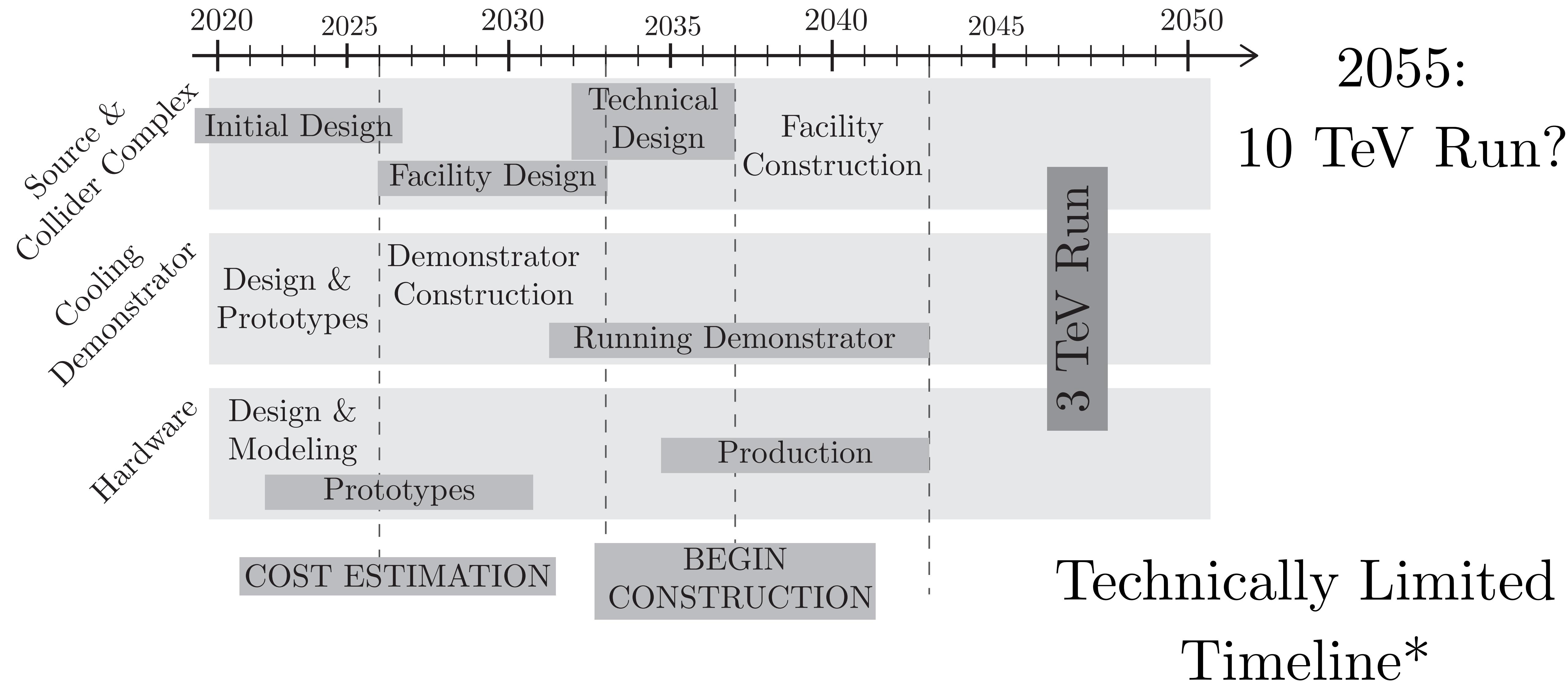


$$m_{NP} \sim \sqrt{s}/2$$



Sensitivity is maintained up to  
kinematic thresholds

# MUON COLLIDER TIMESCALES



# COMPARISON OF COLLIDERS

$pp$

Composite

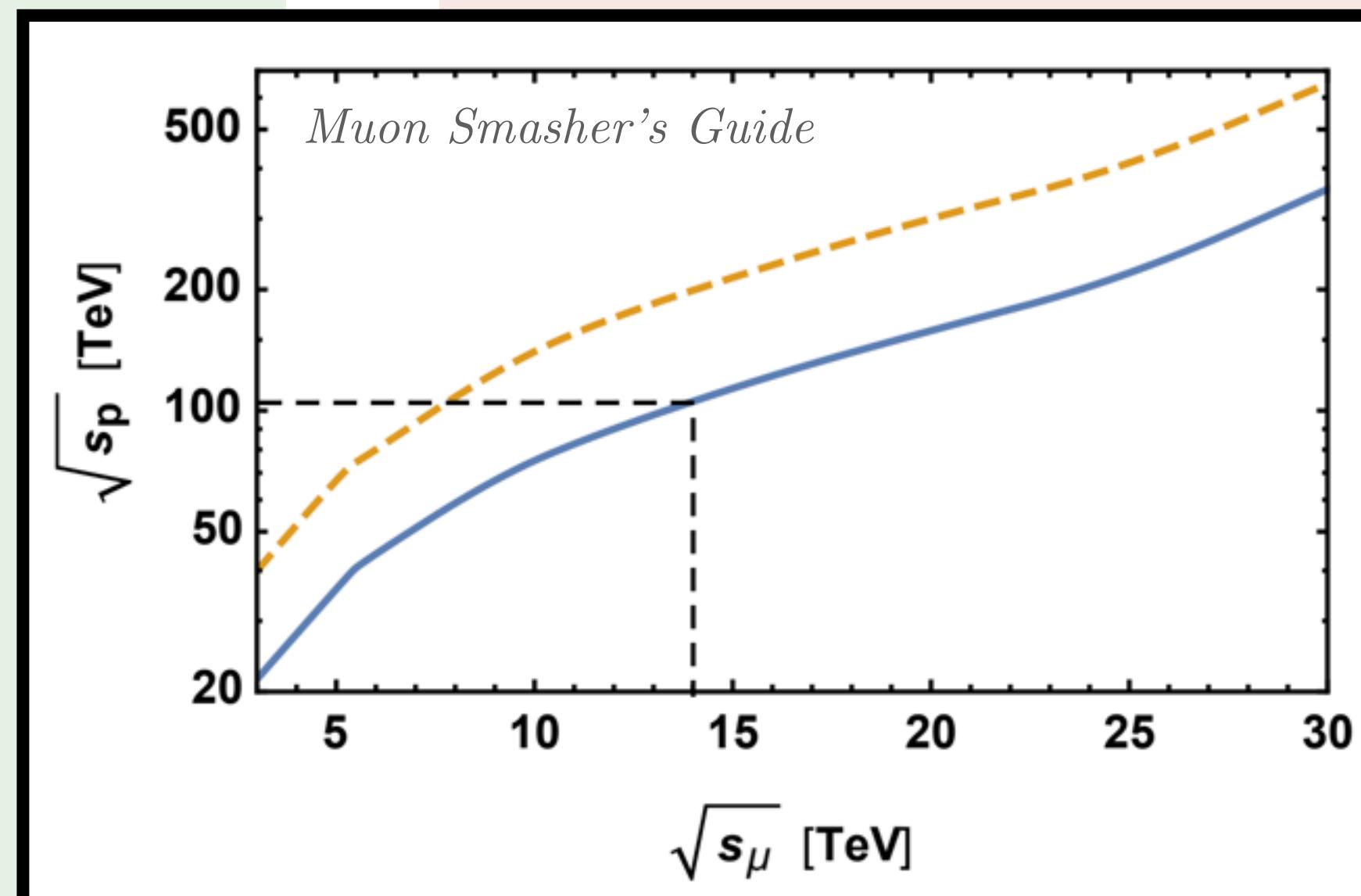
$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll \sqrt{s}^*$$

$\mu^+ \mu^-$

Fundamental

$$\sqrt{\hat{s}} \sim \sqrt{s}$$

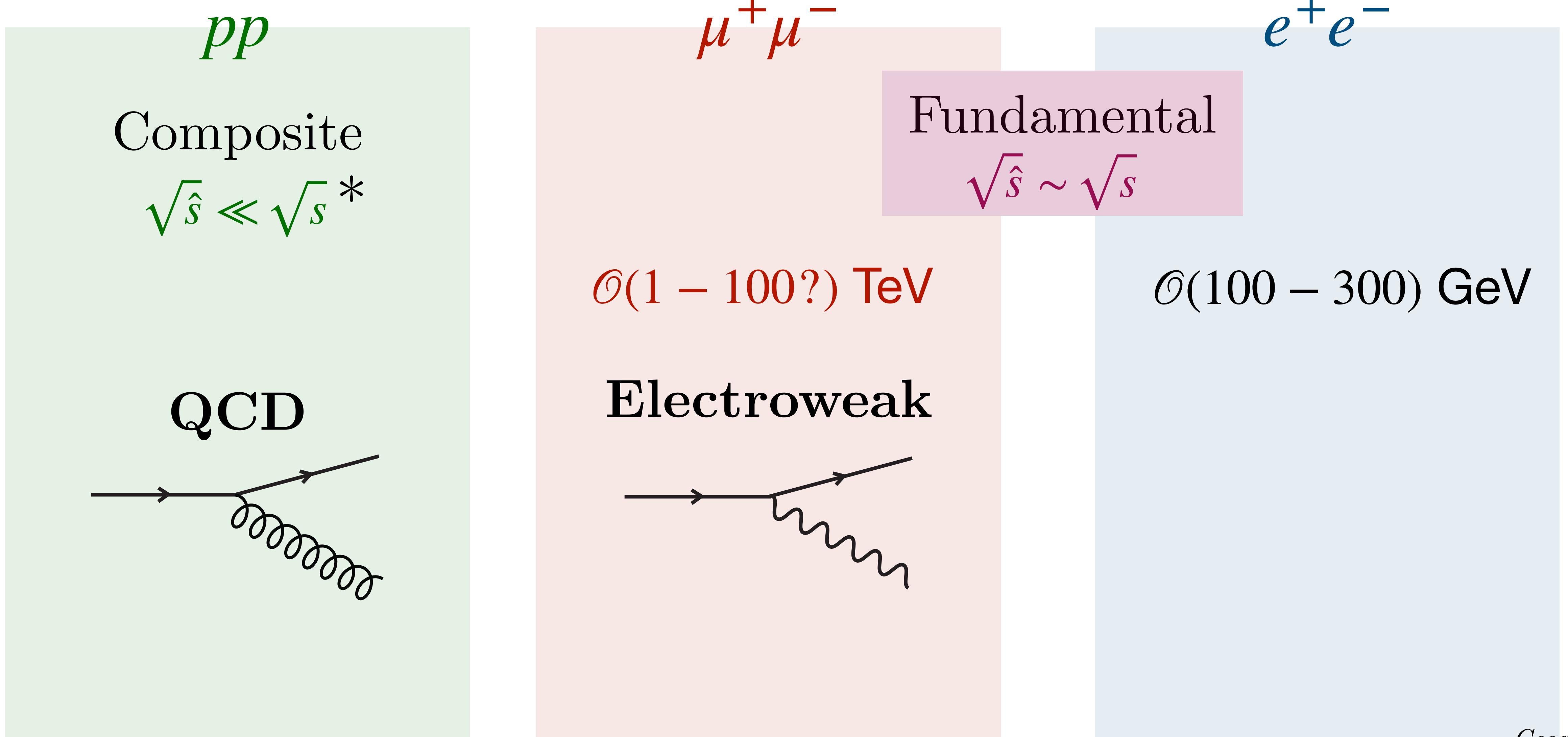
$e^+ e^-$



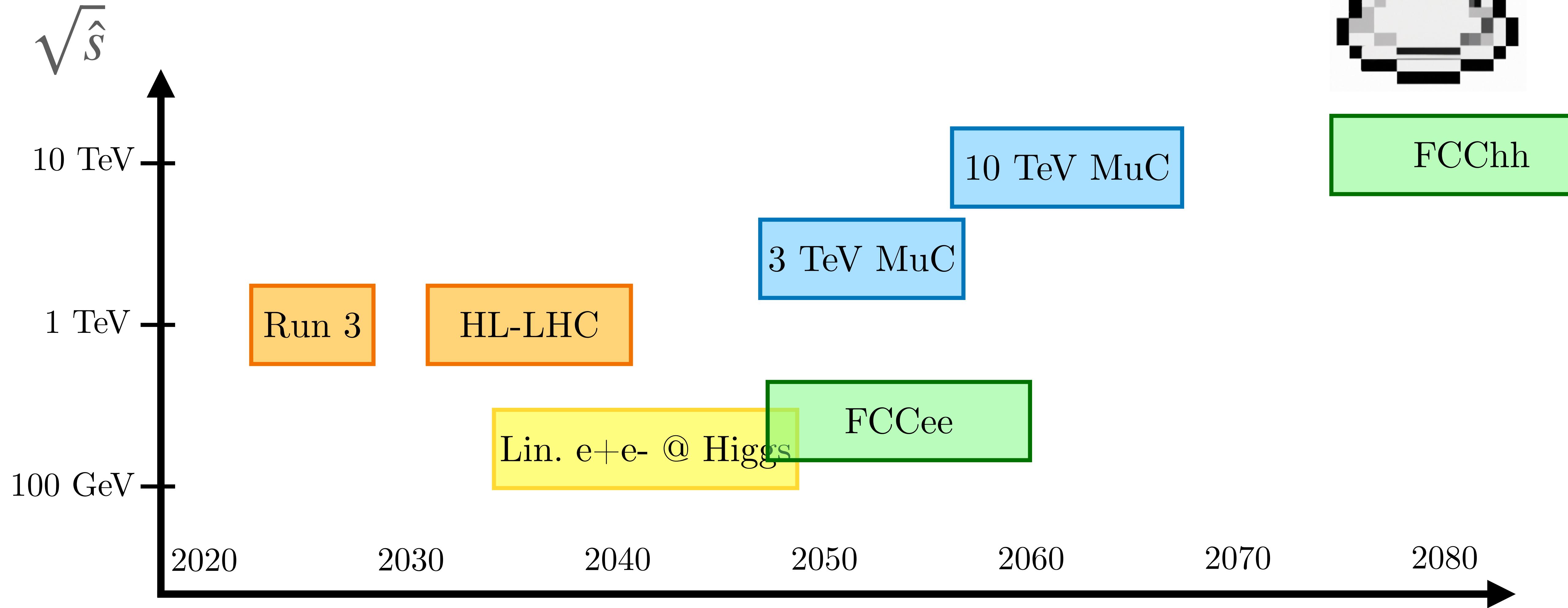
# COMPARISON OF COLLIDERS

$pp$	$\mu^+\mu^-$	$e^+e^-$
Composite $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \ll \sqrt{s}^*$		Fundamental $\sqrt{\hat{s}} \sim \sqrt{s}$
		$P \propto \gamma^4 = \left(\frac{E}{m}\right)^4$
		$P_\mu/P_e \sim 10^{-9}$
	$\mathcal{O}(1 - 100?) \text{ TeV}$	$\mathcal{O}(100 - 300) \text{ GeV}$

