

Physics at Muon Colliders



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Satisfied with these successes, we have now to face deeper questions such as:

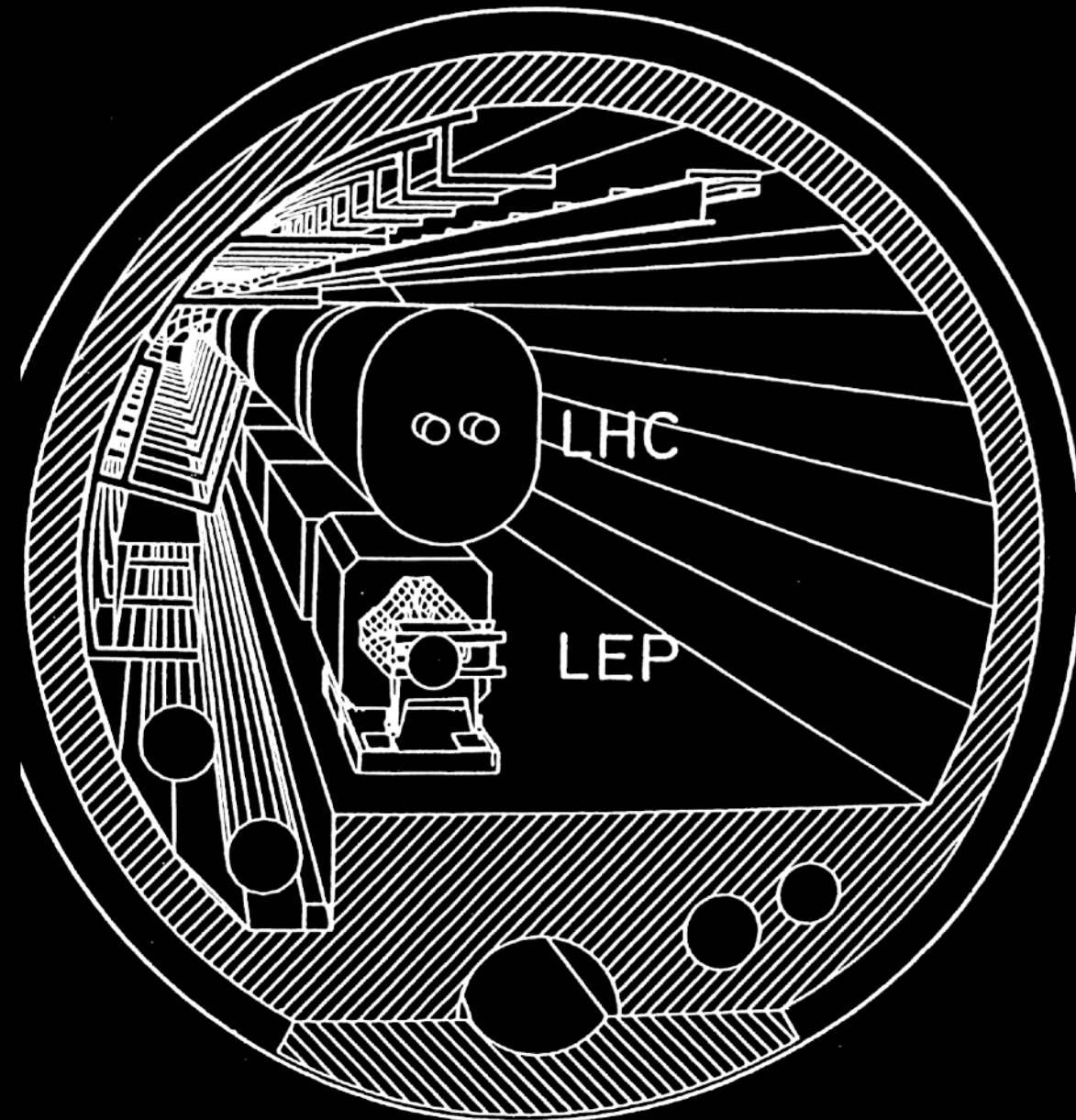
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We have simply too many a priori plausible hypotheses concerning the nature of symmetry breaking in the standard model. Experimentation in the TeV range at the constituent level is bound to provide most essential clues, and the present successes of the $p\bar{p}$ collider are a very strong encouragement to go to higher energies and to higher luminosities in hadron-hadron collisions.



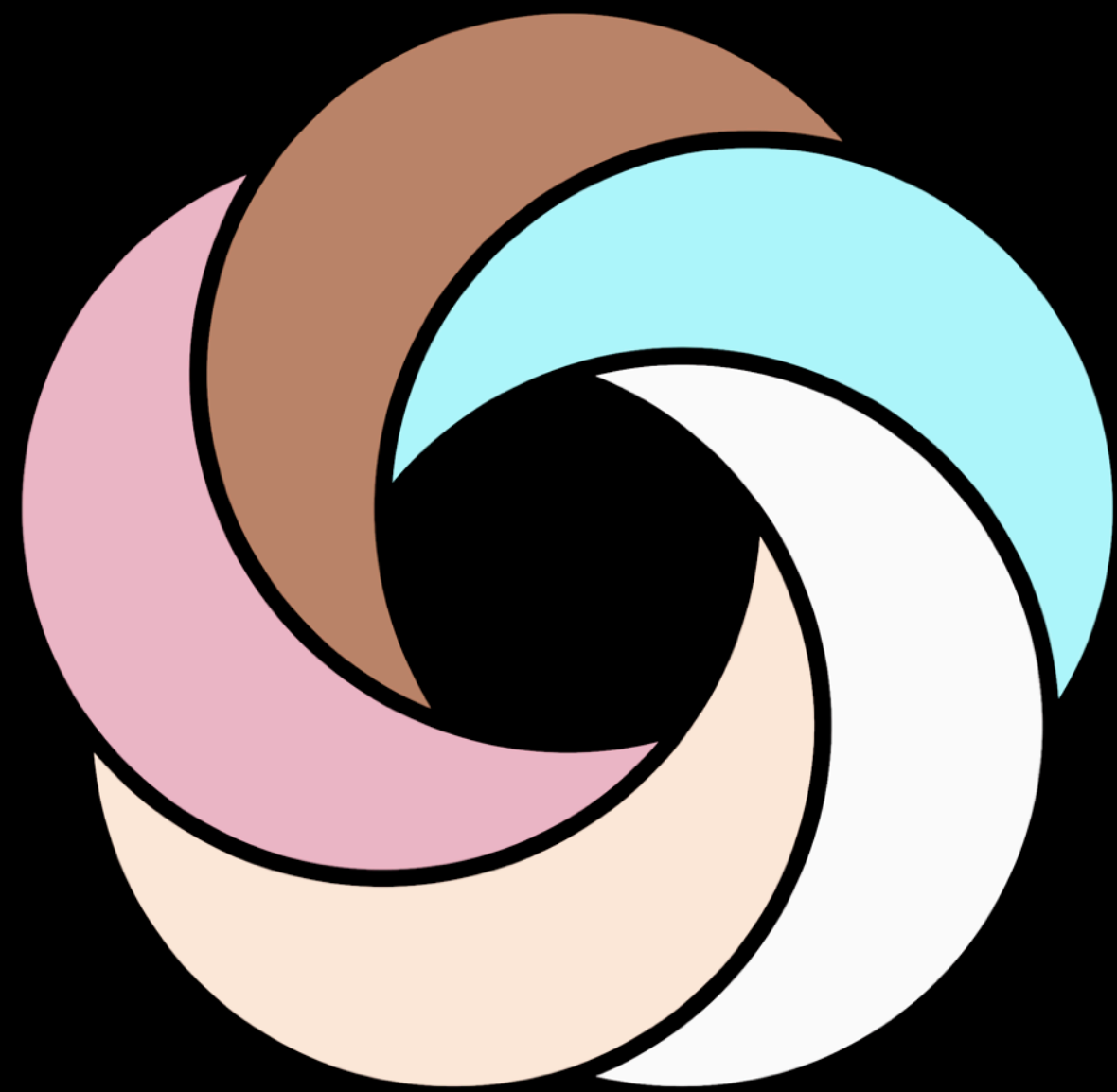
LARGE HADRON COLLIDER
IN THE LEP TUNNEL

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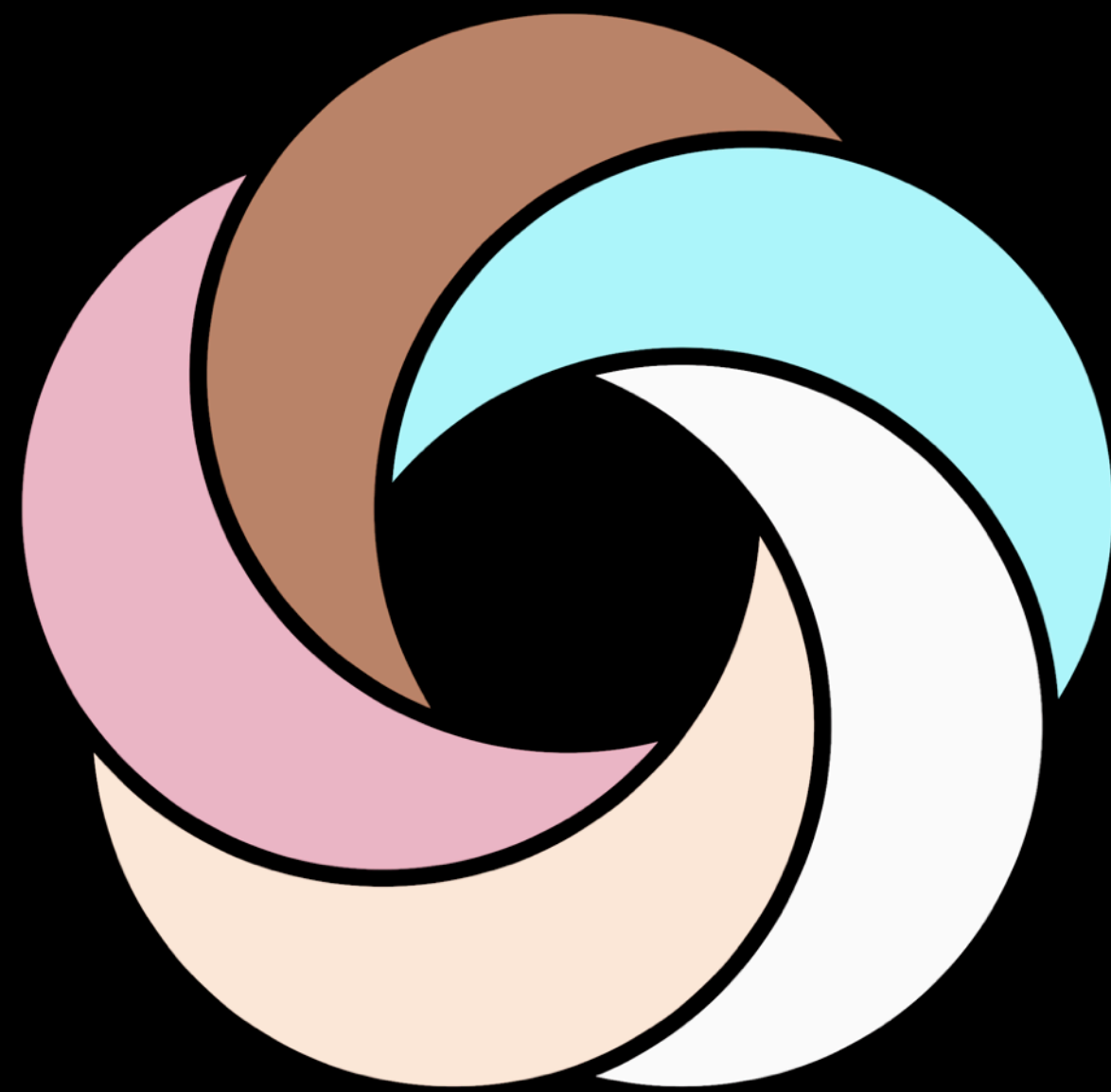
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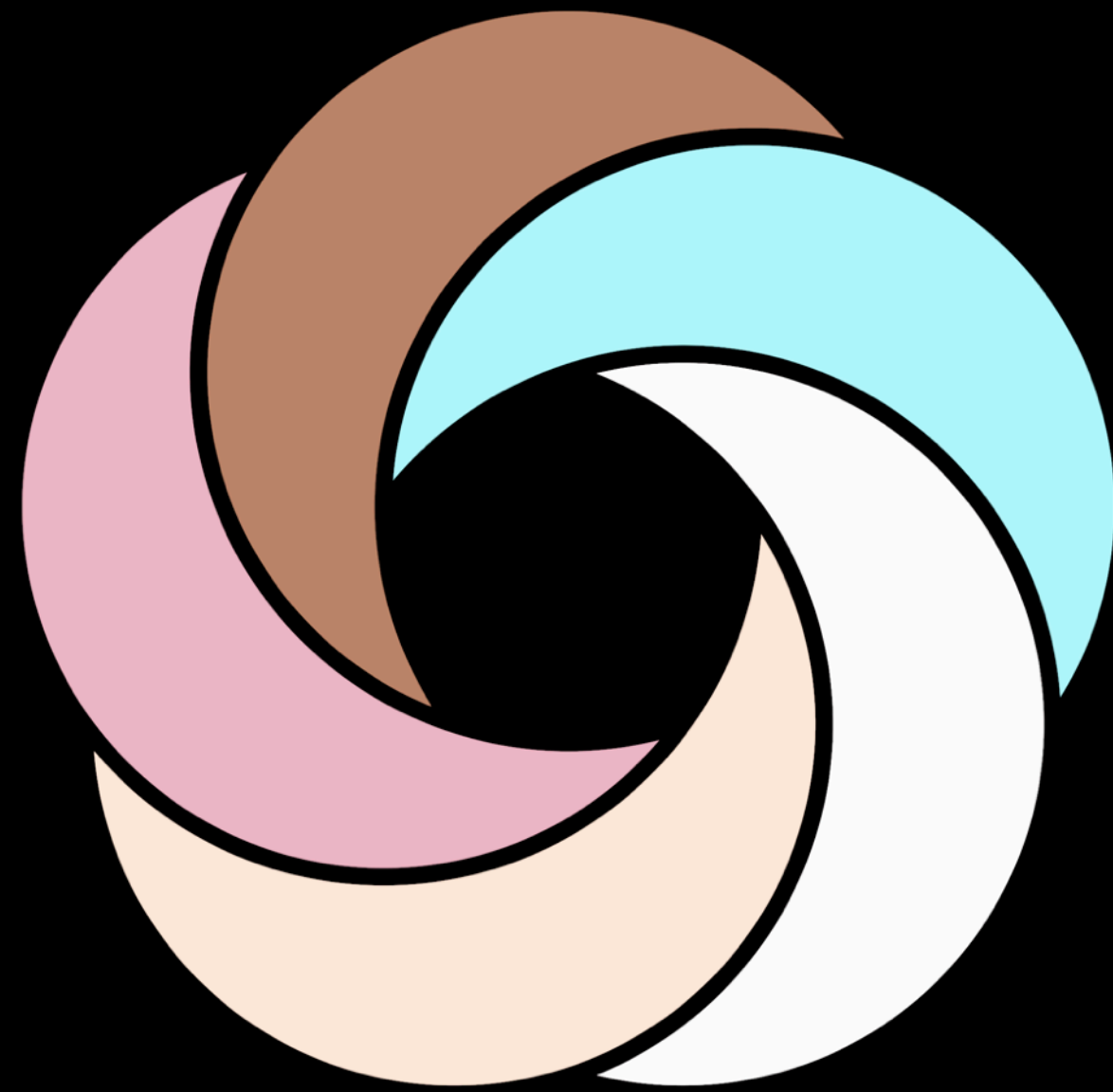


