

# SEARCHES FOR LLPS AT



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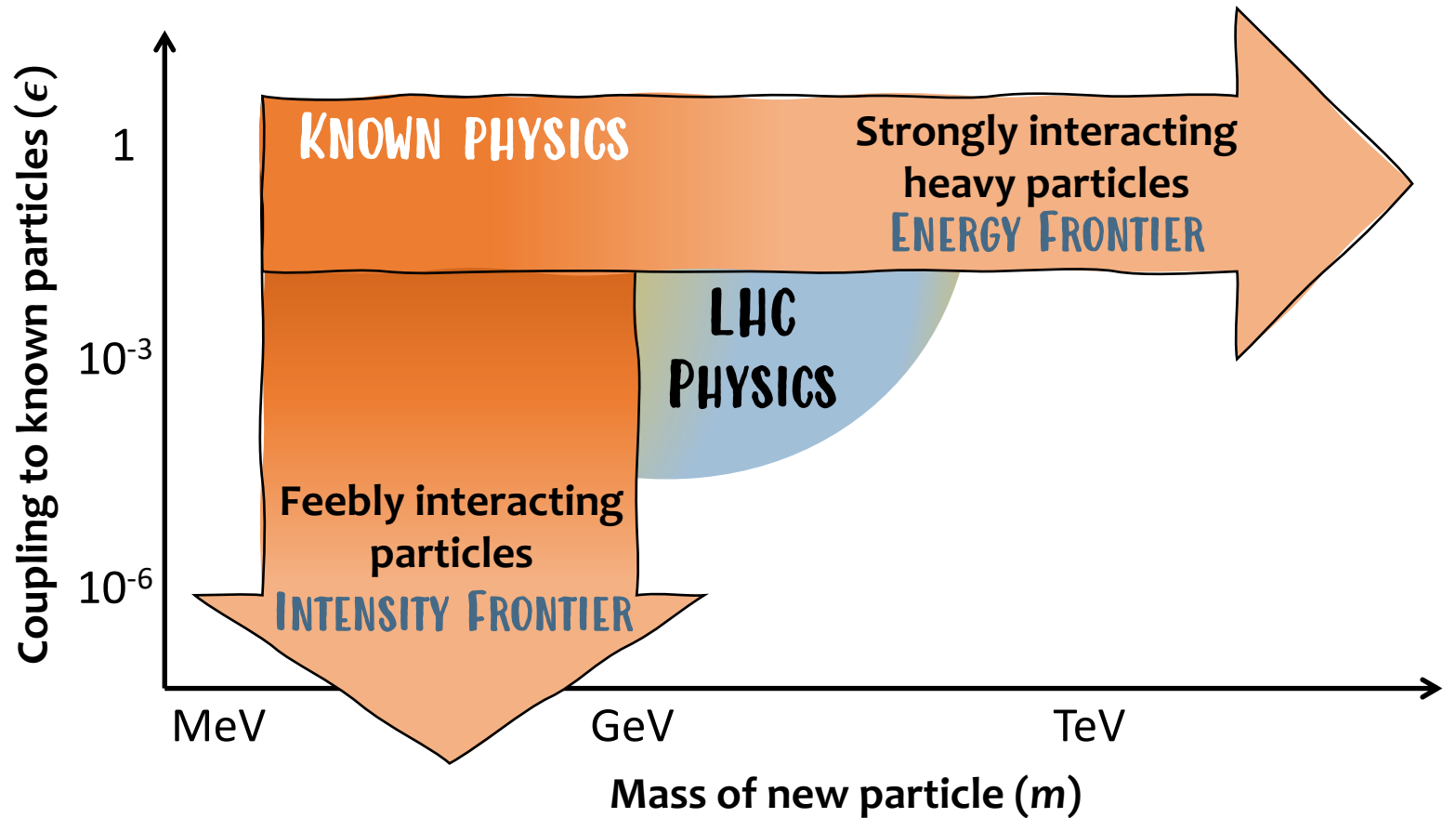
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# THE LANDSCAPE OF NEW PARTICLES @ COLLIDERS

- Collider physics: a plethora of measurements and searches
- The Standard Model is complete and confirmed. Burning questions remain!

	2.4 MeV	1.3 GeV	170 GeV	0
	u	c	t	$\gamma$
	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV	0
	d	s	b	g
	<2 eV	<2 eV	<2 eV	91 GeV
	$\nu_L$	$\nu_M$	$\nu_H$	Z
	0.5 MeV	16 MeV	1.8 GeV	80 GeV
	e	$\mu$	$\tau$	W
				126 GeV
				H





# FEEBLY INTERACTING PARTICLES ( FIPs)

- Due to interacting feebly, they are linked to a “hidden sector”
- Couplings between SM and hidden sector result from “portal” operators
- Large number of specific models; can be simplified to the following:

SM Higgs $h$	$h \text{ ----- } (\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H \text{ ----- } S$	Dark Higgs $S$
<b>New scalar: Dark Higgs;</b> couplings to SM $\mu, \lambda$		

SM EM $A$	$A \rightsquigarrow -\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} F_Y^{\mu\nu} \rightsquigarrow A_D$	Dark EM $A_D$
<b>New vector: Dark photon;</b> coupling to SM $\propto \epsilon Q$		

