

LHeC White Paper preparations: **The LHeC at the frontline of particle and nuclear physics**



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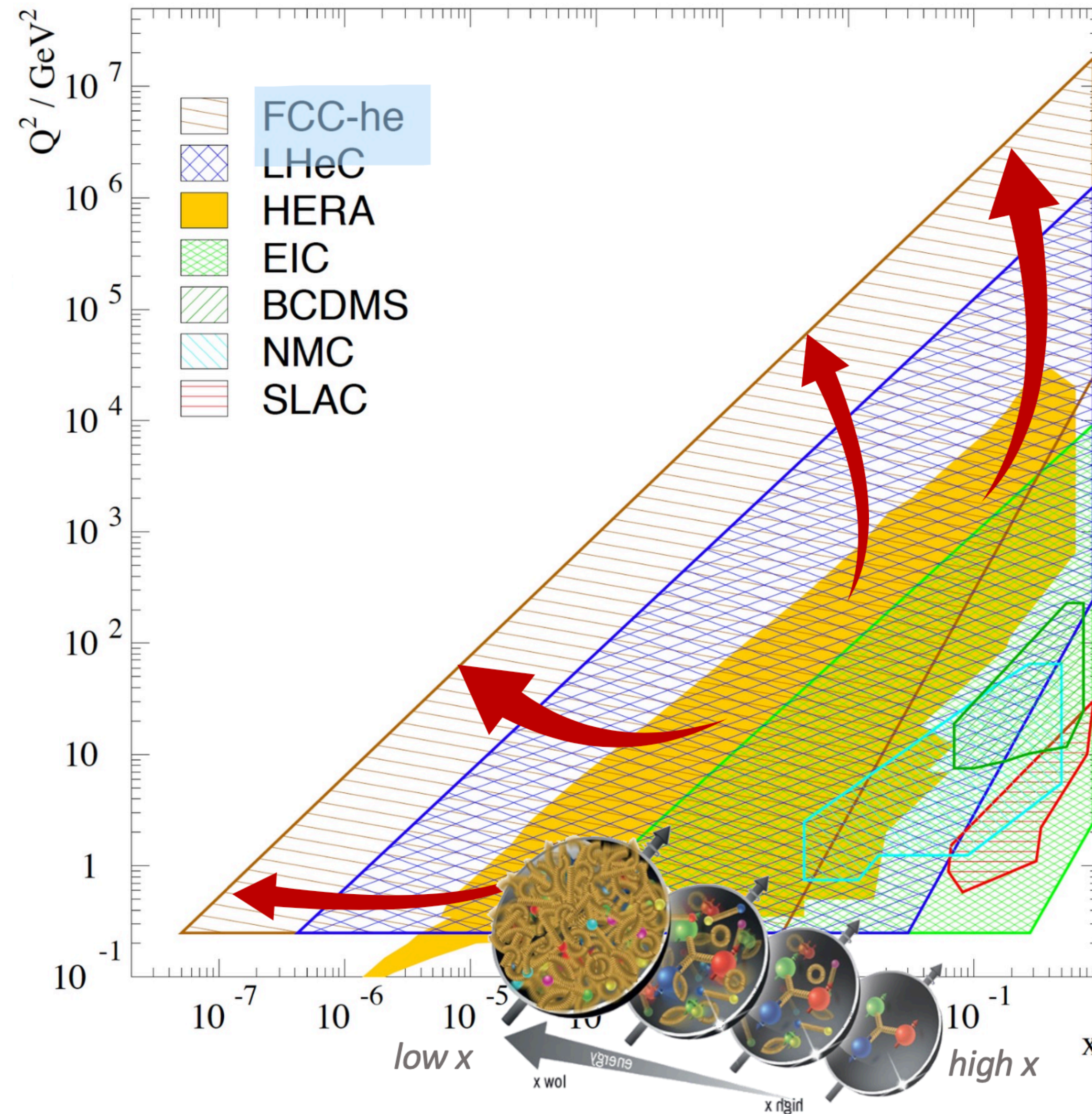
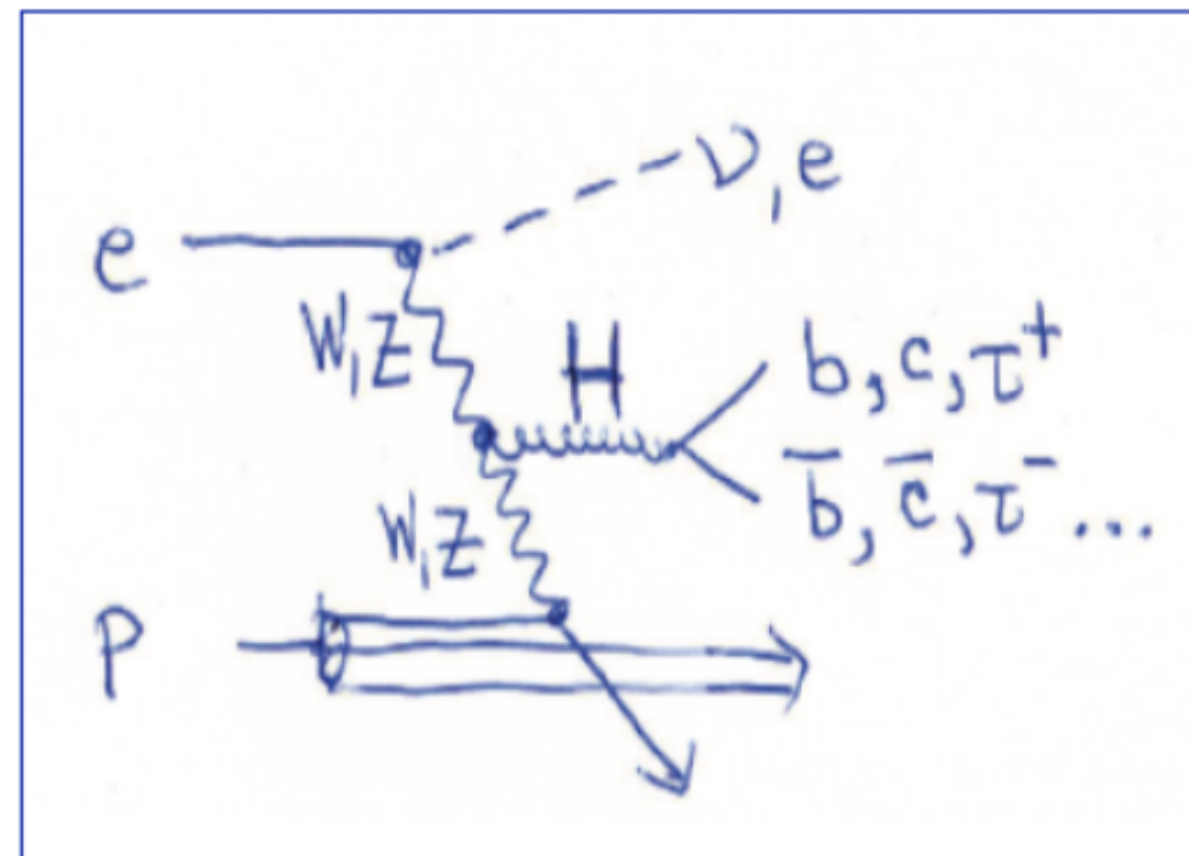
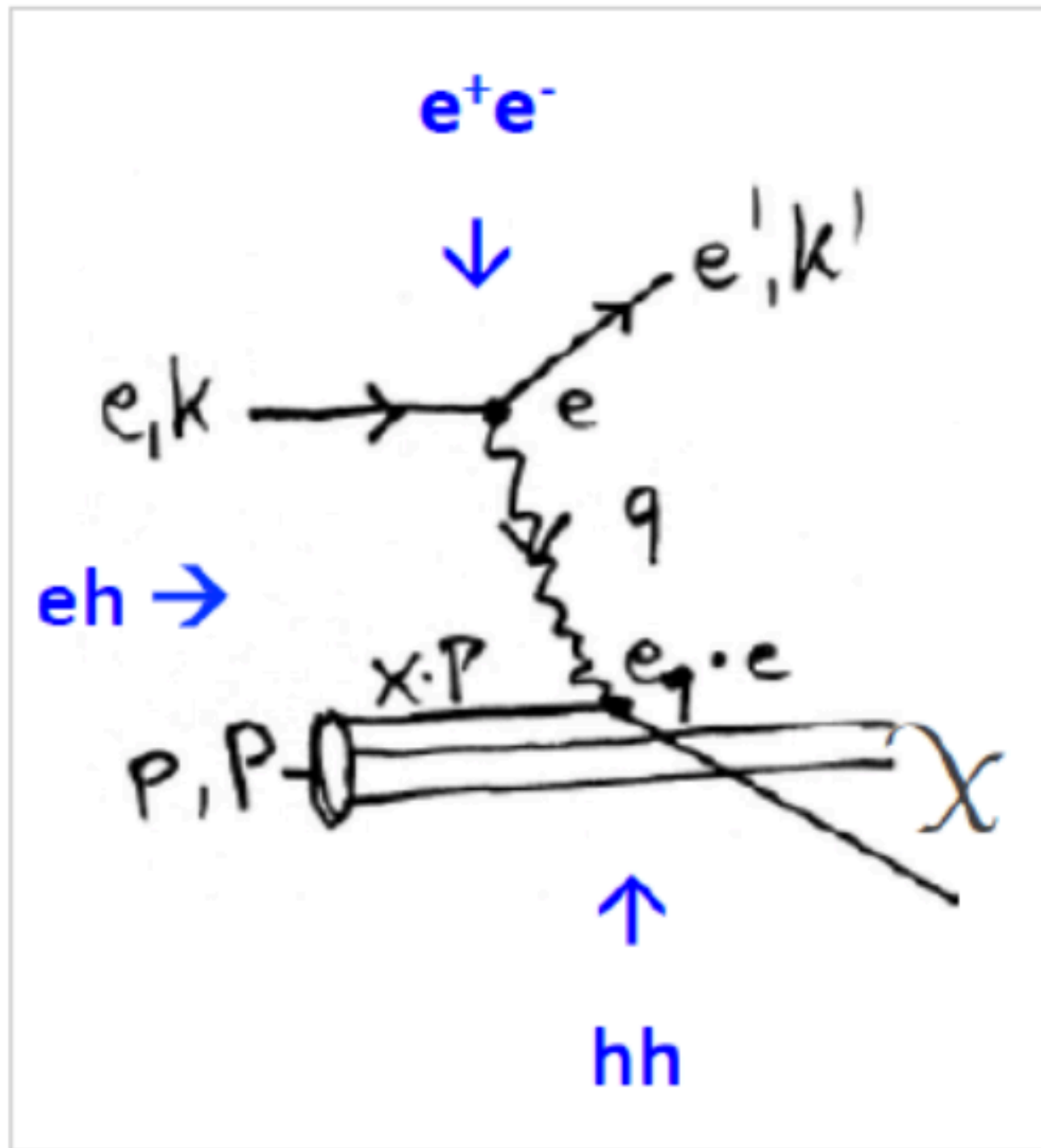
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Deep Inelastic Scattering at the Energy Frontier

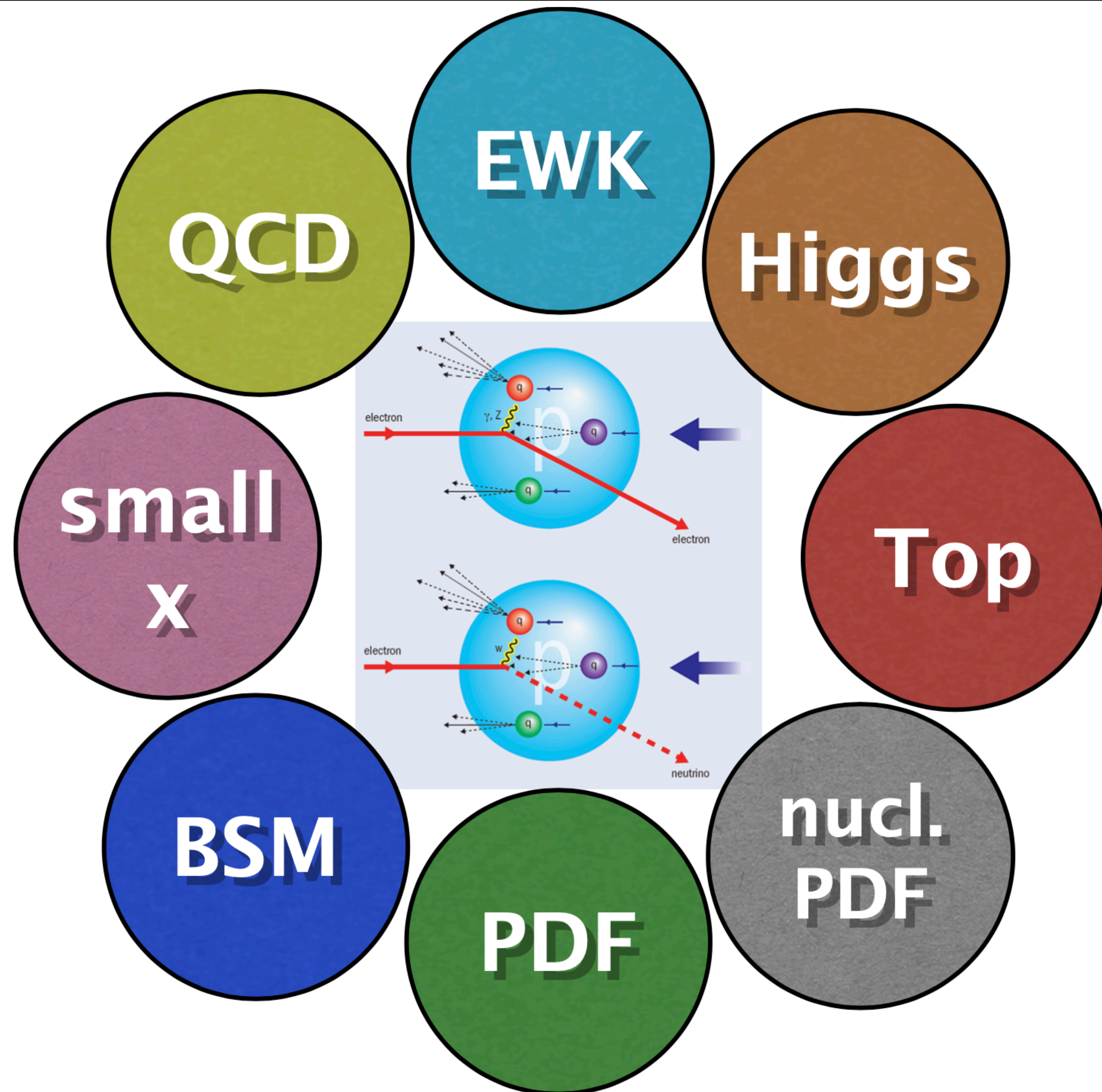


deliveries of ep/eA at the energy frontier

- cleanest high resolution microscope: QCD discovery
- empowering the LHC/FCC search program
- precision Higgs facility together with LHC/FCC-hh
- precision and discovery facility (top, EWK, BSM)
- unique nuclear physics facility

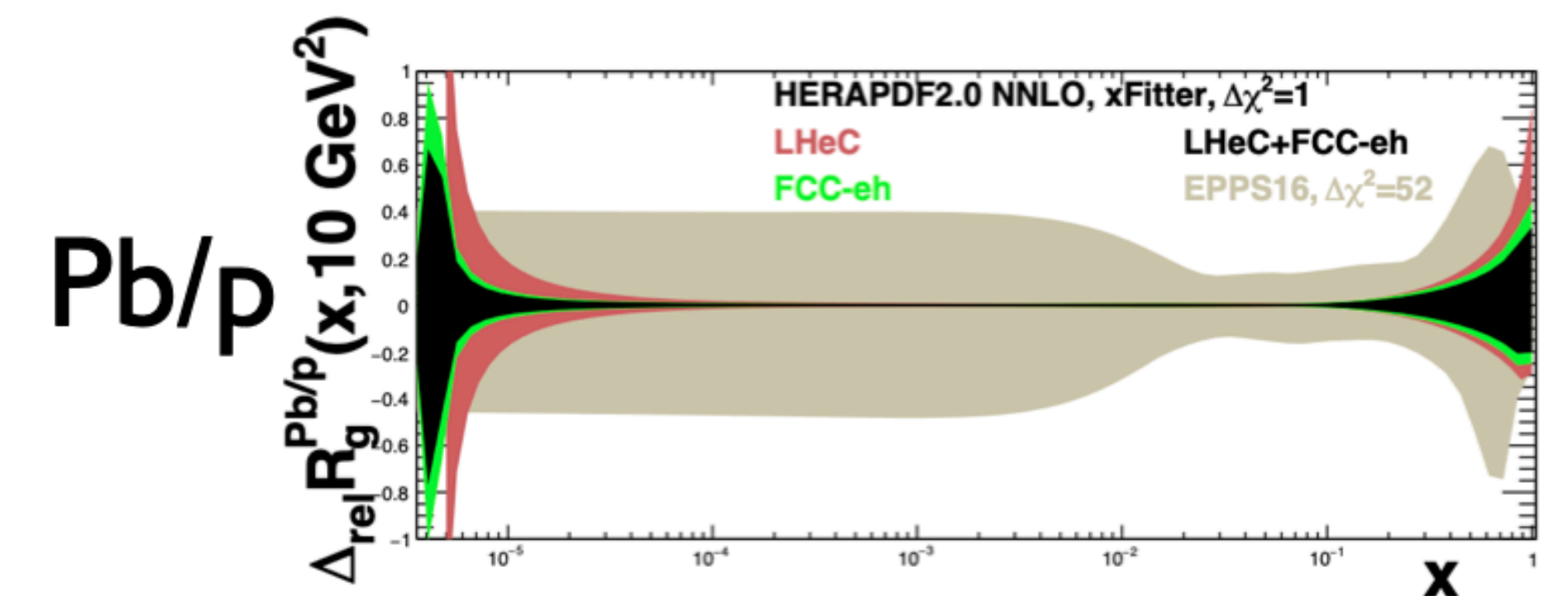
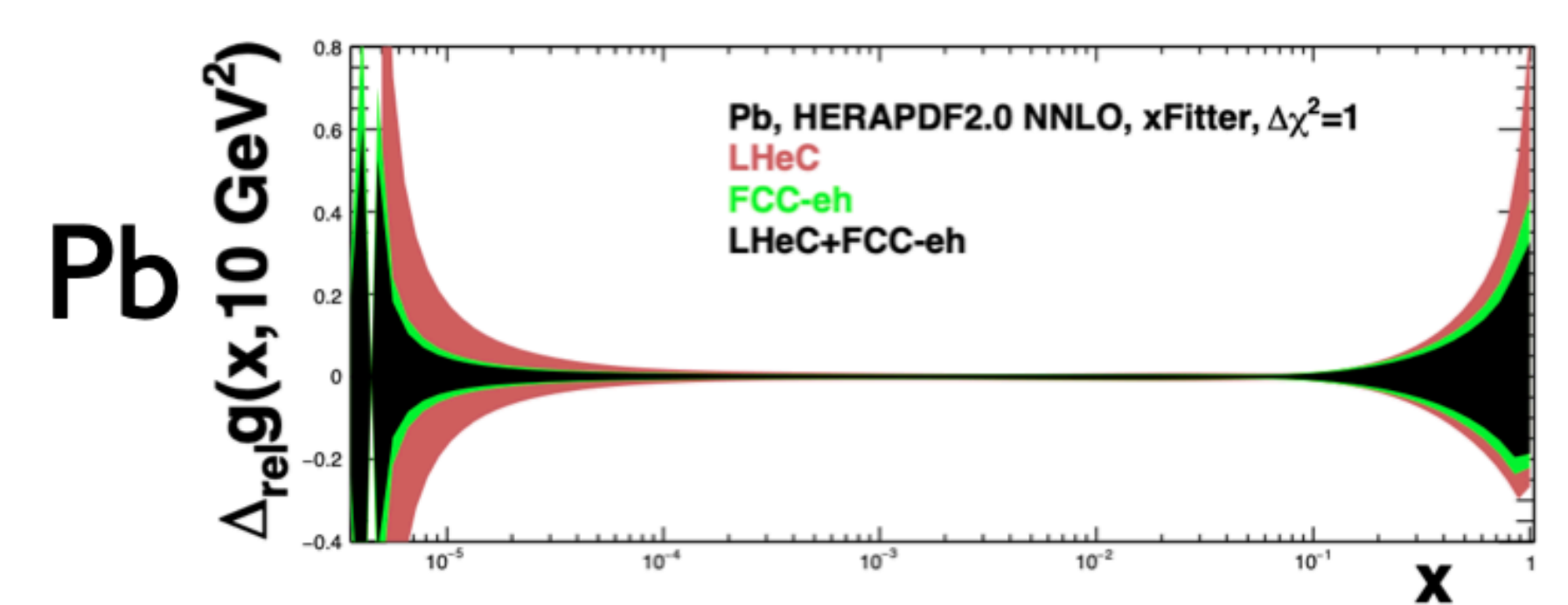
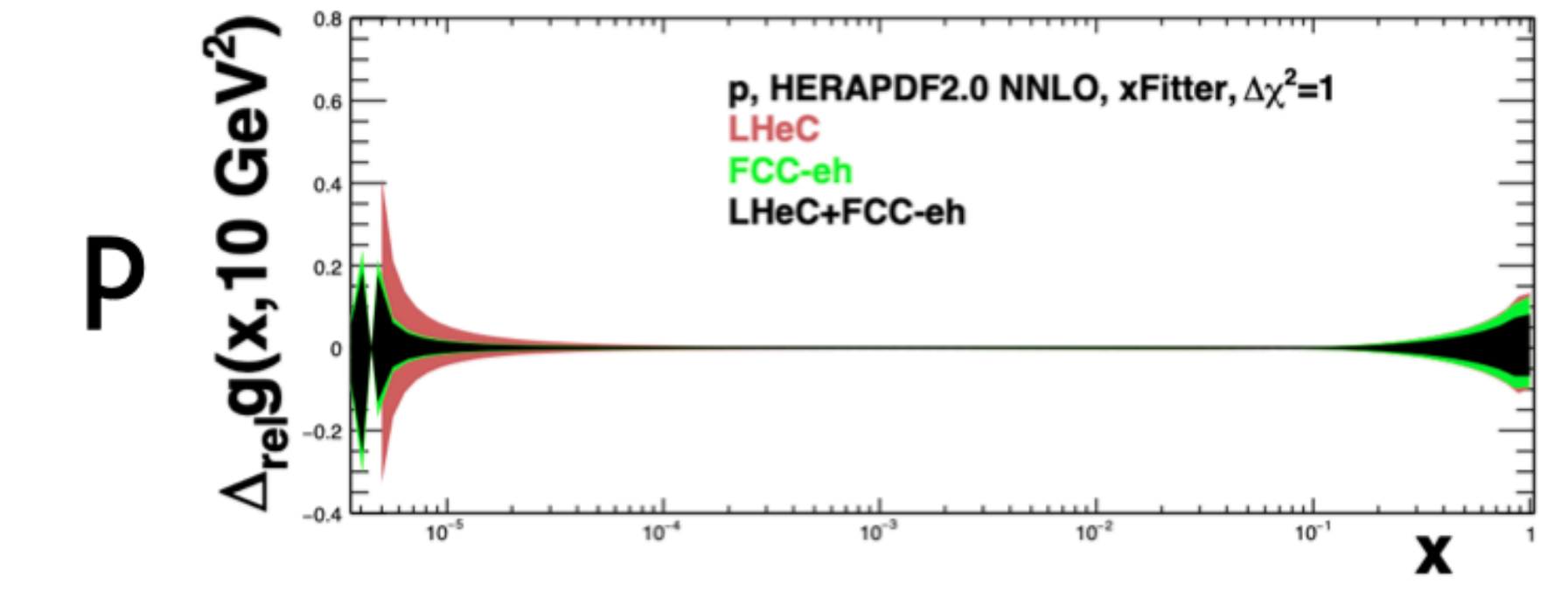
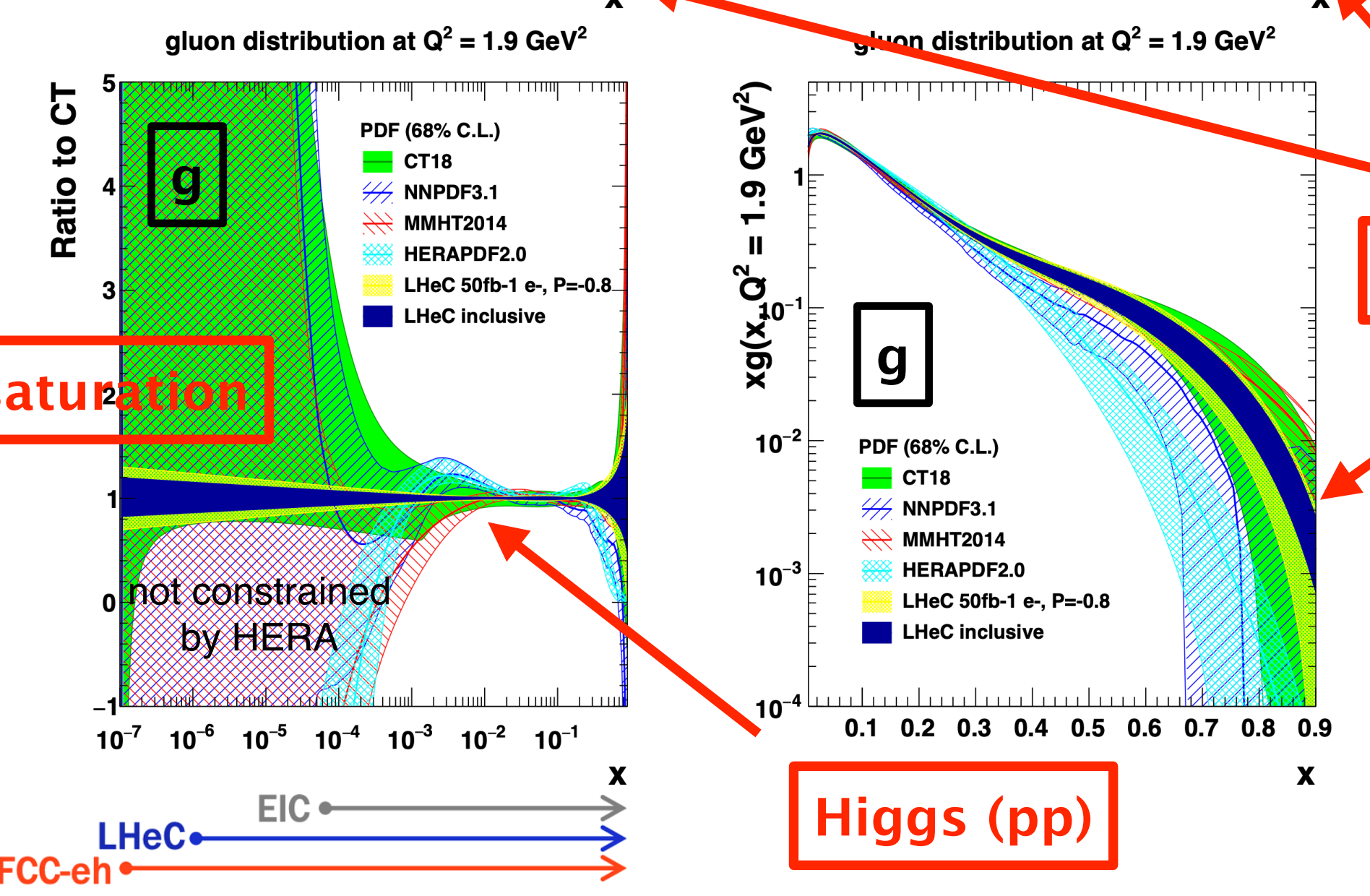
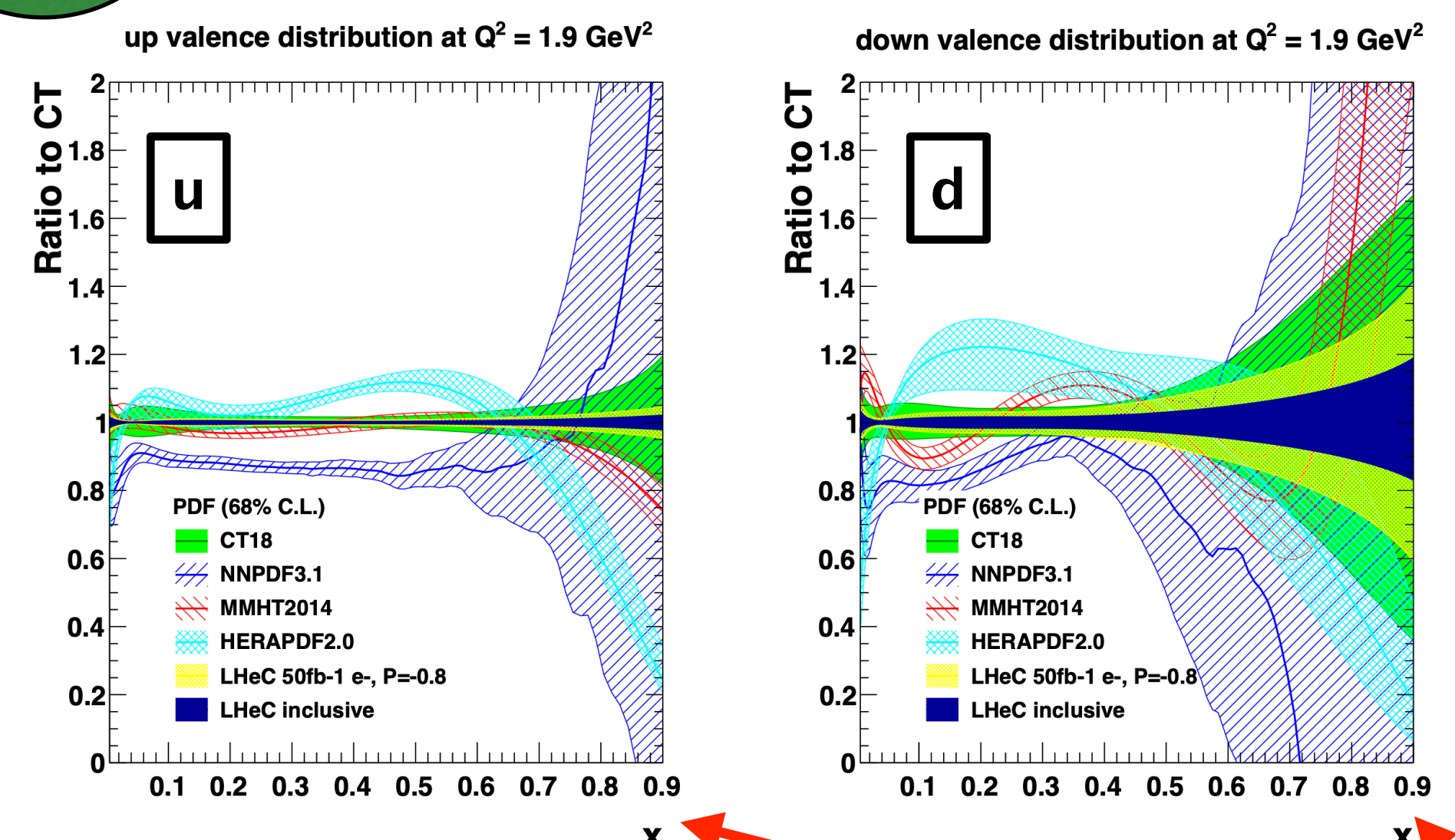
→ Combines properties of General Purpose energy frontier explorer and comprehensive scattering experiment, probing nucleon at unprecedented precision and parton densities

LHeC: A Broad Particle Physics Program at High Energy



Wide-ranging and deep physics programme spans:

- **PDFs**, strong coupling constant, **low- x measurements**
- W mass, $\sin^2\theta$, top mass, V_{tb} , and other high precision measurements in EWK and top sectors
- **Higgs measurements** with additional sensitivity à precision Higgs facility together with LHC
- Searches for new physics, including prompt and long-lived new scalars from Higgs, SUSY particles, **heavy neutrinos**, dark photons and axions
- High-energy and high-density measurements of heavy ion collisions

