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Discovery prospects for long-lived
highly electrically charged particles at the LHC

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sensitivity

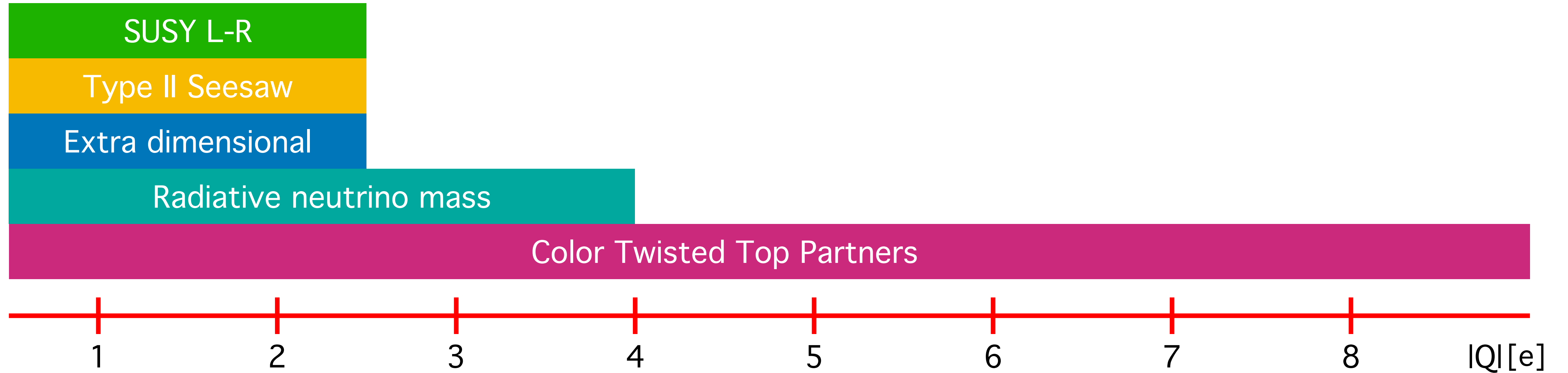
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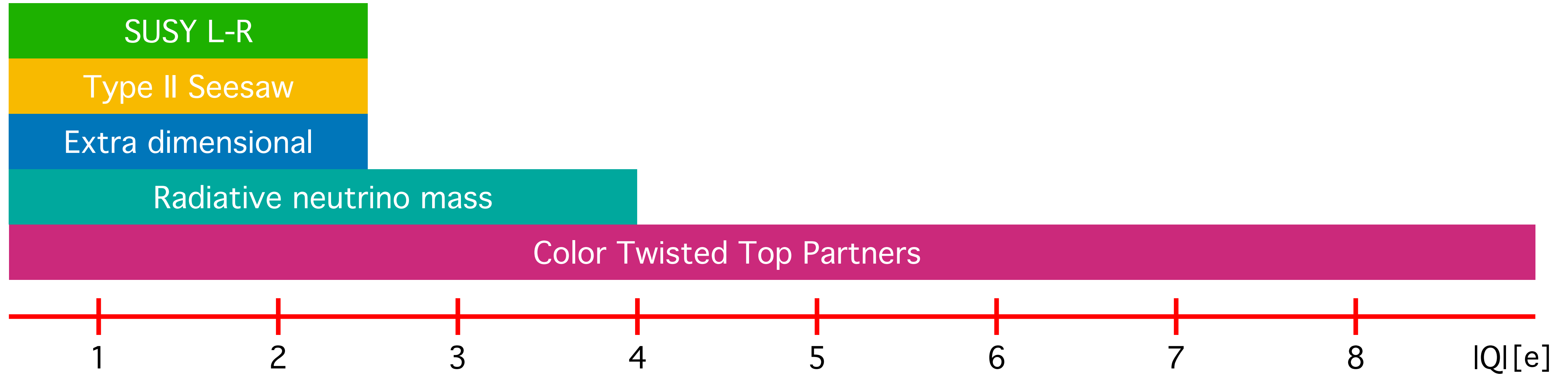
upper cross-section limits



Multiply charged heavy (quasi)stable particles

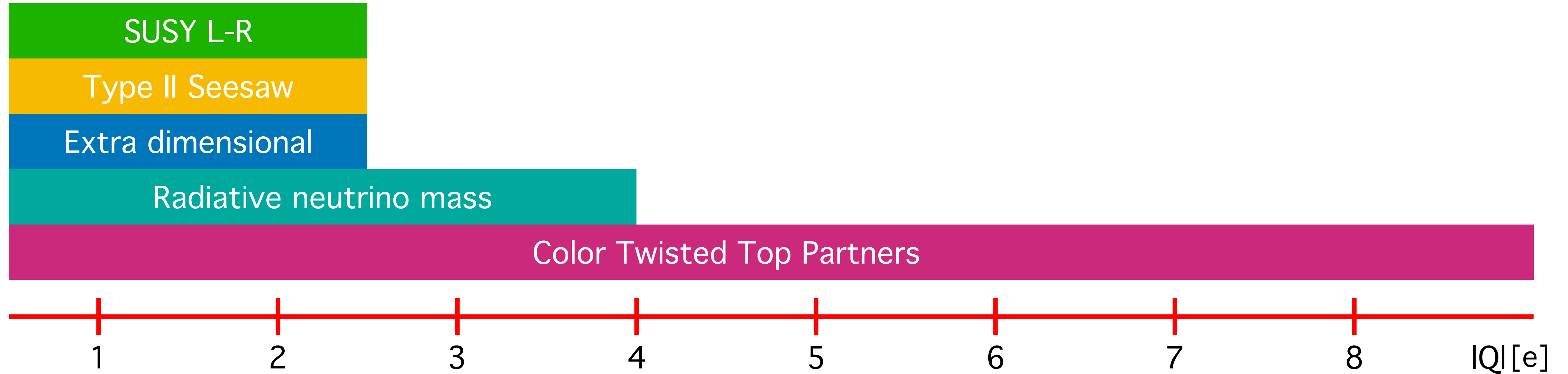


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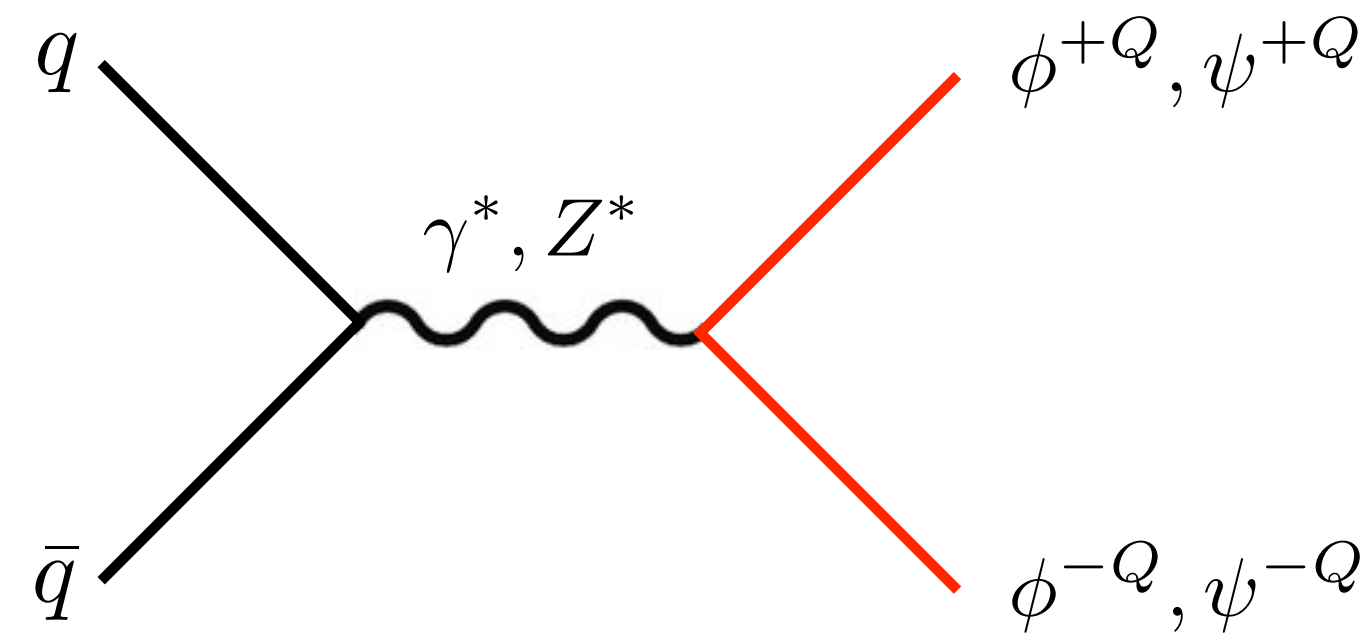
The particles don't have to be stable, but we do not specify their decays. We treat their decay length as a free parameter or assume they are "collider-stable".

A scenic landscape of a mountain lake with a reflection of the surrounding mountains and forest. The water is clear and green, reflecting the blue sky and the rugged, rocky peaks of the mountains. The foreground shows large, smooth rocks in the water.

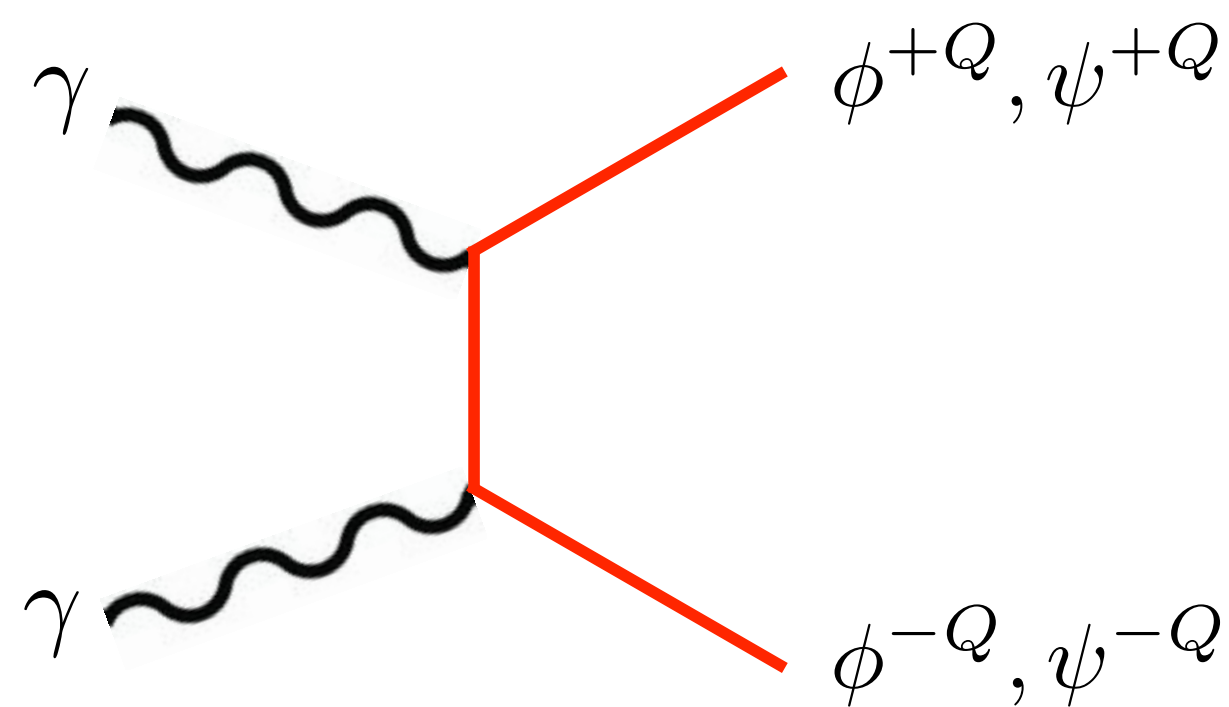
production mechanism

Morskie Oko, Tatra,
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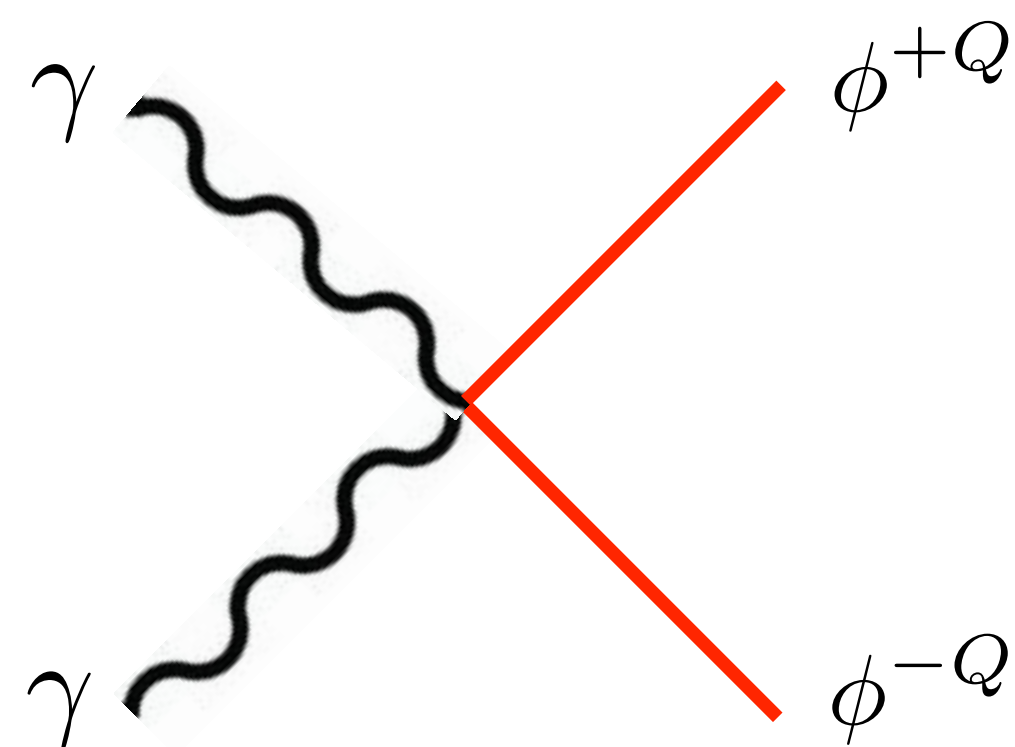
Production mechanism (open channel)



s-channel (DY)

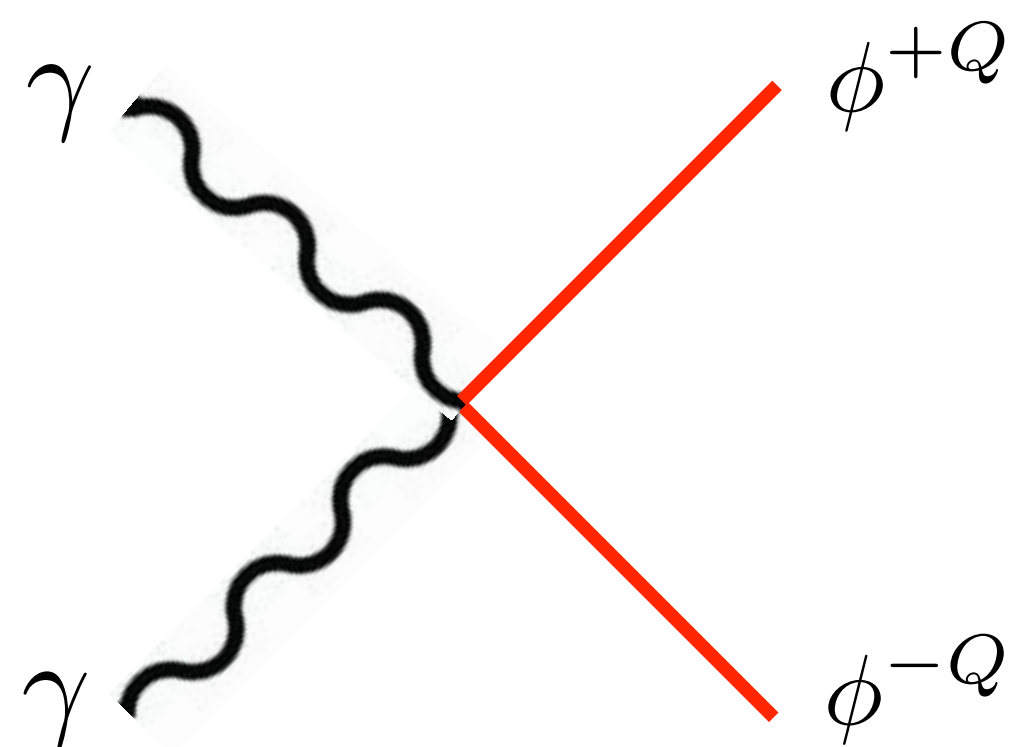
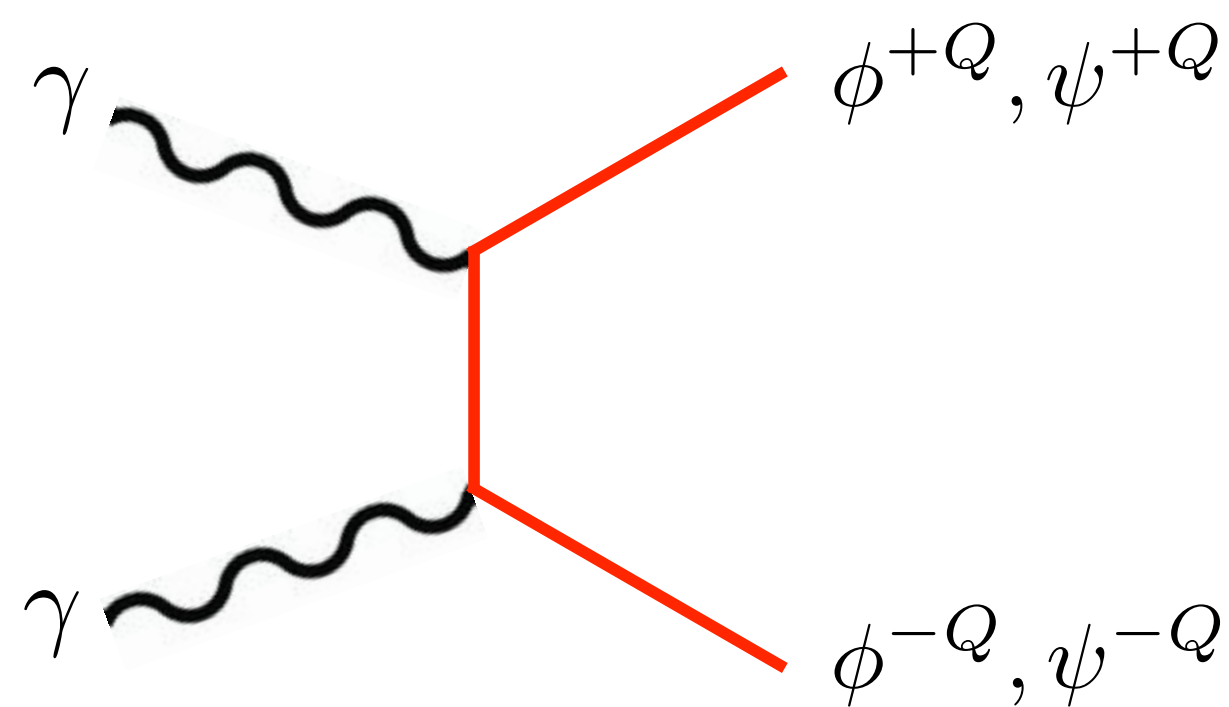
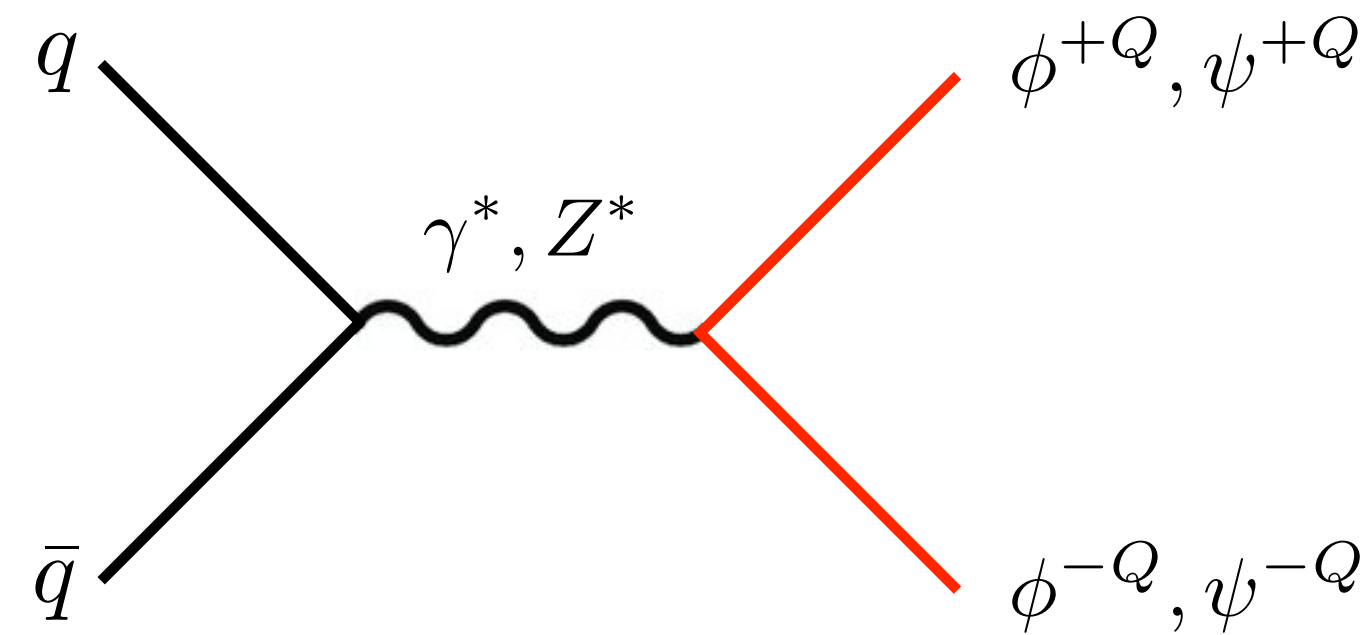


