

Strange-quark Tagging for Higgs and EW Physics

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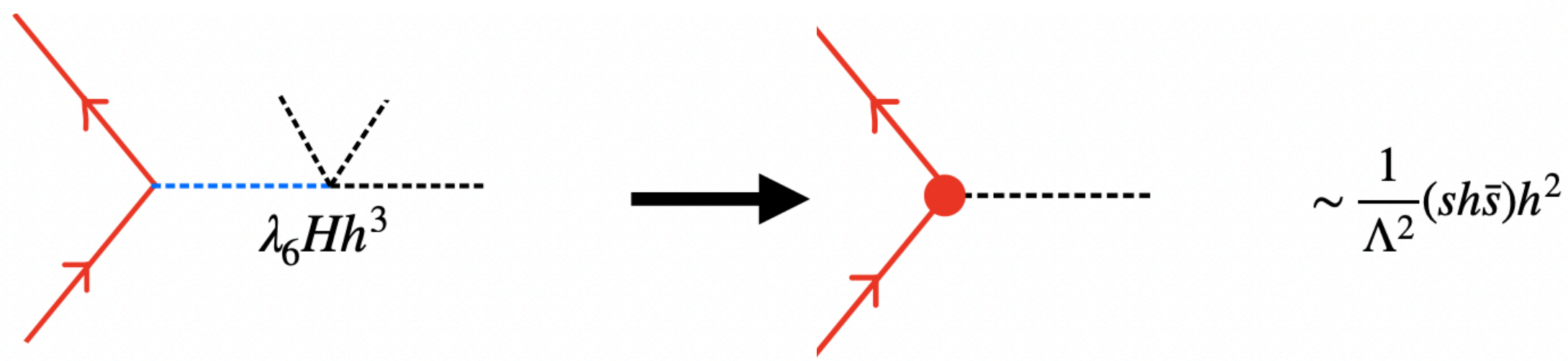
Higgs to strange coupling is an appealing signature to probe new physics

SM measurement, necessity to define BR(H → ss) on the TH side ⇒ LHCHWG M. Spira

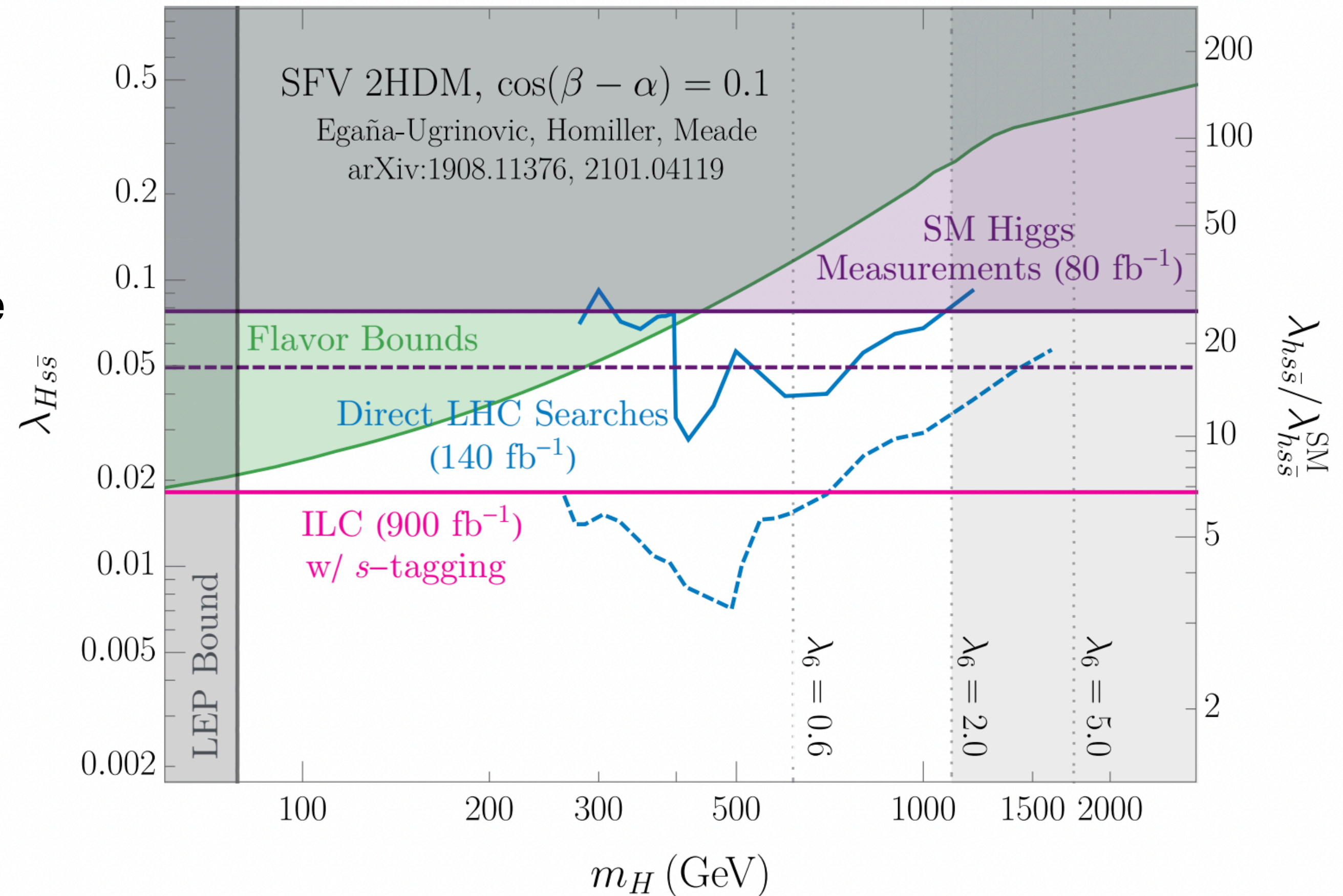
Is the Higgs the source for all flavor?

In a **Spontaneous Flavor Violation** model new physics can couple in a strongly flavor dependent way if it is aligned in the down-type quark or up-type quark sectors

- It allows for large couplings of additional Higgs to strange/light quarks
- No flavor-changing neutral currents

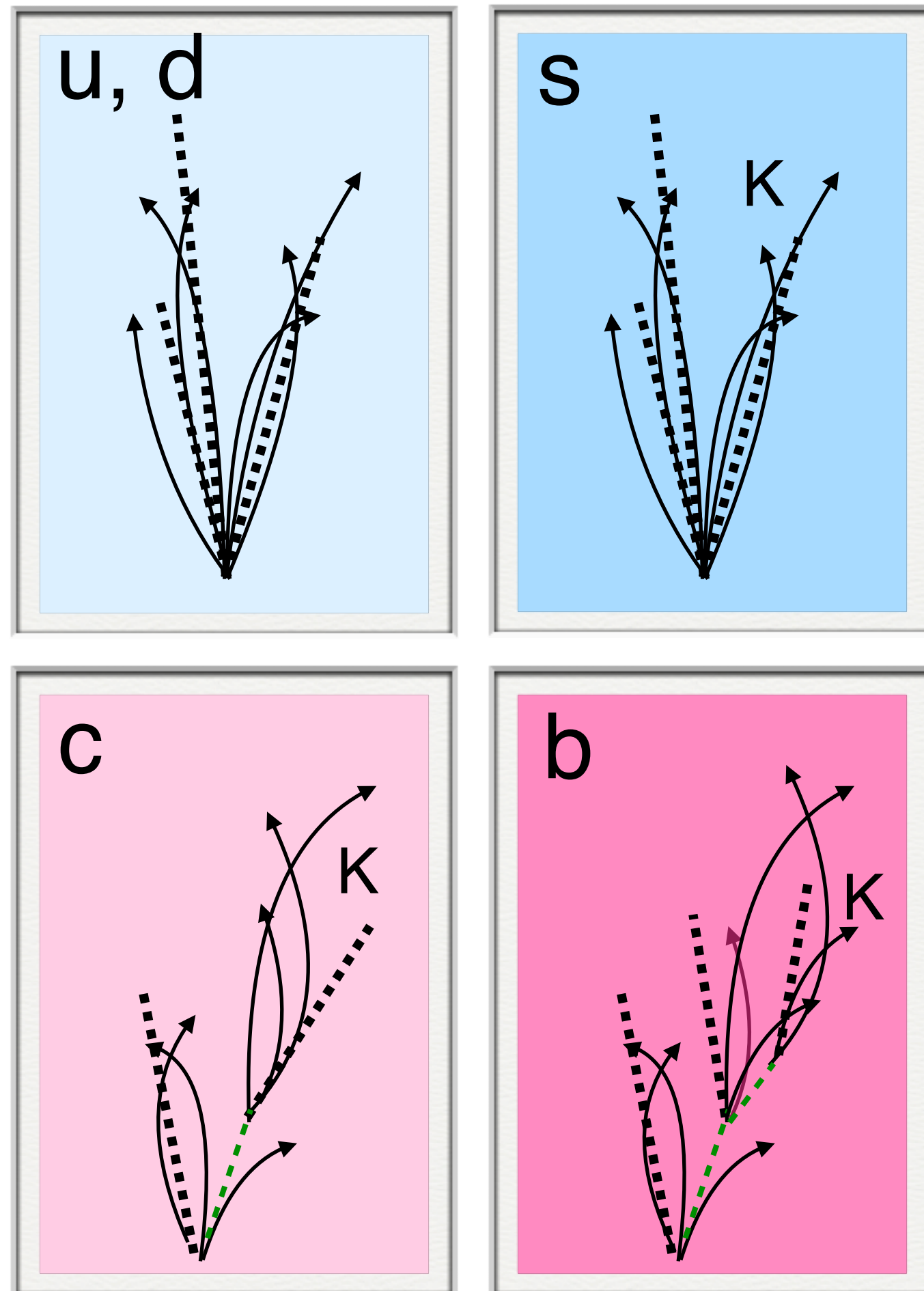


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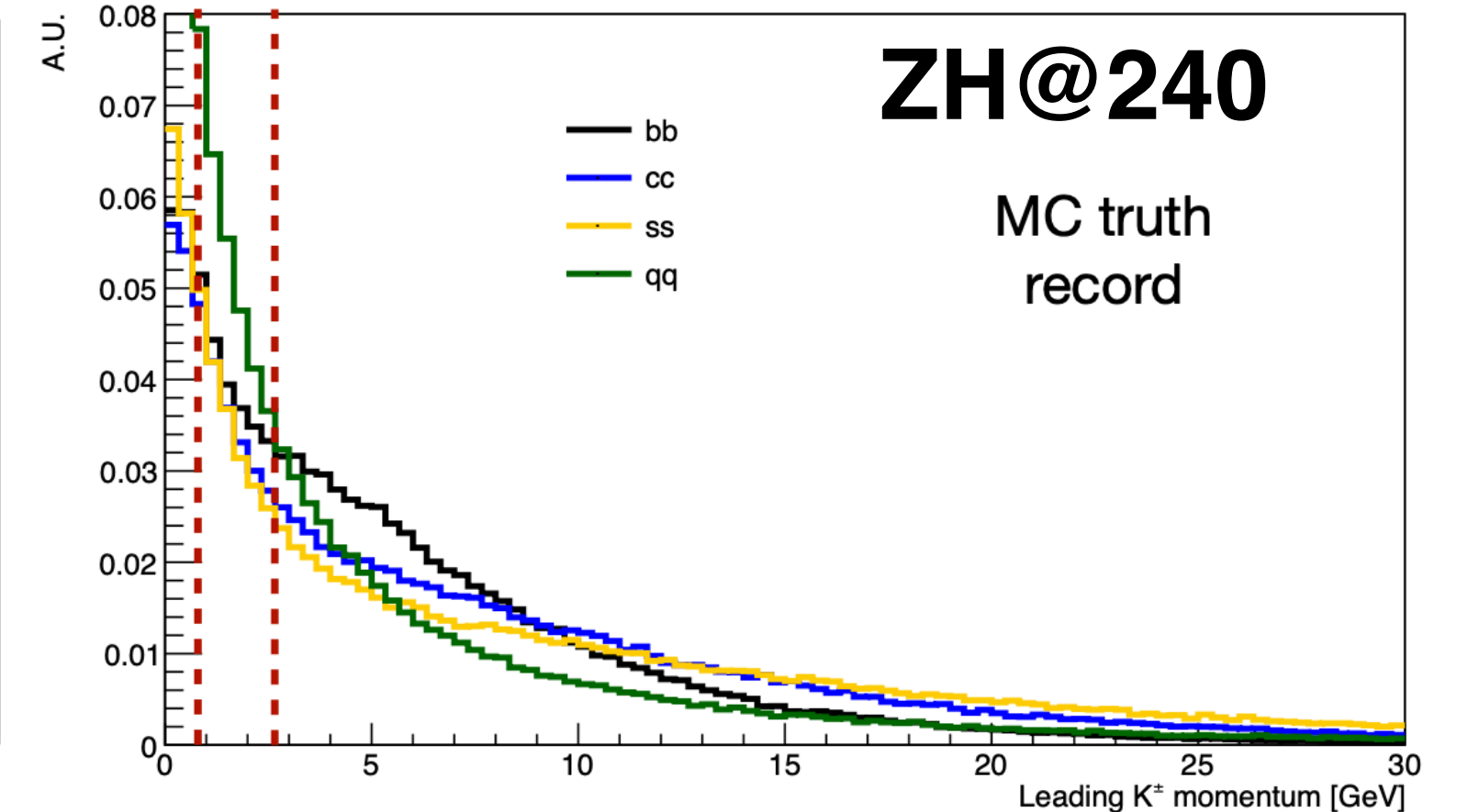
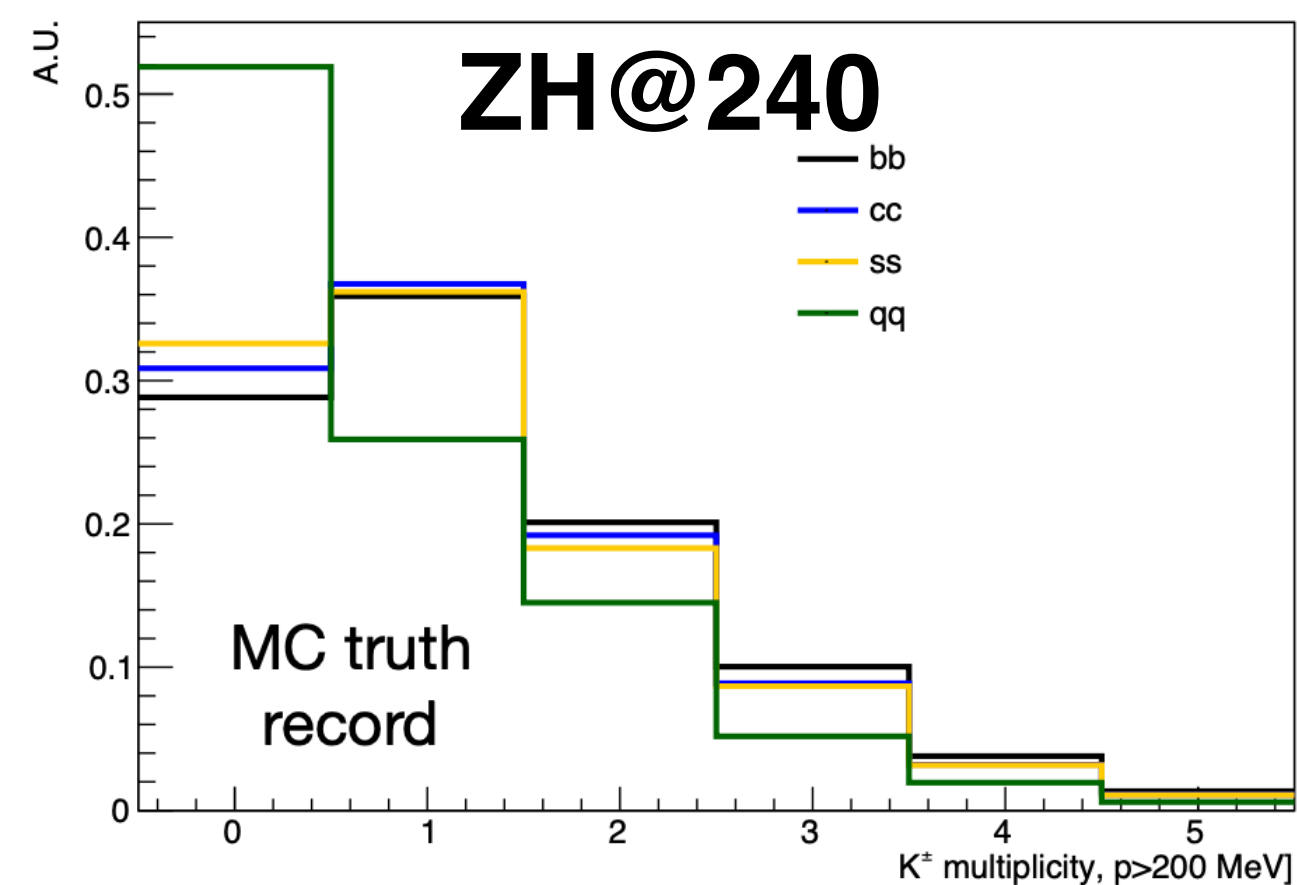
s-tagging

Tagging strange is a challenging but not impossible task for future detectors at e^+e^-



- As b,c, and s jets contain at least one strange hadron
- Strange quarks mostly hadronize to prompt kaons which carry a large fraction of the jet momentum
- Strange hadron reconstruction:
 - K^\pm PID
 - K^0_L PF (neutral)
 - $K^0_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ (~70%) / $\pi^0\pi^0$ (~30%)
 - $\Lambda^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$ (~65%)

Distinctive two-prong vertices topology



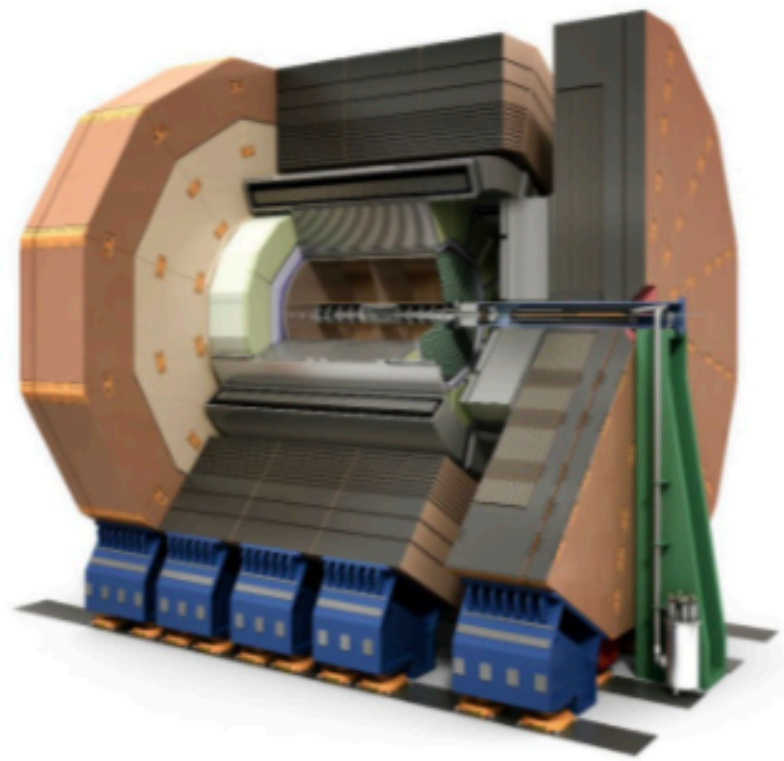
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Detectors at future e^+e^-

