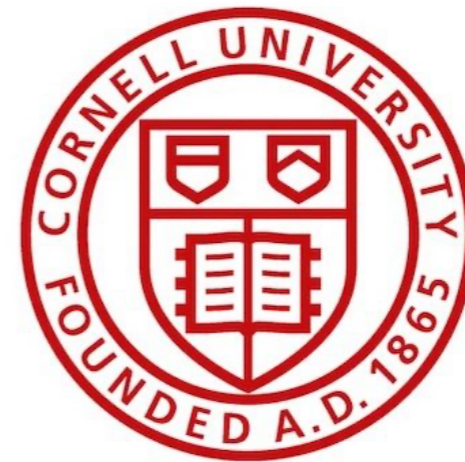


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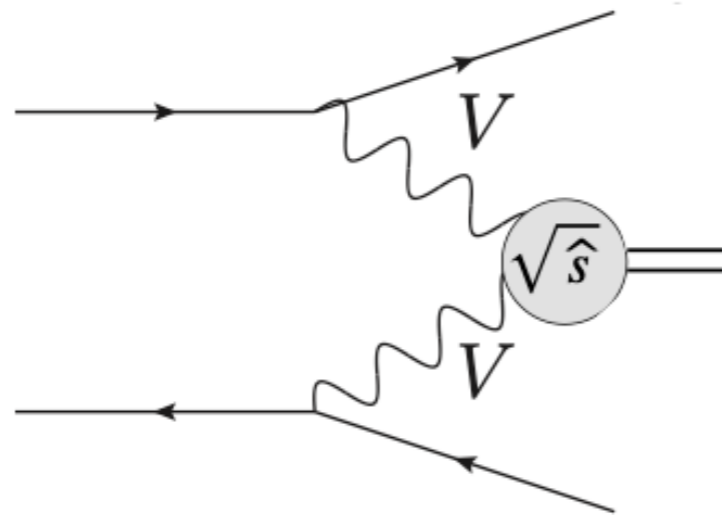


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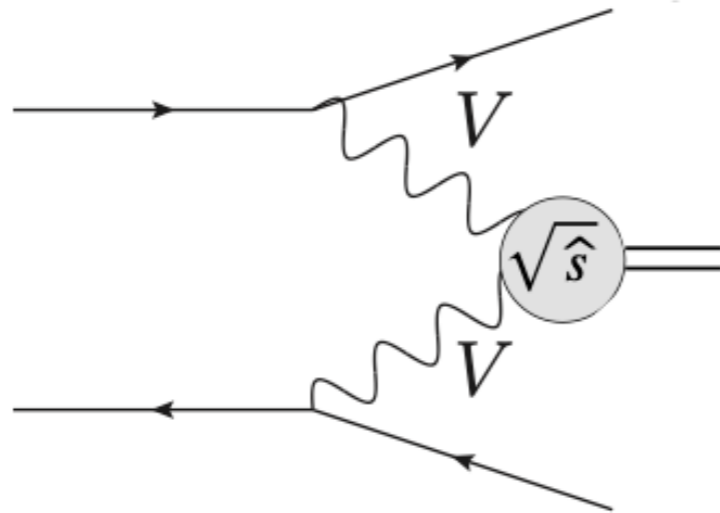
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For collider tests see e.g. Curtin, Meade, Yu 2014

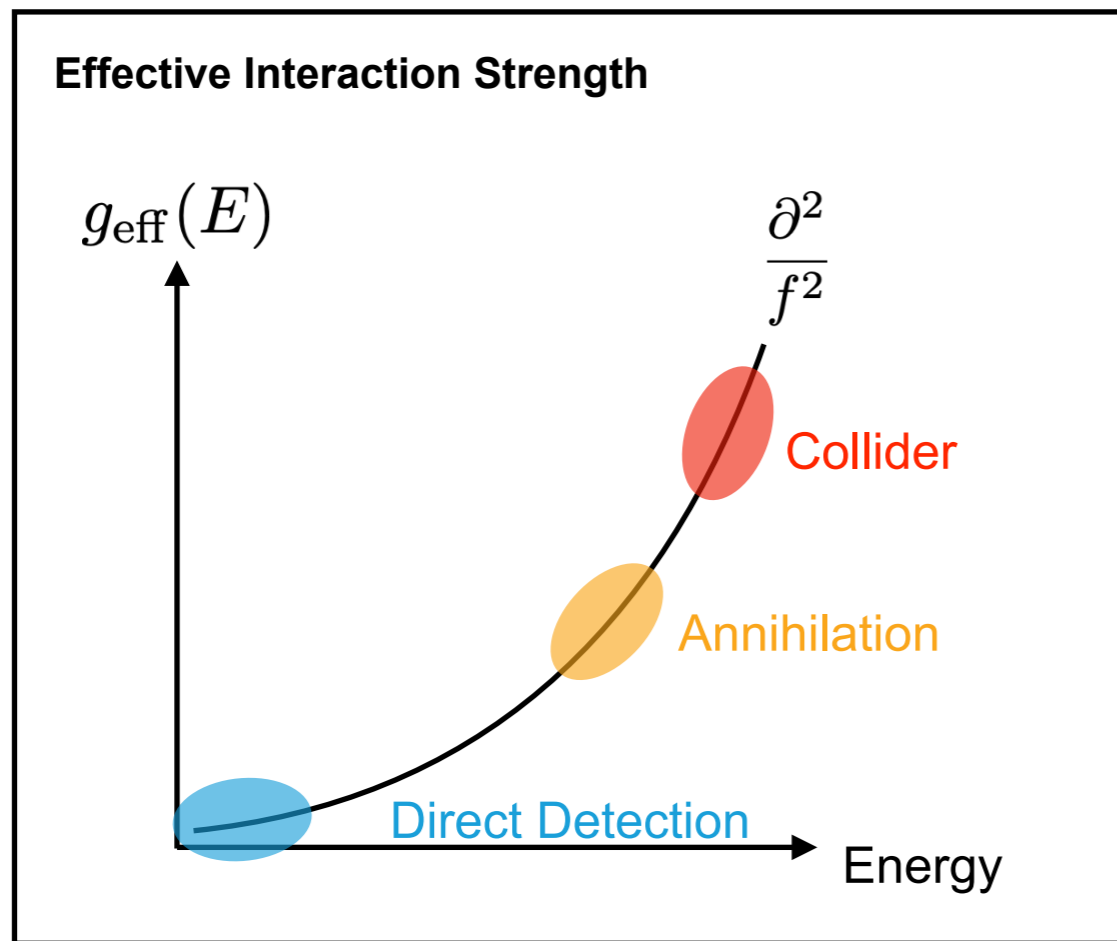
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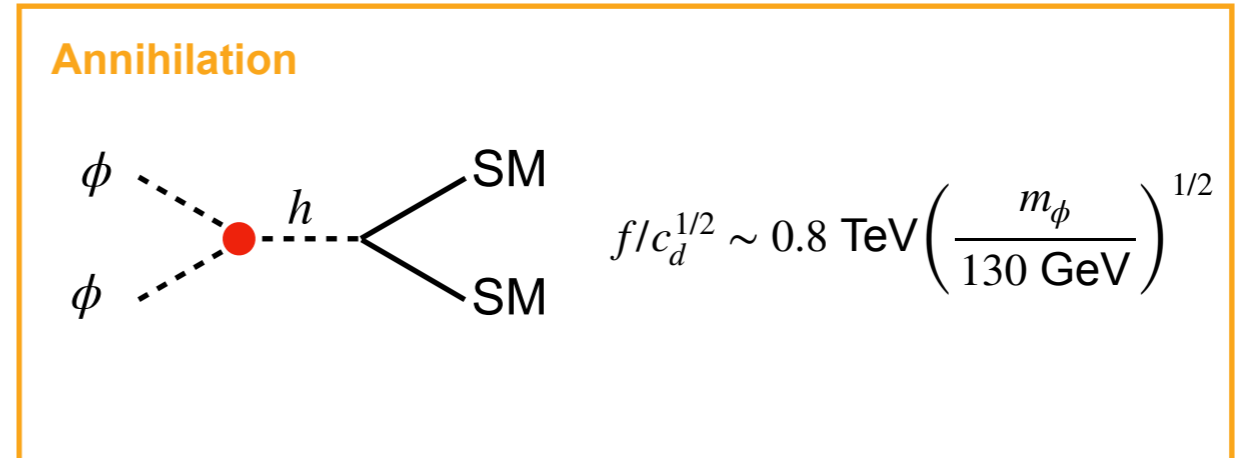
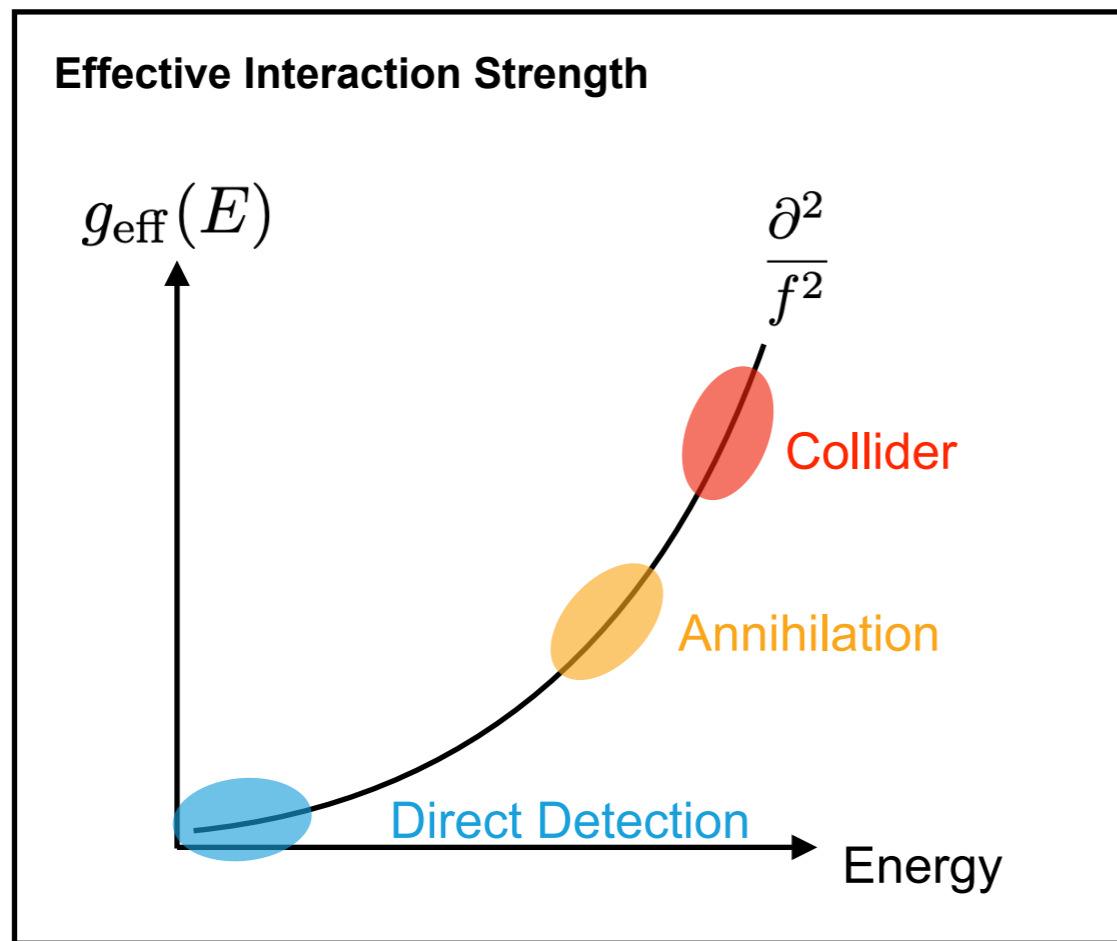
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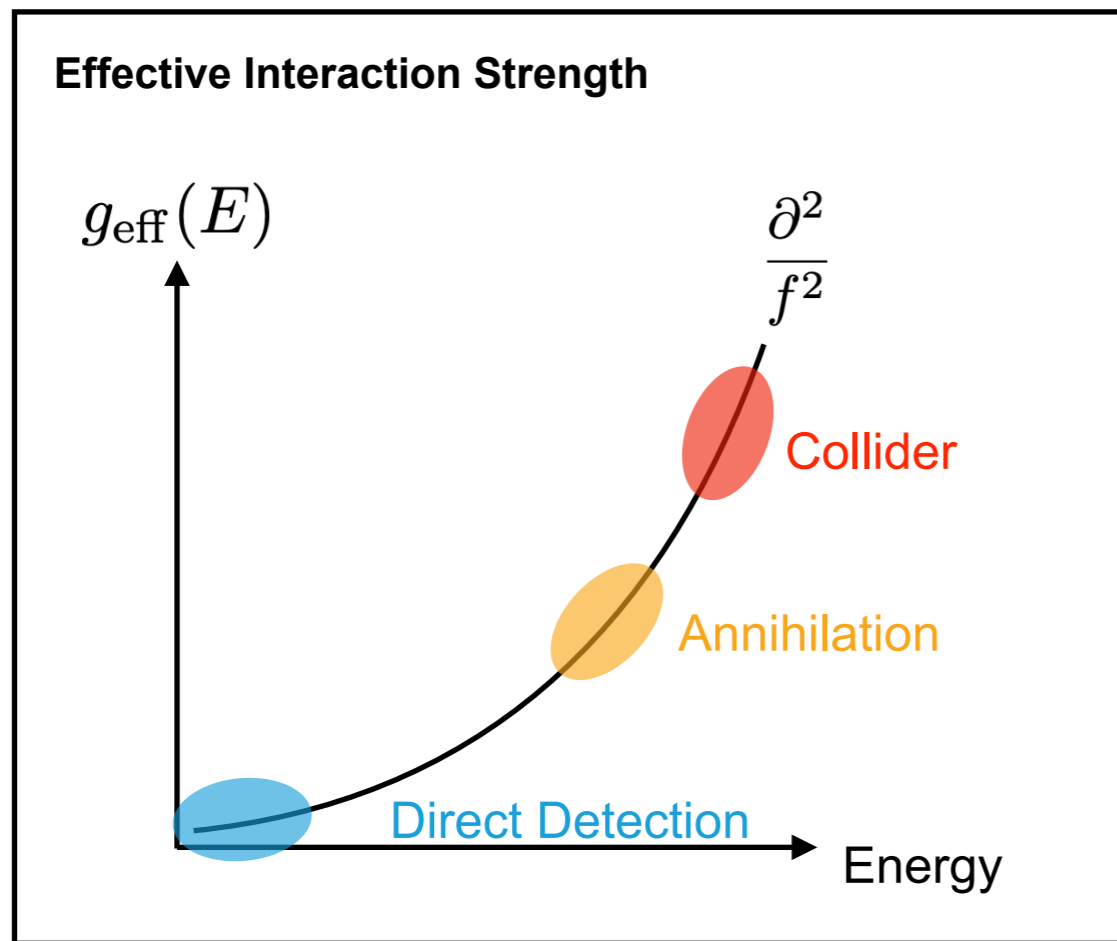
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pNGB DM can be practically invisible in Direct Detection

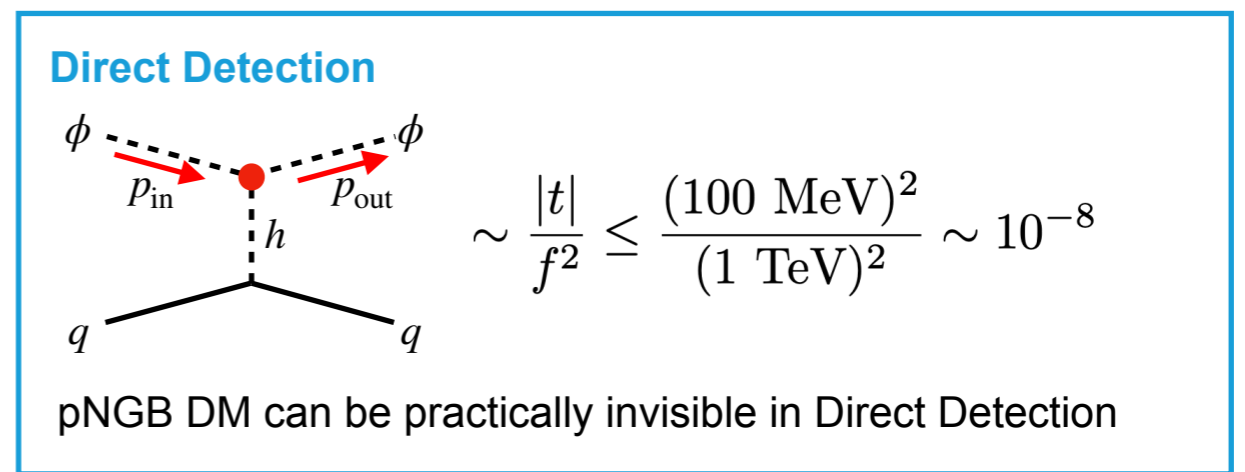
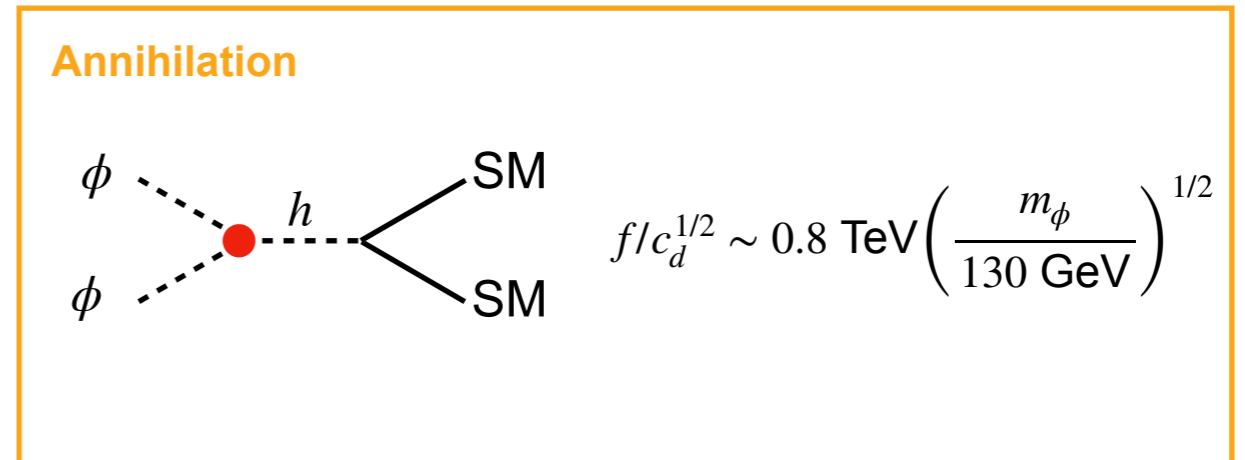
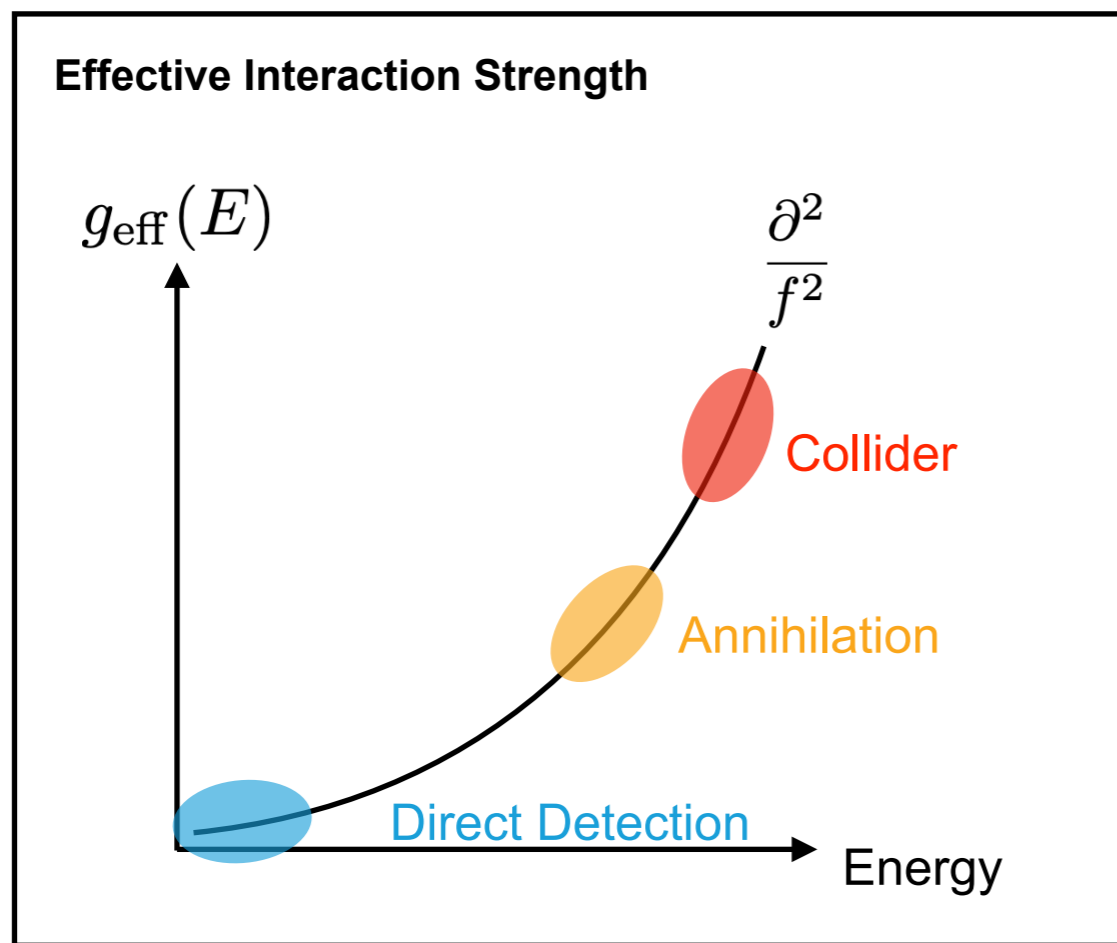
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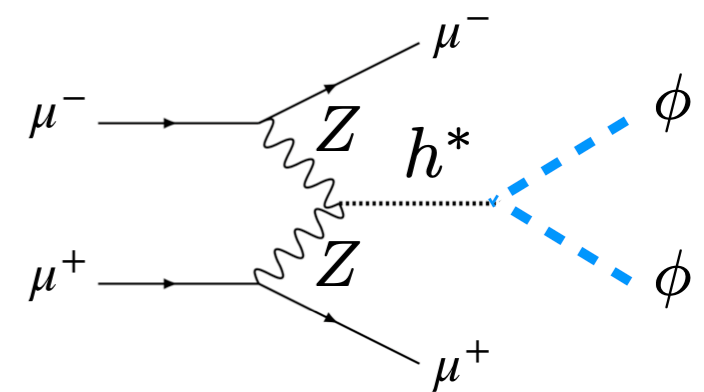
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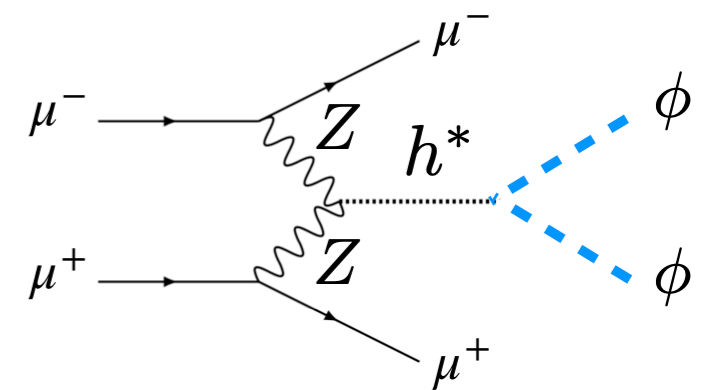
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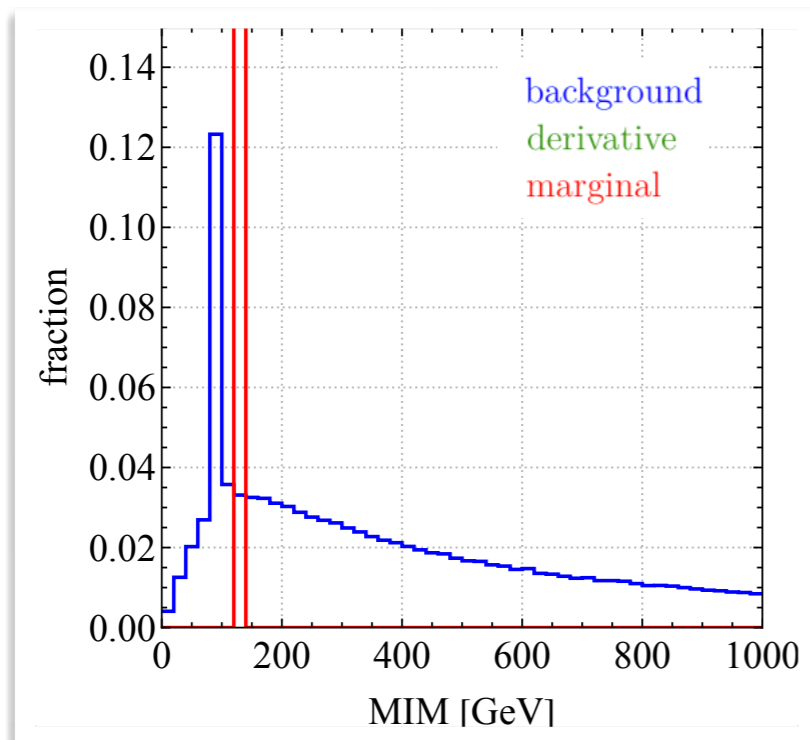


