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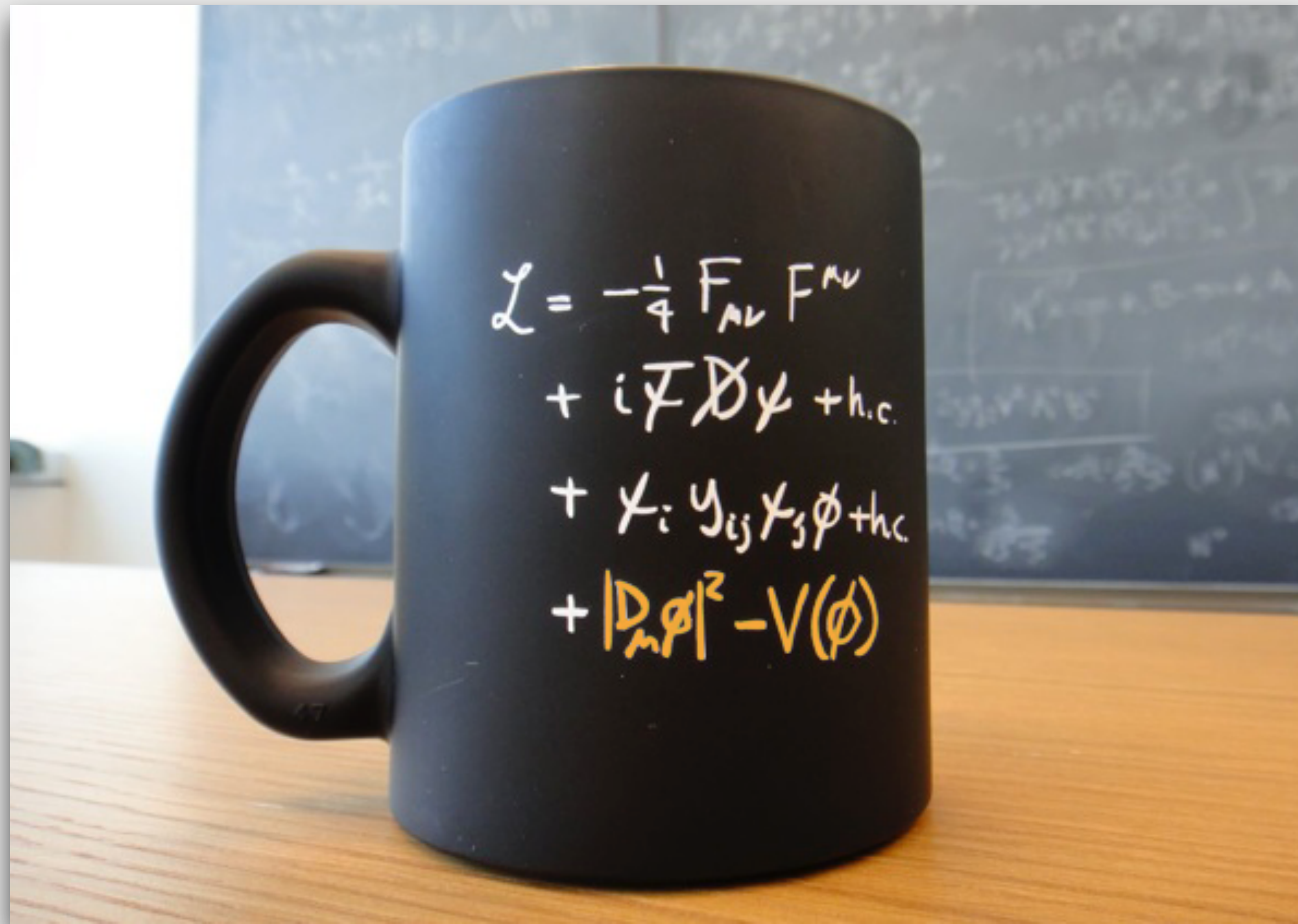


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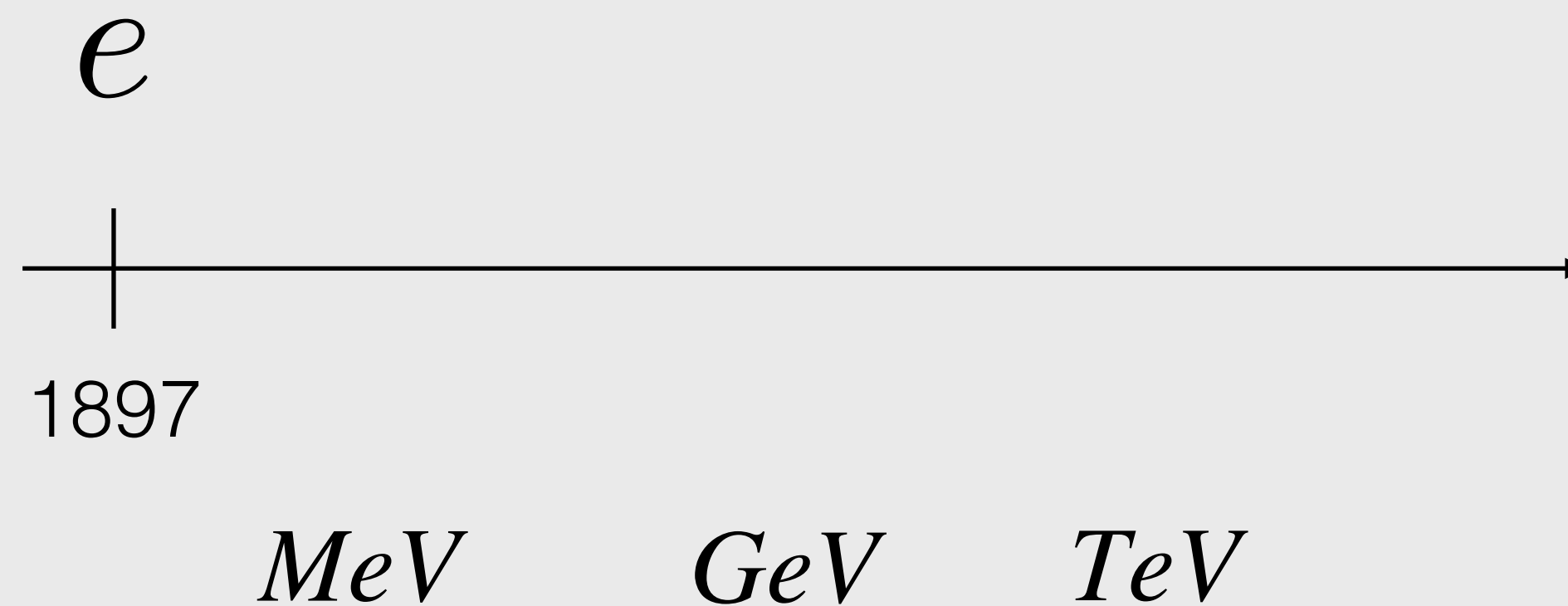
**We have got “the” formula
... and it is surprisingly short!**

The march of symmetry

SYMMETRY

AS A FUNDAMENTAL CHARACTER OF NATURE

Symmetries and particles

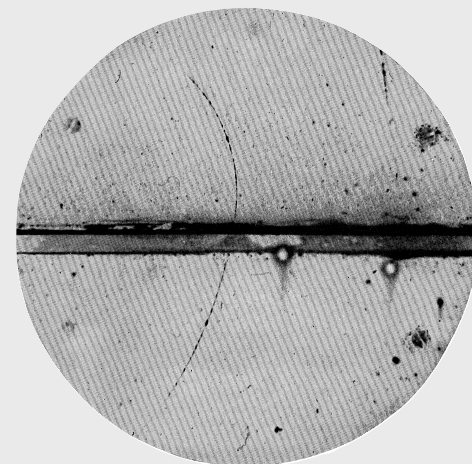


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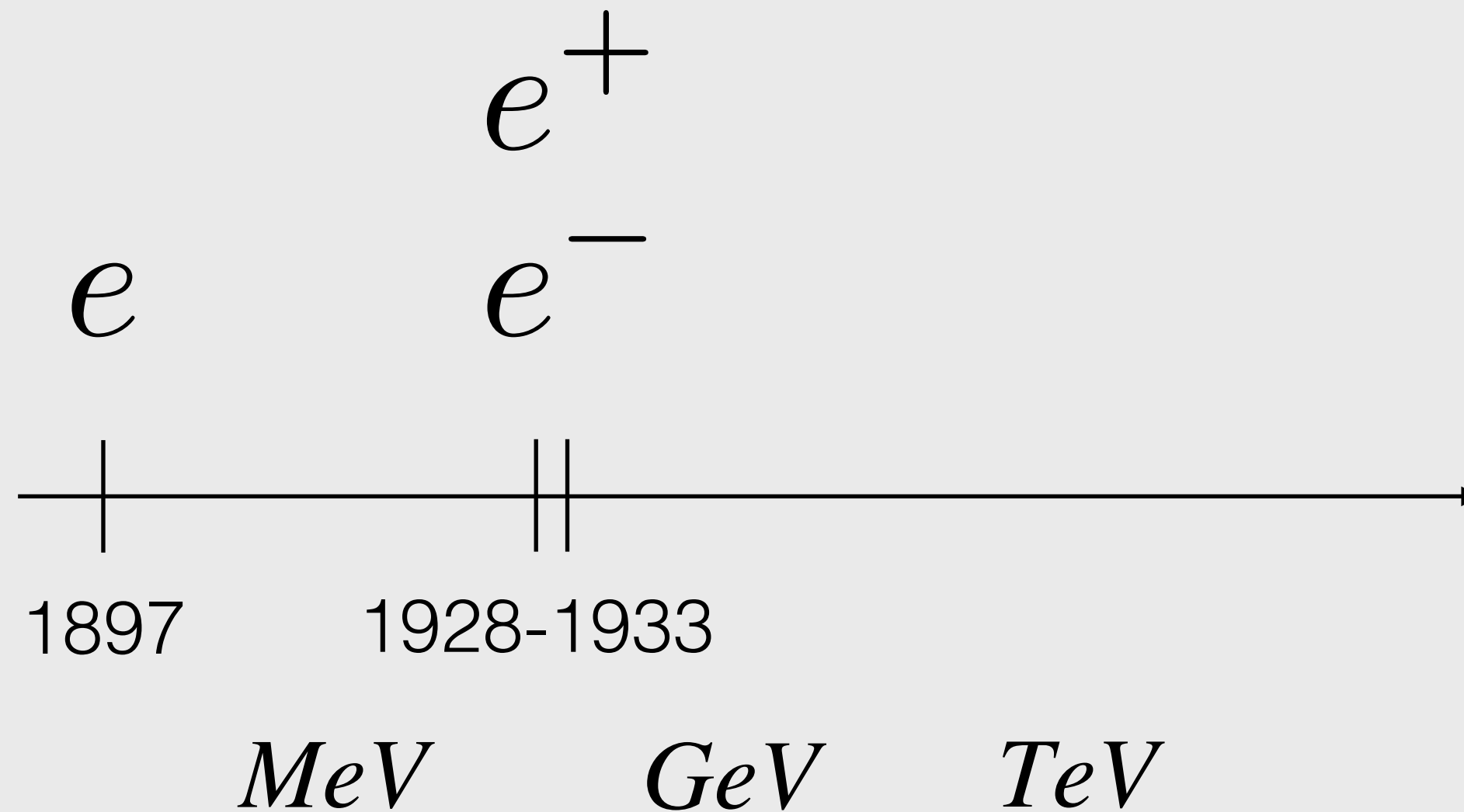
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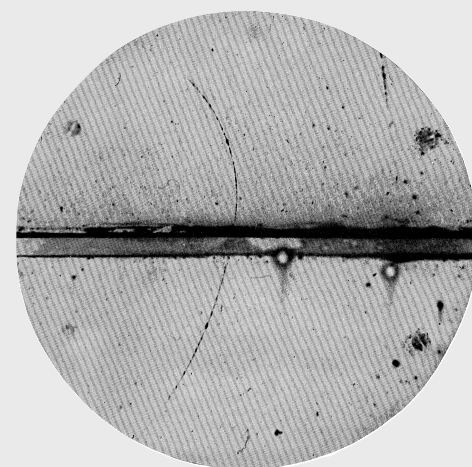


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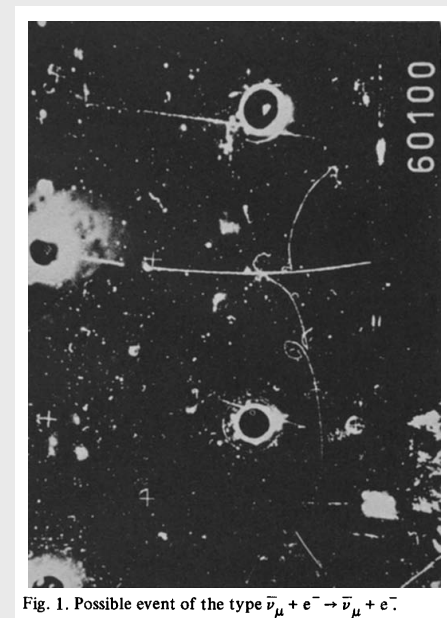
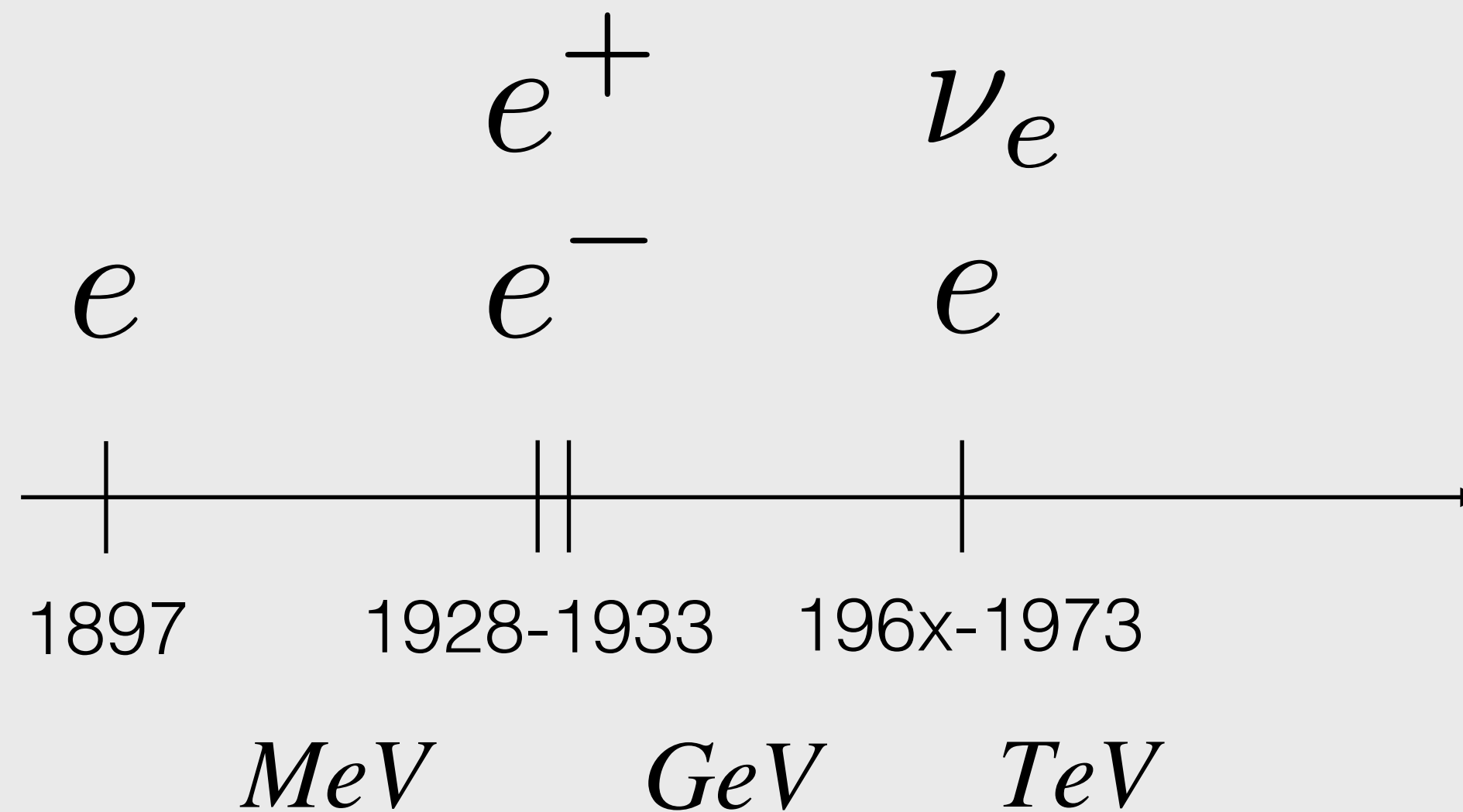


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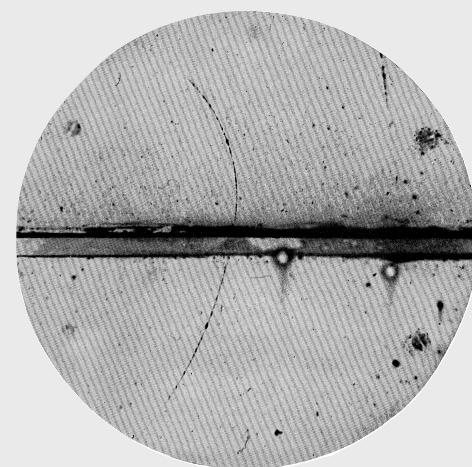


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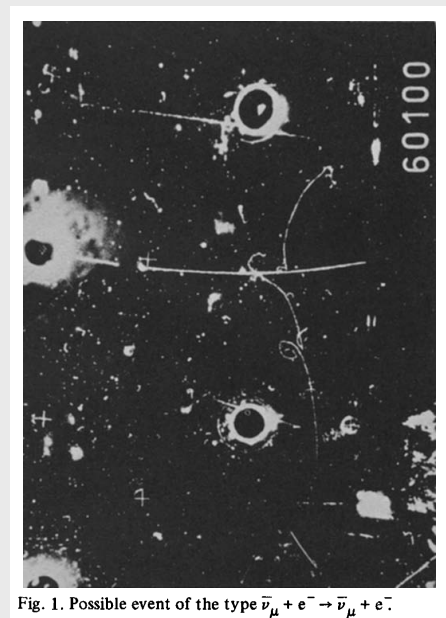
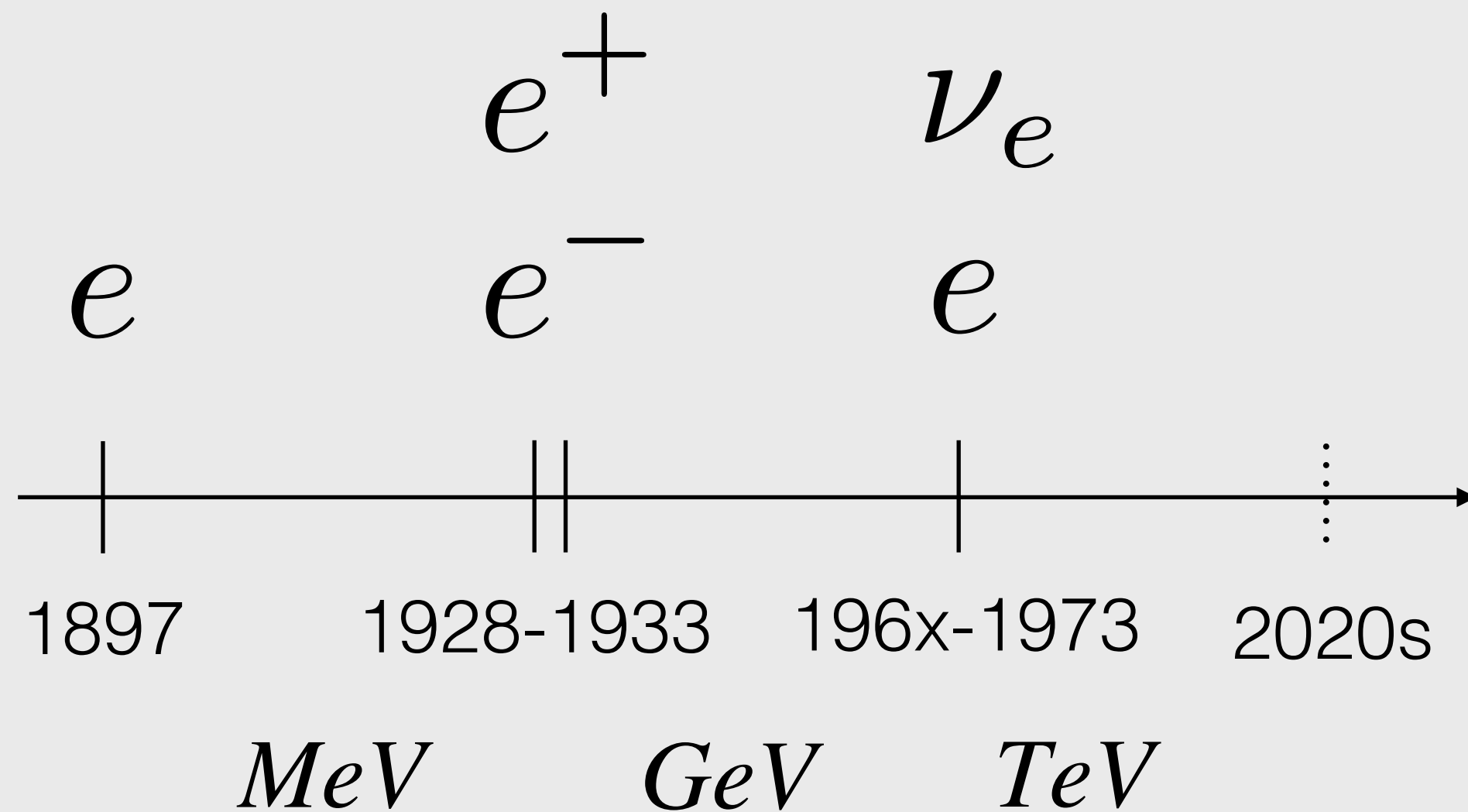


