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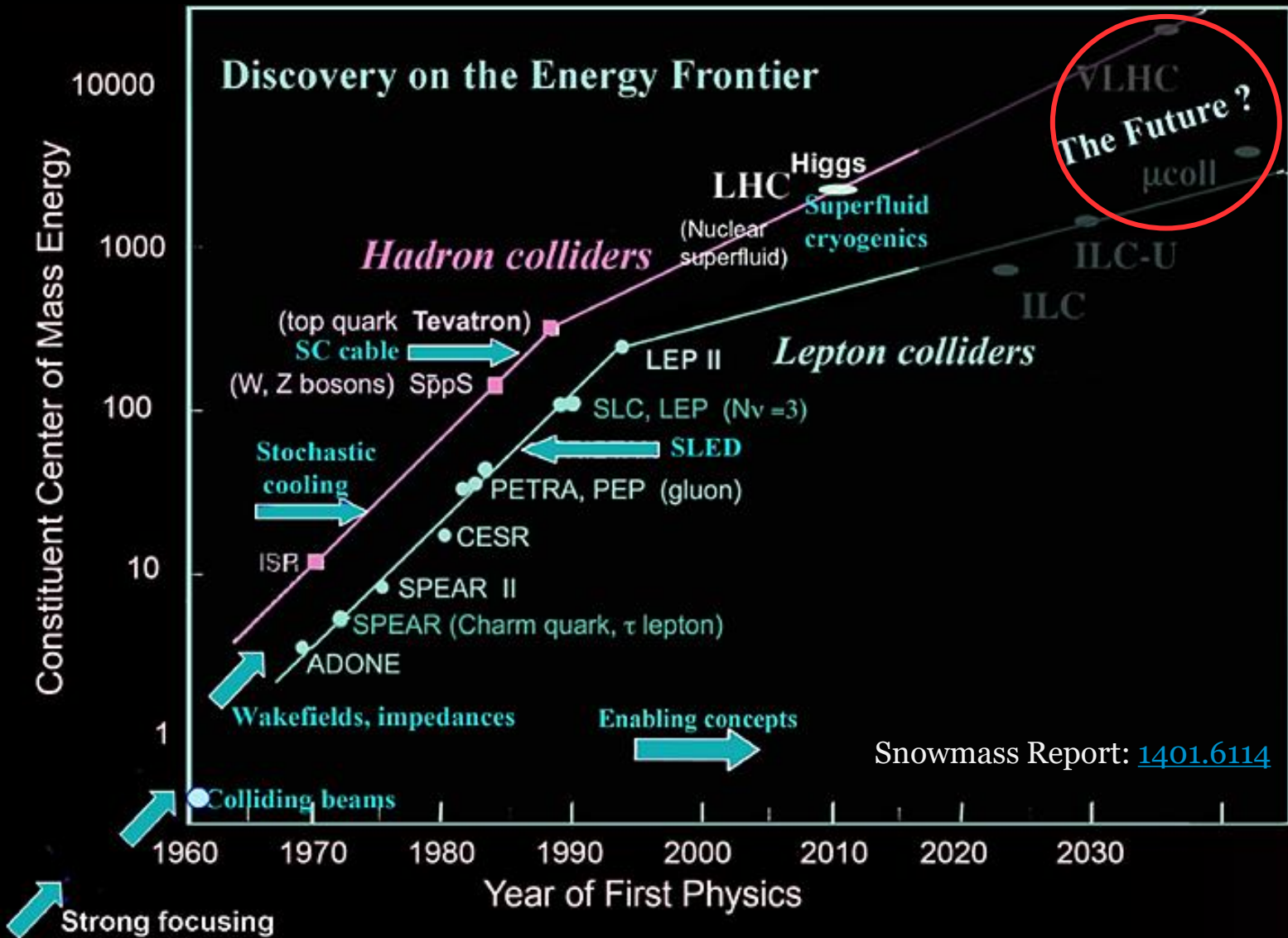
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# High Energy Muon Collider Physics and Simulation

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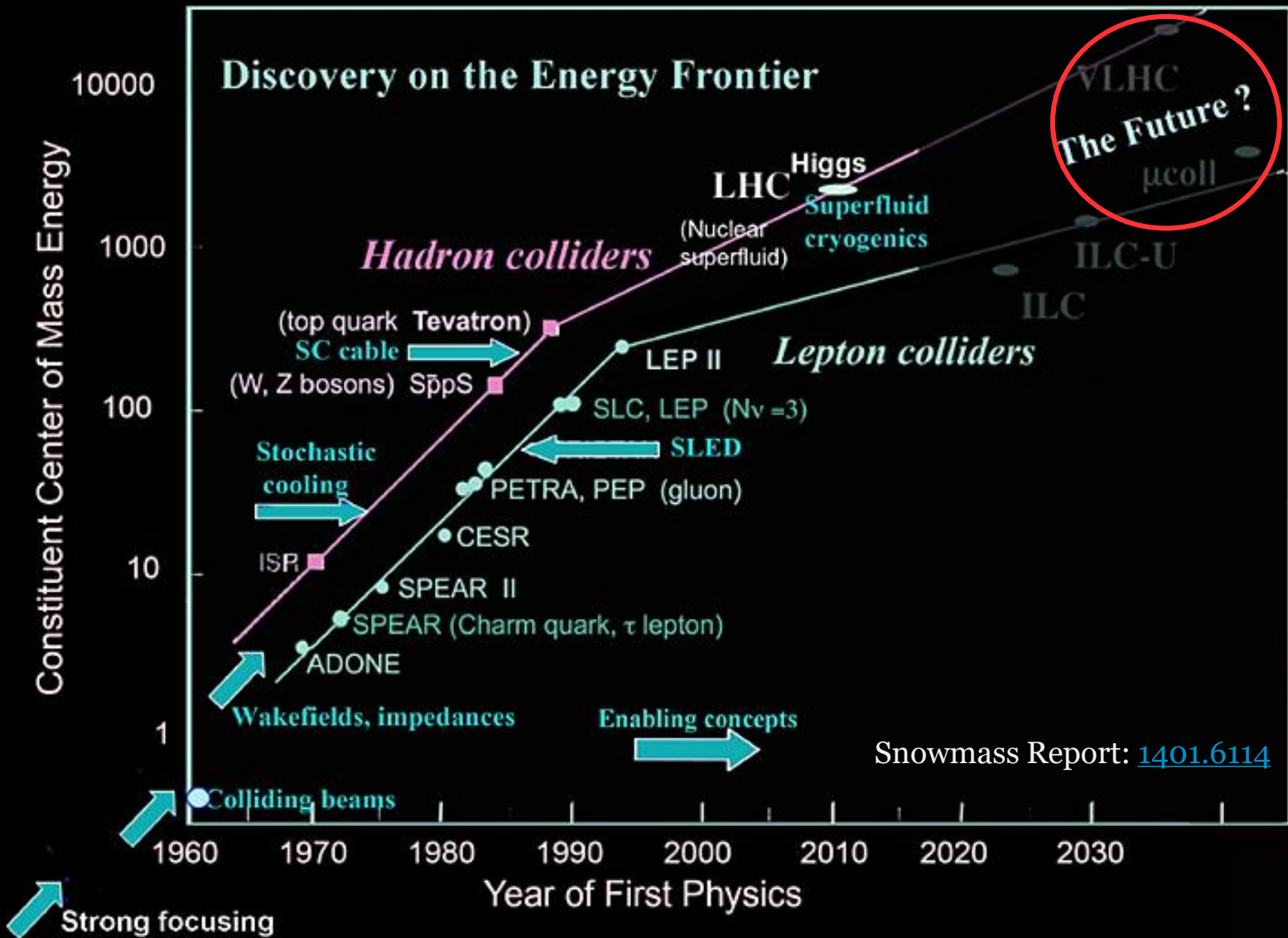
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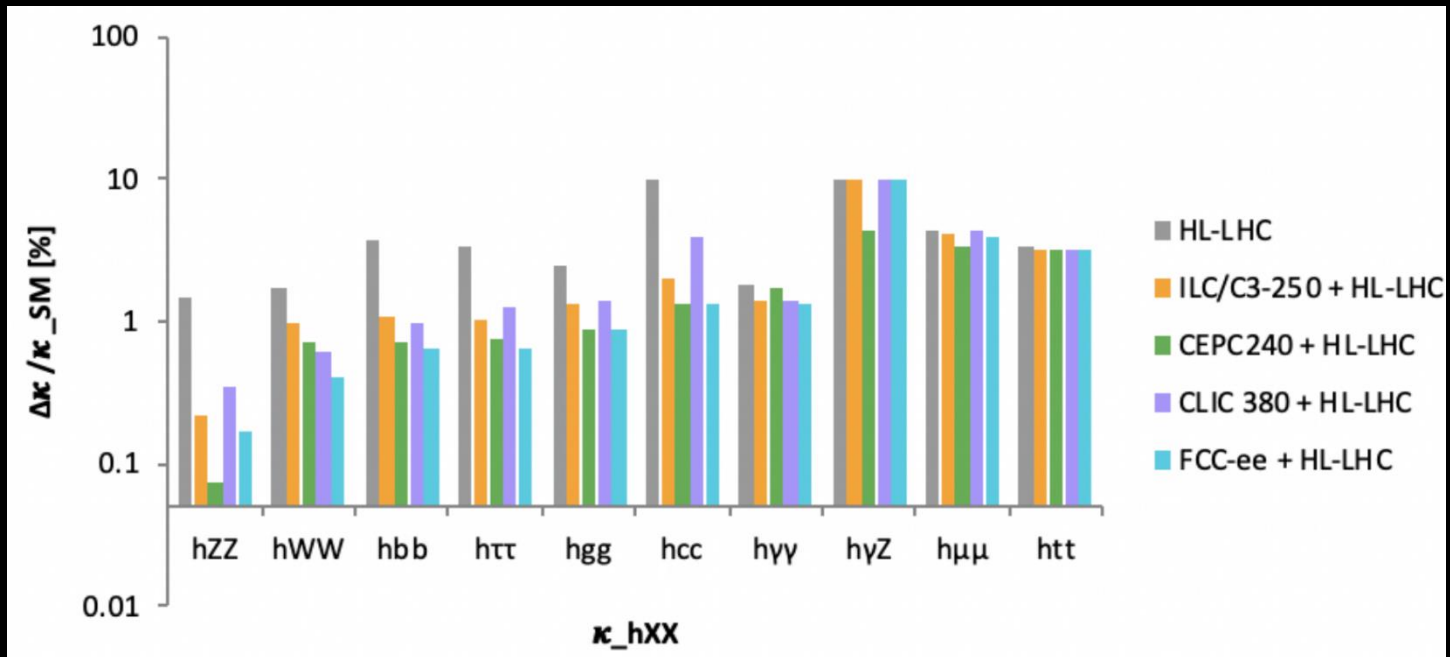
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People's perspectives change over time, now:

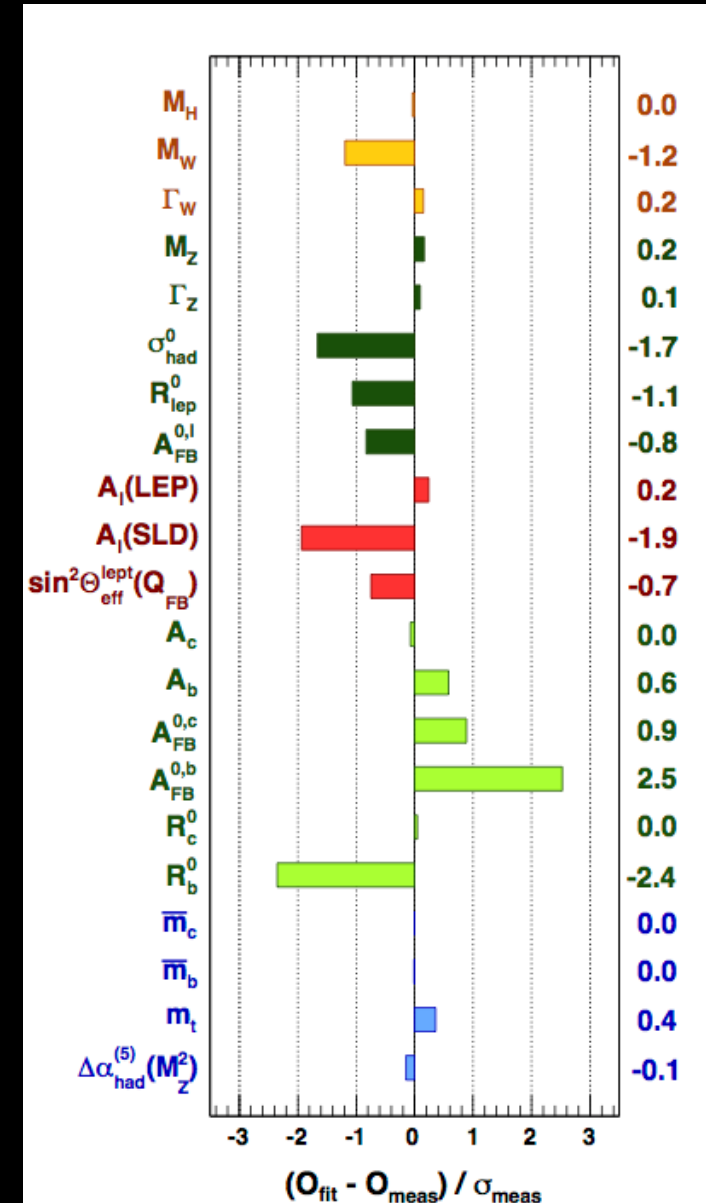
- there are excitement/call for future high energy muon collider from theory, accelerator and experimental community.
- Interesting aspects of physics to be examined.

# The power of cleanness

- LEP still is a headache/treasure of theorists
- 1-4M Higgs Higgs factory v.s. 0.5B Higgs HL-LHC



Dawson et al, [2209.07510](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.07510)





# Outline

The organizers assigned two tasks for this talk:

- Intro to basic simulation resources for Pheno studies;
  - This is not a tutorial; each simulation tool has their own well-established tutorials.
  - I give the big picture about tools so you can begin somewhere.
- Discuss subtleties that one could encounter in their pheno studies.
  - I focus on those from the theory side
  - For details of (advanced, beyond described here) detector simulation see

Parallels: Experimental Hands on Simulation Tutorial (includes pizza lunch)

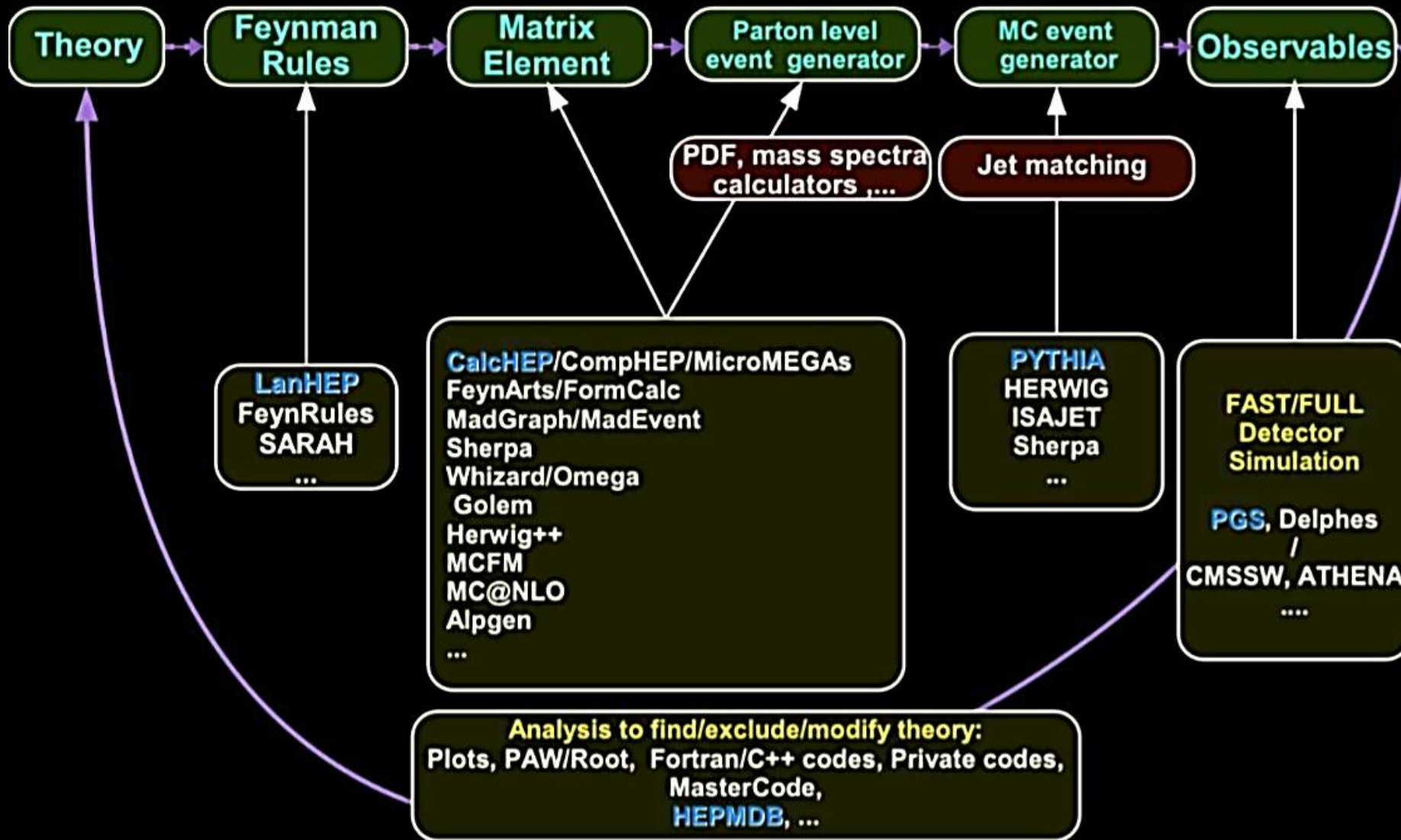
 IARC Auditorium

Conveners: Alexander Tuna (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Simone Pagan Griso (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)

# Logic Flow

- What are (the rates of) my signals?
- What are (the rates of) my backgrounds?
- The above intervenes as the major signal rate could have big background and hence subleading in the search sensitivity, e.g.,
  - Higgs discovered in diphoton and  $4l$  at the LHC, which is  $O(500)$  rarer and lower signal rate than the major Higgs to  $2b$ .

# Phenomenological Studies



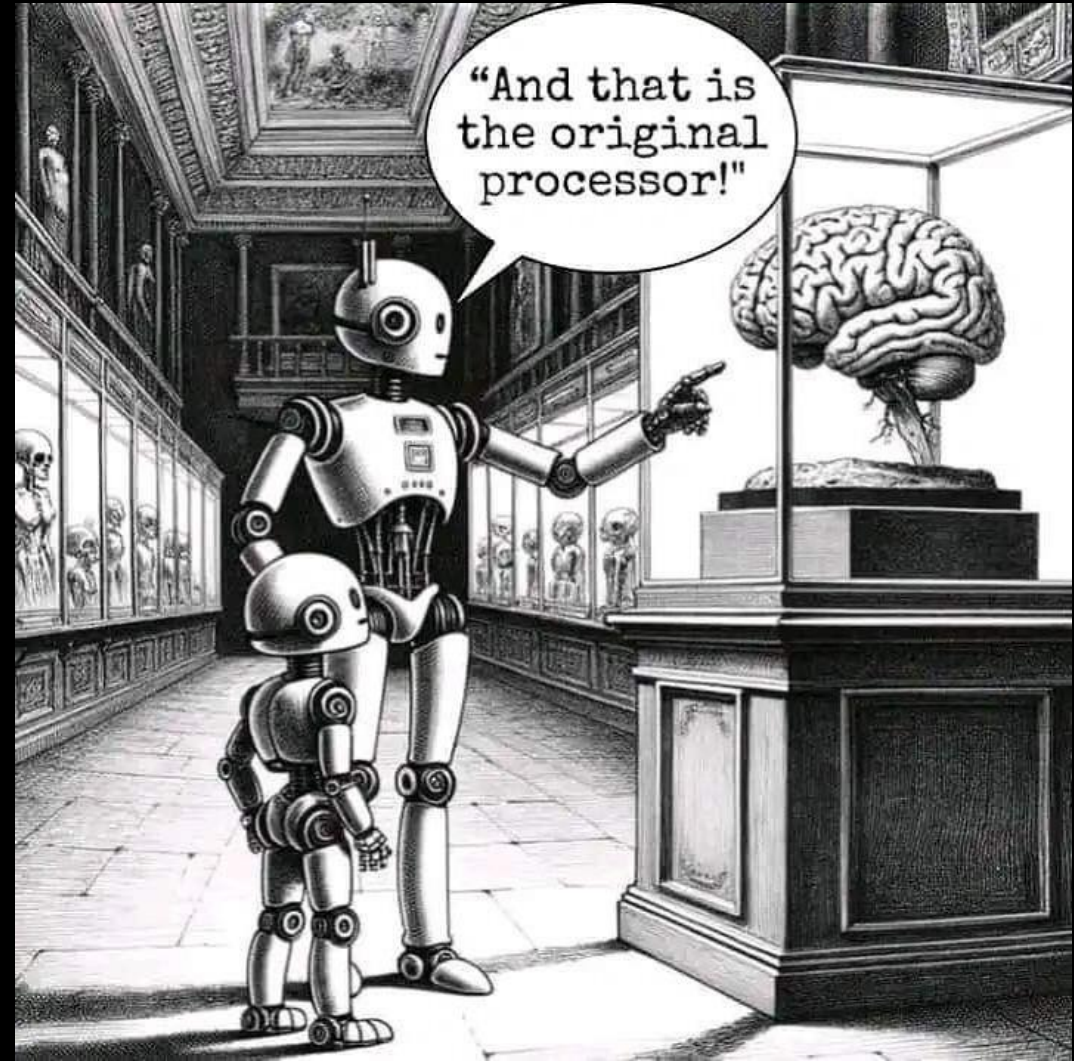
Physics First  
(before trusting  
simulations due to  
complex nature of  
pheno).

Maybe then I just hit and enter and run? Machine will tell me everything

AGI hasn't arrived yet...

A valid study:

- Do I consider the signals and background correctly?
- Do I have a more accurate estimations for the above?





# Key resources

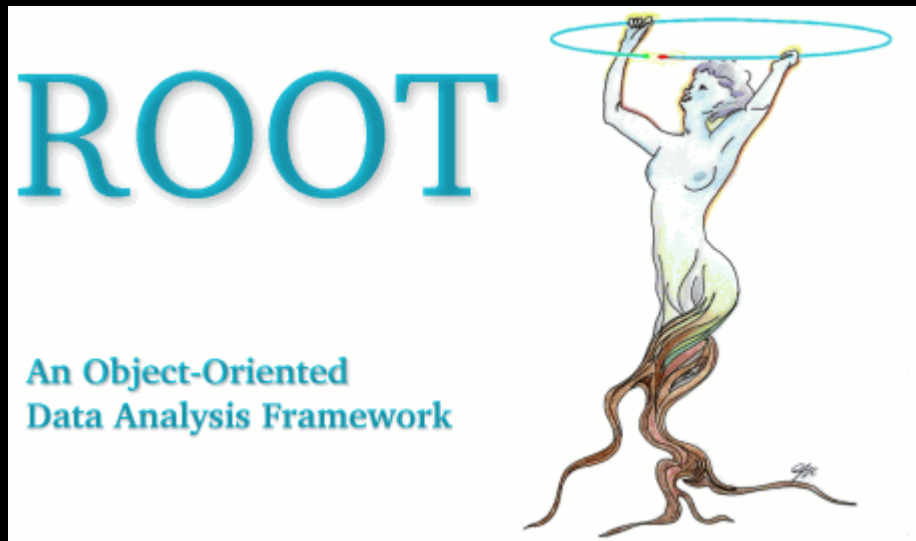
- Madgraph: <https://launchpad.net/mg5amcnlo>
- Whizard: <https://whizard.hepforge.org/>

## Important downflow tools

- Pythia: <https://www.pythia.org/>
- Delphes: <https://cp3.irmp.ucl.ac.be/projects/delphes>



# Analysis



Or many homebrew version of analysis codes.

There are sample codes on the internet dealing with LHE files with python, c++, mathematica, etc.

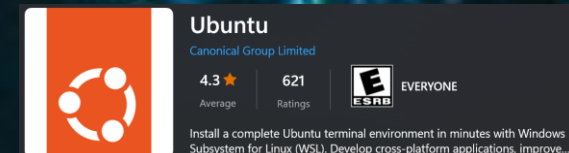
For quick analysis, MadAnalysis is handy;

For more complex ones, in particular those also used by the experimental teams, ROOT.

# Well, not a tutorial

Typically, people get stuck at step-0 (if no other experienced people helping you directly, or the environment is setup already for you, e.g., using clusters from collaborations)

- Simulation ← Installation
  - Lots of dependencies (docker? I don't know)
  - Read installation instructions for each software
- Installation ← Terminal (X-term in Mac, Terminal in Linux...)
  - It is likely that you will HAVE TO learn it (theory friends, we have no choice here);
  - For a long time, windows users had to install dual systems or using other software to install subsystems;
  - Now windows has an app: Ubuntu in Microsoft stores;
  - I don't know if windows powershell can be an alternative.
- But once you install them, the basic feature will run very nice and smoothly





# Recommendation

- Pick simple topologies and **gain** knowledge from **analytic controls**.
  - You can generate events yourself using Random functions in Python, Mathematica, C++, etc.
- **Begin** your journey of event generation and analysis with **Madgraph**.
- Use more complex/advanced functions, hybrid different generators, for different **specific** purposes.
- Always try to **cross-check** and understand the physics.
- Often useful to find and **compare** related searches (final states) to gain knowledge (e.g., compare with LHC searches and see their major background composition).



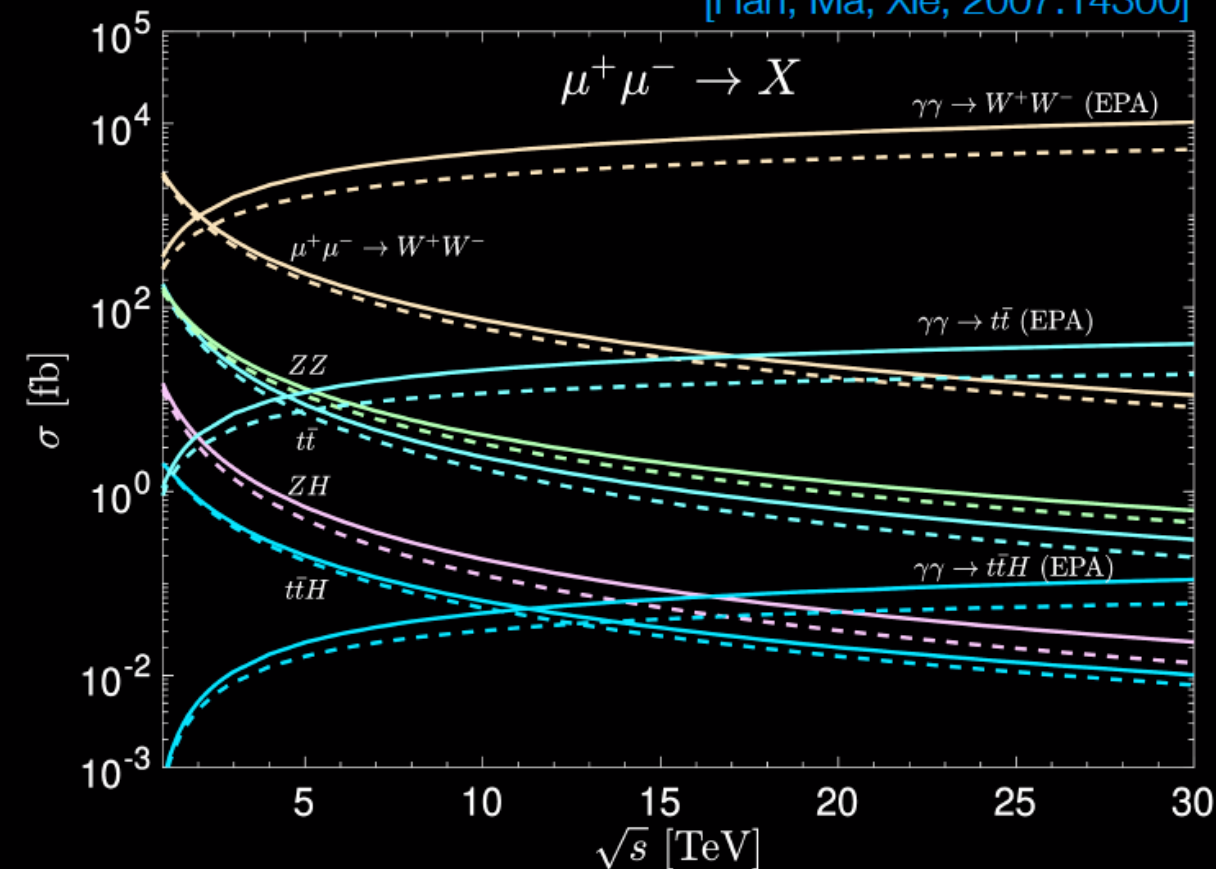
# Subtleties

- Effective Photon Approximation (EPA) Weizsacker-Williams Approximation (WWA)
- → Improved WWA
- → Effective Vector Approximation
- → Electroweak PDF
- Longitudinal “enhancement”
- Physical poles from unstable particle
- Fake poles from quasi-real approximation
- Colinear divergences v.s. Forward enhancement

To avoid a **dry** technical introduction, let me embed them in the key Muon Collider Physics studies. You will encounter a few of them, most likely, in your studies.