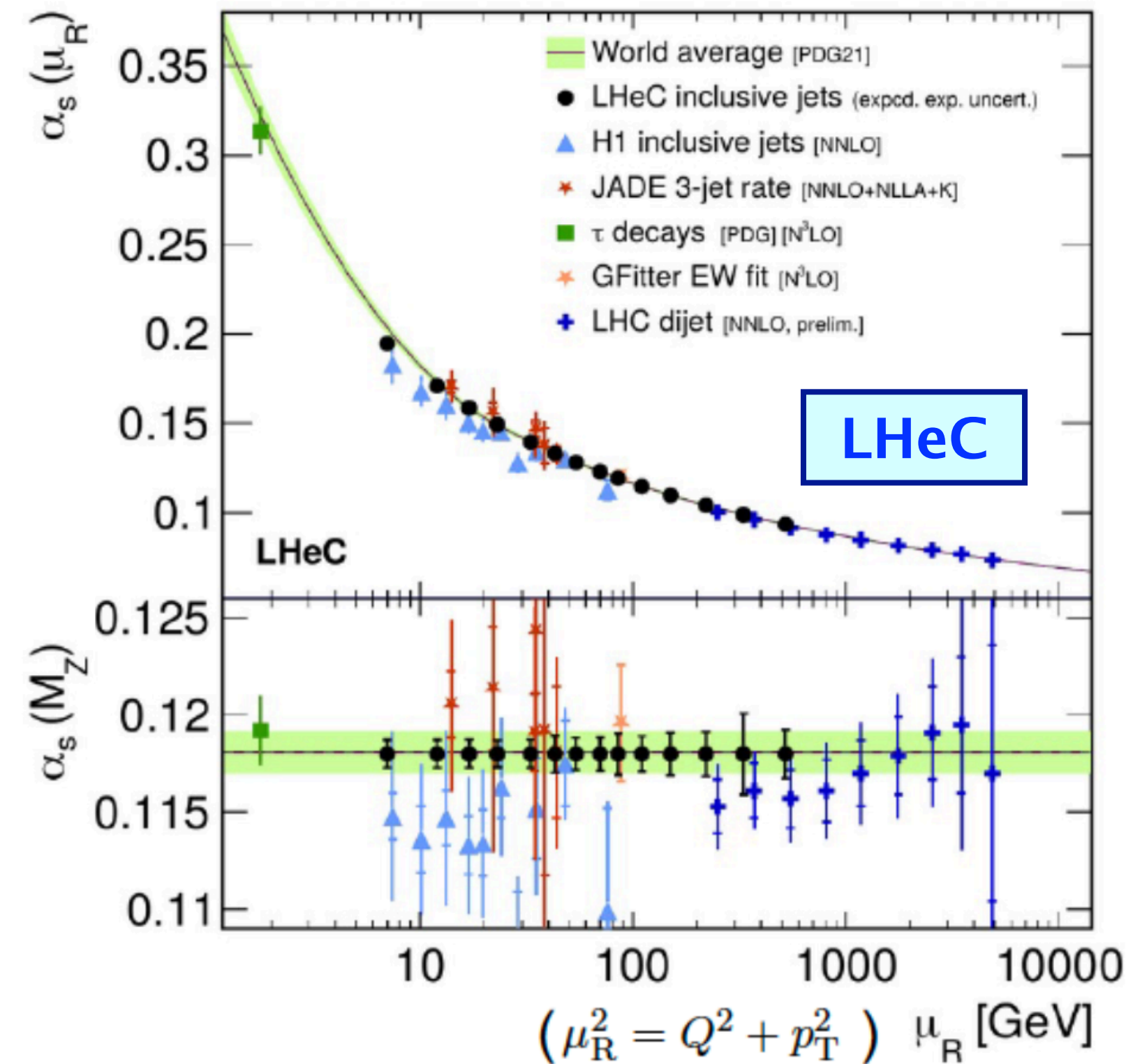
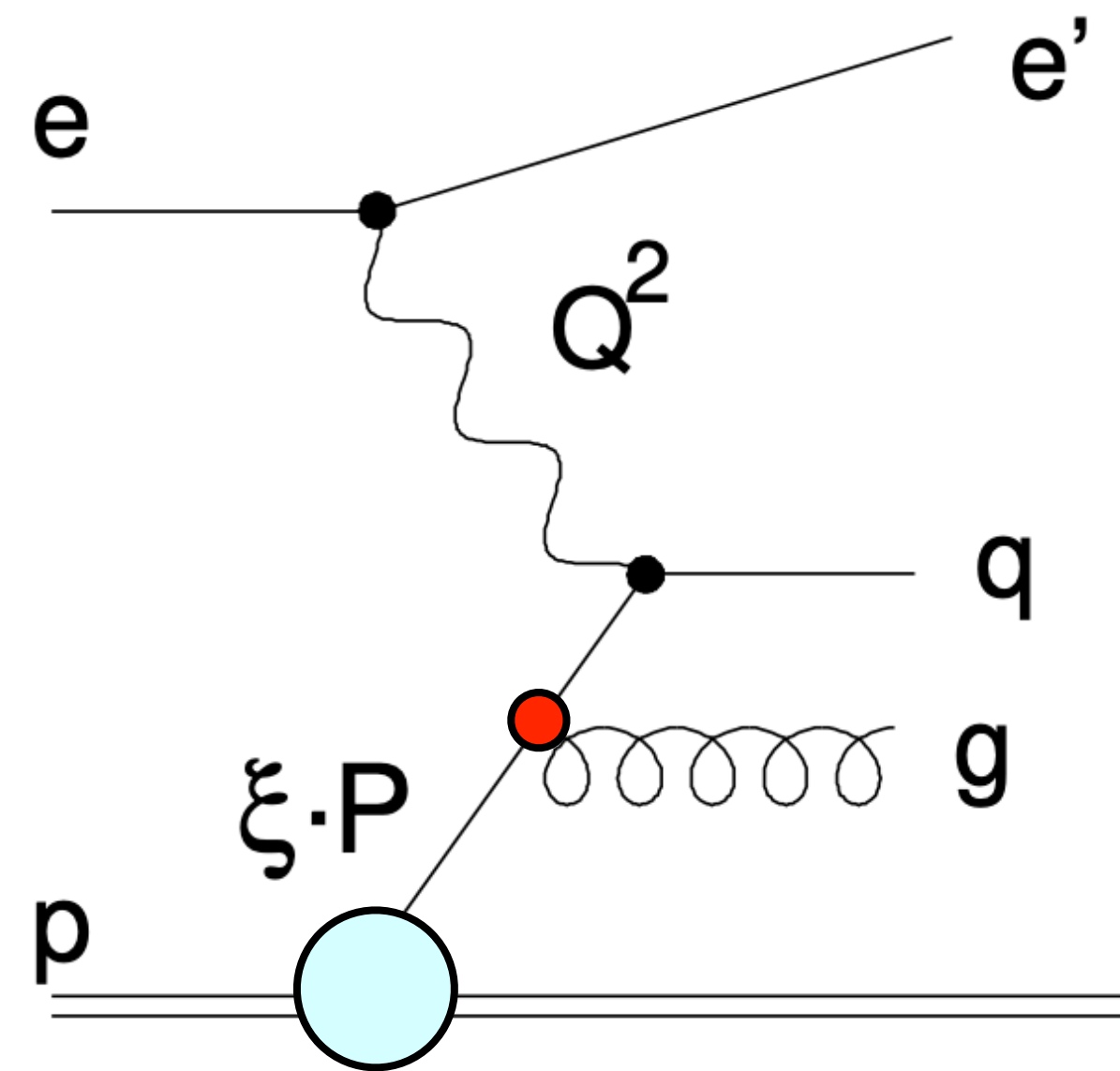


- High-energy and high-density measurements of heavy ion collisions

Determination of the strong coupling

QCD

• α_s is least known coupling constant



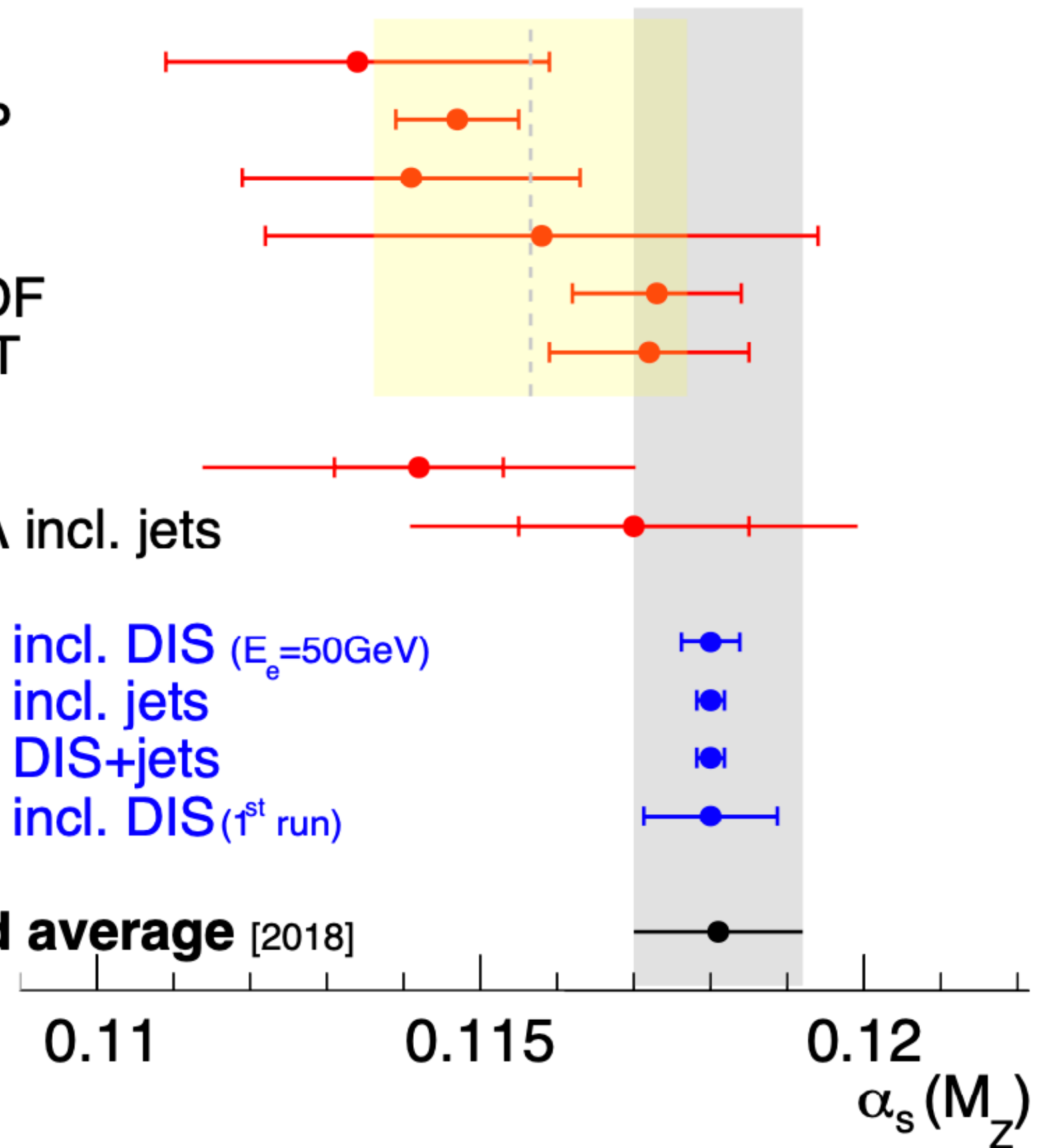
• α_s from fits to ep jet production

ABM
ABMP
BBG
JR
NNPDF
MMHT

H1
HERA incl. jets

LHeC incl. DIS ($E_e=50\text{GeV}$)
LHeC incl. jets
LHeC DIS+jets
LHeC incl. DIS (1st run)

World average [2018]



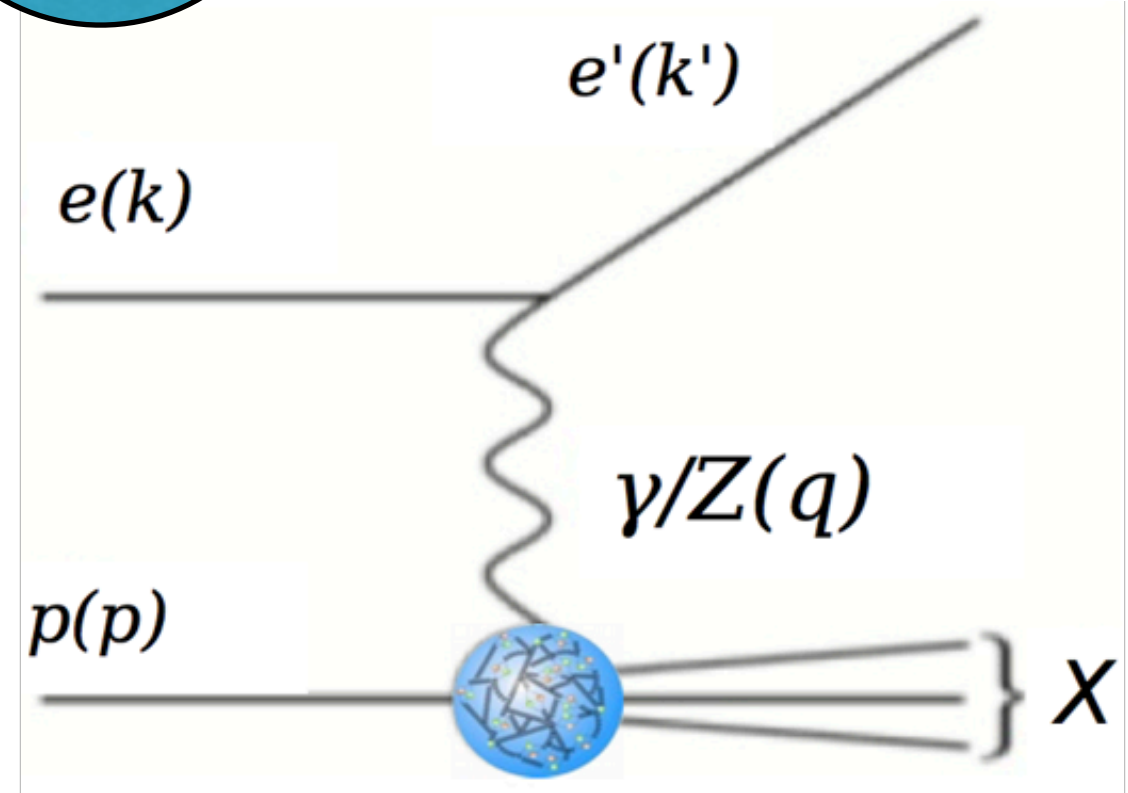
LHeC simultaneous PDF+ α_s fit:

- $\Delta\alpha_s(m_Z) = \pm 0.00022_{(\text{exp.}+\text{PDF})}$
- $\Delta\alpha_s(m_Z) = \pm 0.00018$ (with ep jets)

LHeC CDRs and
arXiv:2203.08271

Achievable precision: $\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ - x5-10
better than today

→ unprecedented precision



$$g_A^f = \sqrt{\rho_{\text{NC},f} \rho'_{\text{NC},f} I_{L,f}^3}$$

$$g_V^f = \sqrt{\rho_{\text{NC},f} \rho'_{\text{NC},f} (I_{L,f}^3 - 2Q_f K_{\text{NC},f} K'_{\text{NC},f} \sin^2 \theta_W)}$$

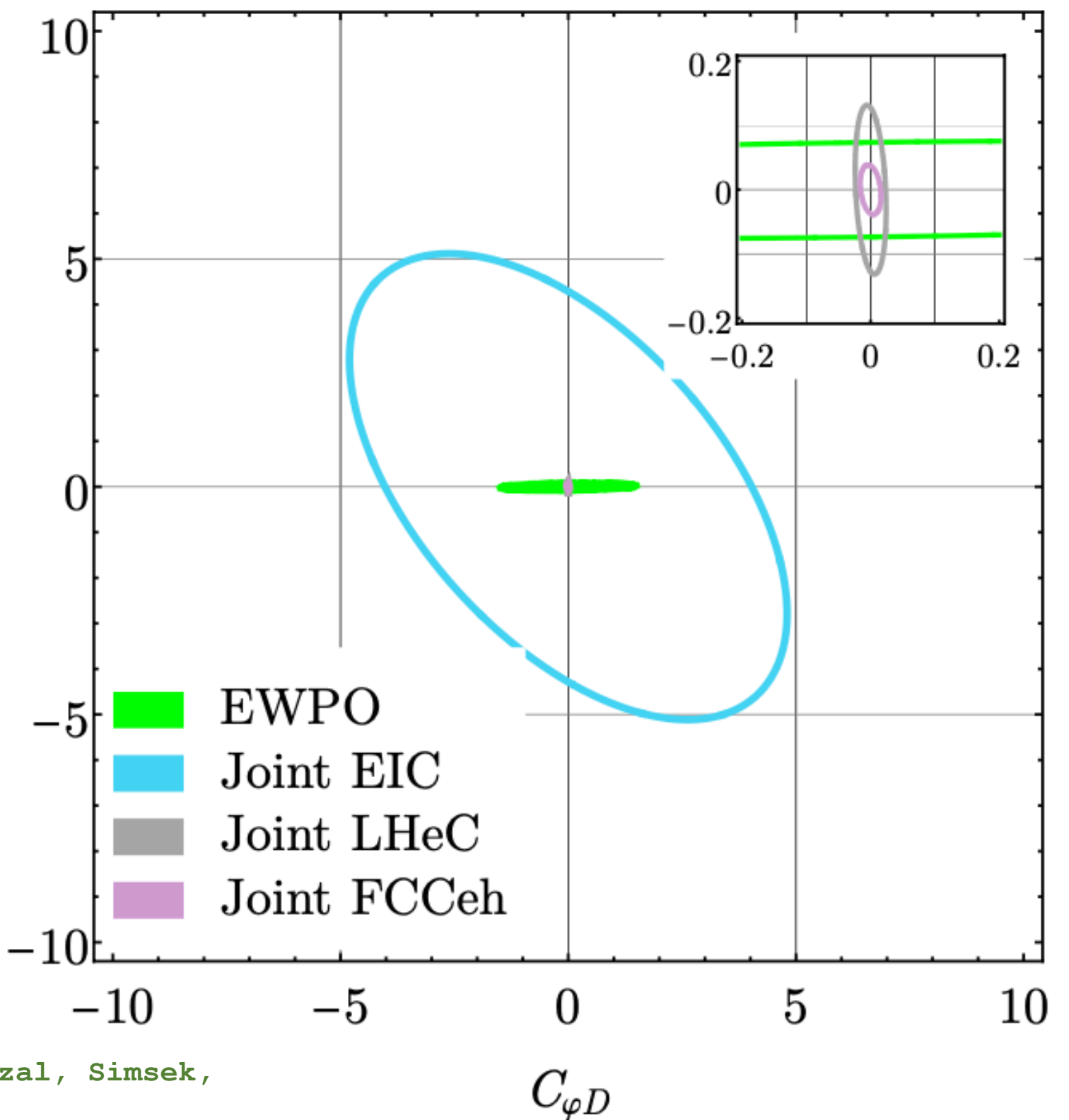
Britzger, Klein, Spiesberger, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020) 831

→ **precision on per mille level**
(largely inaccessible in e⁺e⁻)

$$O_{\varphi q}^{(3)} = (\varphi^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \tau^I \varphi) (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \tau^I q)$$

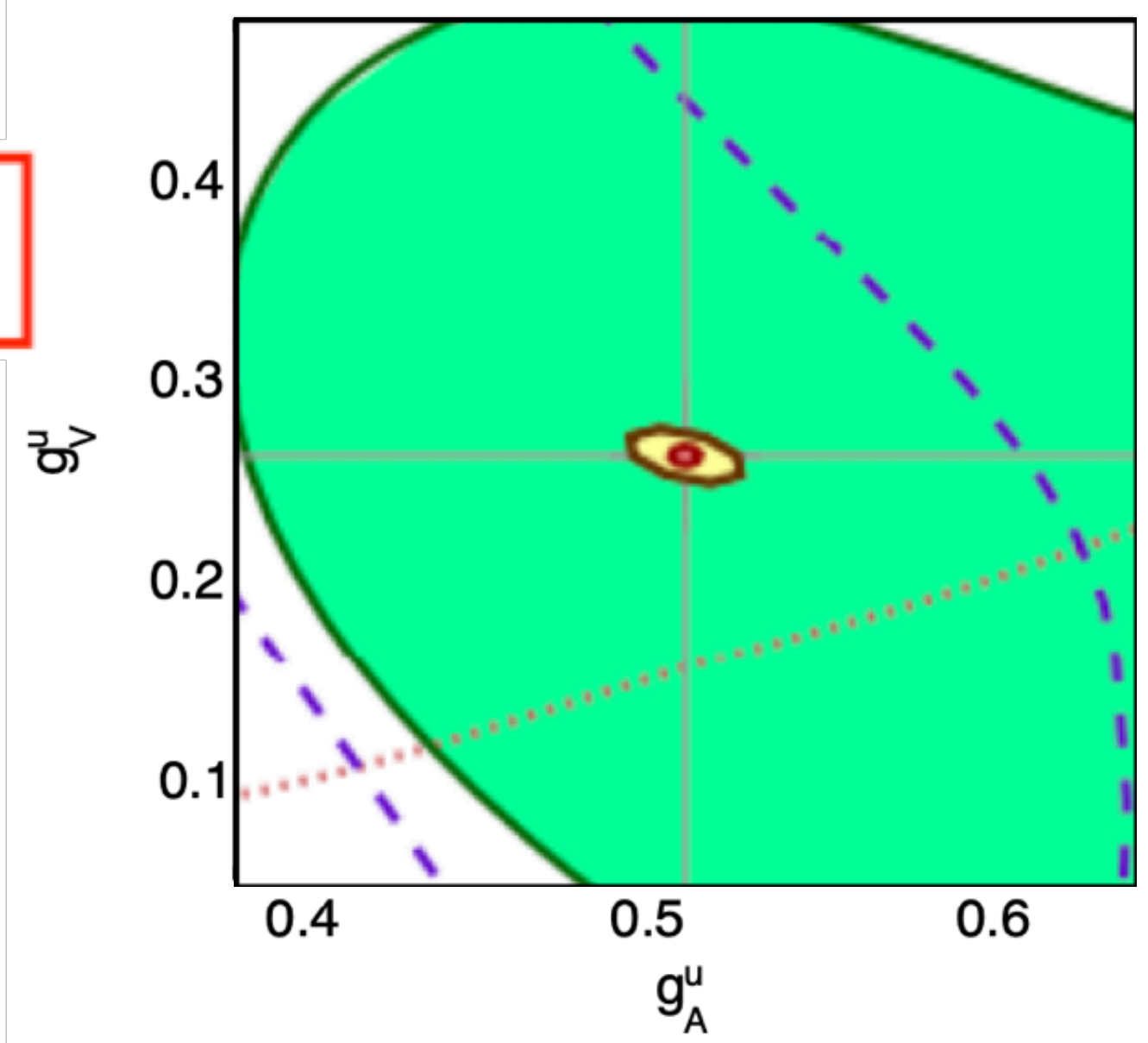
$$O_{\varphi D} = (\varphi^\dagger D_\mu \varphi)^* (\varphi^\dagger D^\mu \varphi)$$

95% CL, $\Lambda = 1 \text{ TeV}$, 17 d fit

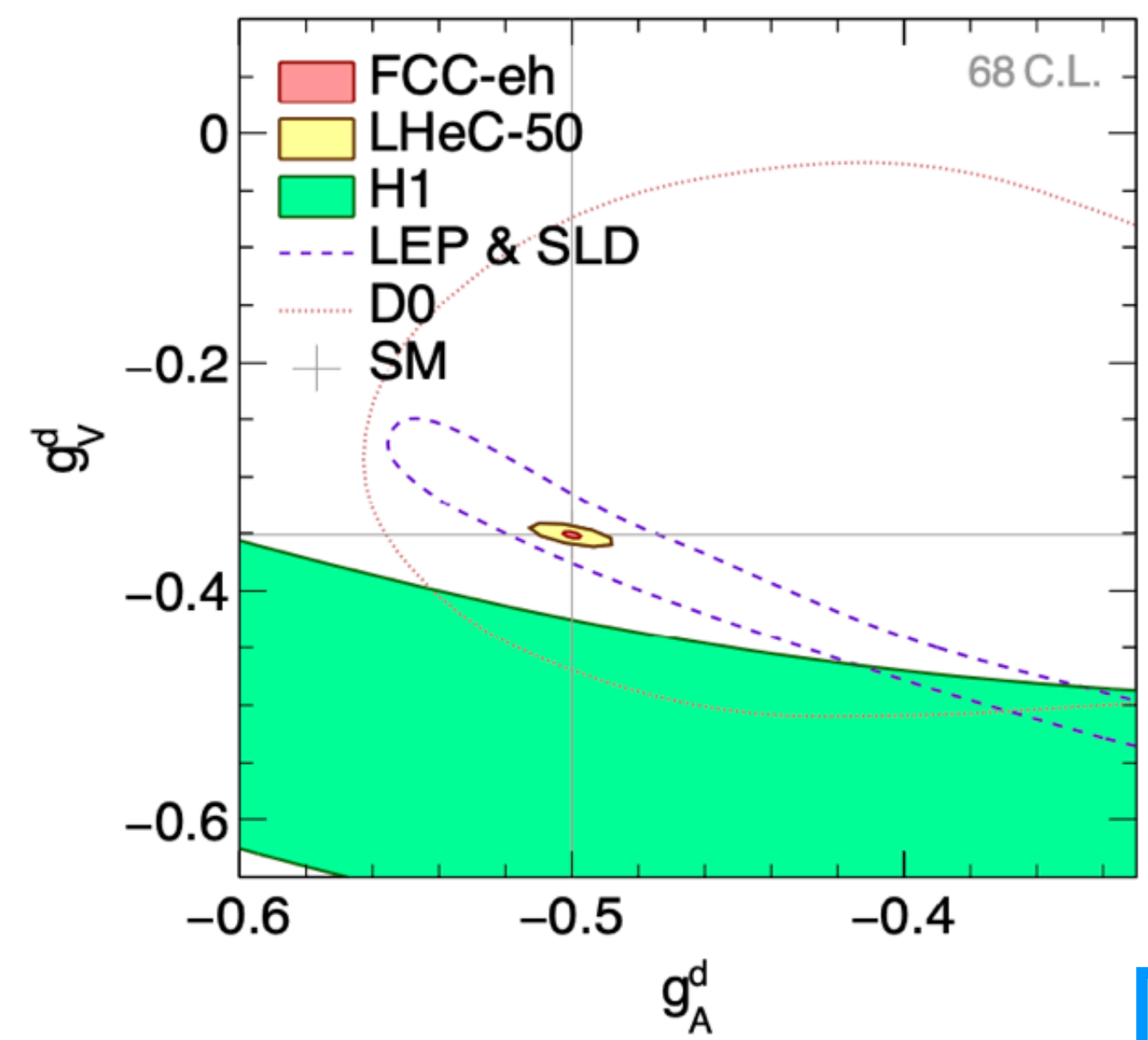


Bissolotti, Boughezal, Simsek, arXiv:2306.05564

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Electroweak physics of 1st generation quarks are largely inaccessible in other colliders

FCC-eh and LHeC will improve upon existing precision electroweak bounds in SMEFT parameter space in many cases, also for correlations

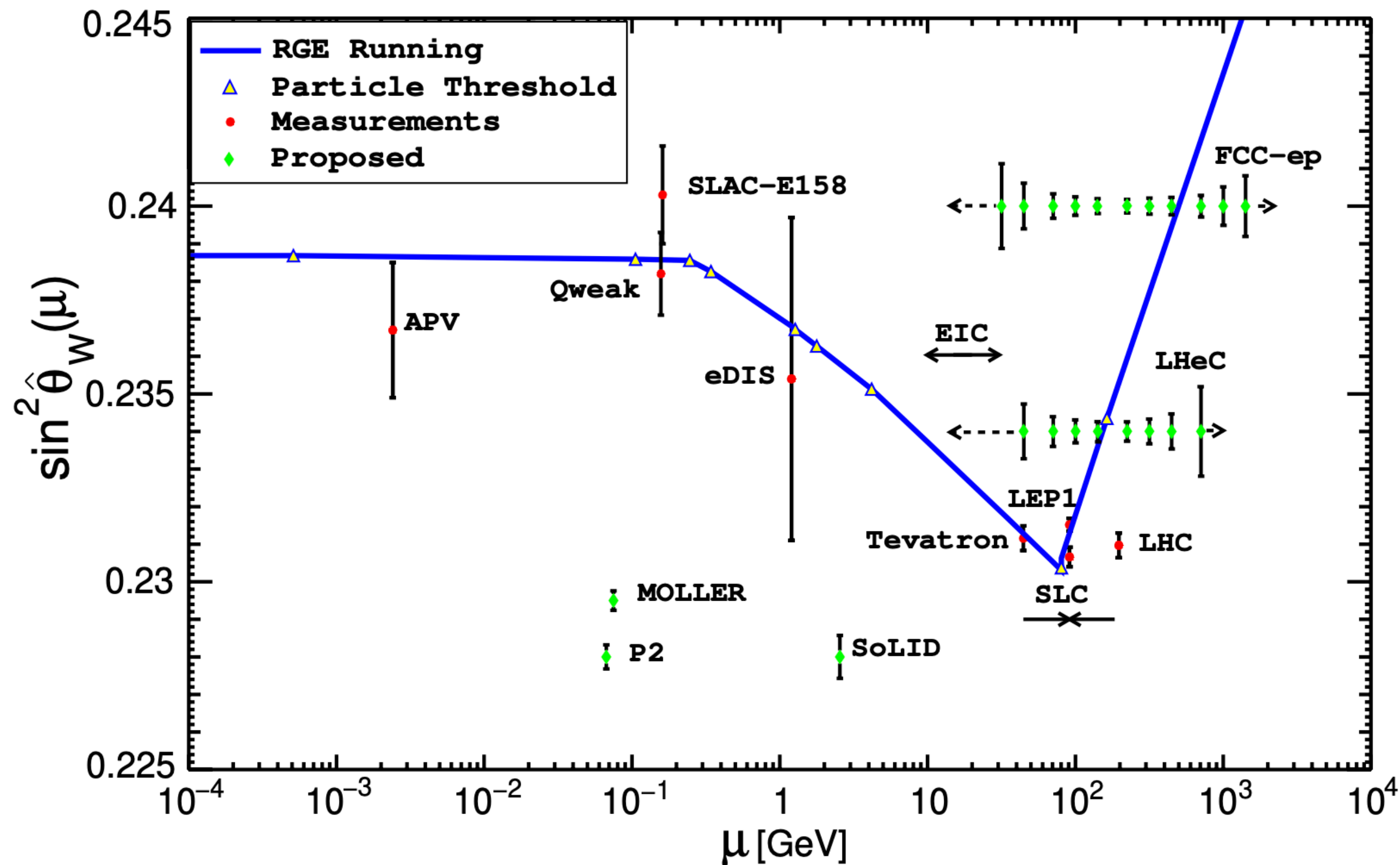
Scale Dependence of $\sin^2\theta_w$

PERLE CDR, CERN-ACC-NOTE-2018-0086



LHeC CDR, J.Phys. G39, 075001 (2012)

arXiv:2203.06237



→ probe large range of scale dependence

$$g_V^f = \sqrt{\rho_{NC,f}} (I_{L,f}^3 - 2Q_f \kappa_{NC,f} \sin^2\theta_w)$$

$$g_A^f = \sqrt{\rho_{NC,f}} I_{L,f}^3$$

→ precision per mille level
→ scale dependence

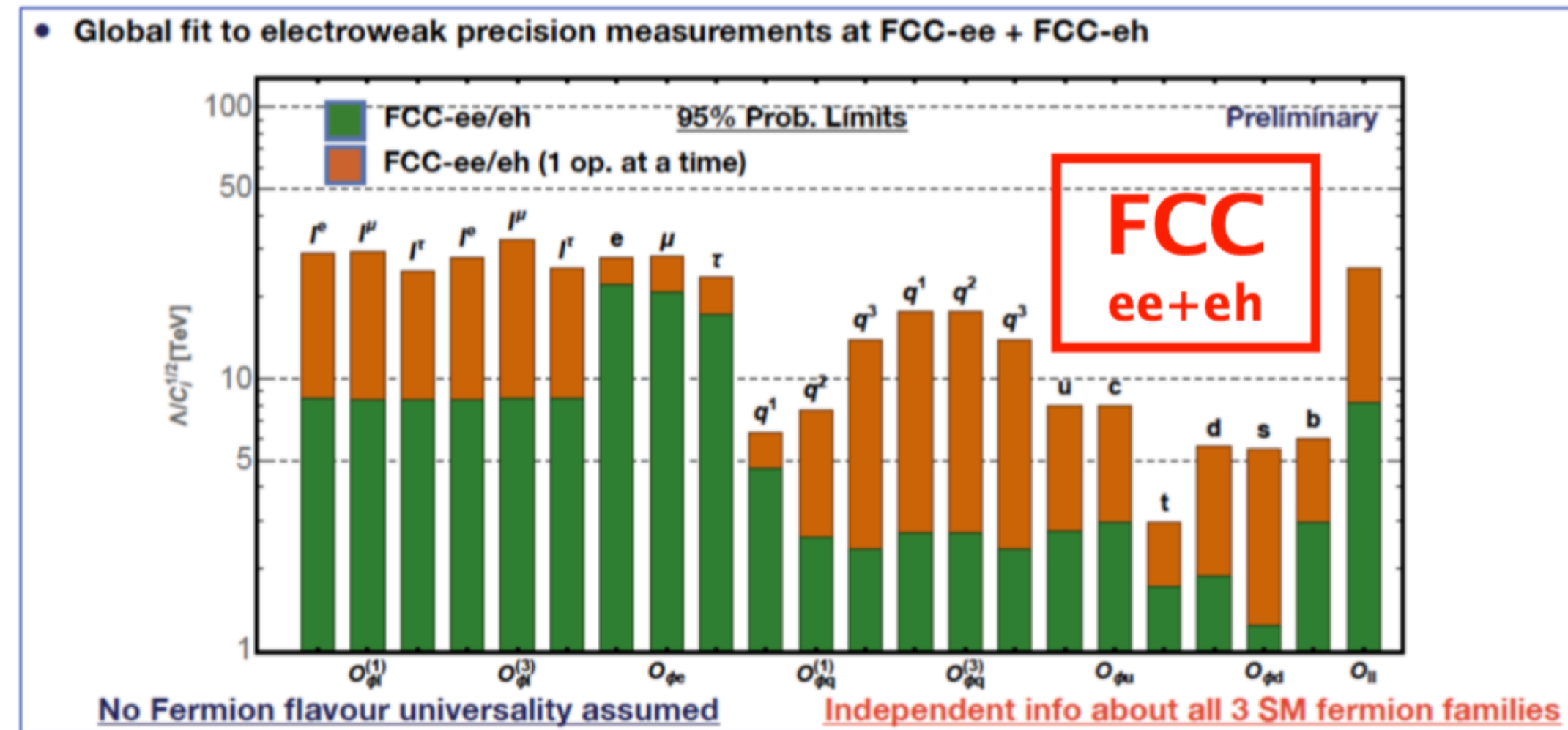
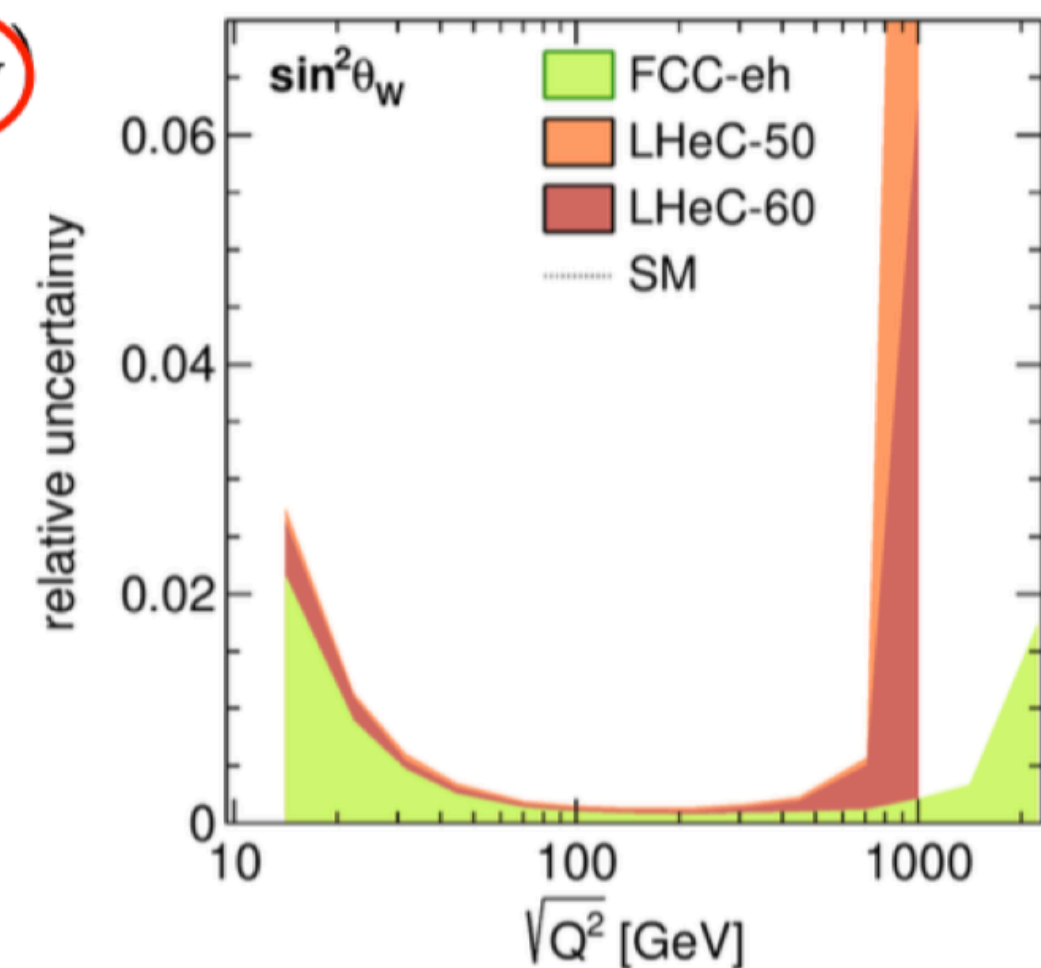
$$\Delta \sin^2\theta_w (\text{FCC-eh}) = \pm 0.00011$$

$$= \pm 0.00010_{(\text{exp})} \pm 0.00004_{(\text{PDF})}$$

$$\Delta m_W = \pm 4.5 \text{ MeV}$$

(includes PDF uncertainty of about ± 3.6 MeV)