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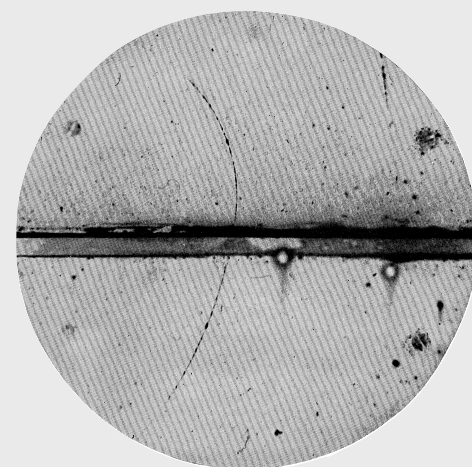


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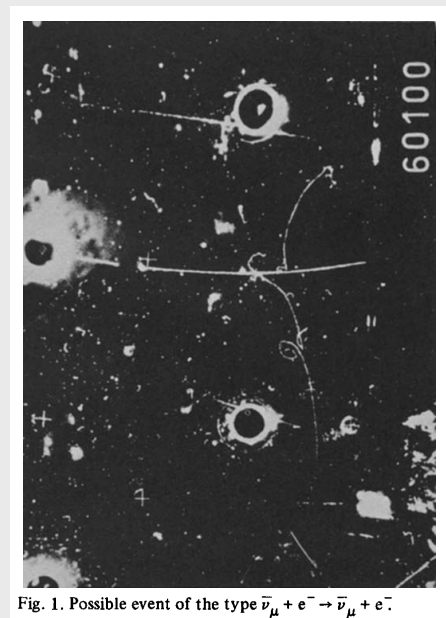
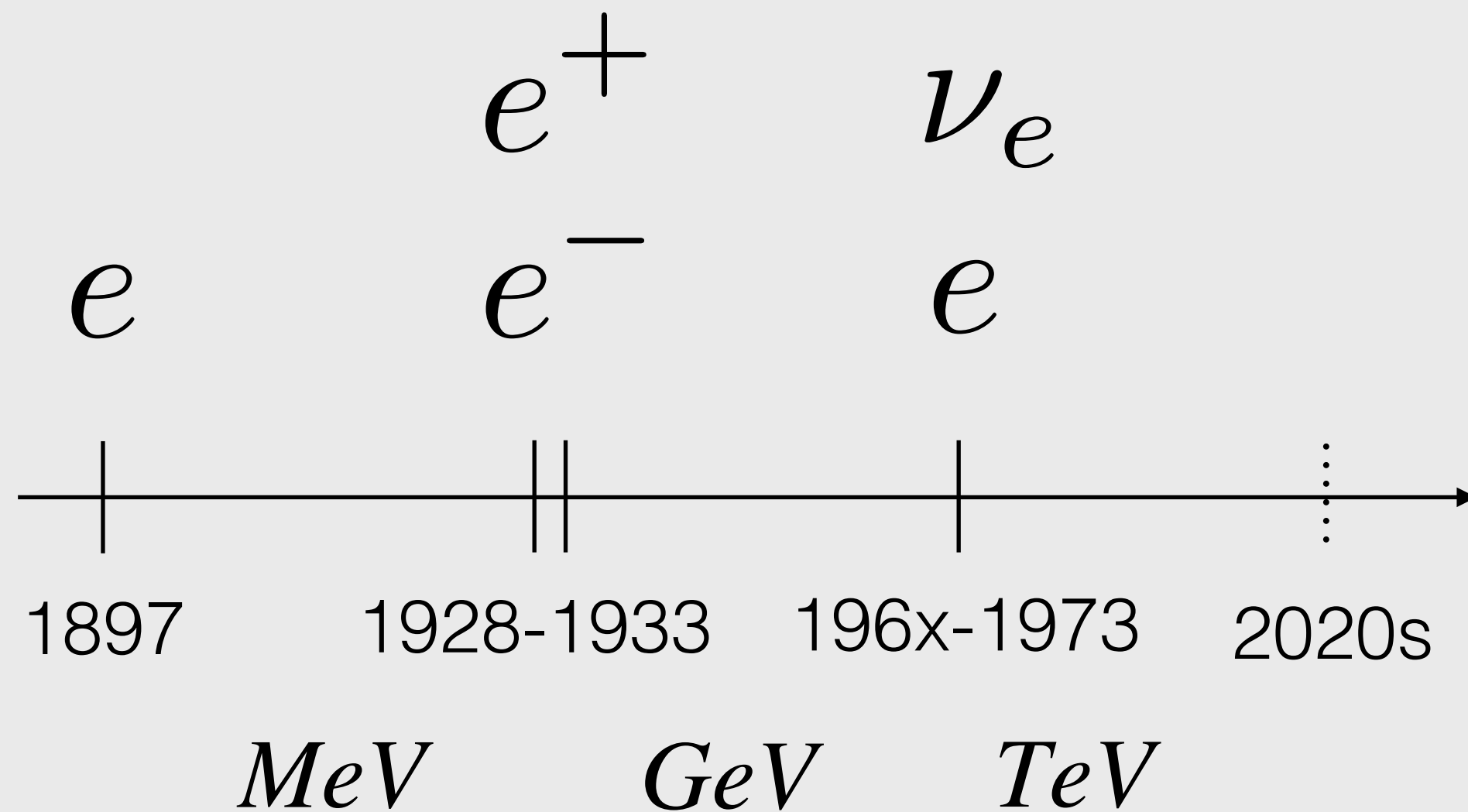












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-  Need new matter (or even bigger modifications to the SM)
-  Adjusting one SM parameter might do
-  Adjusting several SM parameters might do
- EFT* Separation of scales as an organizing principle might fail

EACH of these issues one day will teach us a lesson

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(galaxy formation)

Fermi constant
(periodic table)

Higgs boson mass
(meta-)stability of the Universe

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- Symmetry, the very idea at the basis of “the” formula, is challenged by a number of phenomena, which may, at best, be described in this language

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There is a special pleasure that comes from identifying symmetries in nature, from understanding that the ubiquitous and tangible electron is an immediate relative of the elusive neutrino. But the challenge of particle physics today is to understand symmetry breaking, for that is what makes the world what it is. The neutrino and the electron are really as different as they can be. **How** does that happen? **Why** do we have two very light quarks and one very light charged lepton? **Why** did electroweak symmetry breaking leave one symmetry unbroken, bequeathing us the photon? **Why** is there light, and why does matter take the form it does? **These are the goals of particle physics: not to describe the collisions of highly relativistic protons, but to learn why our world has the shape and form it does. But to answer questions about the everyday world we need to observe phenomena that occur only at very high energies.**

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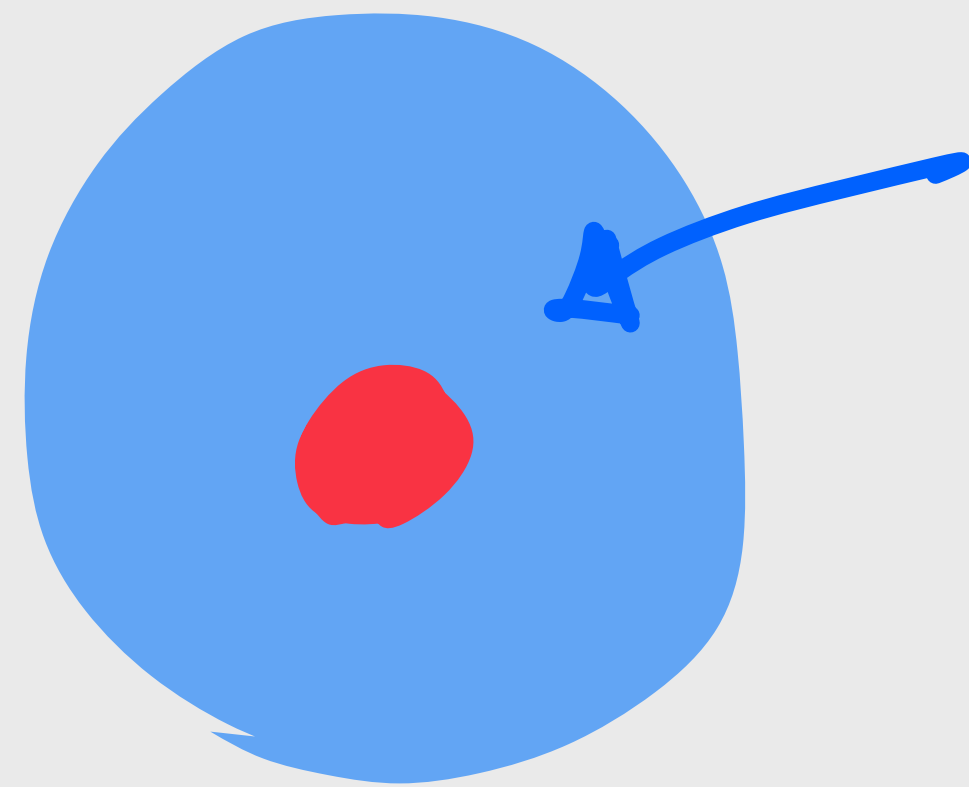
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Electron mass in everyday life

Dialing m_e



electron
wave function
typical size

$$r_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha m_e}$$

- r_0 sets the size of molecules (covalent bonds)

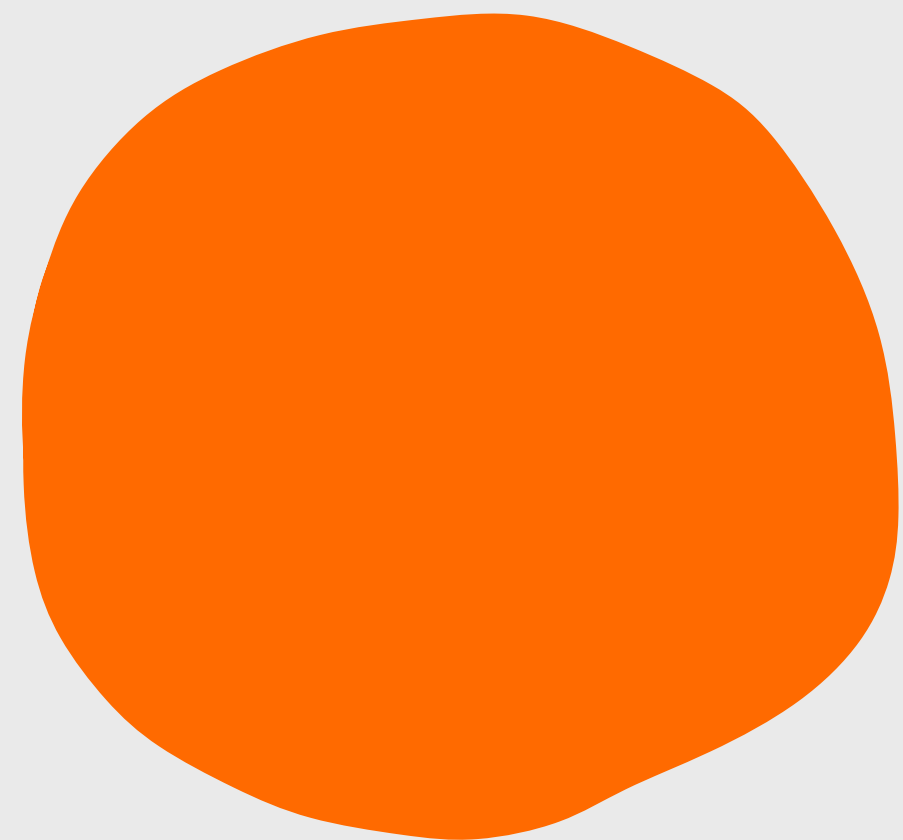


- electron capture in nucleus is less and less suppressed as m_e grows
- $m_e = 0.5 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow 0.6 \text{ MeV}$ starts to make nitrogen disappear $^{14}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{14}\text{C}$

Weak scale and mixings in everyday life

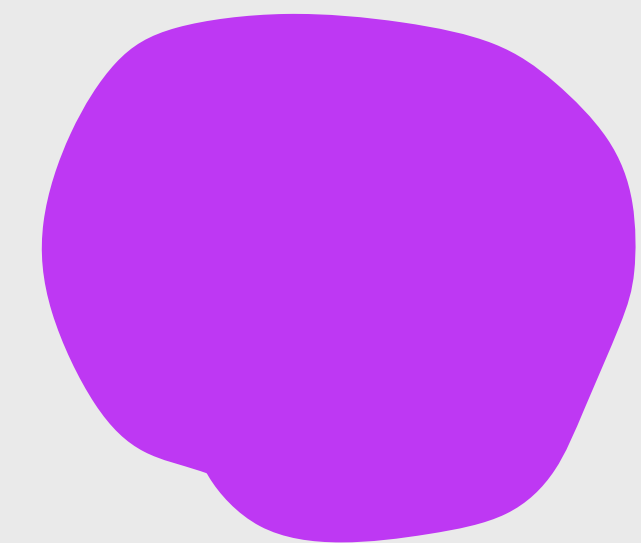
Dialing m_W or V_{ud}

$$pp \rightarrow (np)_d e^+ \nu \sim V_{ud}^2 G_F^2 \sim \frac{\lambda_c^2}{v^4}$$



- m_W increases, fusion cross-section is reduced
- star shrinks, thus gets hotter
- flux of protons increased (denser star)
- heat release can now balance pressure from gravity

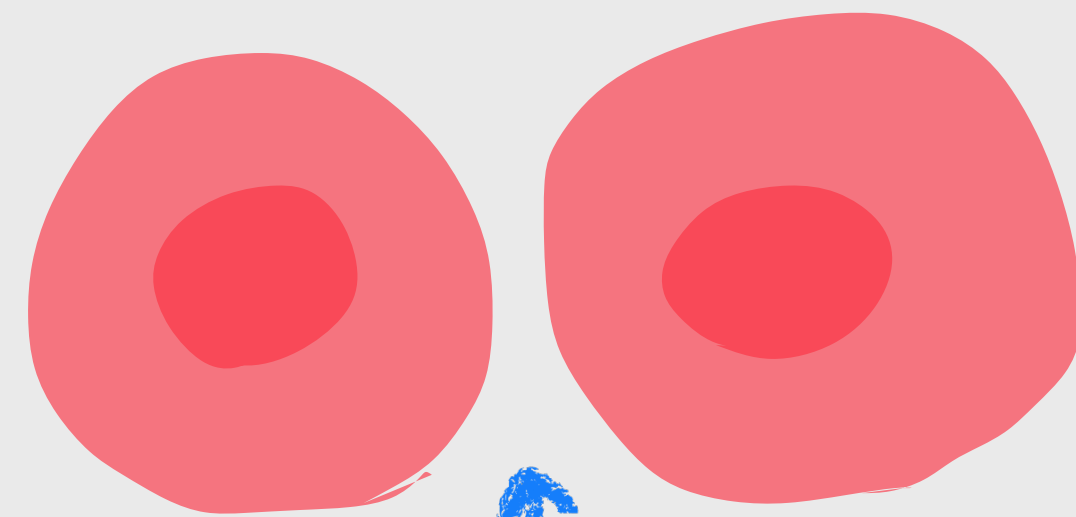
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purple Sun



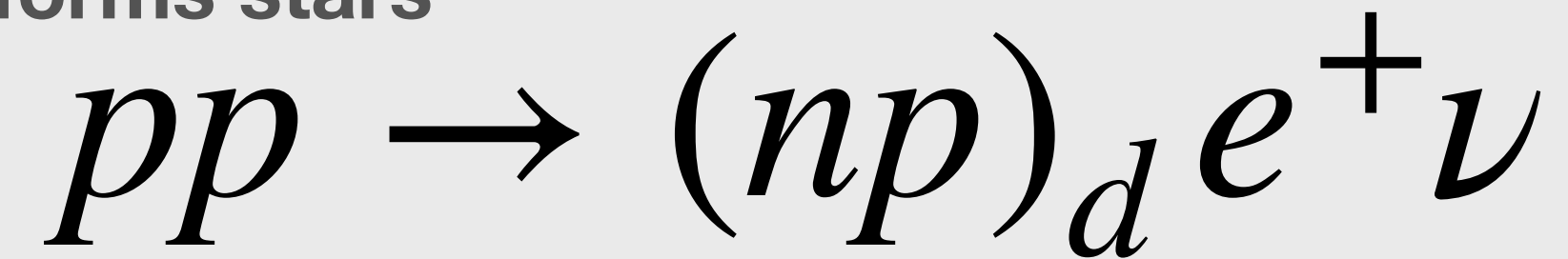
Neutron-proton mass order in everyday life

$m_n < m_p$ from a change in $m_u - m_d \sim$ few MeV (variation about 100% of the present value)

proton, aka Hydrogen, collapses to forms stars



ELECTRIC FIELD
POTENTIAL BARRIER



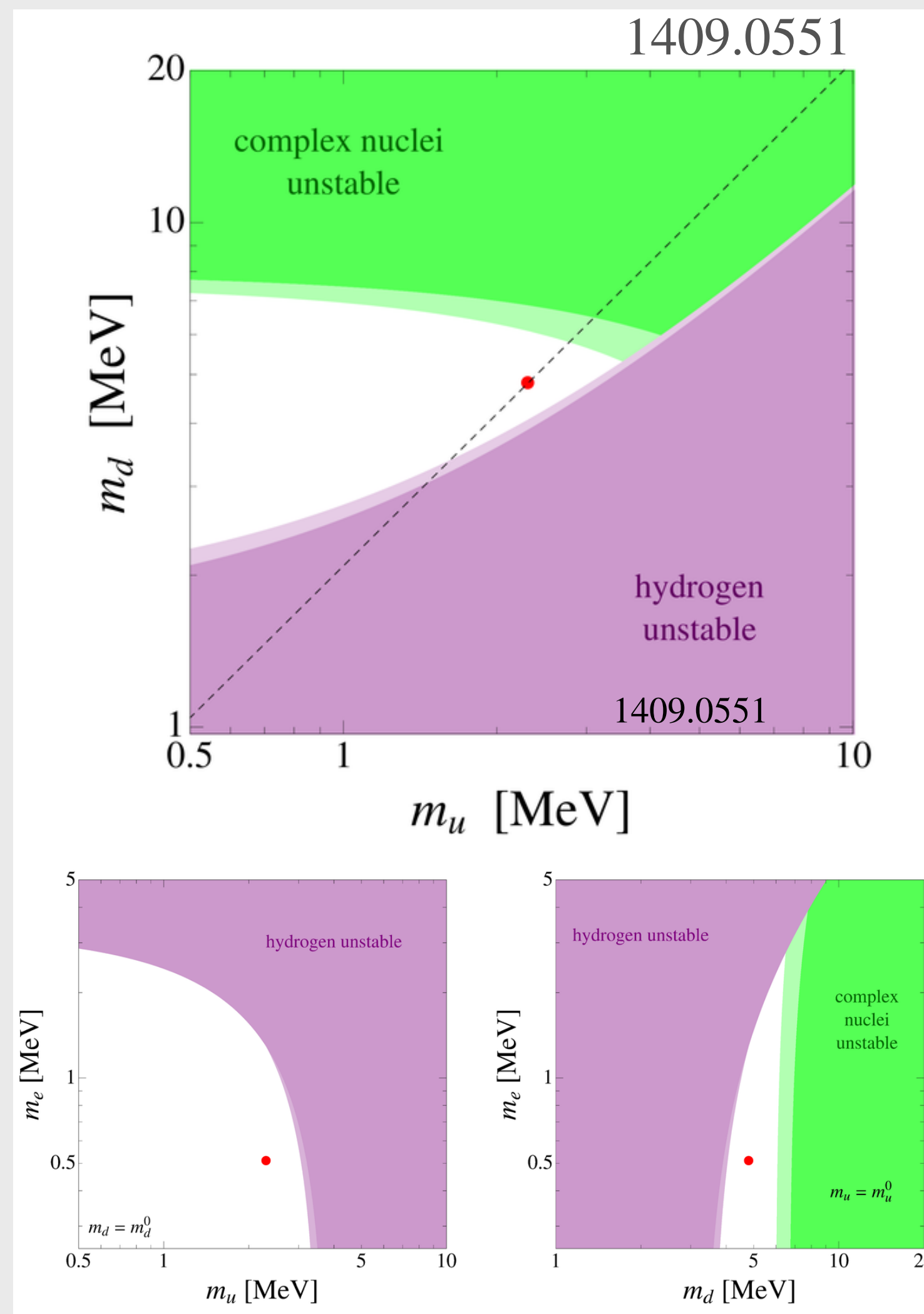
Neutron would be the lightest baryon, it collapses to forms stars



