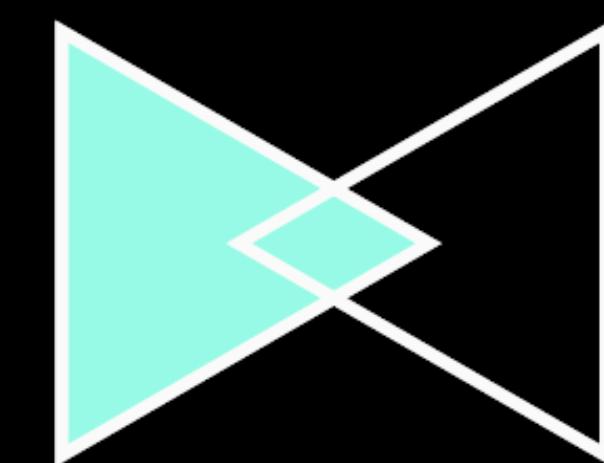
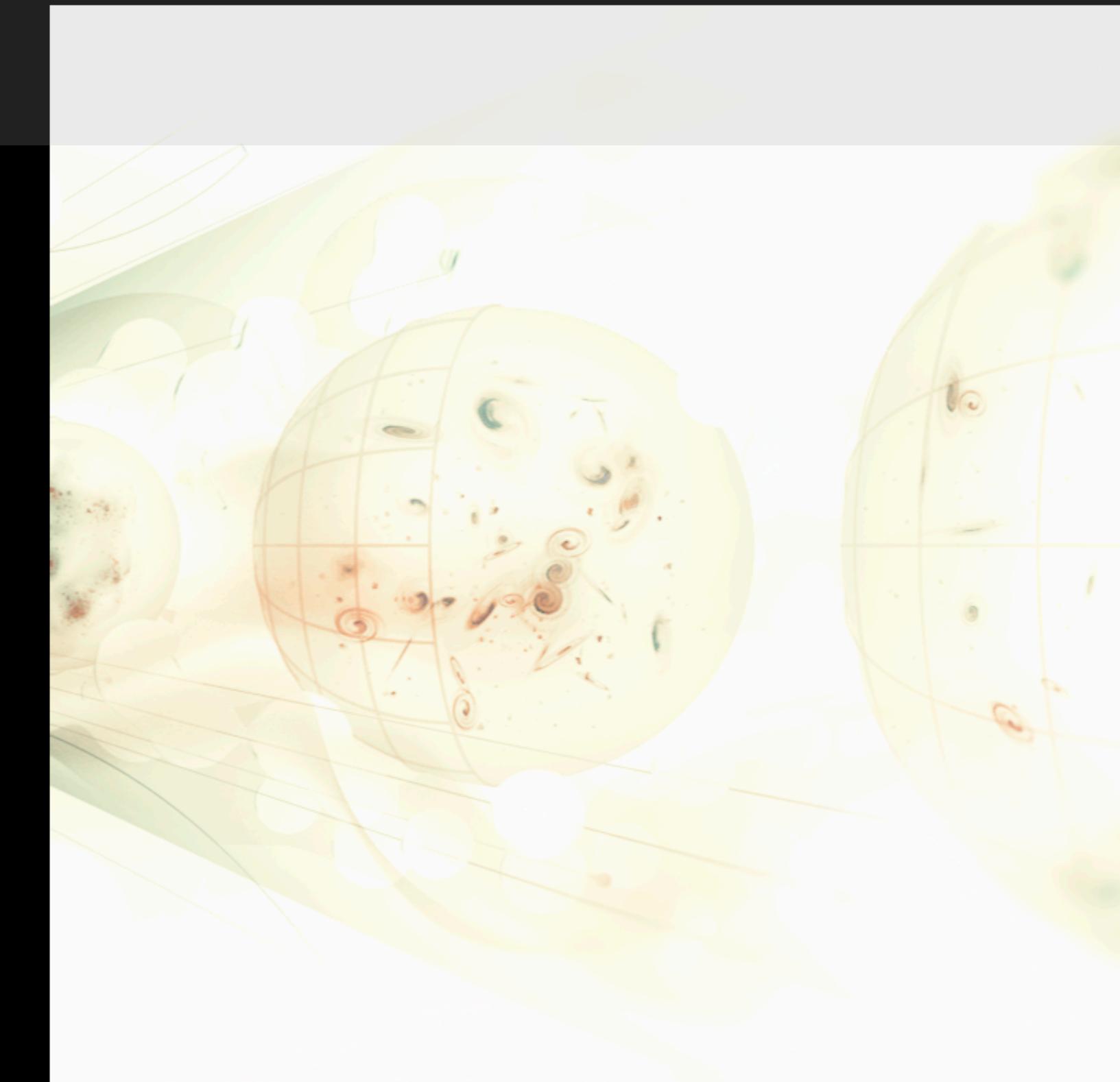
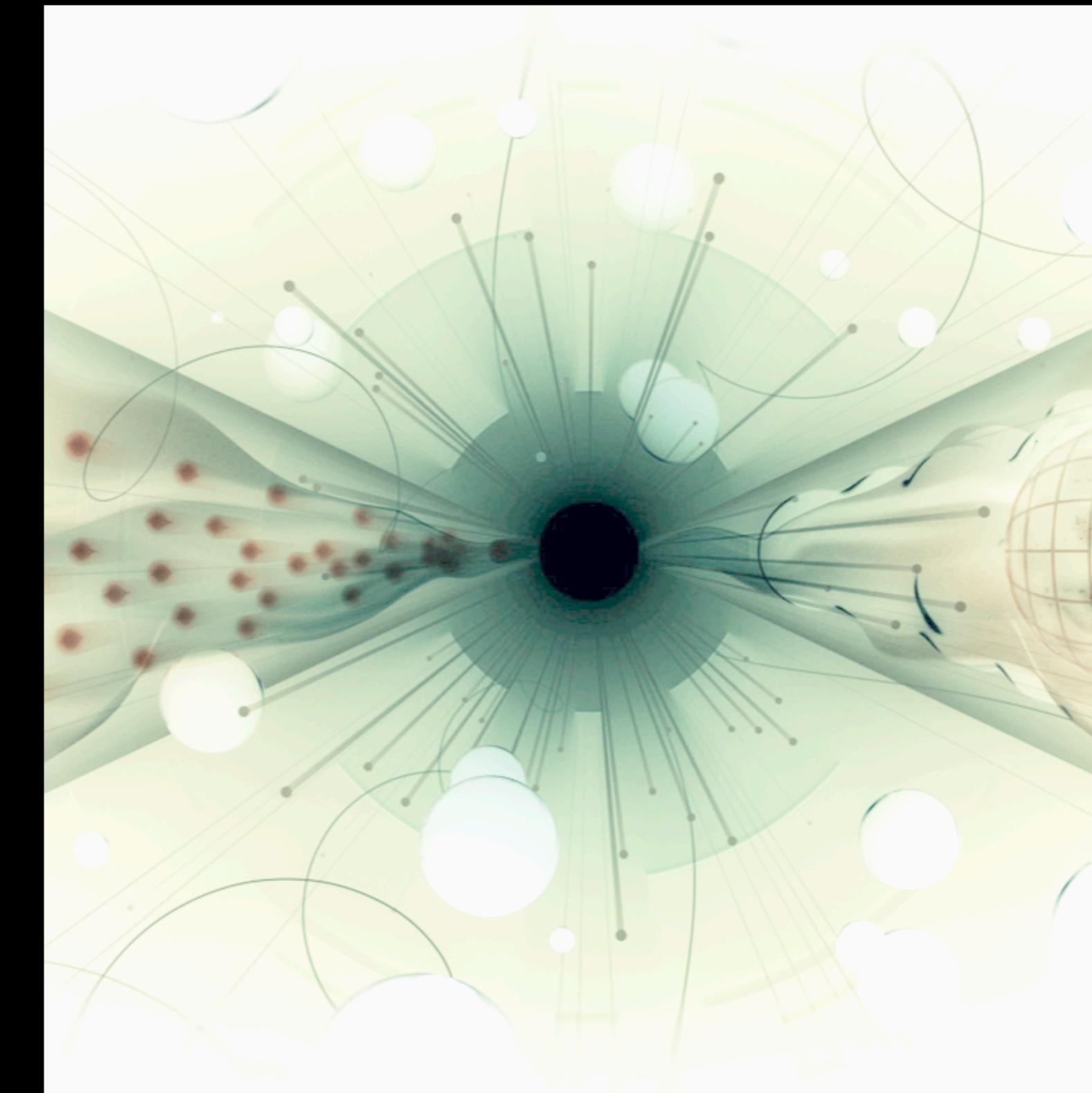
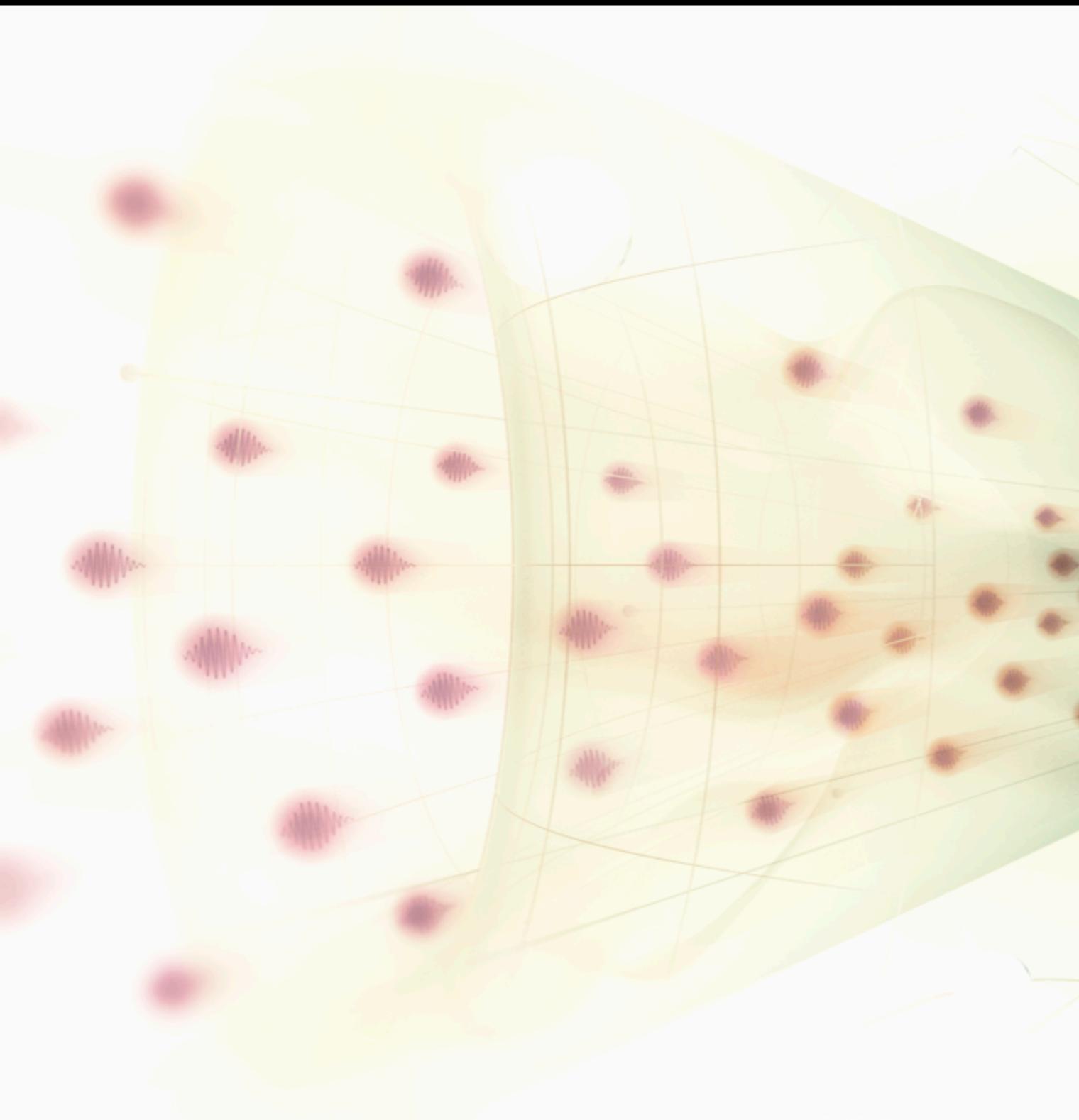


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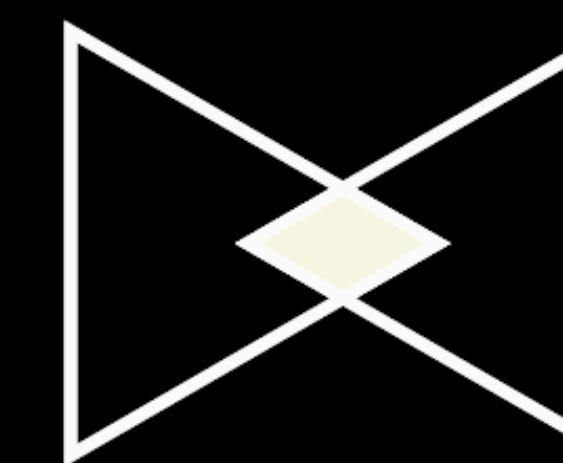
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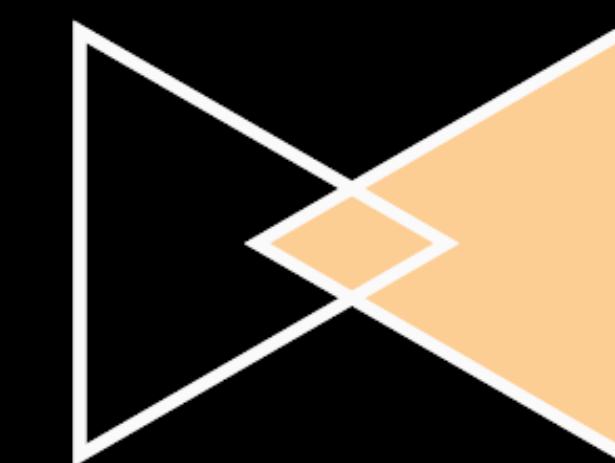
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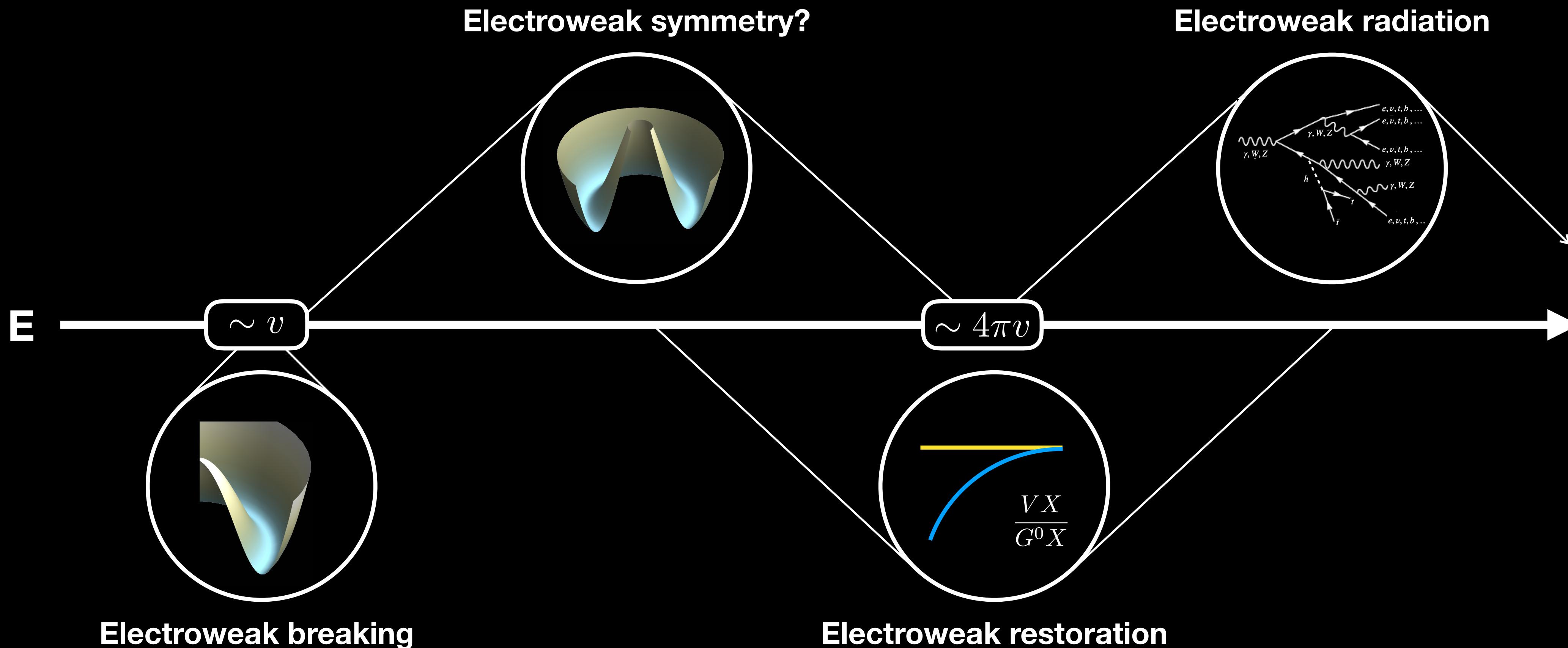
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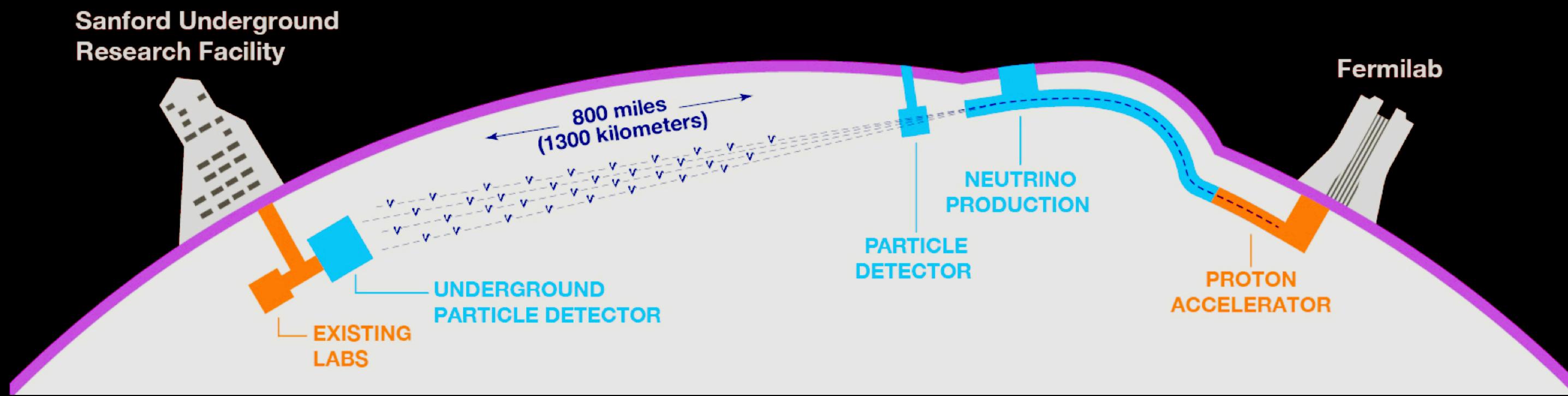
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“The more ambitious goal...is to identify and understand the nature of electroweak symmetry breaking, the asymmetry that is key to the material universe. The Higgs boson is but its herald.” — *Frank Close*



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Neutrinos: the purely weak frontier of the Standard Model