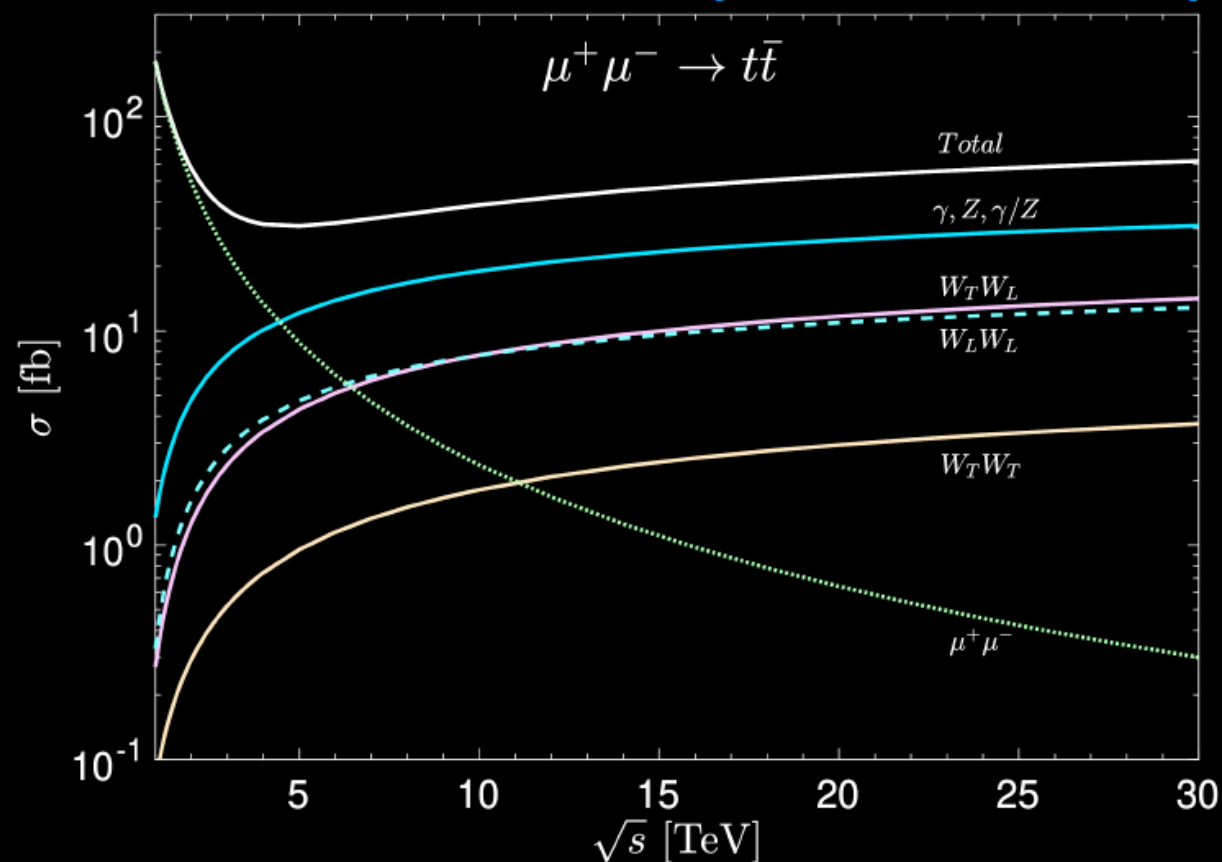
# MuC is also a Vector Boson Machine

[Han, Ma, Xie, 2007.14300]



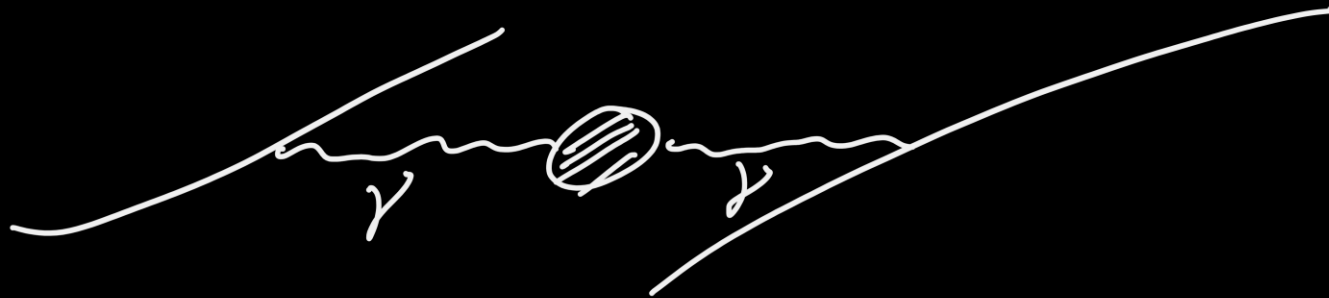
*VBF dominates well above threshold  
due to logarithmic growth with  $E_{CM}$*

[Han, Ma, Xie, 2007.14300]



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

# Effective Photons and Colinear Divergence



splitting  
kernel

Inclusive (colinear) Photon spectrum from a radiating particle: EPA or WWA

$$P_{\gamma,l}(x) \approx \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} P_{\gamma,l}(x) \ln \frac{E^2}{m_l^2}$$

Colinear photon emission  
fixed order finite but need to be resummed.

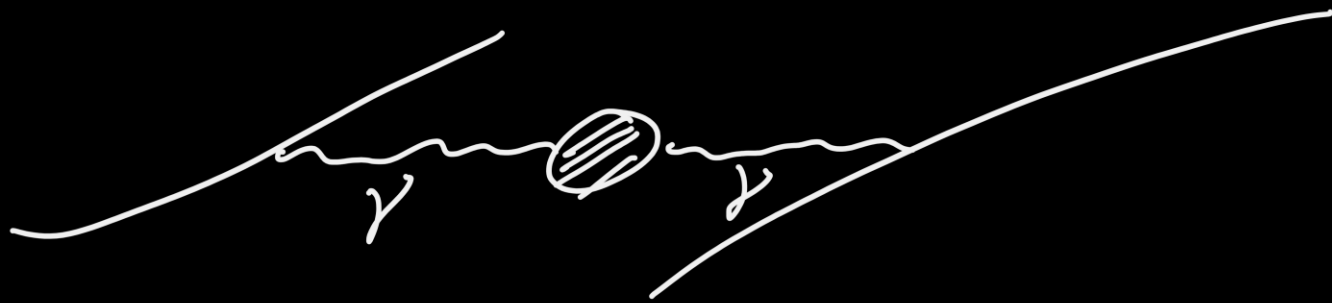
$$\alpha \log \frac{E^2}{m_l^2} \rightarrow \log \frac{s}{m_l^2}$$

At leading order of solving the equation.

Requiring the DGLAP-like relation (since photons can radiate muons as well)

$$\frac{df_i}{d \ln Q^2} = \sum_I \frac{\alpha_I}{2\pi} \sum_j P_{i,j}^I \otimes f_j$$

# Effective Vectors and EW PDF



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Solving this with a fixed order of splitting  
 kernel gets a given order PDF.

One can generalize to Effective Vector  
 Bosons

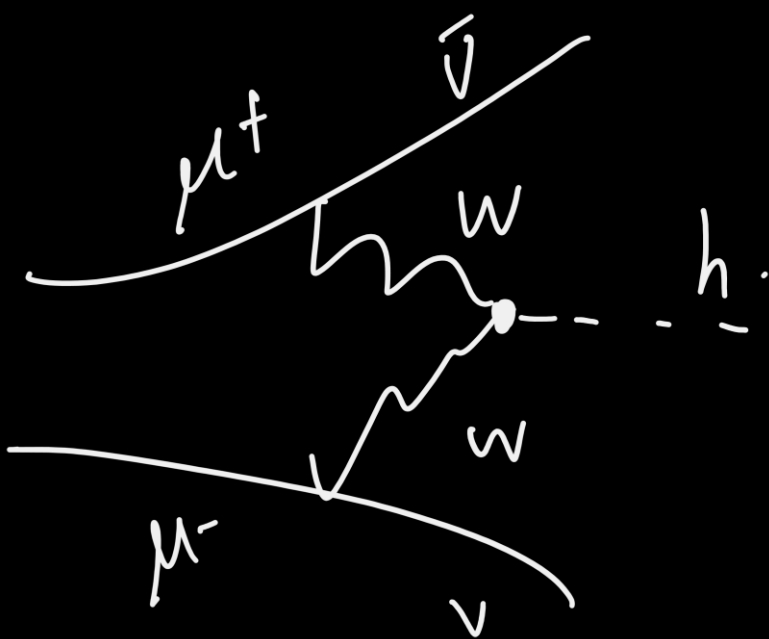
One shall generalize to EW PDFs



# Factorization

$$\sigma(AB \rightarrow F + X) = \int_{\tau_0}^1 d\tau \sum_{ij} \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ij}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow F)$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ij}}{d\tau}(\tau, \mu_f) = \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{ij}} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} [f_i(x, \mu_f) f_j(\tau/x, \mu_f) + (i \leftrightarrow j)]$$



OR?



# Factorization? ← Quasi-real approximation

A hand-drawn diagram showing a propagator with a pole and a branch cut. A horizontal line represents the propagator, with a vertical tick mark indicating a pole. A wavy line below the horizontal line represents a branch cut. The denominator is written as  $(P_1 - P_2)^2 + i\epsilon$ .

since  $P_1^2 = P_2^2 = m_\mu^2$

$$(P_1 - P_2)^2 = -2(P_1 - P_2 - m_\mu^2)$$

"Quasi-real Approximation"

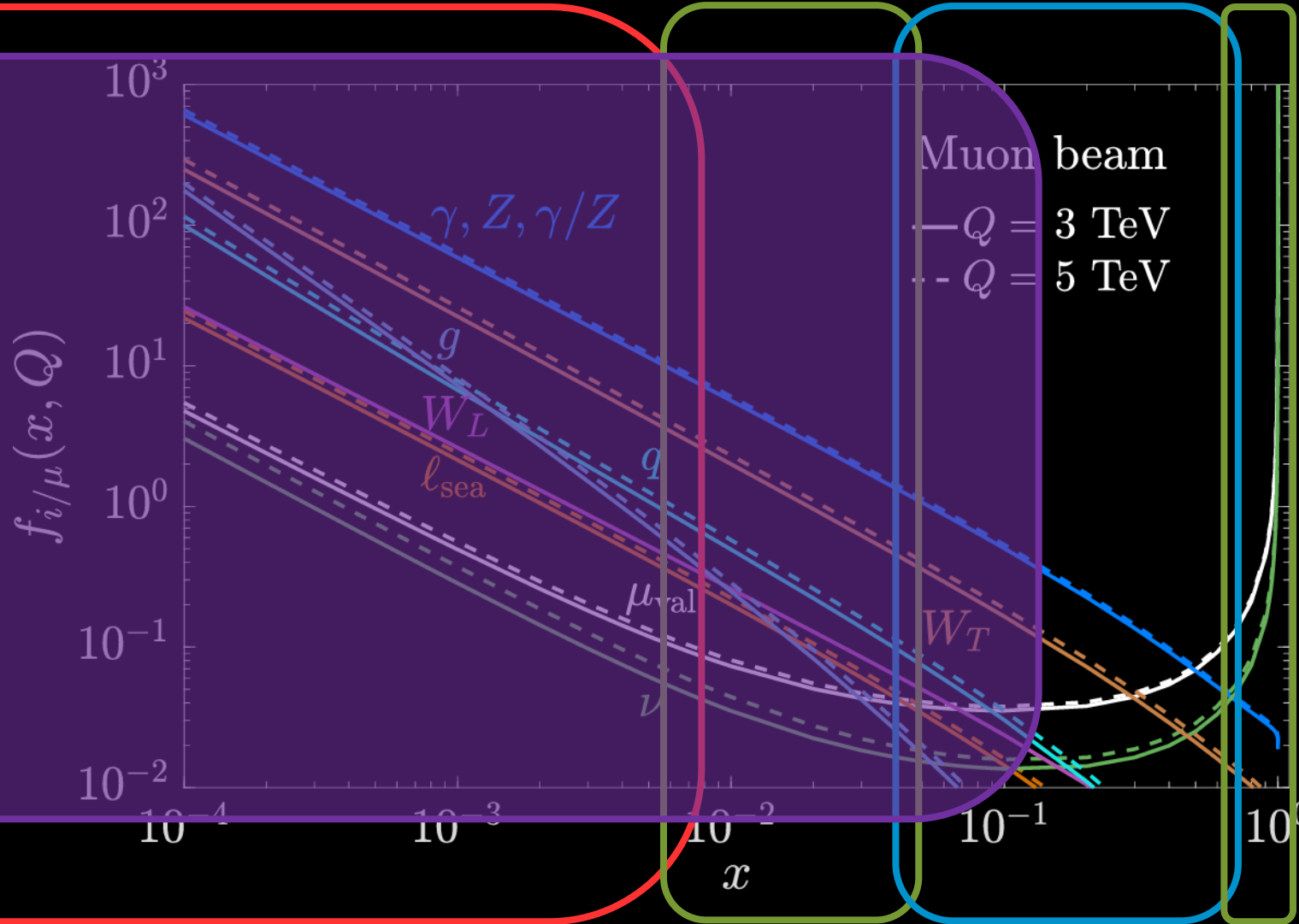
$$\frac{\Sigma_{\lambda}^{\lambda} \Sigma_{\lambda}^{\lambda*}}{\Sigma_{\lambda} (P_2 - P_1)^2 m_W^2 + i\epsilon}$$

What's behind this factorization approximation is cross section dominated at  $\frac{1}{\min(\dots)}$

which is a collinear approximation and the "mistake" one make is "merely"  $m_W^2$

- For massive states, the pole will never be hit!
- But we pretend it can hit the pole so the cross section are dominant at the pole contribution and factorizes. We approximated and assumed the intermediate **off-shell** state to be **on-shell**
- The gain is to resum the log when  $\hat{s} \gg m_V$ , to get a better rate treatment (but there are consequences)

# Massive Gauge Boson PDF



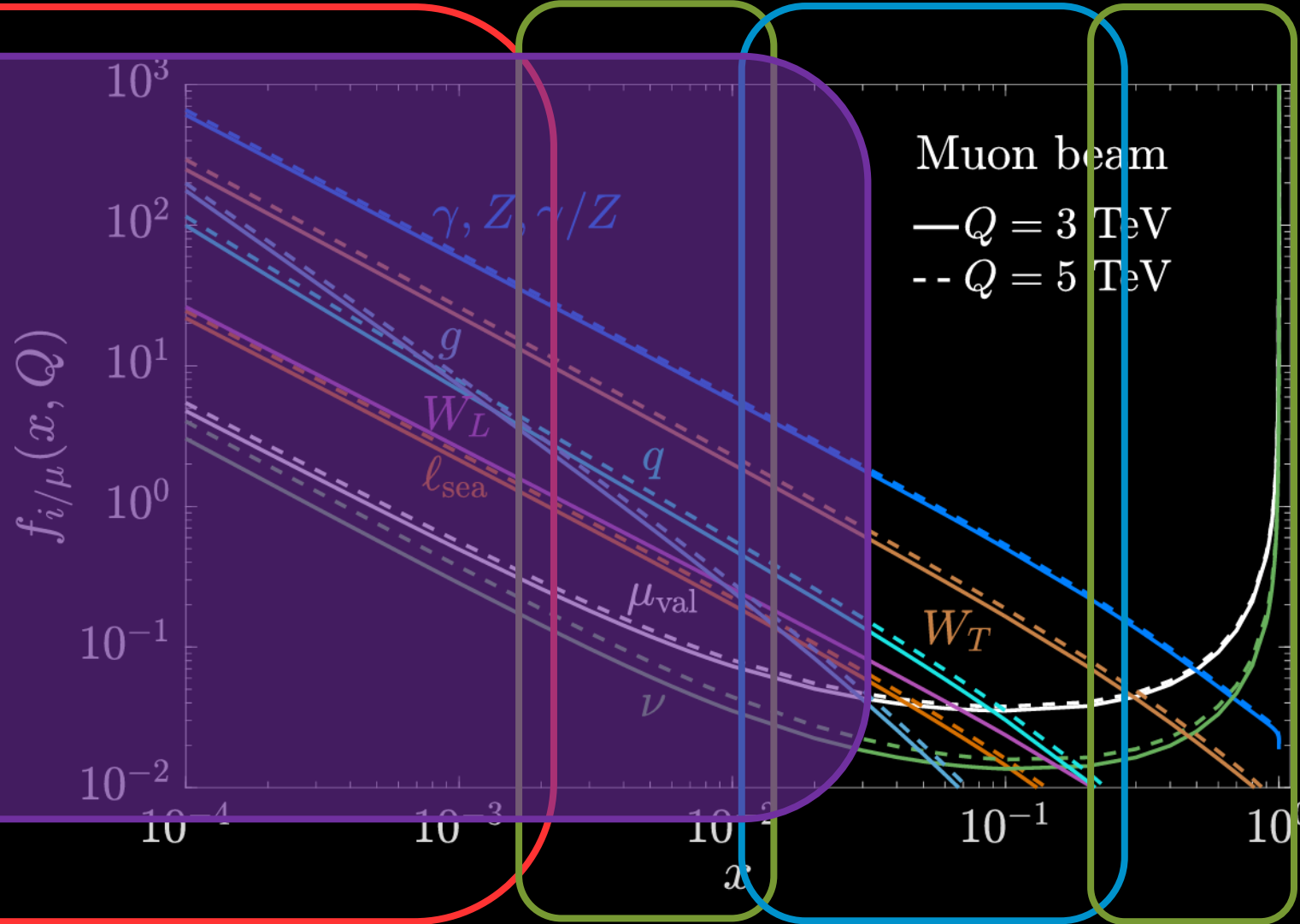
Regimes:

For  $\sqrt{s} = 10\text{TeV}$  to draw the regions

- $x\sqrt{s} < m_V$
- Matching regime (very complicated and higher order inputs needed, matching scheme matters; including matching part from  $\tau/x$ )
- colinear splitting enhanced regime
- **Invalid** regions to reach  $Q = 3$  TeV (let alone 5 TeV).

For neutrinos, it is the  $(1-x)$  division of the above, due to the nature of splitting functions/EW gauge interactions.

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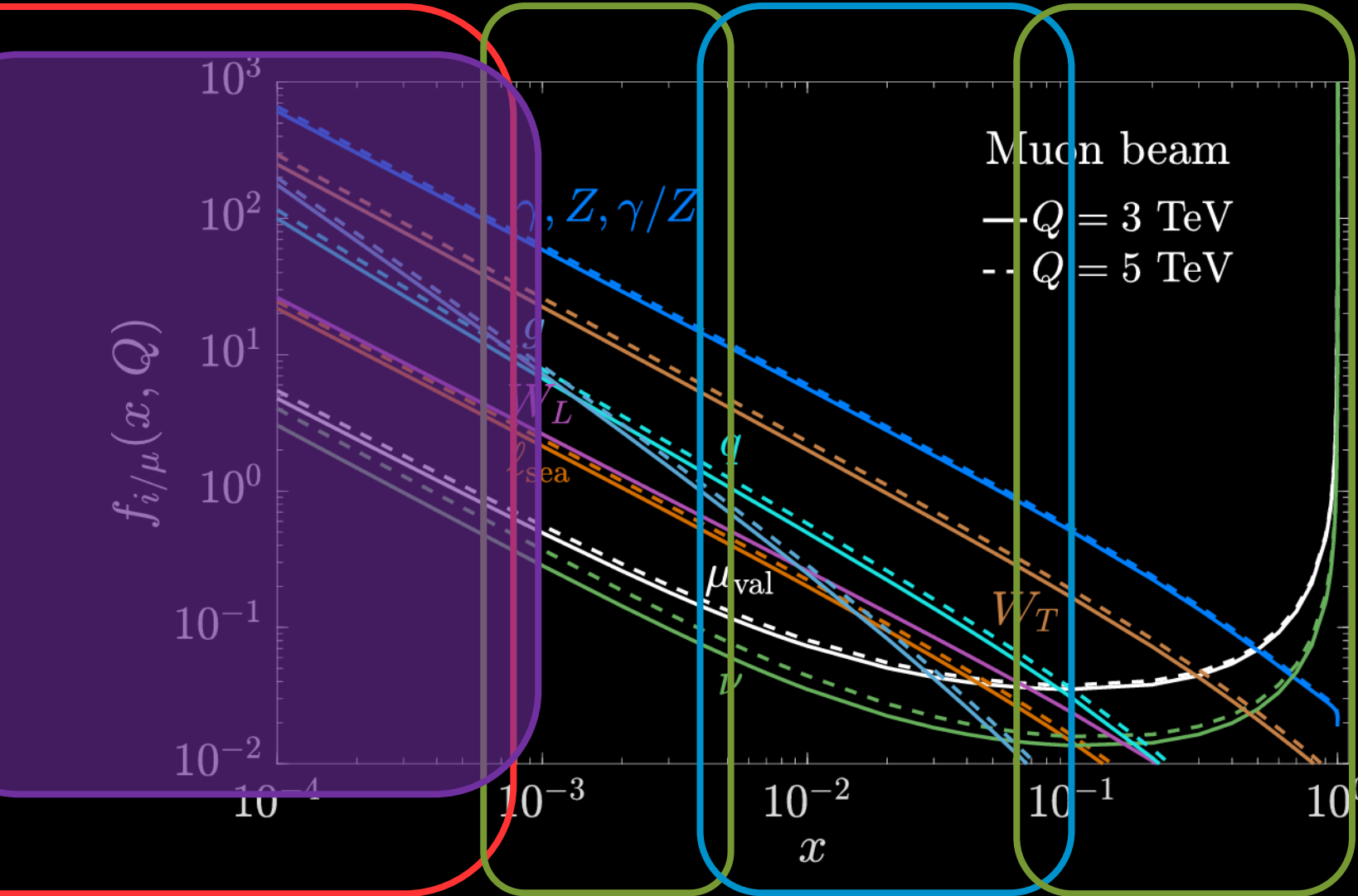
Regimes:

For  $\sqrt{s} = 30$  TeV to draw the regions

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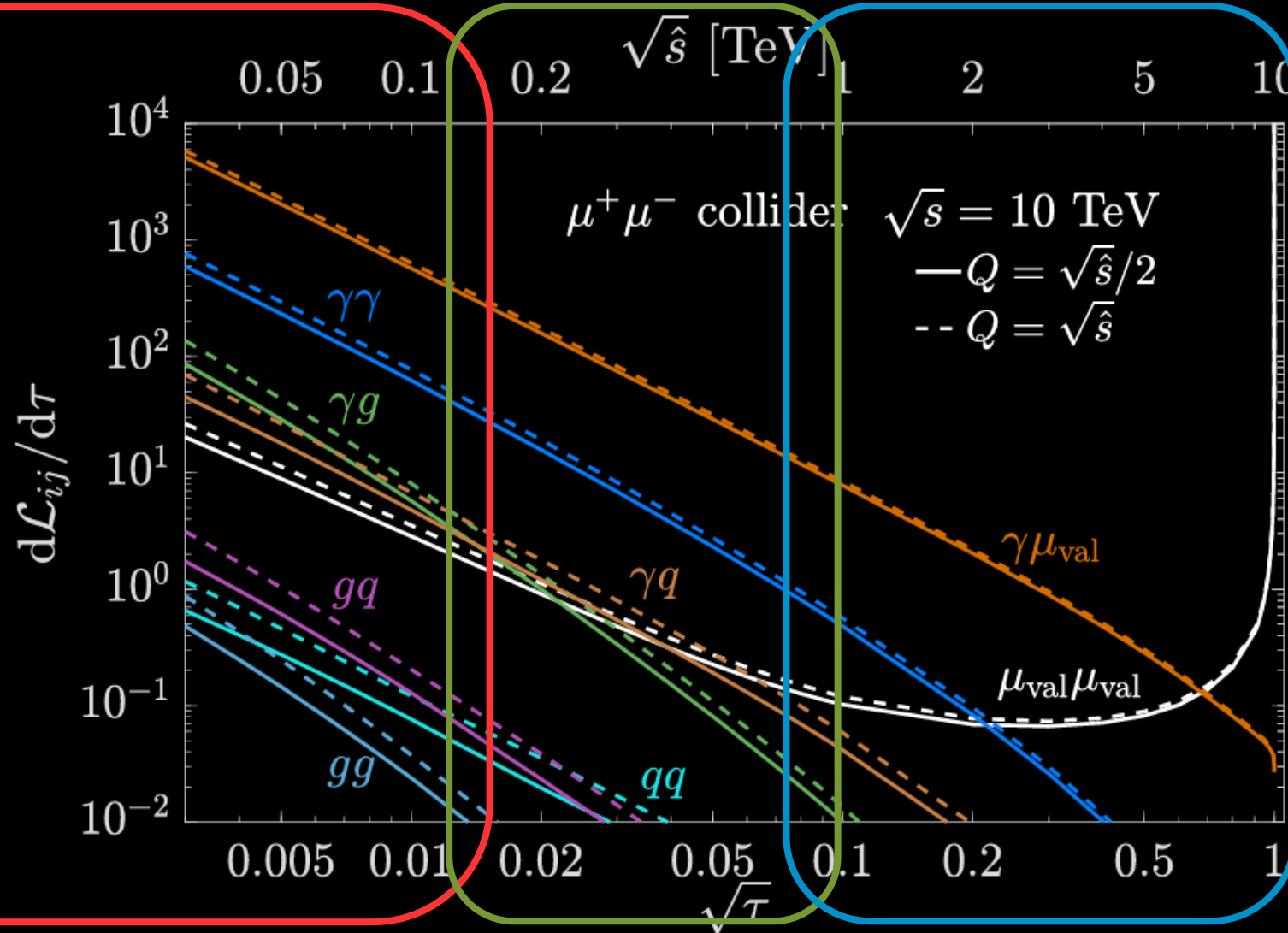
Regimes:

For  $\sqrt{s} = 100\text{TeV}$  to draw the regions

- $x\sqrt{s} < m_V$
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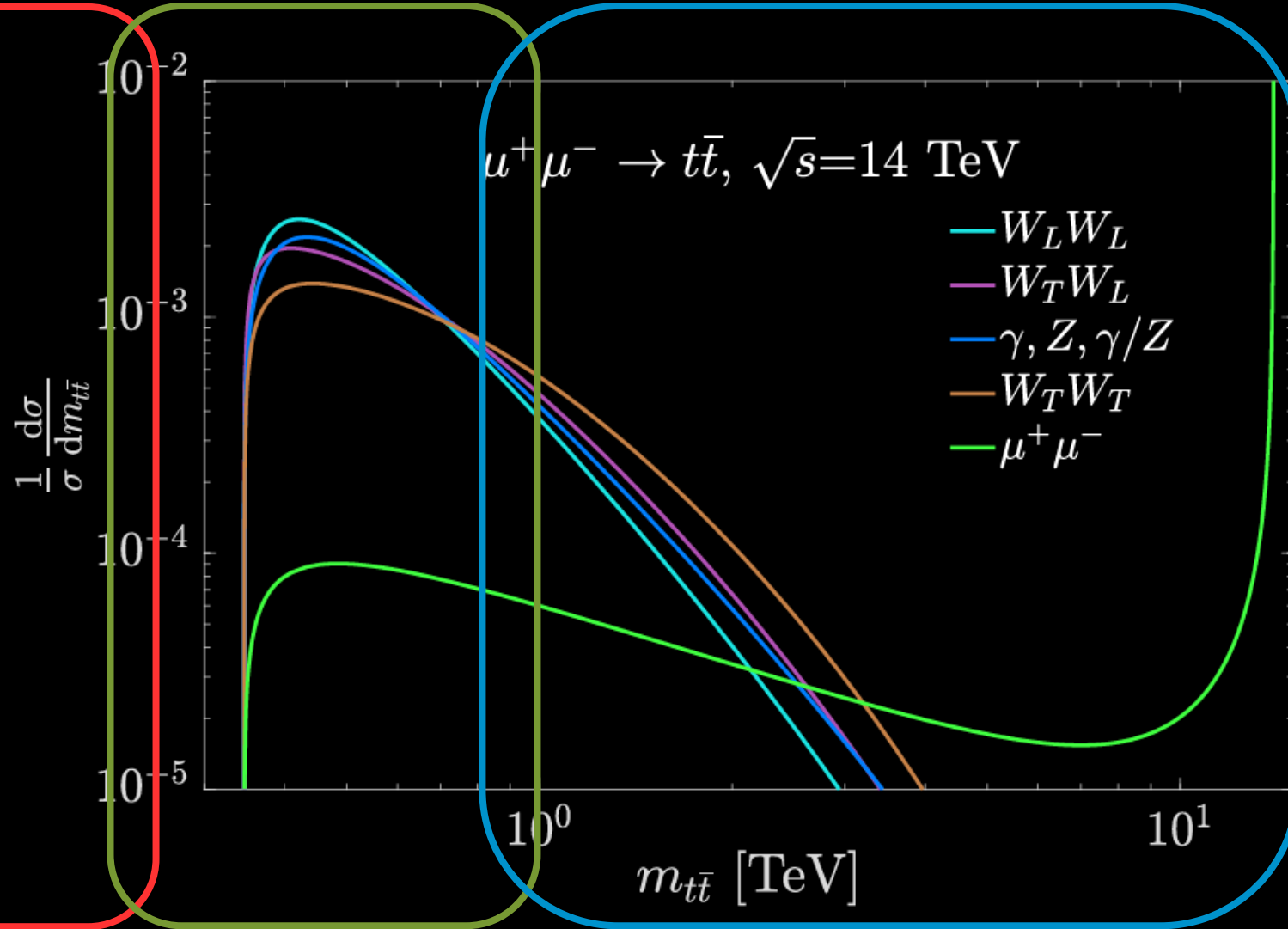