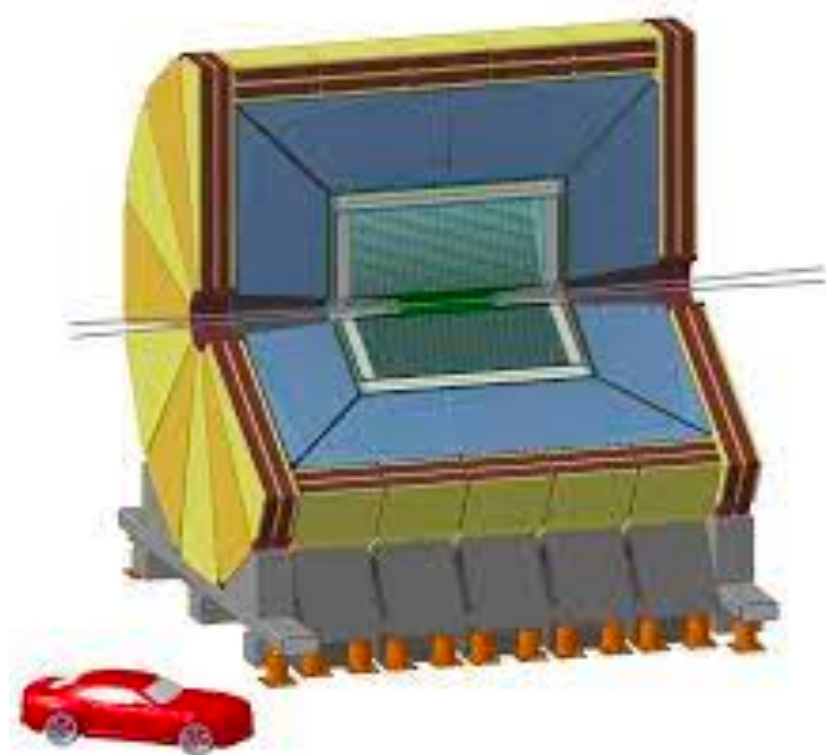
Stringent detector requirements from ZH reconstruction

Detector designs at e^+e^- colliders are converging to very similar strategies

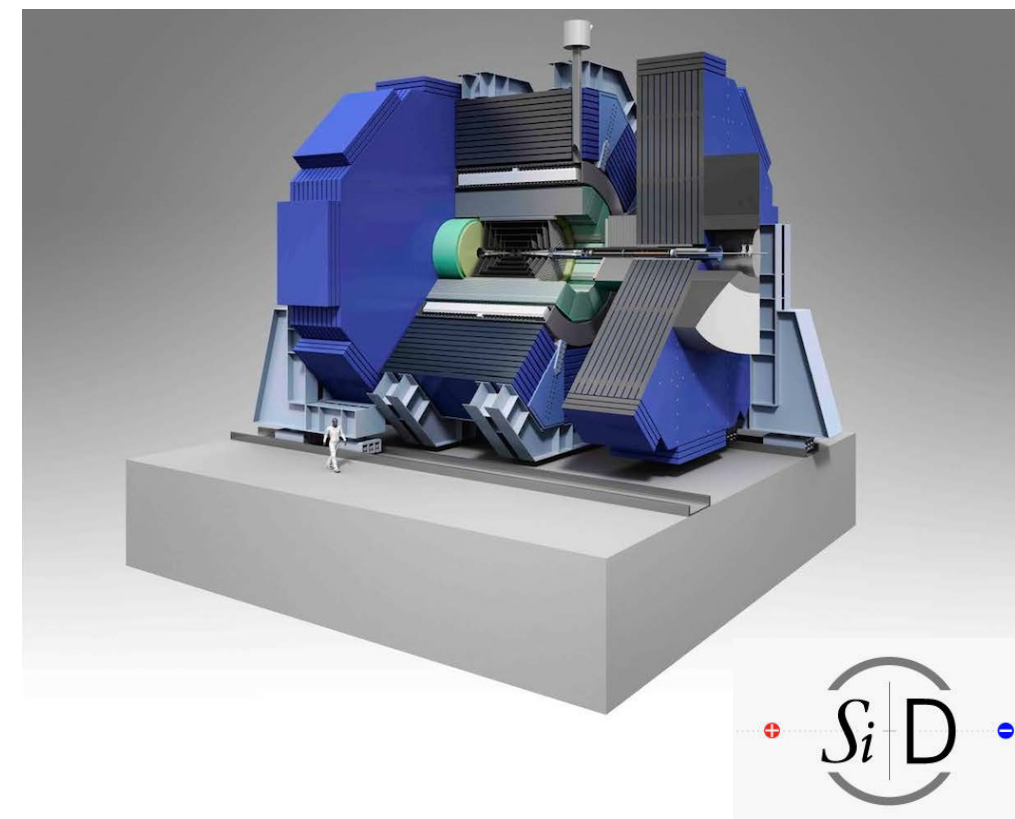
- Strong magnetic field 2-5 T
- (Ultra) low material budget tracker ($<0.3\% X_0$)
 - Close to the interaction region (10-25 mm)
- High granularity calorimetry
 - Particle Flow reconstruction \rightarrow plays a big part in many designs



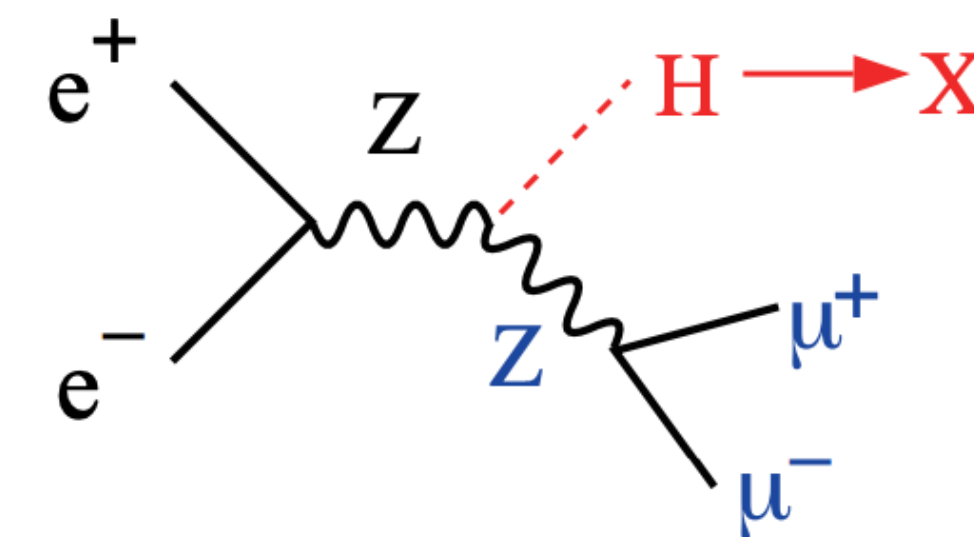
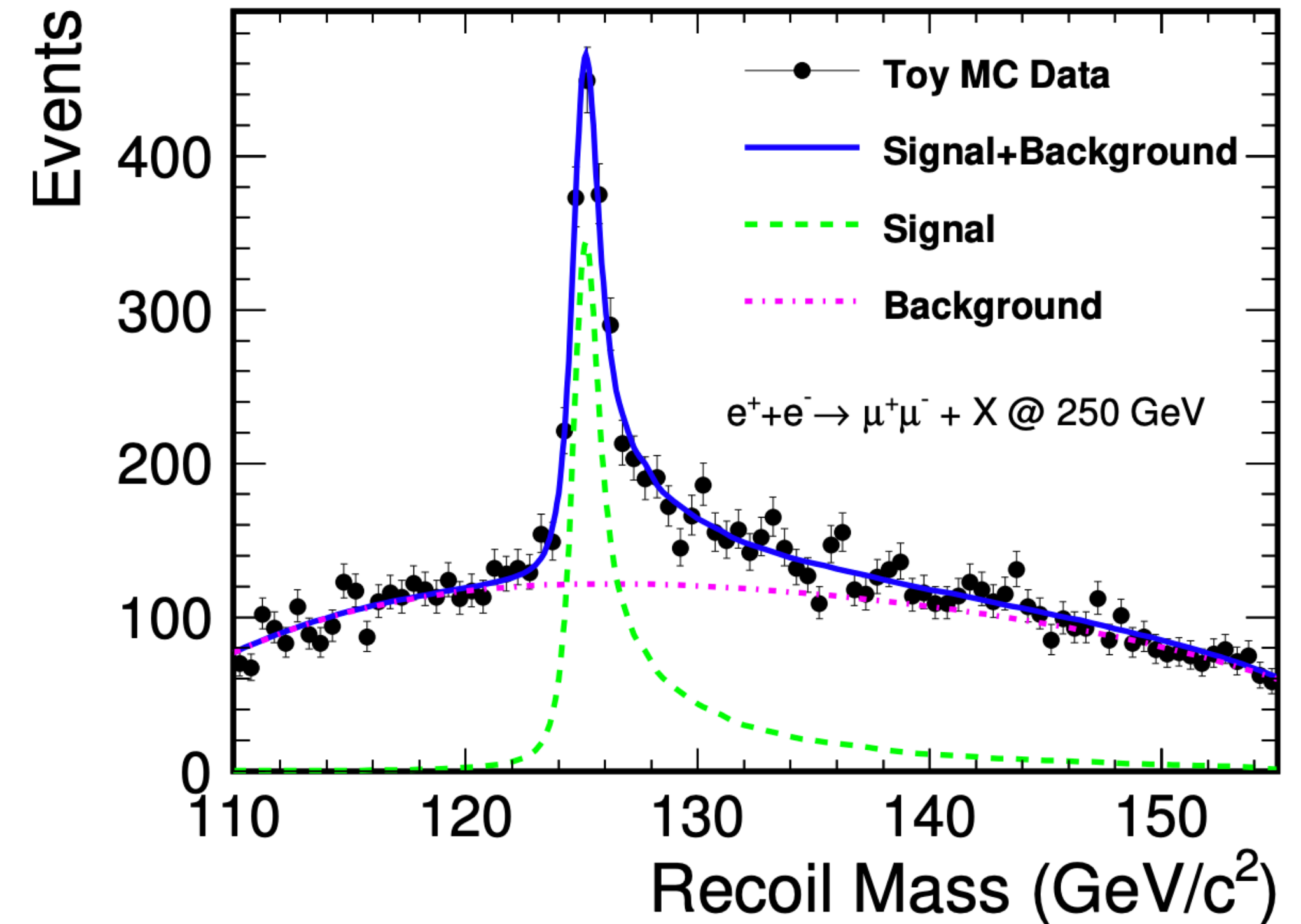
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IDEA

