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Dark Sectors at Muon Colliders

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Why Muon Colliders for Dark Sectors?

- dark sectors are a sandbox for model building and systematic way of exploring model space
- can give rise to “weird” and unique signatures > help inform detector design
- connection to big questions like nature of dark matter
- muon collider provides synergy to upcoming era of cosmological probes

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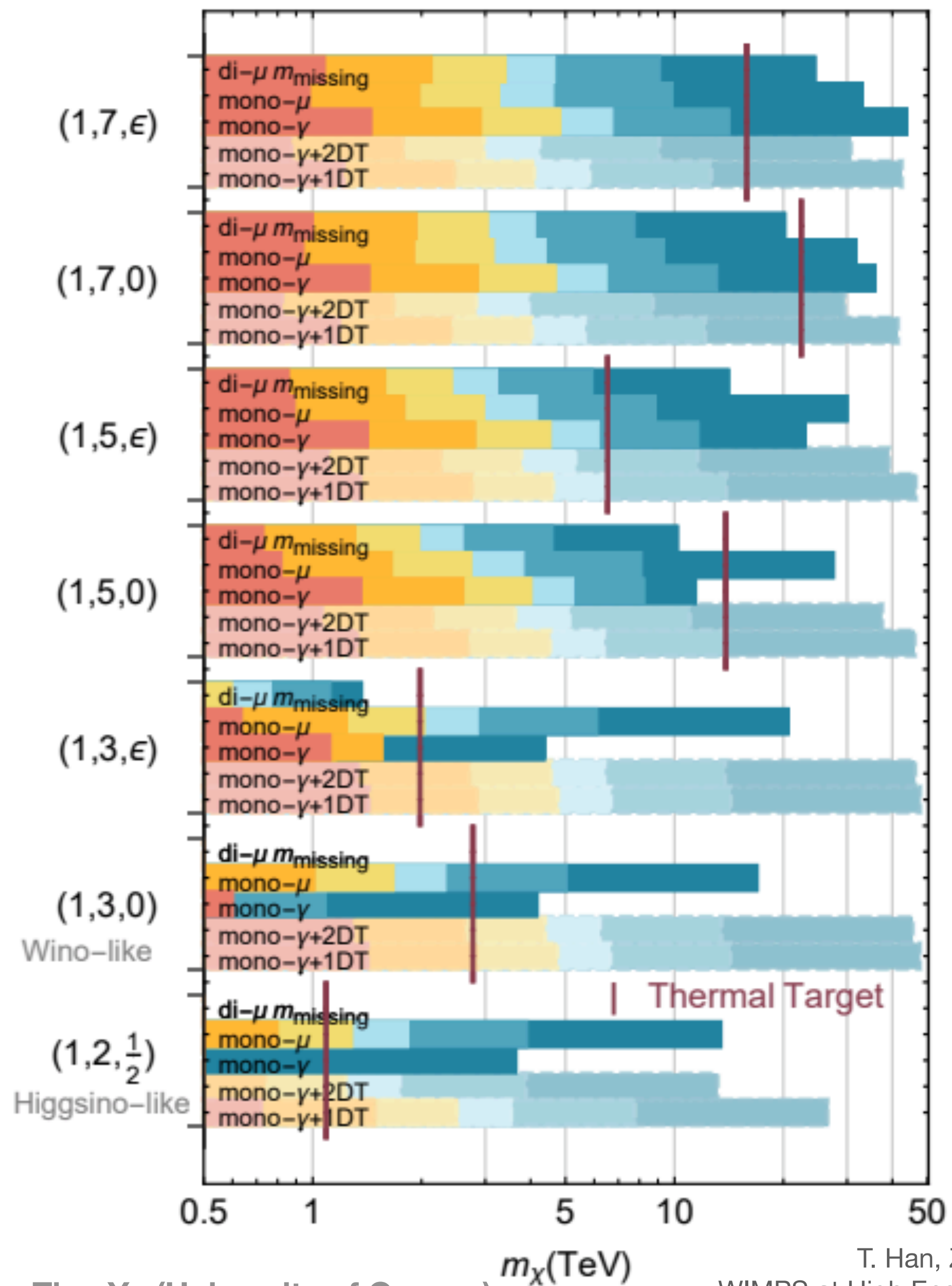
← even more promising!

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further enhancements shown in
R. Capdevilla, F. Meloni, J. Zurita [arXiv:2405.08858]

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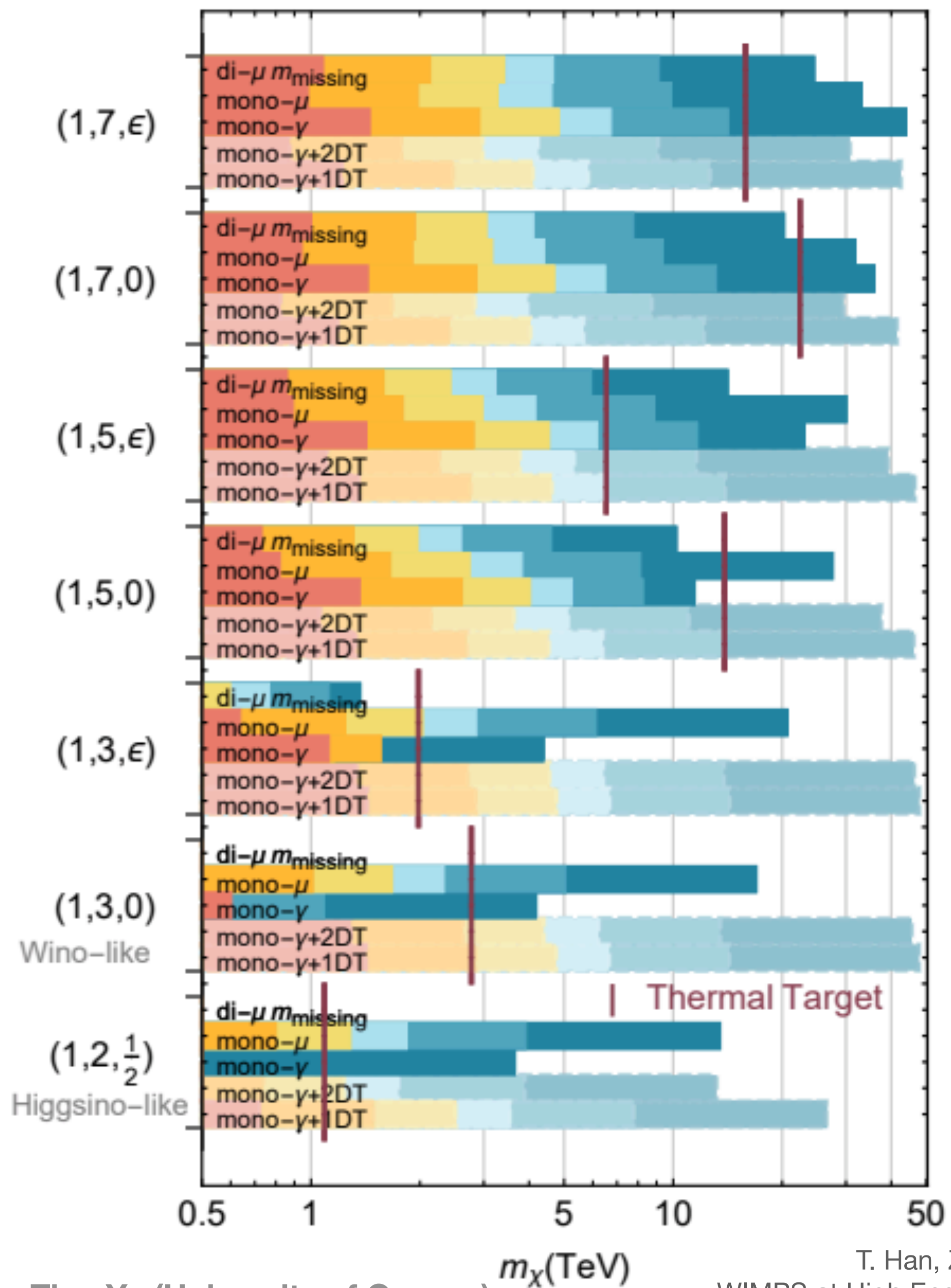


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WIMPS at High Energy Muon Colliders [arXiv:2009.11287]