Dark sectors: portals are weak interactions & SM electroweak states

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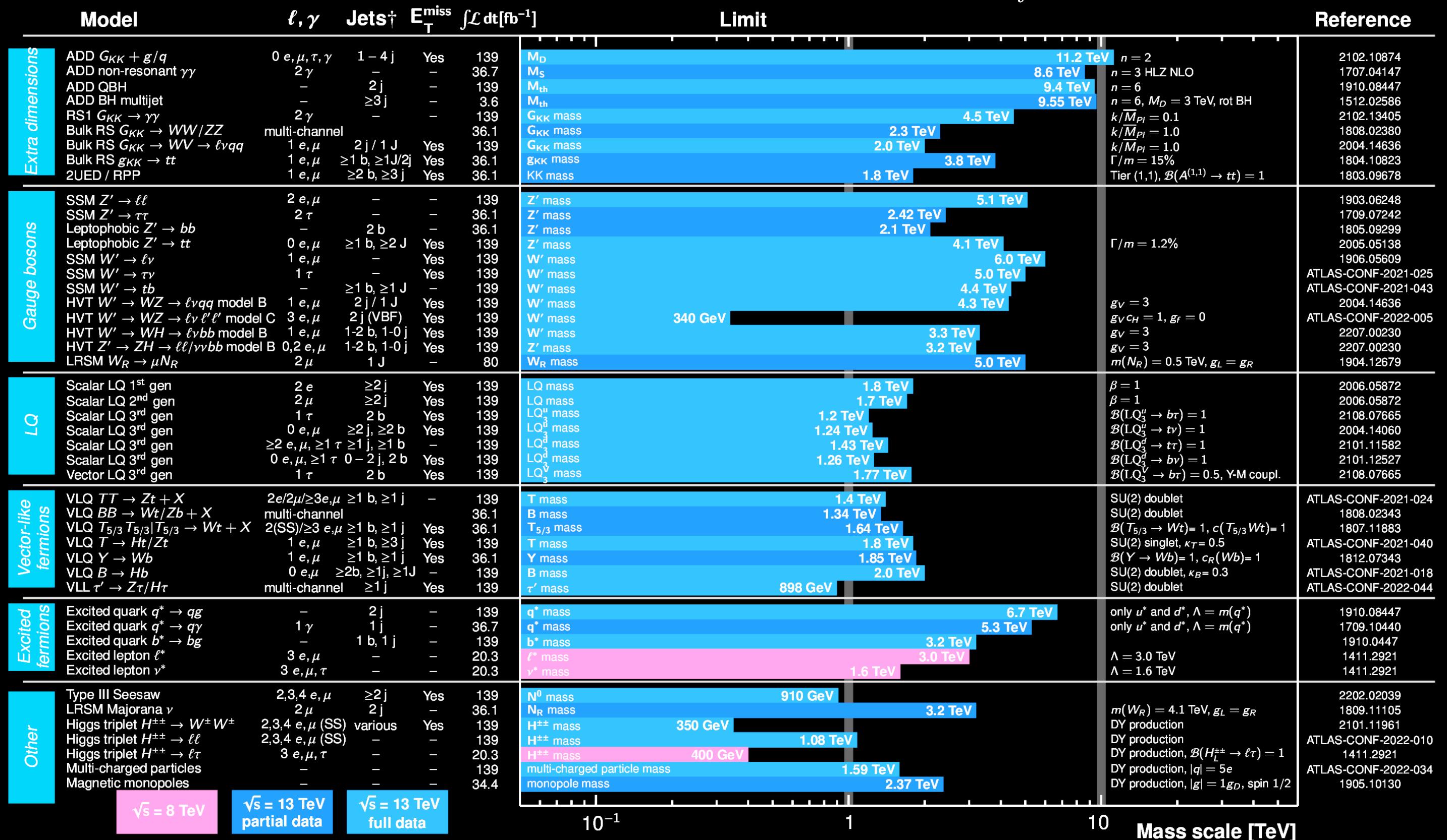
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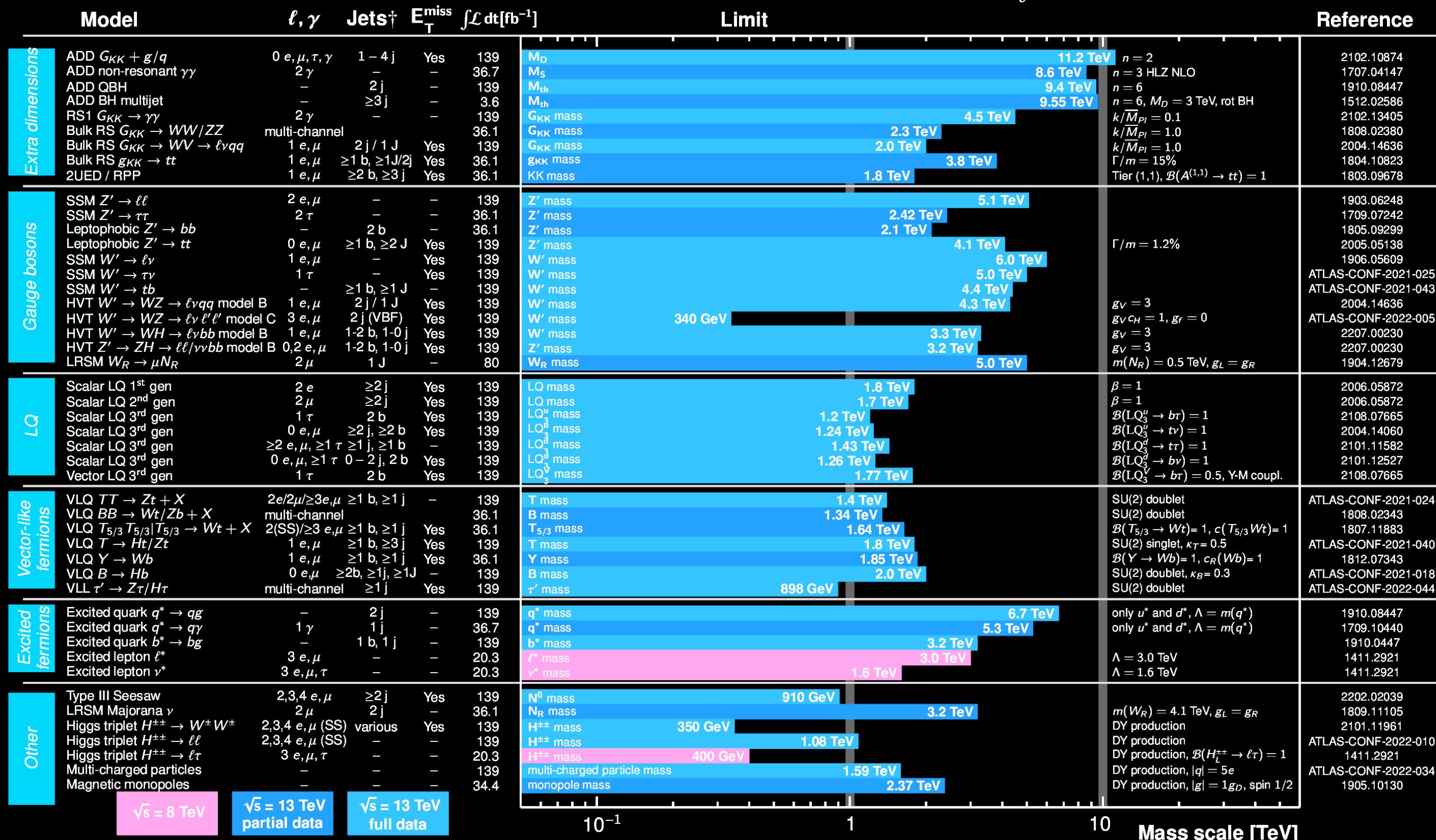
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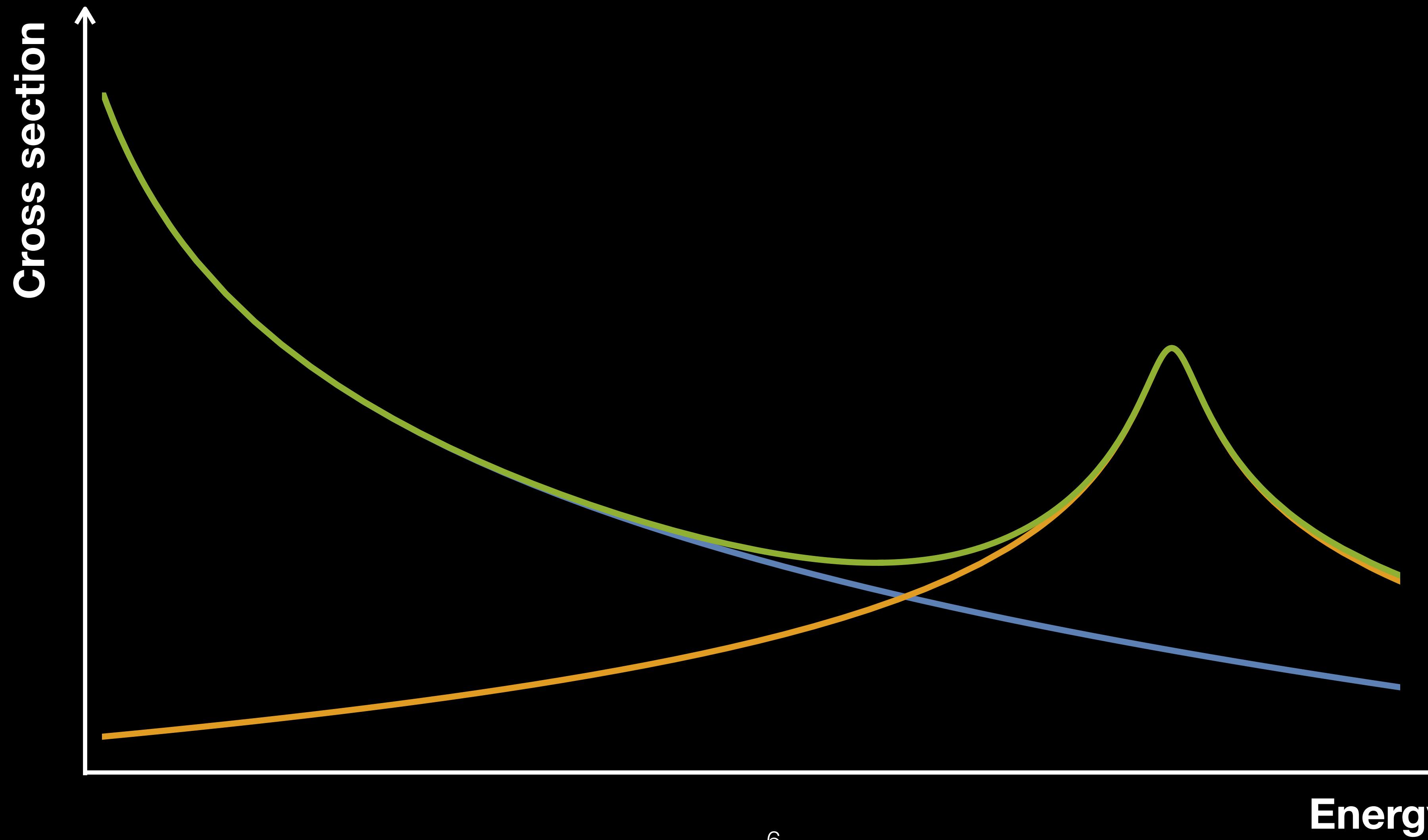
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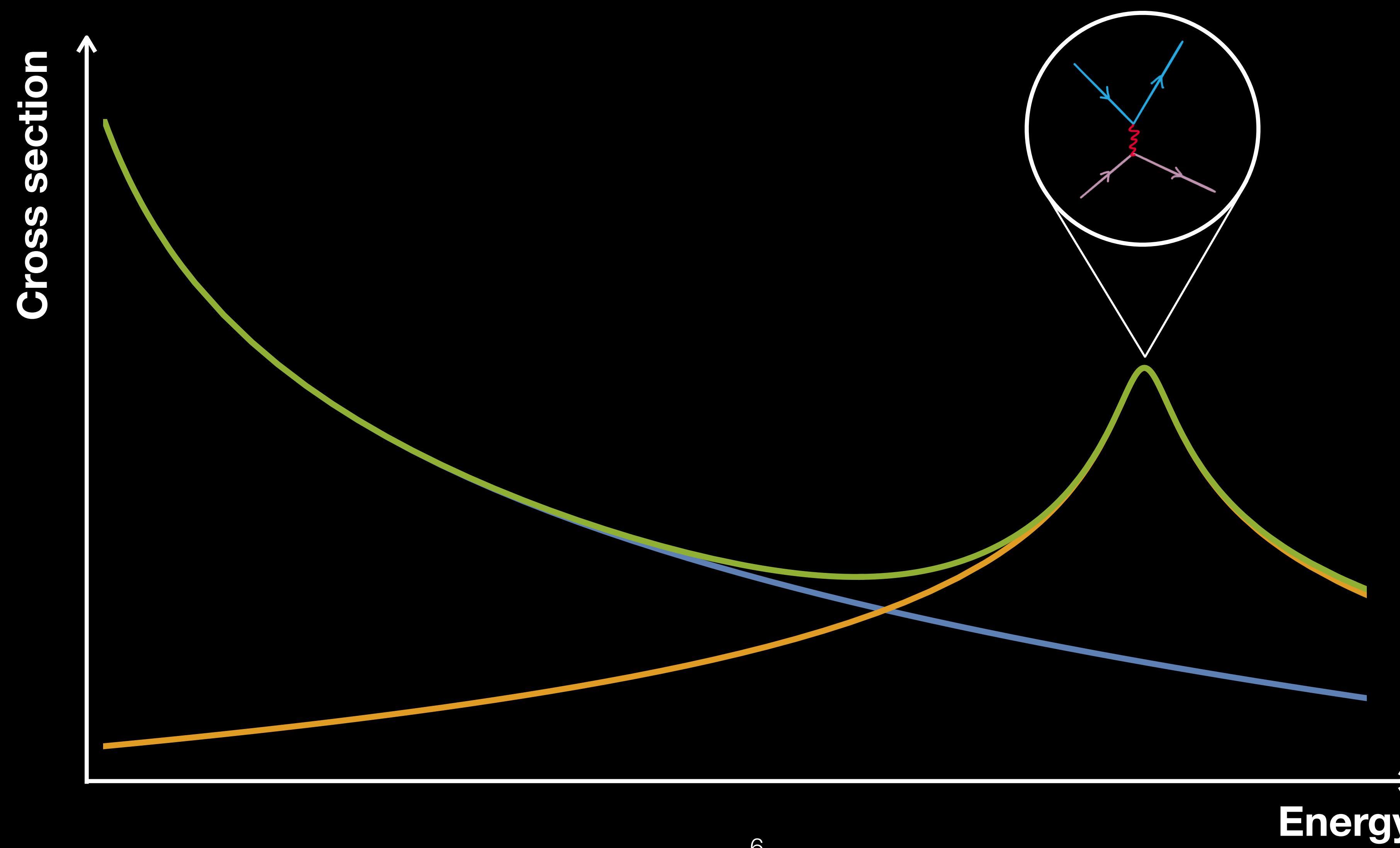


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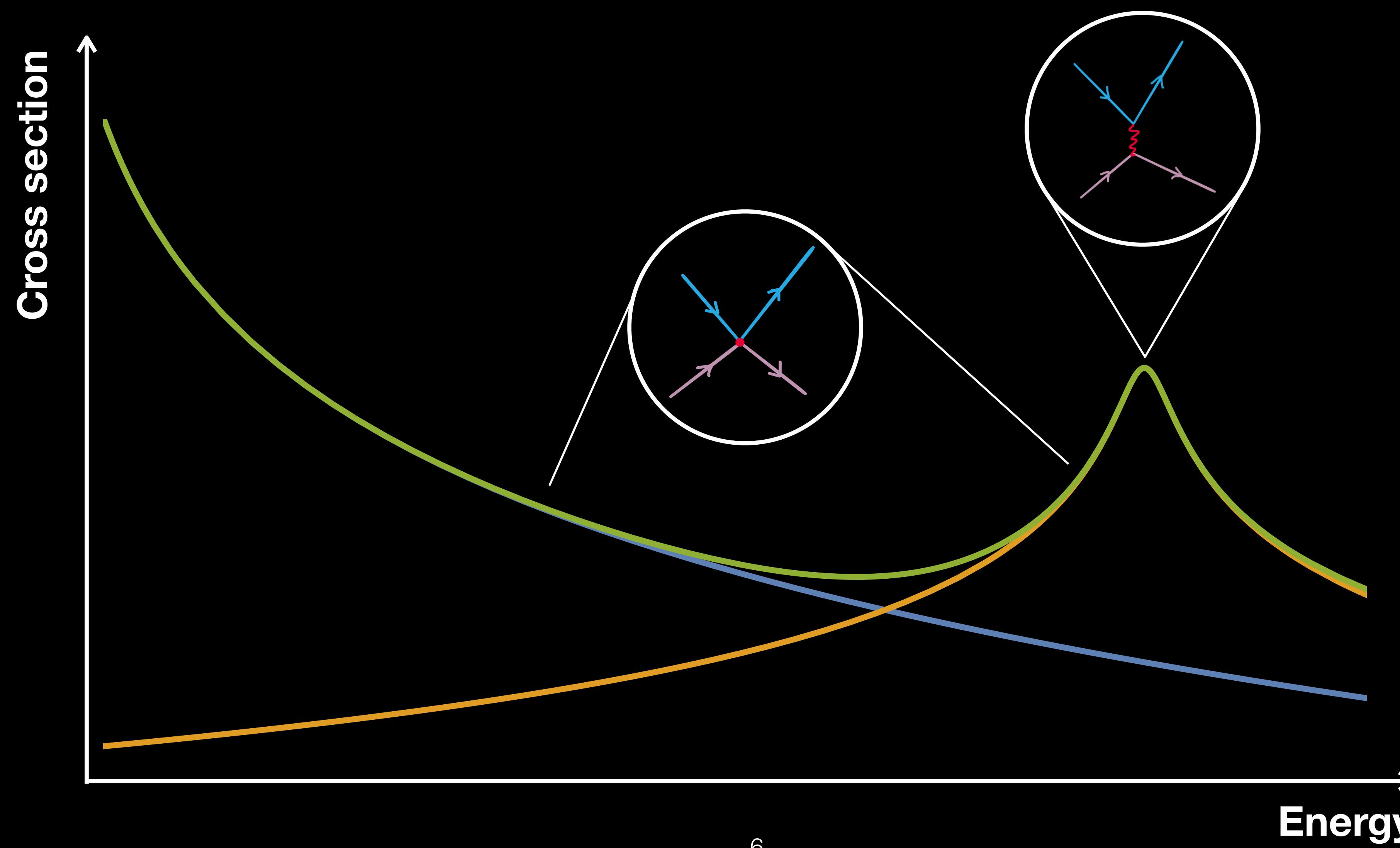
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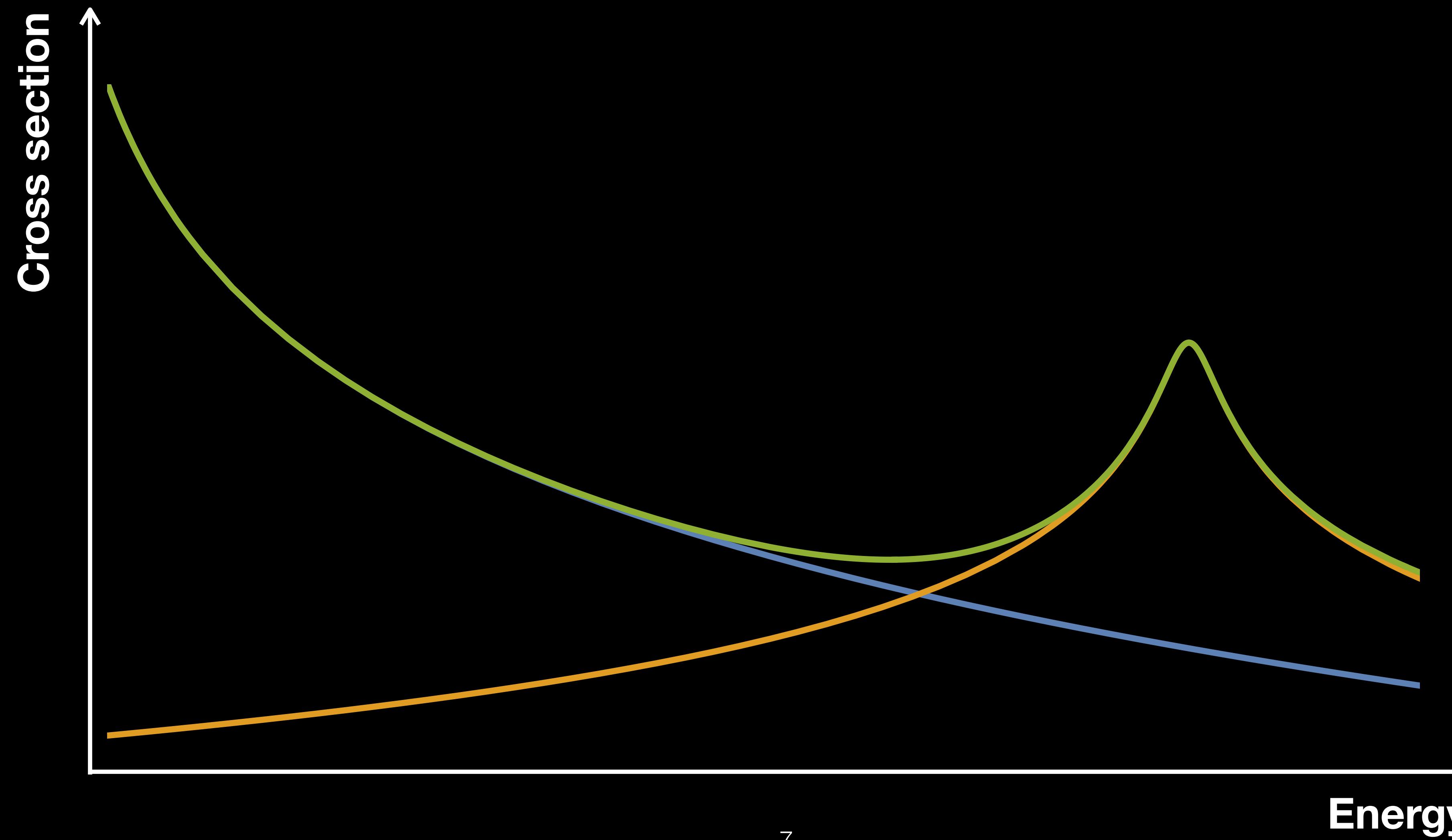
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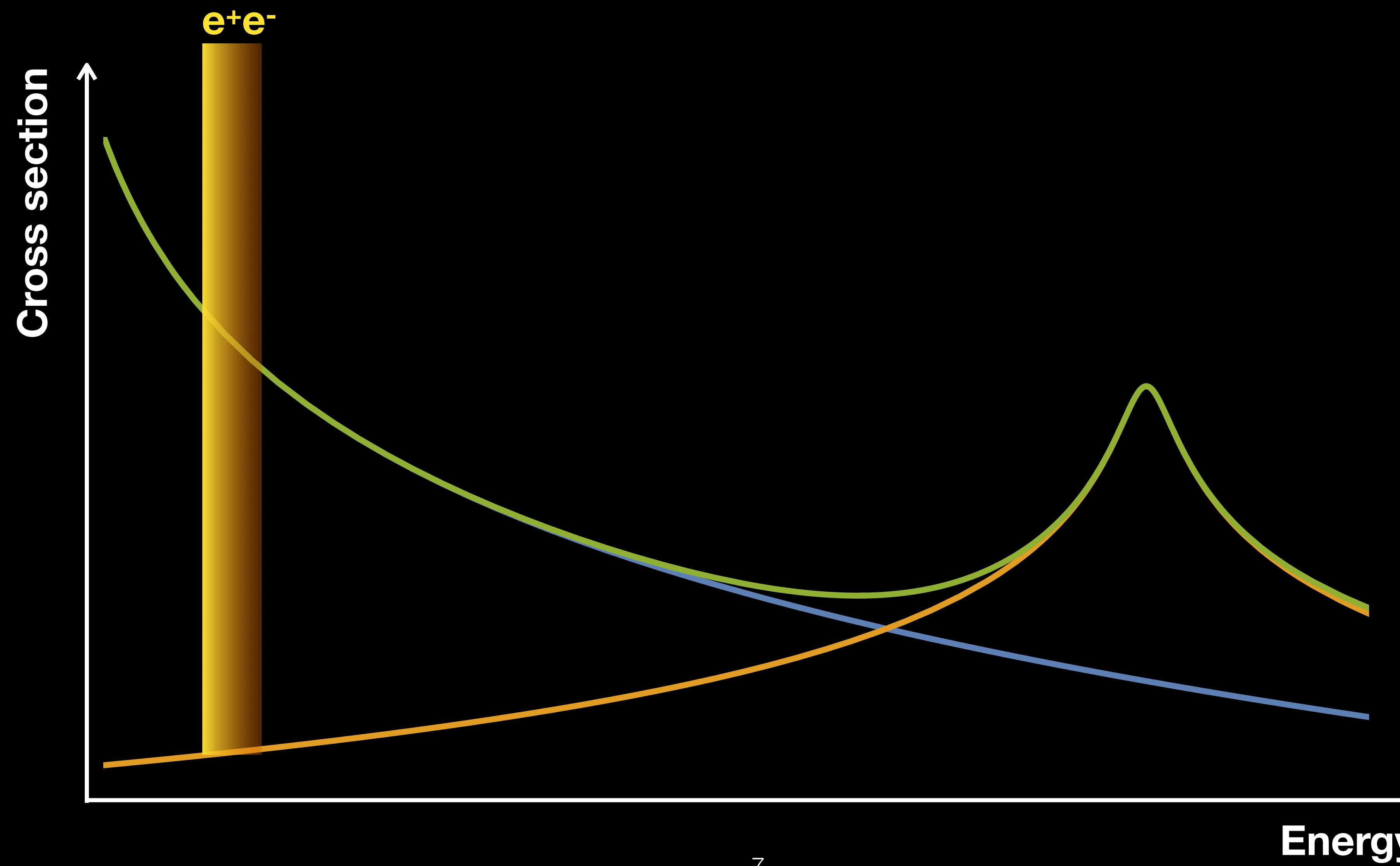
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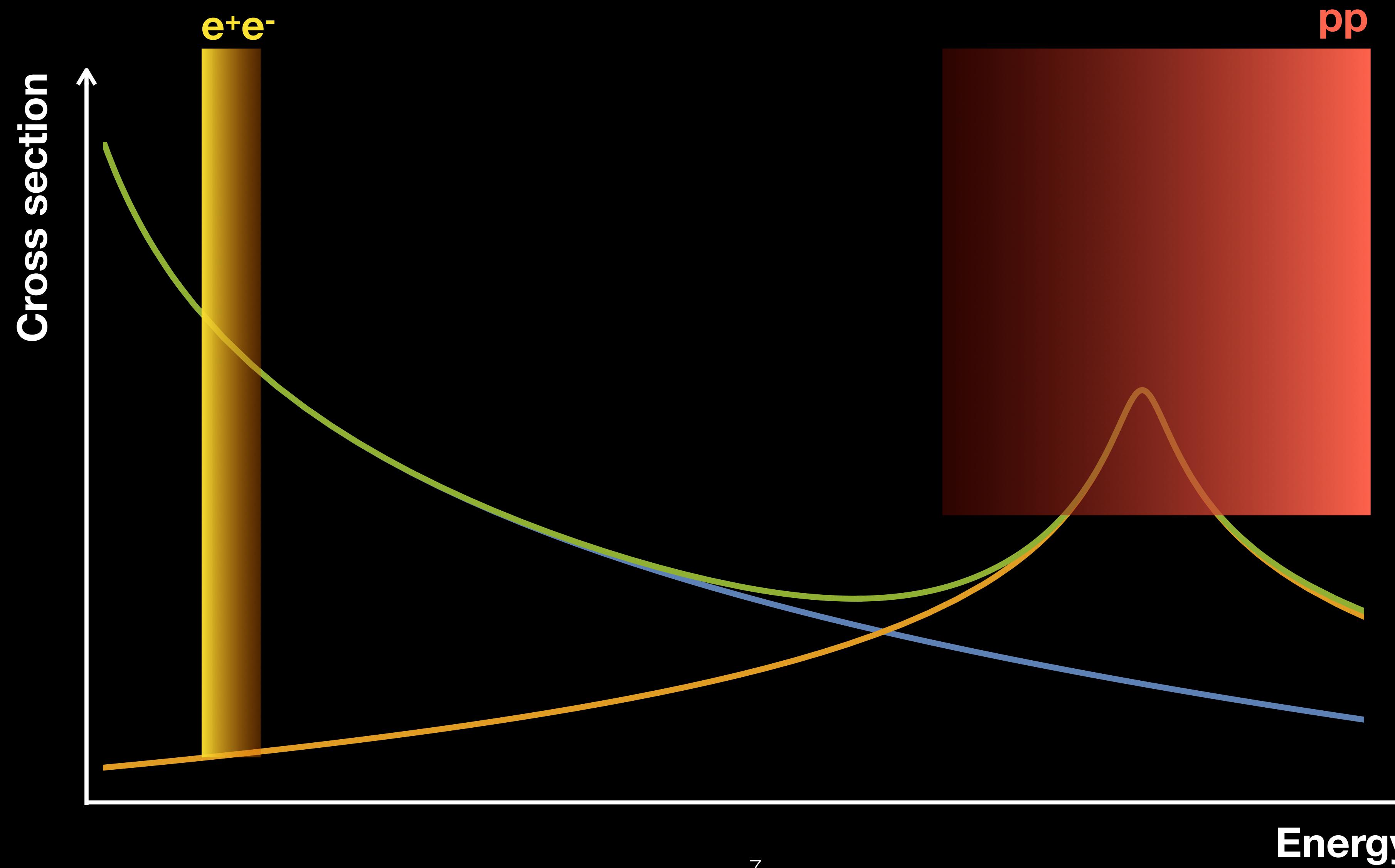
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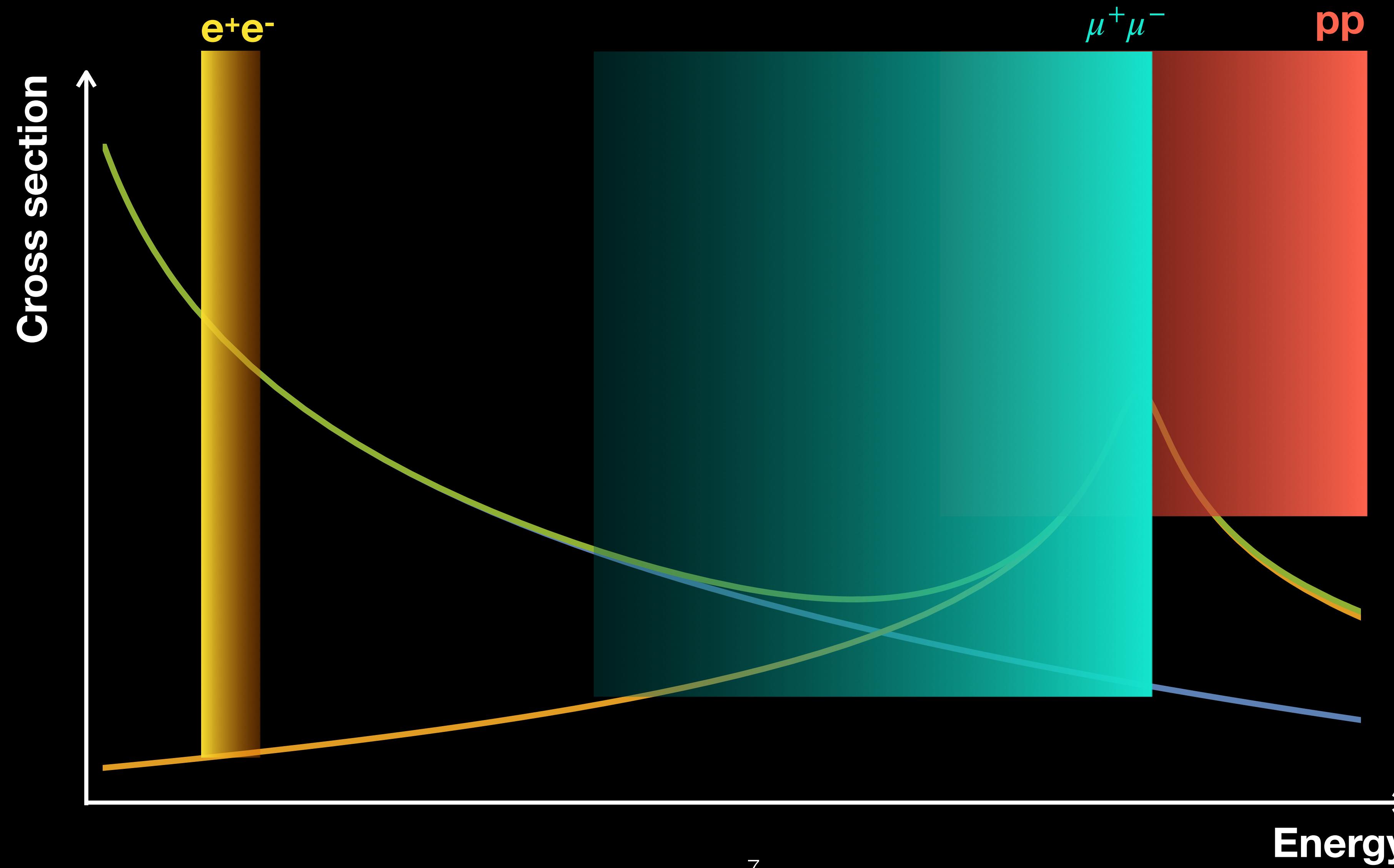
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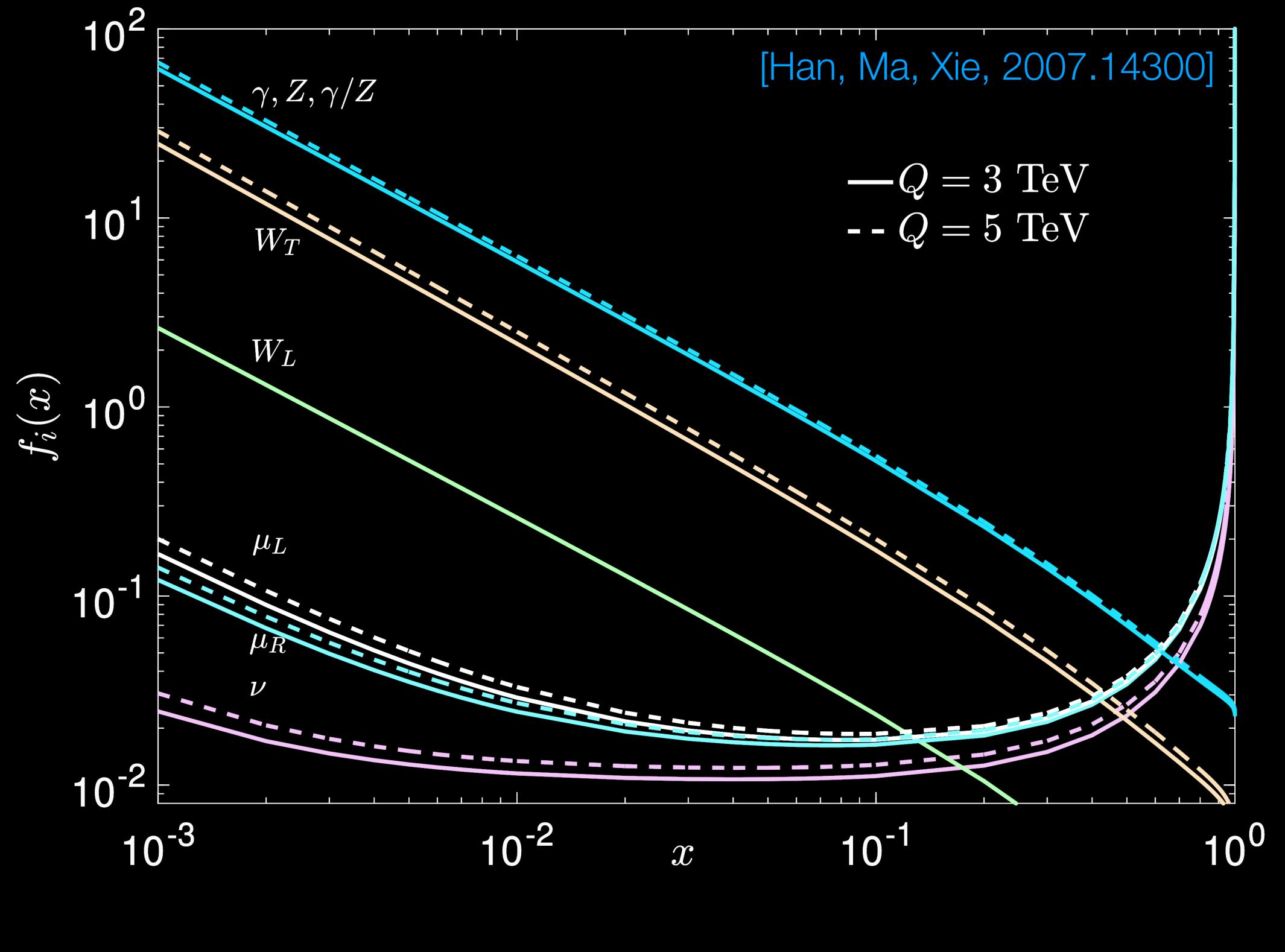