Regimes:

- $\sqrt{\tau s} < 2m_V$
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- colinear splitting enhanced regime



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# Muon Collider Physics

## Dark Sectors

Speaker: Tien-Tien Yu

## Flavor

Speaker: Jure Zupan (U. Cincinnati)

## Interplay between Theory and Experiment

Speaker: Rodolfo Capdevilla (Perimeter Institute)

## Neutrinos ¶

Speaker: Andre de Gouvea

## Physics at the Muon Collider

Speaker: Nathaniel Craig (UC Santa)

## Synergies with Neutrinos ¶

Speaker: Patrick Huber (Virginia Tech)

10+ TeV  
MuC

Pheno  
Probes

Physics Driver

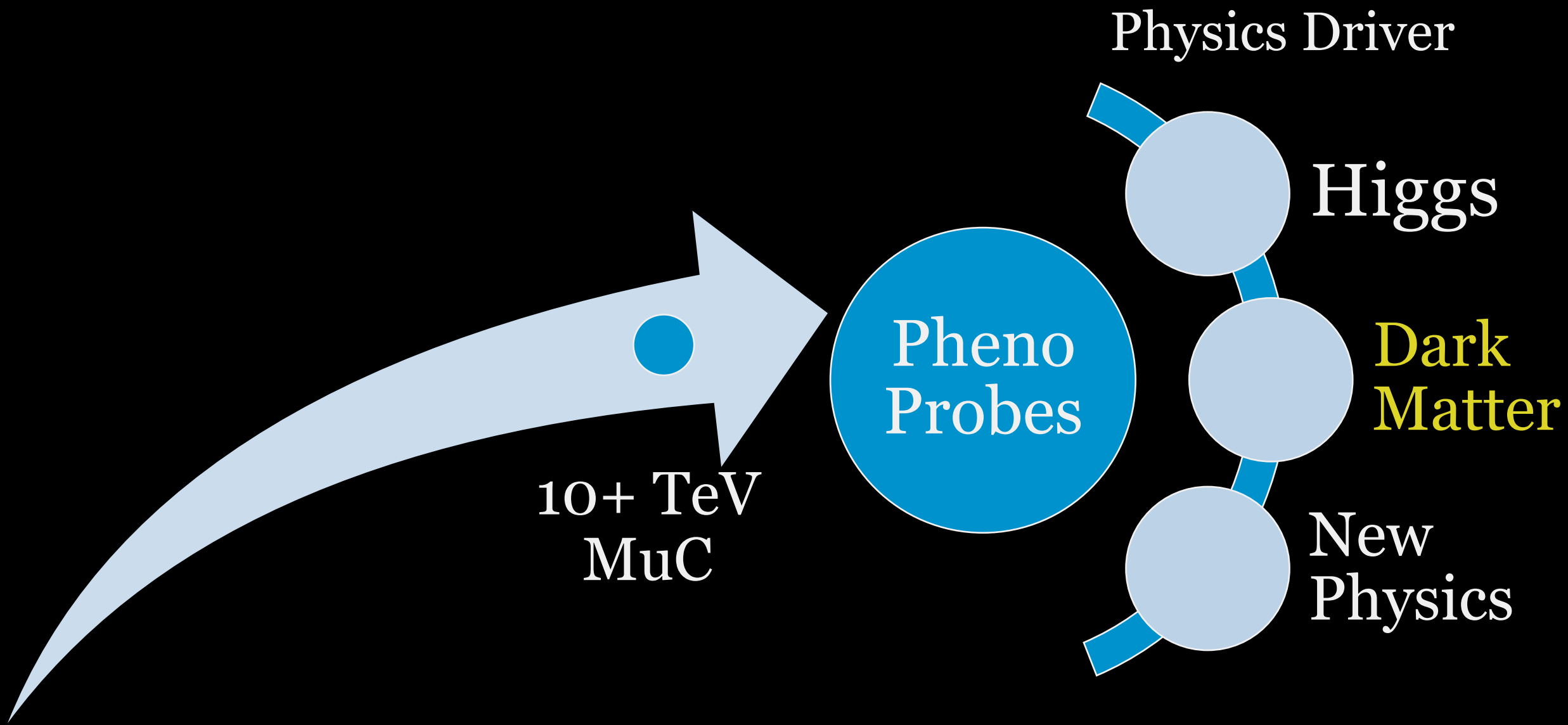
Higgs

Dark  
Matter

New  
Physics

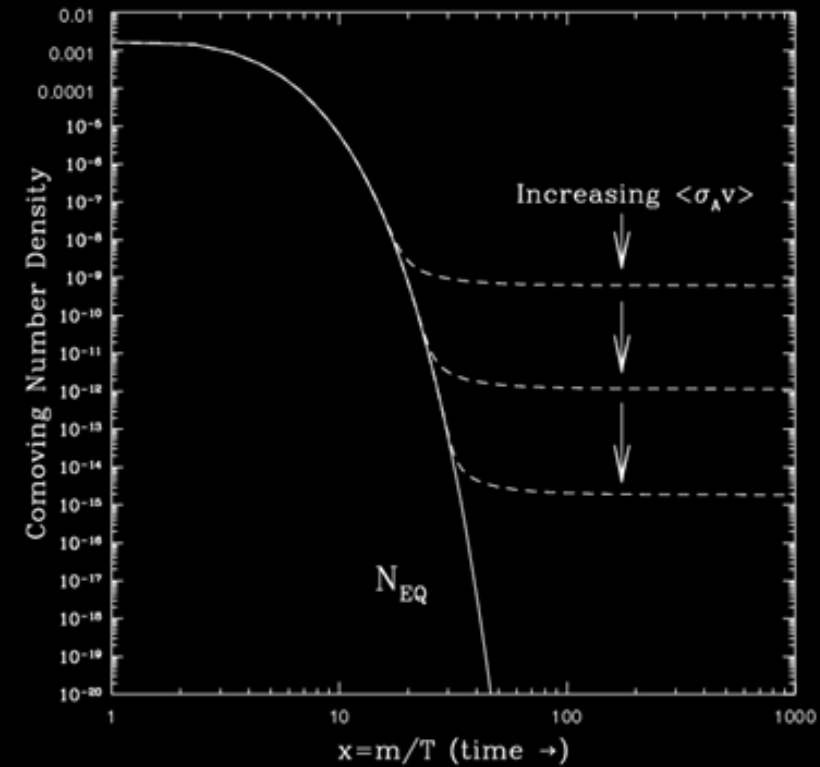
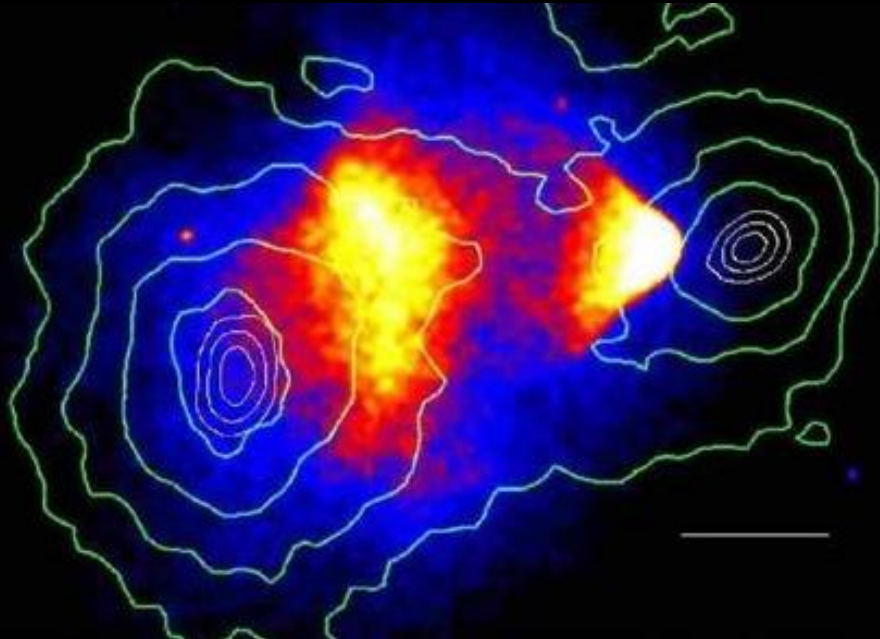
Speakers: Da Liu (UC, Davis), Ian Lewis (University of Kansas), Juhi Dutta, Keping Xie (University of Pittsburgh), Matheus Hostert (Harvard University), Peiran Li (University of Minnesota), Si Wang, Spencer Chang (University of Oregon), Terrance Figy (Wichita State University)

# Muon Collider Physics



# WIMP Dark Matter

Compelling, simple,  
predictive explanation for  
thermal, cold dark matter



$$\Omega h^2 \simeq 0.1 \times \left( \frac{2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{sec}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle_{\text{freeze-out}}} \right)$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow VV} \simeq \frac{\pi \alpha_{\chi}^2}{m_{\chi}^2}$$

There is a scale...

# Basic Pheno Considerations

“non-trivial” to consider muon collider reaches

- **Minimal signature**
  - Mass splitting  $O(\text{few hundred MeV})$
  - Decay products soft
  - Transition between states fast ( $< \text{mm}$  for most of the cases)
- Missing ET (at LHC)  $\rightarrow$  **Missing Mass** (at MuC)
- The **interplay** between different channels:
  - DY-type dominance but large background
  - VBF-type log-growth but limited available energy
- **Photon initial state** process important
  - Needs to use photon PDF or Weizsacker-Williams approximation
  - (small) Hacked Madgraph to implement (now a function in Madgraph)
  - Additional divergences often-appear
- **Beam induced background (BIB)**
  - Affects detector coverage
  - Affects photon, muon threshold
  - Affects disappearing track considerations



## Missing Mass signature:

- Simple and inclusive (hence also most conservative)
- **Mono-photon**
- **VBF-dimuon**
- **Mono-muon**

## Disappearing track signature:

- Exclusive but challenging
- Most useful for Wino and Higgsinos
- Great potential

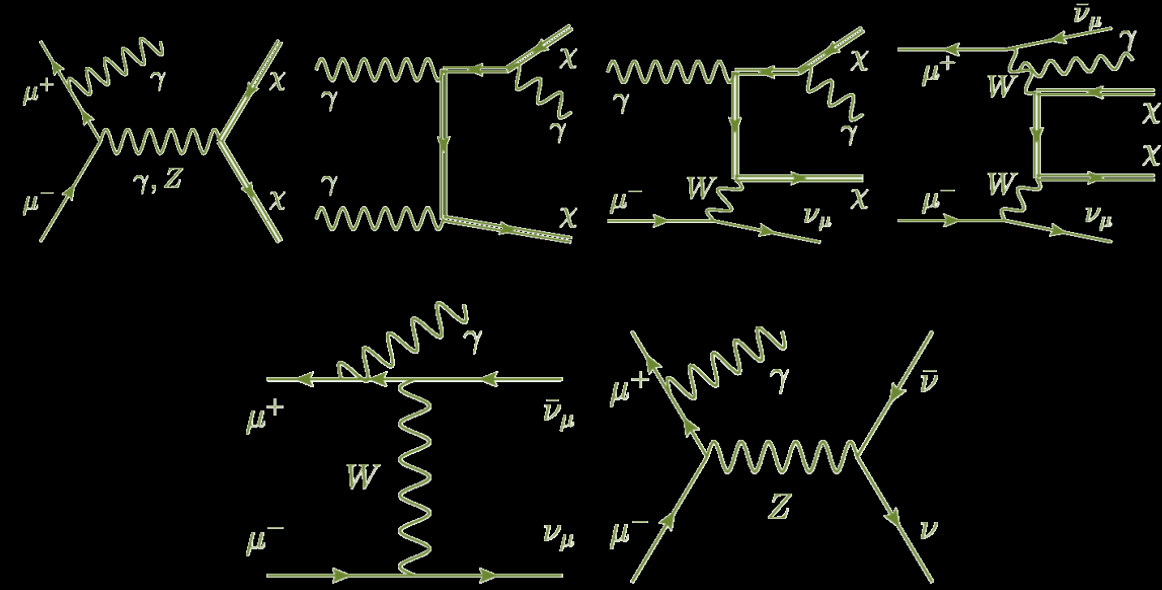
$$\sqrt{s} = 3, 6, 10, 14, 30 \text{ and } 100 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = 1, 4, 10, 20, 90, \text{ and } 1000 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$



# Mono-Photon

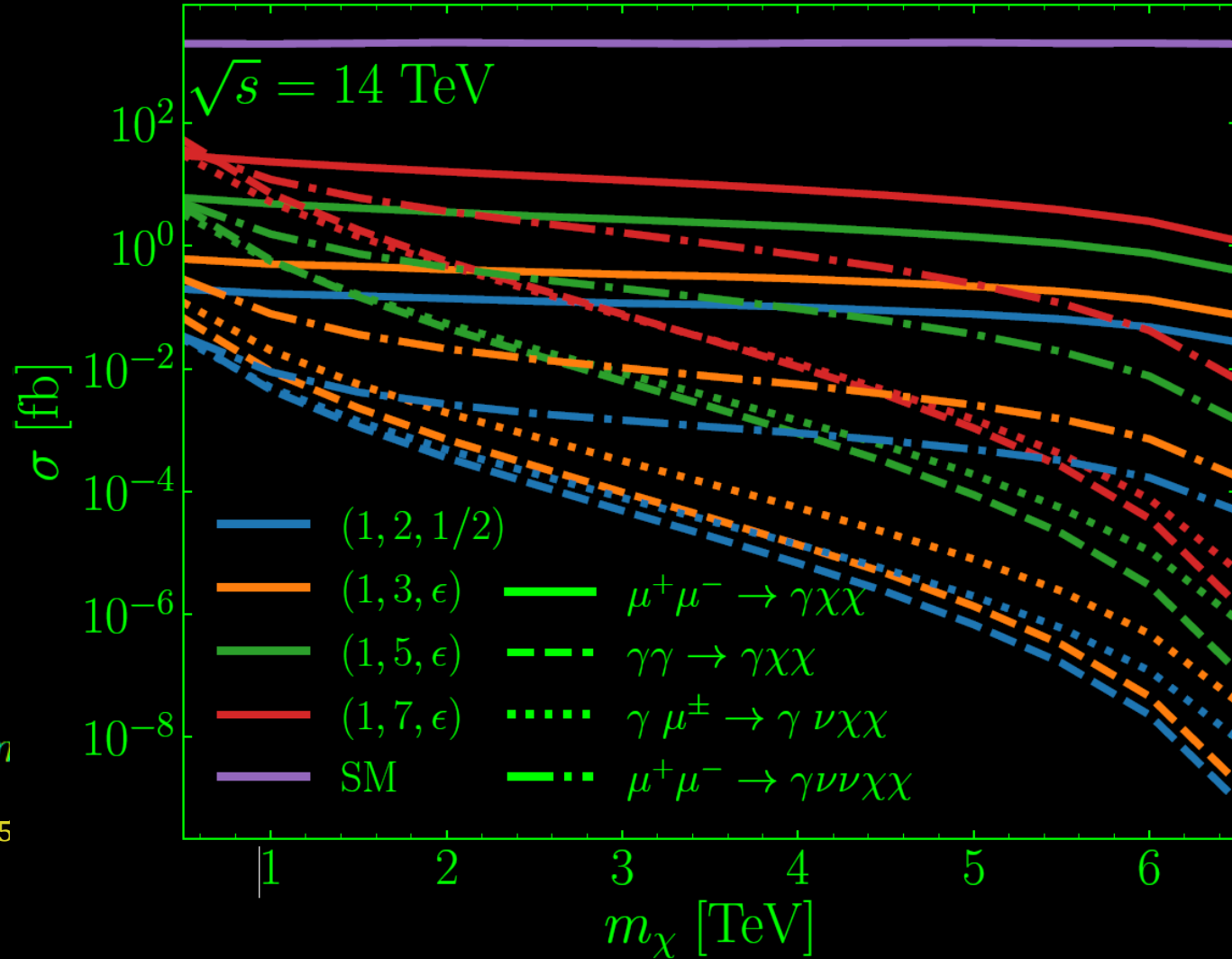
All combinations of components of the EW multiplet are included, so-long as they respect the underlying gauge symmetries



$$10^\circ < \theta_\gamma < 170^\circ$$

$$E_\gamma > 50 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\text{missing}}^2 \equiv (p_{\mu^+} + p_{\mu^-} - p_\gamma)^2 > 4n$$

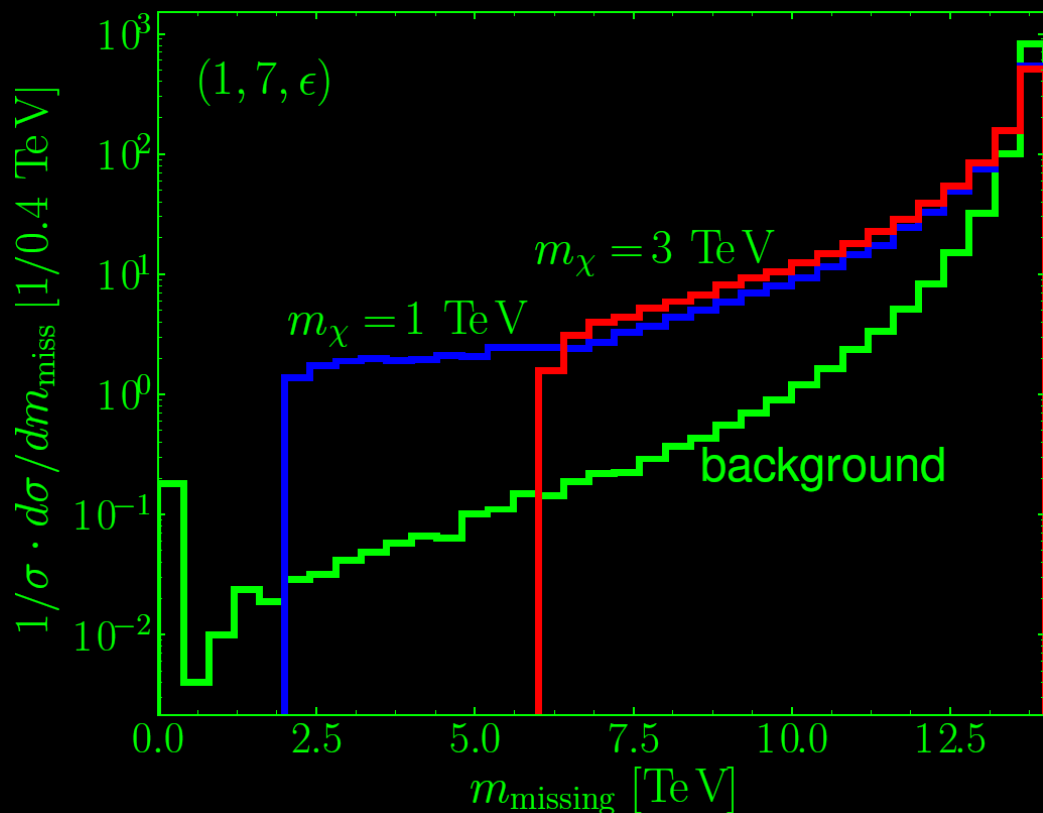
Rate grows with n-plets as roughly  $n^{2\sim 3}$  (DY) and  $n^{4\sim 5}$   
 Doublet and Triplet very hard to probe



# Mono-photon

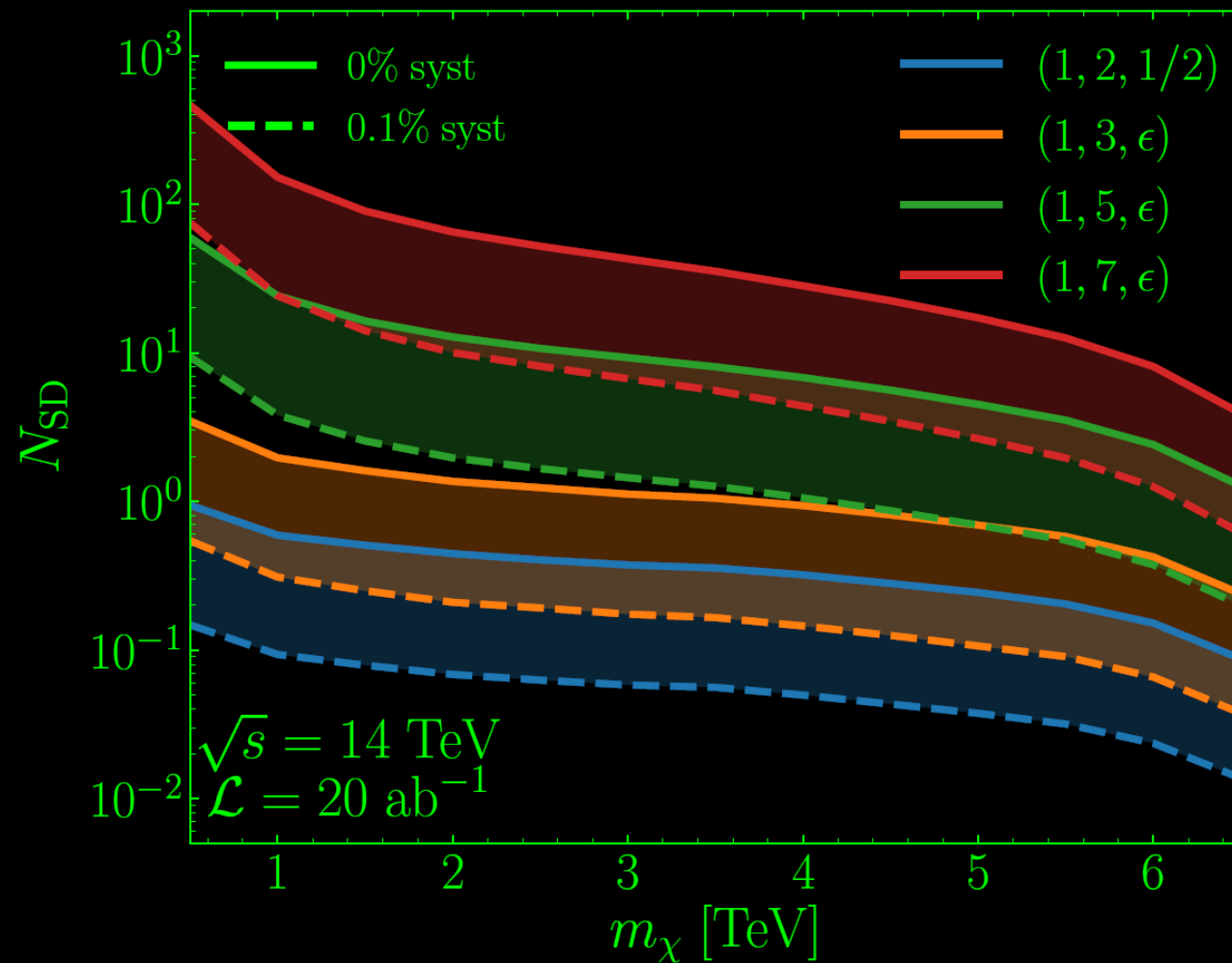
Missing mass:

- Sharp kinematic features
- Signal-background separation
- Signal parameter determination



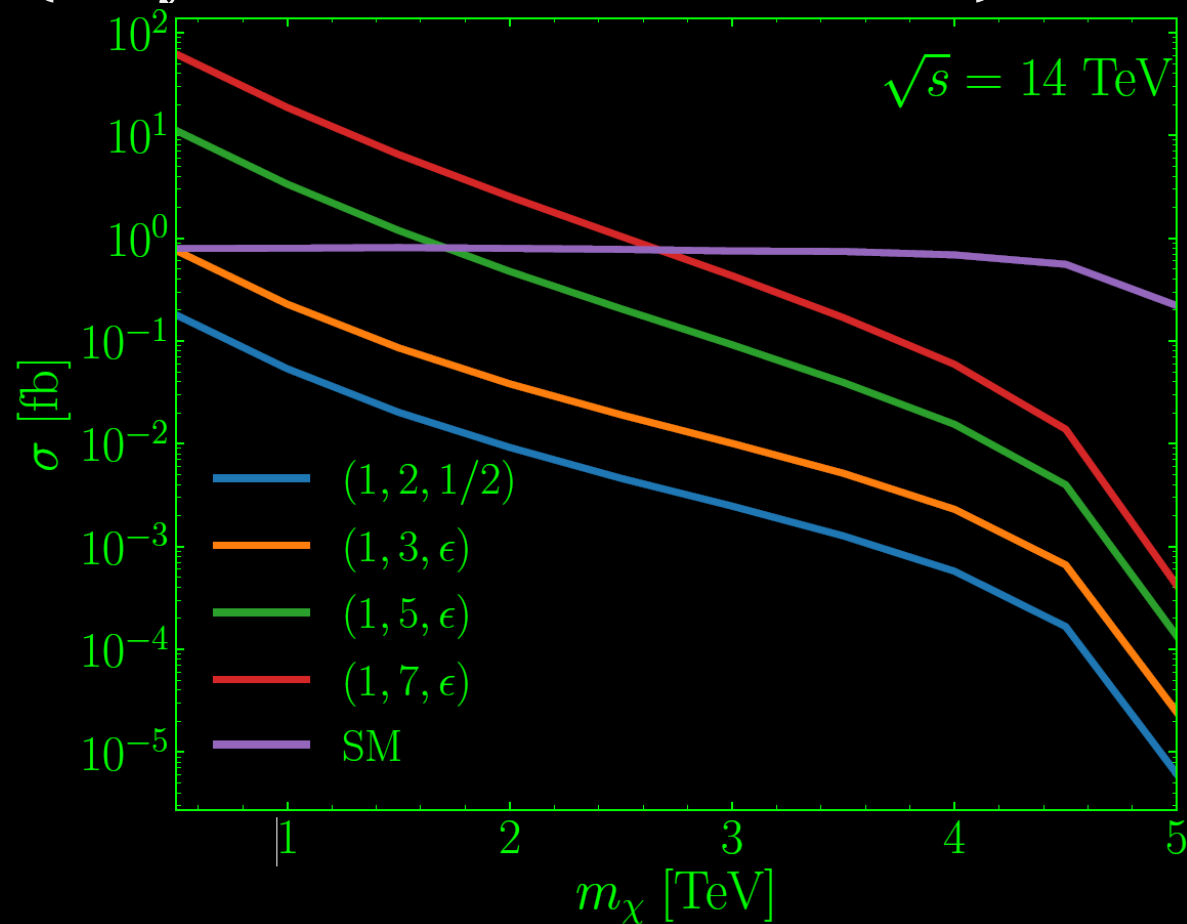
Signal-background ratio  $10^{-3}$

At lepton colliders systematics controlled to this level should be achievable but requires theory & experimental work

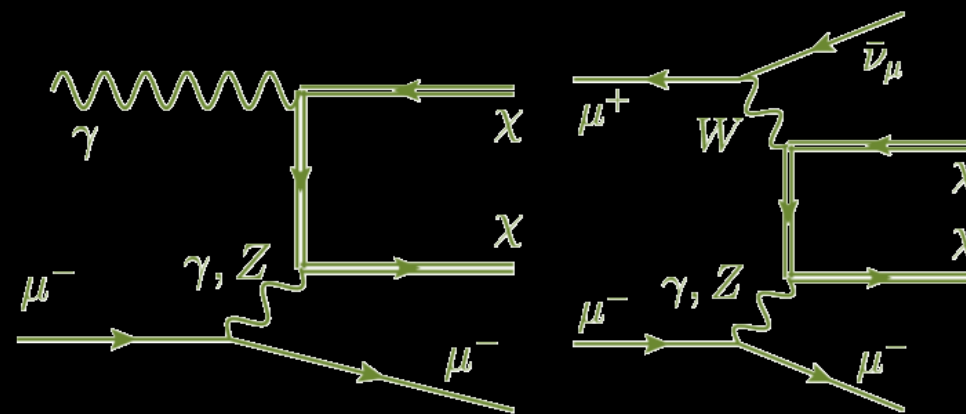


# Unique Mono-Muon Channel

Apparent “Charge Violation” channel  
(very different from the LHC)



