

Standard Model PDFs for High-Energy Lepton Colliders

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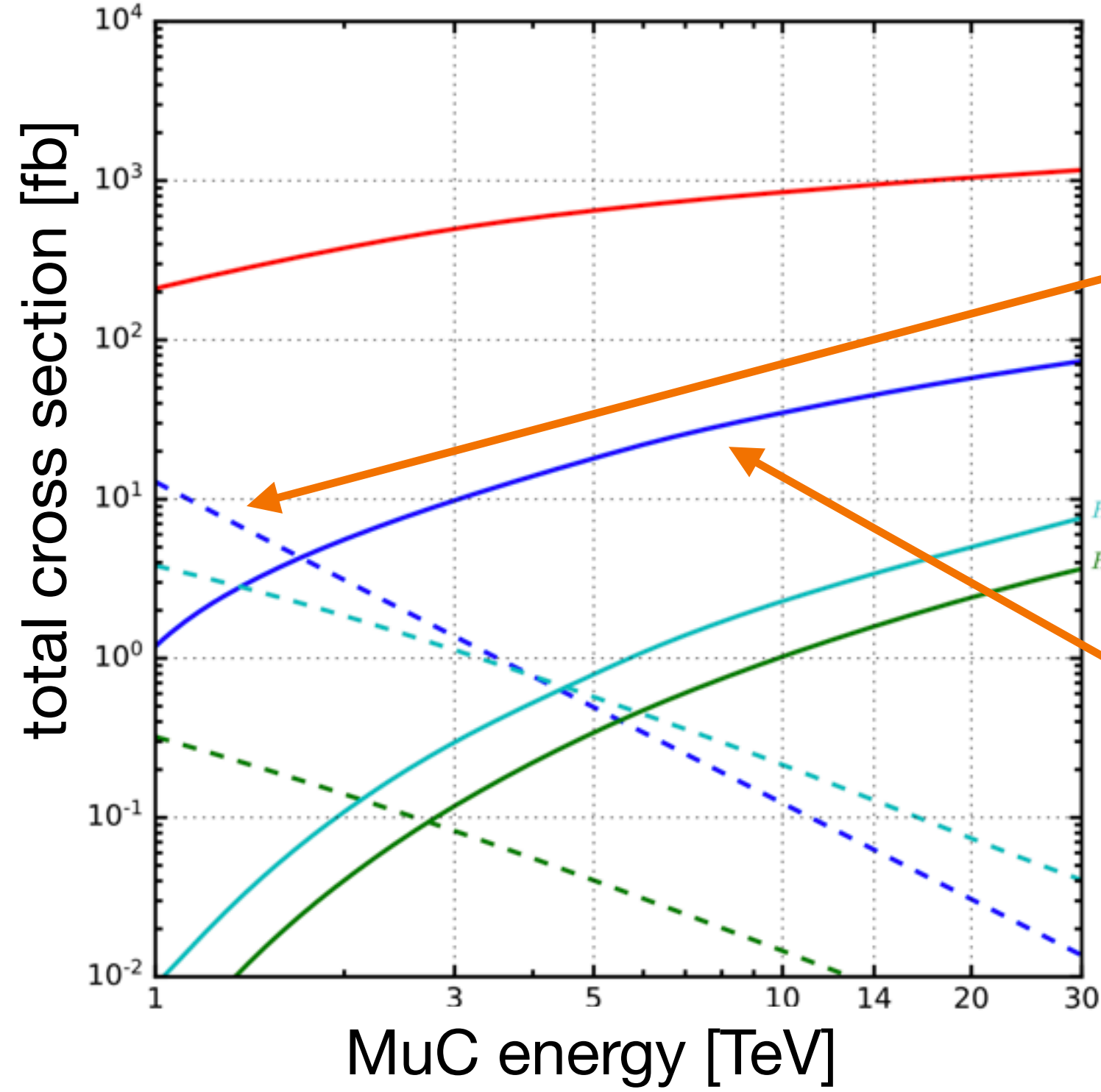
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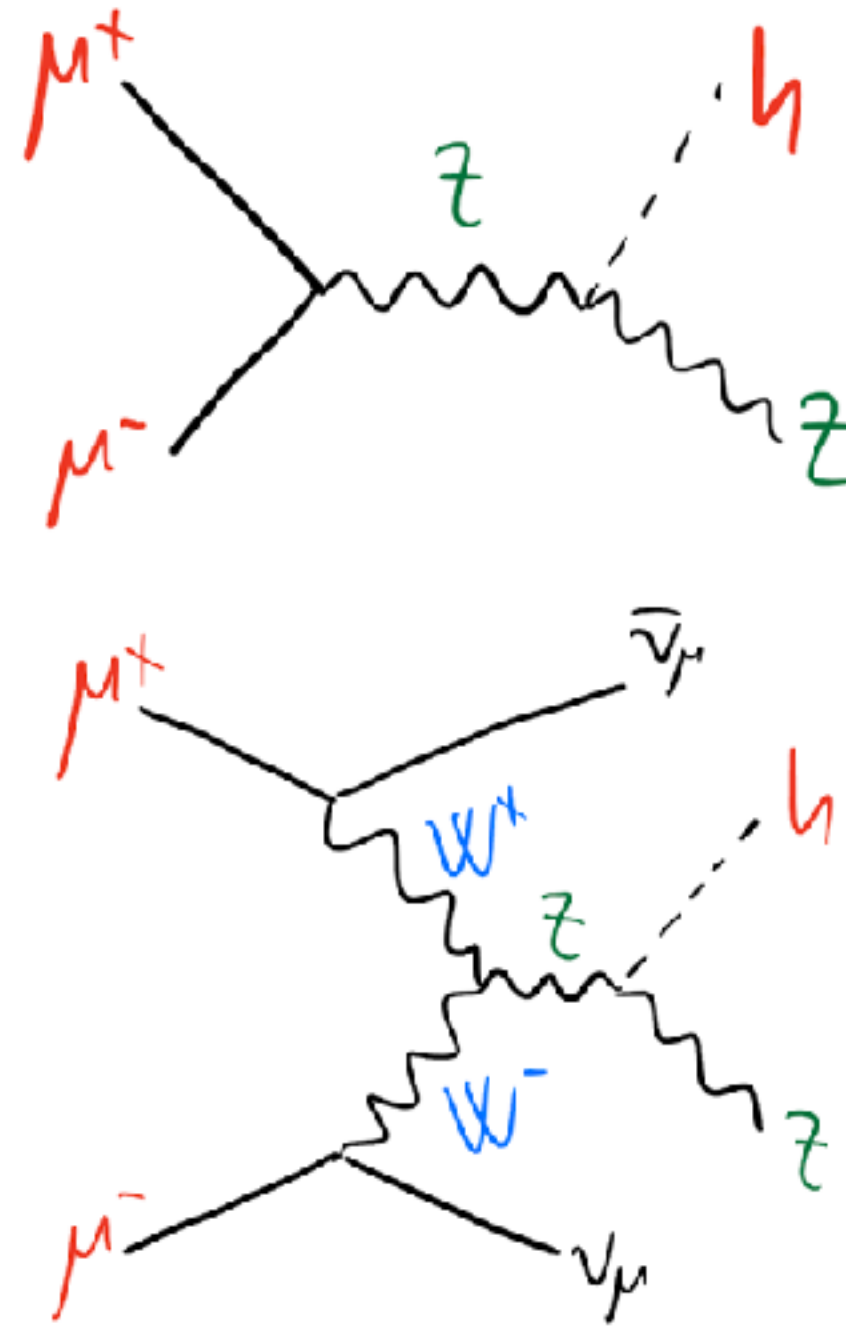
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dashed:
annihilation

solid: VBF



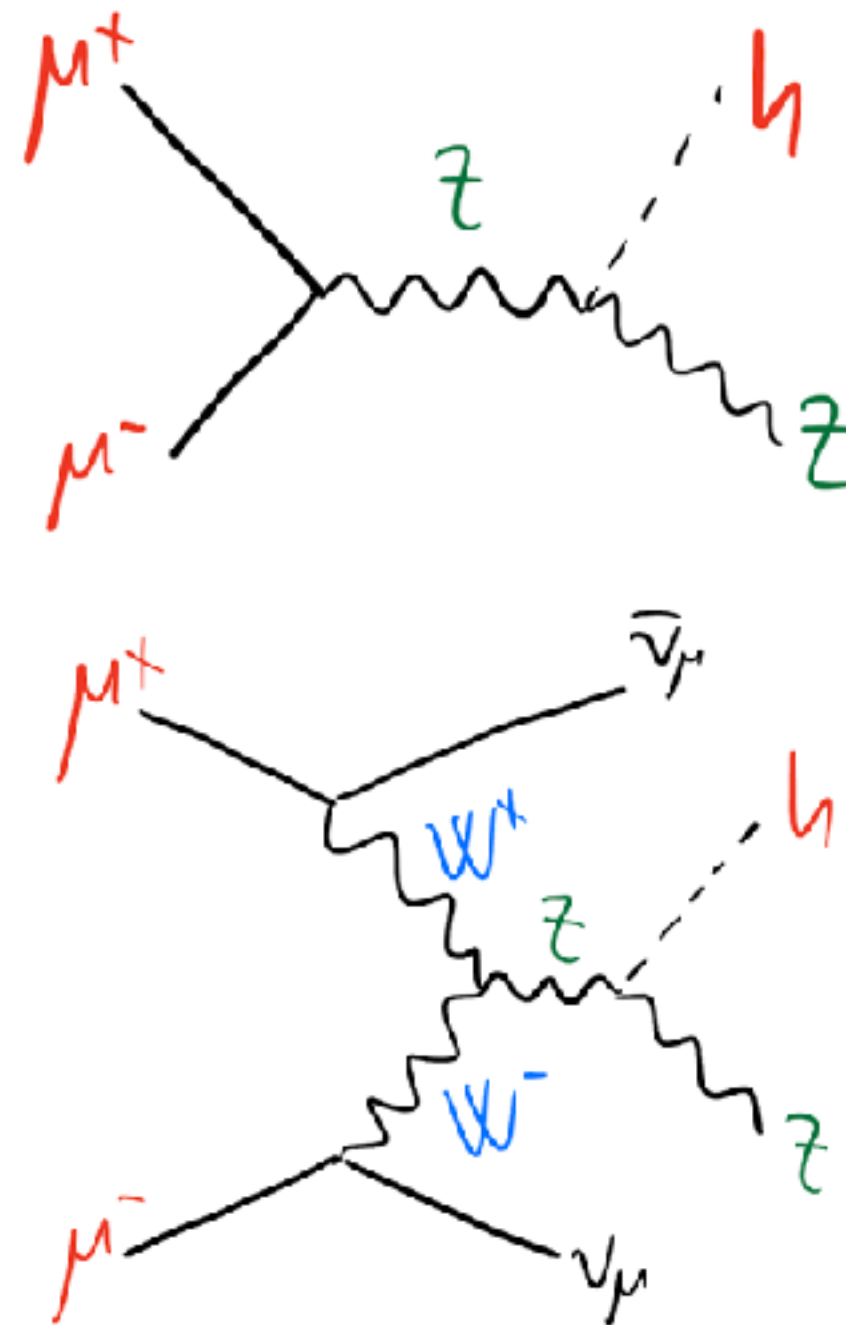
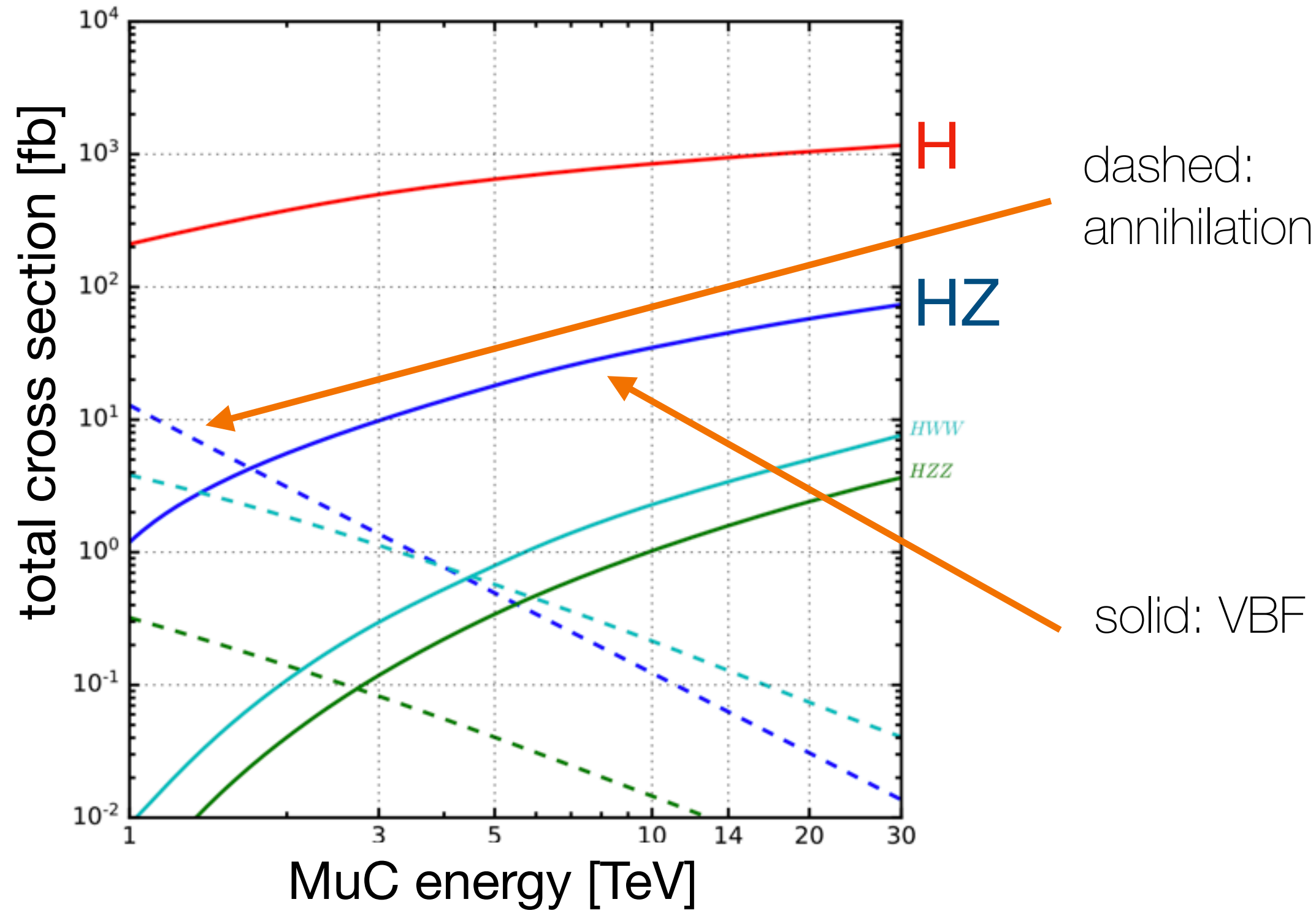
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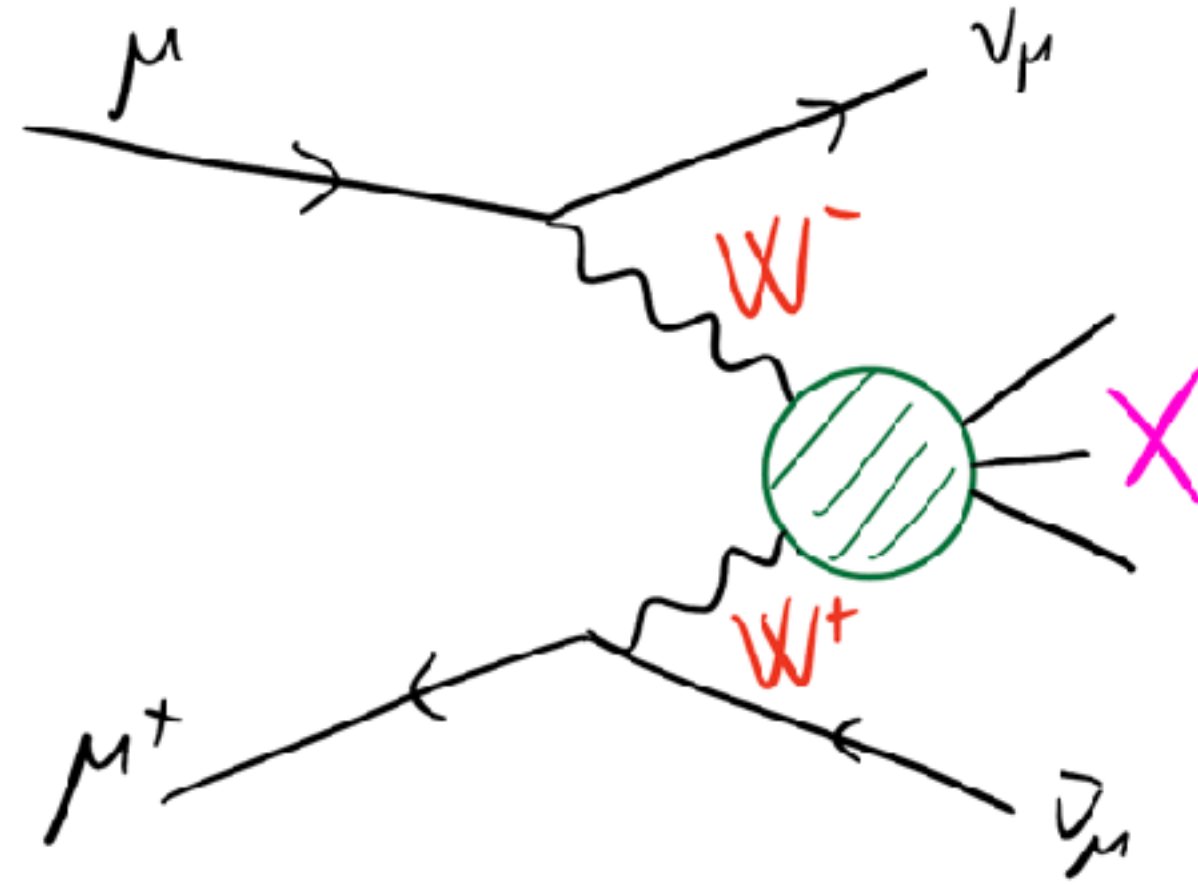
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mostly collinear emission.

**A high-energy Muon Collider
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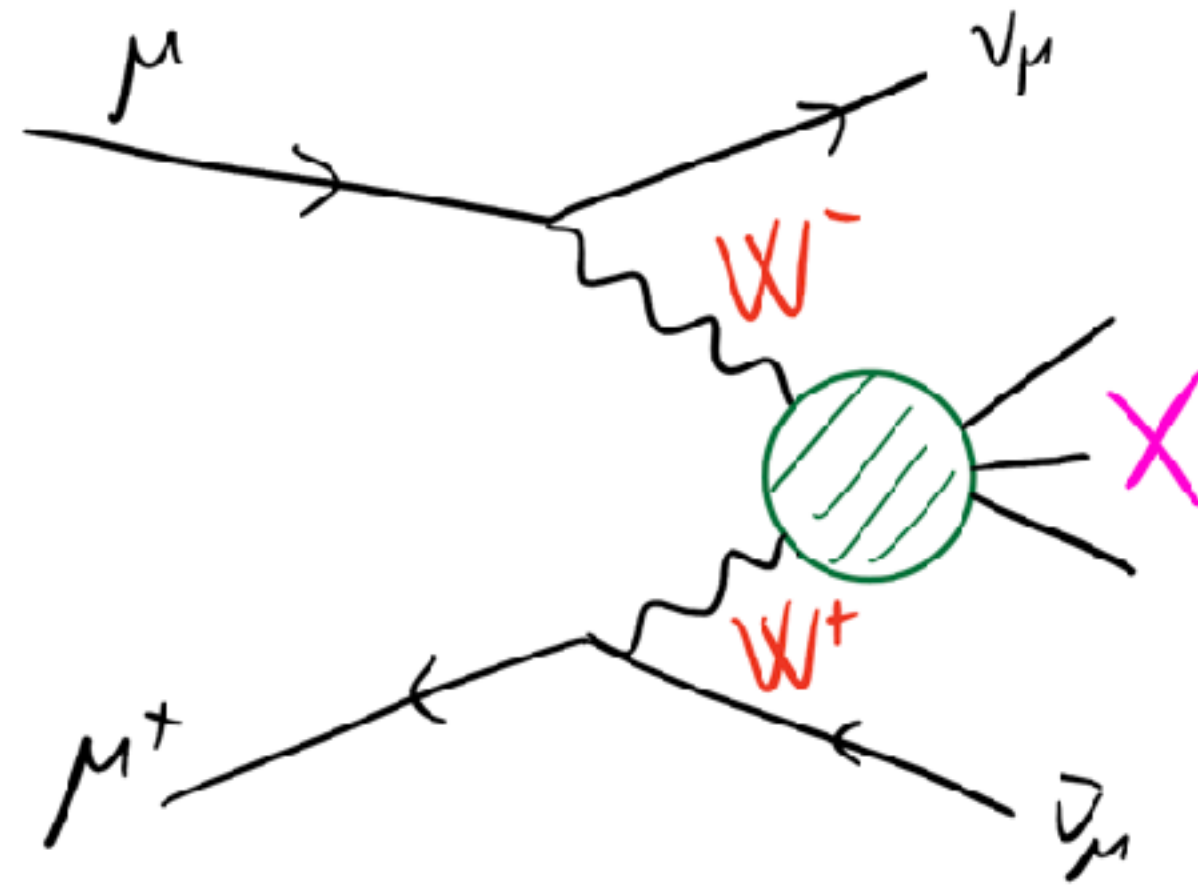
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exquisite precision in Higgs and EW physics.

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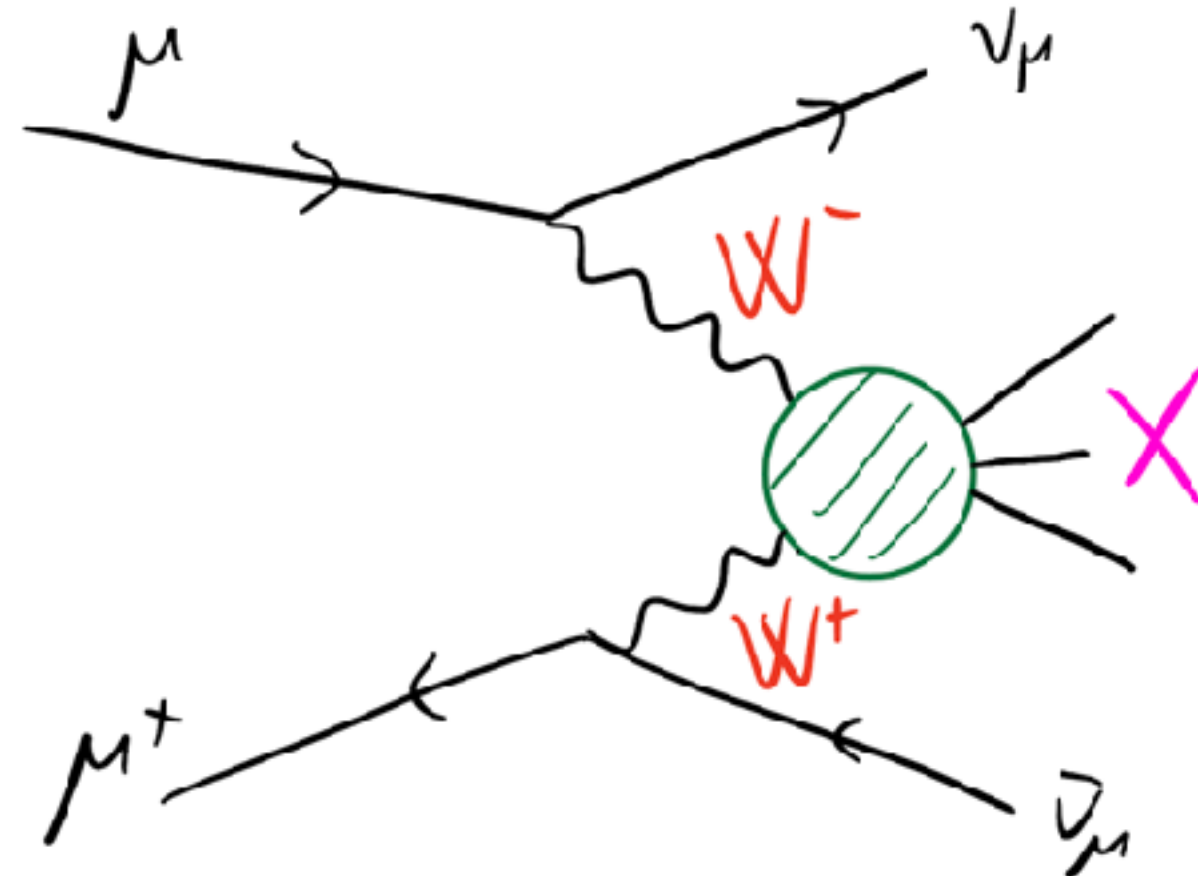


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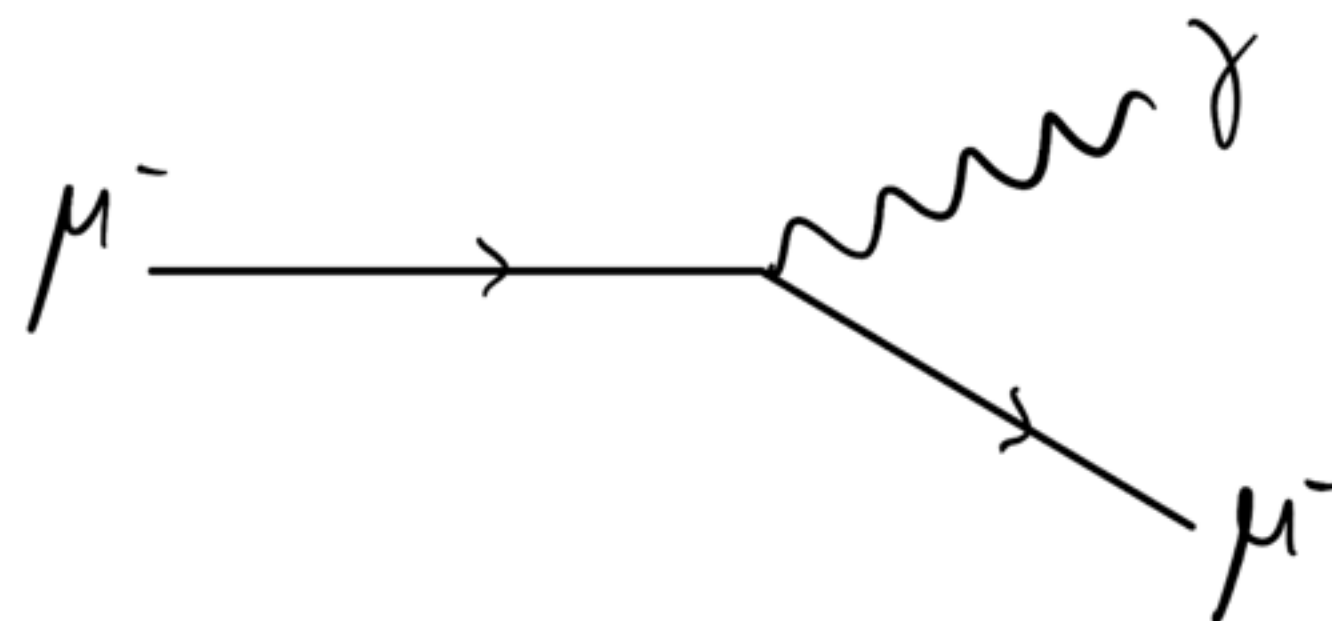


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The case of collinear photon emission from an electron gives the **Equivalent Photon Approximation**



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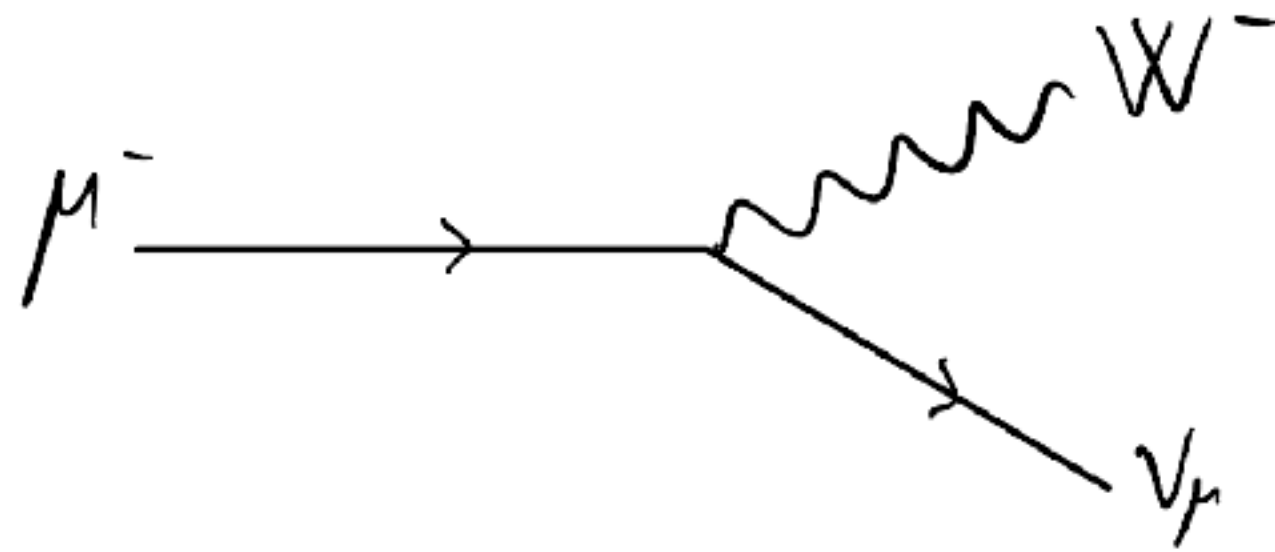
Fermi ('24) Weizsacker, Williams ('34) Landau, Lifschitz ('34)

LO Splitting function:

