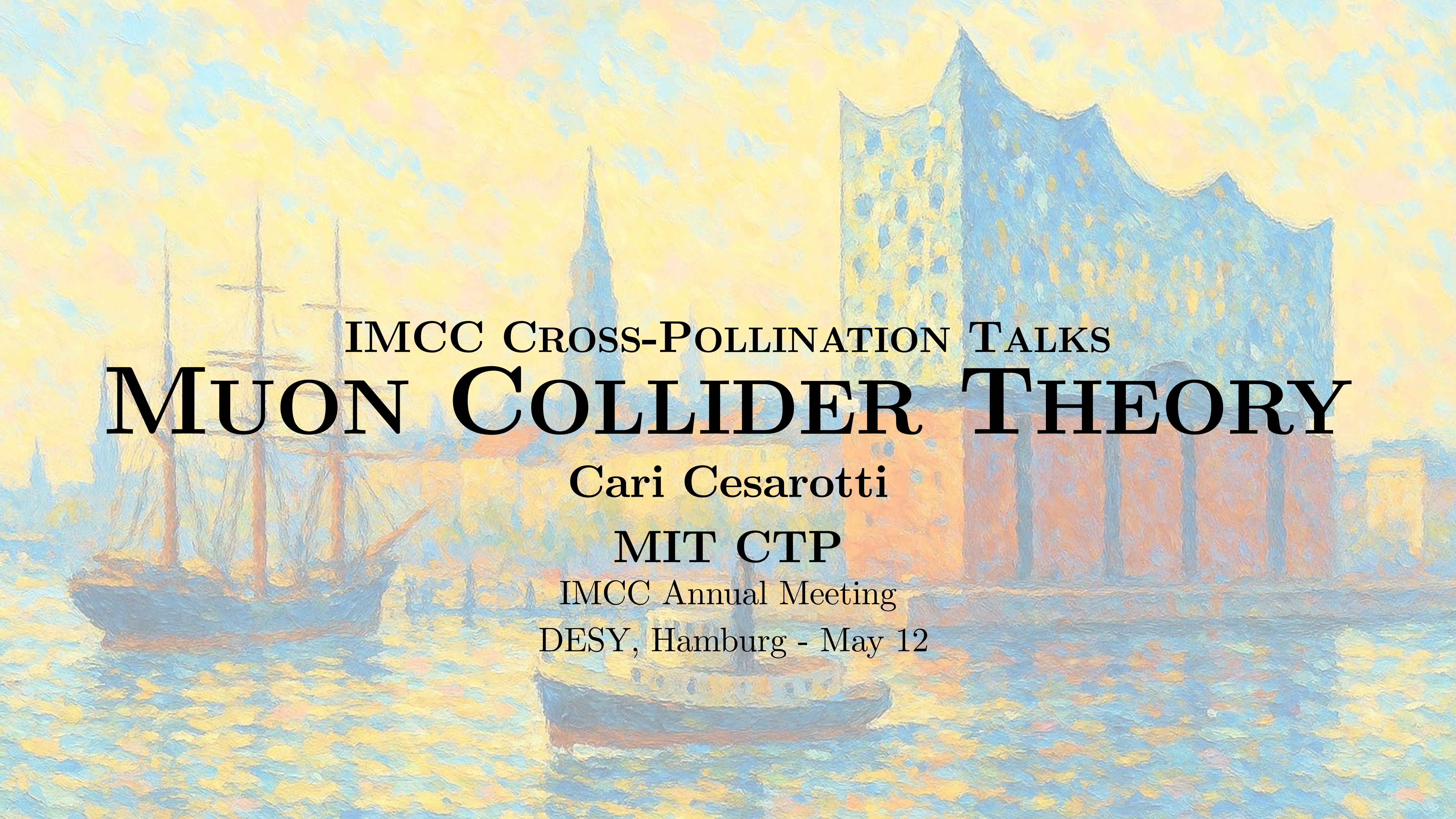


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IMCC CROSS-POLLINATION TALKS

MUON COLLIDER THEORY

Cari Cesarotti

MIT CTP

IMCC Annual Meeting
DESY, Hamburg - May 12

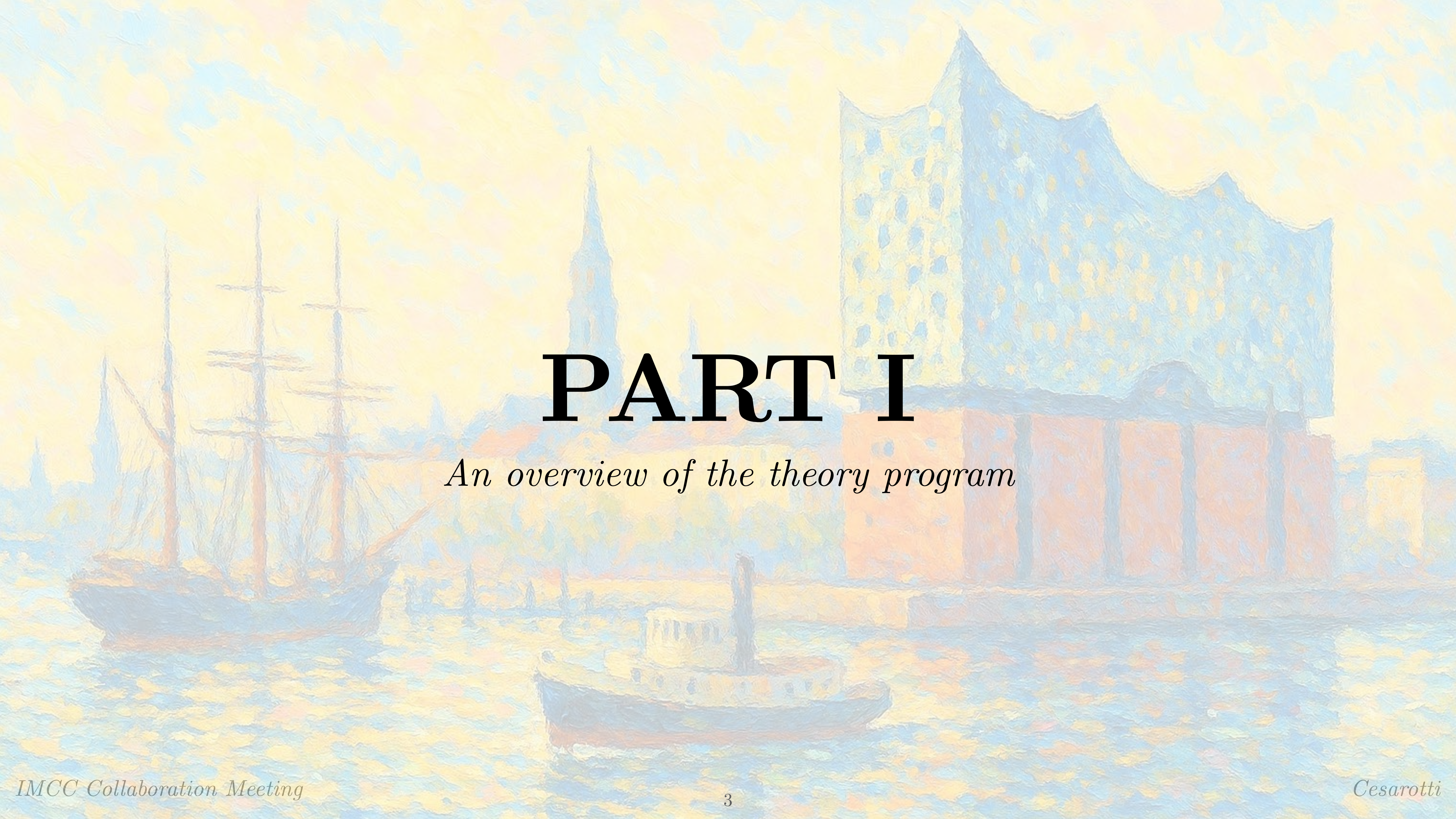
OUTLINE

PART I

What physics questions do we want to answer with collider physics?

PART II

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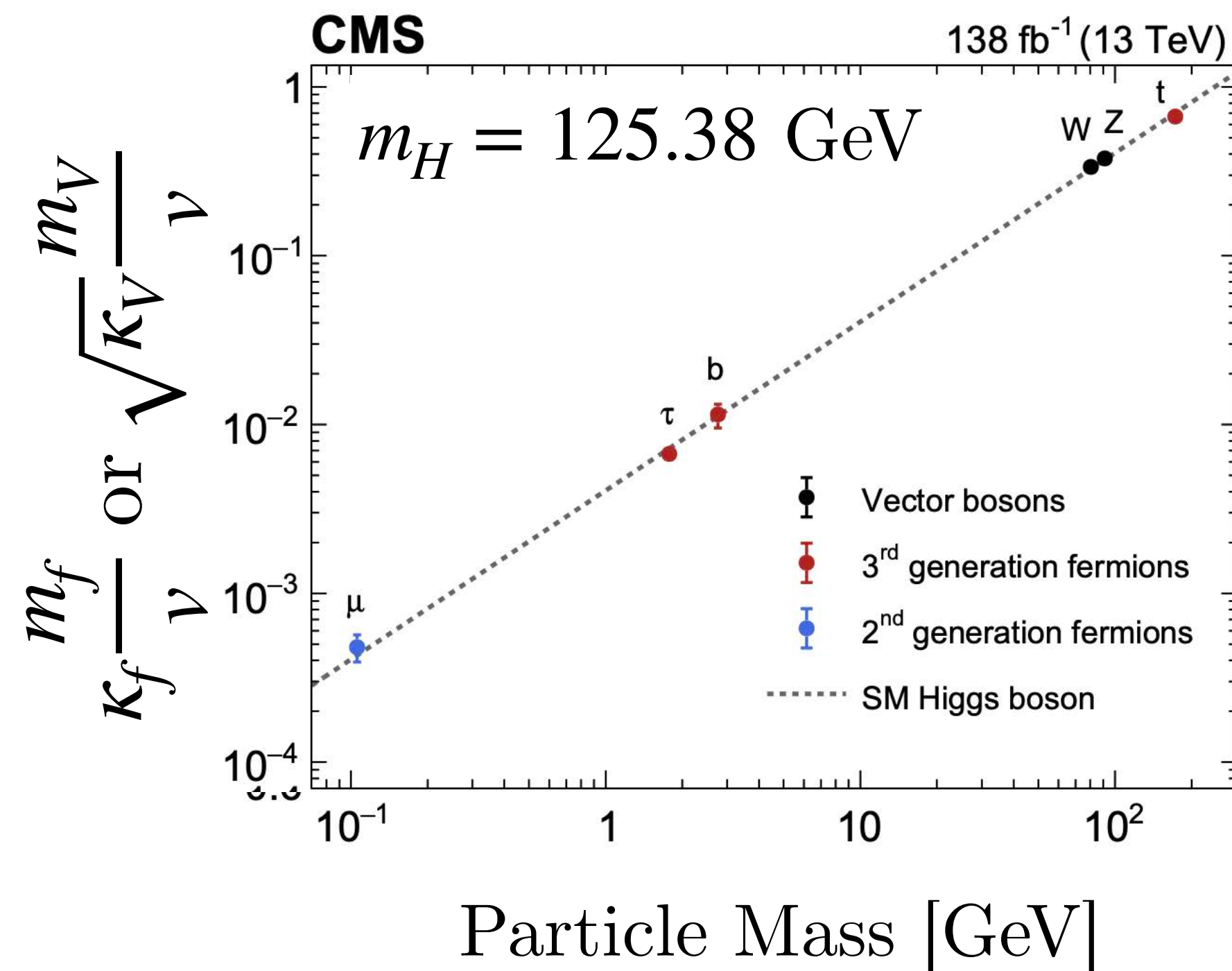
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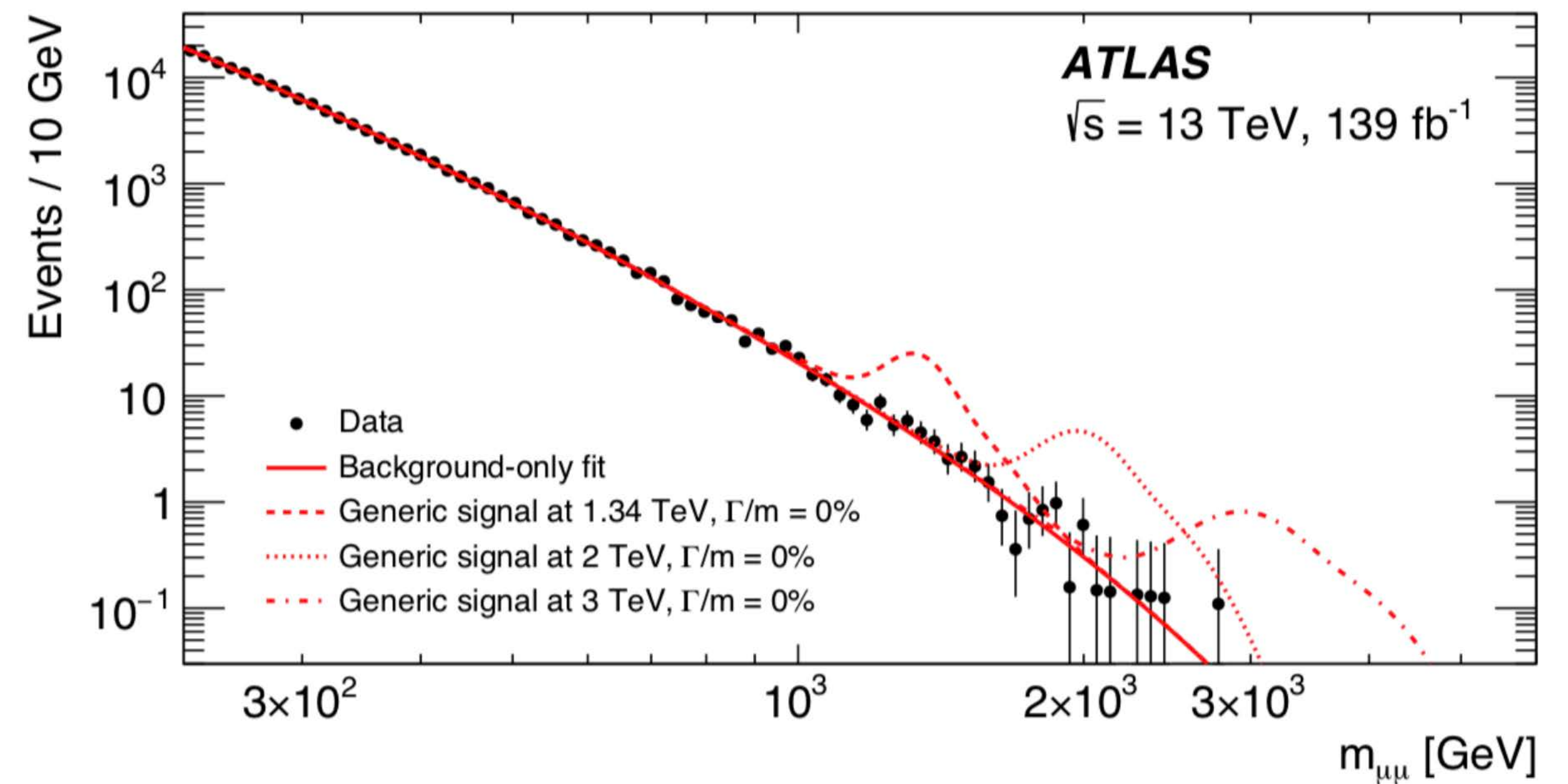
OPEN QUESTIONS IN PARTICLE PHYSICS

LHC discovered the Higgs and has shown amazing confirmation of the SM...

Higgs physics



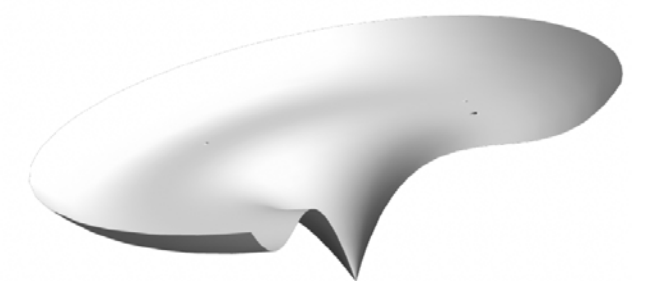
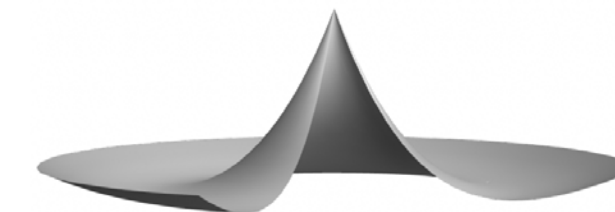
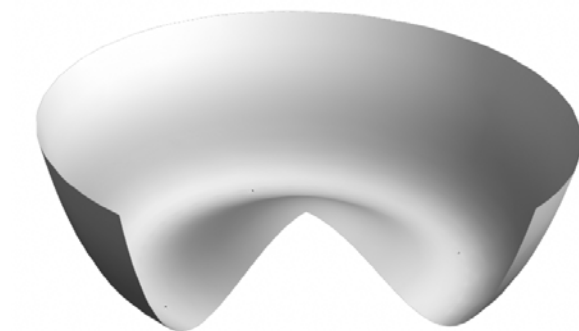
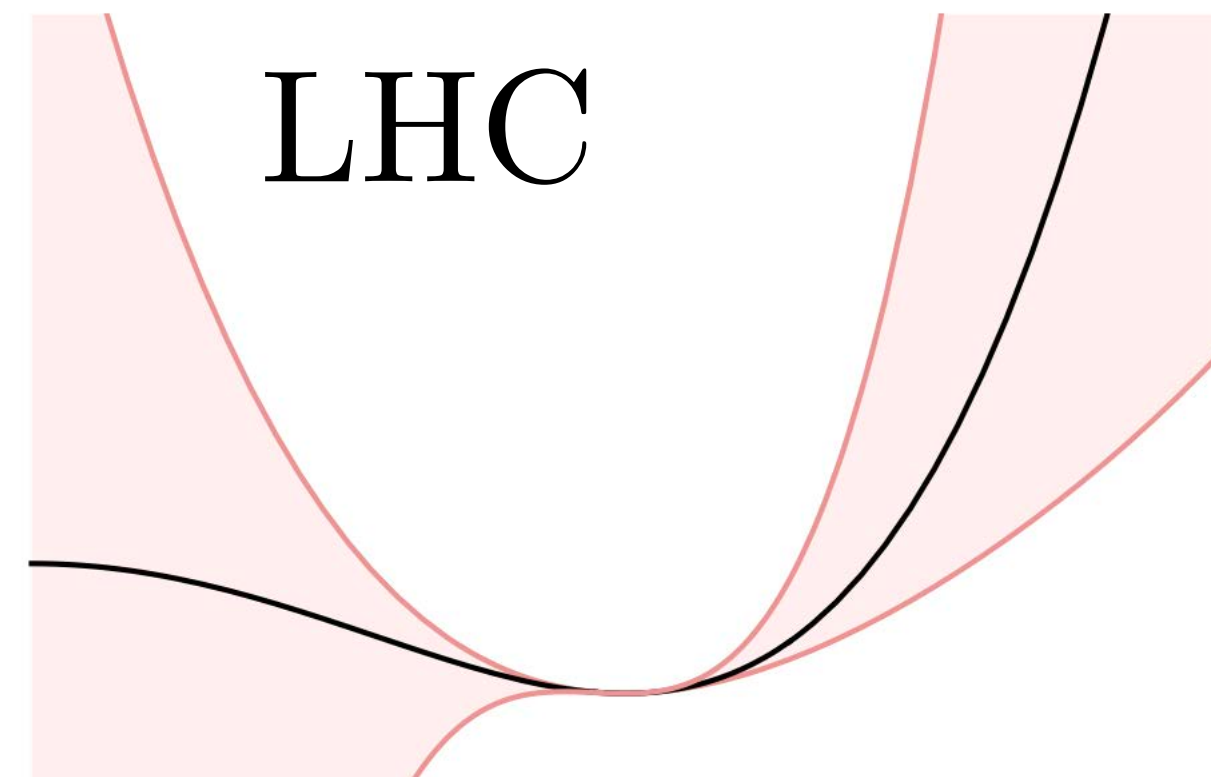
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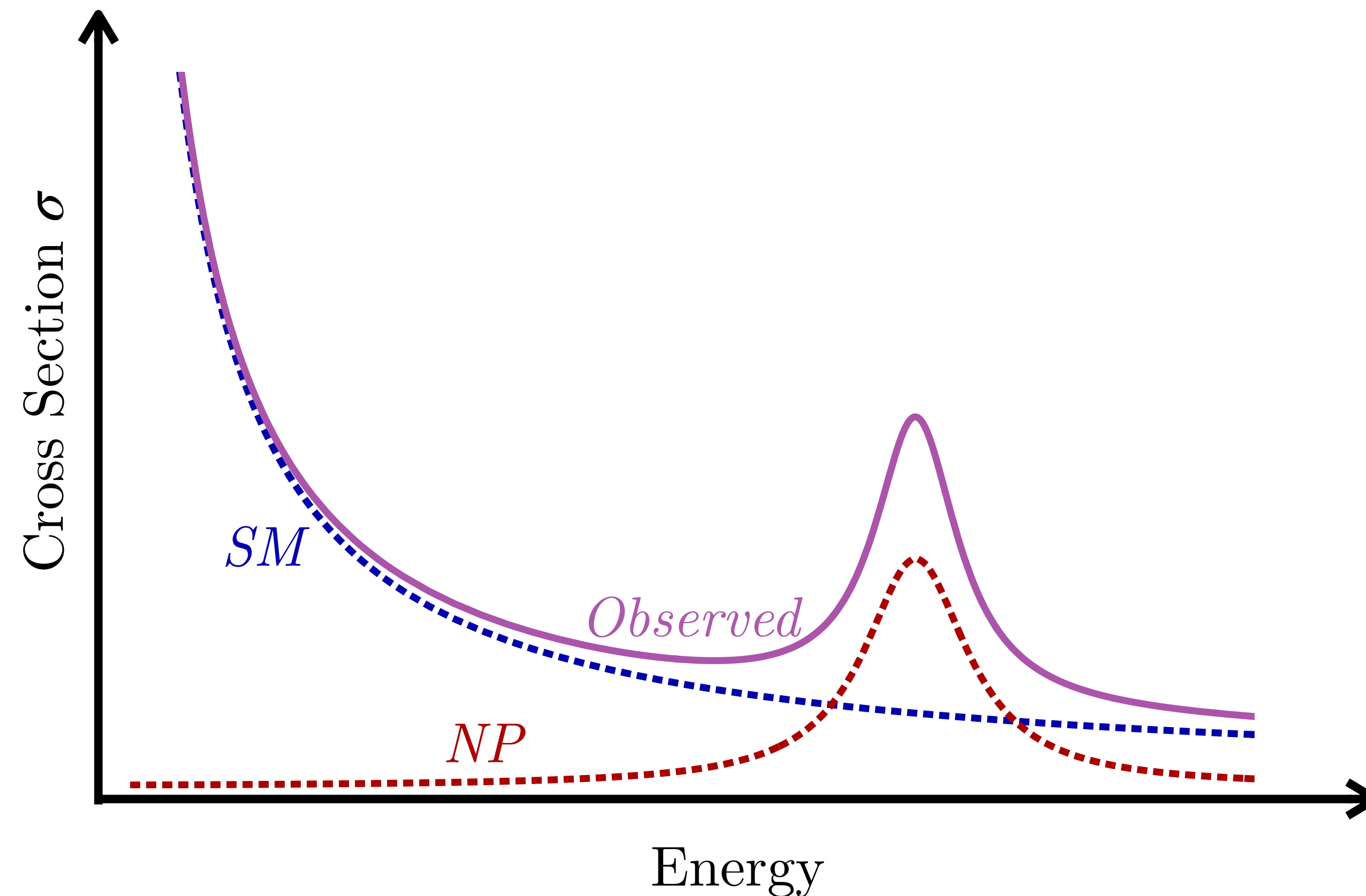
Unifying principle: *we need data at high energies*