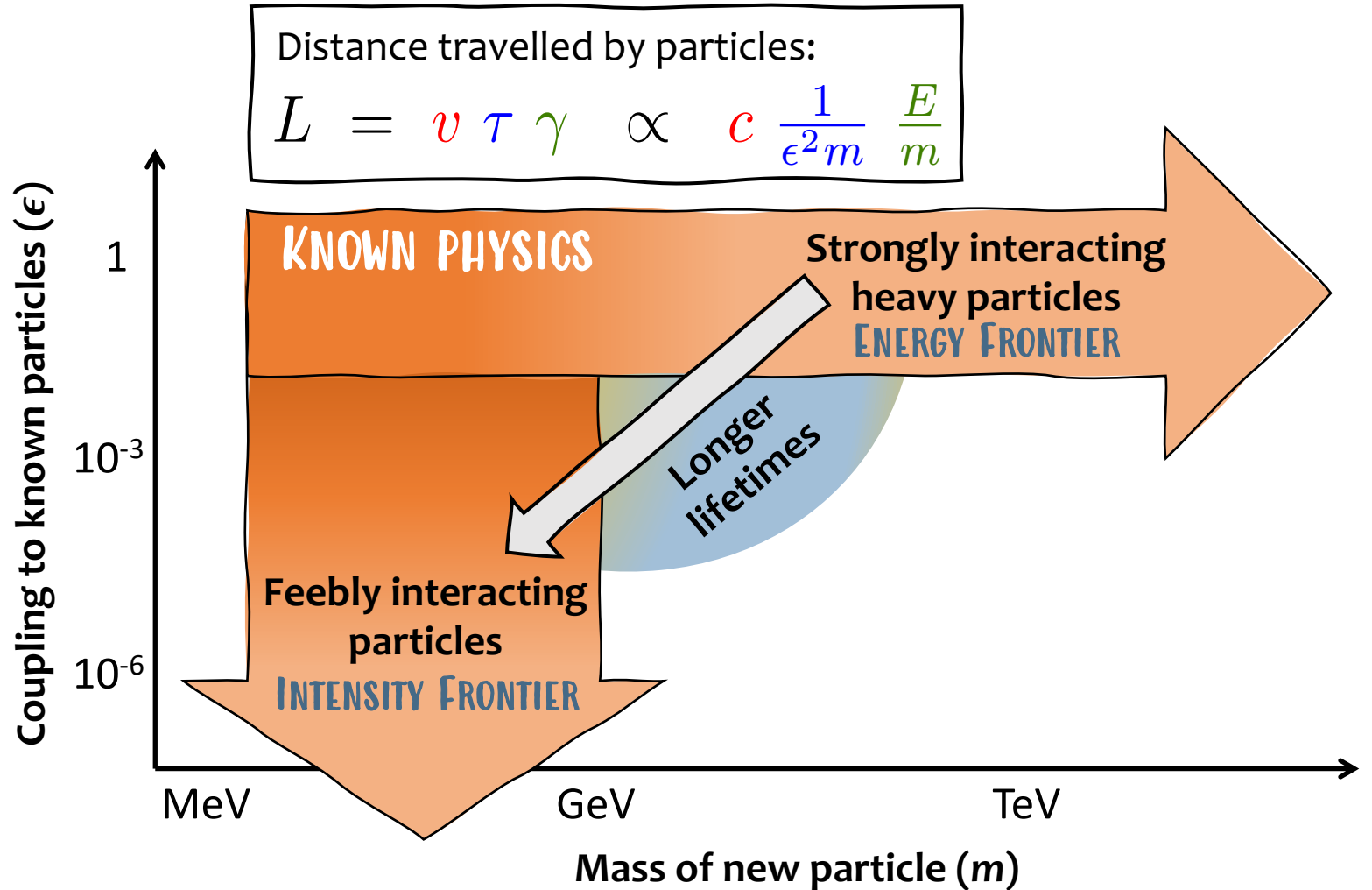
SM $2\gamma$ or $2f$	$2\gamma \text{ --- } \frac{\alpha}{f_\alpha} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$ $2f \text{ ---- } \frac{\partial_\mu \alpha}{f_\alpha} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi$	ALP $\alpha$
<b>New pseudo-scalar: ALP;</b> coupling to SM suppressed <small>(Axion Like Particle)</small>		

SM LH $\nu$	$\nu \text{ --- } y_N h L \psi_D \text{ --- } N$	HNL $N$
<b>New fermion: HNL;</b> coupling to LH SM and $h \propto y_N$ <small>(Heavy Neutral Lepton)</small>		

- The masses of the new particles can span several orders of magnitude

# THE LANDSCAPE OF NEW PARTICLES @ COLLIDERS

- **Lifetime:** a characteristic of weakly interacting (light) particles
- Distinct signatures
- **Opportunity for exploration!**
  - in current and **future colliders** and dedicated experiments



# WHY IS THE FCC-EE RELEVANT FOR THESE?

TERA-Z RUN

Stage	Collisions	CME	L (ab <sup>-1</sup> )	N events
FCC-ee	e <sup>+</sup> e <sup>-</sup>	90 GeV (Z-pole)	150	<b>5x10<sup>12</sup> Z</b>
		160 GeV (WW)	10	10 <sup>8</sup> WW
		240 GeV (HZ)	5	10 <sup>6</sup> HZ
		365 GeV (tt)	1.5	10 <sup>6</sup> tt
FCC-hh	pp	100 TeV	30	2x10 <sup>10</sup> H 3x10 <sup>7</sup> HH
FCC-eh	ep	3.5 TeV		

Runs with heavy ions not included

# TOWARDS ASSESSING SENSITIVITY TO FIPs

Opportunities for detailed studies

European strategy update  
(2018-2020)



Snowmass community planning  
(2020-2022)



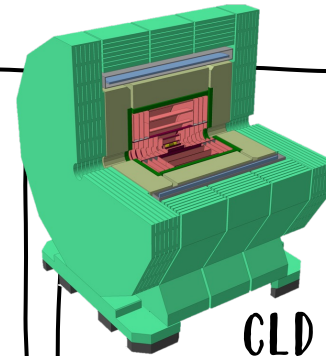
FCC feasibility study  
(input to next strategy update)



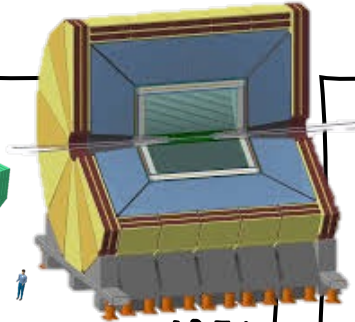
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e.g. IDEA DELPHES card



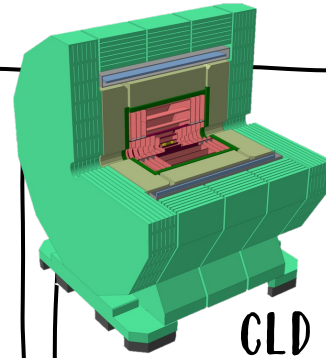
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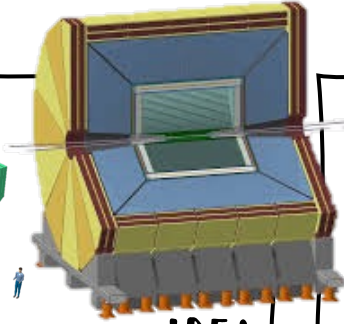
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FCC SW: <https://hep-fcc.github.io/FCCeePhysicsPerformance>