t-channel
photon fusion

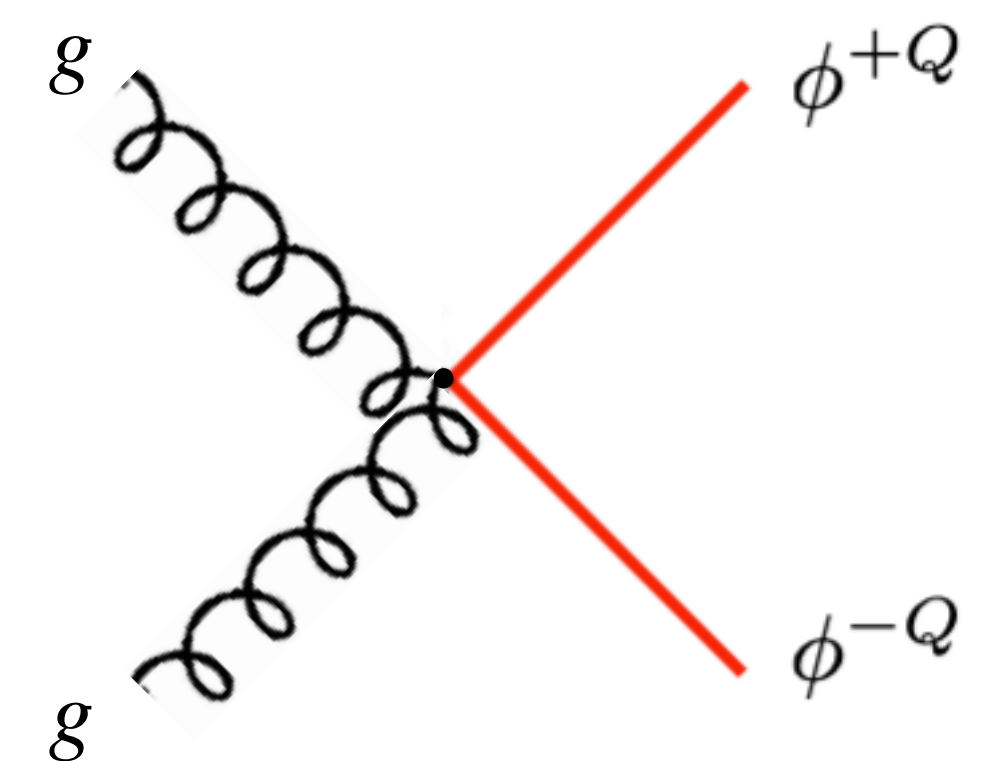
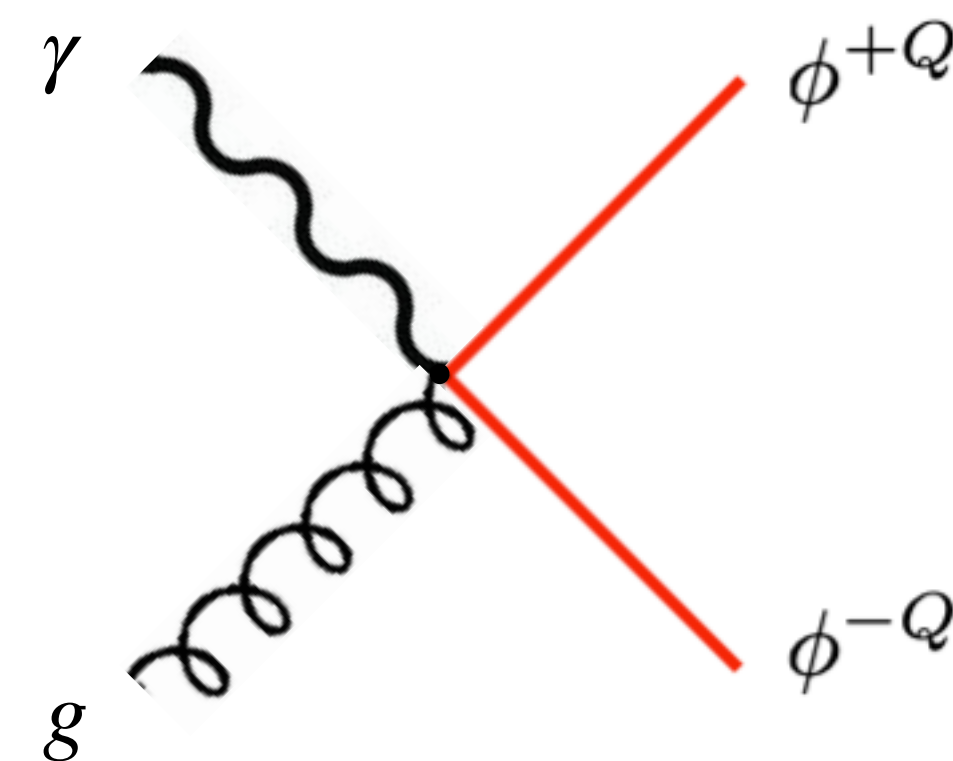
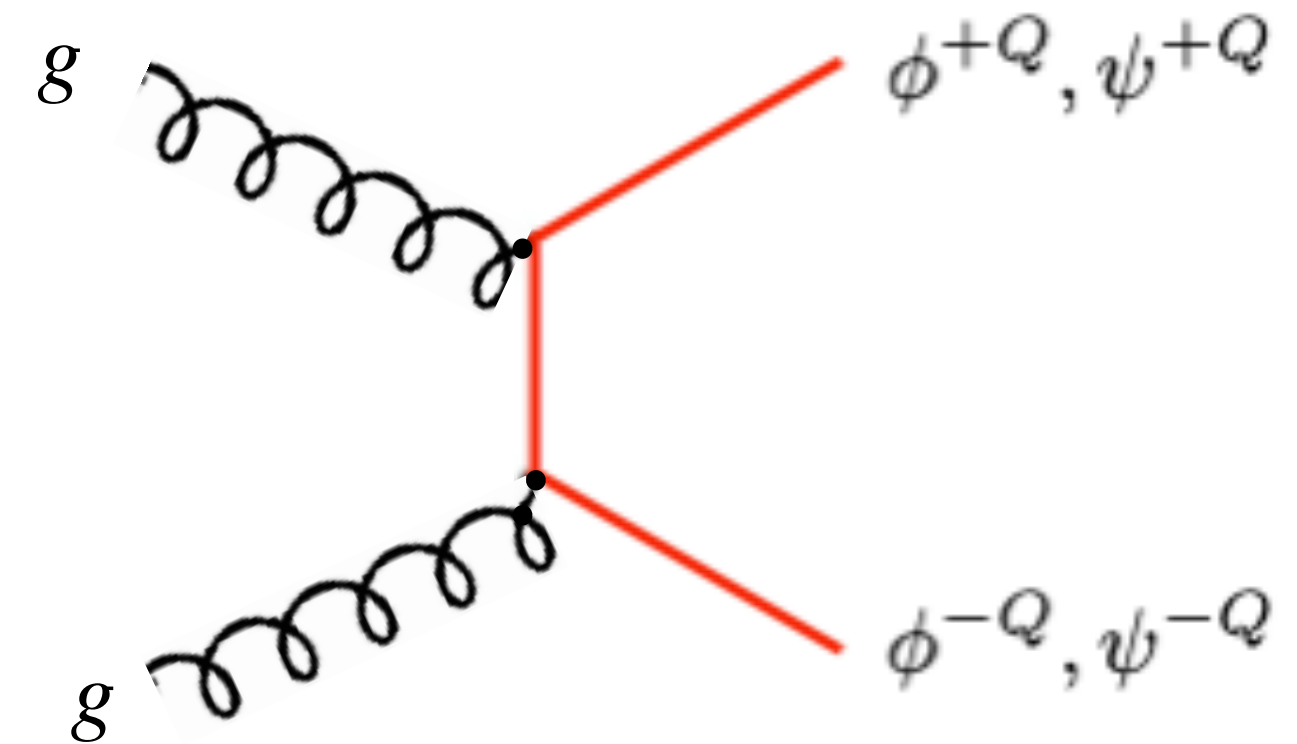
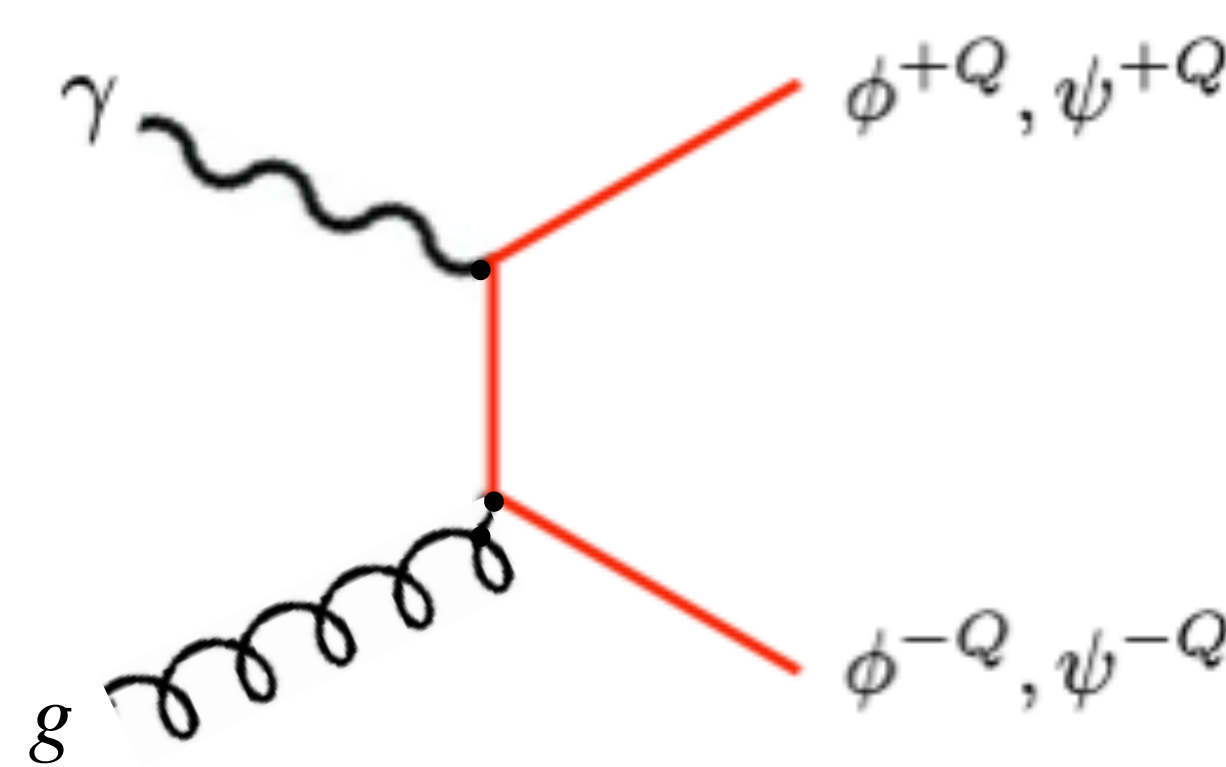
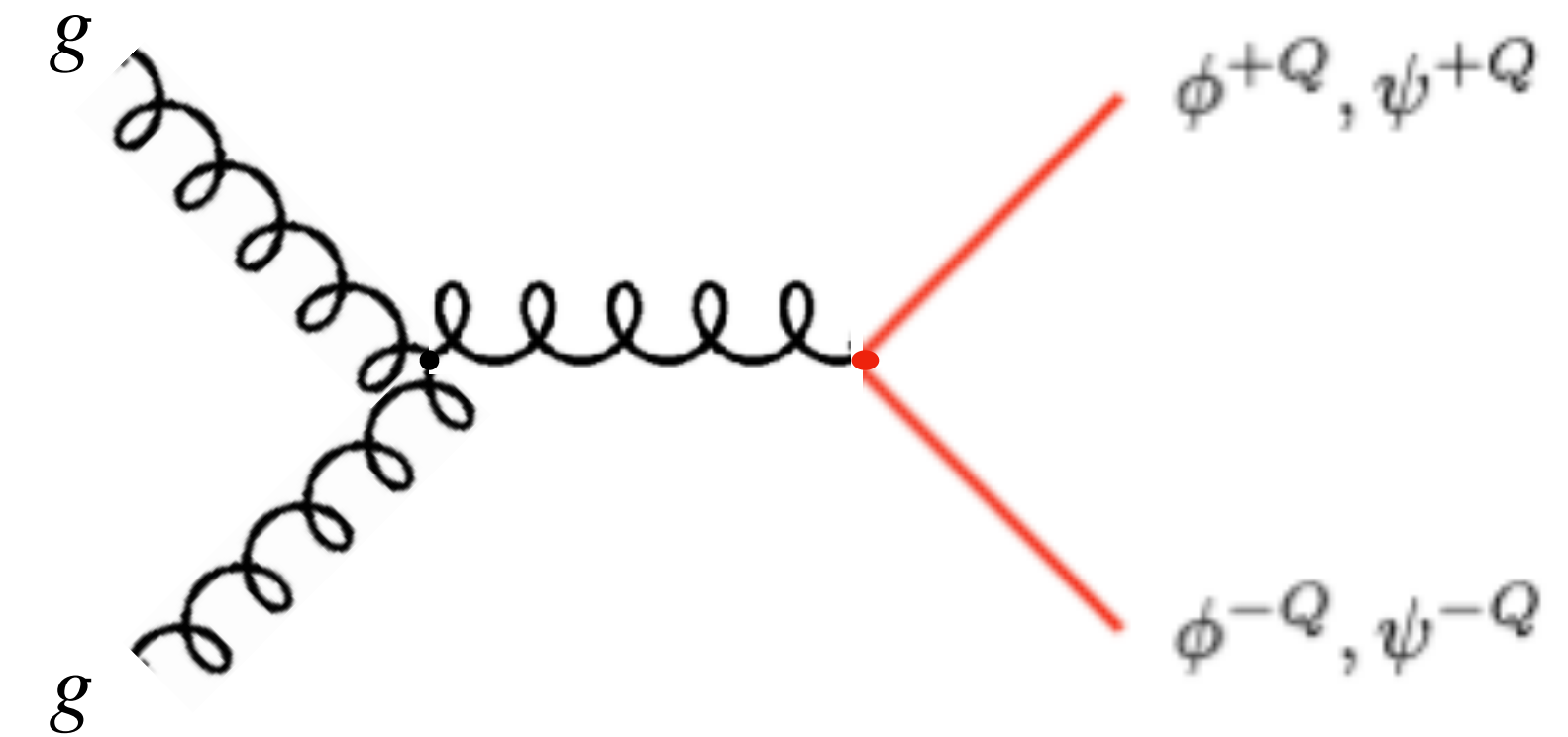


seagull
photon fusion
(scalar only)

colour singlet/triplet



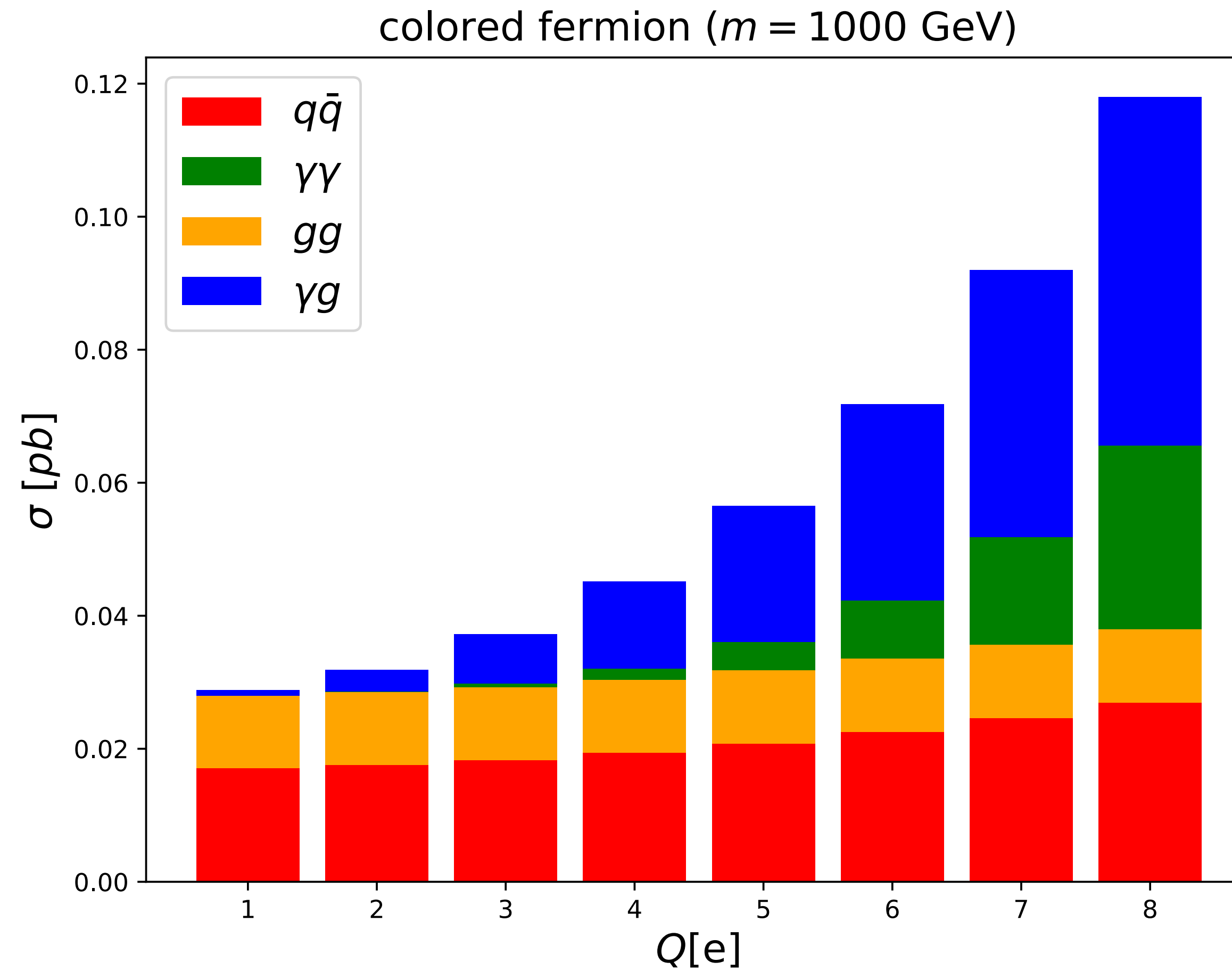
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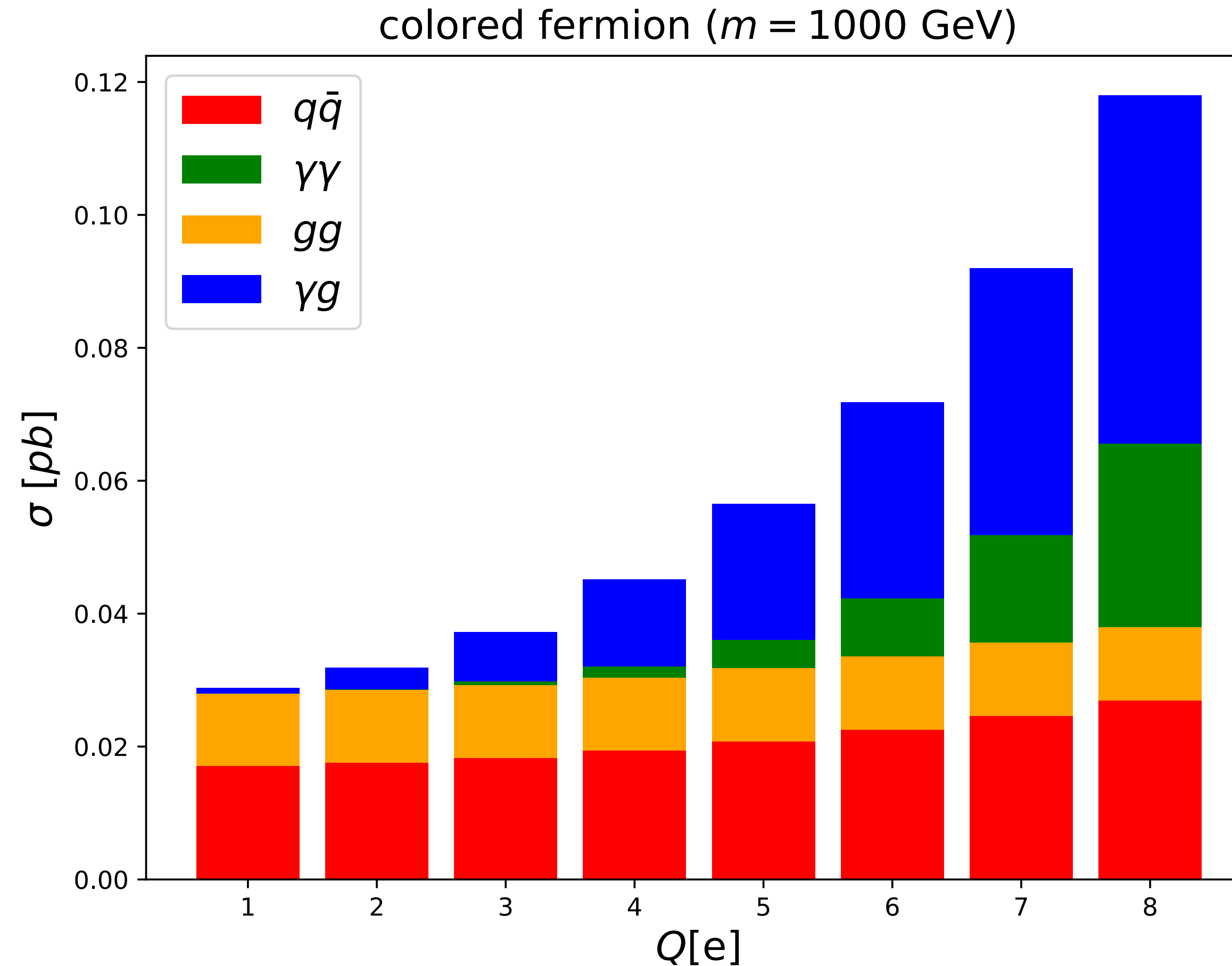
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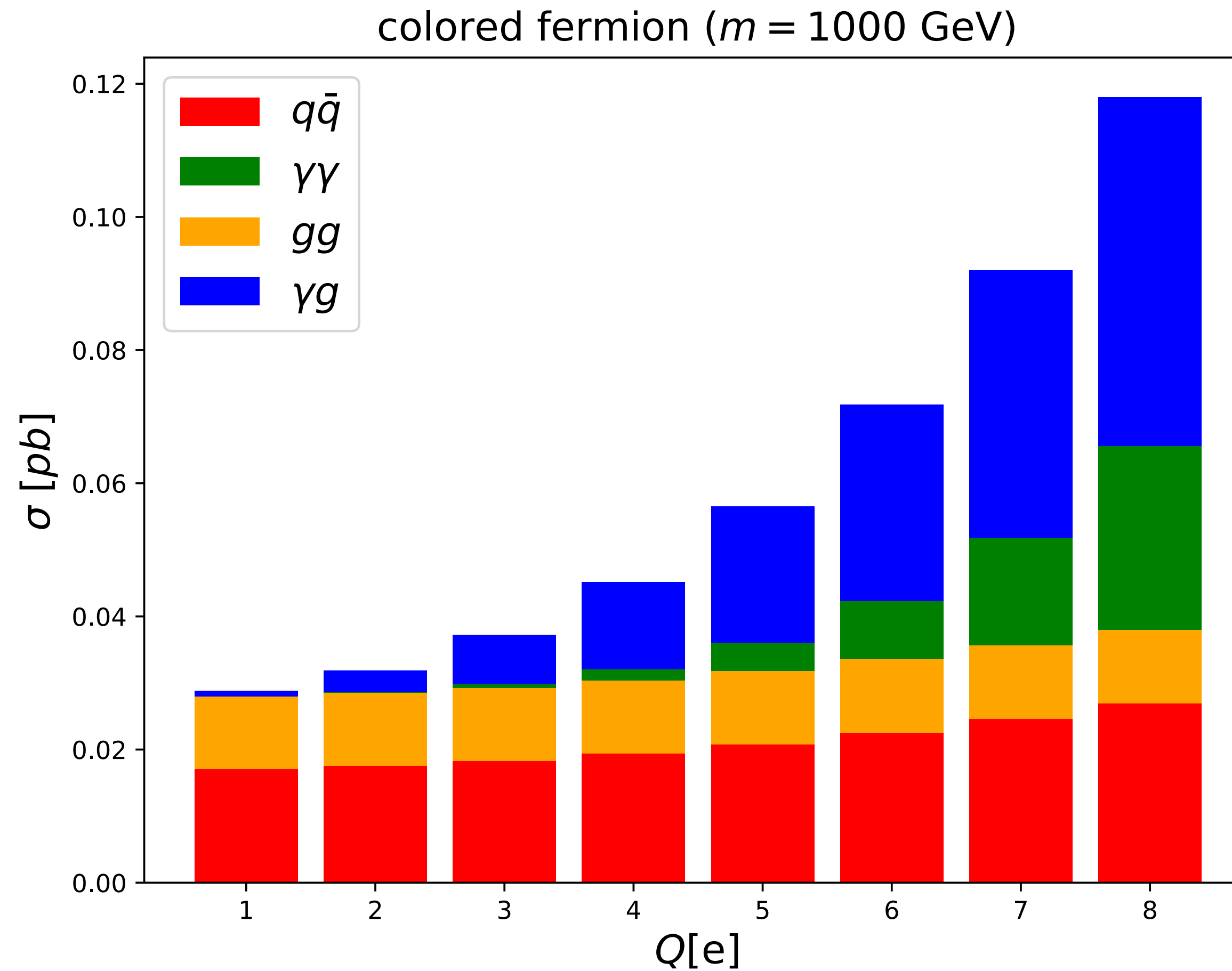
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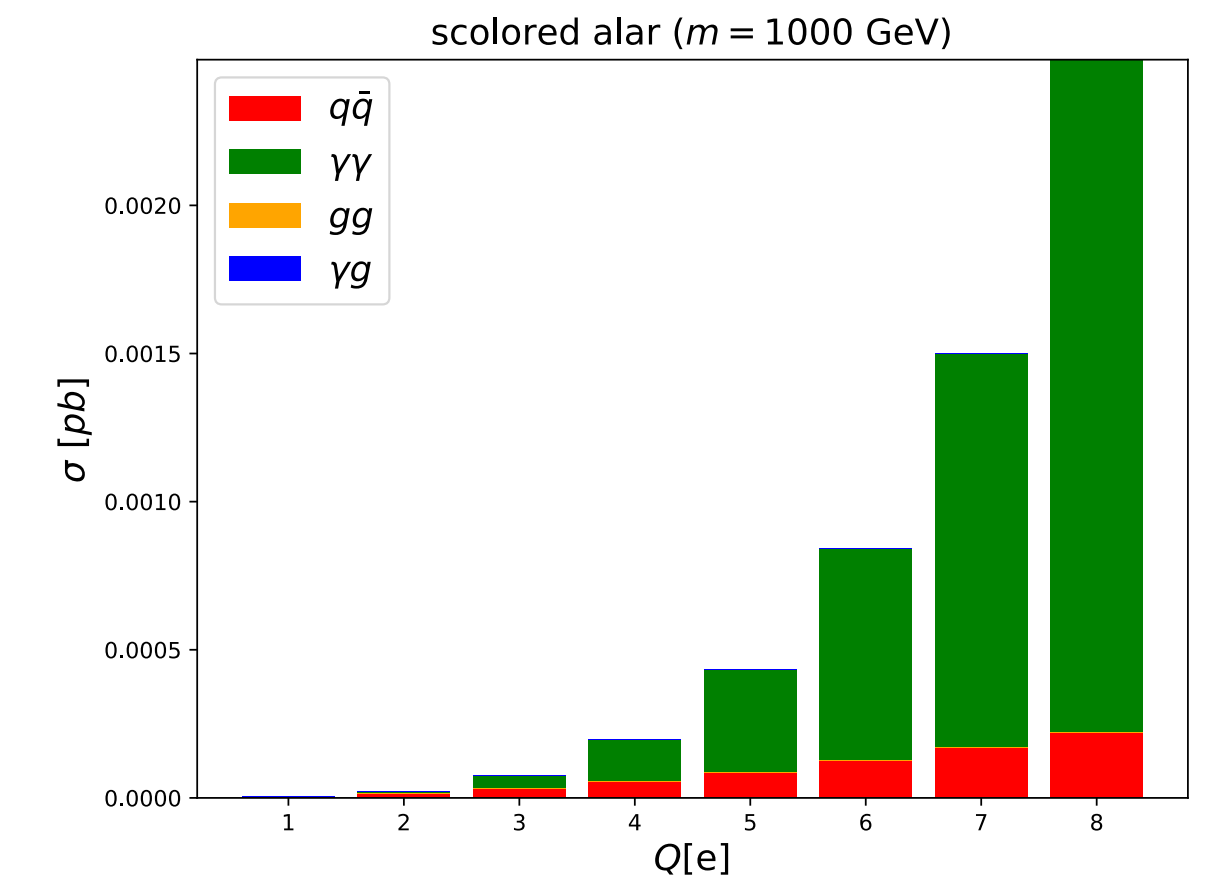
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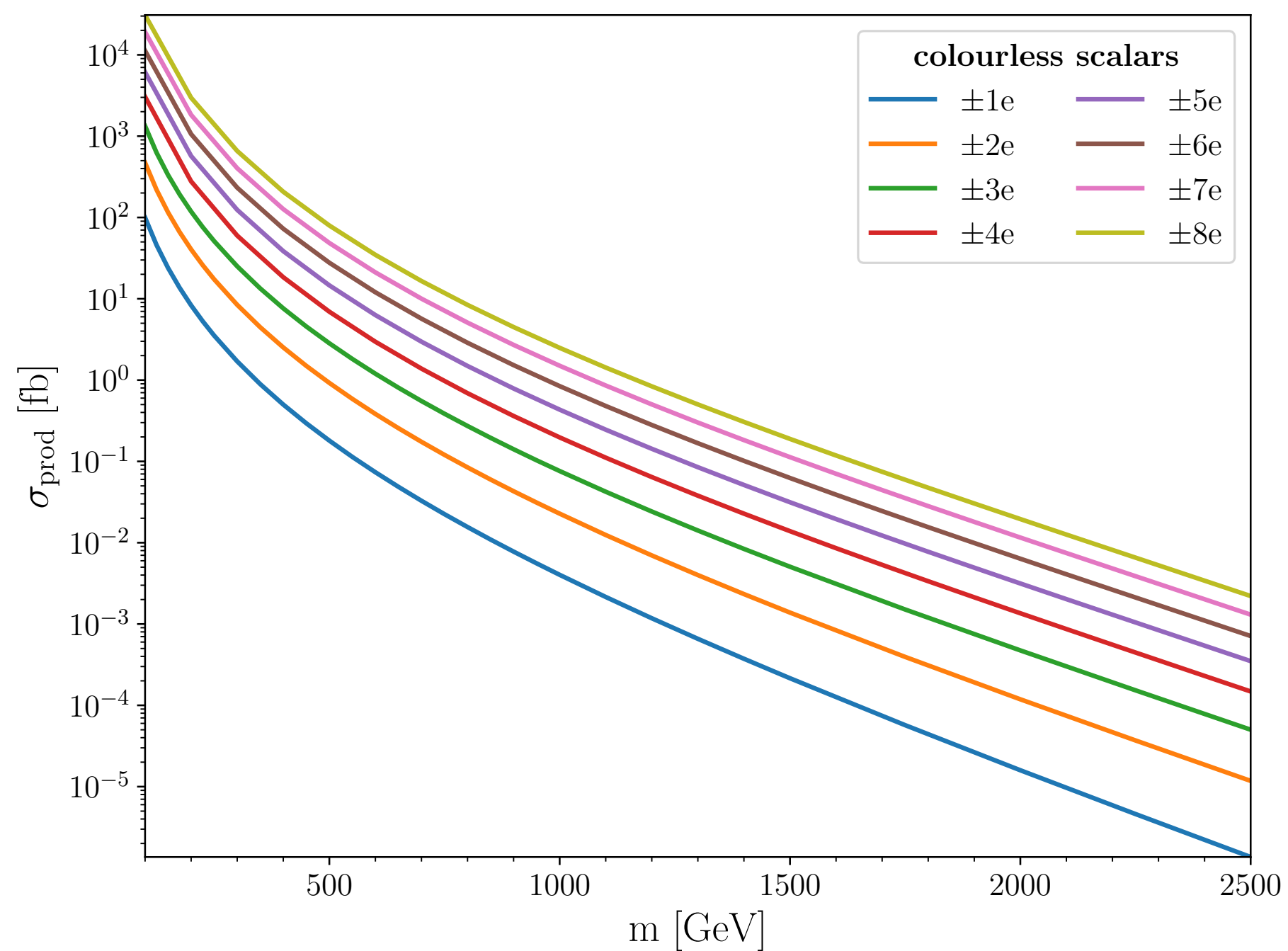


In color singlet case, the impact is also big.