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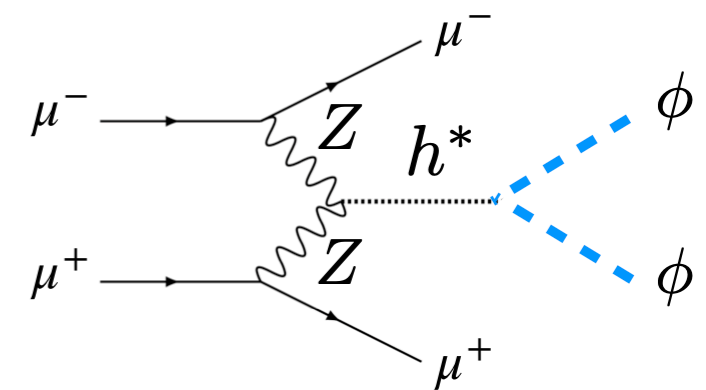
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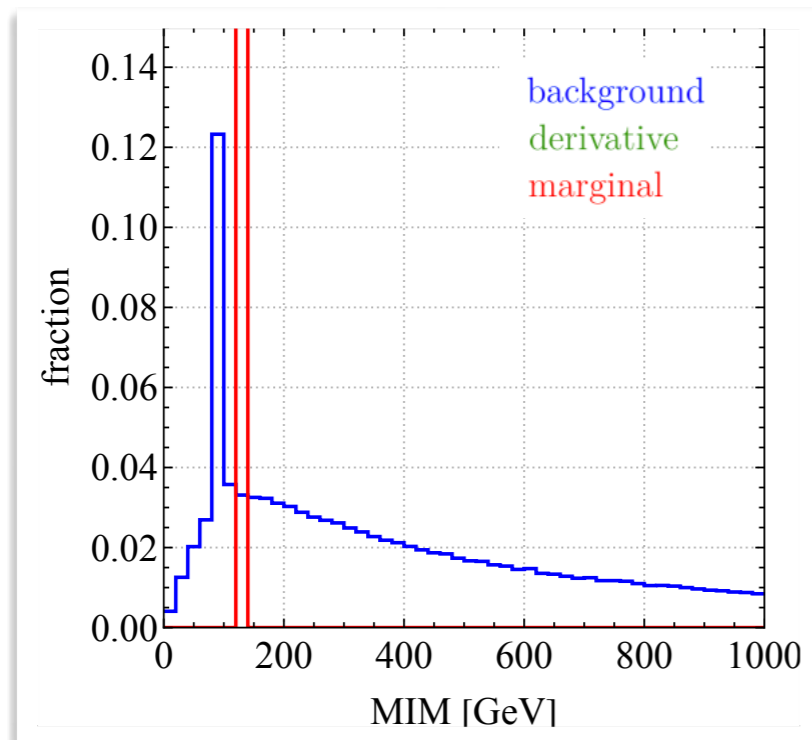
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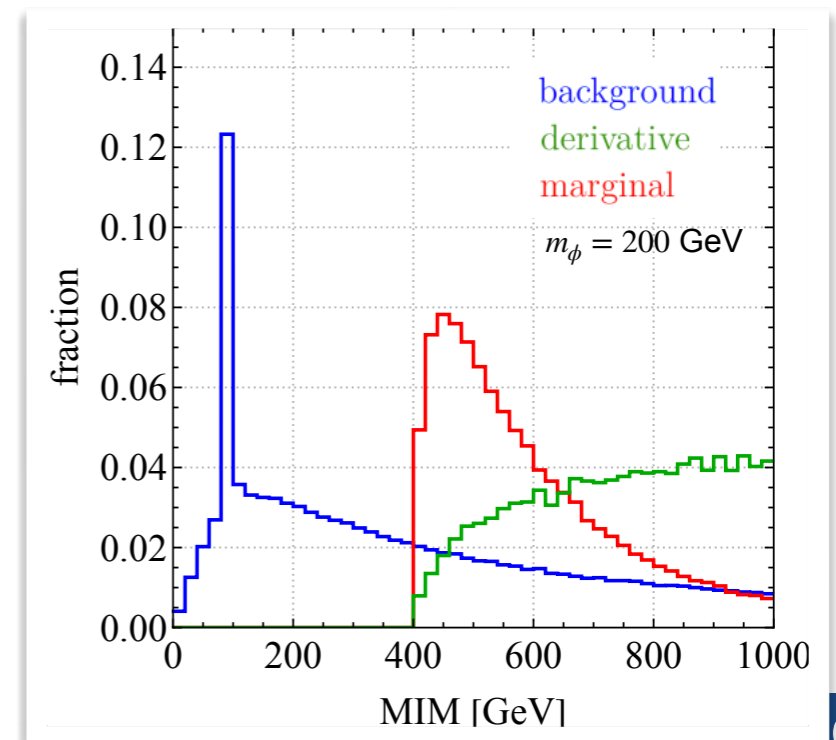


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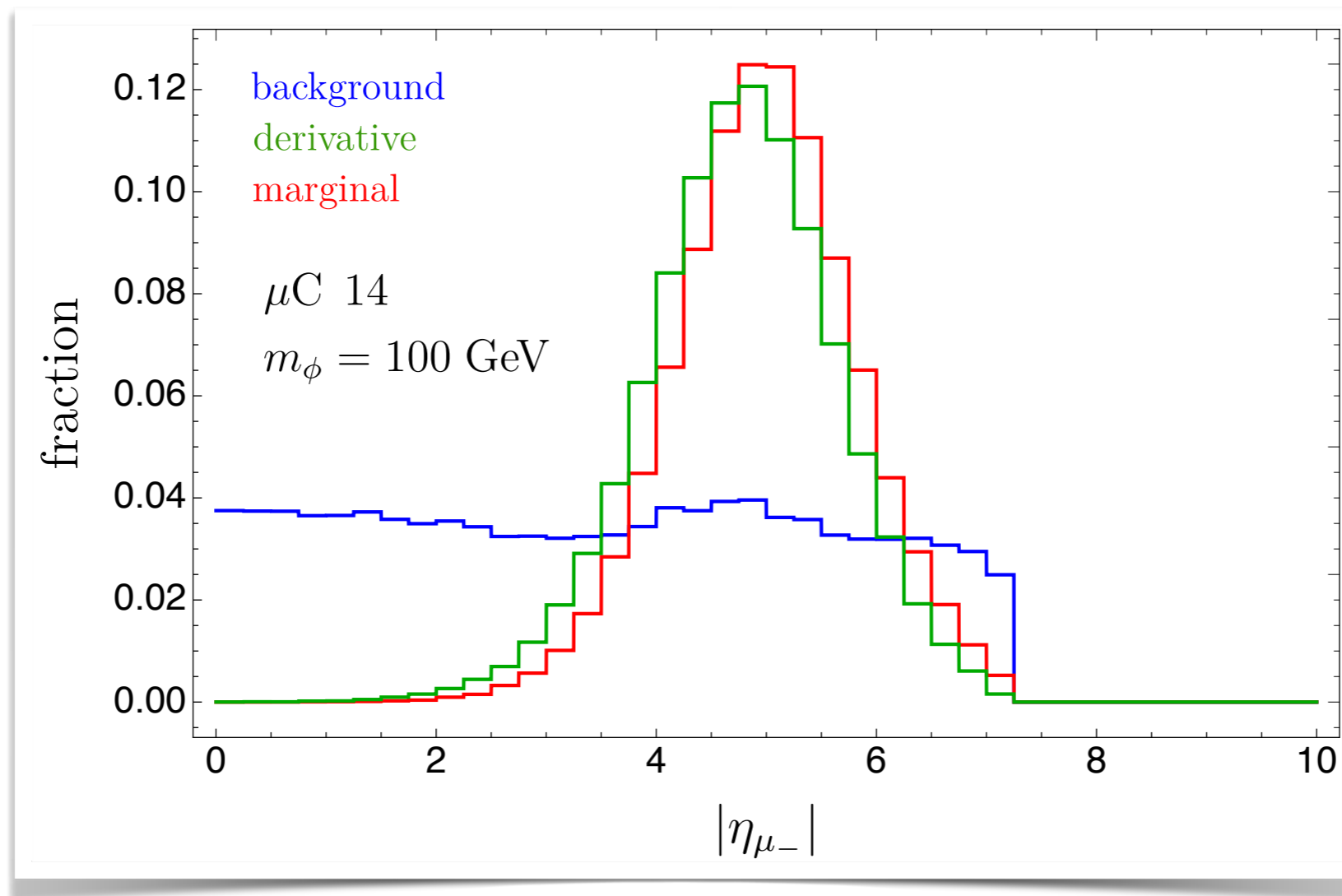


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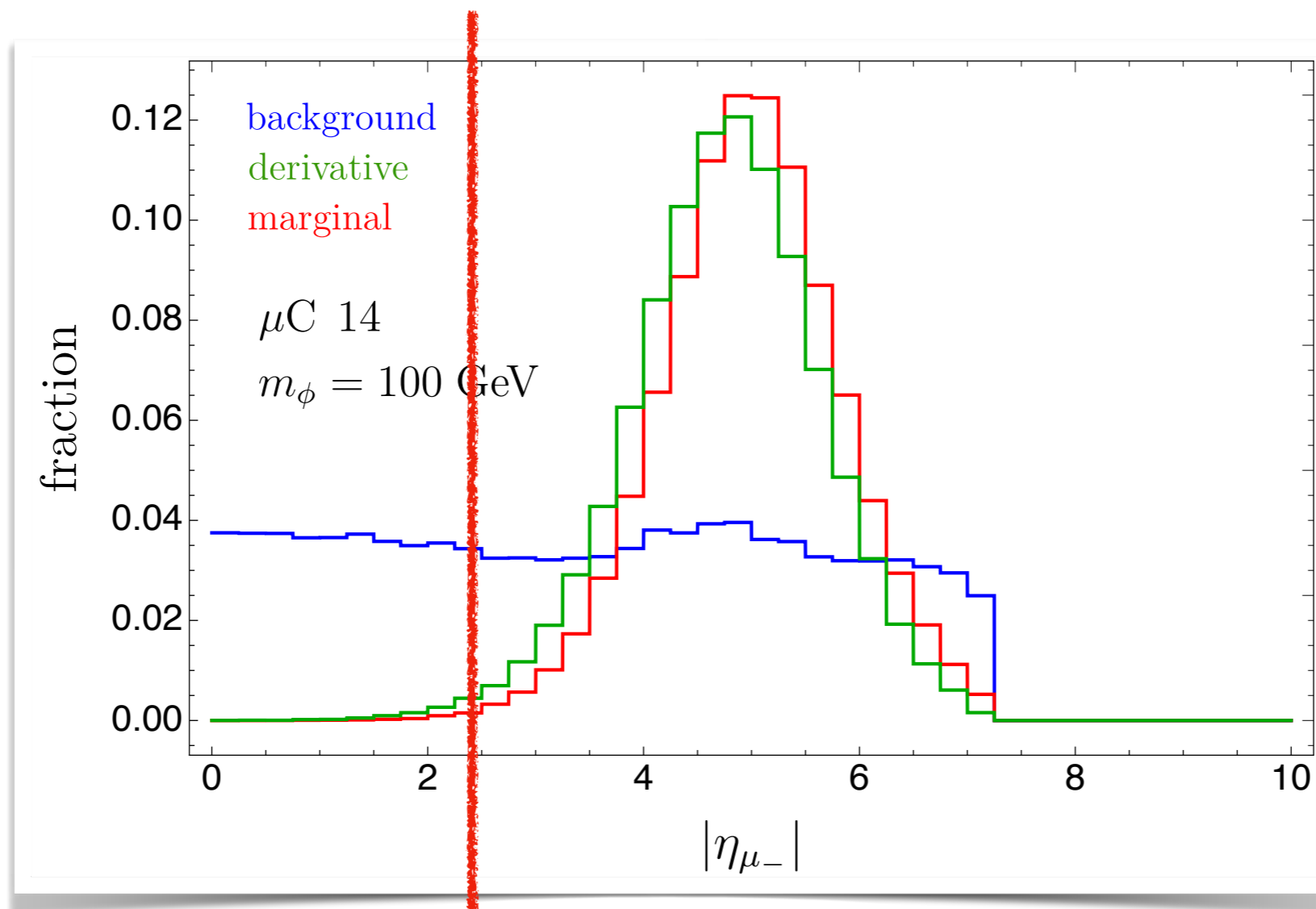
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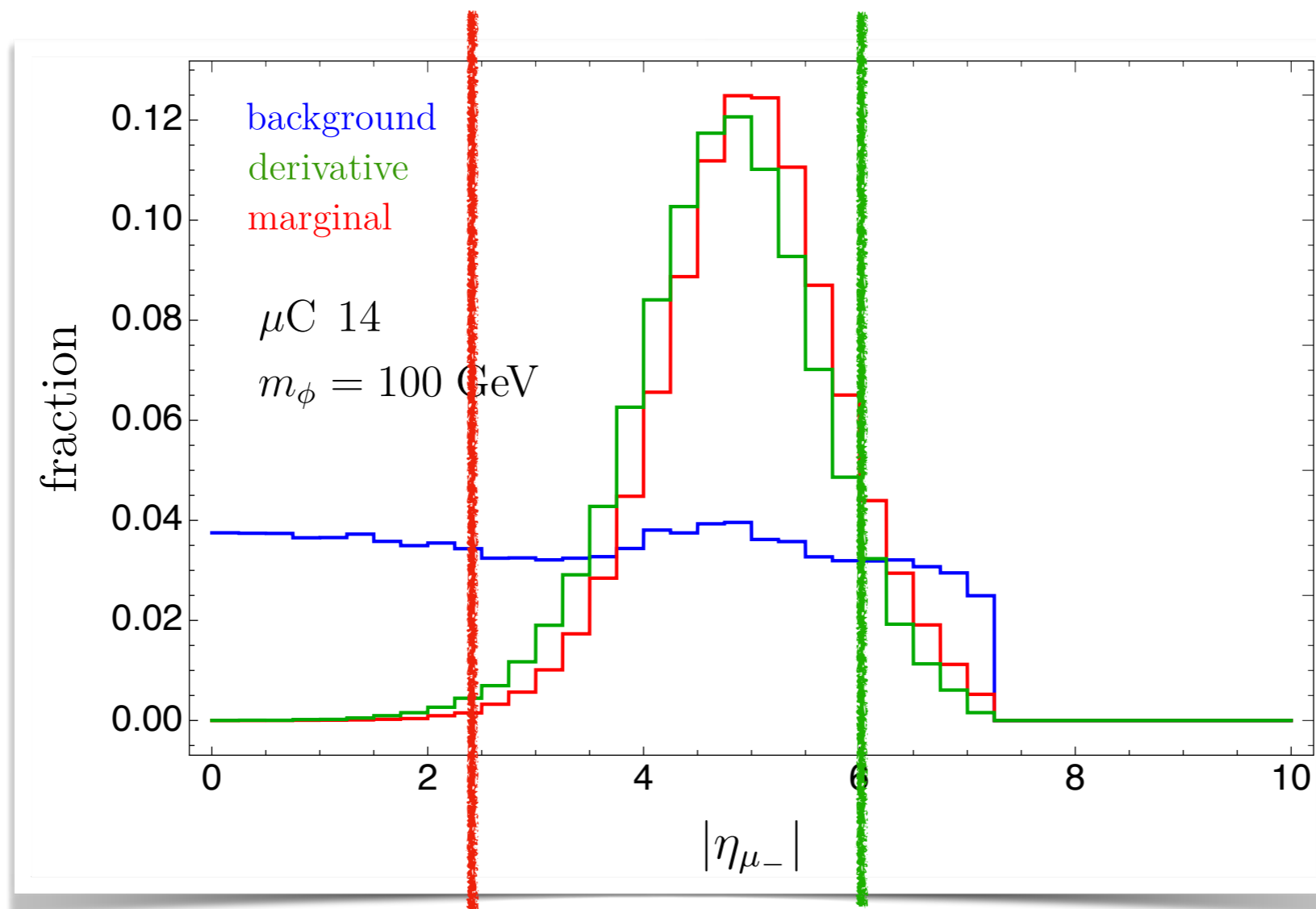
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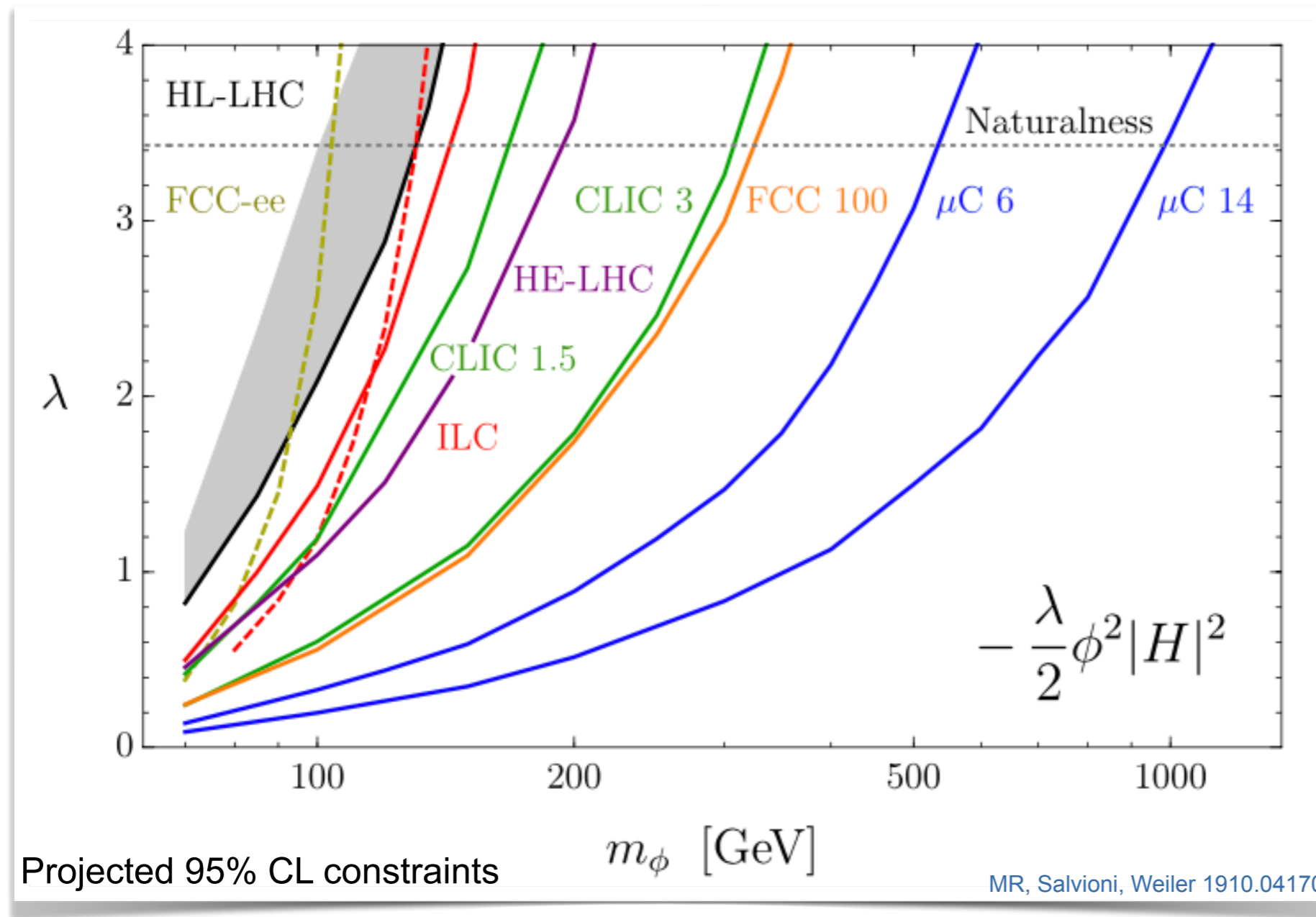
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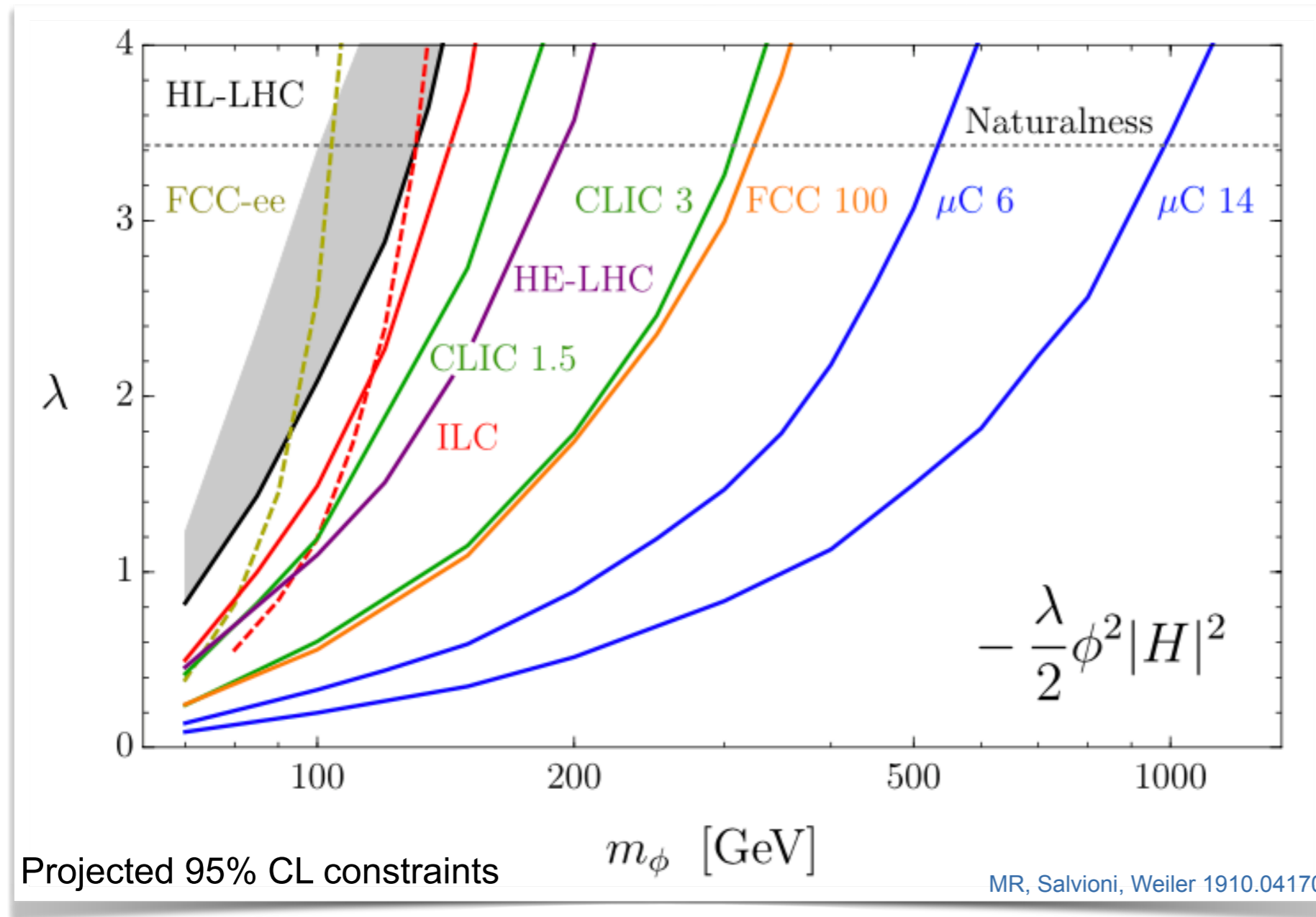