Within FCCAnalysis

## Analysis Framework

Identify objects and relevant quantities  
e.g. electrons, muons and jets

## Event selections

Apply analysis cuts  
e.g. lepton multiplicity

## Plotting

Make final plots

**Examples:** <https://github.com/HEP-FCC/FCCeePhysicsPerformance/tree/master/case-studies/BSM/LLP>

One example!  
See backup for more

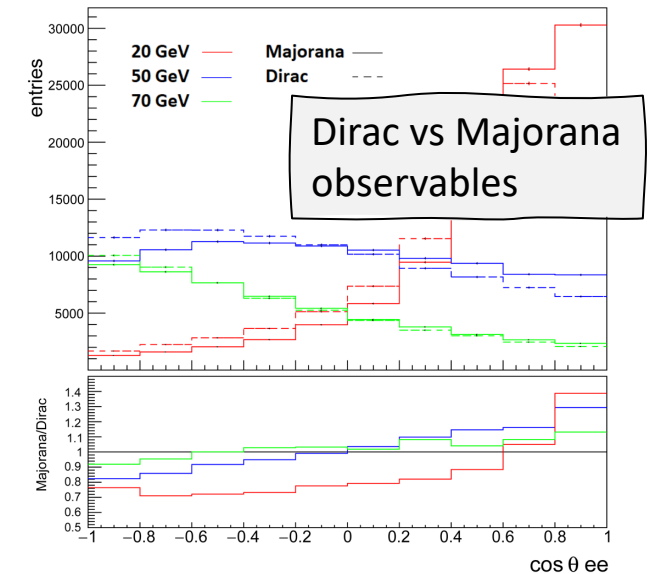
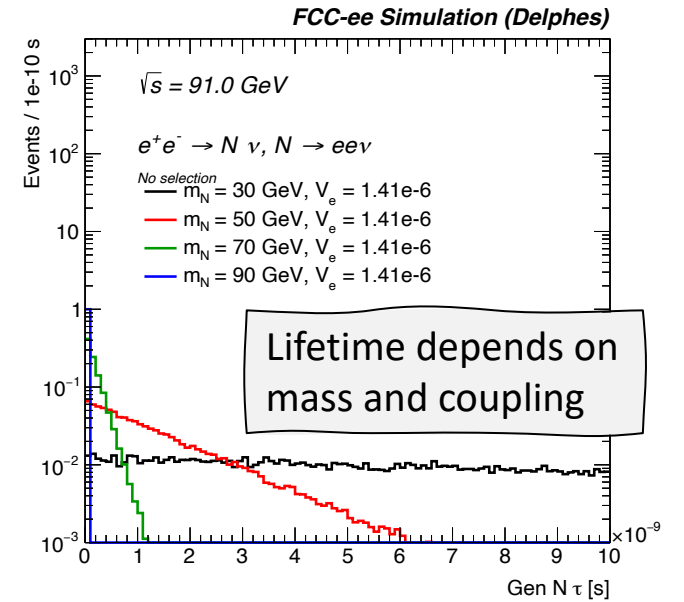
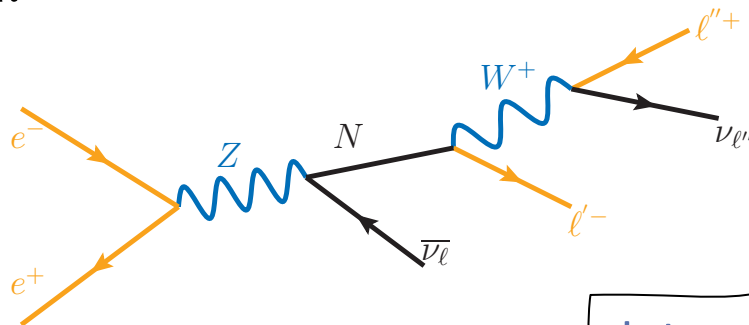
# NEUTRINO PORTAL – HNLs

## Many theoretical puzzles associated with neutrinos

- Oscillations, masses, further properties
  - e.g. Dirac or Majorana?

## See-saw mechanism

- Generic model used to understand the relative sizes of observed neutrino masses to other fermions
- Two or more right-handed fields
- Results in new particles: Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs)
- Do these particles exist? What are their masses?
- Are they Dirac or Majorana?
- $\mathcal{L}^{int} = \mathcal{L}^W + \mathcal{L}^Z + \mathcal{L}^H$