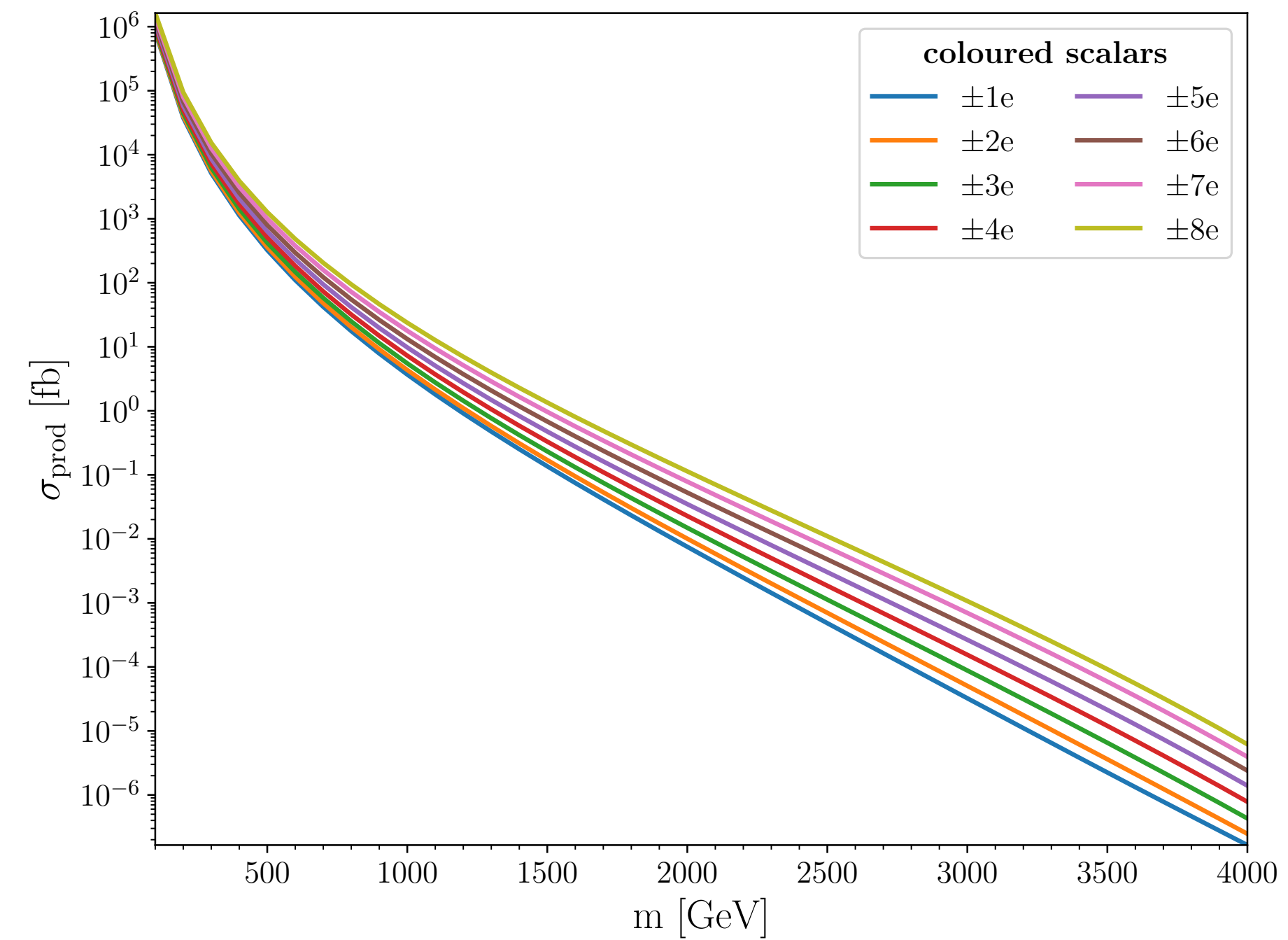


The choice of PDF is crucial! [C. Arbelaez et al., 2003.11494]
(We use LUXqed17)

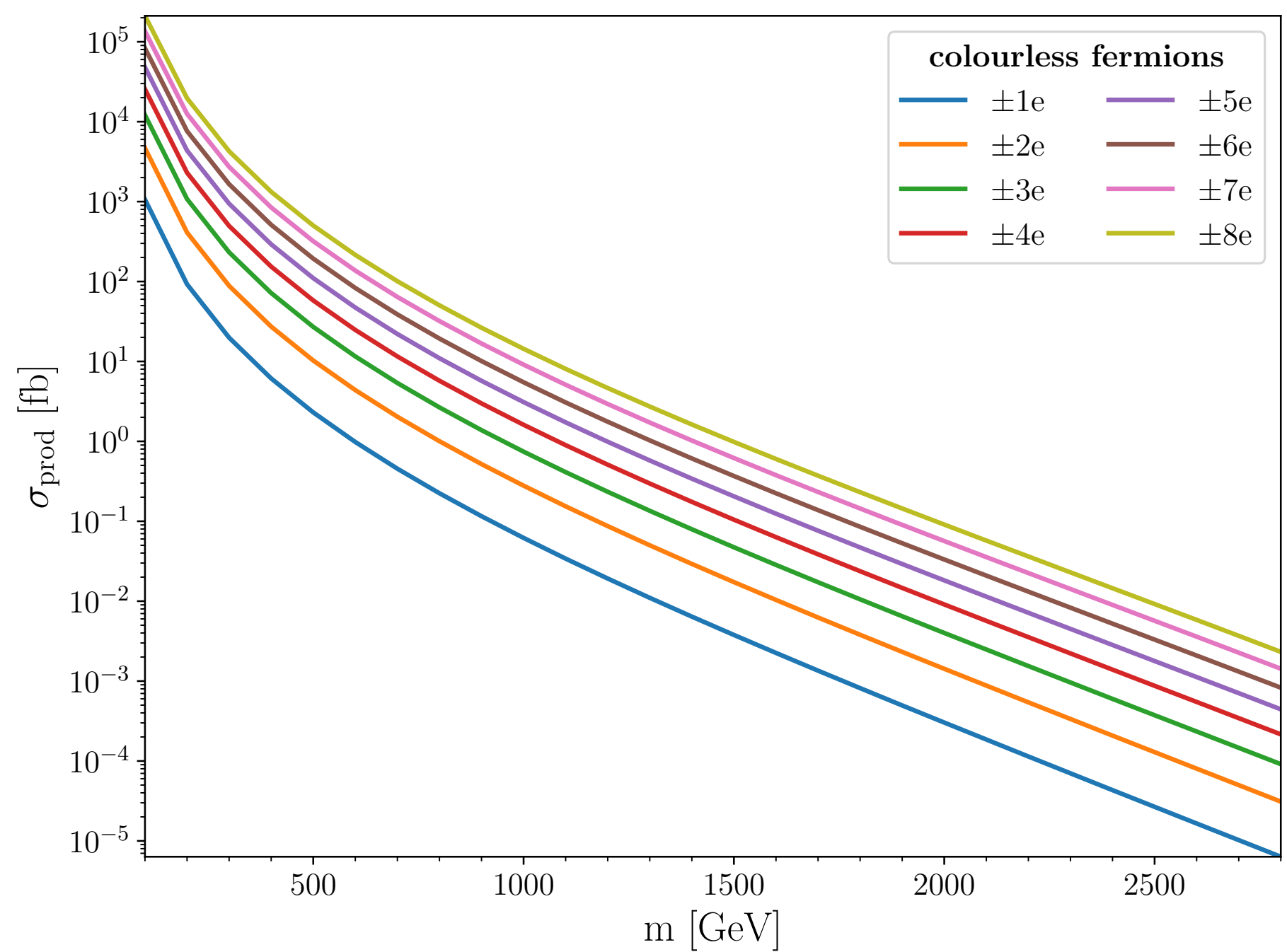
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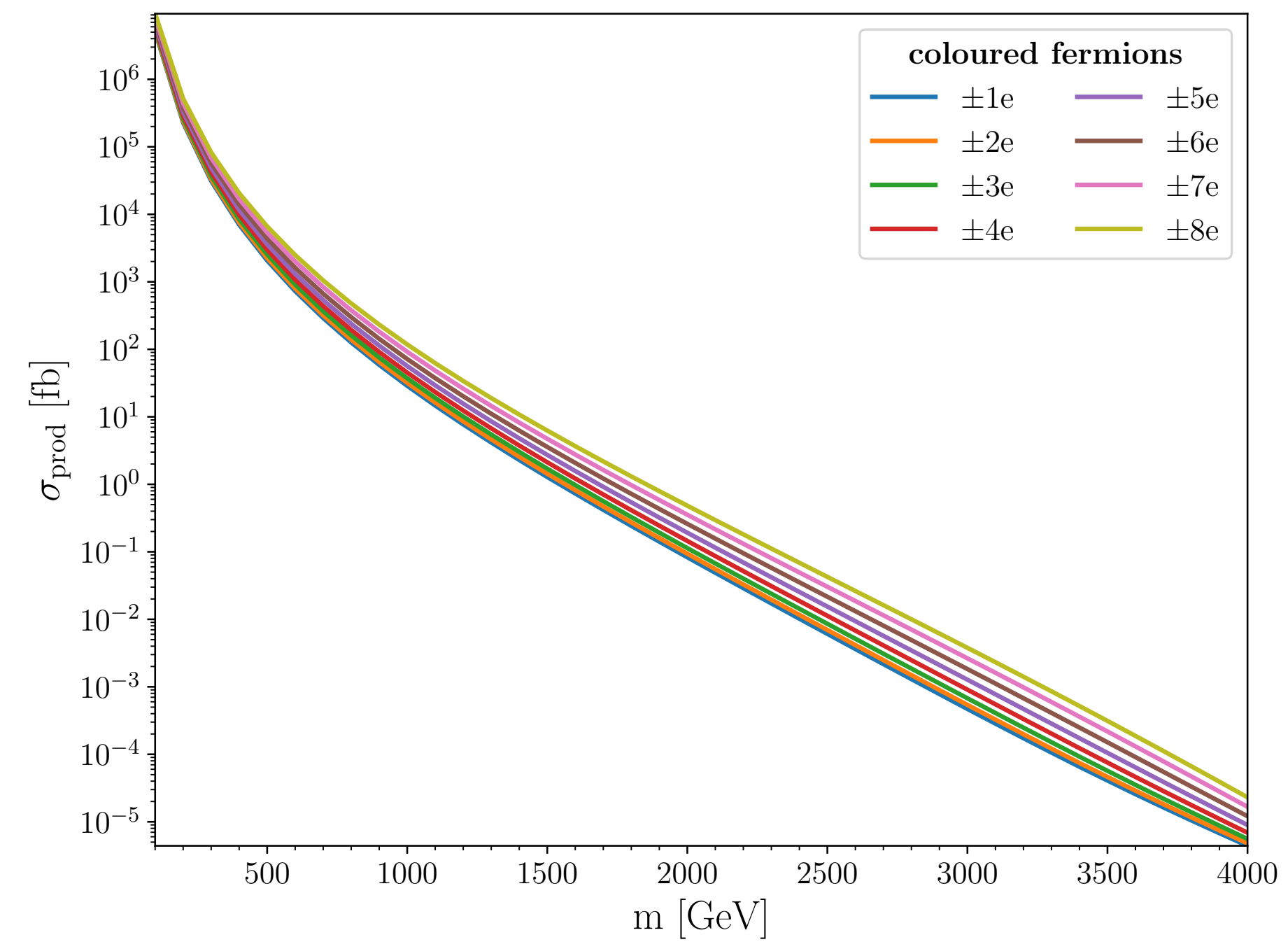
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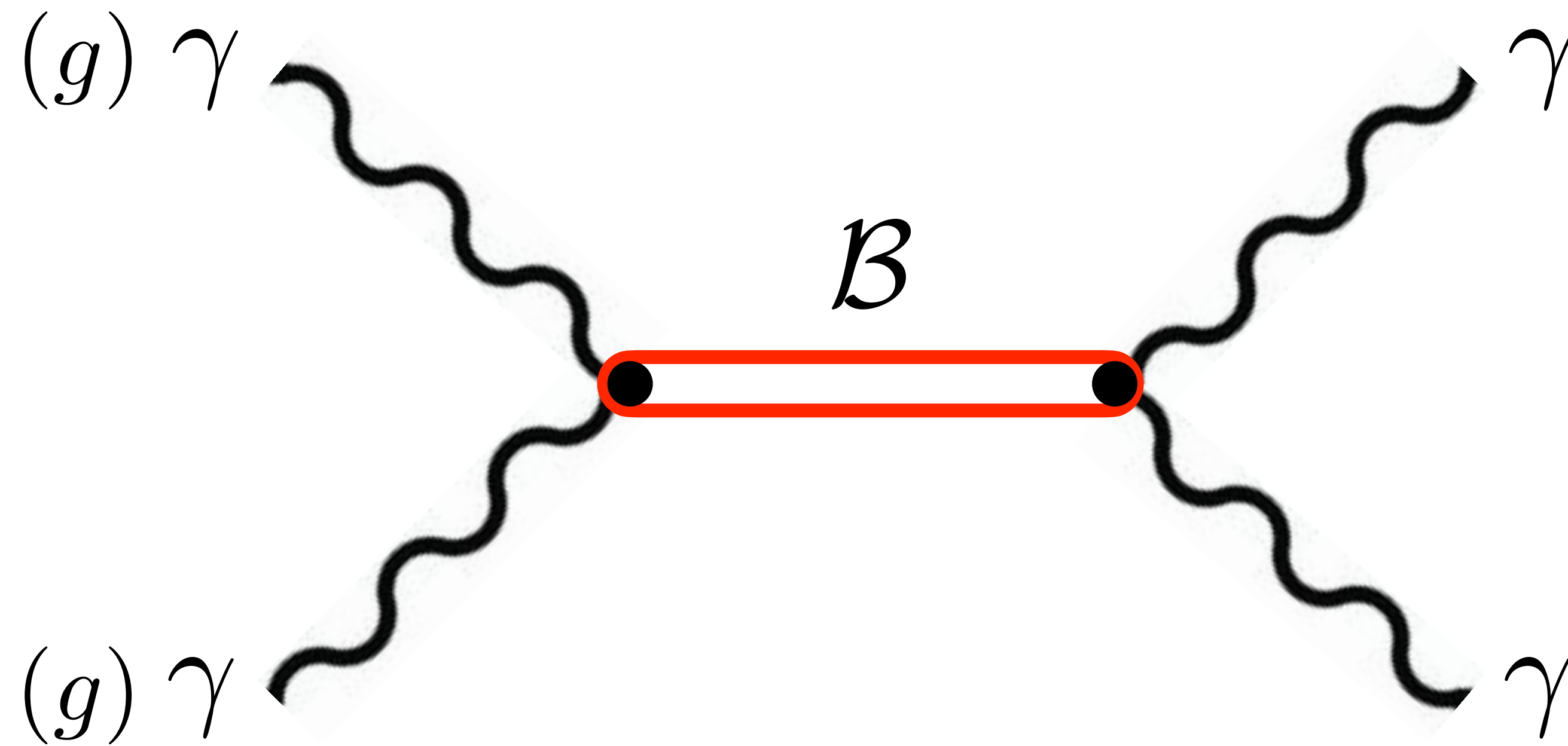
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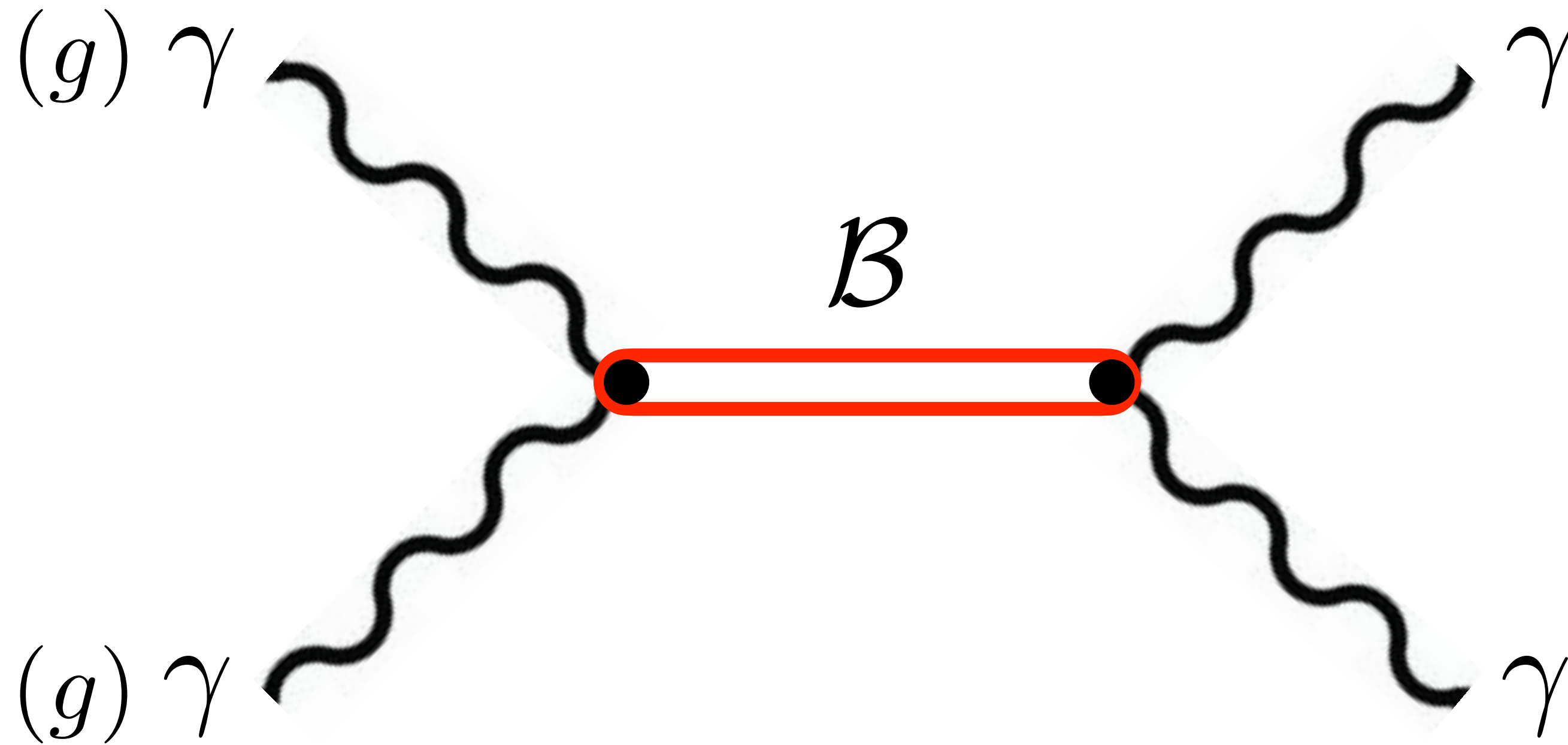
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Bound states



Bound states



- ⊗ Strong and EM interactions allow to produce a **bound state B** made of new particles
- ⊗ B with $J=0, 2$ can decay to $\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z, ZZ, (gg)$
- ⊗ B with $J=1$ can decay to $W^+ W^-$ or $f\bar{f}$
- ⊗ The **di-photon** searches are **most sensitive**, hence we consider only them
- ⊗ B can be colour singlet or octet, but octet production is subdominant and it cannot decay to di-photon
- ⊗ **We consider only colour singlet $J=0$** , because $J=1$ cannot decay to 2γ ; contribution of $J=2$ is subdominant.

Bound state. Cross-section calculation.

$$V(\vec{r}) = -\frac{C\alpha_s(r^{-1}) + Q^2\alpha}{r} \xrightarrow{\text{non-relativistic approximation}} \text{Schroedinger equation}$$

hydrogen atom-like solutions $\Psi_{nlm}(\vec{r})$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \sigma_{pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B}} \cdot \text{BR}_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \xleftarrow{\text{narrow width approximation}} P \propto |\Psi_{nlm}(0)|^2$$

non-vanishing only
for s-wave ($l=m=0$)



methodology

Malbork Castle, Poland

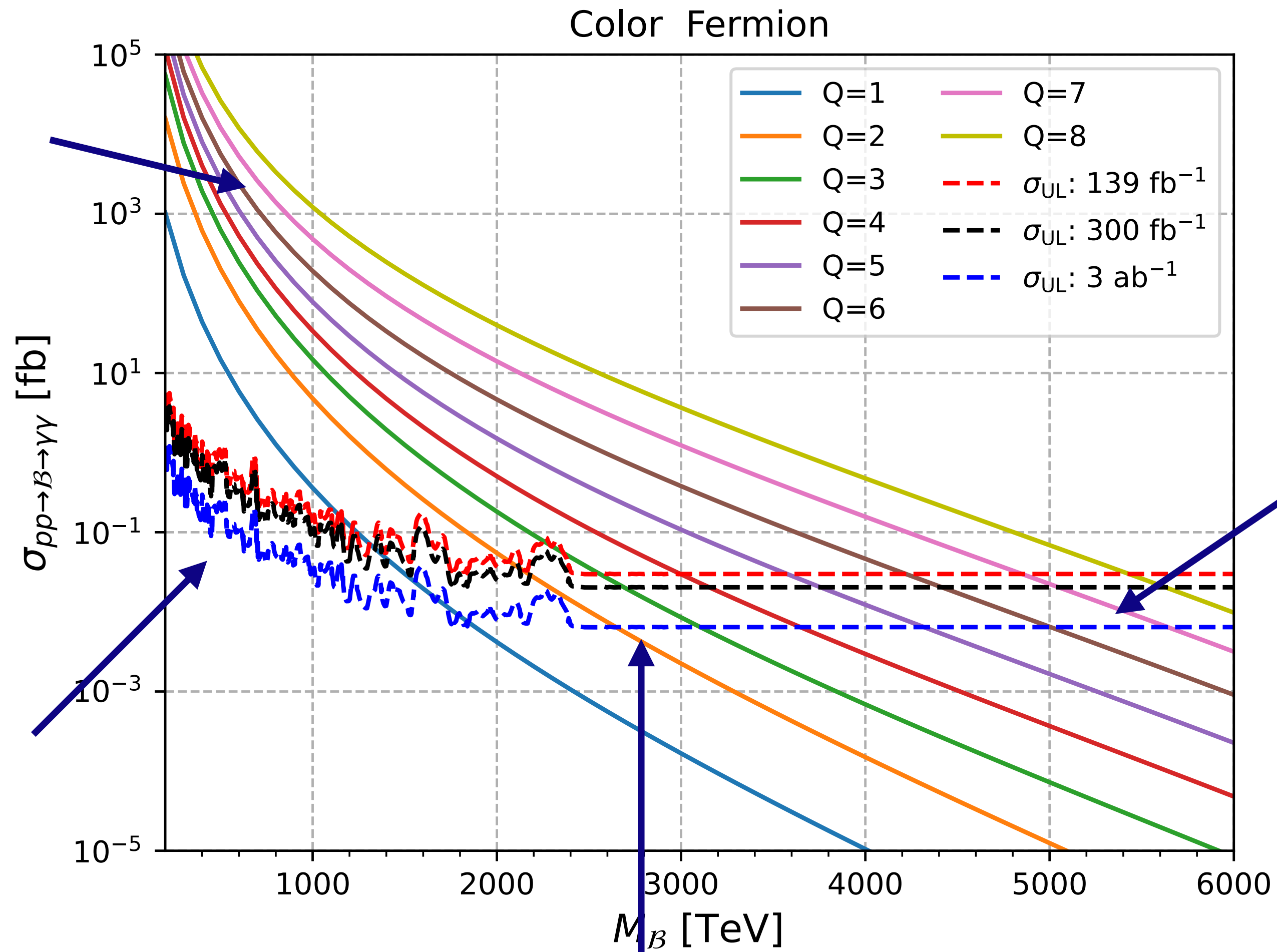
Recasting closed channel searches

theoretical
cross-section

$$pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

experimental
limits from
resonance di-
photon search

[ATLAS 2102.13405]



extrapolation
to larger masses

search range ends at $M_{\mathcal{B}} = 2.8 \text{ TeV}$

Recasting open channel searches

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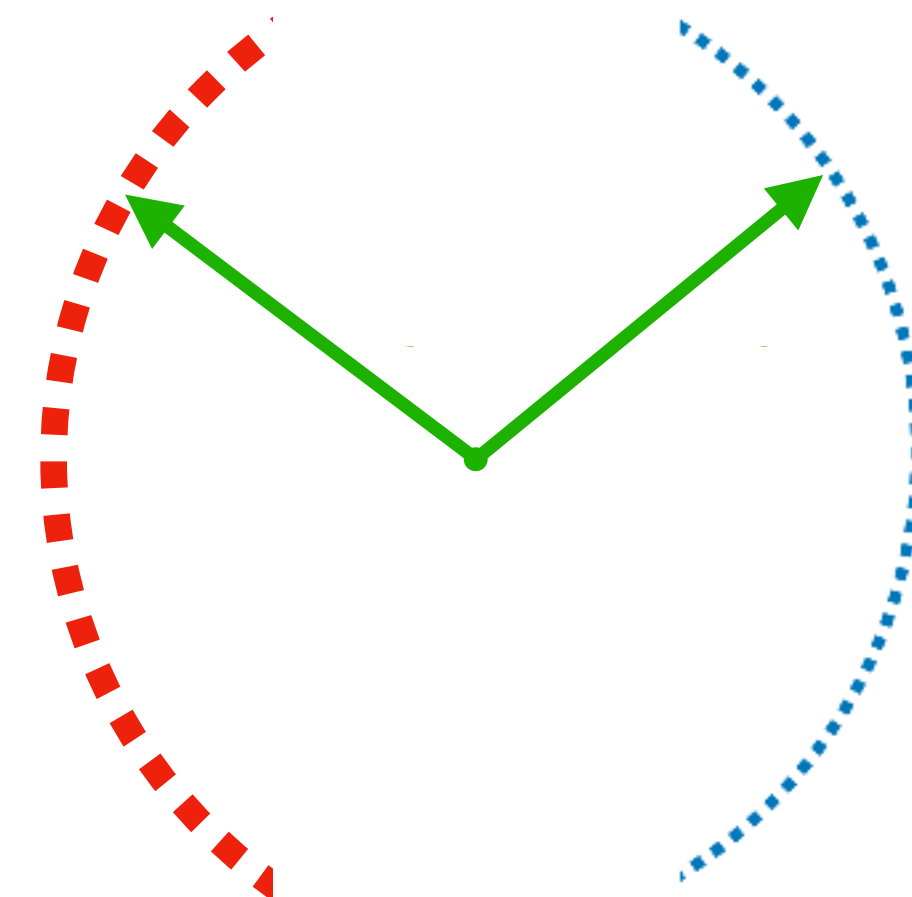
$$|\eta| < 2.1$$

$$p_T^{\text{TRUE}} \geq 50 \cdot |Q| \text{ GeV}$$

$$t_{\text{TOF}} - \frac{x_{\text{trigger}}}{c} < \begin{cases} 50 \text{ ns} & (|\eta| < 1.6) \\ 25 \text{ ns} & (1.6 \leq |\eta| < 2.1) \end{cases}$$

$$p_T^{\text{MEAS}} = \frac{p_T^{\text{TRUE}}}{|Q|}$$

$Q = 1e, p_T = 50\text{GeV}$



$Q = -8e, p_T = 400\text{GeV}$

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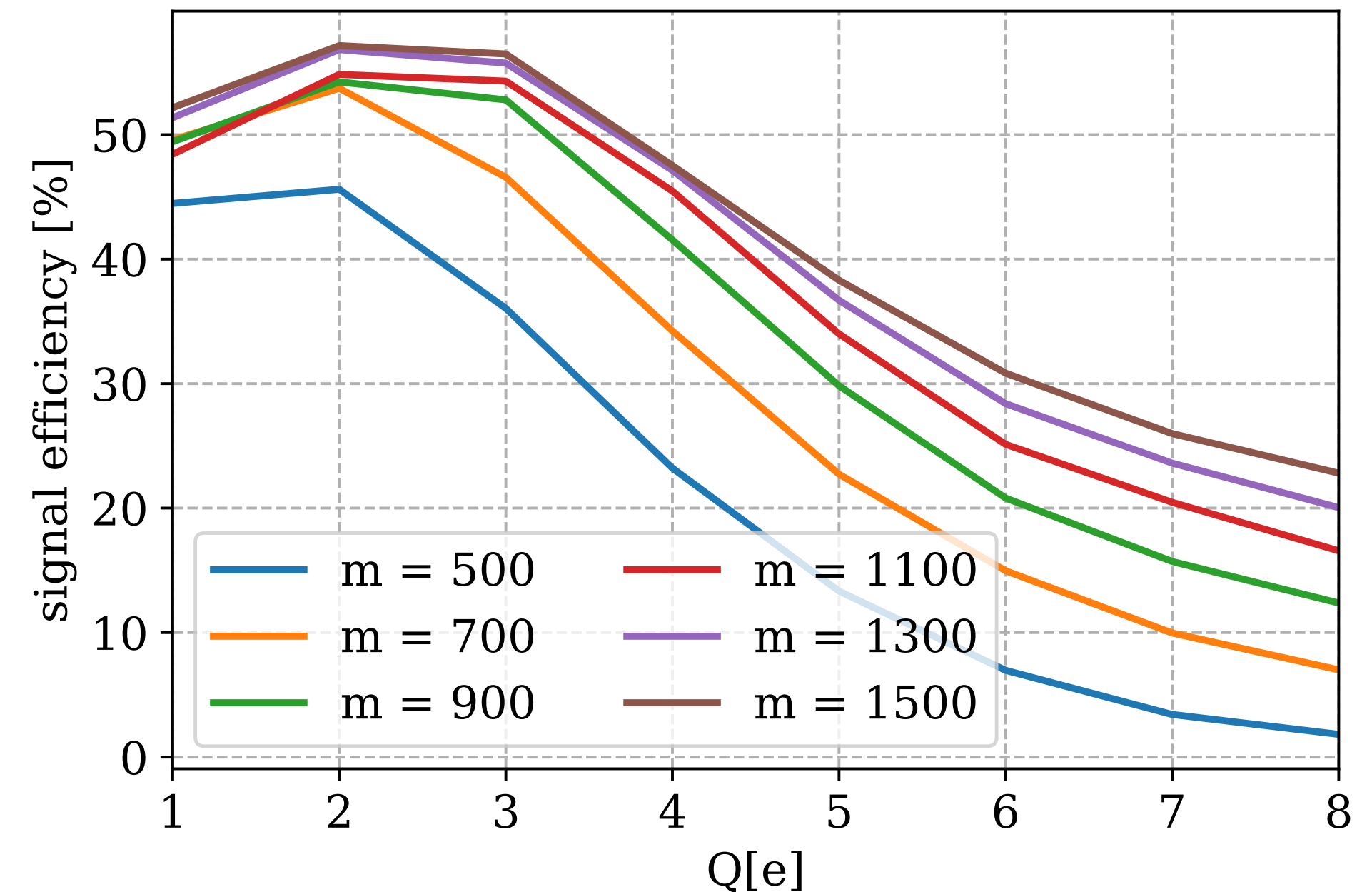
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Variable	Type or threshold value
Reconstructed track	Global muon
$ \eta $	< 2.1
Primary vertex: $ z $	< 15 cm
Primary vertex: $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$	< 2 cm
Primary vertex: degrees of freedom	> 3
# Tracker hits (strips and pixels)	> 7
# Pixel hits	> 1
Fraction of valid hits	> 0.80
# $\frac{\Delta E}{\Delta x}$ measurements	> 5
# $1/\beta$ measurements	> 7
# DT- $1/\beta$ OR # CSC- $1/\beta$ measurements	> 5
Global muon track purity	> 1
Global muon track χ^2/dof	< 5.0
p_T	> 45 GeV
I_h	> 3.0 MeV/cm
$\sigma_{(1/\beta)}$	< 0.07
d_{xy}	< 0.5 cm
$\sum_{\Delta R < 0.3} p_T$	< 50 GeV
σ_{p_T}/p_T	< 0.25
d_z	< 0.5 cm
$\langle 1/\beta \rangle$	> 1.0