Signature: **Energetic** mono muon

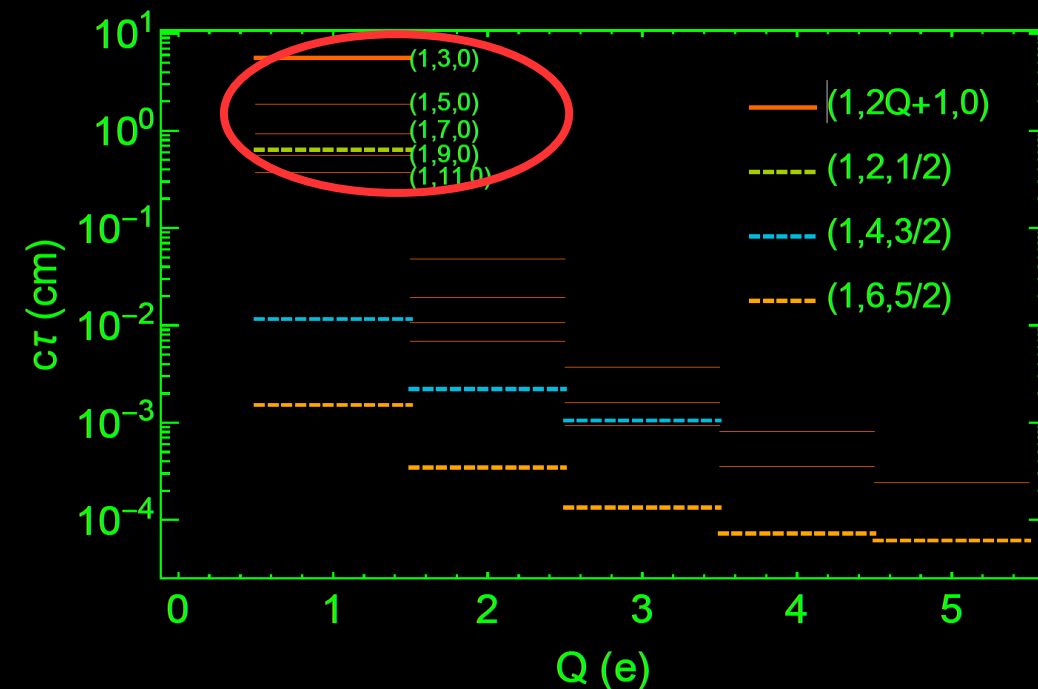
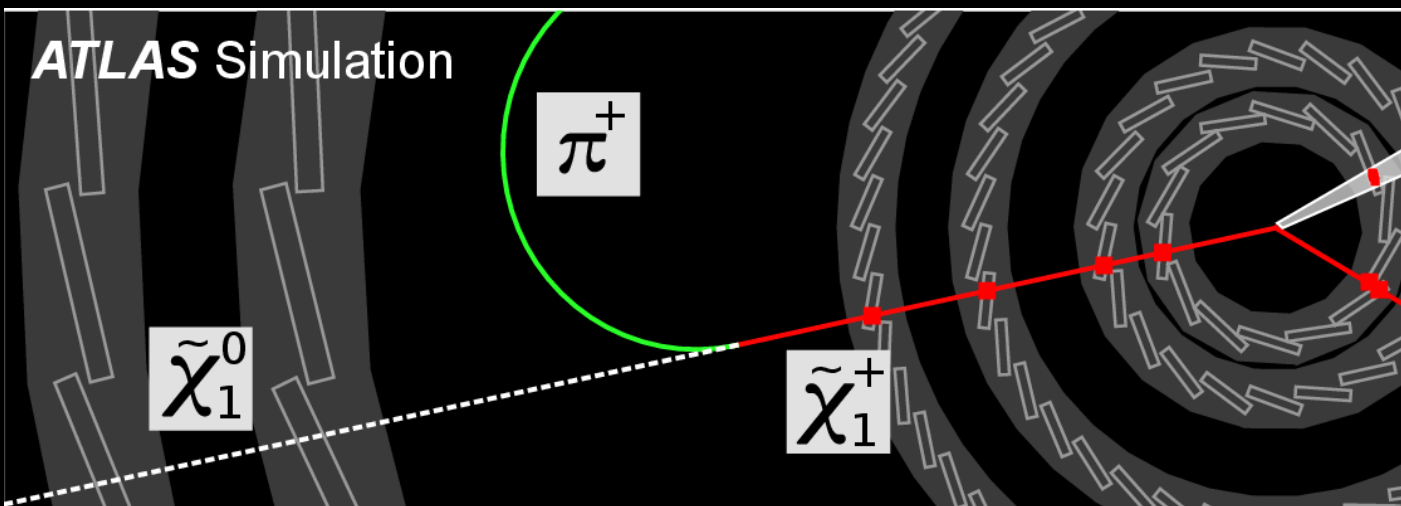


Muon pairs      muon + missing mass

One charge is missed due to the soft (non-reconstructable) decays of the charged states

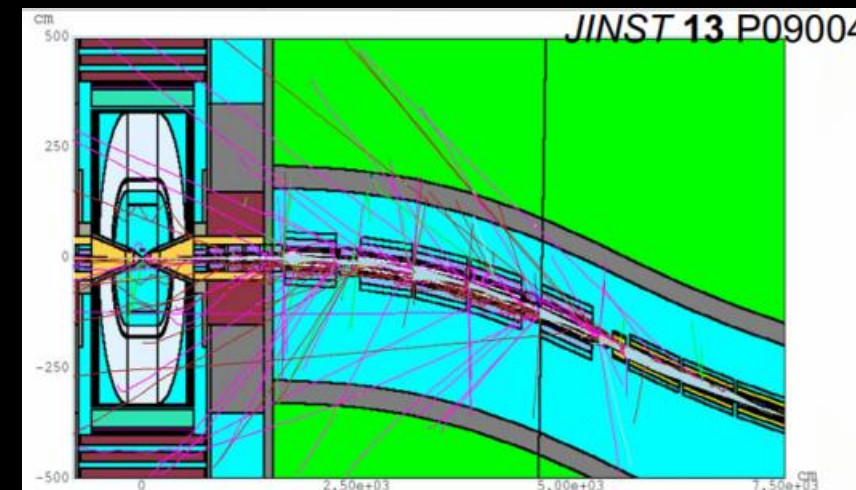
Unique and powerful channel for low-rate channels.

# Disappearing Tracks: next to minimal signatures



- Only useful for searches using charge 1 states
- Still, all higher charged states will cascade back to charge 1 states promptly
- Use all the production rates of charged states
- **Mono-photon+disappearing tracks**
- **Beam Induced Background**

Also see a recent optimization work looking for soft pions, achieving sensitivity to Higgsino at 3TeV MuC, Capdevilla, Meloni, Zurita, [2405.08858](#)

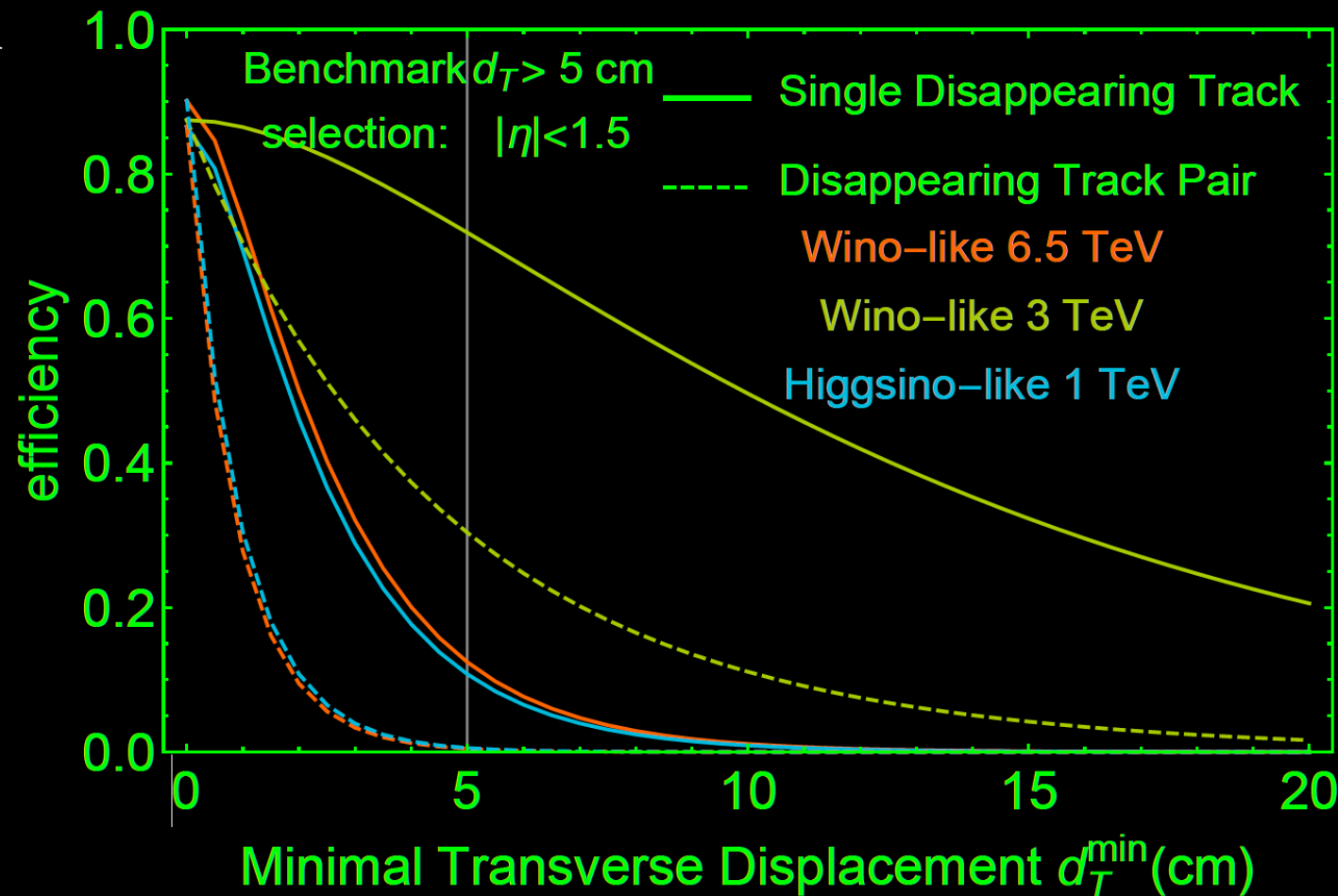


# Minimal transverse displacement

- Only use the central tracks,  $|\eta| < 1.5$
- Current design have first layer of pixel detector at 3cm (new discussion about 2cm)
- We assume at least two-hits can be measured at 5cm
- Show both pair reconstruction or single reconstruction results
- Requiring 50 signal events for discovery

$$d_T^{\min} = 5 \text{ cm with } |\eta_\chi| < 1.5$$

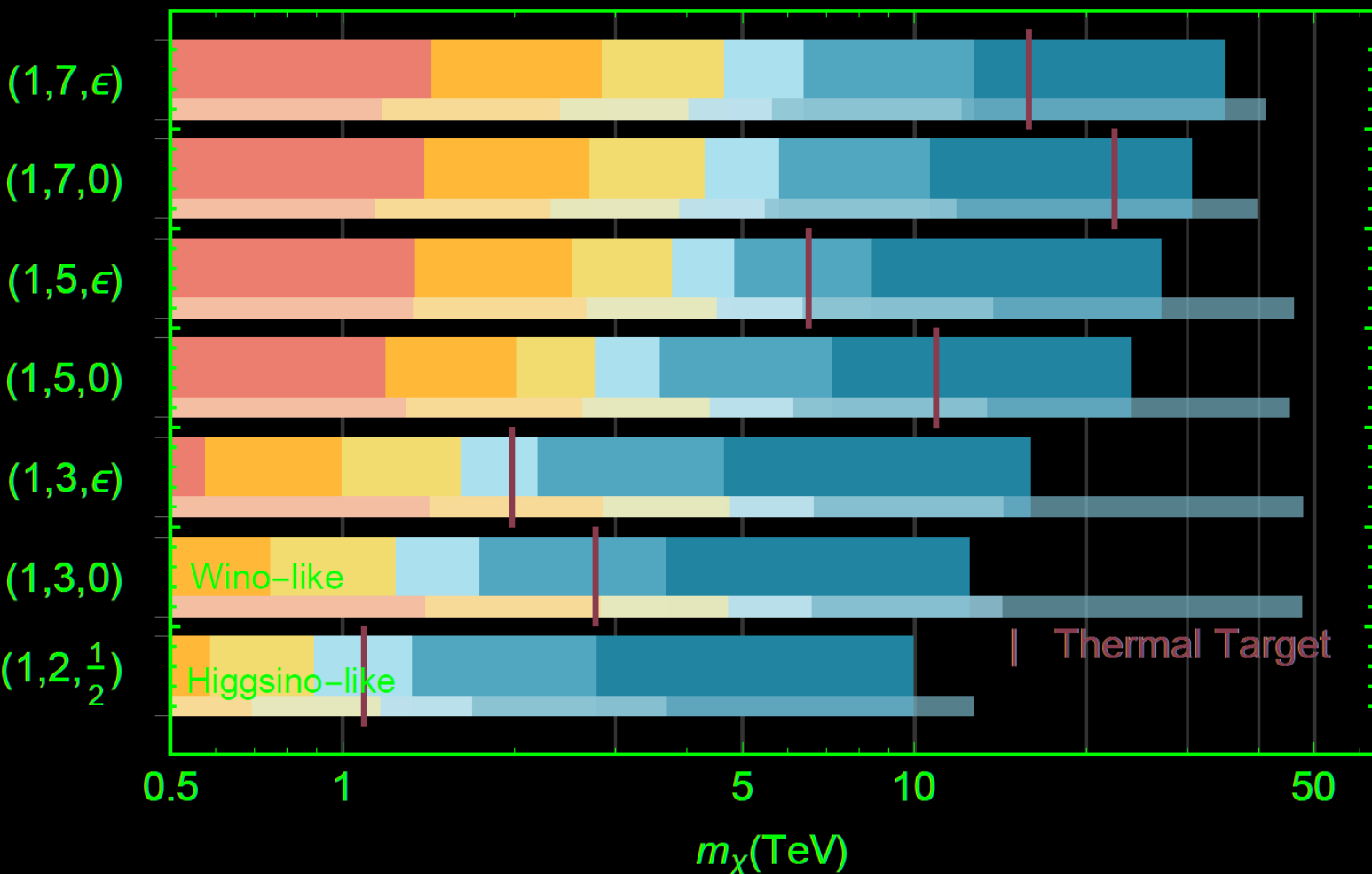
$$\epsilon_\chi(\cos\theta, \gamma, d_T^{\min}) = \exp\left(\frac{-d_T^{\min}}{\beta_T \gamma c \tau}\right)$$





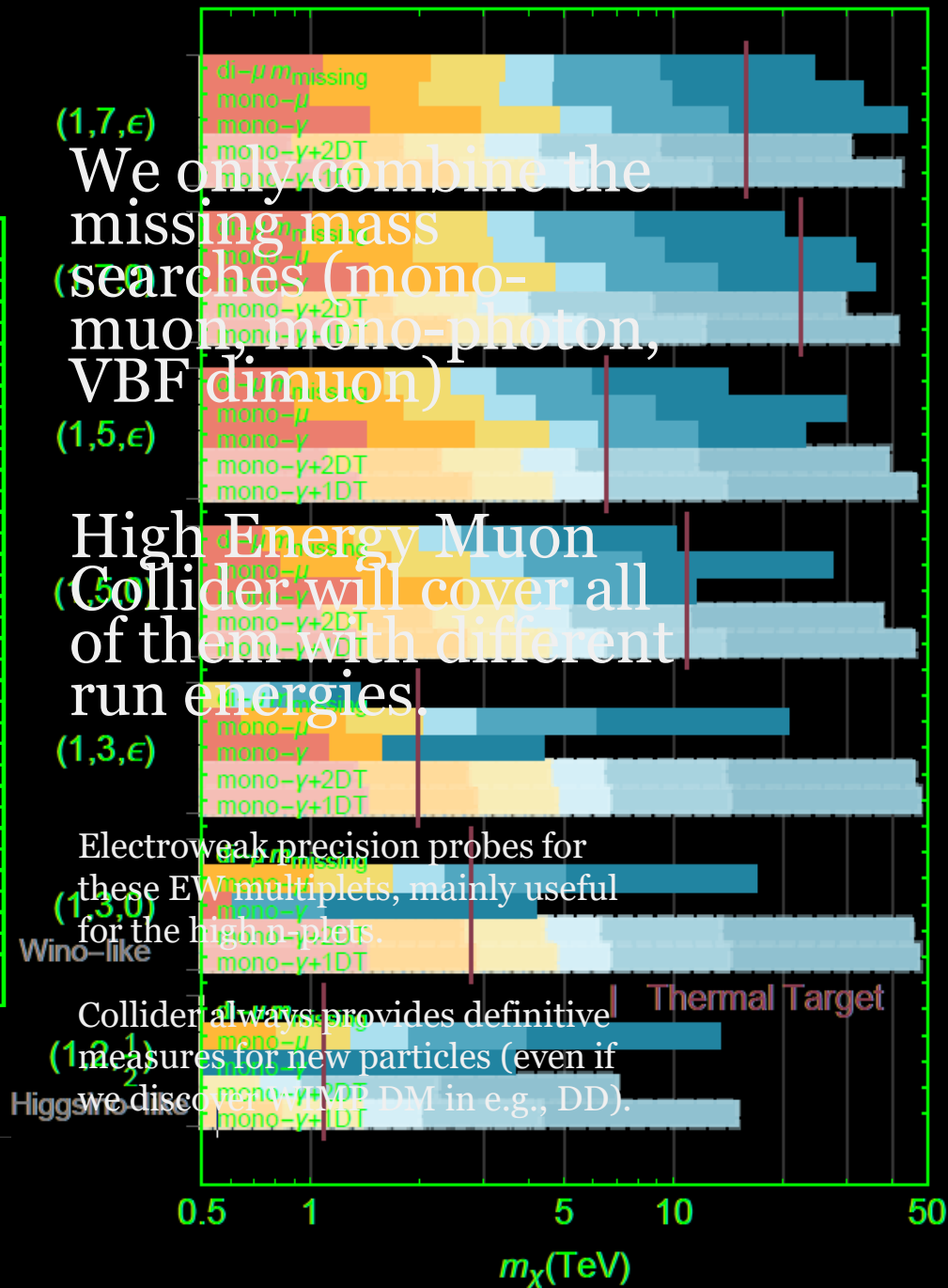
# WIMP discovery Machine

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



**High Energy Muon Collider will cover all of them with different run energies.**

( $\sqrt{s} = 3, 6, 10, 14, 30, 100$  TeV)



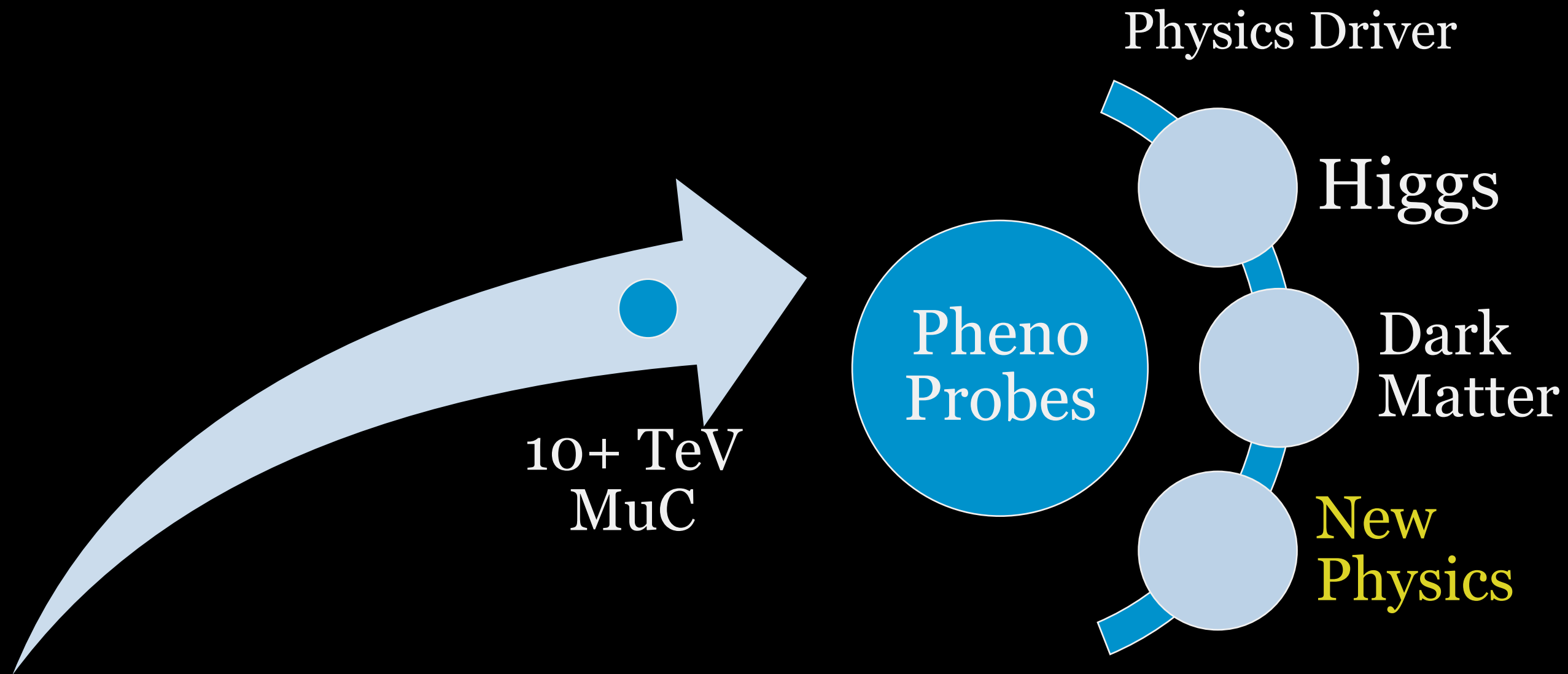
We only combine the missing mass searches (mono-muon, mono-photon, VBF dimuon)

High Energy Muon Collider will cover all of them with different run energies.

Electroweak precision probes for these EW multiplets, mainly useful for the high- $m_\chi$  plots.

Collider always provides definitive measures for new particles (even if we discover DM in e.g., DD).

# The Muon Shot



# Neutrino is a puzzling sector

- In SM, neutrino is massless. While the experiments have confirmed its tiny mass  $< 0.1$  eV.
- Seesaw mechanism
- We choose to work in a simple scenario. Suppose there is a heavy neutral lepton. We can parametrize its mass  $m_N$  and mixing angle with SM neutrino  $U_\ell = \sin\theta_\ell$ .

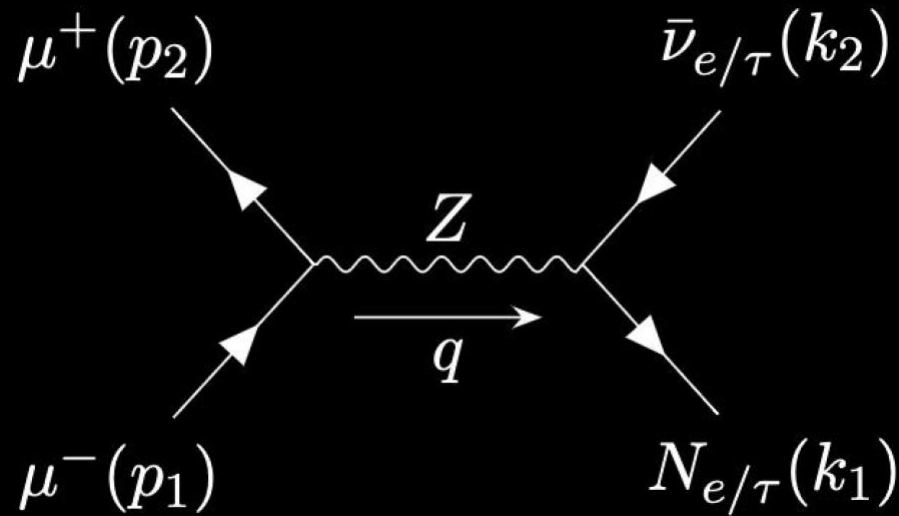
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_W + \mathcal{L}_Z + \mathcal{L}_H$$

$$\mathcal{L}_W = \frac{gU_l}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu \bar{l}_L \gamma^\mu N + h.c.)$$

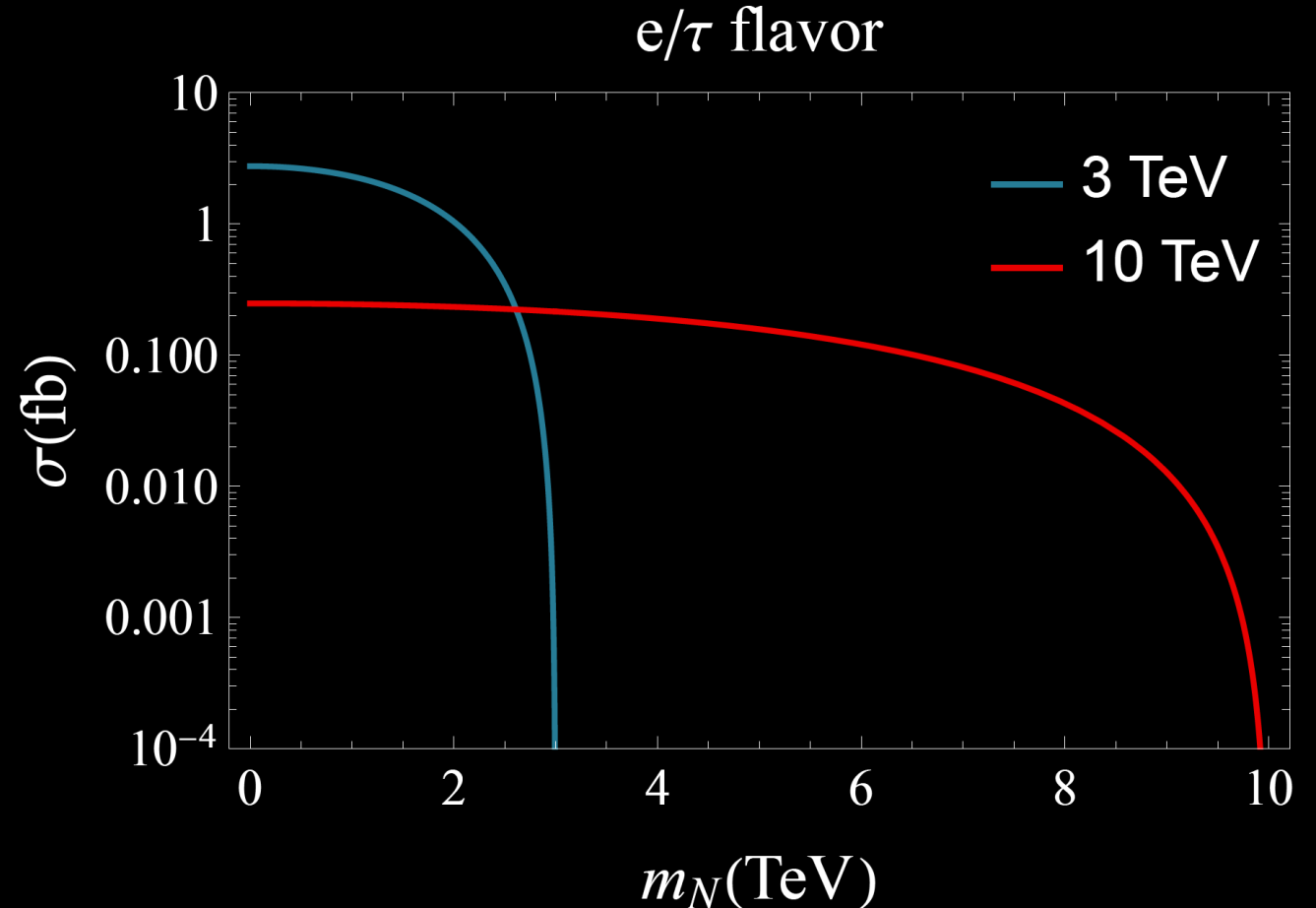
$$\mathcal{L}_Z = -\frac{gU_l}{2 \cos\theta_w} Z_\mu (\bar{\nu}_L \gamma^\mu N + \bar{N} \gamma^\mu \nu_L)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_H = -\frac{U_l m_N}{v} h (\bar{\nu}_L N + \bar{N} \nu_L)$$

# S-channel production ( $e/\mu/\tau$ flavored)



- $1/s$  suppressed;
- Flat rate until near the threshold  $s/2$
- $O(fb)$  cross section;