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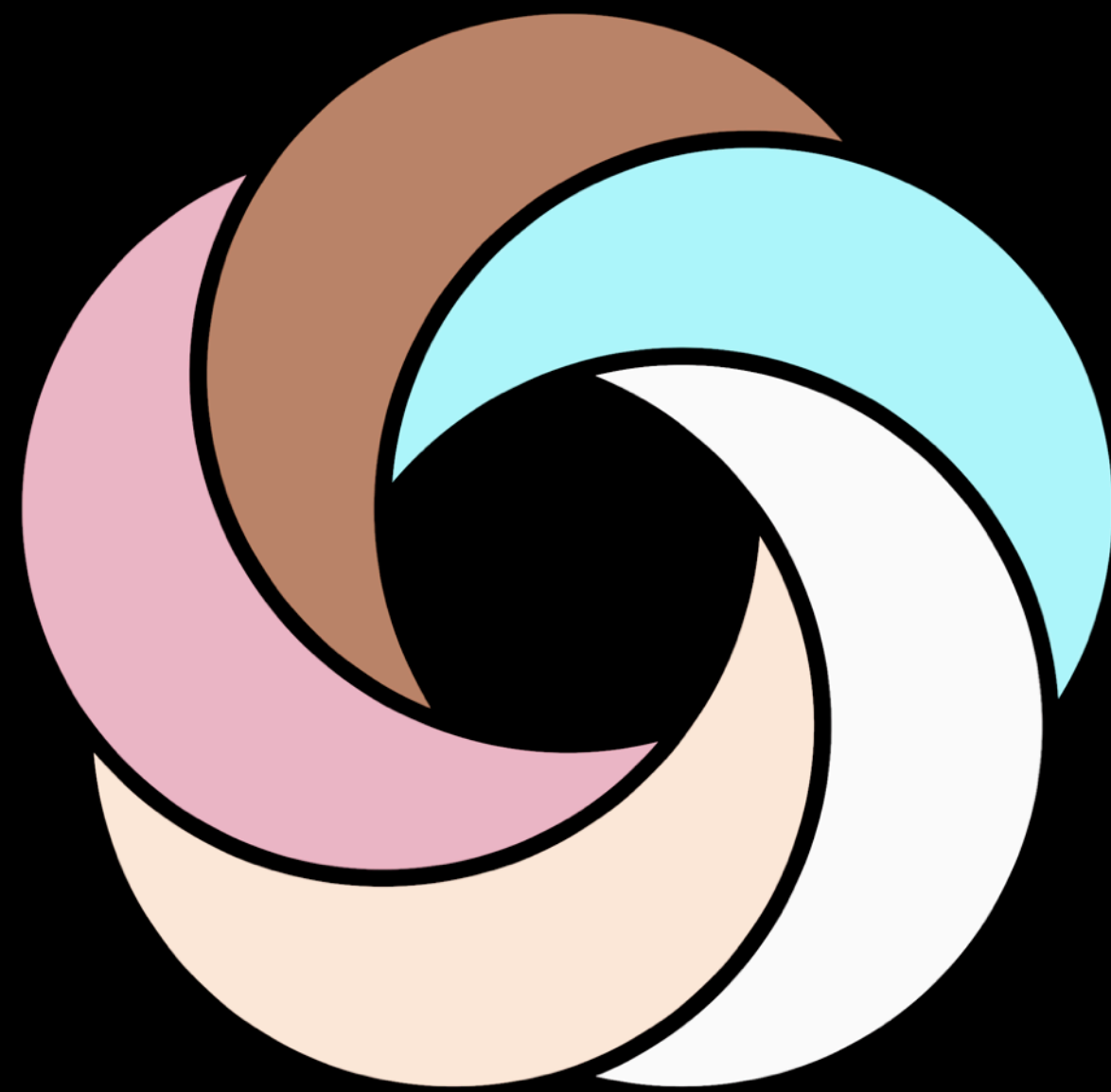
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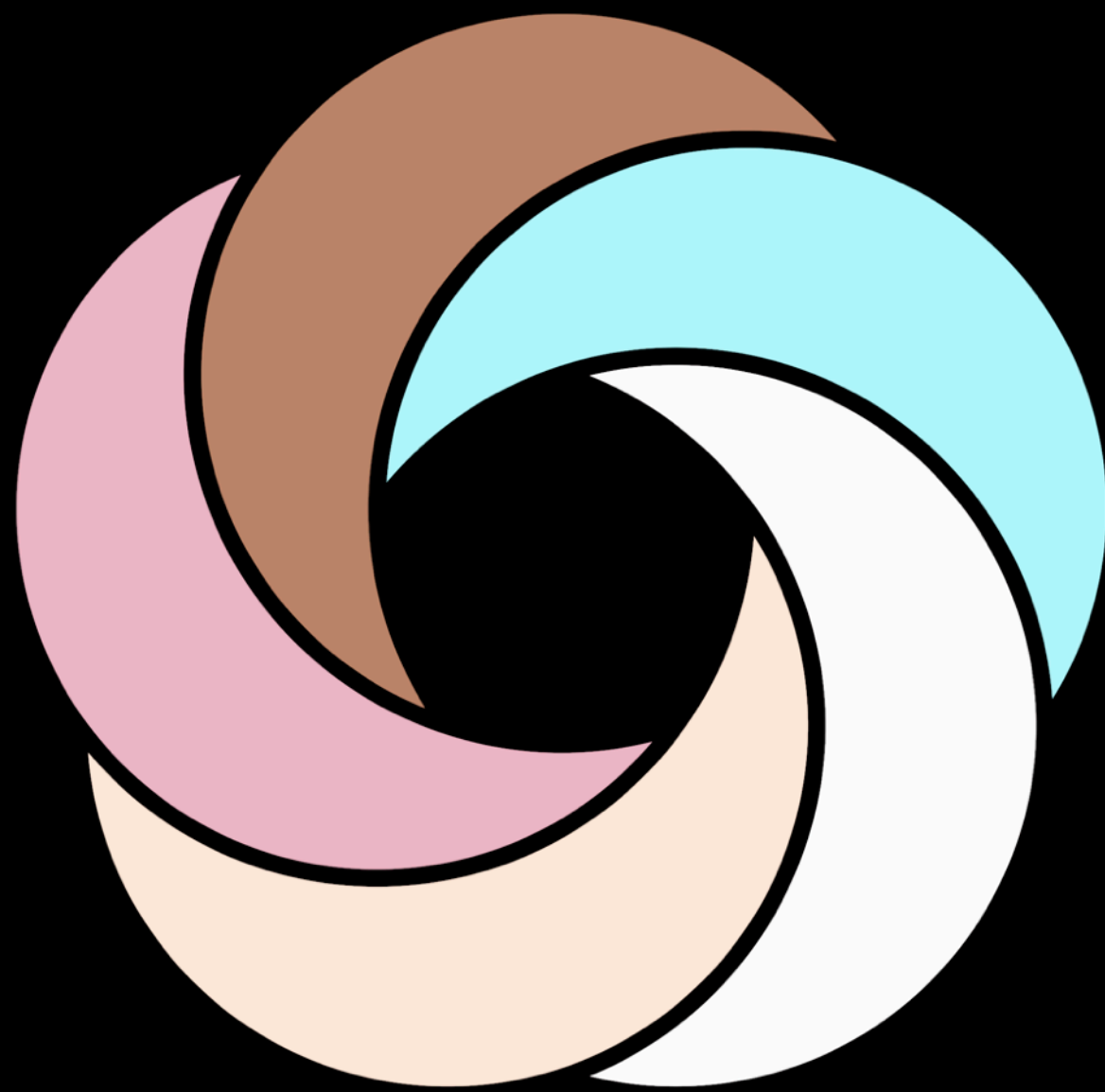
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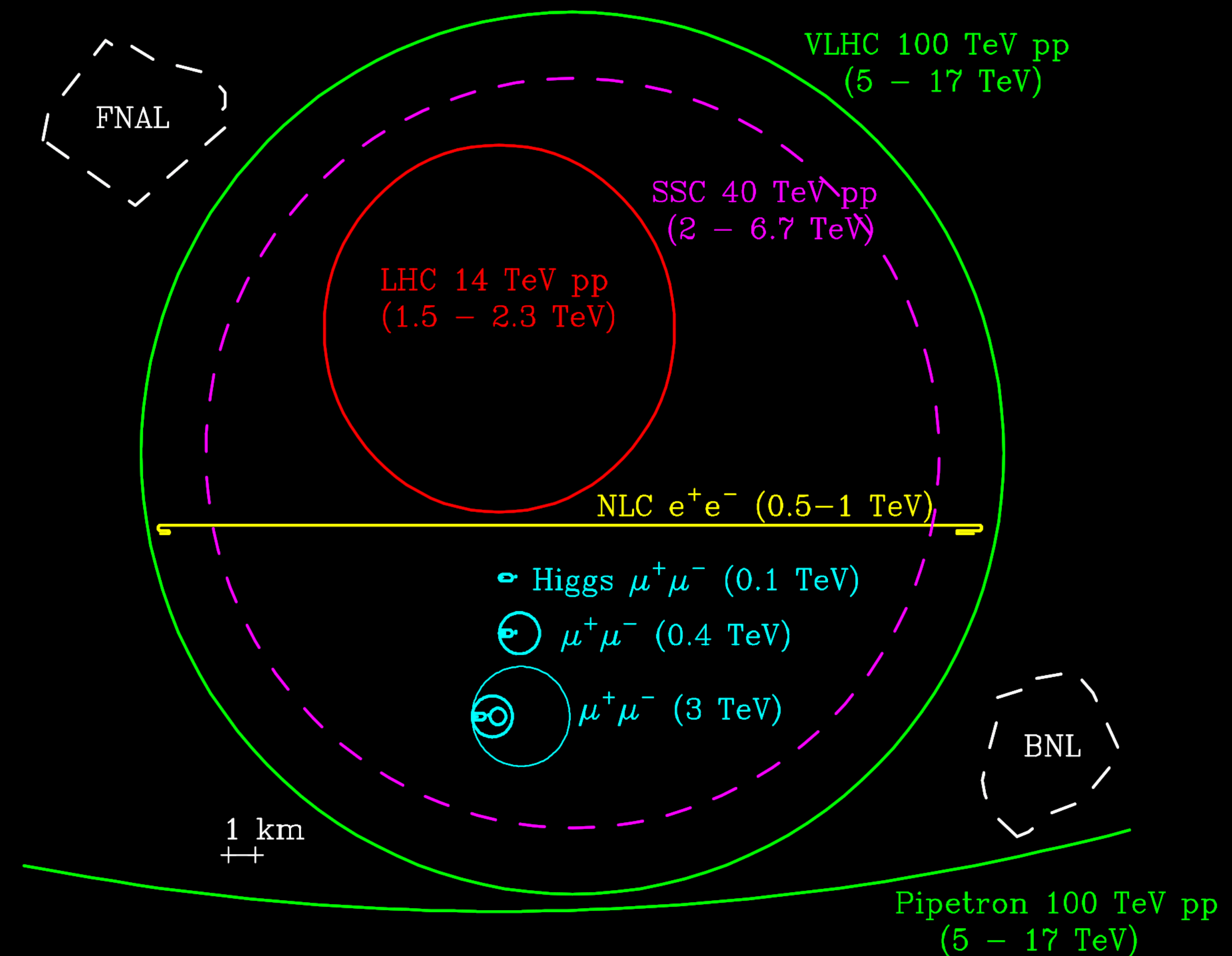
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The path to shorter distances

Conventionally: pursue these questions by probing shorter distances with either **precision** (indirect) or **energy** (direct).

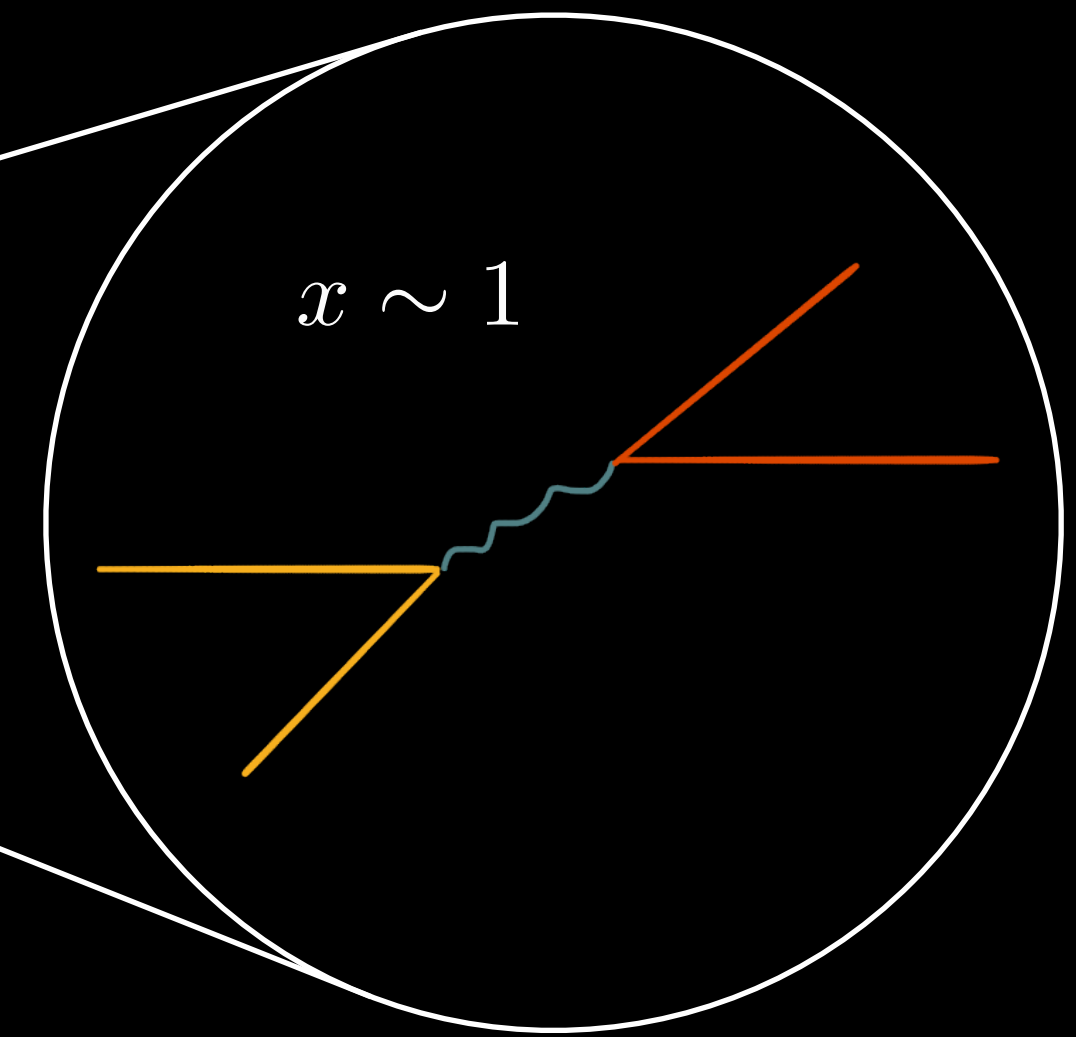
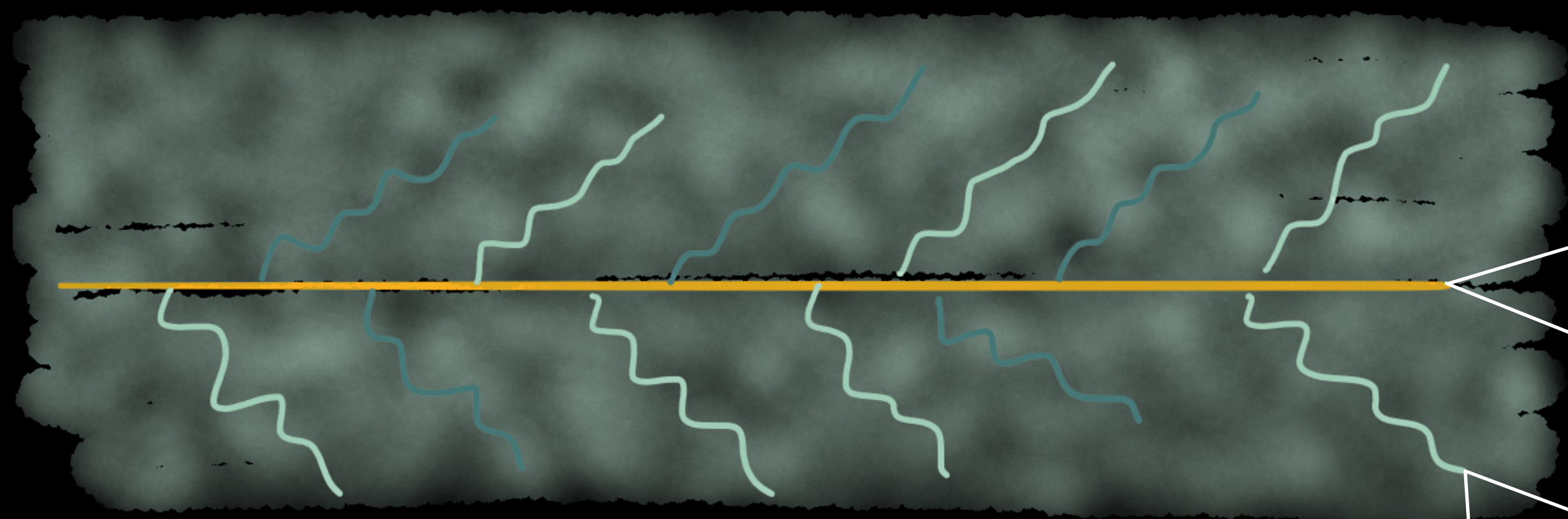
Muon colliders blur this dichotomy.