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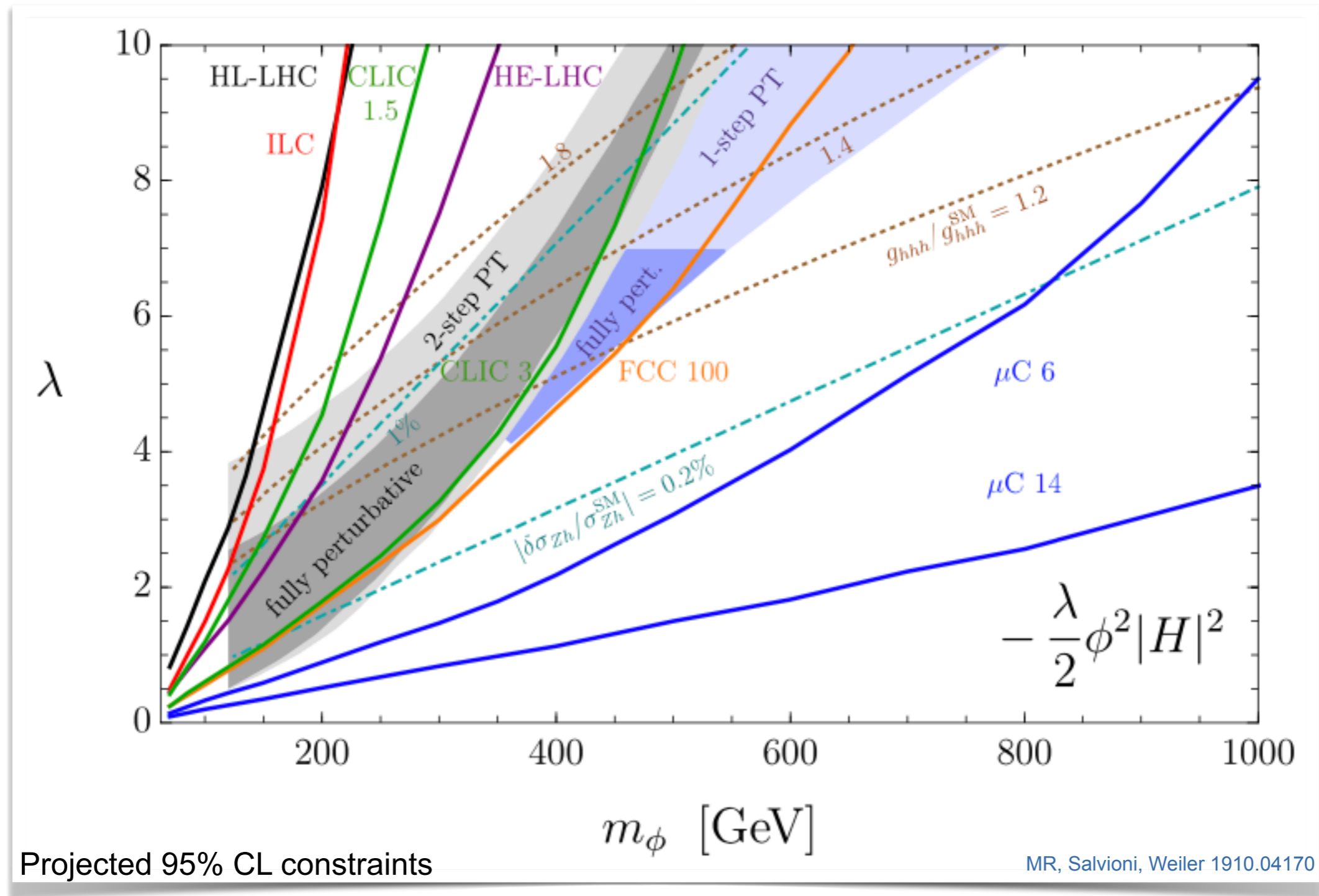
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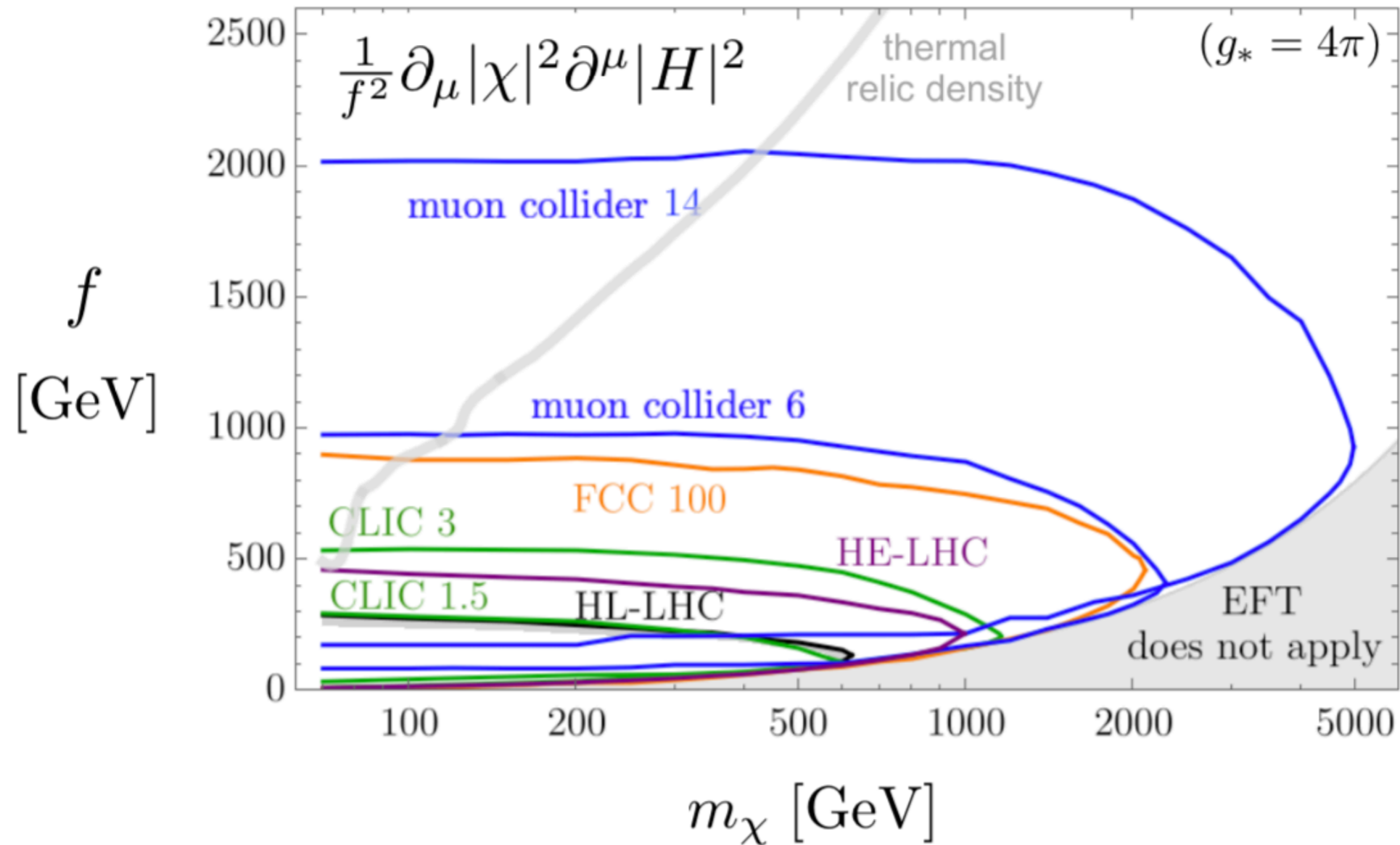
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Shaded regions: possibility of a first order EW phase transition

Buttazzo, Redigolo, Sala, Tesi 1807.04743

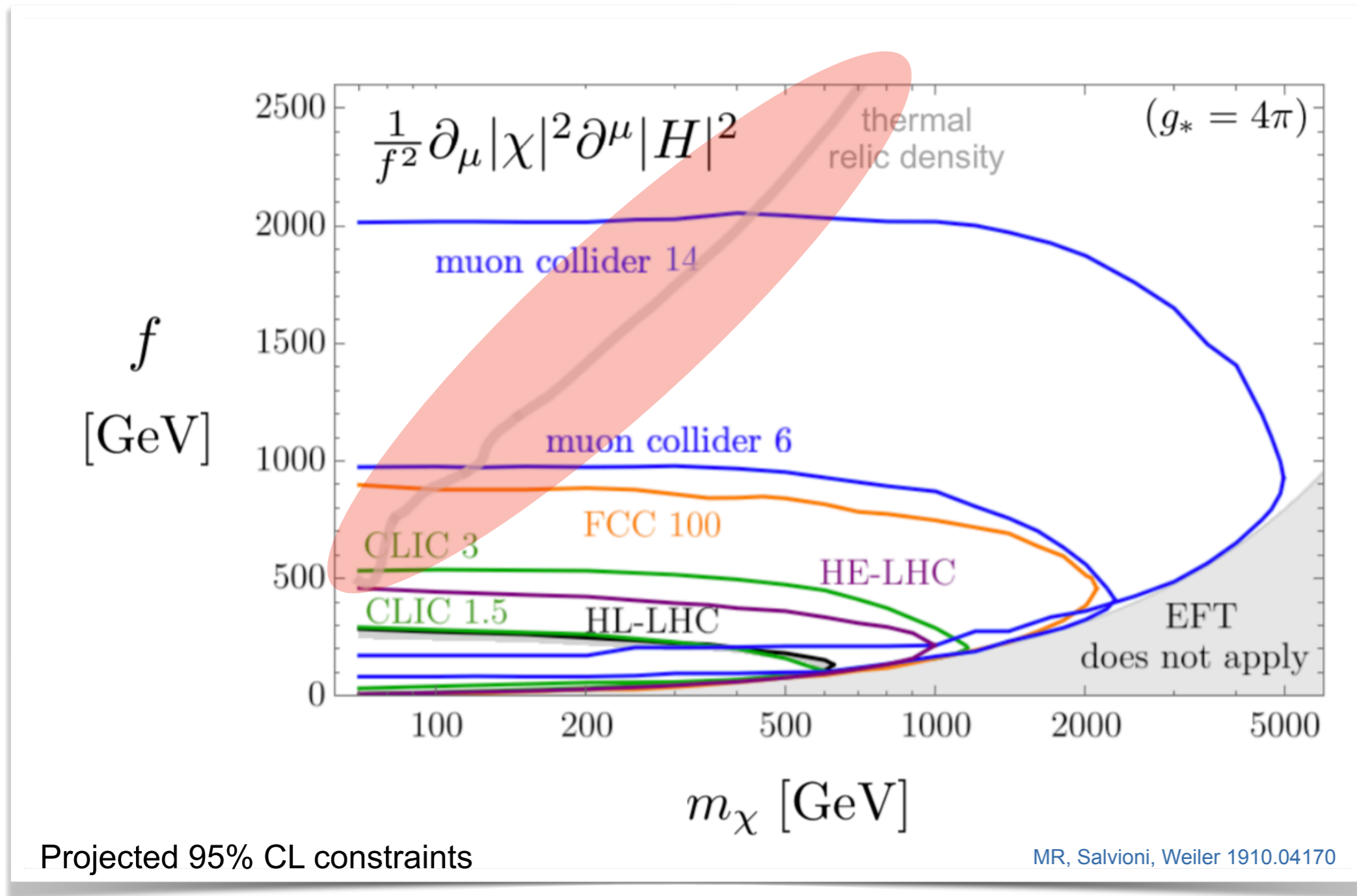
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MR, Salvioni, Weiler 1910.04170

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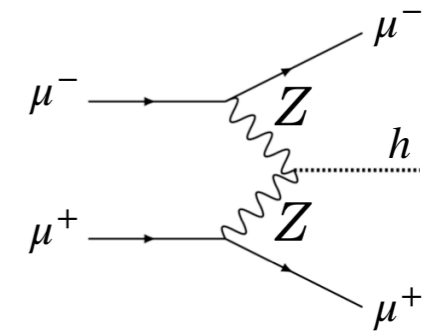
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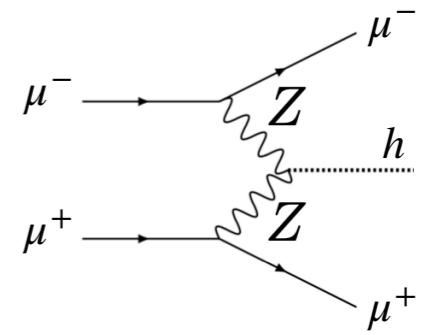


