

Probing Higgs Boson with VBS

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OUTLINE

- **Preface**
 - ➔ the Higgs and vector boson scattering
- **$VV \rightarrow VV$ process at the LHC**
 - ➔ selection of the longitudinal vector bosons
 - ➔ model-independent sensitivity to HVV coupling using three main observables
- **$VV \rightarrow hhh$ at future pp colliders**
 - ➔ cross section enhancement, high sensitivity to HVV coupling
- **Conclusions**

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where

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$$T \equiv \Sigma \tau^3 \Sigma^\dagger$$

$$\Sigma(x) = \exp \left[i \frac{\varphi^a(x) \tau^a}{v} \right]$$

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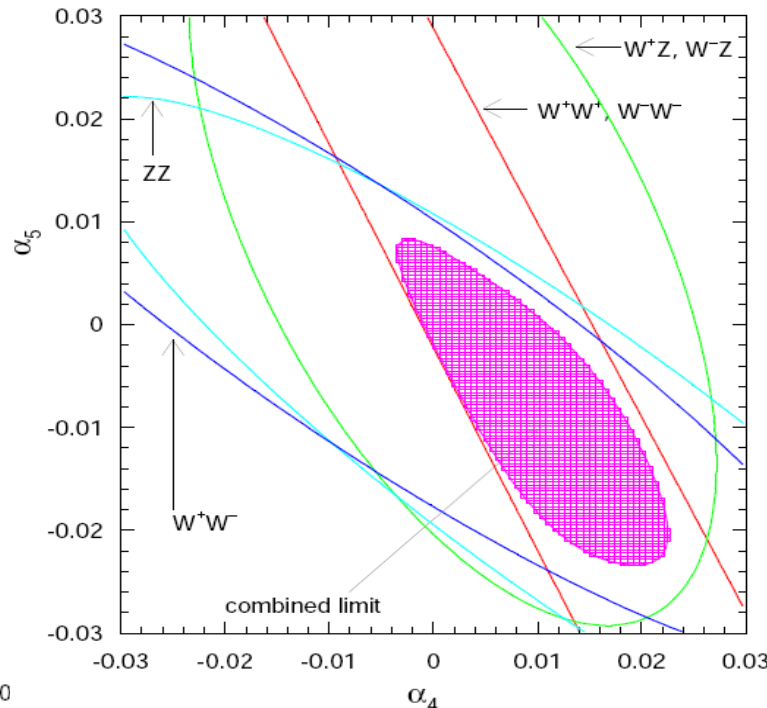
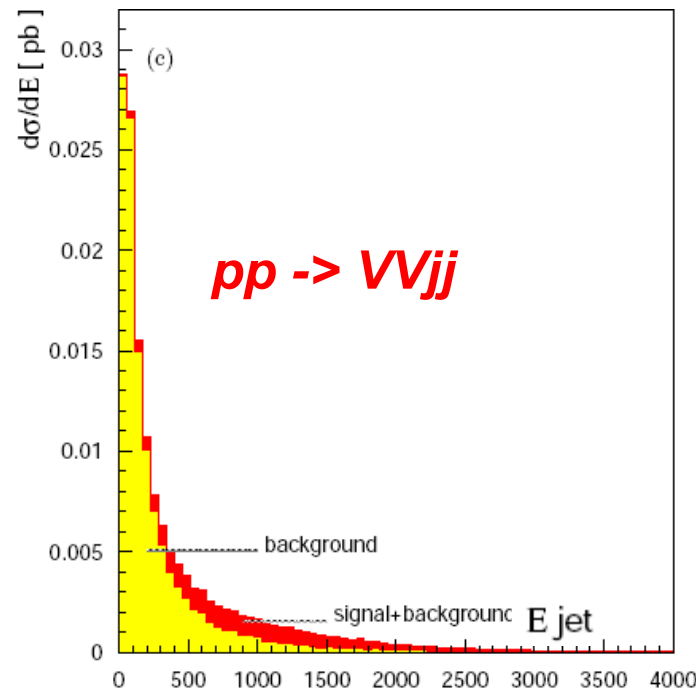
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which can be tested at the LHC



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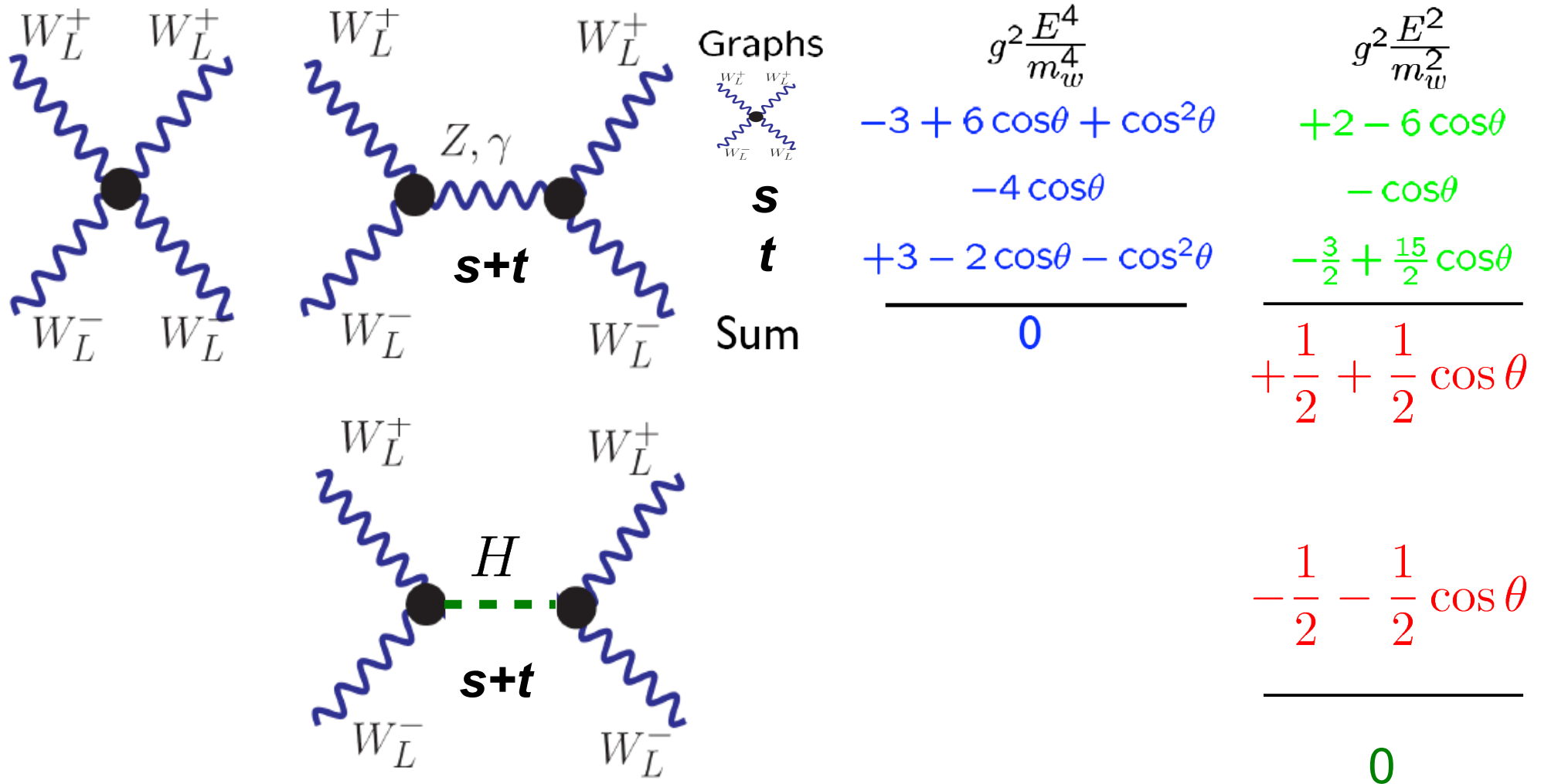
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followed by Eboli, Gonzalez-Garcia, Lietti, Novaes '00; Beyer, Kilian, Krstonosic, Monig, Reuter, Schmidt, Schroder '06; Eboli, Gonzalez-Garcia, Mizukoshi '06

But we have been expecting Higgs boson as it nicely unitarises $VV \rightarrow VV$ amplitude!



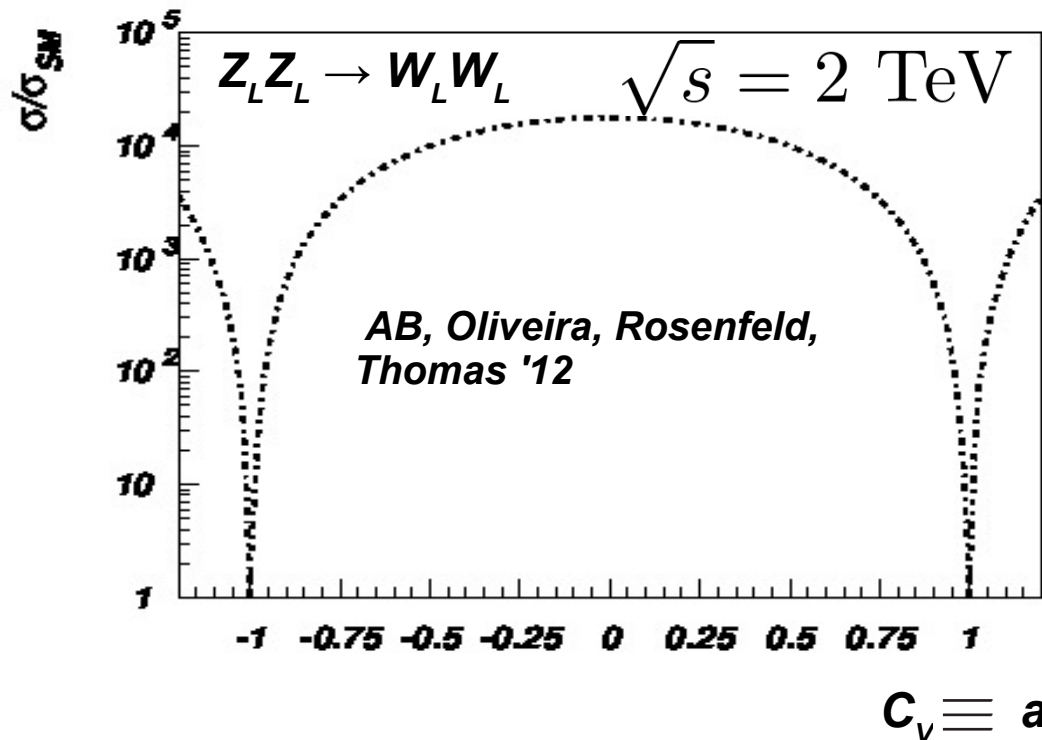
If no Higgs $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(E^2) \Rightarrow E < \sqrt{8\pi}v \simeq 1.2 \text{ TeV}$

Cancellation requires exact SM coupling!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{v^2}{4} \left(1 + 2a \frac{h}{v} + b \frac{h^2}{v^2} + b_3 \frac{h^3}{v^3} + \dots \right) \text{Tr} \left[\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger \right] \quad \text{Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi '07}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 h^2 - d_3 \lambda v h^3 - d_4 \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4 + \dots \quad (U \equiv \Sigma \quad !)$$

→ $\mathcal{L} = C_V g_{SM} h V_L V_L + \dots$ where $C_V = 1$ in SM



- The Large increases in $V_L V_L$ scattering, even for small deviations ($\sim 10\%$) from SM.
- Could provide model independent way to probe Higgs boson coupling to gauge bosons (C_V).

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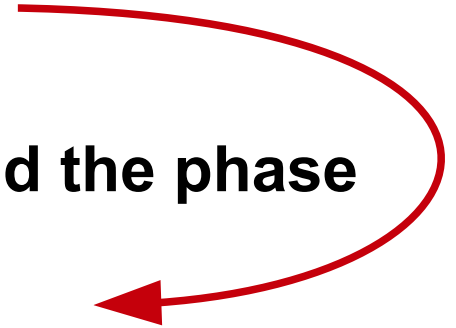
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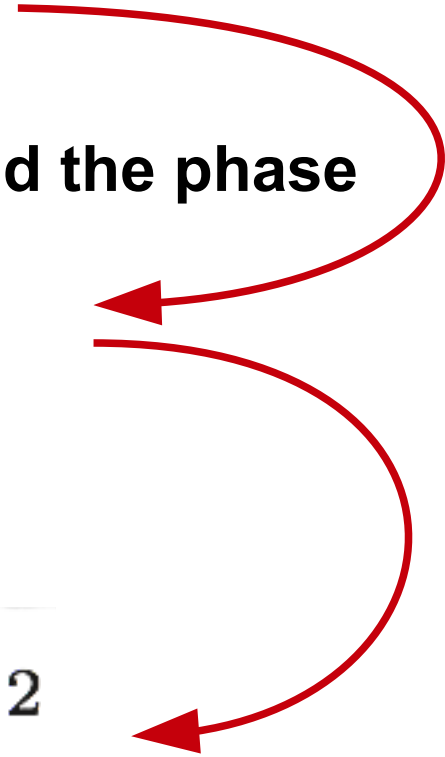
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So, $2 \rightarrow n$ cross section grows as s^{n-1} !

$$\sigma(2 \rightarrow n) \propto \frac{1}{s} \left(\frac{s}{v^n} \right)^2 s^{n-2}$$

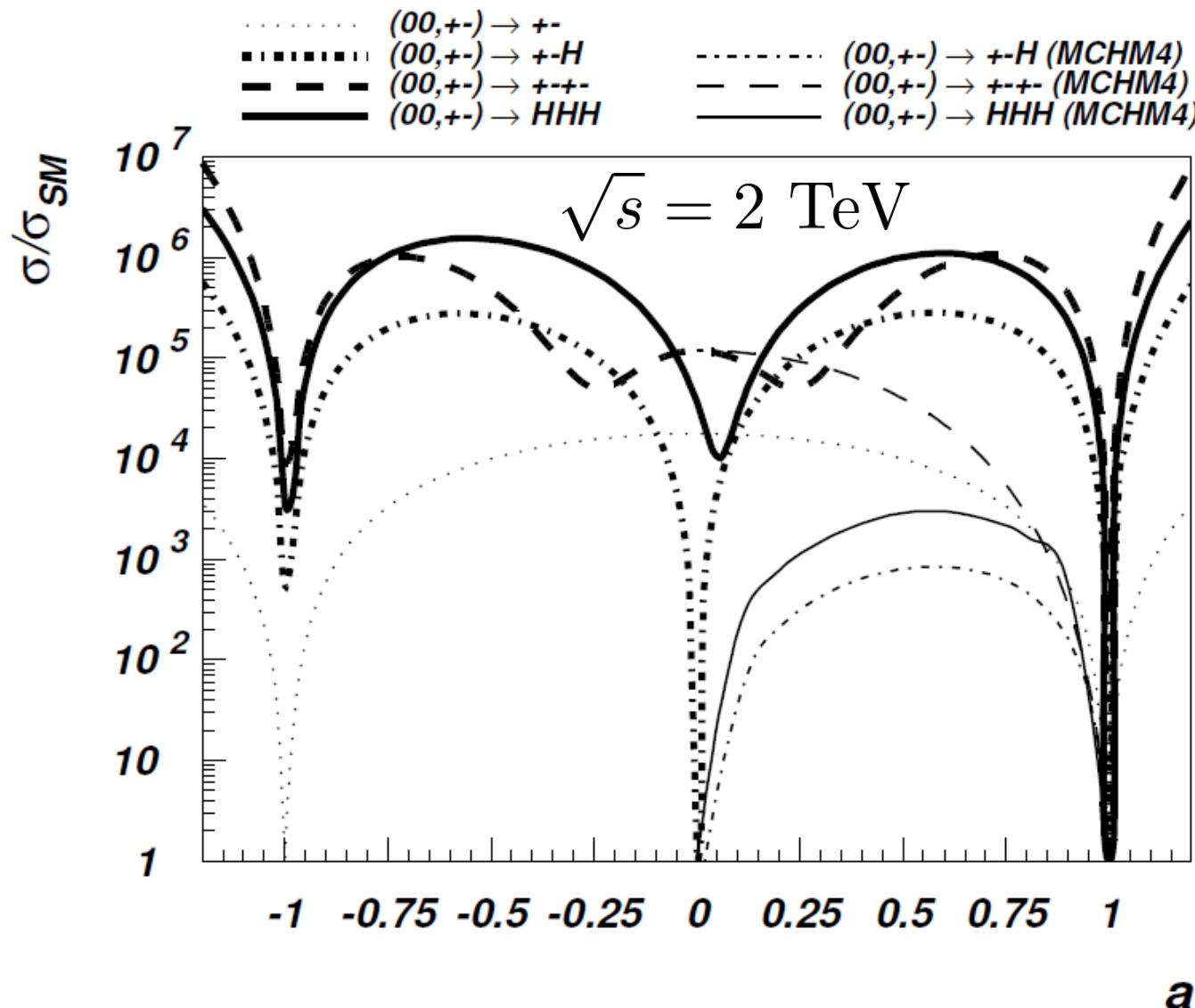


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and hence naively

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Therefore, the growth of the cross section with energy is faster for larger number of particles due to the kinematical factors in the phase space!