- Colliding elementary particles leverages the **full energy** of the accelerator, with a (relatively) **clean environment**.
- Larger mass of the muon allows a **smaller footprint & higher energies** compared to e^+e^- counterparts.
- **Major challenges:** finite lifetime, cooling



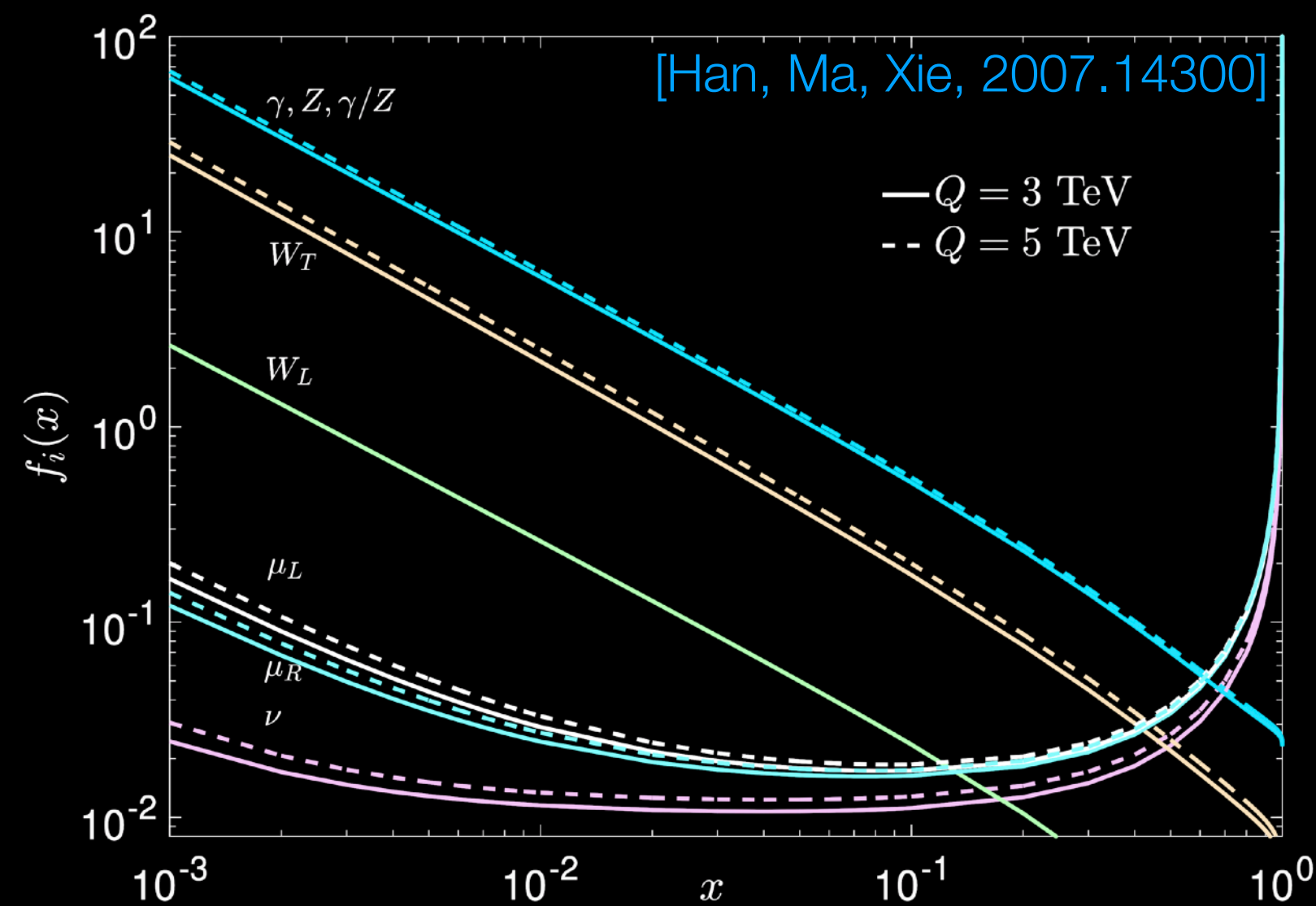
[Ankenbrandt et al. arXiv:physics/9901022]

The Quantum Muon



Muon annihilation
 deploys the entire
 energy of the collider

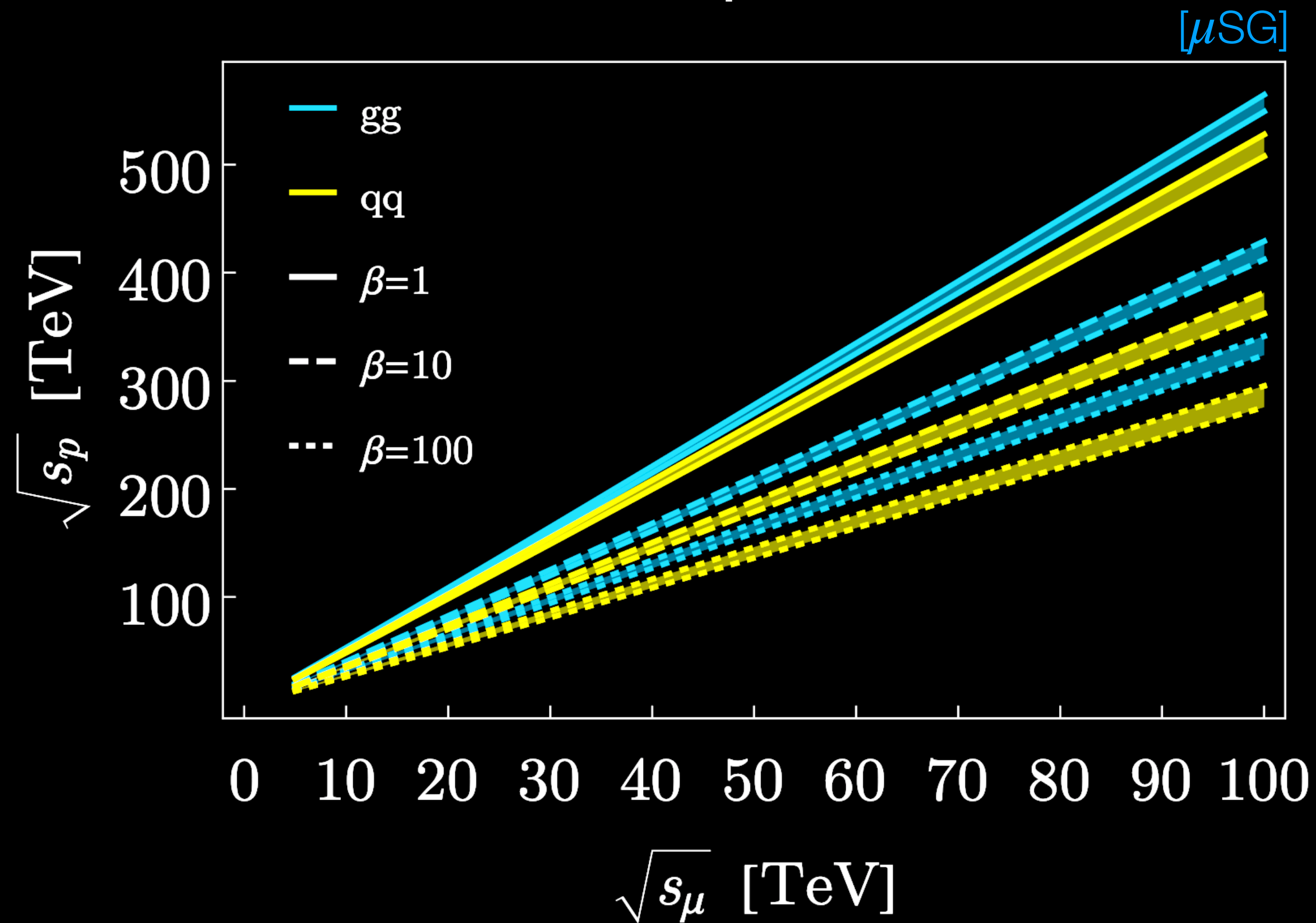
Vector boson fusion
 leverages the muon's
 virtual boson content



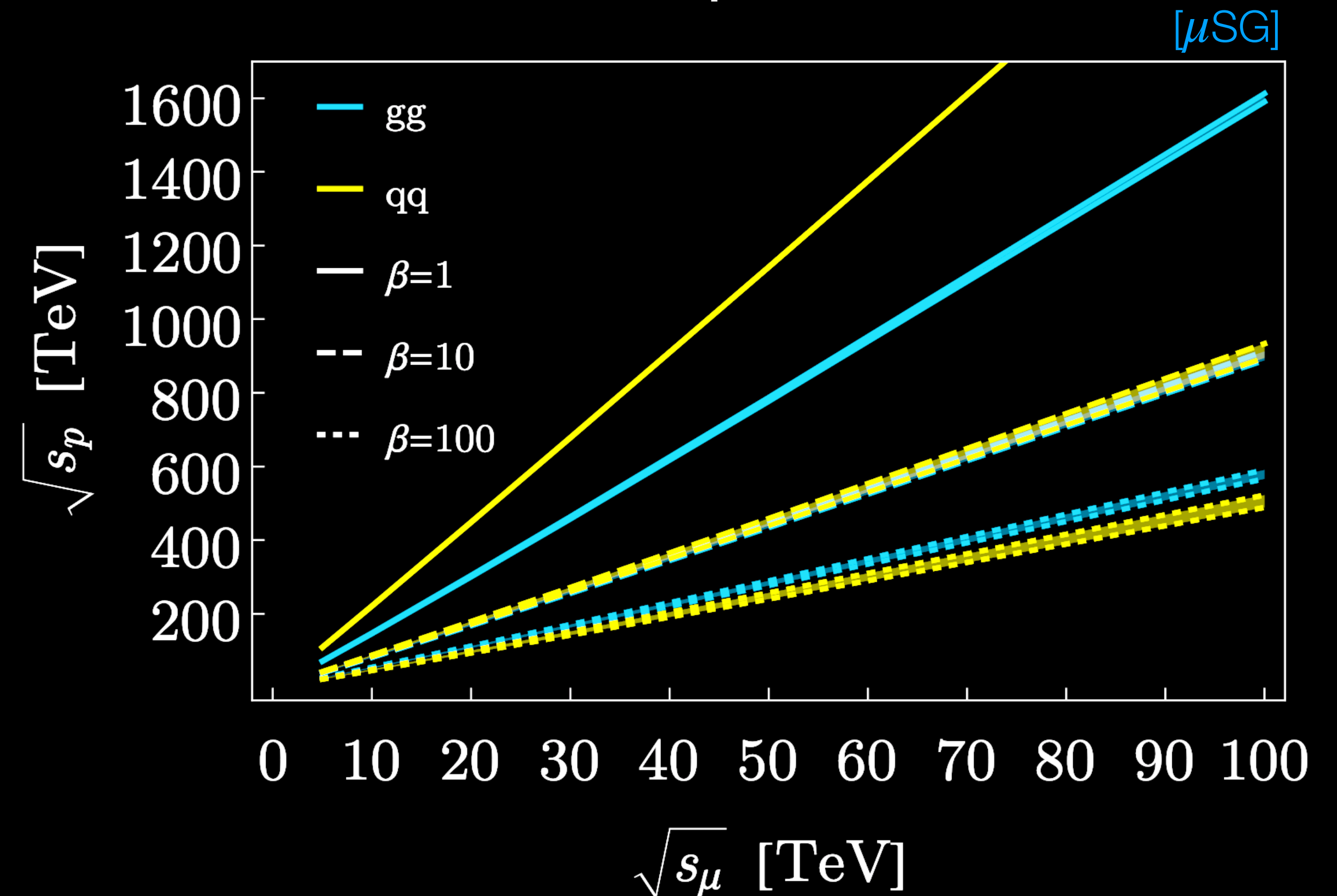
Muon annihilation & pp equivalents

In the spirit of [Delahaye et al. 1901.06150, Costantini et al. 2005.10289]

2-to-1 production



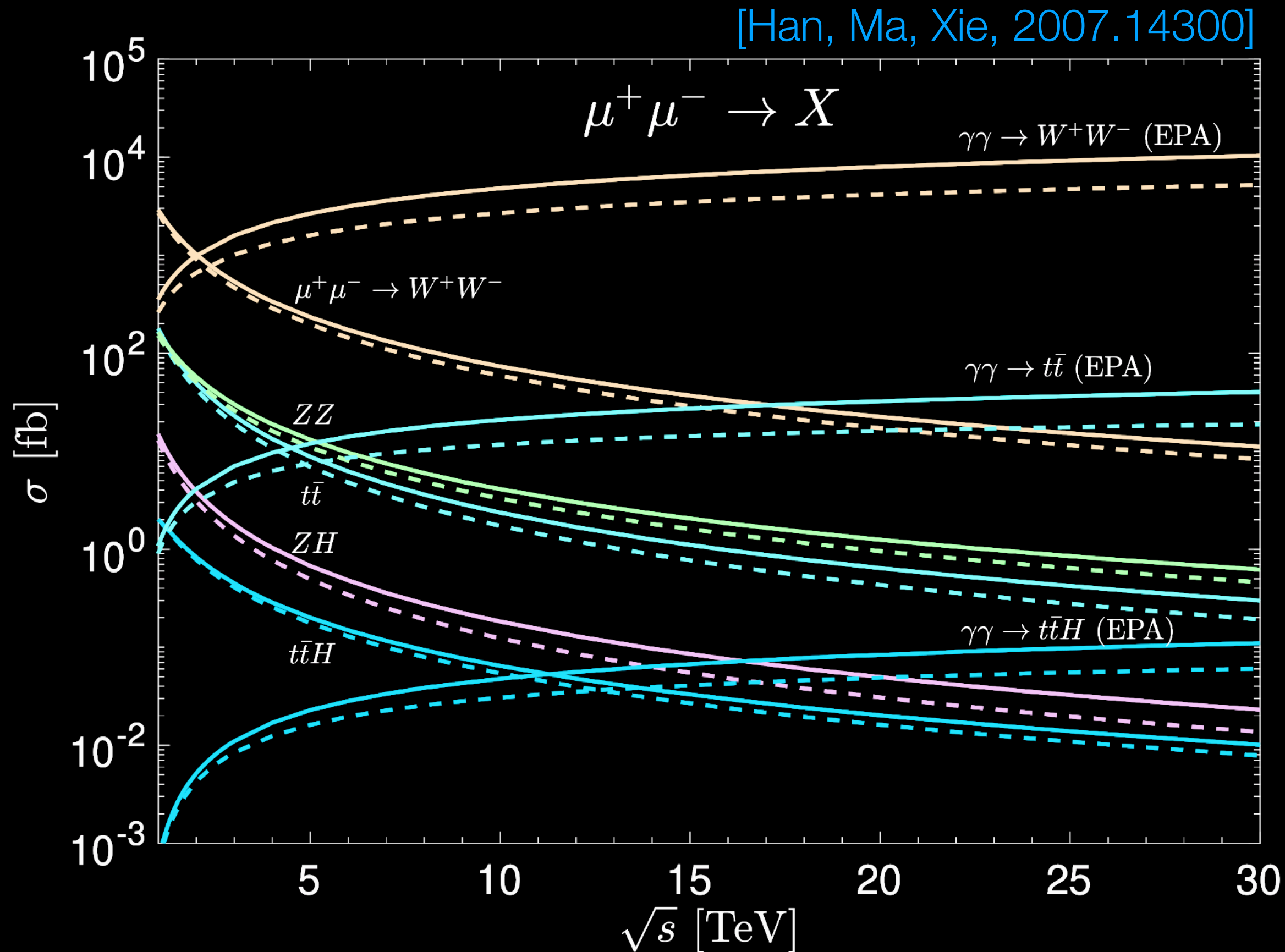
2-to-2 production



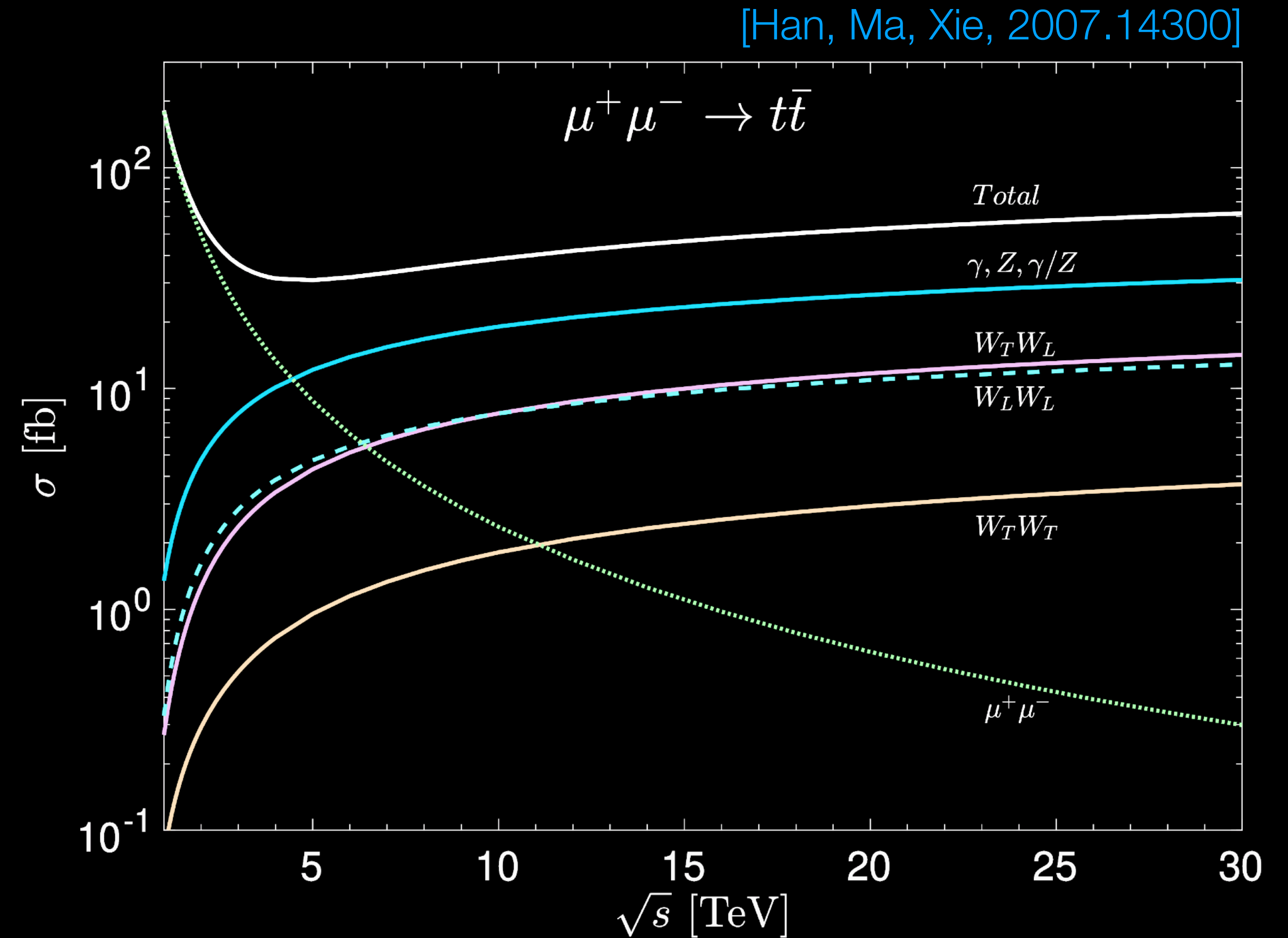
(Bands are NNPDF3.0 LO vs. CT18NNLO)