Colliders are the best technology we have for this

THEORY & MACHINES

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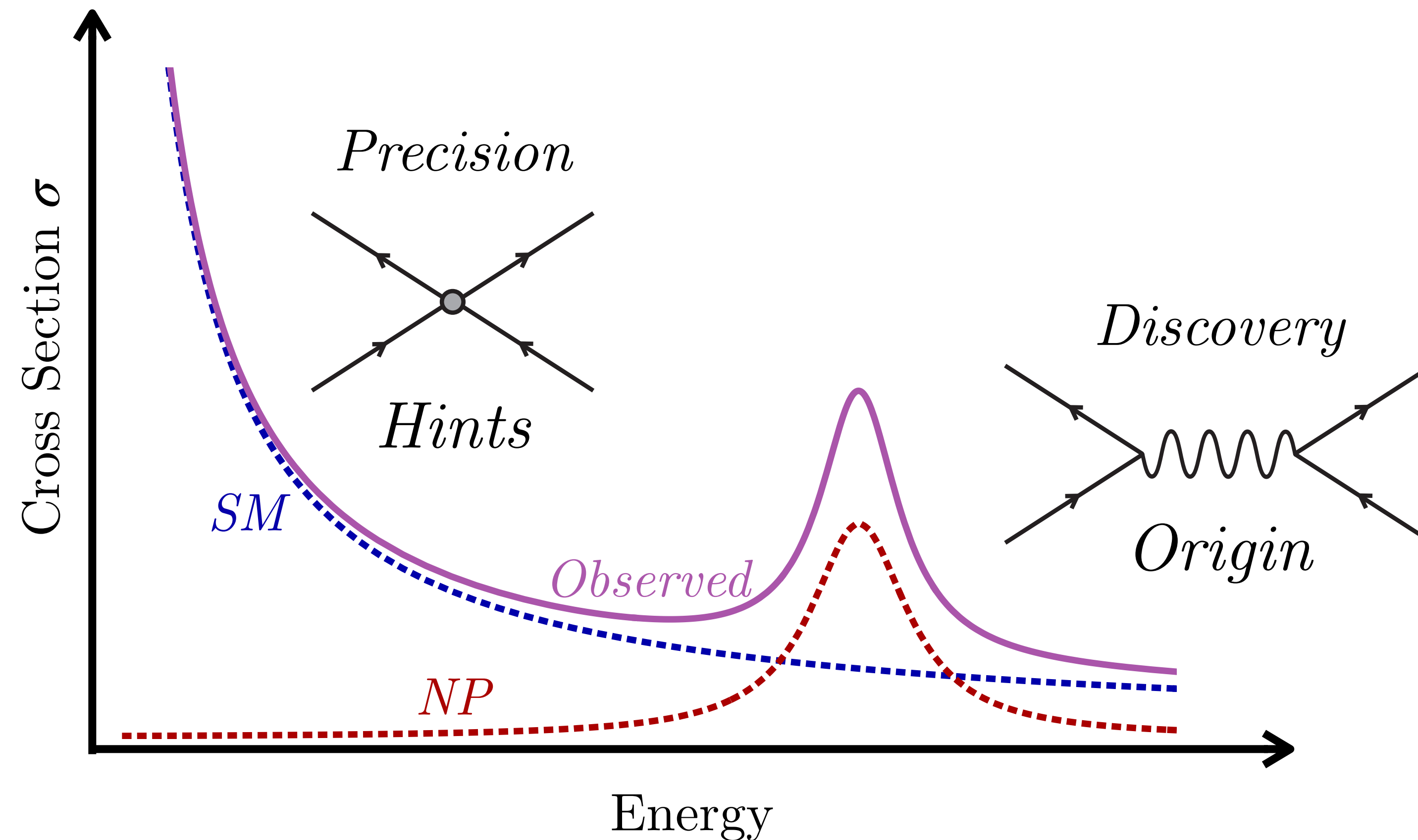
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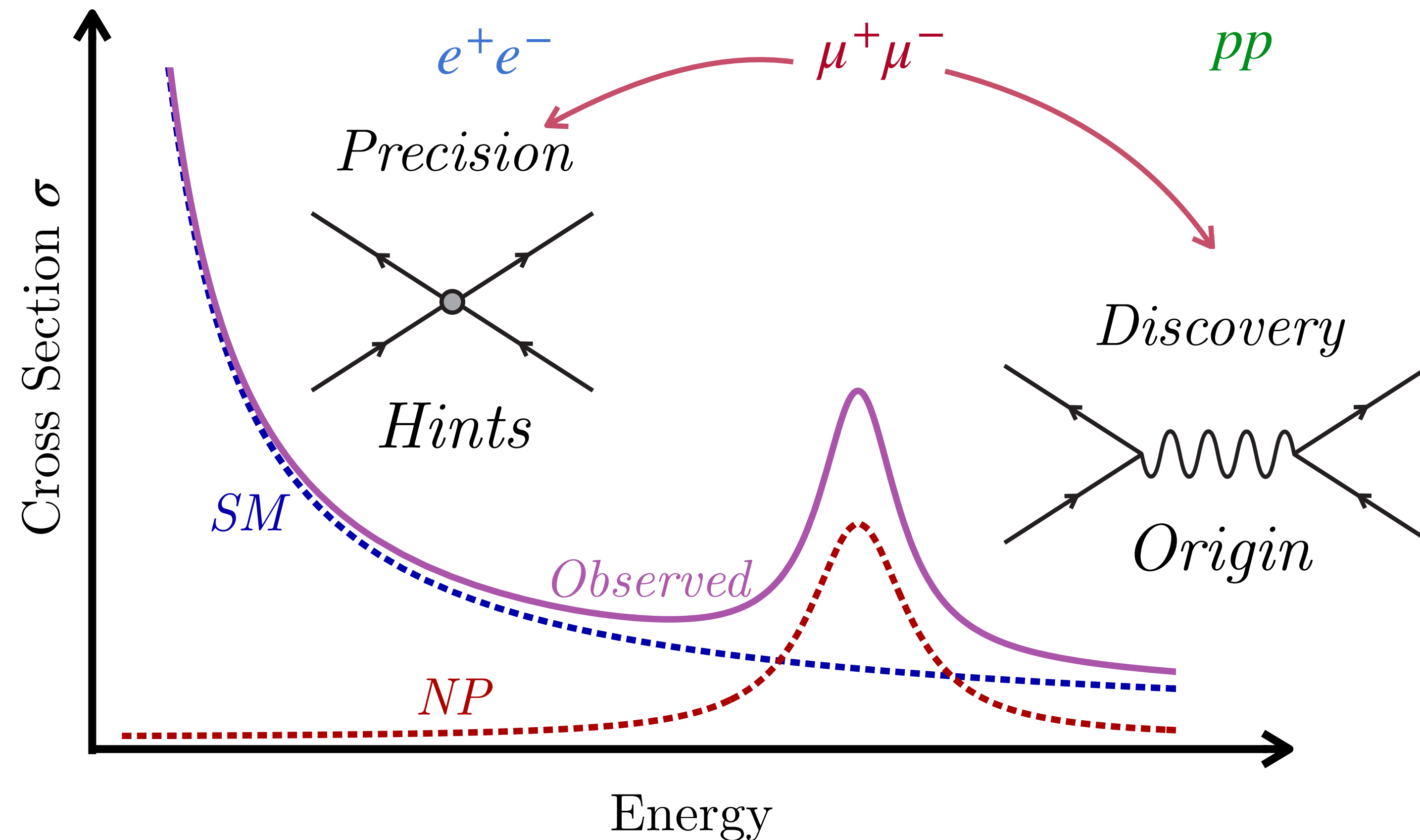
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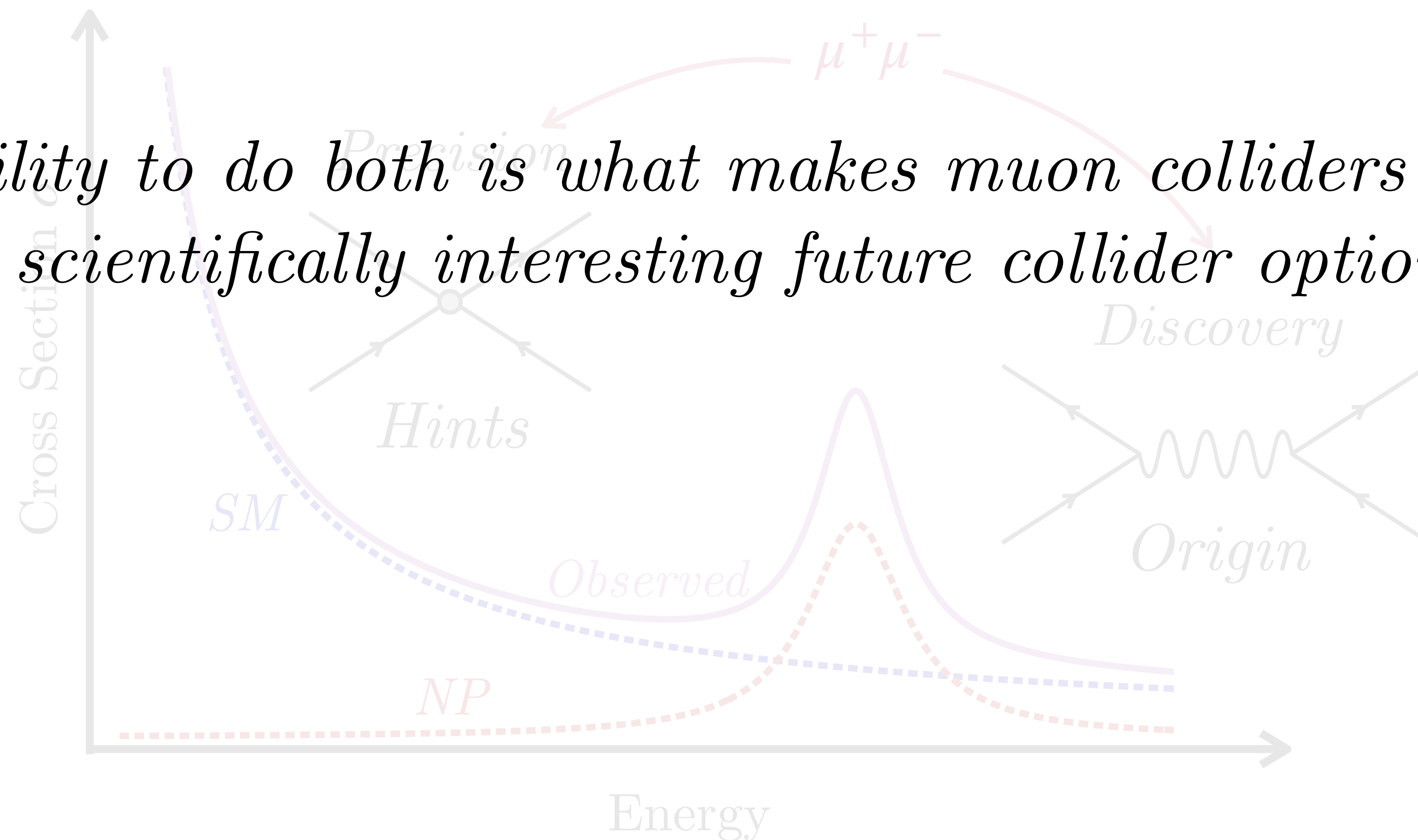


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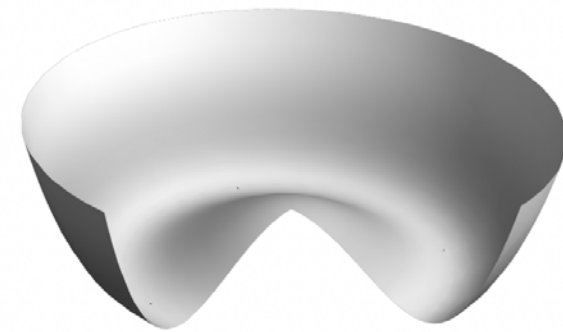
The ability to do both is what makes muon colliders the most scientifically interesting future collider option



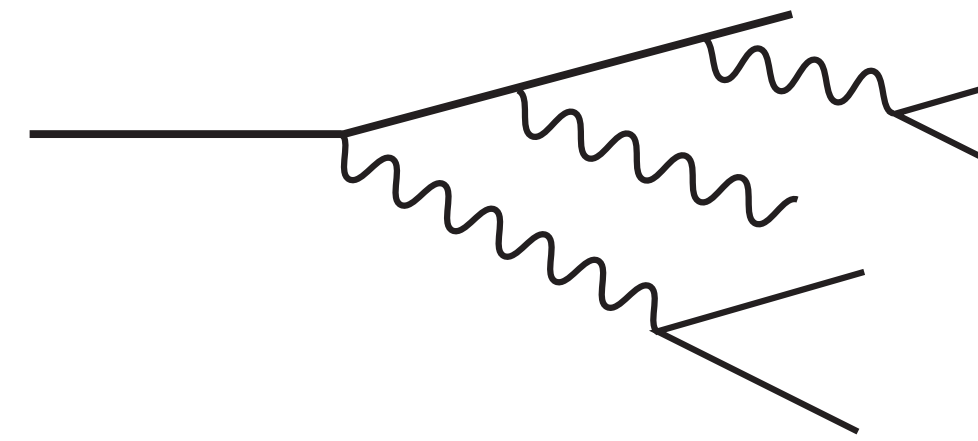
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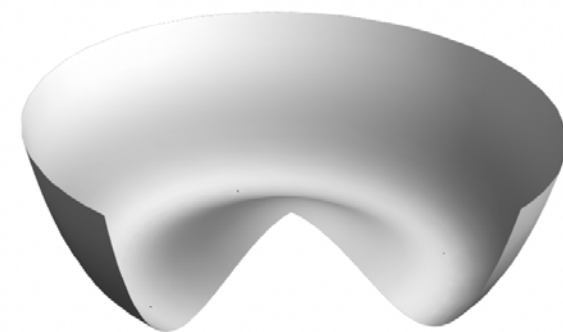
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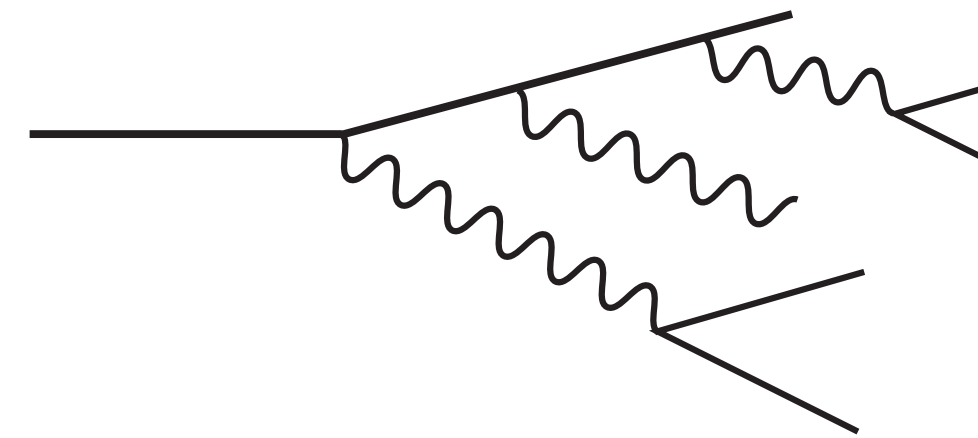
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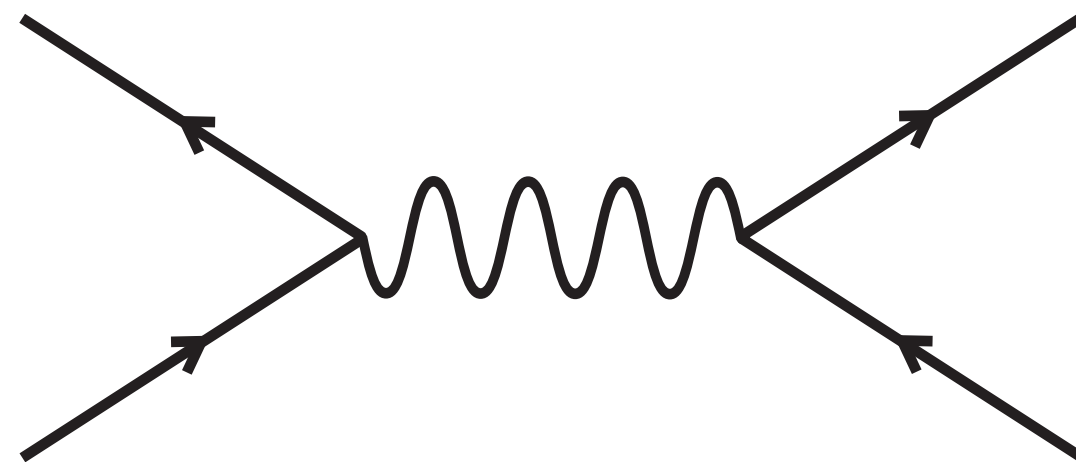


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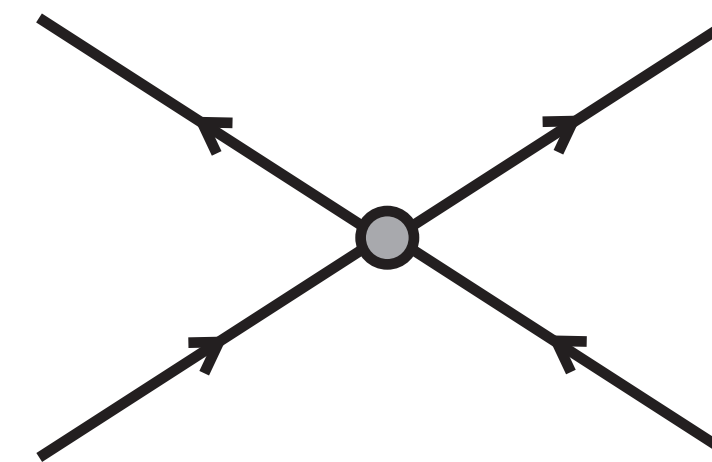


Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) Exploration

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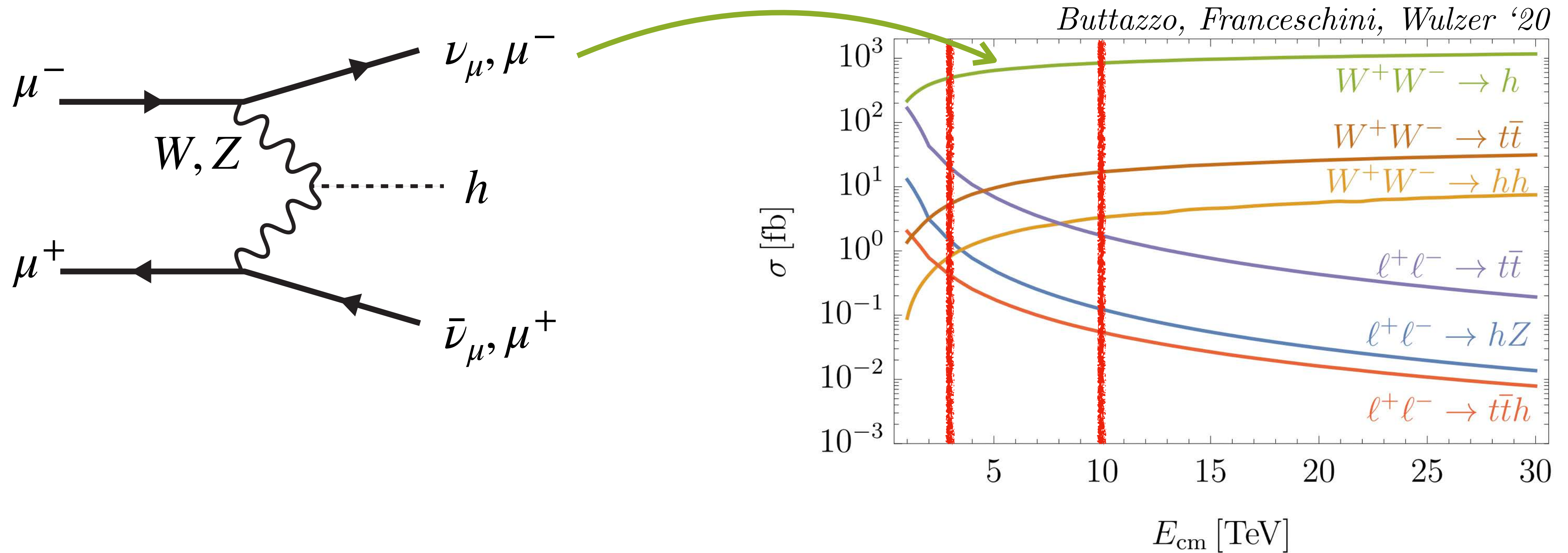