$$p_T^{\text{TRUE}} \geq 65 \cdot |Q/e| \text{ GeV}$$

Colourless Scalar



$$1/\beta_{\text{MS}} > 1.25$$

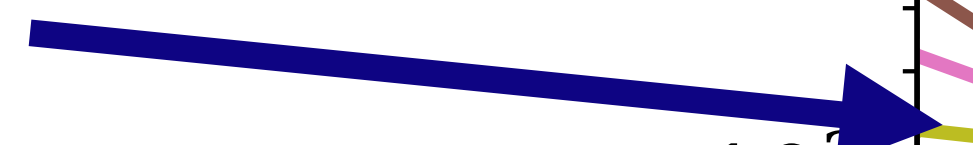
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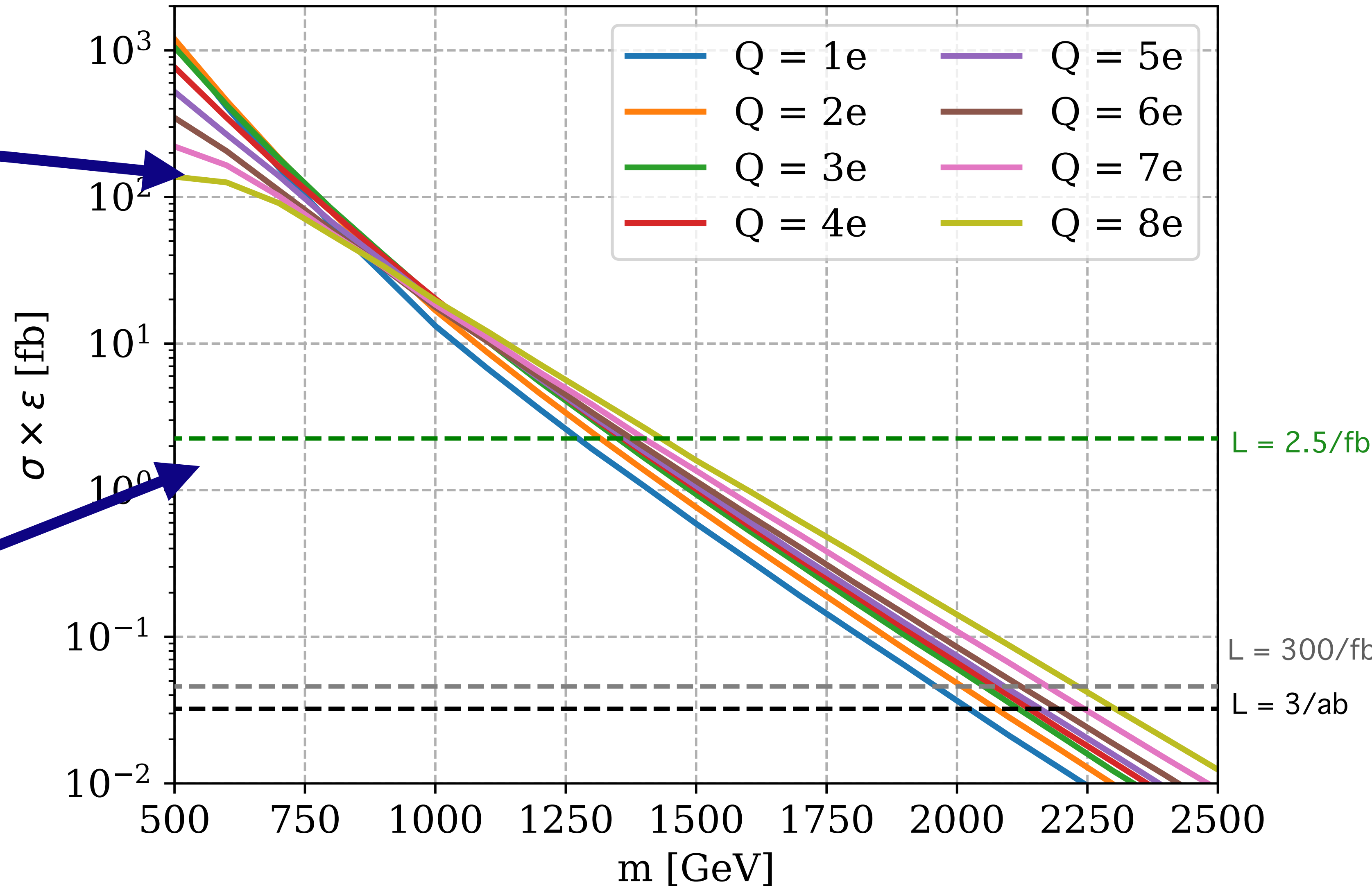
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Coloured Fermion, $k = 0.5$

theoretical
effective
cross-section



experimental
limits
(scaled)



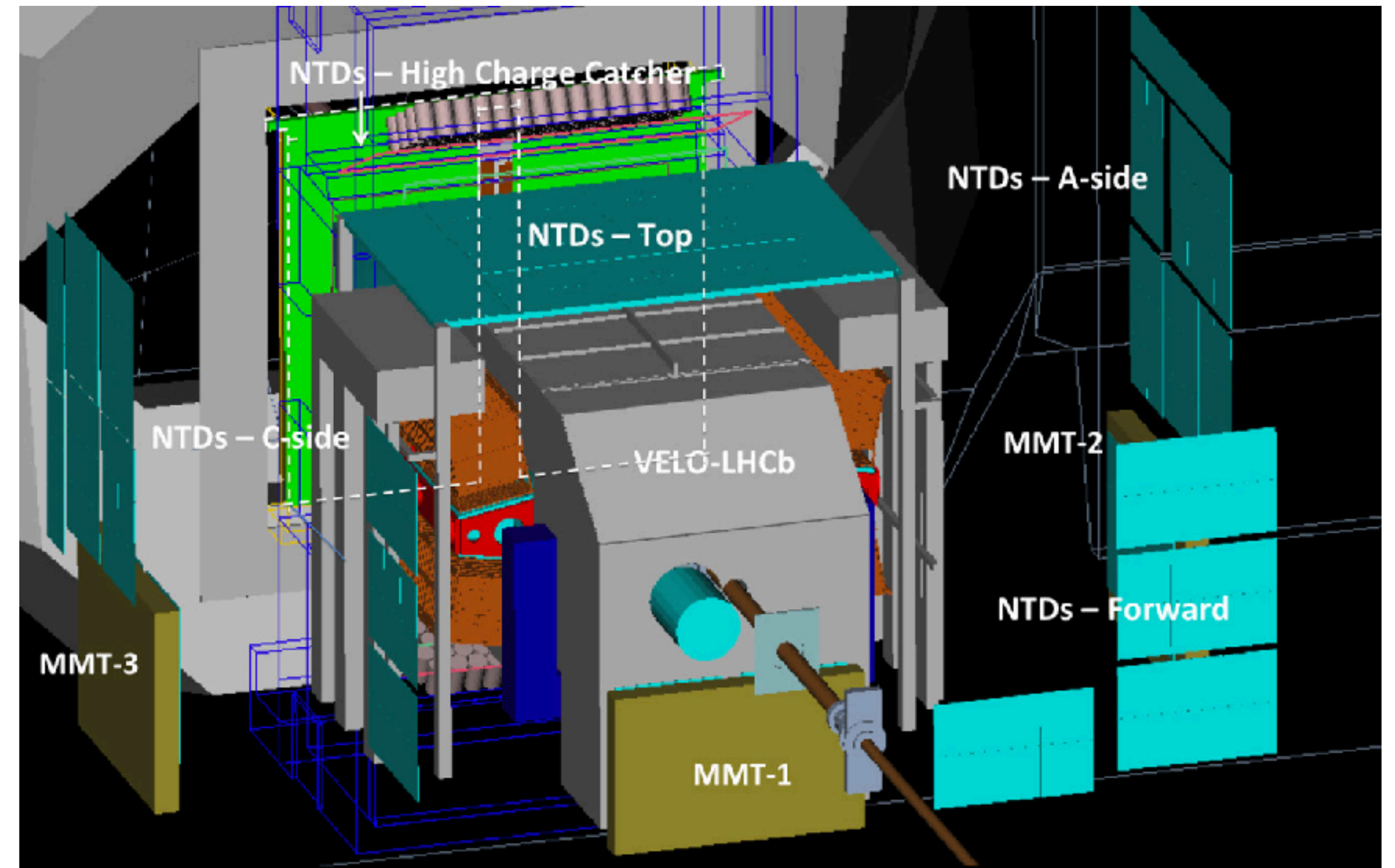
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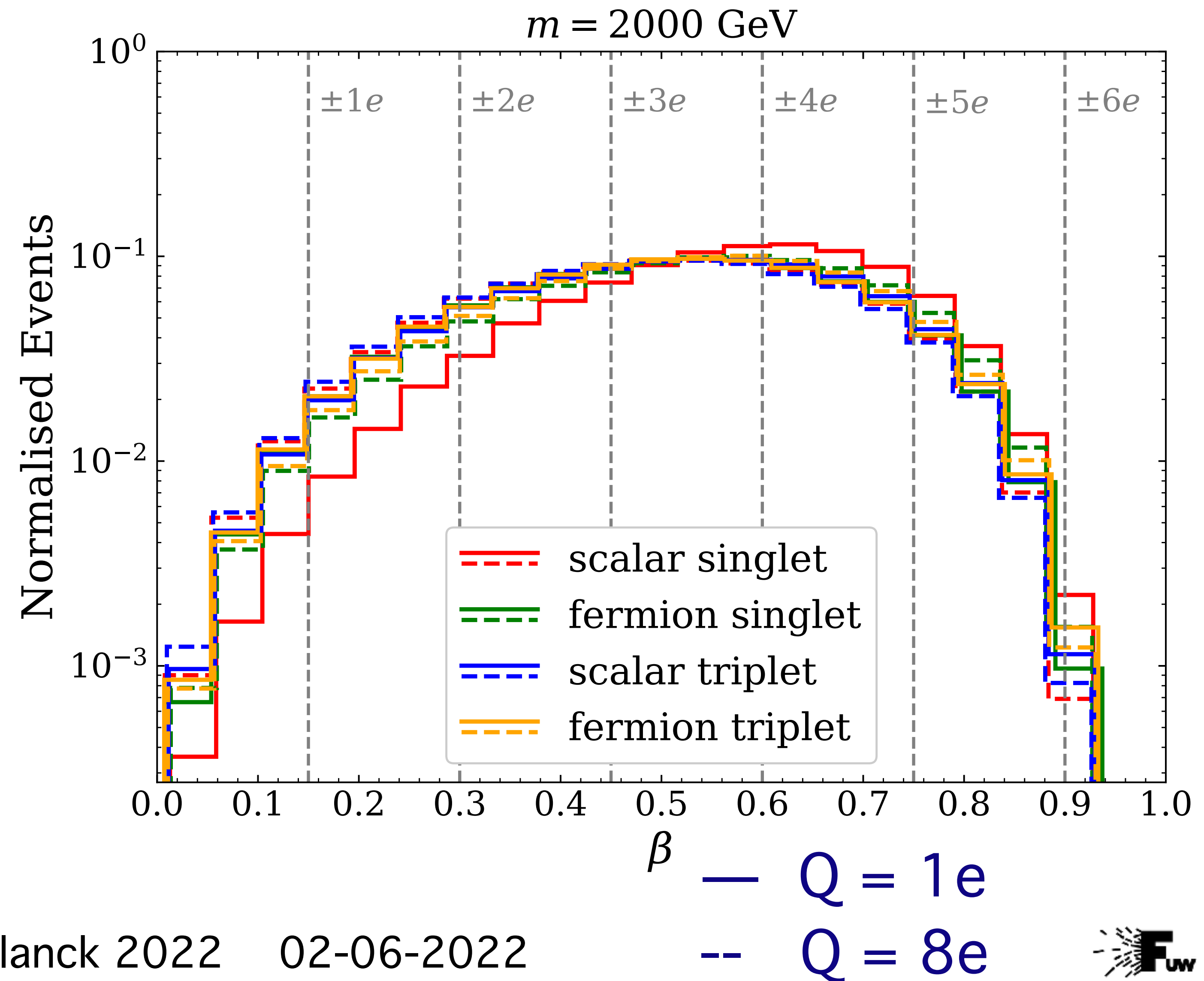
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⊗ For our studies, we treat decay length of our particles as a free parameter

⊗ We calculate expected number of signal events

⊗ Since **MoEDAL is background free** experiment, detecting few events may mark a discovery

⊗ To compare with ATLAS/CMS we take mass bound in the limit of stable particle

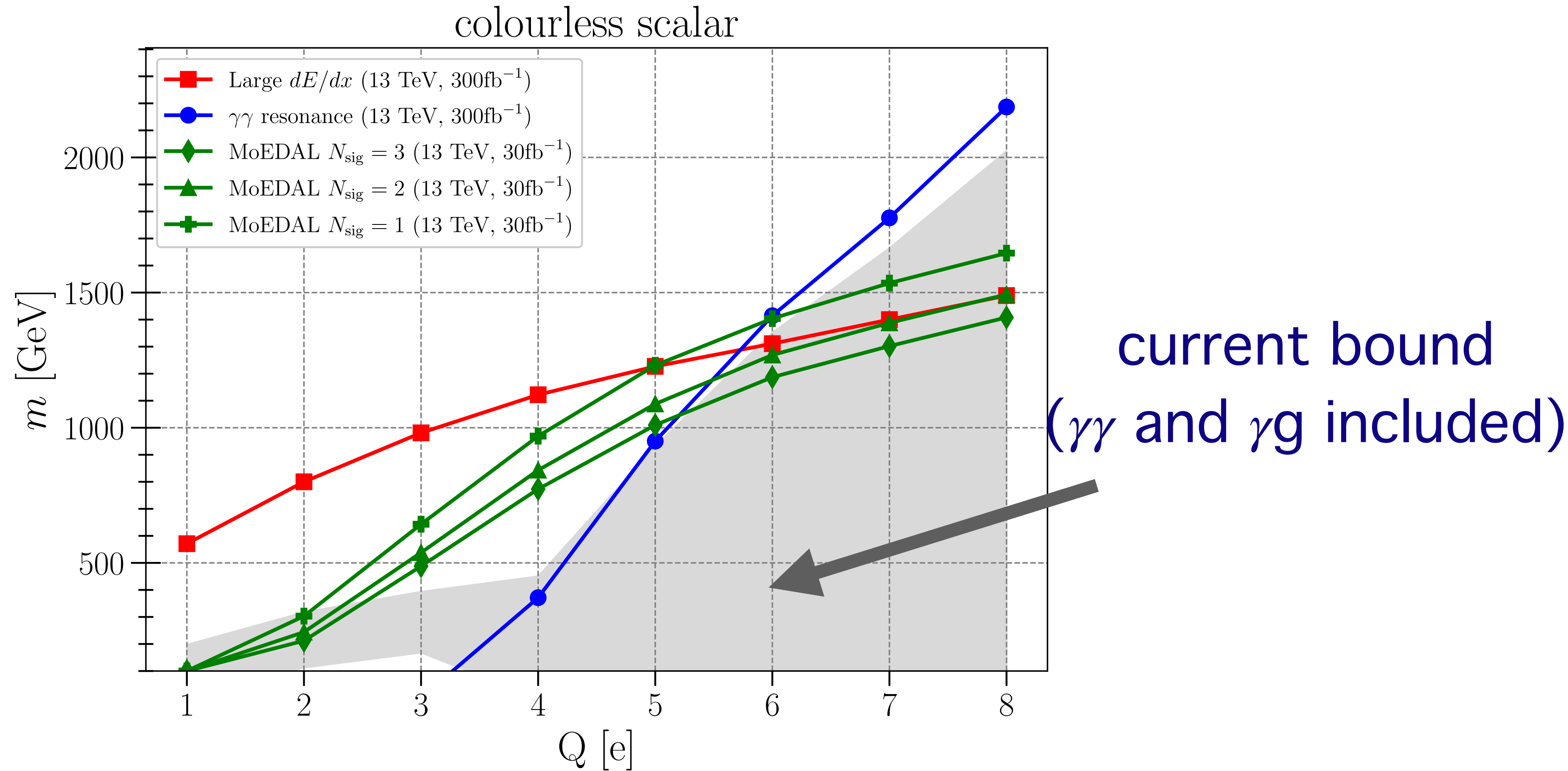


A wide-angle photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean waves are breaking on the shore, reflecting the golden light. In the foreground, a yellow fishing boat with a motor and several flags is beached. Another similar boat is visible further down the beach to the left. A few people can be seen walking in the distance. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid in the lower half of the image, containing the word "results" in a dark blue, sans-serif font.