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- **Transverse “pollution”**

- **VV → VV cross section is dominated by the transverse VV scattering – the main background!**

	$\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$	
Channel	CX for $C_V = 1$ (SM) (pb)	CX for $C_V = 0.9$ (pb)
$Z_L Z_L \rightarrow W_L W_L$	0.13	295
$ZZ \rightarrow WW$ (full)	610	655

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- **Despite large increases in V_L scattering, the overall effect on spin averaged cross section is moderate.**
- **One needs to find a way to isolate the longitudinal components of scattering, to enable us to measure C_V**

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One should notice a problem here! Message: do not fully trust results based on the single package (Madgraph in this case) even if it quotes 1% MC error!

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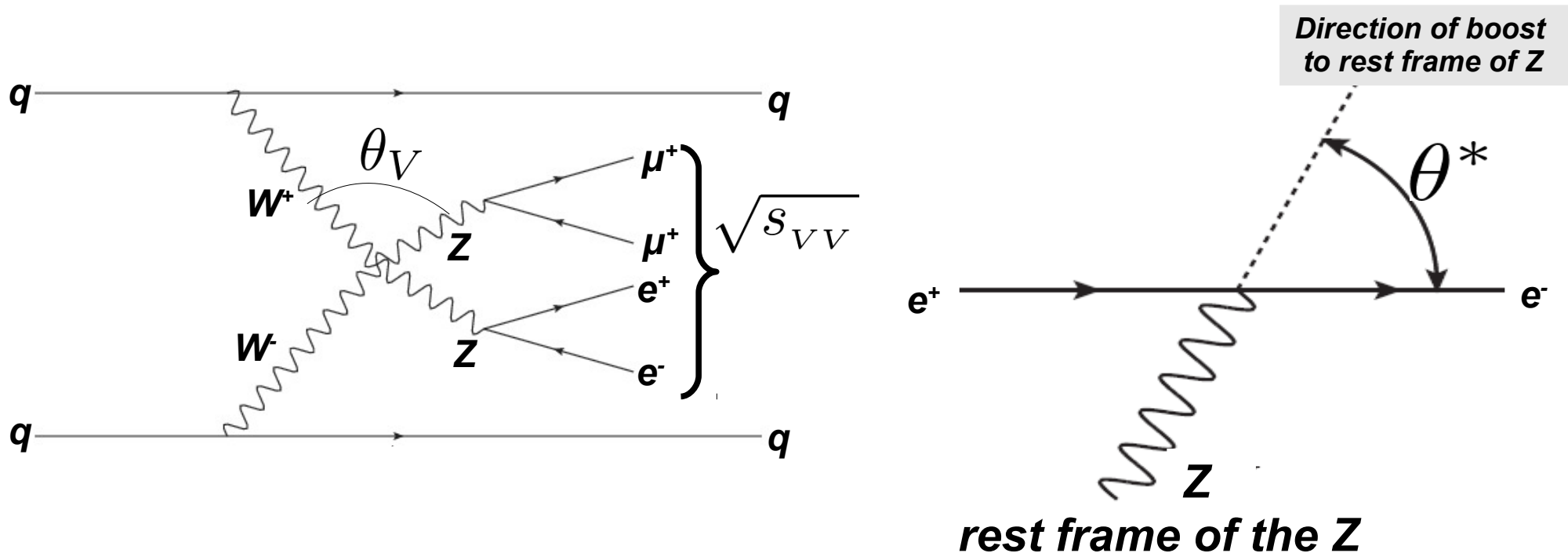
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- We have found that this can be done using a combination of three main observables:
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 - ➔ Observable 2, θ^*
 - ➔ Observable 3, $\sqrt{s_{VV}}$

Observables $\theta_V, \theta^*, \sqrt{s_{VV}}$

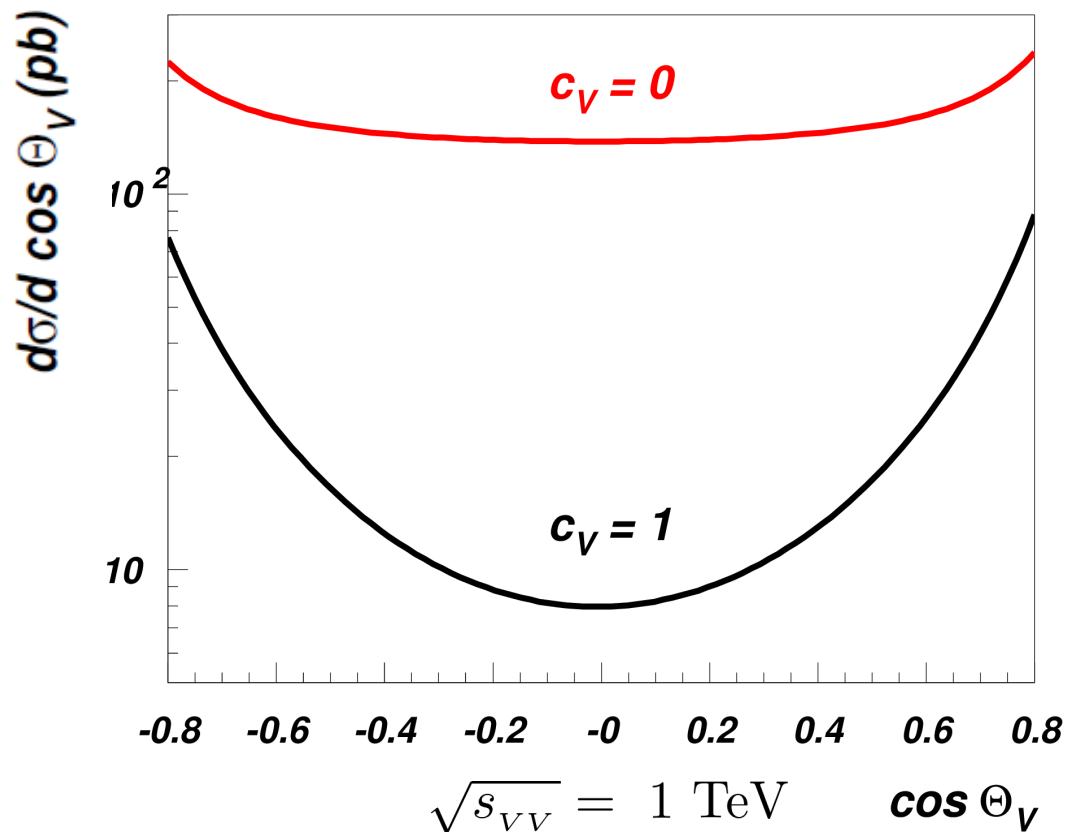
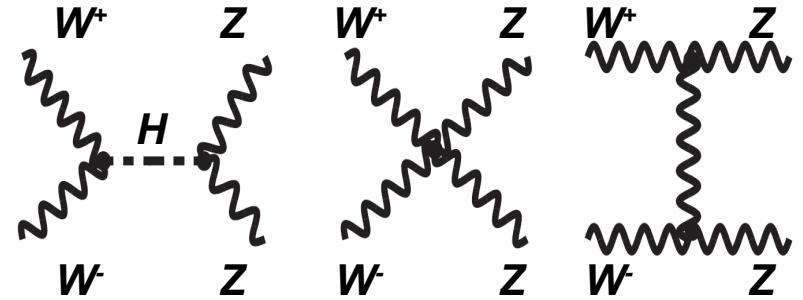
- θ_V : the angle in rest frame of vector boson scattering between incoming and outgoing vector
- θ^* : the angle in rest frame of decaying boson, between fermion in the decay products and direction of boost to get to the rest frame
- $\sqrt{s_{VV}}$: the invariant mass of VV system



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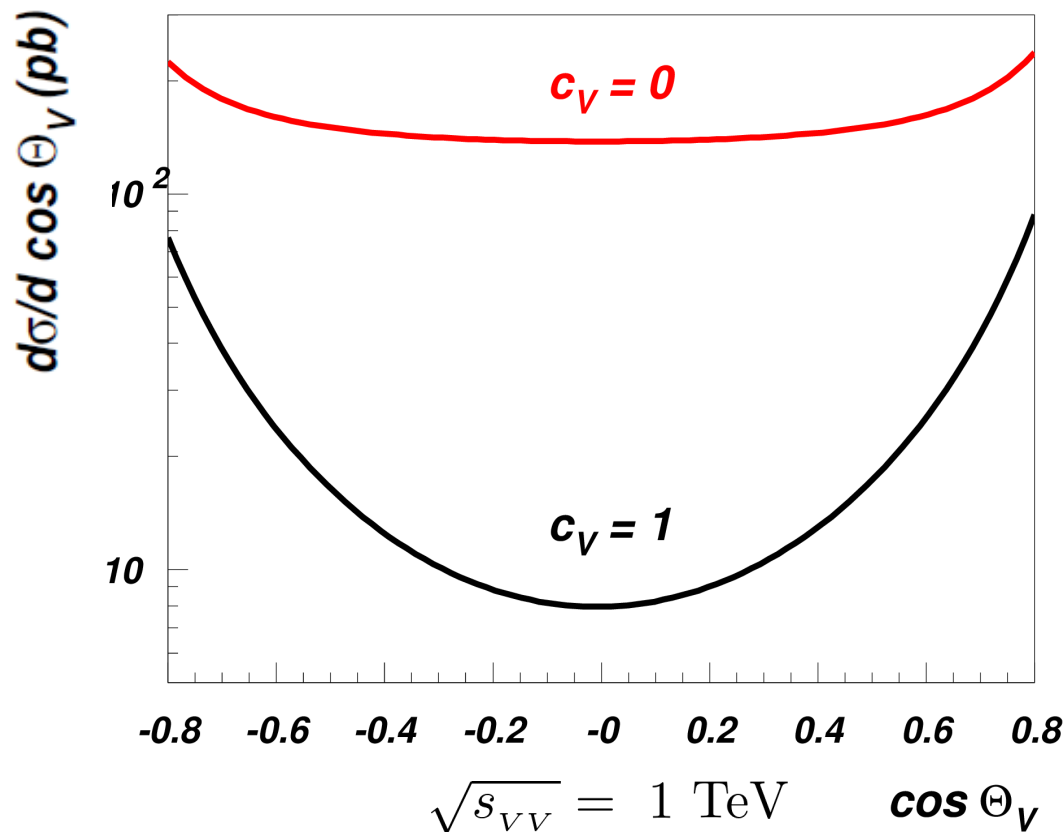
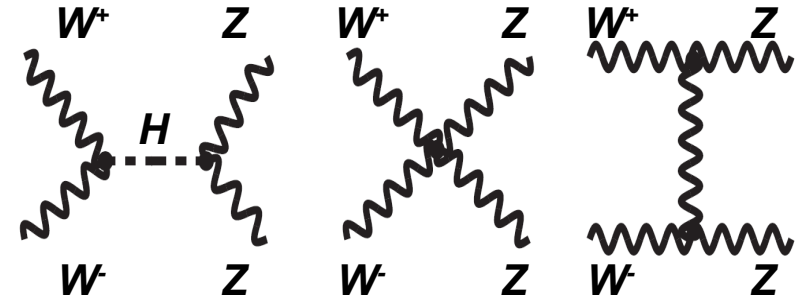
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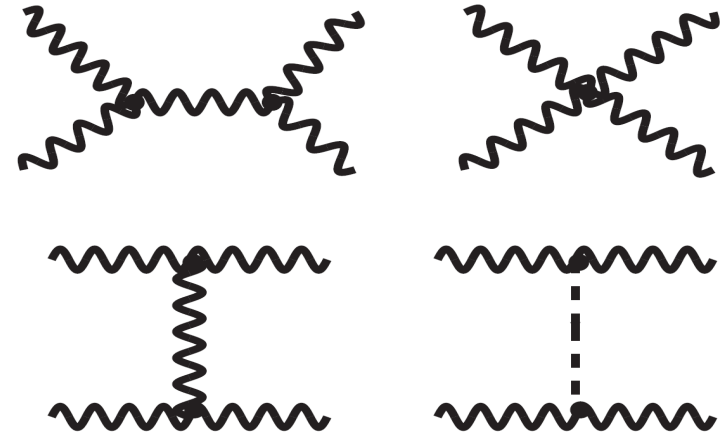
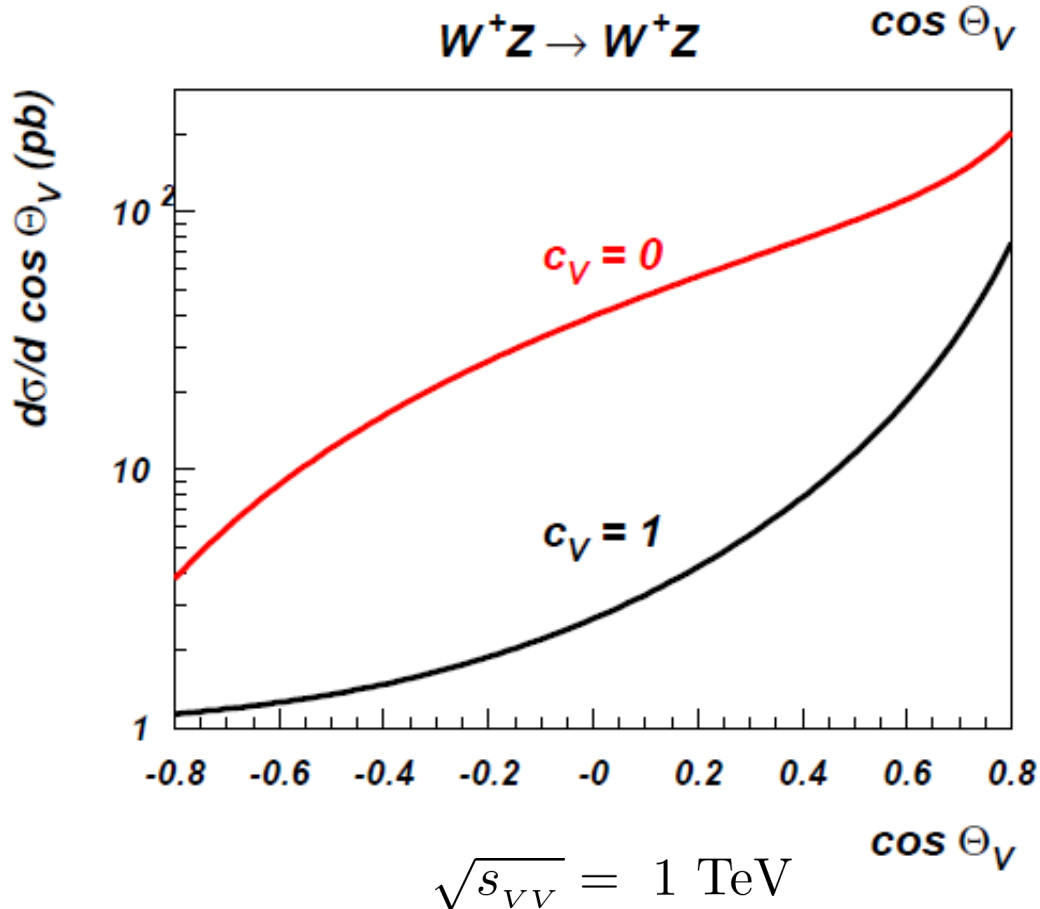
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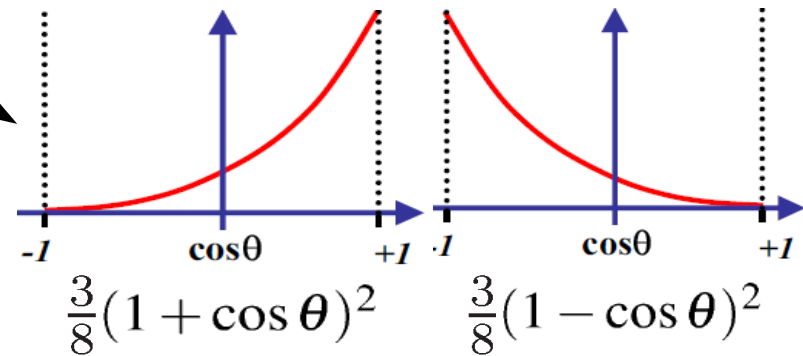
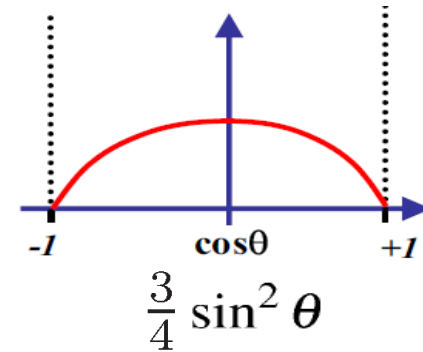
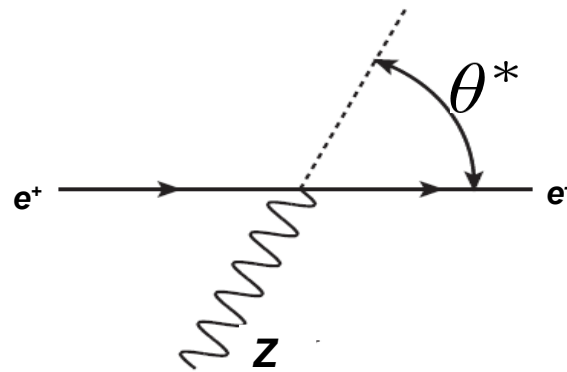
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Observable 2, θ^*