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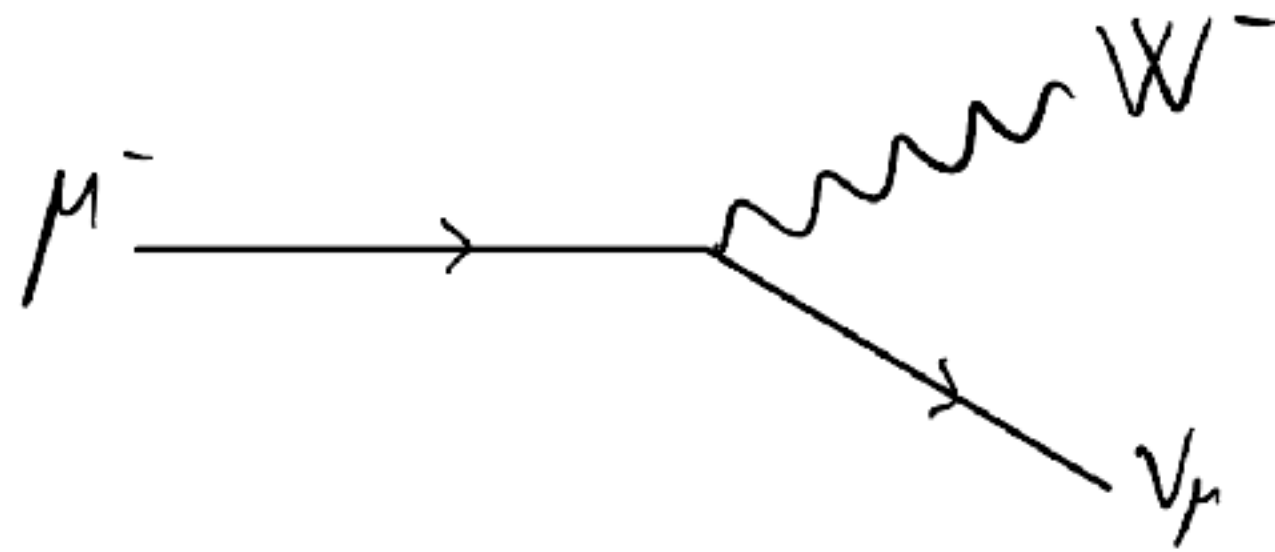
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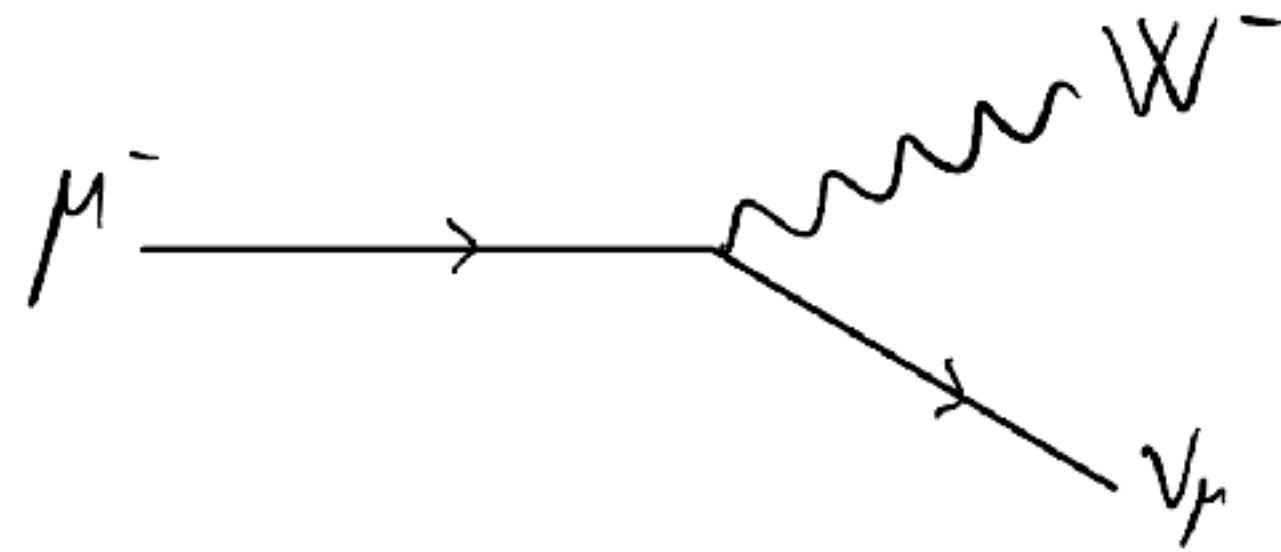
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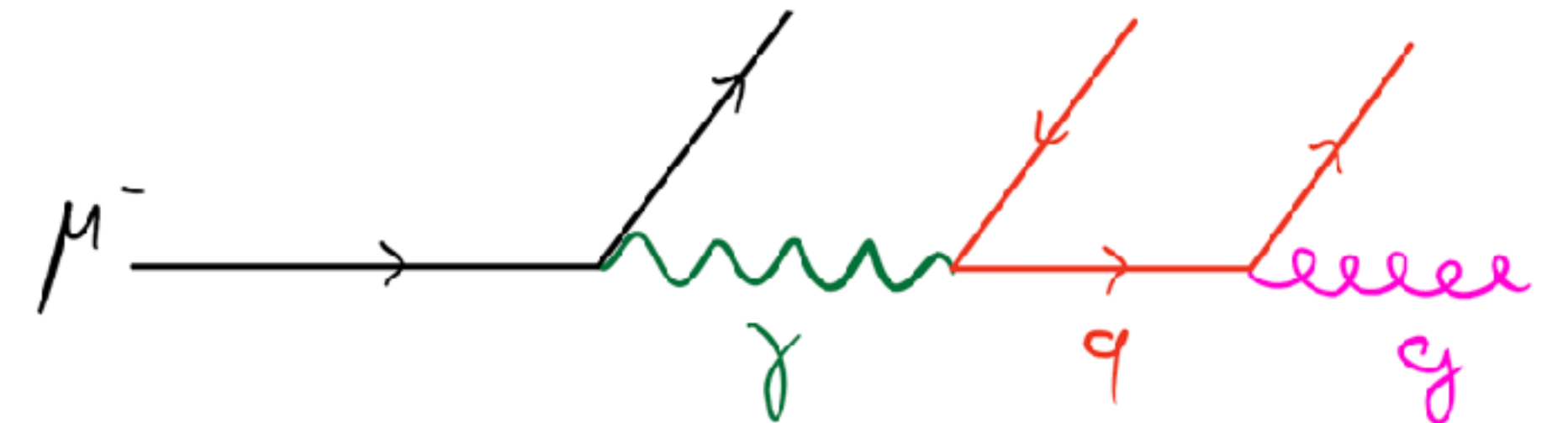
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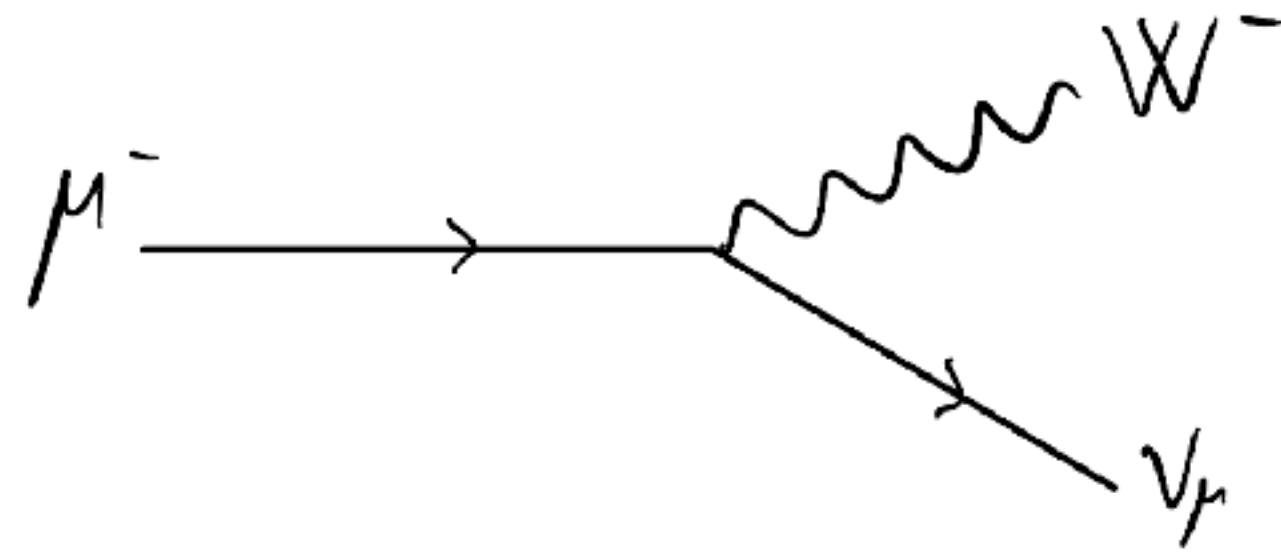
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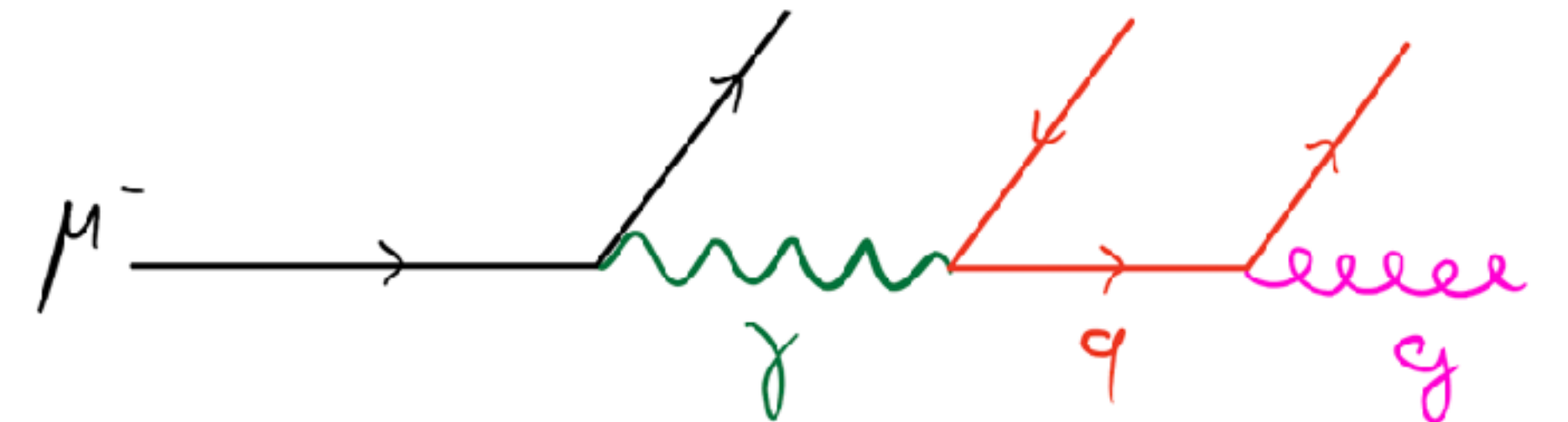
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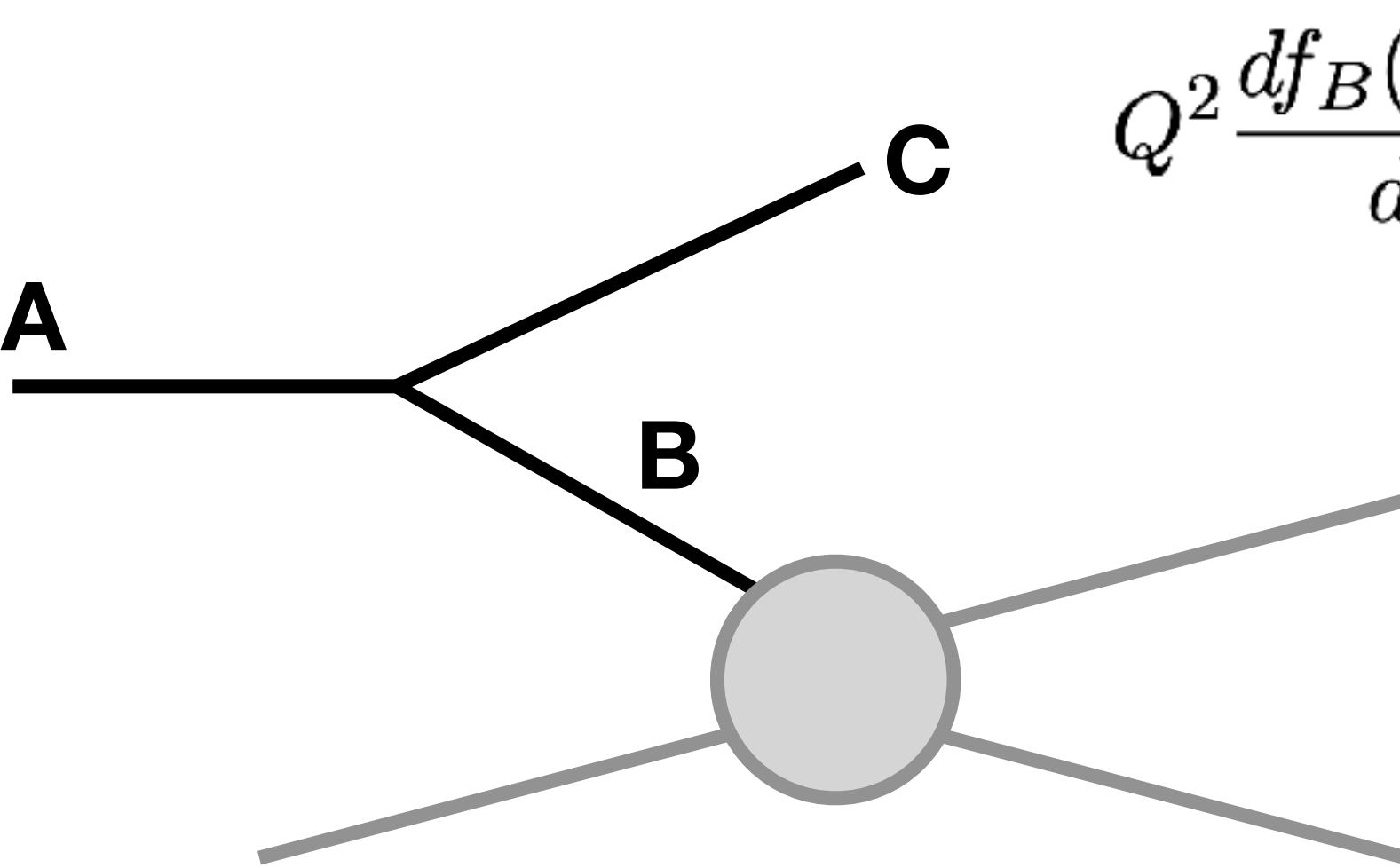
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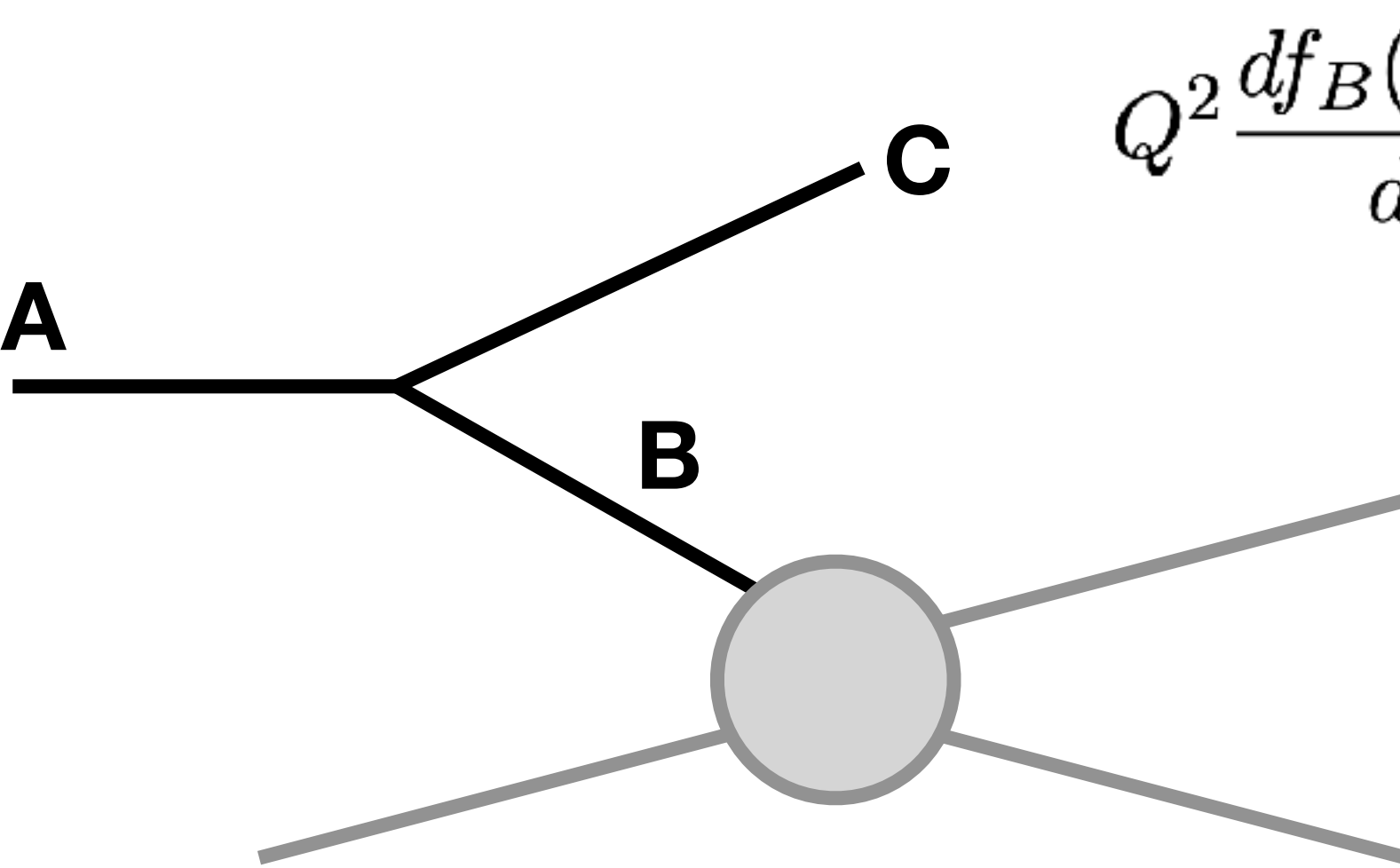
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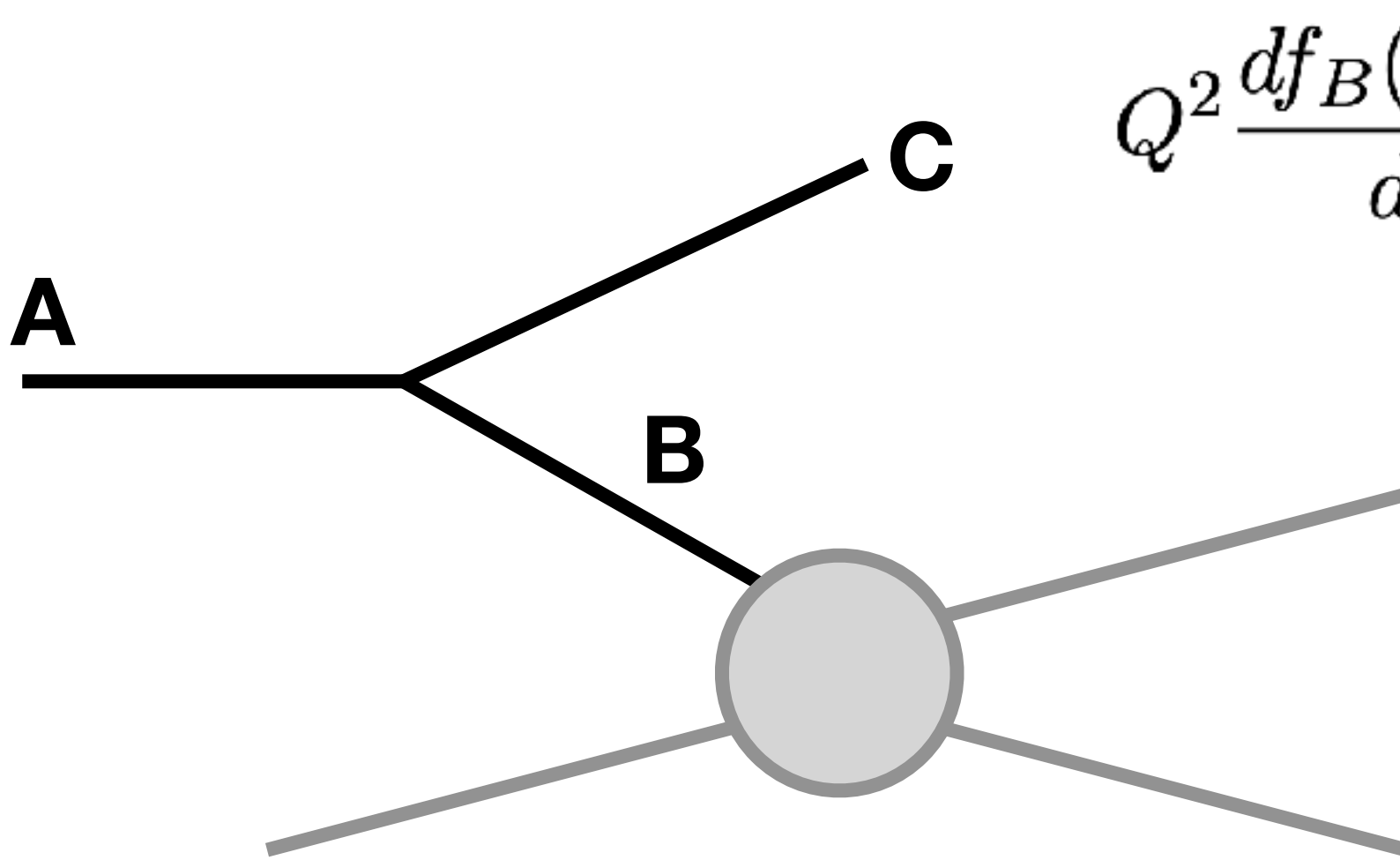
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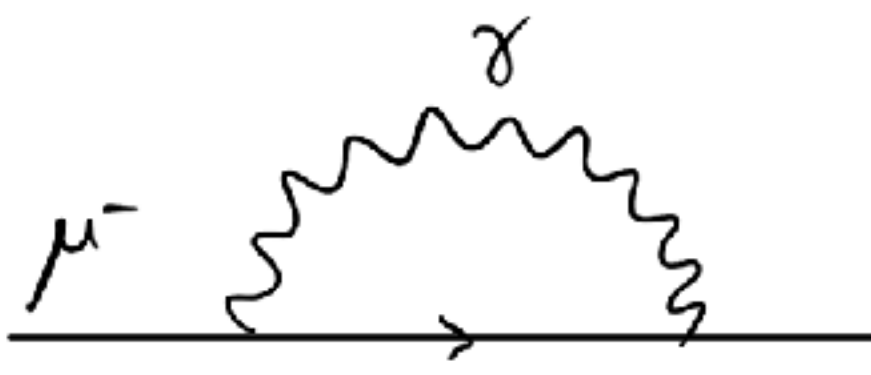
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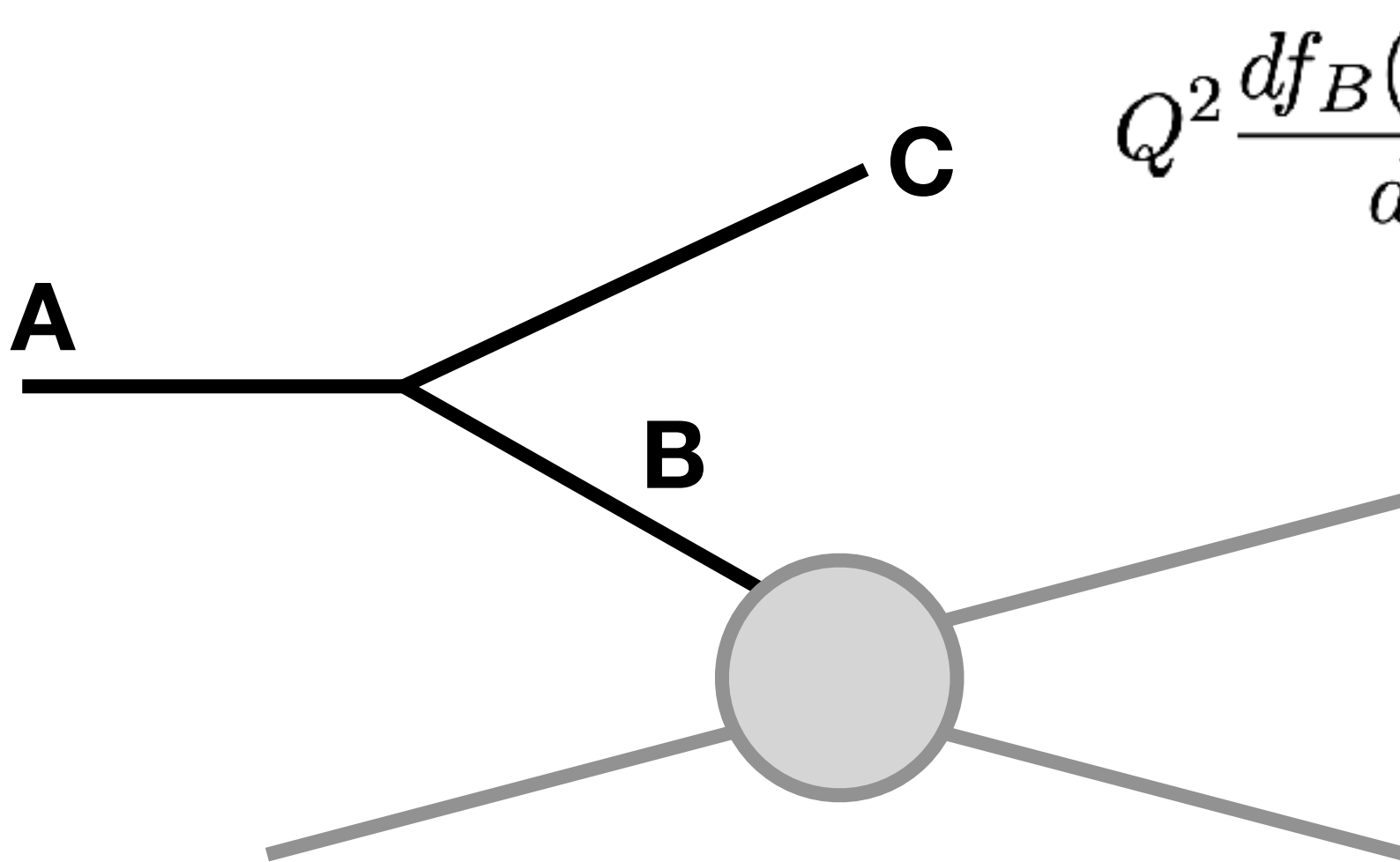
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The diagram shows a muon (μ⁻) on the left, represented by a horizontal line labeled 'A'. It splits into an electron (e⁻) labeled 'B' and a photon (γ) labeled 'C'. The photon then splits into an electron and a positron, represented by two lines emerging from a grey circle. A pink arrow points from the text 'Virtual corrections' to the photon line in the diagram. A green arrow points from the text 'Real emission' to the electron and positron lines in the diagram.

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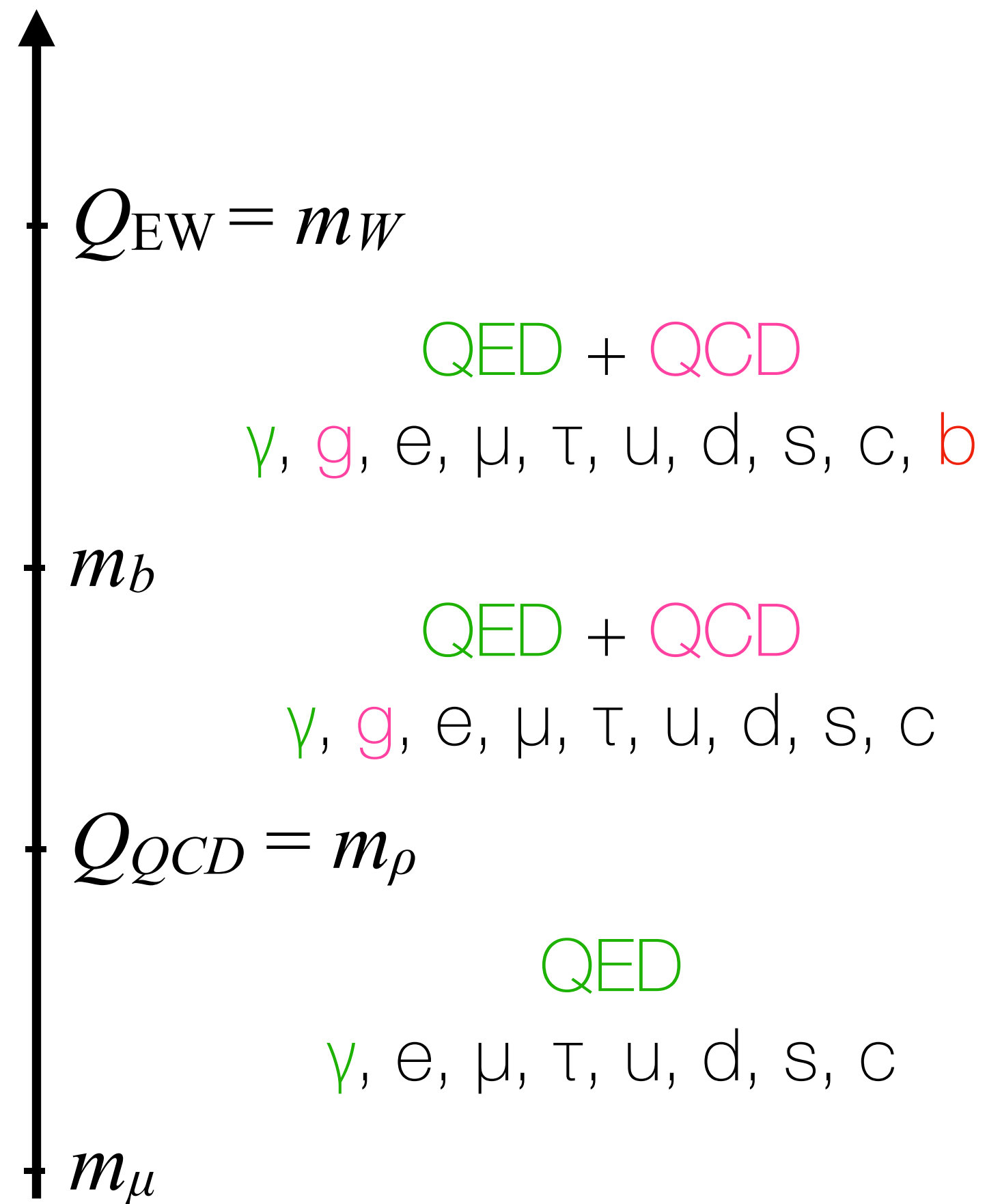
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Unlike for protons, since the muon is elementary this can be done **from first principles**.

