

# The Muon Shot — Combining energy with precision



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The US physics community dreams of building a muon collider.



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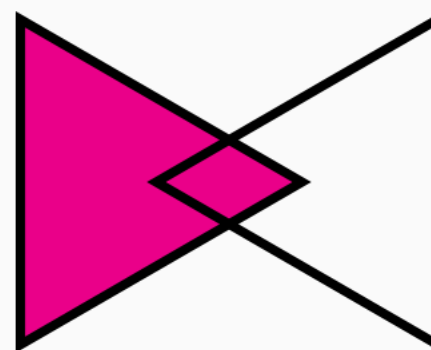
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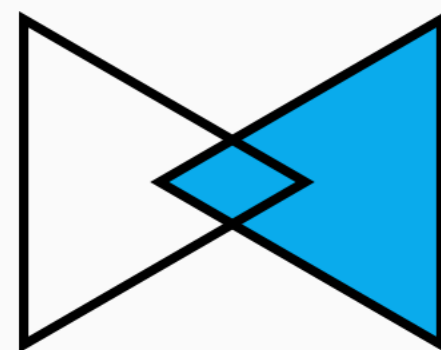
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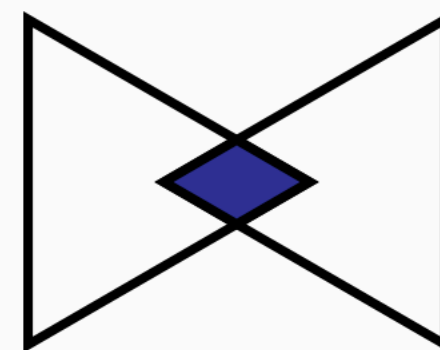
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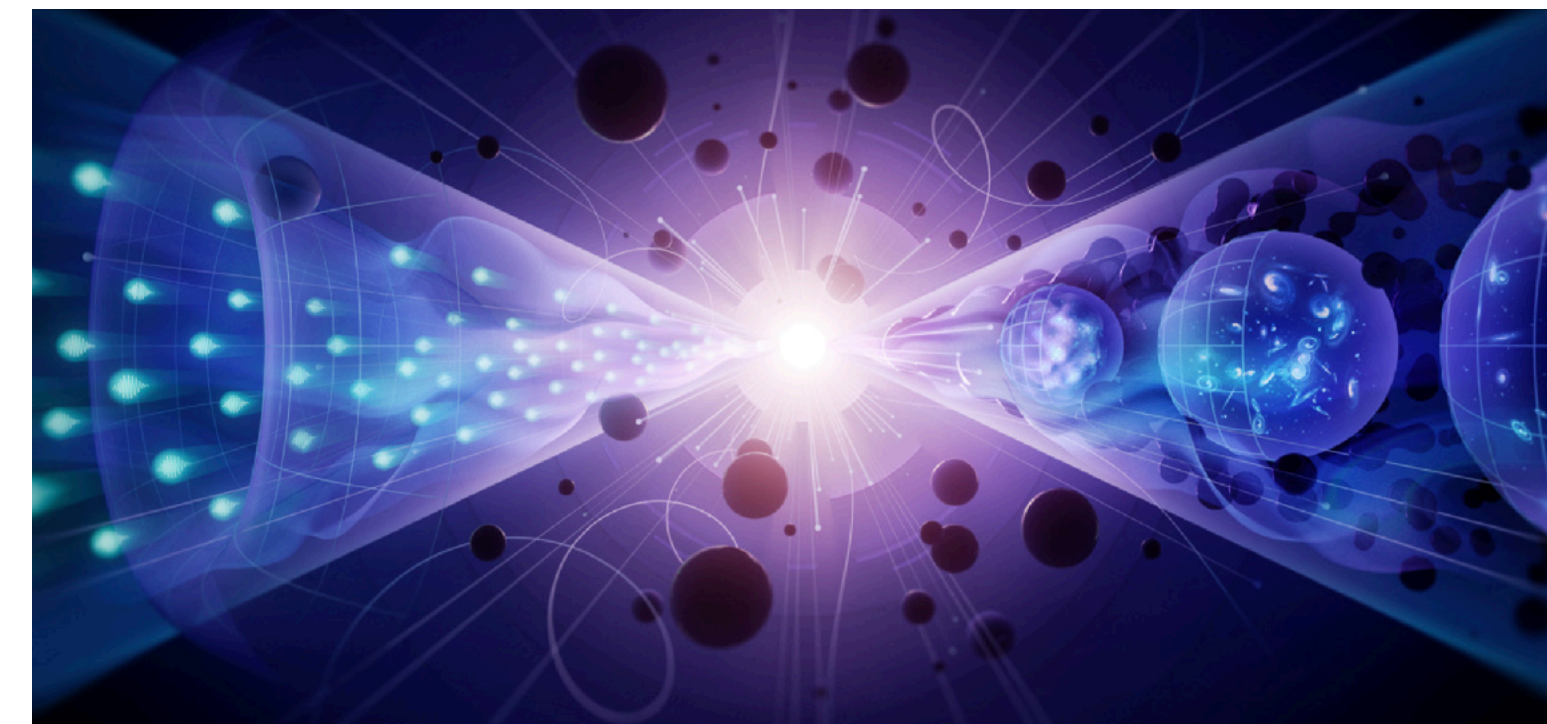
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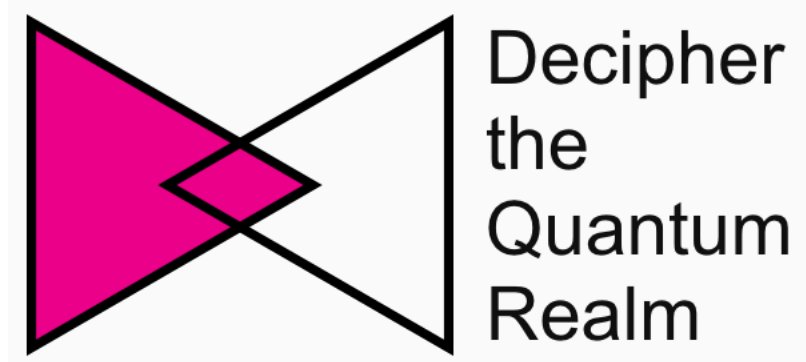
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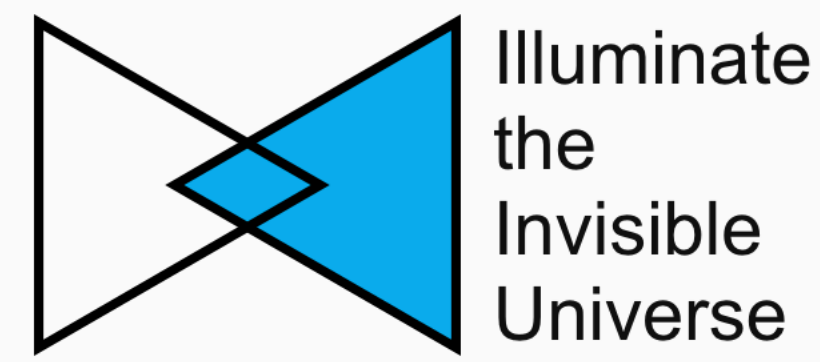
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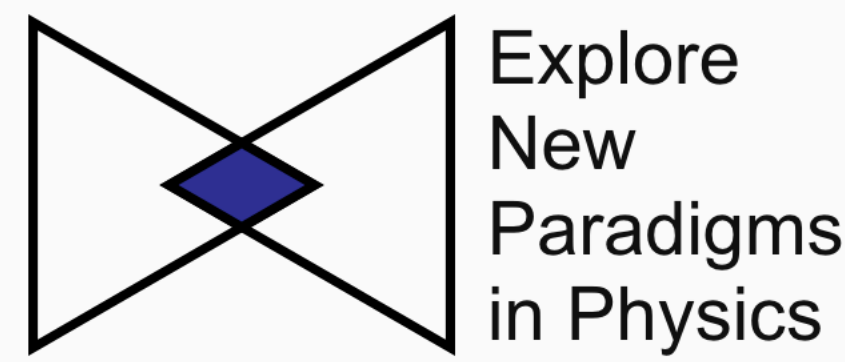
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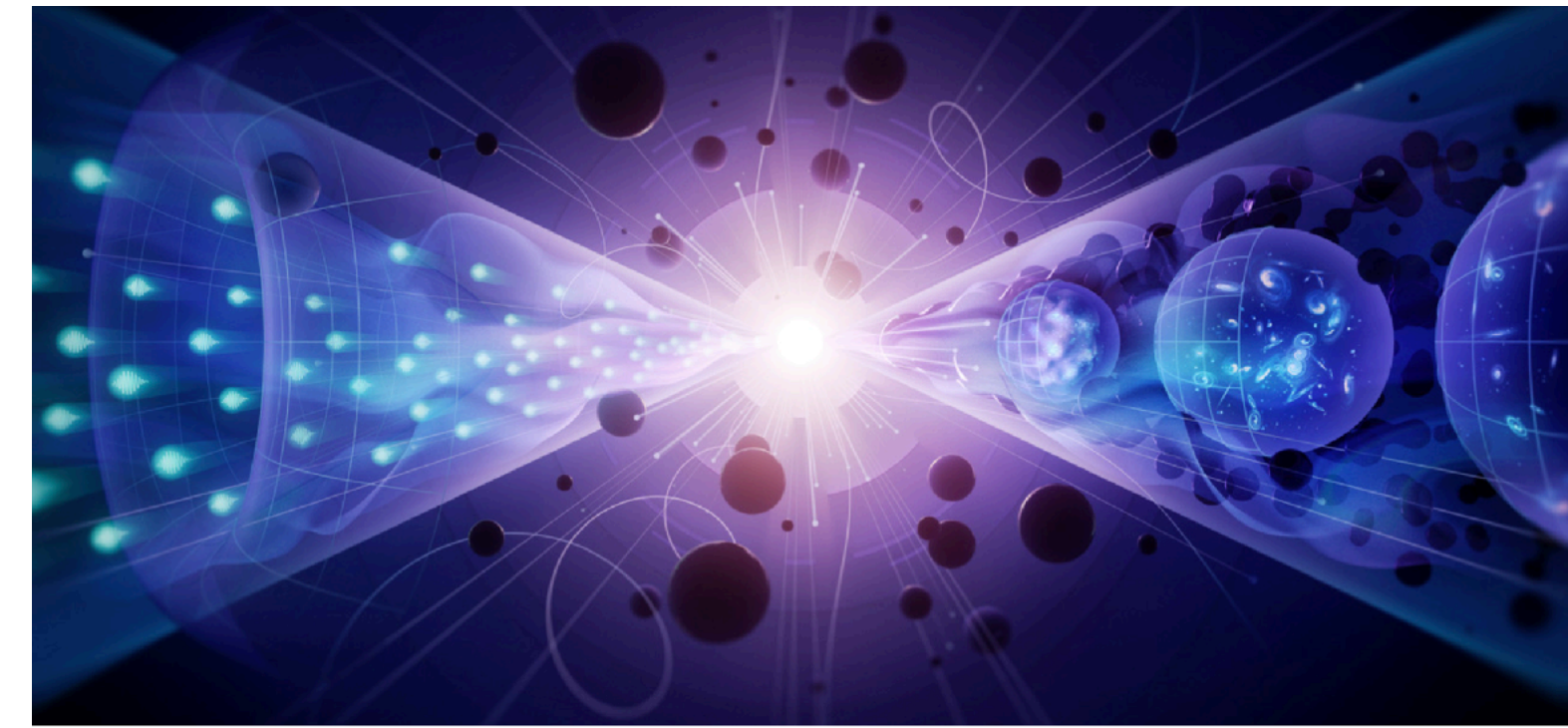
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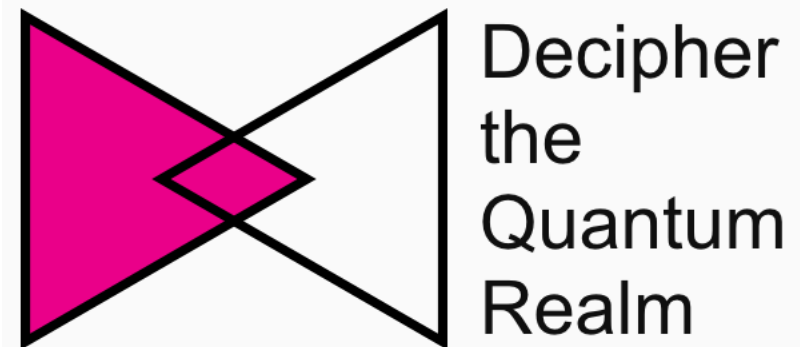
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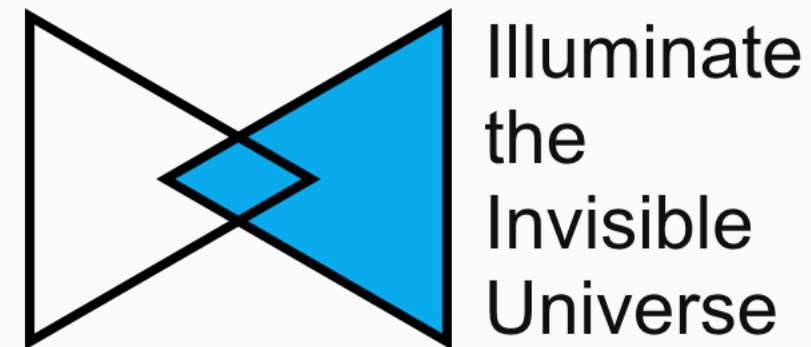
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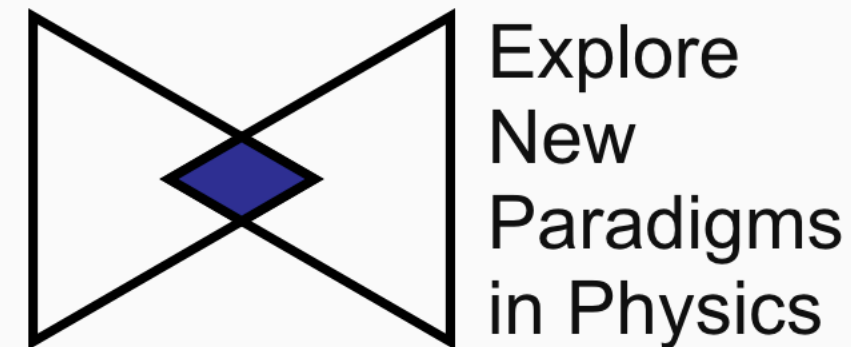
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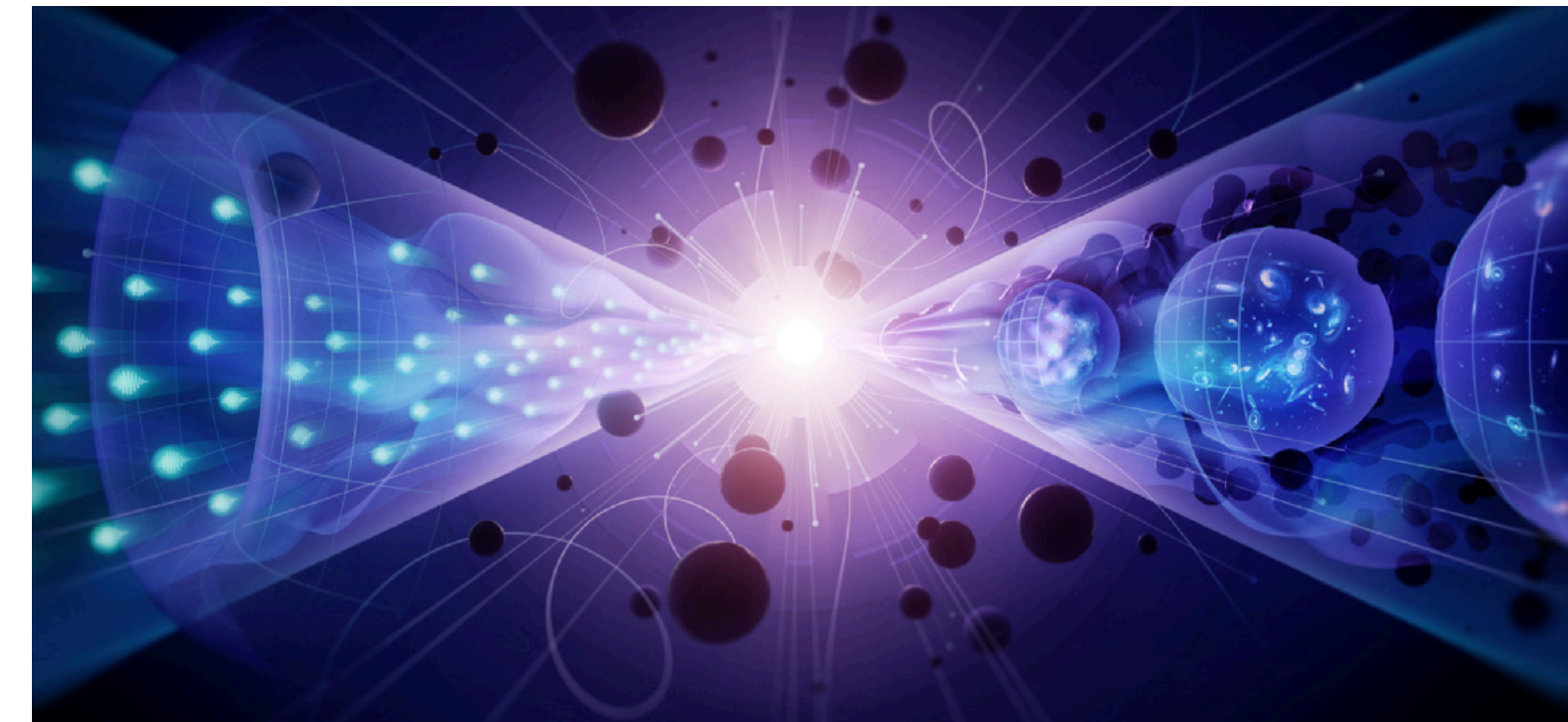
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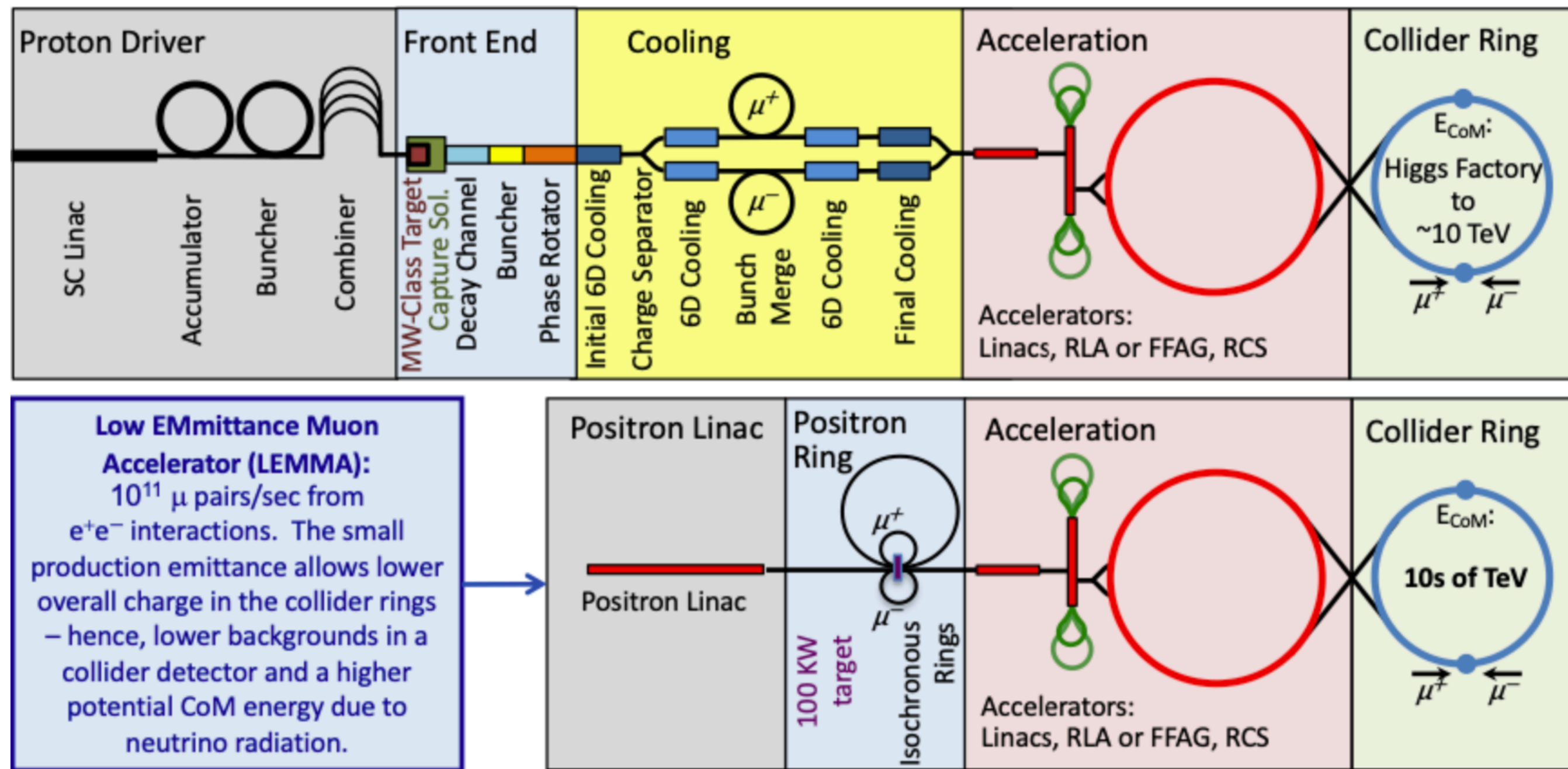
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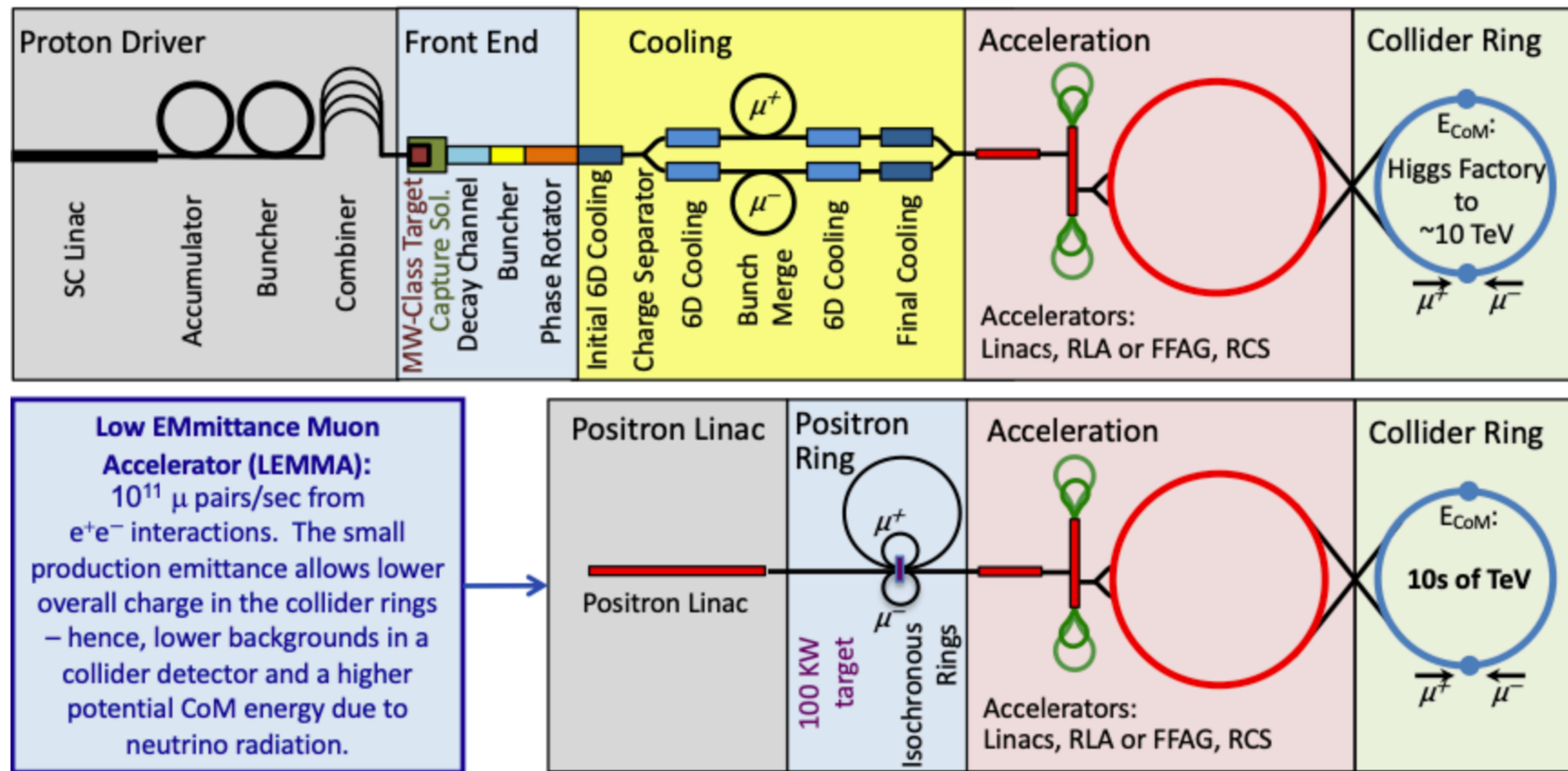
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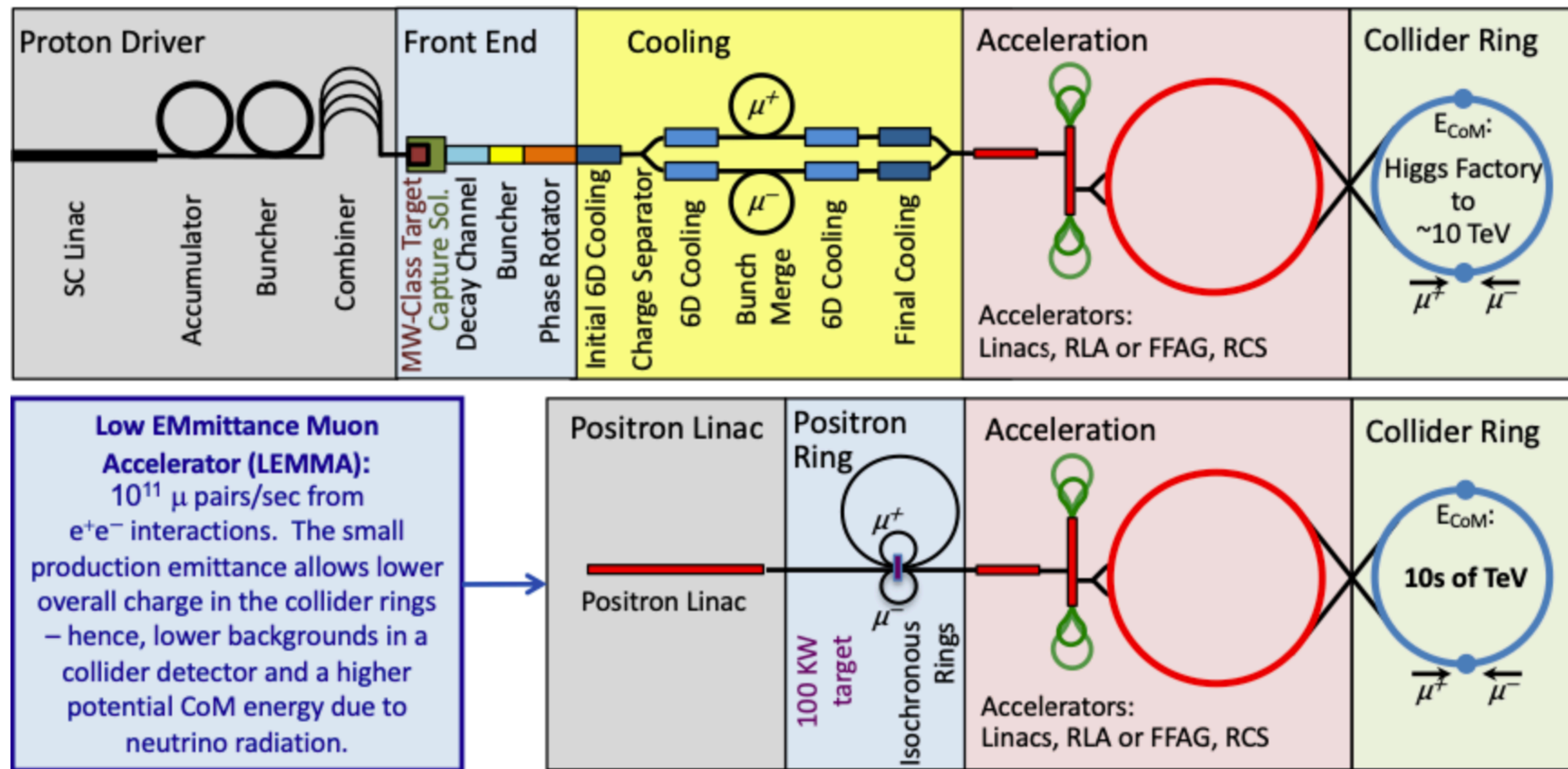
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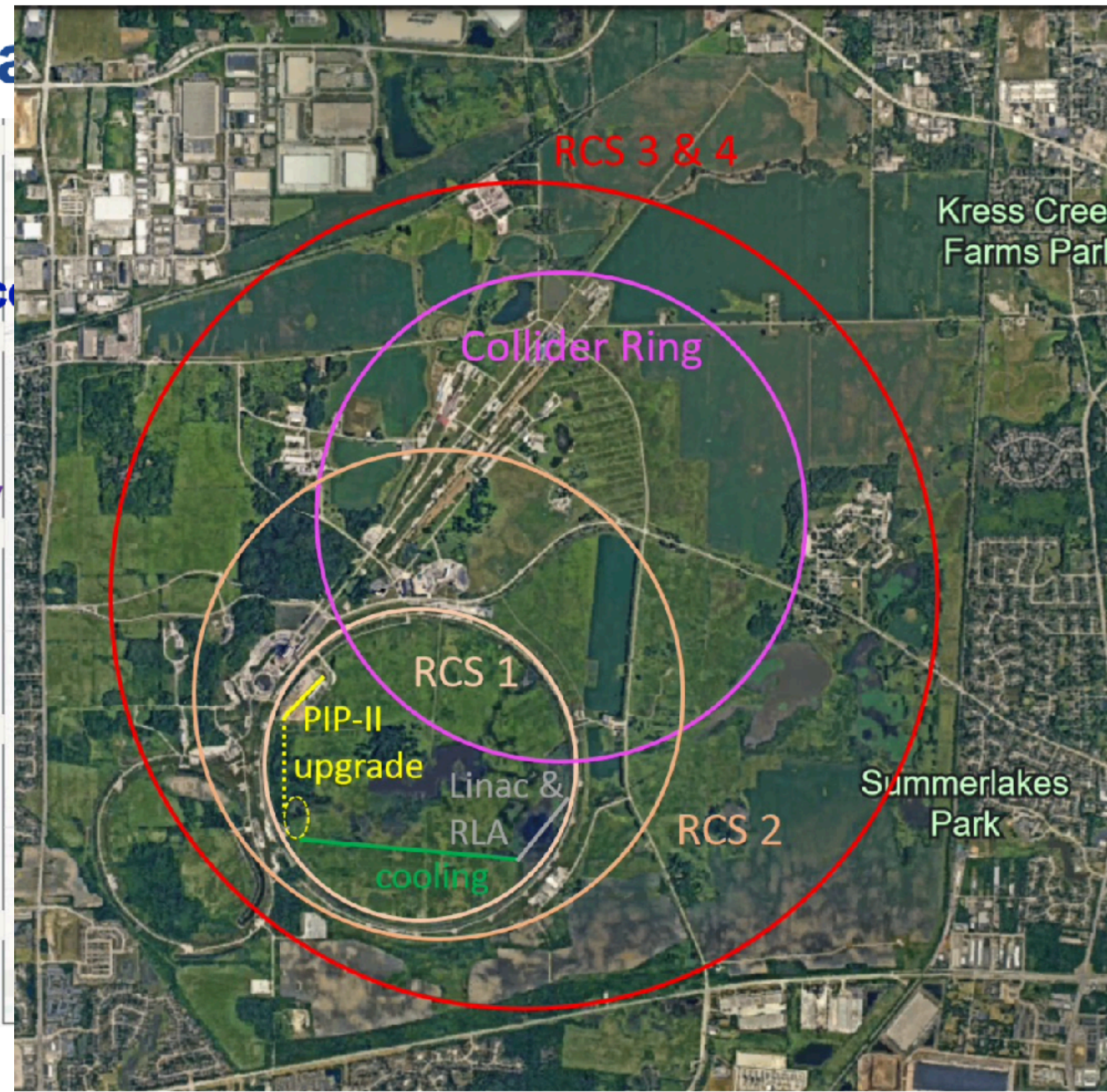
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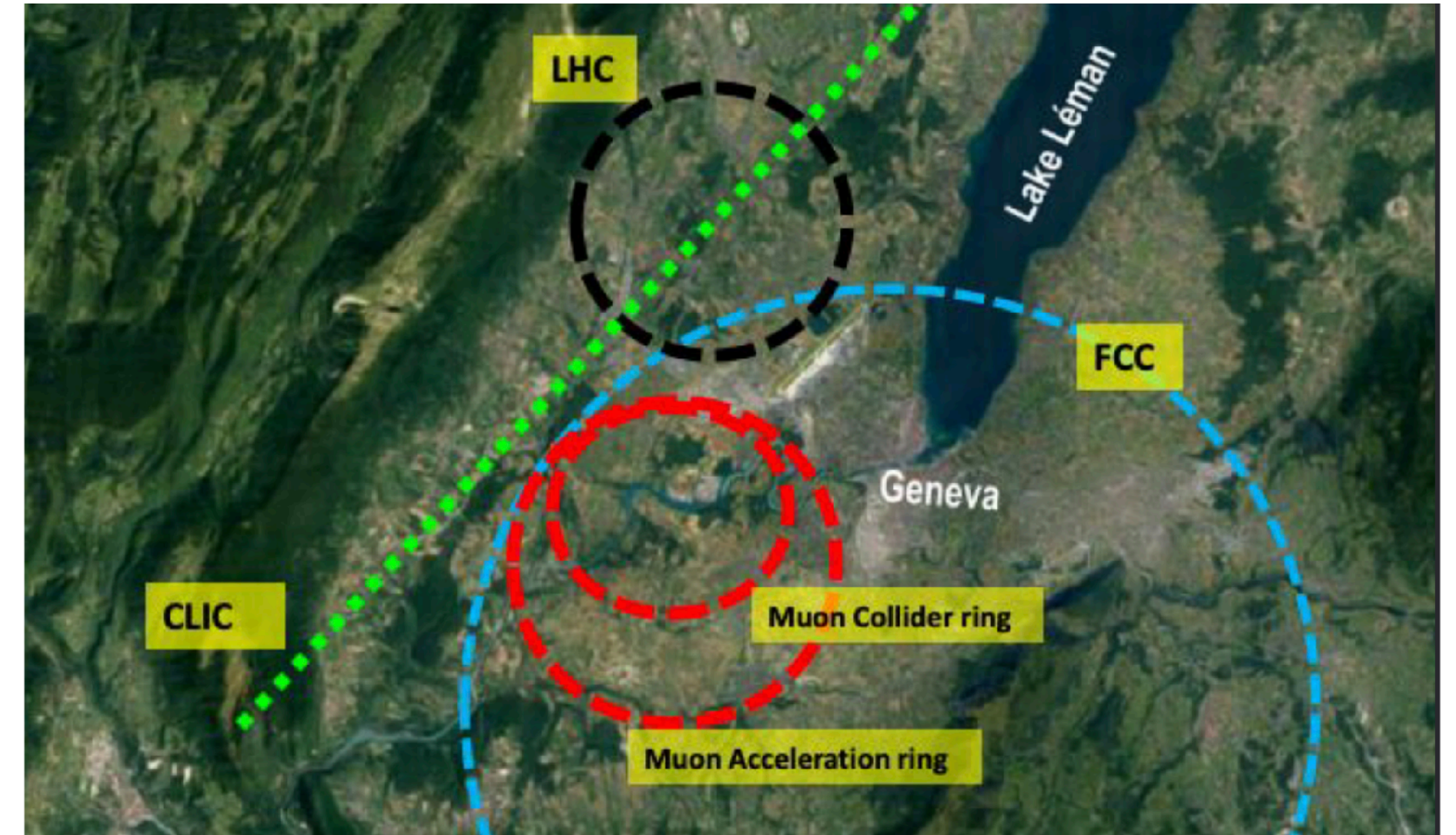
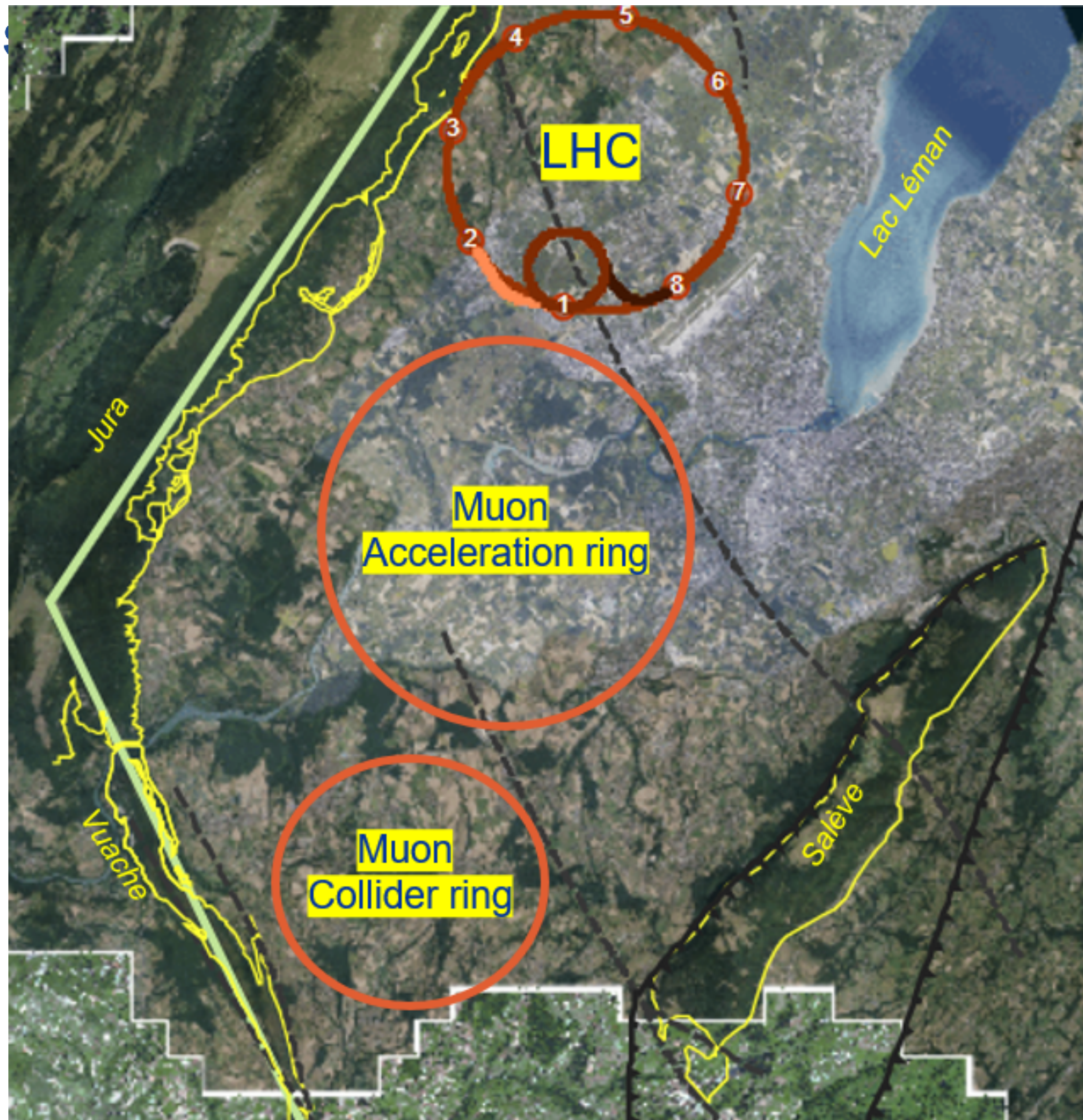
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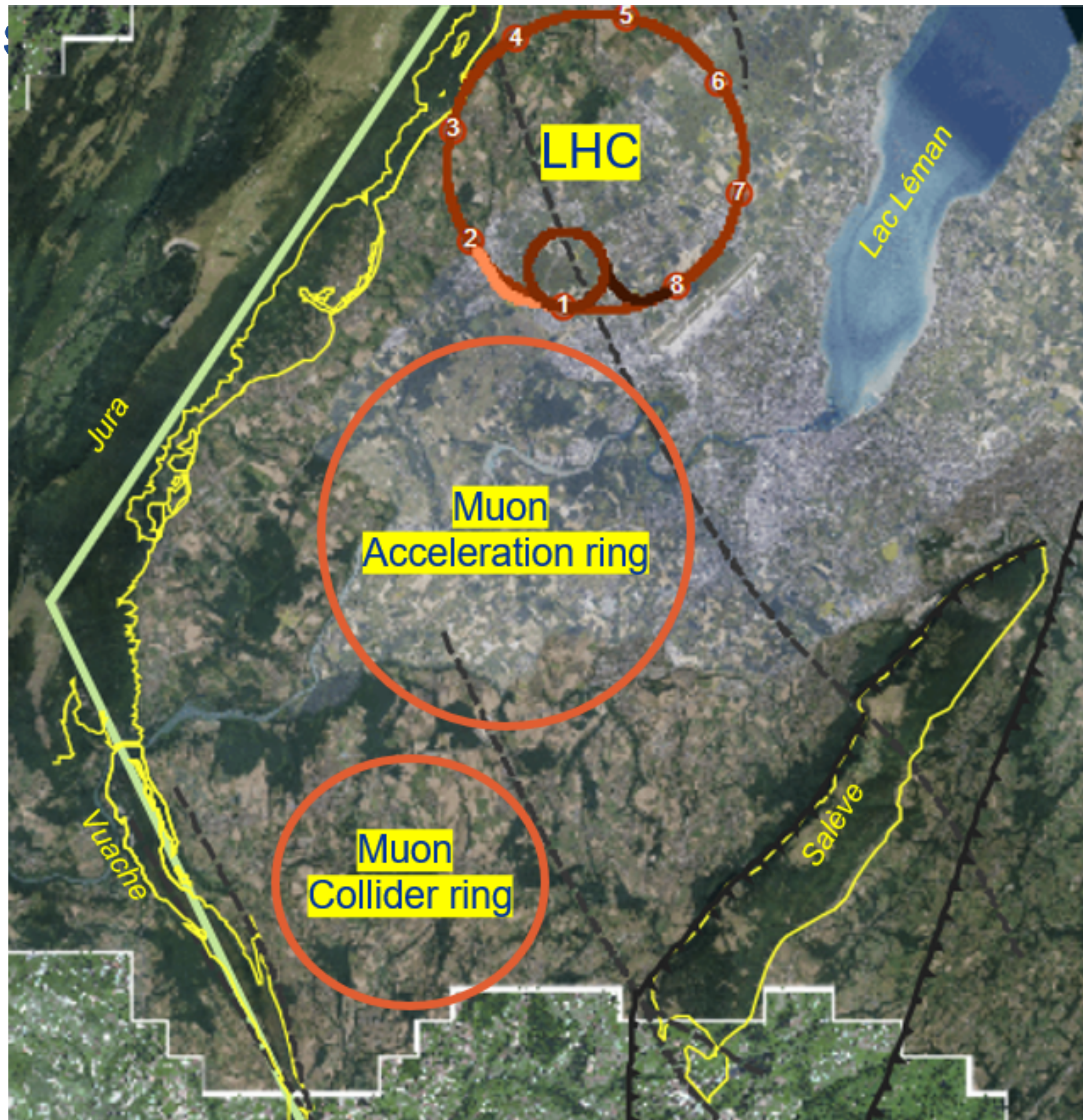
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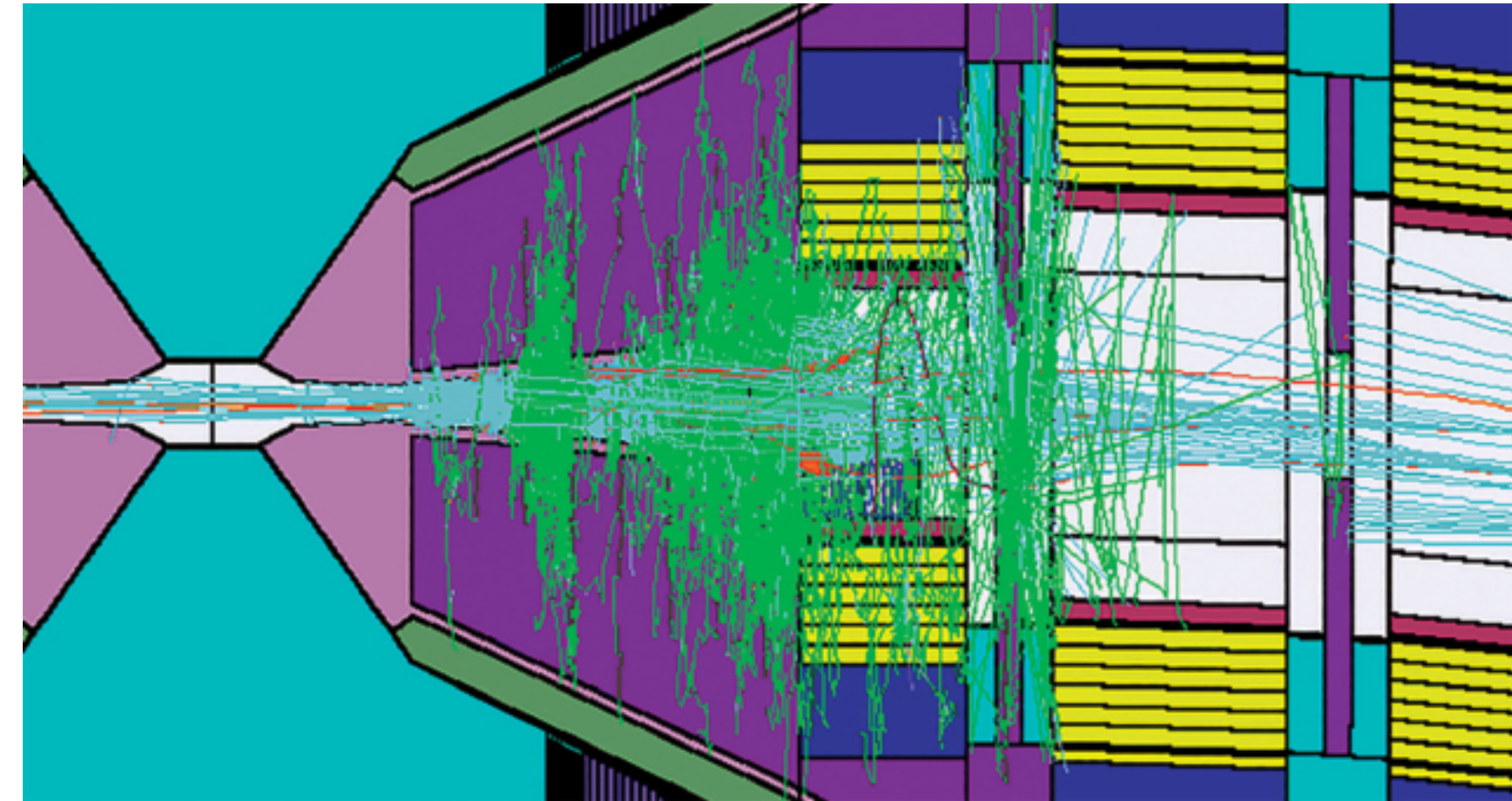


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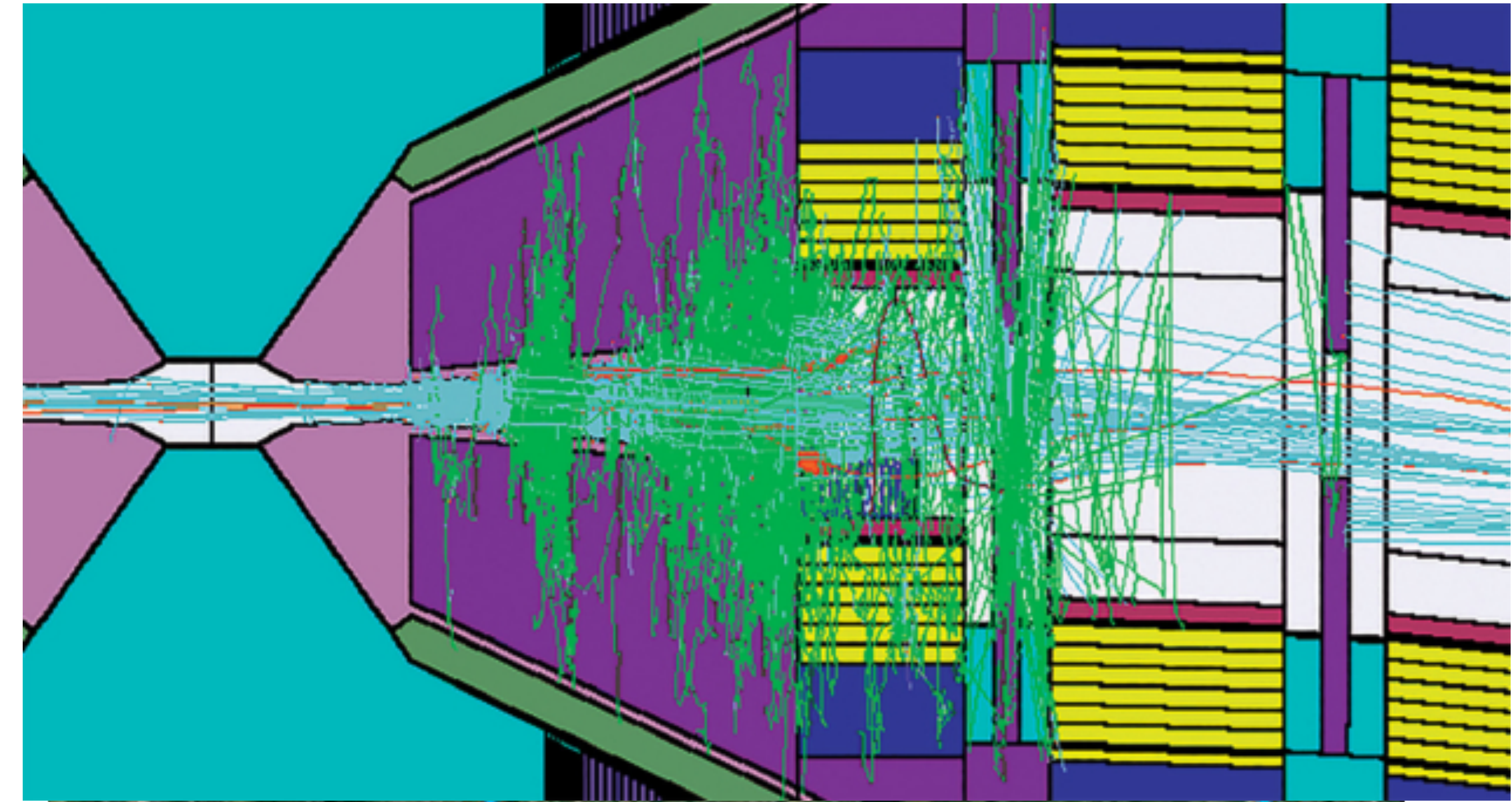
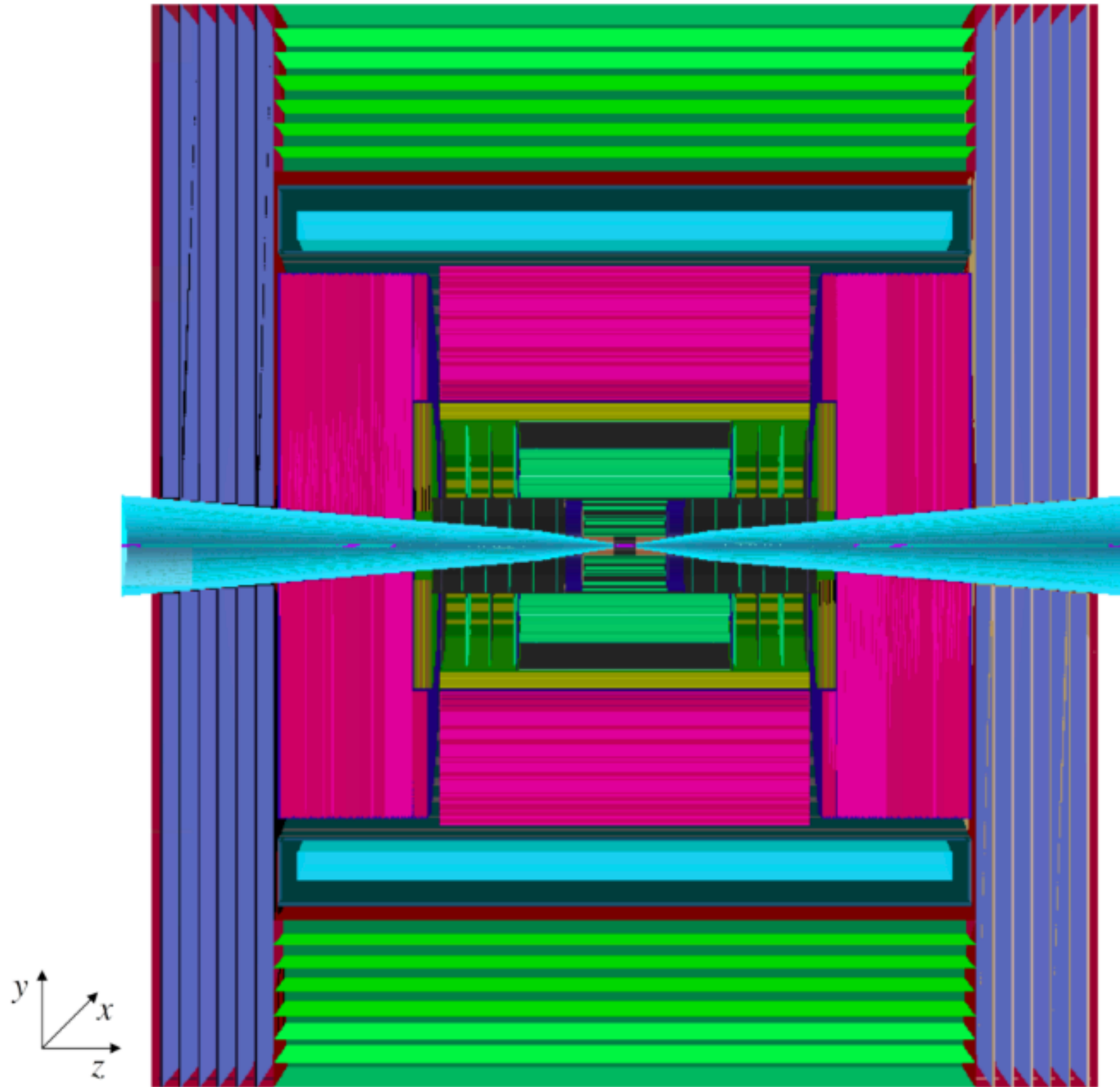


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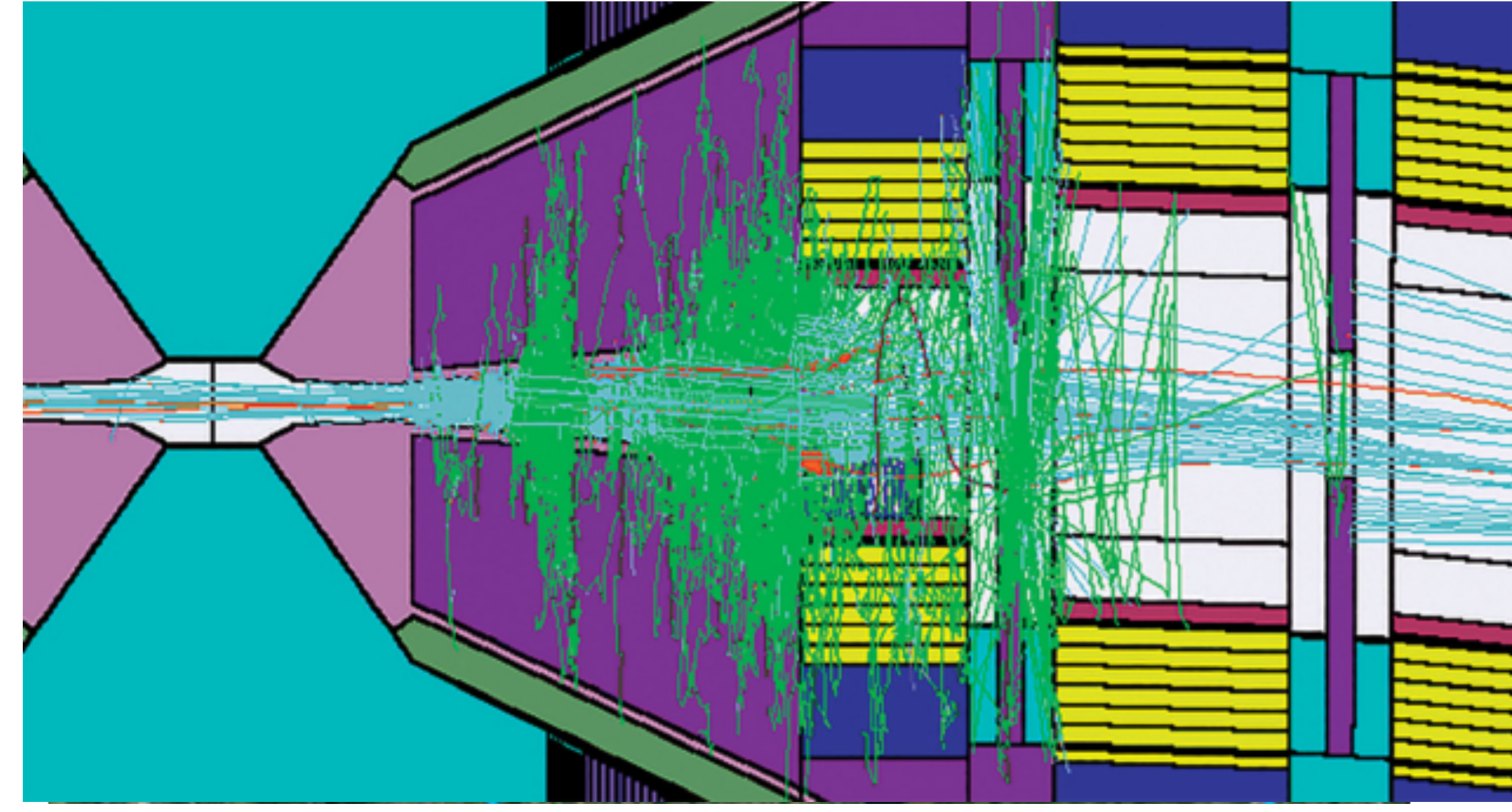
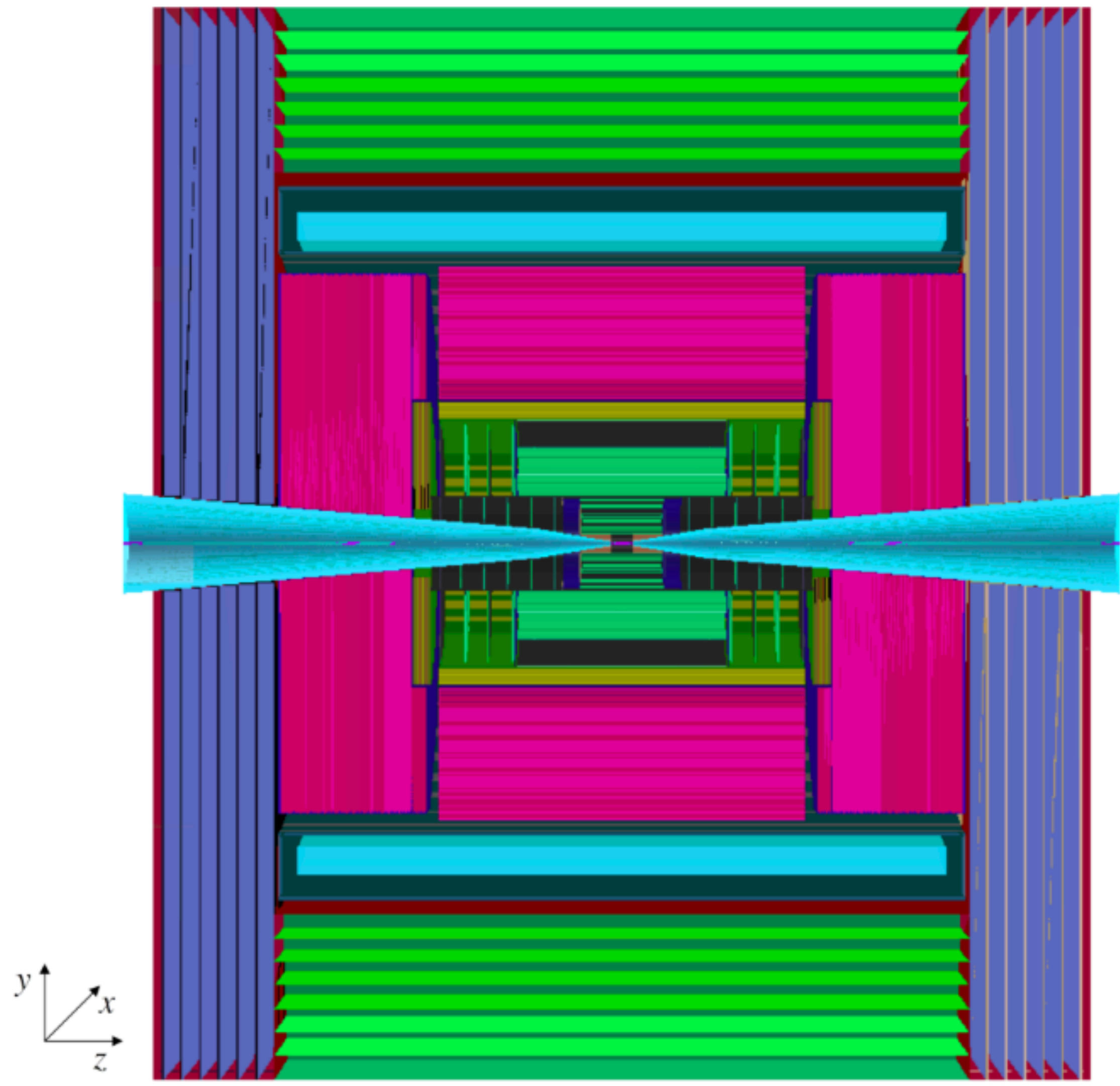
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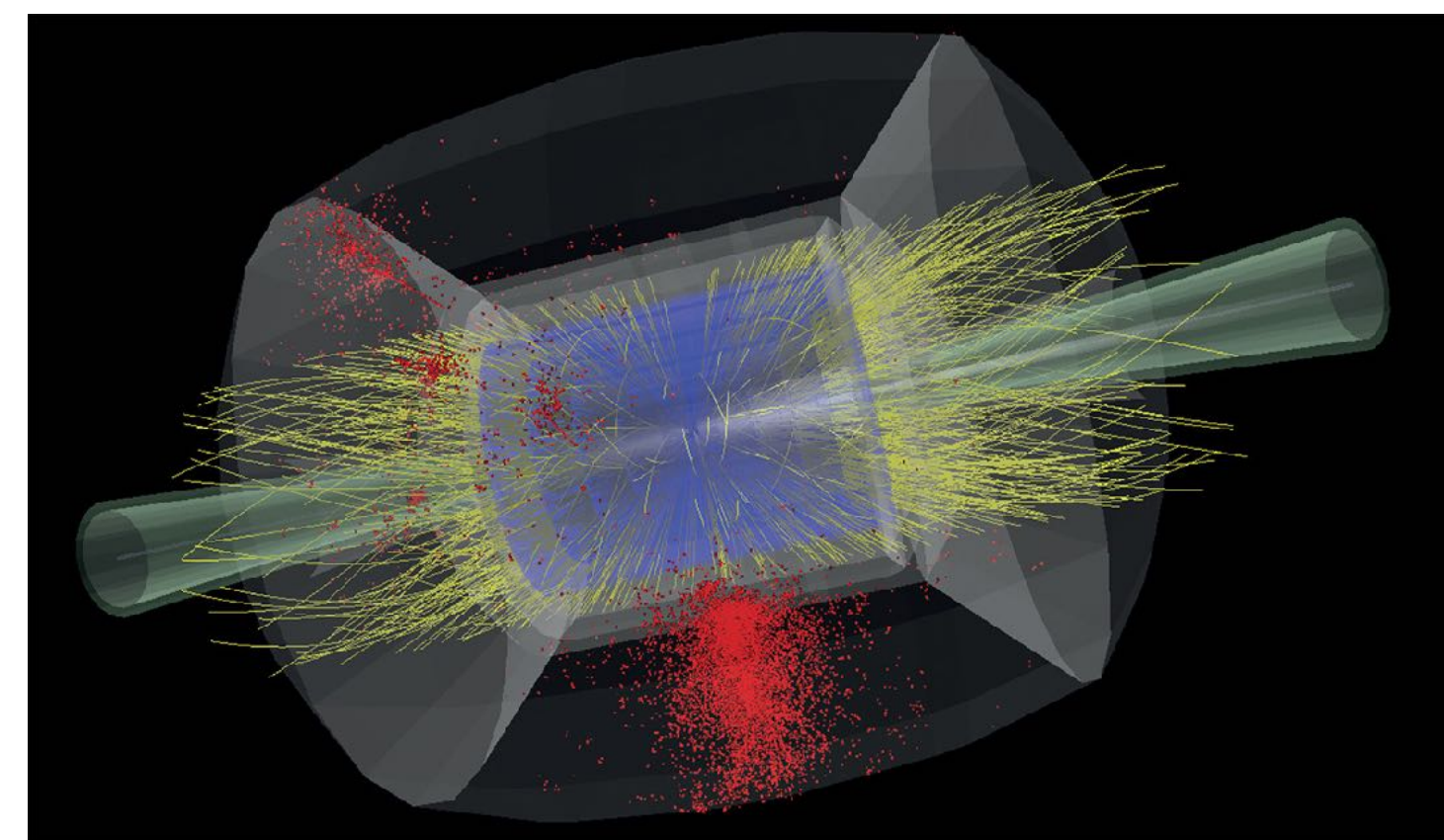


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VBF Higgs



# Three lamppost BSM searches

## Scrutiny of 2nd generation Yukawa couplings

Motivation: Mass generation to be tested for *all* particles

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## Search for Heavy Neutral Currents

Motivation: GUTs,  $B-L$ , difficulty of global symmetries

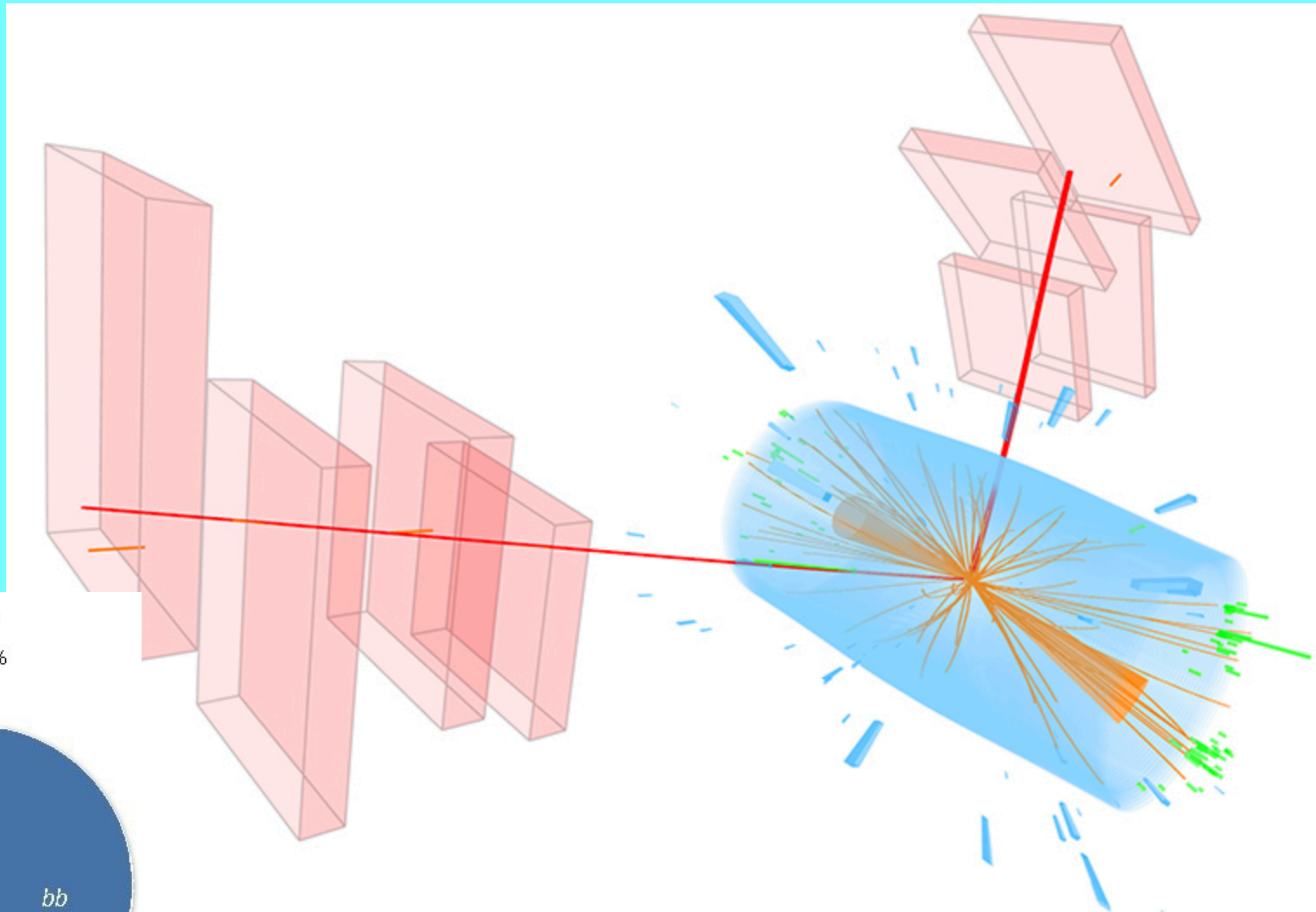
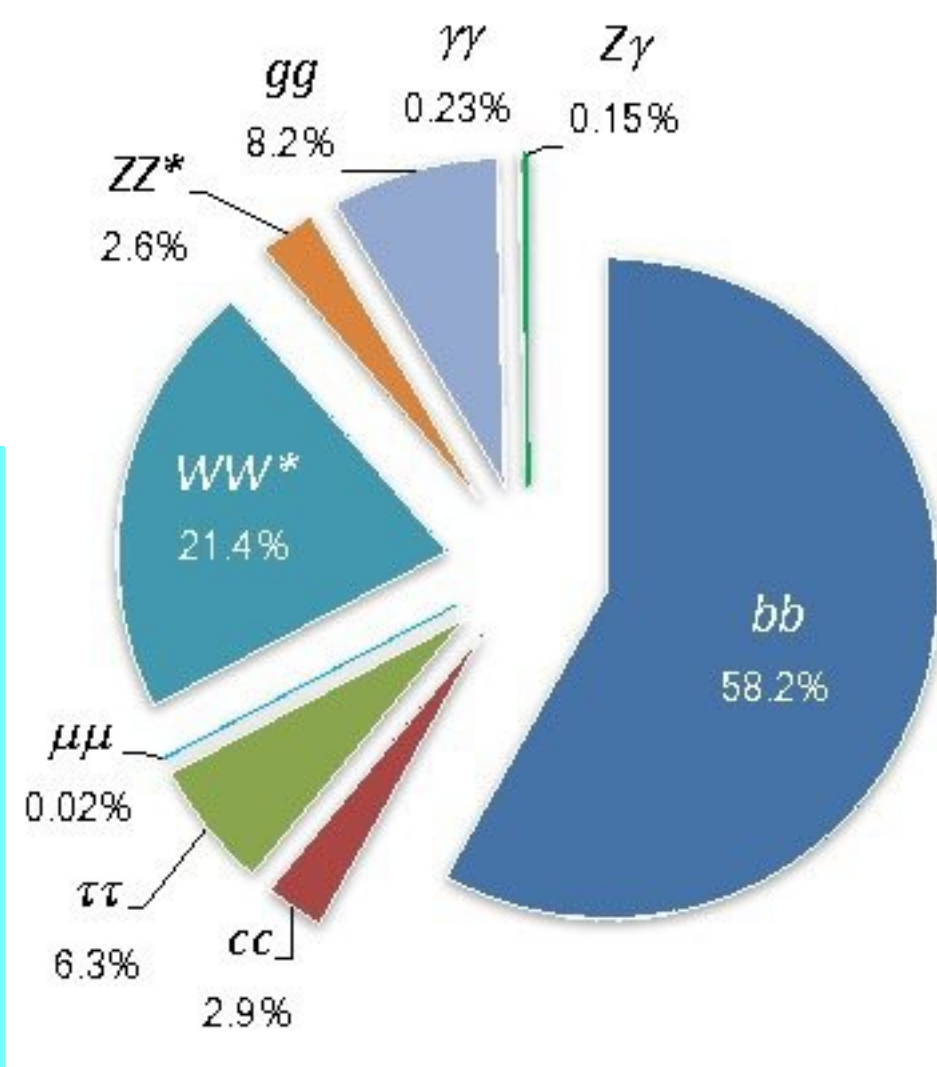
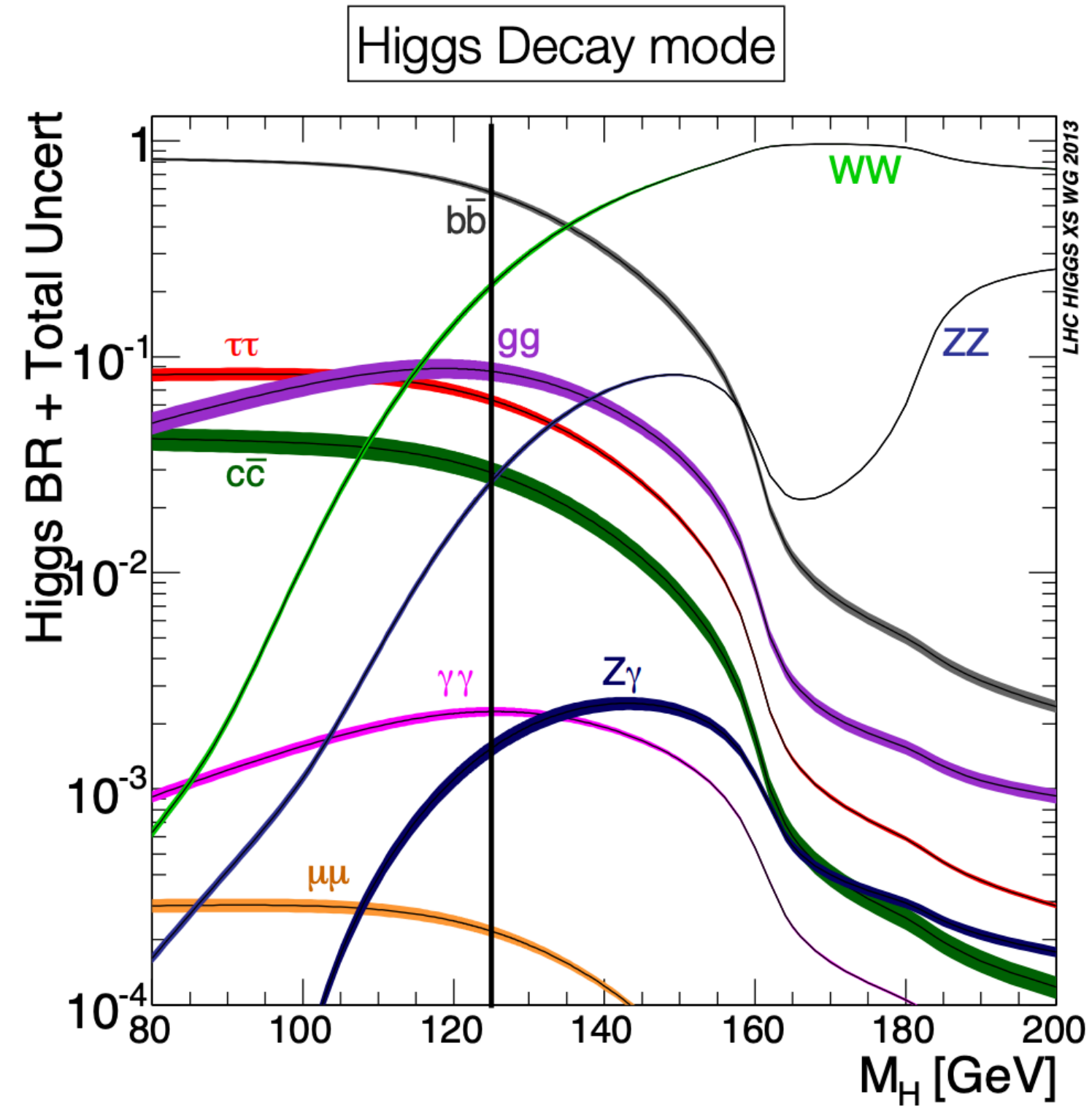
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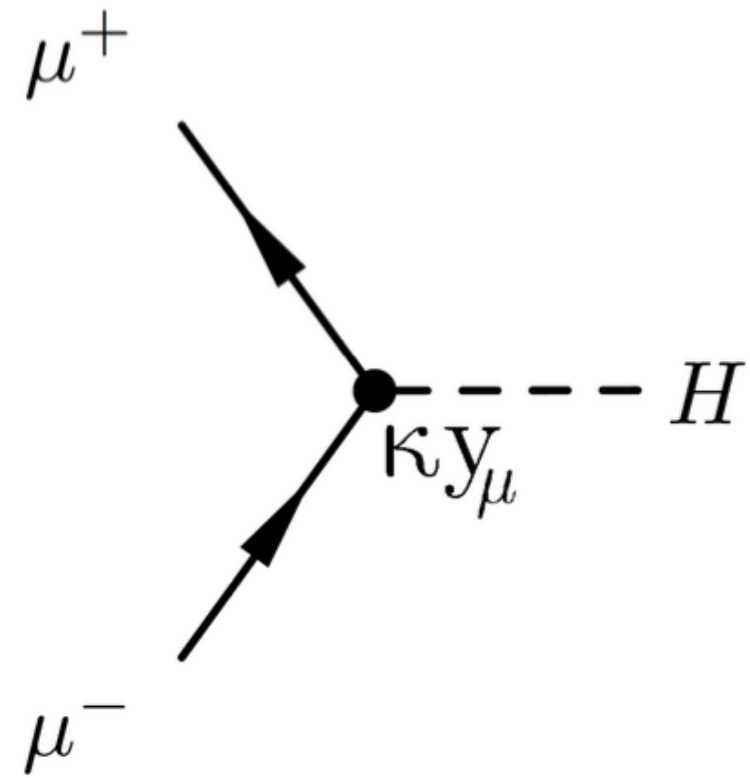
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# Multi-Bosons: Elusive couplings



