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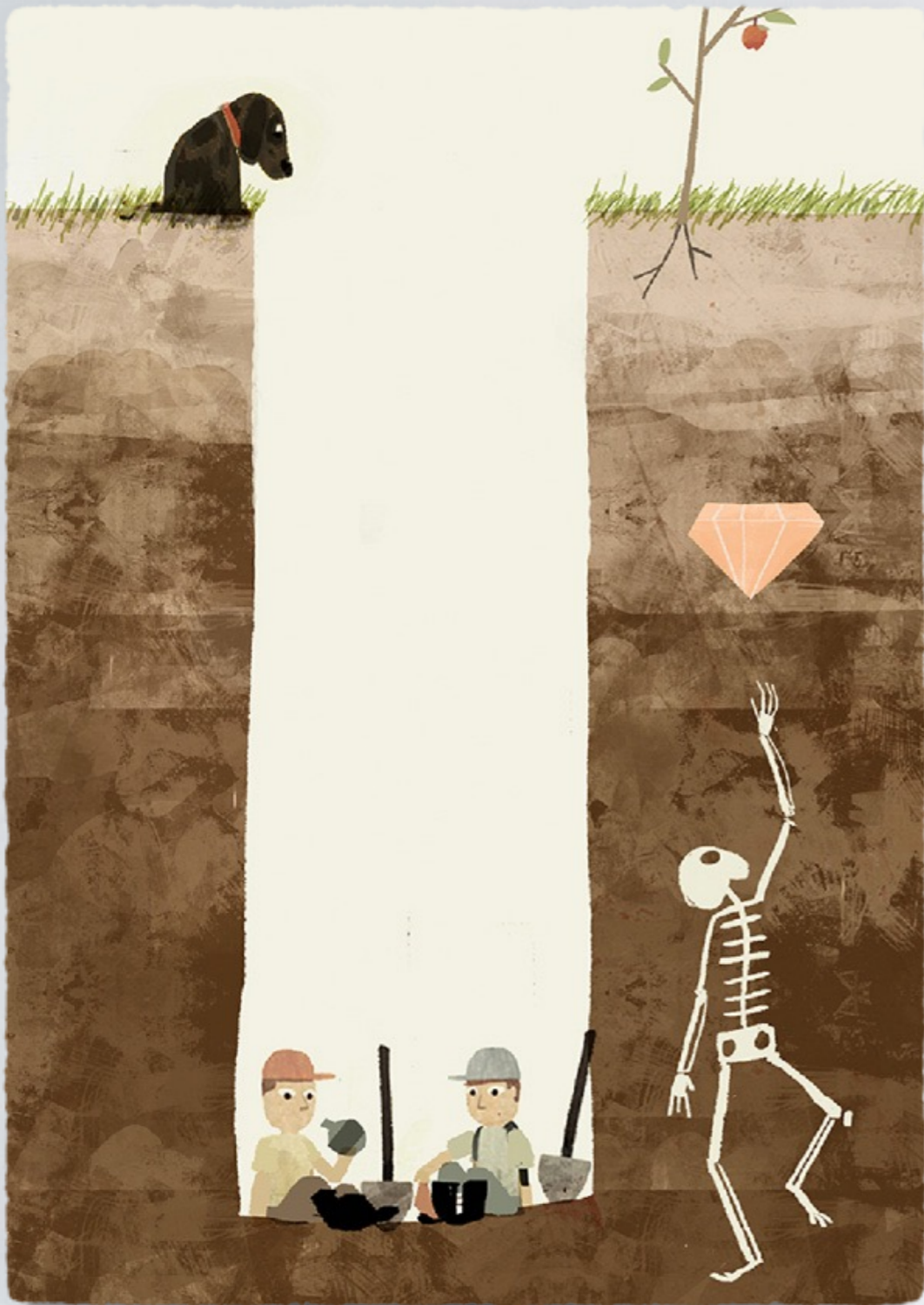
Hunting for Maverick Top Partners

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Historical Motivation

- A historical approach to investigate the EWSB shares the common motivation from a naturalness.
- Due to a radiative instability on m_h^2 .
 - Vector-like top partners (T) are postulated to exist to address the naturalness problem (e.g. composite Higgs or Little Higgs models).

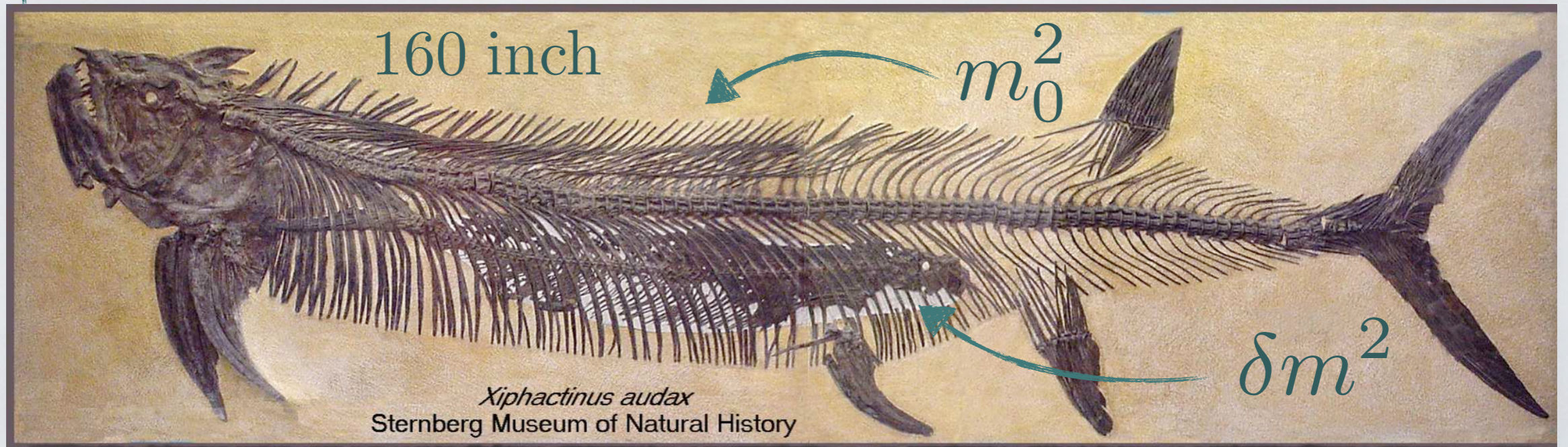
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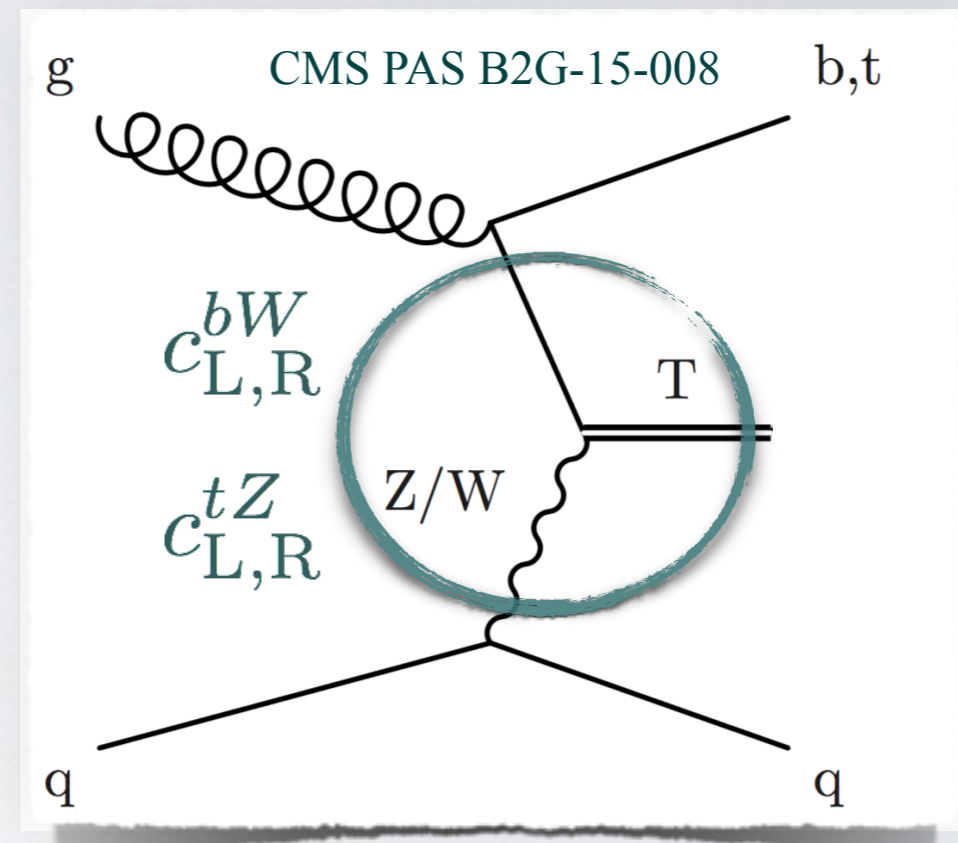
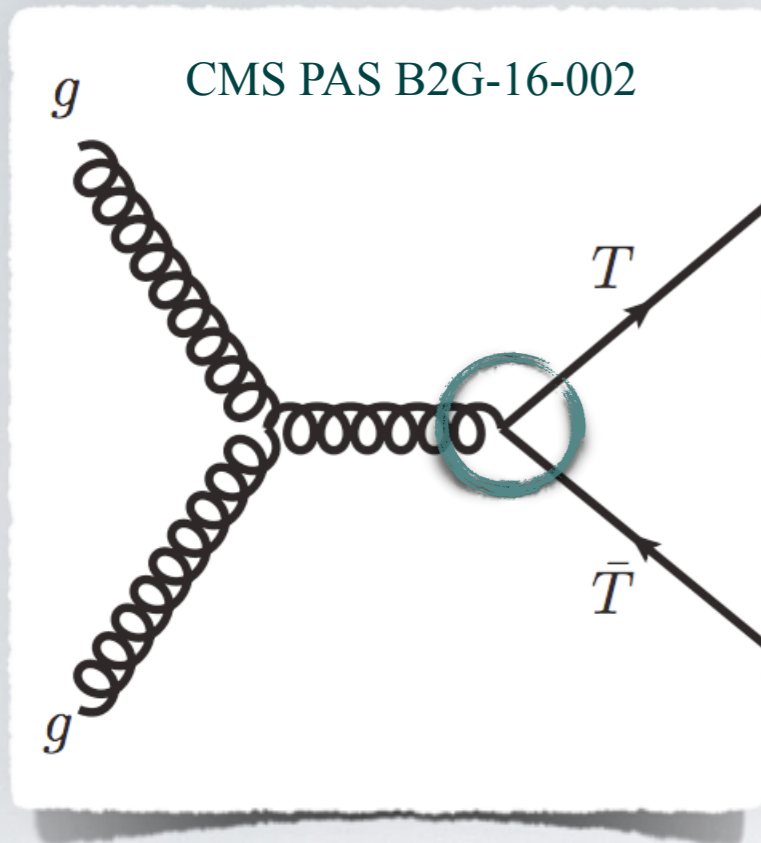


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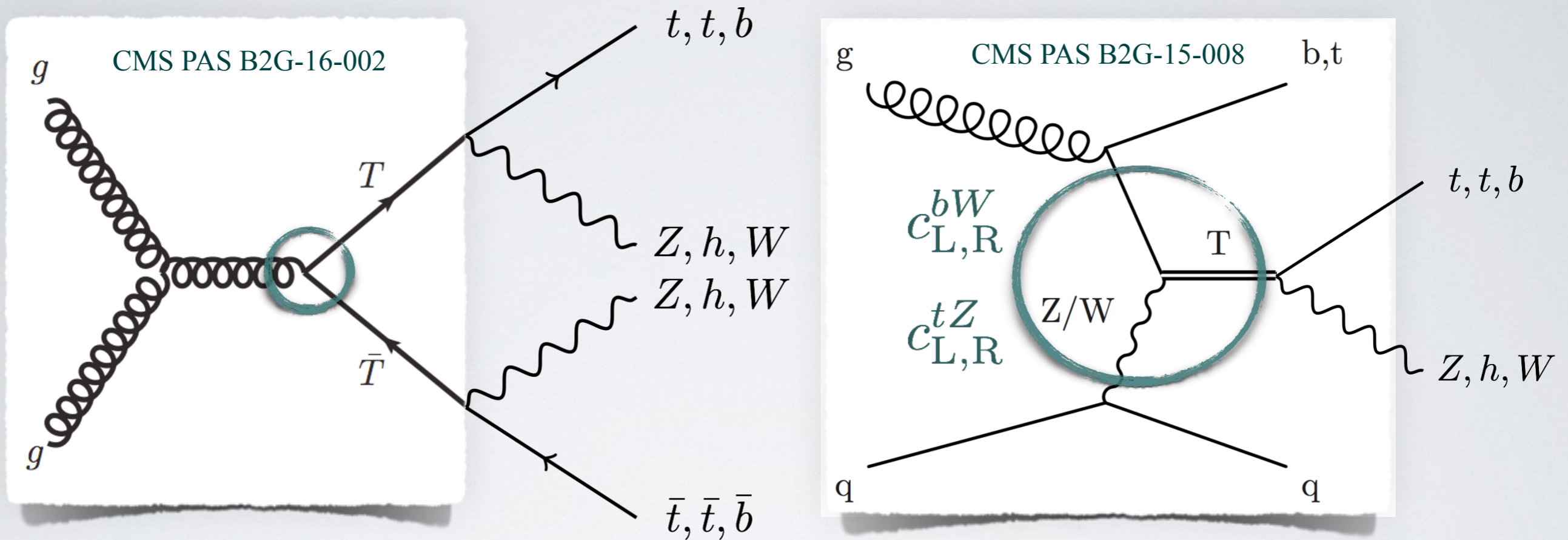
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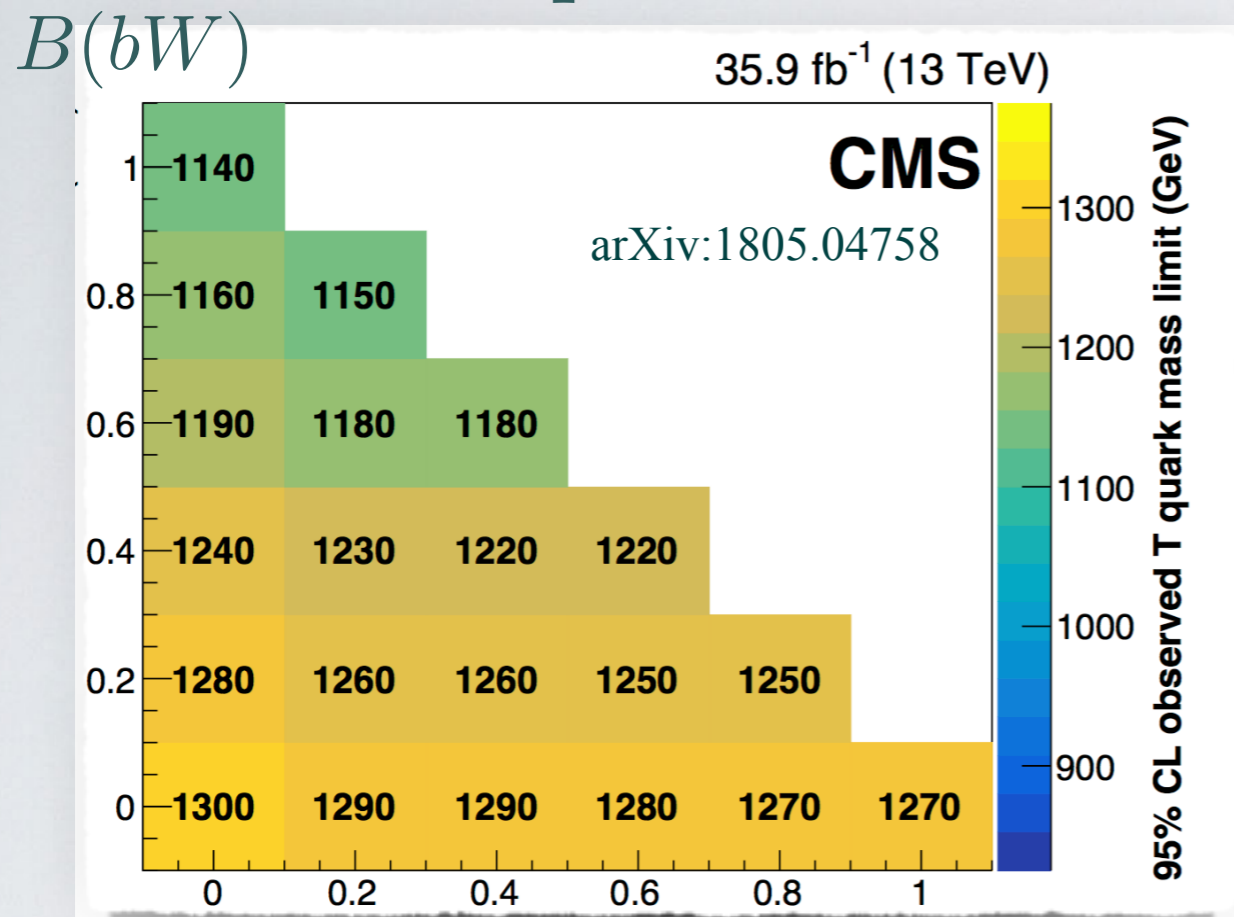
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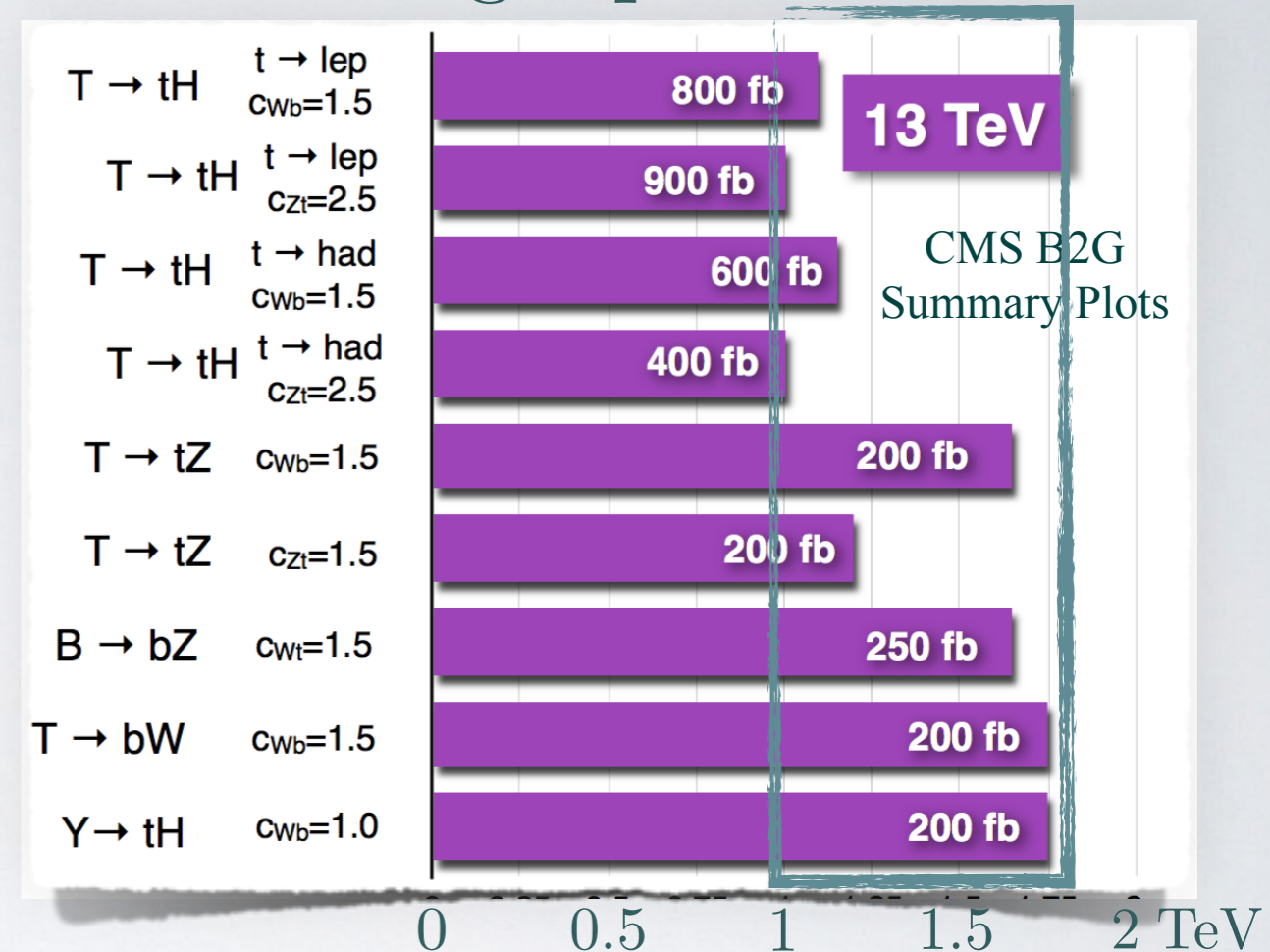
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Current Bounds on T

Pair production



EW single production



$B(tZ)$ $m_T \gtrsim 1.3$ TeV $B(th)$

$m_T > 1 \sim 1.8$ TeV

- Recent bounds on T from the pair and single productions.
- The bounds keep increasing every year.
- A considerable amount of searches are still going in the same direction with the classic assumption on T decays.