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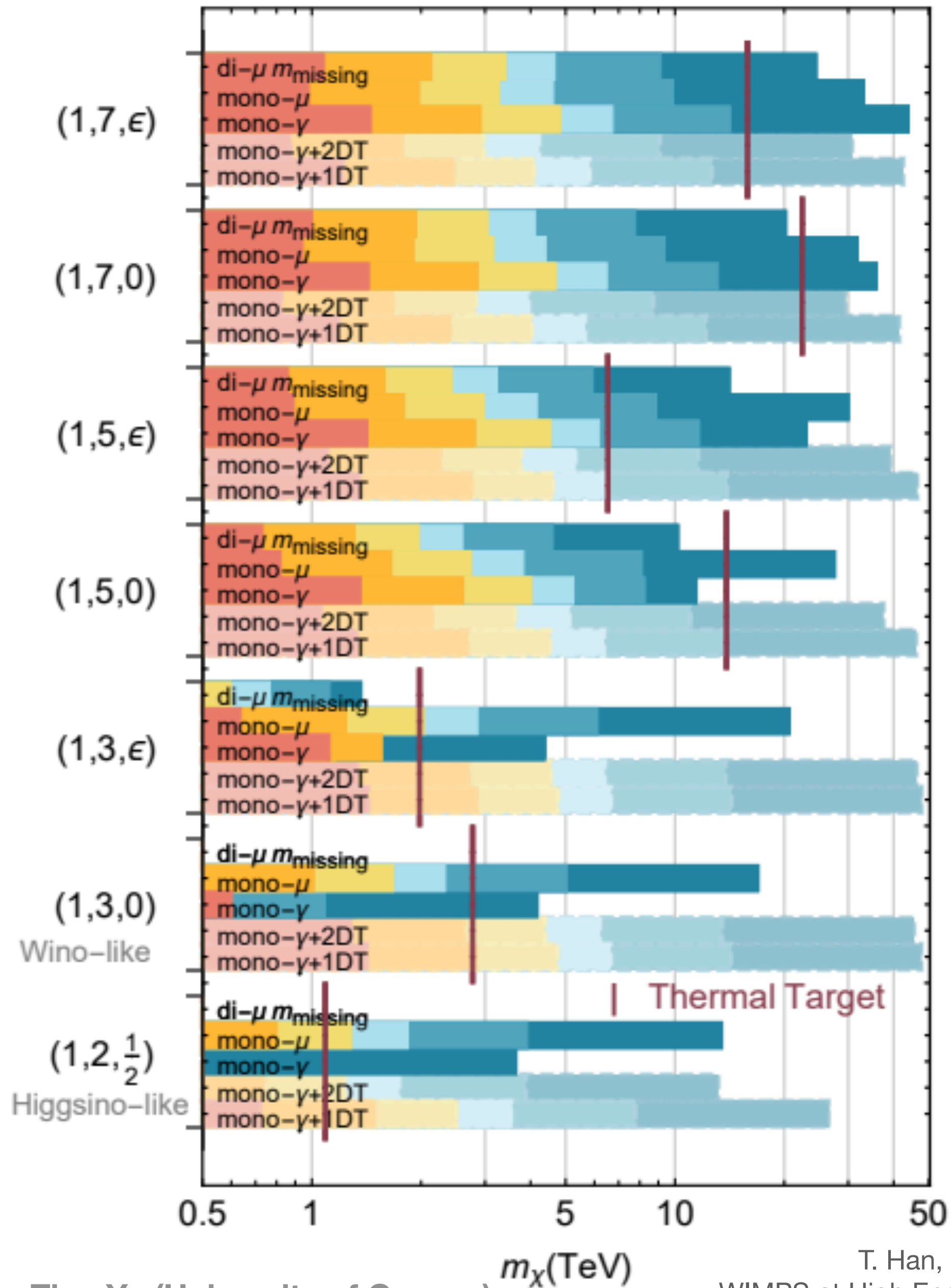
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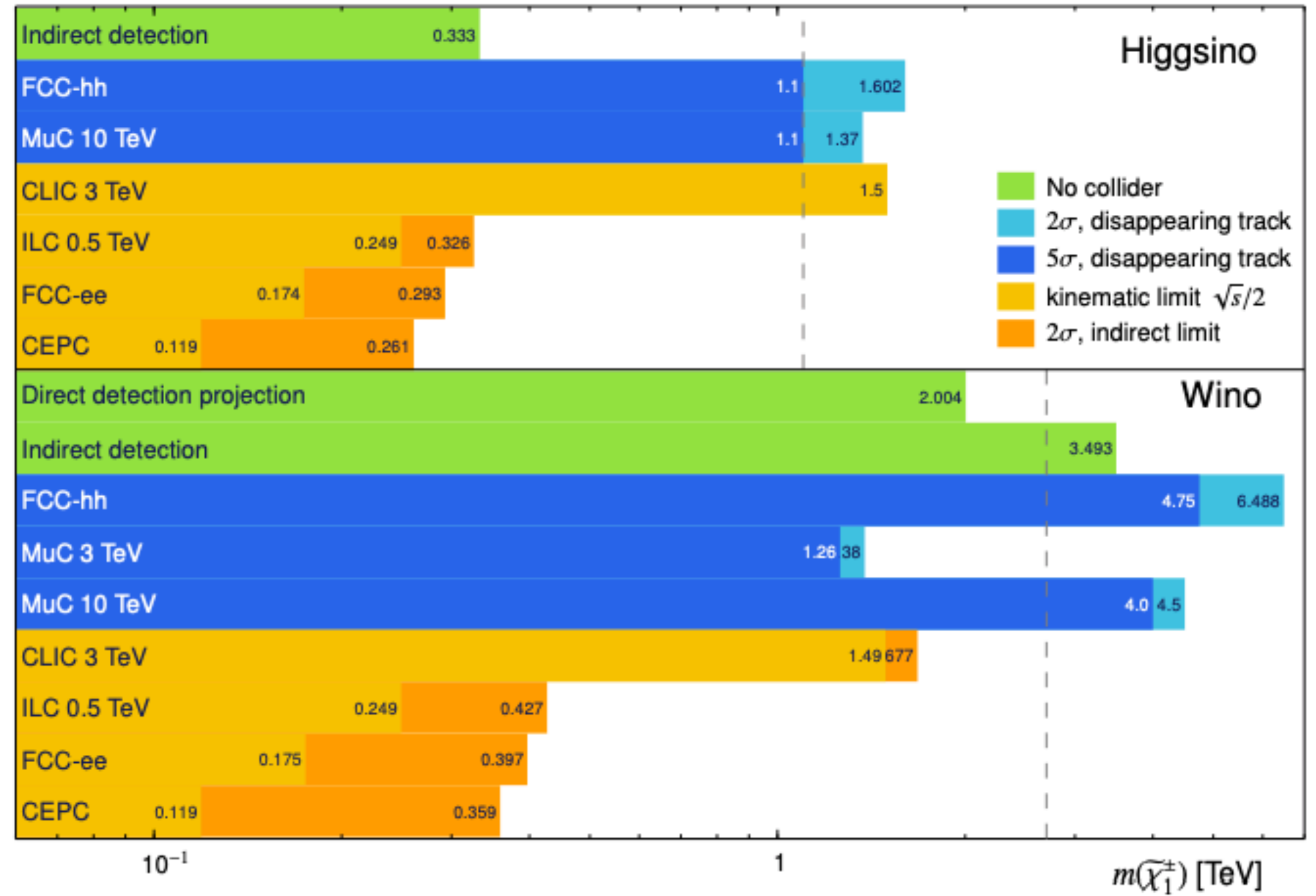
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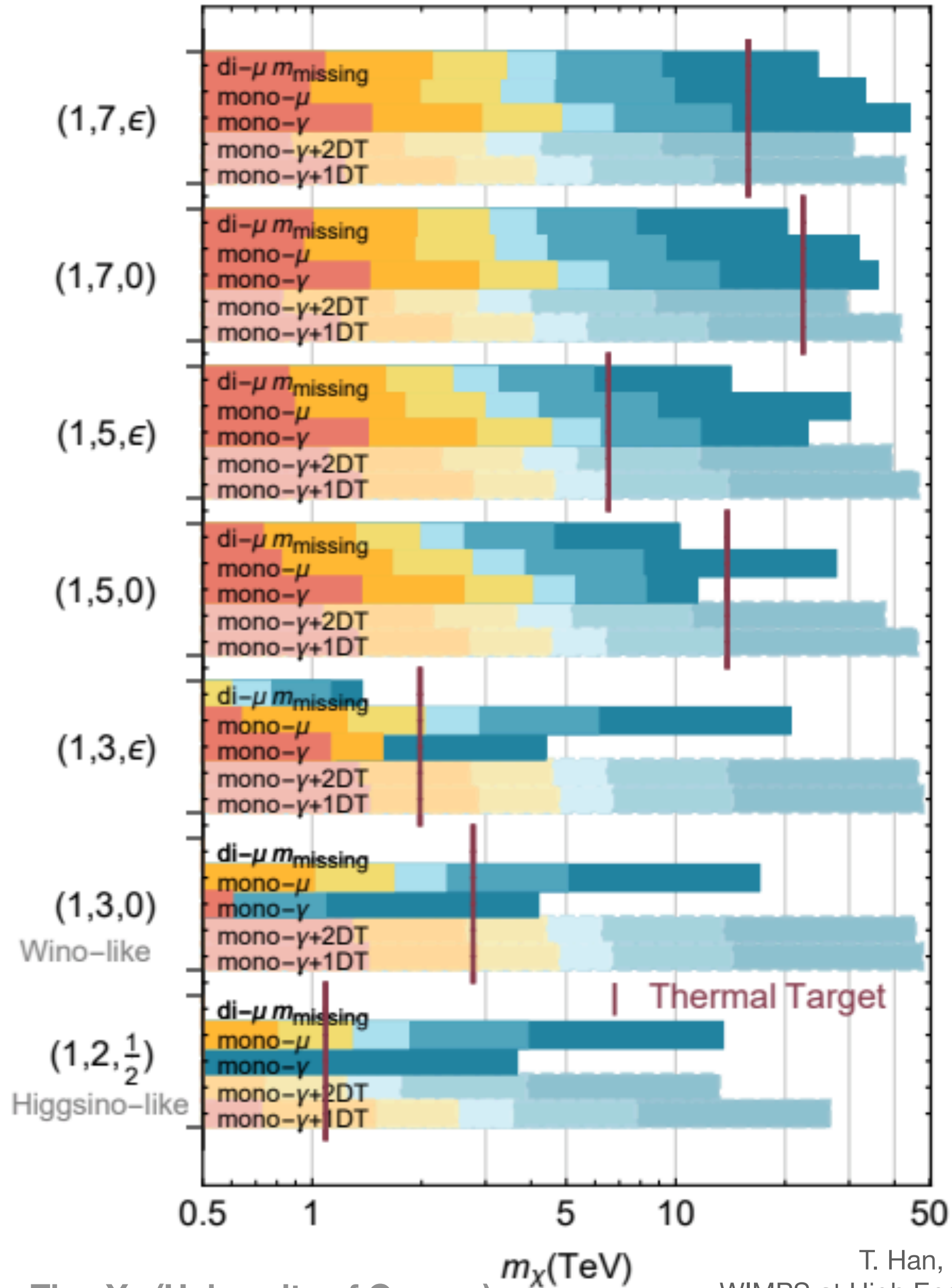
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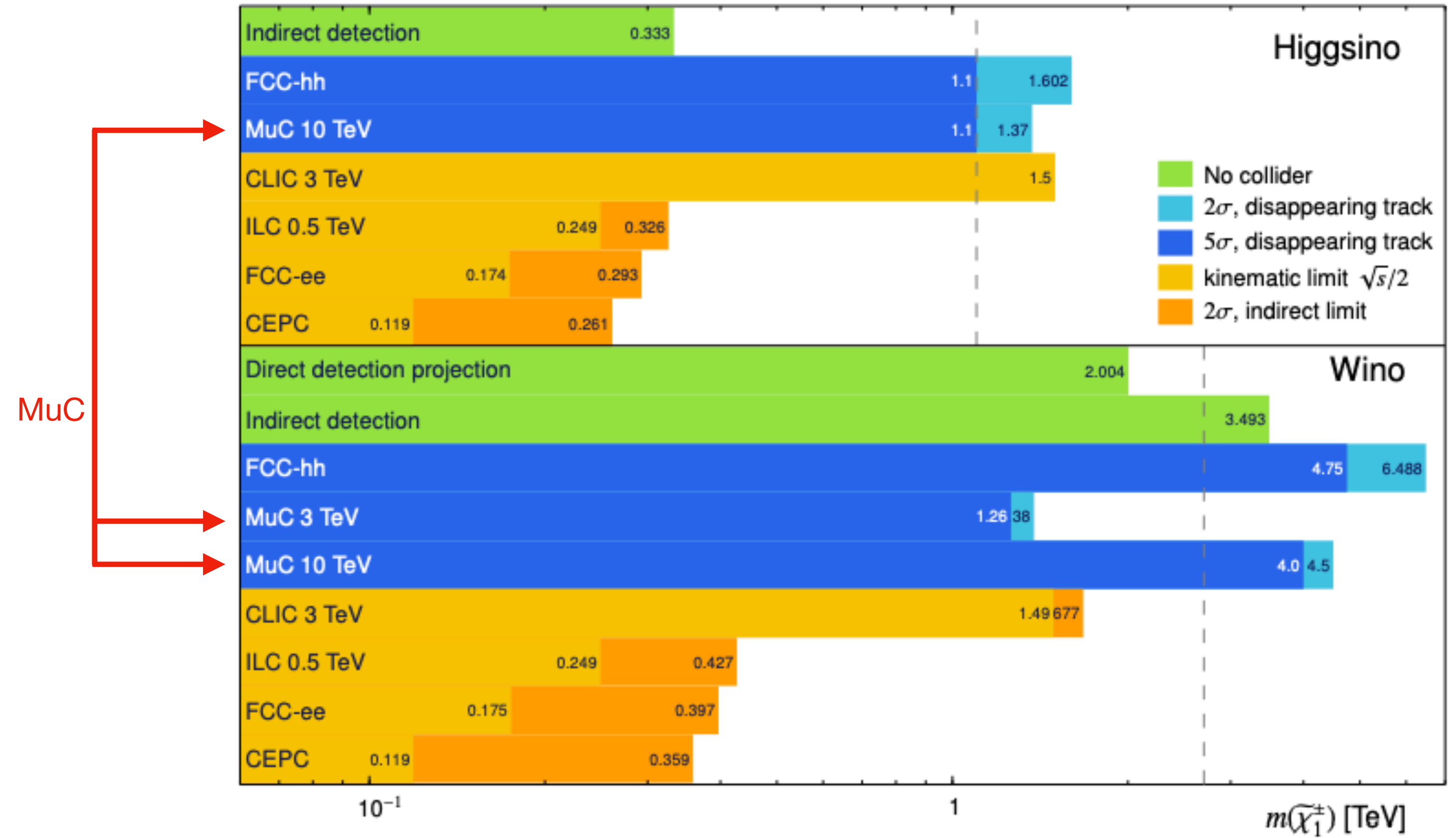
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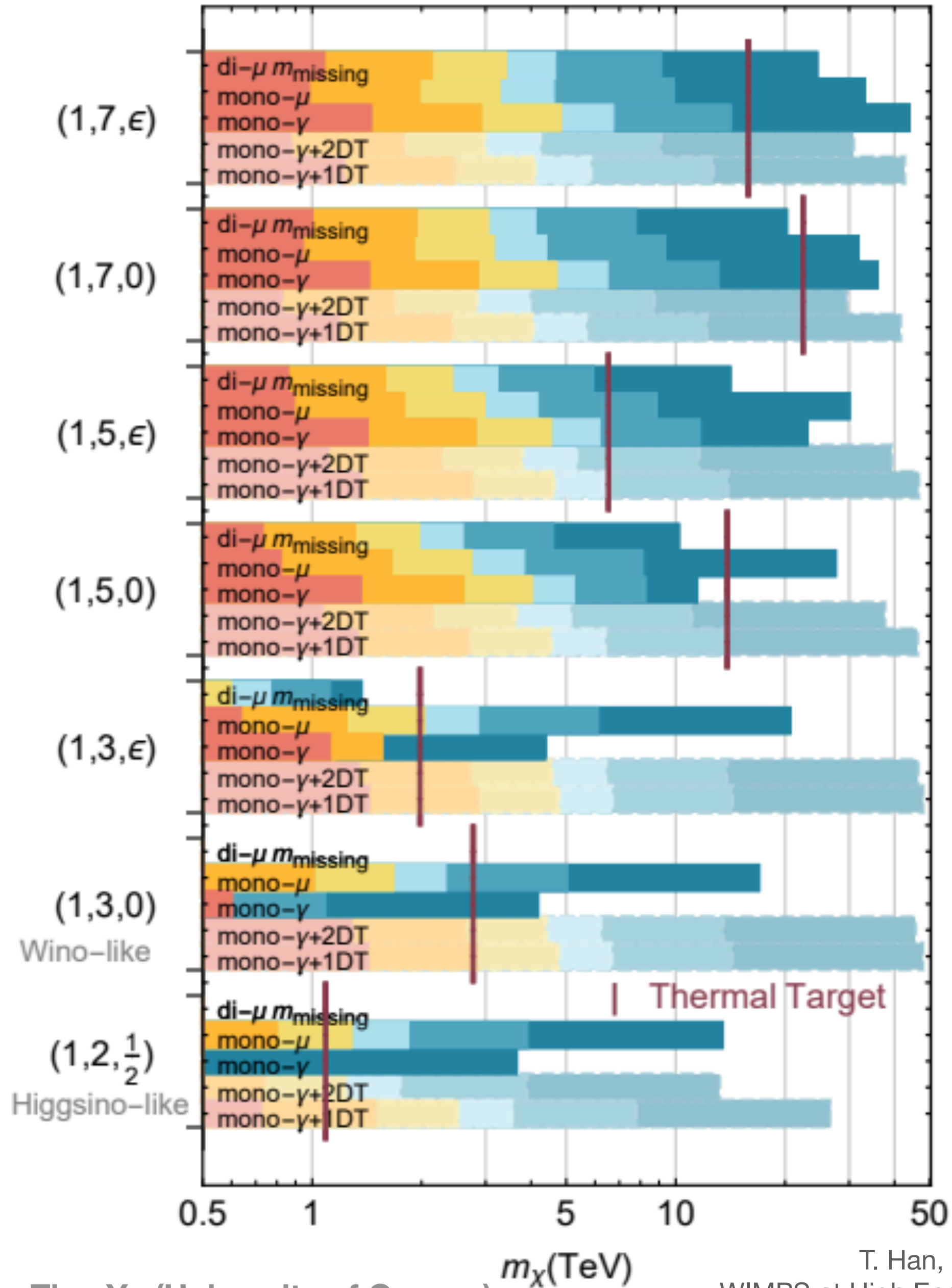
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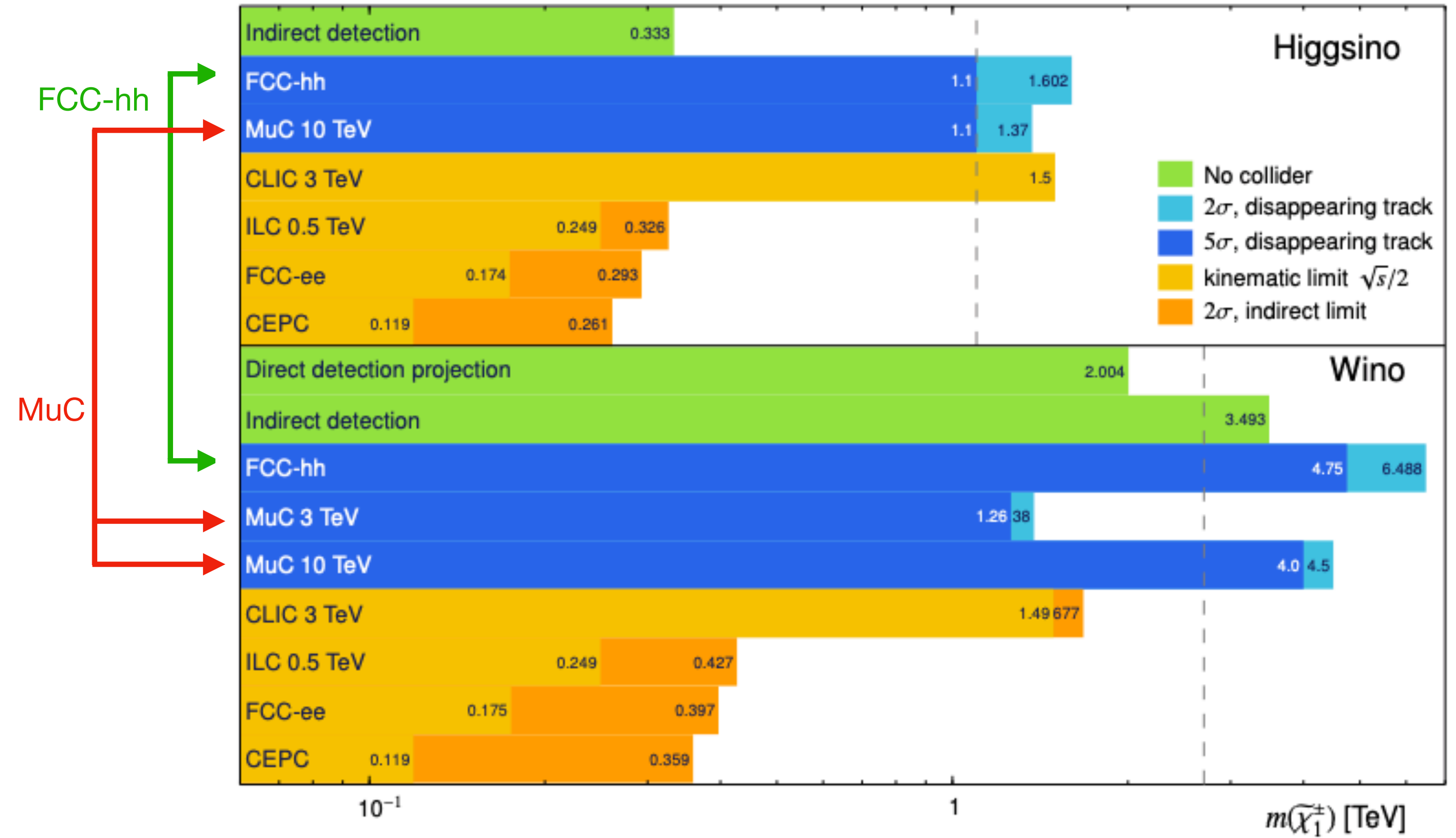
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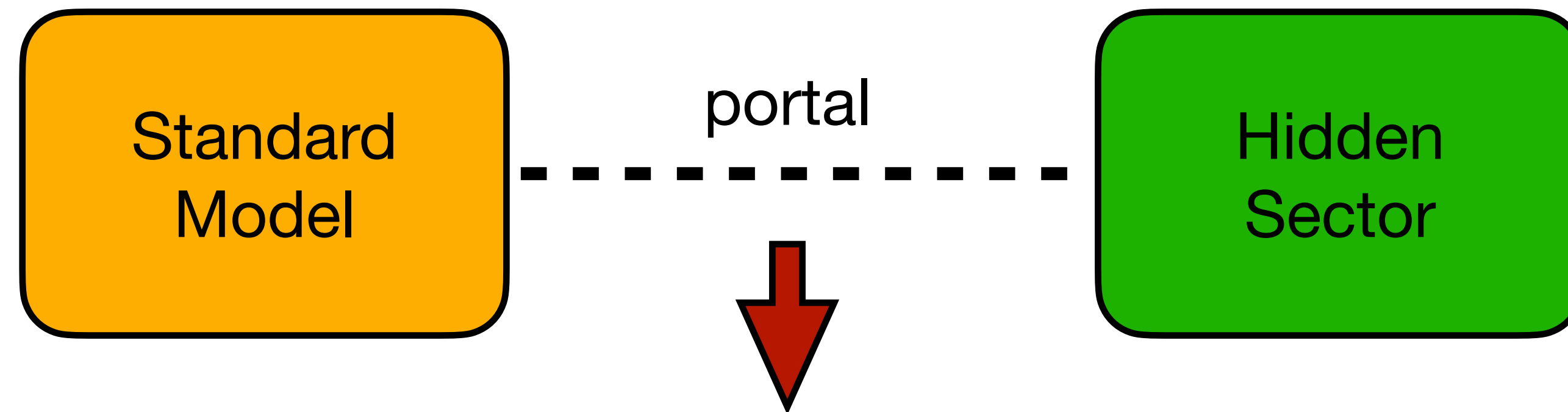
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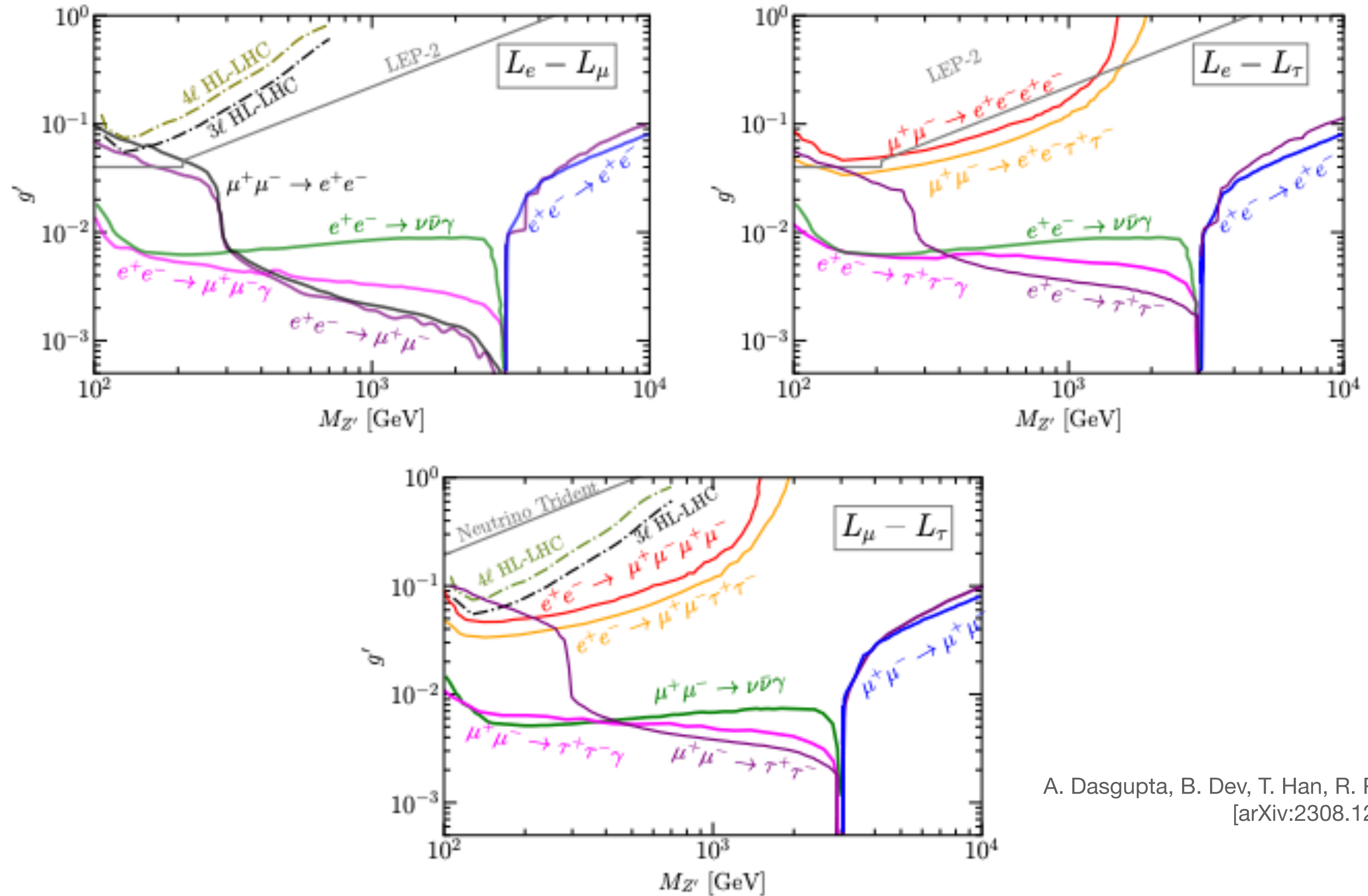
Dark Sector Portals

moving beyond the WIMP



$$\mathcal{L} \supset \begin{cases} (\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H & \text{scalar} \\ \frac{a}{f} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} & \text{pseudoscalar} \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} & \text{vector} \\ y_n L H N & \text{neutrino} \end{cases}$$