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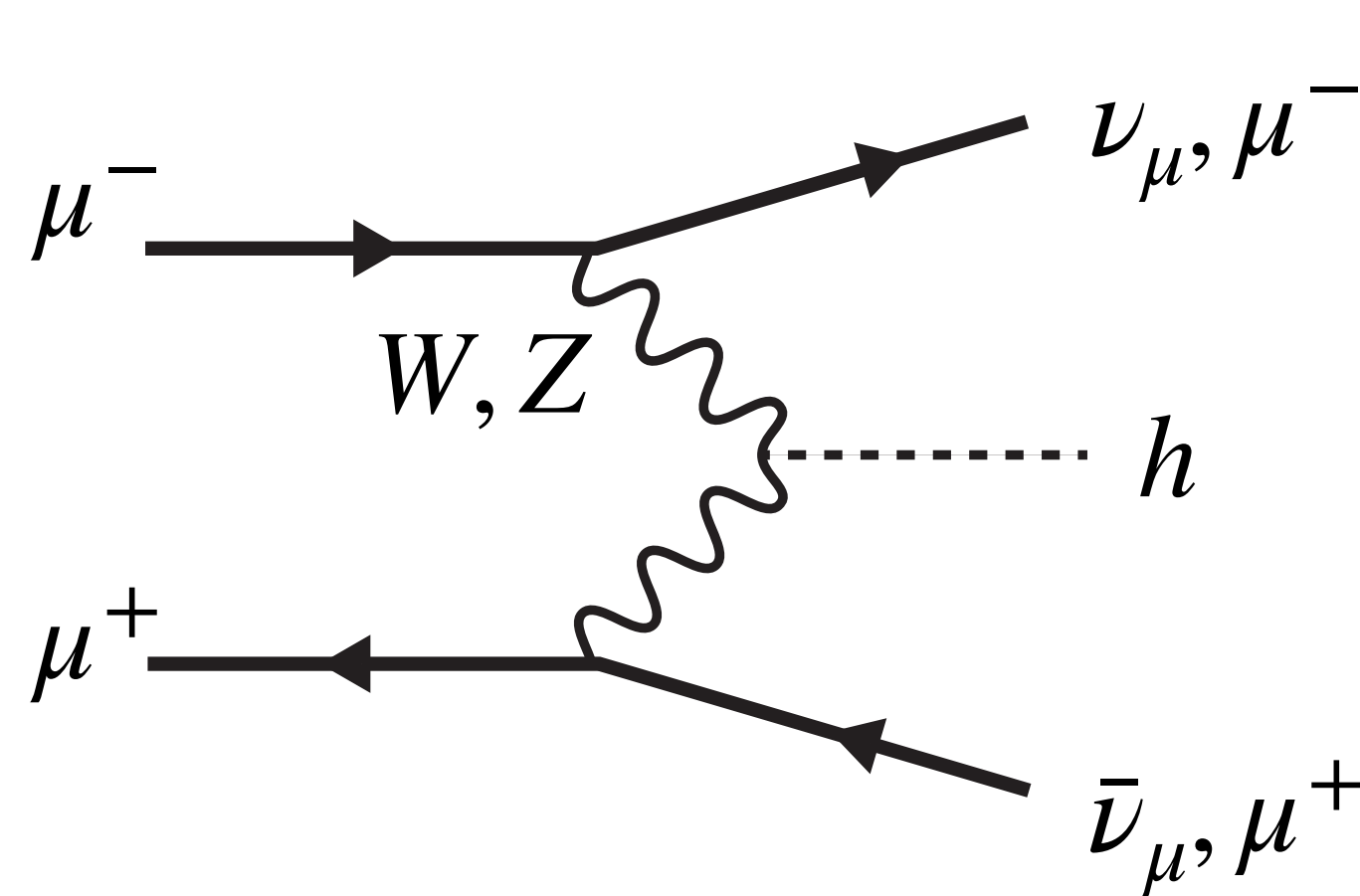
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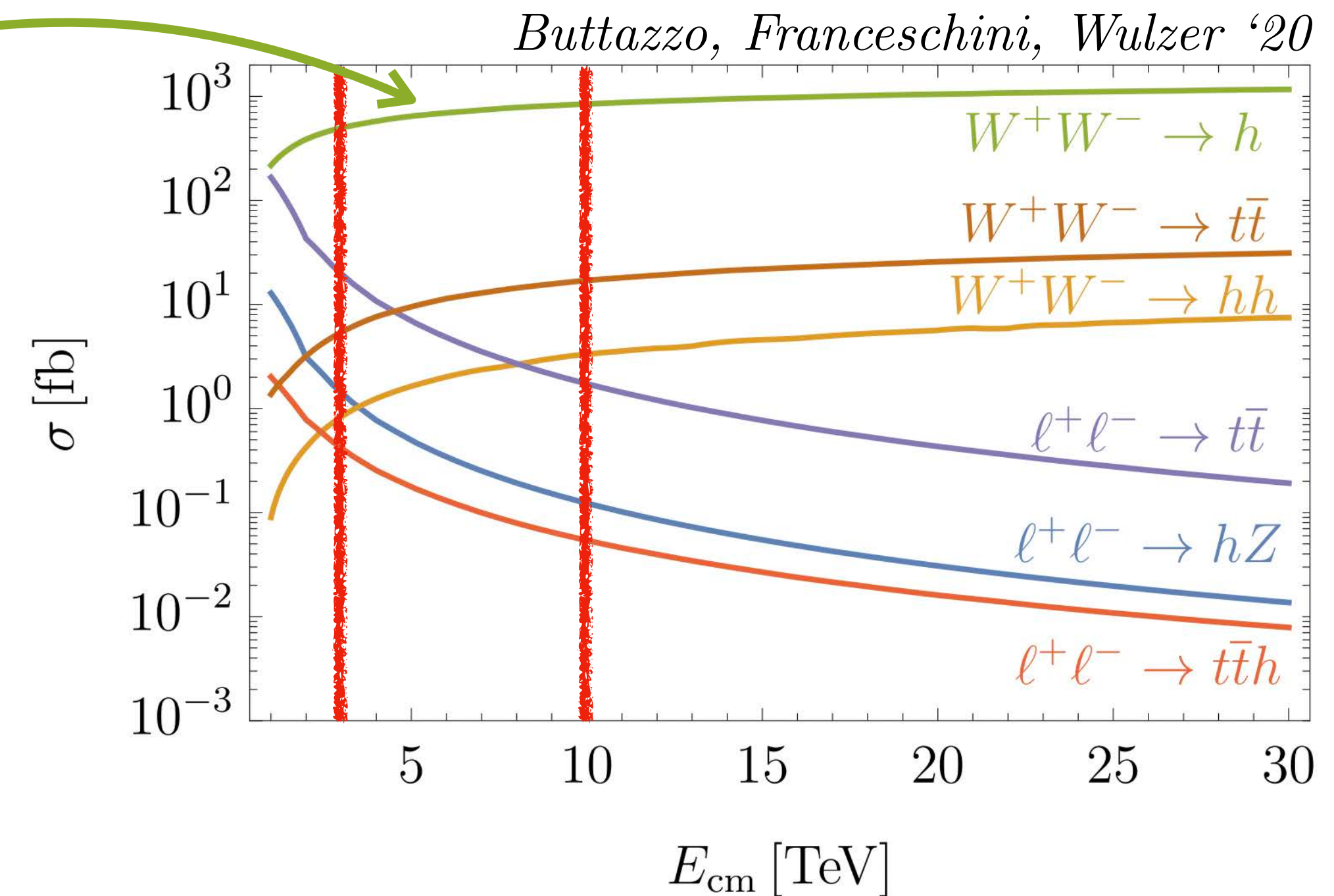
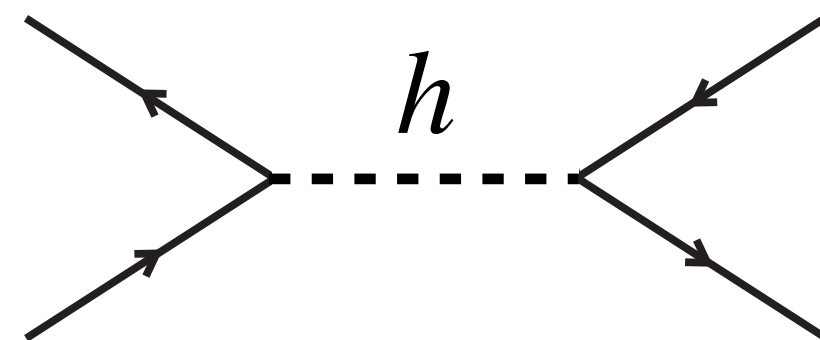
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Threshold (s -channel) too small

—muons are light!

$$\sqrt{s} = m_h$$



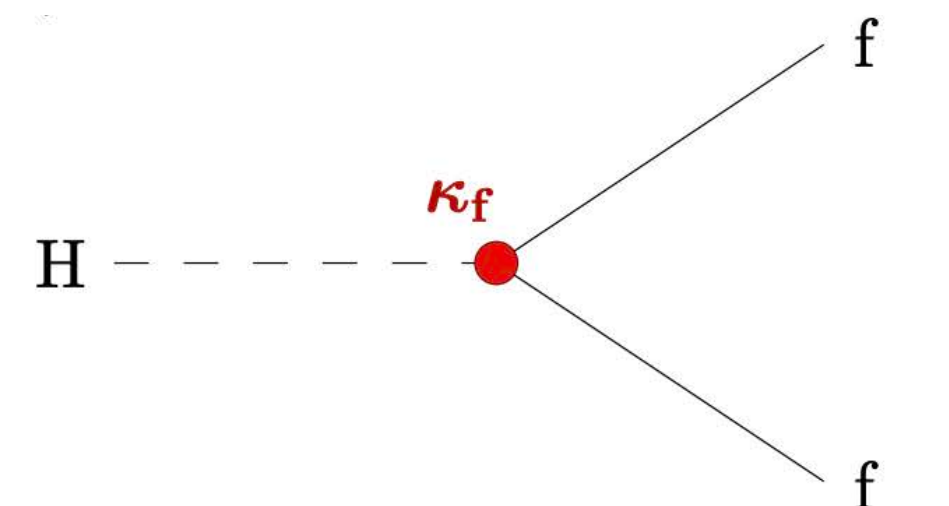
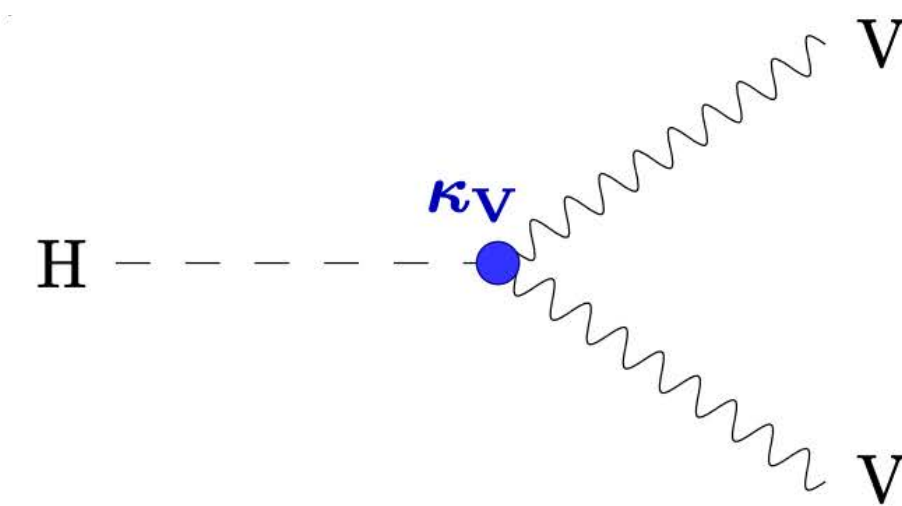
Nothing *special* about 10 TeV,
just *a lot* of Higgs ($\sim 10^6$)

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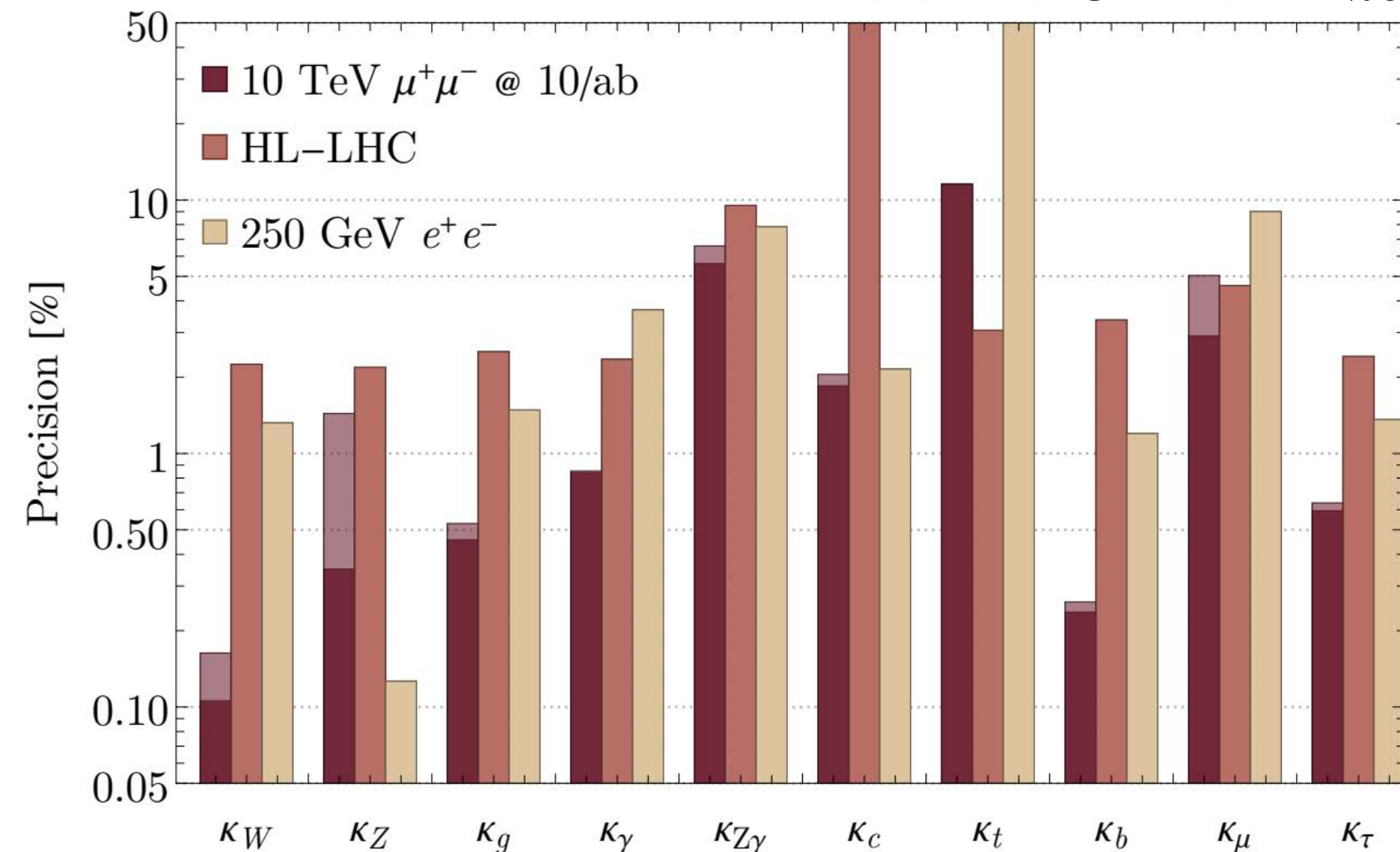
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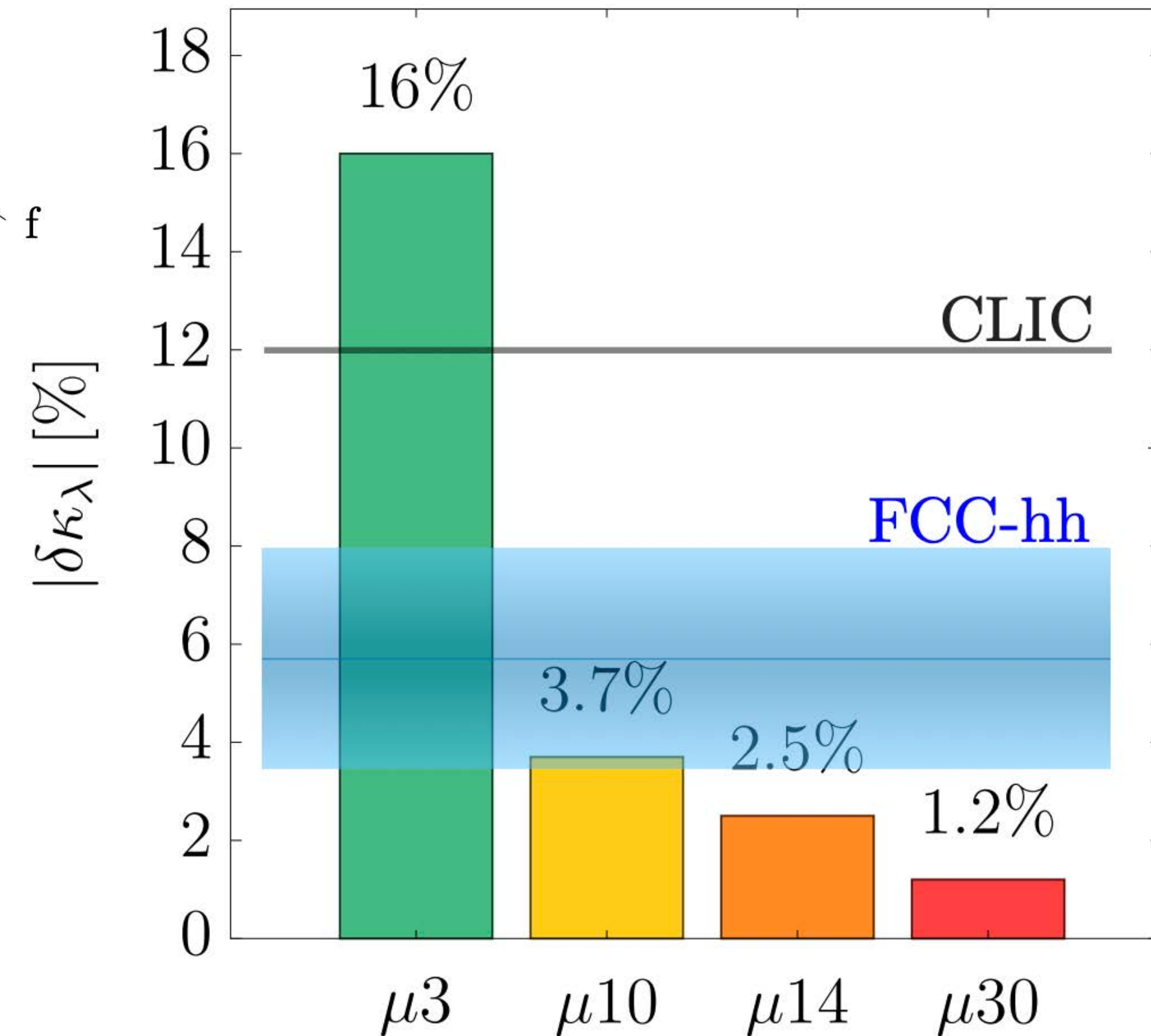
$$\kappa_X \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}_X^{obs}}{\mathcal{O}_X^{SM}}$$