Nothing



- Under the searches based on the classic channels, no sign of T has been seen.
- To tackle this current challenge and to prepare for all eventualities ahead, we must think every possible scenario.
- And we believe that the null result may hint at T hiding in new places.
- We introduce a simple model predicting new signatures of maverick top partners, providing a roadmap to hunt them down.

The Model

- We consider a simplified model with a $SU(2)_L$ singlet T and an additional gauge singlet **scalar S** .
- A minimal set of interactions we identify consists of :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}} = \bar{T} i \not{D} T - m_2 \bar{T} T + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu S)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_S^2 S^2 + (-\lambda_2 S \bar{T}_L T_R + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = - (\lambda_t \bar{Q}_L \tilde{\Phi} T_R + \lambda_1 S \bar{T}_L t_R + \text{h.c.})$$

Mixing

$$\mathcal{L}_m = - [\bar{t}_L \quad \bar{T}_L] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y_t v}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\lambda_t v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{bmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\not{D} = \not{\partial} - ig' \frac{2}{3} \not{B} - ig_s \not{G}$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} -iG_p \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + h + iG_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$$

- Allowing T to mix with a top quark.

Minimal set of parameters

- In this simplified model, we have 5 independent parameters.

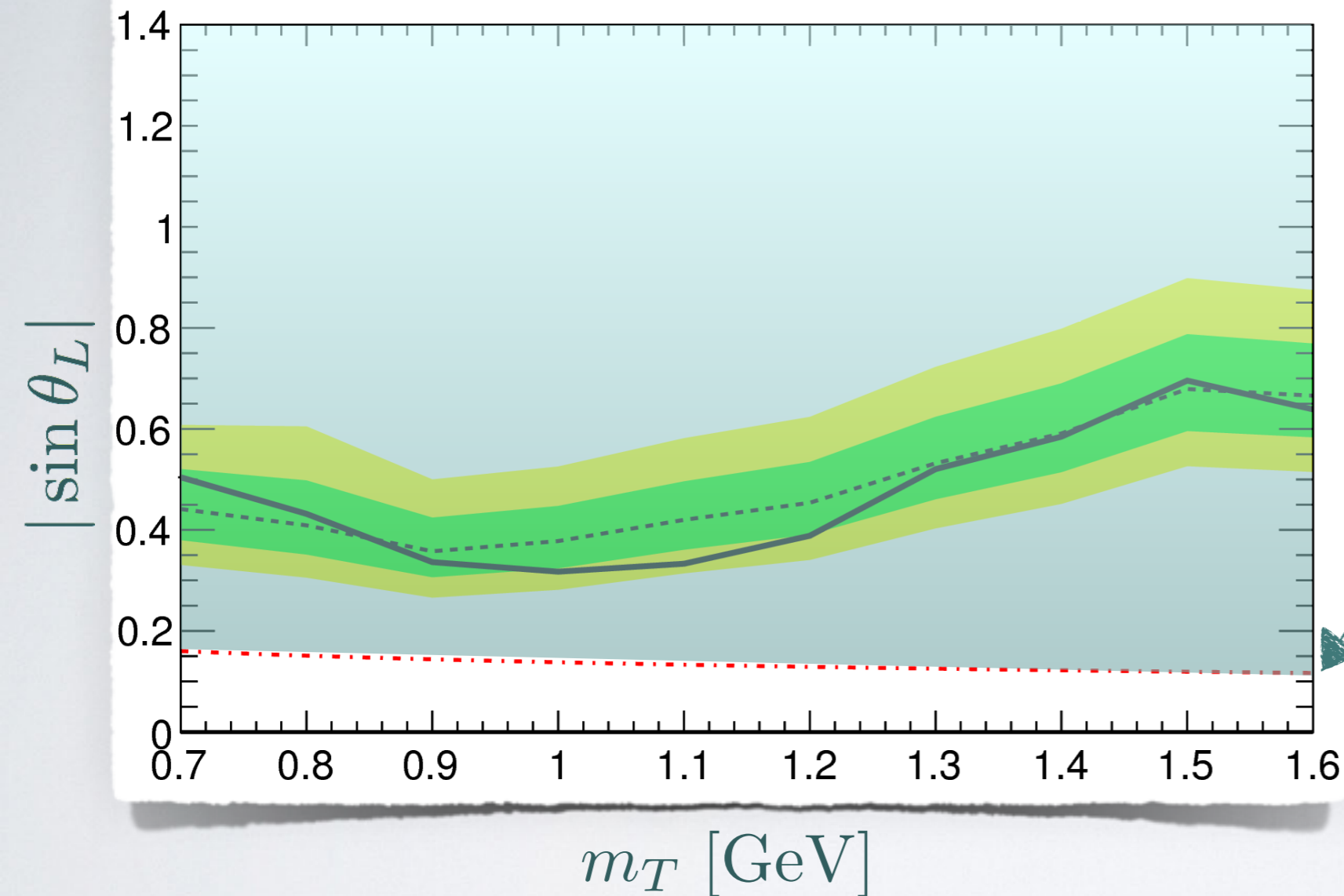
$$\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \sin \theta_L \quad m_T \quad m_S$$

$$\lambda_1 S \bar{T}_L t_R + \text{h.c.} \quad - \lambda_2 S \bar{T}_L T_R + \text{h.c.}$$

- All other parameters can be expressed in terms of $\sin \theta_L$, m_T and m_S .
- It will be interesting to introduce another mixing between S and the Higgs...
- For simplicity, we set the scalar mixing to zero, and leave it to a future study.

Limits on the mixing angle

ATLAS-CONF-2016-072 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ 3.2 fb^{-1} singlet T



by oblique
parameters

Chien-Yi Chen, S. Dawson,
I. M. Lewis [2014]

J. A. A. Saavedra, R. Benbrik, S.
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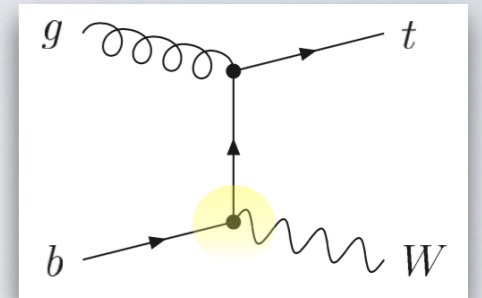
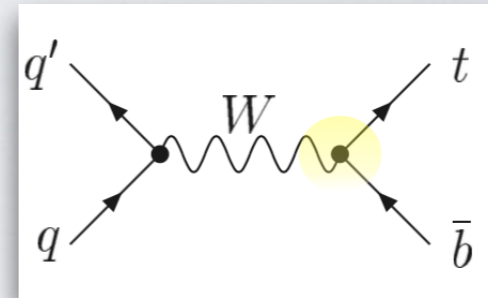
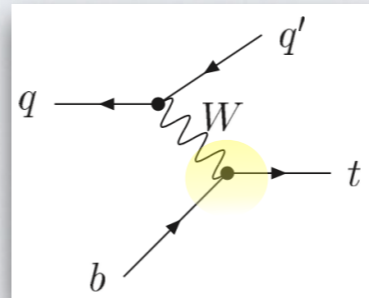
- The mixing angle is highly constrained by oblique parameters.

$$|\sin \theta_L| < 0.11 \sim 0.16 \quad (\text{for } m_T < 1 \sim 2 \text{ TeV})$$

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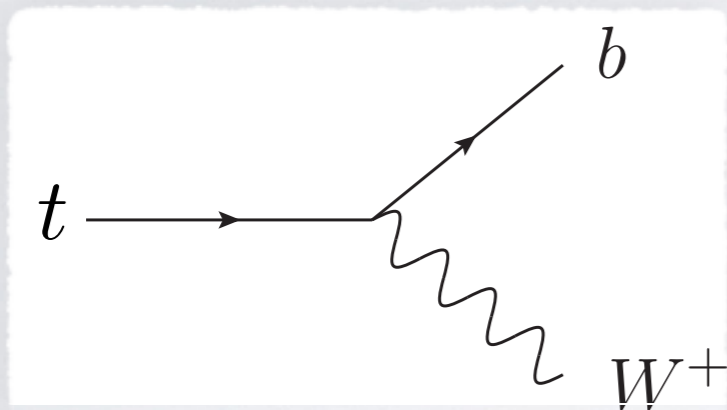
- Also the measurement of the CKM element from the single top.

$$|V_{tb}| = 1.019 \pm 0.025$$



(7, 8, and 13 TeV data combined)

- In our model, the t - W - b coupling picks up $\cos \theta_L$



$$= i \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \boxed{\cos \theta_L} \gamma^\mu P_L$$

- from which we can obtain a bound on the mixing angle.

$$|\sin \theta_L| < 0.11 \quad (\text{independent of } m_T)$$

Can we ever distinguish a sign? (e.g. via interferences...)

Getting out of touch...



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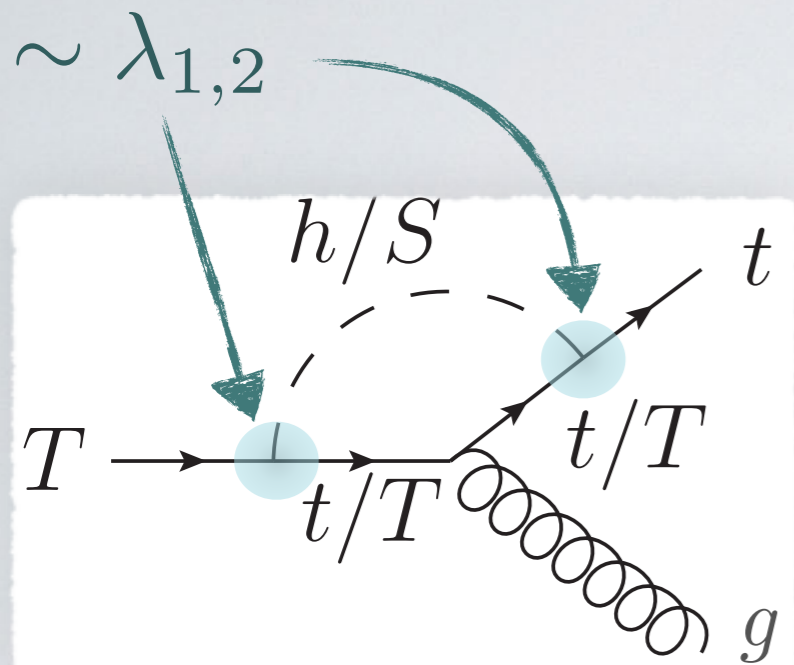
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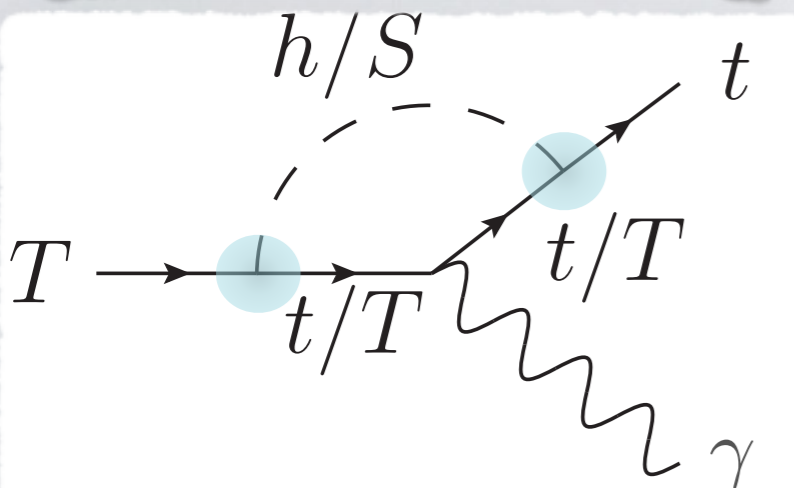
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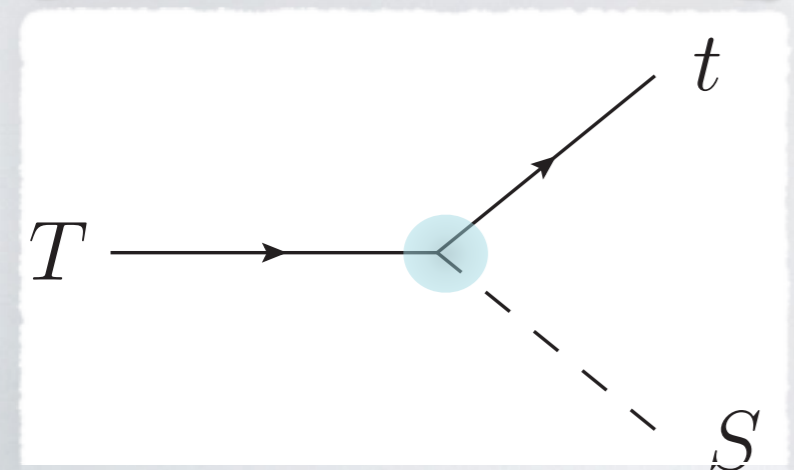
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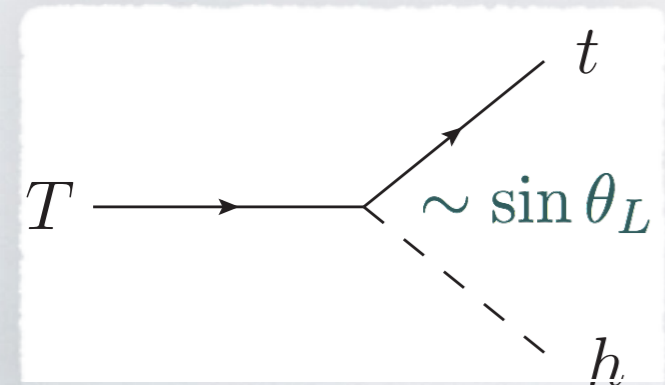
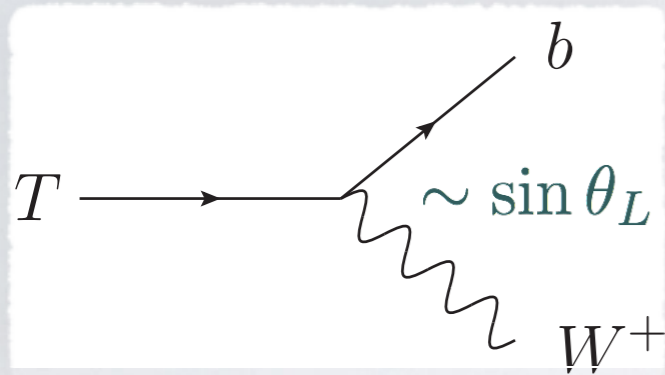
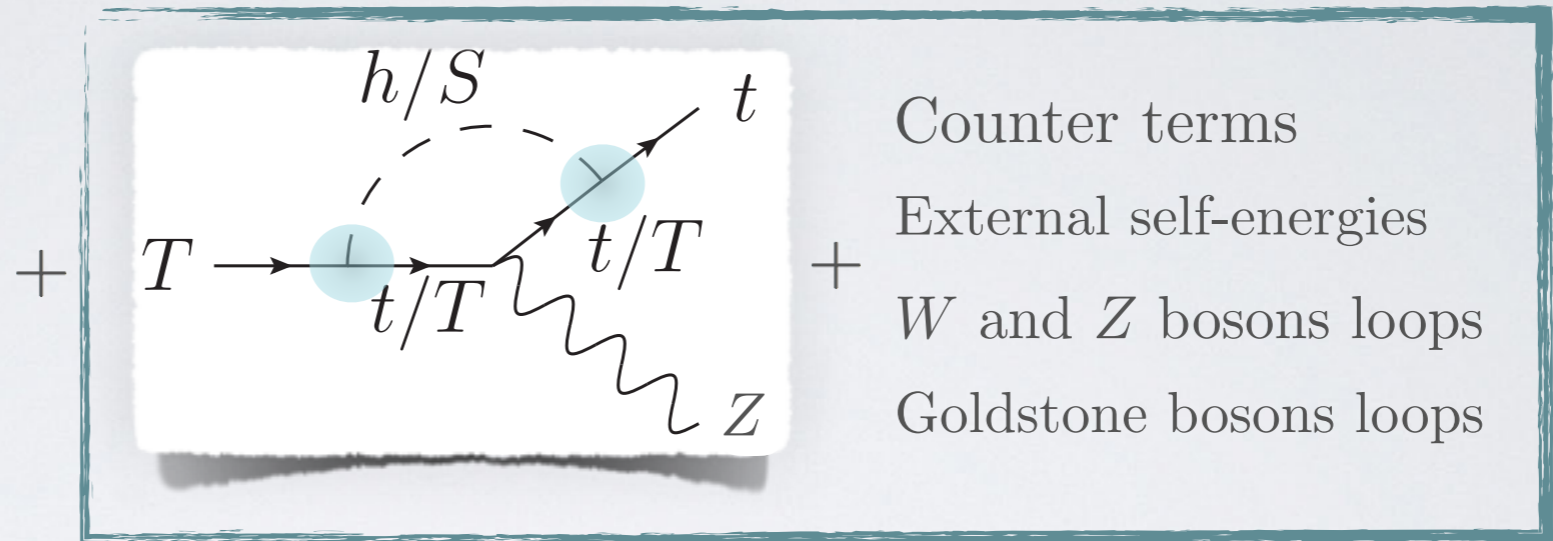
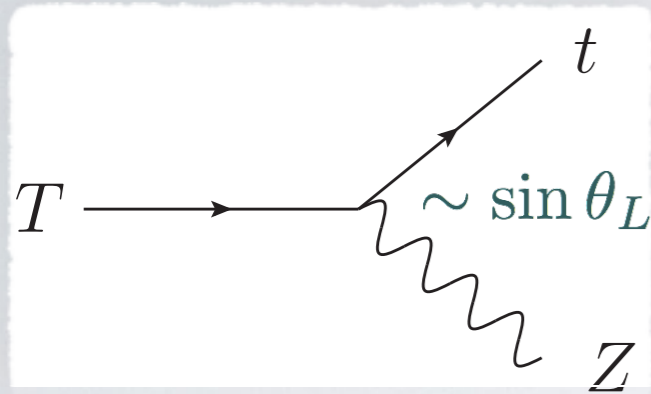
If $m_T > m_S + m_t$

- The scalar S can mediate loop-level decays of T .
- The partial width is proportional to λ^4 .
- Non-vanishing if $\sin \theta_L = 0$, simply because it isn't a result of the inheritance.
- And If the scalar mass is light, there is a new tree-level decay of T :