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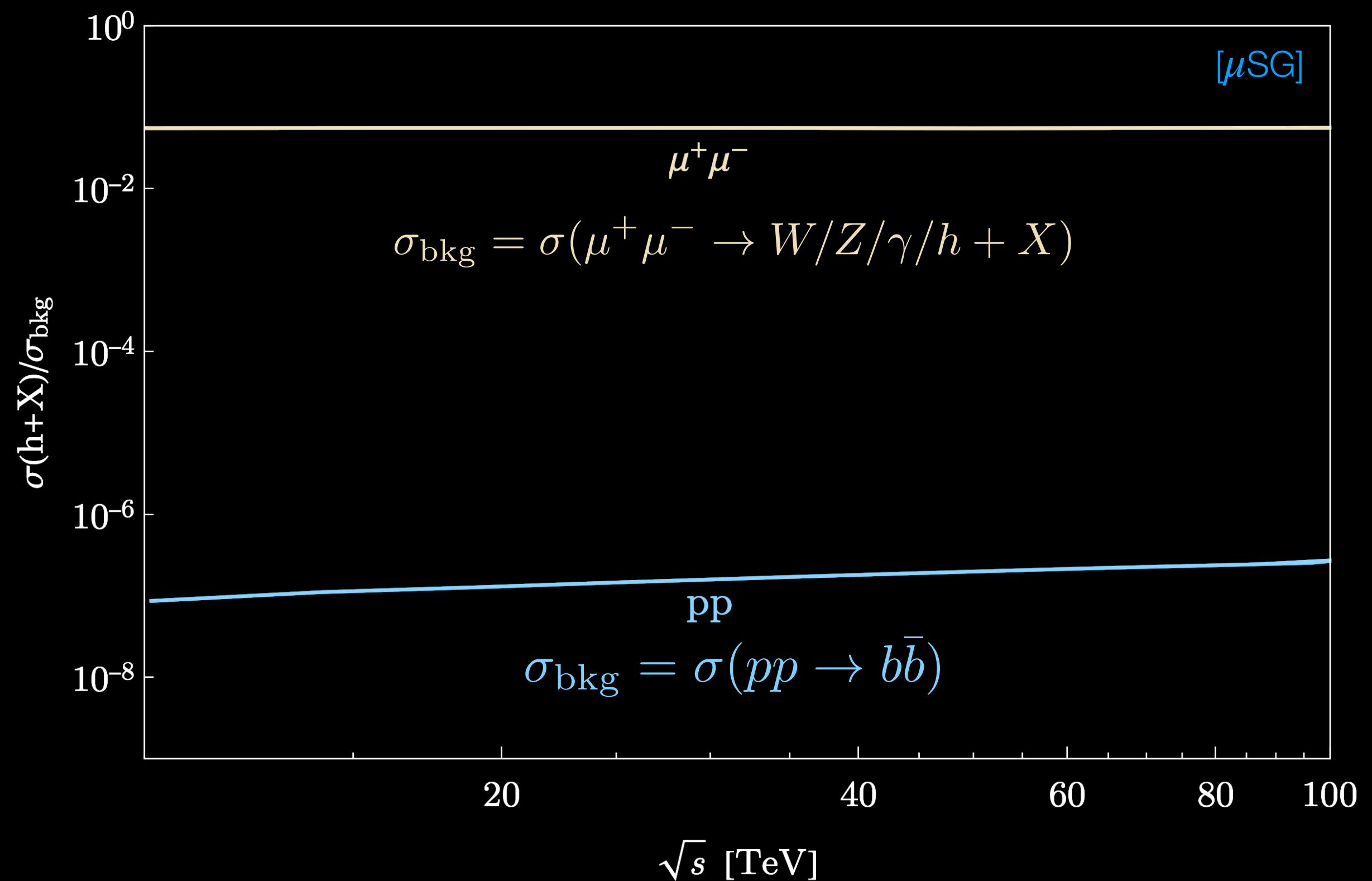


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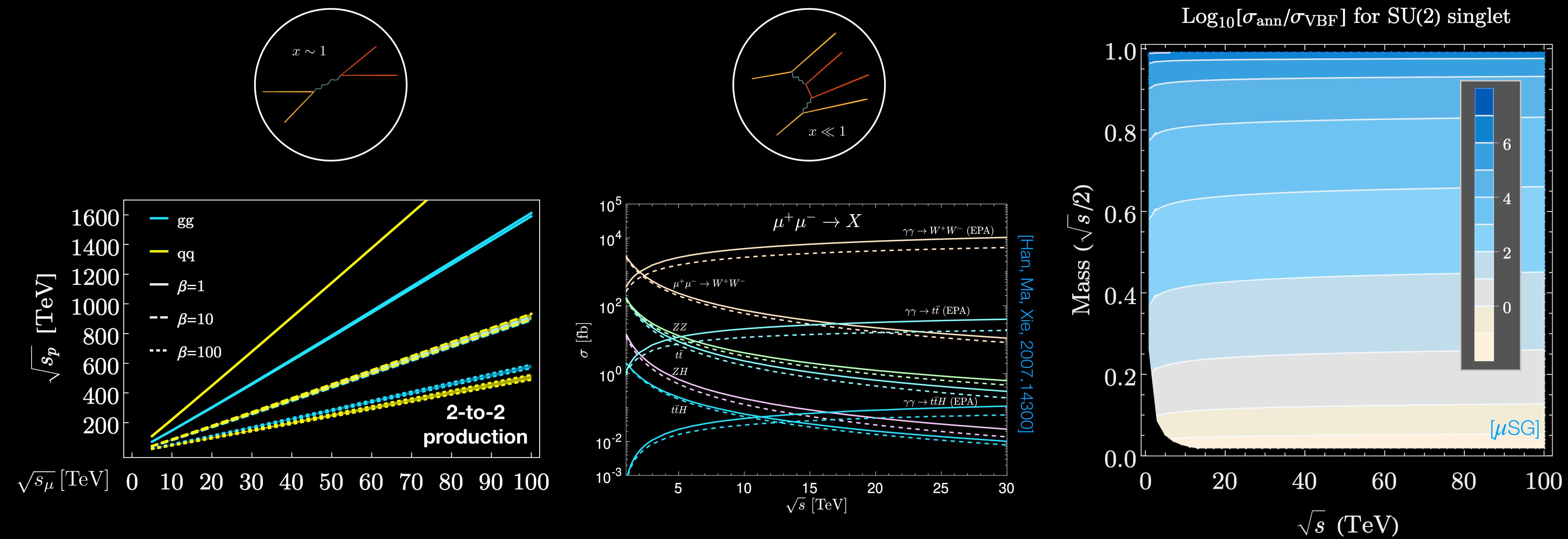


2. Modest irreducible backgrounds



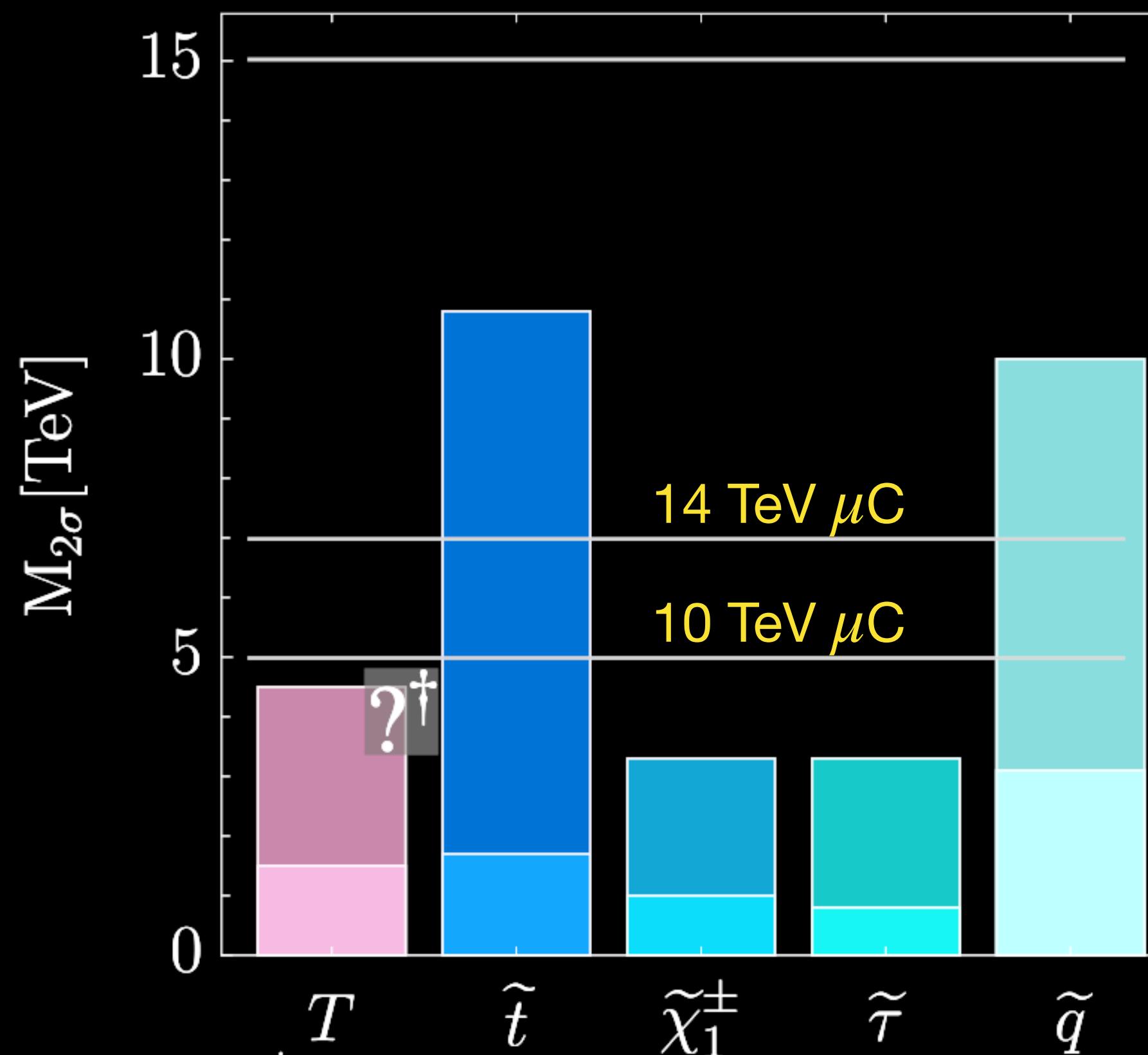
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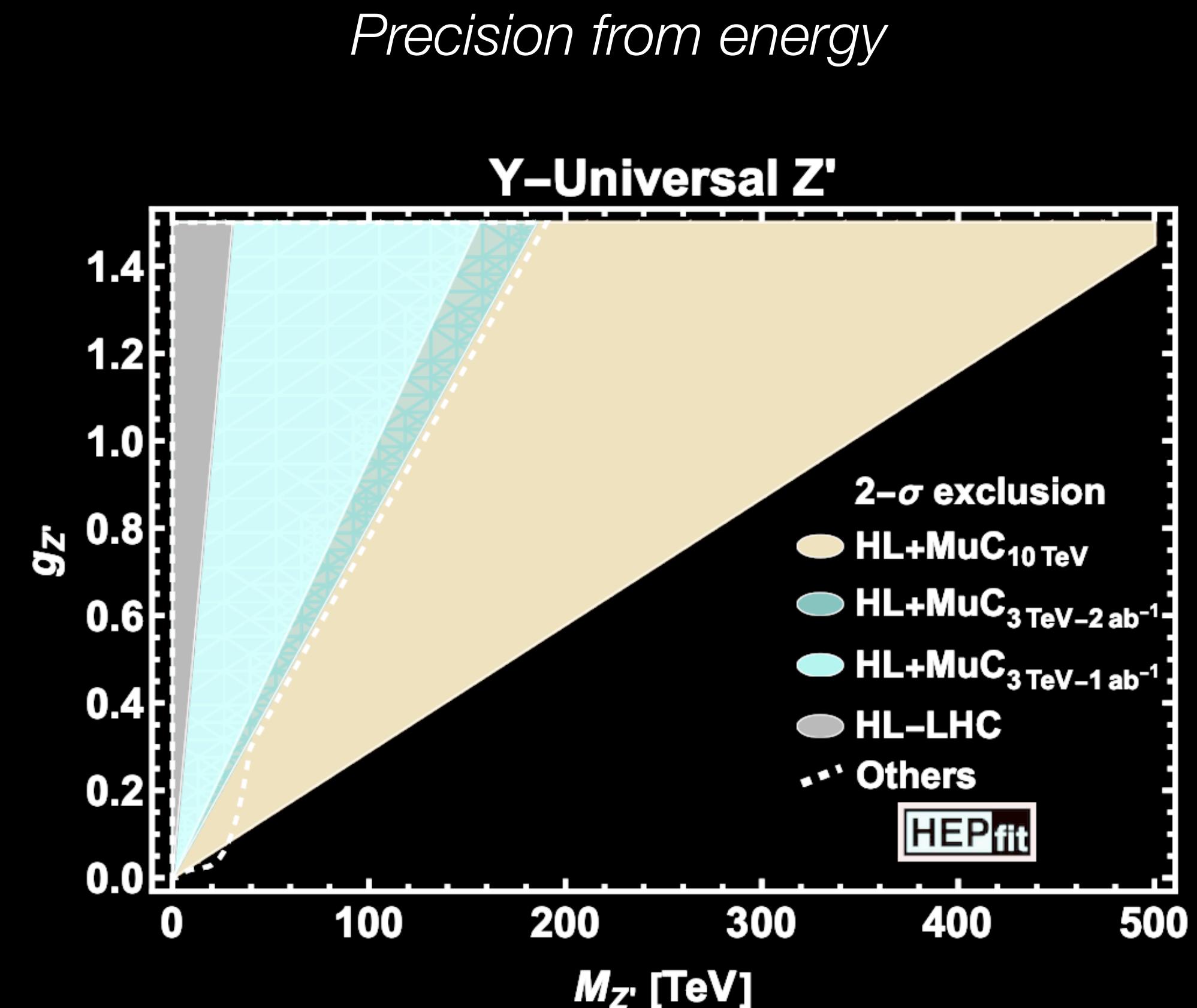
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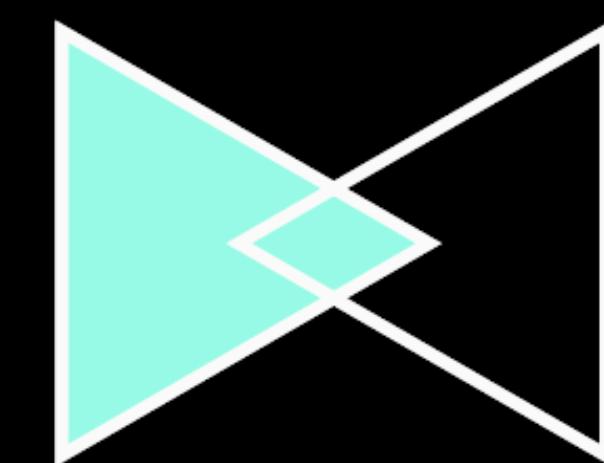
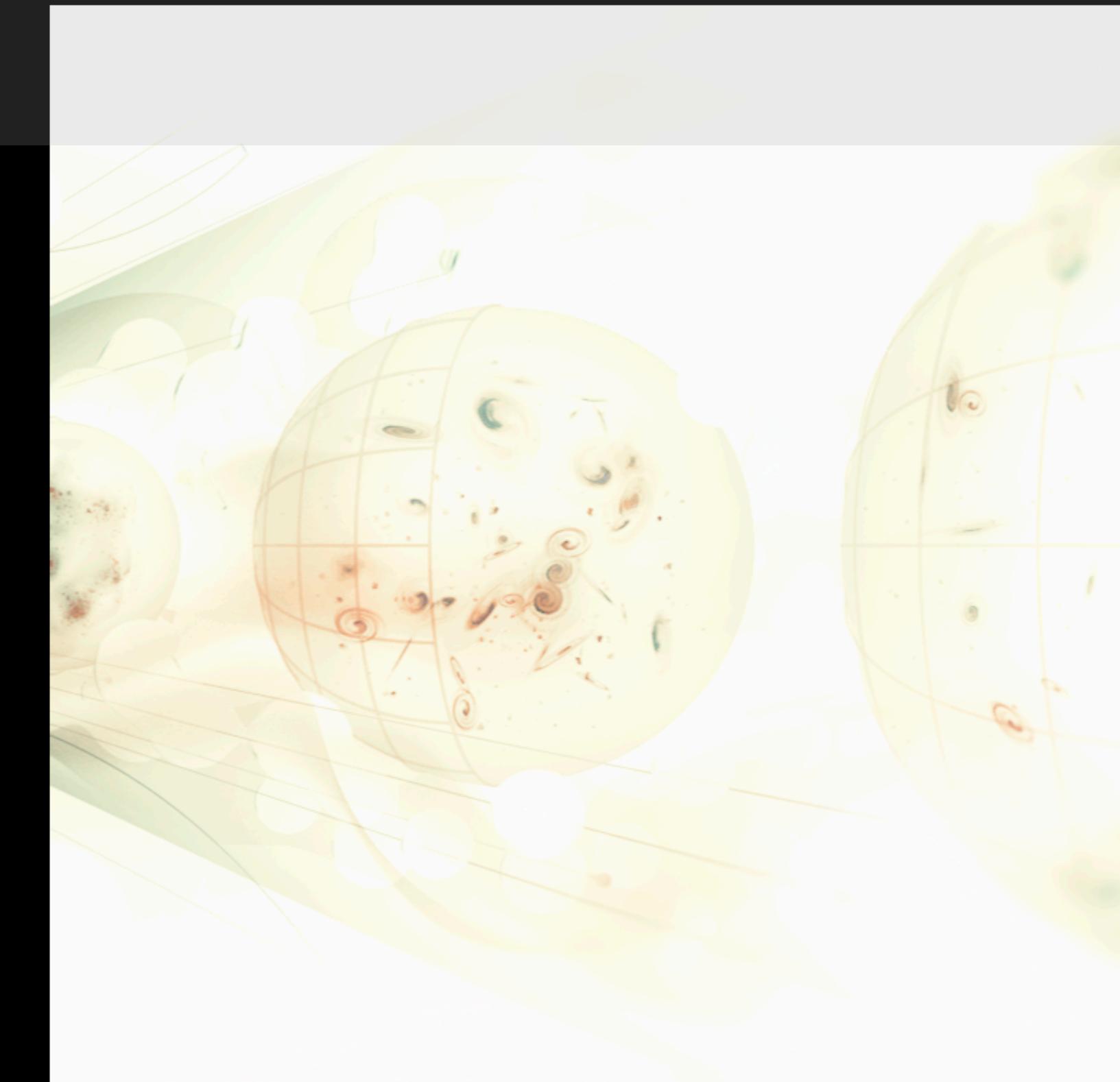
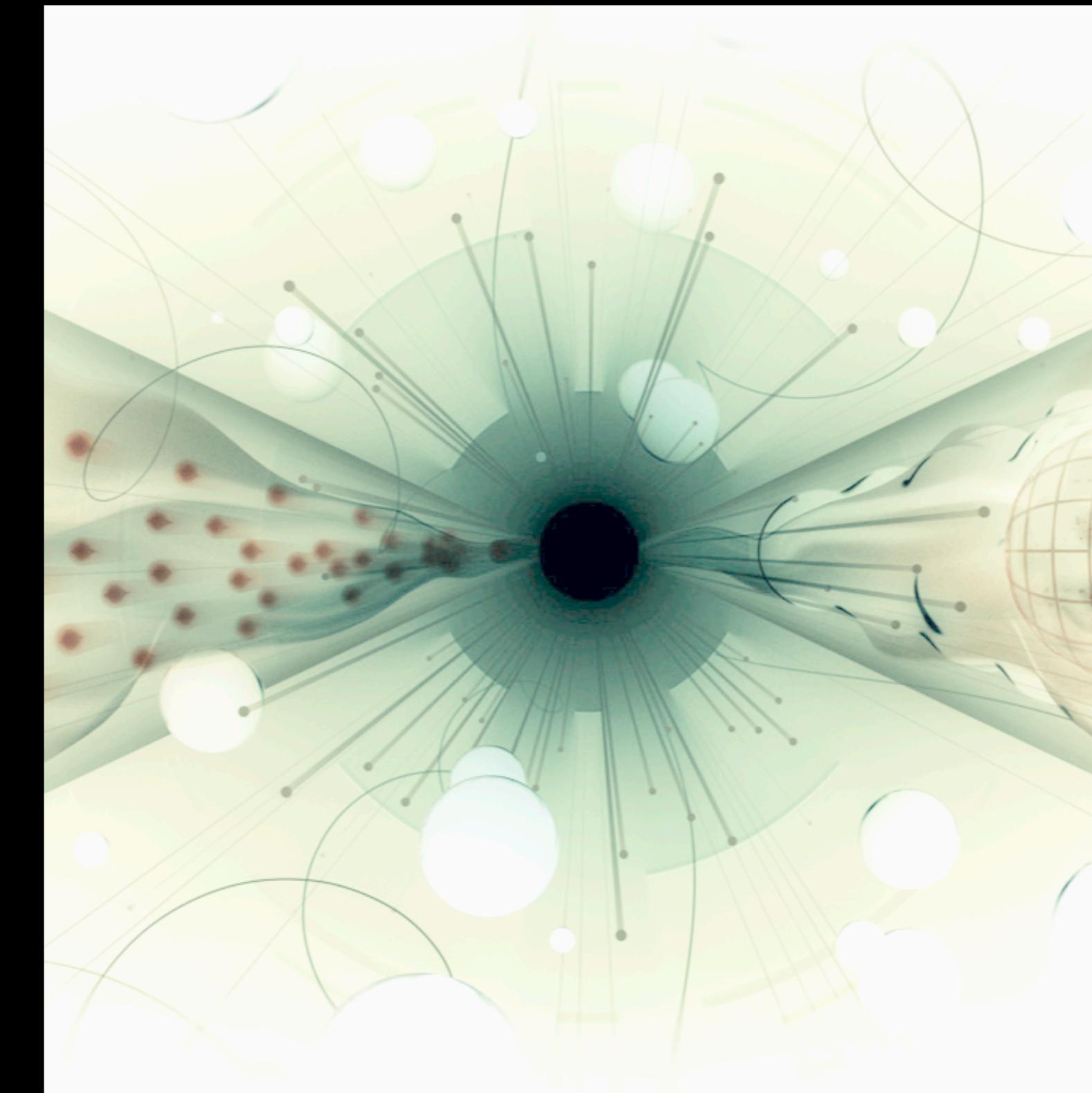
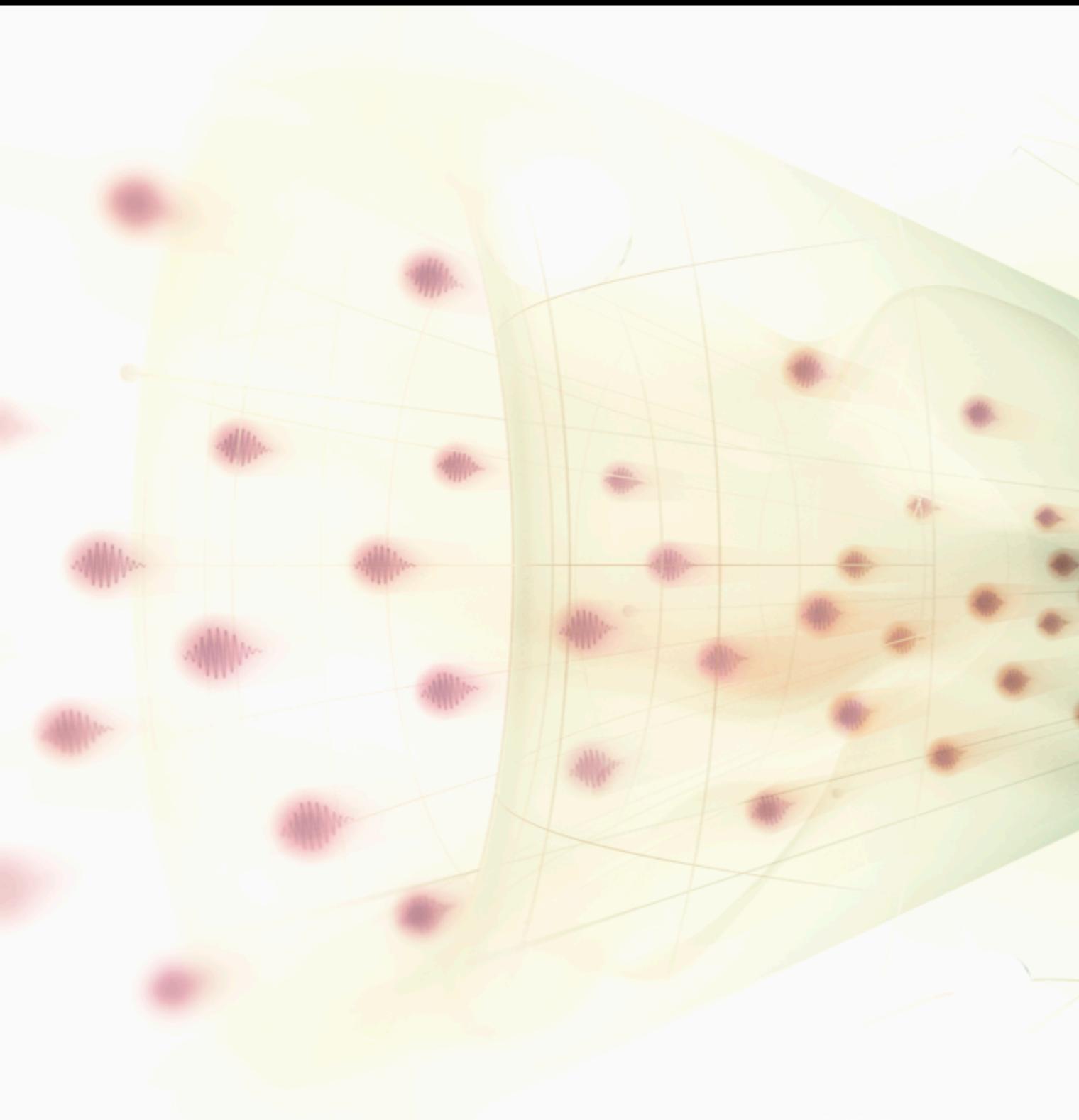
Discover distinctive particles up to $\sim \sqrt{s}/2$