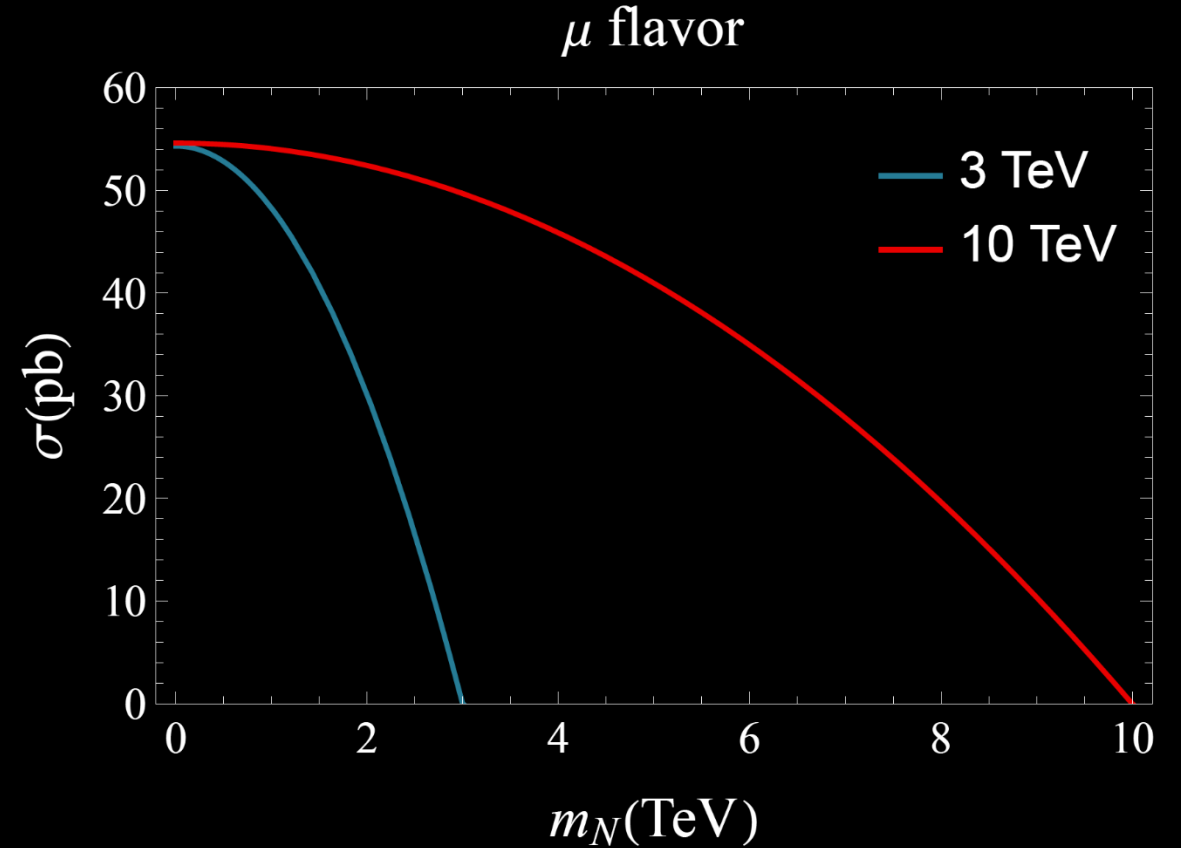
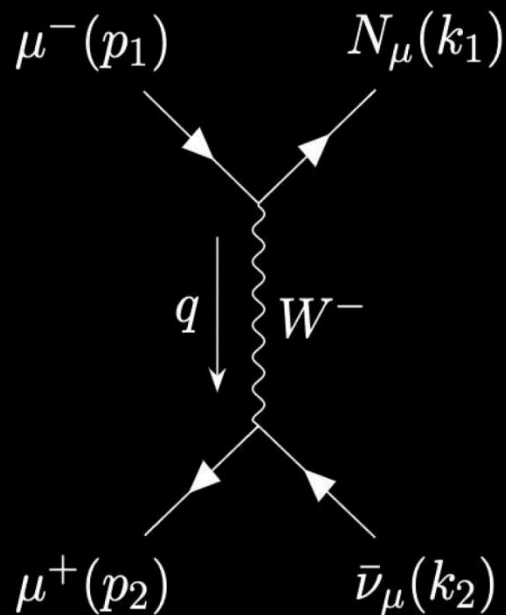


Peiran Li, Kun-Feng Lyu, ZL, [2301.07117](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07117)

# Muon Flavor

Production dominated by t-channel

$$\mu^+ + \mu^- \rightarrow N_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$



Type	Signal process	$\sigma/ U_\mu ^2$ (w. conj. channel) $m_N = 1$ TeV
t-channel	$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow N_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$	20.28 pb
VBF	$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- N_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\sim 1$ pb
VBF	$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu N_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\sim 0.1$ pb

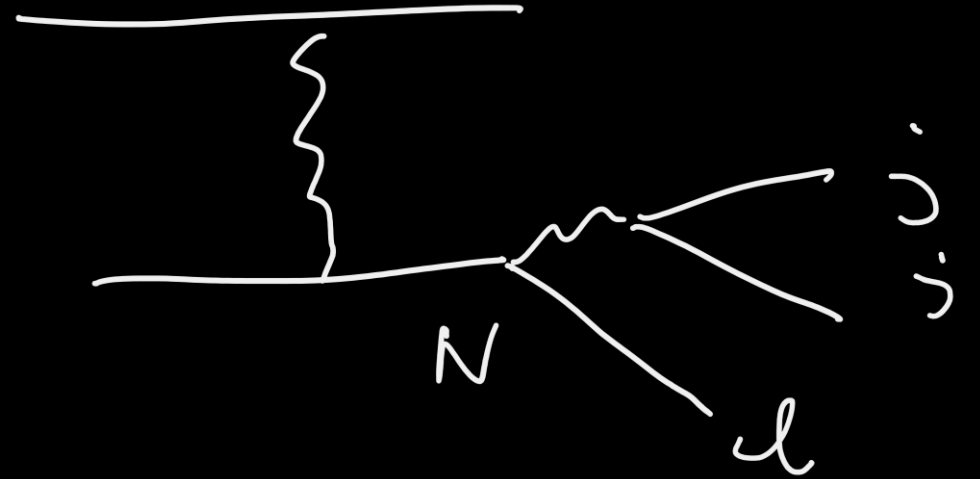


# Decay selection $m_N > O(100) \text{ GeV}$

- $N_\mu \rightarrow W^+ + \mu^-$
- $N_\mu \rightarrow Z + \nu_\mu$
- $N_\mu \rightarrow H + \nu_\mu$

$$N_\mu \rightarrow W^+ + \mu^-, \quad W \rightarrow jj$$

$$\mu^+ + \mu^- \rightarrow N_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow jj + \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$



The dijets almost come from onshell W/Z boson.

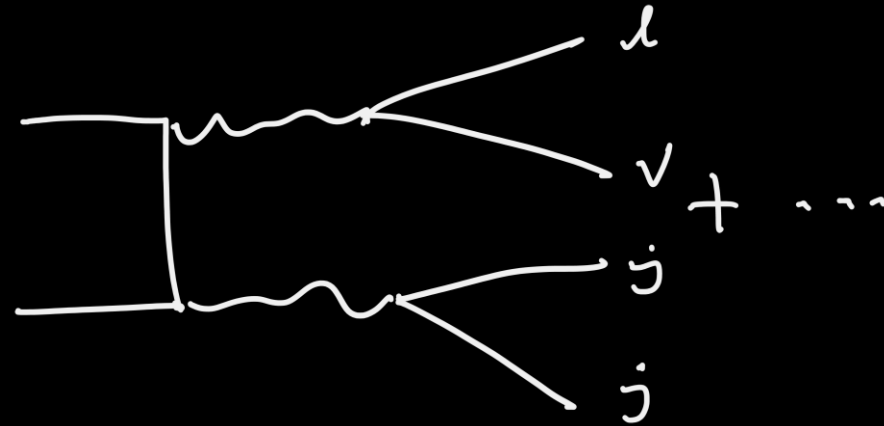
We focus on the final states of  $W$  and  $\mu$  and reconstruct its invariant mass distribution.

Including the charge conjugation process

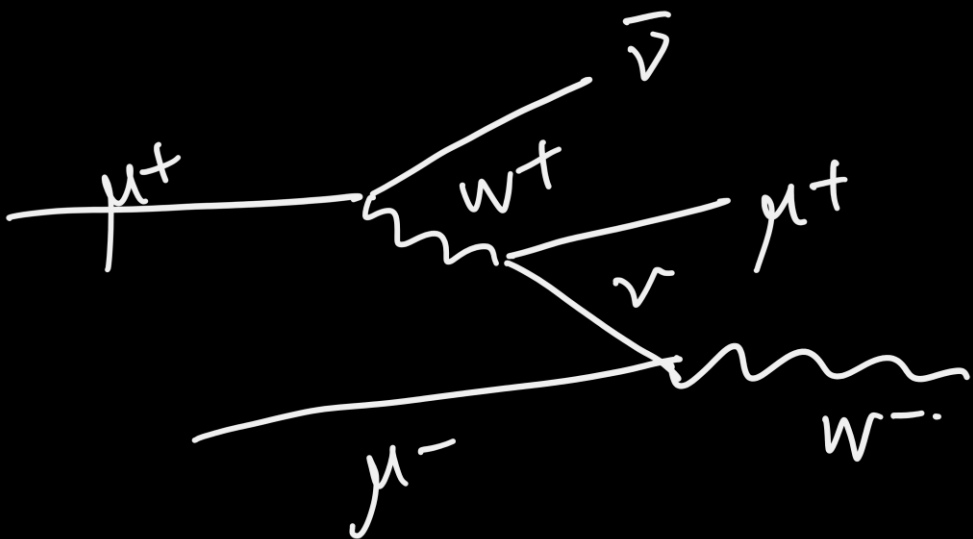
# 10TeV Background

Type	Background process	$\sigma$ (w. conj. channel)	Pre-selection cut (PSC)
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<i>t</i> -channel	$\mu^+ \mu^- \longrightarrow Z \mu^+ \mu^-$	0.464 pb	PSC & missing $\mu^+$
VBF	$\mu^+ \mu^- \longrightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- W^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	0.401 pb	PSC & missing $\mu^+ \mu^-$
VBF	$\mu^+ \mu^- \longrightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu W^+ \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	0.0686 pb	PSC

Need special treatment



# Physical Poles from Unstable Particle Scattering



But this is not normal. QFT diverges. it is not a "local" divergence, it comes from



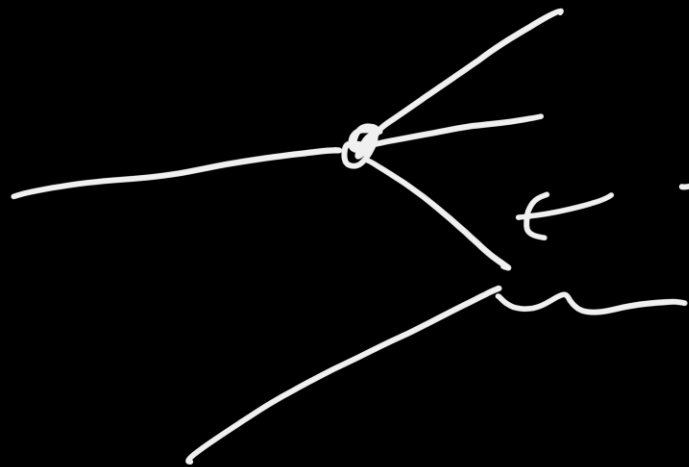
on-shell neutrino

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow W^- \mu^+ \bar{\nu}$$

If you calculate it, analytically or any honest operator, you will get

And this is not a part of the  $\nu$ -PDF. neither, as muon decays

# So, what regulates it?



this is the asymptotic state  
that participate in the interactions

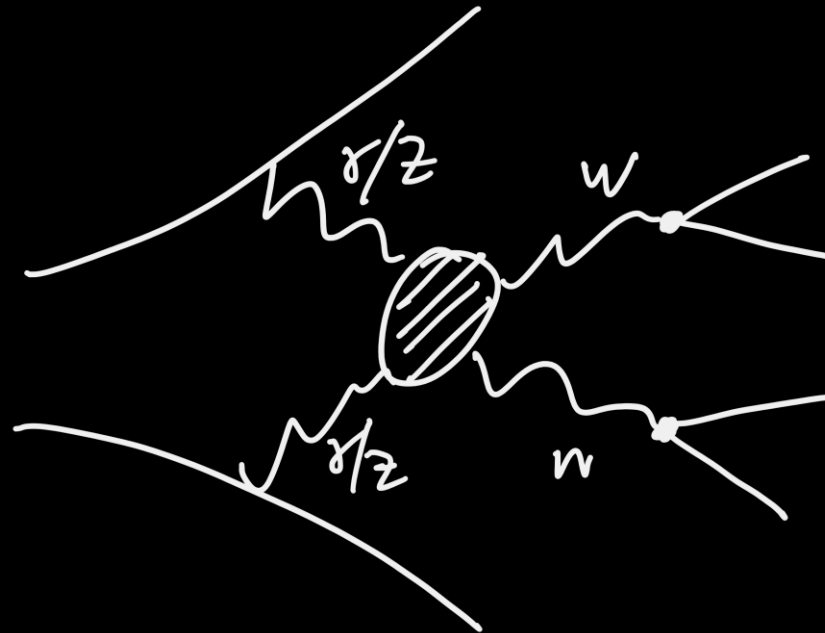
the regulator is beam size, finite width,  
etc.

(there was a debate in 1990s but there is  
or better formalism IAD, I'm developing it)

# 10TeV Background

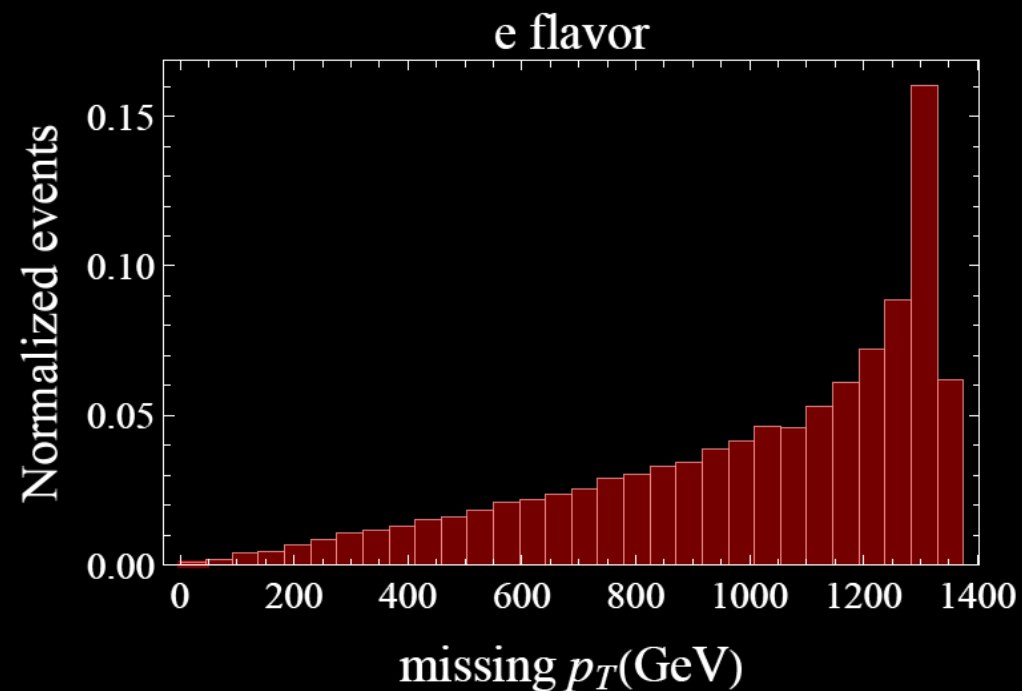
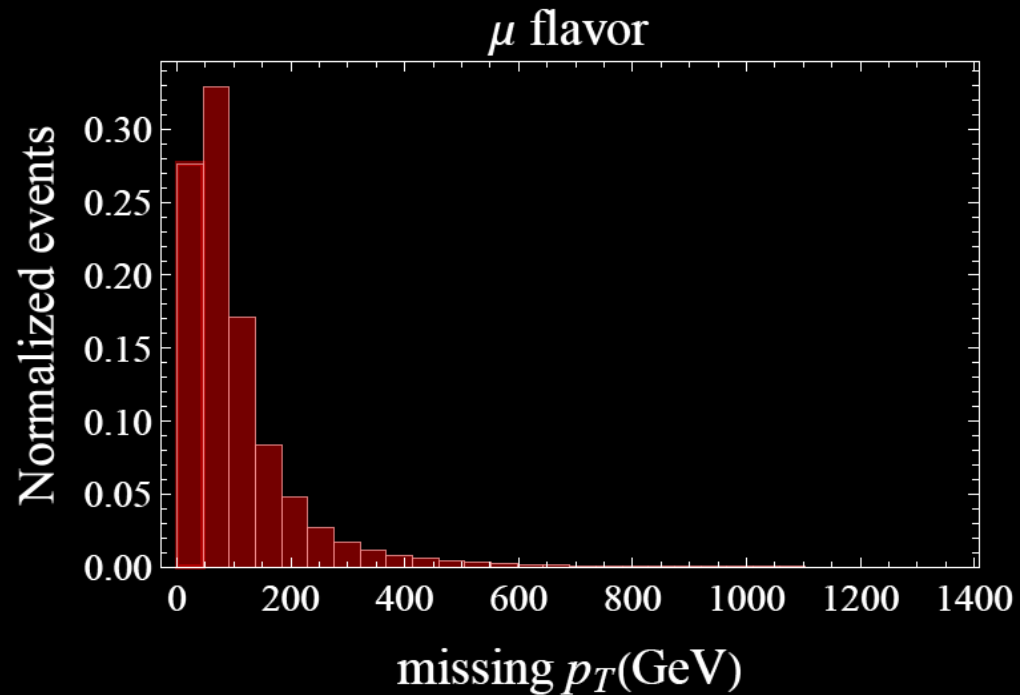
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Need special treatment:  
Effective Photons  
(or EW PDF)

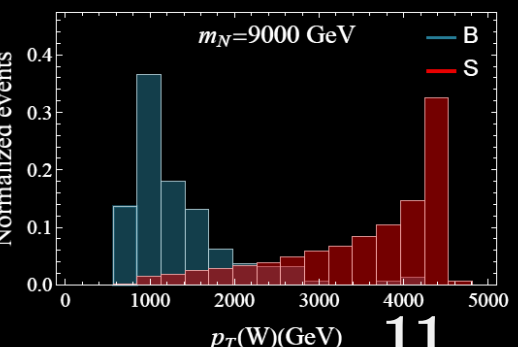
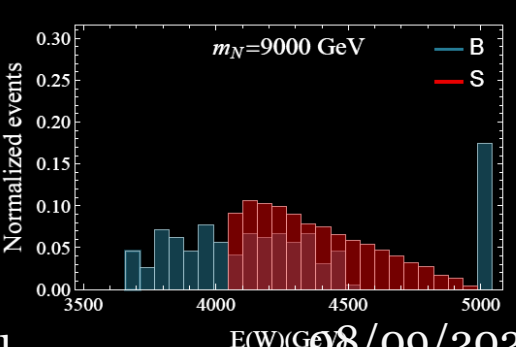
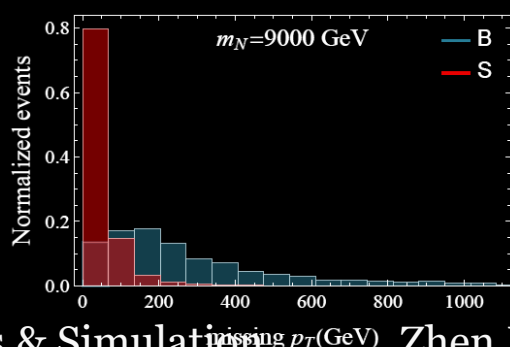
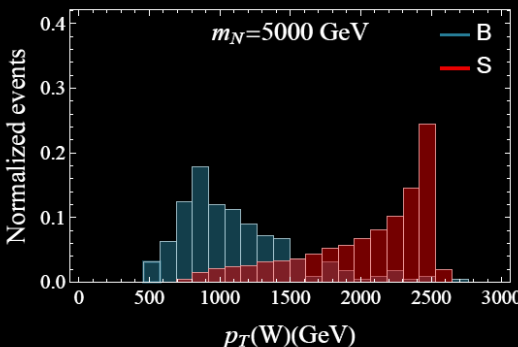
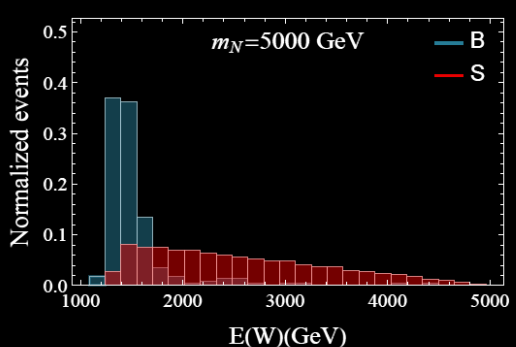
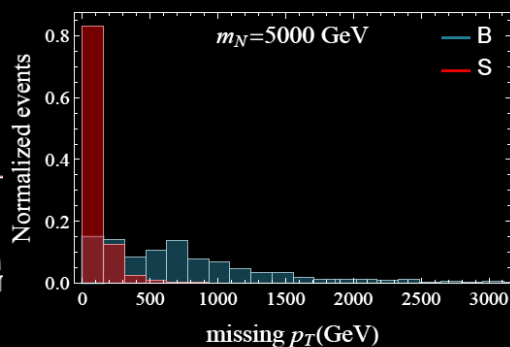
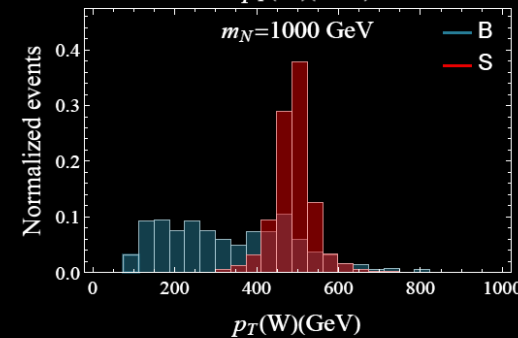
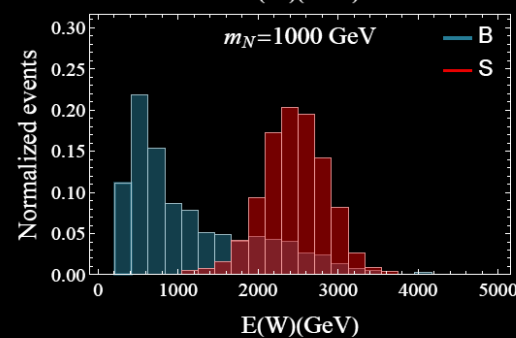
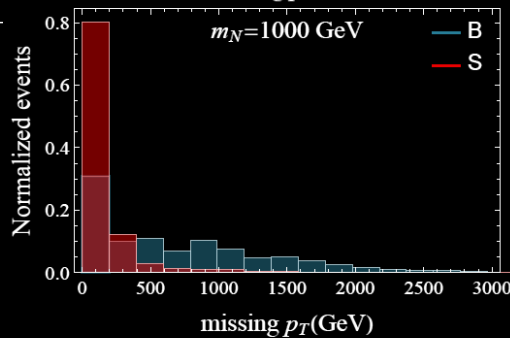
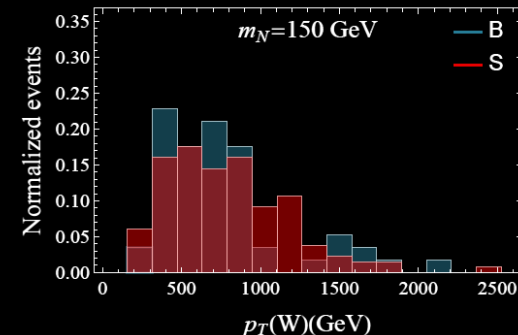
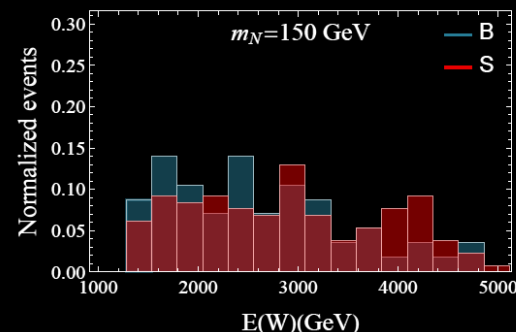
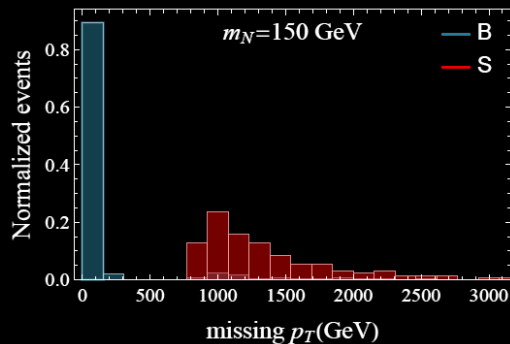
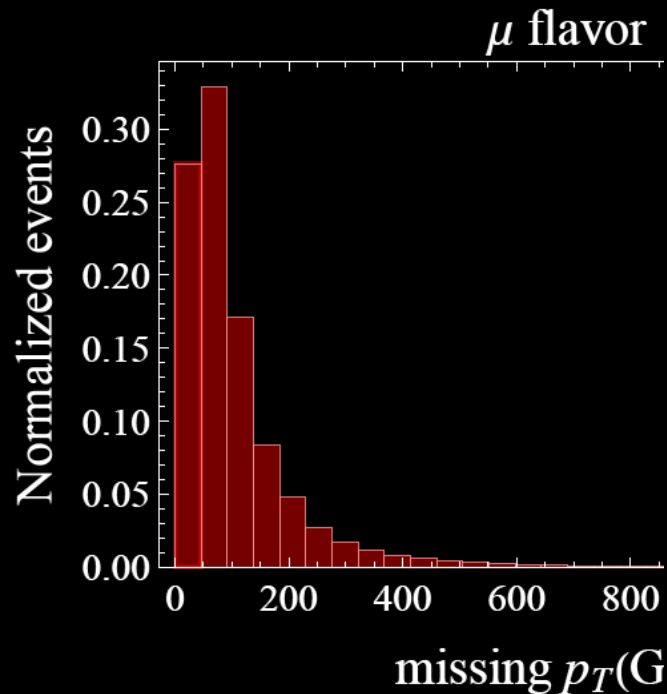




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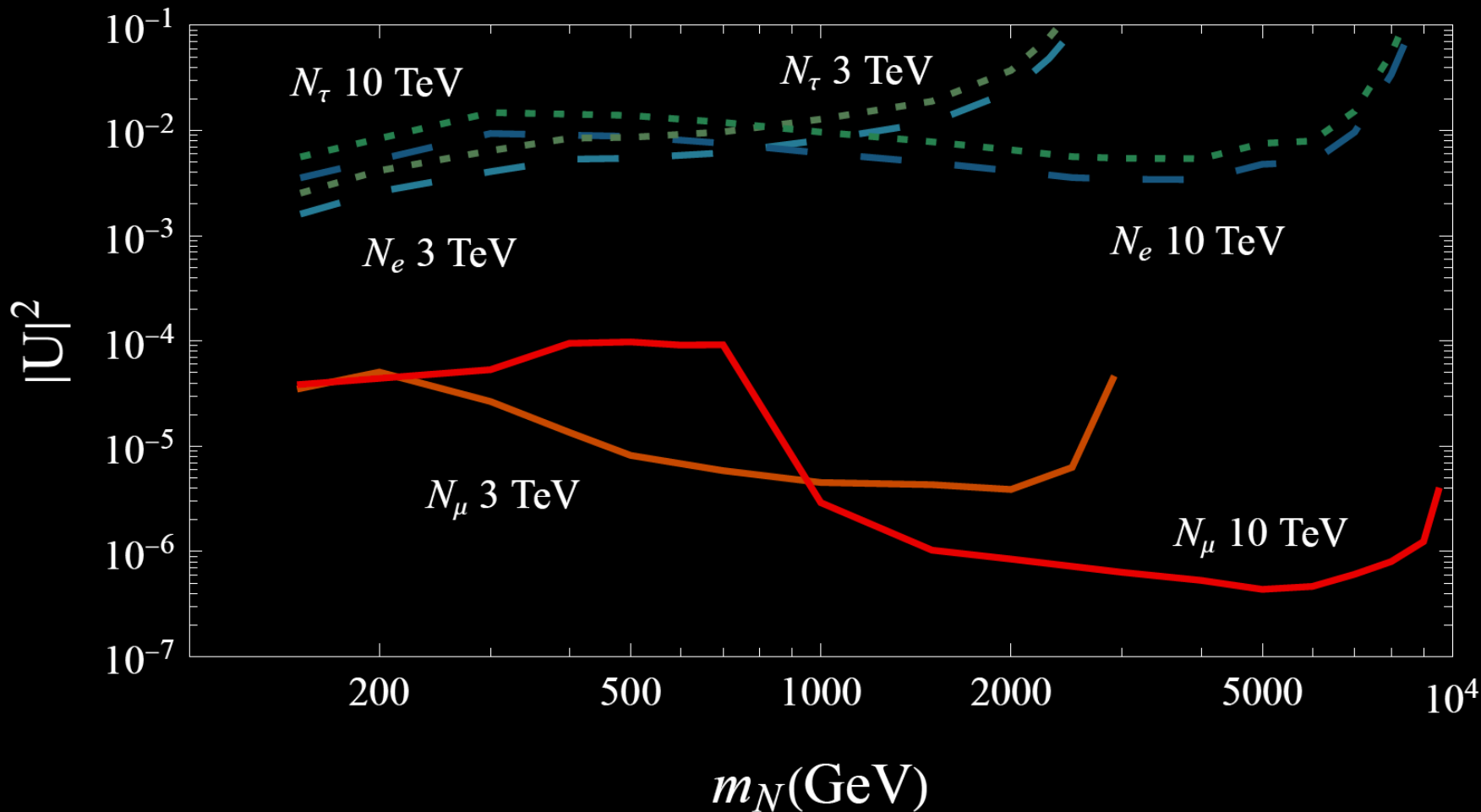
# Cutflow Analysis

$$\mu^+ + \mu^- \rightarrow N_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow jj + \mu^- + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