$$T \rightarrow t S$$

Classic T decay modes

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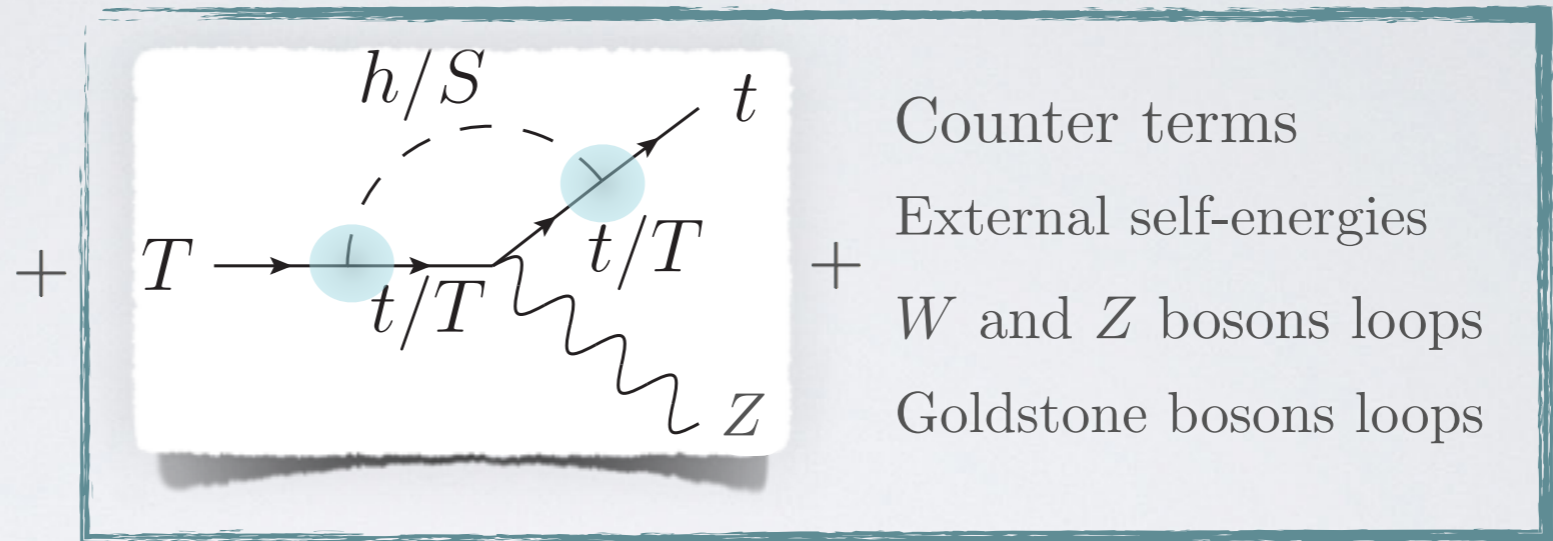
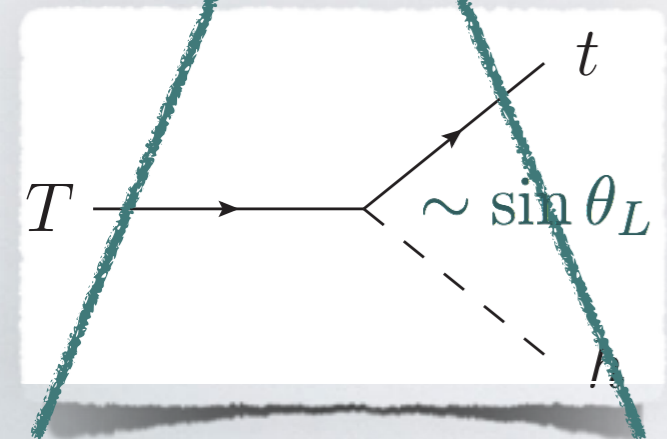
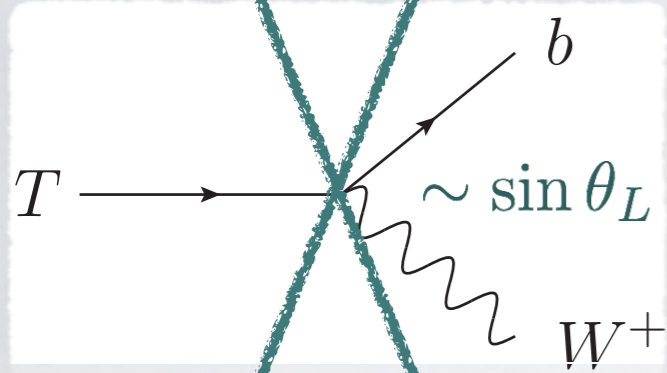
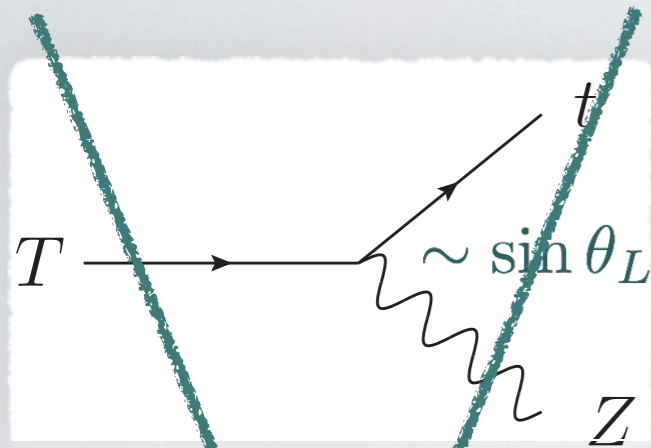
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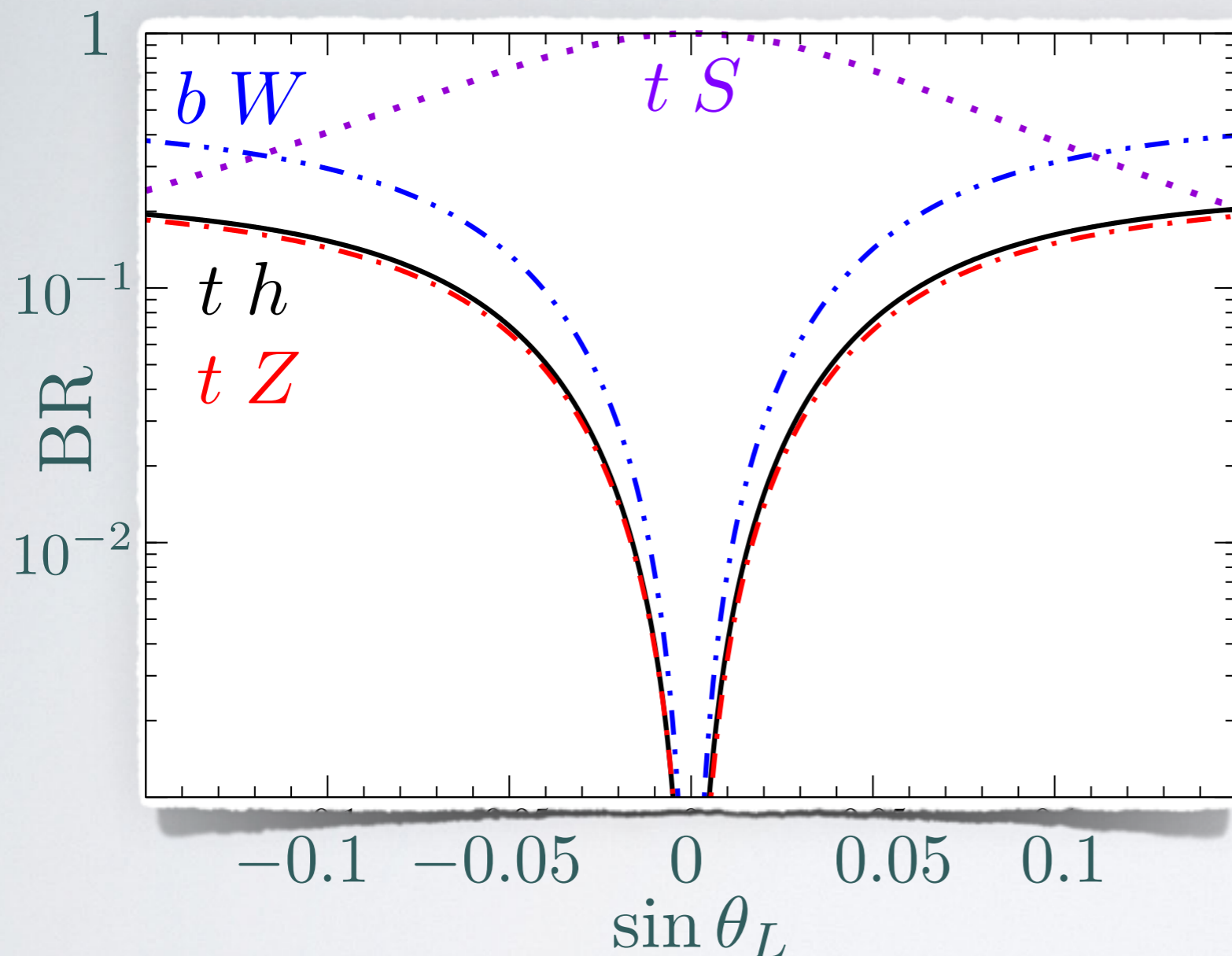


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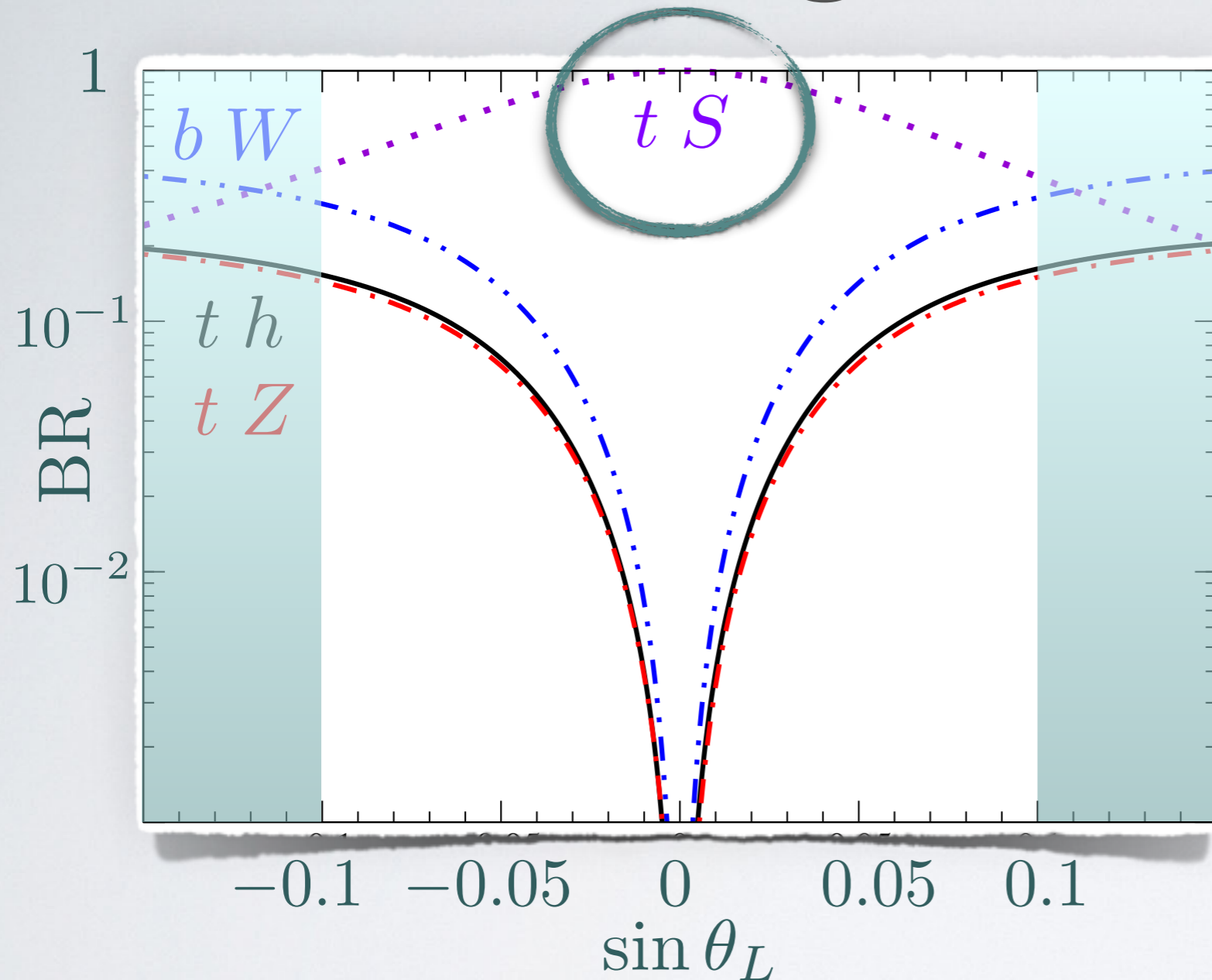
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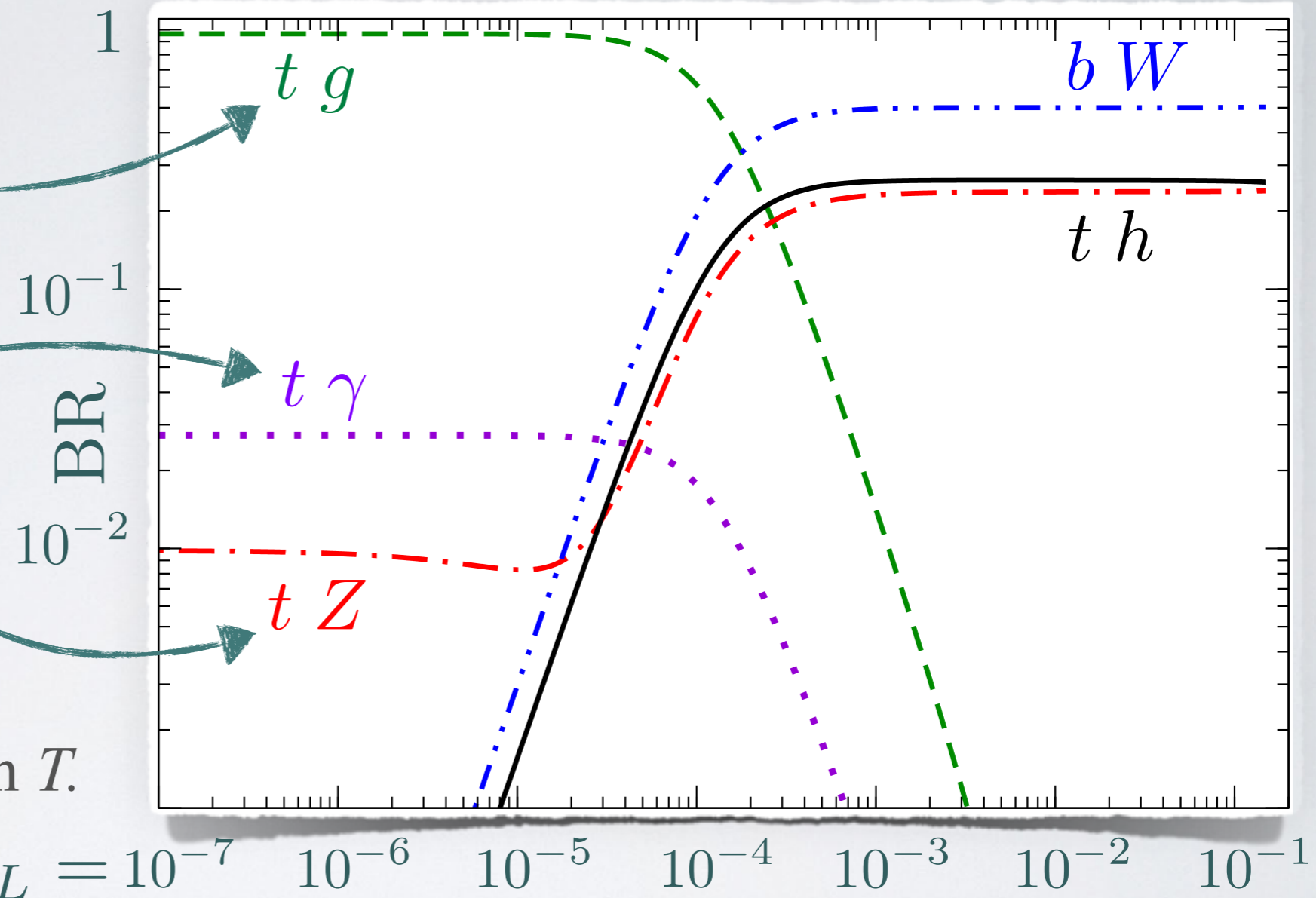
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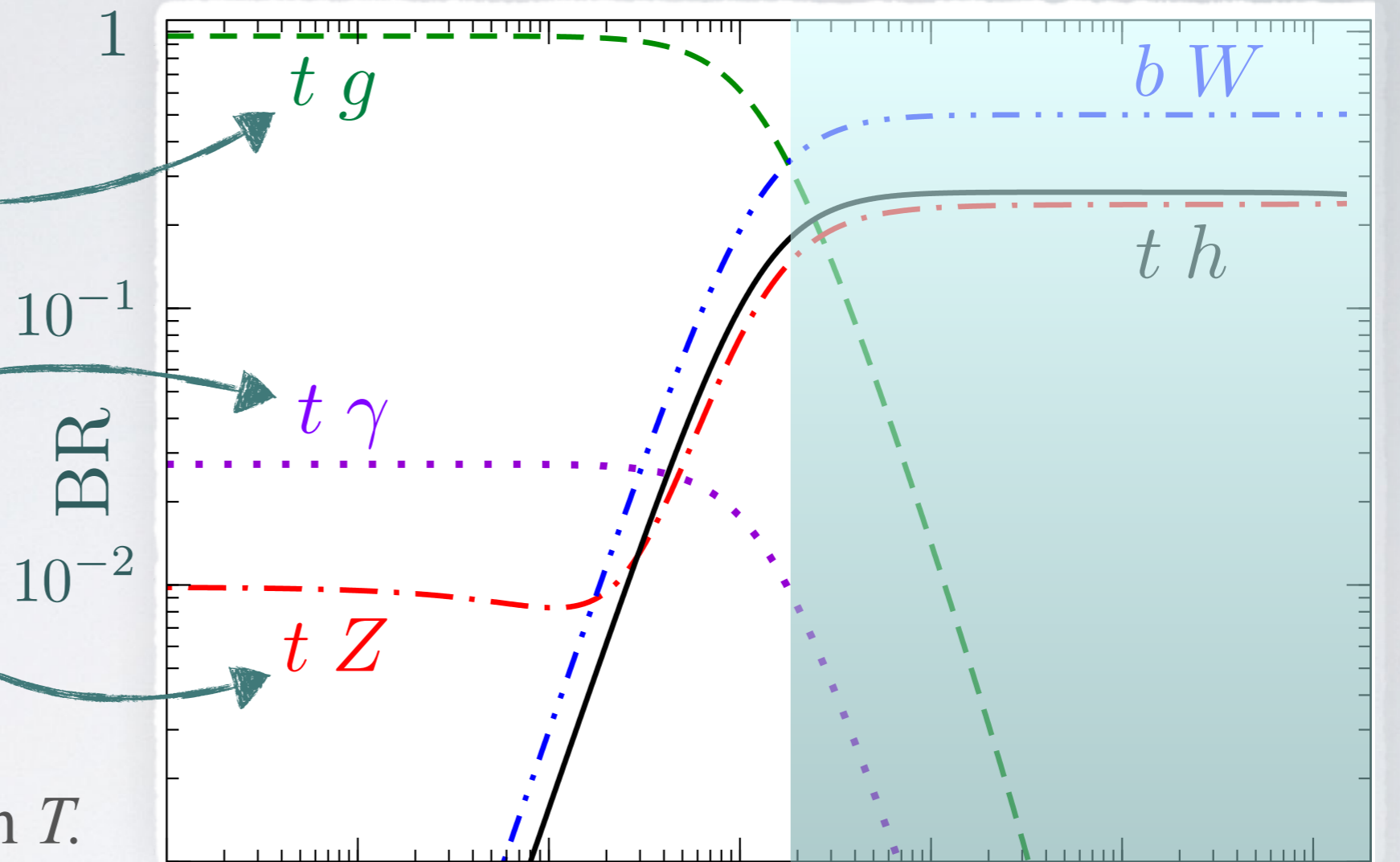
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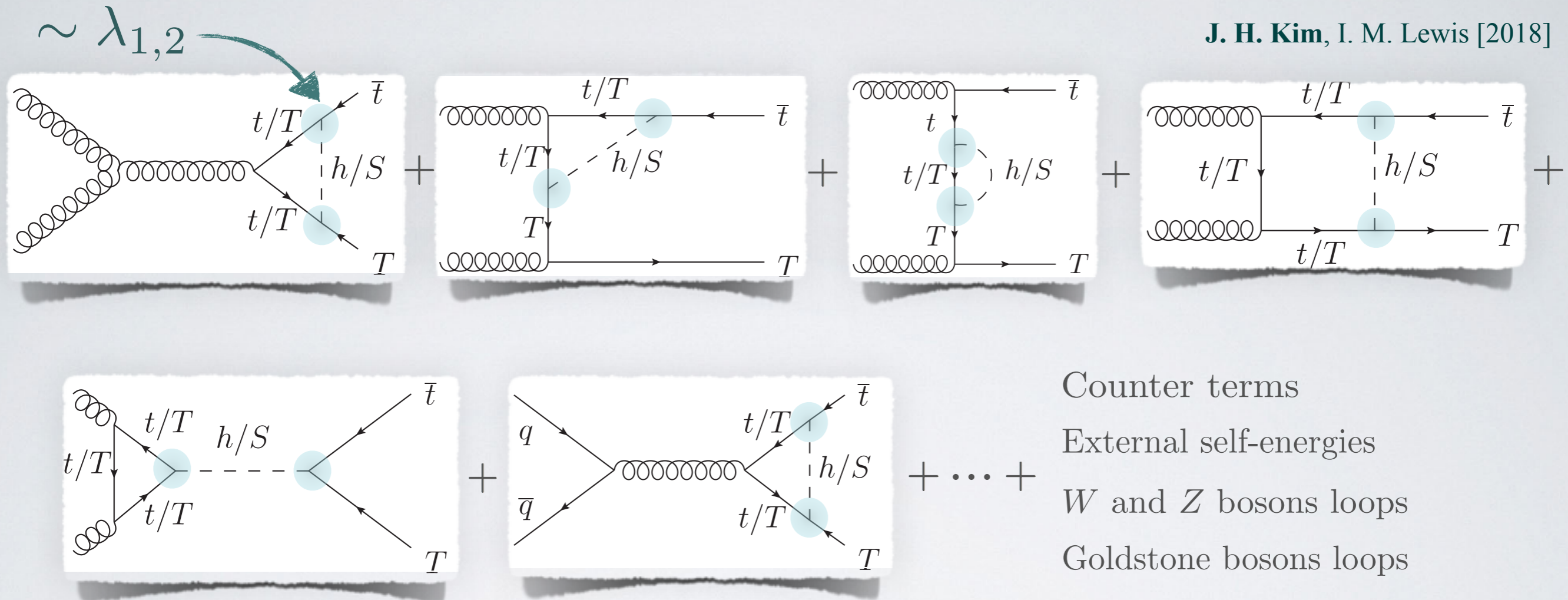
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New $T\bar{t} + t\bar{T}$ productions

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- The scalar S can mediate loop-induced $g g \rightarrow T t$ productions.
- There are also loop-induced $q \bar{q} \rightarrow T t$ productions.
- Even they are loop-suppressed, we can freely dial up and down the couplings $\lambda_{1,2}$ to control a total cross section.