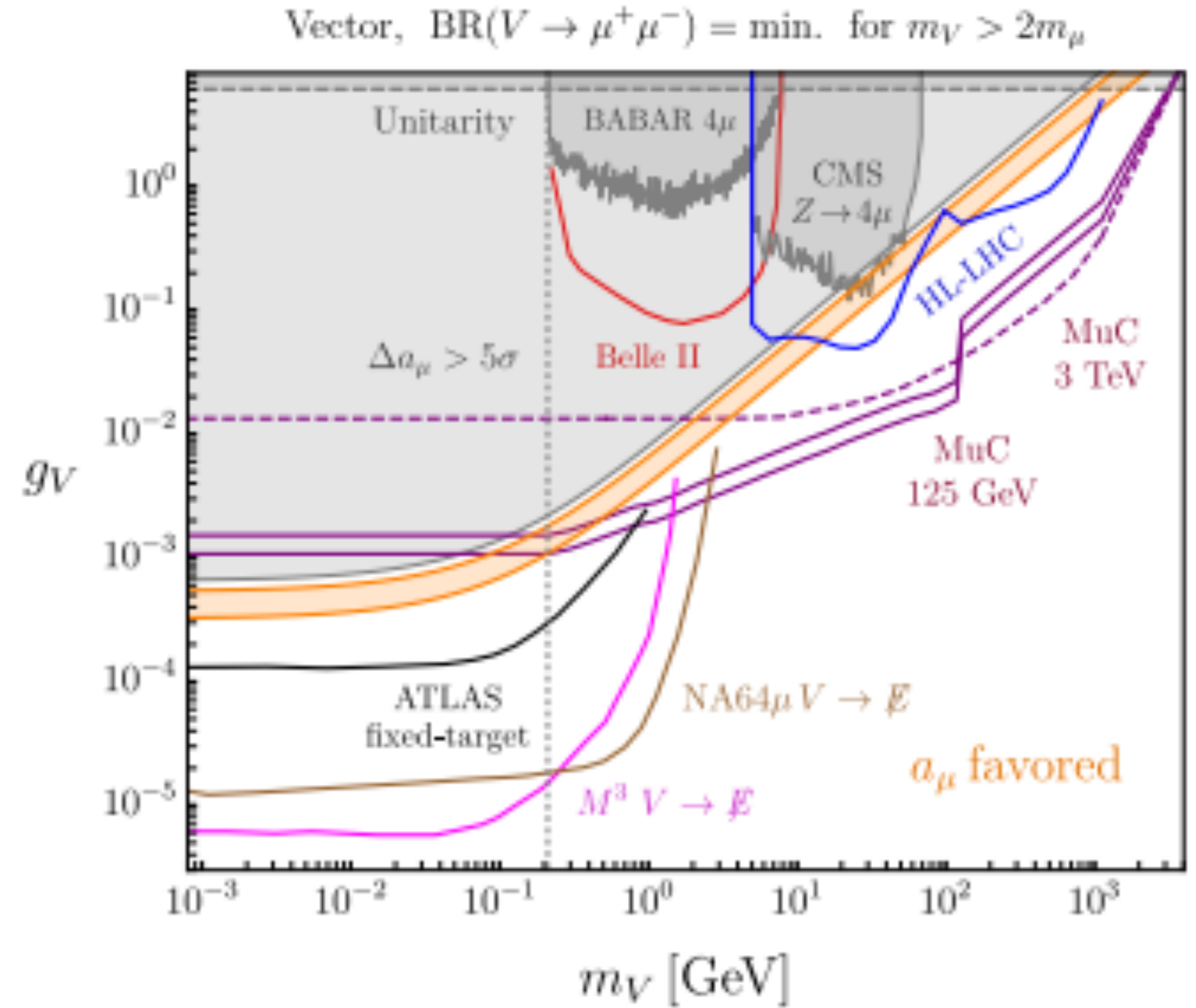
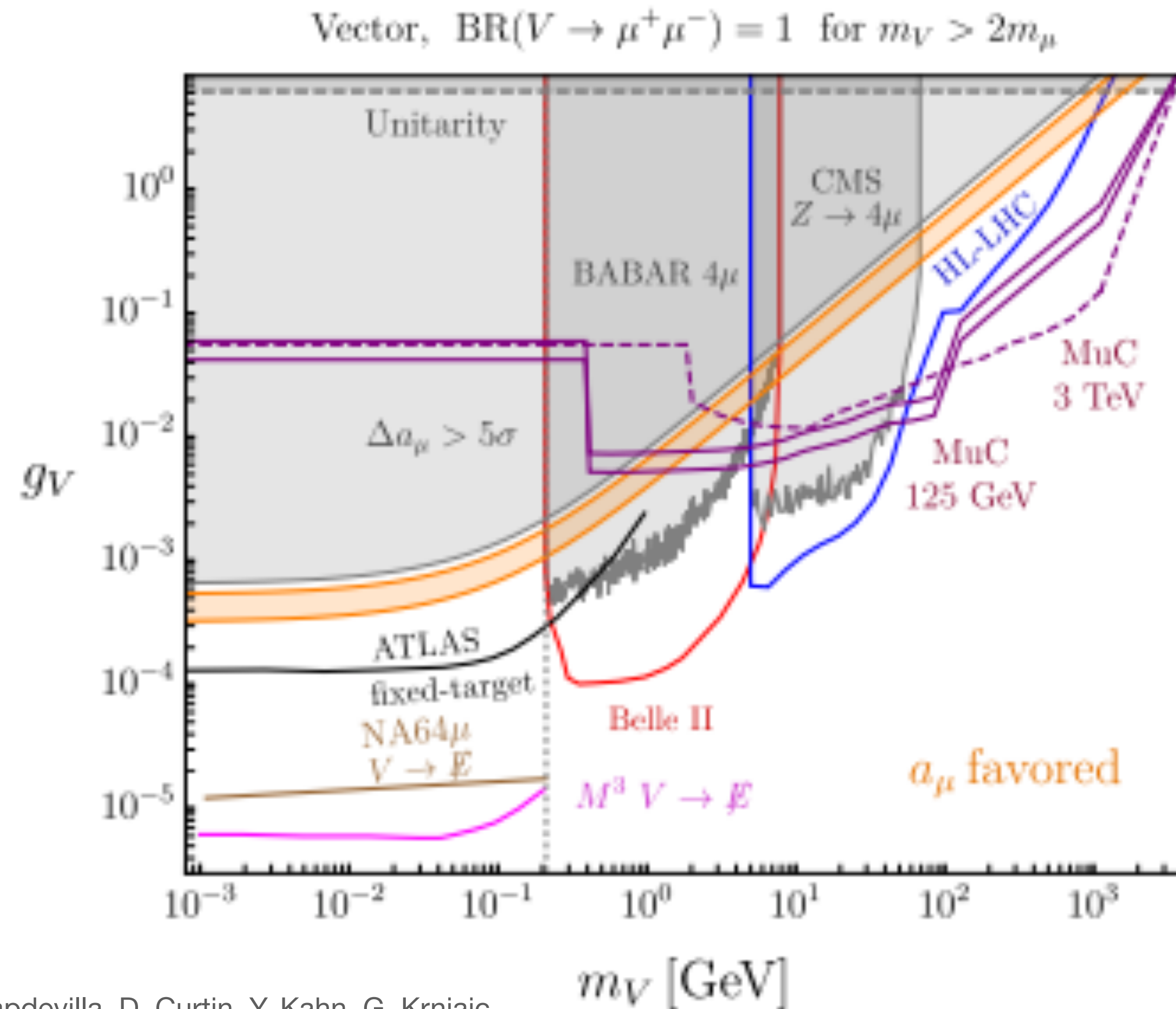
Vector Portal