# COMPARISON OF COLLIDERS



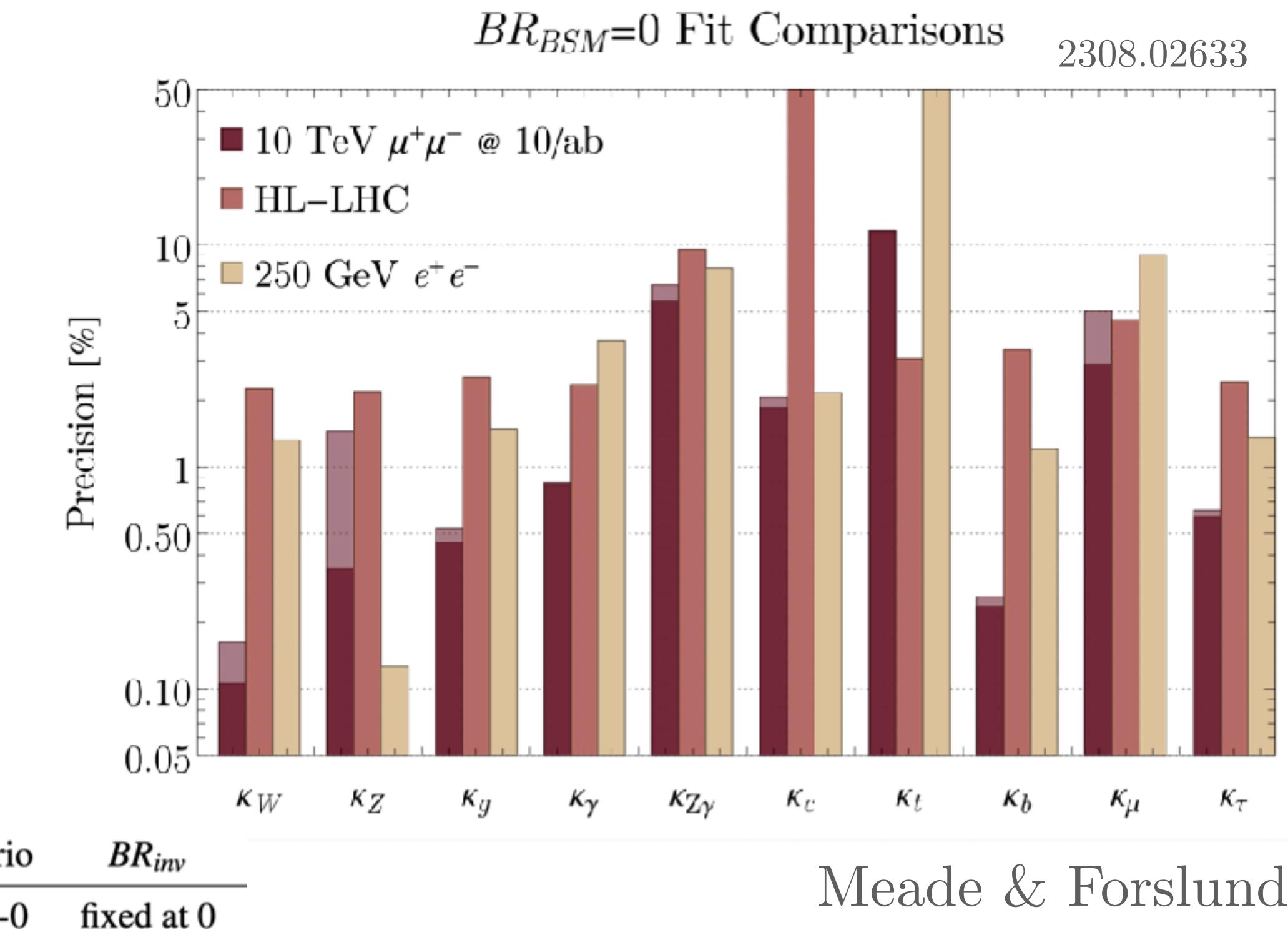
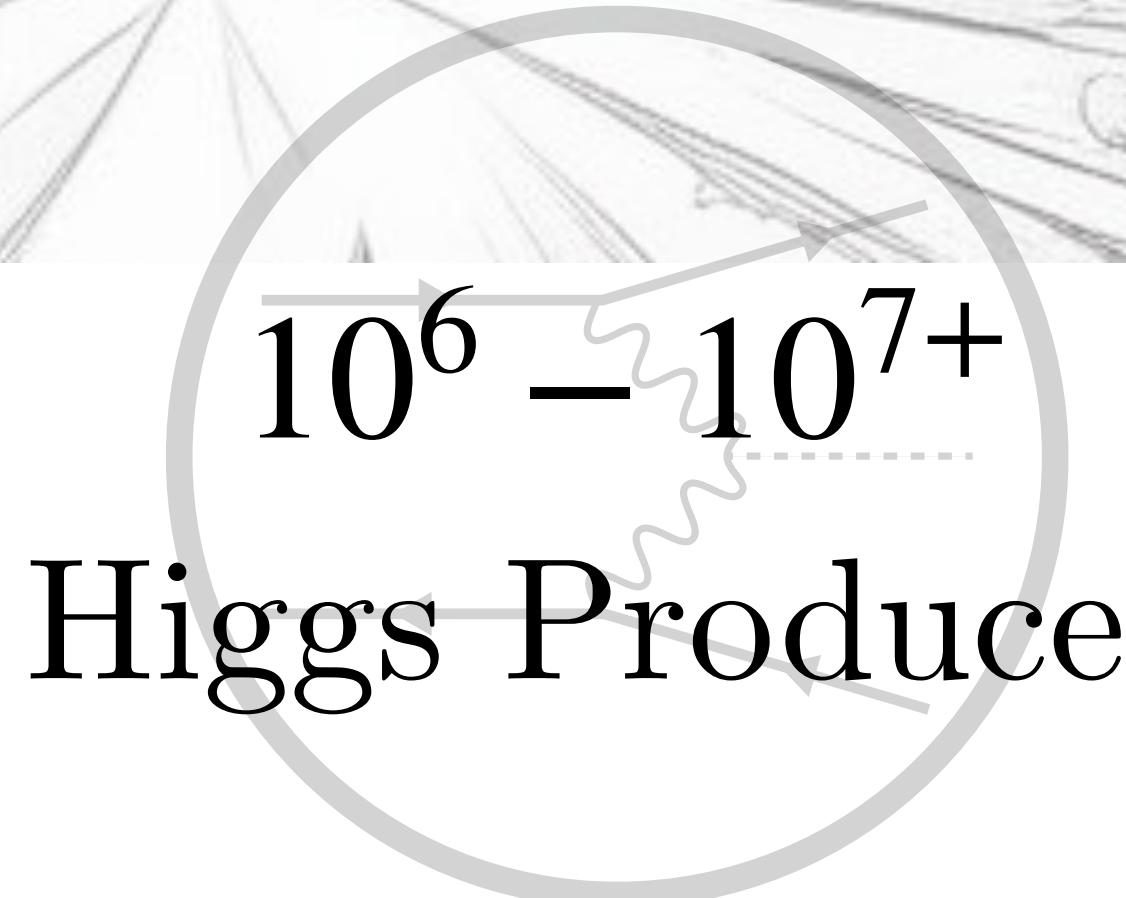
# FUTURE COLLIDER TIMESCALES



# HIGGS COUPLINGS

Consider precision in  
 $\kappa$  framework

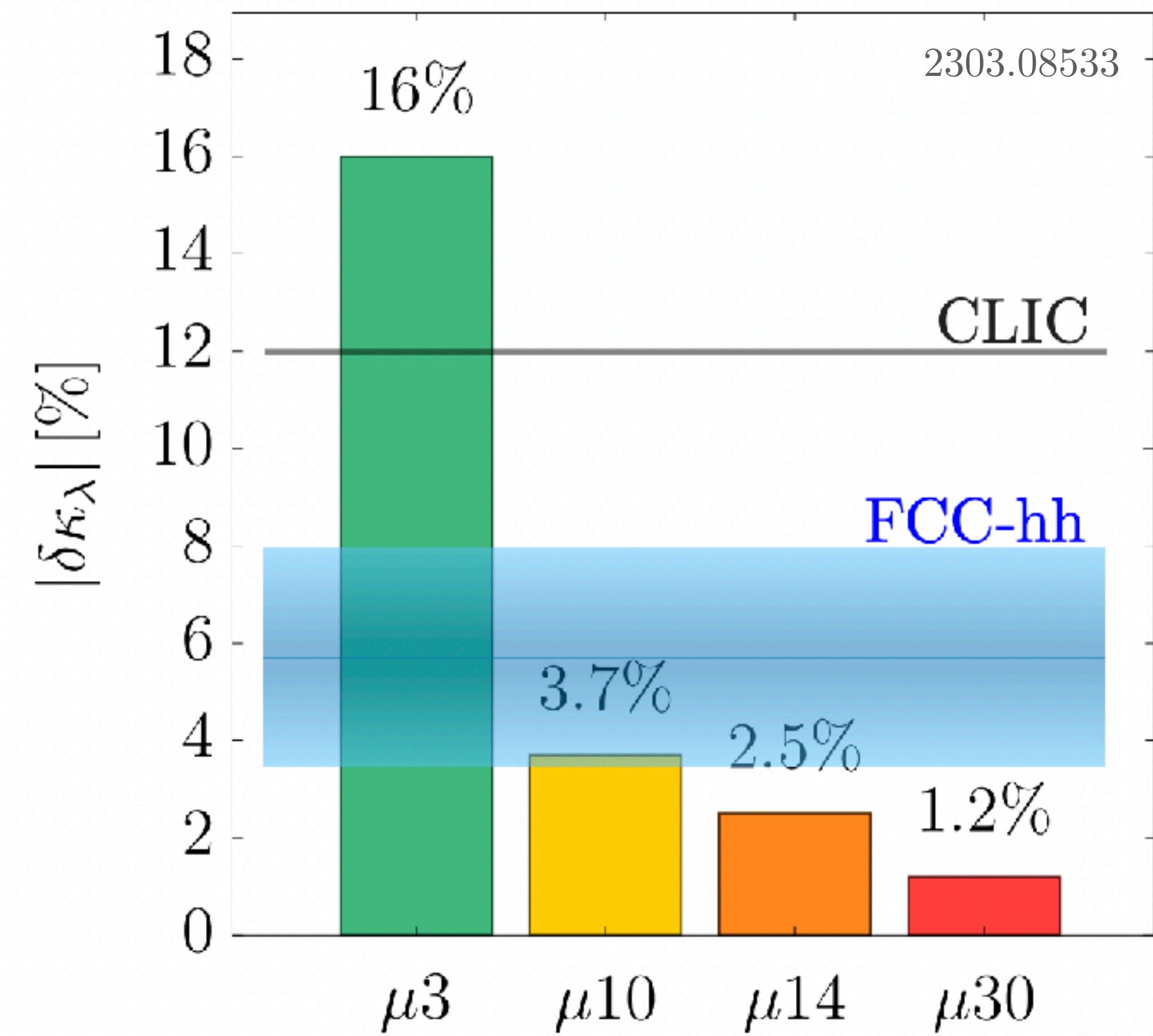
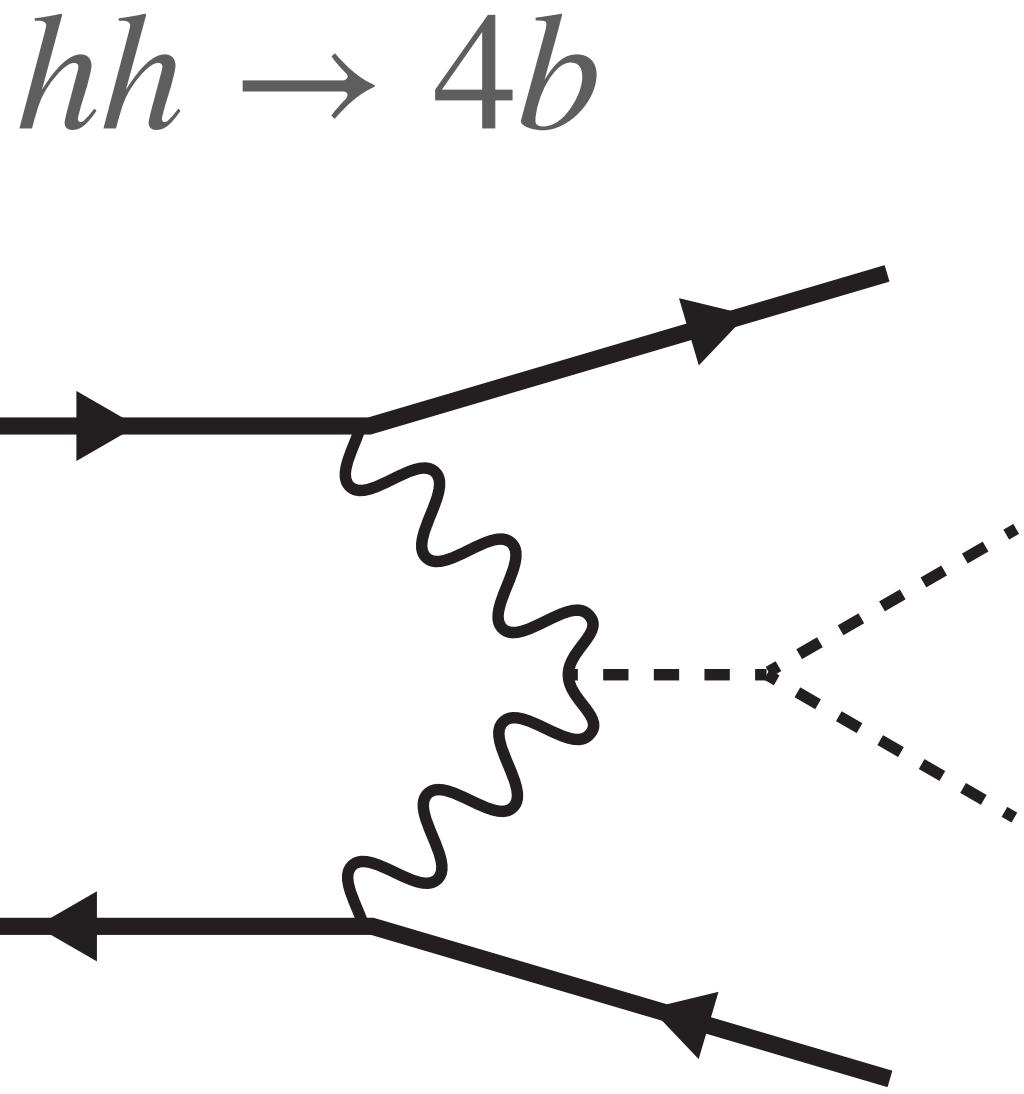
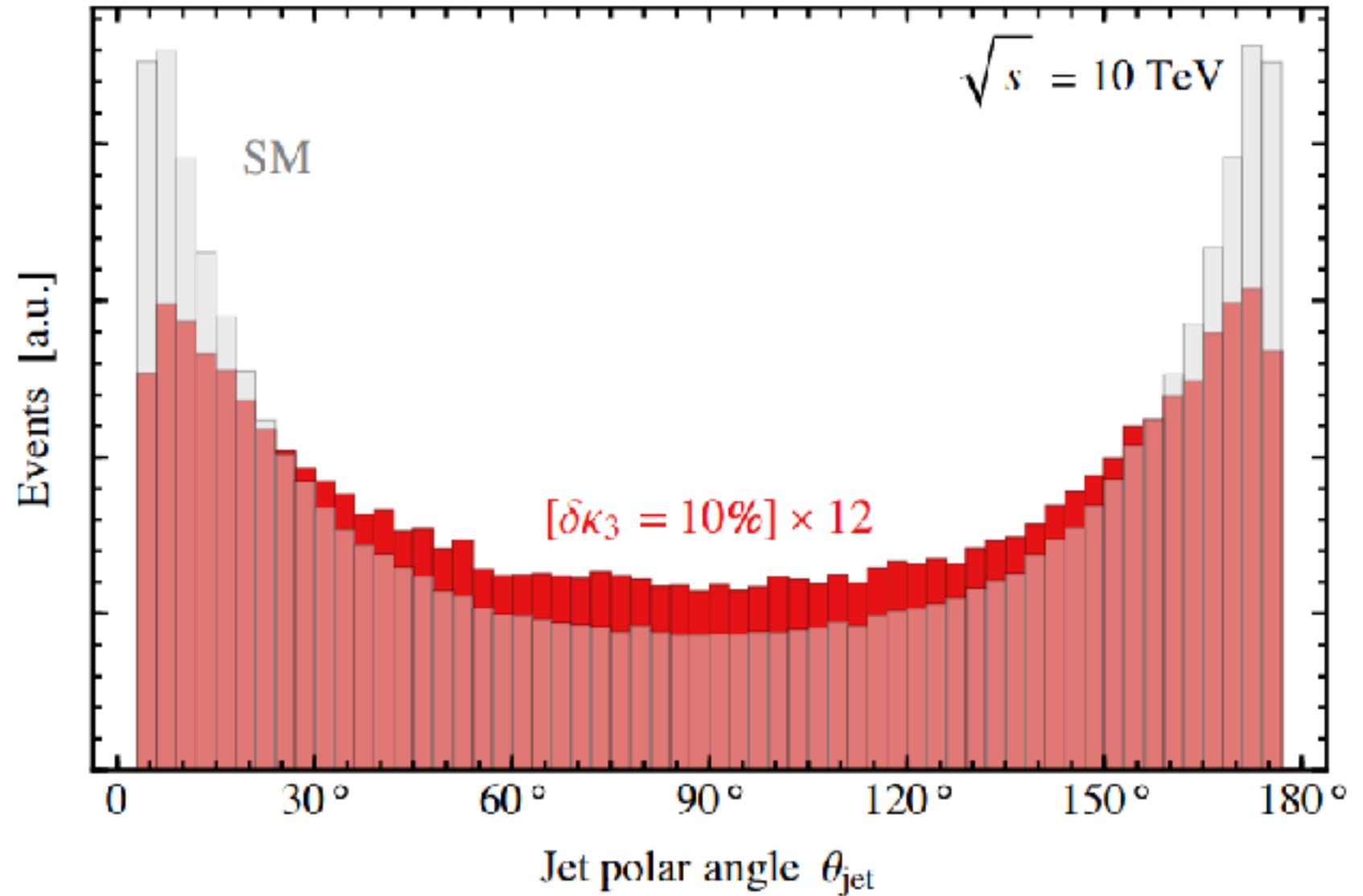
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$\kappa_0$ fit	HL-LHC	ILC			CLIC			CEPC	FCC-ee	FCC-ee/ $\mu^+\mu^-$		
		250	500	1000	380	1500	3000		240	365	eh/hh	
$\kappa_W$ [%]	1.7	1.8	0.29	0.24	0.86	0.16	0.11	1.3	1.3	0.43	0.14	0.06
$\kappa_Z$ [%]	1.5	0.29	0.23	0.22	0.5	0.26	0.23	0.14	0.20	0.17	0.12	0.23
$\kappa_g$ [%]	2.3	2.3	0.97	0.66	2.5	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.7	1.0	0.49	0.15
$\kappa_\gamma$ [%]	1.9	6.7	3.4	1.9	98*	5.0	2.2	3.7	4.7	3.9	0.29	0.64
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ [%]	10.	99*	86*	85*	120*	15	6.9	8.2	81*	75*	0.69	1.0
$\kappa_c$ [%]	—	2.5	1.3	0.9	4.3	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.8	1.3	0.95	0.89
$\kappa_t$ [%]	3.3	—	6.9	1.6	—	—	2.7	—	—	—	1.0	6.0
$\kappa_b$ [%]	3.6	1.8	0.58	0.48	1.9	0.46	0.37	1.2	1.3	0.67	0.43	0.16
$\kappa_\mu$ [%]	4.6	15	9.4	6.2	320*	13	5.8	8.9	10	8.9	0.41	2.0
$\kappa_\tau$ [%]	1.9	1.9	0.70	0.57	3.0	1.3	0.88	1.3	1.4	0.73	0.44	0.31