Comparison favorable to MC in that $\hat{s} = s_\mu = M^2$ for 2-to-1 and $\hat{s} = s_\mu = 4M^2$ for 2-to-2

VBF: μ Cs as Vector Factories



VBF dominates well above threshold due to logarithmic growth with E_{CM}



Longitudinal polarizations play a key role, making an extraordinary laboratory for EWSB

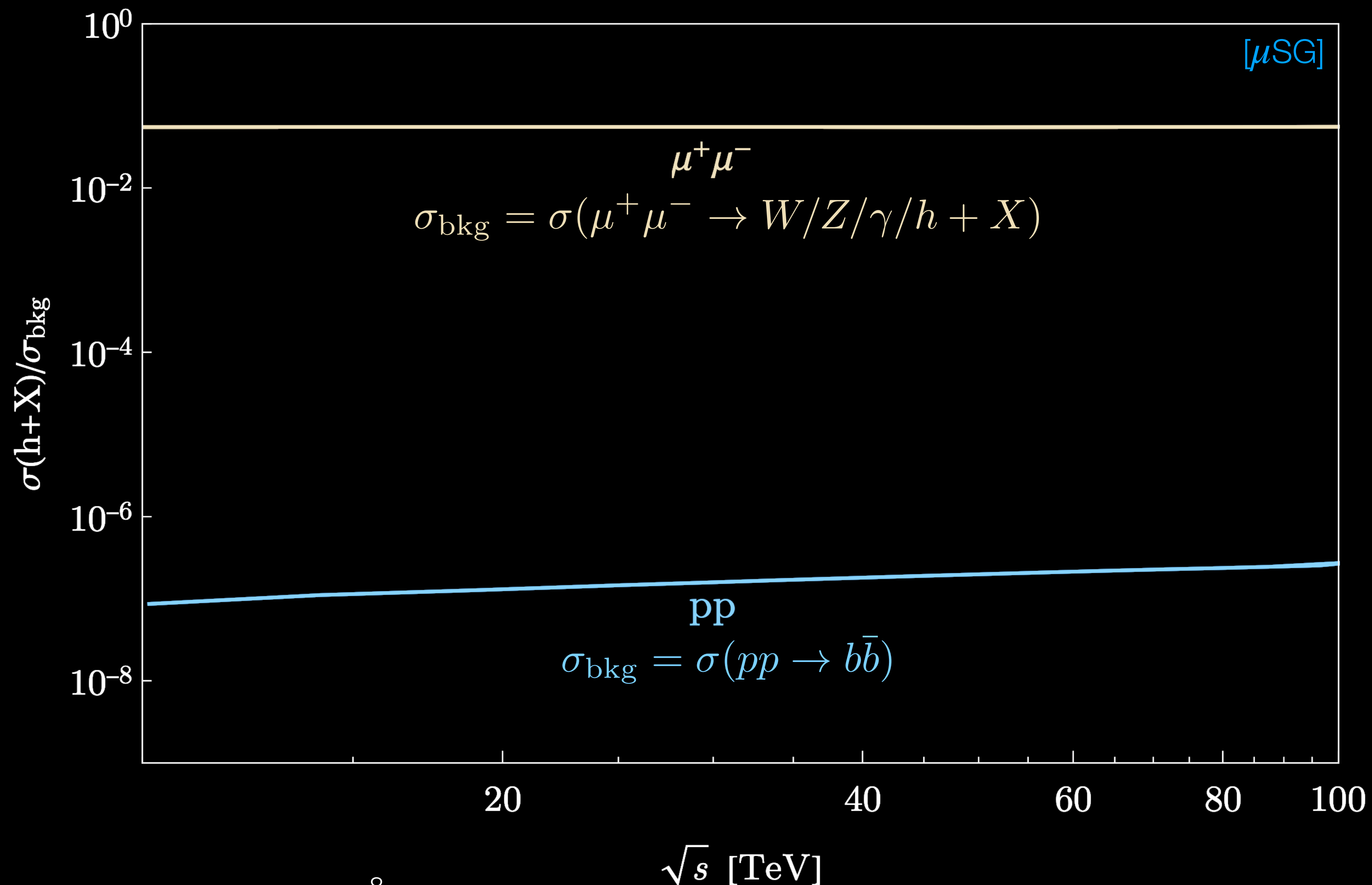
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The Higgs itself is key.

Any deviation in its
 properties from SM
 predictions is a telltale
 sign of new physics.

S/B favorable at a μC .



Is it the SM Higgs?

Coupling	HLLHC	HLLHC + 125 GeV μ -coll. 5 fb ⁻¹	HLLHC + 3 TeV μ -coll. 1 ab ⁻¹	HLLHC + 10 TeV μ -coll. 10 ab ⁻¹	HLLHC + 10 TeV μ -coll. + $e^+e^- H$ fact (240/365 GeV)
κ_W	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
κ_Z	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.1
κ_g	2.3	1.7	1.4	0.7	0.6
κ_γ	1.9	1.6	1.3	0.8	0.8
κ_c	-	12	7.4	2.3	1.1
κ_t	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1
κ_b	3.6	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.4
κ_μ	4.6	0.6	4.3	3.4	3.2
κ_τ	1.9	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.4
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}^\dagger$	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.1

† No input used for μ collider.

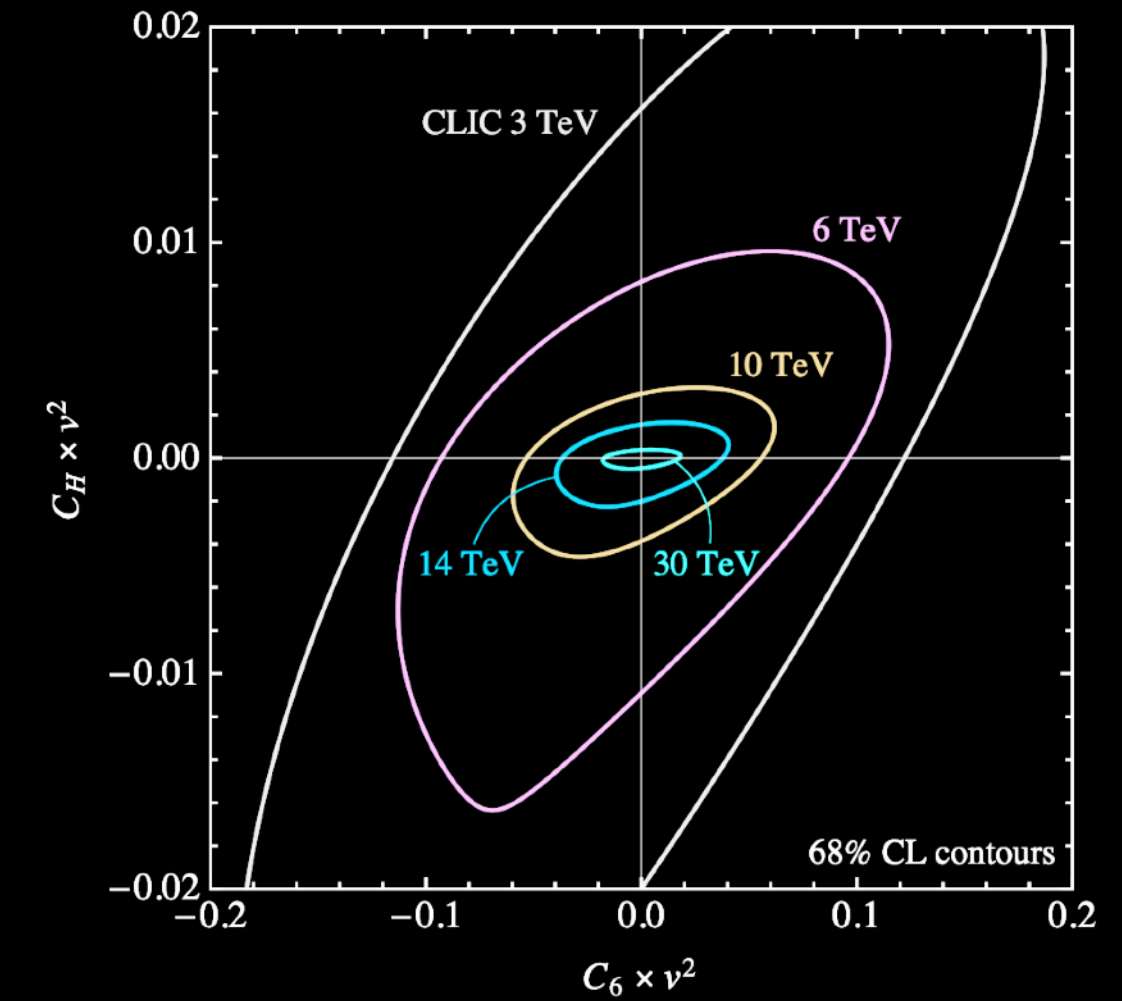
Courtesy P. Meade, from [Forslund & Meade, *to appear*] and [de Blas, Gu, Liu, *to appear*]

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Higgs cubic self-coupling

[Han, Liu, Low, Wang 2008.12204]

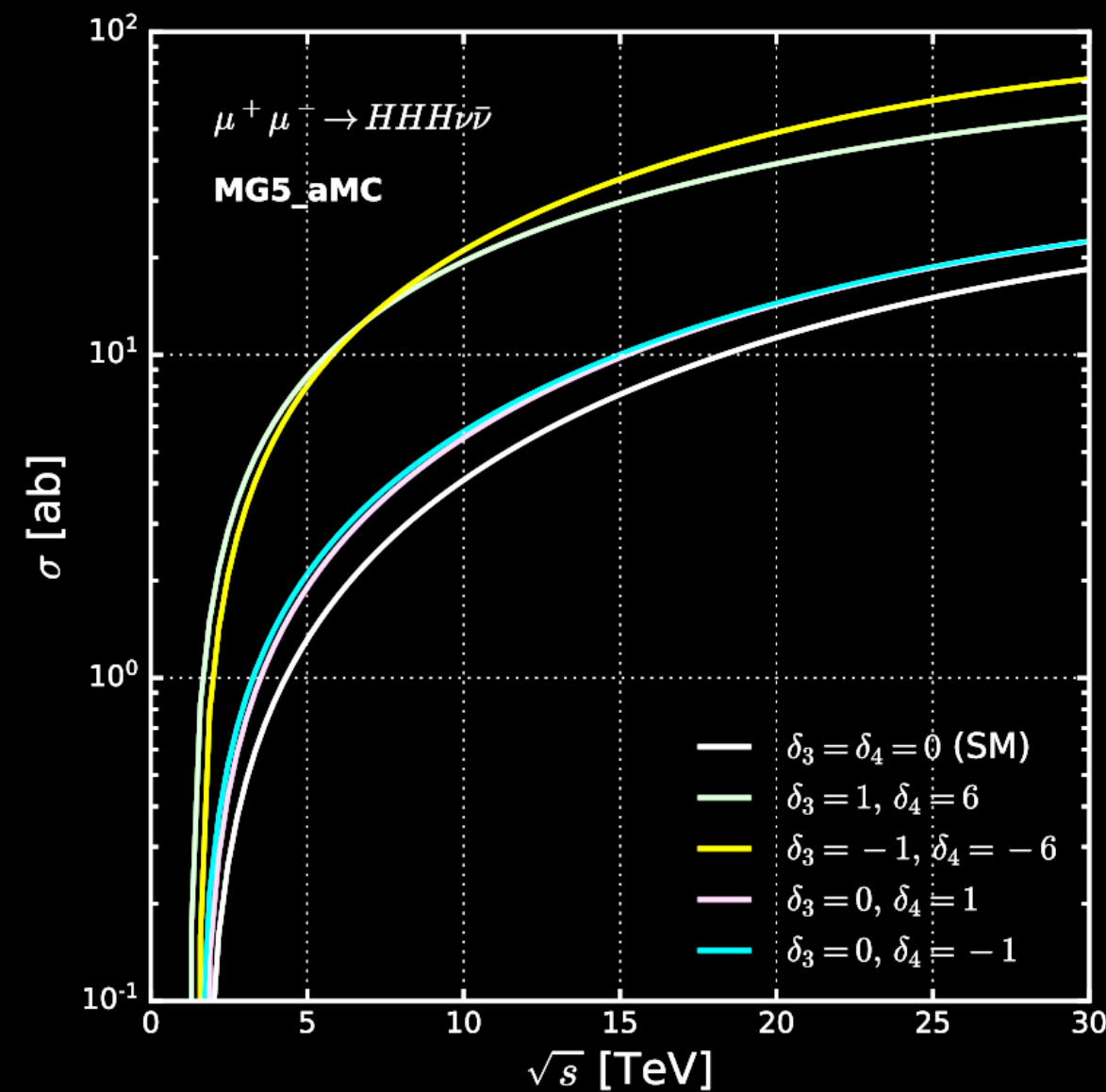
\sqrt{s} (TeV)	3	6	10	14	30
benchmark lumi (ab^{-1})	1	4	10	20	90
$(\Delta\kappa_3)_{\text{in}}$	25%	10%	5.6%	3.9%	2.0%



[Buttazzo, Franceschini, Wulzer, 2012.11555]

Higgs quartic self-coupling

[Chiesa, Maltoni, Mantani, Mele, Piccinini, Zhao 2003.13628]



\sqrt{s} (TeV)	Lumi (ab^{-1})	Constraints on δ_4 (with $\delta_3 = 0$) x-sec only, acceptance cuts		
		1σ	2σ	3σ
6	12	$[-0.50, 0.70]$	$[-0.74, 0.95]$	$[-0.93, 1.15]$
10	20	$[-0.37, 0.54]$	$[-0.55, 0.72]$	$[-0.69, 0.85]$
14	33	$[-0.28, 0.43]$	$[-0.42, 0.58]$	$[-0.52, 0.68]$
30	100	$[-0.15, 0.30]$	$[-0.24, 0.38]$	$[-0.30, 0.45]$
3	100	$[-0.34, 0.64]$	$[-0.53, 0.82]$	$[-0.67, 0.97]$