$$\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$$

A. Dasgupta, B. Dev, T. Han, R. Padhan, S. Wang, K. Xie
[arXiv:2308.12804]

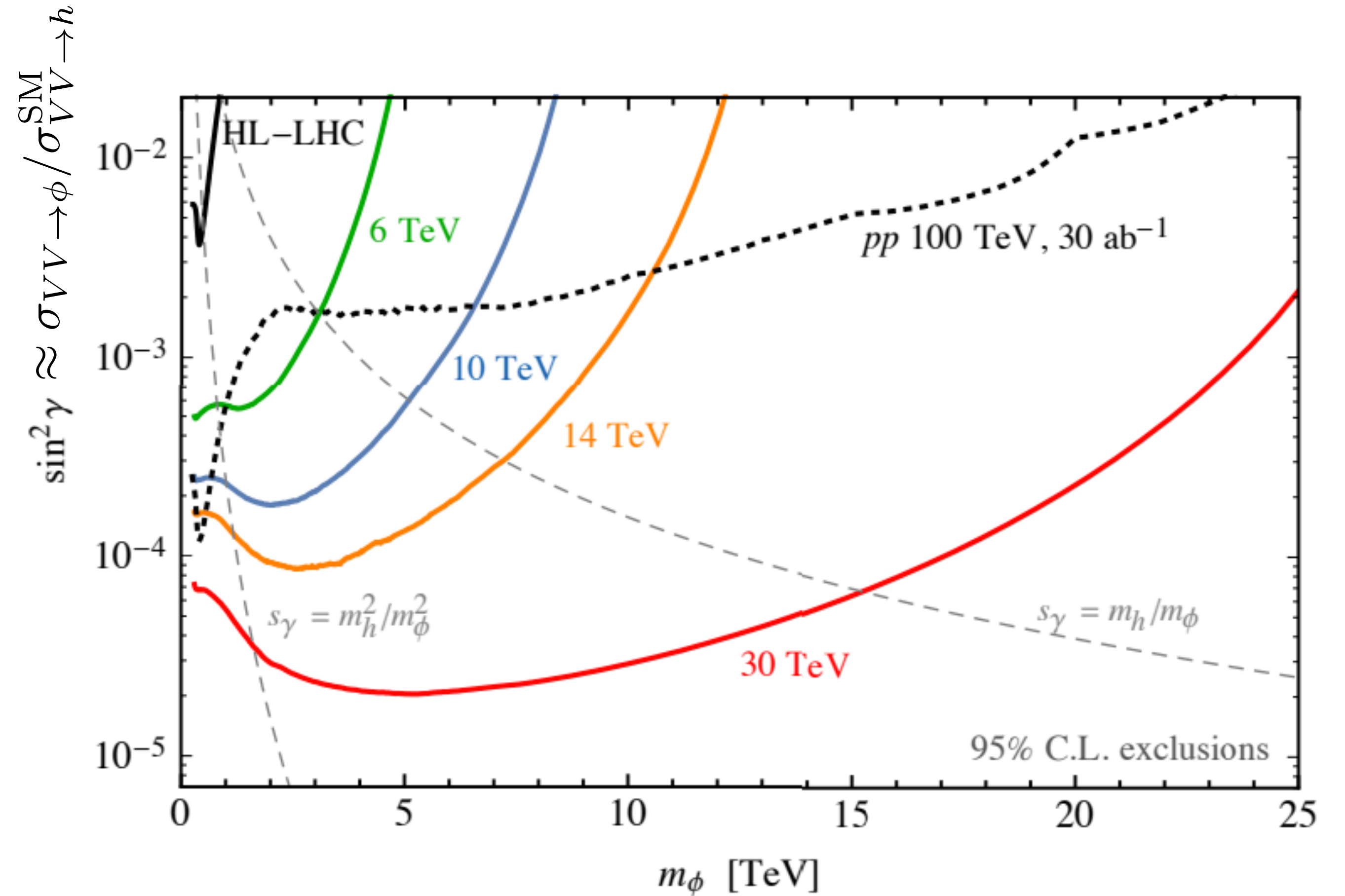
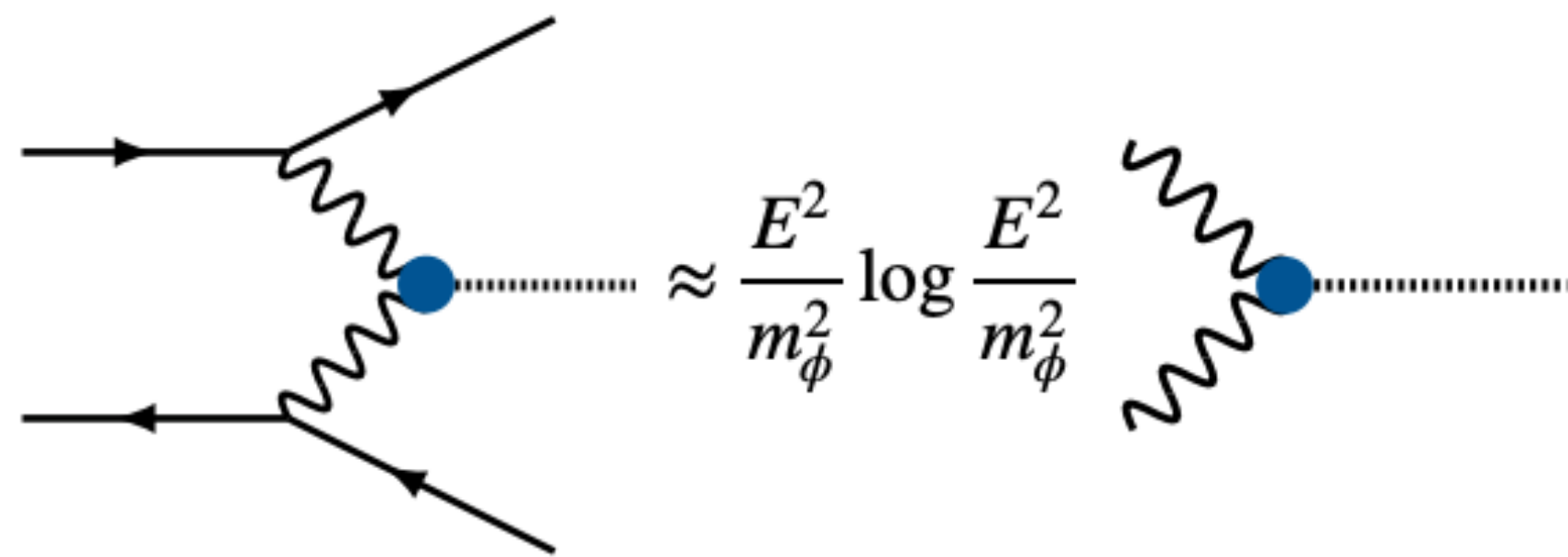
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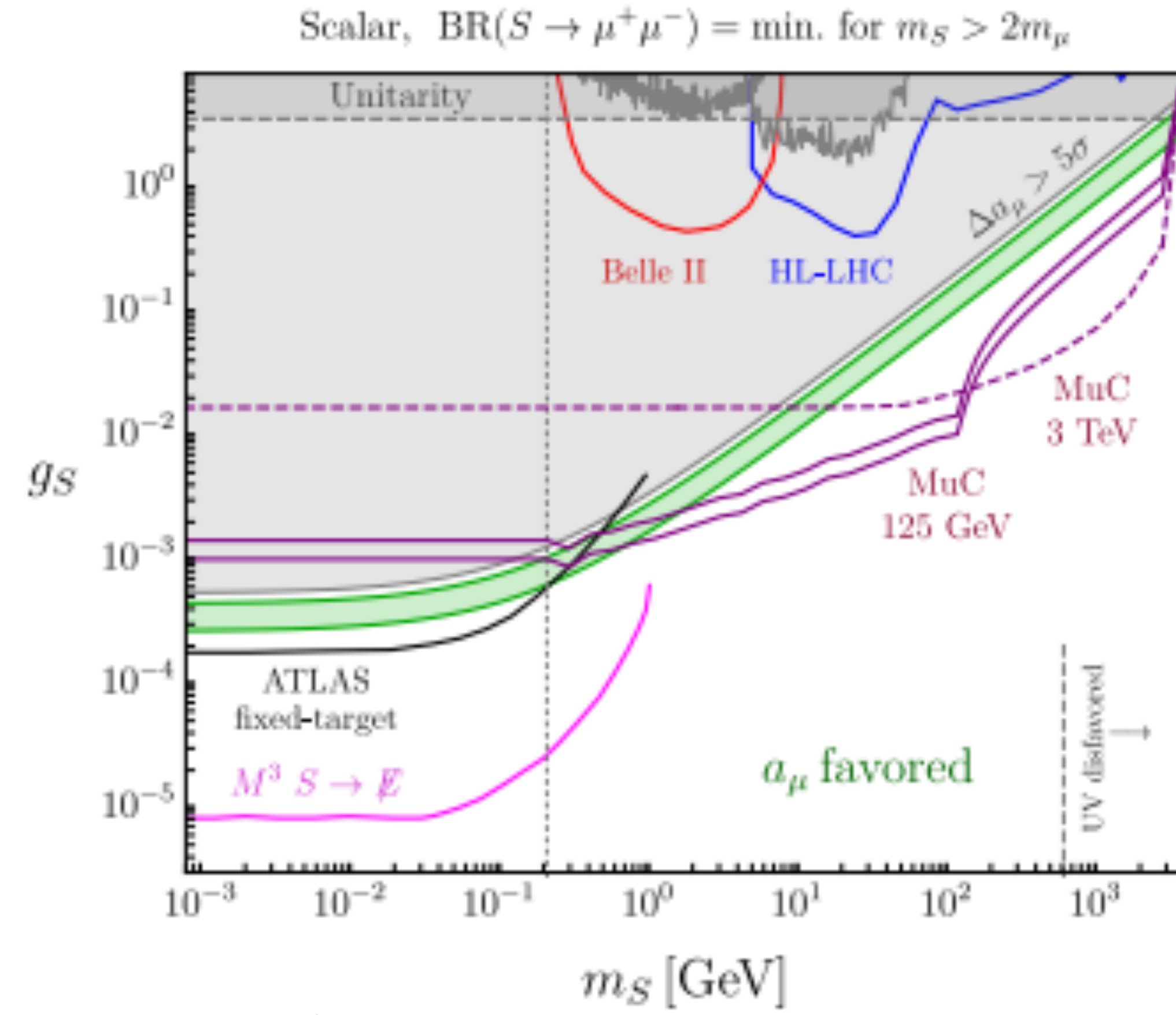
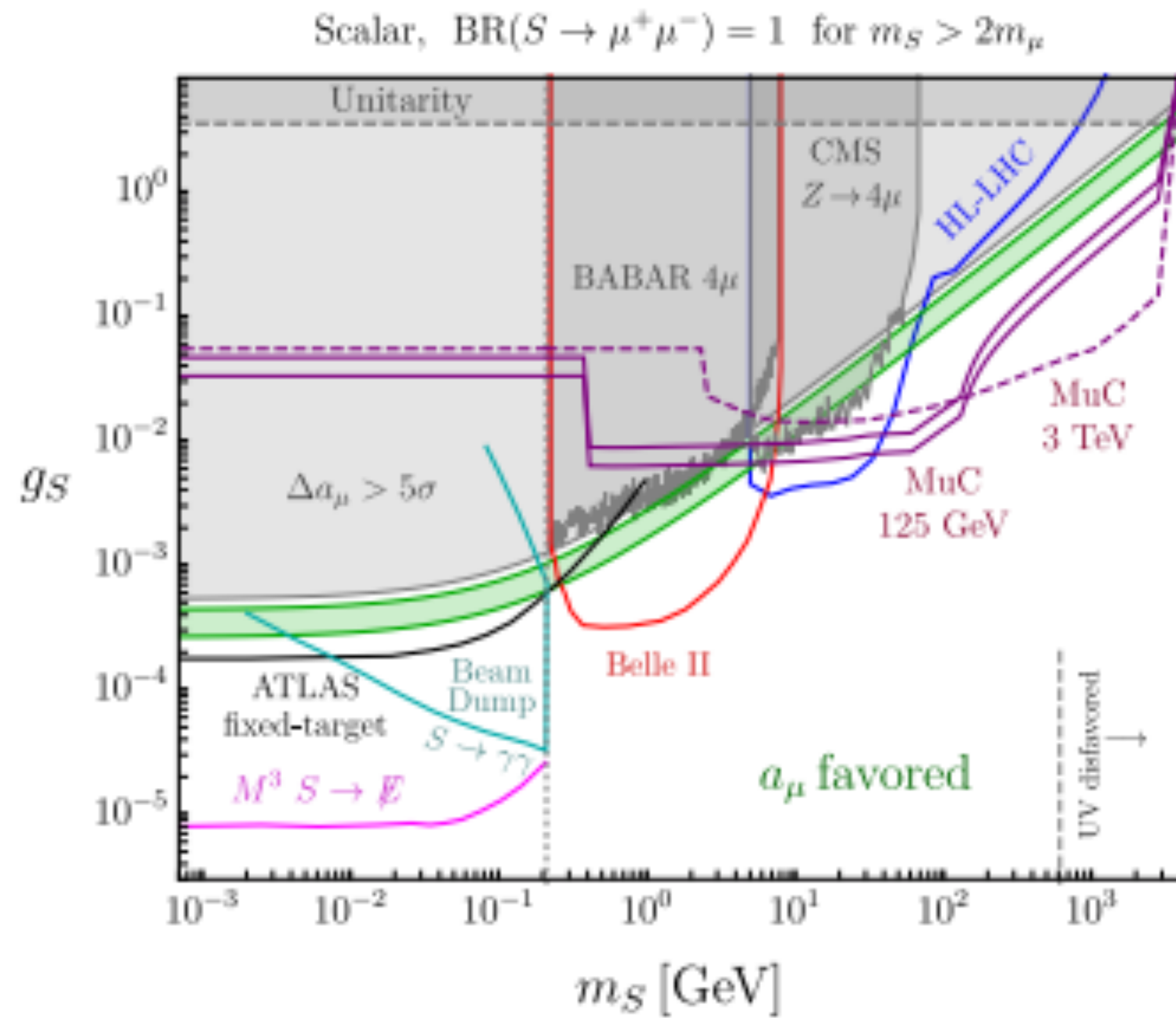
$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_V V_\gamma (\mu_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\gamma \mu_L + \mu^{c\dagger} \bar{\sigma}^\gamma \mu^c)$$

High-Energy Lepton Collider as a “Vector Boson Collider” great for scalar and pseudoscalar portal!



D. Buttazzo, D. Redigolo, F. Sala, A. Tesi
 [arXiv:1807.04743] + [arXiv:2103.14043]

Scalar Portal



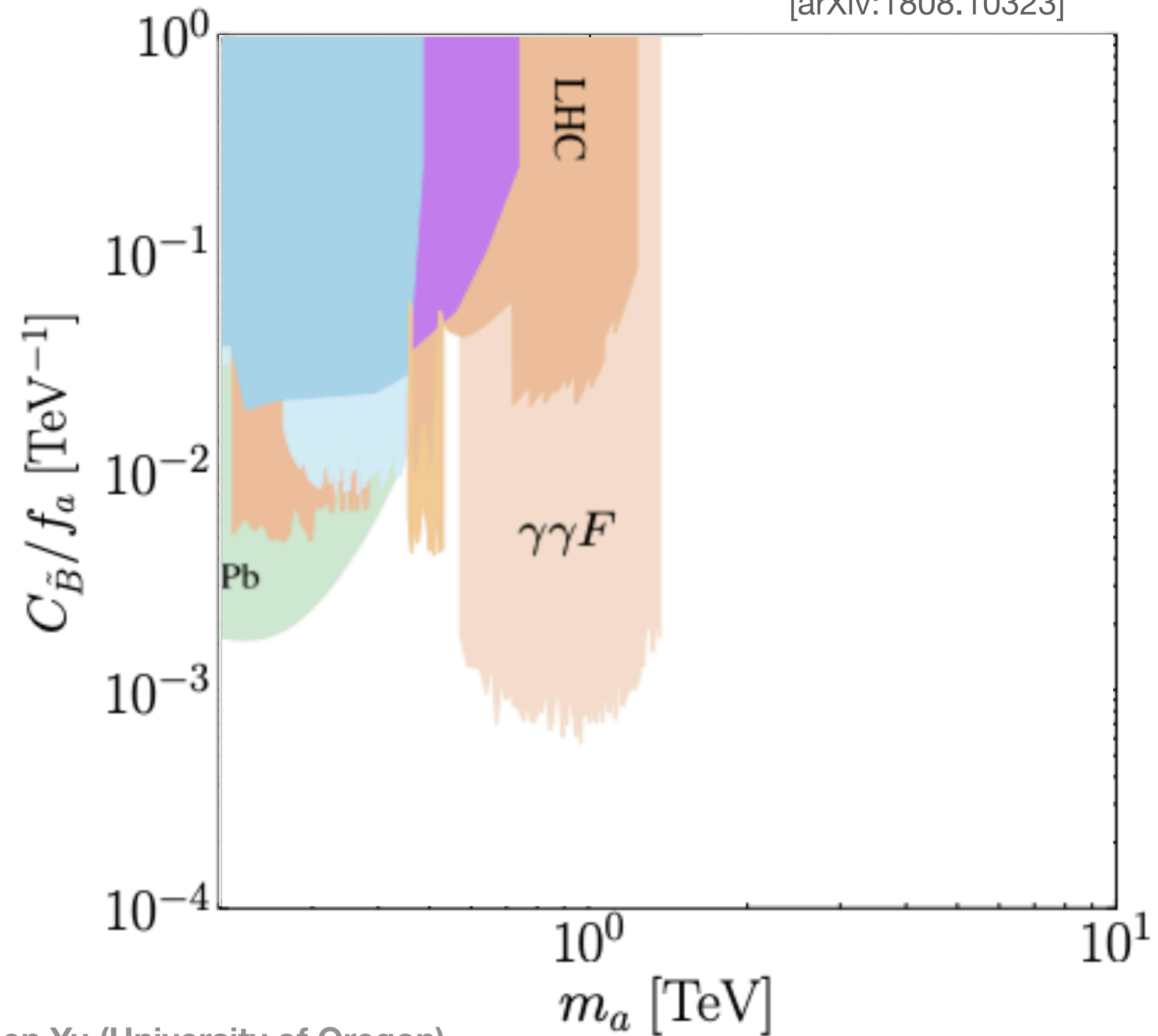
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Pseudoscalar Portal