→ high sensitivity to NP

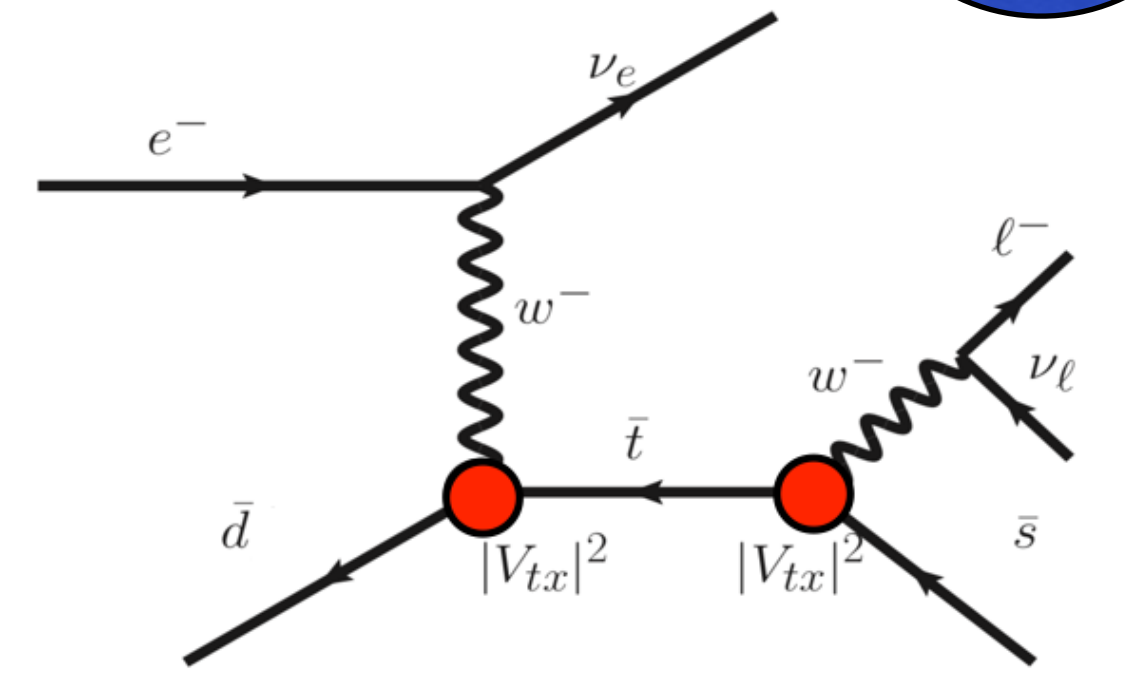


Expected measurements of Wtb couplings

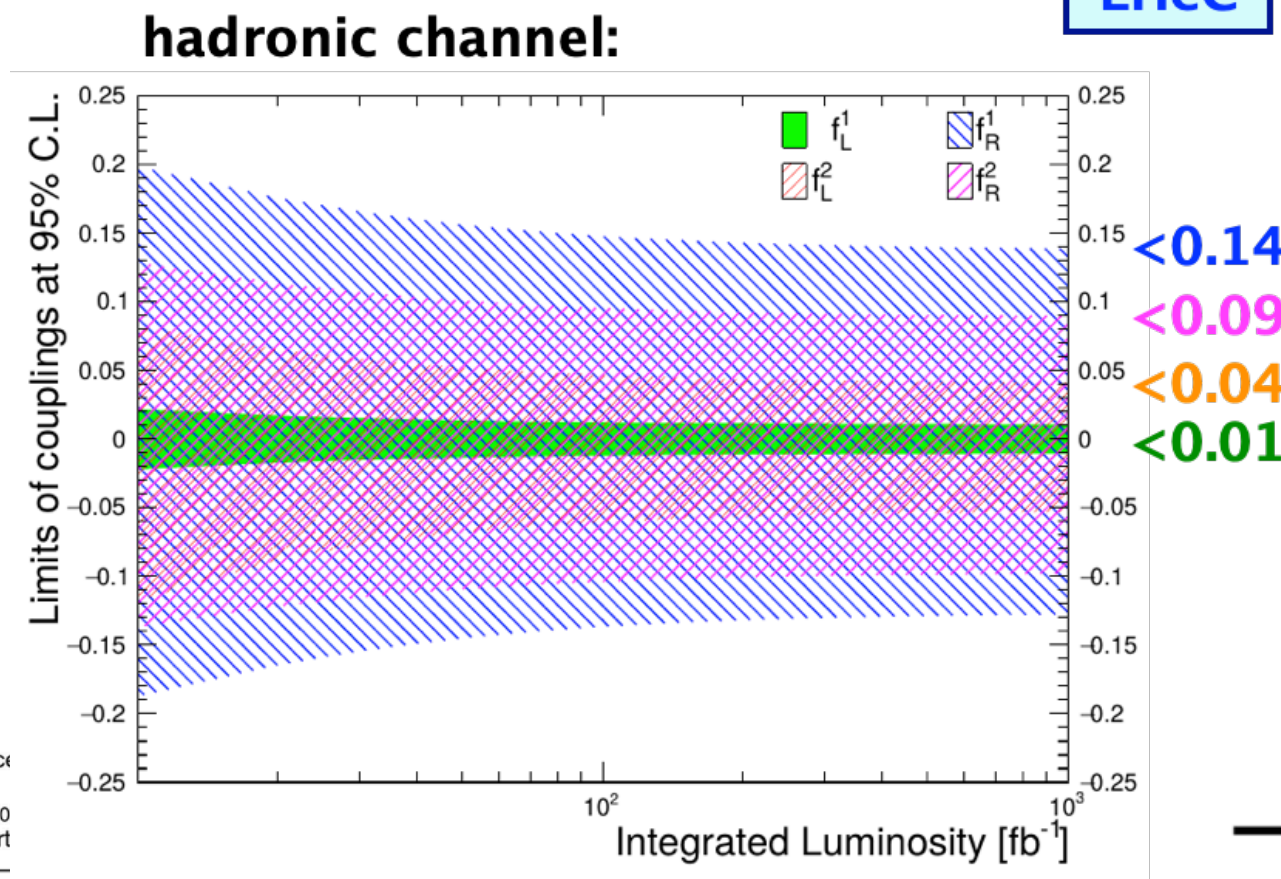
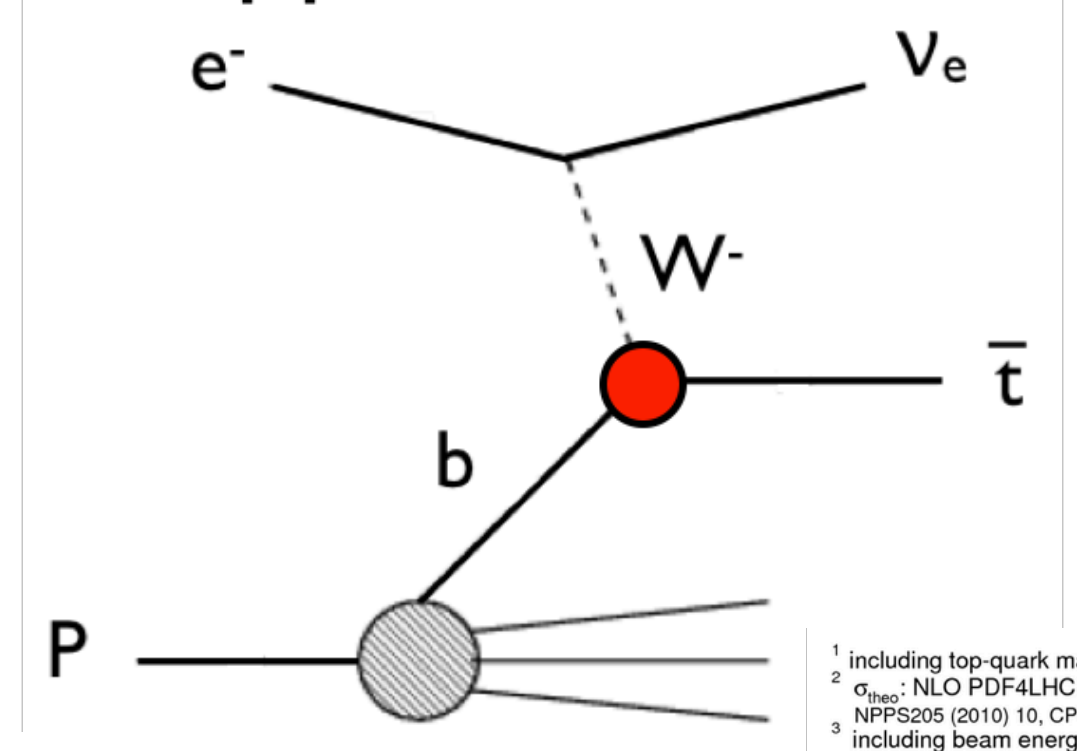
= 1 in SM

$$L = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \gamma^\mu V_{tb} (f_V^L P_L + f_V^R P_R) t W_\mu^- - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{b} \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{M_W} (f_T^L P_L + f_T^R P_R) t W_\mu^- + h.c.$$

Dutta, Goyal, Kumar, Mellado, arXiv:1307.1688 Kumar, Ruan, to be publ.

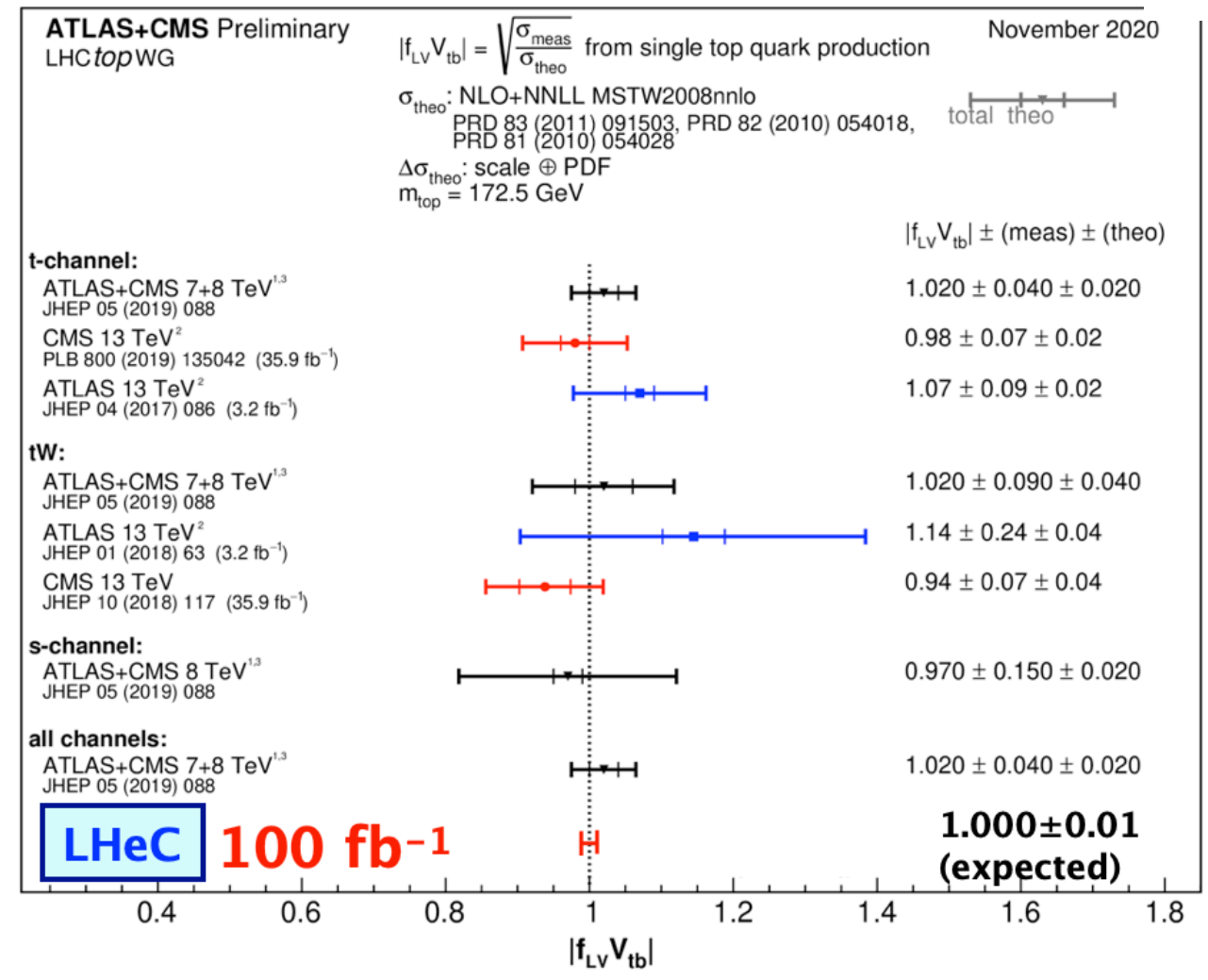


CC DIS top production



LHeC

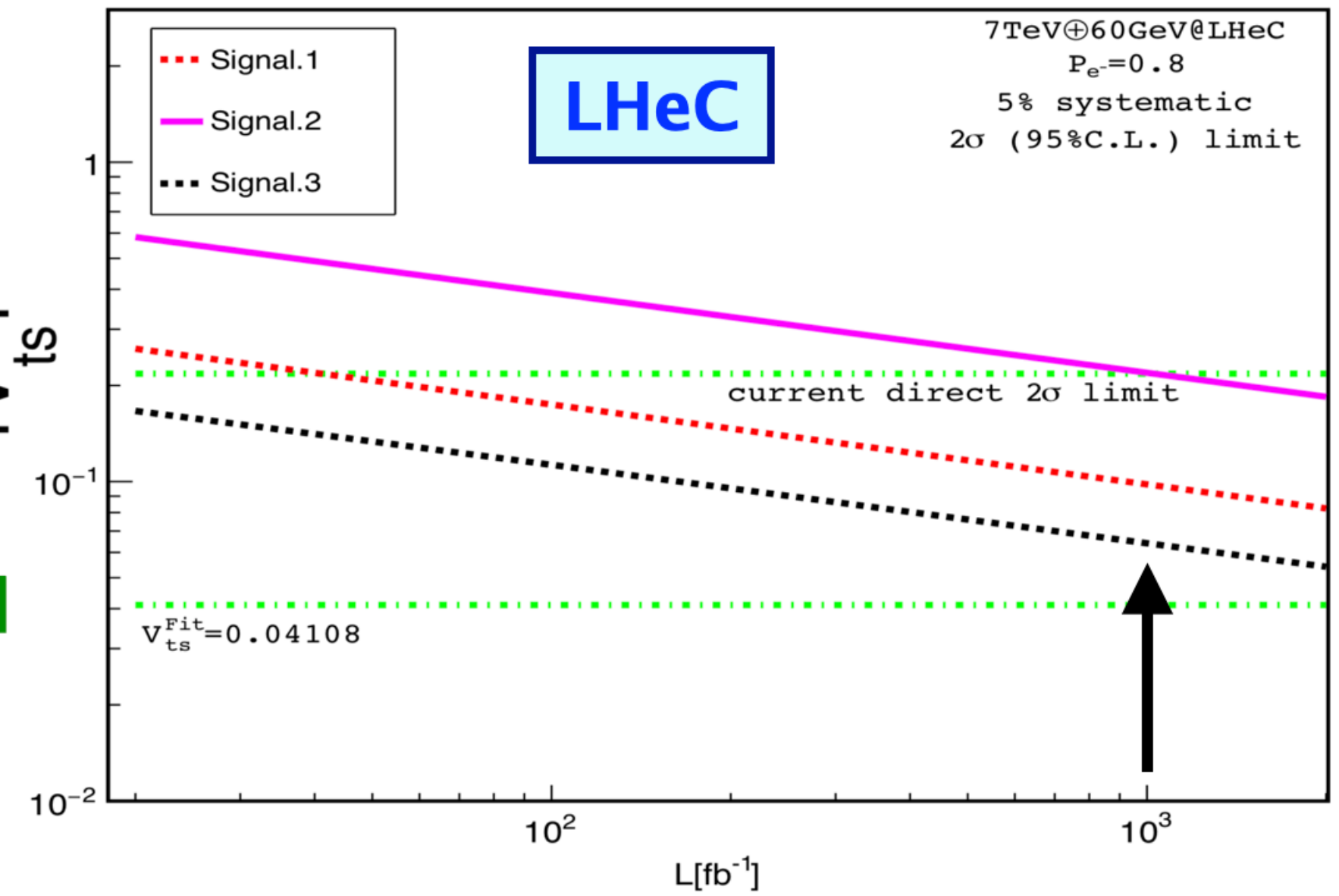
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$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

Unprecedented precision < 1%

SM



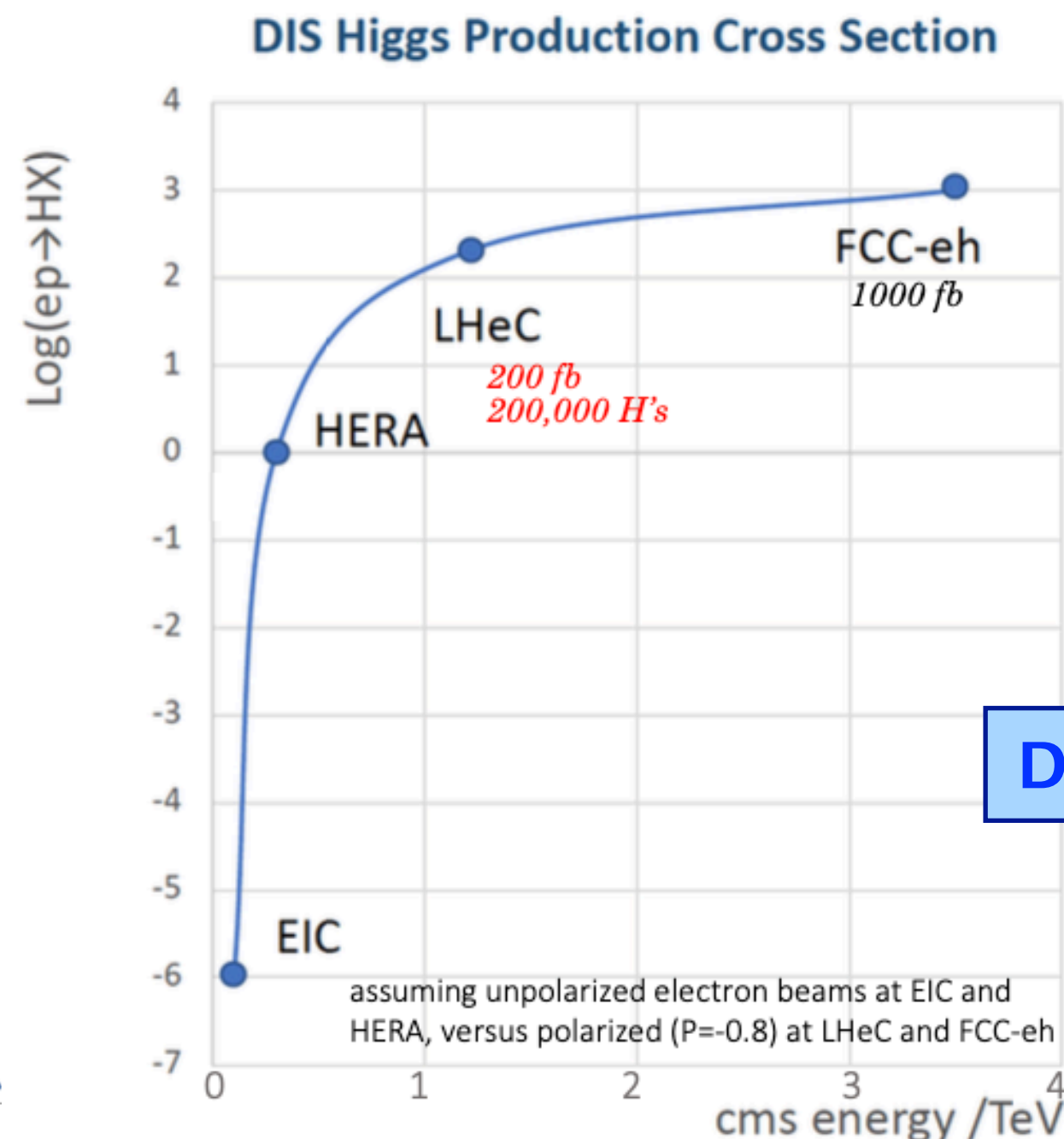
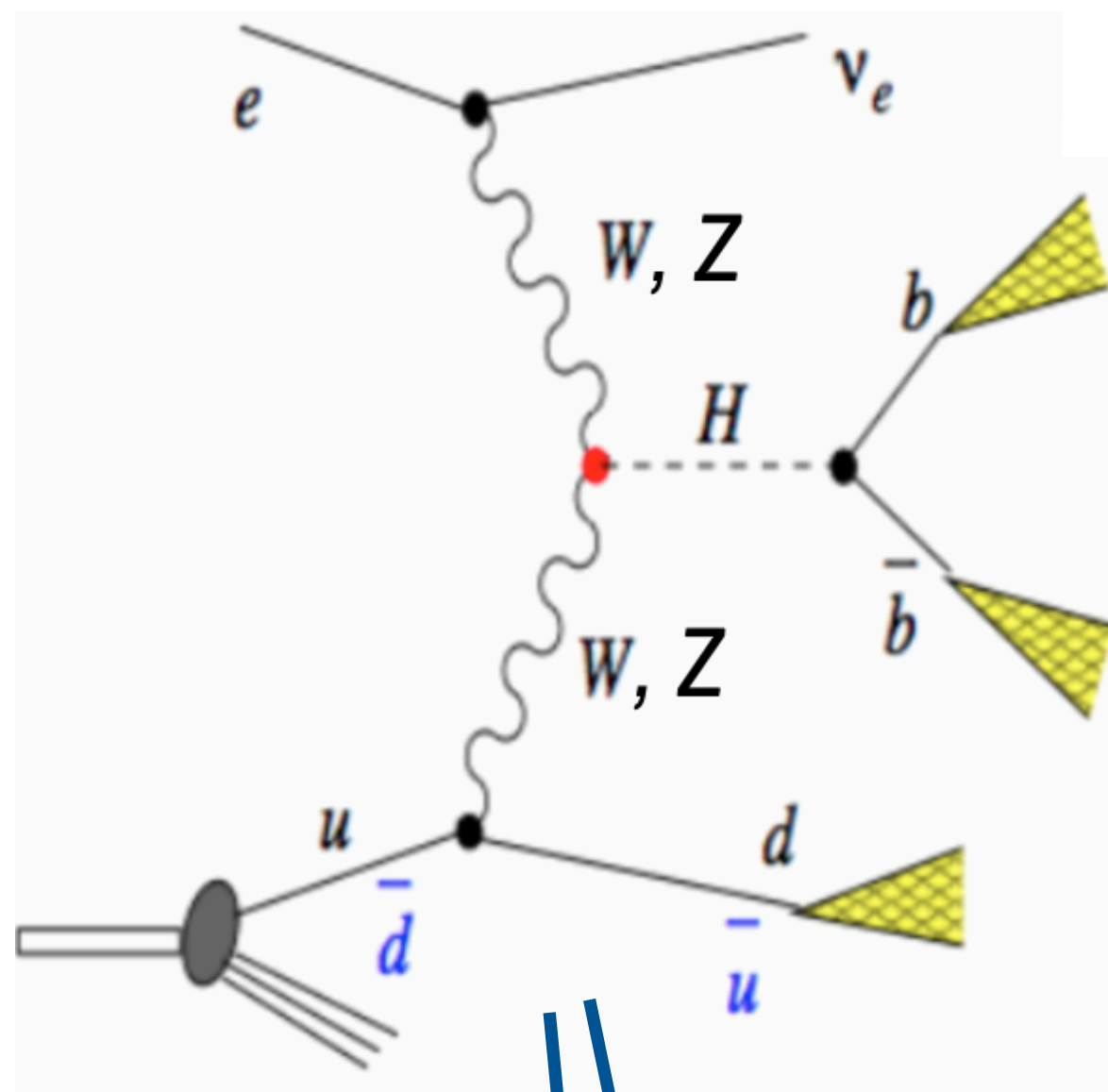
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LHC

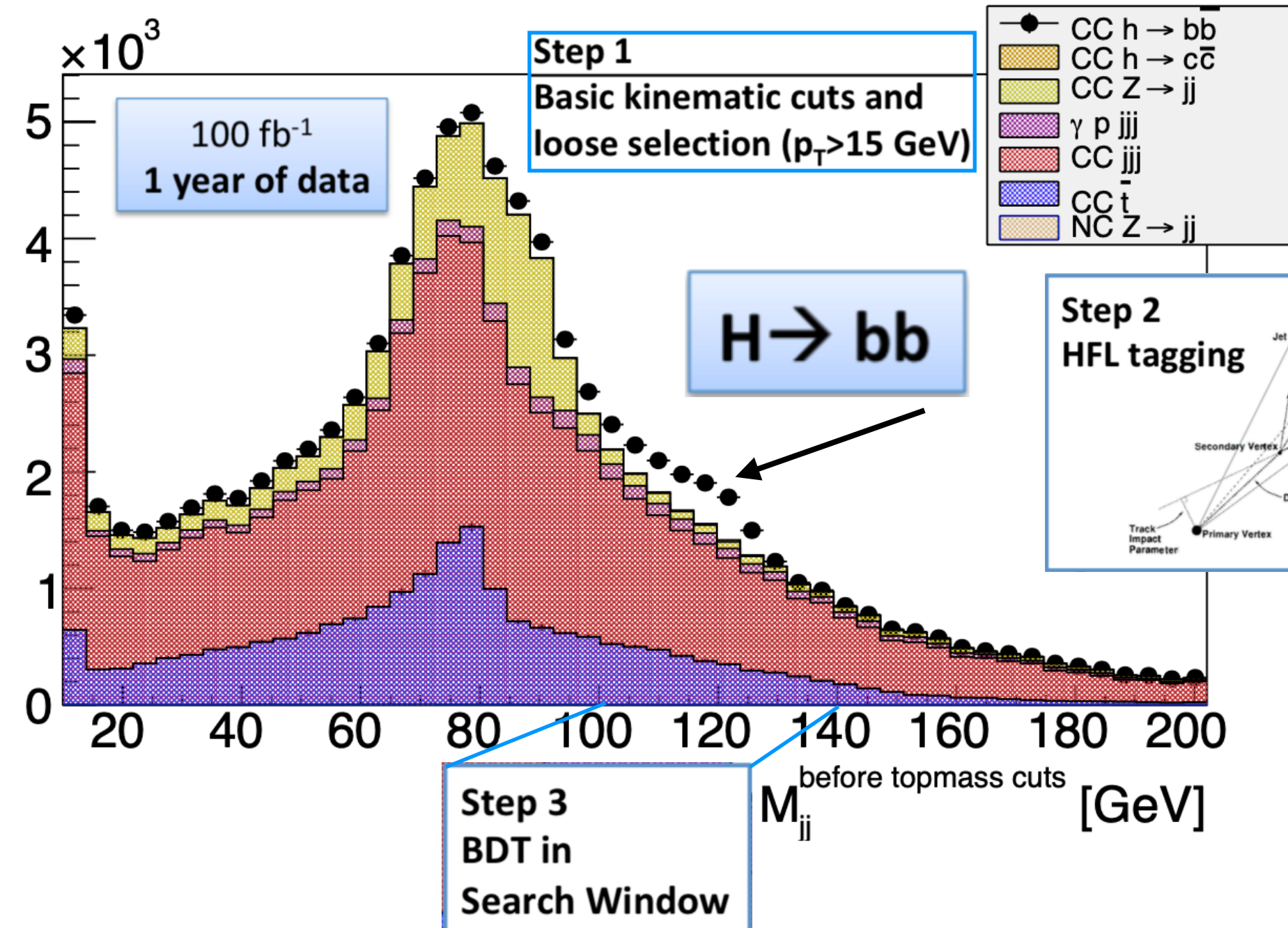
$\rightarrow |V_{ts}| < 0.06$

Probing SM prediction directly for the first time

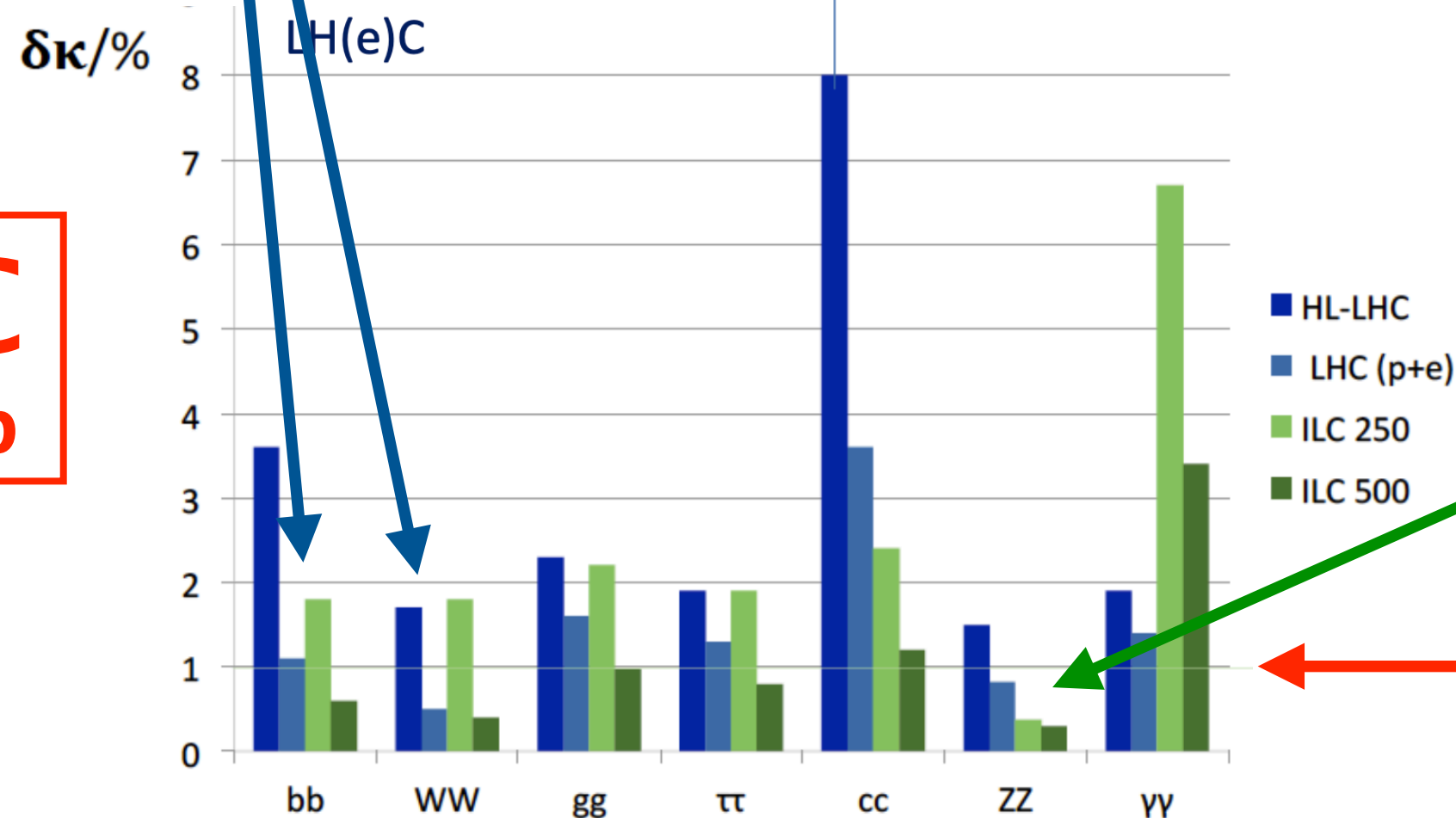
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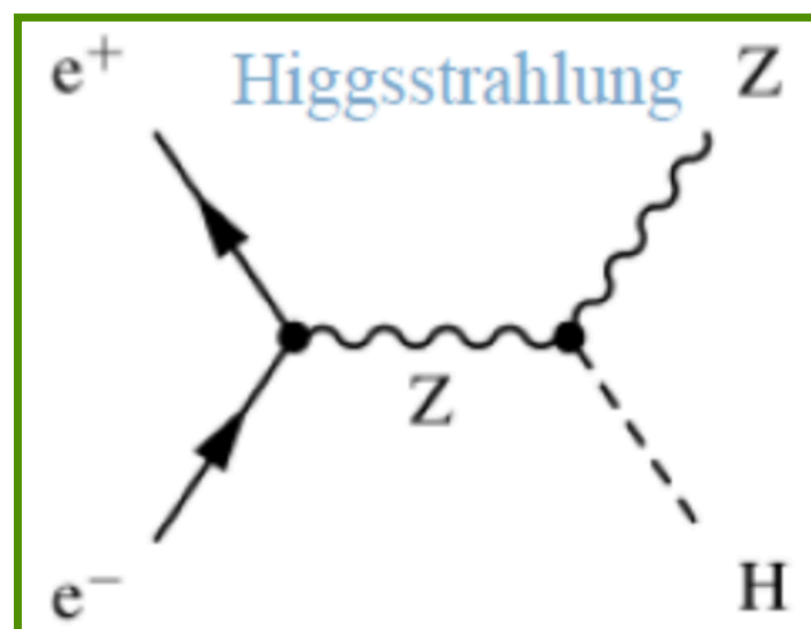
Events