The **boundary condition** is set by $f_\mu(x, m_\mu) = \delta(1-x) + O(\alpha)$, $f_{i \neq \mu}(x, m_\mu) = 0 + O(\alpha)$

NLO corrections in Frixione [1909.03886]

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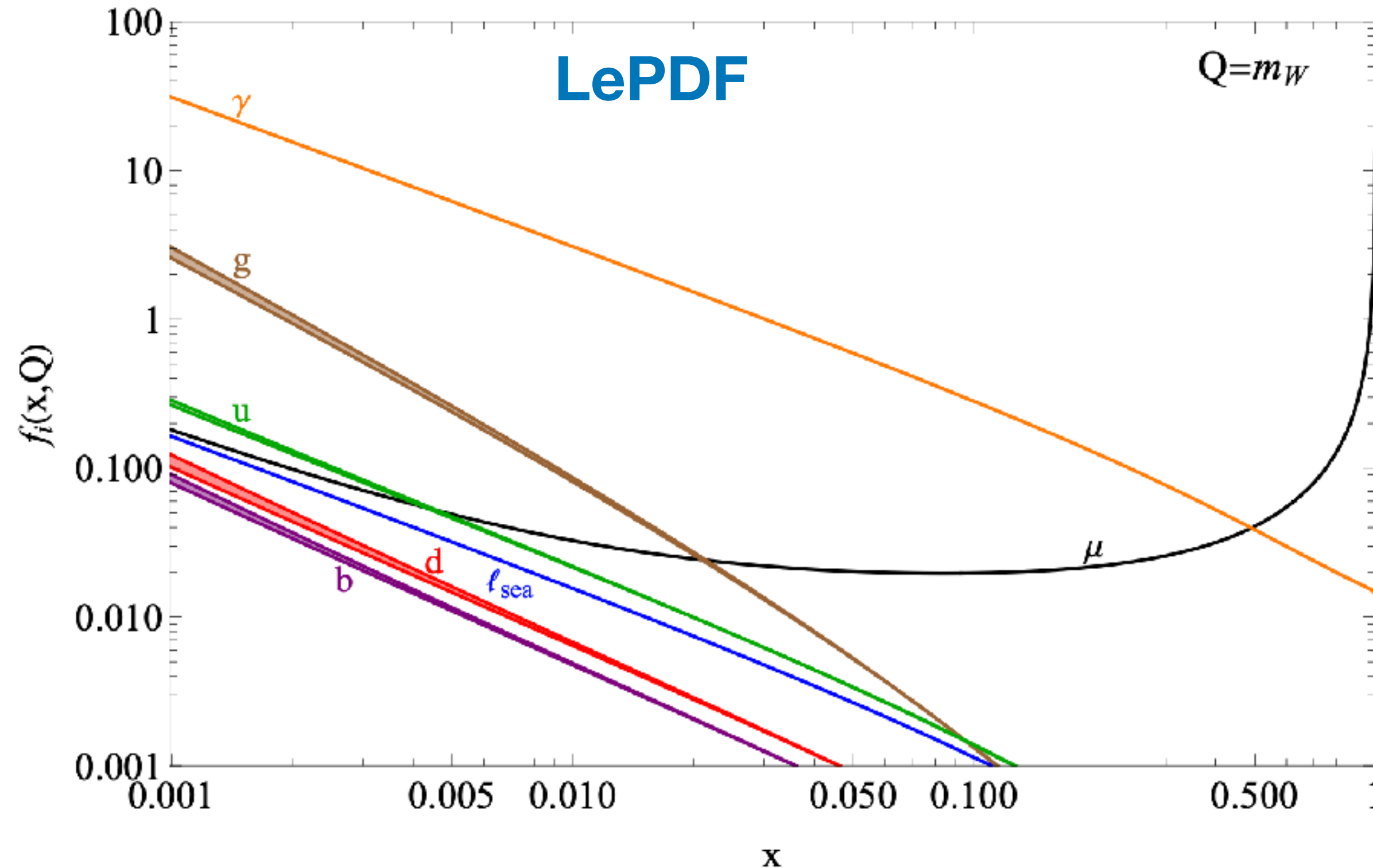
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PDFs of a muon at the EW scale:



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We checked for agreement with Han, Ma, Xie [2103.09844]

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QED + QCD

$\gamma, g, e, \mu, \tau, u, d, s, c, b$

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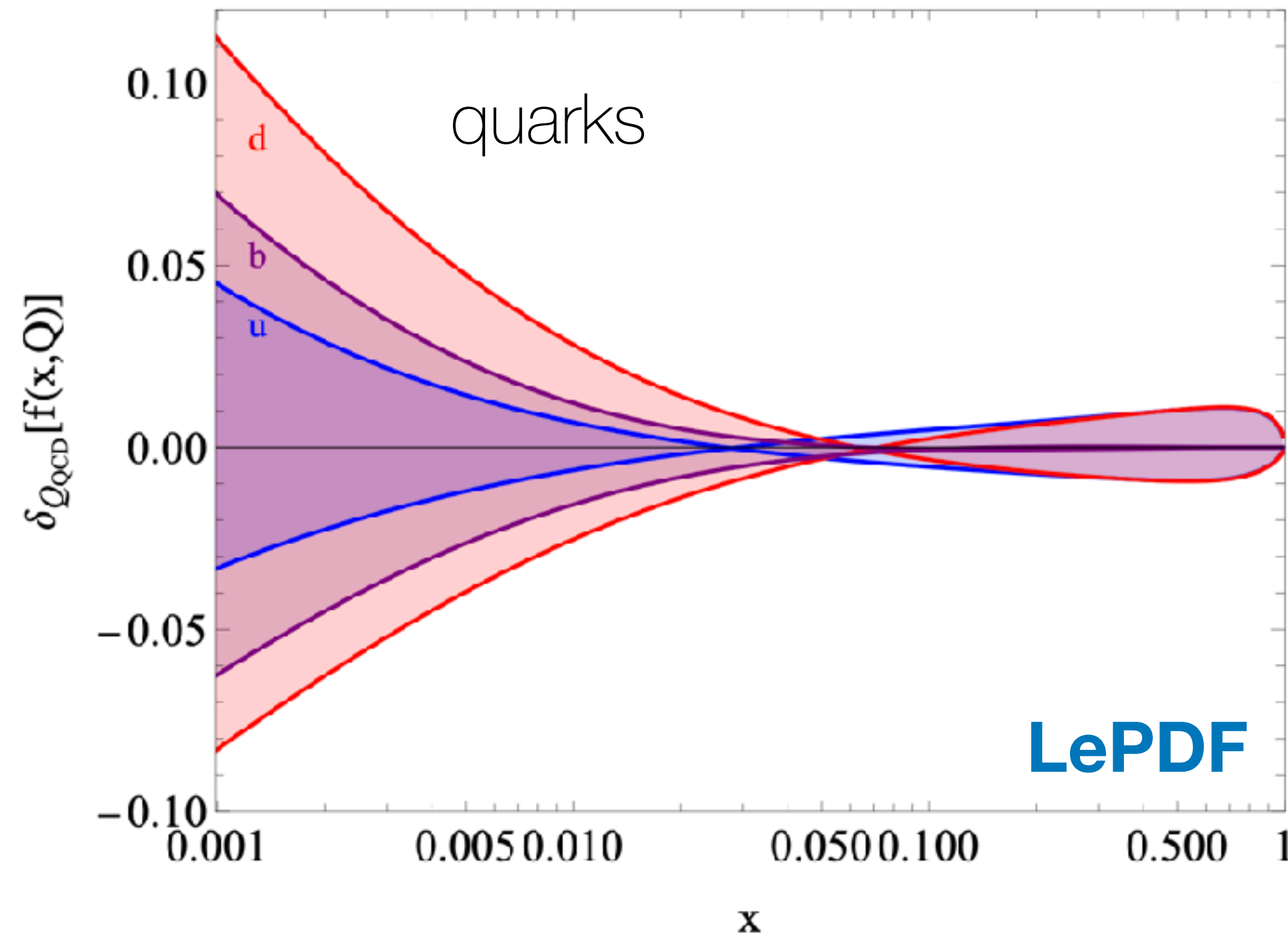
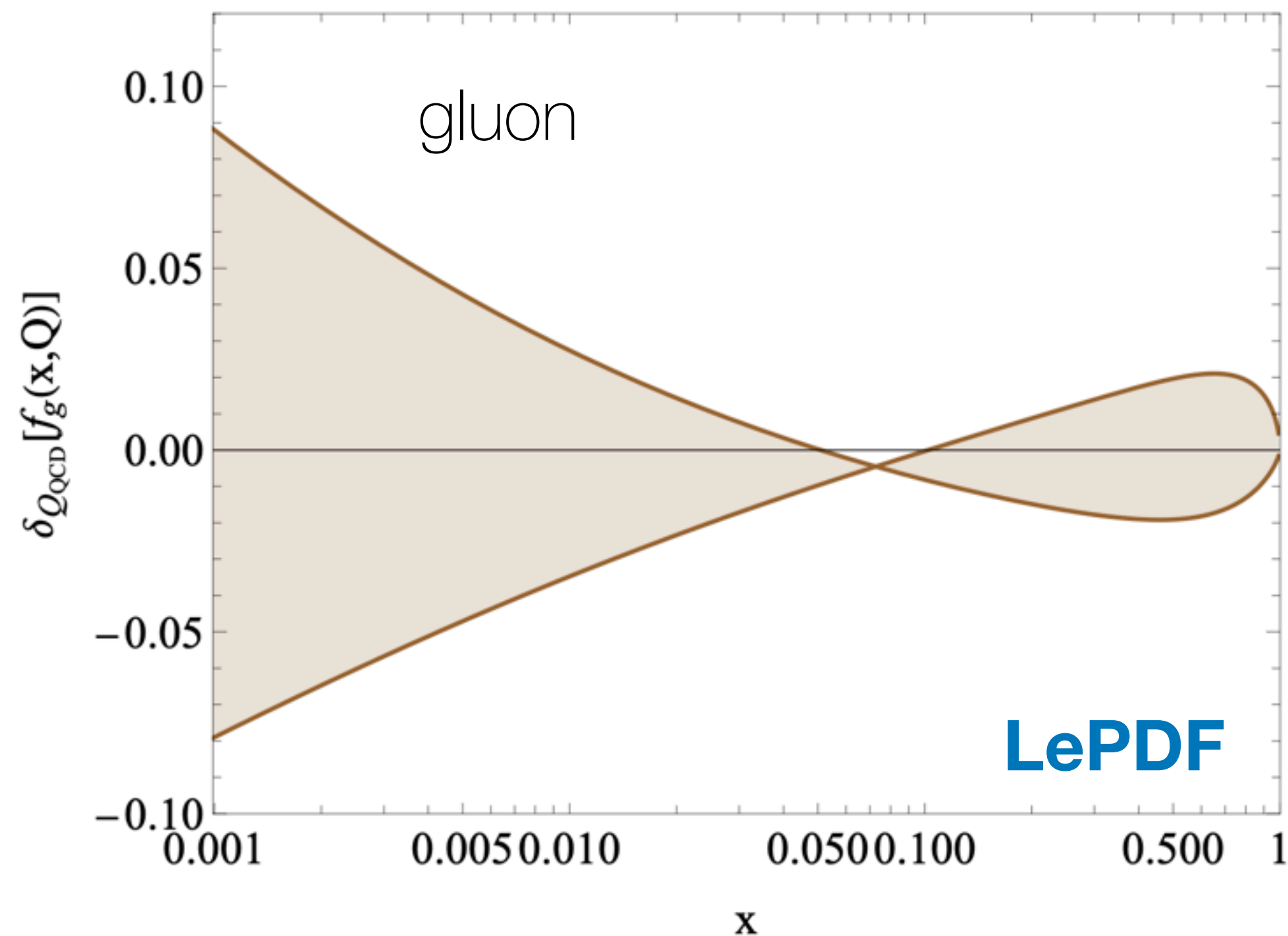
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Changing the scale in the interval $Q_{QCD} = [0.5 - 1] \text{ GeV}$

Relative variation in the PDFs, evaluated at the m_W scale.



For **leptons** and the **photon**, relative variations are **smaller than 10^{-5}** .

Above the EW scale

All SM interactions and fields must be considered and several new effects must be taken into account:

- **PDFs become polarised**, since EW interactions are chiral. [Bauer, Webber \[1808.08831\]](#)
- At high energies **EW Sudakov double logarithms** are generated. [P. Ciafaloni, Comelli \[hep-ph/0007096, hep-ph/0001142, hep-ph/0505047\], Bauer, Webber \[1703.08562, 1808.08831\], Chen, Han, Tweedie \[1611.00788\], Han, Ma, Xie \[2103.09844\], F. Garosi, D.M., S. Trifinopoulos \[2303.16964\]](#)
- Neutral bosons interfere with each other: **Z/γ and h/Z_L PDFs mix**. [P. Ciafaloni, Comelli \[hep-ph/0007096, hep-ph/0505047\] Chen, Han, Tweedie \[1611.00788\]](#)
- **Mass effects** of partons with EW masses (W, Z, h, t) become relevant and remain so even at multi-TeV scale.
- EW symmetry is broken. Another set of splitting functions, proportional to v^2 instead of p_T^2 , arise: **ultra-collinear splitting functions**. [Chen, Han, Tweedie \[1611.00788\]](#)

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$$\tilde{P}_{BA}^C(z, p_T^2) = \left(\frac{p_T^2}{\tilde{p}_T^2} \right)^2 P_{BA}^C(z)$$

$$\tilde{p}_T^2 \equiv \bar{z}(m_B^2 - p_B^2) = p_T^2 + zm_C^2 + \bar{z}m_B^2 - z\bar{z}m_A^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^2}{E^2}, \frac{p_T^2}{E^2}\right)$$

Ultra-collinear splittings

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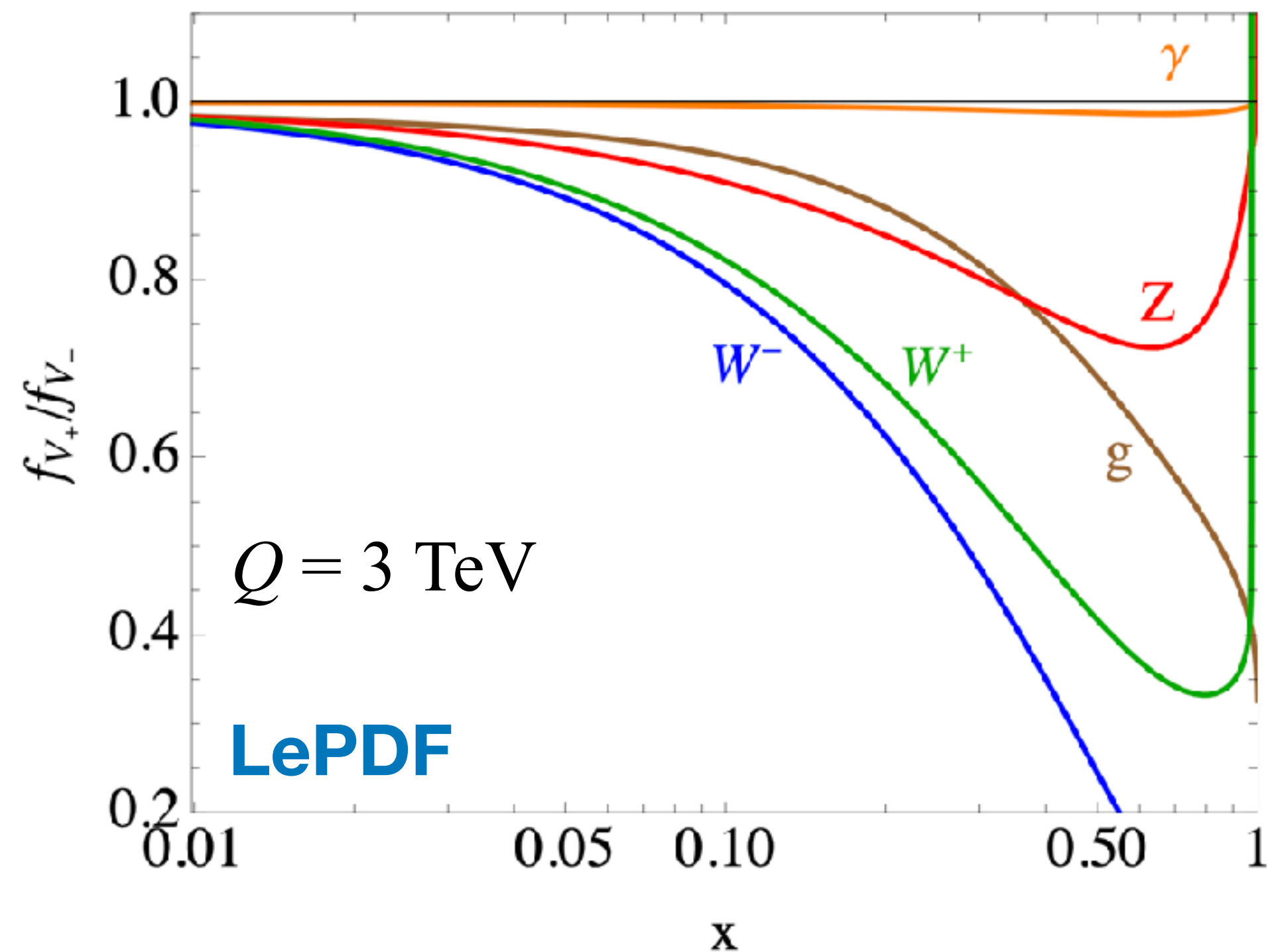
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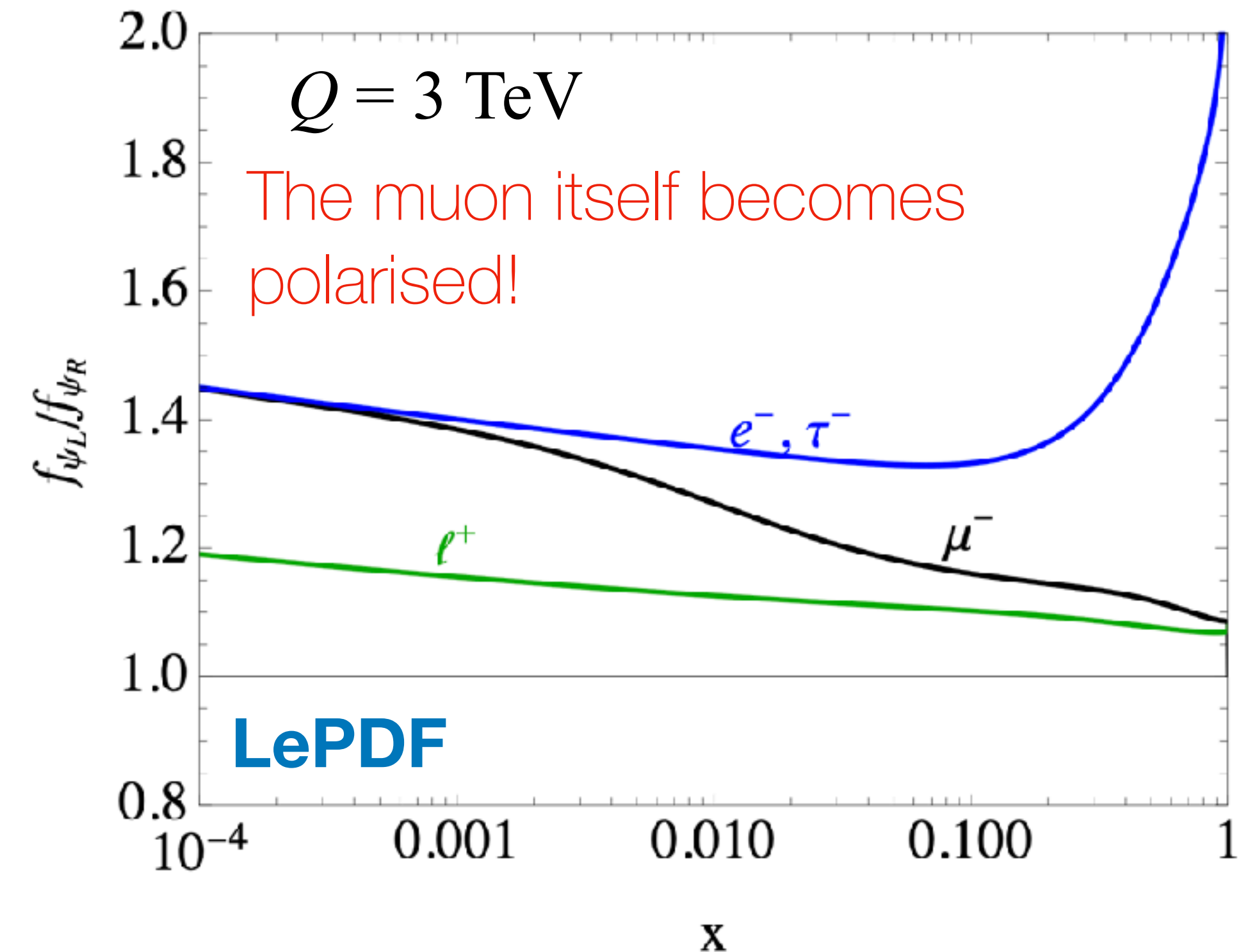
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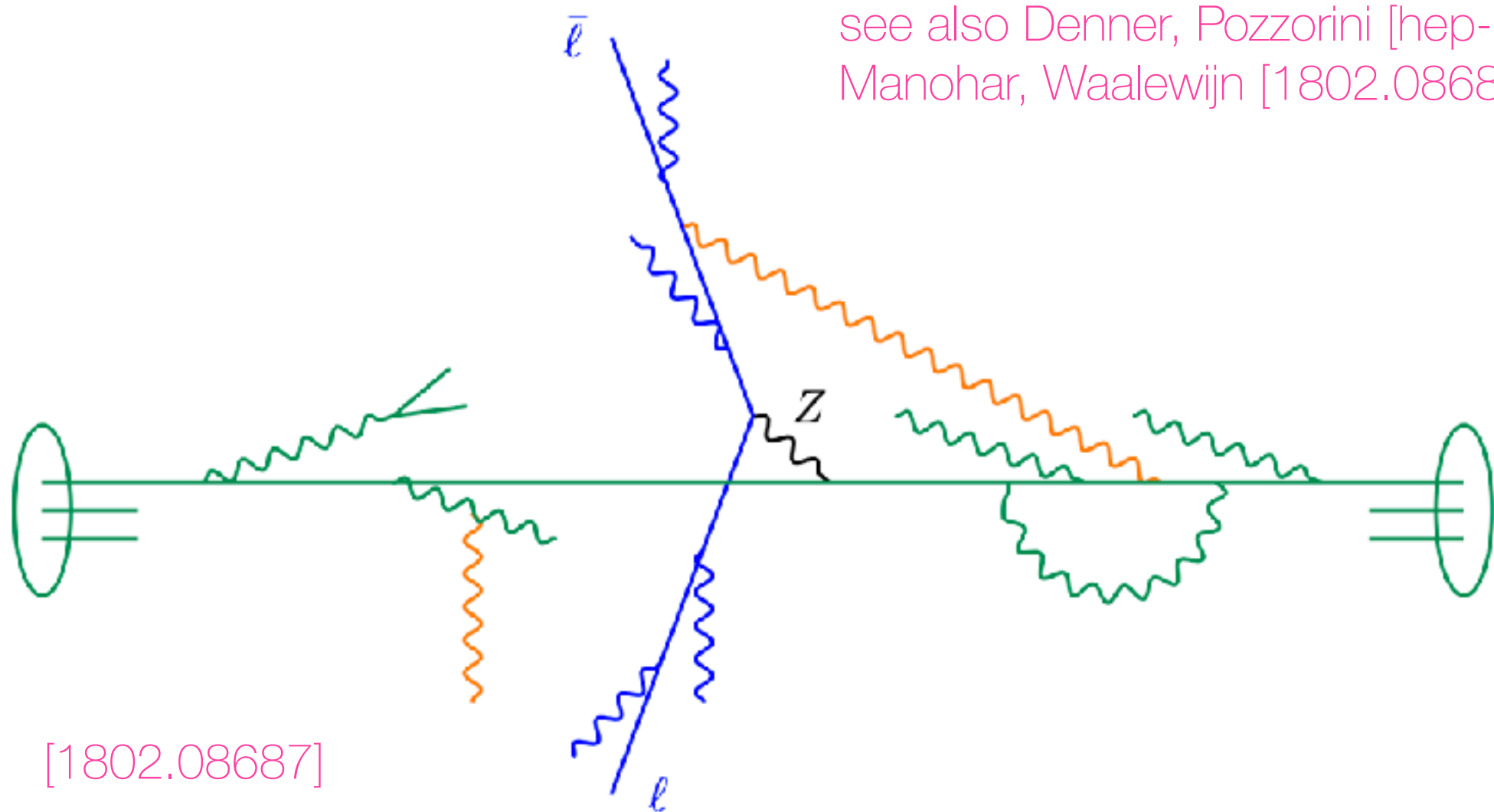
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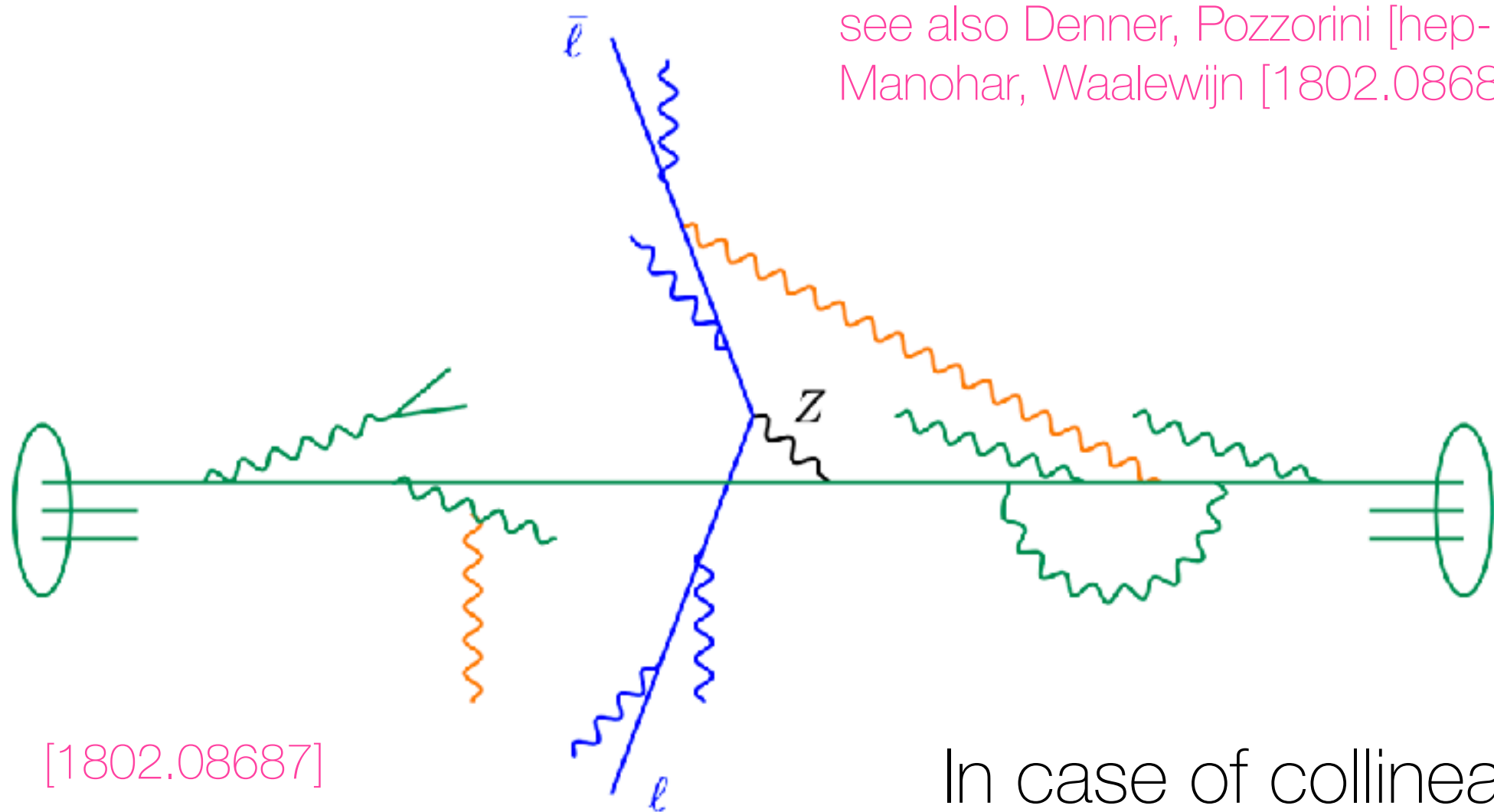
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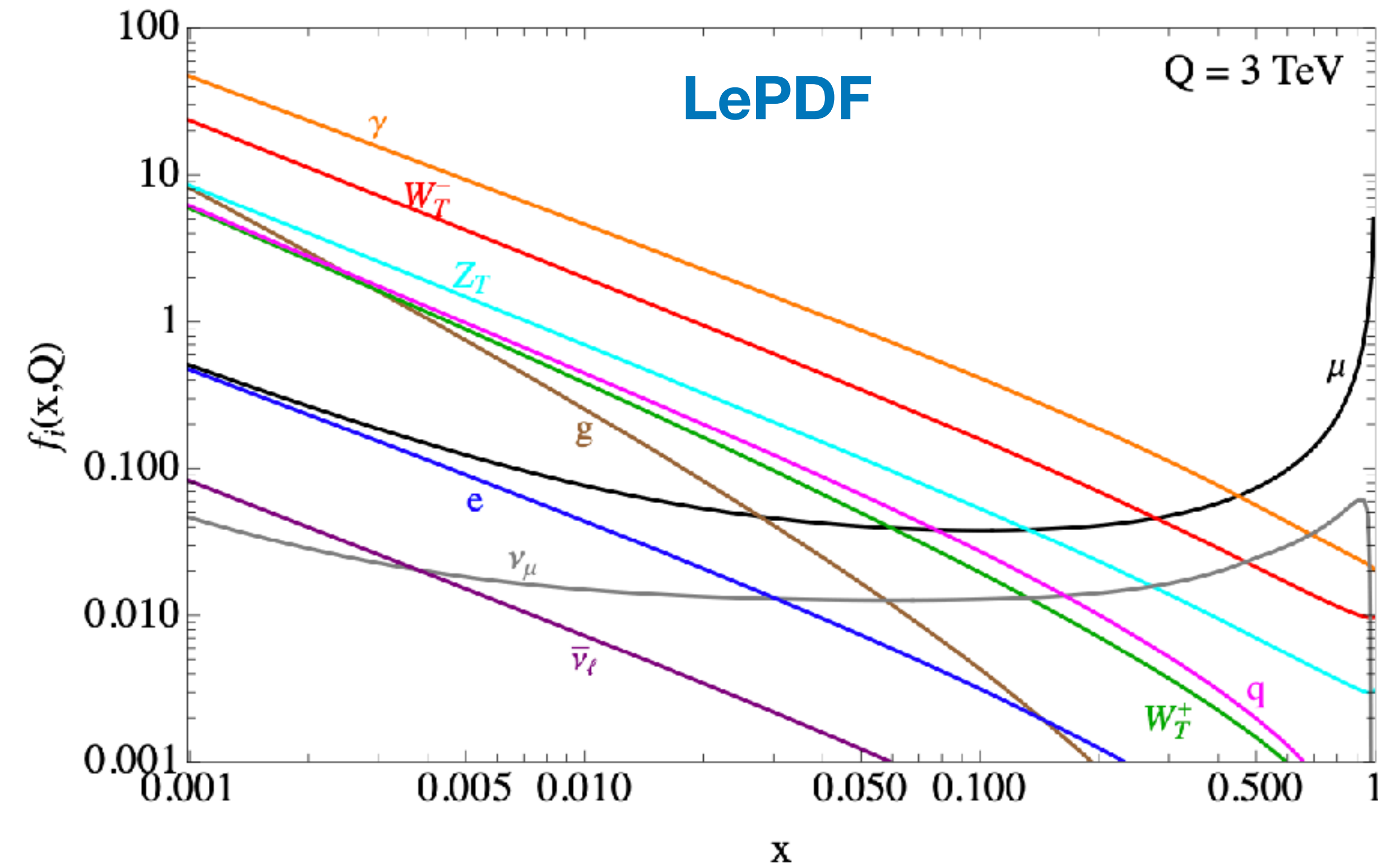
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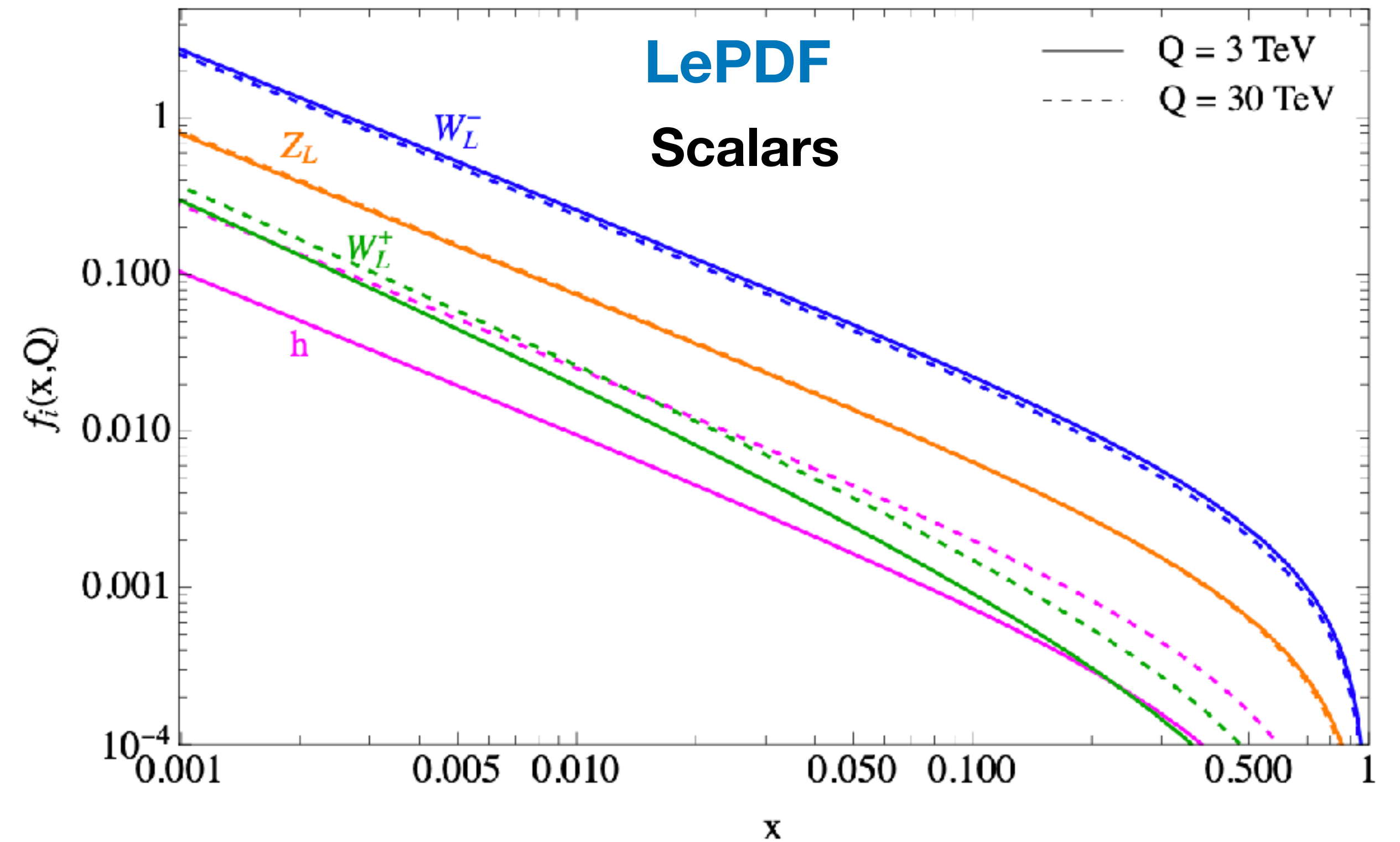
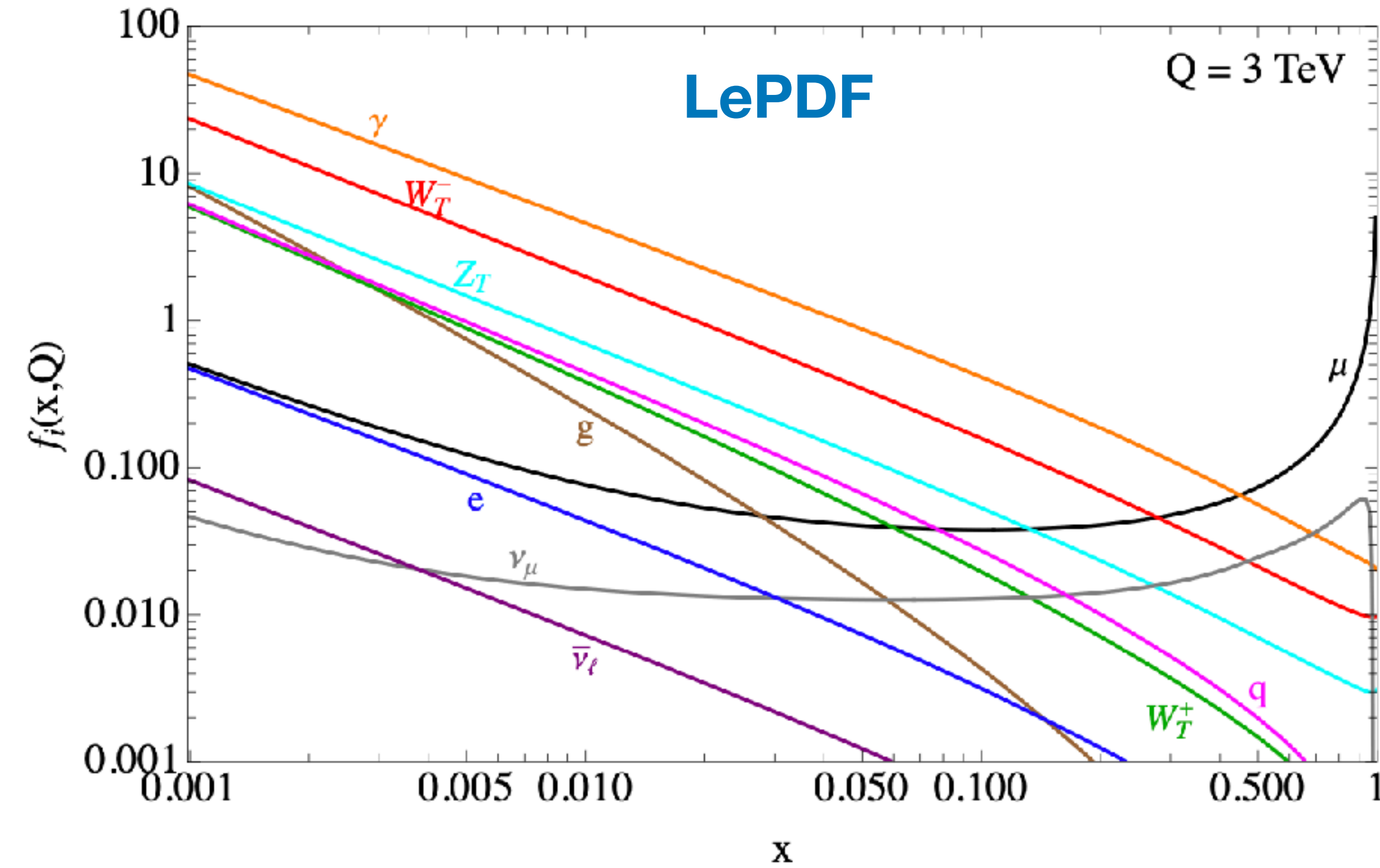
Results