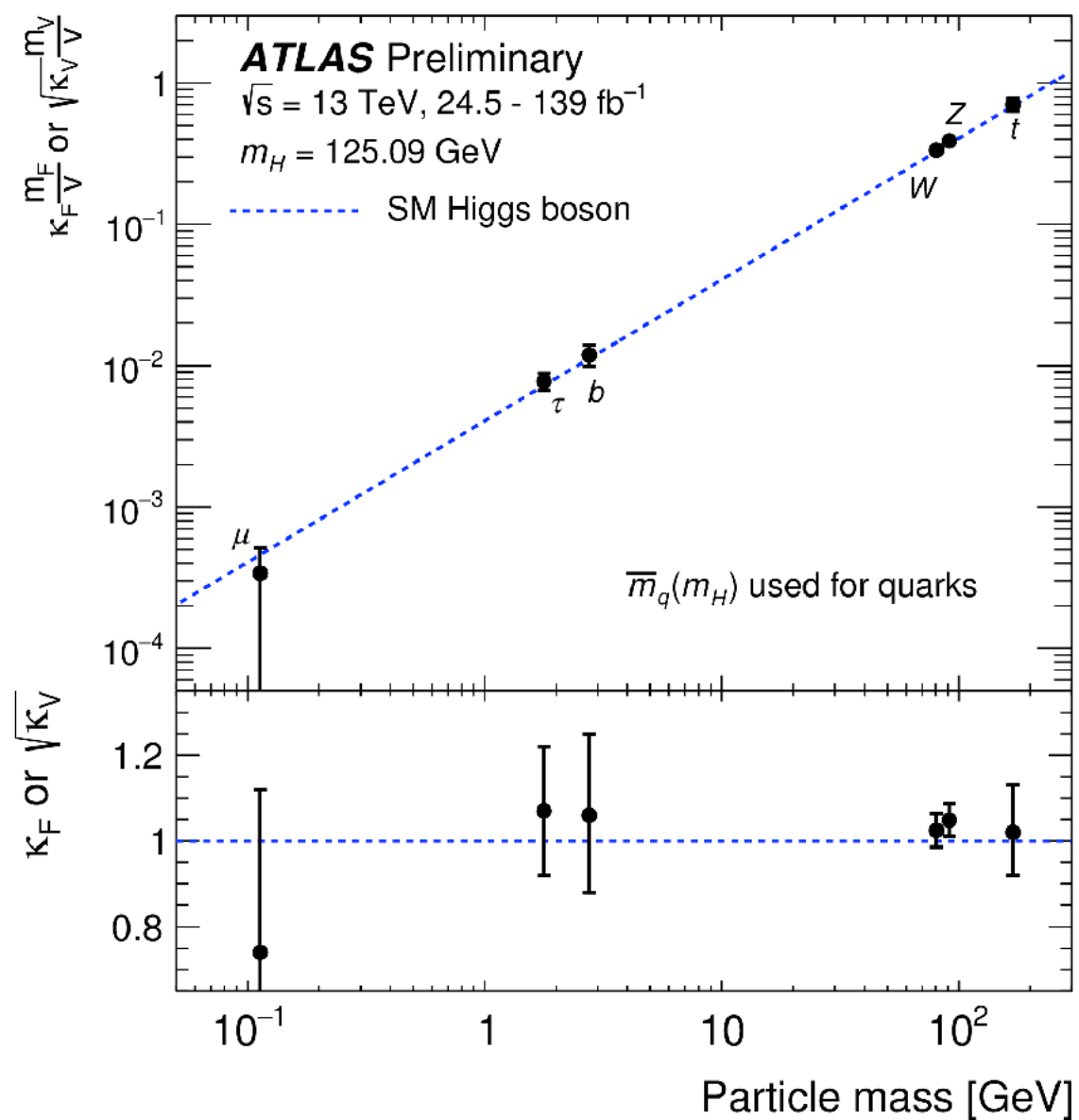
# EFT Modelling of SM $\mu$ -H coupling deviations



SM:  $\kappa = 1$   
or  $\Delta\kappa = 0$

- Evidence for muon Yukawa coupling at LHC (not yet  $5\sigma$ ) [ATLAS: 2007.07830 ; CMS: 2009.04363]
- Projections for the high-luminosity LHC (HL-LHC): (model-dependent) sensitivity with precision of 5-10% [ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2014-016]

- Higgs muon Yukawa coupling — connected to muon mass [in the SM!]
- Model-independent test for this coupling; directly, not relying on decays
- Sensitivity to the sign (and maybe phase) of coupling

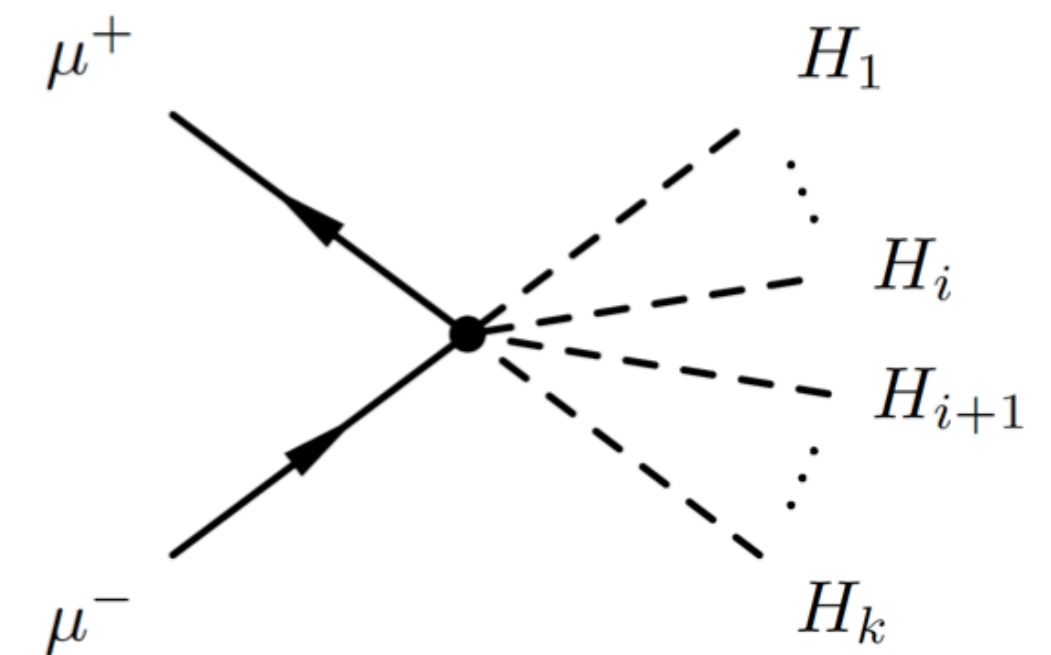


## Non-linear representation (HEFT) vs. Linear representation ([truncated] SMEFT)

H doublet  $\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}\phi^+ \\ v + H + i\phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \left[ -\bar{\mu}_L y_\mu \varphi \mu_R + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^n \bar{\mu}_L \varphi \mu_R + \text{h.c.} \right]$

Generalized ( $\mu$ ) Yukawa sector

$$-i \frac{k!}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ Y_\ell \delta_{k,1} - \sum_{n=n_k}^{M-1} \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} \binom{2n+1}{k} \frac{v^{2n+1-k}}{2^n} \right] = 0 =$$



Benchmark scenario: "matched" case

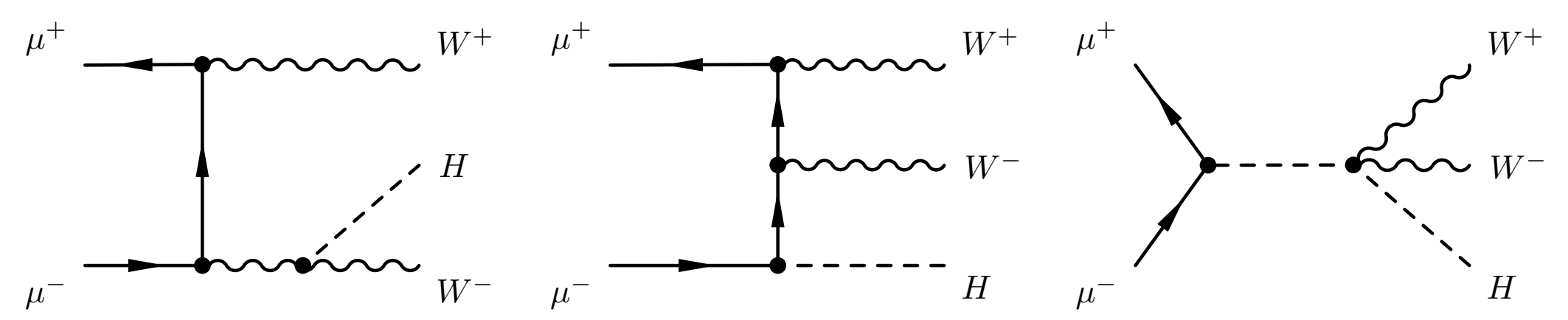




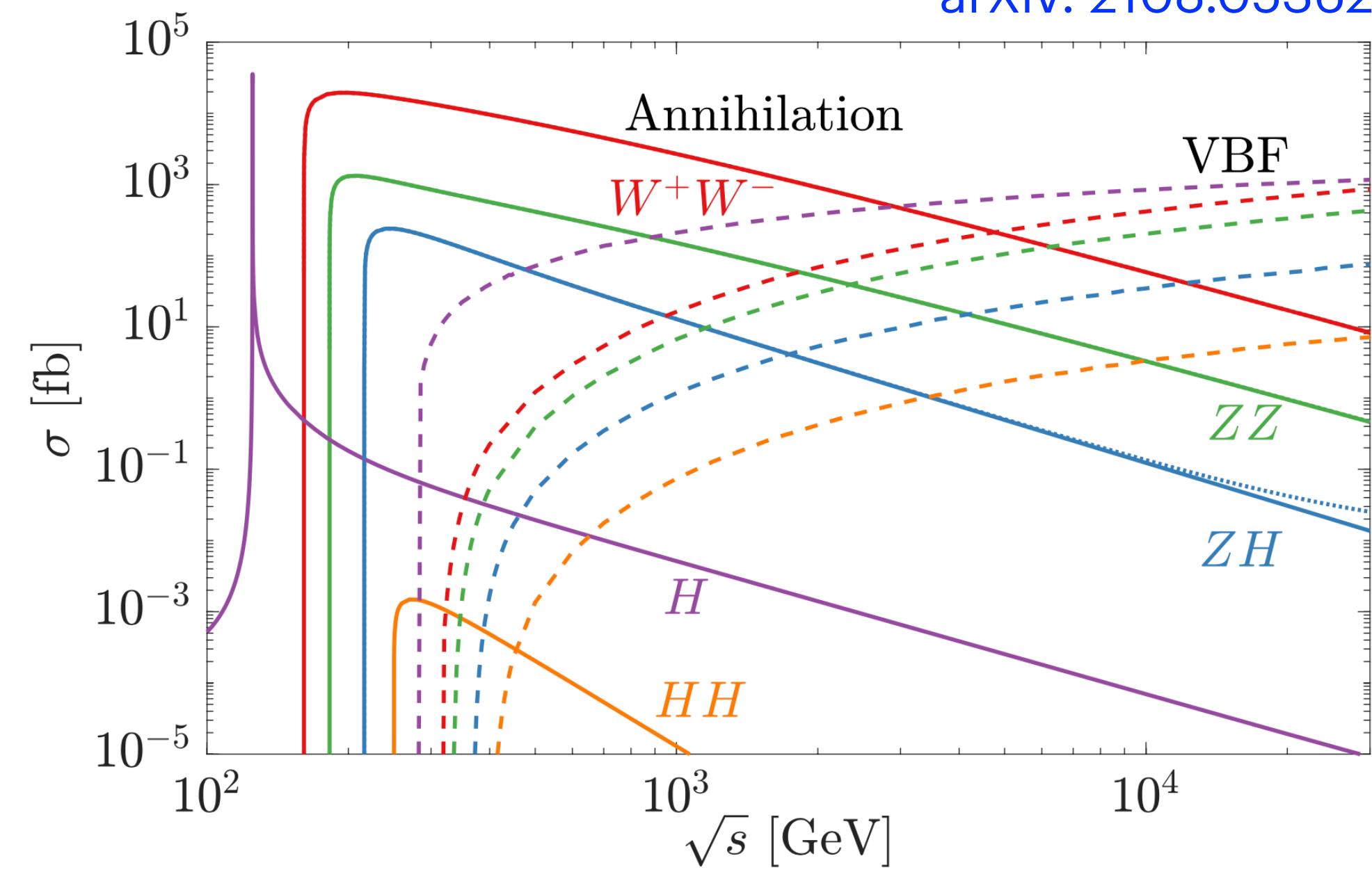
# Multi-boson final states

- Subtle cancellation between Yukawa coupling and multi-boson final states

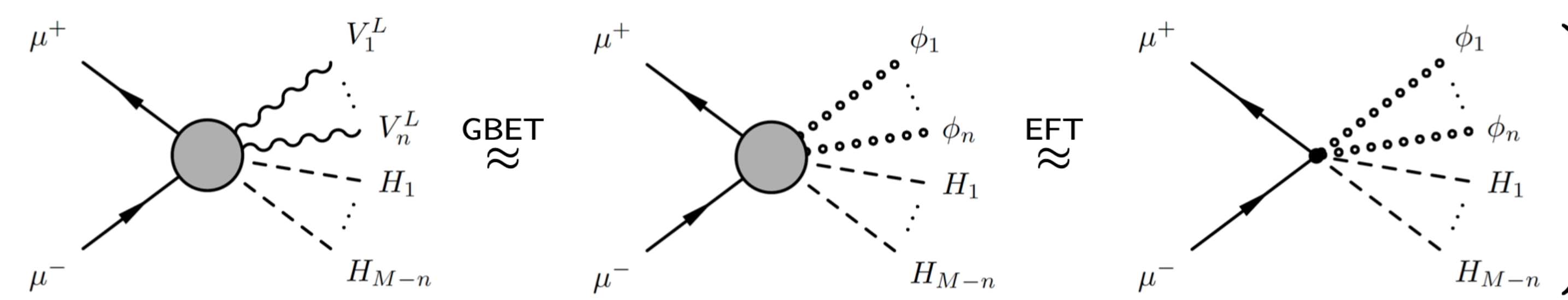
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- (Multi-) boson final states: longitudinal polarizations dominate high energies
- Analytic calculations can be approximated by Goldstone-boson Equivalence Theorem (GBET) [NPB261(1985) 379; PRD34(1986) 379]
- New physics parameterized by EFT operator insertions (Wilson coeff.  $C_X$ )



$$\sigma_X \approx \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\pi}{2(2\pi)^4} \right)^{M-1} \frac{s^{M-2}}{\Gamma(M)\Gamma(M-1)} |C_X|^2 \left( \prod_{j \in J_X} \frac{1}{n_j!} \right)$$

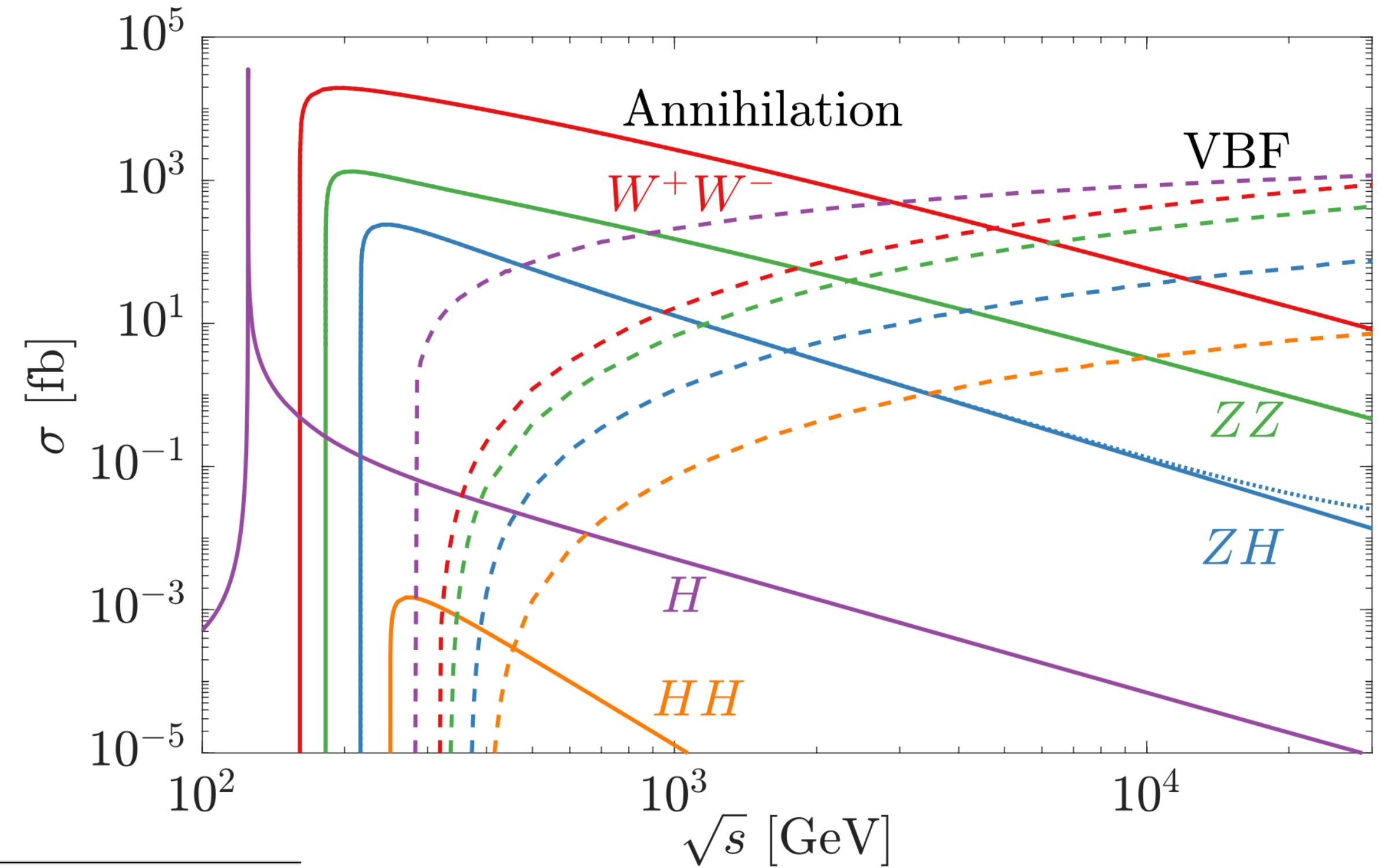
Cross section ratios:  $R = \frac{\sigma_X}{\sigma_Y} \approx \frac{|C_X|^2 \left( \prod_{j \in J_X} \frac{1}{n_j!} \right)}{|C_Y|^2 \left( \prod_{j \in J_Y} \frac{1}{n_j!} \right)}$



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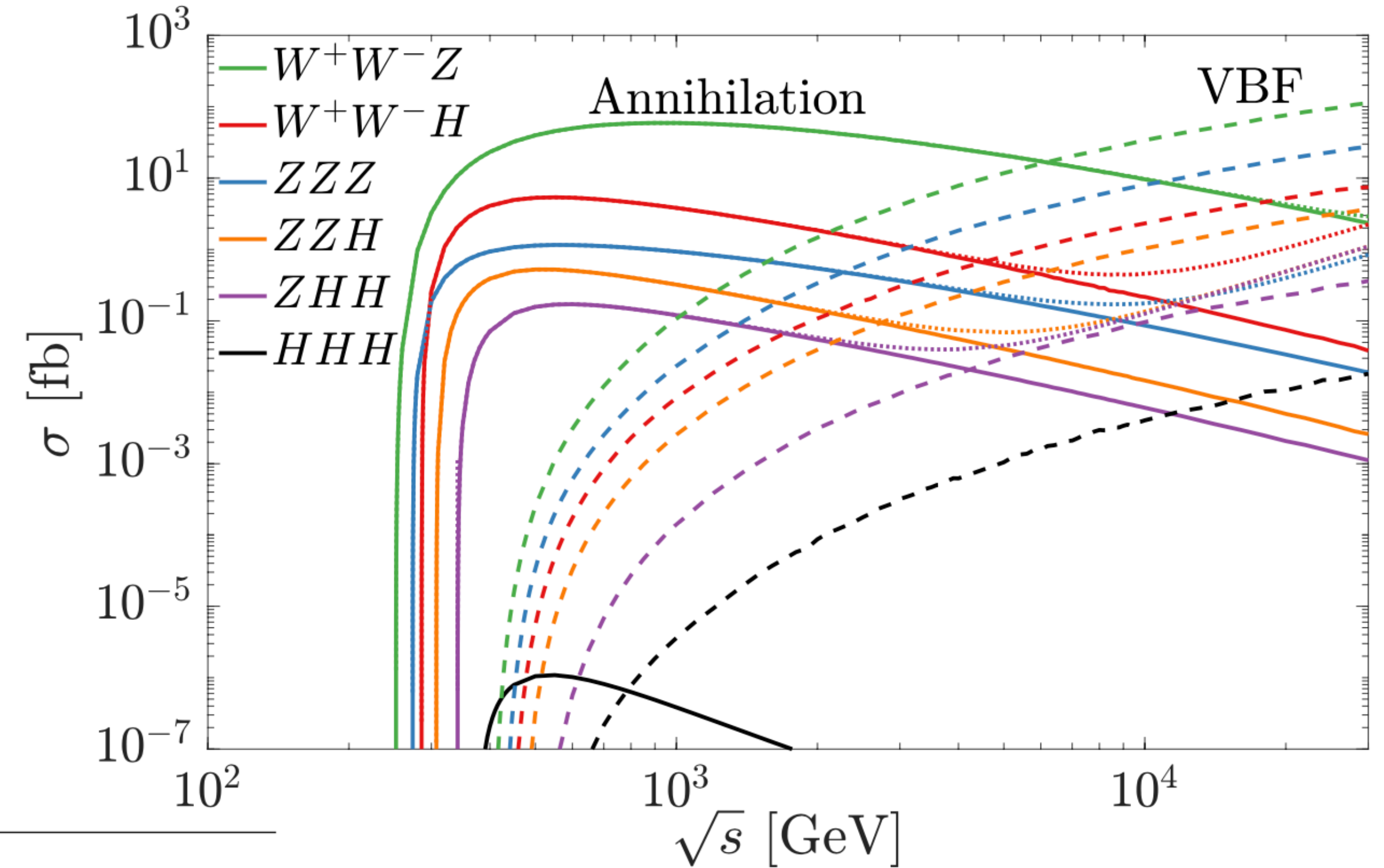


$X$	$\Delta\sigma^X / \Delta\sigma^{W^+W^-}$					
	SMEFT				HEFT	
	$\text{dim}_6$	$\text{dim}_8$	$\text{dim}_{6,8}$	$\text{dim}_{6,8}^{\text{matched}}$	$\text{dim}_\infty$	$\text{dim}_\infty^{\text{matched}}$
$W^+W^-$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$ZZ$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
$ZH$	1	1/2	1	1	$R_{(2),1}^{\text{HEFT}}$	1
$HH$	9/2	25/2	$R_{(2),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 2$	0	$2 R_{(2),2}^{\text{HEFT}}$	0

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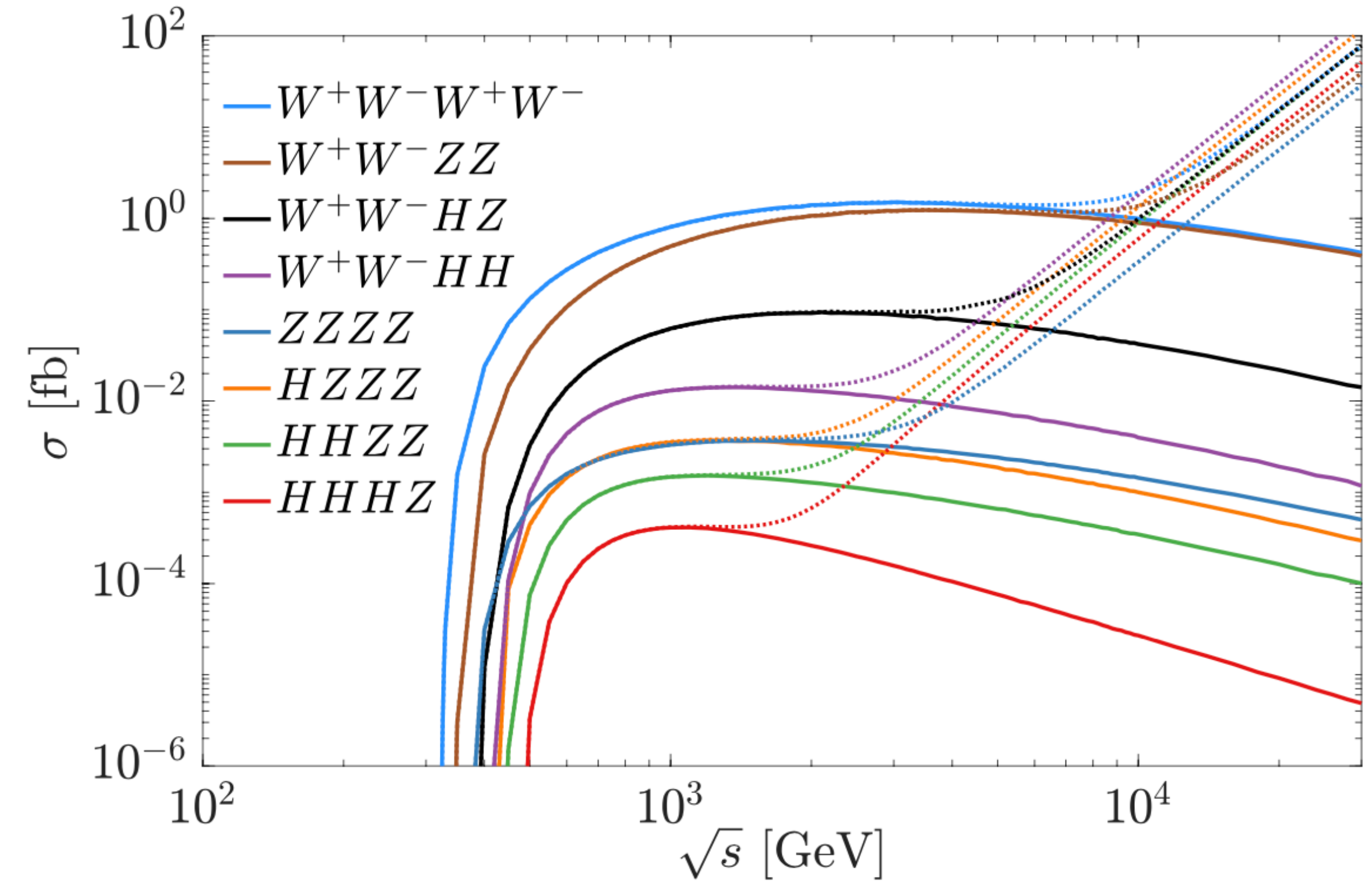
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow X$	$\Delta\sigma^X / \Delta\sigma^{W^+W^-H}$					
	SMEFT				HEFT	
	dim <sub>6</sub>	dim <sub>8</sub>	dim <sub>6,8</sub>	dim <sub>6,8</sub> <sup>matched</sup>	dim <sub>∞</sub>	dim <sub>∞</sub> <sup>matched</sup>
$WWZ$	1	1/9	$R_{(3),1}^{\text{SMEFT}}$	1/4	$R_{(3),1}^{\text{HEFT}}/9$	1/4
$ZZZ$	3/2	1/6	$3 R_{(3),1}^{\text{SMEFT}}/2$	3/8	$R_{(3),1}^{\text{HEFT}}/6$	3/8
$WWH$	1	1	1	1	1	1
$ZZH$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
$ZHH$	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	$2 R_{(3),2}^{\text{HEFT}}$	1/2
$HHH$	3/2	25/6	$3 R_{(3),2}^{\text{SMEFT}}/2$	75/8	$6 R_{(3),3}^{\text{HEFT}}$	0



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WWZZ	1/9	1/25	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 9$	1/4	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{HEFT}} / 36$	1/4
ZZZZ	1/12	3/100	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 12$	3/16	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{HEFT}} / 48$	3/16
WWZH	2/9	2/25	$2 R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 9$	1/2	$R_{(4),2}^{\text{HEFT}} / 8$	1/2
WWHH	1	1	1	1	1	1
ZZZH	1/3	3/25	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 3$	3/4	$R_{(4),2}^{\text{HEFT}} / 12$	3/4
ZZHH	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
ZHHH	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	$3 R_{(4),3}^{\text{HEFT}}$	1/3
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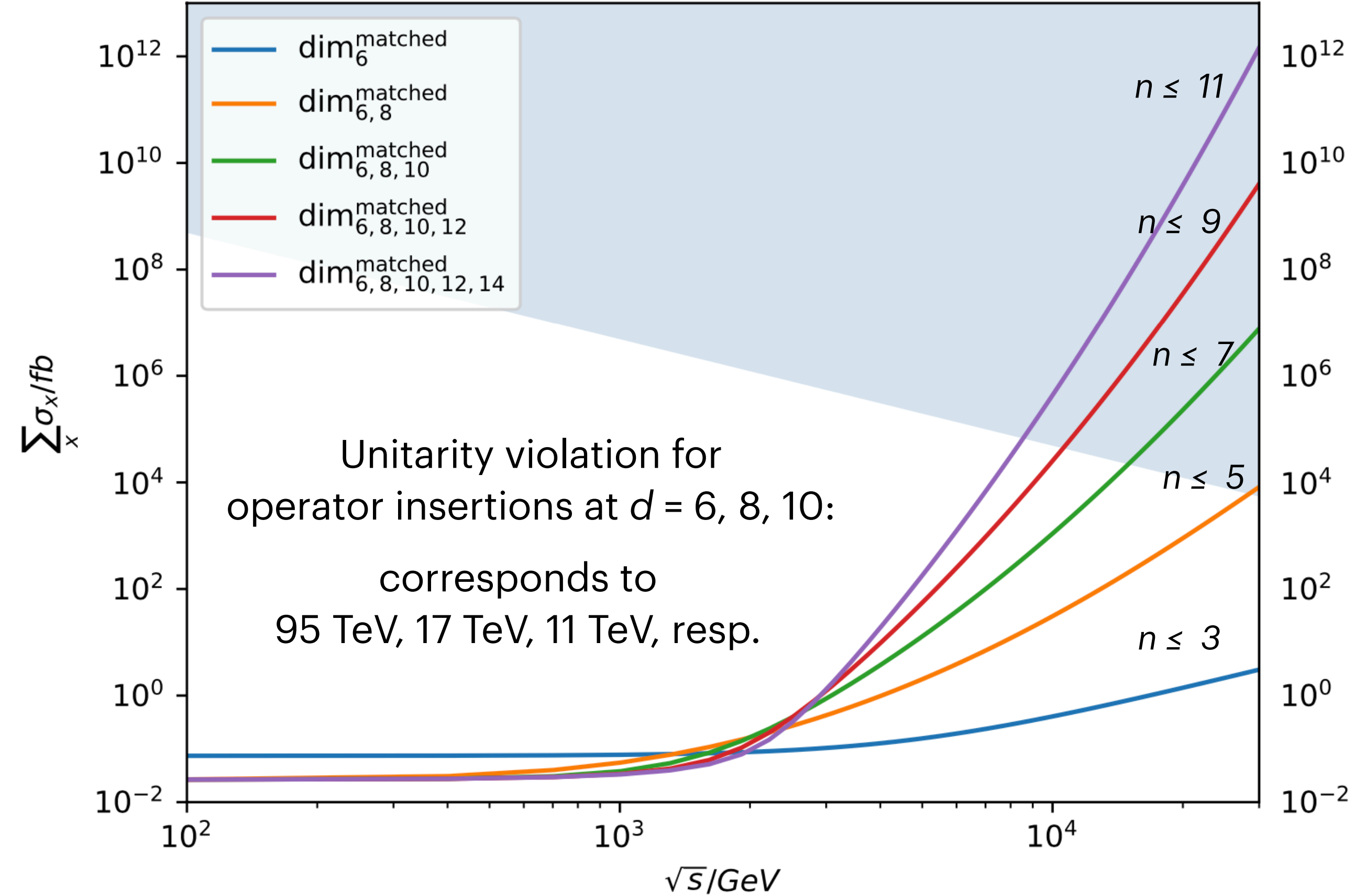


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WWWW	2/9	2/25	$2 R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 9$	1/2	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{HEFT}}$	
WWZZ	1/9	1/25	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 9$	1/4	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{HEFT}}$	
ZZZZ	1/12	3/100	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 12$	3/16	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{HEFT}} / 48$	3/16
WWZH	2/9	2/25	$2 R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 9$	1/2	$R_{(4),2}^{\text{HEFT}} / 8$	1/2
WWHH	1	1	1	1	1	1
ZZZH	1/3	3/25	$R_{(4),1}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 3$	3/4	$R_{(4),2}^{\text{HEFT}} / 12$	3/4
ZZHH	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2
ZHHH	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/3	$3 R_{(4),3}^{\text{HEFT}}$	1/3
HHHH	25/12	49/12	$25 R_{(4),2}^{\text{SMEFT}} / 12$	1225/48	$12 R_{(4),4}^{\text{HEFT}}$	0



Unitarity bound for final states  $X \neq \mu\mu$  :

$$\sum_X \sigma_{\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow X}(s) \leq \frac{4\pi}{s}$$

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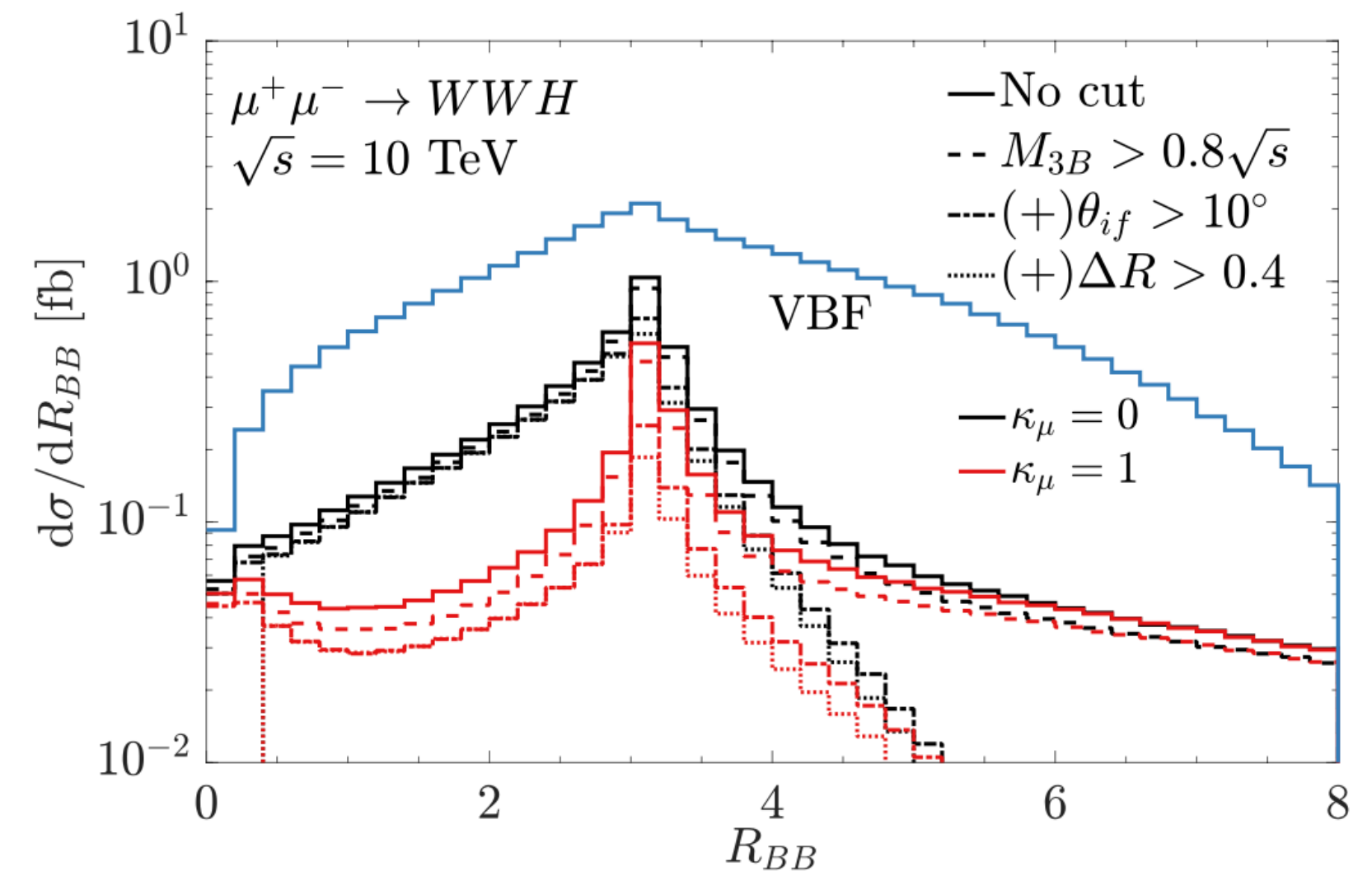
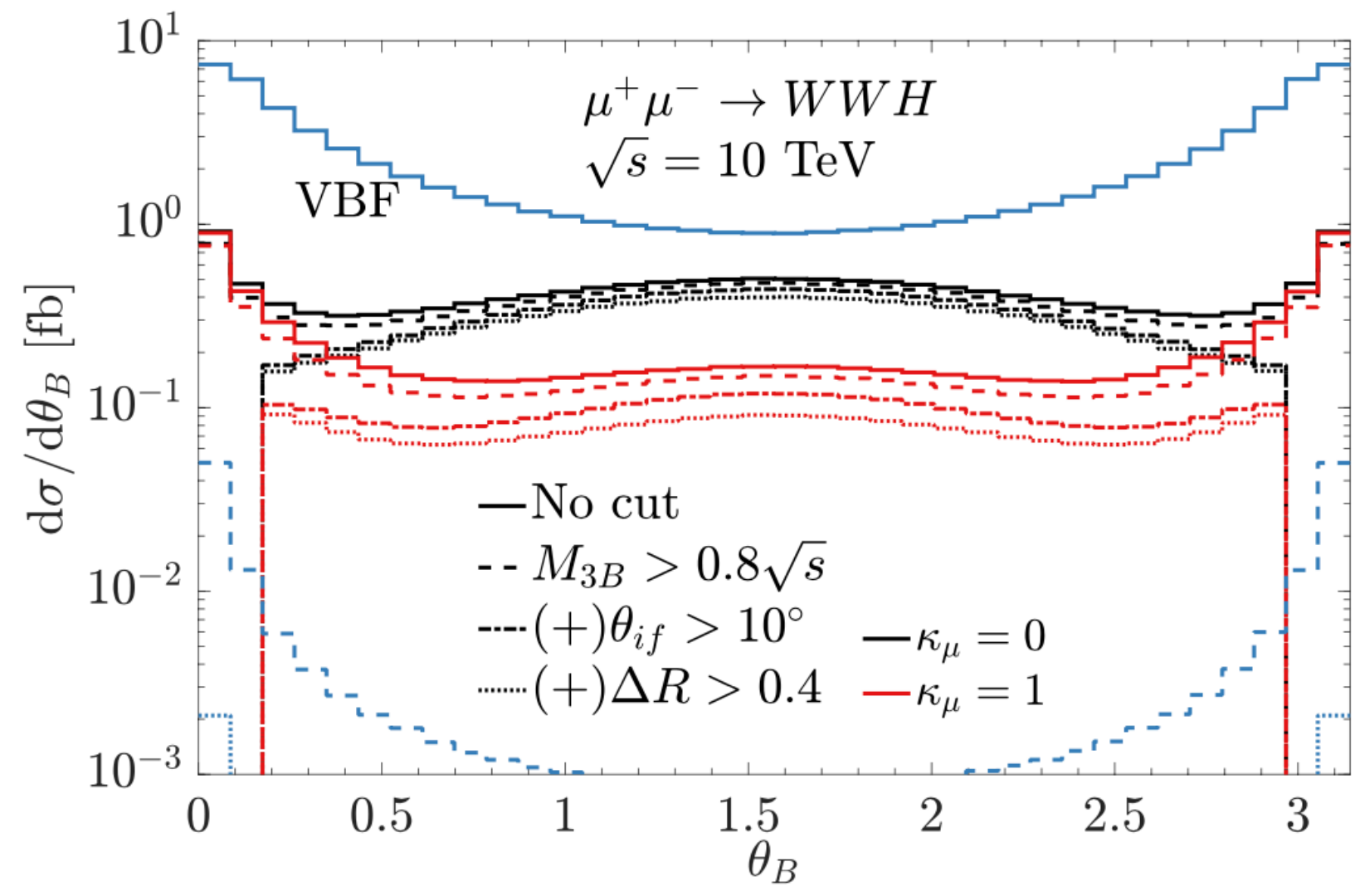
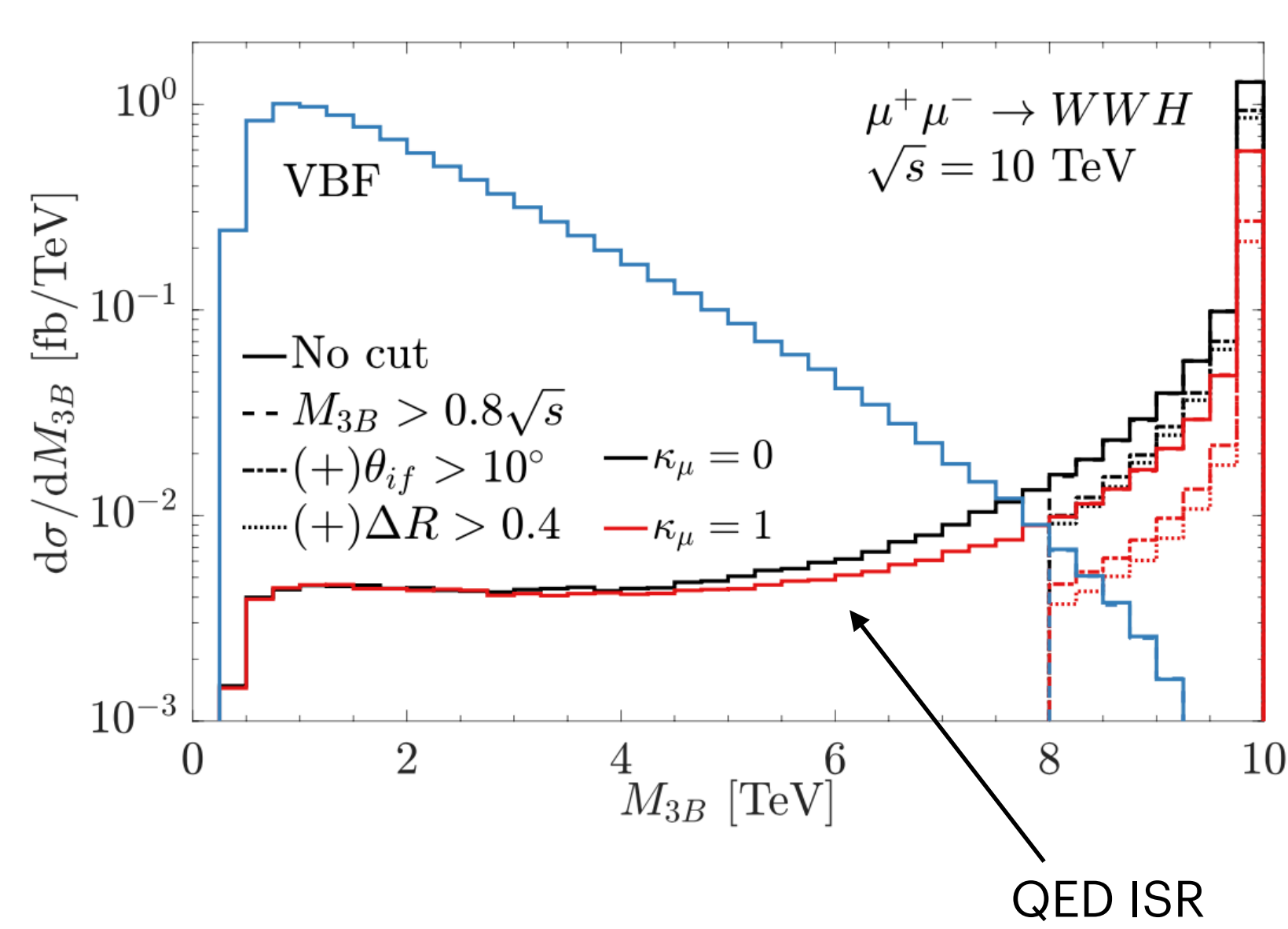


# Kinematic separation of signal

$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow W^+ W^- H$$

Kinematic separation between multi-boson direct production and VBF, e.g. 10 TeV:

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- WWZ largest cross section, but small deviation
- WWH large cross section and considerable deviation
- ZZH smaller/-ish cross section, but largest (relative) deviation
- Direct production has almost full energy (except for ISR)  $\Rightarrow M_{3B}$
- VBF generates mostly forward bosons  $\Rightarrow \theta_B$
- Separation criterion for final state bosons  $\Rightarrow \Delta R_{BB}$

Cut flow	$\kappa_\mu = 1$	w/o ISR	$\kappa_\mu = 0$ (2)	CVBF	NVBF
$\sigma$ [fb]	<i>WWH</i>				
No cut	0.24	0.21	0.47	2.3	7.2
$M_{3B} > 0.8\sqrt{s}$	0.20	0.21	0.42	$5.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{-2}$
$10^\circ < \theta_B < 170^\circ$	0.092	0.096	0.30	$2.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$\Delta R_{BB} > 0.4$	0.074	0.077	0.28	$2.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-4}$
# of events	740	770	2800	2.1	2.4
<i>S/B</i>	2.8				



# Results and final projections

Muon collider with energy range  $1 < \sqrt{s} < 30$  TeV and luminosity  $\mathcal{L} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{10 \text{ TeV}}\right)^2 10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  [1901.06150; 2001.04431;](#)  
[PoS\(ICHEP2020\)703; Nat.Phys.17, 289-292](#)

- ✓ Sensitivity to (deviations of) the muon Yukawa coupling
- ✓ Definition of # signal events:  $S = N_{\kappa_\mu} - N_{\kappa_\mu=1}$
- ✓ Definition of # background events:  $B = N_{\kappa_\mu=1} + N_{\text{VBF}}$
- ✓ Statistical significance of anom. muon Yukawa couplings:

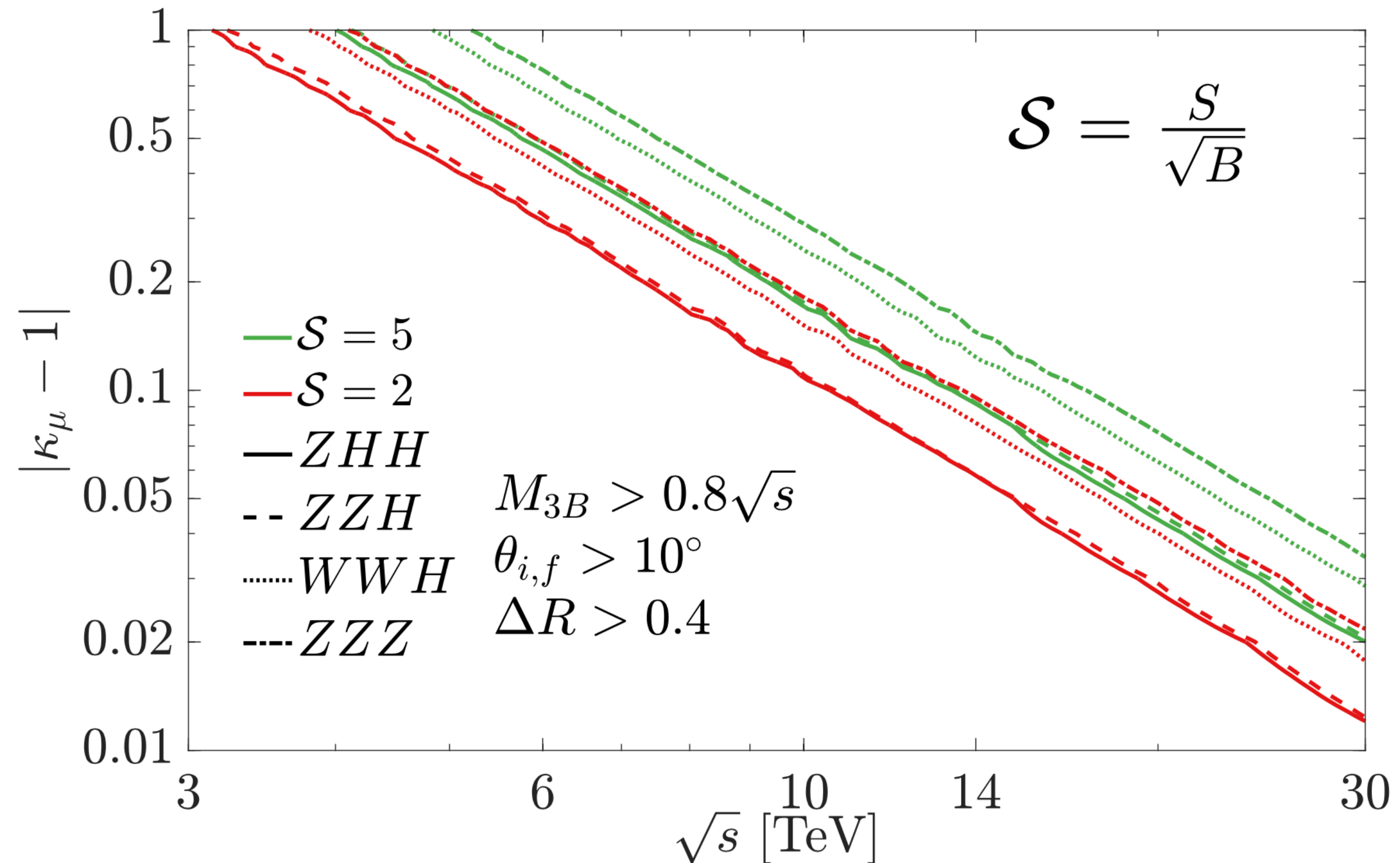
$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{B}} \quad (\text{note that always: } N_{\kappa_\mu} \geq N_{\kappa_\mu=1})$$

$$\sigma|_{\kappa_\mu=1+\delta} = \sigma|_{\kappa_\mu=1-\delta} \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}|_{\kappa_\mu=1+\delta} = \mathcal{S}|_{\kappa_\mu=1-\delta}$$

5 $\sigma$  sensitivity to 20% @ 10 TeV .... 2% @ 30 TeV

Sensitivity to  $\kappa$  translates to new physics scale  $\Lambda$

$$\Lambda > 10 \text{ TeV} \sqrt{\frac{g}{\Delta\kappa_\mu}}$$



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# Multi-Higgs/V processes

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3	$H^3$	$ZH^3$	$W^2 H^3$ $Z^2 H^3$	-	-	-
4	$H^4$	$ZH^4$	-	-	-	-
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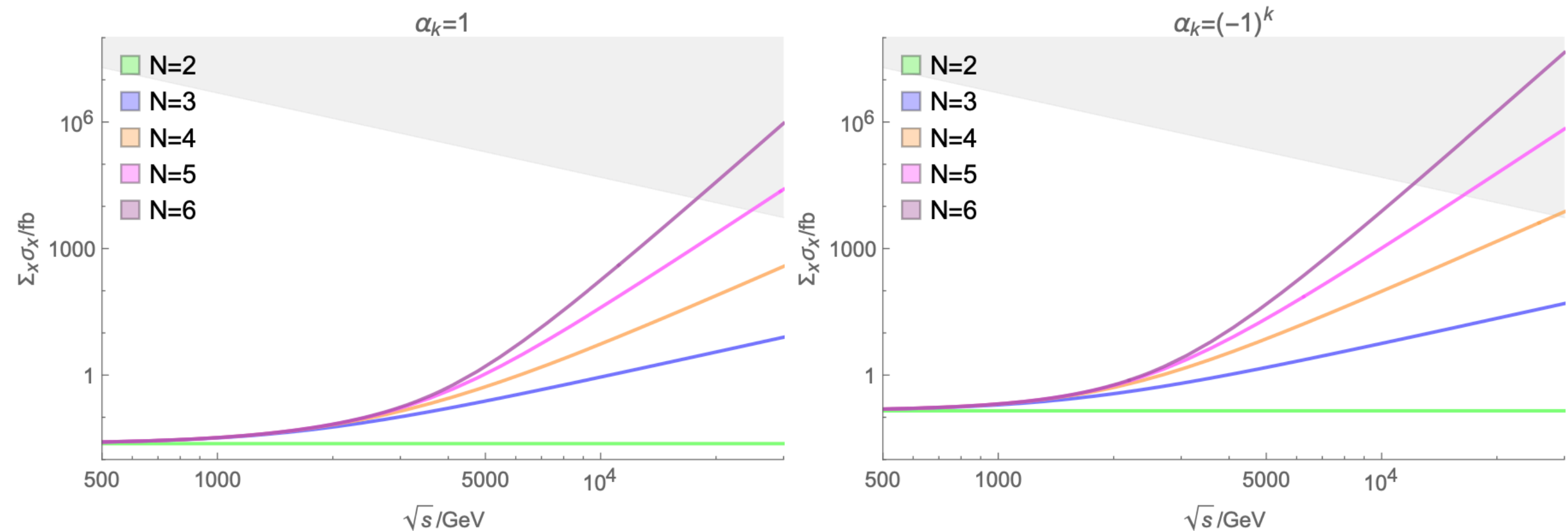
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Perturbative Unitarity bound



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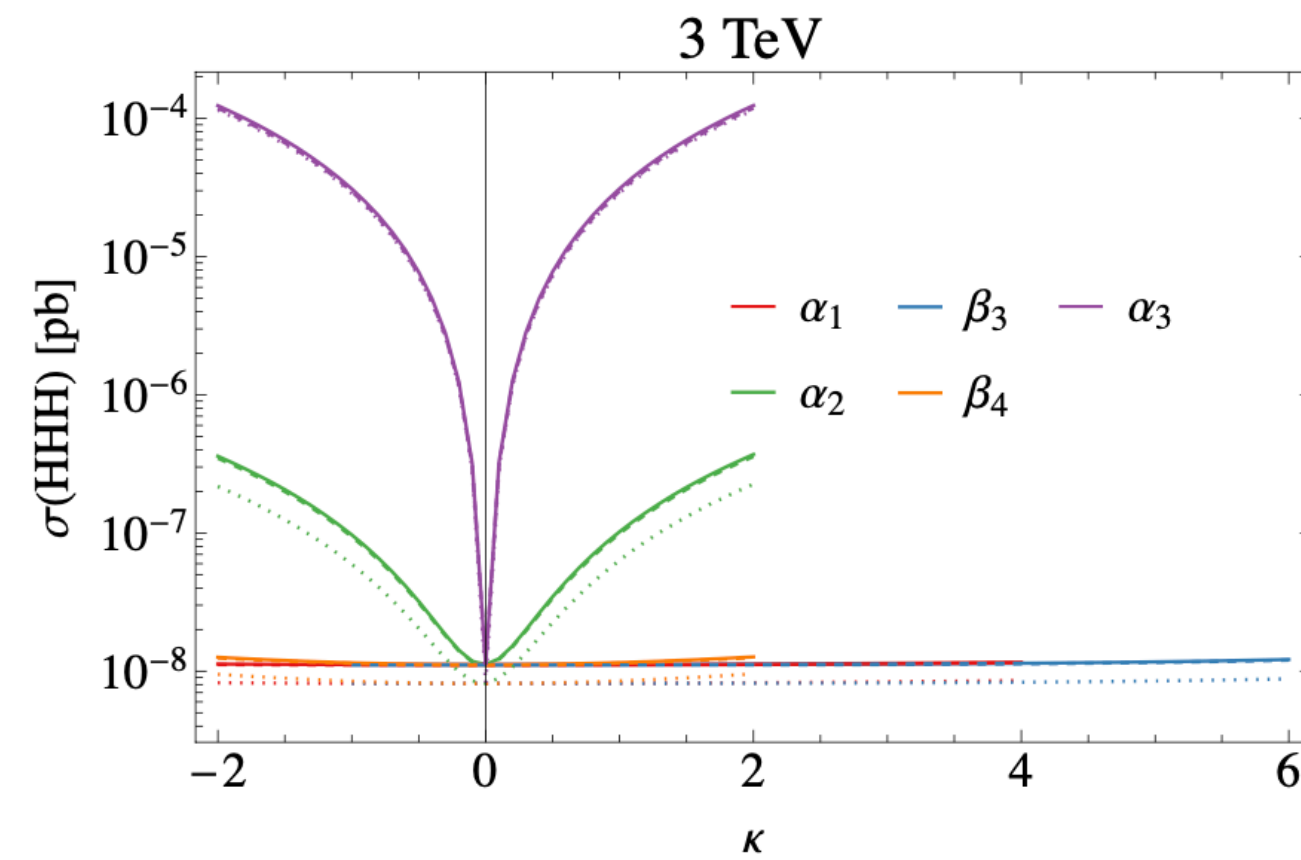
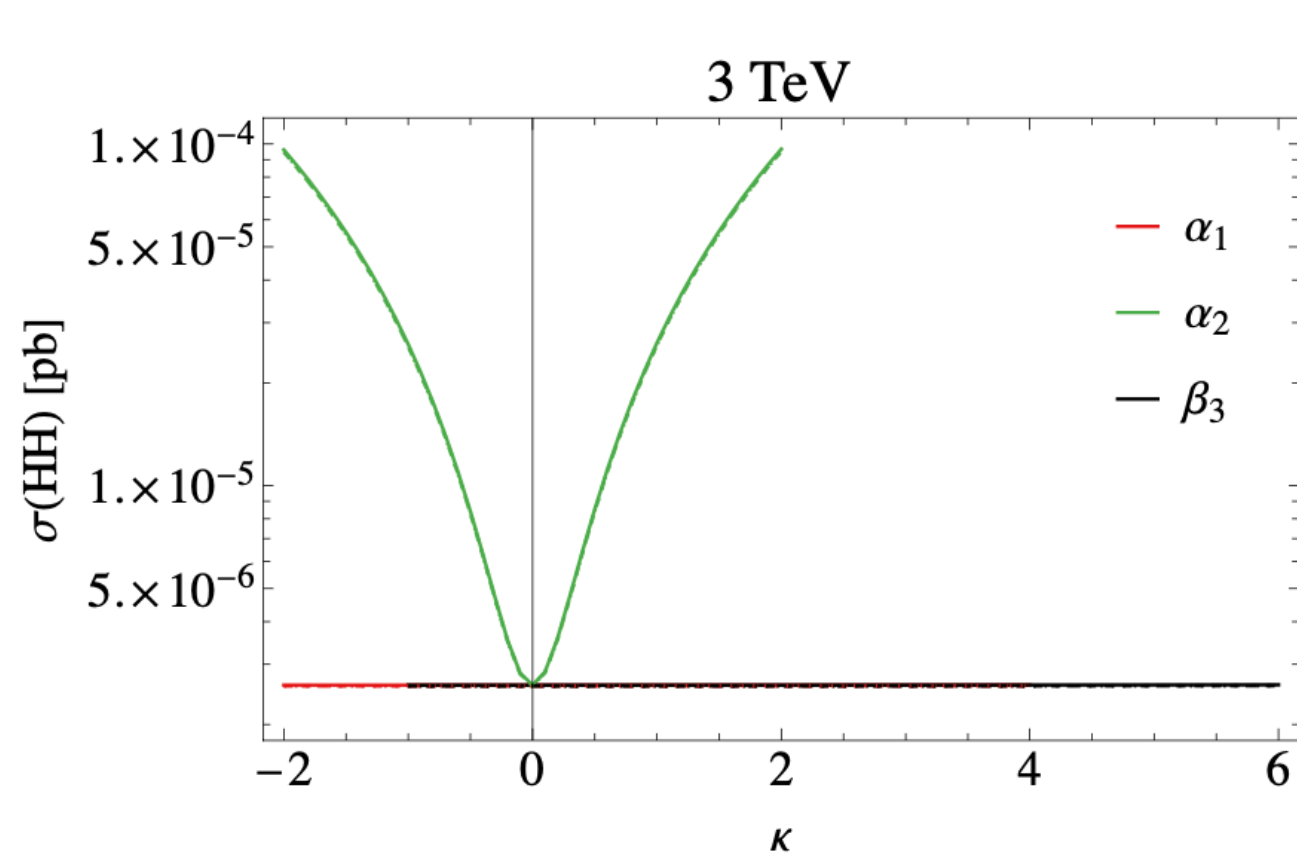
Cut flow: signal and background events

$\sqrt{s}$	3 TeV				10 TeV			
	$\alpha_{2(3)} = 1^\dagger$	SM LO	Loop	VBF	$\alpha_{2(3)} = 1^\dagger$	SM LO	Loop	VBF
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No cut	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.951	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.80
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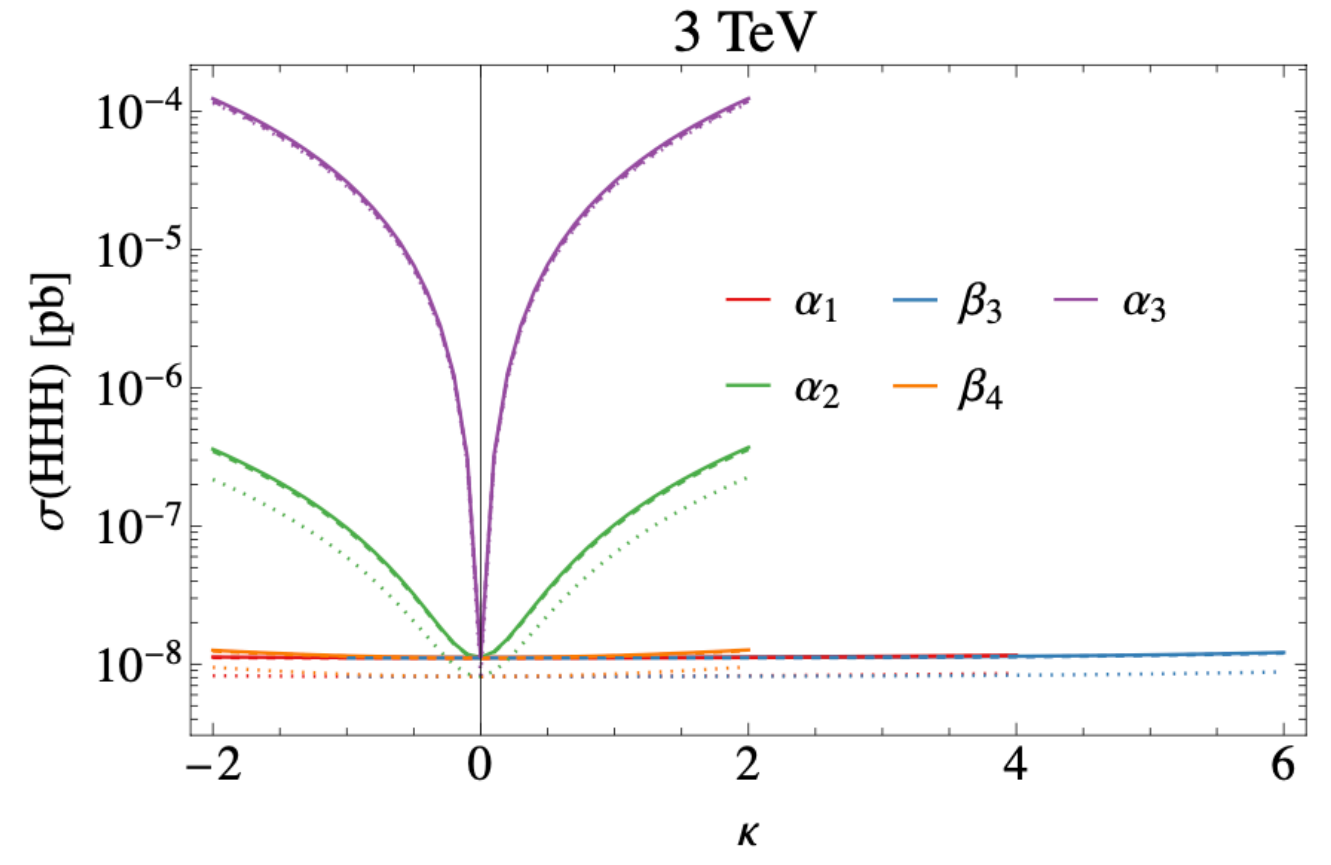
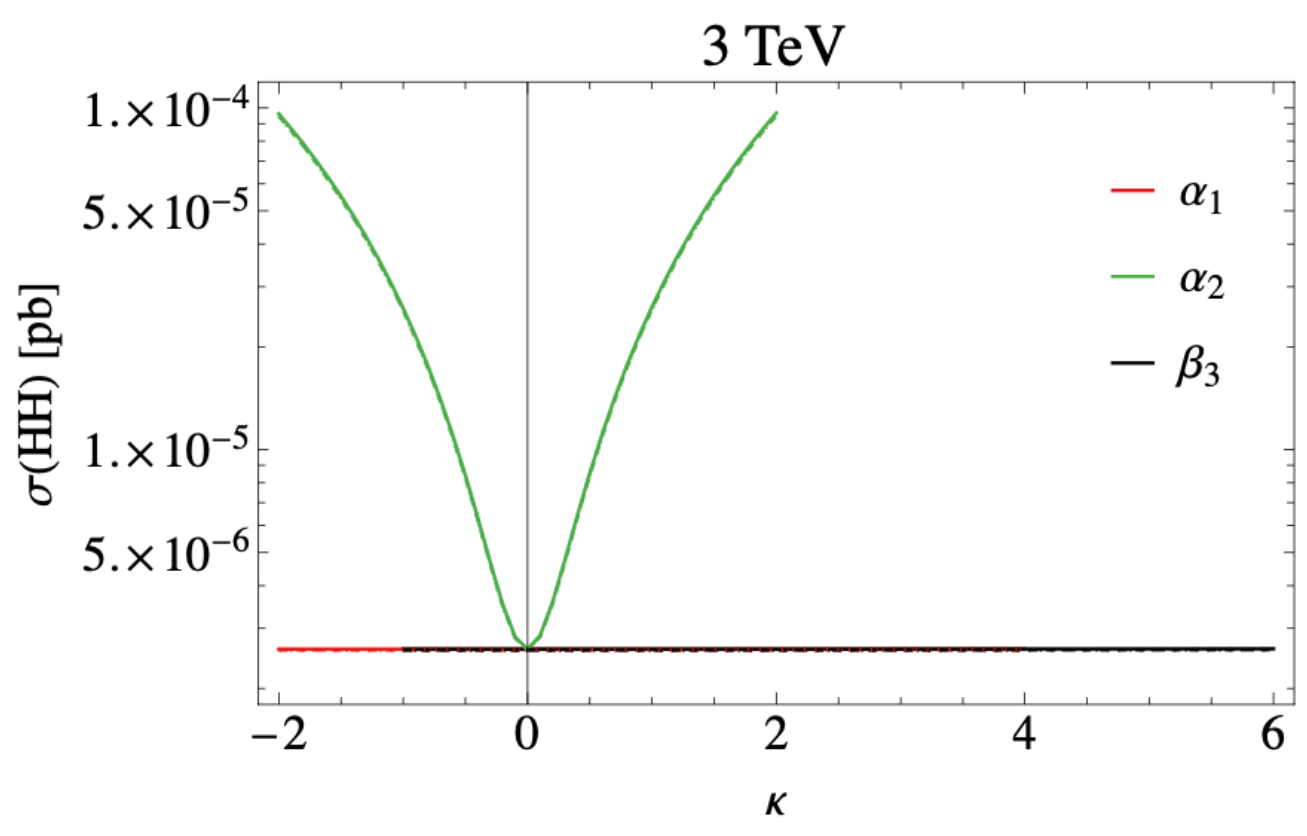
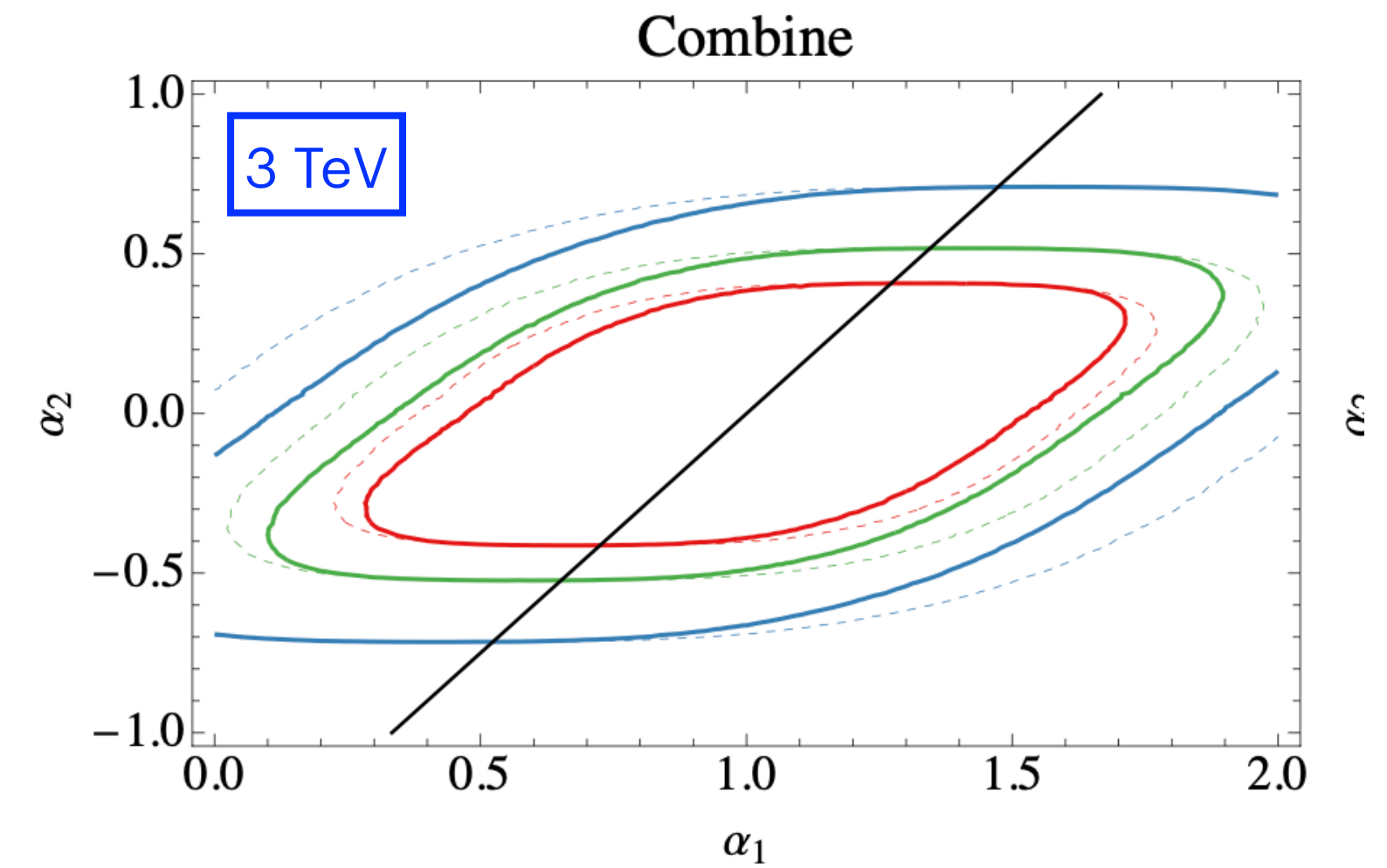


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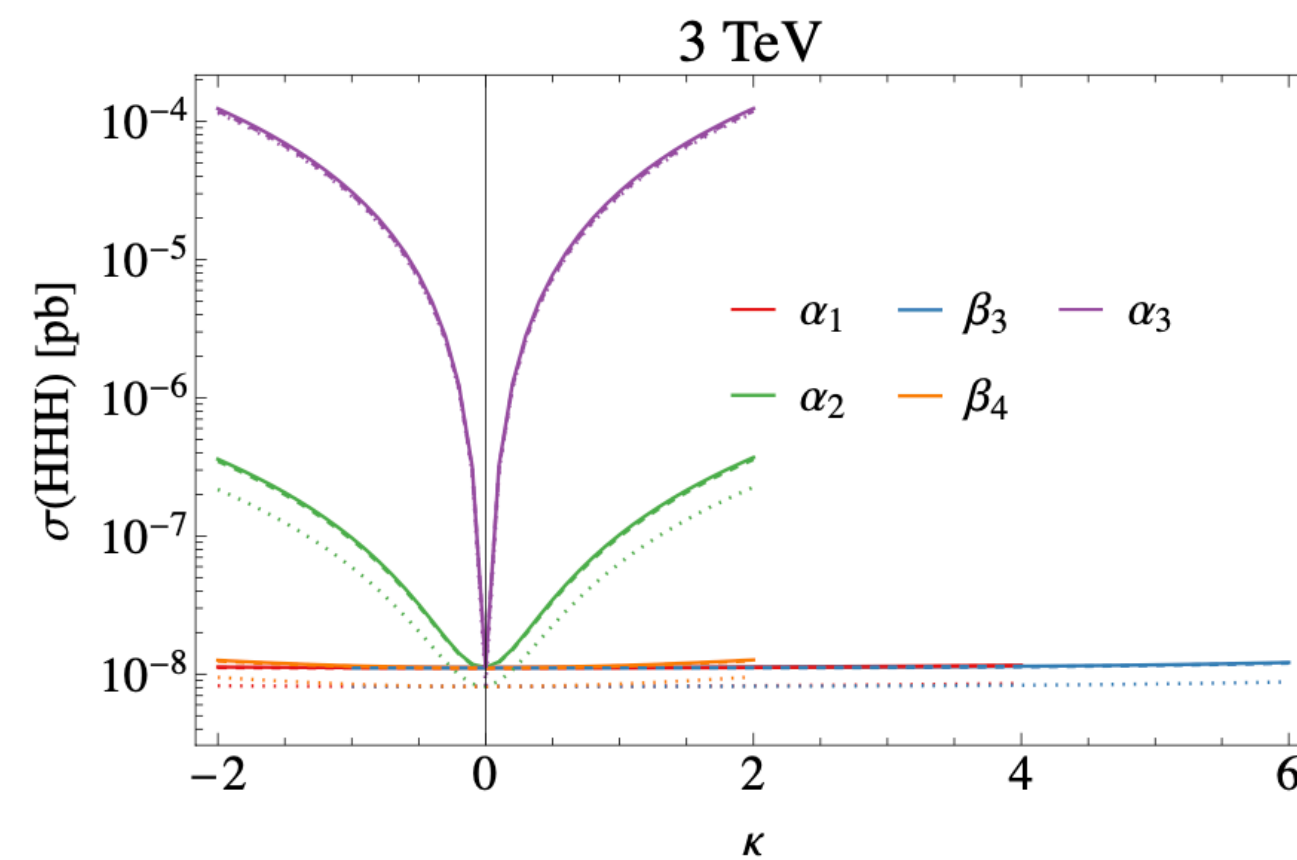
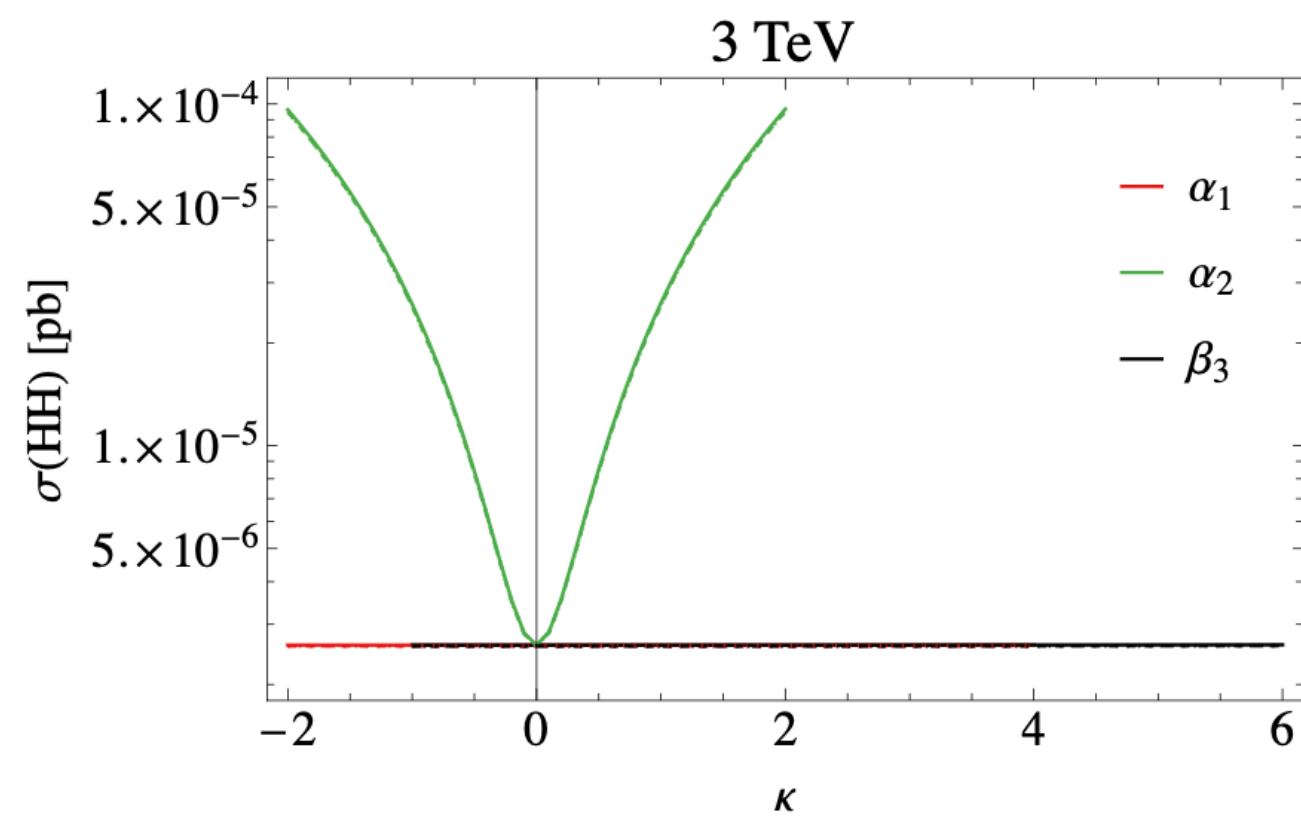
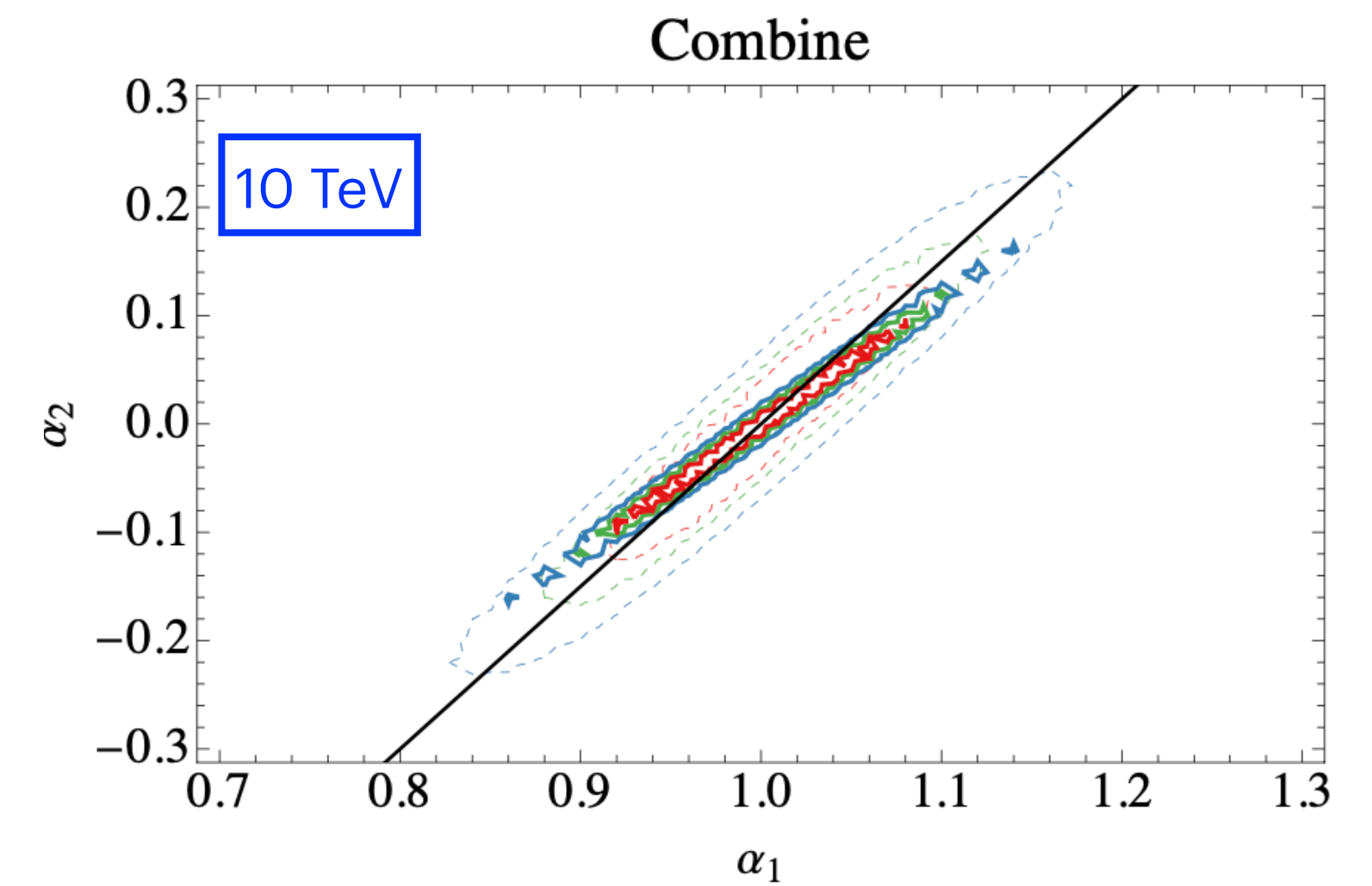
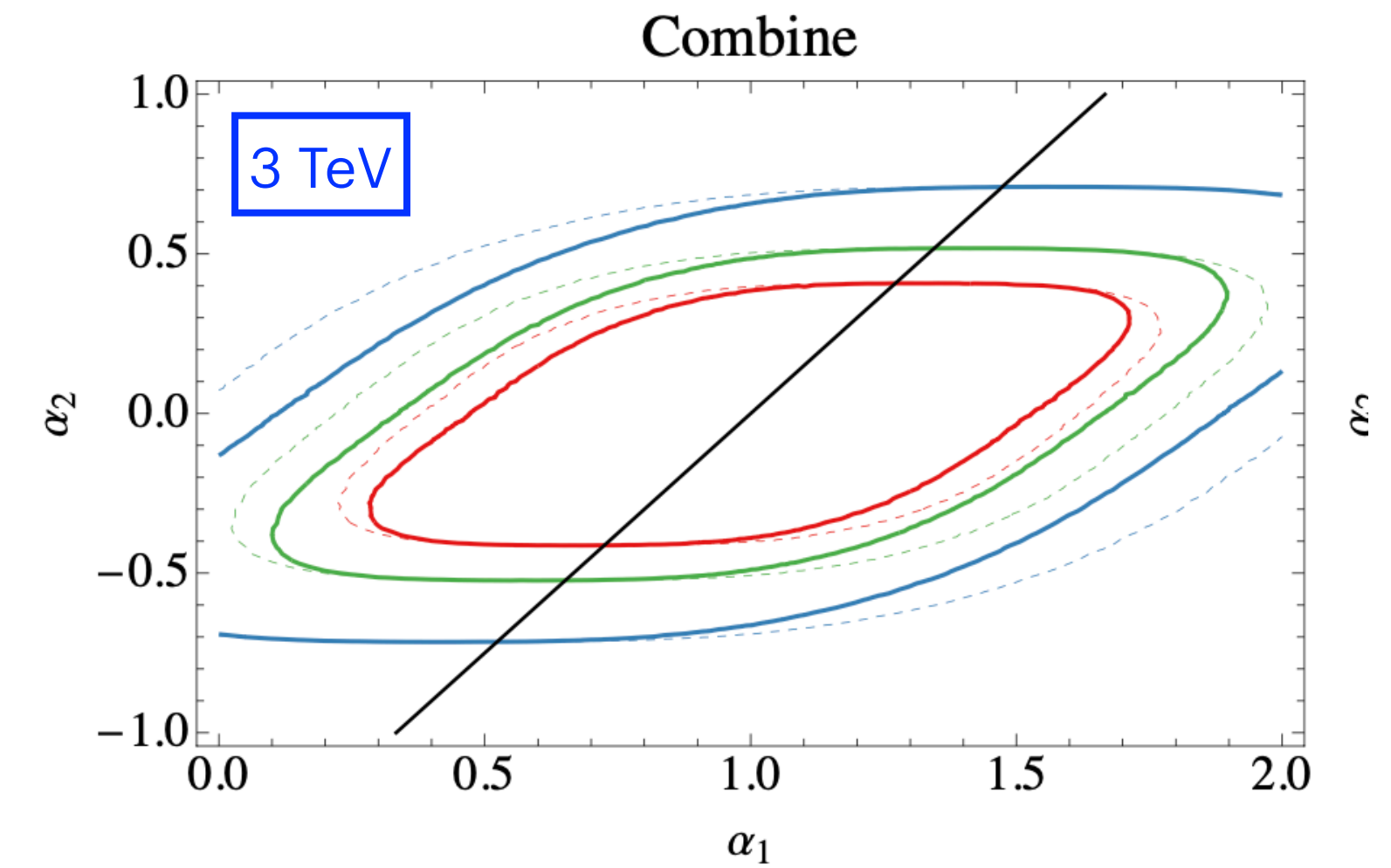