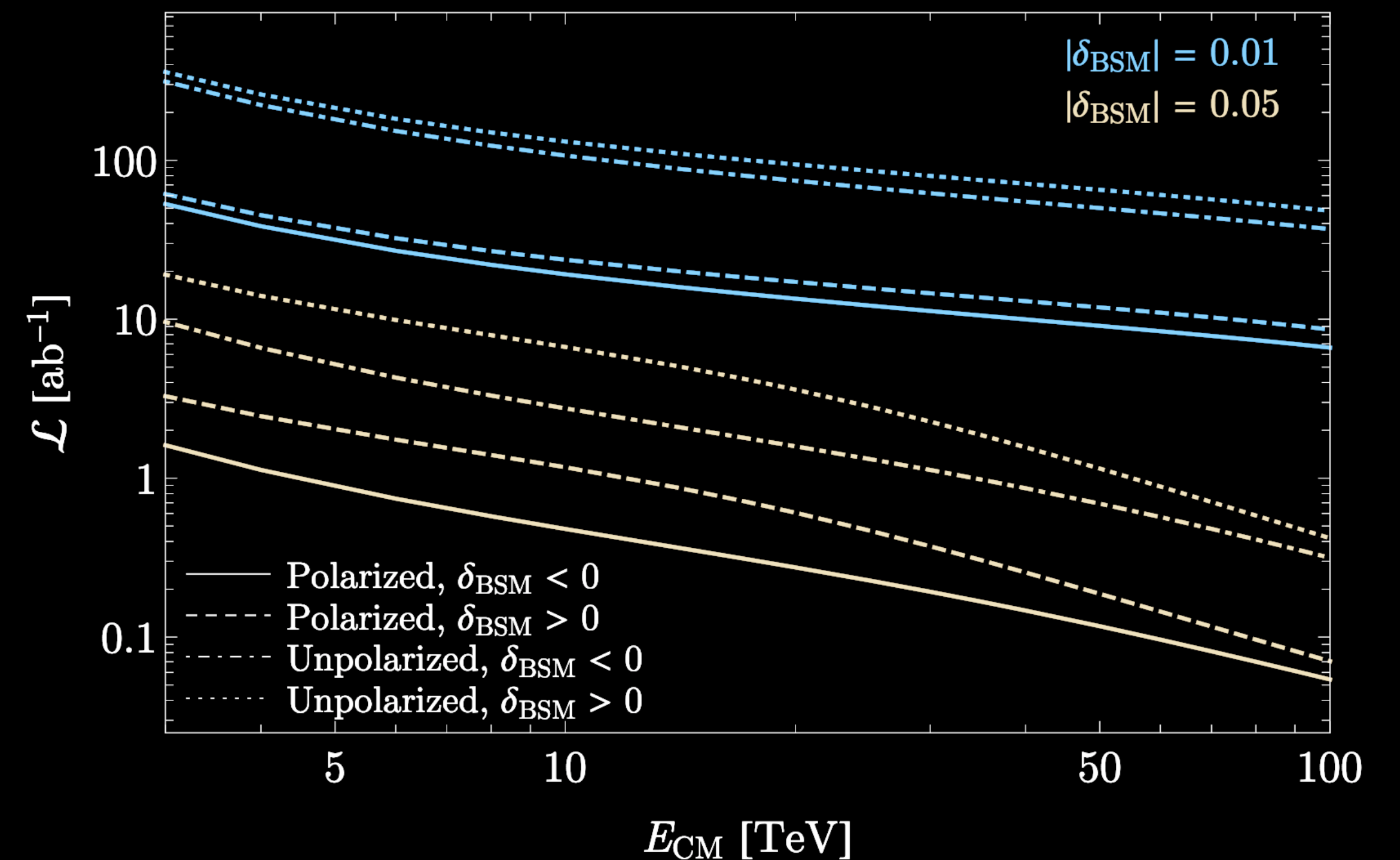
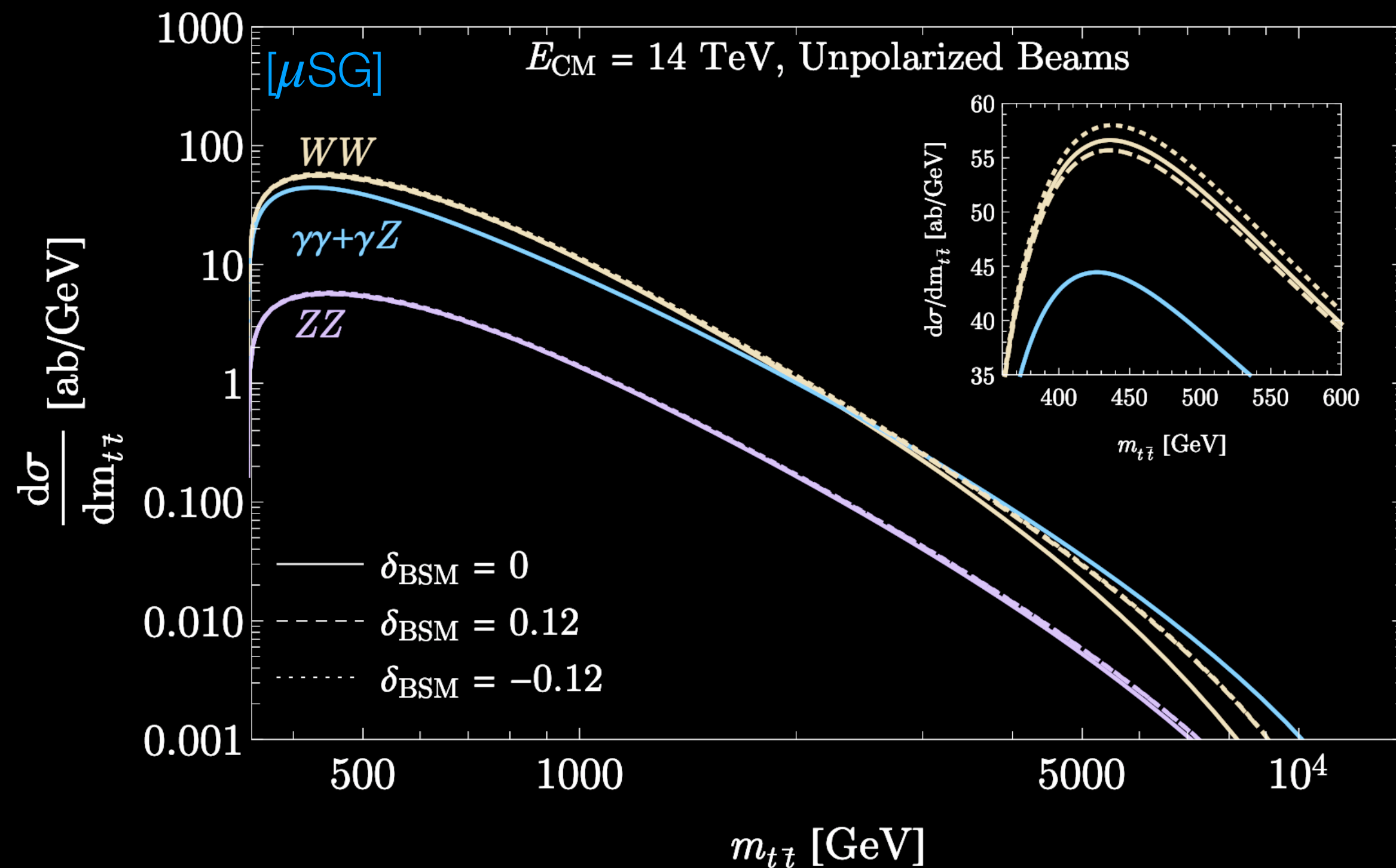
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High-energy measurements equally powerful [Buttazzo, Franceschini, Wulzer, 2012.11555]

For example: measuring Higgs-top coupling in high-energy $t\bar{t}$

Expect to remain an interesting target after HL-LHC/Higgs factory ($|\delta_{\text{BSM}}| < 0.06$)

$$y_t \rightarrow y_t(1 + \delta_{\text{BSM}}) \quad \mathcal{M}(W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}) \approx -\frac{m_t}{v^2} \delta_{\text{BSM}} \sqrt{\hat{s}} \quad \sqrt{\hat{s}} \gg m_t$$



Is our Higgs the only one?

Many possible extensions of the scalar sector...

For illustration: a Standard Model singlet mixing with the Higgs.

$$h = h^0 \cos \gamma + S \sin \gamma$$

$$\phi = S \cos \gamma - h^0 \sin \gamma$$

Production:

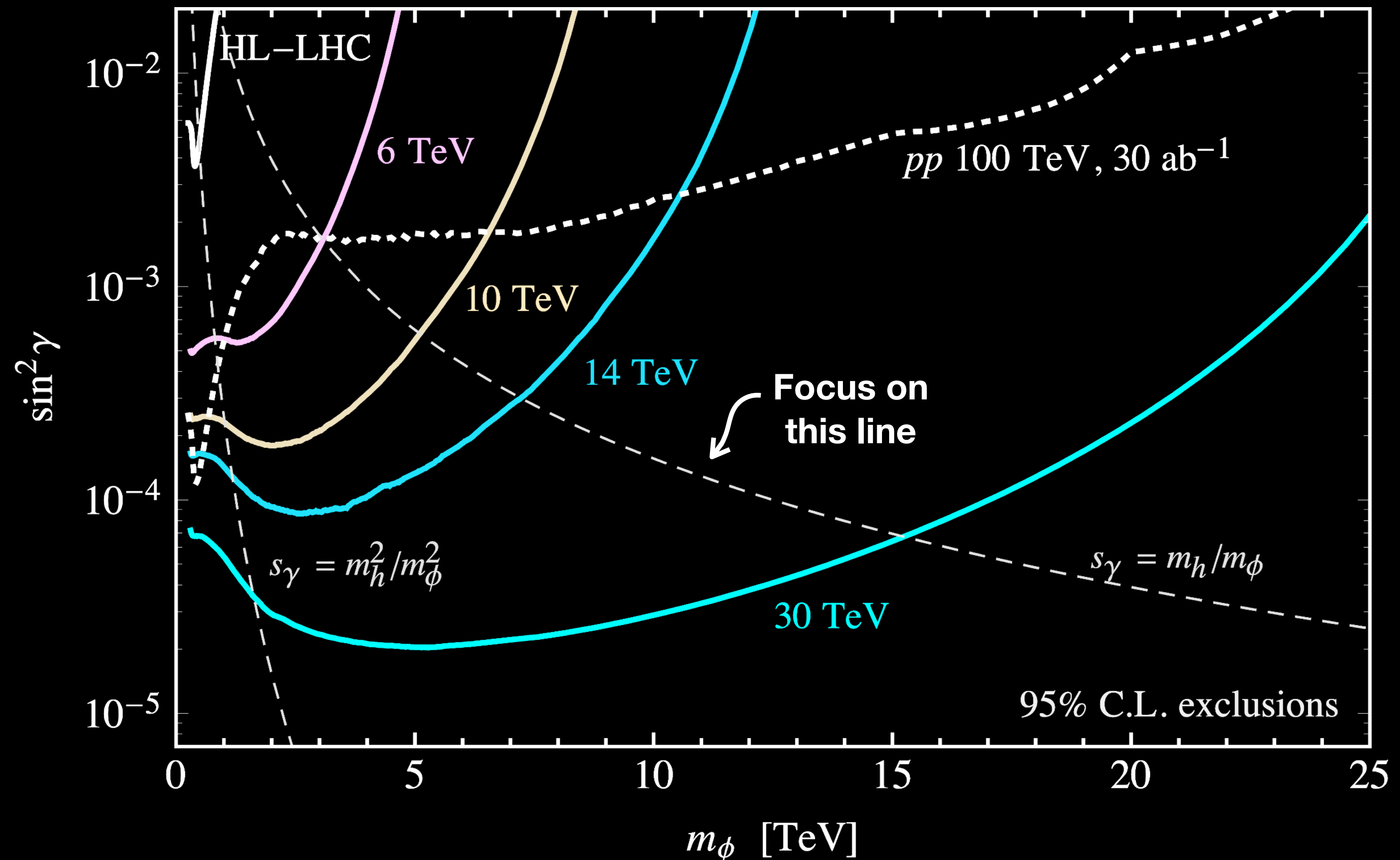
$$\sigma_\phi = \sin^2 \gamma \cdot \sigma_h(m_\phi)$$

Decay:

$$\text{BR}_{\phi \rightarrow f\bar{f}, VV} = \text{BR}_{h \rightarrow f\bar{f}, VV} (1 - \text{BR}_{\phi \rightarrow hh})$$

$$\text{BR}_{\phi \rightarrow hh} \sim 25\%$$

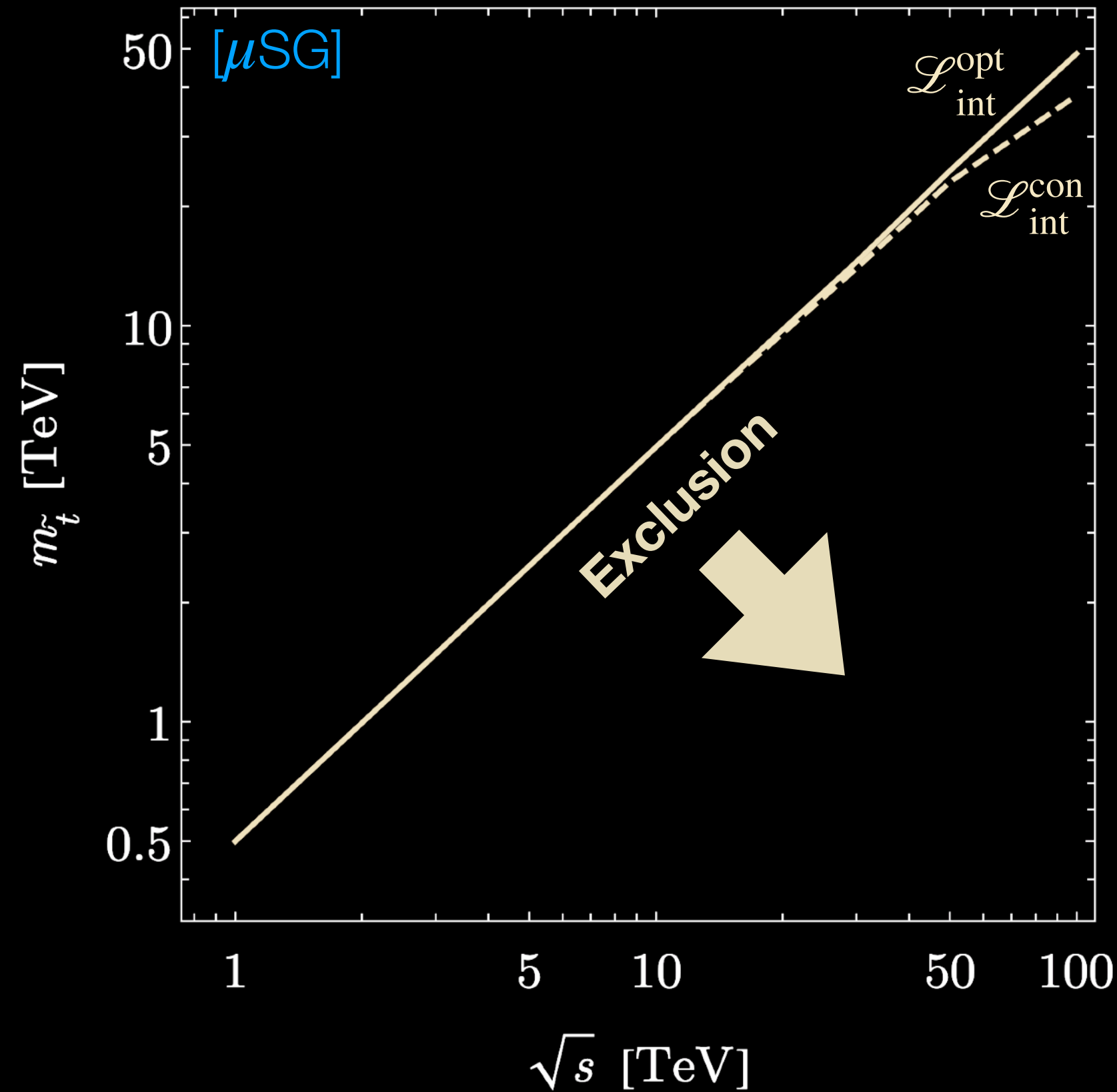
[Buttazzo, Redigolo, Sala, Tesi, 1807.04743; updated for μSG]



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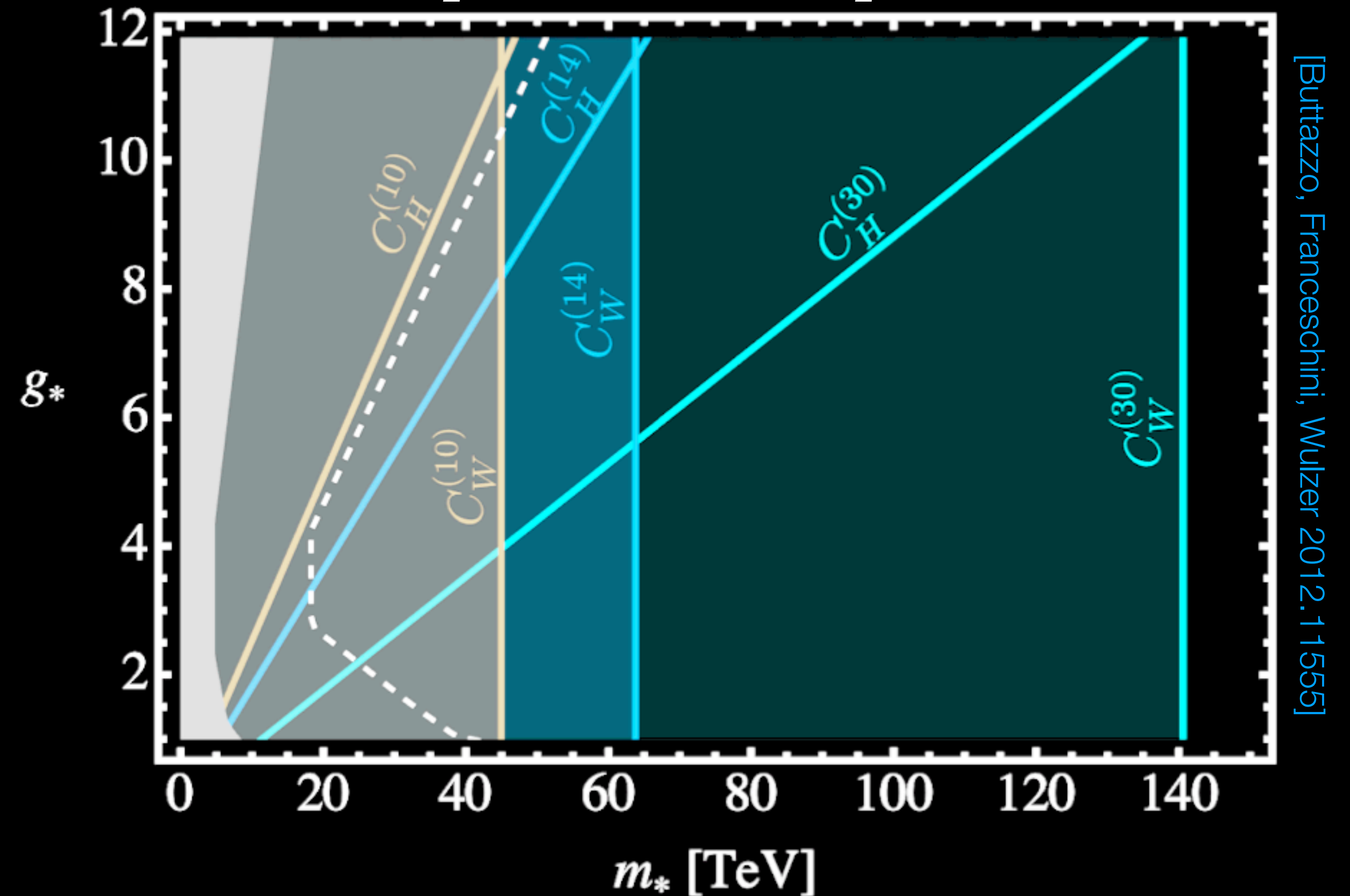
Supersymmetry