LHC
ep+pp



1%



we profit from diversity through complementarity

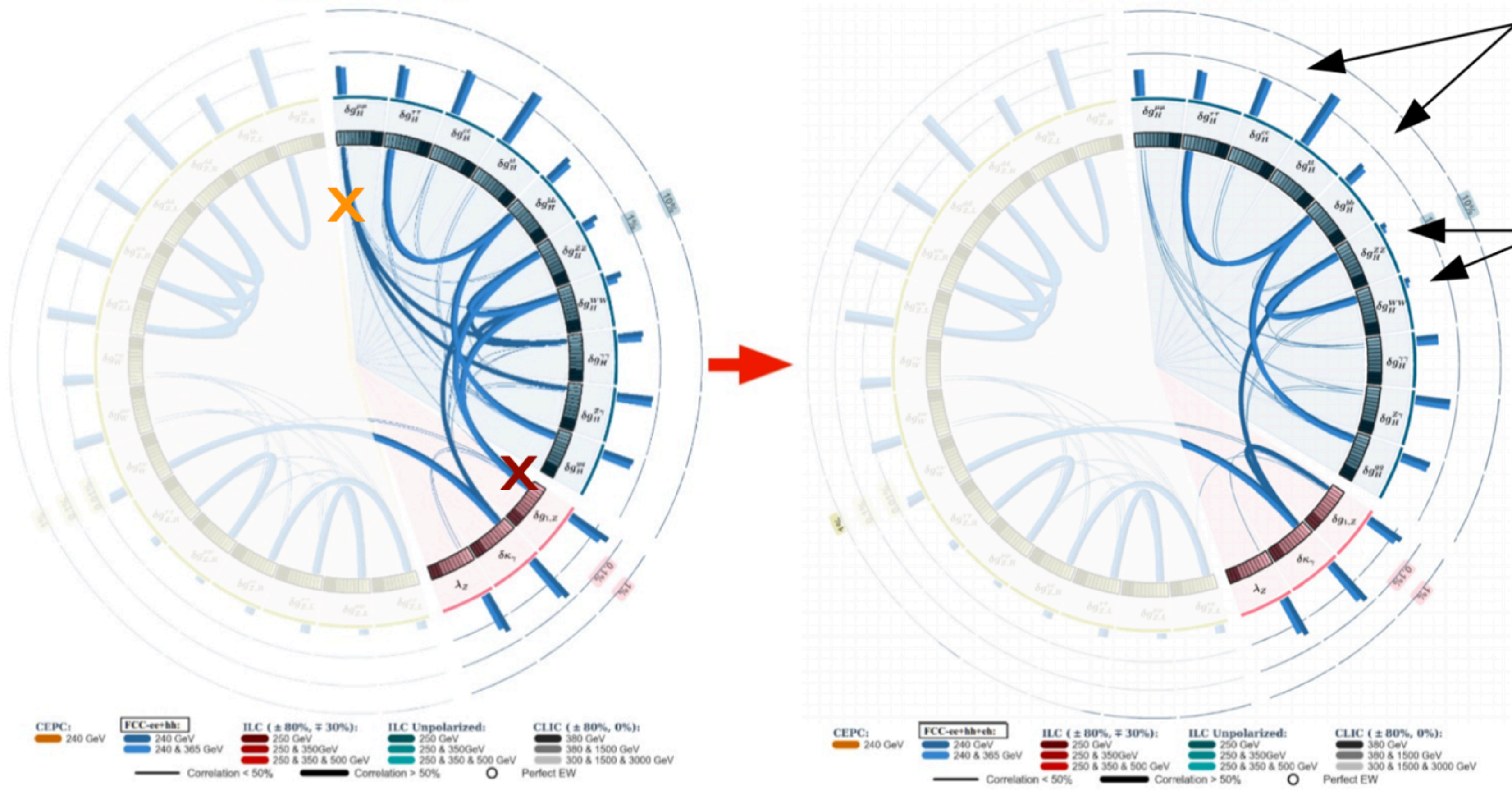
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SMEFT fit results after FCC era

Couplings and correlations

FCCEe+hh

FCCEe+eh+hh



reduction for H_{cc} and H_{bb}

eh contributes to the H_{WW} and H_{ZZ} couplings and resolves their correlation **X**

reduces further correlations **X**

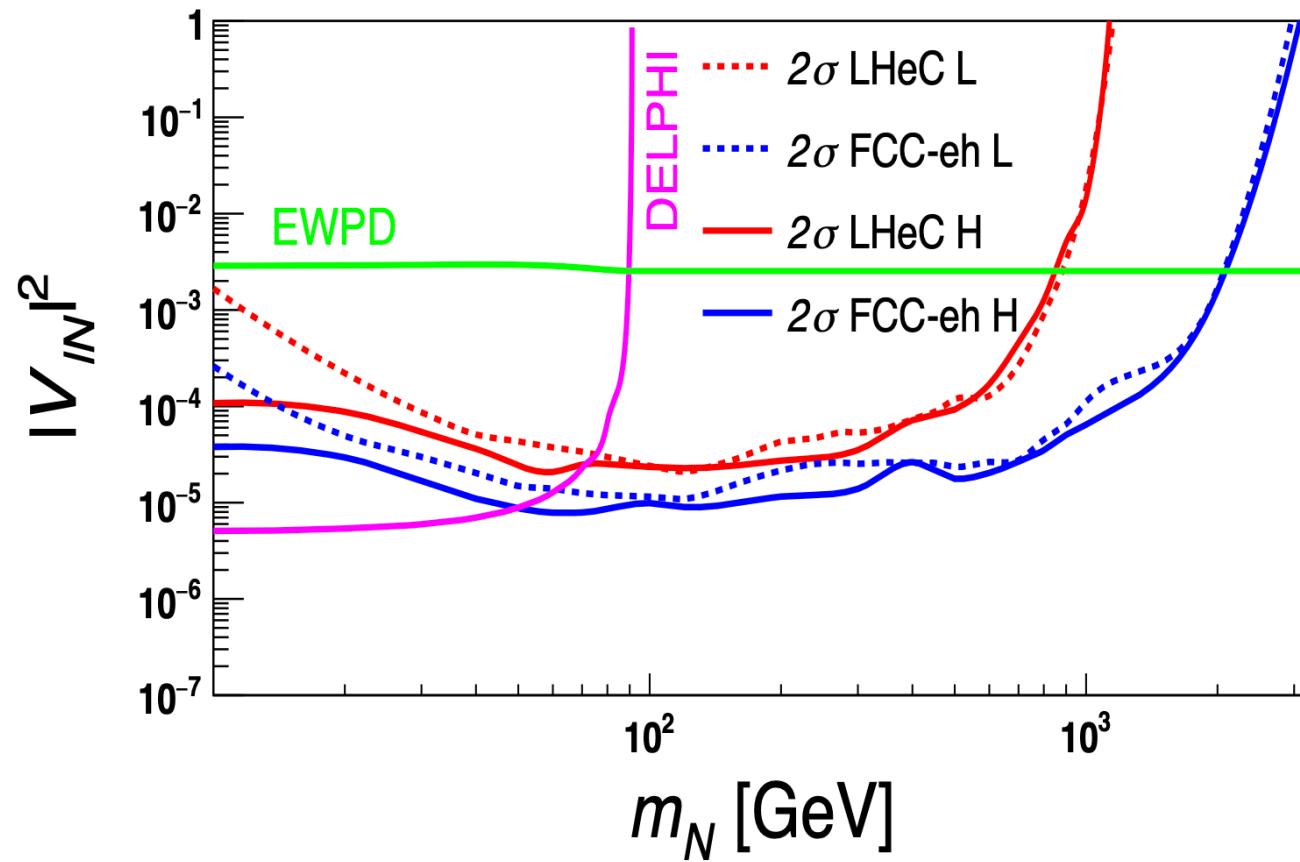
PRELIMINARY

Higgs SMEFT coupling combinations profit from diversity: ee, ep, and pp

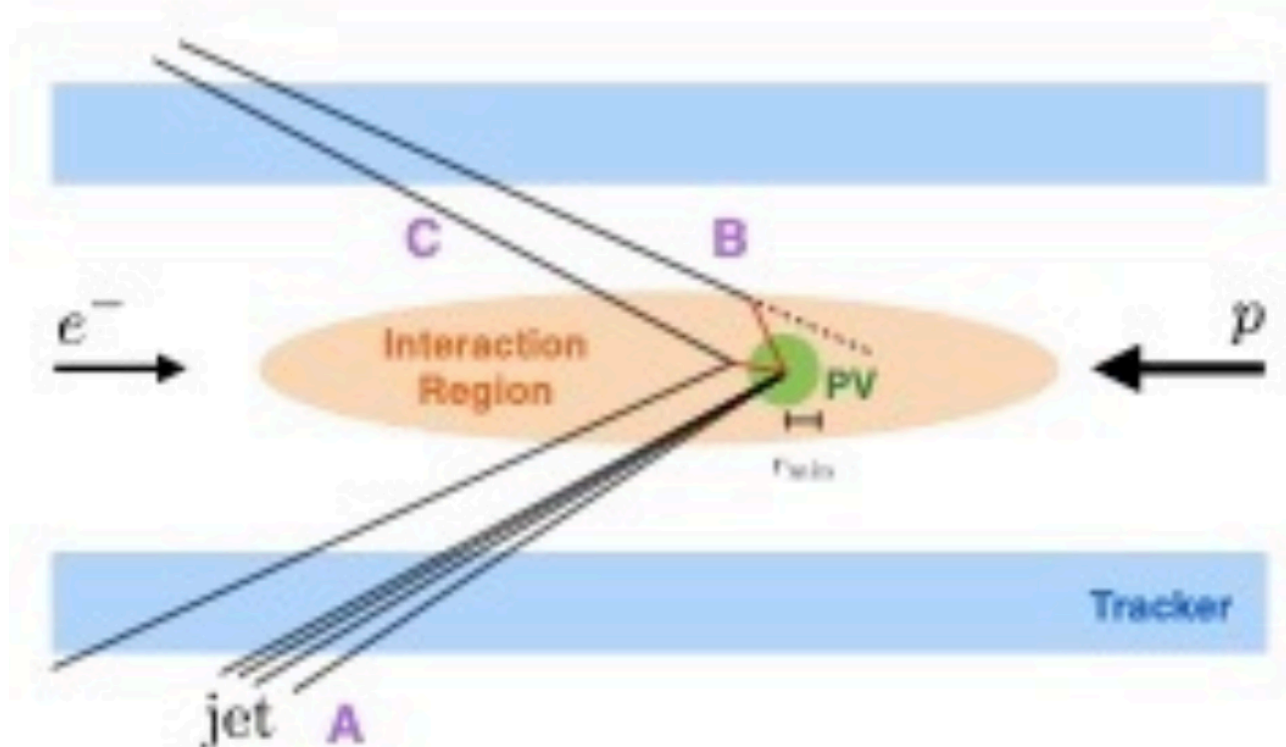
Complementary searches for BSM: heavy neutrinos

BSM

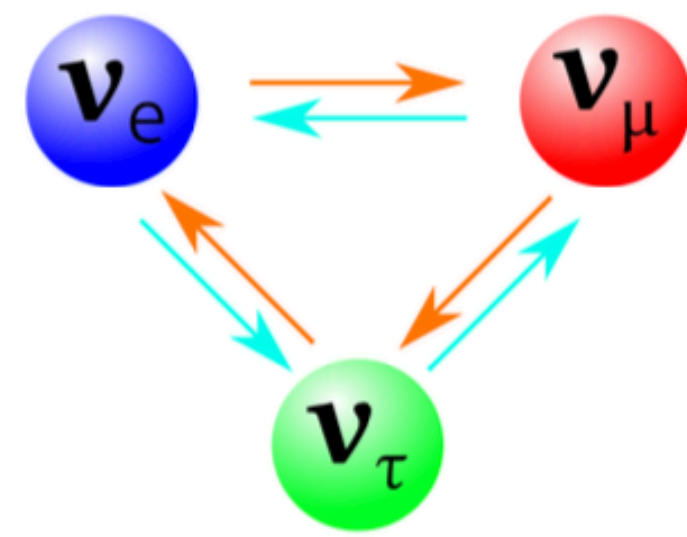
Search for heavy Majorana neutrinos in the τ final state



arXiv:2210.17050



Search for heavy sterile neutrinos

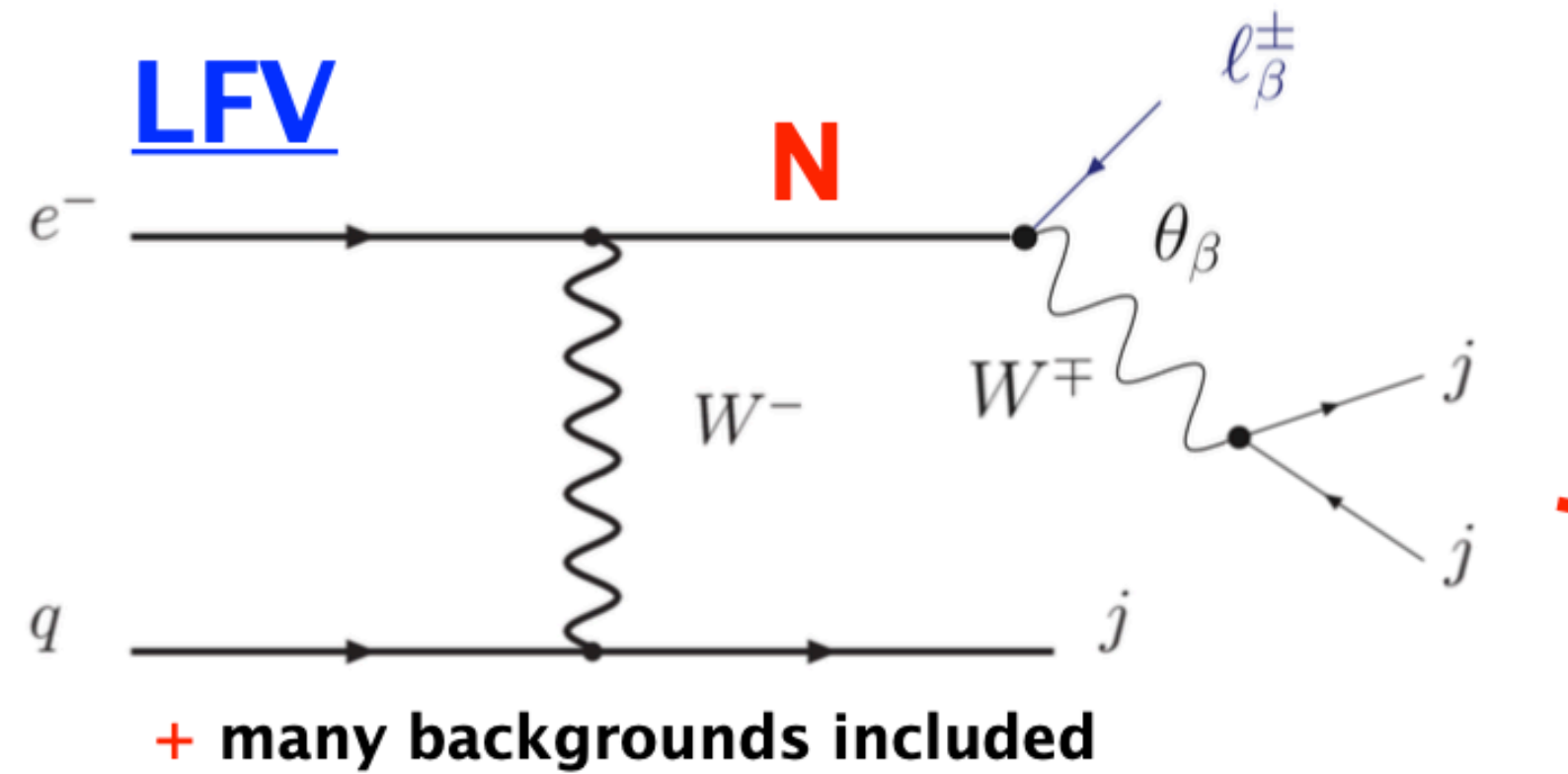


Three Generations of Matter (Fermions) spin 1/2

	I	II	III	
mass	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	173.2 GeV	0
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0
name	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon
Quarks				
name	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon
Leptons				Z weak force
name	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	H Higgs boson
Leptons				W weak force
name	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	

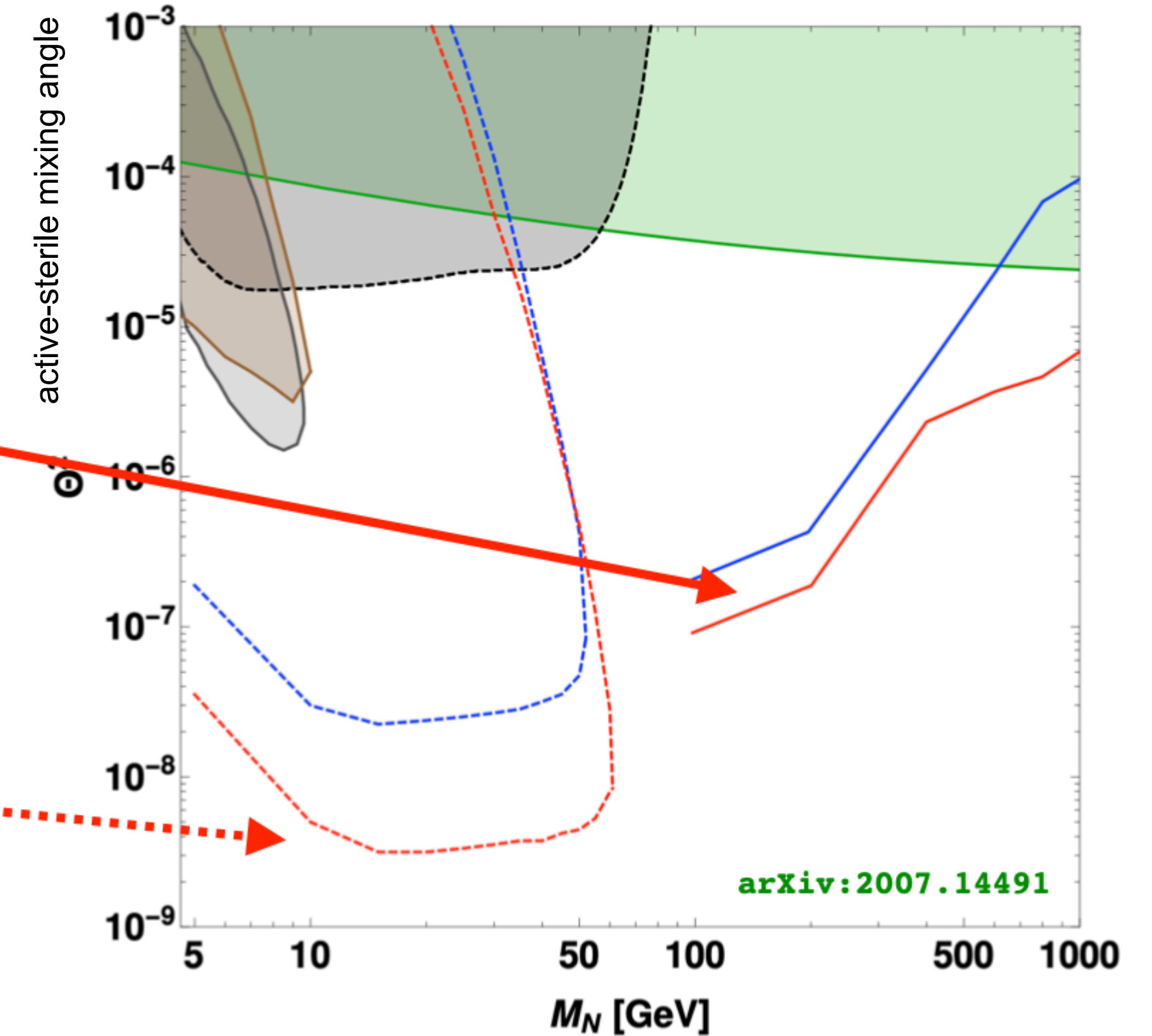
Bosons (Forces) spin 1

spin 0



arXiv:1908.02852

- MEG: $\Theta^2 = |\theta_e \theta_\mu|$
- DELPHI: $\Theta^2 = |\theta|^2$
- ATLAS: $\Theta^2 = |\theta_\mu|^2$
- LHCb: $\Theta^2 = |\theta_\mu|^2$
- LHeC (LFV): $\Theta^2 = |\theta_e \theta_\mu|$
- FCC-he (LFV): $\Theta^2 = |\theta_e \theta_\mu|$
- LHeC (displaced): $\Theta^2 = |\theta_e|^2$
- FCC-he (displaced): $\Theta^2 = |\theta_e|^2$

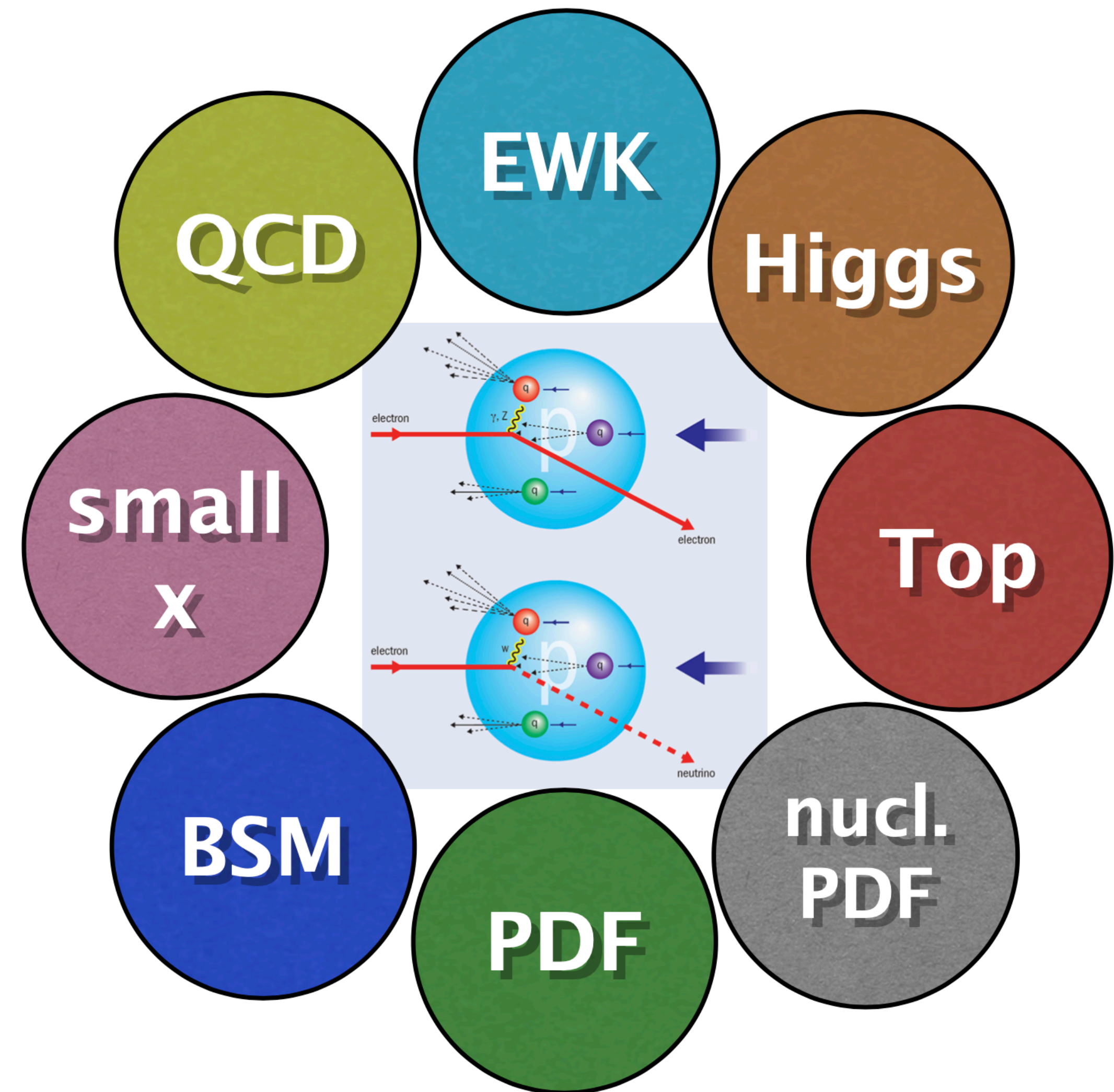


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Final remarks

Wide-ranging and deep physics programme spans:

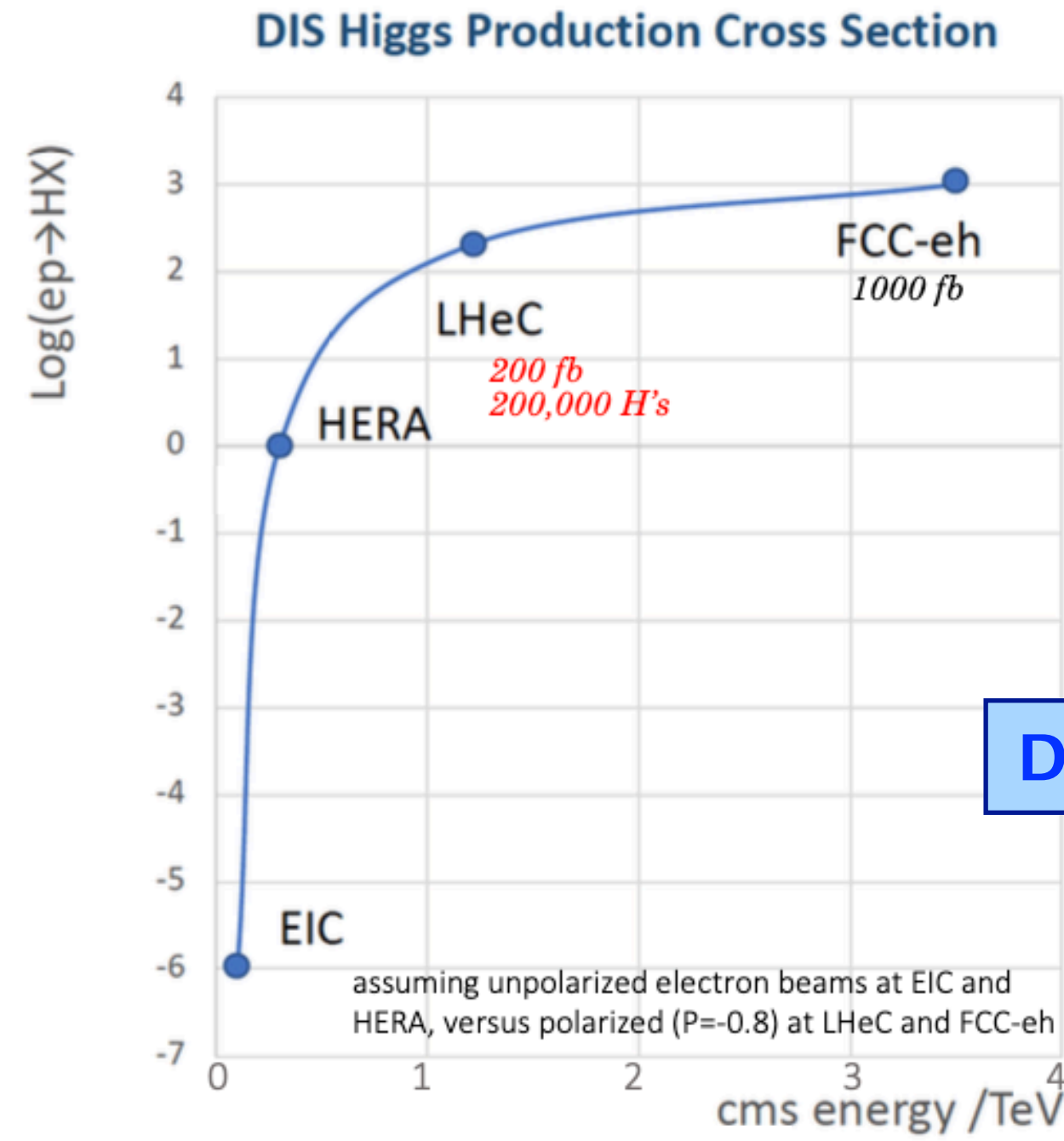
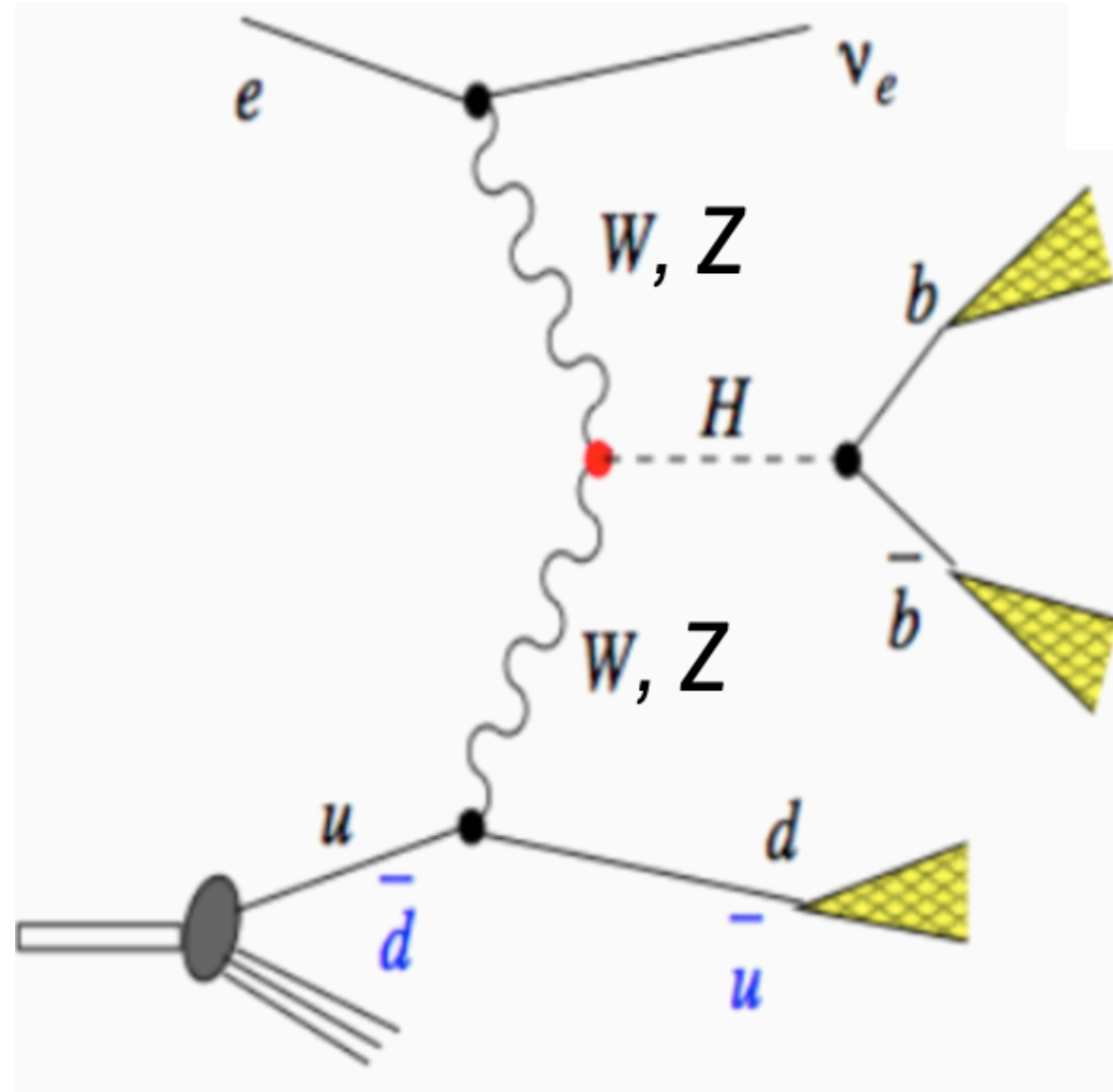
- **List of topics:** we have to decide which goes here and which goes into other chapters, which are missing, which we do not need to cover explicitly
- **LHC empowerment:** using LHeC input for HL-LHC analyses not included here. Will have to go to next chapter by Claire and Maarten
- **20 GeV staged option for ERL:** we would have to study the impact on different physics topics. e.g. for BSM the loss is major in almost all scenarios of interest, which is something we should carefully reassess. We should discuss this!