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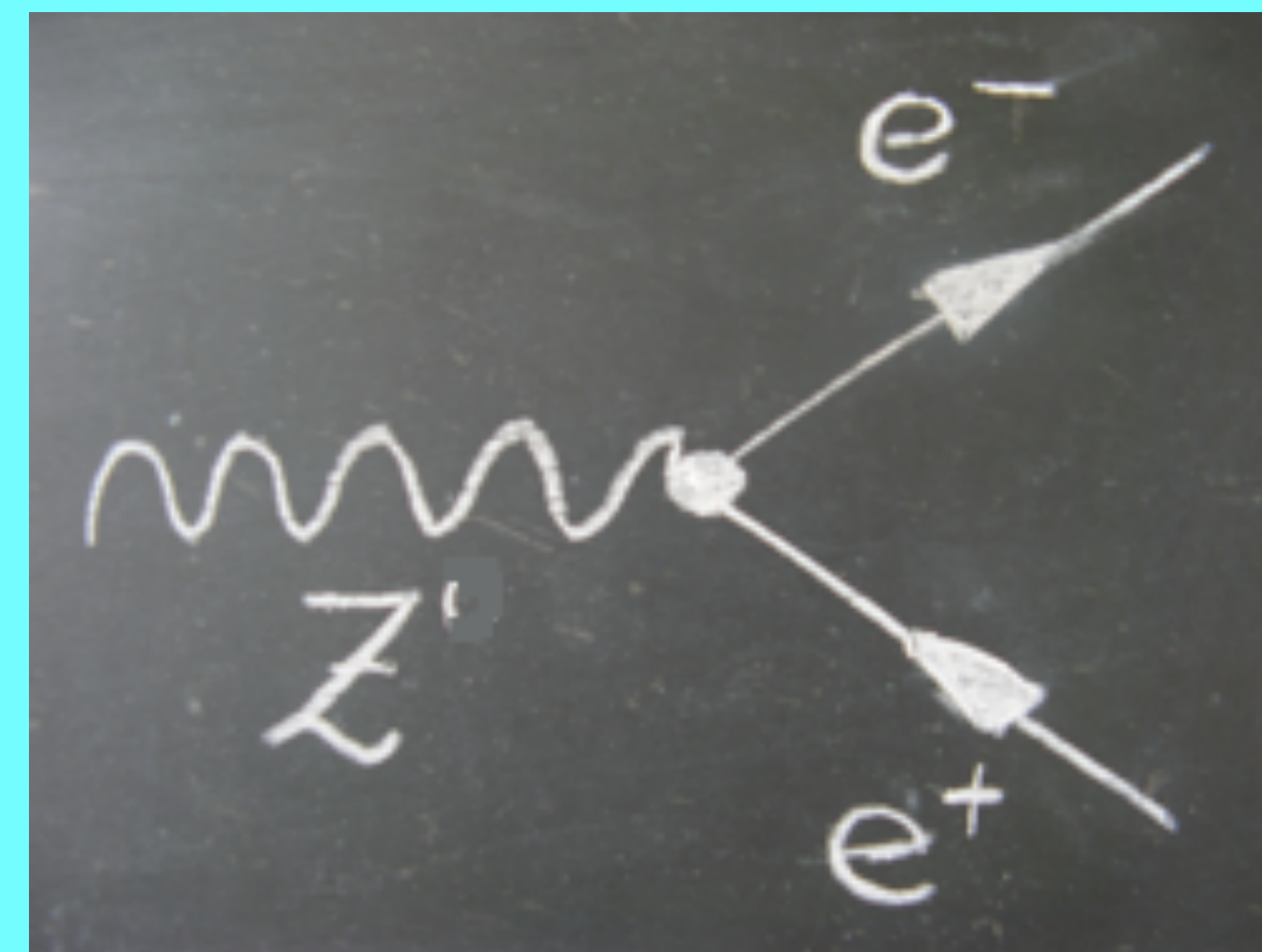
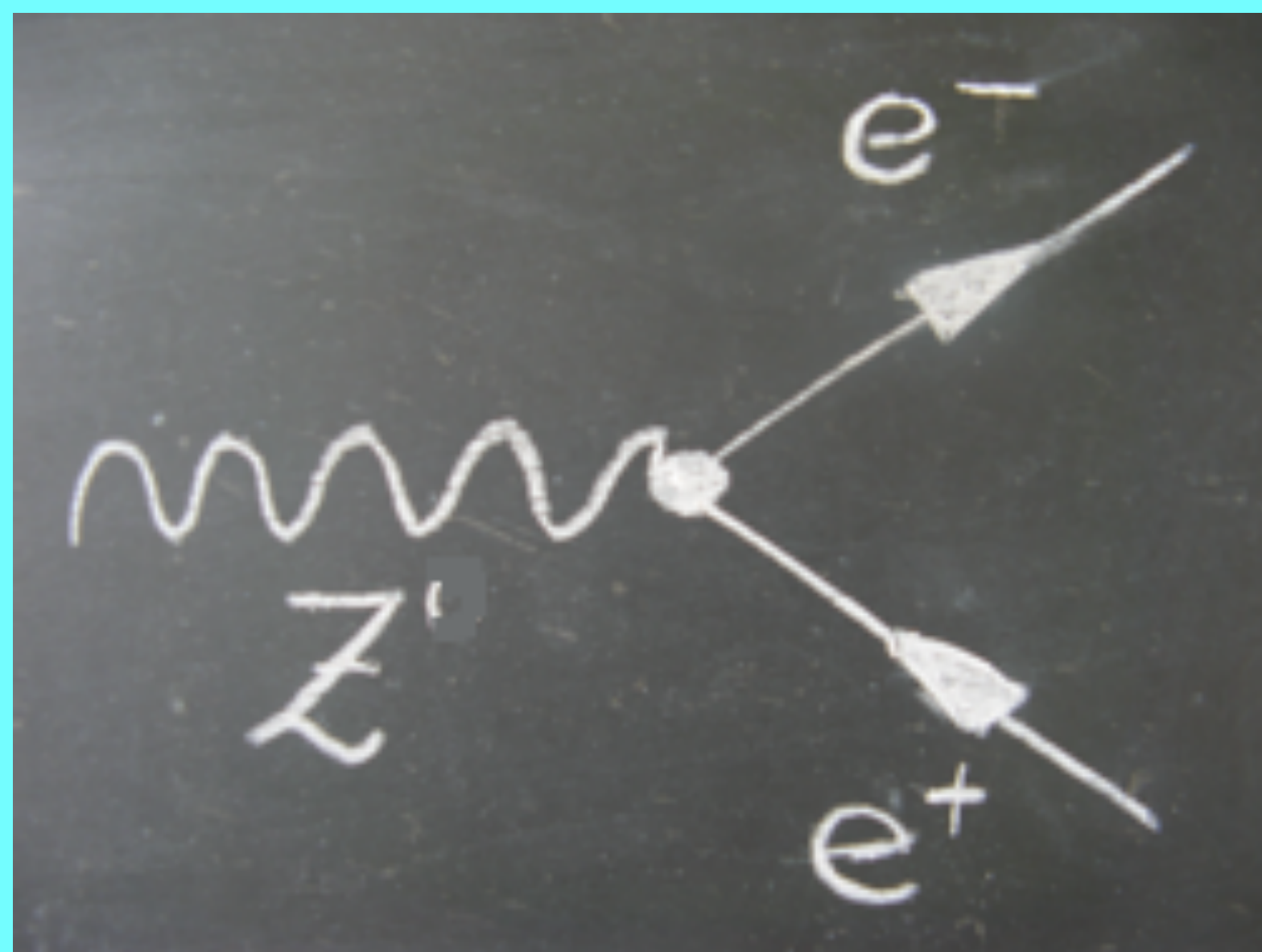
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$\sqrt{s}$	3 TeV				10 TeV			
	$\alpha_{2(3)} = 1^\dagger$	SM LO	Loop	VBF	$\alpha_{2(3)} = 1^\dagger$	SM LO	Loop	VBF
$\sigma$ [fb]	<i>2H</i>							
No cut	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.951	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	3.80
$M_F > 0.8\sqrt{s}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$6.12 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.4 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.50 \cdot 10^{-4}$
$ \theta_{iB}  > 10^\circ$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.18 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$4.1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$3.46 \cdot 10^{-5}$
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# Search for Heavy Neutral Currents



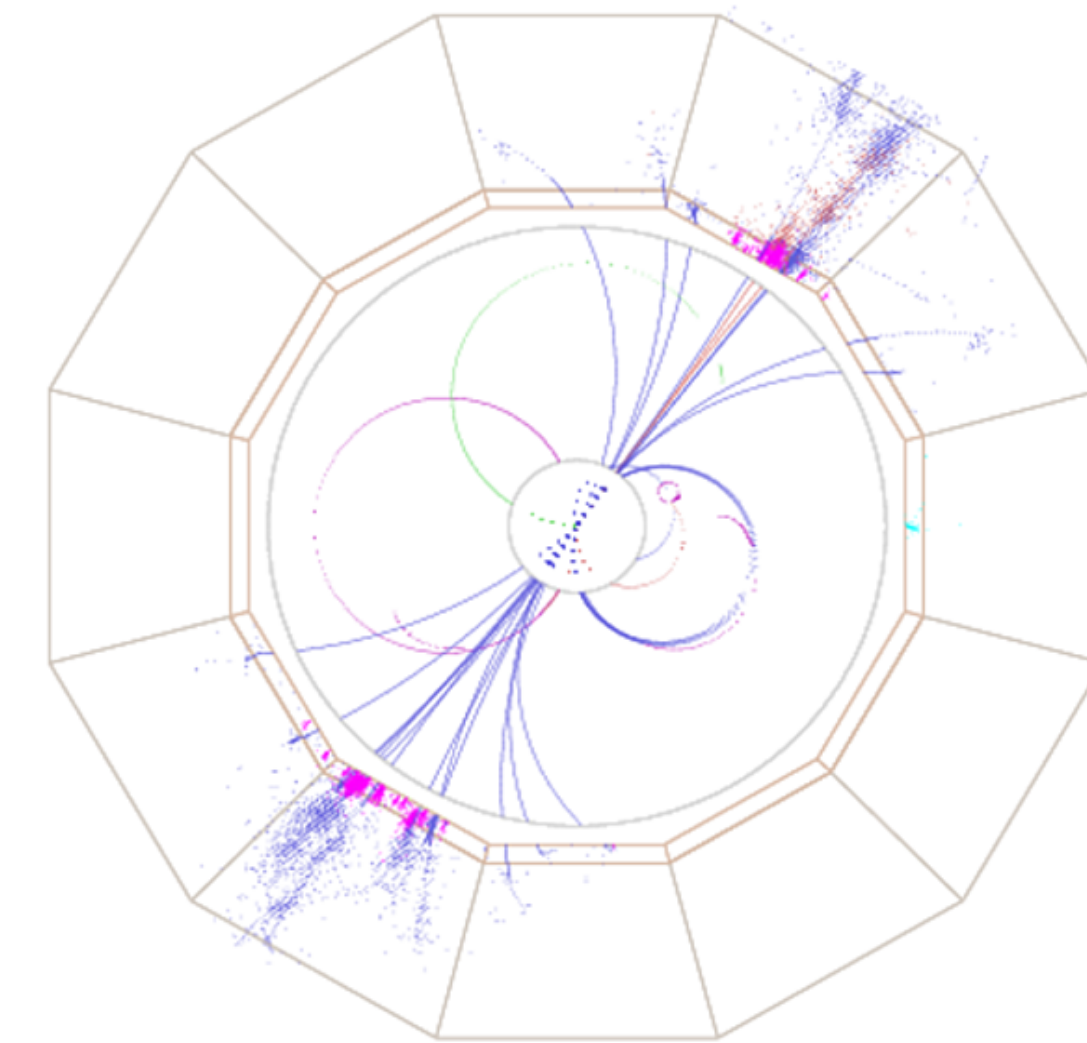
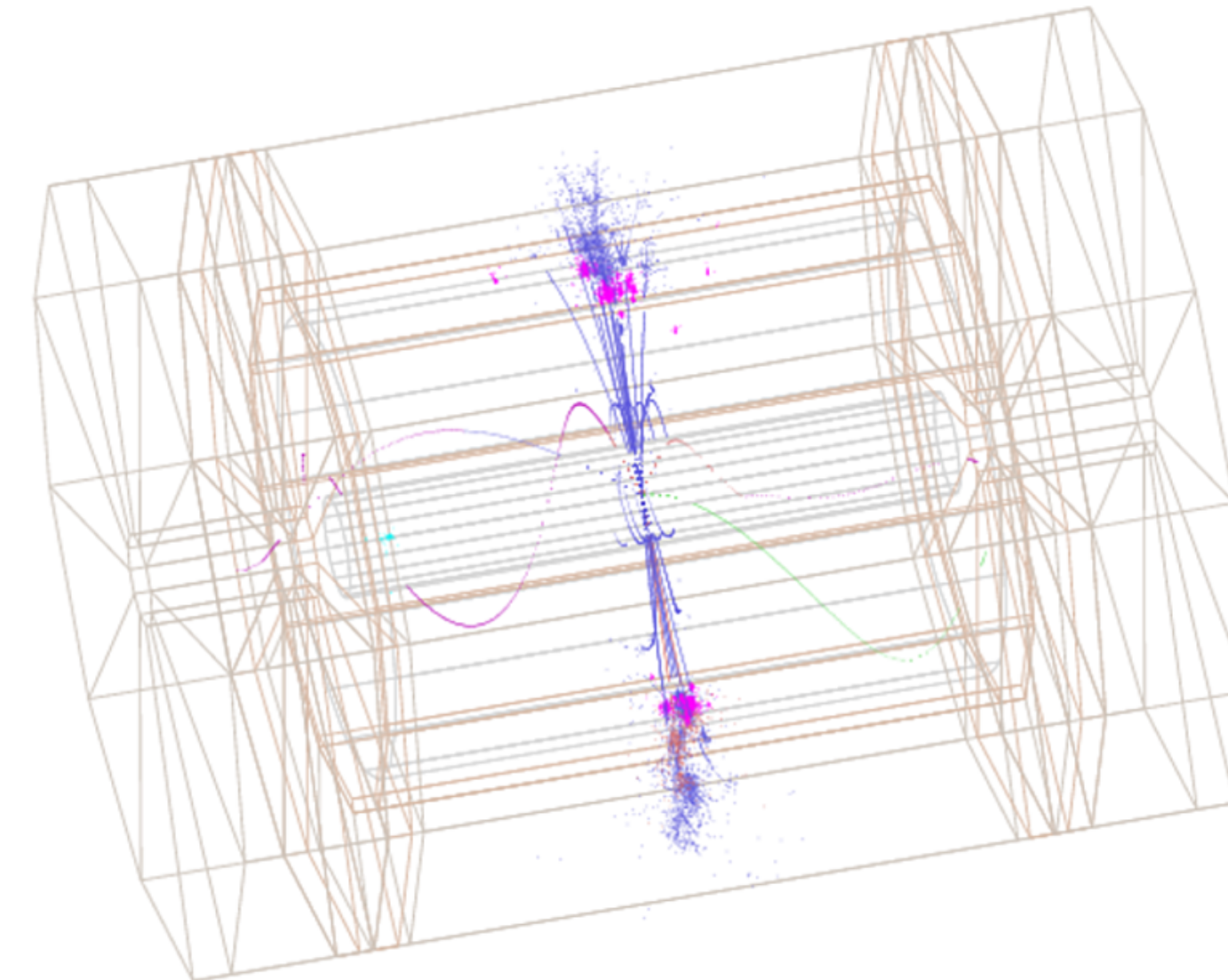


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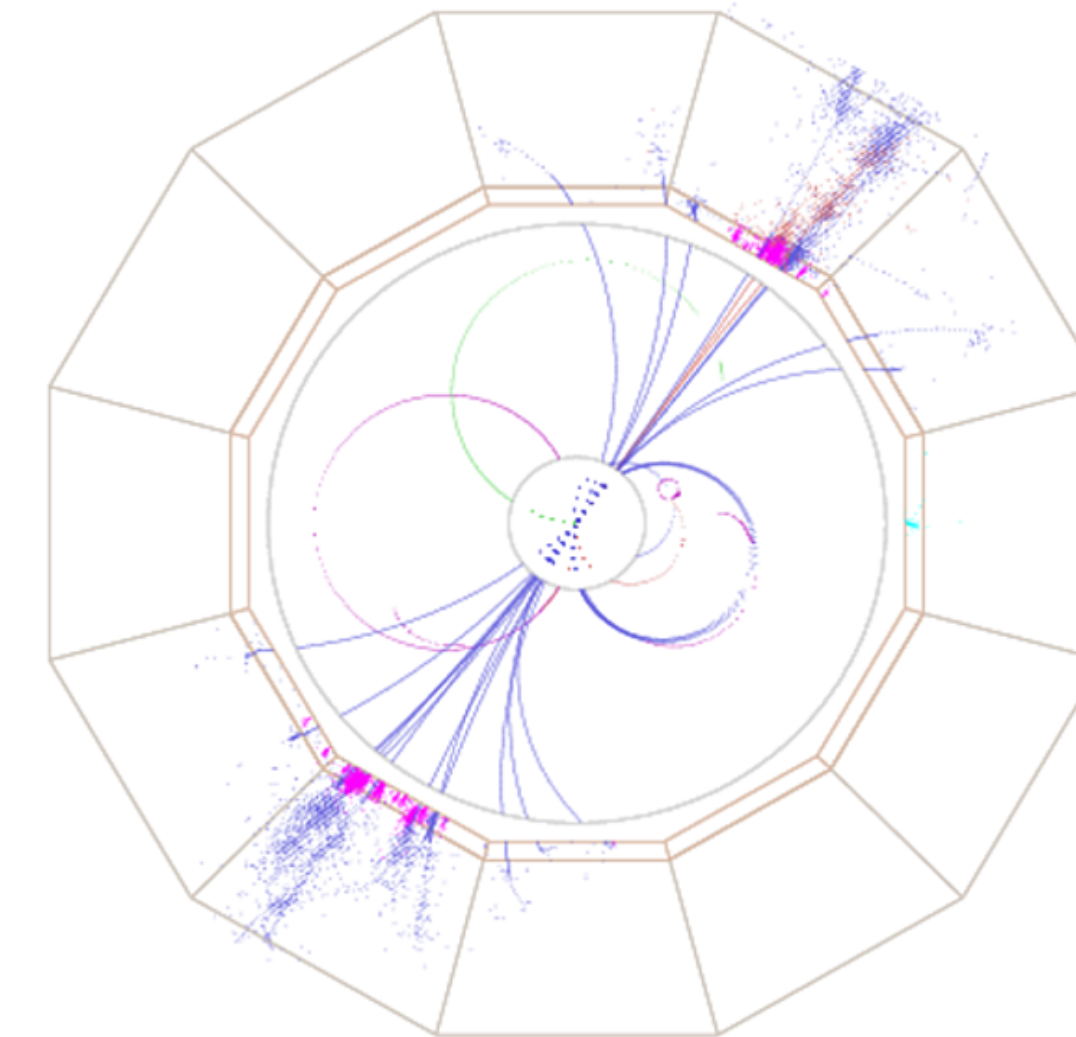
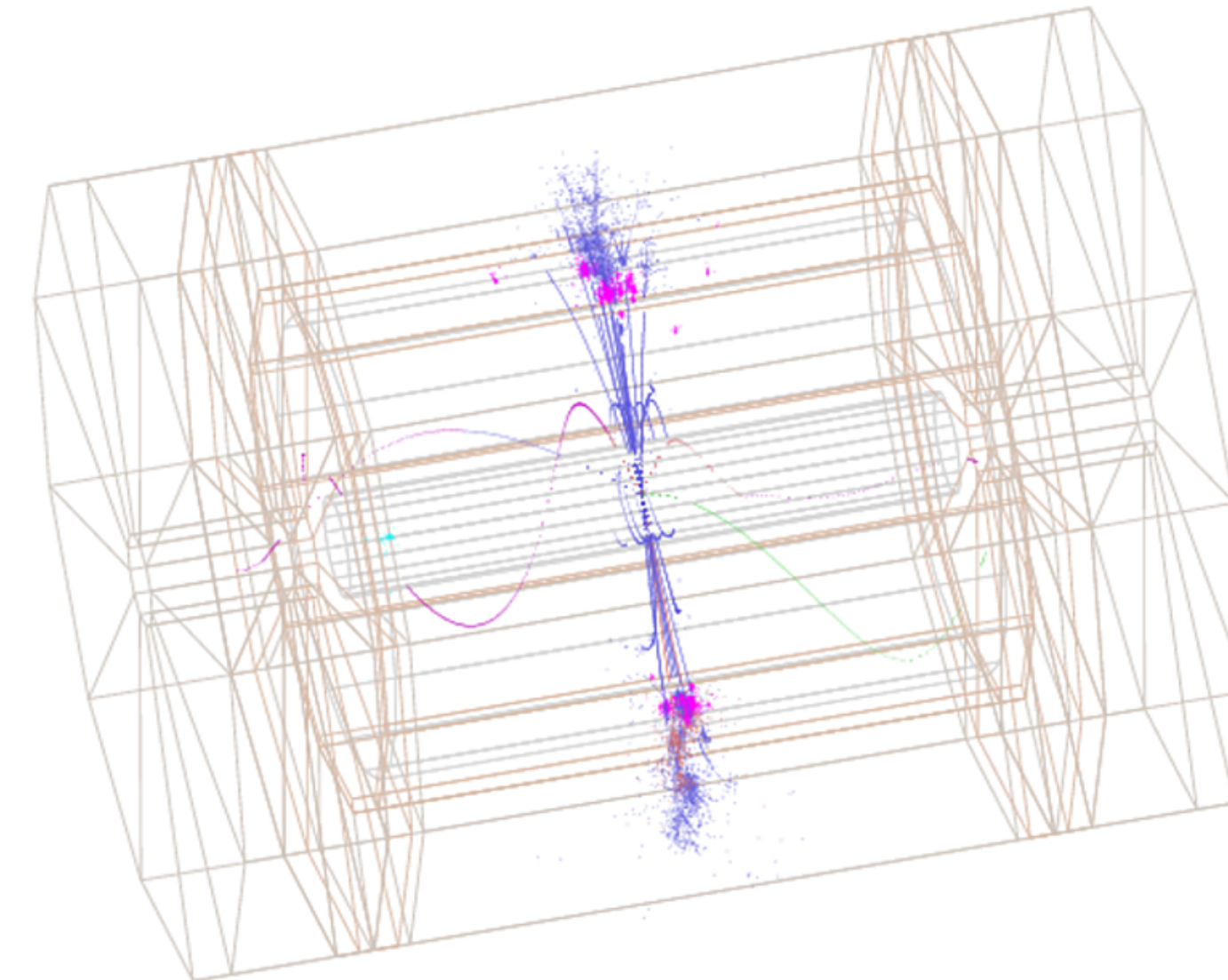
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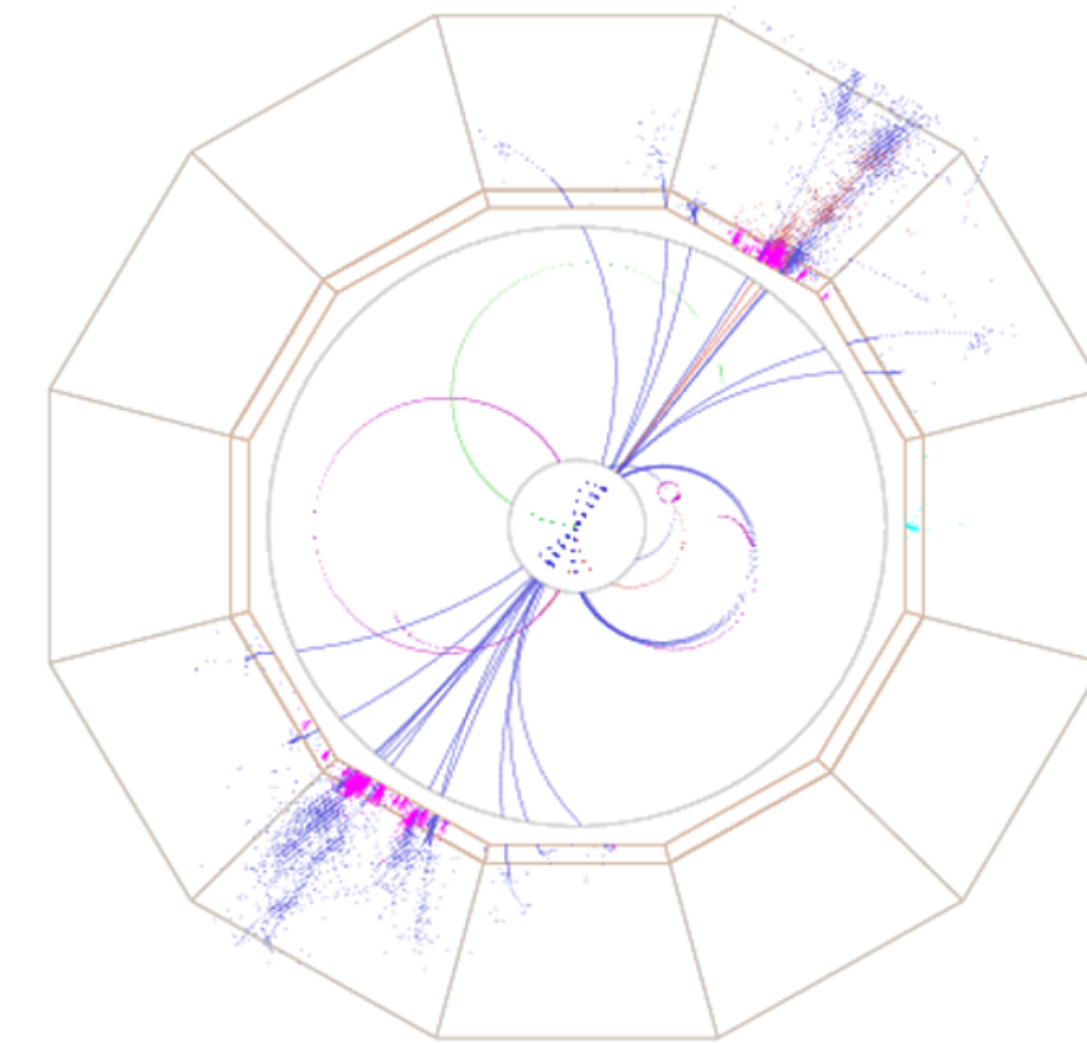
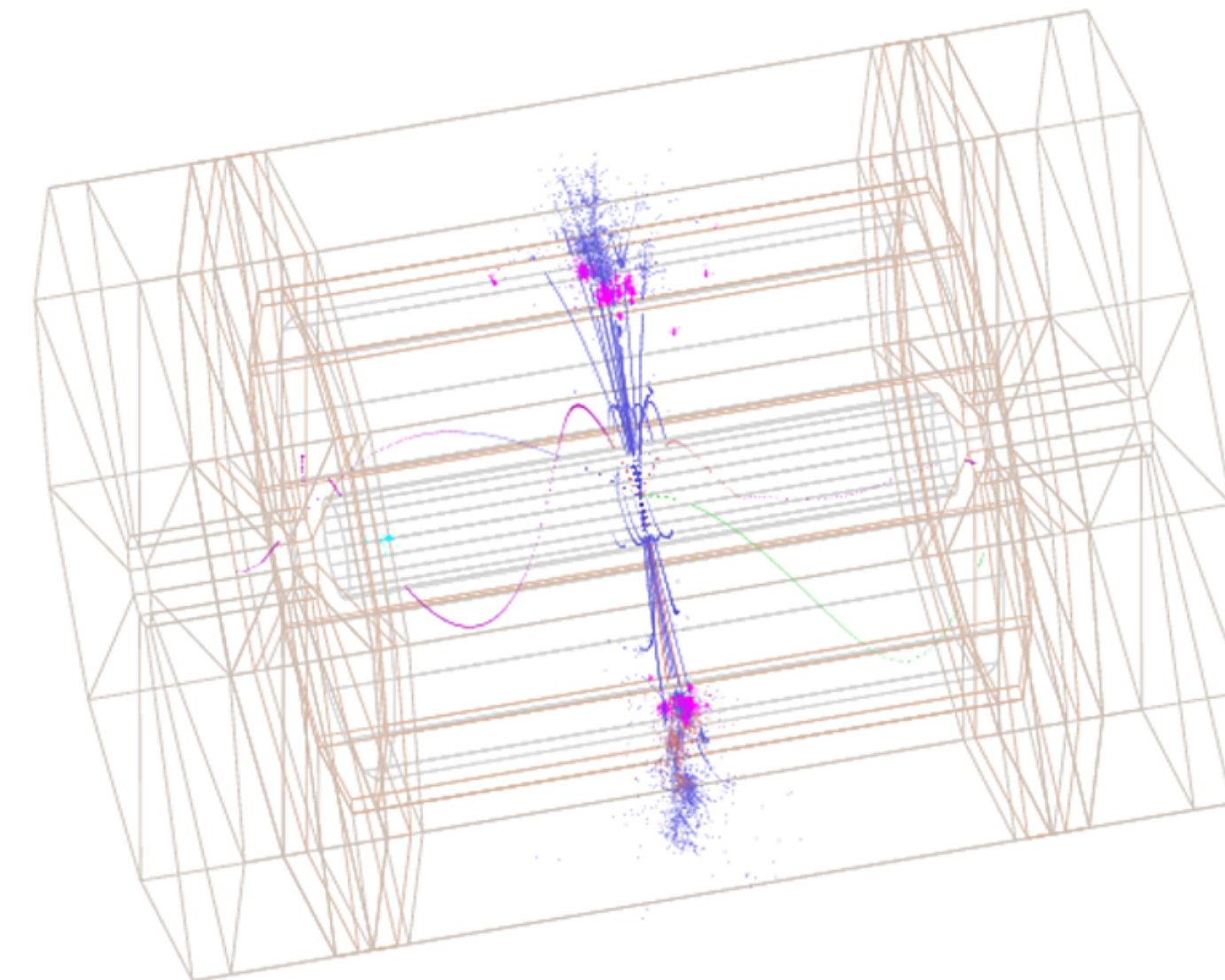
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  - (4)  $U(1)_X$  model
  - (5) many more

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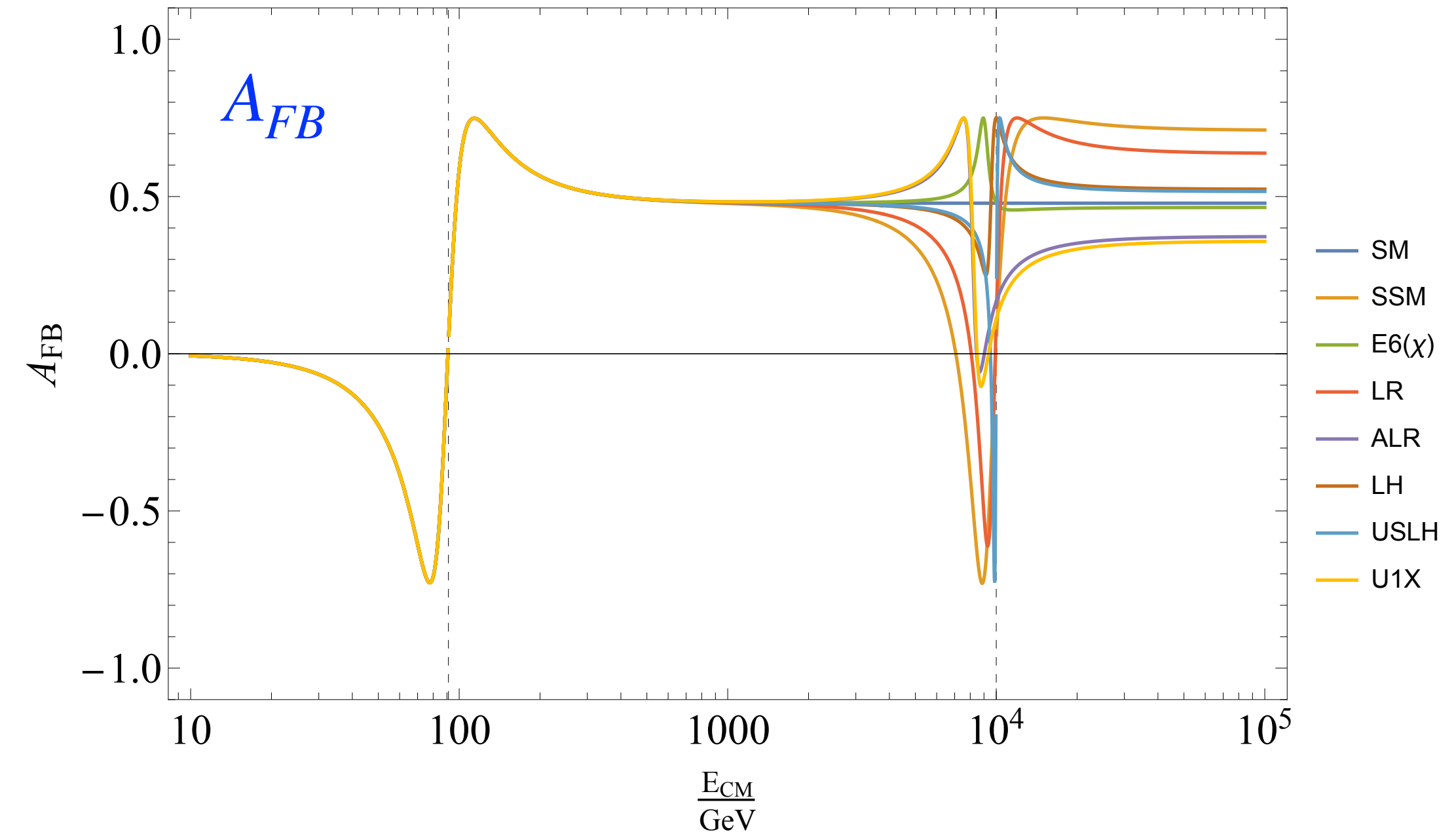
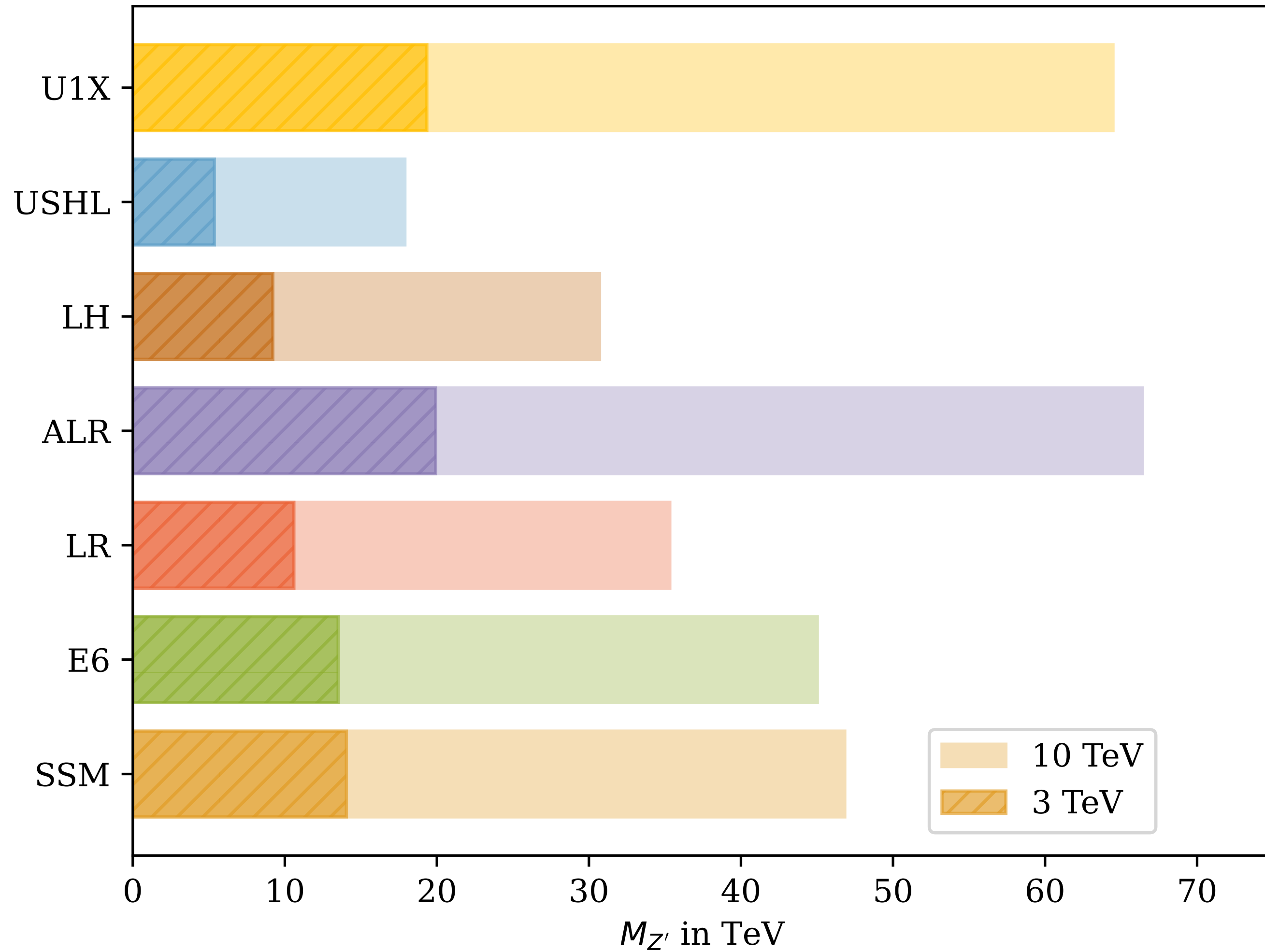
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$2a'_f$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$E_6$				
$2v'_f$	$3A + B$	$4A$	$0$	$-4A$
$2a'_f$	$3A + B$	$2(A + B)$	$2(B - A)$	$2(A + B)$
LR				
$2v'_f$	$\frac{1}{2\alpha}$	$\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$	$\frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{1}{3\alpha}$	$-\frac{1}{3\alpha} - \frac{\alpha}{2}$
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ALR				
$2v'_f$	$s_W^2 - \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{5}{2}s_W^2 - 1$	$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{3}s_W^2$	$\frac{1}{6}s_W^2$
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$U(1)_X$				
$2v'_f$	$-x_H - x_\Phi$	$-3x_H - x_\Phi$	$\frac{5}{3}x_H + \frac{1}{3}x_\Phi$	$-\frac{1}{3}x_H + \frac{1}{3}x_\Phi$
$2a'_f$	$-x_H$	$x_H$	$-x_H$	$x_H$

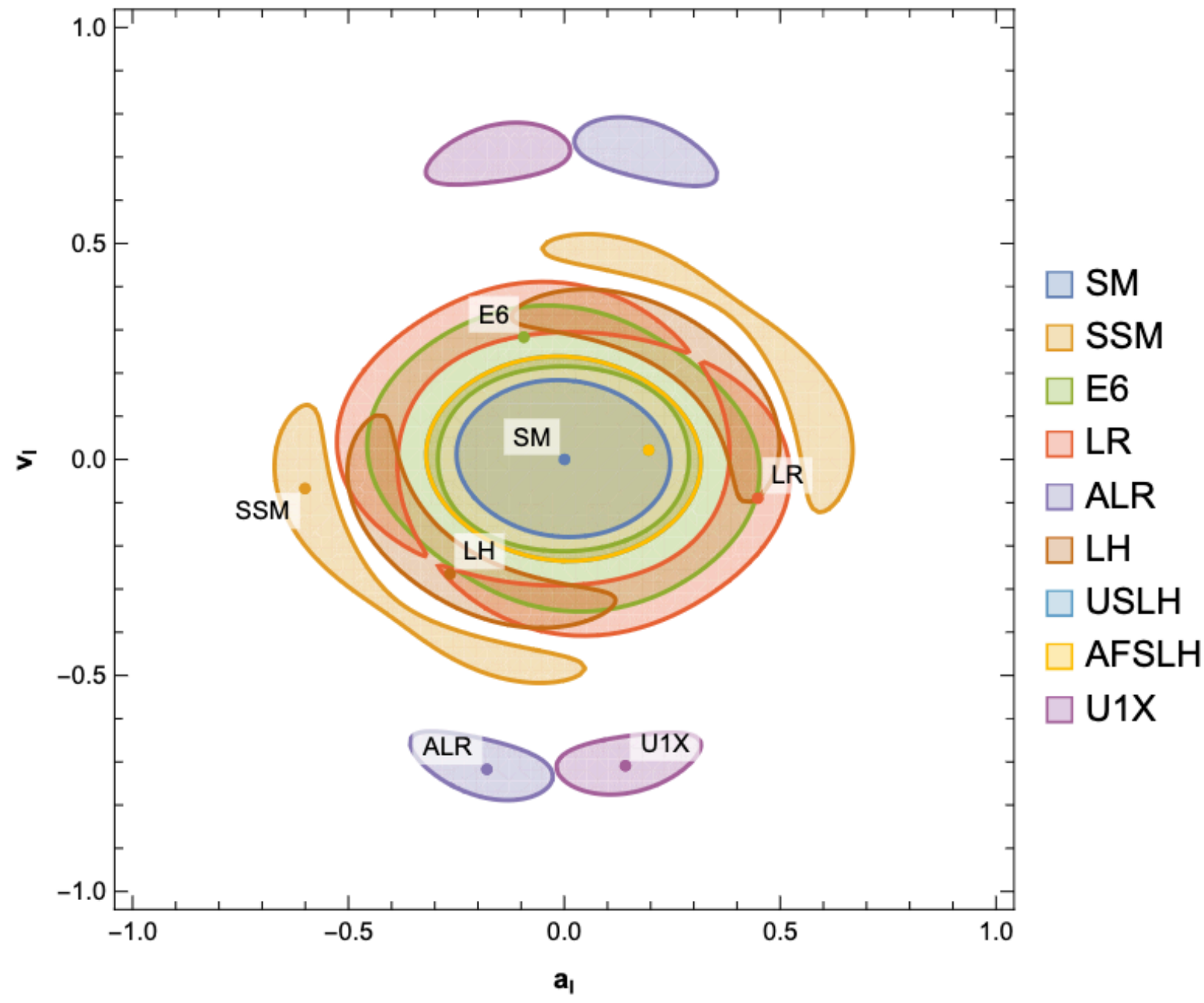




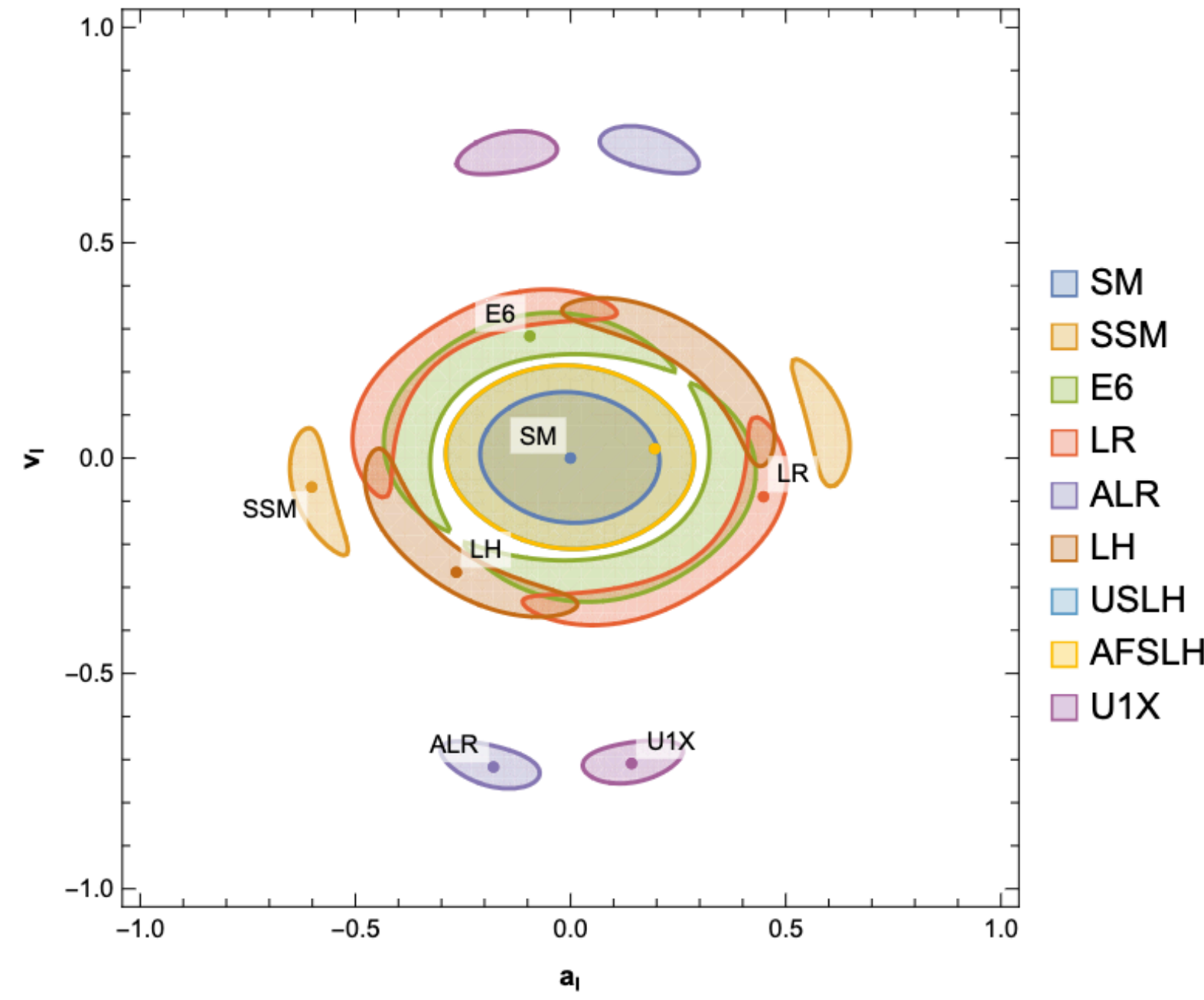
- HL-LHC between 7-8 TeV (15 TeV for SSM)
- MuC-10 covers 20—70 TeV
- very conservative: no hadronic observables, no top final states, no optimization



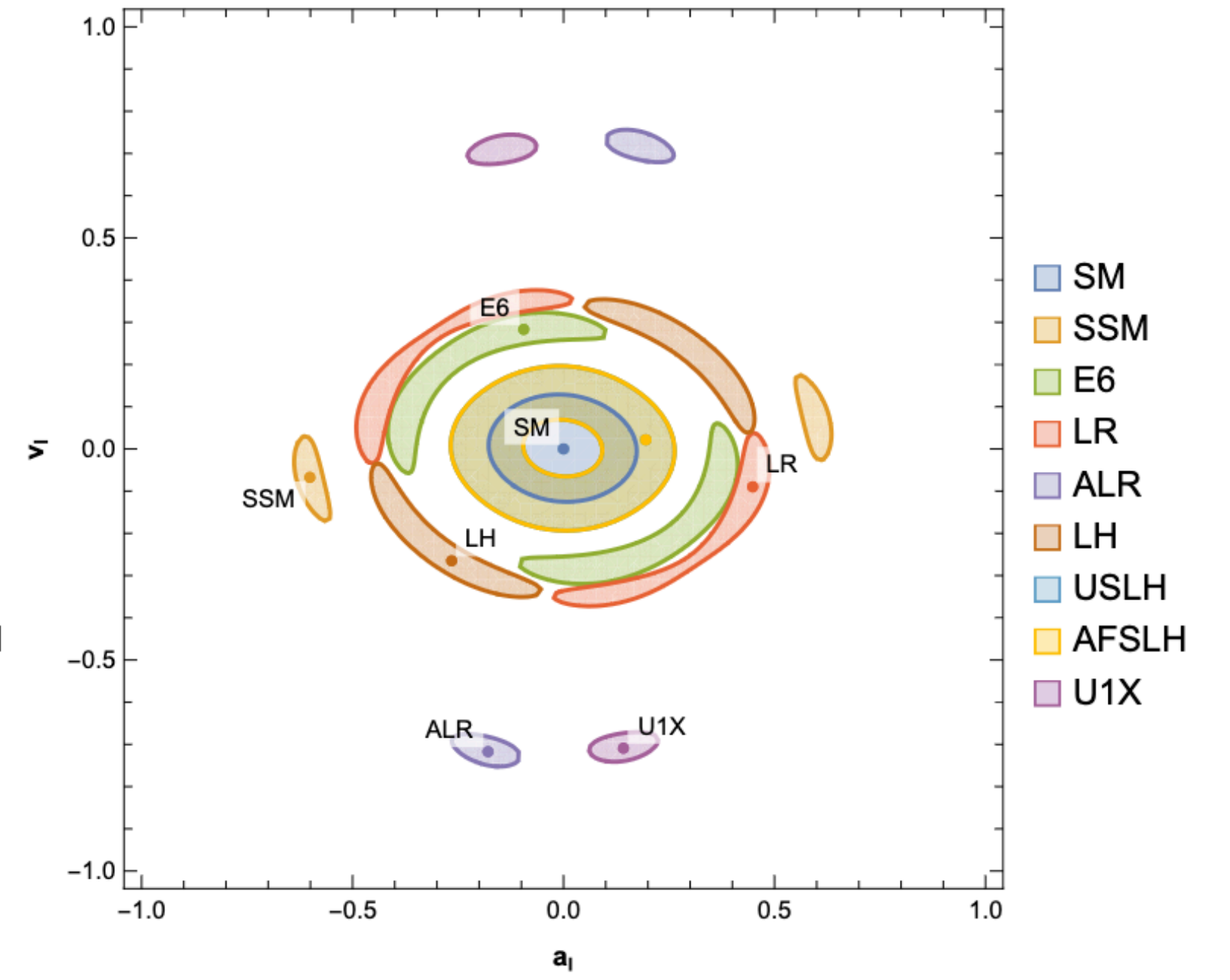
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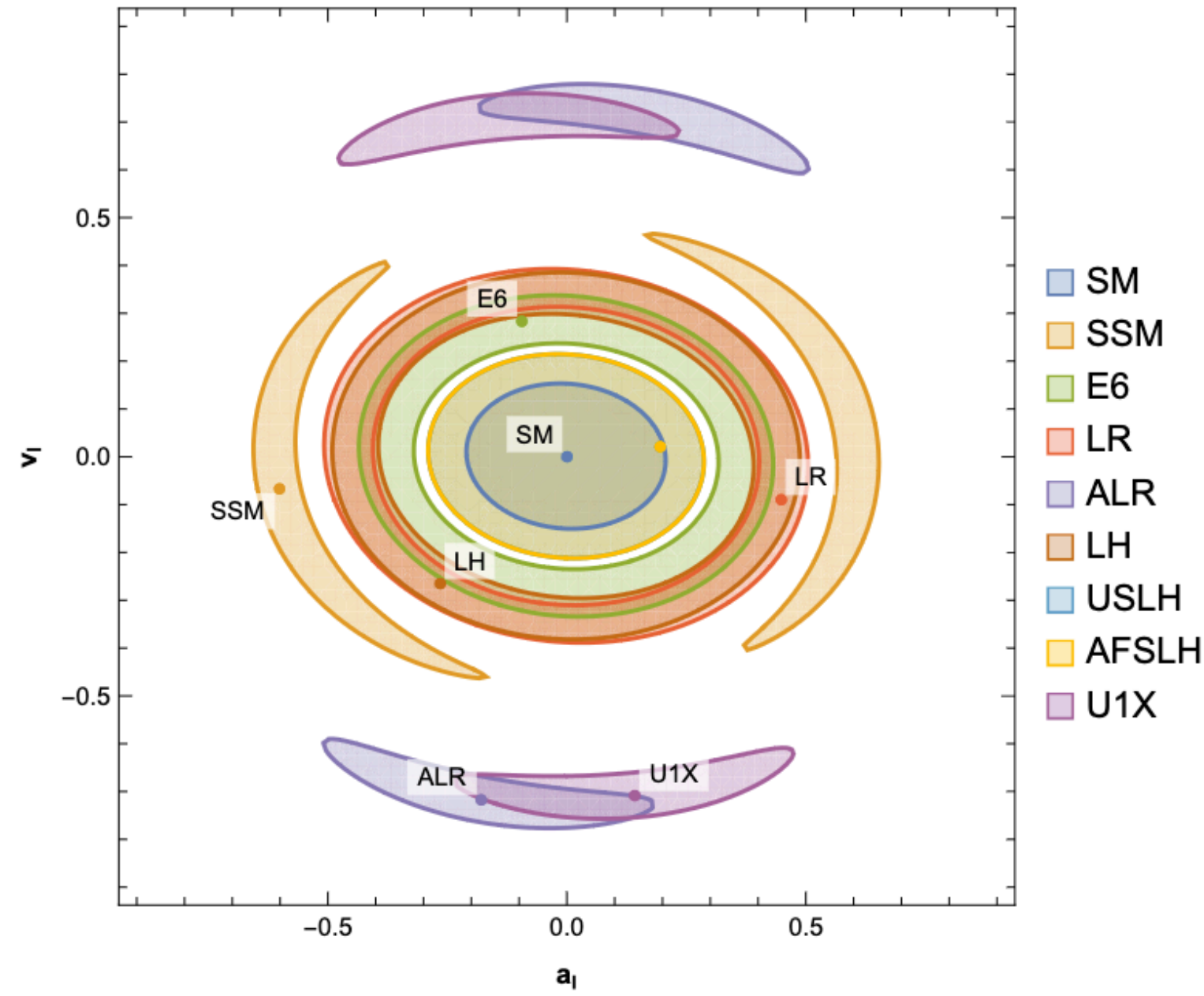


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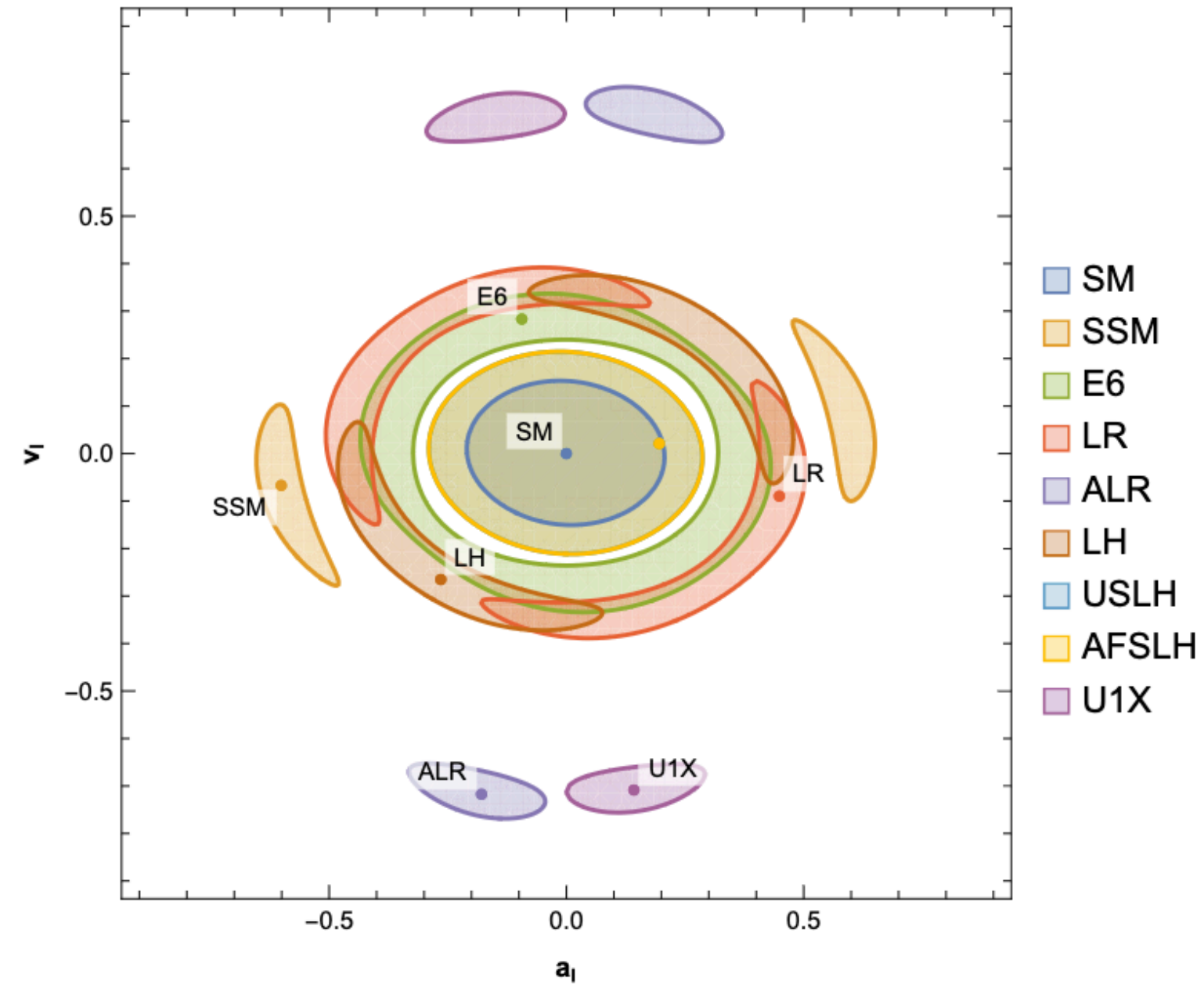
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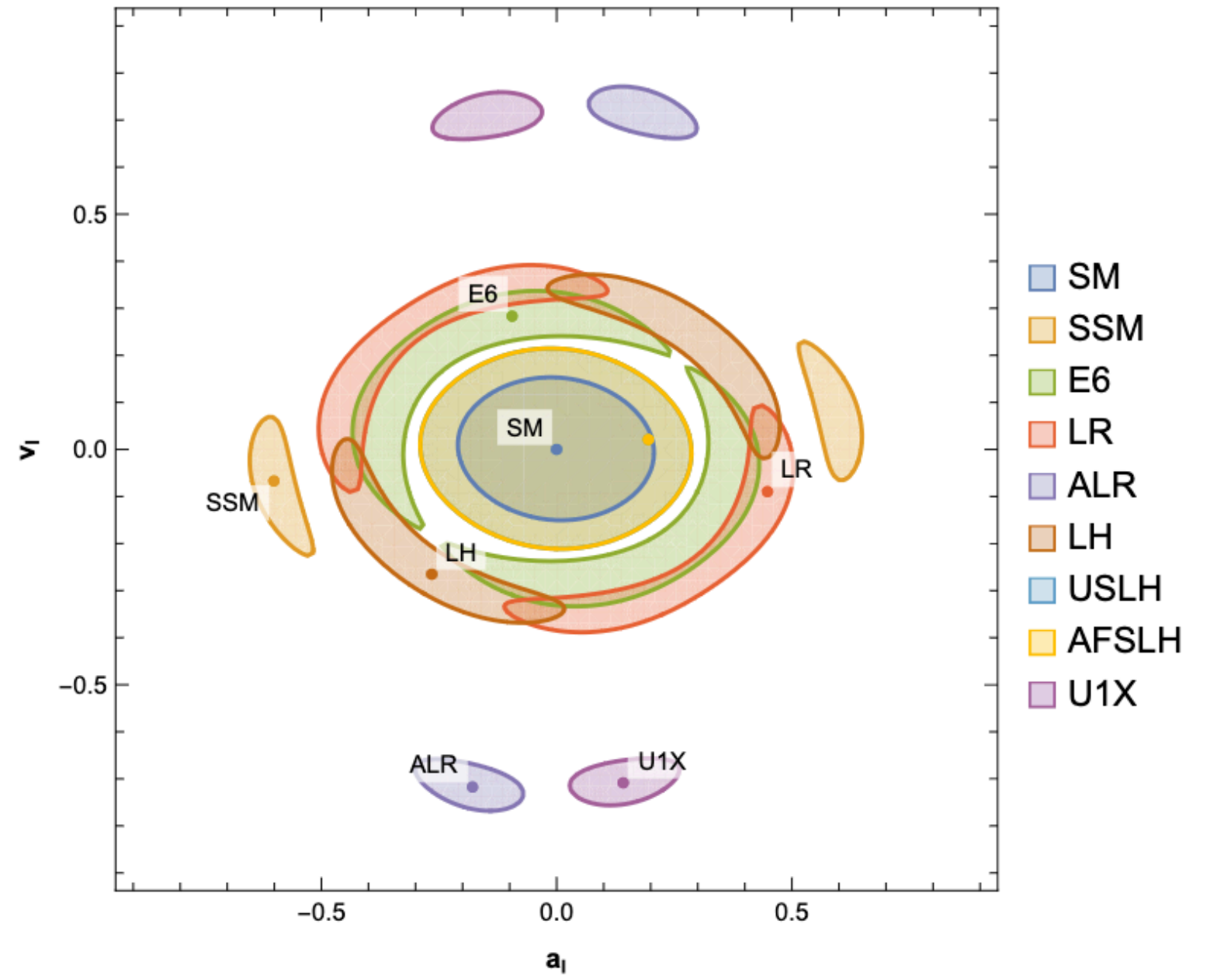
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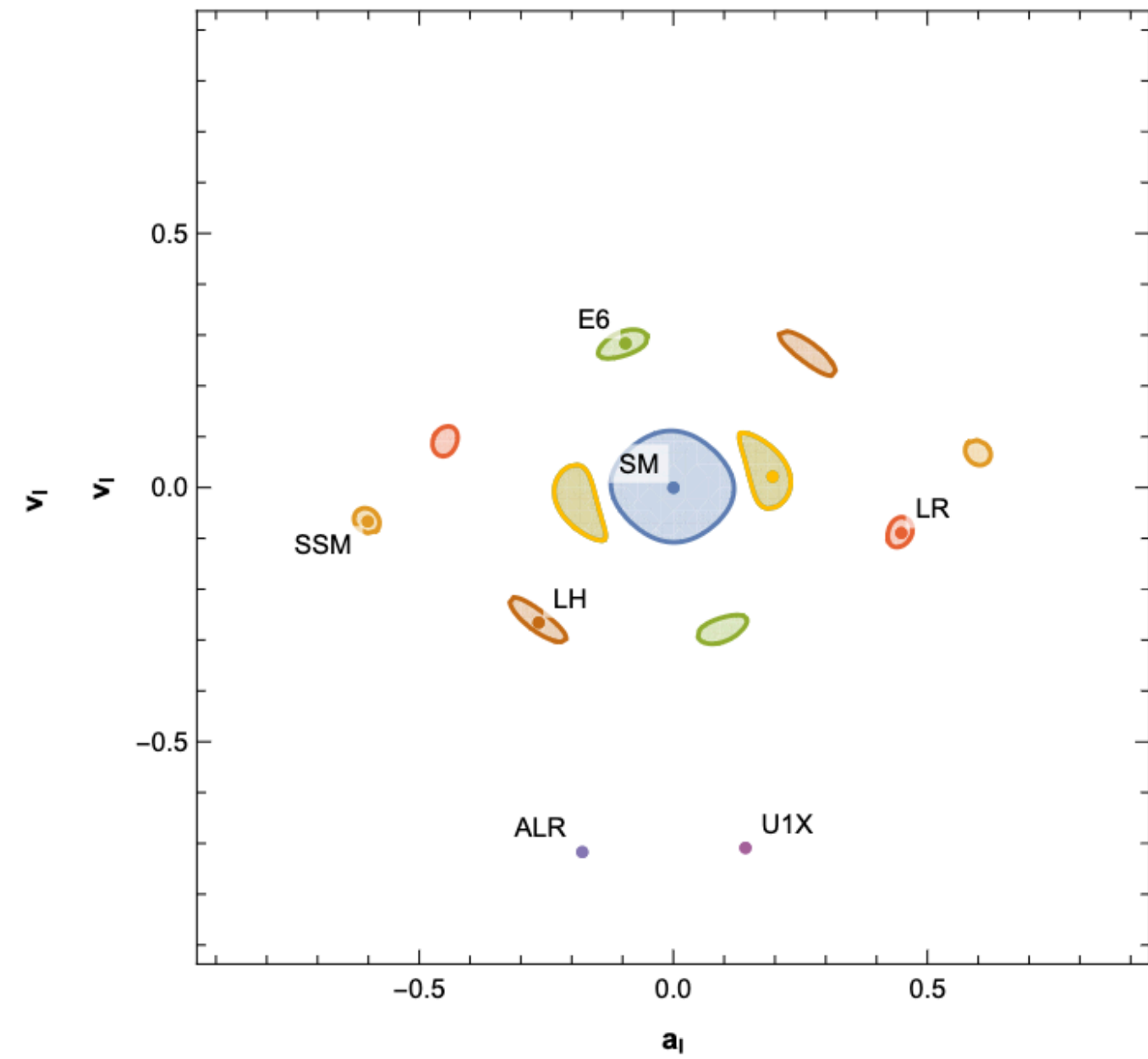
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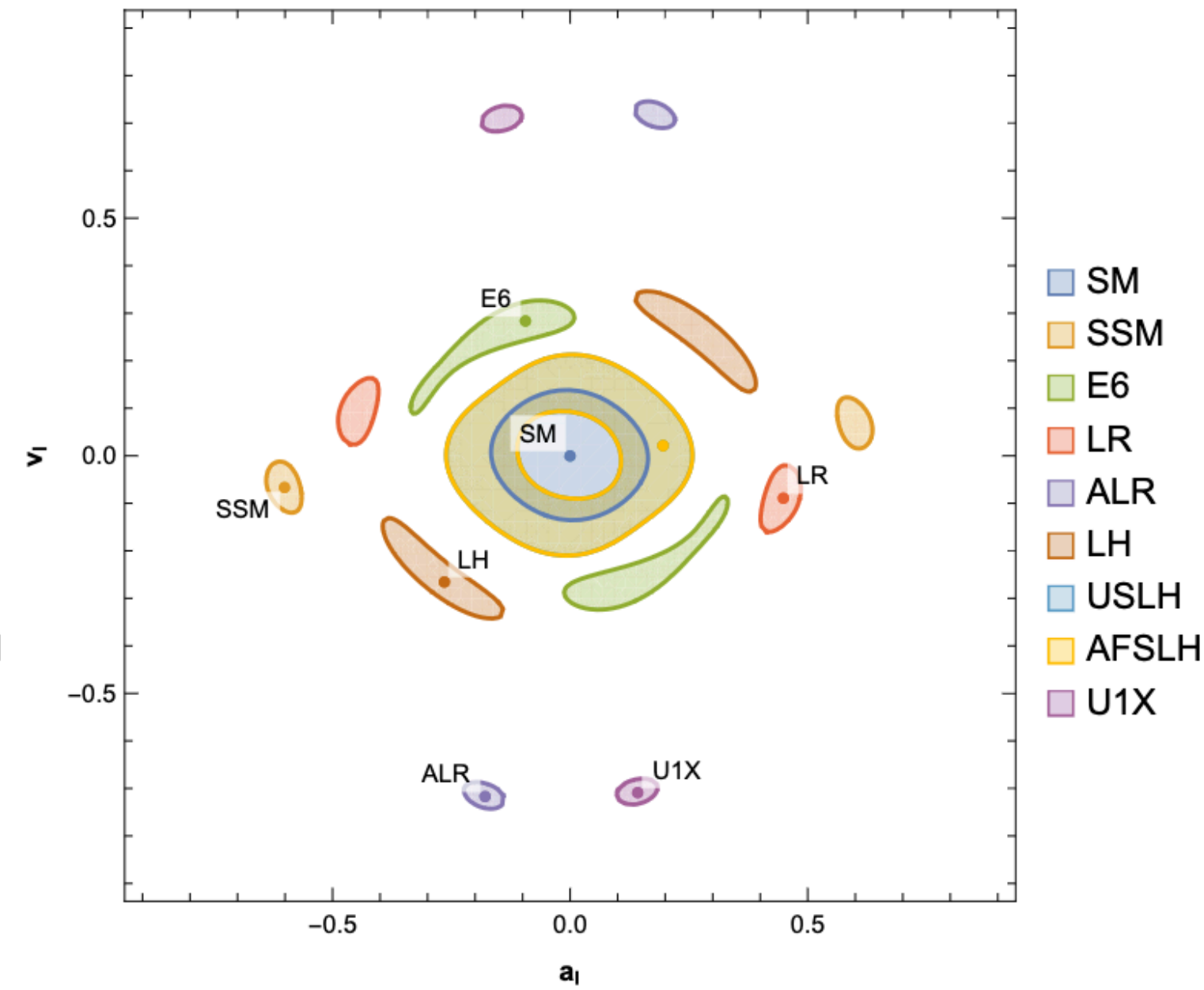
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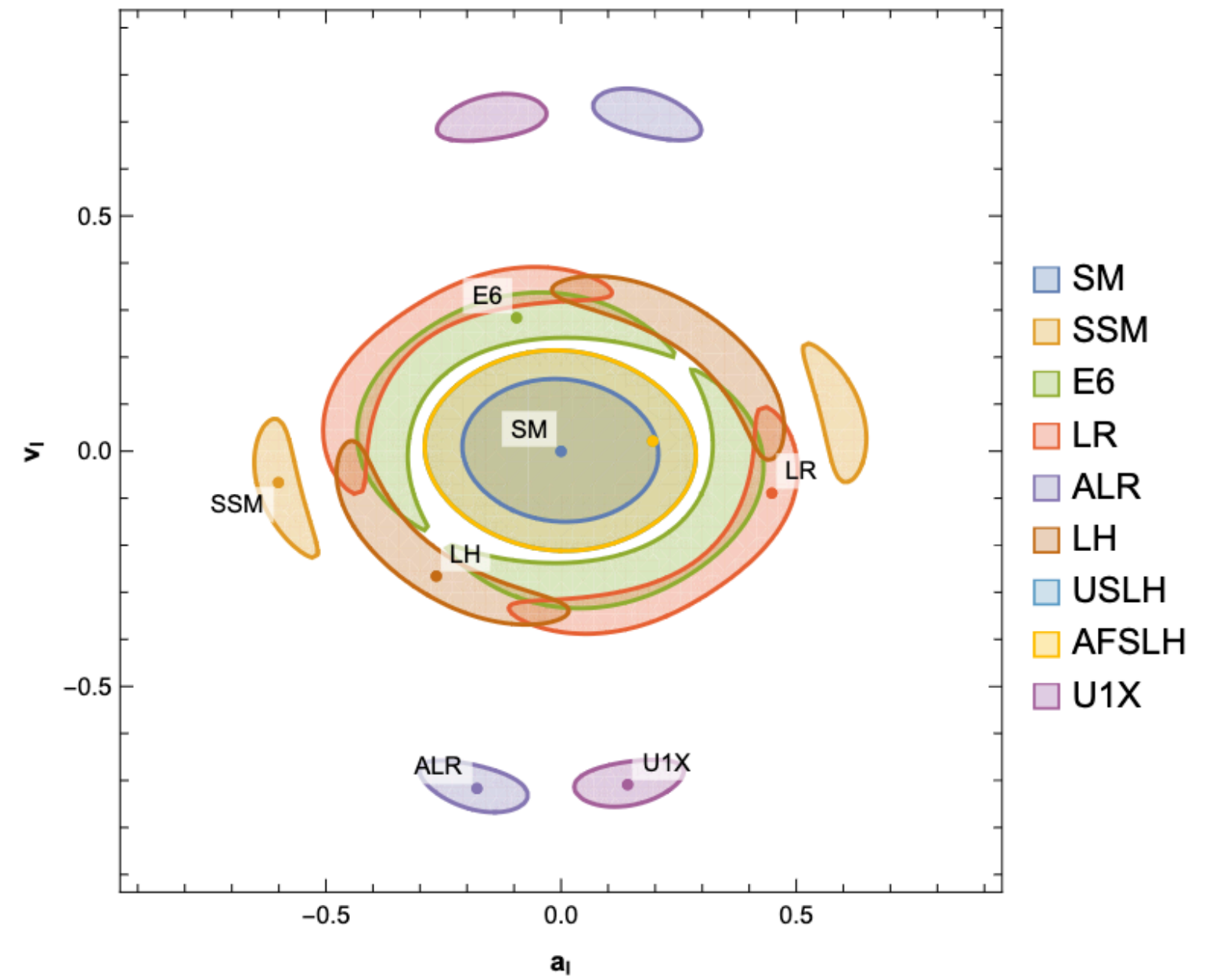
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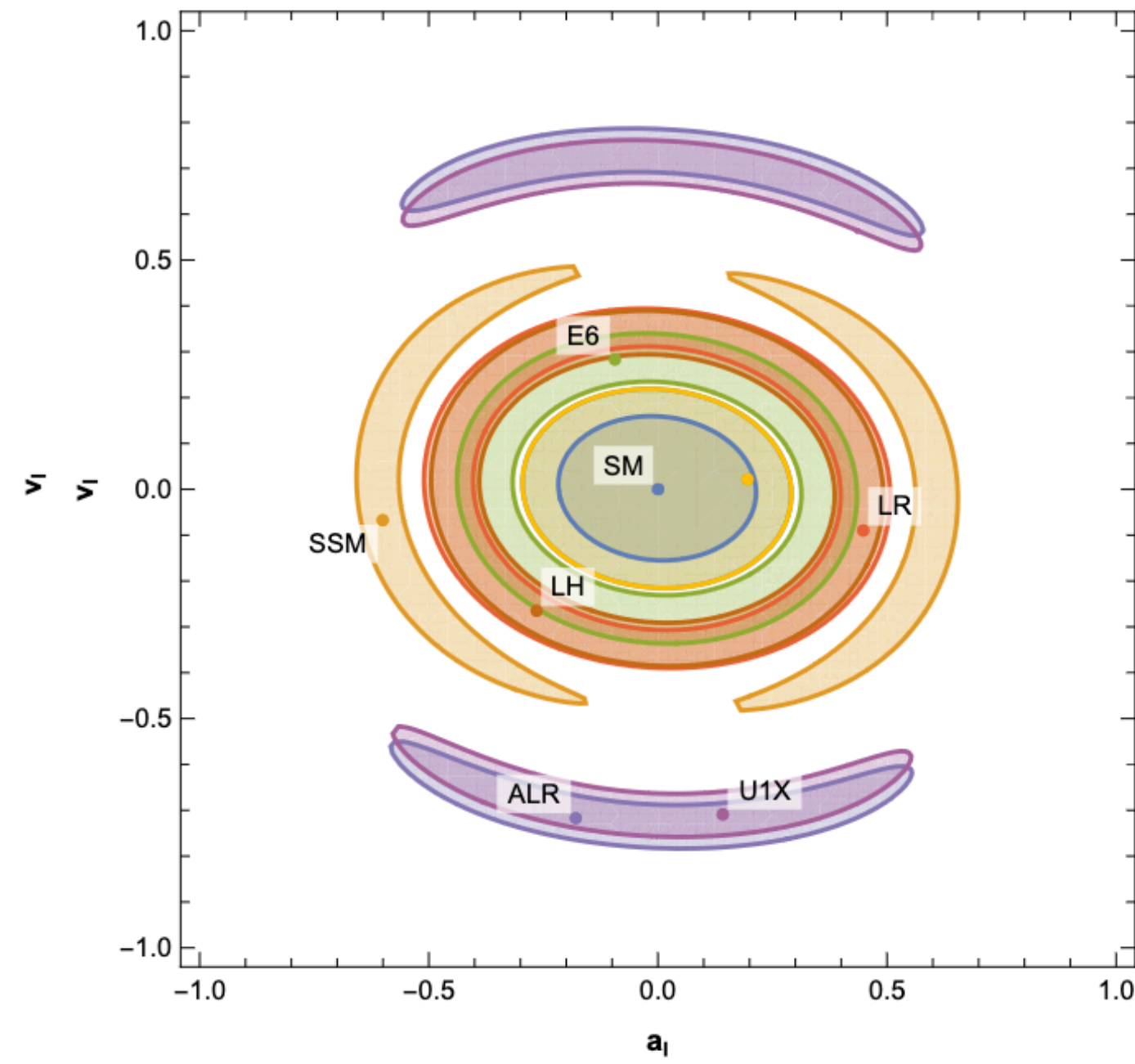