MUCH FASTER FUSION IN STARS
IF LIGHTES BARYON IS NEUTRAL

Scanning m_t, m_h, α_3

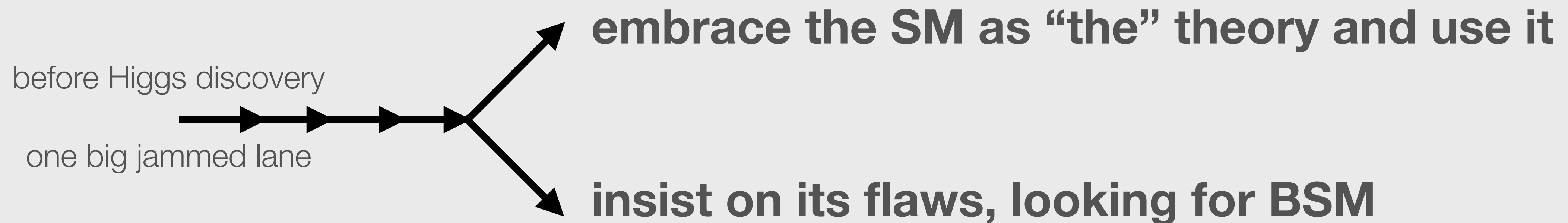
m_e, m_d, m_u, ν



How to react to all this?

the Standard Model (after 2012) can be extrapolated to very high energies

this is very unsettling to us, first of all it is completely **unprecedented**, because we always “needed” something else (the famous “guaranteed” discoveries, although some in hindsight)



Invitation

Several deep open questions open for investigation

if the SM is the theory of Nature up to a very large scale far above the reach we can image with colliders

- no reason to get depressed(!)
- **we can still gain knowledge on the theory that has to supersede it.**
- **big** increase of importance of measurements, most of all m_t
- **still** searches are needed to confirm there is nothing new beyond the SM

Keep looking for “sharp edges”



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EFT expectations

$$\mathcal{L} = c + \mu^2 H^2 + \lambda H^4$$

$[c] = 4$ $[\mu^2] = 2$ $[\lambda] = 0$

- From dimensional analysis the constant term should be the most relevant at macroscopic scale, the others are “irrelevant”. **Universe expansion ruled by c**
- As we proceed to look at phenomena at smaller scales the “irrelevant” terms start to play a role. So it is not surprising that **“particle physics” parameters (m_e, m_W, \dots) rule nuclear physics** (which rule stars, but much less the Universe on the large scale)

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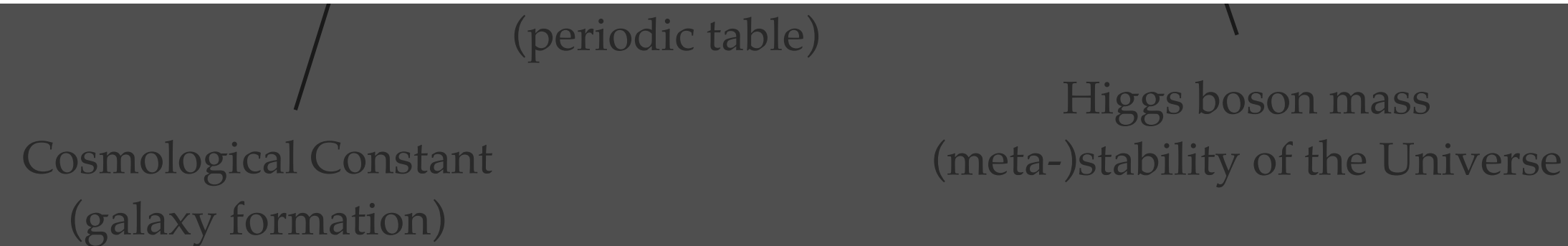
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My take: embrace the SM renormalizability and use our knowledge of fundamental interaction to identify more of these “catastrophic boundaries” [1] at all length scales, or find out whole new possibilities for a “complex” world[2].



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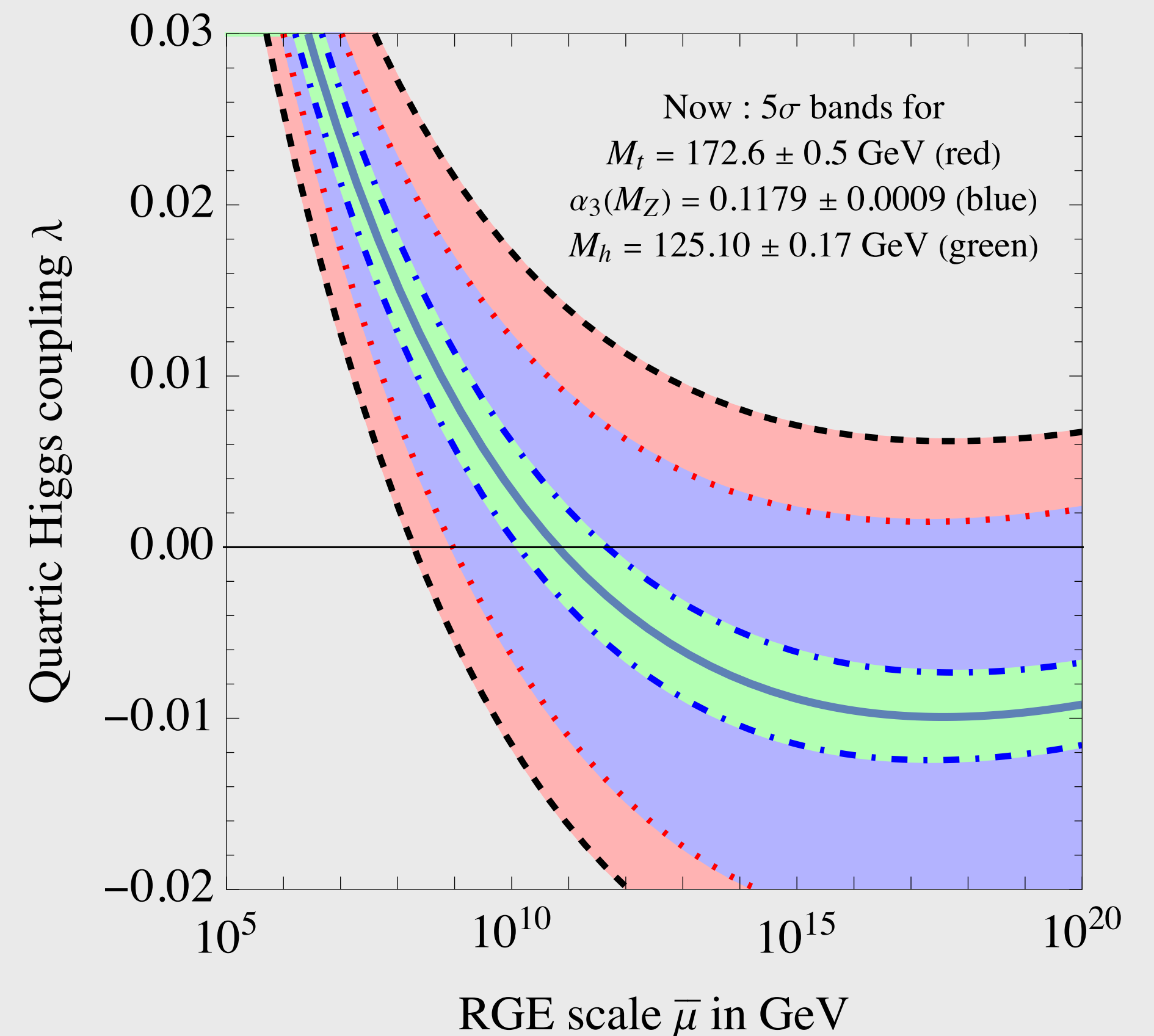
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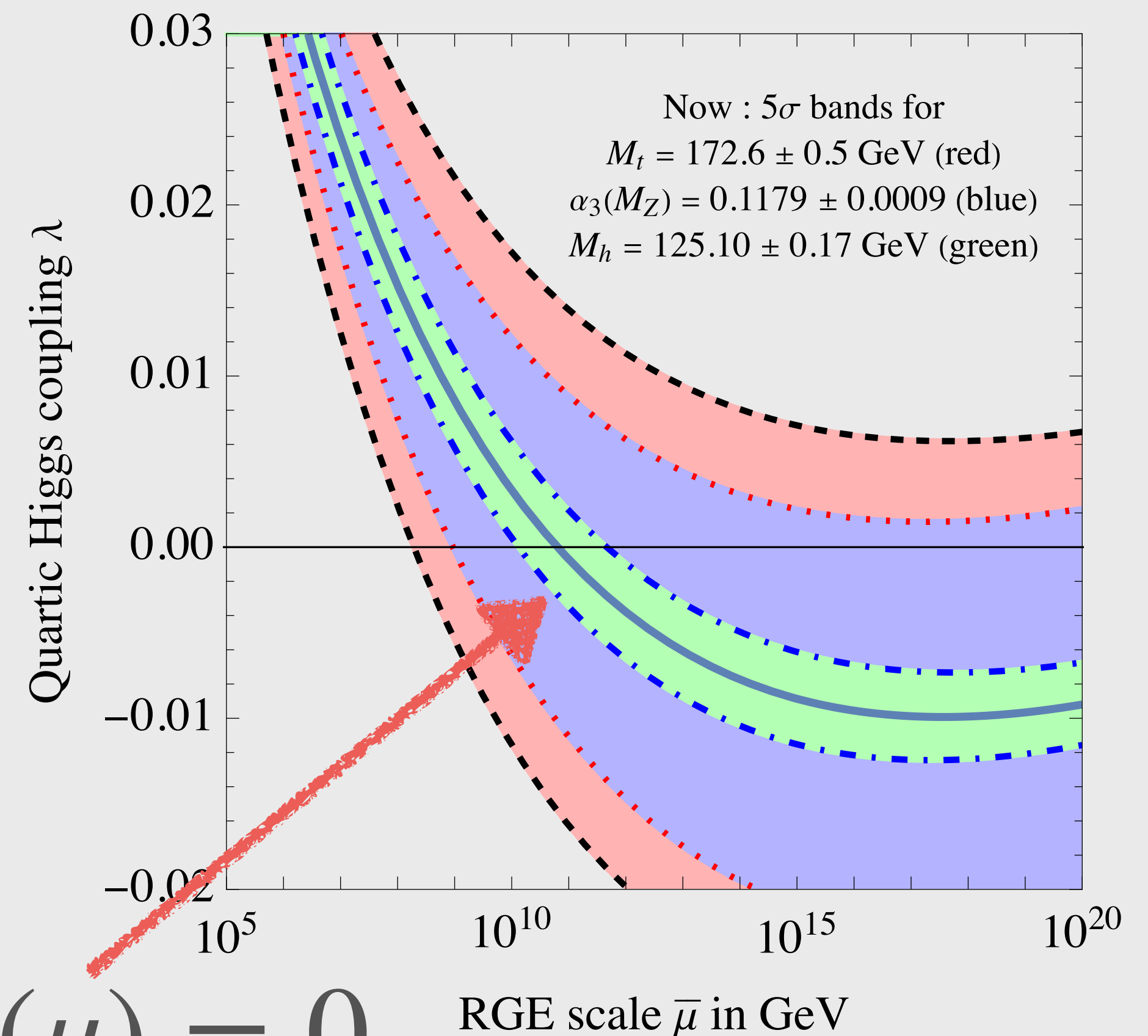
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unclear at what energy $\lambda(\mu) = 0$

Shopping list

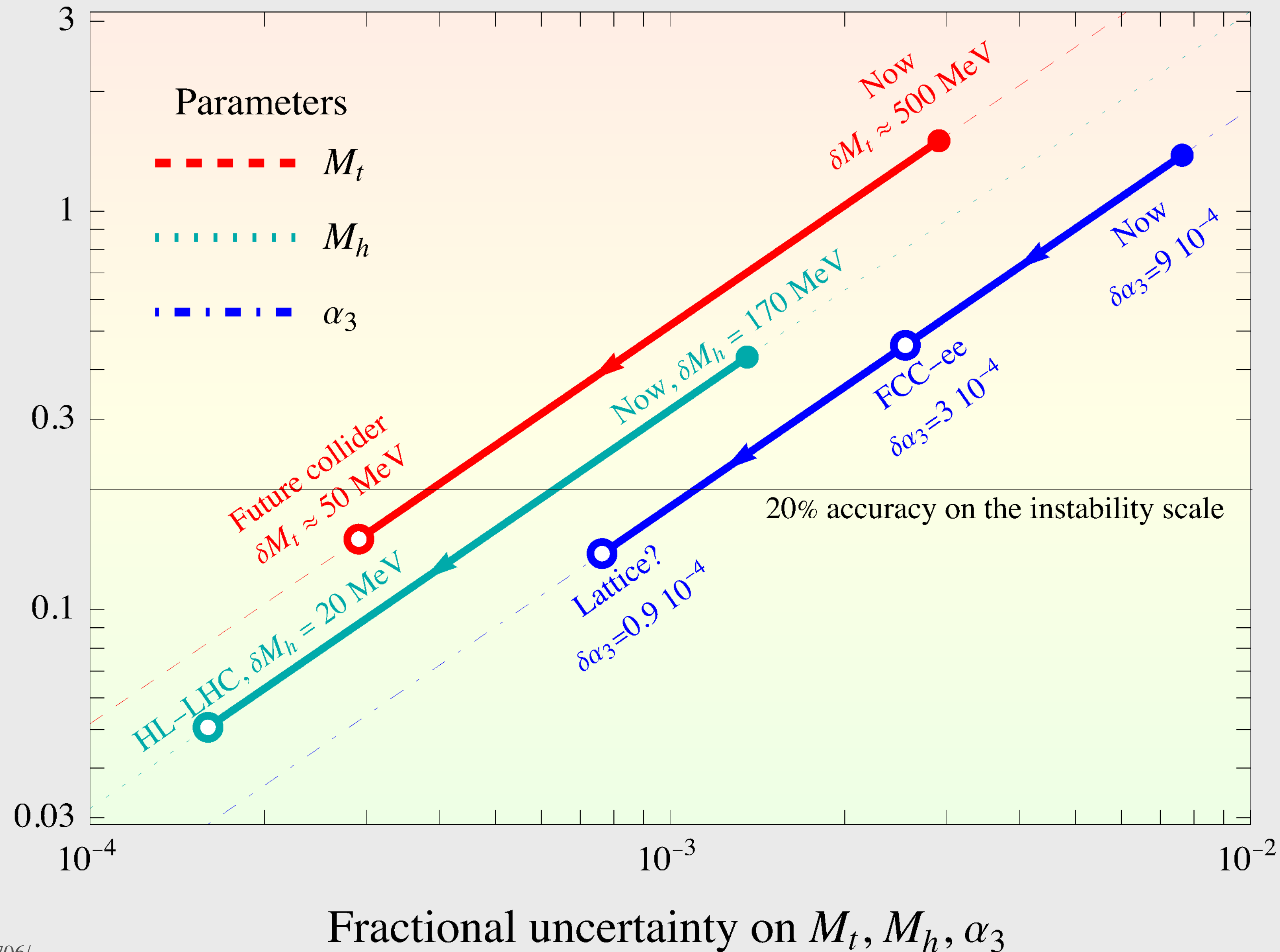
I am assuming the SM, so α_3 can be taken from Lattice QCD

Top and Higgs properties are fixed by the SM (e.g. $m_t = y_t \cdot v$)

Higgs mass from HL-LHC will be good enough

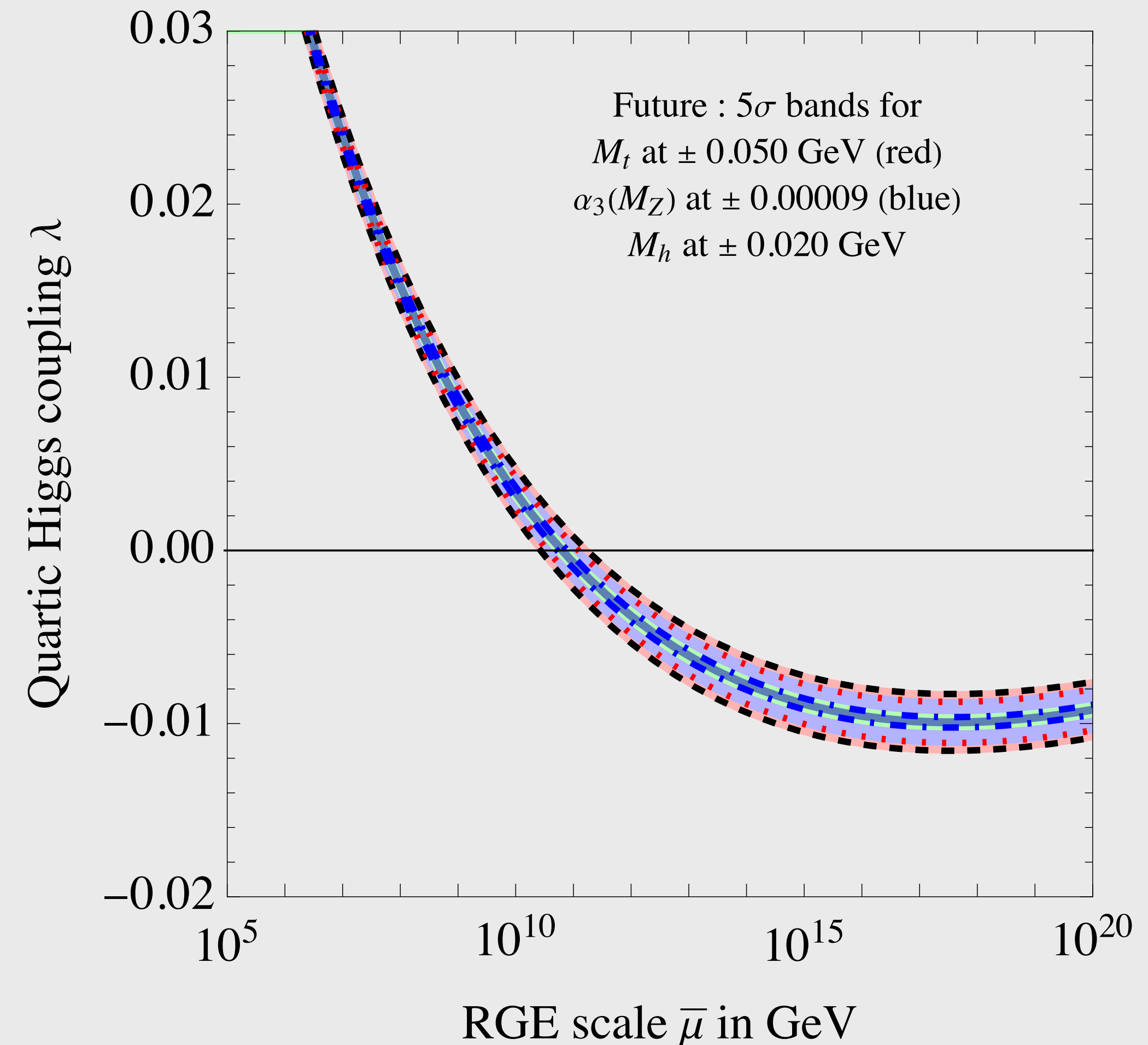
Top mass is the biggest player

Resulting fractional uncertainty on the SM instability scale $\delta\Lambda/\Lambda$