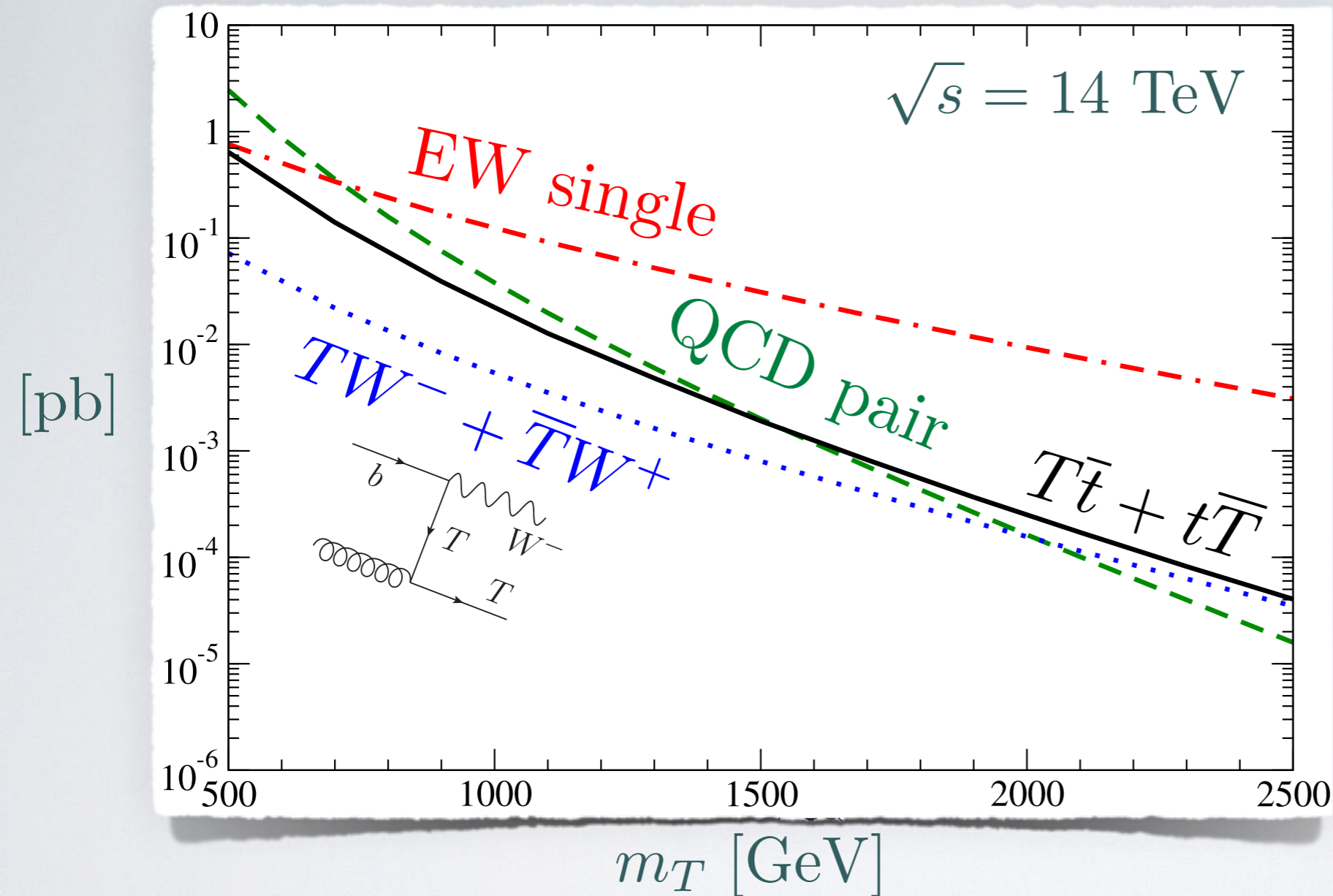
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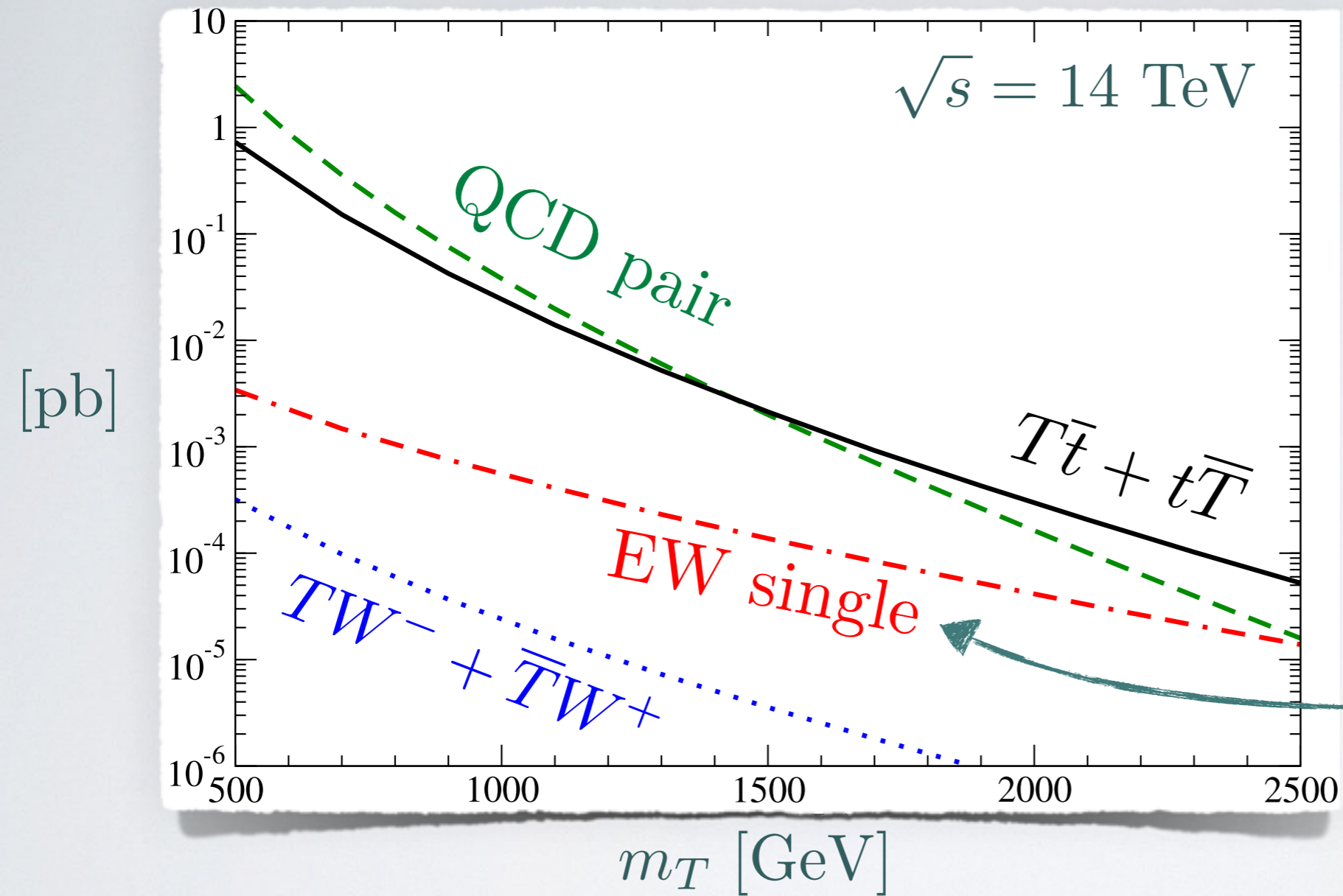
$$\sin \theta_L = 0.15$$



- Production cross sections as a function of T mass.

- The EW single T production dominates if the mixing angle is large.
- The loop-induced $T t$ productions stay way below.

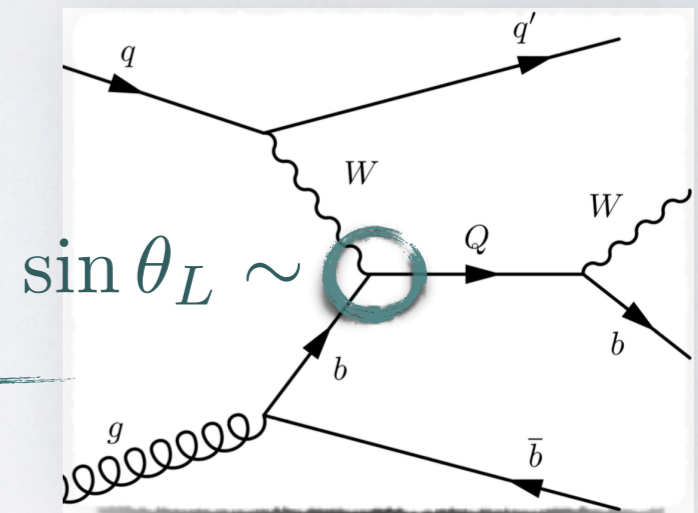
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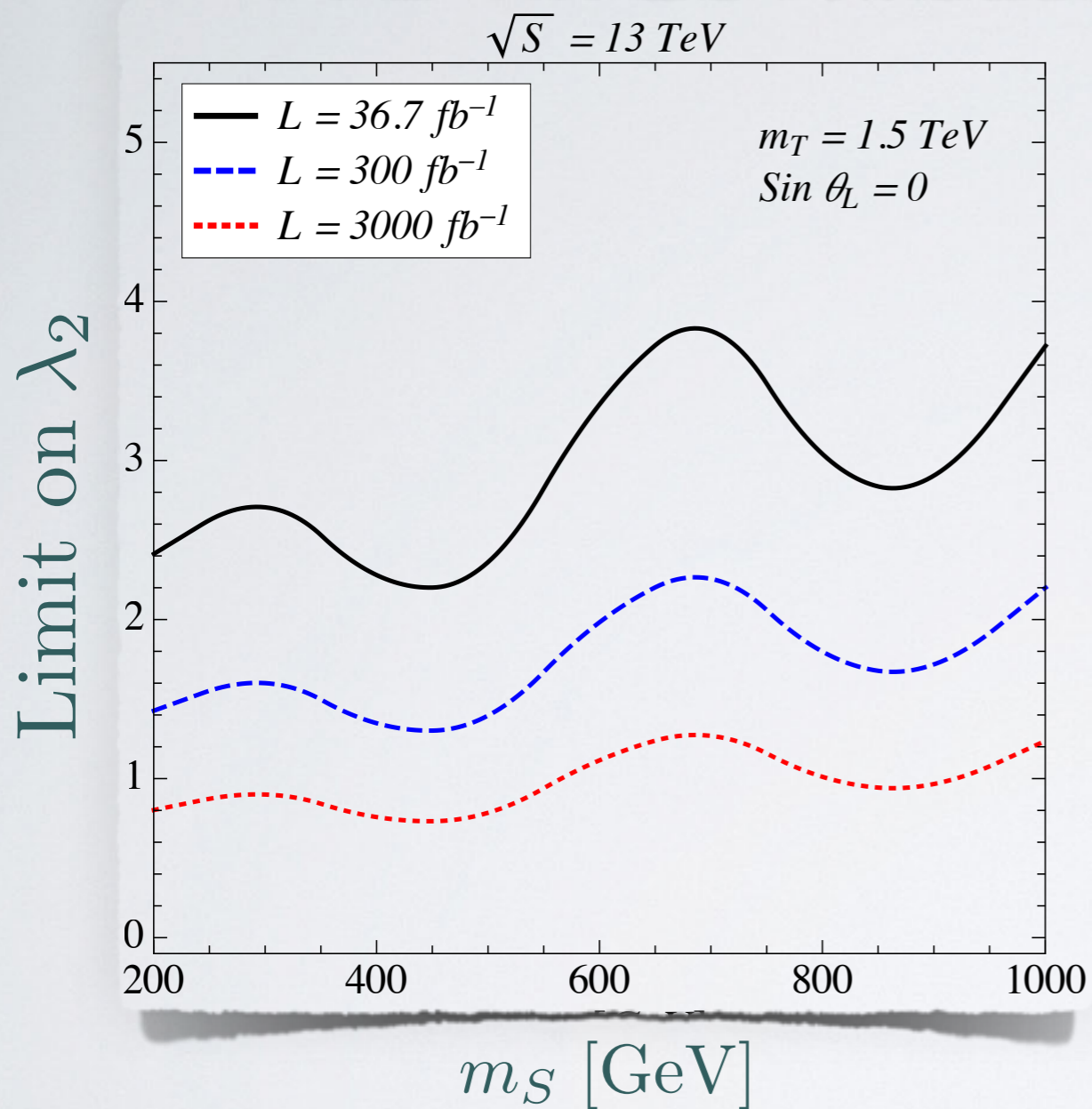
$$\sin \theta_L = 0.01$$



- But the tide changes in the small-mixing regime where the EW single T production loses its dominance.
- Therefore, the loop-induced $T t$ productions become more important.

