

Strategies for BSM searches with top signatures

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Outline





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- **Top**-down vs Bottom-up
- Resonant vs Effective Field **Theory Approach**
- Applications on SM and NEW observables : hot **topics**.

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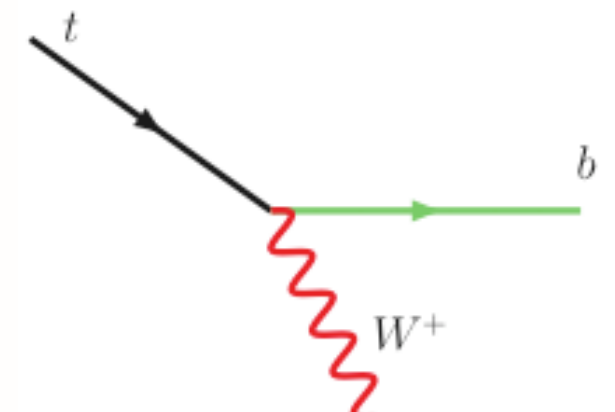
2. that decays before hadronizing

$$\tau_{\text{had}} \approx h / \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ s}$$

$$\tau_{\text{top}} \approx h / \Gamma_{\text{top}} = 1 / (G_F m_t^3 |V_{tb}|^2 / 8\pi \sqrt{2}) \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ s}$$

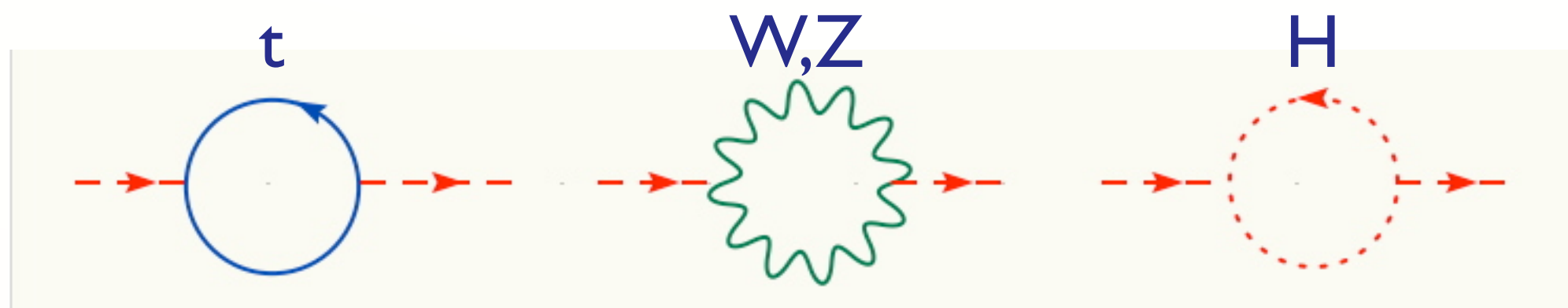
(with $h = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-25} \text{ GeV s}$)

$$(\text{Compare with } \tau_b \approx (G_F^2 m_b^5 |V_{bc}|^2 k)^{-1} \approx 10^{-12} \text{ s})$$



Top as a link to BSM

The top quark dramatically affects the stability of the Higgs mass.
Consider the SM as an effective field theory valid up to scale Λ :



$$m_H^2 = m_{H0}^2 - \frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g^2 \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \Lambda^2$$

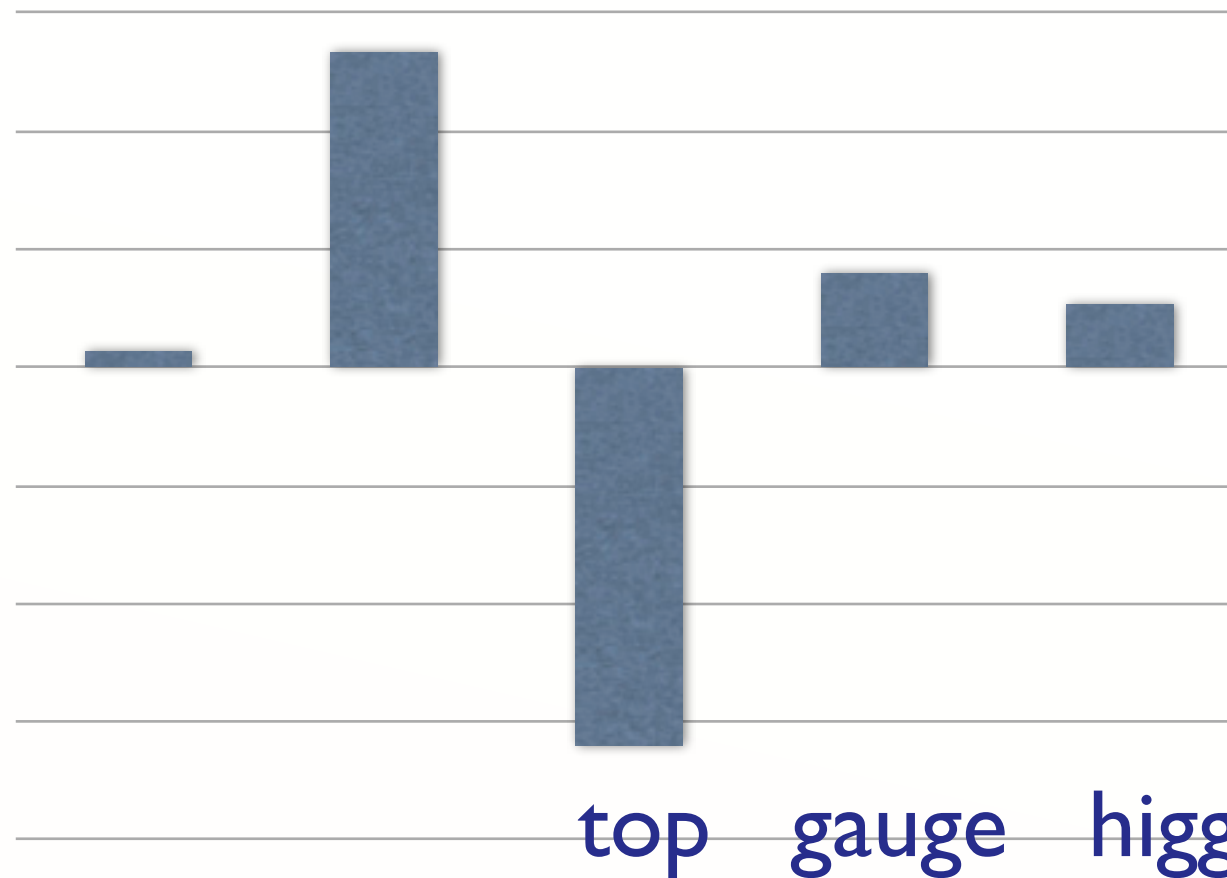
Putting numbers, I have:

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tree

loops



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Definition of naturalness: less than 90% cancellation:

$$\Lambda_t < 3 \text{ TeV} \quad \Lambda_t < 9 \text{ TeV} \quad \Lambda_t < 12 \text{ TeV}$$

One can actually prove that this case in model independent way, i.e. that the scale associated with top mass generation is very close to that of EWSB =>

Available solutions

There have been many different suggestions! Fortunately, we can say that they group in 1+3 large classes:

1. **Denial:** There is no problem. Naturalness is our problem not Nature's. Pro's: we'll find the Higgs. Cons: that's it.
2. **Weakly coupled model at the TeV scale:**
Introduce new particles to cancel SM "divergences".
3. **Strongly coupled model at the TeV scale:**
New strong dynamics enters at ~ 1 TeV.
4. **New space-time structure:**
Introduce extra space dimensions to lower the Planck scale cutoff to 1 TeV.

Top is the only natural quark

Top partners, new scalars/vectors possibly strongly coupled with top.

Top: t - t bar bound states, colorons.
Top is not elementary

KK-excitations

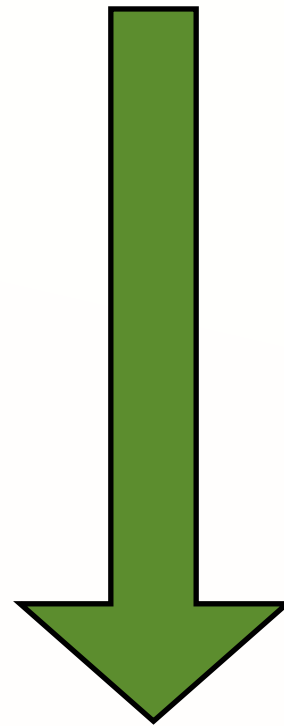
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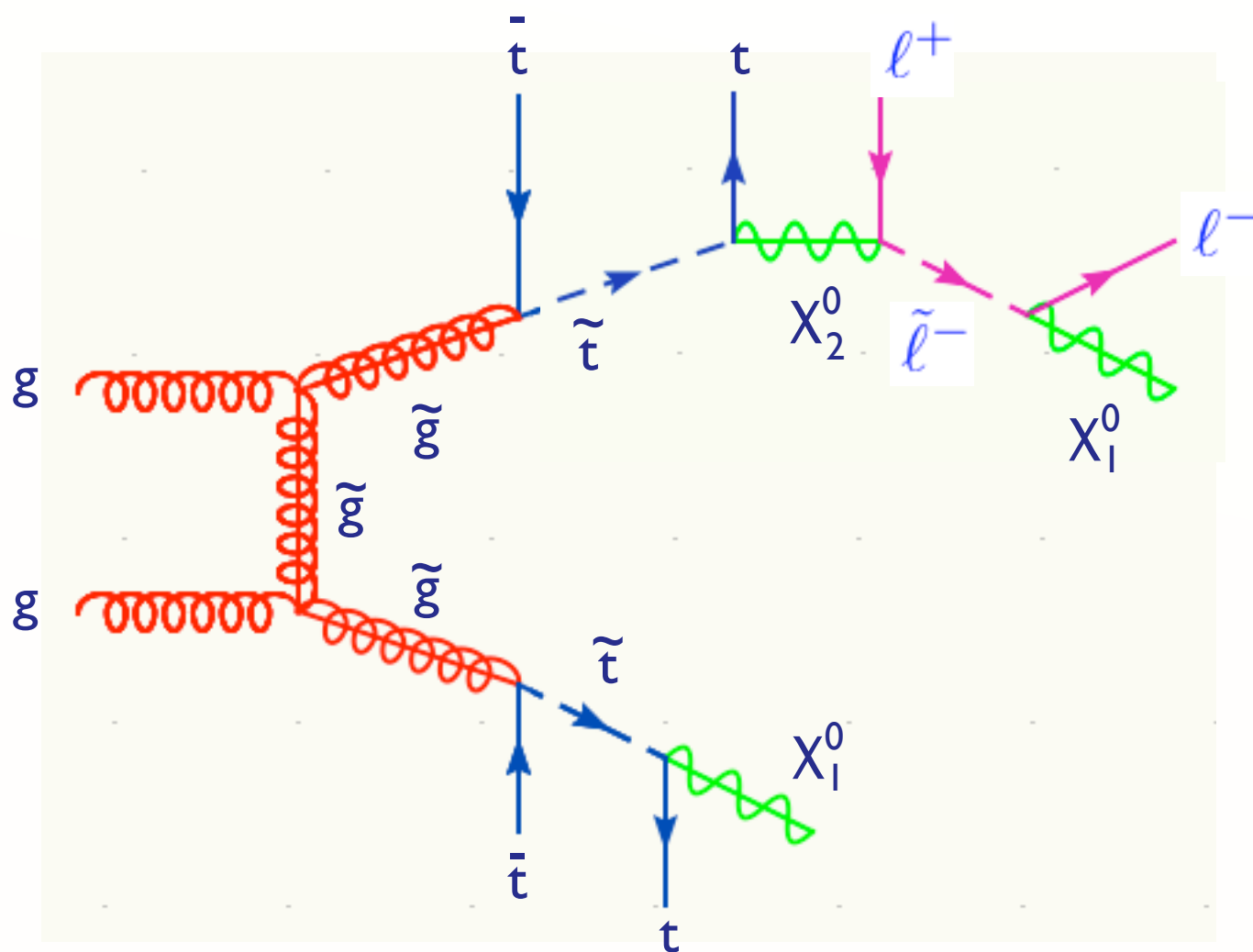
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- * New Physics model with top partners (SUSY, UED, LH, 4th Gen)
- * Identify the signatures with top, SM like or exotic.
- * Look for them using benchmark points.
- * Set exclusion limits on the model parameters
- * Optional : learn “model independent” lessons...

Top-down approach: Examples

- $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}^* \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X, \tilde{g}\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\bar{t} (t\bar{t}) + X$
- $b'\bar{b}' \rightarrow t\bar{t} W^- W^+$
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- $t'\bar{t}' \rightarrow Z Z t\bar{t}$
- 4tops

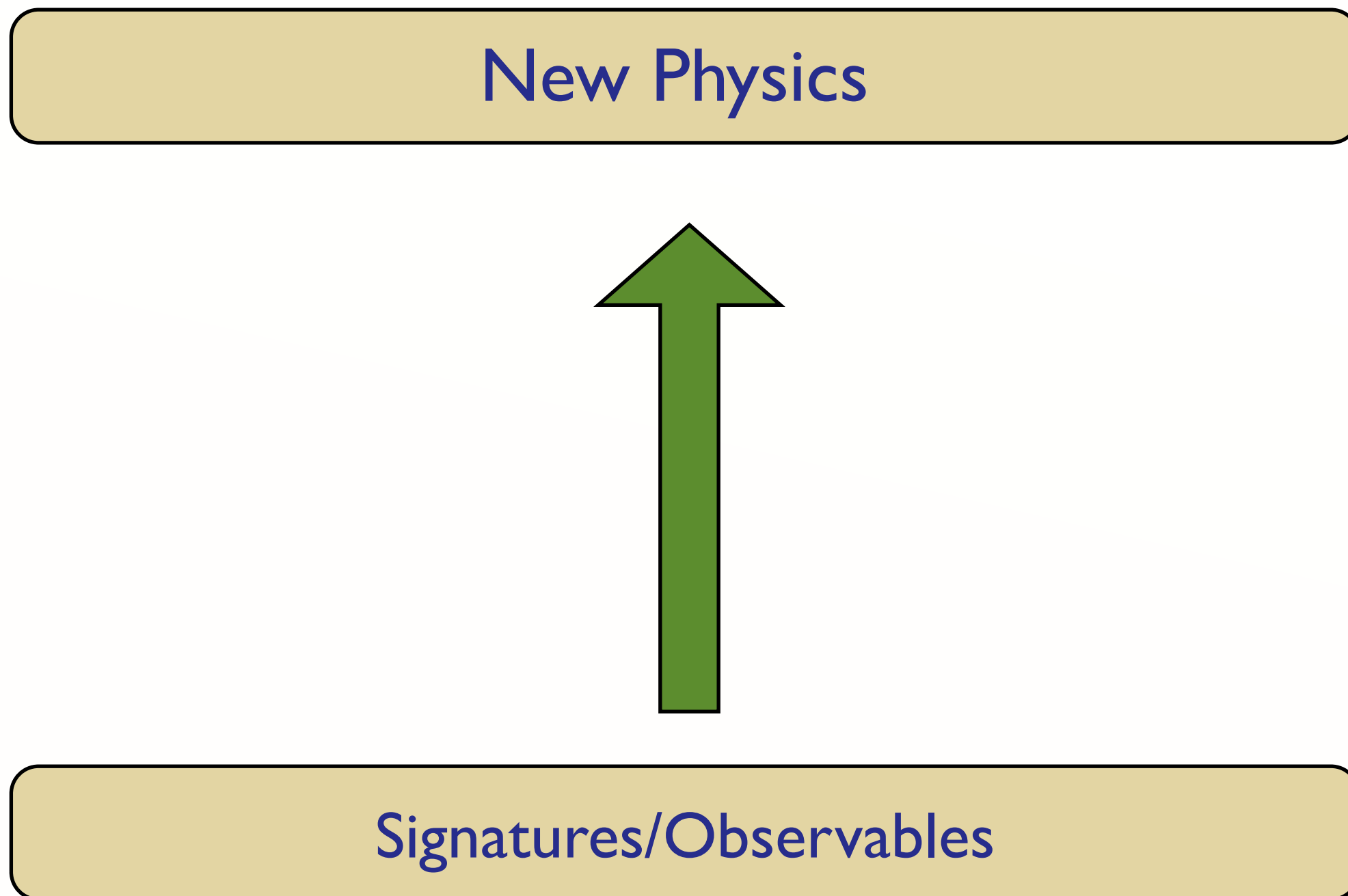
In general, very rich and energetic final states, large H_T ,
very spectacular and “easy” to detect in principle. Looks great, if one model at the time is studied.
In fact, very difficult to discriminate which NP leads to it.

Bottom-up approach

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Bottom-up

Model independent (bottom-up) strategy for New Physics :

1. Focus on a specific SM observable that is

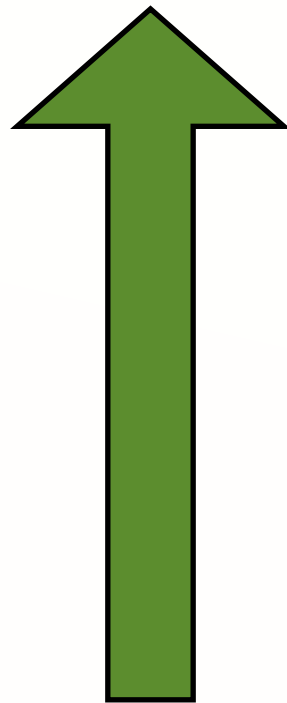
- a. naturally sensitive to BSM
- b. is well-predicted & possibly “background free”