- Distribution of decay from transverse and longitudinal polarisations.

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- By fitting,

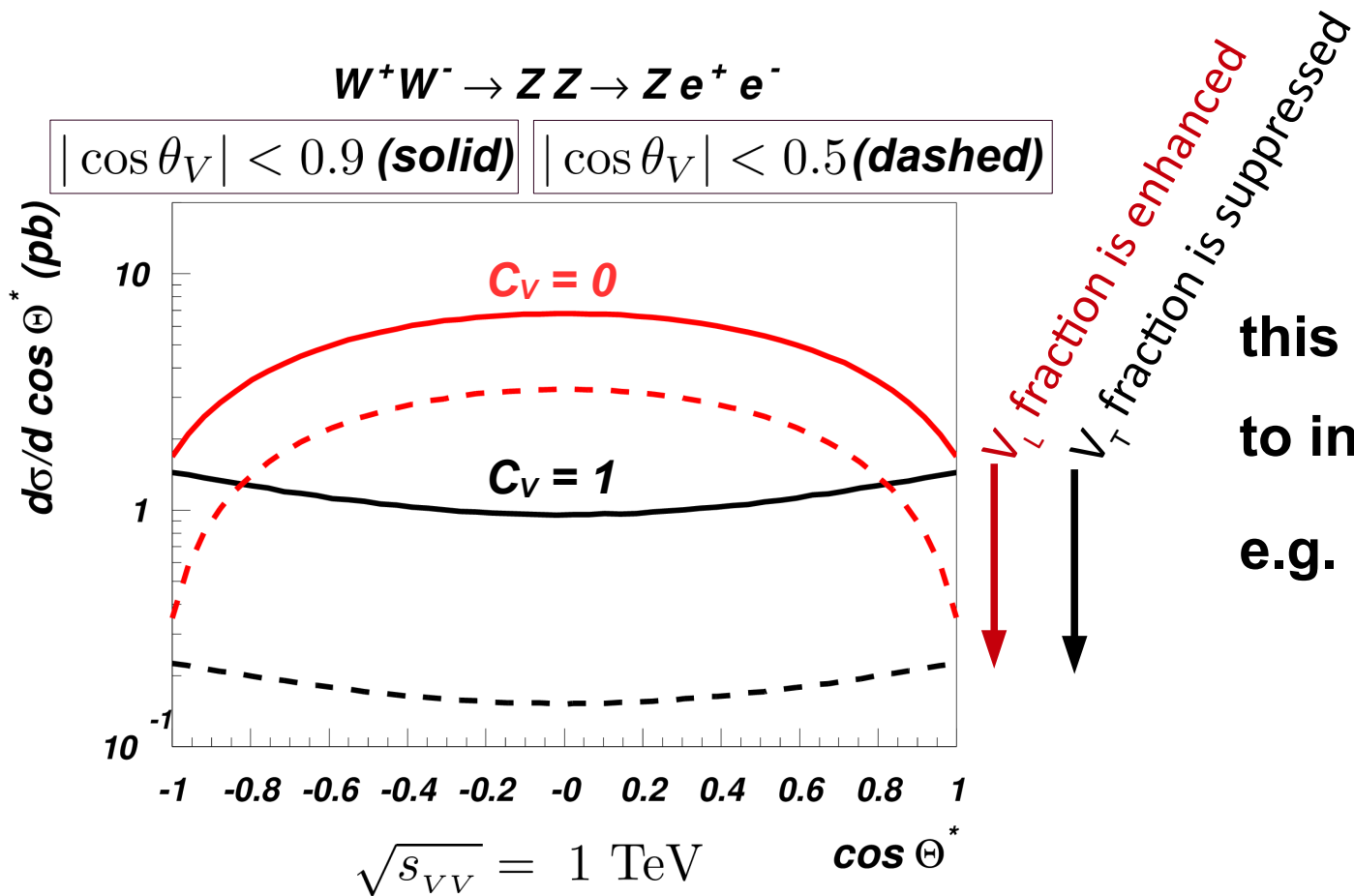
$$P(\cos \theta^*) = f_L P_L(\cos \theta^*) + f_+ P_+(\cos \theta^*) + f_- P_-(\cos \theta^*)$$

with, $f_L + f_+ + f_- = 1$

we can reconstruct the average polarizations of the vector bosons!

Observable 2, θ^*

- $C_V = 0$ case has a much larger cross section for small $|\cos \theta^*|$ (V_L fraction is enhanced) than the $C_V = 1$ case
- The cut $|\cos \theta_V| < 0.5$ increases this difference



this suggests θ_V, θ^* cuts to increase fraction of V_L

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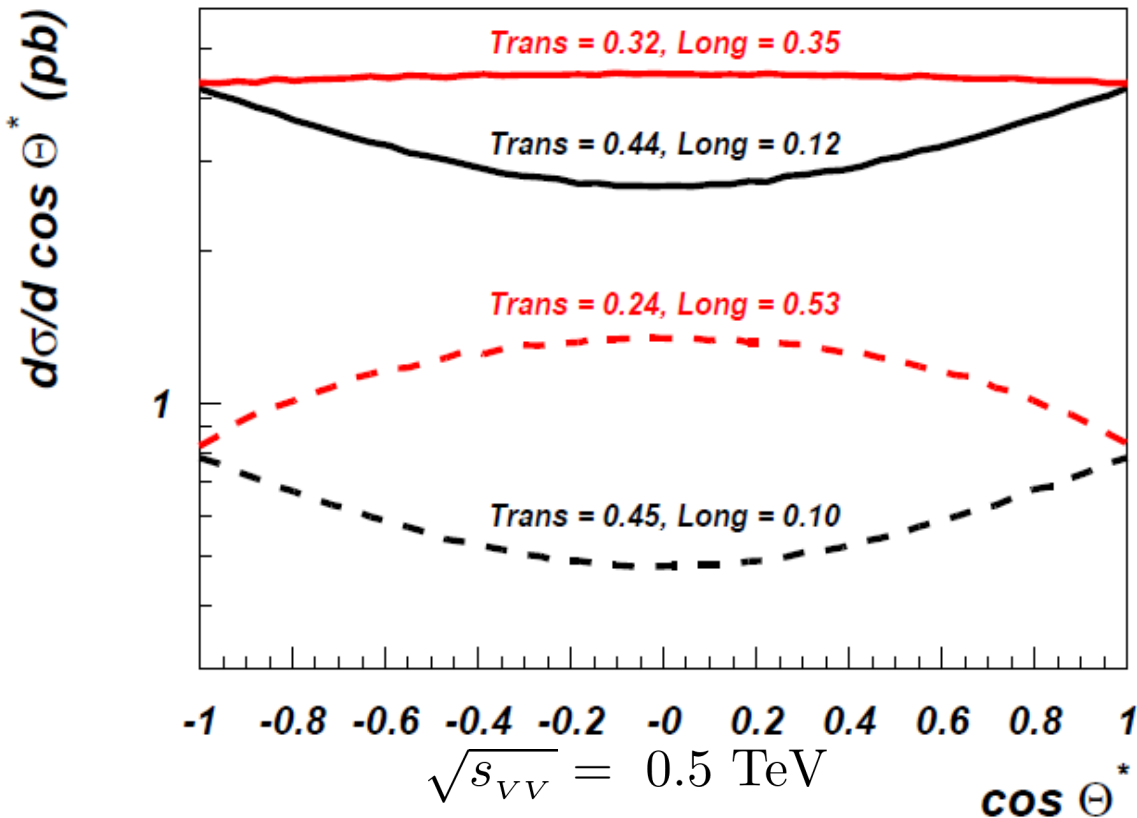
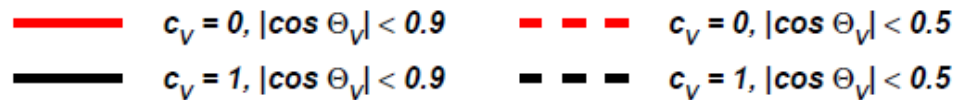
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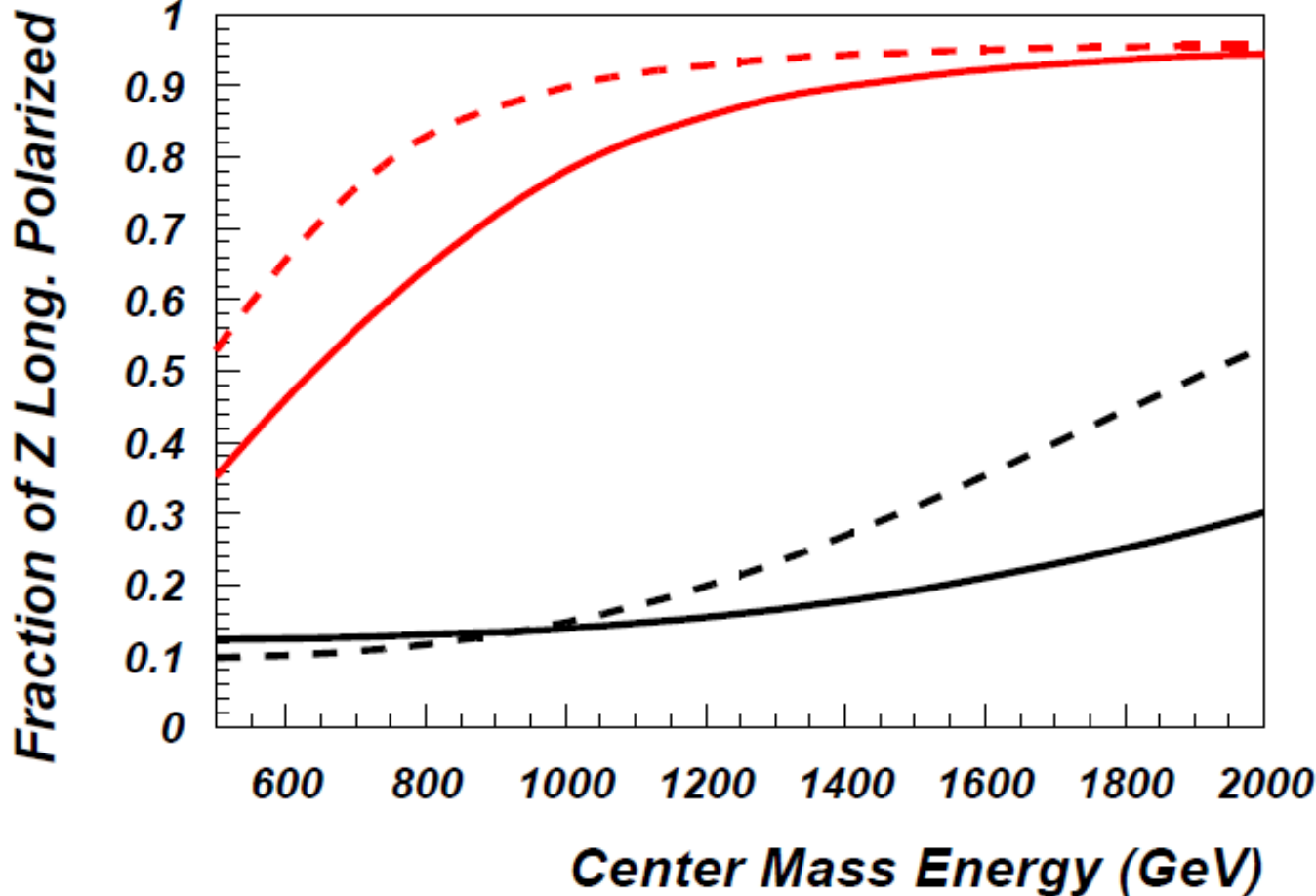
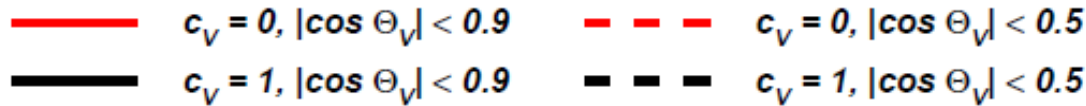
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- When $C_V = 0$, the fraction of V_L is higher, as expected
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Observable 3, $\sqrt{s_{VV}}$