The single S production

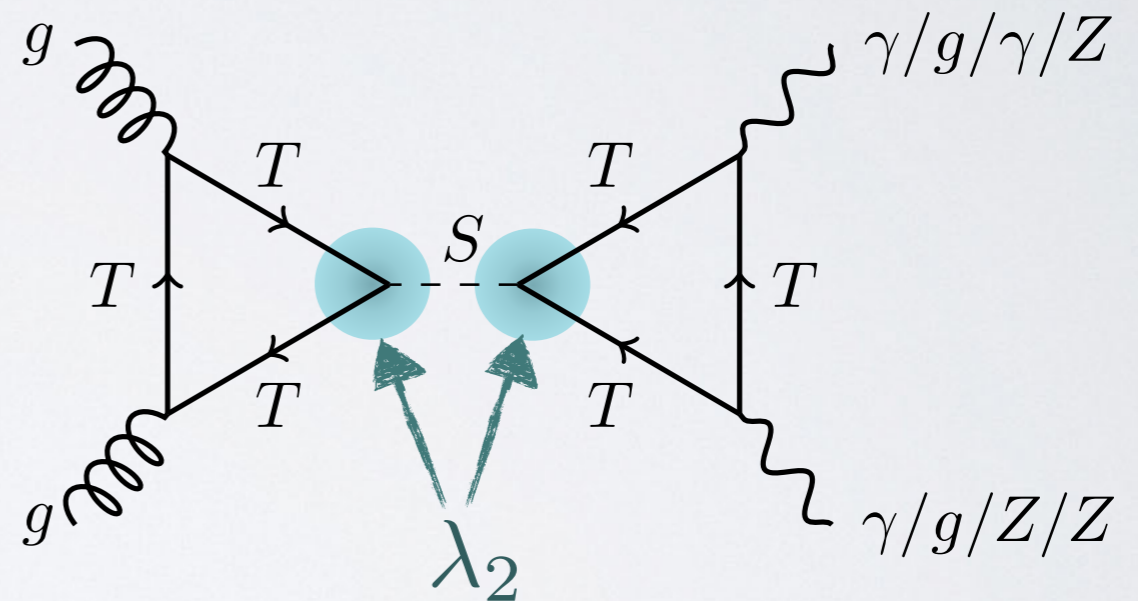
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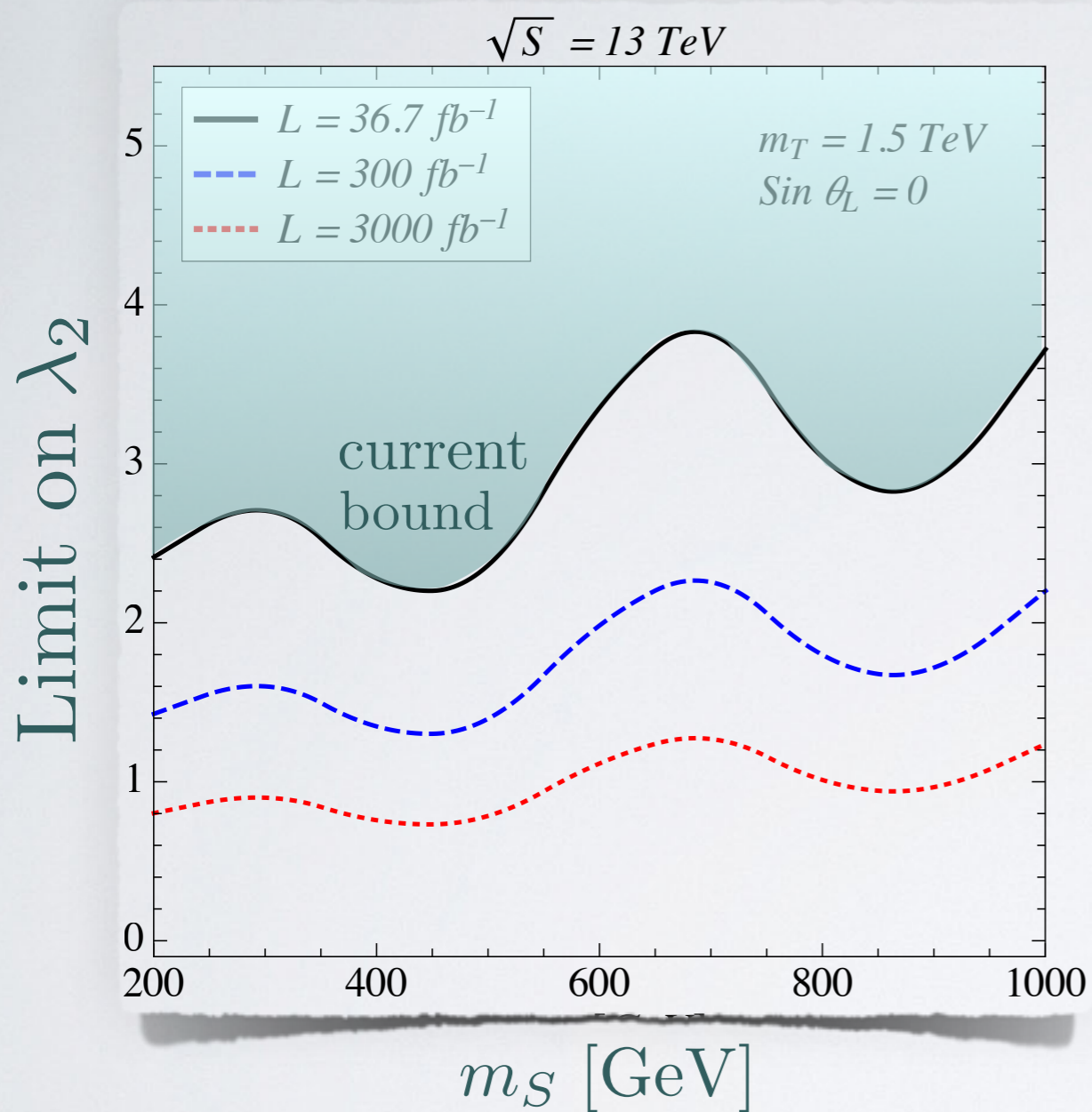
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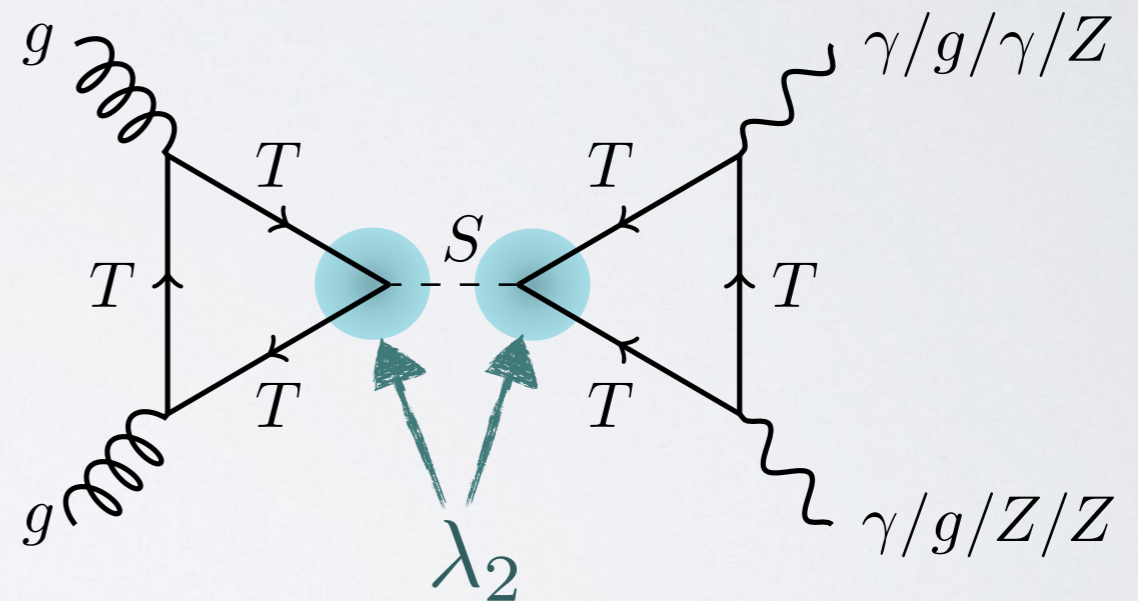
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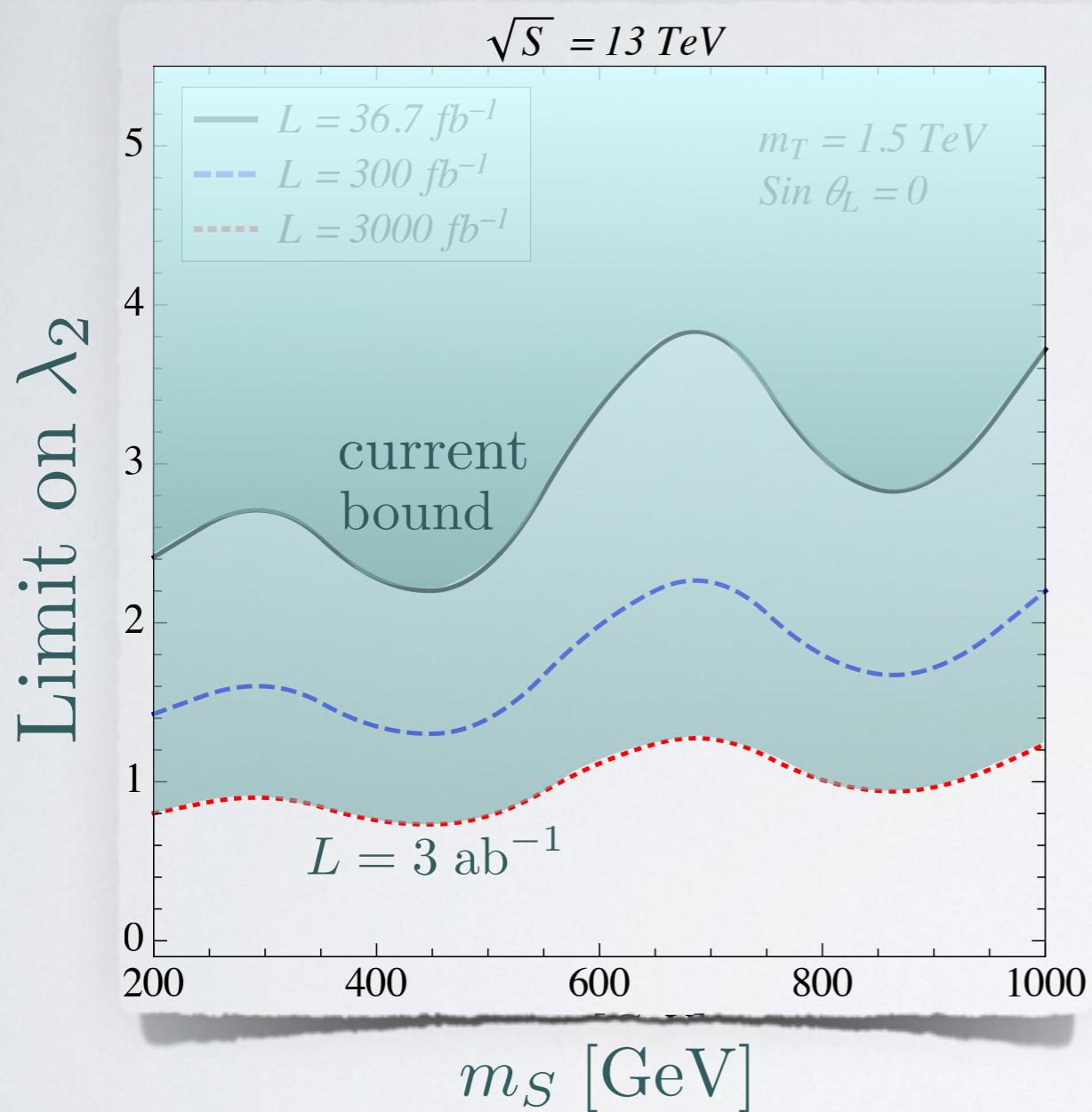
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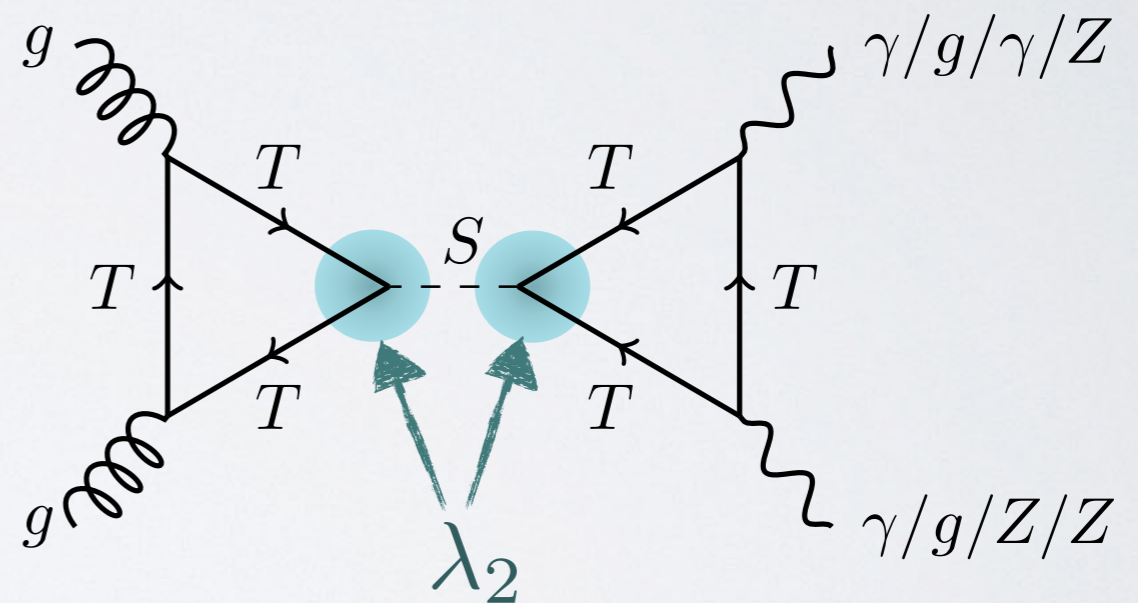
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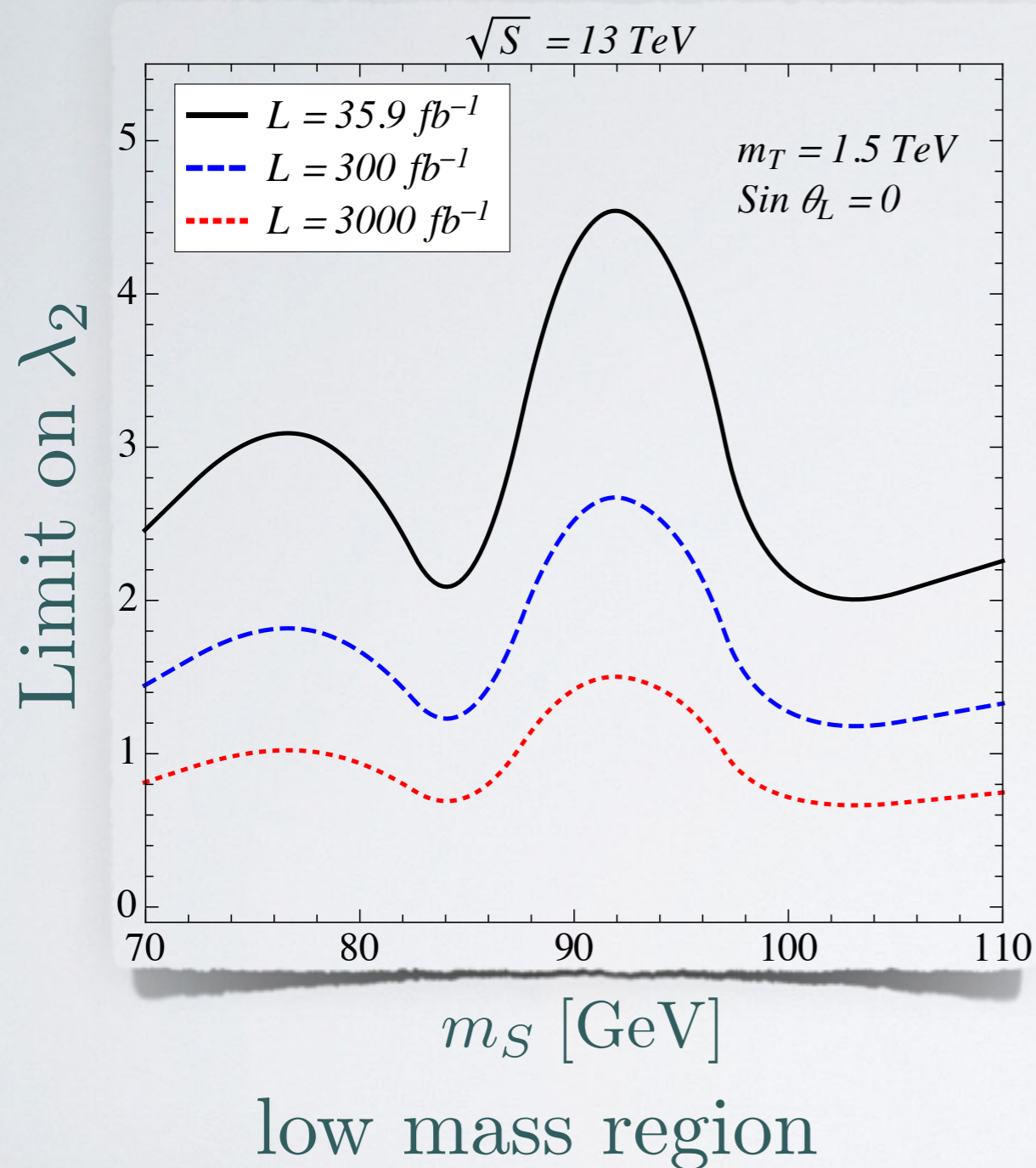
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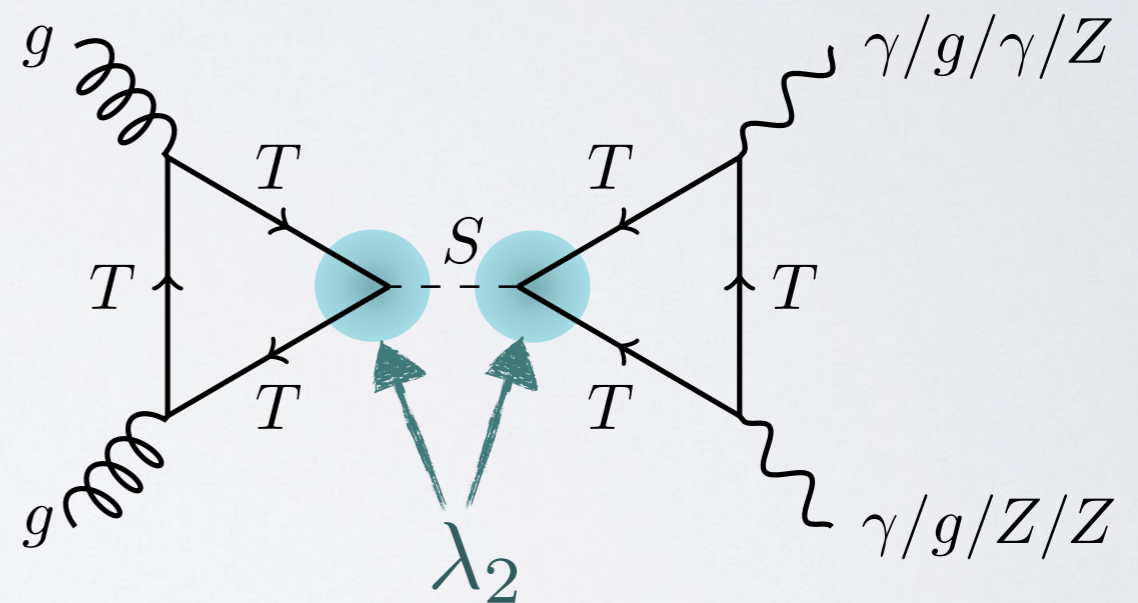
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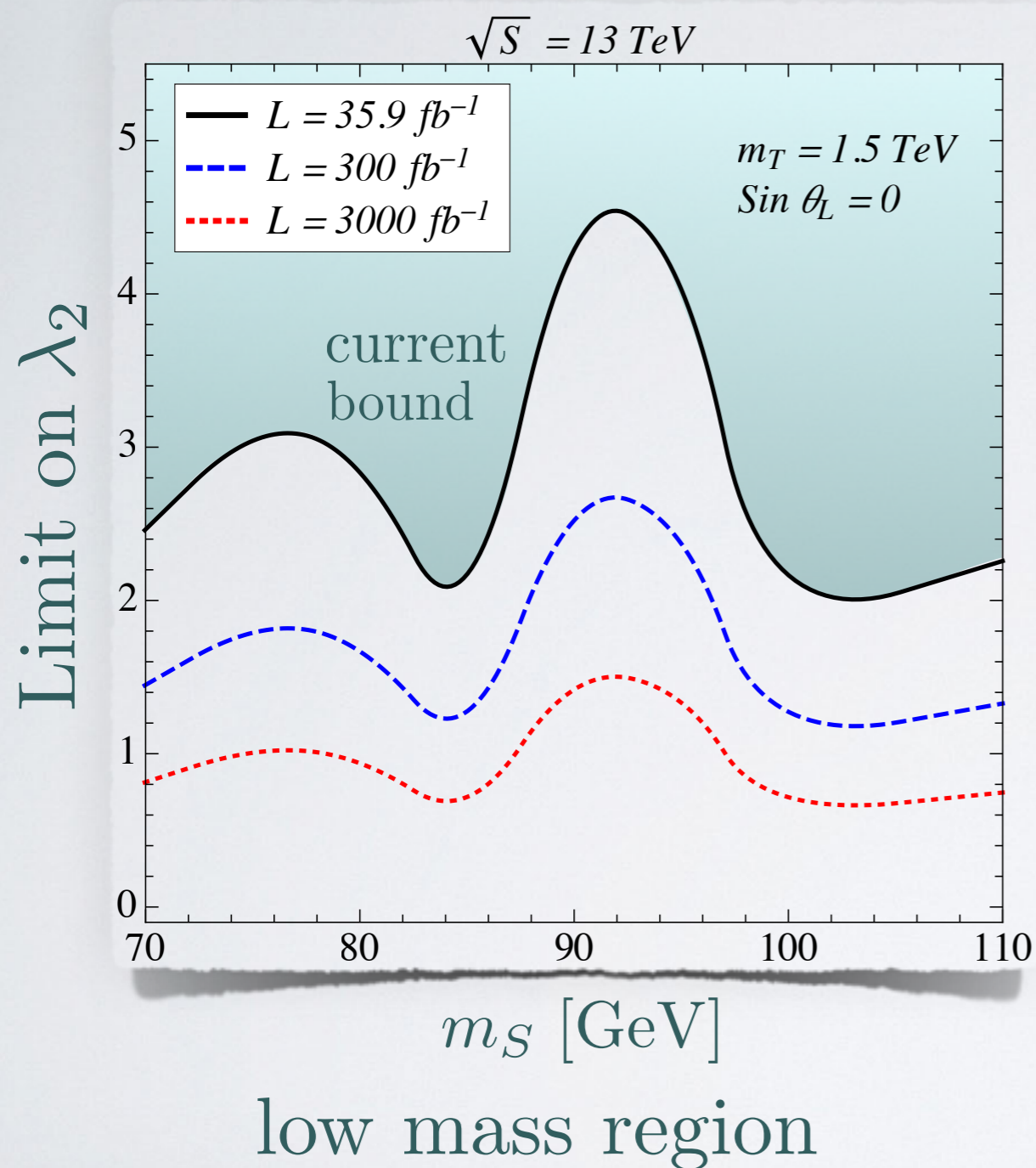


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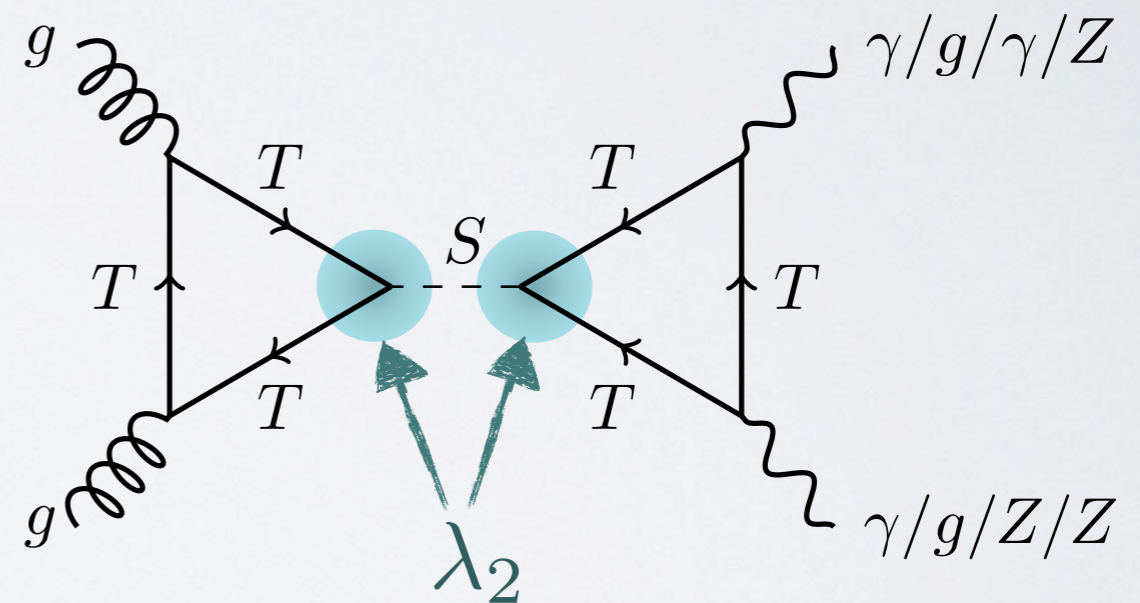
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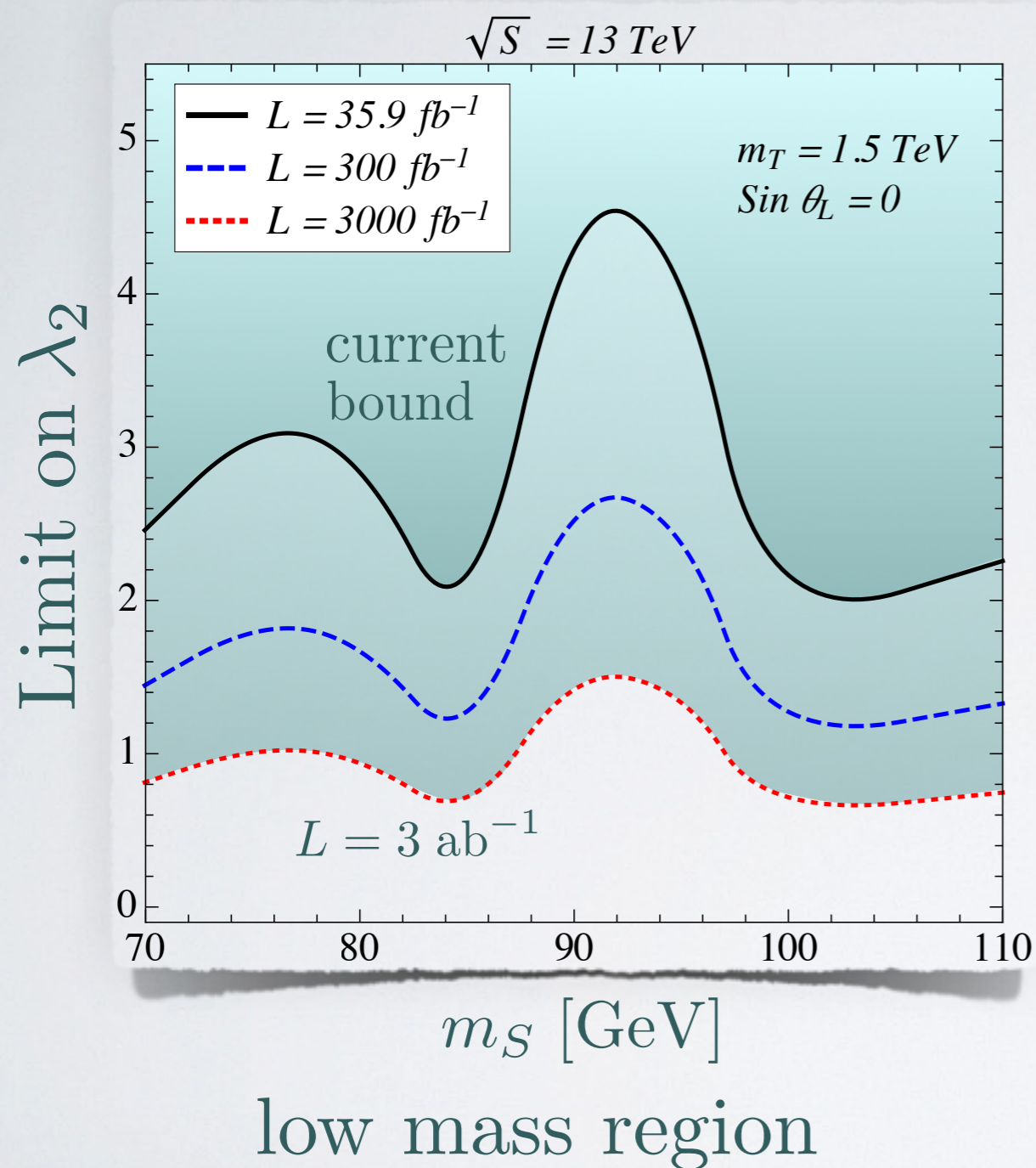