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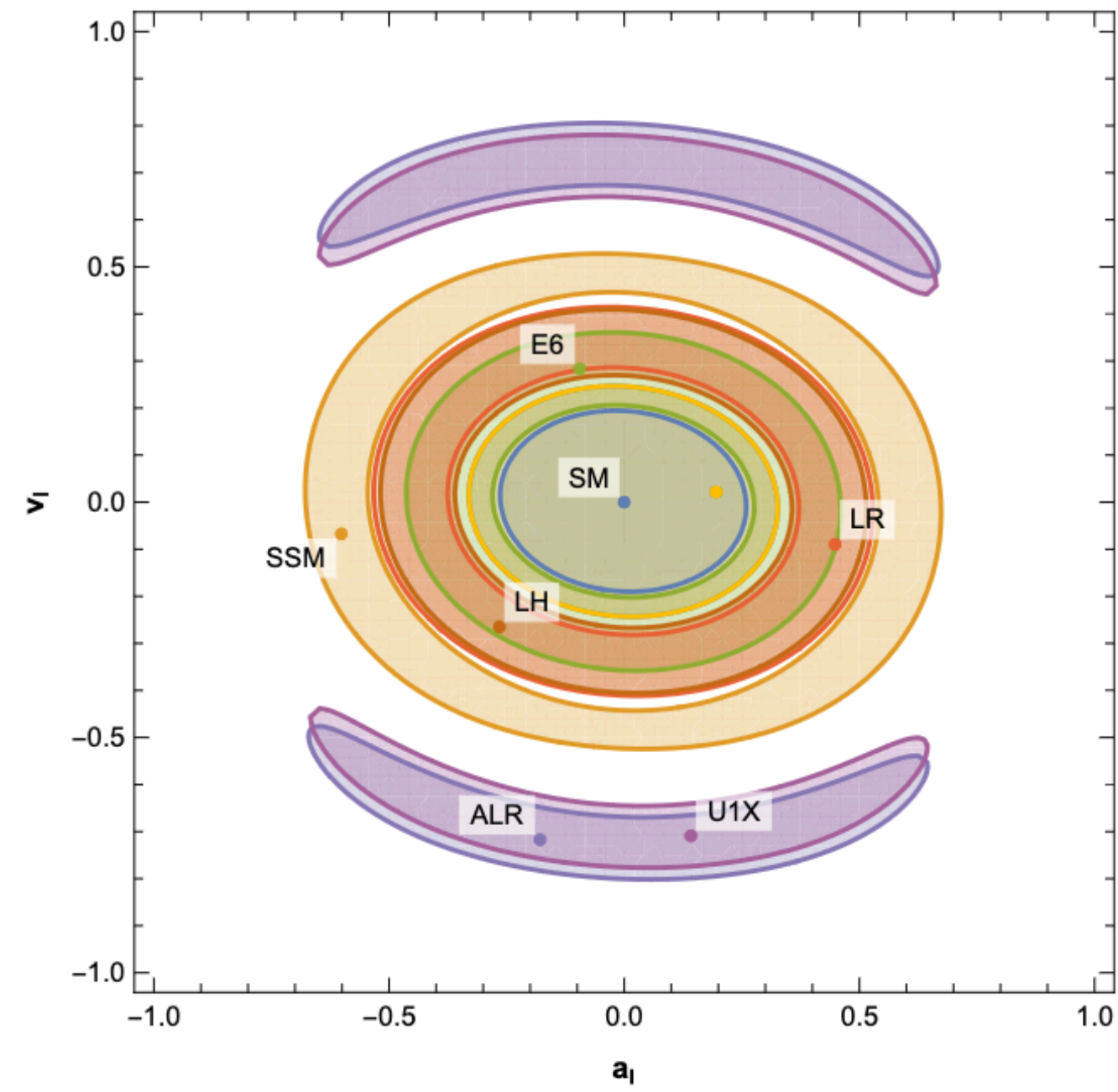


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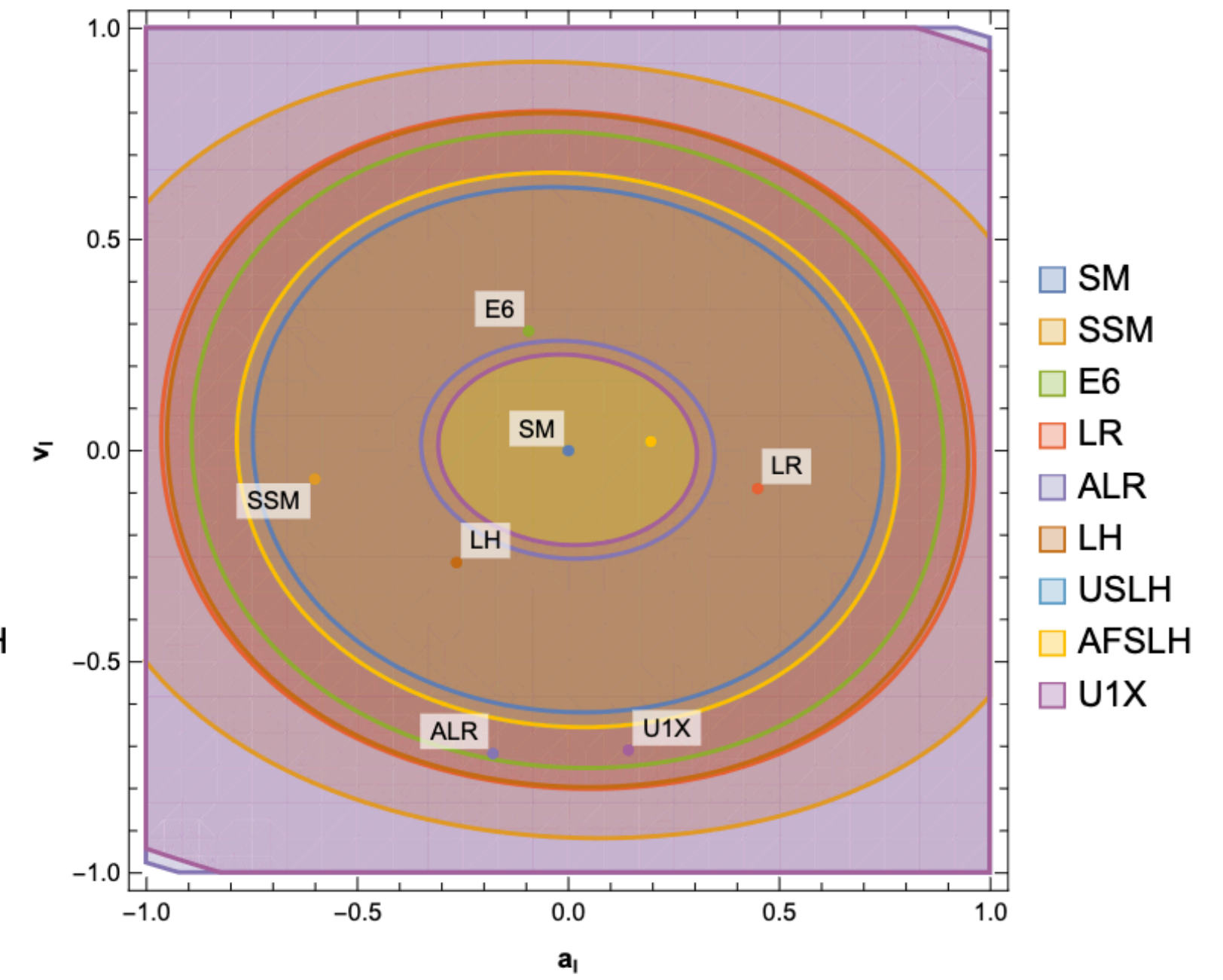
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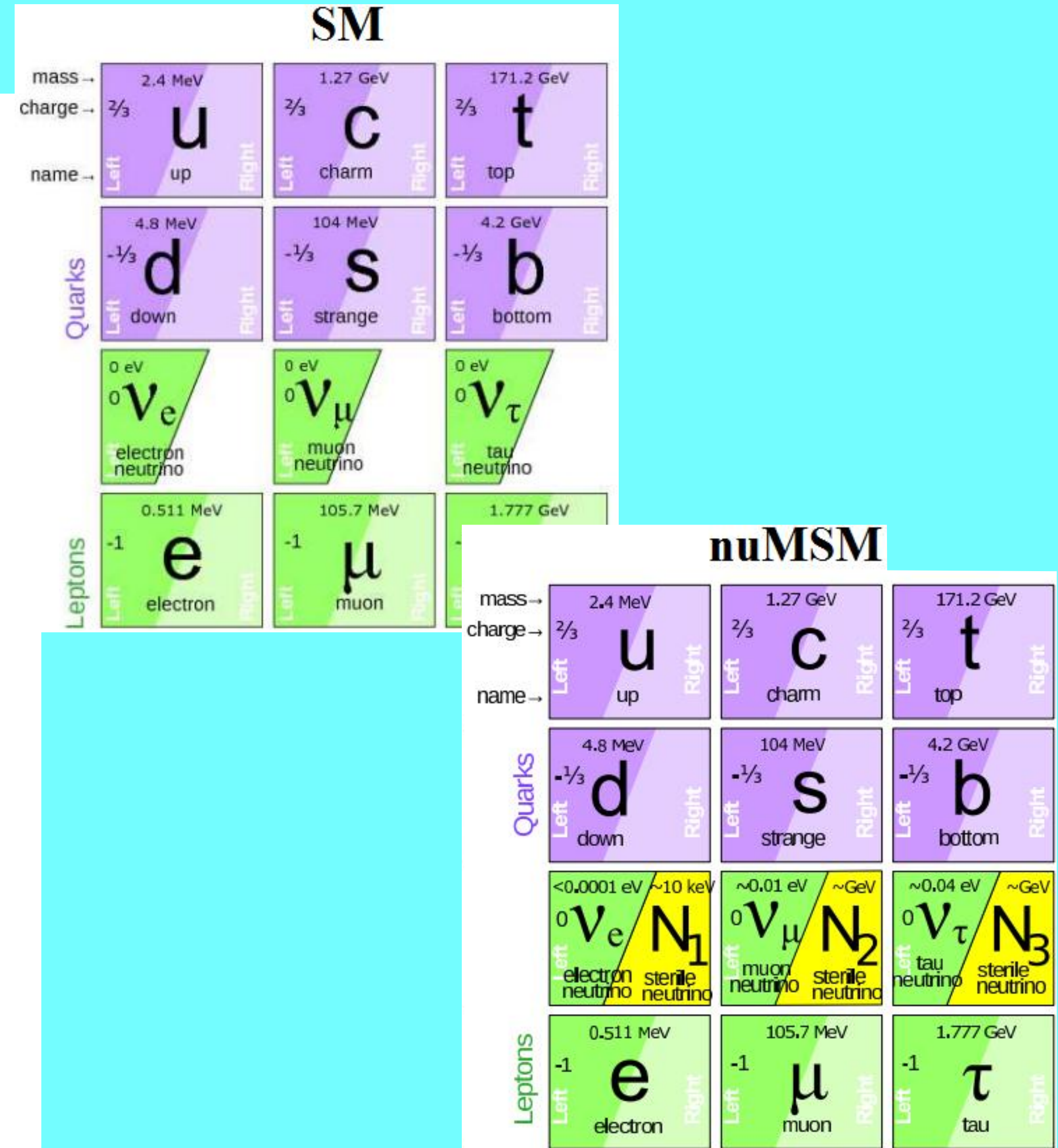
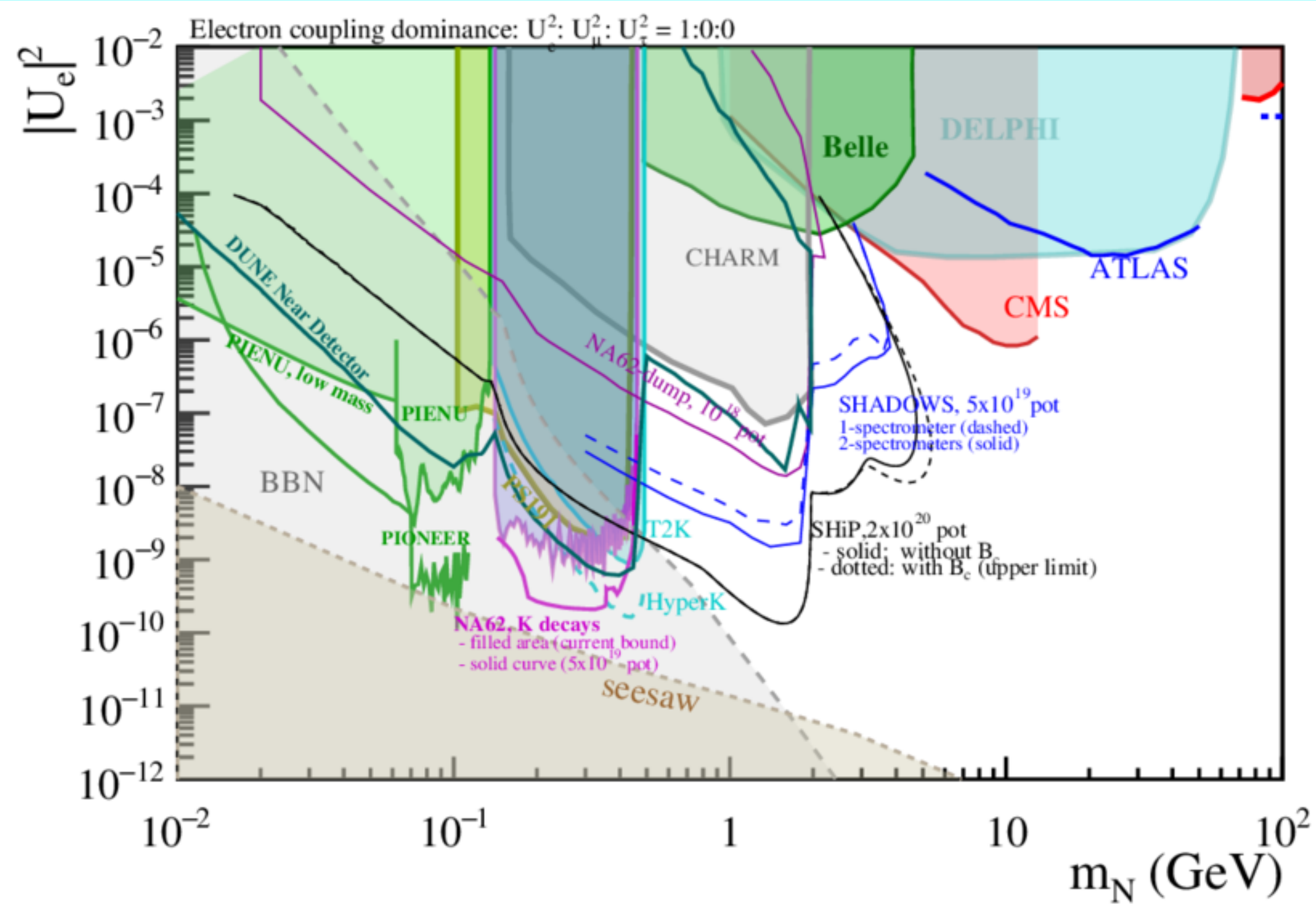
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Systematic uncertainties should be tuned down to the level of ~ 1 per cent

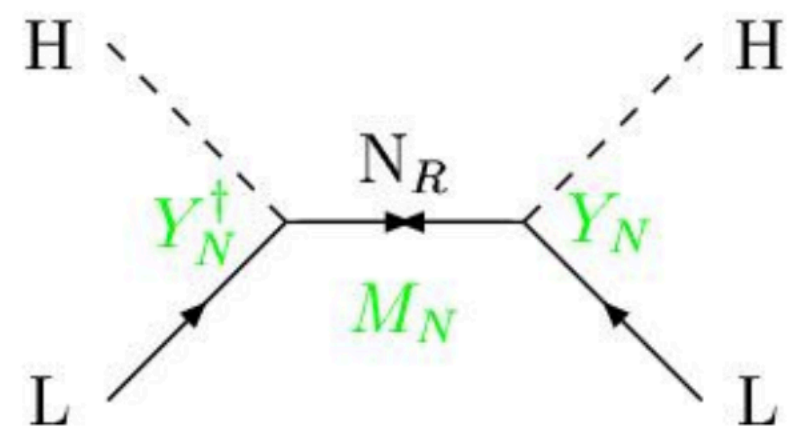
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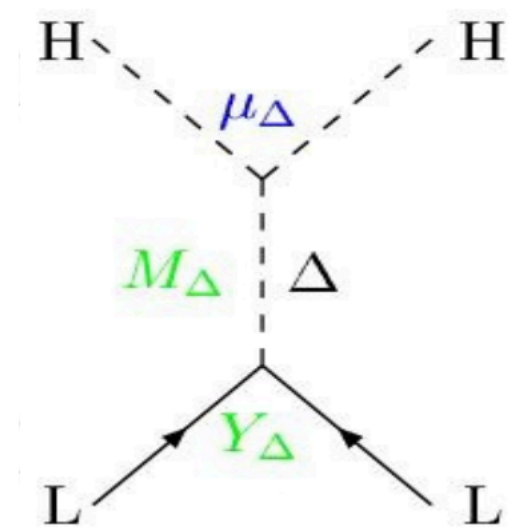
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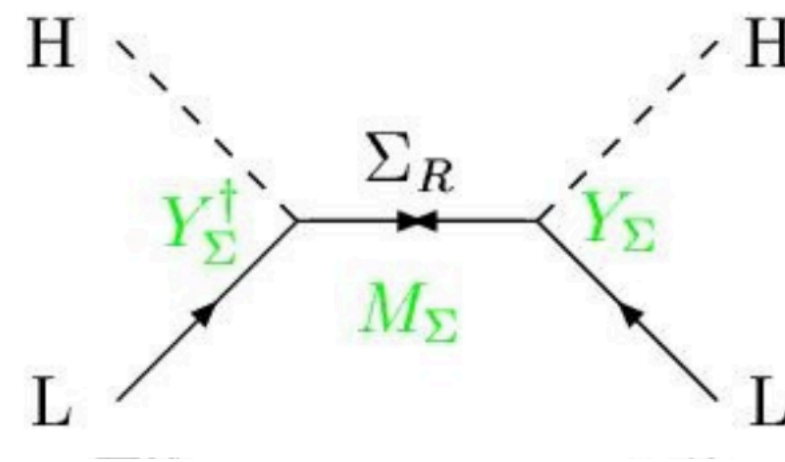
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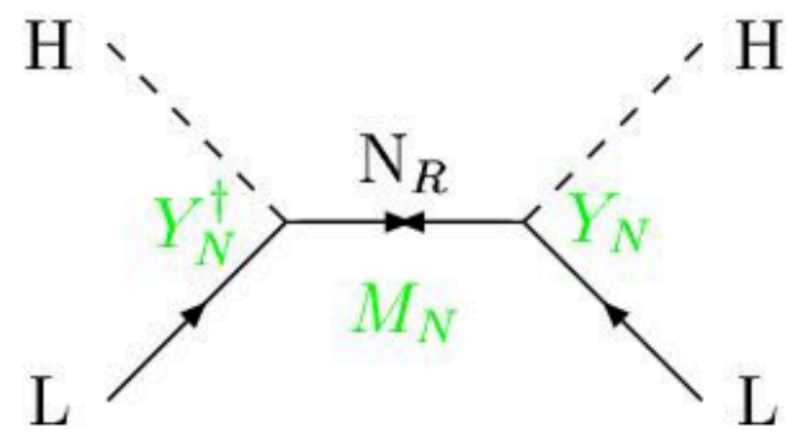
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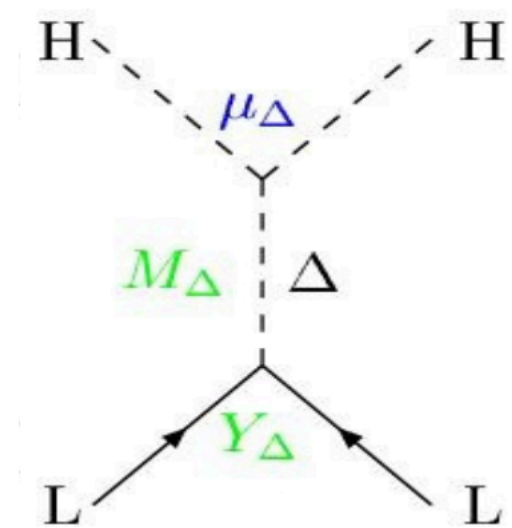
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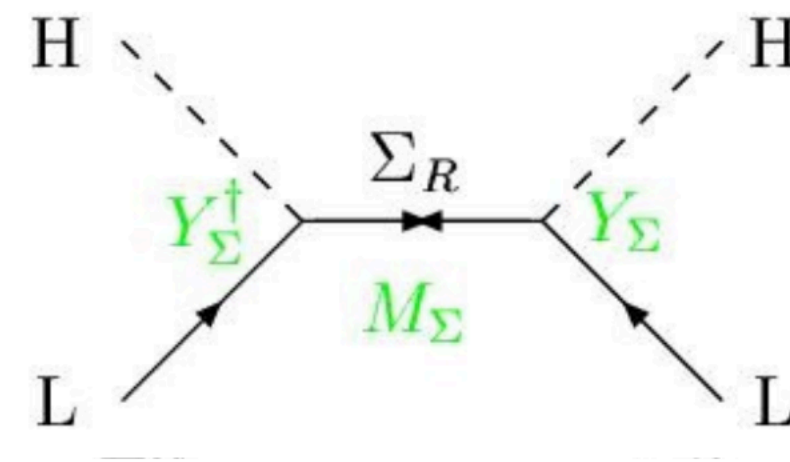
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- Connections to Dark Matter (DM) (?)
- Lepton sector CP violation (?)
- Leptogenesis / Baryogenesis / Baryon Asymmetry of Universe (BAU)
- Lepton Flavor/Number Violation
- Fundamental Majorana Particles (?)



# Simplified neutrino model

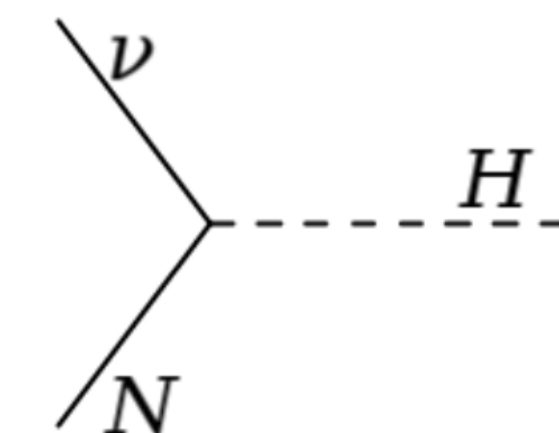
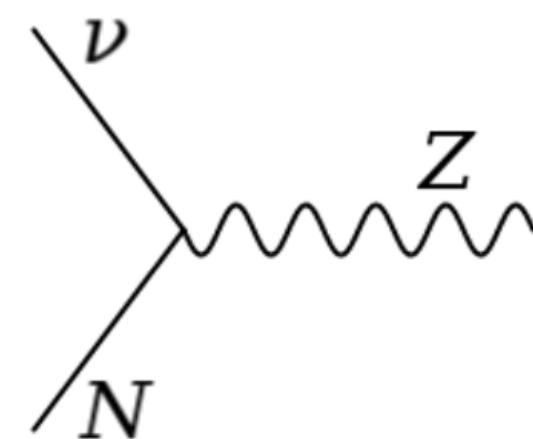
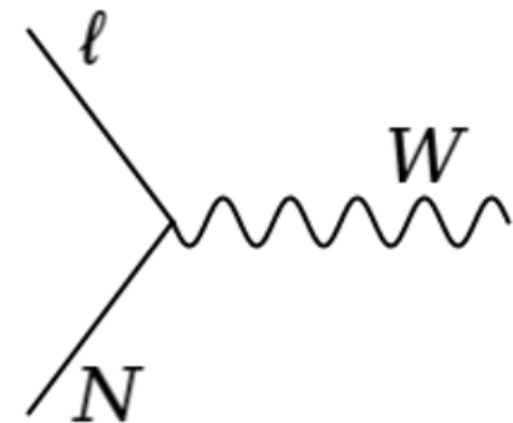
- Simplified model with right-handed ( $\nu$ SM) and sterile neutrinos
- After EWSB heavy (sterile) neutrinos do mix with  $\nu$ SM neutrinos
- Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_N + \mathcal{L}_{WN\ell} + \mathcal{L}_{ZN\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{HN\nu}$

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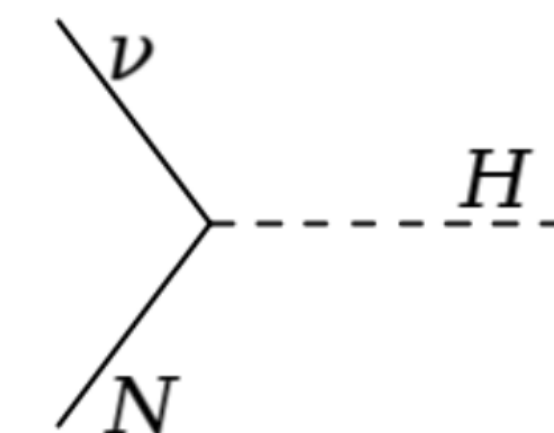
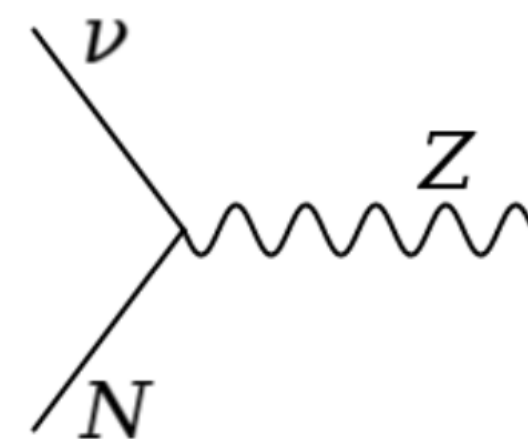
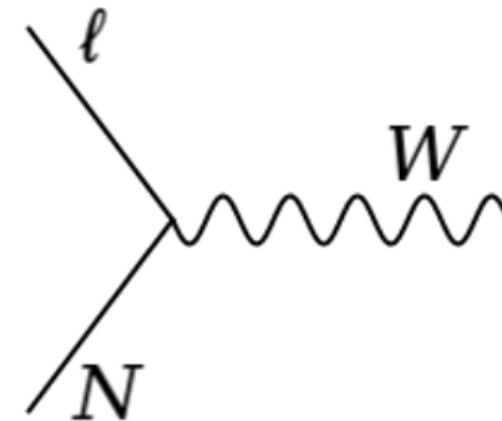
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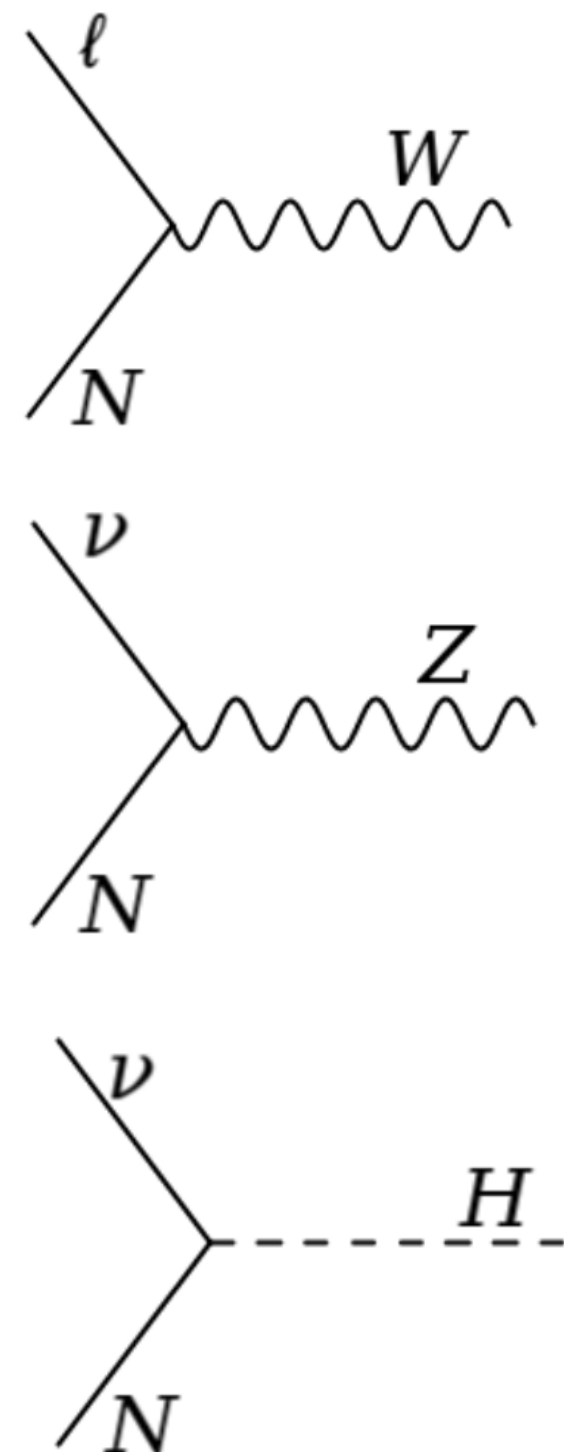
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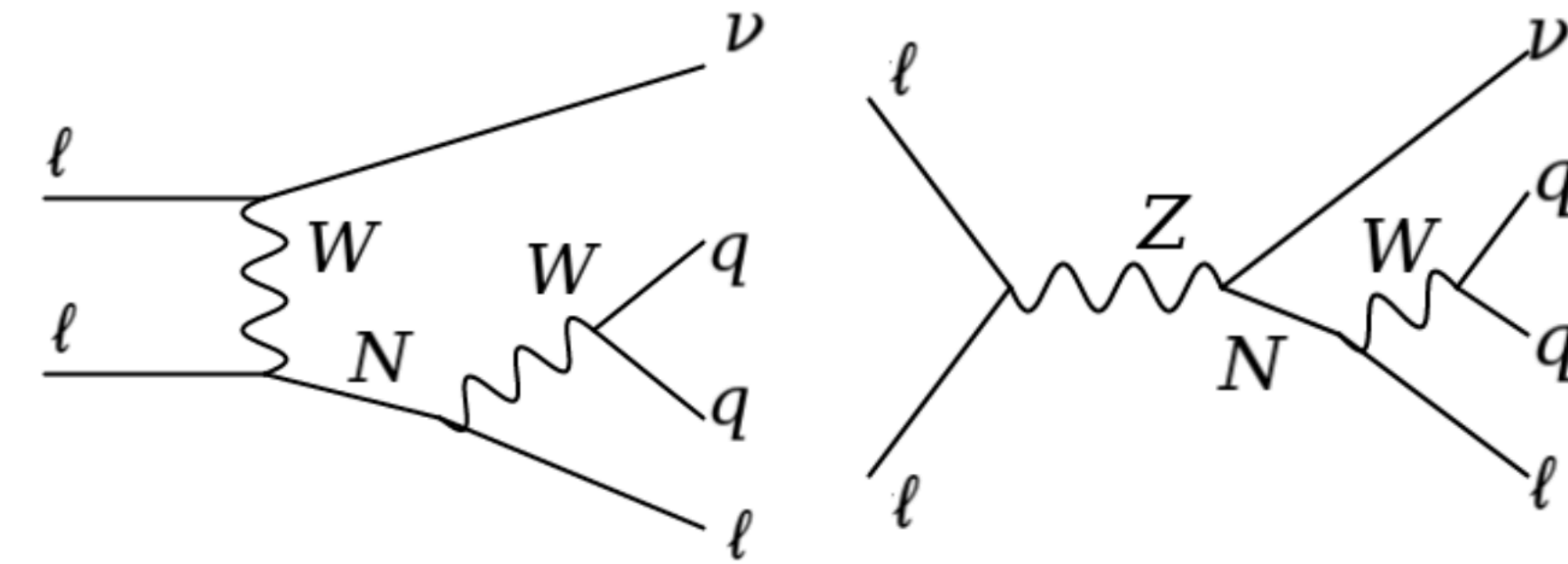
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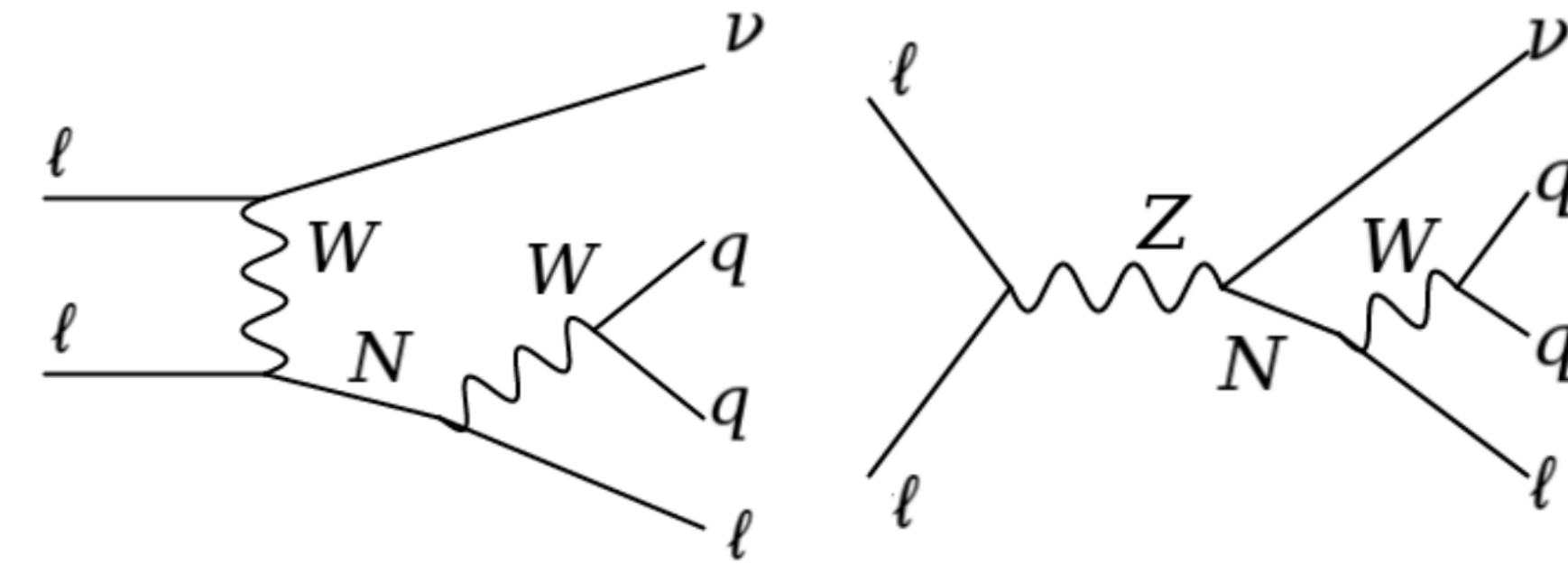
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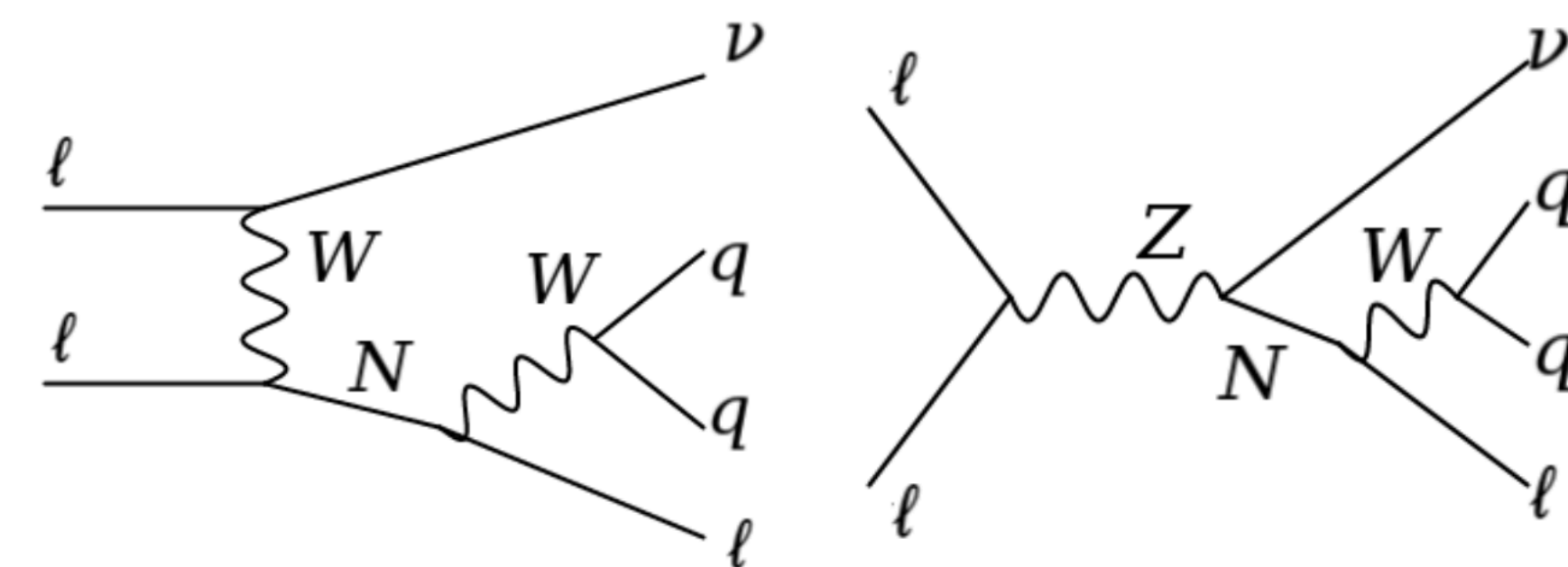


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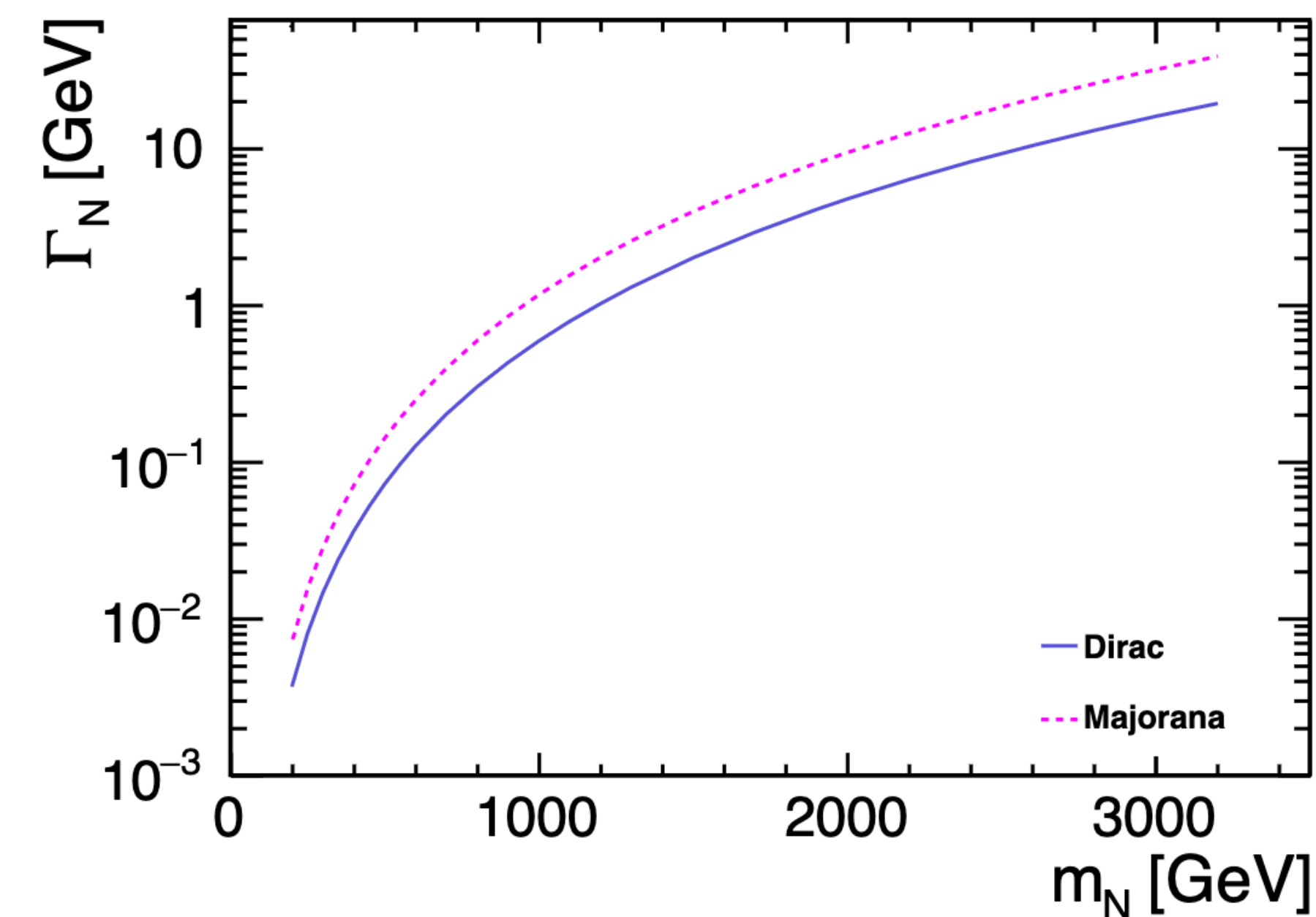
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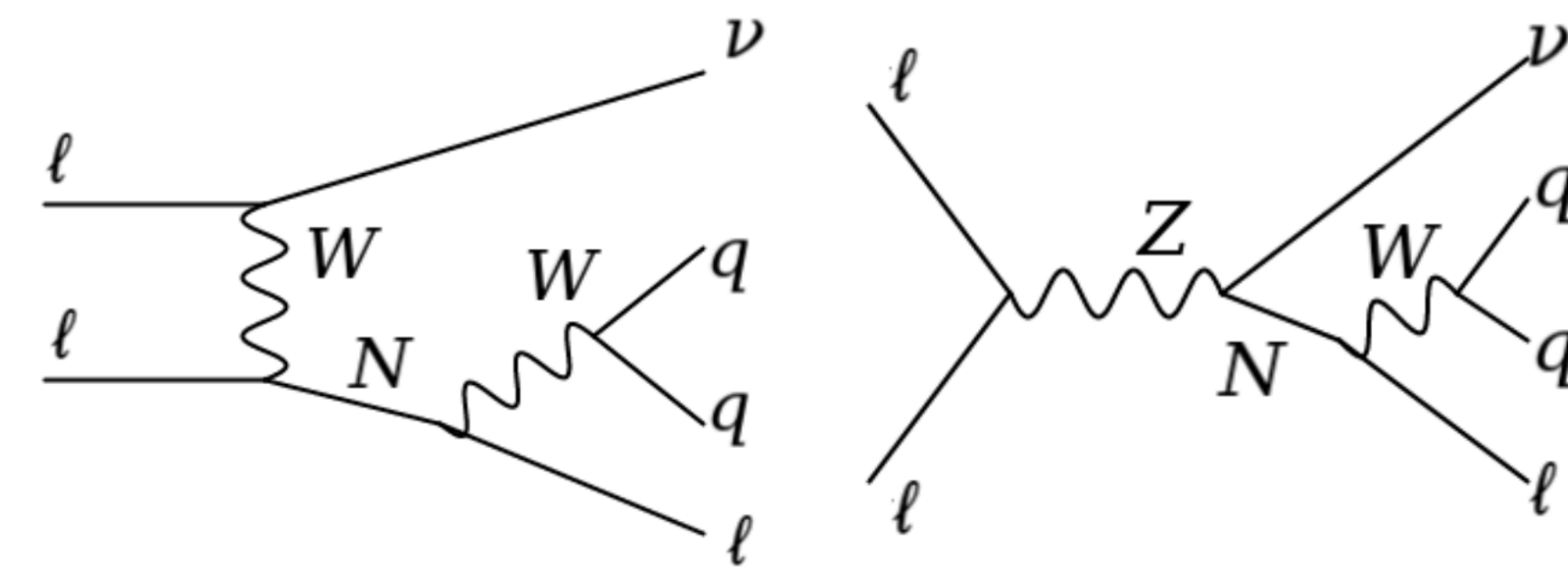
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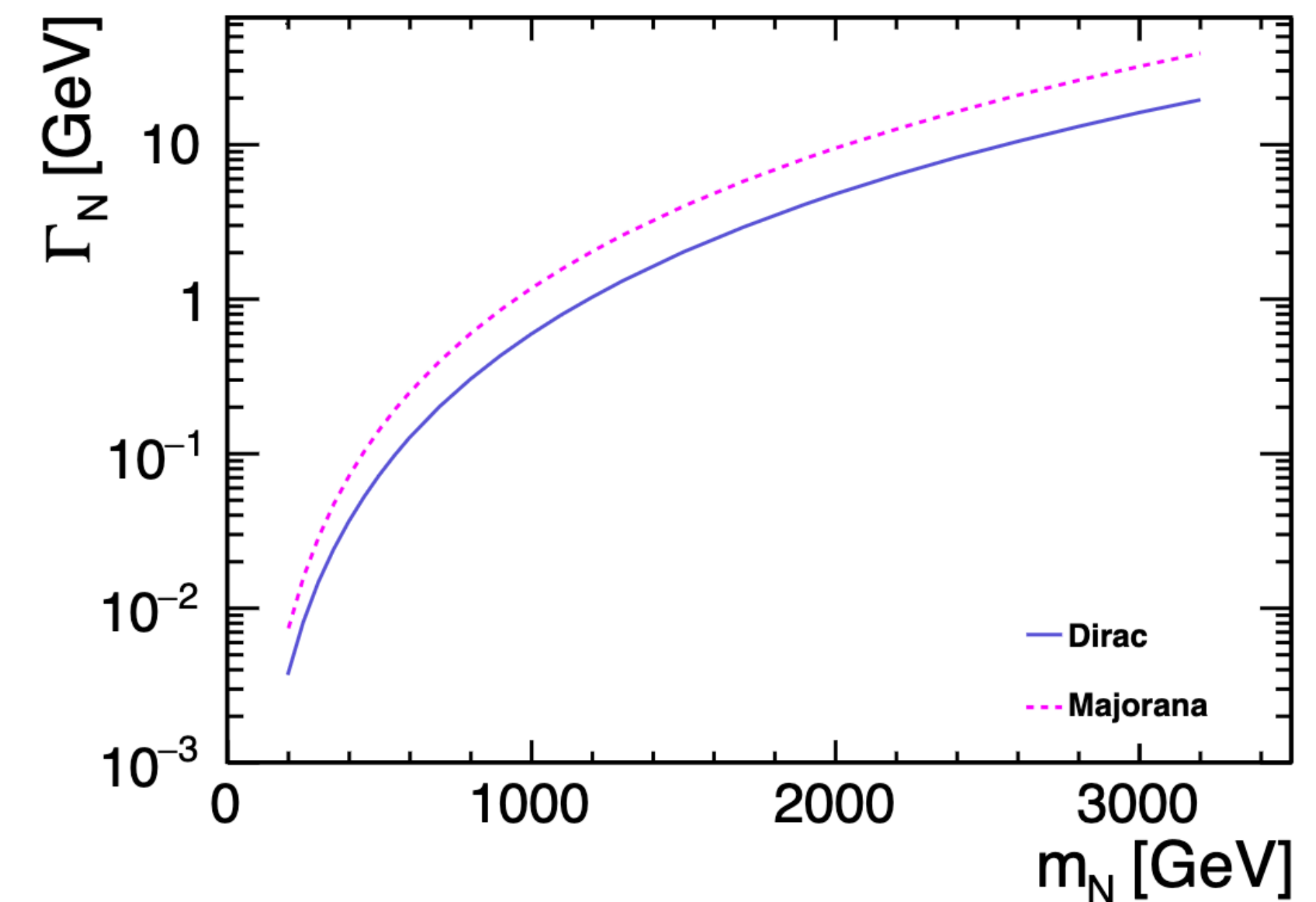
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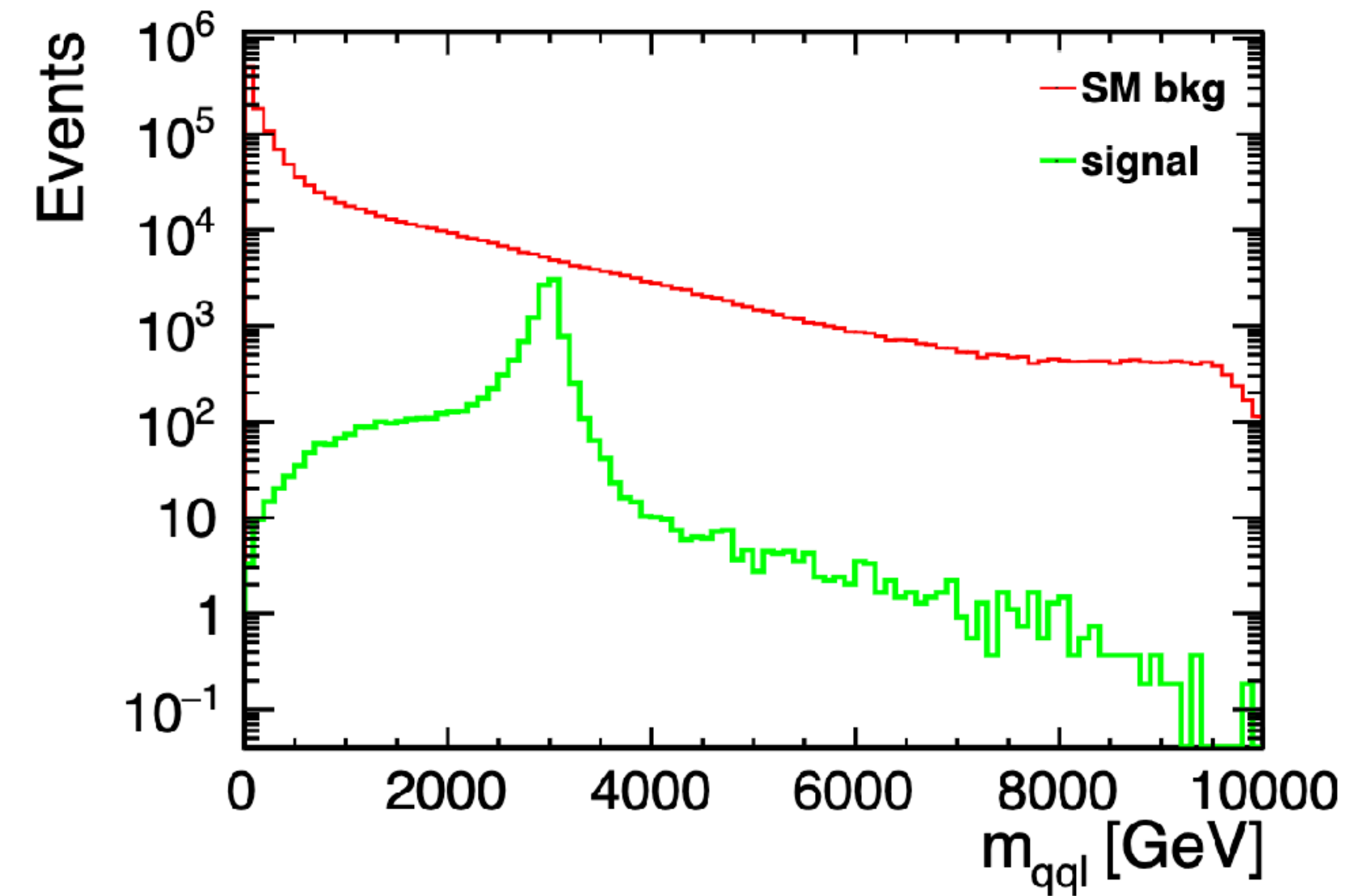
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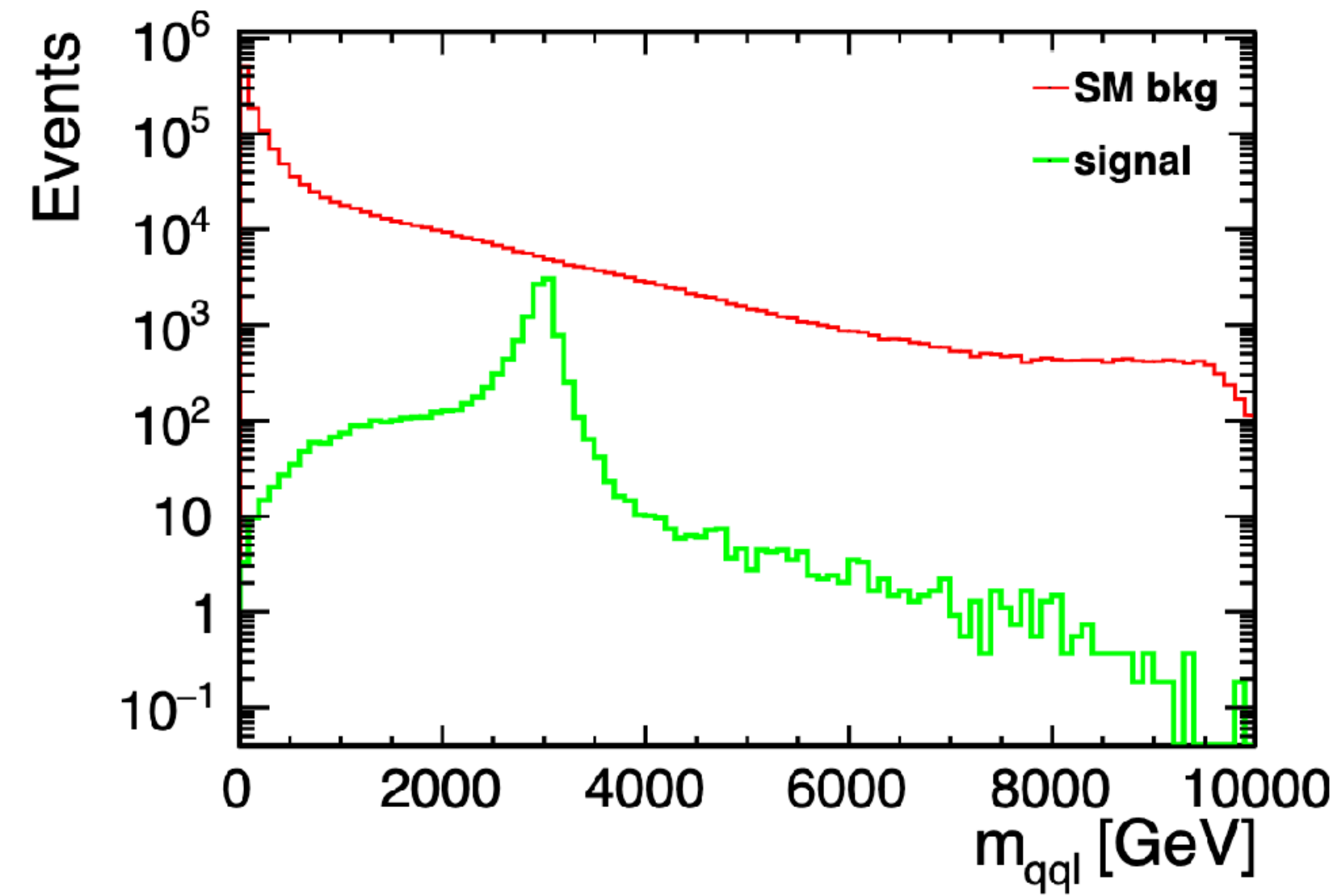
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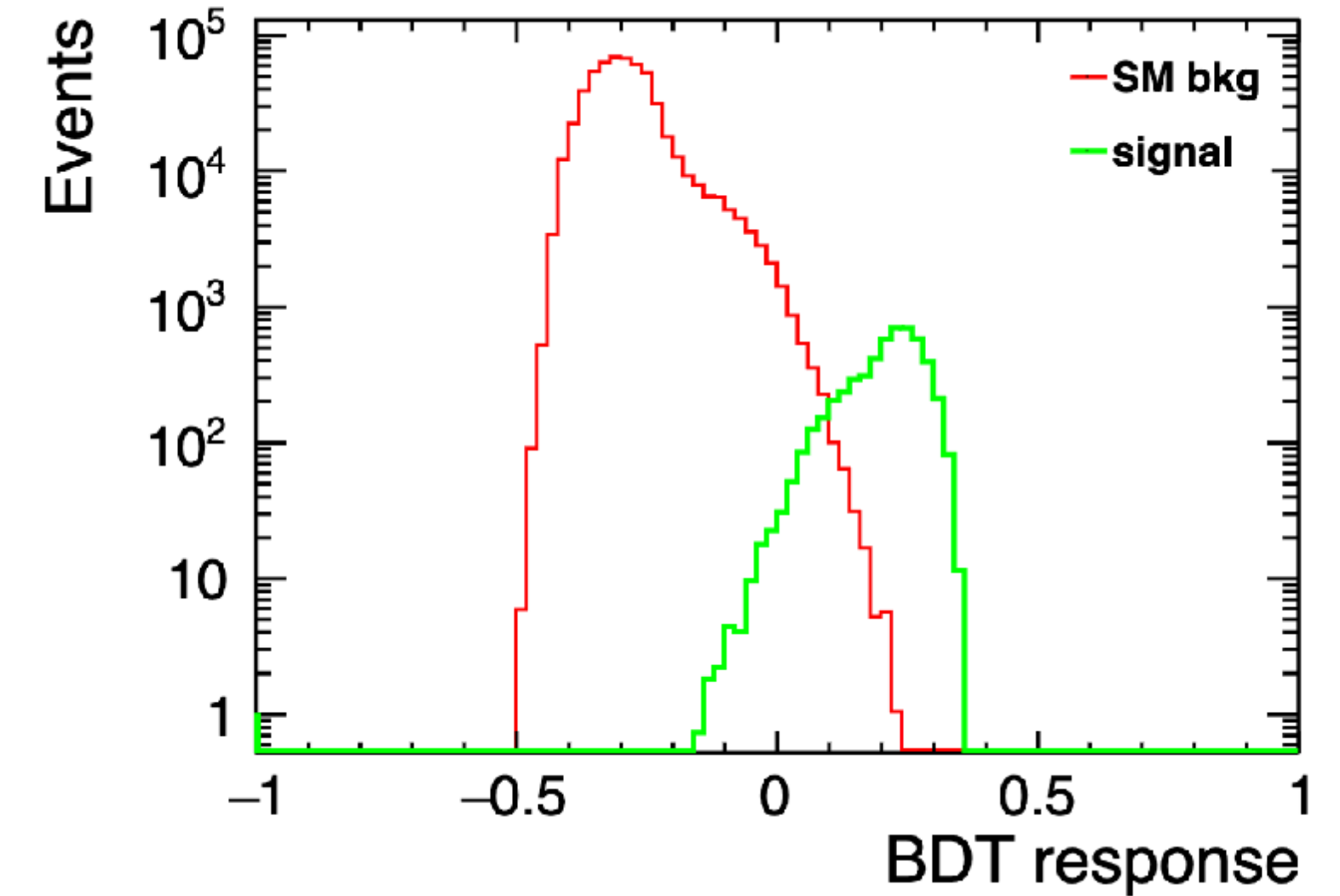
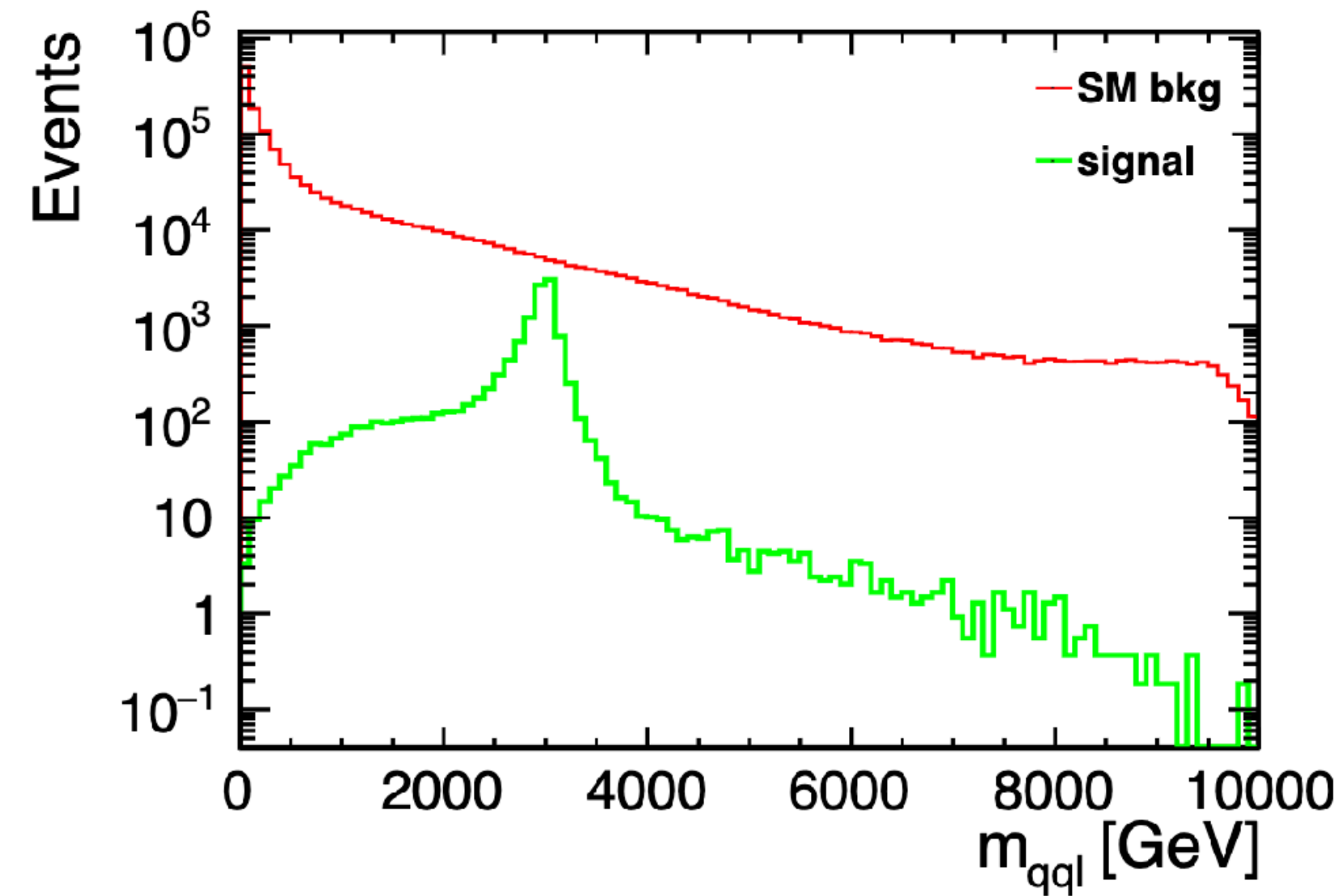


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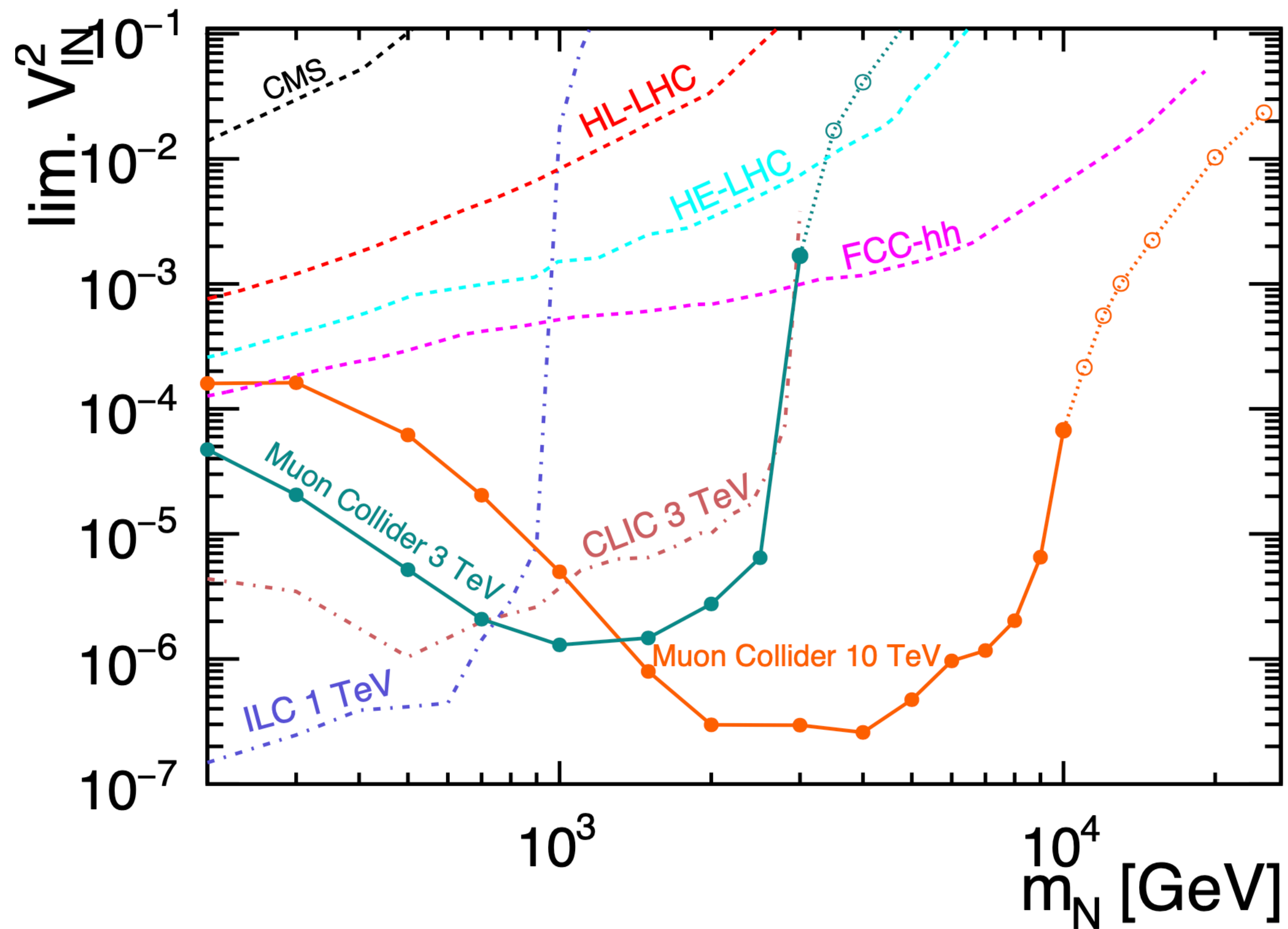


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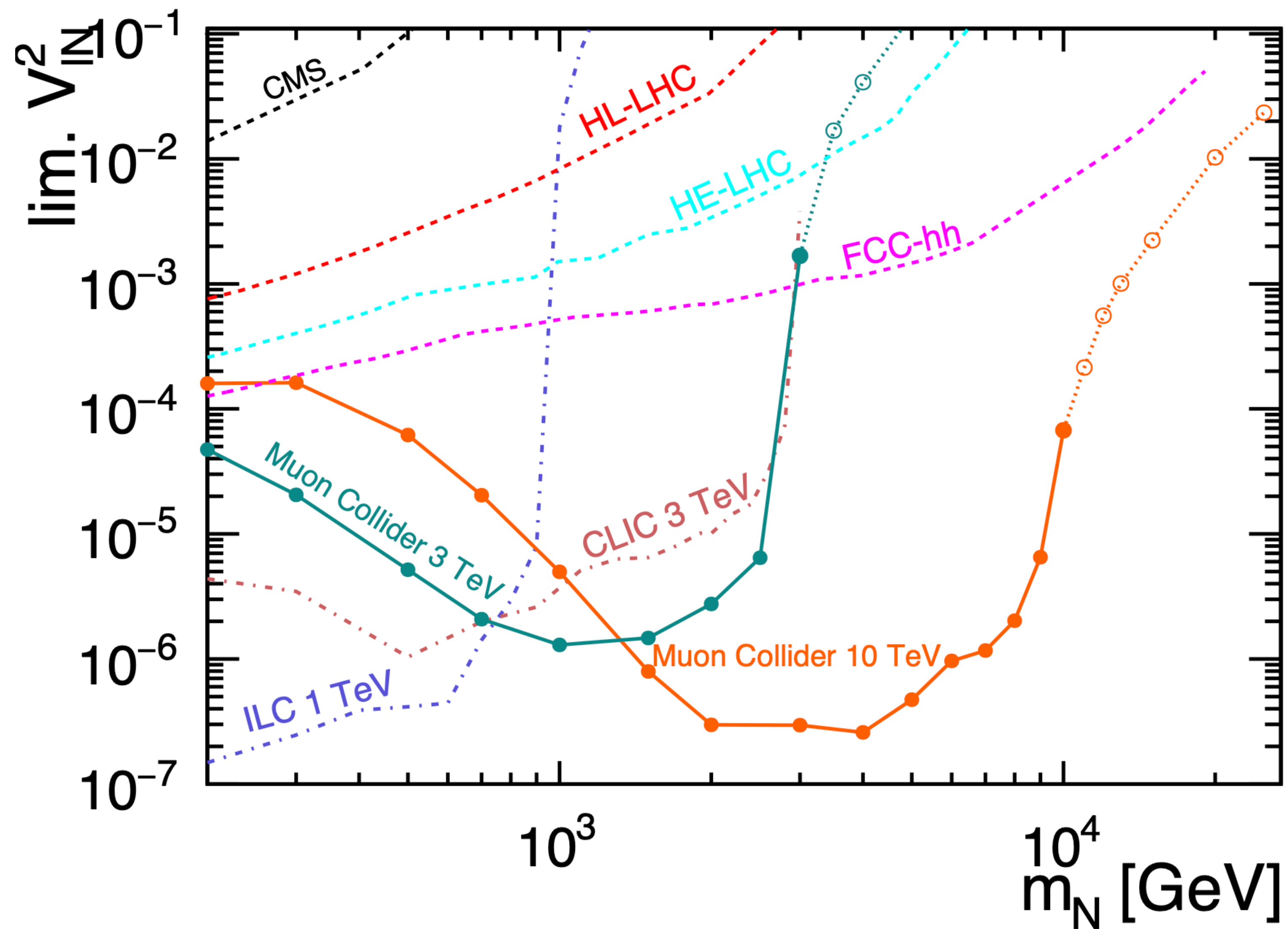