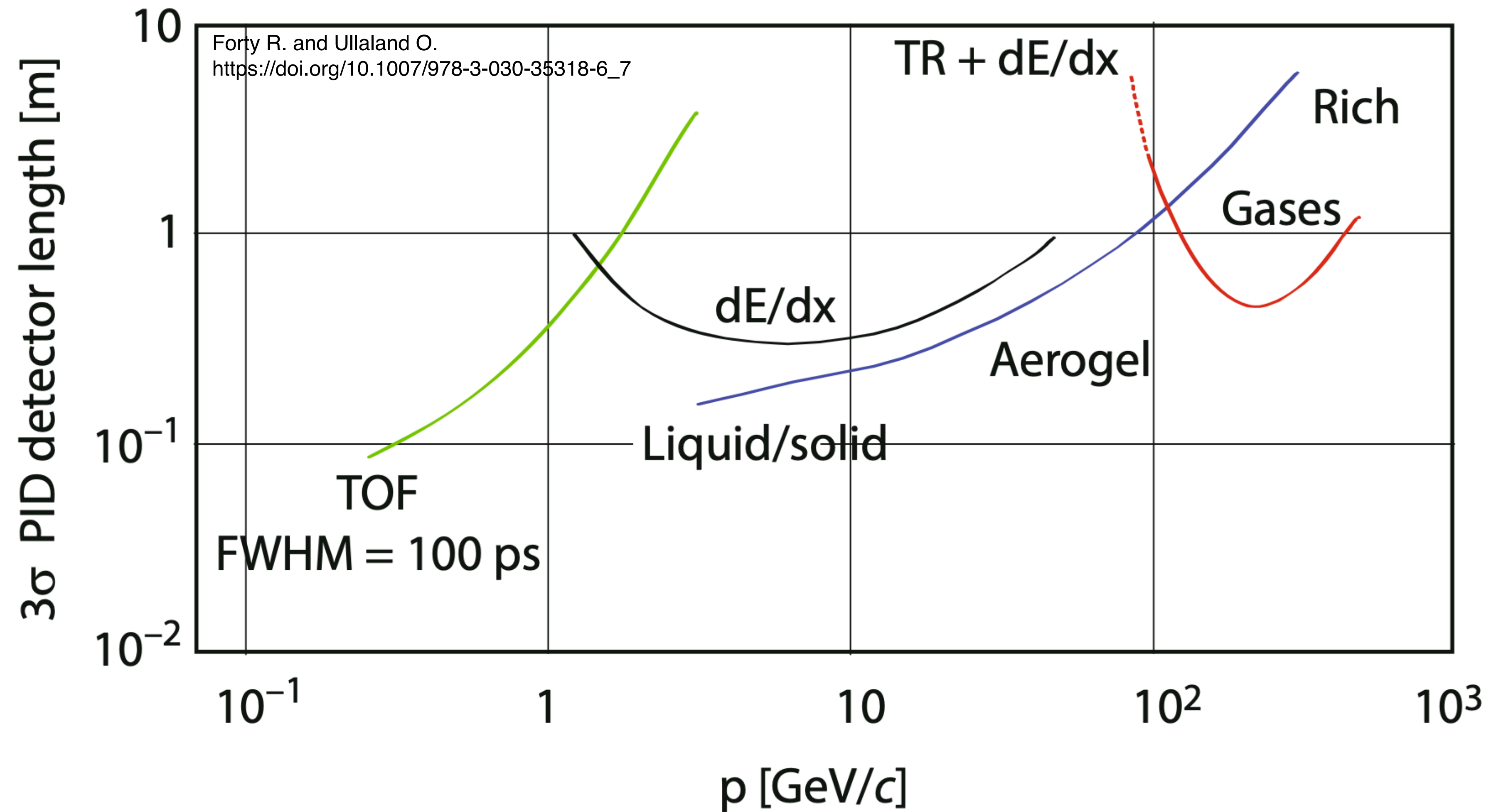


SiD



Particle ID for s-tagging

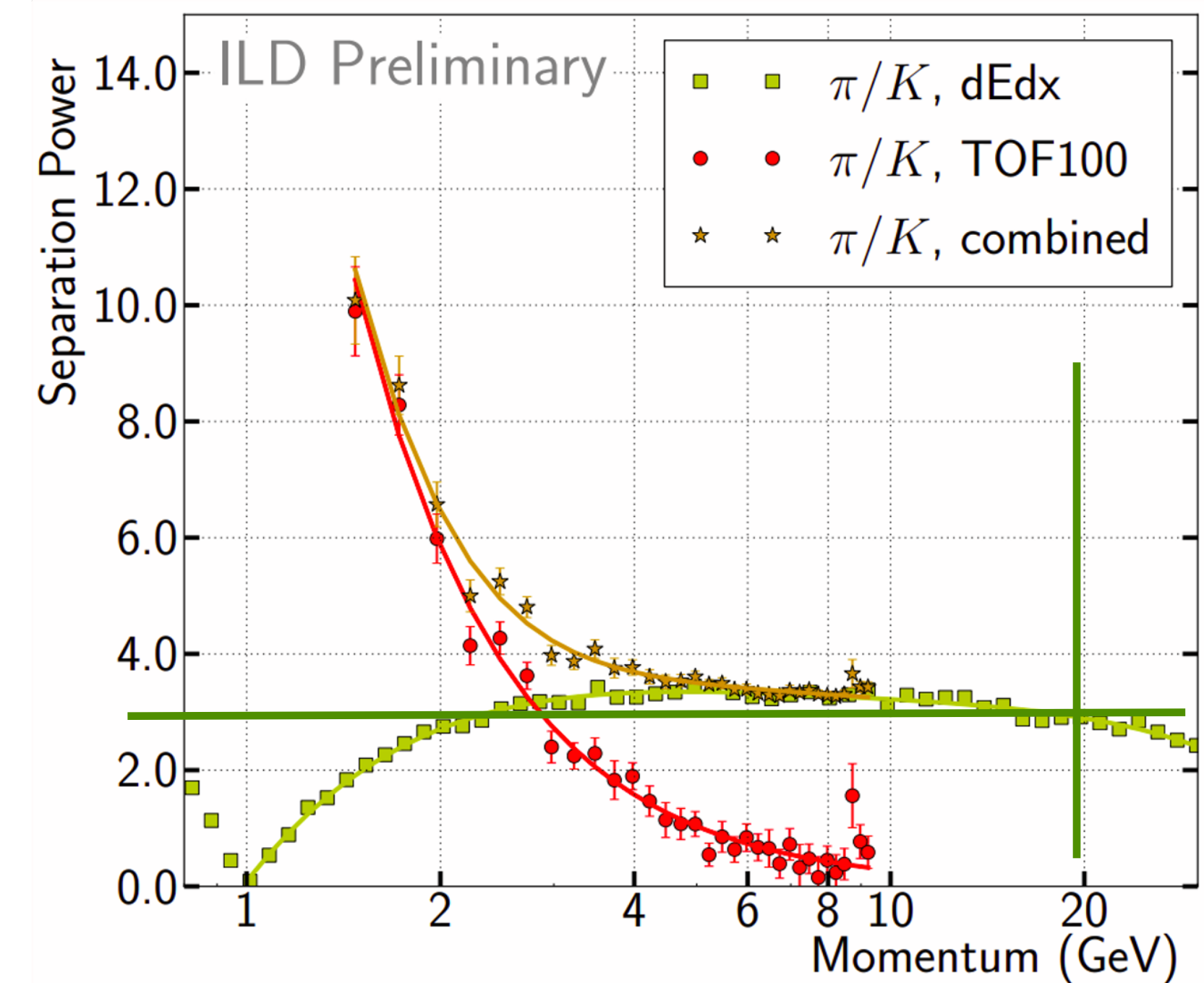
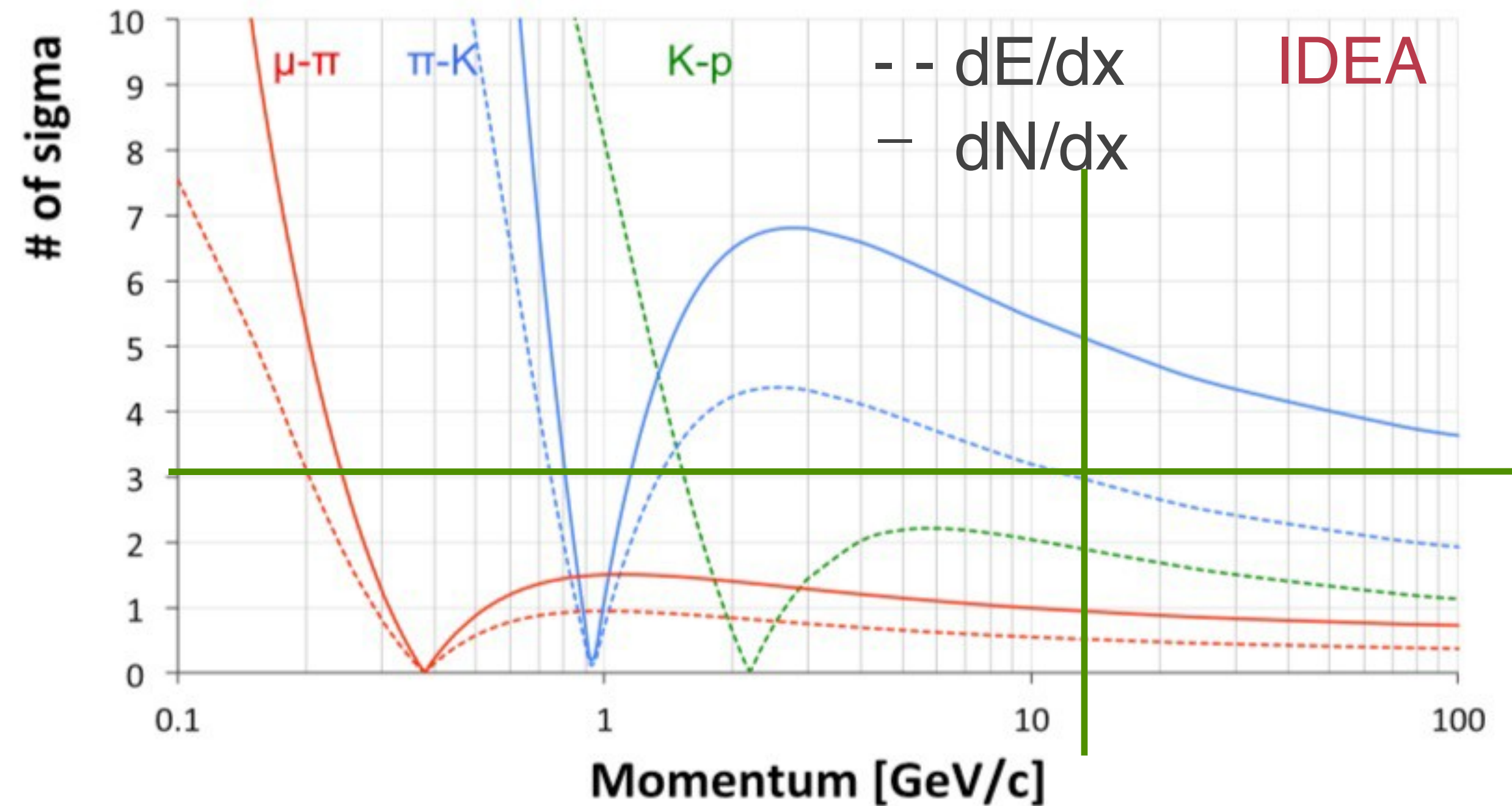
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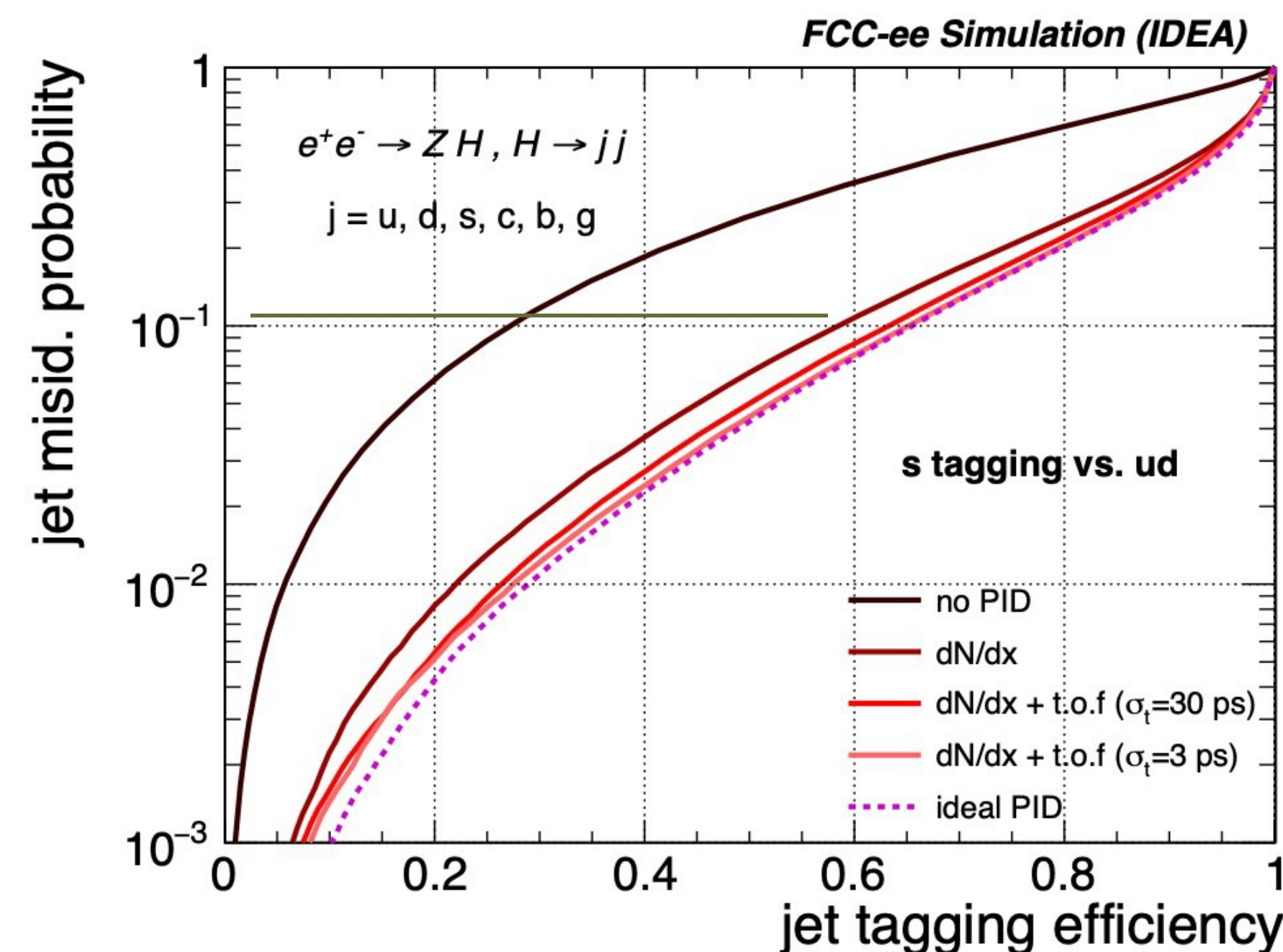
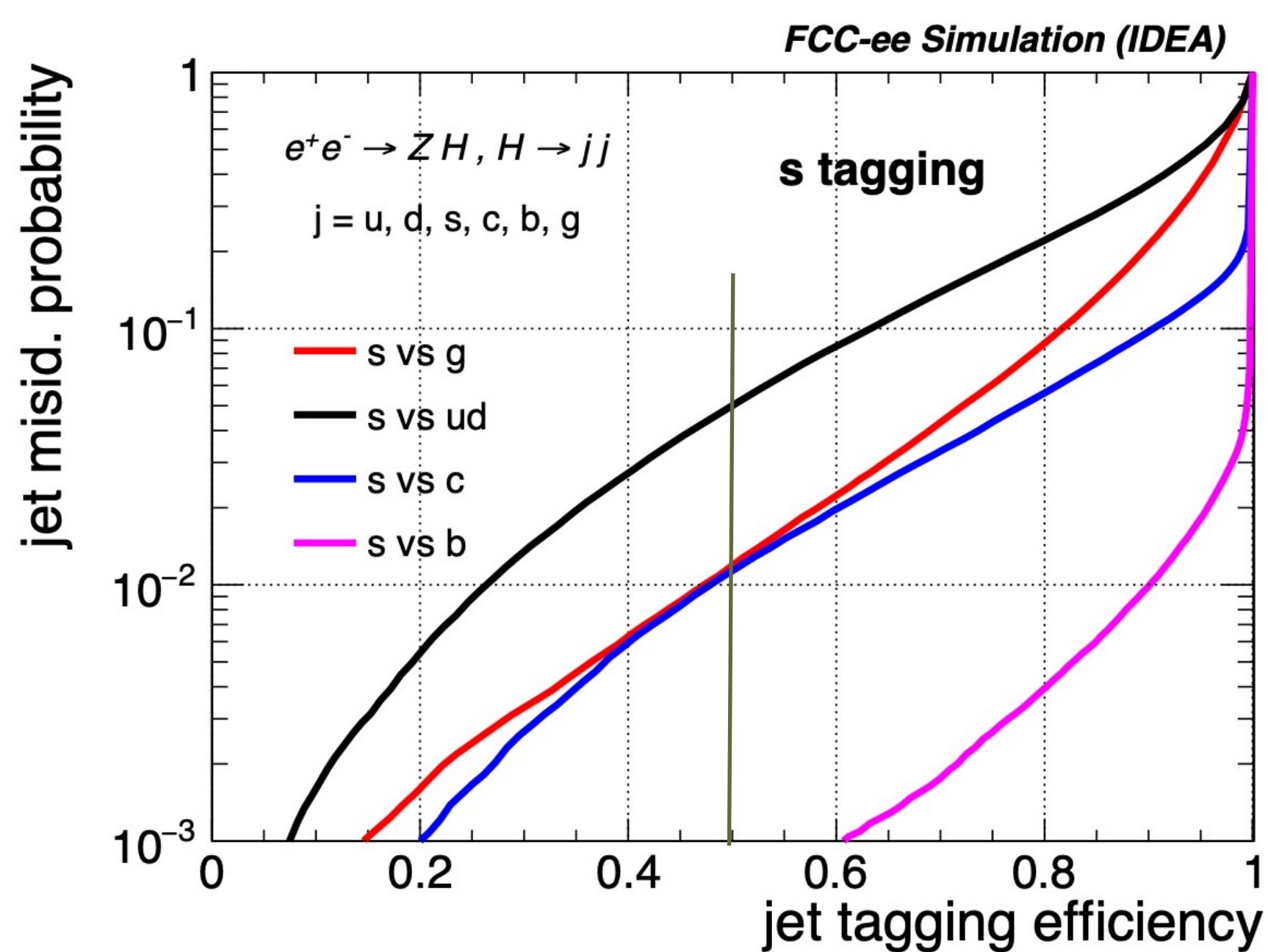
- dE/dx from silicon (< 5 GeV) and large gaseous tracking detectors (< 30 GeV)
- < 5 GeV, time-of-flight (i.e. 100 ps from ECAL)



Strange tagging performance

IDEA-like detector and Particle cloud graph neural network (fast sim)

- Both TOF and dN/dx ($3\sigma < 30$ GeV) included as inputs
- No PID to PID with dN/dx \rightarrow at fixed mistag, efficiency doubles

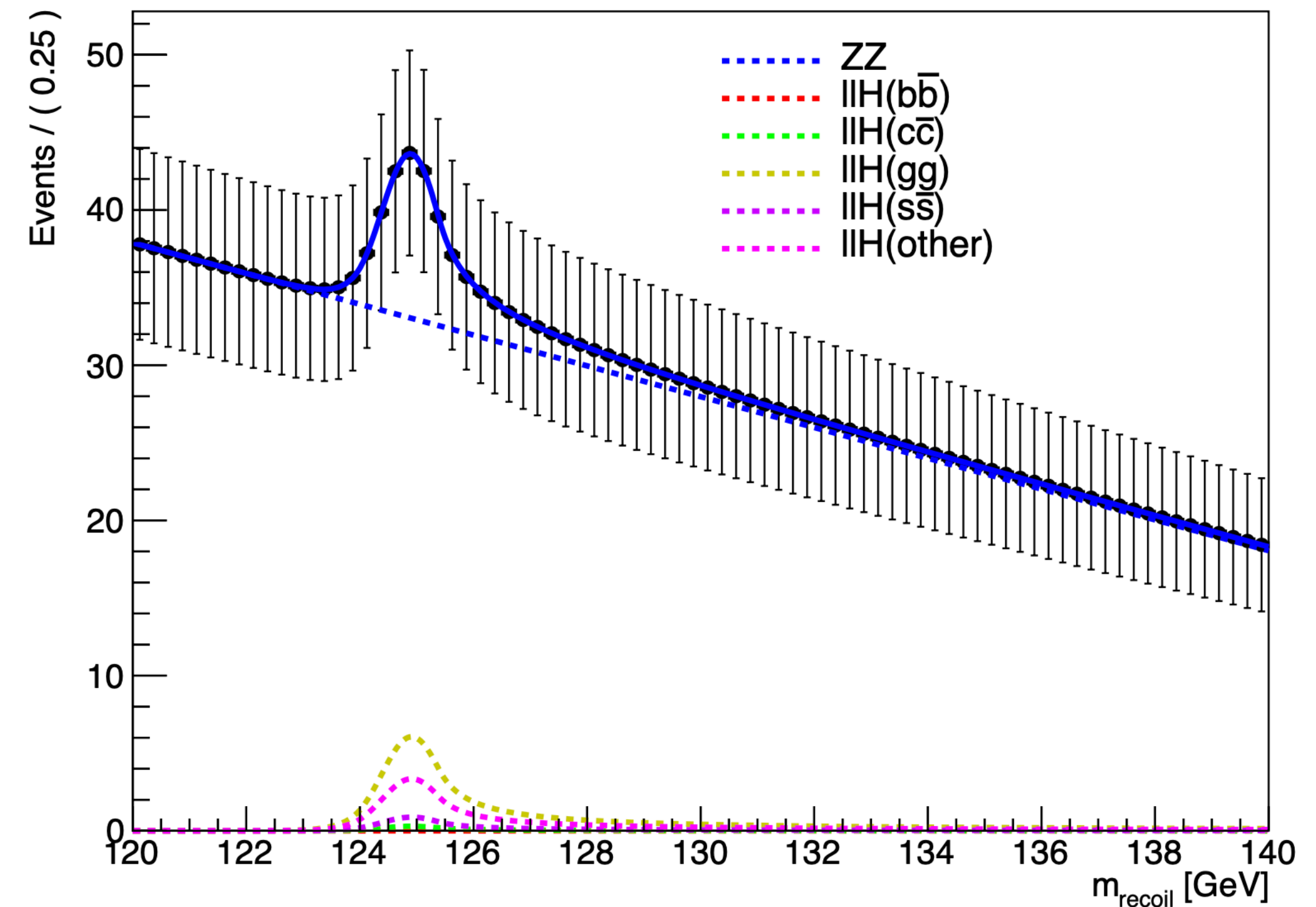
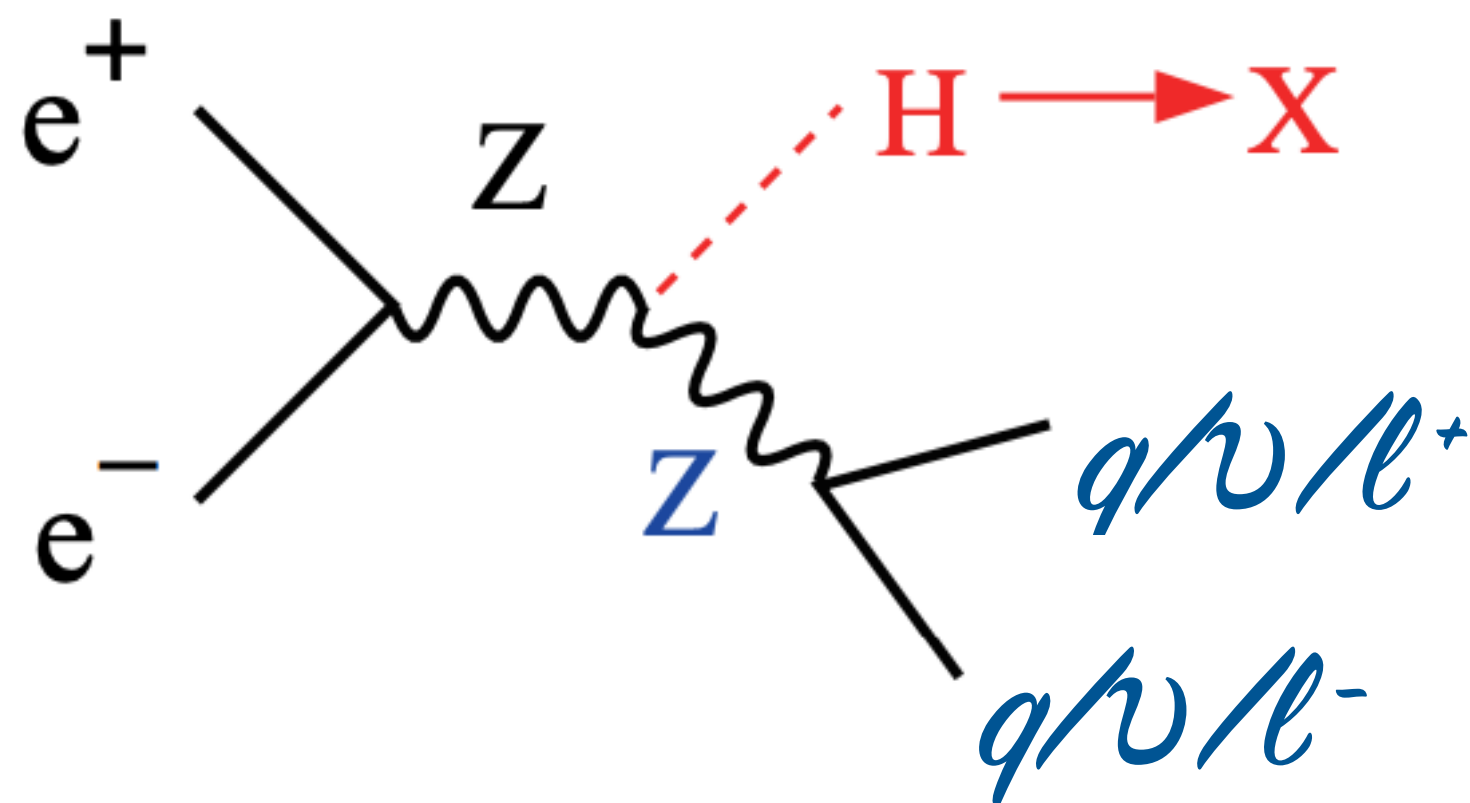


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Loose	90%	20%	40%	10%	1%
Medium	80%	9%	20%	6%	0.4%

Analysis strategy to target $H \rightarrow ss$

Exploit Z boson reconstruction in the ZH associated mode

- At 240/250 GeV the total Zh cross section can be extracted independently of the Higgs boson's detailed properties by counting events with an identified Z boson
- Looking at 0 or 2 leptons Z decay modes
 - **New** fully hadronic final state