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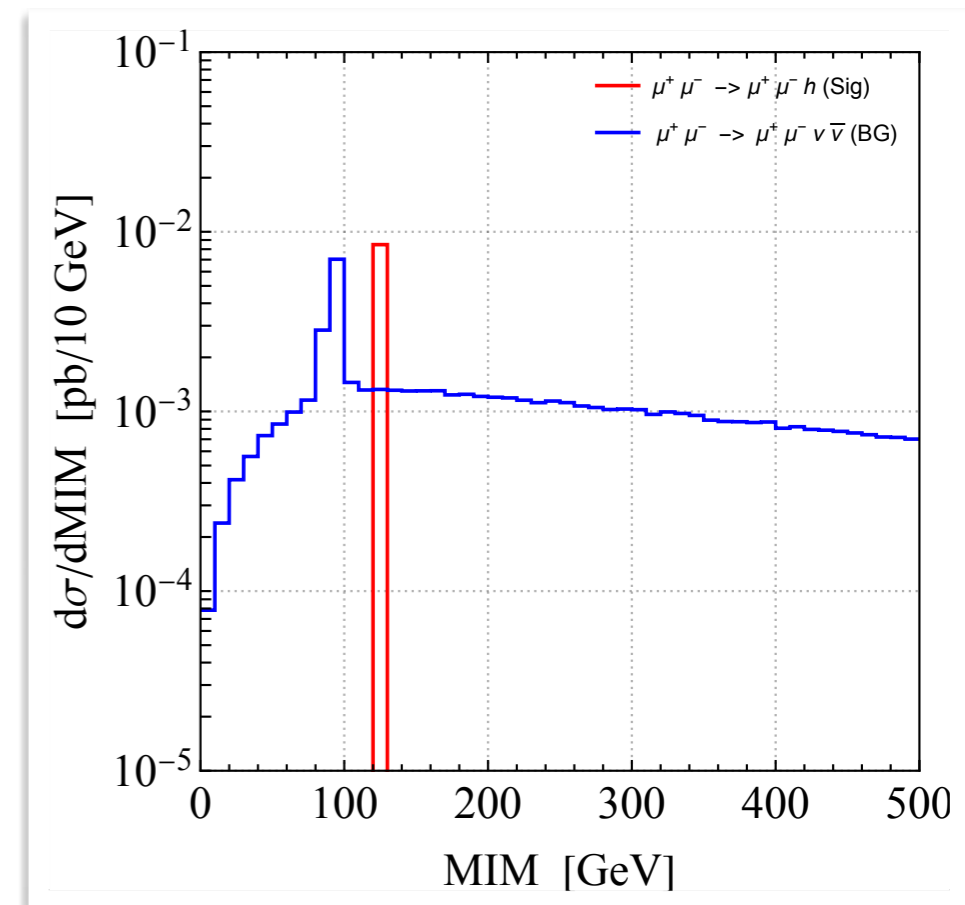
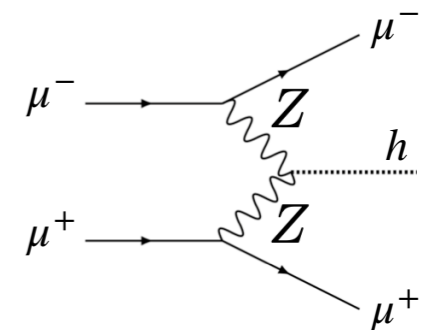
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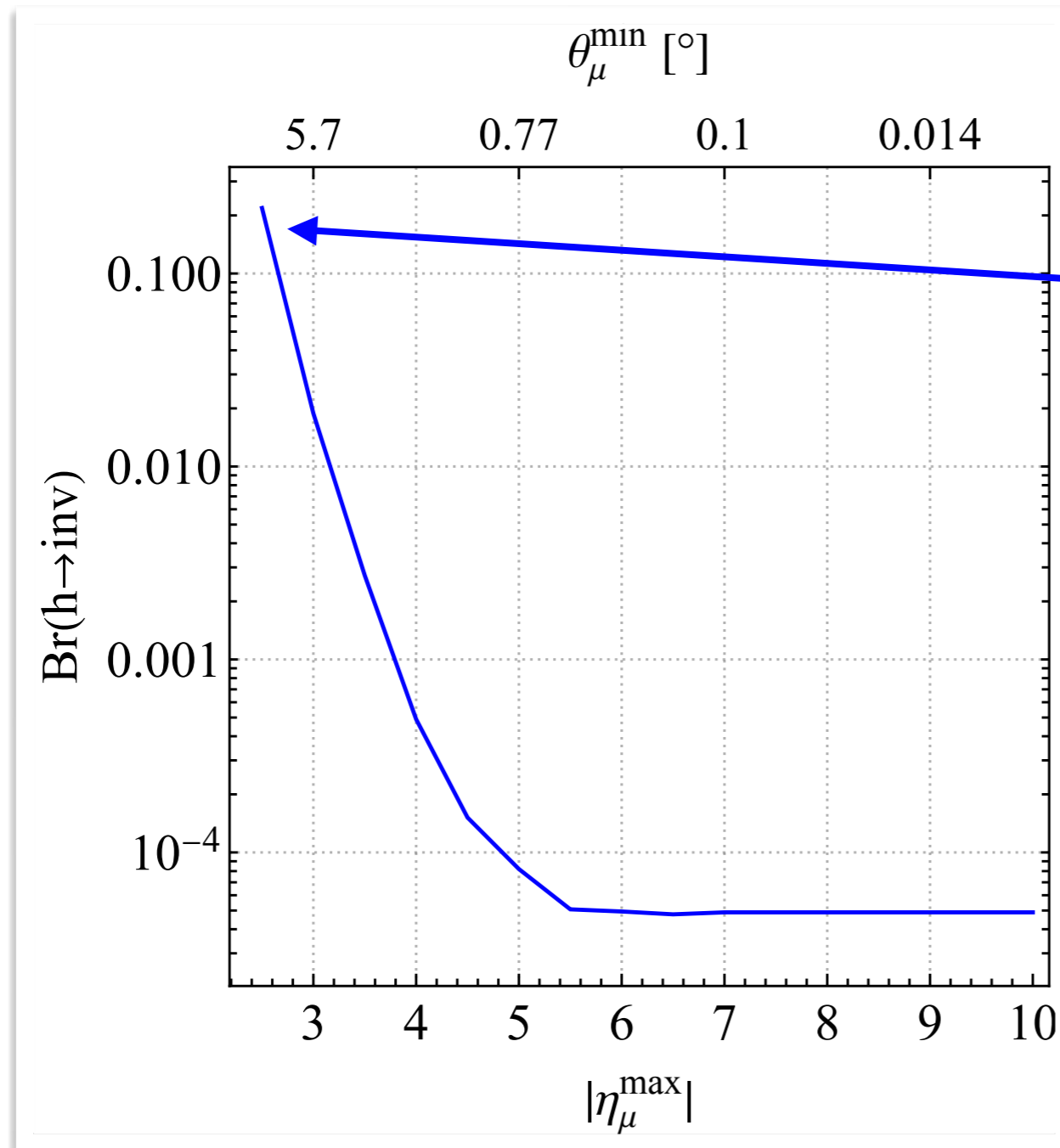
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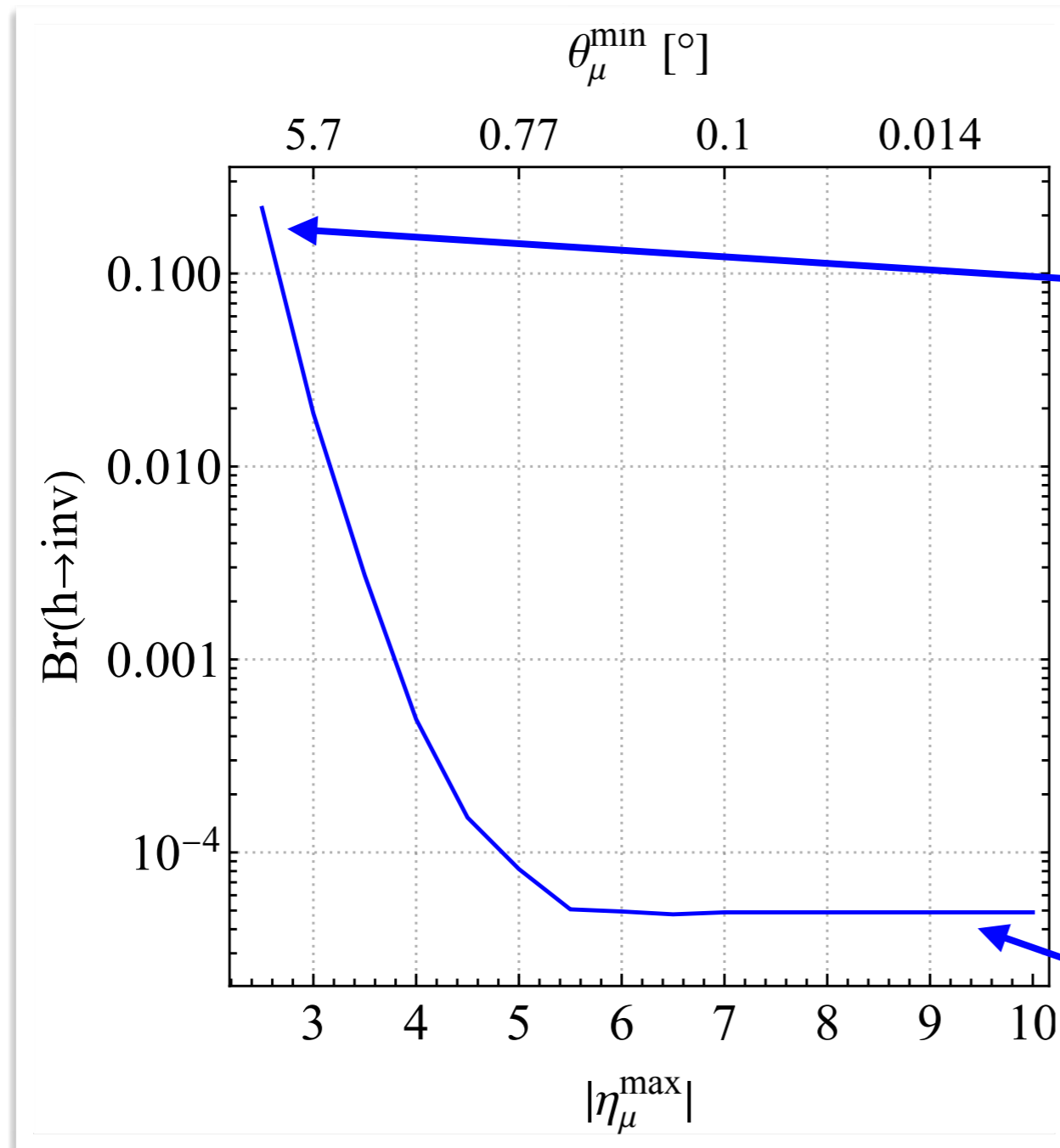


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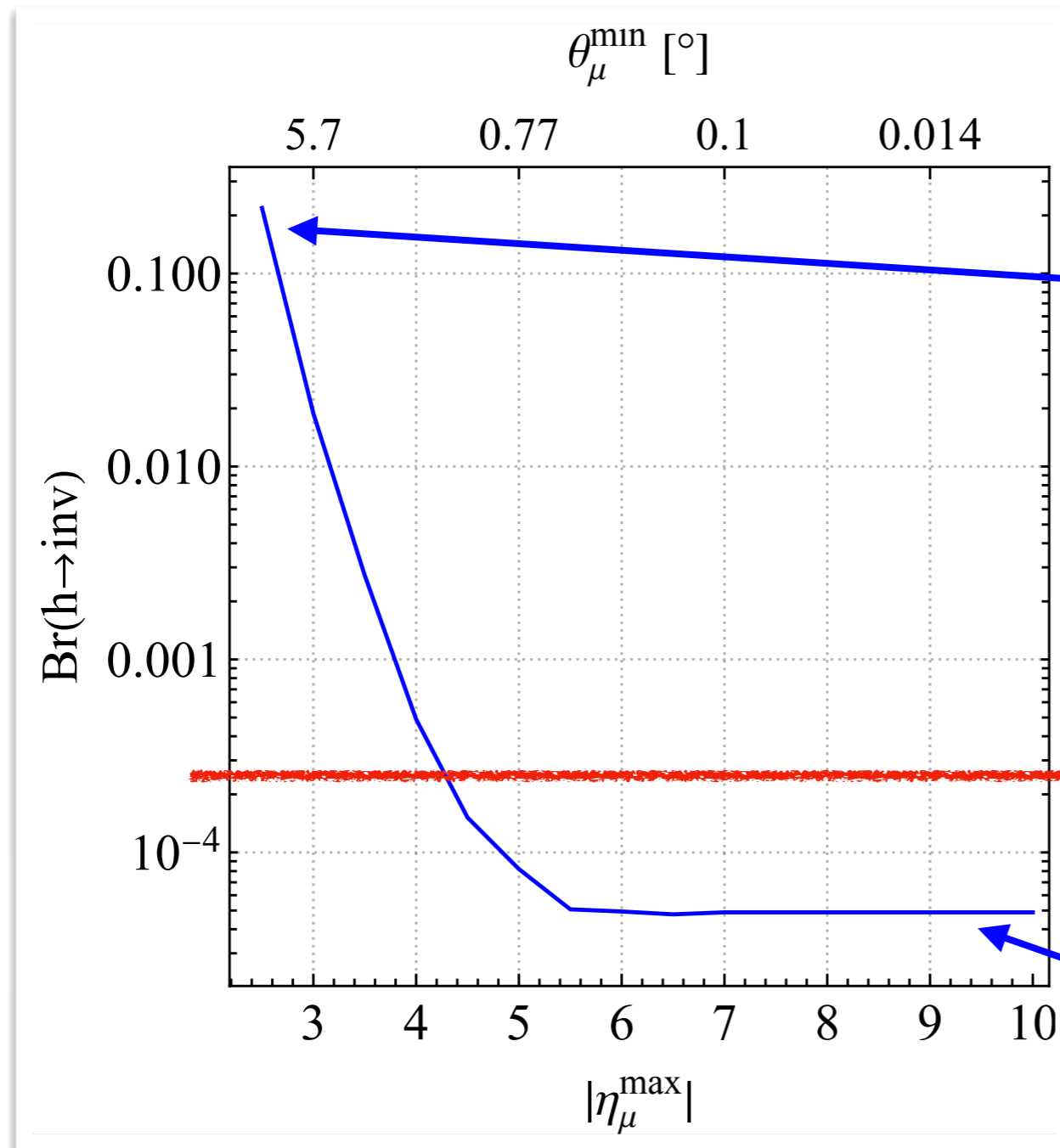
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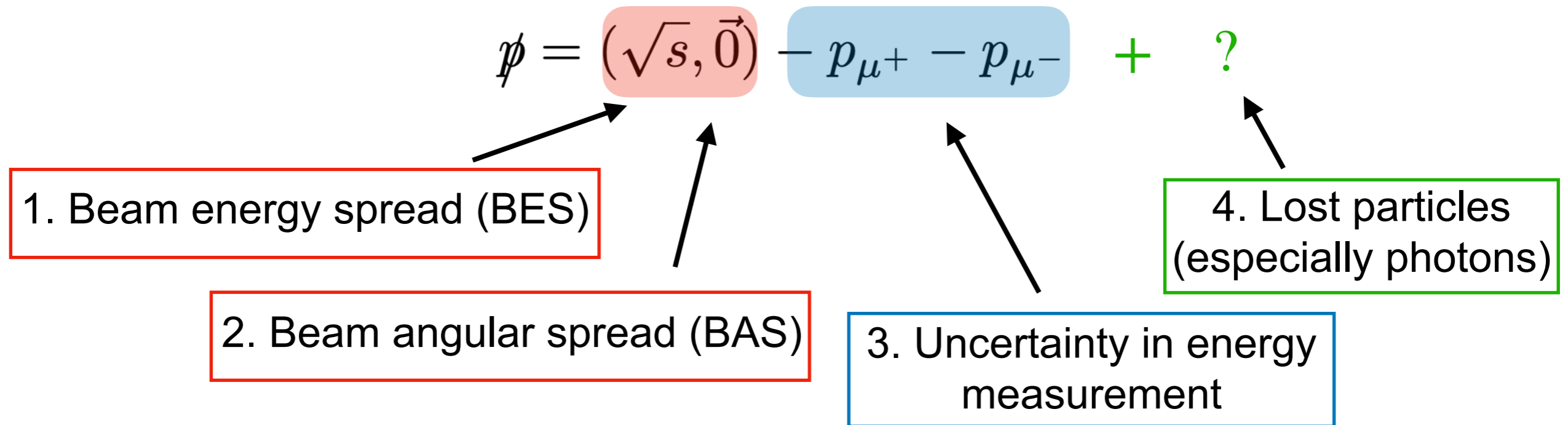
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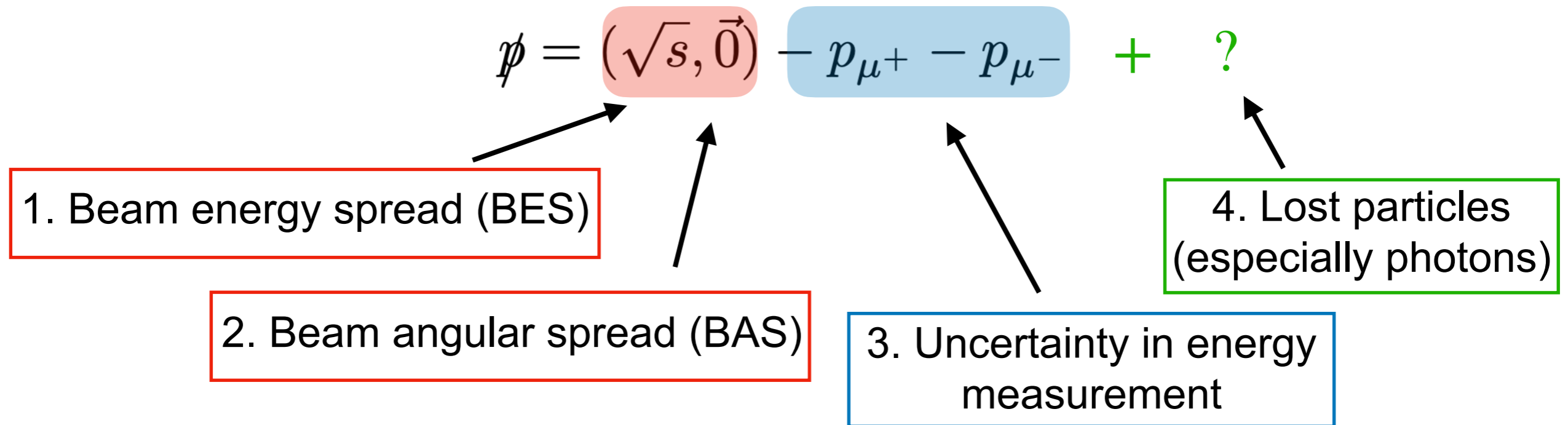
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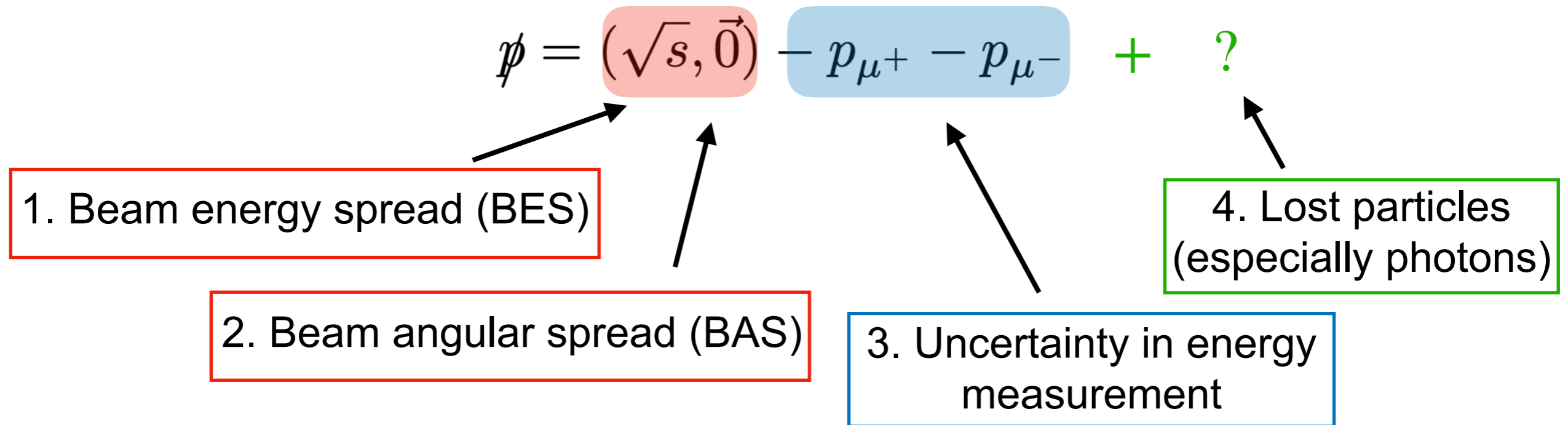
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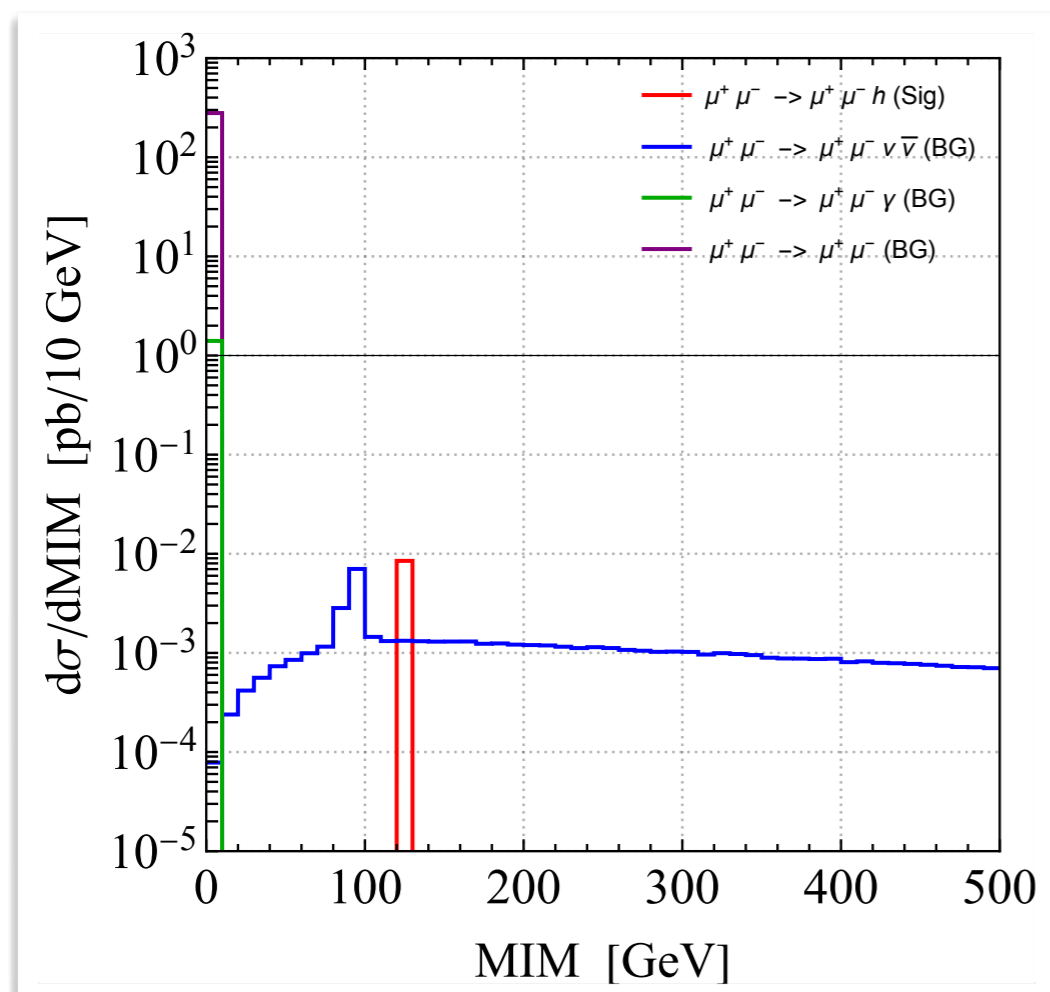
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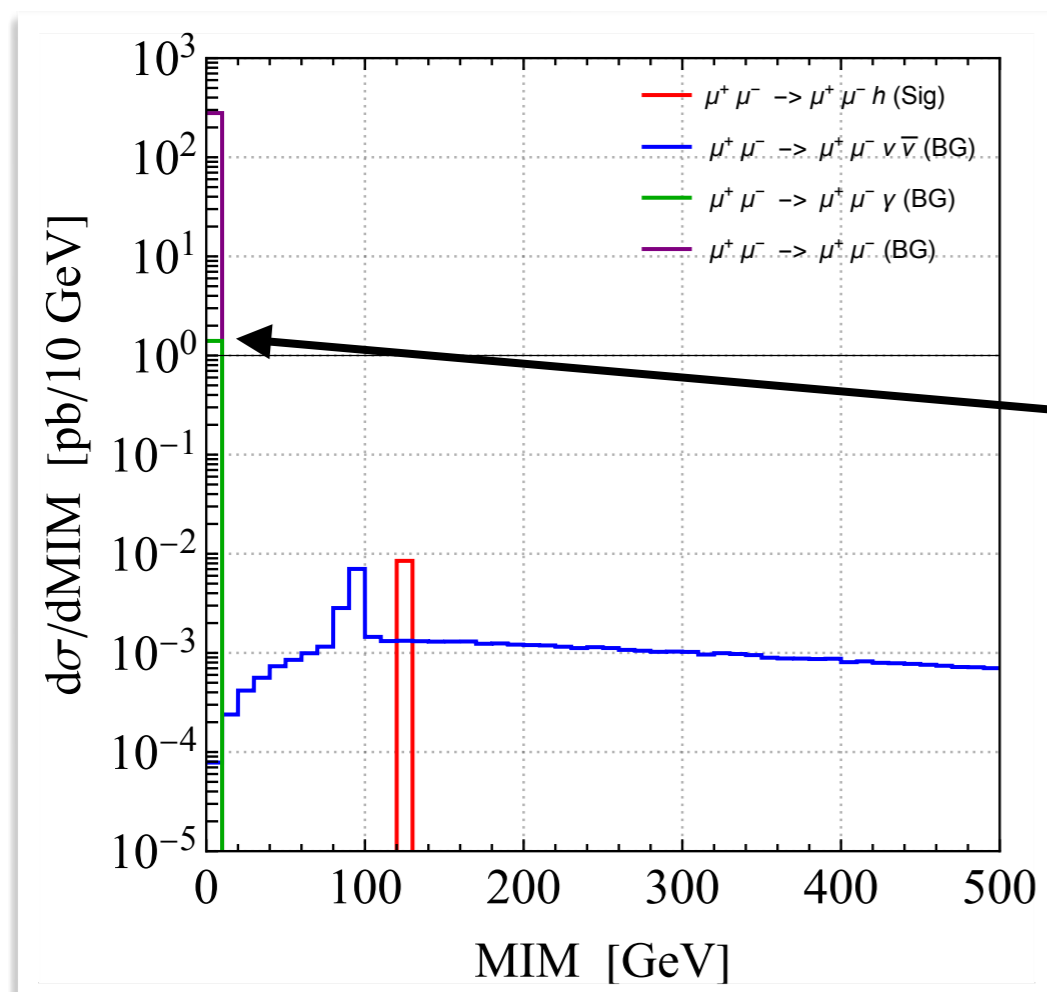
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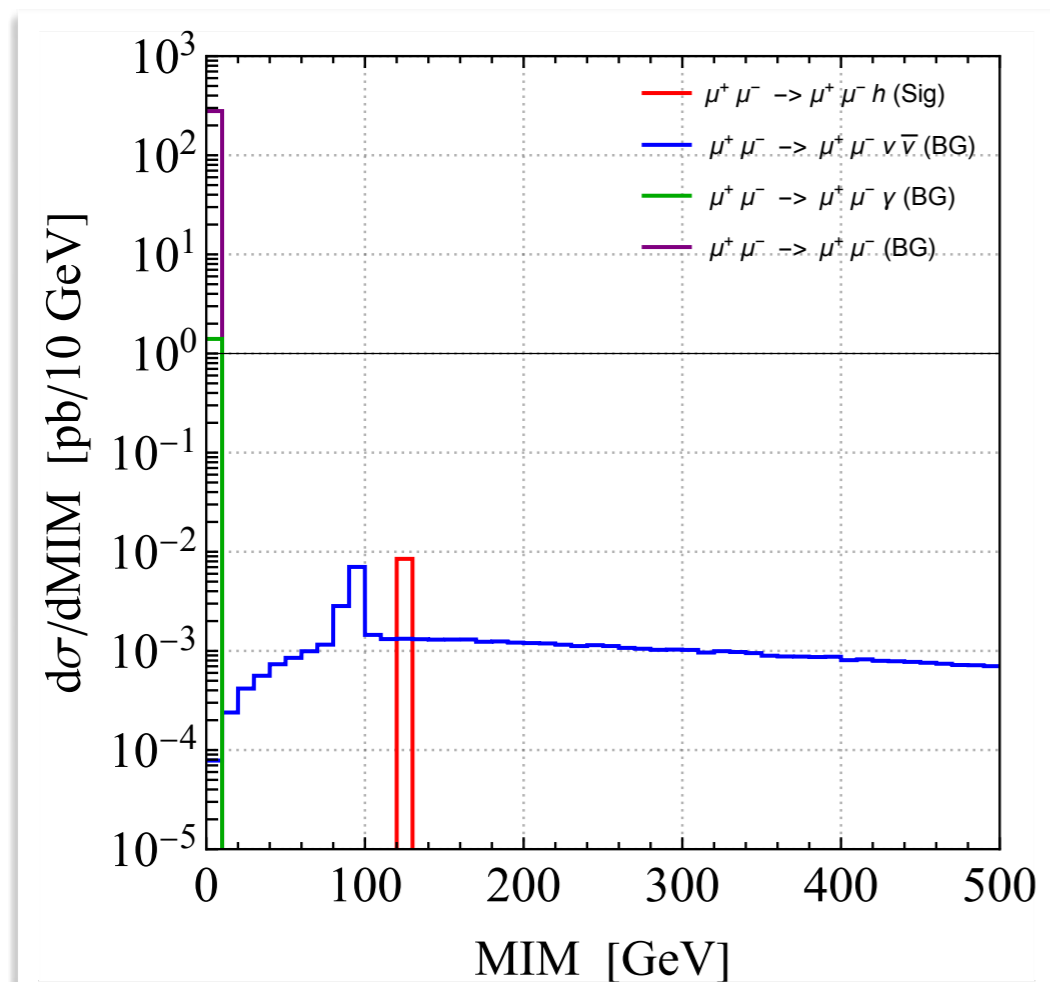
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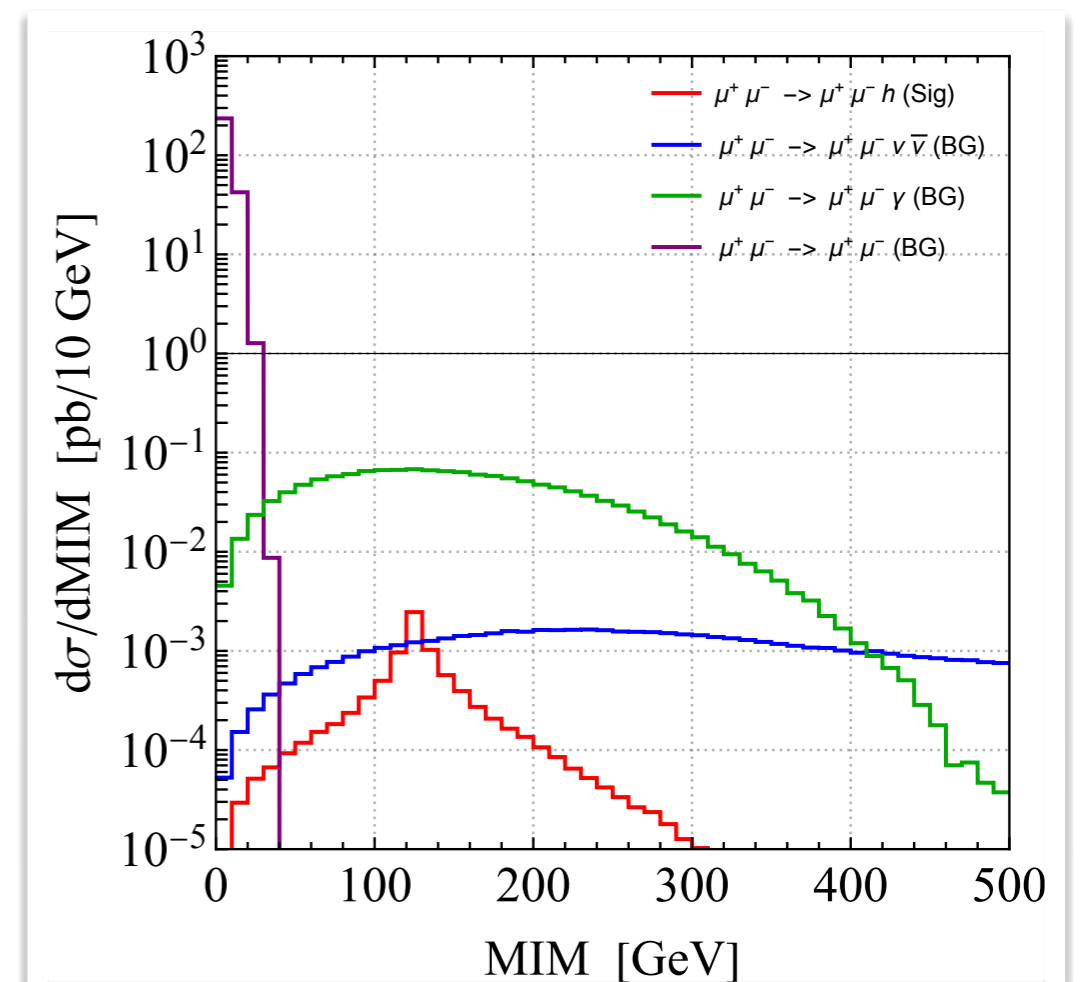
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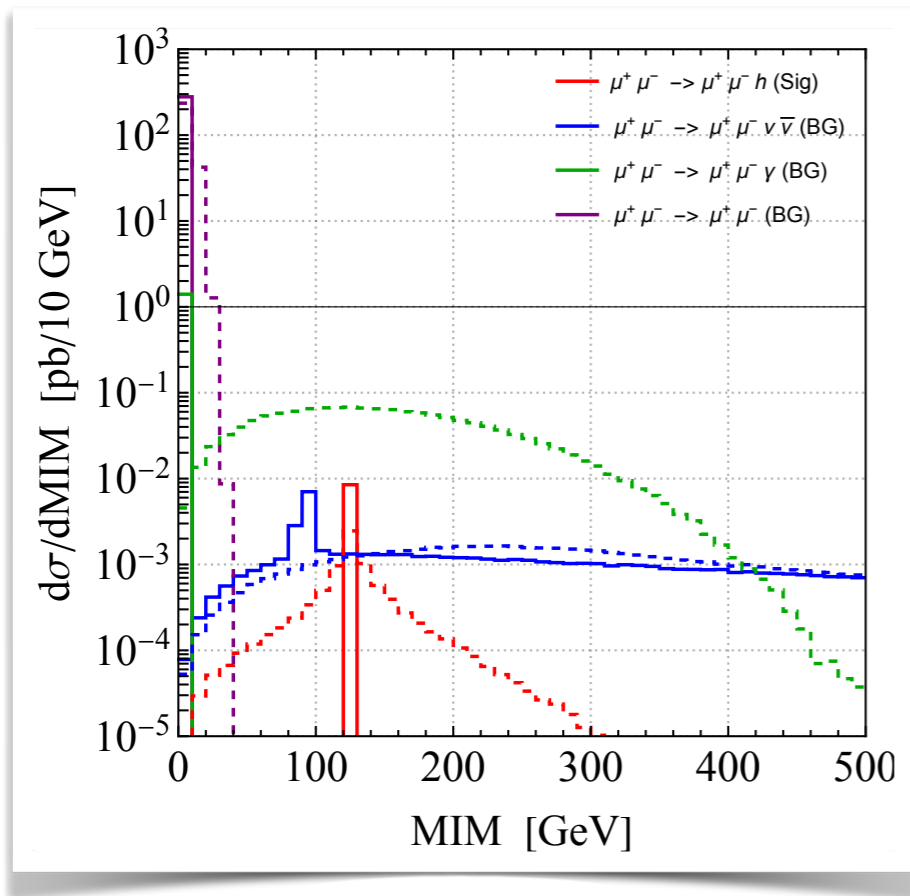
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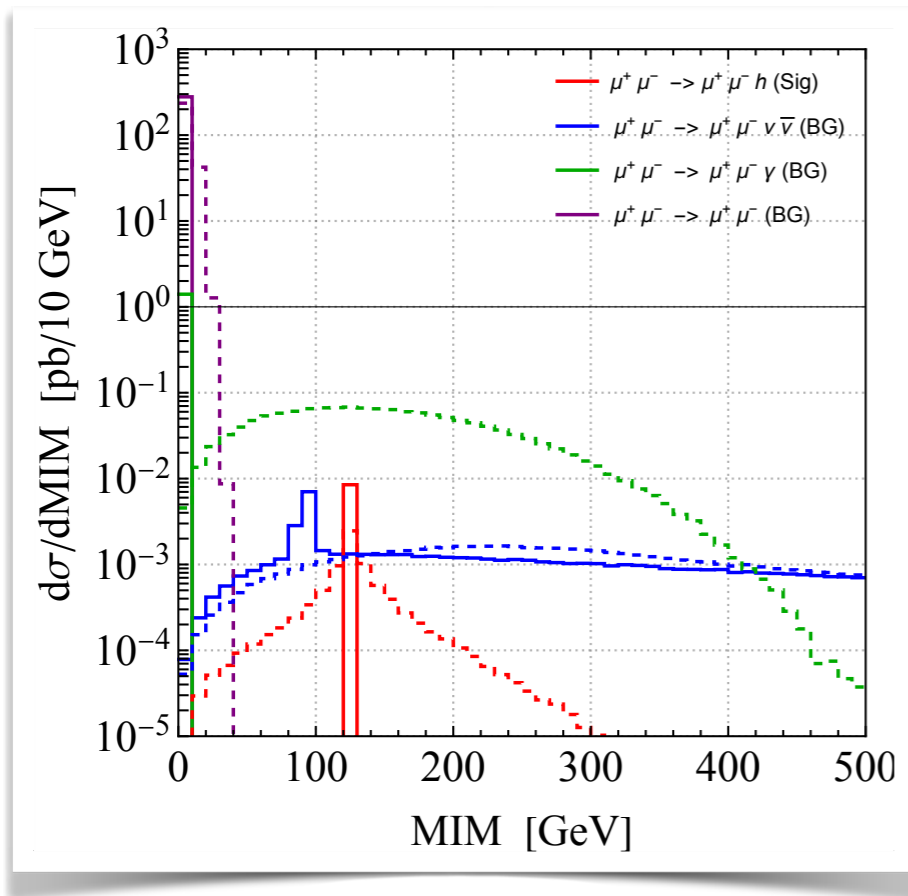