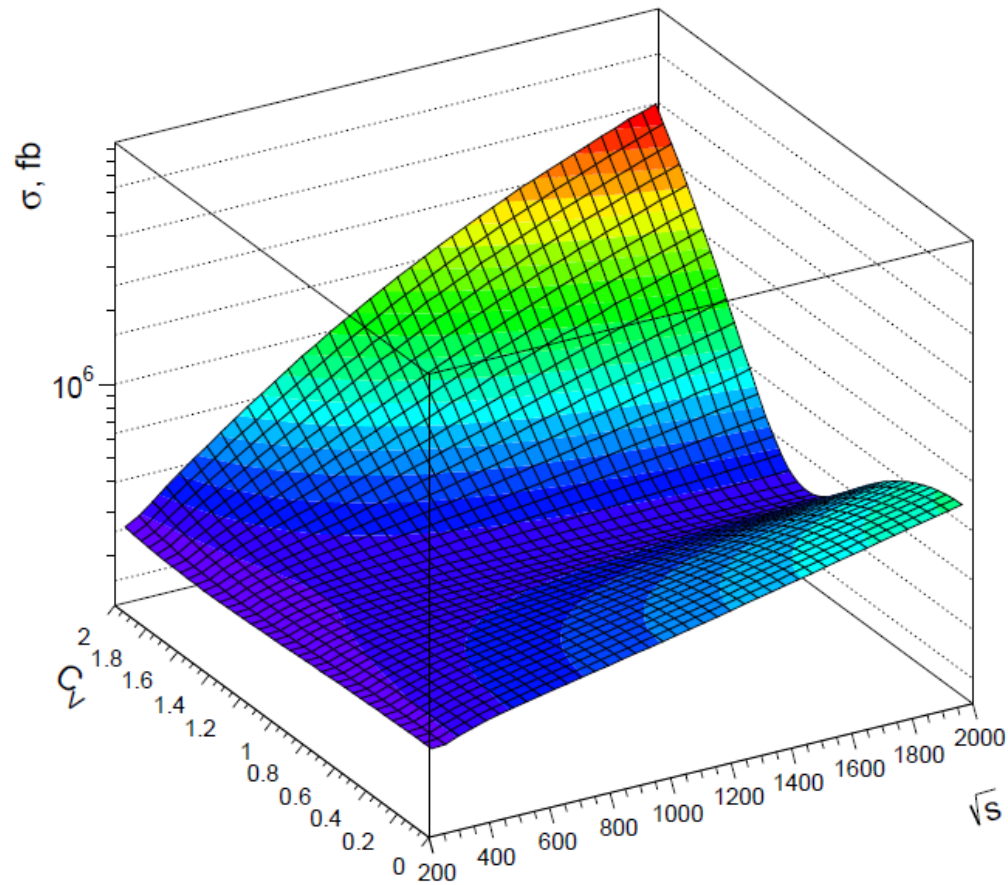
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- As $\sqrt{s_{VV}}$ increases, the V_L fraction dominates for $C_V=0$
- To be expected as $\sigma(V_L V_L \rightarrow V_L V_L) \propto s$
- Cut for higher $\sqrt{s_{VV}}$ respectively increases fraction of V_L s

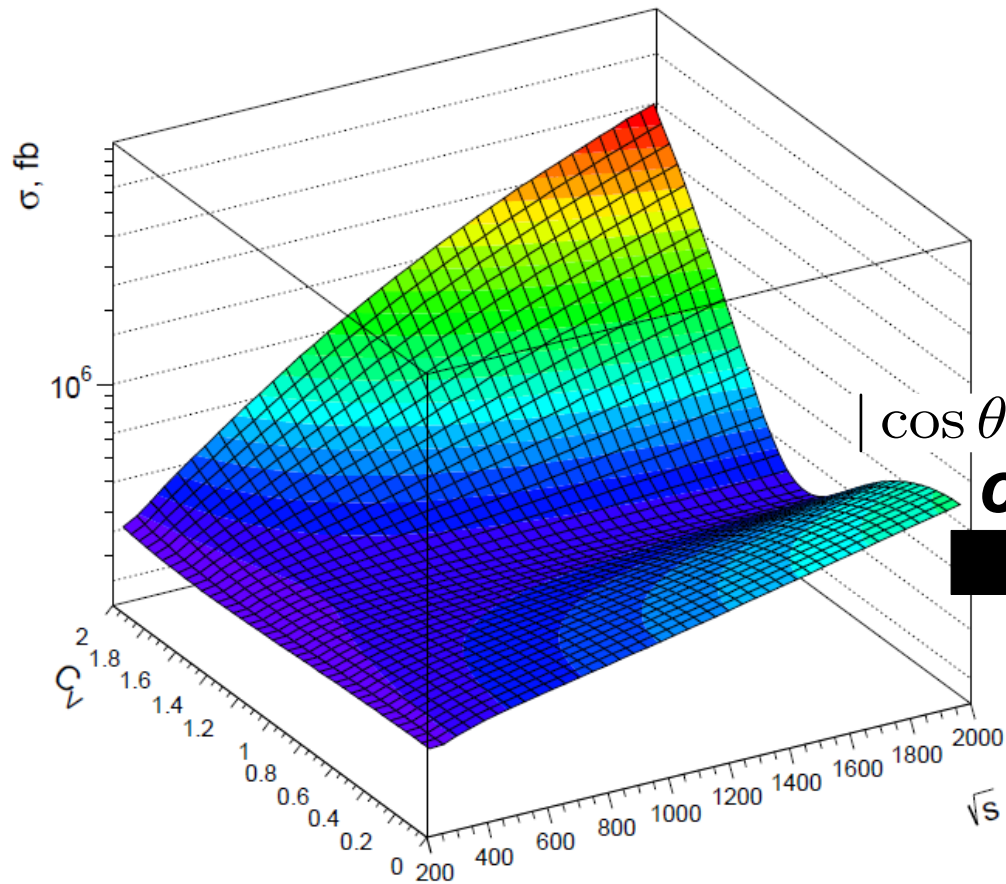
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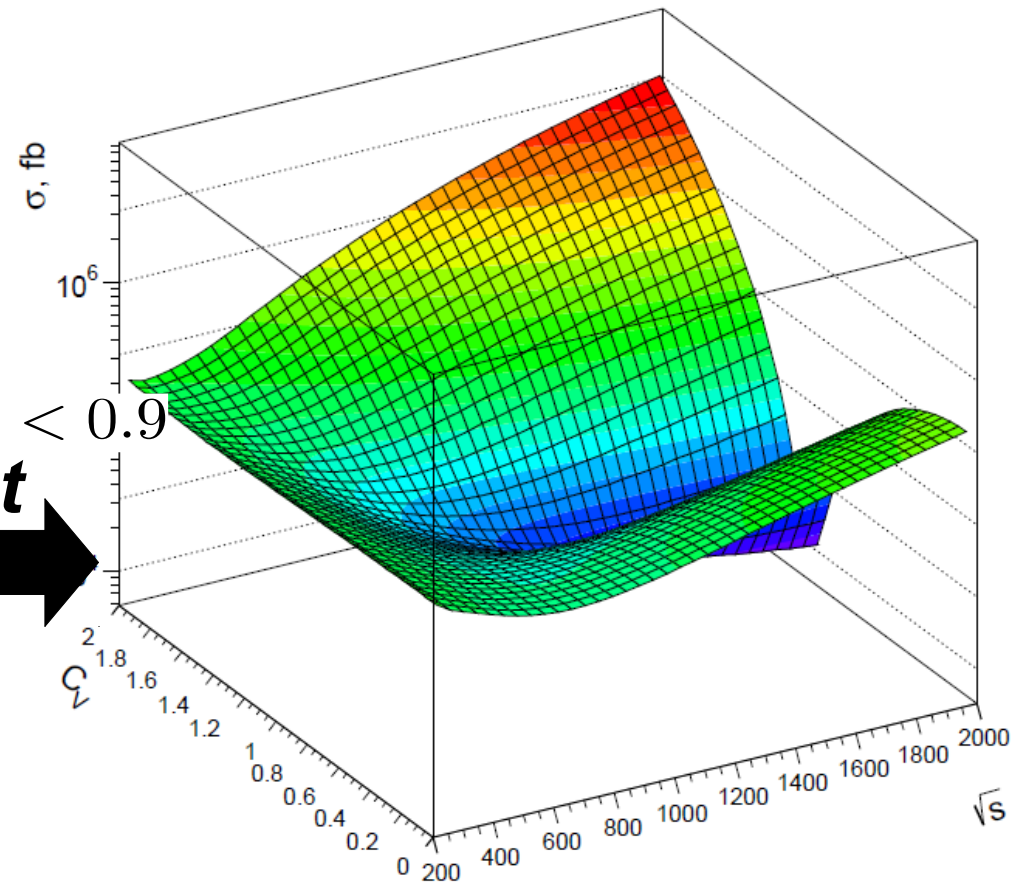
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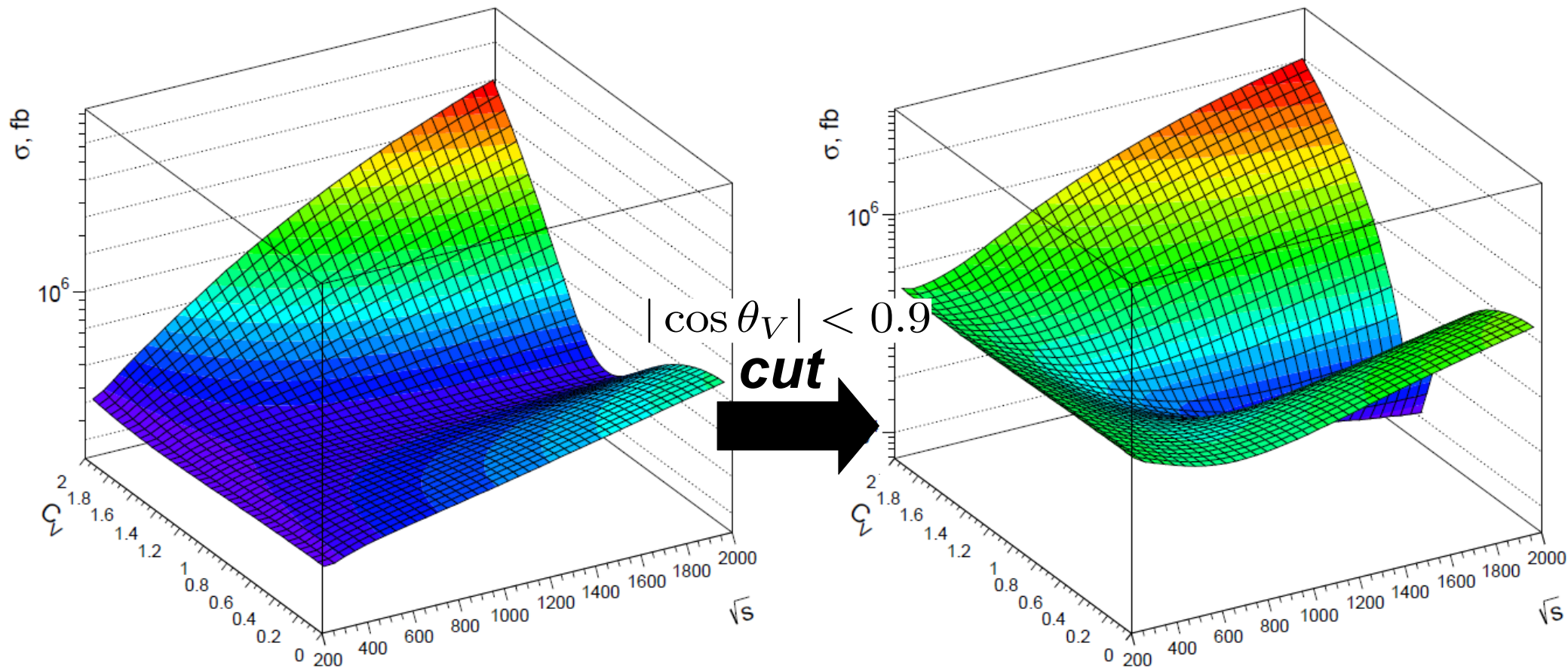
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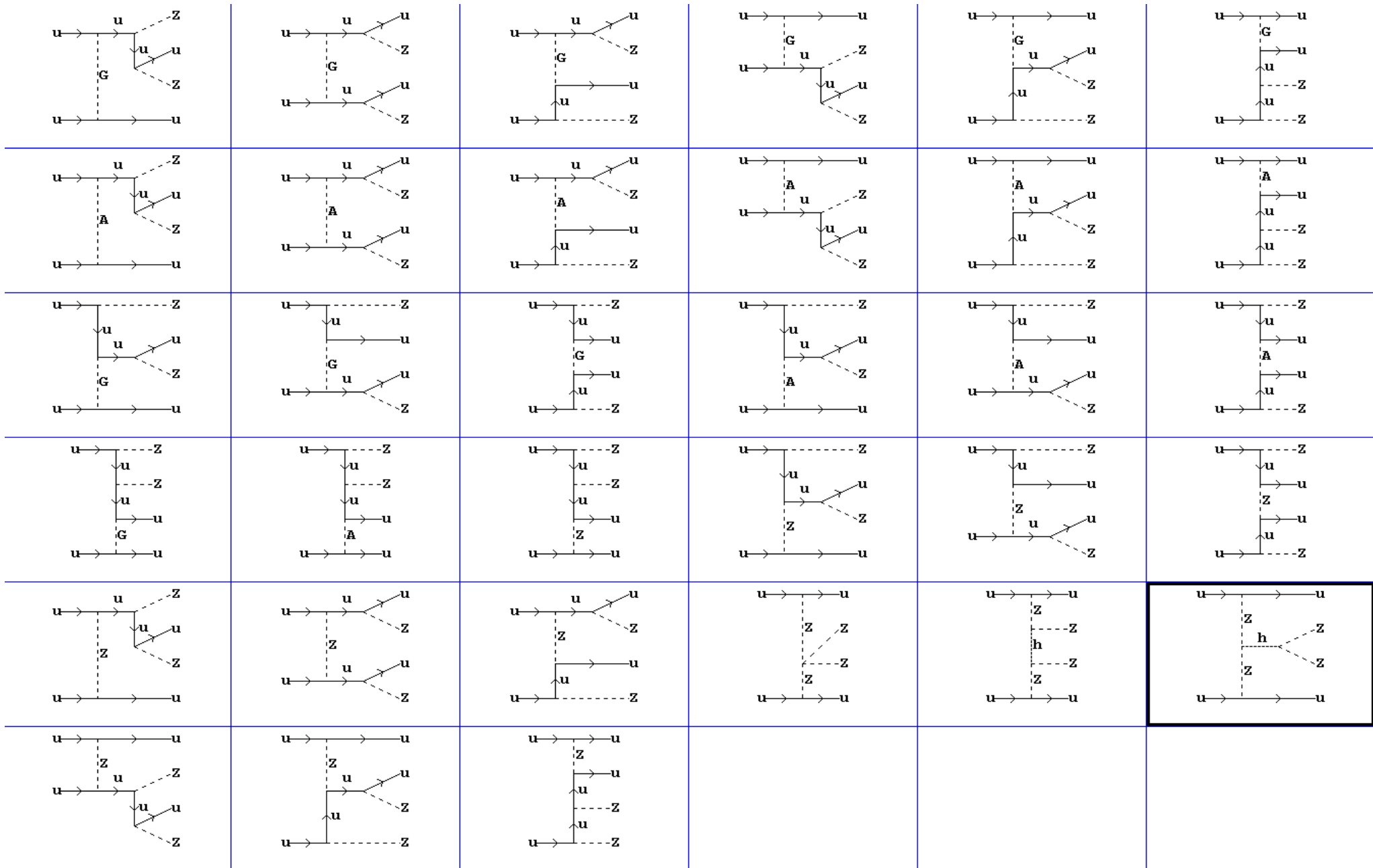