Forslund & Meade '23

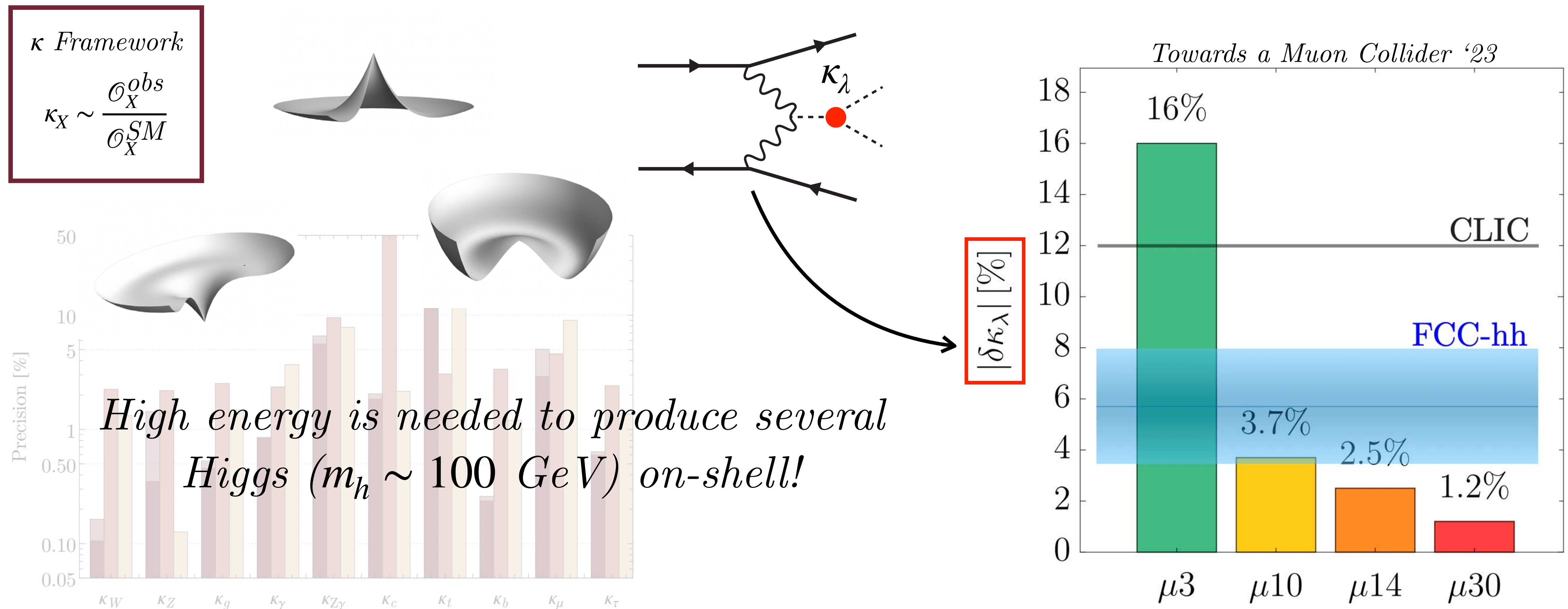


Towards a Muon Collider '23



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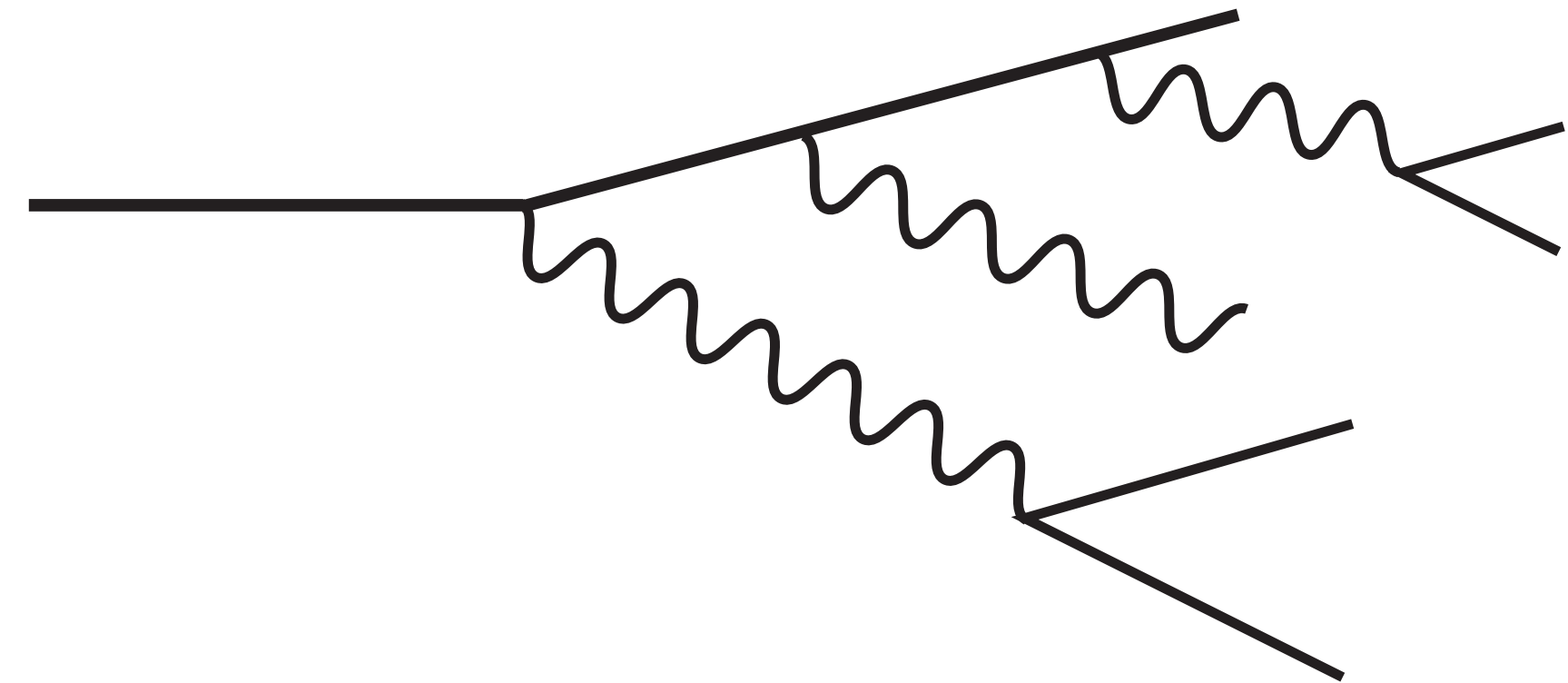
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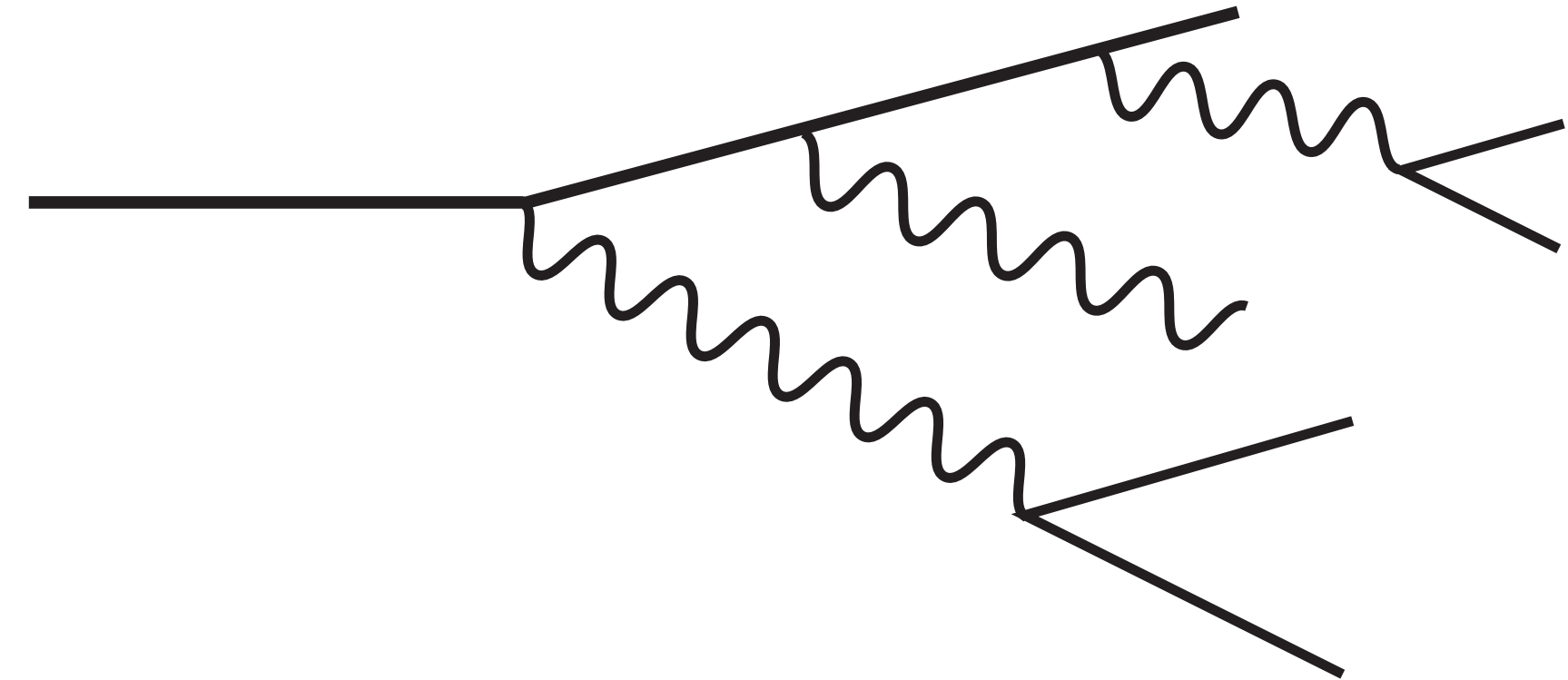
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At sufficiently high energy, gauge bosons are massless? (Capdevilla, Han '24)

How do we understand loop corrections to EW processes? (Ma, Pagani, Zero '24)

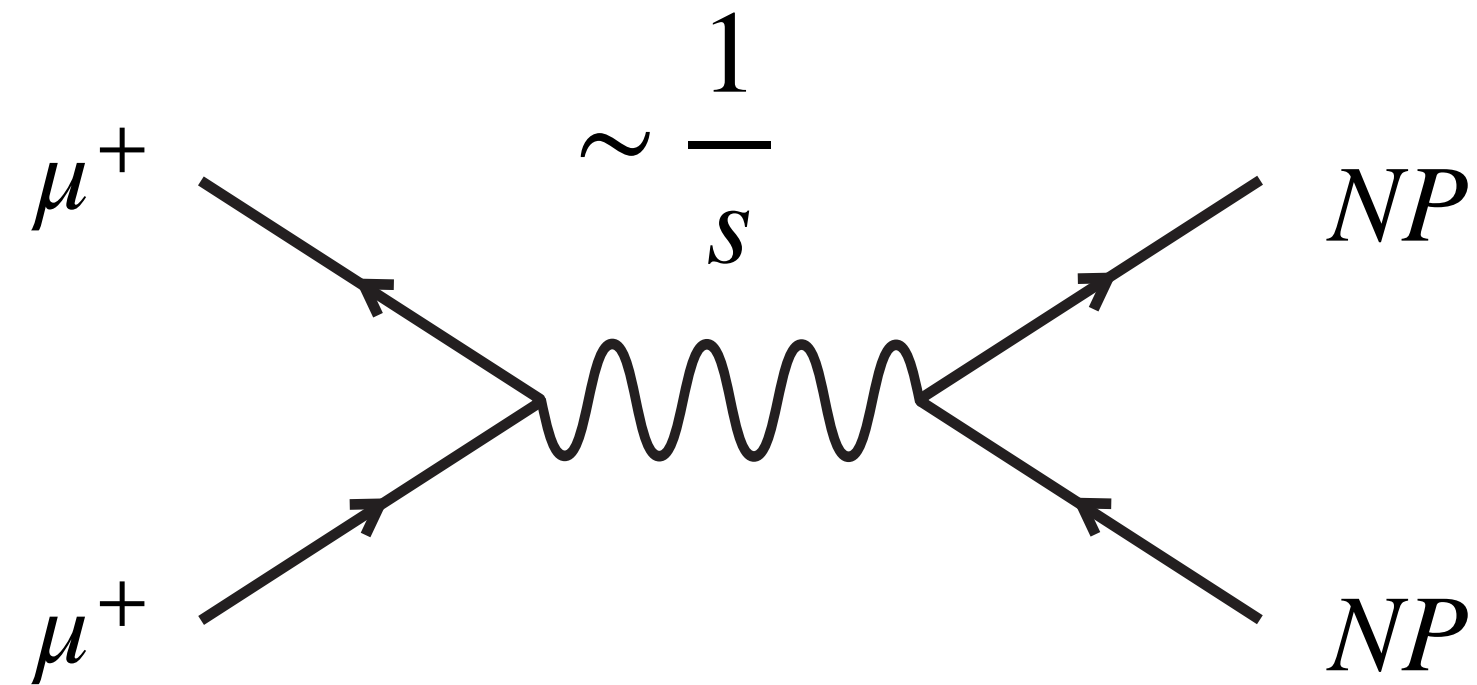
How do we dress a lepton with Z and W PDFs? (Garosi, Marzocca, Trifinopoulos '23)

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BSM DIRECT SEARCHES

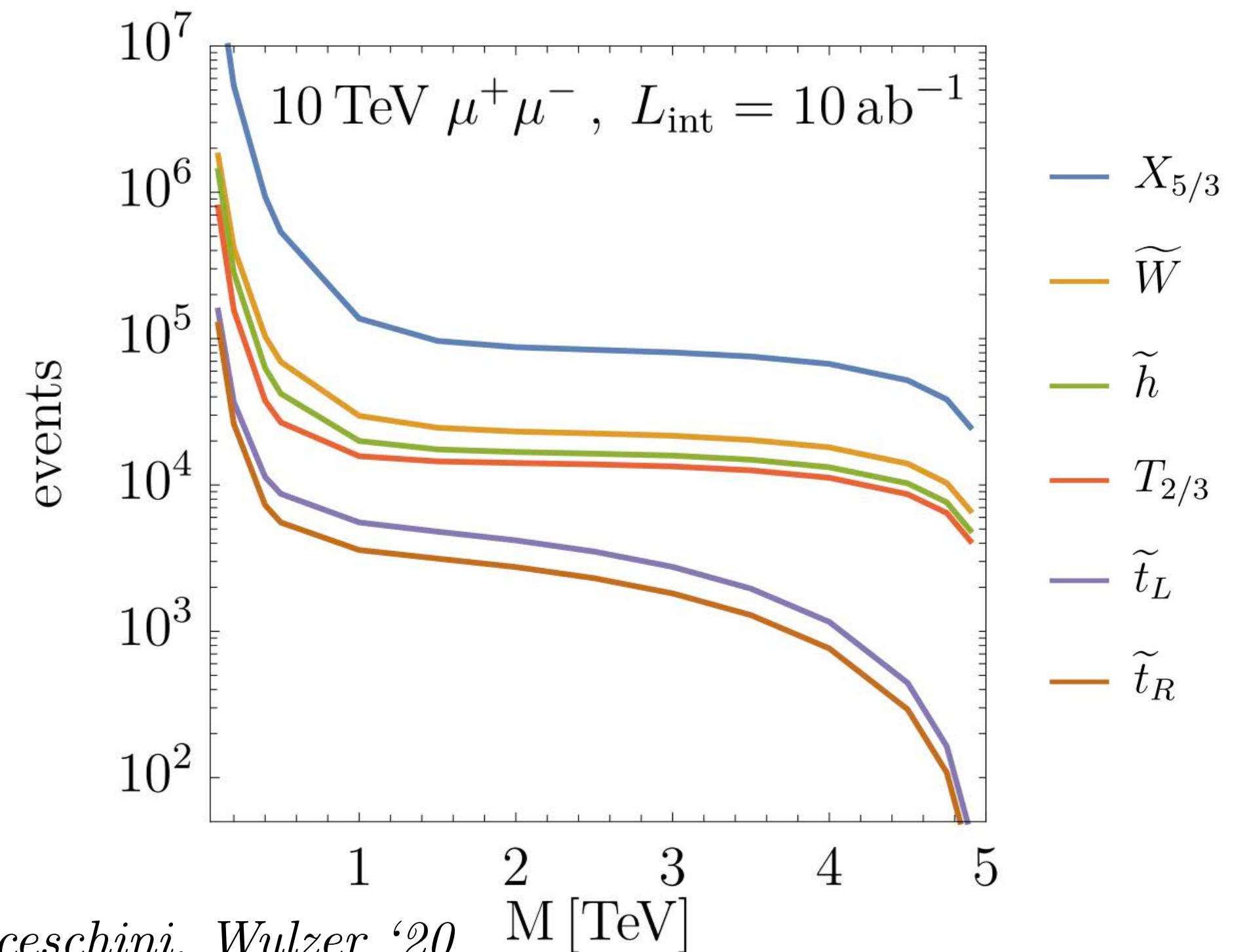
We assume we can directly produce on-shell new particles

Reach is often kinematic:



$$m_{\text{NP}} \lesssim \sqrt{s} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{N_{\mu}}{\text{bunch}} \times E^2$$

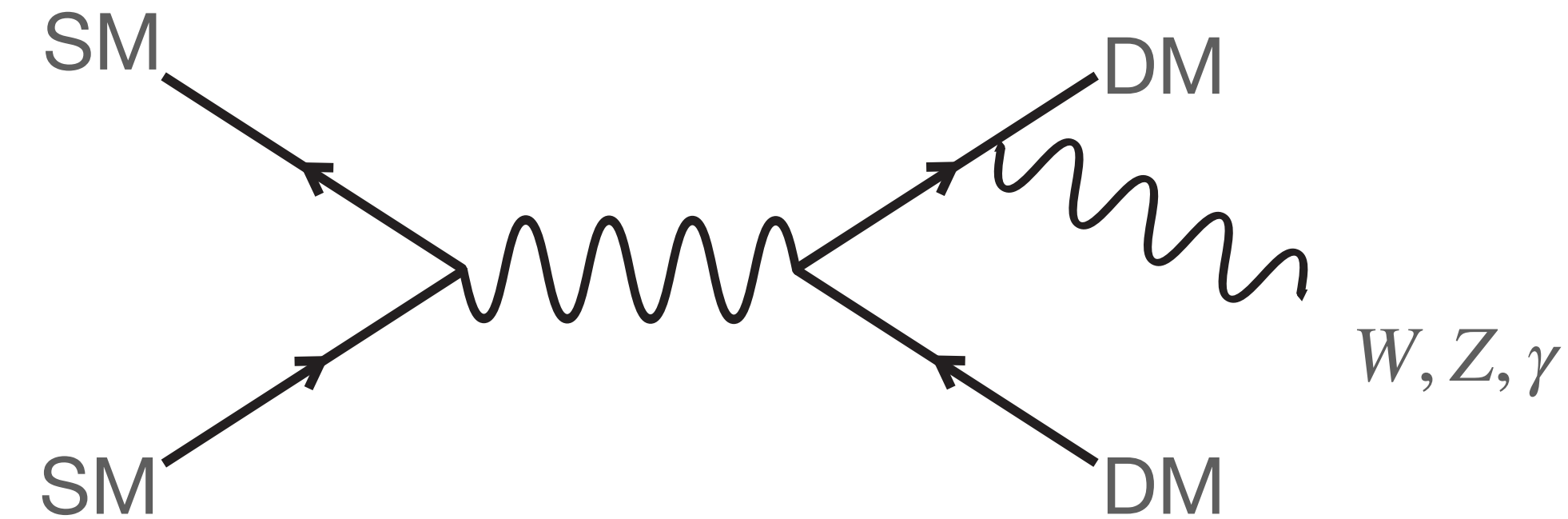
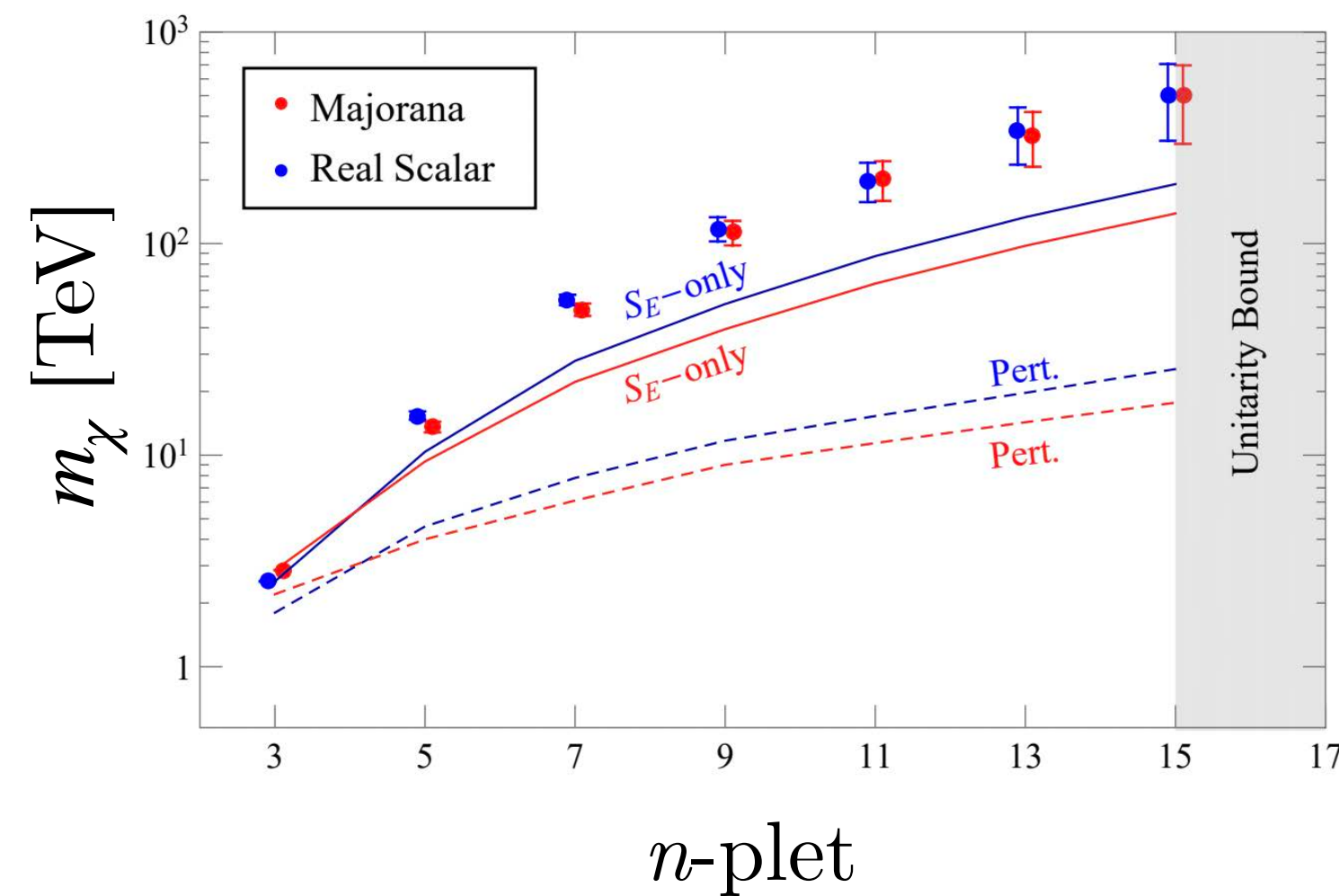
High-energy is the key to empirical evidence for a UV theory of the SM