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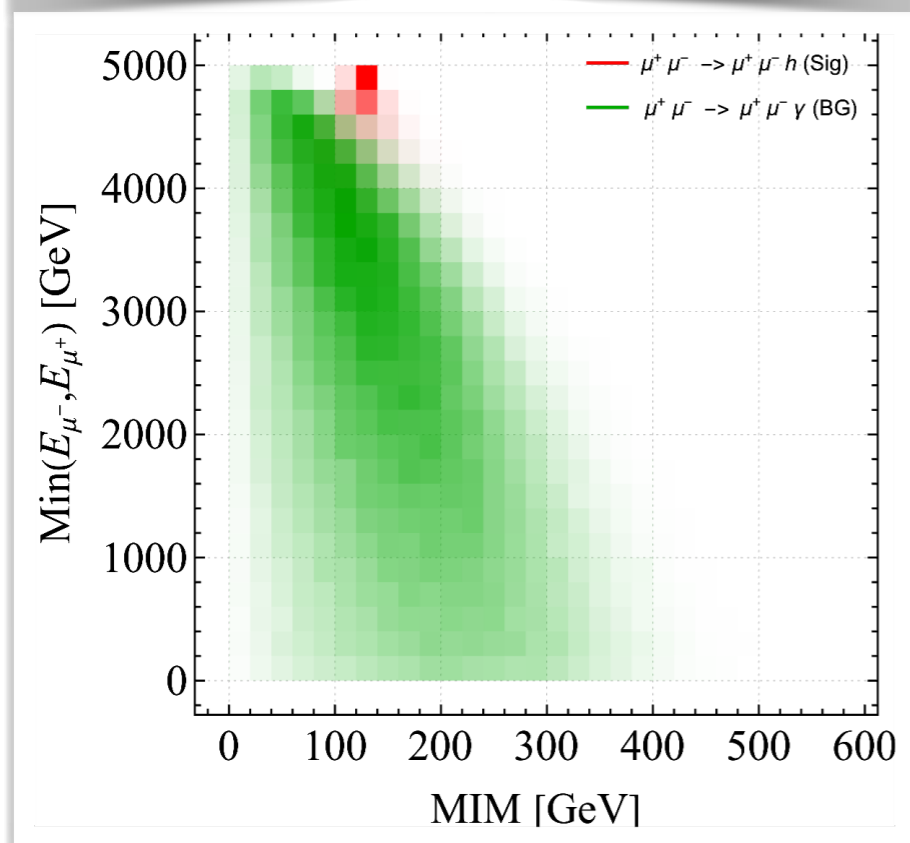
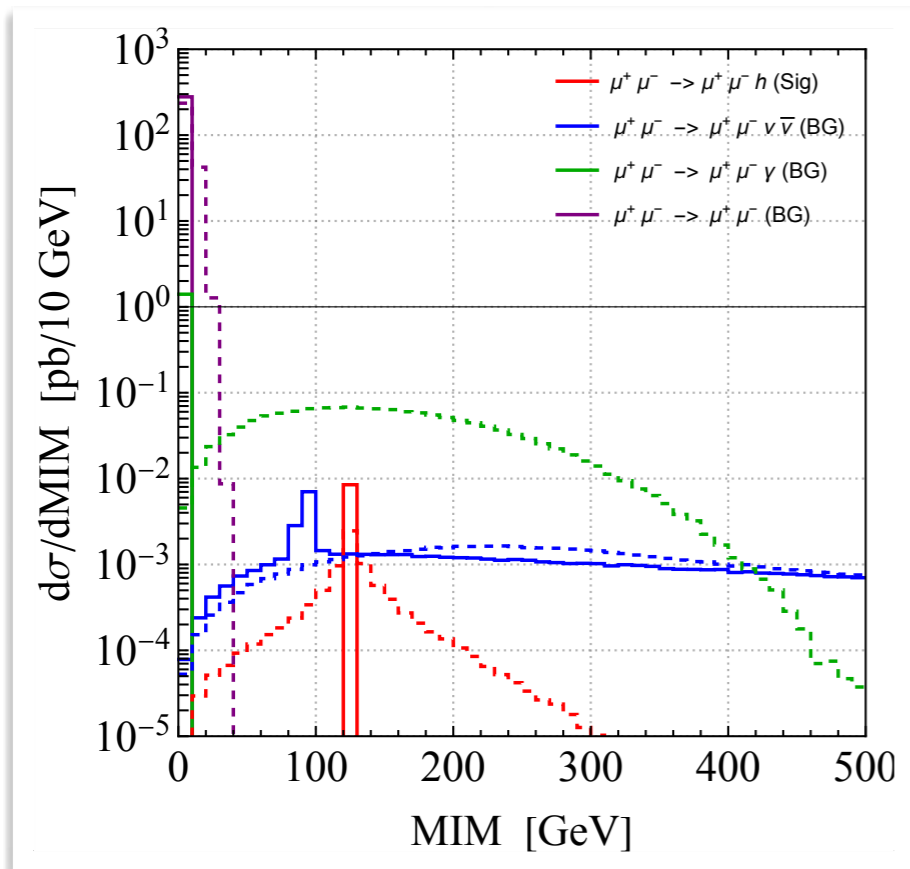


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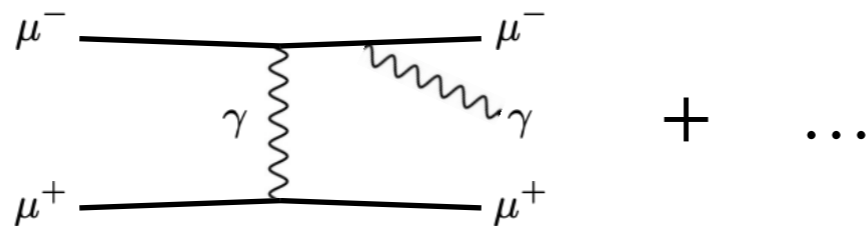
One of the muons will be less energetic

➔ Efficient suppression with cut on

$$\text{Min}(E_{\mu^-}, E_{\mu^+})$$

# Comment on Photon BG

- Photon BG is generated at fixed order in MadGraph



- Generator level cuts of  $p_T^\gamma > 10$  GeV and  $|\eta_\gamma| > 2.44$

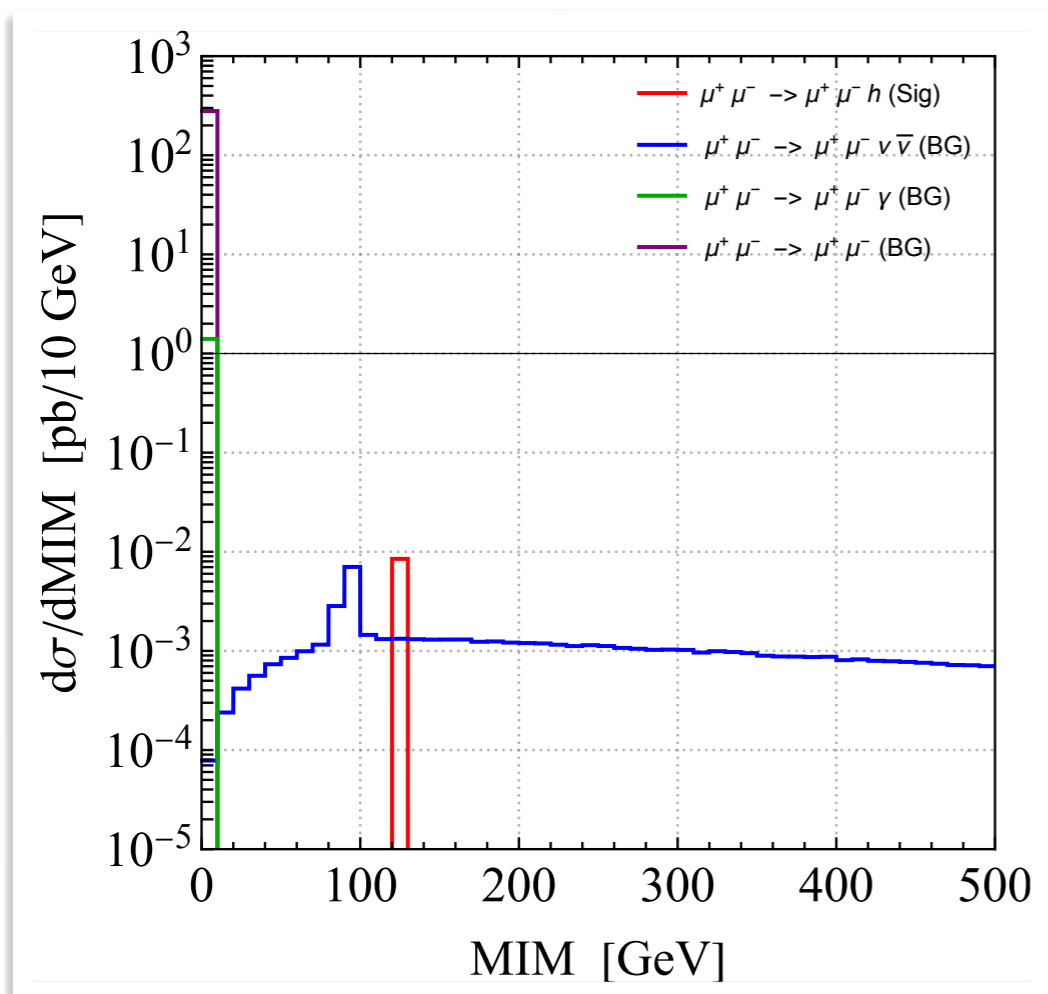
➔ assume that EM calorimeter only covers  $\theta > 10^\circ$  ( $|\eta| < 2.44$ )

- Including photon radiation from signal and an improved simulation is work in progress