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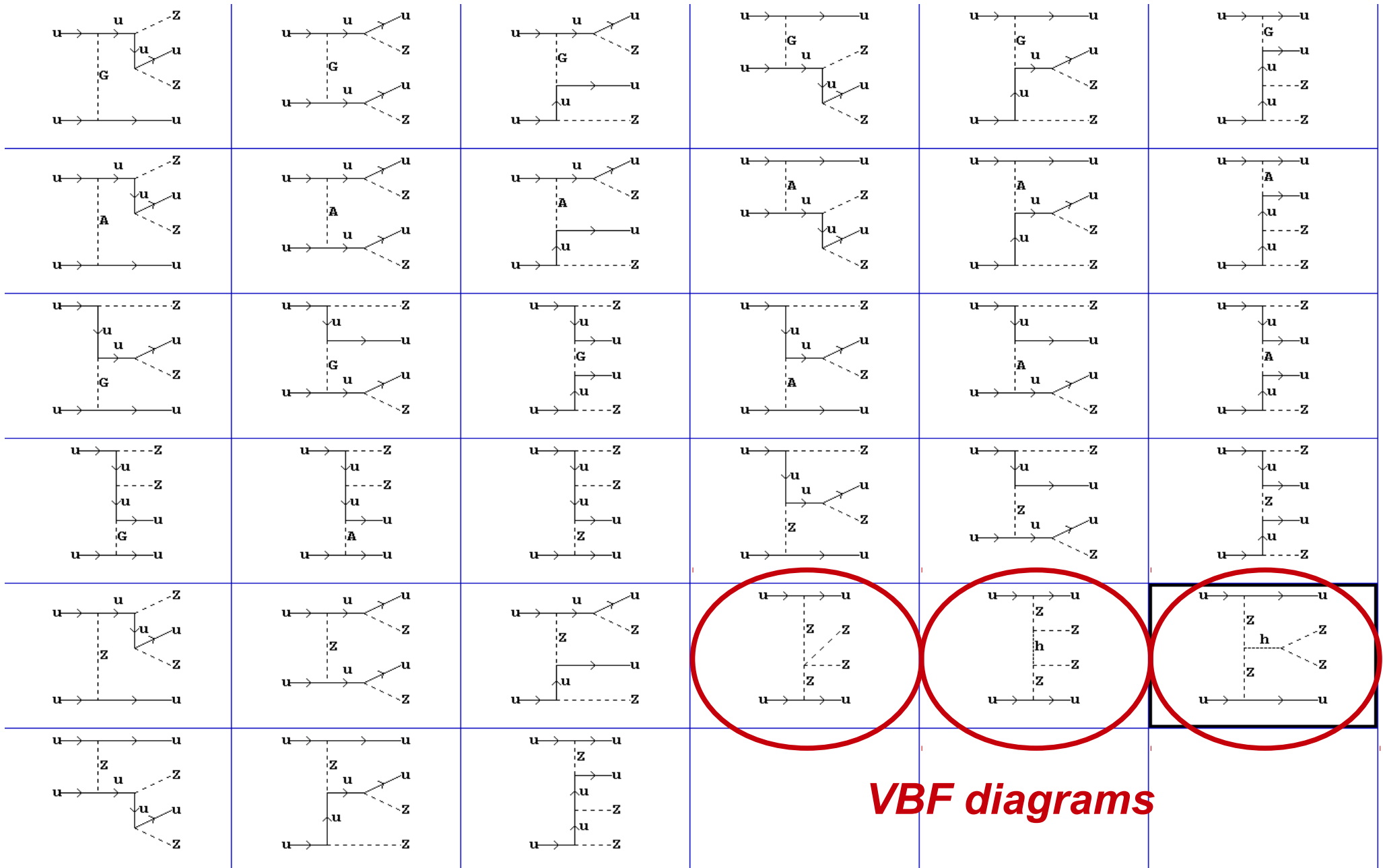
The level of pp scattering

- **So far only discussed $VV \rightarrow VV$ at parton level.**
 - **The full process at LHC is much more involved – many more diagrams, large background**
 - **cuts may not be quite effective**
- **Need to study LHC sensitivity to probe fraction of longitudinal polarisation and therefore measure C_V**
- **So far $pp \rightarrow jjZZ \rightarrow e^+e^-\mu^+\mu^-jj$ processes has been studied**
- **The plan is to extend it to all relevant processes and decays**