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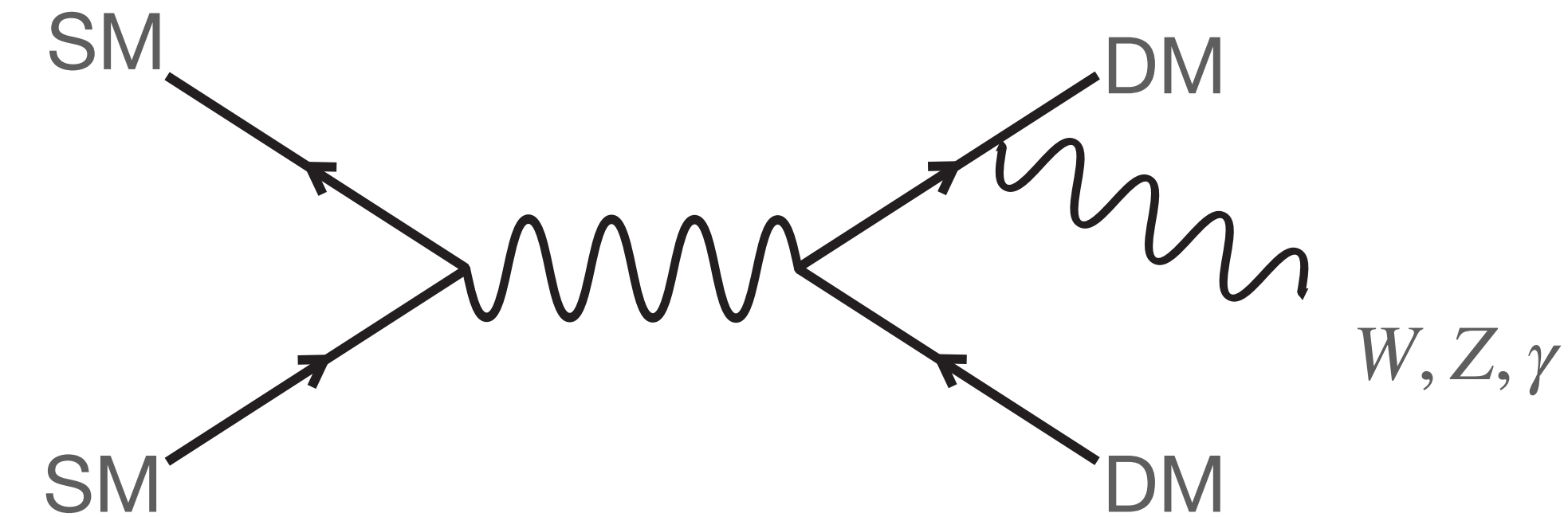
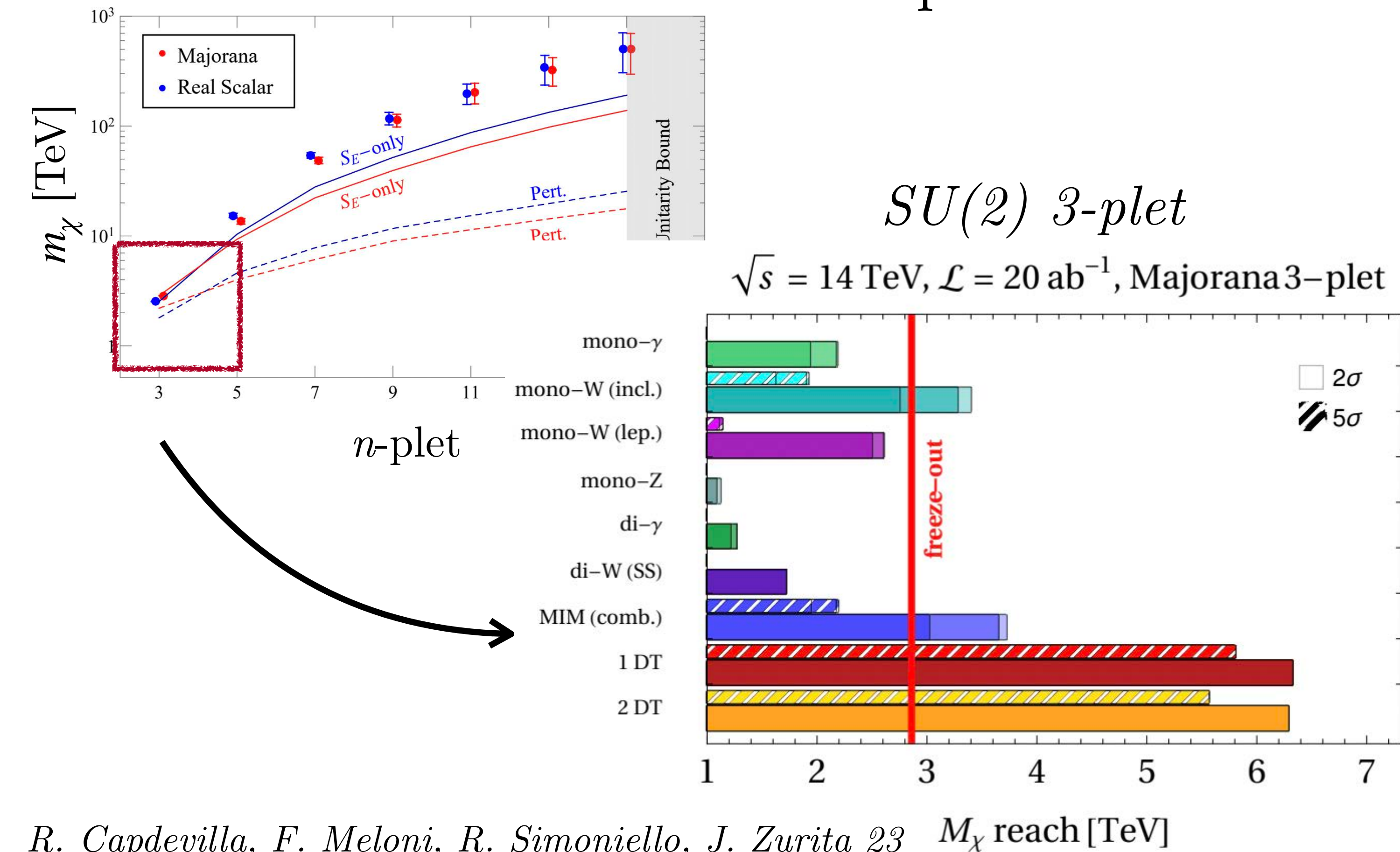


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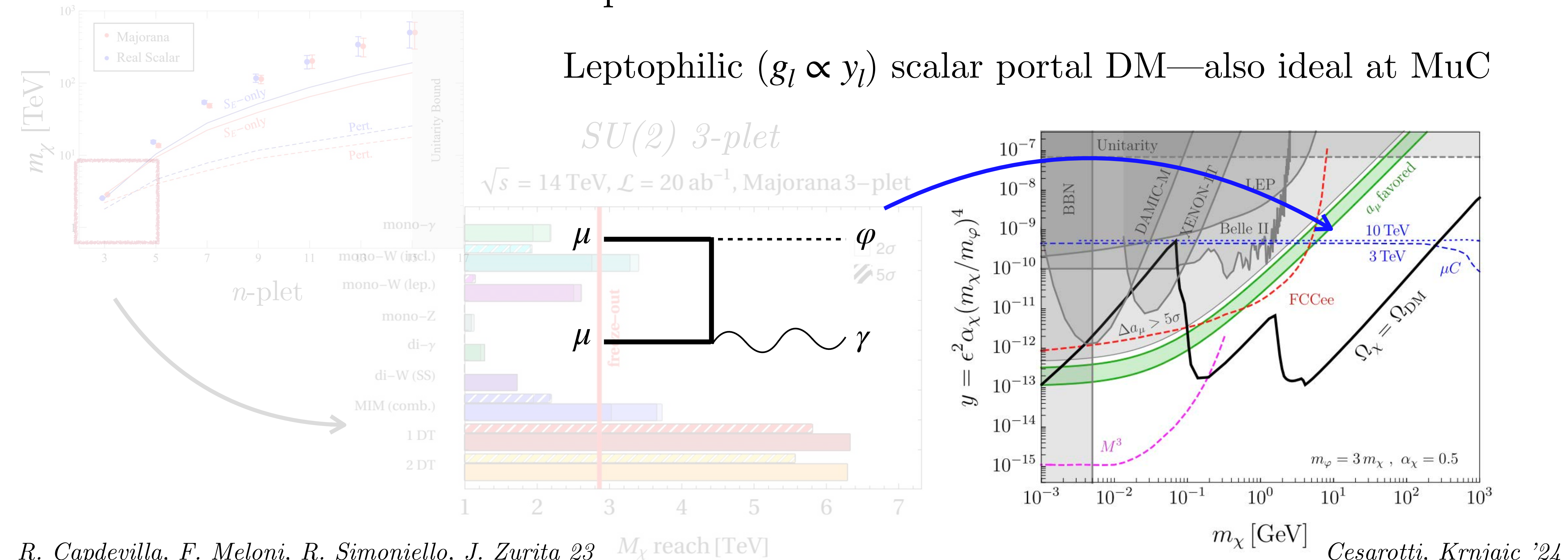
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Leptophilic ($g_l \propto y_l$) scalar portal DM—also ideal at MuC



R. Capdevilla, F. Meloni, R. Simoniello, J. Zurita '23

$M_\chi \text{ reach [TeV]}$

IMCC Collaboration Meeting

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

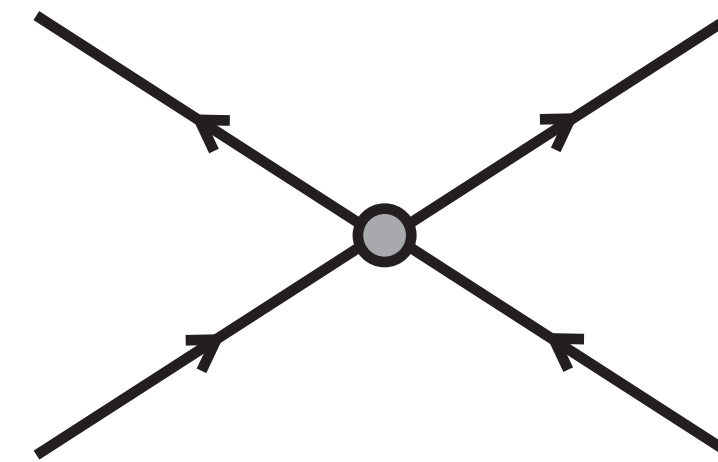
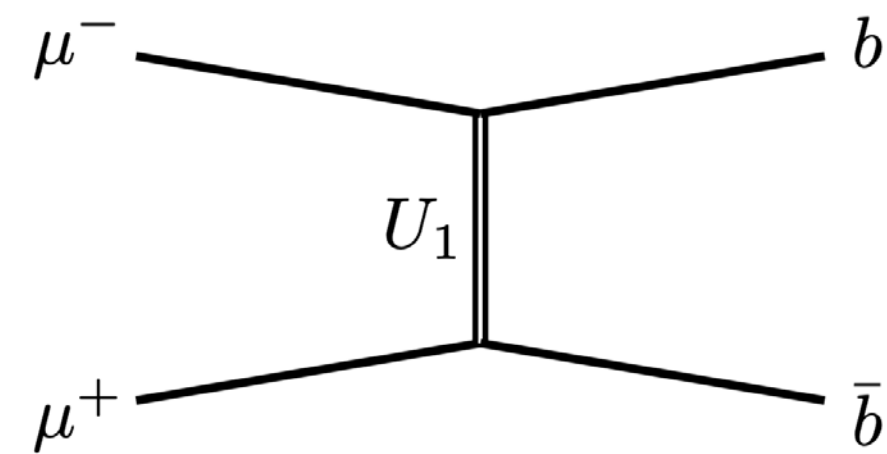
Cesarotti, Krnjaic '24

Han, Liu, Wang, Wang '20

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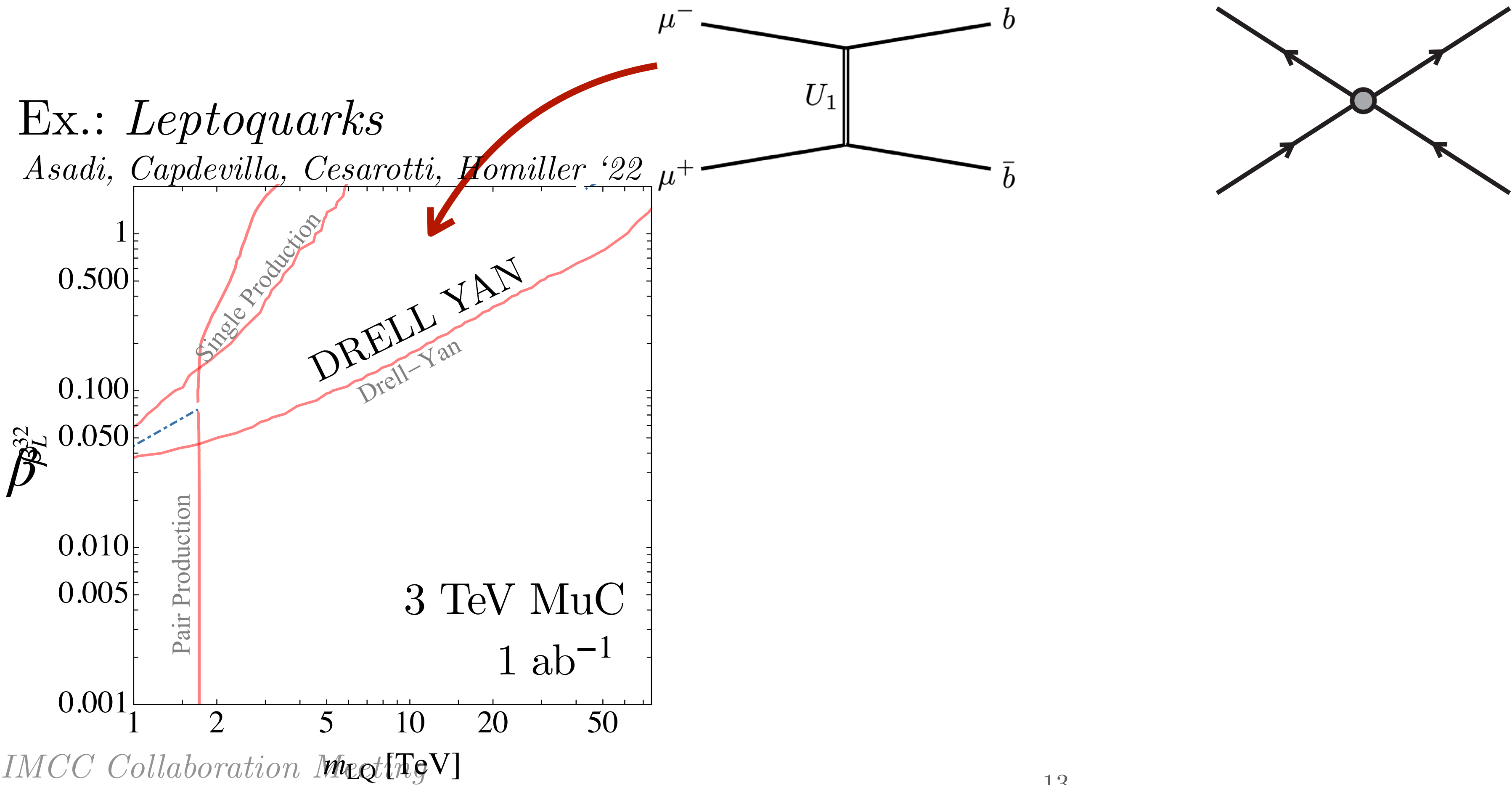
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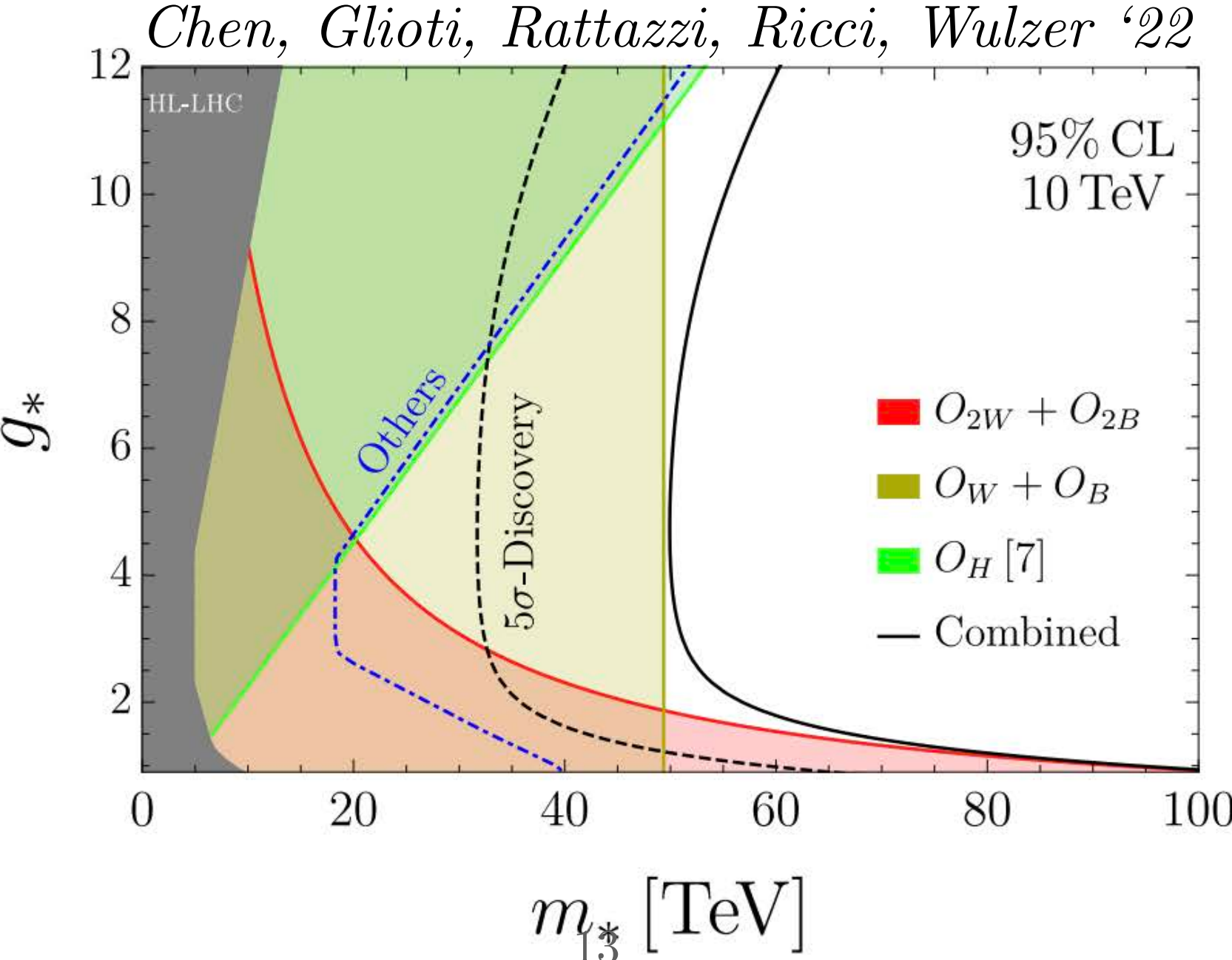
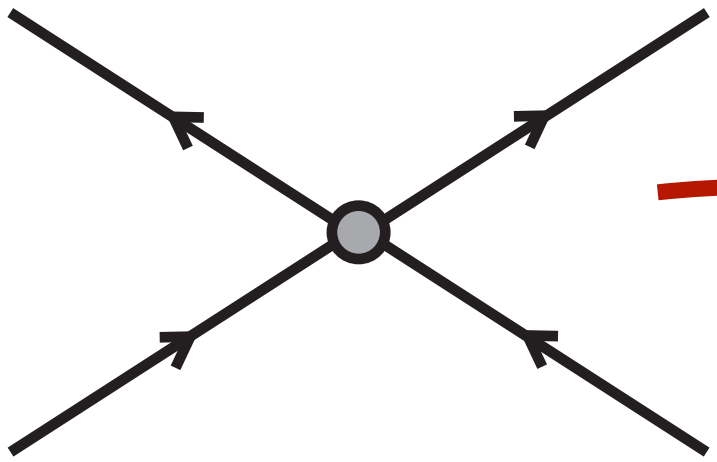
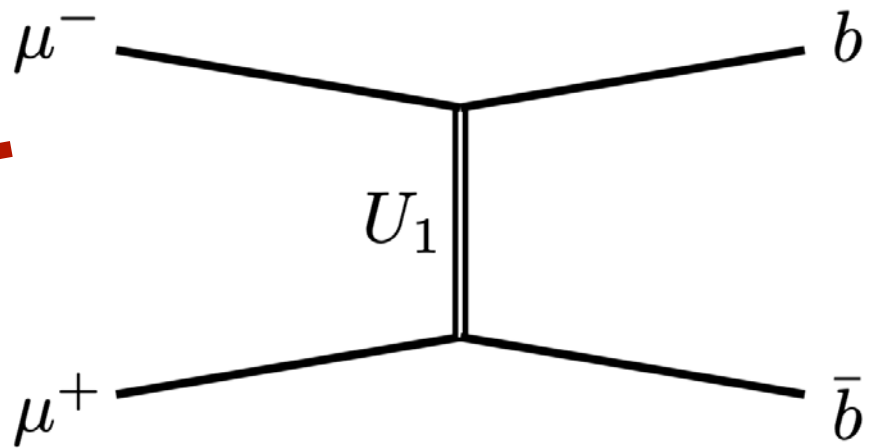
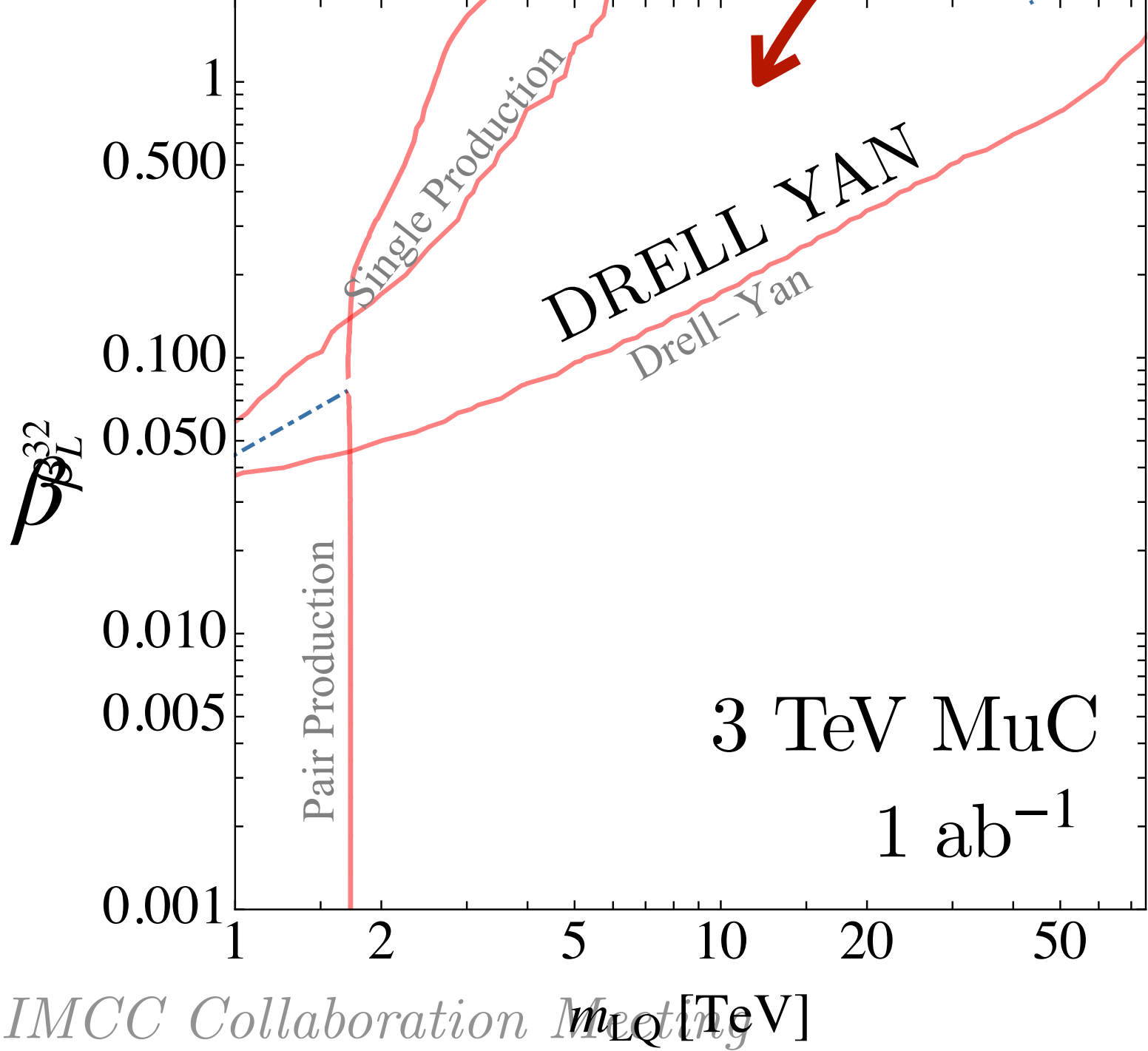
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Ex.: *Leptoquarks*