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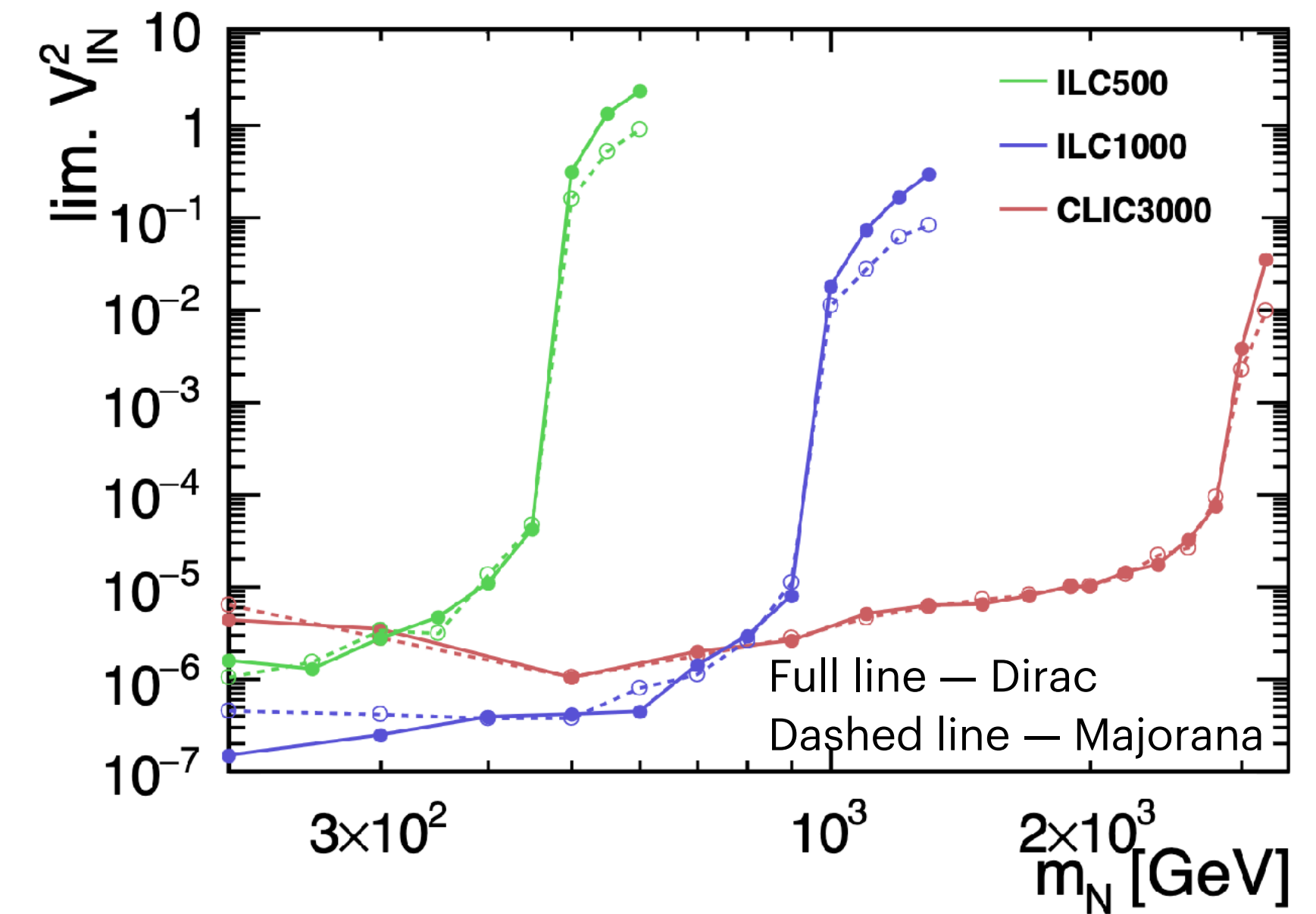
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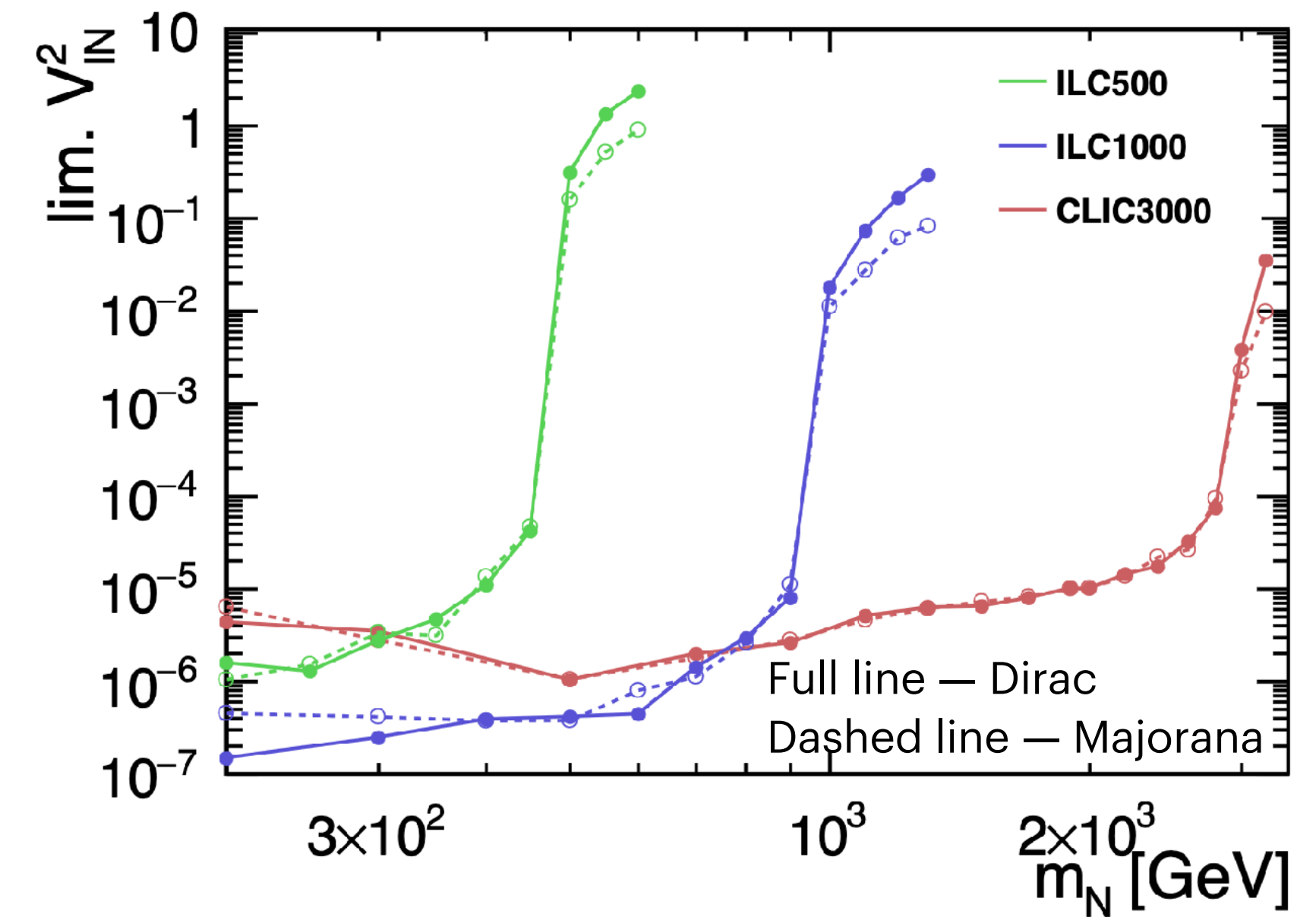
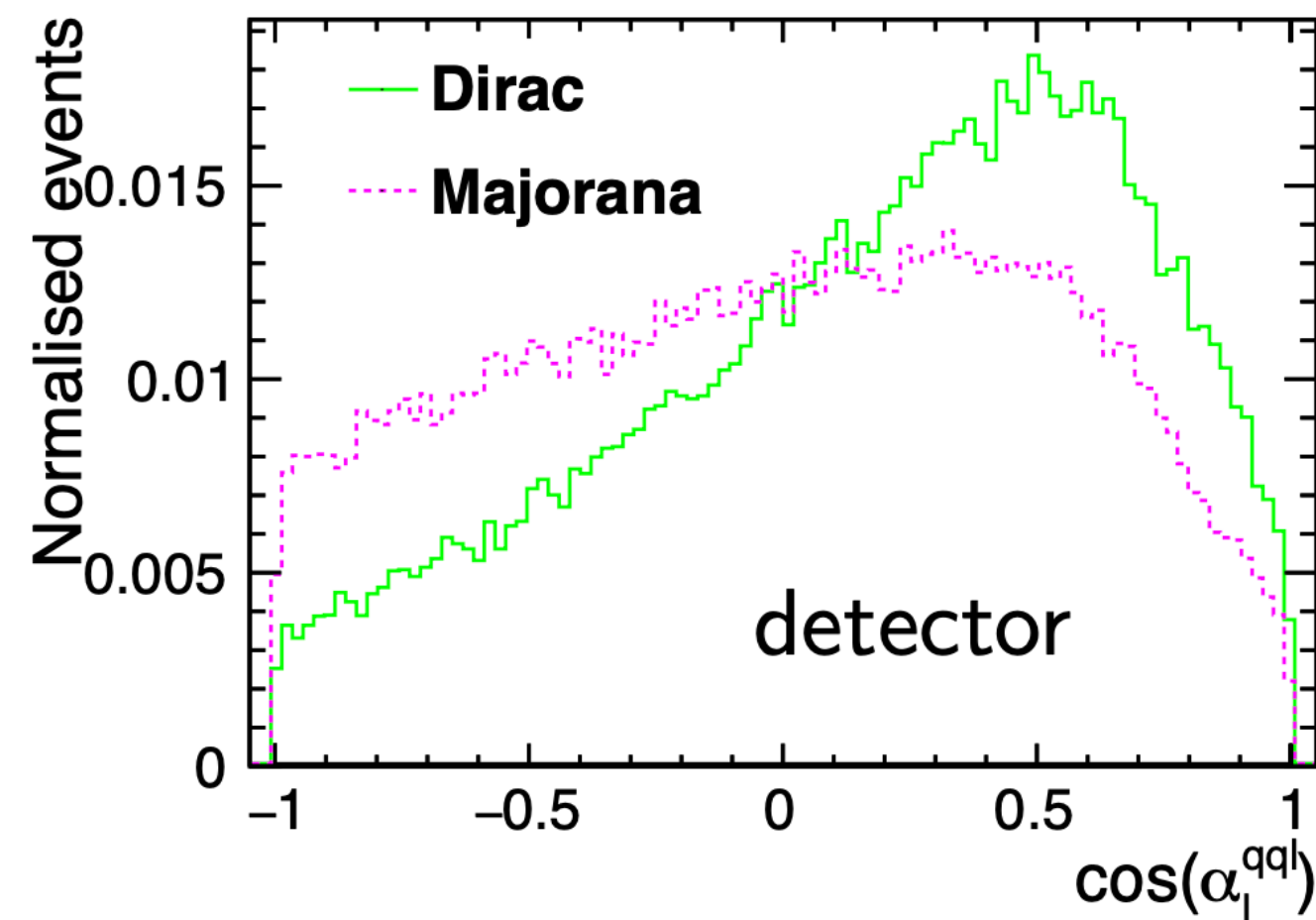
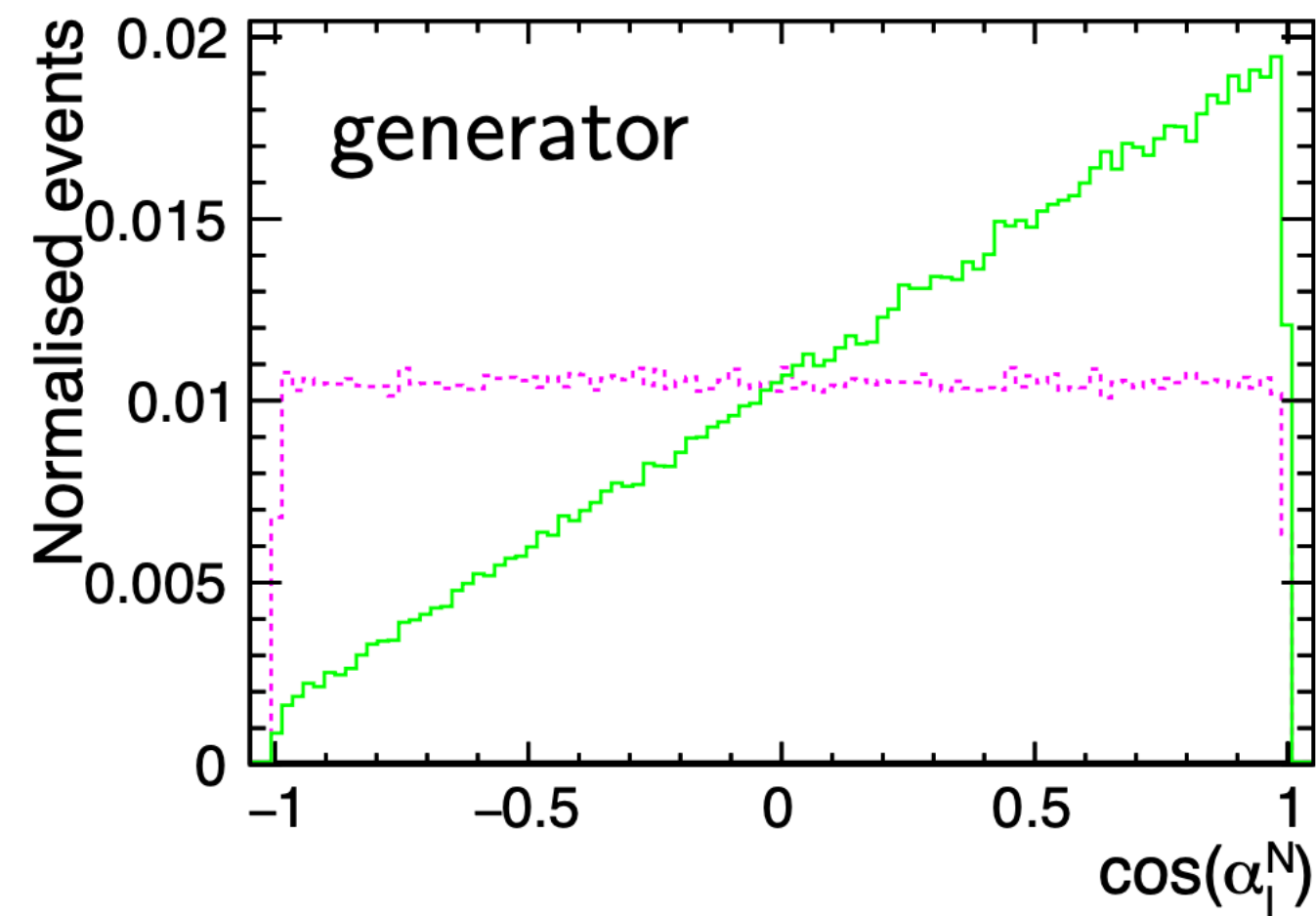
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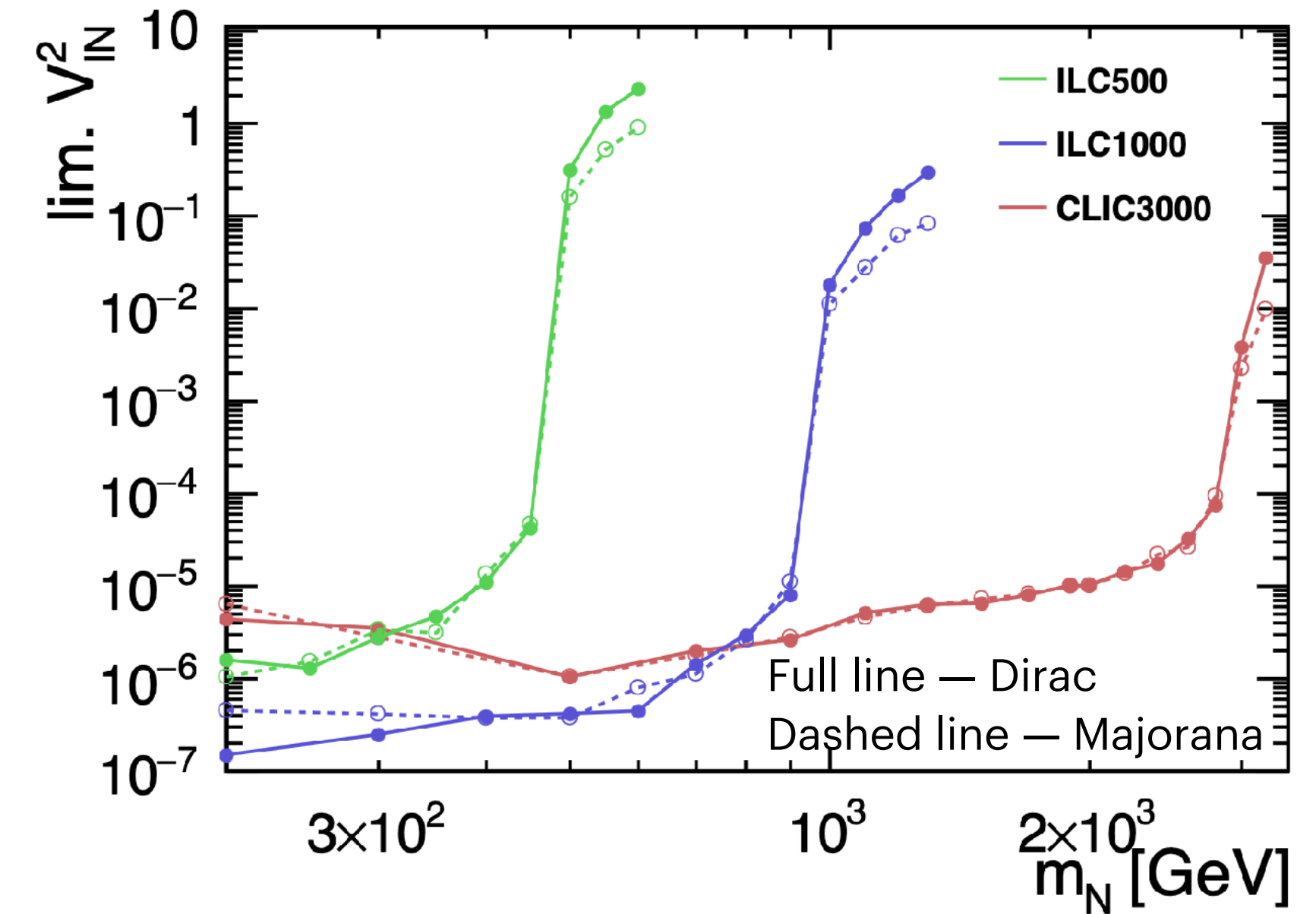
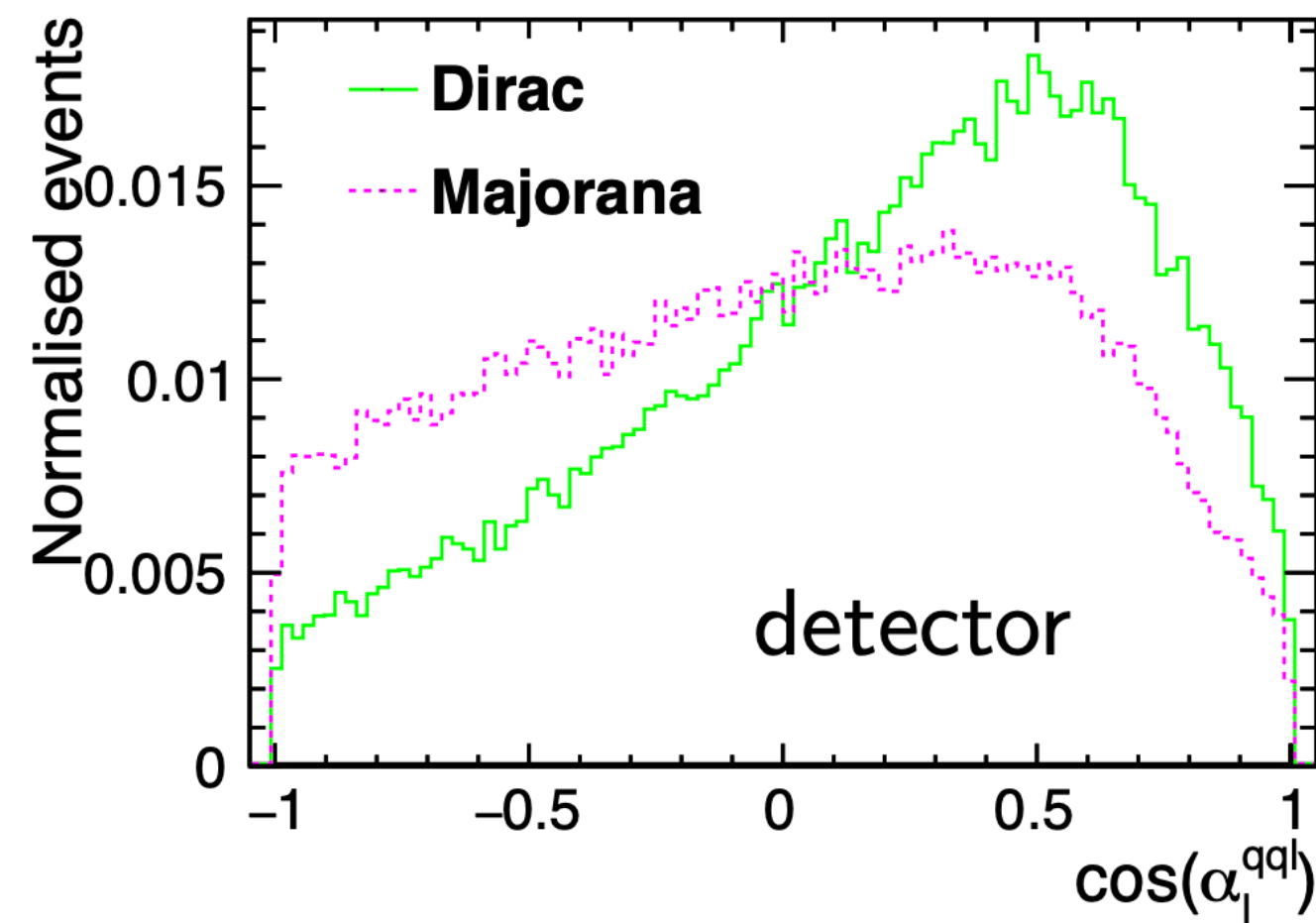
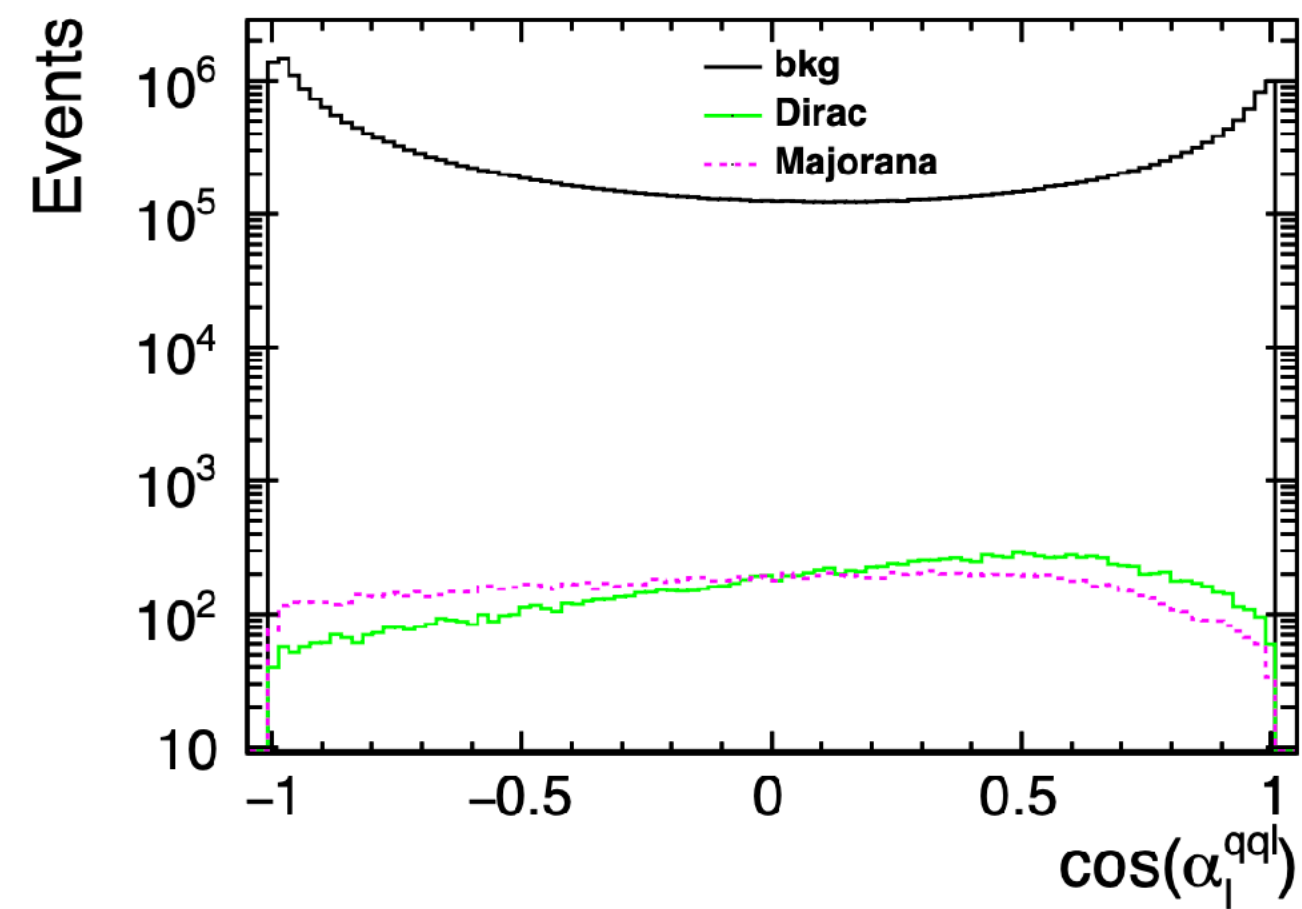
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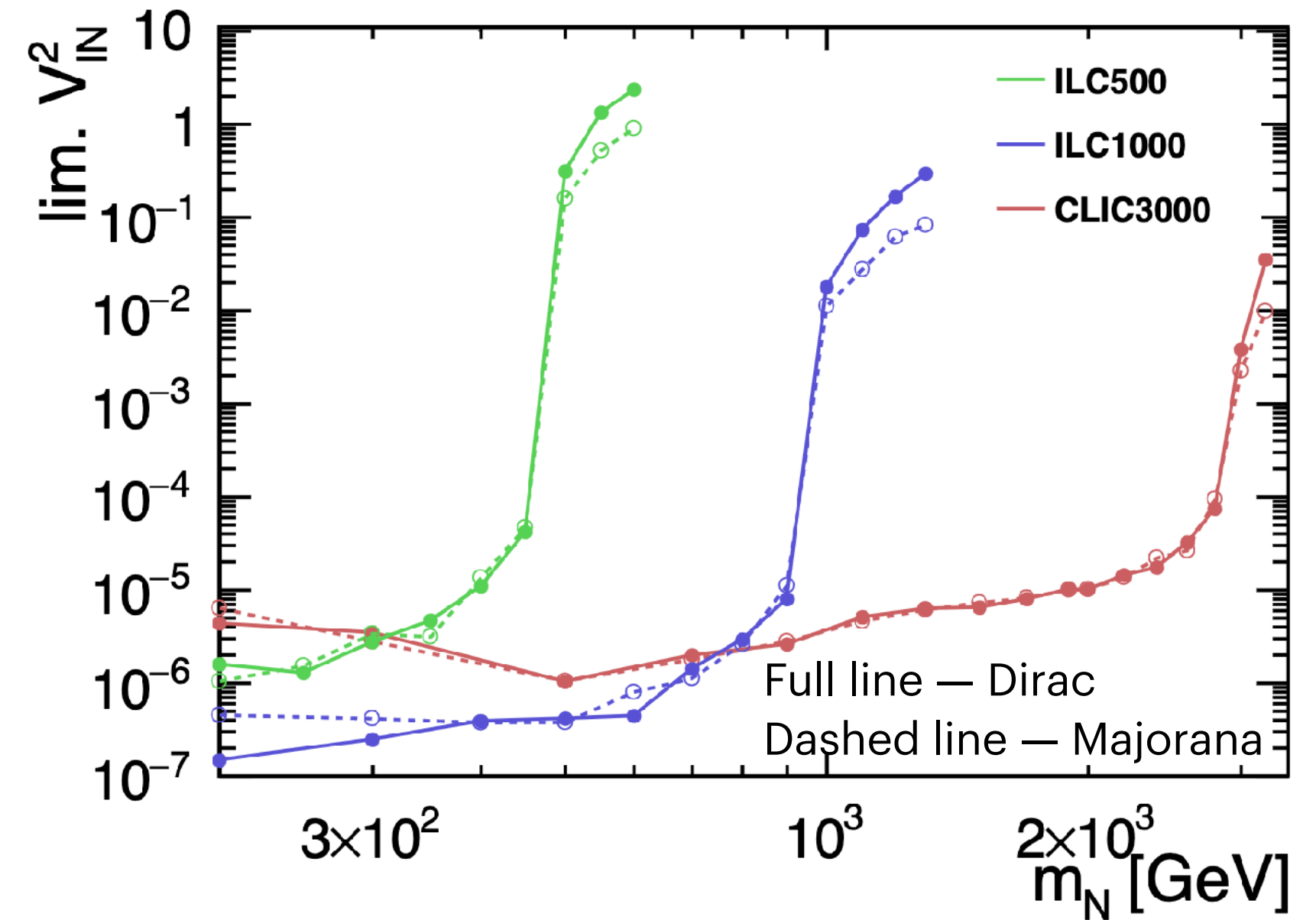
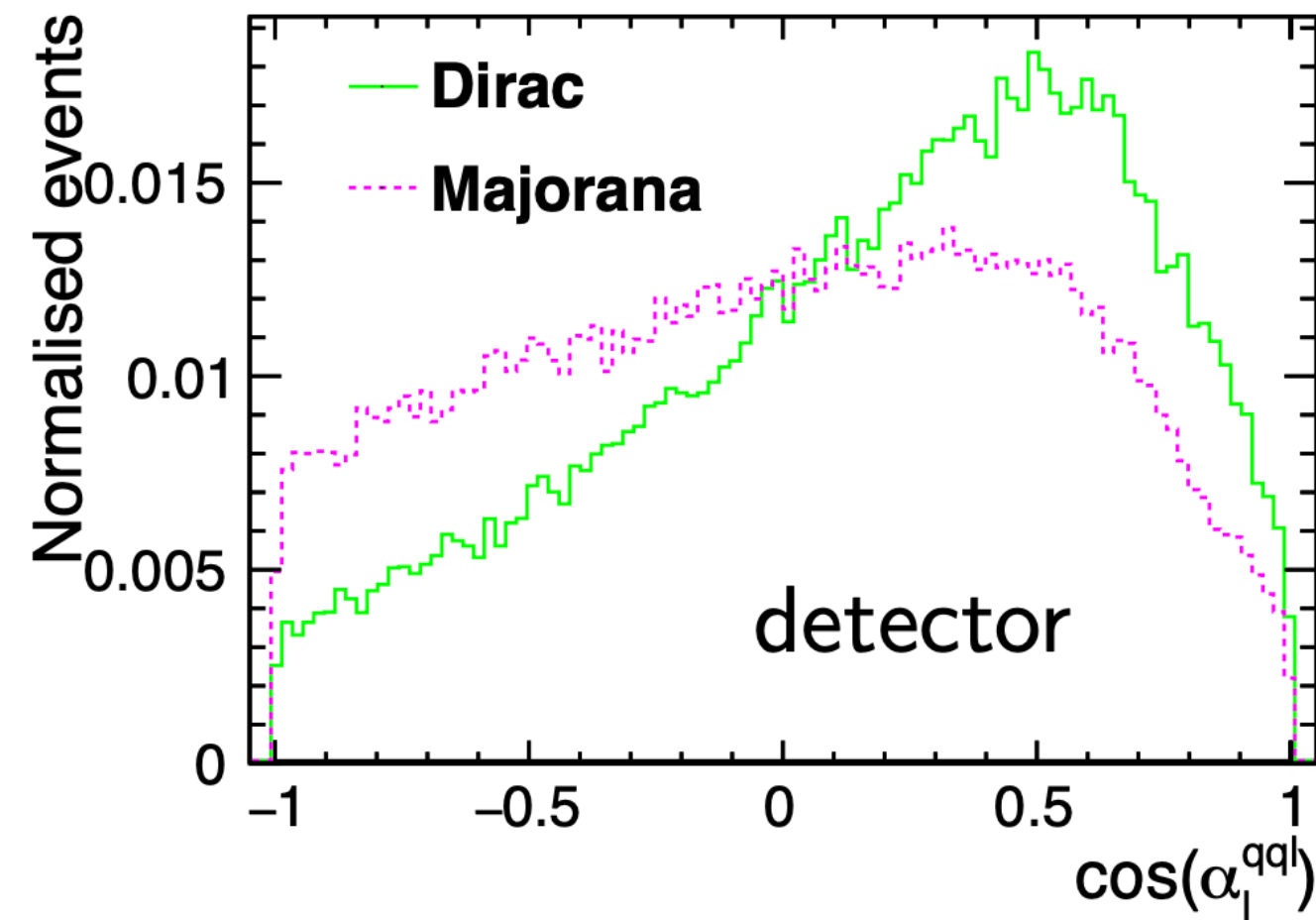
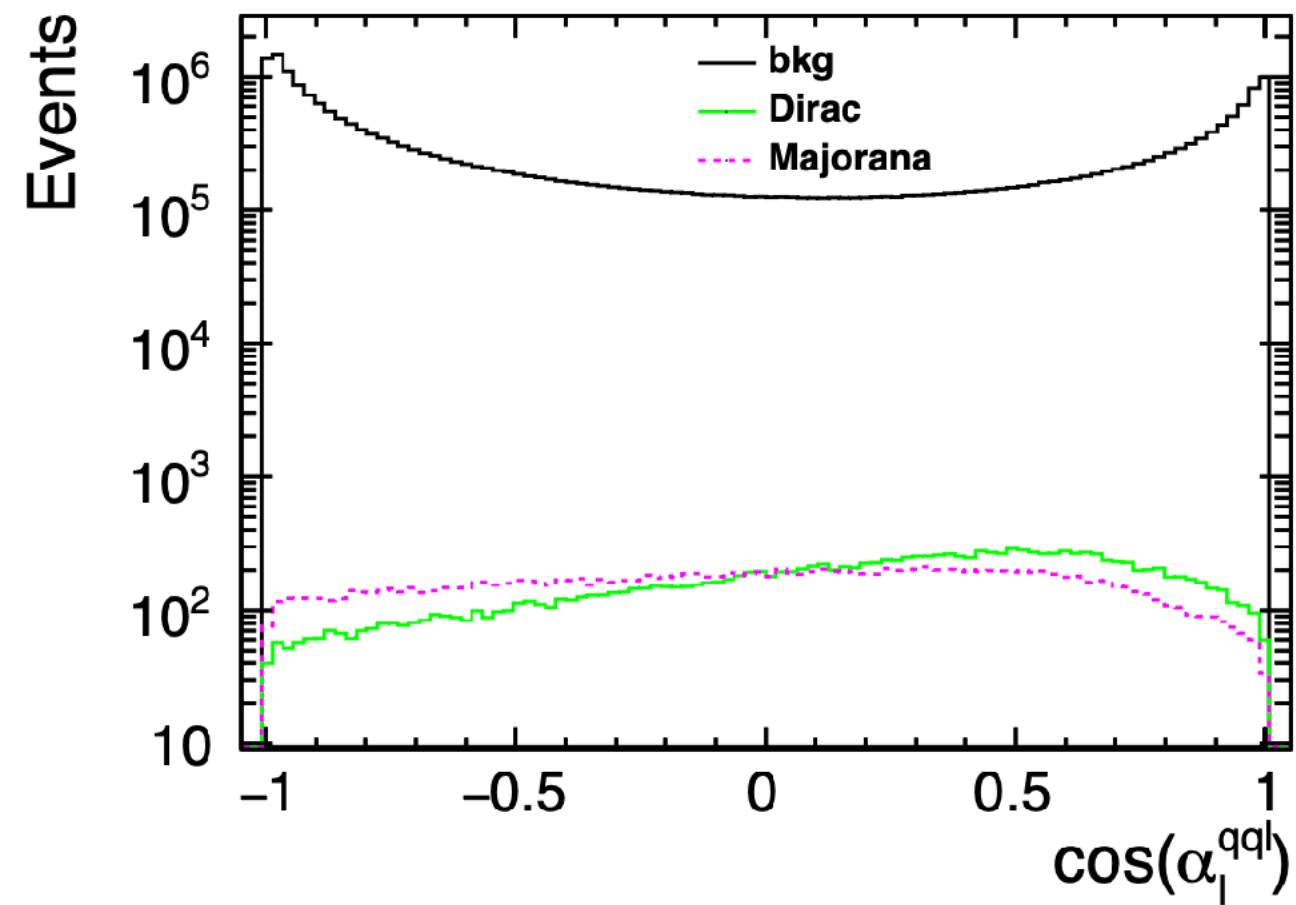
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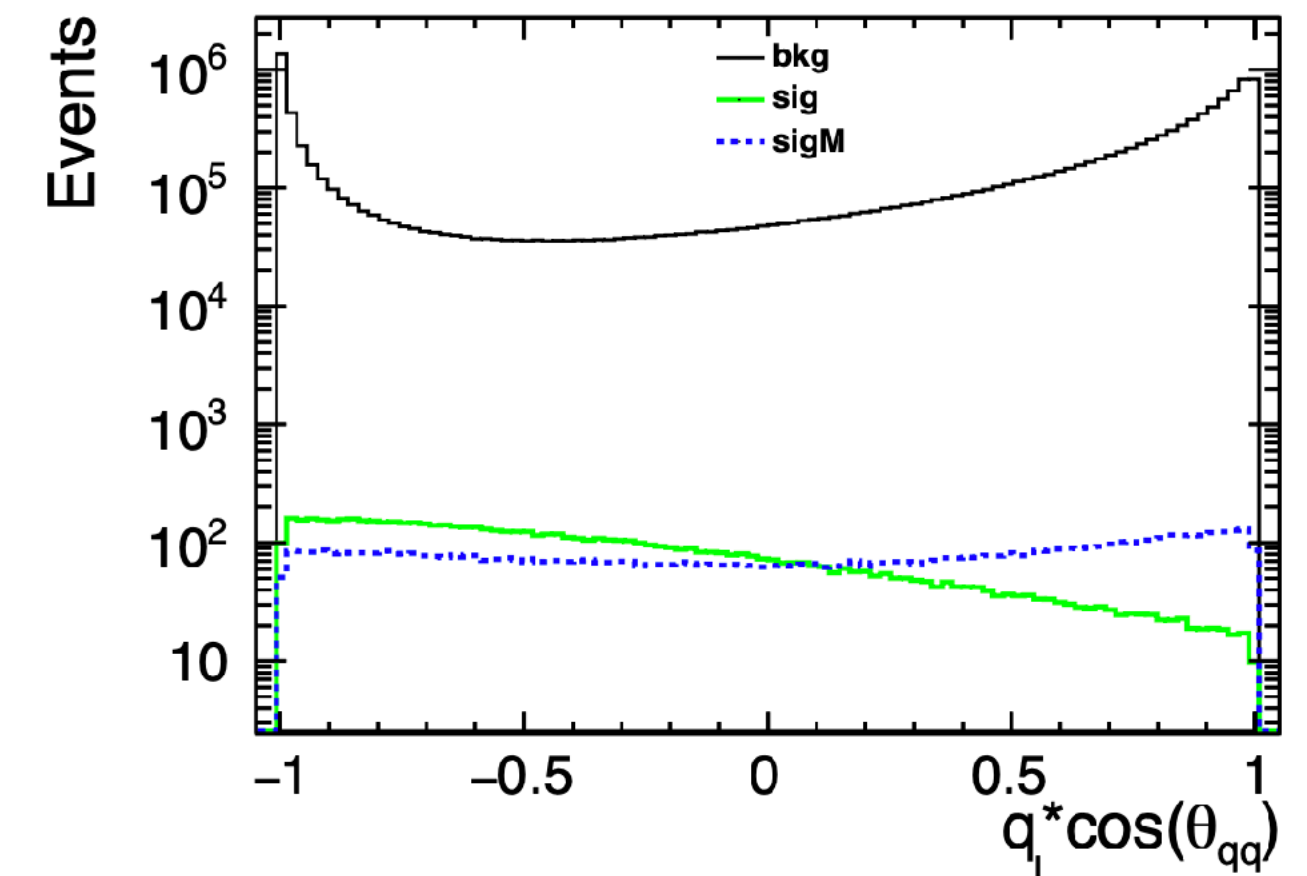
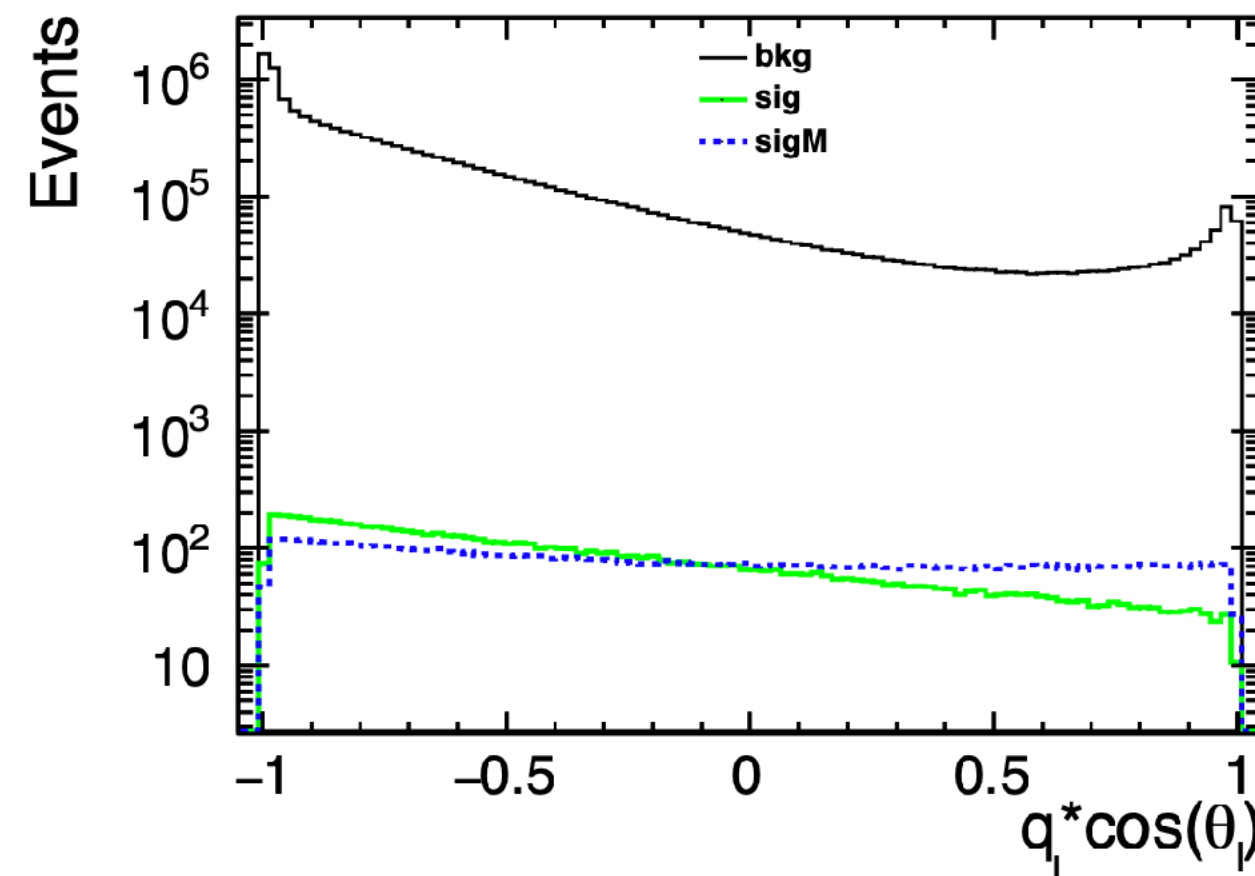
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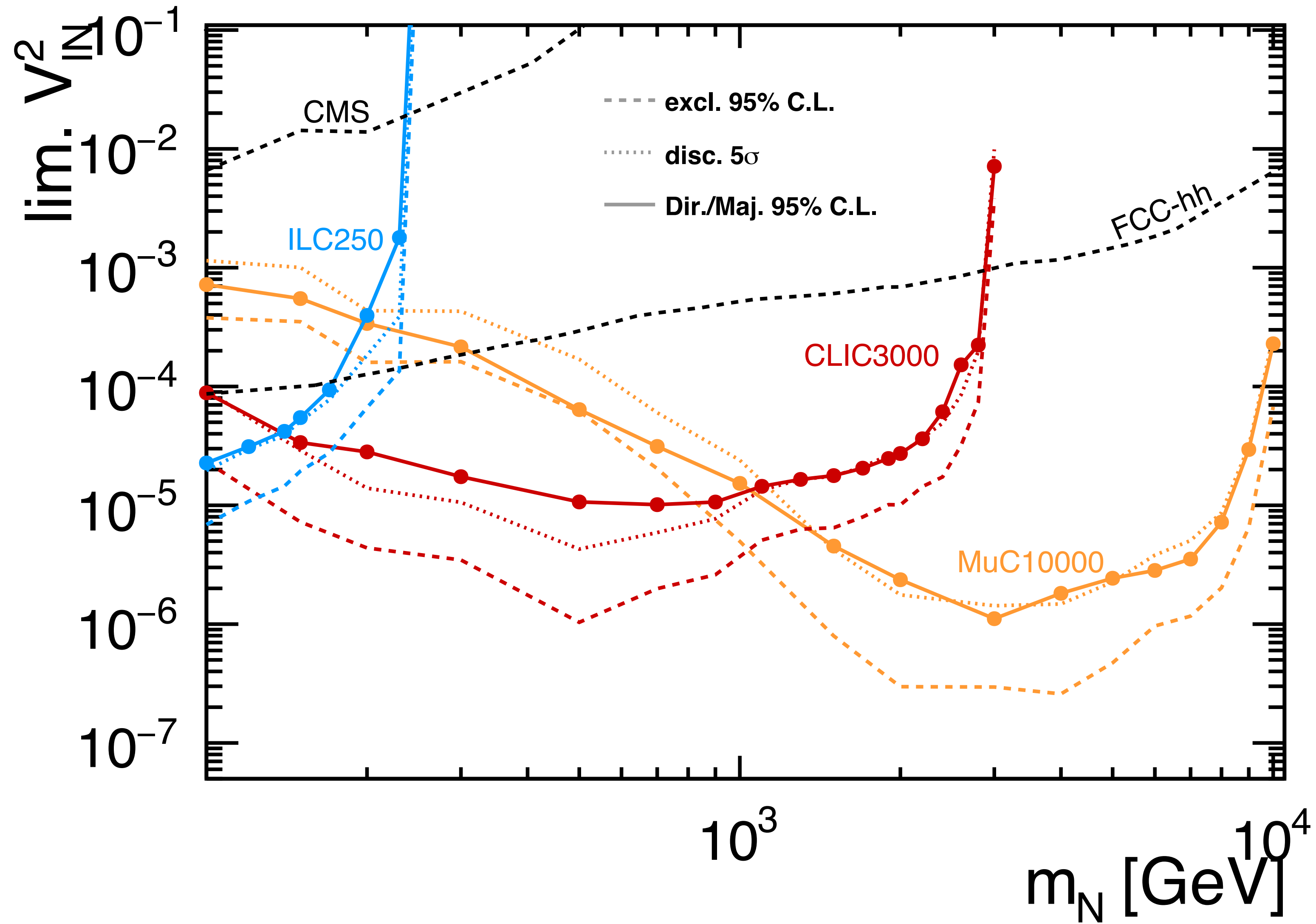


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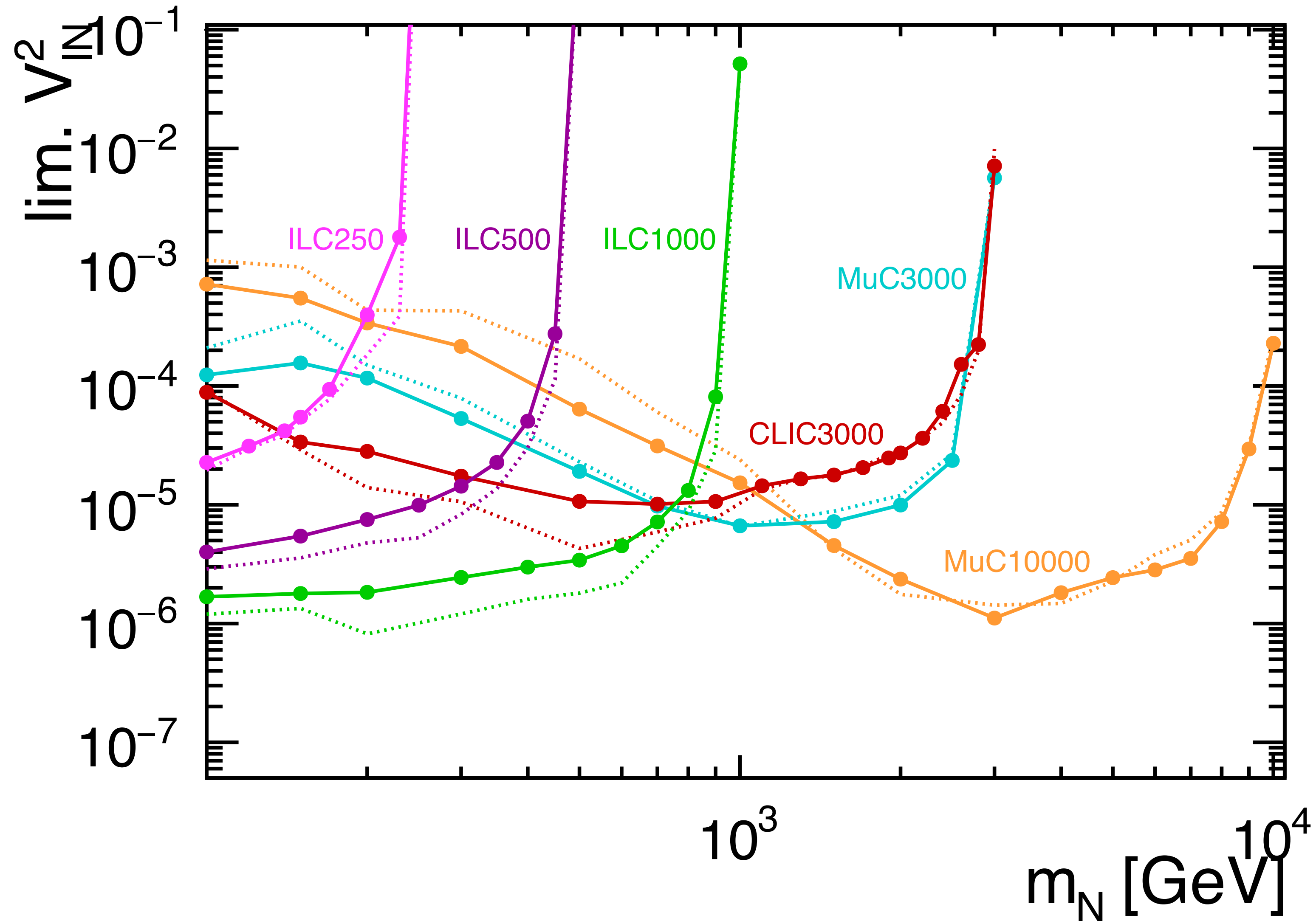


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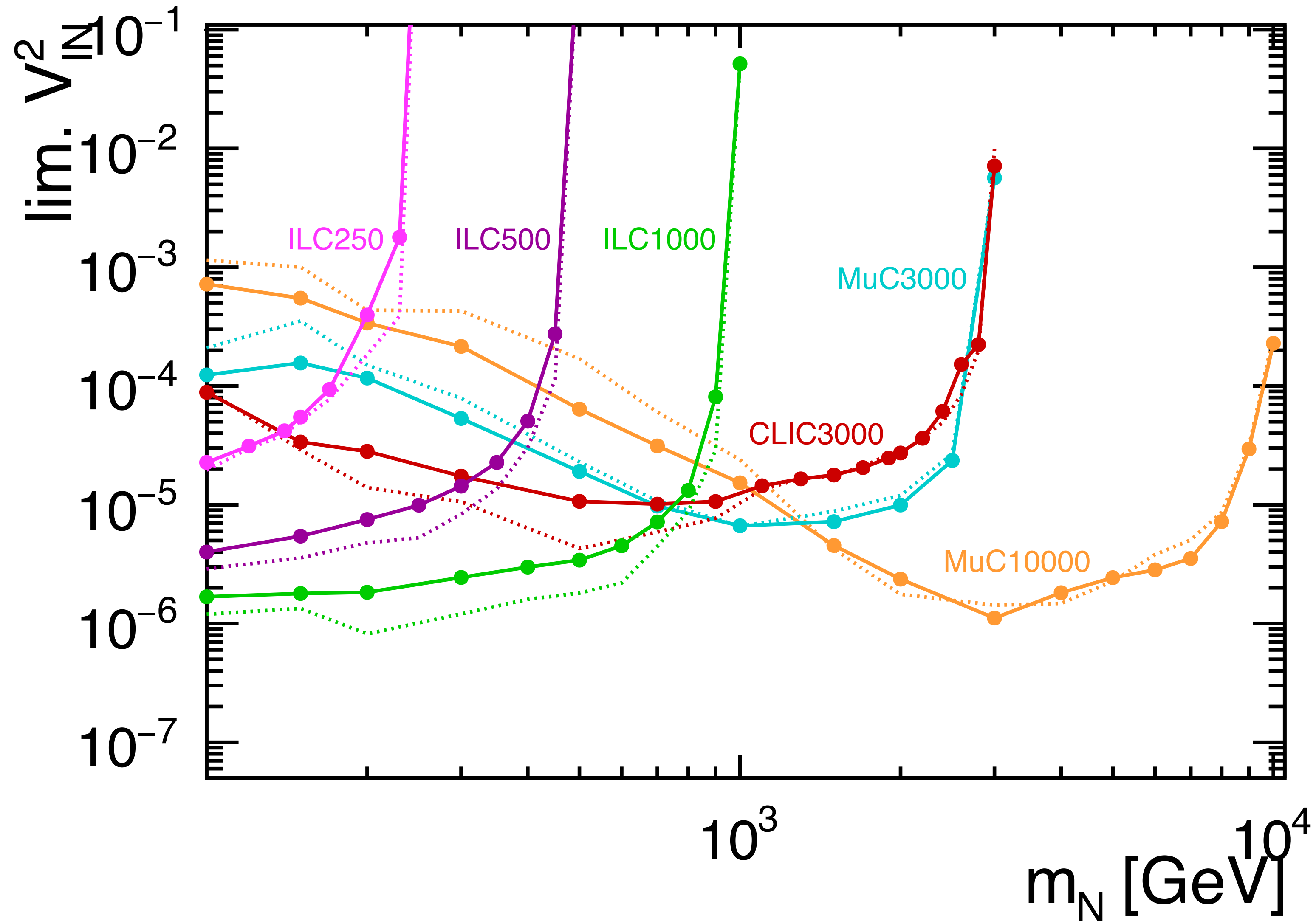


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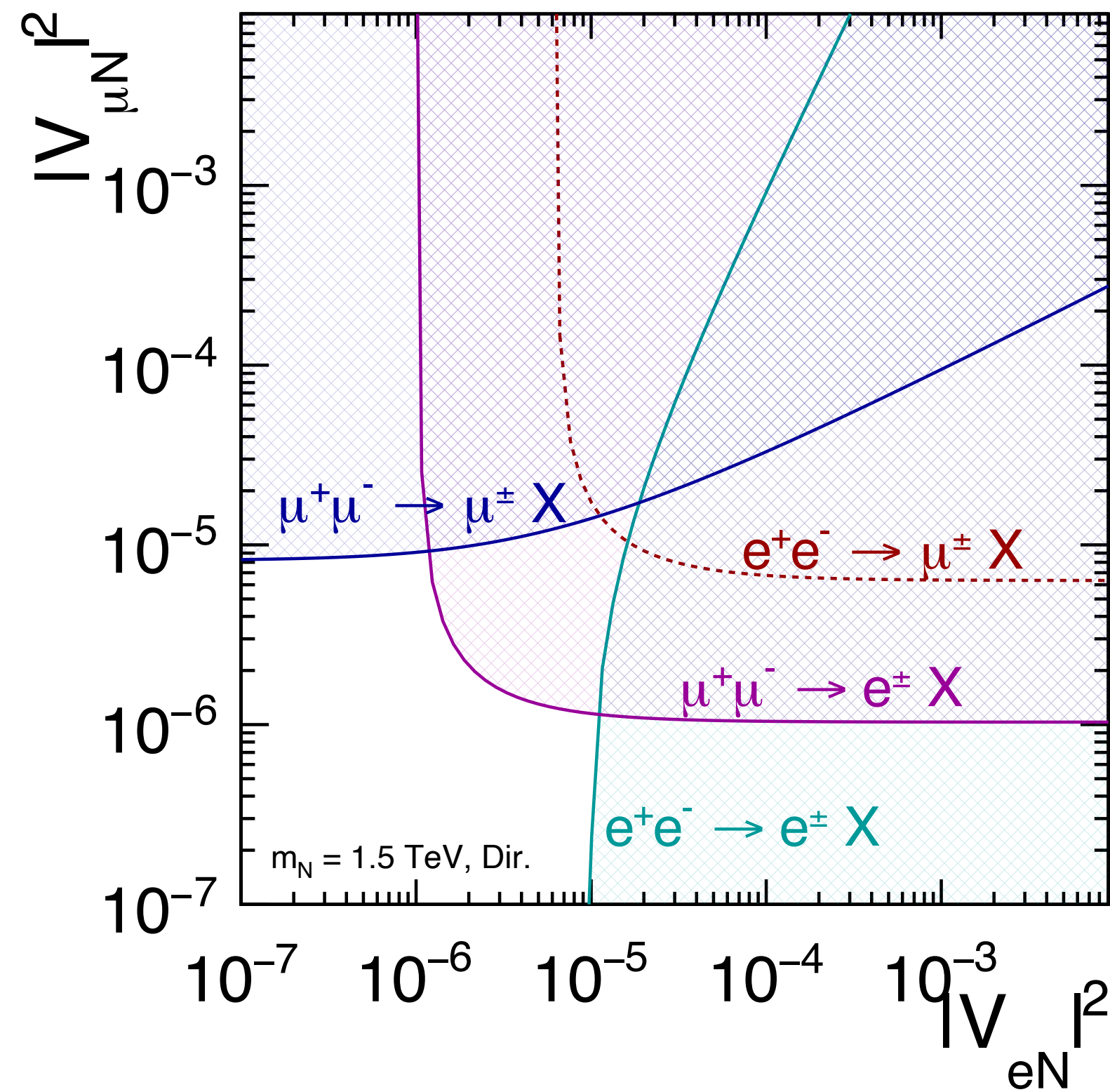
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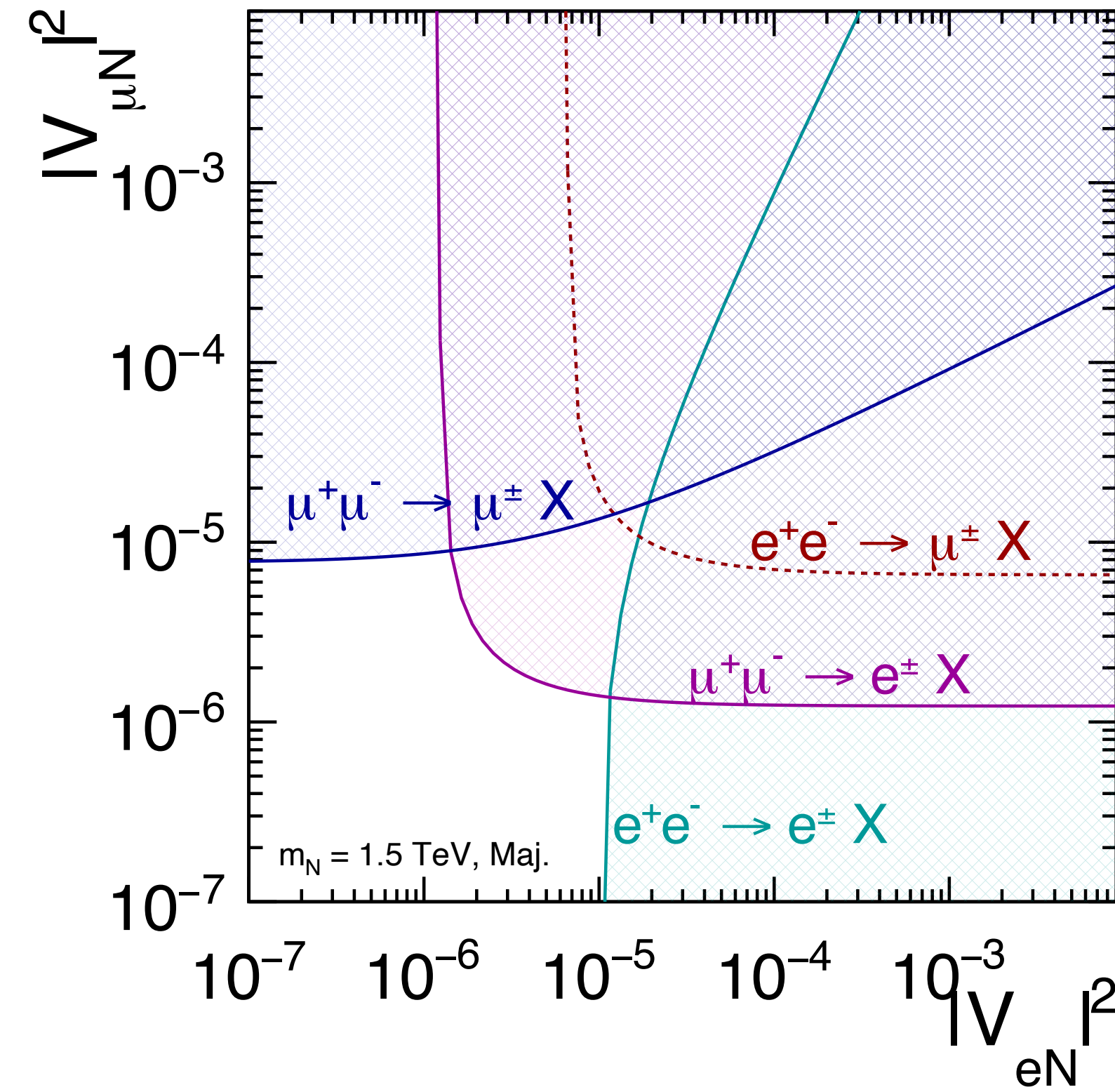
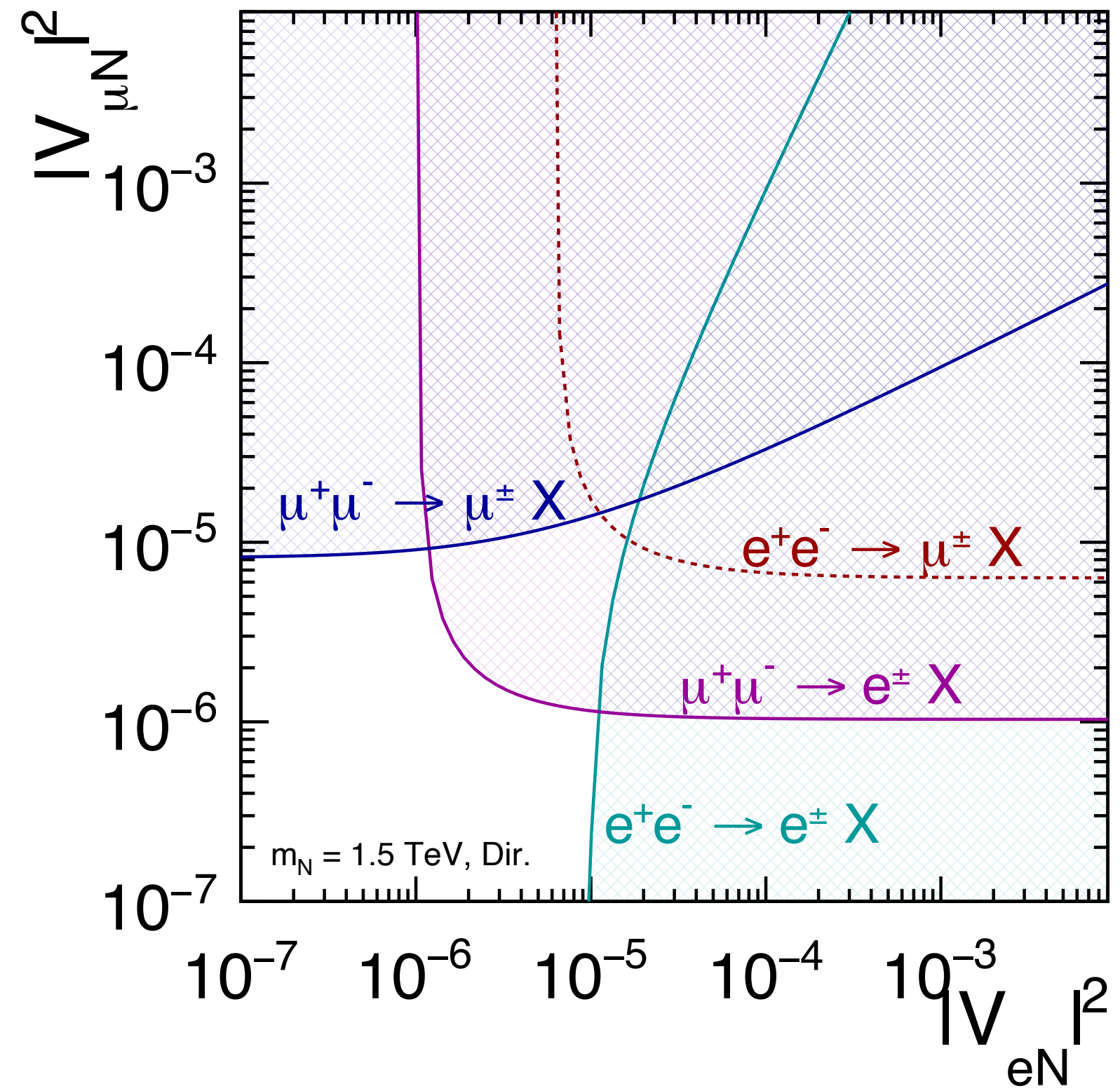
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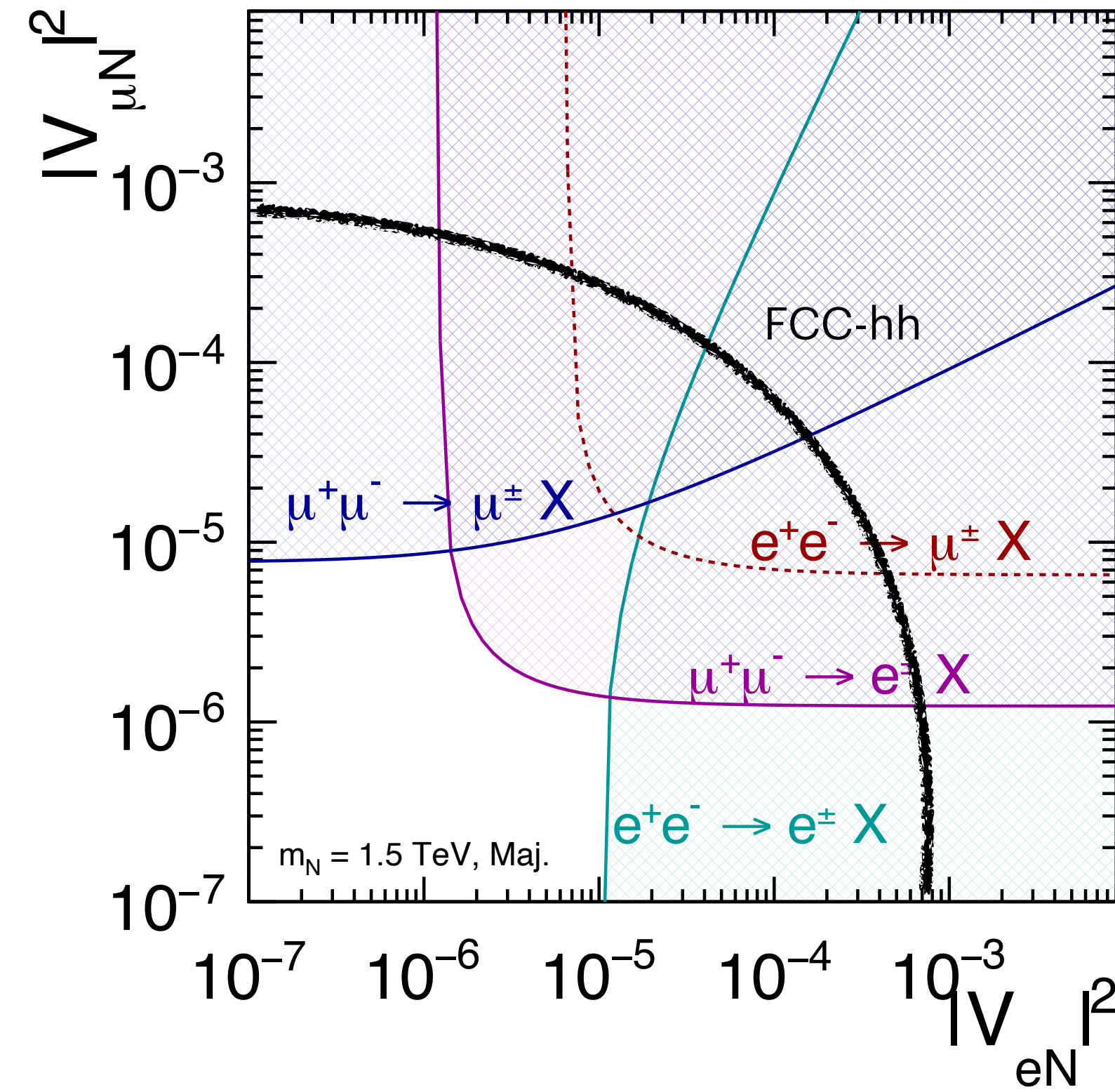
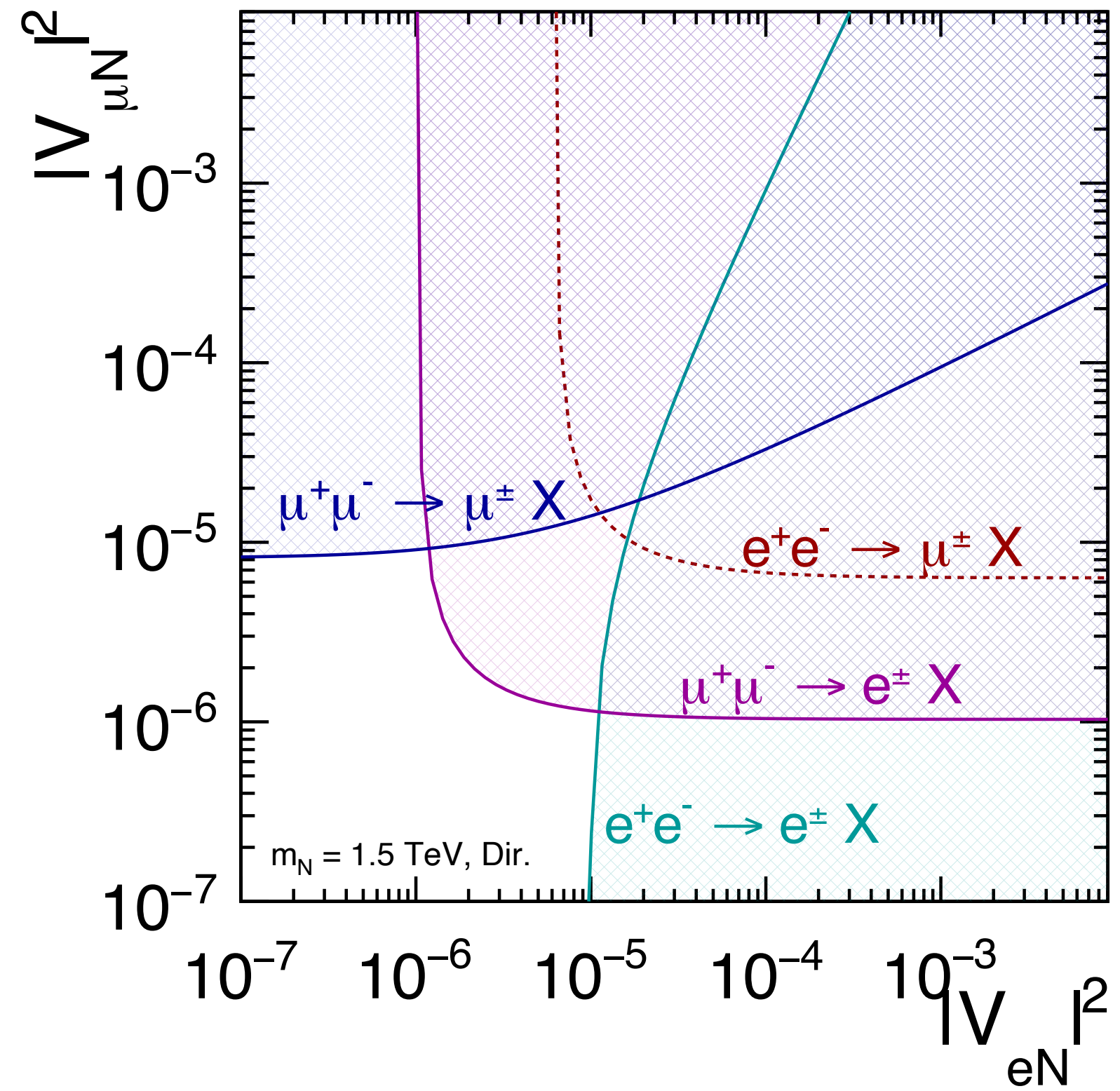
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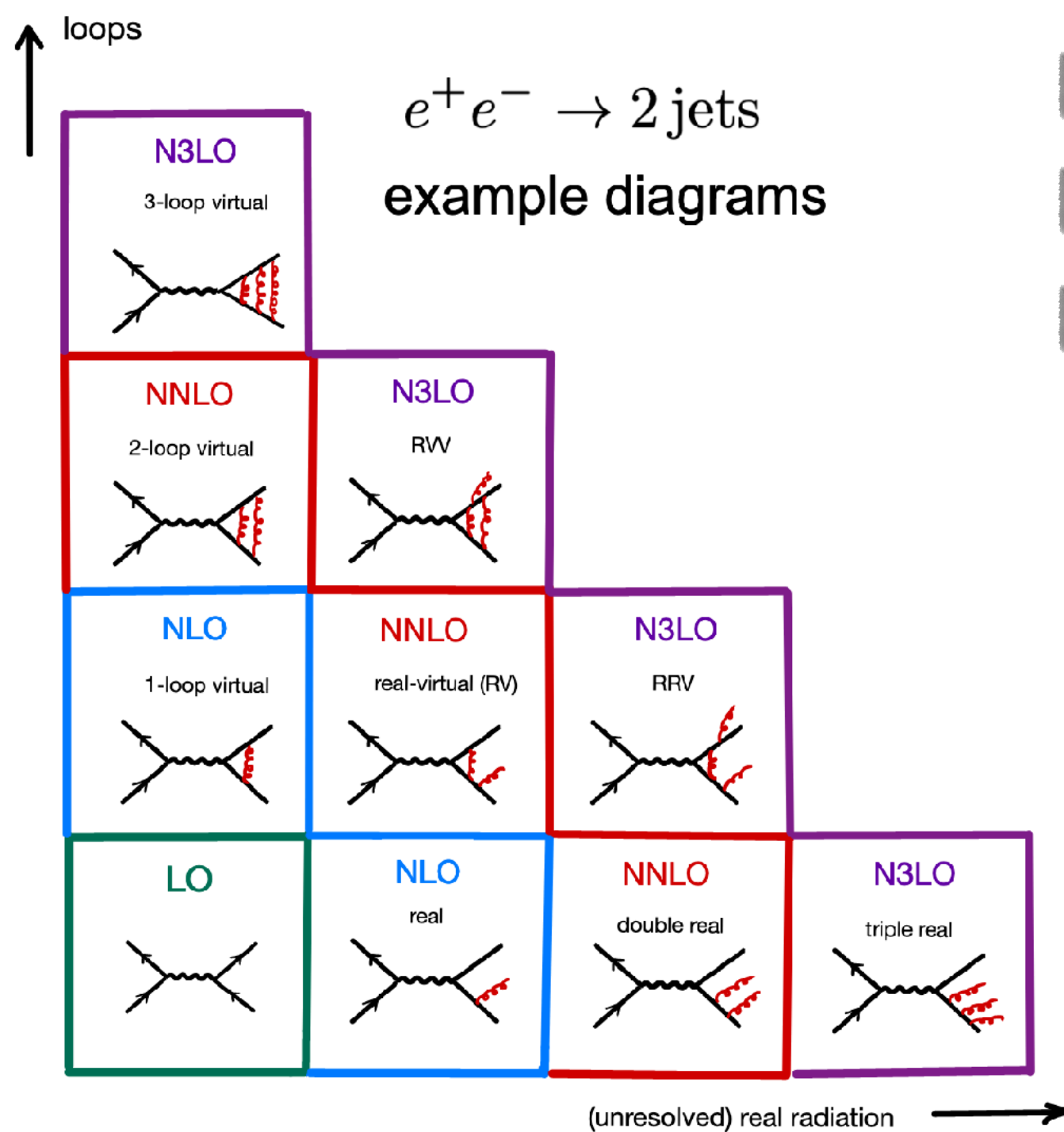
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Getty Villa, Pacific Palisades, Etruscan, 525 BC



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Phd theses: C. Weiss, 2017; Chokouf , 2017; V. Rothe, 2021, P. Stienemeier, 2022; P. Bredt, 2022

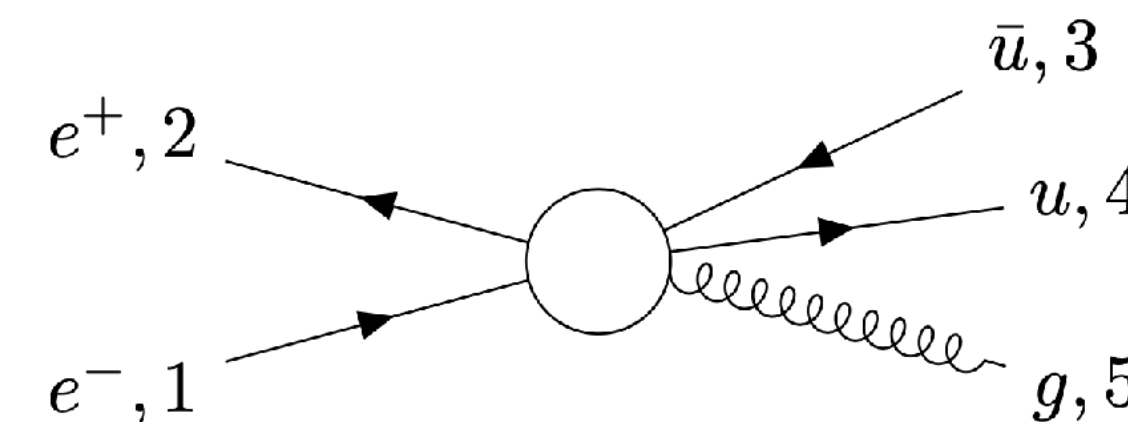


• Subtraction scheme: FKS cf. Frixione/Kunszt/Signer, hep-ph9512328

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$\mathcal{B}$ : Born,  $\mathcal{R}$ : Real emission,  $\mathcal{V}$ : Virtual



For NLO QCD possible singular regions:  $(i, j) \in \{(3, 5), (4, 5)\}$





# NLO QCD — Automation for all colliders

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- Photon isolation, photon recombination, light-, b-, c-jet selection
- Covers also loop-induced processes (“LO”, virtual-squared)
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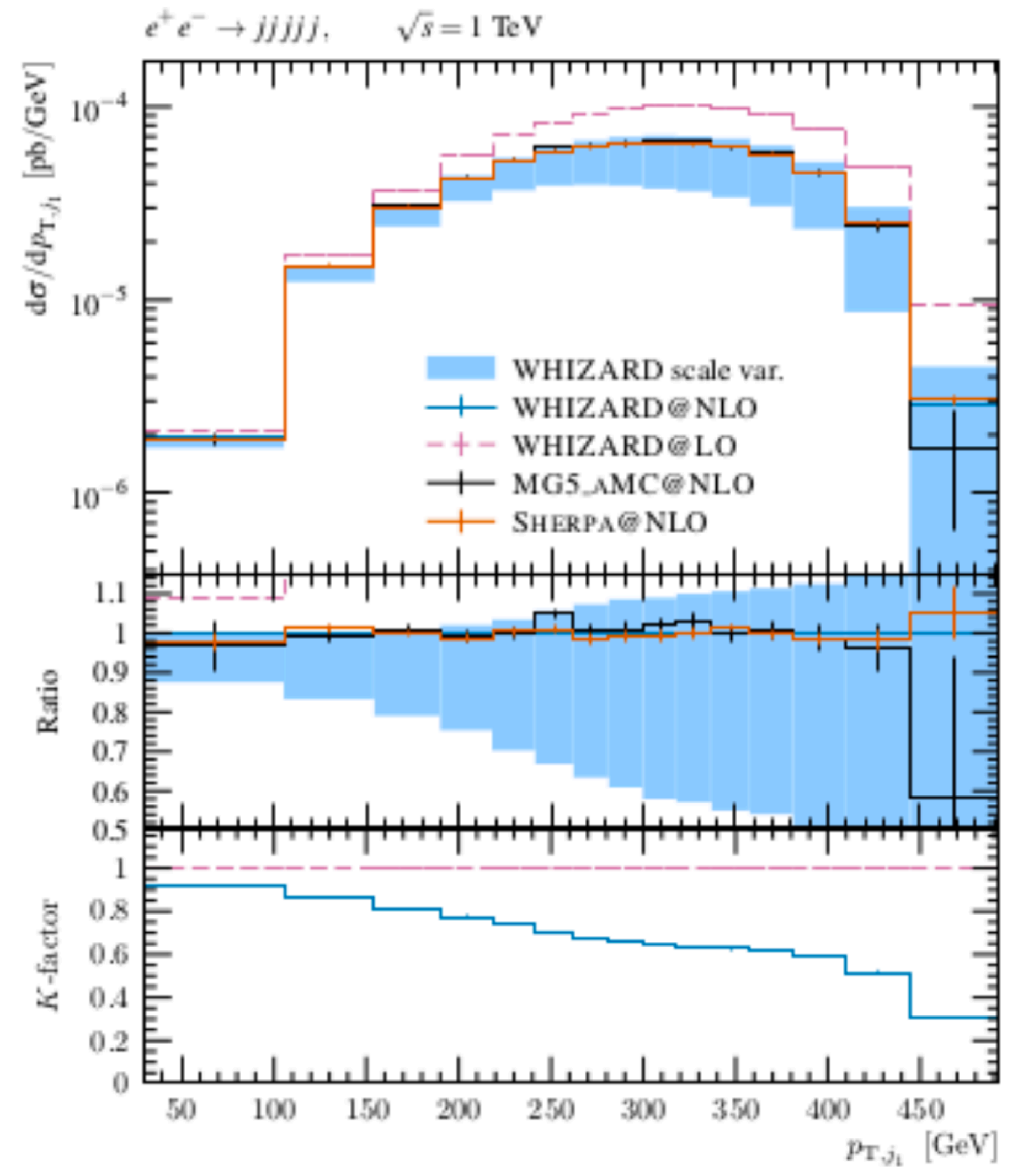
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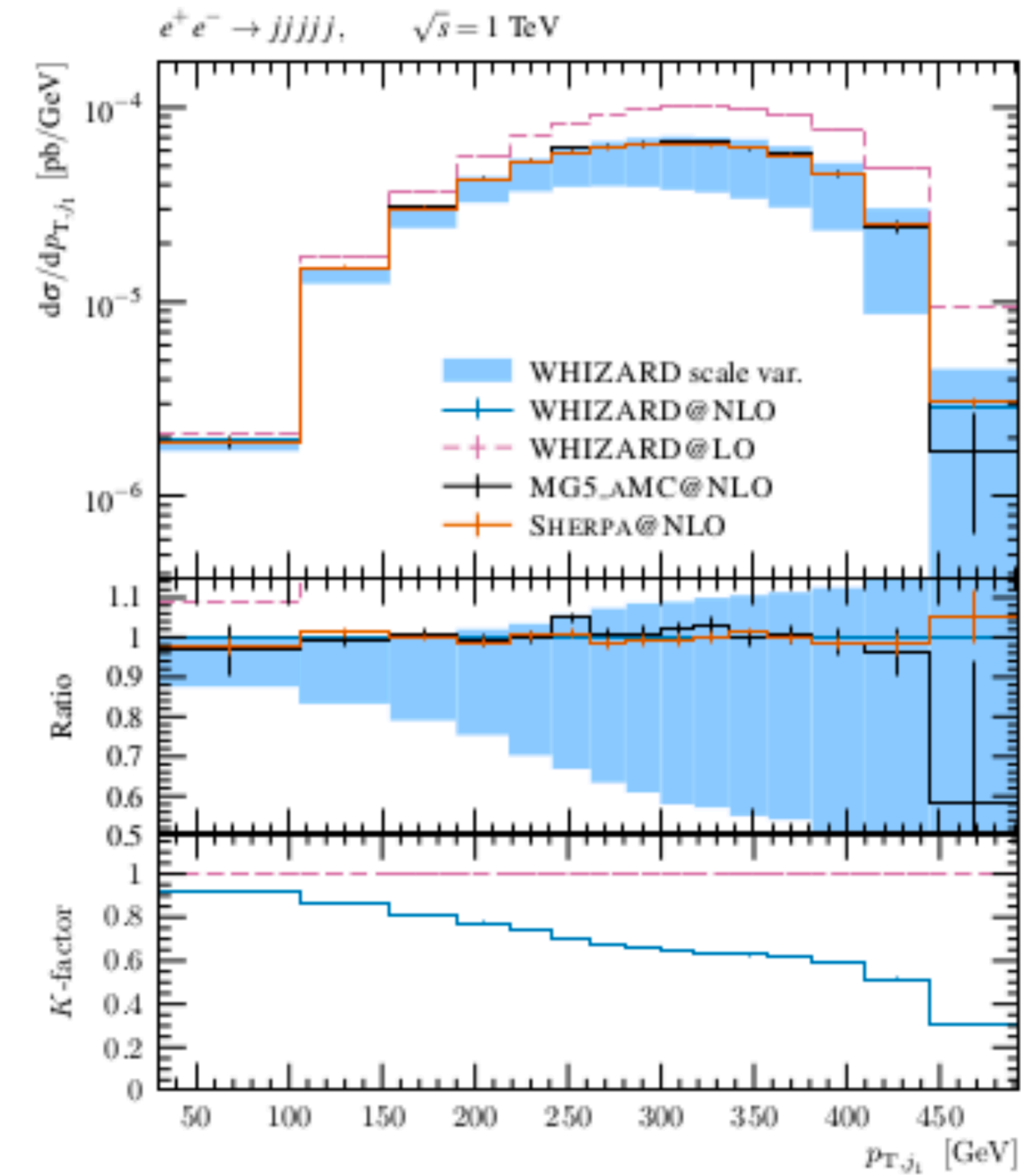
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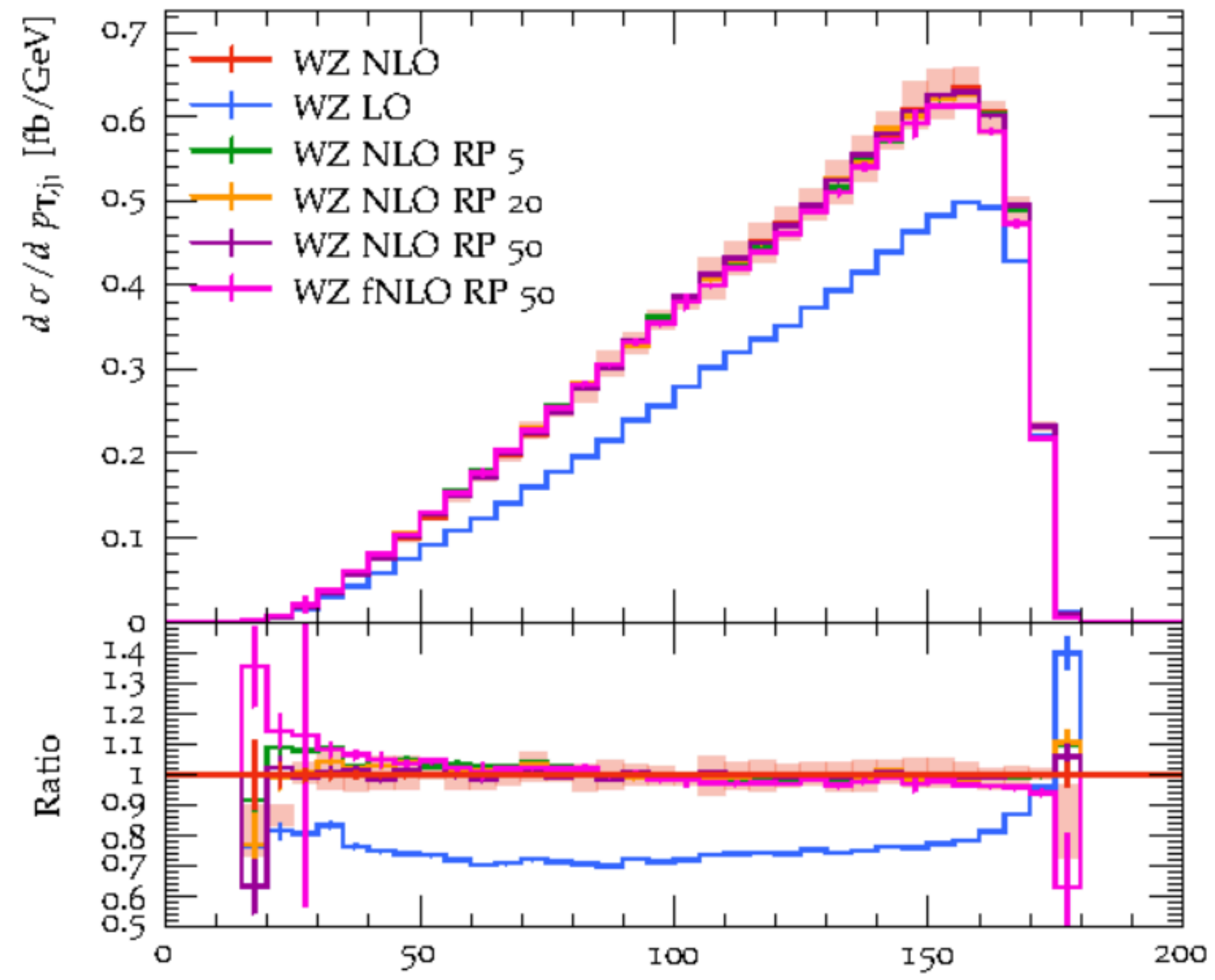


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EW renorm. schemes & photons entering at Born level

$Q_\gamma^2 \rightarrow 0$	$Q_\gamma^2 \sim \text{EW scale}$
<i>on-shell</i> photons no $\gamma$ splittings	<i>off-shell</i> photons $\gamma^* \rightarrow f\bar{f}$
$\alpha(0)$	$\alpha _{G_\mu}, \alpha(M_Z)$
$\left[ \frac{\delta\alpha(0)}{\alpha(0)} + \delta Z_{AA} \right]_{\text{light}} = 0$	$\left[ \frac{\delta\alpha(M_Z)}{\alpha(M_Z)} + \delta Z_{AA} \right]_{\text{light}} + \delta Z_{\gamma, \text{PDF}}$ → finite overall photon factor $\neq 0$

with photon virtuality  $Q_\gamma^2$

→  $\alpha$  coupling constant, renormalization factors

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$e^+ \nu_e$	$\alpha^2$	5200.5(8)	5199.4(4)	-0.73	0.81	1.24
$e^+ e^-$	$\alpha^2$	749.8(1)	749.8(1)	-0.50	0.082	0.004
$e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\alpha^4$	0.52794(9)	0.52816(9)	+3.69	1.27	1.69
$e^+ e^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\alpha^4$	0.012083(3)	0.012078(3)	-5.25	0.68	1.26
$He^+ \nu_e$	$\alpha^3$	0.064740(17)	0.064763(6)	-4.04	0.06	1.24
$He^+ e^-$	$\alpha^3$	0.013699(2)	0.013699(1)	-5.86	0.03	0.32
$Hjj$	$\alpha^3$	2.7058(4)	2.7056(6)	-4.23	0.67	0.27
$tj$	$\alpha^2$	105.40(1)	105.38(1)	-0.72	0.20	0.74