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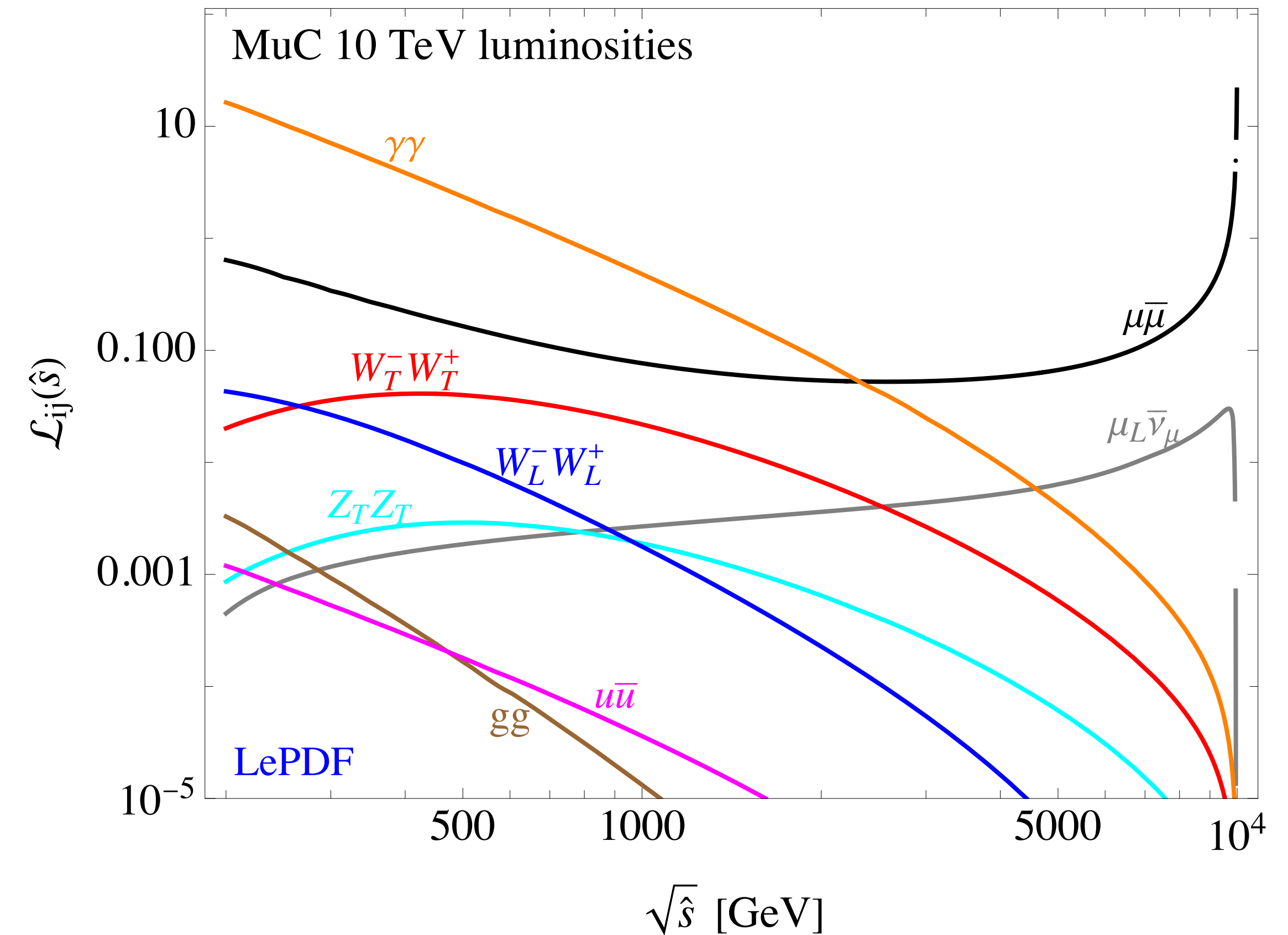
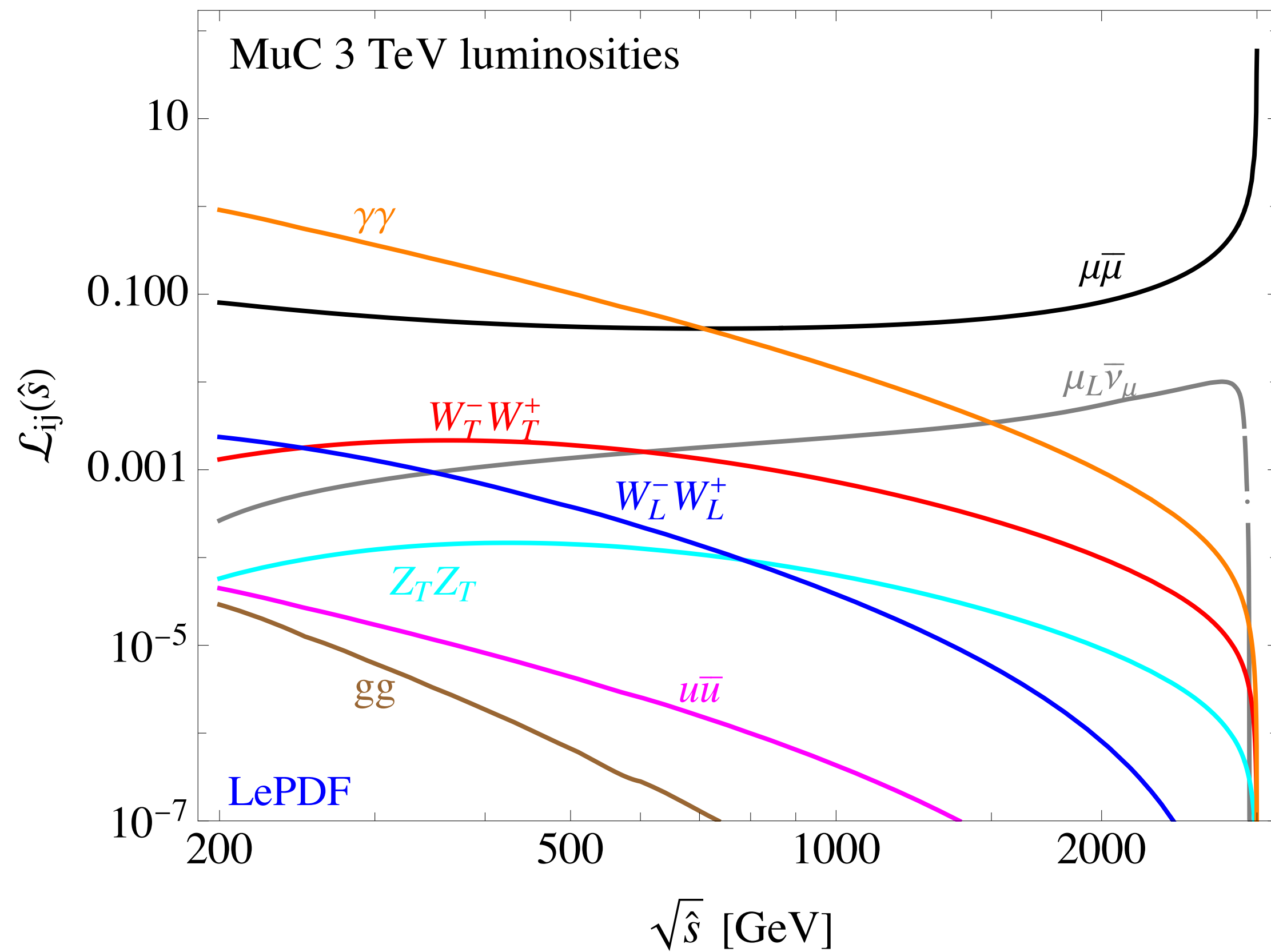
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Some examples of **parton luminosities** for muon colliders.

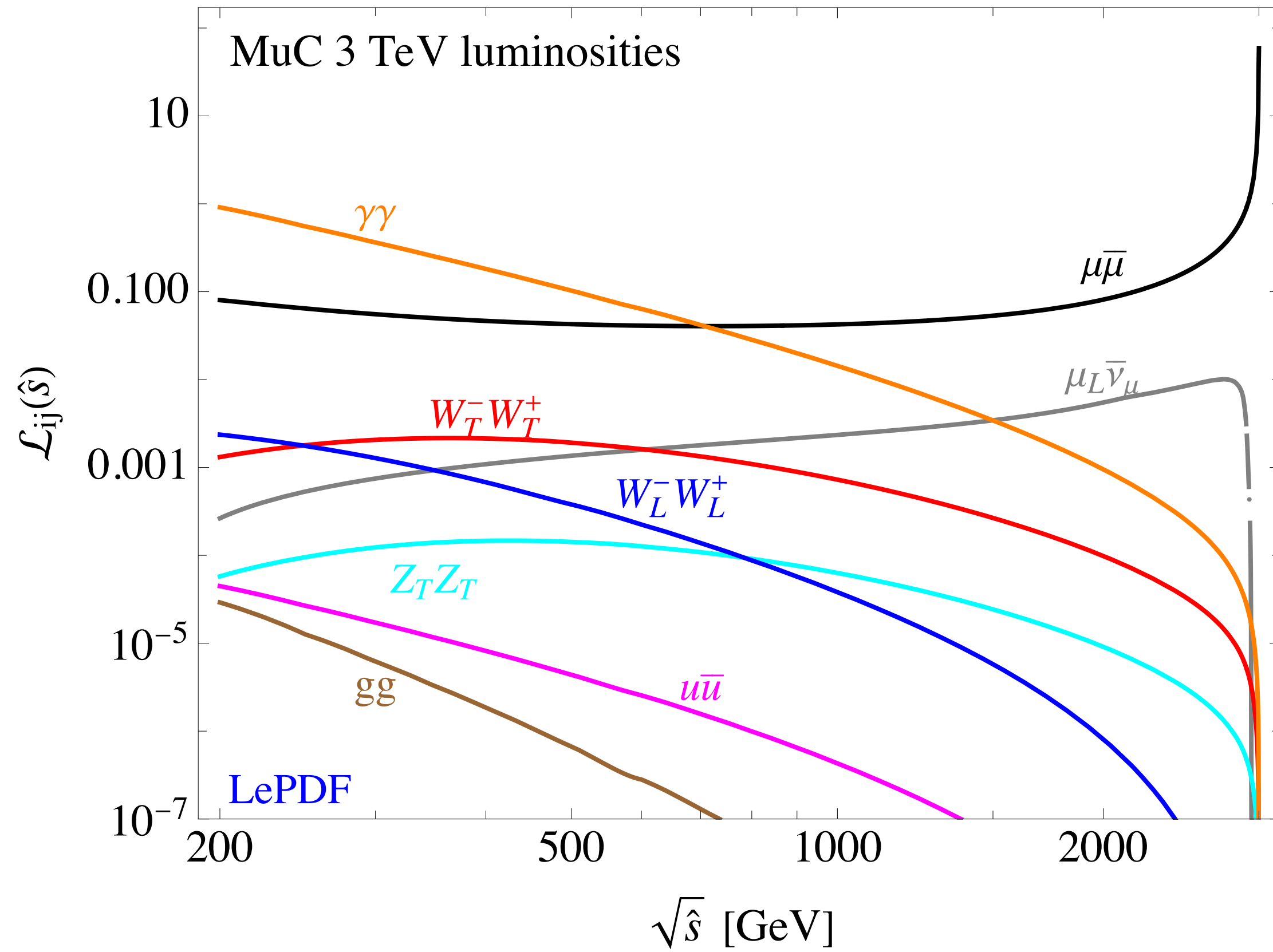
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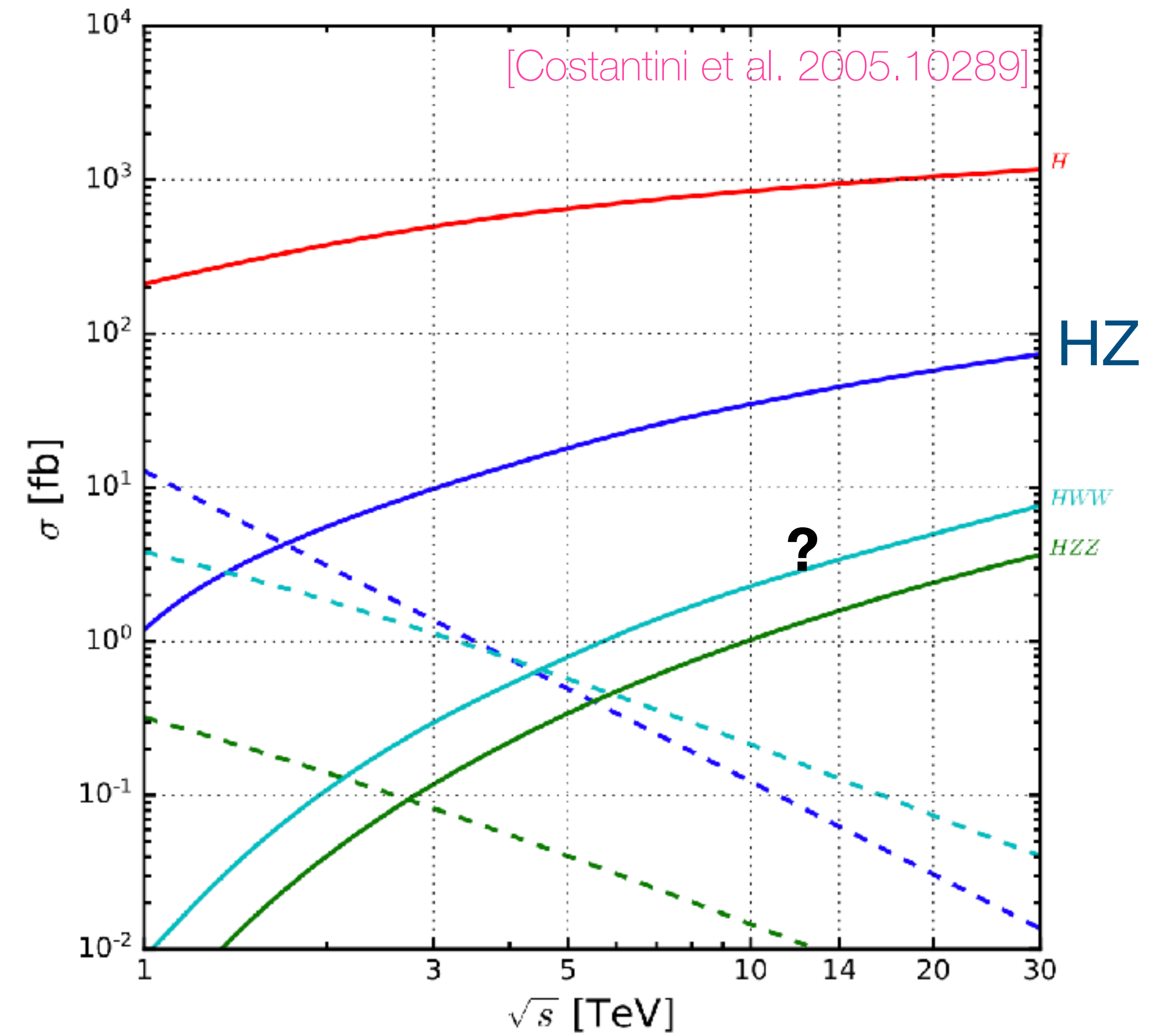
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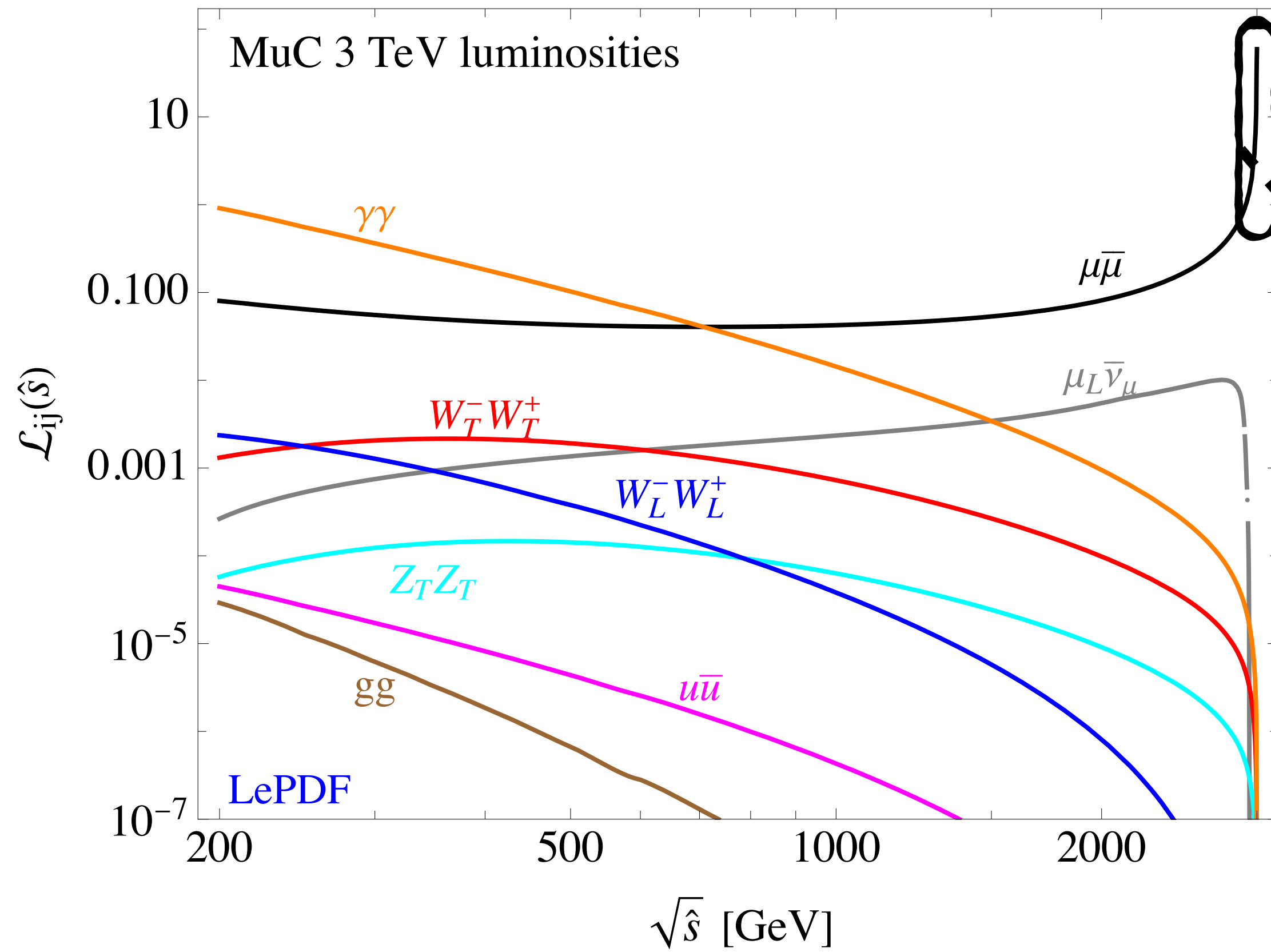
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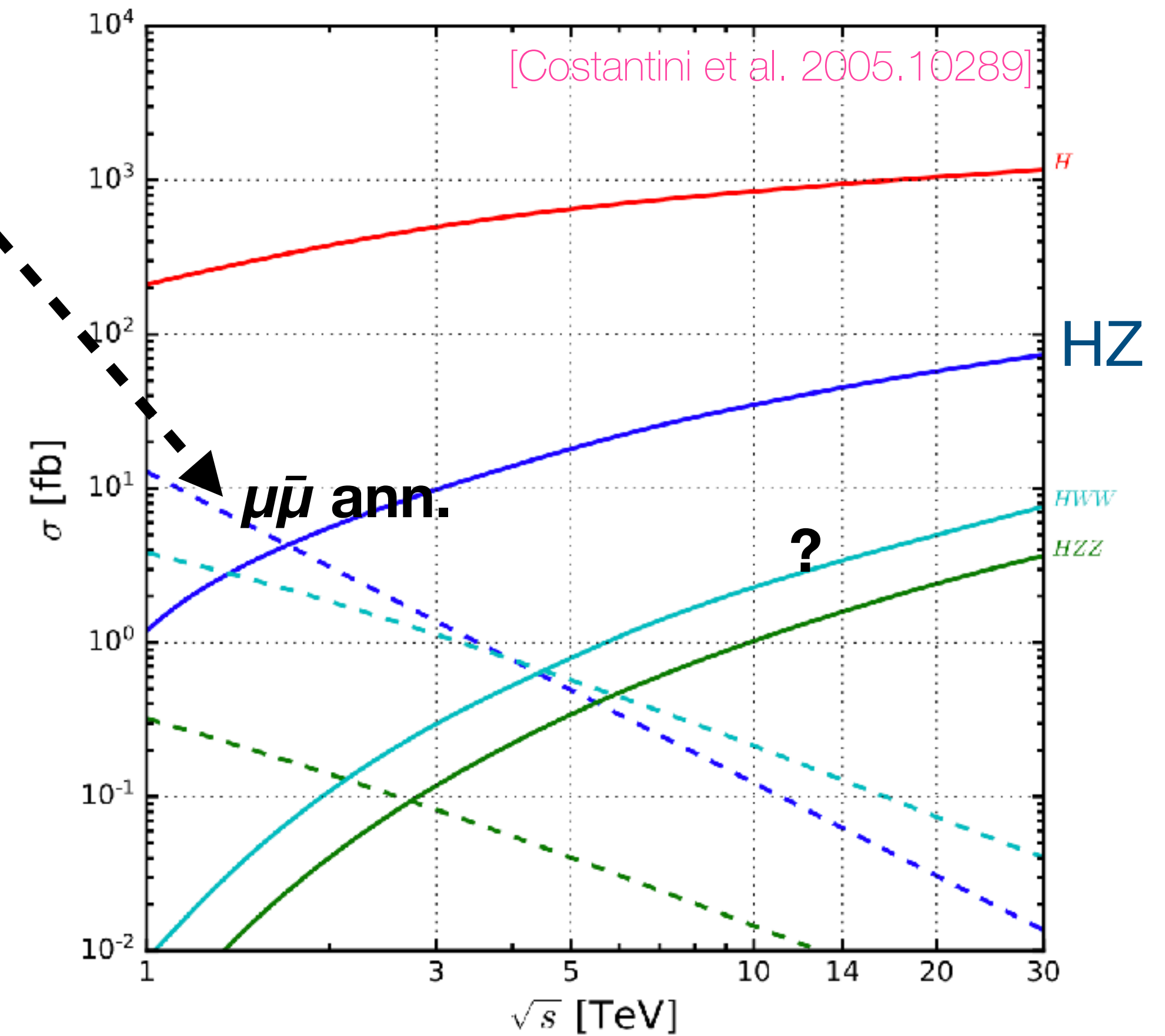
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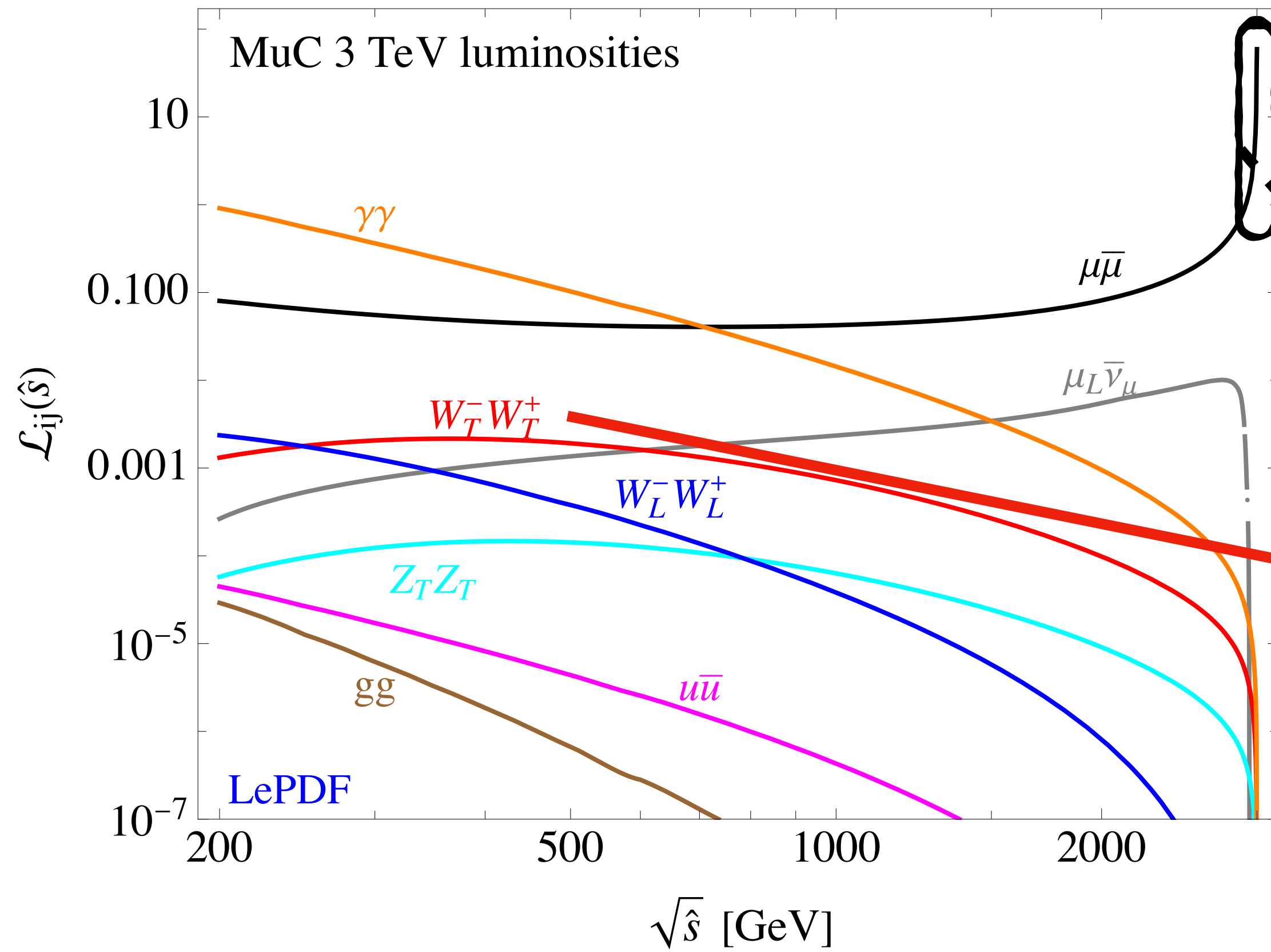
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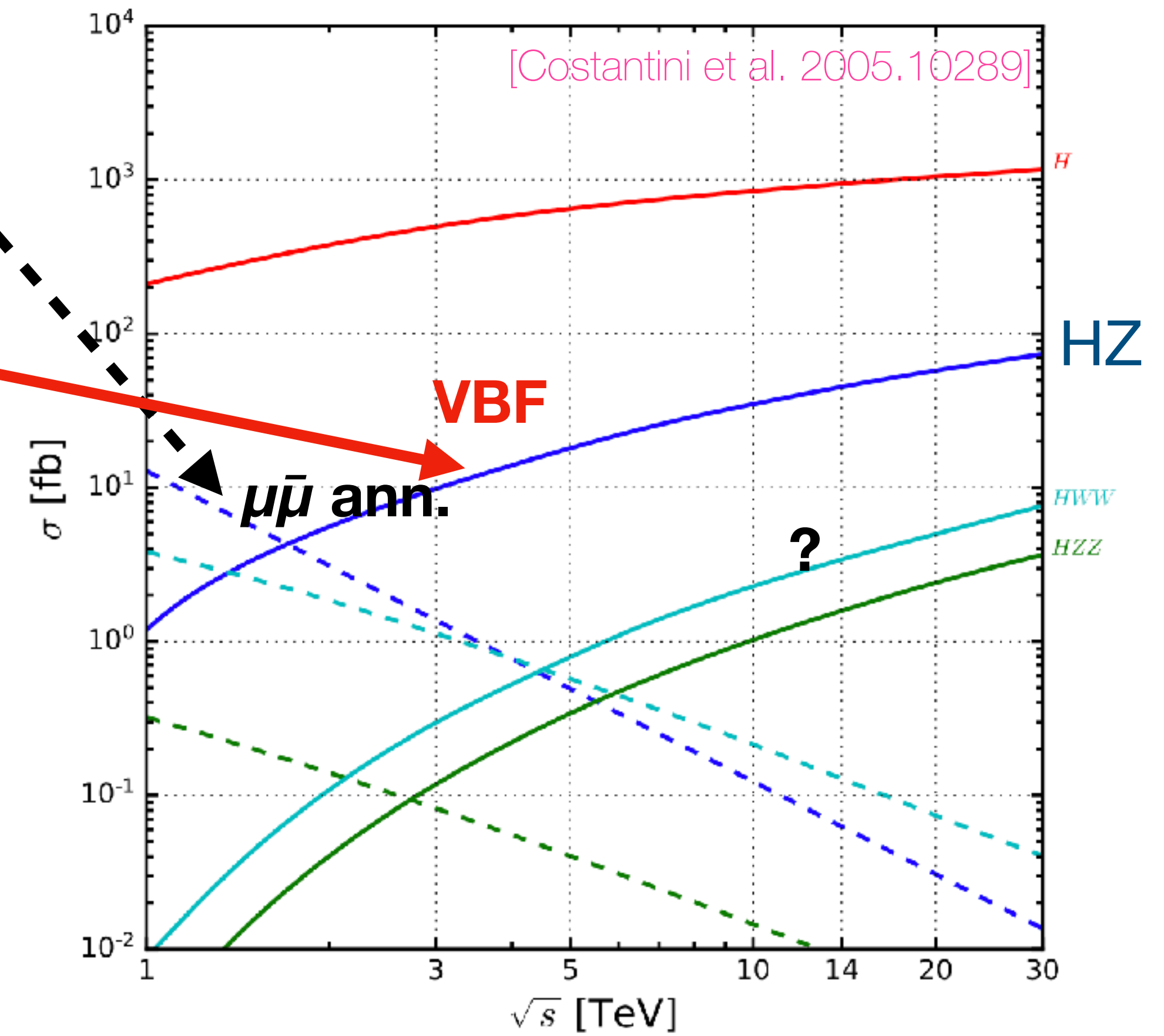
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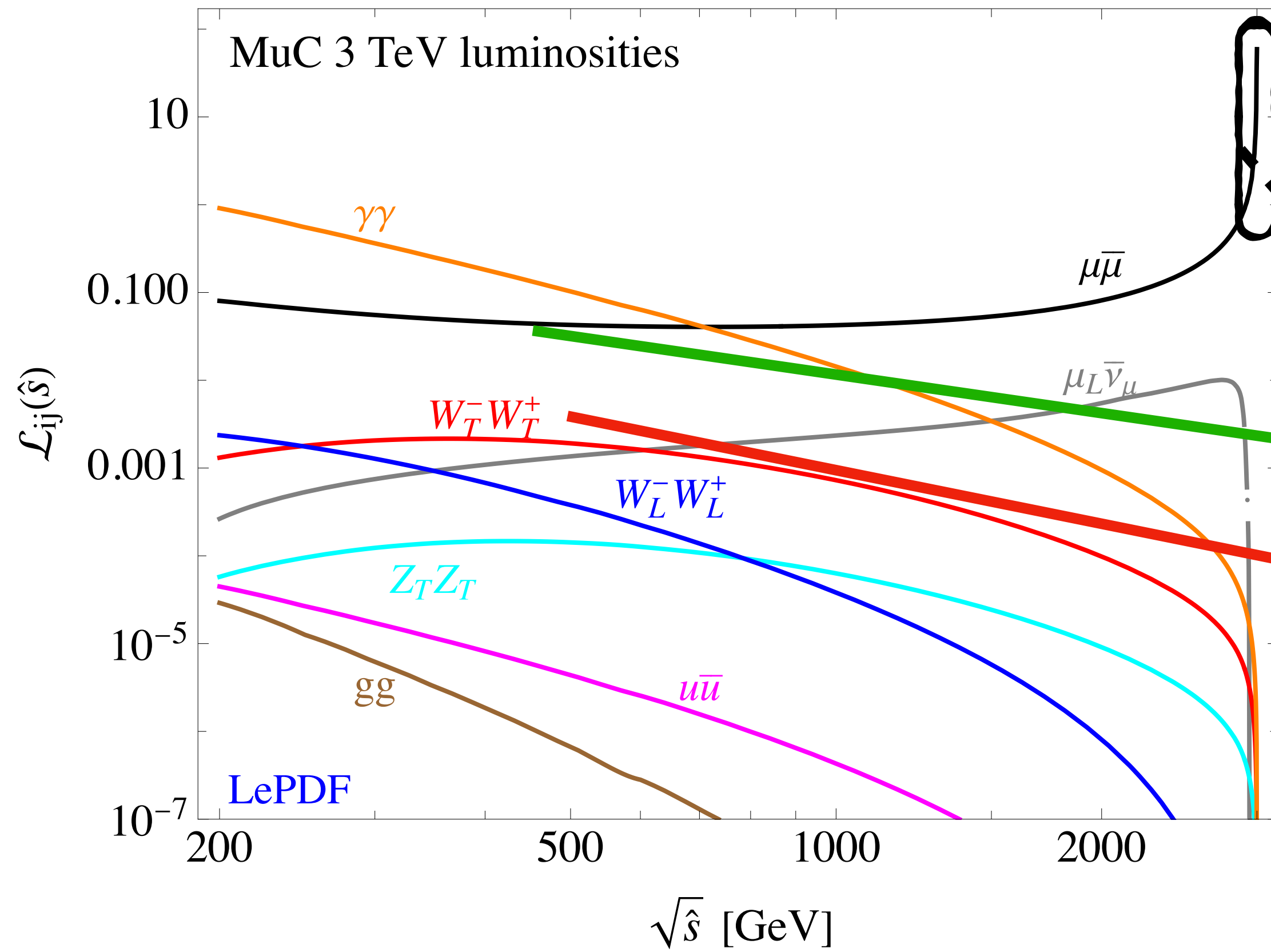
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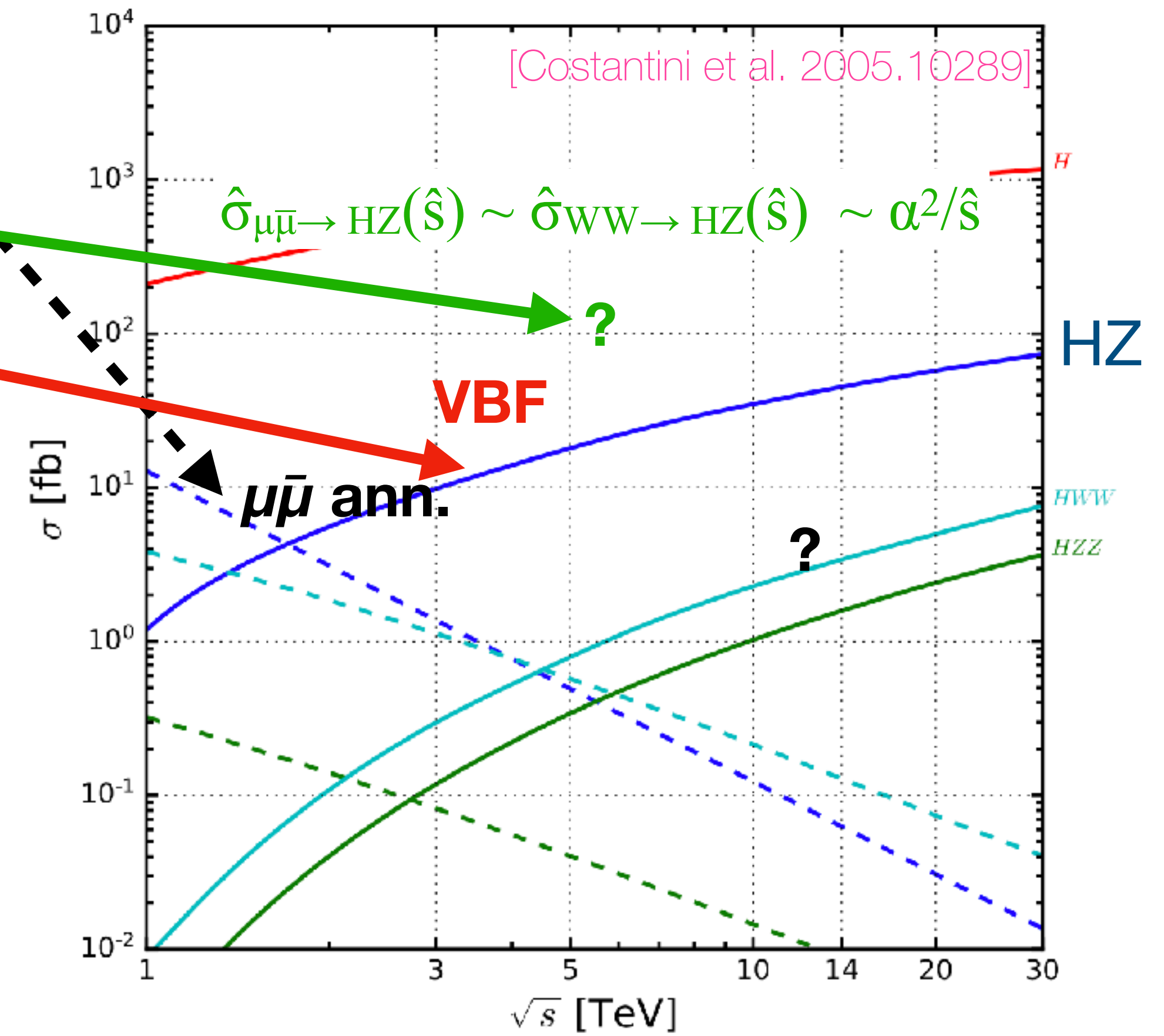
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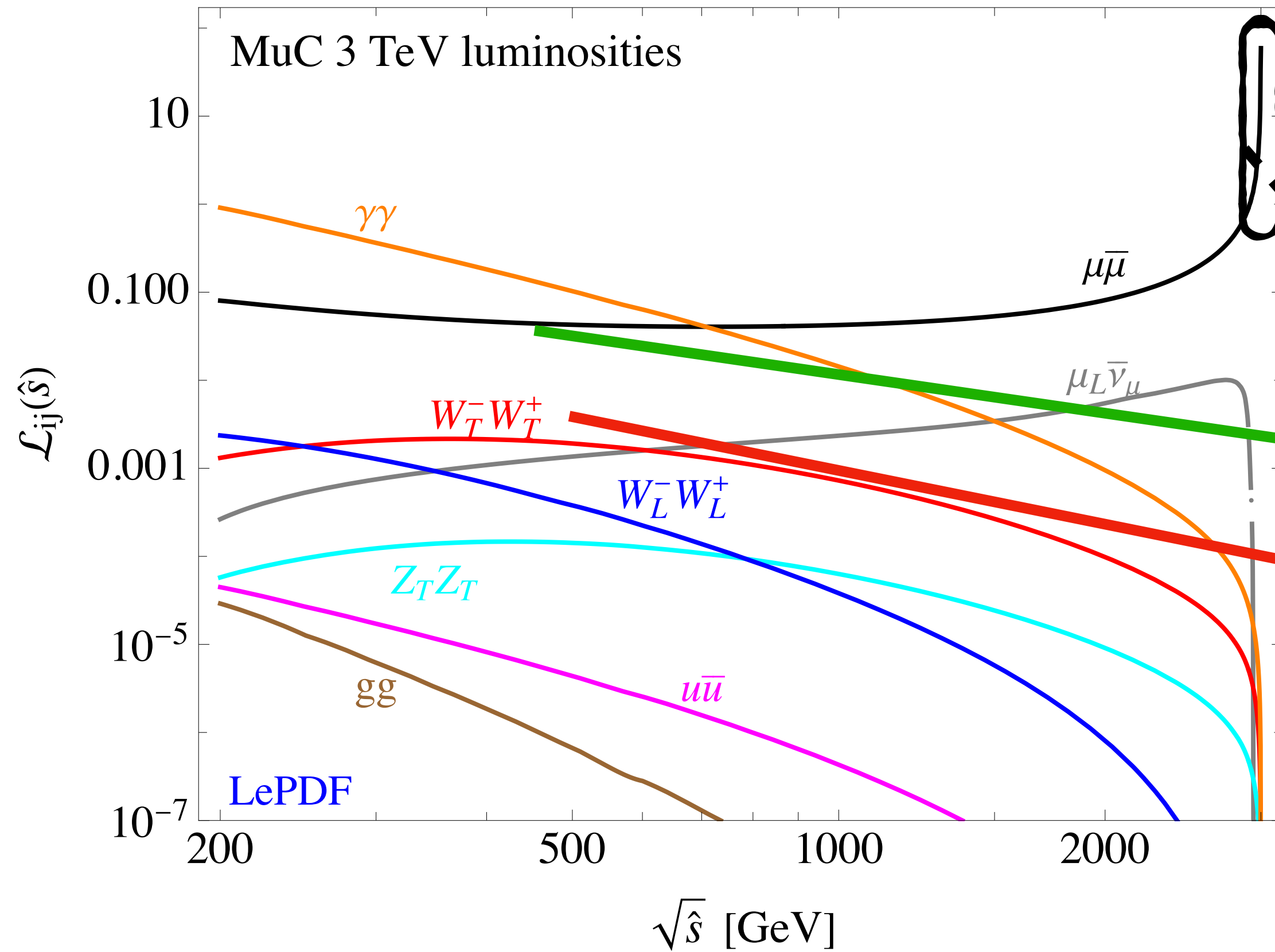
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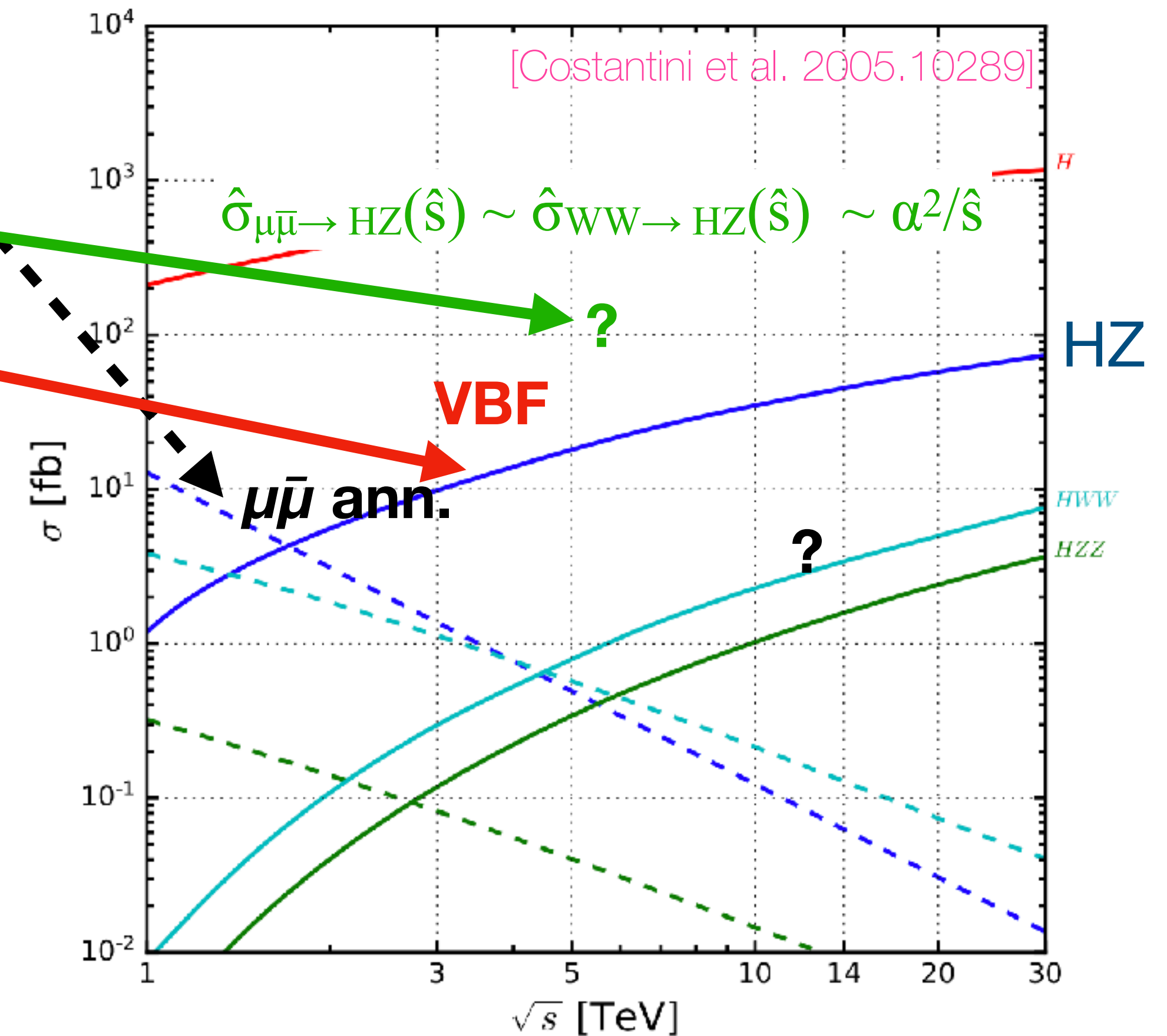
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The **effect of realistic rapidity cuts** on the final state should be considered, the $\mu\bar{\mu}$ channel is clearly unbalanced in rapidity (PDF larger at $x \sim 1$ and $x \ll 1$): very forward final state.