Asadi, Capdevilla, Cesarotti, Homiller '22



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$$O_{2B} = (\partial_\mu B^{\mu\nu})^2$$

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$$O_B = \frac{ig'}{2} (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) \partial^\nu B_{\mu\nu}$$

Measuring precisely $\mathcal{O}$ can tell us about high-energy dynamics

PHYSICS PROGRAM AT MUC (SUMMARY)

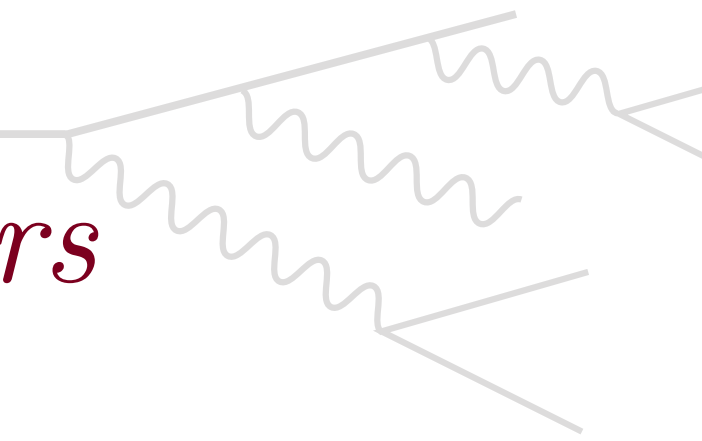
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Higgs

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*Well defined questions,
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Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) Exploration

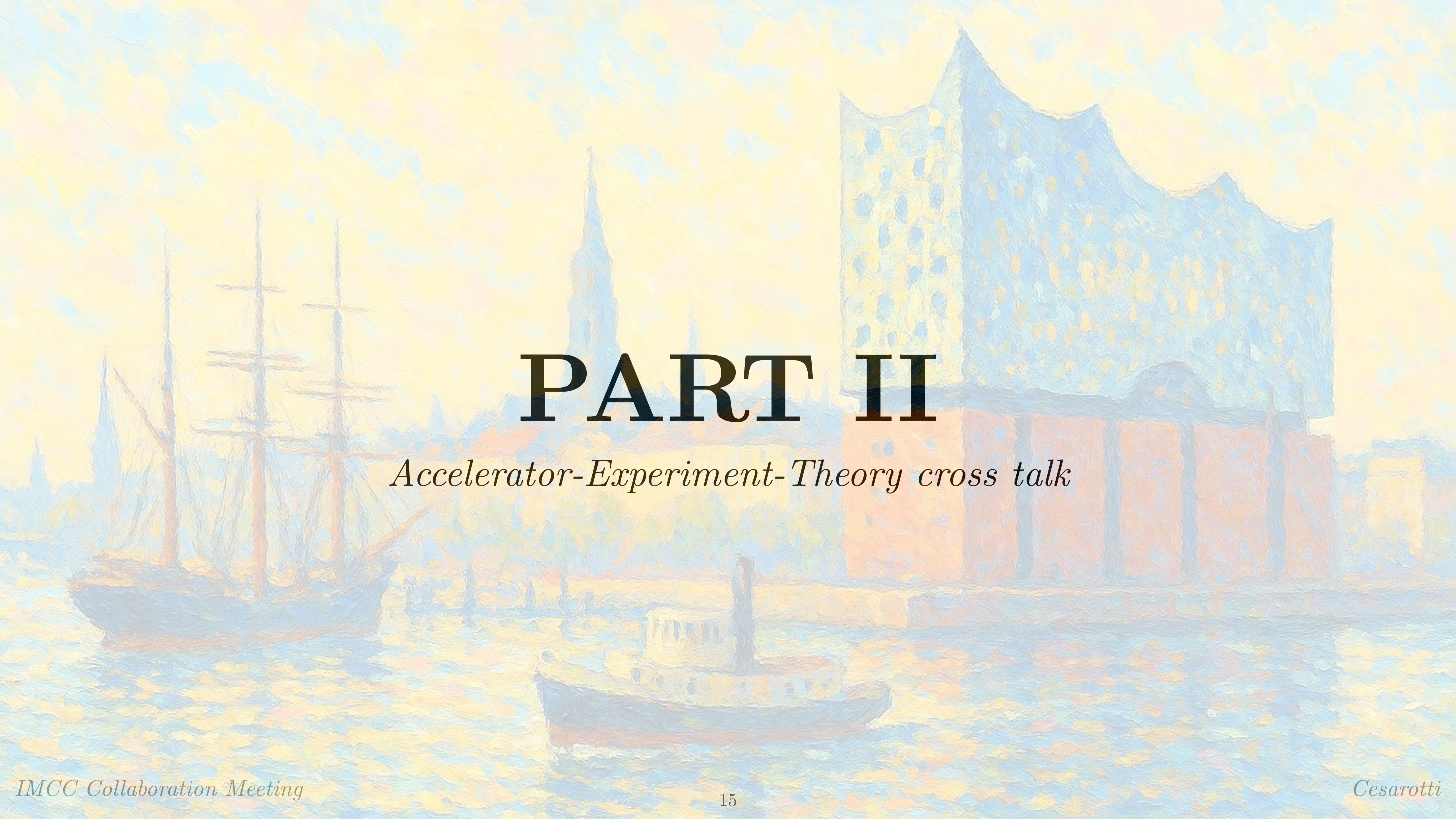
Direct

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*Need empirical (high-energy) evidence
to put us on motivated direction*



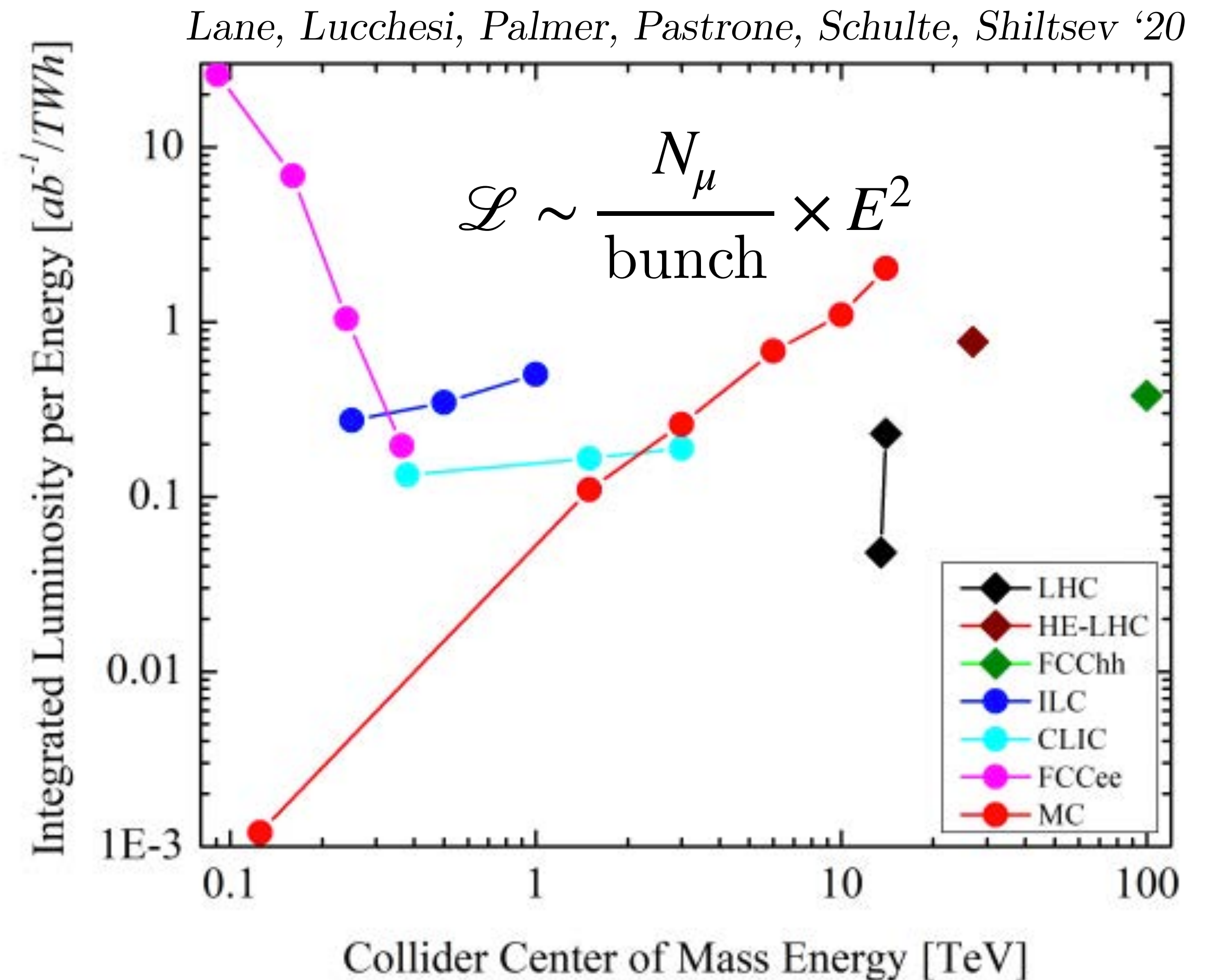
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PART II

Accelerator-Experiment-Theory cross talk

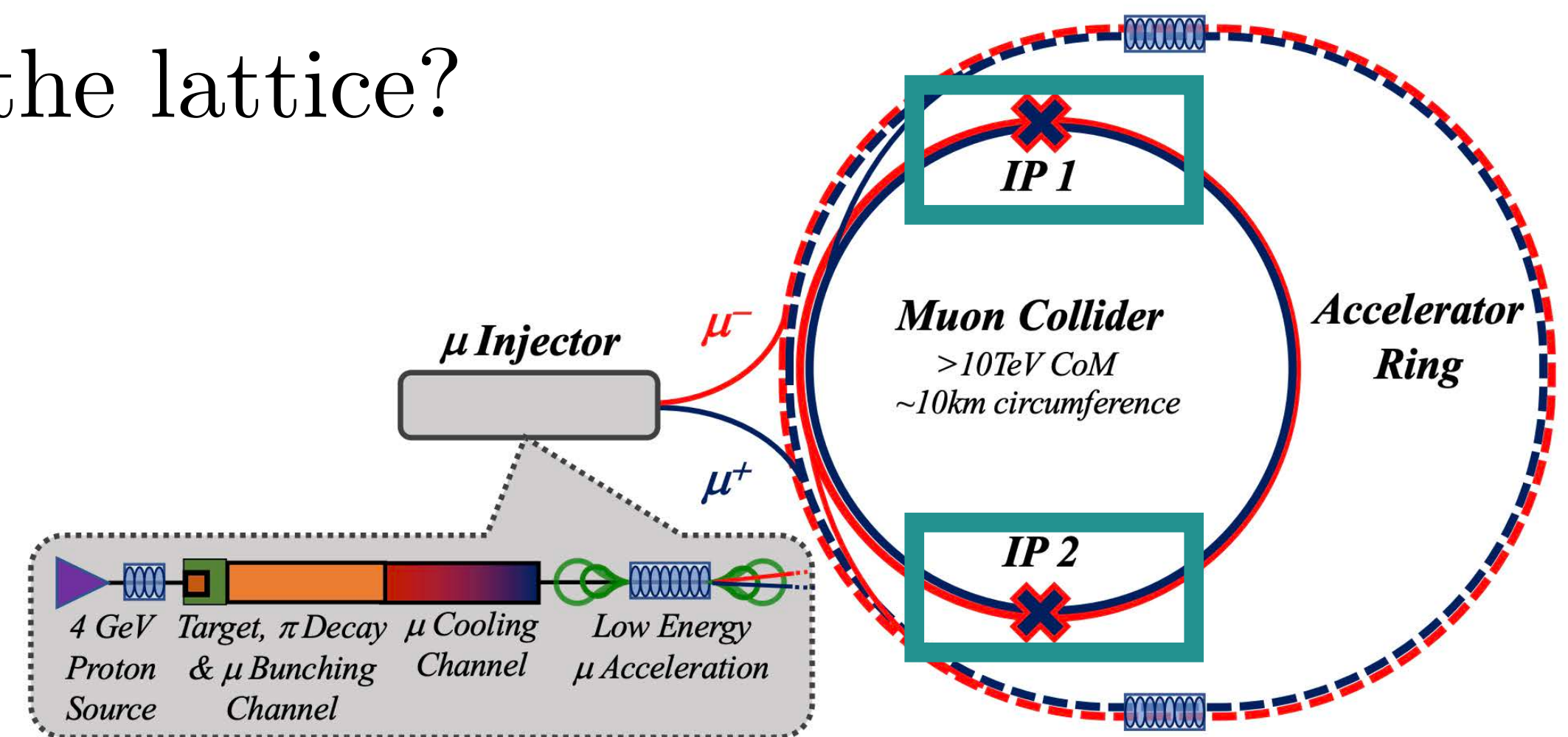
THEORY NEEDS

- High energy!
- Energy squared luminosity scaling
- Disappearing track capabilities
- Mitigation of BIB (also simulation?)
- Forward tagging of muons?



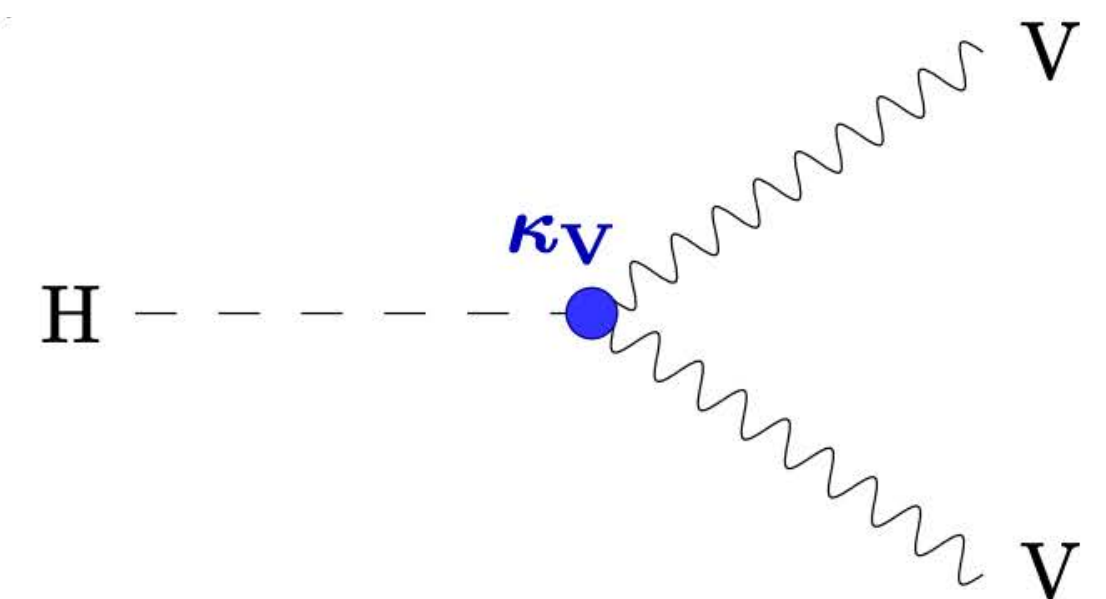
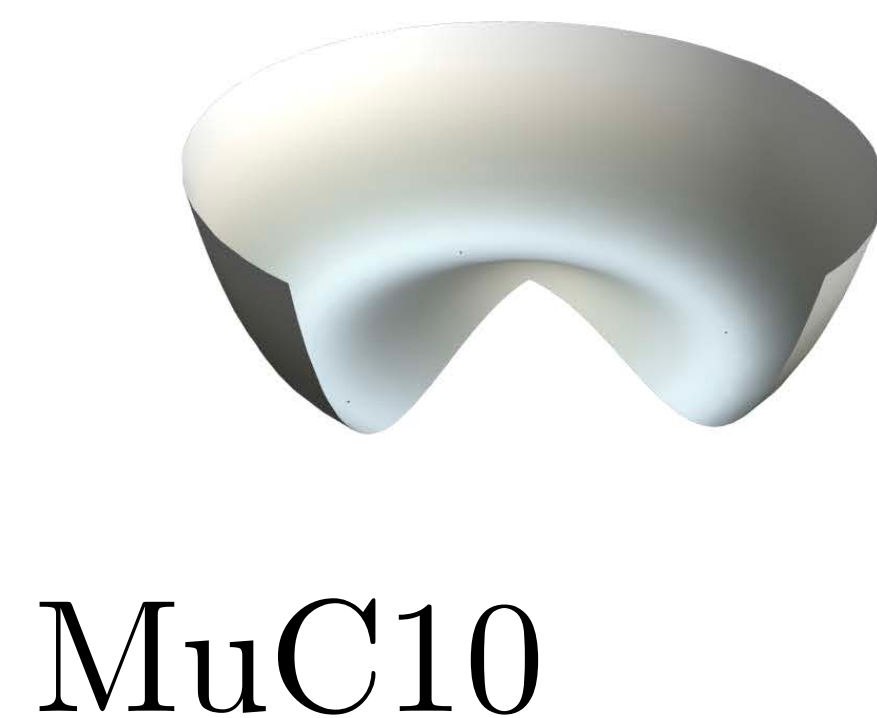
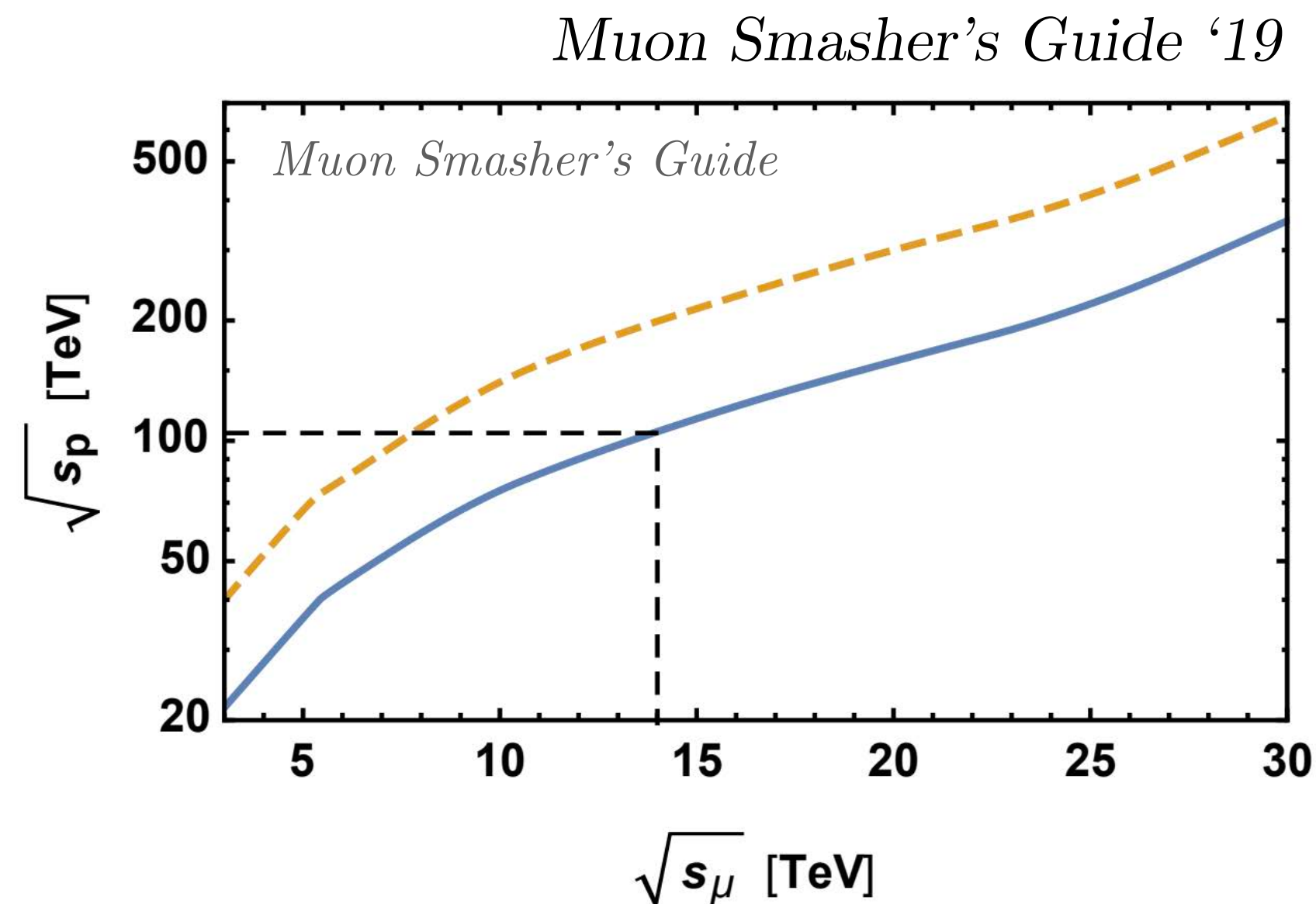
INPUT FOR THEORY

- What $\sqrt{s}$ can we realistically achieve?
- What resolution and reconstruction efficiencies?
- What flavor tagging efficiencies?
- How big is the fiducial detection region?
- What will be the straight sections on the lattice?
- What about this low-luminosity run?
 - $\sqrt{s} \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} \sim 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