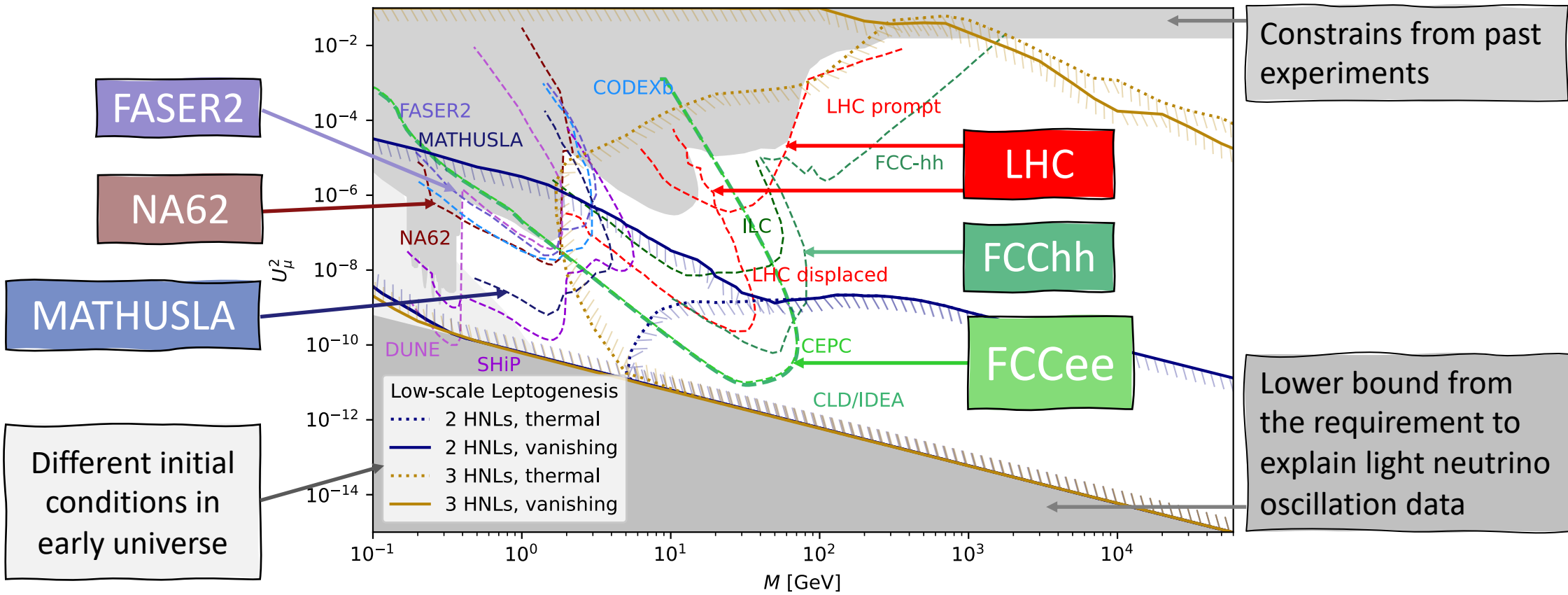


Interesting experimental explorations ahead



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# REACH FOR HNLS IN FUTURE EXPERIMENTS



FCC-ee running at the Z-pole has the potential to exclude the region of masses and couplings down to the see-saw limit

# IN BRIEF

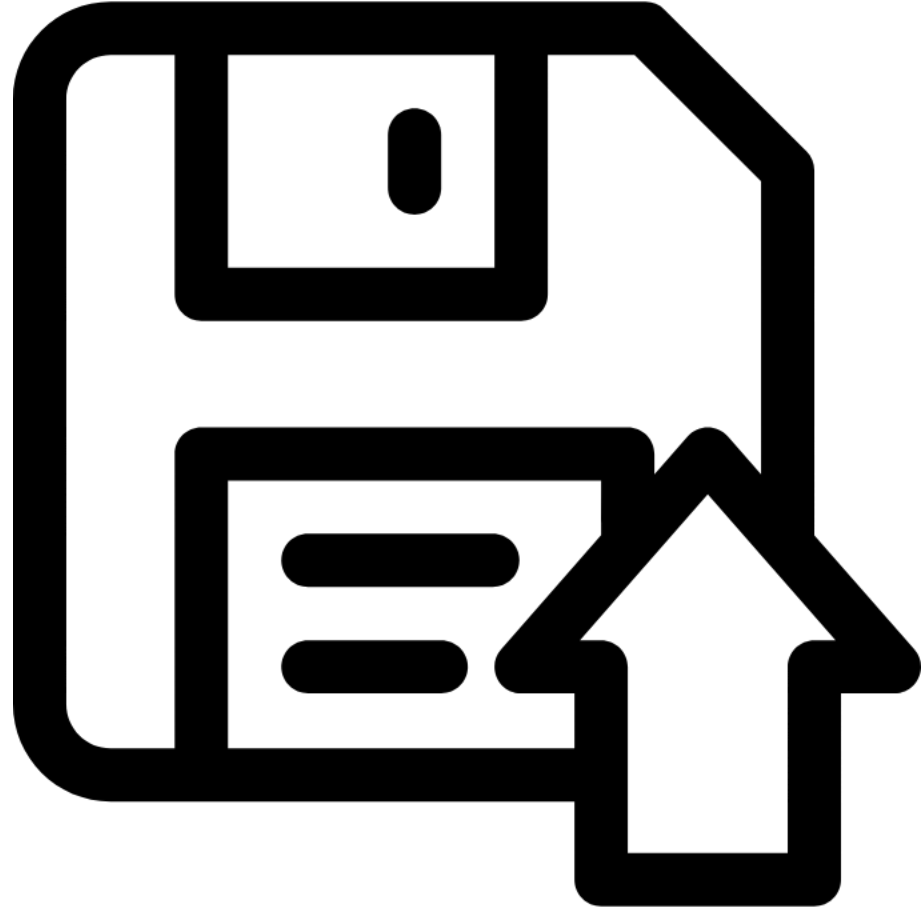
- FCCee will push the intensity frontier of particle physics
  - $5 \times 10^{12}$  Z bosons expected to be produced
- It has the potential to discover **feebly interacting new particles**, in a phase space where no other experiment will ever have sensitivity
  - HNLs, dark Higgses, ALPs, dark photons
- **Unique opportunity to help answer some of the pressing questions of our Universe**
- We need to study FIPs@FCC now, to account for them in the design of the detectors and facilities
- Lots of room for newcomers – please join the pursuit!



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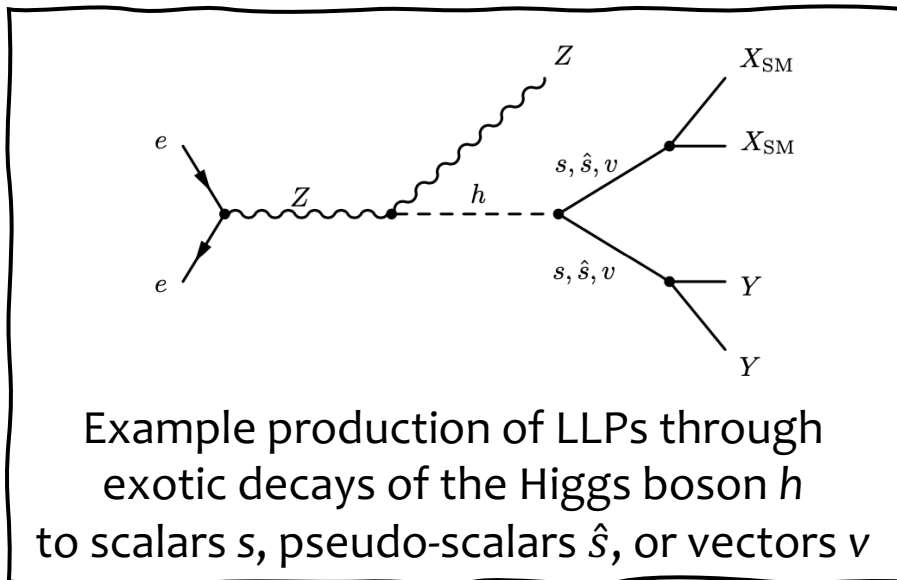