# HIGGS POTENTIAL

$E$ [TeV]	$\mathcal{L}$ [ $\text{ab}^{-1}$ ]	$N_{\text{rec}}$	$\delta \kappa_3$
3	5	170	~ 10%
10	10	620	~ 4%
14	20	1340	~ 2.5%
30	90	6'300	~ 1.2%

Central region to cut out BiB



Buttazzo, Franceschini, Wulzer 2012.11555,

Han et al. 2008.12204, Costantini et al. 2005.10289

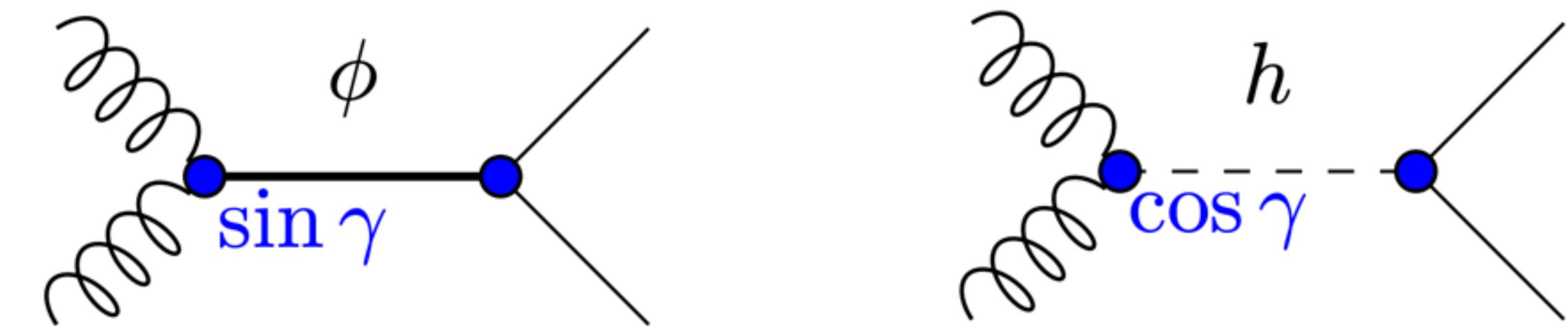
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Benchmark model: New singlet  $S$  mixes with Higgs

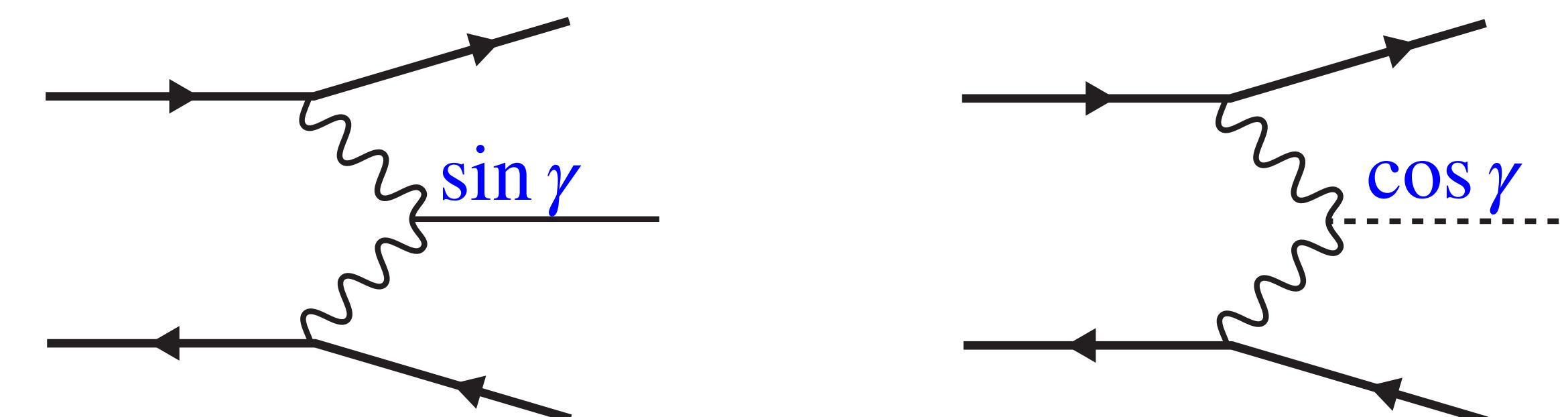
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*pp Collider Production*