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LHC setup (Run II):  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV  $\mu_R = \mu_F = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sqrt{p_{T,i}^2 + m_i^2}$  EW scheme:  $G_\mu$  CMS

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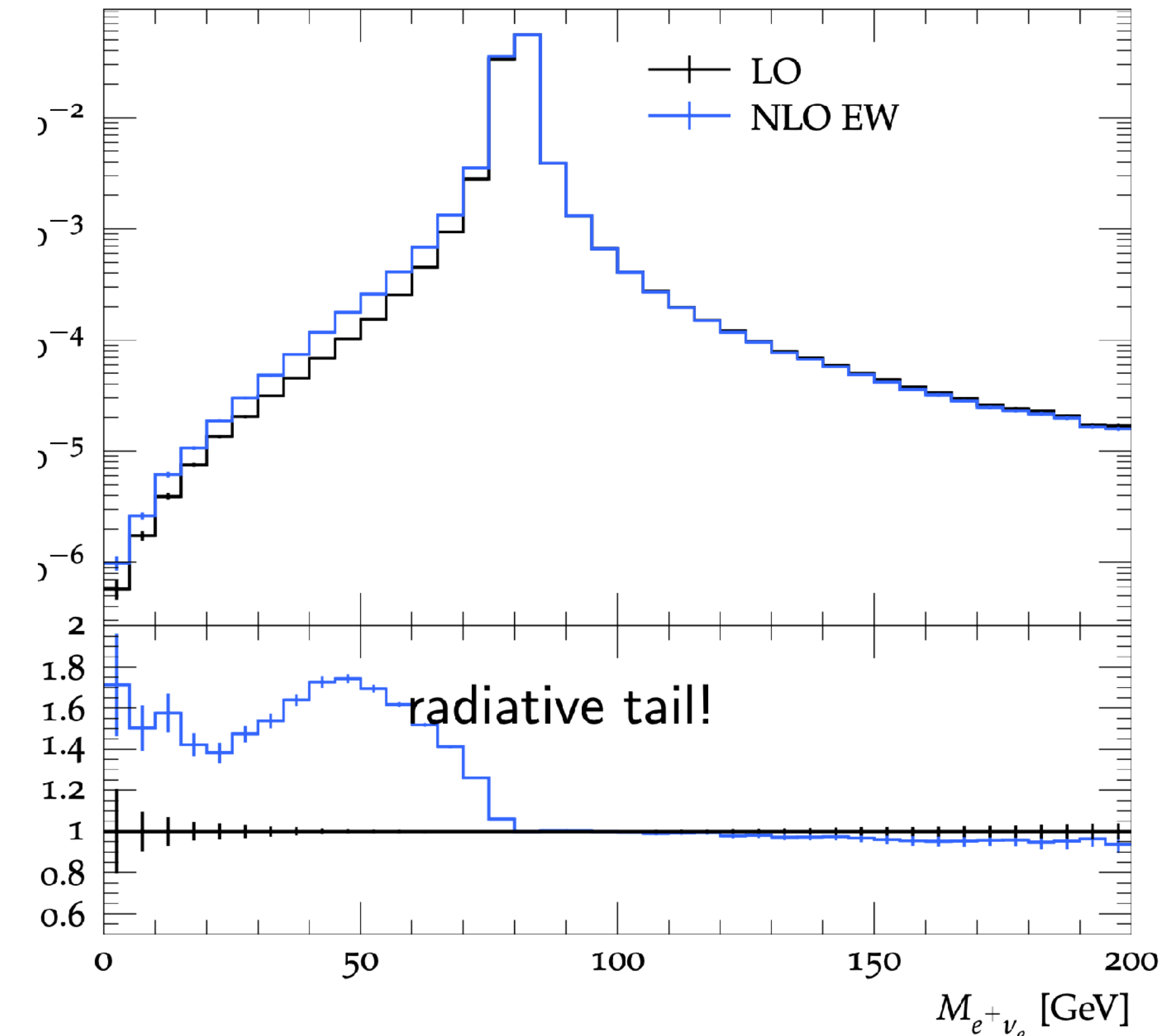
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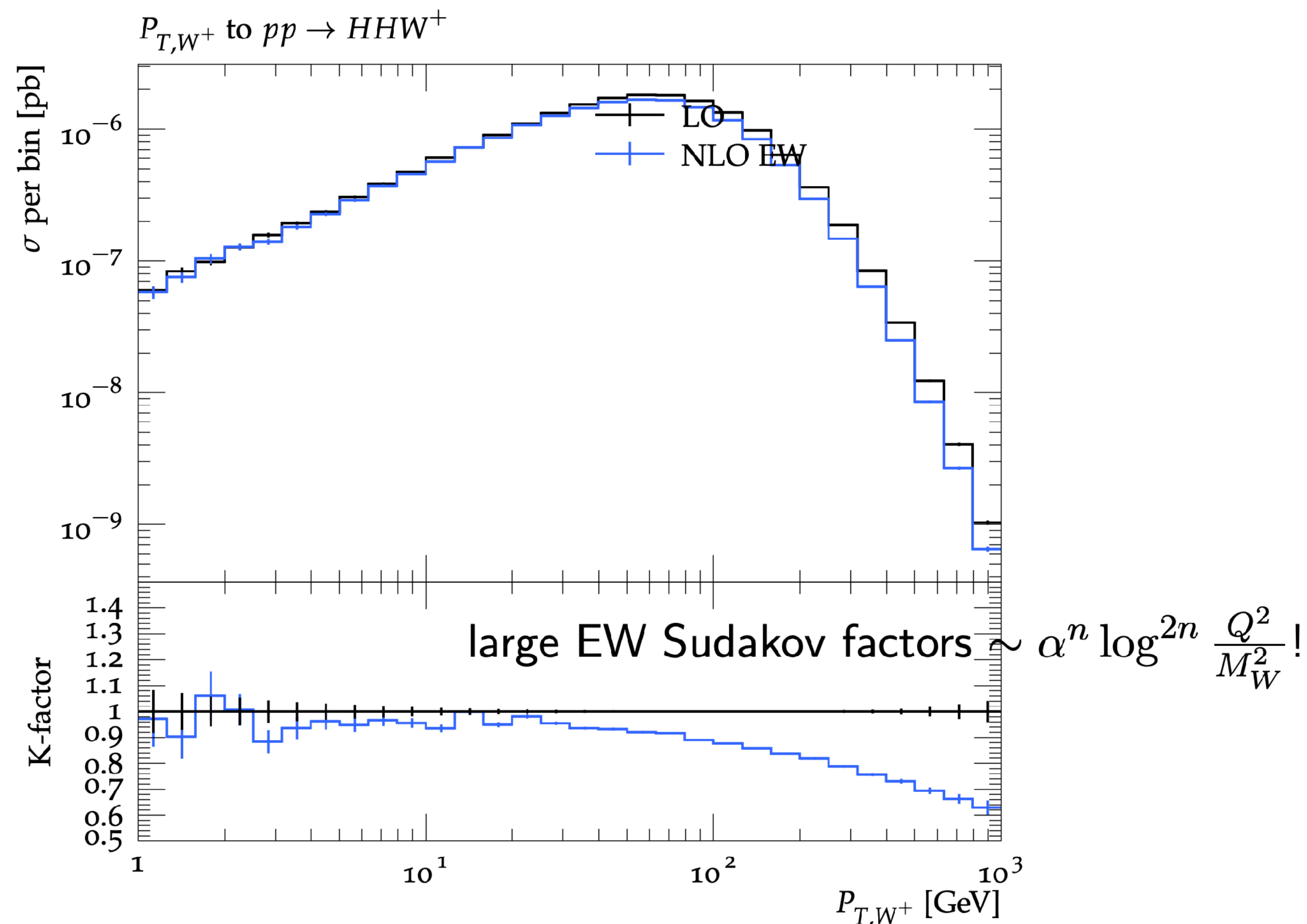


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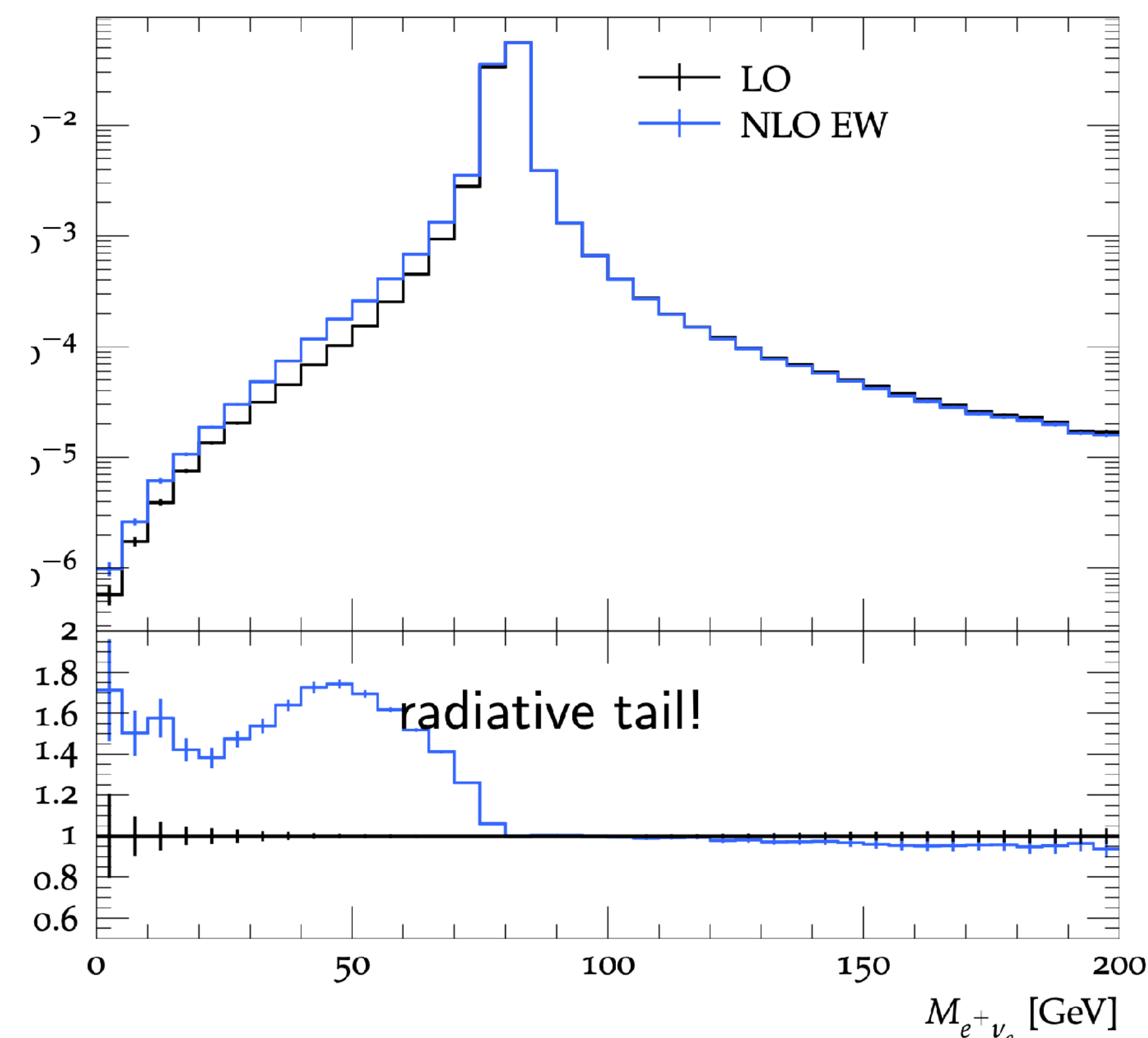
$$\alpha_s \sim 0.1 \quad \alpha \sim 0.01$$

- Careful: EW scheme & renormalization scheme & complex mass scheme & photon definition (off-shell vs. on-shell)



Fixed order differential distributions

for  $pp \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$  at NLO EW



Fixed order differential distributions for  $pp \rightarrow HHW^+$  at NLO EW

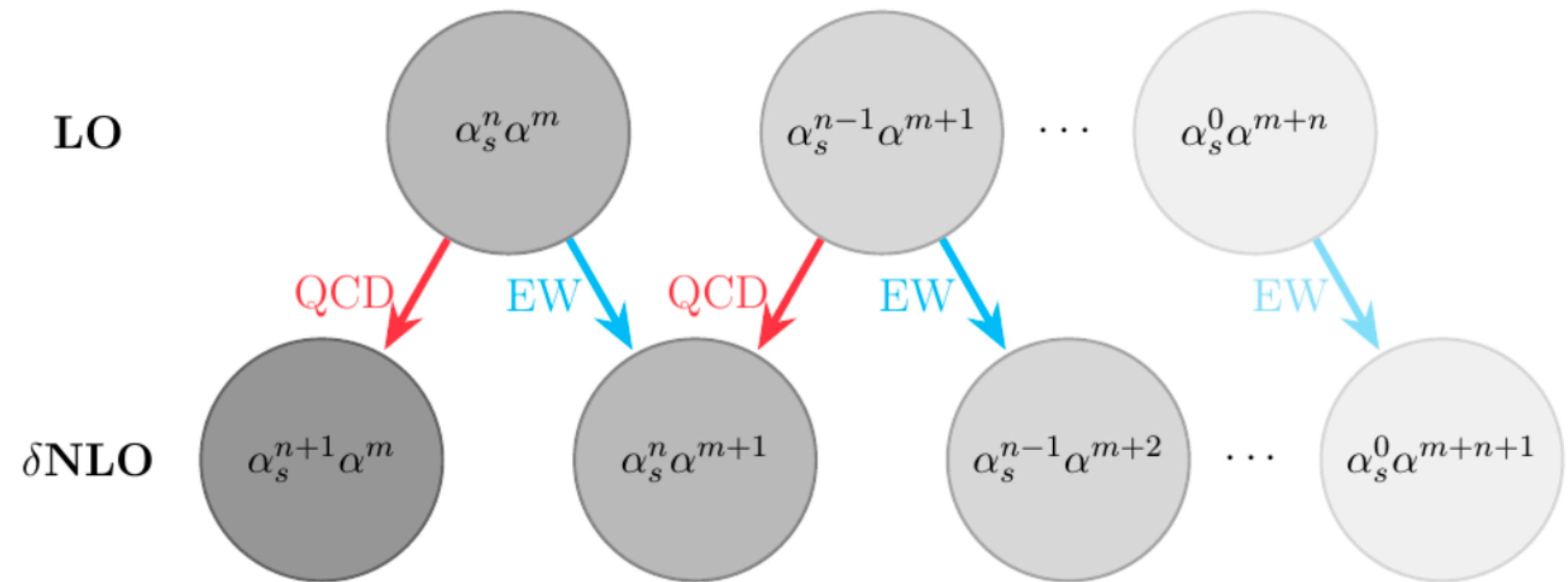
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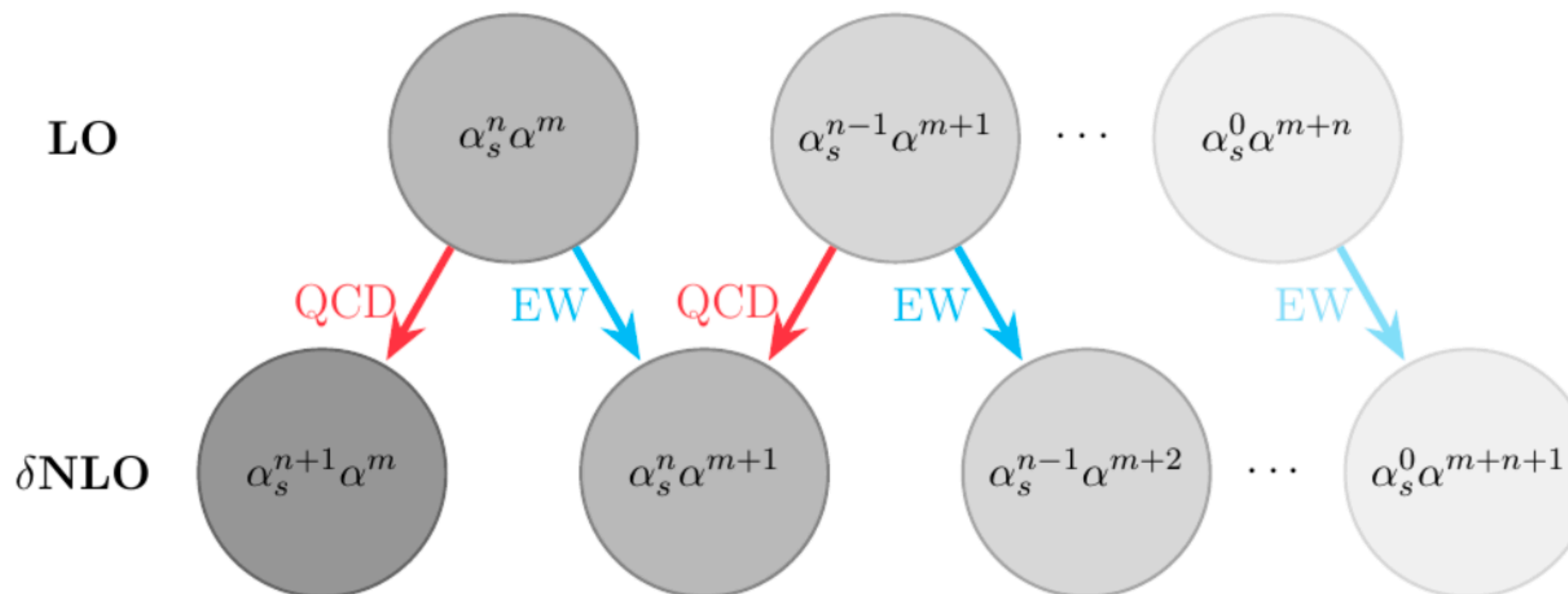
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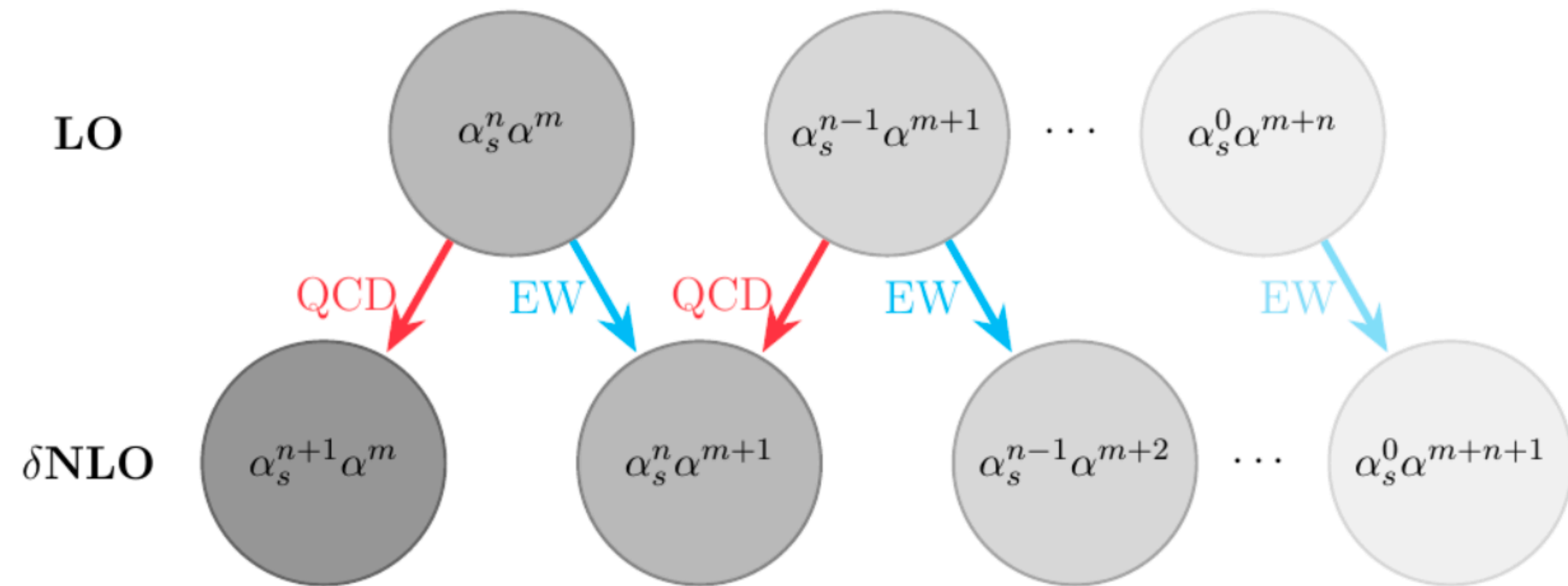
Comparison with MG5\_aMC@NLO for  $pp \rightarrow e^+\nu_e j$  and  $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-j$  at NLO EW

process $pp \rightarrow Xj$	$\alpha_s^n \alpha^m$	MG5_aMC@NLO		WHIZARD+OpenLoops			$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$ LO/NLO
		$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [pb]	$\delta$ [%]	
$e^+\nu_e j$	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	914.81(6)	904.75(8)	914.74(7)	904.59(7)	-1.11	0.8/1.5
$e^+e^-j$	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	150.59(1)	149.09(2)	150.59(1)	149.08(2)	-1.00	0.05/0.4

LHC-setup (Run II), cuts with photon recombination and jet clustering

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Cross-validation with MUNICH/MATRIX using OpenLoops for  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  and  $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + W^\pm/Z/H$  with complete NLO SM corrections, e. g.

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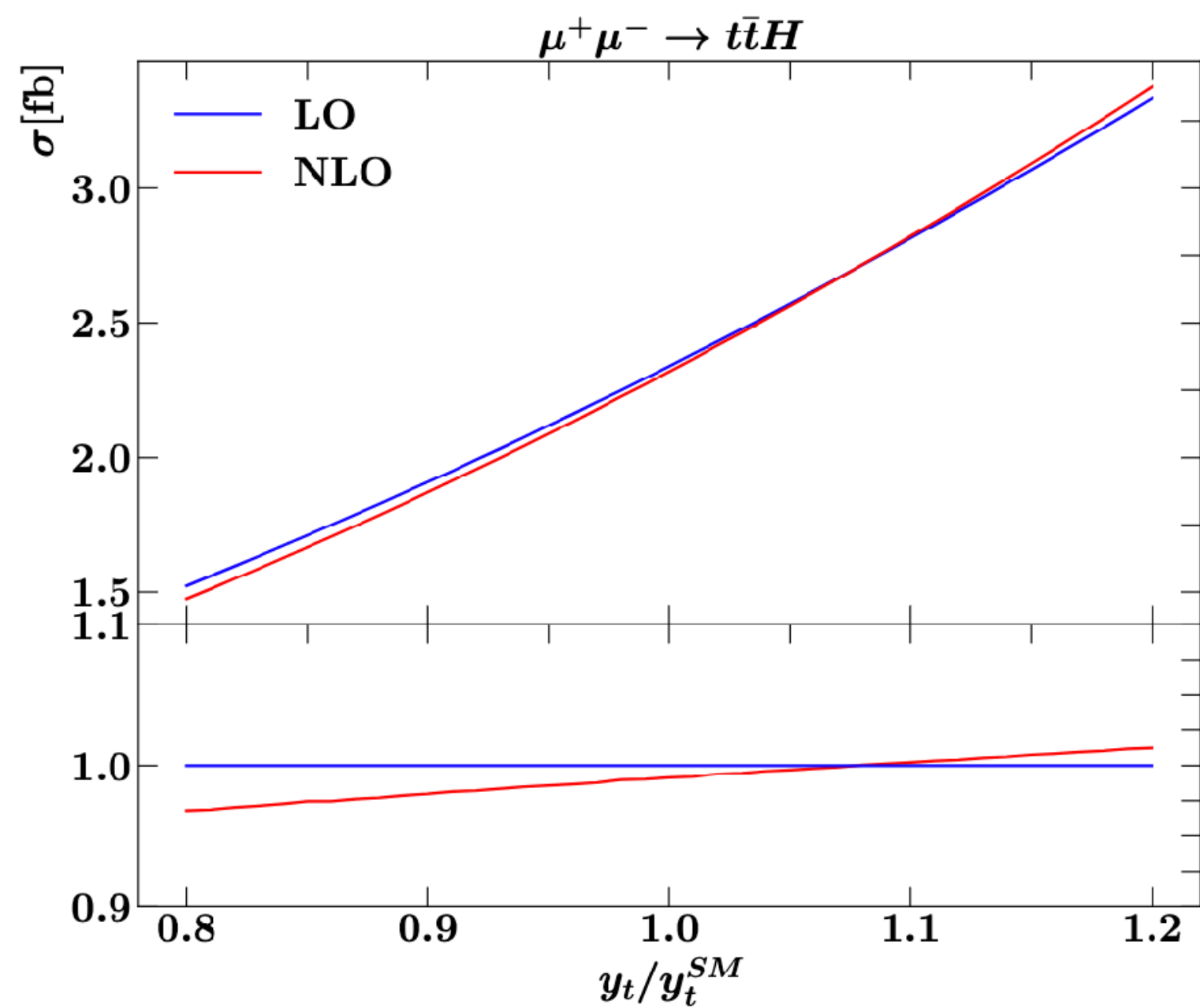
$$[\mathcal{B}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z\gamma) \text{ at } \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)] \times [\text{QCD splitting}]$$

$pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}W^+$	$\alpha_s^n \alpha^m$	$\sigma^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]		$\sigma^{\text{sig}} / \text{dev}$
		MUNICH <sub>(CS)</sub>	WHIZARD	MUNICH <sub>(CS)</sub> -WHIZARD
LO <sub>21</sub>	$\alpha_s^2 \alpha$	$2.411403(1) \cdot 10^2$	$2.4114(1) \cdot 10^2$	0.72 / 0.003%
LO <sub>12</sub>	$\alpha_s \alpha^2$	0.000	0.000	0.00 / 0.000%
LO <sub>03</sub>	$\alpha^3$	$2.31909(1) \cdot 10^0$	$2.3193(1) \cdot 10^0$	1.76 / 0.009%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{31}$	$\alpha_s^3 \alpha$	$1.18993(2) \cdot 10^2$	$1.1905(5) \cdot 10^2$	1.06 / 0.048%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{22}$	$\alpha_s^2 \alpha^2$	$-1.09511(9) \cdot 10^1$	$-1.0947(3) \cdot 10^1$	1.13 / 0.035%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{13}$	$\alpha_s \alpha^3$	$2.93251(3) \cdot 10^1$	$2.9334(8) \cdot 10^1$	1.14 / 0.030%
$\delta\text{NLO}_{04}$	$\alpha^4$	$5.759(3) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.756(4) \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.58 / 0.049%



# NLO correctios for muon colliders

$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	MCSANcEe[37]		WHIZARD+RECOLA			$\sigma^{\text{sig}}$ (LO/NLO)
	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\delta_{\text{EW}}$ [%]	
250	225.59(1)	206.77(1)	225.60(1)	207.0(1)	-8.25	0.4/2.1
500	53.74(1)	62.42(1)	53.74(3)	62.41(2)	+16.14	0.2/0.3
1000	12.05(1)	14.56(1)	12.0549(6)	14.57(1)	+20.84	0.5/0.5



NLO QCD

$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$			
$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	$\sigma^{LO}$ [fb]	$\sigma^{NLO}$ [fb]	K
500	0.272	0.435 <sup>+3.82%</sup> <sub>-3.13%</sub>	1.601
800	2.339	2.319 <sup>+0.01%</sup> <sub>-0.09%</sub>	0.991
1000	2.008	1.893 <sup>+0.49%</sup> <sub>-0.62%</sub>	0.942
1400	1.323	1.192 <sup>+0.81%</sup> <sub>-1.08%</sub>	0.900
1000	2.009	1.894 <sup>+0.45%</sup> <sub>-0.65%</sub>	0.942
3000	0.406	0.342 <sup>+1.54%</sup> <sub>-1.84%</sub>	0.842
6000	0.128	0.102 <sup>+2.22%</sup> <sub>-2.55%</sub>	0.794
10000	0.053	0.040 <sup>+3.01%</sup> <sub>-3.11%</sub>	0.759
14000	0.030	0.0221 <sup>+3.33%</sup> <sub>-3.13%</sub>	0.735

NLO EW

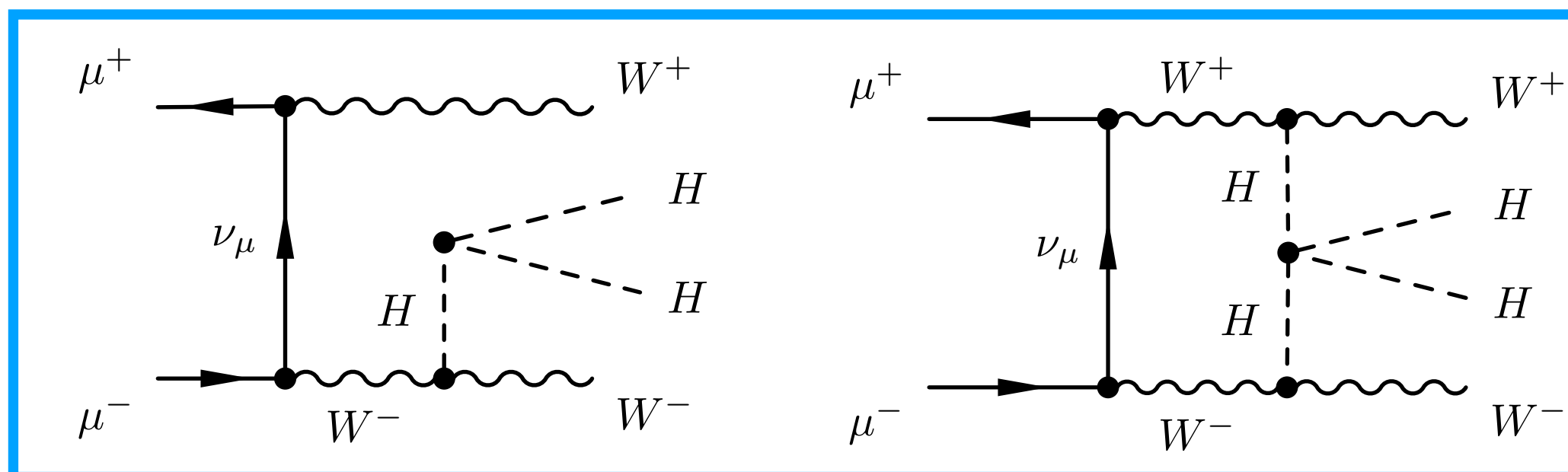
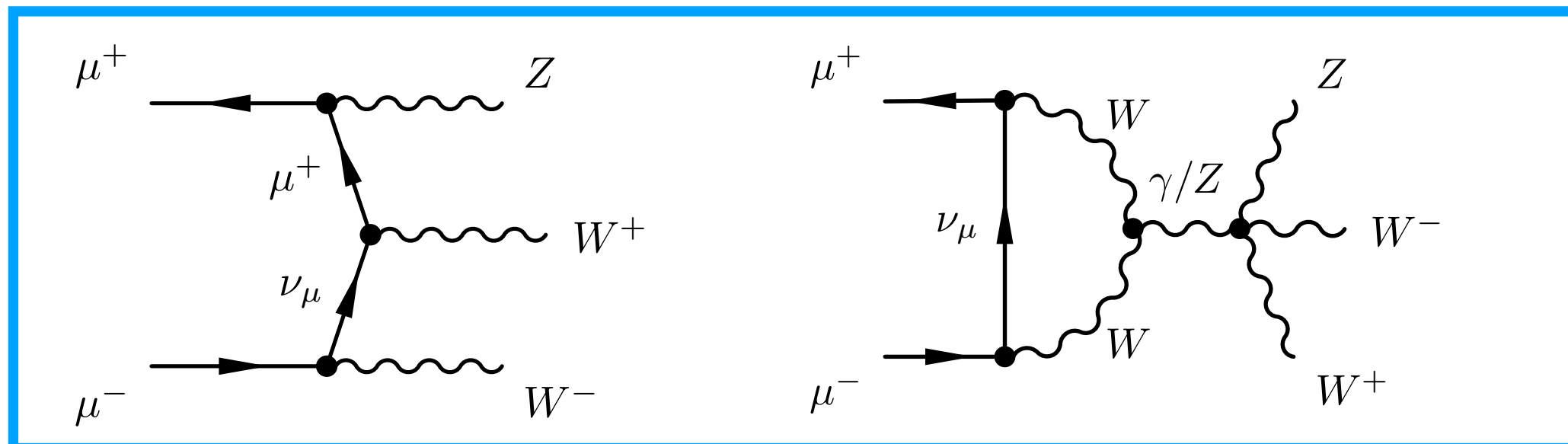
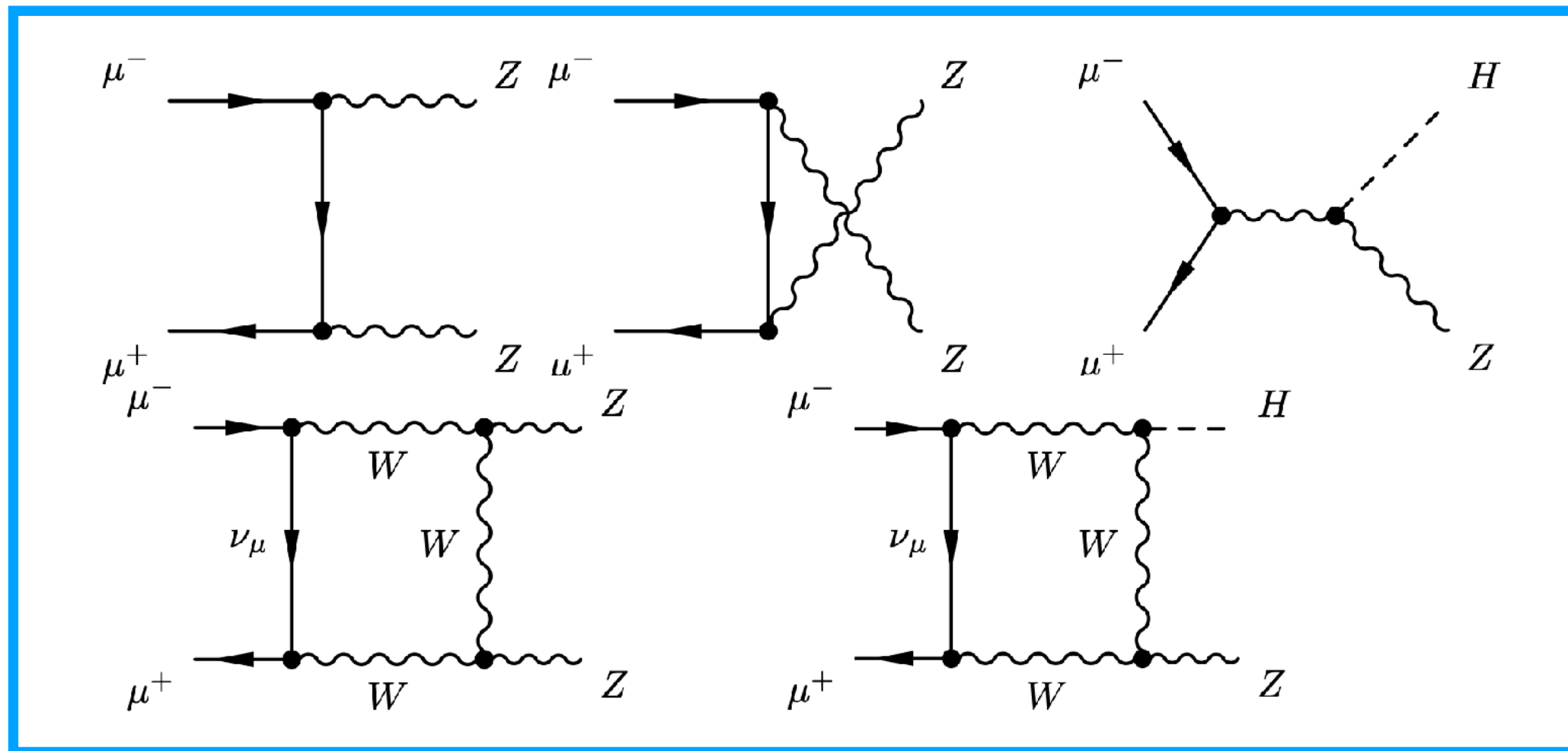
$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$			
$\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	$\sigma^{LO}$ [fb]	$\sigma^{NLO}$ [fb]	K
500	0.271	0.091	0.335
800	2.339	1.533	0.655
1000	2.008	1.402	0.698
1400	1.323	0.967	0.731
1000	2.008	1.322	0.658
3000	0.407	0.296	0.728
6000	0.128	0.086	0.669
10000	0.053	0.027	0.516
14000	0.030	0.017	0.579

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# SM EW Corrections to Multi-Bosons at MuC

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$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow X, \sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{incl}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{incl}}$ [fb]	$\delta_{\text{EW}}$ [%]
$W^+ W^-$	$4.6591(2) \cdot 10^2$	$4.847(7) \cdot 10^2$	+4.0(2)
$ZZ$	$2.5988(1) \cdot 10^1$	$2.656(2) \cdot 10^1$	+2.19(6)
$HZ$	$1.3719(1) \cdot 10^0$	$1.3512(5) \cdot 10^0$	-1.51(4)
$HH$	$1.60216(7) \cdot 10^{-7}$	$5.66(1) \cdot 10^{-7} *$	
$W^+ W^- Z$	$3.330(2) \cdot 10^1$	$2.568(8) \cdot 10^1$	-22.9(2)
$W^+ W^- H$	$1.1253(5) \cdot 10^0$	$0.895(2) \cdot 10^0$	-20.5(2)
$ZZZ$	$3.598(2) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.68(1) \cdot 10^{-1}$	-25.5(3)
$HZZ$	$8.199(4) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.60(3) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-19.6(3)
$HHZ$	$3.277(1) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.451(5) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-25.2(1)
$HHH$	$2.9699(6) \cdot 10^{-8}$	$0.86(7) \cdot 10^{-8} *$	
$W^+ W^- W^+ W^-$	$1.484(1) \cdot 10^0$	$0.993(6) \cdot 10^0$	-33.1(4)
$W^+ W^- ZZ$	$1.209(1) \cdot 10^0$	$0.699(7) \cdot 10^0$	-42.2(6)
$W^+ W^- HZ$	$8.754(8) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6.05(4) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-30.9(5)
$W^+ W^- HH$	$1.058(1) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$0.655(5) \cdot 10^{-2}$	-38.1(4)
$ZZZZ$	$3.114(2) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.799(7) \cdot 10^{-3}$	-42.2(2)
$HZZZ$	$2.693(2) \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.766(6) \cdot 10^{-3}$	-34.4(2)
$HHZZ$	$9.828(7) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$6.24(2) \cdot 10^{-4}$	-36.5(2)
$HHHZ$	$1.568(1) \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.165(4) \cdot 10^{-4}$	-25.7(2)

- EW corrections for massive initial state muons
- Massive eikonals need special treatment at high energies

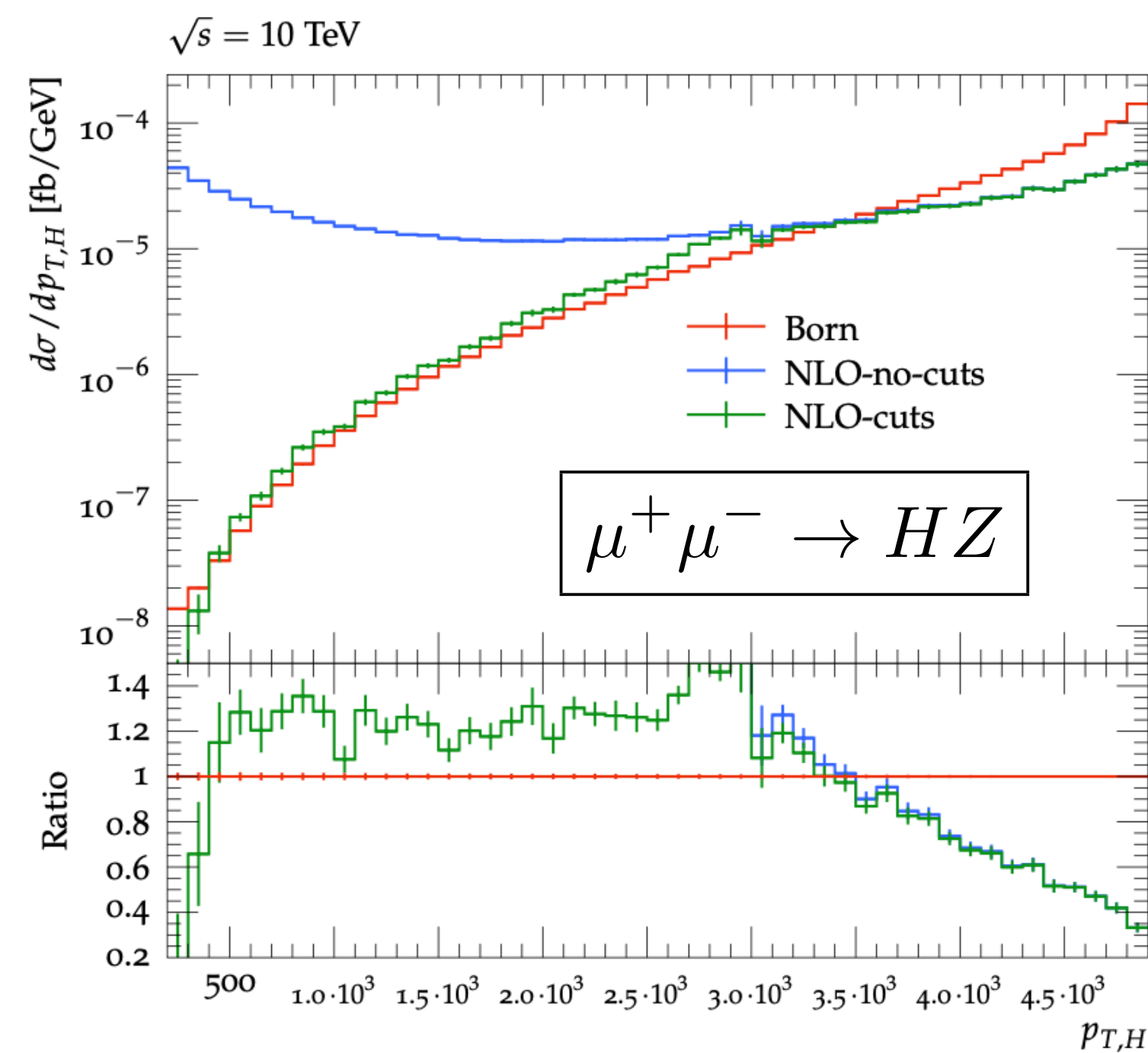


# Differential results

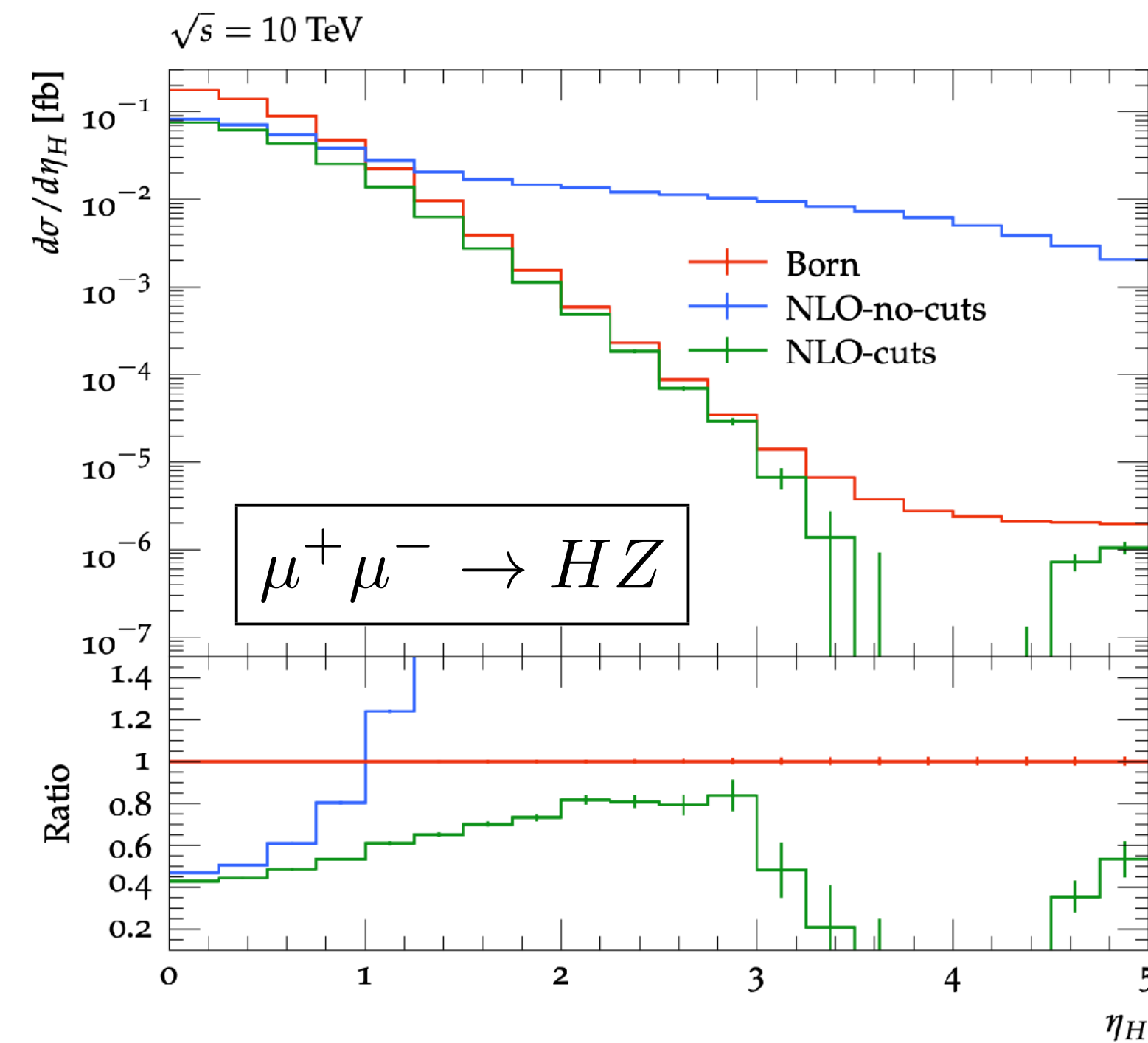
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Experimentally motivated photon veto in hard radiation:  $E_\gamma < 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{s}/2$ 

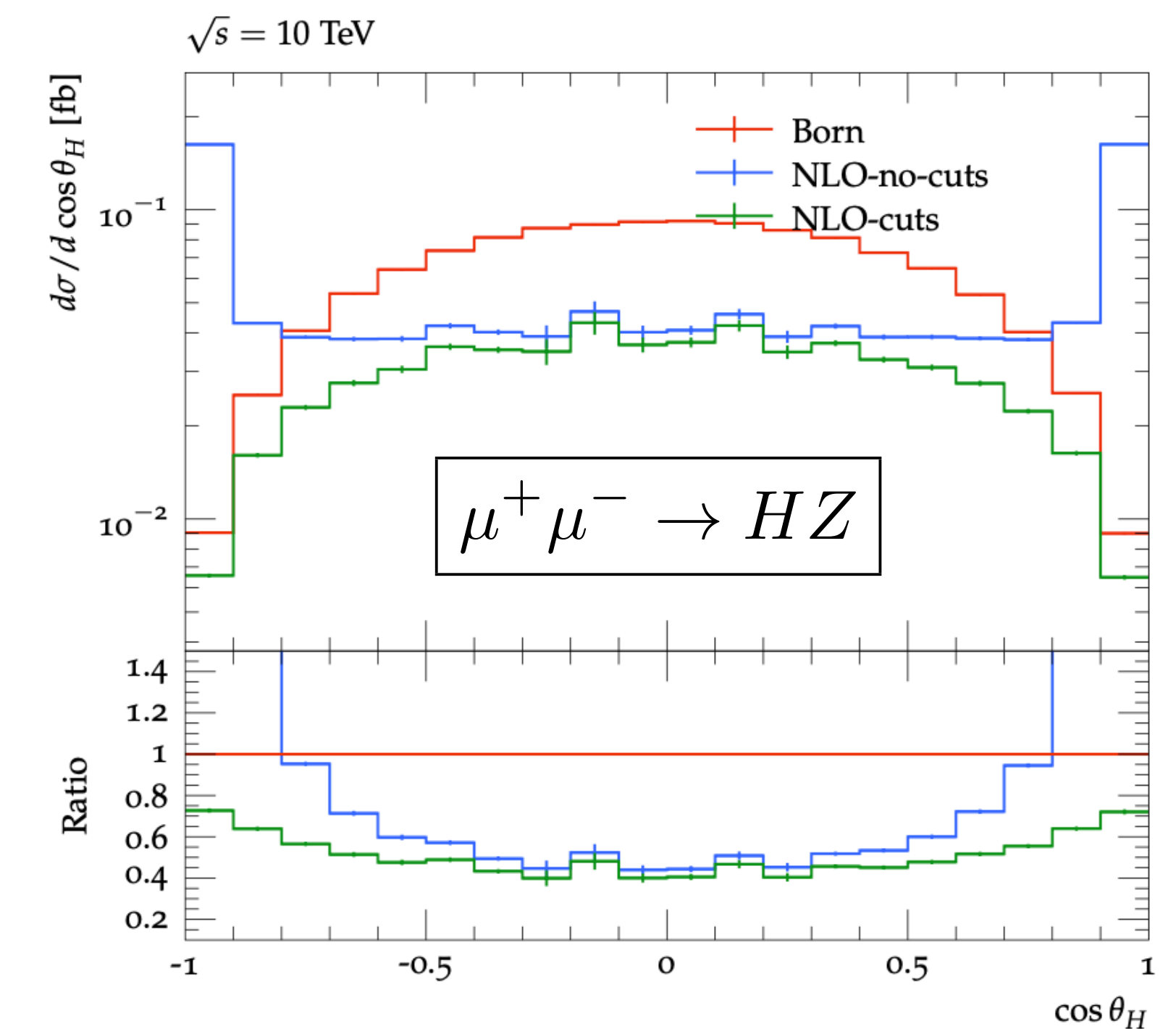
## Higgs Transverse Momentum



## Higgs rapidity



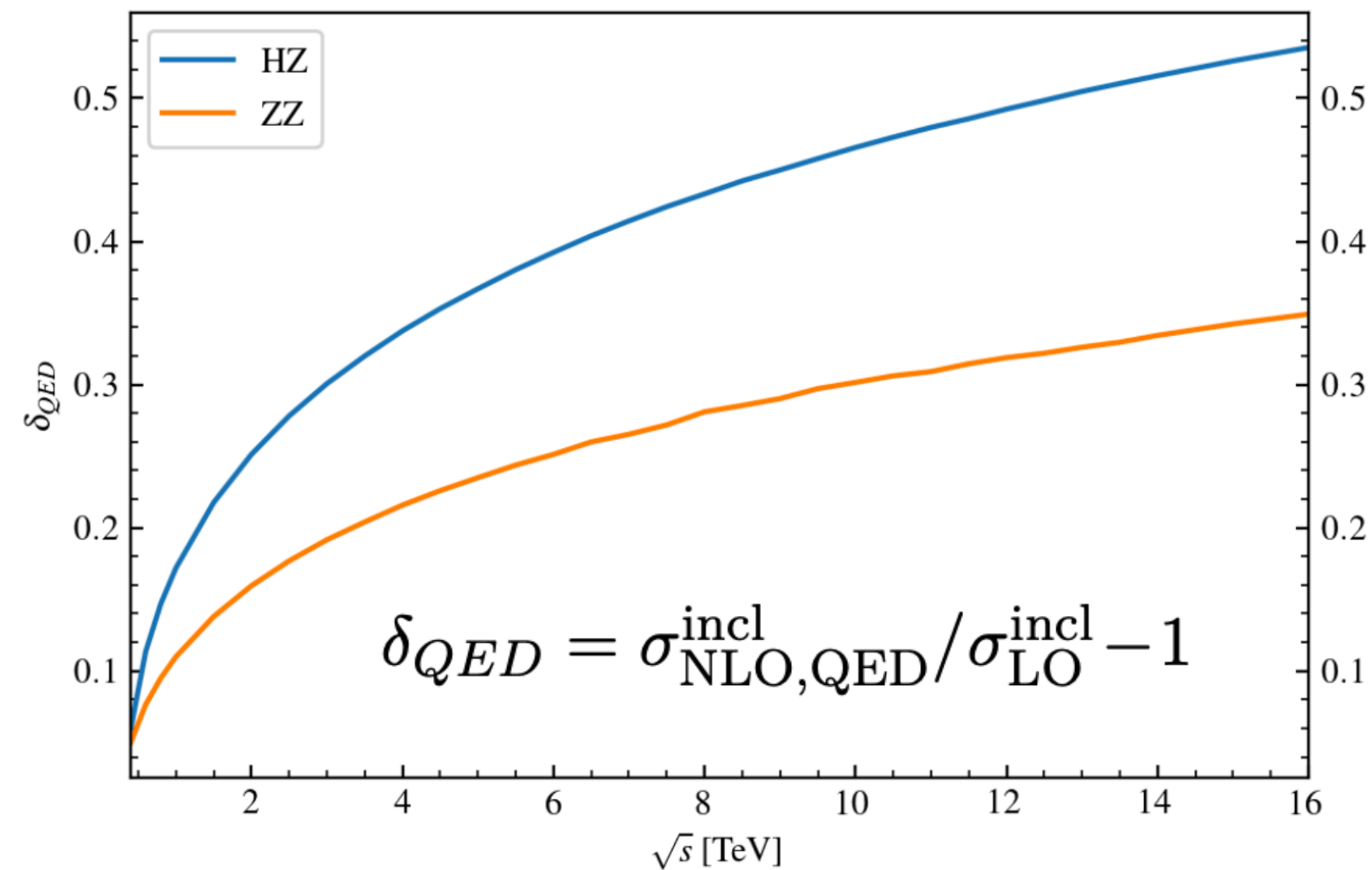
## Higgs scattering angle



More tasks for even more realistic predictions: exclusive events w/ matching to QED/weak showers, resummation, off-shell processes, separate VBF from VBS



# Validation of the QED & Sudakov regime

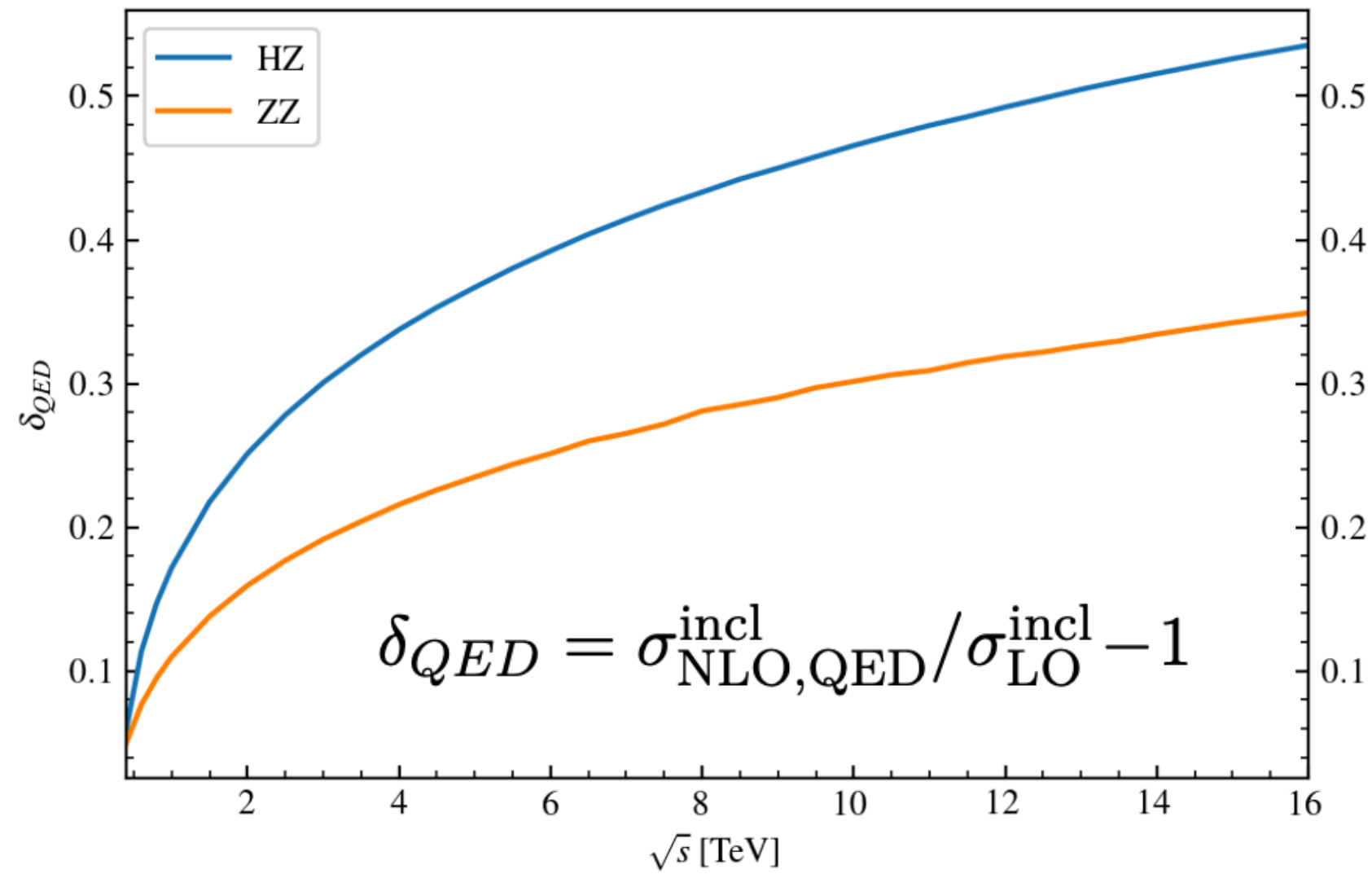


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$W^+W^-$	$5.8820(2) \cdot 10^1$	$7.295(7) \cdot 10^1$	+24.0(1)
$ZZ$	$3.2730(4) \cdot 10^0$	$4.119(4) \cdot 10^0$	+25.8(1)
$HZ$	$1.22929(8) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.8278(5) \cdot 10^{-1}$	+48.69(4)
$W^+W^-Z$	$9.609(5) \cdot 10^0$	$10.367(8) \cdot 10^0$	+7.9(1)
$W^+W^-H$	$2.1263(9) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$2.410(2) \cdot 10^{-1}$	+13.3(1)
$ZZZ$	$8.565(4) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$9.431(7) \cdot 10^{-2}$	+10.1(1)
$HZZ$	$1.4631(6) \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.677(1) \cdot 10^{-2}$	+14.62(8)
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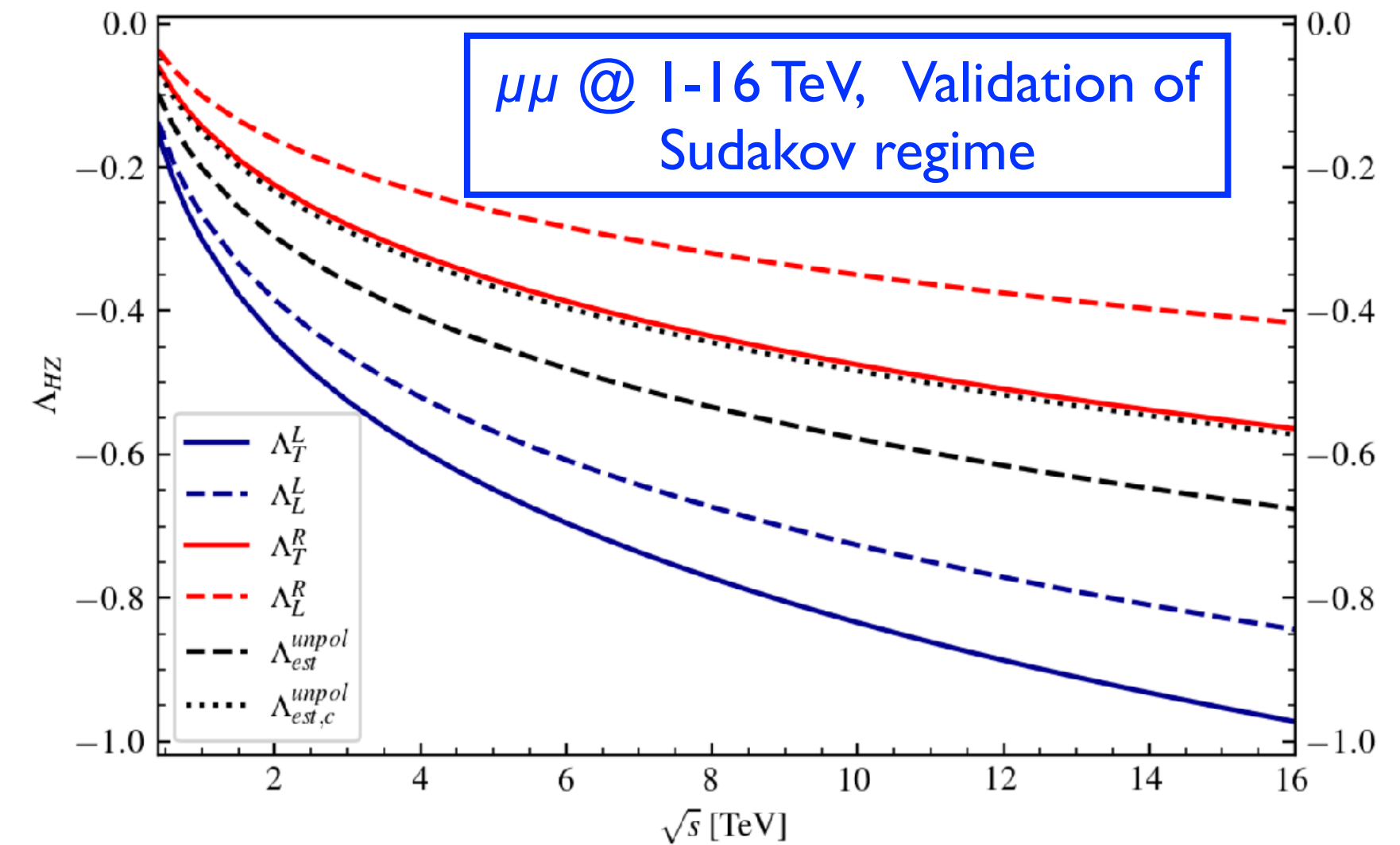


$$L(s, M_W^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \log^2 \frac{s}{M_W^2} \stackrel{10 \text{ TeV}}{\sim} 6\%$$

$$l(s, M_W^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \log \frac{s}{M_W^2} \stackrel{10 \text{ TeV}}{\sim} 0.6\%$$

- EW corrections at high energies dominated by **EW double & single Sudakov logs**
- Relevant in kinematic region of Sudakov limit  $r_{kl} = (p_k + p_l)^2 \sim s \gg M_W^2$
- IR quasi-divergencies of virtual corrections not cancelled by real EW radiation**
- Both initial and final states no EW "color" singlets

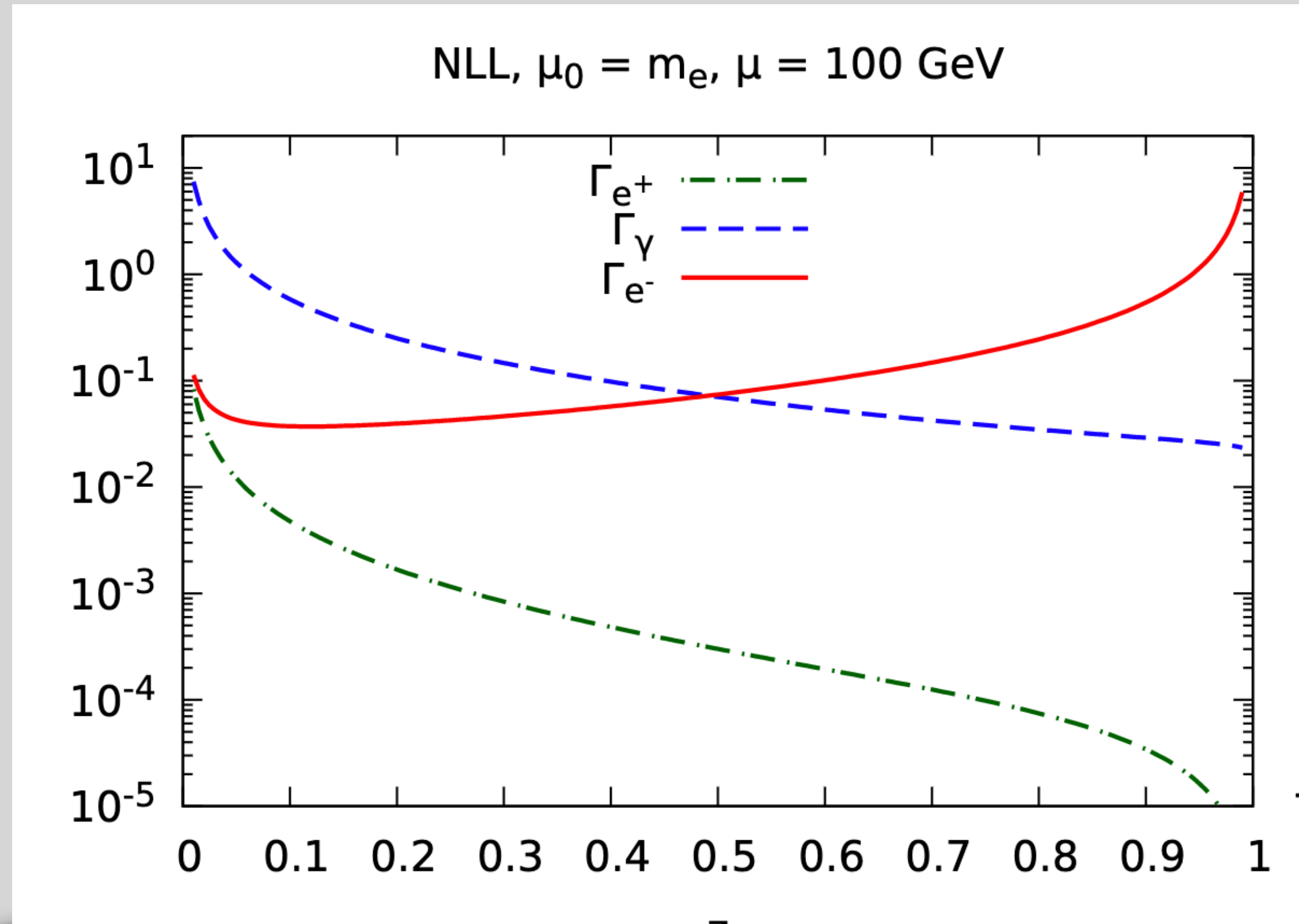
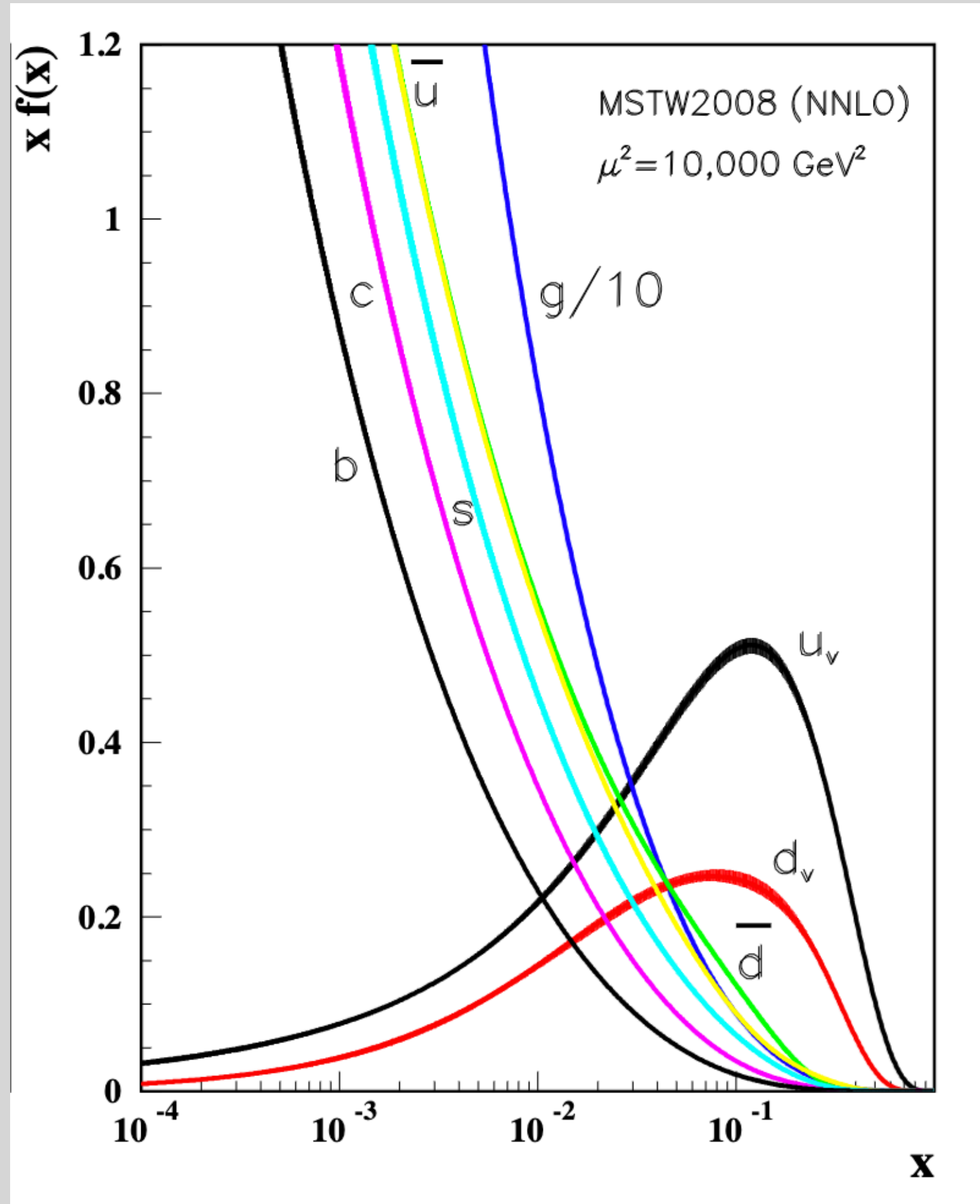
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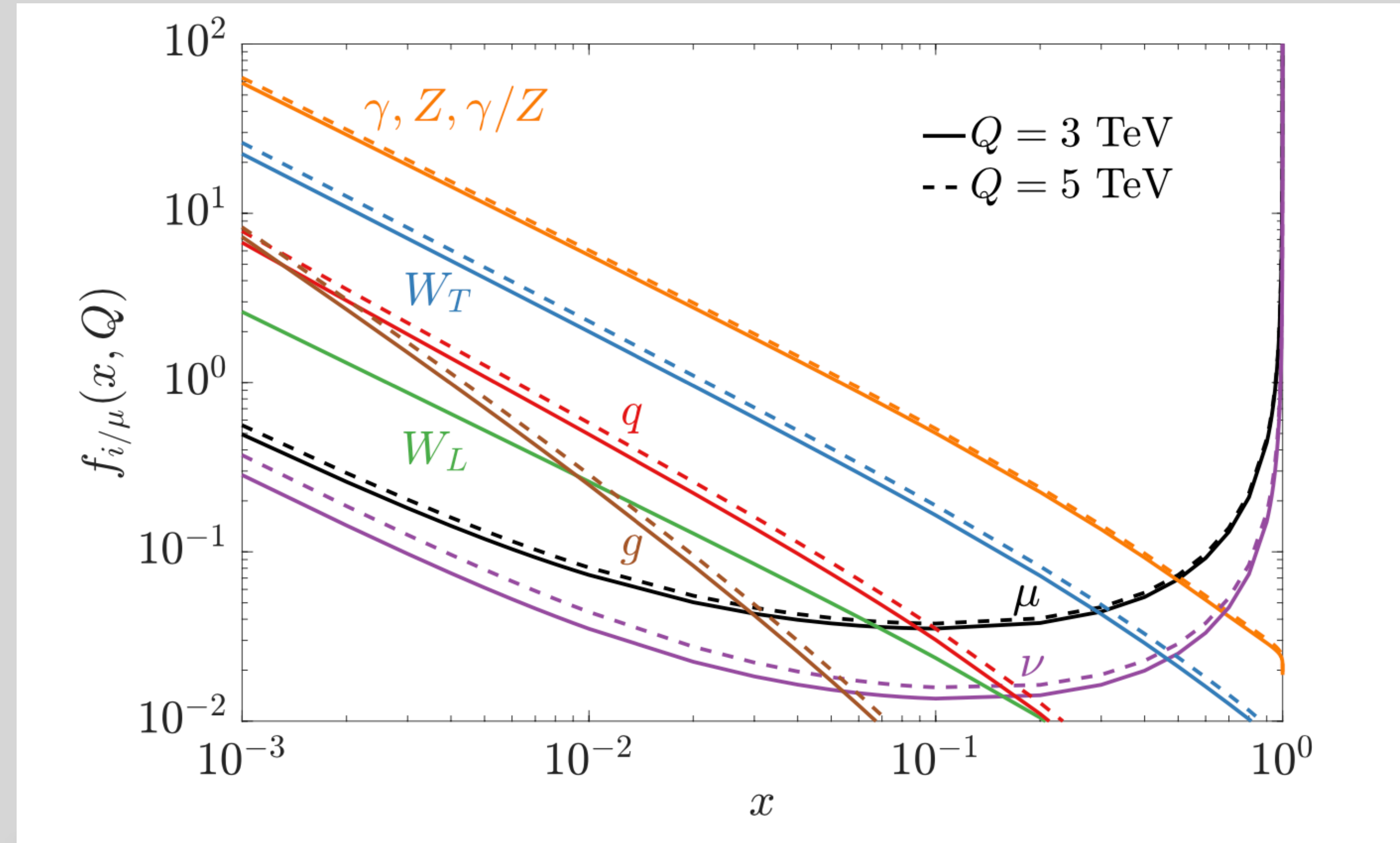
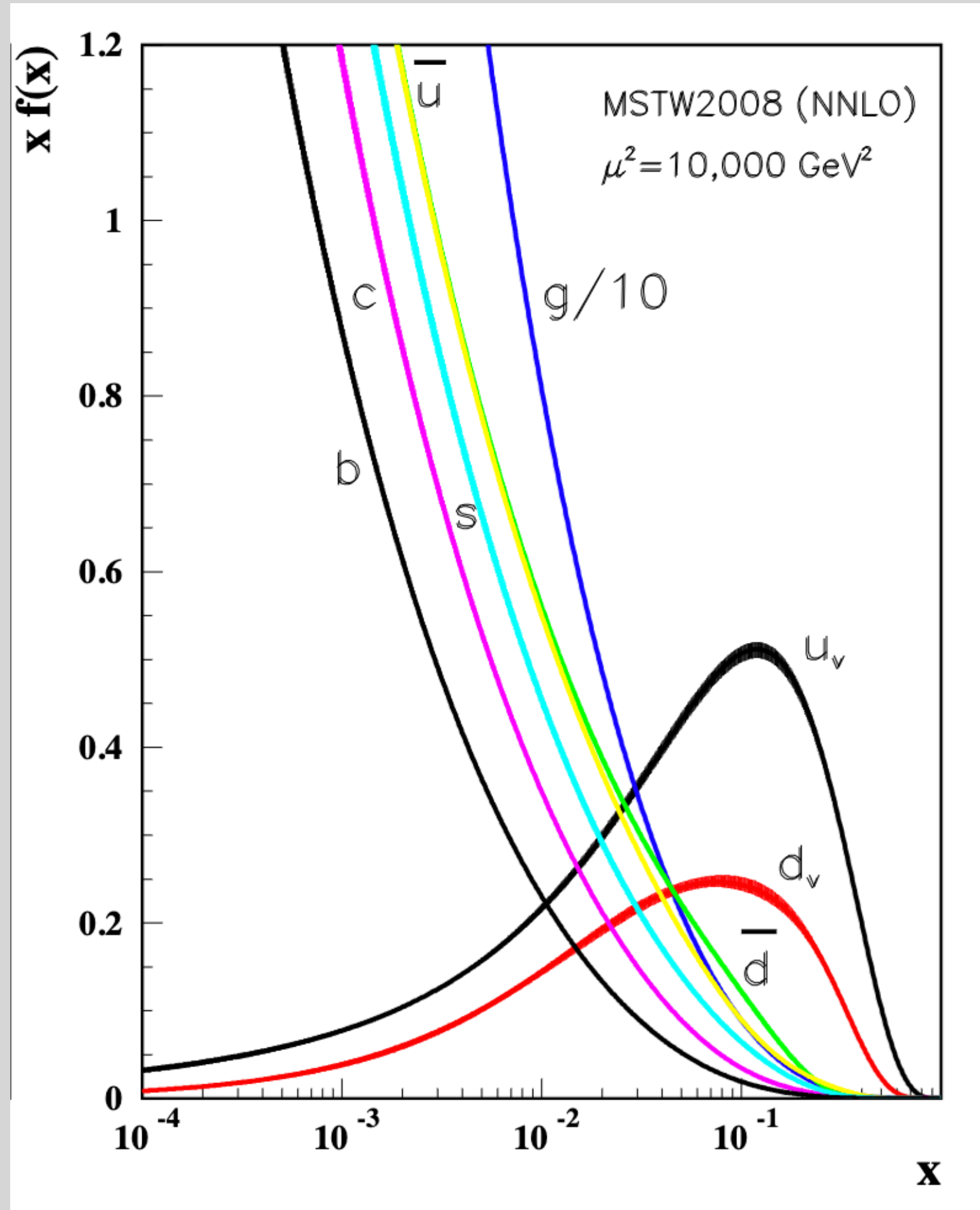
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- Muon colliders offer a gigantic physics potential: combination of energy & precision
- Three paradigm search channels presented:
  - Anomalous muon-Higgs coupling: sign determination and precision up to 1%
  - Heavy Neutrinos: mass reach in off-shell production to several 10s of TeV, Majorana/Dirac disc.
  - Heavy  $Z'$  (neutral currents): reach up to 70 TeV, with hadronic observables ca. 100 TeV
- Theoretical modelling very challenging, but very interesting:
  - Important (but still in infancy) work in QED + EW parton showers with matching
  - Regime of EW PDFs, EW parton showers and EW fragmentation: deep in Sudakov regime
  - Matching and merging, definition of exclusive vs. inclusive events very complicated

# IMCC Annual Meeting DESY 2025

Just confirmed this week: IMCC annual workshop 2025 at DESY!!!