results

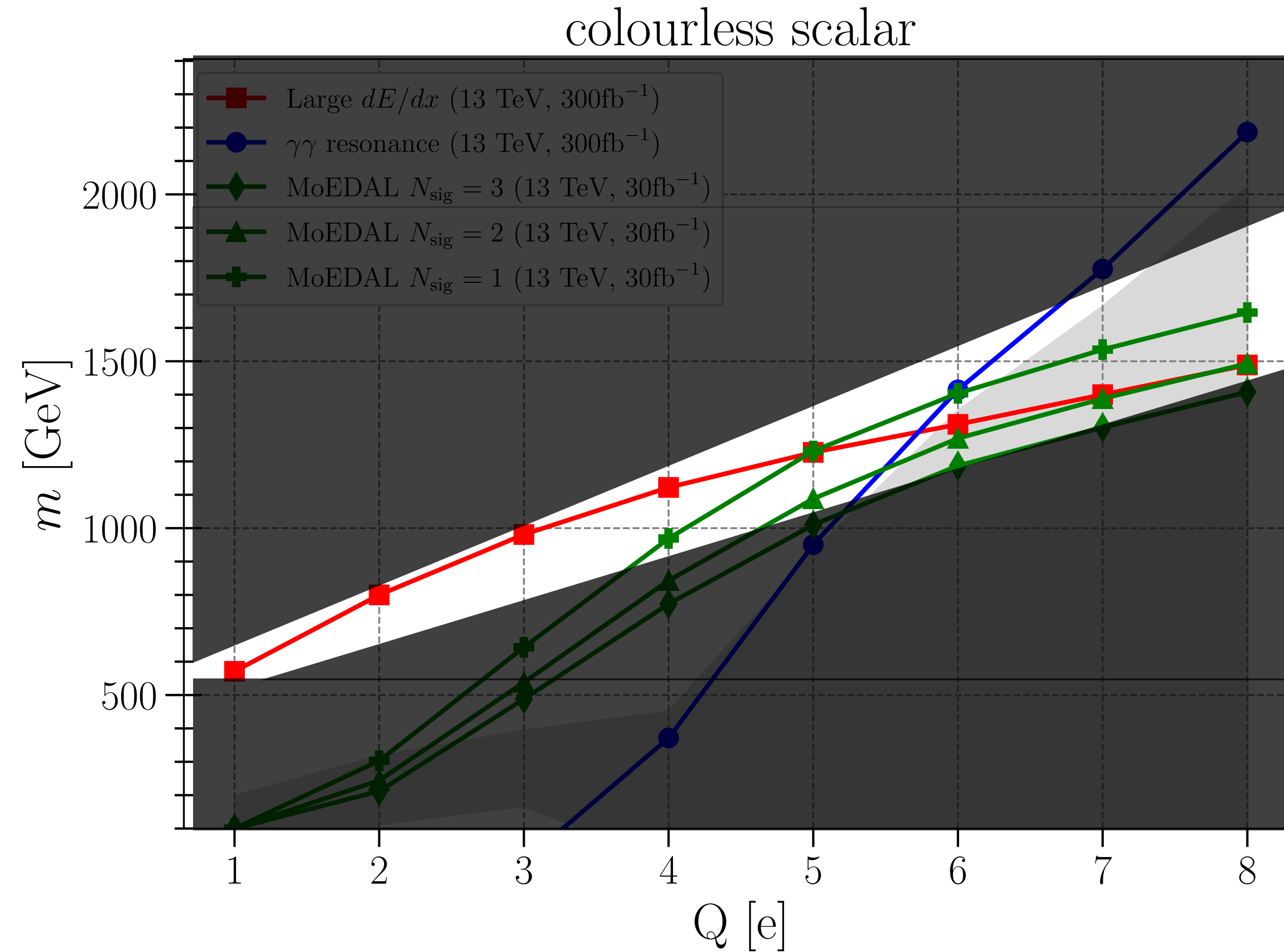
Beach in Dębki, Poland

colourless scalars

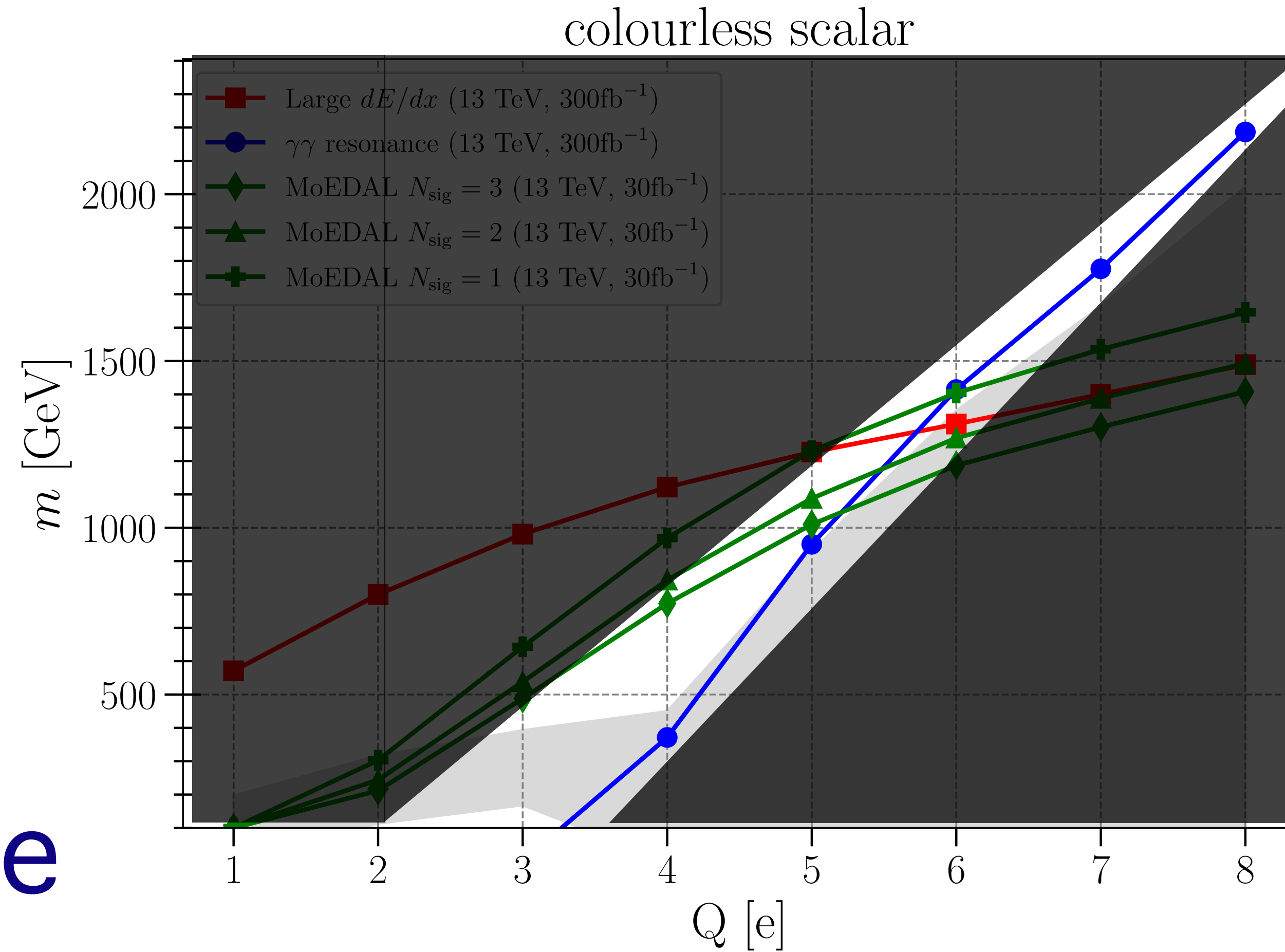


colourless scalars — open channel search

changes
moderately
with charge



colourless scalars — closed channel search

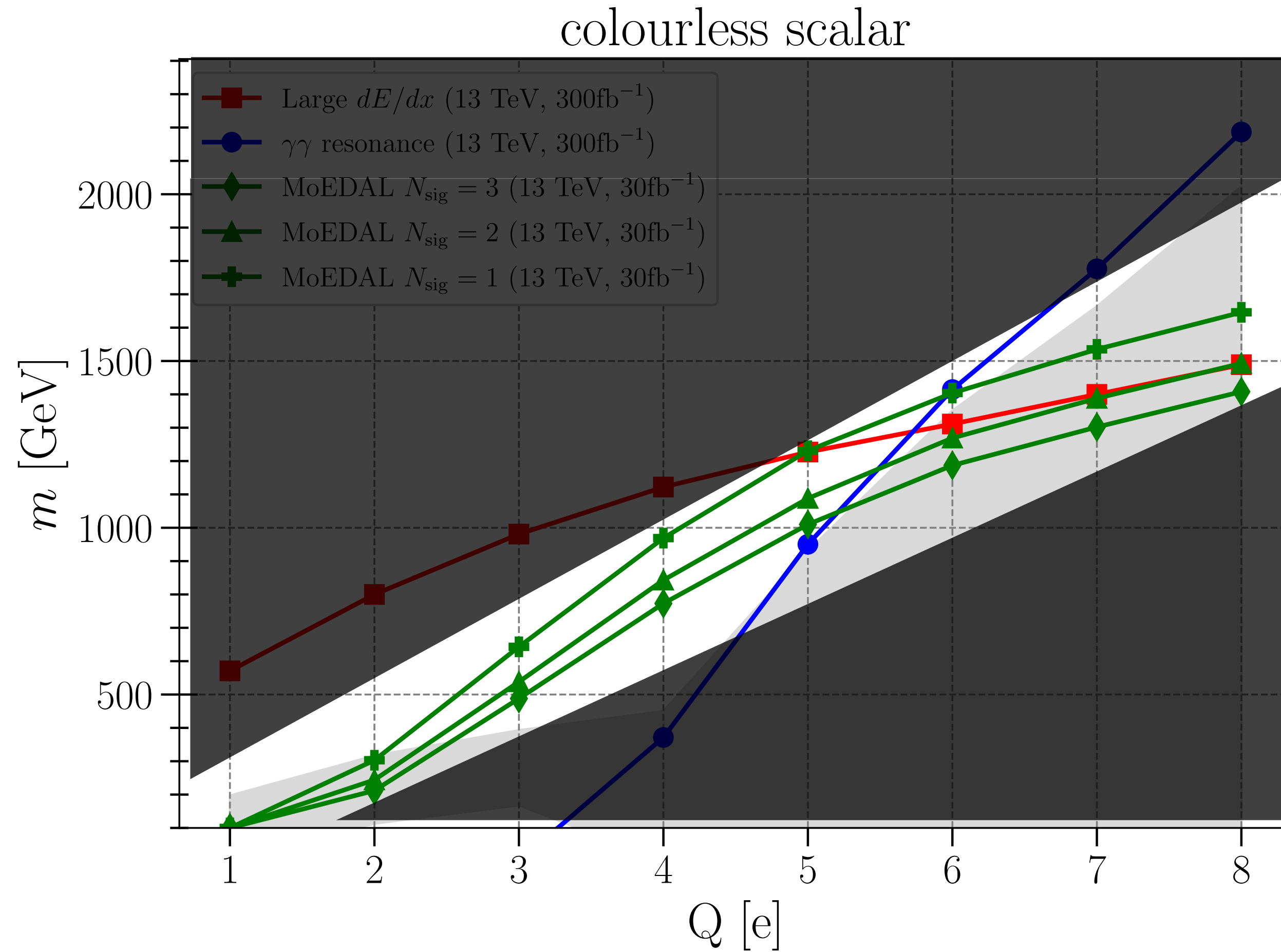


changes rapidly with charge

not sensitive to low charge

colourless scalars — open channel in MoEDAL

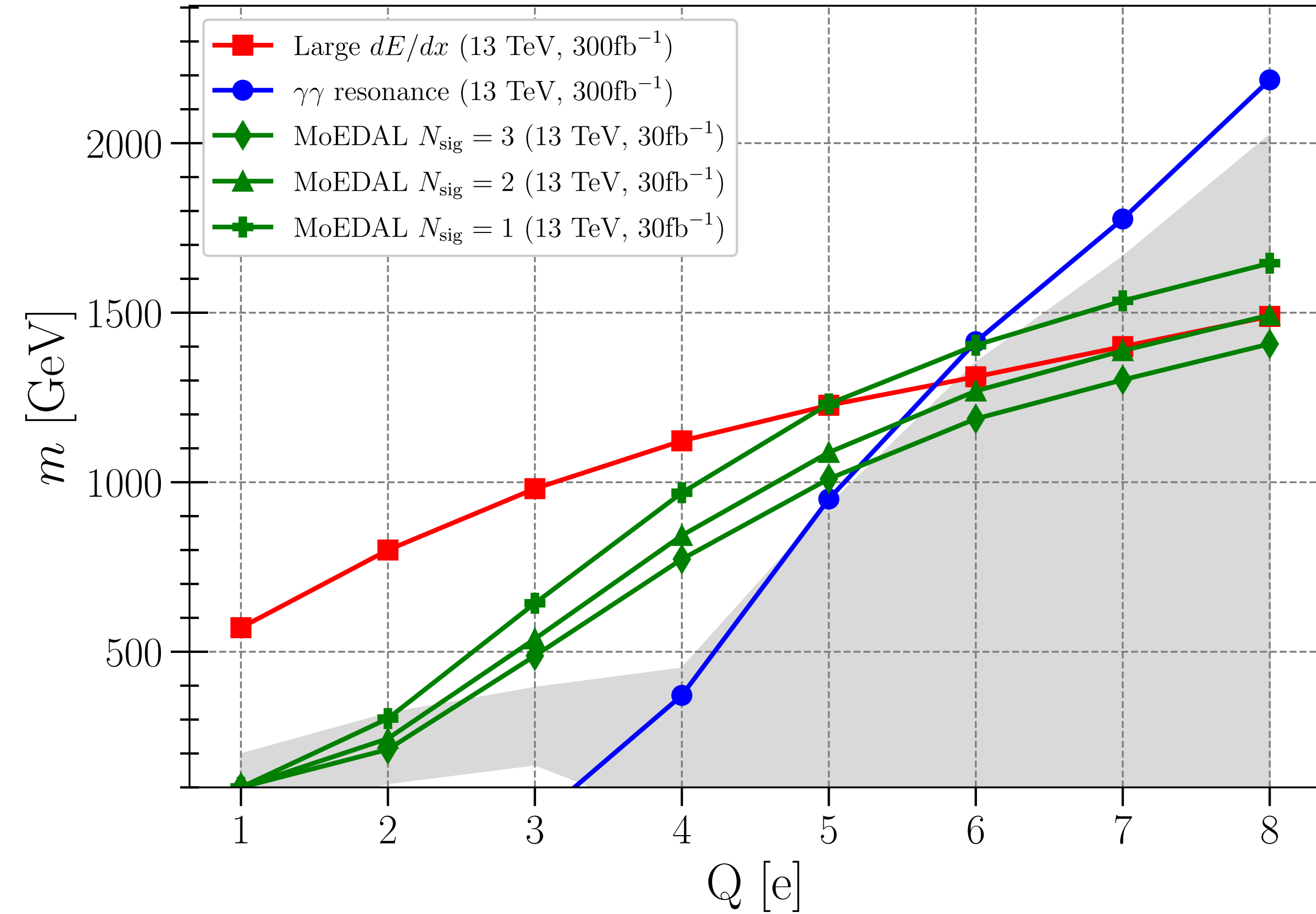
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intermediate
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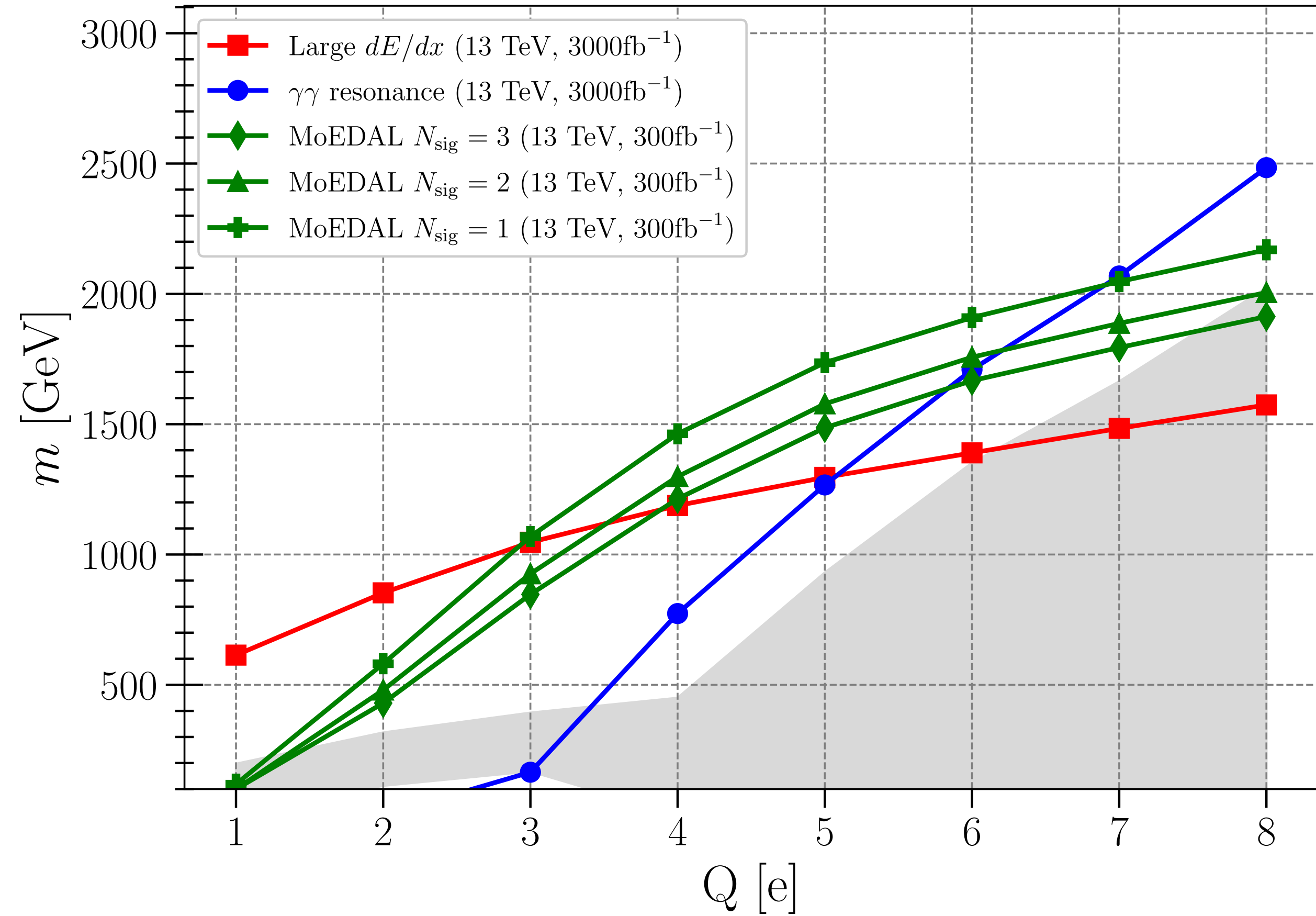
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colourless scalar



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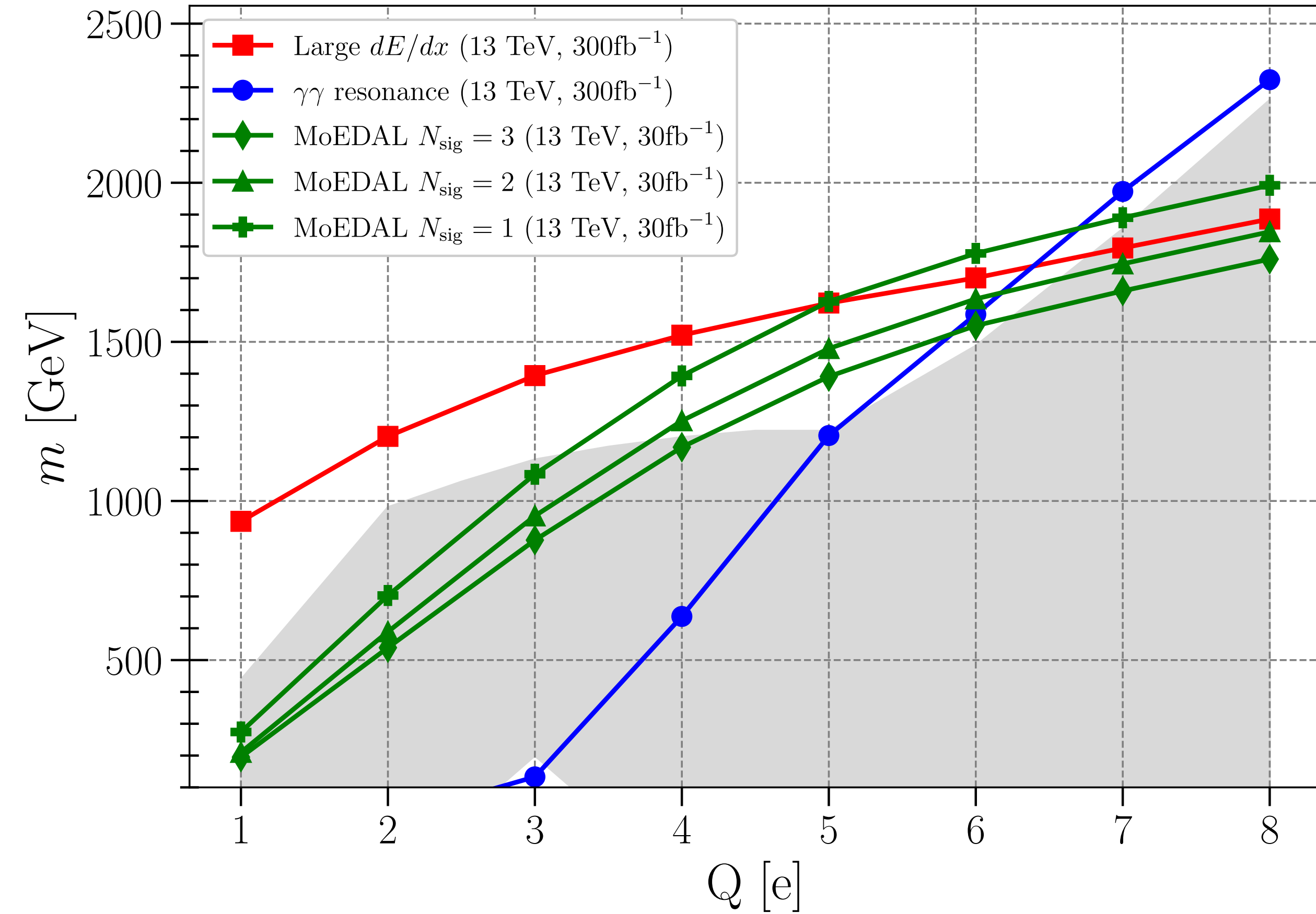
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HL-LHC

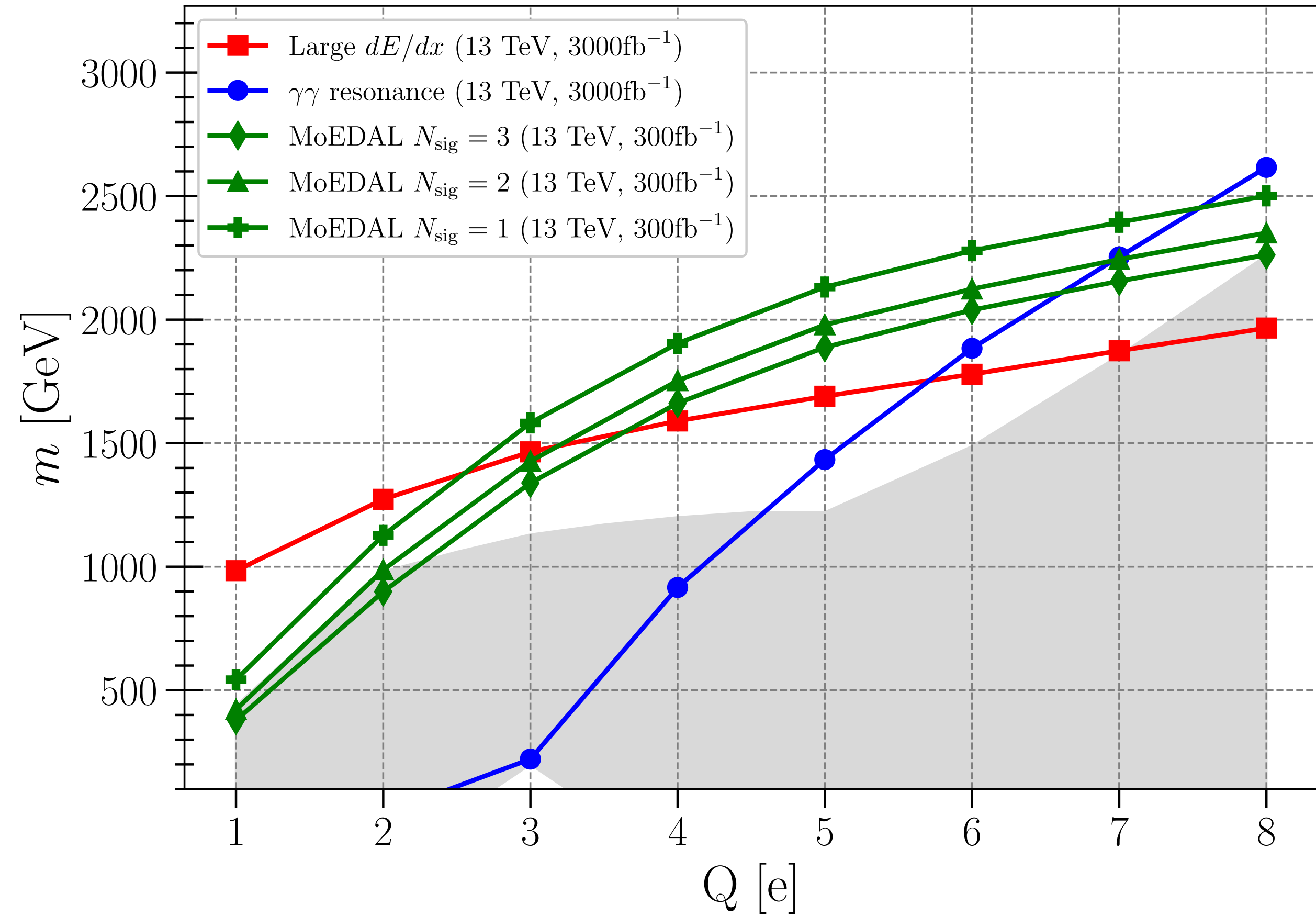
colourless fermions

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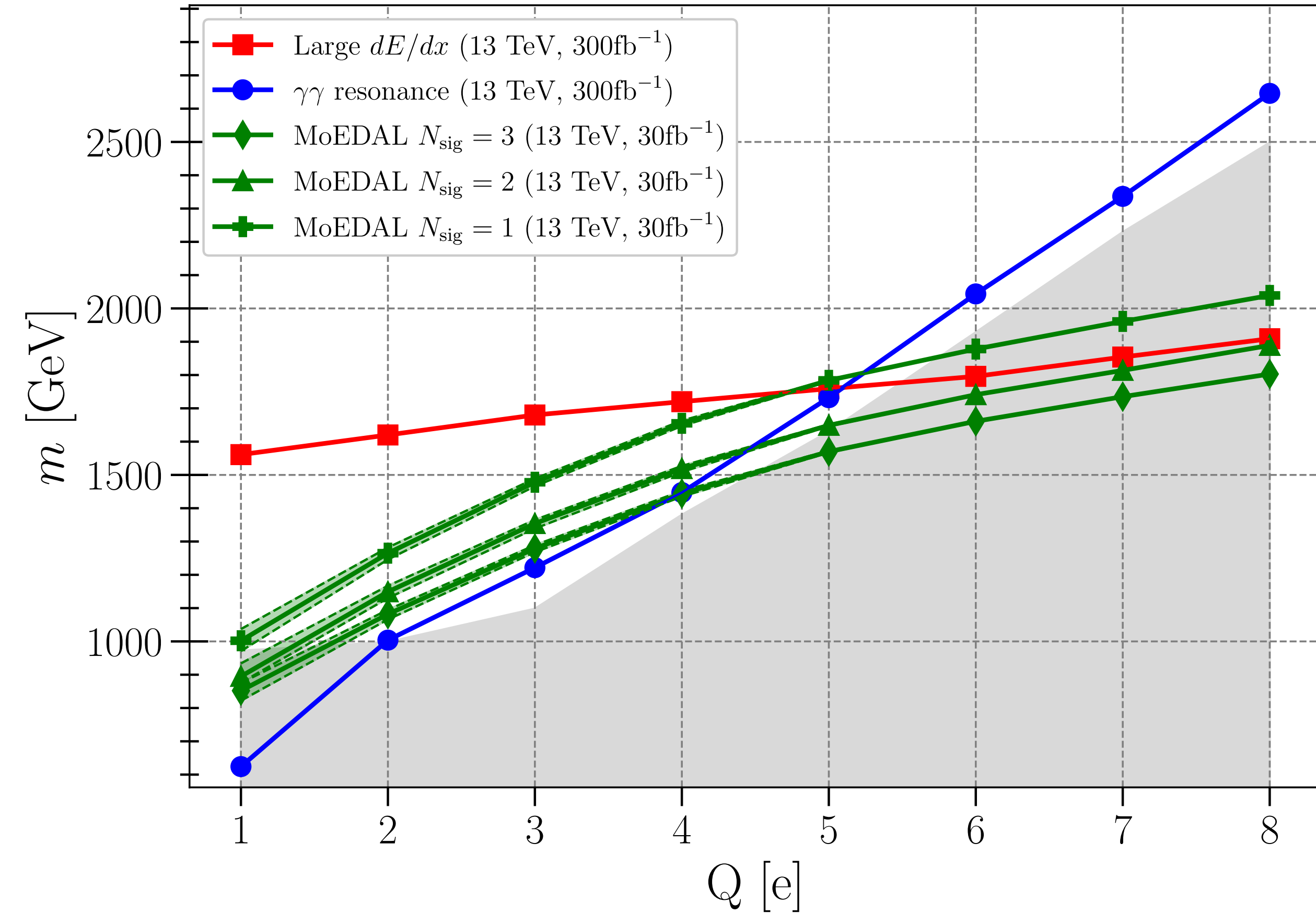
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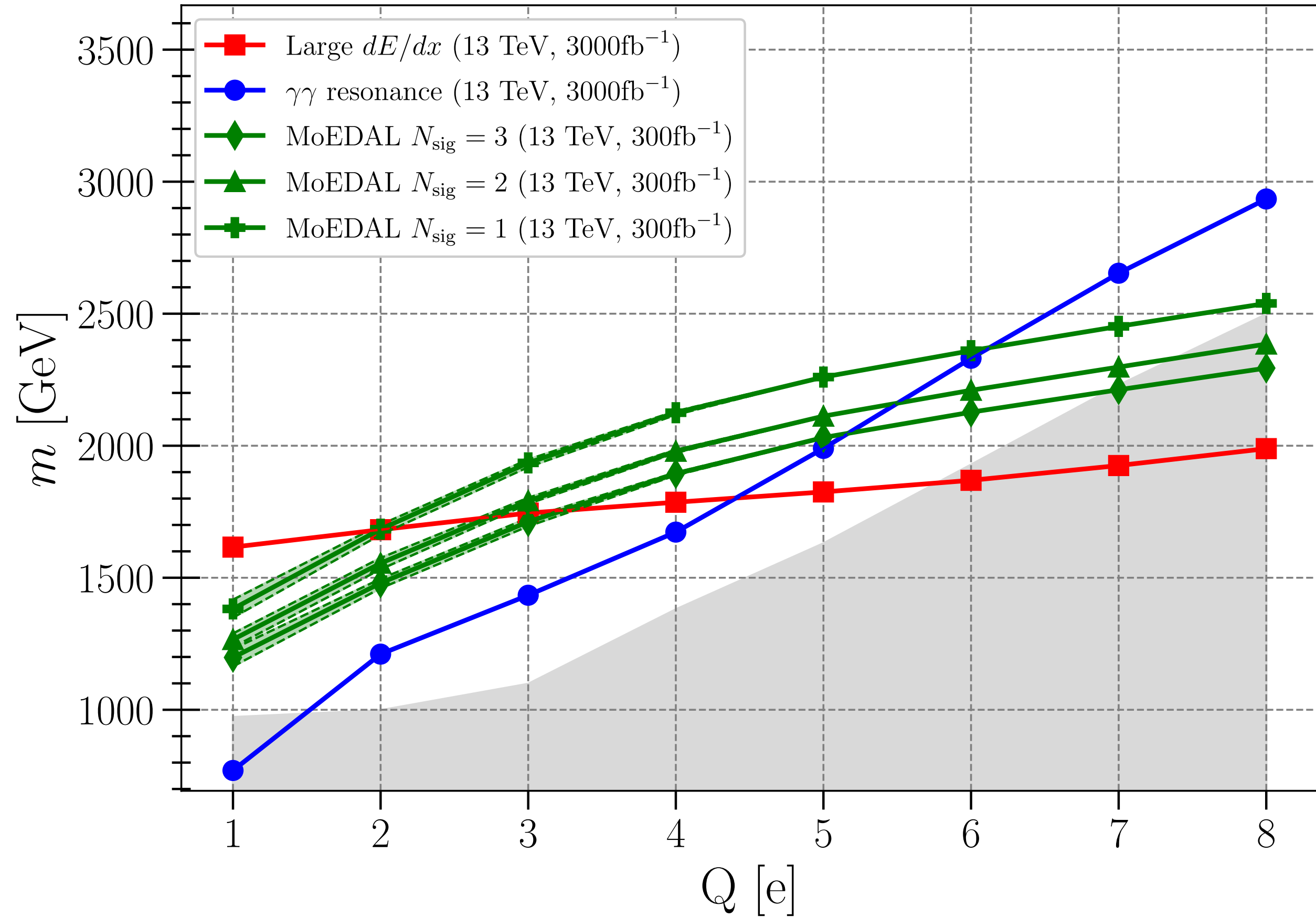
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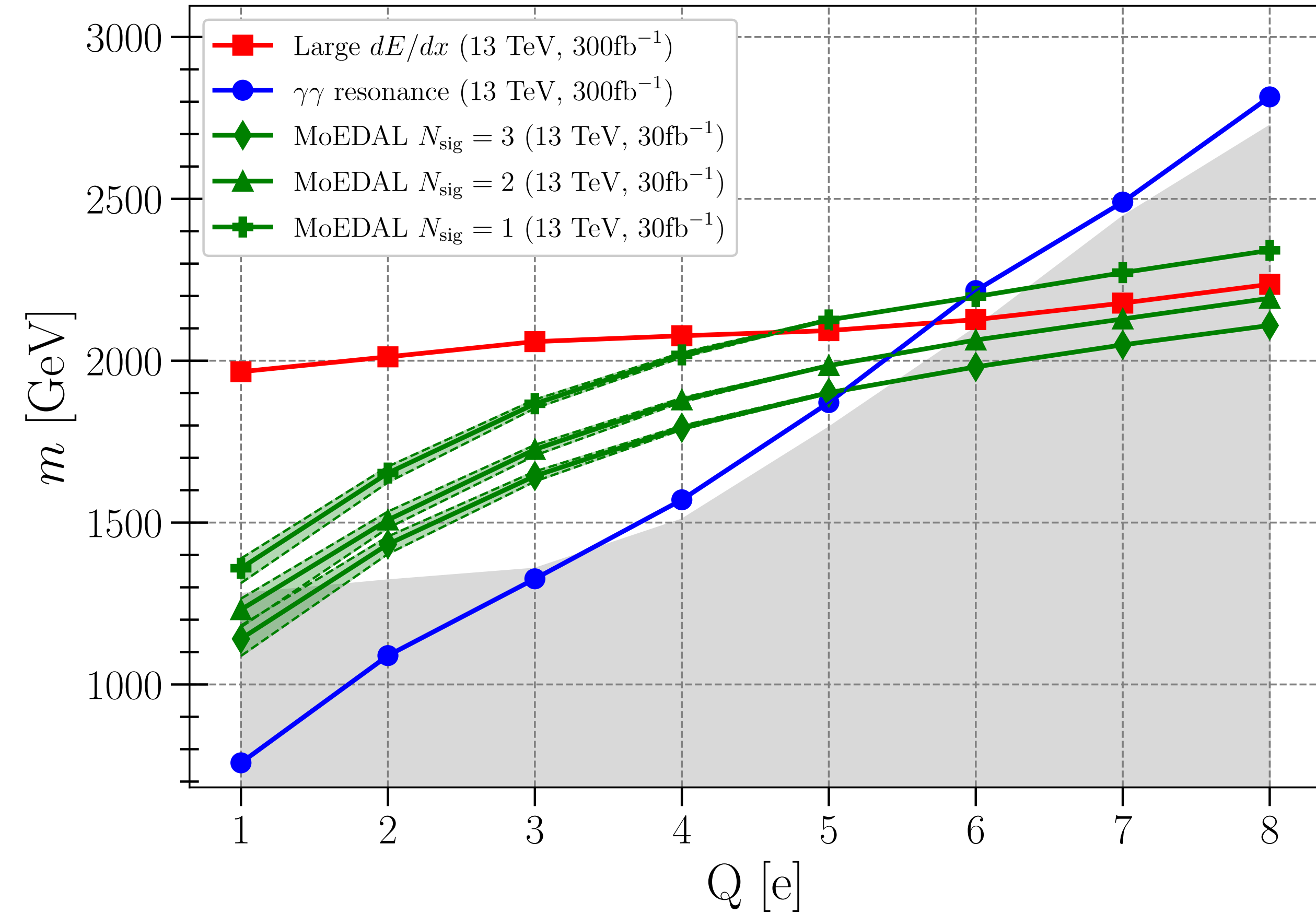
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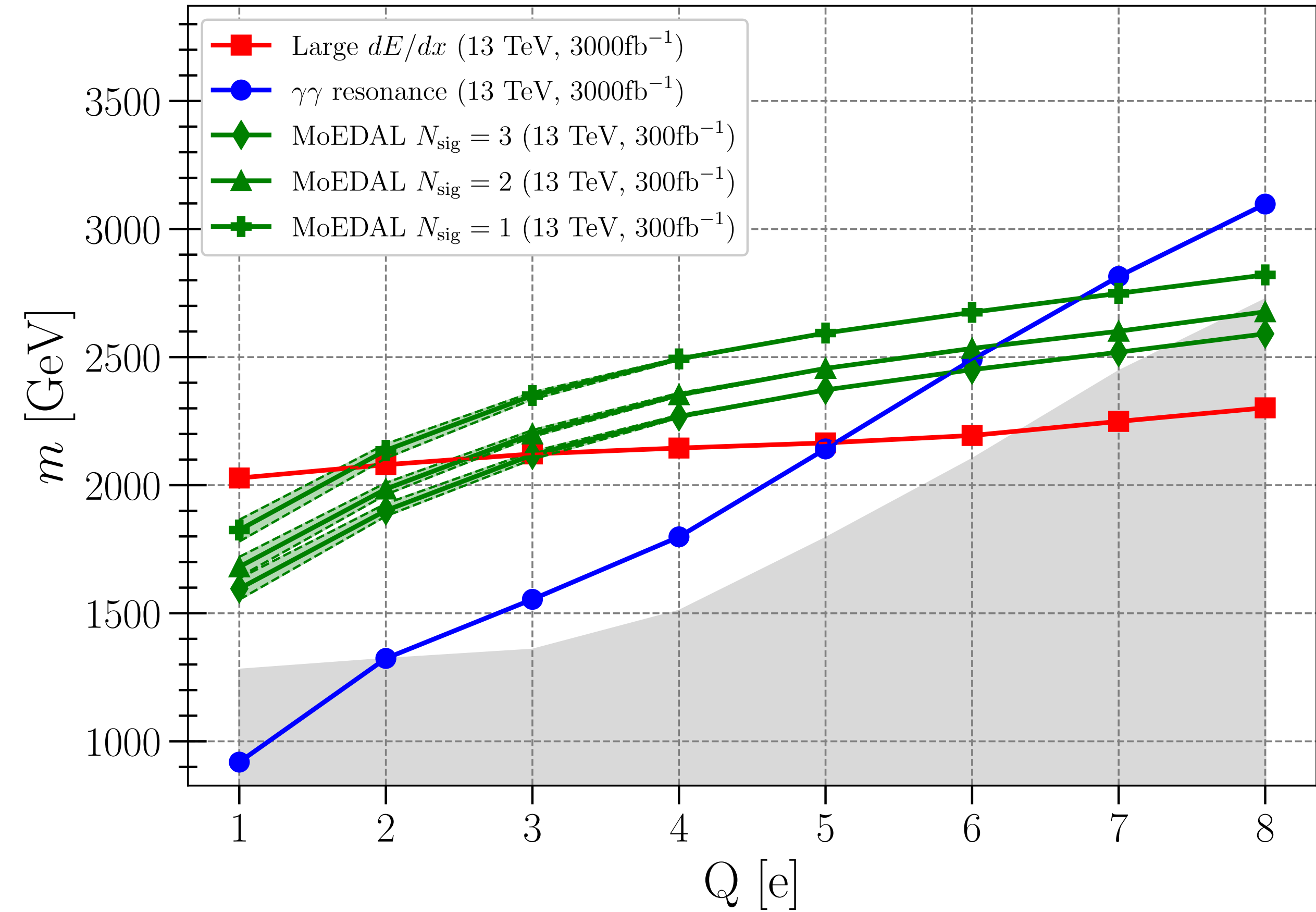
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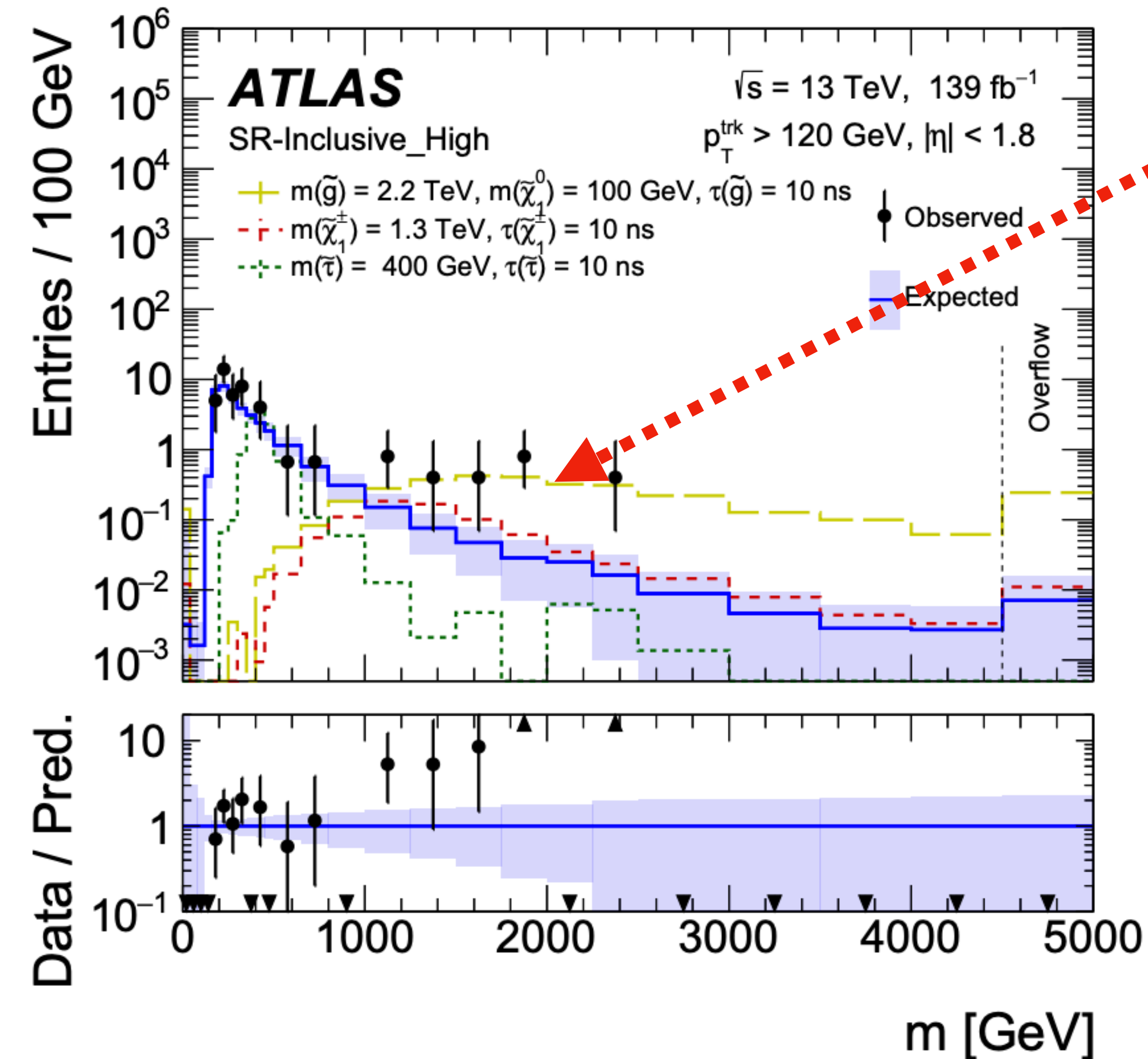