*$l^+l^-$  Collider Production*



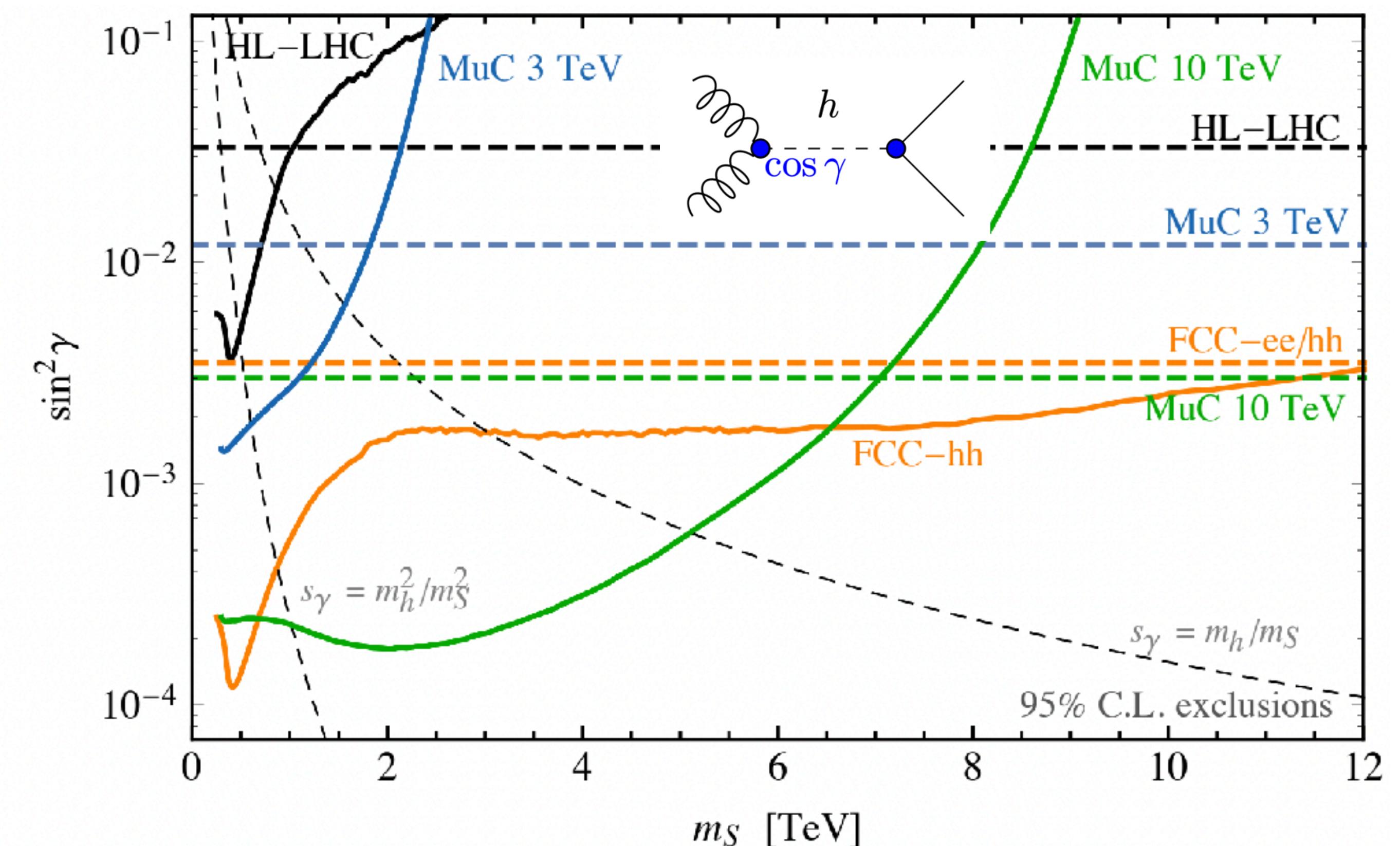
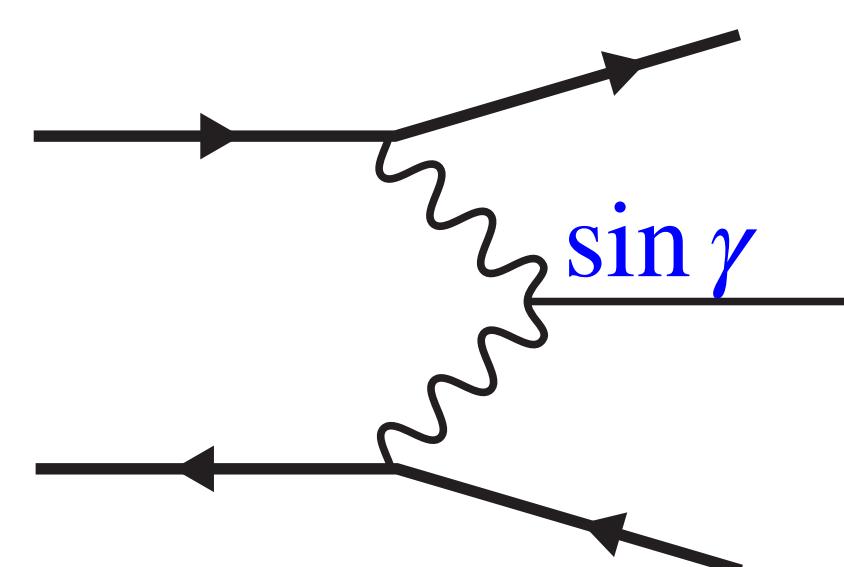
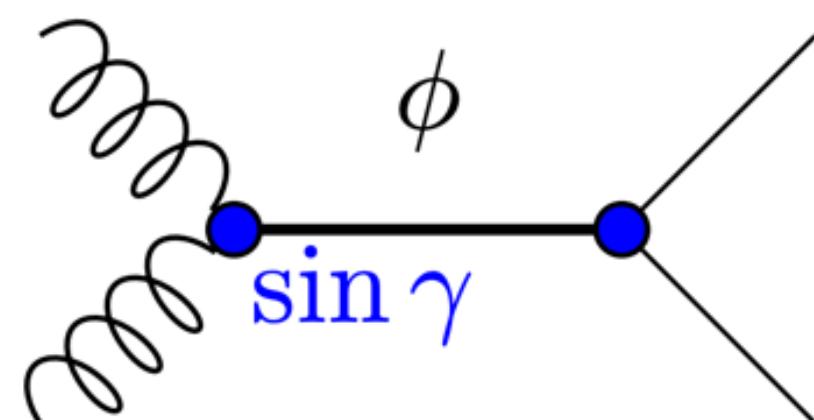
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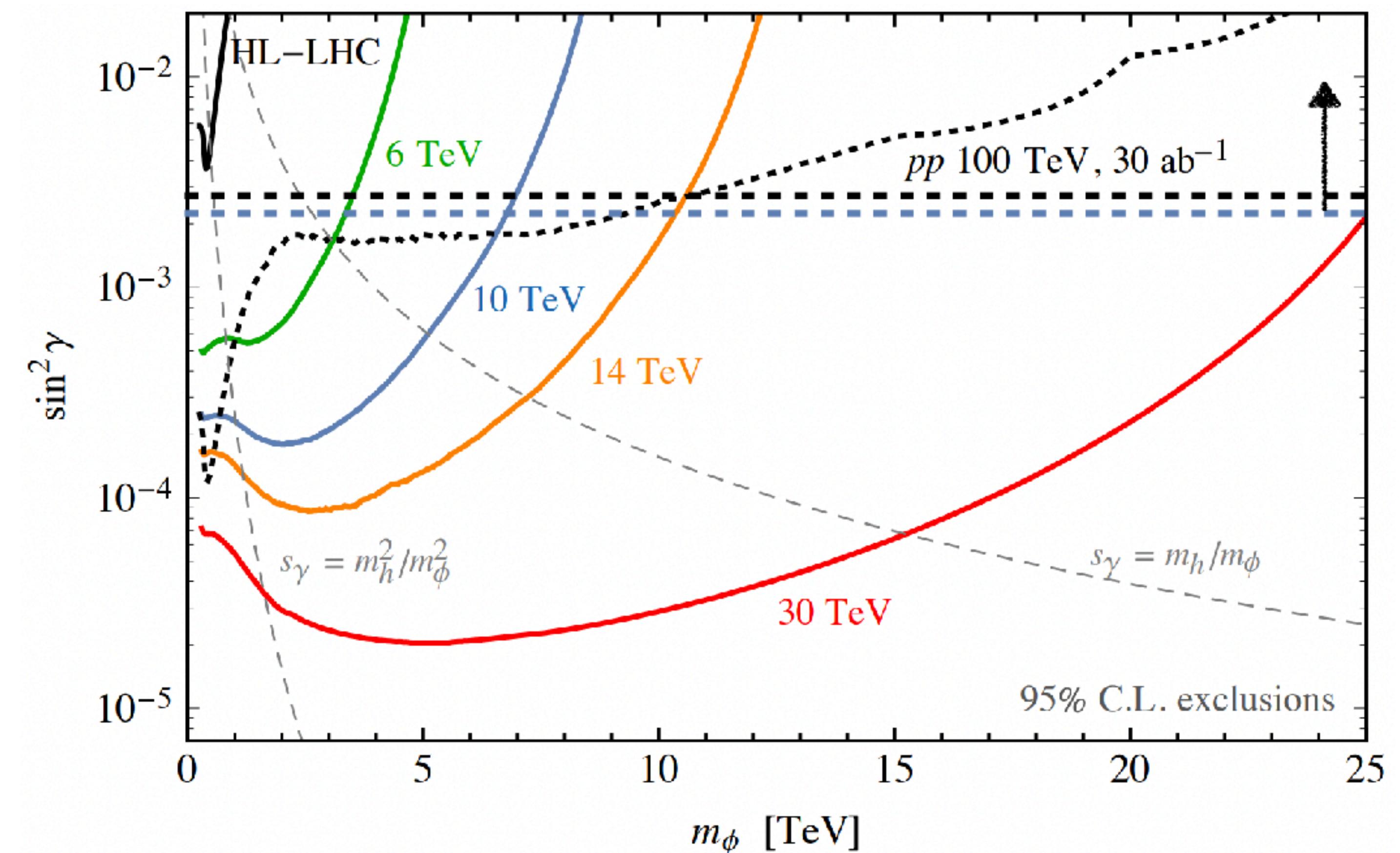
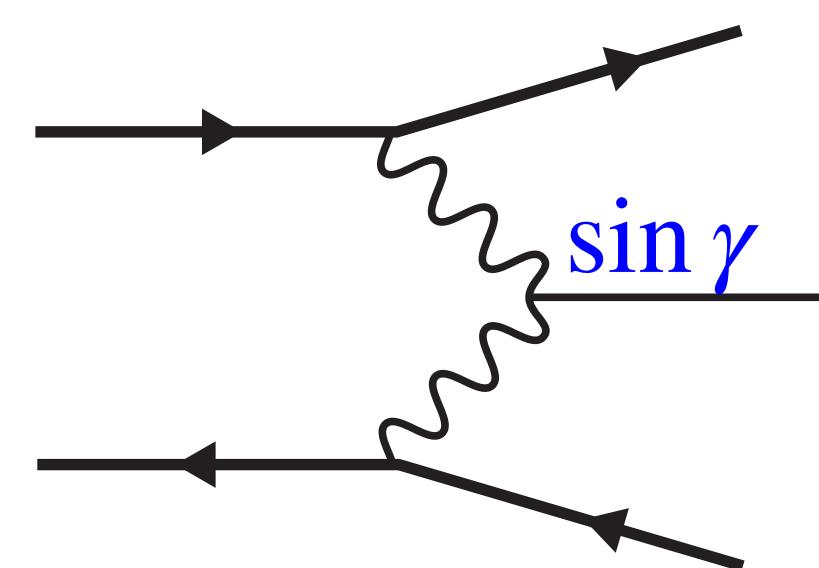
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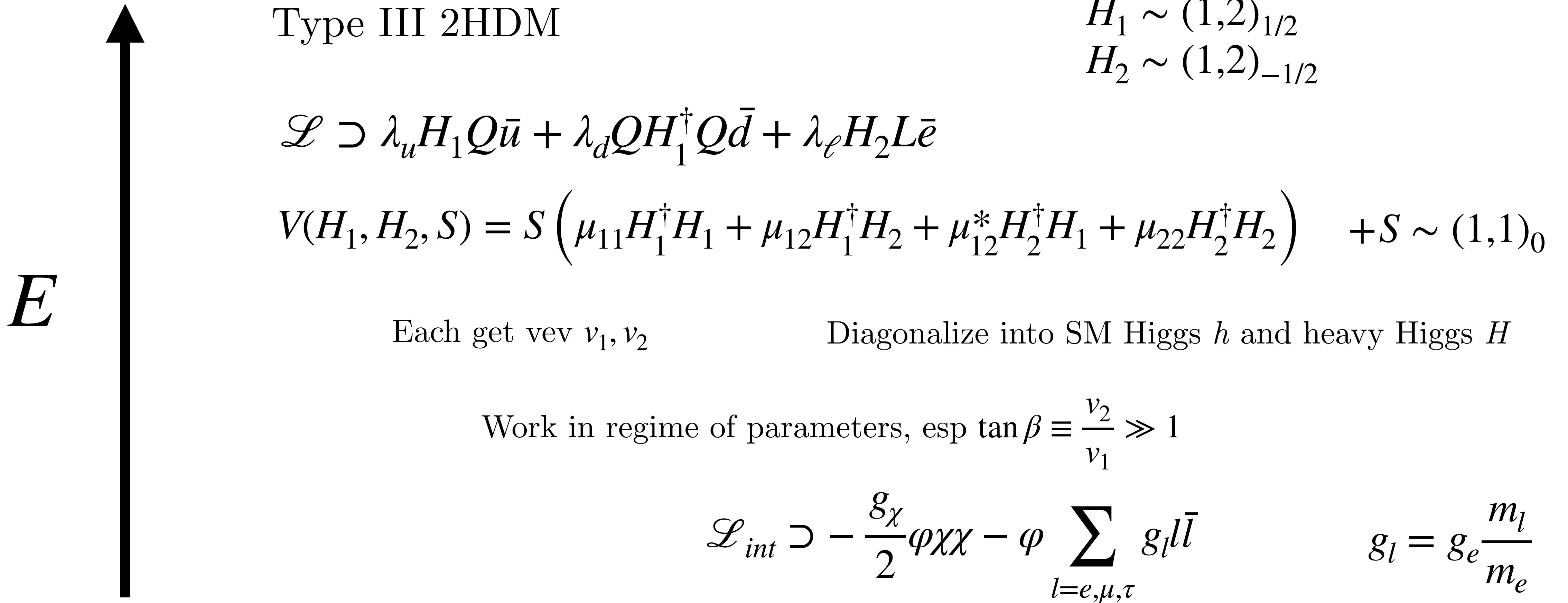
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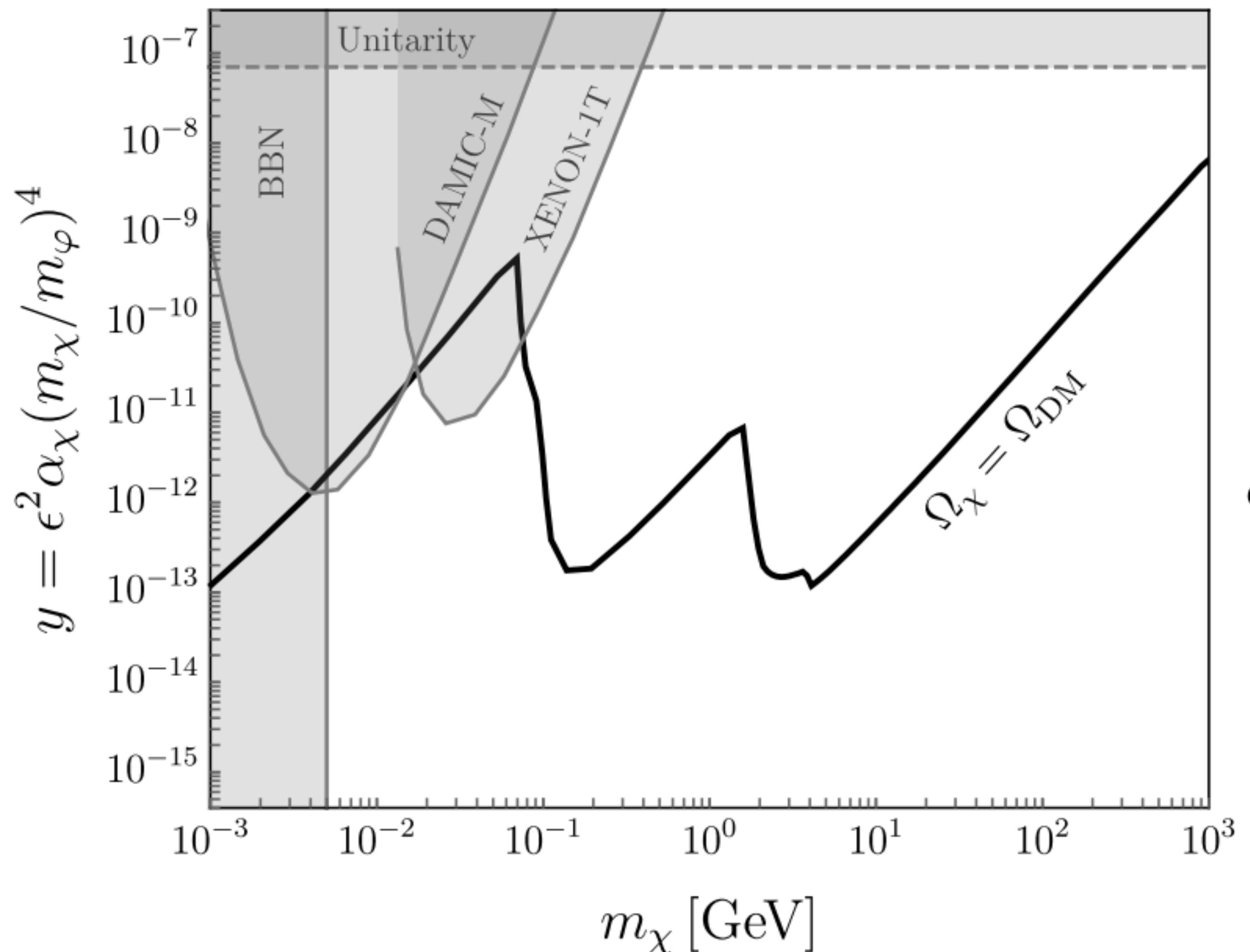
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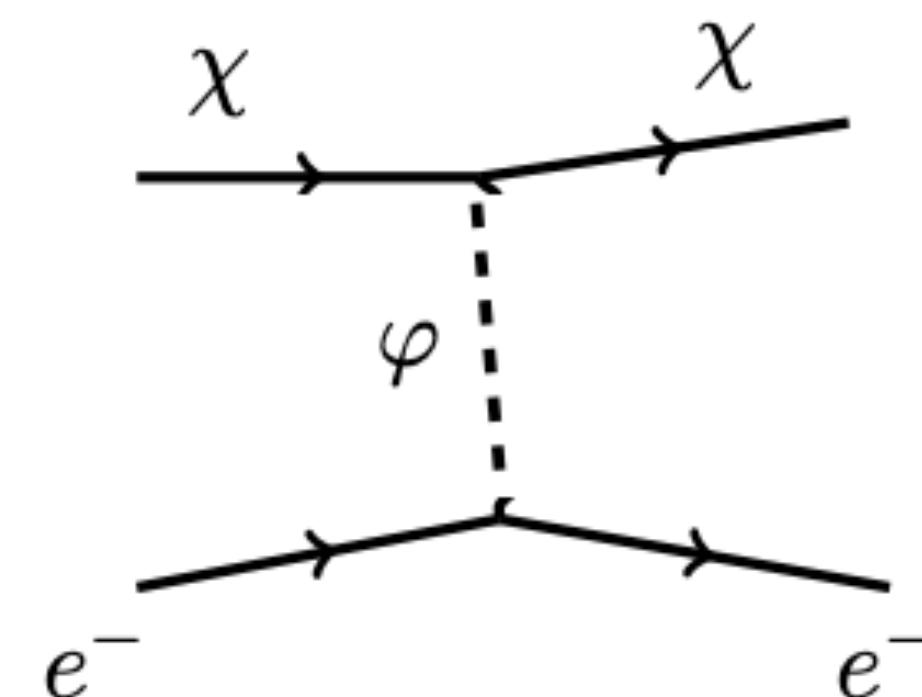
# Ex: LEPTOPHILIC DARK MATTER