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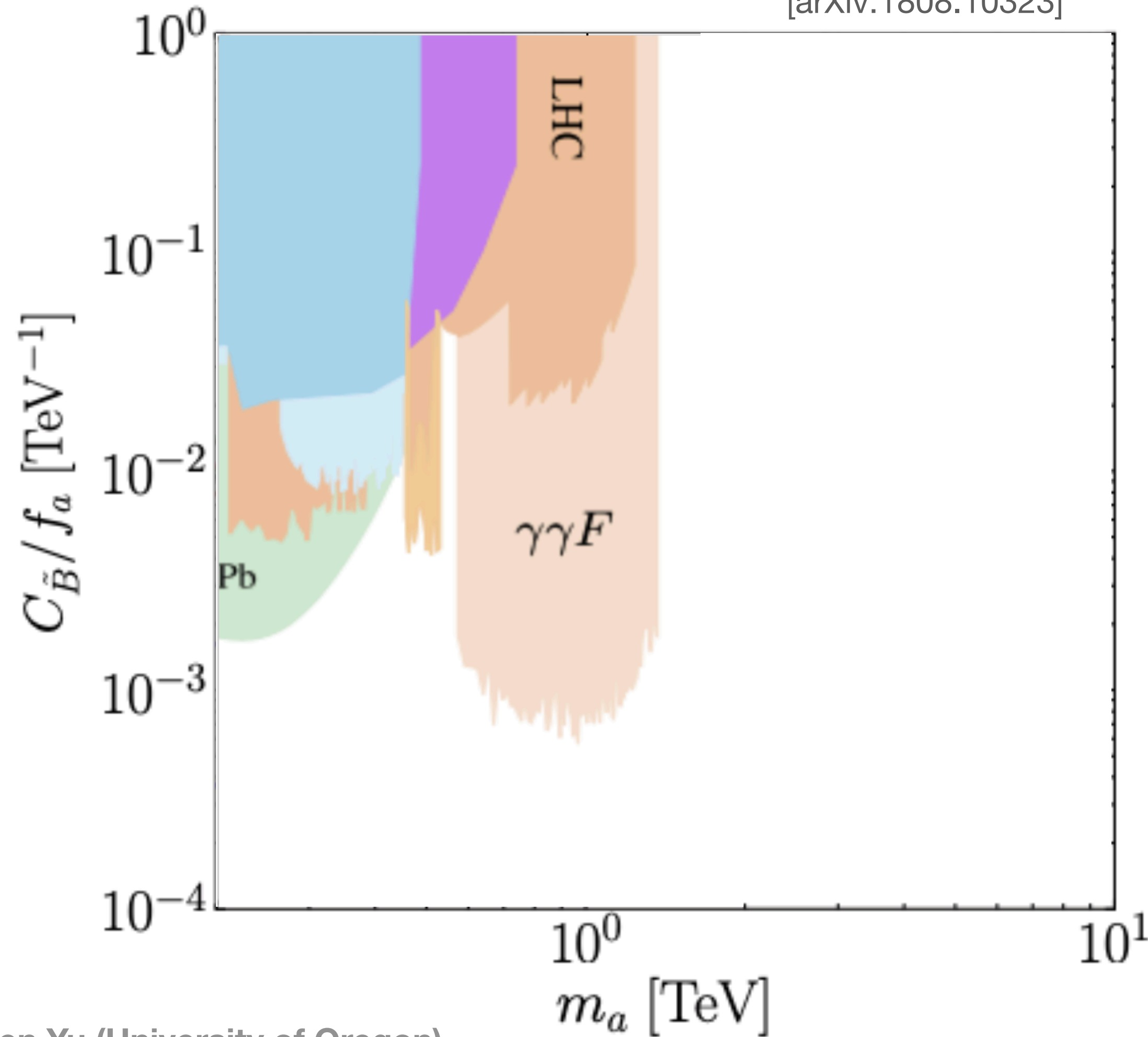
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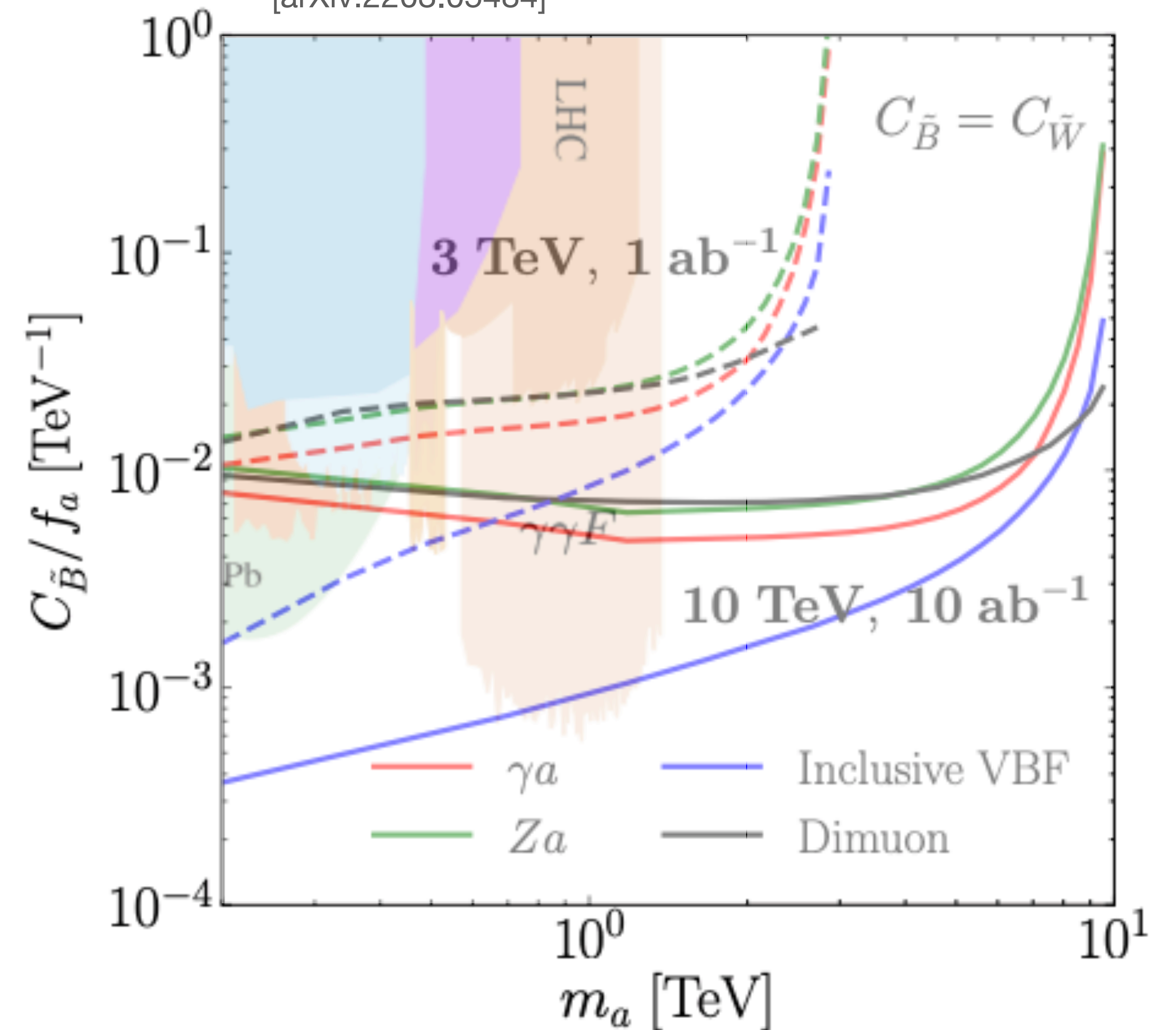
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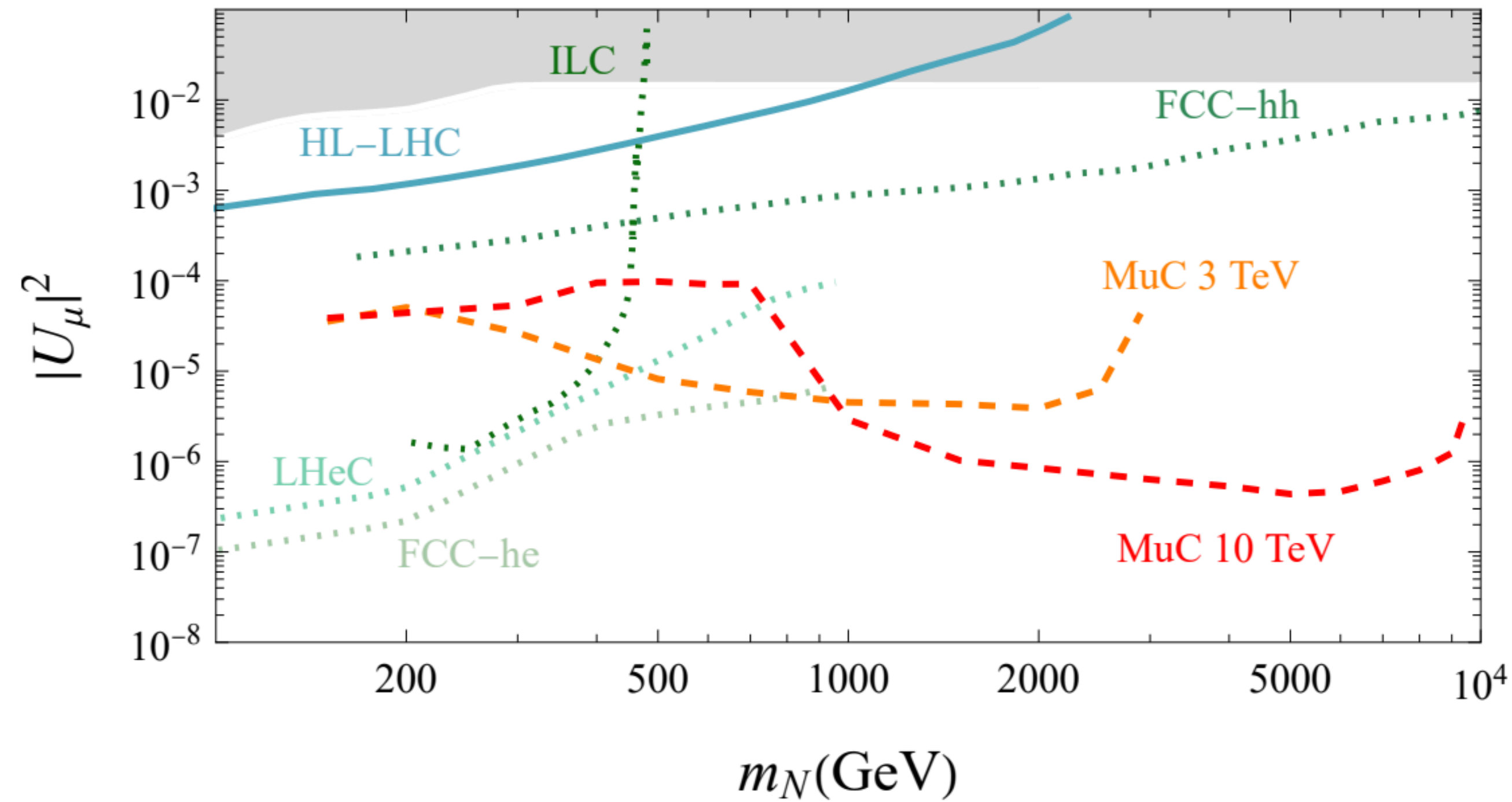
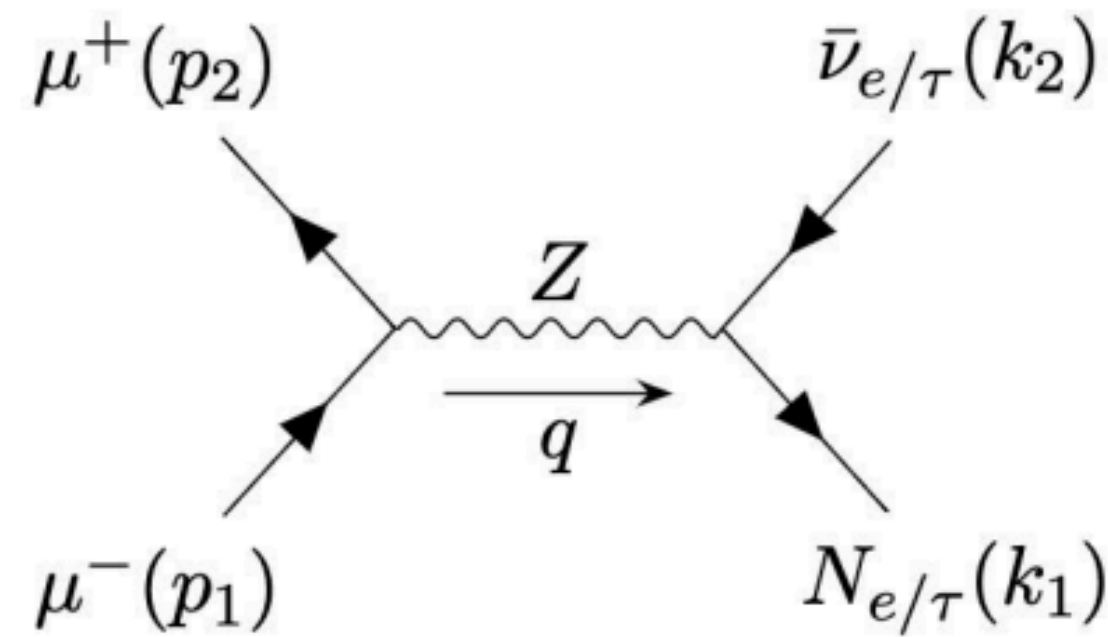
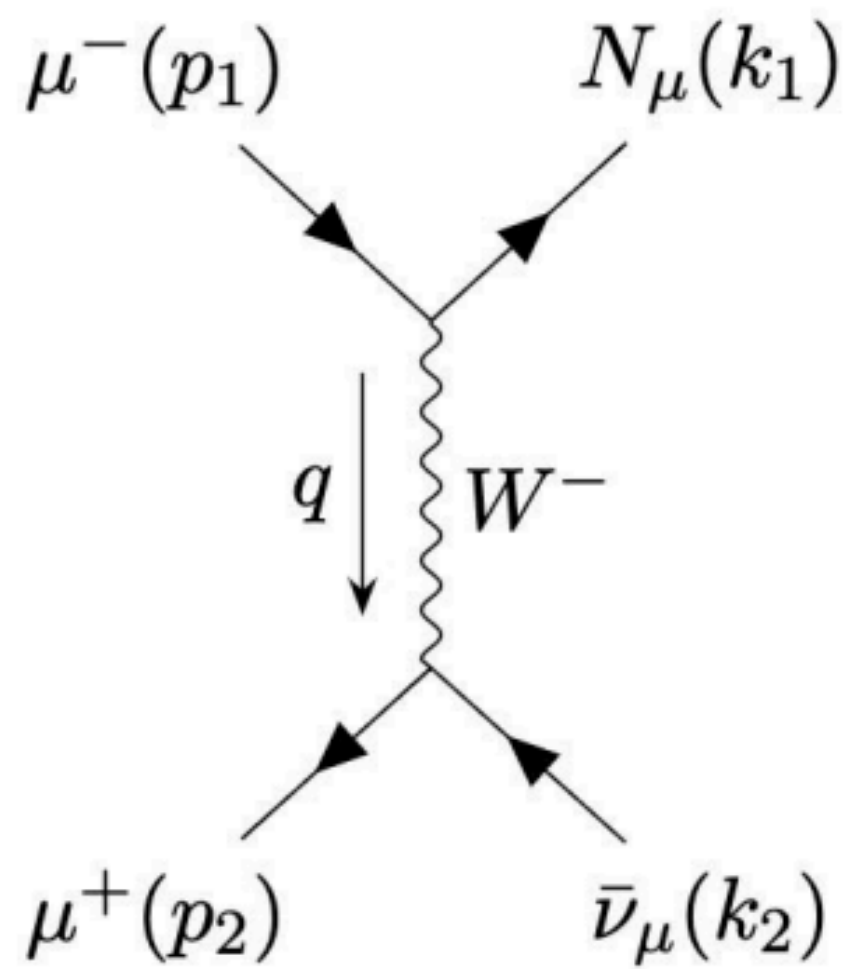
+ T. Han, T. Li, X. Wang
 [arXiv:2203.05484]

see also Y. Bao, J. Fan, L. Li
 [arxiv:2203.04328]



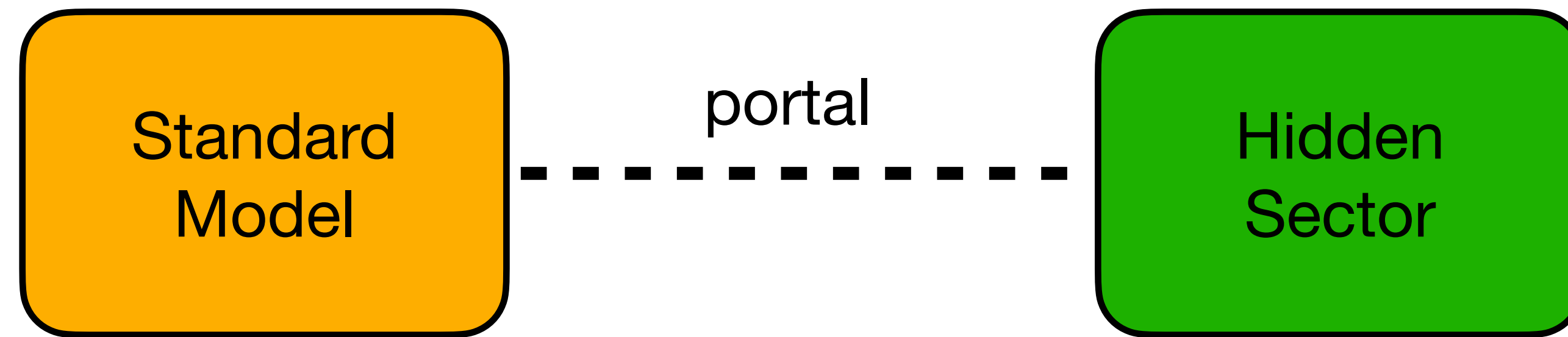
Neutrino Portal

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu \supset -\lambda_\nu \bar{L} \tilde{H} N + h.c.$$



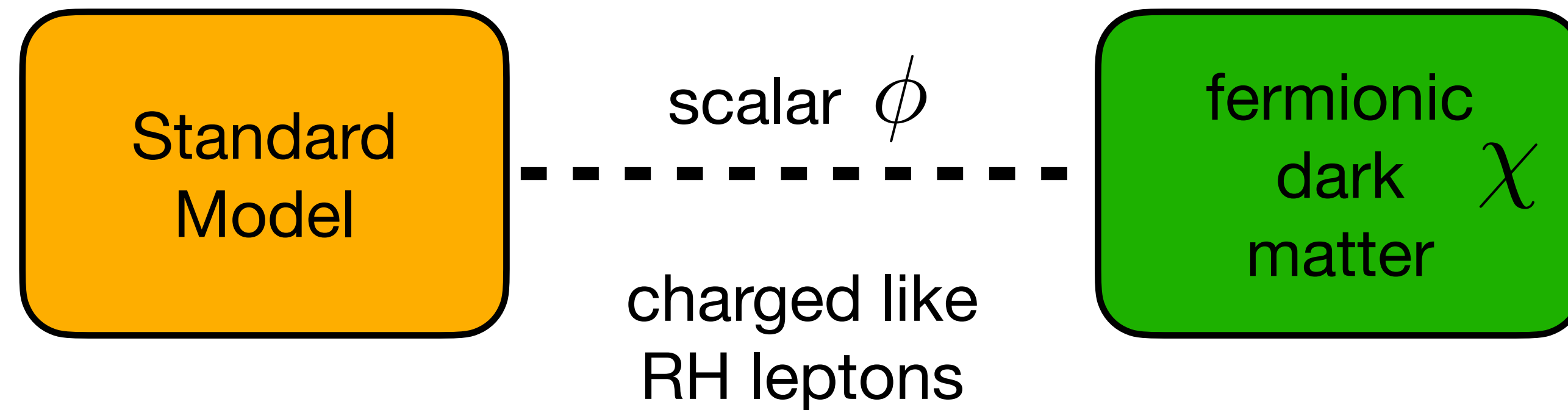
P. Li, Z. Liu, K-F. Lyu
[arXiv:2301.07117]

Case study: flavored dark matter



Other Hidden Sector Models

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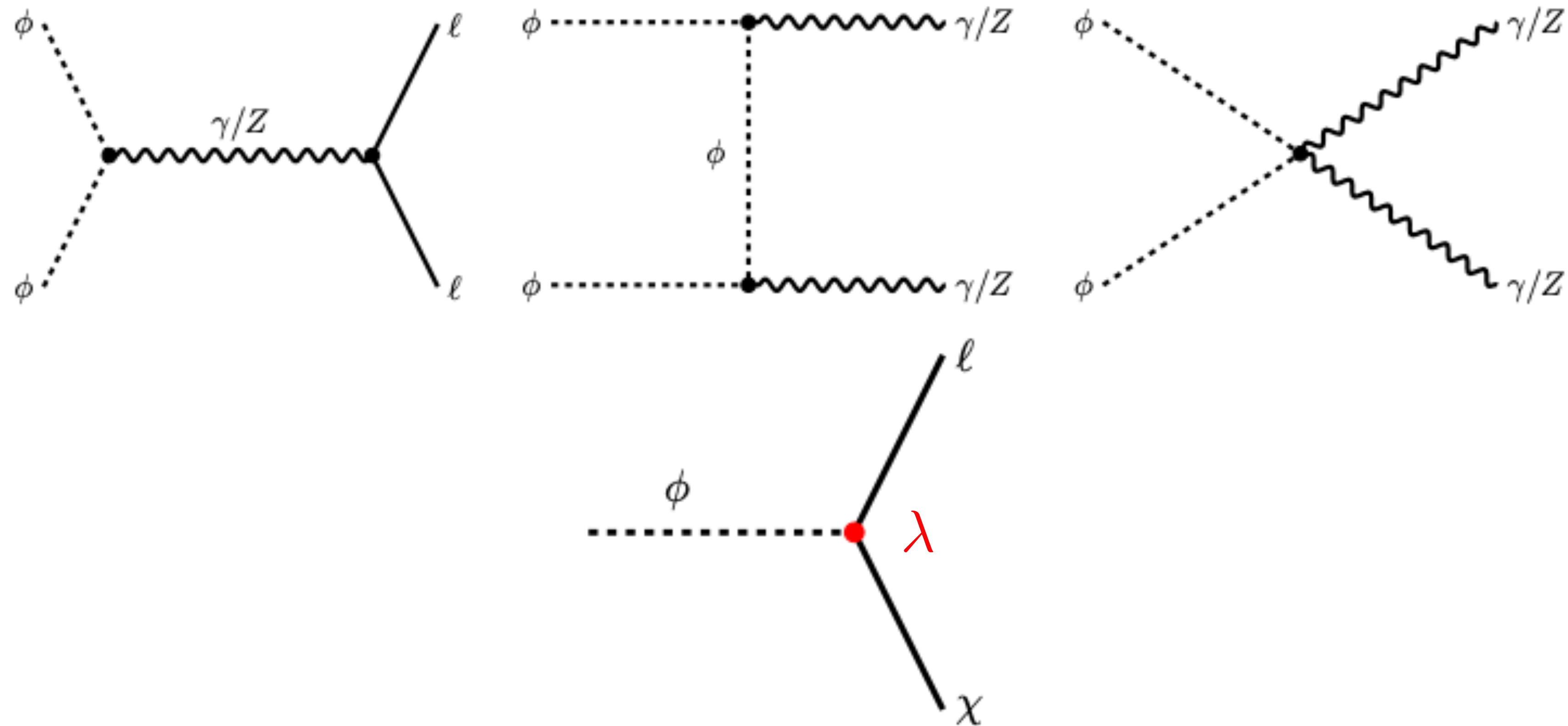


$$\mathcal{L} \supset -m_\chi \bar{\chi}_\alpha \chi^\alpha - m_\phi^2 |\phi|^2 - \lambda_{i,\alpha} \phi \bar{e}_i \bar{\chi}_\alpha$$