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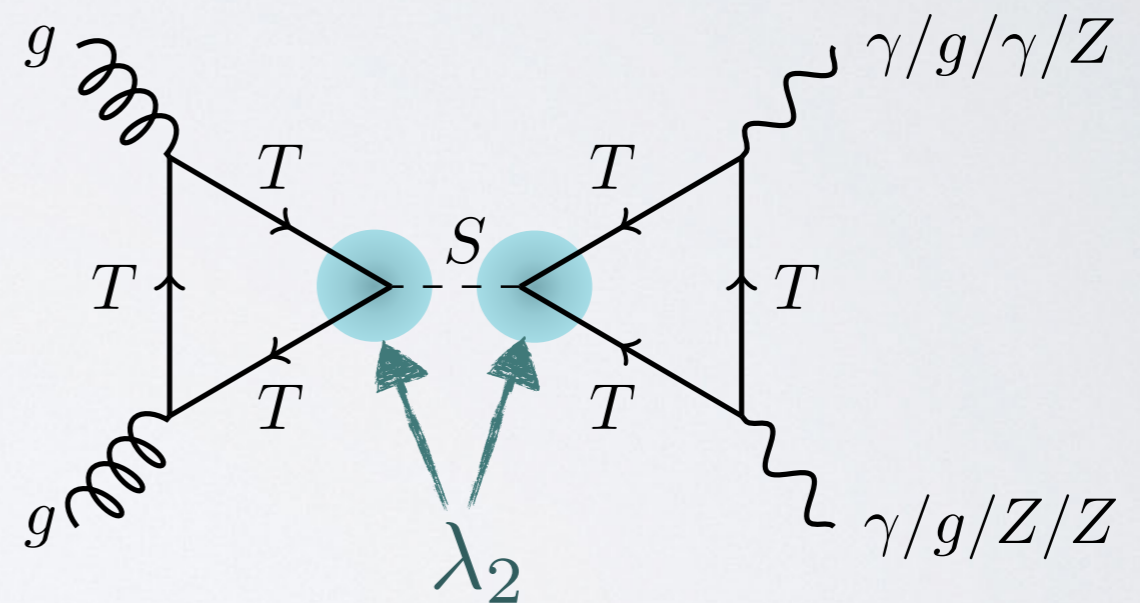
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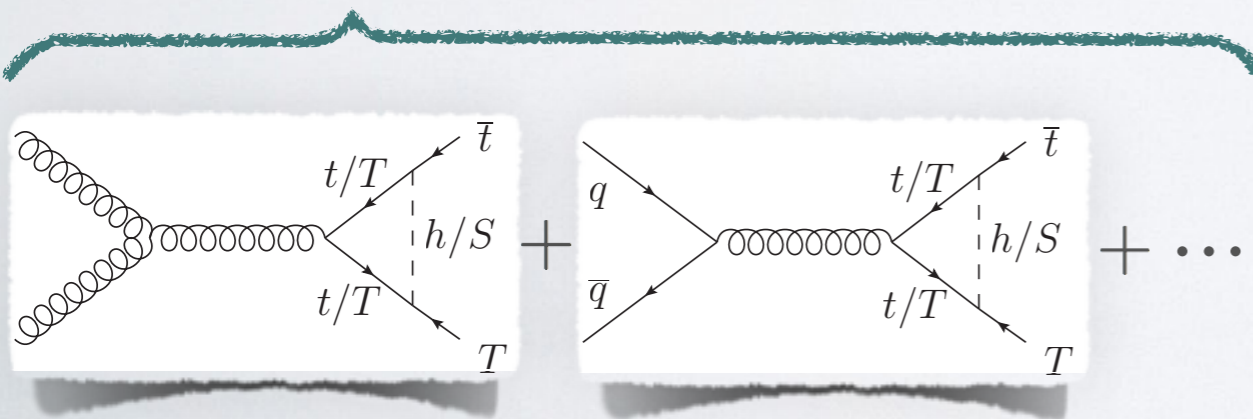
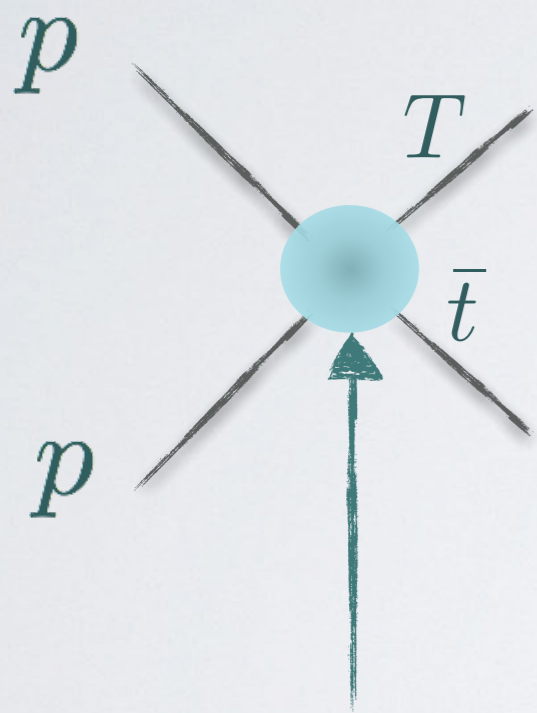
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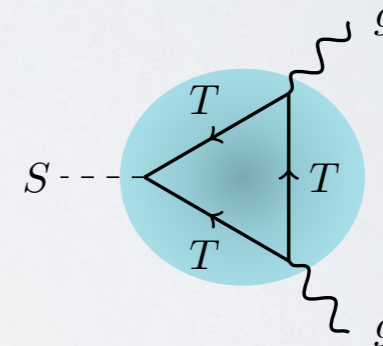
$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$$

$$m_S = 110 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sin \theta_L = 0$$



- Now we talk about a sensitivity of the $T t$ production at the LHC.
- T decays to $t S$ nearly 100 % in the zero mixing case ($\sin \theta_L = 0$).
- S exclusively decays into gg nearly 100 %



- Both tops decay semi-leptonically.
- The production vertex includes all loop contributions.

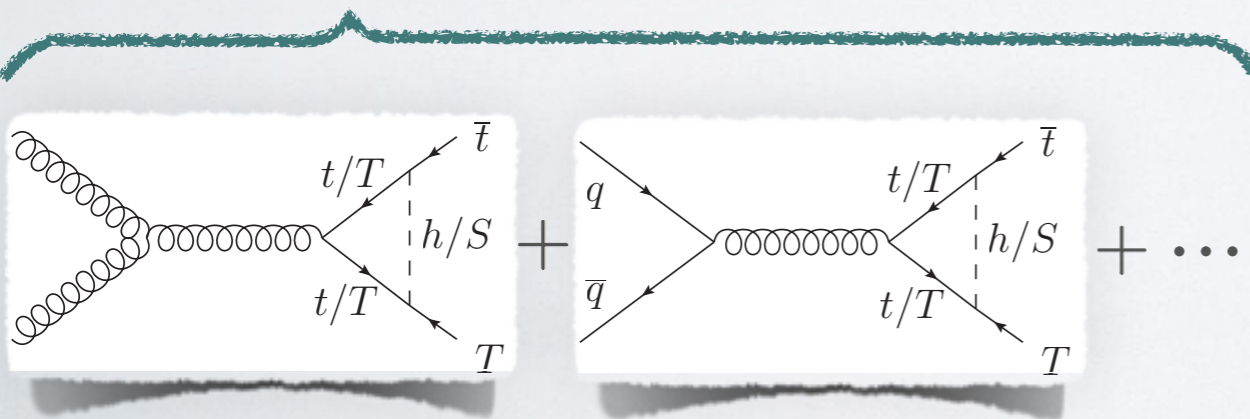
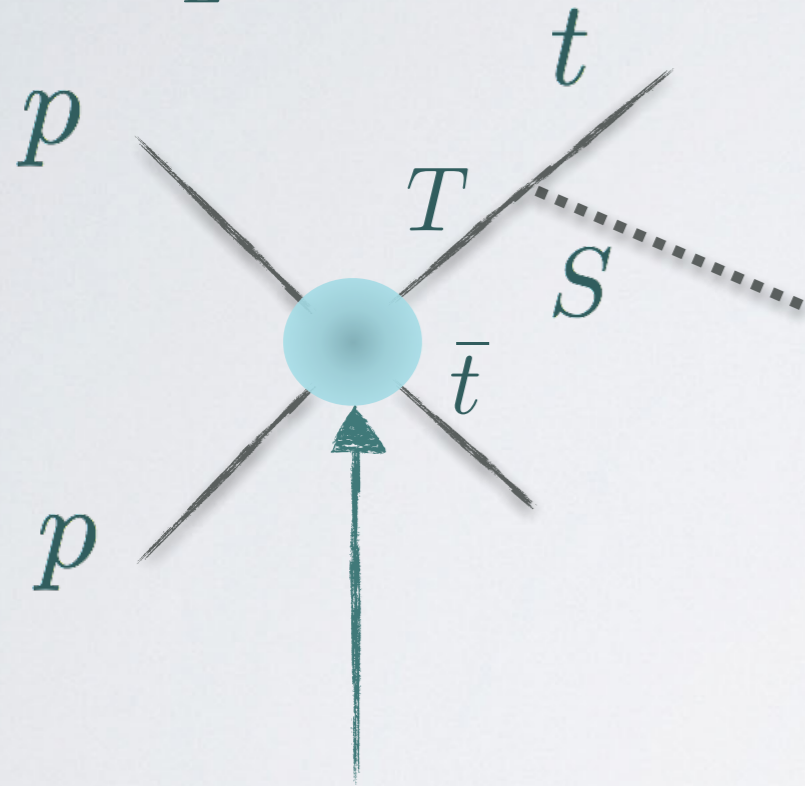
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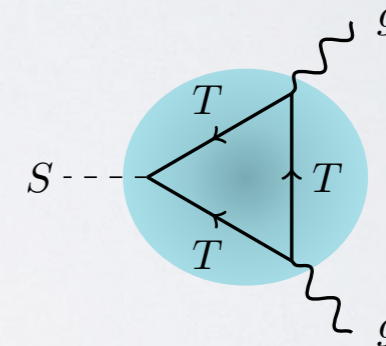
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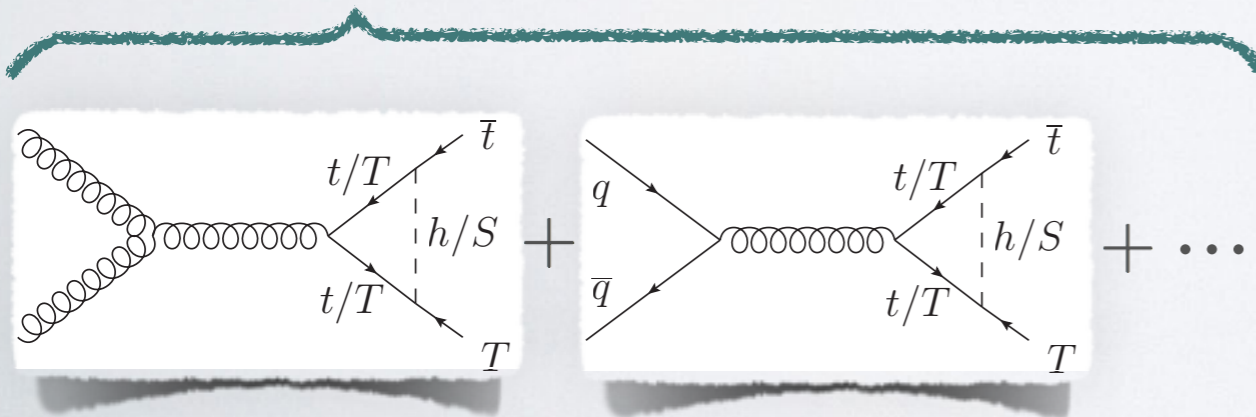
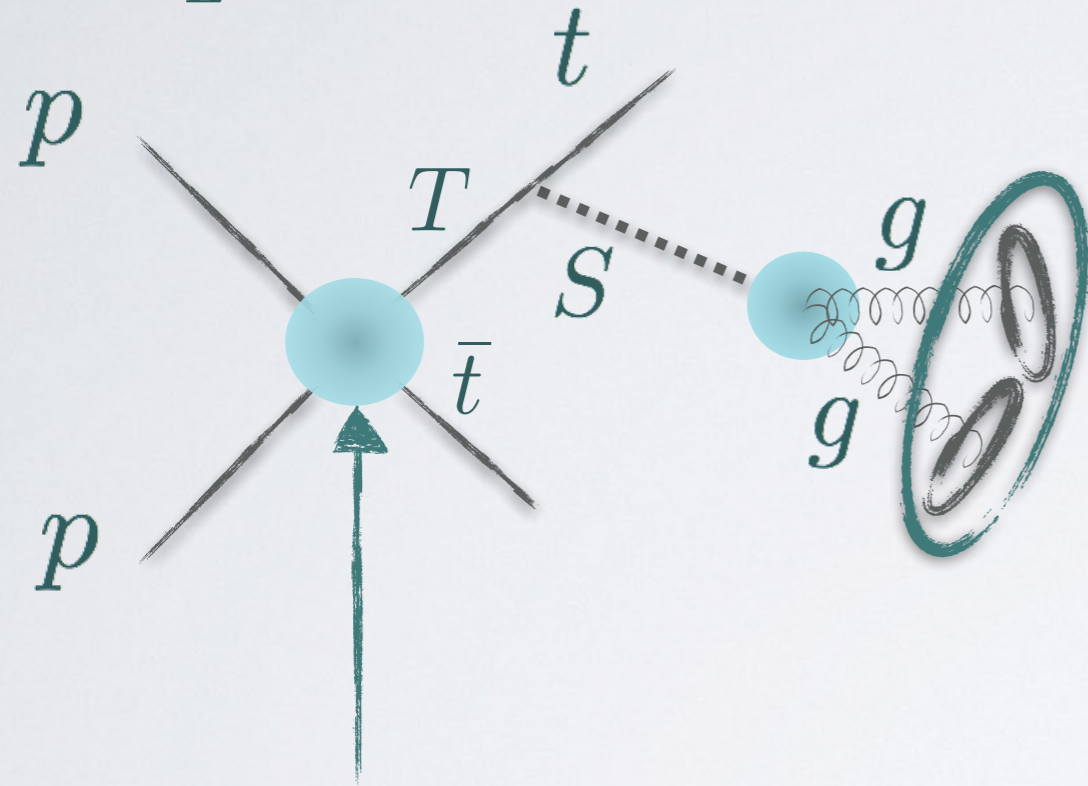
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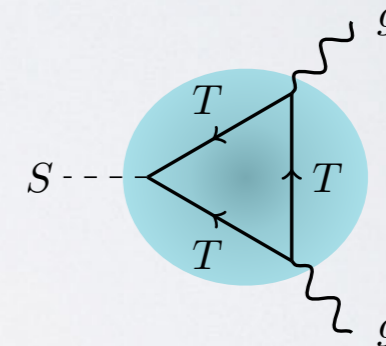
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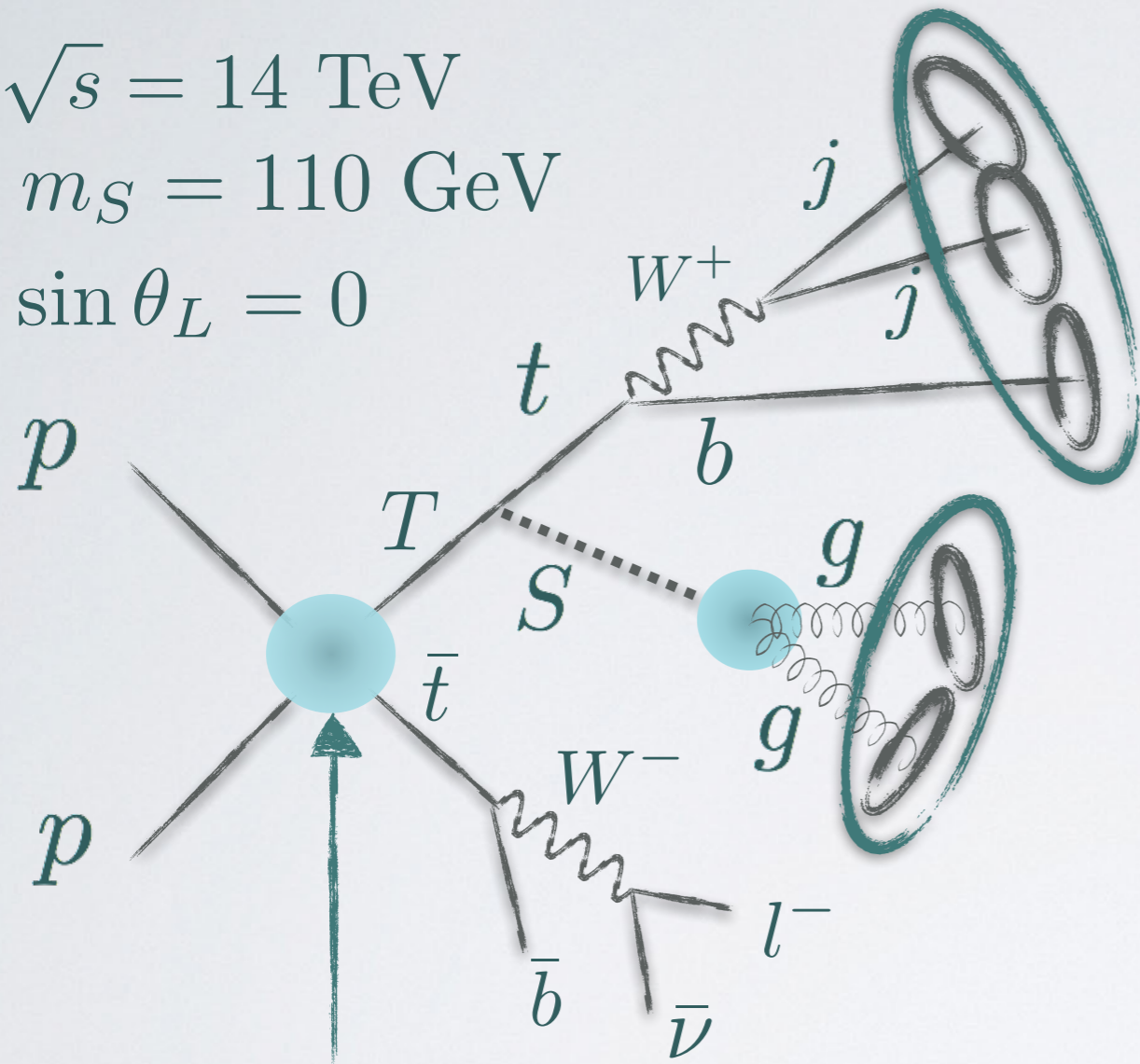


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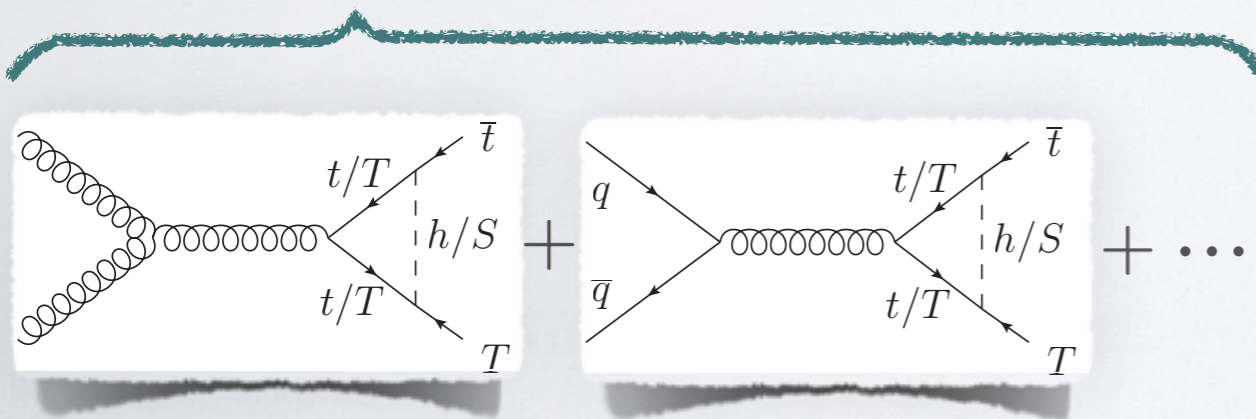
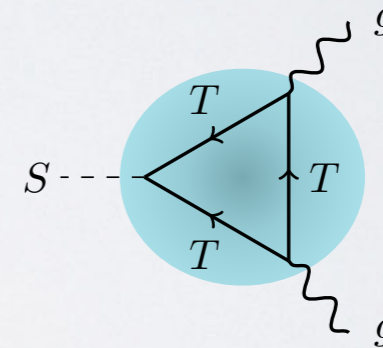
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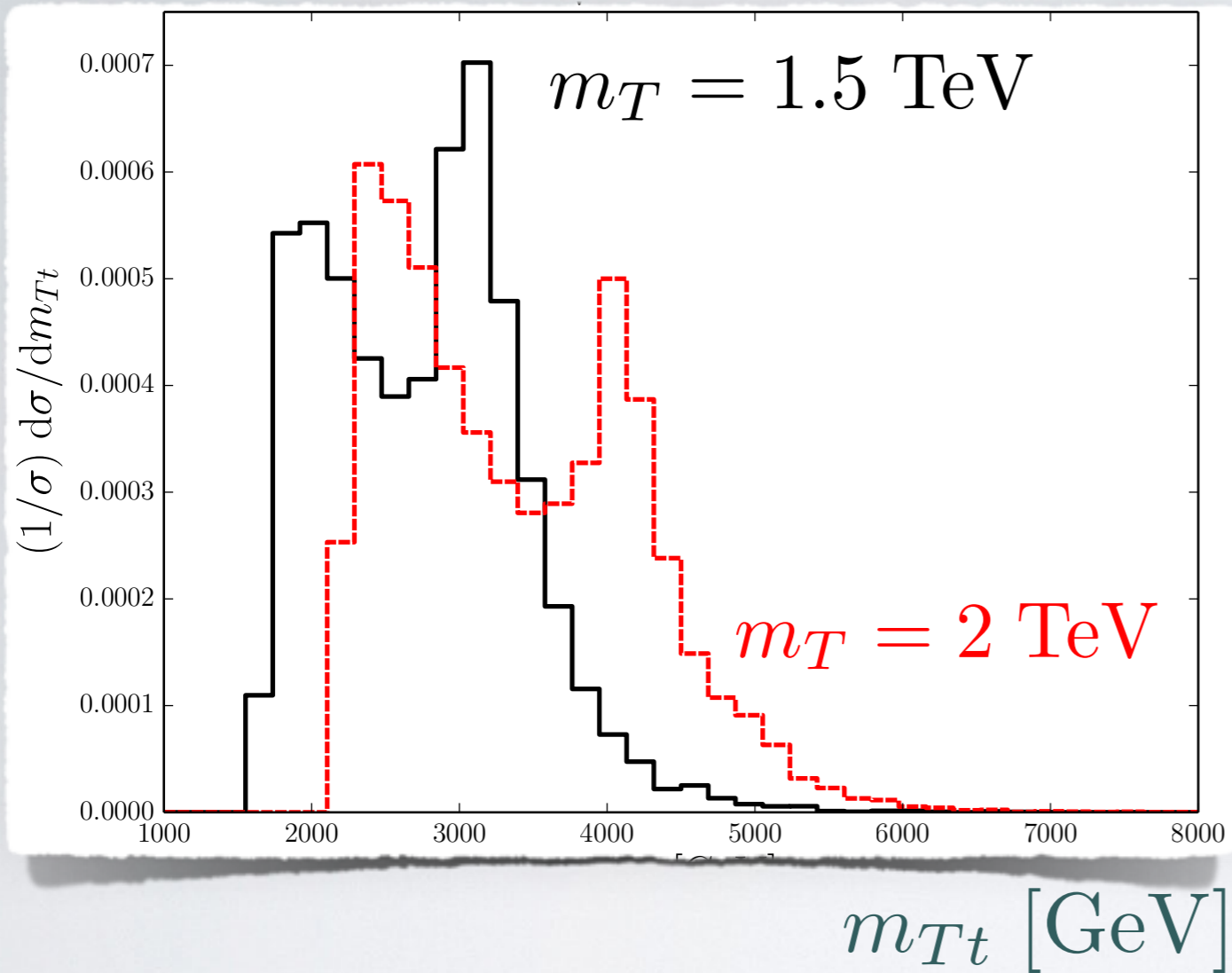