HL-LHC

Conclusion

- ⊛ Multiply charged heavy **long-lived particles can be detected at LHC** through open and closed channel searches.
- ⊛ **Including $\gamma\gamma$ and γg fusion** with appropriate PDF is **crucial** for accurate cross-section estimation.
- ⊛ For charges $1e \leq |Q| \leq 5e$ ATLAS/CMS open channel searches are more sensitive.
- ⊛ For larger charges di-photon resonance search becomes more sensitive.
- ⊛ **MoEDAL experiment provides independent measurement method.**
- ⊛ It gives intermediate sensitivity for all charges for $L=300/\text{fb}$
- ⊛ **For HL-LHC MoEDAL becomes more sensitive** than ATLAS & CMS **for $3e \leq |Q| \leq 6e$** , because it is a background free experiment.
- ⊛ Combining multiple searches might lead to stronger mass bounds.

One more thing...



3.3 σ excess observed by ATLAS
[2205.06013]

1.5 σ excess observed by ATLAS
for Q=2 (preliminary)
[Y. Smirnov, LLP11]

Category	Expectation	Observation
$z = 2$	$1.5 \pm 0.5 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.5 \text{ (syst.)}$ events	4 events
$z > 2$	$0.034 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.004 \text{ (syst.)}$ events	0 events

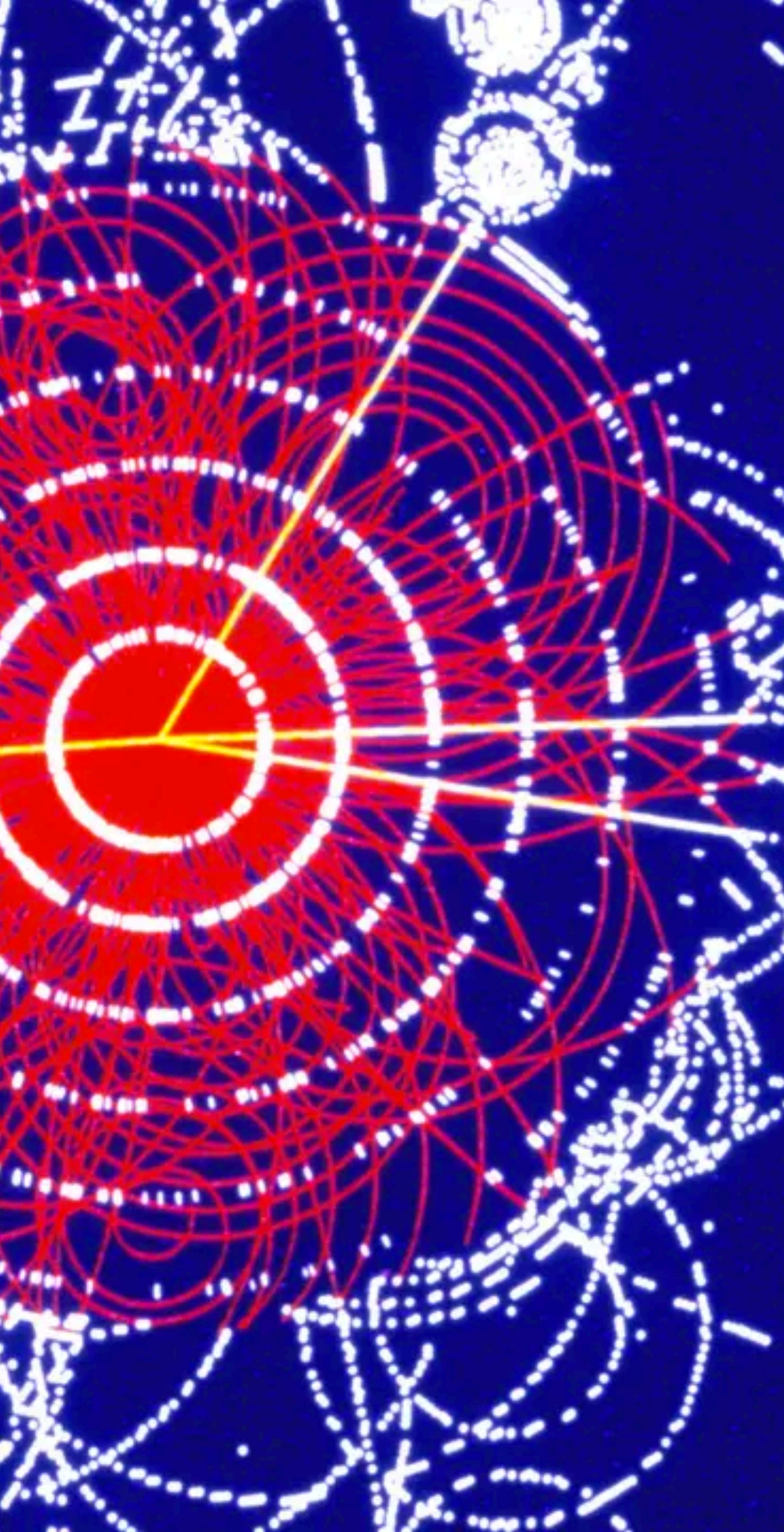
1.5 σ excess,
 p_0 value is 0.06



Thank you for attention!