Very likely: May 12-16, 2025

Local Organizing team: Federico Meloni (chair), Jenny List, Priscila Pani, Jürgen Reuter

~ 200—250 participants

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# BACKUP

# EFT modelling of SM deviations

$$F_U(H) = 1 + \sum_{n \geq 1} f_{U,n} \left( \frac{H}{v} \right)^n$$

## Non-linear representation (HEFT)

Scalar  $H$    NGB    $U = e^{i\phi^a \tau_a / v}$     $\phi^a \tau_a = \sqrt{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} & \phi^+ \\ \phi^- & -\frac{\phi^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$

## Linear representation ([truncated] SMEFT)

$H$  doublet    $\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}\phi^+ \\ v + H + i\phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$

### Generalized ( $\mu$ ) Yukawa sector

$$\mathcal{L}_{UH} = \frac{v^2}{4} \text{tr}[D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U] F_U(H) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu H \partial^\mu H - V(H) - \frac{v}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \sum_{n \geq 0} y_n \left( \frac{H}{v} \right)^n (\bar{\nu}_L, \bar{\mu}_L) U (1 - \tau_3) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ \mu_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\varphi = \left[ -\bar{\mu}_L y_\mu \varphi \mu_R + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^n \bar{\mu}_L \varphi \mu_R + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

$$m_\mu = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} y_0 \quad \kappa = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2} m_\mu} y_1$$

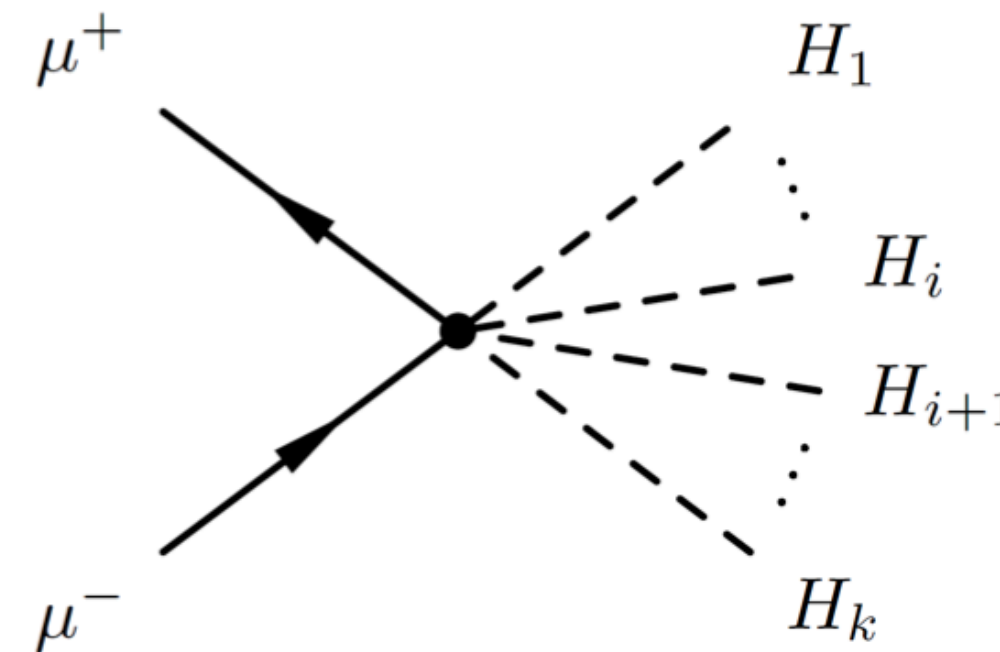
### Parameterization of $\mu$ mass and Yukawa modifier

$$m_\mu = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ y_\mu - \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} \frac{v^{2n}}{2^n} \right]$$

$$\kappa = 1 - \frac{v}{\sqrt{2} m_\mu} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} \frac{n v^{2n}}{2^{n-1}}$$

**Extreme case:** vanishing  $\mu$  Yukawa: no pure Higgs final states at tree-level !

$$-i \frac{k!}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ Y_\ell \delta_{k,1} - \sum_{n=n_k}^{M-1} \frac{C_{\mu\varphi}^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{2n}} \binom{2n+1}{k} \frac{v^{2n+1-k}}{2^n} \right] = 0 =$$

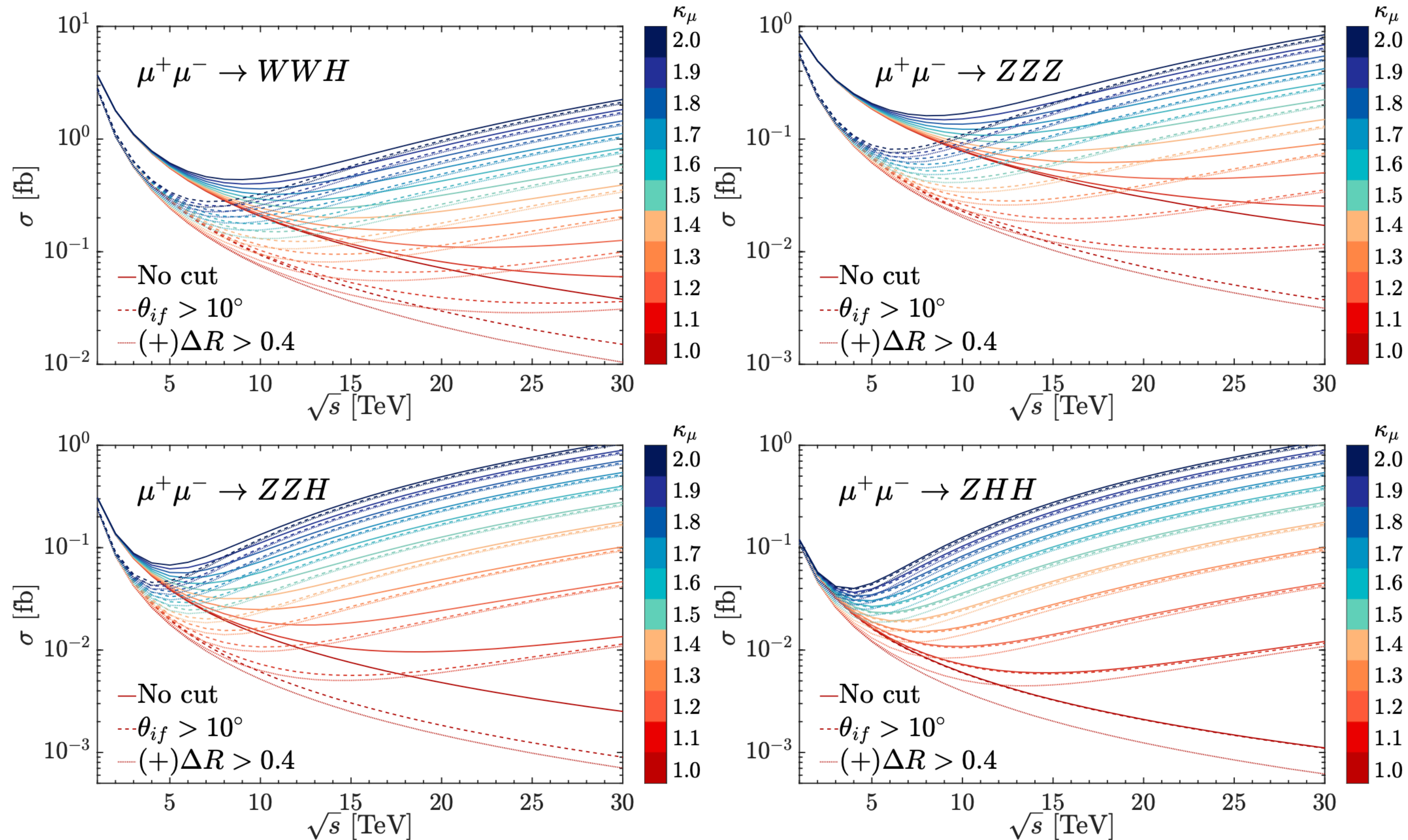


**Benchmark scenario:** "matched" case





# Variations of cross sections with $\kappa$



- 2 independent BDT trainings: Dirac vs. ( $\alpha_{BDT} \cdot$  Majorana + Bkgd.) & Majorana vs. ( $\alpha_{BDT} \cdot$  Dirac + Bkgd.)

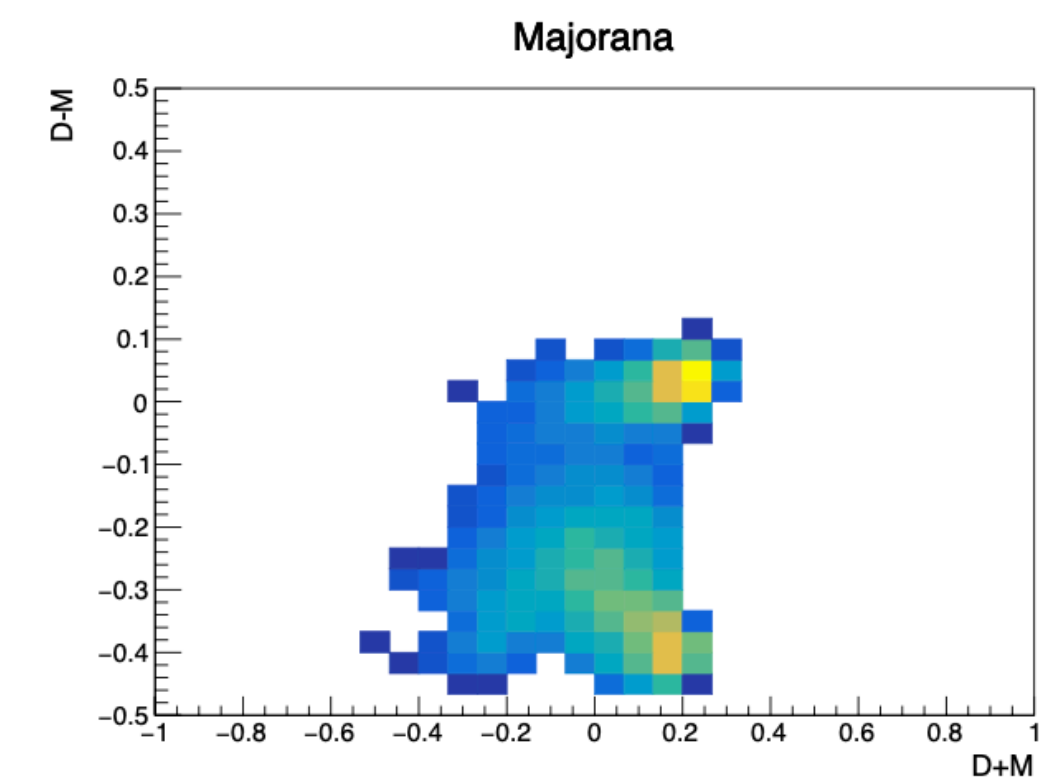
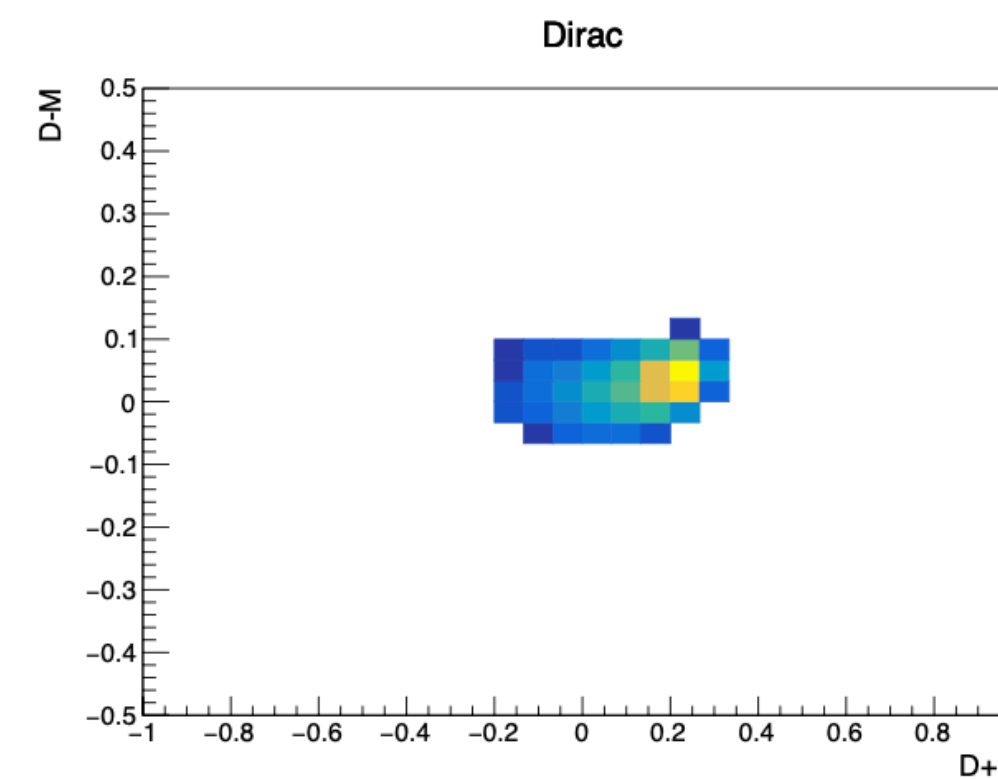
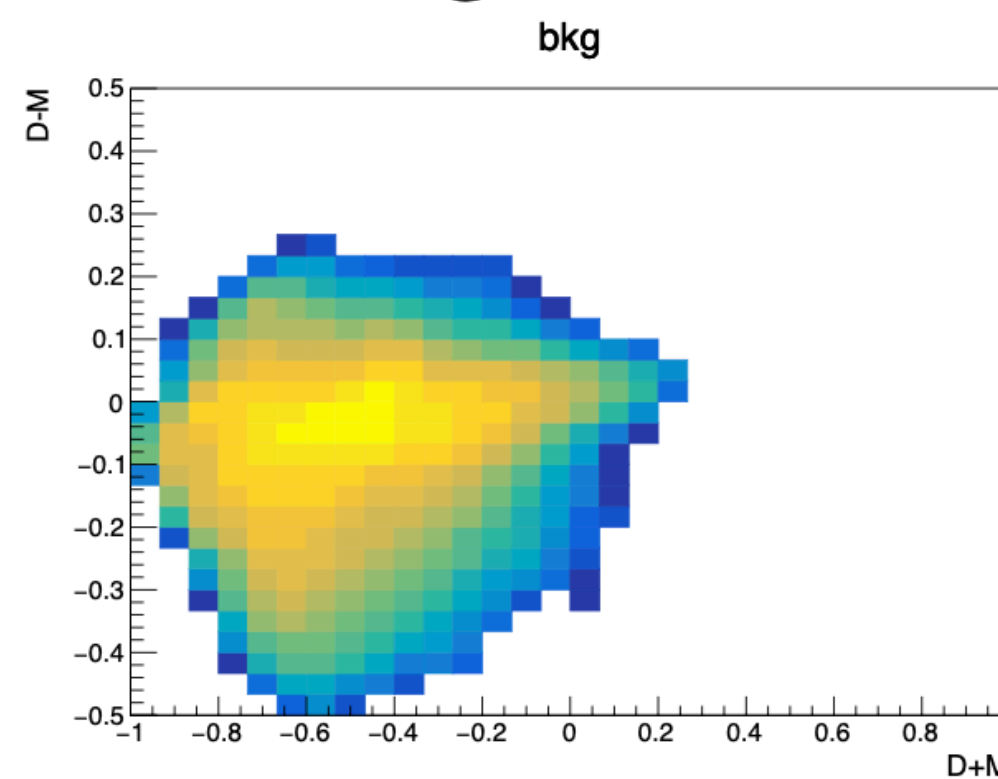
- $\chi^2$ -like statistics:  $T' = \sum_{bins} \frac{[(B + D) - (B + M)]^2}{\frac{1}{2}[(B + D) + (B + M)]} + \# \text{DOF} = \sum_{bins} \frac{(D - M)^2}{B + \frac{D + M}{2}} + \# \text{DOF}$   $T' \longrightarrow T'(\alpha_{lim}) = \sum_{bins} \frac{\alpha_{lim}^2 (D - M)^2}{B + \alpha_{lim} \cdot \frac{D + M}{2}}$

- Statistical test:  $T \geq \chi_{crit}^2(\text{DOF}) \implies$  signal hypotheses distinguishable

- 2D histograms:  $BDT_D + BDT_M, BDT_D - BDT_M$

- Technical procedure:

1. Train BDT for different values  $\alpha_{BDT}$
2. For each  $\alpha_{BDT}$ : calculate 95% CL limit  $\alpha_{lim}$  such that  $T(\alpha_{lim}) = \chi_{crit}^2(\text{DOF})$
3. Select the best limit:  $\alpha_{min} = \min \{ \alpha_{lim} \}$
4. Set final limit as  $V_{\ell N}^{lim} = \alpha_{min} \cdot V_{\ell N}^{ref}$



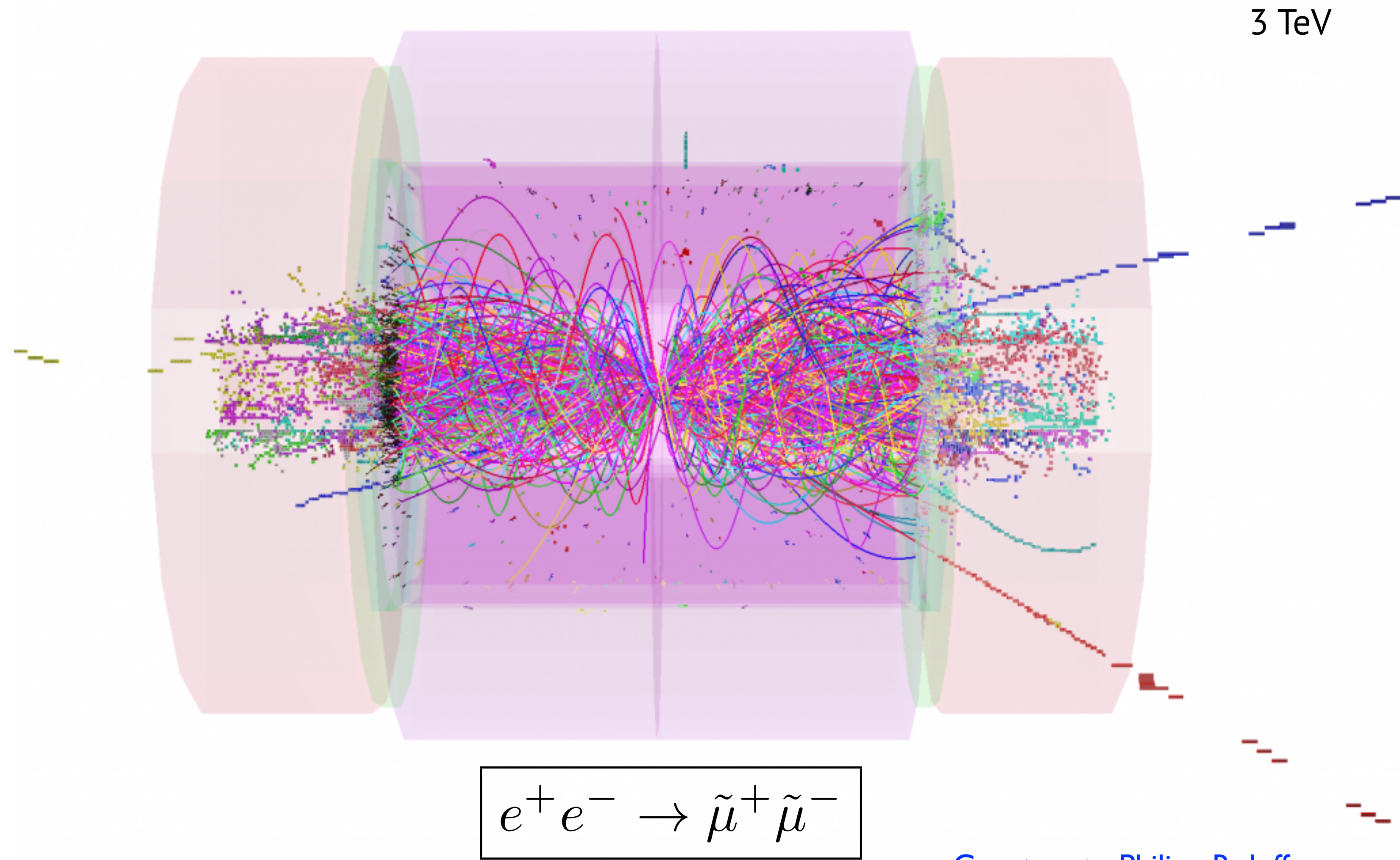
# The importance of MC event generators

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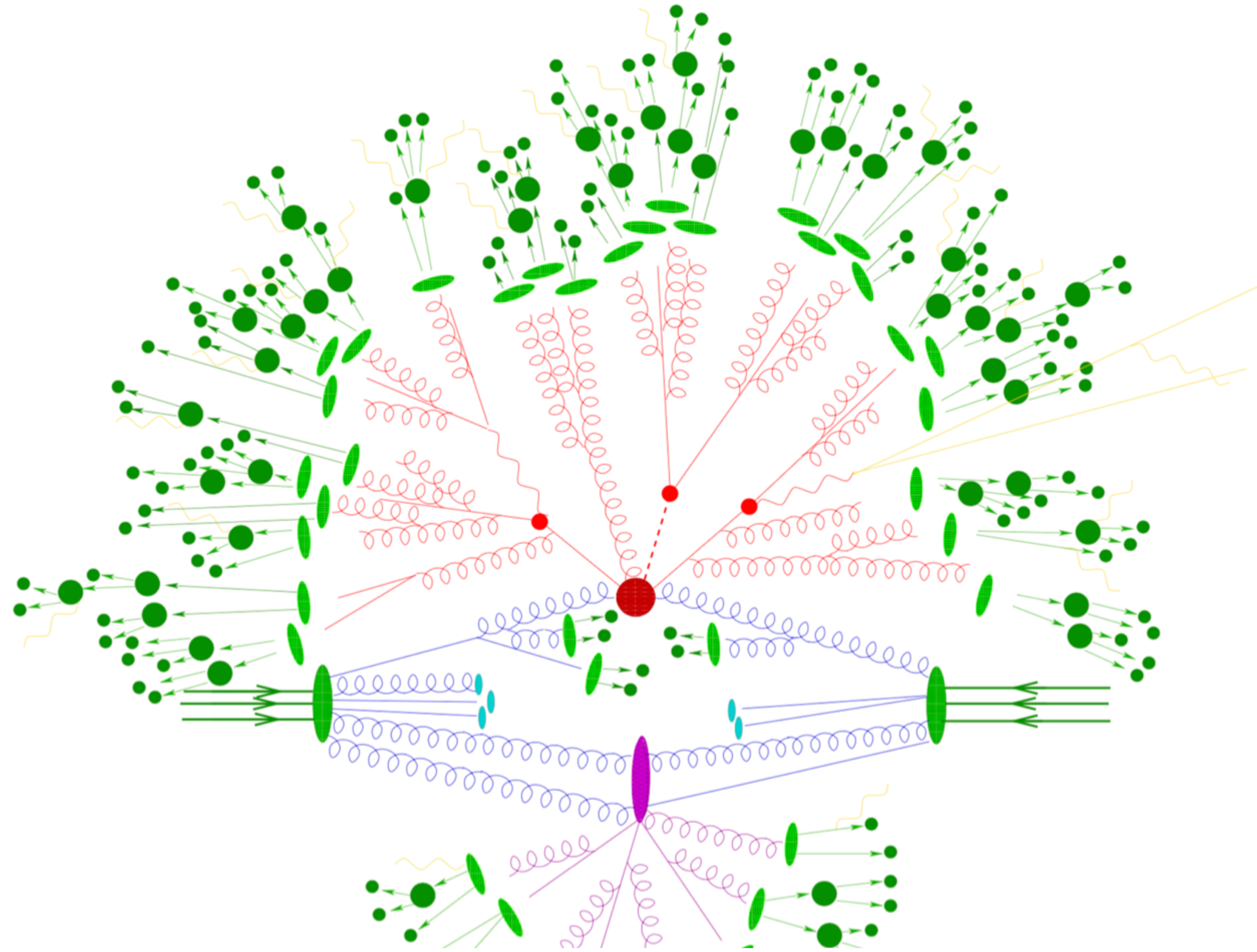
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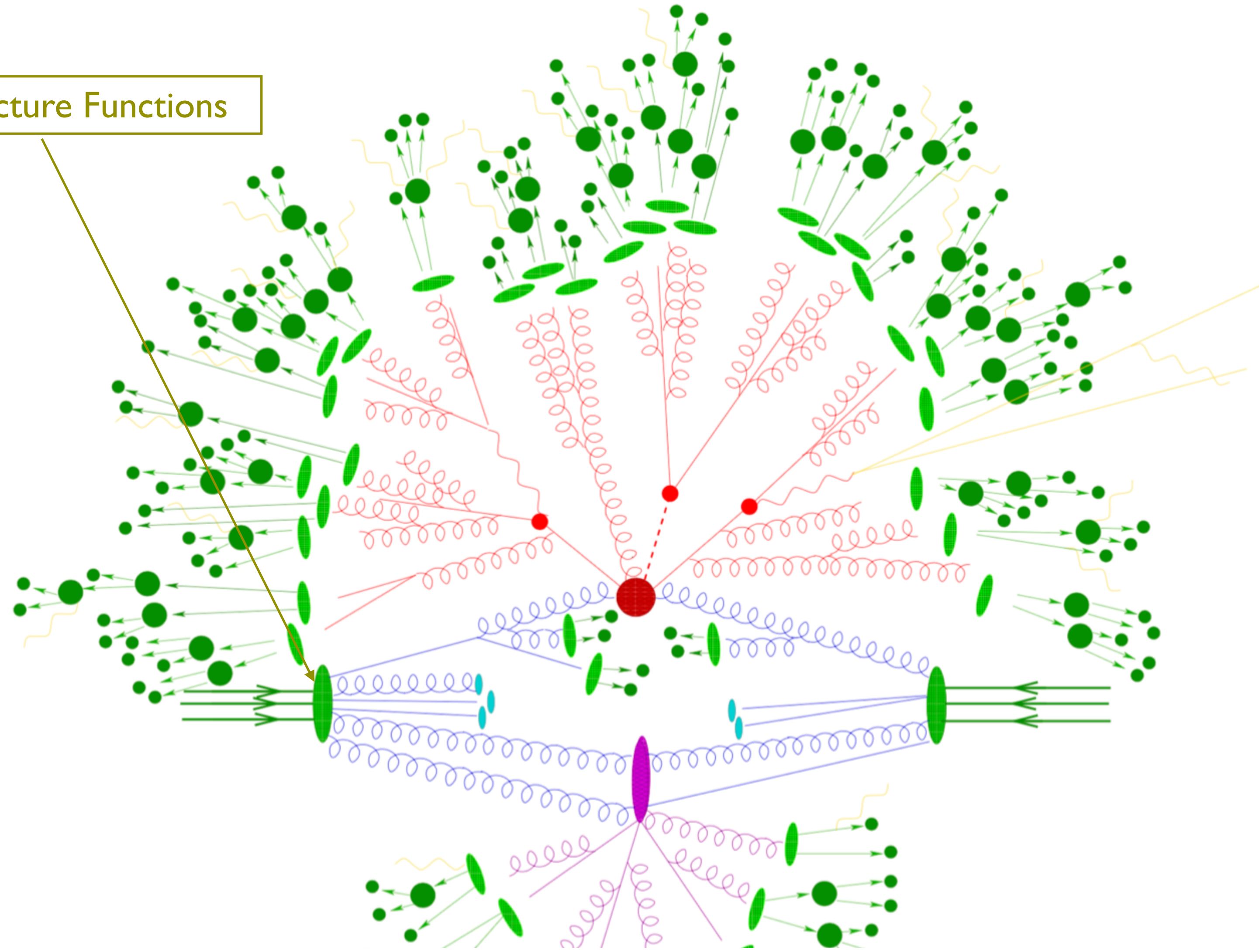
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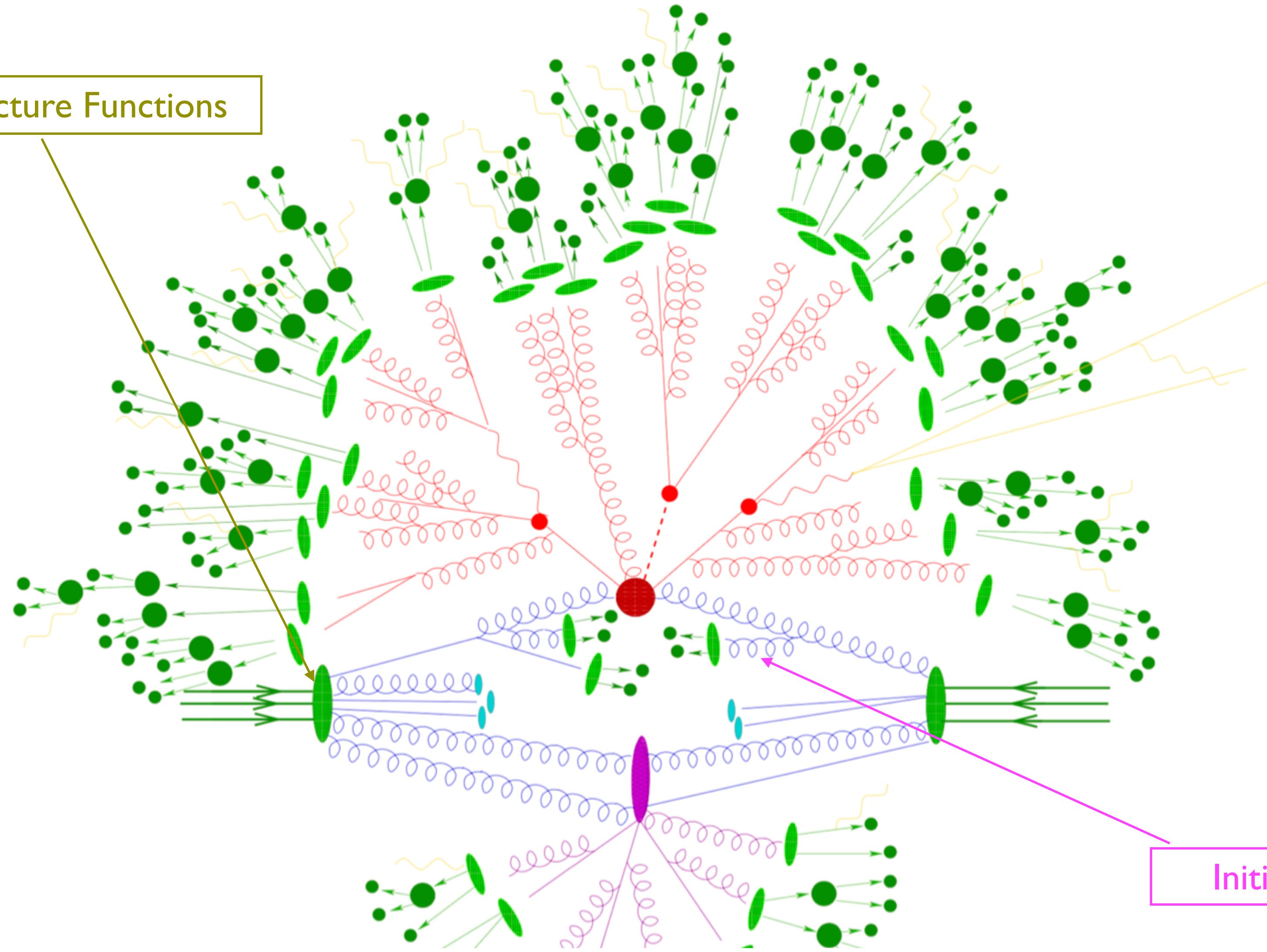
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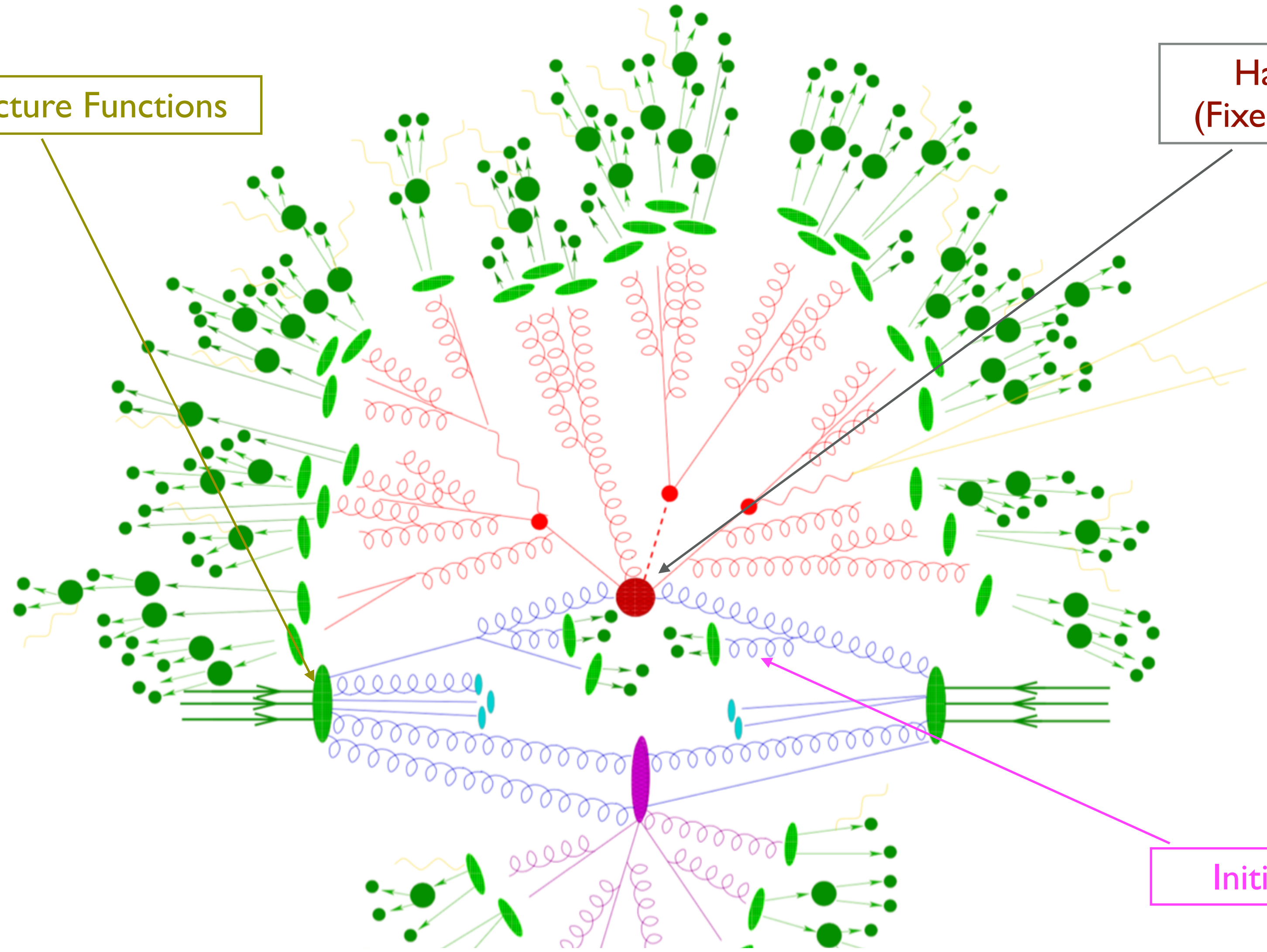
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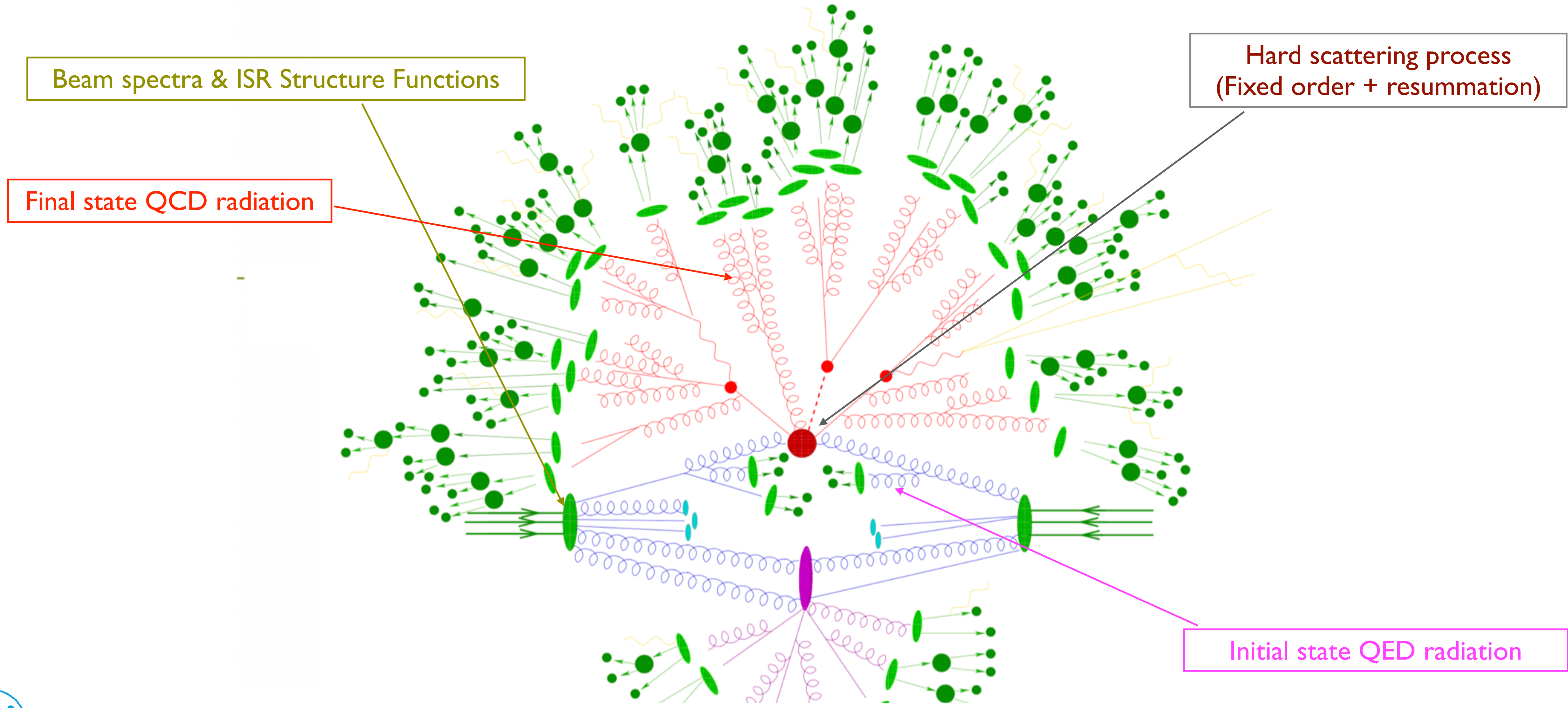
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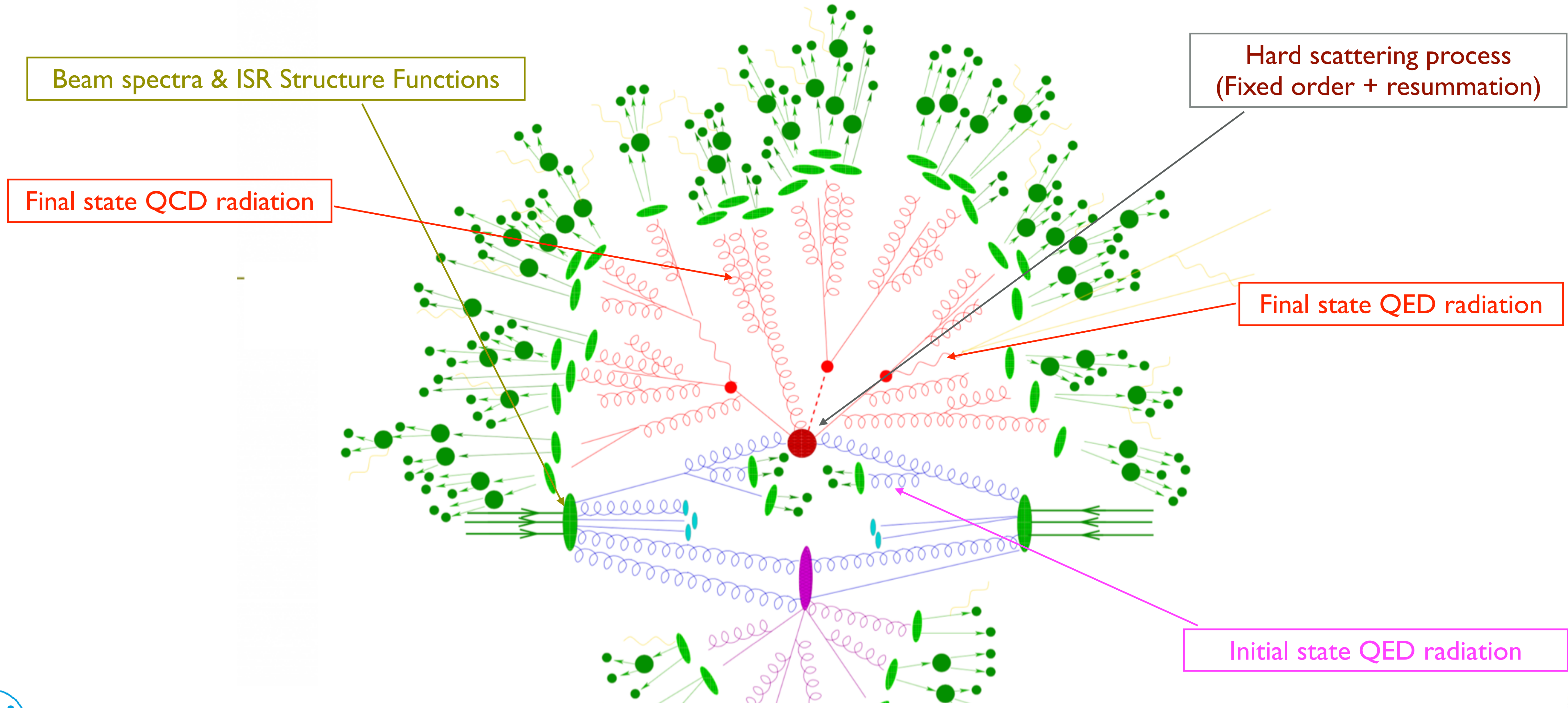
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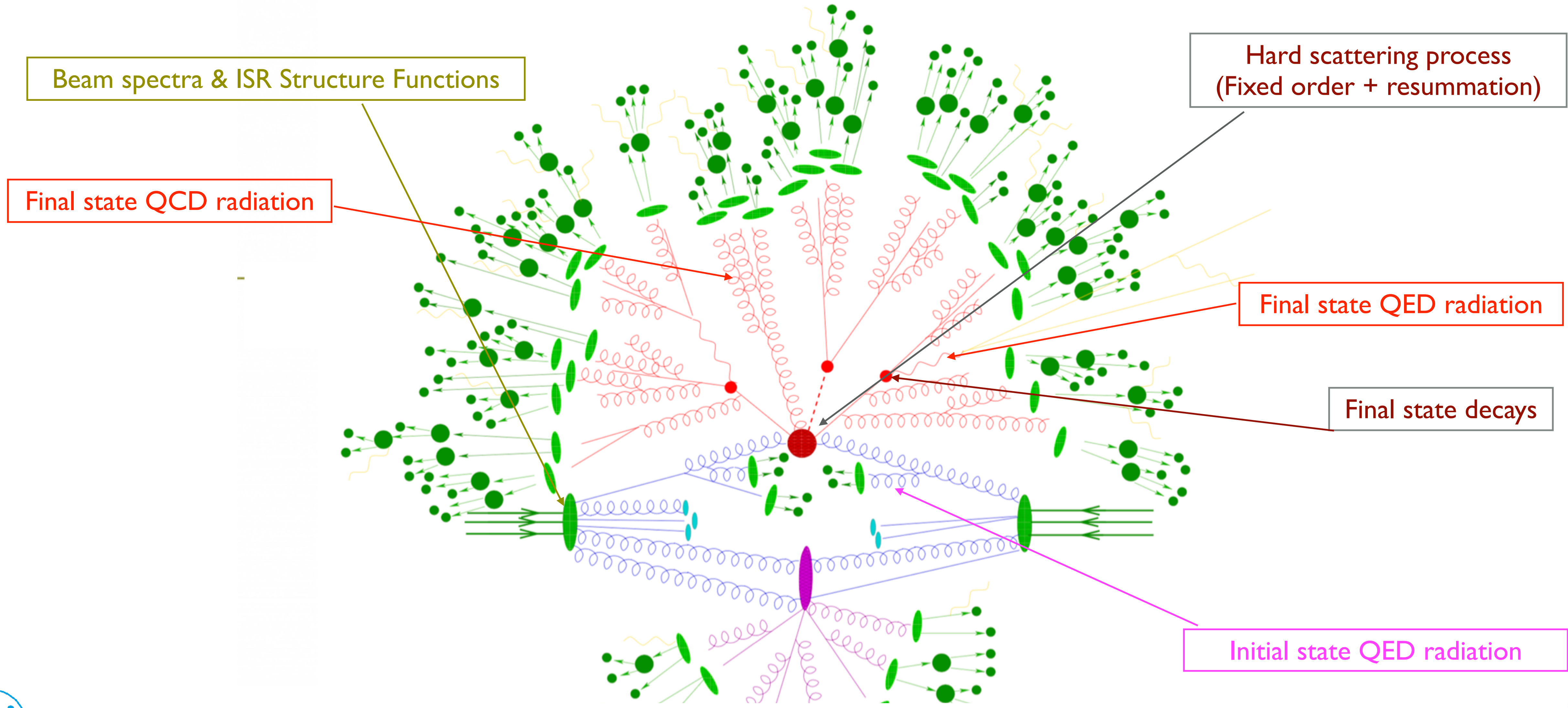
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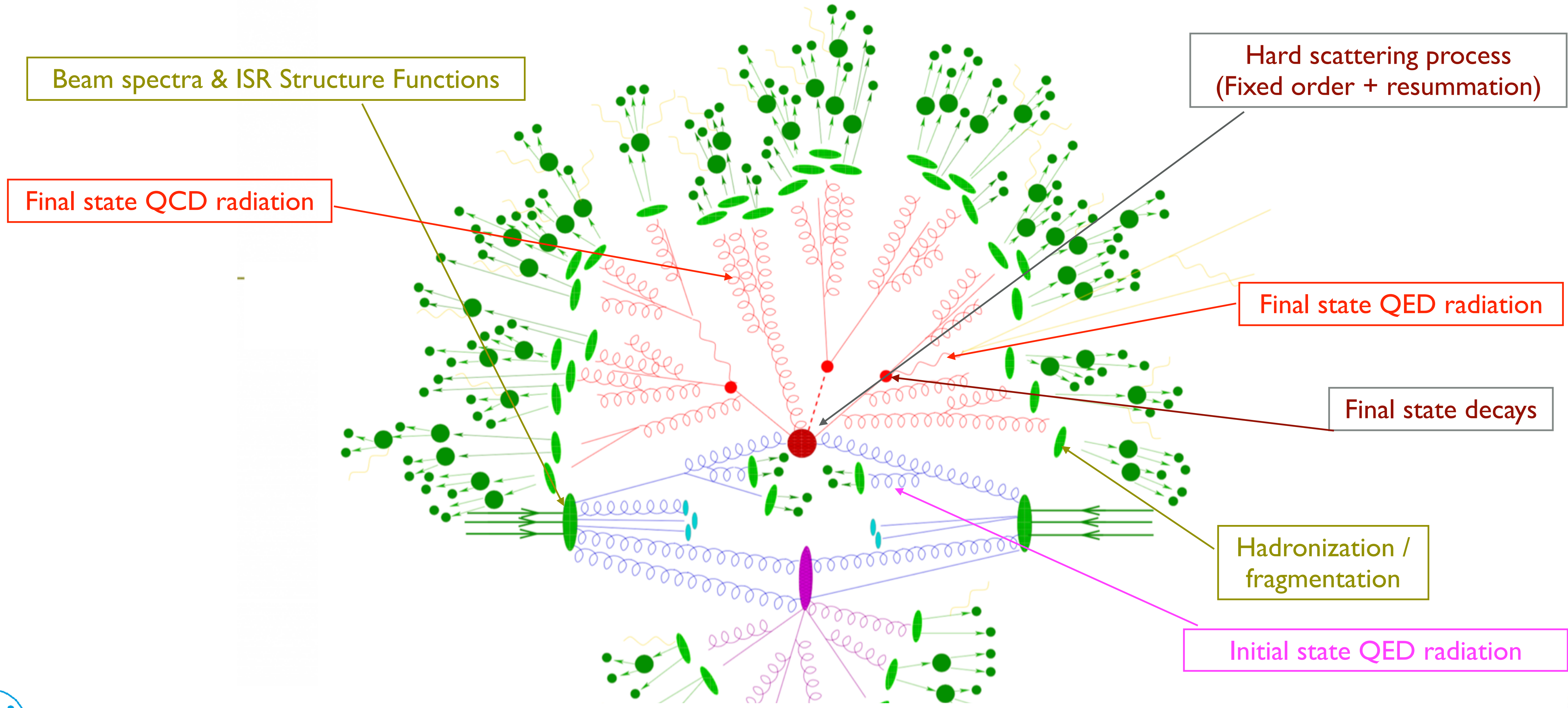
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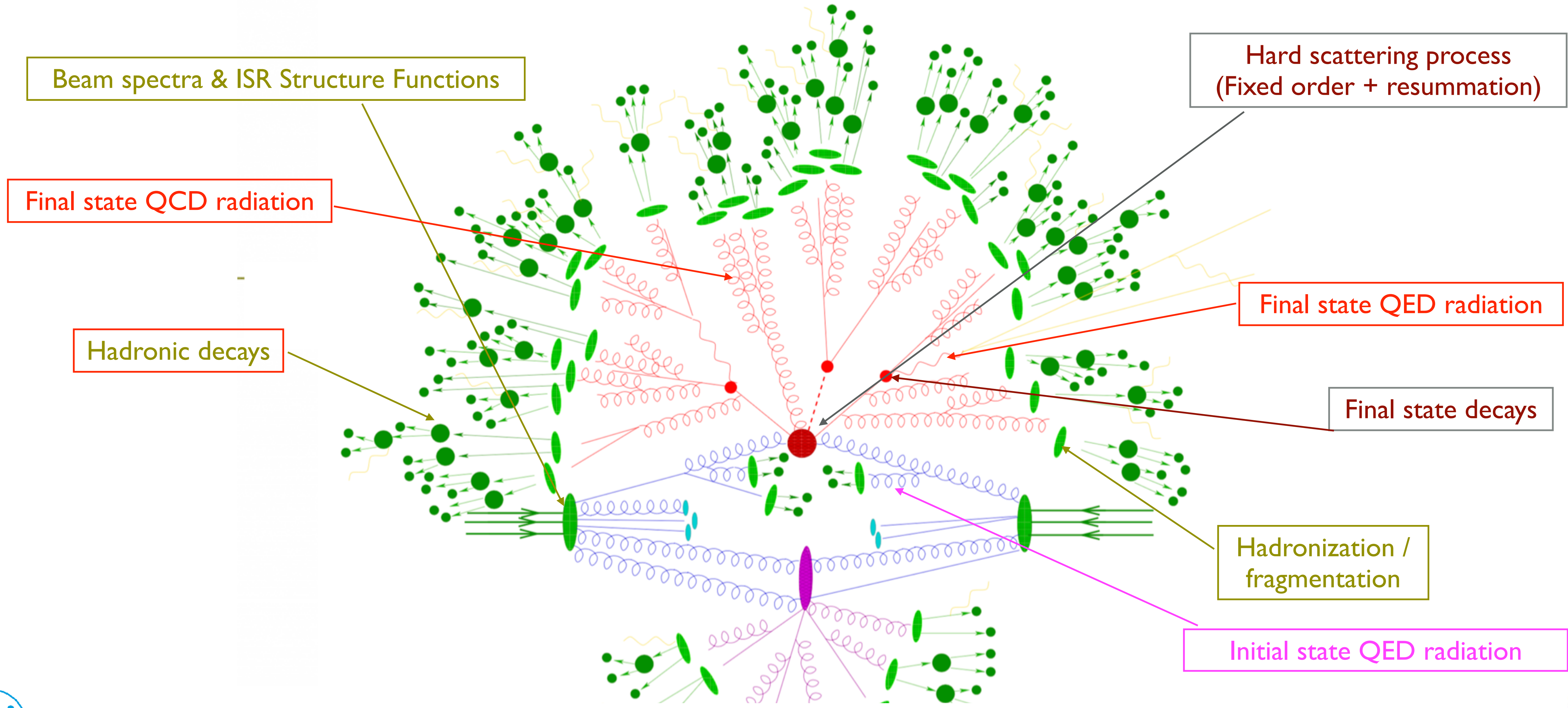
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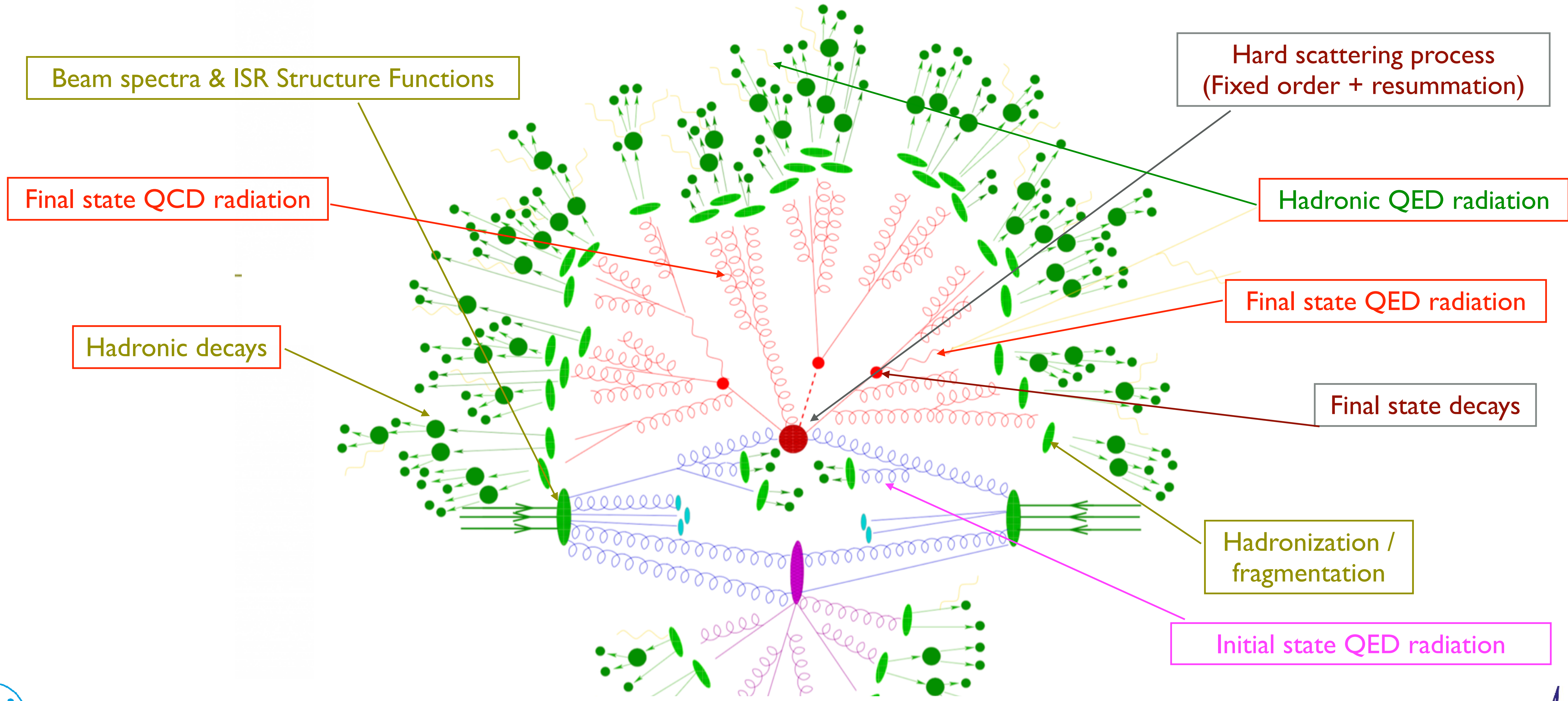
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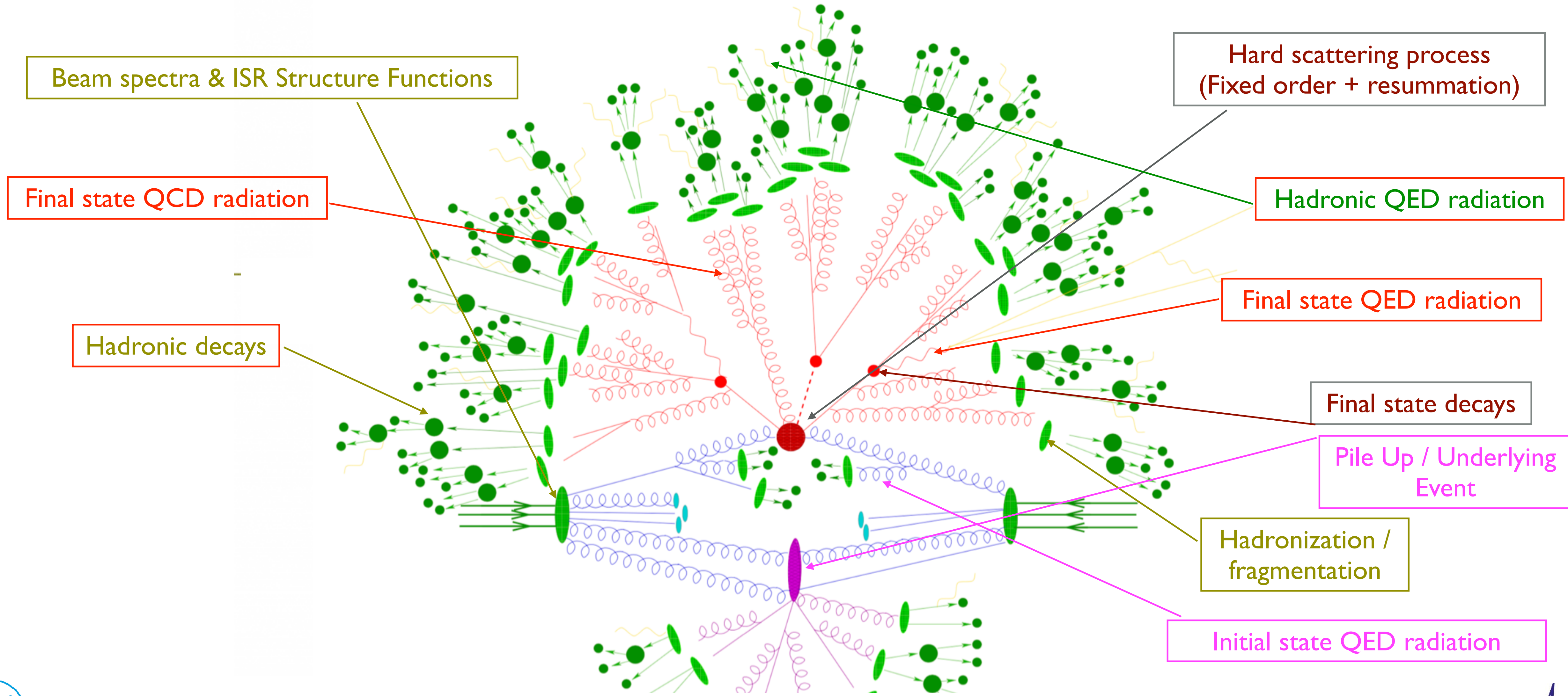
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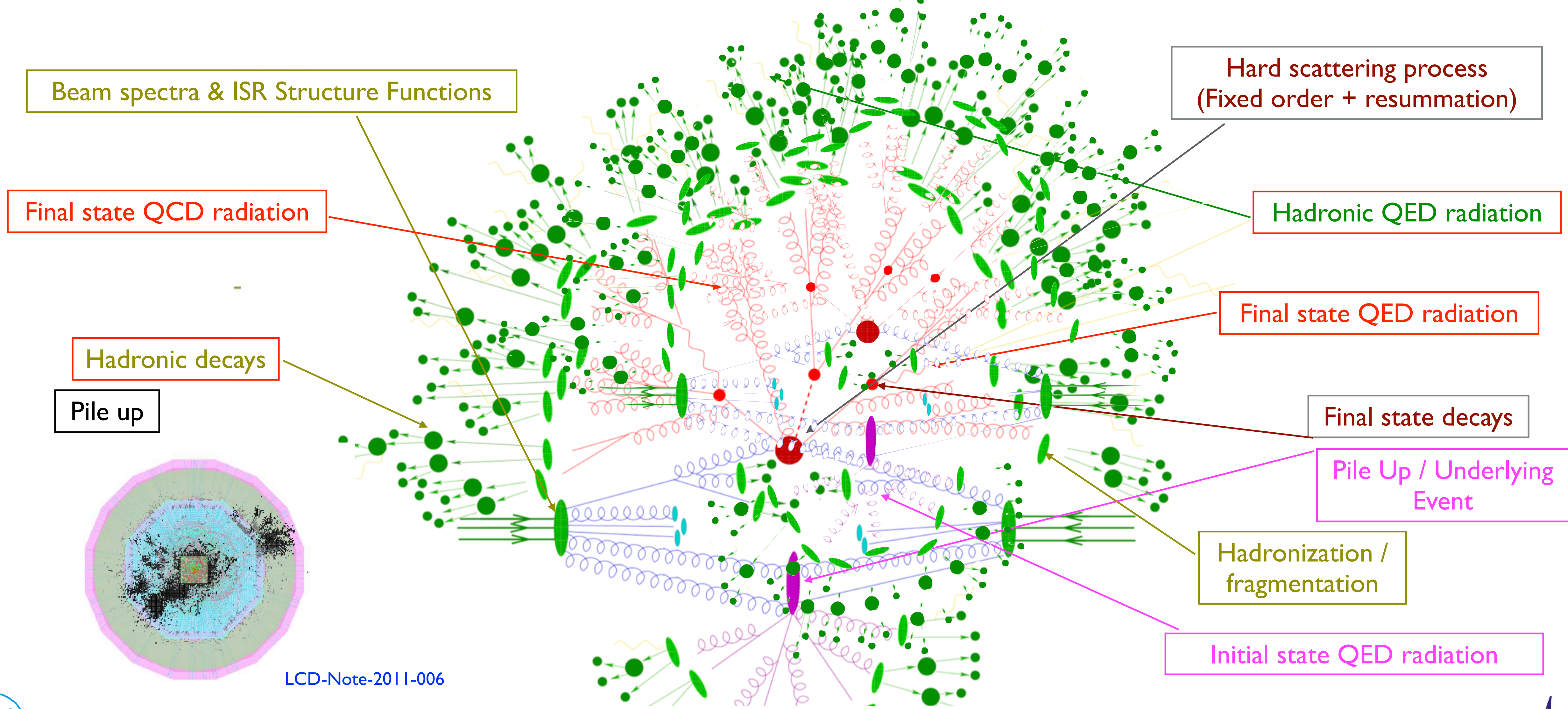
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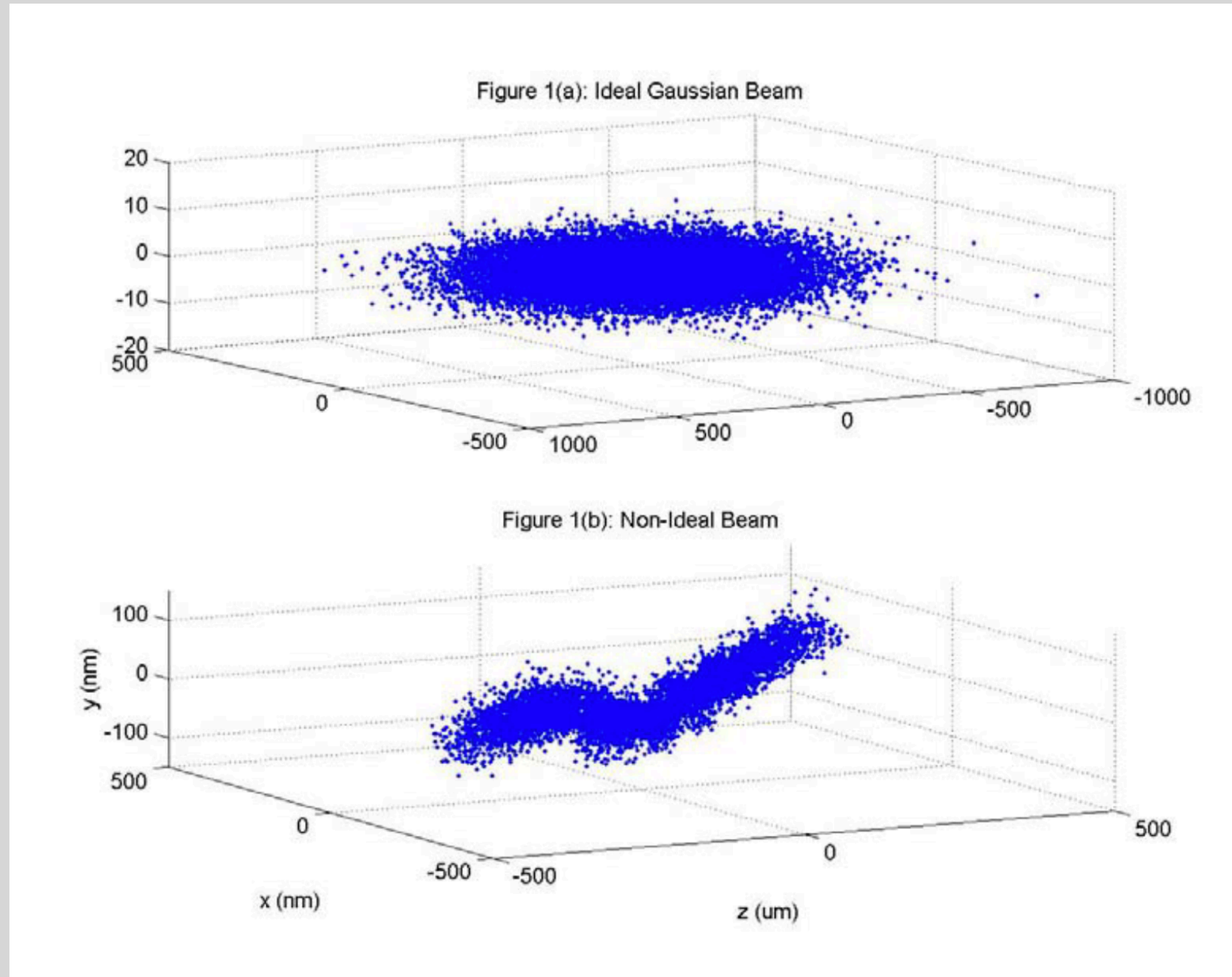
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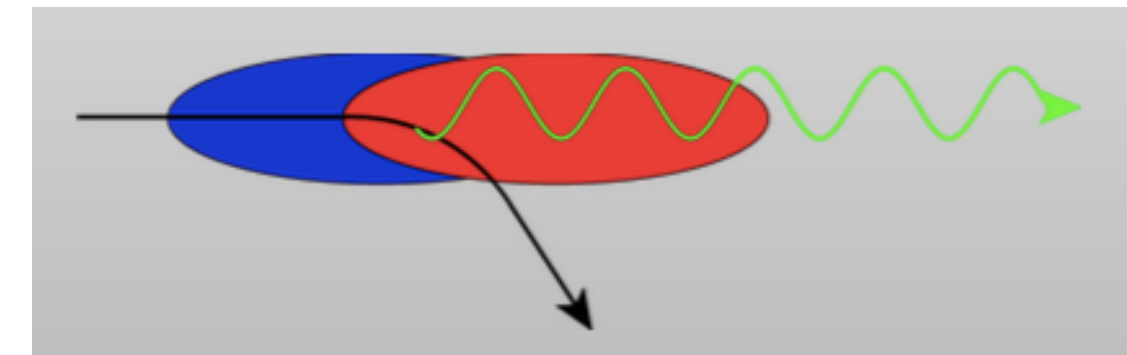




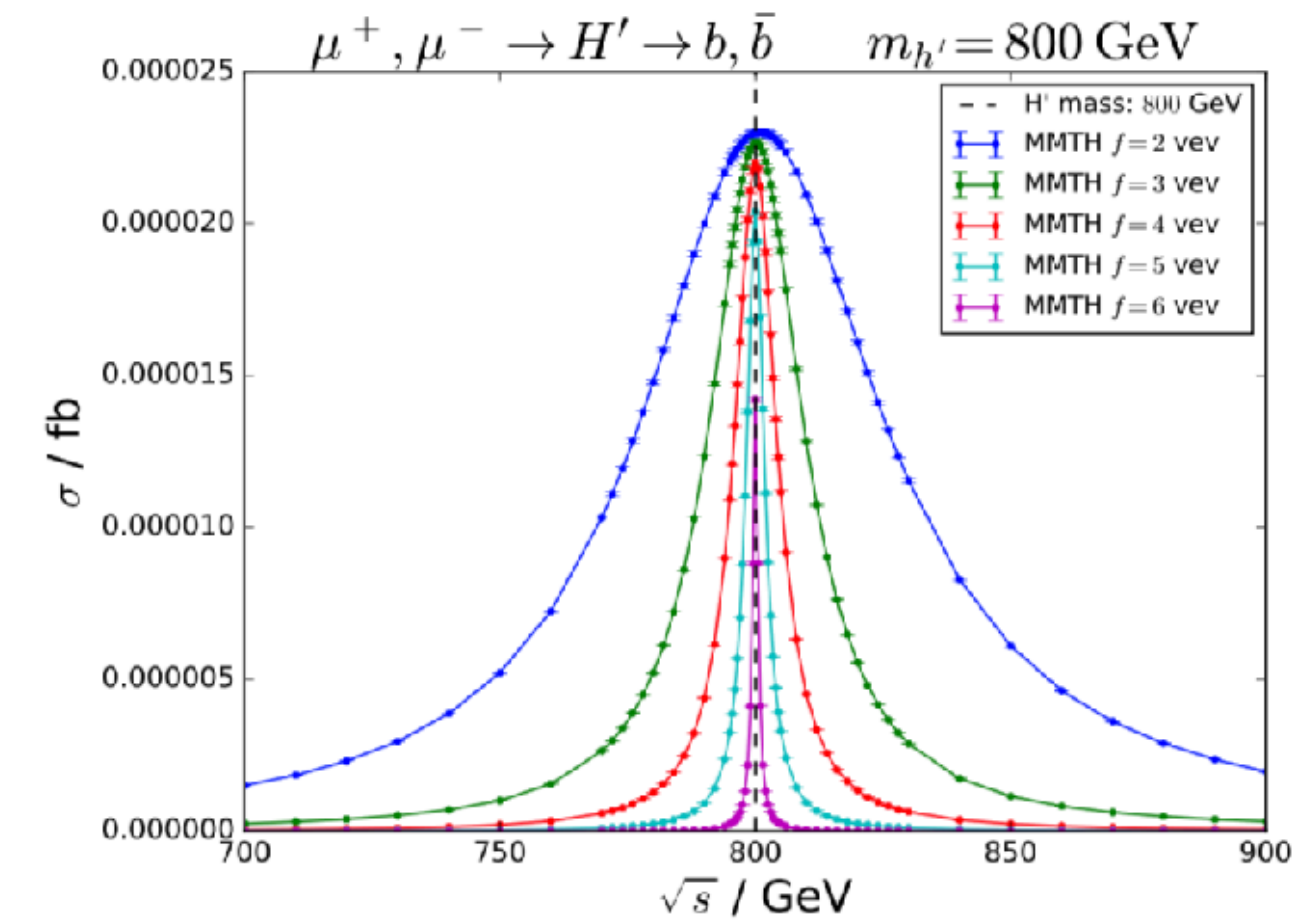
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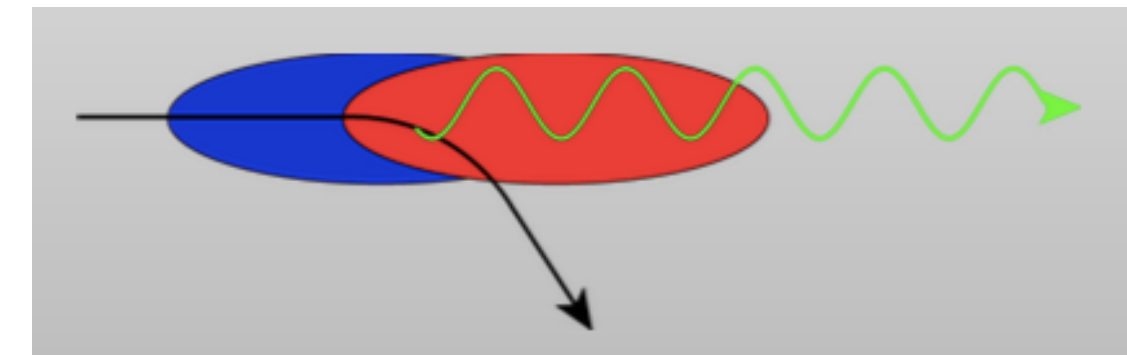
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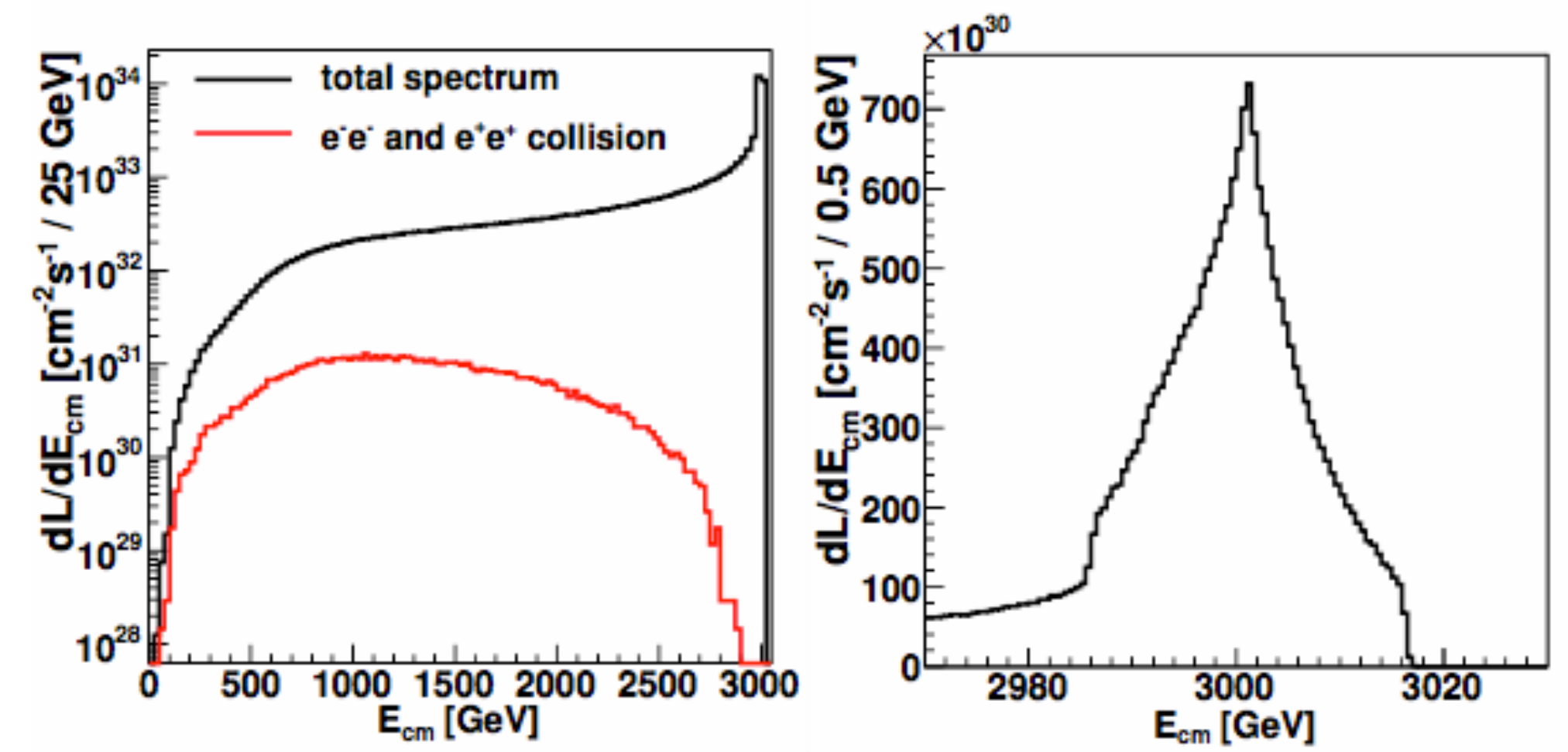
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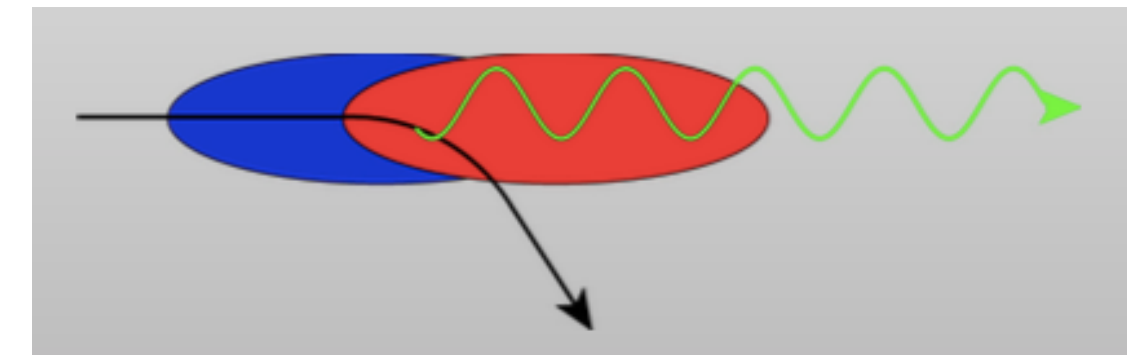
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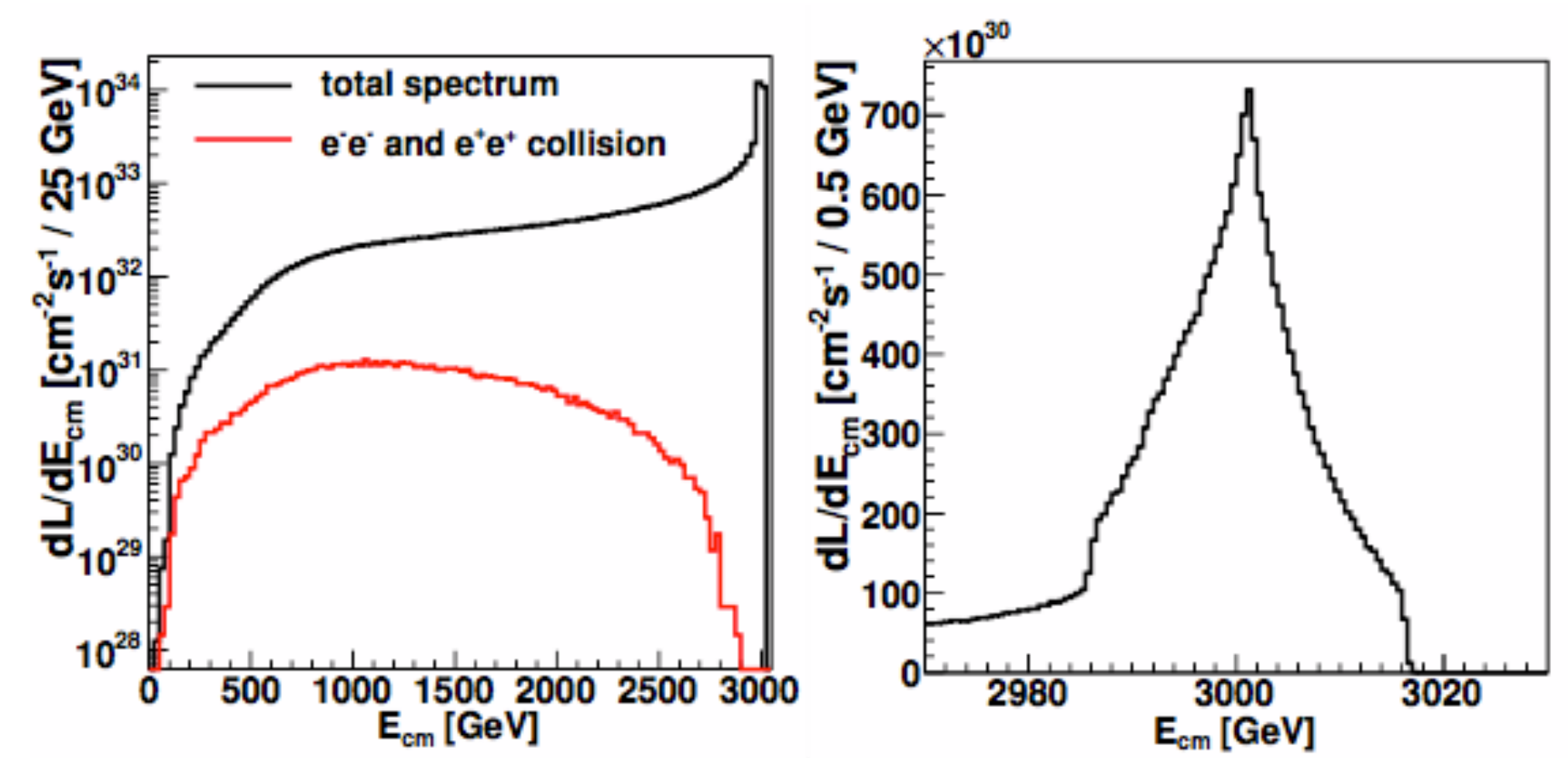
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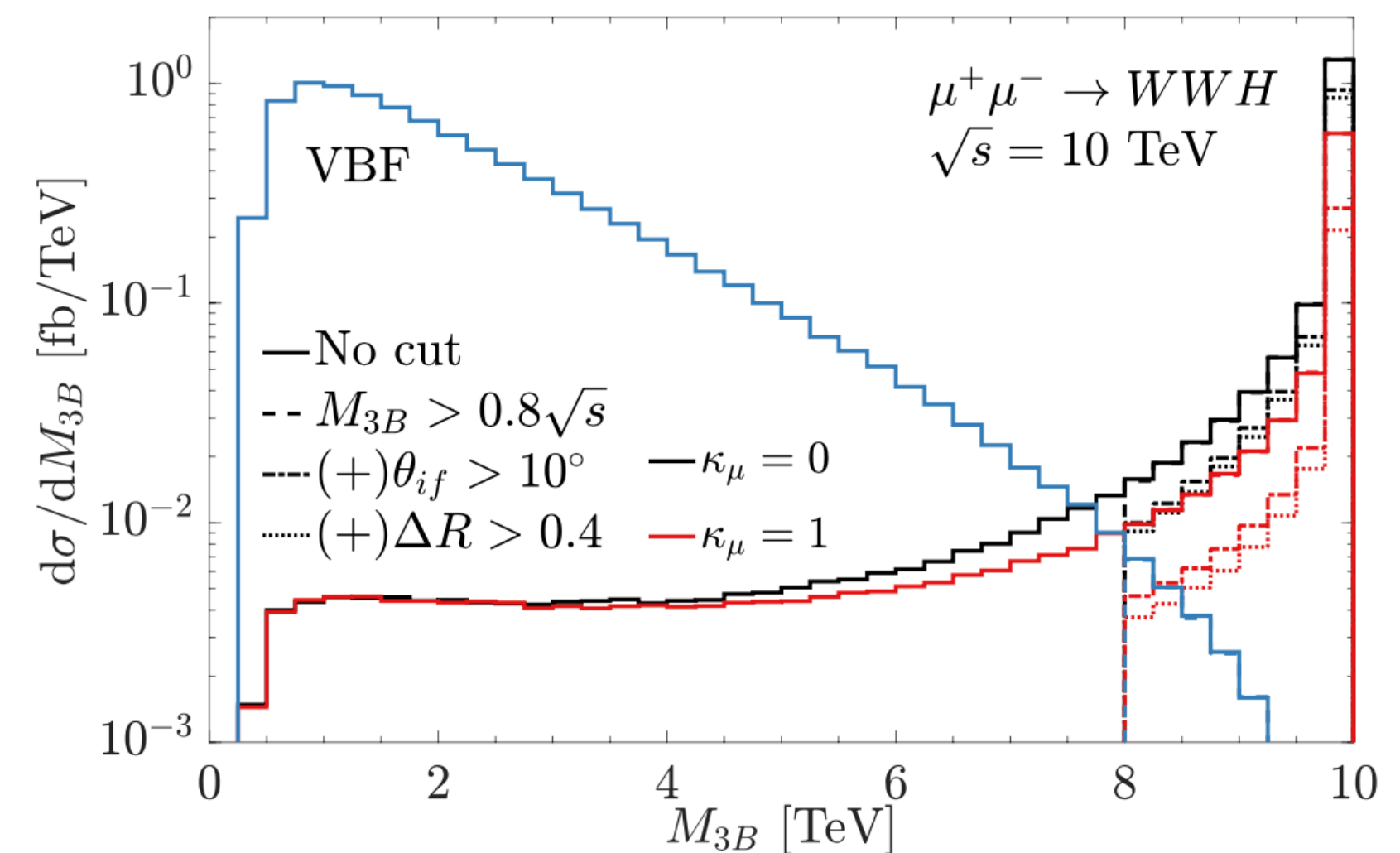
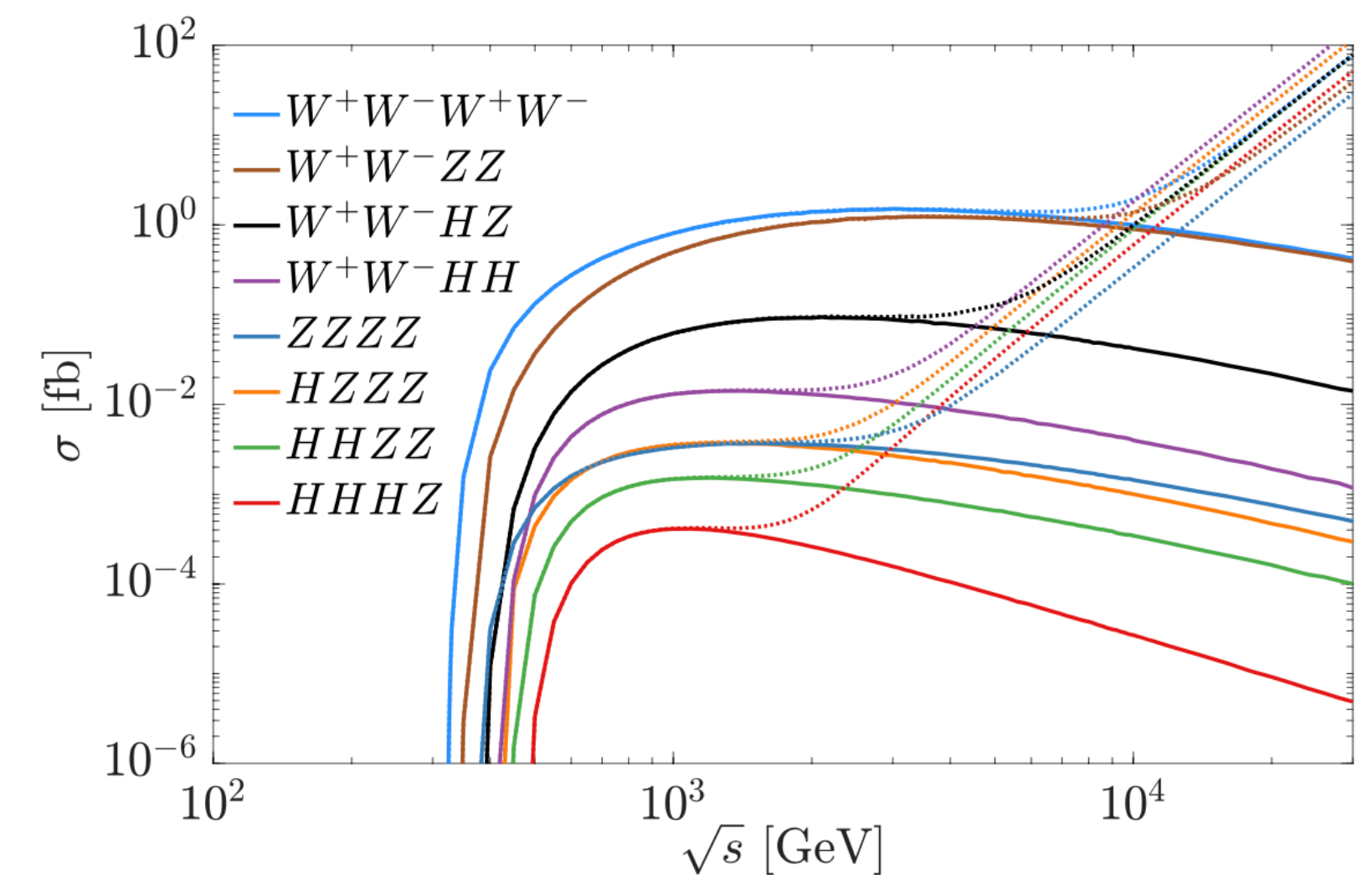