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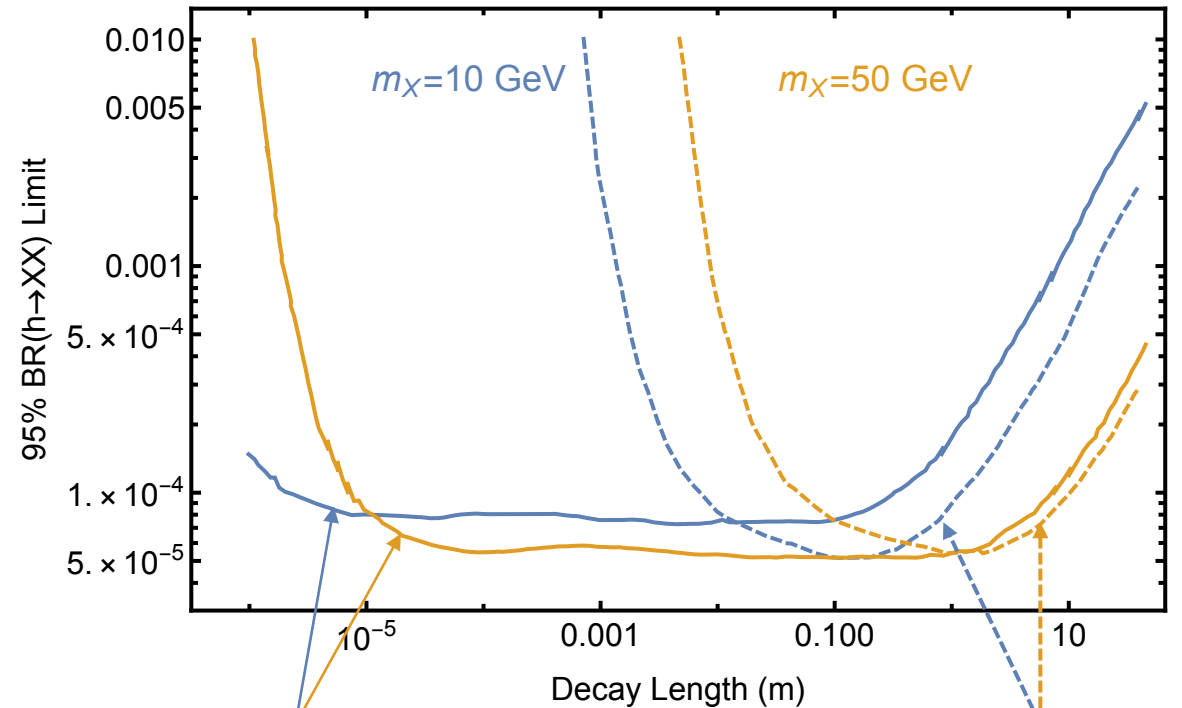


# EXOTIC DECAYS OF THE HIGGS BOSON

- The only elementary scalar particle that has been discovered!
  - Can have sizeable coupling to undiscovered particles
  - “Put it under microscope, study it to death” – N. Arkani-Hamed



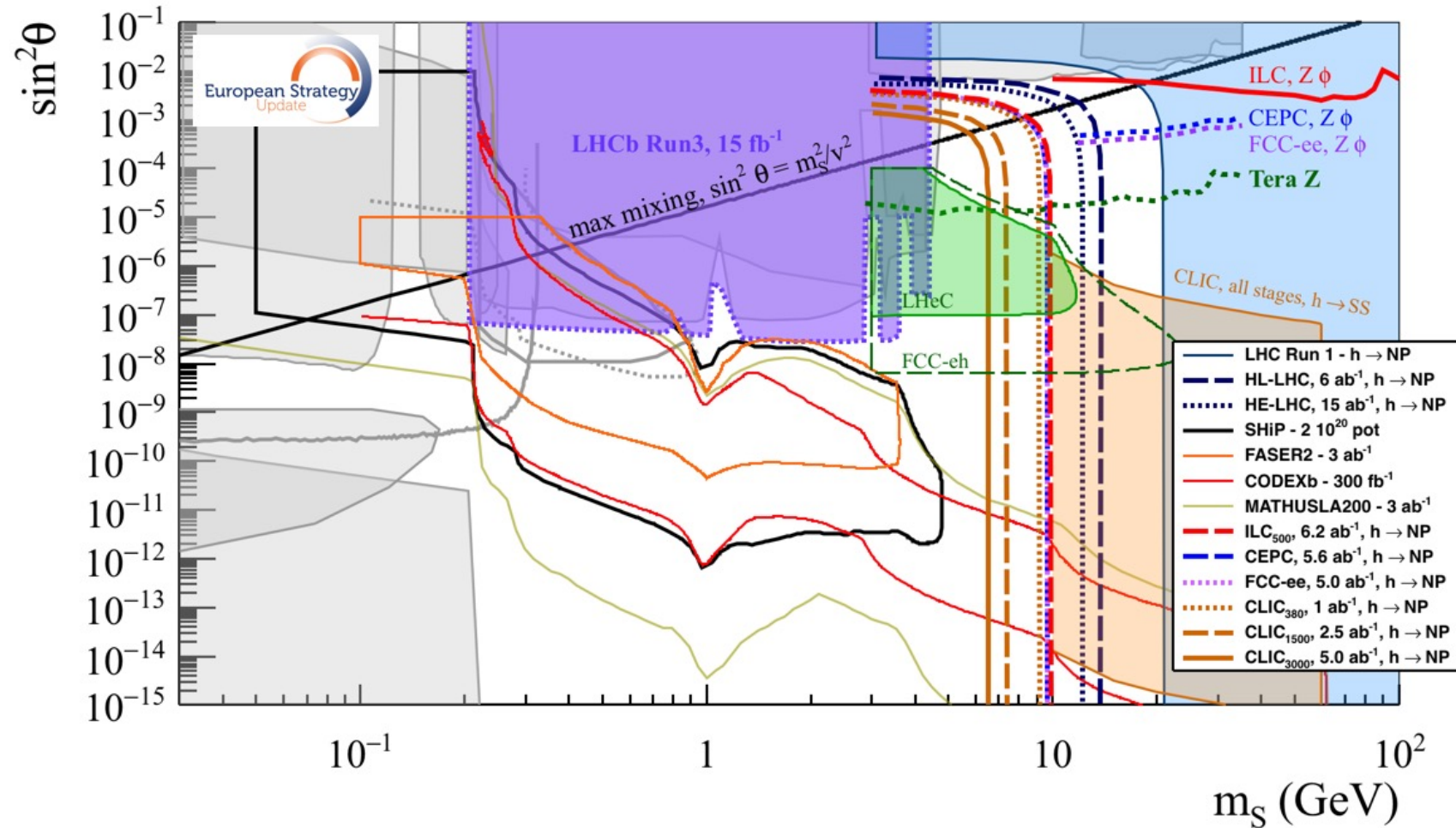
Sensitivity of FCCee to exotic Higgs boson decays to LLPs (X)