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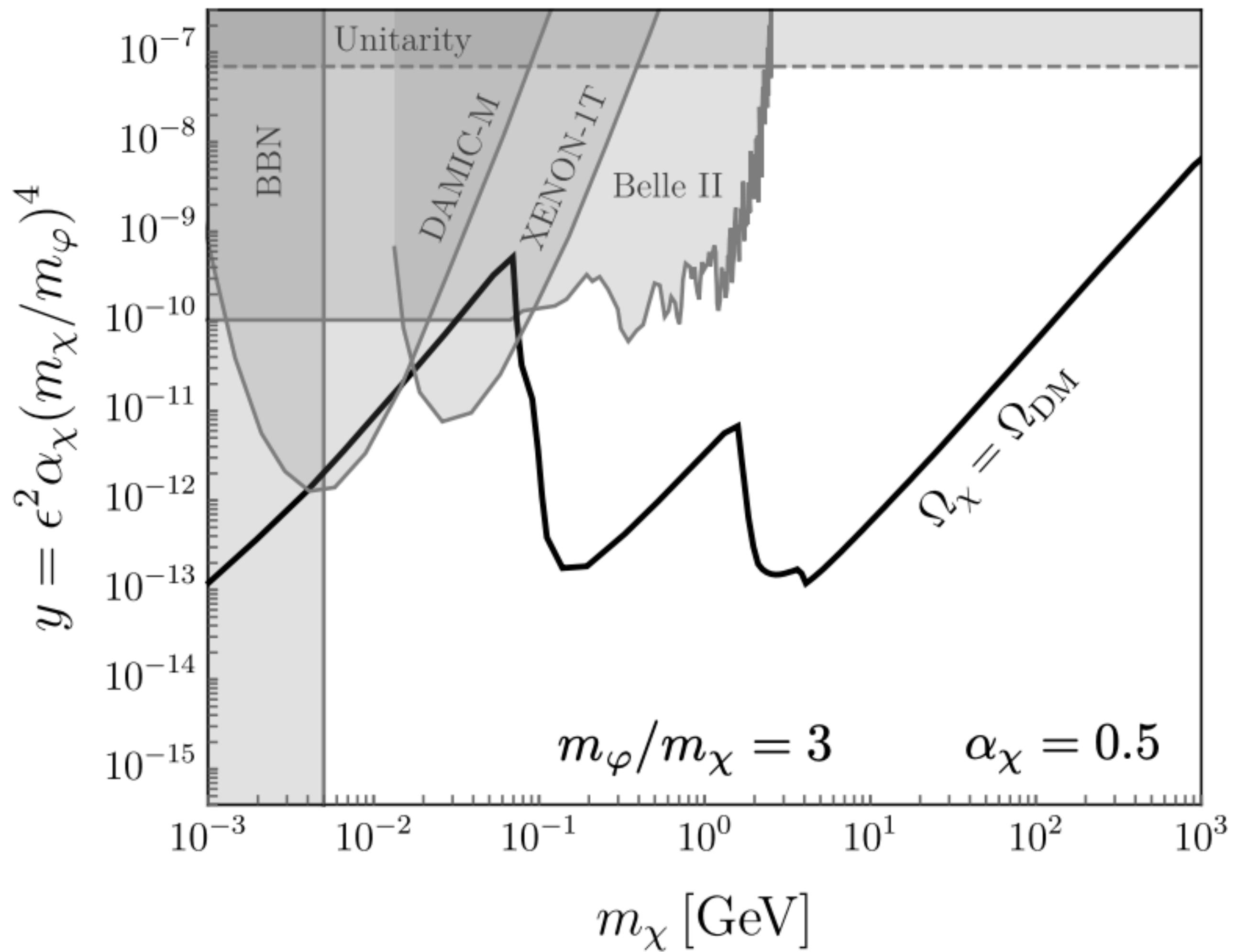


Direct Detection

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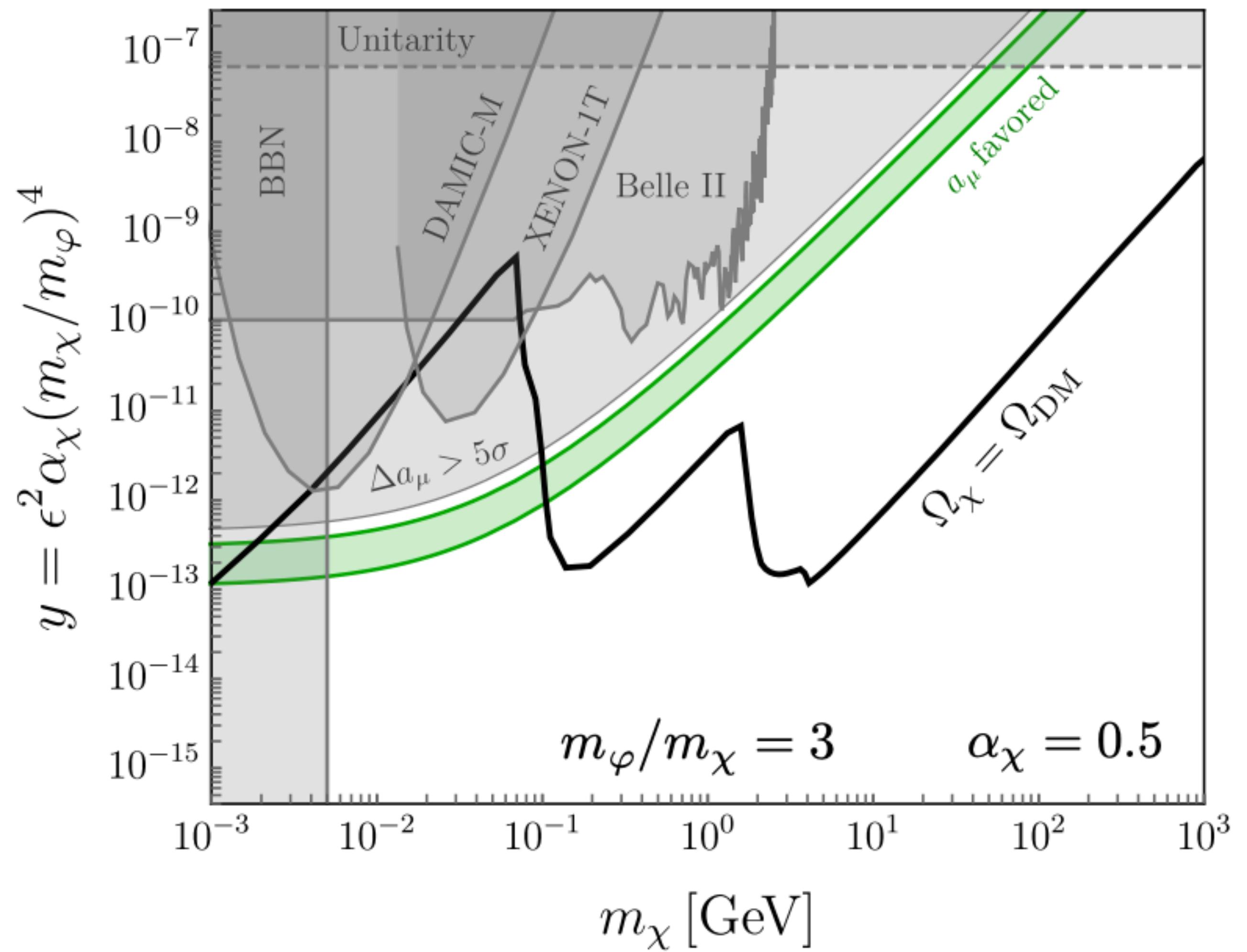
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*B* Factories

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \varphi$$

(Dimuon + missing energy)

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*Muon g-2*

Feynman diagram illustrating the process for Muon g-2. An incoming muon  $\mu_L$  (represented by a horizontal line with arrows) interacts with a virtual photon  $\gamma$  (represented by a wavy line). The outgoing particles are a muon neutrino  $\nu$  (represented by a horizontal line with a circle and cross) and a muon  $\mu^c$  (represented by a horizontal line with a wavy line). A scalar field  $\varphi$  (represented by a dashed circle) is also shown interacting with the system.

Muon g-2 2311.08282

CC, Krnjaic '24 (to come)

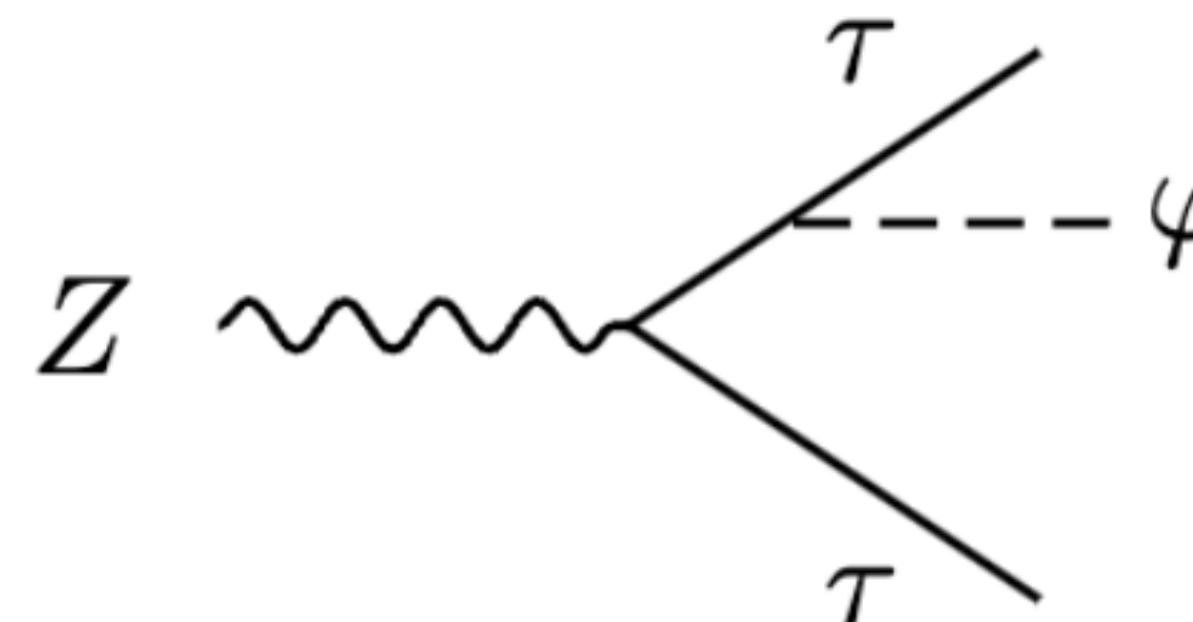
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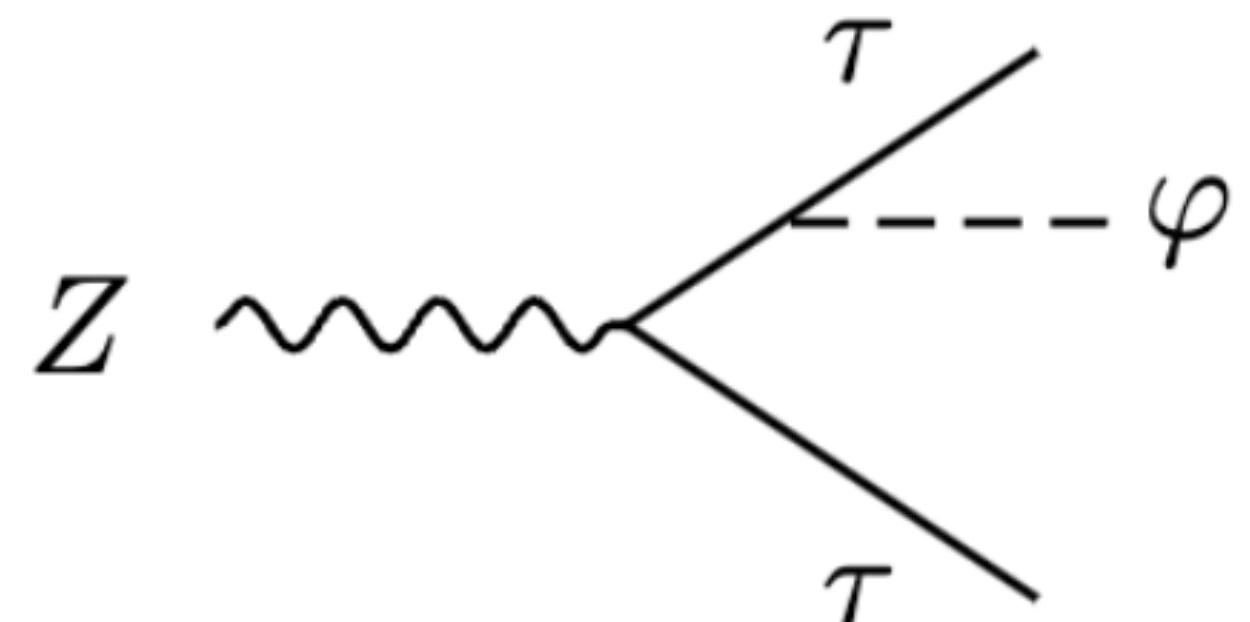
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Previous LEP:  $(1.7 \times 10^7 Z\text{s})$

$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau) = 84.08 \pm 0.22 \text{ MeV}$$

FCCee Tera- $Z$ :  $(10^{12} Z\text{s})$

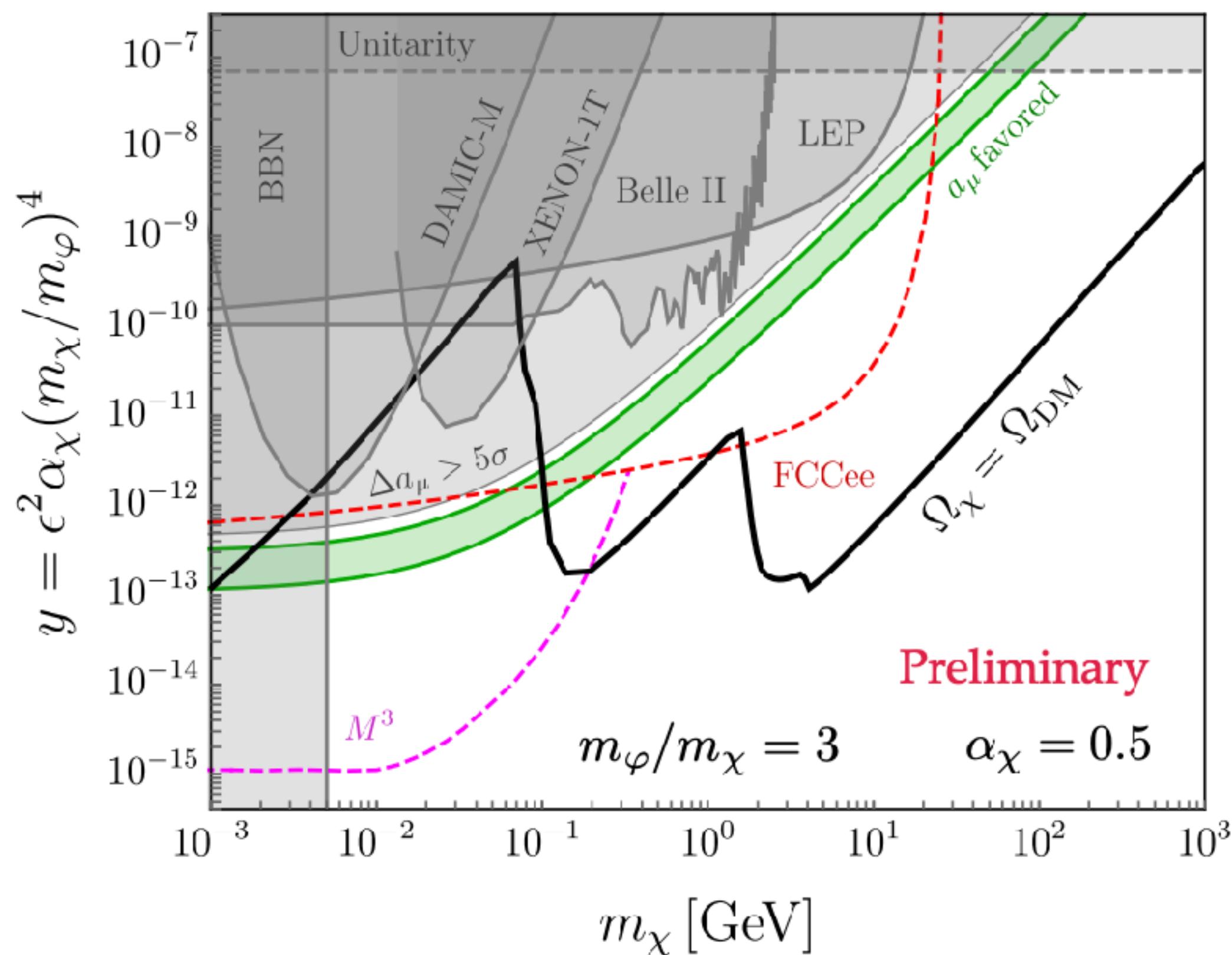
*Assume primary improvements come from statistics*