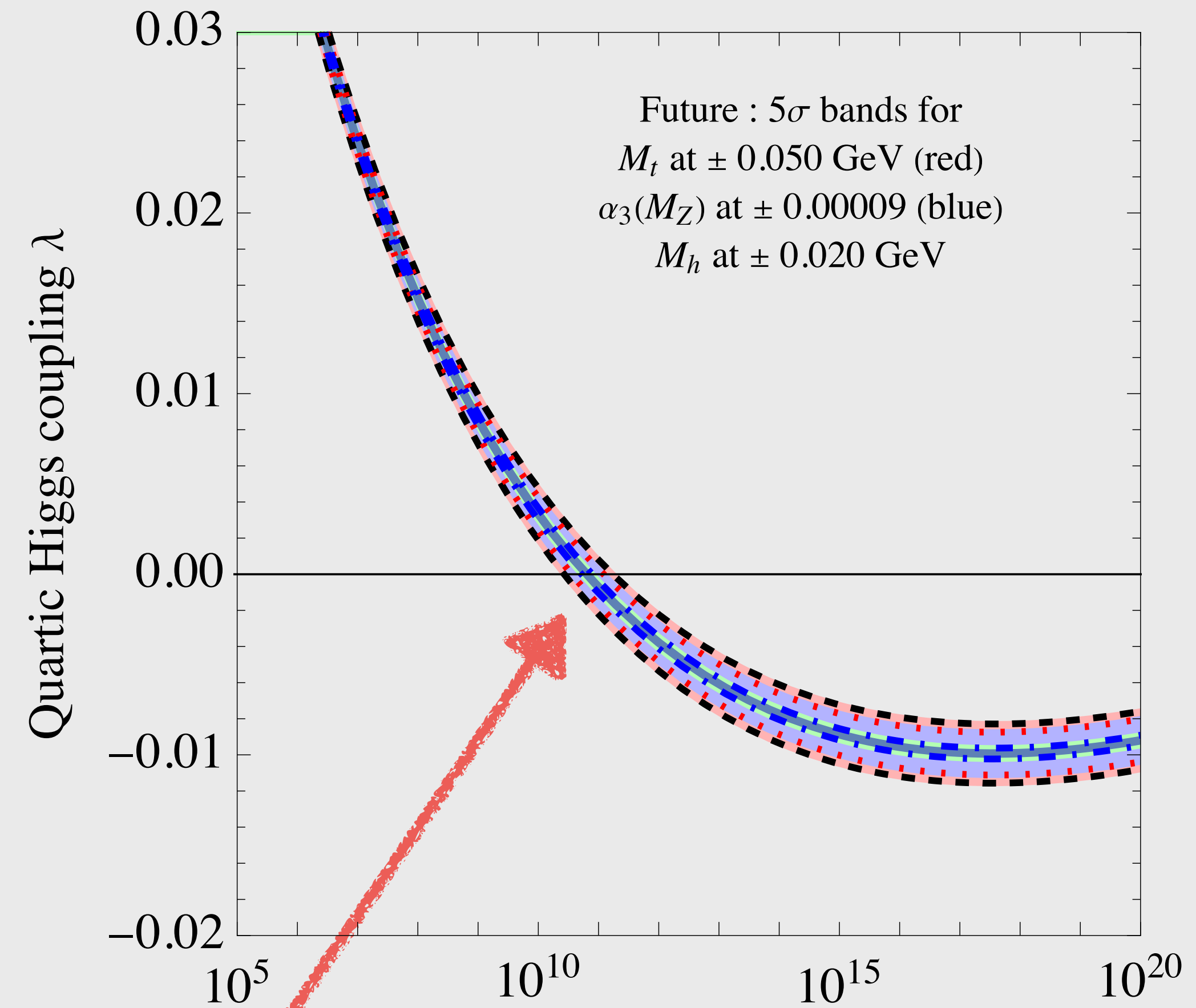
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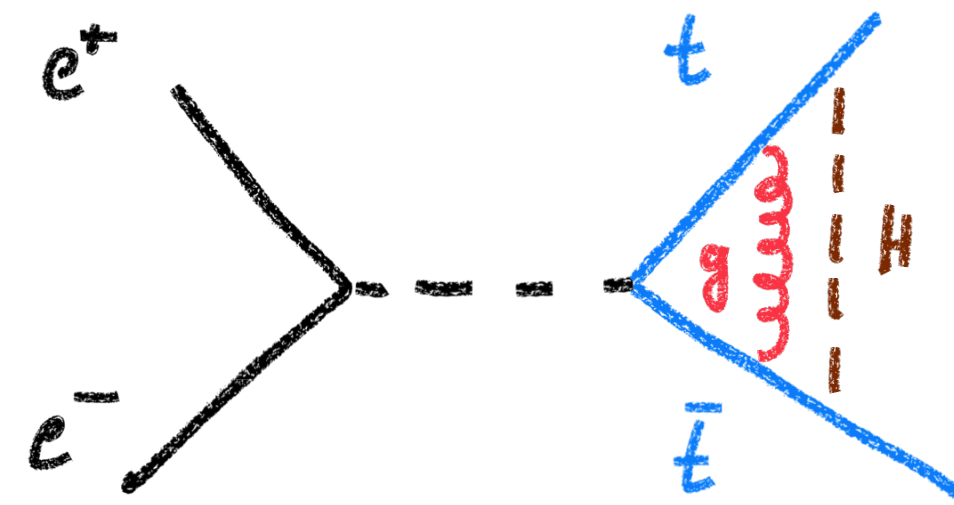
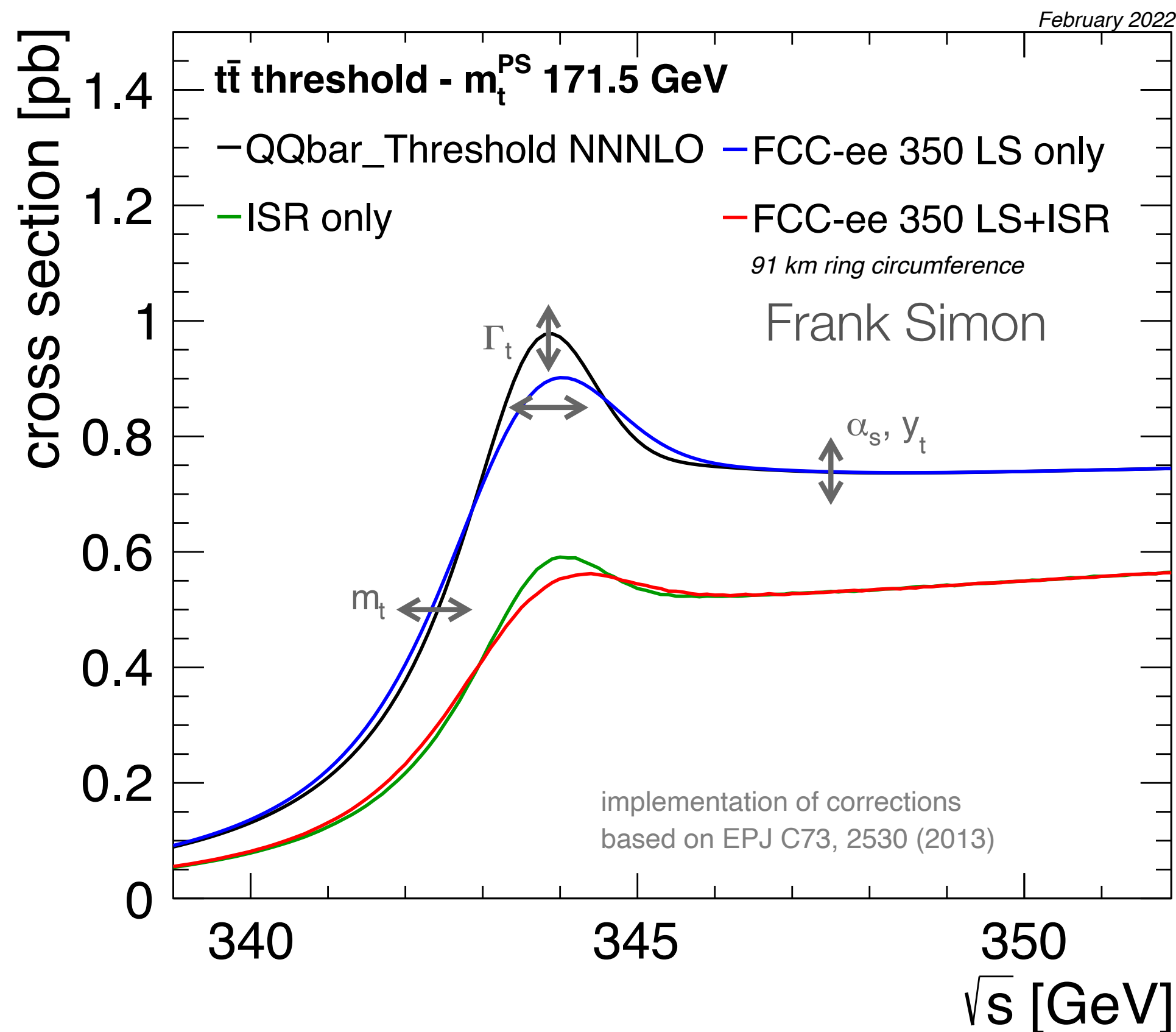
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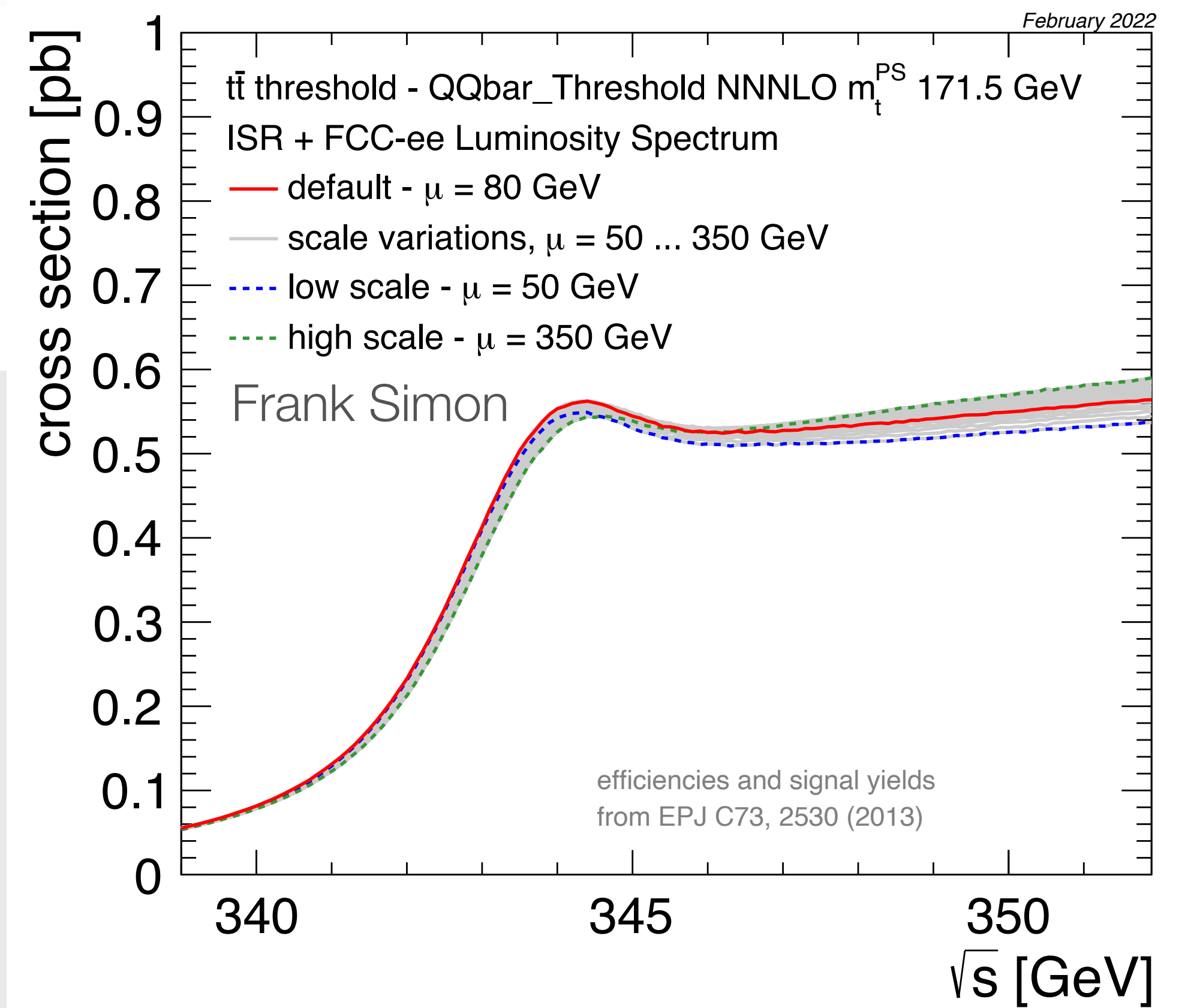
finally clear at what energy $\lambda(\mu) = 0$ RGE scale $\bar{\mu}$ in GeV

Top mass at future e^+e^- colliders



in general the threshold scan is sensitive to

- Higgs exchange (y_t)
- gluon exchange (α_3)



for our study everything is fixed at the prediction of the SM, therefore y_t and Γ_t are fixed by m_t and $\alpha_3(\mu)$ is set by the low-energy, lattice QCD and RGE

$$\delta m_t^{\text{[theory]}} \simeq 50 \text{ MeV}$$

m_t at future colliders

$Q\bar{Q}$ threshold
1605.03010, 1711.10429

THRESHOLD

SCAN

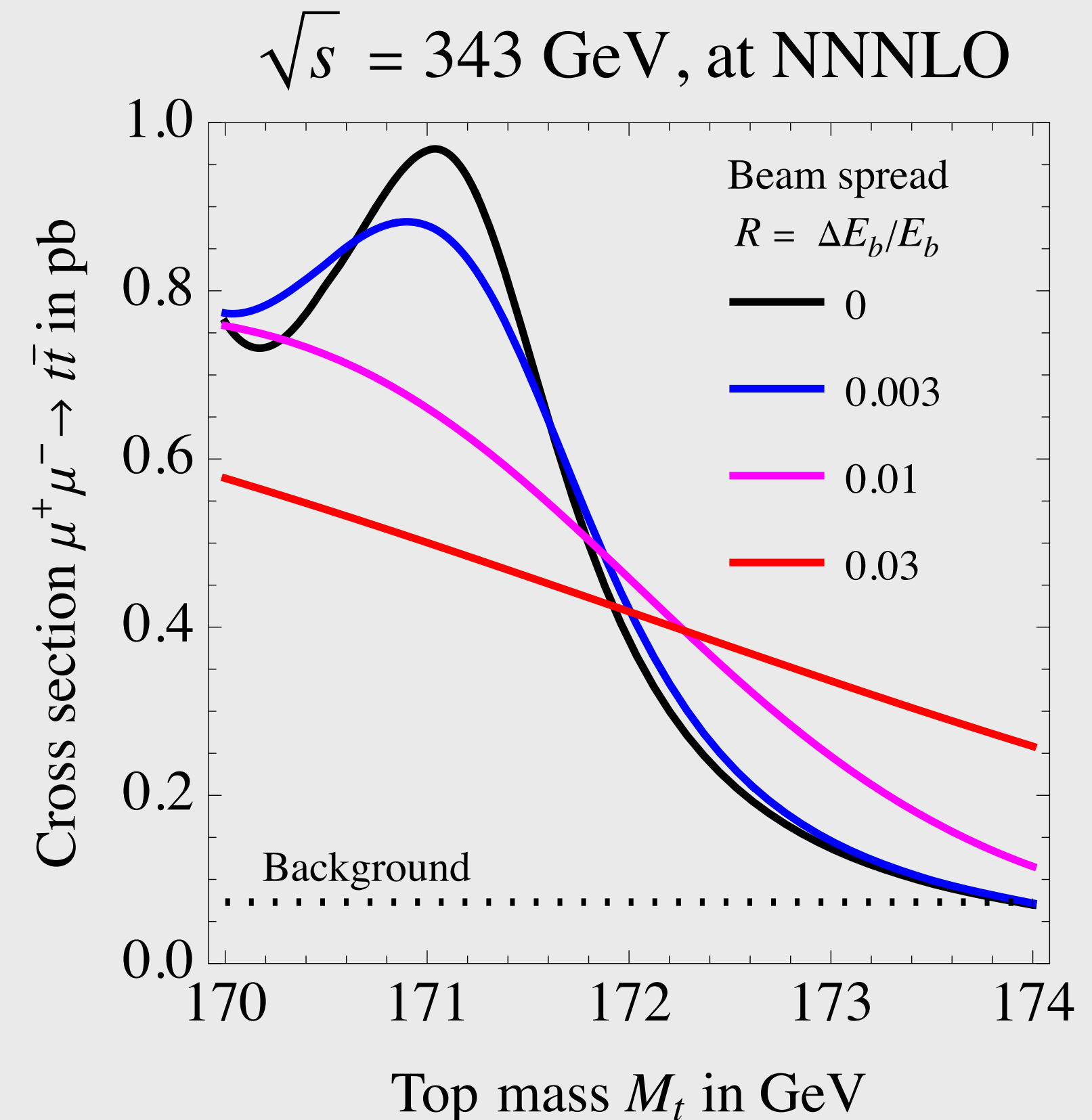
- study of the cross-section around the opening of the threshold is known to be a most sensitive probe to m_t

$$\frac{d \ln \sigma}{d \ln M_t} \sim 1.6 \frac{M_t}{\Gamma_t} \approx 200$$

- meaning there is 200x magnification of the precision on the measurement of (a feature of) the cross-section
- beam quality matters a lot and spoils the measurement entirely when the uncertainty on the beam energy is comparable to $\Gamma_t/m_t \simeq 0.01$

$$\delta M_t \approx \frac{\Gamma_t}{1.6\sqrt{N_t}} \left[1 + \left(\frac{M_t R}{0.5\Gamma_t} \right)^2 \right]^p$$

$p \simeq 0.45$ from fitting



sample collaborations results:

CLIC $100\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 21$ MeV

FCCee $R=2\text{e-}3$ $L=200\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 9$ MeV