Invariant mass cut to retain sensitivity to shorter decay lengths

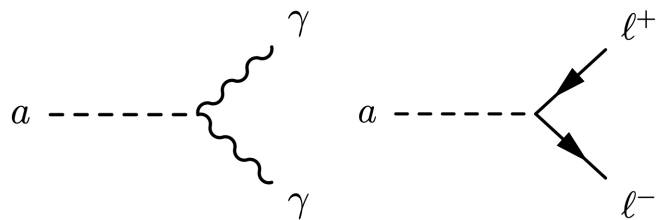
Cuts optimised for longer decay lengths

# REACH FOR DARK HIGGS

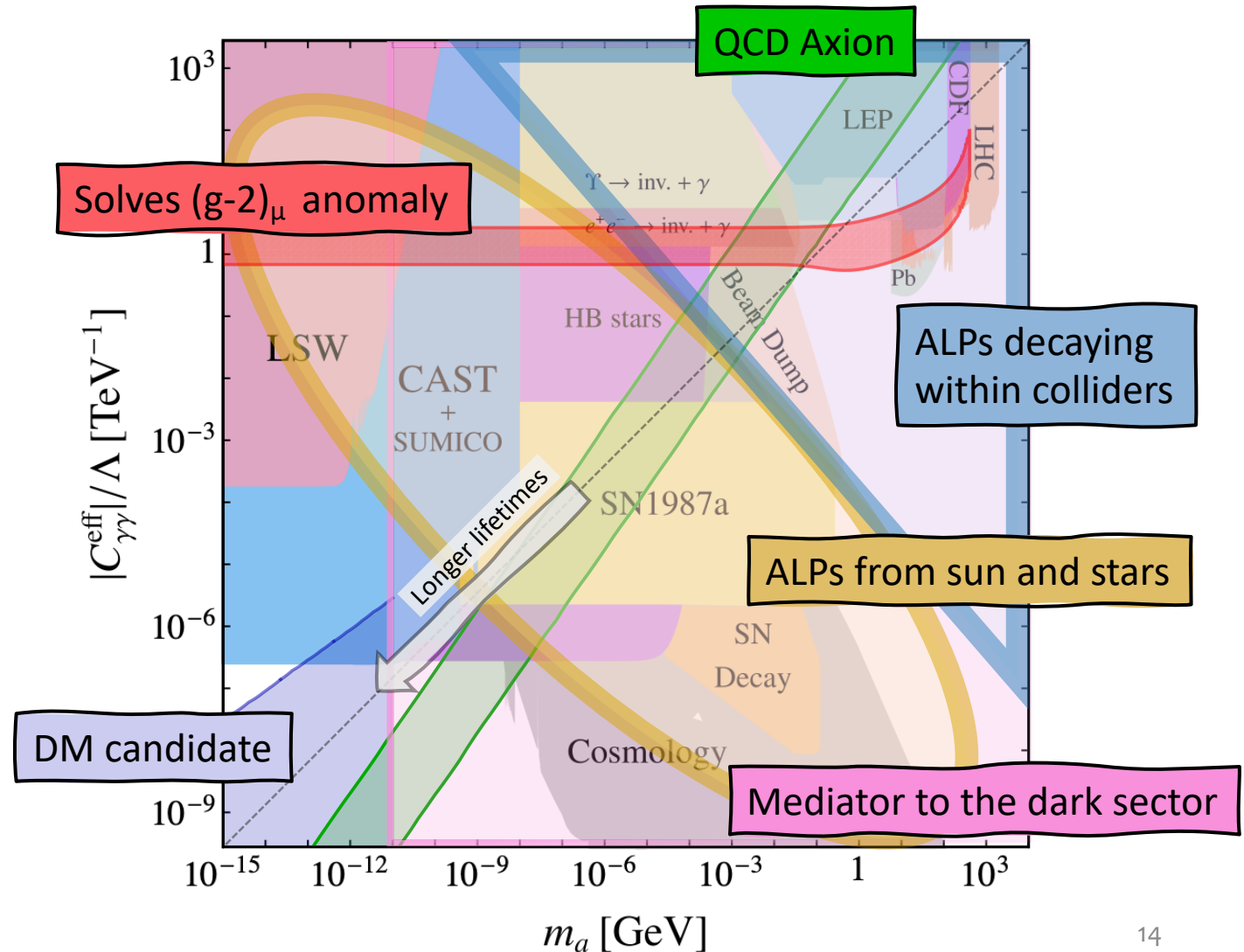


# PSEUDOSCALAR PORTAL – ALPs

- Pseudoscalar SM-singlets; can appear in theories with broken global symmetries
- “Low” mass particles with suppressed couplings to SM
- BR to SM particles depends on their mass