- Pre-selection: require single visible charged lepton
  - $|\eta(\mu)| < 2.5$  and  $p_T(\mu) > 20$  GeV
- Central hadronic W selection: require visible on-shell W boson
  - $|\eta(W)| < 2.5$  and  $p_T(W) > 20$  GeV
- Mass window: reconstructed mass  $m_{W\mu}$  within  $m_N \pm 5\%m_N$
- Optimization cuts:
  - Customized cut on missing  $p_T$ ,  $E(W)$ ,  $p_T(W)$  for each  $m_N$  benchmark

Background process	Central W	Mass window	Optimization
		150/1000/5000/9000 GeV	
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow W^+\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$	89.14%	0.28/2.4/3.2/1.6%	0.28/0.42/1.1/0.80%
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow Z\mu^+\mu^-$	1.60%	0/0.085/0.039/0.016%	0/0.051/0/0%
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-W^+\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu$	43.39%	1.6/0.75/0.011/0%	0/0.73/0.0083/0%
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow N_\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu$	Central W	Mass window	Optimization
$m_N = 150$ GeV	55.04%	55.04%	55.04%
$m_N = 1000$ GeV	54.75%	54.75%	51.63%
$m_N = 5000$ GeV	99.93%	99.93%	97.46%
$m_N = 9000$ GeV	99.99%	99.99%	98.27%

# Projected sensitivity



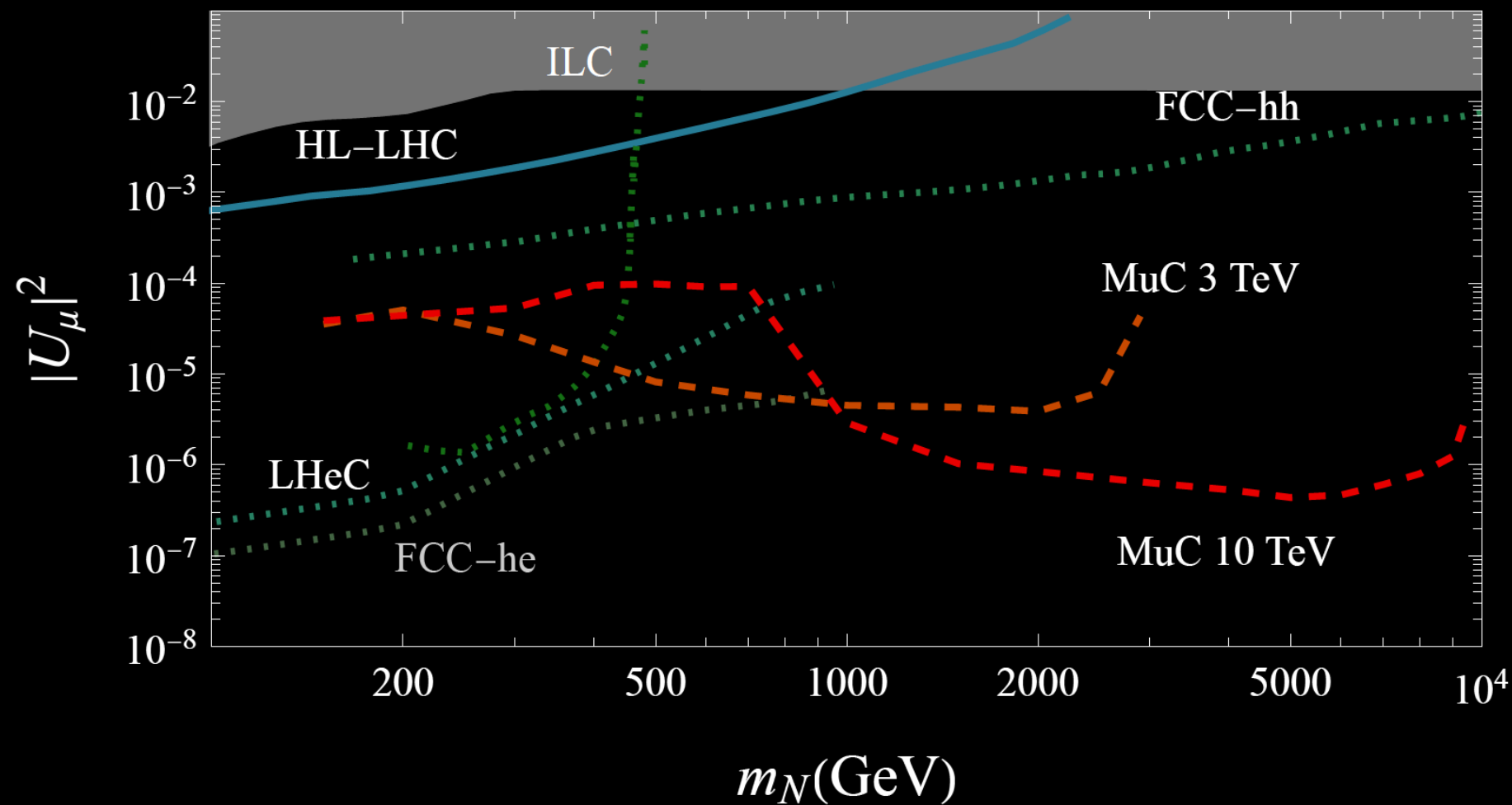
Sensitivity to e and  $\tau$  flavor is moderate

Muon Collider features the strong direct probe of the  $\mu$  flavored HNL

10 TeV muon collider can probe the  $|U_\mu|^2$  to a few  $10^{-7}$  for TeV scale HNLs.

The VBF background increases for high energy muon colliders and renders the 3 TeV muon collider competitive in sub TeV scale.

# Projections w. others



Focusing on the muon-flavored case:

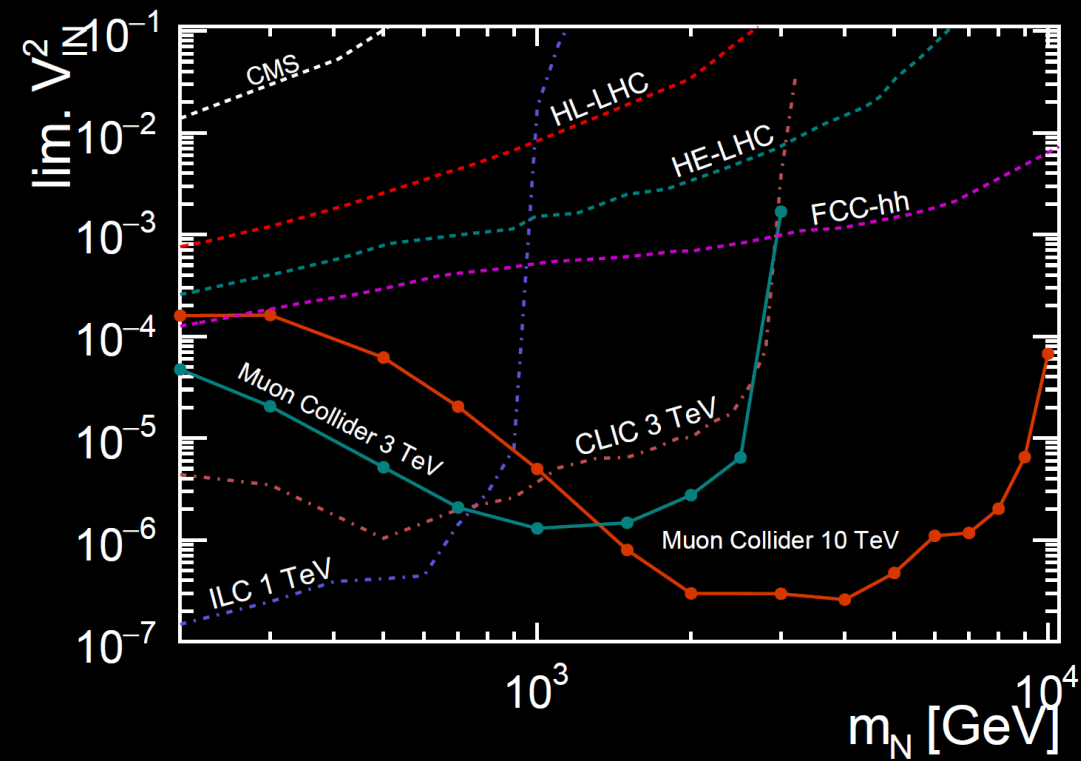
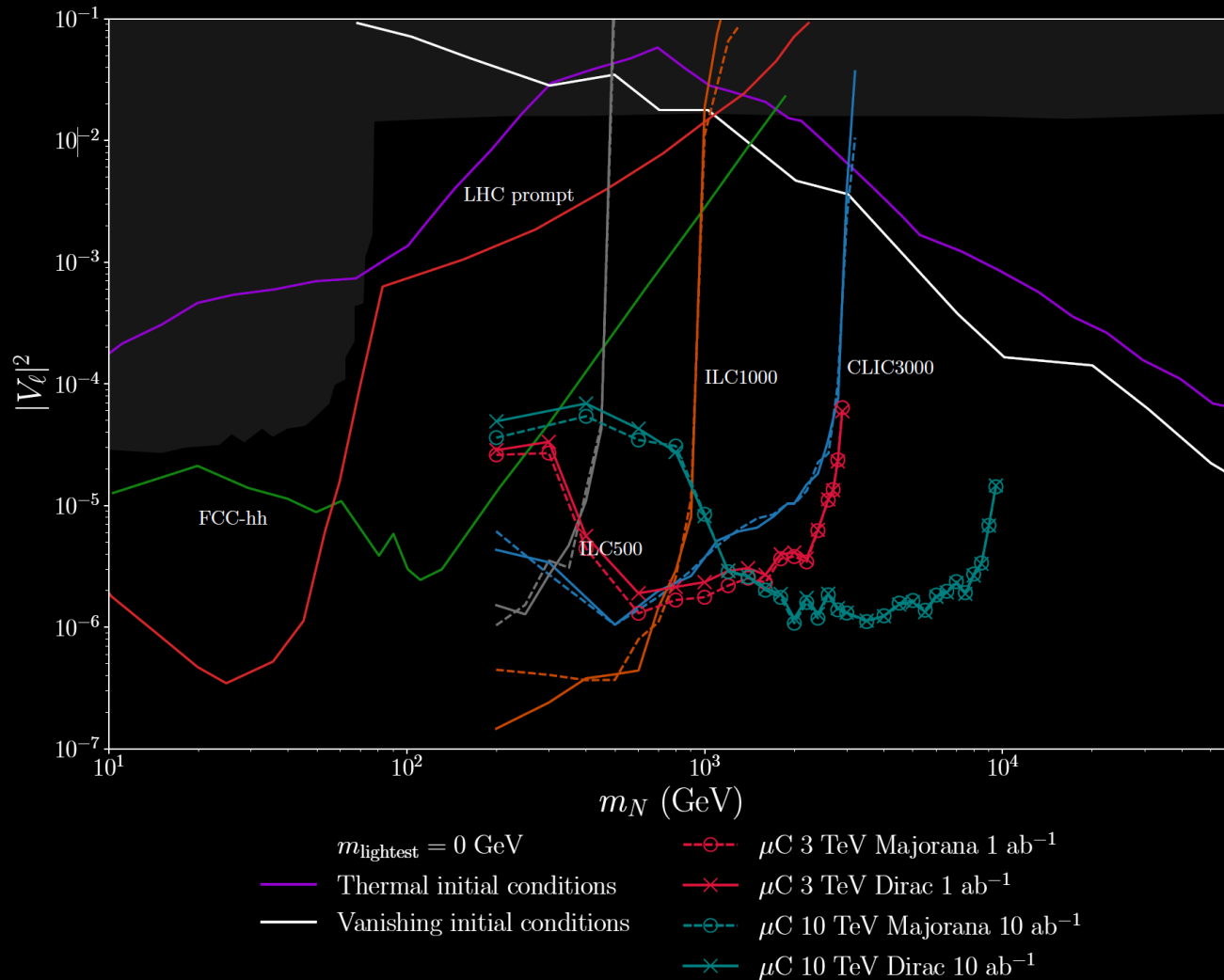
LHC and EWPD probe  $O(10^{-3})$

Muon Collider has unique roles in probing the parameter space (thanks to the t-channel enhancement).

In the inverse seesaw setup,  $|U_\ell|^2 = \left(\frac{\lambda v}{m_N}\right)^2$ , and hence a unitarity limit exist on the upper right corner, overlapping very little with the region of our interests.

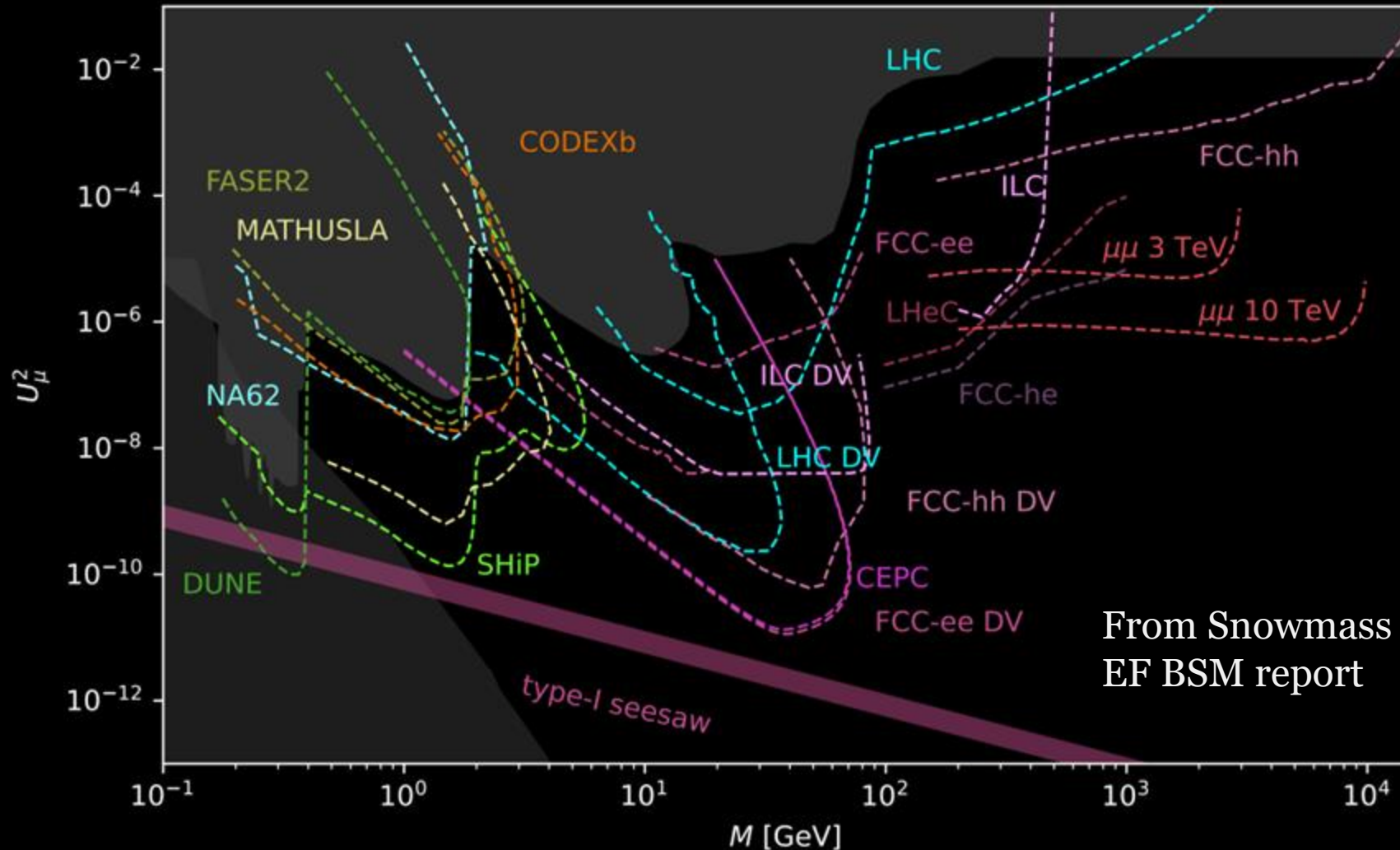


# BDT-based projections



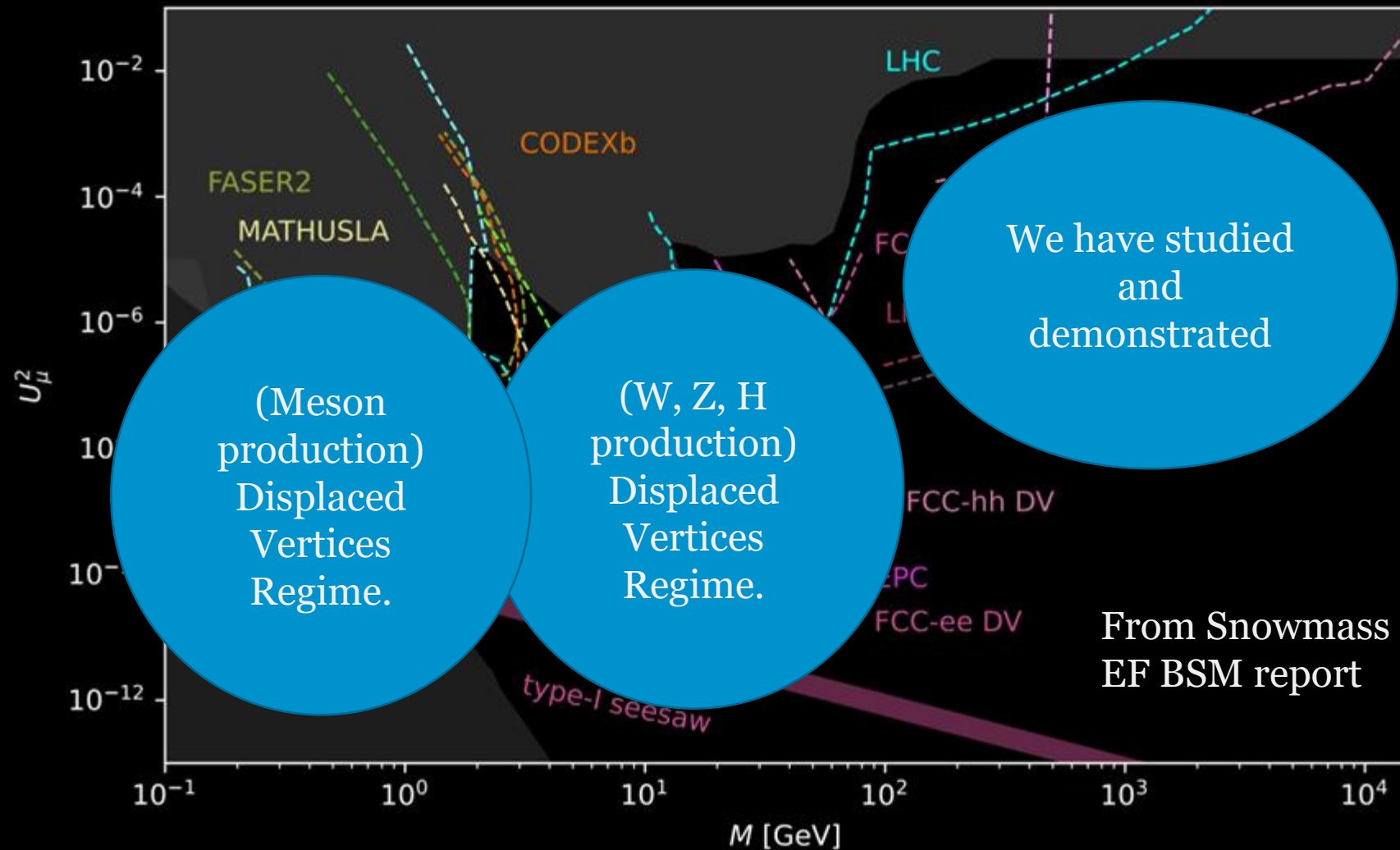
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# New studies for other regions

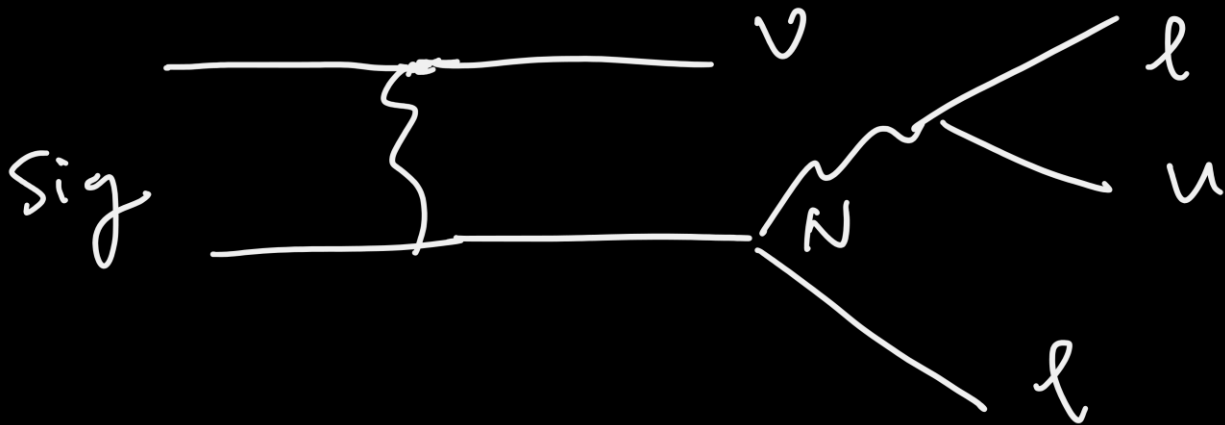


The bottom left “type-I seesaw” represents the most pessimistic seesaw benchmarks. In general multi-generation seesaw, the motivated parameter regions spans over the space above that line, very much like the inverse seesaw spectra.

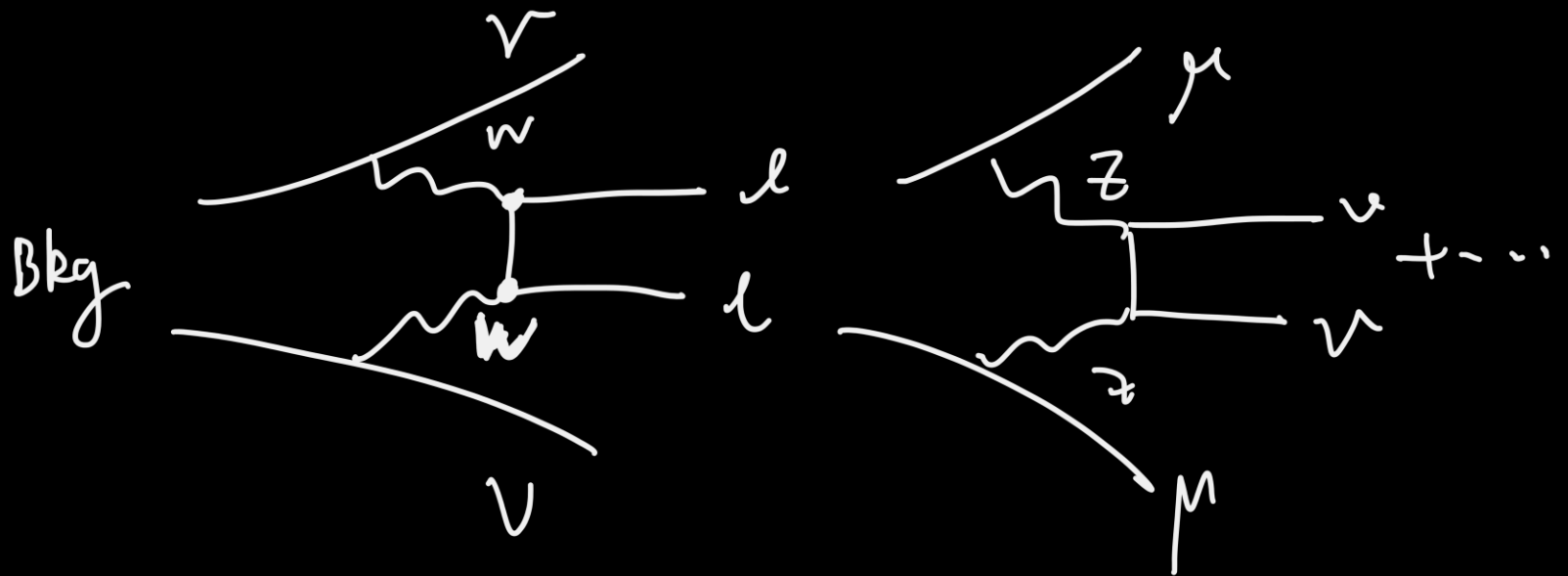
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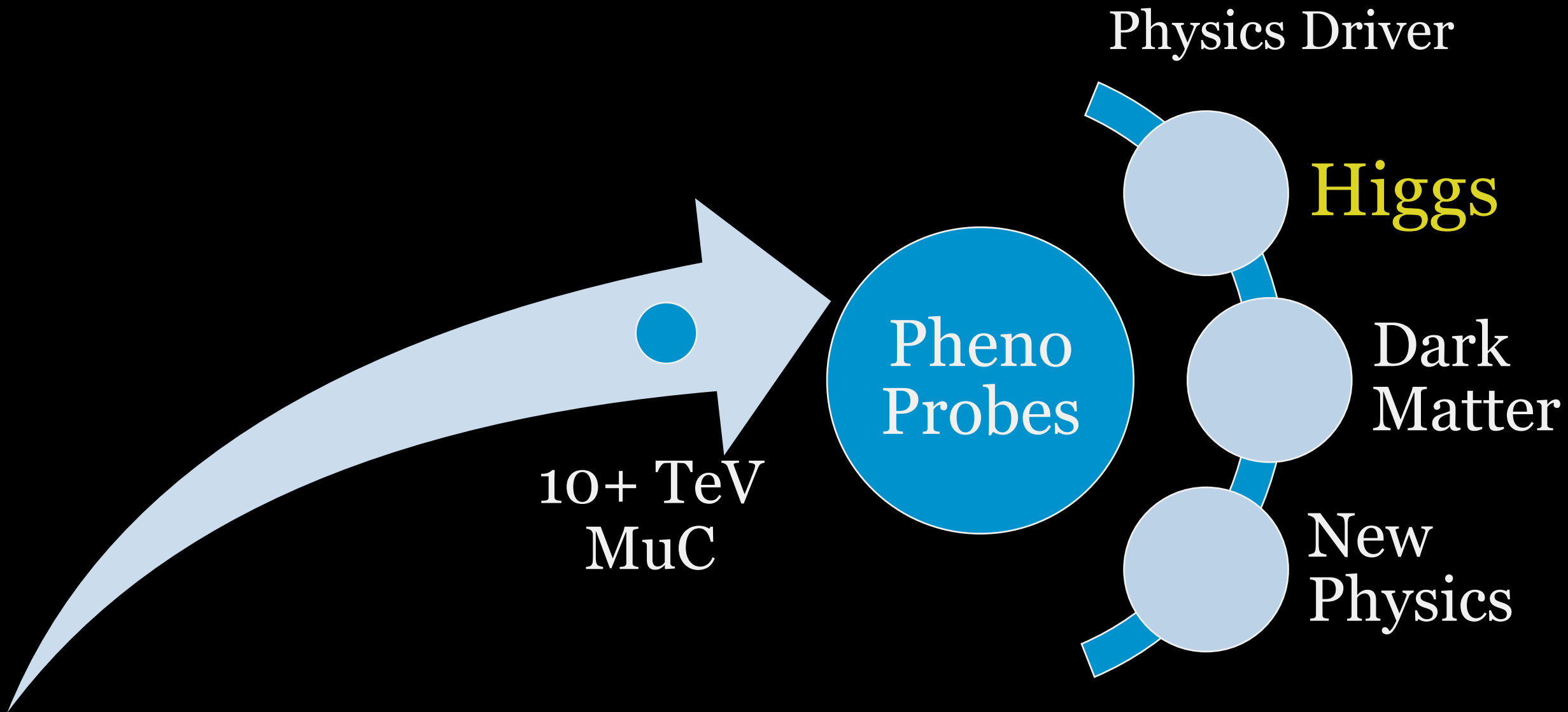
# What about leptonic mode of HNL decay?



You will encounter infinity from on-shell intermediate states with EW PDF. This is a **fake pole** from the quasi-real approximation.