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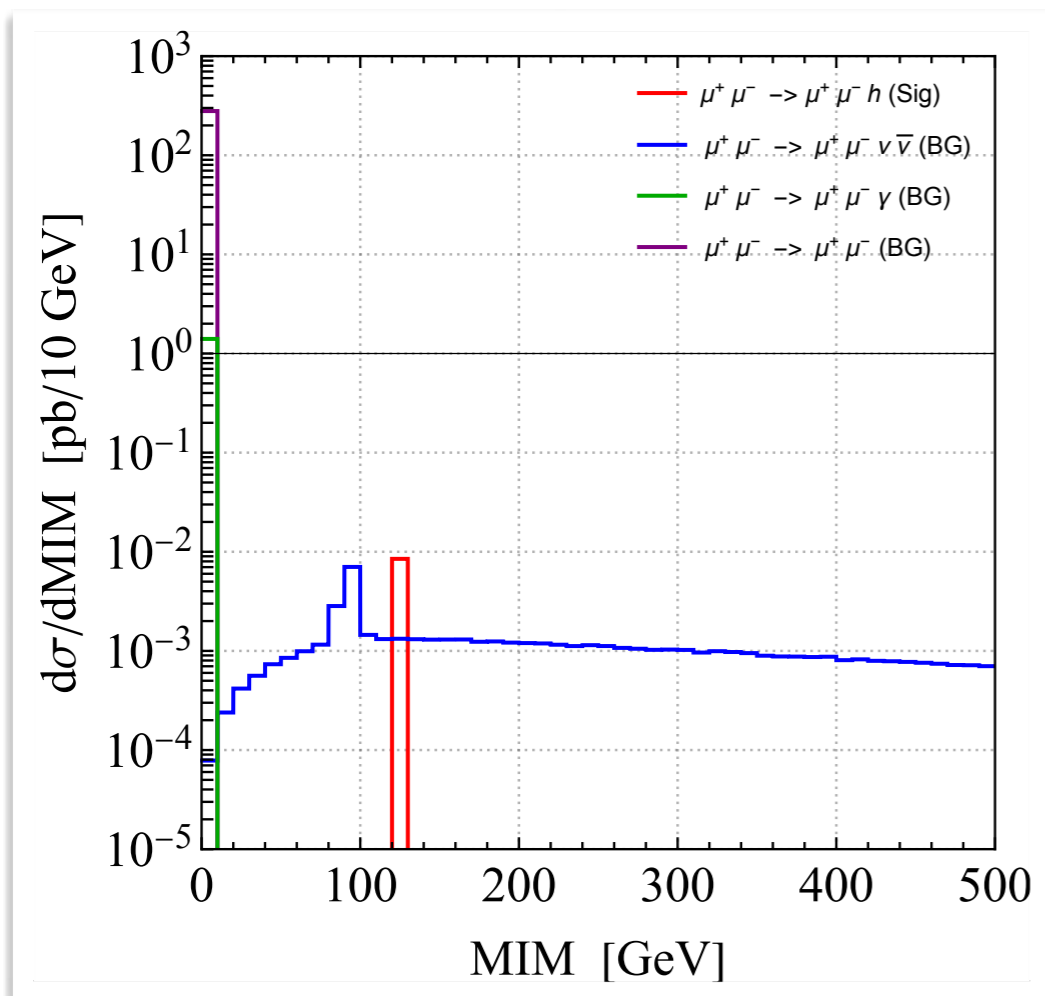
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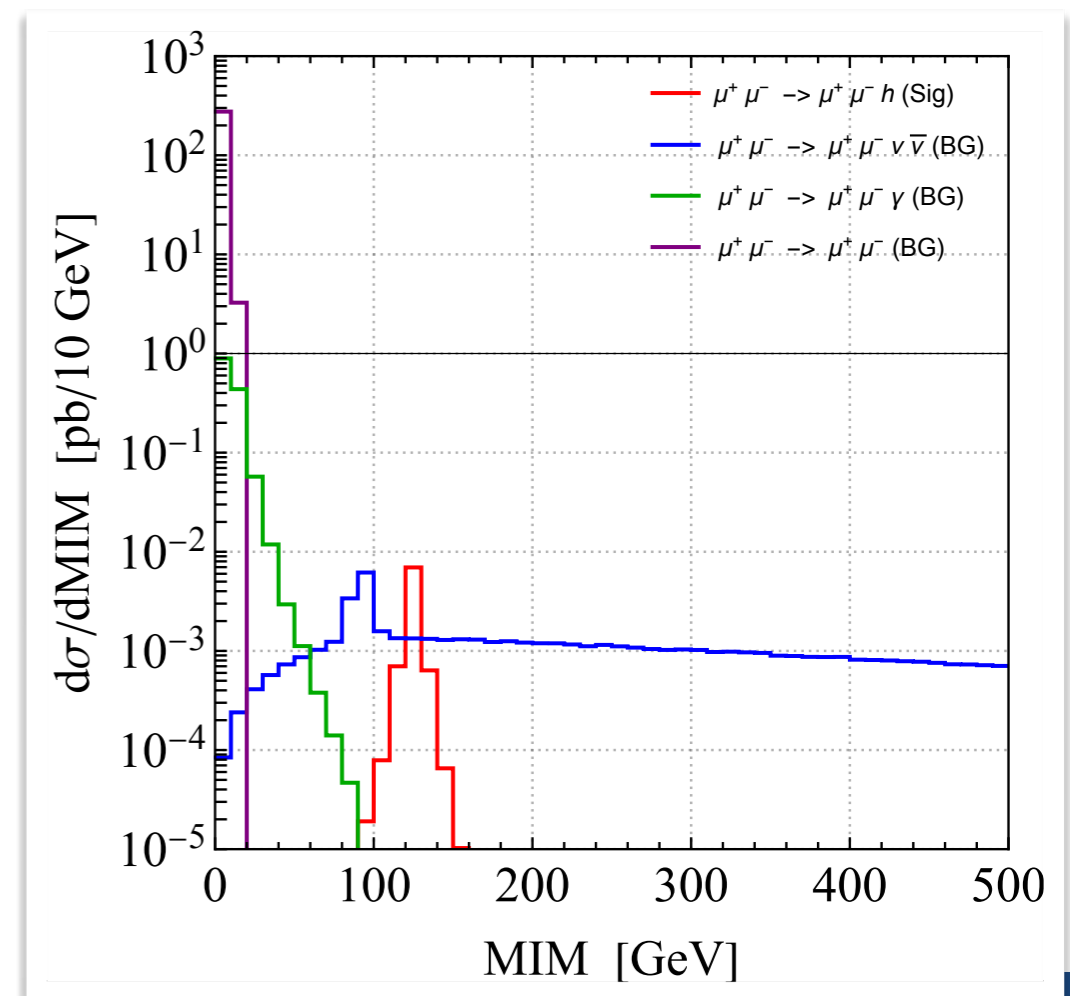
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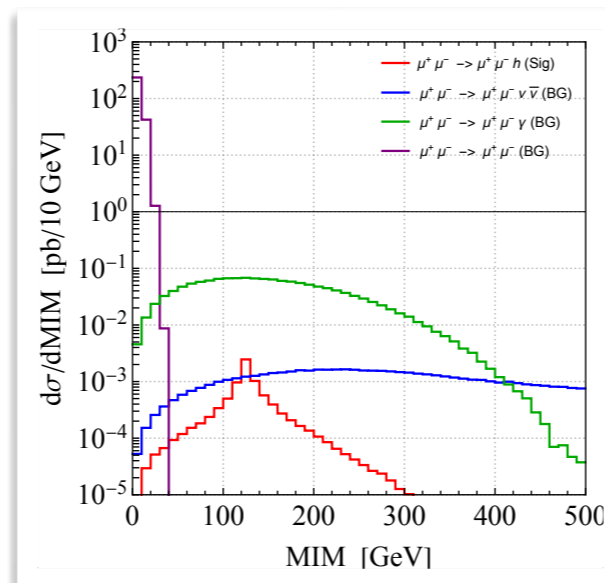


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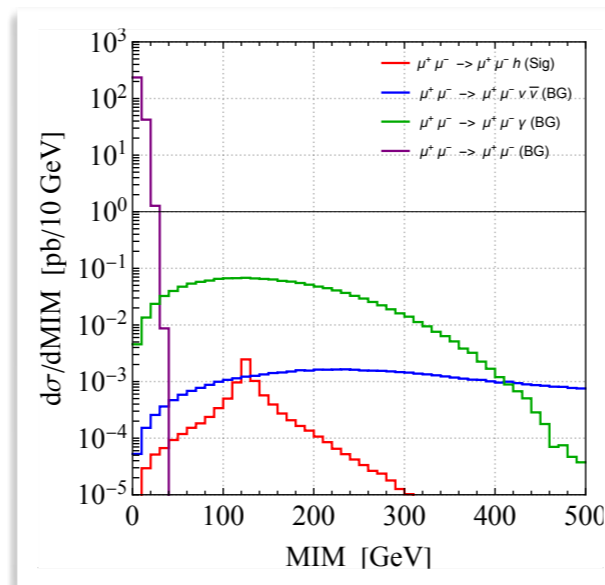
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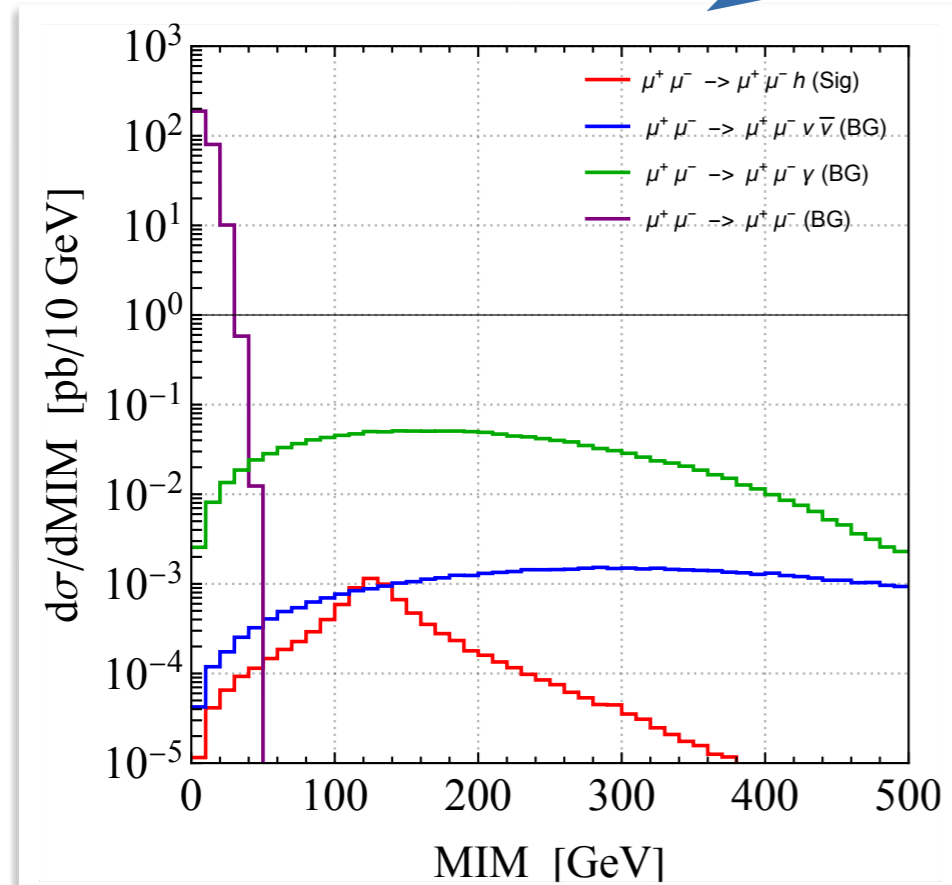


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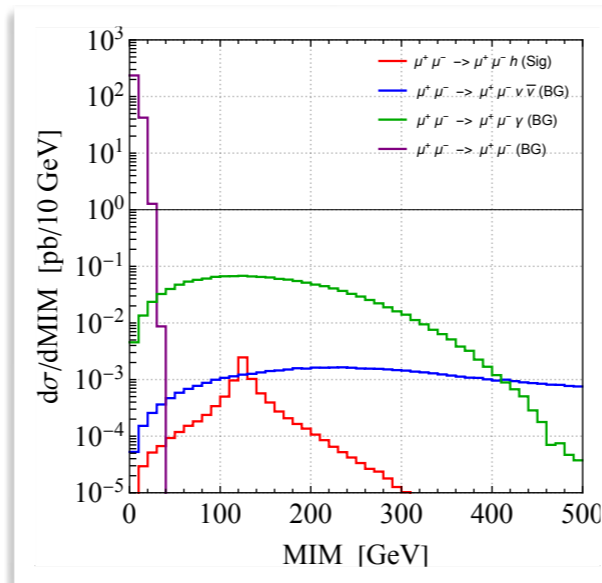


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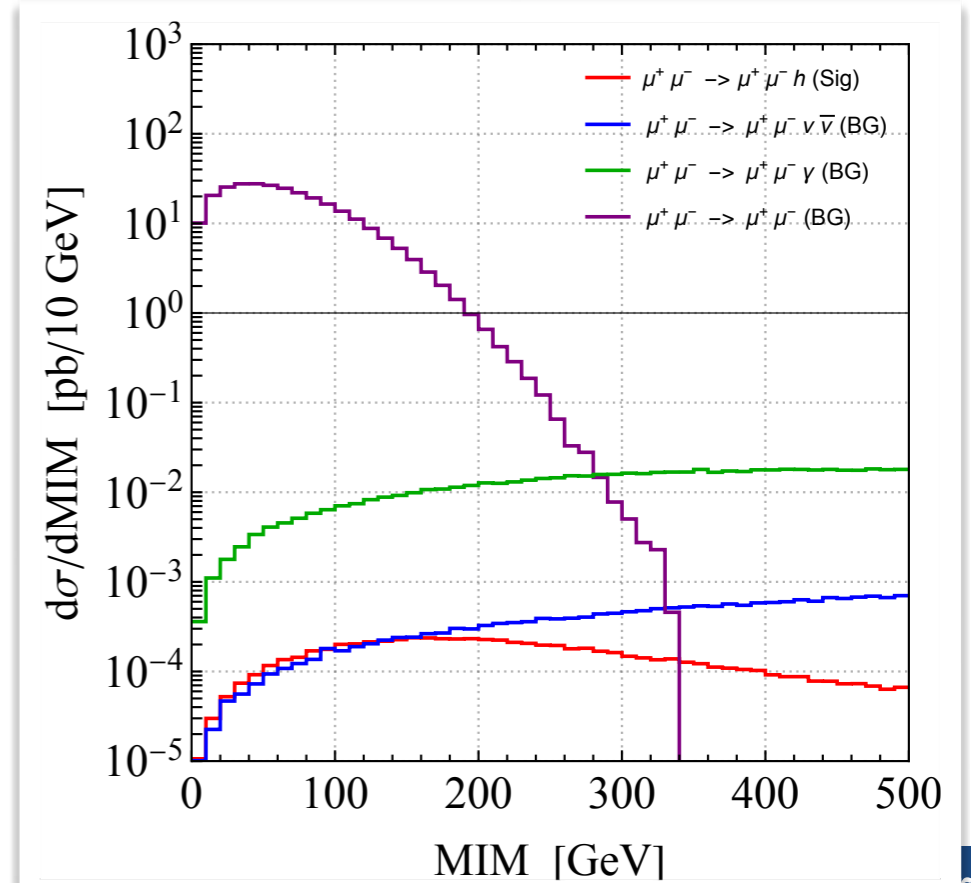
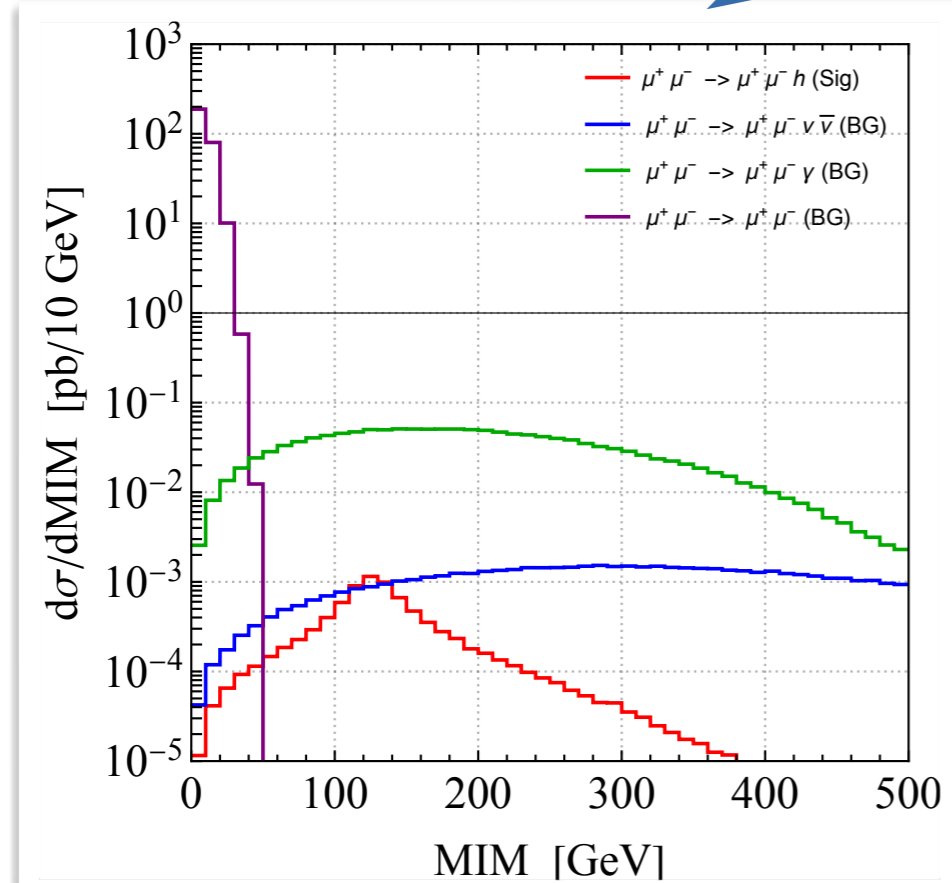
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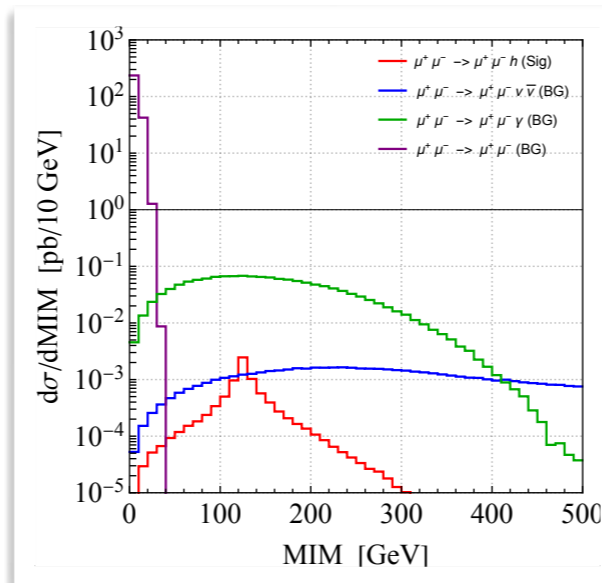
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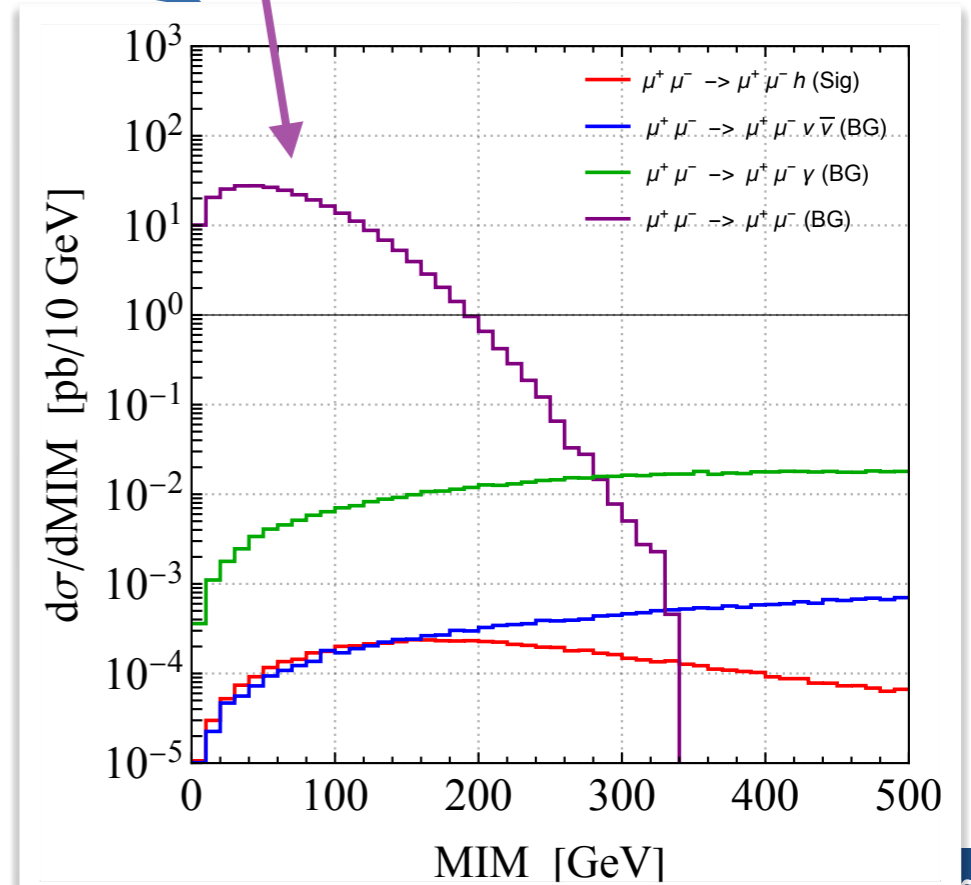
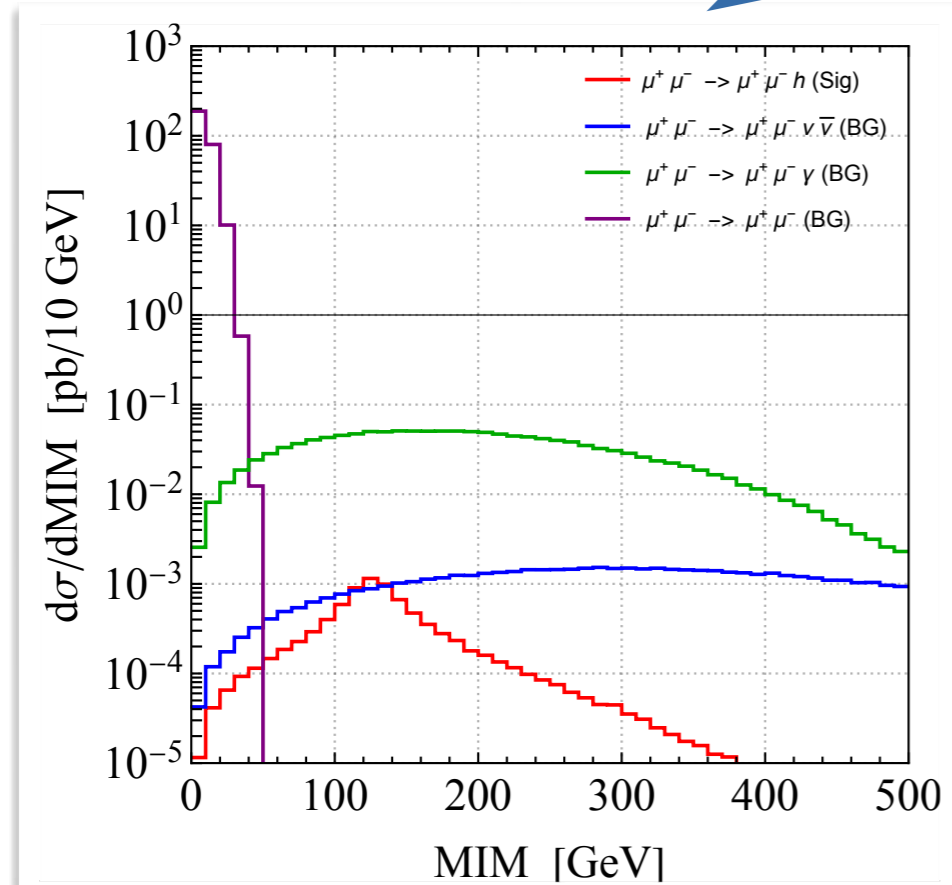
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$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$  becomes important  
Can be suppressed with MET cut