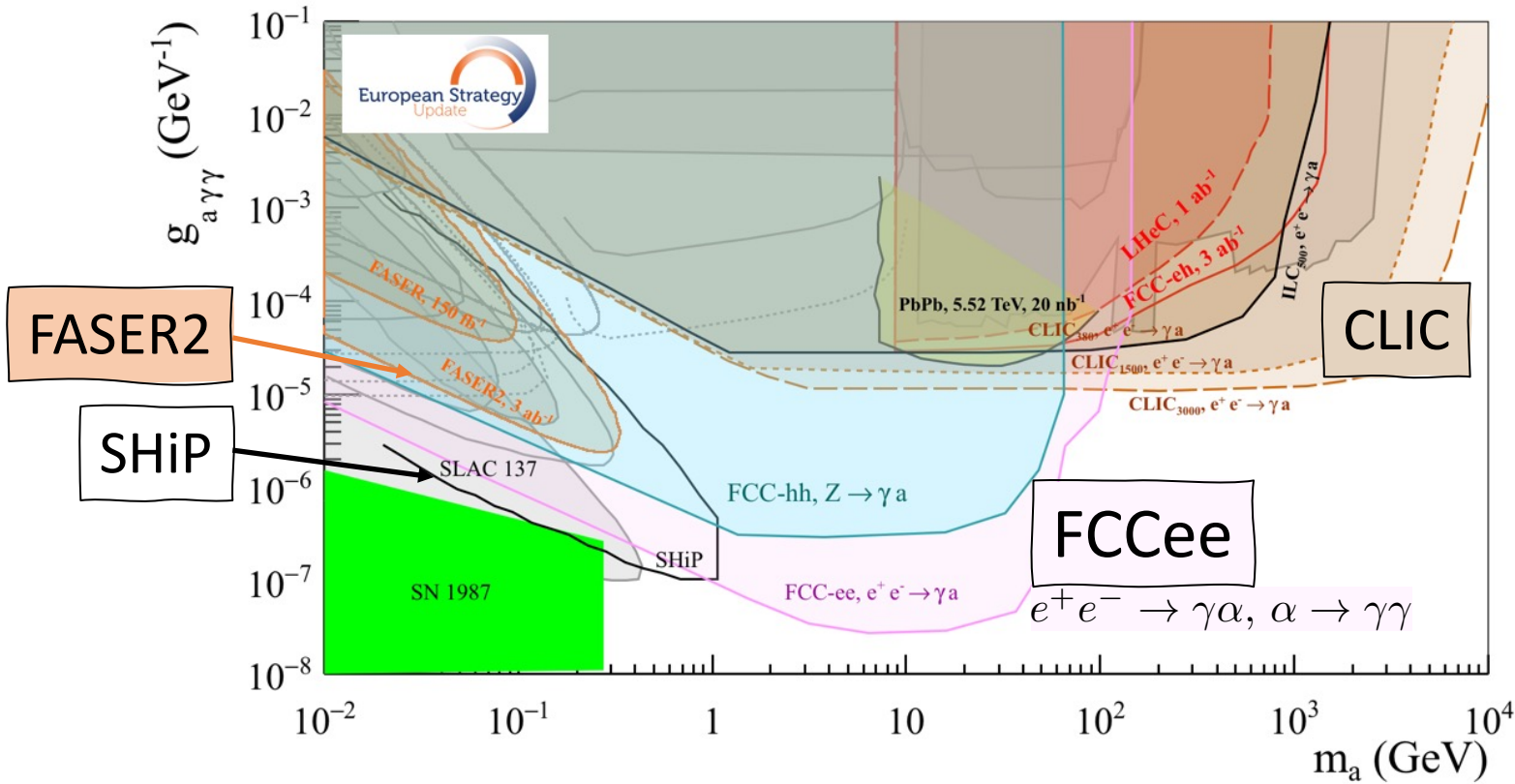


Dominant decays at the FCC



Thanks to Andrea Thamam for the figure!

# REACH FOR ALPS IN FUTURE EXPERIMENTS

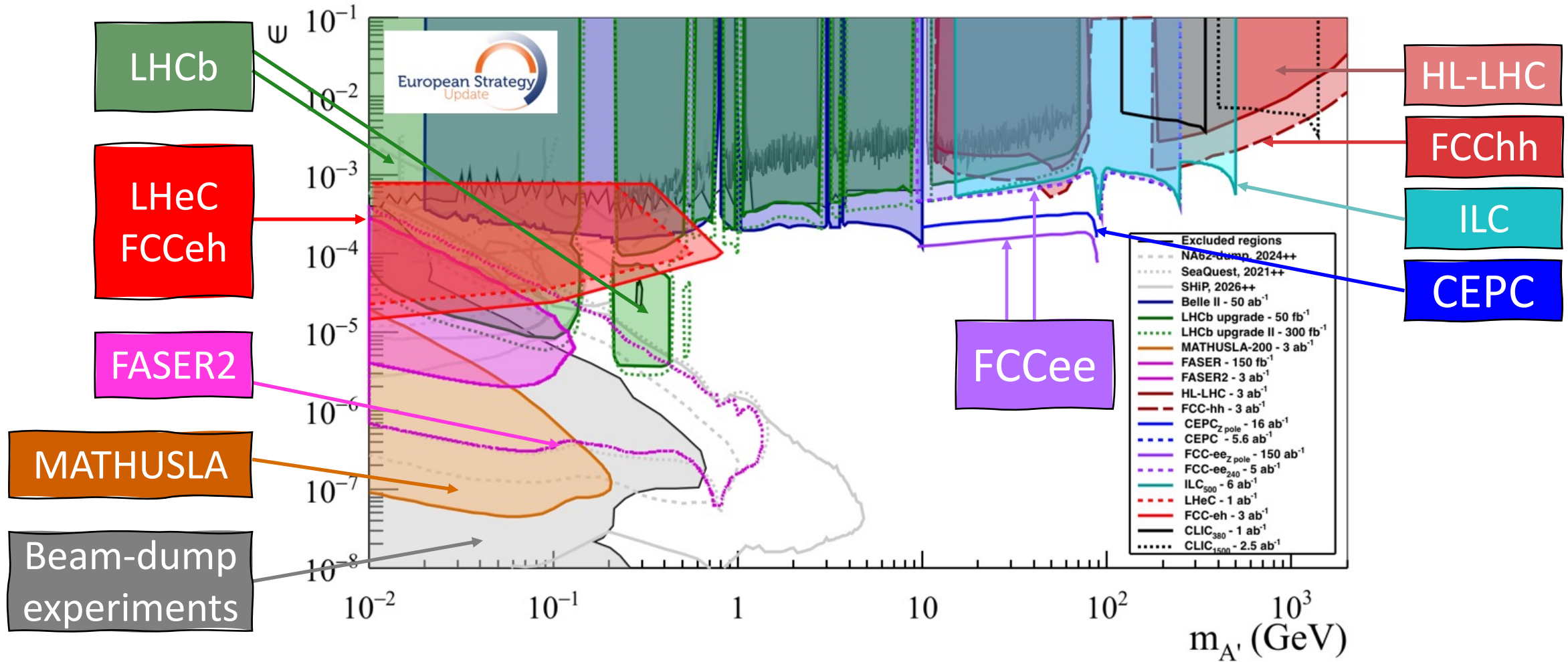


- Couplings to H accessible via  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ 
  - similar for couplings to Z
- Decays to SM particles other than photons are less constrained
  - additional opportunity for ALP discovery at the FCCee.