[†] The low FCC-hh mass reach on Top Partners could be due to a non-optimal analysis

Indirect access to much higher scales

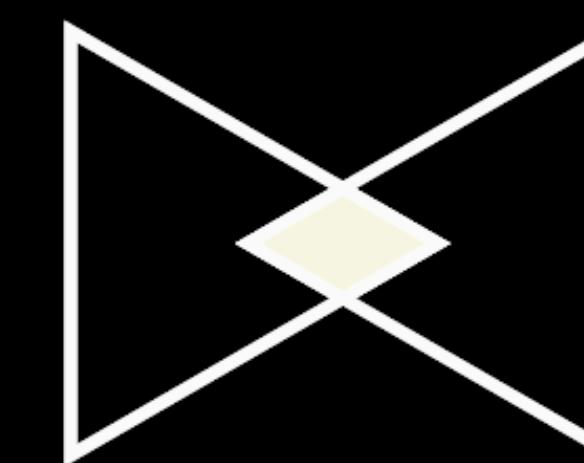




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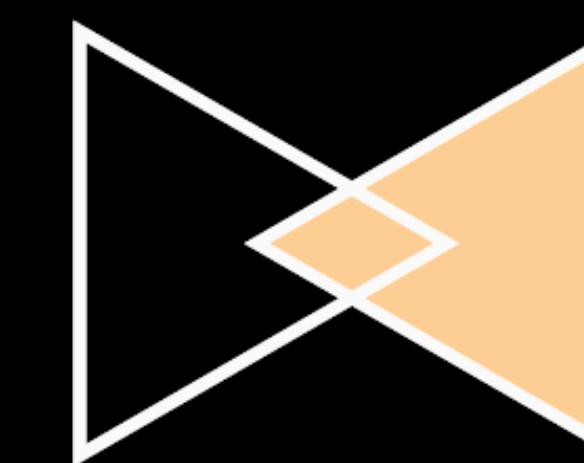
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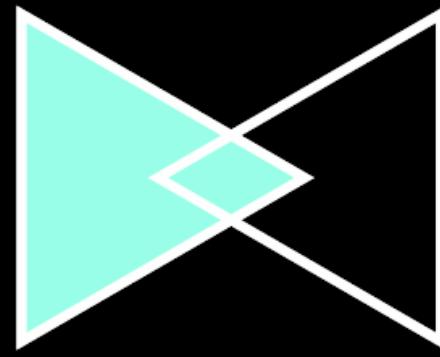
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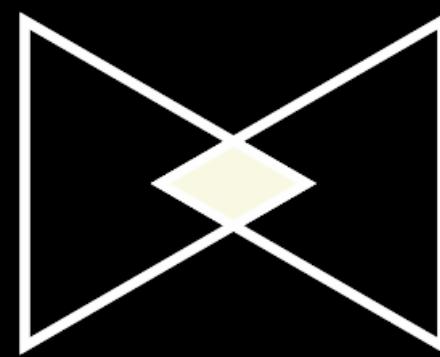
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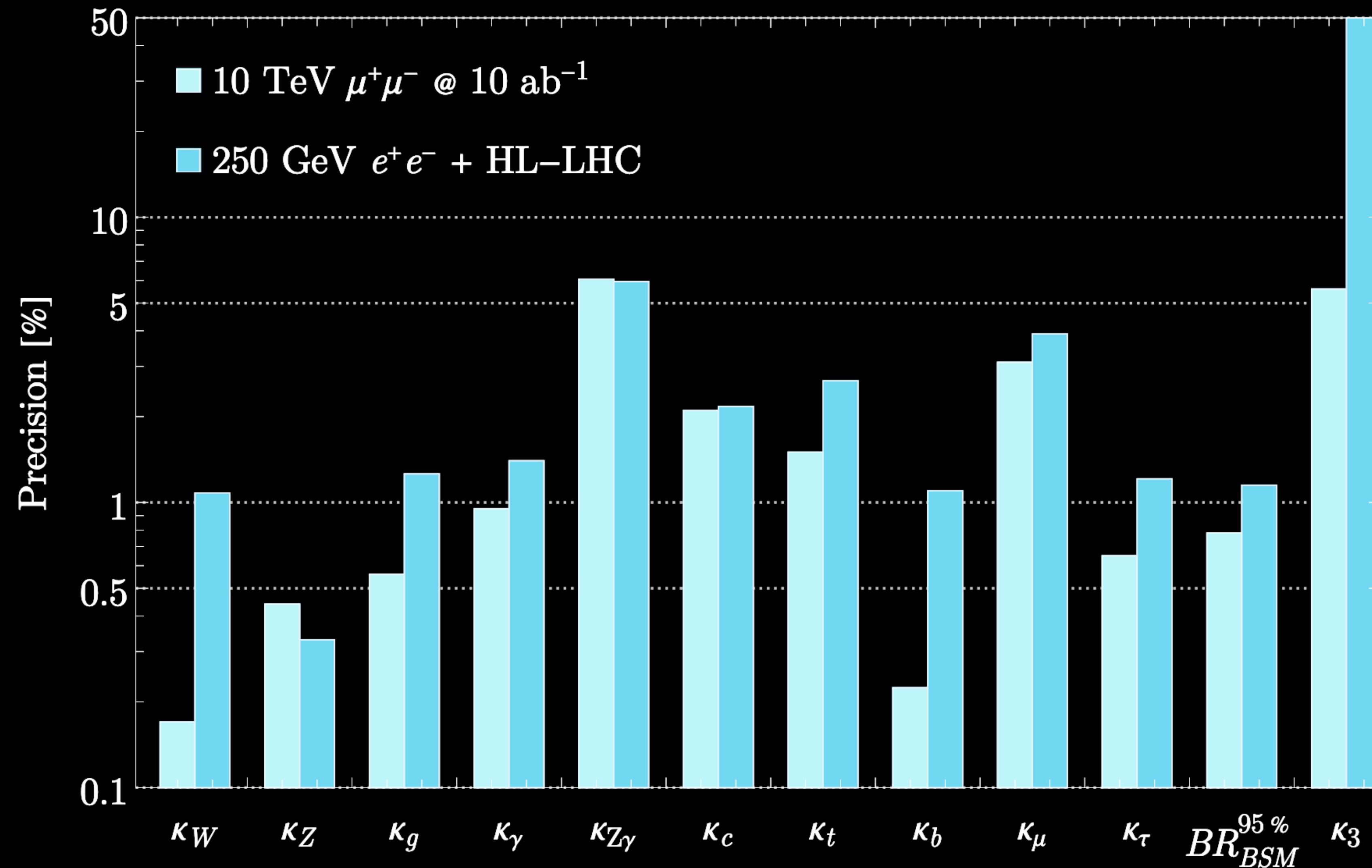


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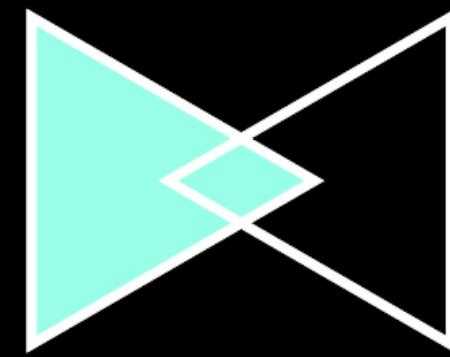


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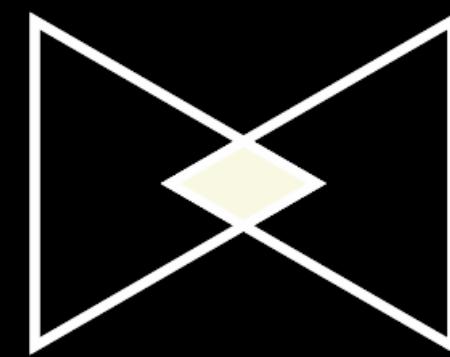
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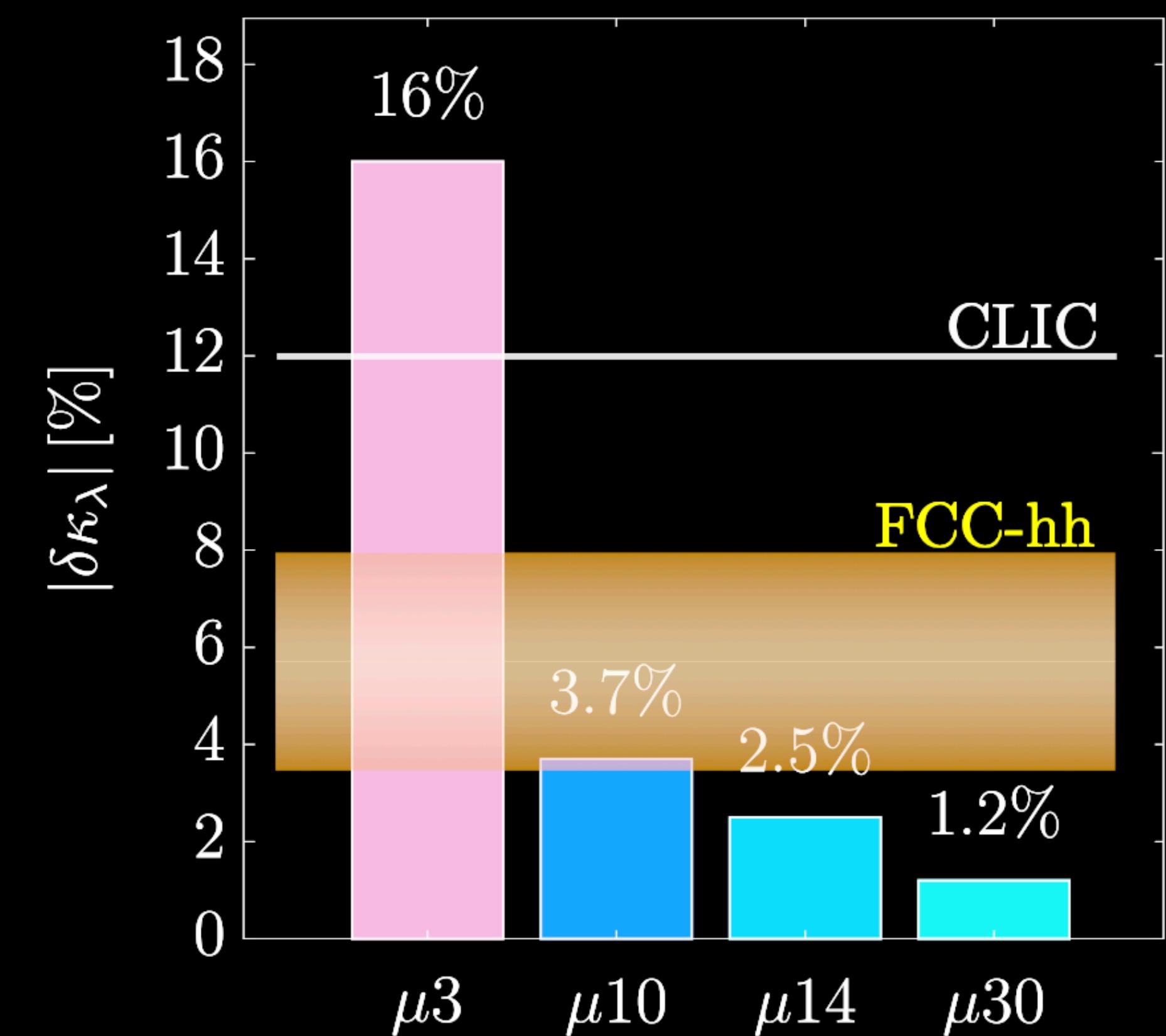
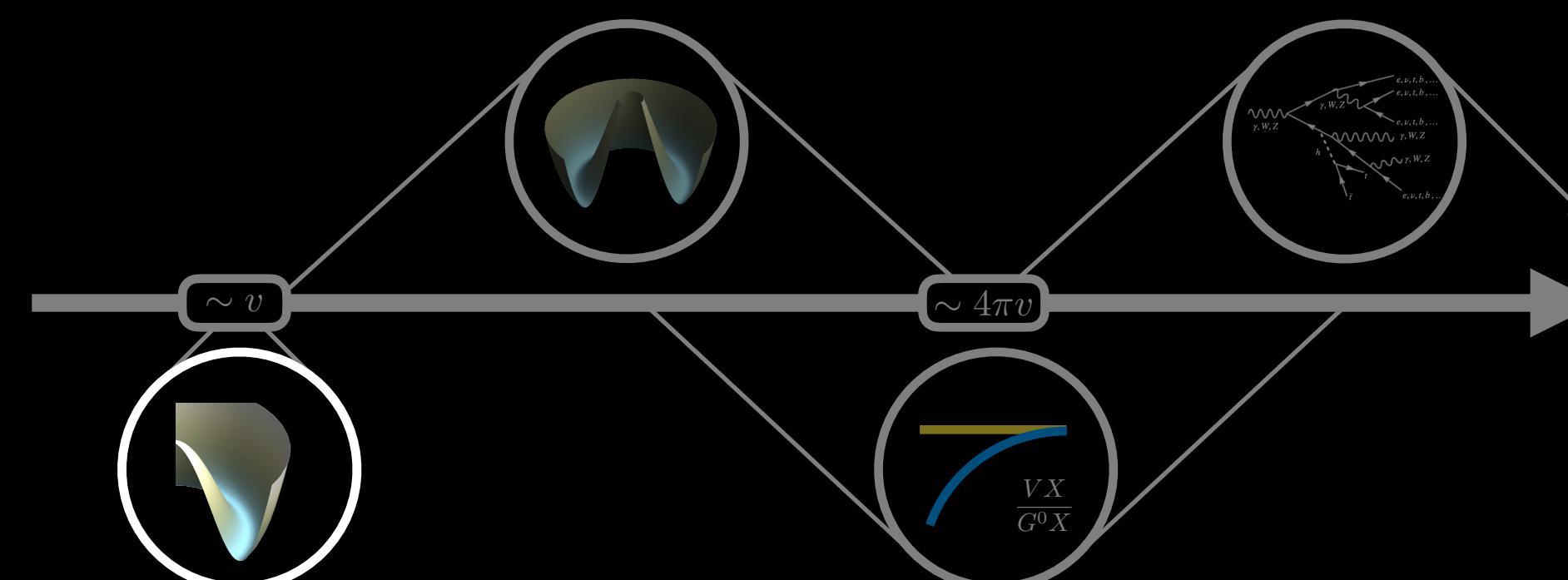
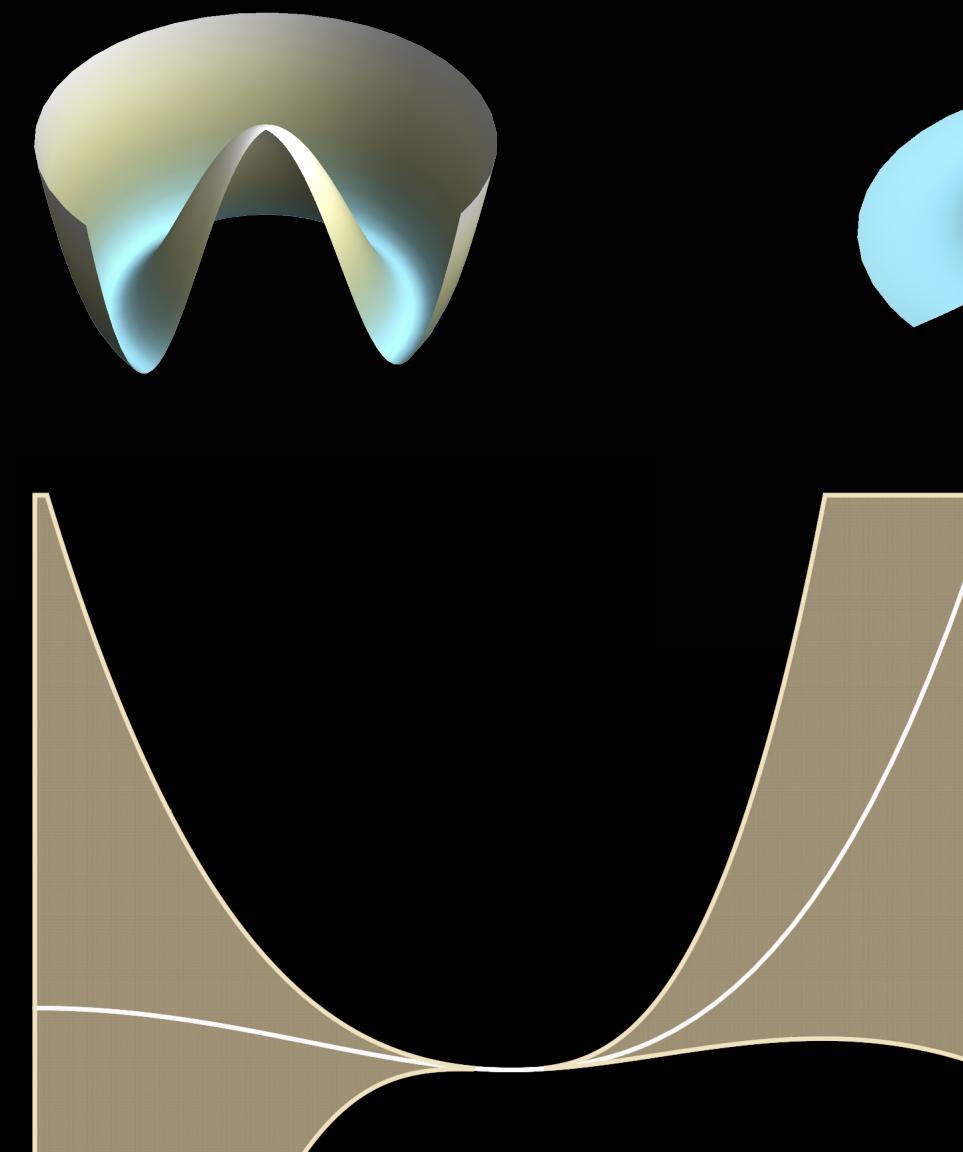
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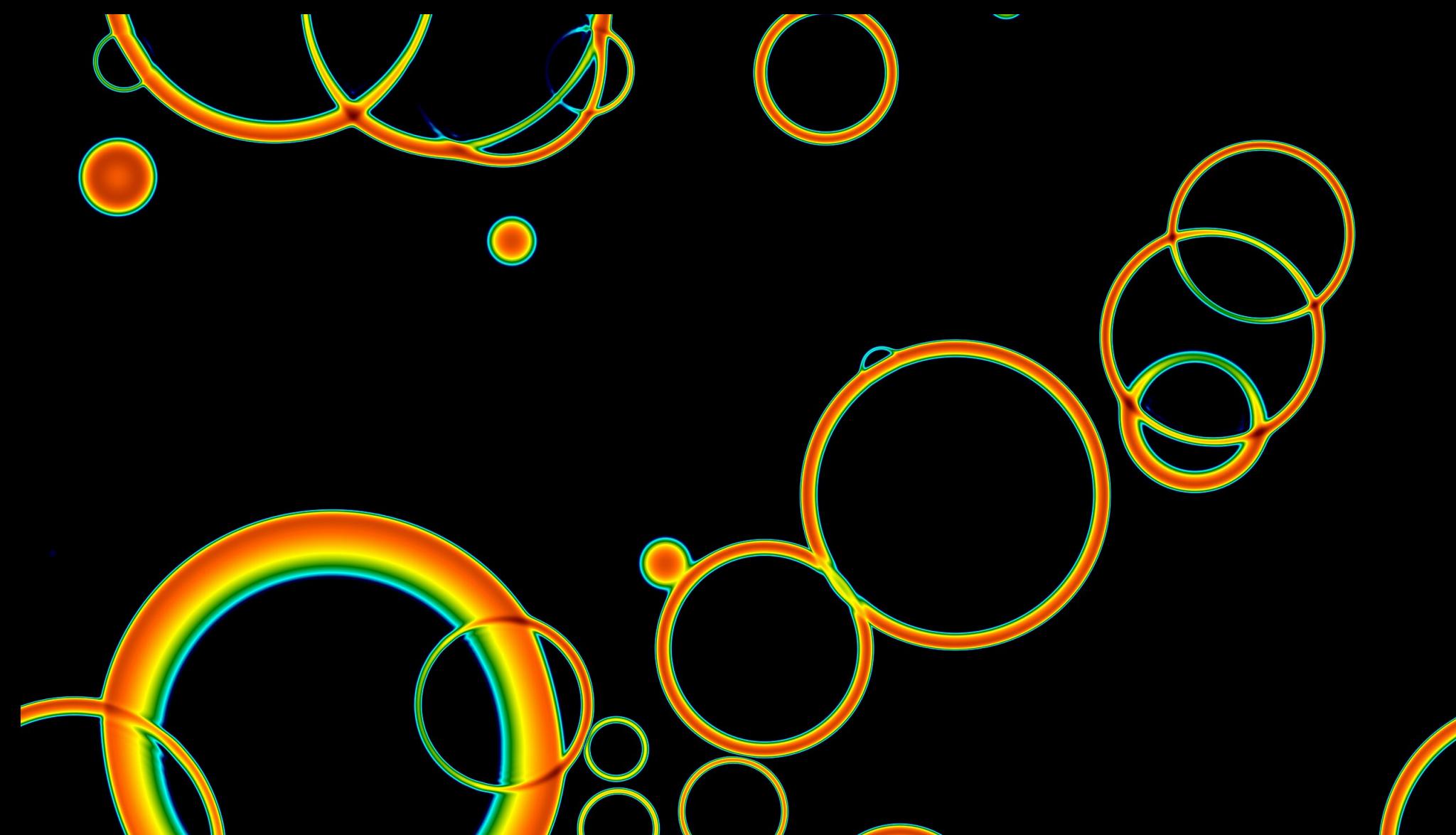
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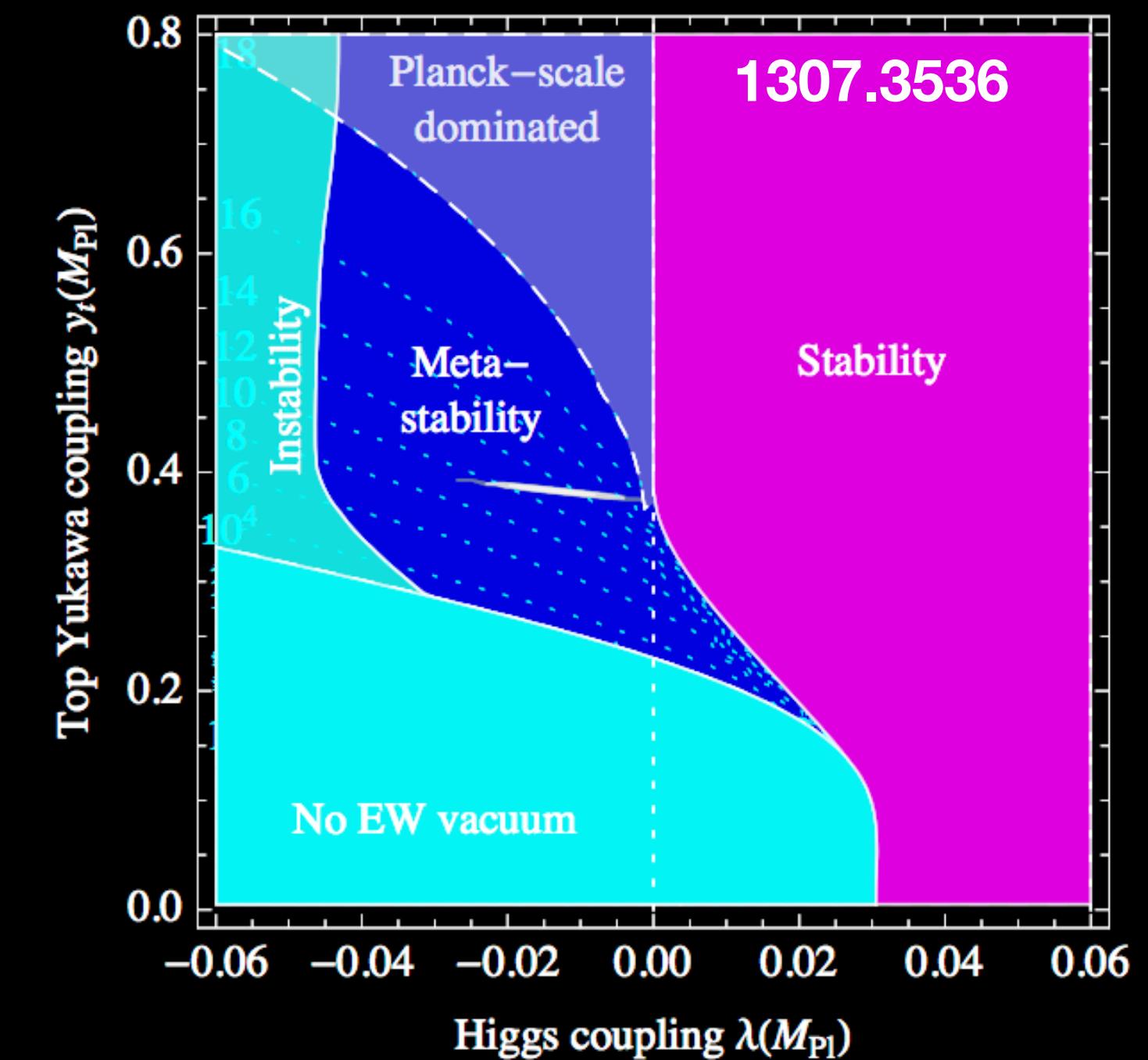
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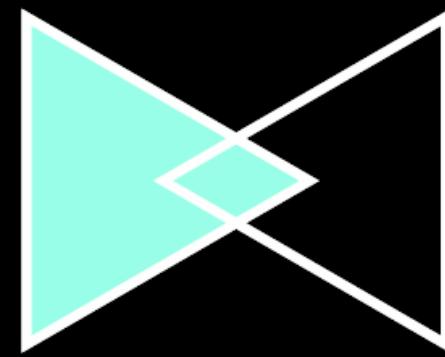
The birth and death of the Universe?