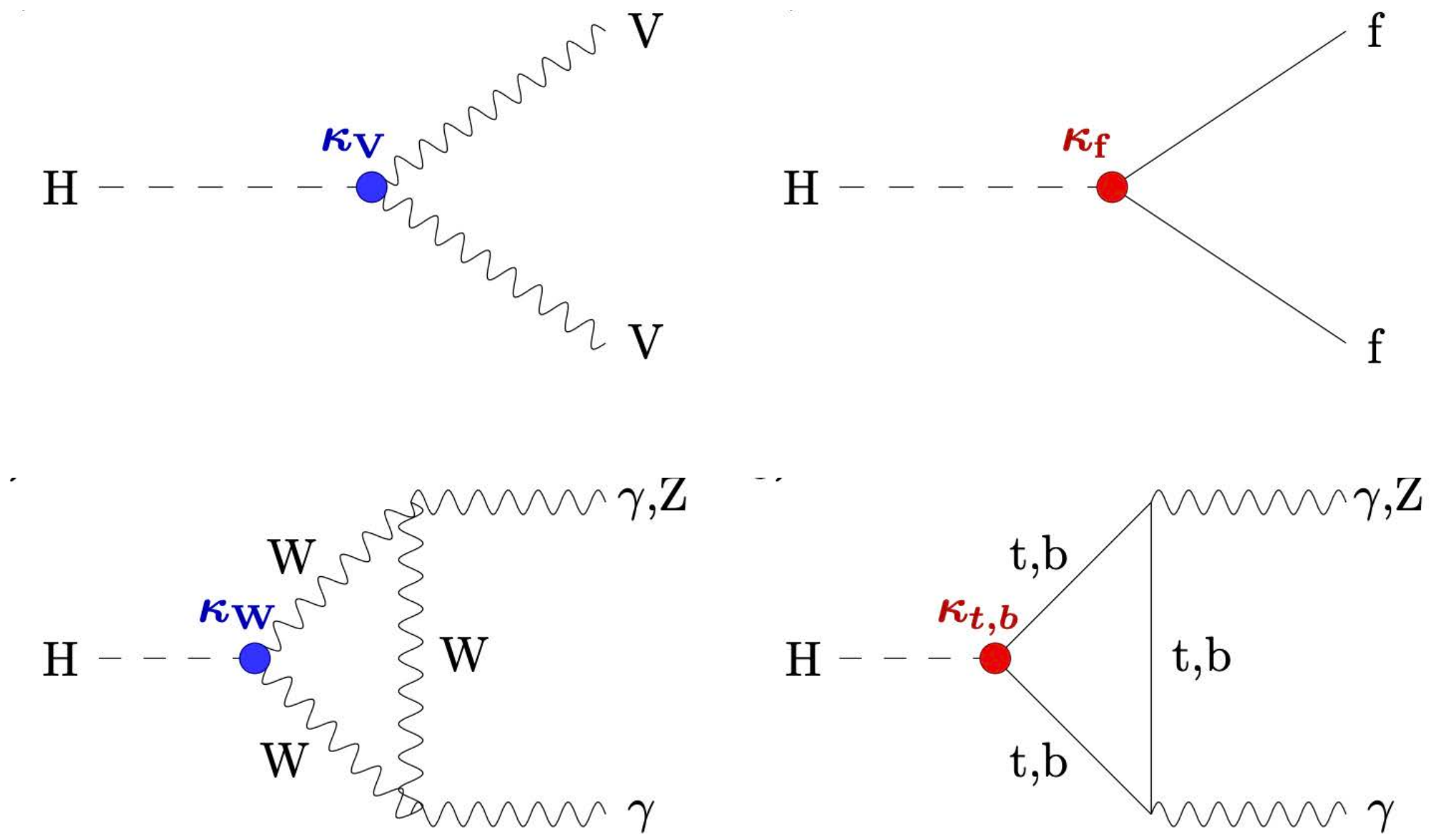
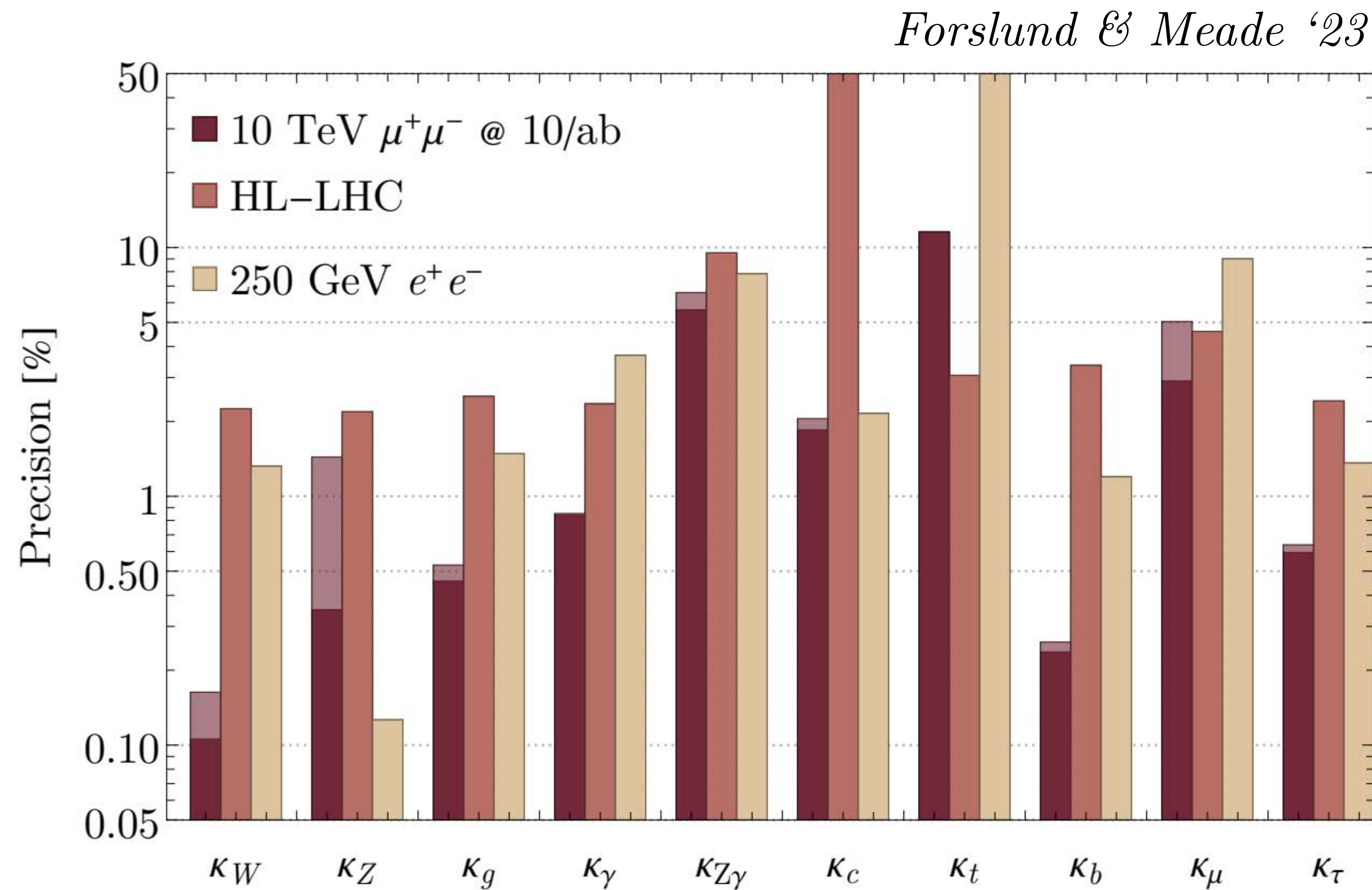
WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM THEORY?

- A motivated theory that points to a definitive energy scale
- Scans through run parameters? (e.g. various efficiencies, acceptance, etc)
- Physics targets for performance goals? (e.g. flavor tagging, forward muons)



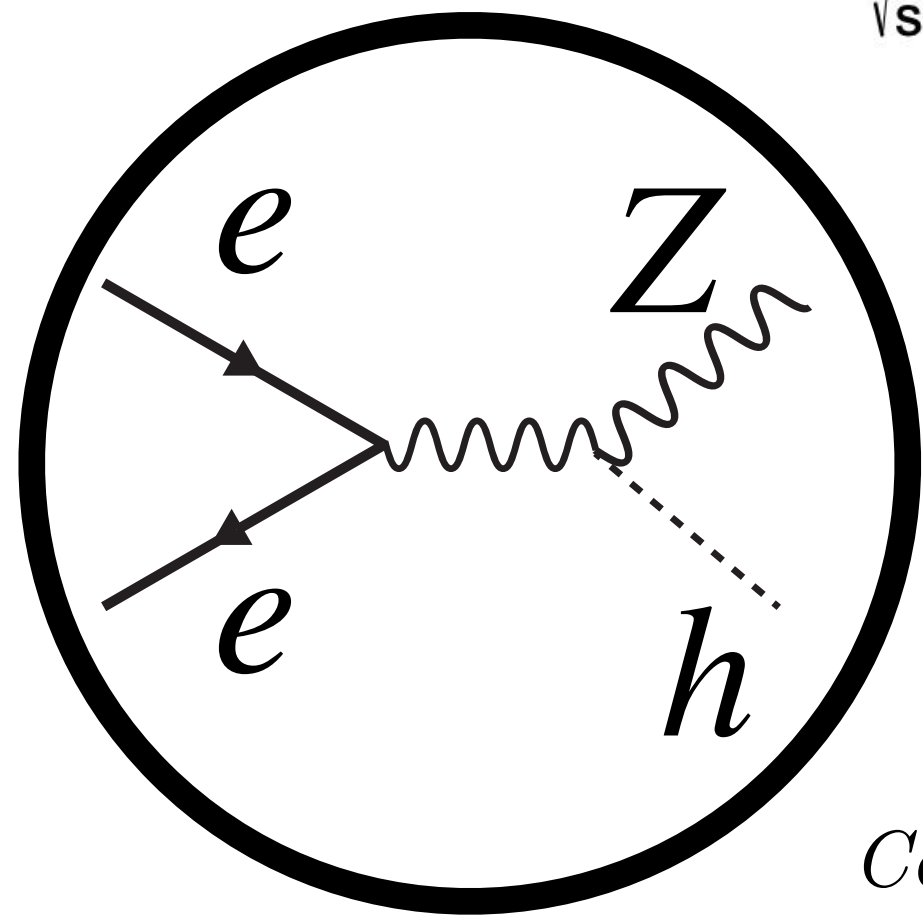
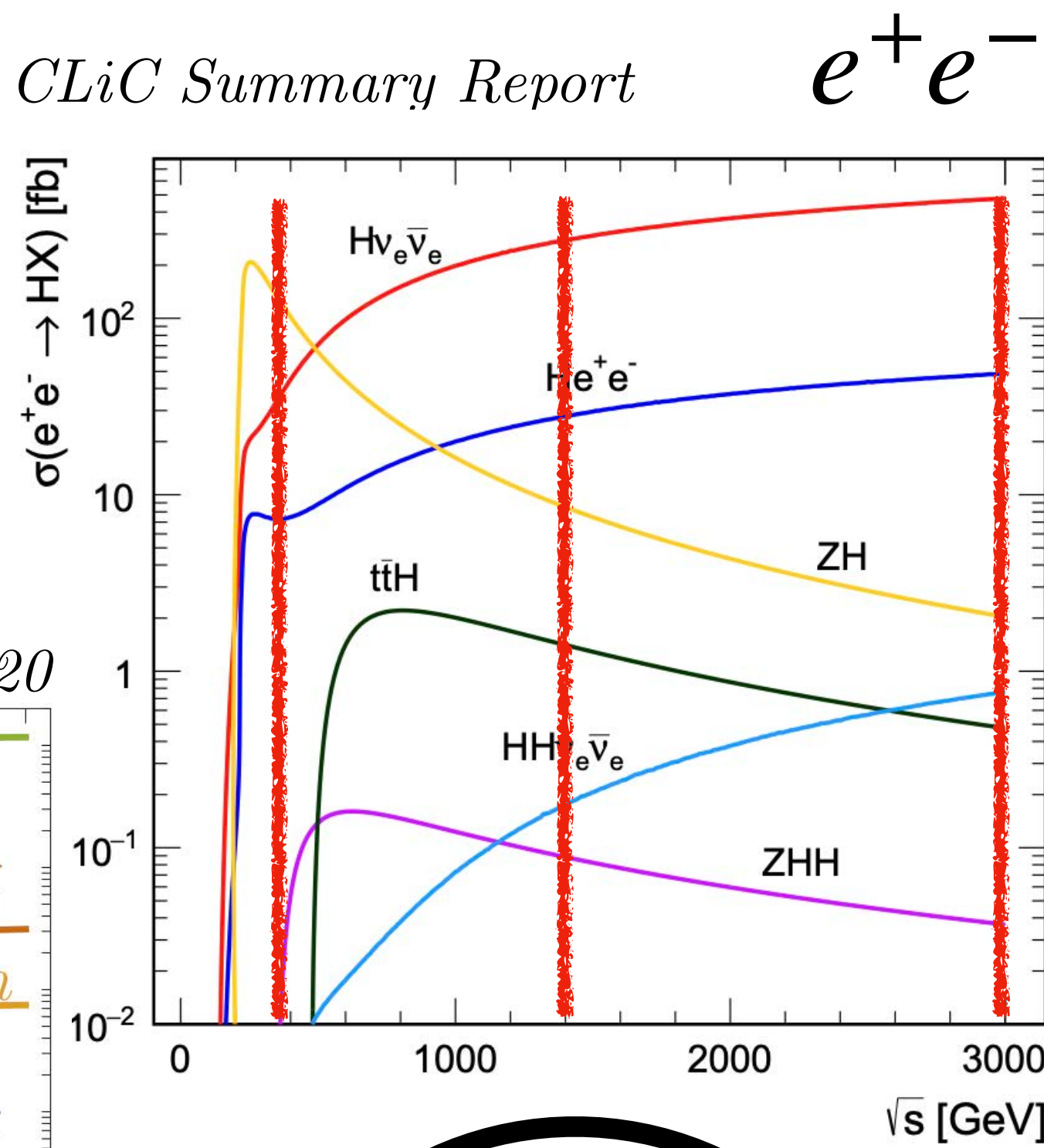
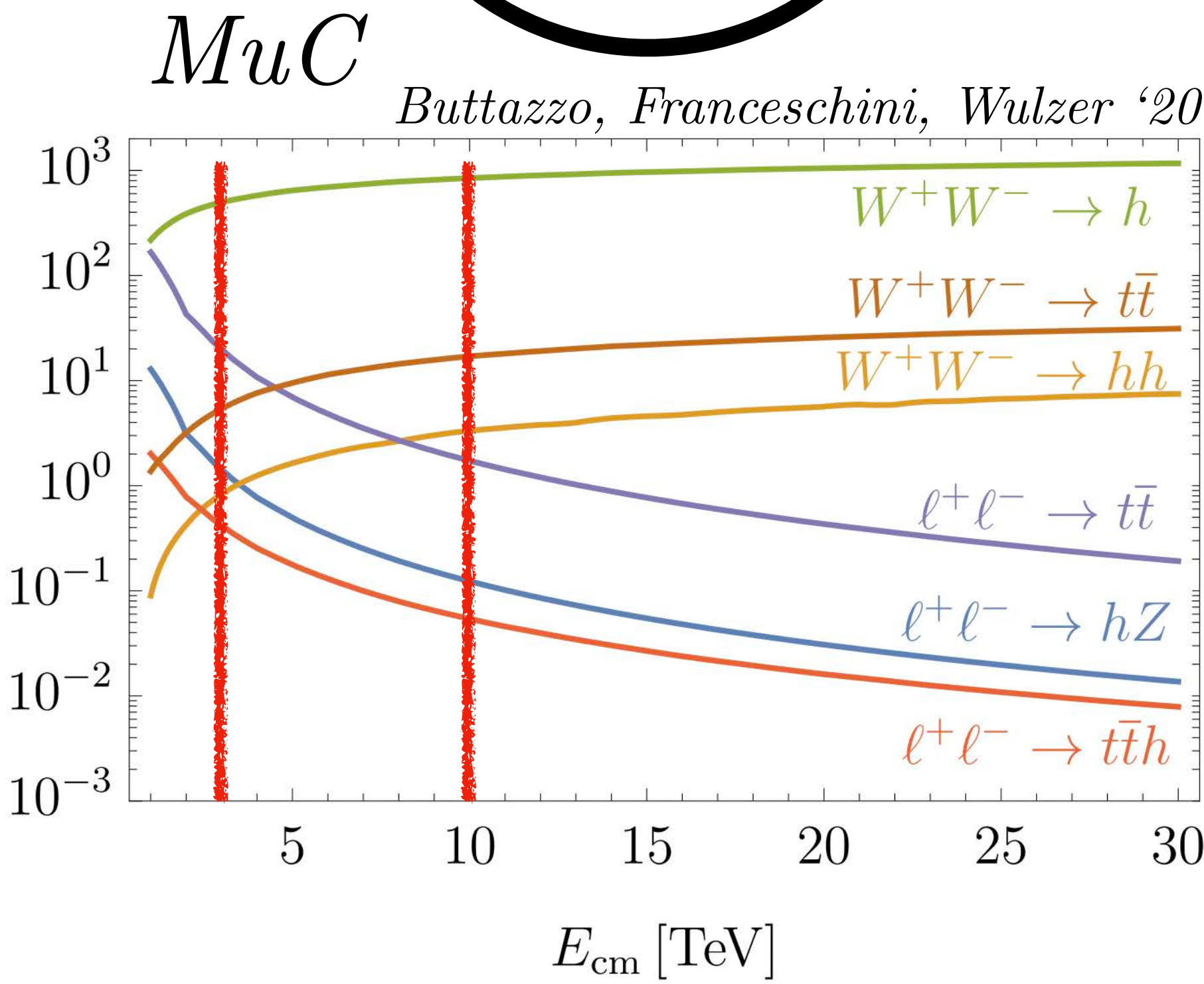
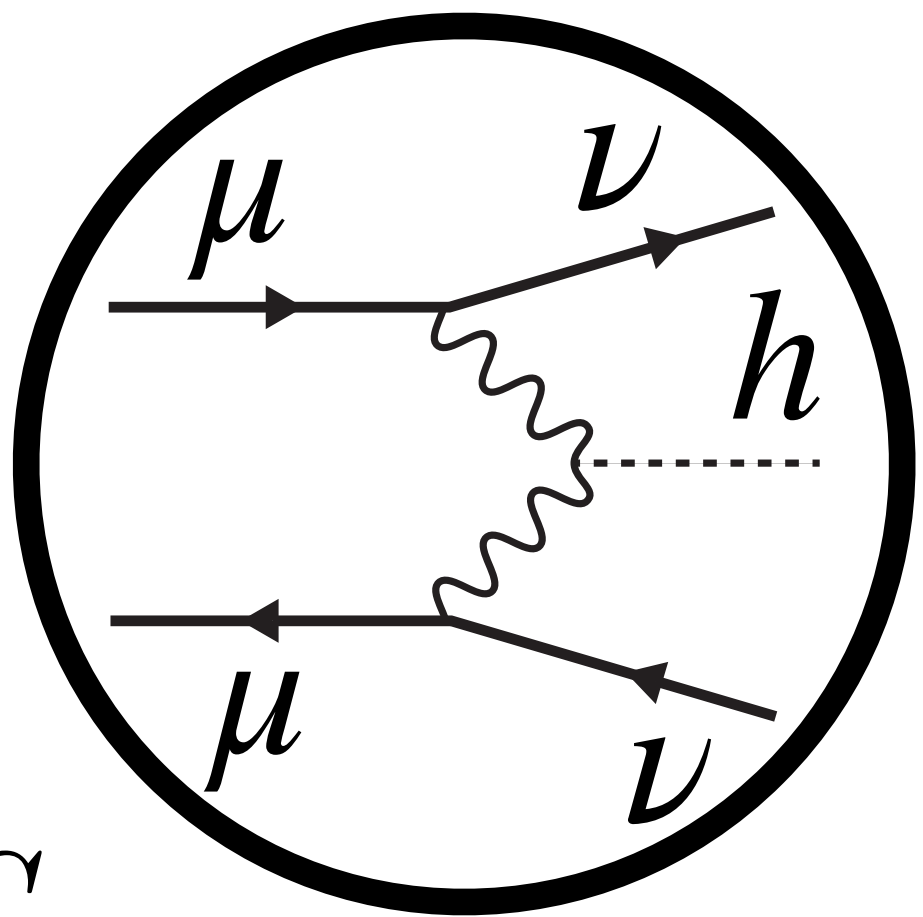
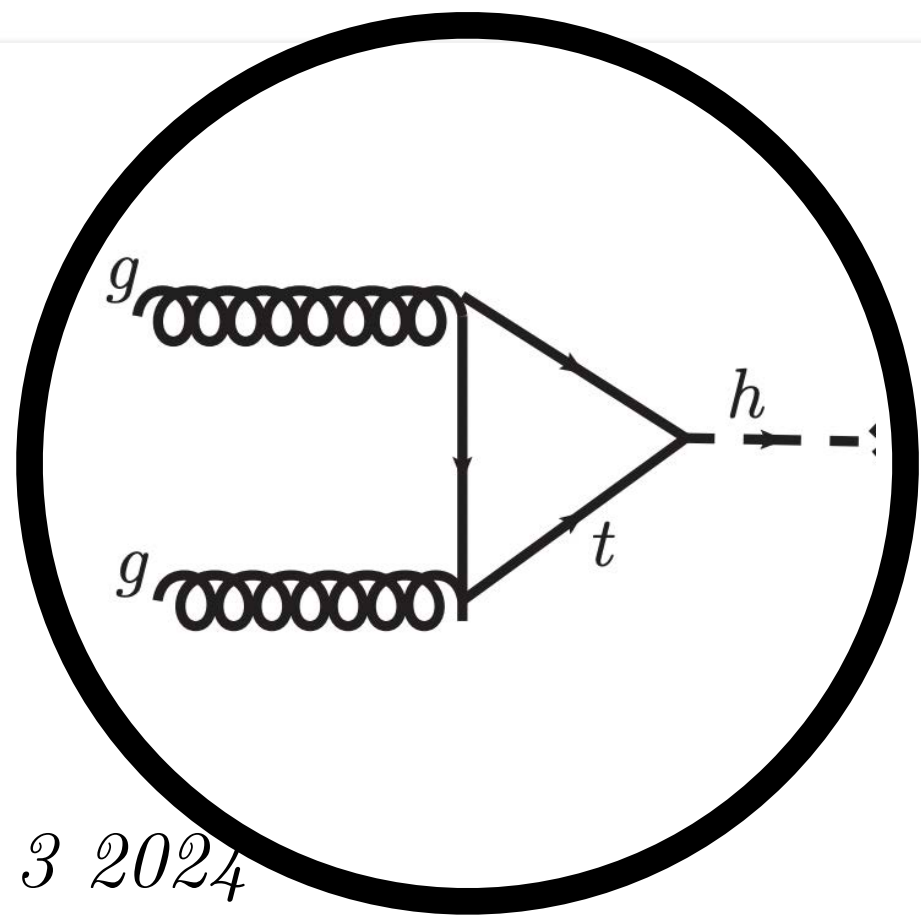
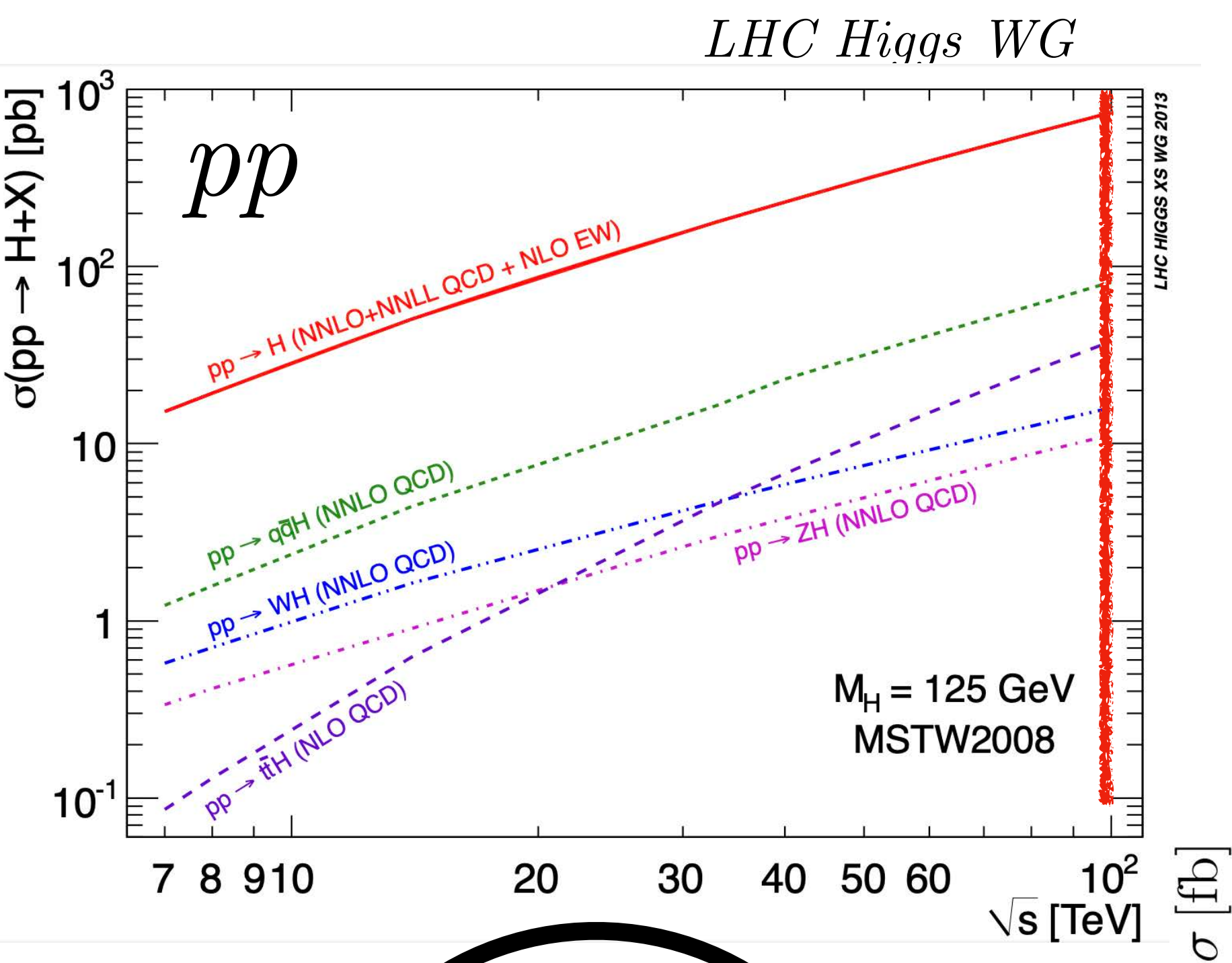
BACKUP SLIDES