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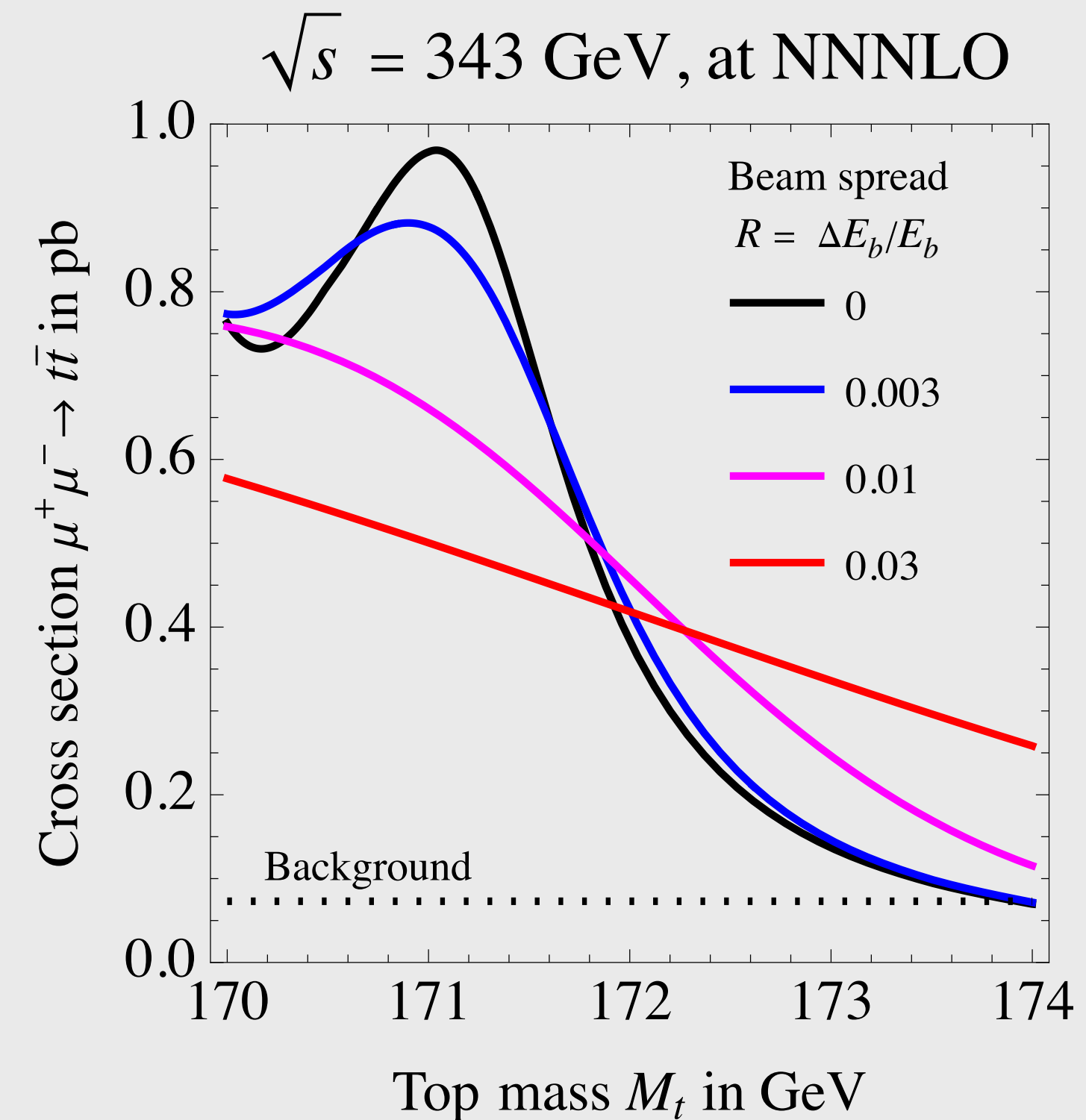
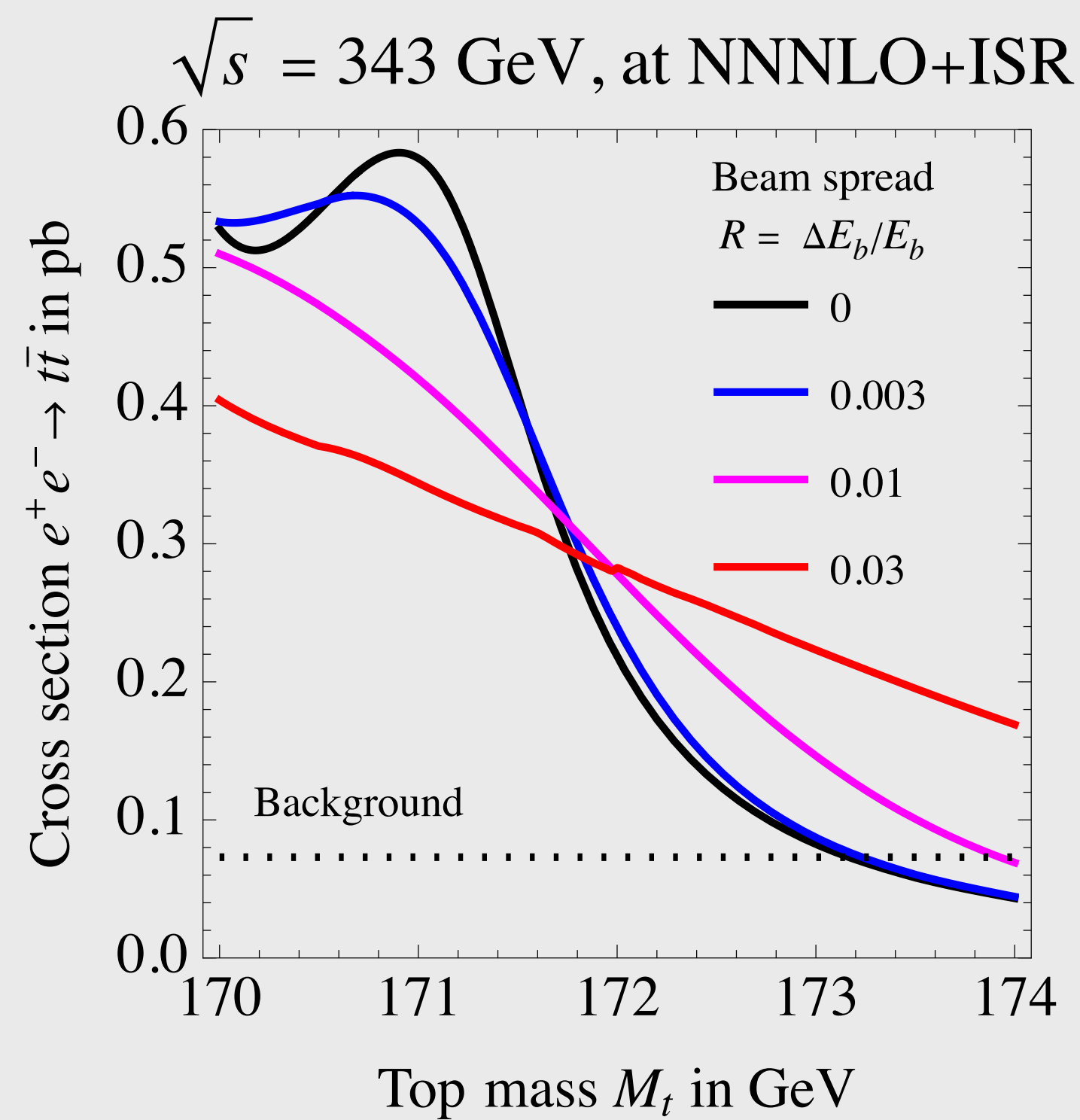
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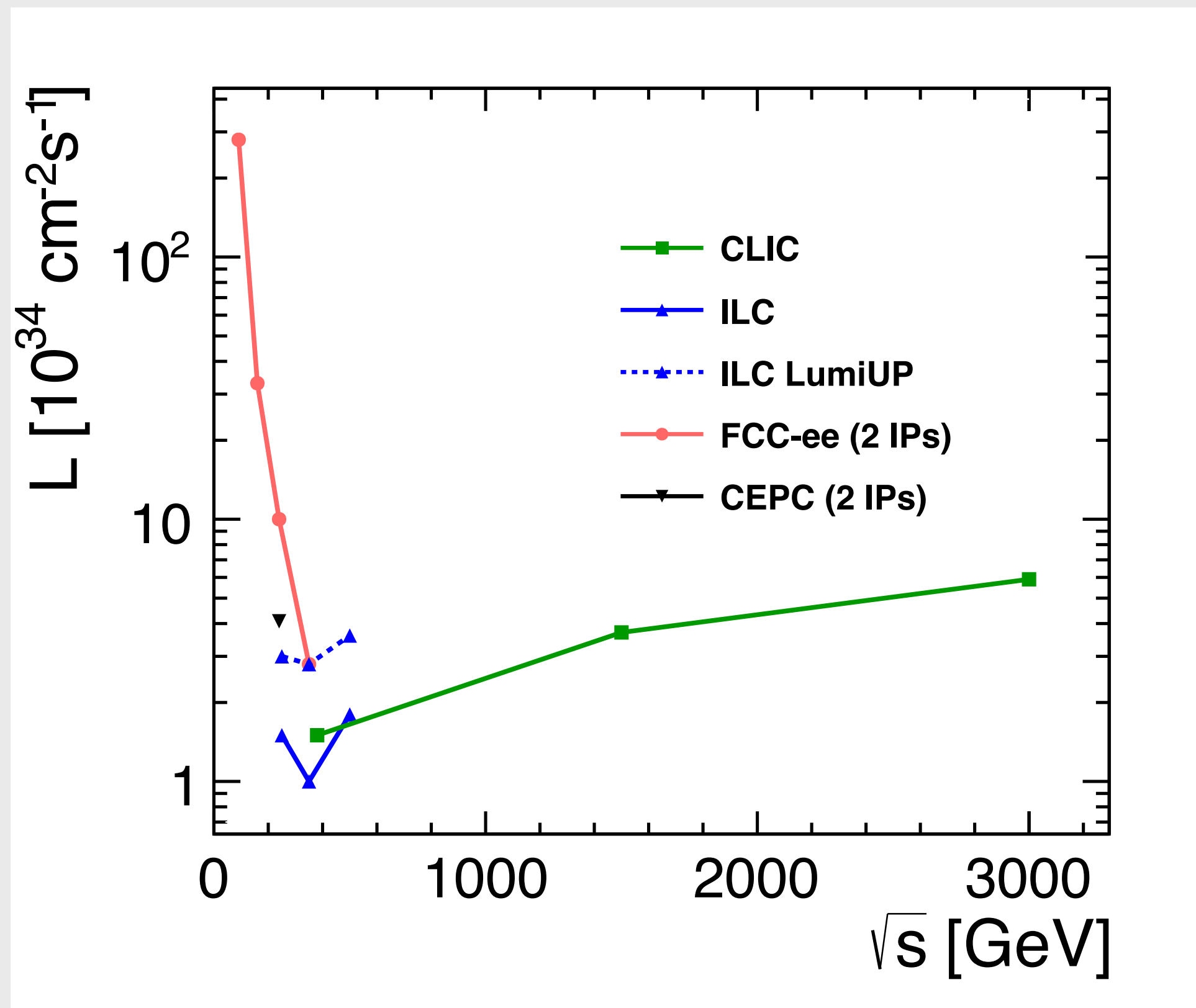
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- e^+e^- is well established, but it is not even clear if it can reach 350 GeV in an affordable way. Better if you do it in a large (90 Km) tunnel, of course.

- $\mu^+\mu^-$ much less well established, but does not have ISR, because $W_{ISR} \propto (E_{beam}/m_\ell)^4$



The issue of luminosity



- due to large ISR in e^+e^- the luminosity that can be achieved scale as $\mathcal{L}_{ee} \propto E^{-4}$
- due to muon beam decay and general difficulty to deal with low-energy muon beams, thus

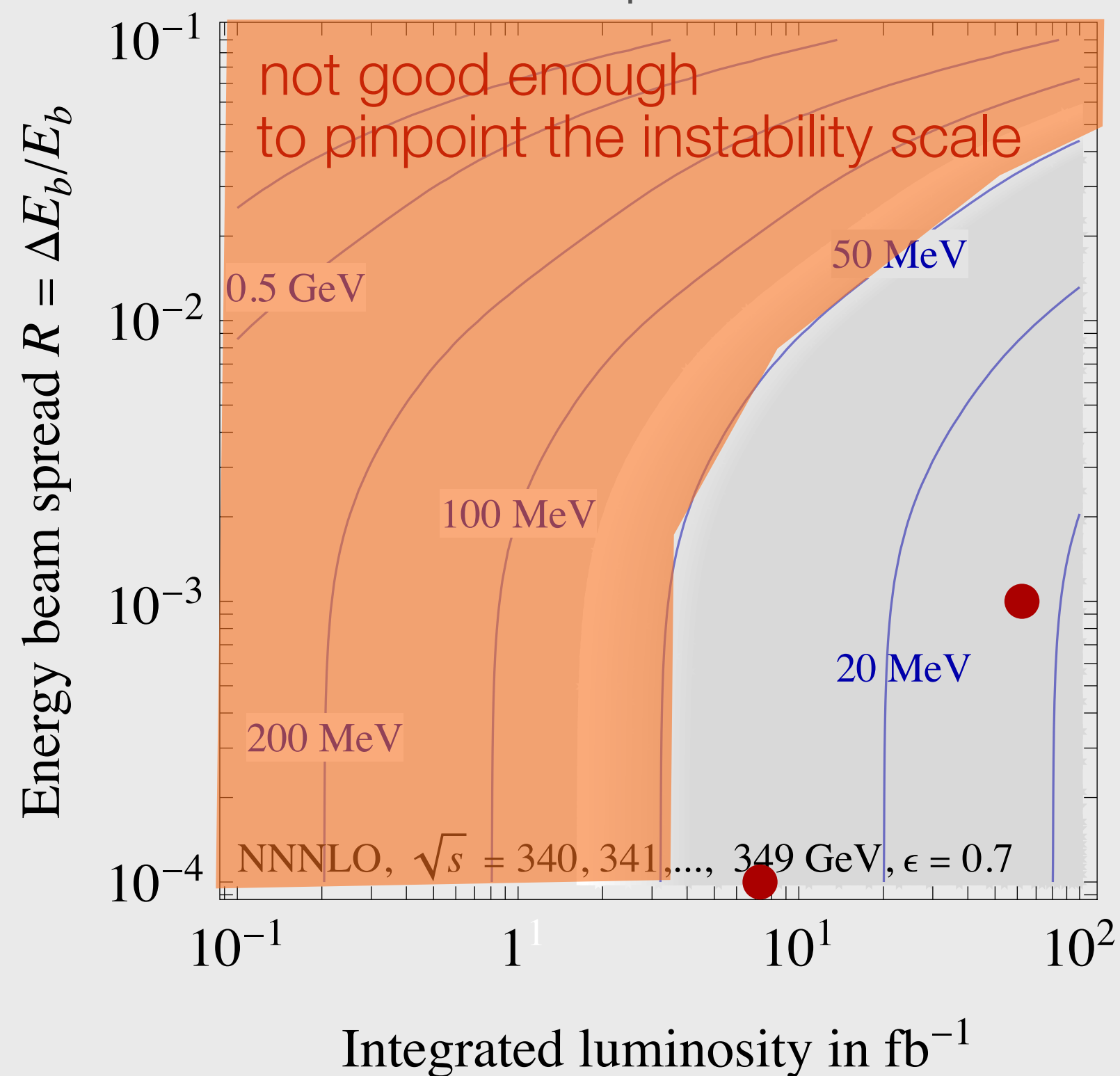
$$\mathcal{L}_{\mu\mu} \propto E^2$$

Collider		$\mathcal{L} [10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}]$			
		LEP	LEP3	FCC-ee [31]	CEPC [59]
Total length L		26.6 km	26.6 km	100 km	100 km
Z	$E_{\text{cm}} = 91 \text{ GeV}$	~ 0.004	7^*	460	115
W^+W^-	$E_{\text{cm}} = 160 \text{ GeV}$	~ 0.01	2^*	56	16
Zh	$E_{\text{cm}} = 240 \text{ GeV}$	0	1 [35]	17	5
$t\bar{t}$	$E_{\text{cm}} = 350 \text{ GeV}$	0	0.1^*	3.8	0.5

* estimates from general physics and [1]

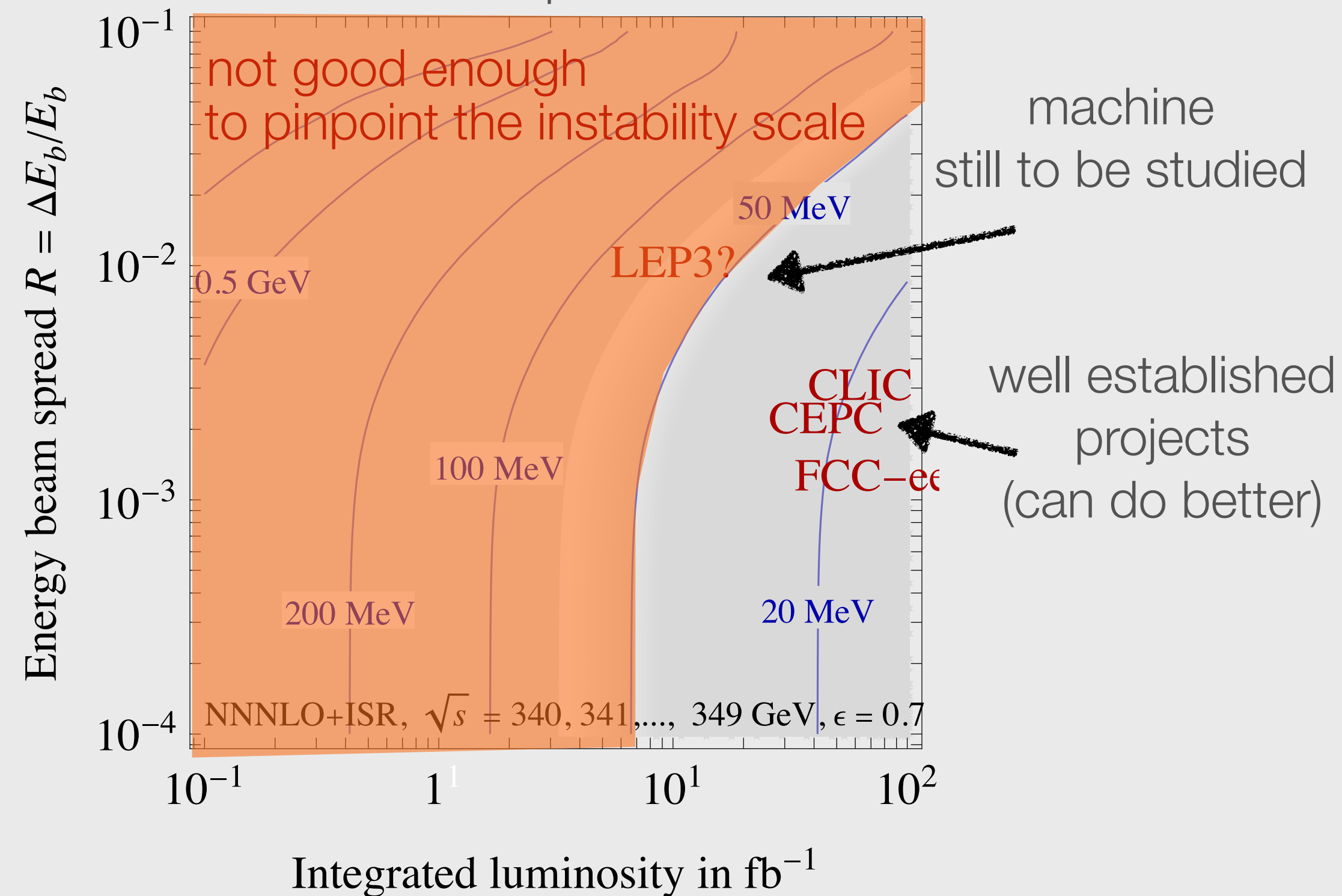
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uniform 10-point scan



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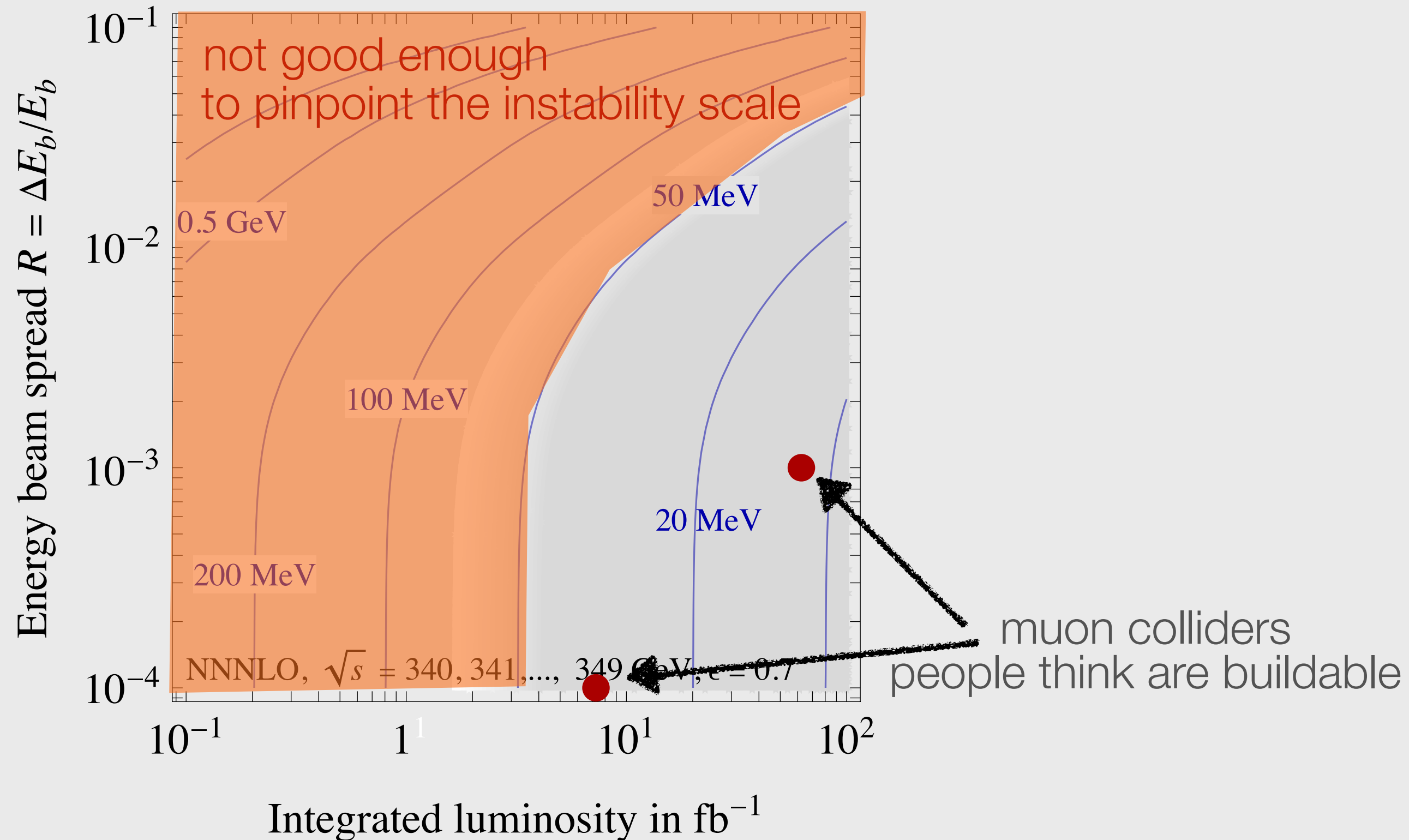