and look for deviations

2. Look for “exotic top signatures” (no-SM equivalent),
Example: same sign tops.

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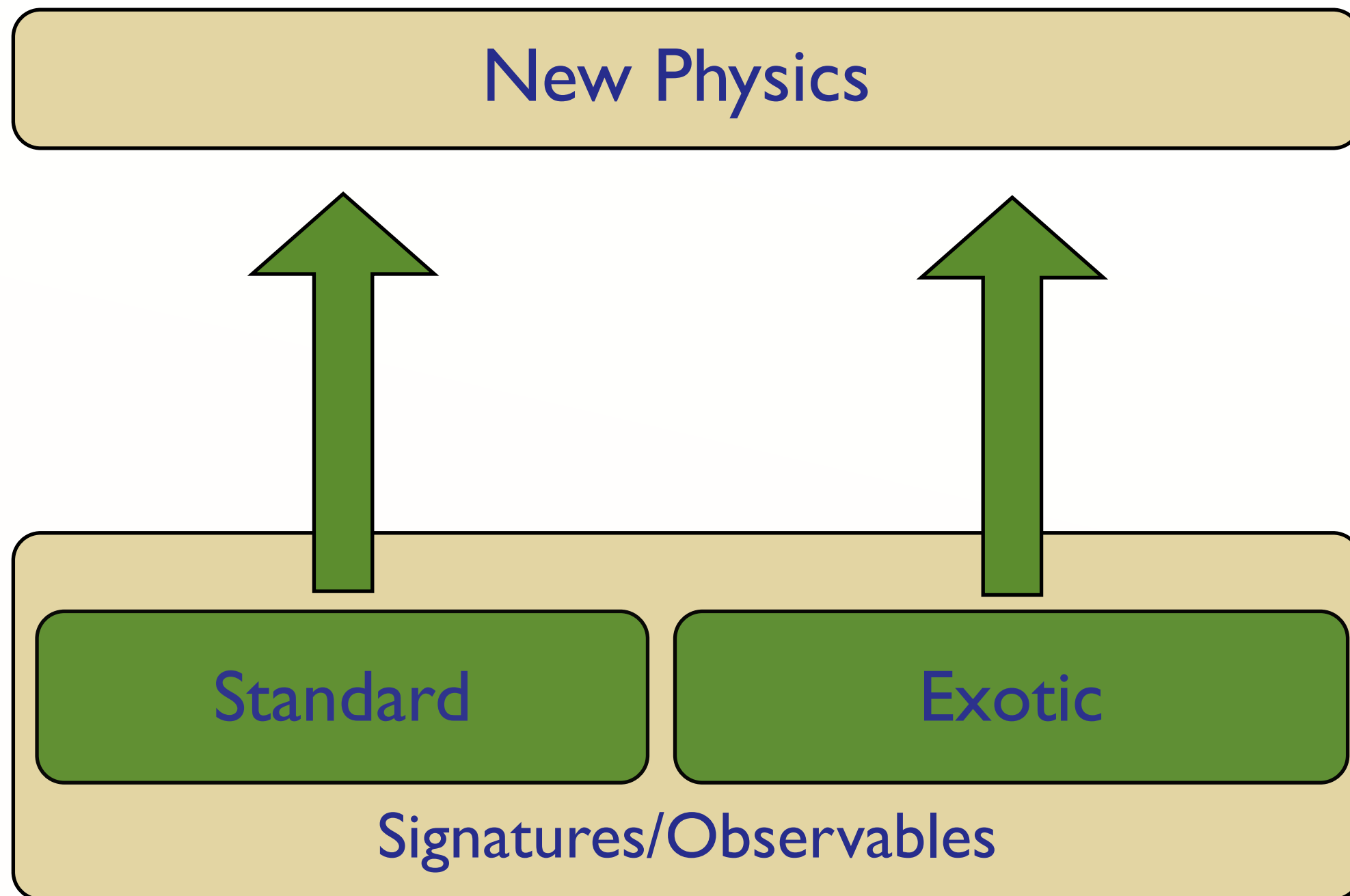
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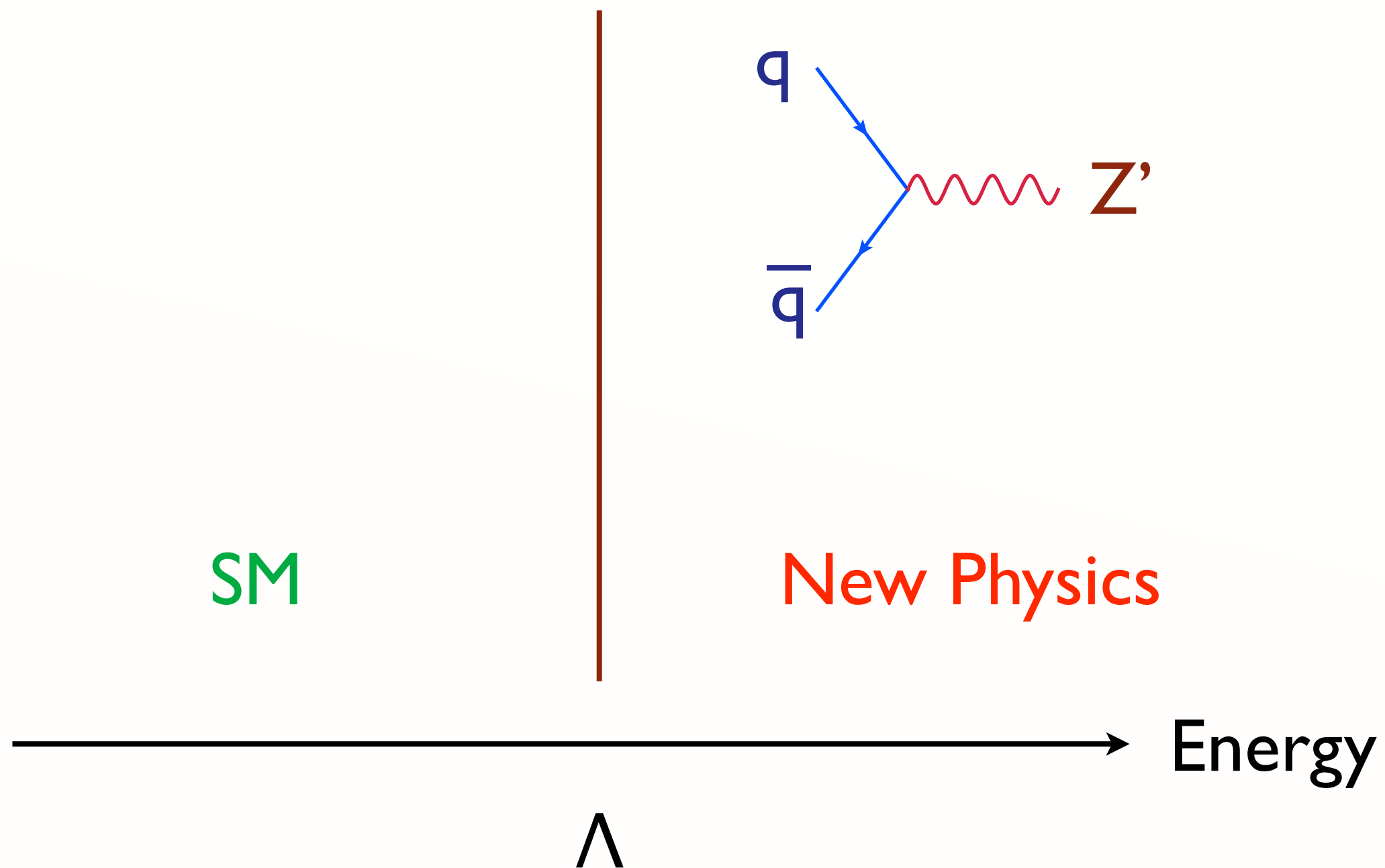
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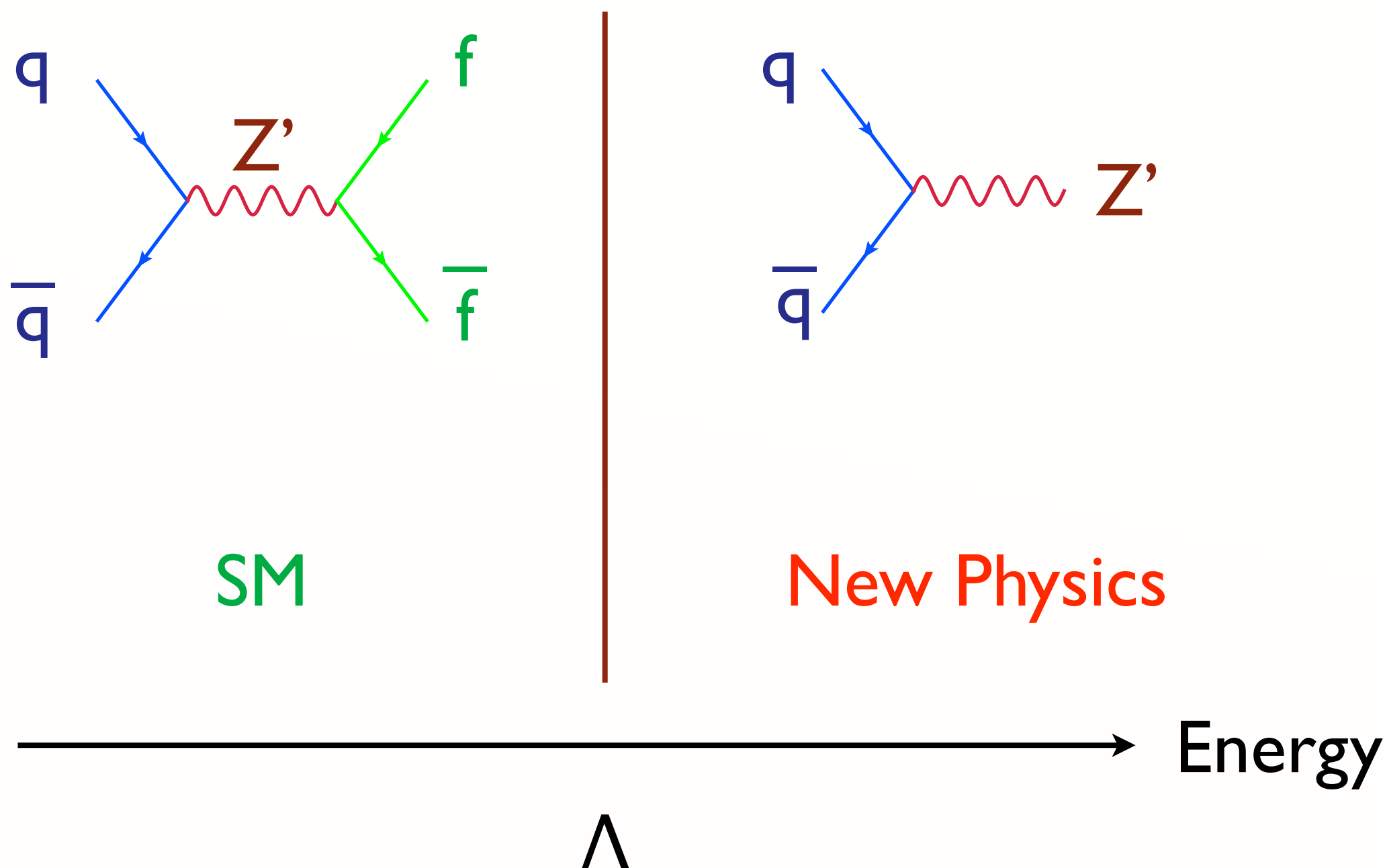
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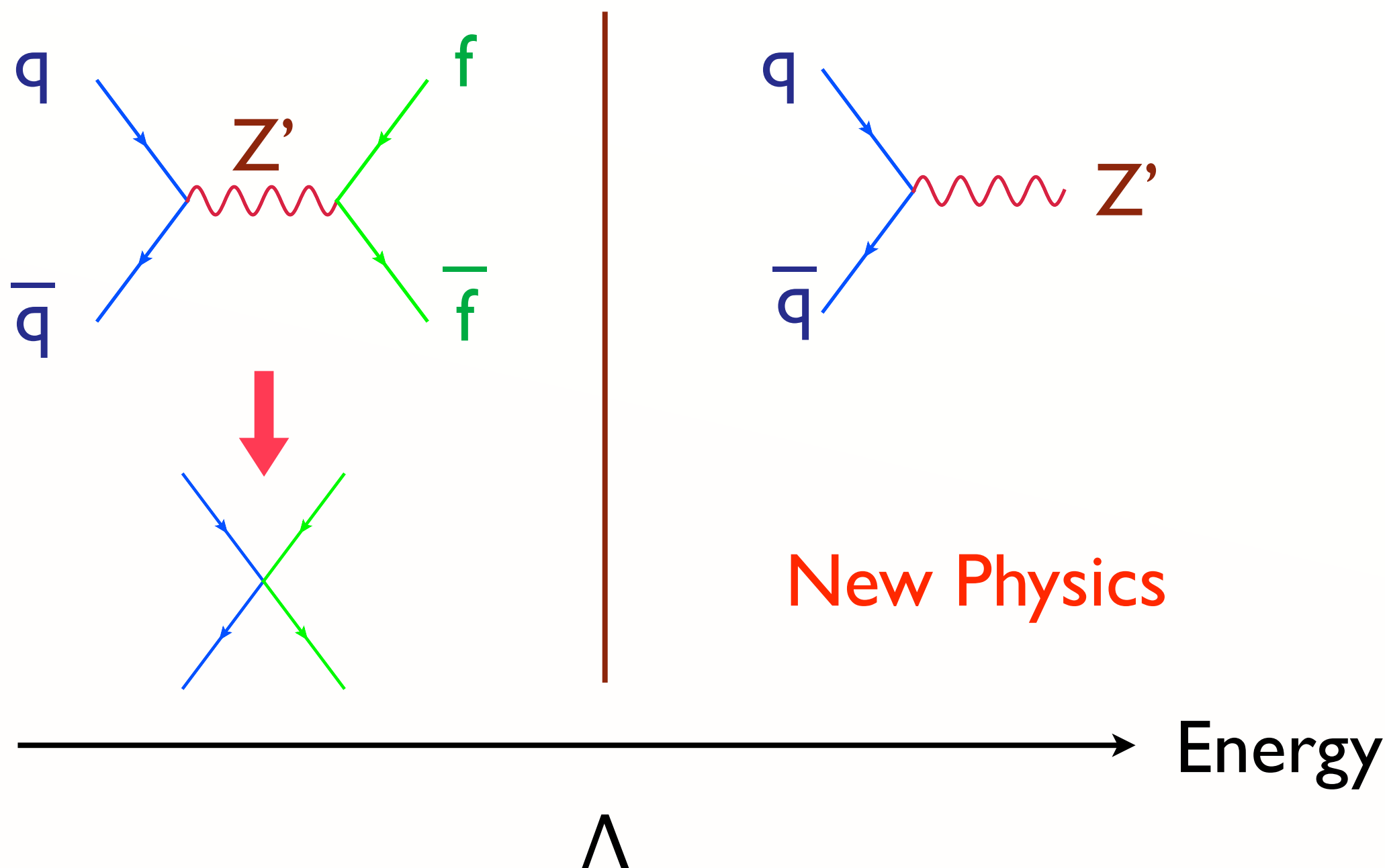
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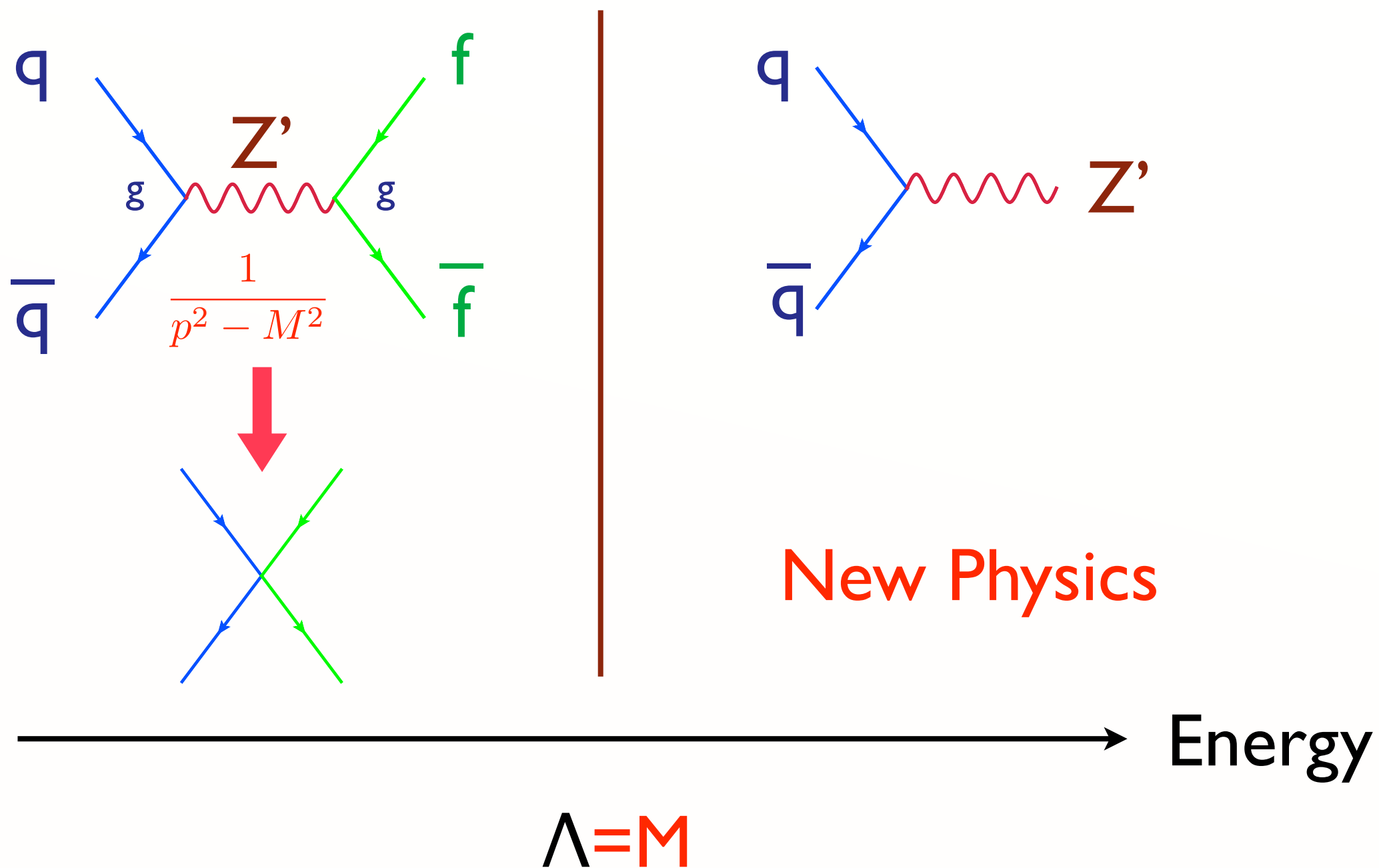
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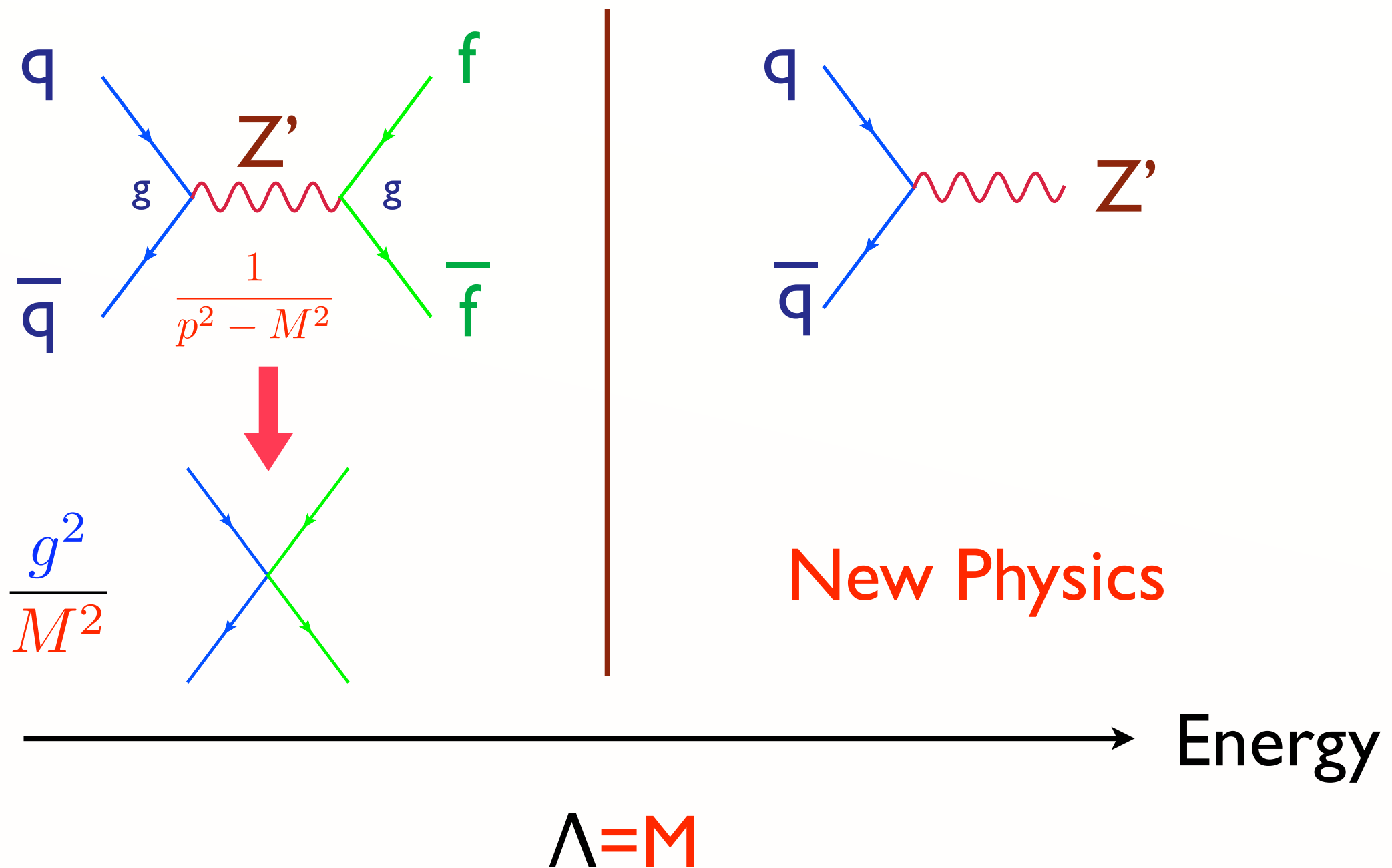
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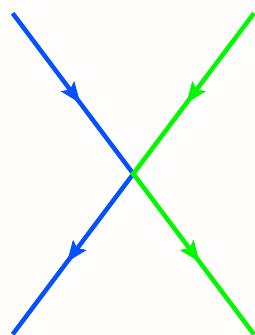


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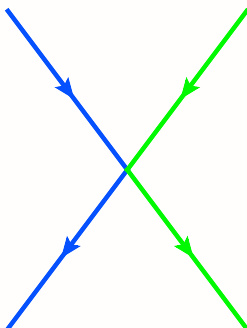
Dimensional analysis

$$\hbar = c = 1$$

$$\dim A^\mu = 1$$

$$\dim \phi = 1$$

$$\dim \psi = 3/2$$

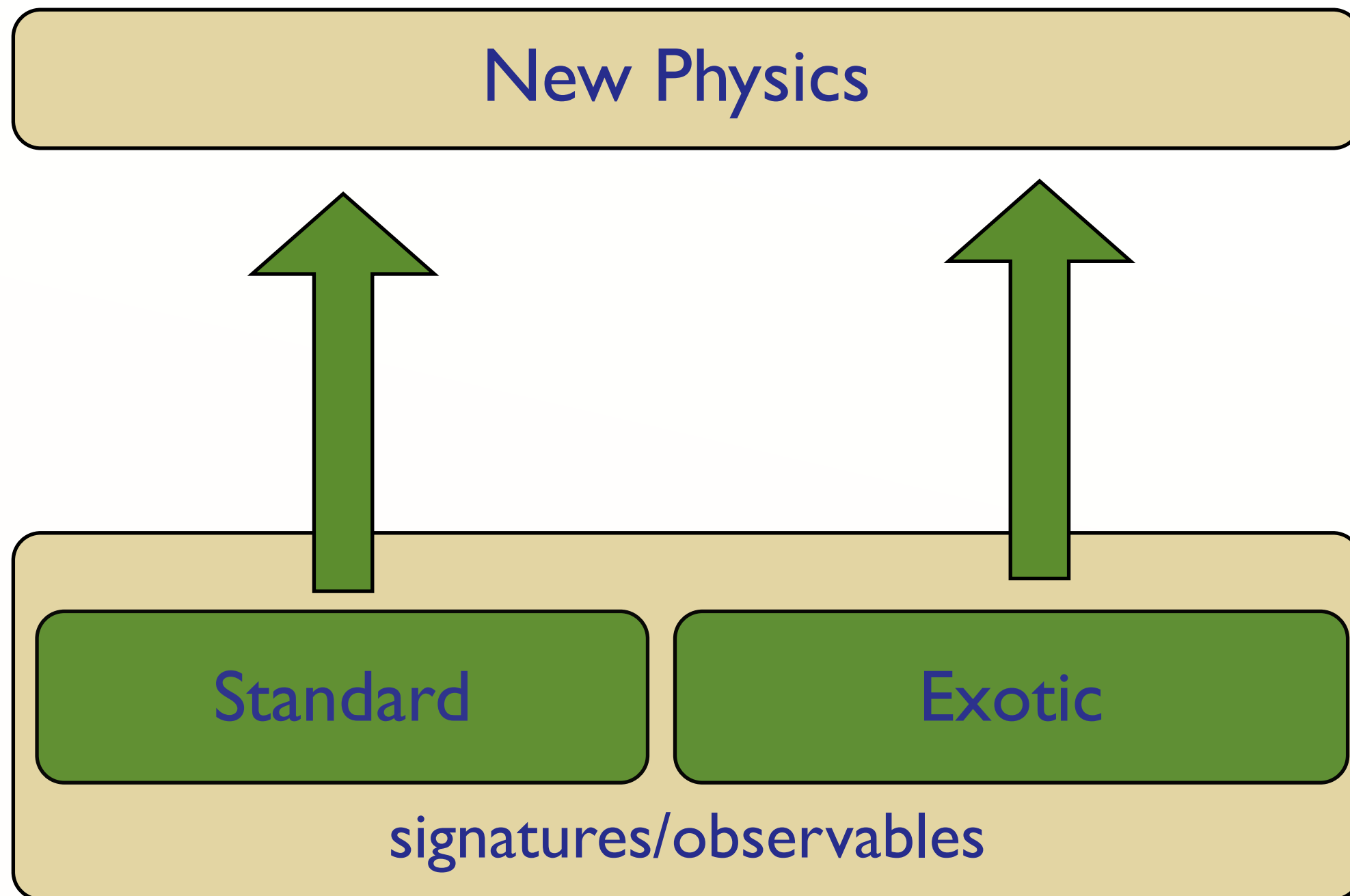
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Bad News: > 60 operators [Buchmuller, Wyler, 1986]

Good News: a handful are unconstrained and can significantly contribute to top physics!

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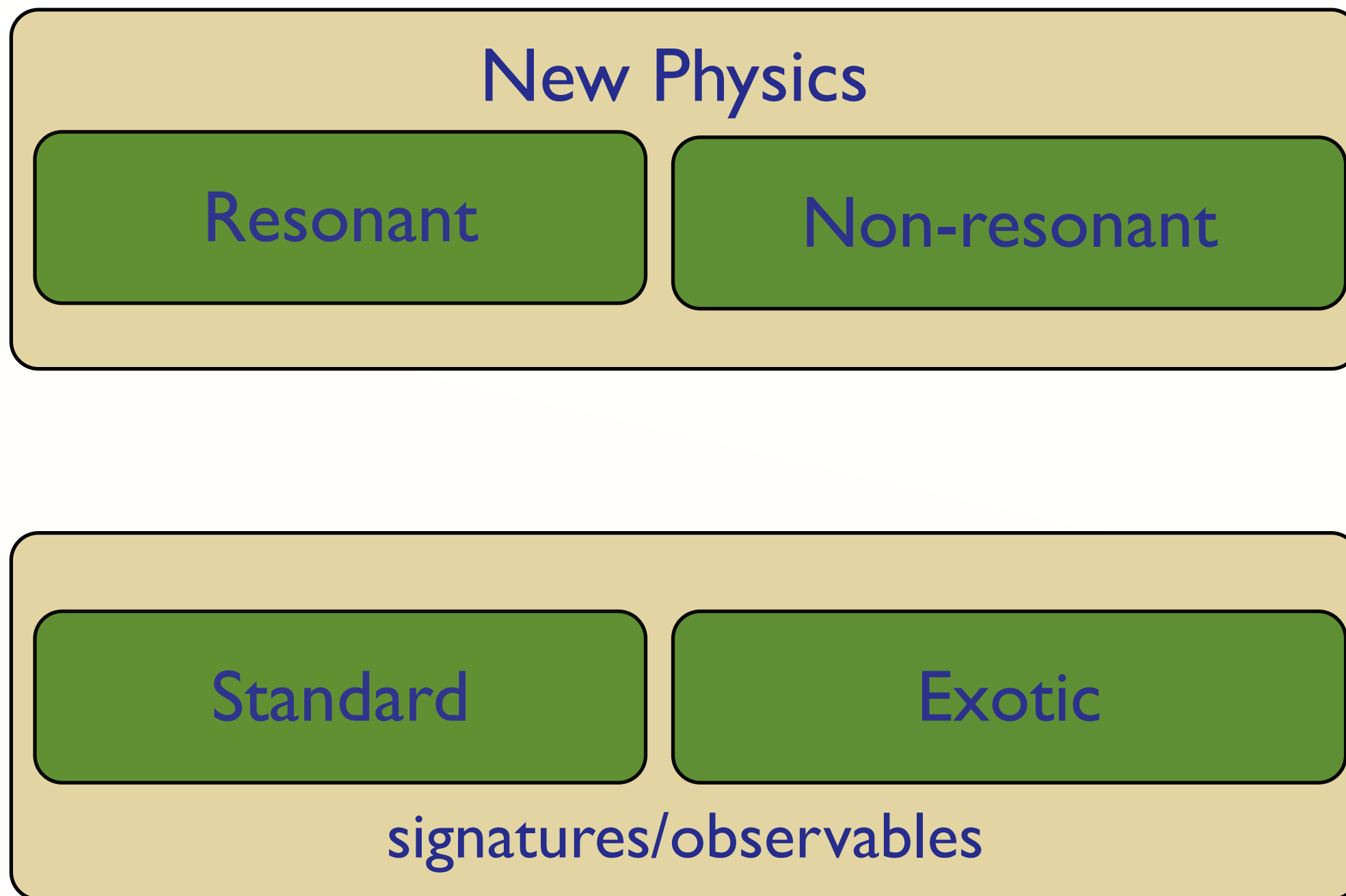
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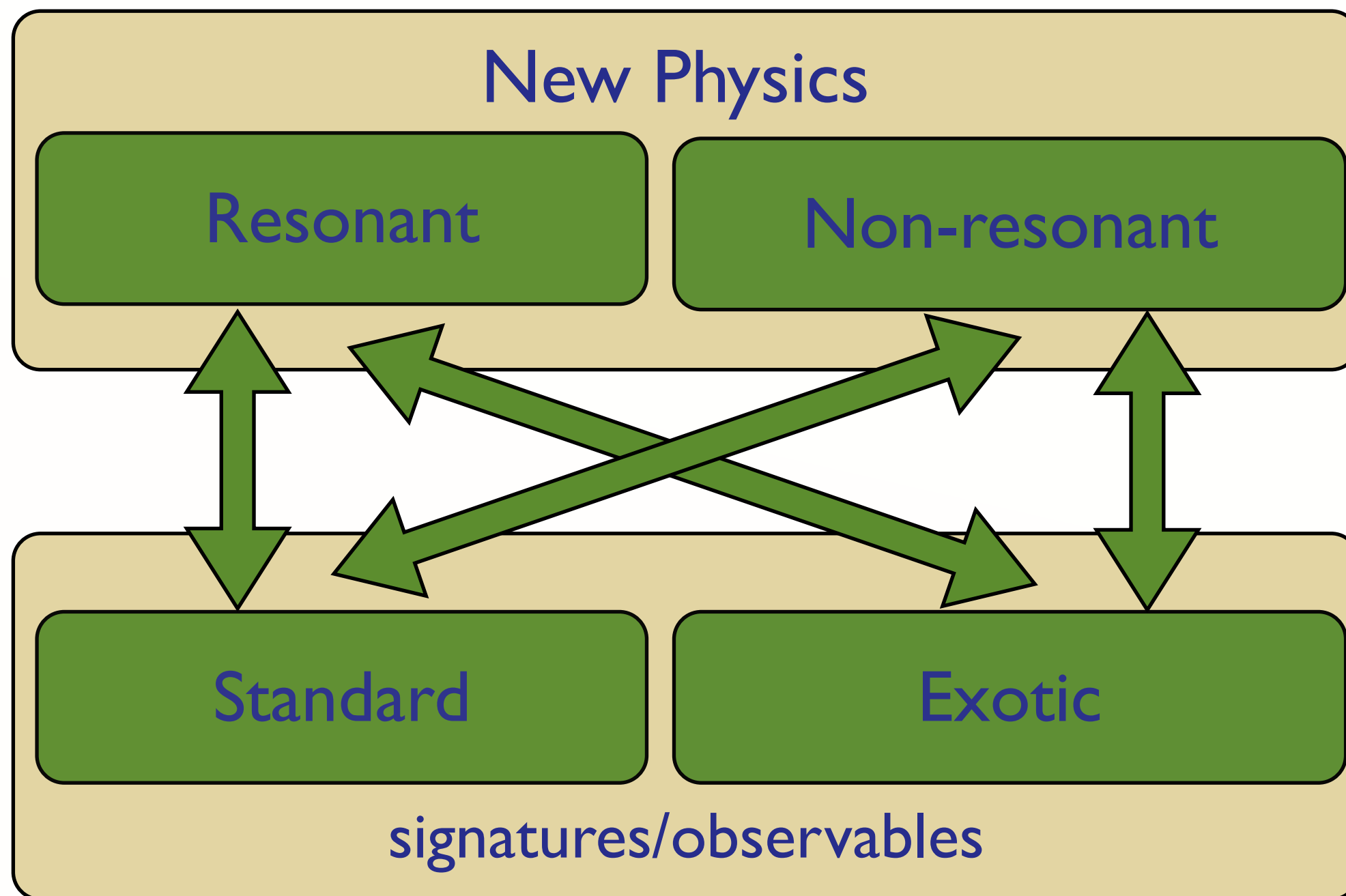
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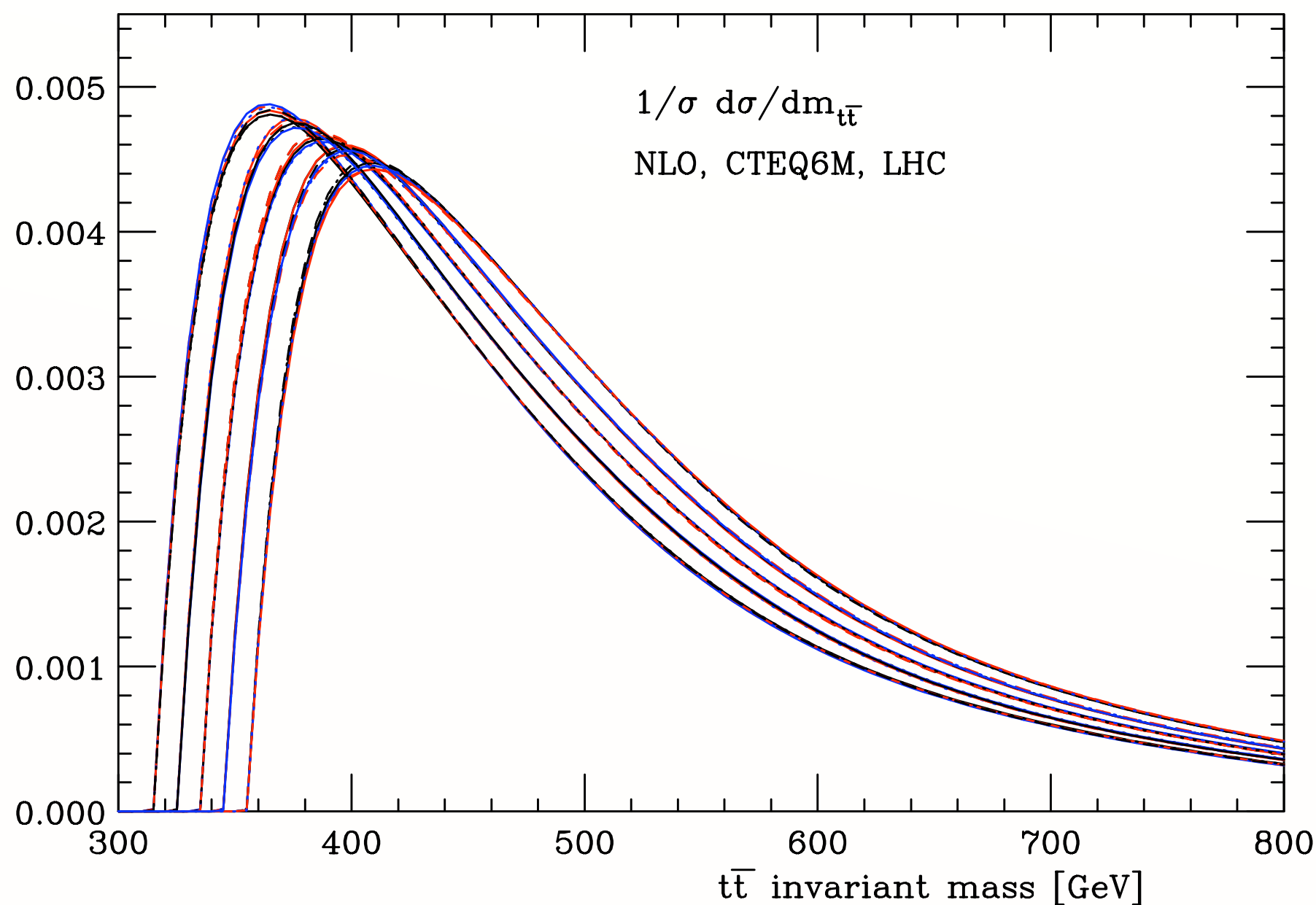
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$d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$: shape differences



Interesting observable.