\downarrow
flavor indices

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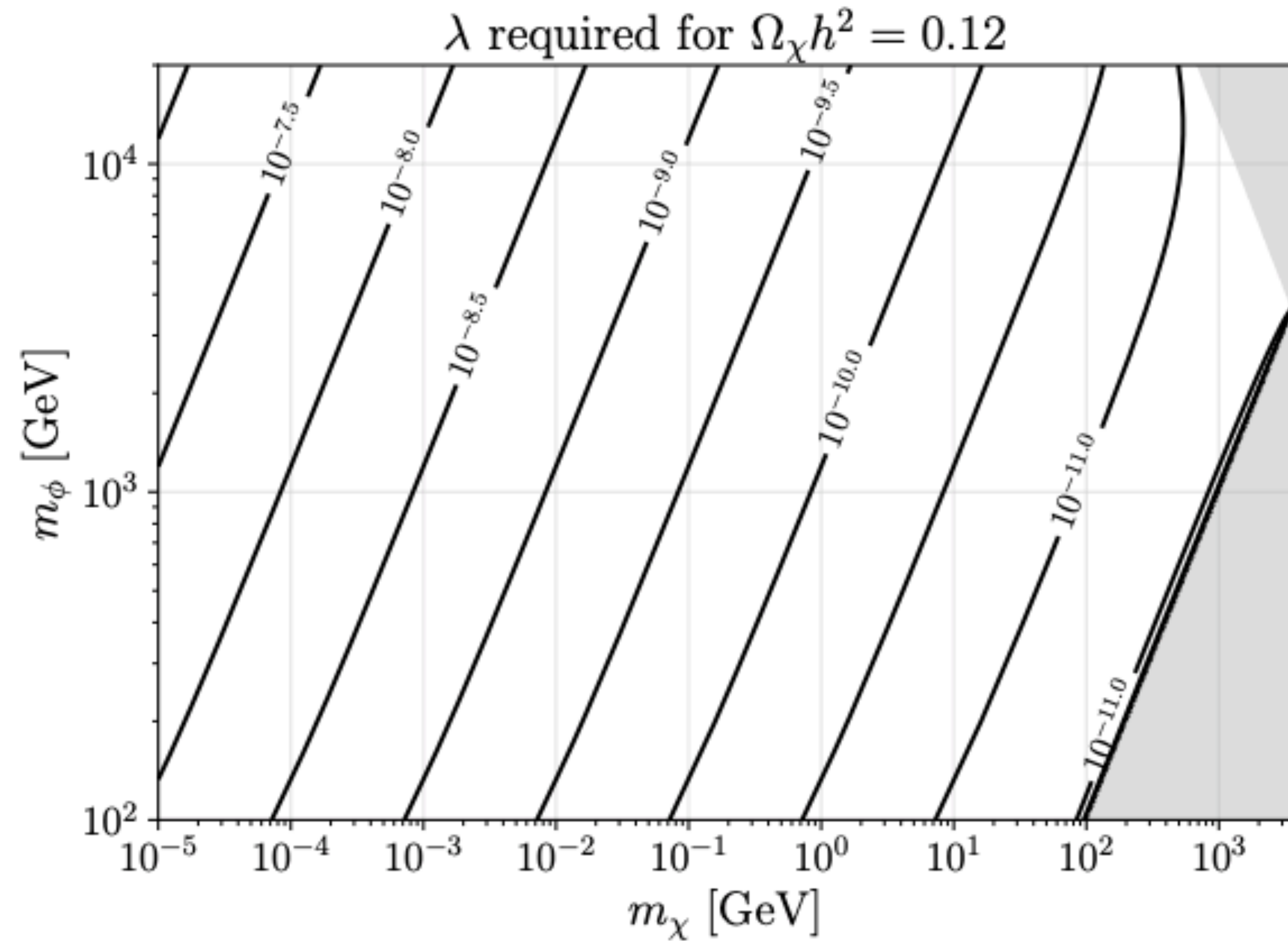
relic abundance



correct relic abundance fixes coupling

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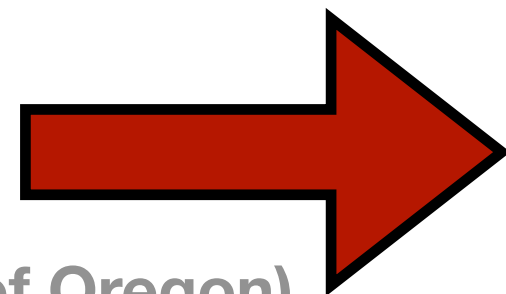


DM must populate
relic abundance

DM parameter space
is fully bounded!

DM must be stable

small λ

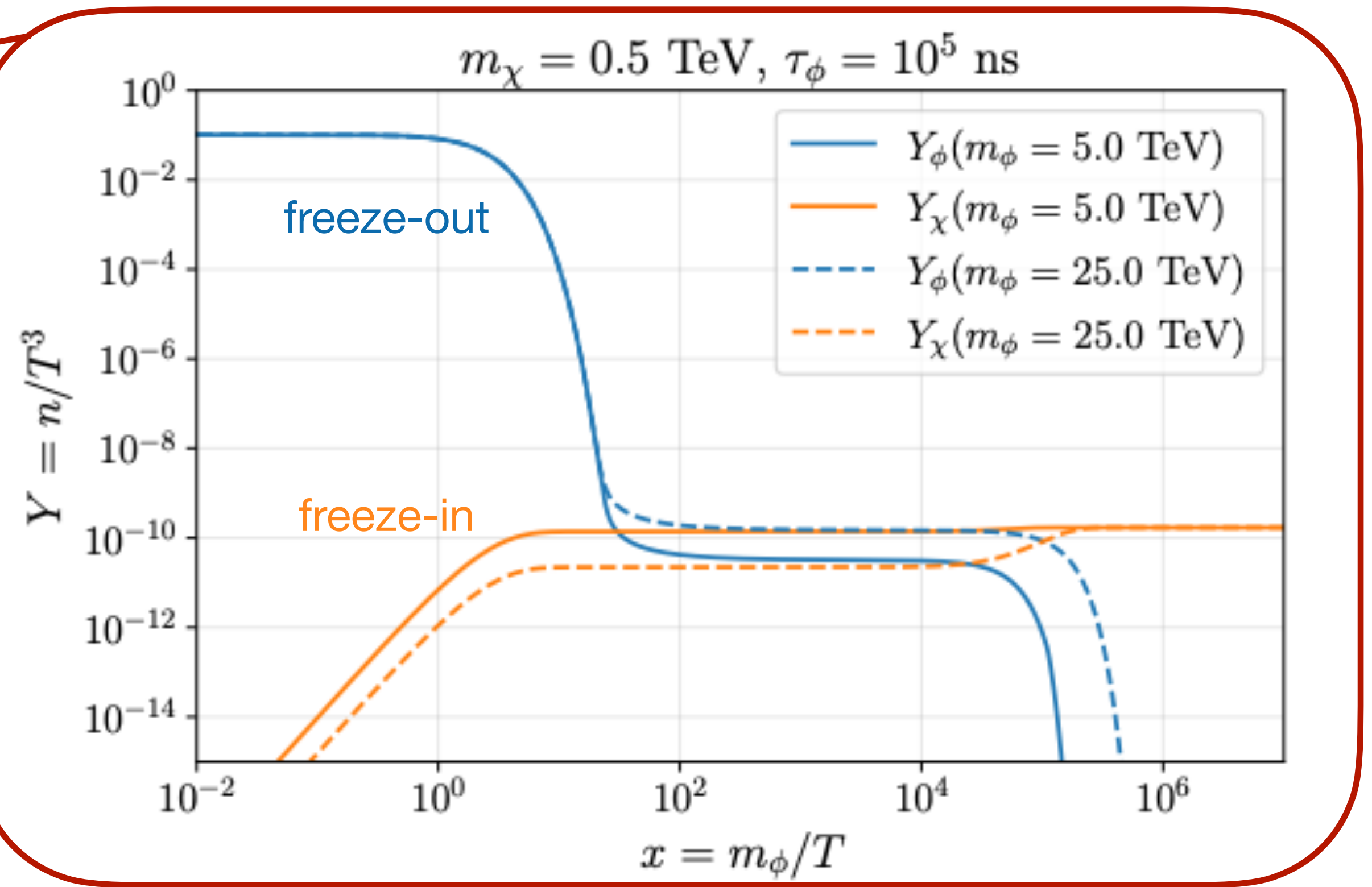
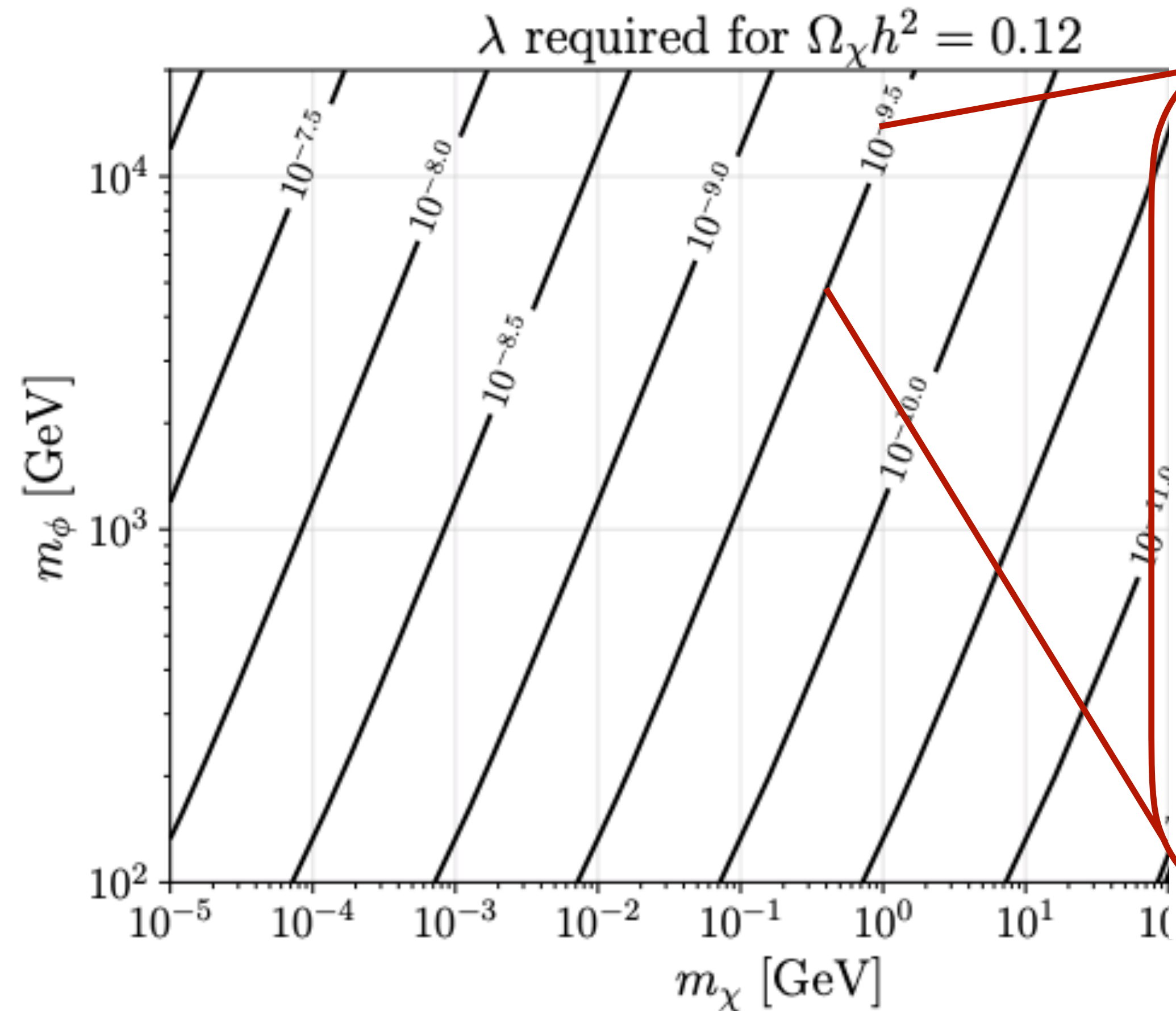


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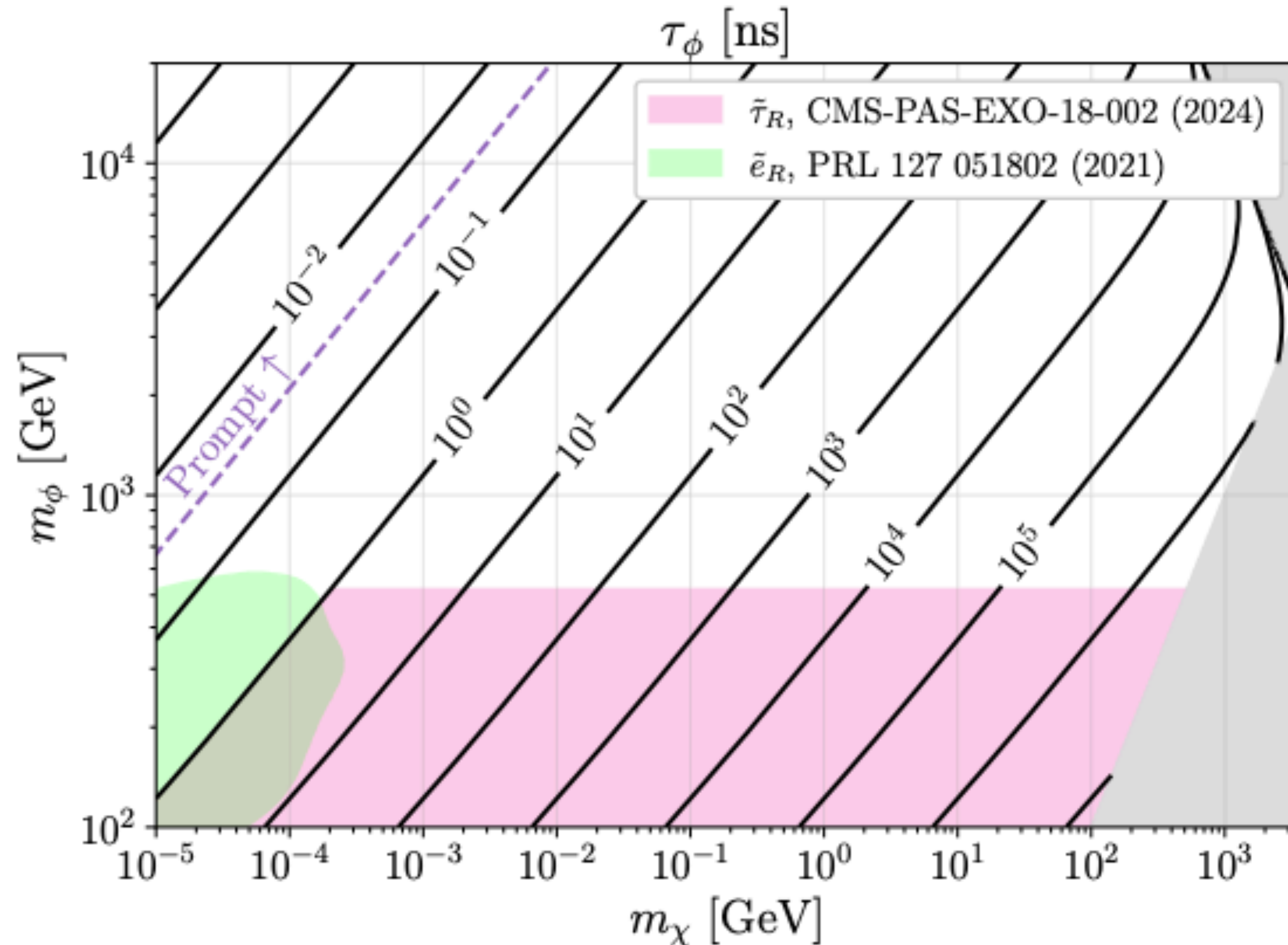
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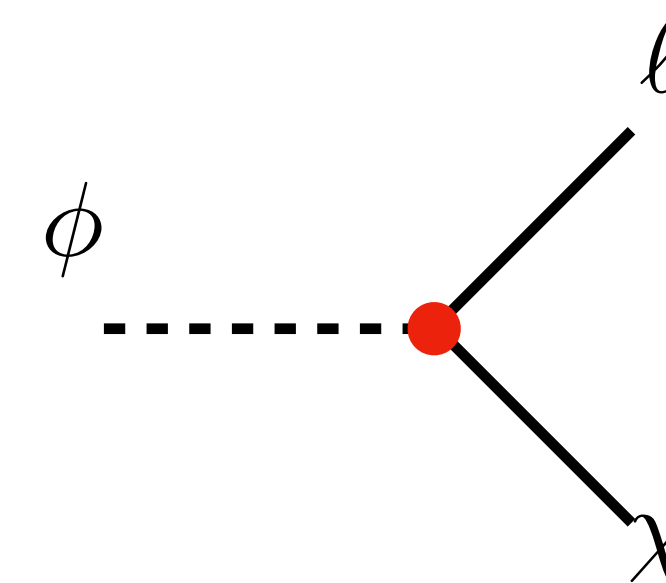
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scalar lifetime