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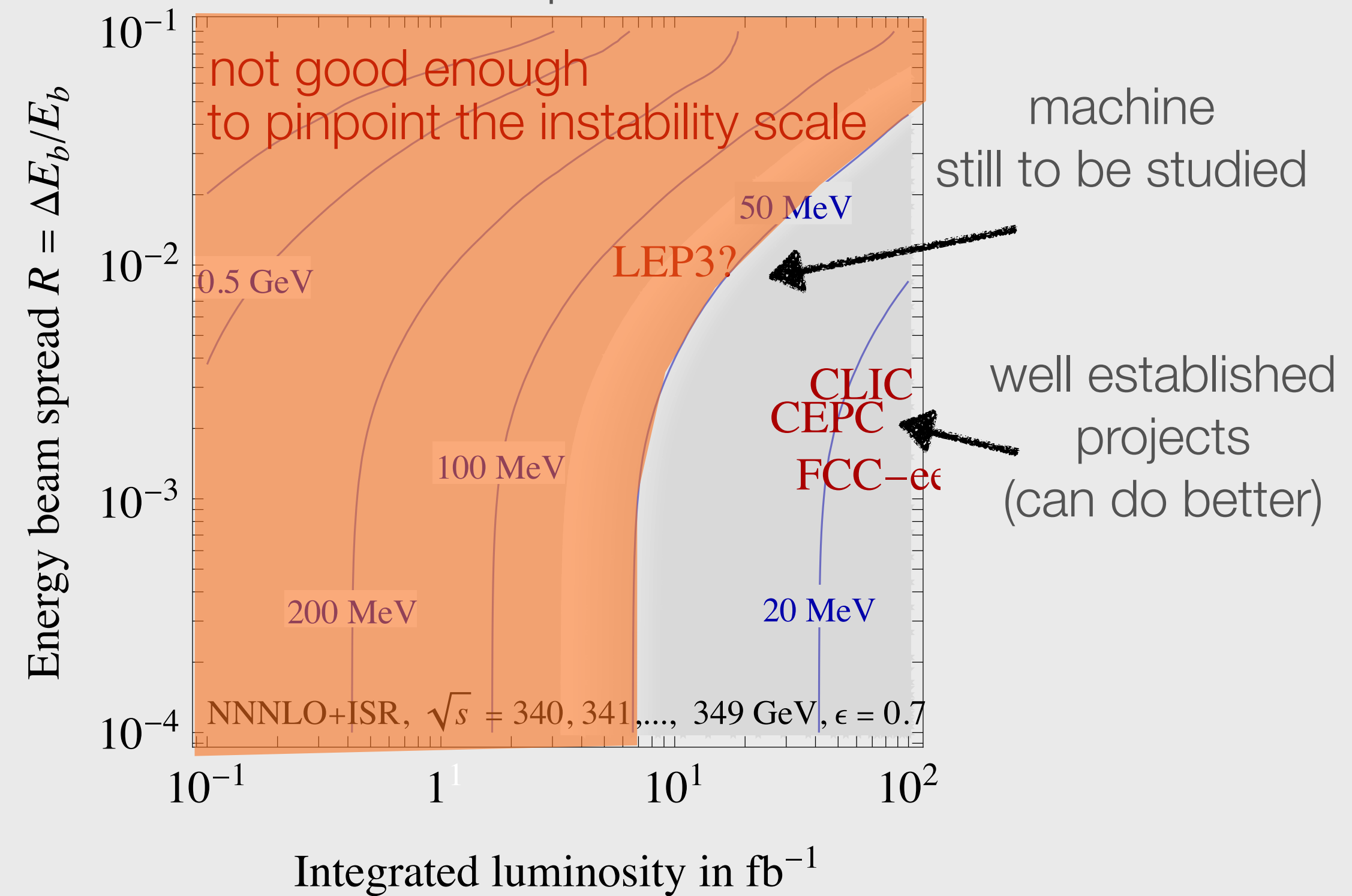
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Discussion








- even in absence of direct evidence of new physics **we can learn rather precisely where the SM must give way to new physics**. Measuring m_t at 50 MeV does the job. Even a “bad” e^+e^- collider like LEP3 can make it(!)
- A **muon collider “full scale demonstrator”** at 350 GeV does not suffer too much the lack of lumi that is typical for muon colliders at low energy and can pinpoint the instability scale
- given the challenges (and costs) of making an e^+e^- at 350+ GeV, can we **strategically use the measurement of m_t** as a target for the first “low energy” muon collider? (a full scale μ Col demonstrator from source to collision and experiment)
- is there room to reduce the demands of major e^+e^- projects (FCCee, CEPC) to hit lower luminosity targets at 350 GeV? (to match the 40 MeV from theory systematics)
- can we make up for the “ e^+e^- **High-Lumi**” **365 GeV** runs that are meant to produce 10^6 top quarks? (e.g. Z_{tt} couplings)
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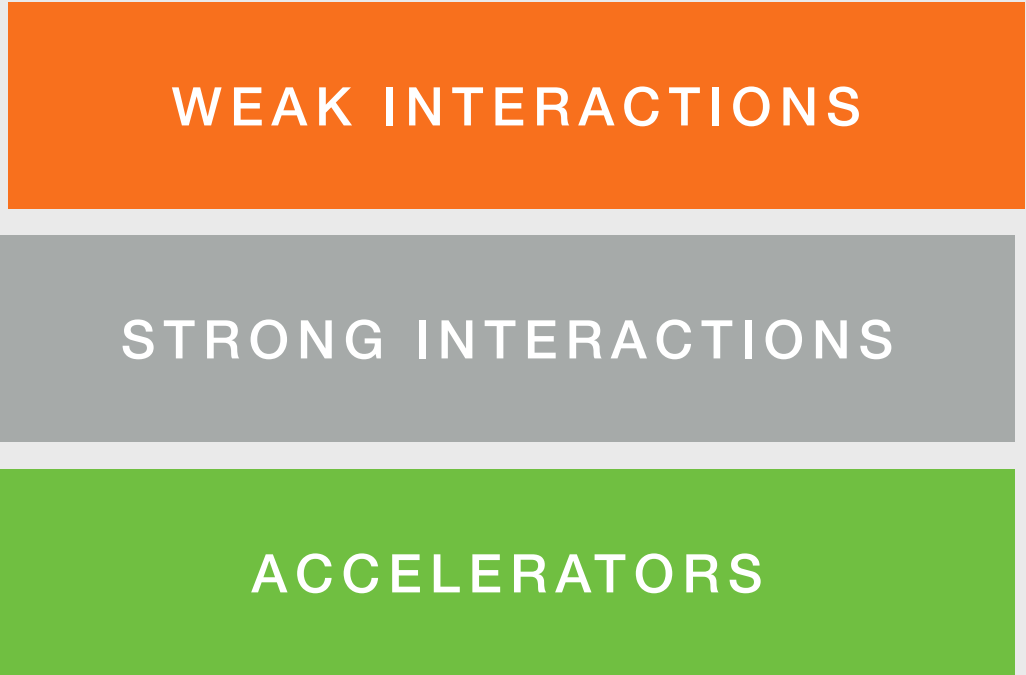
A gauge of the progress made so far

- The **depth of the questions** that can be asked based on the progress made so far witnesses the maturity of the investigation on fundamental interactions
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- None of the future colliders currently under study enjoy this enviable position ... back to regular science exploration

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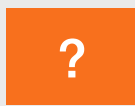






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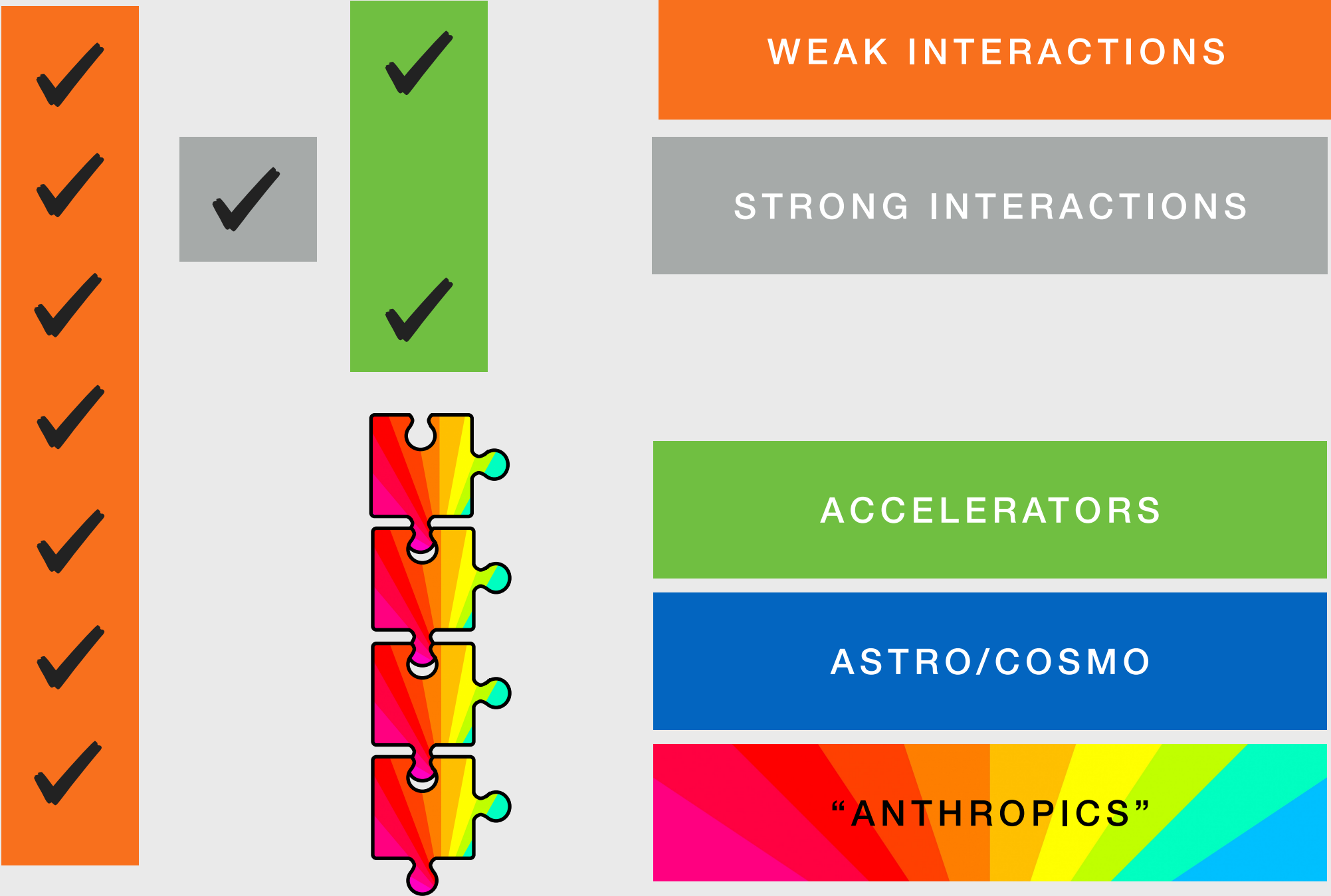


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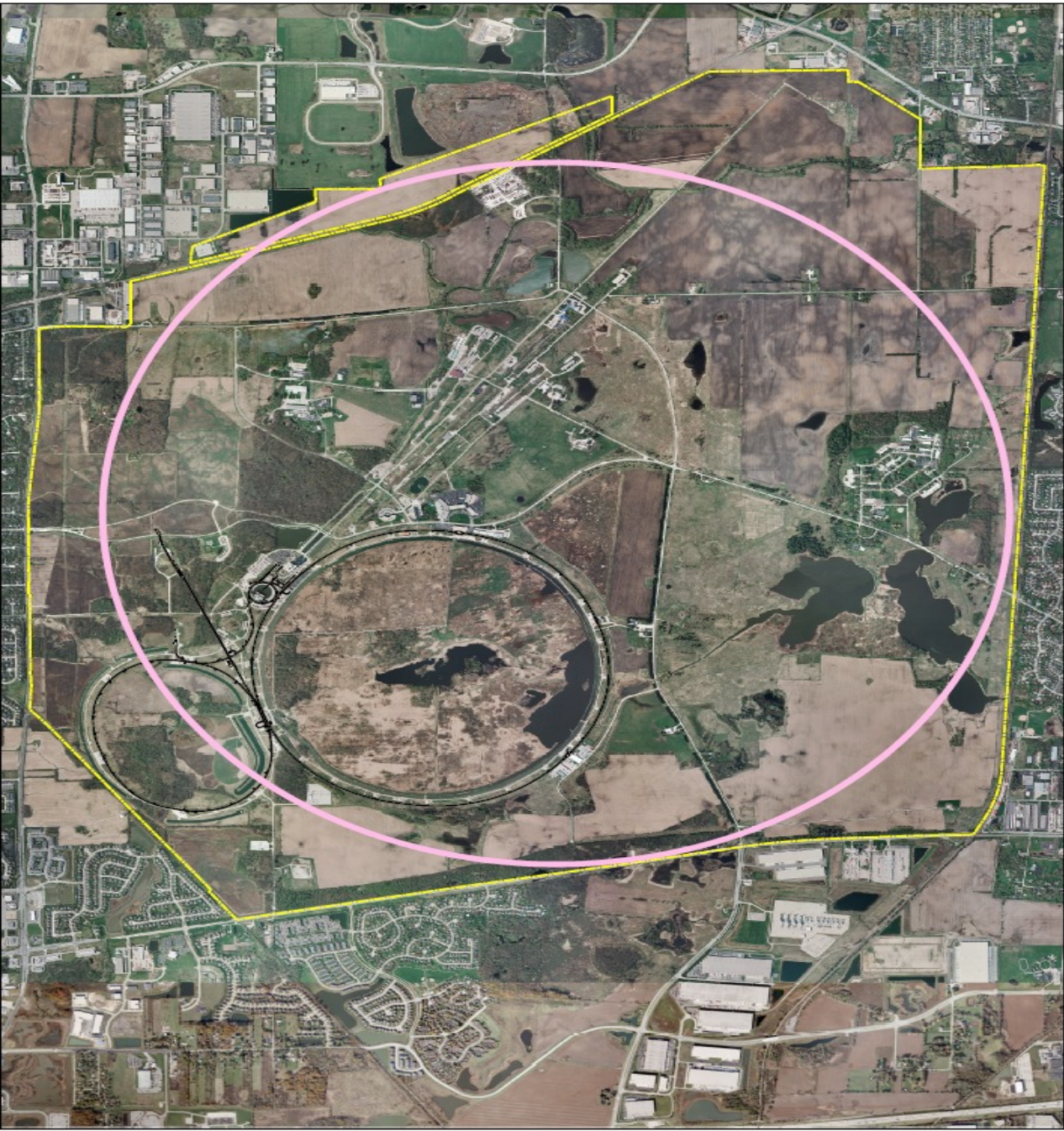
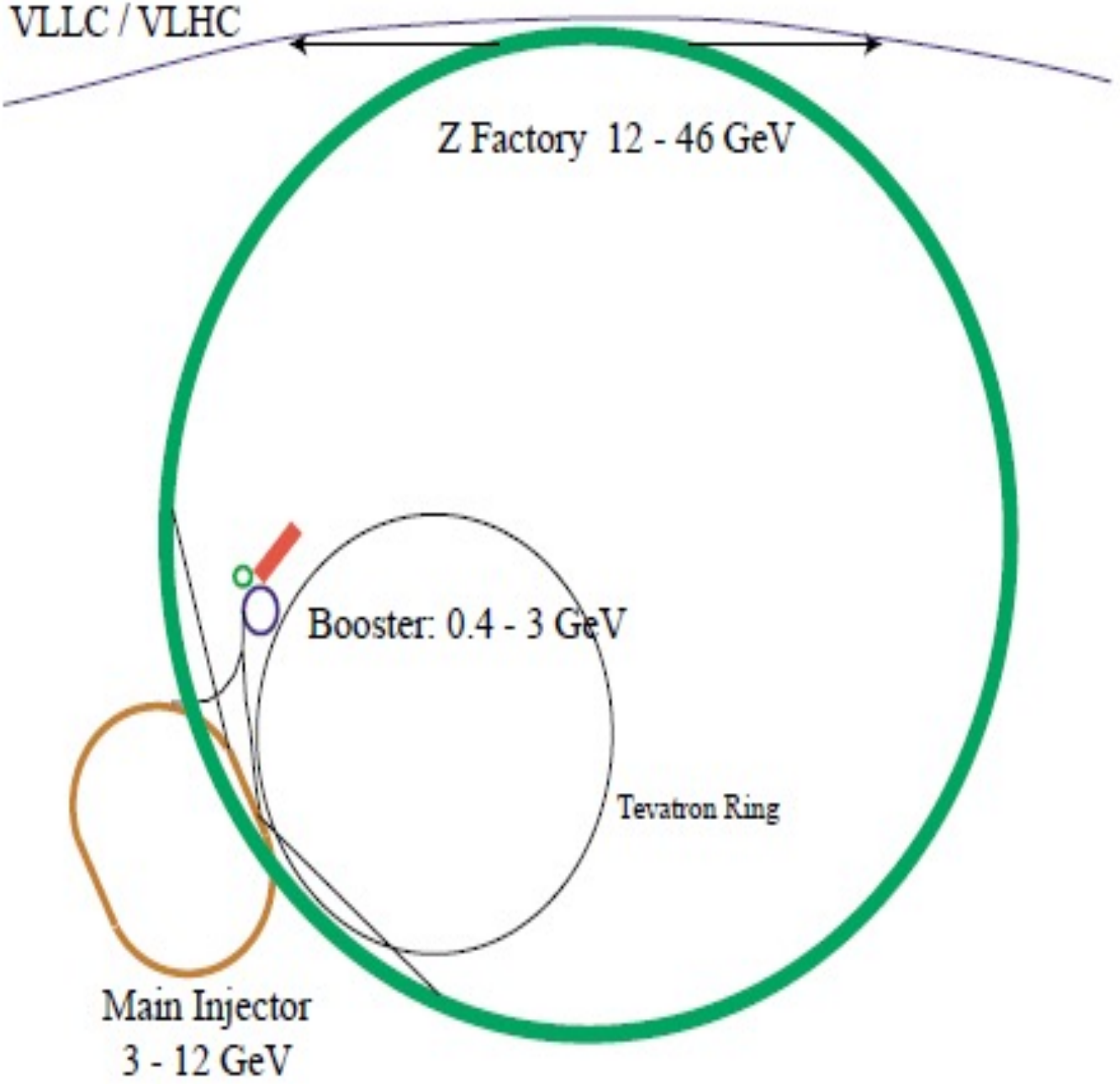
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thank you for listening!

Fermilab “Site Filer”

A reference point

VLLC: a site filler injector and collider



Workshop at IIT, Chicago in 2001
 Proceedings, ed. G. Dugan & A. Tollestrup
 Sen and Norem, PRSTAB 5, 031001 (2002)

- Circumference= 16.163 km
- 1) Collider ring at fixed energy
- 2) Accelerator ring for topping up.