Shape very well predicted.

This could be also used to measure the top mass!

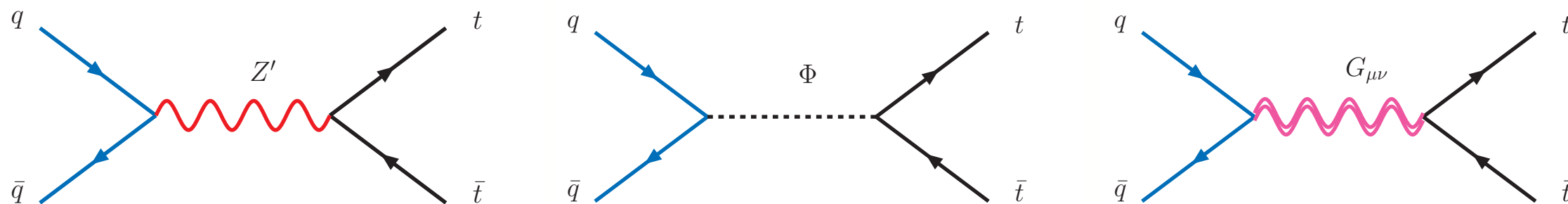
Reconstruction systematics is different from the usual top mass invariant mass reconstruction.

Any BSM effect would distort this shape =>

Model independent search for new Physics!

New resonances

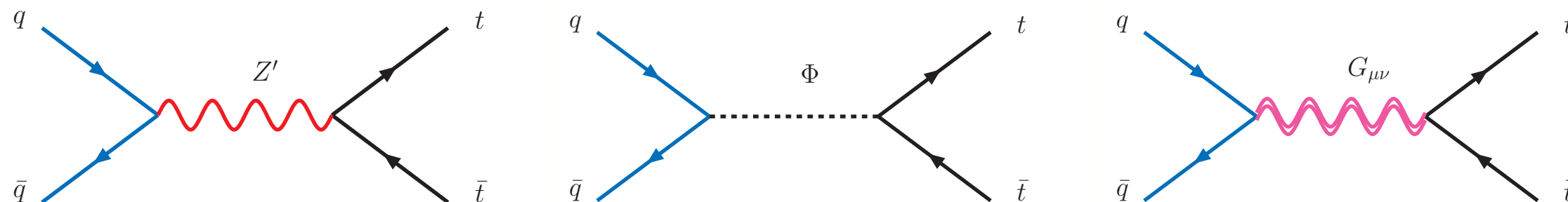
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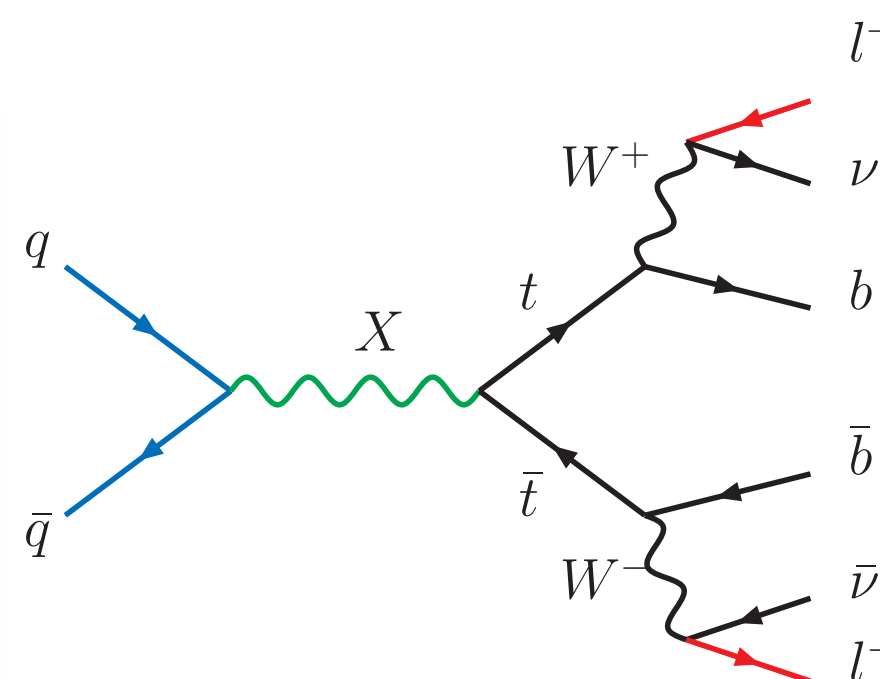
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To access the spin of the intermediate resonance spin correlations should be measured.

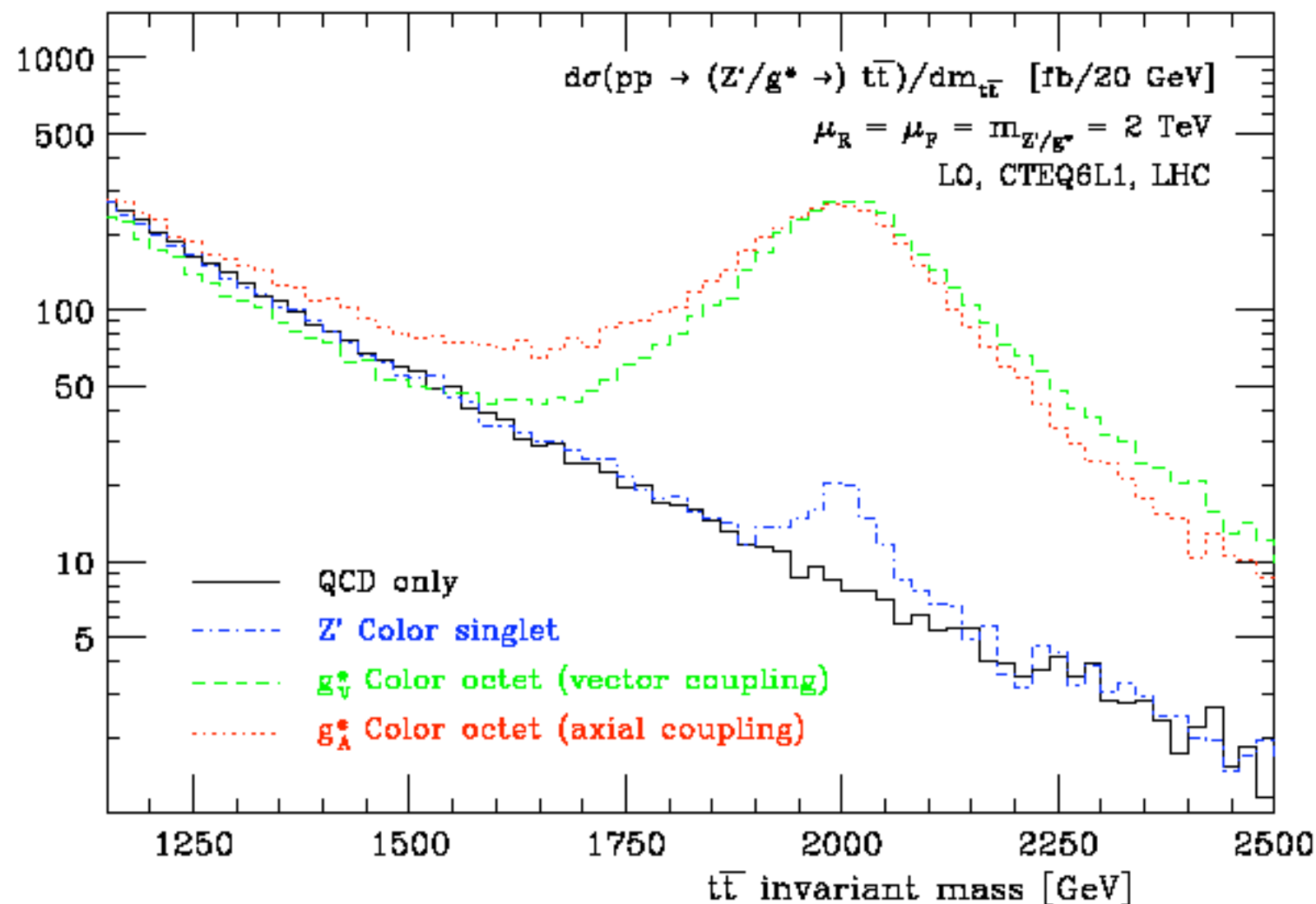
It is therefore mandatory for such cases to have MC samples where spin correlations are kept and the full matrix element $pp \rightarrow X \rightarrow t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6f$ is used.



Zoology of new resonances

Spin	Color	(I, Y_5) [L,R]	SM-interf	Example
0	0	(1,0)	no	Scalar
	0	(0,1)	no	PseudoScalar
	0	(0,1)	yes	Boso-phobic
	8	(0,1),(1,0)	no	Techni-pi0[8]
1	0	[sm,sm]	yes/no	Z'
	0	(1,0),(0,1)(1,1),(1,-1)	yes	vector
	8	(1,0)	yes	coloron/kk-gluon
	8	(0,1)	“yes”	axigluon
2	0	--	yes	kk-graviton

Phase I: discovery



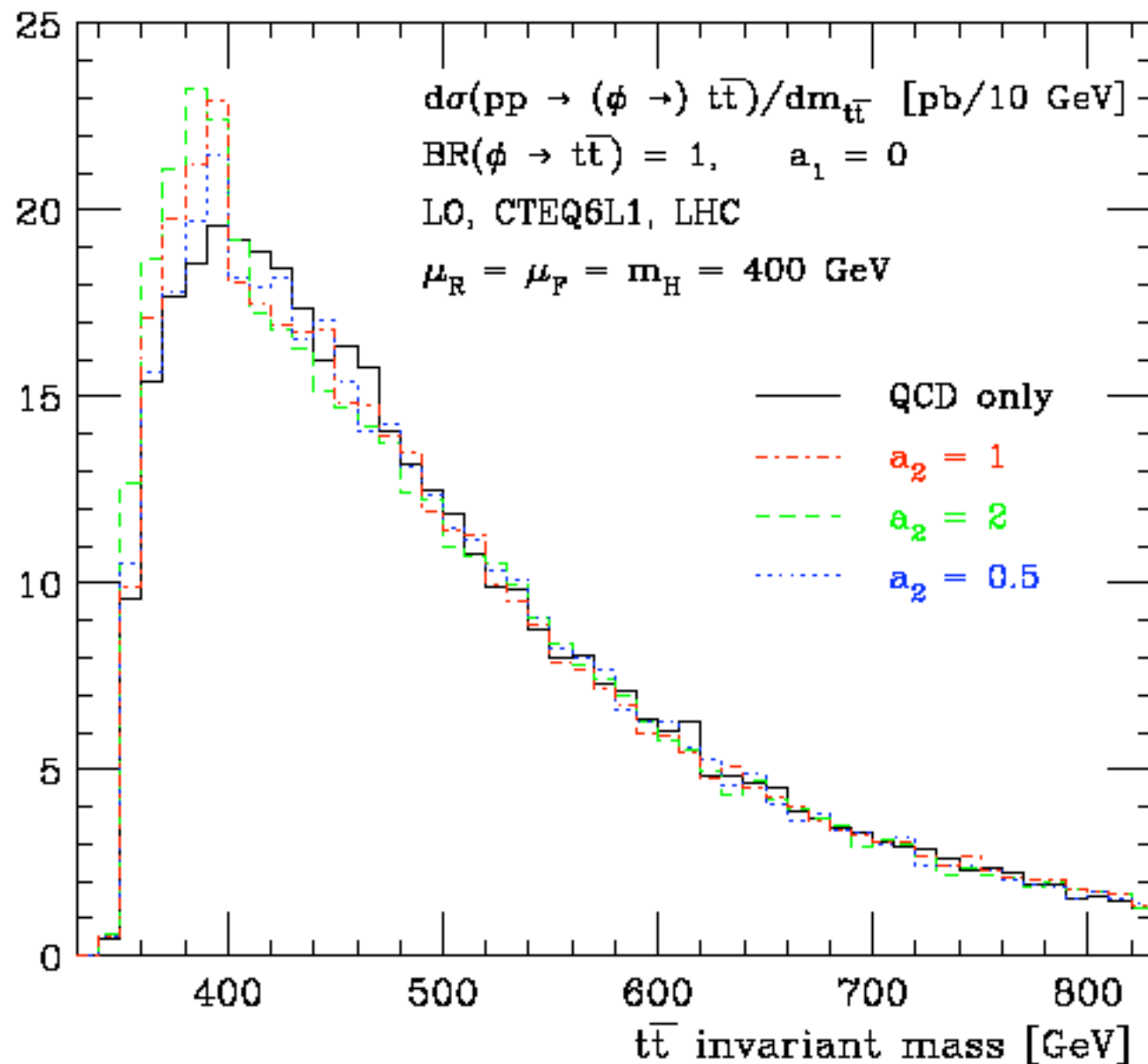
* Vector resonance, in a color singlet or octet states.

* Widths and rates very different

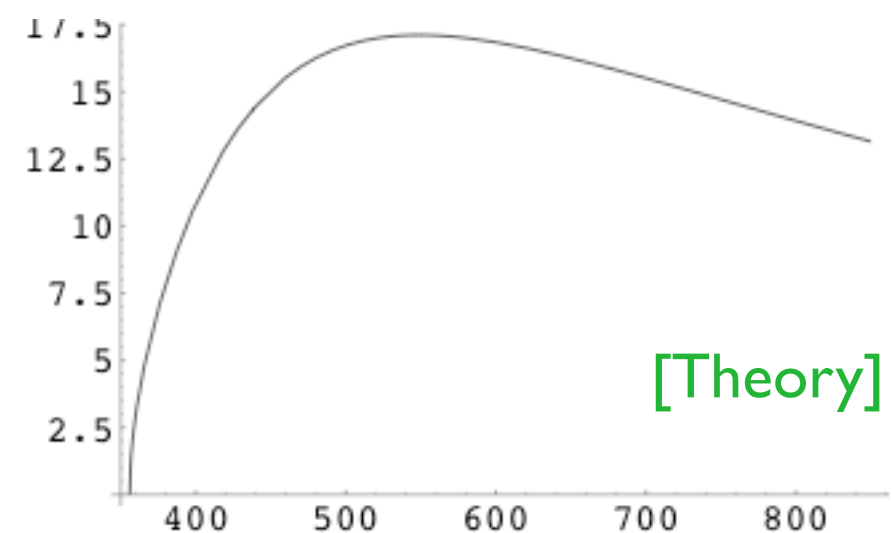
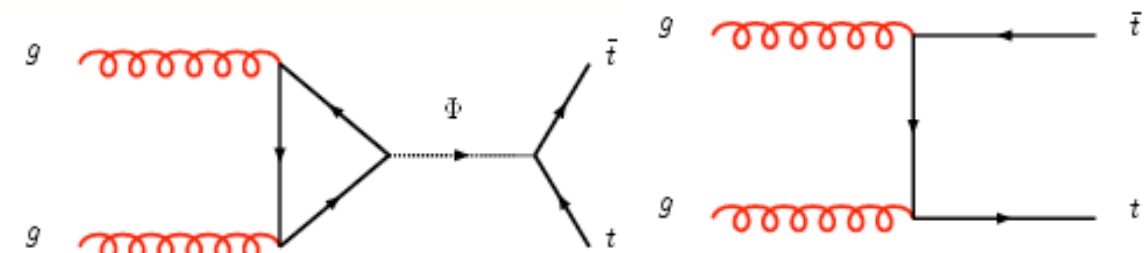
* Interference effects with SM $t\bar{t}$ production not always negligible

* Direct information on $\sigma \cdot \text{Br}$ and Γ .