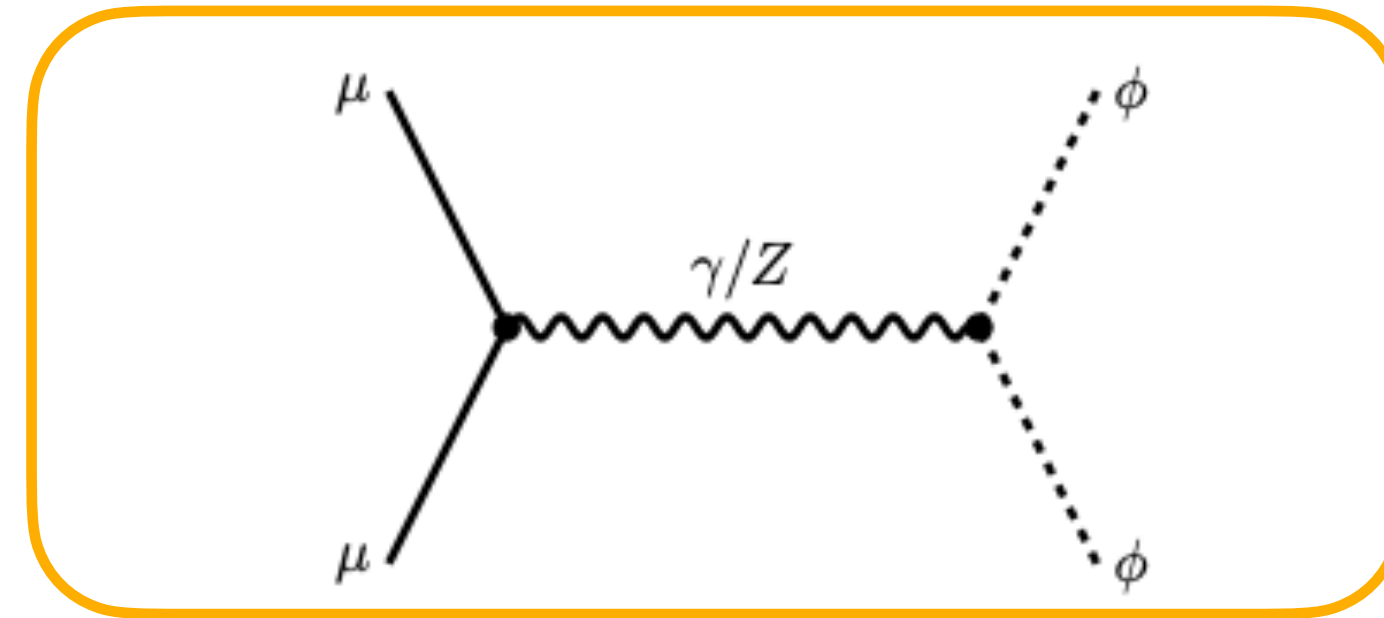
for much of the parameter space, the scalar mediator is long-lived!



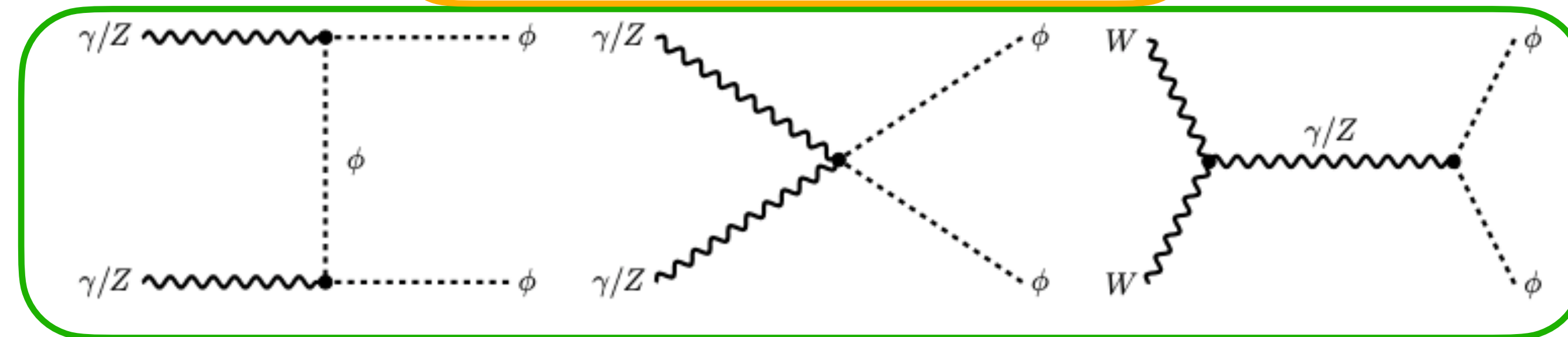
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production channels at muon collider

Drell-Yan

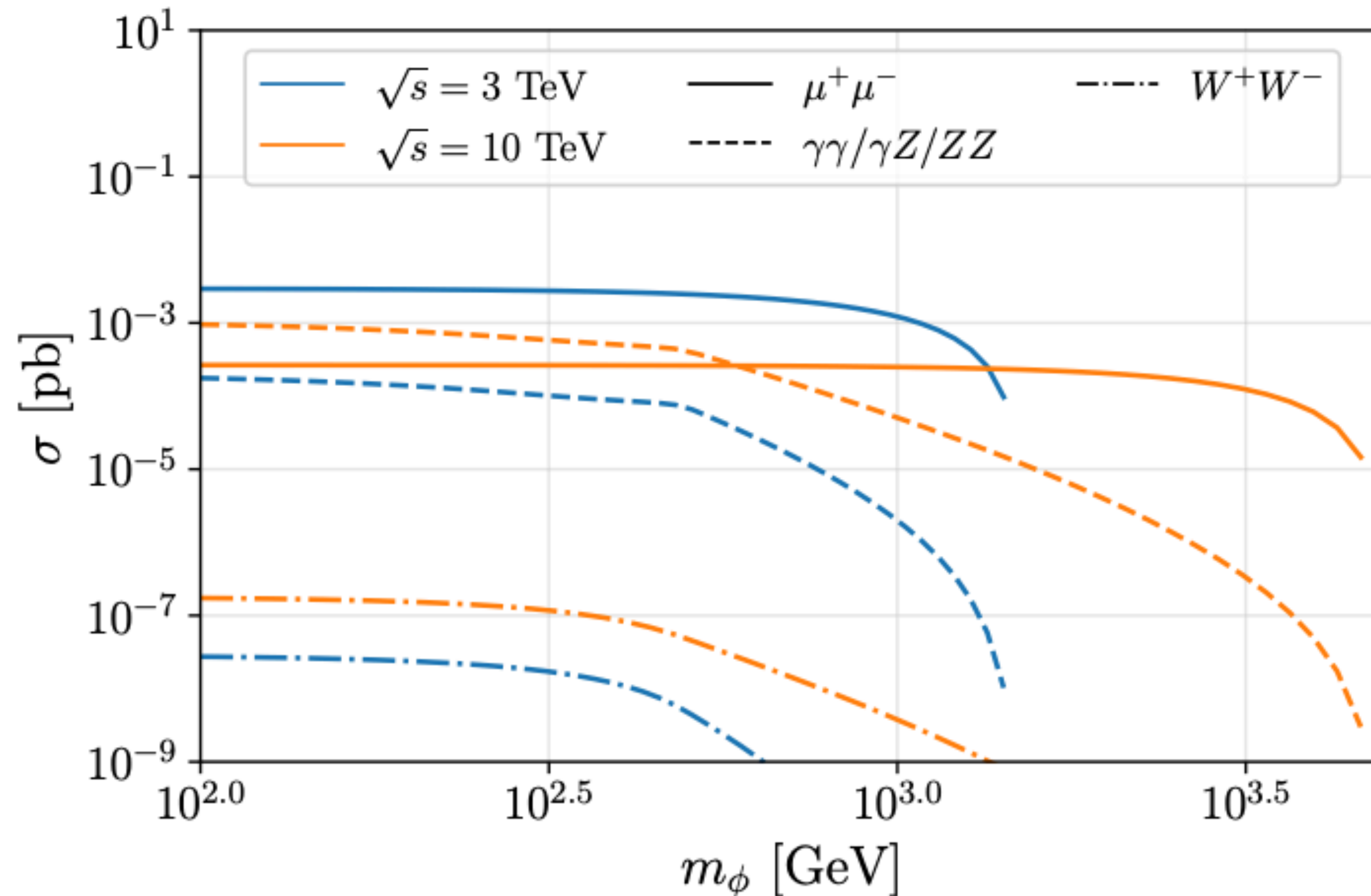


VBF



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collider signatures



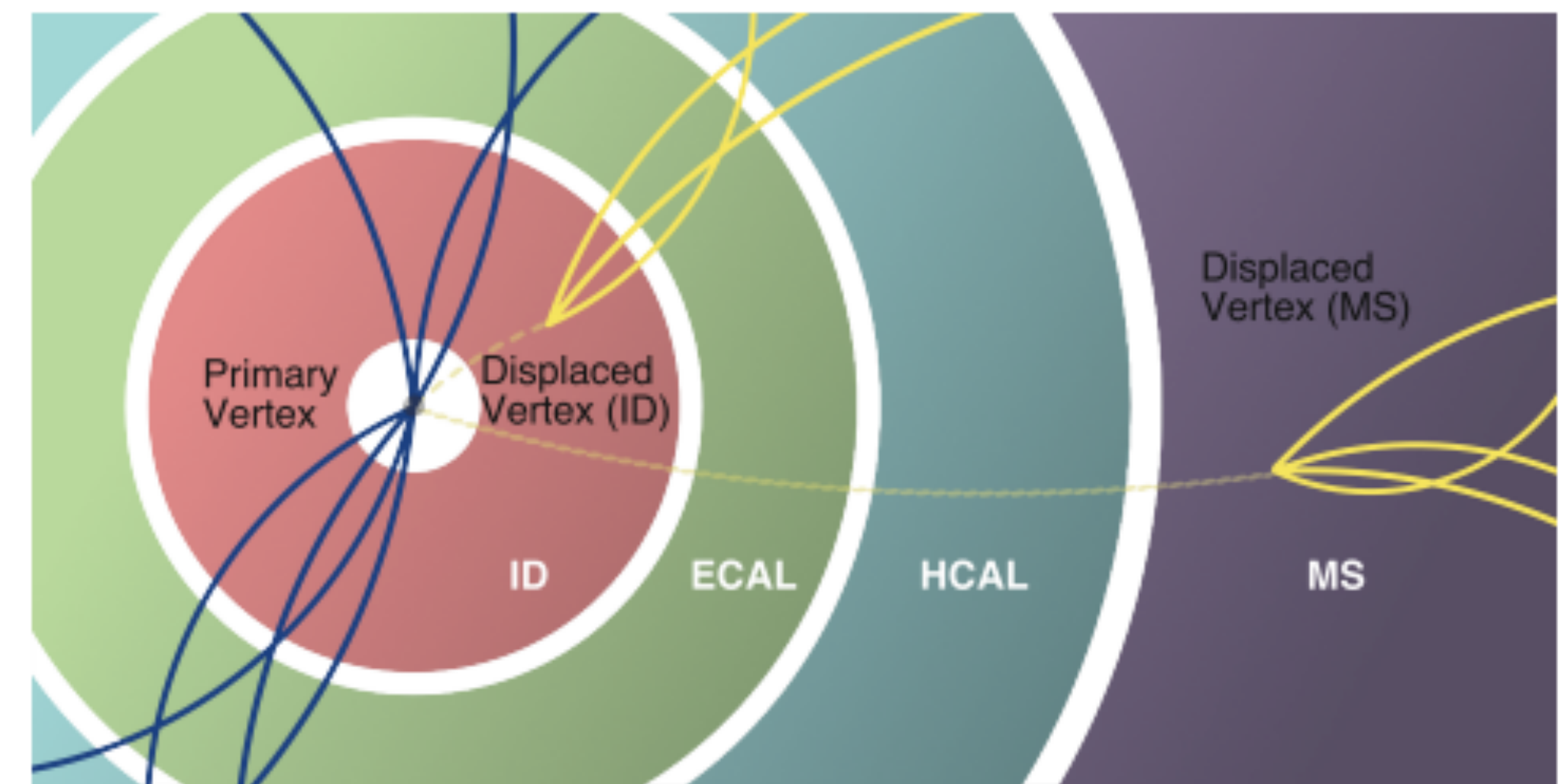
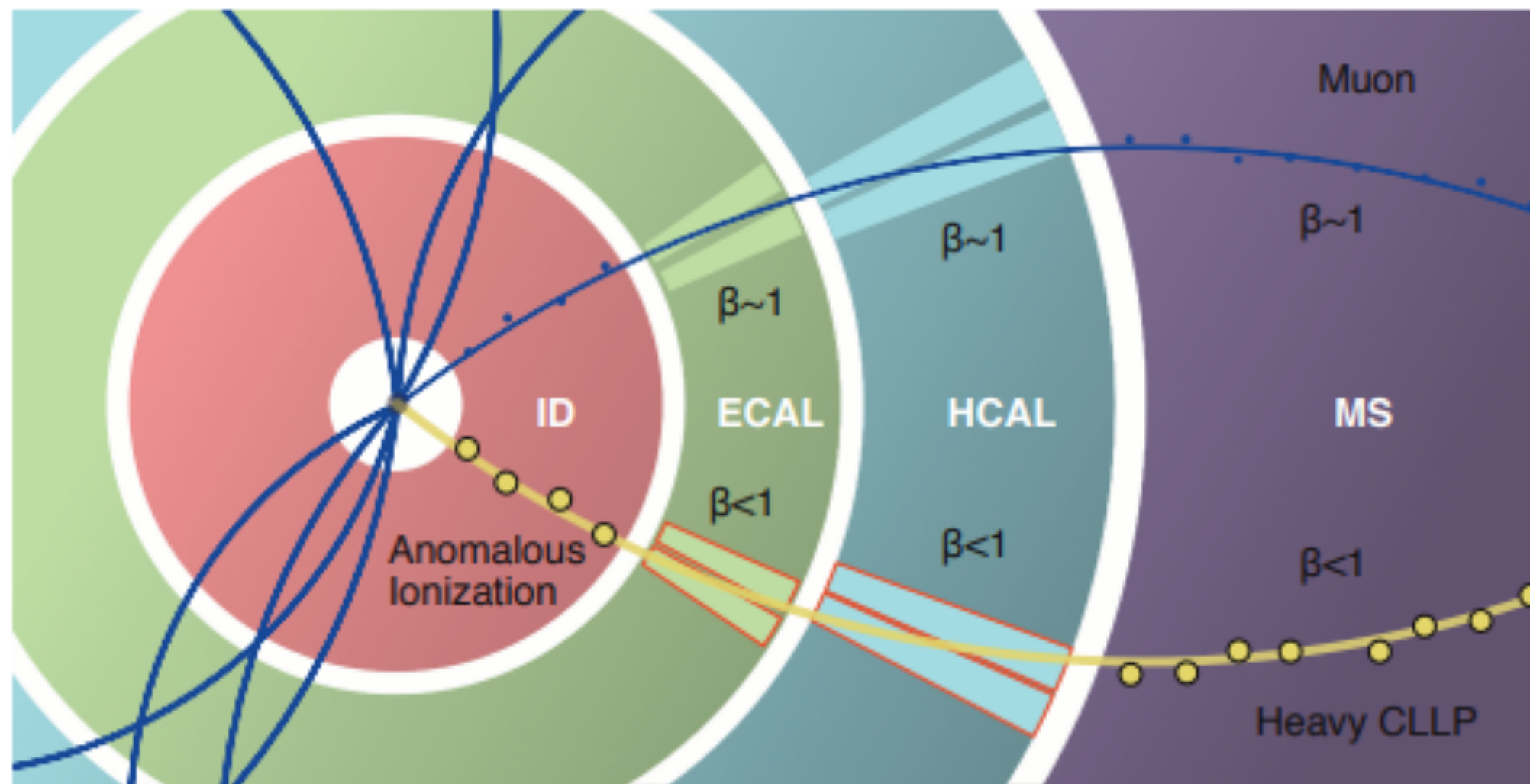
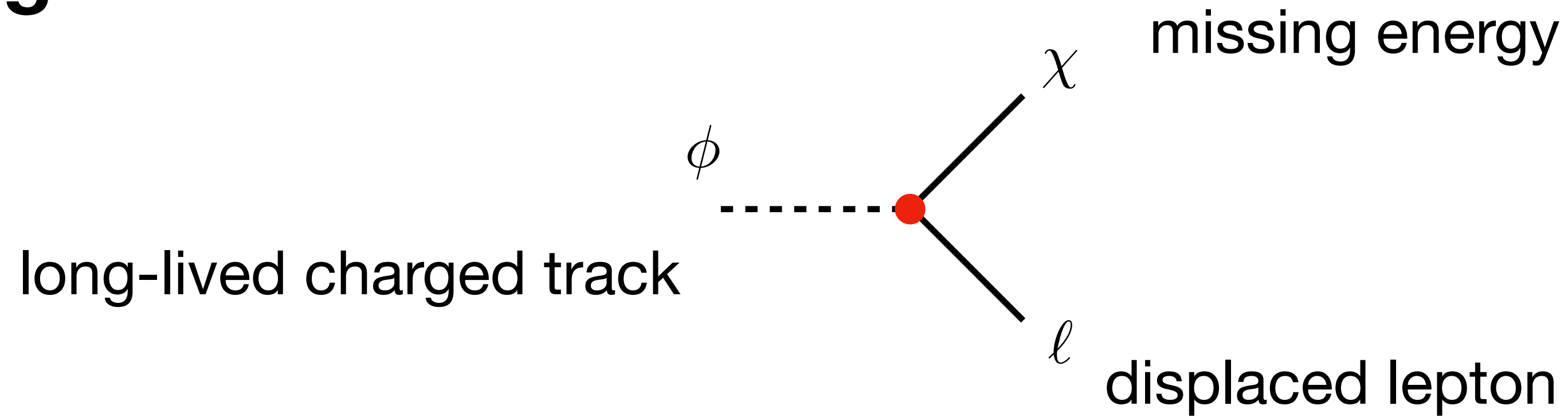
Drell-Yan dominates at higher mediator mass, VBF at lower masses