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e+e- ring at Fermilab

Higgs Factory Parameters

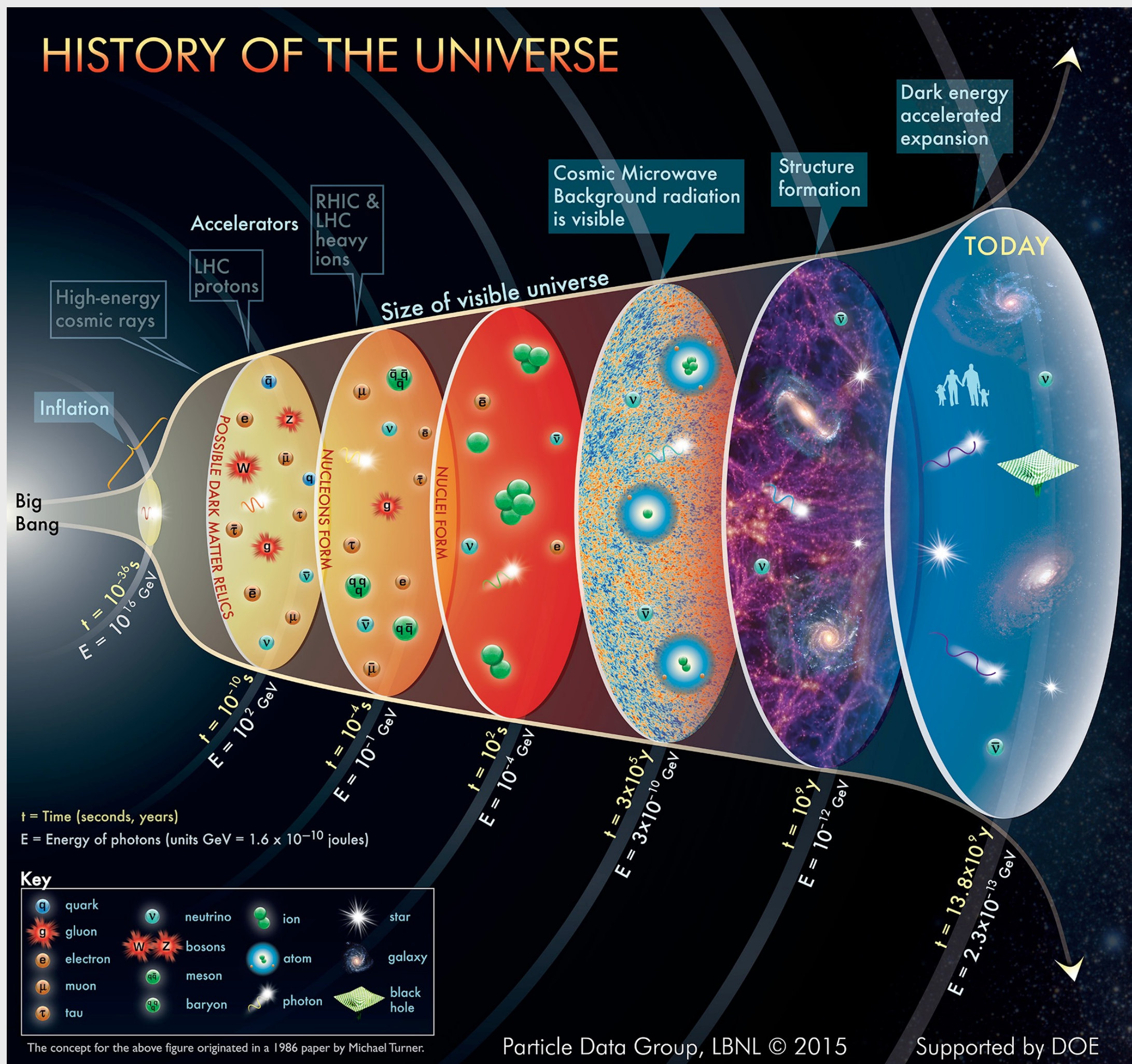
Circumference [km]	16.0
Synchrotron Radiation power, both beams [MW]	100
Energy [GeV]	120
Luminosity [cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹]	5.2 x 10 ³³
Hourglass factor	0.89
β _x [*] , β _y [*] [cm]	20, 0.2
Particles/bunch	7.9 x 10 ¹¹
Number of bunches	2
Beam-beam parameters ξ _x , ξ _y	0.067, 0.095
Beam current [mA]	4.8
Emittances [nm]	23, 0.1
Damping partition numbers J _x , J _y , J _z	1.5, 1, 1.5
Energy lost/turn [GeV]	10.5
Rf voltage [GV]	12.8
Damping time (τ _s) [turns]	11
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open questions

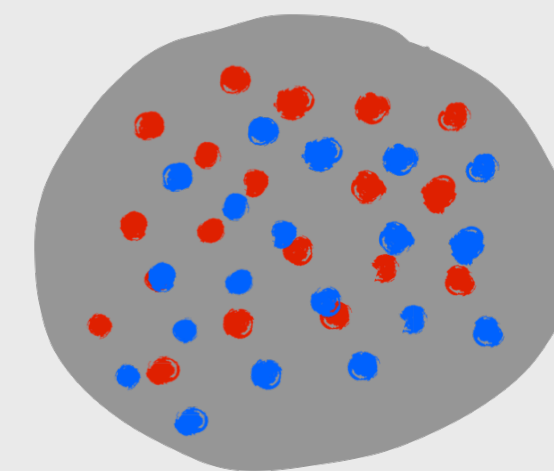
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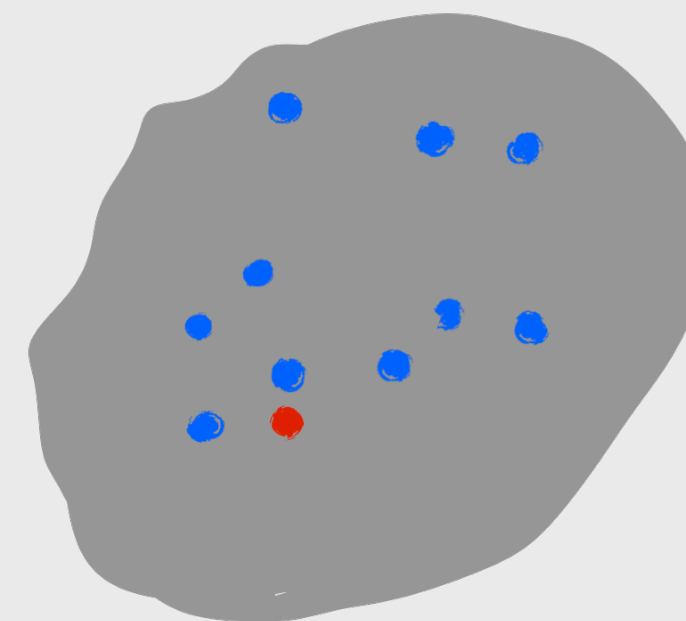
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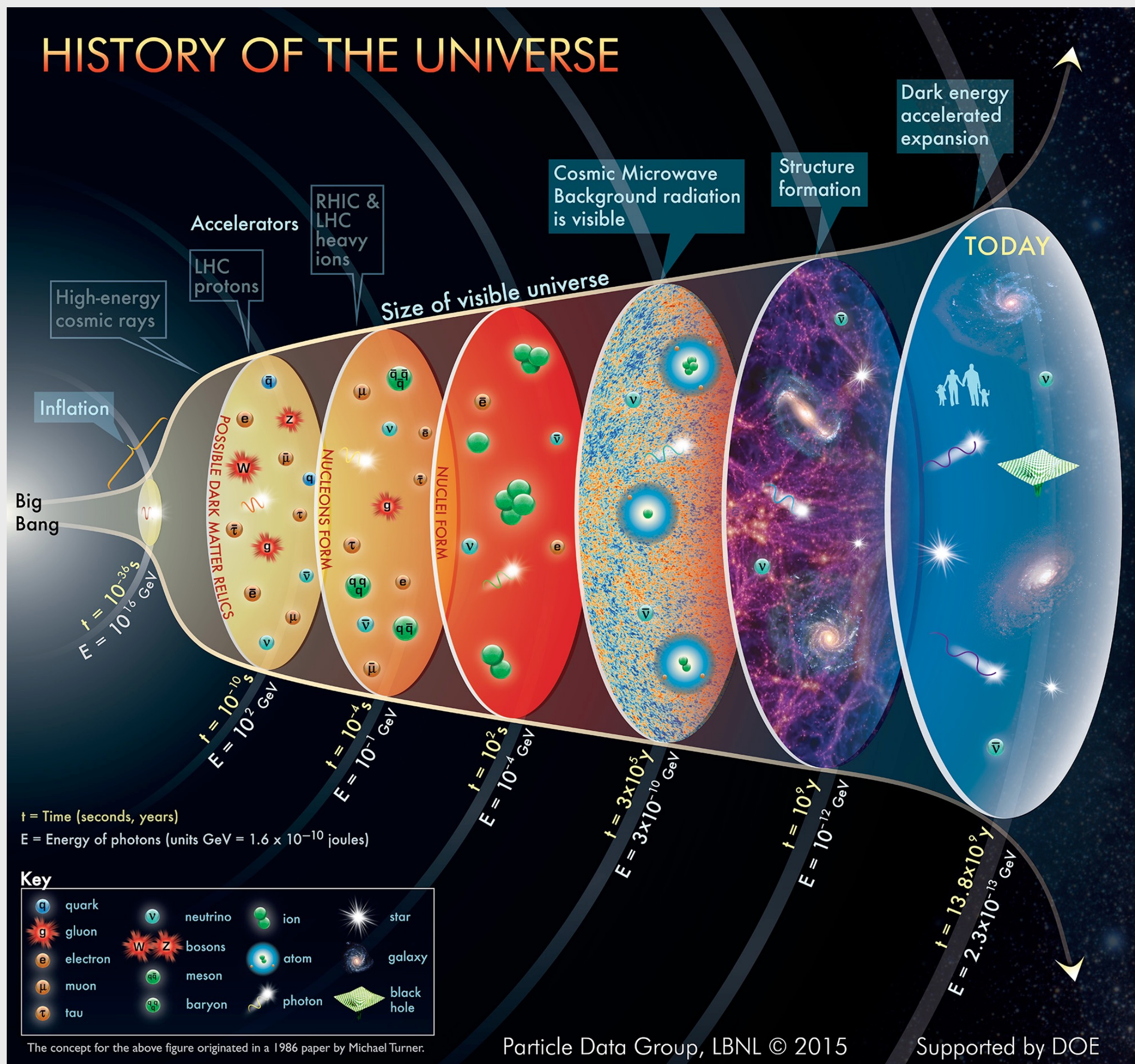
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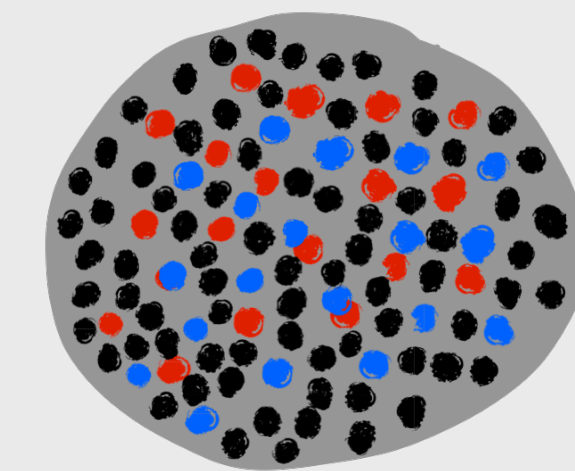
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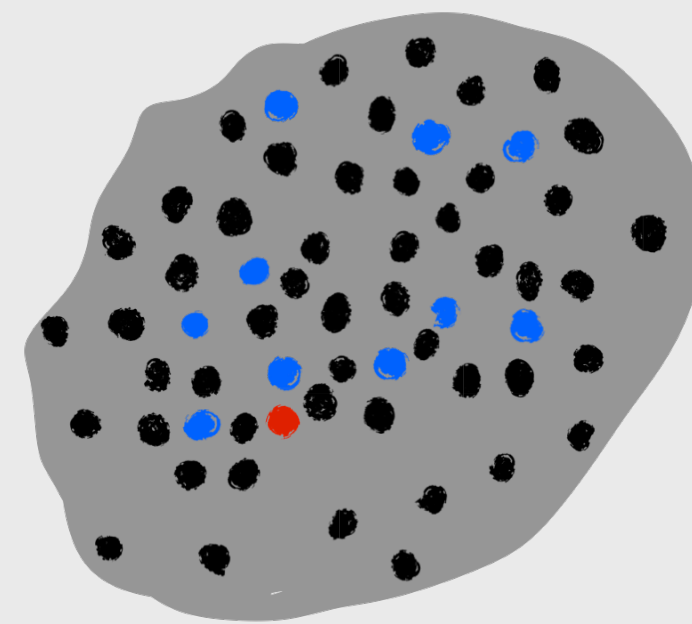
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dark matter
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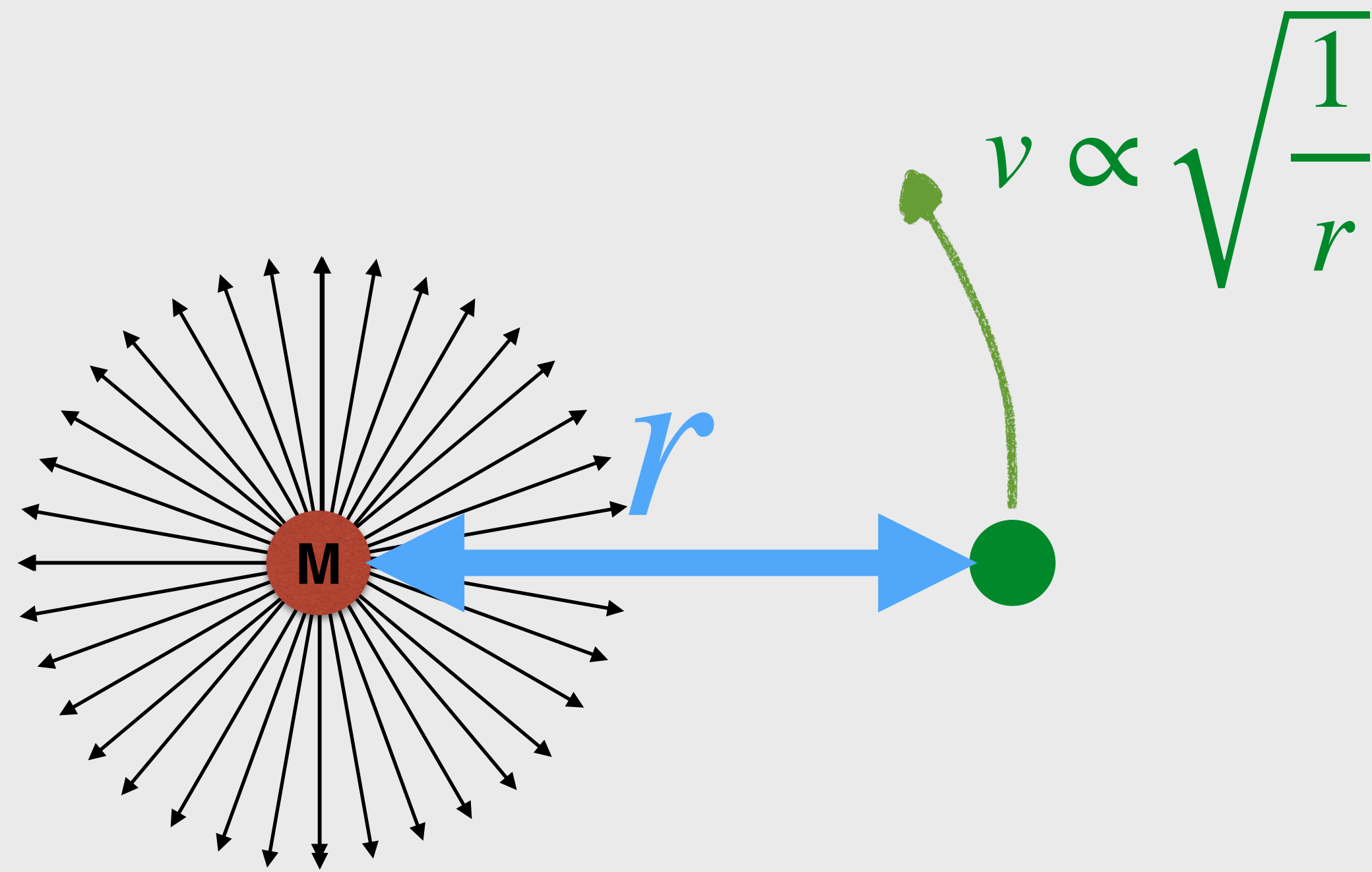


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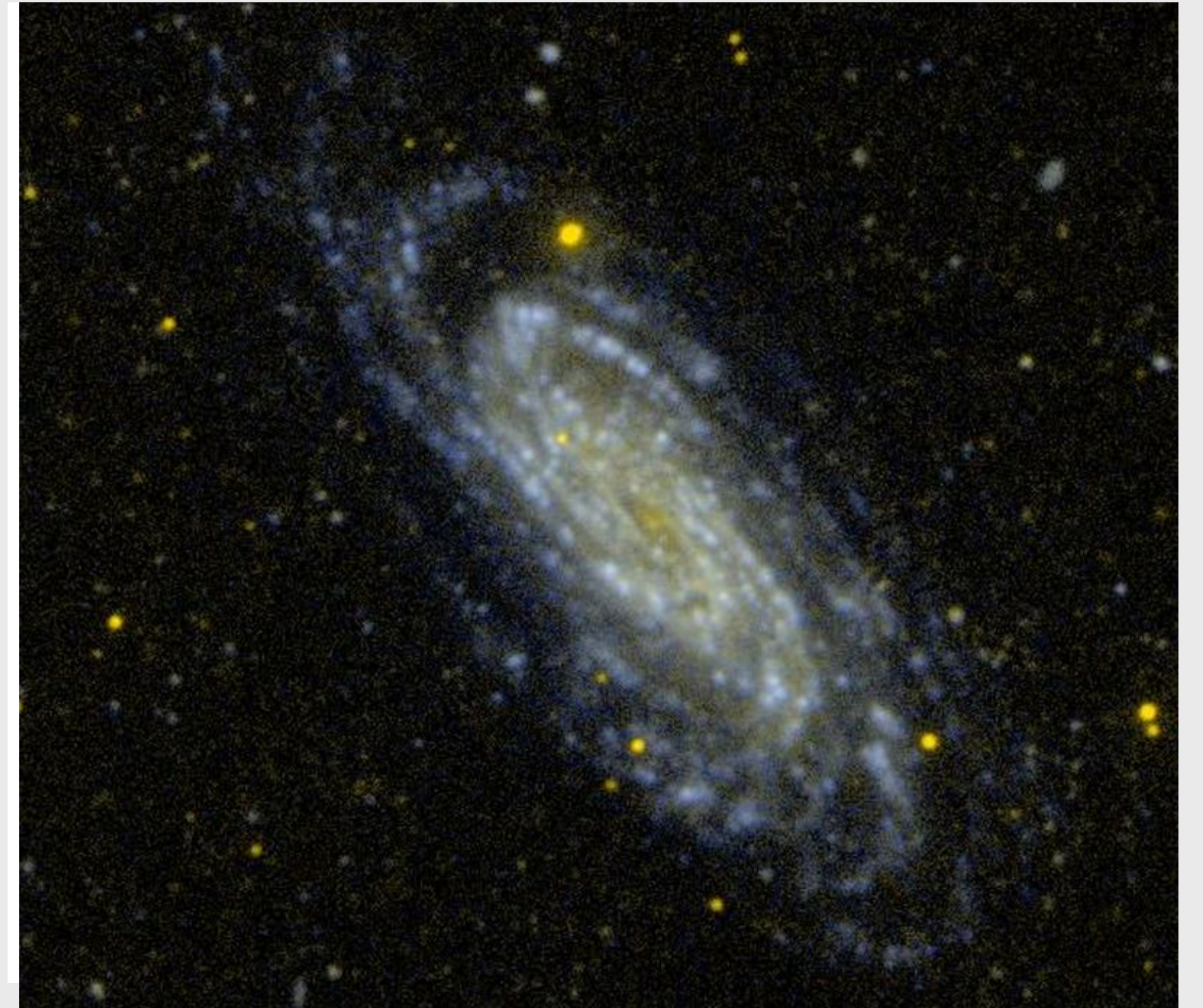
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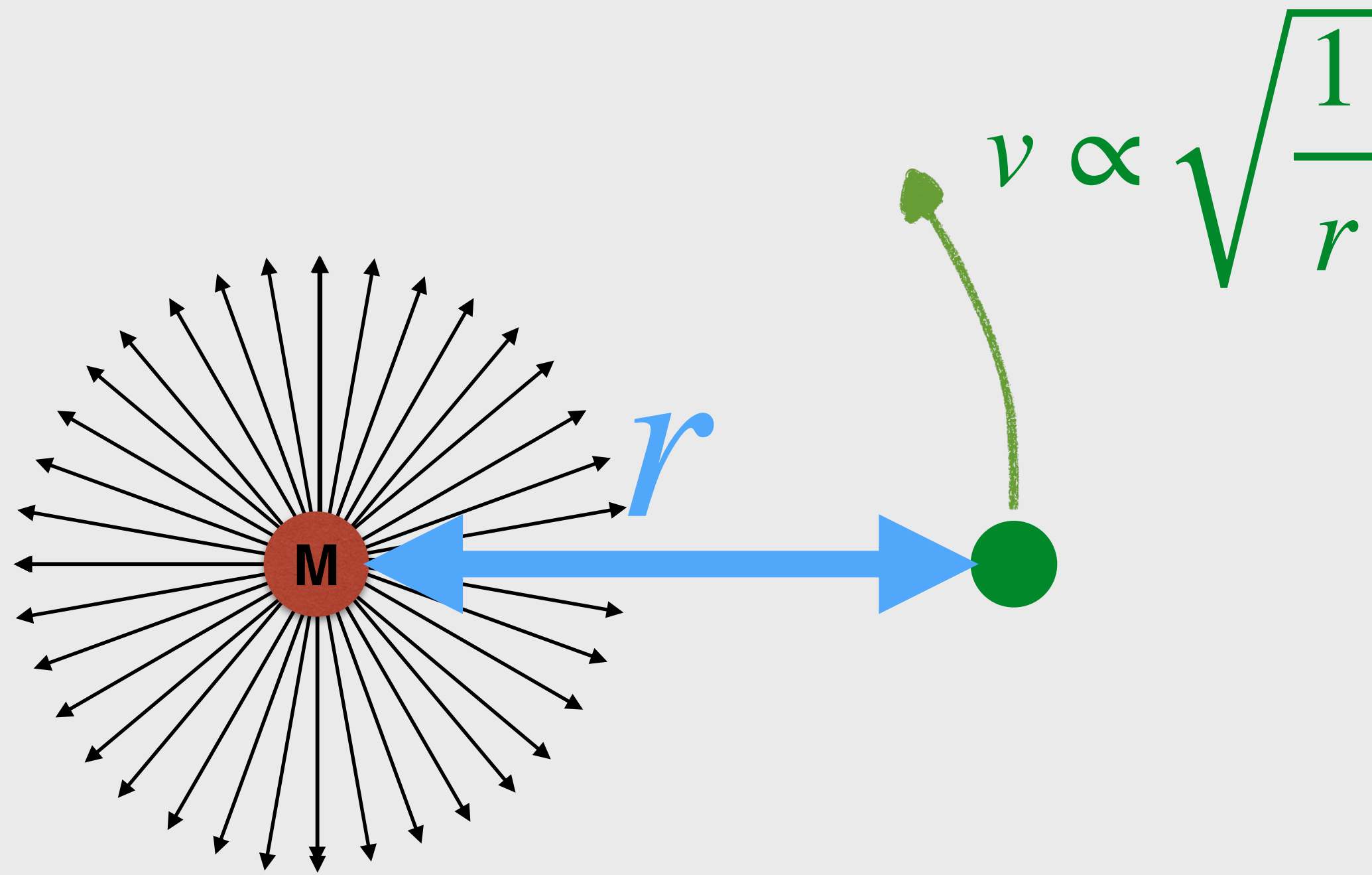
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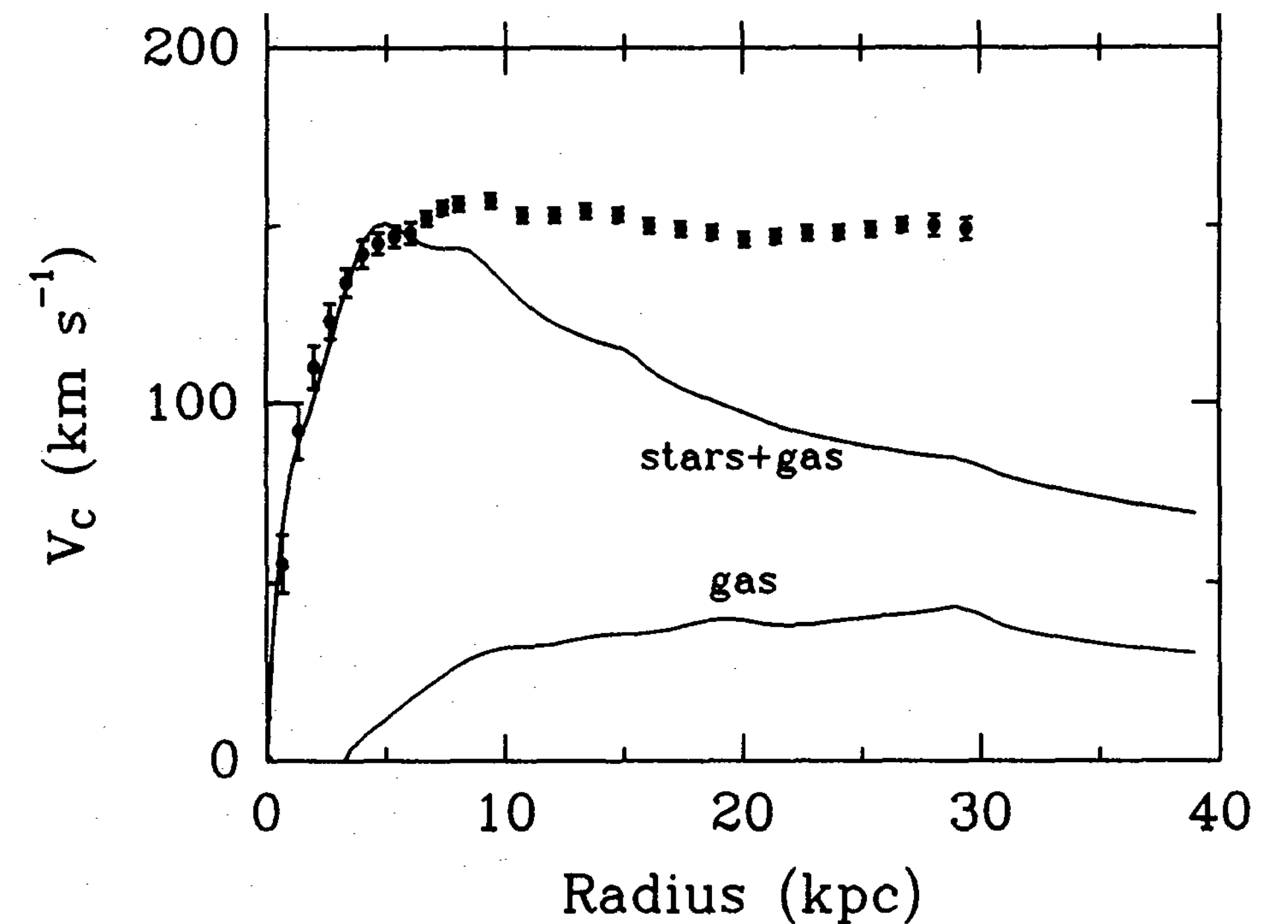
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Begeman, K. 1989, A&A, 223, 47