The sensitivity provided by FCCee uniquely extends other limits by up to four orders of magnitude in the 1-100 GeV mass range



# VECTOR PORTAL – REACH FOR DARK PHOTONS



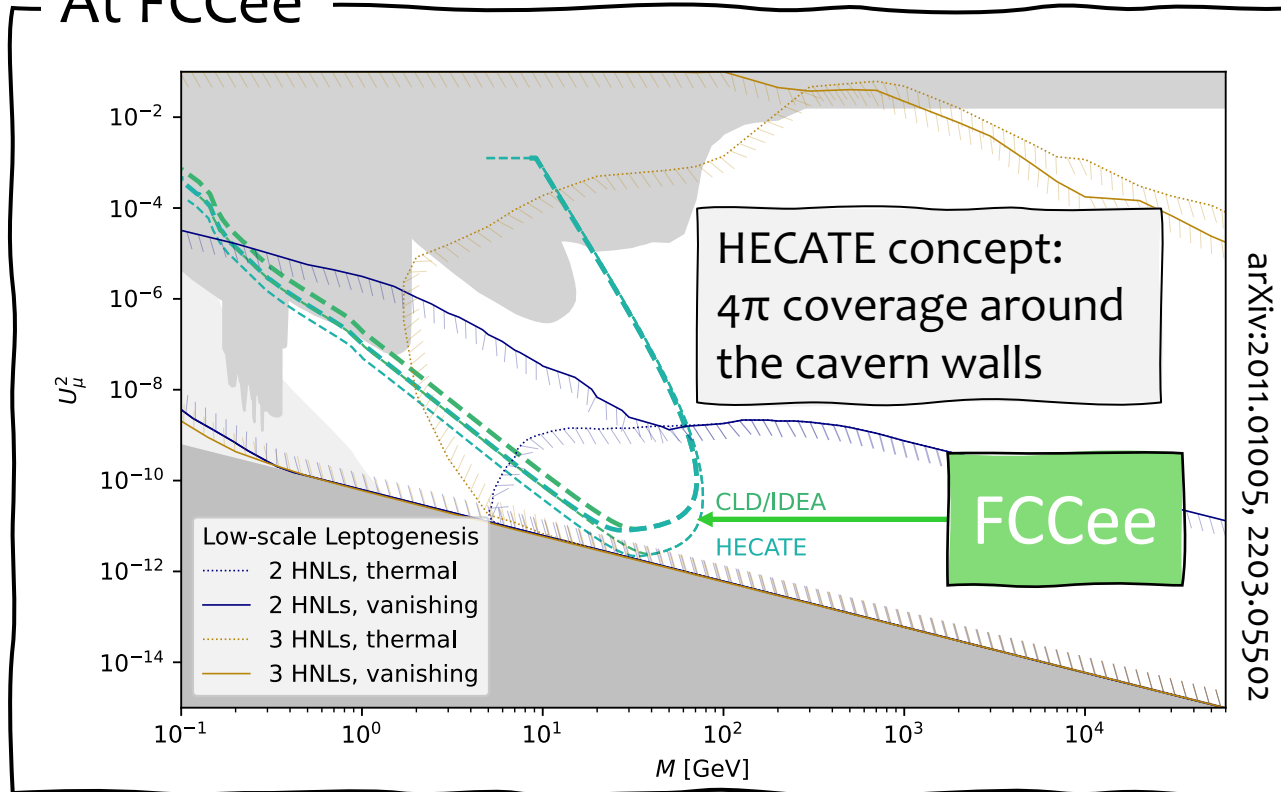
Complementarity of collider and other accelerator experiments



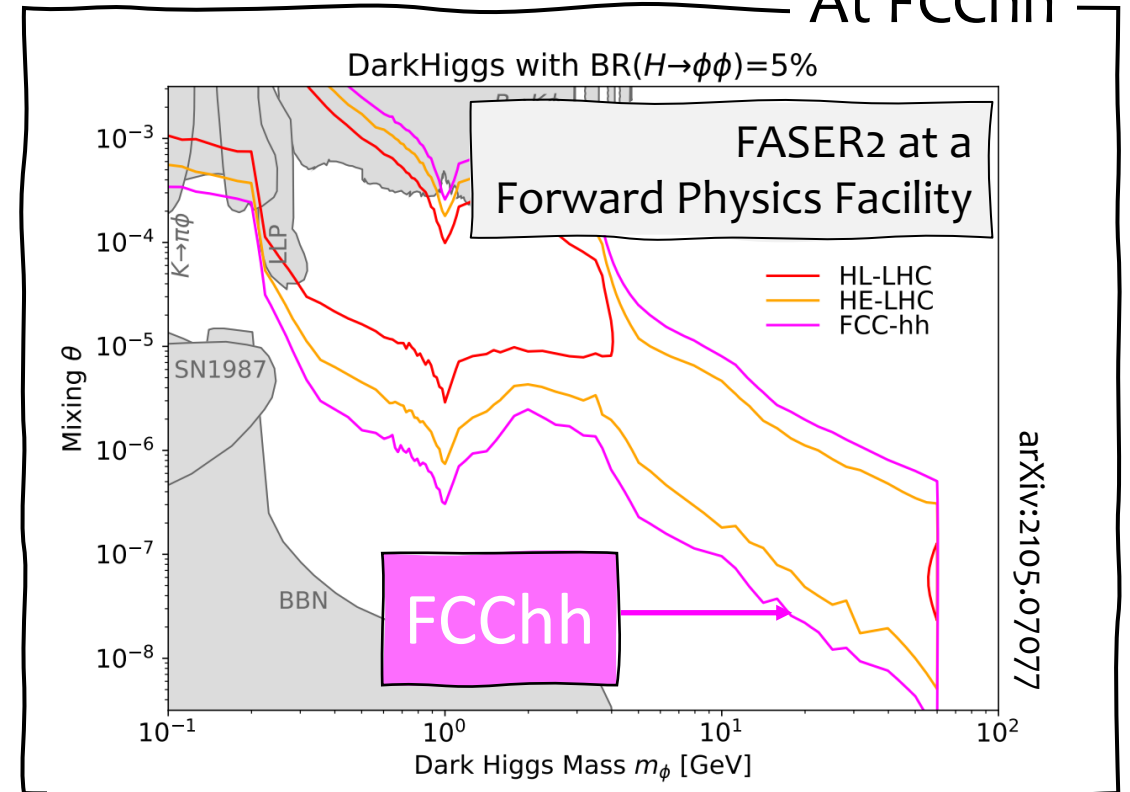
# FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIPs AT FCC

Two examples. More proposals on arXiv.

At FCCee



At FCChh



**Significant opportunities open up, beyond what can be done with conventional collider detectors!  
Essential to account for them since the beginning, to minimize overheads later on.**