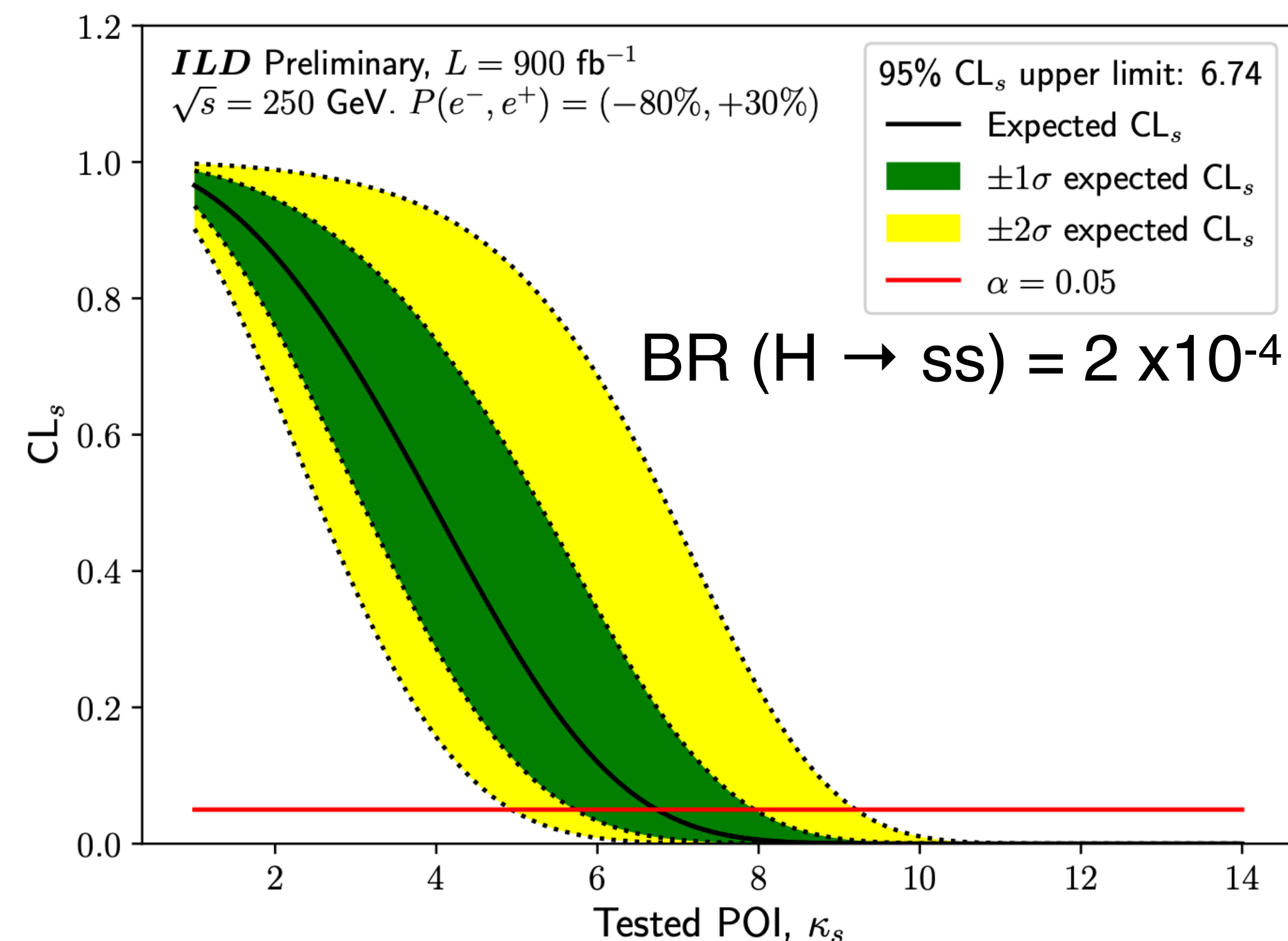
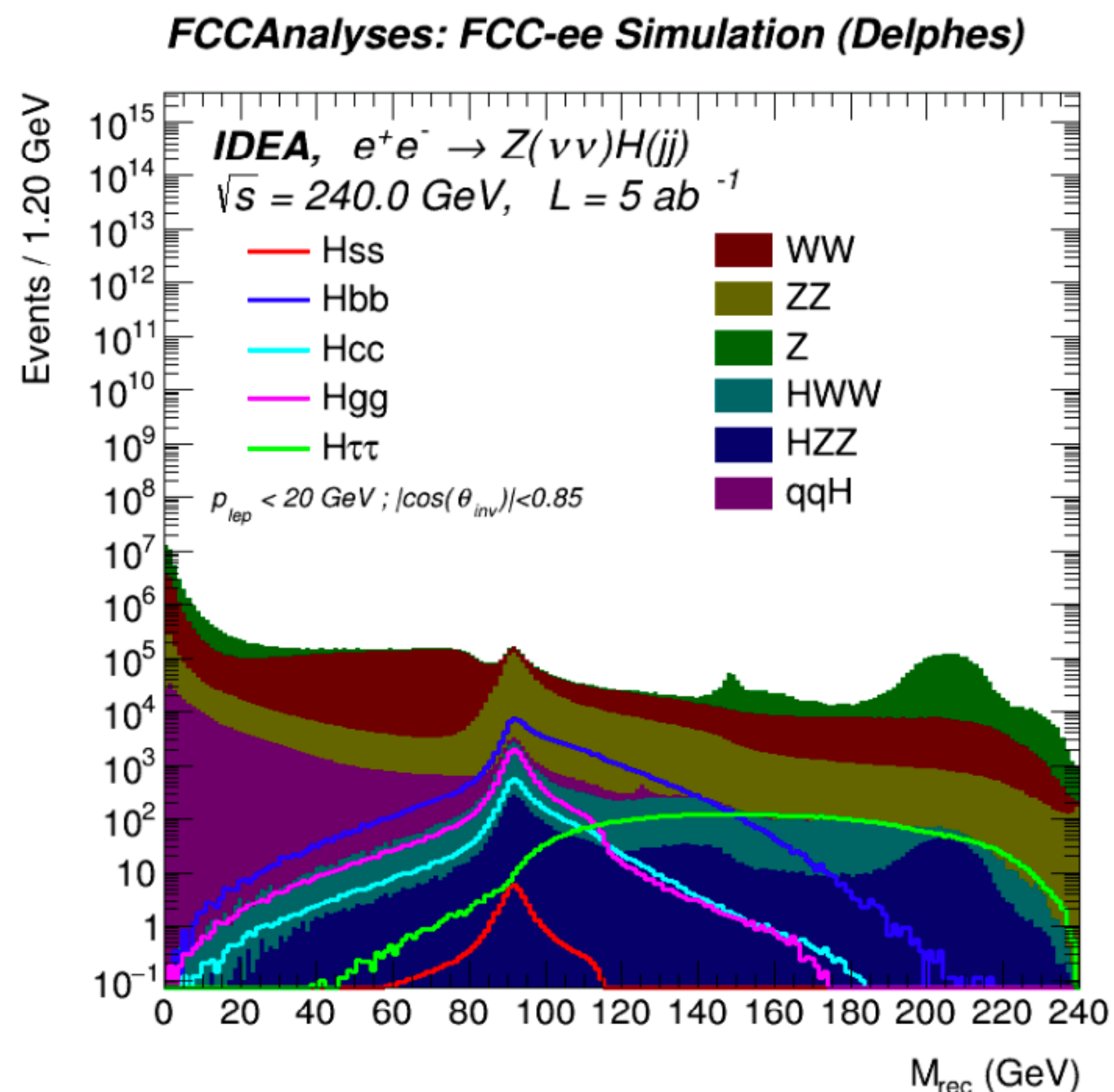


$$M_{\text{rec}} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{s} - E_Z)^2 - \vec{p}_Z^2}$$

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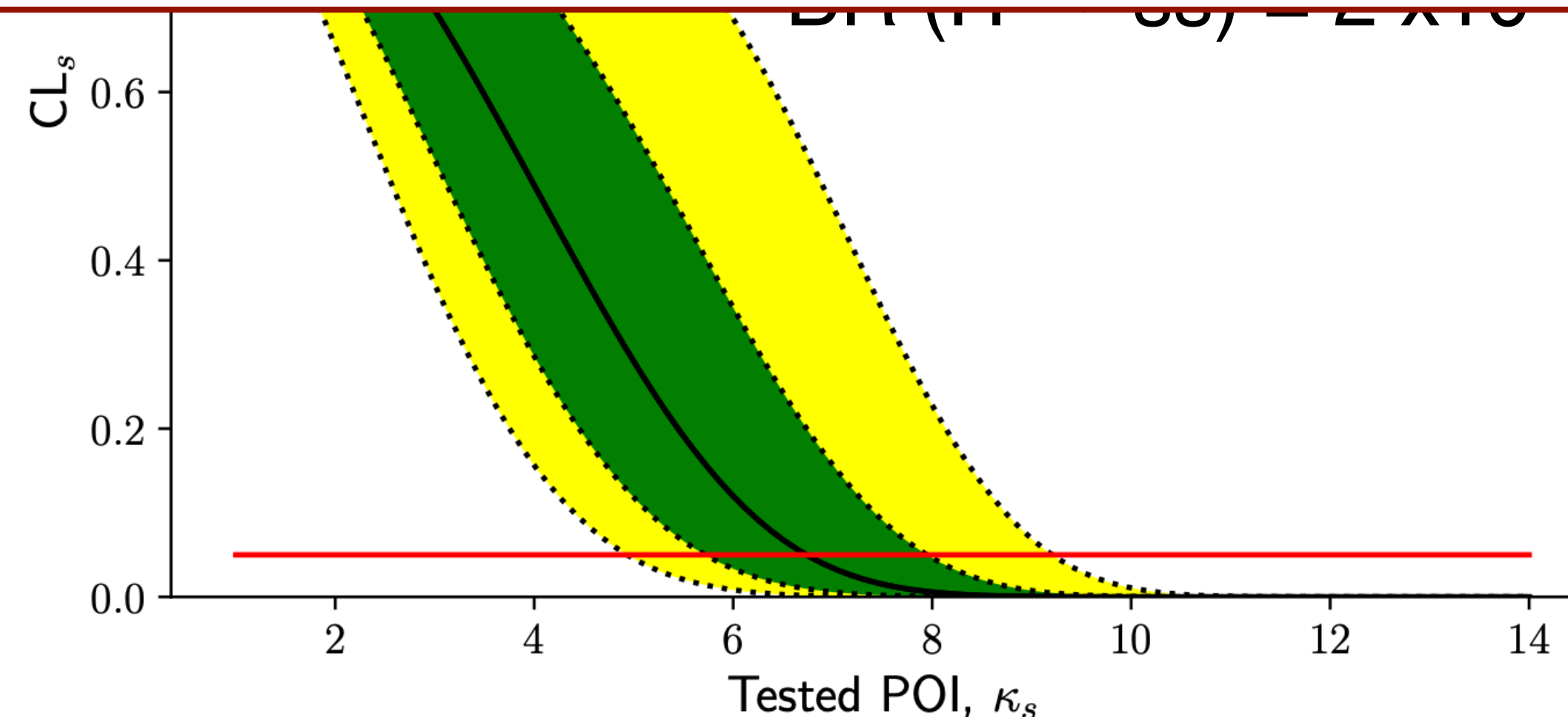
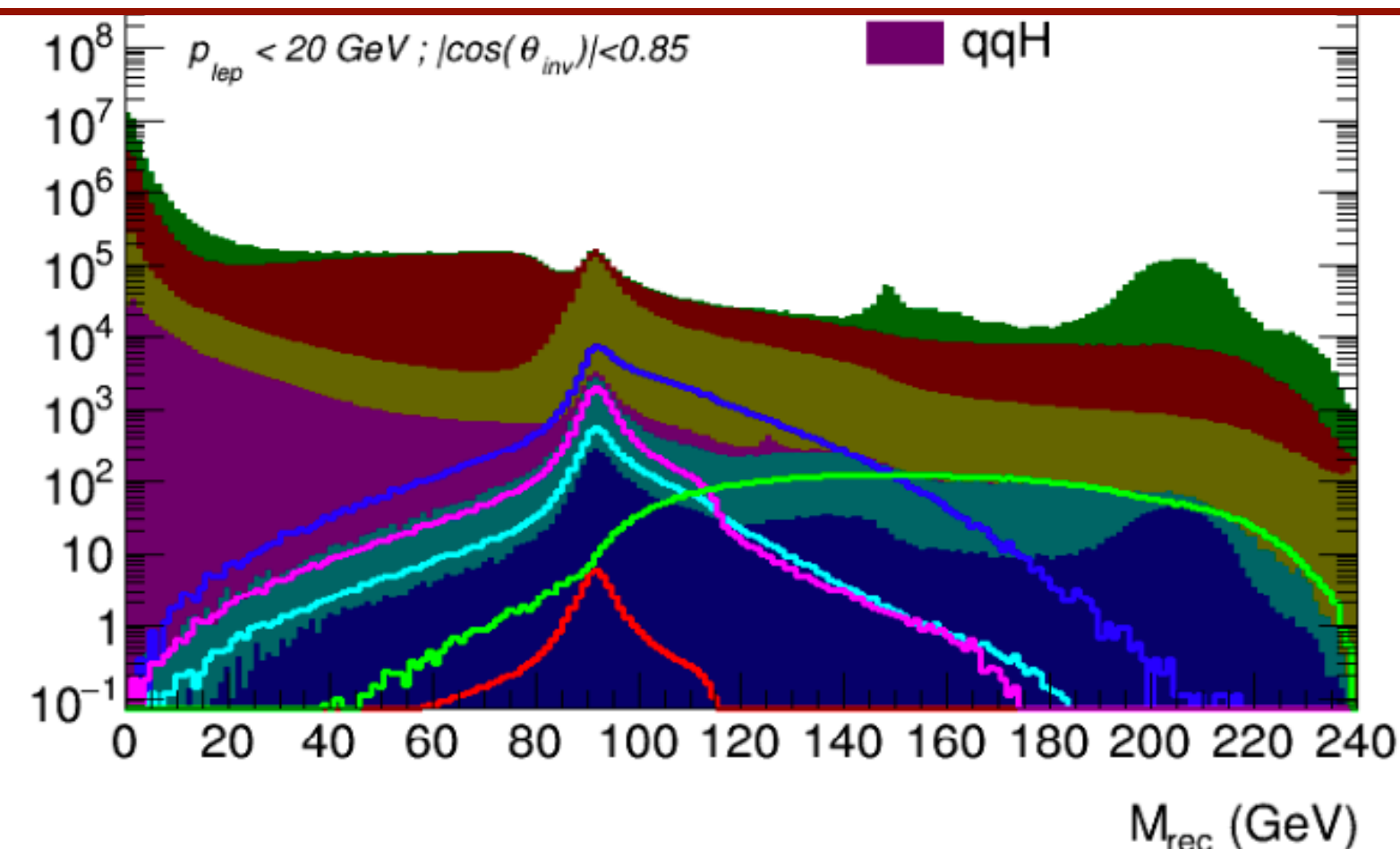
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FCCAnalyses: FCC-ee Simulation (Delphes)

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Work is on going to evaluate performance for 10/ab at 240 GeV + tagger improvements
Besides IDEA & ILD, also SiD and CLD new studies



NEW - Constraints on s-coupling

Evaluating simultaneously all hadronic Higgs final states and impact of PID

Higgs decay	H→bb	H→WW/ZZ	H→gg	H→cc	H→ss
BR	57.7%	11%	8.6%	2.9%	0.024%
	only one observed to this day		Observable at FCC-ee		

240 GeV	H→bb	H→cc	H→gg	H→ss
Z→ll	0.68	4.02	2.18	234
Z→qq	0.32	3.52	3.07	408.55
Z→νν (BNL)	0.33	2.27	0.94	137
Z→νν (APC)	0.36	2.18	1.10	151
Combined (BNL)	0.21	1.66	0.8	104.99
Combined (APC)	0.22	1.65	0.93	121

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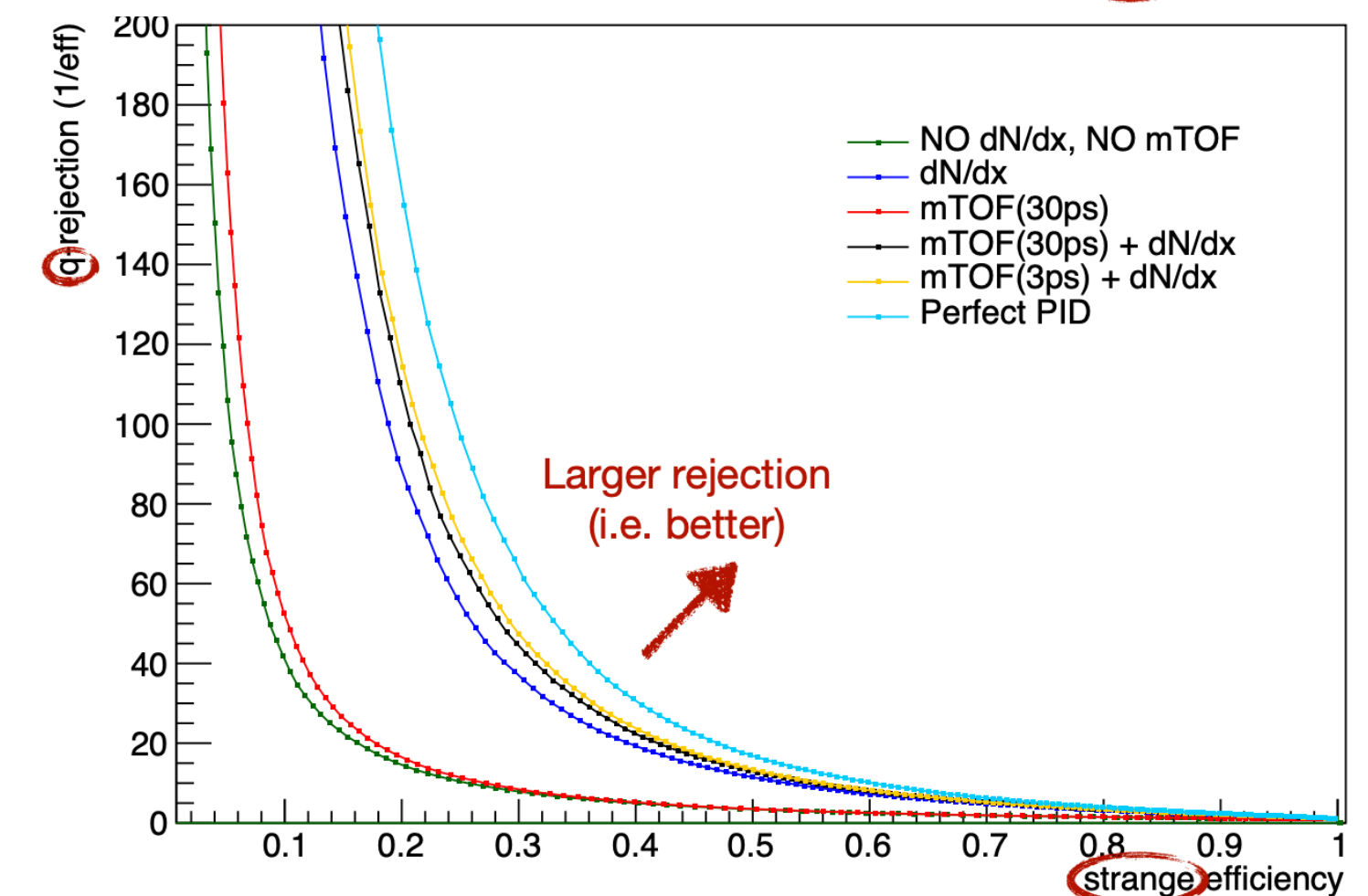
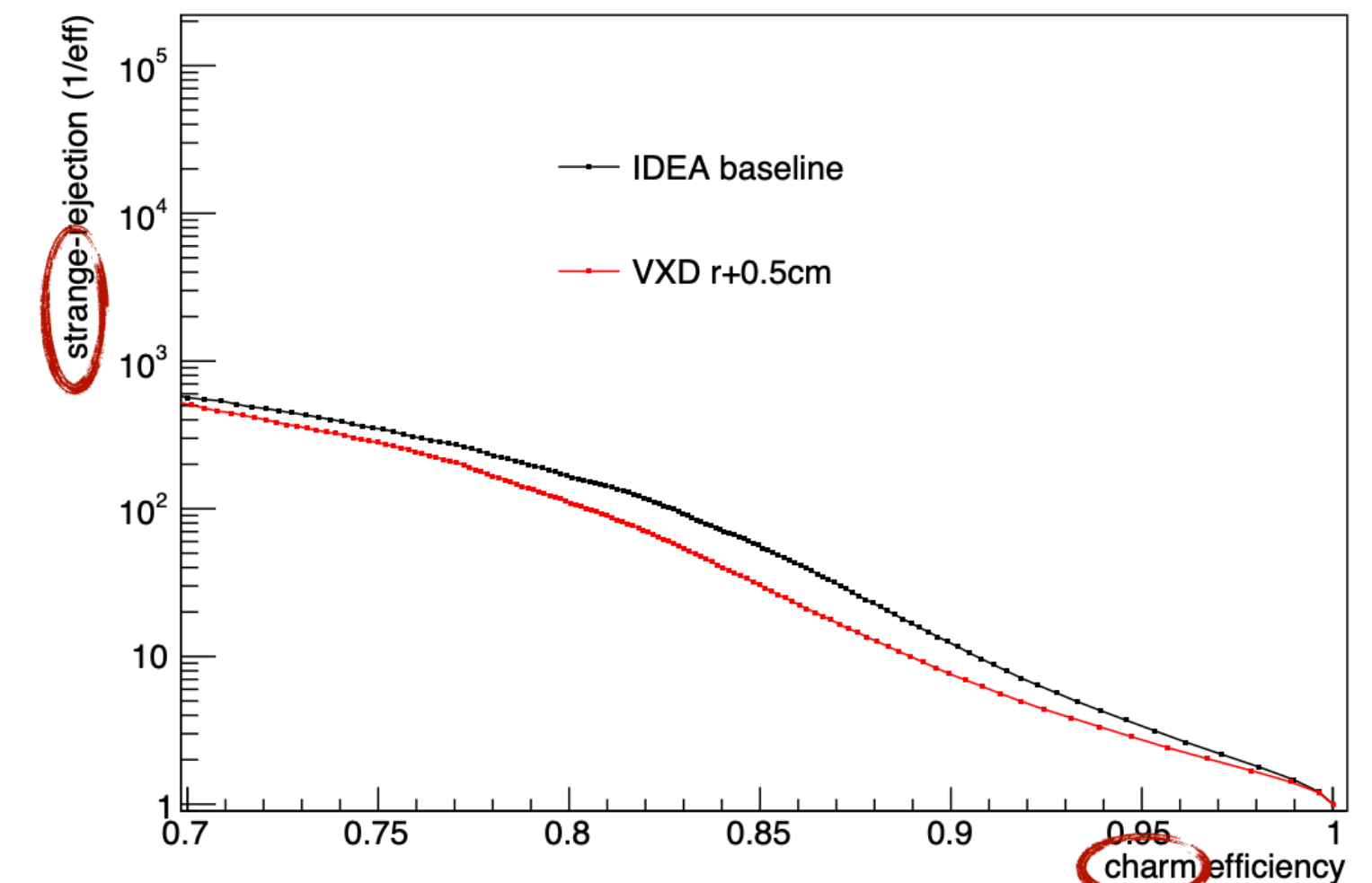
VARIATION	68% CL precision			
	μ_{Hbb}	μ_{Hcc}	μ_{Hgg}	μ_{Hss}
Baseline	±0.3%	±4.2%	±2.8%	+674% -669%
Relative change compared to baseline ($\mu_{\text{variation}}/\mu_{\text{baseline}}$)				
No TOF	x1.3	x1.02 (upper limit only)	x1	x1.03
No dNdX	x1.3	x1.07	x1.07	x1.6
VXDR +500μm	x1.3	x0.98 (lower limit only)	x1.04	x1