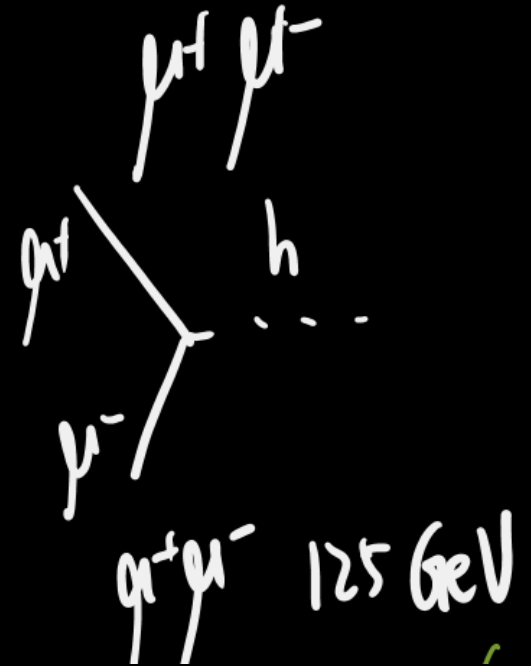
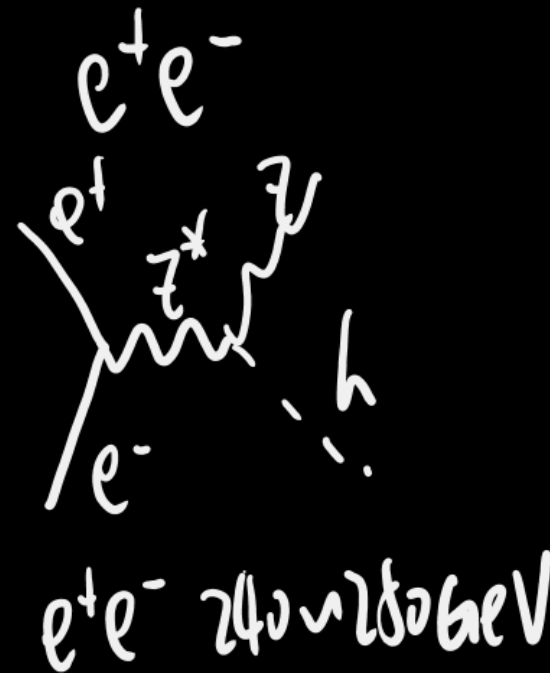
# The Muon Shot



# Measurements to be interpreted

Future Higgs factories, e.g., can solve this issue by inclusive Higgs measurement or lineshape scan.

- Inclusive rate:  $\sigma(i \rightarrow H) = \sum_j \sigma(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow j) \propto \sum_j \frac{\Gamma_i \Gamma_j}{\Gamma_{tot}} = \Gamma_i$
- Lineshape scan: break the parameterization  $\sigma(i \rightarrow H \rightarrow j) \propto \frac{\Gamma_i \Gamma_j}{\Gamma_{tot}^2}$





# Inclusive Higgs rate from ZZ fusion

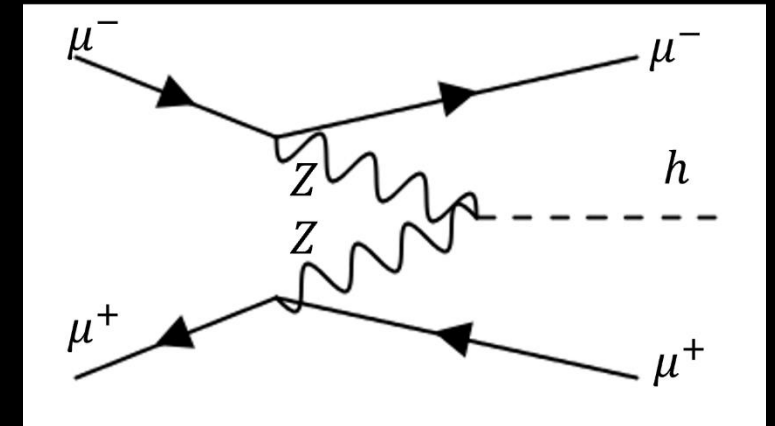


Forward muon coverage:  $2.5 < \eta(\mu) < 4, 6, 8$

Peiran Li, Kun-Feng Lyu, ZL, [2401.08756](#)

$$p_h = (\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, 0) - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}$$

$$m_h^2 = [(\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, 0) - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}]^2$$



Recoil mass of dimuon

This subleading Higgs production channel, once tagged, does not rely on the detection of Higgs decay channel.

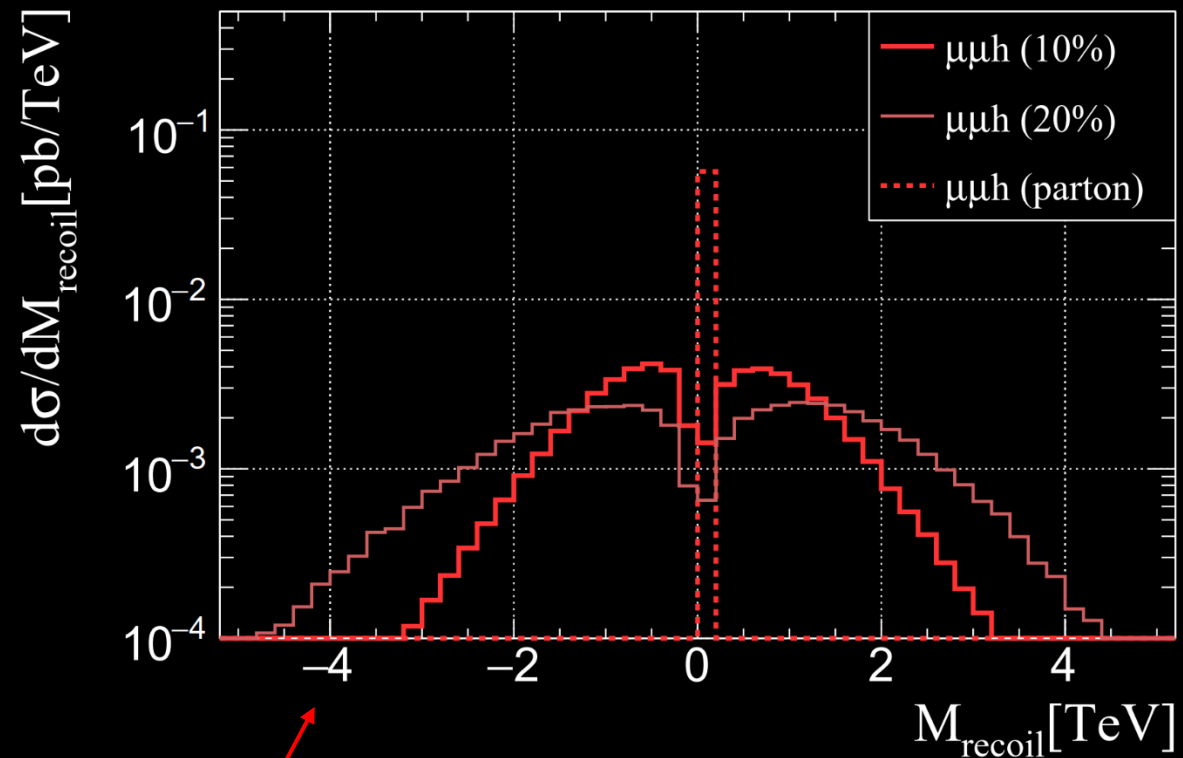
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# Inclusive Higgs rate from ZZ fusion

Due to the uncertainty of high energy measurement, the smearing effect dominate the recoil mass distribution.



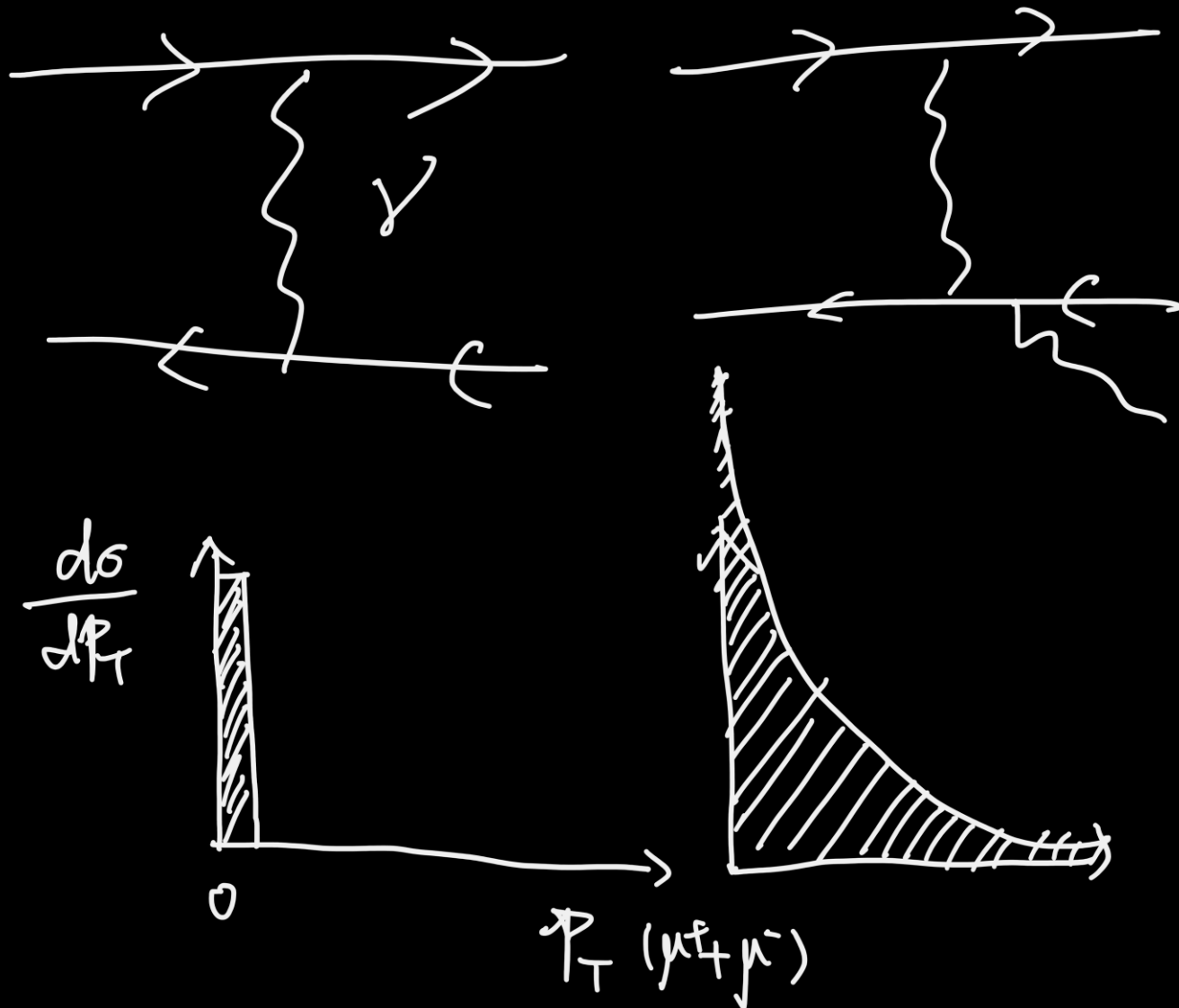
Detector Response/Simulation Matters a lot here!  
Completely changes the story.



Fast detector simulation using Delphes.

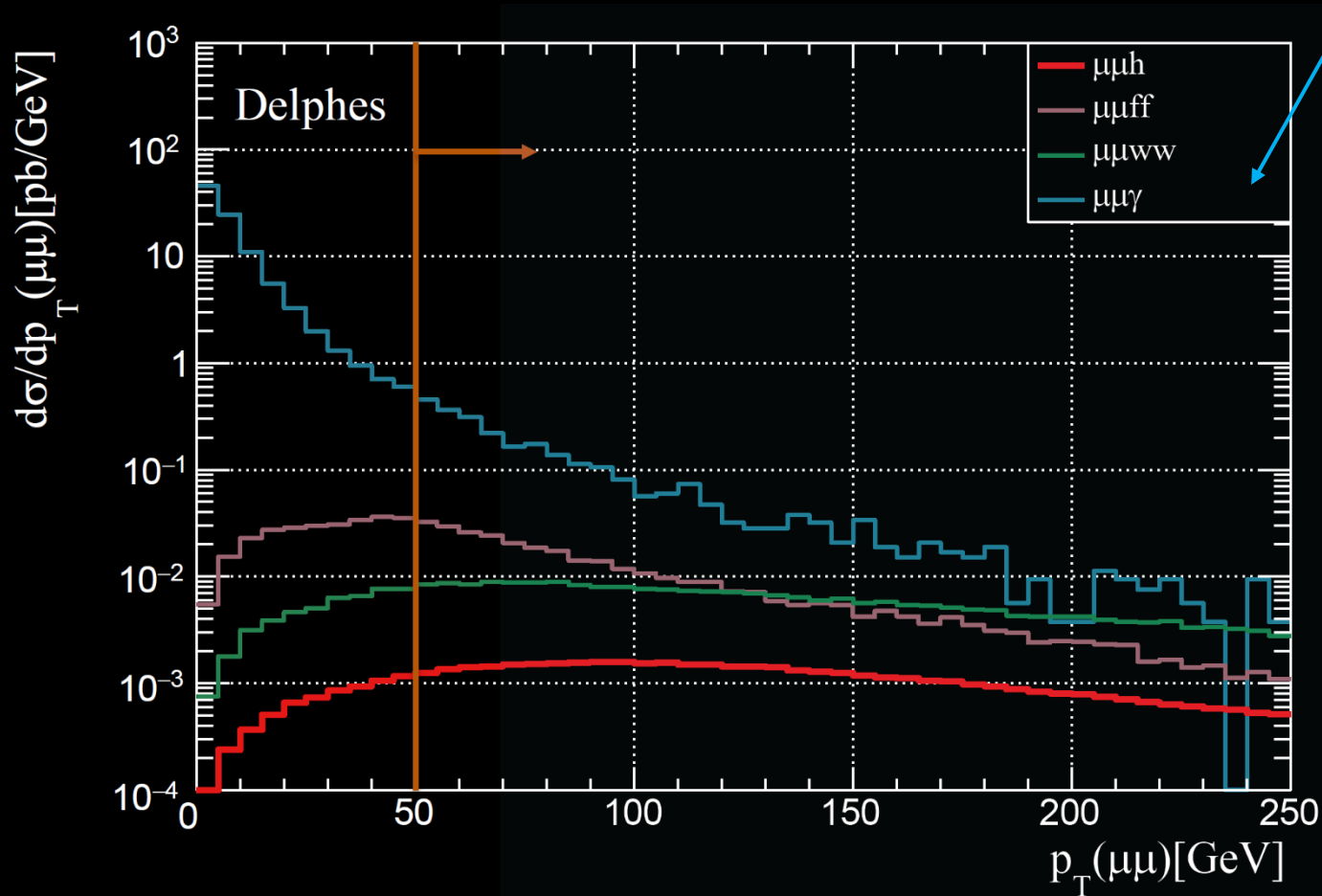
$$[(\sqrt{s}, 0, 0, 0) - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}]^2 < 0$$

# Background Simulation

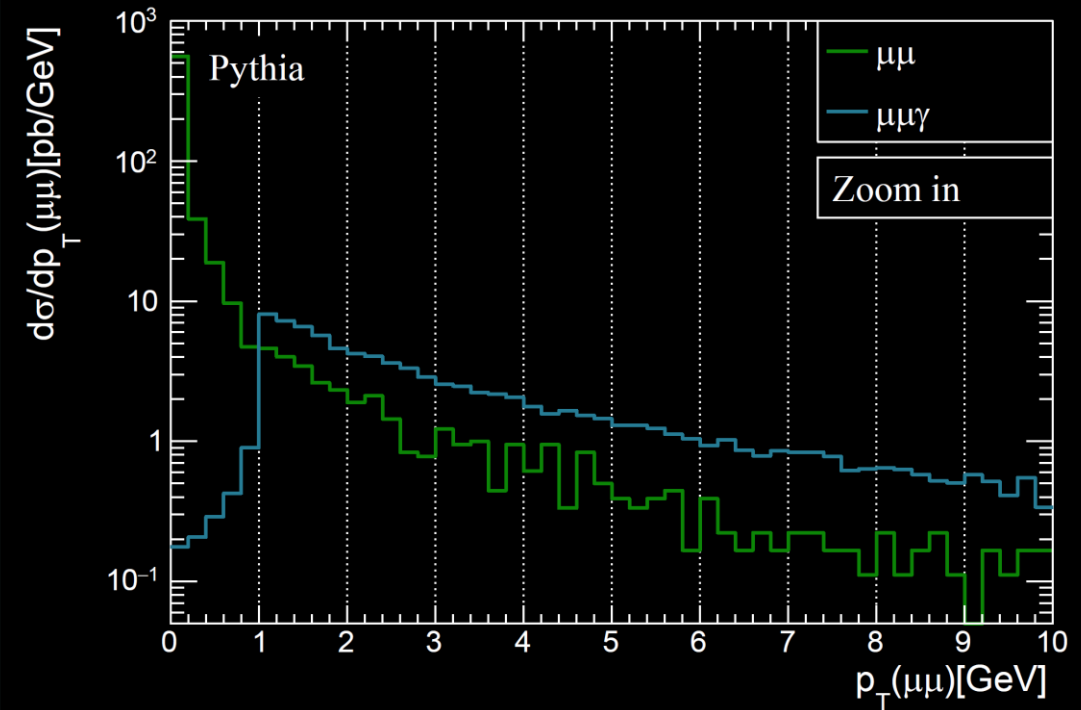


# Signal vs. Background ( $\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$ )

Require  $p_T(\mu\mu) > 50 \text{ GeV}$

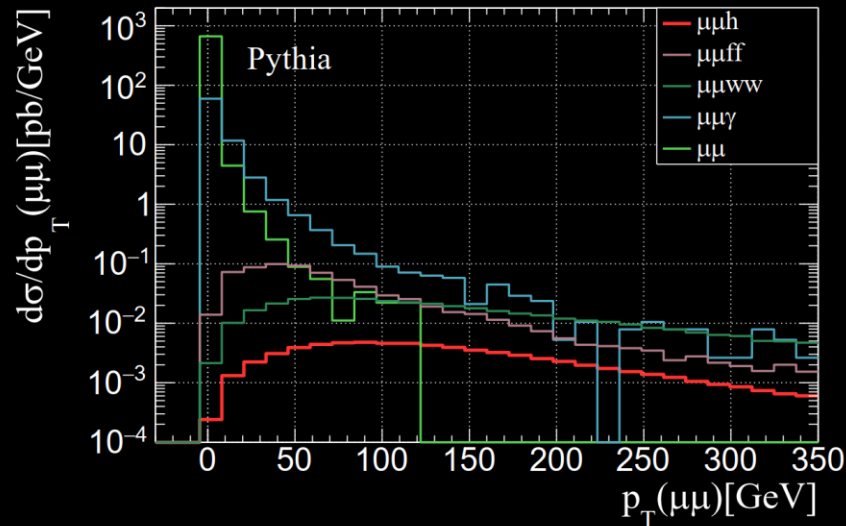
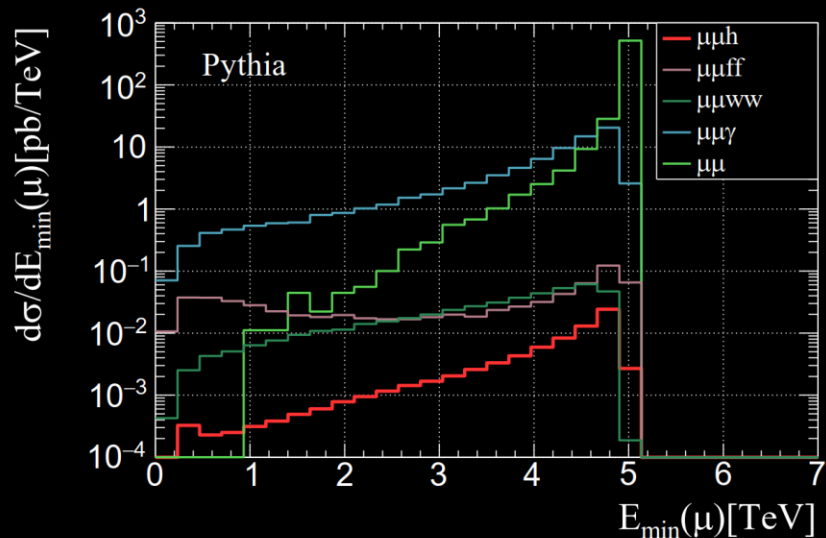


Matching & Merging  
 $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and  $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma$

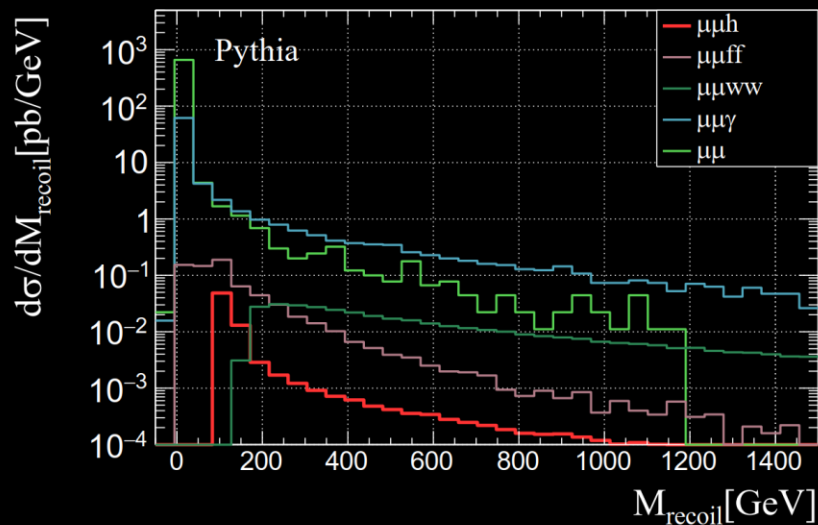
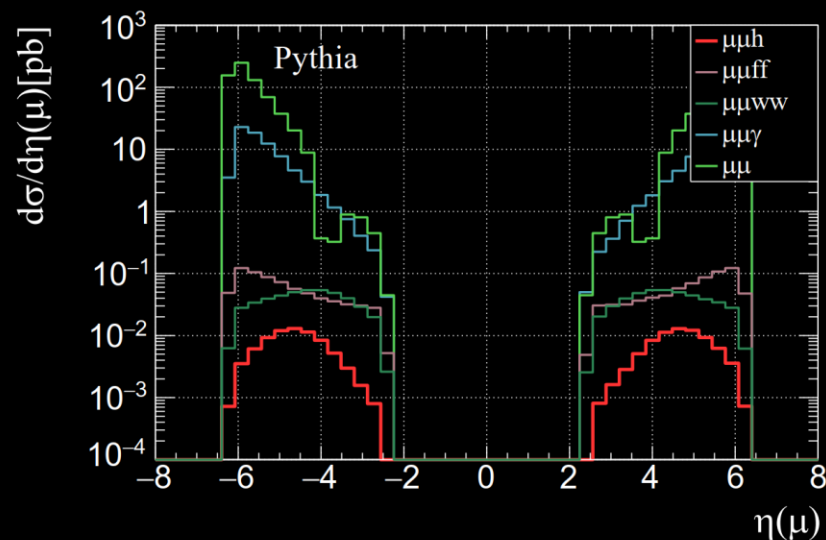


Also see a similar treatment in Higgs invisible study, Ruhdorfer, Salvioni, Wulzer, [2303.14202](#)

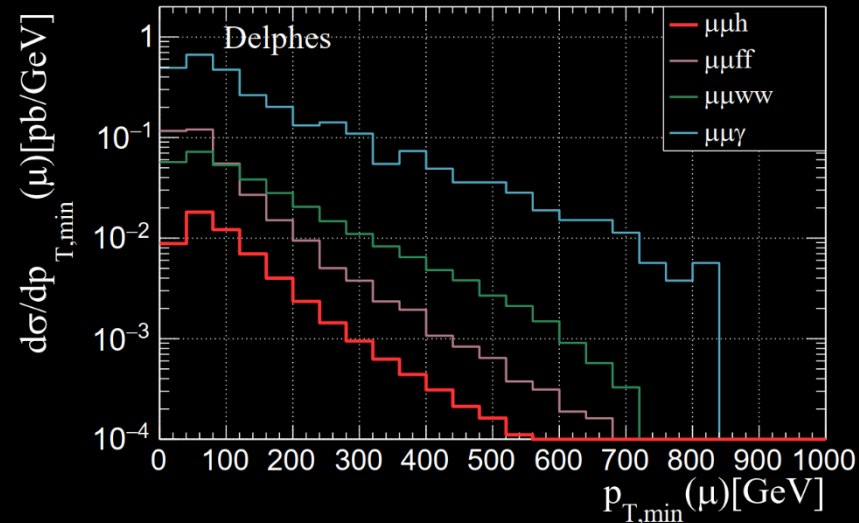
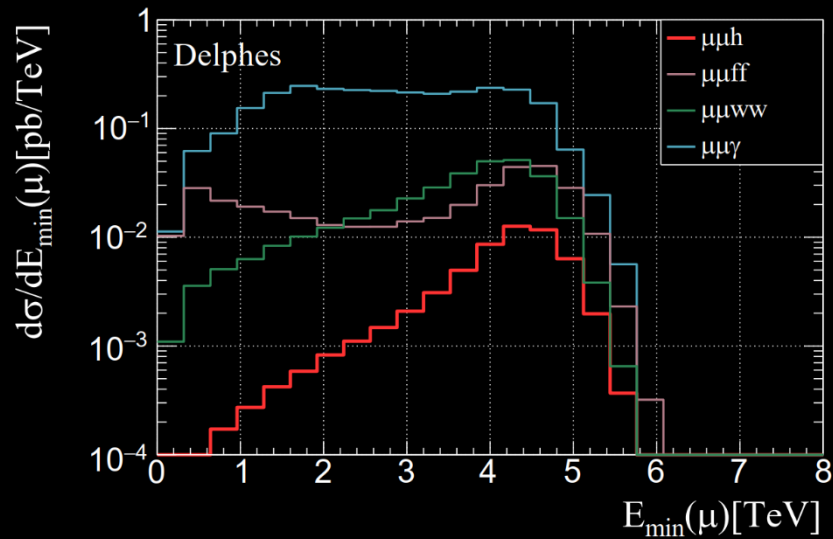
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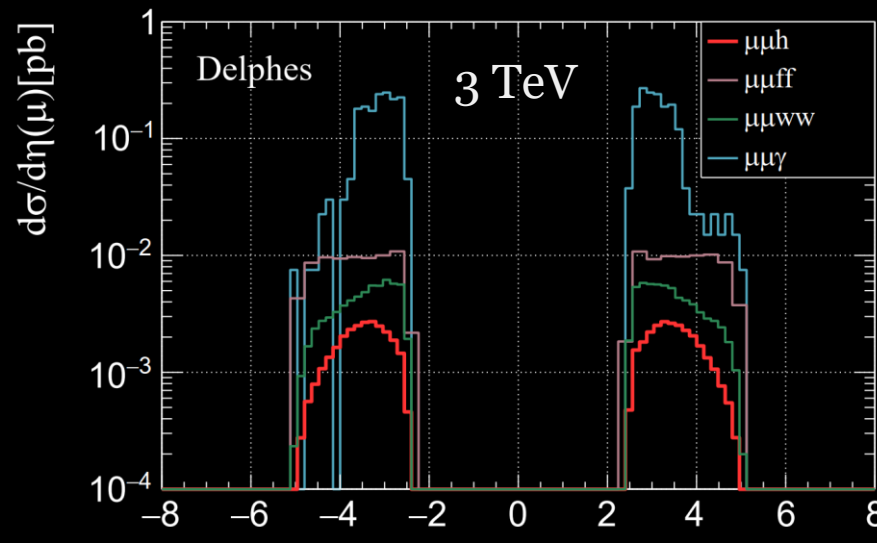
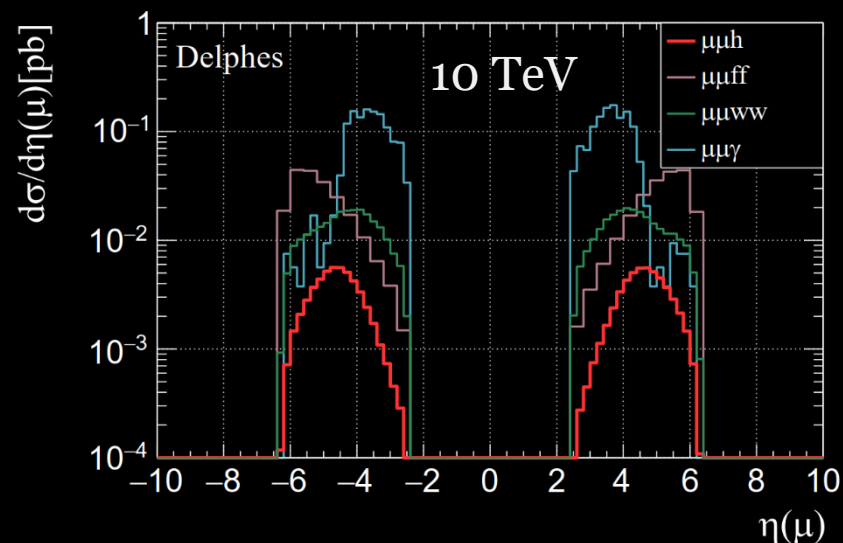
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# Sensitivity

Process	Pre-selection	$p_T(\mu\mu) > 50 \text{ GeV}$	$E(\mu) > 3000 \text{ GeV} \ \& \ p_{T,\min}(\mu) < 300 \text{ GeV}$
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-h$	73.3%	65.7%	56.4% (0.0489 pb)
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	13.1%	0.38%	0.12% (0.906 pb)
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-f\bar{f}$	8.13%	4.69%	2.58% (0.199 pb)
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-W^+W^-$	40.0%	34.9%	22.0% (0.207 pb)

10 TeV

Benchmark	$ \eta(\mu)  < 4$	$ \eta(\mu)  < 6$	$ \eta(\mu)  < 8$
$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$	15%	0.75%	0.74%