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a new form of matter must exist

It may well be not of the kind we are used to:

- It may have only weak interactions (even possible it feels only gravity)
- There are candidates “particles” with Compton length $1/M$ ranging from the size of a Galaxy down to High Energy Physics scales (GeV-TeV) and even beyond

It is not necessarily material for particle physics and accelerators

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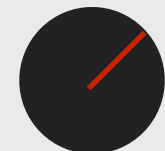
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- We know the scope of the search for Dark Matter is huge
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- Accelerators are the only way to go see it and study it in detail

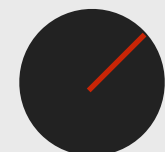
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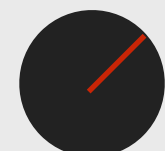
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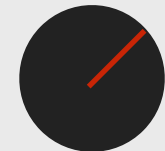
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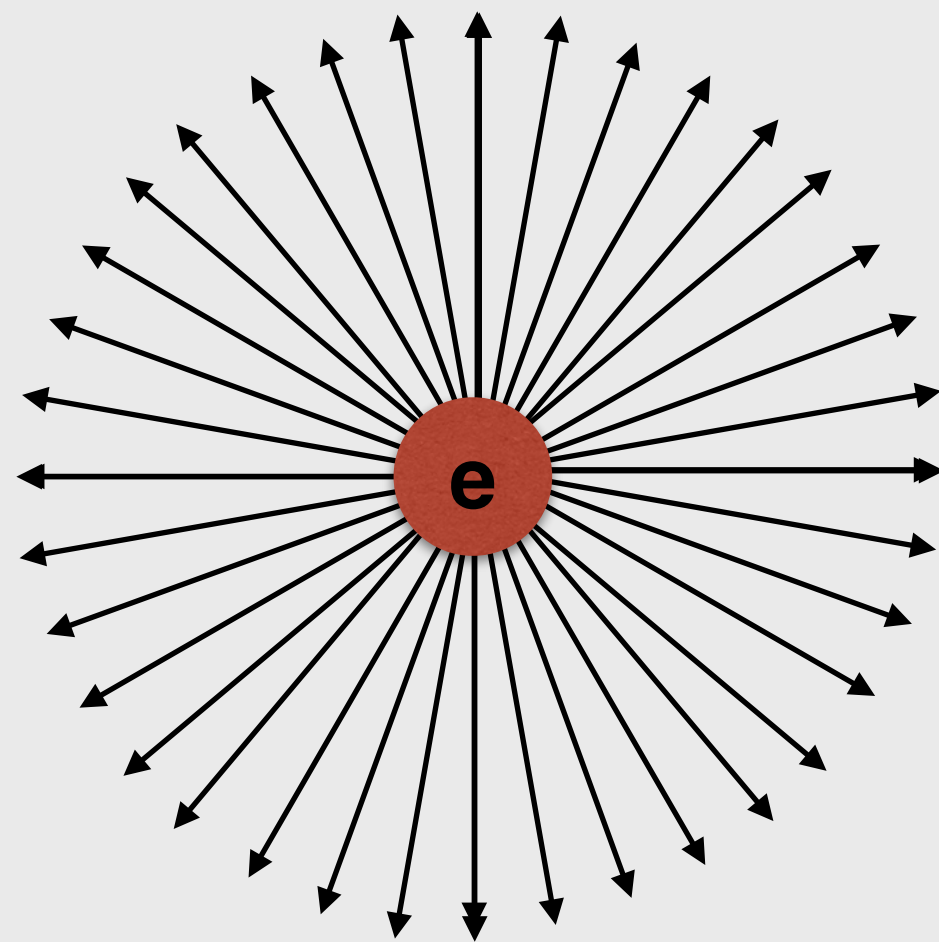
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EACH of these issues one day will teach us a lesson

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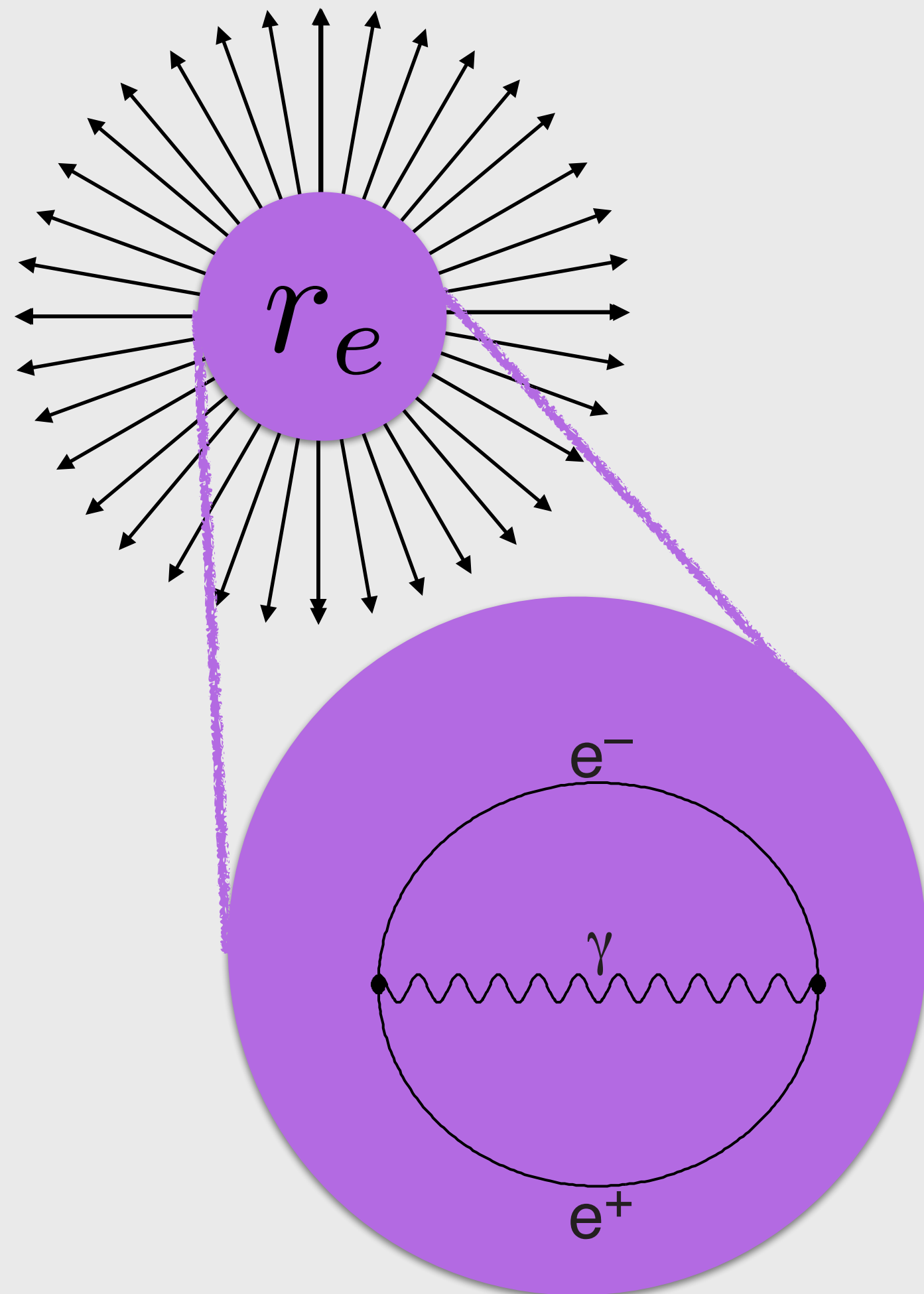
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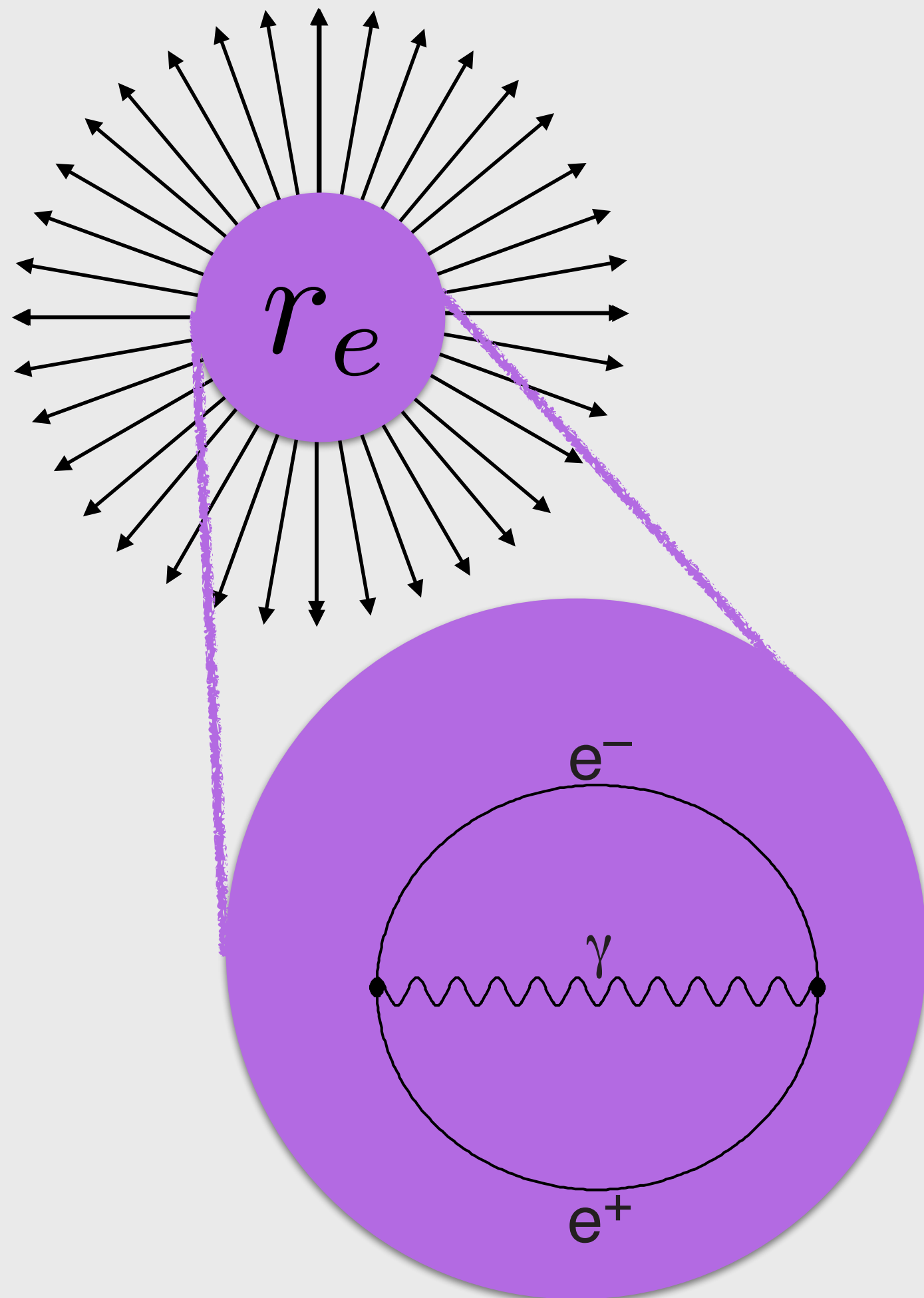
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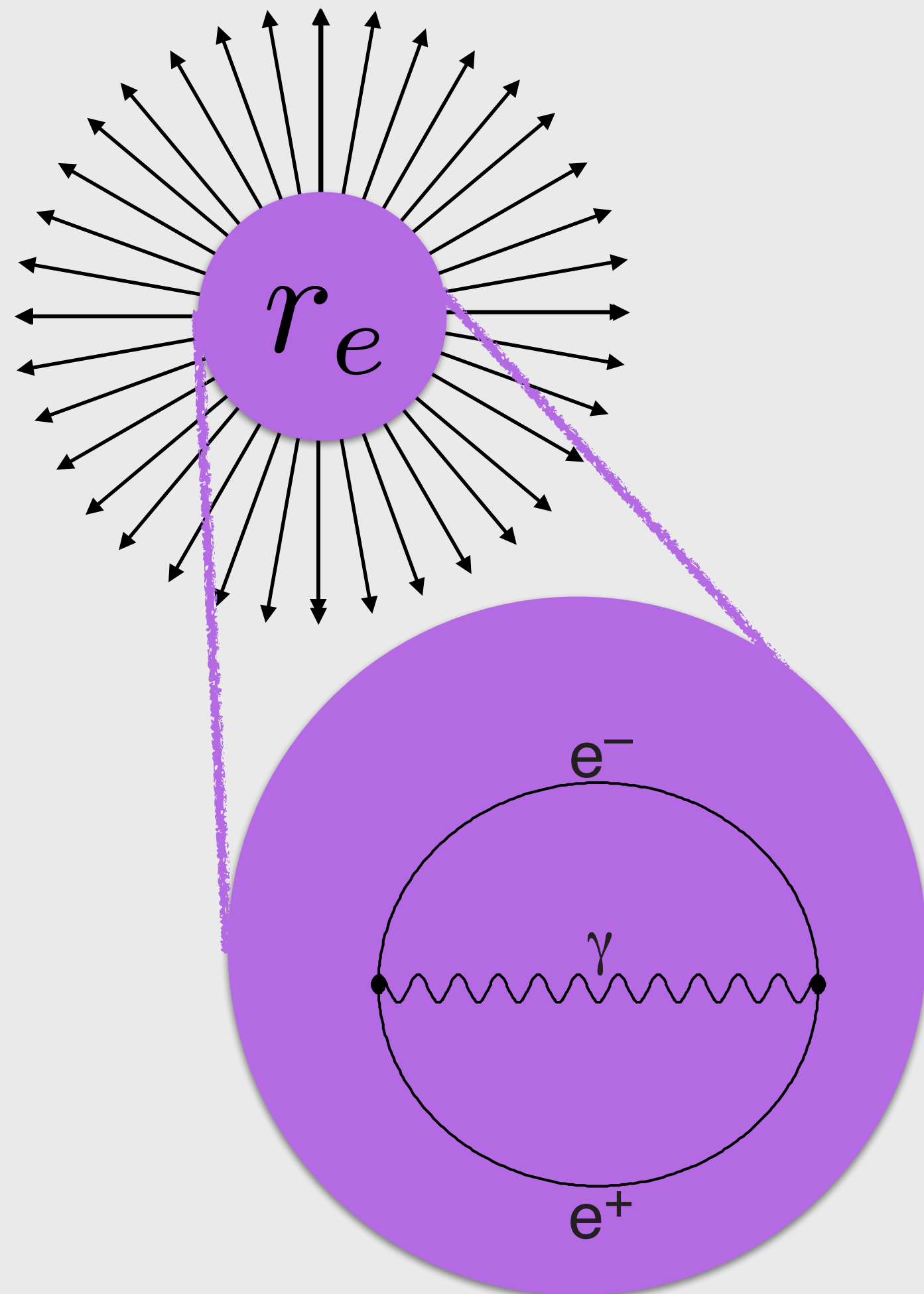
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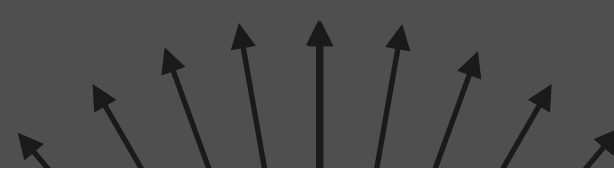
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- Similar arguments would require a contribution of the electric field to the mass of the charged pion
 - In that case the solution is not an antiparticle, but a “heavy photon”, the ρ meson, somewhat heavier than the pion
 - In the grand picture, both the positron and the ρ meson appear at the same scale where the problem arises.
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