First-order electroweak phase transition?



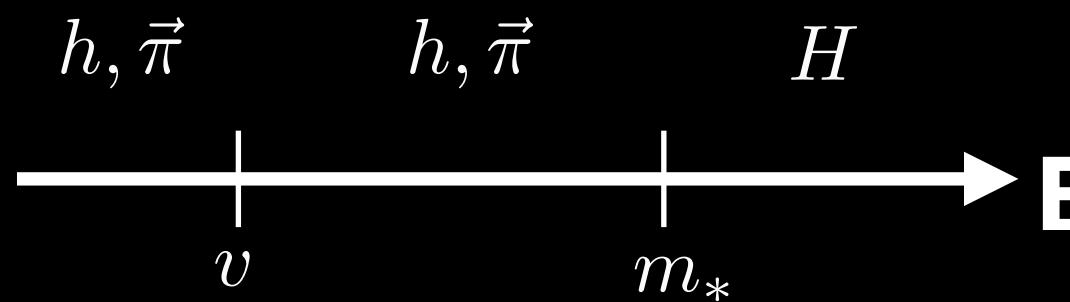
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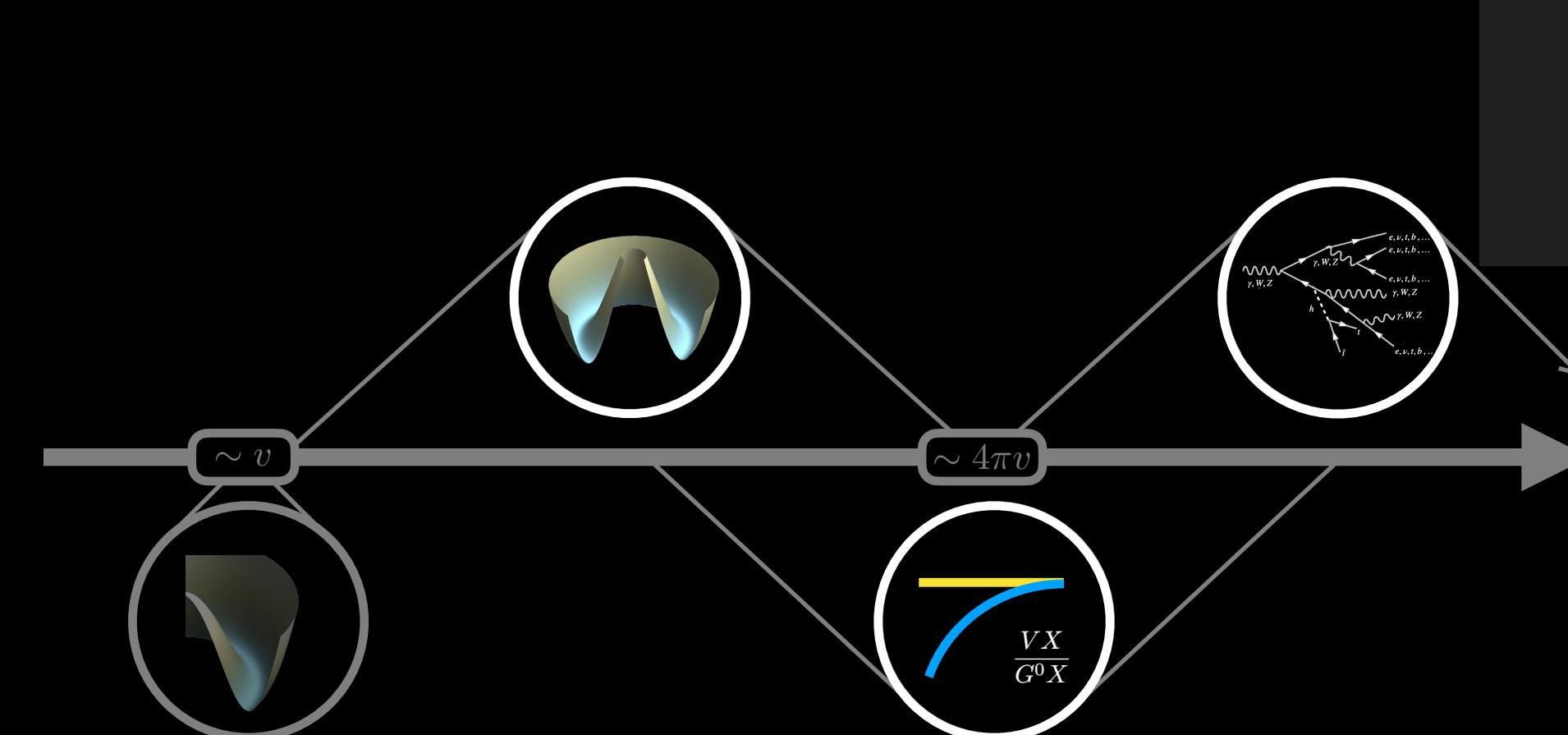
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Electroweak symmetry?:

Local EFT of the Higgs only has EWK symmetry if no extra EWSB or new particles acquiring most mass from Higgs. Fully covered by 10 TeV μ C.



[Banta, Cohen, NC, Lu,
Sutherland, 2110.02967]



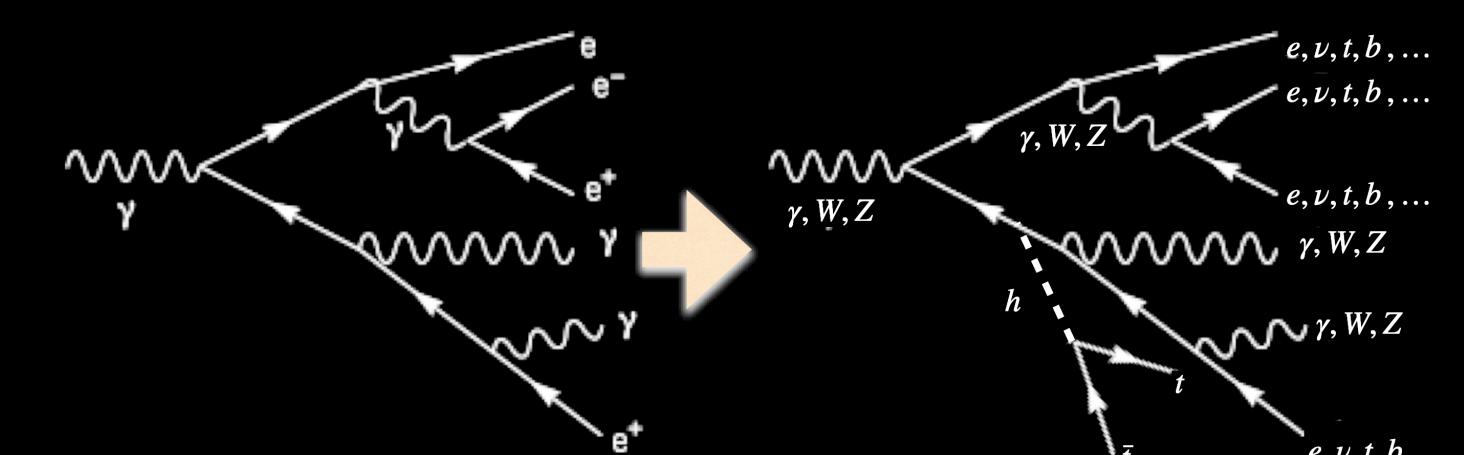
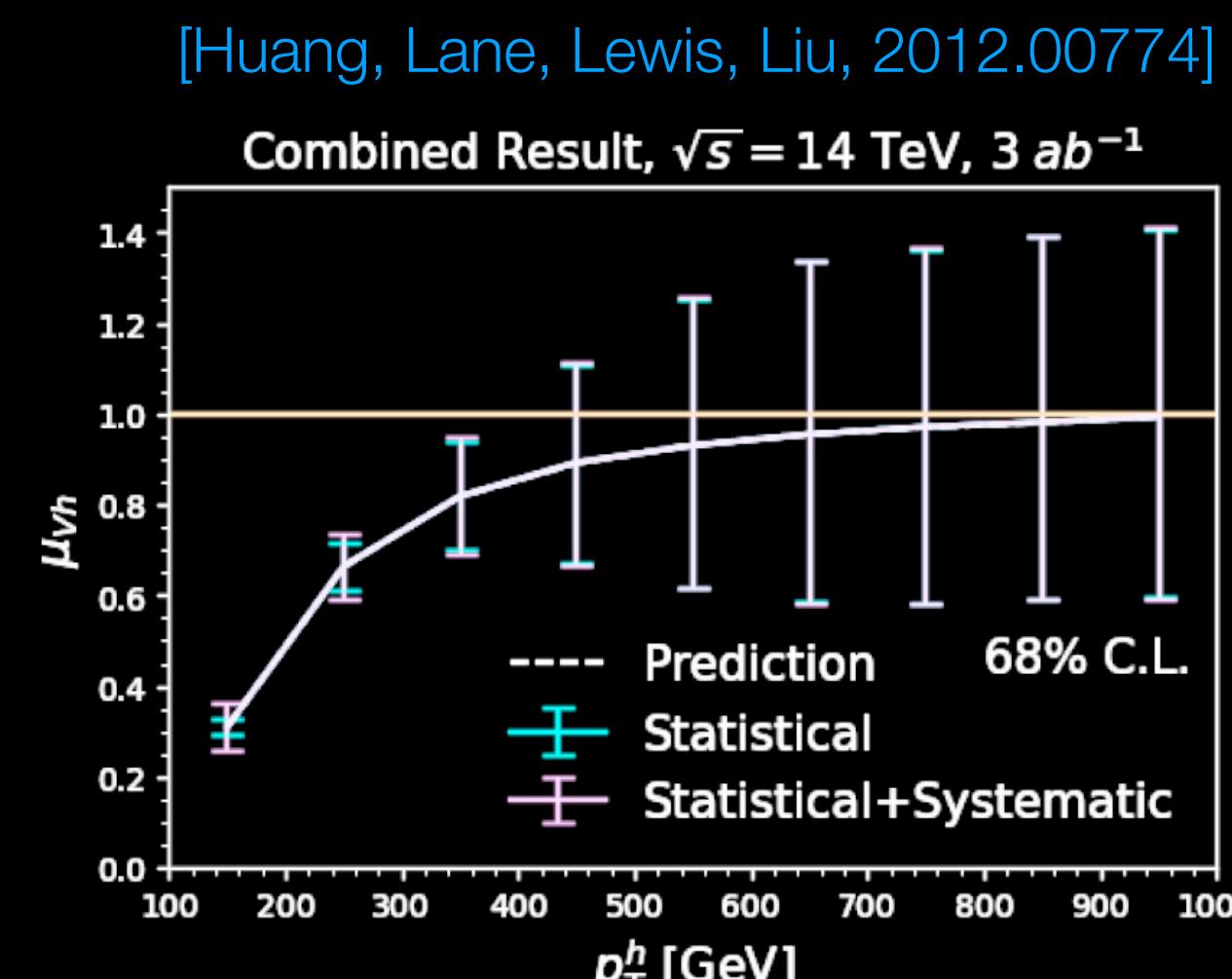
Electroweak radiation:

Sudakov suppression of non-emission probability becomes significant @ 10 TeV...

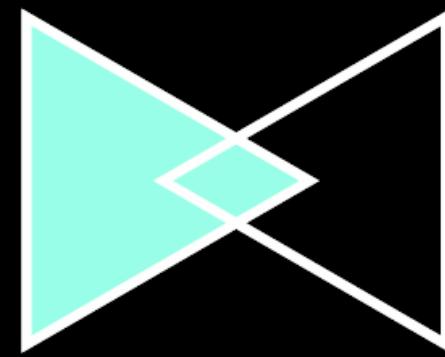
$$\exp \left[-\text{Casimir} \times \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \log^2 \left(\frac{E_{\text{cm}}^2}{m_W^2} \right) \right] \approx \exp [-1]$$

Electroweak restoration:

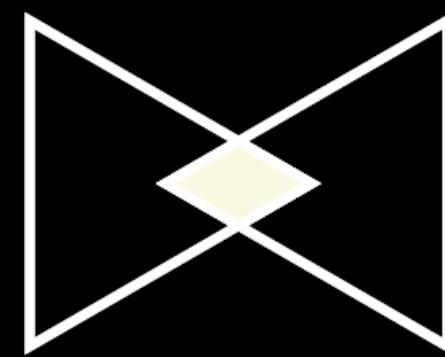
Experimentally demonstrate Goldstone equivalence



[Wulzer; Chen, Glioti, Rattazzi, Ricci, Wulzer 2202.10509; Nardi, Ricci, Wulzer 2405.08220]

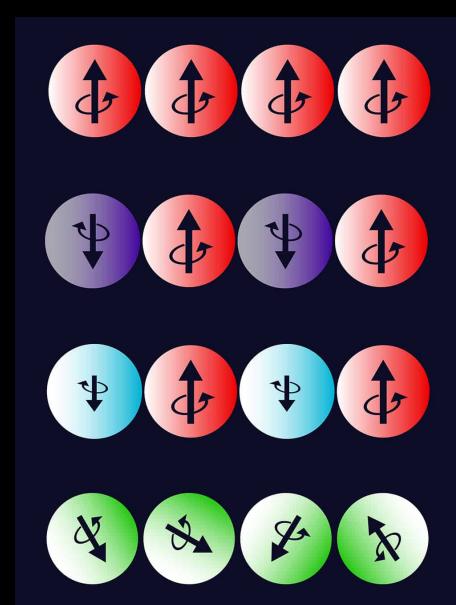


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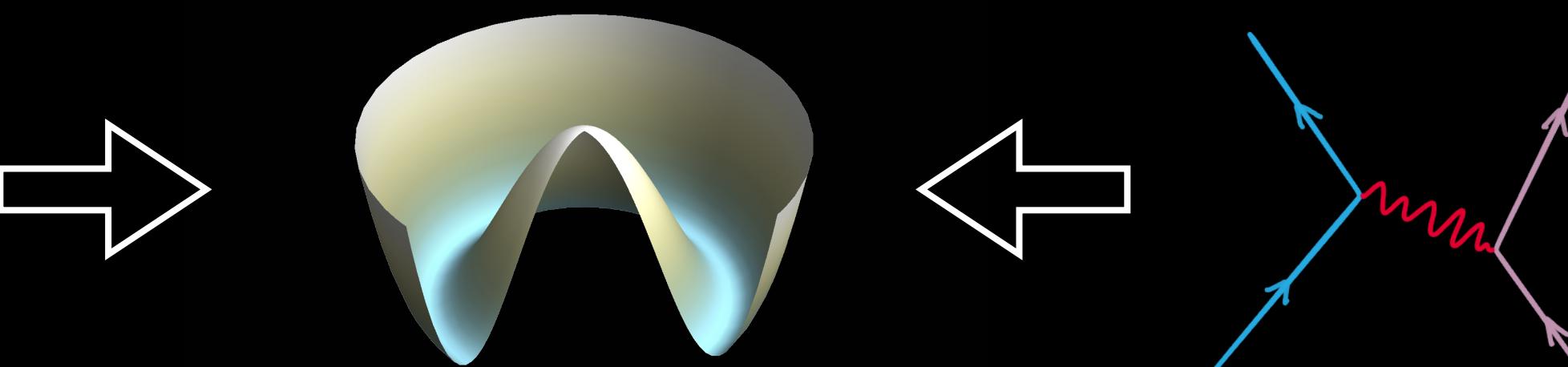
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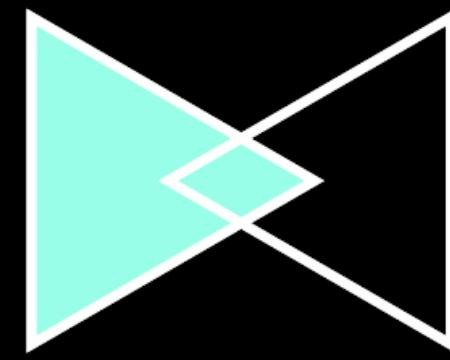
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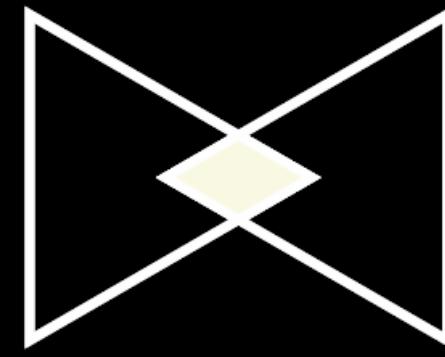
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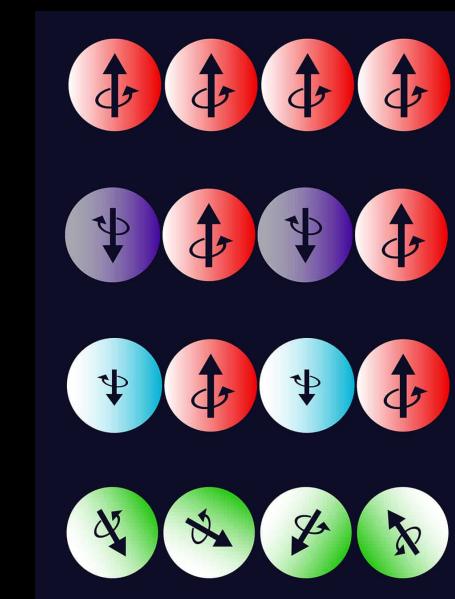


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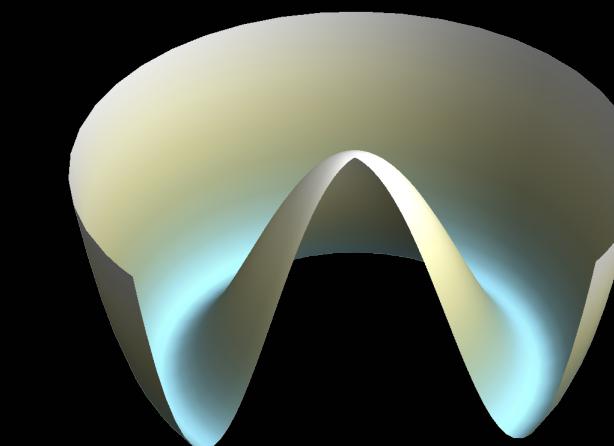


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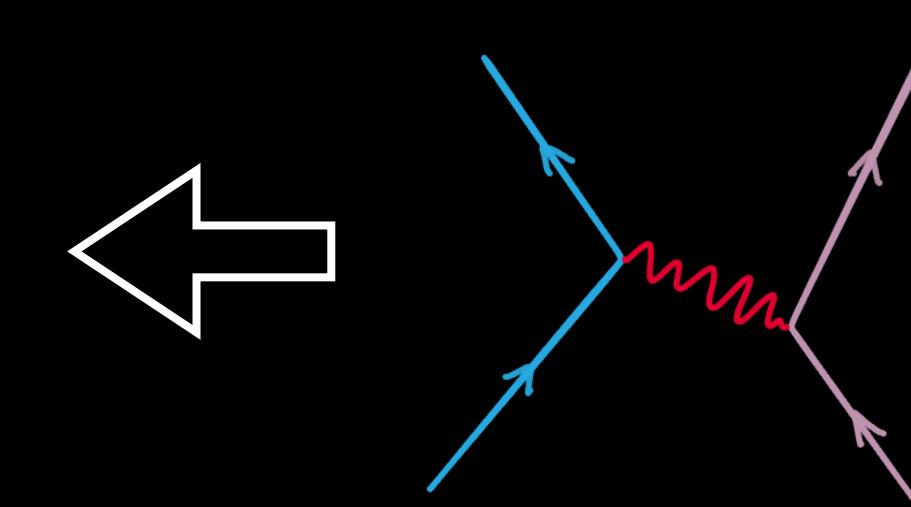


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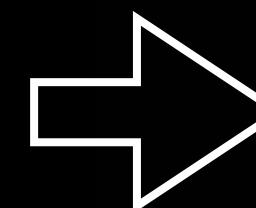
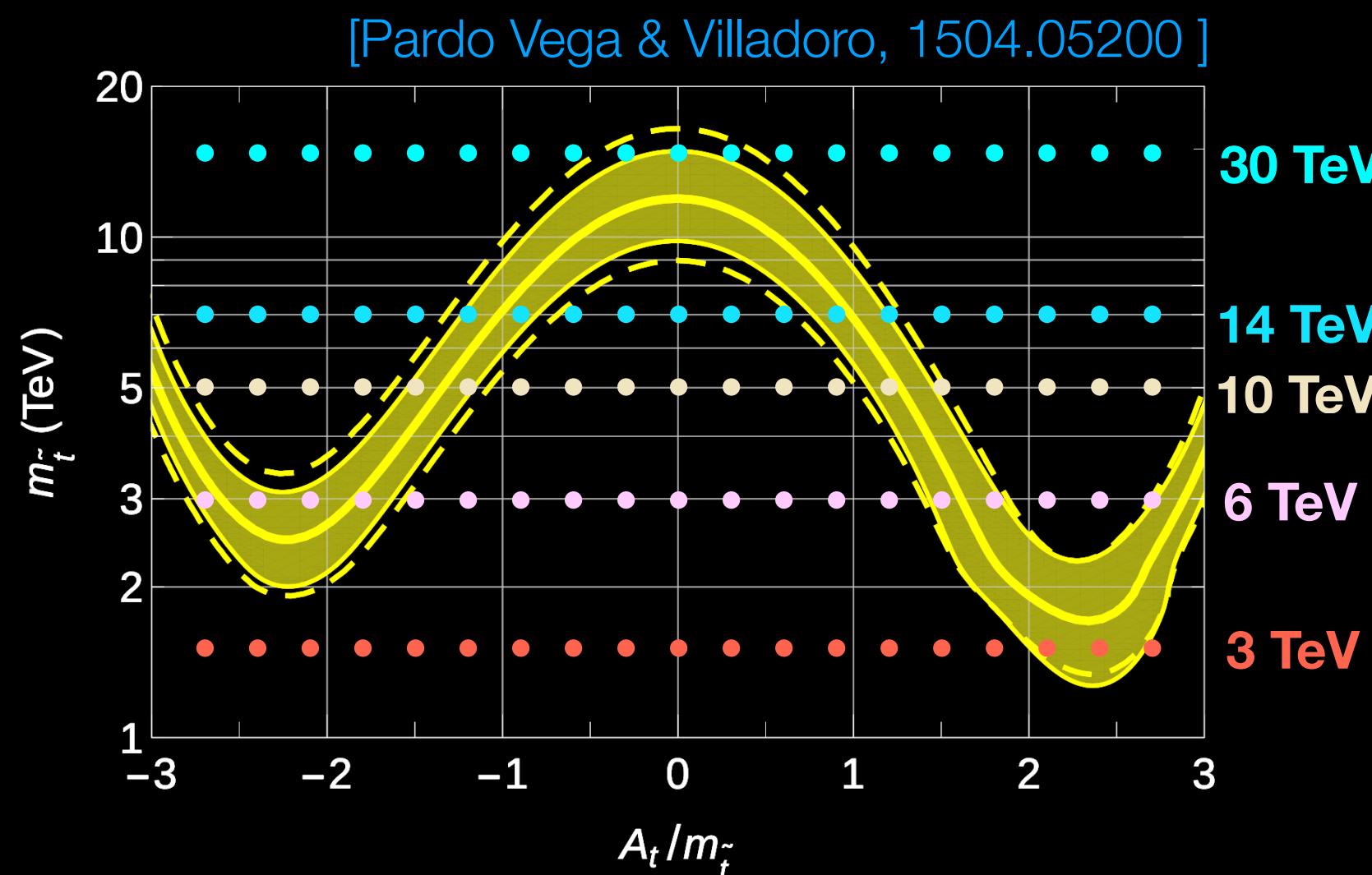
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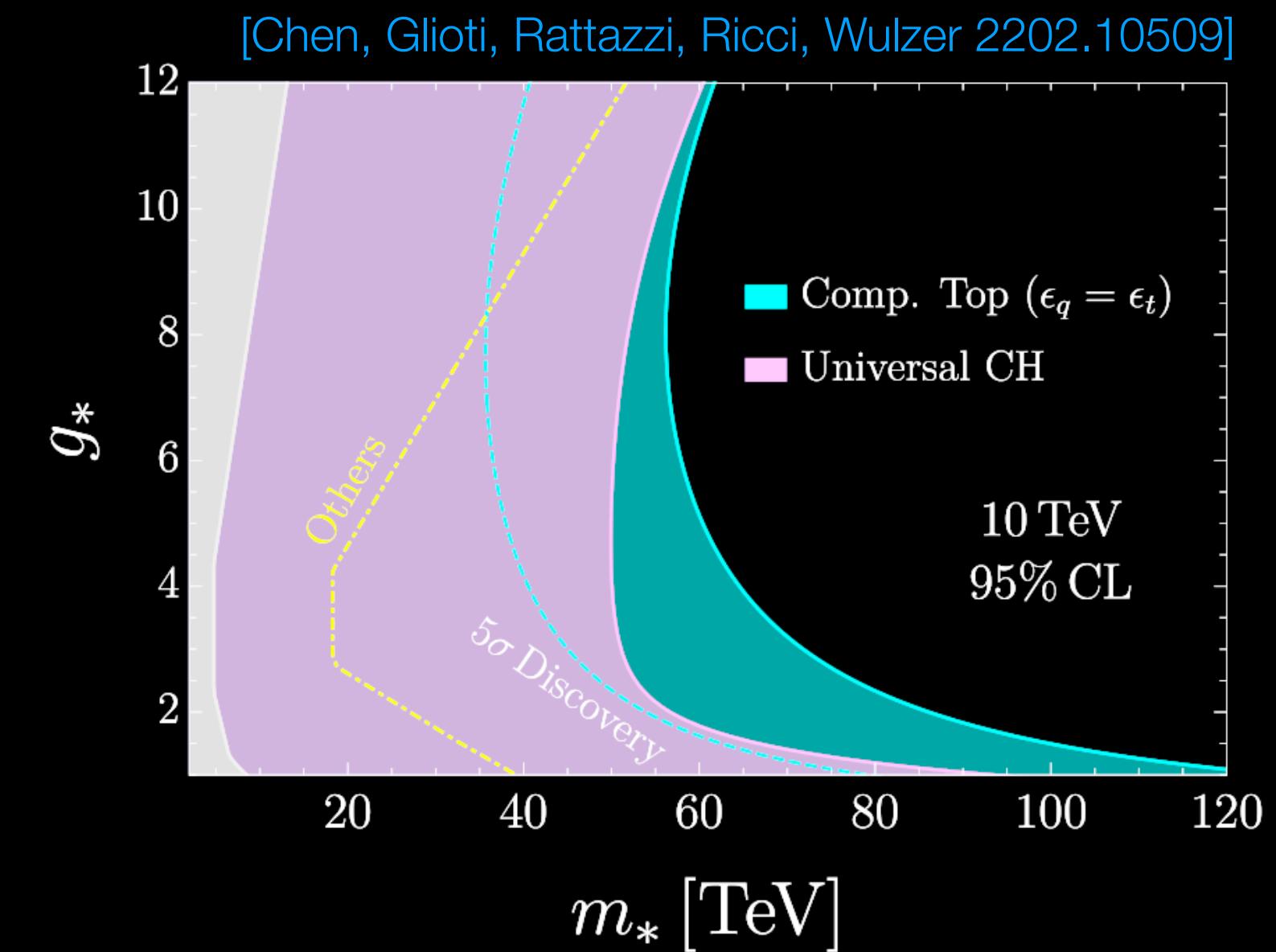
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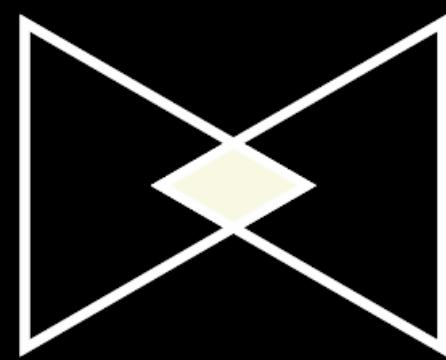