LePDF vs. EVA

$$\mathbf{EVALO:} \quad f_{W_{\pm}^-}^{(\alpha)}(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_2}{8\pi} P_{V_{\pm} f_L}^f(x) \left(\log \frac{Q^2 + (1-x)m_W^2}{m_{\mu}^2 + (1-x)m_W^2} - \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + (1-x)m_W^2} \right)$$

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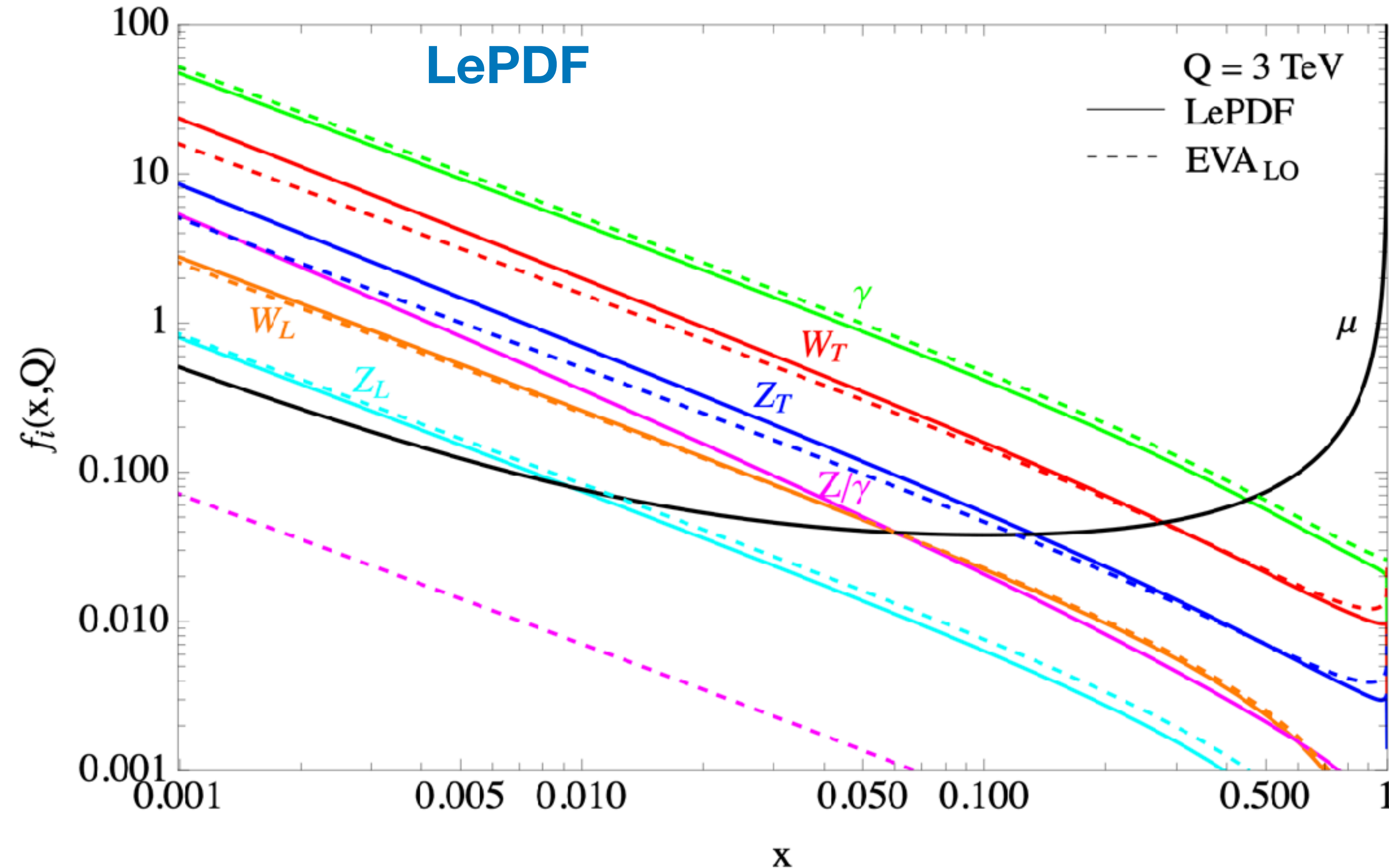
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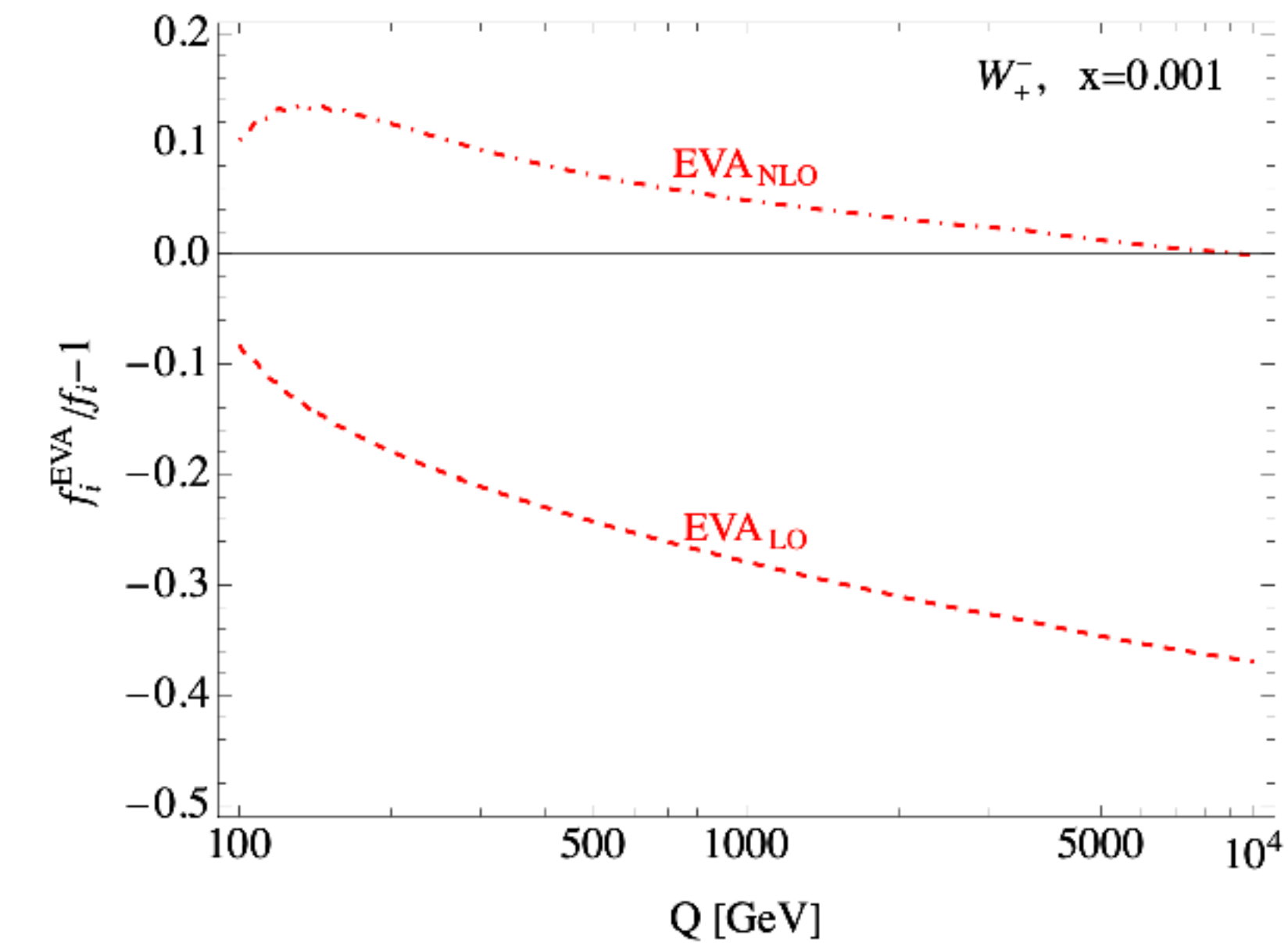
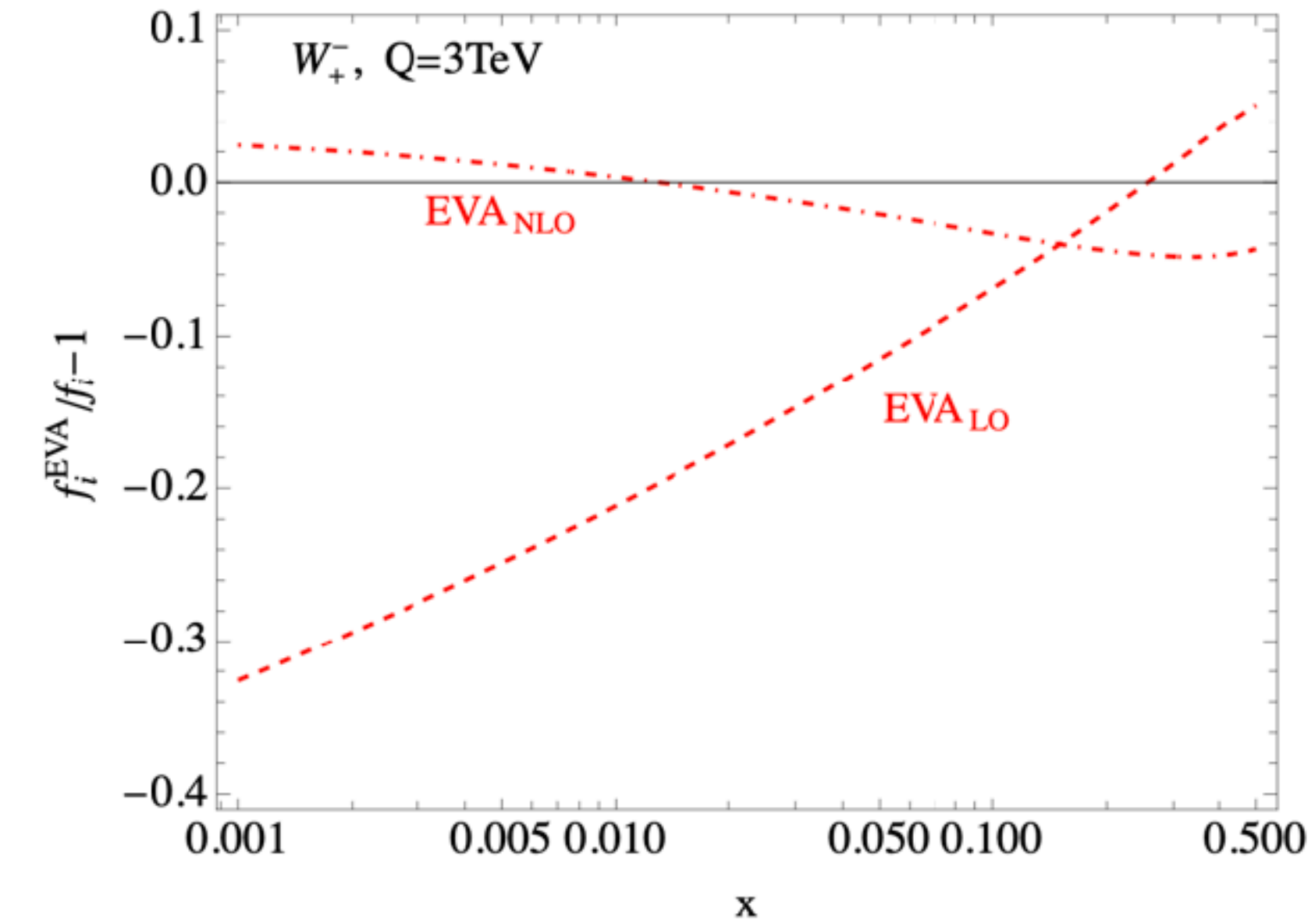
$$Q_{\mu_L}^Z + Q_{\mu_R}^Z = -\frac{1}{2} + 2s_W^2 \ll 1$$

Instead, the muon gains a O(1) polarisation, so the Z/γ PDF is much larger.

◆ We can also see a **sizeable deviation** (in this log-log plot) for the **W_T** and **Z_T** PDF.