# BSM Modelling in Simulation



# BSM Models: UFO magic

- BSM models available from Lagrangian level tools (LanHEP, SARAH, FeynRules)
- Transferred to MC generator via UFO format: v1 [1108.2040](#) v2: [2304.09883](#)
- Allows for all Lagrangian-based BSM models
- Spin 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2 supported (some 3/2, 2 features missing in some MC)
- Majorana fermions and fermion-number violating vertices
- 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, ... point vertices (optimization for code generation pending)
- Arbitrary Lorentz structures in vertices
- Keeping track of the order of insertions
- Customized propagators
- Exotic colored objects (sextets, decuplets, epsilon structures)
- (S)LHA-style input files from spectrum generators to MC generators (scans!)
- Automated calculations of widths (UFO side vs. MC generator side)
- Long-lived particles, displaced vertices, oscillations in decays (not all MCs yet)
- Lots of bug reports and constructive feedback from many different users
- LO fully supported, NLO (QCD) available on UFO side, but not all MCs



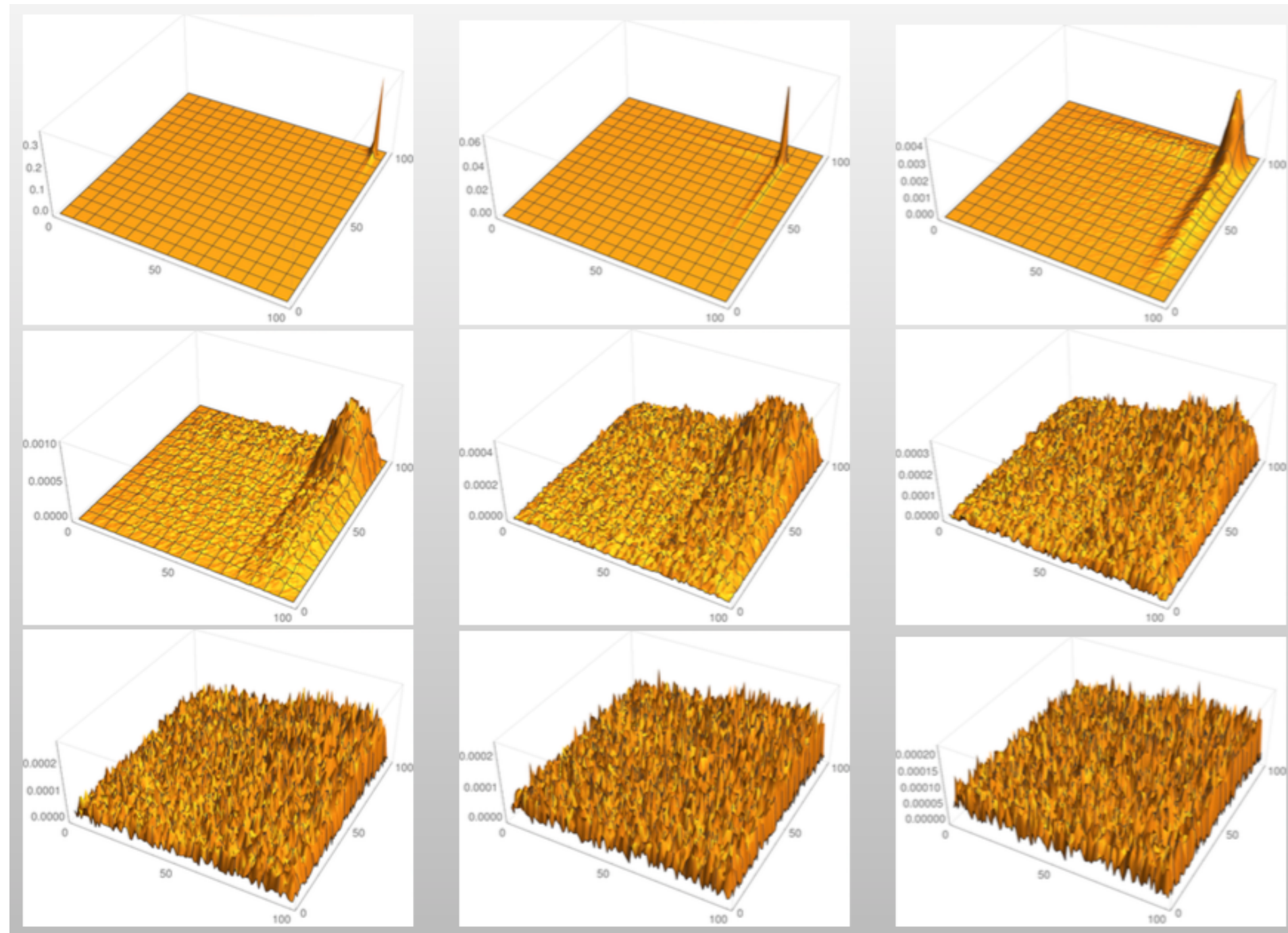
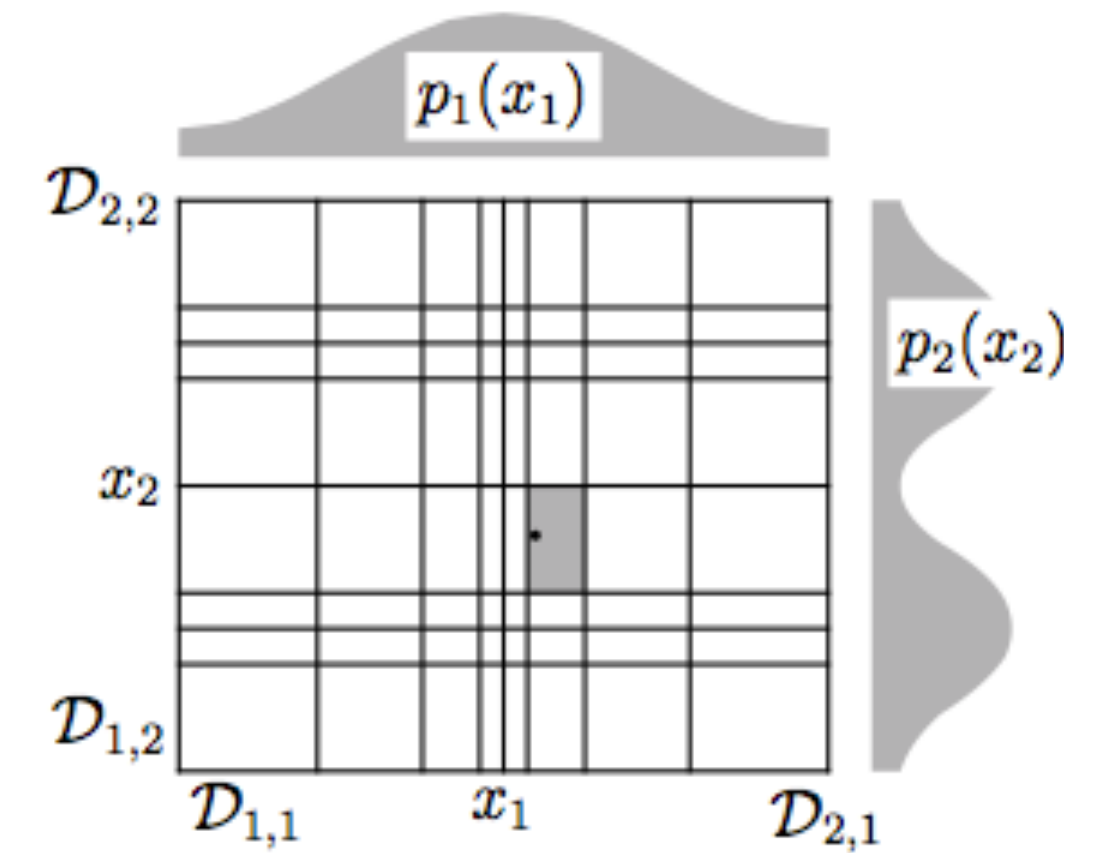
MuC example for SMEFT/HEFT UFO, from: [T. Han et al. arXiv:2108.05362](#)

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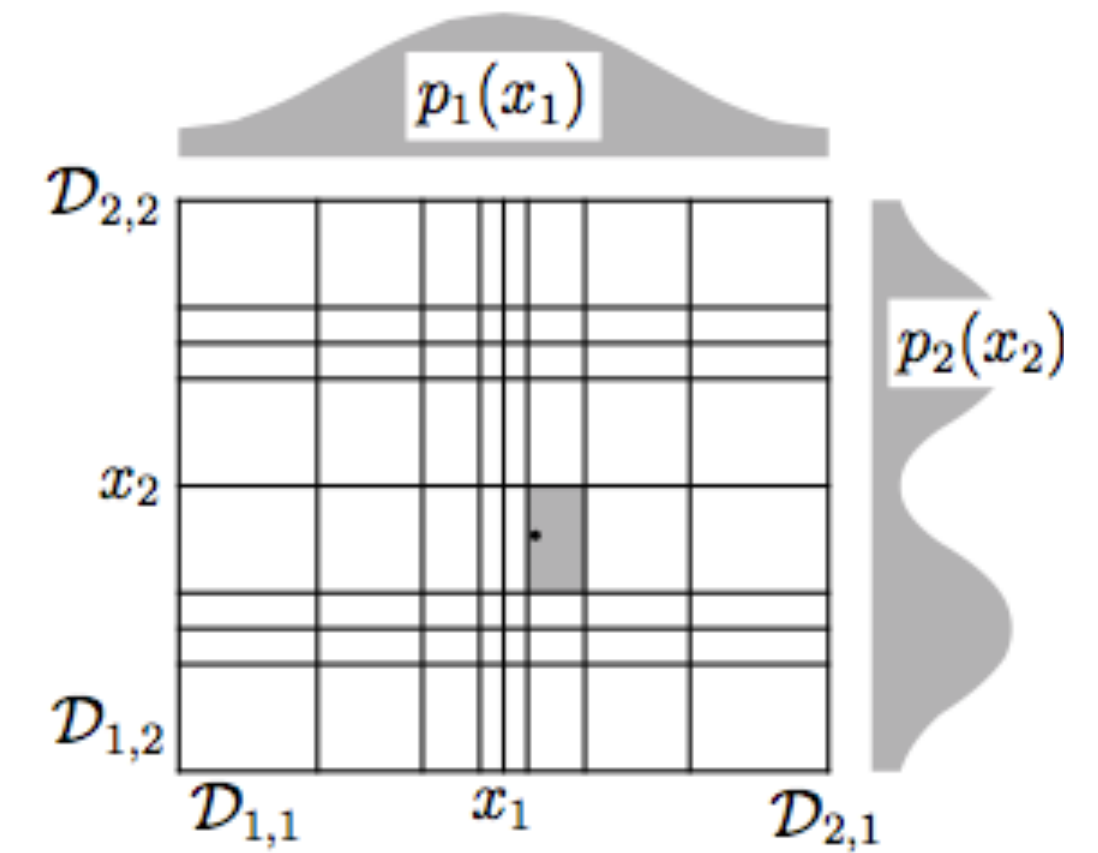
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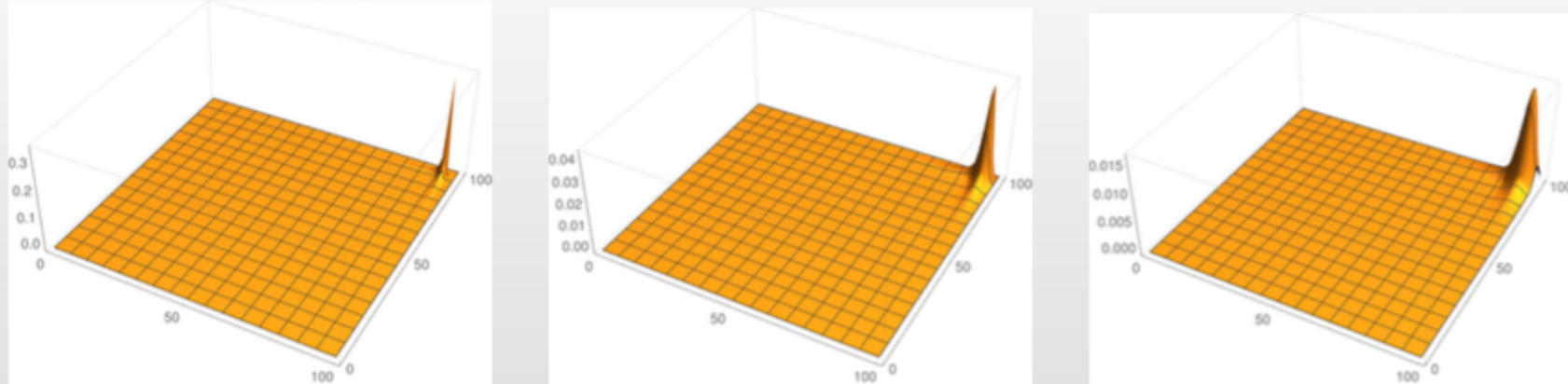
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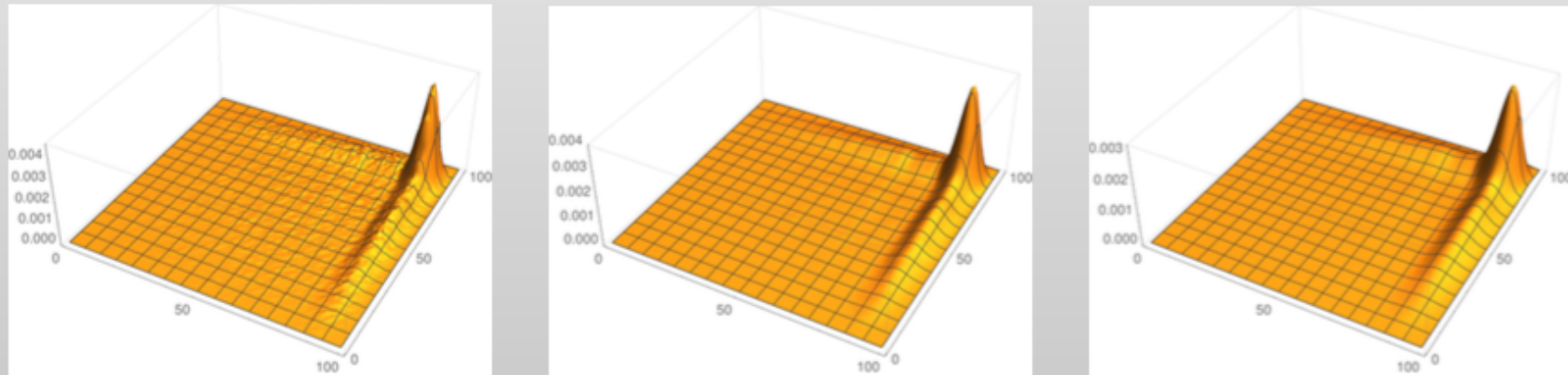
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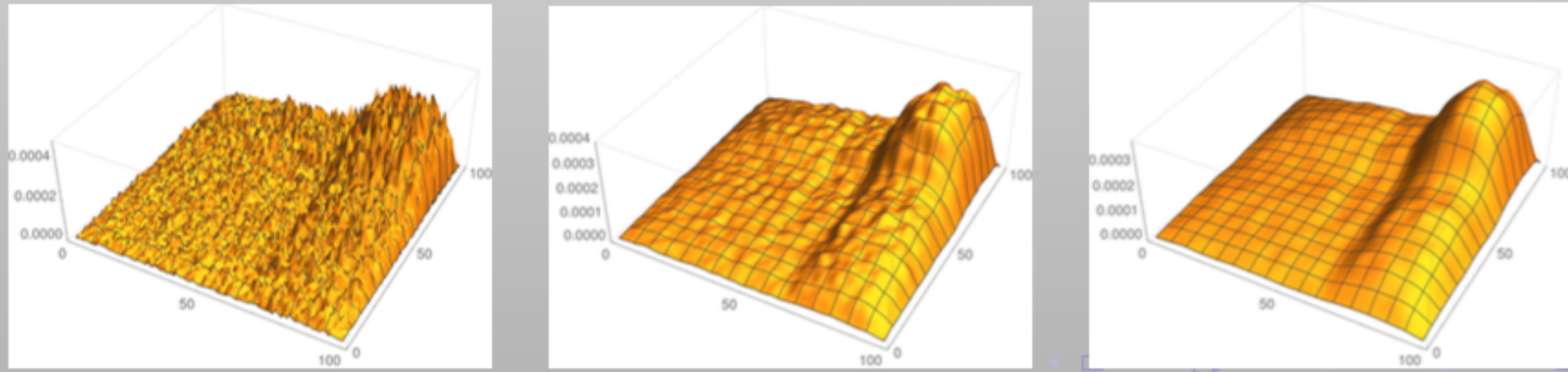
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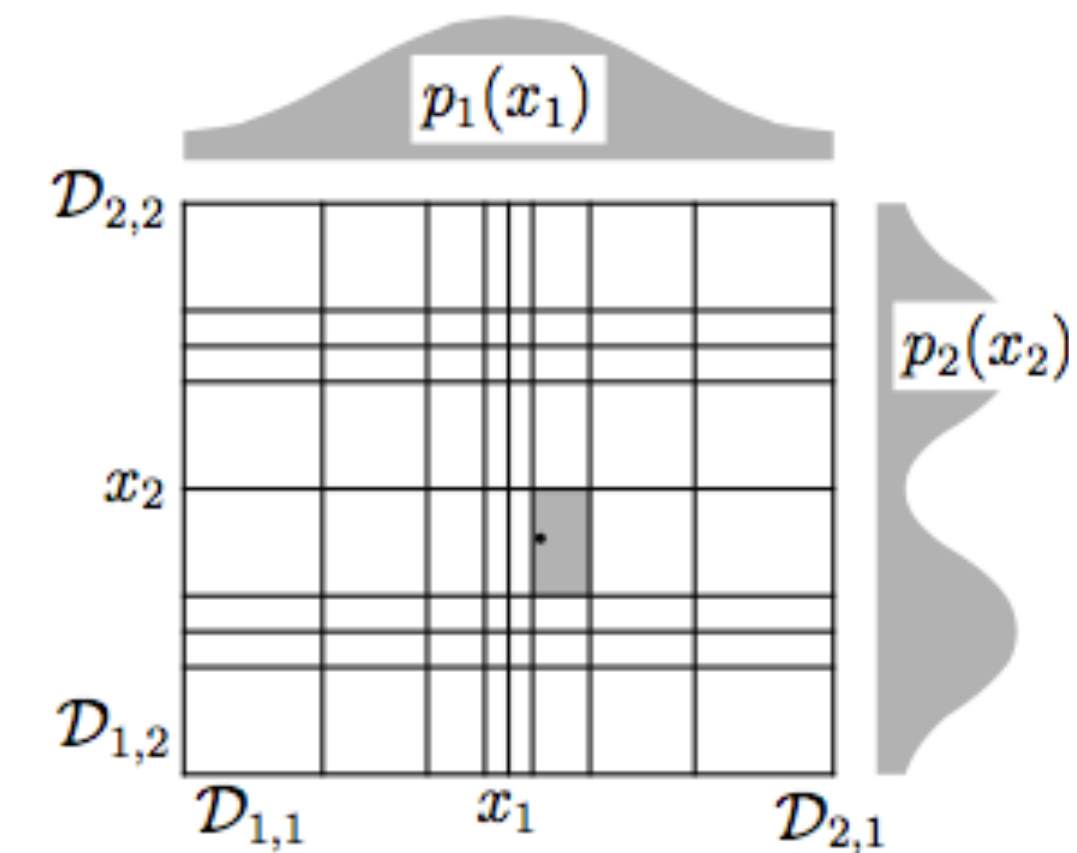


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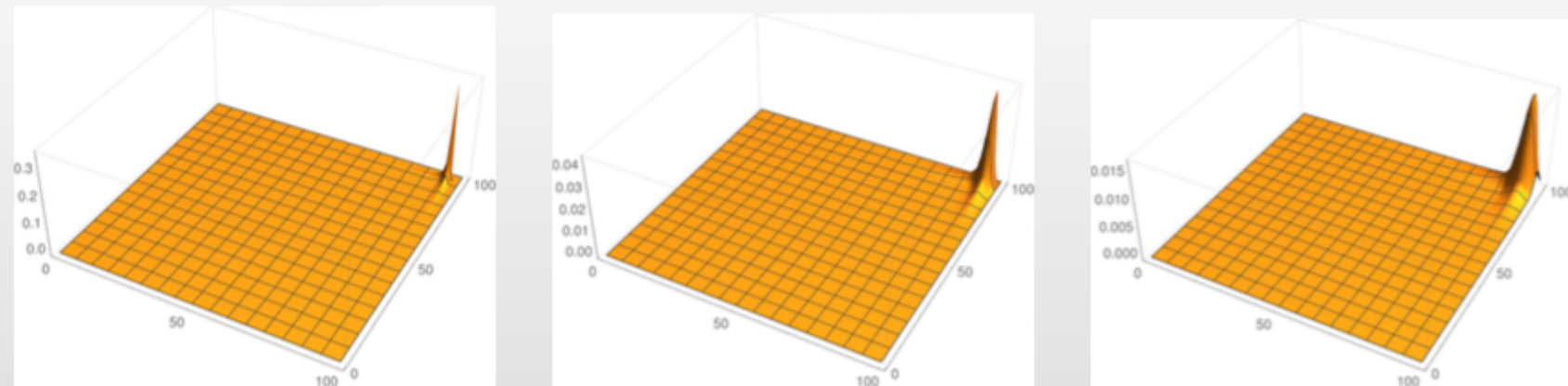
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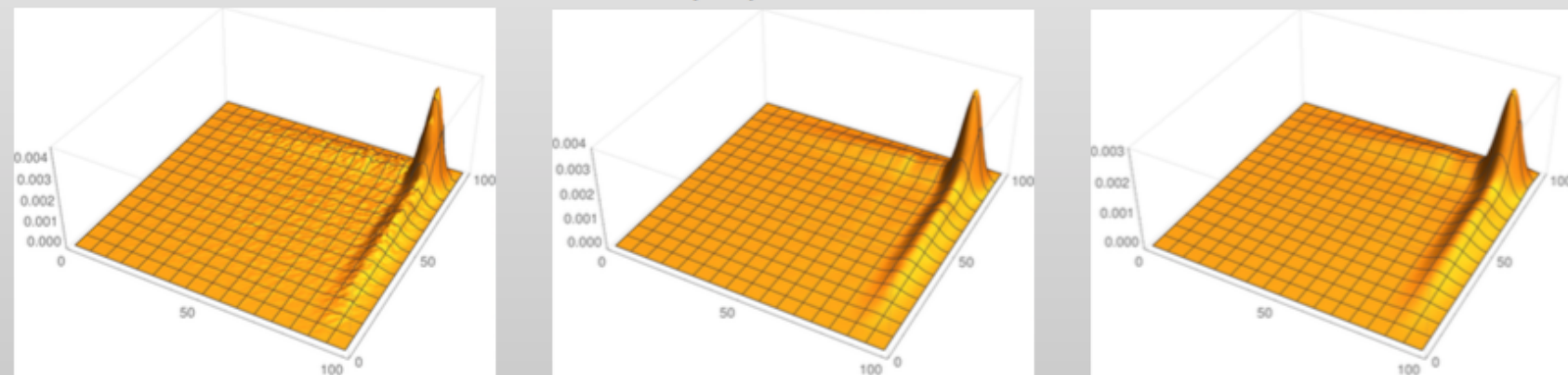
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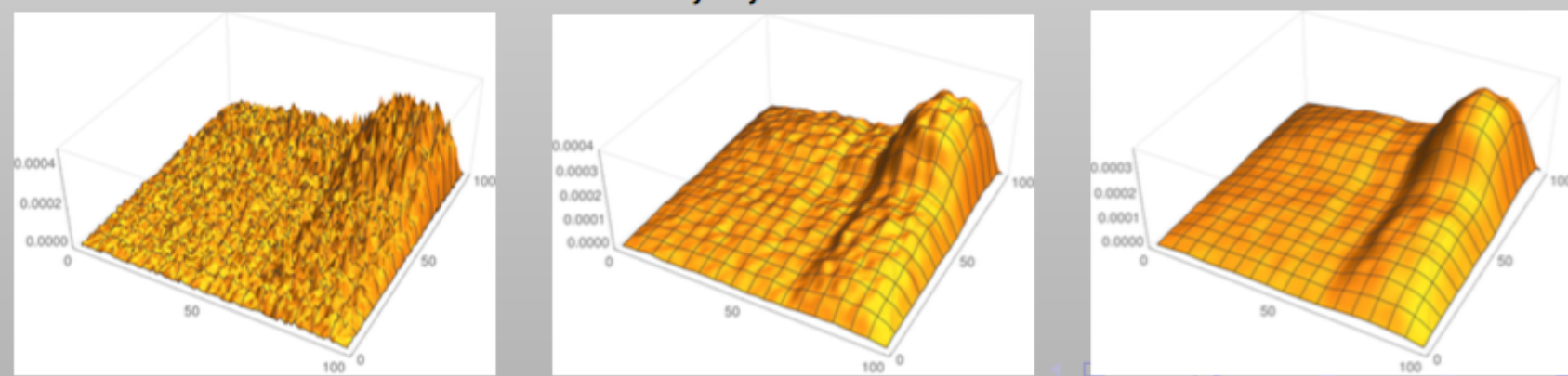
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```
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```

to produce lumi. [eg] [eg].out with  $(E_1, E_2)$  pairs.

[Large event numbers, as Guinea-Pig++ will produce only a small fraction!]

## 2. Run circe2\_tool.opt with steering file

```
{ file="ilc500/beams.circe" # to be loaded by WHIZARD
  { design="ILC" roots=500 bins=100 scale=250 # E in [0,1]
    { pid/1=electron pid/2=positron pol=0 # unpolarized e-/e+
      events="ilc500/lumi.ee.out" columns=2 # <= Guinea-Pig
      lumi = 1564.763360 # <= Guinea-Pig
      iterations = 10 # adapting bins
      smooth = 5 [0,1) [0,1) # Gaussian filter 5 bins
      smooth = 5 [1] [0,1) smooth = 5 [0,1) [1] } } }
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to produce correlated beam description

## 3. Run WHIZARD with SINDARIN input:

3 simulation options

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beams = e1, E1 => circe2
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?circe2_polarized = false
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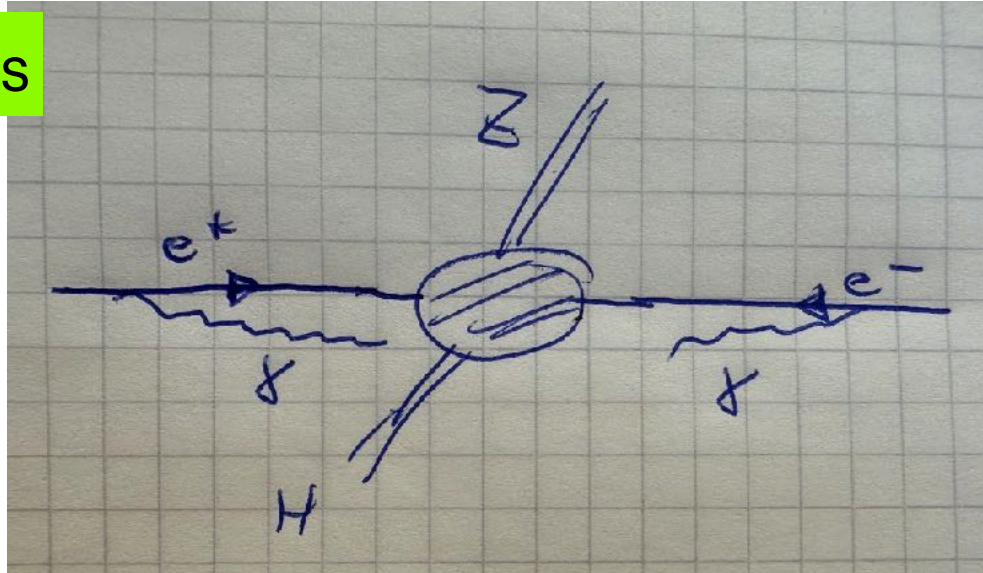
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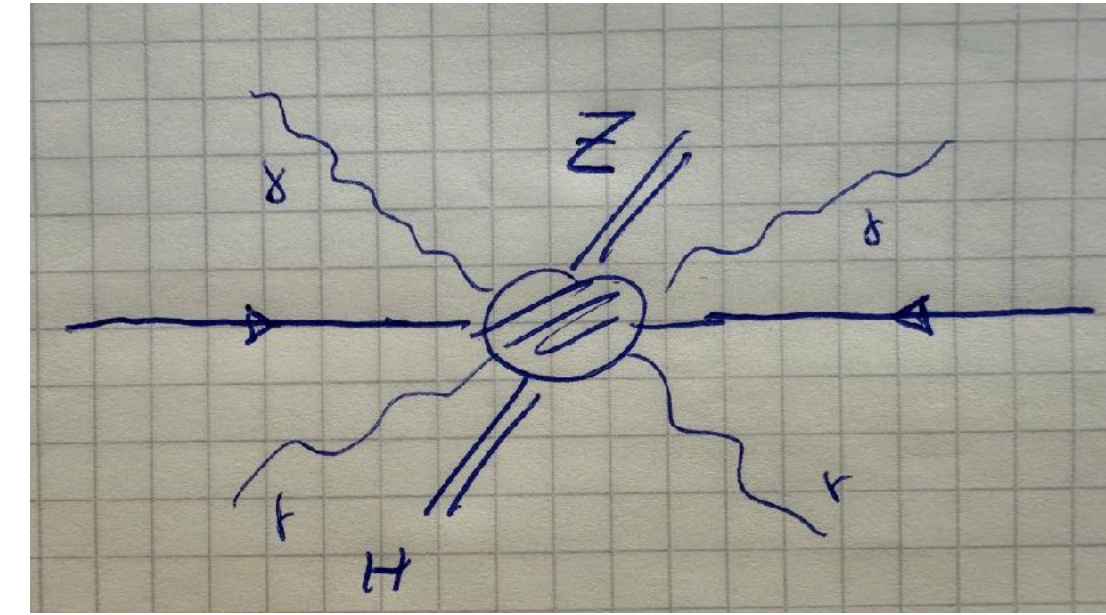
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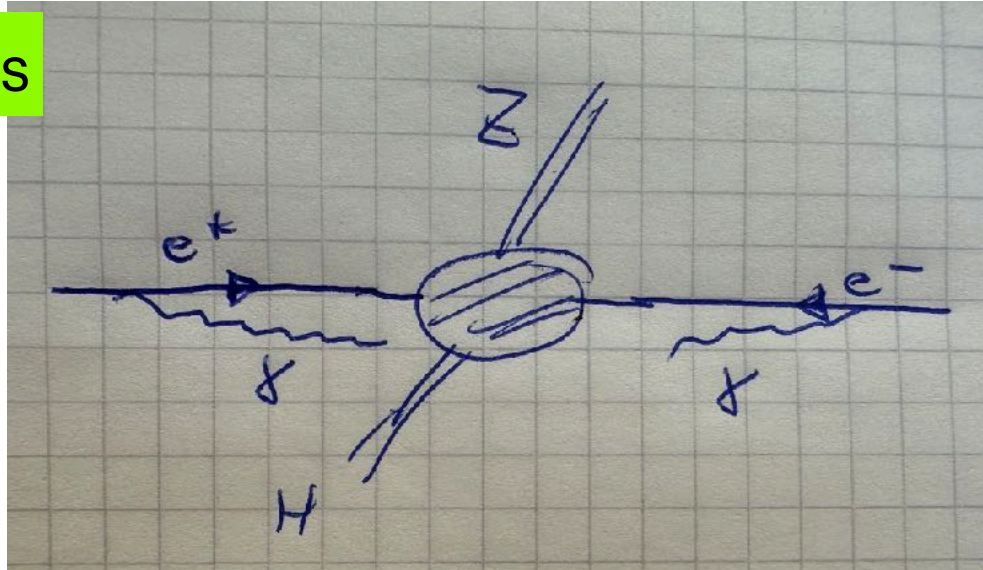


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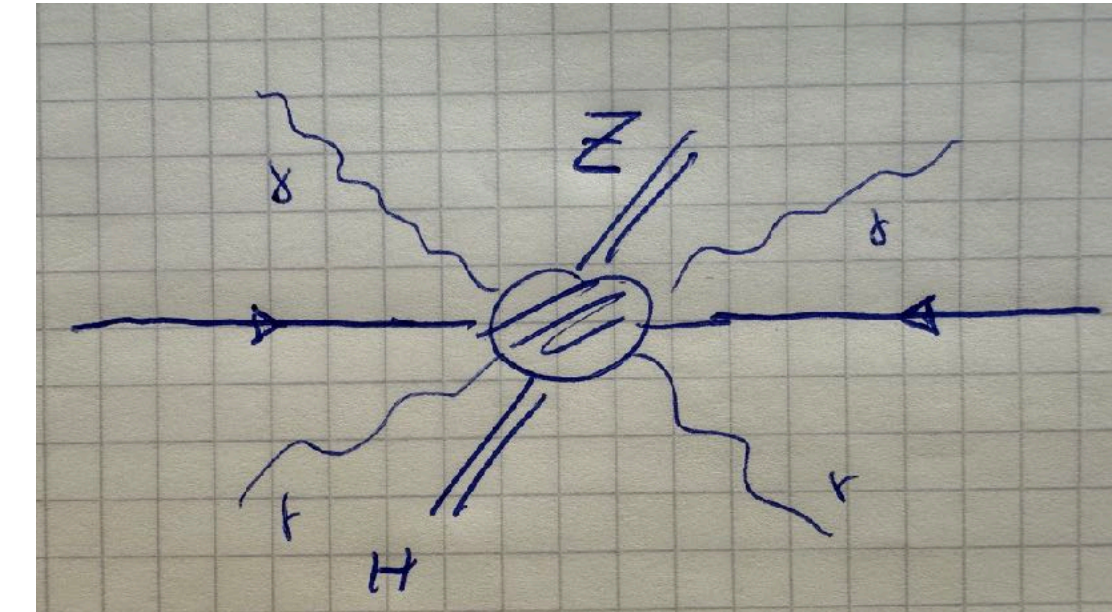
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• Different factorization schemes: focus on collinear logs,  $\log \frac{Q^2}{m_\mu^2}$ , vs. soft logs,  $\log \frac{Q^2}{E_\gamma^2}$ , cf. [2203.12557](#)

• **YFS (Yennie-Frautschi-Suura)**, cf. e.g. [2203.10948](#)  $d\sigma = \sum_{n_\gamma} \frac{\exp[Y_{res.}]}{n_\gamma!} \prod_{j=1}^{n_\gamma} [dLIPS_j^\gamma S_{res.}(k_j)] [\sigma_0 + \text{corrections}]$

- Universal soft exponentiation factor, provides  $n_\gamma$  exclusive resolved photons with (almost) exact kinematics
- Implemented in “Krakow” MCs (BHLUMI/BHWIDE, KORAL(W/Z), KKMC-ee, YFS(WW/ZZ), also: Sherpa, w.i.p.: Whizard

• **Collinear factorization: universal lepton QED PDFs**, LL:  $(\alpha L)^k$ , NLL:  $\alpha(\alpha L)^{k-1}$

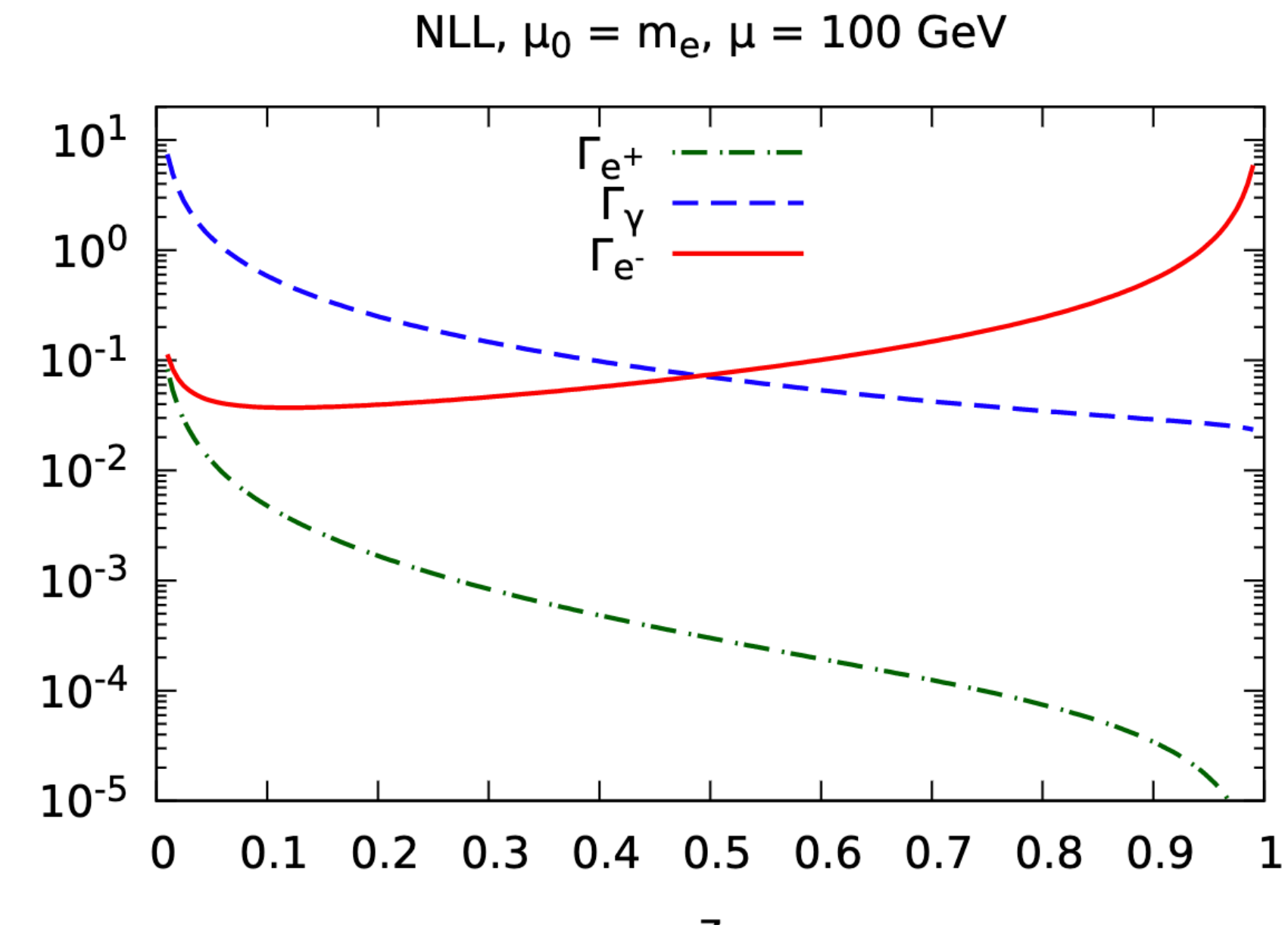
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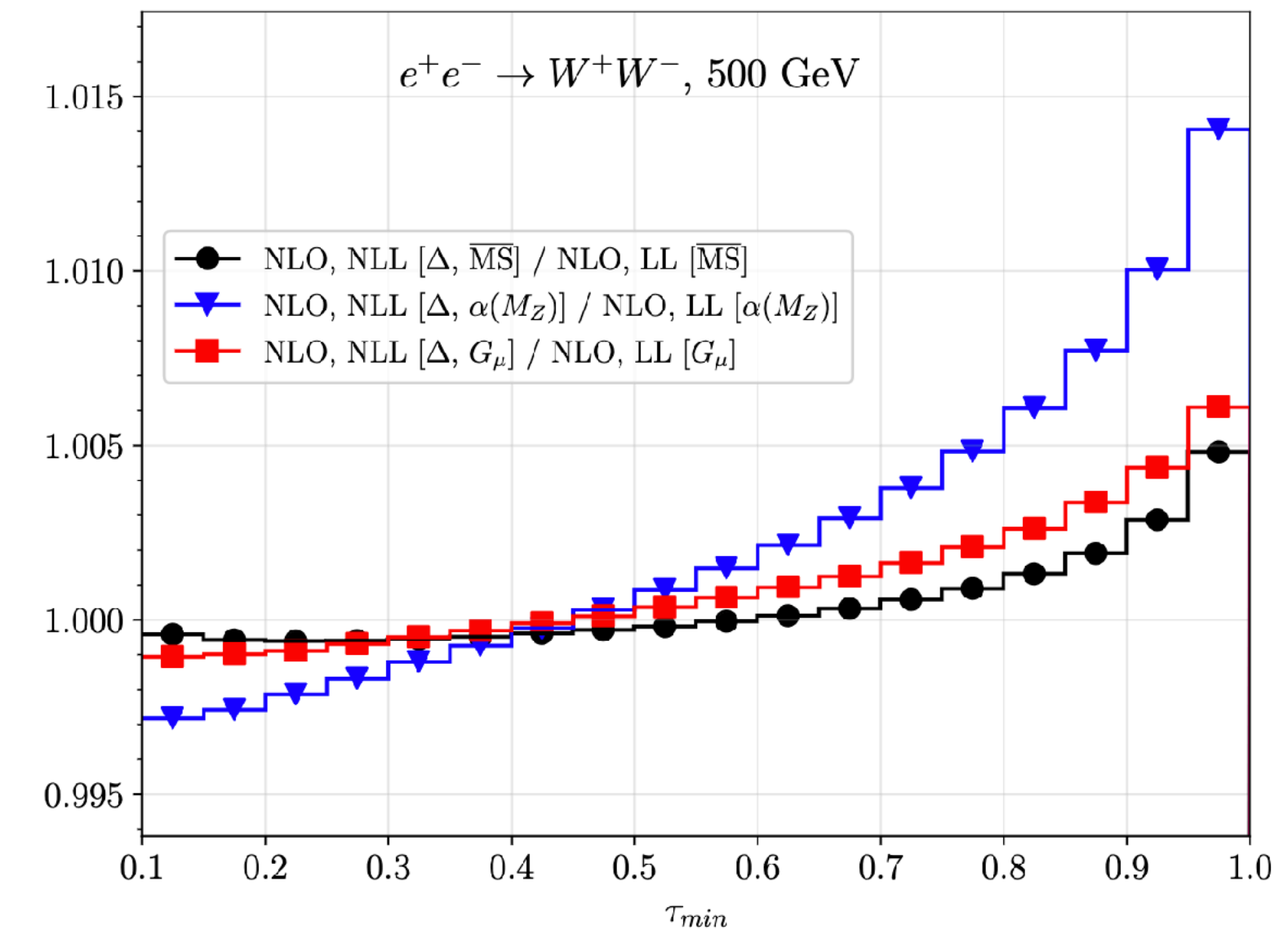
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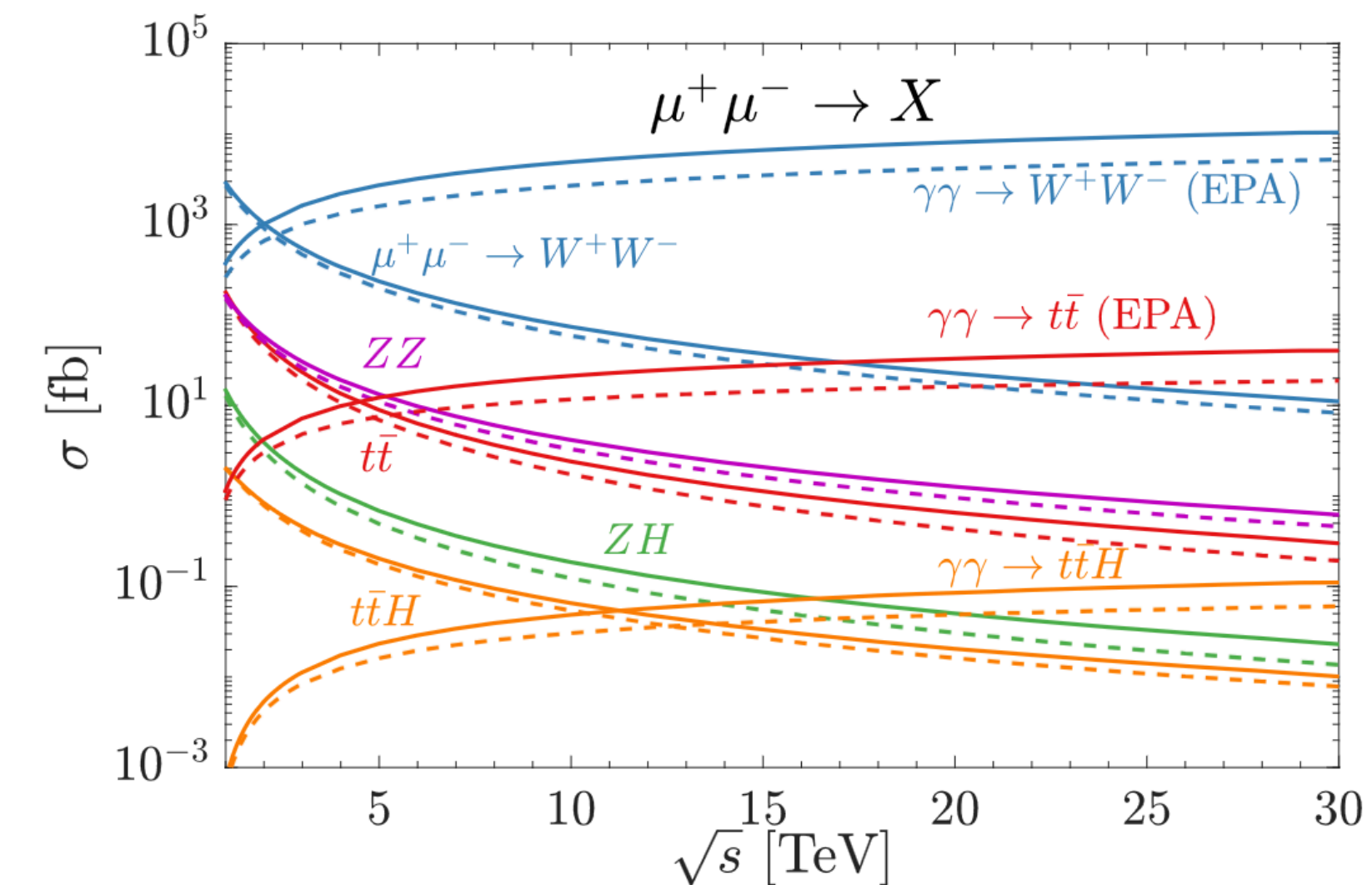
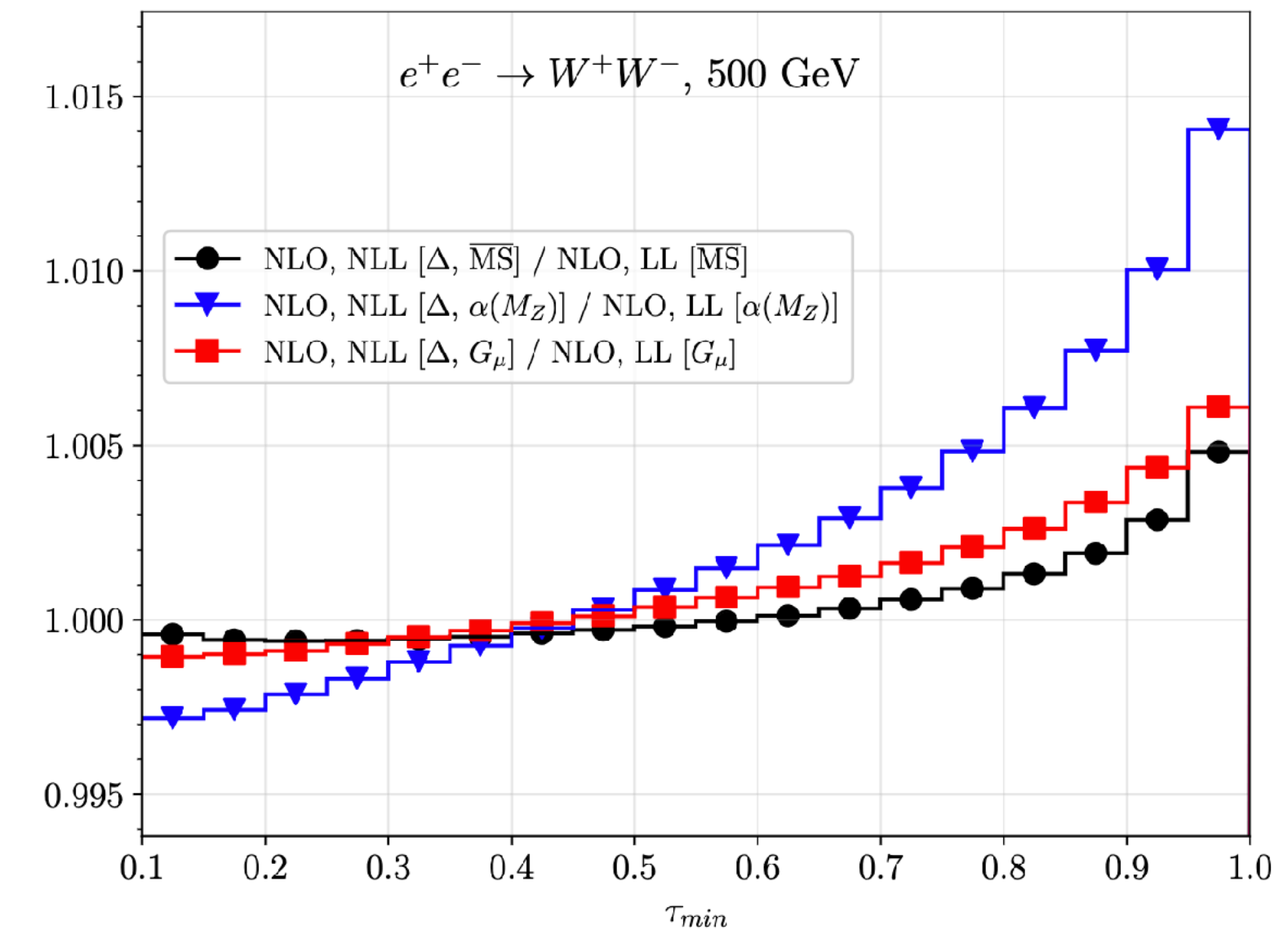


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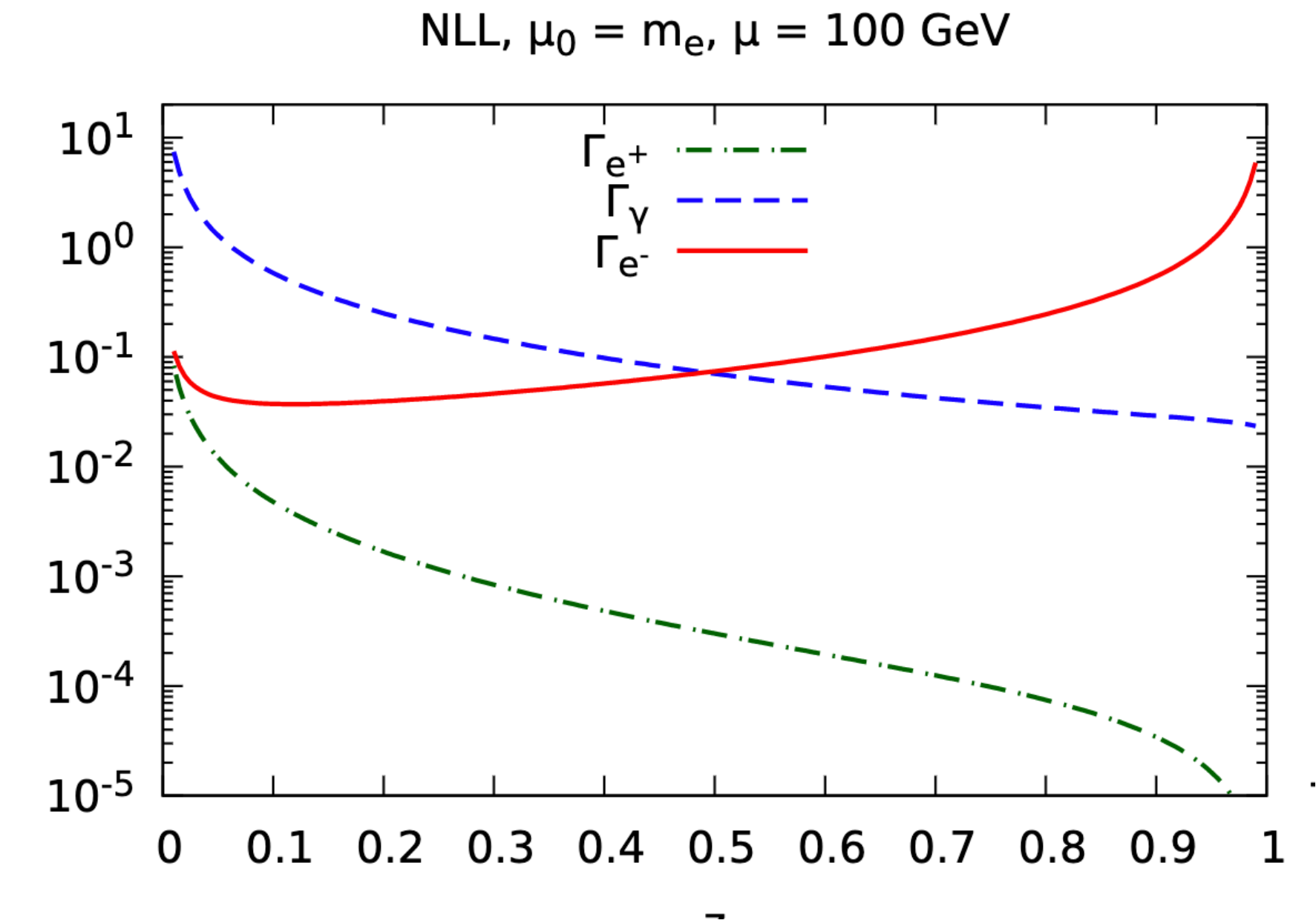


Han/Ma/Xie, 2007.14300



- Collinear factorization not in QED, but in full SM  
[Han/Ma/Xie, 2007.14300, 2103.09844](#)
- Ancient name (from SSC times!): EWA (“Effective  $W$  approximation”)
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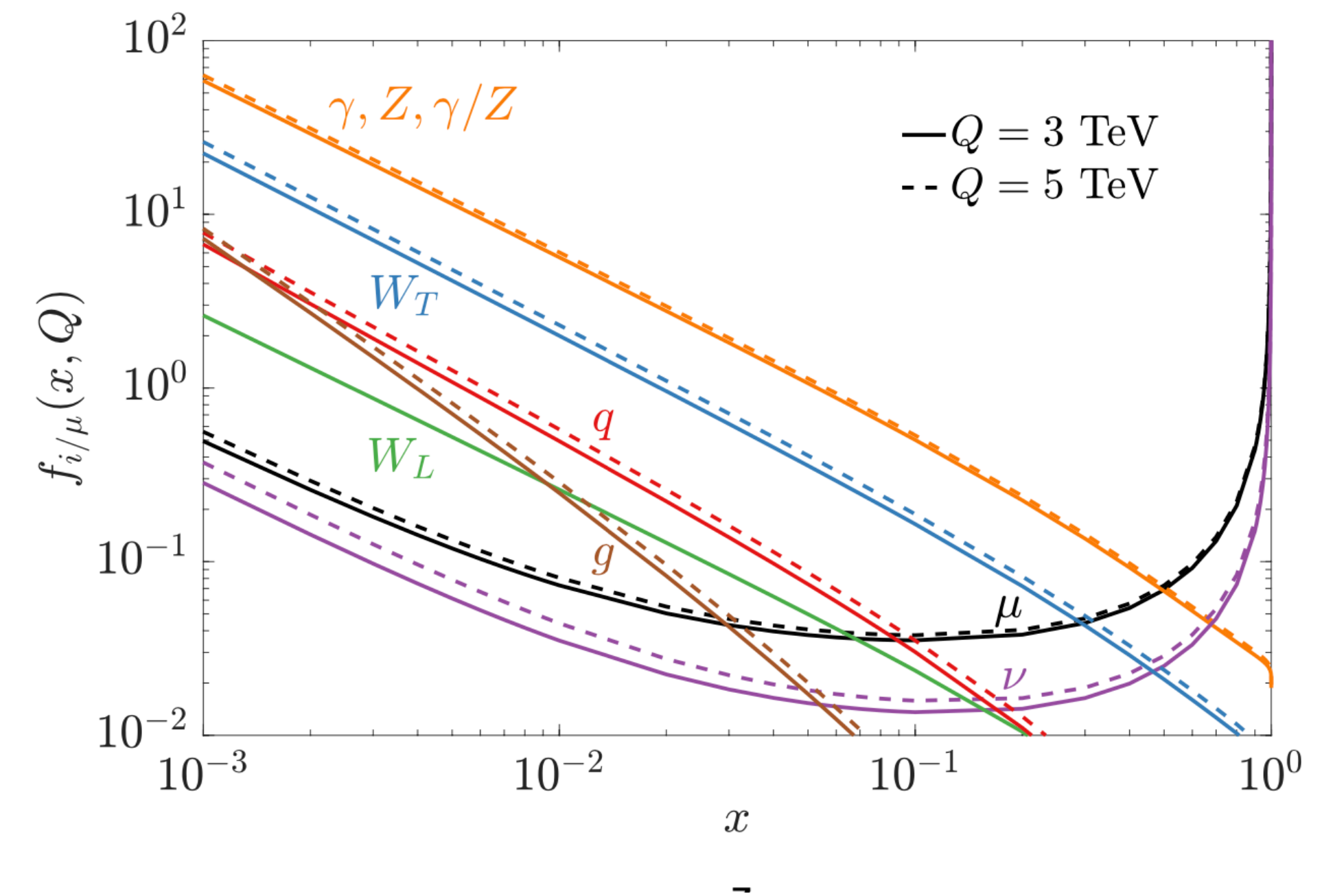
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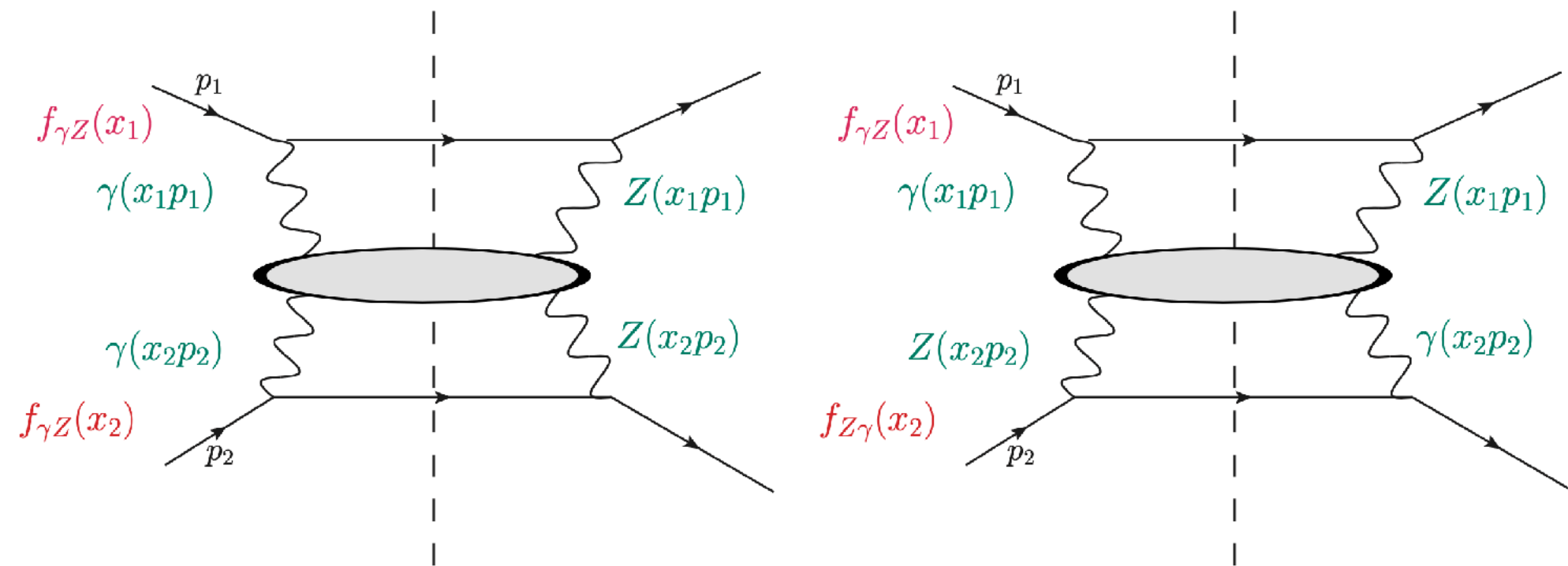


# EW PDFs — EW Collinear Factorization

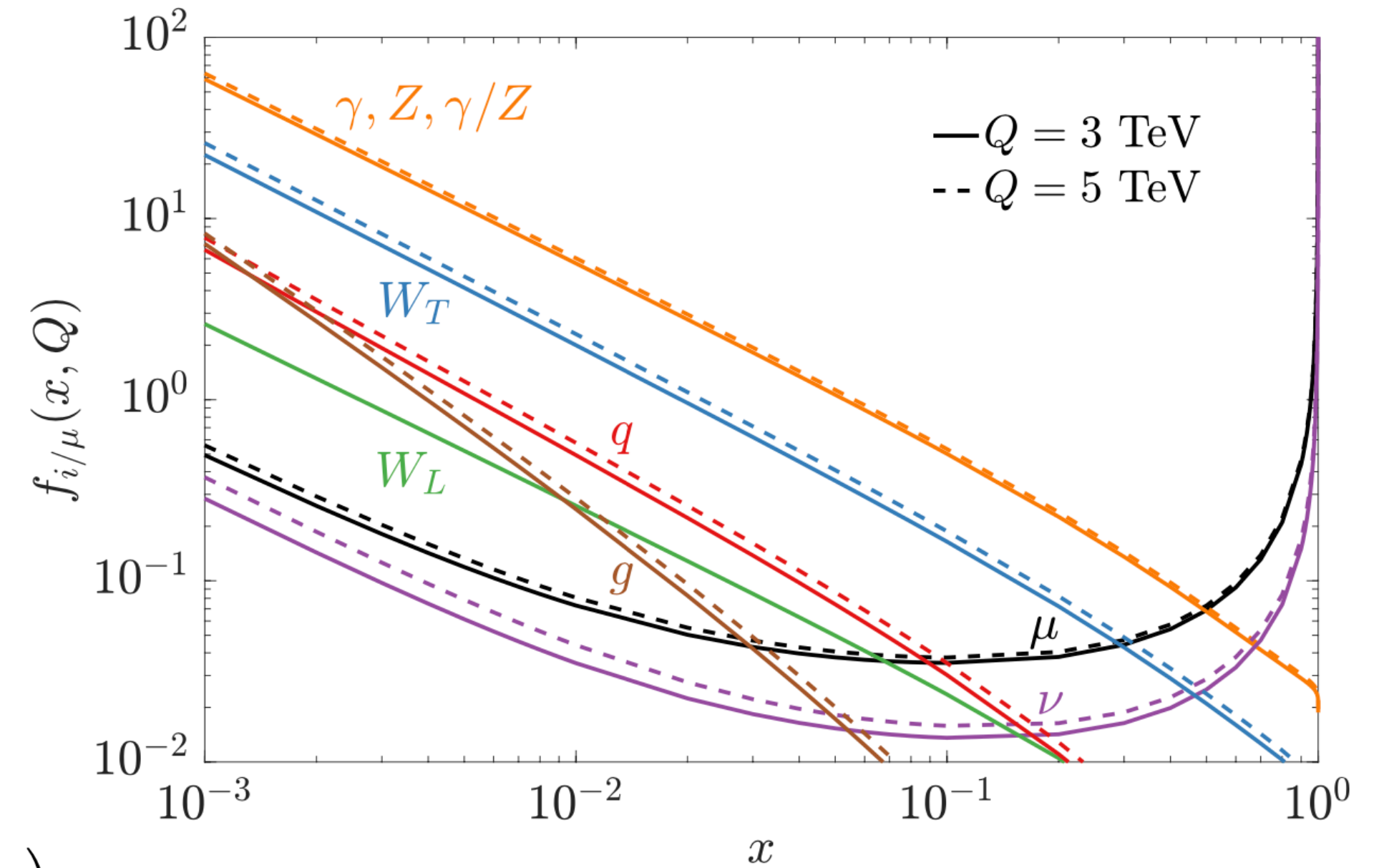
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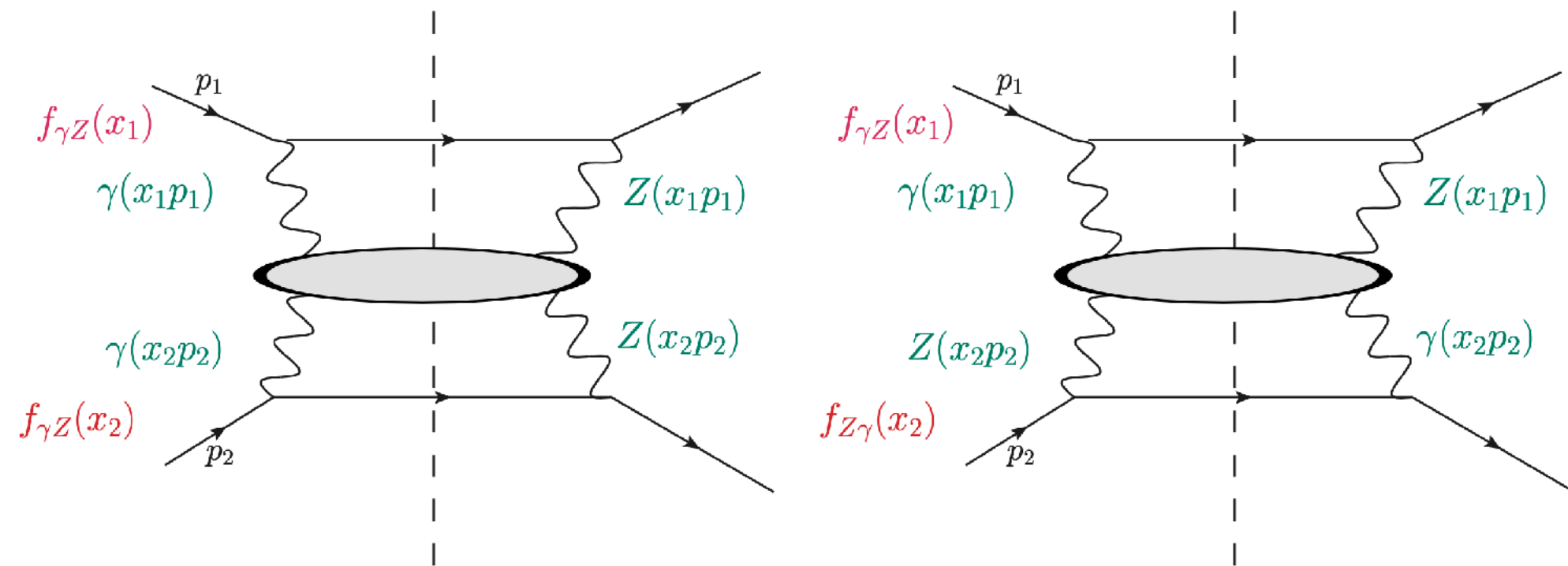


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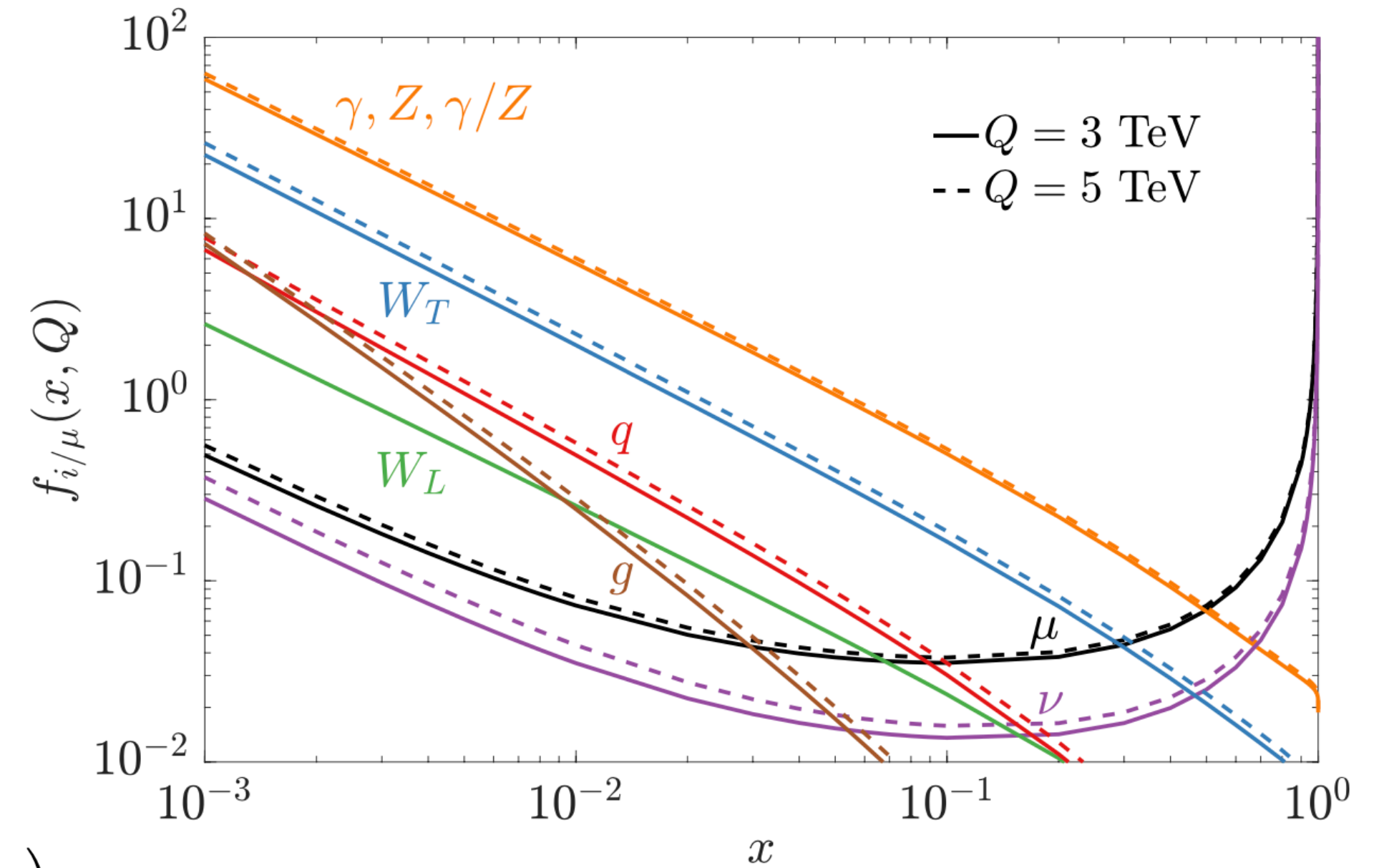


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- Factorization has coherent interference  $\gamma\gamma/\gamma Z/ZZ$
- Trivial on the PDF infrastructure side, complication for ME generation
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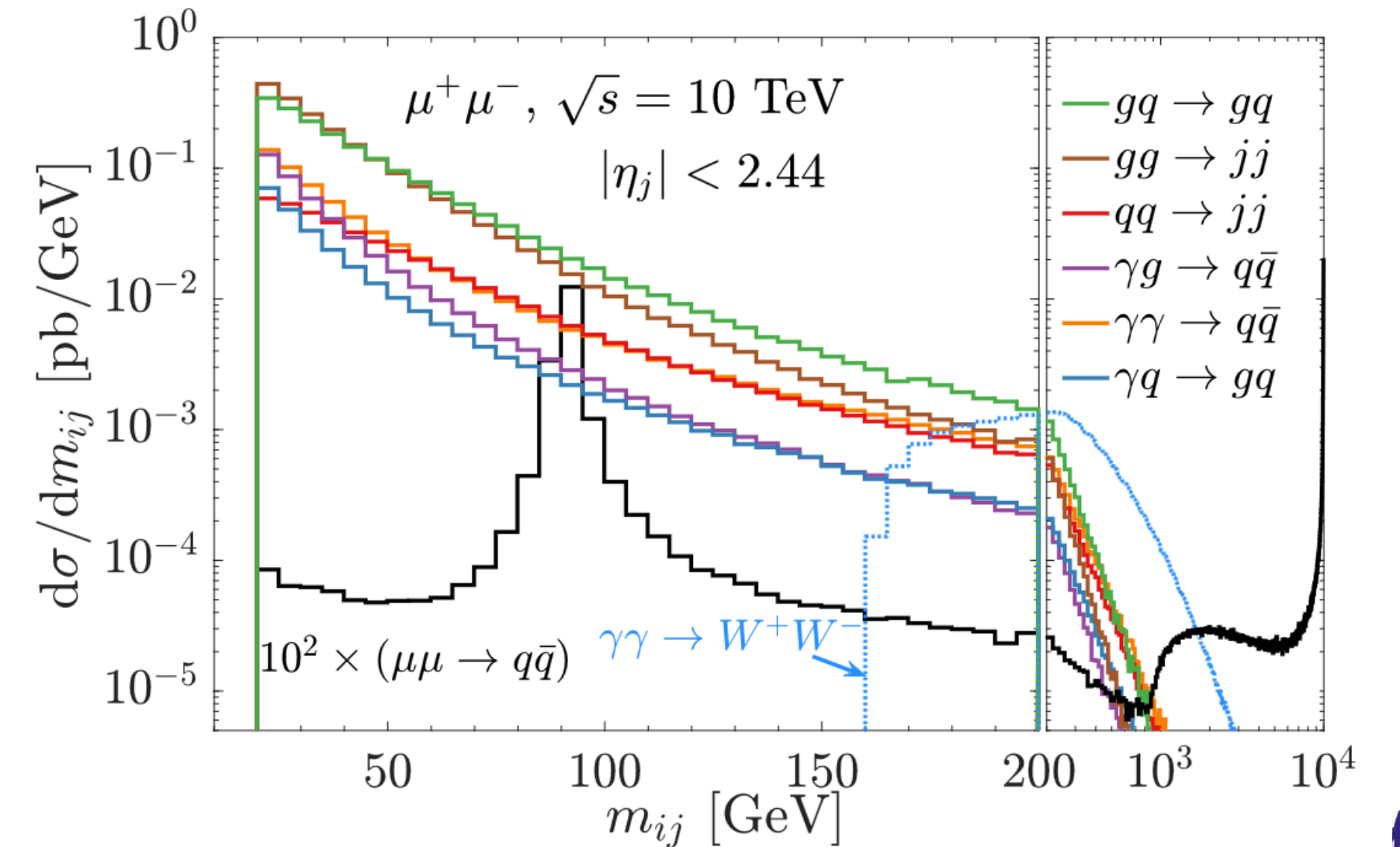
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# (Resonance) Matching to shower / hadronization

• **Problem:**  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow jjjj$  not dominated by highest  $\alpha_s$  power,

but by resonances  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow (jj)(jj)$

**Solution:** proper merging w/ resonant subprocesses by resonance histories

• **MC generators allow to pass resonance history to SMC**

```
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resonance_on_shell_turnoff = 1
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