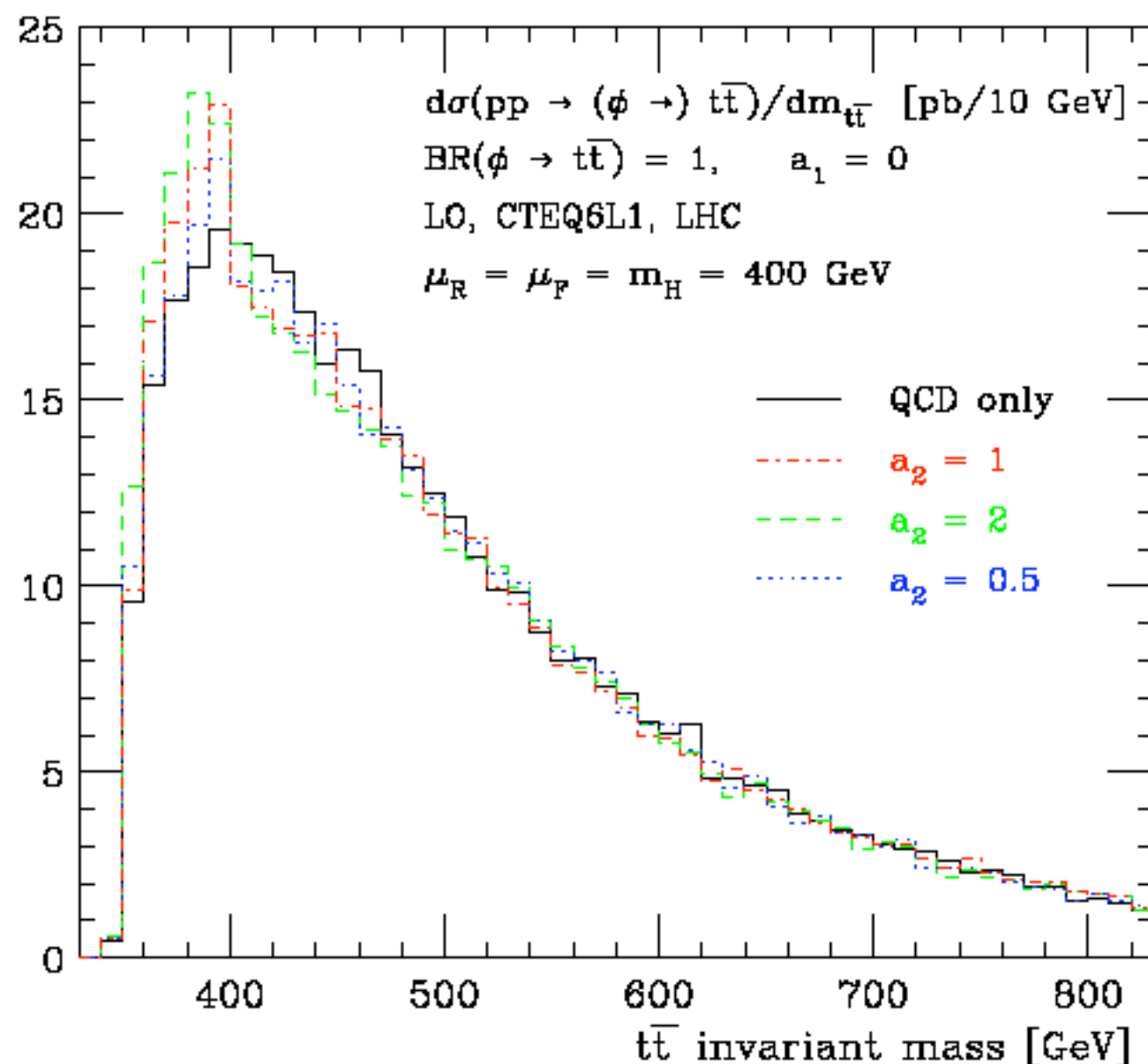
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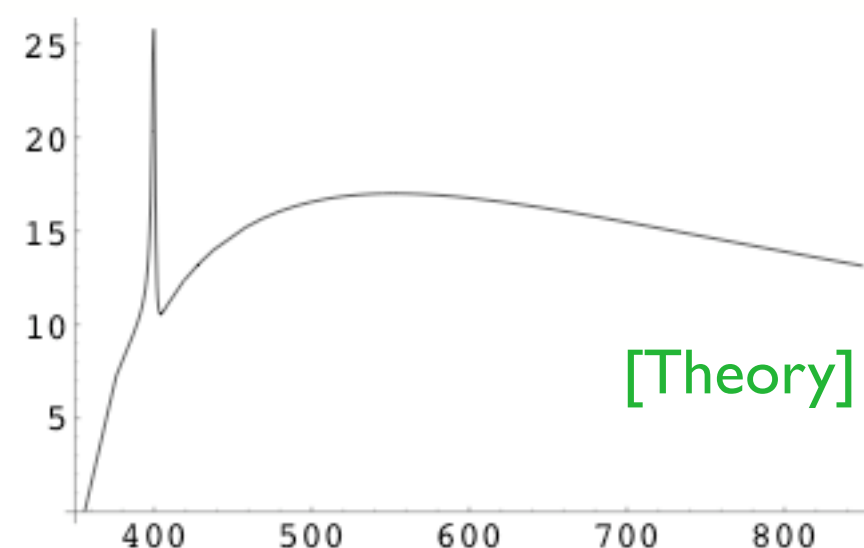
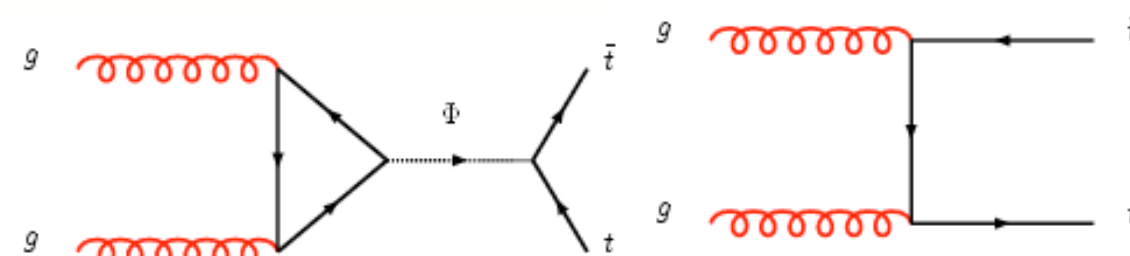
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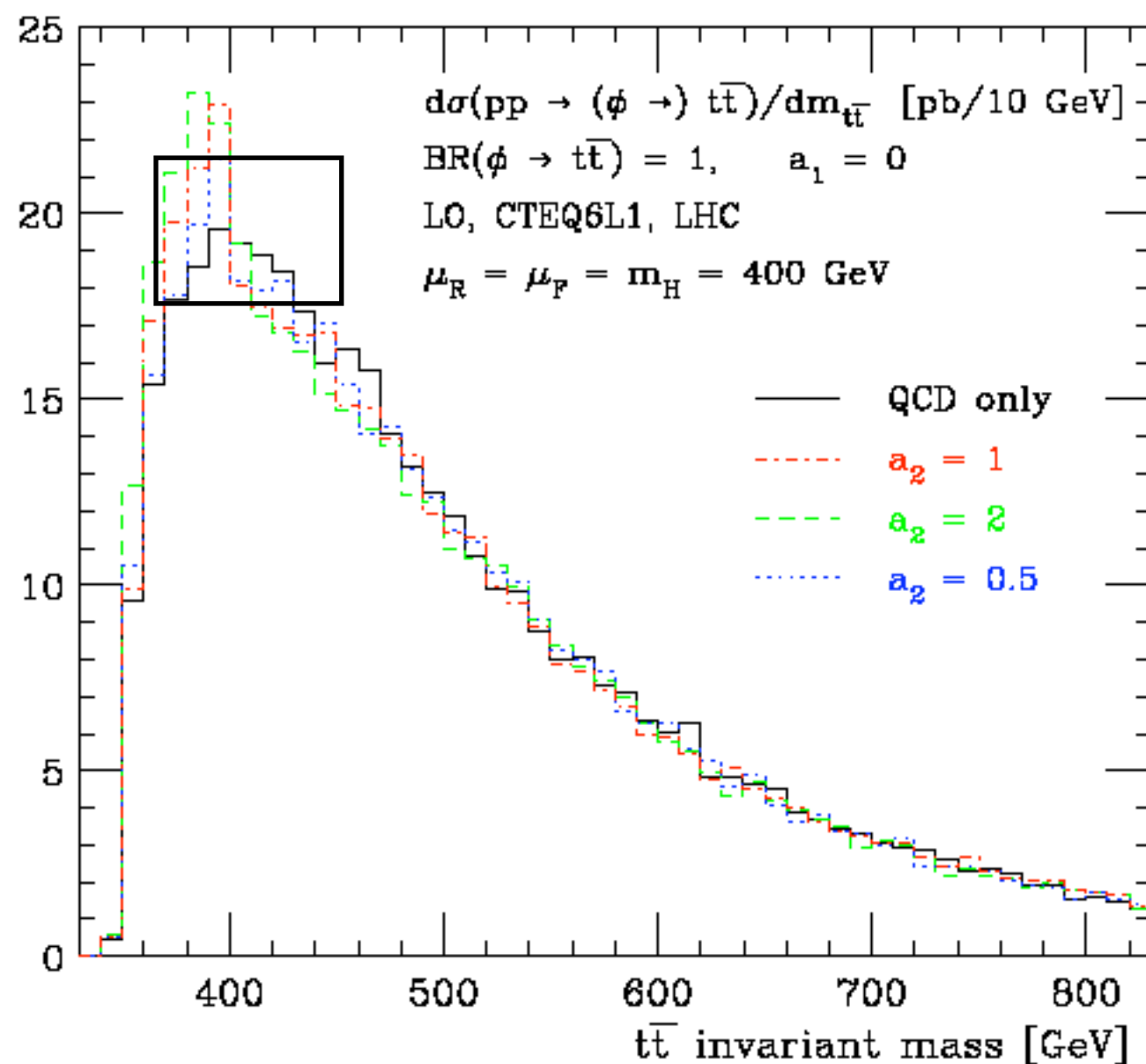
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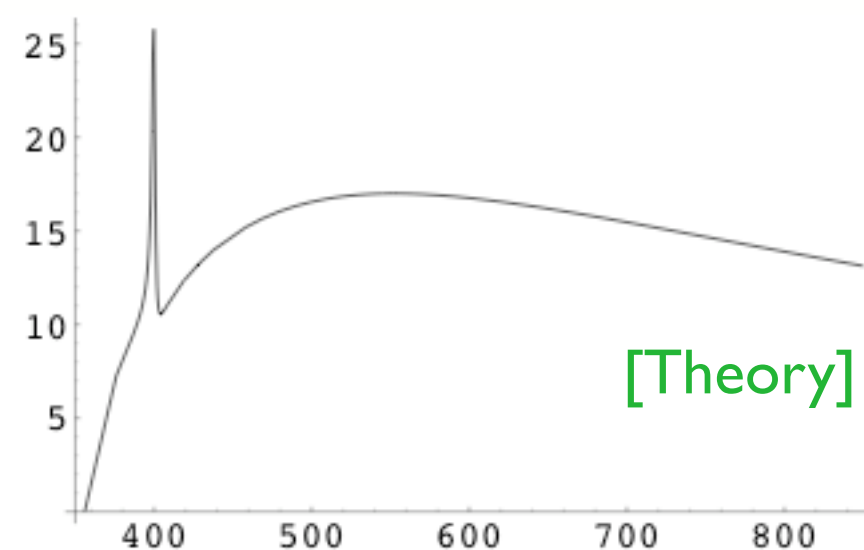
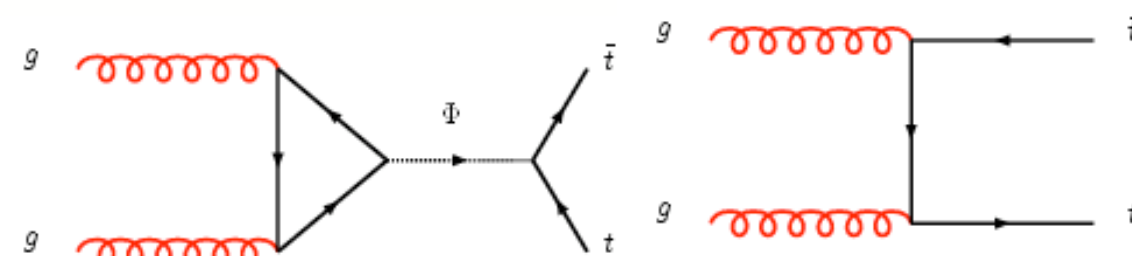
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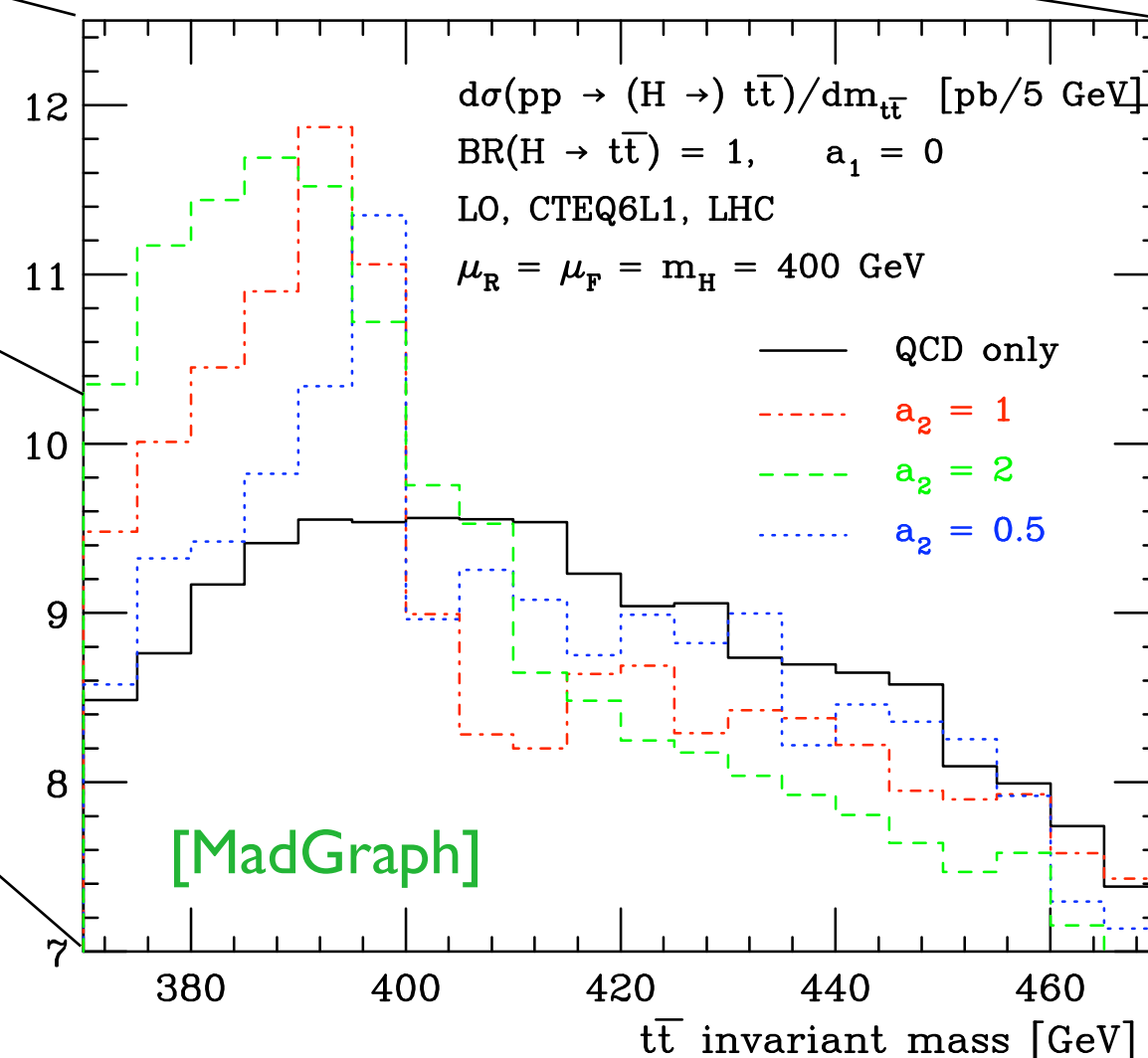
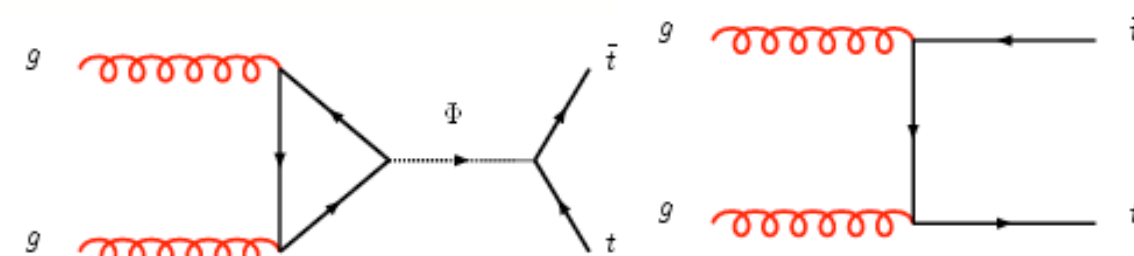
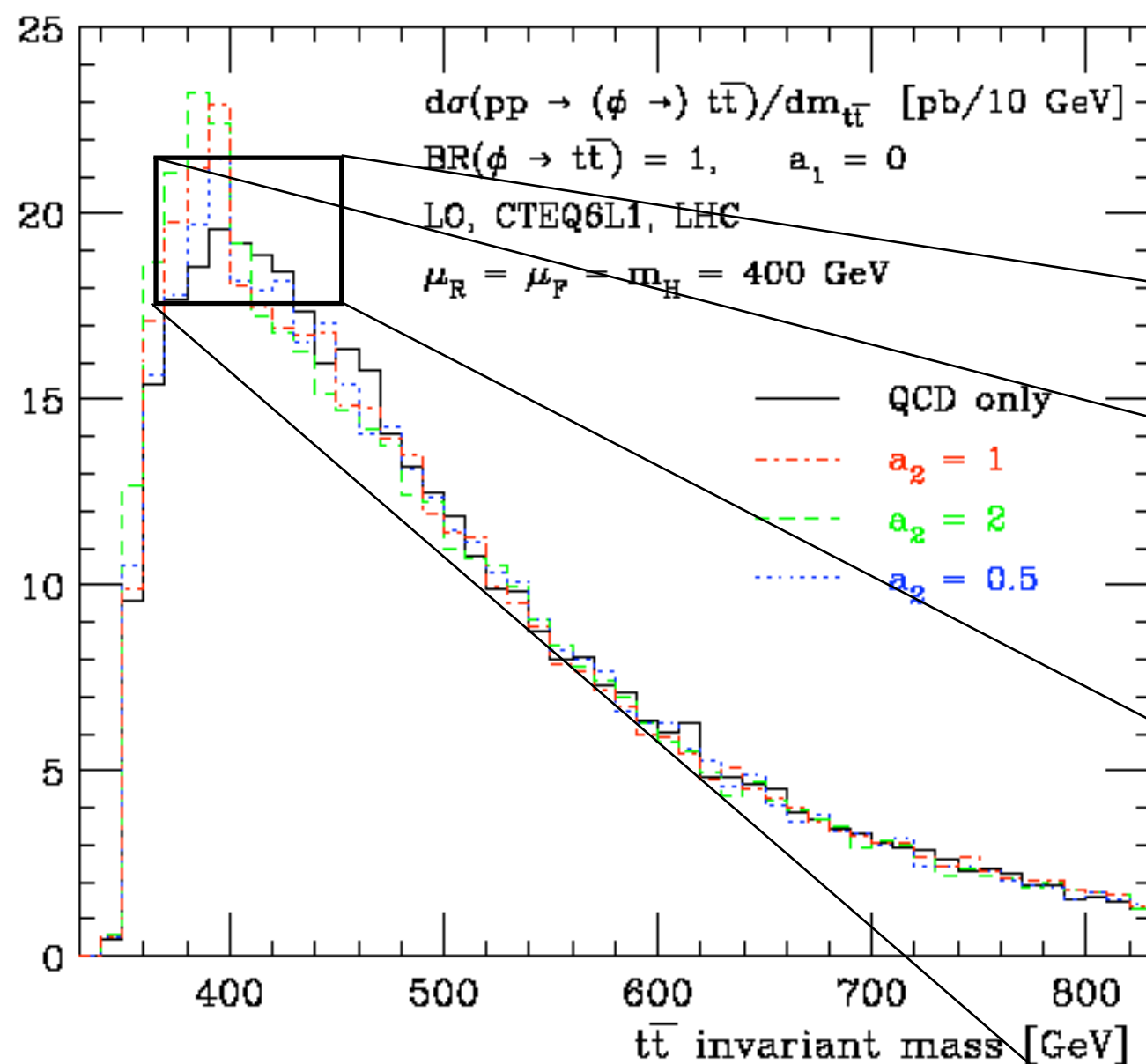
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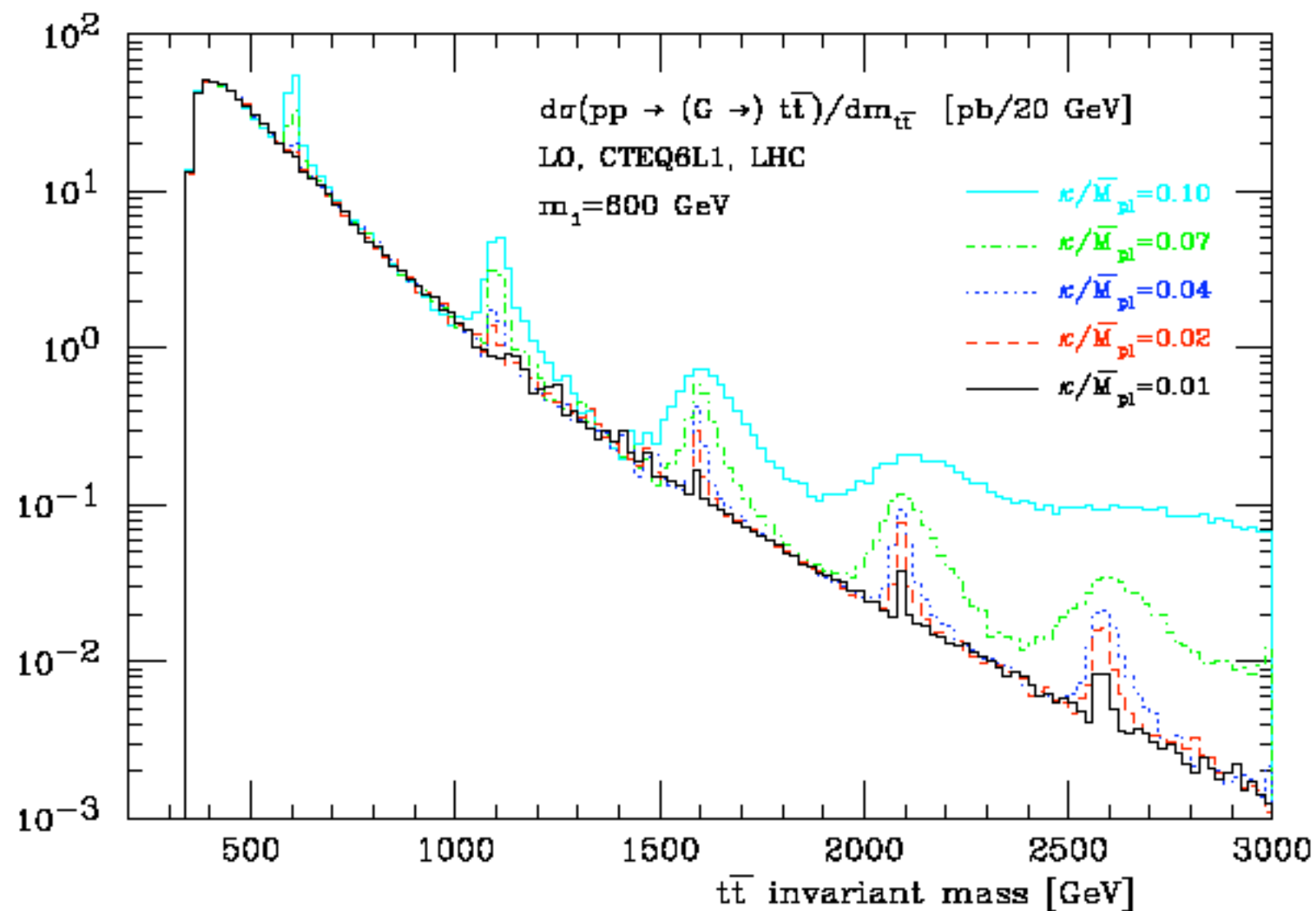


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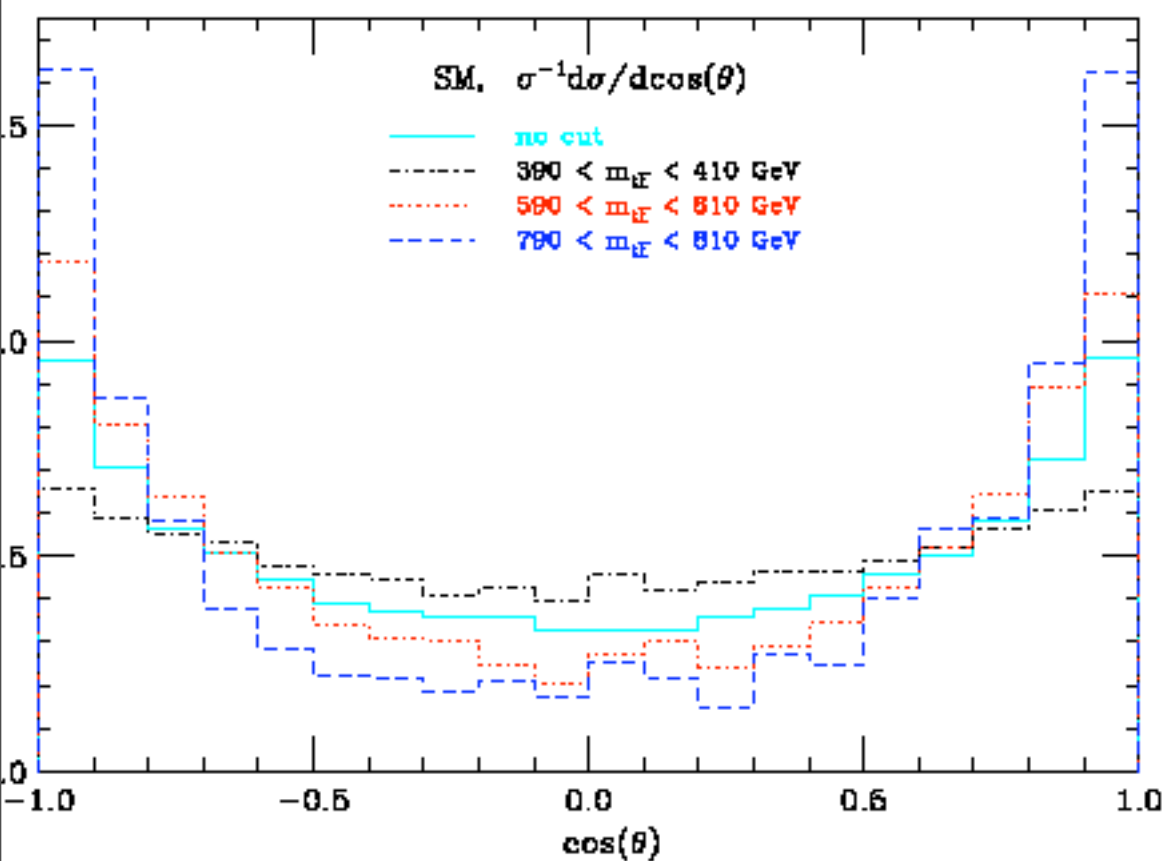
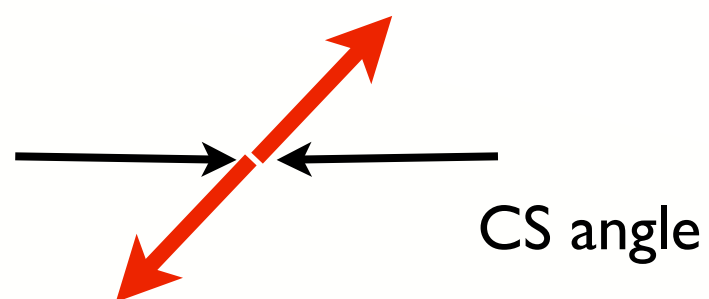
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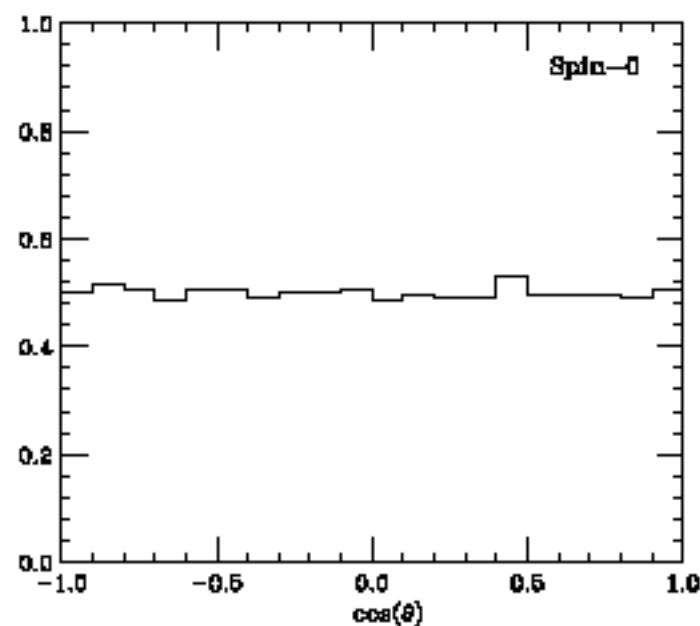
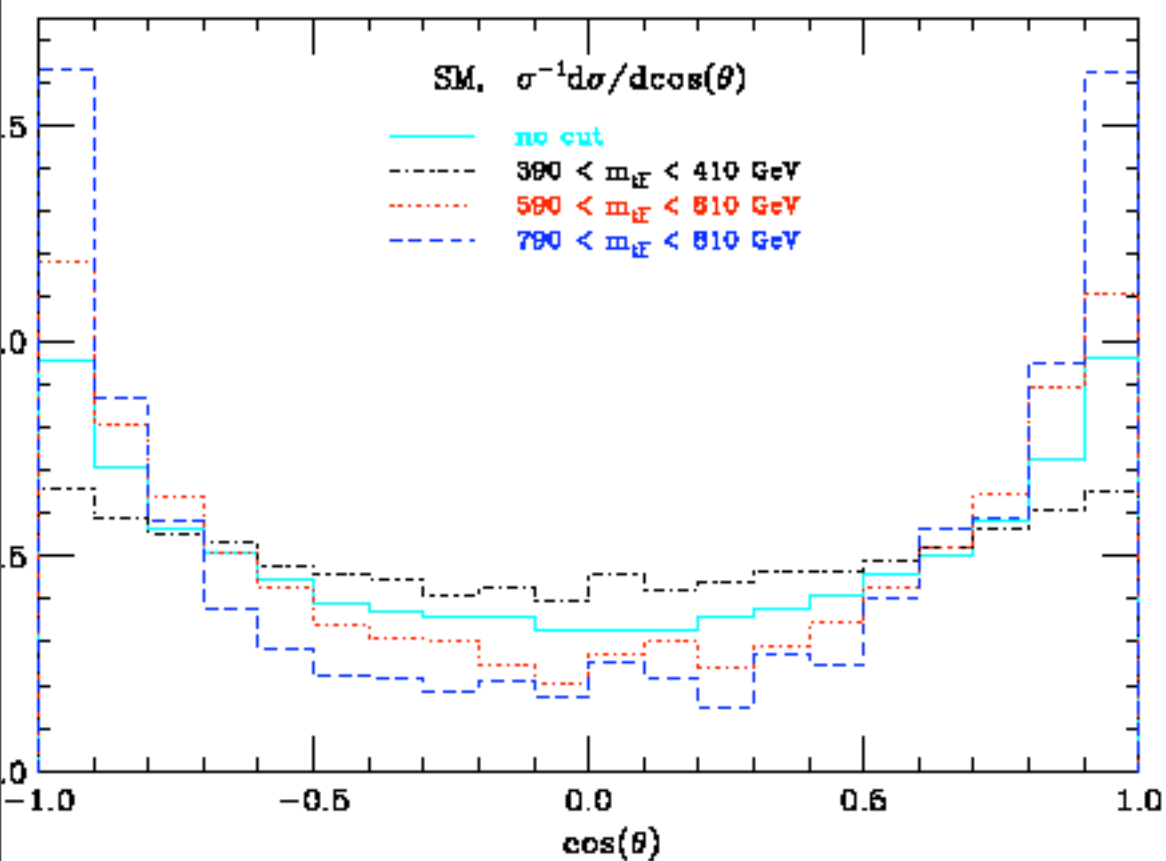
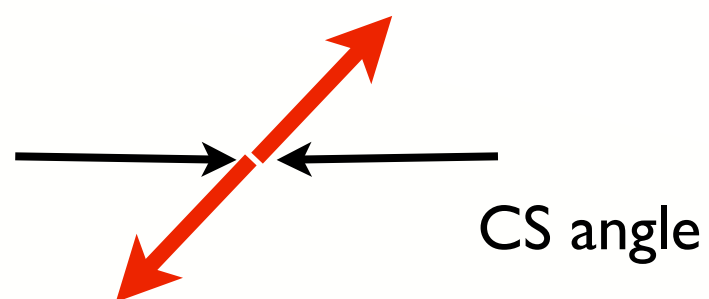
*RS Model with first KK=600 GeV

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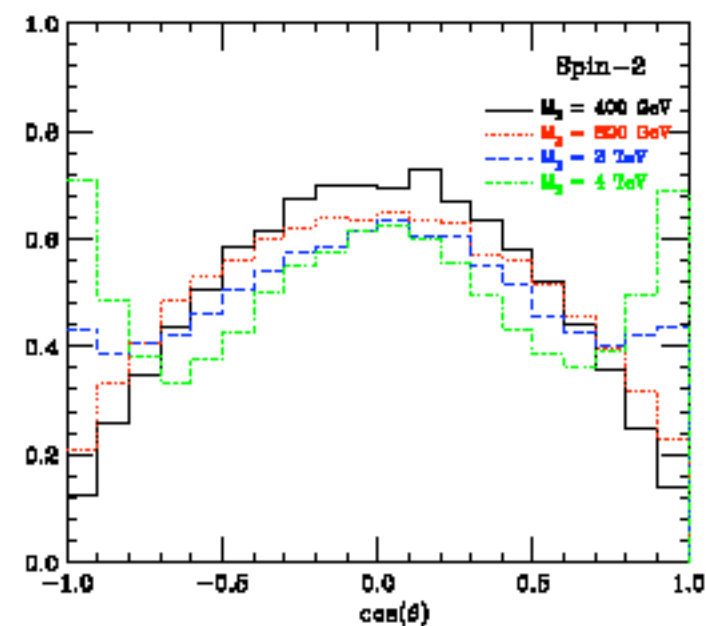