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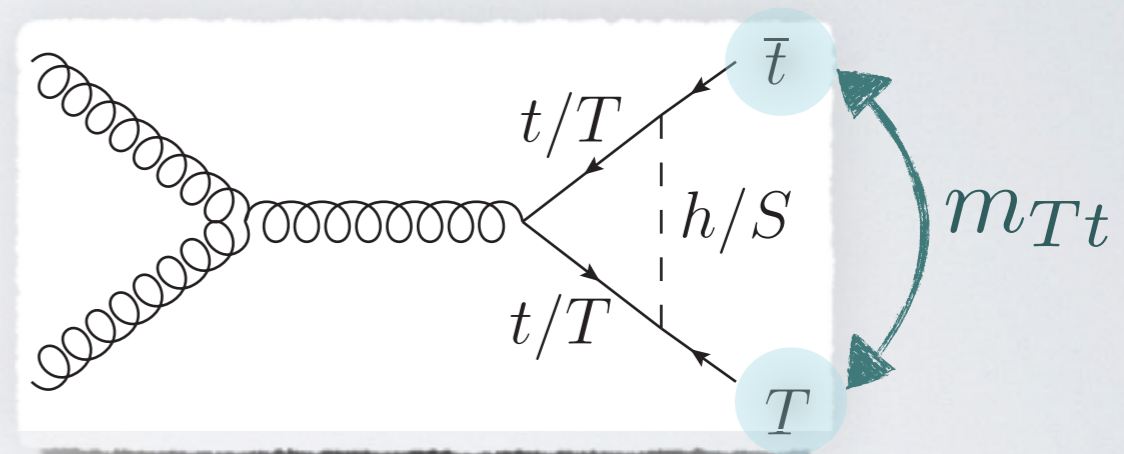
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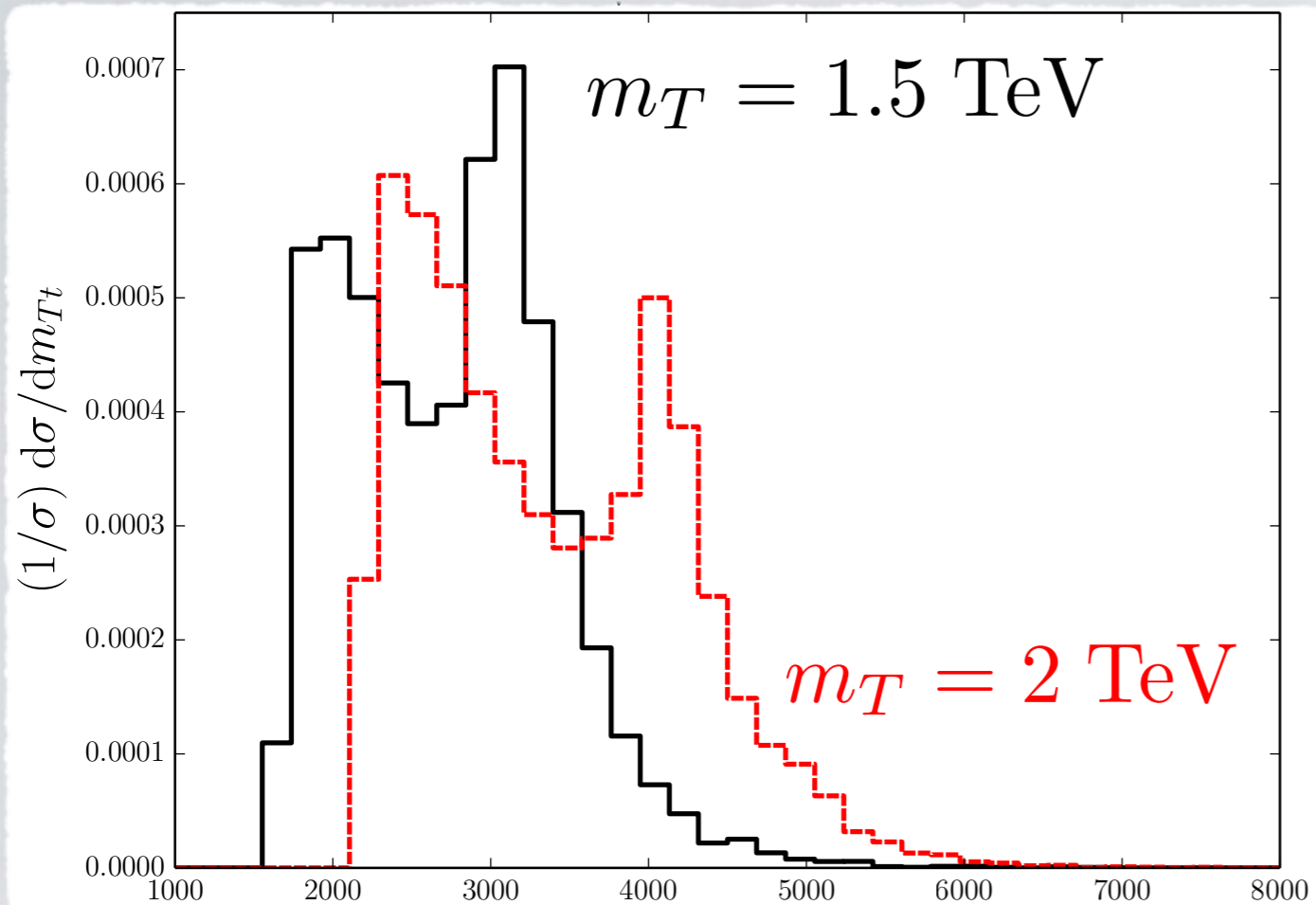


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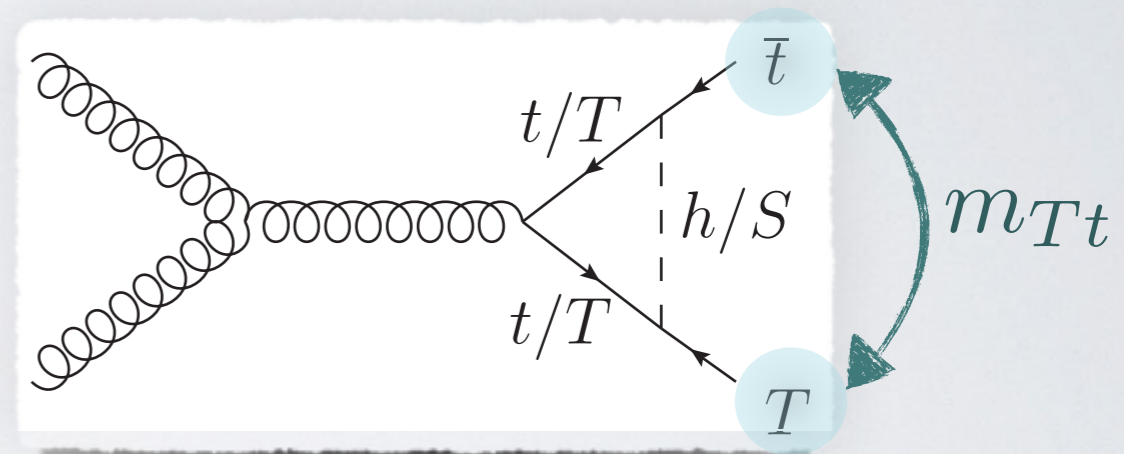
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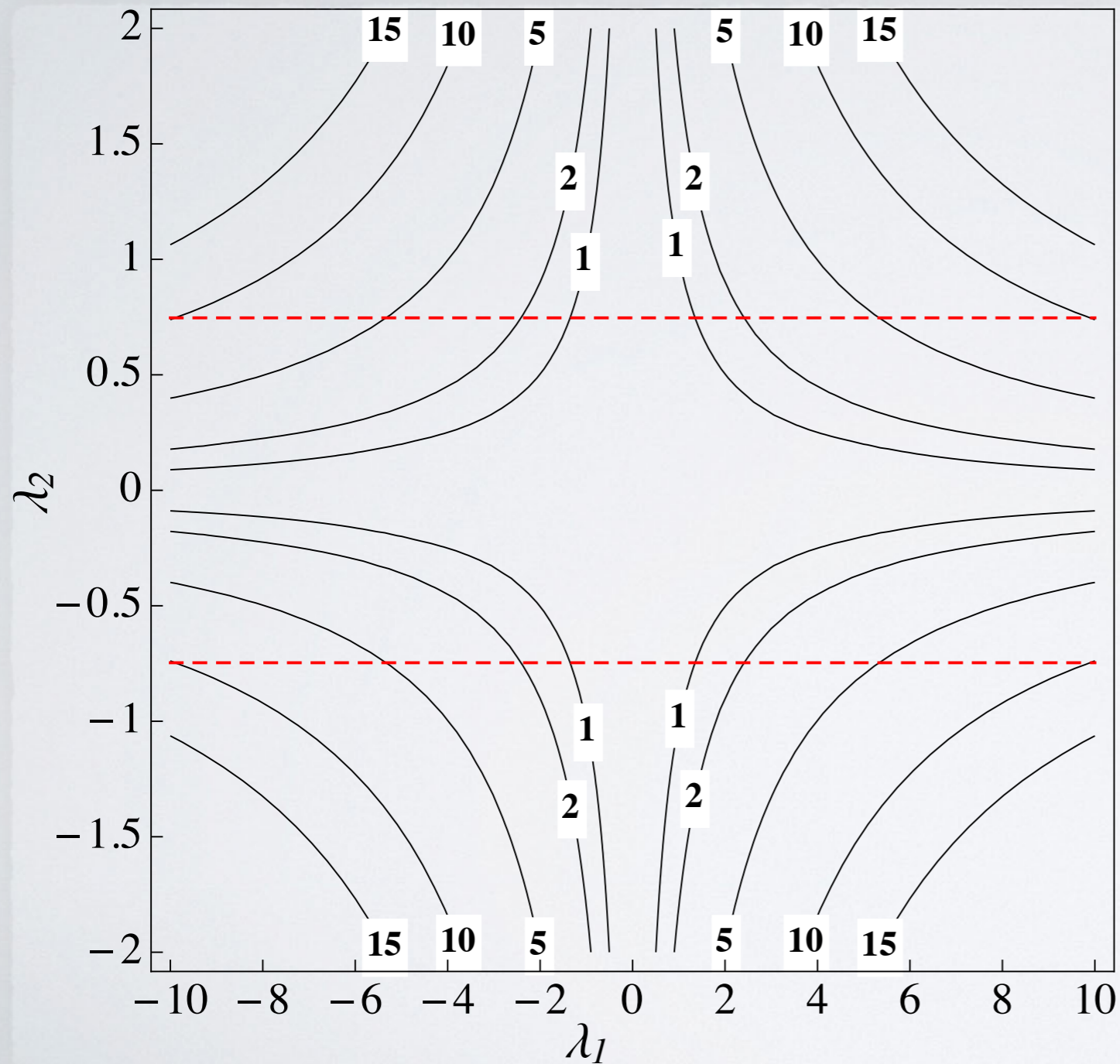
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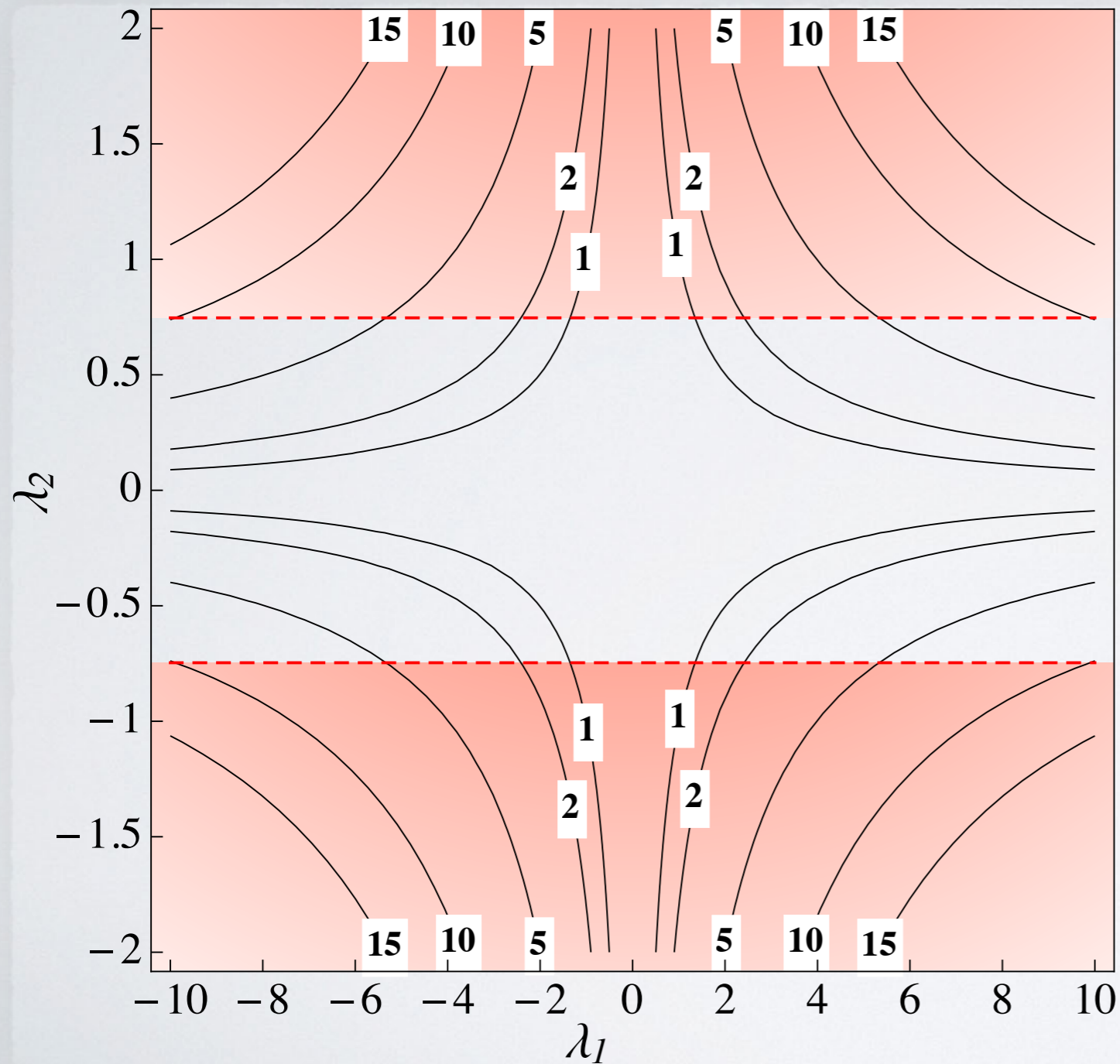
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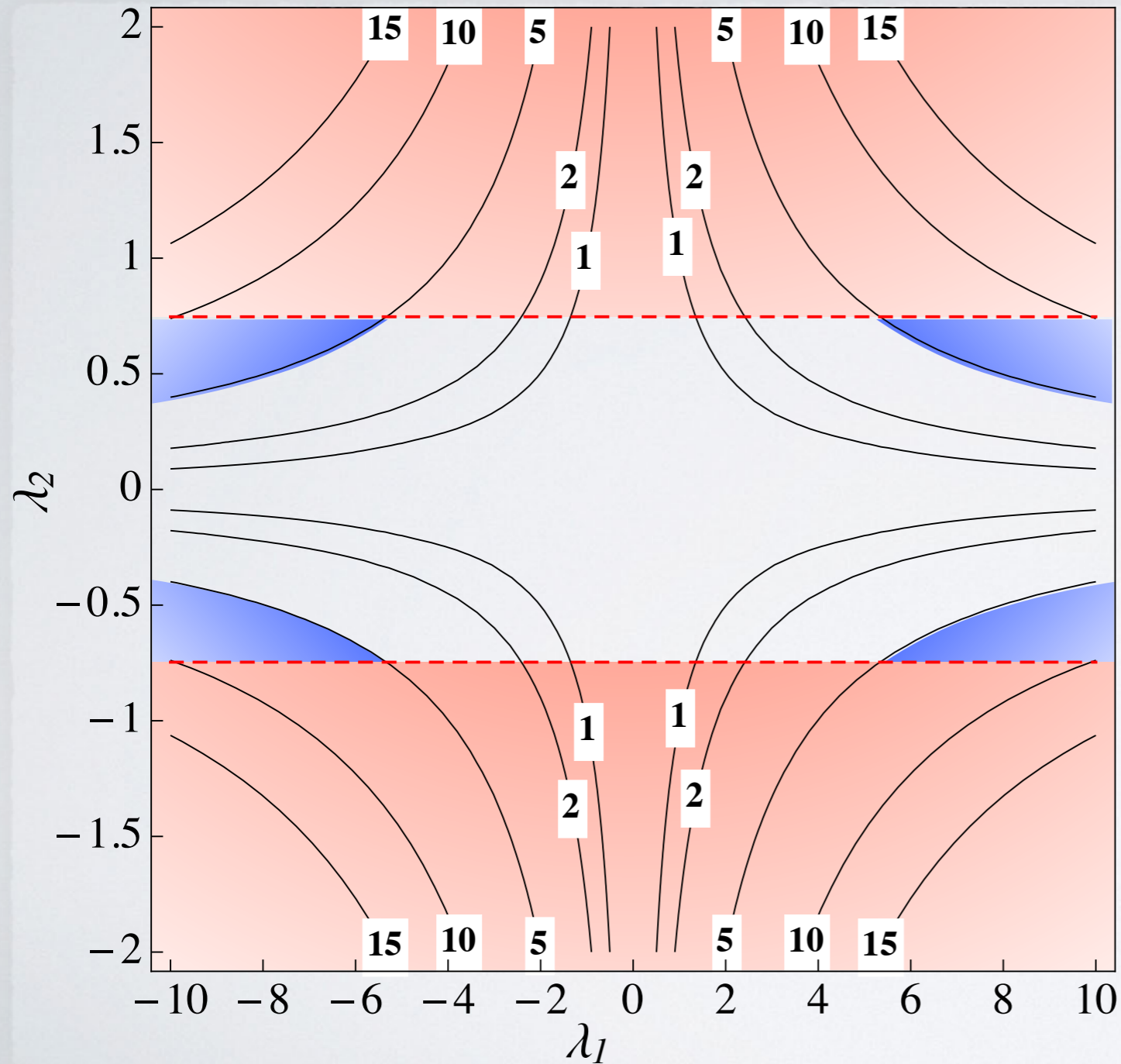
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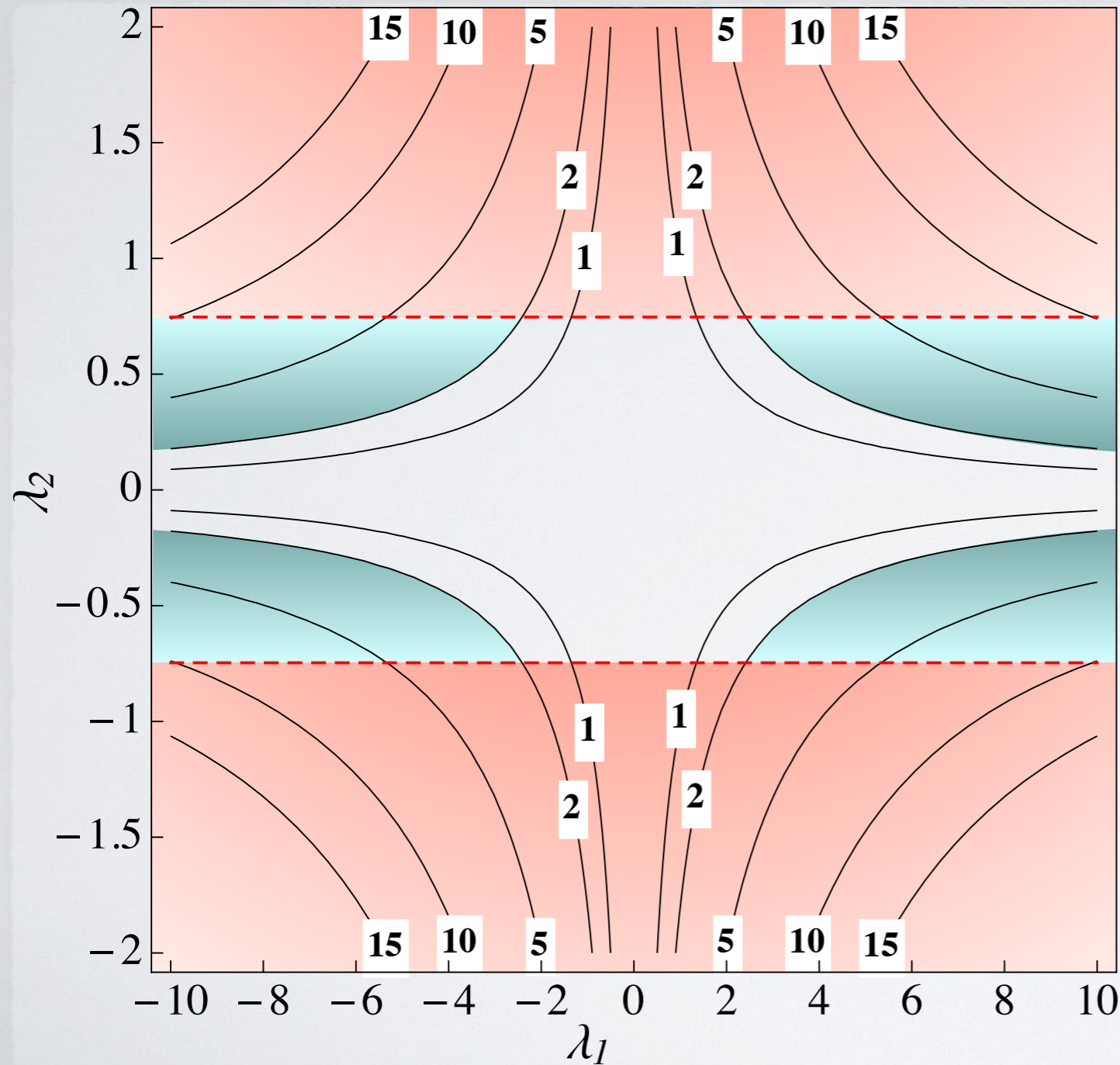
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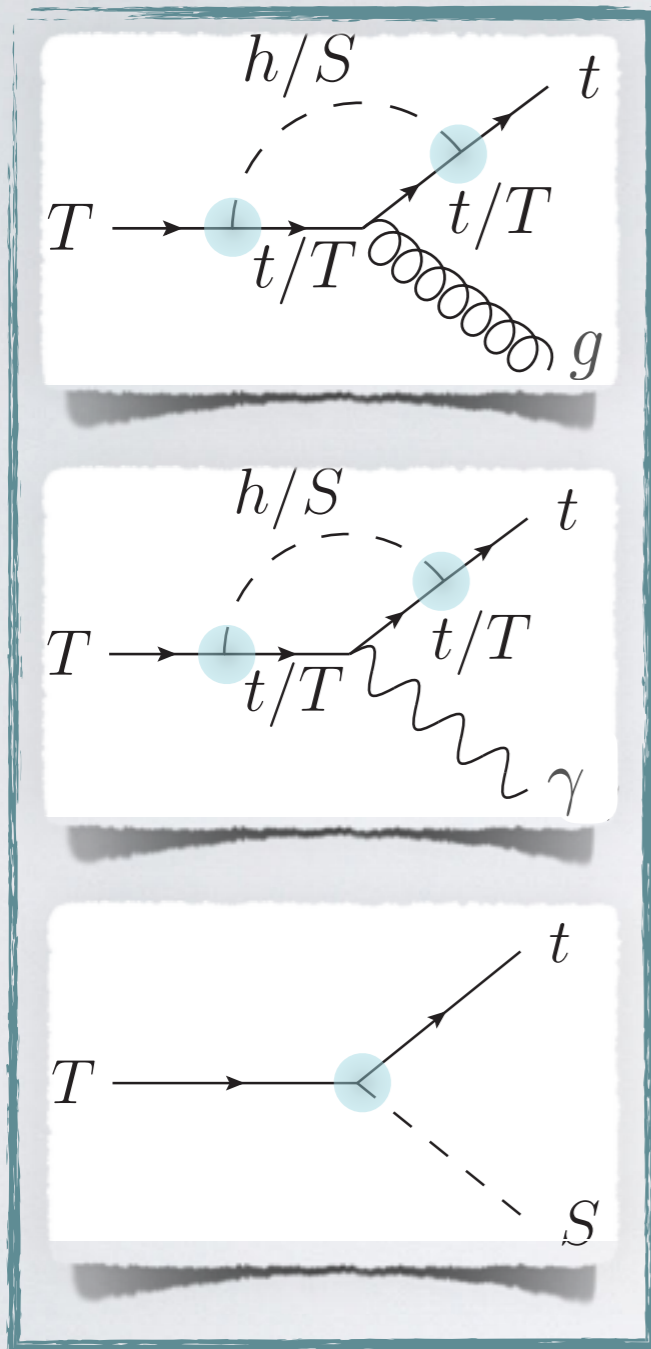
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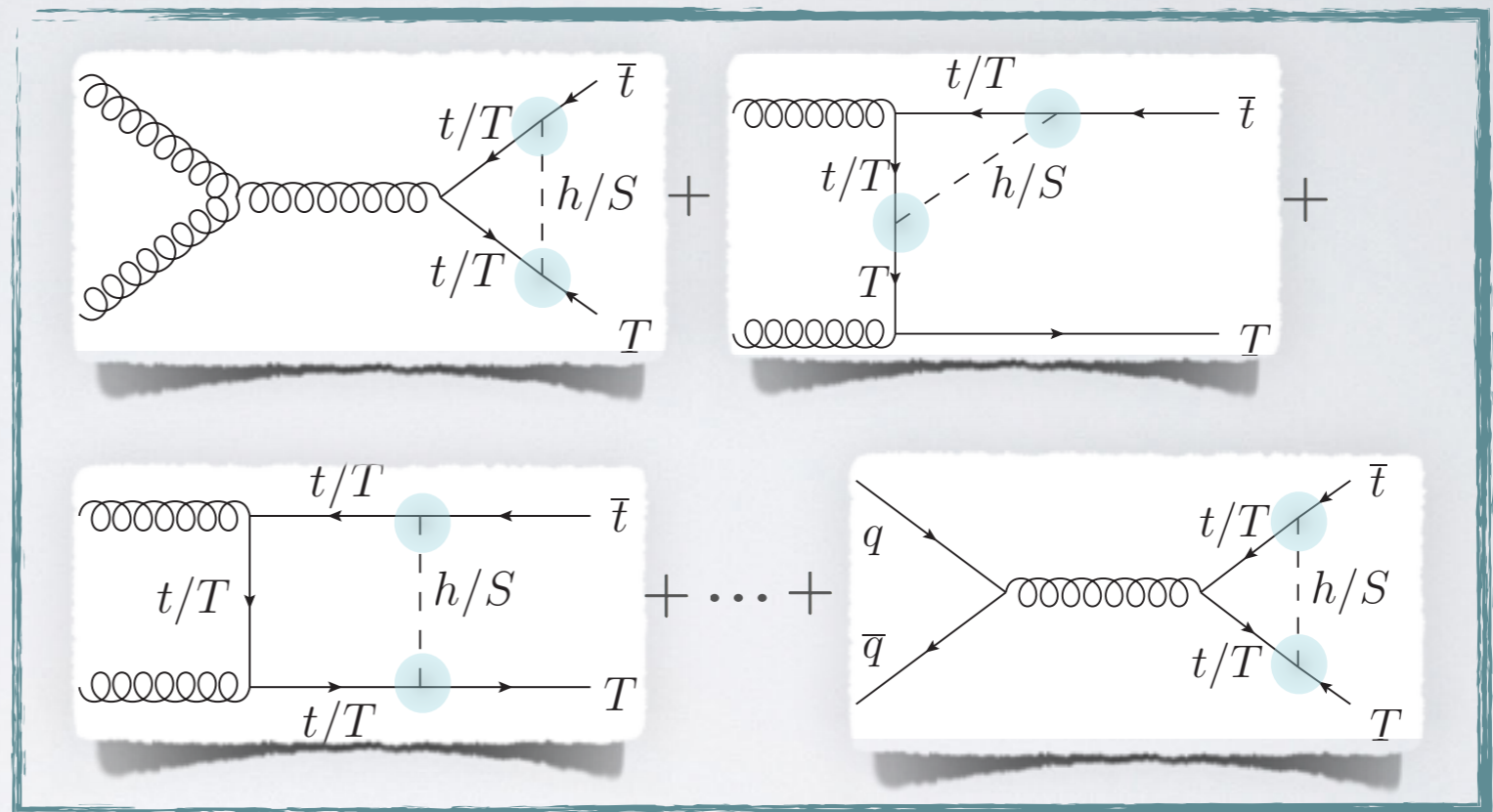
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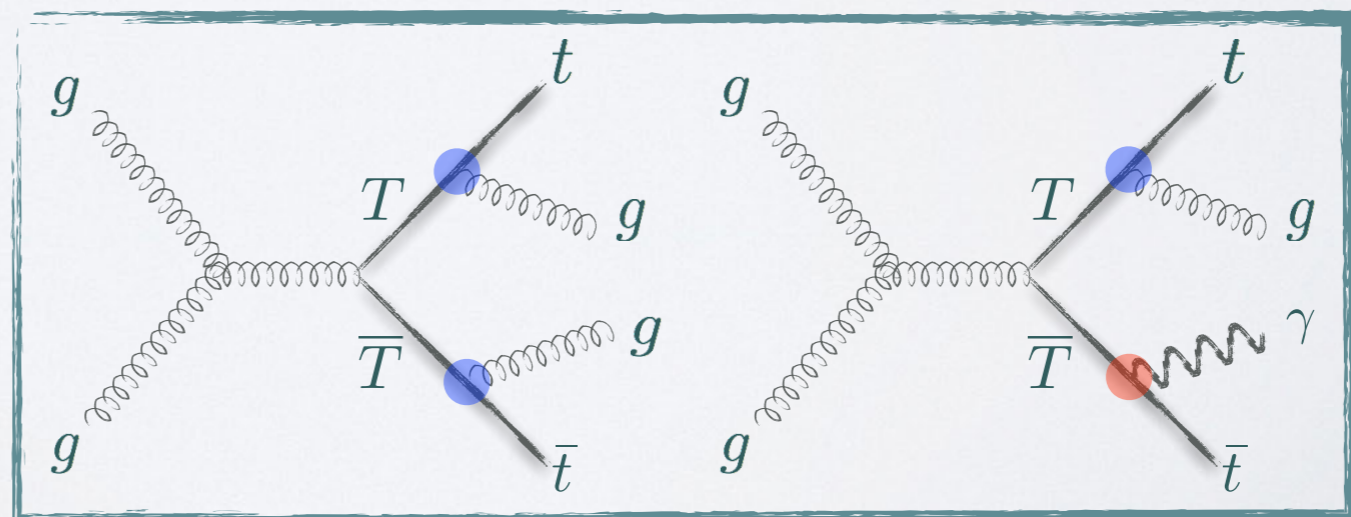
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Back-up