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IDEA: tagging performance vs detector configurations

Evaluating impact of different silicon and particle-identification detector configurations

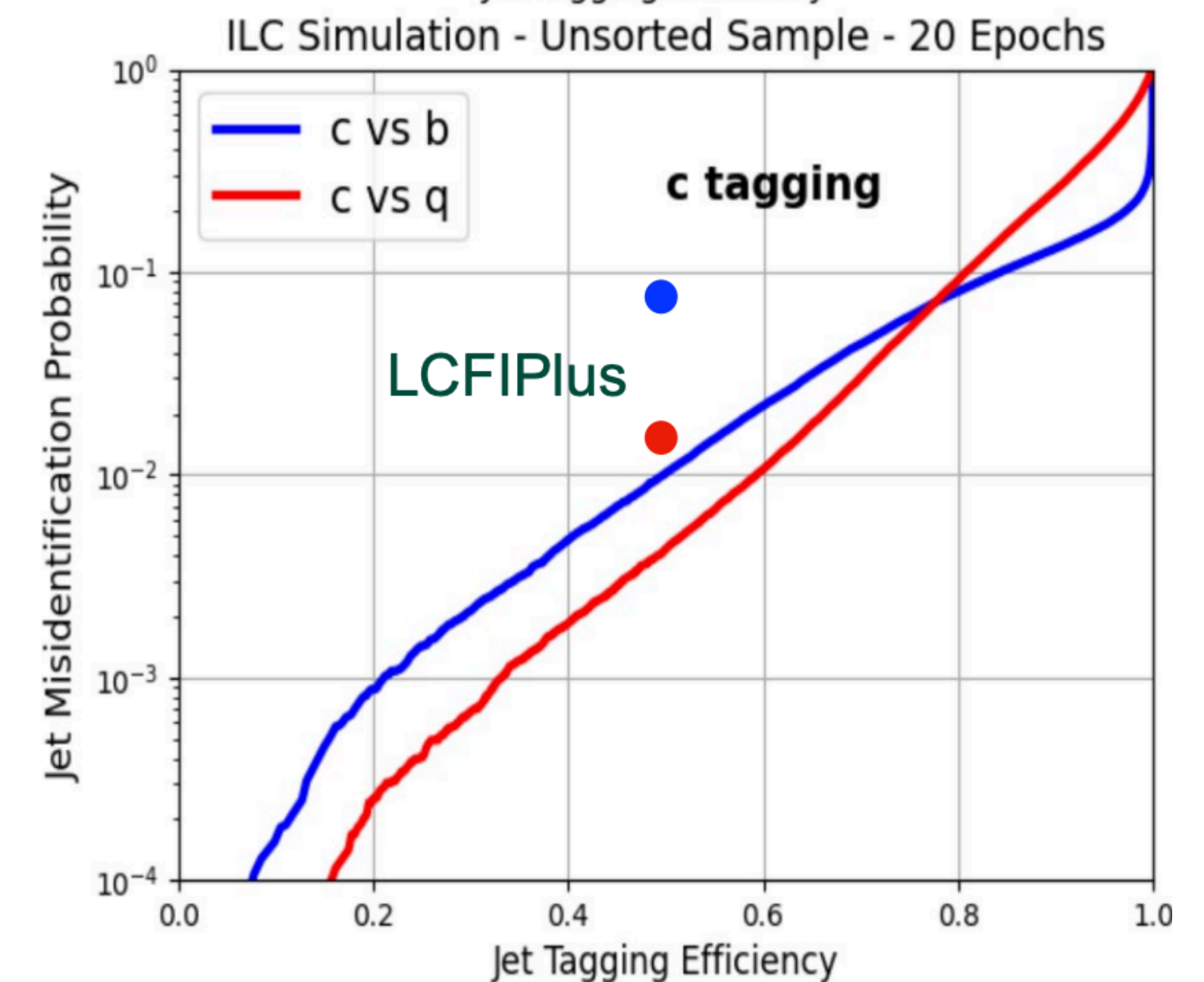
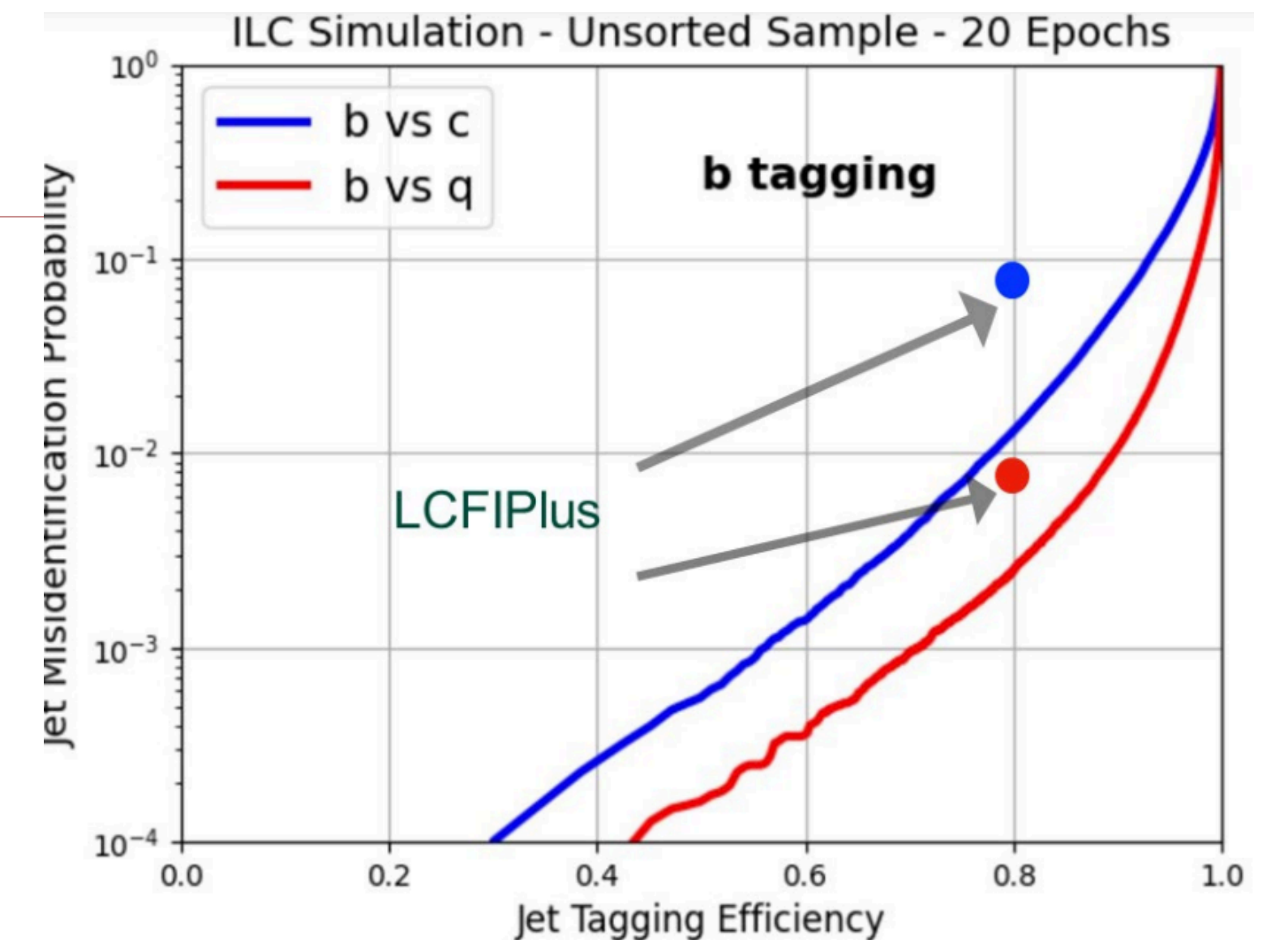
- Current IDEA pixel/tracking system:
 - beam pipe at 1cm and 3 innermost silicon barrel layers: 1.2cm, 2cm, 3.15cm
 - PID: cluster-counting (dN/dx) + 30ps ToF system
- Number of pixel layers and various configurations have been tested
 - Hit resolution & position first layer
 - PID capabilities: timing, energy loss (gas/silicon)
- **Findings:**
 - Very limited impact of TOF mass measurement on strange tagging
 - Ideal PID shows visible enhancement, especially at low efficiency



ILD new tagger with Particle Transformers

Expected a large improvement wrt LCFIPlus based on full sim

- Factor (3-9) improvement using ParT from LCFIPlus
 - More work on going to tune the network, optimize input variables and separate embedding for tracks/neutrals
- **Findings:**
 - dE/dx is essential for Particle ID in ILD – As well as ToF, but only effective in low energy tracks (which are less important in strange tagging)
- Still investigating inconsistencies with FCC/IDEA (much better) results based on Delphes samples
- Strange tagging dependence on PID performance to be investigated
 - Being studied with various detector configurations
- **GNN based PFA** for track-cluster matching yields to better performance – to replace PandoraPFA in ~a few years



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NEW - SiD detector studies

Using FCC/IDEA results as a benchmark

	ILD	SID	IDEA	CLD	ALLEGRO
Vertex Inner Radius (cm)	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Tracker technology	TPC+Silicon	Silicon	Si+Drift Chamber	Si	Si+Drift Chamber
Outer Tracker Radius (m)	1.77	1.22	2	3.3	2
ECal thickness	24 X_0	26 X_0	Dual RO	22 X_0	22 X_0
HCal thickness	5.9 λ_0	4.5 λ_0	7 λ_0	6.5 λ_0	9.5 λ_0
HCal Outer Radius (m)	3.3	2.5	4.5	3.5	4.5
Solenoid field (T)	3.5	5	2	2	2
Solenoid length (m)	7.9	6.1	6	7.4	6
Solenoid Radius (m)	3.4	2.6	2.1	4	2.7

$\frac{\sigma(E)}{E}$	SiD	IDEA
ECAL	$\frac{17\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1\%$	$\frac{3\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{0.2\%}{E} \oplus 0.5\%$
HCal	$\frac{55.9\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 9.4\%$	$\frac{30\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{5\%}{E} \oplus 1\%$

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- **SiD**: all silicon vtx and tracker, sampling ECAL and HCAL, 5T B-field
- **IDEA**: silicon vtx, DCH + Si wrapper, DRO calorimeter, 2 T B-field → PID with dN/dx, TOF, supreme JER

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Towards a flexible framework for detector studies

Determining the physics impact of detector choices is paramount for detector design

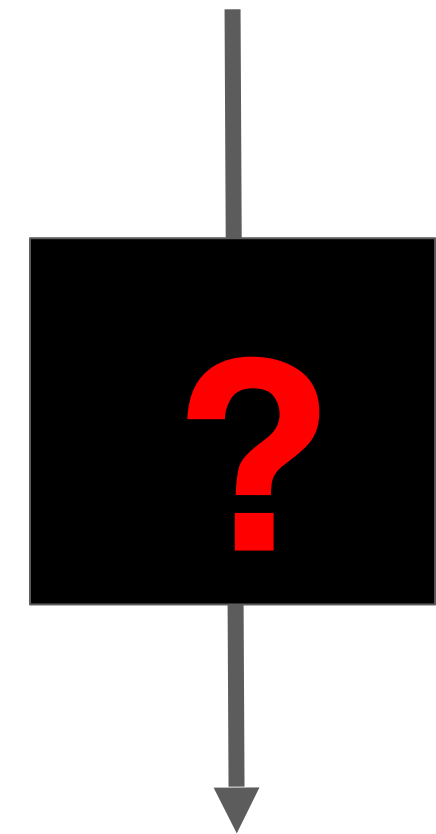
Systematic approach to evaluate different detector/sub-detector configurations based on the impact on jet identification

- Compare different detector concepts (SiD and IDEA) with FastSim
 - Reproduced IDEA published results based on [IDEA Delphes card](#)
 - Compare FastSim against FullSim

End-product:

- A versatile framework, building on existing tools, critical for R&D exploration
- Answer ***how detector variations impact precision on Higgs couplings.***

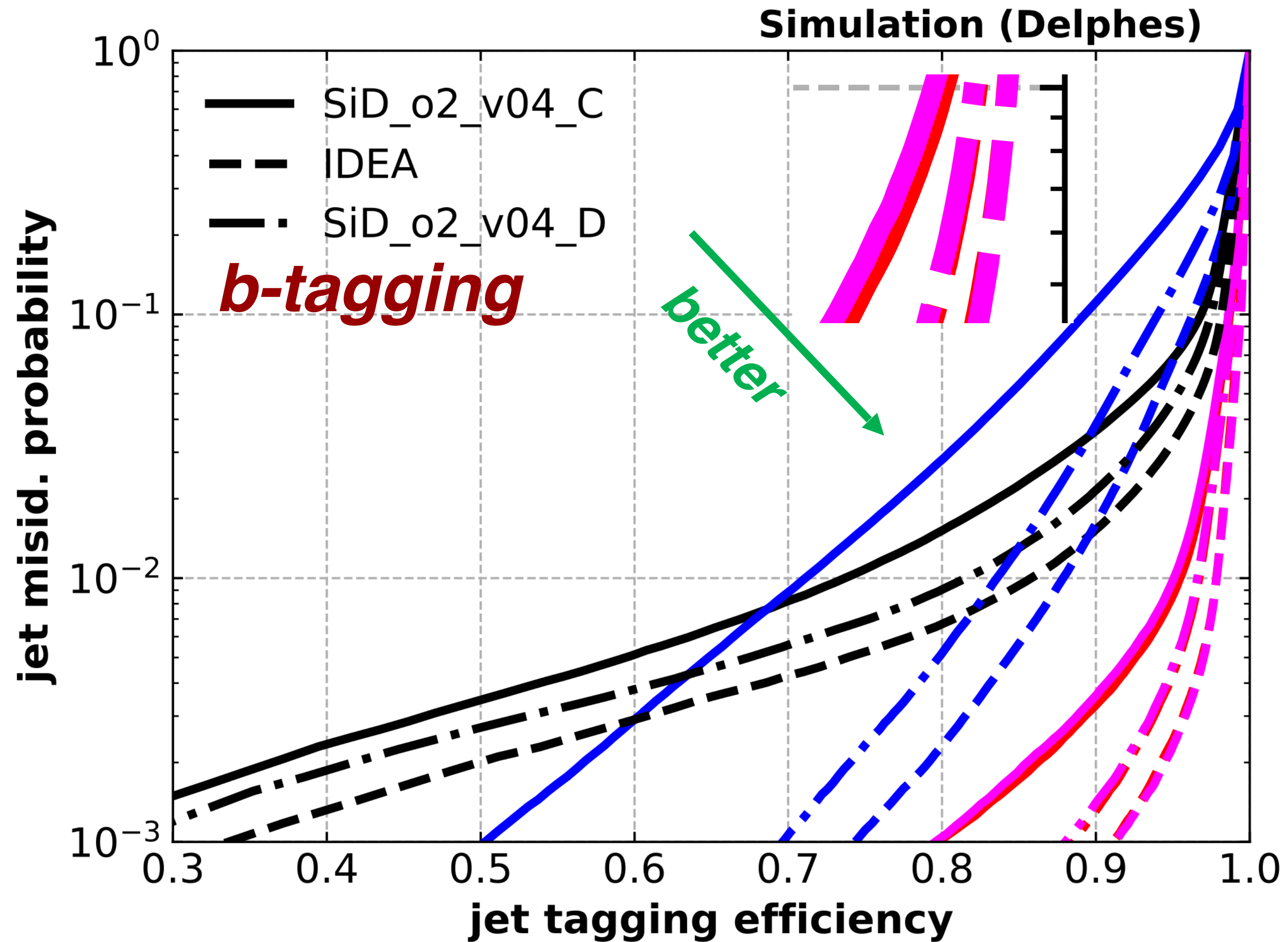
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$\Delta(\sigma \text{ higgs coupling})$

Jet flavor tagging for SiD using Particle Net

- Existing Delphes card for SiD, based on ILC TDR performance: <https://dsid.hepforge.org/> (~9 years old).
- A new Delphes card to include newer [TrackCovariance](#), [ClusterCounting](#) modules, *assuming same tracking performance as for IDEA: SiD_o2_v04_C*
- Also considered a modified scenario for SiD, with the resolution of the ECAL and the HCAL matching that of the IDEA dual calorimeter → **SiD_o2_v04_D**.
- Improvement in b-tagging driven by calorimeter resolution → better reconstruction of PFOs



SiD different detector configurations

Two configurations for SiD detector concept vs IDEA

- **Significant gains in strange vs udg and b discrimination from PID.**
- Improved calorimeter resolution only brings marginal gain