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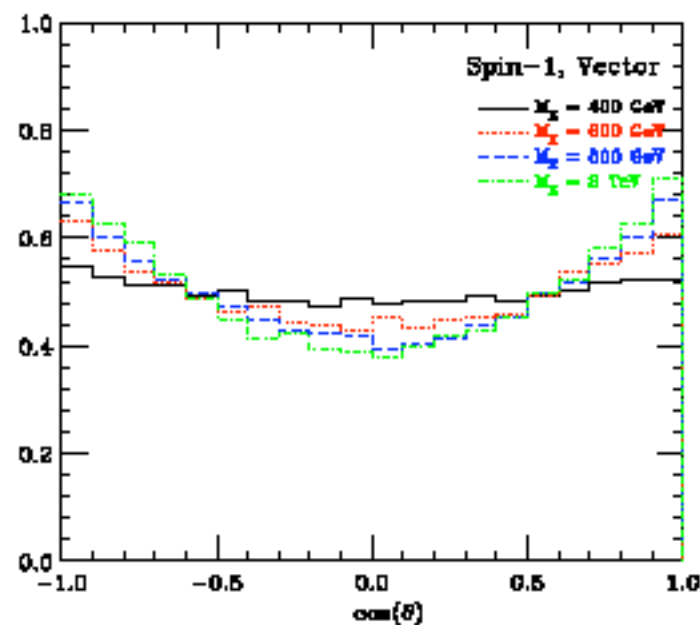
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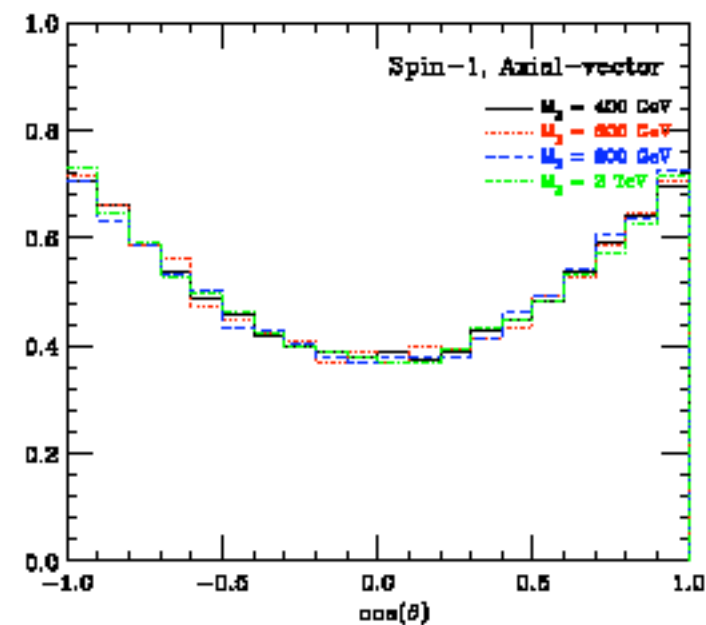
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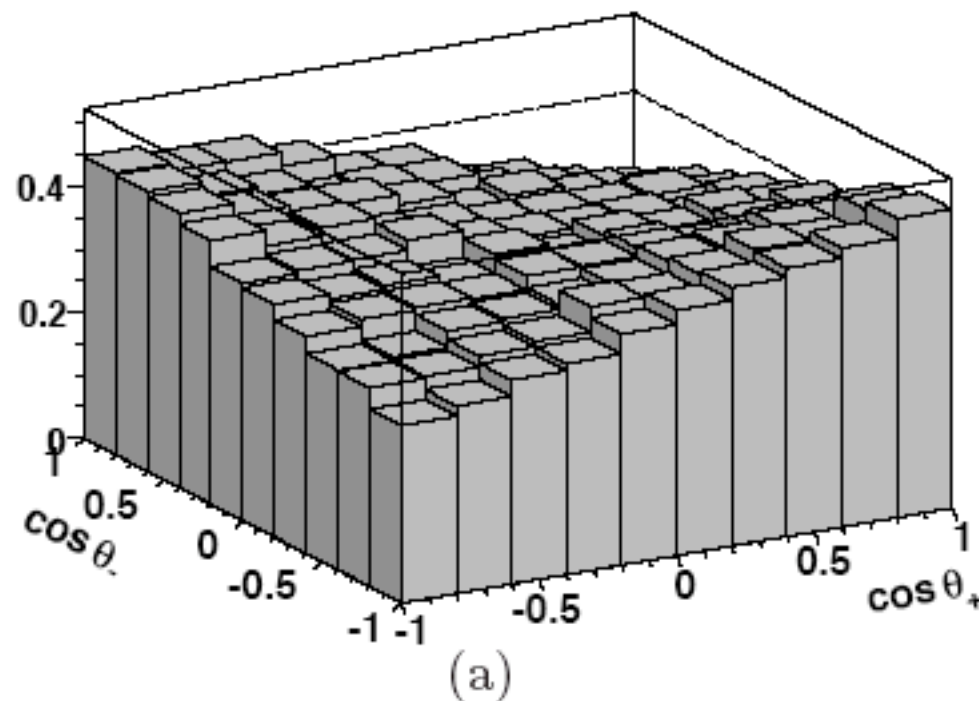
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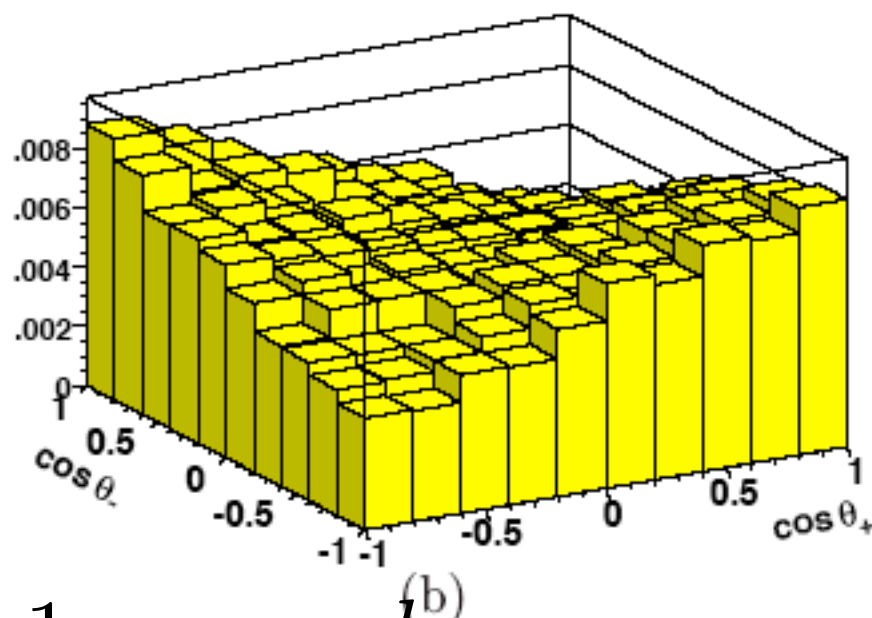
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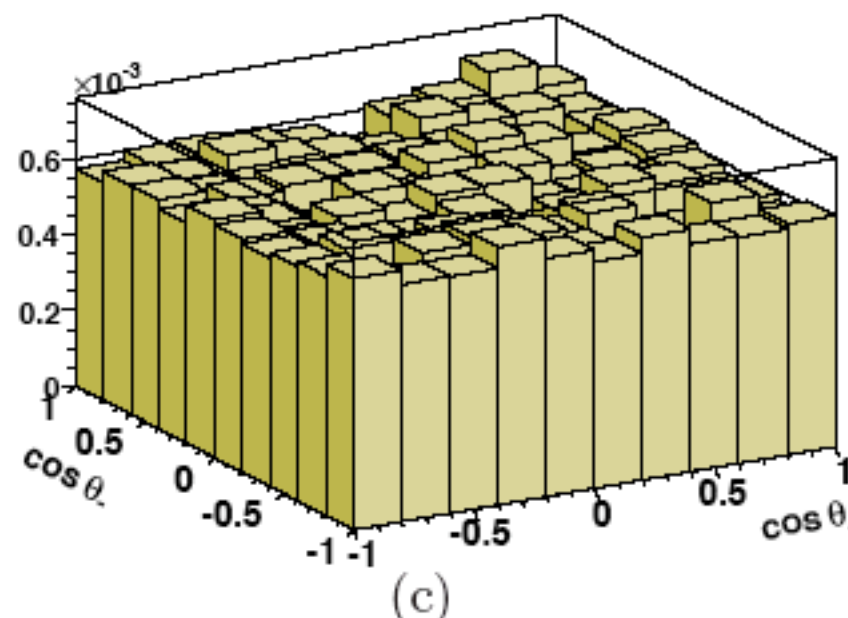
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no cuts



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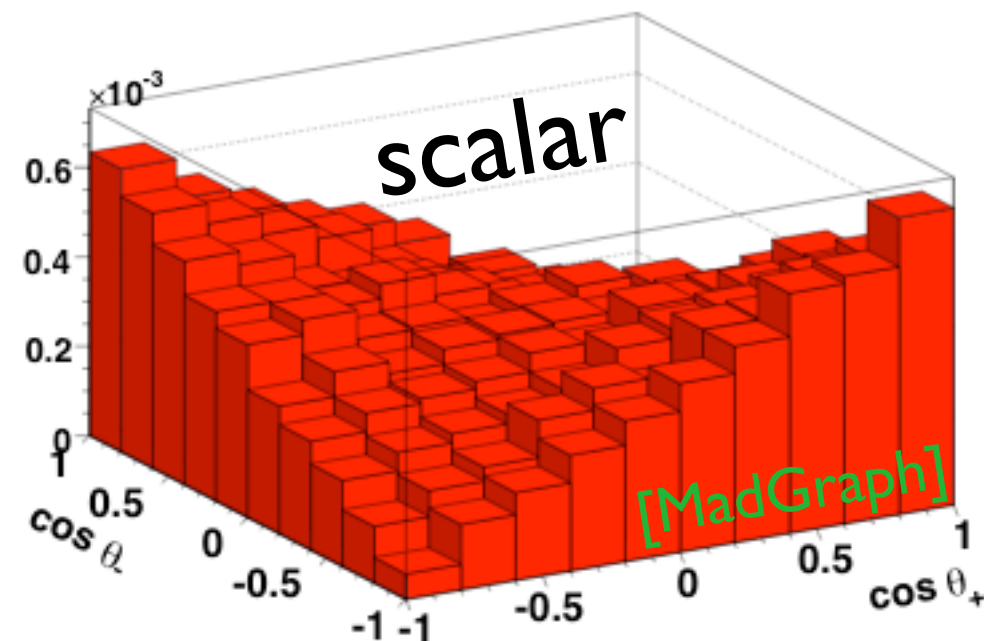
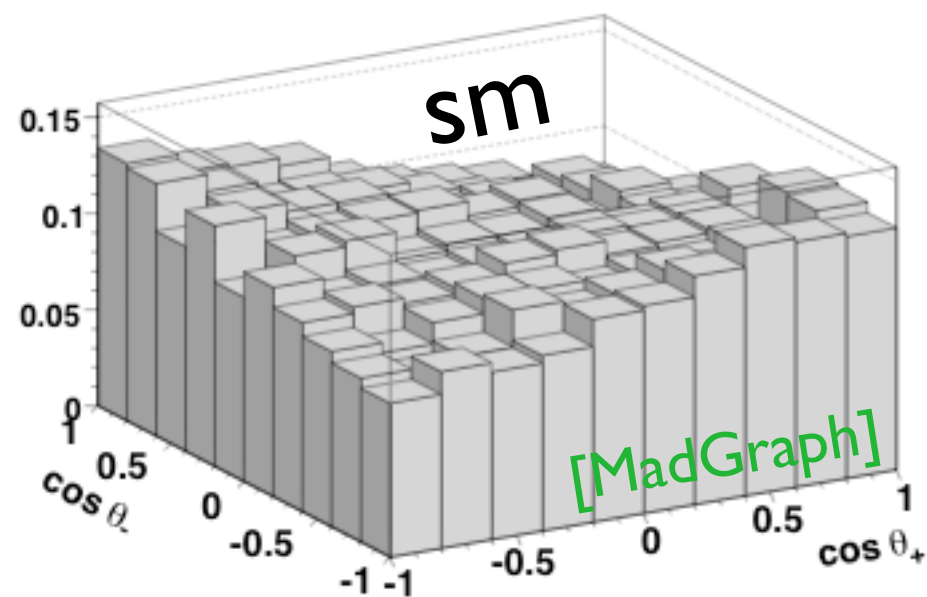


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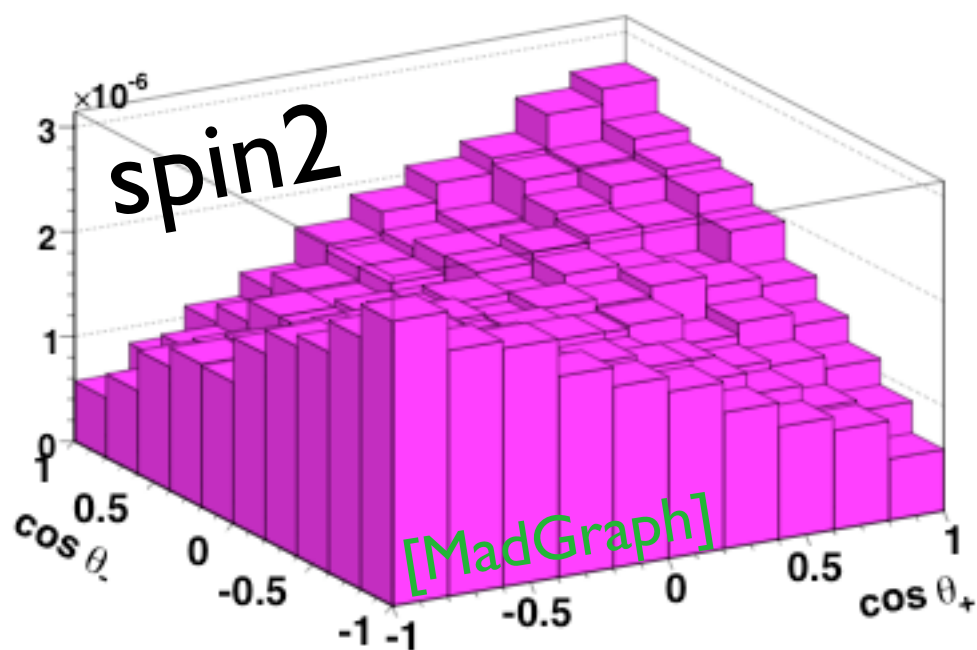
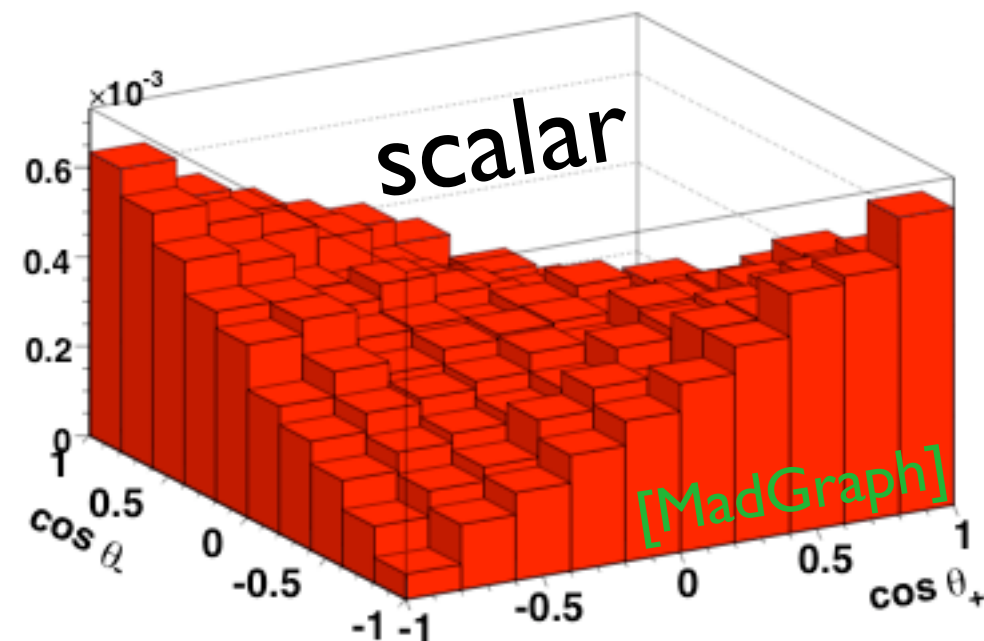
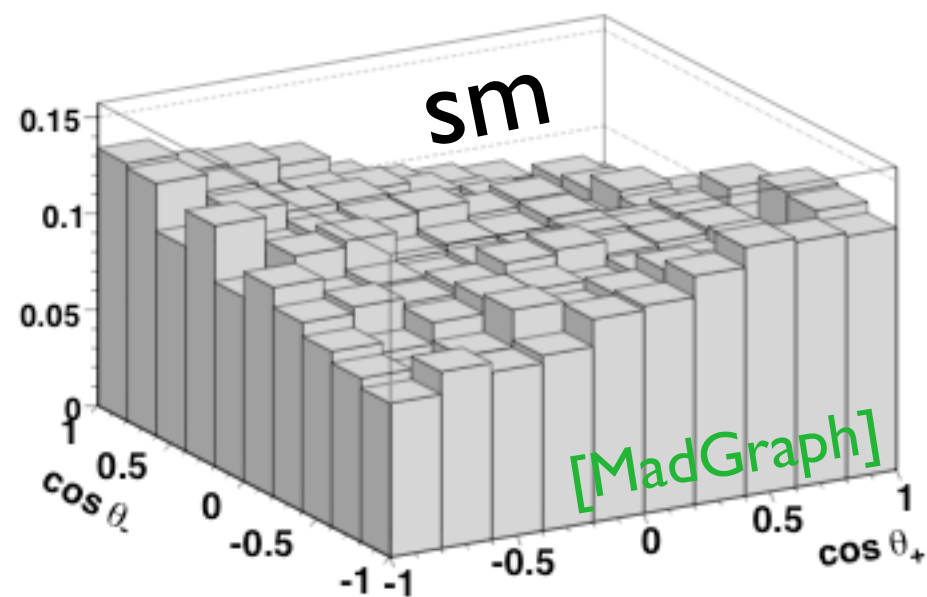
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta_+ d \cos \theta_-} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + \kappa_t \kappa_{\bar{t}} D \cos \theta_- \cos \theta_+)$$

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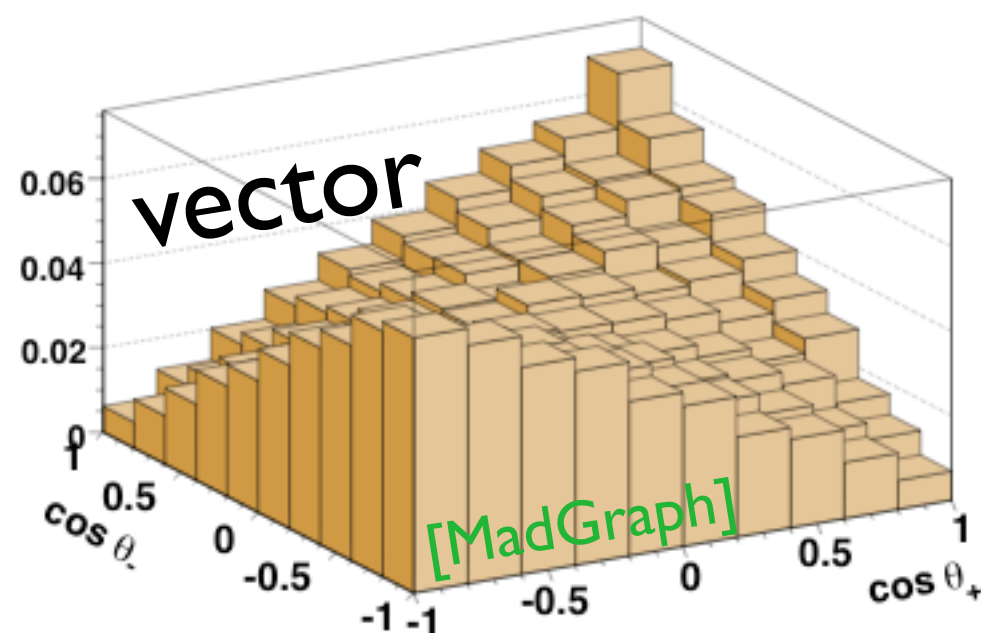
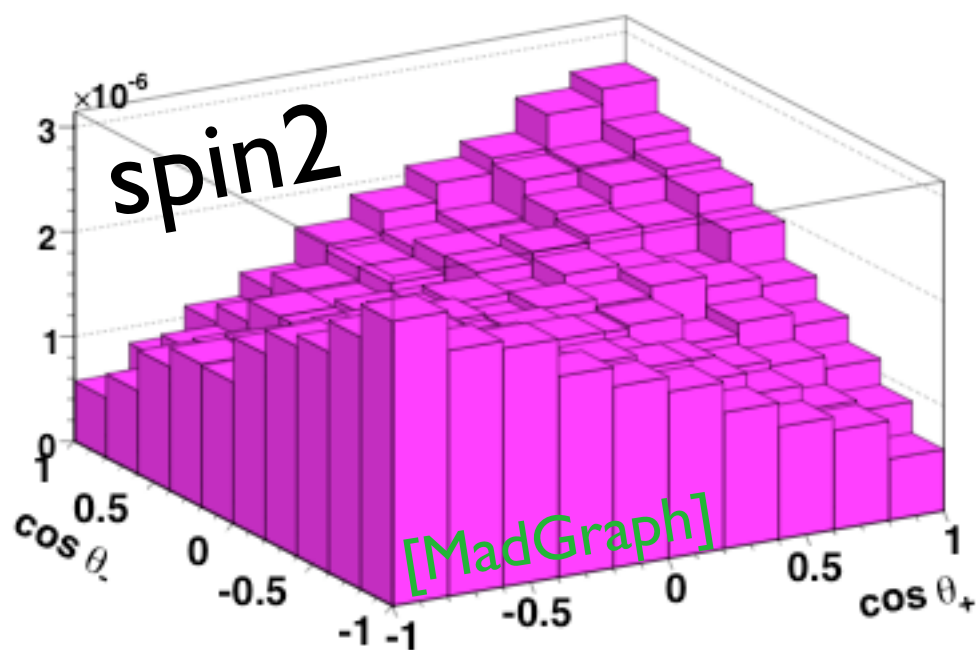
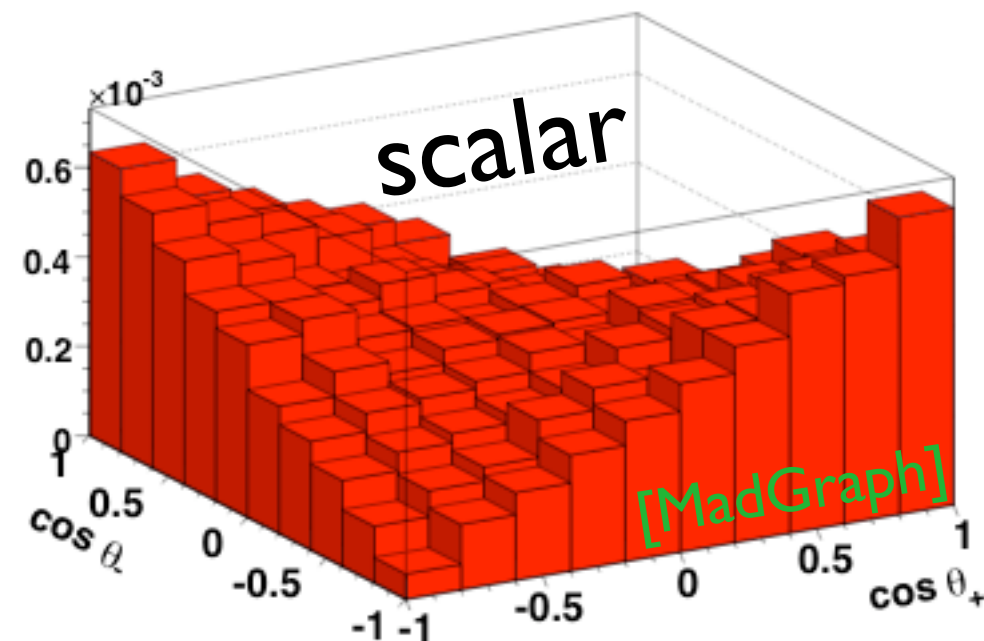
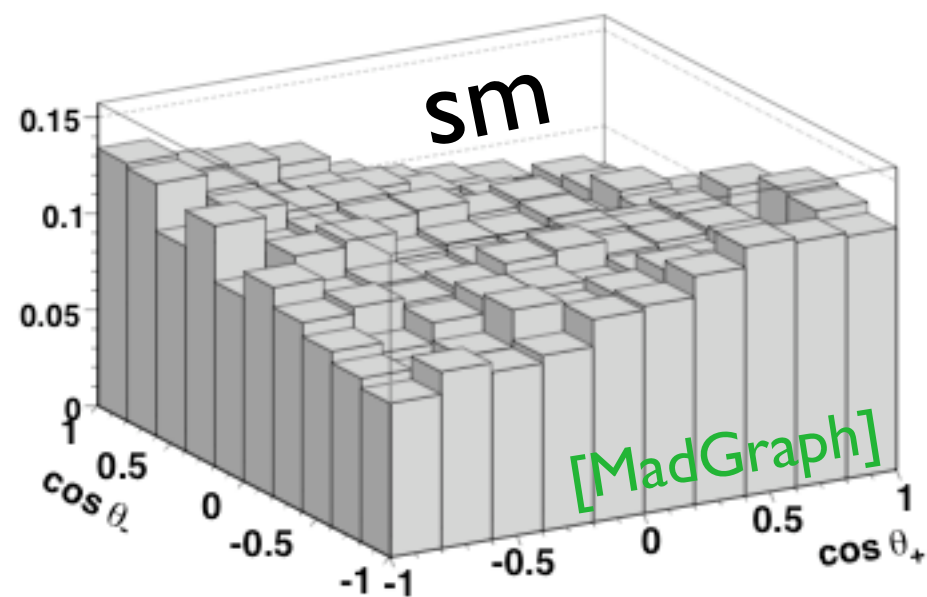
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Effective Field Theory Approach

[Aguilar-Saavedra 2010, Willenbrock et al. 2010, Degrande et al 2010]

Use an effective Lagrangian approach:

- Write down all the dominant (dim=6) operators involving a t and $tbar$.
- Use symmetries (like custodial symmetry) or well known constraints (such those on FCNC \Rightarrow MFV) to reduce the number of possibly important operators.
- Use, if you want, inspirations or scalings suggested by some physics models that you like (top compositeness).