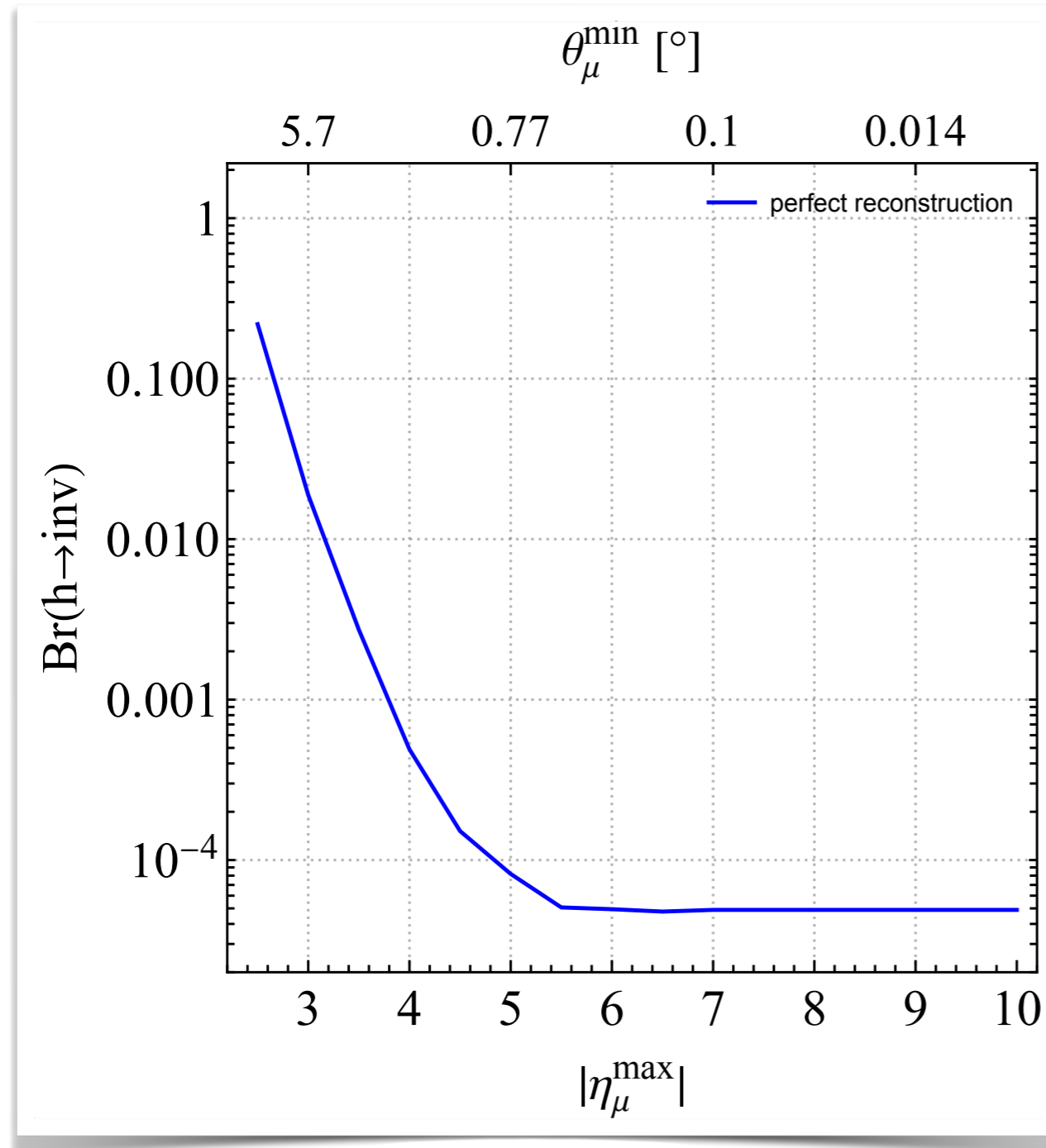
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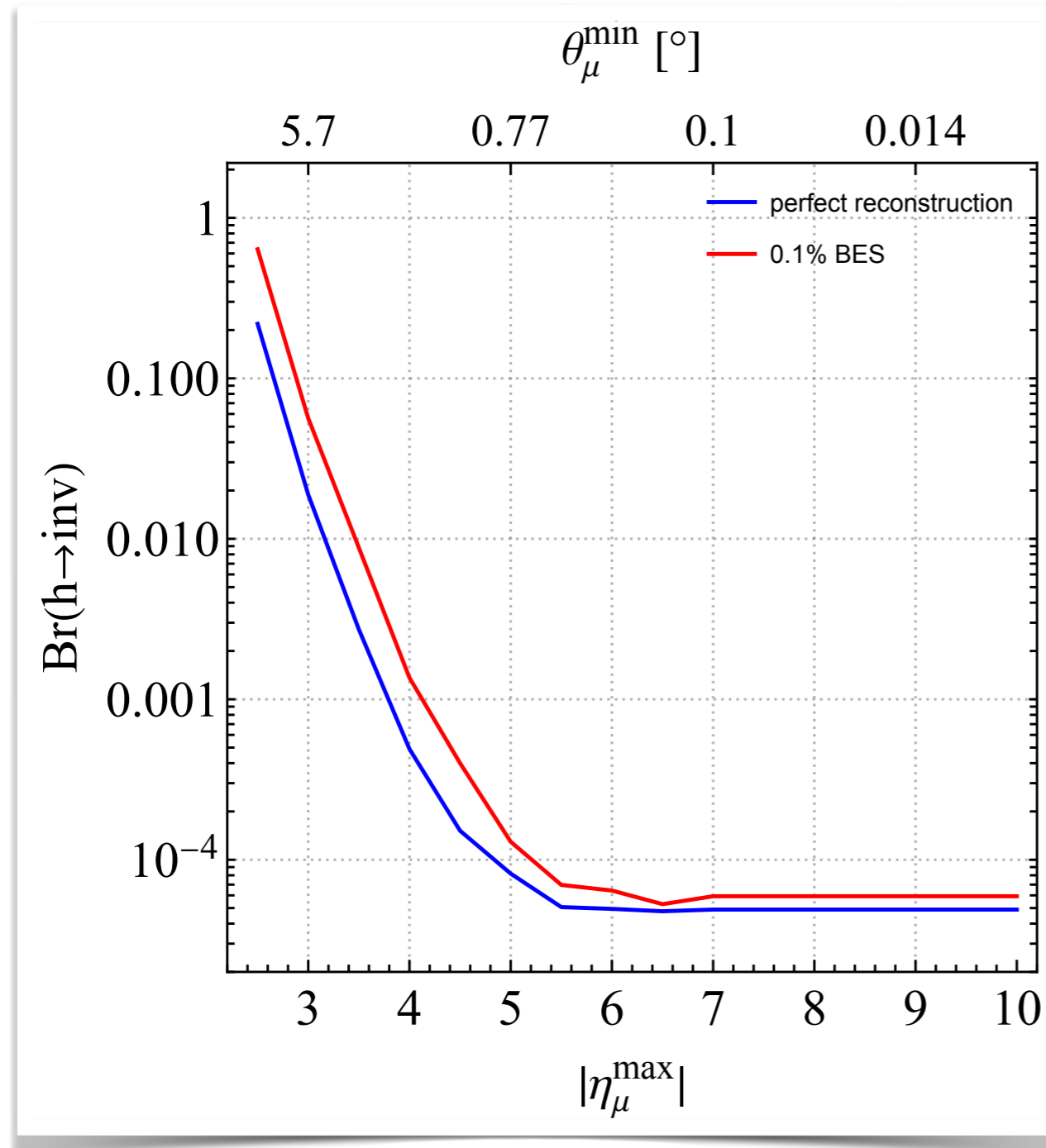
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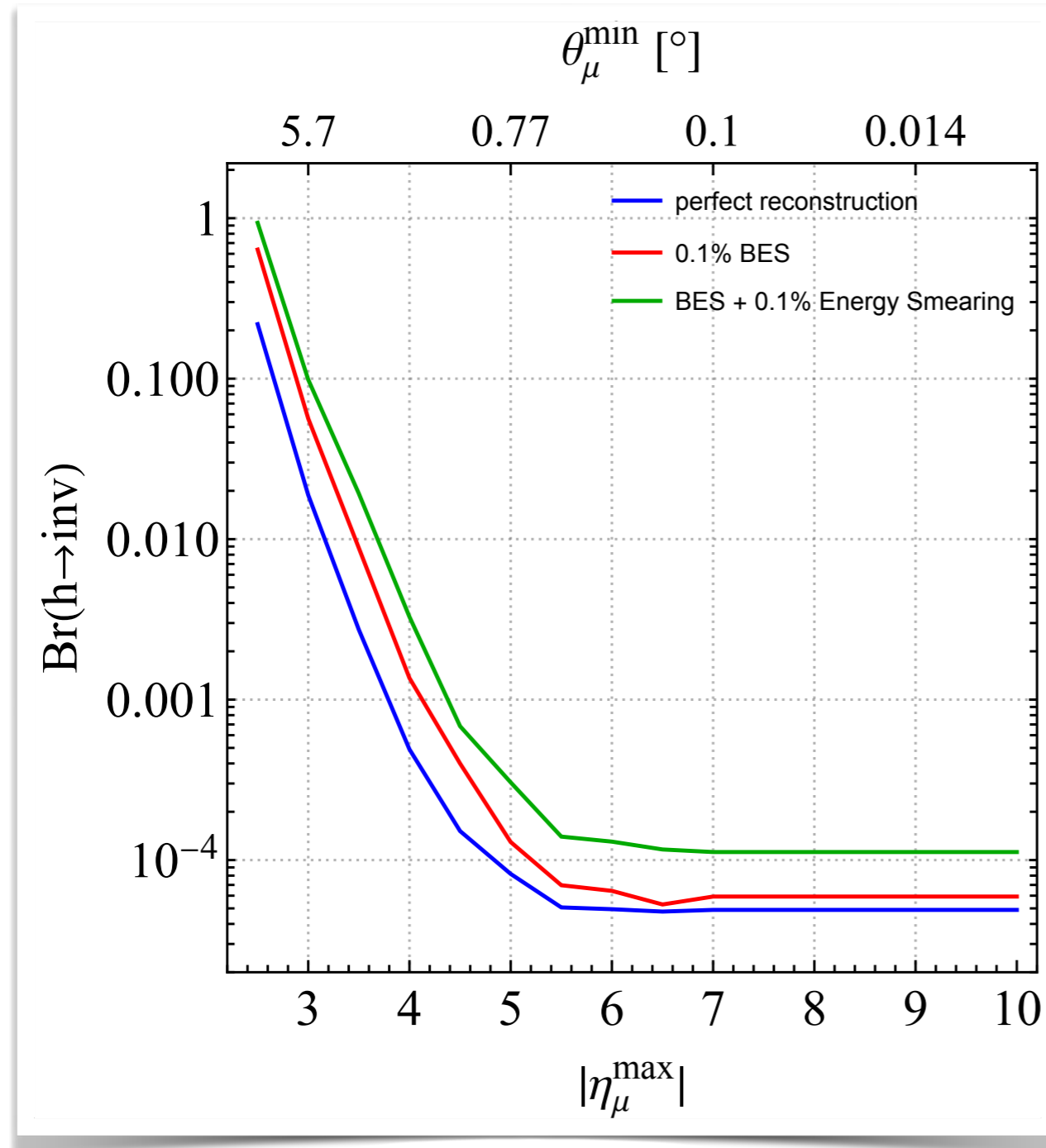


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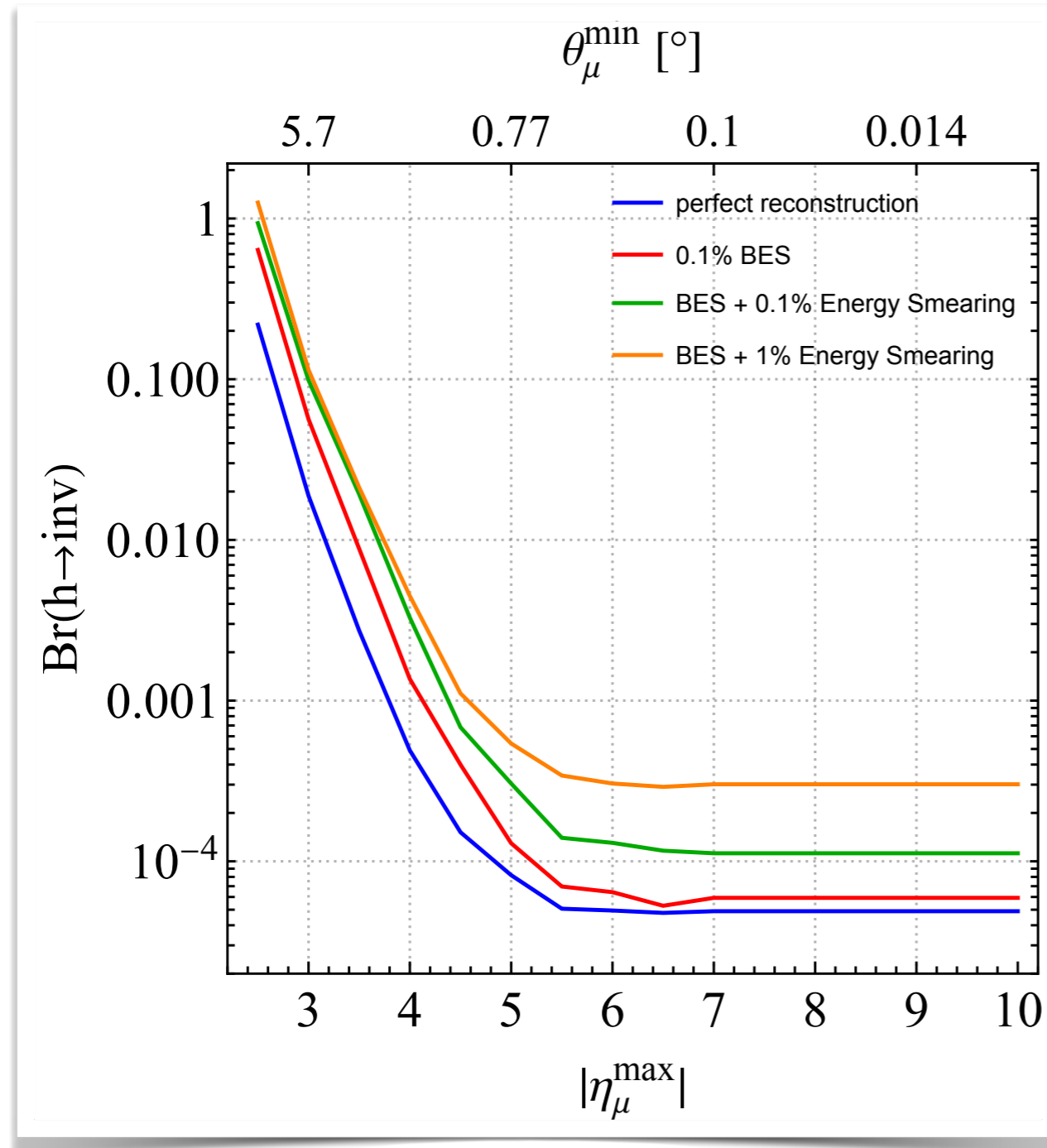
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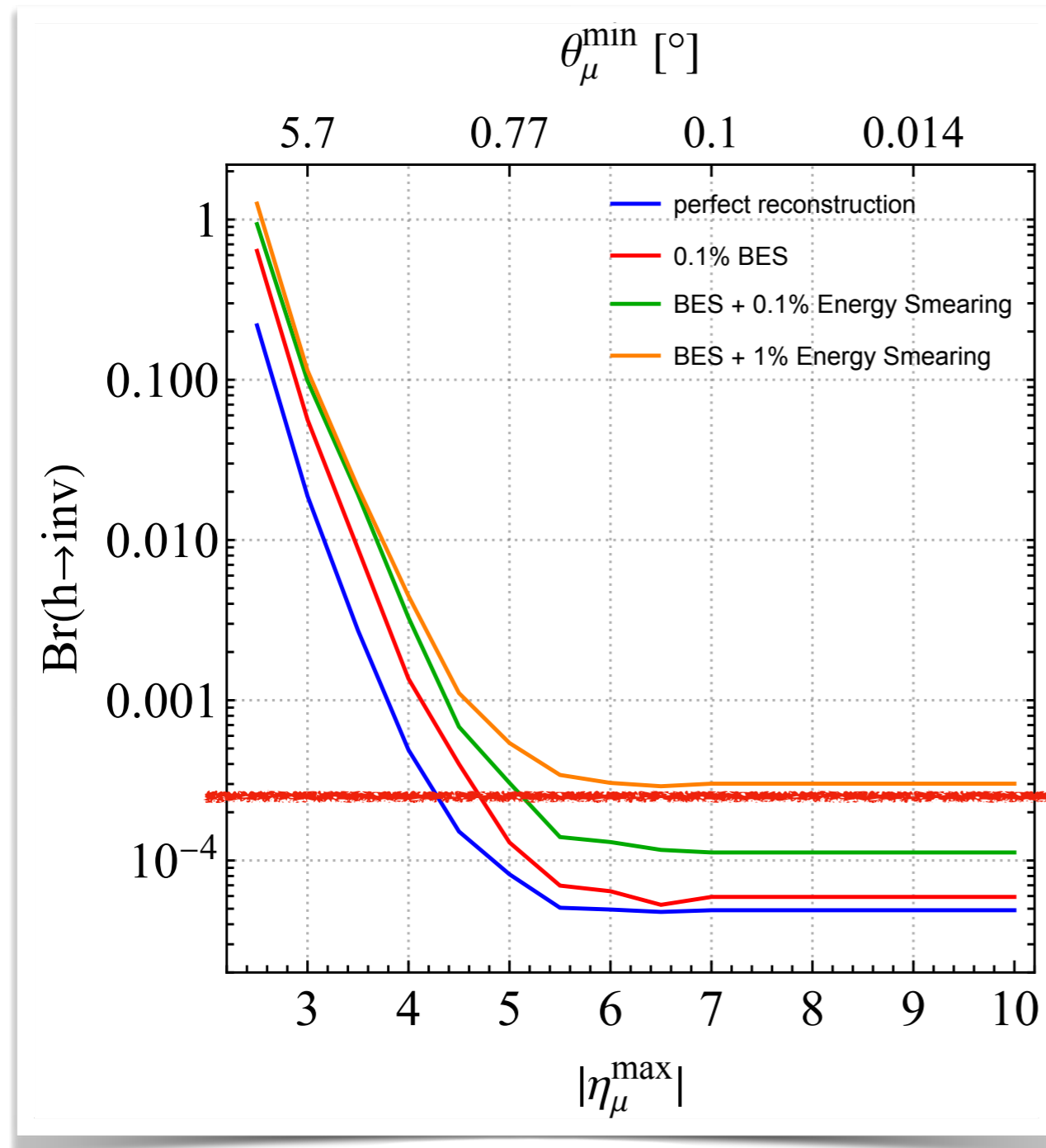
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FCC-hh projection:  $2.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$