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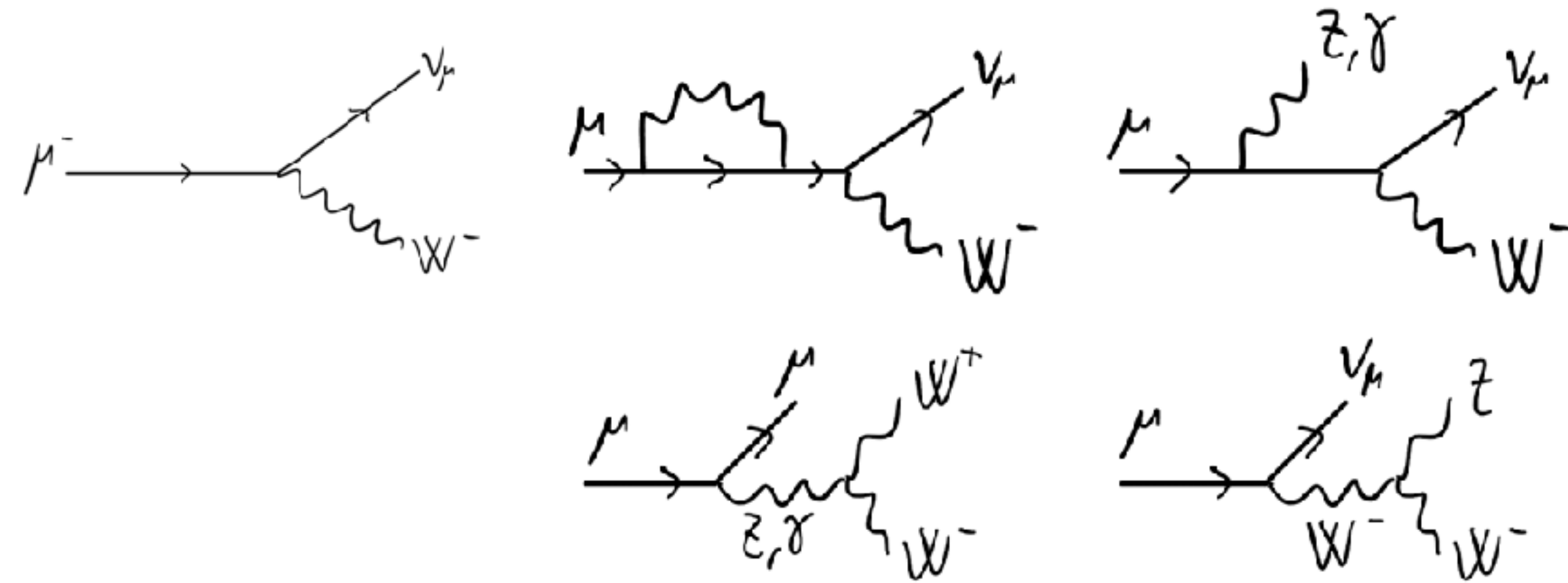
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We improve EVA by computing iteratively the **W^- PDF at $O(\alpha^2)$** . *

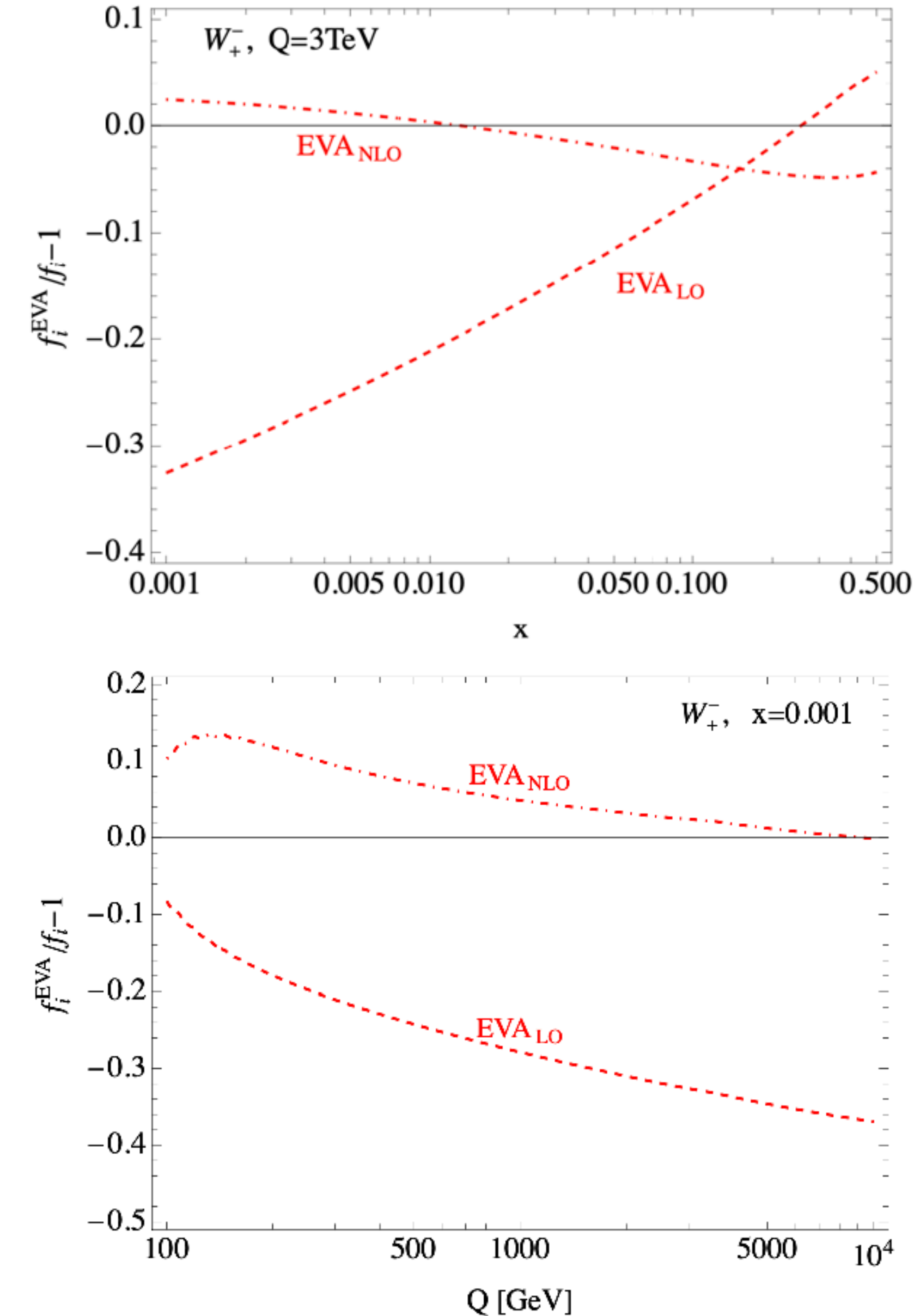


* for simplicity, in the NLO part we take the $Q \gg m_W$ and $x \ll 1$ limit in the LO EVA expression.

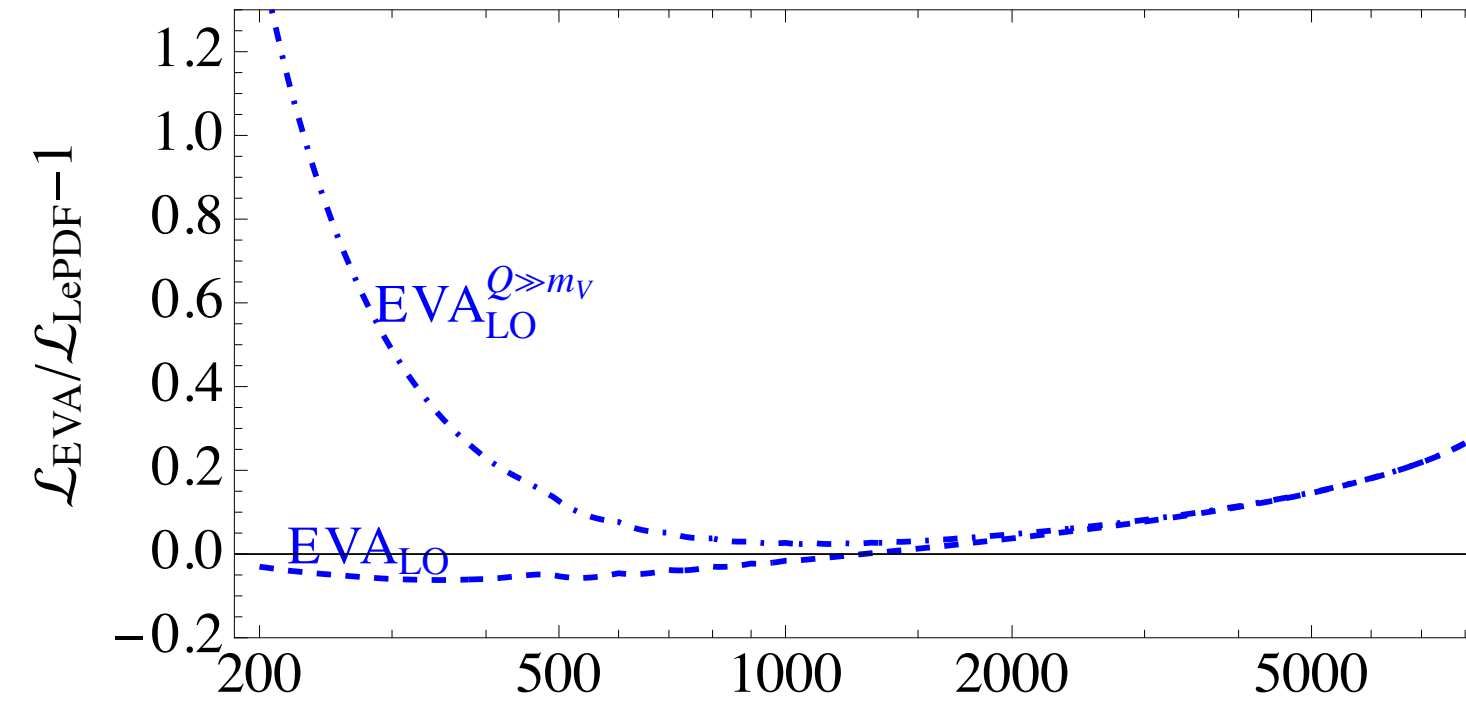
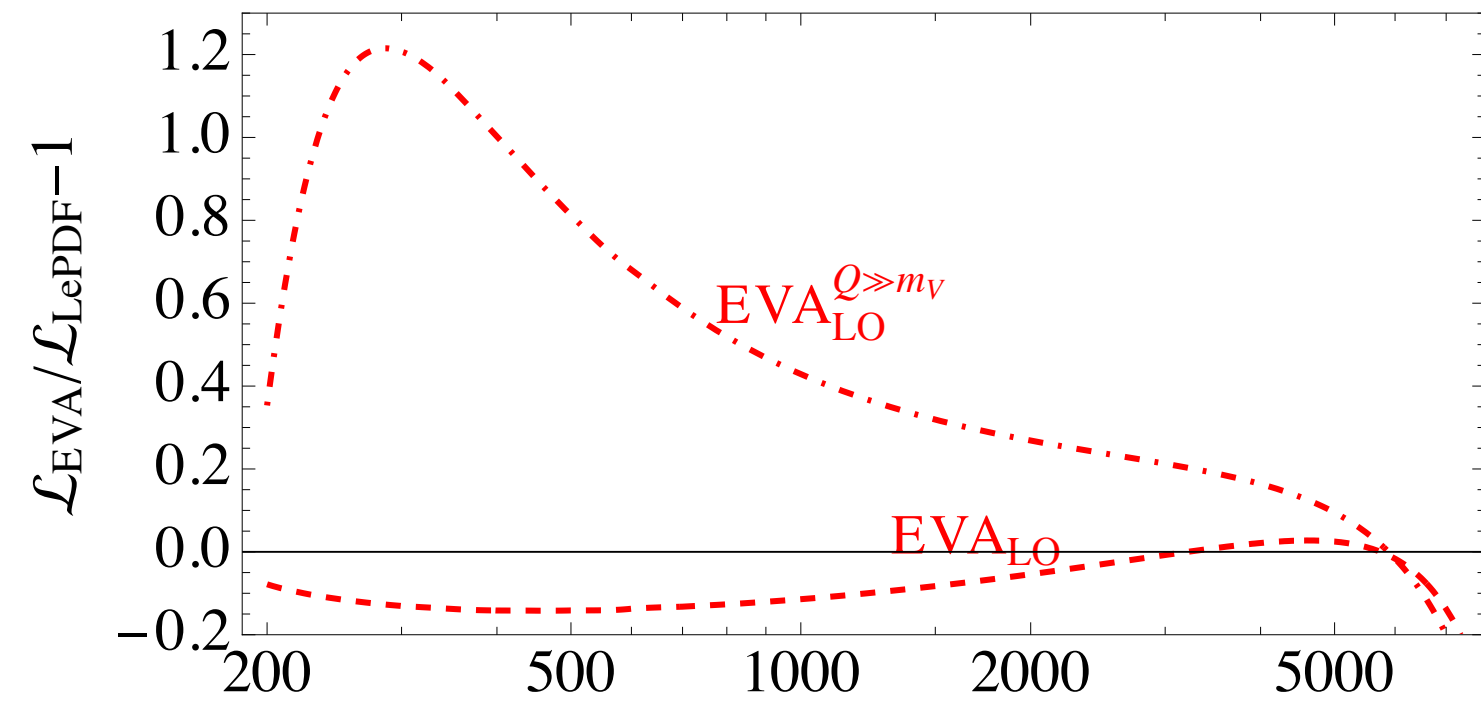
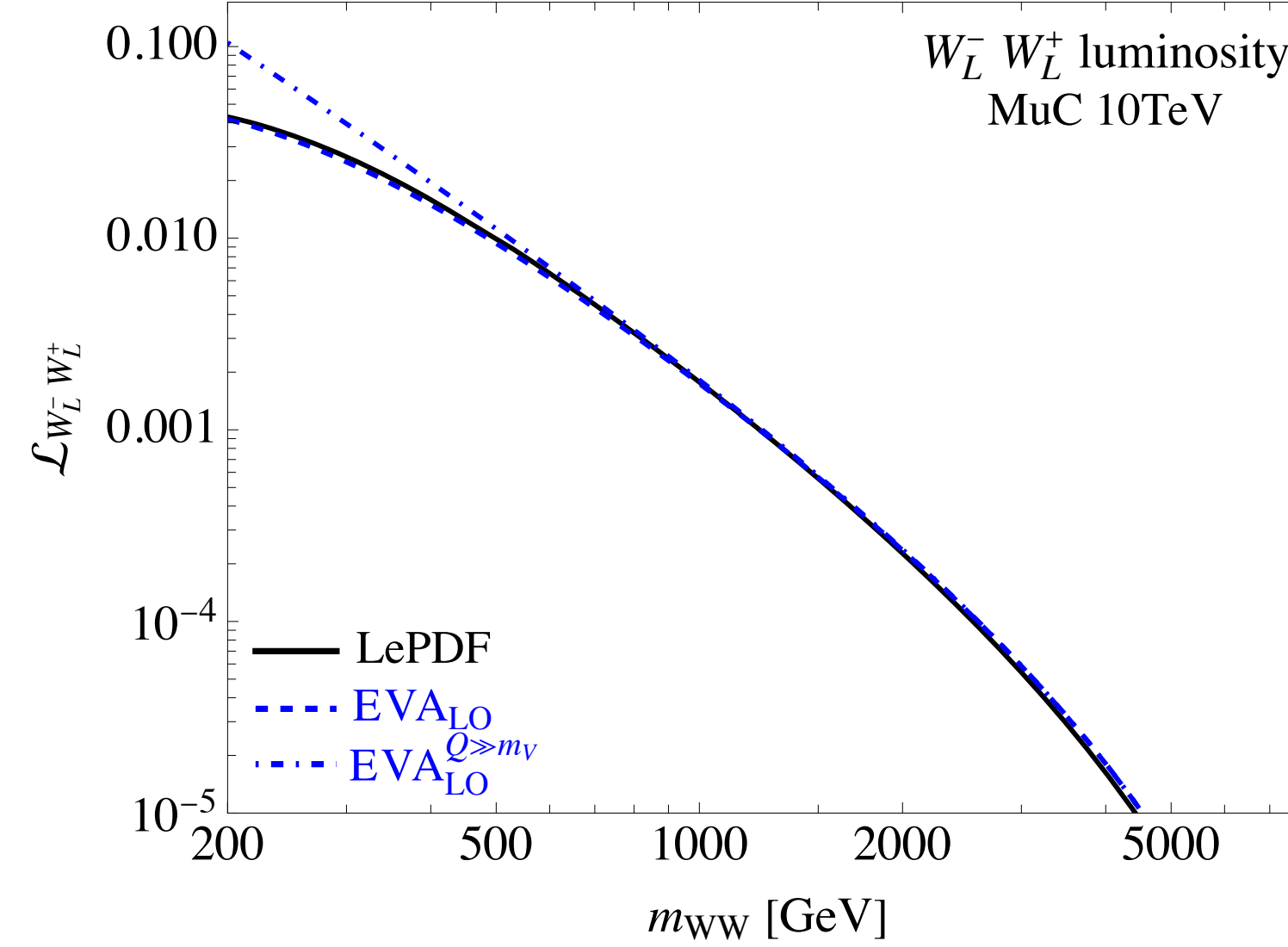
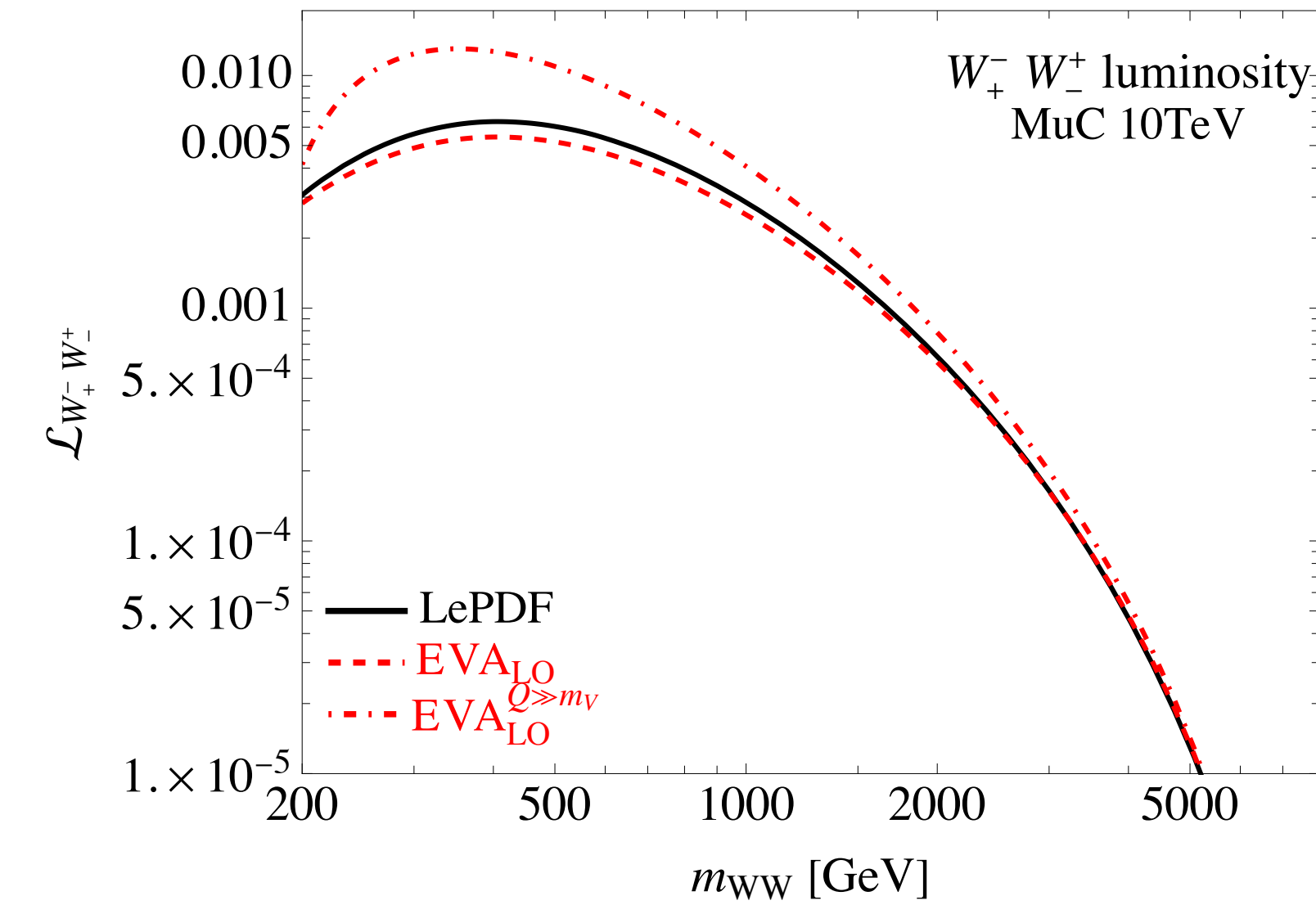
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$$f_{W^+}^{(\alpha^2)}(x, t) \simeq \int_{t_{m_W}}^t dt' \left(P_{W^+}^v f_{W^+}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{\alpha_2}{4\pi} P_{V^+ f_L}^f \otimes f_{\mu_L}^{(\alpha)} + \frac{\alpha_2}{2\pi} c_W^2 P_{V^+ V_s} \otimes (f_{W_s^-}^{(\alpha)} + f_{Z_s}^{(\alpha)}) + \frac{\alpha_\gamma}{2\pi} P_{V^+ V_s} \otimes (f_{W_s^-}^{(\alpha)} + f_{\gamma_s}^{(\alpha)}) + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_\gamma \alpha_2}}{2\pi} c_W P_{V^+ V_s} \otimes f_{Z/\gamma_s}^{(\alpha)} \right).$$

Several **double logs appear at this order**, we find a **much improved agreement** with the LePDF resummation.



LePDF vs. EVA: WW Luminosity



At the level of **parton luminosity**:

- for **$W_T W_T$** : EVA_{LO} is accurate to **~15%**
- for **$W_L W_L$** : EVA_{LO} is accurate to **~5%**
- The **$Q \gg m_V$** approximation does not reproduce well the complete result, with **$\mathcal{O}(1)$ differences** up to large scales (particularly for transverse modes).

$$\text{EVA}_{\text{LO}} \quad f_{W_{\pm}^{\pm}}^{(\alpha)}(x, Q^2) = \frac{\alpha_2}{8\pi} P_{V_{\pm} f_L}^f(x) \left(\log \frac{Q^2 + (1-x)m_W^2}{m_{\mu}^2 + (1-x)m_W^2} - \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + (1-x)m_W^2} \right)$$

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Implemented in **MadGraph5_aMC@NLO**
Ruiz, Costantini, Maltoni, Mattelaer [2111.02442]

Conclusions

We derived resummed **SM PDFs for lepton colliders** at the leading-log level: **LePDF**.

The results are made public in a **LHAPDF6**-type format: **extended to include helicity dependence**.

<https://github.com/DavidMarzocca/LePDF>

Some work is required to allow an interface with MadGraph5, *anybody interested?*

The **large muon PDF at small x** (an $O(\alpha^2)$ effect) could be **relevant for all VBF studies**.

We show that the implementation of EVA with the $Q \gg m_W$ approximation is not sufficient, even at TeV scales.

When mass terms are included, **EVA @ LO deviates by:**

- **up to $O(30-40\%)$ for Z_T and W_T** at small x and large Q (few TeV) ,
- **$\sim 10^2$ for the Z/γ PDF.**

At the level of $W_T W_T$ luminosities the deviation is $\sim 15\%$ for MuC10.

This should be much improved by using EVA @ NLO (ongoing work).

We hope this tool can allow **more comprehensive studies of physics potential at Muon Colliders!**

Thank you!

Backup

Evolution below the EW scale

DGLAP equations below the EW scale:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df_l}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_\gamma(t)}{2\pi} [(P_f^v + P_{ff,G}) \otimes f_l + P_{fV} \otimes f_\gamma] , \\ \frac{df_{q^u}}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_\gamma(t)}{2\pi} Q_u^2 [(P_f^v + P_{ff,G}) \otimes f_{q^u} + N_c P_{fV} \otimes f_\gamma] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_3(t)}{2\pi} [C_F (P_f^v + P_{ff,G}) \otimes f_{q^u} + T_F P_{fV} \otimes f_g] , \\ \frac{df_{q^{d,b}}}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_\gamma(t)}{2\pi} Q_d^2 [(P_f^v + P_{ff,G}) \otimes f_{q^{d,b}} + N_c P_{fV} \otimes f_\gamma] \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_3(t)}{2\pi} [C_F (P_f^v + P_{ff,G}) \otimes f_{q^{d,b}} + T_F P_{fV} \otimes f_g] , \\ \frac{df_\gamma}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_\gamma(t)}{2\pi} \left[P_\gamma^v f_\gamma + \sum_f Q_f^2 P_{Vf} \otimes (f_f + f_{\bar{f}}) \right] , \\ \frac{df_g}{dt} &= \frac{\alpha_3(t)}{2\pi} \left[C_A (P_g^v + P_{VV}) \otimes f_g + C_F P_{Vf} \otimes \sum_q (f_q + f_{\bar{q}}) \right] , \end{aligned}$$

$$t \equiv \log(\mu^2/m_\mu^2)$$

Thanks to flavour symmetry and C and P invariance of QED+QCD we can identify:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\ell_{sea}} &= f_e = f_\tau = f_{\bar{e}} = f_{\bar{\mu}} = f_{\bar{\tau}} \\ f_{q^u} &= f_u = f_{\bar{u}} = f_c = f_{\bar{c}} , \\ f_{q^d} &= f_d = f_{\bar{d}} = f_s = f_{\bar{s}} , \\ f_b &= f_{\bar{b}} . \end{aligned}$$

IR poles in $z=1$ are regulated using the **+distribution**

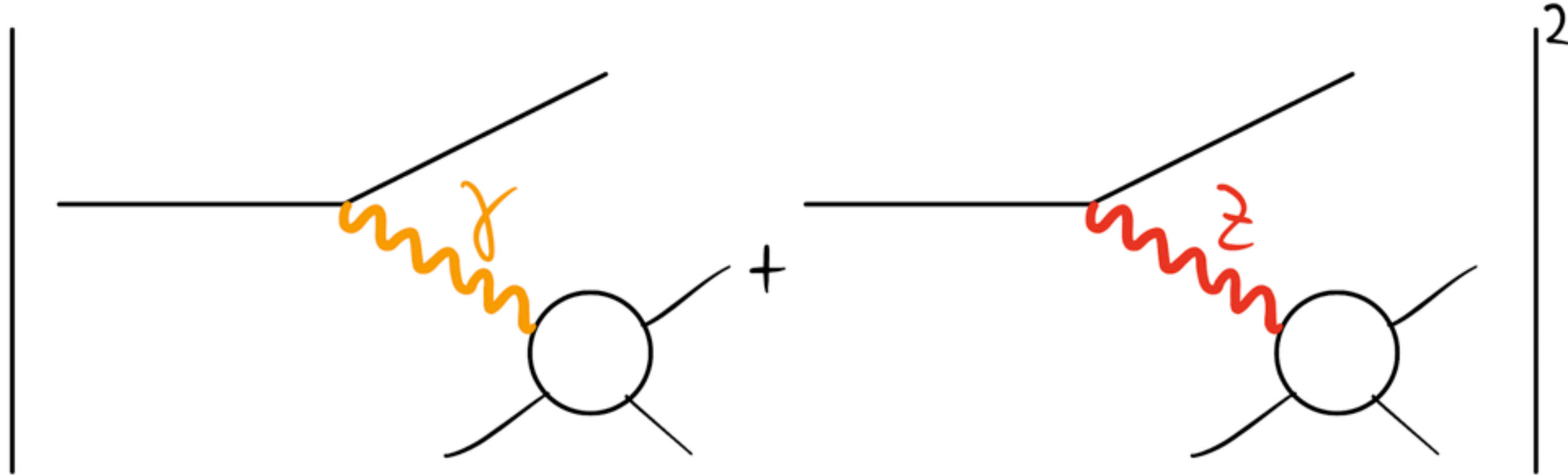
$$\int_x^1 dz \frac{f(z)}{(1-z)_+} = \int_x^1 dz \frac{f(z) - f(1)}{1-z} - f(1) \int_0^x \frac{dz}{1-z}$$

Numerical procedure:

- Discretize the equations in a grid in "x"
- Perform the integrals with the rectangles method
- Solve numerically the coupled set of differential equations using the Runge-Kutta algorithm (we implemented both in c++ and Mathematica, for cross-check).
- Momentum conservation is imposed at each step.

Photon - Z mixing

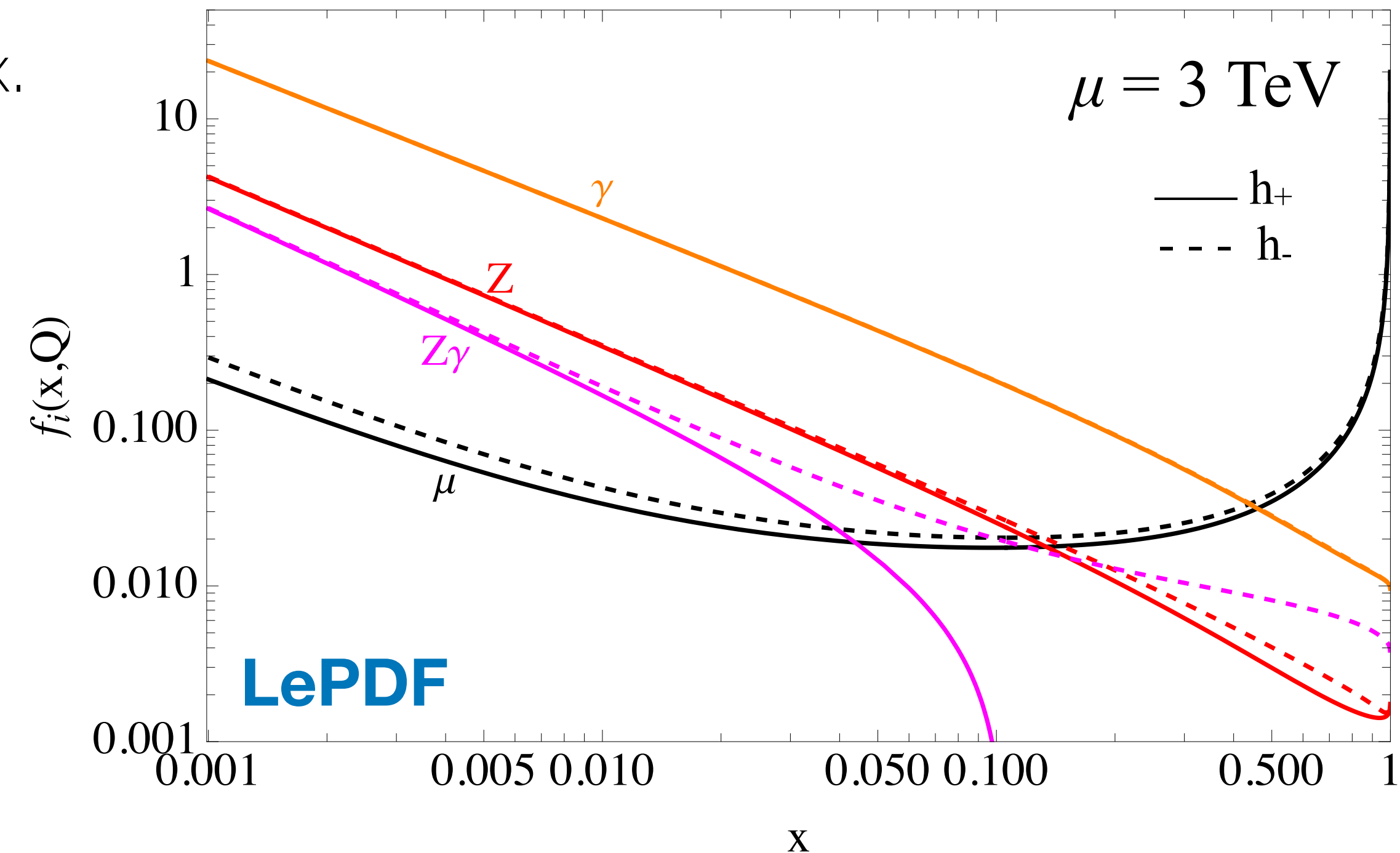
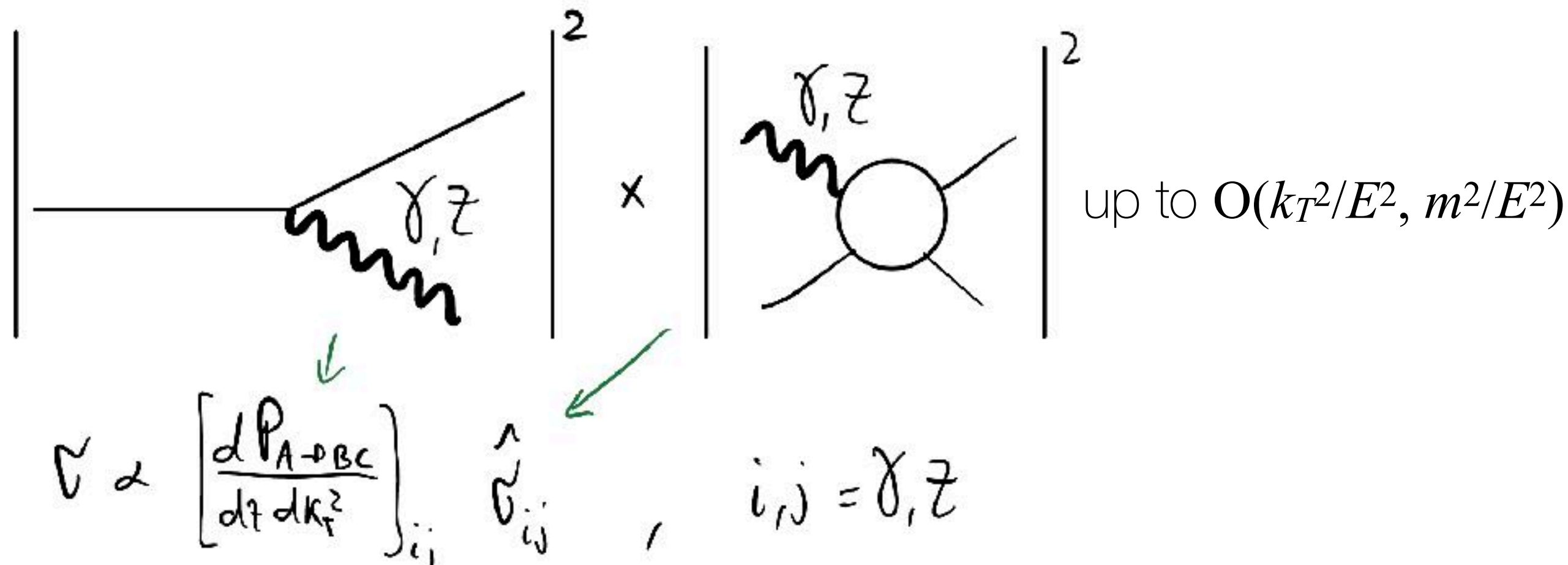
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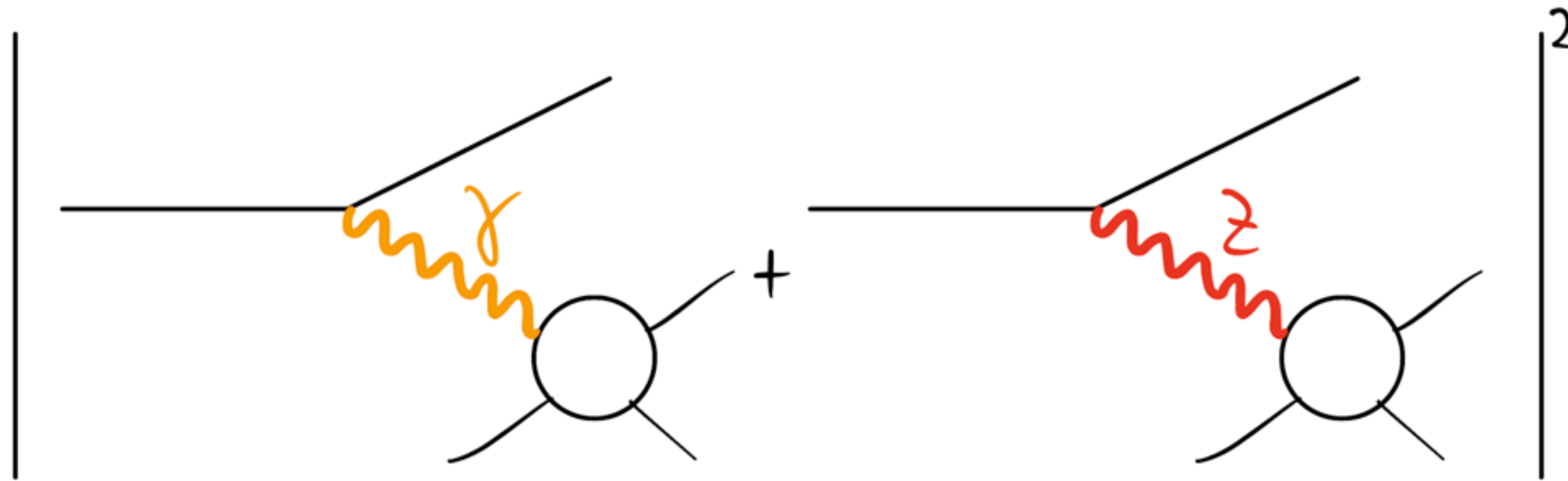
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Similarly for Z_L and H.