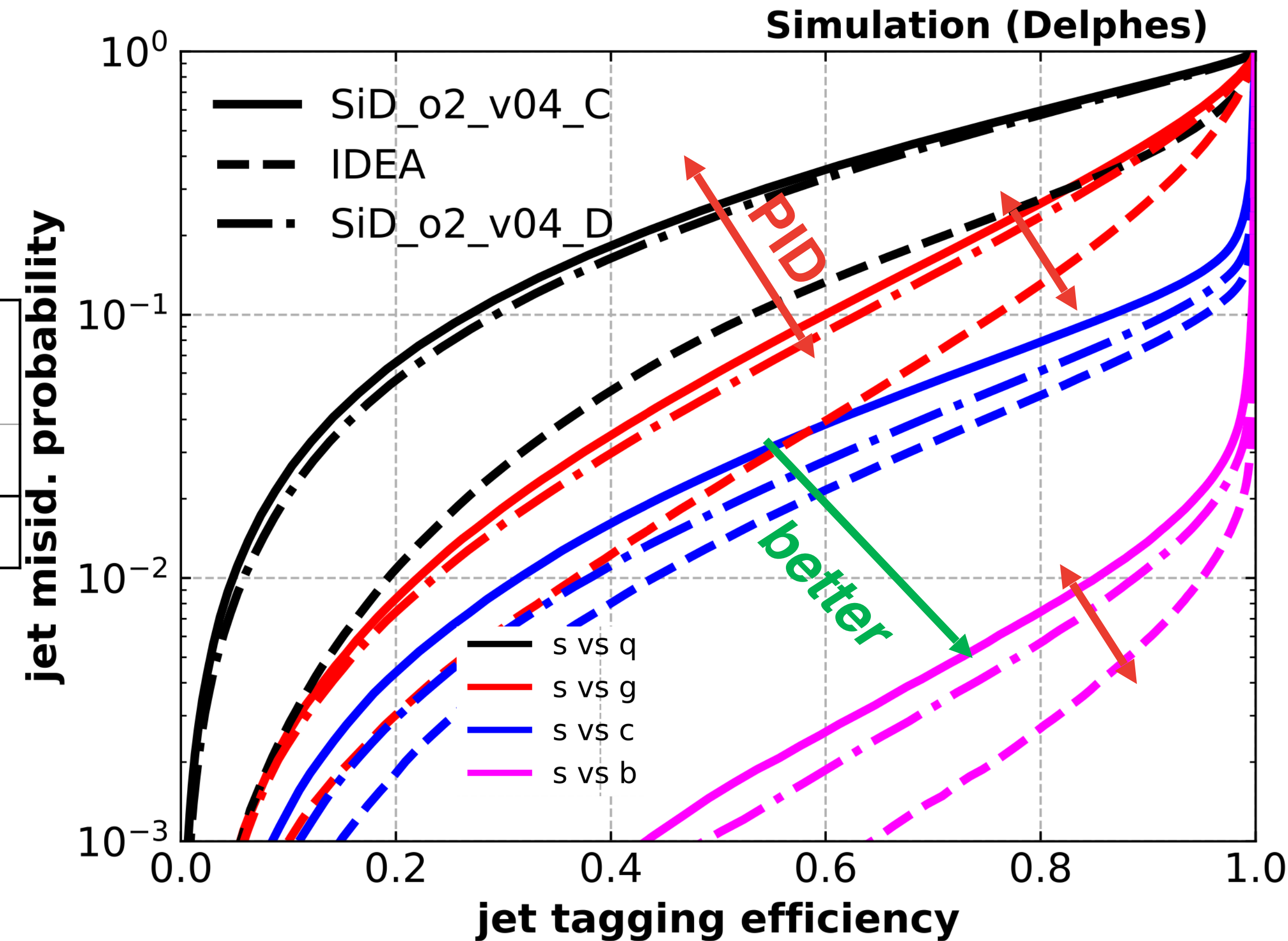
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IDEA

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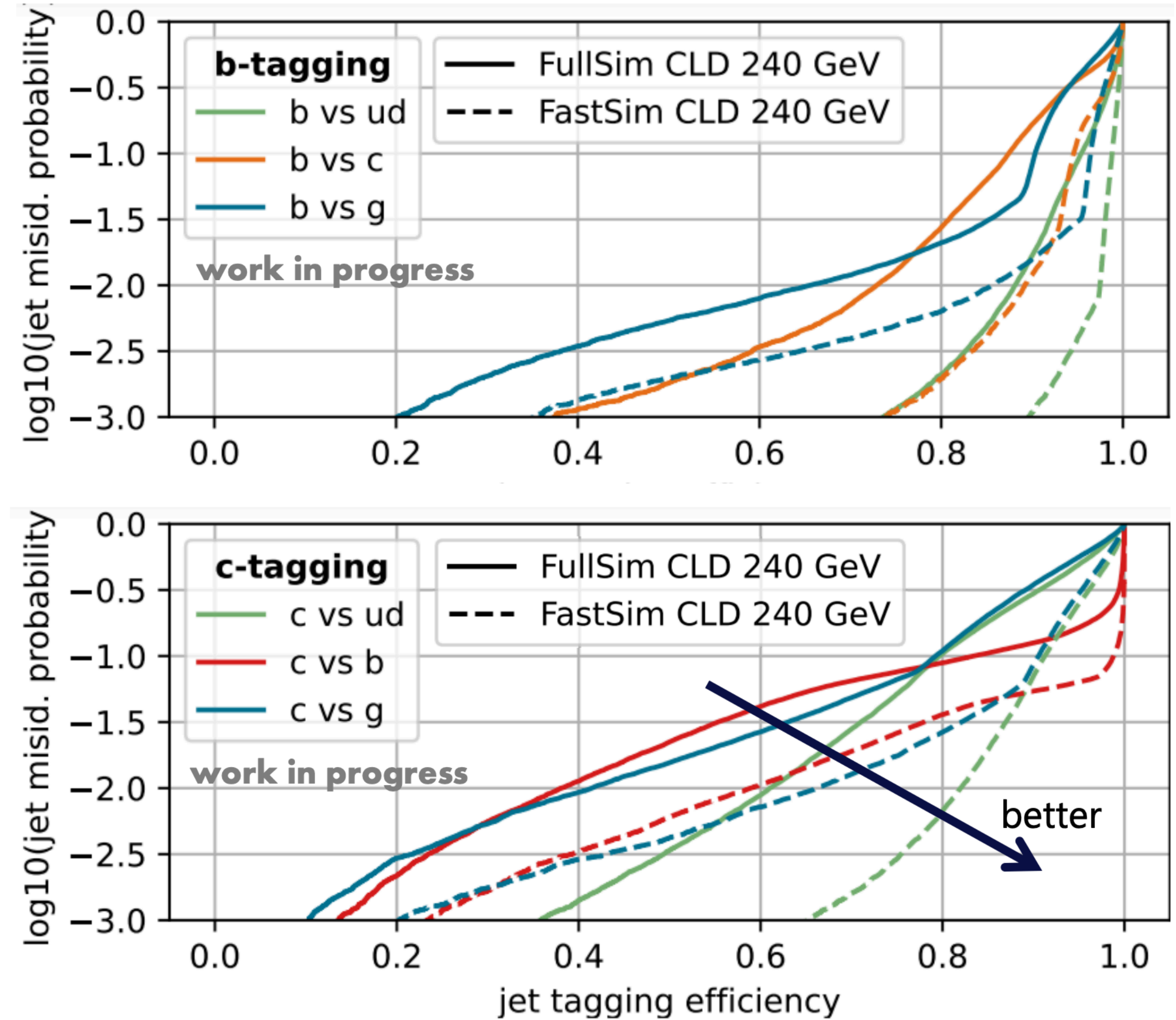
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NEW - CLD full vs fast studies

Using tagging performance as a benchmark

- Loss in performance when moving from fast to full simulation
 - Fake neutrals and lost tracks in full sim
 - misidentification probability of 10^{-2} for c vs. ud : 82% (fast sim) / 61% (full sim)
 - misidentification probability of 10^{-2} for b vs. ud : 97% (fast sim) / 88% (full sim)
- Tracks for charged particles - PFOs for neutral particles - helps recovering performance
- Adding vertex information does not improve tagging performance



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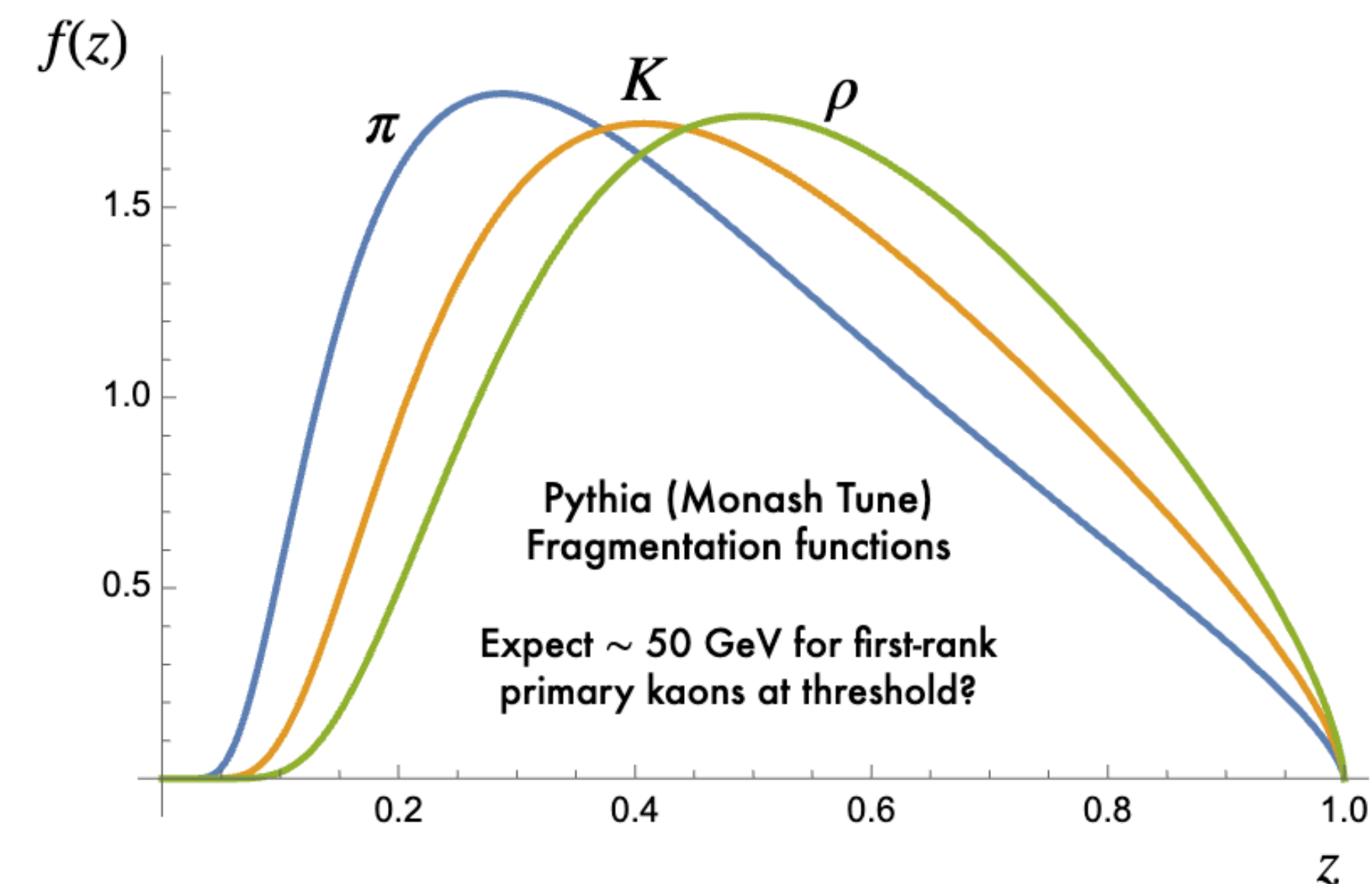
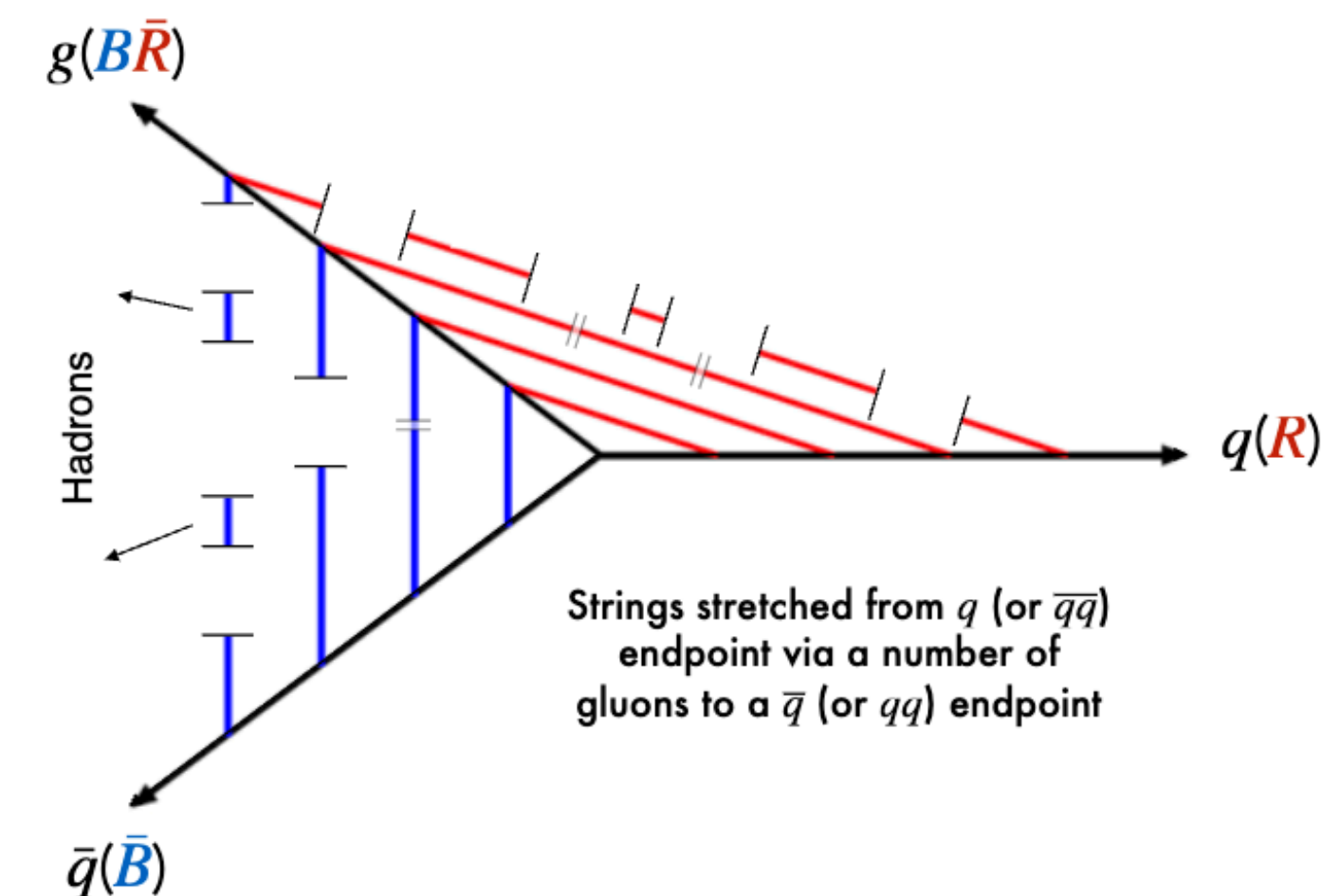
NEW Fragmentation modelling

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Review of the state of the art and challenges

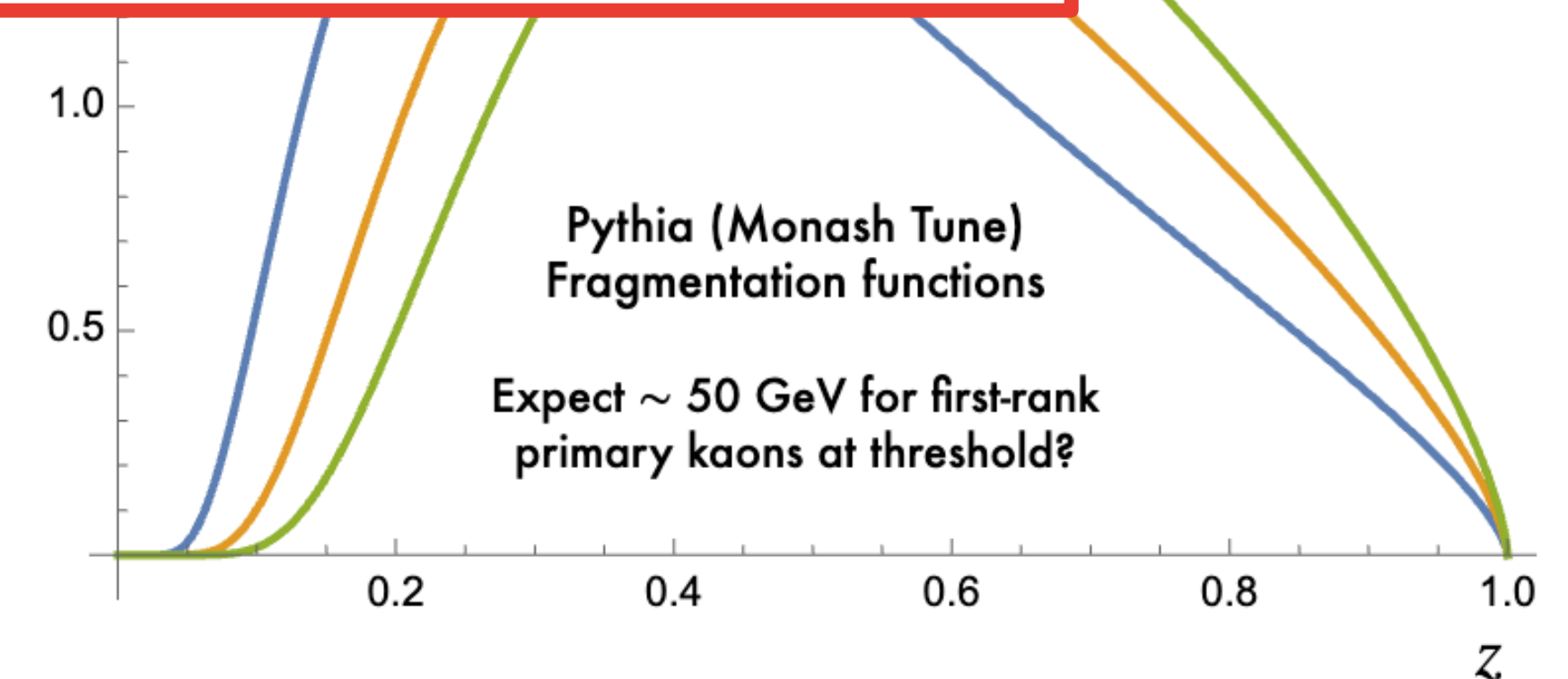
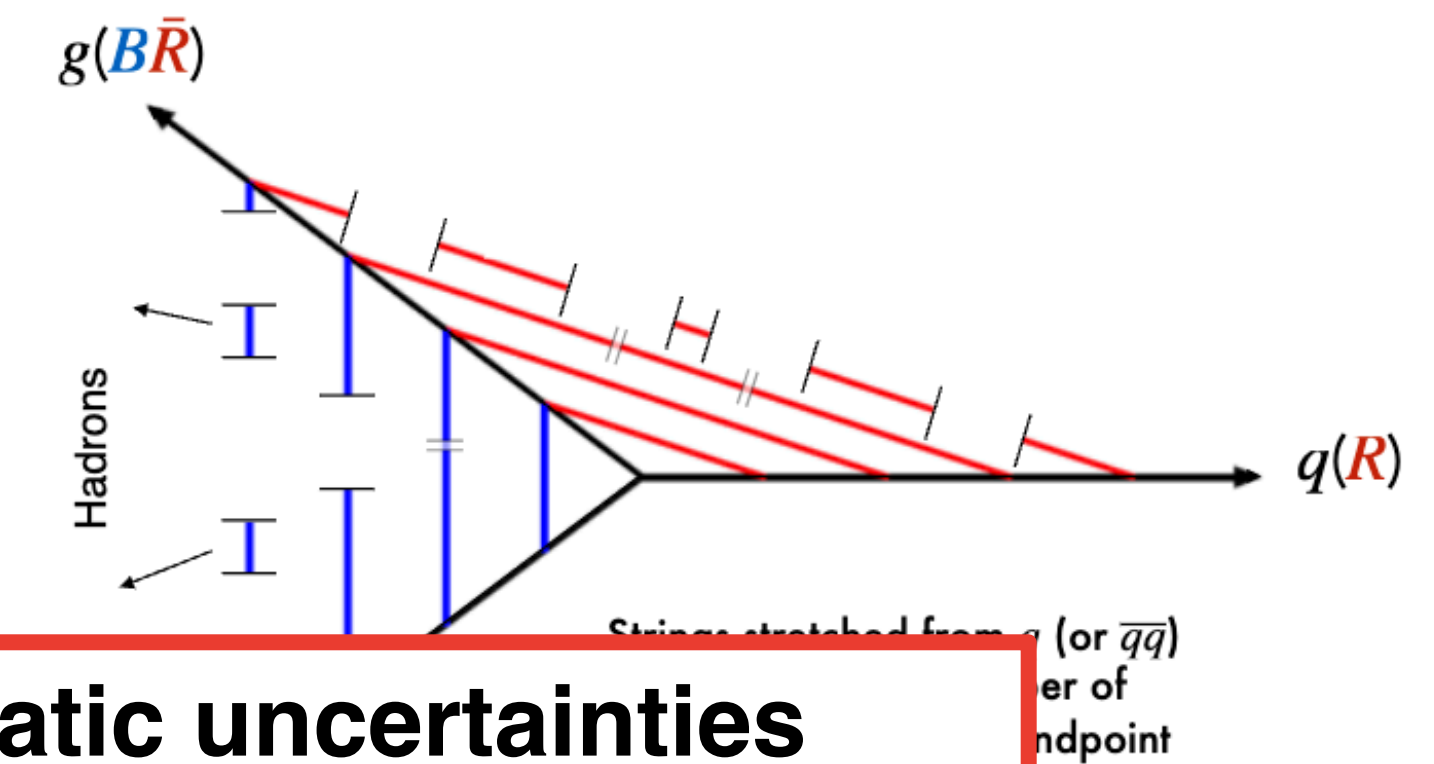
- Hadronization in PYTHIA is modelled using Lund **string fragmentation**
 - partons move apart at high energies, which in turn stretches the confining potentials and leads to string breaking
- This leads to the two resulting strange hadrons also forming adjacent to each other, and a local strangeness conservation
- Further qualitative modelling variations could include:
 - thermodynamical string fragmentation
 - explicit modelling of hyperfine splitting effects
 - effects of a fluctuating or time-dependent string tension
 - and/or effects of string excitations
- Ultimately in-situ calibrations will validate the model assumptions
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- Further
 - **current knowledge of gbb/cc results in large systematic uncertainties**
 - Within WG1: Dedicated “focus team” to address the challenge of Heavy Quark Fragmentation & Gluon Splitting (BCFrag & GSplit)
 - Dedicated Twiki: <https://gitlab.in2p3.fr/ecfa-study/ECFAHiggsTopEW-Factories/-/wikis/FocusTopics/BCfrag>
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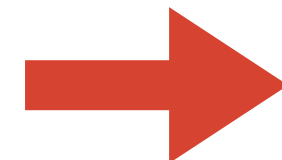