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_R \tilde{t}_R \rightarrow t\bar{t} + \chi\chi$$



Composite Higgs

$$\text{Indirect } \mathcal{O}_H = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu |H|^2)^2, \quad \mathcal{O}_W = \frac{ig}{2} (H^\dagger \sigma^a D^\mu H) D^\nu W_{\mu\nu}^a$$

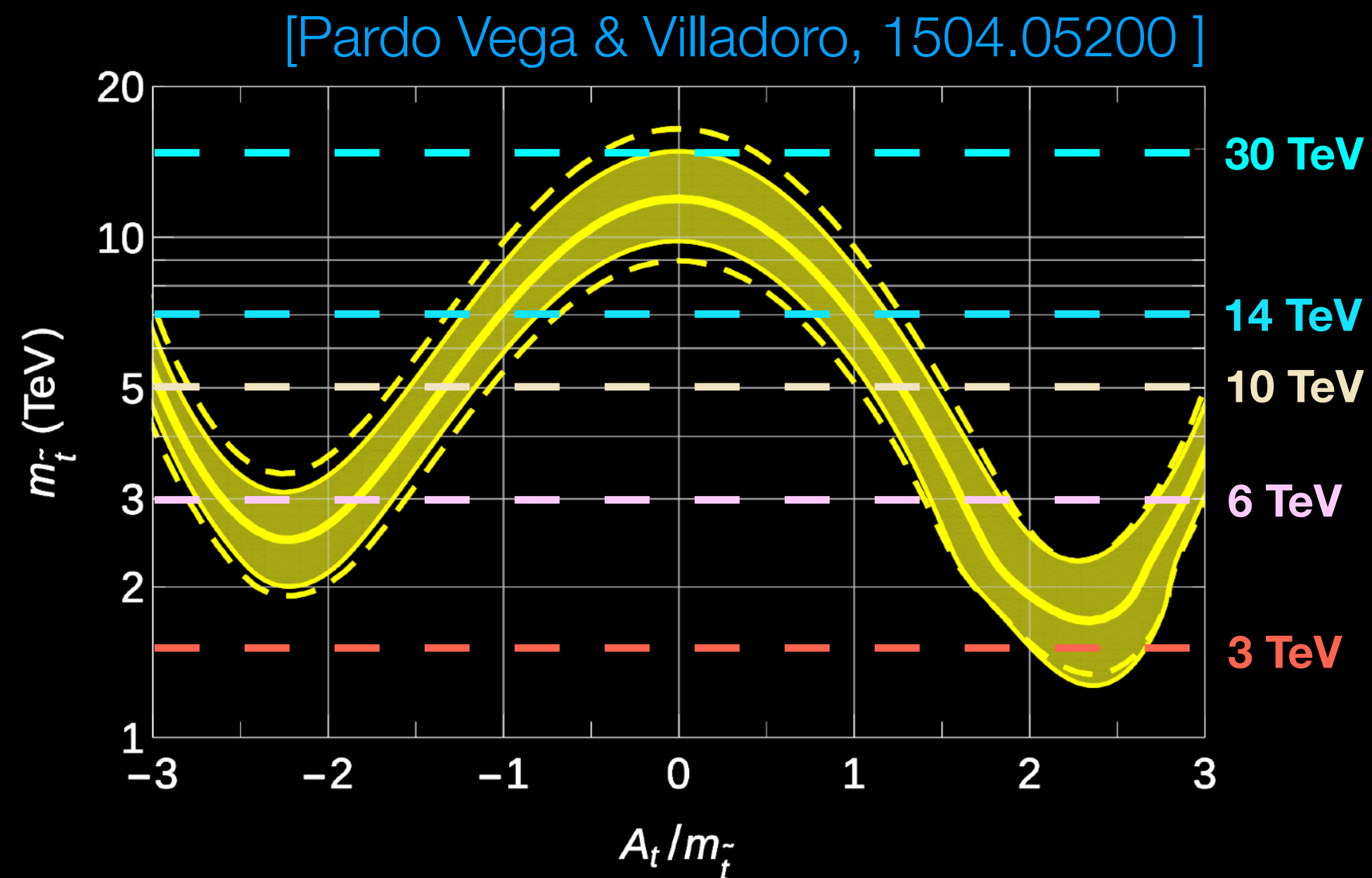


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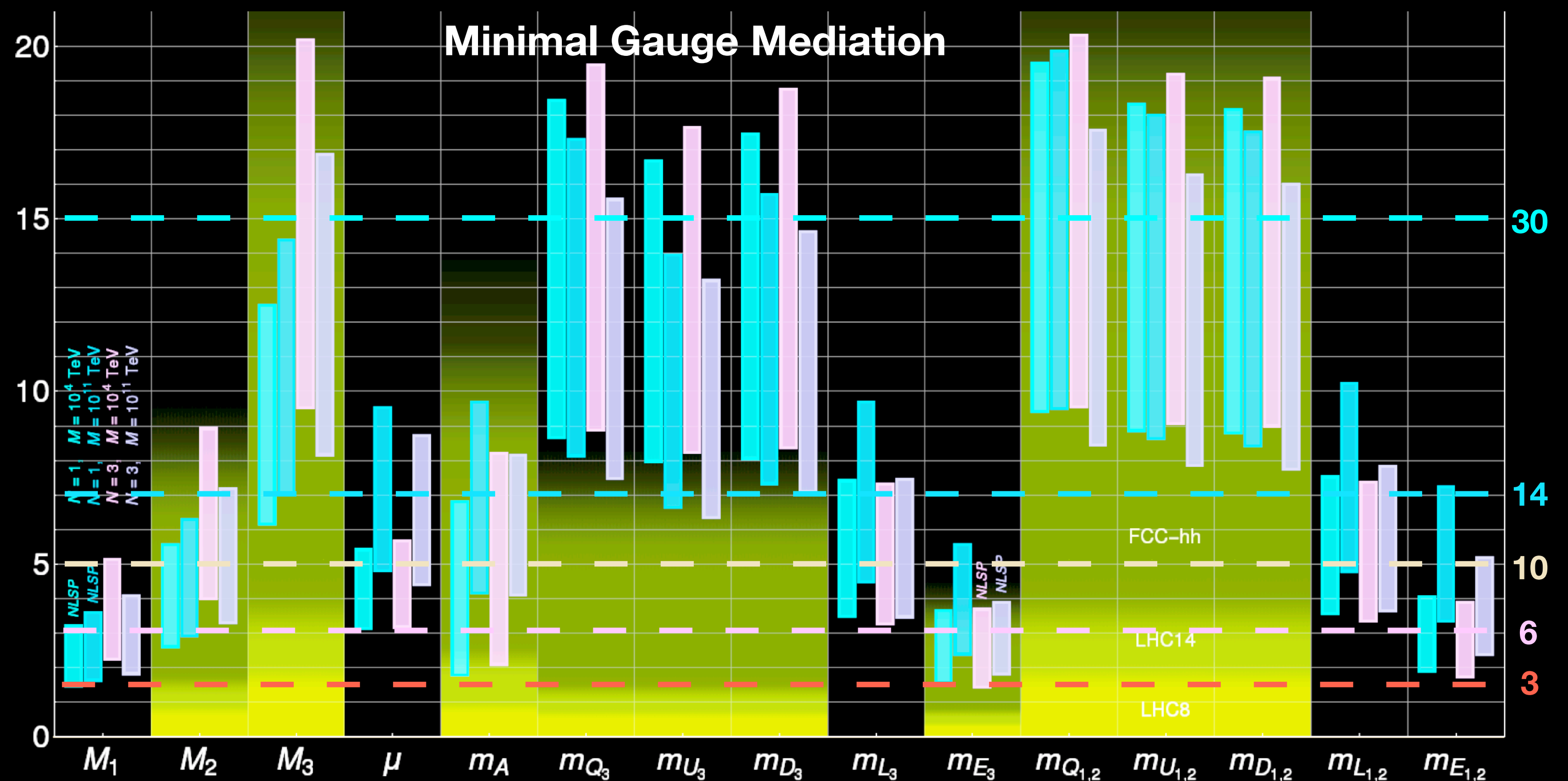
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Theories that predict the Higgs mass provide sharp targets for the scale of new physics.

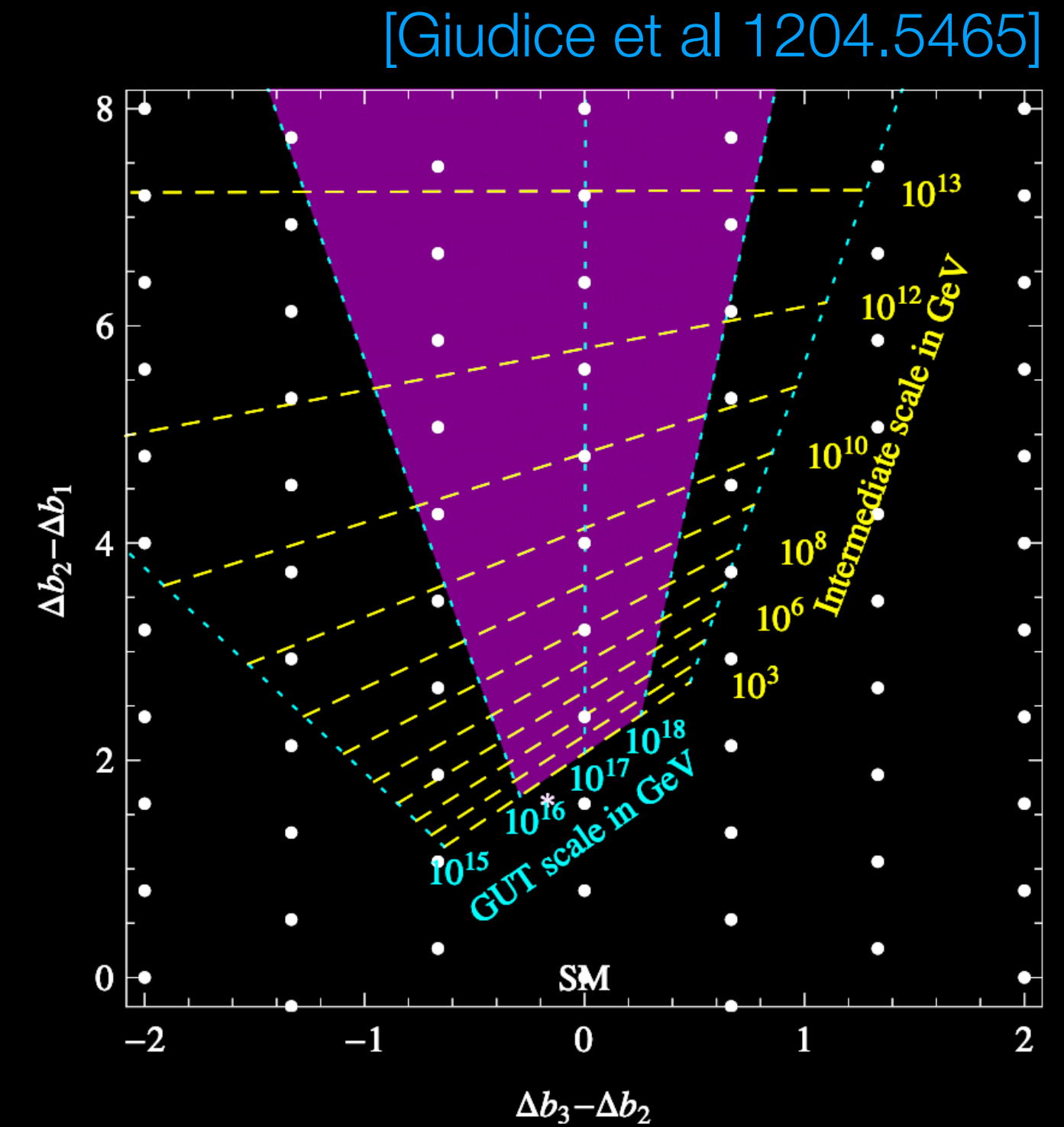
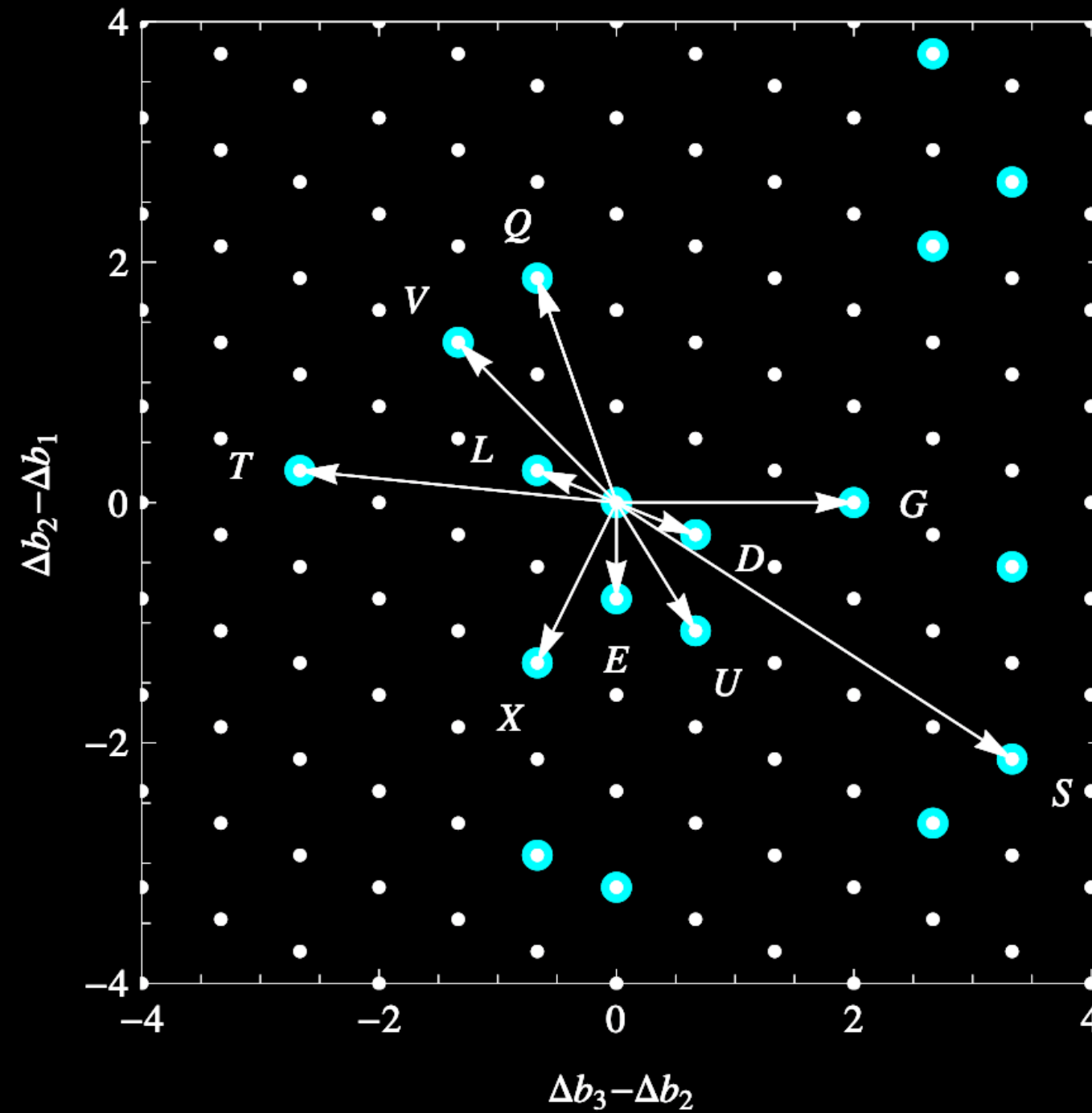
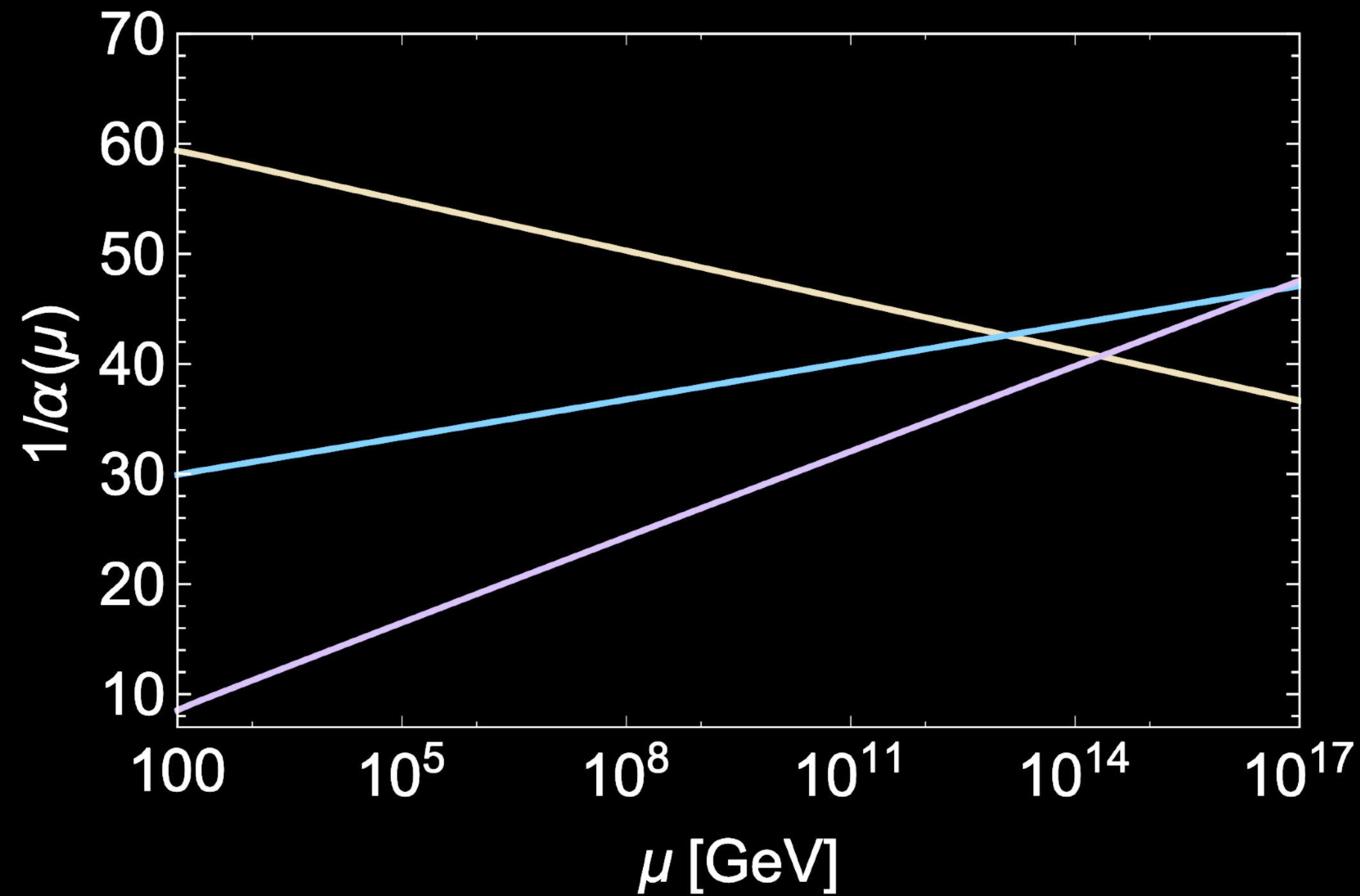
Direct targets set by the observed Higgs mass (e.g. supersymmetry)