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The splitting function must be generalised to a splitting matrix.
The rate is computed by tracing against the matrix of the hard scattering process



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Matrix splitting function:

$$\left[\frac{d\mathcal{P}_{A \rightarrow B+C}}{dz dk_T^2} \right]_{ij} \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{z\bar{z}} \mathcal{M}_k^{(\text{split})*} \mathcal{D}_{ki}^* \mathcal{D}_{jl} \mathcal{M}_l^{(\text{split})}$$

The propagators are diagonal in the mass basis:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{i}{q^2}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{ZZ} = \frac{i}{q^2 - m_Z^2}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{\gamma Z} = \mathcal{D}_{Z\gamma} = 0$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{hh} = \frac{i}{q^2 - m_h^2}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{Z_L Z_L} = \frac{i}{q^2 - m_Z^2}, \quad \mathcal{D}_{hZ_L} = \mathcal{D}_{Z_L h} = 0.$$

One can go from the mass to the gauge basis via a Weinberg angle rotation, e.g.:

$$\begin{pmatrix} B \\ W_3 \\ BW_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 \theta_W & \sin^2 \theta_W & -\cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W \\ \sin^2 \theta_W & \cos^2 \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W \\ 2 \cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W & -2 \cos \theta_W \sin \theta_W & \cos^2 \theta_W - \sin^2 \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ Z \\ Z\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

EW Sudakov double logs from ISR

In case of collinear W emission they can be implemented (and resummed) at the **Double Log** level equations by putting an

explicit IR cutoff $z_{max} = 1 - Q_{EW}/Q$ ($Q_{EW} = m_W$)

M. Ciafaloni, P. Ciafaloni, Comelli [hep-ph/0111109]
 Bauer, Ferland, Webber [1703.08562]
 see Manohar, Waalewijn [1802.08687] for a different approach

$$\frac{\alpha_{ABC}(Q)}{2\pi} \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z} P_{BA}^C(z) f_A\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right) \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_{ABC}(Q)}{2\pi} \int_x^{z_{max}^{ABC}(Q)} \frac{dz}{z} P_{BA}^C(z) f_A\left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2\right)$$

This modifies also the **virtual corrections** as:

$$P_A^v(Q) \supset - \sum_{B,C} \frac{\alpha_{ABC}(Q)}{2\pi} \int_0^{z_{max}^{ABC}(Q)} dz z P_{BA}^C(z)$$

The non-cancellation of the z_{max} dependence between emission and virtual corrections generates the double logs.

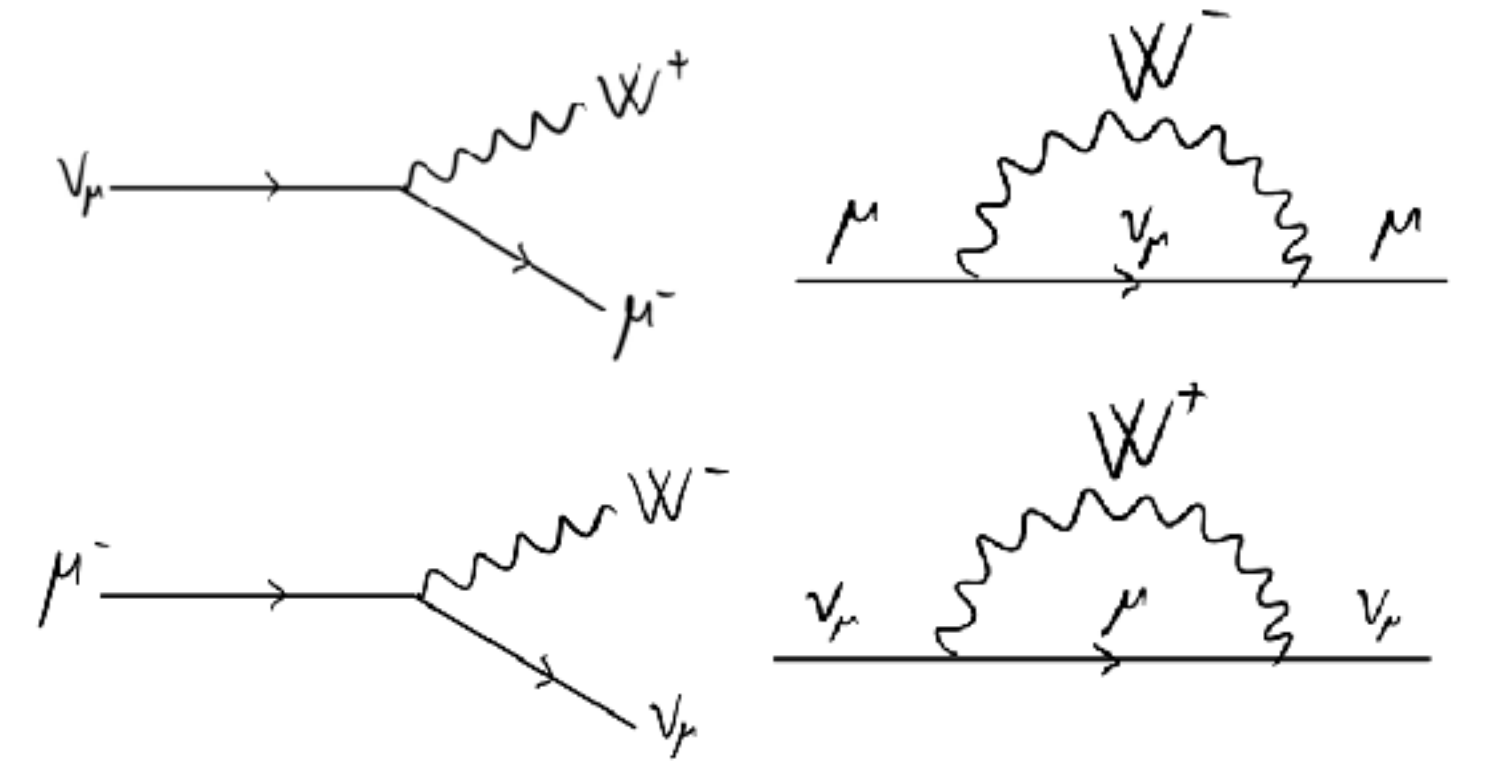
This happens if $P_{BA}^C, U_{BA}^C \propto \frac{1}{1-z}$ and $A \neq B$ otherwise we set $z_{max}=1$ and use the +-distribution.

EW Sudakov double logs from ISR

For illustration, let us consider the μ_L and ν_μ DGLAP equations and only **interactions with transverse W^\pm**

$$\frac{df_{\mu_L}}{d \log Q^2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{z_{\max}(Q)} dz P_{ff}^V(z) \left(\frac{1}{z} f_{\nu_\mu} \left(\frac{x}{z}, Q^2 \right) - z f_{\mu_L}(x, Q^2) \right) + \text{IR-finite terms}$$

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We are interested in the **IR divergent terms**, take $z \rightarrow 1$ for all regular terms inside the integrand:

$$\frac{df_{\mu_L}}{d \log Q^2} \approx -\frac{\alpha_2}{4\pi} \Delta f_{L_2}(x) \int_0^{z_{\max}(Q)} dz \frac{2}{1-z} + \dots \approx -\frac{\alpha_2}{4\pi} \log \frac{Q^2}{Q_{\text{EW}}^2} \Delta f_{L_2}(x) + \dots,$$

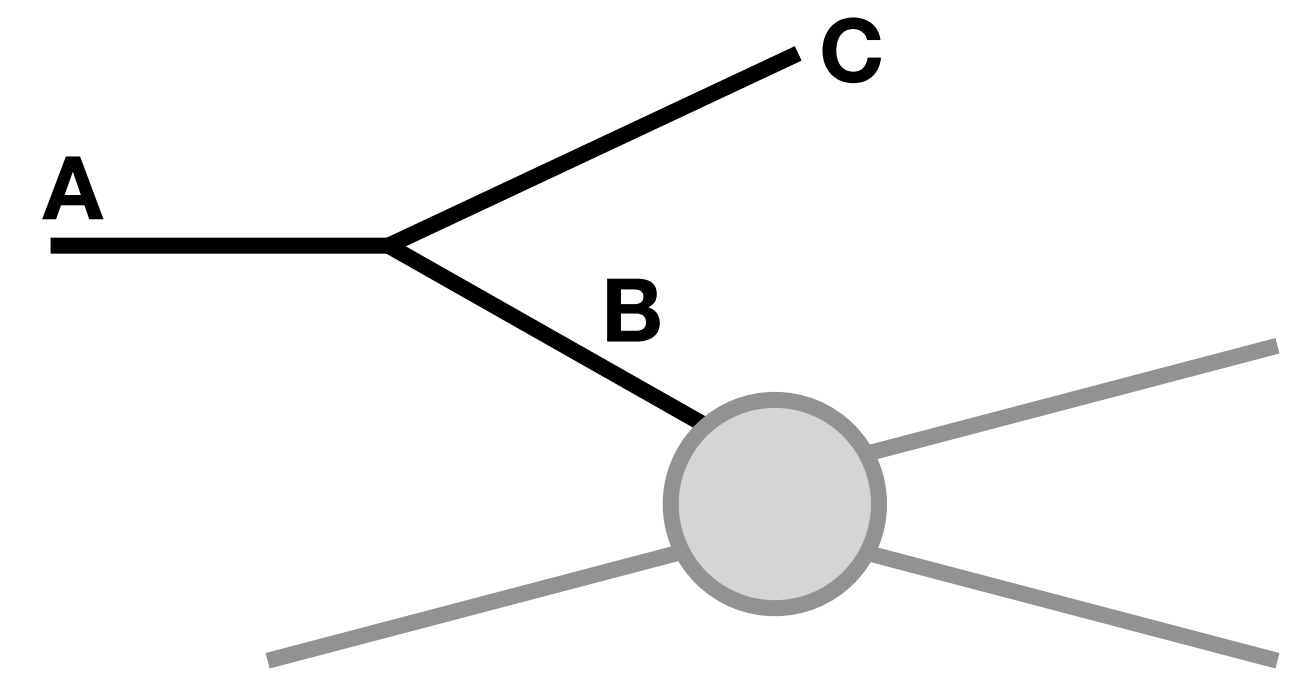
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$$\Delta f_{L_2}(x) \equiv f_{\mu_L}(x) - f_{\nu_\mu}(x)$$

Upon integration in $\log Q^2$ one gets the **double log**: it is **negative for μ_L** and **positive for ν_μ** , tends to restore $SU(2)_L$ invariance at high scales and vanishes when the two become equal.

It is **not present for Z and γ** interactions with fermions, since in the RHS the same fermion PDF enters.

Mass effects



1) Kinematical effects of emitted real radiation

The particle C is emitted on-shell: its energy is bounded to be $E_C = (z-x) E > m_C$ $z \geq x + \frac{m_C}{E}$

In the limit where collinear factorisation is valid, $E \gg p_T, m$, **we can neglect this effect.**

2) Propagator effects

The mass modifies the propagator of the off-shell parton which then enters the hard scattering:

$$\tilde{p}_T^2 \equiv \bar{z}(m_B^2 - q^2) = p_T^2 + zm_C^2 + \bar{z}m_B^2 - z\bar{z}m_A^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m^2}{E^2}, \frac{p_T^2}{E^2}\right)$$

This can be implemented by a rescaling of the massless splitting functions:

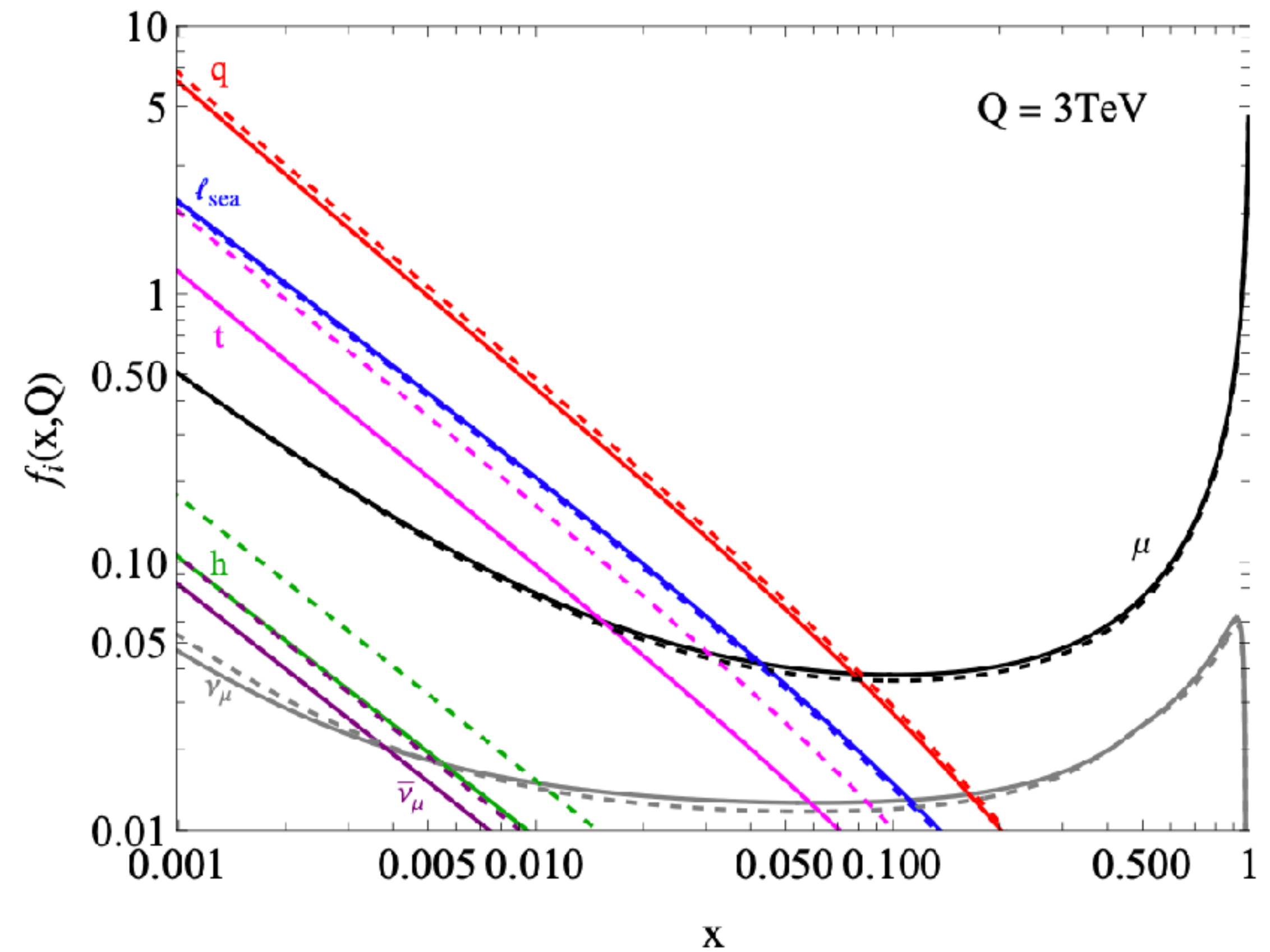
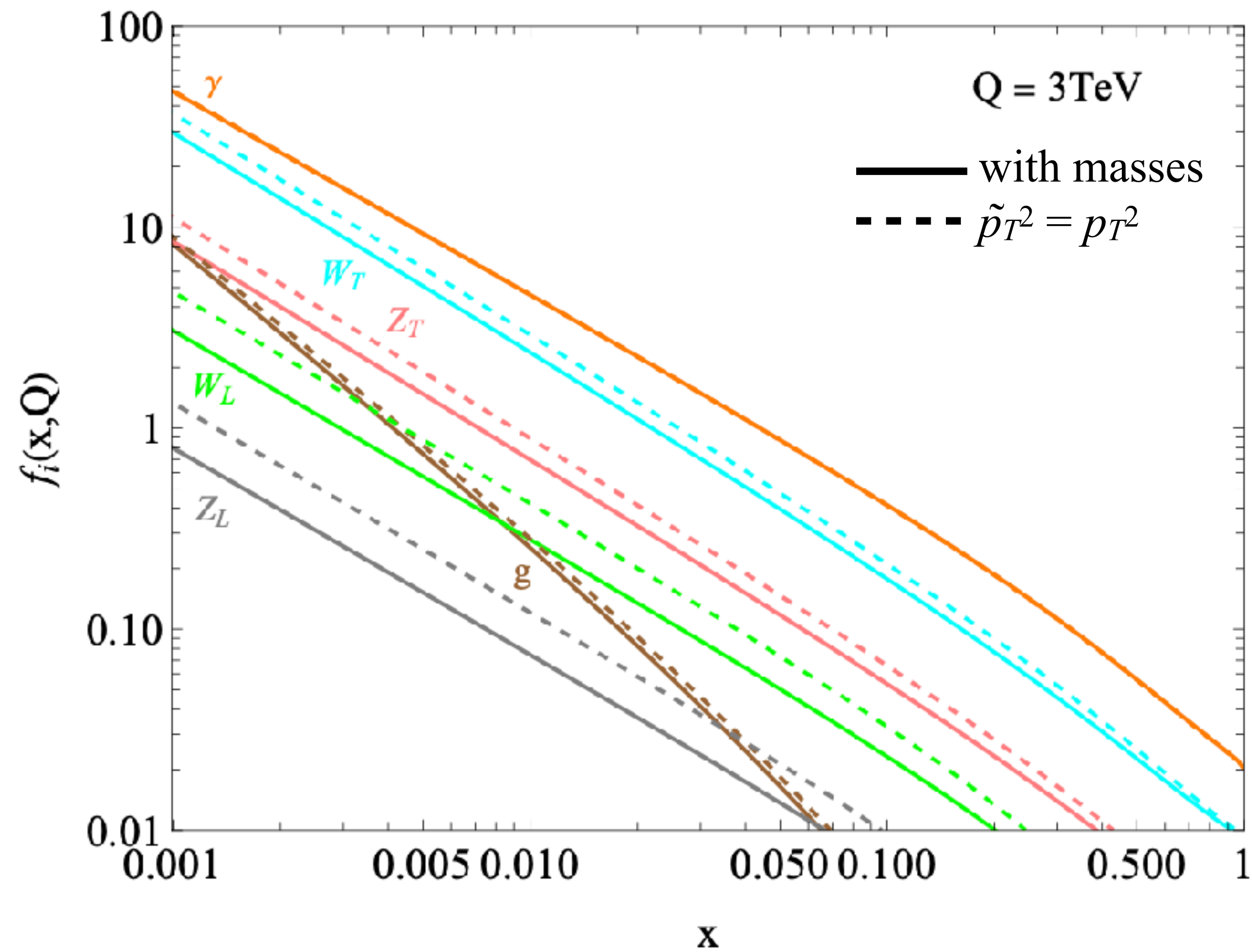
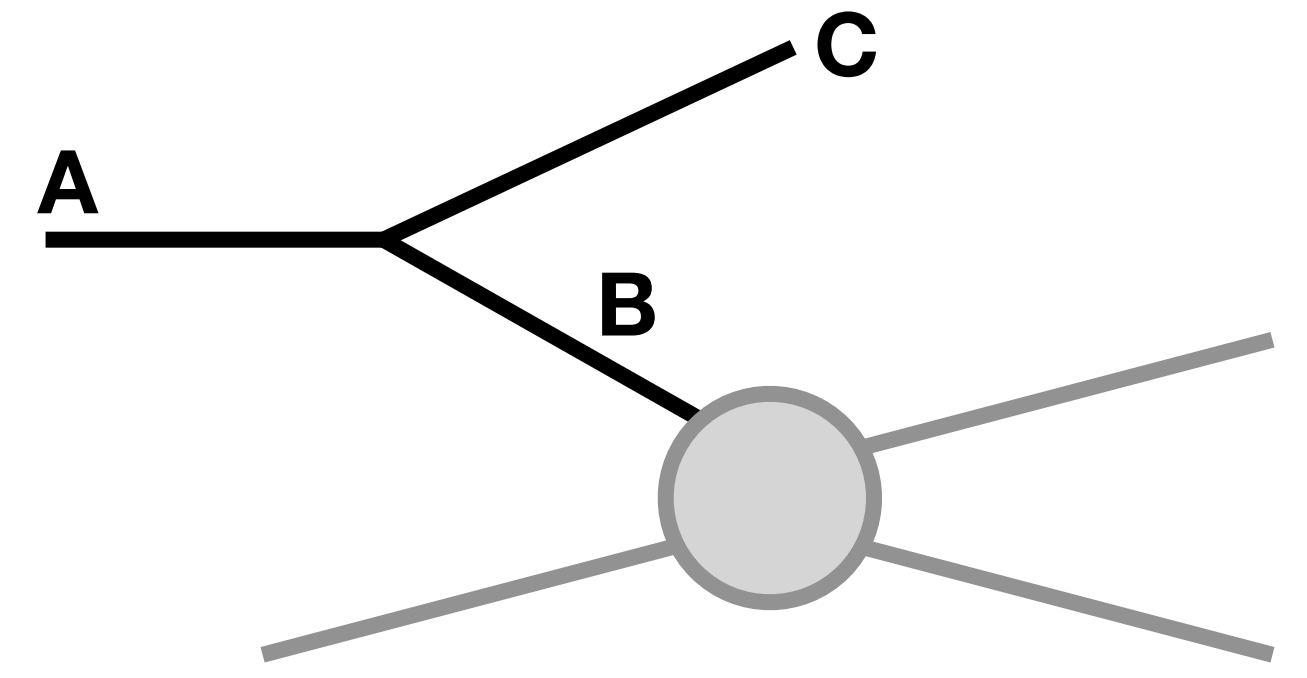
$$P_{BA}^C(z) \rightarrow \tilde{P}_{BA}^C(z, p_T^2) = \left(\frac{p_T^2}{\tilde{p}_T^2}\right)^2 P_{BA}^C(z) \quad \text{Chen, Han, Tweedie [1611.00788]}$$

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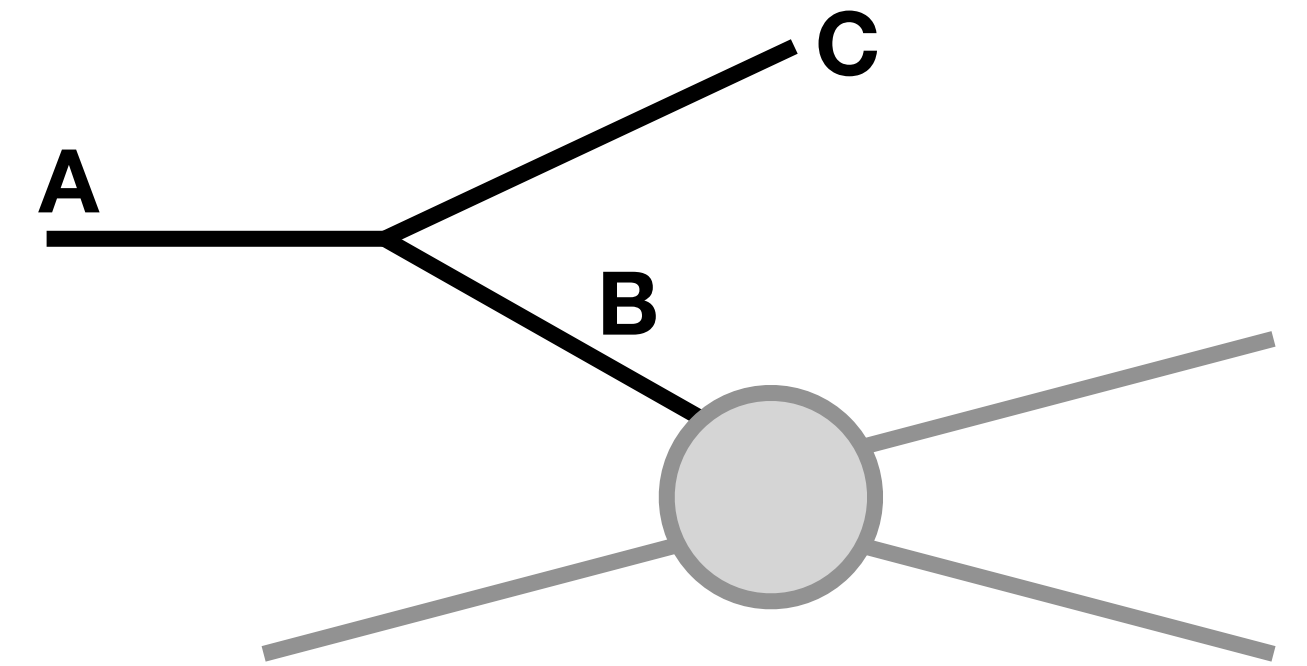
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Ultracollinear splittings

In the unbroken phase, splitting matrix elements are proportional to p_T^2

$$|\mathcal{M}(A \rightarrow B + C)|^2 \equiv 8\pi\alpha_{ABC} \frac{p_T^2}{z\bar{z}} P_{BA}^C(z)$$



Ultra-collinear splitting function Chen, Han, Tweedie [1611.00788]

Upon EWSB, further splittings proportional to v^2 are generated. They generalise the EWA splitting $f \rightarrow W_L f$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{A \rightarrow B+C}|^2 \equiv \frac{v^2}{z\bar{z}} P_{BA,C}^{u.c.}(z)$$

For example: $P_{f_L^{(2)} f_L^{(1)}, W_L}^{u.c.}(z) = (y_{f_1}^2 z\bar{z} - y_{f_2}^2 \bar{z} - \boxed{g_2^2 z})^2 \frac{1}{2\bar{z}_+}$

coupling of massless fermions to W_L ,
with no chirality flip
(via coupling to remainder gauge field W_h in GEG)

The missing p_T^2 factor removes the log enhancement at high scales, making the **u.c. terms approach a constant value**.