$$\Delta\Gamma \times \sqrt{N_{LEP}/N_{FCC}}$$

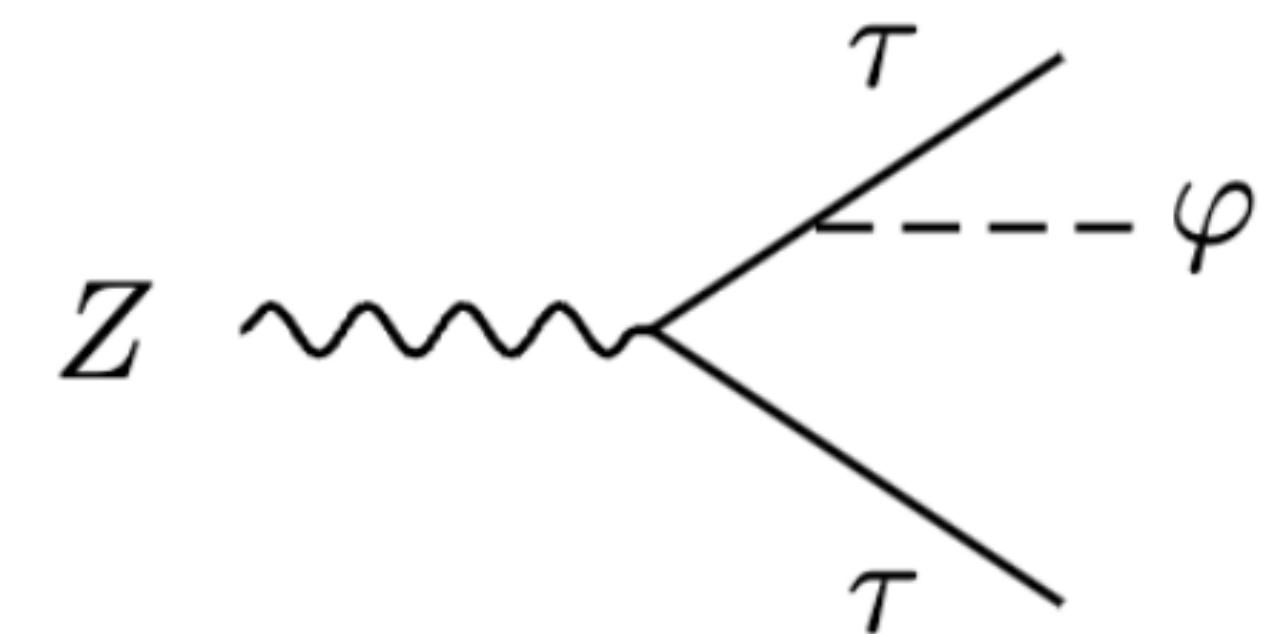
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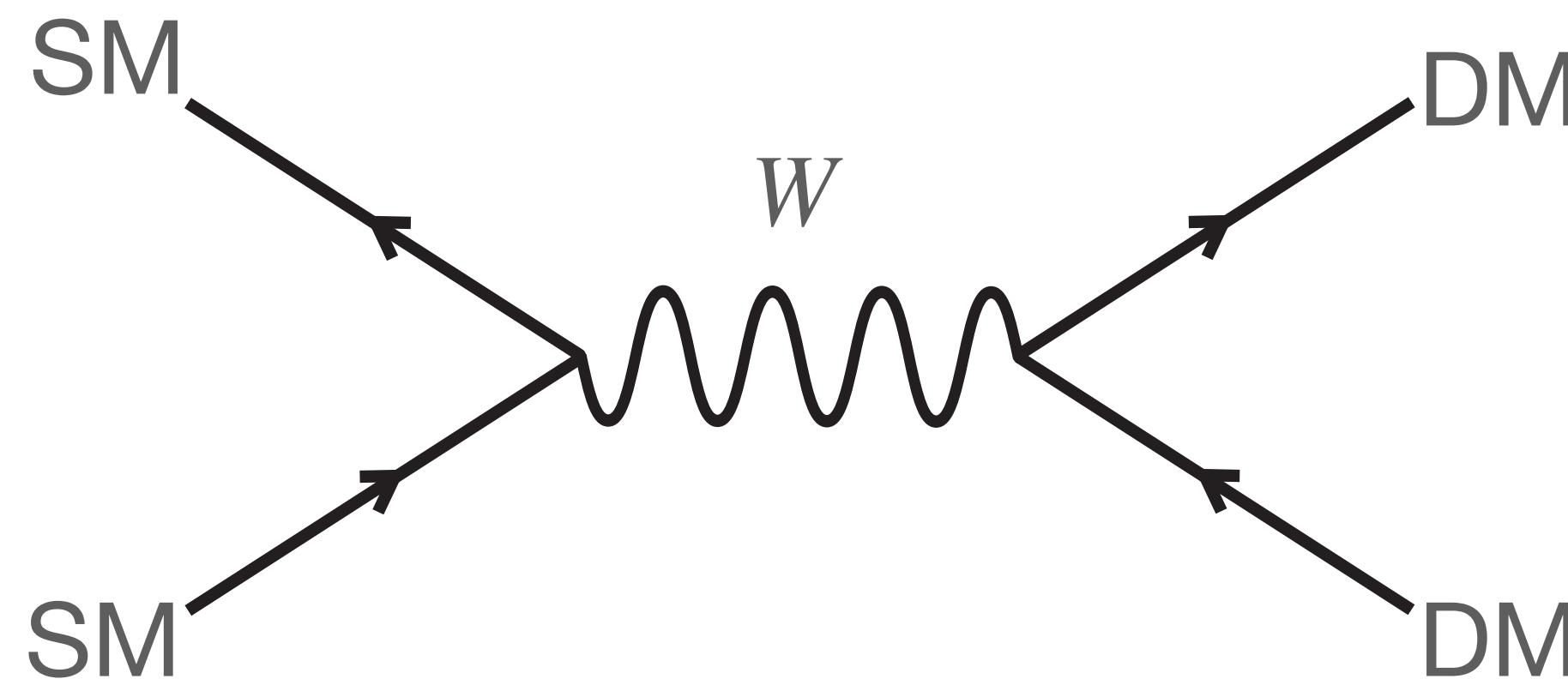
$2\sigma$  in  $\Delta\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau)$



# Ex: WIMP DARK MATTER

For dark matter models coupling to EW bosons,

MuC is an ideal place for searches



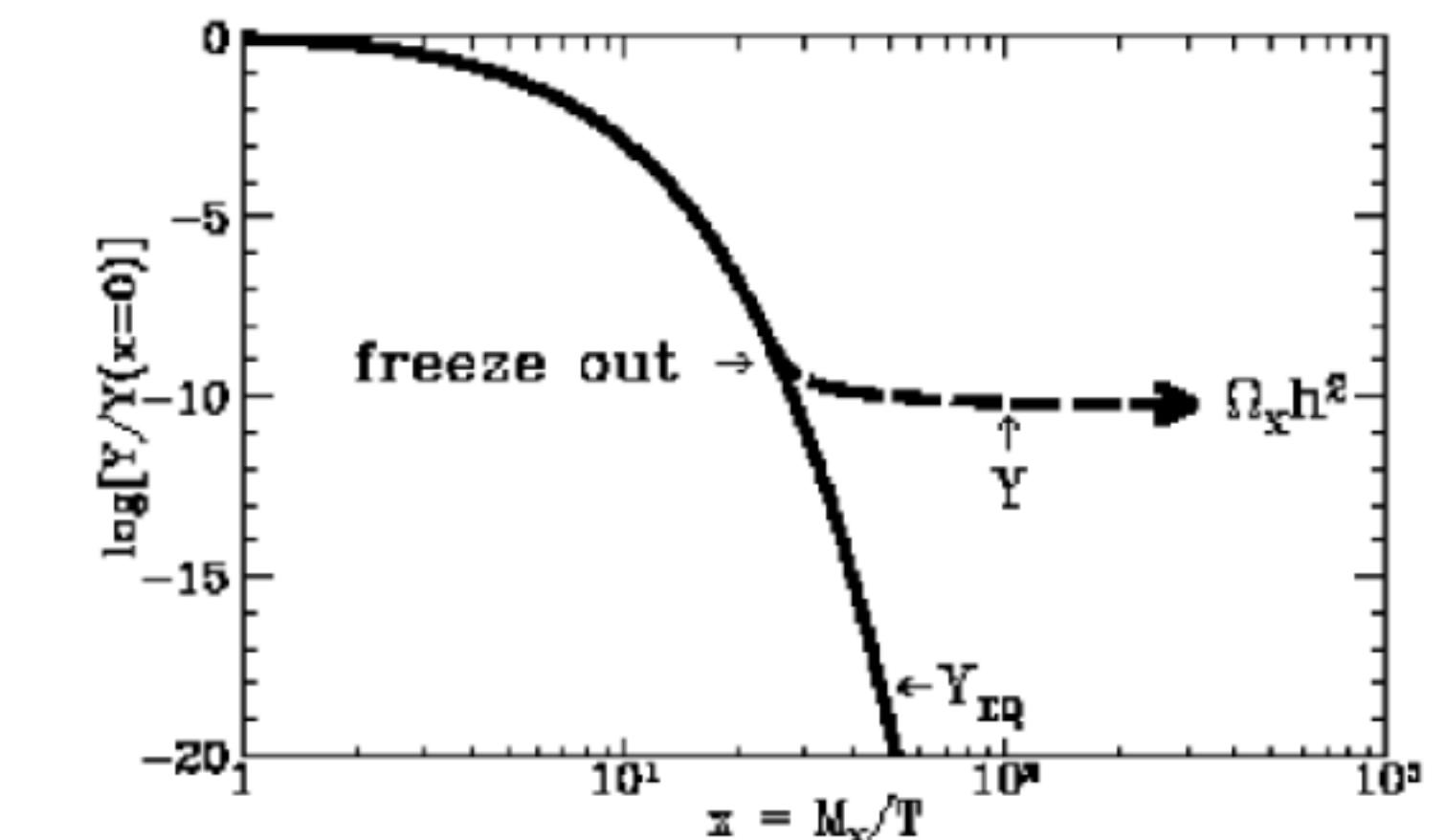
Electroweak  $n$ -plet

$\chi^+, \chi^-$

$\chi^0$

Mass fixed by freeze-out abundance

EW n-plet	Mass [TeV]
$2_{1/2}$	1.08
$3_0$	2.86
$4_{1/2}$	4.8
$5_0$	13.6
$5_1$	9.9
$6_{1/2}$	31.8
$7_0$	48.8
$9_0$	113



# Ex: GENERAL INDIRECT PRODUCTION

EFT APPROACH FOR ENERGY  $\leftrightarrow$  PRECISION

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g^2}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}^6 + \dots$$