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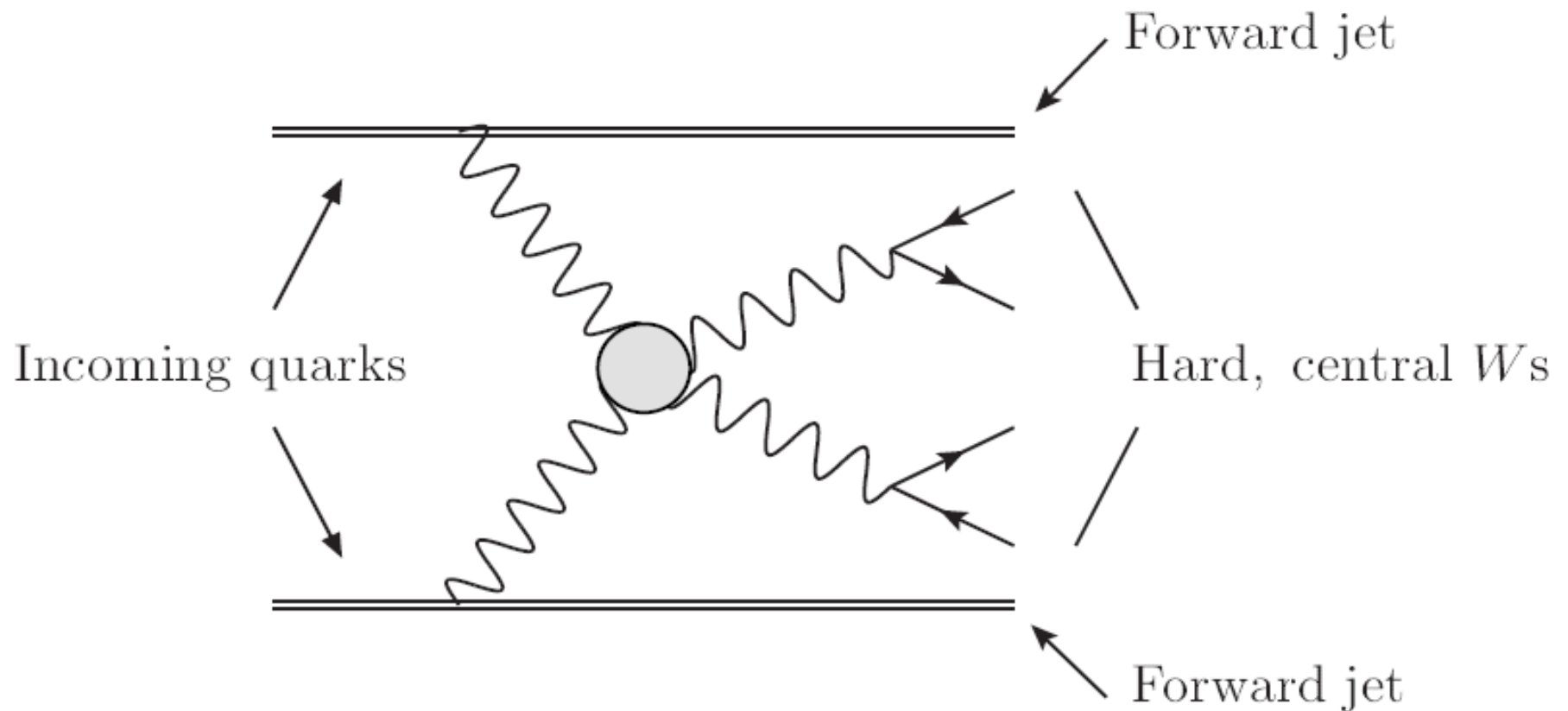
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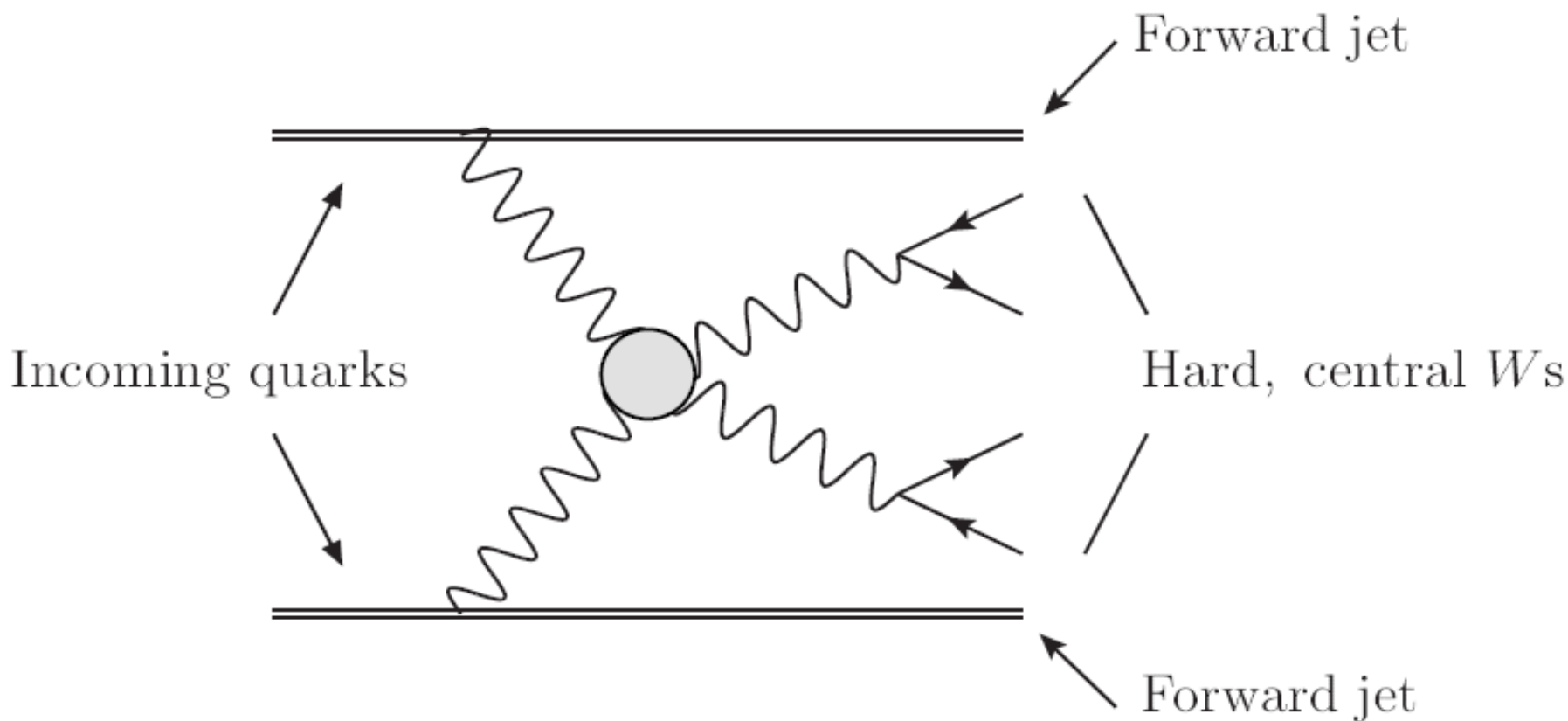
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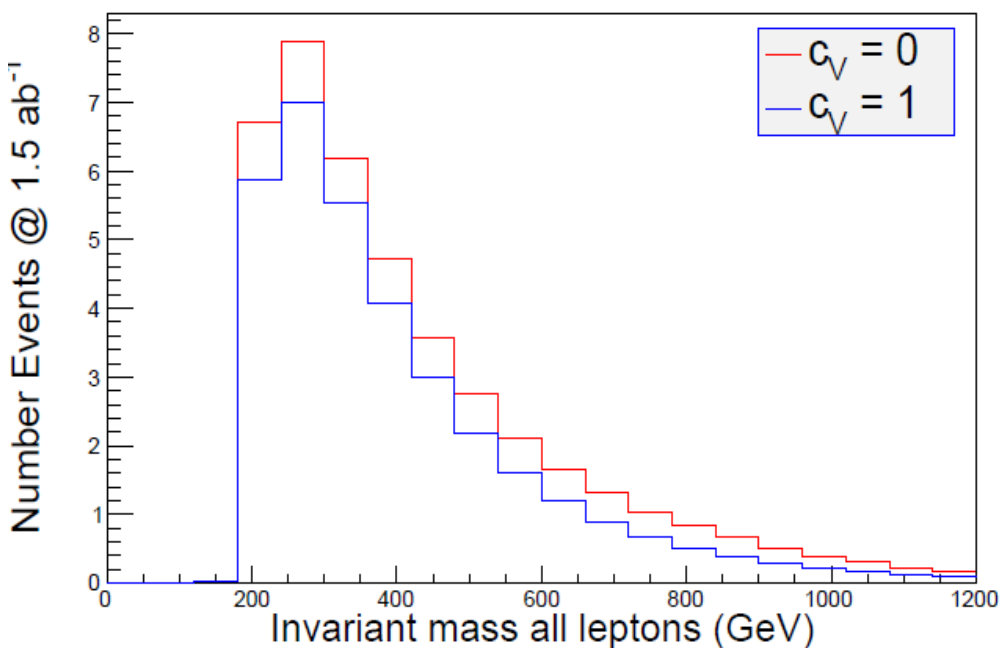
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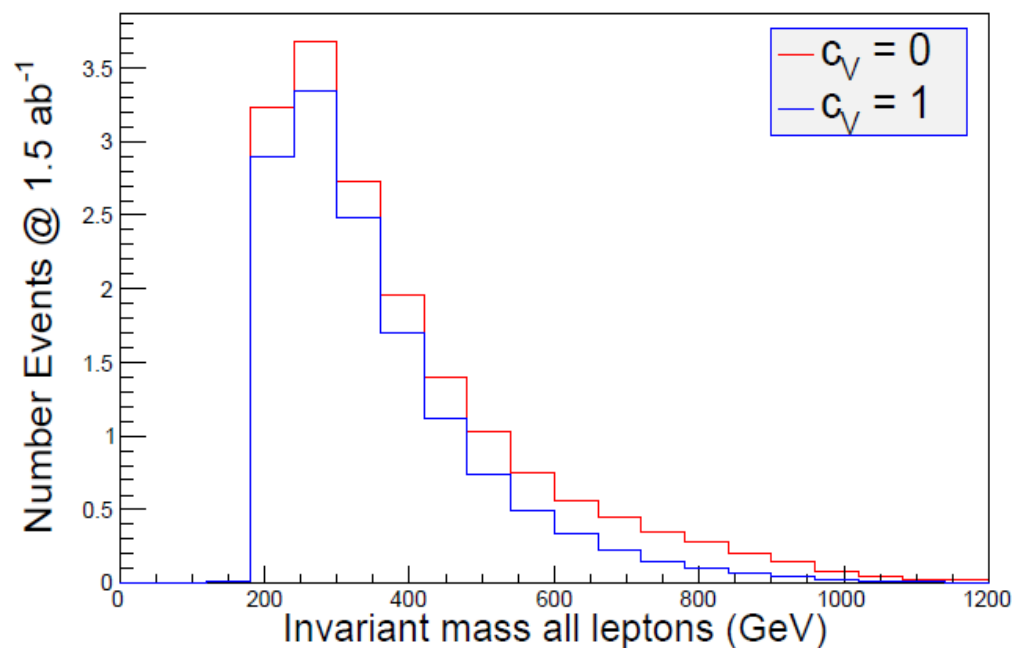
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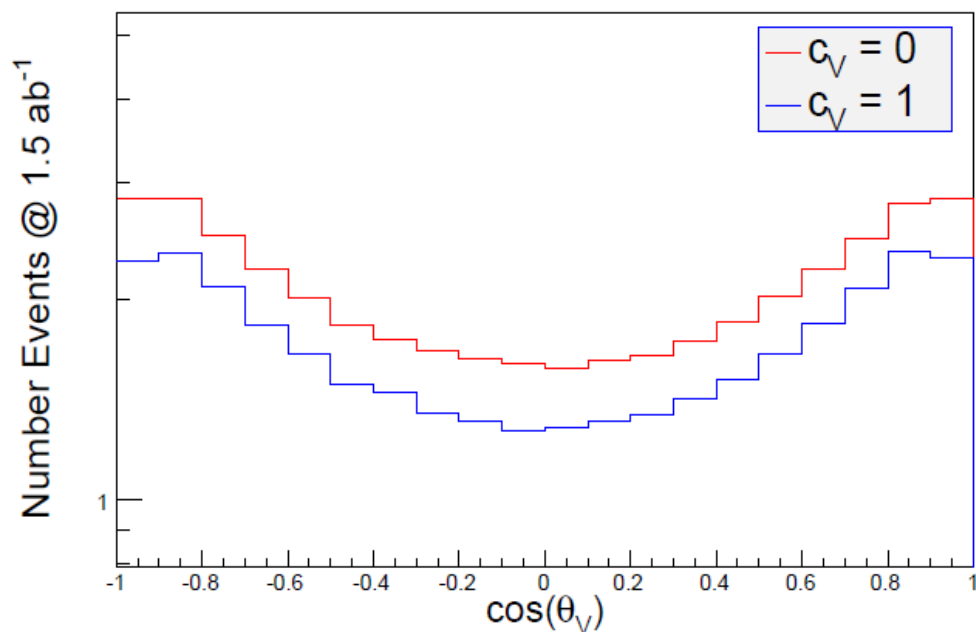
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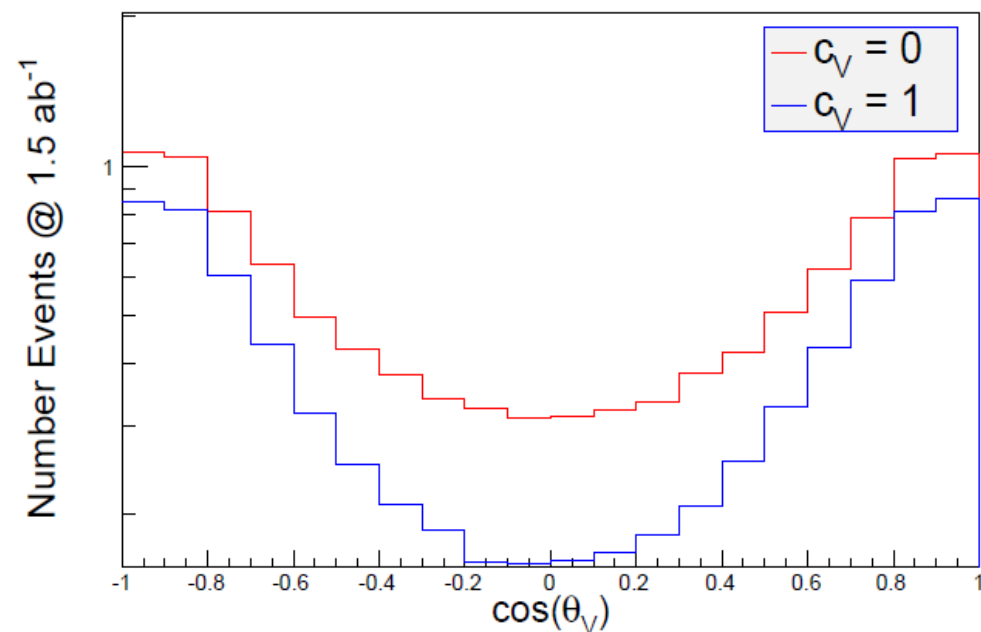
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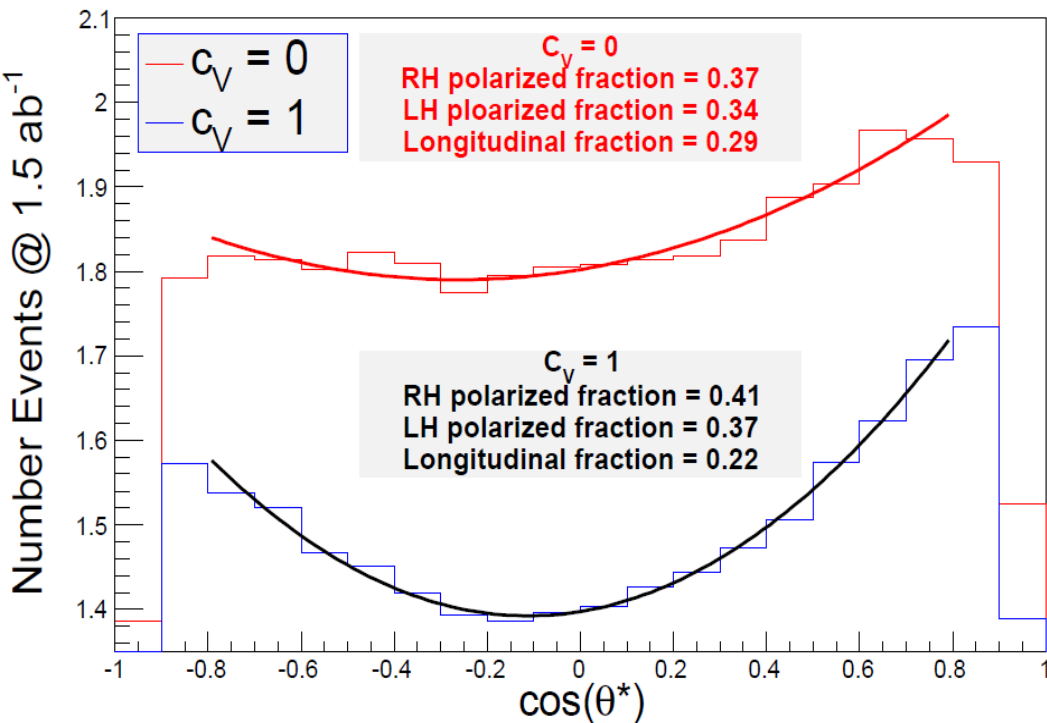
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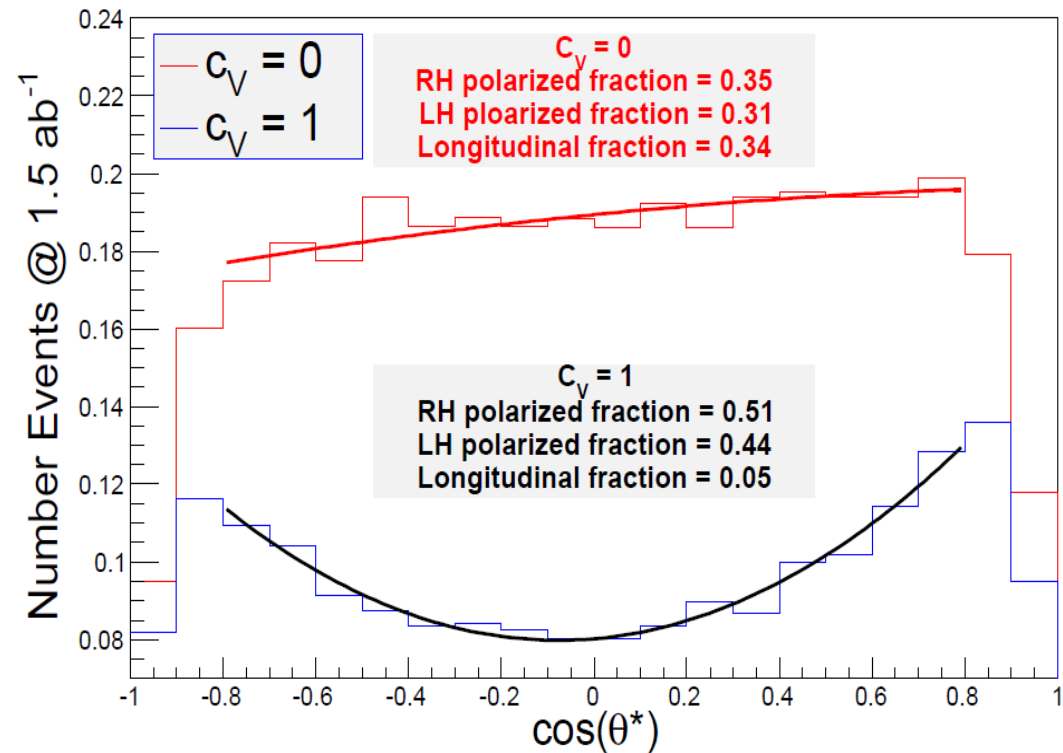
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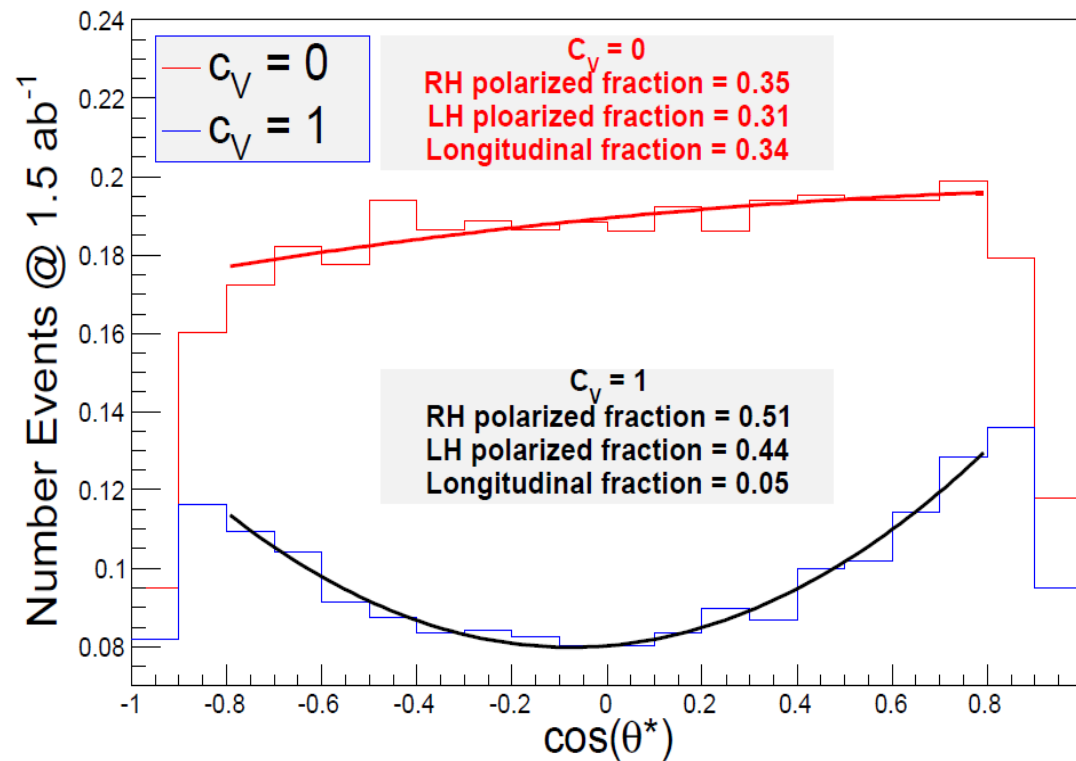


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- **Cuts used**
 - ➔ $|\cos \theta_V| < 0.5$
 - ➔ **Invariant mass (4l) > 500 GeV**
- **Large increase in longitudinal fraction from 0.05 to 0.34 for $C_V = 1$ vs $C_V = 0$.**
- **Very small cross section for studied process, but should be $\sim x 250$ if semi-leptonic decays and complete set of processes (ZZ, WW, WZ) included.**
- **Expect sensitivity to C_V at approx 10% with 100 fb^{-1}**

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- **This was our estimation in 2014, now we need to explore details**
 - ➔ check how the shape of θ^* distributions for V_L, V_R changes with the cuts and use the proper fitting to find the respective fractions
 - ➔ **use PHASE, 6 final state fermions** Accomando, Ballestero, Maina

Beyond the $VV \rightarrow VV$ scattering ...