HIGGS COUPLINGS



Reach of $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ Higgs can be up to an order of magnitude more precise than HL-LHC

HIGGS PRODUCTION



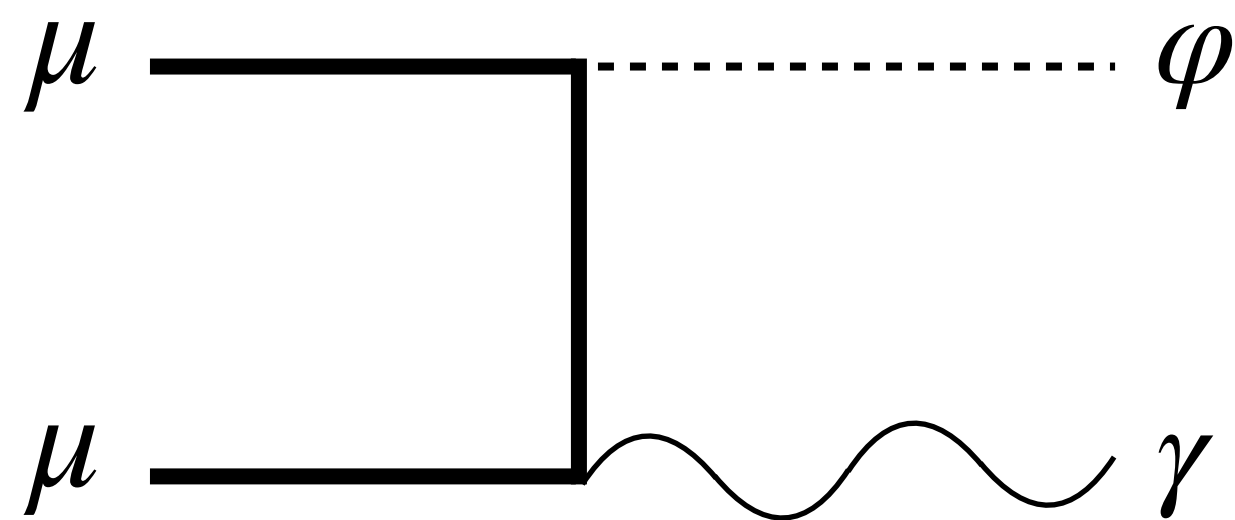
DM AT MuC: LEPTOPHILIC DM

CC, Krnjaic, '24

The improved sensitivity at MuC is because of the **second generation** coupling and the **increased** available energy

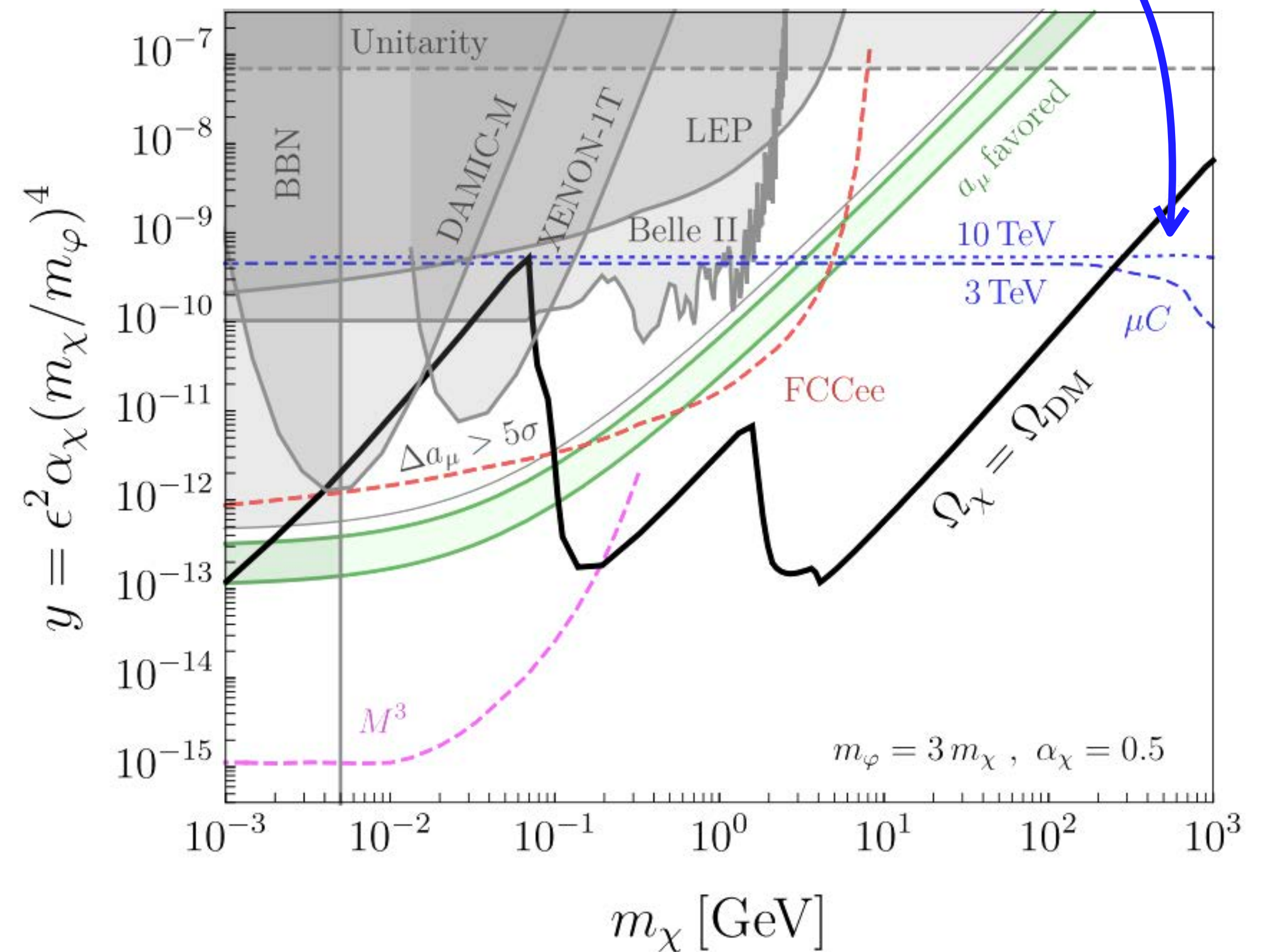
Mono-X Search

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \varphi \gamma = \gamma E$$



$$E_\gamma = \frac{s - m_\varphi^2}{2\sqrt{s}}$$

Background:
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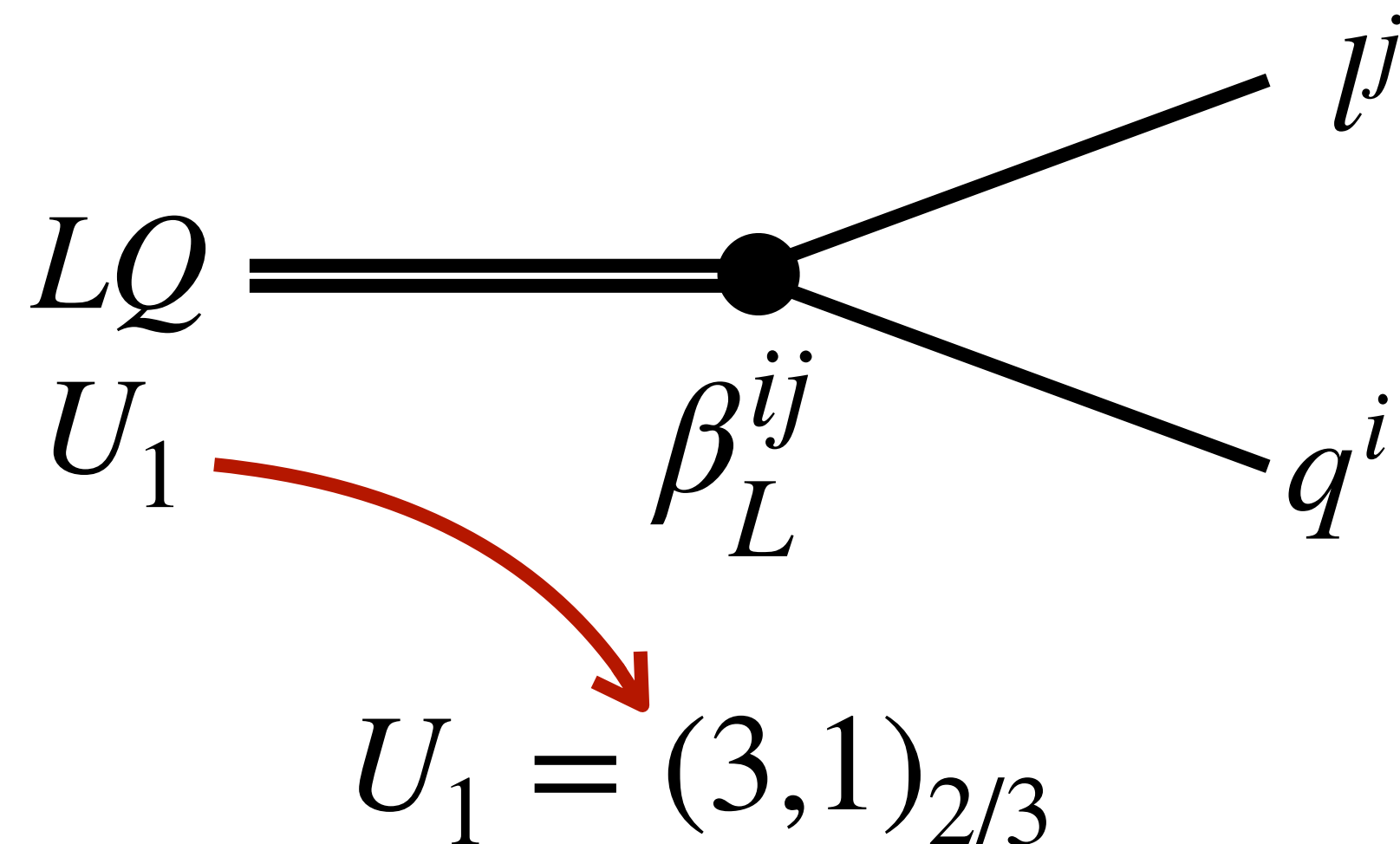


BSM AT MUC: LEPTOQUARKS

Asadi, Capdevilla, CC, Homiller, '21

Consider a BSM benchmark model: the *leptoquark*

New particle that can arise from Grand Unification Theories (GUT)



Broad class of NP model

- Low representation of GUT symmetry
- SUSY models (squarks in RPV)
- Flavor anomalies
- ...

$$\mathcal{L}_{U_1} \supset \frac{g_U}{\sqrt{2}} U_1^\mu \left(\beta_L^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \gamma_\mu L_L^j + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

BSM AT MuC: LEPTOQUARKS

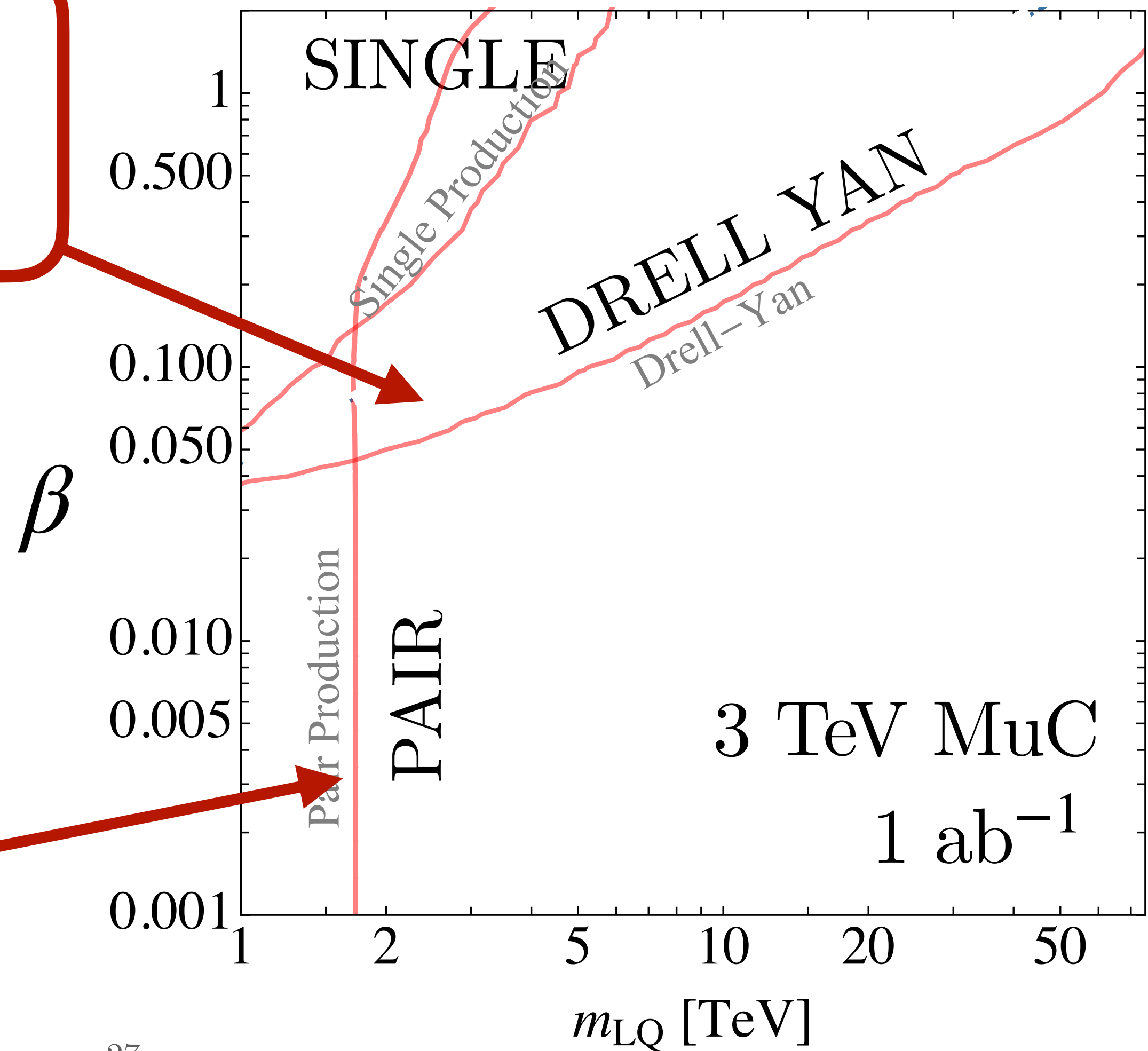
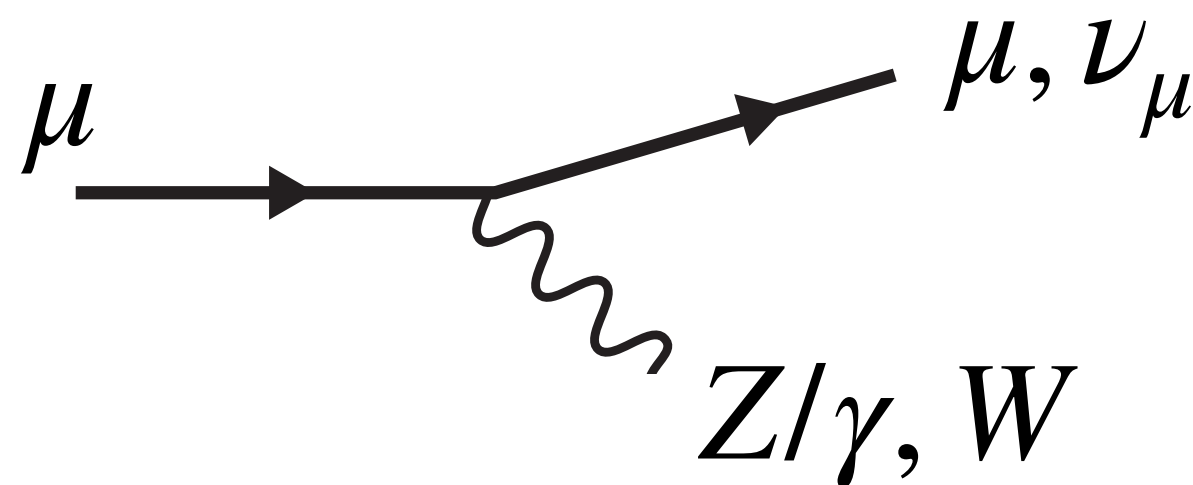
Asadi, Capdevilla, CC, Homiller, '21

For benchmark choice of **couplings**, 5σ reach at 3 TeV MuC

MuC can indirectly probe states
with *energies larger than* $\sqrt{s}$

Muons have PDFs too!

Muon colliders are
also *gauge boson*
colliders



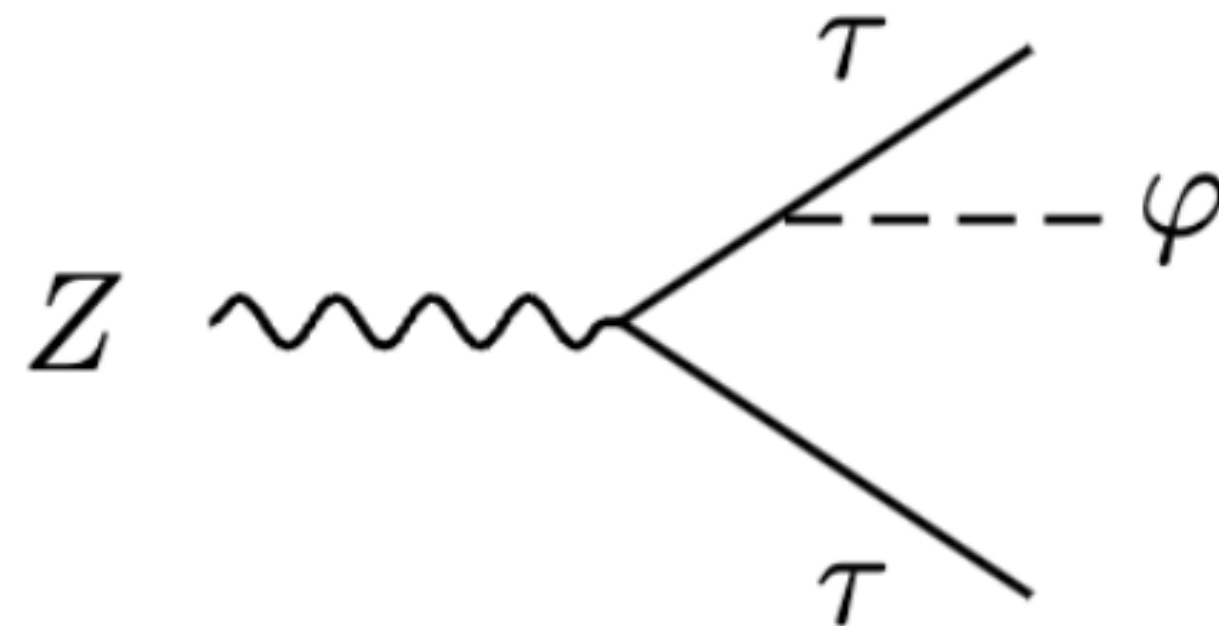
DM AT EE COLLIDER: LEPTOPHILIC DM

CC, Krnjaic, '24

The improved sensitivity at *precision electron machine* is because of the **huge statistics** at the Z-pole (5×10^{12} Z bosons!)

Strongest bound set by couplings
to $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$

Bound set by uncertainty in BR



FUTURE MACHINES ARE
COMPLEMENTARY