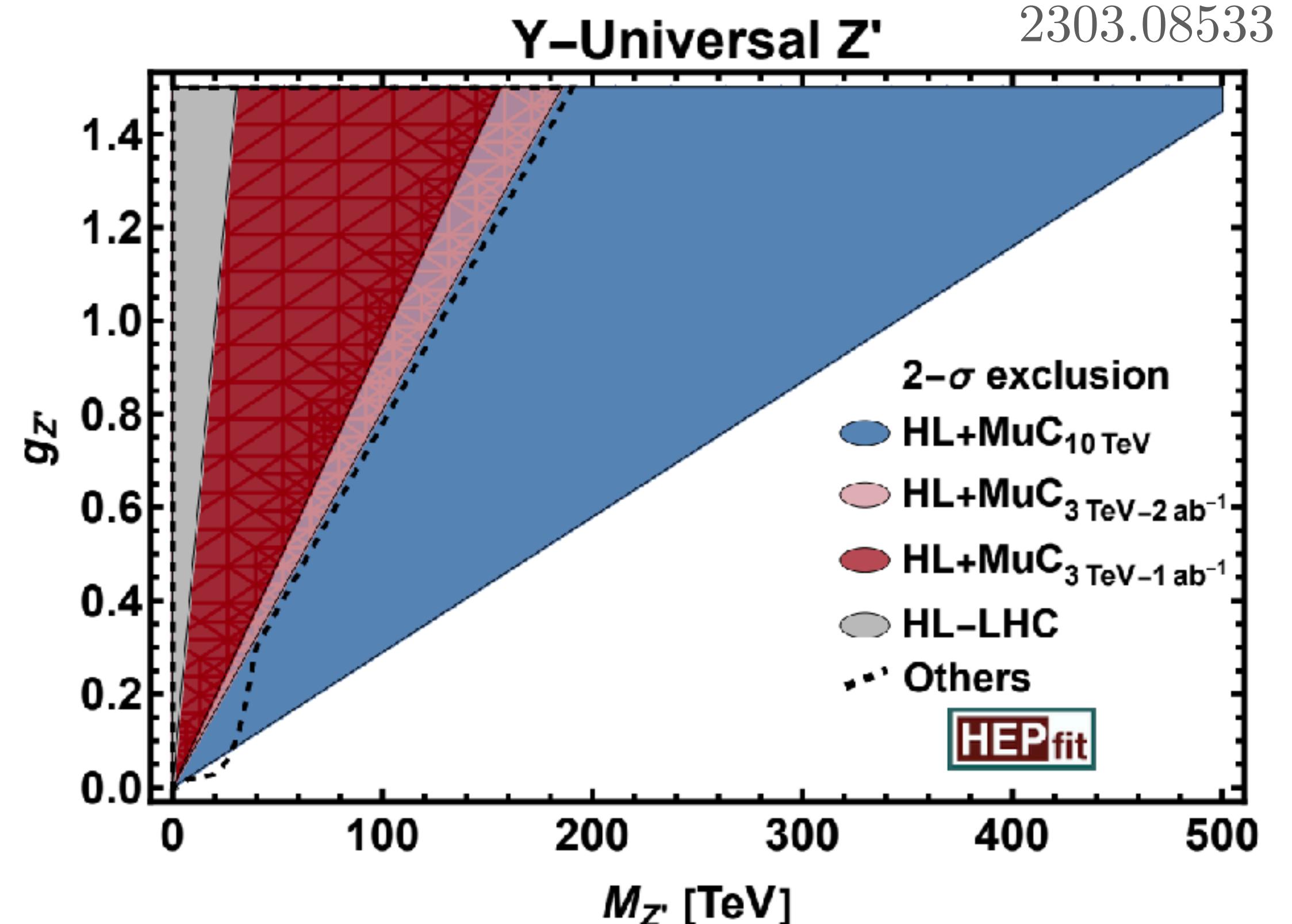
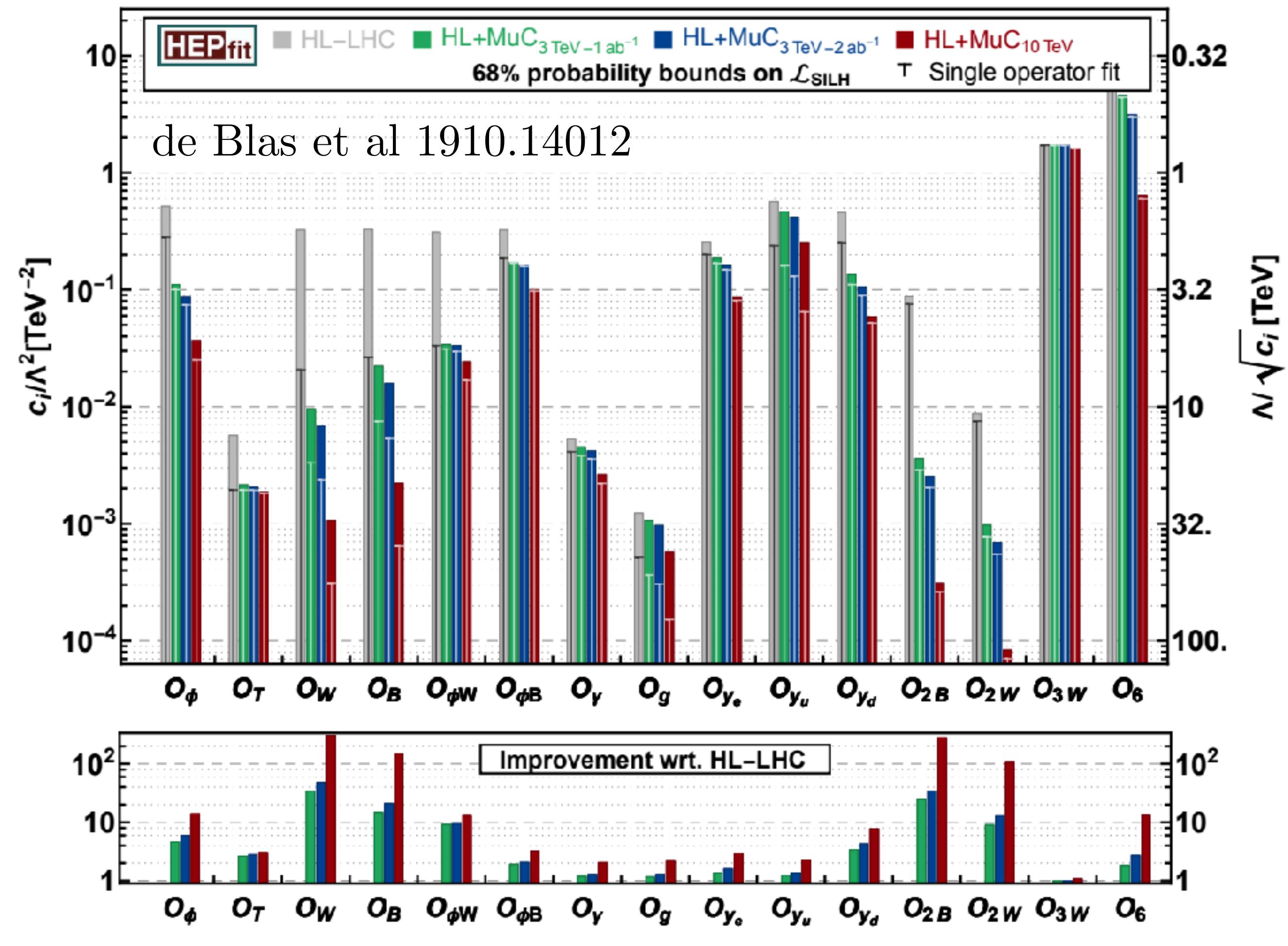
SAY YOU CAN MEASURE SOMETHING TO 1% PRECISION

$$g \sim 1 \quad \frac{\Delta \mathcal{O}}{\mathcal{O}} = 0.01 \approx \frac{E^2}{\Lambda^2} \quad \begin{aligned} E &\sim 10 \text{ TeV} \\ \Lambda &\sim 100 \text{ TeV} \end{aligned}$$

CAN STILL BE PROBING NEW PHYSICS AT MUCH HIGHER SCALES!

# PHYSICS REACH OF MUC

## EFT APPROACH FOR ENERGY $\leftrightarrow$ PRECISION



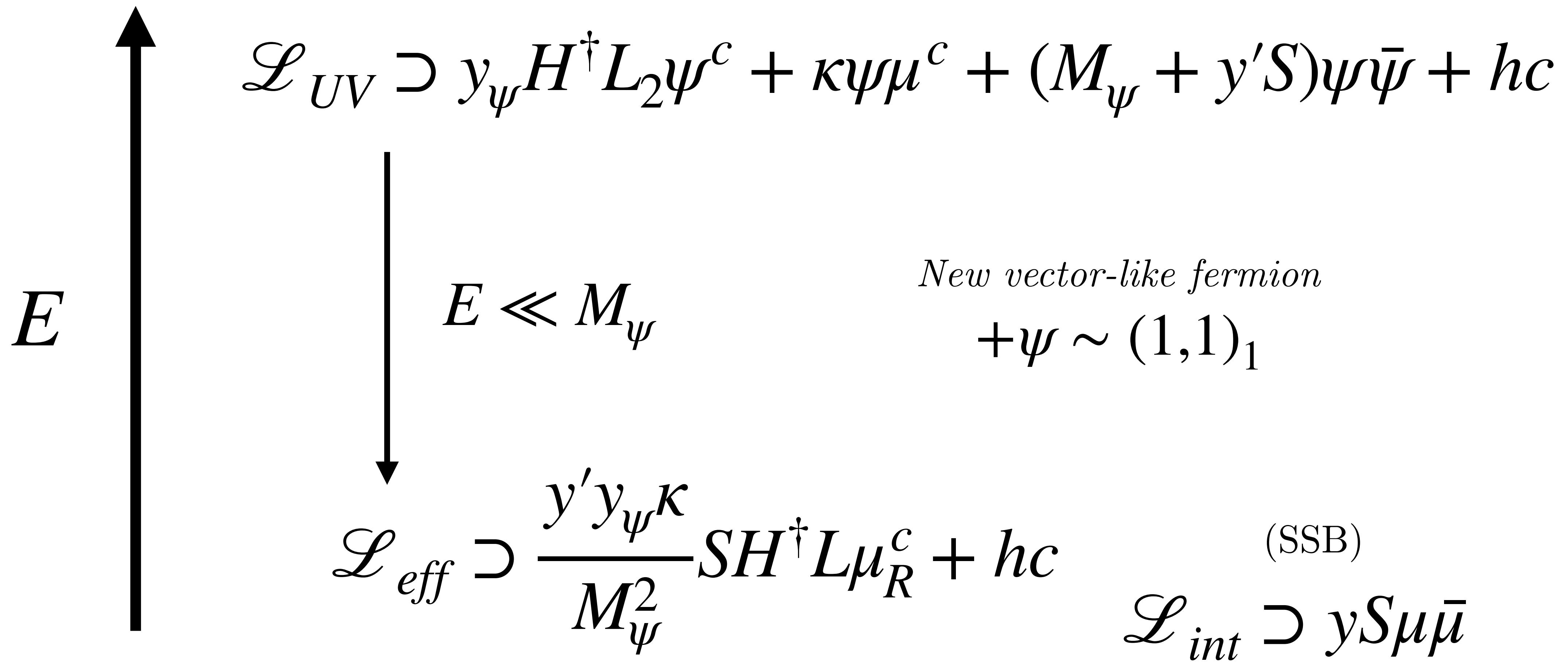
# MUON-PHILIC FORCES

$$\mathcal{L}_{UV} \supset y_\psi H^\dagger L_2 \psi^c + \kappa \psi \mu^c + (M_\psi + y' S) \psi \bar{\psi} + hc$$
$$E$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset \frac{y}{\nu} S H^\dagger L \mu_R^c + hc$$

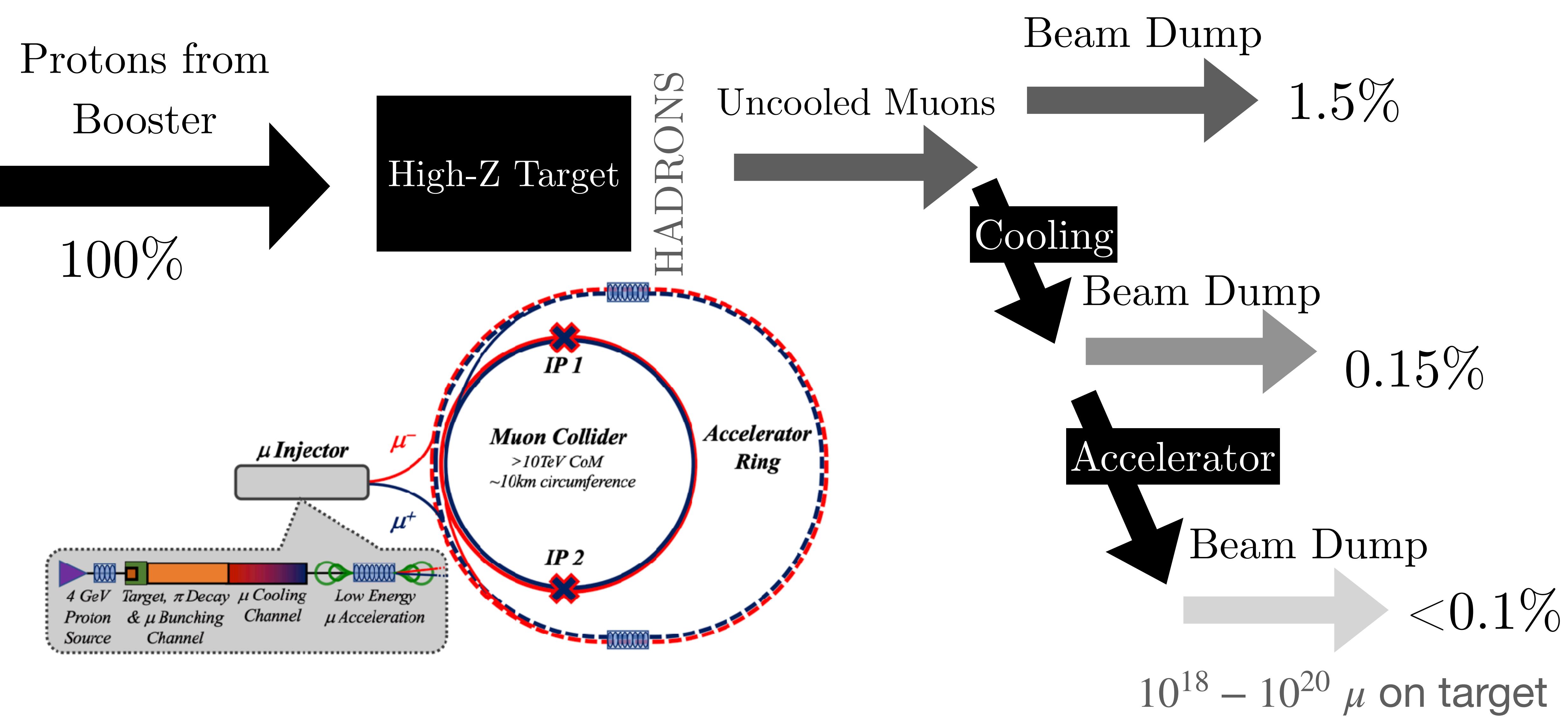
*New vector-like fermion*  
 $+ \psi \sim (1,1)_1$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \supset y S \mu \bar{\mu}$$