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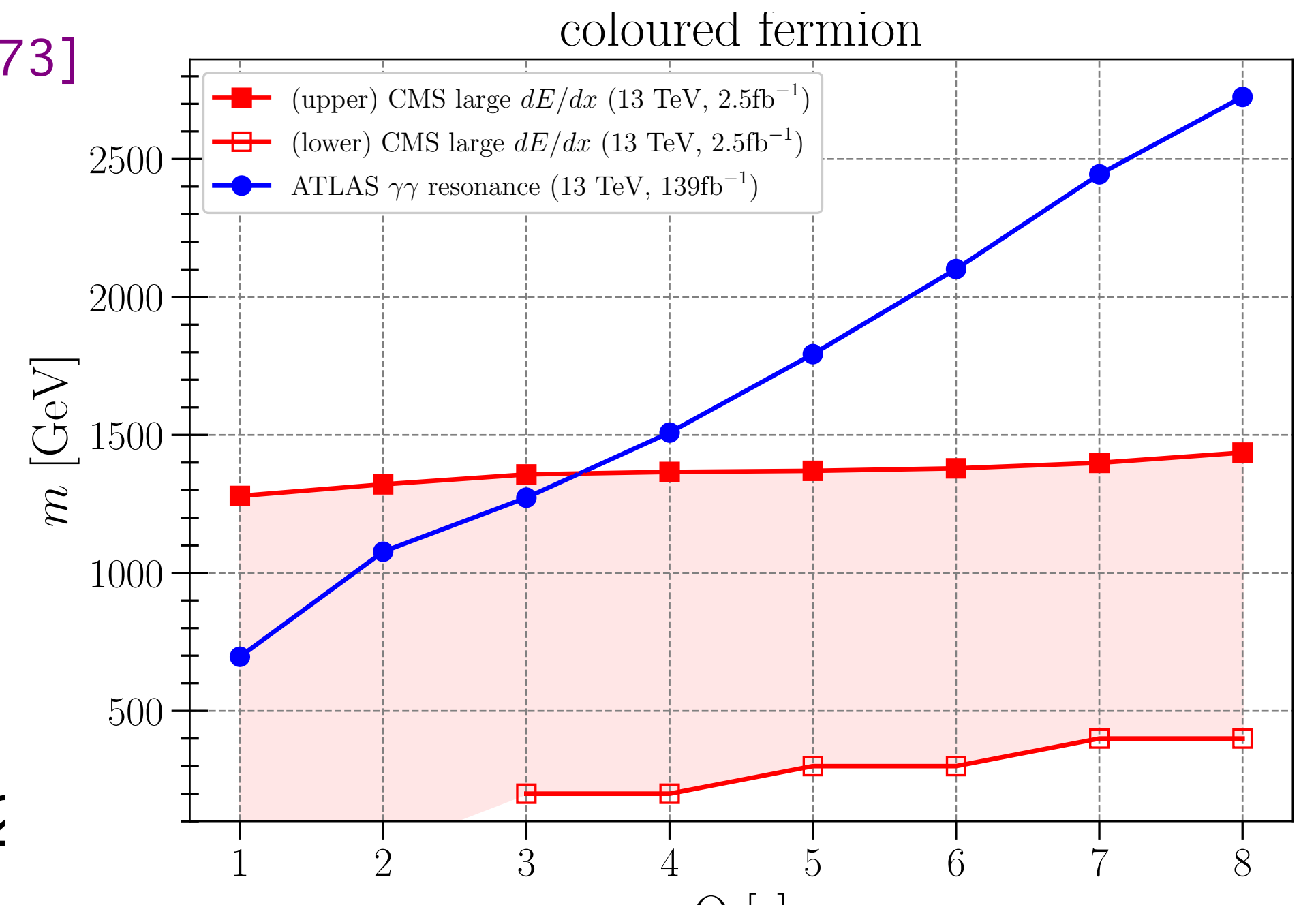
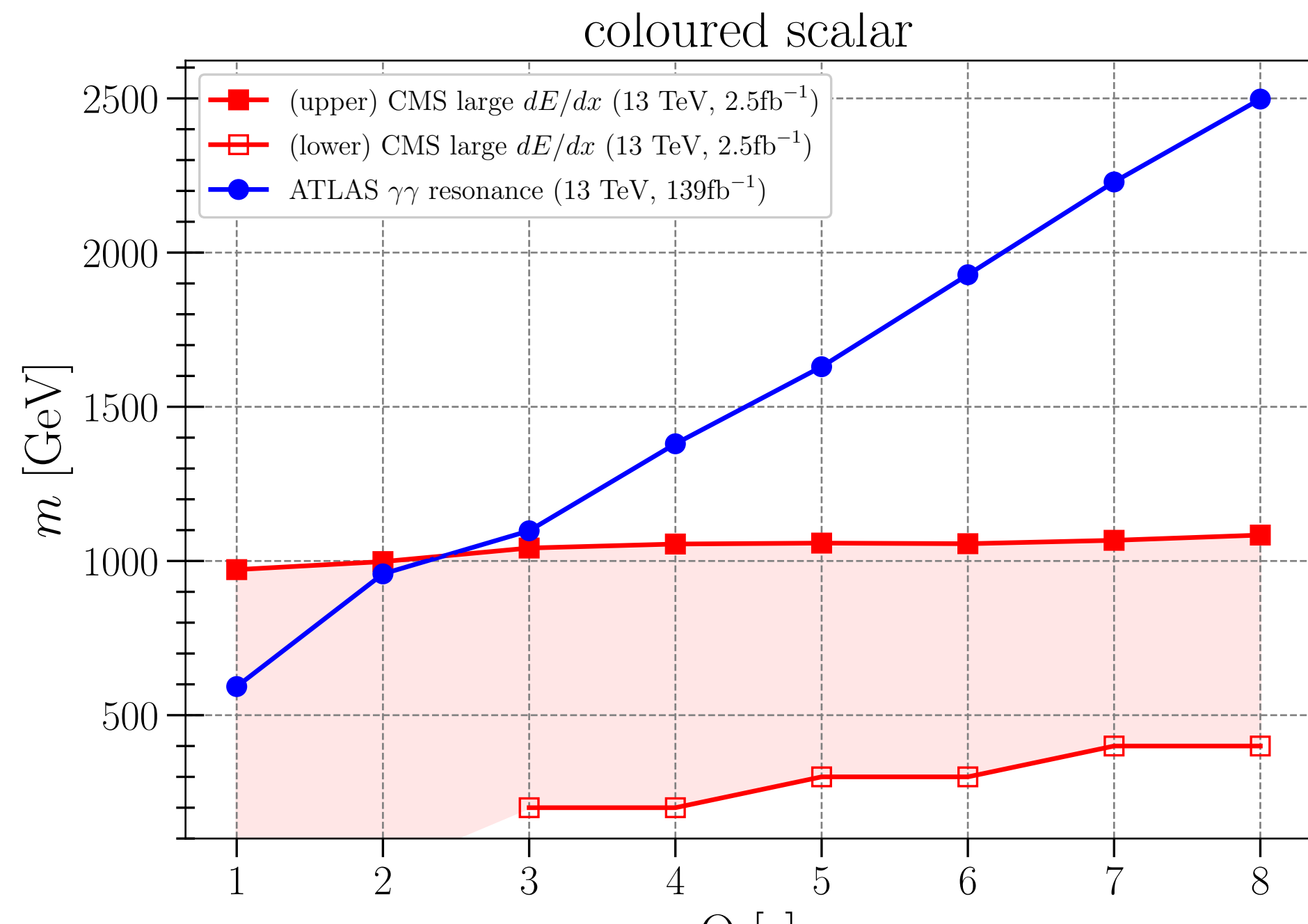
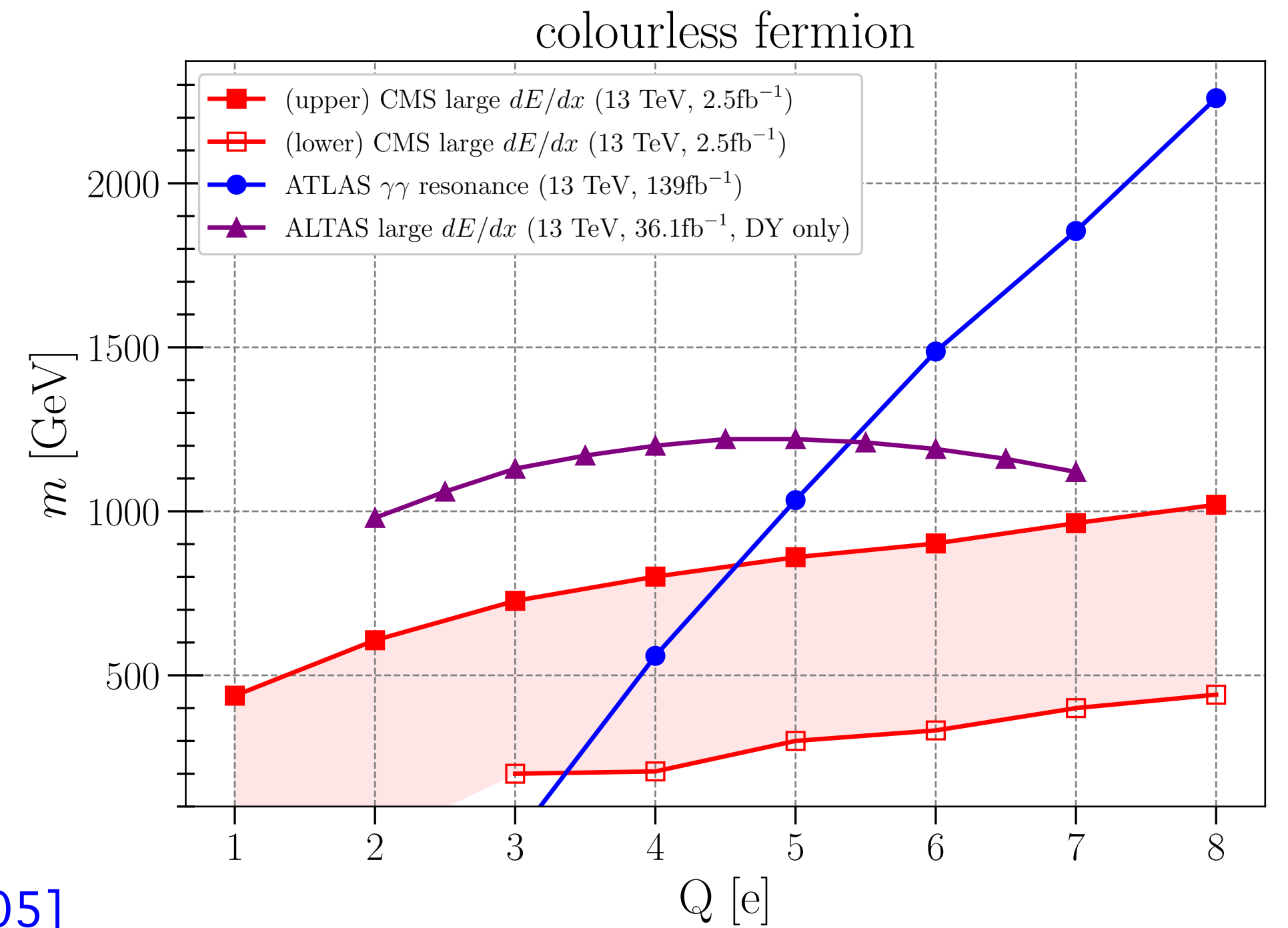
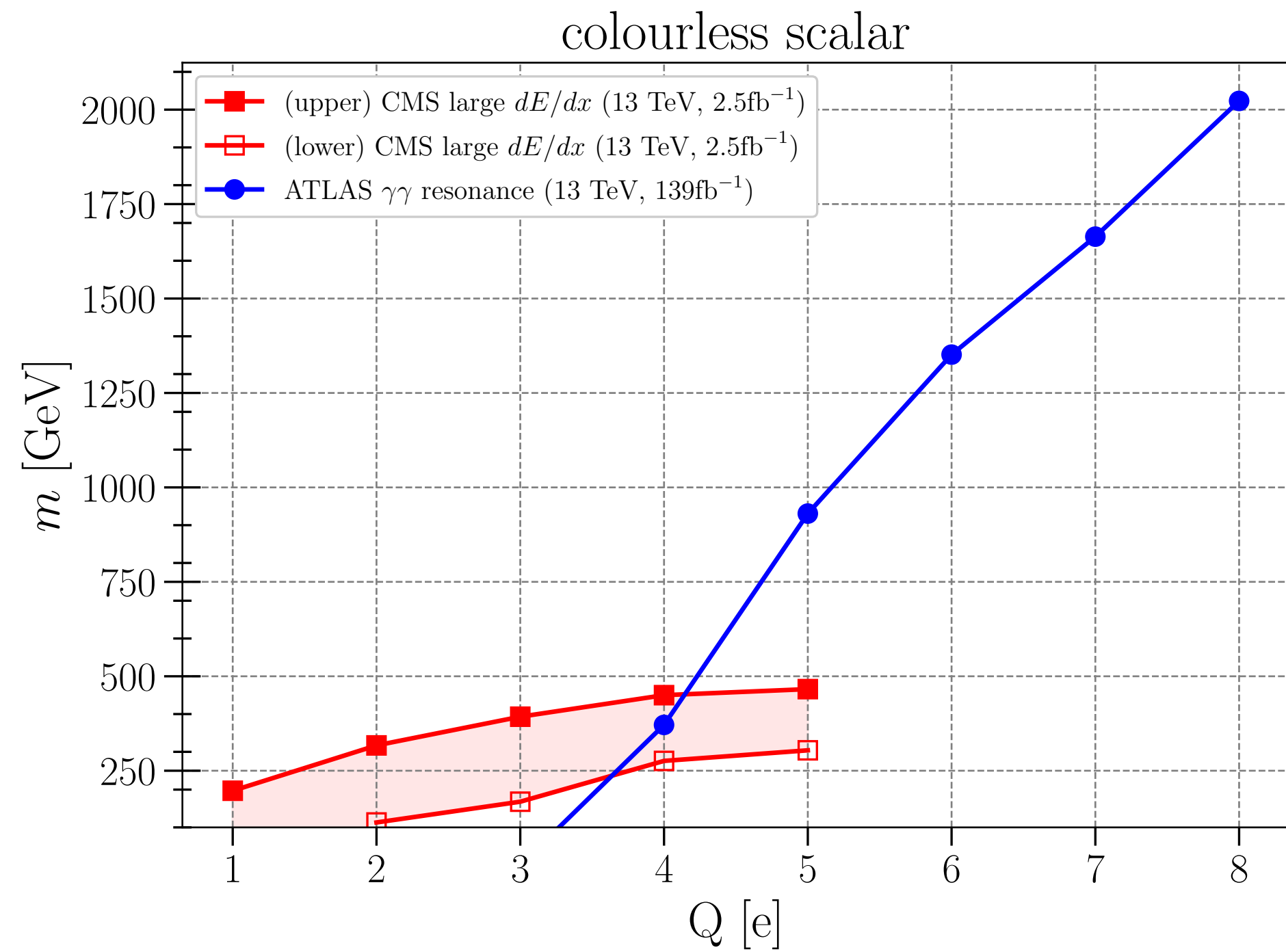
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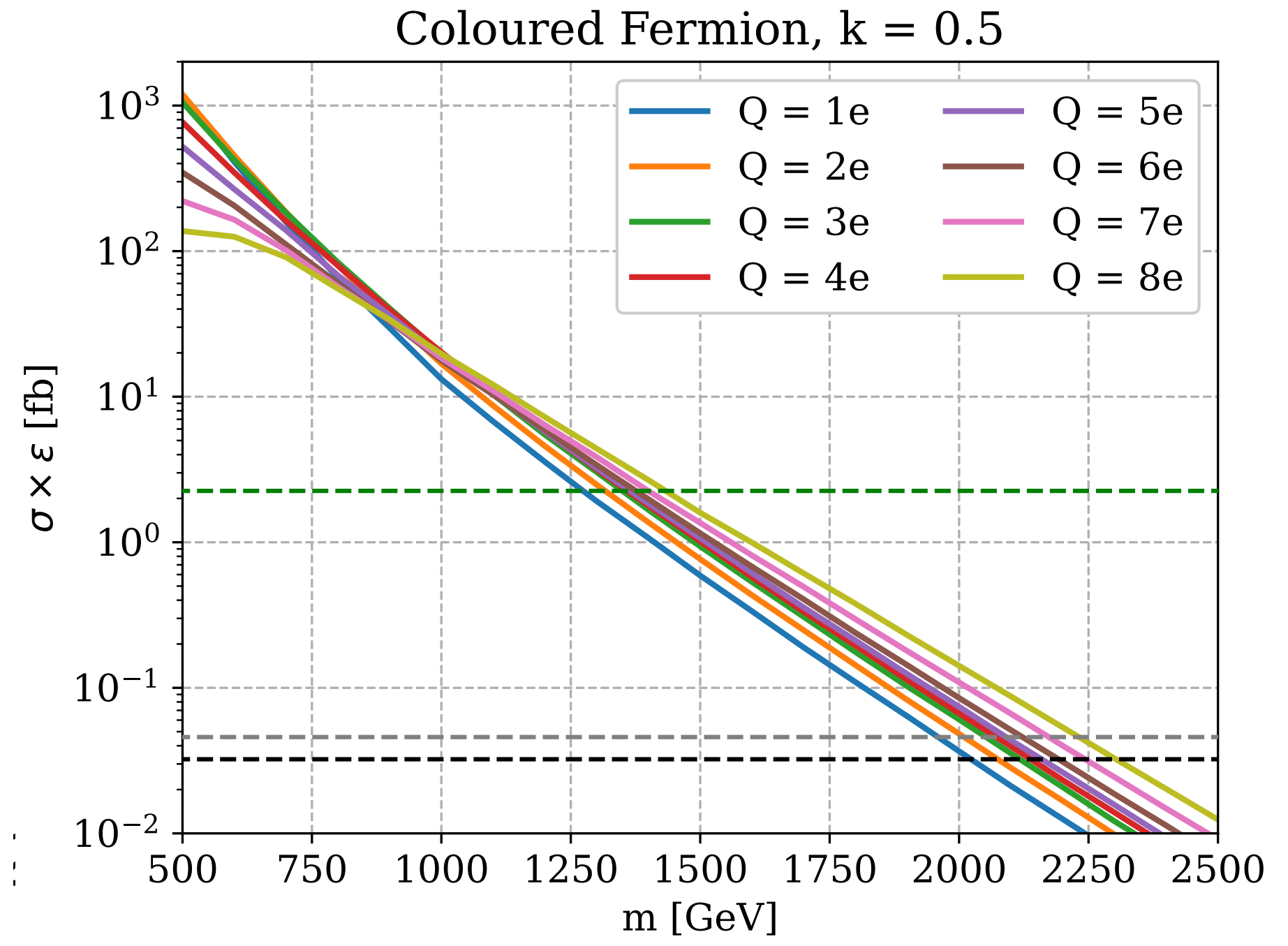
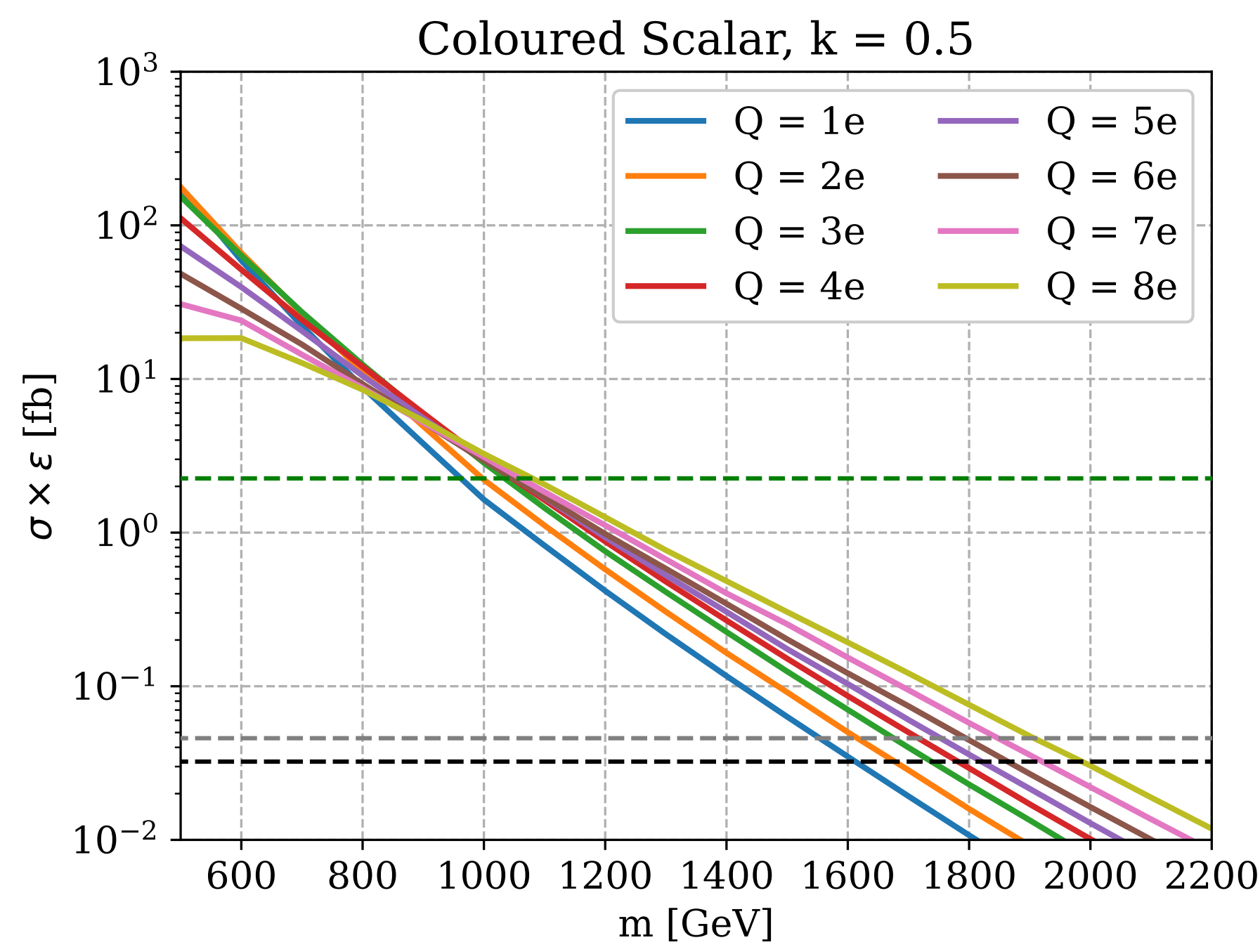
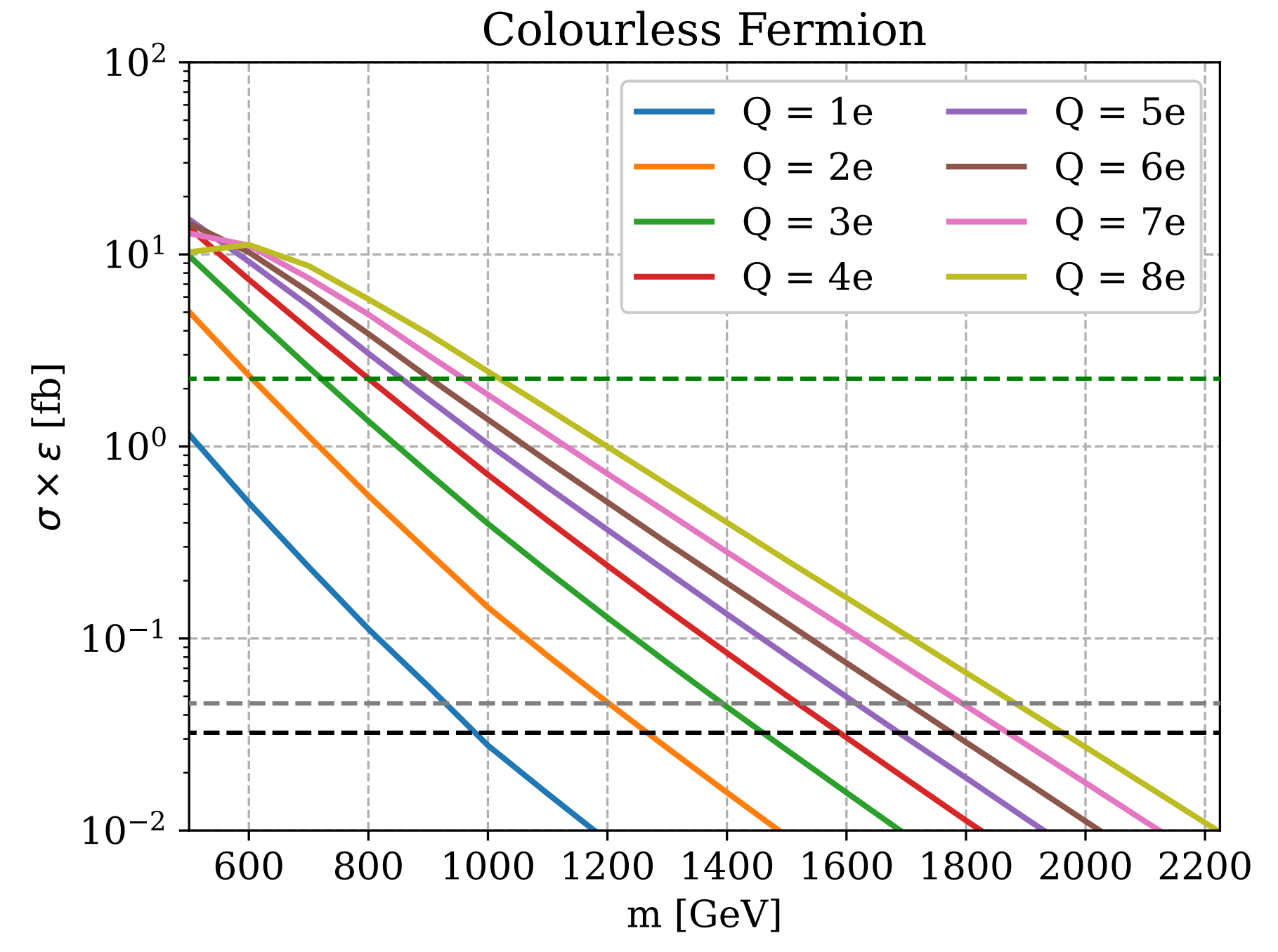
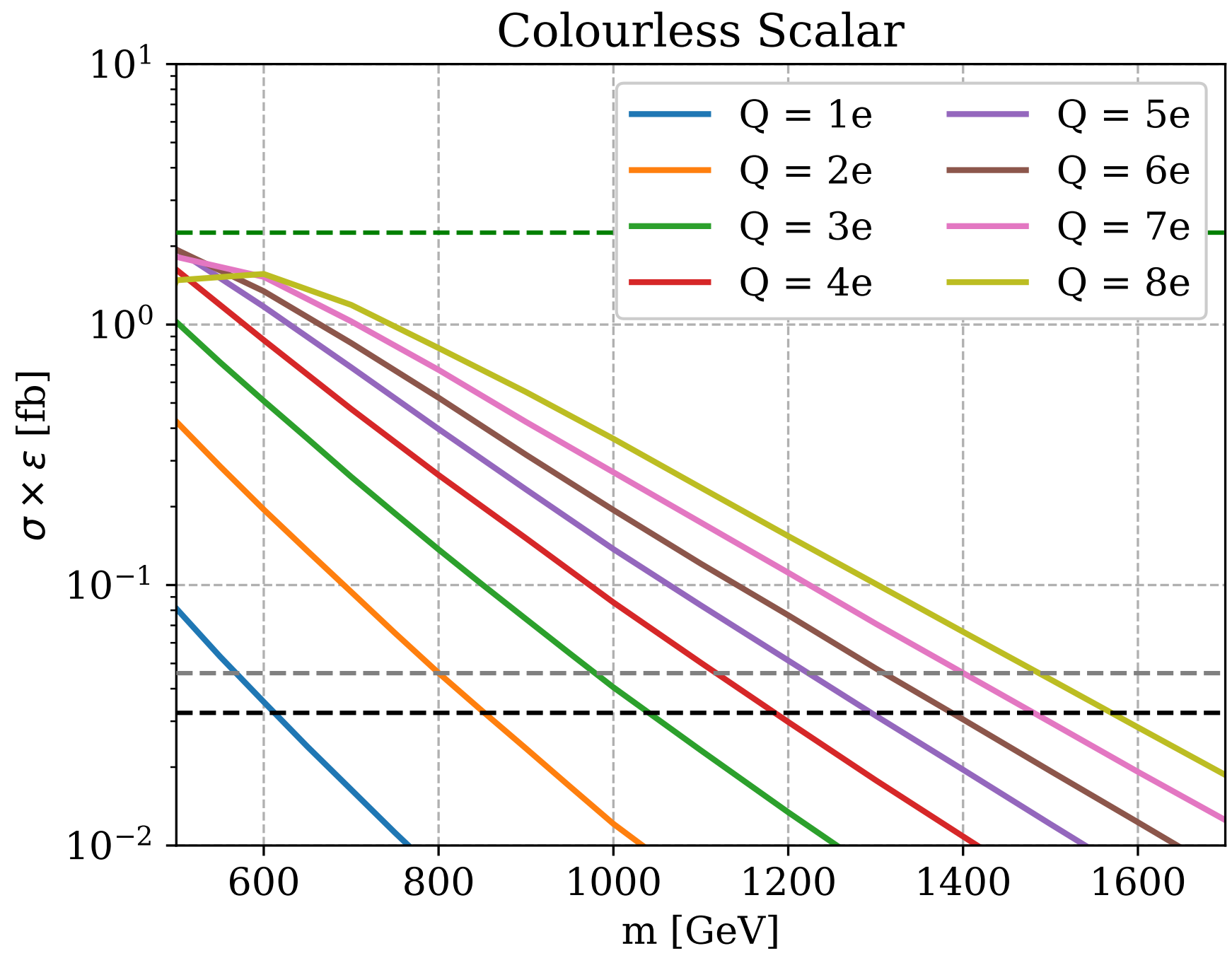
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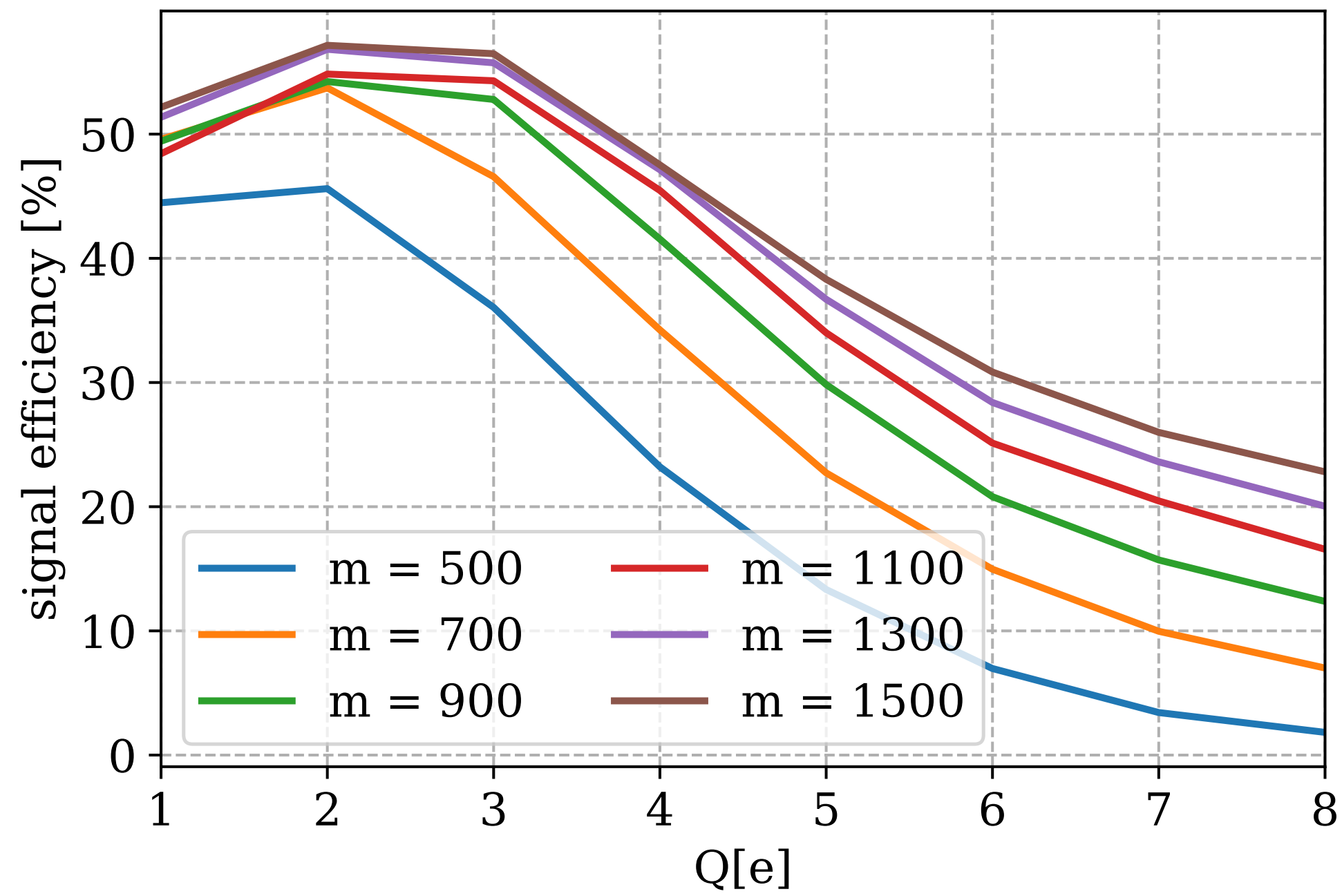
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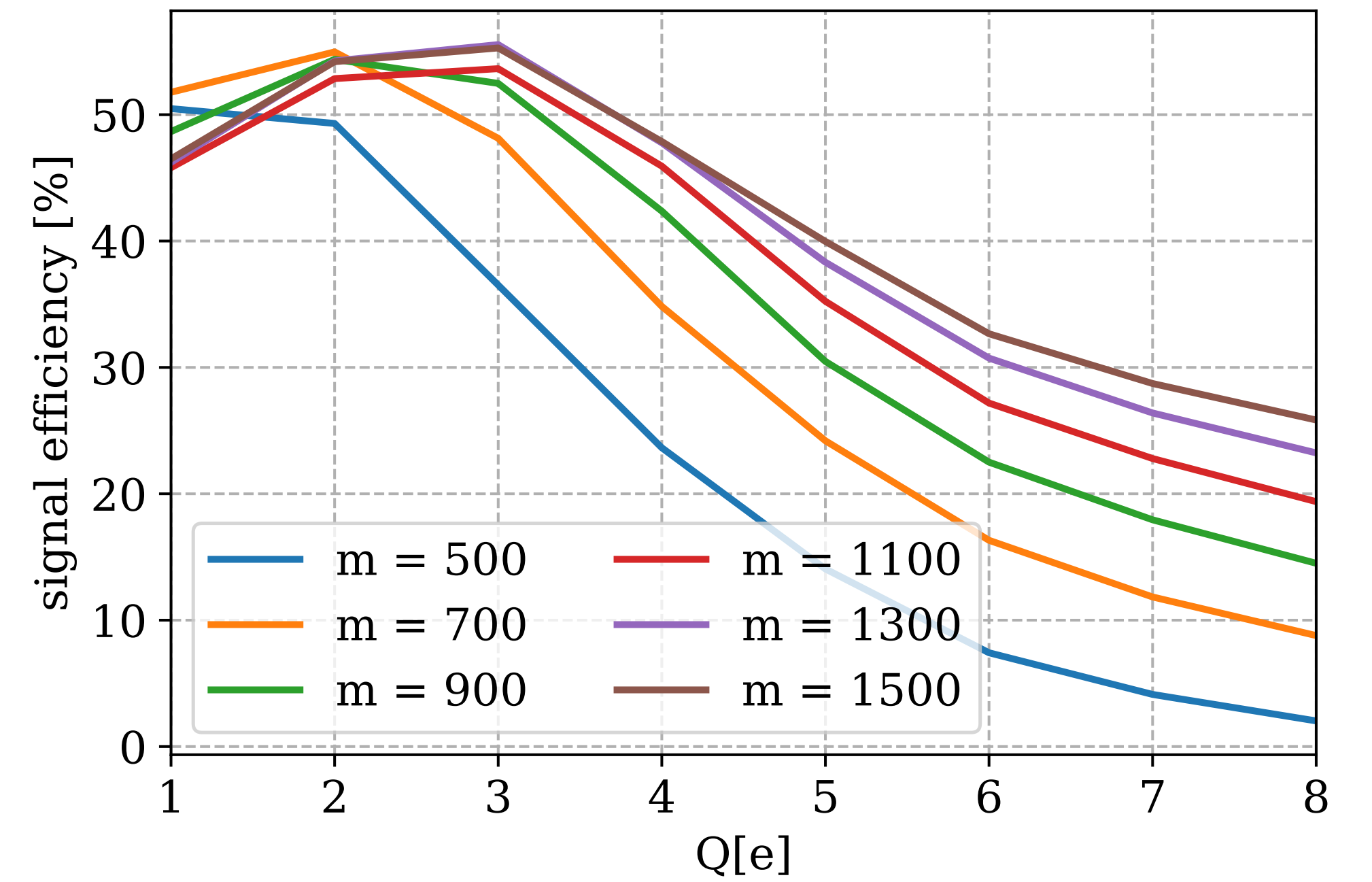
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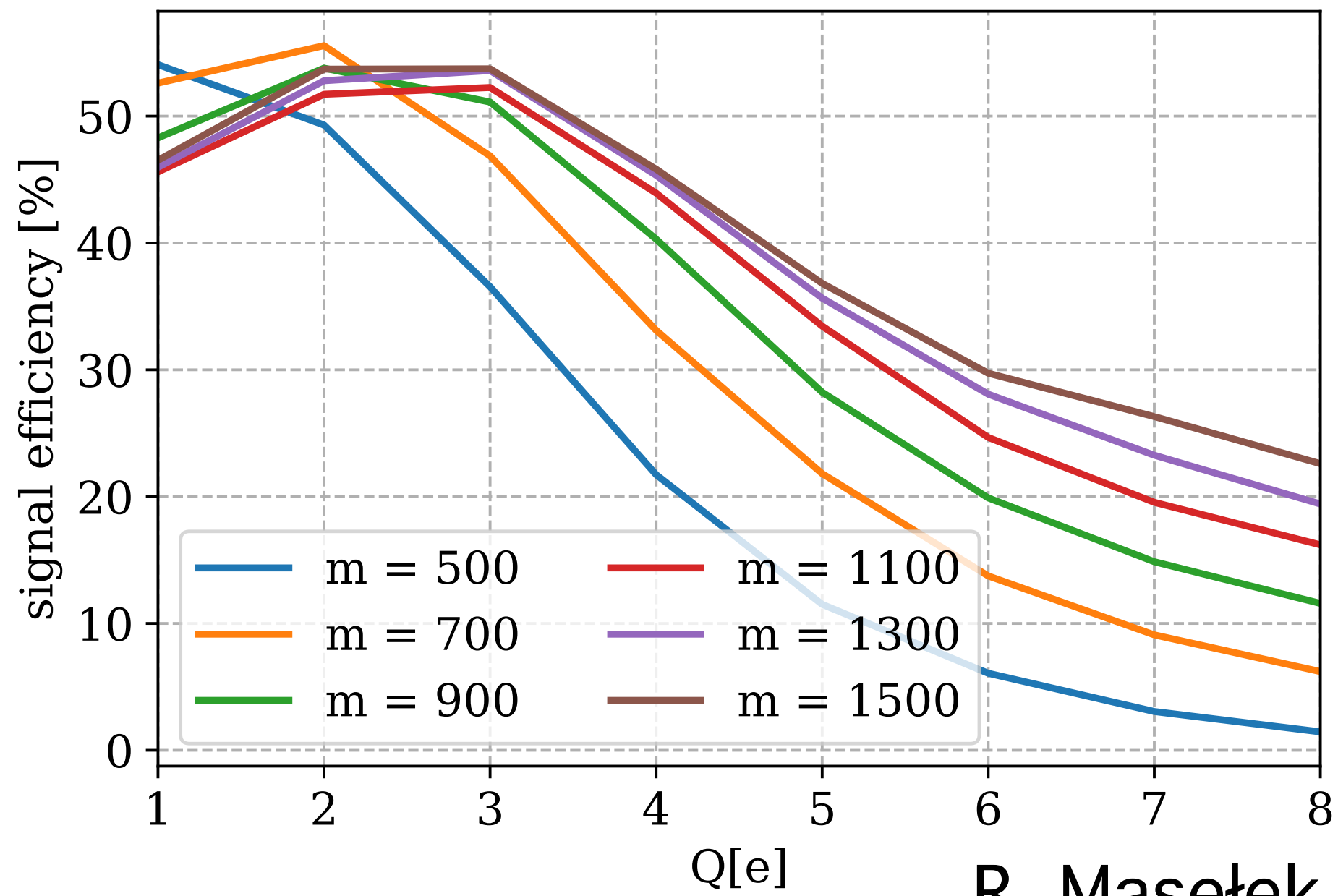
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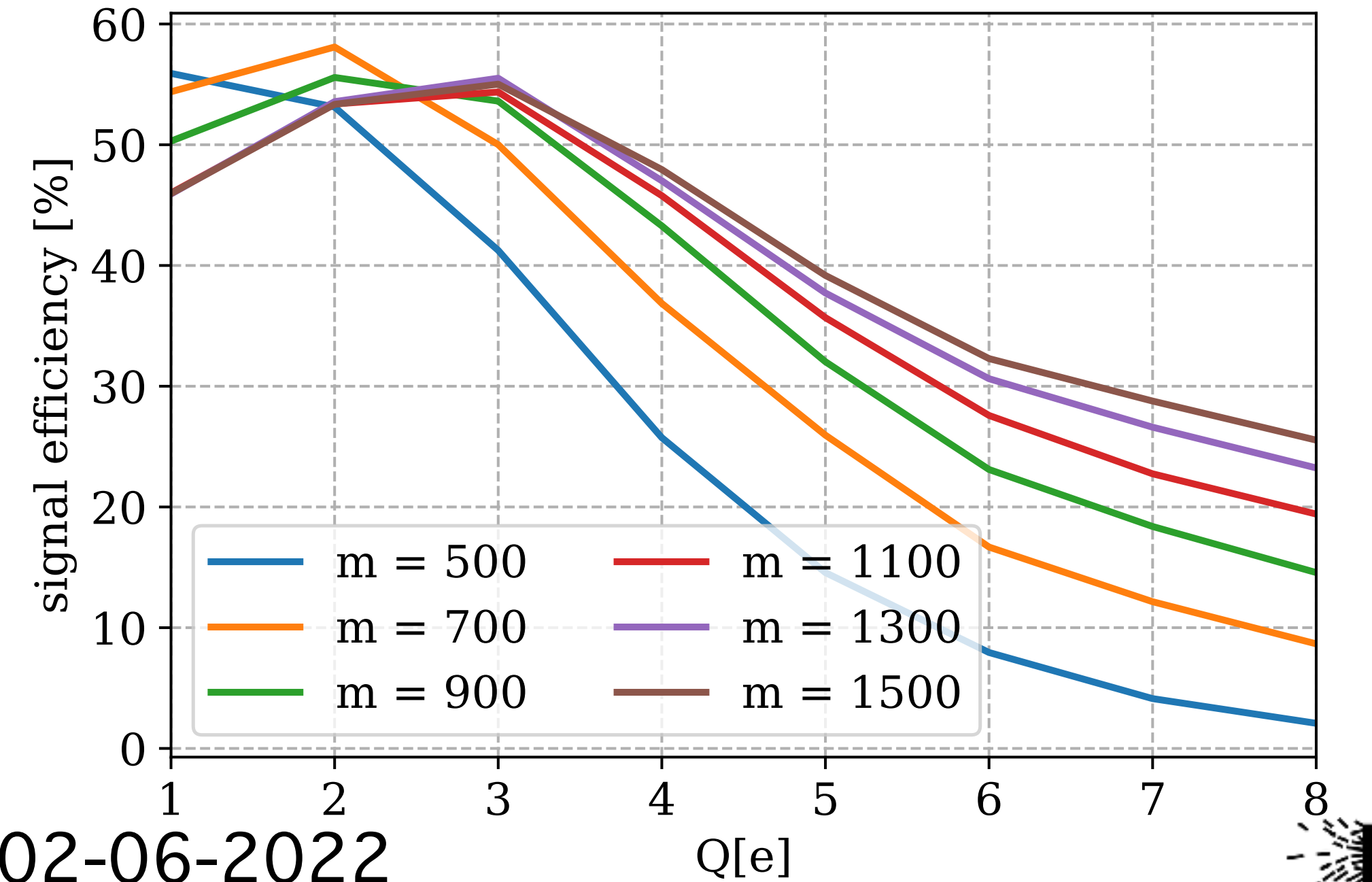
Colourless Fermion



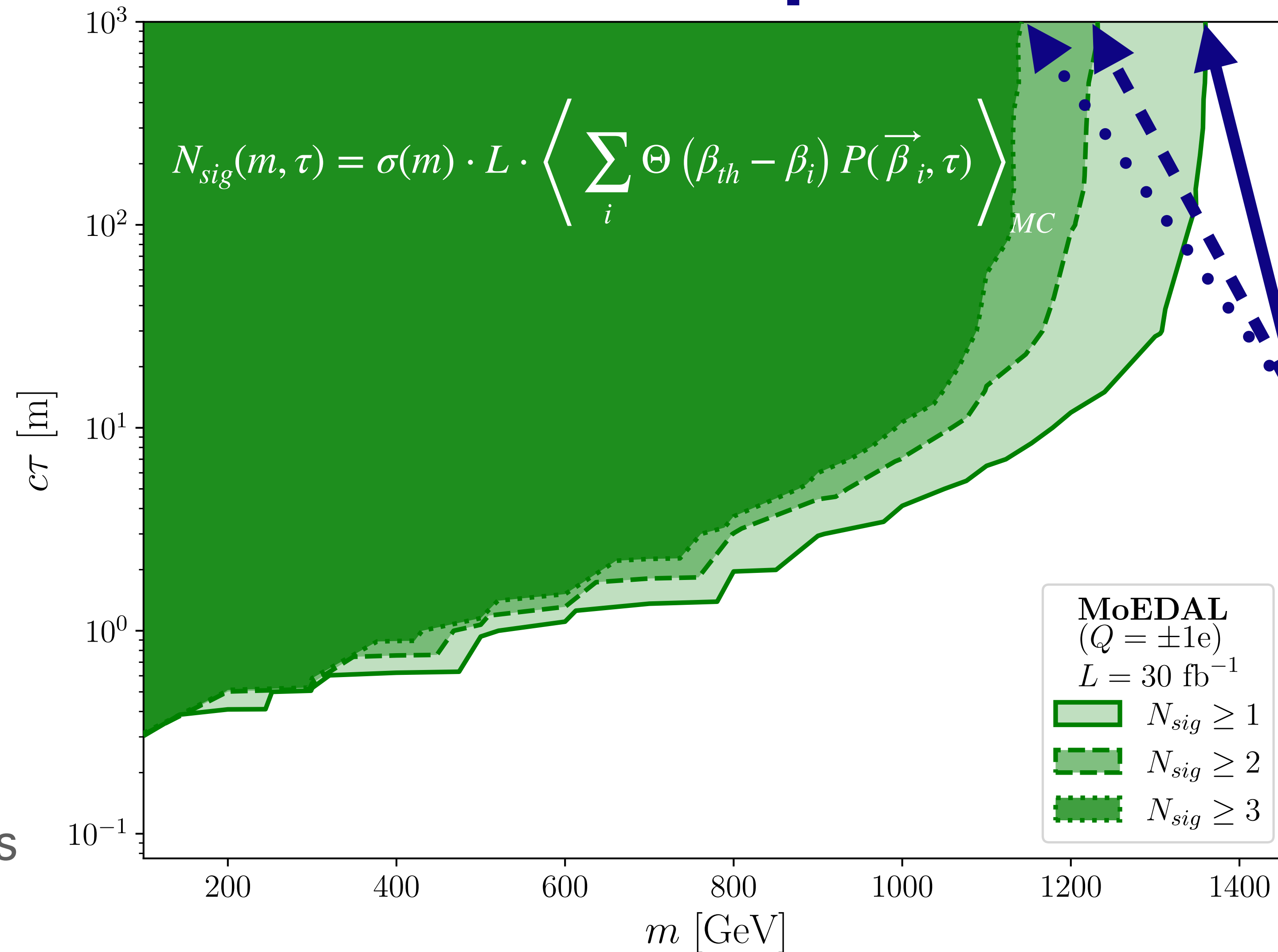
Coloured Scalar, k = 0.5



Coloured Fermion, k = 0.5



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mass bound
we take

coloured fermions
 $Q=1e, L=30/\text{fb}$

Open channel calculations

Hadronisation model

we set $k=0.5$ in this presentation

Spin-1/2 mesons			Spin-0 baryons			Spin-1 baryons		
State	ΔQ	p	State	ΔQ	p	State	ΔQ	p
$\phi^{+Q} + \bar{u}_{L/R}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{k}{2}$	$\phi^{+Q} + u_L u_R$	$+\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$	$\phi^{+Q} + u_L d_L$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$
$\phi^{+Q} + \bar{d}_{L/R}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{k}{2}$	$\phi^{+Q} + d_L d_R$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$	$\phi^{+Q} + u_R d_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$
			$\phi^{+Q} + u_L d_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$			
			$\phi^{+Q} + d_L u_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{6}$			

Table 3: A hadronization model for a colour-triplet scalar particle (ϕ^{+Q}). The charge shift ΔQ and the probability p assigned to each state are shown in the second and third columns, respectively.