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NP can be integrated out and simply gives new (higher dimensional) interactions among the SM degrees of freedom

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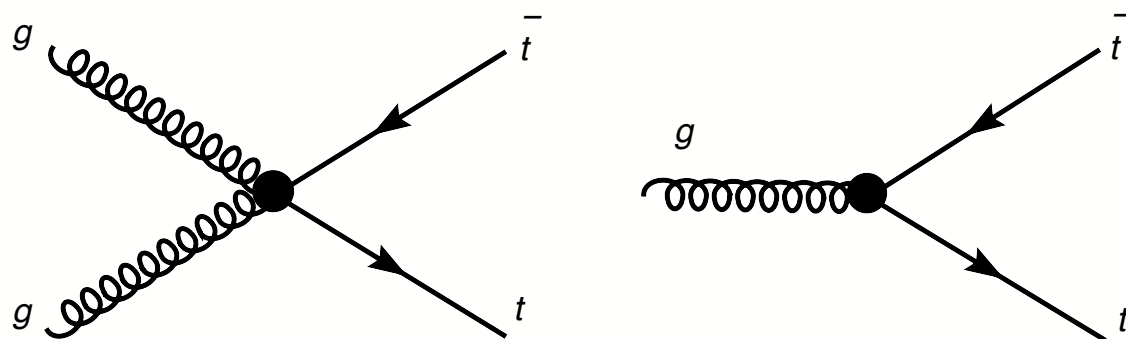
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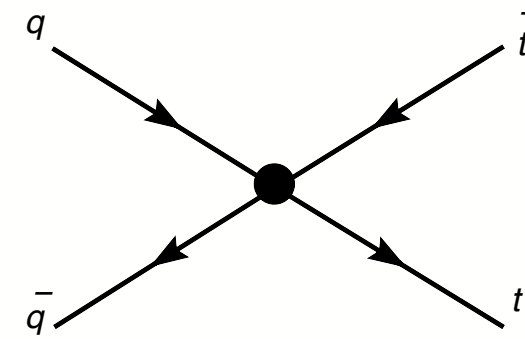
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ttbar production

New vertices

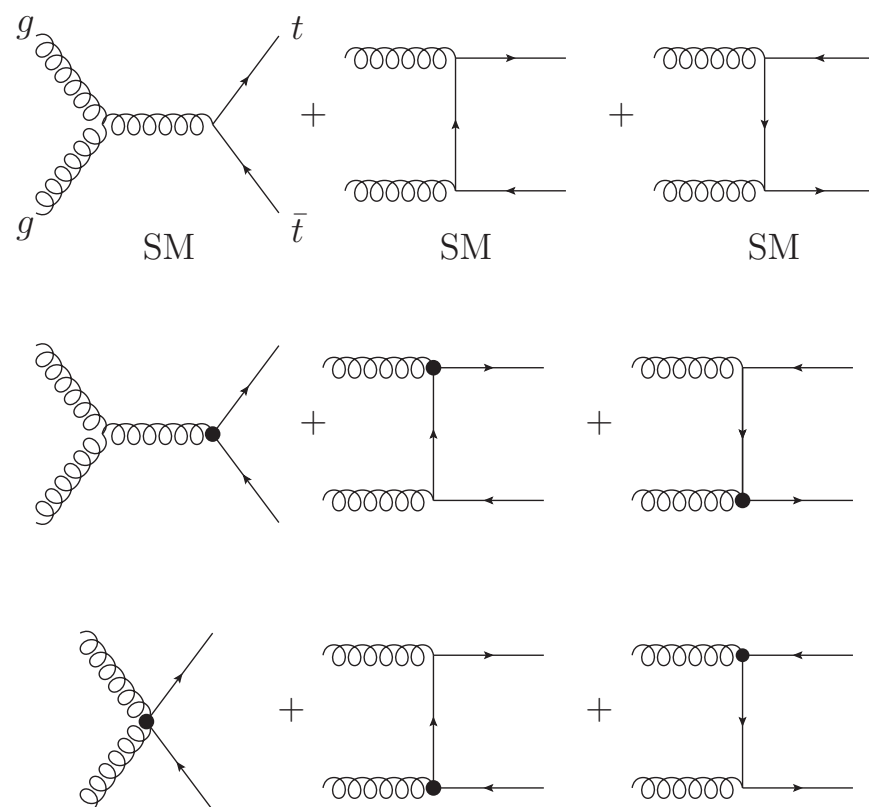


Chromomagnetic operator $\mathcal{O}_{hg} = (H\bar{Q})\sigma^{\mu\nu}T^A t G_{\mu\nu}^A$

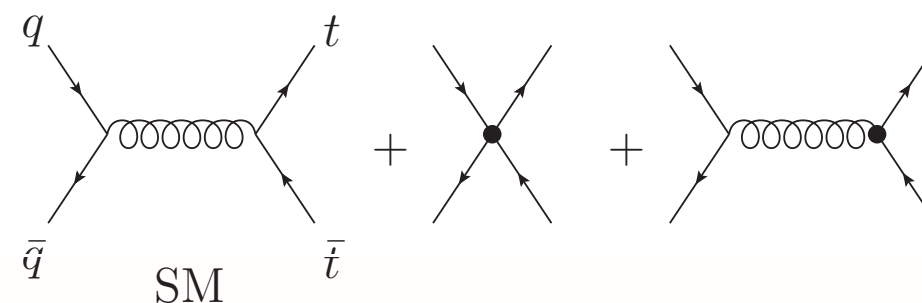


Four-fermion operators

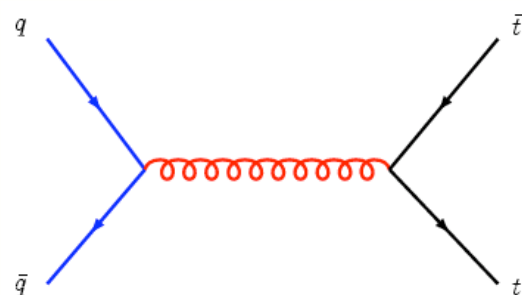
gluon fusion
corrections from c_{hg} only



q \bar{q} annihilation:
both c_{hg} and 4-fermion operators

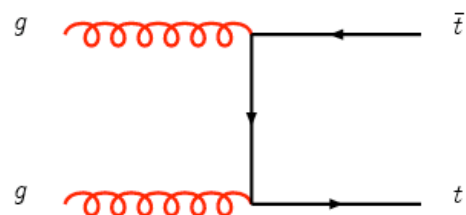


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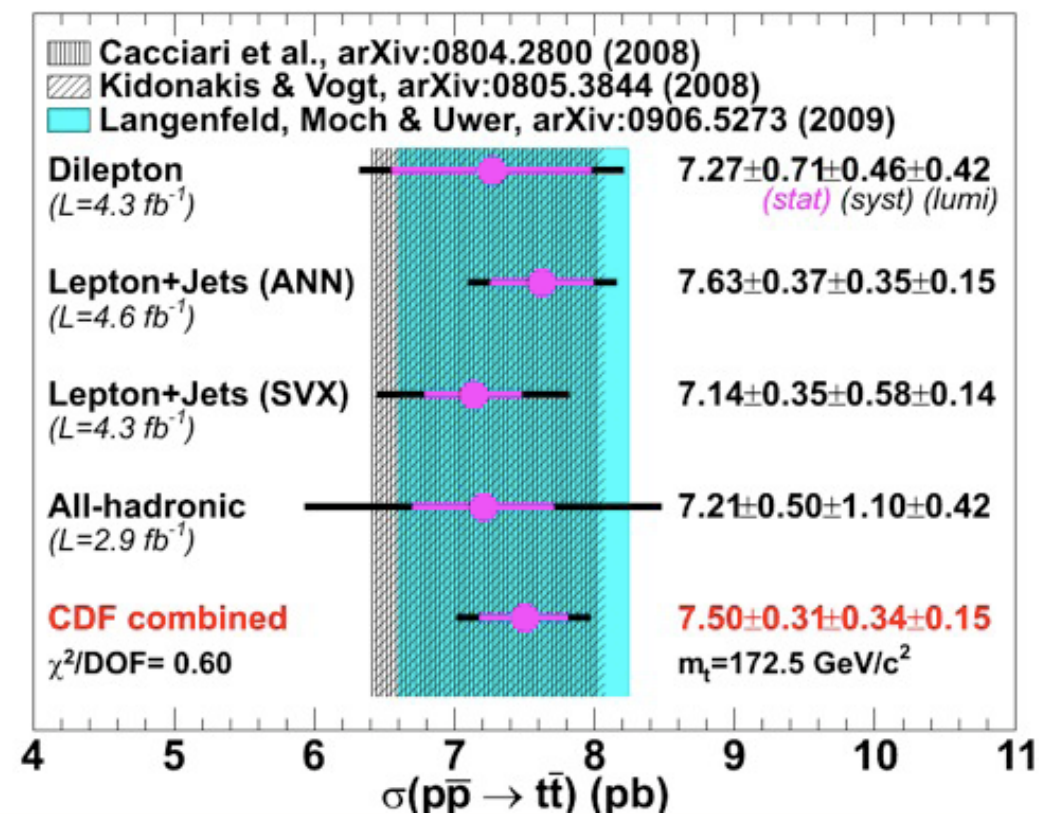


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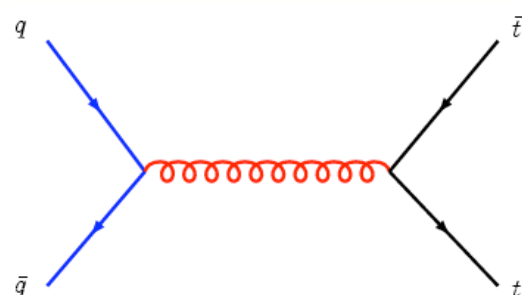
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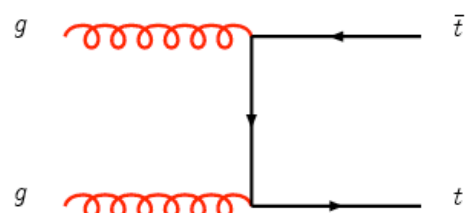


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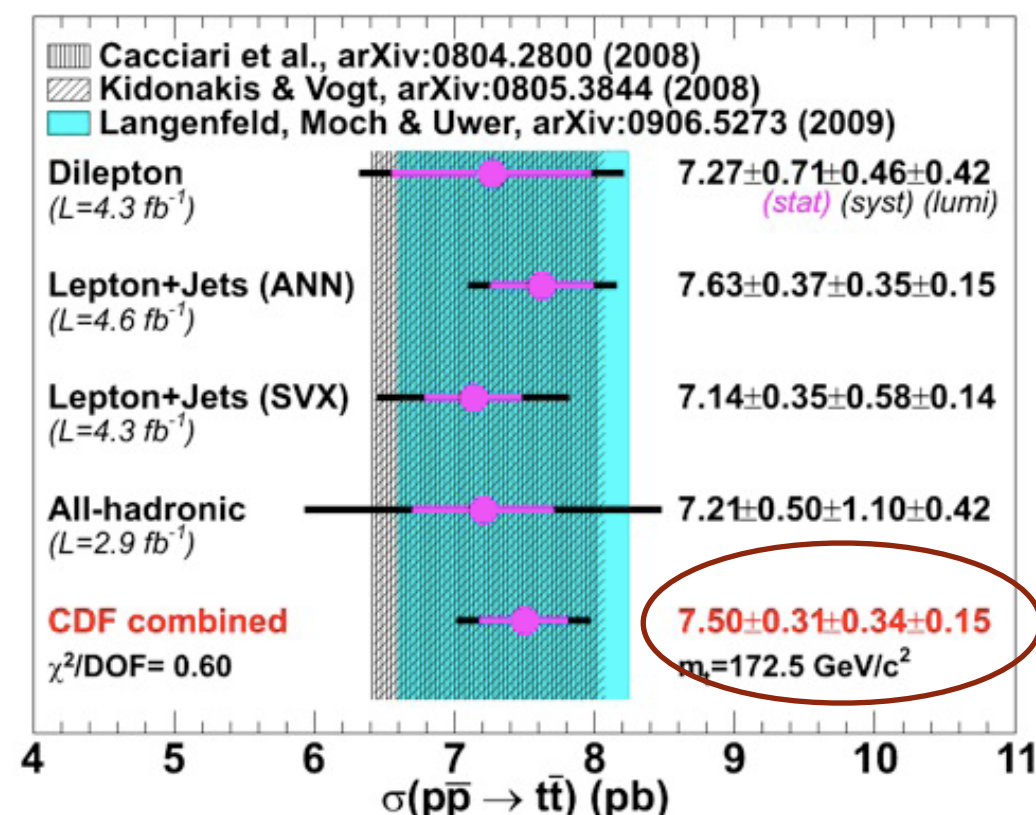


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The gg channel is only very roughly constrained!!!
We might have missed some big and important NP effect connected with an gg initial state (such a scalar...).

How can we study such effects in a model independent way?

tt production

One can show that you end up with five main operators,

$$\mathcal{L}_{t\bar{t}} = \mathcal{L}_{t\bar{t}}^{SM} + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left[g_h \mathcal{O}_{hg} + c_R \mathcal{O}_{Rg} + a_R \mathcal{O}_{Ra}^8 + (R \leftrightarrow L) \right]$$

and in case one is interested only in total rates (and spin independent / FB symmetries)
only three parameters are left : g_h , $c_V = c_R + c_L$ and $a_A = a_R - a_L$

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Distortions in the shape of the distributions can only come from qq annihilation \rightarrow
small effects at LHC

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ttbar total cross-section

Tevatron

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) / \text{pb} = 6.15_{-1.61}^{+2.41} + \left[(0.87_{-0.16}^{+0.23}) c_{Vv} + (1.44_{-0.33}^{+0.47}) c_{hg} + (0.31_{-0.06}^{+0.08}) c'_{Vv} \right] \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2.$$

LHC (7 TeV)

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) / \text{pb} = 94_{-17}^{+22} + \left[(4.5_{-0.6}^{+0.7}) c_{Vv} + (25_{-5}^{+7}) c_{hg} + (0.48_{-0.056}^{+0.068}) c'_{Vv} \right] \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2.$$

LHC (14 TeV)

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}) / \text{pb} = 538_{-115}^{+162} + \left[(15_{-1}^{+2}) c_{Vv} + (144_{-25}^{+34}) c_{hg} + (1.32_{-0.12}^{+0.12}) c'_{Vv} \right] \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2.$$



u+d
(isospin 0)



chromomagnetic
moment

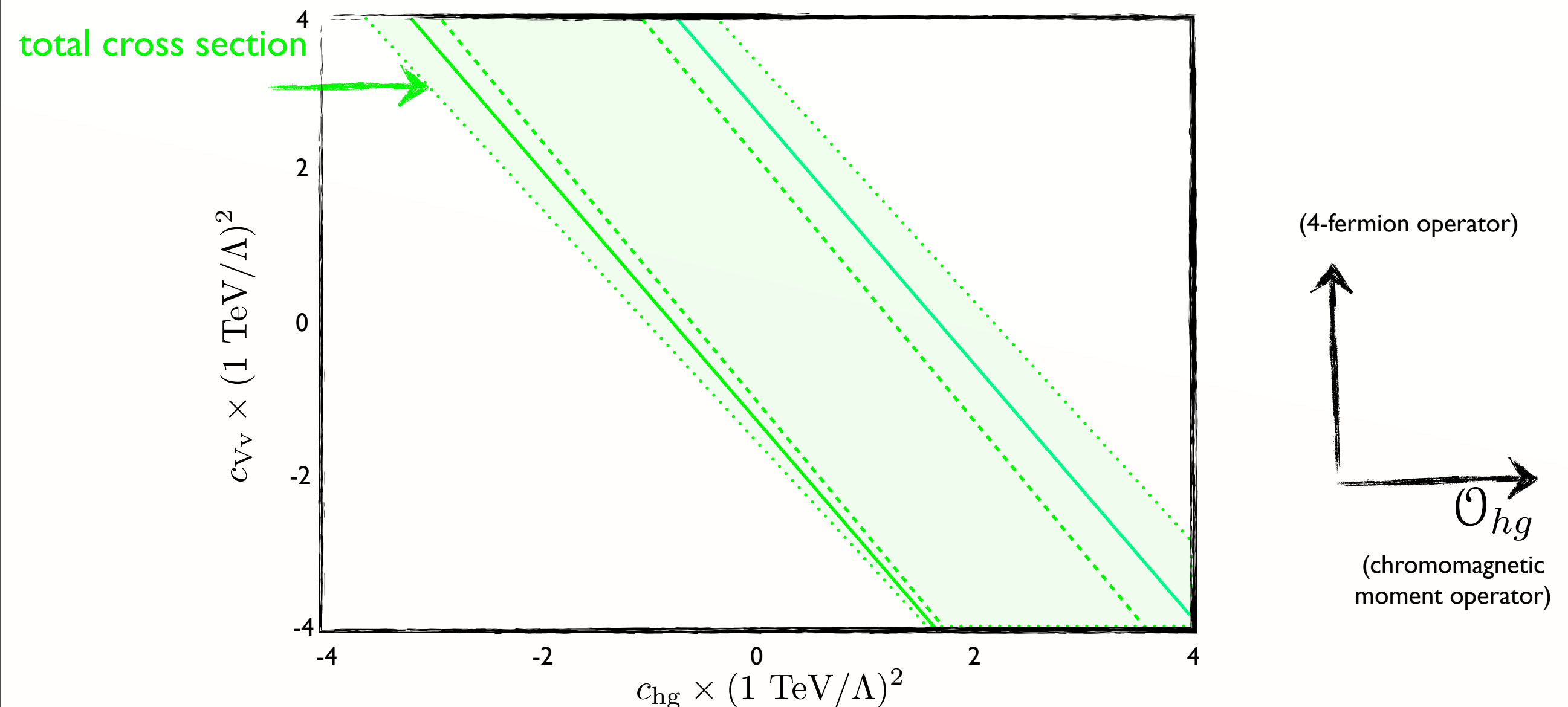


u-d
(isospin 1)

LO with CTEQ6L1 pdfs
In fits, we'll use NLO+NLL SM results
but in interference, we'll keep LO SM amplitude

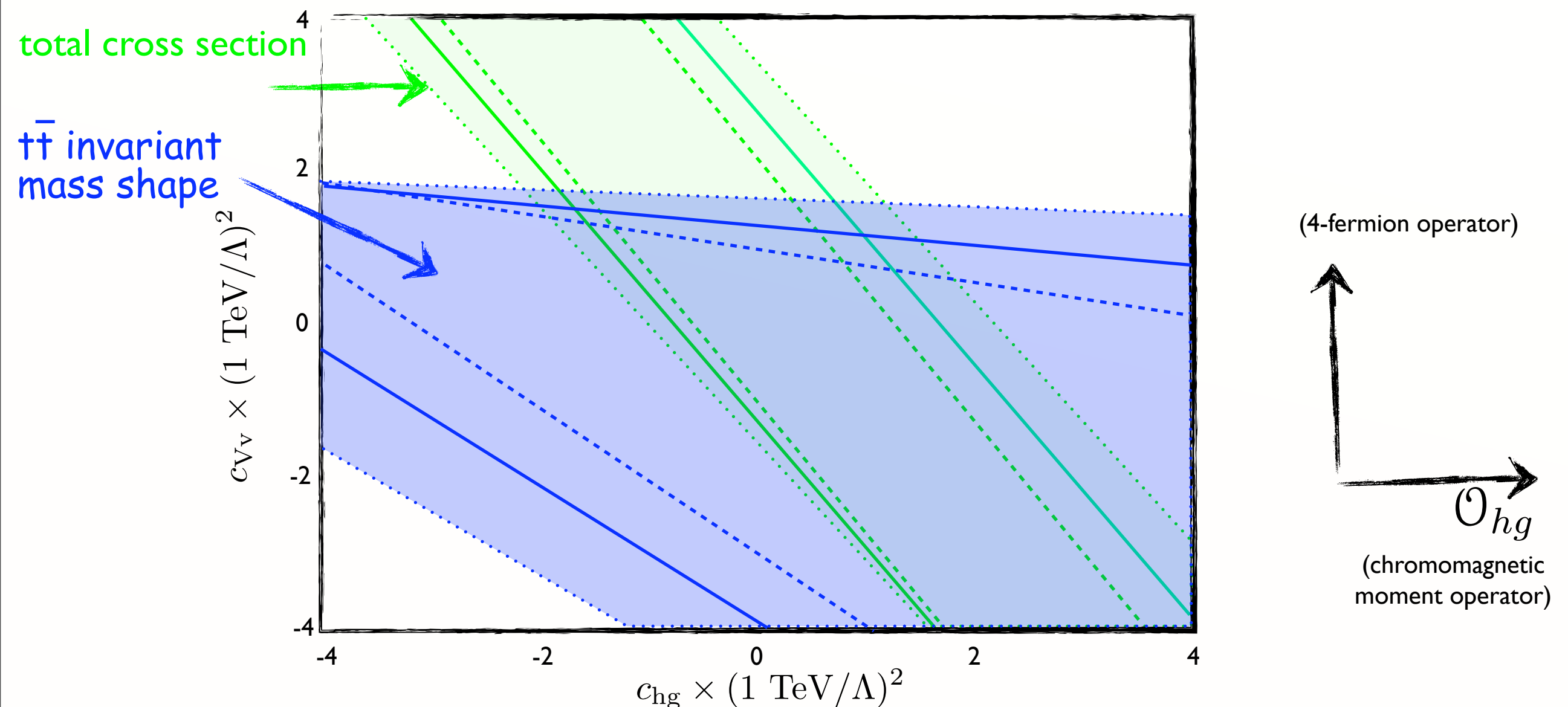
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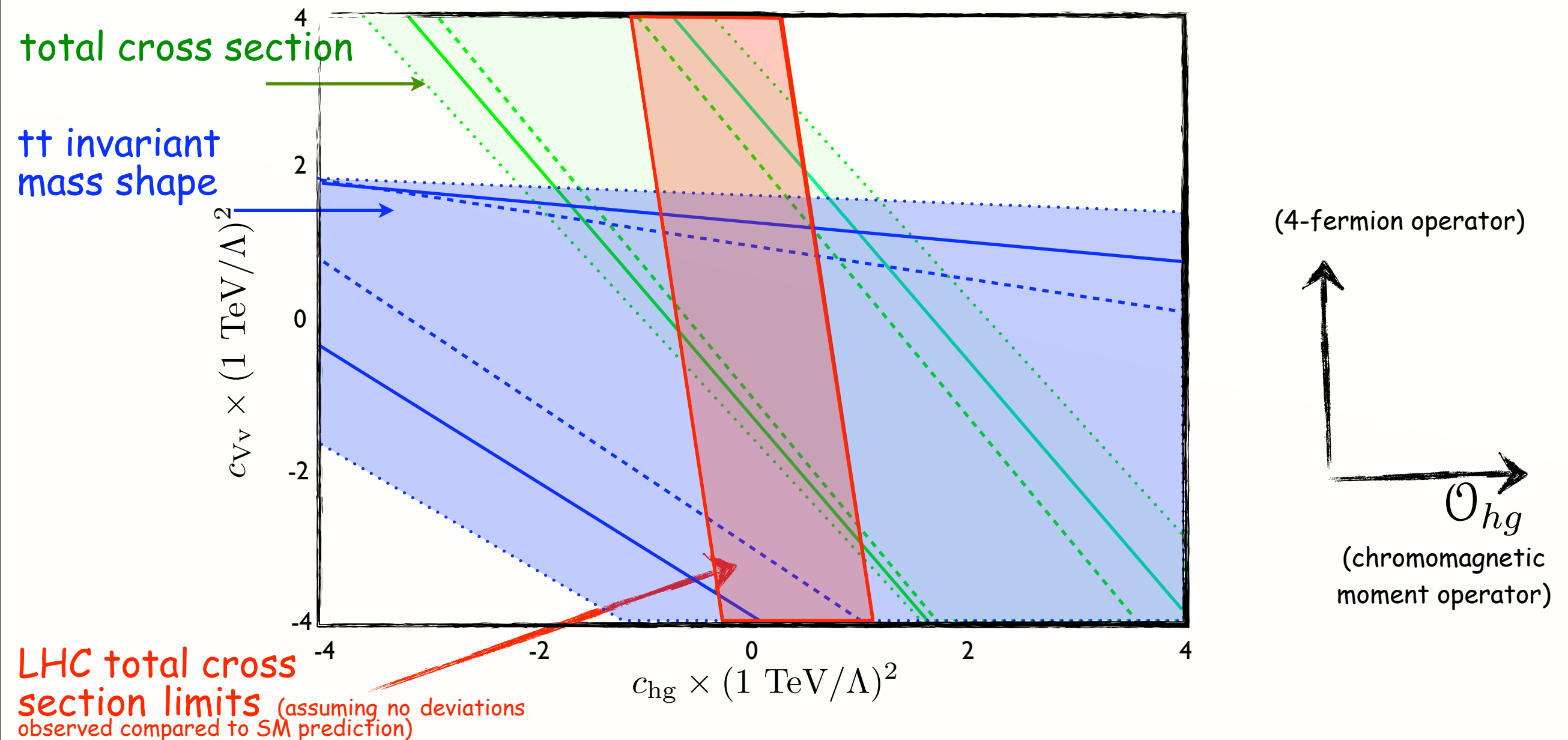
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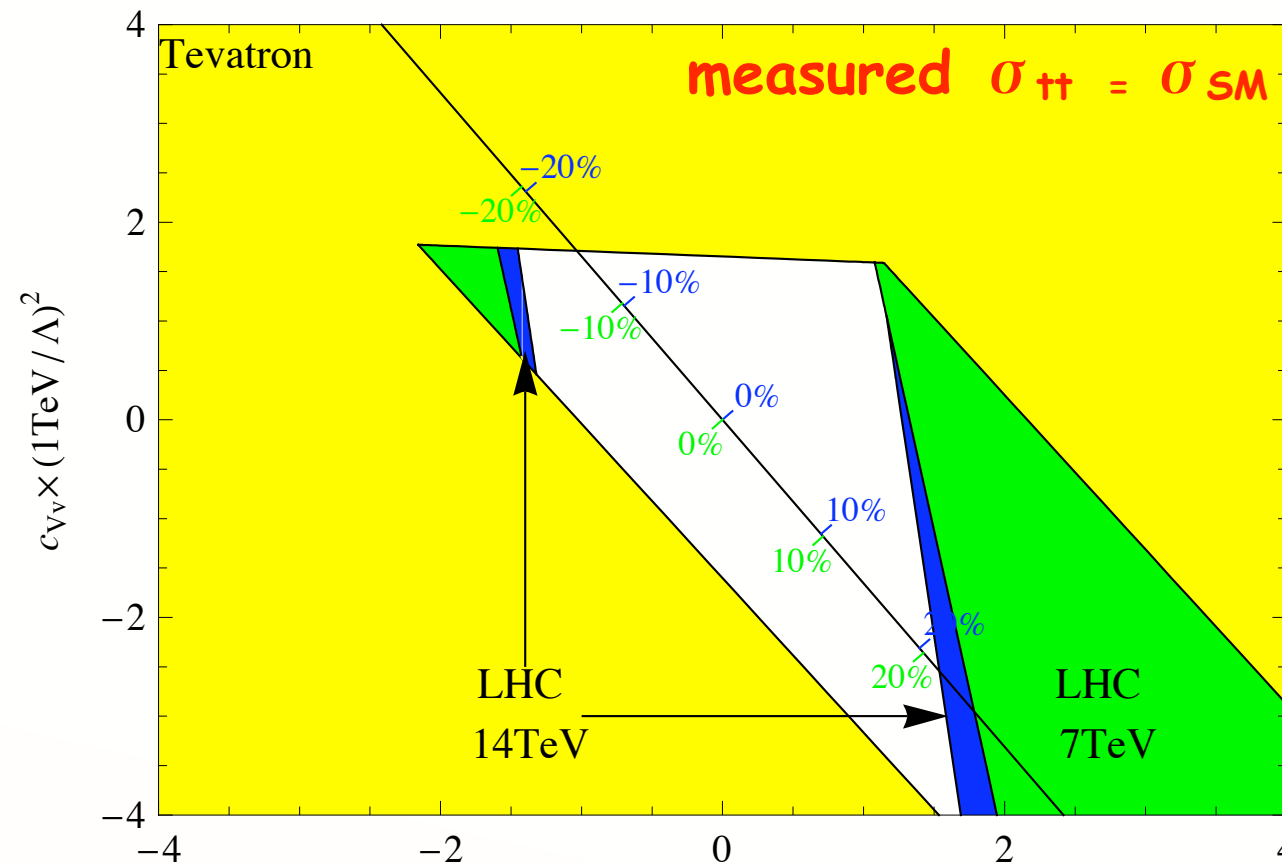
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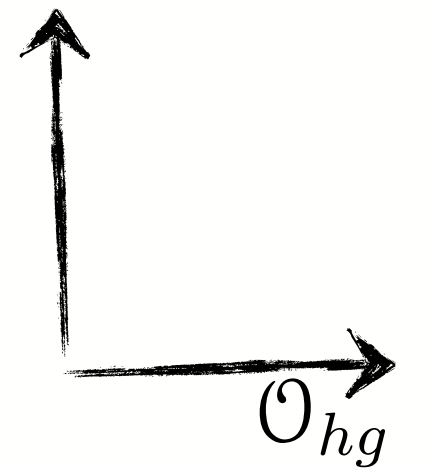
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yellow region is
excluded by Tevatron