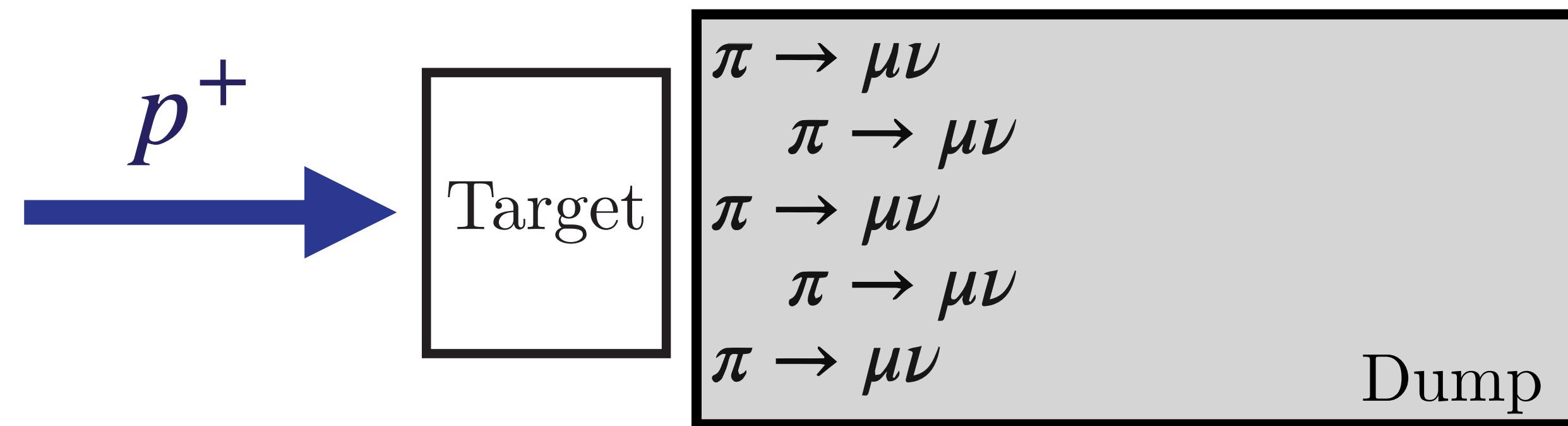
# MUON-PHILIC FORCES



# DEMONSTRATORS & BEAM DUMPS

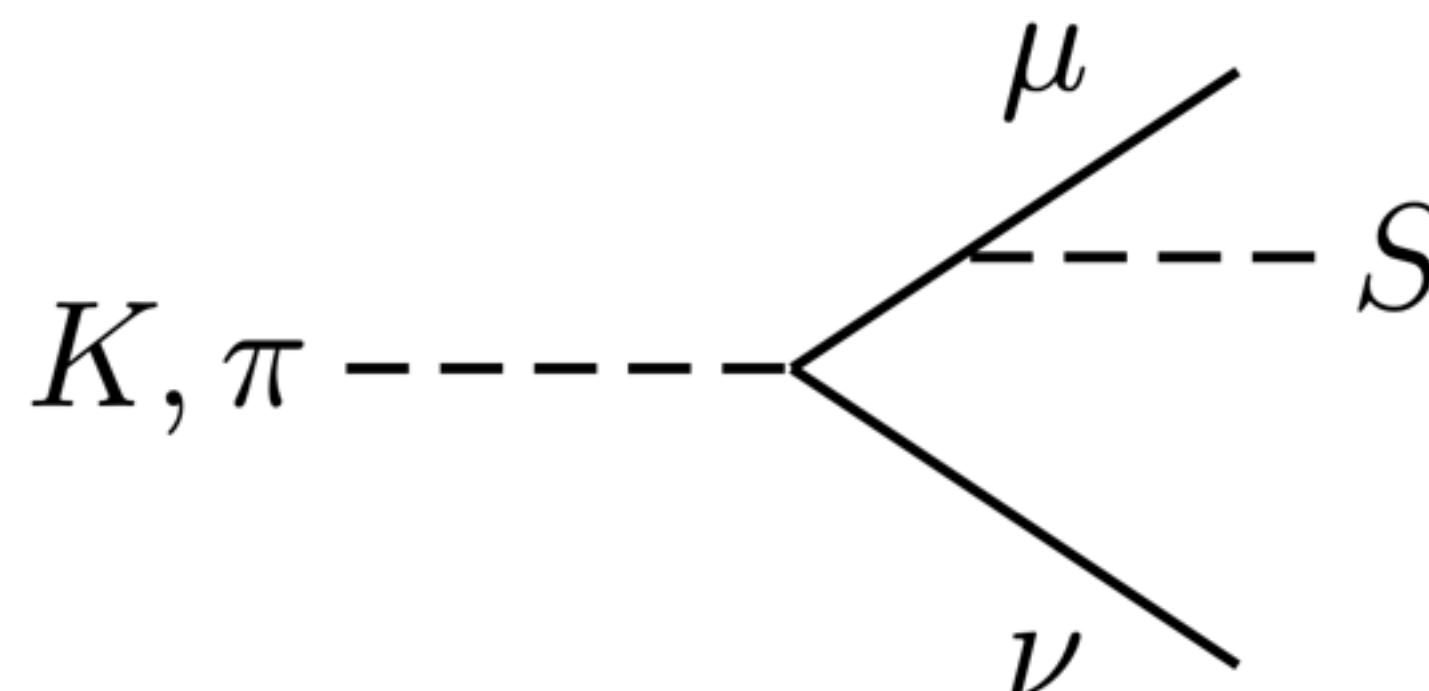


# SIGNATURES WITH PROTON BEAM-ON-TARGET

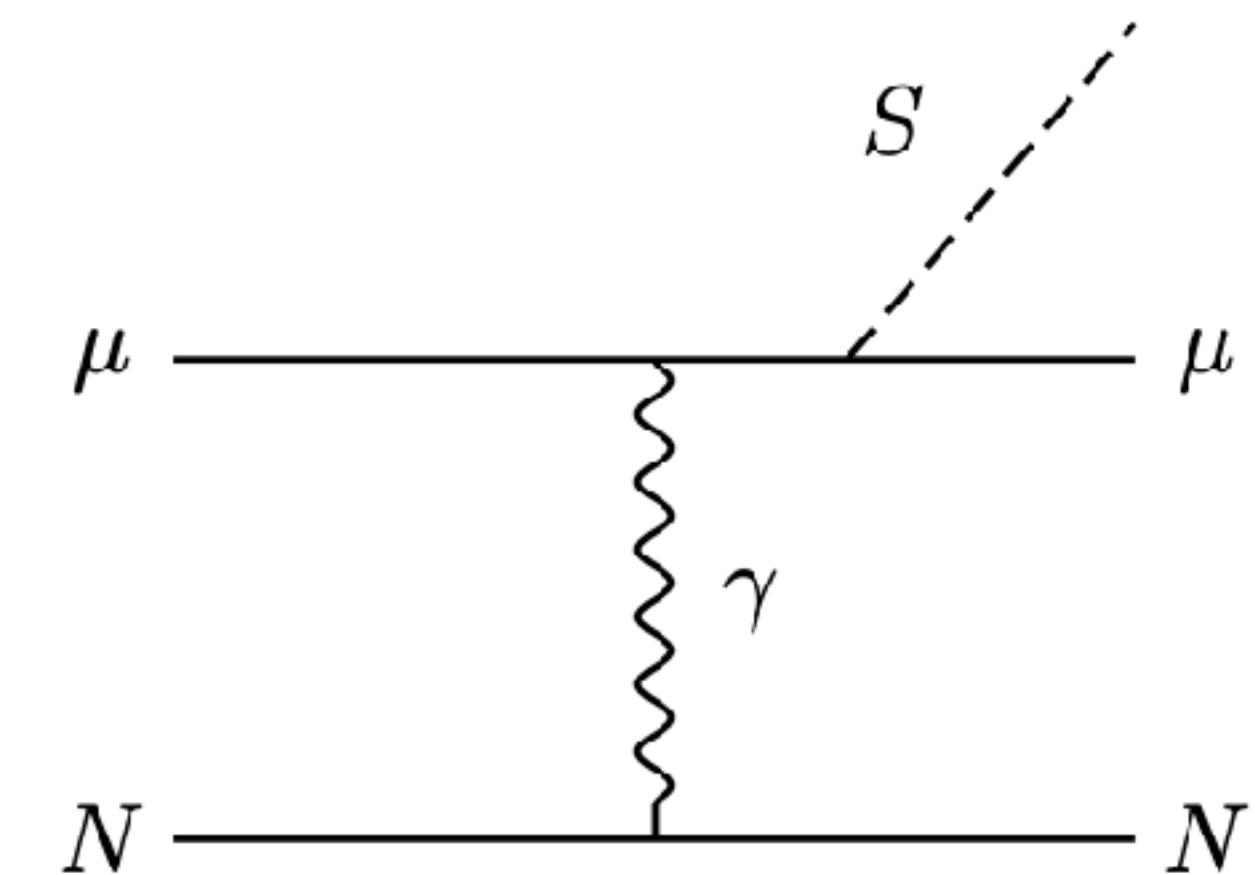


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*Rare decays of mesons*

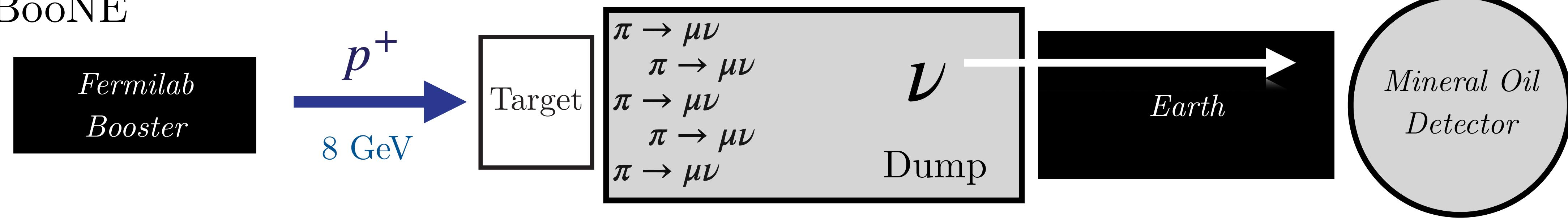


*Scattering of muons in material*



# MINI/MICROBooNE

MiniBooNE



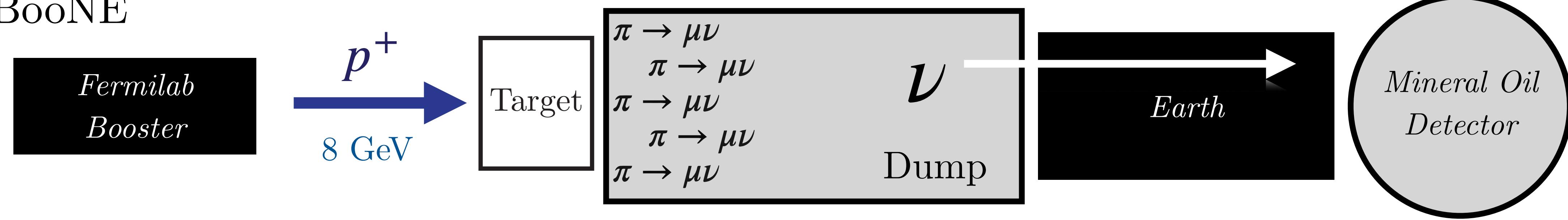
500 m

(Upgrade to Micro)

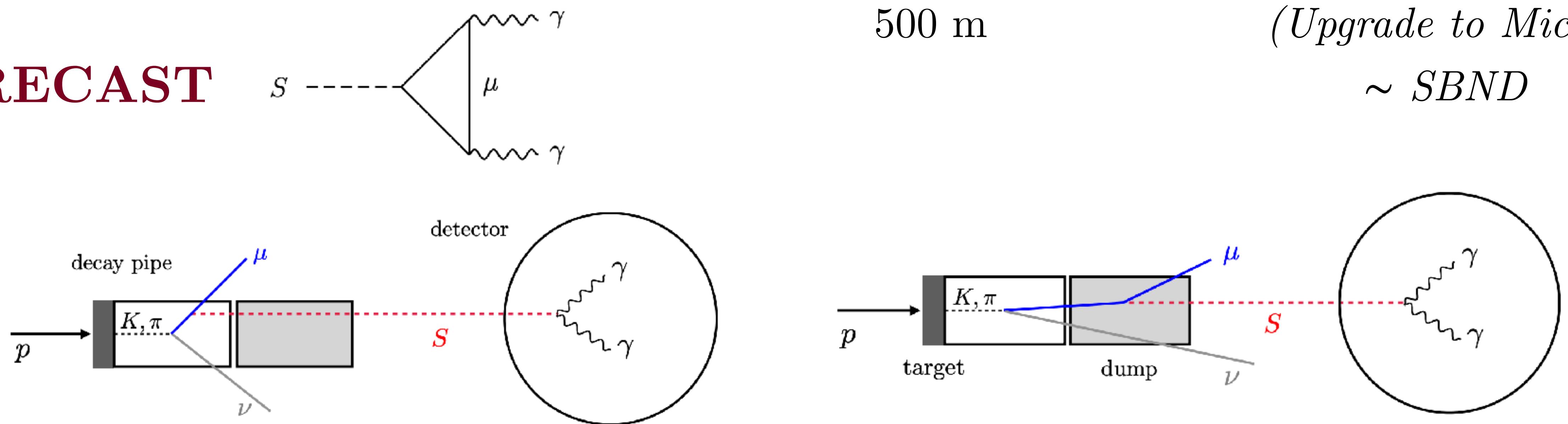
~ SBND

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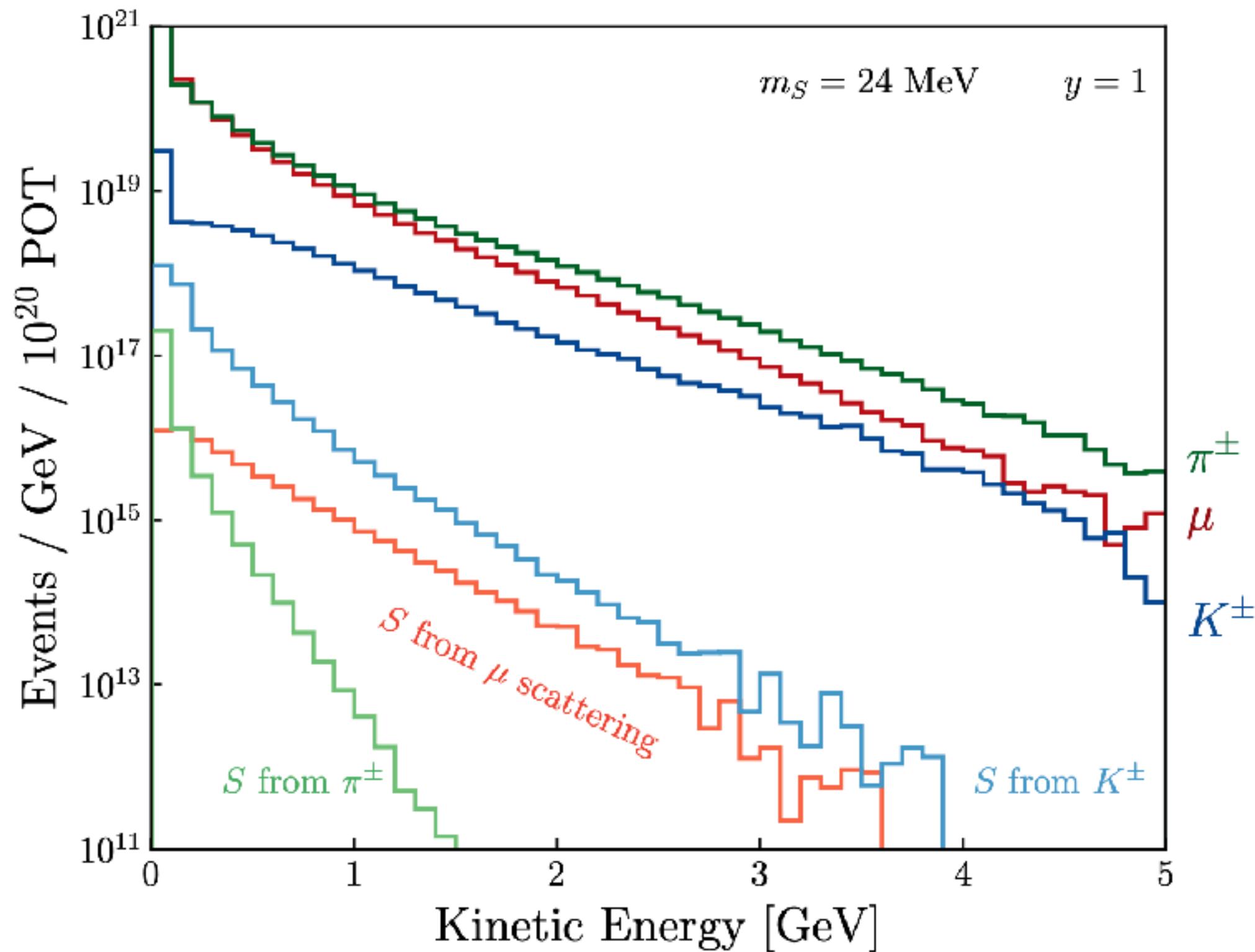
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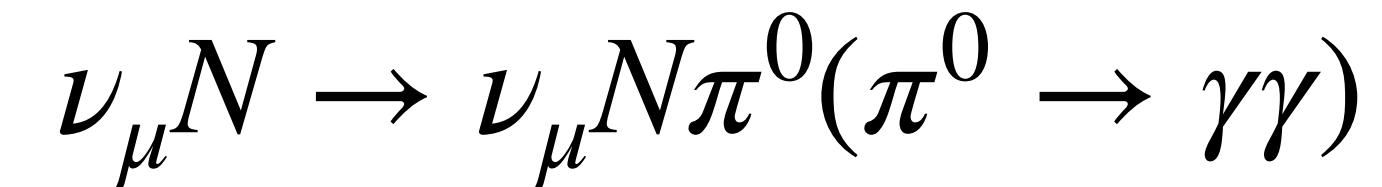
**RECAST**



# S PRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND



*Immediate recast is possible because the BooNEs measured neutrino induced NC  $\pi^0$  production, with  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  reported*



*We have our data set and our background!*