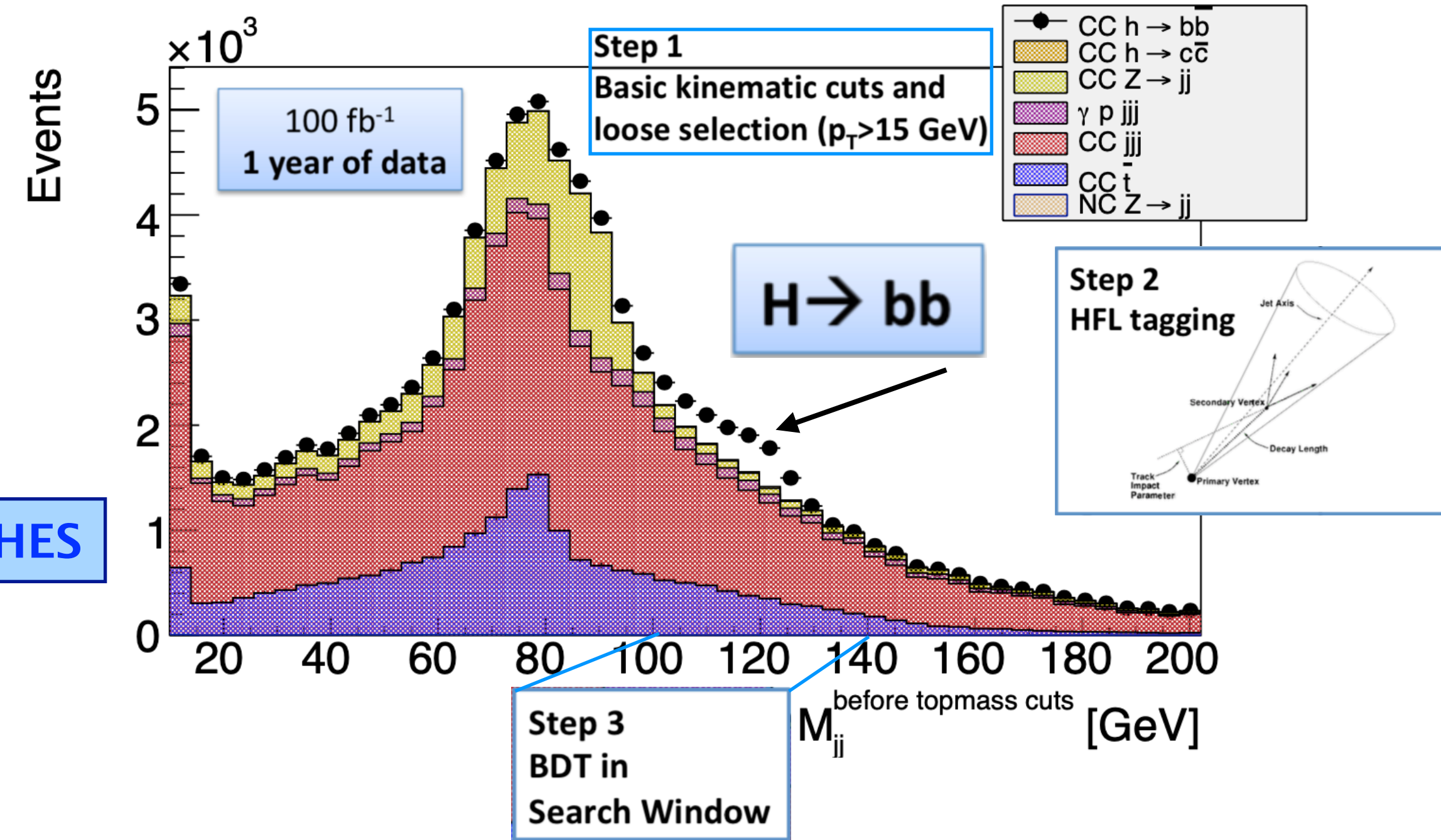
Backup

Higgs coupling combinations in κ -framework

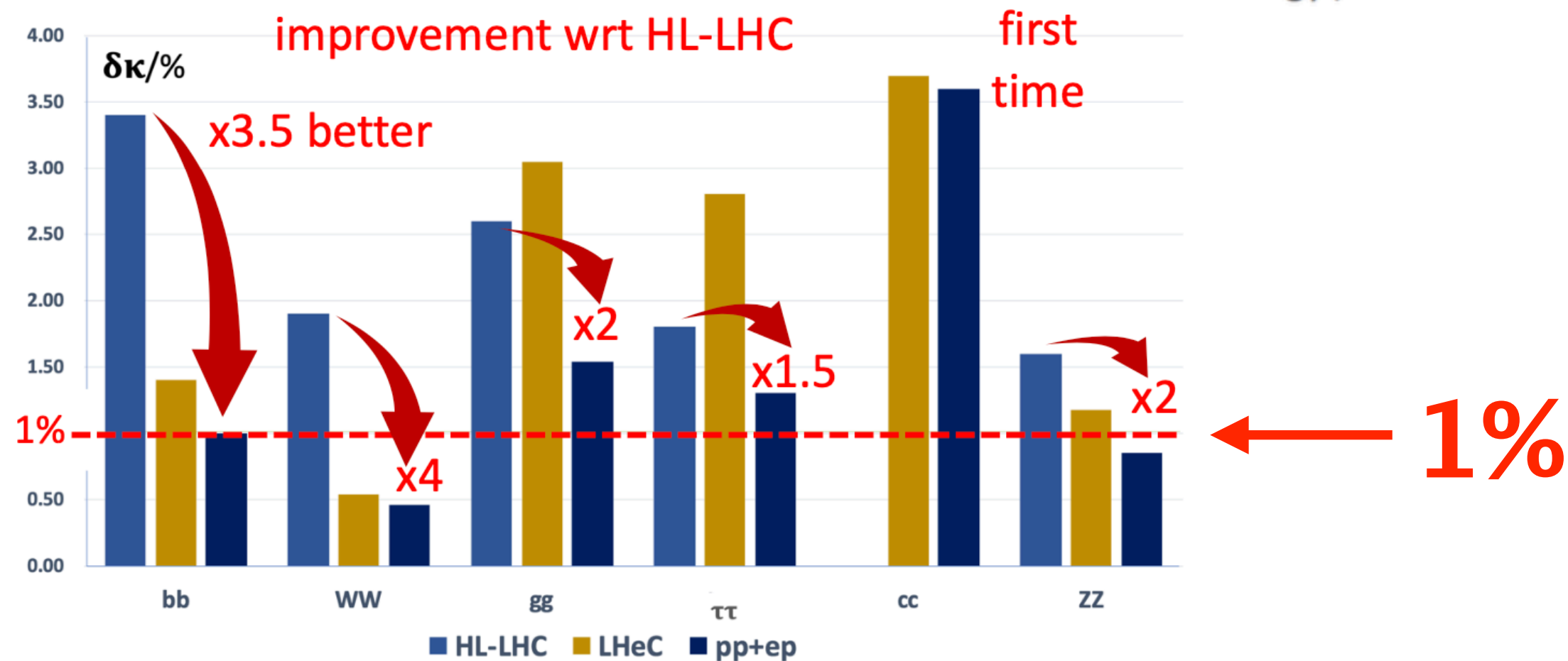
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DELPHES

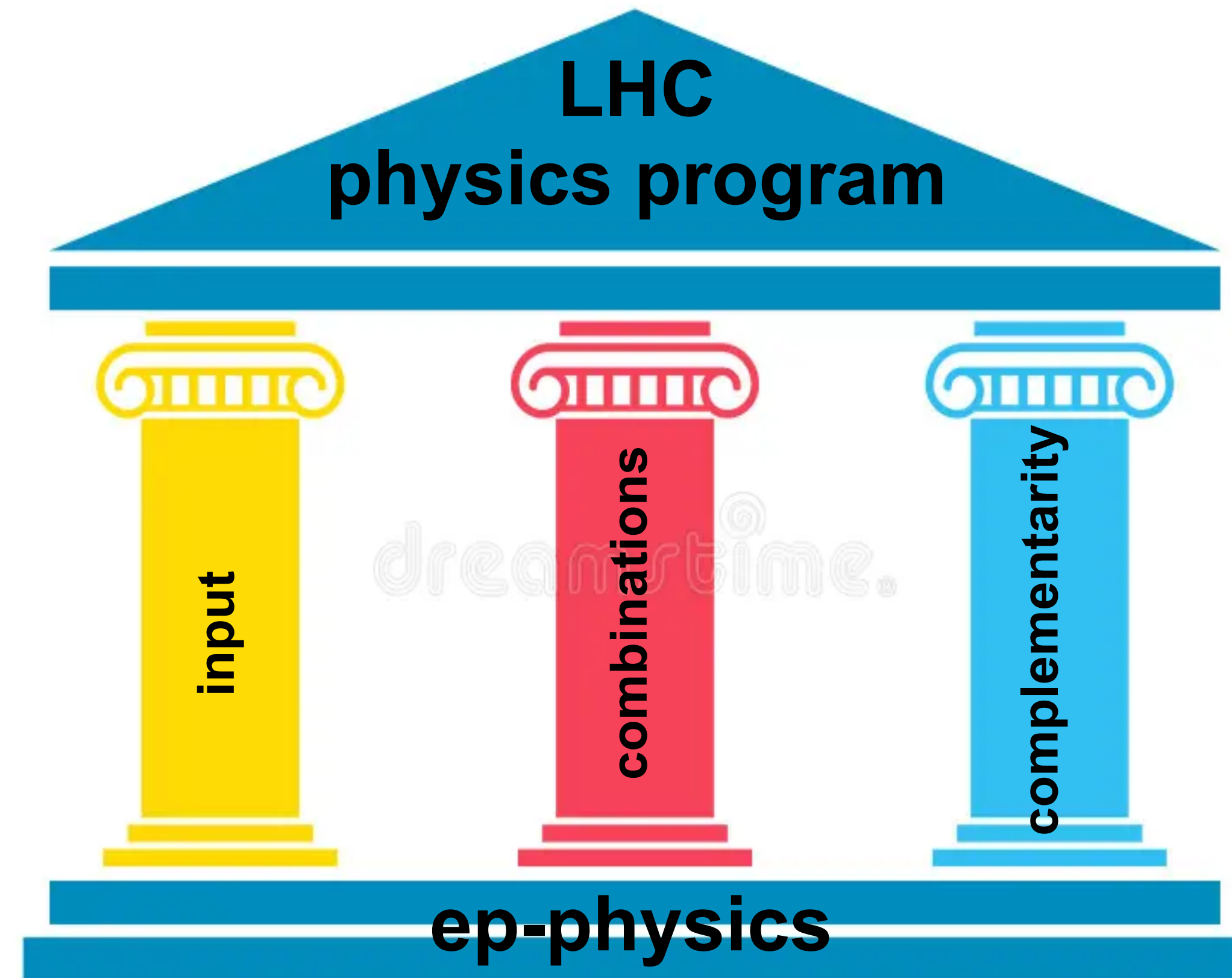


LHC
ep+pp



→ adding electrons makes the LHC a Higgs precision facility

Empowering HL-LHC physics through LHeC



High precision *ep* measurements used **as input** in LHC analyses for their improvements

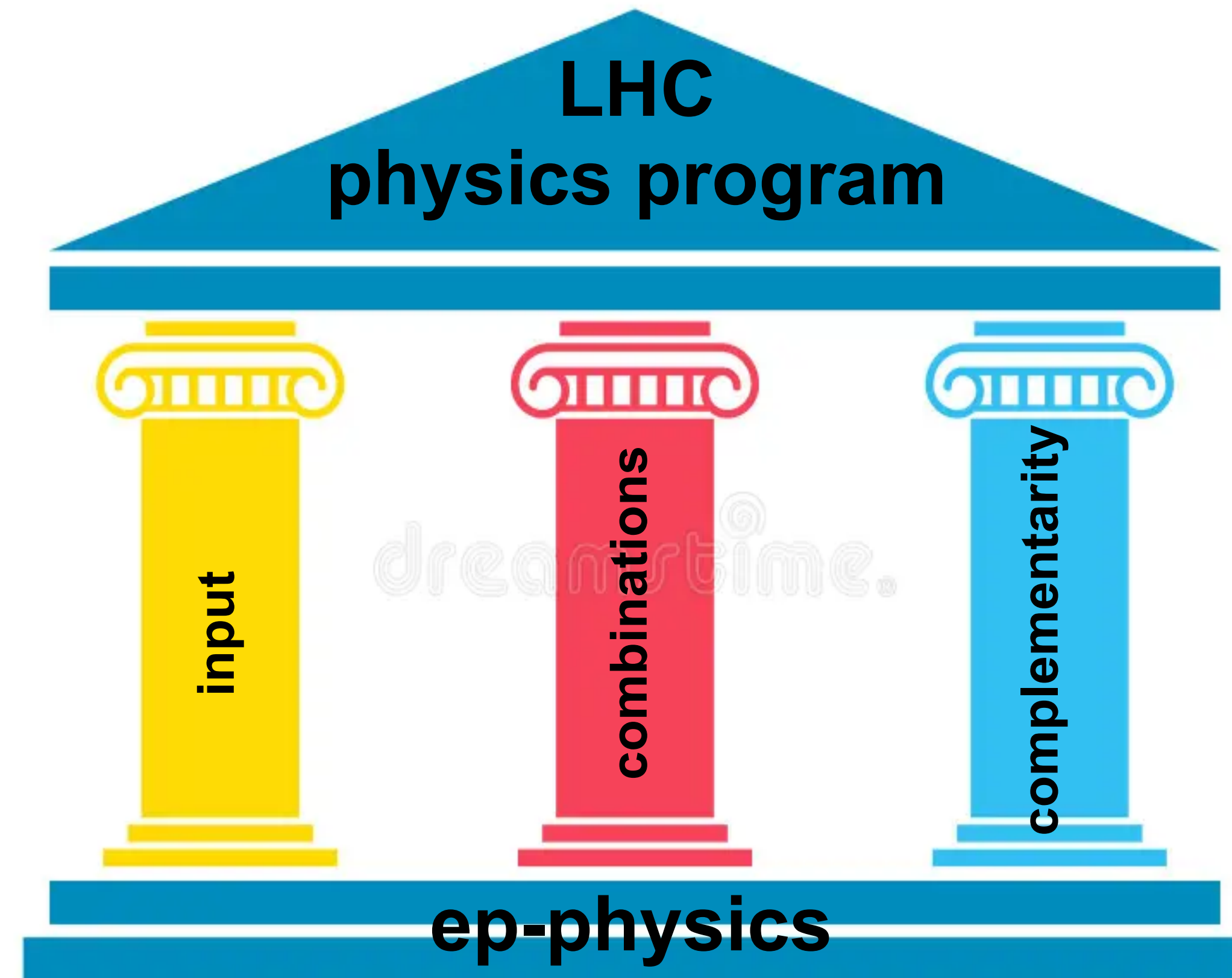
ep analyses with sensitivity **complementary** to LHC analyses to **complete** the overall LHC physics program

ep measurements to considerably **improve** LHC physics output, e.g. in **final combinations**

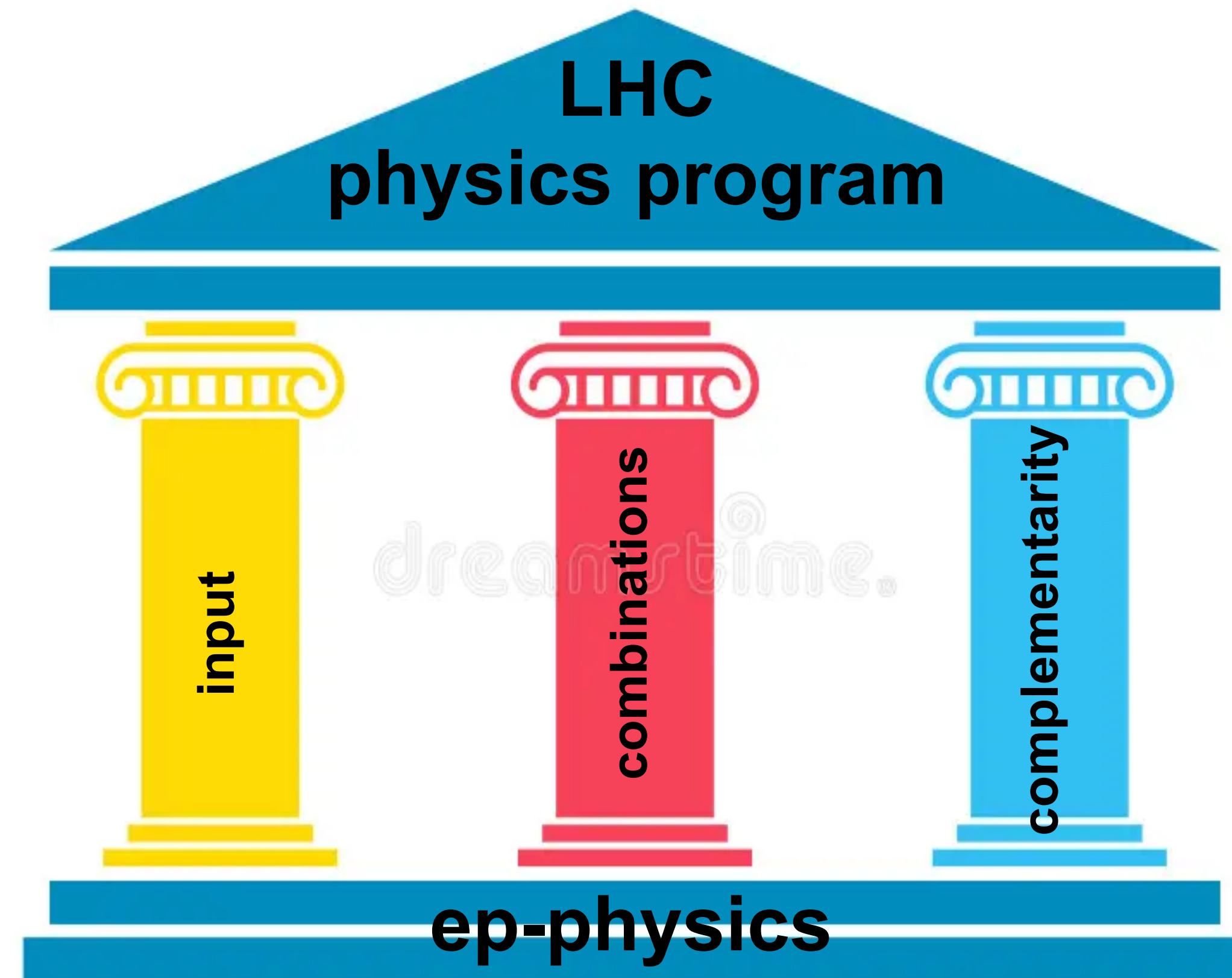
Empowering HL-LHC physics through LHeC

→ Empowerment of LHC program
→ Input to pp physics analyses improving sizable uncertainties and limitations

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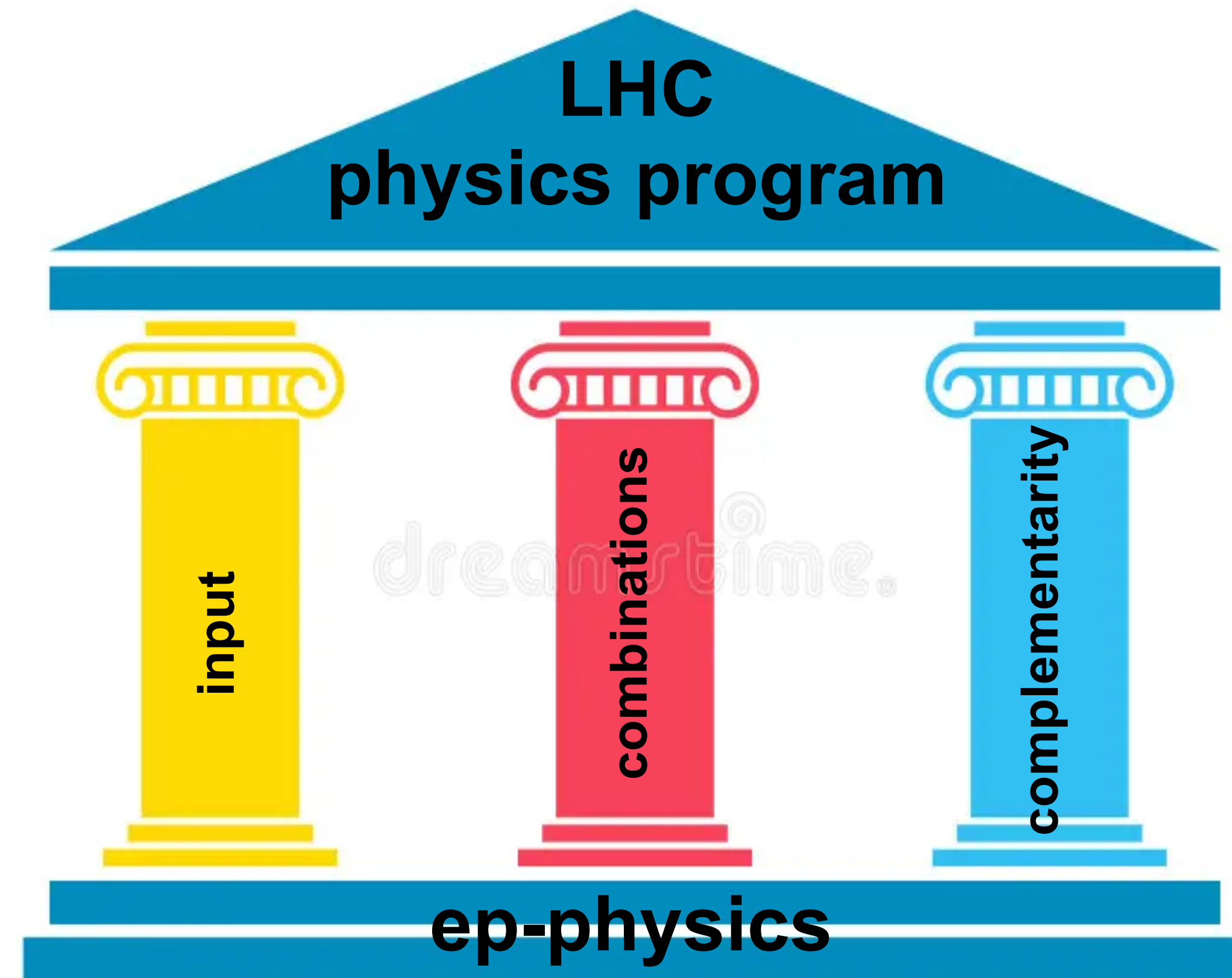
Empowering HL-LHC physics through LHeC



- Competitive precision of measurements and combination of results
- uncorrelated uncertainties
- resolve correlations in parameters of interest
- resolve common/correlated uncertainties between ATLAS&CMS
- empowers global fits

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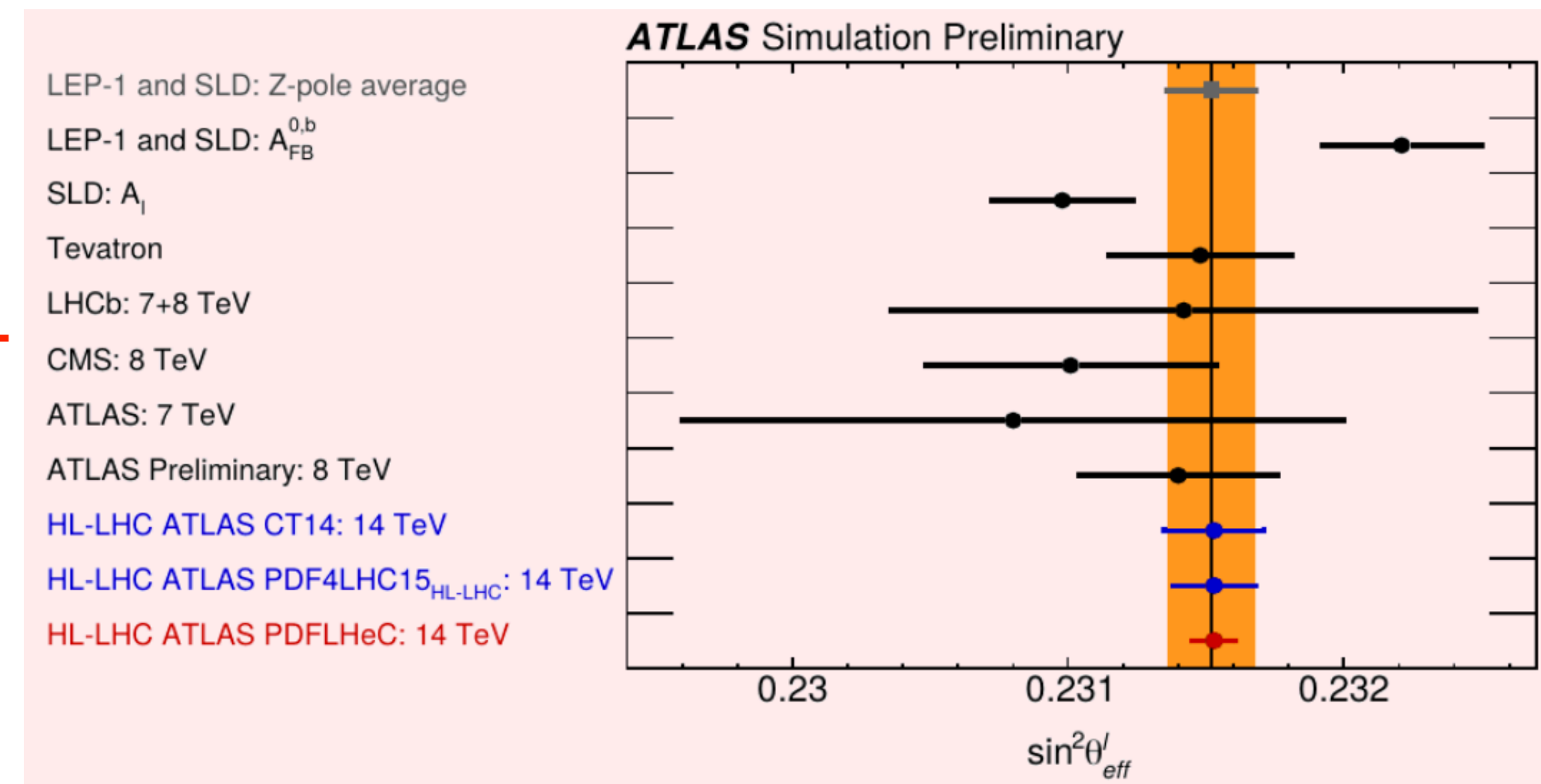
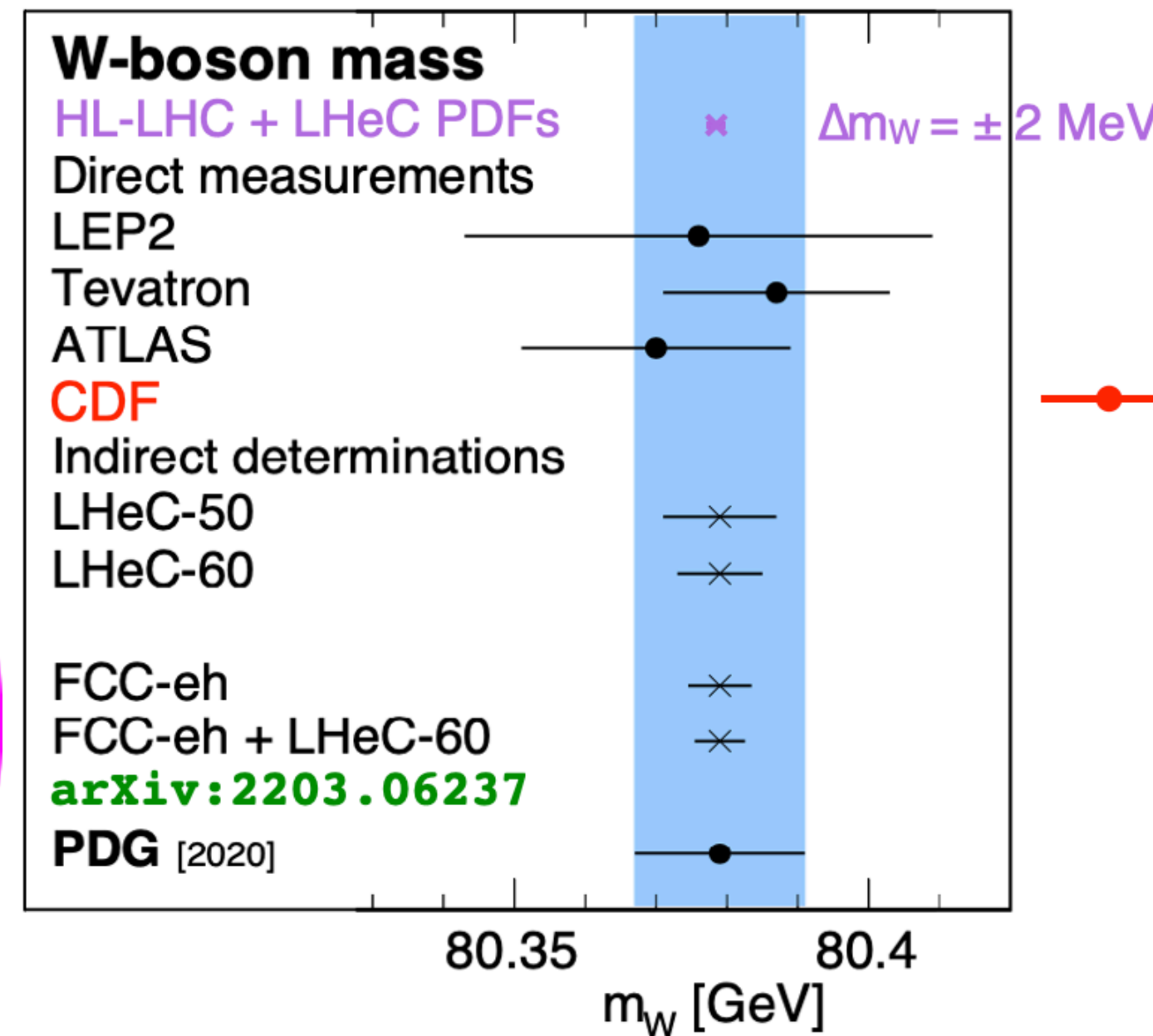
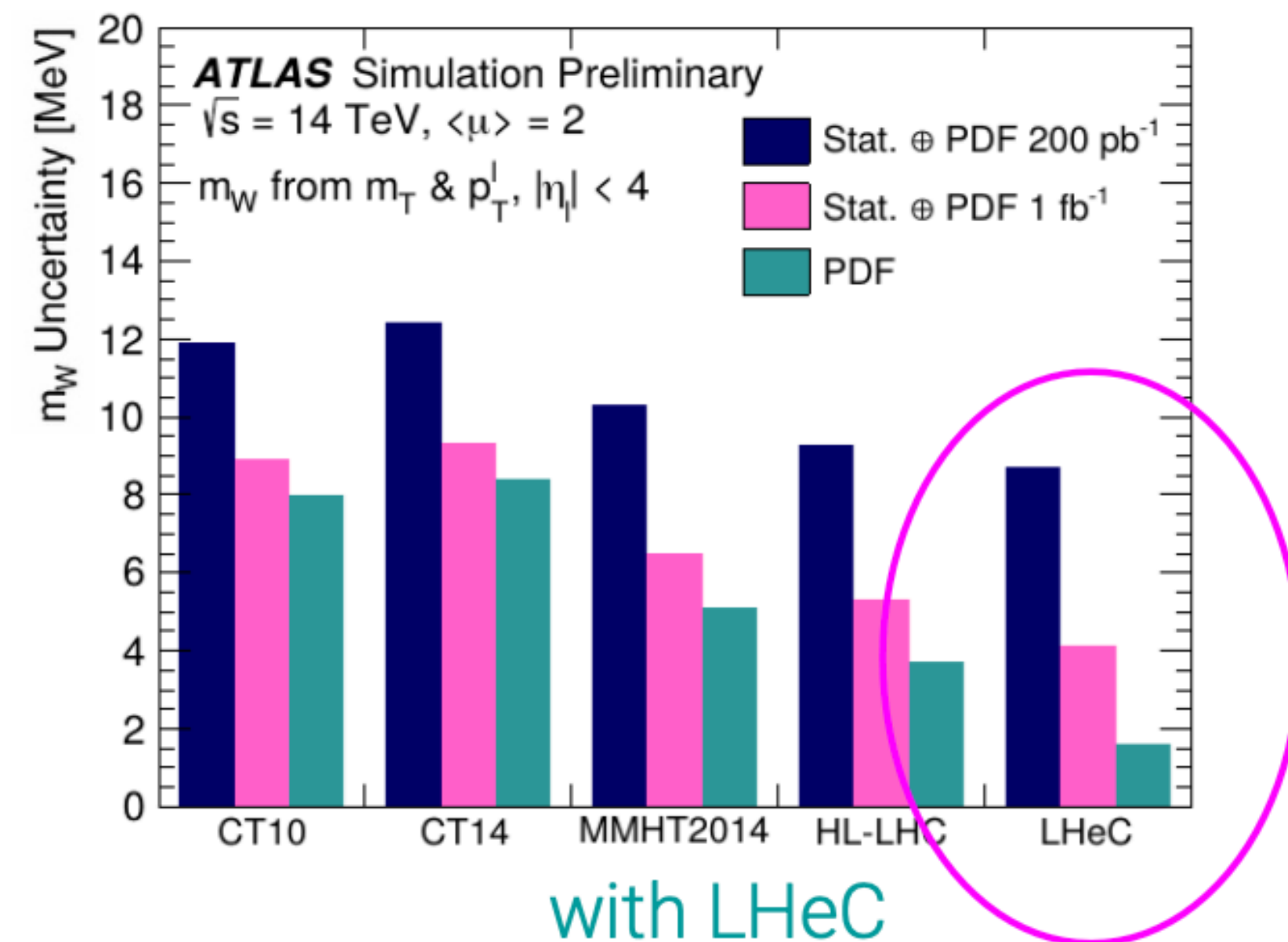
→ high precision QCD analyses
→ high precision measurements of specific parameters
→ searches in complementary phase space regions