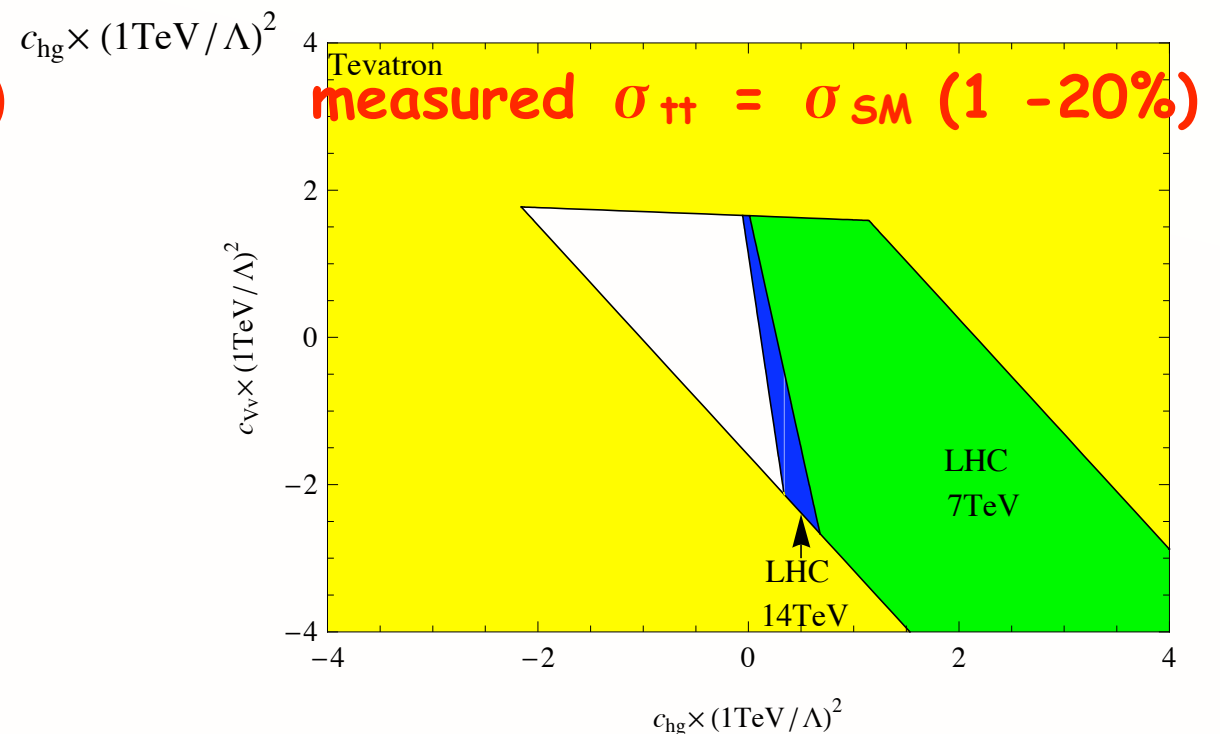
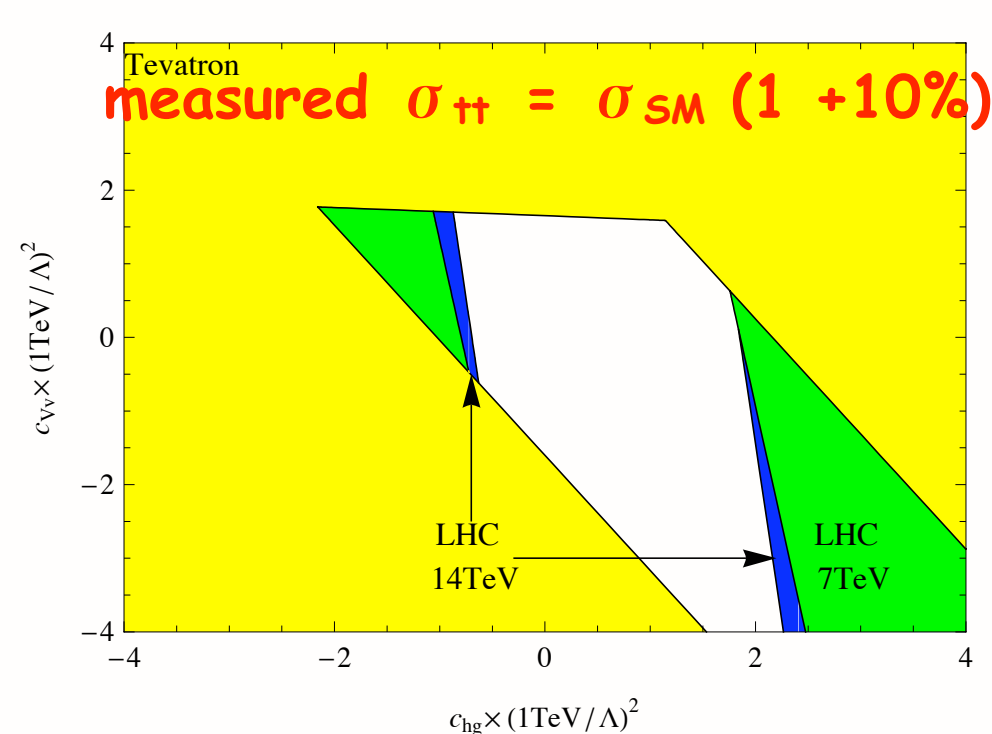
green (blue) region
excluded by LHC at 7 TeV
(14 TeV) after a precision
of 10% is reached on $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$



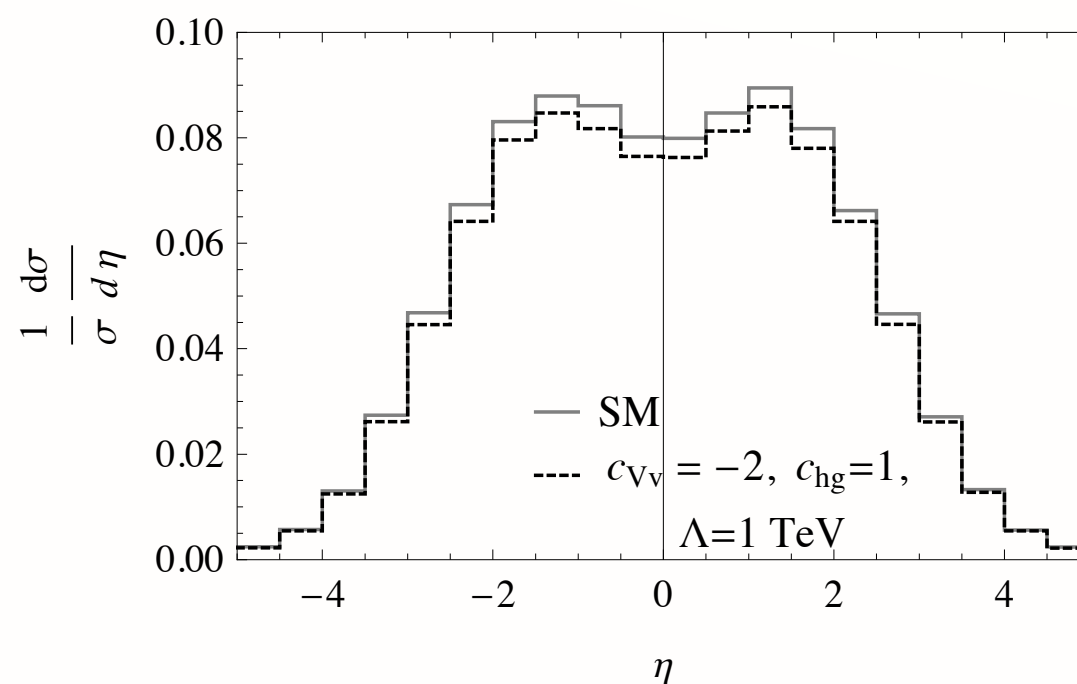
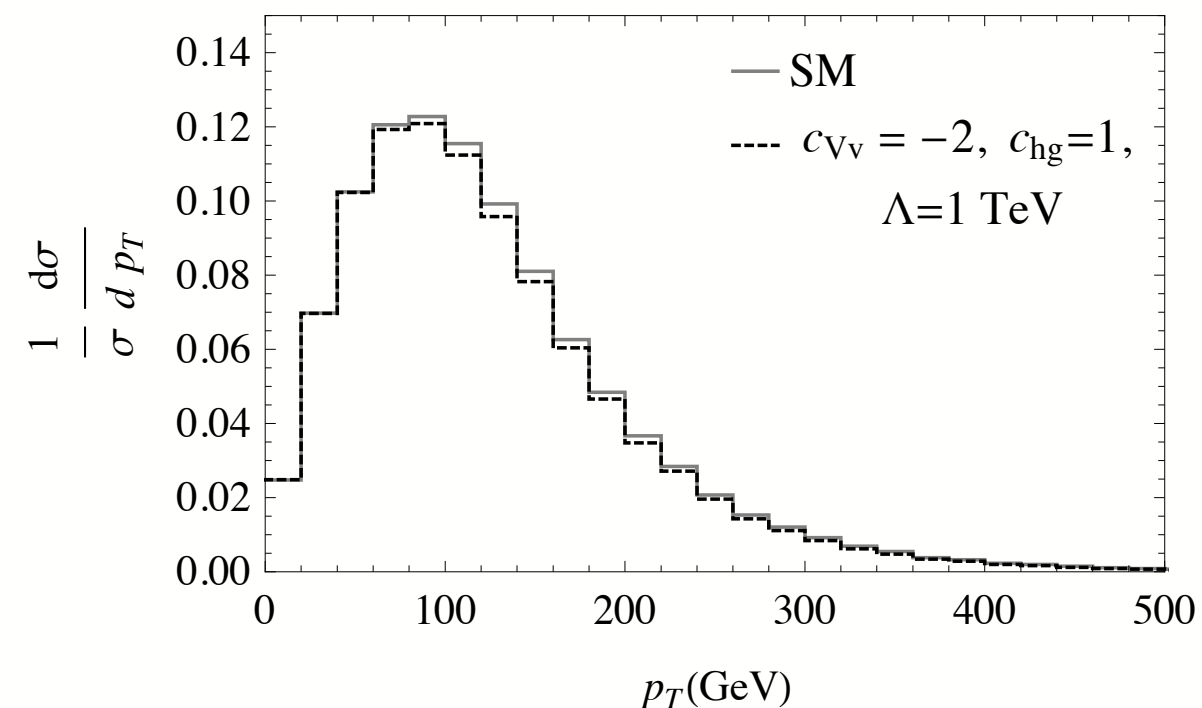
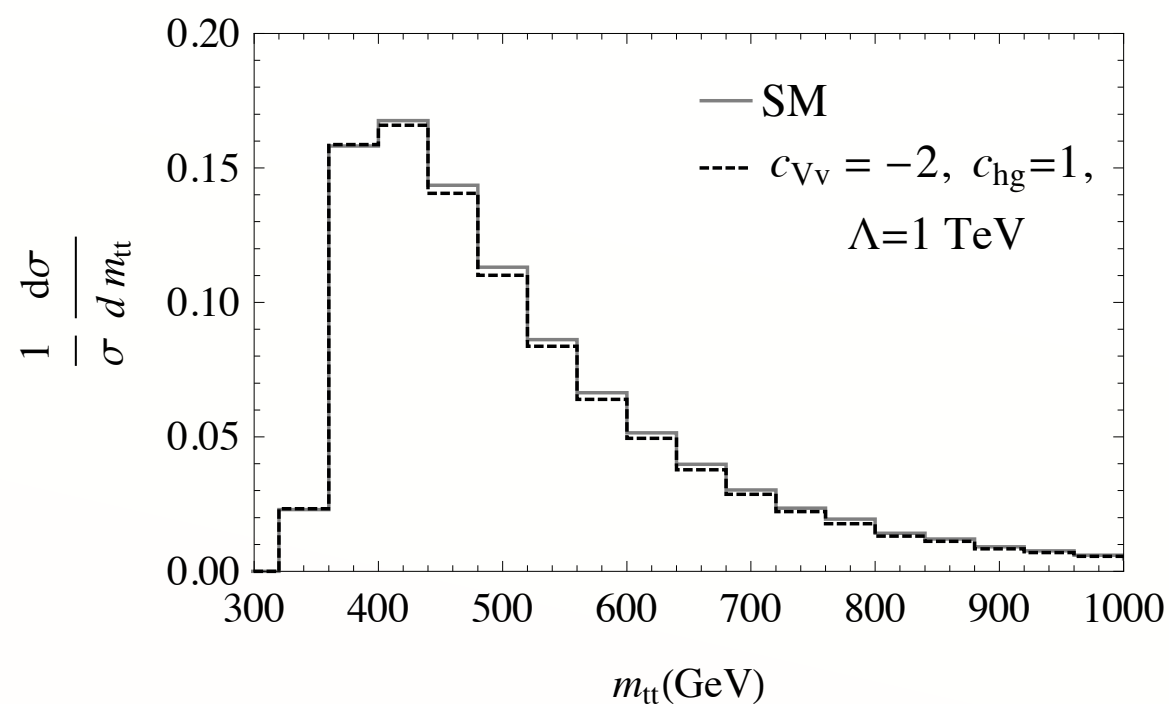
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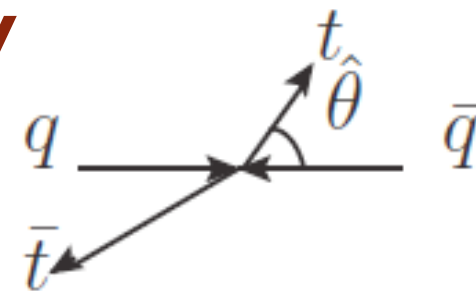


Minor effects on shape of distributions



Forward-Backward Asymmetry

lab. frame
$$A_{FB} \equiv \frac{\sigma(\cos \theta_t > 0) - \sigma(\cos \theta_t < 0)}{\sigma(\cos \theta_t > 0) + \sigma(\cos \theta_t < 0)}$$

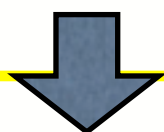


$$A_{FB}^{\text{SM}} = 0.05 \pm 0.015.$$

$$A_{FB}^{\text{EXP}} = 0.15 \pm 0.05(\text{stat}) \pm 0.024(\text{syst}),$$

→ top quarks are preferentially emitted in the direction of the incoming quark

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dt}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{d\sigma_{SM}}{dt} \left(1 + \frac{c_{Vv} \pm \frac{c'_{Vv}}{2}}{g_s^2} \frac{s}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{9s^2} \left(\left(c_{Aa} \pm \frac{c'_{Aa}}{2} \right) s(\tau_2 - \tau_1) + 4g_s c_{hg} \sqrt{2} v m_t \right)$$

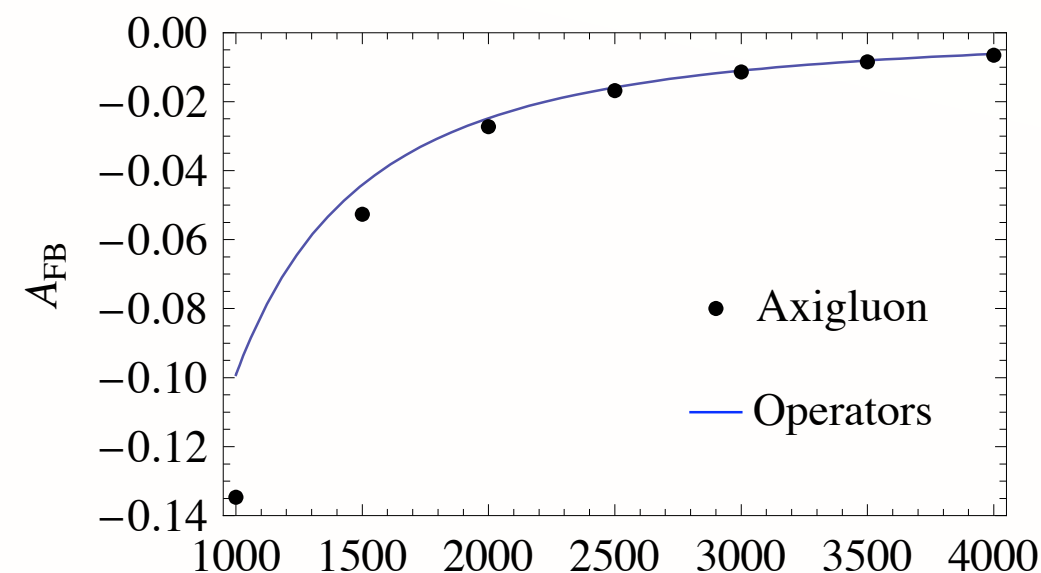


$$\delta A_{FB}^{\text{dim } 6} = \left(0.0342_{-0.009}^{+0.016} c_{Aa} + 0.0128_{-0.0036}^{+0.0064} c'_{Aa} \right) \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right)^2$$

c_{Aa} and c'_{Aa} are only constrained by the asymmetry and not by the total cross section or the invariant mass distribution

Link to axigluon models:

$$c_{Aa}/\Lambda^2 = -2g_A^q g_A^t / m_A^2$$



Forward-Backward Asymmetry

asymmetries in lab. frame

$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{inclusive}) = 0.158 \pm 0.075$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{SM}) = 0.058 \pm 0.009$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(m_{t\bar{t}} < 450 \text{ GeV}) = -0.116 \pm 0.153$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{SM}) = 0.04 \pm 0.006$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(m_{t\bar{t}} > 450 \text{ GeV}) = 0.475 \pm 0.114$$

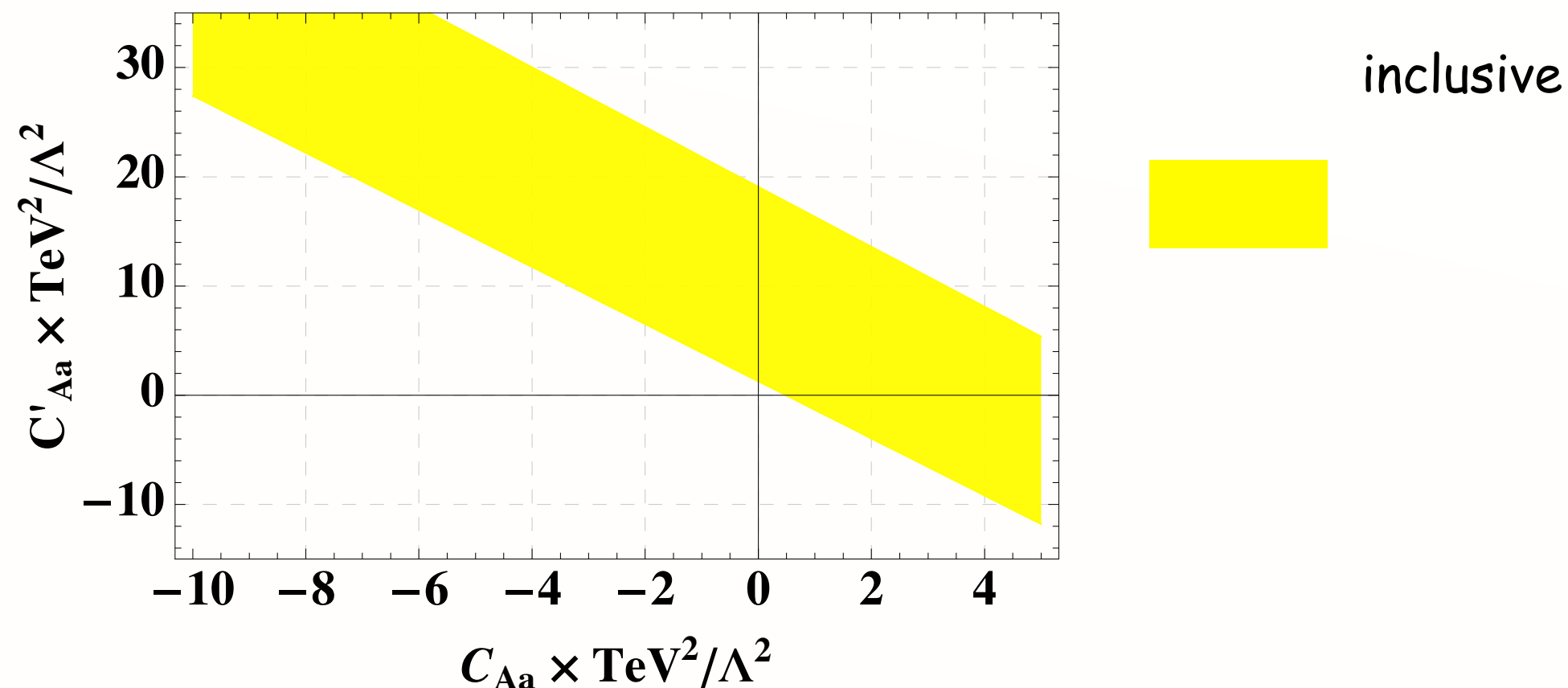
$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{SM}) = 0.088 \pm 0.013$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(|\Delta y| < 1) = 0.026 \pm 0.118$$

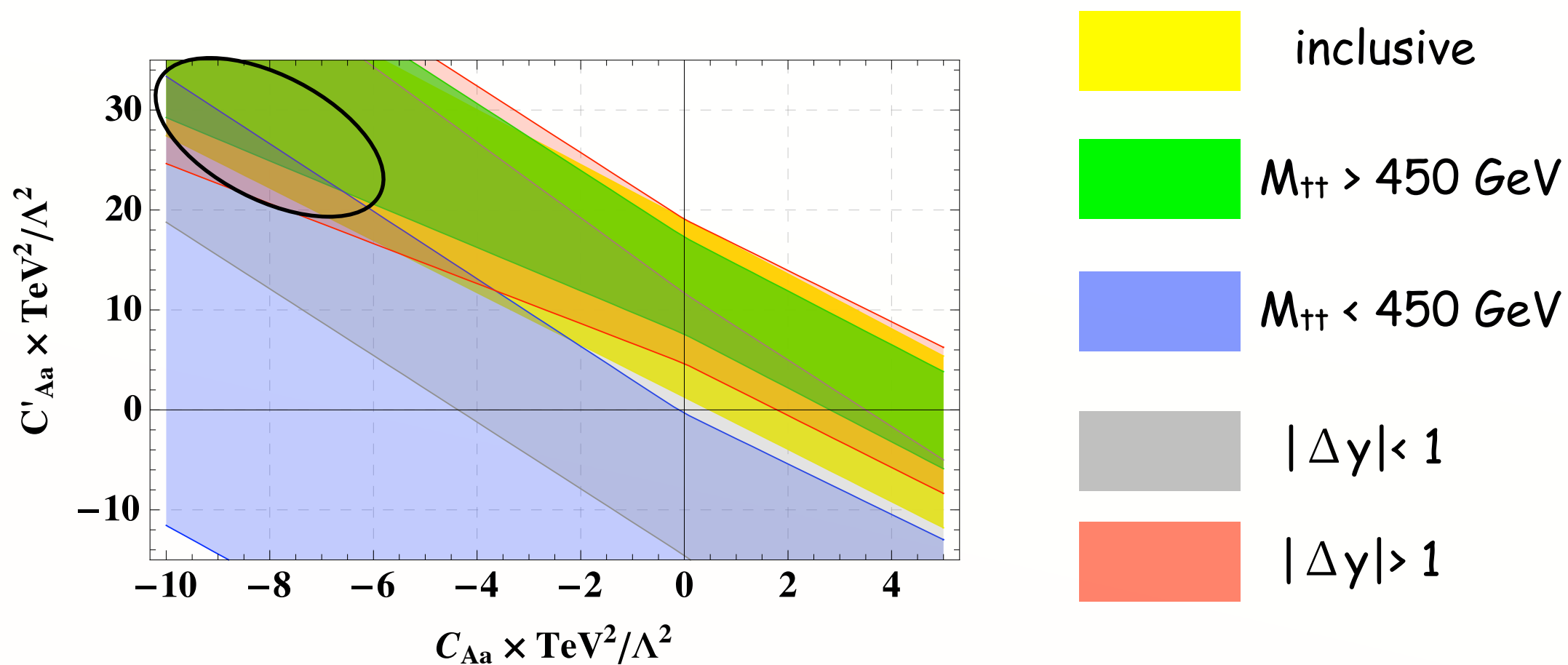
$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{SM}) = 0.039 \pm 0.006$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(|\Delta y| > 1) = 0.611 \pm 0.256$$

$$A_{\text{FB}}(\text{SM}) = 0.123 \pm 0.008$$



Forward-Backward Asymmetry



→ Within our two-parameter effective theory, the intersecting region is contrived...

Spin Correlations

The three observables σ , $d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ and A_{FB} are unable to disentangle between theories coupled mainly to right- or left-handed top quarks. However, spin correlations allow us to determine which chiralities of the top quark couple to new physics, and in the case of composite models, whether one or two chiralities of the top quark are composite.

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_+ d\cos\theta_-} = \frac{1}{4} (1 + C \cos\theta_+ \cos\theta_- + b_+ \cos\theta_+ + b_- \cos\theta_-)$$

θ_+ (θ_-) is the angle between the charged lepton l^+ (l^-) resulting from the top (antitop) decay and some reference direction \vec{a} (\vec{b}).