Spin-0 mesons			Spin-1 mesons			Spin-1/2 baryons		
State	ΔQ	p	State	ΔQ	p	State	ΔQ	p
$\psi^{+Q} + \bar{u}_L$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\psi^{+Q} + \bar{u}_R$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\psi^{+Q} + u_L u_R$	$+\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{5}$
$\psi^{+Q} + \bar{d}_L$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\psi^{+Q} + \bar{d}_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\psi^{+Q} + d_L d_R$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{5}$
						$\psi^{+Q} + u_L d_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{5}$
						$\psi^{+Q} + d_L u_R$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{5}$
						$\psi^{+Q} + u_L d_L$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1-k}{5}$

Table 4: A hadronization model for a colour-triplet fermionic particle (ψ^{+Q}). The charge shift ΔQ and the probability p assigned to each state are shown in the second and third columns, respectively.

To determine whether a candidate particle is accepted by the muon trigger, we calculate its corresponding TOF by

$$c \cdot t_{\text{TOF}} = \frac{\gamma_0}{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 - 1}} \cdot x_{\text{HCAL}}^0 + \int_0^{x_{\text{HCAL}}^f - x_{\text{HCAL}}^0} \frac{\gamma_{\text{Brass}}}{\sqrt{\gamma_{\text{Brass}}^2 - 1}} dx + \frac{\gamma_{\text{Brass}}(x_{\text{HCAL}}^f)}{\sqrt{\gamma_{\text{Brass}}(x_{\text{HCAL}}^f)^2 - 1}} \cdot (x_{\text{trigger}} - x_{\text{HCAL}}^f - \Delta x_{\text{IY}}) + \int_0^{\Delta x_{\text{IY}}} \frac{\gamma_{\text{Iron}}}{\sqrt{\gamma_{\text{Iron}}^2 - 1}} dx, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

where x_{trigger} is the minimal distance a particle must travel, within the trigger time window, in order to be triggered as a muon. As explained in Section 2.2, x_{trigger} is η -dependent and it is presented in Figure 12(a). x_{HCAL}^0 , x_{HCAL}^f are, respectively – the distance a particle would travel to the entrance and to the exit of the hadronic calorimeter (HCAL). The minimal distance a triggering particle would travel in the brass absorber of the HCAL, $x_{\text{HCAL}}^f - x_{\text{HCAL}}^0$, and in the iron absorber of the iron yoke, Δx_{IY} , are also η -dependent and are shown in Fig. 12(b). $\gamma(x)$ is the Lorentz factor $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}$, and it is calculated by numerically solving

$$\frac{d\gamma_{\text{Brass}}}{dx}(x) = \frac{Q^2}{m} \frac{dE}{dx}_{\text{Brass}}(\gamma), \quad \gamma_{\text{Brass}}(0) = \gamma_0 \quad (\text{A.2})$$

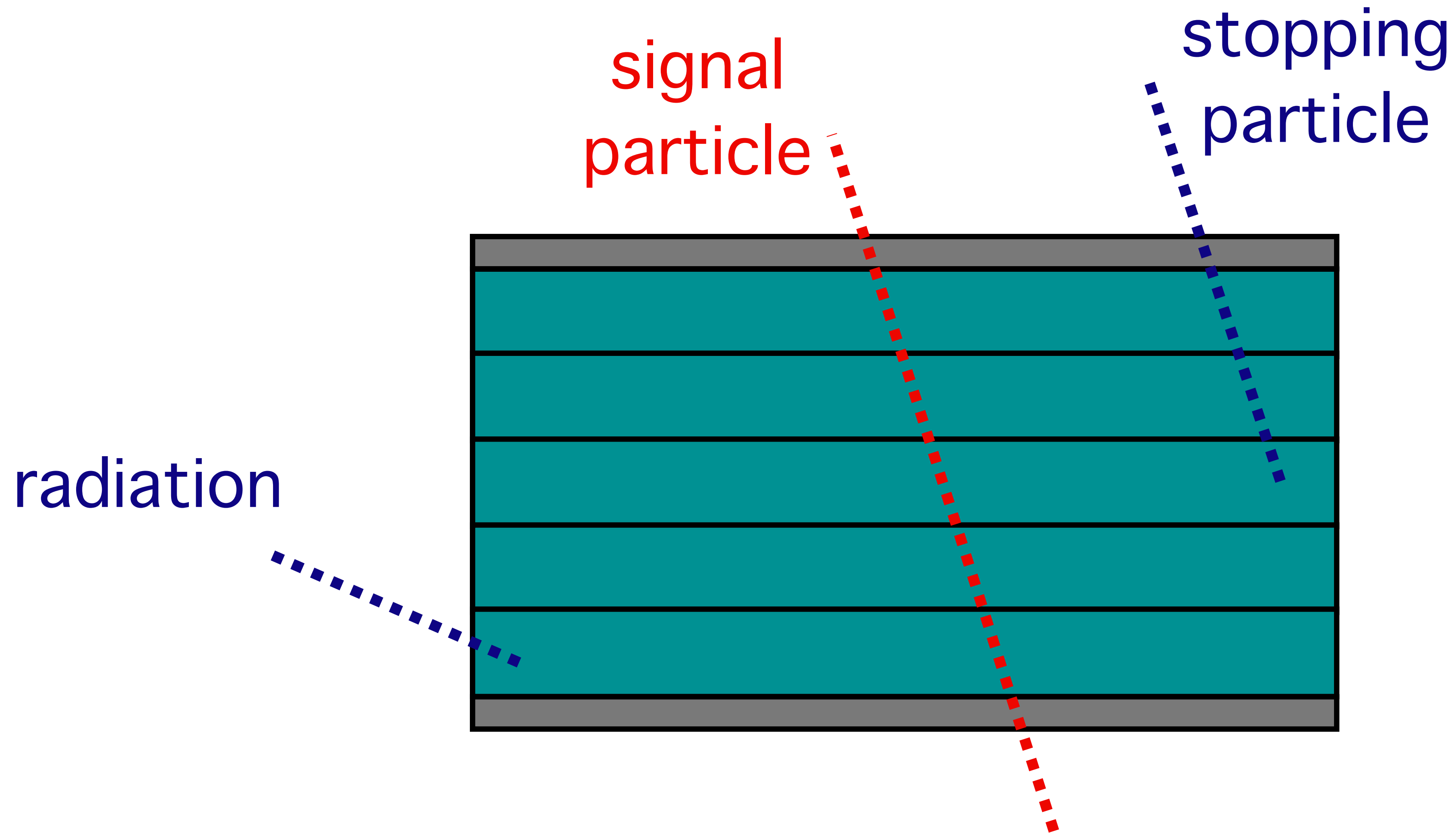
$$\frac{d\gamma_{\text{Iron}}}{dx}(x) = \frac{Q^2}{m} \frac{dE}{dx}_{\text{Iron}}(\gamma), \quad \gamma_{\text{Iron}}(0) = \gamma_{\text{Brass}}(x_{\text{HCAL}}^f - x_{\text{HCAL}}^0), \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where γ_0 is γ at production, Q is the charge of the particle and m is the mass of the particle. dE/dx is the energy loss function in the appropriate material for $Q = 1$, and is taken from [44] (brass) and [28] (iron).

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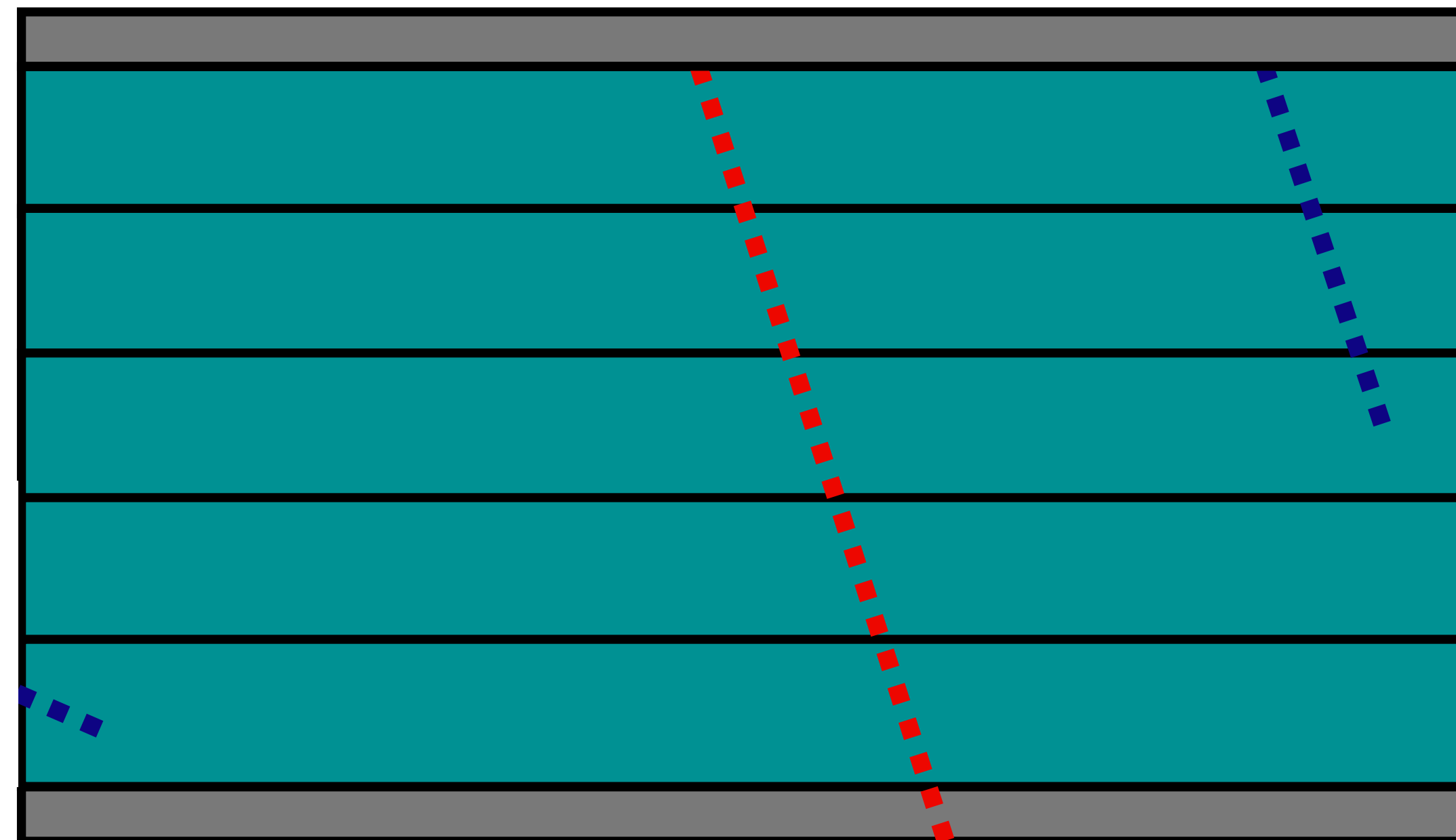


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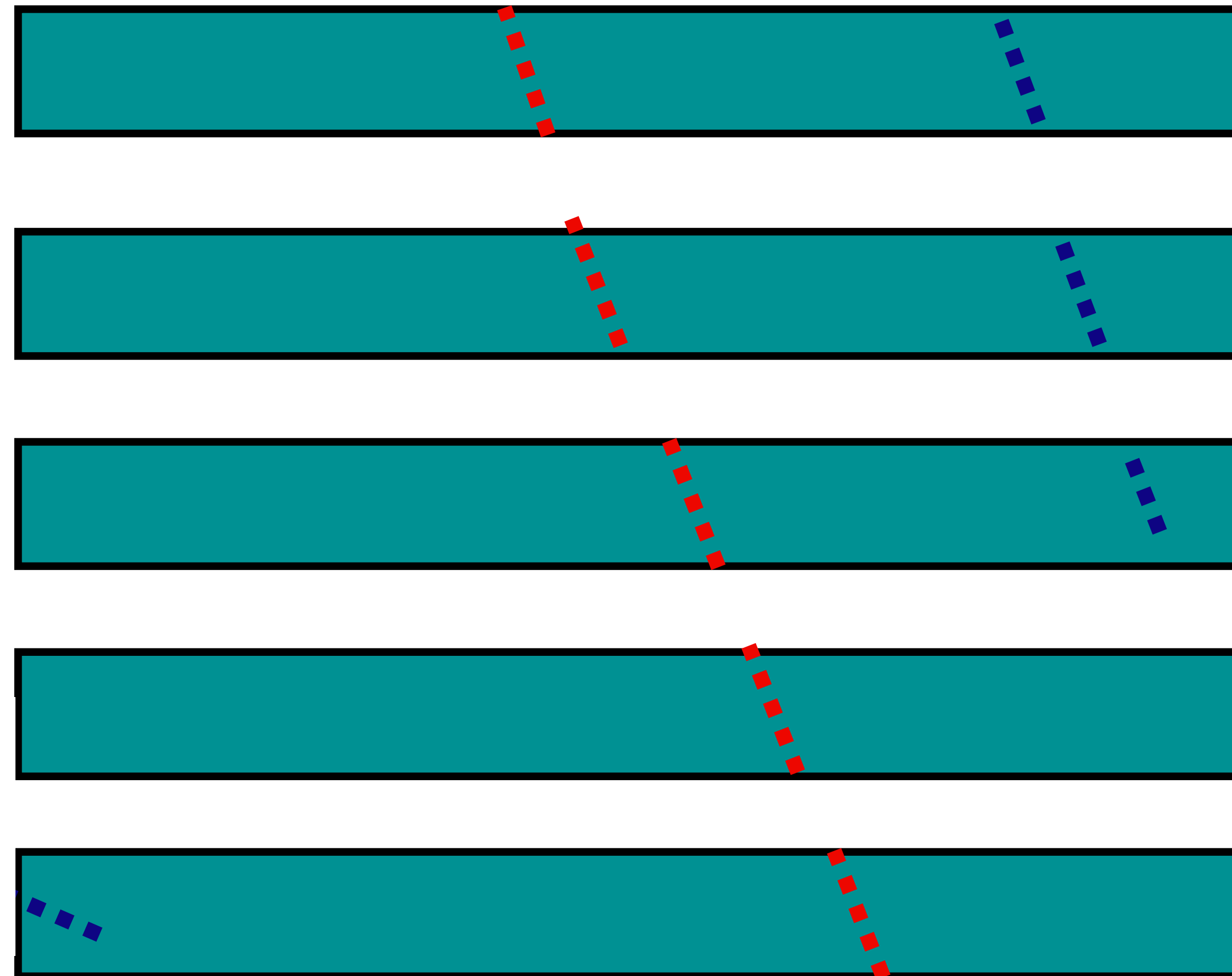
signal
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stopping
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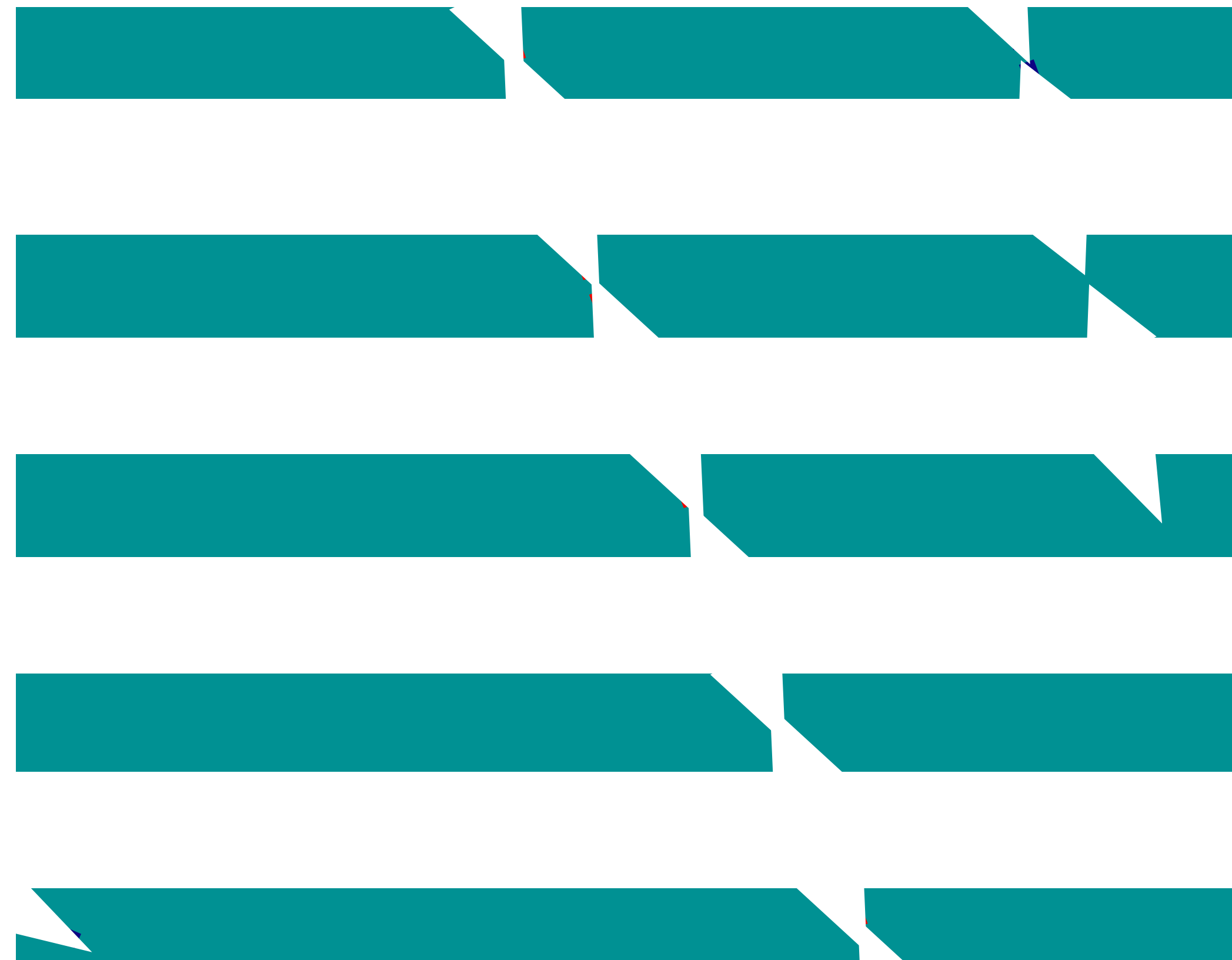
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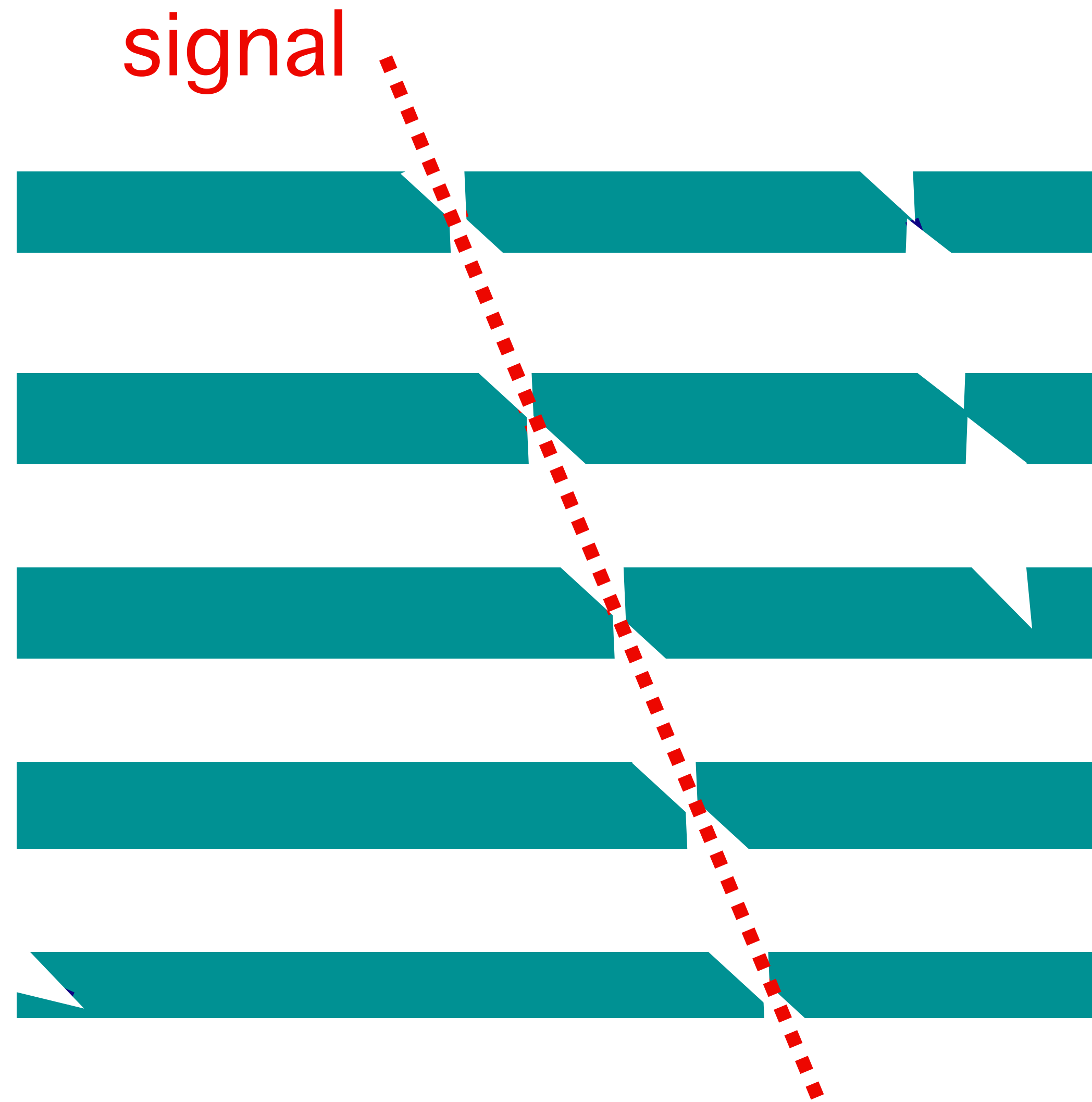
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Signal estimation

⊛ Because no background, the signal thresholds considered are low:

$$\otimes N \geq 1, N \geq 2, N \geq 3$$

⊛ The signal is estimated by

$$N_{sig}(m, \tau) = \sigma(m) \cdot L \cdot \left\langle \sum_i \Theta(\beta_{th} - \beta_i) P(\vec{\beta}_i, \tau) \right\rangle_{MC}$$

⊛ $\sigma(m)$ is the production cross-section for pair of particles of mass m

⊛ $\vec{\beta}_i$ is particle's three-velocity, β_{th} is its threshold value

⊛ summation over i includes two particles created in an event

⊛ $P(\vec{\beta}_i, \tau) = \epsilon(\vec{\beta}) \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{L_{NTD}(\vec{\beta})}{\gamma\beta c\tau}\right)$ is the probability to reach the detector, where

$\epsilon(\vec{\beta})$ is 1 if particle's track crosses with and NTD panel, and 0 otherwise.

Bound state calculations

$$V(\vec{r}) = -\frac{C\alpha_s + Q^2\alpha}{r} \quad C = \frac{C_1 + C_2 - C_{\mathcal{B}}}{2} \quad C = \begin{cases} 4/3 & \text{SU(3) triplet} \\ 4/3 & \text{SU(3) singlet} \end{cases}$$

$$\Psi_n(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}(nr_b)^{-3/2}, \quad r_b^{-1} = (C\bar{\alpha}_s + Q^2\alpha)\mu$$

$$|\Psi_n(0)|^2 = \frac{(C\bar{\alpha}_s + Q^2\alpha)^3 m^3}{8\pi n^3}$$

$$\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{2\pi Q^4 \alpha^2}{m^2} n_c n_f |\Psi(0)|^2, \quad \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow gg} = \frac{\pi C \alpha_s^2}{m^2} n_f |\Psi(0)|^2$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \mathcal{B}}(\hat{s}) = c_{ab} \cdot \frac{2\pi(2J_{\mathcal{B}} + 1)D_{\mathcal{B}}}{D_a D_b} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow ab}}{M_{\mathcal{B}}} \cdot 2\pi\delta(\hat{s} - M_{\mathcal{B}}^2)$$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B}} = \sum_{ab}^{\gamma\gamma, gg} \int_0^1 d\tau \frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ab}(\tau)}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow \mathcal{B}}(s\tau)$$

$$\text{BR}_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \frac{\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}}{\Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} + \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow Z\gamma} + \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow ZZ} + \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow gg}} \quad \sigma_{pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} = \sigma_{pp \rightarrow \mathcal{B}} \cdot \text{BR}_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma}$$

$$\text{BR}_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma Z} = \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \cdot \tan^2 \theta_W \left(1 - \frac{m_Z^2}{M_{\mathcal{B}}^2} \right), \quad \text{BR}_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow ZZ} = \Gamma_{\mathcal{B} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \cdot \tan^4 \theta_W \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_Z^2}{M_{\mathcal{B}}^2}}$$