Precision of W mass and effective electroweak mixing angle

W mass uncertainty prospects @ HL-LHC

$\sin^2\theta_W$ prospects @ HL-LHC

ATLAS low- $\langle\mu\rangle$ HL-LHC prospects

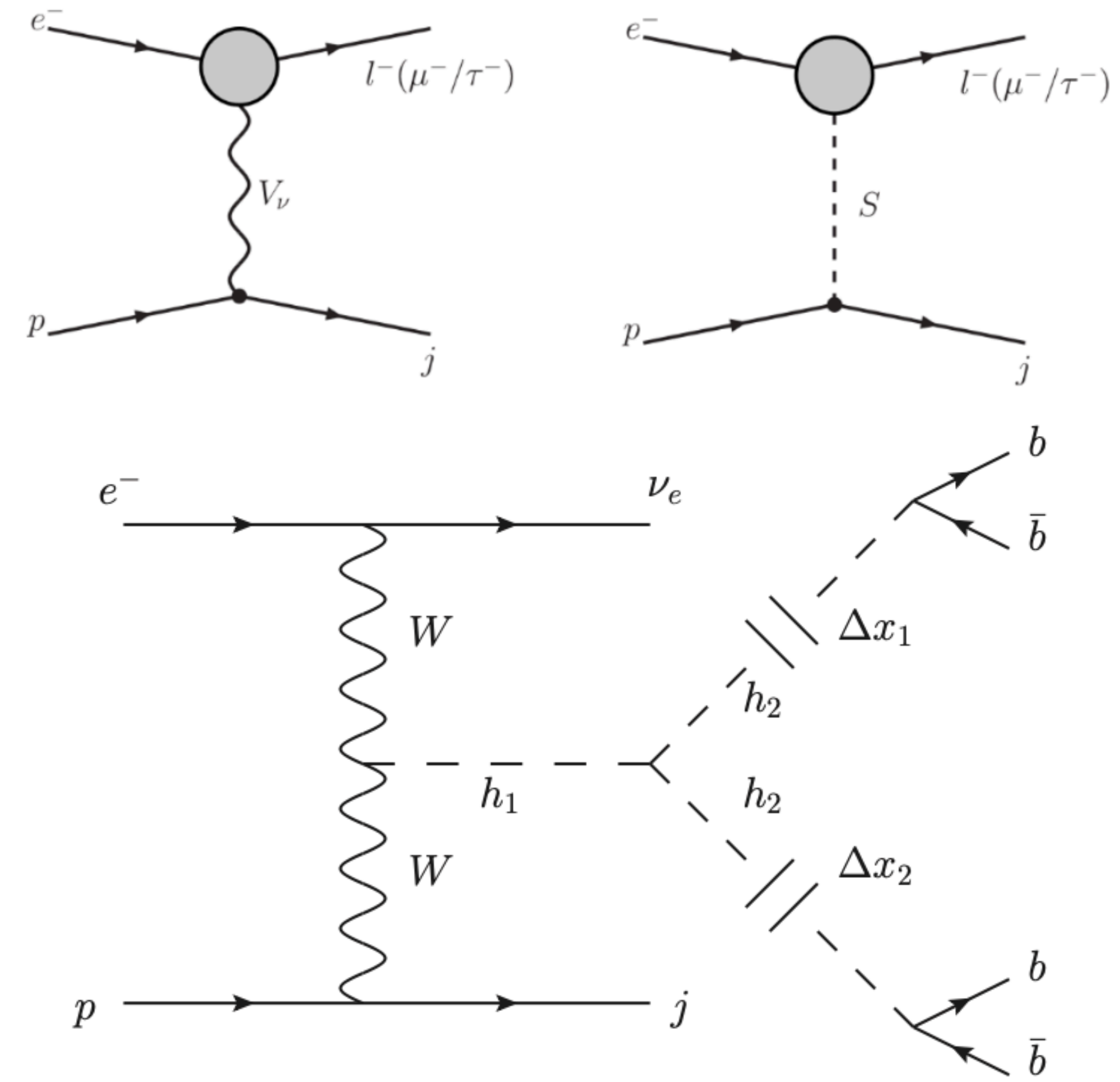


LHeC PDFs will shrink uncertainties in HL-LHC measurements of many (not only electroweak) parameters dramatically

Complementary searches for new phenomena

8 Searches for Physics Beyond the Standard Model

- 8.1 Introduction
- 8.2 Extensions of the SM Higgs Sector
 - 8.2.1 Modifications of the Top-Higgs interaction
 - 8.2.2 Charged scalars
 - 8.2.3 Neutral scalars
 - 8.2.4 Modifications of Higgs self-couplings
 - 8.2.5 Exotic Higgs boson decays
- 8.3 Searches for supersymmetry
 - 8.3.1 Search for the SUSY Electroweak Sector: prompt signatures
 - 8.3.2 Search for the SUSY Electroweak Sector: long-lived particles
 - 8.3.3 R-parity violating signatures
- 8.4 Feebly Interacting Particles
 - 8.4.1 Searches for heavy neutrinos
 - 8.4.2 Fermion triplets in type III seesaw
 - 8.4.3 Dark photons
 - 8.4.4 Axion-like particles
- 8.5 Anomalous Gauge Couplings
 - 8.5.1 Radiation Amplitude Zero
- 8.6 Theories with heavy resonances and contact interaction
 - 8.6.1 Leptoquarks
 - 8.6.2 Z' mediated charged lepton flavour violation
 - 8.6.3 Vector-like quarks
 - 8.6.4 Excited fermions (ν^*, e^*, u^*)
 - 8.6.5 Colour octet leptons
 - 8.6.6 Quark substructure and Contact interactions

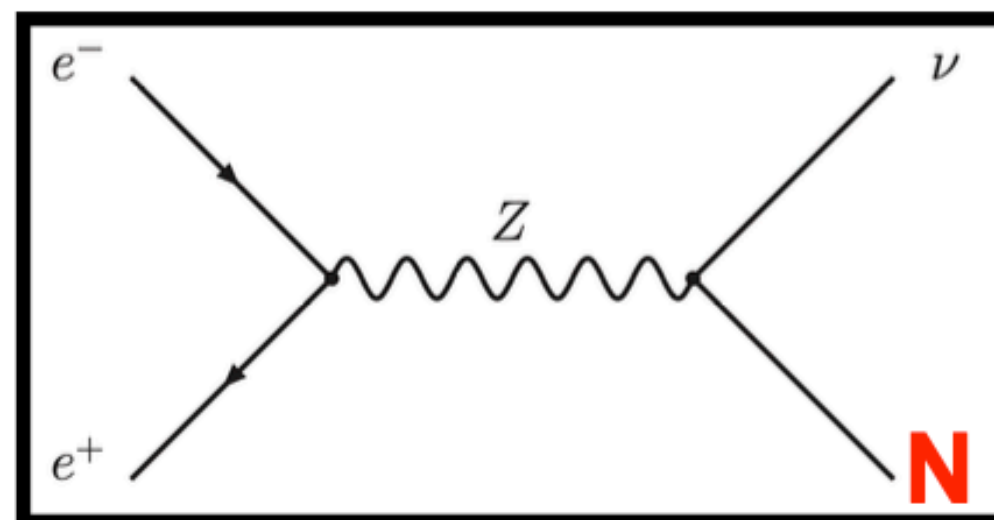
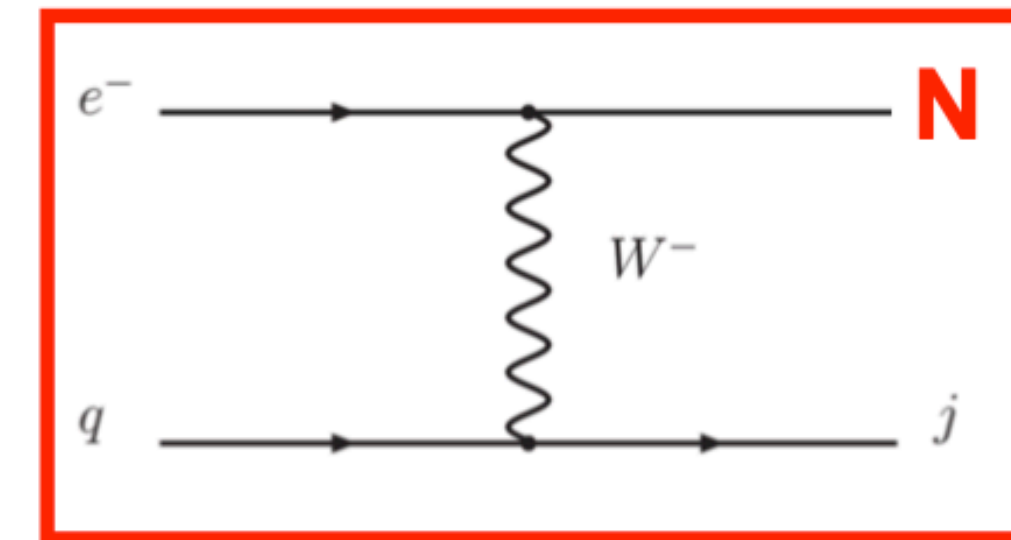
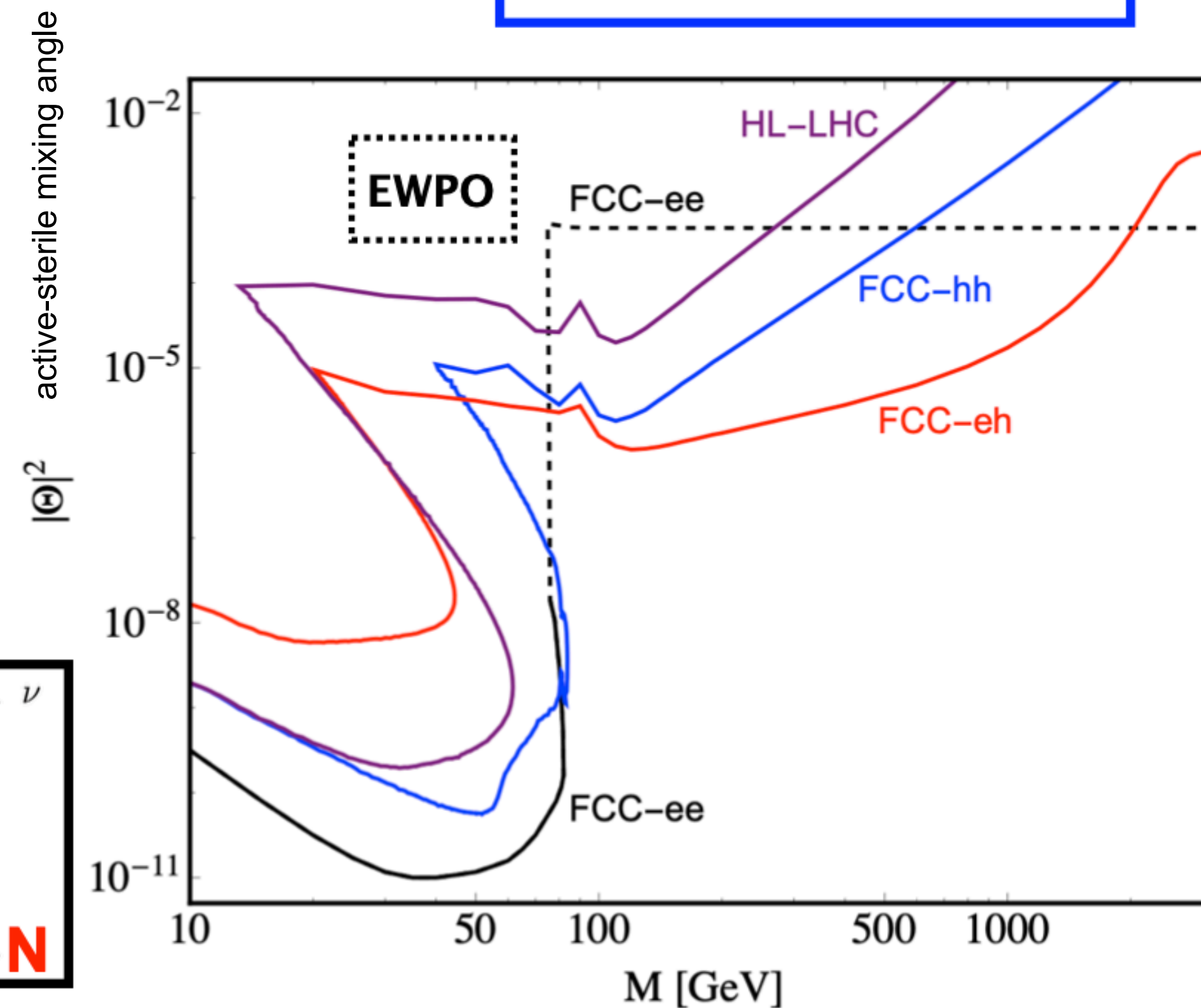
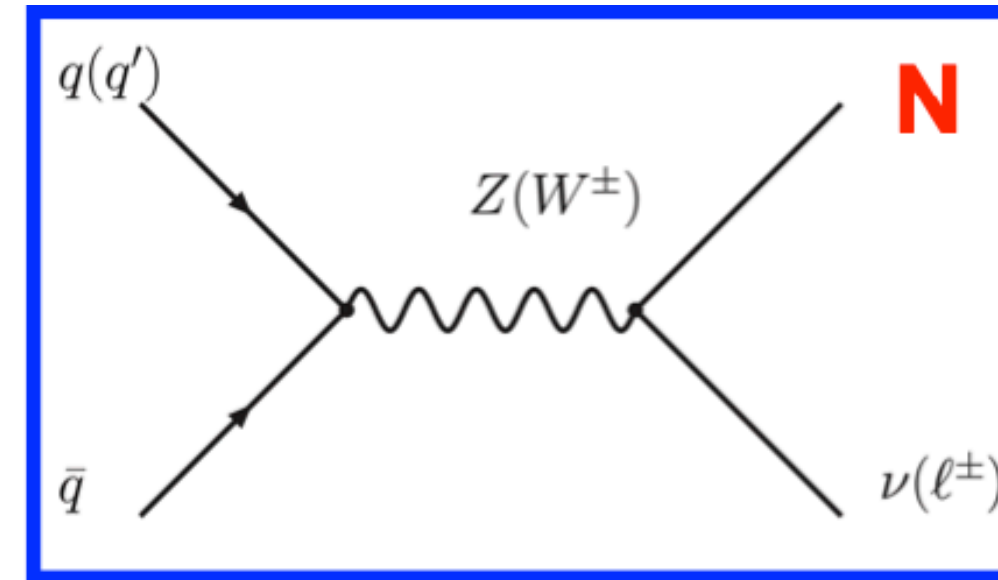


... and much more

LHeC and FCC CDRs: and several dedicated publications

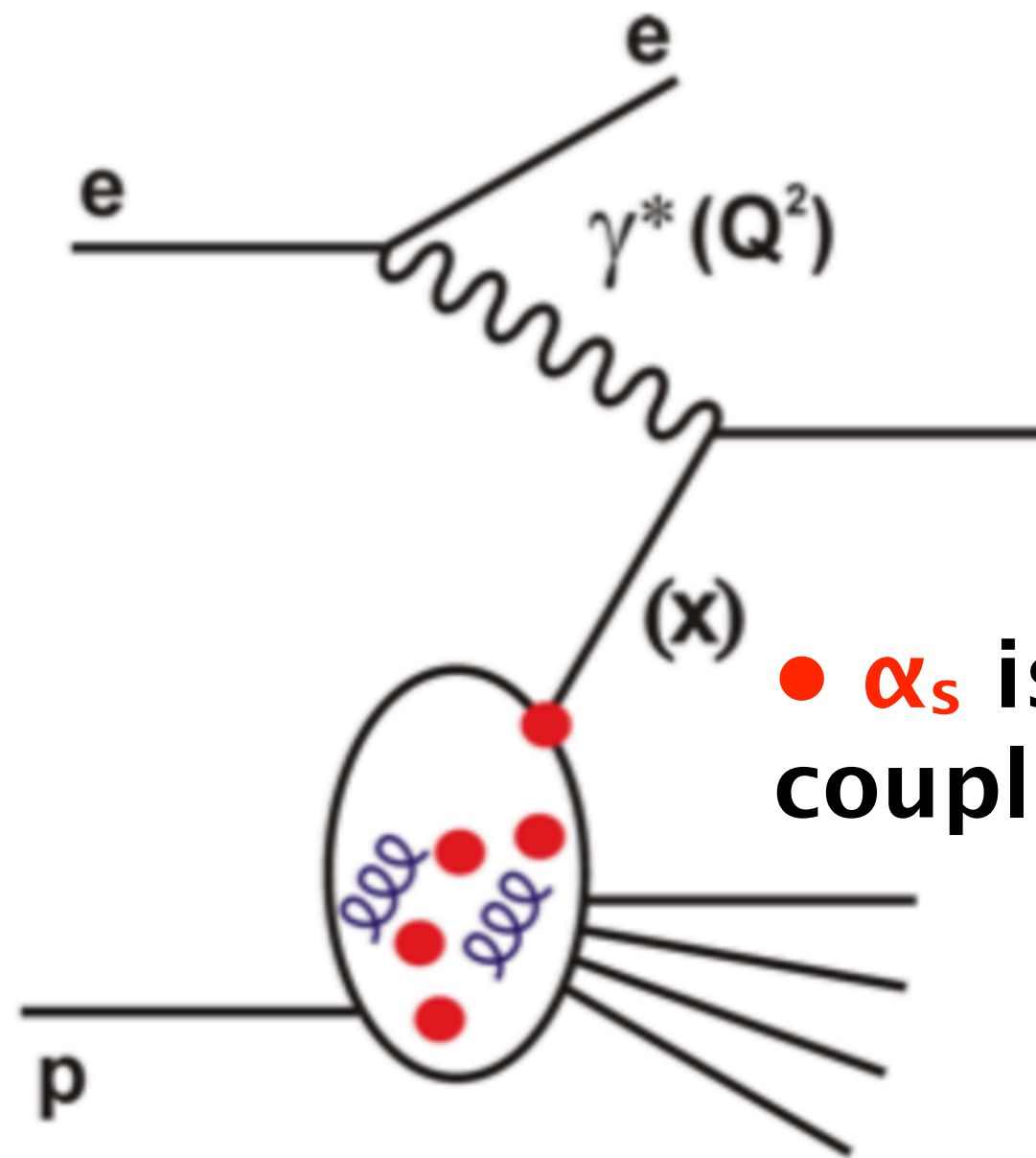
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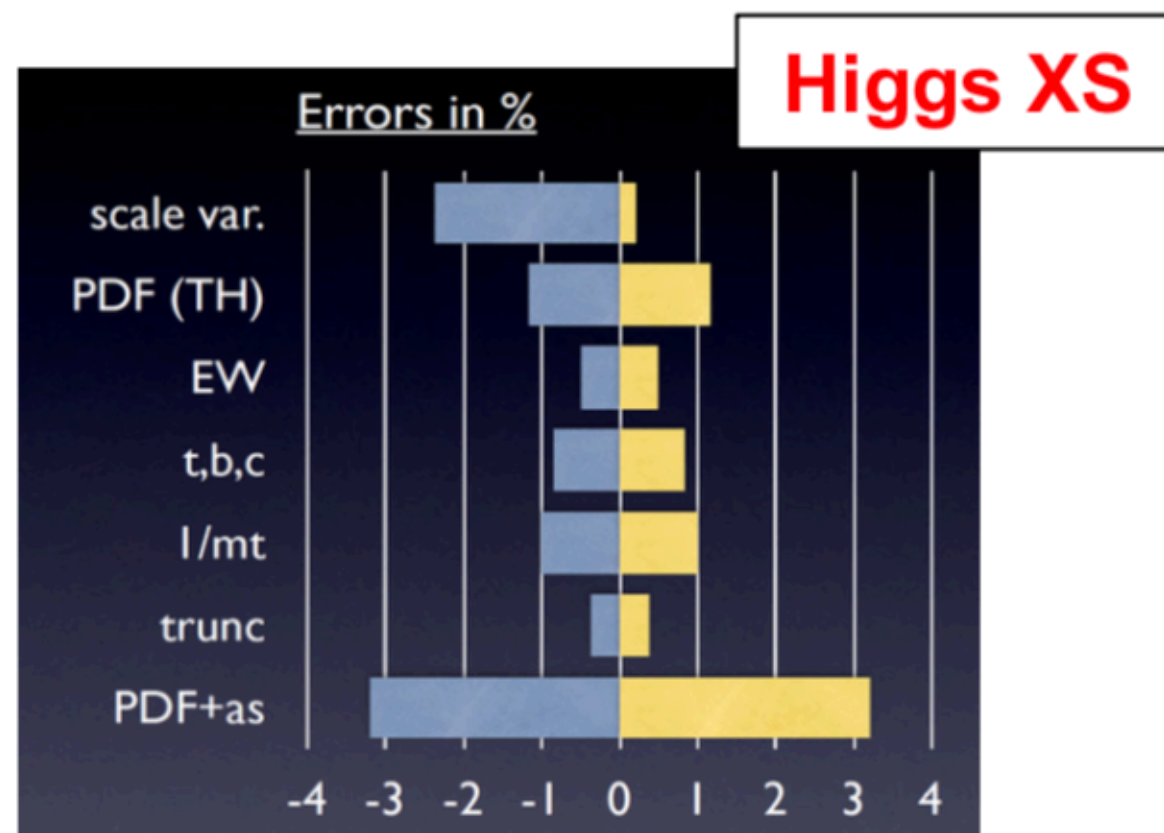


→ complementary prospects for discovery in ee, ep and pp

Determination of Strong Coupling α_s

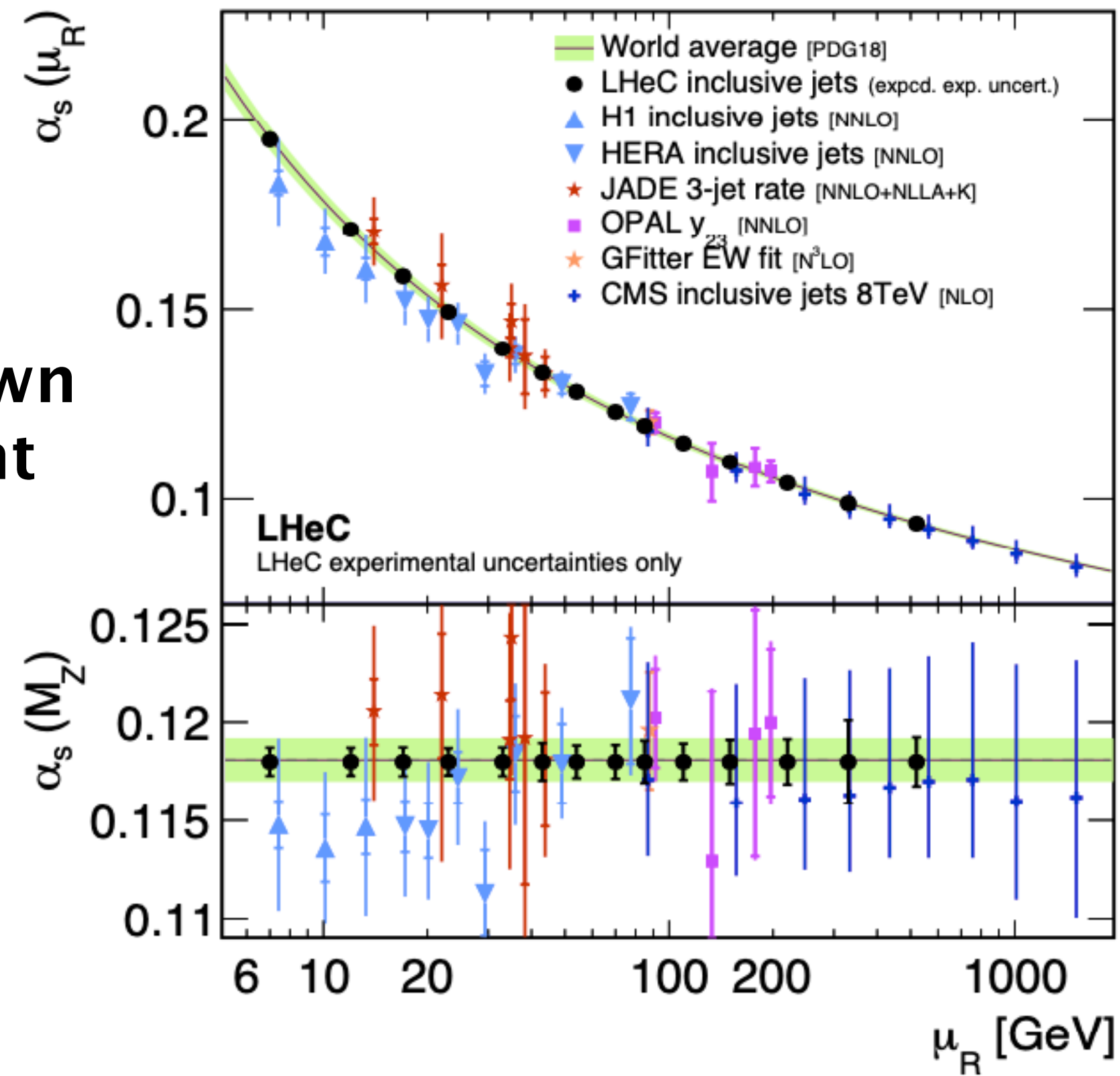


α_s is least known coupling constant



(G. Zanderighi, Moriond16;
from C. Anastasiou et al, arXiv:1602.00695)

QCD fit of inclusive NC and CC DIS



$$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z)(\text{incl. DIS}) = \pm 0.00022_{(\text{exp+PDF})}$$

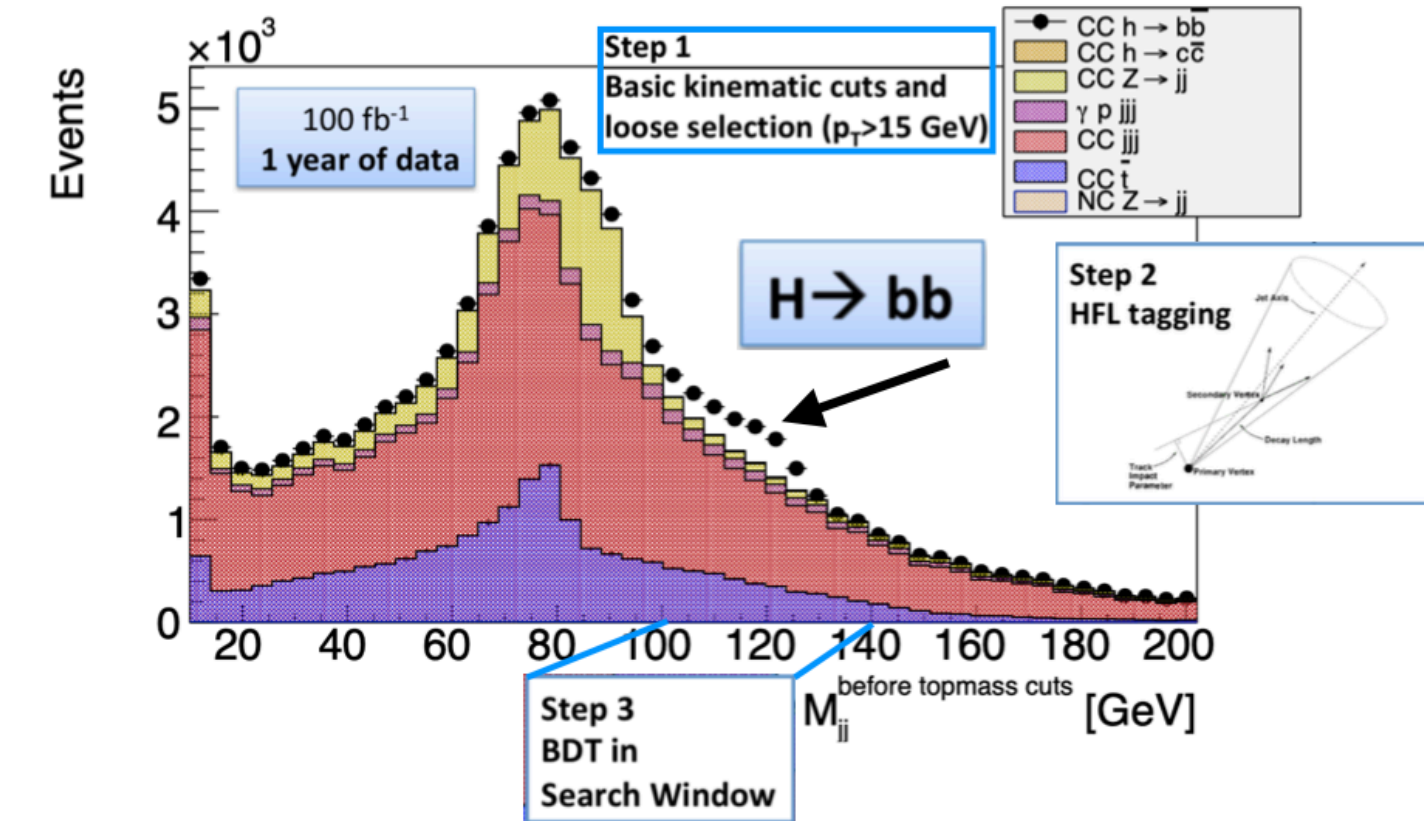
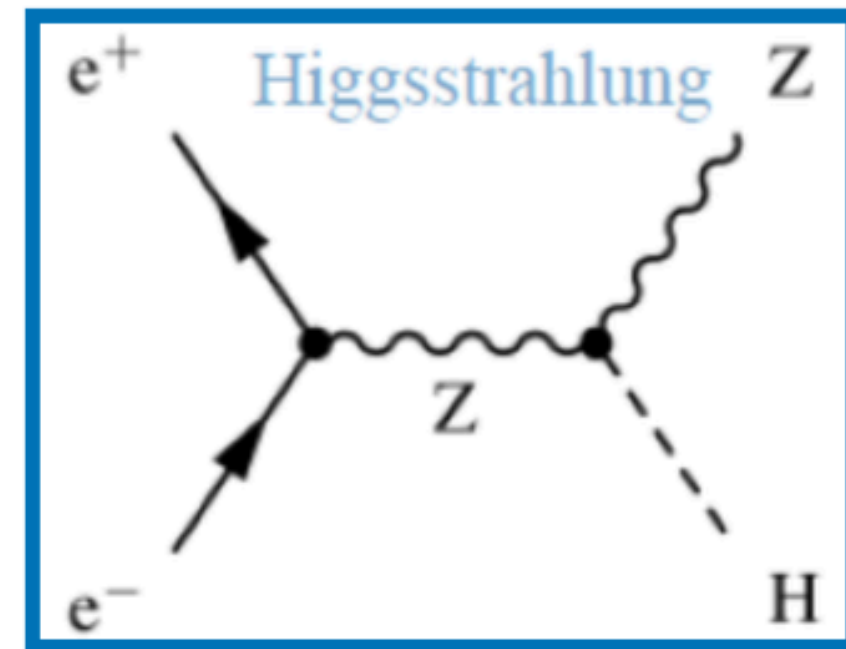
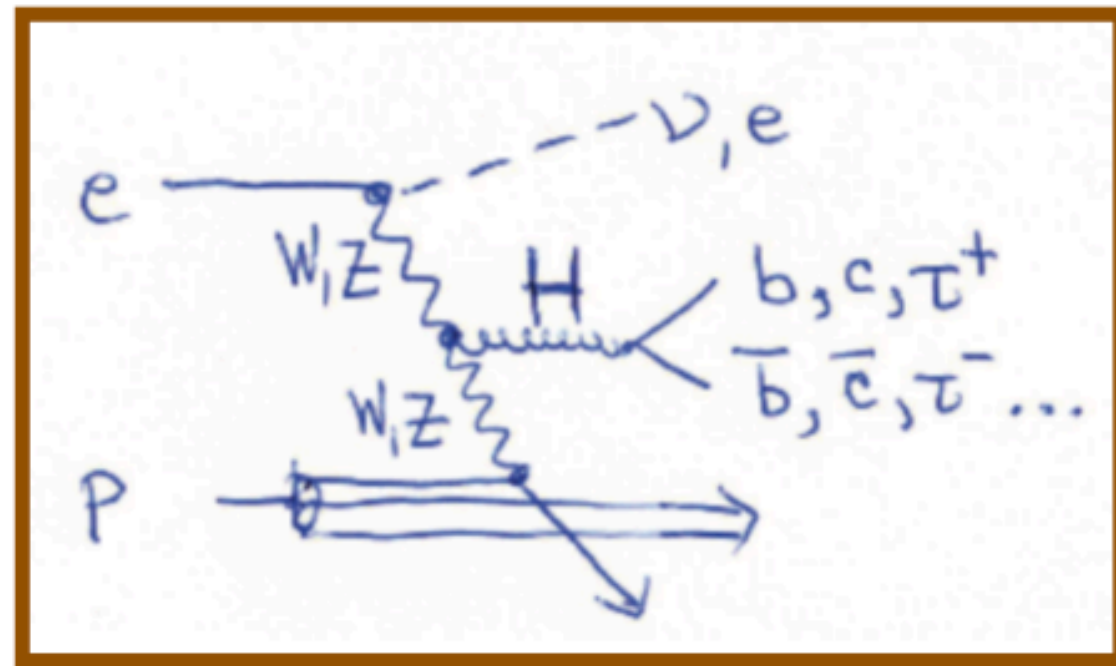
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$$\Delta\alpha_s(M_Z)(\text{incl. DIS}) = \pm 0.00019_{(\text{exp+PDF})}$$