Correlated opportunities in minimal frameworks



Unification beyond the Standard Model?



Running of couplings in the Standard Model tantalizingly hints at unification, but the intersection is imperfect & scale too low.

New particles at TeV energies sharpen the prediction & raise the scale: clear targets for a high-energy muon collider, reach to $\sim\sqrt{s}/2$.

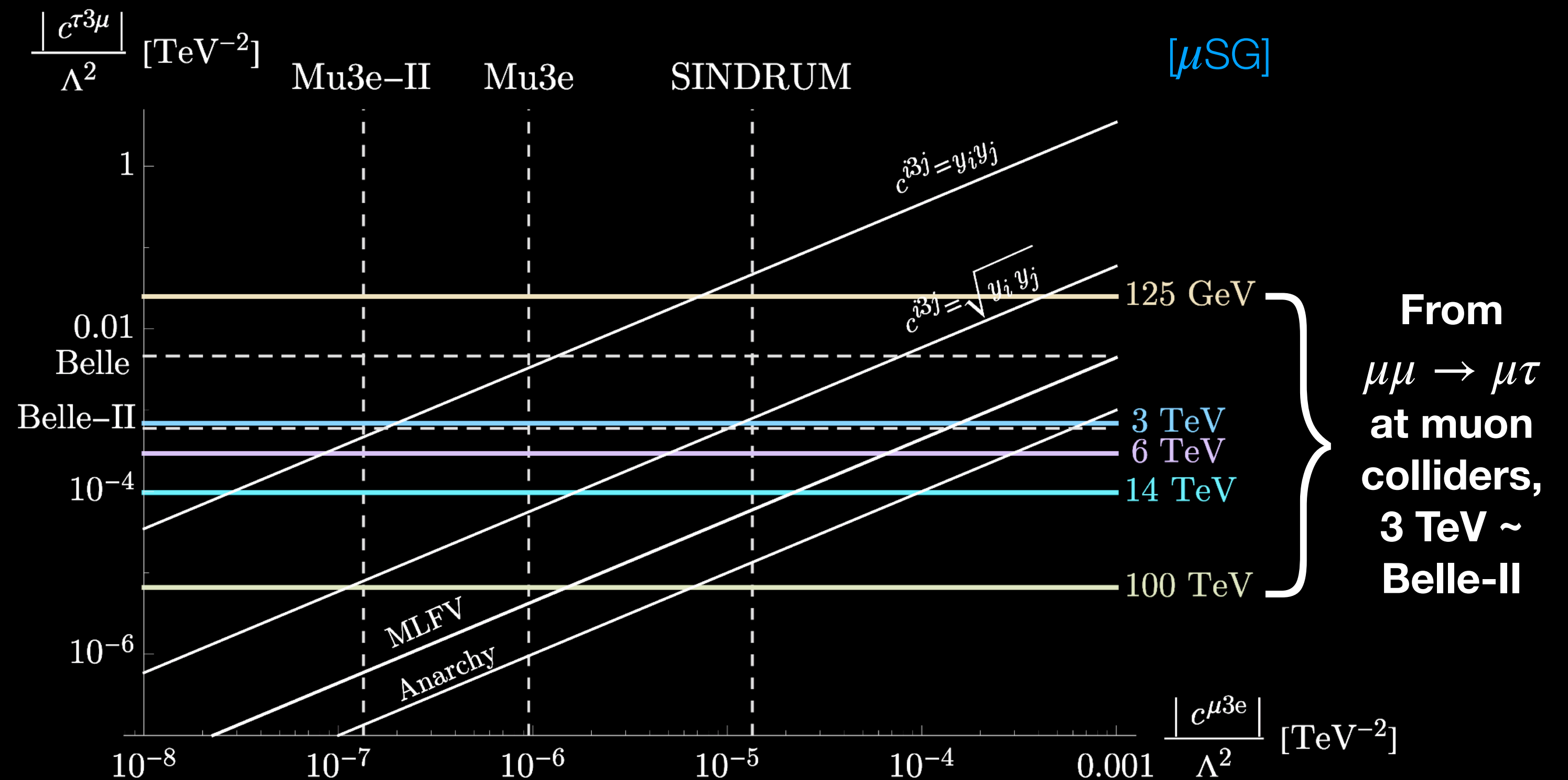
What is the origin of flavor?

First high-energy accelerator to primarily collide second-generation fermions.

High collision energies provide:

Direct access to hypothetical new particles associated with flavor structure

Indirect access to flavor structure via lepton flavor violating operators



Muon colliders an outstanding probe of explanations for **B flavor anomalies**

[Huang, Queiroz, Rodejohann, 2101.04956; Huang, Sana, Queiroz, Rodejohann, 2103.01617, Asadi, Capdevilla, Cesarotti, Homiller 2104.05720]

Is there a deeper reason for gauge symmetry?

We increasingly assume, but **do not know**, that h is* part of an electroweak doublet H , i.e. that $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ is linearly realized by the known fields.

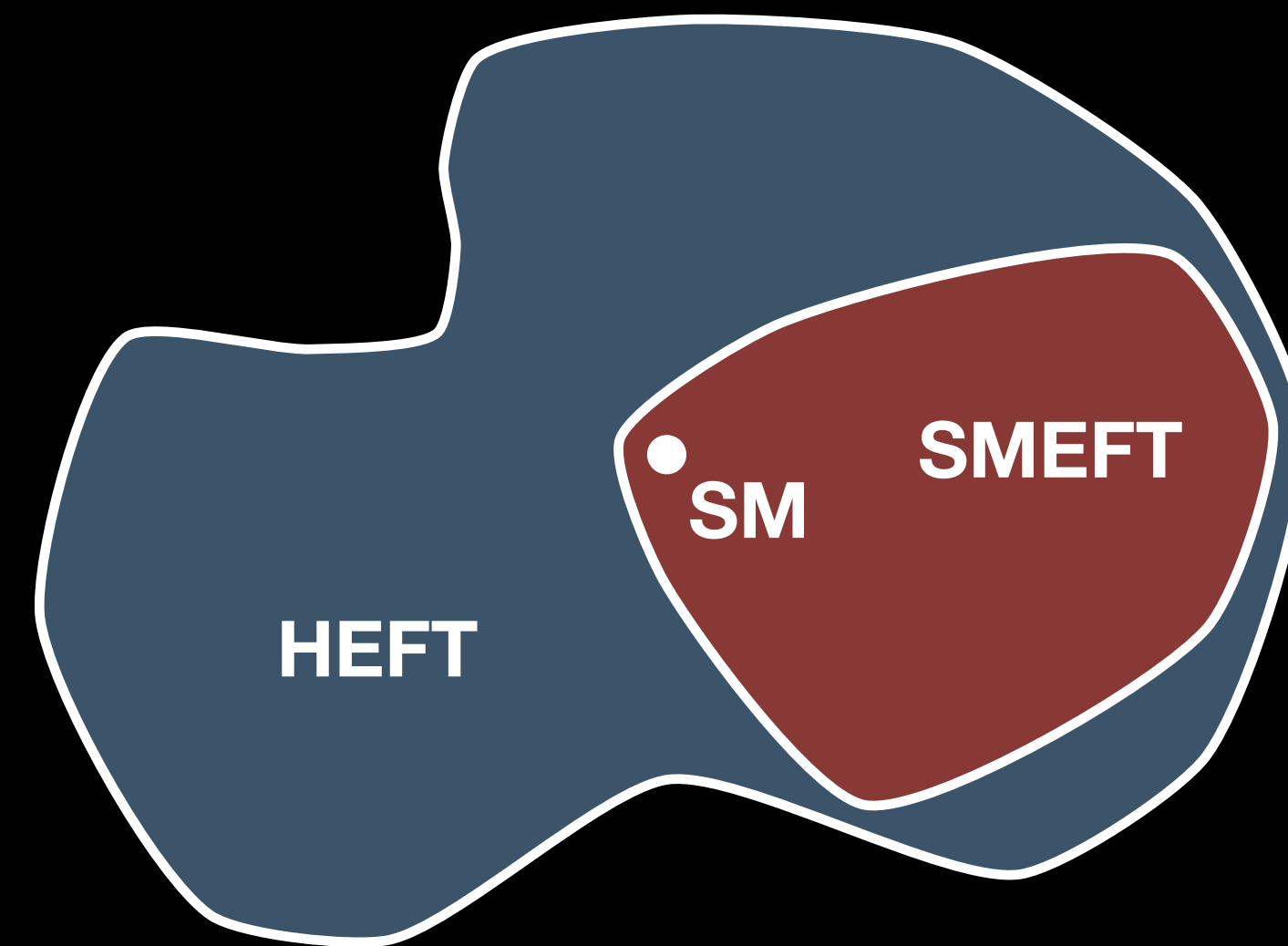
*“is” = low-energy theory suitably well behaved when h packaged into H

Equivalently: is the appropriate EFT

SMEFT: $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y, H$

or

HEFT: $U(1)_{em}, h$ & $\vec{\pi}$



Easy to obtain $U(1)_{em}$ -symmetric EFT from $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ -symmetric UV theories.

Showing that the linearly realized gauge symmetry of known particles is $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \leftrightarrow$ ruling out the coset “HEFT/SMEFT”, which necessarily violates unitarity by $4\pi v$ a la [Lee, Quigg, Thacker '77]

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Decisive test:

Measuring 2-to-2 scattering at high energy not optimal [Chang, Luty '19; Falkowski, Rattazzi '19].

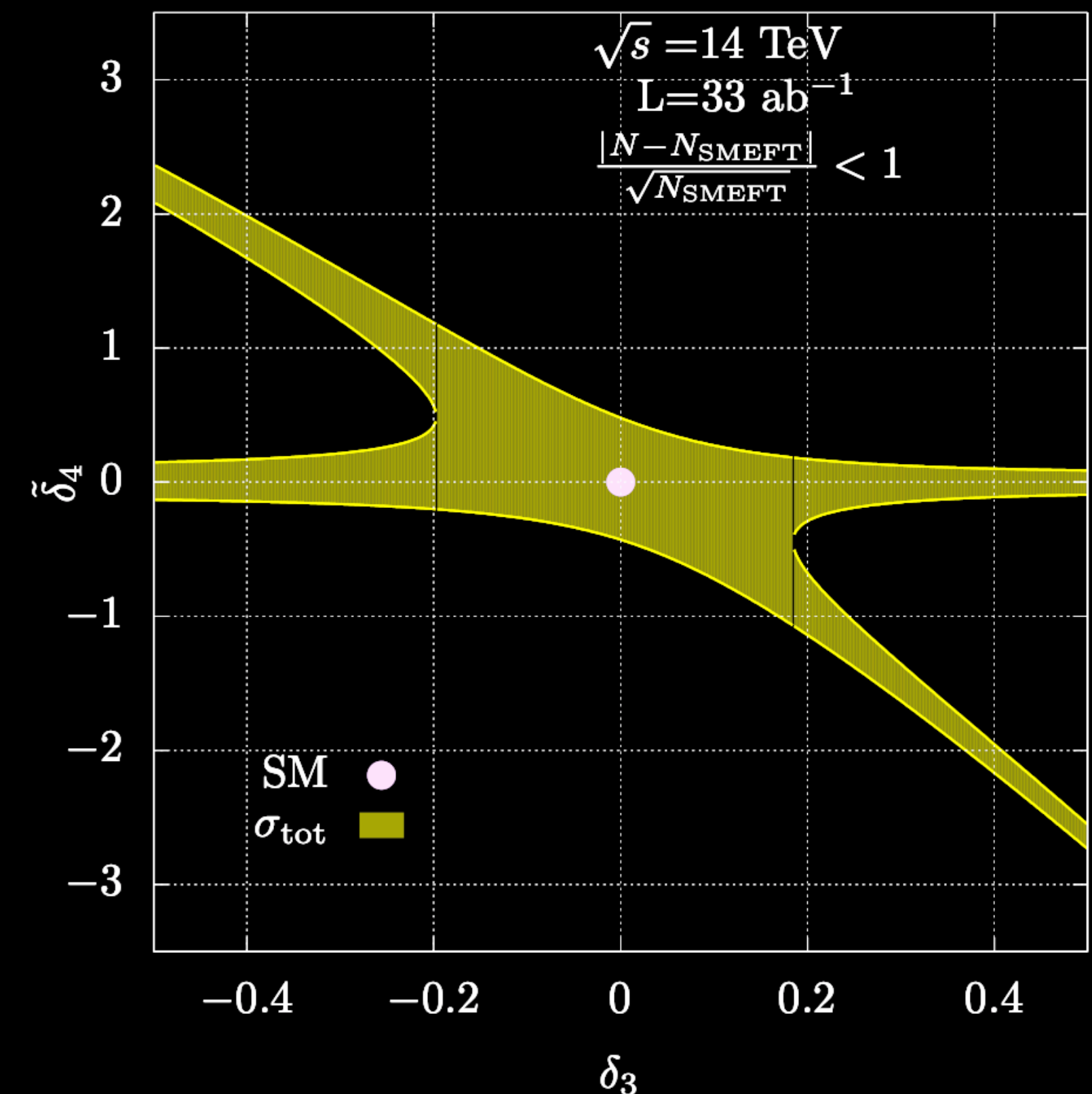
Instead: measure comprehensive set of 2-to-2 and 2-to-few processes w/ longitudinal vectors & Higgs bosons at partonic energies above $4\pi v \sim 3$ TeV.