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{1}{\sigma} (\sigma_{RL} + \sigma_{LR} - \sigma_{RR} - \sigma_{LL}), \\ b_+ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} (\sigma_{RL} - \sigma_{LR} + \sigma_{RR} - \sigma_{LL}), \\ b_- &= \frac{1}{\sigma} (\sigma_{RL} - \sigma_{LR} - \sigma_{RR} + \sigma_{LL}). \end{aligned}$$

$$C \times \sigma/\text{pb} = 2.82_{-0.72}^{+1.06} + [(0.37_{-0.08}^{+0.10}) c_{hg} + (0.50_{-0.10}^{+0.13}) c_{Vv}] \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^2,$$

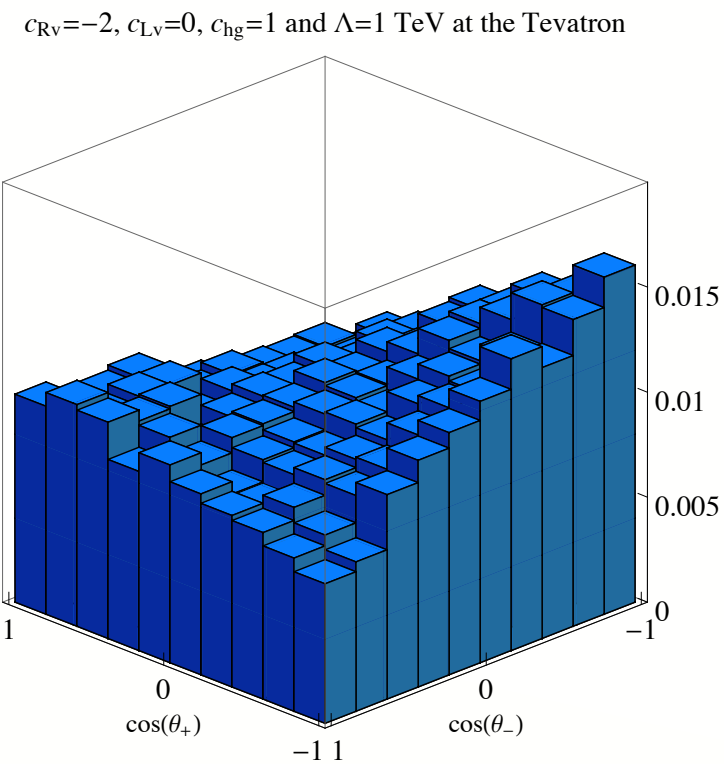
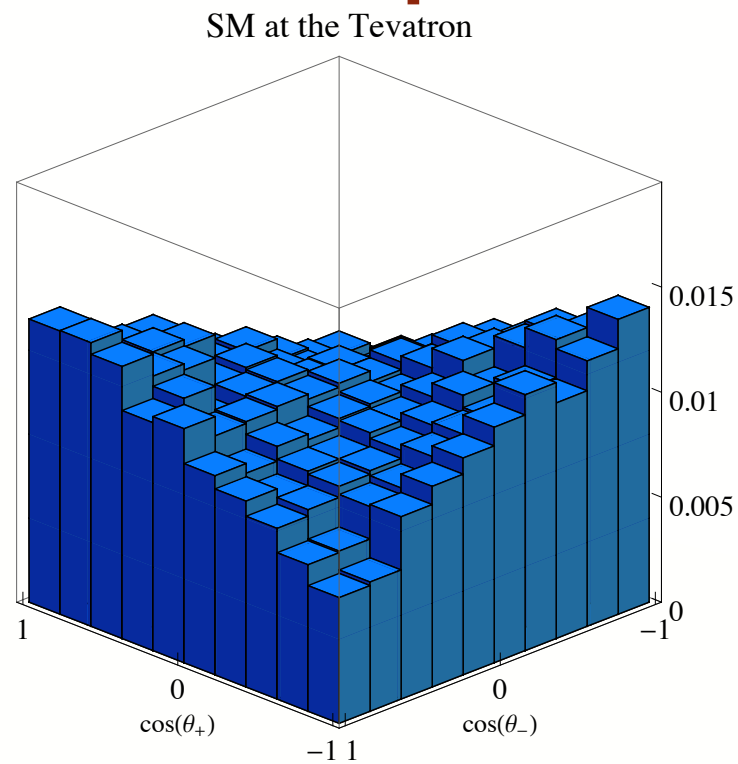
$$b \times \sigma/\text{pb} = (0.45_{-0.09}^{+0.12}) \underbrace{c_{Av}}_{\text{proportional to } C_{Rv} - C_{Lv}} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^2,$$

allows to distinguish between
LH and RH top-quarks

Spin Correlations

Tevatron

large deviations but few events



LHC

small deviations but numerous events

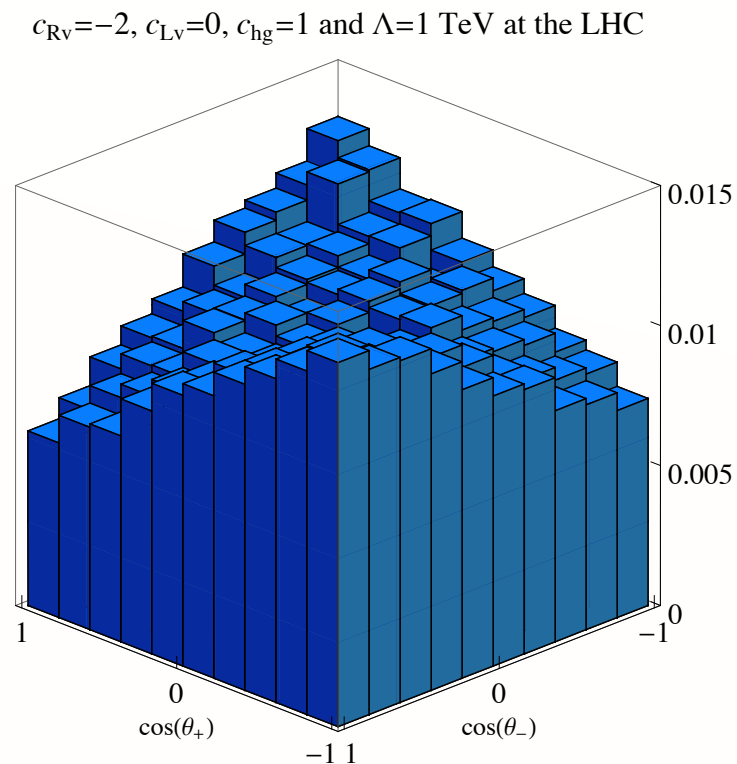
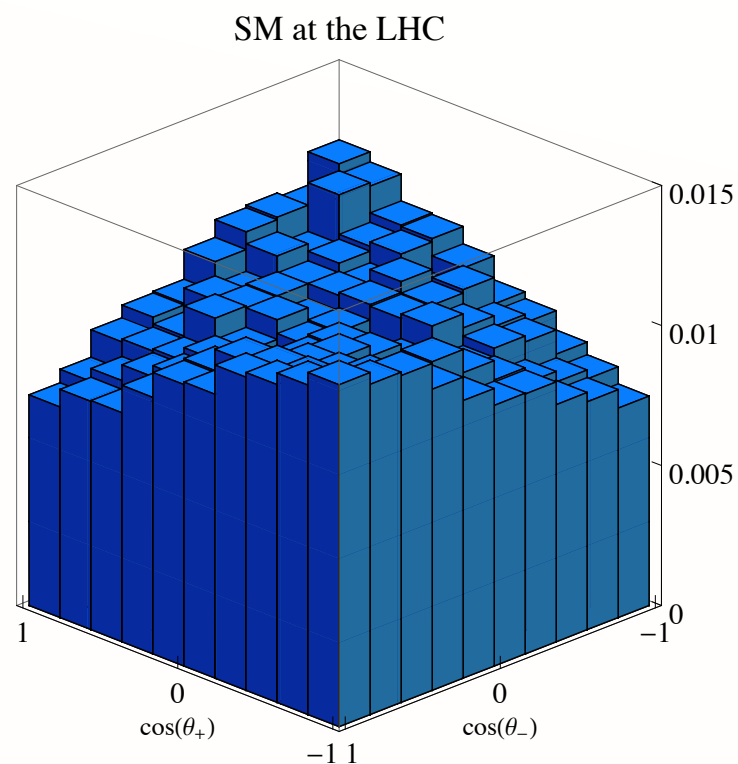


Figure 11: Distribution of events at the Tevatron/LHC (top panel/bottom panel) for the SM (on the left) and for $c_{Rv} = -2, c_{Lv} = 0, c_{hg} = 1$ and $\Lambda = 1$ TeV (on the right) with $\mu_F = \mu_R = mt$.

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The operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dim}=6}^{qq \rightarrow tt} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(c_{RR} \mathcal{O}_{RR} + c_{LL}^{(1)} \mathcal{O}_{LL}^{(1)} + c_{LL}^{(3)} \mathcal{O}_{LL}^{(3)} + c_{LR}^{(1)} \mathcal{O}_{LR}^{(1)} + c_{LR}^{(8)} \mathcal{O}_{LR}^{(8)} \right) + h.c..$$

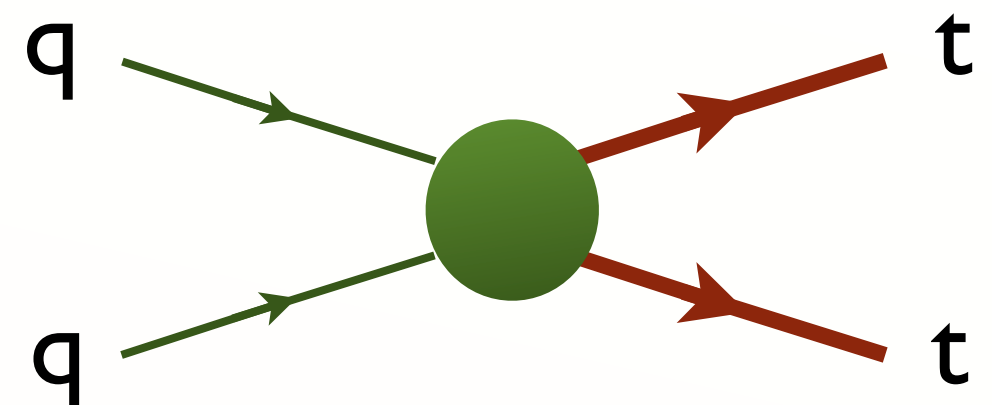
$$\mathcal{O}_{RR} = [\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu u_R] [\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu u_R]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{LL}^{(1)} = [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu q_L] [\bar{Q}_L \gamma_\mu q_L]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{LL}^{(3)} = [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma^a q_L] [\bar{Q}_L \gamma_\mu \sigma^a q_L]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{LR}^{(1)} = [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu q_L] [\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu u_R]$$

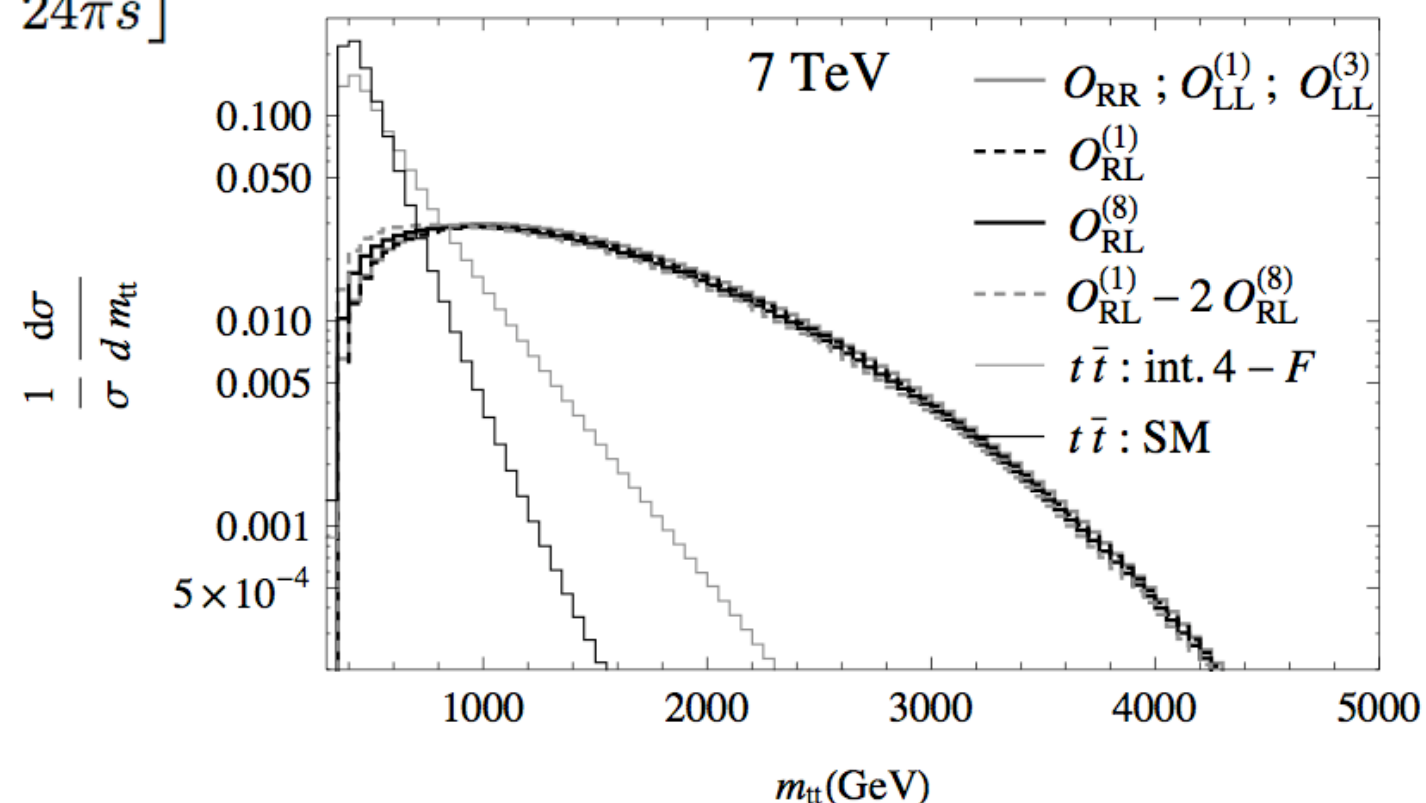
$$\mathcal{O}_{LR}^{(8)} = [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu T^A q_L] [\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu T^A u_R]$$



The cross section $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$

The differential cross section reads:

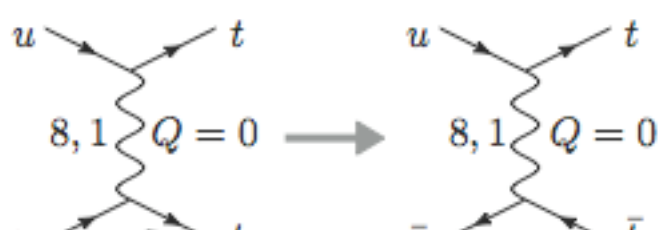
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{dt} = & \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \left[(|c_{RR}|^2 + |c_{LL}|^2) \frac{(s - 2m_t^2)}{3\pi s} \right. \\ & + \left(|c_{LR}^{(1)}|^2 + \frac{2}{9} |c_{LR}^{(8)}|^2 \right) \frac{(m_t^2 - t)^2 + (m_t^2 - u)^2}{16\pi s^2} \\ & \left. - \left(|c_{LR}^{(1)}|^2 + \frac{8}{3} \Re(c_{LR}^{(1)} c_{LR}^{(8)*}) - \frac{2}{9} |c_{LR}^{(8)}|^2 \right) \frac{m_t^2}{24\pi s} \right] \end{aligned}$$



Link to resonant models

t-channel

Spin	SU(3)	SU(2)	Y	c_{RR}	$c_{LL}^{(1)}$	$c_{LL}^{(3)}$	$c_{LR}^{(1)}$	$c_{LR}^{(8)}$
1	1	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\xi^2}{2}$		$-\xi$	
1	8	1	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{\xi^2}{24}$	$-\frac{\xi^2}{8}$		$-\xi$
0	1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$				$-\frac{1}{6}\xi$	$-\xi$
0	8	2	$\frac{1}{2}$				$-\frac{2}{9}\xi$	$\frac{1}{6}\xi$
1	1	3	0			$-\frac{\xi^2}{2}$		
1	8	3	0		$-\frac{3}{8}\xi^2$	$\frac{5}{24}\xi^2$		

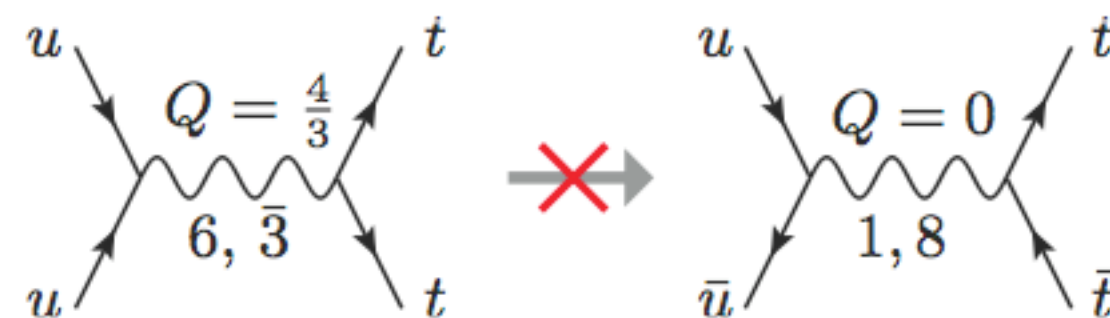


Spin	SU(2)	Y	c_{Vv}	c'_{Vv}	c_{Aa}	c'_{Aa}
1	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1
0	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}(\xi ^2 + \frac{1}{2})$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}(\xi ^2 + \frac{1}{2})$	$\frac{1}{2}$

Linked to AFB in $t\bar{t}$ bar!!

s-channel

Spin	SU(3)	SU(2)	Y	c_{RR}	$c_{LL}^{(1)}$	$c_{LL}^{(3)}$	$c_{LR}^{(1)}$	$c_{LR}^{(8)}$
1	$\bar{3}$	2	$\frac{5}{6}$				$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
1	6	2	$\frac{5}{6}$				$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
0	6	1	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$				
0	6	3	$\frac{1}{3}$		$-\frac{3}{8}$	$-\frac{1}{8}$		



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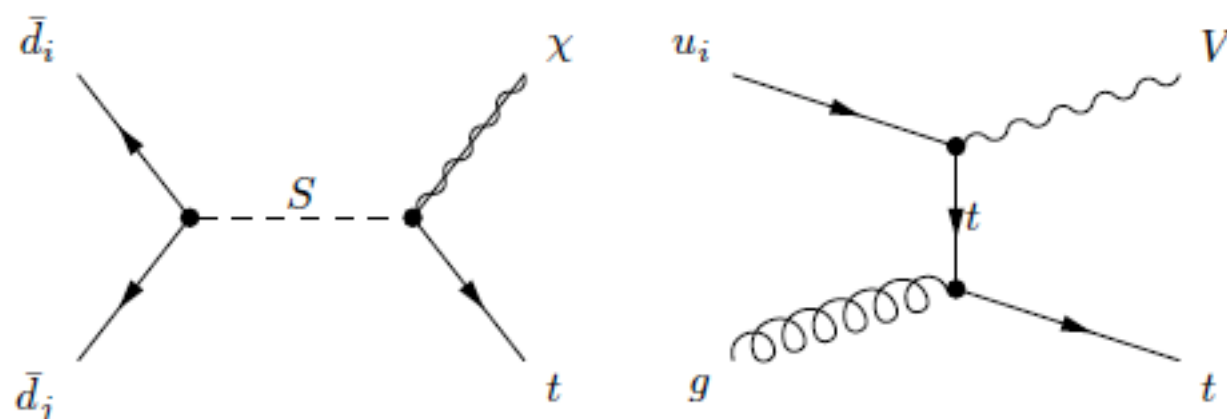
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Very unique signature.

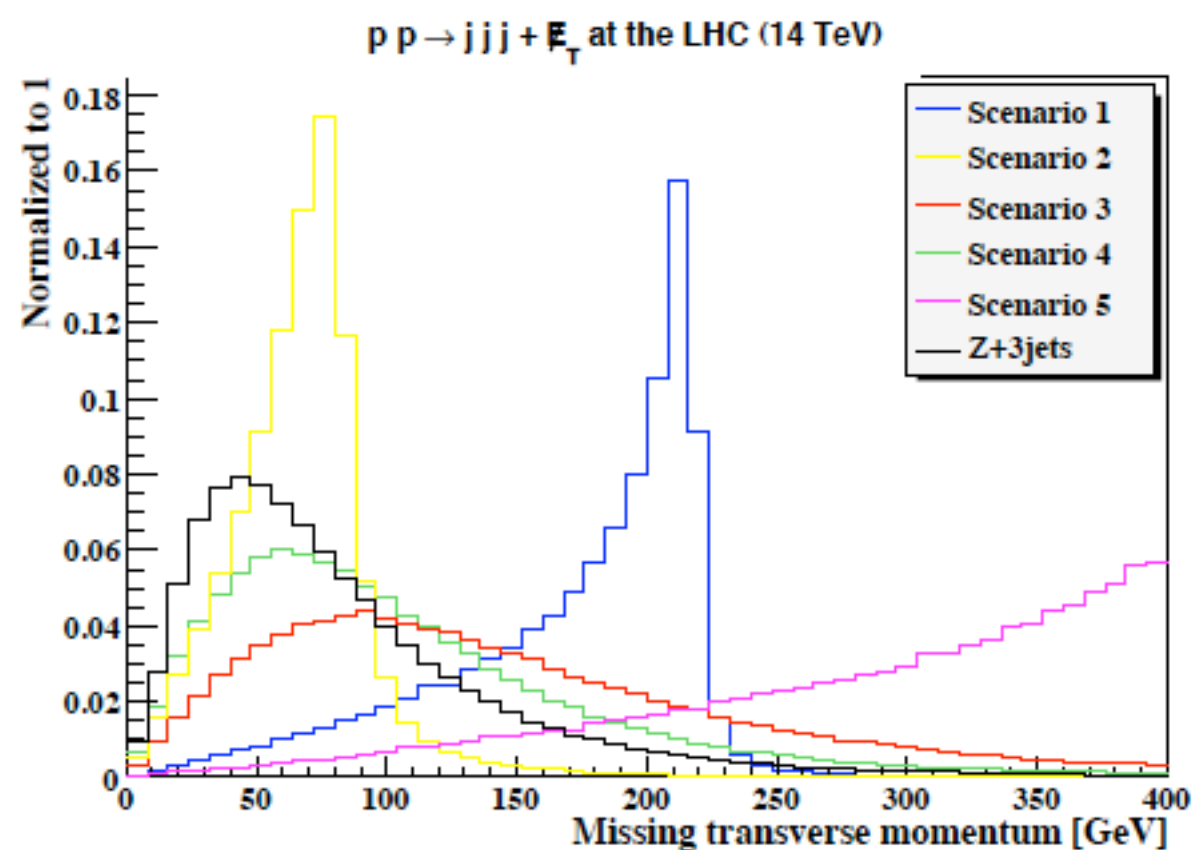
Two types of physics involved: R parity violation (RPV) and/or FCNC.

Most general simplified model
leading to monotops:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \mathcal{L}_{SM} \\ & + \phi \bar{u} \left[a_{FC}^0 + b_{FC}^0 \gamma_5 \right] u + V_\mu \bar{u} \left[a_{FC}^1 \gamma^\mu + b_{FC}^1 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \right] u \\ & + \epsilon^{ijk} \varphi_i \bar{d}_j^c \left[a_{SR}^q + b_{SR}^q \gamma_5 \right] d_k + \varphi_i \bar{u}^i \left[a_{SR}^{1/2} + b_{SR}^{1/2} \gamma_5 \right] \chi \\ & + \epsilon^{ijk} \tilde{\varphi}_i \bar{d}_j^c \left[\tilde{a}_{SR}^q + \tilde{b}_{SR}^q \gamma_5 \right] u_k + \tilde{\varphi}_i \bar{d}^i \left[\tilde{a}_{SR}^{1/2} + \tilde{b}_{SR}^{1/2} \gamma_5 \right] \chi \\ & + \epsilon^{ijk} X_{\mu,i} \bar{d}_j^c \left[a_{VR}^q \gamma^\mu + b_{VR}^q \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \right] d_k \\ & + X_{\mu,i} \bar{u}^i \left[a_{VR}^{1/2} \gamma^\mu + b_{VR}^{1/2} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \right] \chi + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned}$$

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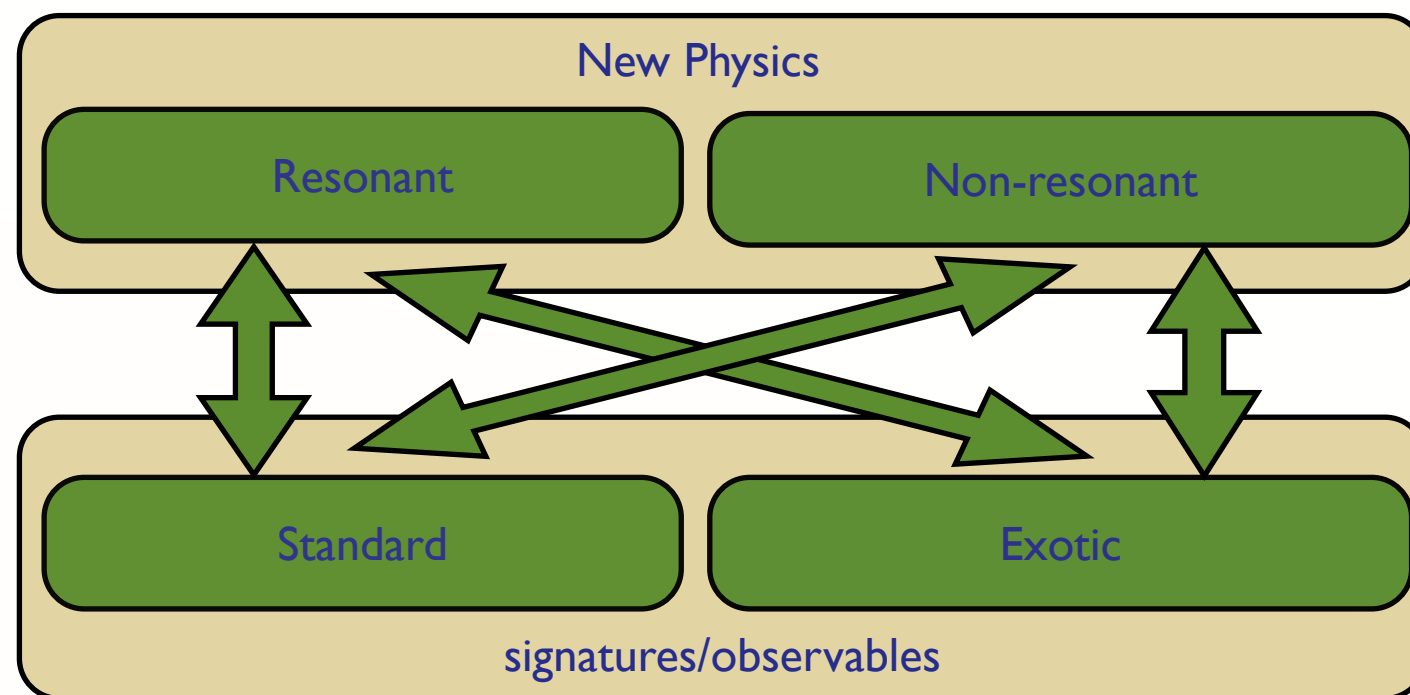
Study of the simplest signature: 3jets (and/or 1 boosted top)+nothing.



Models implemented in FeynRules + MG5. Pheno ready to go.

Conclusions

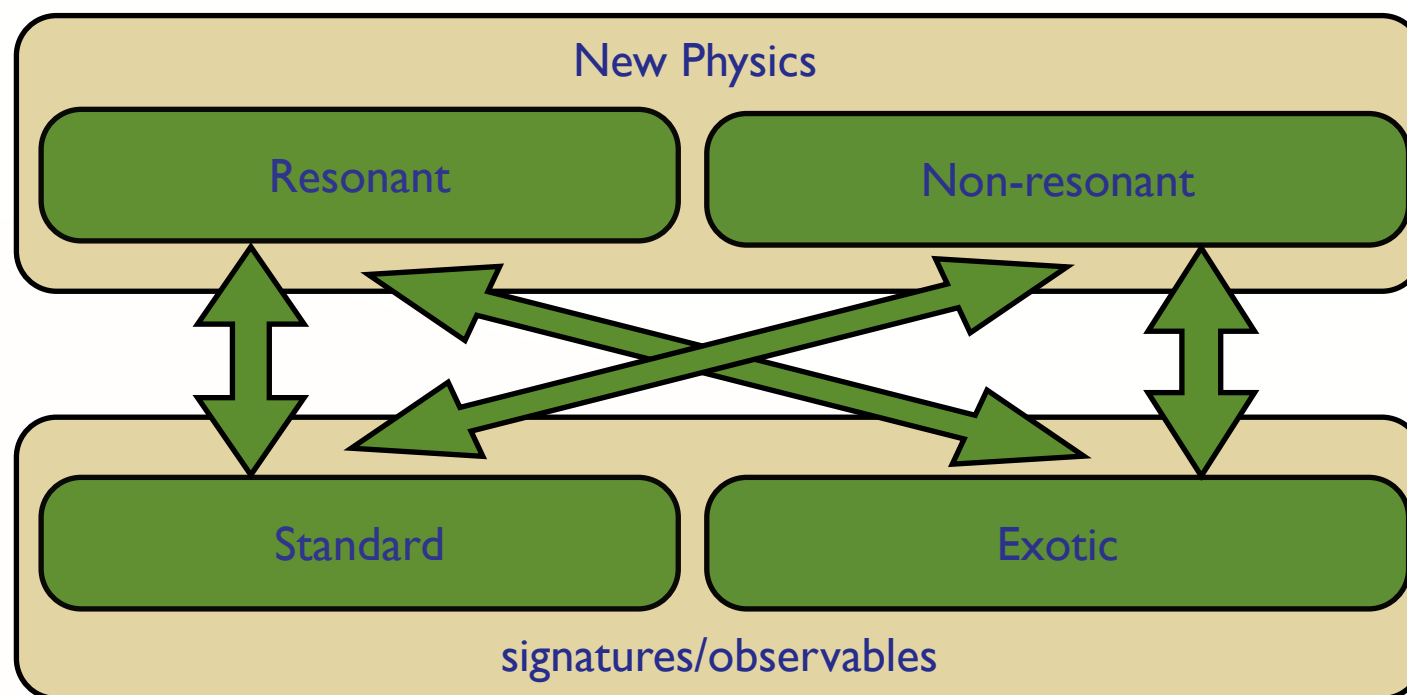
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