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CalcHEP & Madgraph results

*AB, Hamers, Thomas
(work in progress)*

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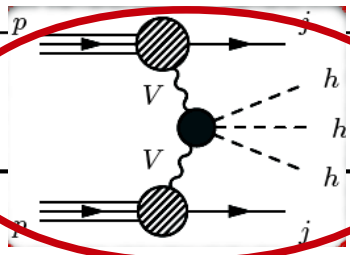
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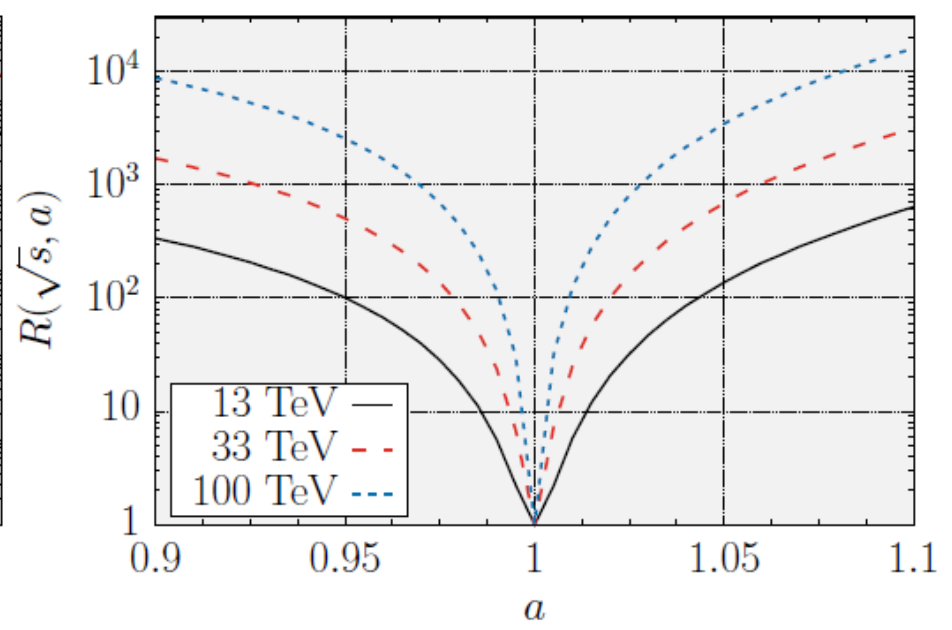
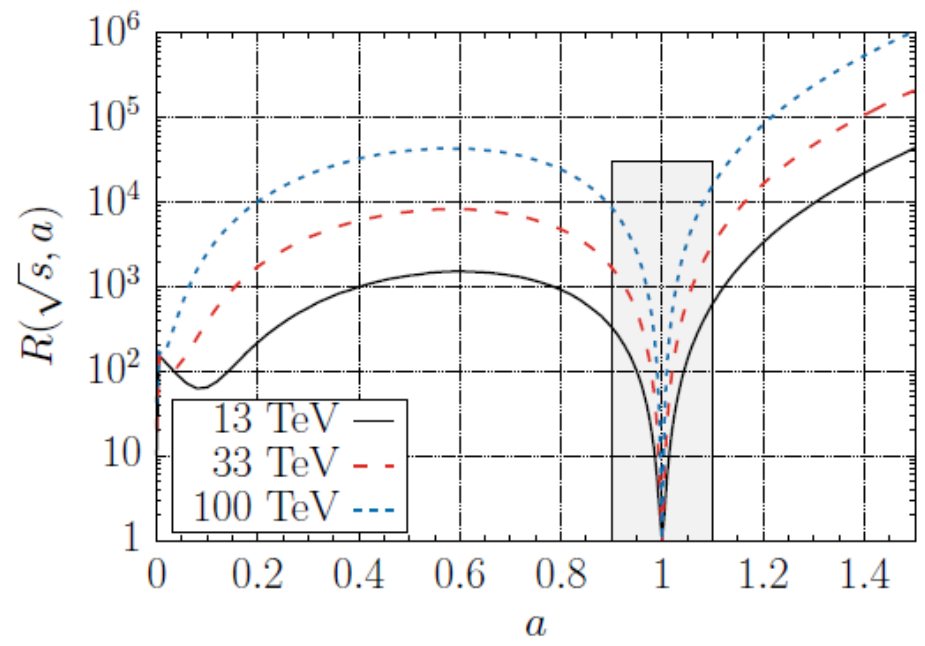
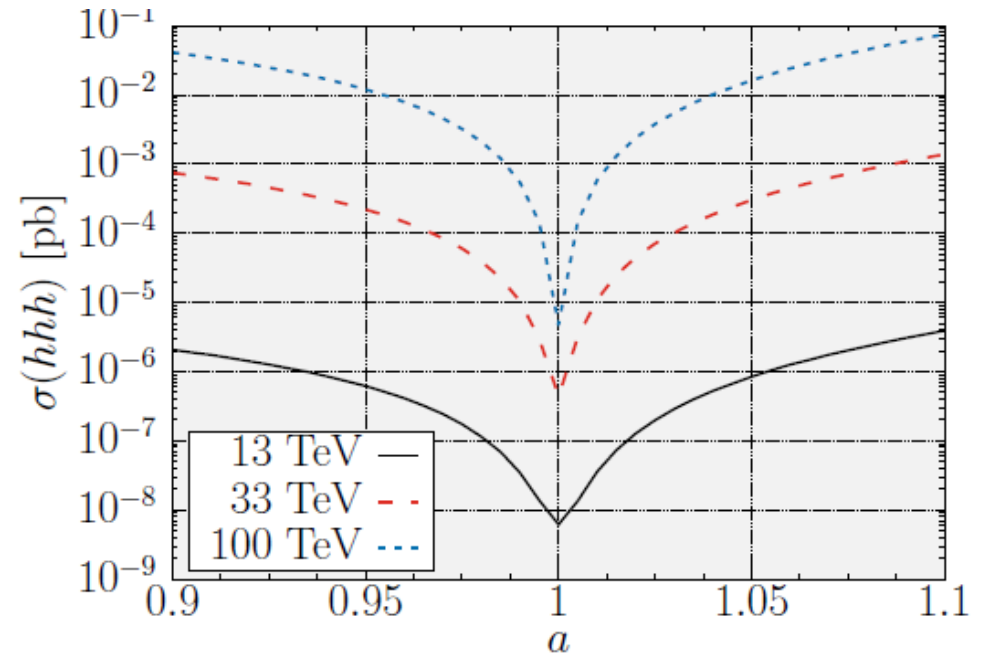
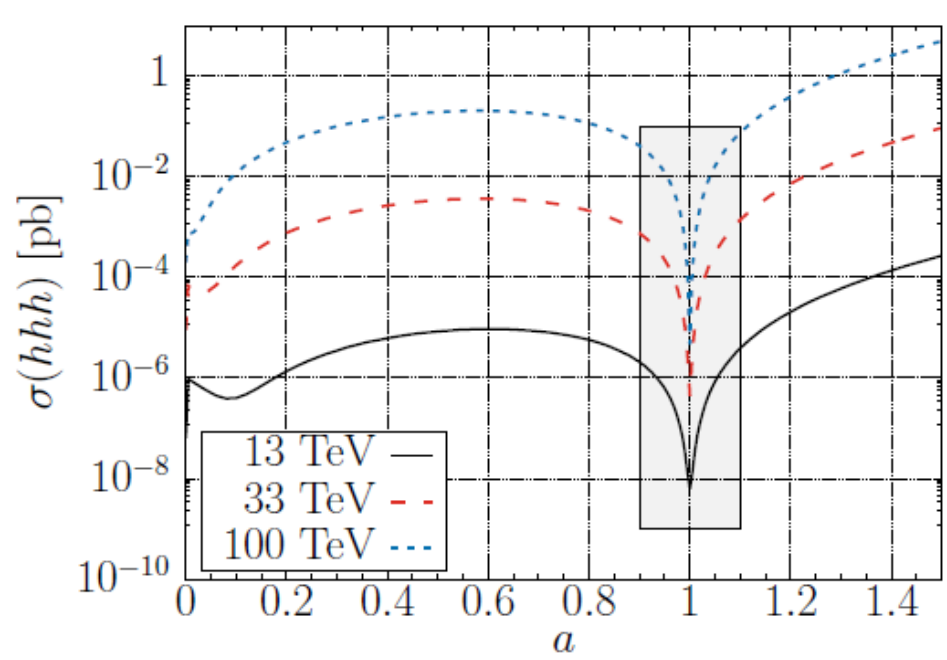
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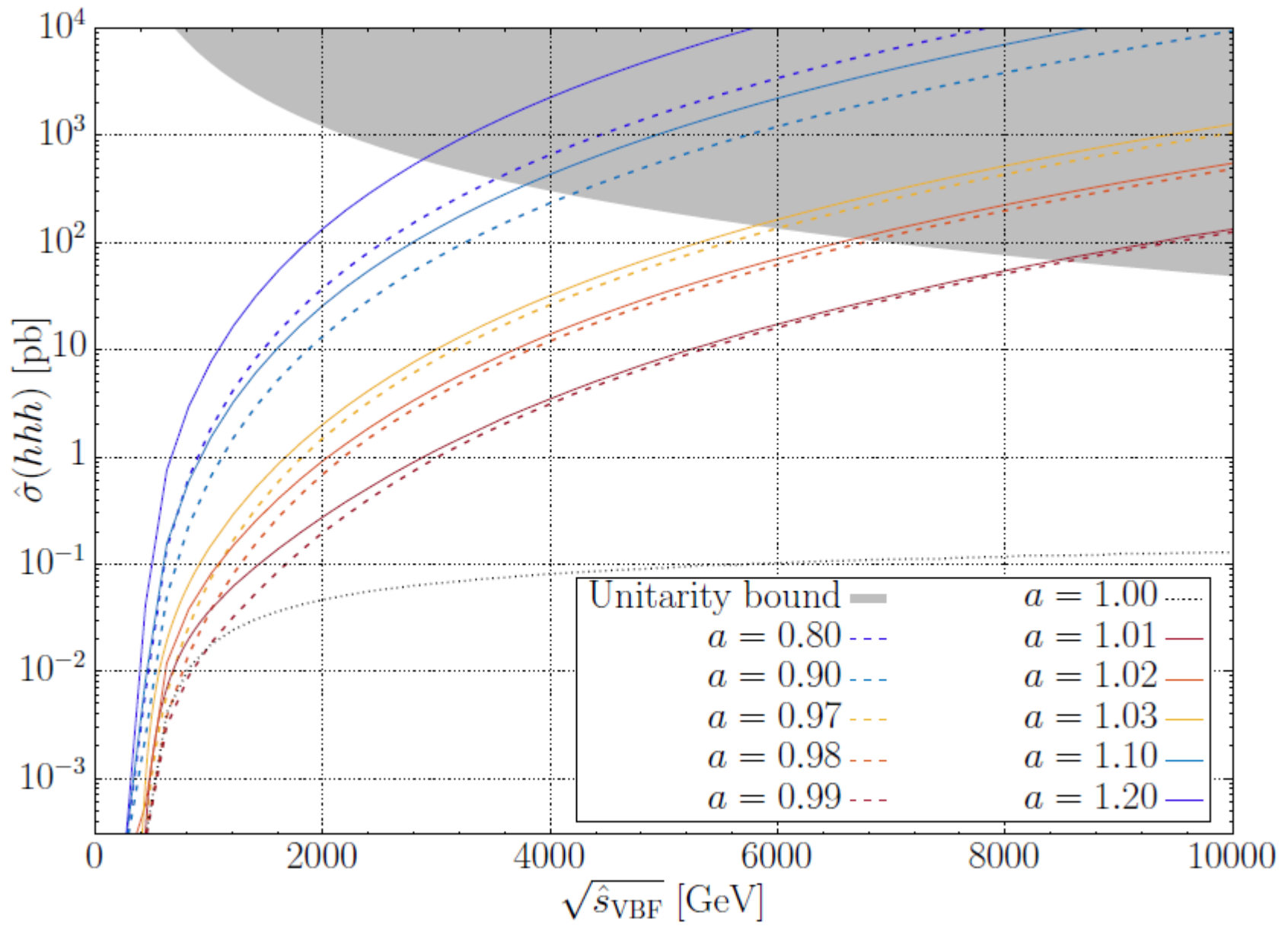
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$VV \rightarrow hhh$ can be quite promising!