# Now High Energy Muon Collider is a full-fledged Higgs factory

$$\eta(\mu) < 6$$

$\mu_{\text{production}}^{\text{decay}}$	$\mu_{VV}^{tt}$	$\mu_{WW}^{bb}$	$\mu_{WW}^{cc}$	$\mu_{WW}^{gg}$	$\mu_{WW}^{\tau\tau}$	$\mu_{WW}^{WW}$	$\mu_{WW}^{ZZ}$	$\mu_{WW}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$\mu_{WW}^{\mu\mu}$
$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\%)$	2.8	0.22	3.6	0.79	1.1	0.40	3.2	1.7	5.7
$\mu_{\text{production}}^{\text{decay}}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{bb}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{cc}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{gg}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{\tau\tau}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{WW}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{ZZ}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{\gamma\gamma}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^{\text{inv}}$	$\mu_{ZZ}^H$
$\Delta\sigma/\sigma(\%)$	0.77	17	3.3	4.8	1.8	11	4.8	0.05	0.75

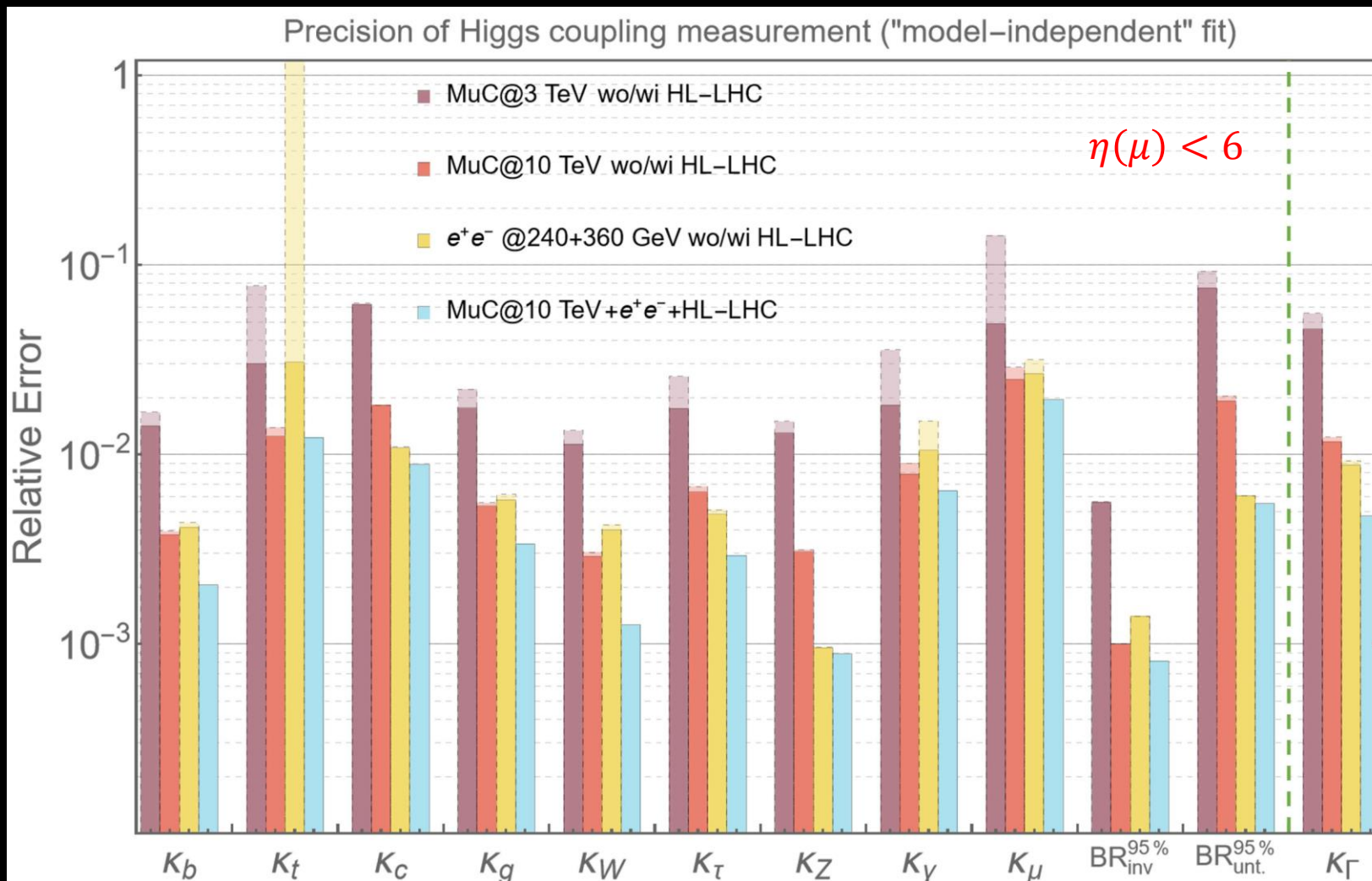
Requires forward muon



Other inputs used in this study.

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New inclusive Higgs rate result enables a full-fledged Higgs precision.

- With forwarded detection  $2.5 < \eta(\mu) < 6$ , the cross-section precision is  $\sim 0.75\%$
- Combining with other studies, we can constraint on  $\Gamma_H \sim 2\%$  and Higgs couplings in  $0.5\%$  level.

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# Results and approximate analytics

$$\kappa_{\Gamma} = \frac{(\mu_{ZZ}^H)^2}{\mu_{WW}^{WW}} \left( \frac{\mu_{WW}^{bb}}{\mu_{ZZ}^{bb}} \right)^2$$

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$$\Delta\kappa_{\Gamma} = \left[ 4(\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^H)^2 + (\Delta\mu_{WW}^{WW})^2 + 4(\Delta\mu_{WW}^{bb})^2 + 4(\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^{bb})^2 \right]^{1/2} = 2.2\%$$

$$\kappa_W^4 = (\mu_{WW}^{WW})\kappa_{\Gamma} = (\mu_{ZZ}^H)^2 \left( \frac{\mu_{WW}^{bb}}{\mu_{ZZ}^{bb}} \right)^2,$$

$$\Delta\kappa_W = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 4(\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^H)^2 + 4(\Delta\mu_{WW}^{bb})^2 + 4(\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^{bb})^2 \right]^{1/2} = 0.55\%.$$

$$\kappa_b^2 = \frac{\mu_{WW}^{bb}\kappa_W^2}{\mu_{WW}^{WW}} = \frac{\mu_{ZZ}^H(\mu_{WW}^{bb})^2}{\mu_{ZZ}^{bb}\mu_{WW}^{WW}},$$

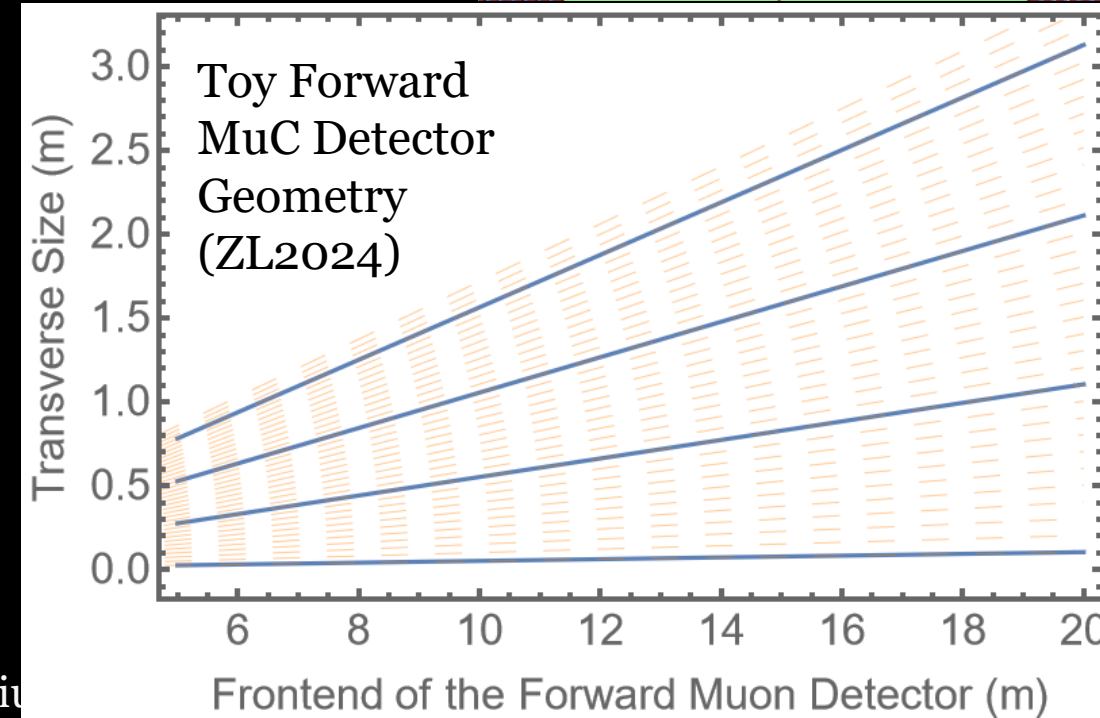
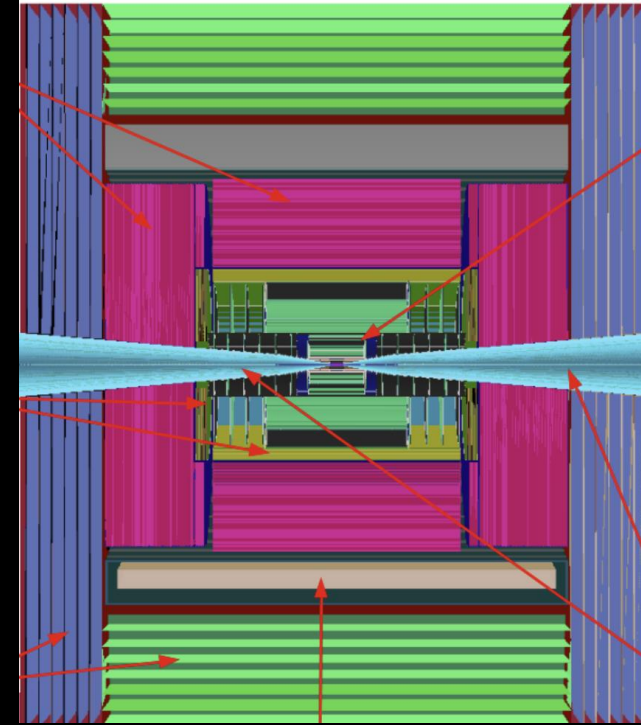
$$\Delta\kappa_b = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^H)^2 + 4(\Delta\mu_{WW}^{bb})^2 + (\Delta\mu_{ZZ}^{bb})^2 + (\Delta\mu_{WW}^{WW})^2 \right]^{1/2} = 0.61\%$$

The diverse production and decay measurements at MuC de-correlate many coupling precision, which leads to a good projection in the coupling basis.

	$ \eta(\mu)  < 4$			$ \eta(\mu)  < 6$		
	MuC@10TeV	+HL-LHC	+ $e^+e^-$	MuC@10TeV	+HL-LHC	+ $e^+e^-$
$\kappa_b$ (%)	+7.5 -0.25	+1.7 -0.24	+0.25 -0.18	+0.56 -0.23	+0.53 -0.23	+0.24 -0.17
$\kappa_t$ (%)	+1.4 -7.1	+1.3 -1.6	+1.3 -1.2	+1.4 -1.4	+1.3 -1.2	+1.3 -1.2
$\kappa_e$ (%)	+7.8 -2.1	+2.6 -2.1	+0.91 -0.91	+1.8 -1.8	+1.8 -1.8	+0.89 -0.89
$\kappa_g$ (%)	+7.5 -0.52	+1.7 -0.50	+0.38 -0.35	+0.67 -0.45	+0.63 -0.44	+0.35 -0.32
$\kappa_W$ (%)	+7.5 -0.15	+1.7 -0.13	+0.17 -0.099	+0.51 -0.10	+0.48 -0.10	+0.16 -0.090
$\kappa_{\tau}$ (%)	+7.5 -0.62	+1.8 -0.57	+0.33 -0.27	+0.76 -0.56	+0.71 -0.55	+0.32 -0.27
$\kappa_Z$ (%)	+7.3 -1.4	+1.9 -0.93	+0.13 -0.058	+0.37 -0.25	+0.37 -0.25	+0.12 -0.056
$\kappa_{\gamma}$ (%)	+7.6 -0.83	+1.8 -0.71	+0.66 -0.64	+0.97 -0.82	+0.86 -0.71	+0.65 -0.64
$\kappa_{\mu}$ (%)	+9.1 -5.0	+3.8 -3.6	+2.3 -2.4	+2.9 -2.9	+2.5 -2.5	+1.9 -2.0
$\text{Br}_{\text{inv}}^{95\%}$ (%)	+0.64 0	+0.63 0	+0.13 0	+0.10 0	+0.10 0	+0.080 0
$\text{Br}_{\text{unt}}^{95\%}$ (%)	+27 0	+6.6 0	+0.57 0	+2.0 0	+1.9 0	+0.54 0
$\kappa_{\Gamma}$ (%)	+34 -0.45	+6.9 -0.43	+0.69 -0.31	+2.1 -0.41	+1.9 -0.40	+0.65 -0.29

# Forward Muon Detector Required!

- Is it feasible?
- We only require to tag Energetic Muons.
- Muons pass through the nozzle regions
- Energy resolution is **not** important (basically need to separate TeV scale energetic muons from soft muons)
- Angular resolution is **not** important ( $\sim 50\text{mrad}$  should be good enough; )
- This is a very strong case for a forward muon detector
- Happy to discuss more and collaborate



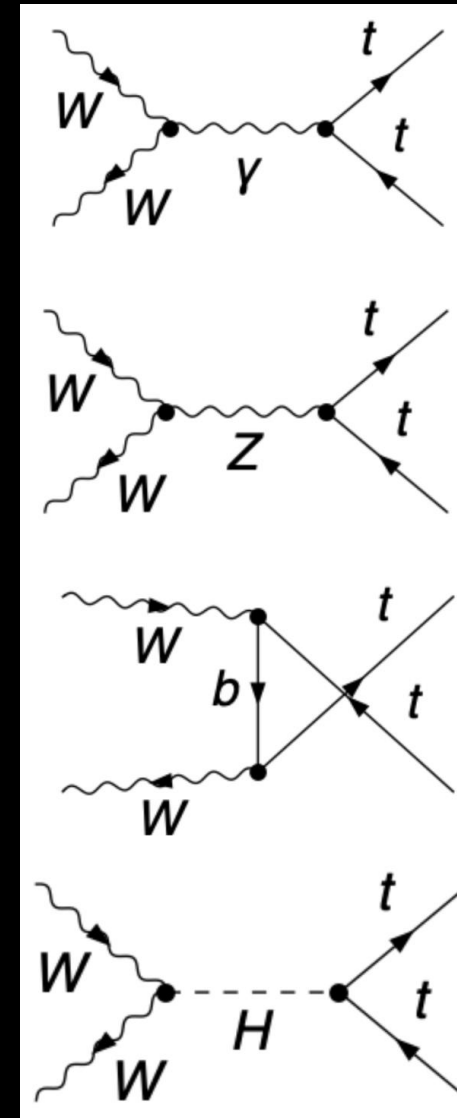
# Top Yukawa (through Unitarizing Higgs)

- At Large Energies, for  $(\pm, \mp)$  the contribution from the  $\gamma$ , Z and t-channel contribution grows as  $\mathcal{O}(E^2/m_W^2)$ , which cancels off due to gauge invariance
- Contribution from  $(\pm, \pm)$  grows as  $\mathcal{O}(E/m_W)$

$$\mathcal{M}^{\gamma+Z+b}(W_L^+W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{m_t}{v^2}\sqrt{s} \quad ; \sqrt{s} \gg m_t$$

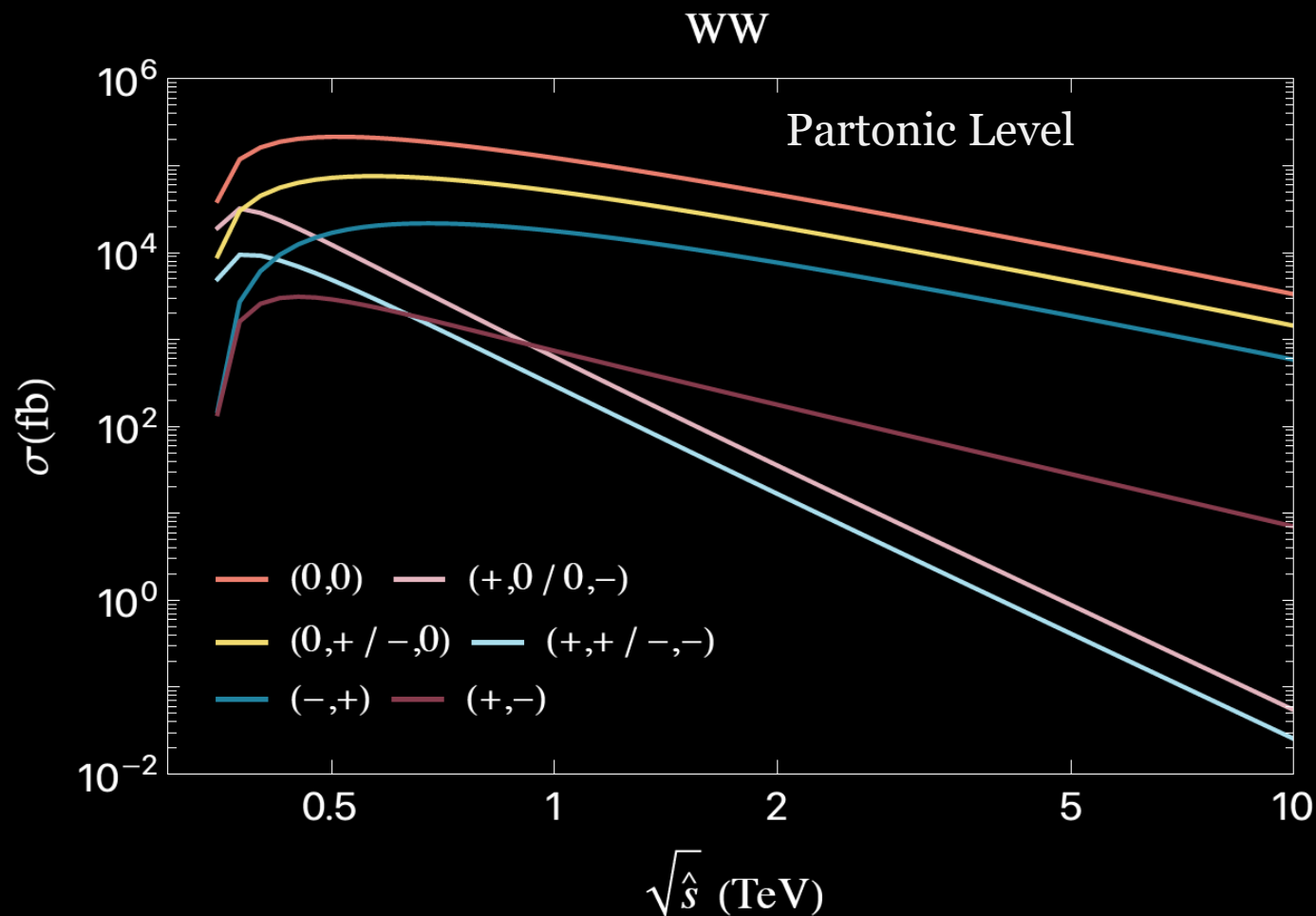
- Higgs channel precisely cancels this growing energy behavior
- Can be understood from Goldstone boson equivalence theorem

$$\mathcal{M}_{W_L^+W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}} = \mathcal{M}_{\phi^+\phi^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}} \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_W^2}{E^2}\right) \right]$$





# Anatomy of the amplitude and interference

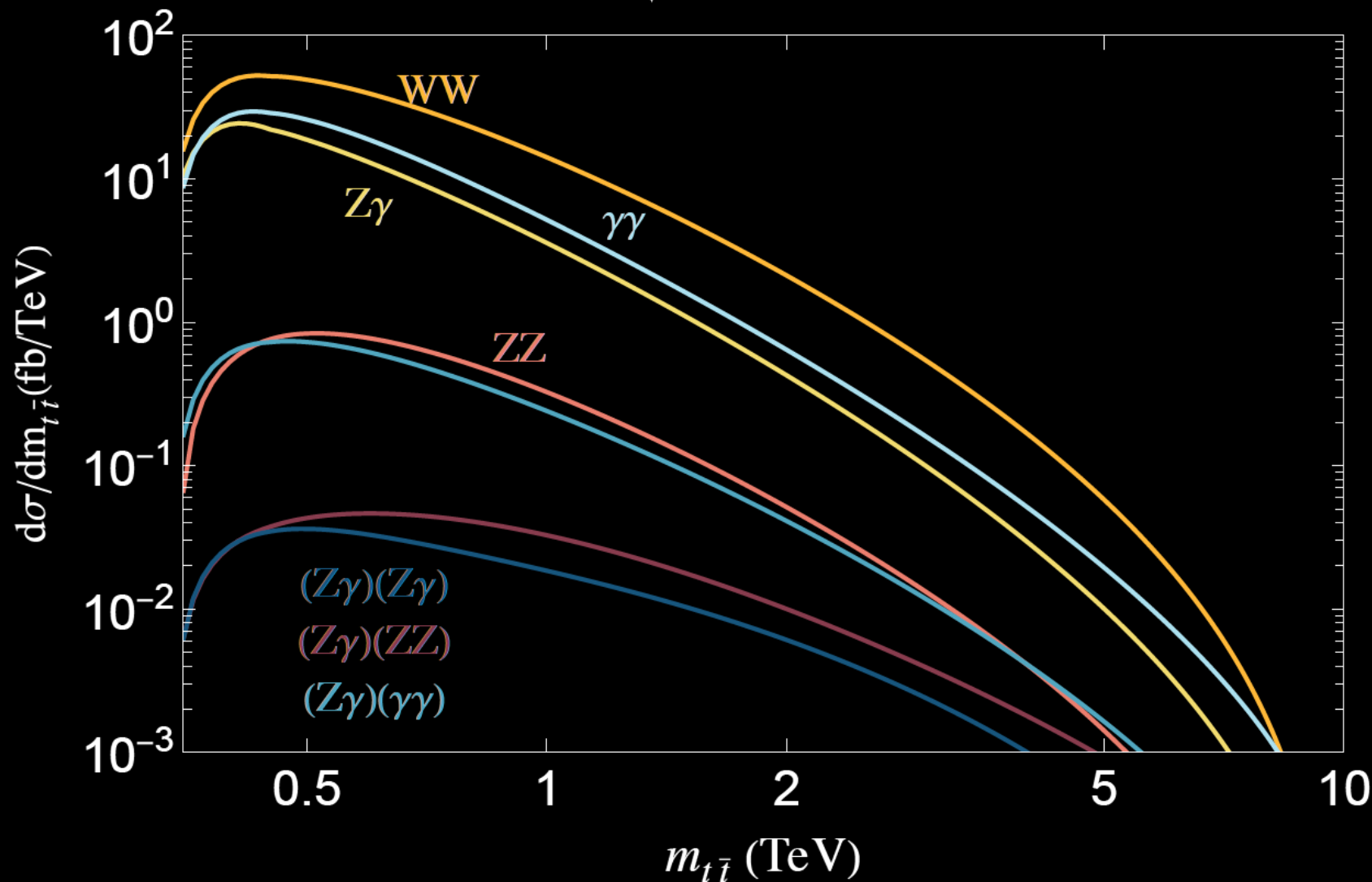


$W^+$	$W^-$	$(t, \bar{t})$			
		(+,+)	(-,+)	(+,-)	(-,-)
0	0	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^0$	$\hat{s}^0$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$
+	0	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$
-	0	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^0$
0	+	$\hat{s}^0$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$
+	+	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-3}$
-	+	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^0$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$
0	-	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$
+	-	$\hat{s}^{-1}$	$\hat{s}^0$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$
-	-	$\hat{s}^{-3}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-2}$	$\hat{s}^{-1}$

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# Study/simulation considerations based on the formalism you take

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

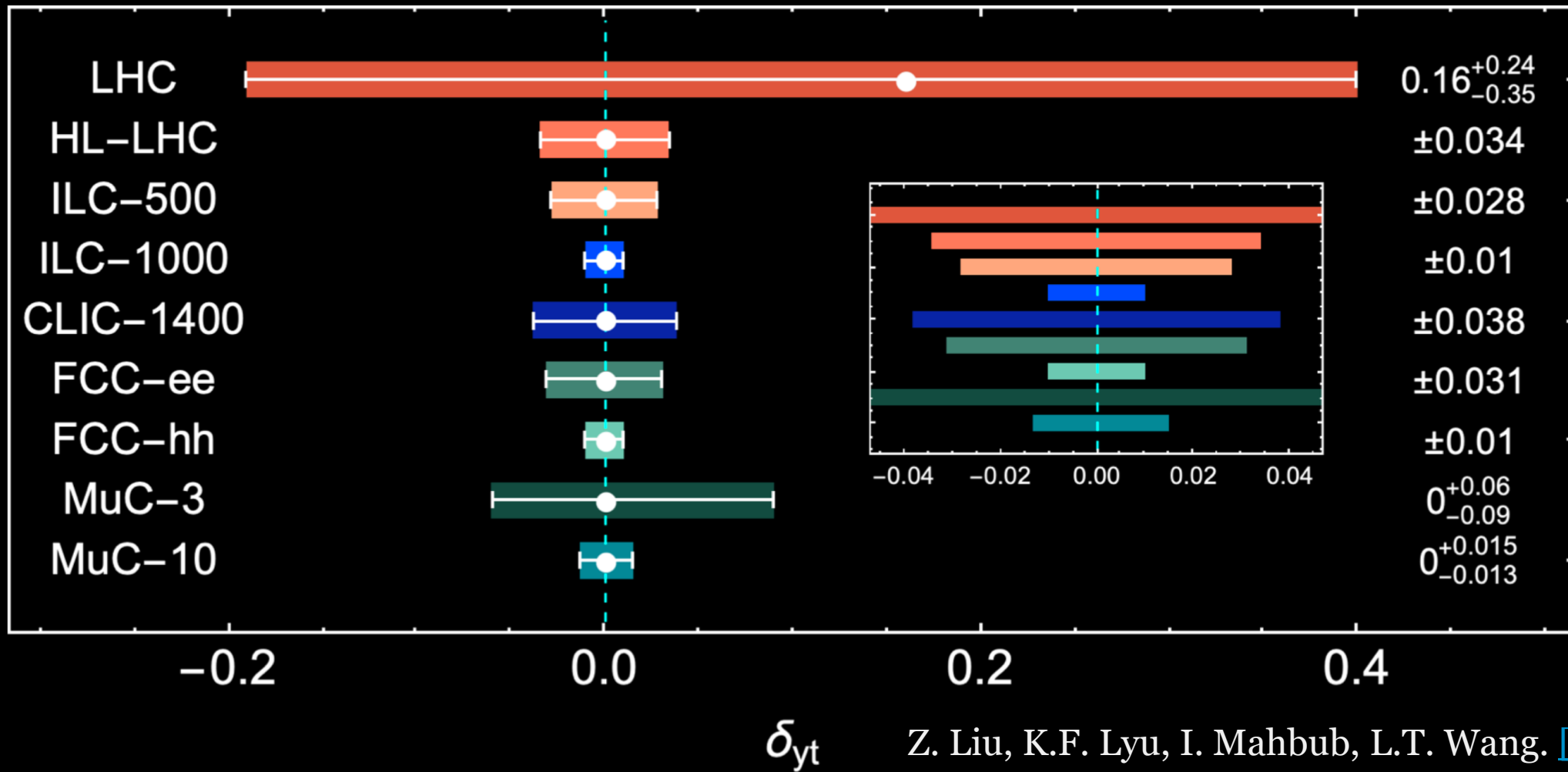


But don't forget pieces beyond this quasi-real approximation

Diagrammatically, the intermediate particles  $\gamma$  and Z shall interfere, or gauge basis,  $B$  and  $W_3$  shall interfere.

How large are these contributions?

# Projected Top Yukawa precision

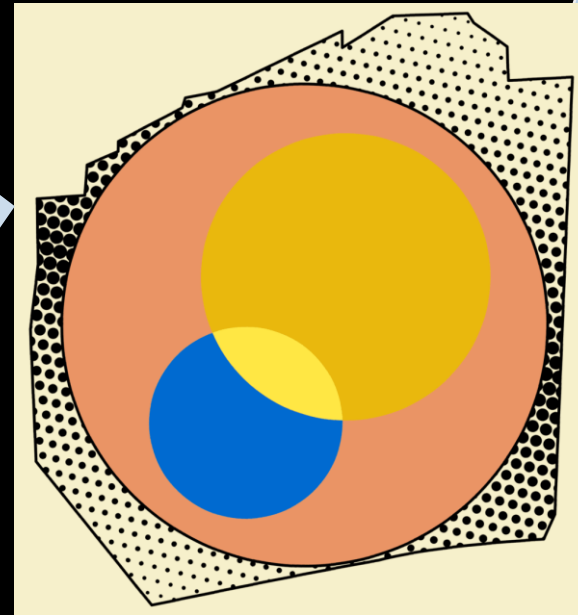


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# The Muon Shot by us

Many key physics needs to be worked out  
Your contributions and remarks are critical  
Try the simulations and learn the physics on the way  
The community is welcoming and growing

10+ TeV  
MuC



Physics Driver

Higgs

Dark Matter

New Physics