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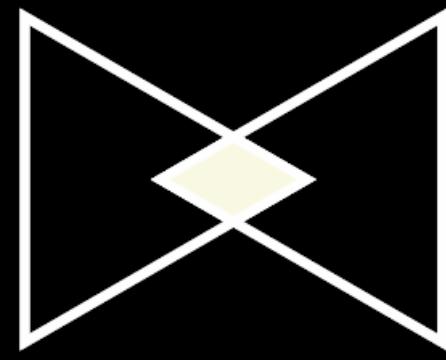


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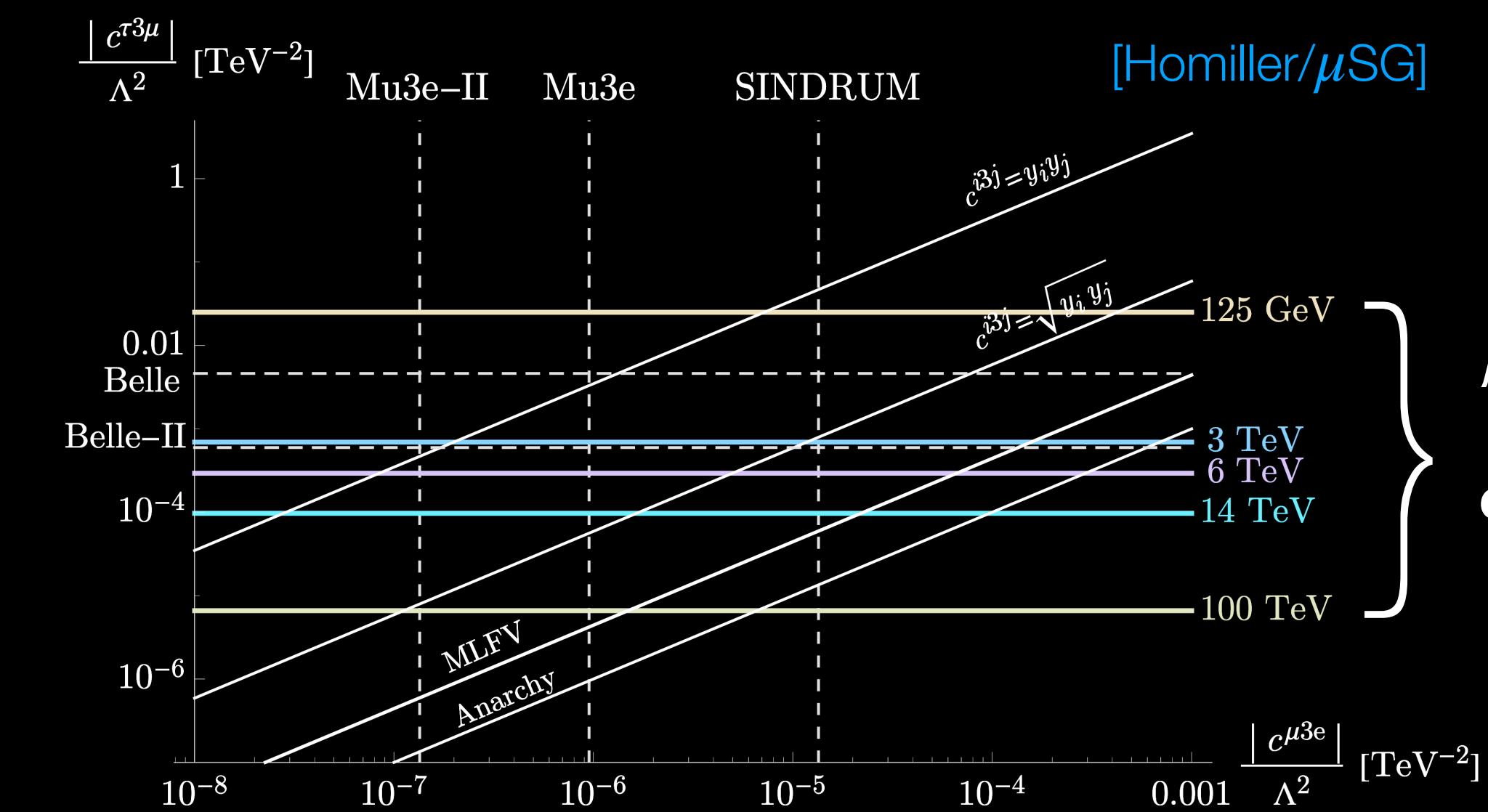
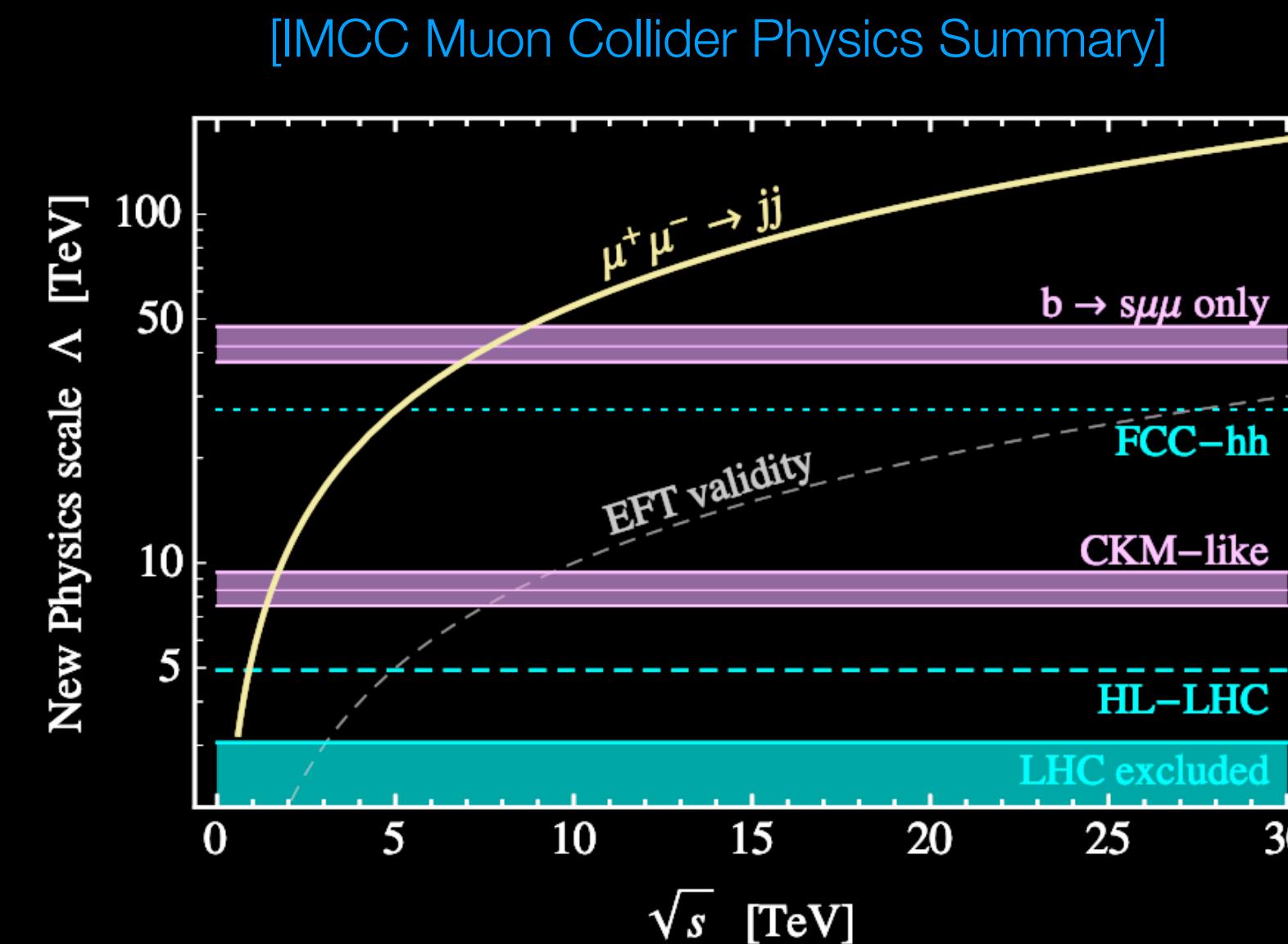
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Origins of Flavor

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

Direct access to hypothetical new particles associated with flavor structure

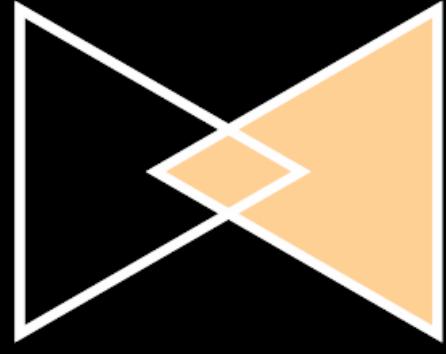
Indirect access to flavor structure via lepton flavor violating operators



From
 $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu\tau$
at muon
colliders,
3 TeV ~
Belle-II

An outstanding probe of flavor anomalies, indicative of complementarity w/ future signs of flavor violation.

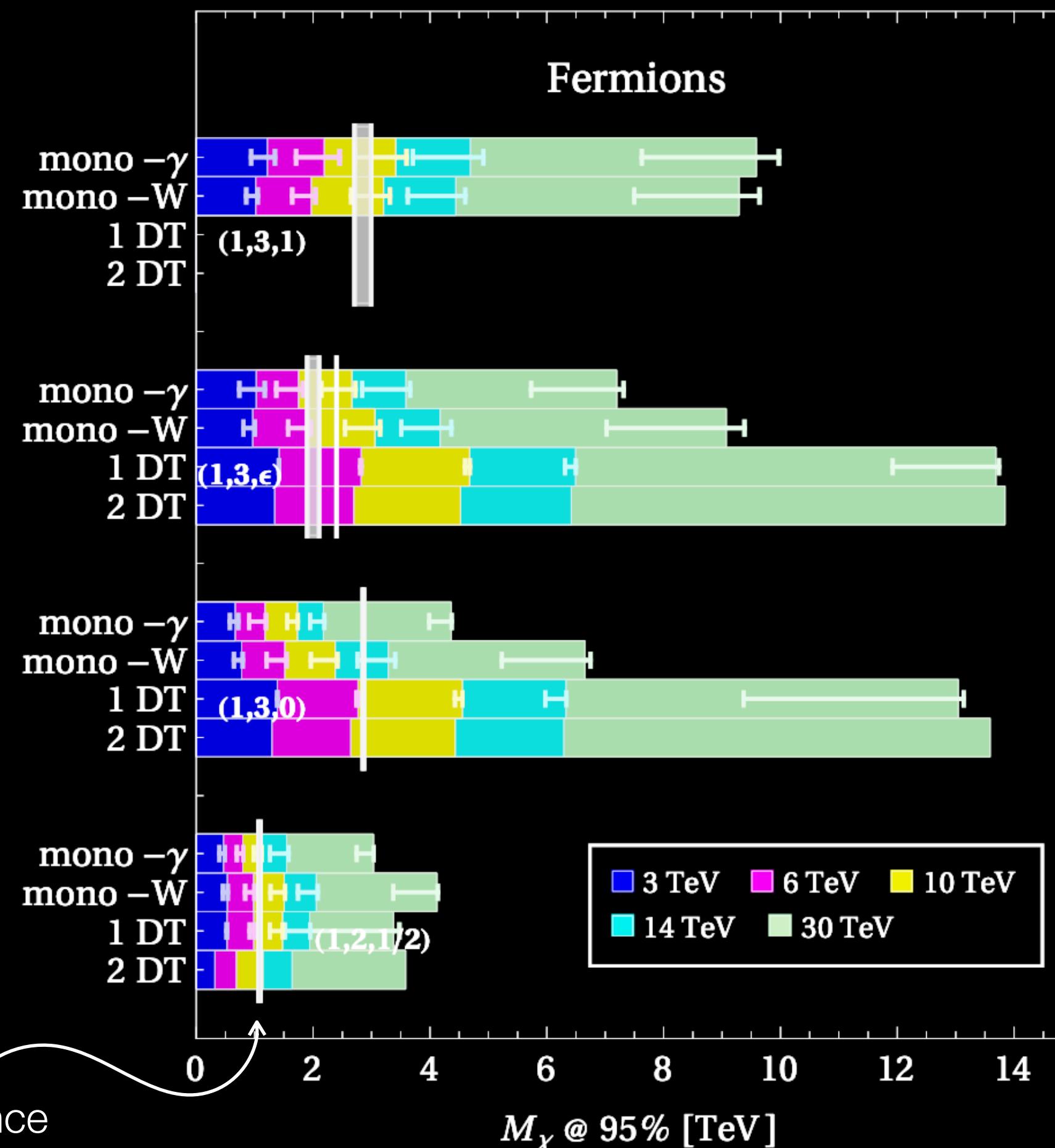
[Huang, Queiroz, Rodejohann, 2101.04956; Huang, Sana, Queiroz, Rodejohann, 2103.01617, Asadi, Capdevilla, Cesarotti, Homiller 2104.05720, ...]



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Nature of Dark Matter

[“Towards a Muon Collider,” Accettura et al. 2303.08533 & Bottaro et al. 2205.04486,], see also [Han, Liu, Wang, Wang, 2009.11287, Capdevilla, Meloni, Simoniello, Zurita 2102.11292; Bottaro et al. 2107.09688]

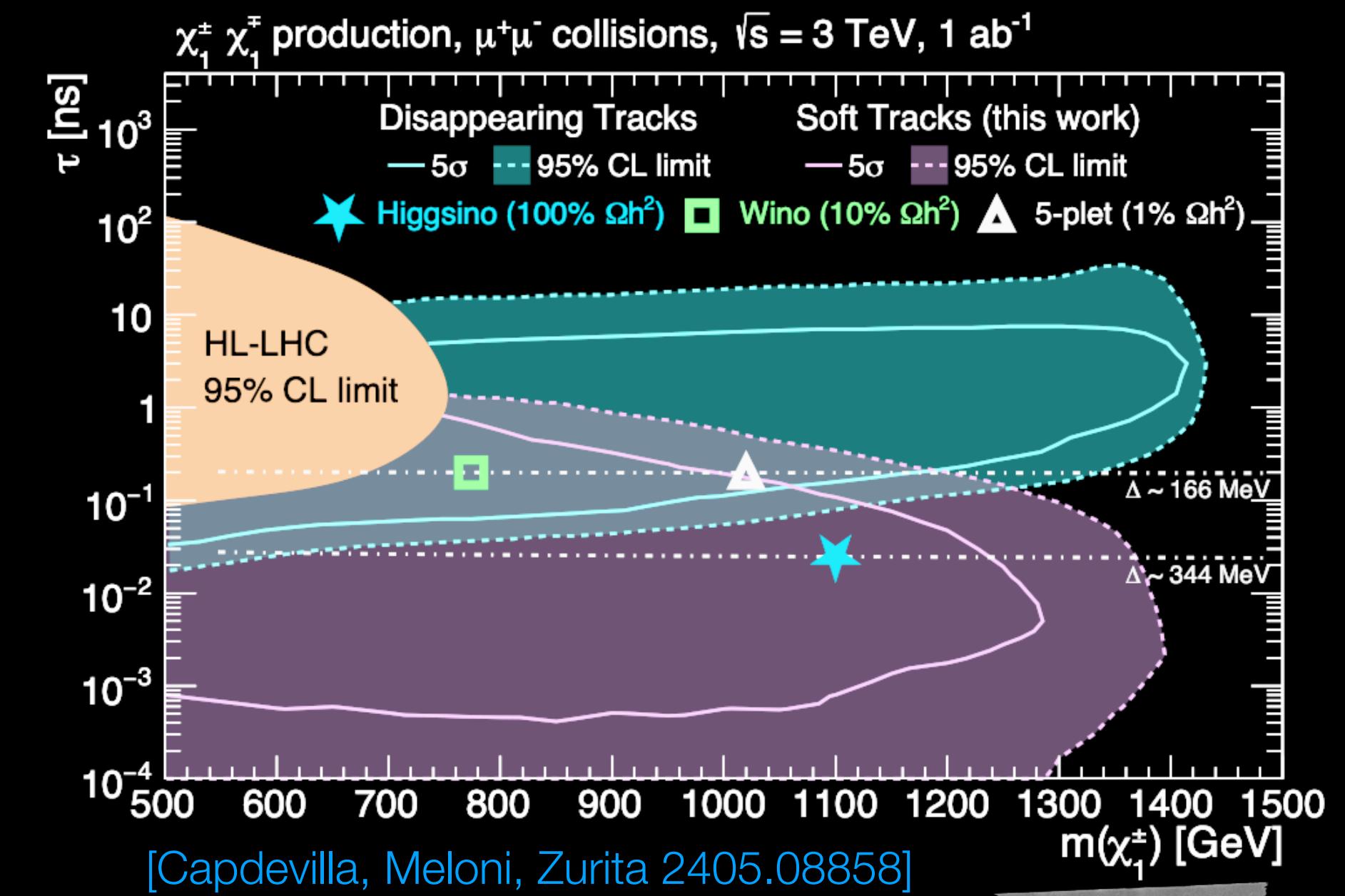


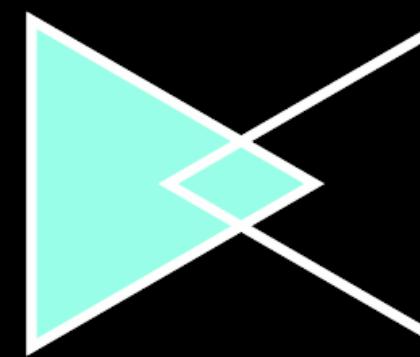
Target set by DM abundance
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“Minimal dark matter”

(Electroweak multiplet w/ neutral lightest particle)

Electroweak doublet (“higgsino”) thermal relic plausibly discoverable at 3 TeV using soft tracks



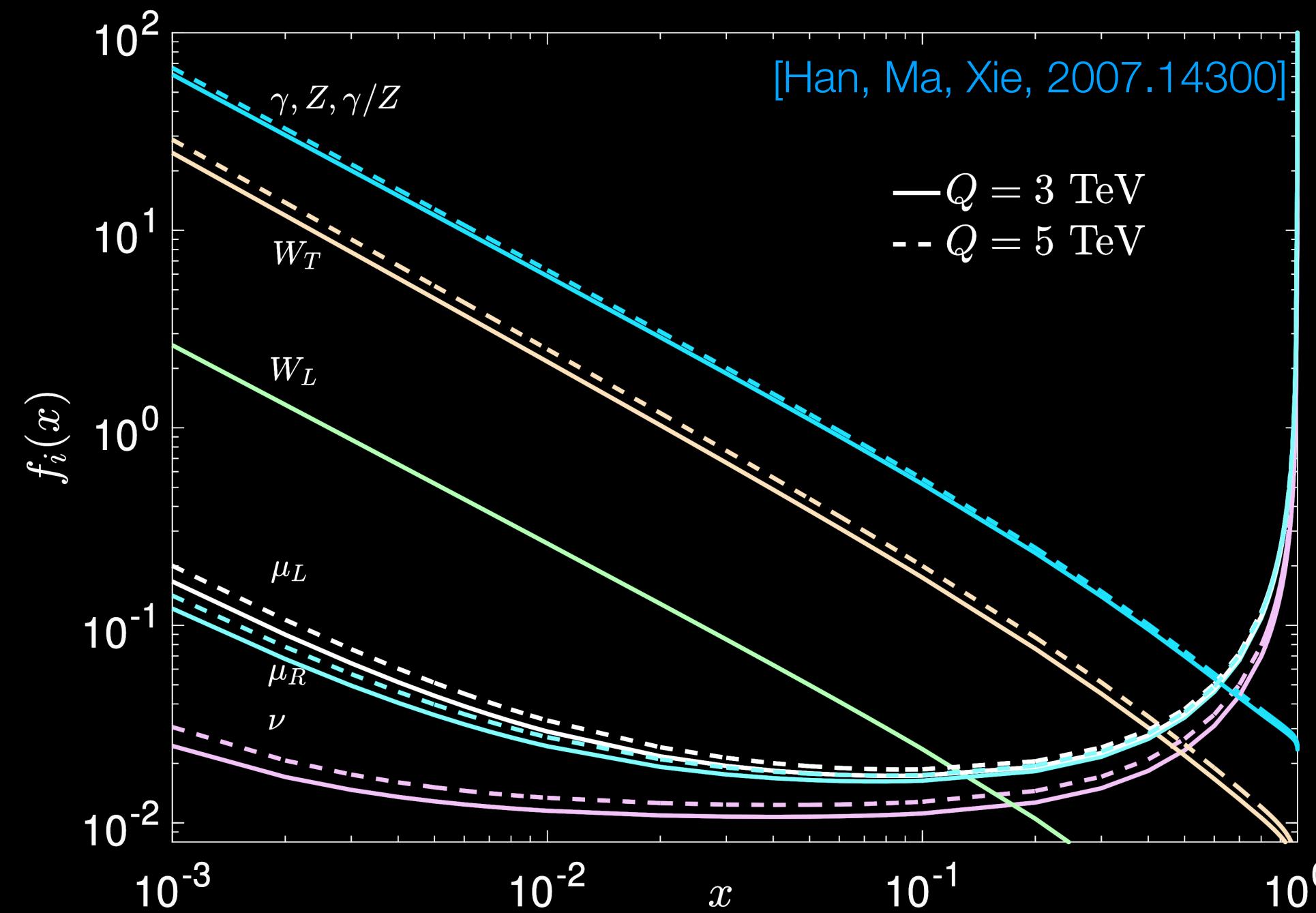


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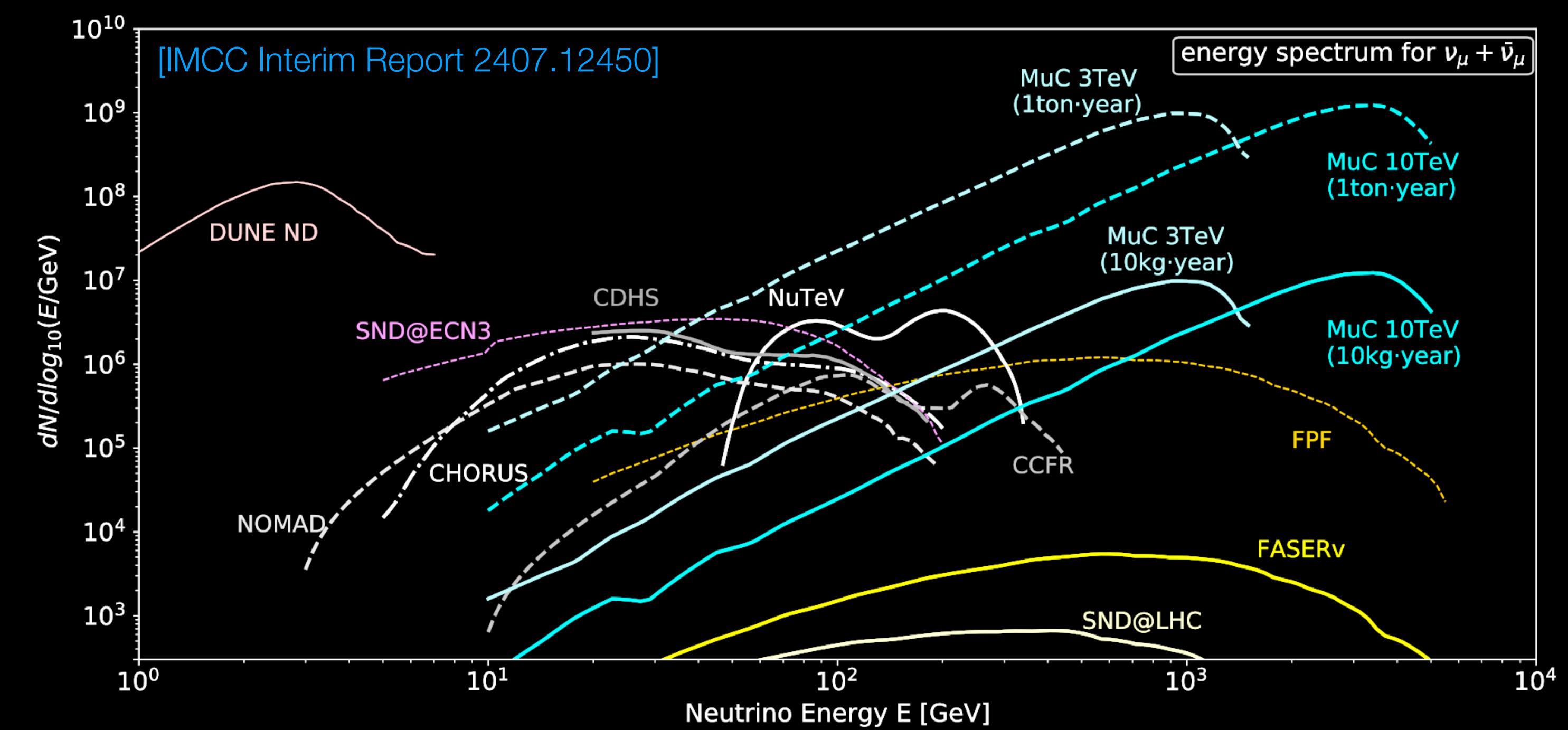
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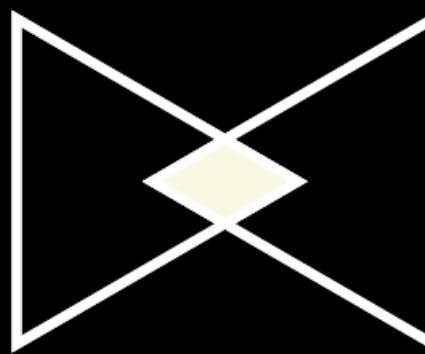
Beyond the familiar synergies between muon colliders & neutrino factories:

1. Opportunities from high-energy neutrinos at the interaction point



2. Opportunities from high-energy neutrinos at a forward detector





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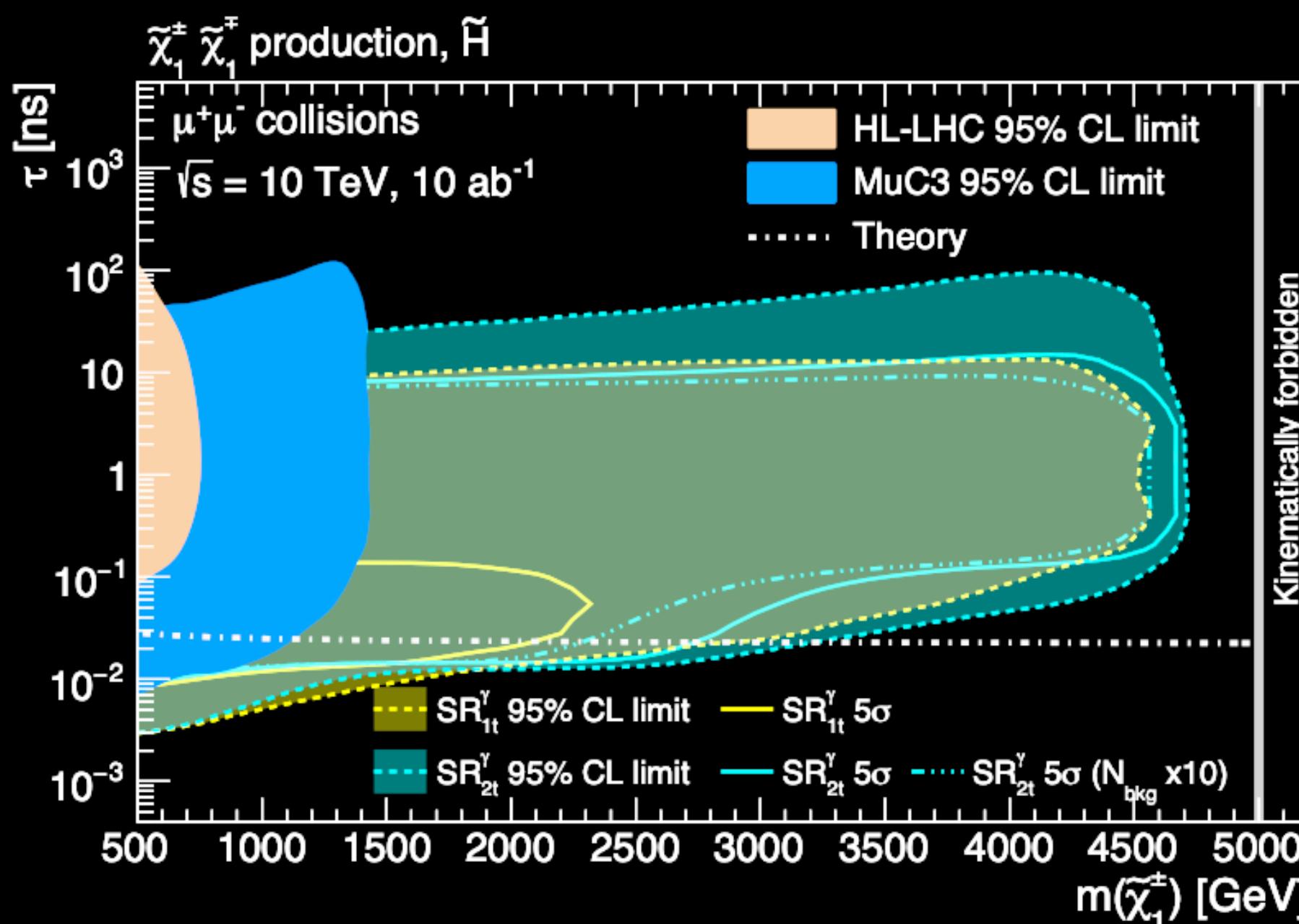
weak portal

$$g(W_\mu)_j^i \mathcal{O}_j$$

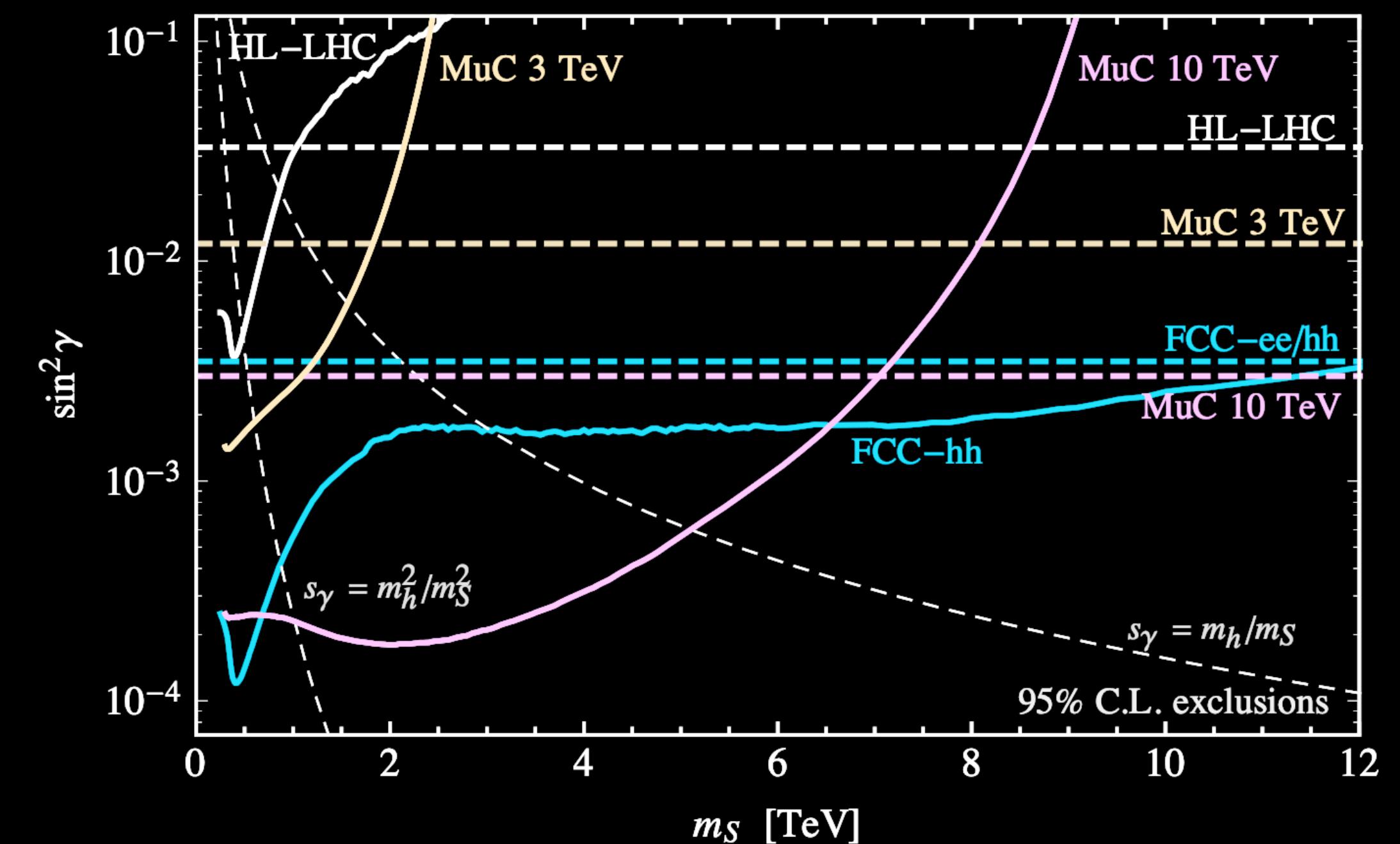
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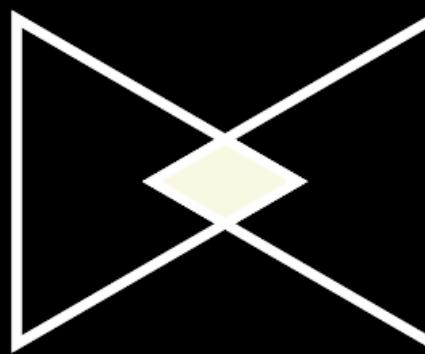
$$|H|^2 \mathcal{O}$$

Electroweak multiplets



Linearly mixed singlet scalar





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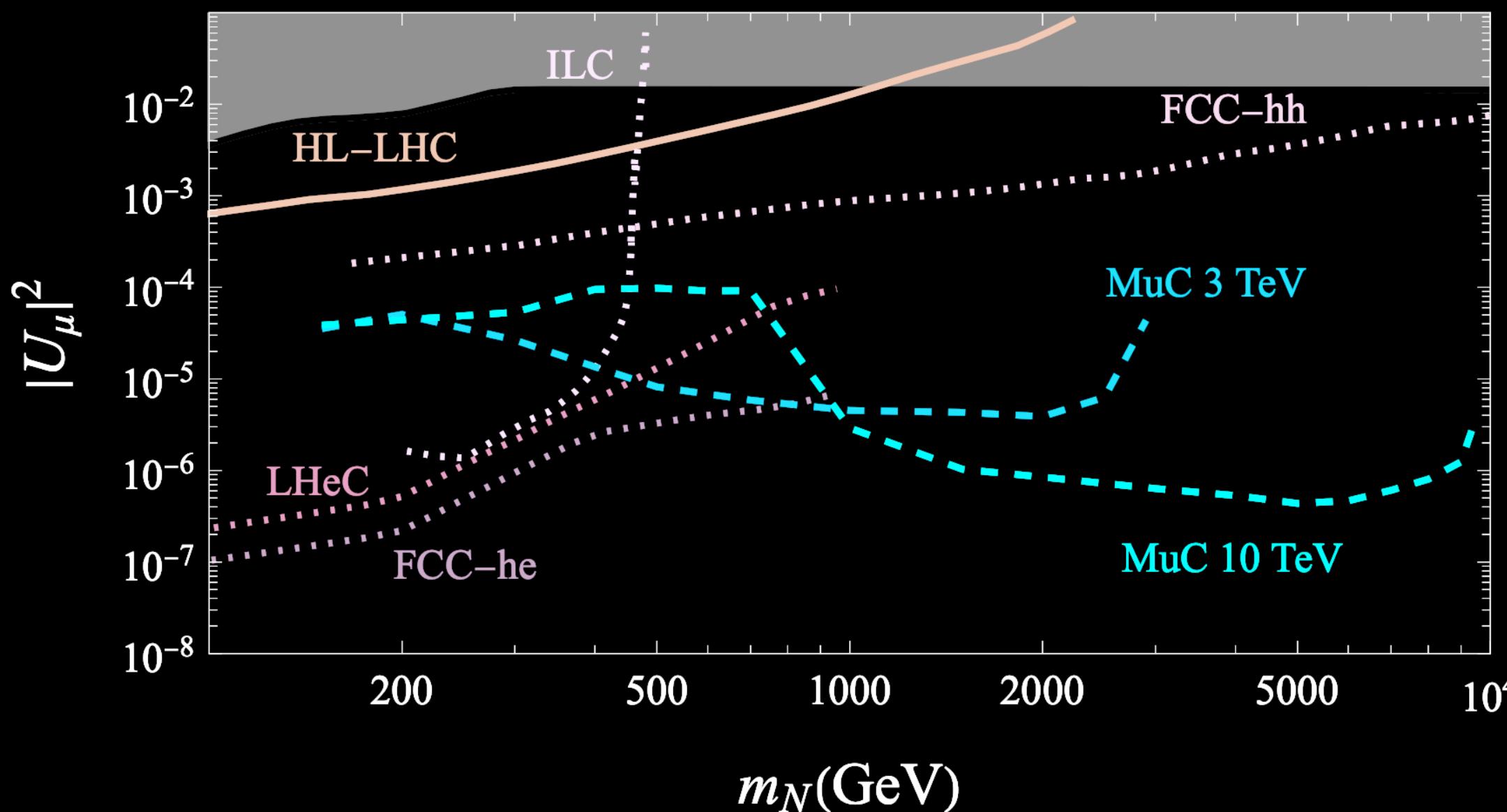
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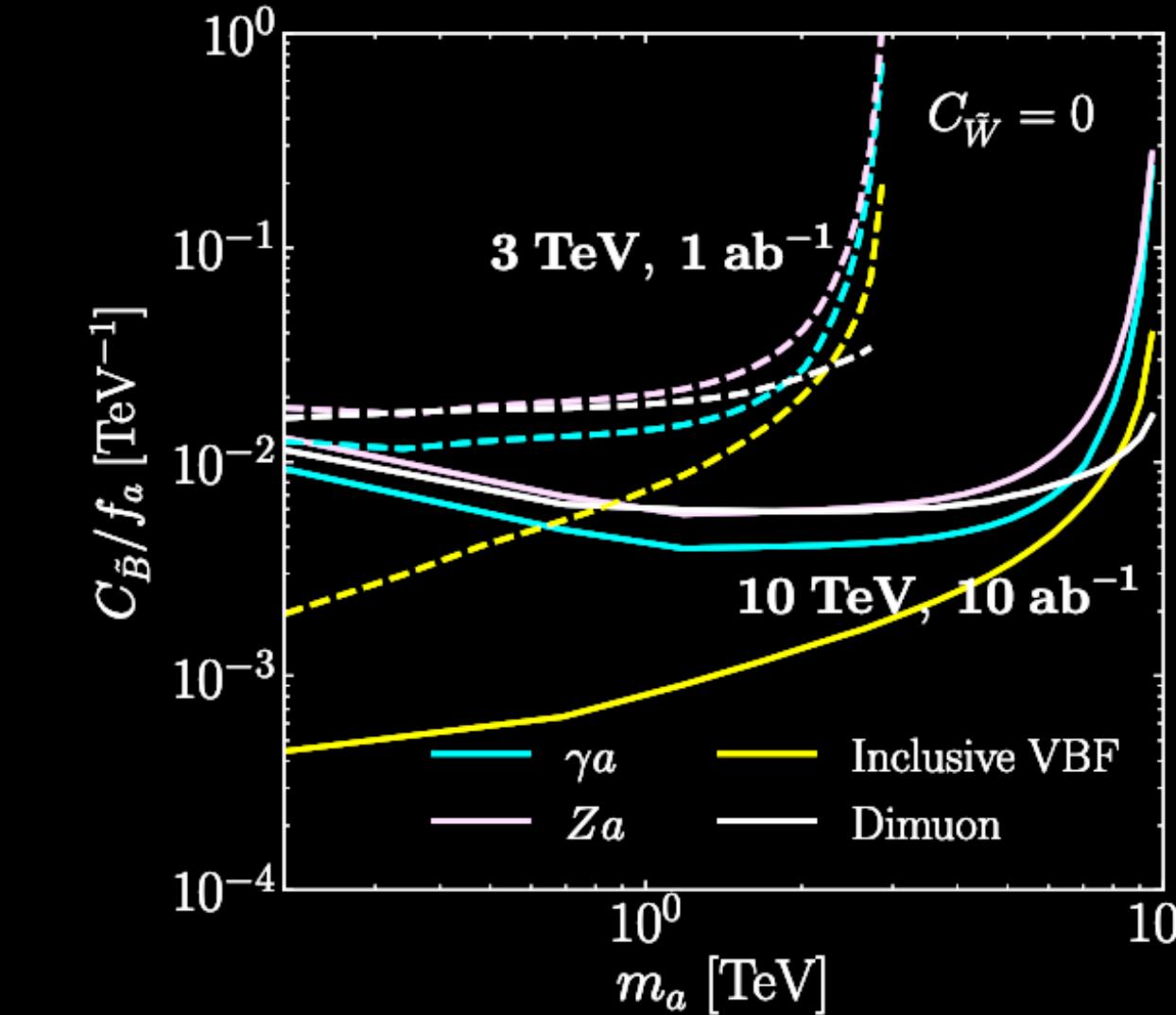
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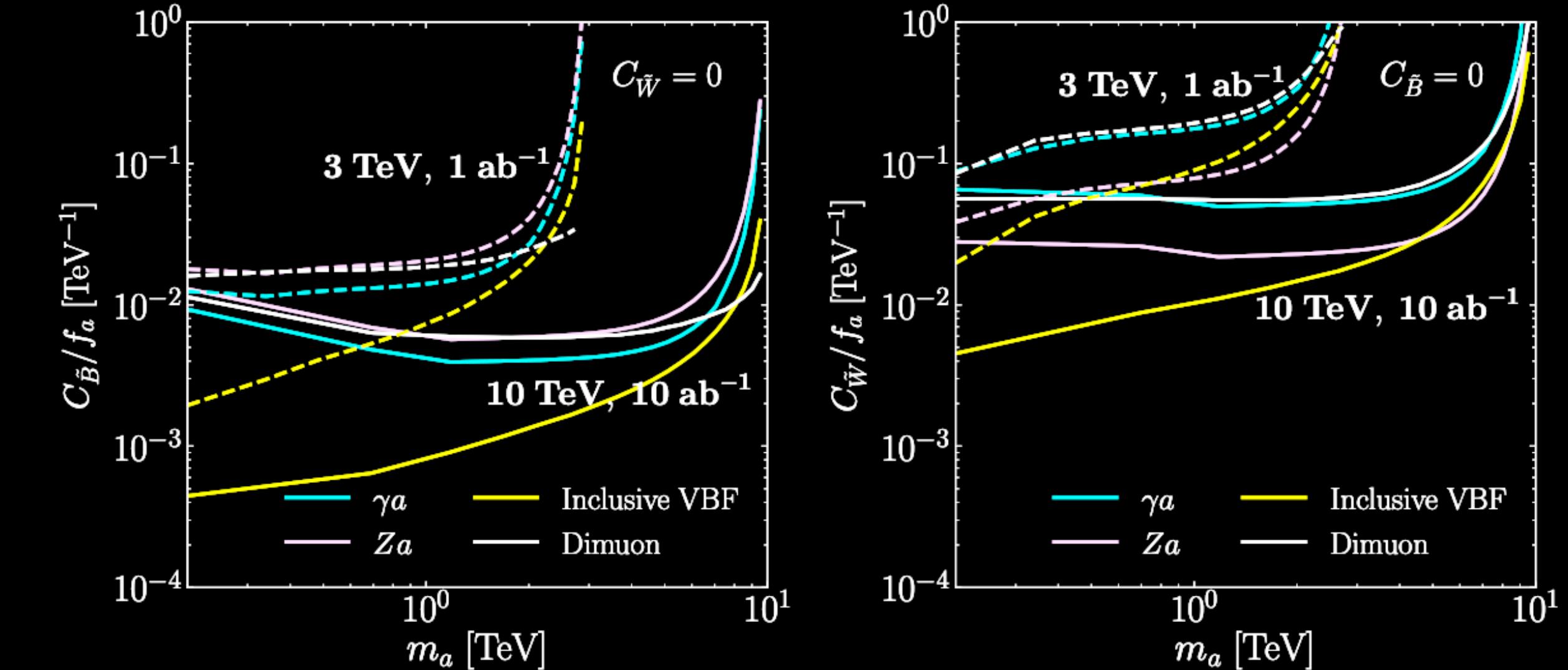