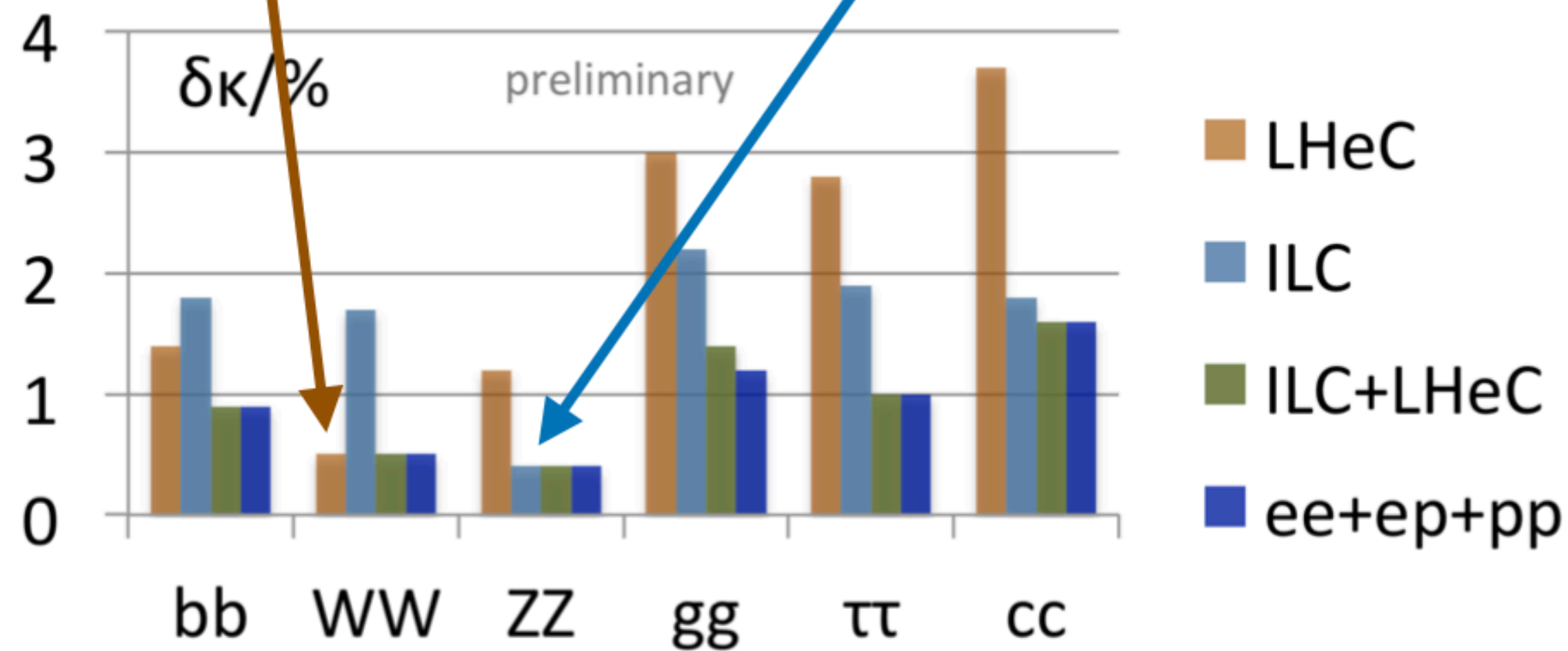
FCC-eh

→ considerable improvement of world average

Higgs Couplings (κ -framework)

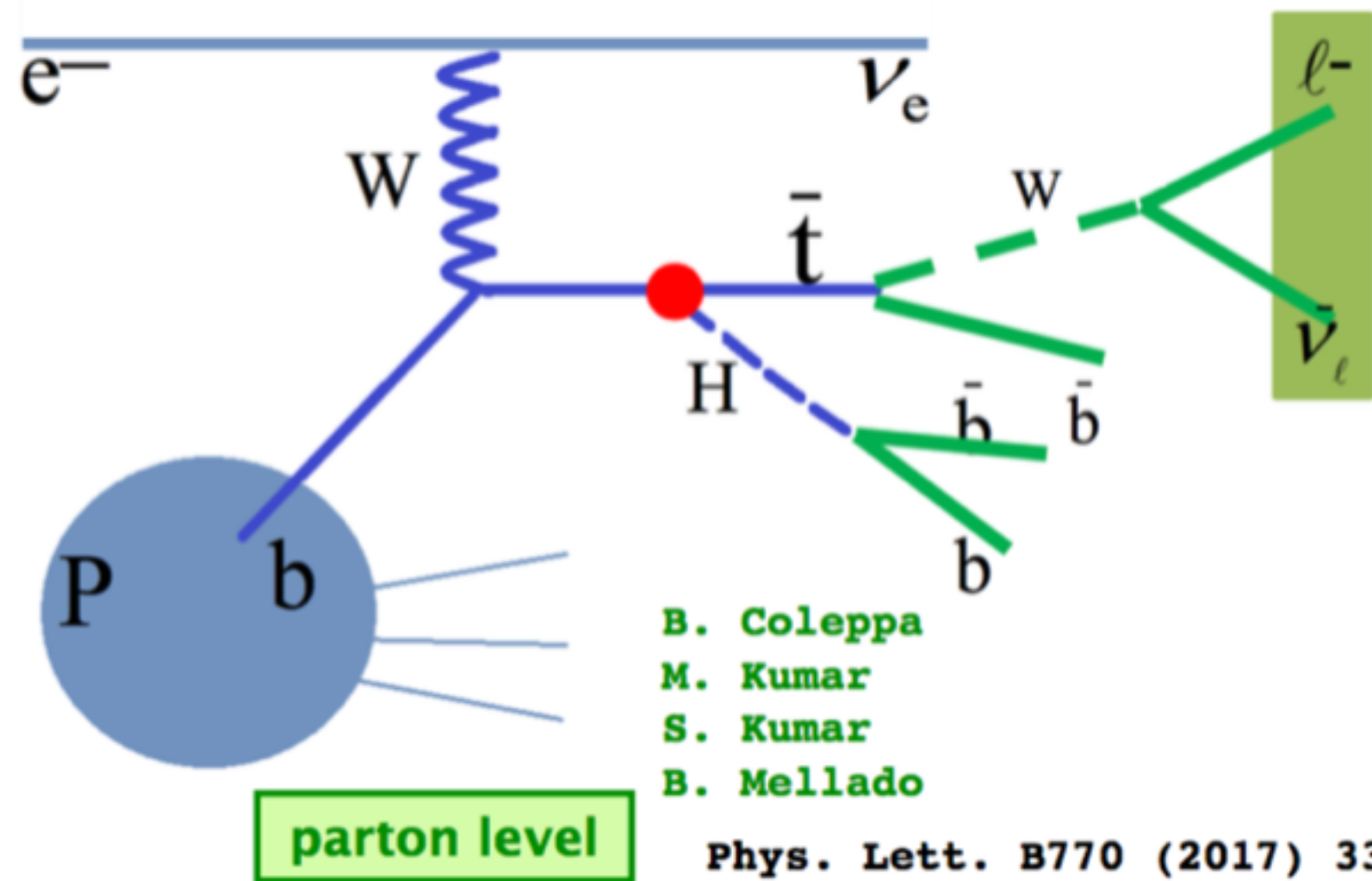


Most abundant SM Higgs decays

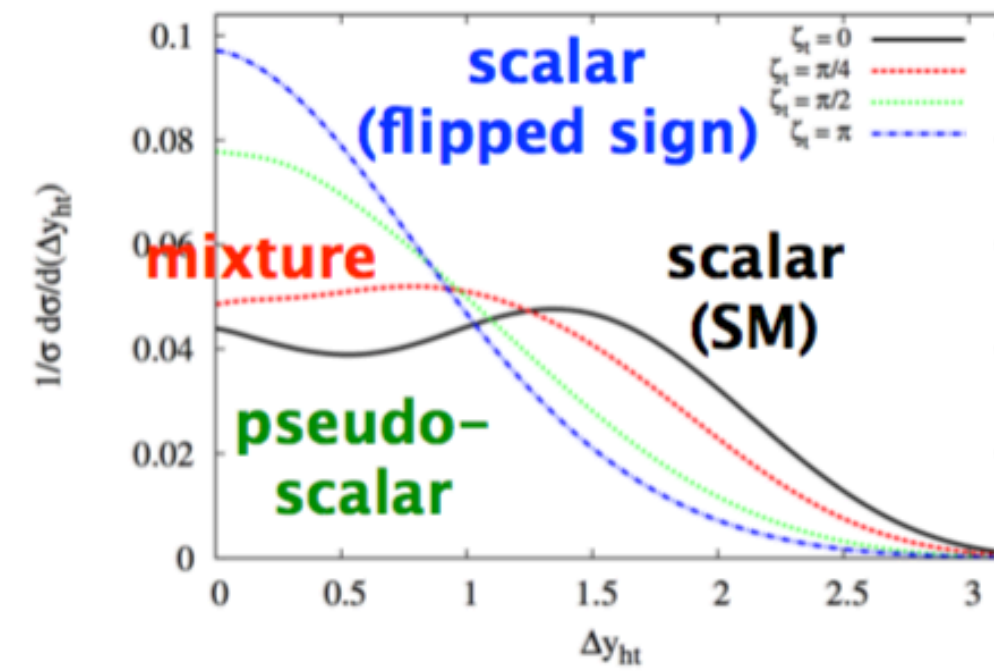


→ complementarity of colliders

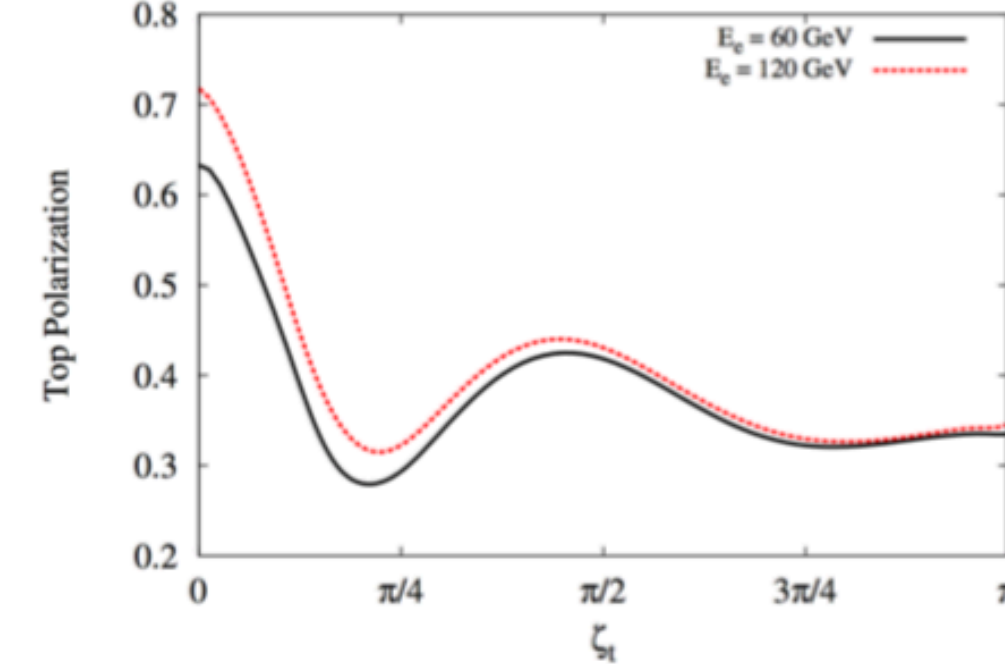
Top Quark Yukawa Coupling and CP Nature



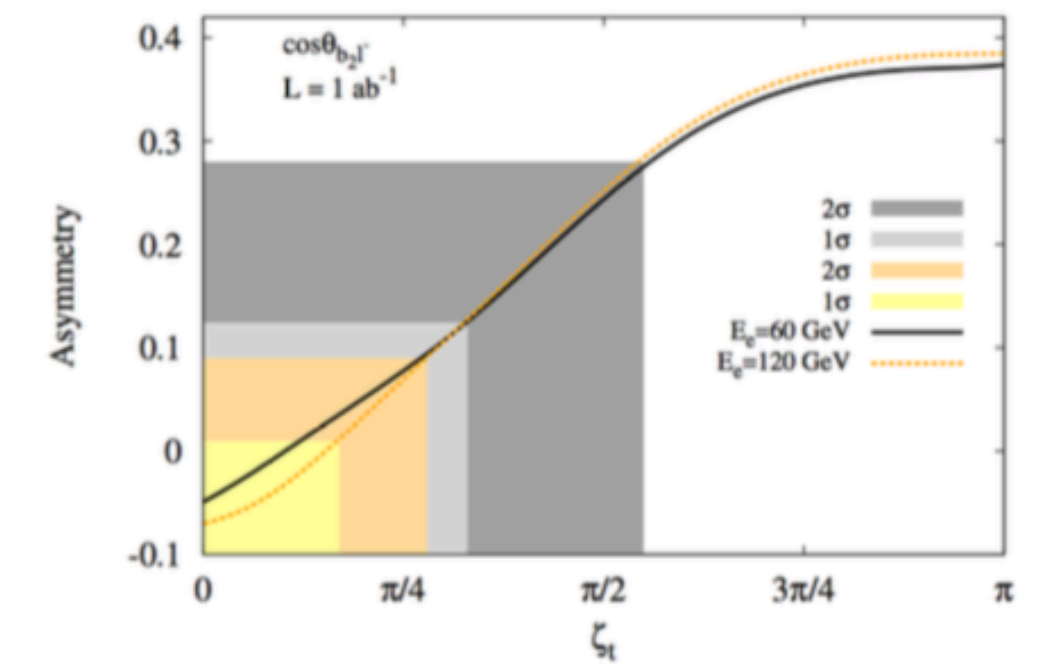
rapidity difference (H,t)



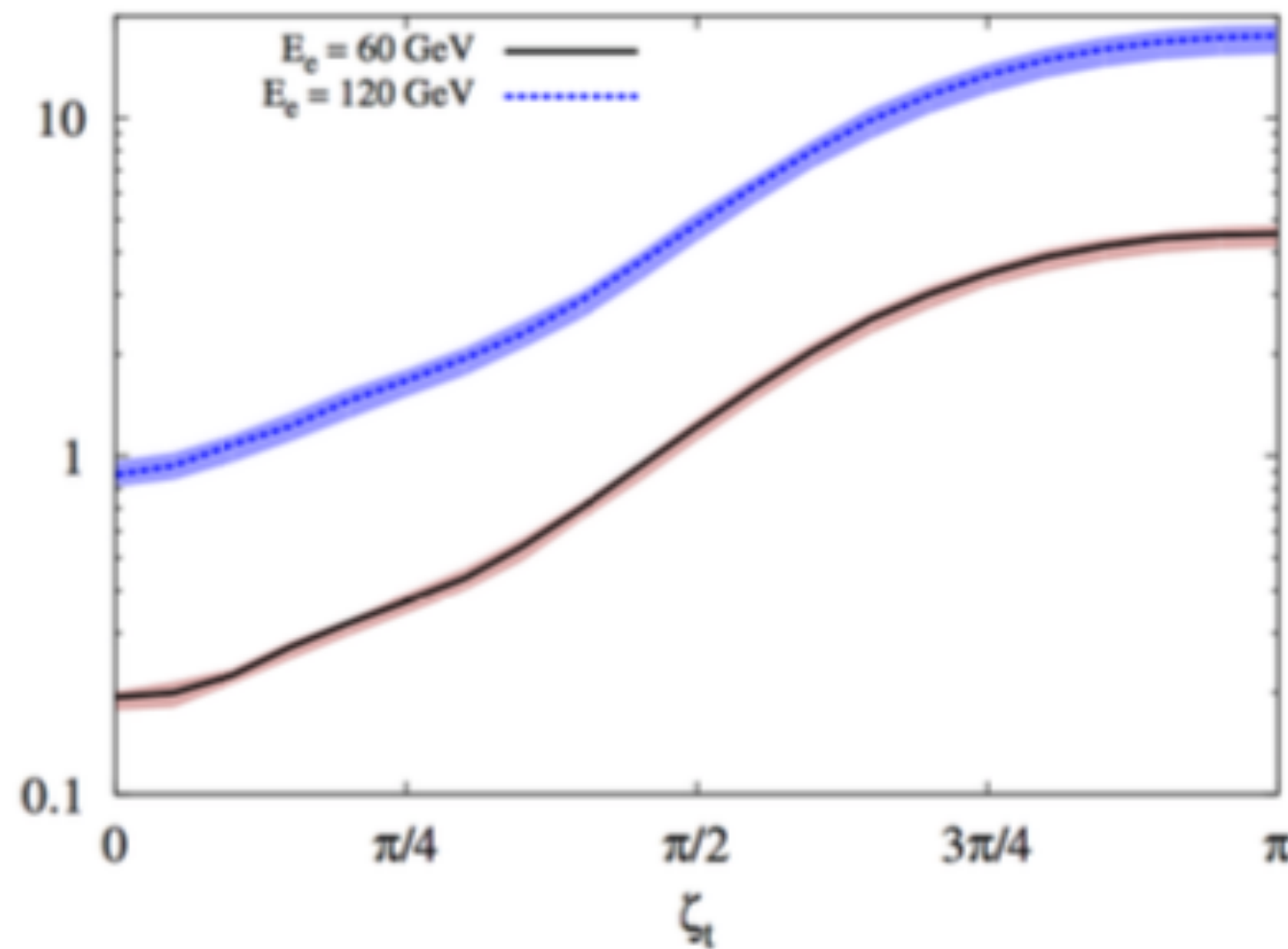
top polarisation



angular asymmetries (b2,l-)



fiducial incl. cross-section



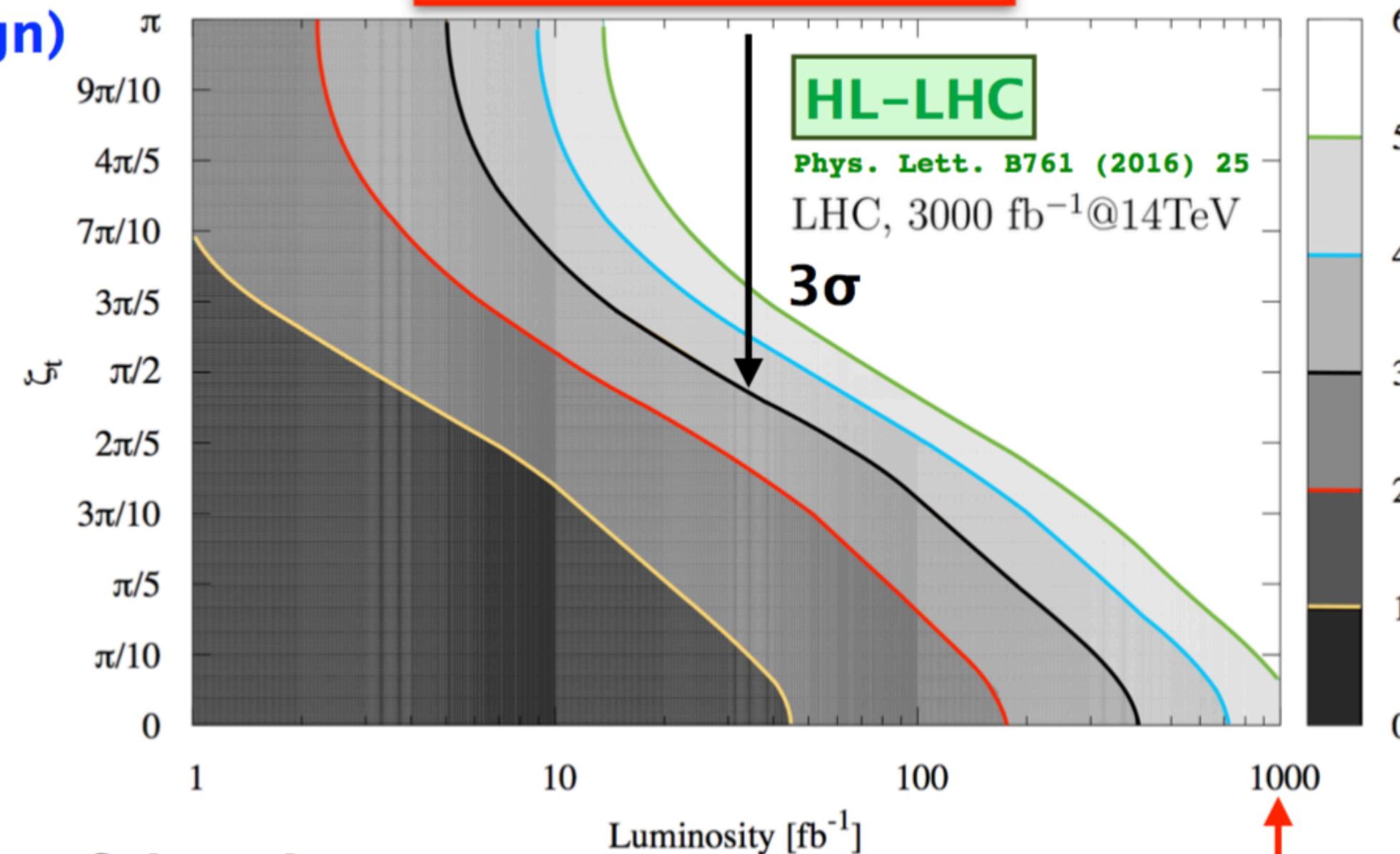
$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{m_t}{v} \bar{t} [\kappa \cos \zeta_t + i\gamma_5 \sin \zeta_t] t h$$

CP-even
(flipped sign)

CP-odd

CP-even
(SM)