# Next Steps

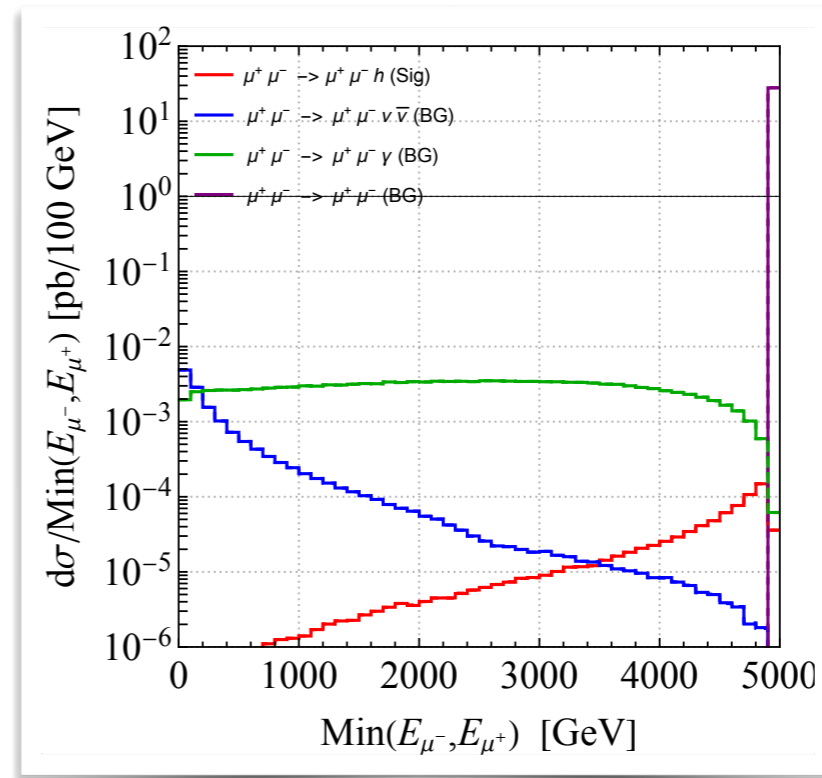
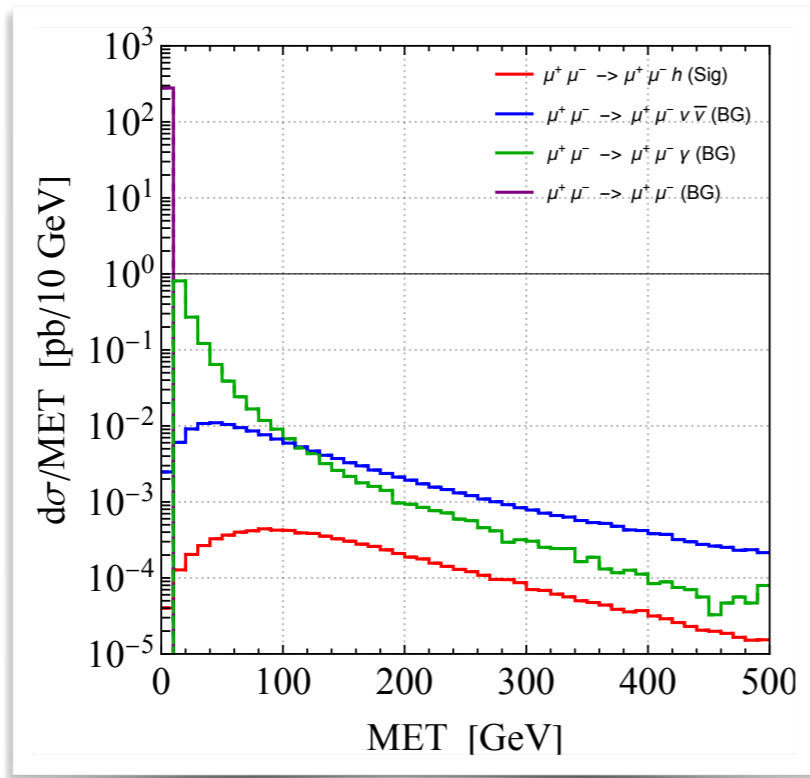
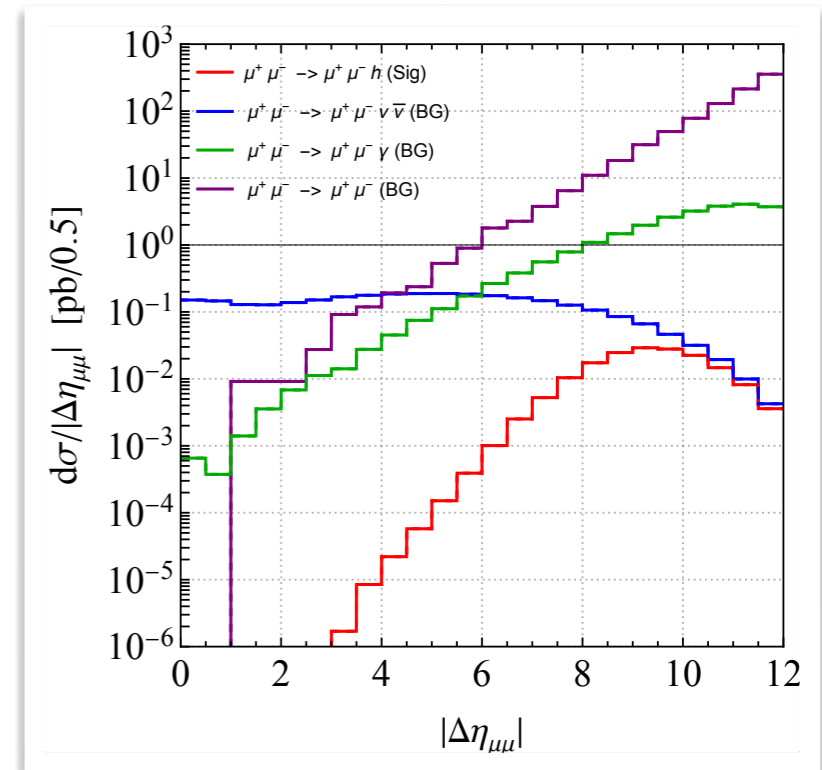
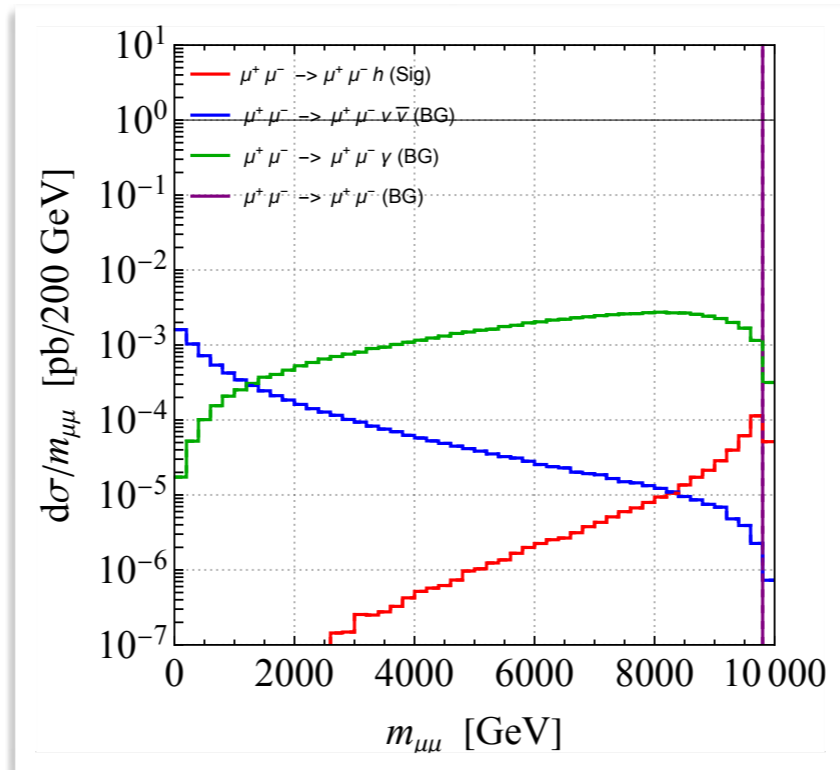
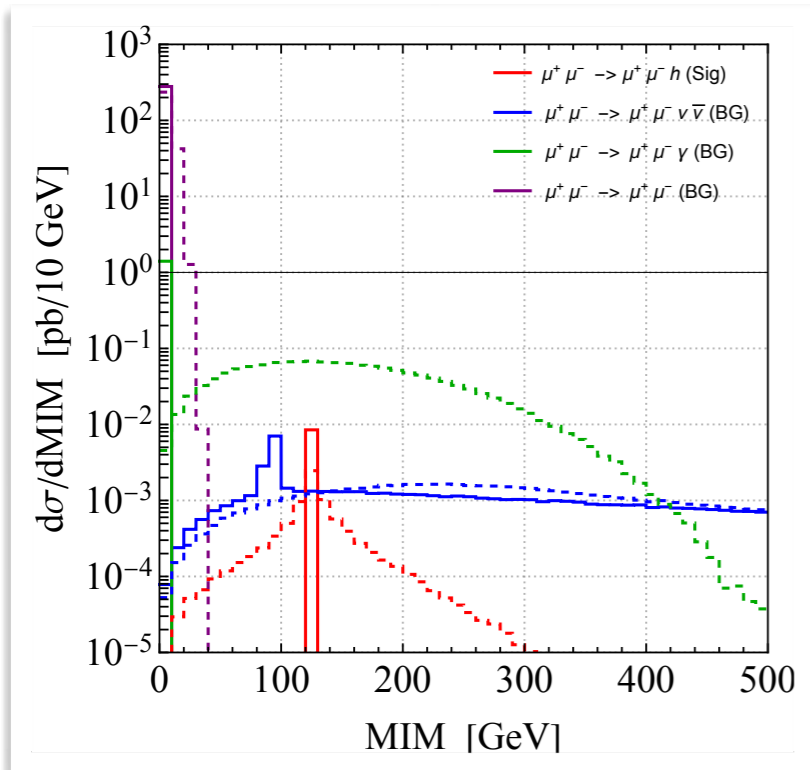
- Improve simulation of photon BG
- Include photon radiation off signal
- Further detector / accelerator effects (displacement of interaction point,...)
- Apply to other scenarios

**Your suggestions or comments**

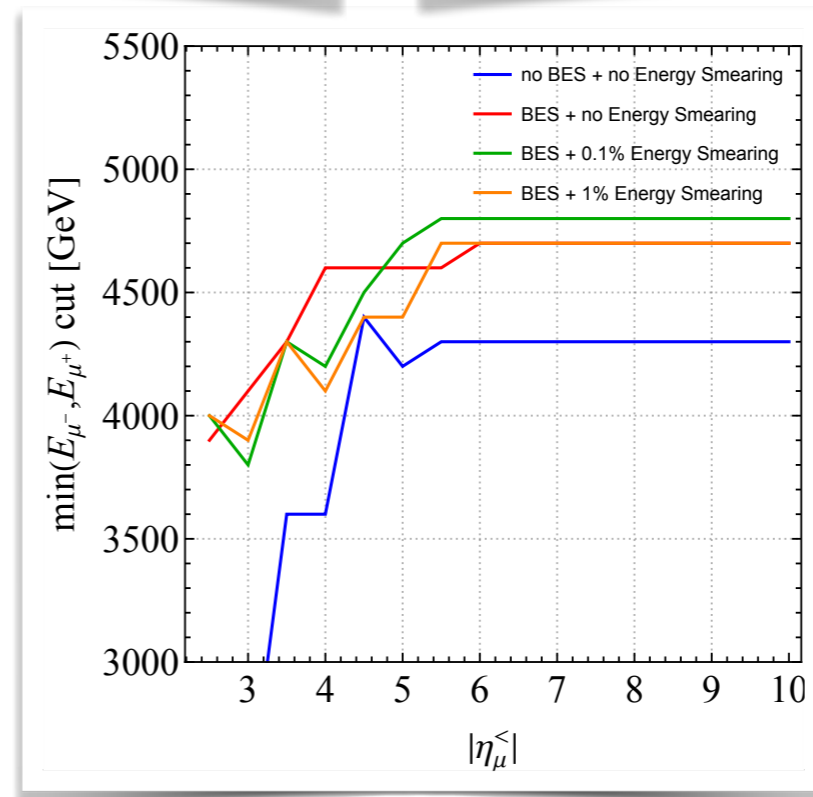
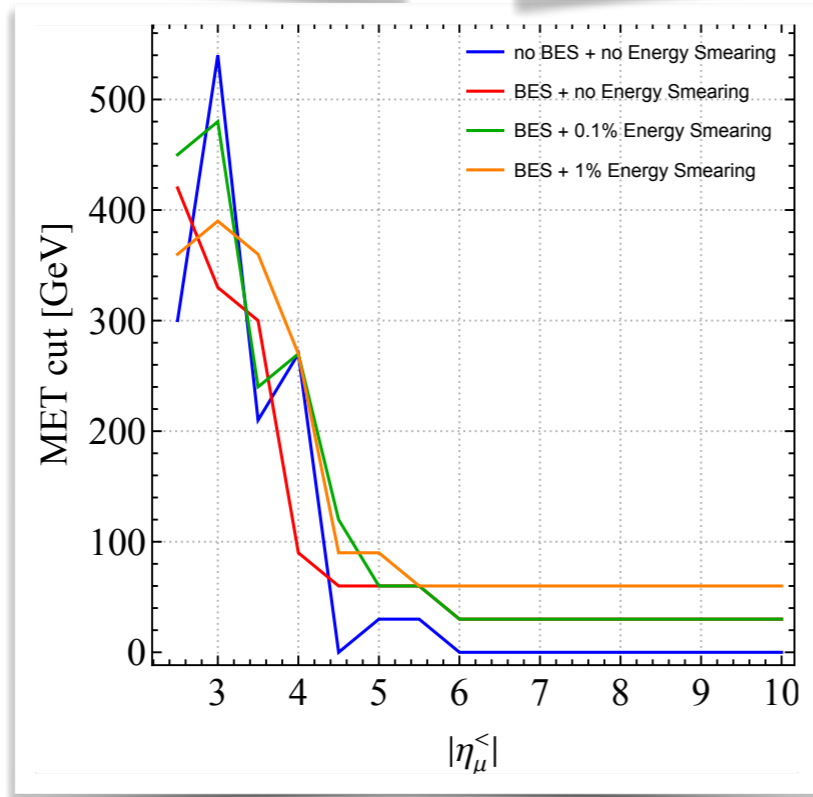
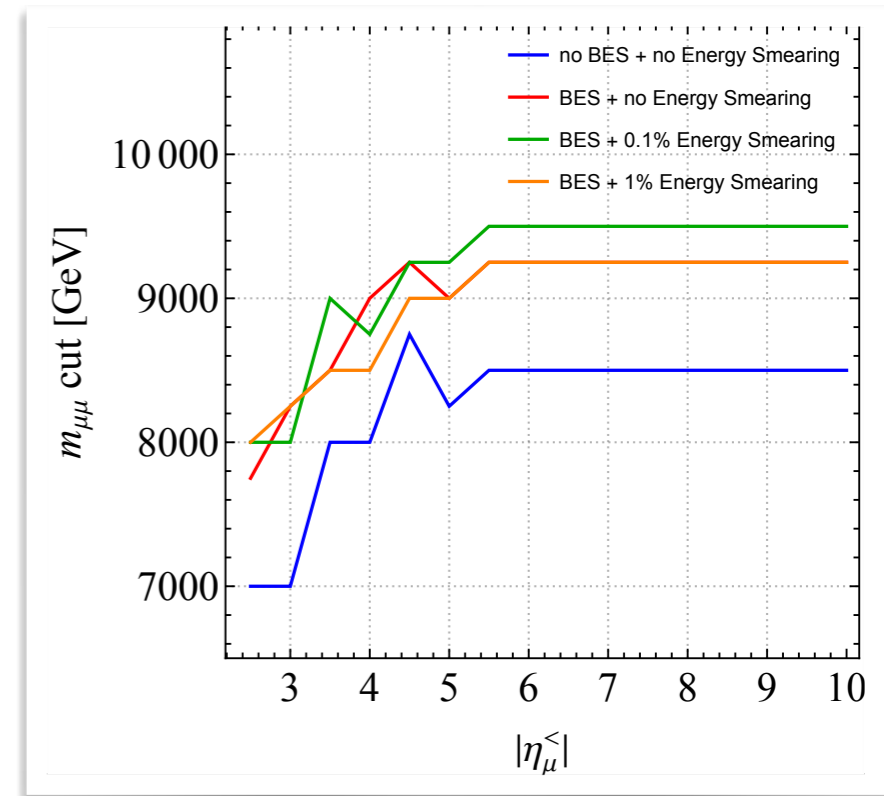
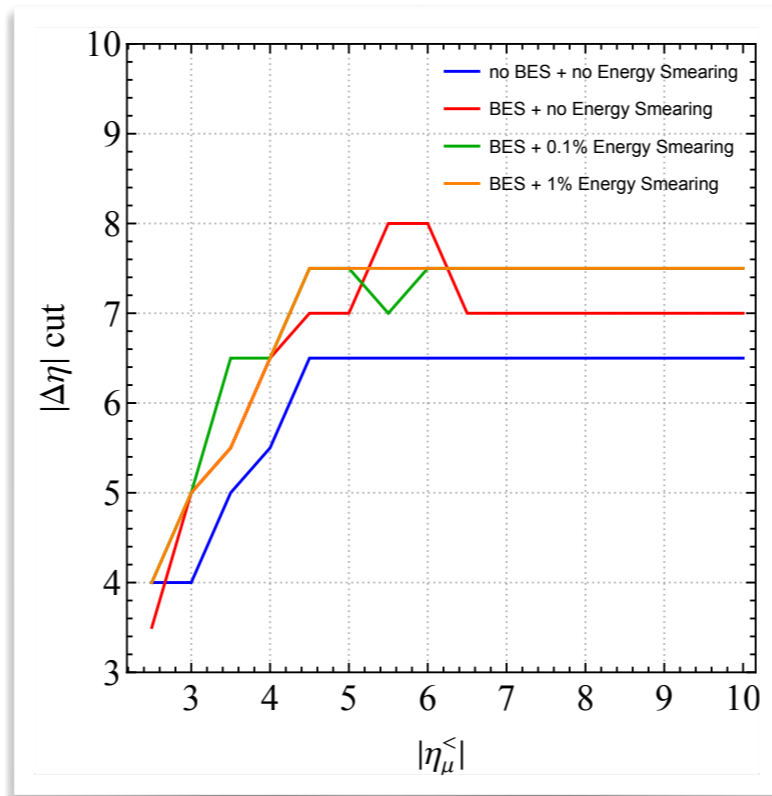
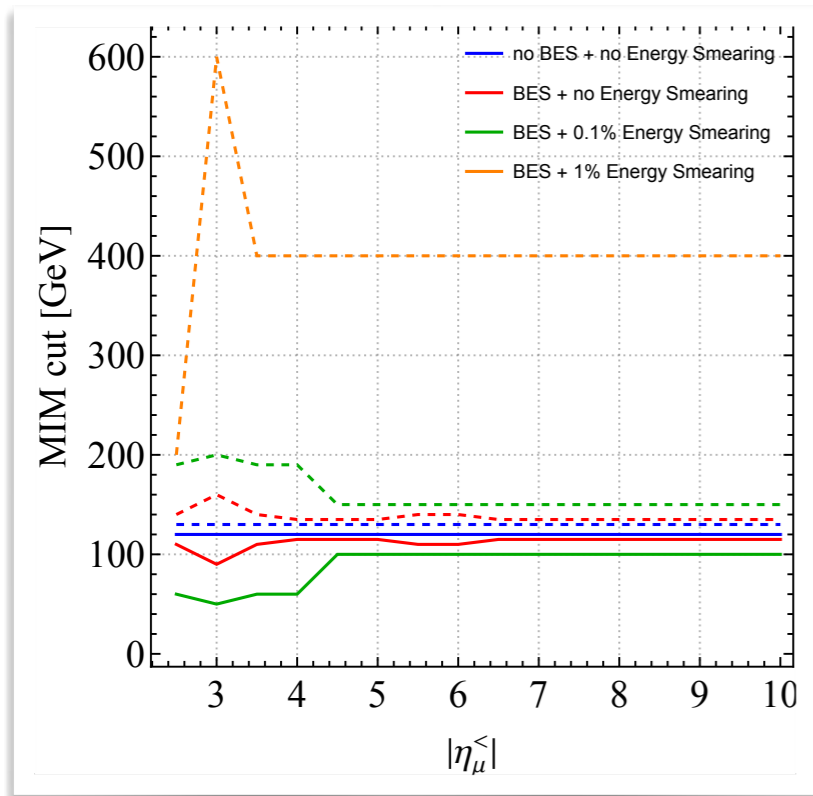
# Backup



# Invisible Higgs Decay Distributions



# Cut Summary



# MIM Scaling with BES

- Consider  $\mu^-(p_1)\mu^+(p_2) \rightarrow \mu^-(p_{\mu^-}^{\text{out}})\mu^+(p_{\mu^+}^{\text{out}})\gamma(p_\gamma)$

- True initial 4-vectors  $p_{1/2}^\mu = E_{1/2}(1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$

➔  $\text{MIM}^2 = (p_1 + p_2 - p_{\mu^-}^{\text{out}} - p_{\mu^+}^{\text{out}})^2 = p_\gamma^2 = 0$

- We do not know initial 4-momenta and assume  $\tilde{p}_{1/2}^\mu = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}(1, 0, 0, \pm 1)$

➔ reconstructed MIM

$$\text{MIM}^2 = (\tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_2 - p_{\mu^-}^{\text{out}} - p_{\mu^+}^{\text{out}})^2 = (\tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_2 - p_1 - p_2 + p_\gamma)^2$$

- For  $E_i = \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}(1 + \delta_i)$

$$\text{MIM}^2 = 2(\tilde{p}_1 + \tilde{p}_2 - p_1 - p_2) \cdot p_\gamma + \mathcal{O}(\delta_i^2) \simeq 2 |p_\gamma^z| \sqrt{s} \delta_i$$

# pNGB DM Realizations

- **Complex scalar DM**

$$SO(7)/SO(6) \longrightarrow (H, \chi) \sim \mathbf{4}_0 + \mathbf{1}_{\pm 1} \quad \text{of } SO(4)_{U(1)_{\text{DM}}}$$

→ stabilised by exact  $U(1)_{\text{DM}} \subset SO(6)$

Balkin, MR, Salvioni, Weiler,  
1707.07685

- Controlled Goldstone symmetry-breaking / mass generation by

1. Coupling to top  $\lambda \sim \frac{\lambda_h}{2}$  **In tension with XENON1T**  
Balkin, MR, Salvioni, Weiler,  
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2. Coupling to bottom (or lighter quarks)  $\lambda \propto y_b^2 \ll 1$   
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3. Weakly gauging  $U(1)_{\text{DM}}$   $\lambda \propto \text{higher-loop} \ll 1$

# Non Composite Higgs pNGB DM

- **pNGB DM** can arise from complex scalar with  $U(1)$  broken by mass term

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + |\partial_\mu S|^2 + \frac{\mu_S^2}{2}|S|^2 - \frac{\lambda_S}{2}|S|^4 - \lambda_{HS}|S|^2|H|^2 + \frac{\mu_S'^2}{4}(S^2 + \text{h.c.})$$

→  $U(1)$  spontaneously broken  $S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_s + \sigma)e^{i\phi/v_s}$

- Integrating out radial mode generates  $\frac{c_d}{2f^2}\partial_\mu\phi^2\partial^\mu|H|^2$  with  $\frac{c_d}{f^2} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{HS}}{\lambda_S v_S^2}$

→ note that corrections to Higgs couplings scale as  $\frac{c_H}{c_d} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{HS}}{\lambda_S}$

instead of  $\frac{c_H}{c_d} \simeq 1$  (typical scaling in Composite Higgs)