Towards the end of the year report

- Work on going to evaluate impact of (sub)detector resolutions on tagging performance :
 - the complementarity in momentum reach of charged hadron ID from dN/dx , dE/dx , ToF, RICH
 - **Important to evaluate simultaneously other Higgs benchmarks**
- A new framework is available (based on Delphes/Weaver/FCCAnalyses) to evaluate and compare jet flavor tagging performance of different detector concepts on an equal footing.
- **Important caveat** in these studies: relying on fast-simulation!
 - We need to benchmark our results against realistic, full-simulation
 - Work on going for CLD and SiD

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- ◆ 20/10 Deadline for physics studies to submit 2-page summary
- ◆ 20/10 – 10/11 Compilation and editing by WG1 subgroup conveners / nominated editors, and WG2/3 editors (as well as coordinators & chief editors) **10/11 is the deadline for WG1 subgroup conveners finish their part!**
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- ◆ February Incorporation of comments, final results, and references
- ◆ 21/2 Final version to R-ECFA
- ◆ 7–8/3 R-ECFA approval during country visit followed by submission to arXiv



Thank you!

Analysis pipeline for jet flavor tagging studies

1. Sample generation:

- Whizard 3.1.4 + Pythia6
- $Z(\rightarrow vv)H(\rightarrow uu/dd/cc/ss/bb/gg)$
- 1.5M events (3M jets) per flavor

2. Fast simulation:

- [Delphes](#) with edm4hep output using [k4SimDelphes](#)

3. Preprocessing:

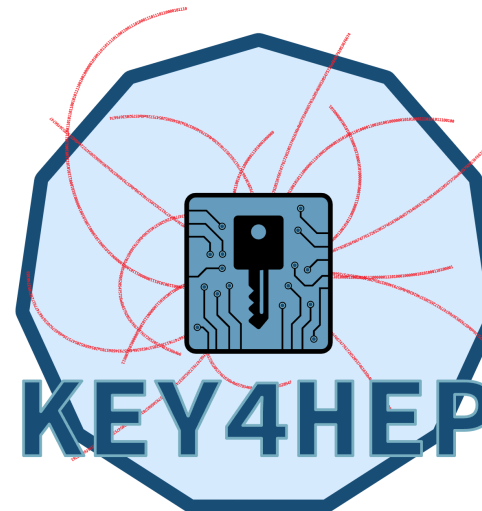
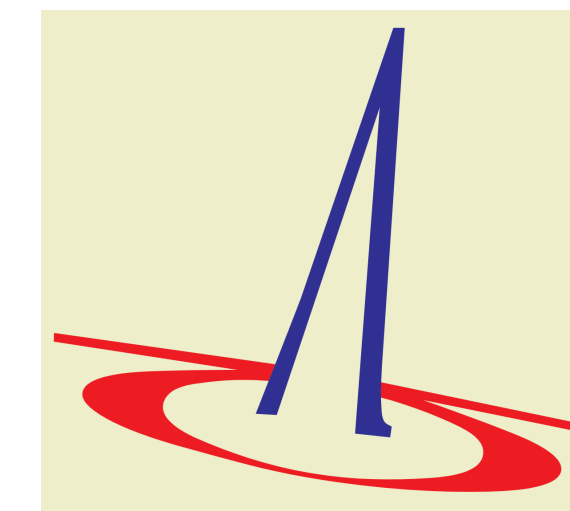
- Jet Clustering on PFCandidates and tree flattening using [FCCAnalyses](#)

4. ParticleNet training:

- Using the [weaver](#) framework
- Use 1.8M jets/per flavor with 80%/20% train-val split

5. Inference

- Within [FCCAnalyses](#)
- Using 1.2M jets/flavor



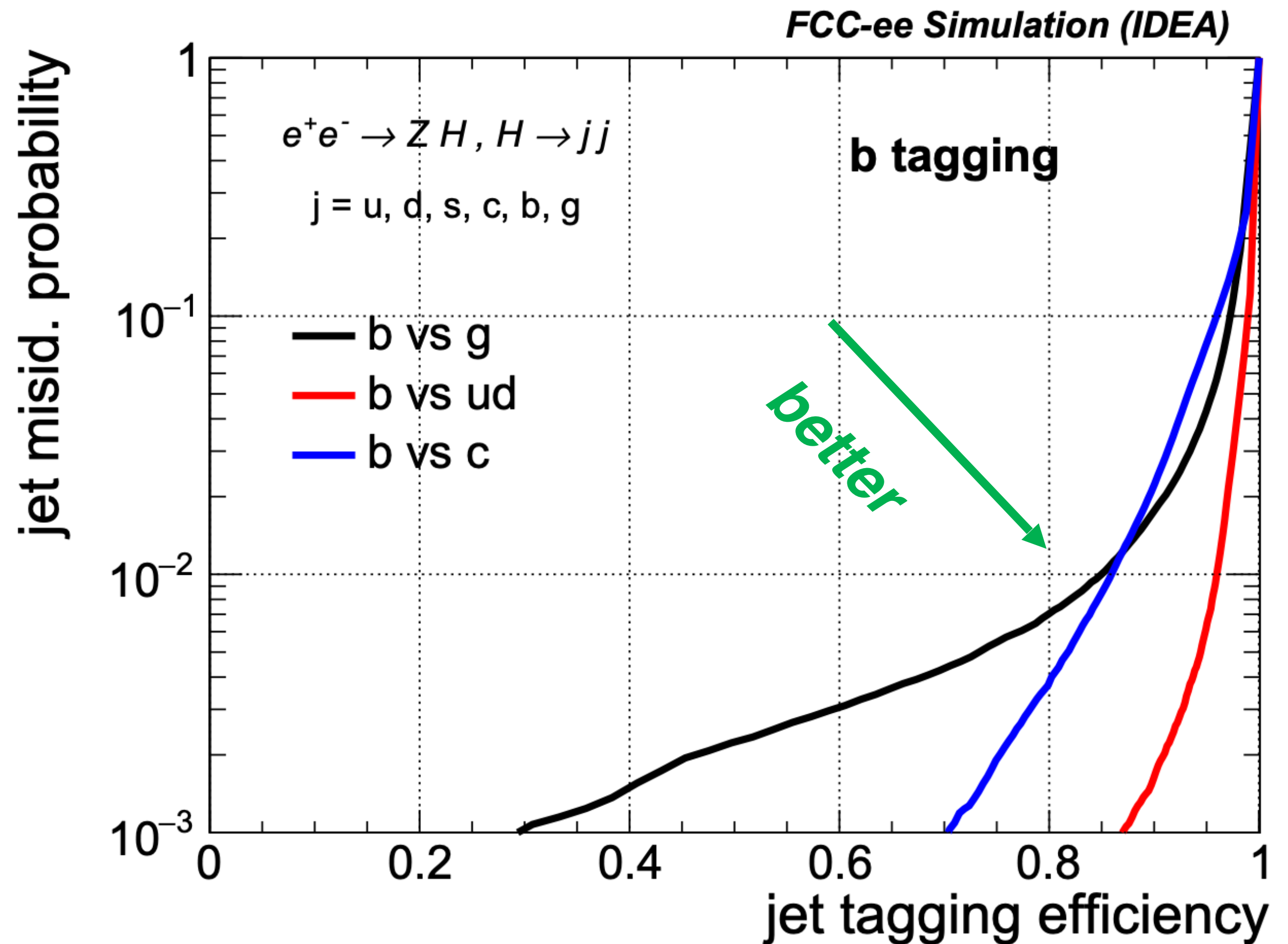
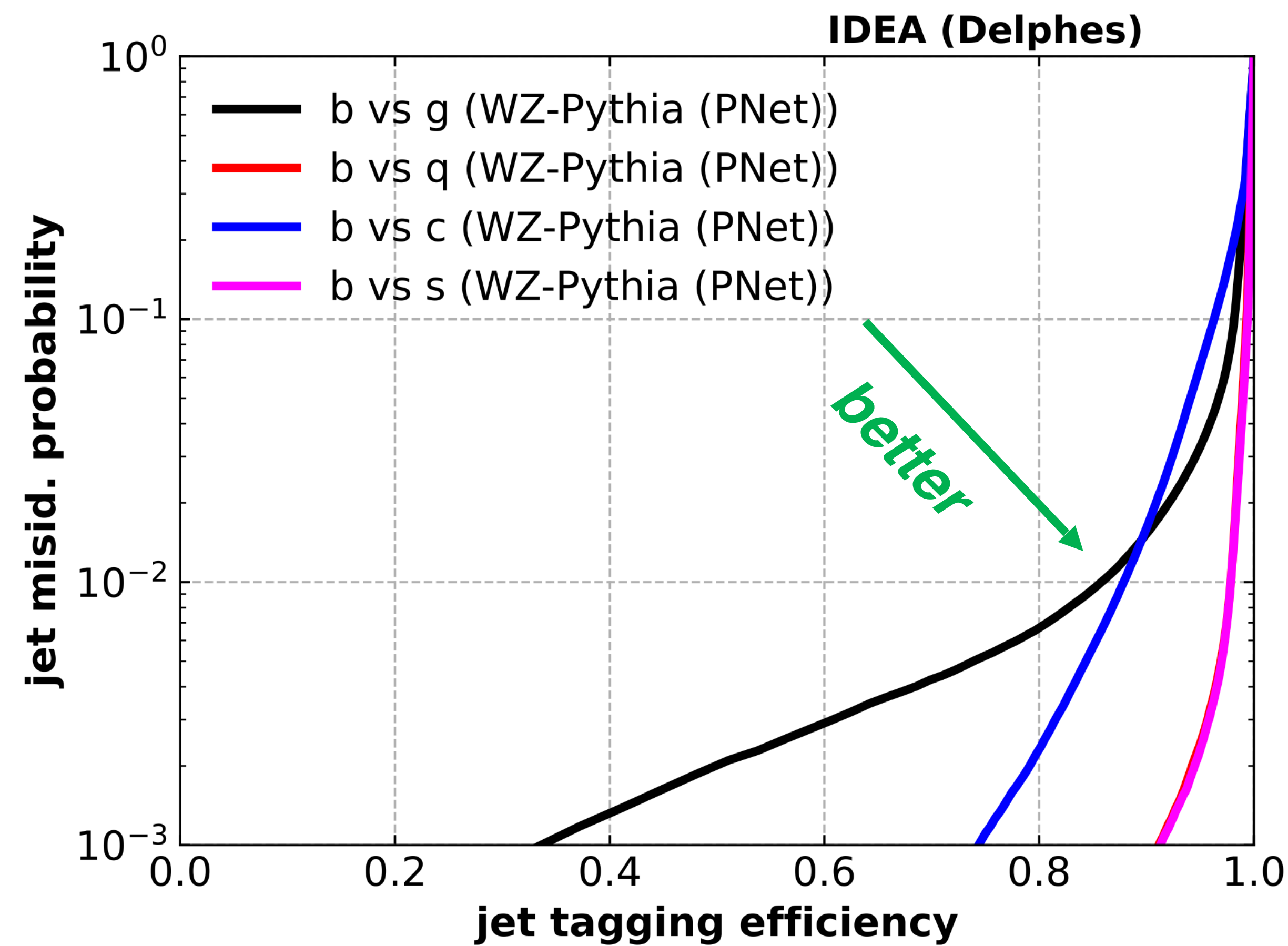
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weaver-core

SiD - validation

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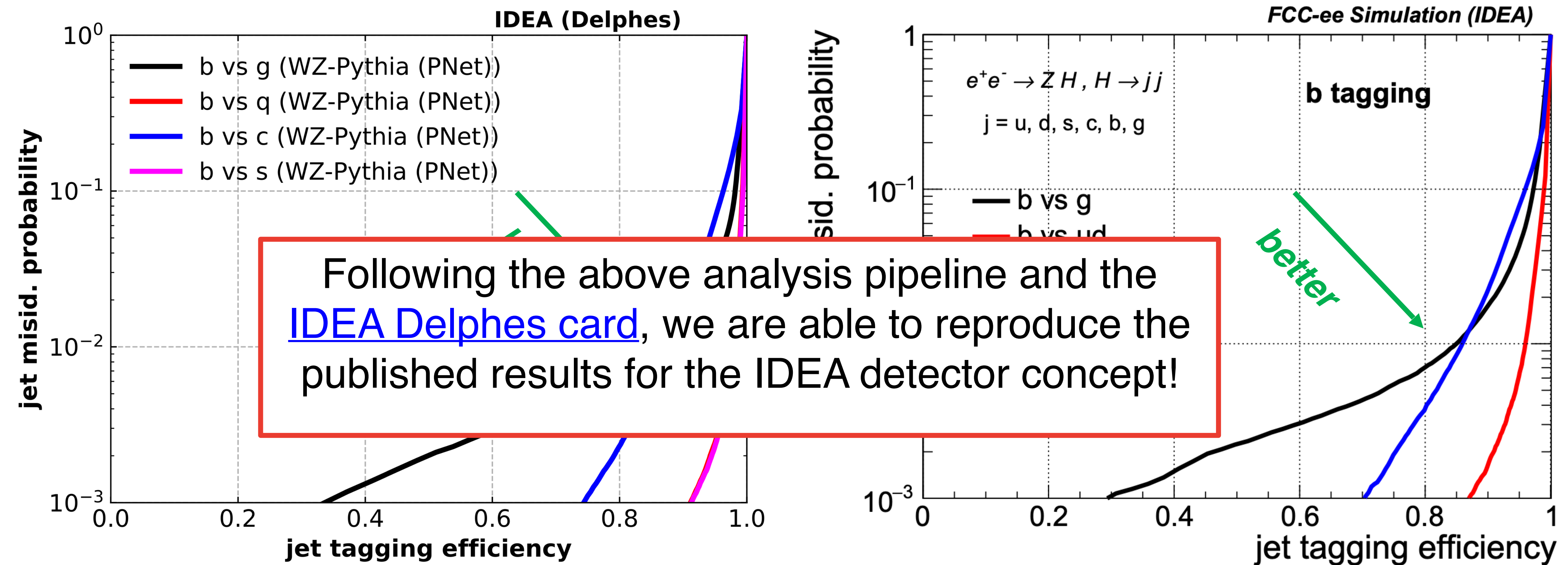