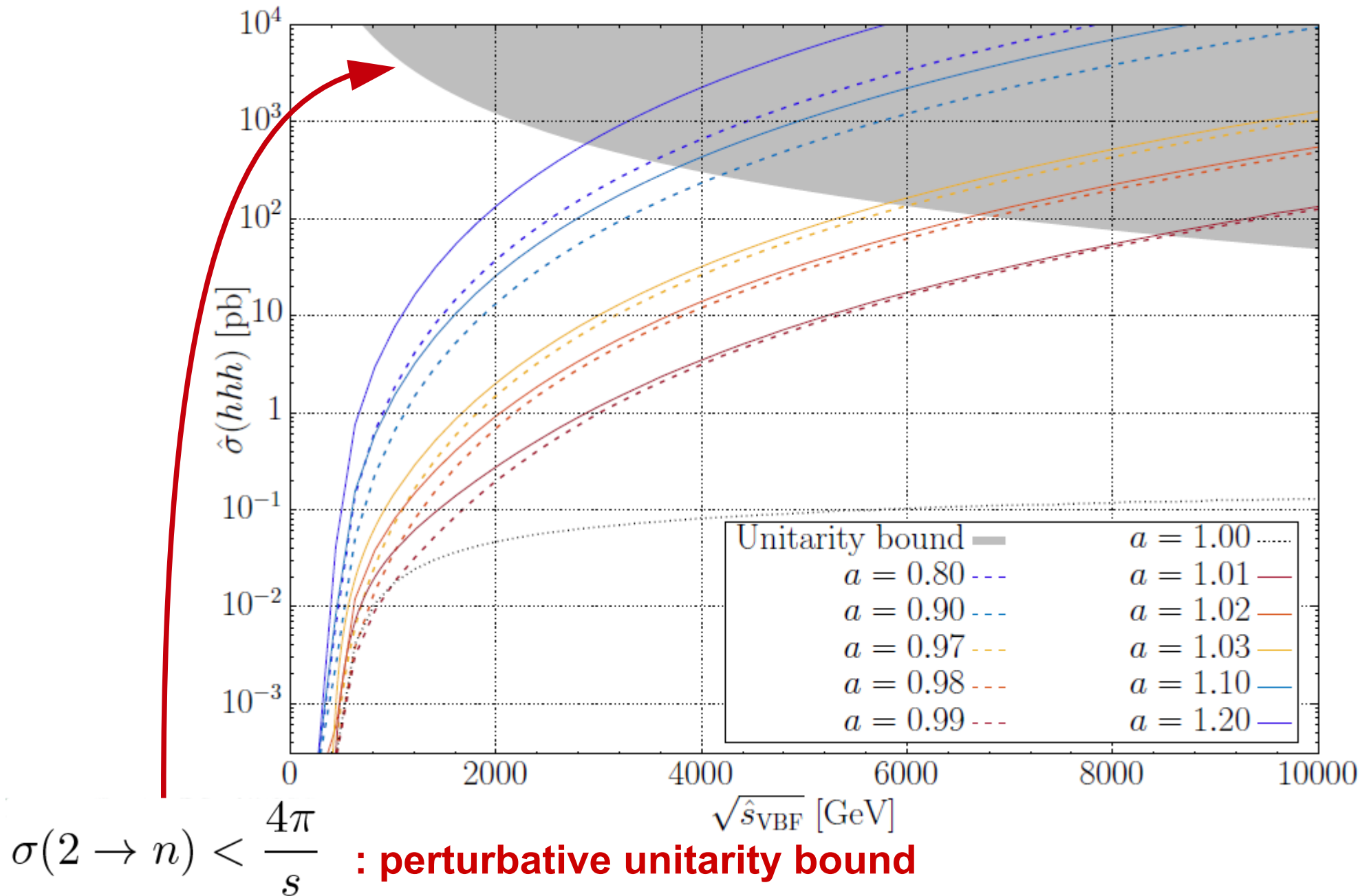
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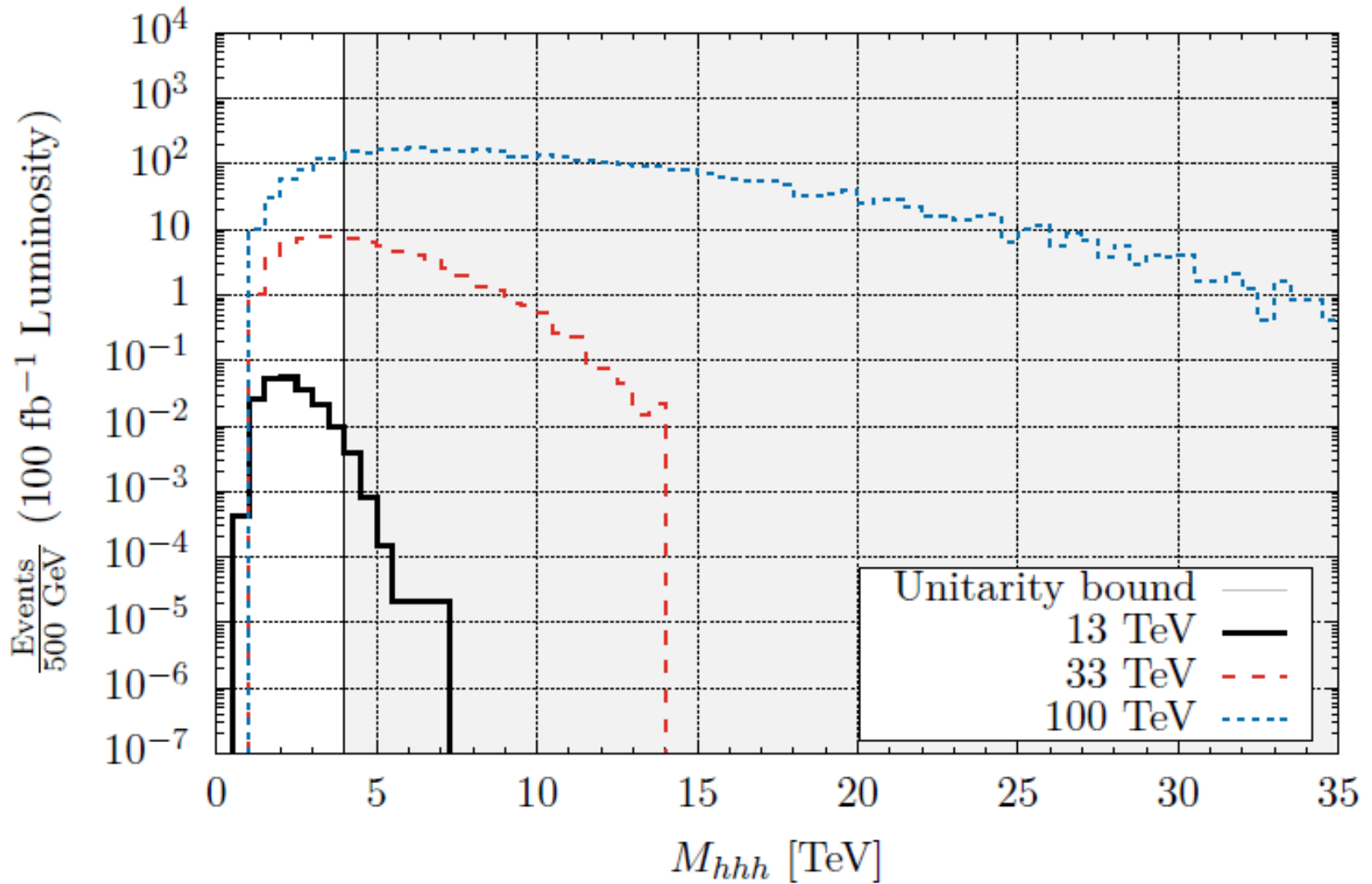


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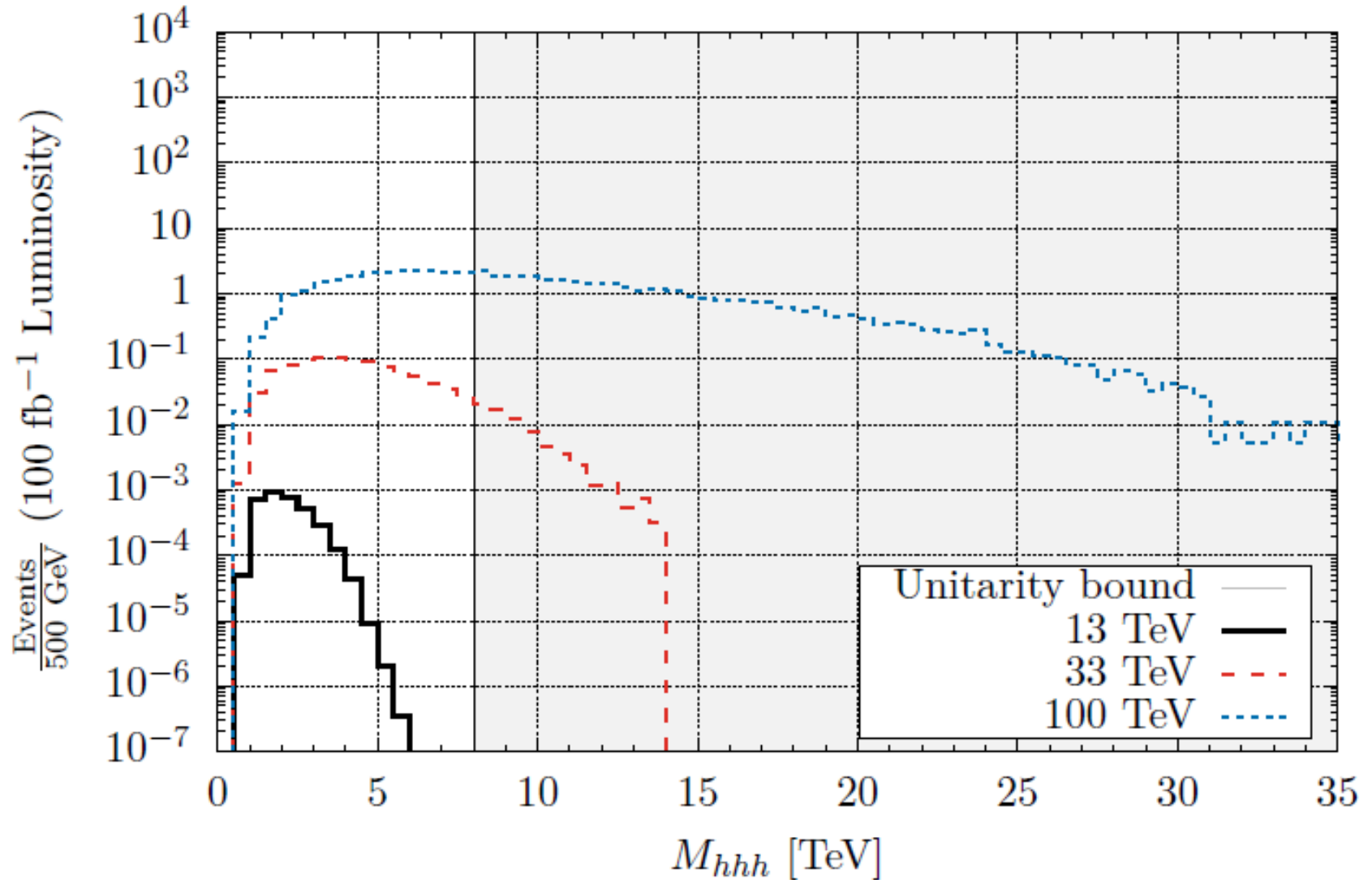
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Unitarity not violated

Total number of events

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Total number of events
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33 TeV: could be sensitive to signature down to **5%** deviation

33 TeV				
a	ϵ_U	σ [fb]	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot \sigma$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot \sigma \cdot \epsilon_U$
0.70	37.14 %	3.97	397.27	147.55
0.80	44.18 %	2.61	261.24	115.41
0.90	57.79 %	0.93	93.09	53.79
0.92	61.47 %	0.64	63.76	39.19
0.94	67.48 %	0.38	38.16	25.75
0.96	77.42 %	0.18	18.12	14.03
0.97	82.31 %	0.11	10.56	8.69
0.98	88.62 %	0.05	4.86	4.30
0.99	96.61 %	0.01	1.30	1.26
1.01	96.18 %	0.01	1.41	1.35
1.02	88.41 %	0.06	5.57	4.92
1.03	79.96 %	0.13	12.76	10.21
1.04	73.08 %	0.23	23.28	17.01
1.06	62.95 %	0.55	55.42	34.89
1.08	55.69 %	1.05	104.69	58.30
1.10	50.67 %	1.72	172.06	87.18
1.20	31.25 %	9.04	904.09	282.53
1.30	22.32 %	26.16	2616.39	583.98

Sensitivity of 100 TeV pp collider

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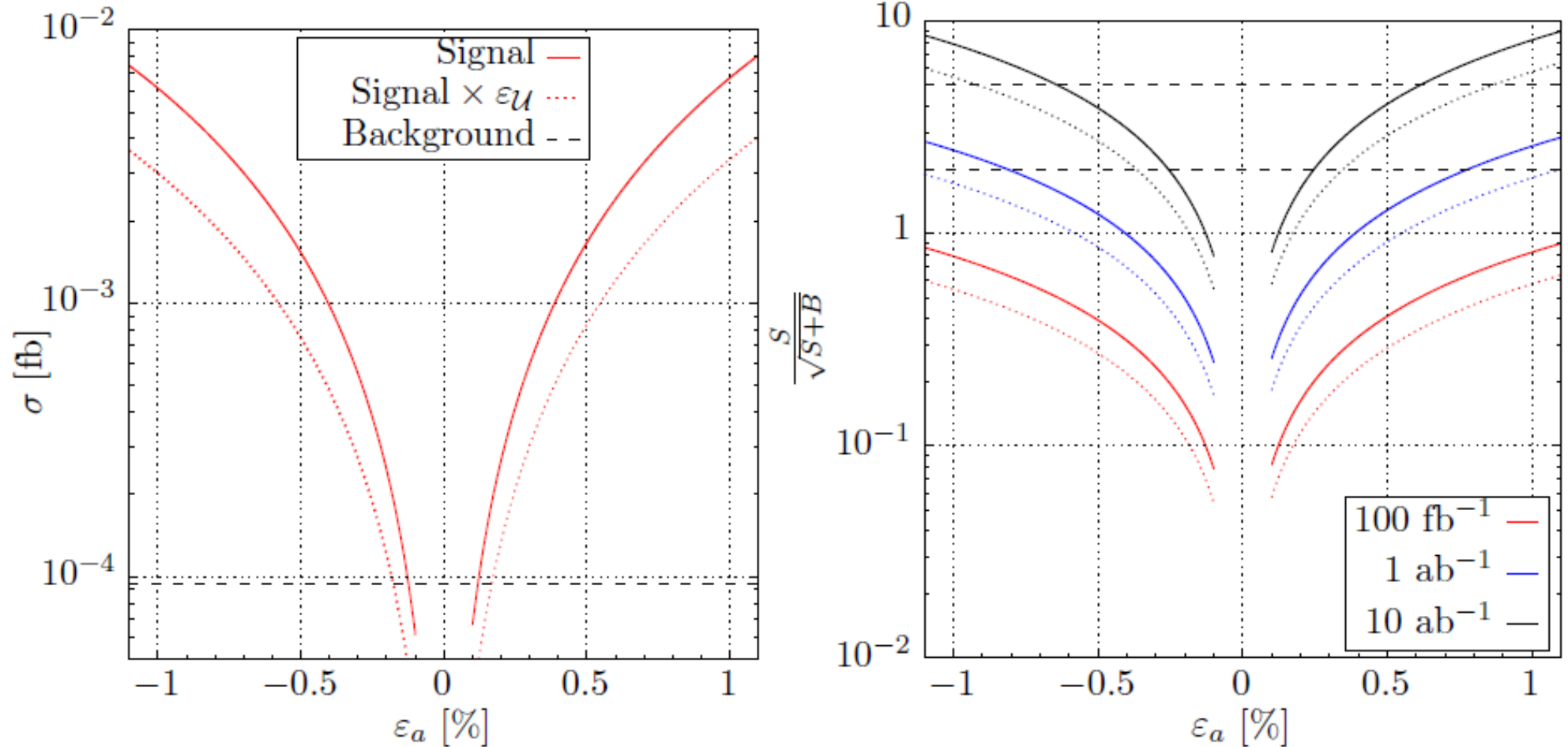
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100 TeV: could be sensitive to signature down to 1% deviation

100 TeV				
a	ϵ_U	σ [fb]	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot \sigma$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \cdot \sigma \cdot \epsilon_U$
0.70	7.35 %	164.05	16405.29	1205.79
0.80	7.72 %	107.51	10751.06	829.98
0.90	13.56 %	37.62	3761.54	510.06
0.92	15.96 %	26.15	2615.40	417.42
0.94	20.07 %	15.19	1519.02	304.87
0.96	22.06 %	7.44	743.67	164.05
0.97	28.31 %	4.30	429.77	121.67
0.98	35.21 %	1.98	198.20	69.78
0.99	47.24 %	0.52	51.71	24.43
1.01	47.82 %	0.55	54.68	26.15
1.02	31.00 %	2.72	226.54	70.23
1.03	25.45 %	5.18	518.47	131.95
1.04	22.35 %	9.43	947.99	211.88
1.06	16.46 %	22.50	2249.61	370.29
1.08	13.44 %	42.24	4224.29	567.74
1.10	10.11 %	69.44	6943.99	702.04
1.20	5.46 %	367.84	36684.40	2002.97
1.30	3.73 %	1054.19	105419.35	3932.14

Potential of 100 TeV pp collider to probe HVV coupling



HVV coupling can be potentially probed with the permille accuracy, close look at the unitarisation should be taken

Conclusions/Outlook

- **VV→VV study**
 - extremely important process for model-independent exploration of Higgs properties
 - combination of cuts on three variables can potentially isolate the longitudinal components of vector boson scattering
 - sensitivity is independent of that which can be deduced from direct Higgs searches
 - HVV coupling κ can be measured in a much more model-independent way
 - **work in progress – the complete set of ZZ, WW, WZ VBF processes should be included ; prospect to measure the HVV coupling with 10% precision at 100 fb^{-1} in a (more) model-independent way**
- **VV→ hhh study**
 - very sensitive to HVV deviations from SM
 - LHC@13 TeV is not sensitive to this signature - CS is too low
 - 100 TeV pp collider could potentially probe HVV coupling at permille level