Loop event generations

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The diagram illustrates the generation of loop events. The top row shows the exact calculation, where the cross-section $|\mathcal{M}_{\text{exact}}|^2$ is obtained by summing over spins and colors for a series of Feynman diagrams. The first three diagrams are tree-level diagrams involving top quarks (t, \bar{t}) and gluons (g), with a loop of top quarks. The bottom row shows the EFT calculation, where the cross-section $|\mathcal{M}_{\text{EFT}}|^2$ is obtained by summing over spins and colors for a series of contact diagrams. The first three diagrams are EFT contact diagrams involving top quarks and gluons, with a loop of top quarks. The transition from the EFT calculation to the exact calculation is indicated by a large arrow labeled '2', representing the reweighting of the EFT events by the exact loop calculation.

- We first generate events based on EFT-type contact interactions using MadGraph.
- We reweight the $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ of the EFT by $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ of the exact loop calculation of the theory on an event-by-event basis.
- The reweighted events are showered and hadronized by Pythia.

Final cut-flow table

5.8% 0.08% 0.06% 0.0036% 0.0028%

$m_T = 1.5 \text{ TeV}, \lambda_{1,2} = 2$	Signal [fb]	$t\bar{t}$ [fb]	Single t [fb]	W [fb]	VV [fb]	σ
Basic cuts	0.055	1.3×10^3	2.8×10^3	2.7×10^3	88	0.036
$N_{t_{had}}^{1.5} = N_S^{1.5} = 1$	3.2×10^{-3}	1.11	1.6	0.098	2.5×10^{-3}	0.11
Reconstructed t_{lep}	1.2×10^{-3}	0.073	0.070	4.7×10^{-4}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.17
$1400 \text{ GeV} < m_T^{reco} < 1550 \text{ GeV}$	9.2×10^{-4}	0.015	9.4×10^{-3}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.32
$2865 \text{ GeV} < m_{T_t}^{reco}$	6.3×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-3}	7.2×10^{-5}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.81
$2050 \text{ GeV} < H_T^{reco}$ $\Delta R_{t_{had}S}^{reco} < 3.41$ $1.63 < \Delta R_{t_{lep}S}^{reco}$	5.8×10^{-4}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	5.0

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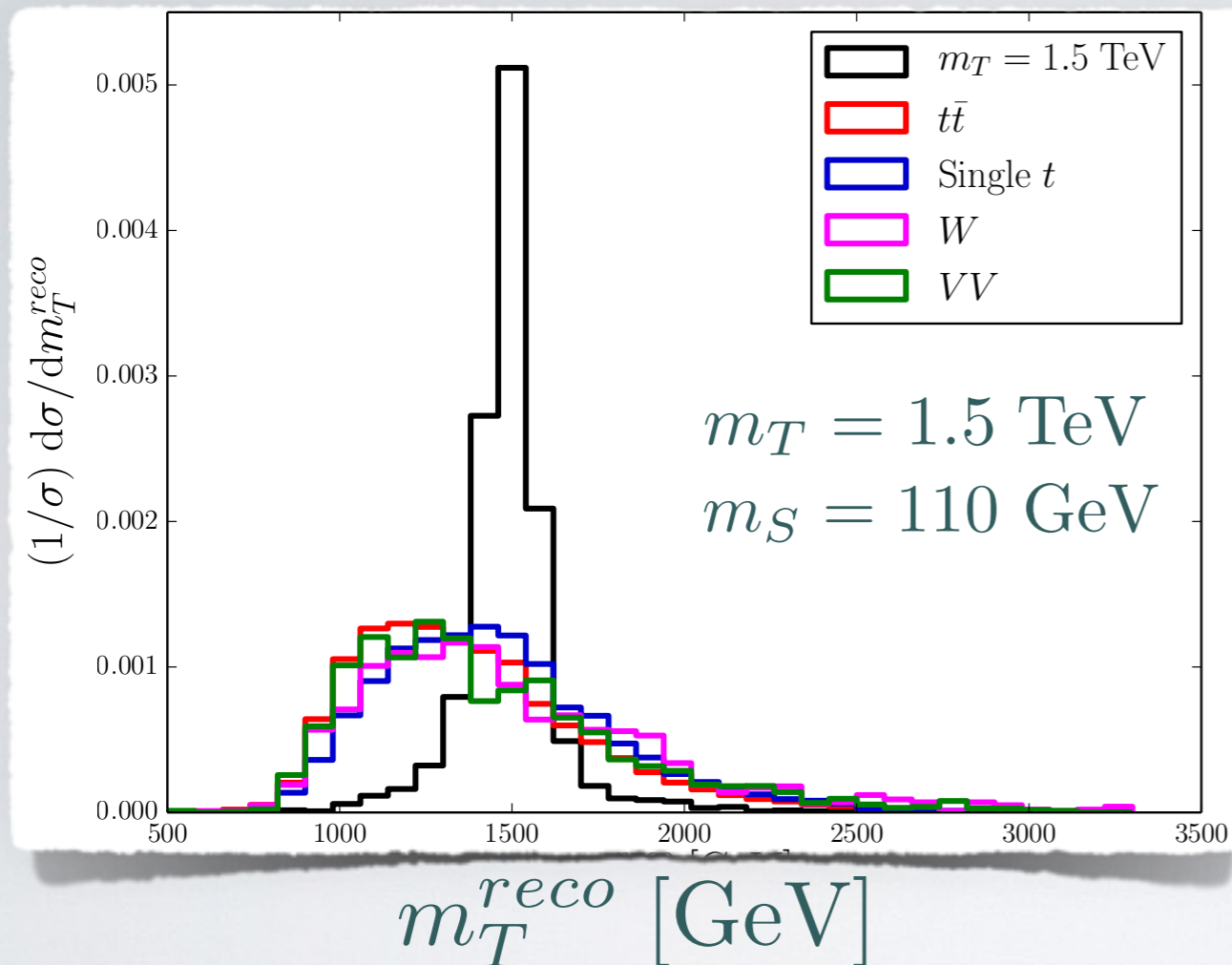
significance

- A cut-flow table showing cross sections of each stage in fb.
- It shows that jet substructure analysis can effectively reduce the overall size of backgrounds.
- Significances calculated for a luminosity of 3 ab^{-1} show that 5σ discovery is achievable for 1.5 TeV top partner with $\lambda_{1,2} = 2$.

Reconstructed T and Tt -system

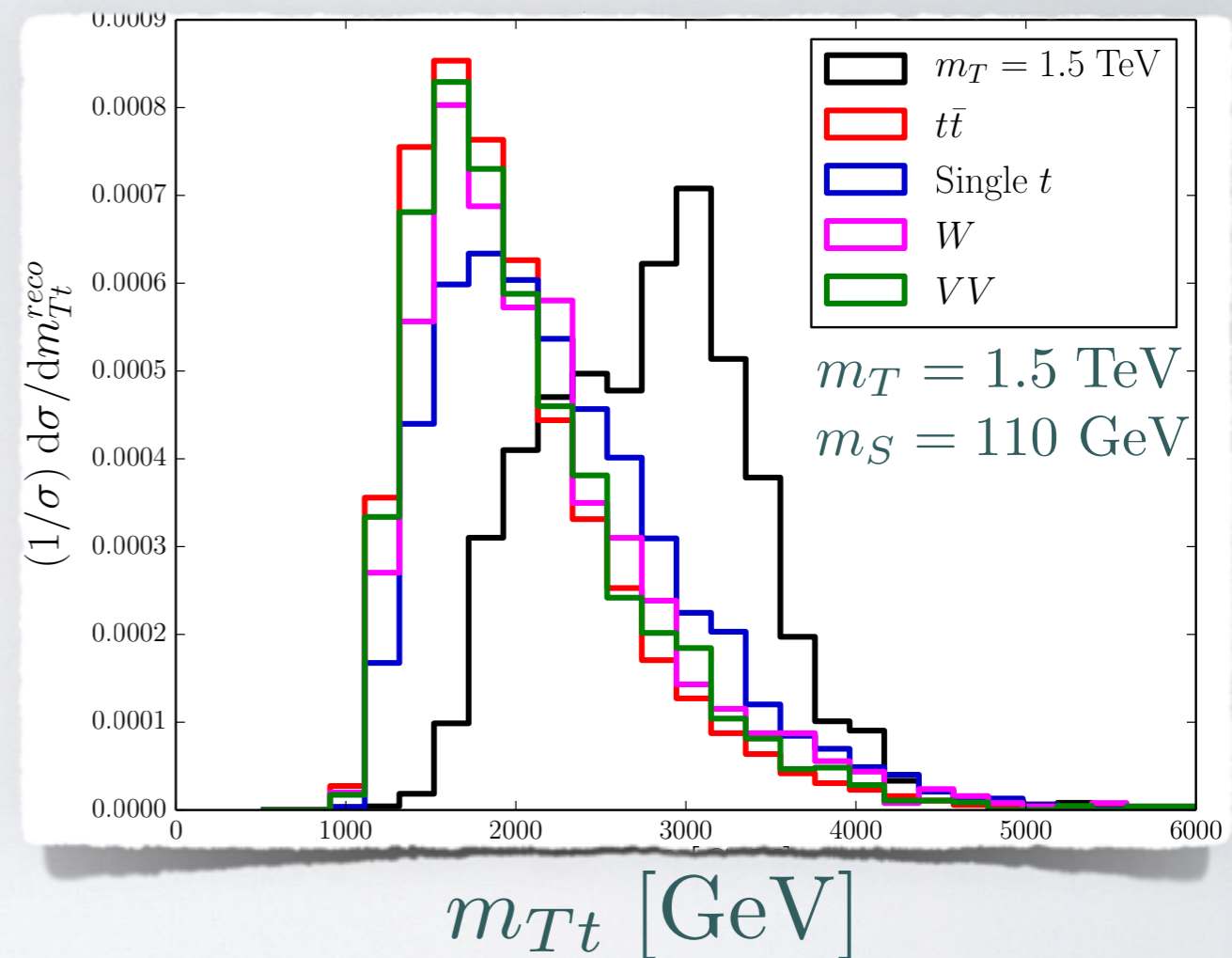
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- We see that the threshold structure at $m_{Tt} \sim 2m_T$ survives even at the detector-level (better separation against the SM backgrounds).