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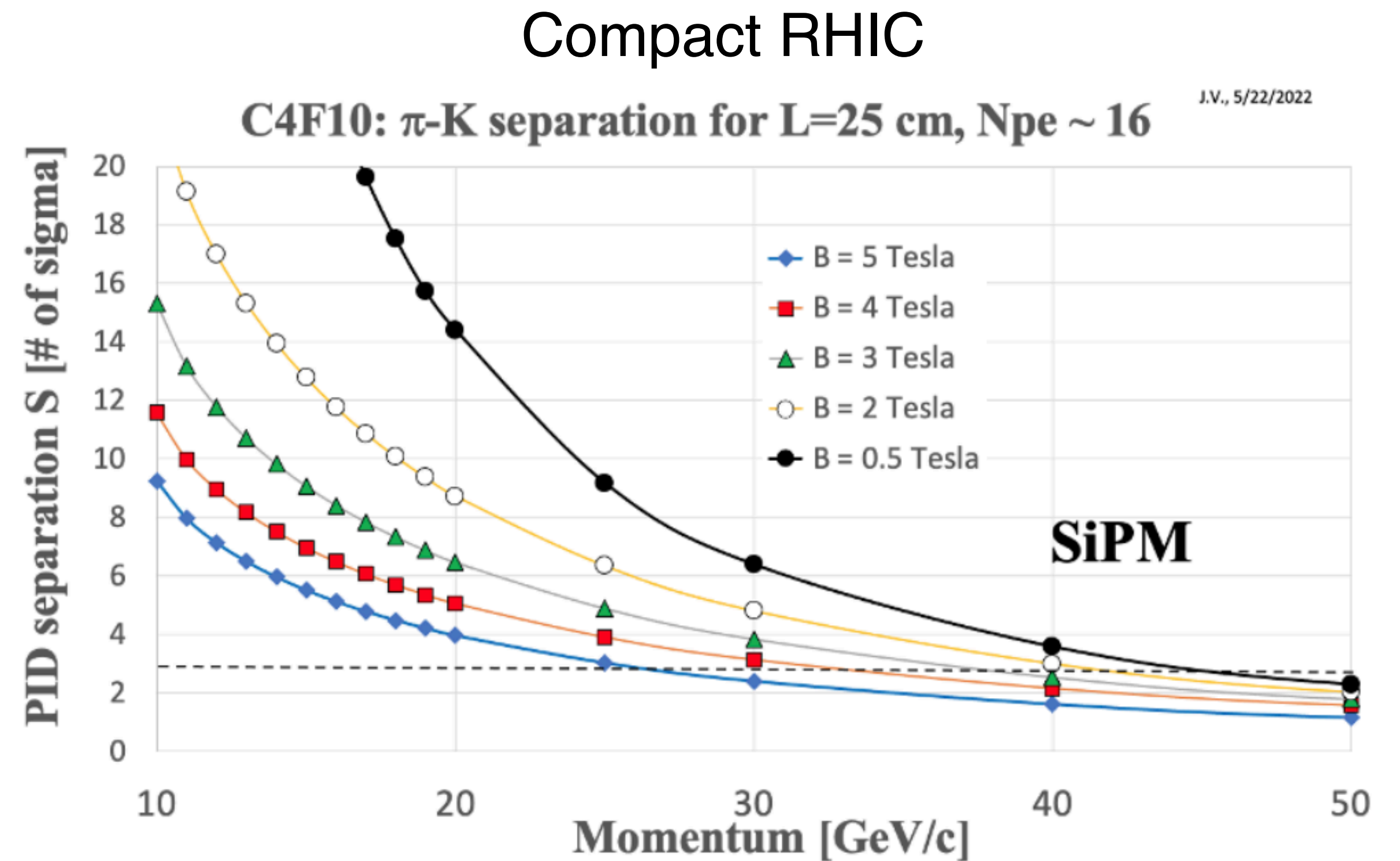
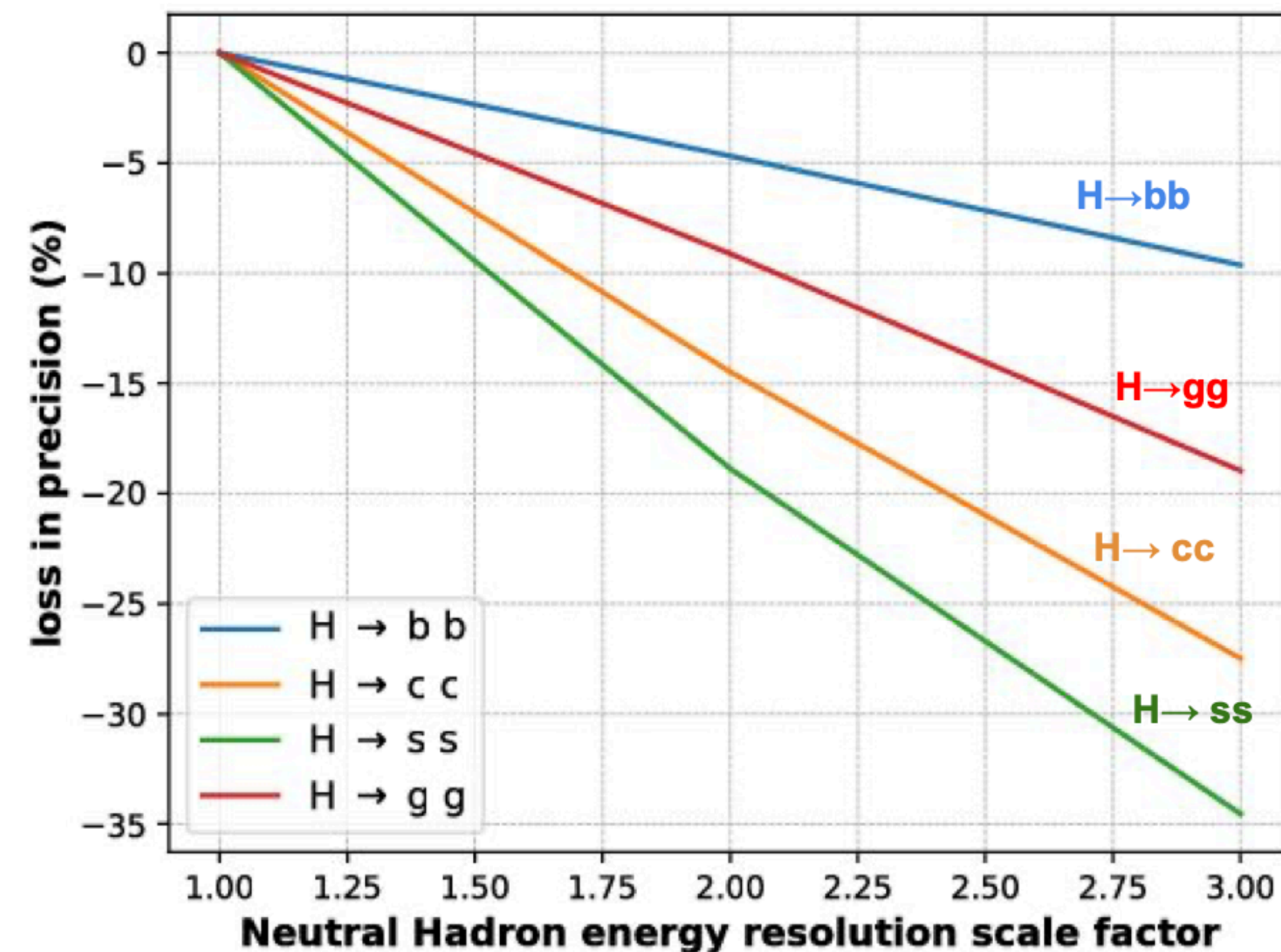
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Lesson learned and moving forward

Use $H \rightarrow ss$ to inform detector design, while monitoring other benchmarks' performance

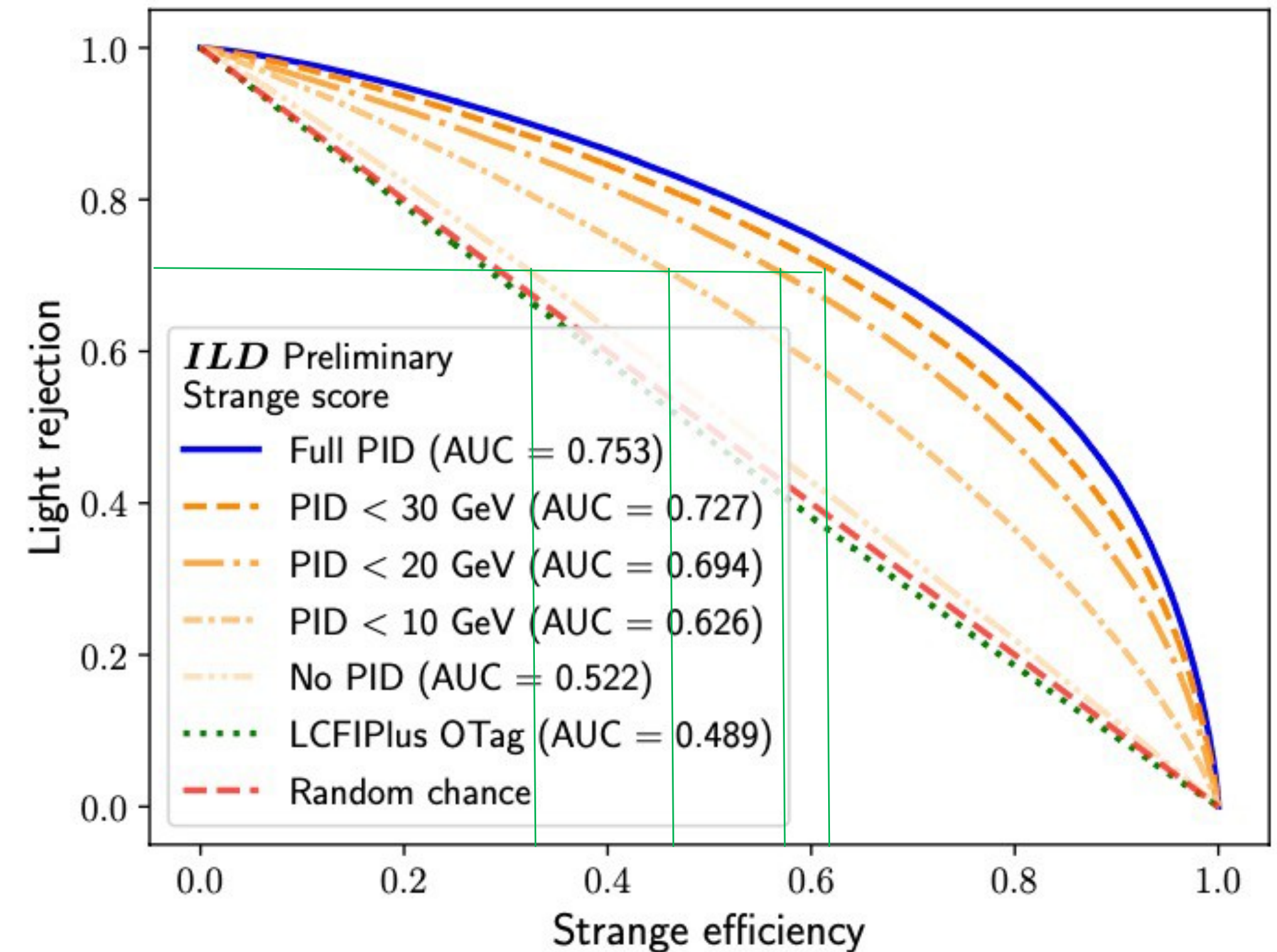
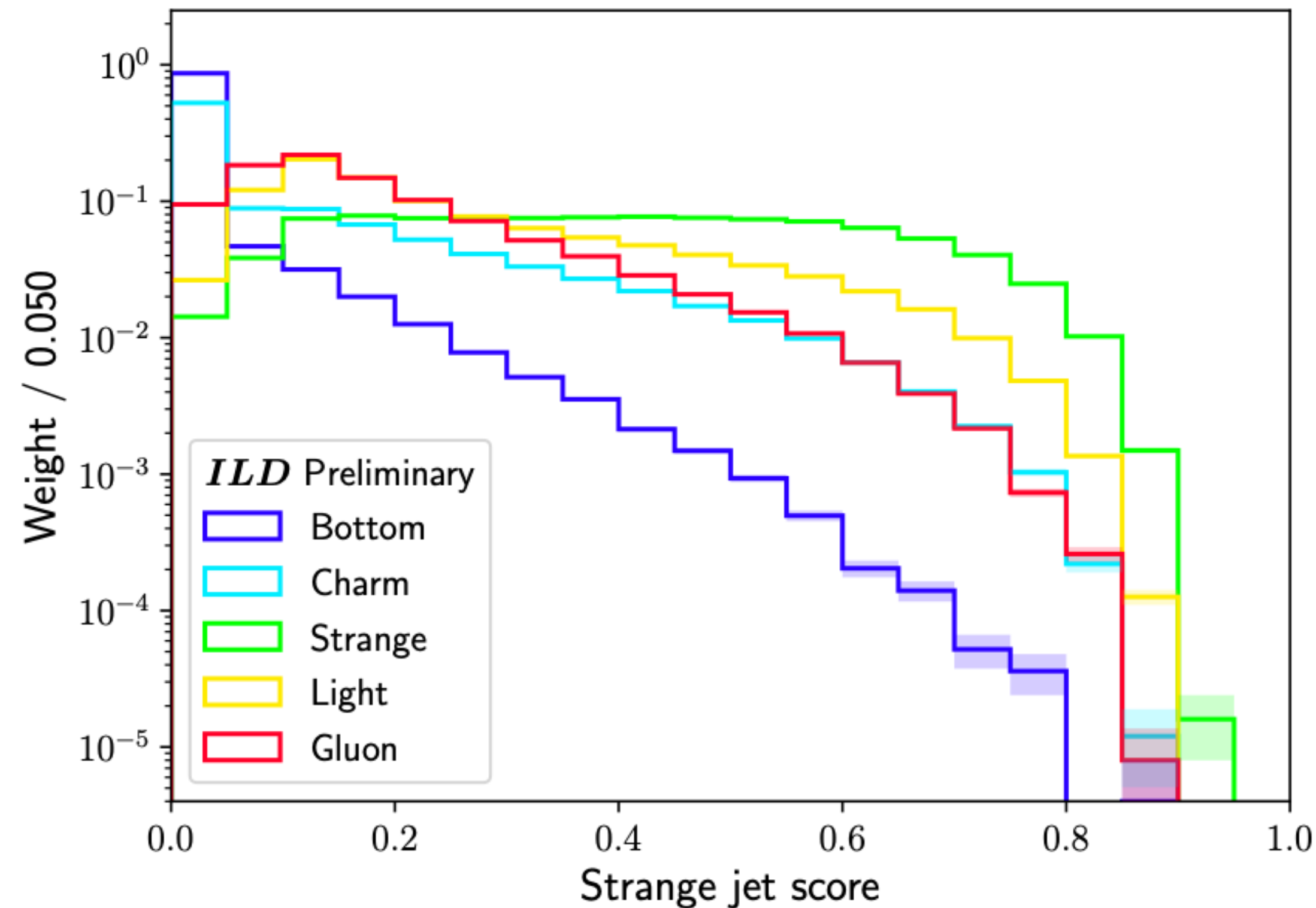
- Neutral Hadron energy resolution
- dE/dx and dN/dx : powerful PID essential for H -strange coupling
- Timing resolution to be further investigated but less critical for s -tagging
- RHIC for improved reconstruction of $K^{+/-}$ at high momentum (< 30 GeV)



Strange tagging performance 2/2

ILD-like detector with full simulation and Recurrent NN

- Includes PDG-based PID → assuming perfect detector capability
- At 50% s-tag efficiency, 90% background rejection
- No PID to PID < 10 (30) GeV → at fixed mistag, 1.5x (2x) efficiency



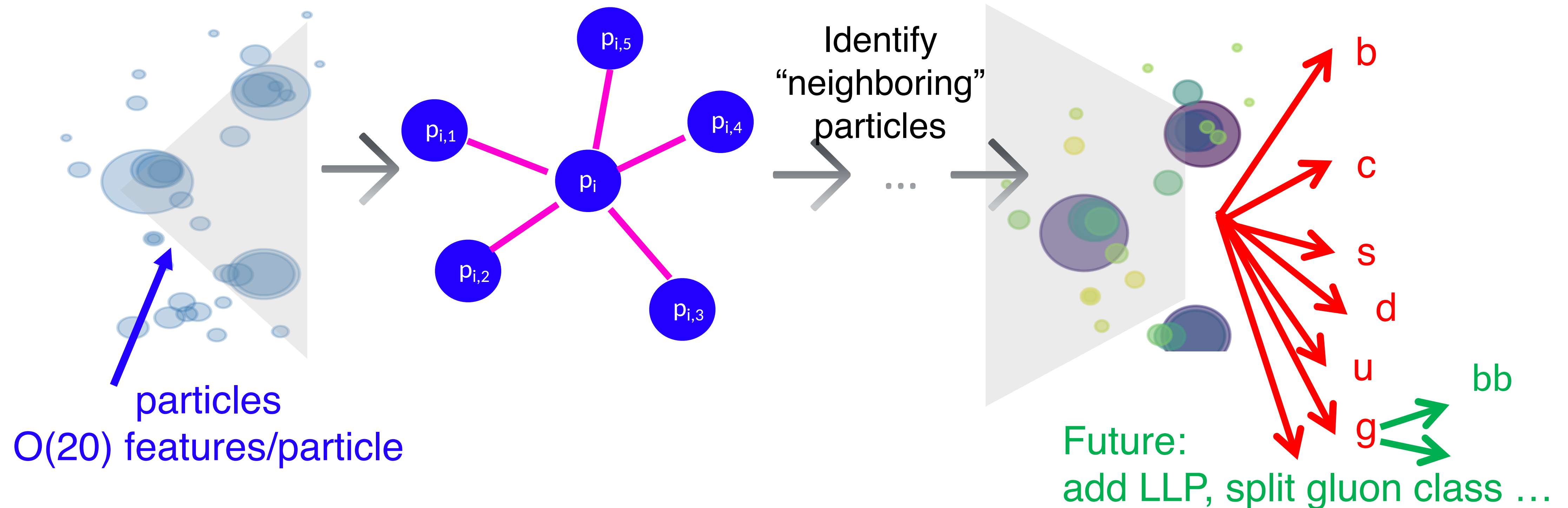
Particle cloud represented as a graph

Jet representation: Particle cloud i.e. unordered set of particles

Network architecture: Graph Neural Networks

Particles: vertices of graph; interactions b/w particles: edges of graph

Hierarchical learning approach: local \rightarrow global structures



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Moving forward

<i>EF benchmarks</i>		y_u	y_d	y_s	y_c	y_b	y_t	y_e	y_μ	y_τ	<u>Gauge Couplings</u>		Higgs Width	λ_3	λ_4	
											Tree	Loop induced				
Higgs + HL-LHC Factory	LHC/HL-LHC	□	□	□	◇	◇	◇	□	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	◇	□
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High Energy + HL-LHC	μ -Collider	□	□	?	◇	★	◇	□	◇	◇	★	◇	◇	◇	◇	□
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Order of Magnitude for Fractional Uncertainty ★ $\lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$ ◇ $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$ ◇ $\mathcal{O}(0.1)$ ◇ $\mathcal{O}(1)$ □ $> \mathcal{O}(1)$? No study Beyond HL-LHC

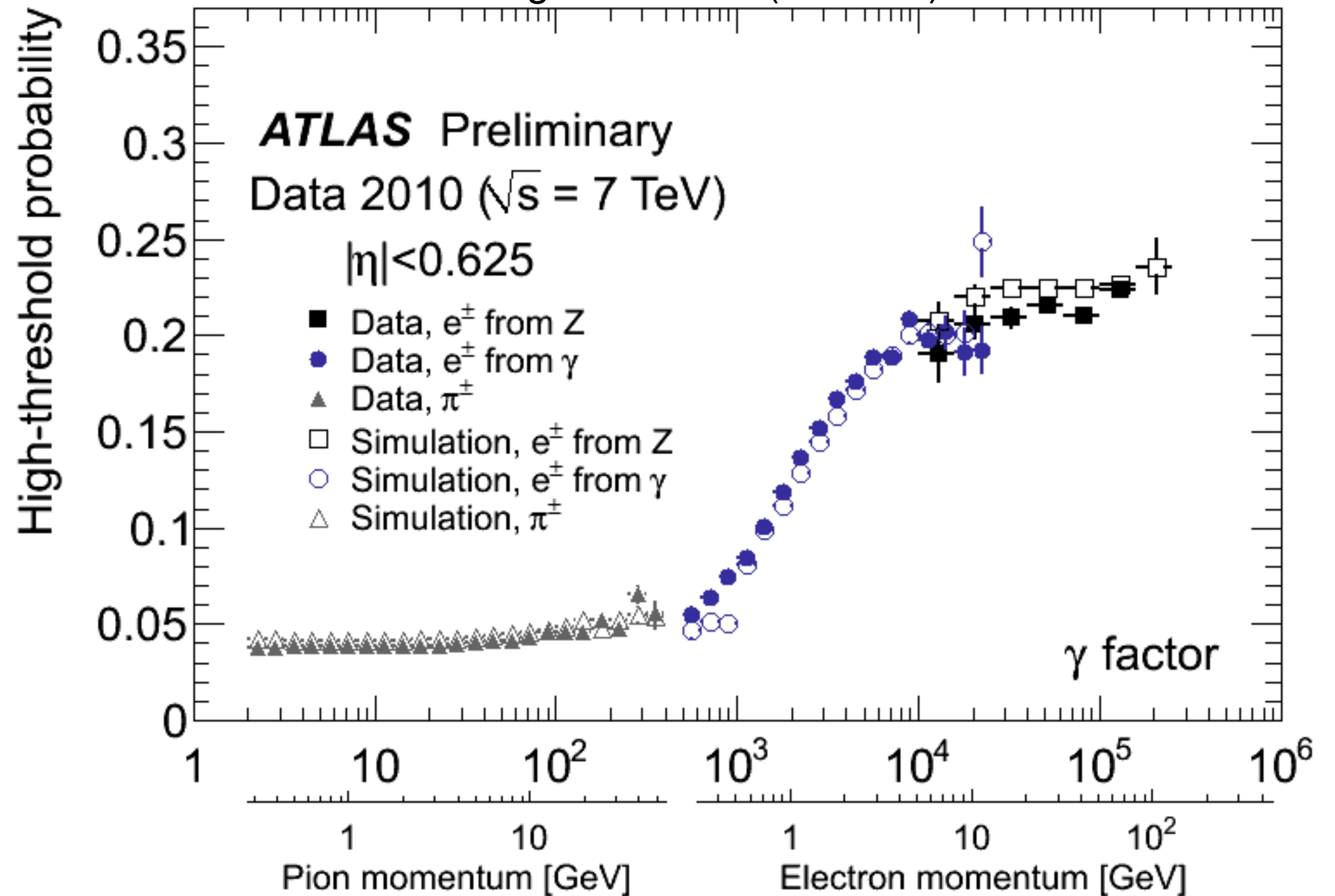
e/ π separation with TR+dE/dx

e/ π separation via detection of transition radiation photons

Transition radiation is emitted when a highly relativistic charged particle with a Lorentz factor $\gamma > 10^3$ traverses boundaries between materials of different dielectric constants.

To achieve the best e/ π separation, TR and dE/dx-based measurements are combined in a single likelihood function for a particle type.

The HT fraction is defined as the fraction of hits on track that exceed the high threshold (6-7 KeV)



Light Yukawa ?