The DGLAP equations are generalised as:

$$Q^2 \frac{df_B(x, Q^2)}{dQ^2} = P_B^v f_B(x, Q^2) + \sum_{A,C} \frac{\alpha_{ABC}}{2\pi} \tilde{P}_{BA}^C \otimes f_A + \frac{v^2}{16\pi^2 Q^2} \sum_{A,C} \tilde{U}_{BA}^C \otimes f_A$$

Effective W approximation

Kane, Repko, Rolnik; Dawson; Chanowitz, Gaillard '84,

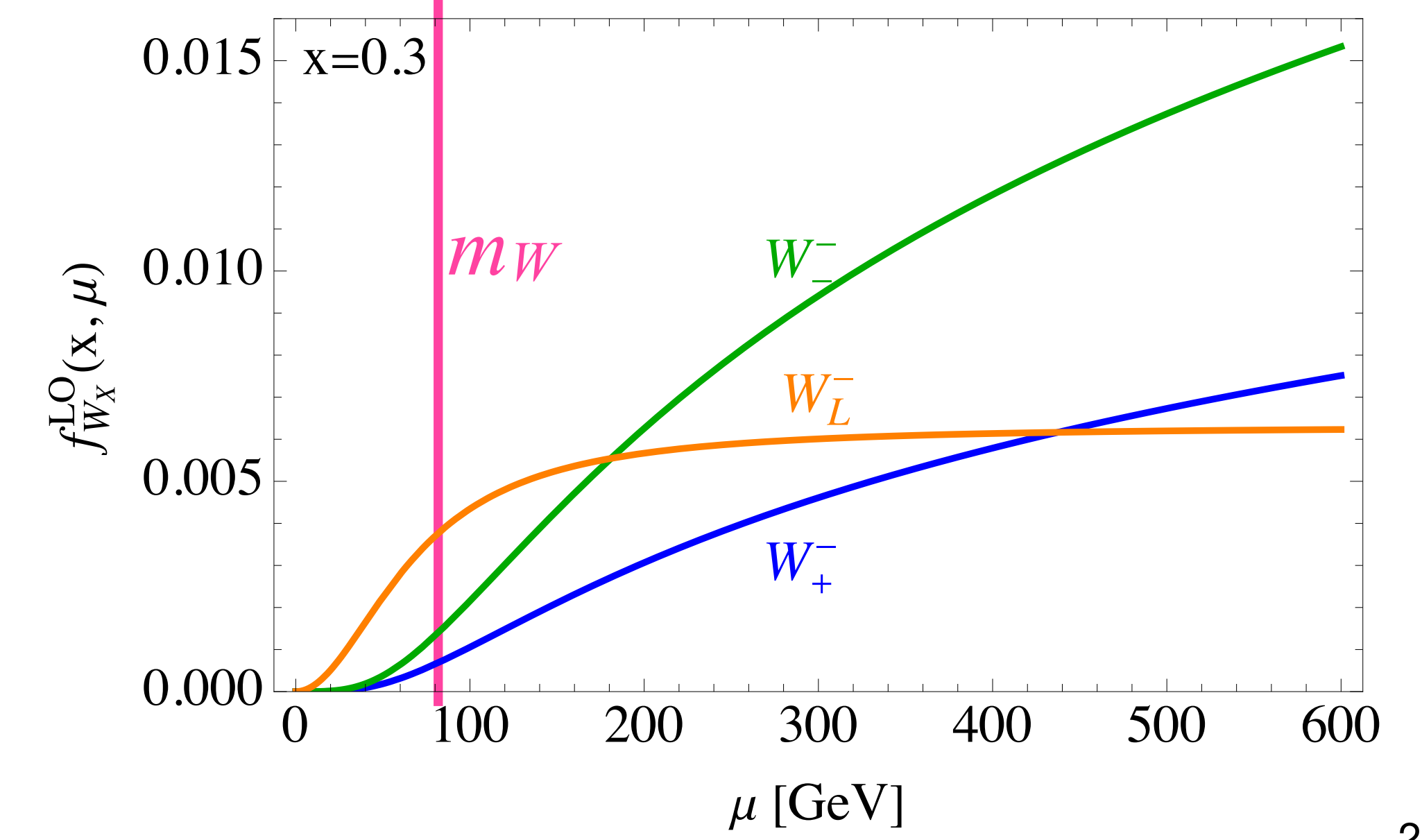
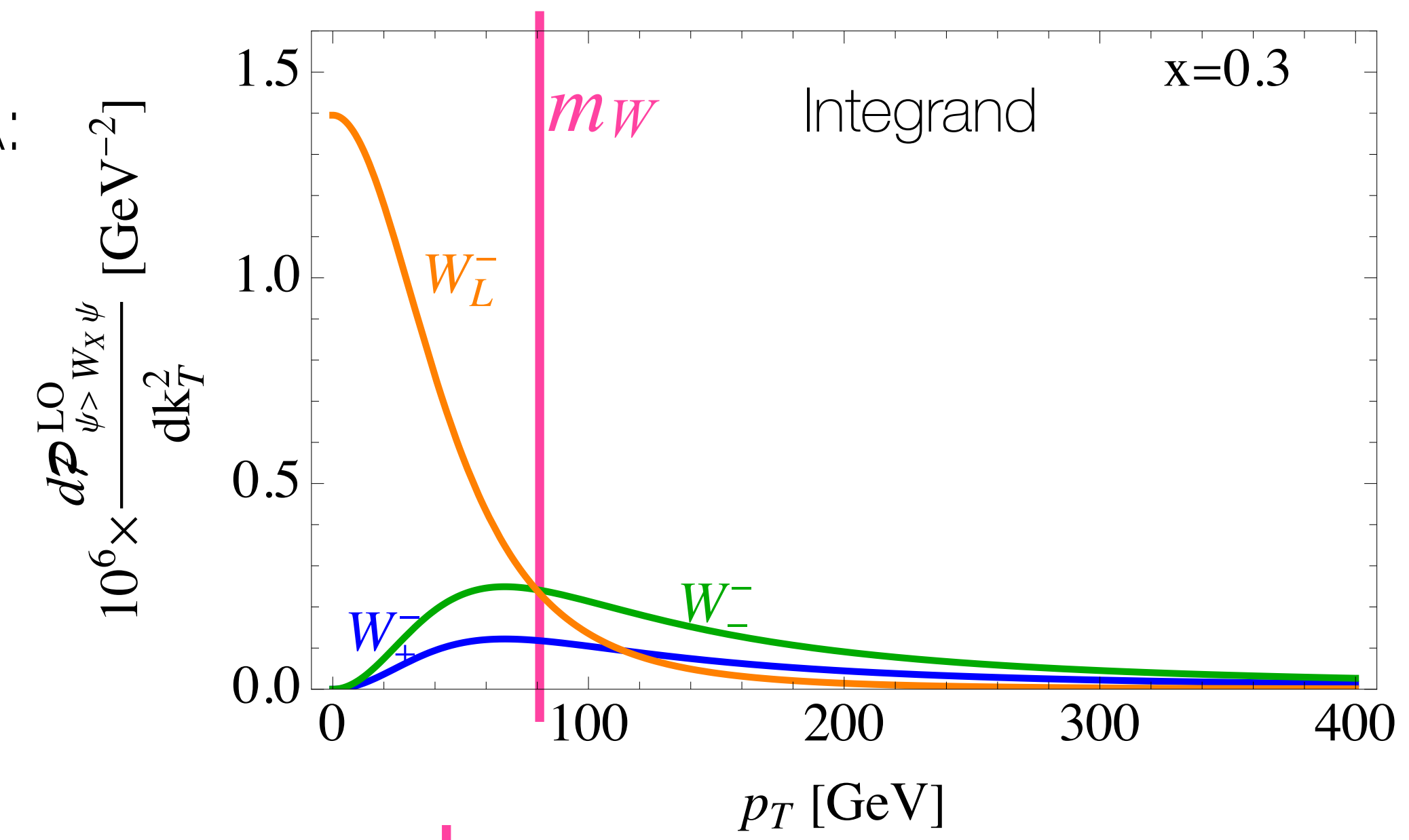
Solving the DGLAP equations iteratively at LO we recover the EWA:

$$f_{W_T}^{\text{LO}}(x, \mu^2) = \int_{m_W^2}^{\mu^2} dp_T^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\psi \rightarrow W_T \psi}}{dp_T^2}(x, p_T^2) = \int_{m_W^2}^{\mu^2} dp_T^2 \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{p_T^2}{(p_T^2 + (1-x)m_W^2)^2} \frac{1 + (1-x)^2}{x} =$$

$$\approx \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{1 + (1-x)^2}{x} \left(\log \frac{\mu^2}{m_W^2} - \log(1-x) - 1 \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_W^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

$$f_{W_L}^{\text{LO}}(x, \mu^2) = \int_0^{\mu^2} dp_T^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\mathcal{P}_{\psi \rightarrow W_L \psi}}{dp_T^2}(x, p_T^2) = \int_0^{\mu^2} dp_T^2 \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{m_W^2}{(p_T^2 + (1-x)m_W^2)^2} \frac{(1-x)^2}{x}$$

$$= \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1-x}{x} \frac{\mu^2}{\mu^2 + (1-x)m_W^2} \approx \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{1-x}{x} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_W^2}{\mu^2}\right) \cdot \text{ultra-collinear term, vanishes for } v \rightarrow 0$$



See also Borel et al. [1202.1904], Costantini et al. [2005.10289] Ruiz et al. [2111.02442], etc...

They receive a substantial contribution from scales $\mu < m_W$, particularly the longitudinal polarization.

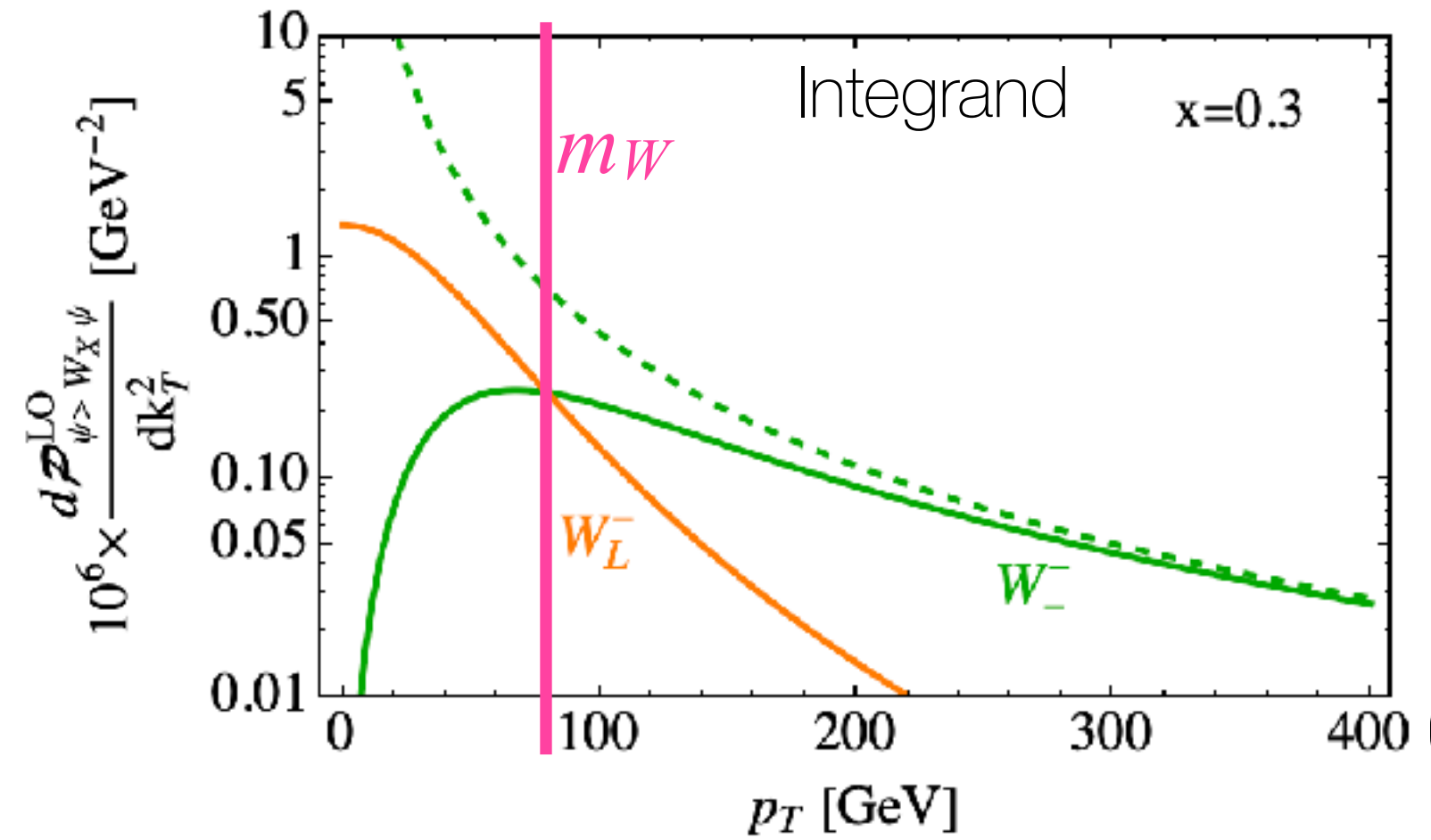
To recover this, at the EW matching scale we use the EWA as boundary condition for the EW gauge bosons:

$$f_{W_{L,\pm}, Z_{L,\pm}}(x, \mu_{\text{EW}}^2) \equiv f_{W_{L,\pm}, Z_{L,\pm}}^{\text{LO}}(x, \mu_{\text{EW}}^2)$$

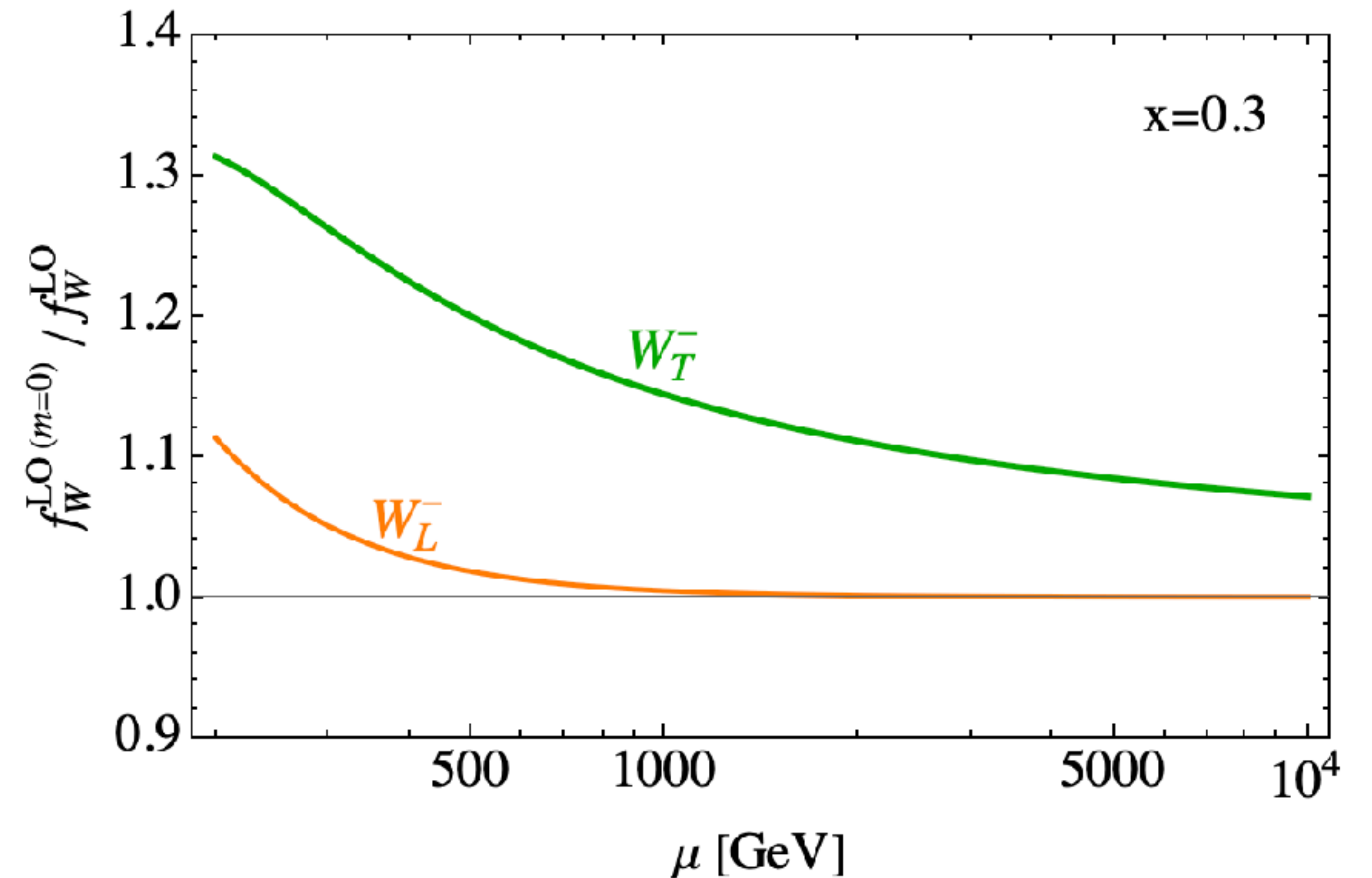
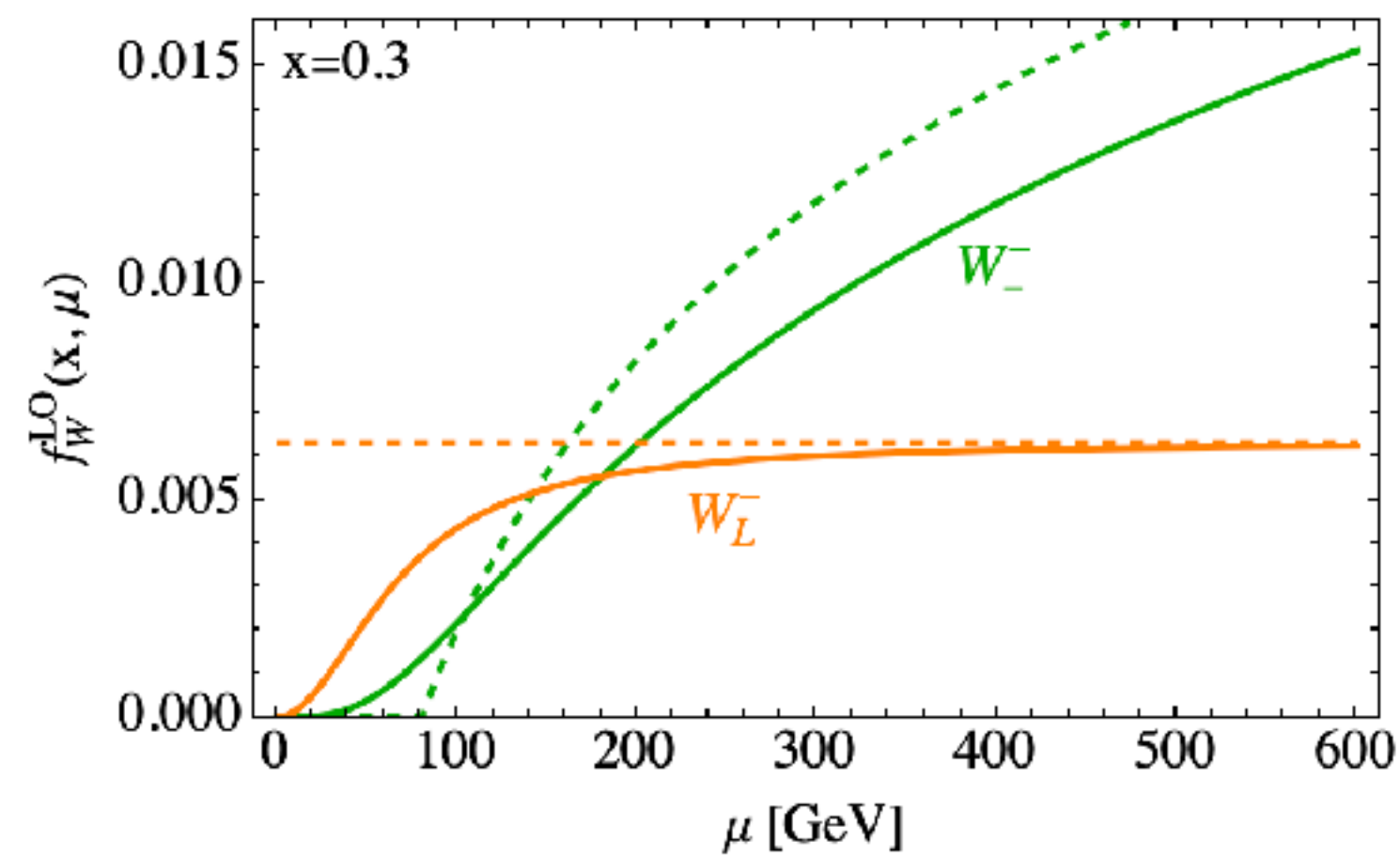
Effective W approximation

dashed: massless

Looking at the effect of the mass in the propagator.



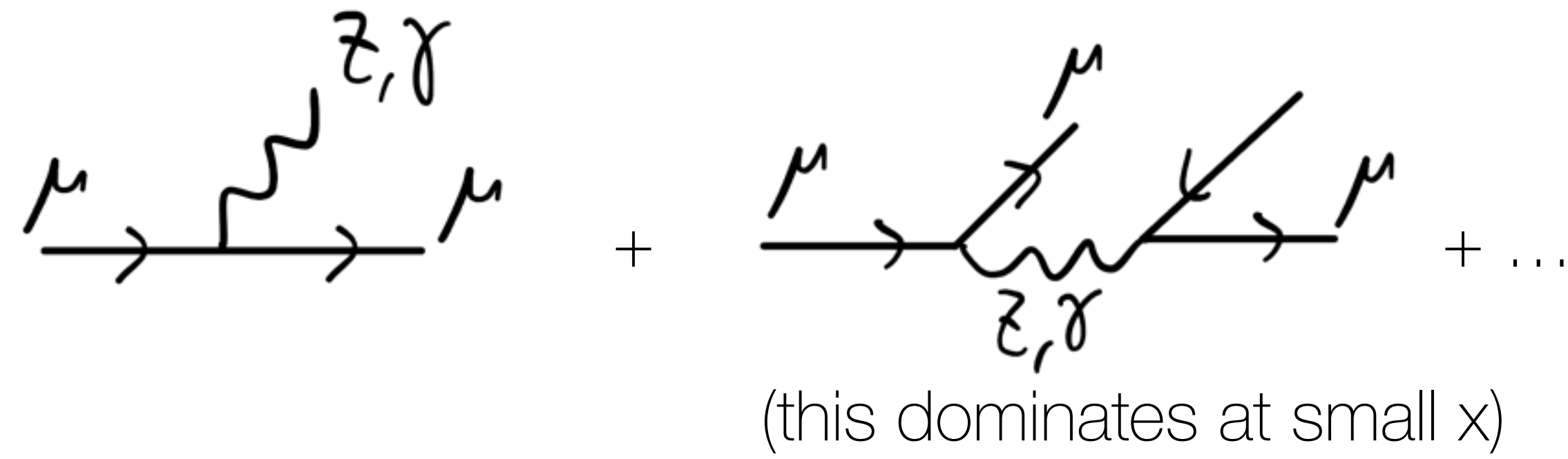
For the W_T a correct treatment of the mass is important also at very high scales.



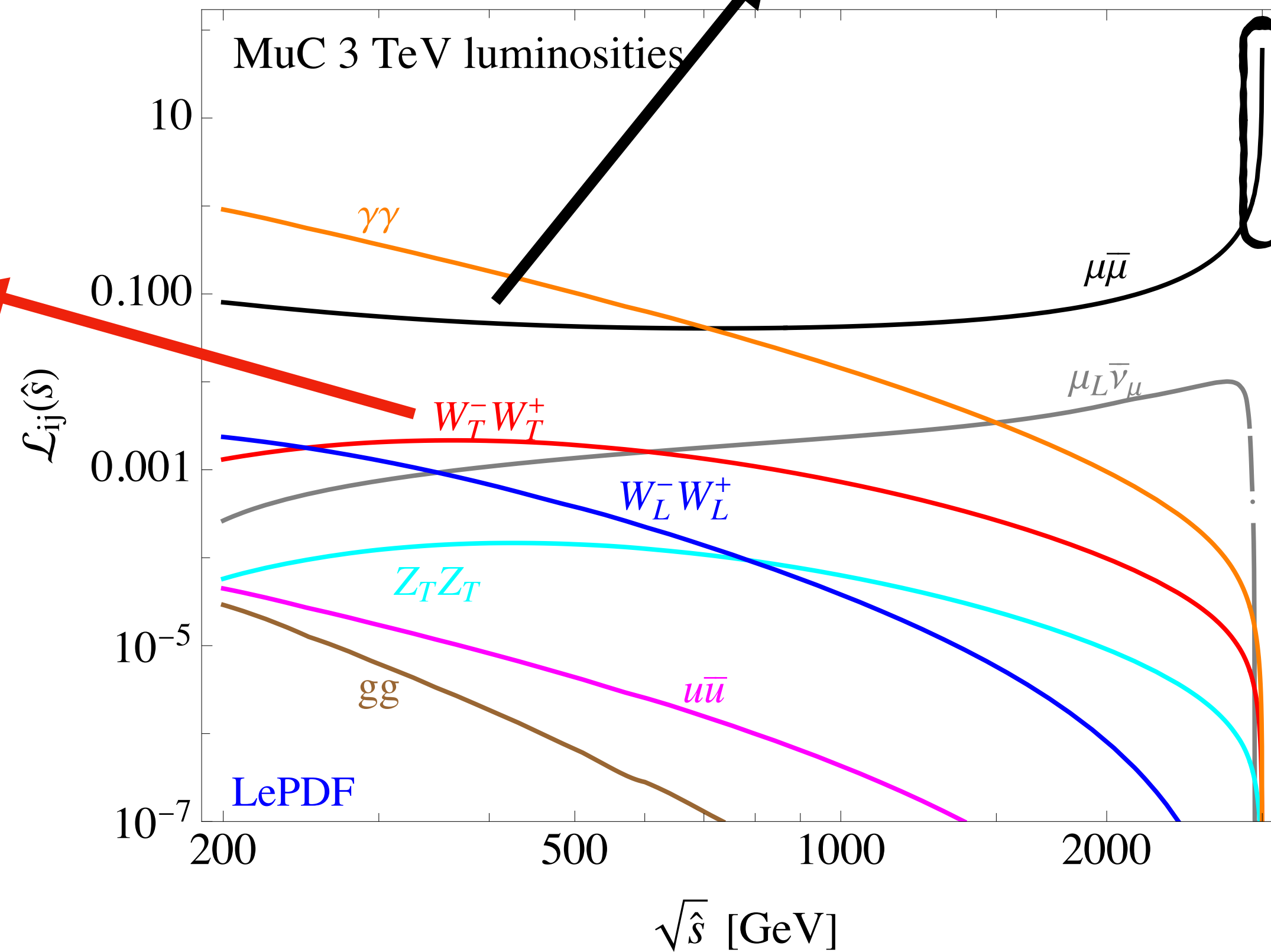
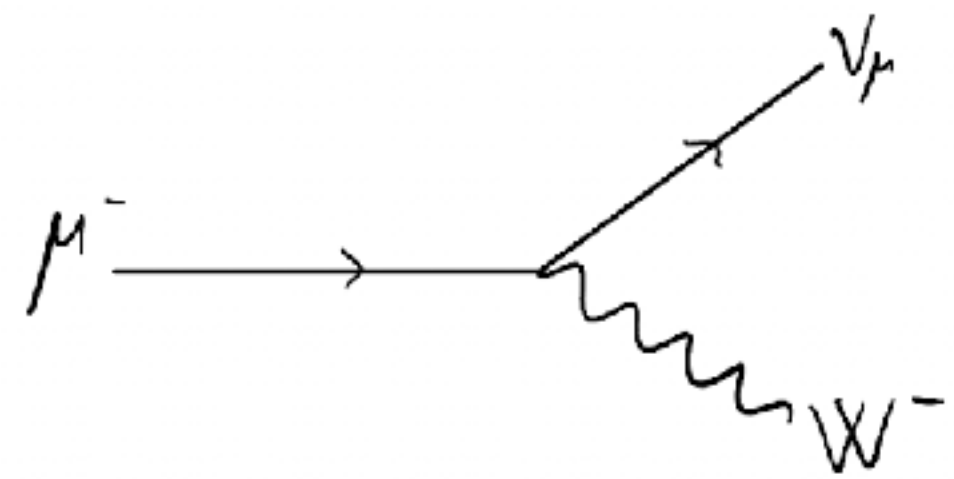
In case of W_L , the effect is purely an EWSB one, so we can take the massless limit only at the end of the computation.

In case of W_T I do the integral with massless propagator from m_W up to μ .

large $\mu\bar{\mu}$ and $\mu_L\bar{\nu}_\mu$ lumi at small $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$: possible sizeable **impact on VBF studies** from annihilation channel?



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Top quark PDF

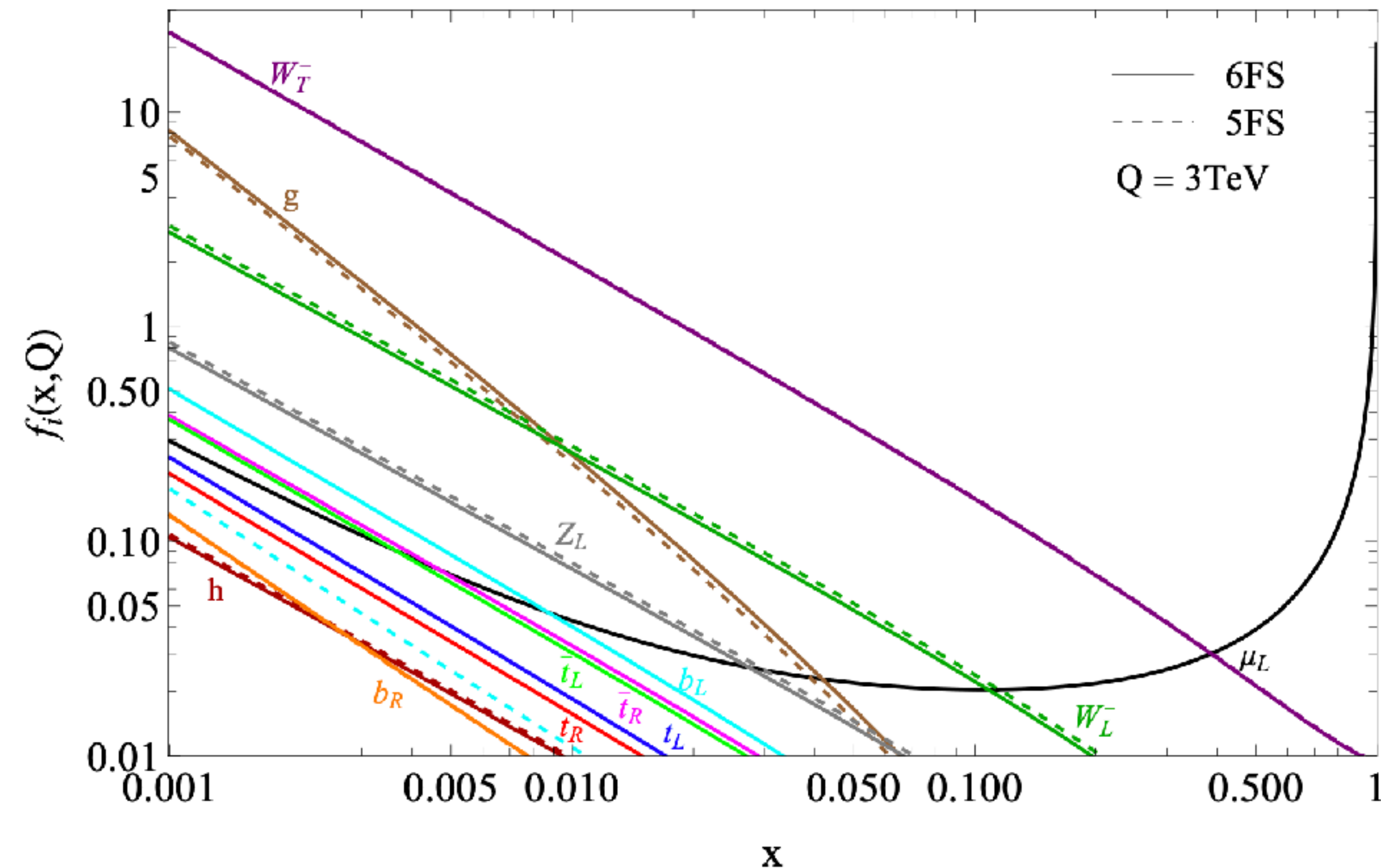
For hard scattering energies $E \gg m_t$, terms with $\log E/m_t$ due to collinear emission of top quarks can arise.

These can be resummed by including the **top quark PDF** within the DGLAP evolution, in a **6FS**.

Barnett, Haber, Soper '88; Olness, Tung '88

Whether or not this is useful depends on the process under consideration.

Dawson, Ismail, Low [1405.6211]
Han, Sayre, Westhoff [1411.2588]



We provide two version of the codes: **5FS** and **6FS**.
In the 6FS we keep **finite top quark mass** effects,
like we do for other heavy SM states.

LePDF - LHAPDF6

LHAPDF6: Buckley et al. [1412.7420]

Extended to include helicity & Z_γ and Z_L PDFs

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(x Grid)

(Q Grid)

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LePDF: Numerical Implementation

We solve the DGLAP numerically in x space. Due to the sharp behaviour of the muon PDF near $x=1$, the typical interpolation techniques used for PDFs of proton do not work.

We discretise x interval $[x_{min}=10^{-6}, 1]$ in N_x small intervals, denser for $x \approx 1$: $x_\alpha = 10^{-6}((N_x - \alpha)/N_x)^{2.5}$
 $\alpha = 0, 1, \dots, N_x$

For the splitting functions divergent in $z \rightarrow 1$ we use the “+” distribution

$$\int_x^1 dz \frac{f(z)}{(1-z)_+} = \int_x^1 dz \frac{f(z) - f(1)}{1-z} - f(1) \int_0^x \frac{dz}{1-z} = \int_x^1 dz \frac{f(z) - f(1)}{1-z} + f(1) \log(1-x)$$

The differential evolution is done in $t = \log Q^2/m_\mu^2$ with 4th order Runge-Kutta.

At $x=1$ we fix $f_{iN_x}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{L(t)}{\delta x_{N_x}} & i = \mu \\ 0 & i \neq \mu \end{cases}$ where $L(t)$ is fixed imposing momentum conservation: Han, Ma, Xie [2103.09844]

$$L(t) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{N_f} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_x-1} \delta x_\alpha x_\alpha f_{i\alpha}(t)$$

The uncertainties due to x and t discretisation are estimated to be of $\sim 1\%$ and $\sim 0.1\%$, respectively, for $N_x=1000$.

Leptoquarks: S_3

$$S_3 = (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{3}, 1/3) \quad \mathcal{L}_{S_3}^{\text{int}} = \lambda_{i\mu} \overline{Q}_L^{ic} \epsilon \sigma^I L_L^2 S_3^I + \text{h.c.}$$

s-channel LQ:
quarks inside the PDF of muon