- Beyond reach of the HL-LHC.
- *Ideal for multi-TeV μC .*

Not comprehensively studied yet, but relevant results encouraging, e.g. [Chiesa, Maltoni, Mantani, Mele, Piccinini, Zhao 2003.13628]

Deviation from SMEFT correlation between Higgs cubic and quartic

$$\tilde{\delta}_4 \equiv \delta_4 - 6\delta_3$$

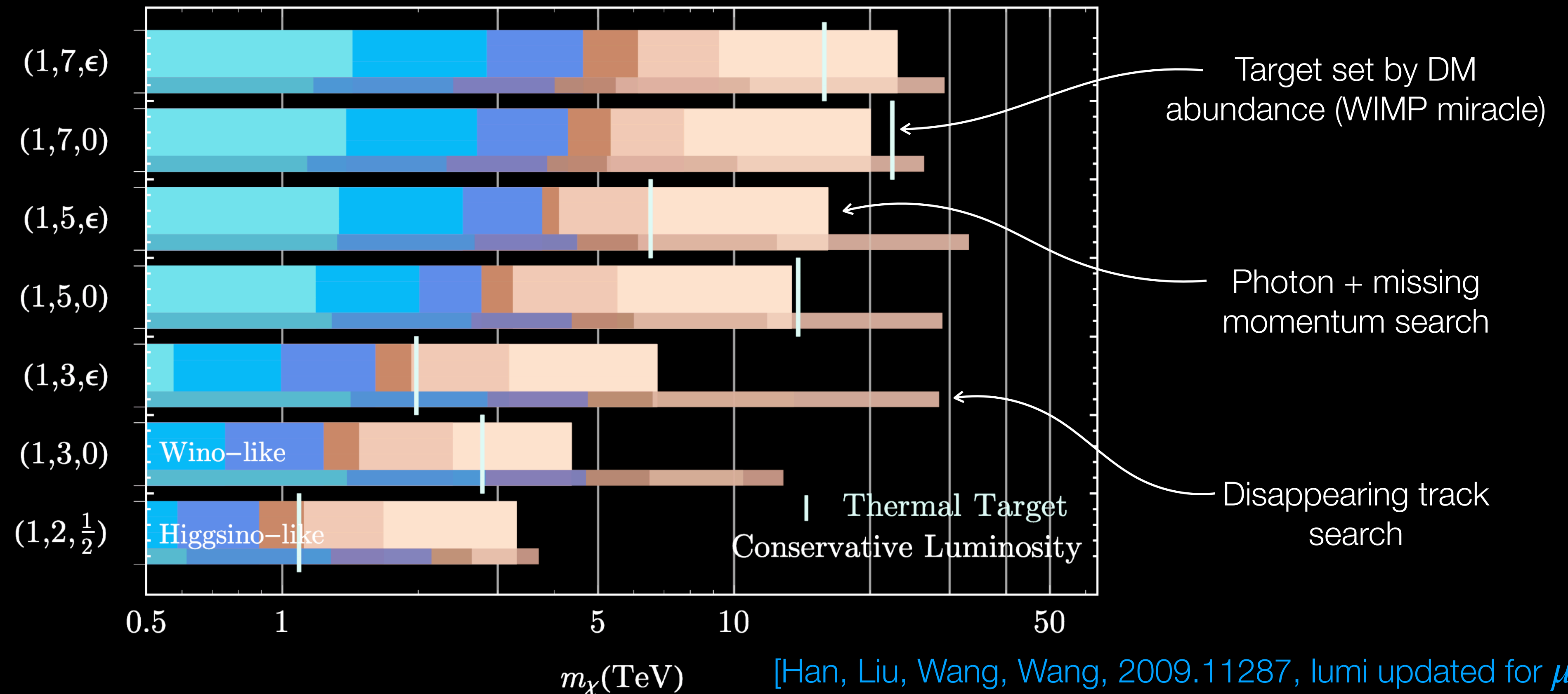


What is the nature of dark matter?

Powerful prospects for a μC in final states with missing energy:
 large electroweak production rates, low backgrounds compared to hadron colliders

Muon Collider 5σ Reach ($\sqrt{s} = 3, 6, 10, 14, 30, 100$ TeV)

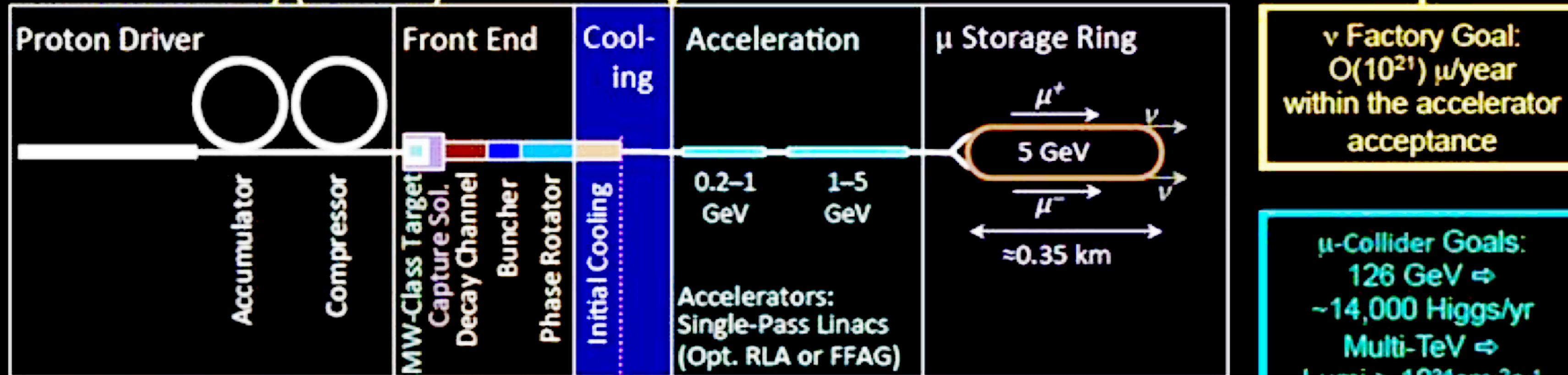
“Minimal dark matter”
 (Electroweak multiplets
 with neutral lightest
 particle, abundance set
 by SM interactions)



[Han, Liu, Wang, Wang, 2009.11287, lumi updated for μSG]
 see also [Capdevilla, Meloni, Simoniello, Zurita 2102.11292]

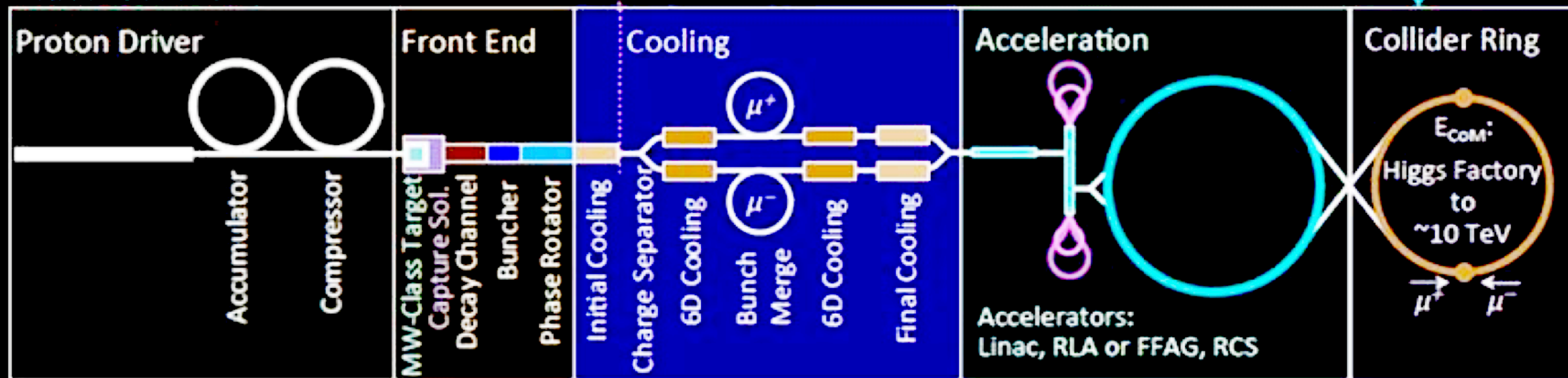
What is the nature of the neutrino sector?

Neutrino Factory (NuMAX)



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Muon Collider



- Muon storage ring-based neutrino factory synergistic w/ development of high-energy muon beams.

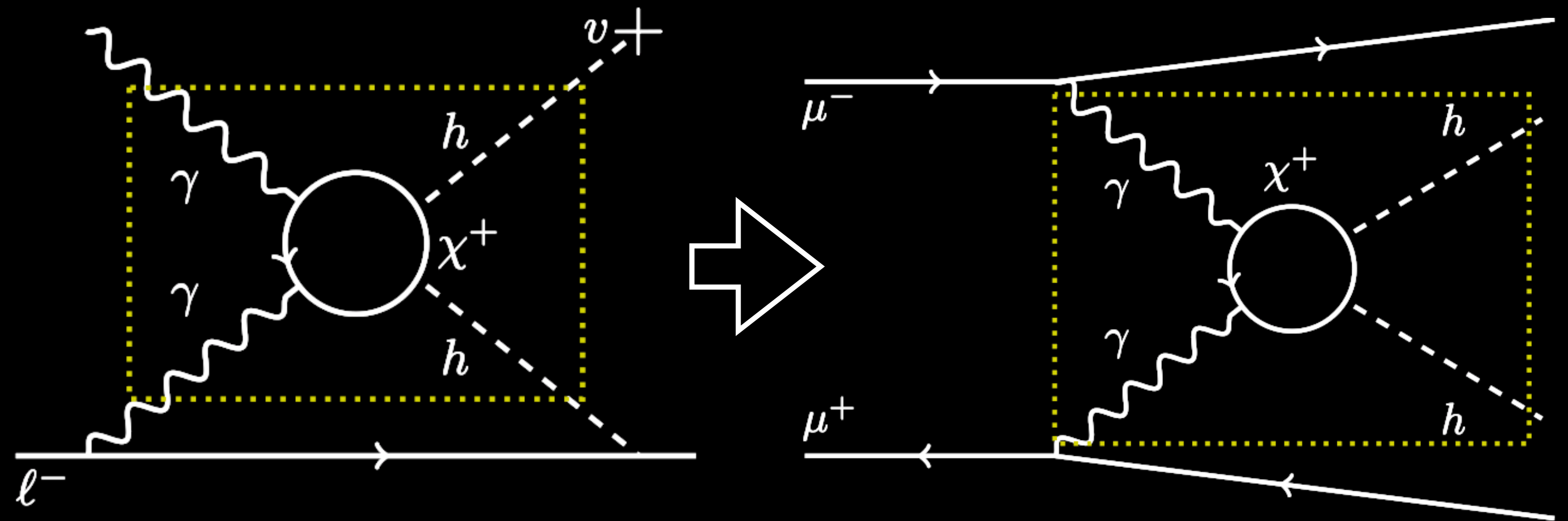
- Physics opportunities in neutrino radiation, mu-nu collisions, or nu-nu collisions at high-energy muon collider itself?

[de Gouvêa, Muon Collider Forum 09/21/21]

[Delahaye et al. 1803.07431]

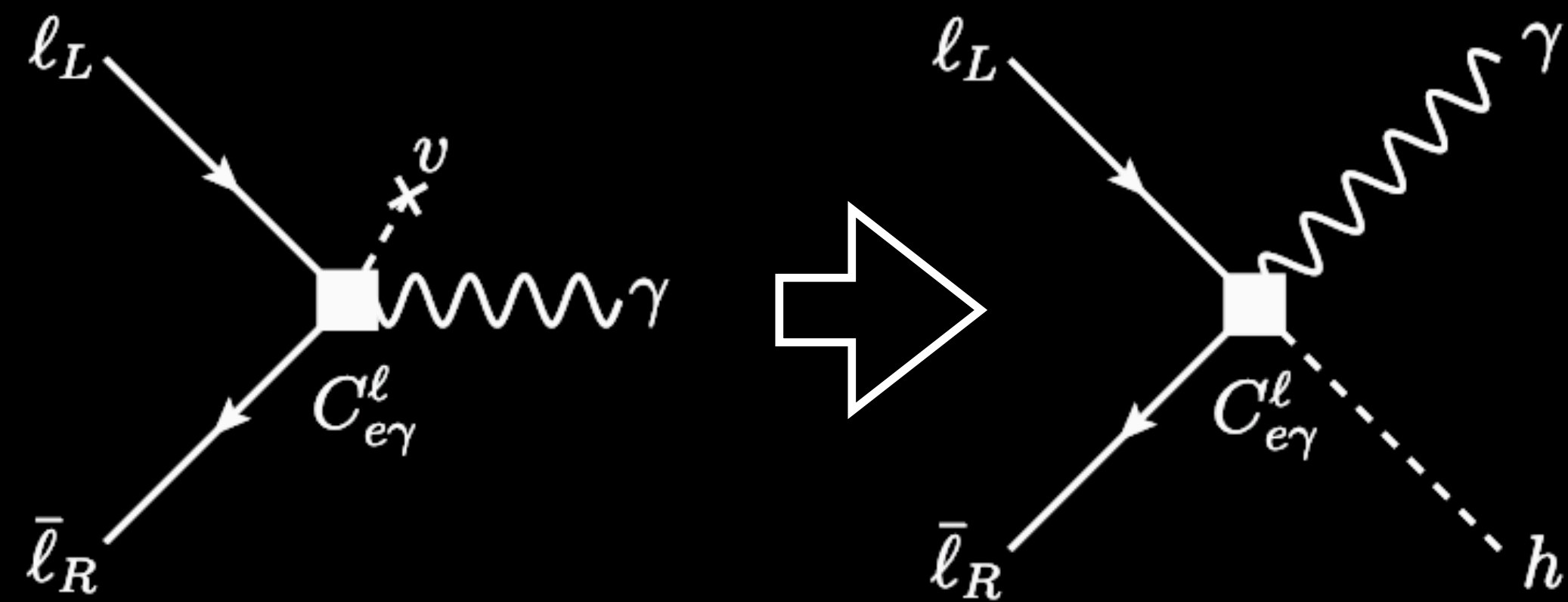
Compelling complementarity

E.g. next-gen. **electron EDM** experiments sensitive to ~ 20 TeV particles in Barr-Zee diagrams; same diagram probed in muon colliders



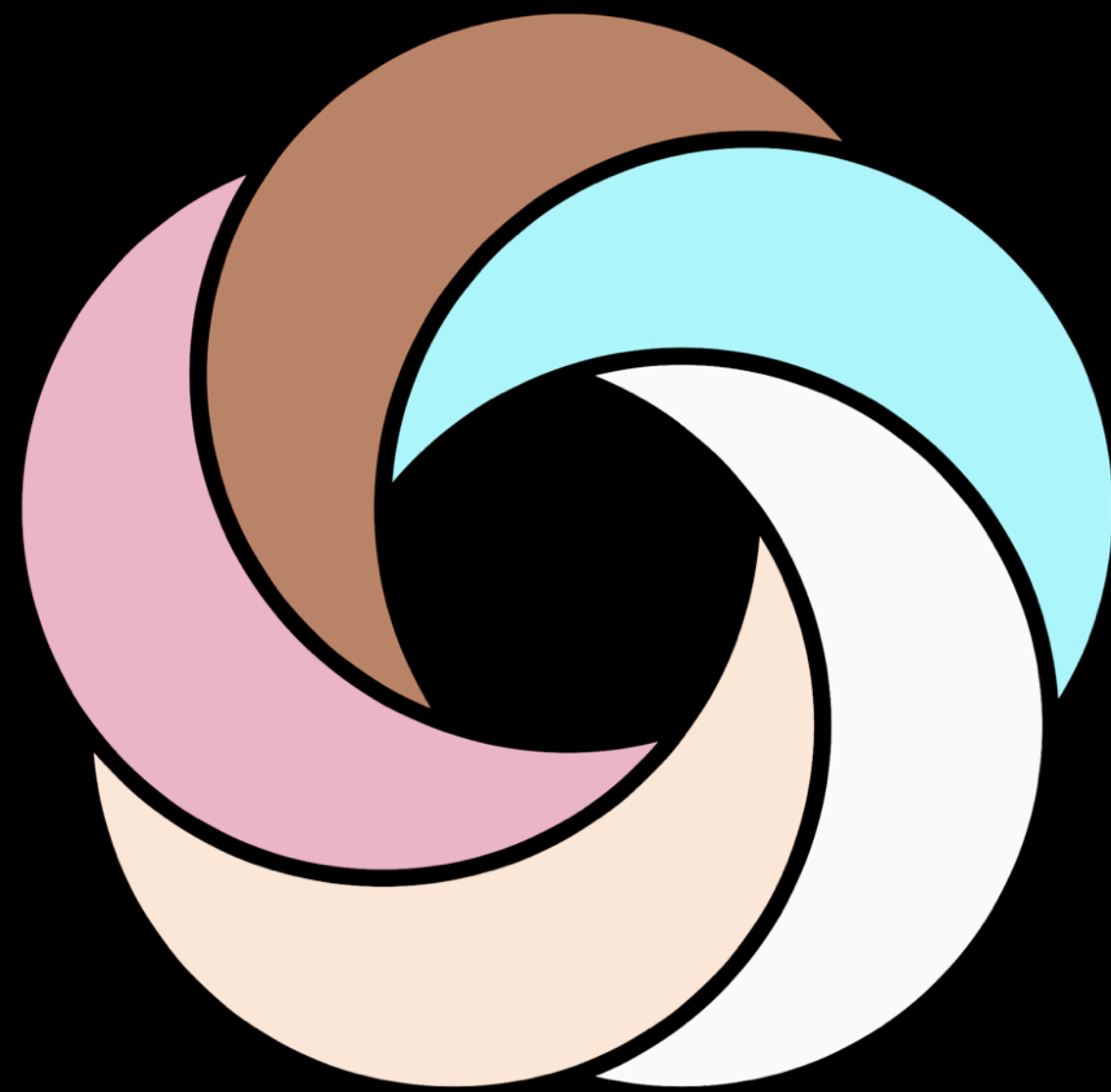
Any new physics contributions to **Muon g-2** efficiently probed at muon colliders

[Capdevilla, Curtin, Kahn, Krnjaic, 2006.16277; Buttazzo & Paradisi, 2012.02769; Capdevilla, Curtin, Kahn, Krnjaic, 2101.10334; Chen, Wang, Yao 2102.05619; Yin, Yamaguchi 2012.03928]



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