Combination can lead to interesting LLP signatures

use to help inform detector design

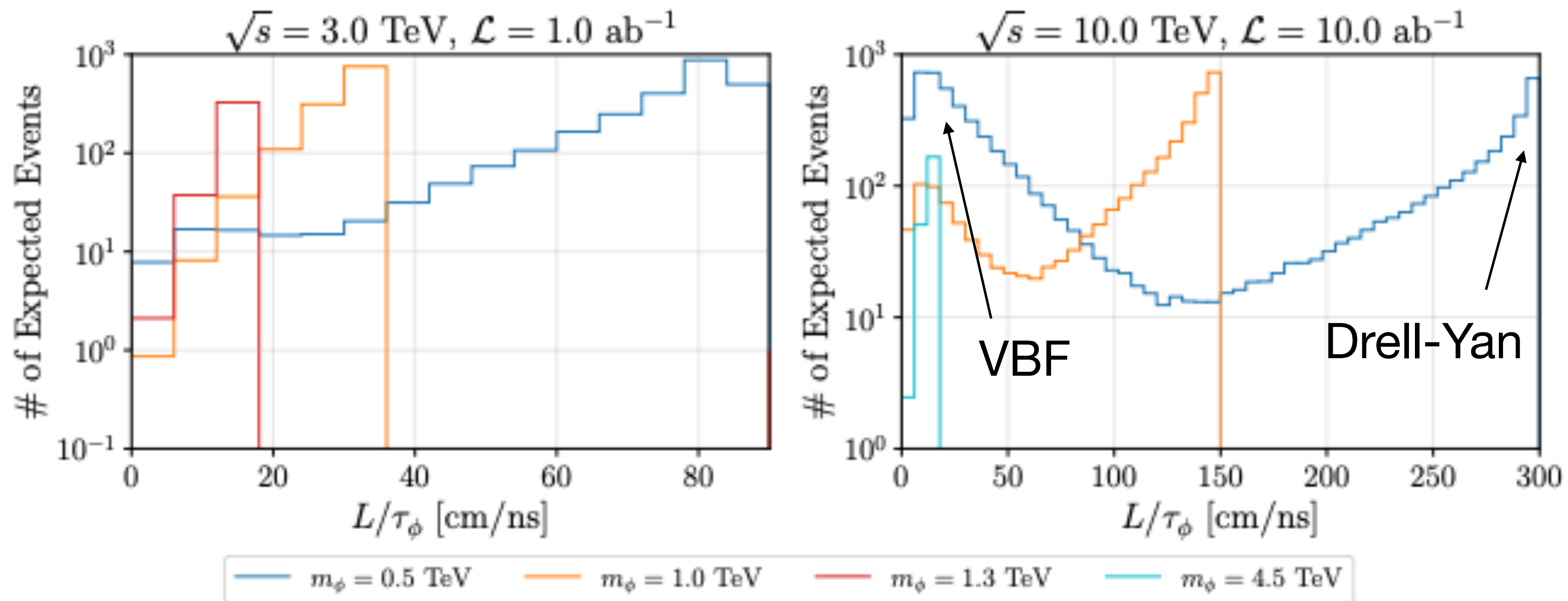
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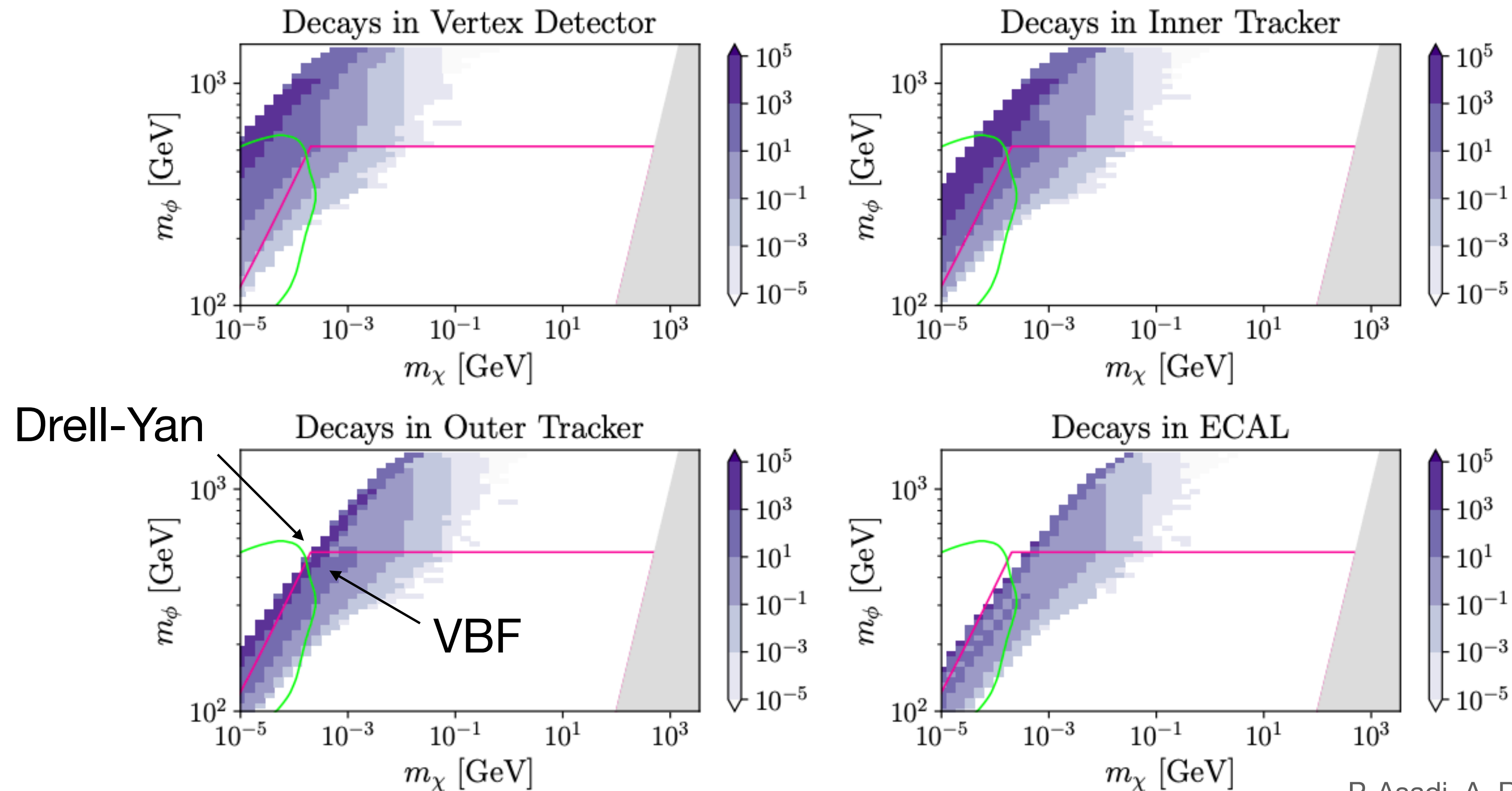


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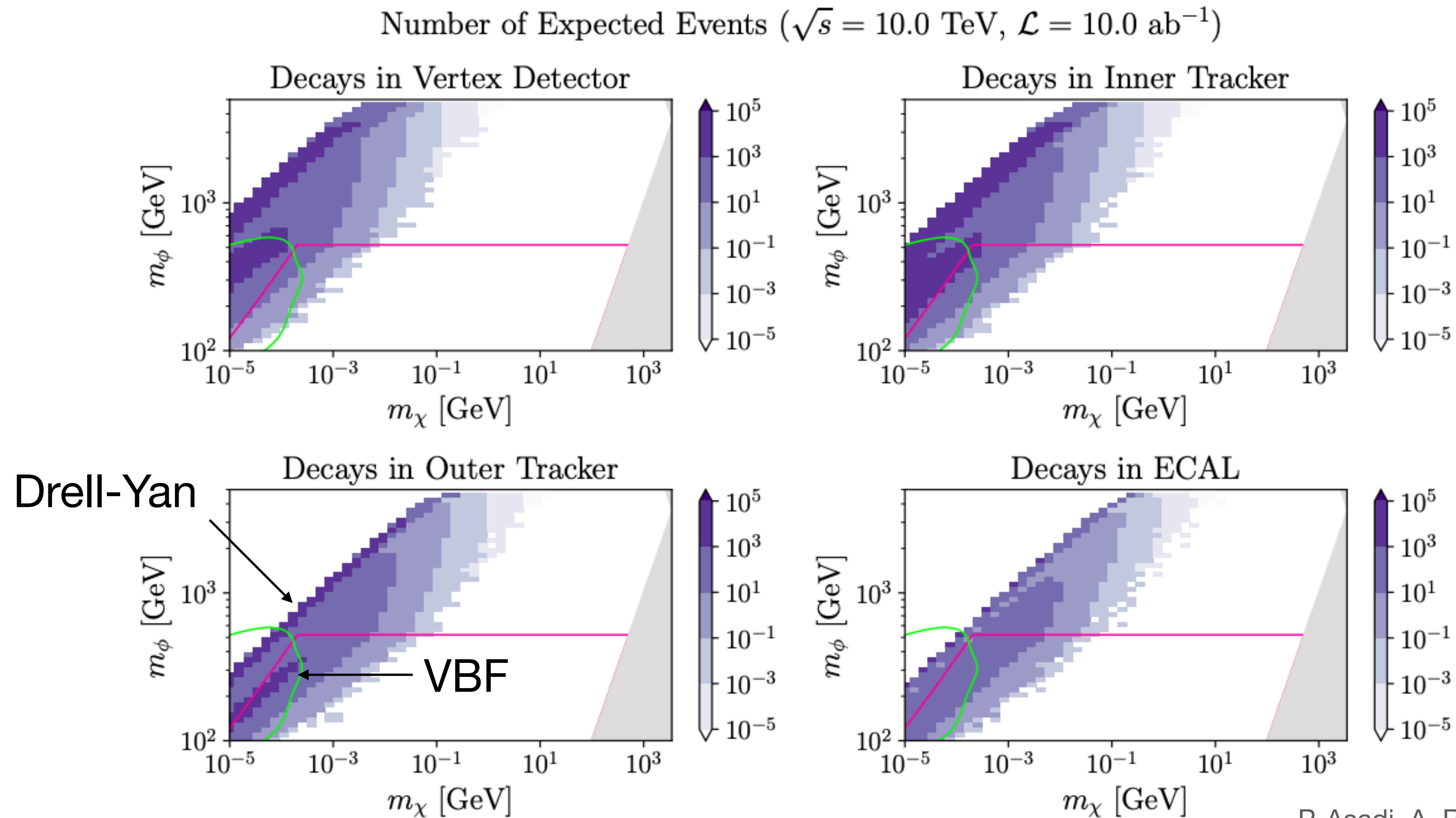
Number of Expected Events ($\sqrt{s} = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$, $\mathcal{L} = 1.0 \text{ ab}^{-1}$)



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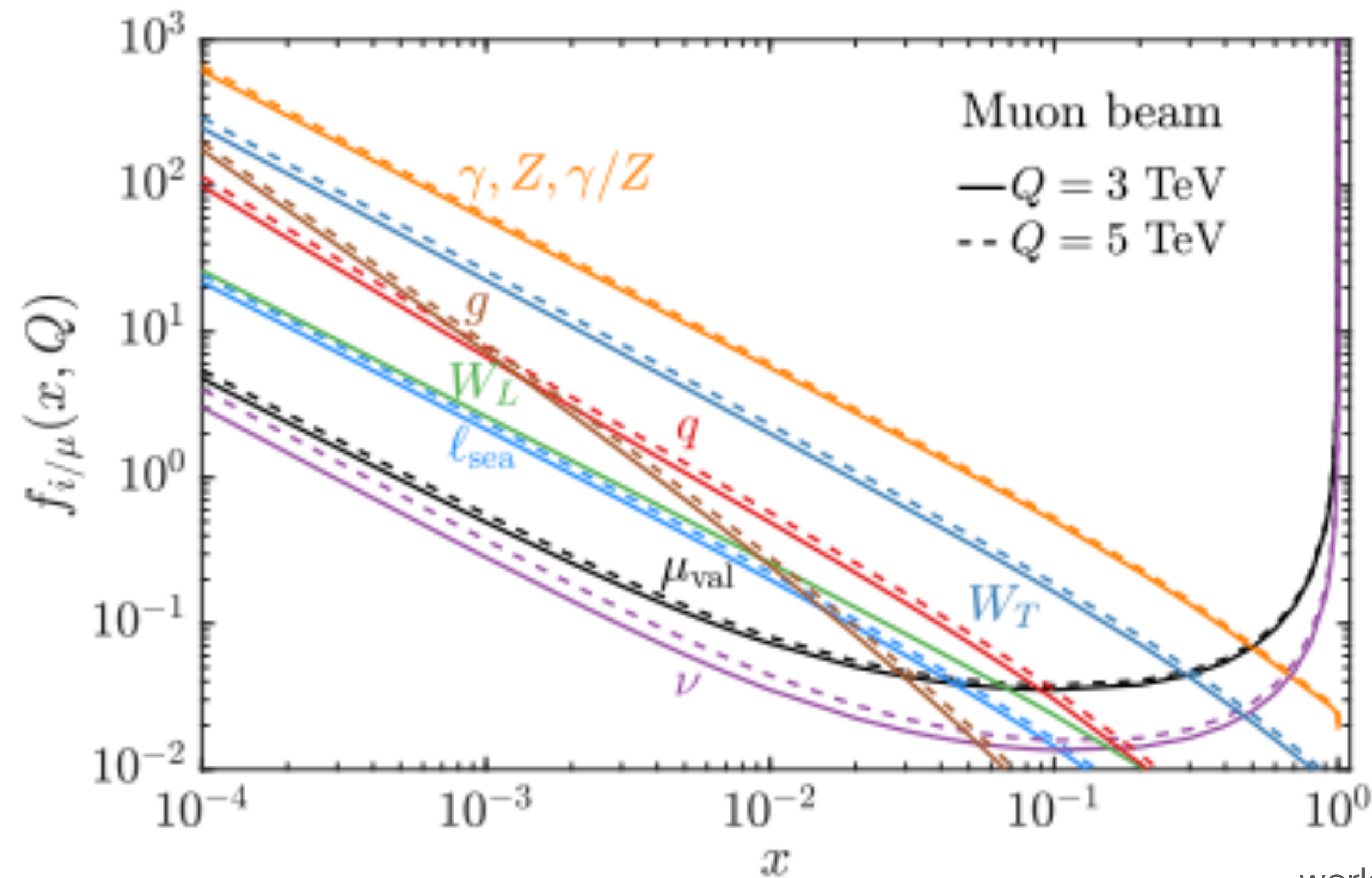
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T. Han, Y. Ma, K. Xie, [arXiv:2103.09844]

see also LePDF: F. Garosi, D. Marzocca, S. Trifinopoulos [arXiv:2303.16964]



work in progress with P. Asadi, S. Homiller, A. Radick

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 - staging can be used as muon beam dump, e.g.

C. Cesarotti, S. Homiller, R. Mishra, M. Reece [arXiv:2202.12302]
expanded upon in C. Cesarotti, R. Gambhir [arXiv:2310.16610]