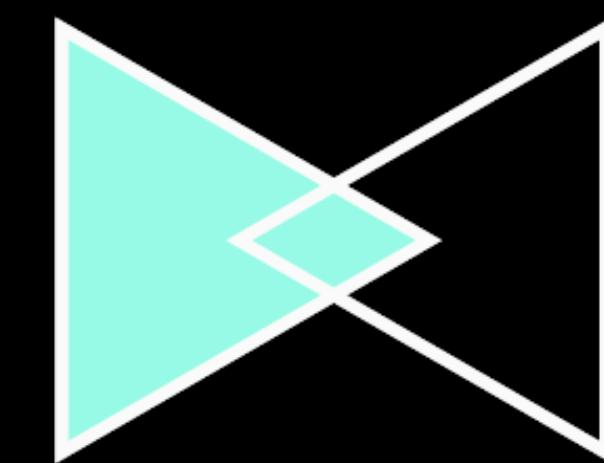
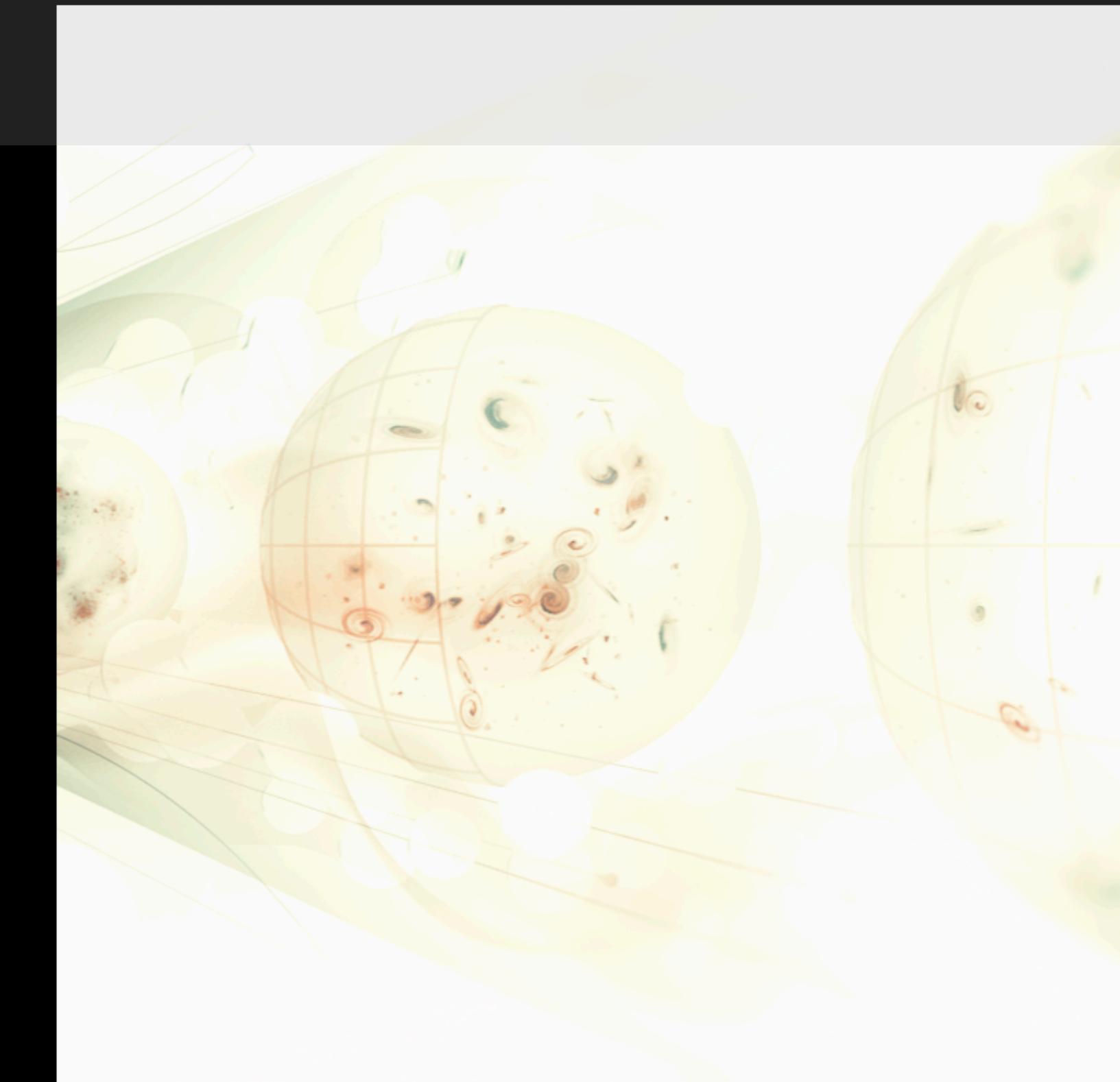
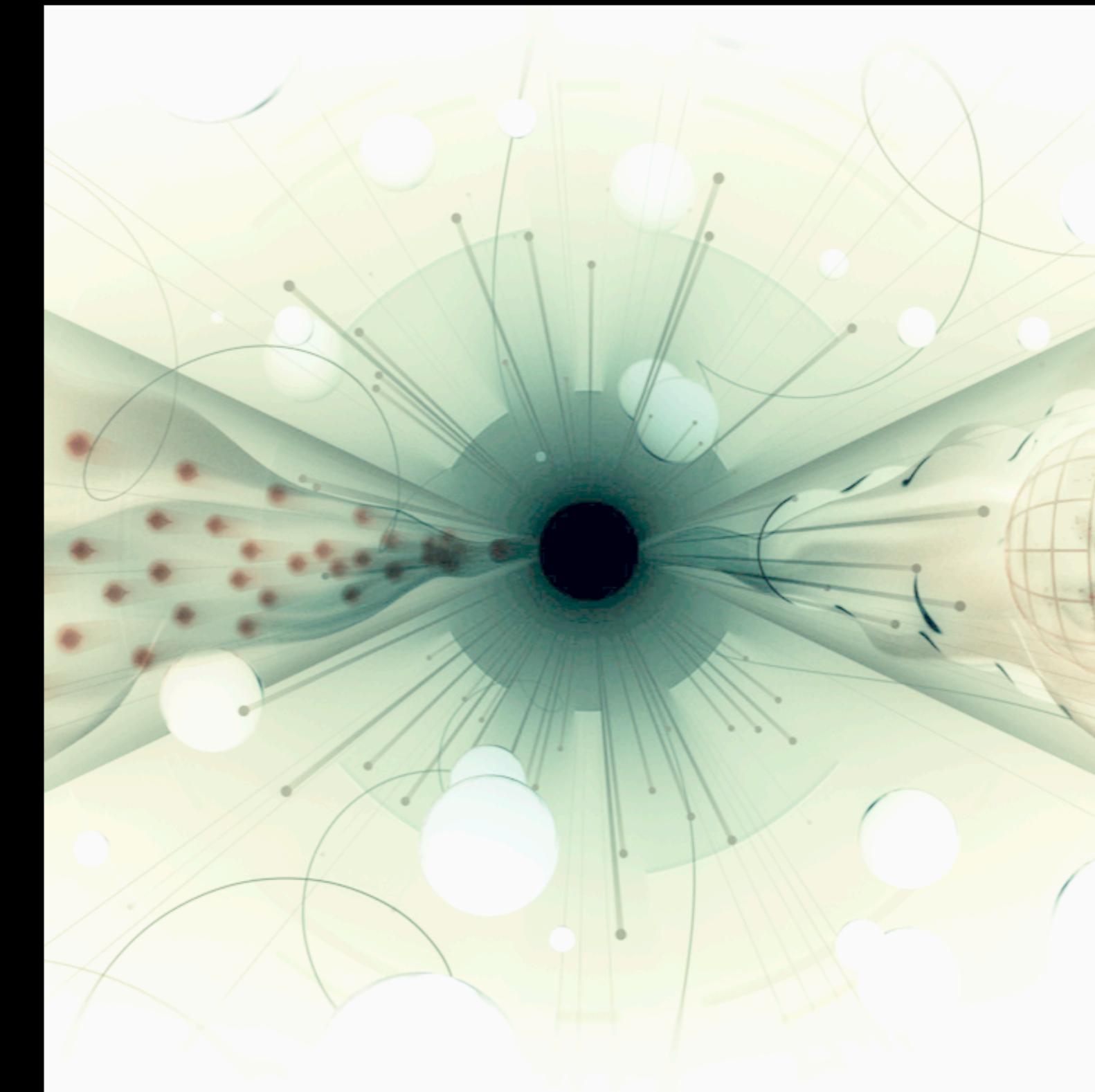
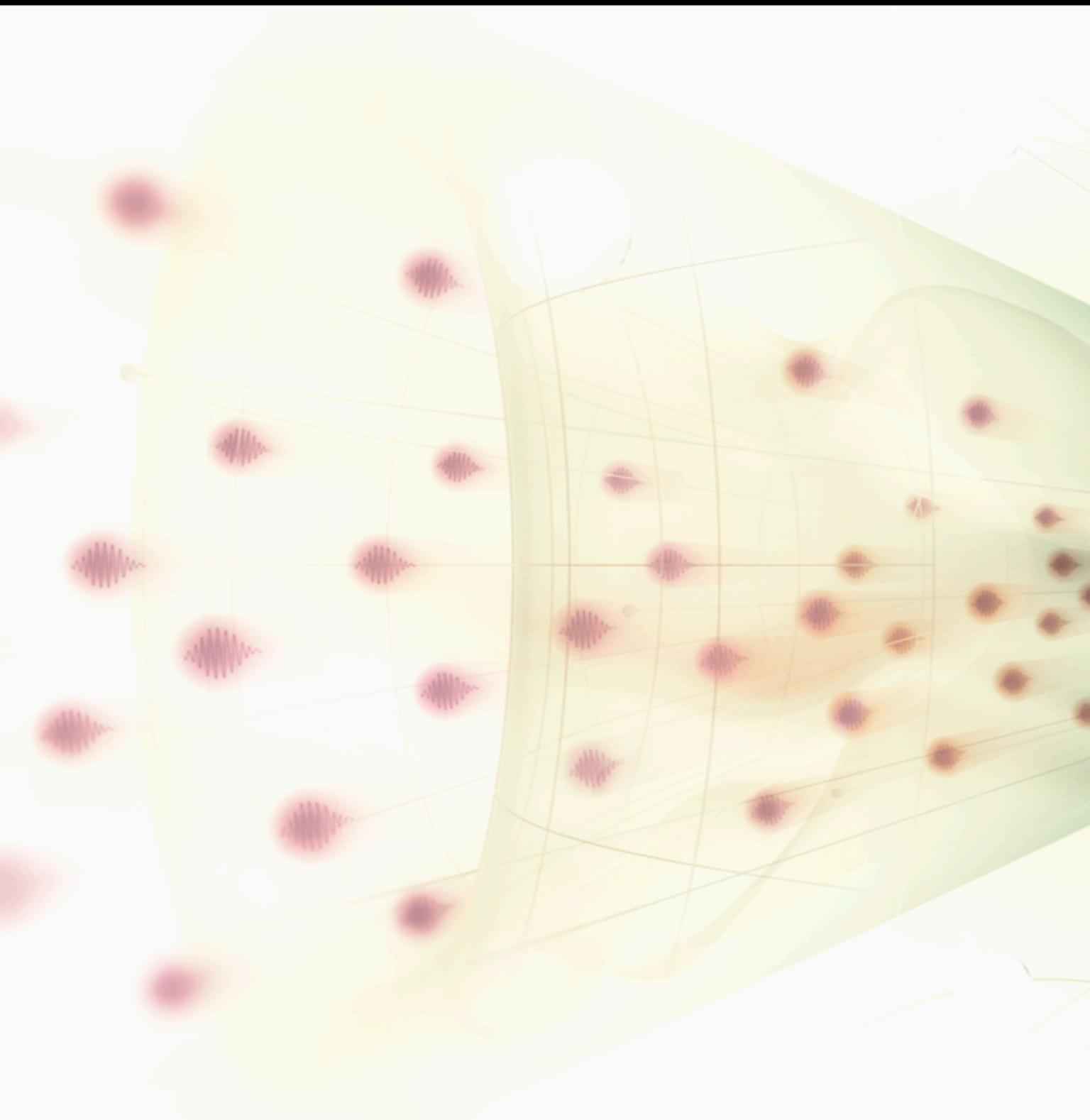
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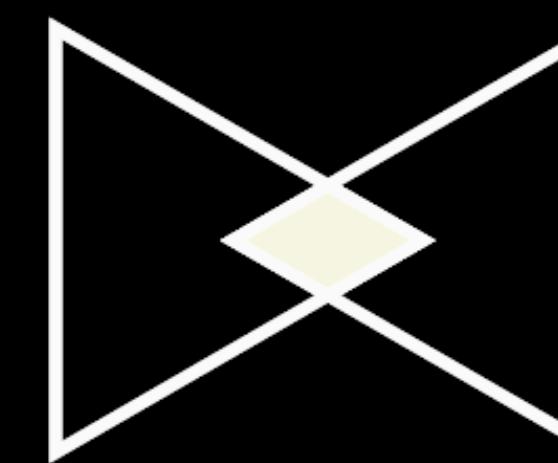




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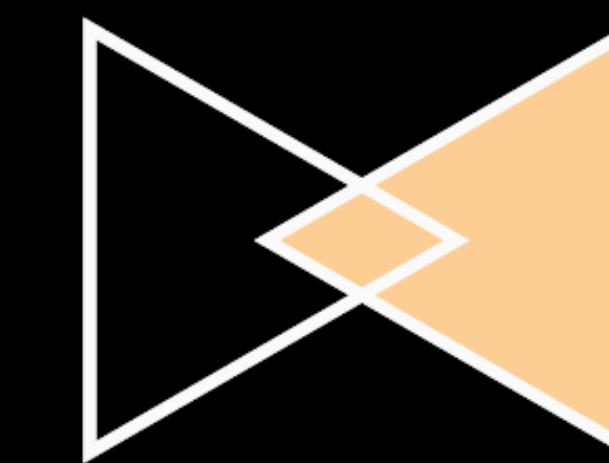
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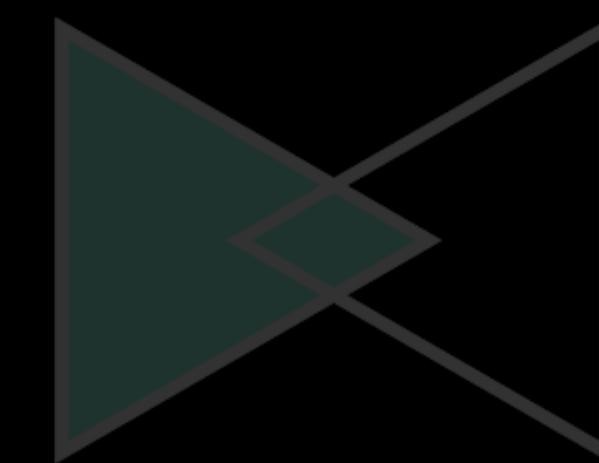
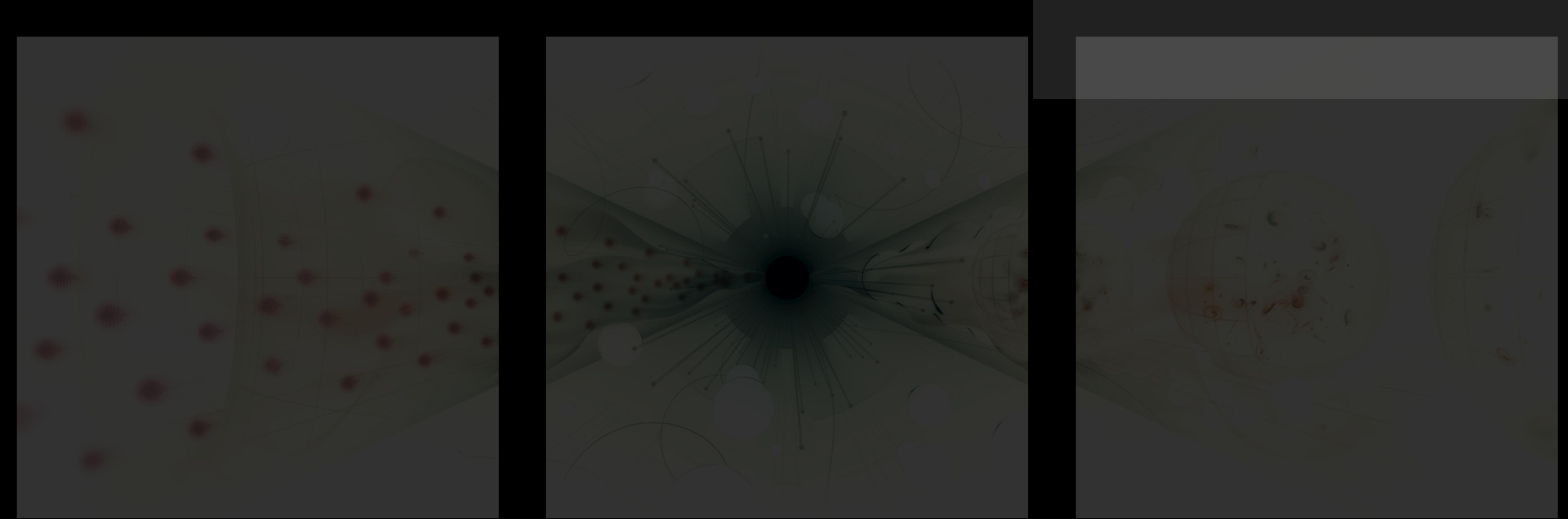
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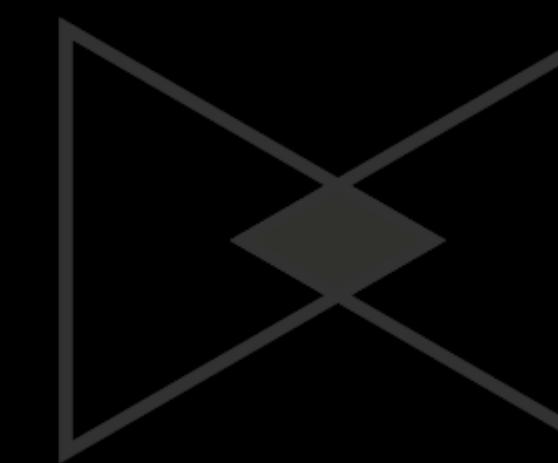
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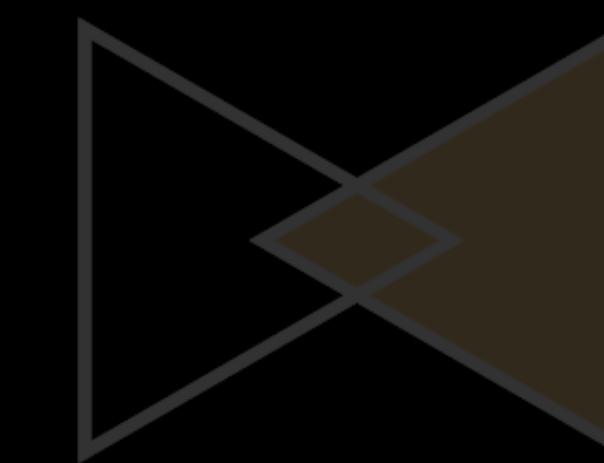
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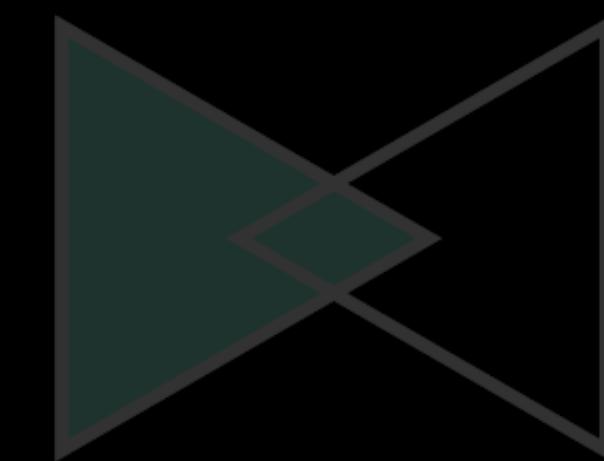


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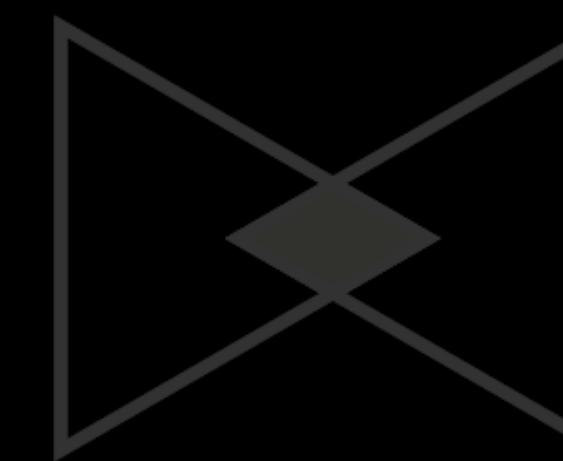
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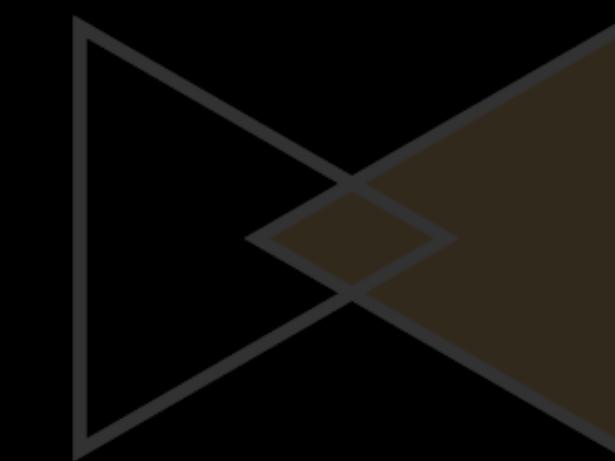
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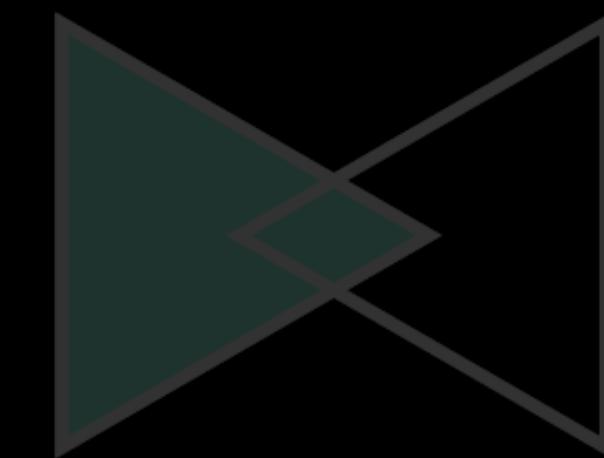


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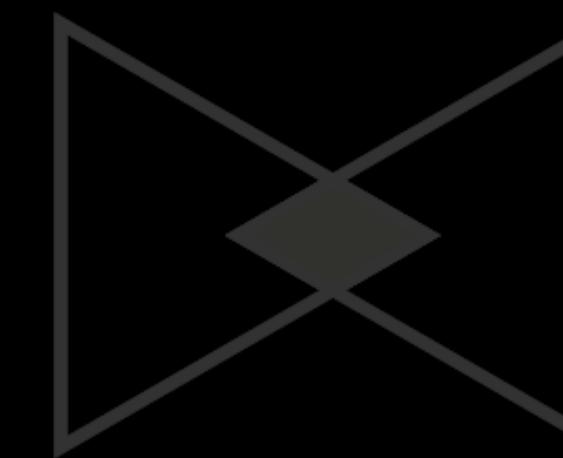
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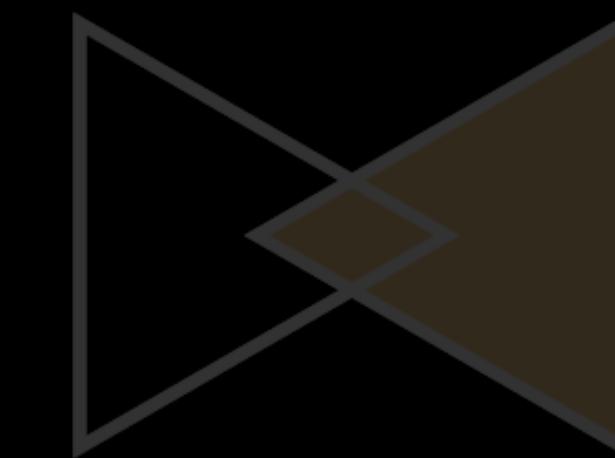
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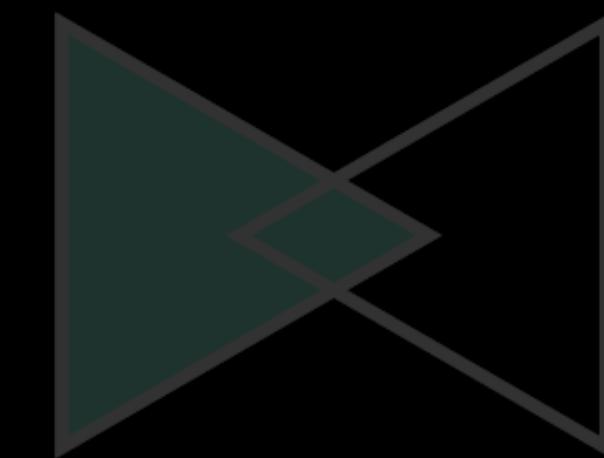
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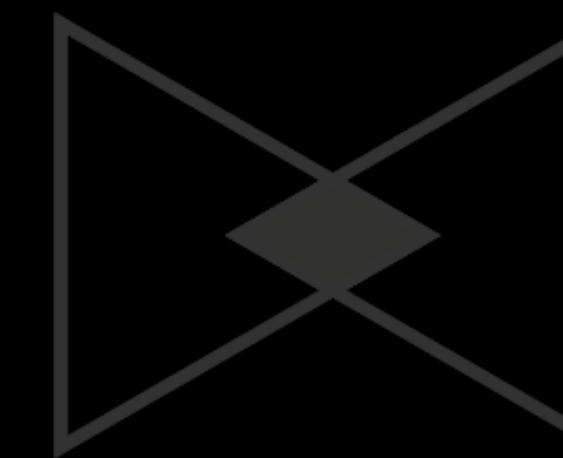
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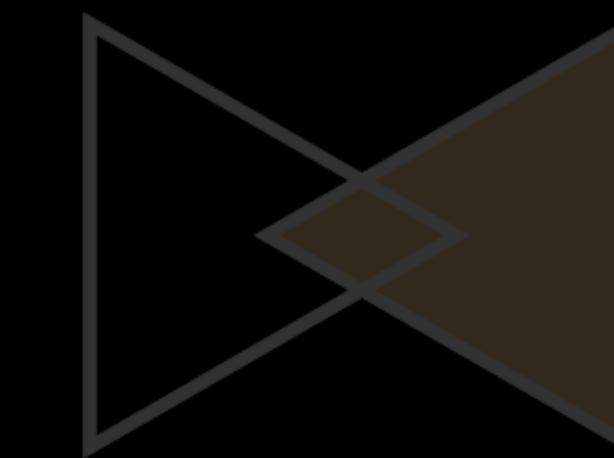
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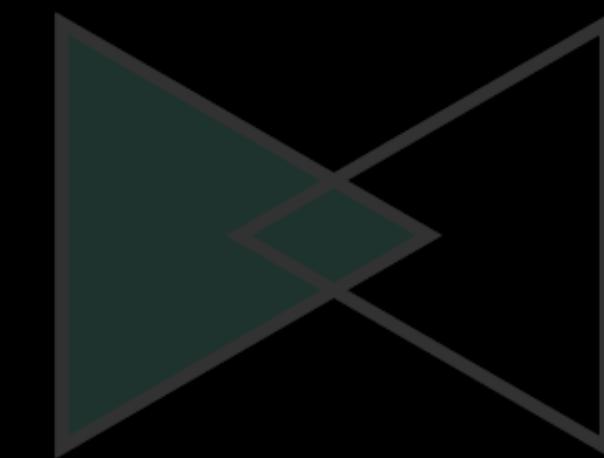
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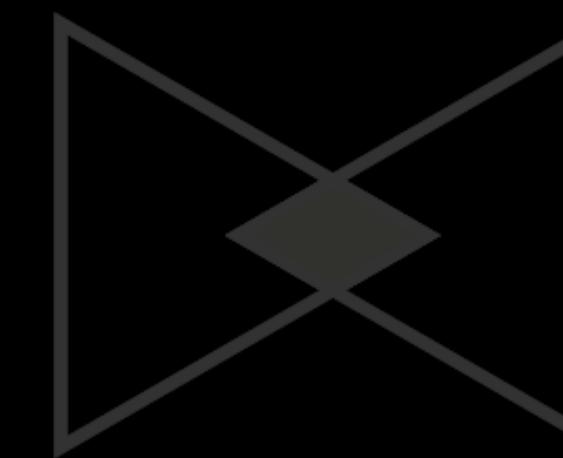
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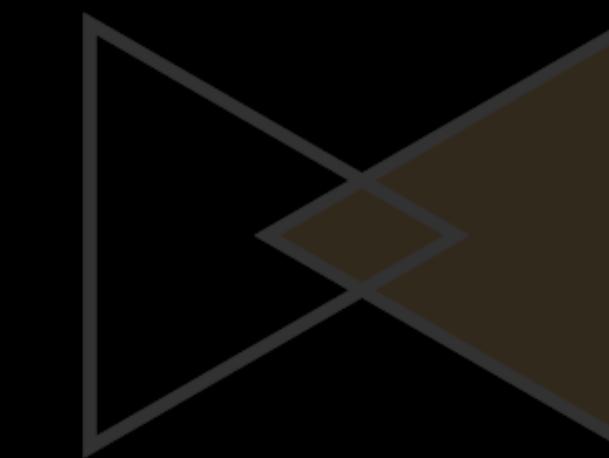
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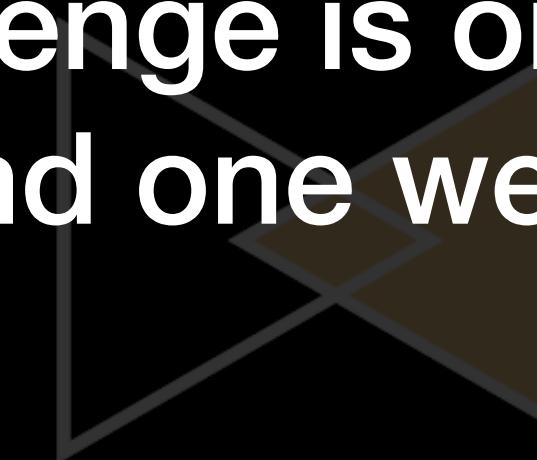
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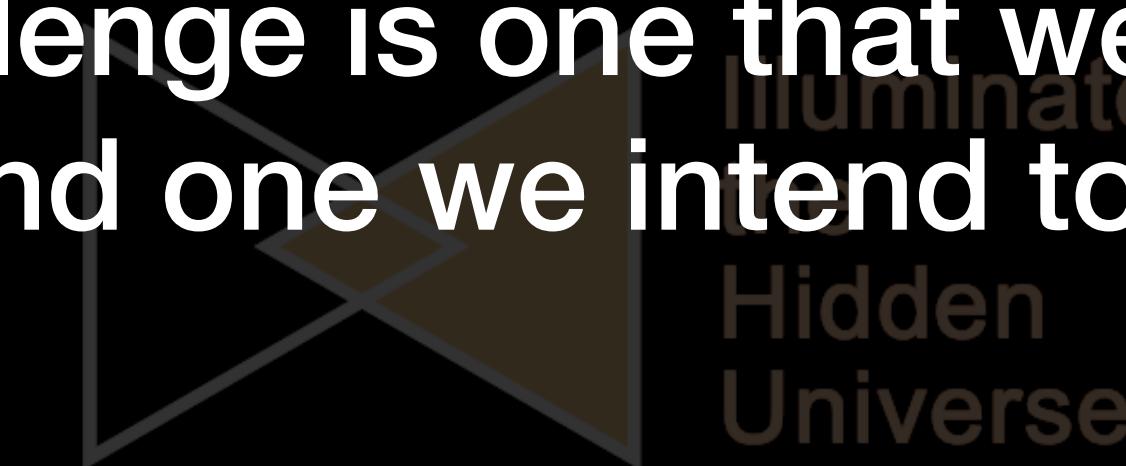


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