→ powerful probe
of ttH coupling

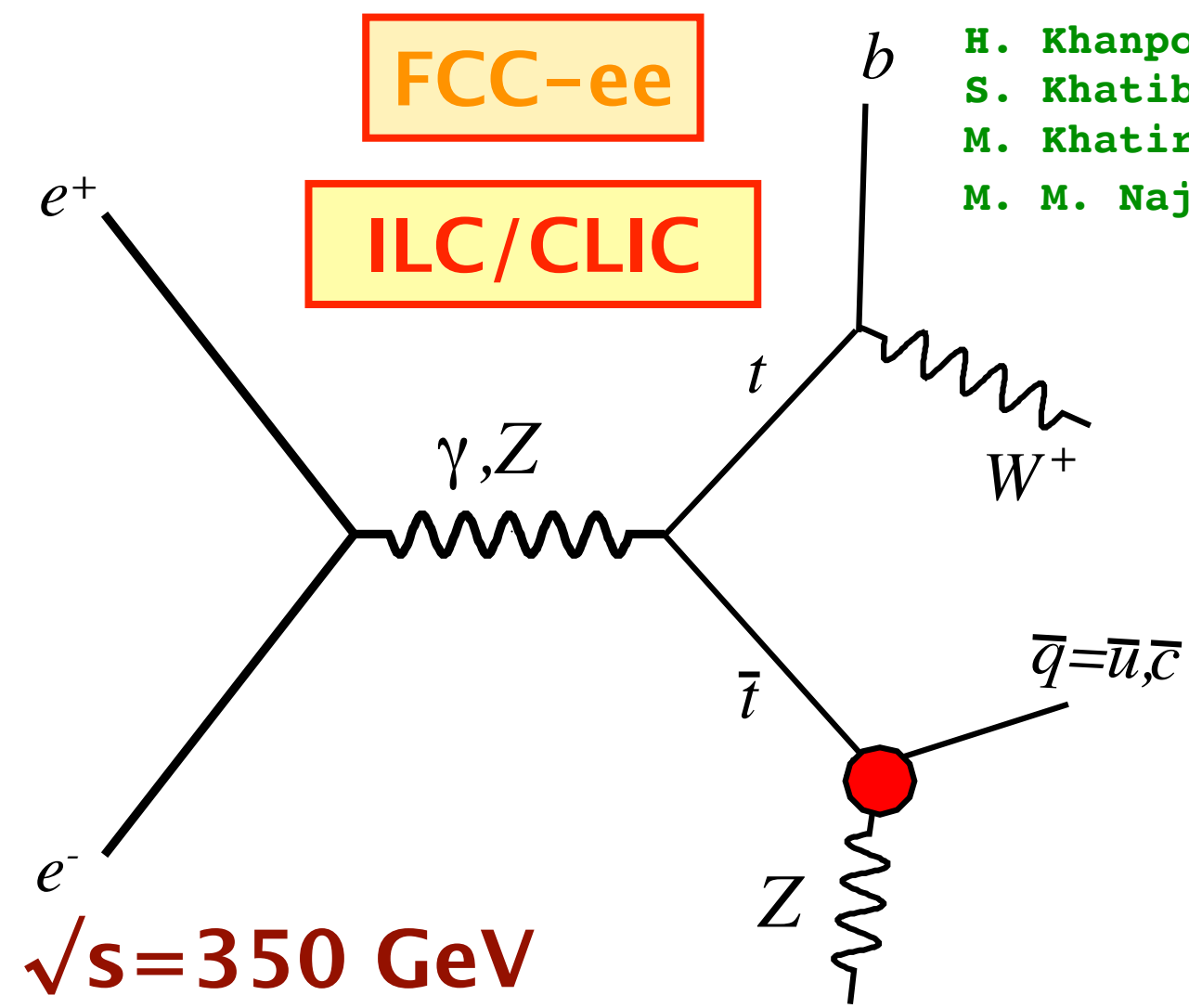


10% uncertainty on
background yields

$$\kappa = 1.00 \pm 0.17$$

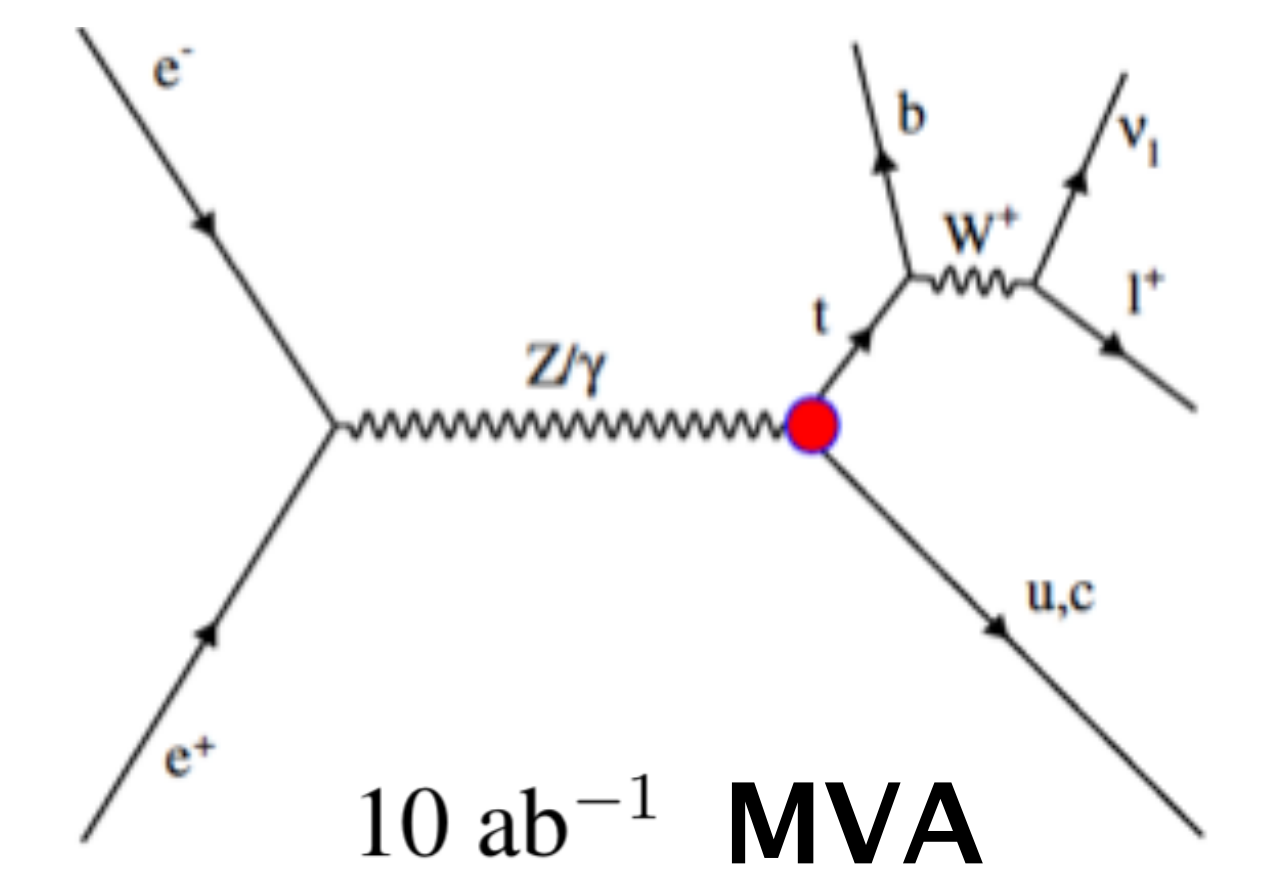
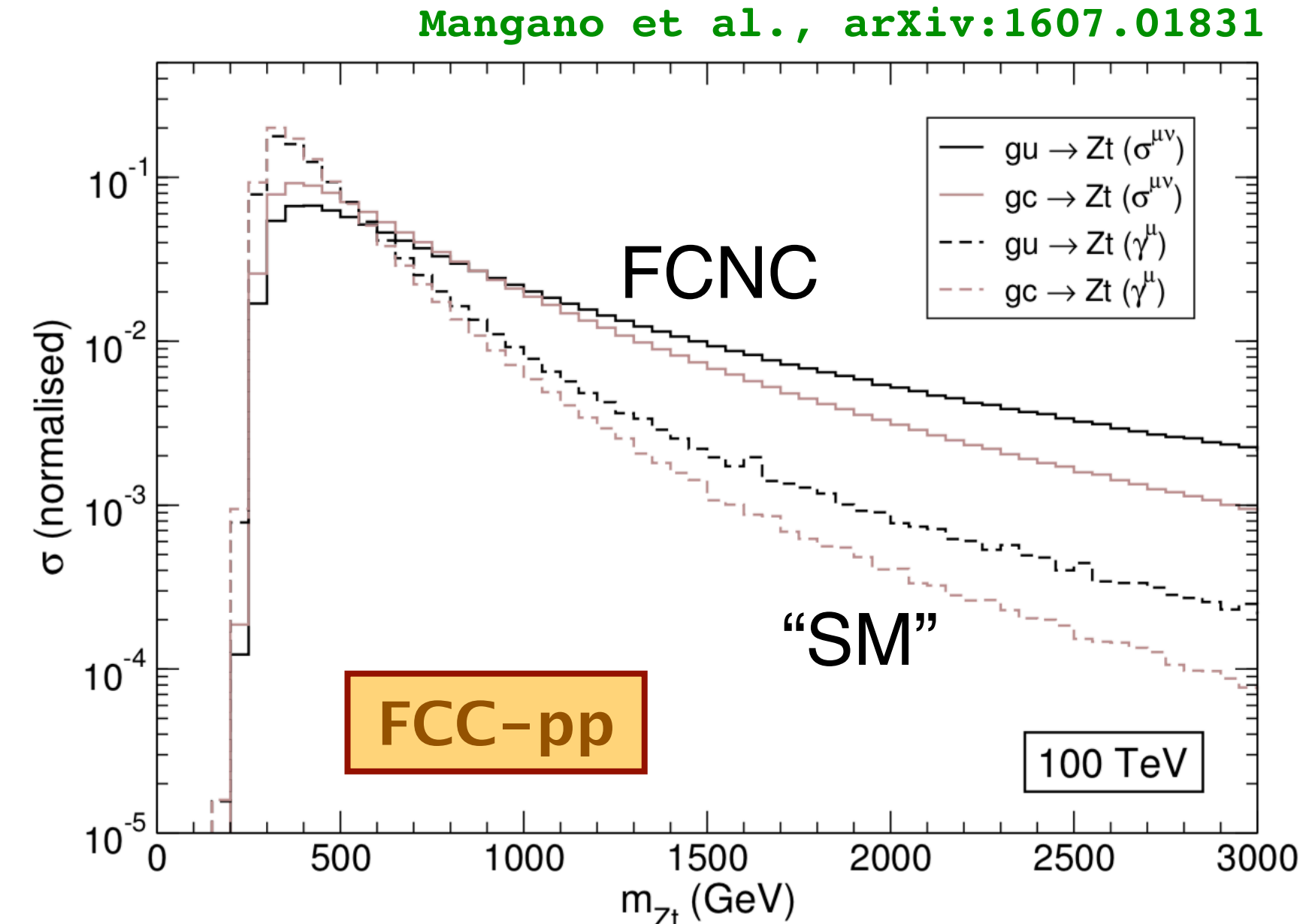
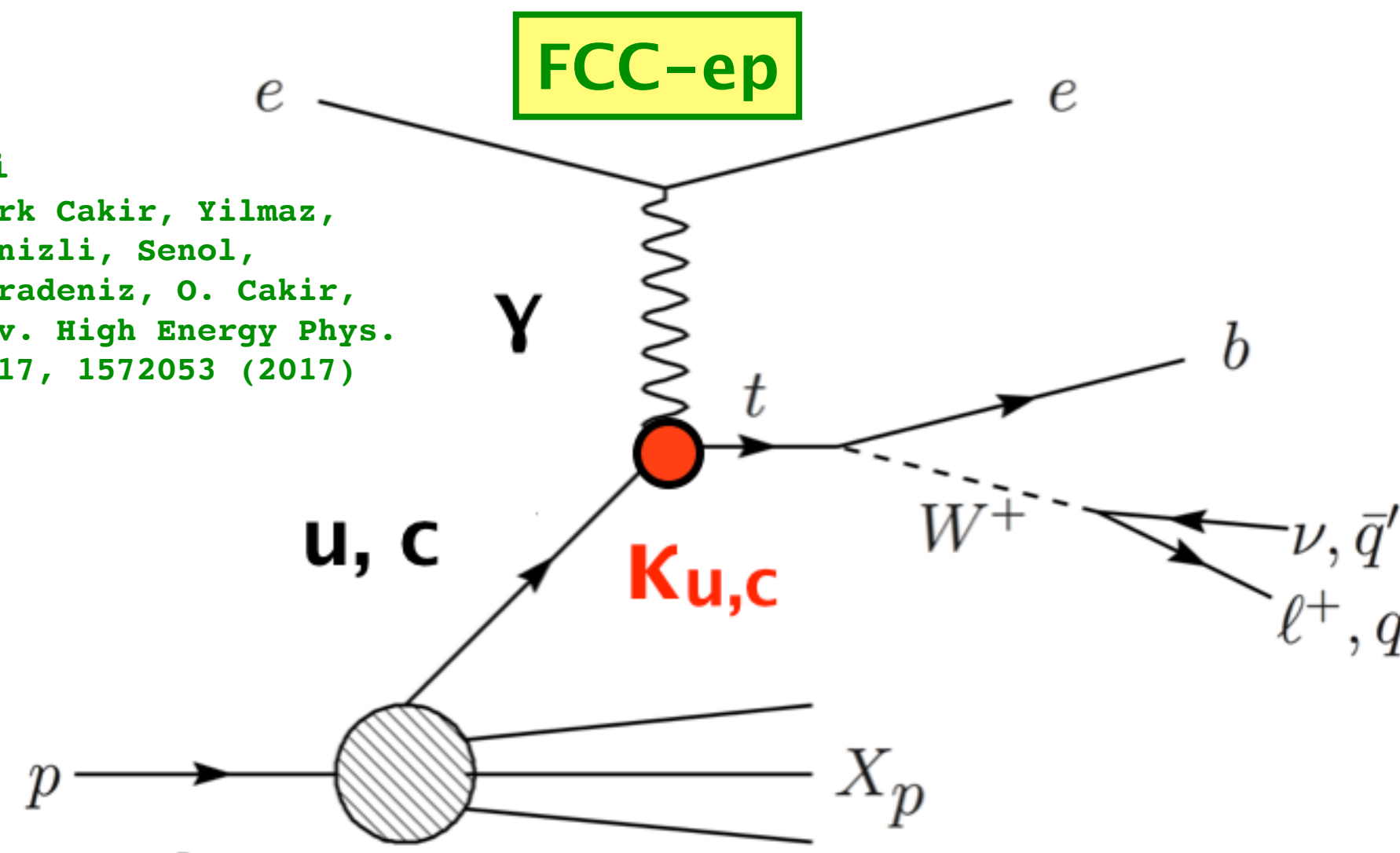
- LC: analysis of CP nature profits from direct production at high energies

Flavor Changing Neutral Current Couplings

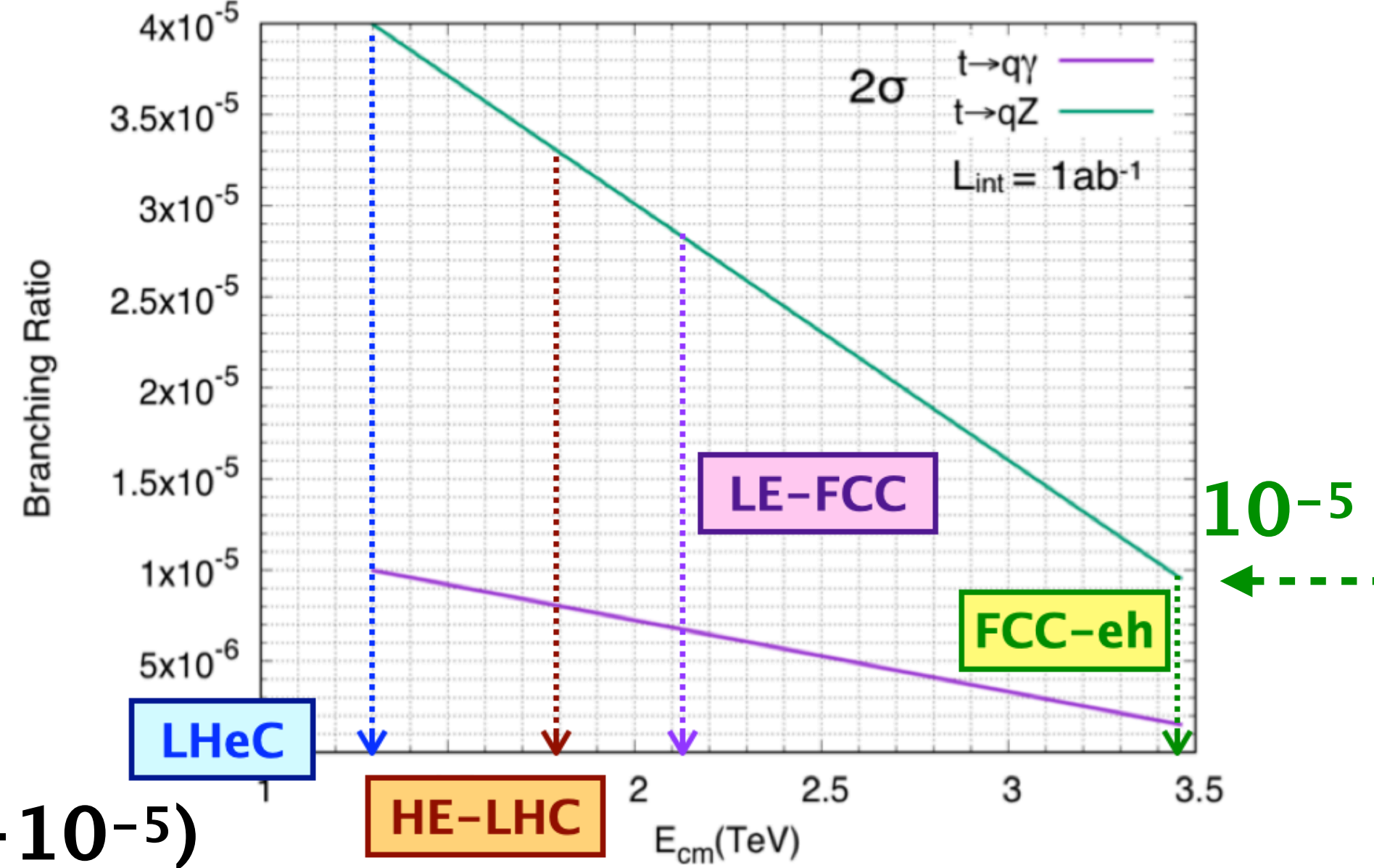


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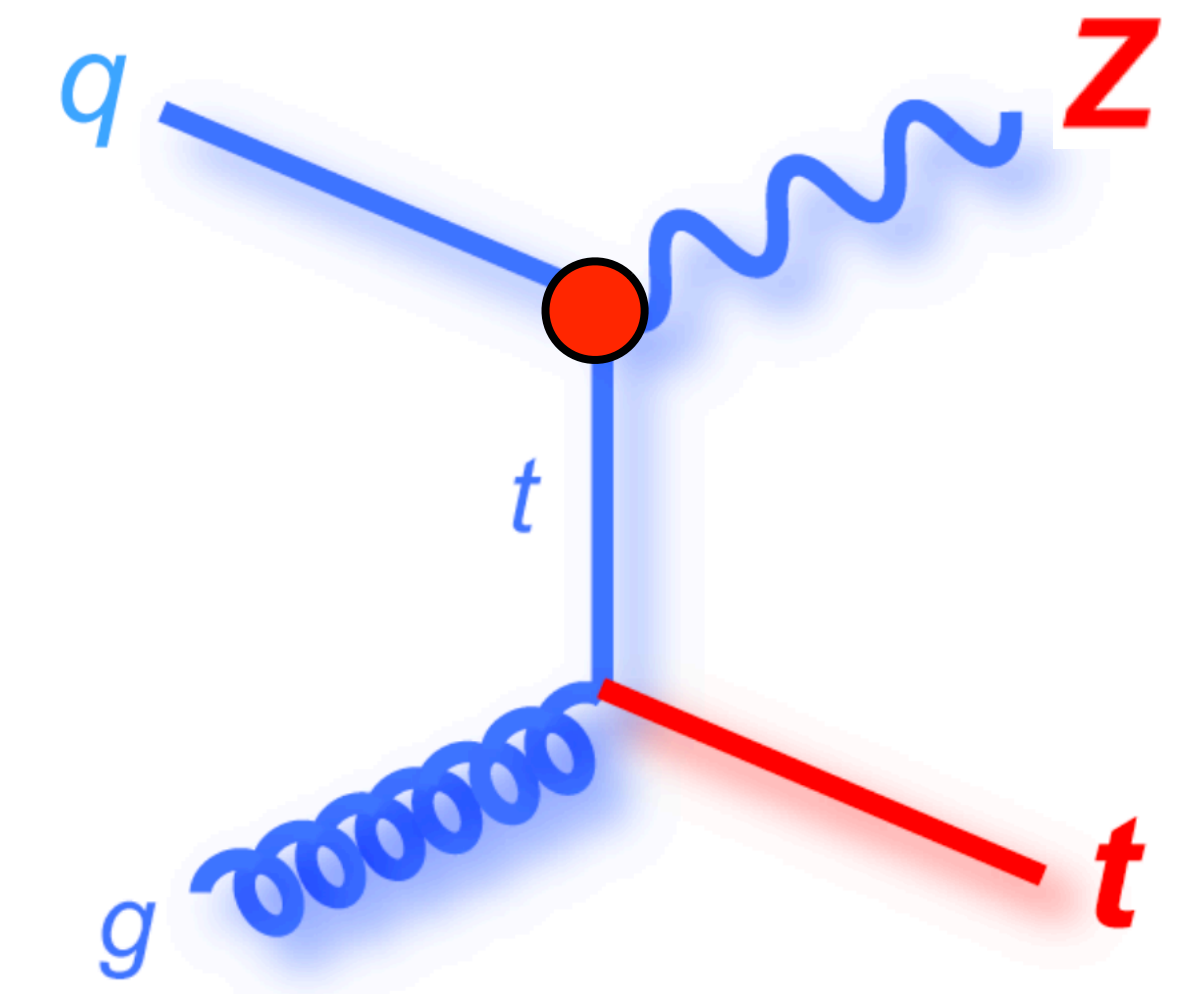
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$\sqrt{s}=240 \text{ GeV}$ and $\sqrt{s}=350 \text{ GeV}$



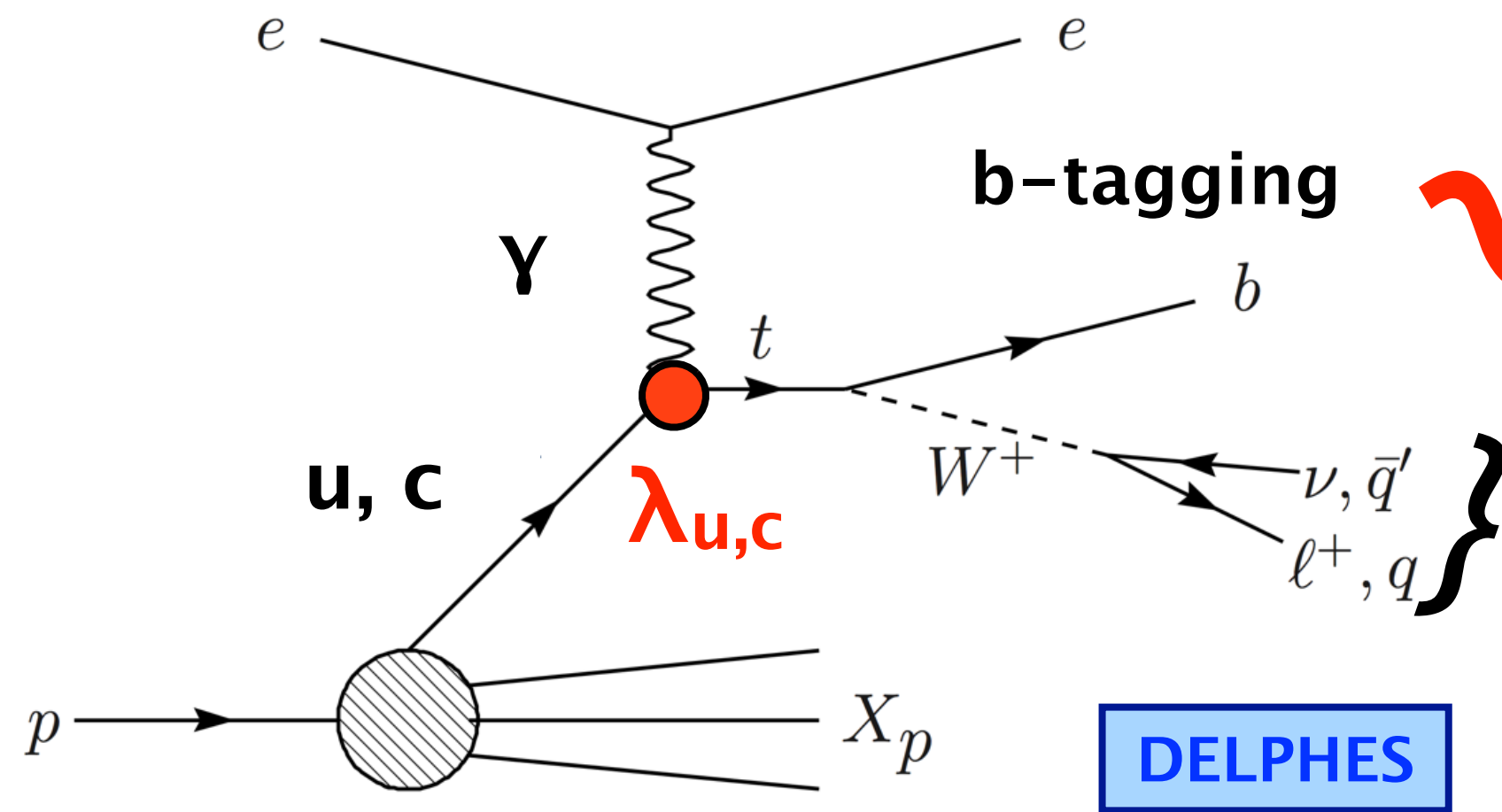
$\text{Br}(t \rightarrow q\gamma), \text{Br}(t \rightarrow qZ) < O(10^{-6} - 10^{-5})$



Search for Anomalous FCNC $t\bar{u}\gamma$ Coupling

signal

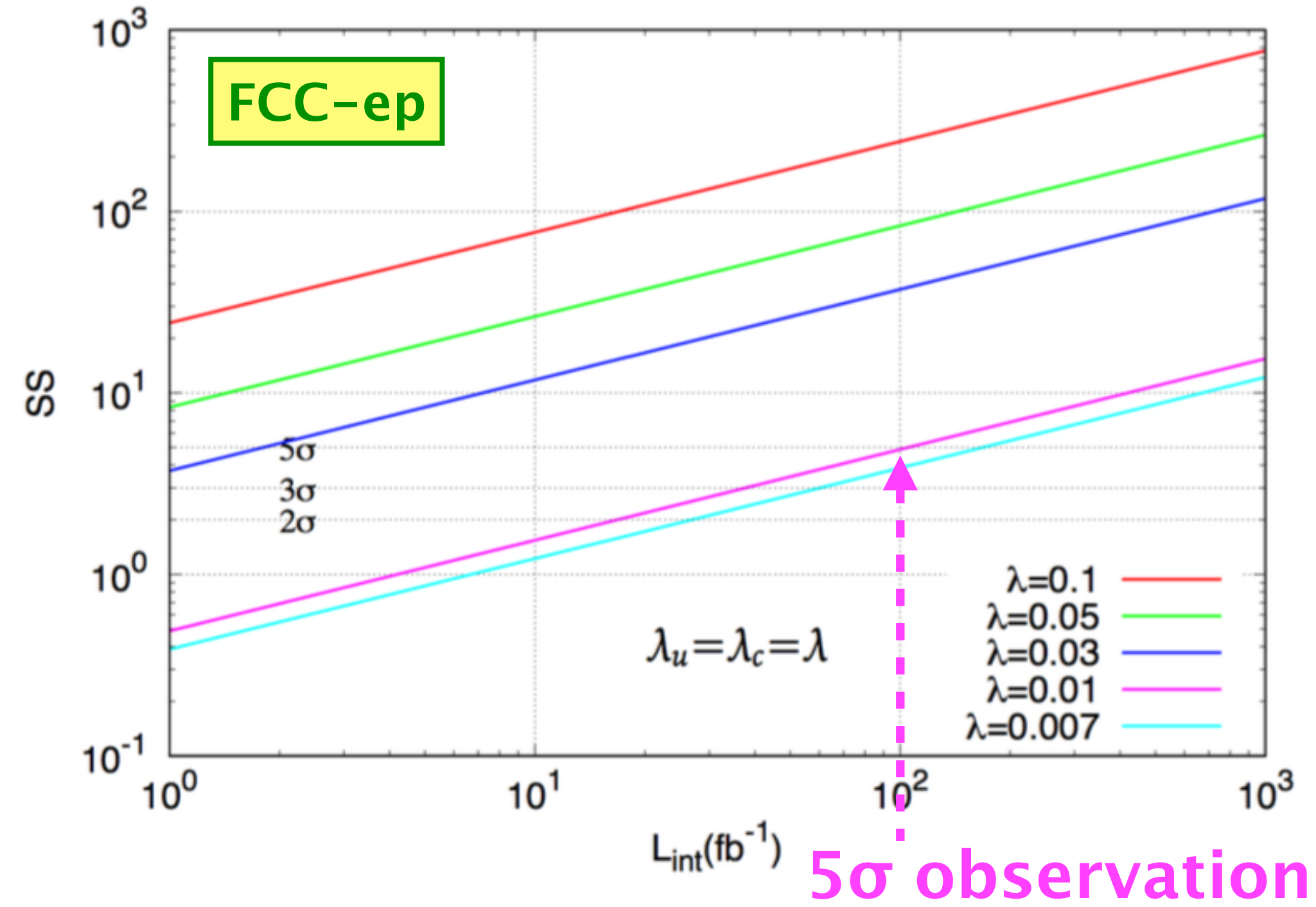
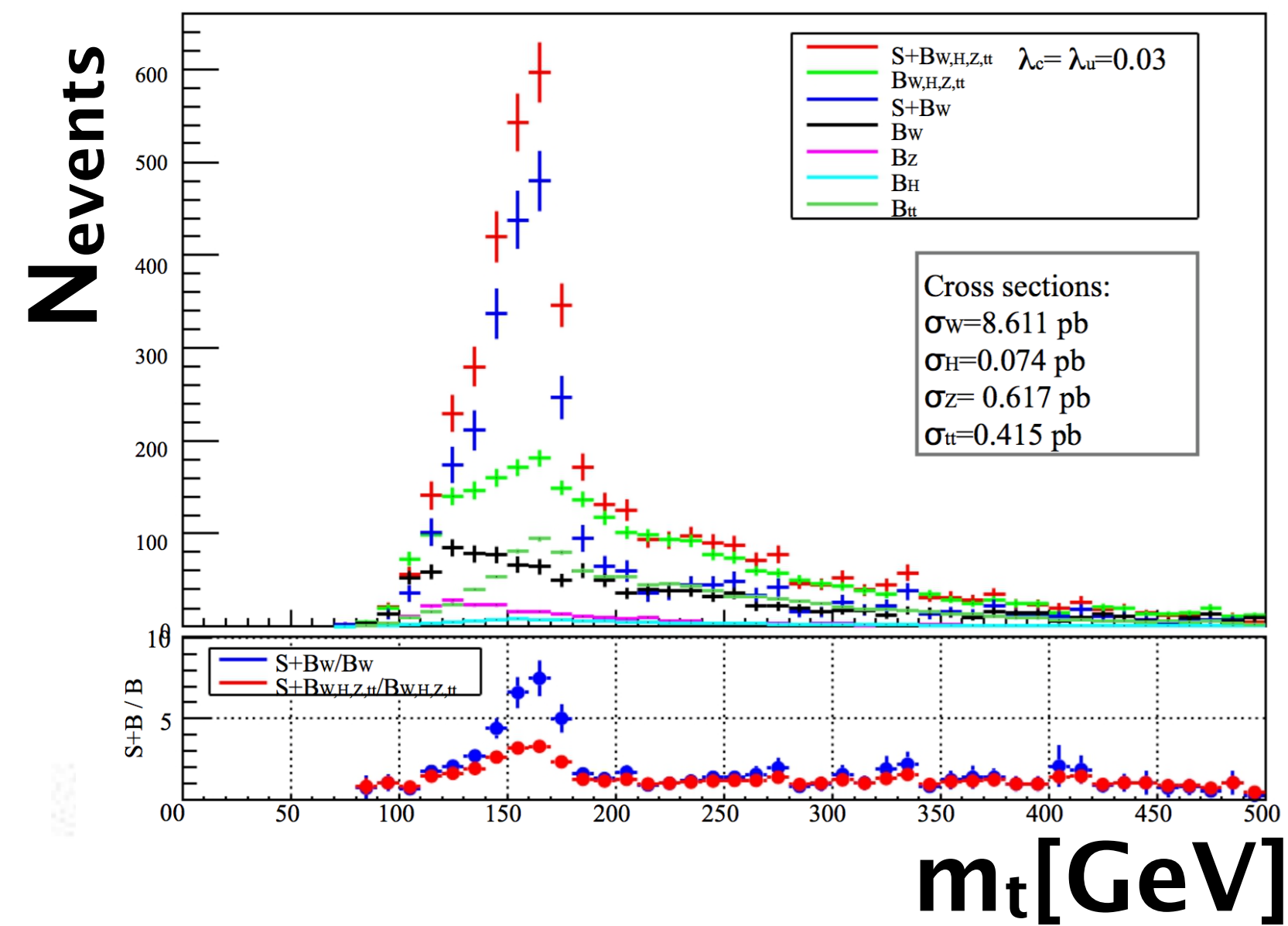
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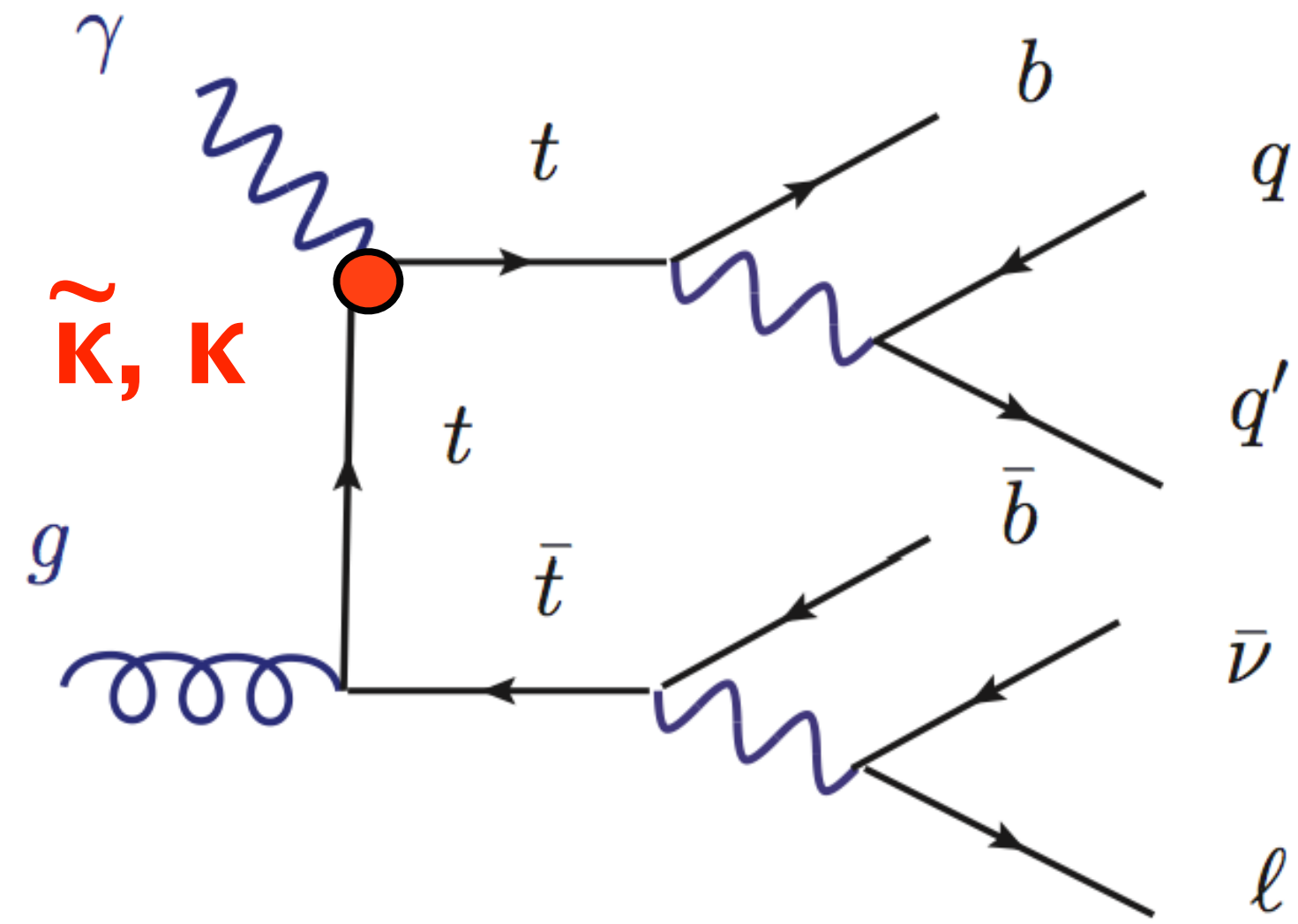
$$L = -g_e \sum_{q=u,c} Q_q \frac{\lambda_q}{\Lambda} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} (f_q + h_q \gamma_5) q A_{\mu\nu} + h.c.$$

130 < M_{Wb} < 190 GeV  **300 fb⁻¹, \sqrt{s} = 14 TeV:**
 $\lambda < 0.022$ @ 95% C.L.

50 < M_{jj} < 100 GeV  **500 fb⁻¹, \sqrt{s} = 250 GeV:**
 $\lambda < 0.02$ @ 95% C.L.

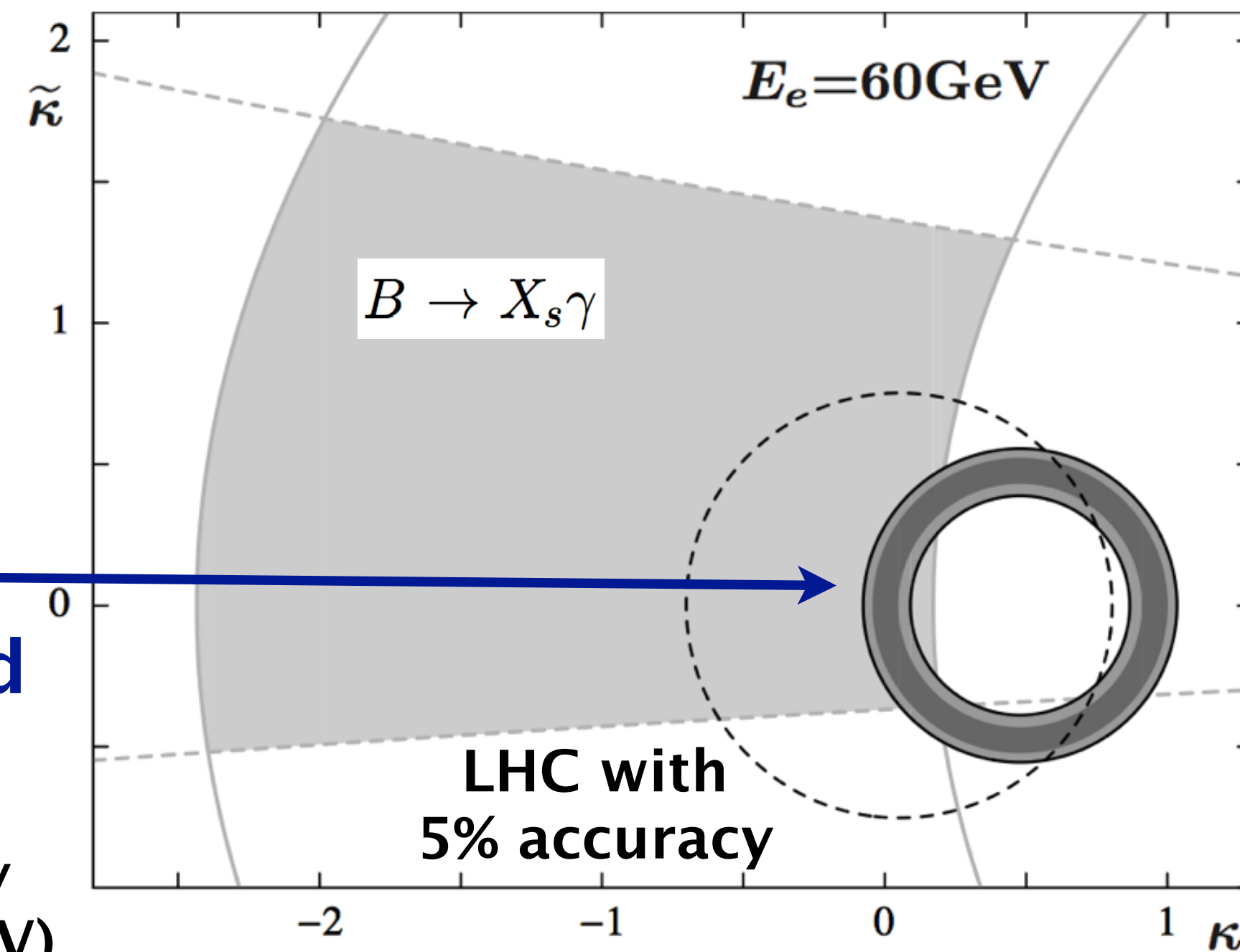


Search for Anomalous $t\bar{t}\gamma$ Couplings



$$\mathcal{L}_{t\bar{t}\gamma} = e\bar{t} \left(Q_t \gamma^\mu A_\mu + \frac{1}{4m_t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} (\kappa + i\tilde{\kappa}\gamma_5) \right) t$$

electric dipole moment: $\tilde{\kappa}$



LHeC

10% and 18% accuracy assumed



27% accuracy
(4.59fb⁻¹, 7 TeV)

magnetic dipole moment: κ

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