

WG1-SRCH

SRCH subgroup report/plans

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Outline

- EXtt focus topic
 - Update of top quark FCNC upper bound from new physics models
 - New search for generic scalar $t \rightarrow \phi c \rightarrow cb\bar{b}$
- Other WG1-SRCH activities not covered by LLP and Exotic scalar plenary talks on Wed., mostly summarizing some results appeared in the parallels of Wed. and Thu.
 - Dark Matter (\supset SUSY) some Z'

EXtt focus topics

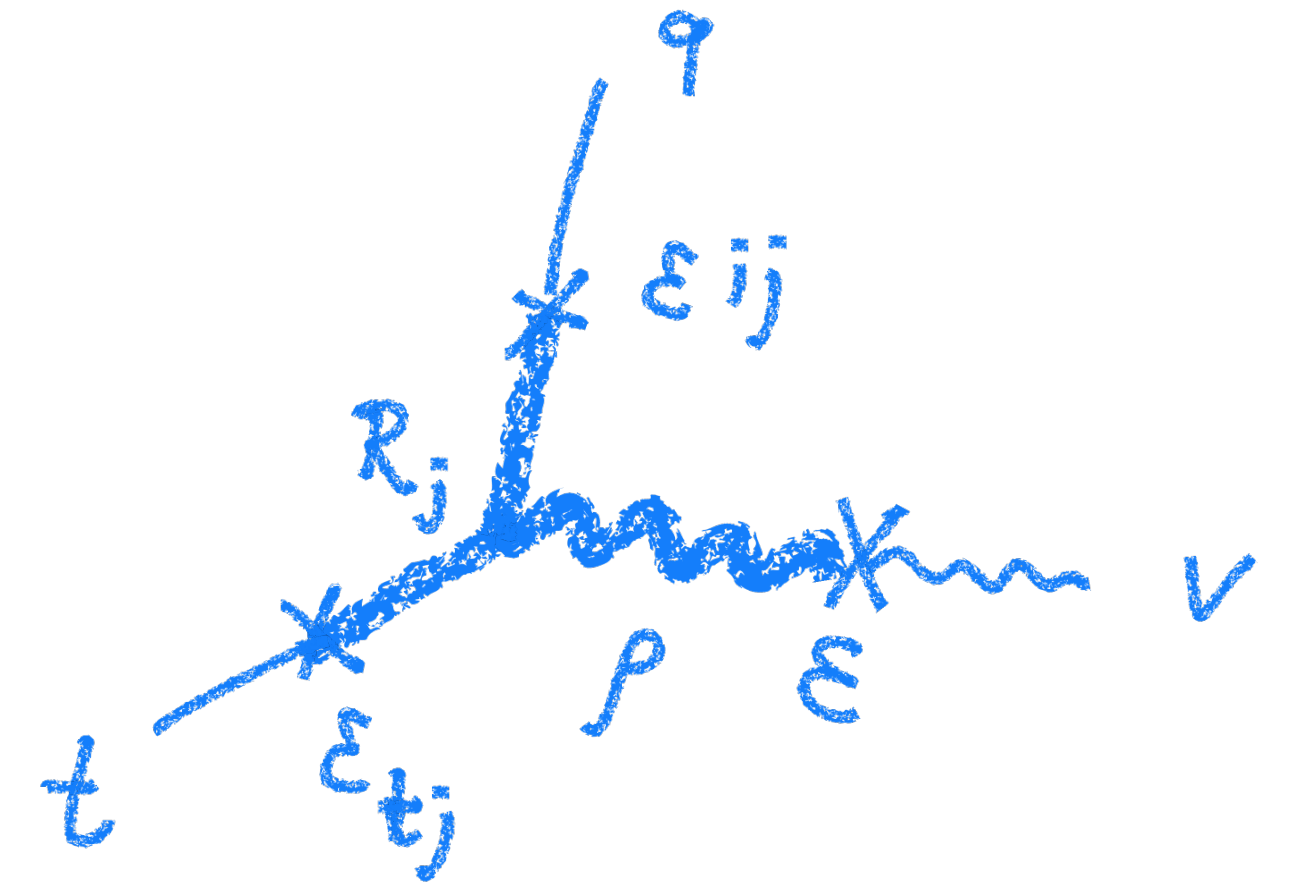
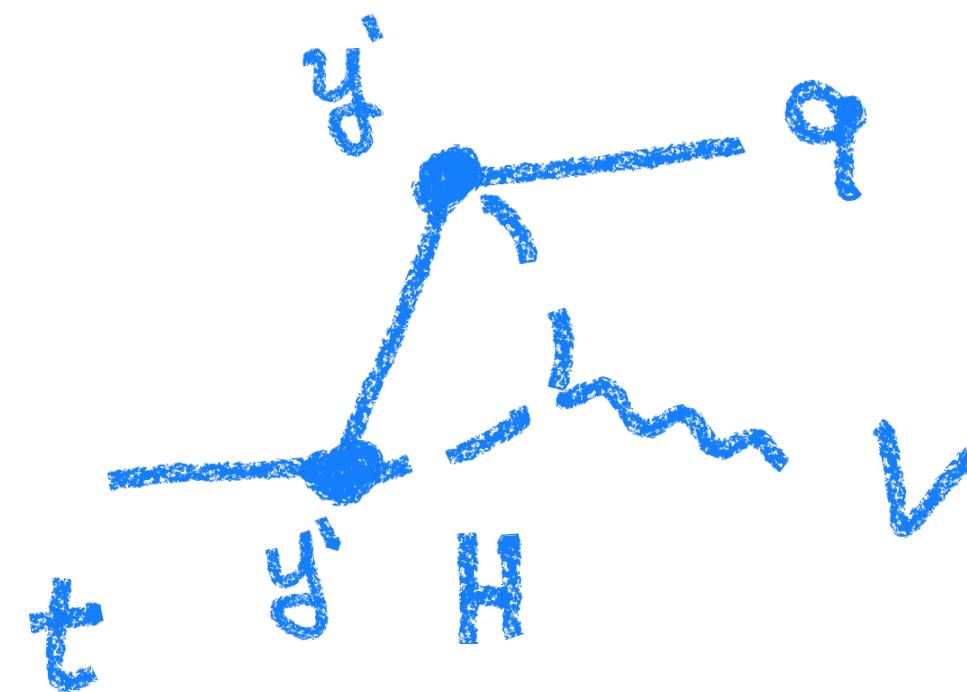
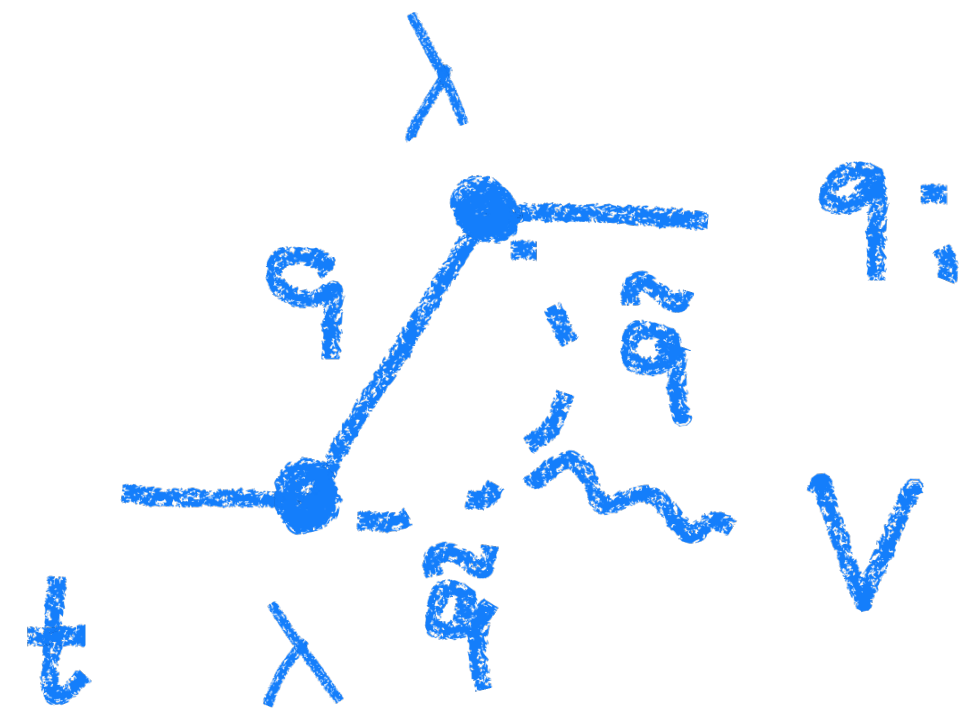
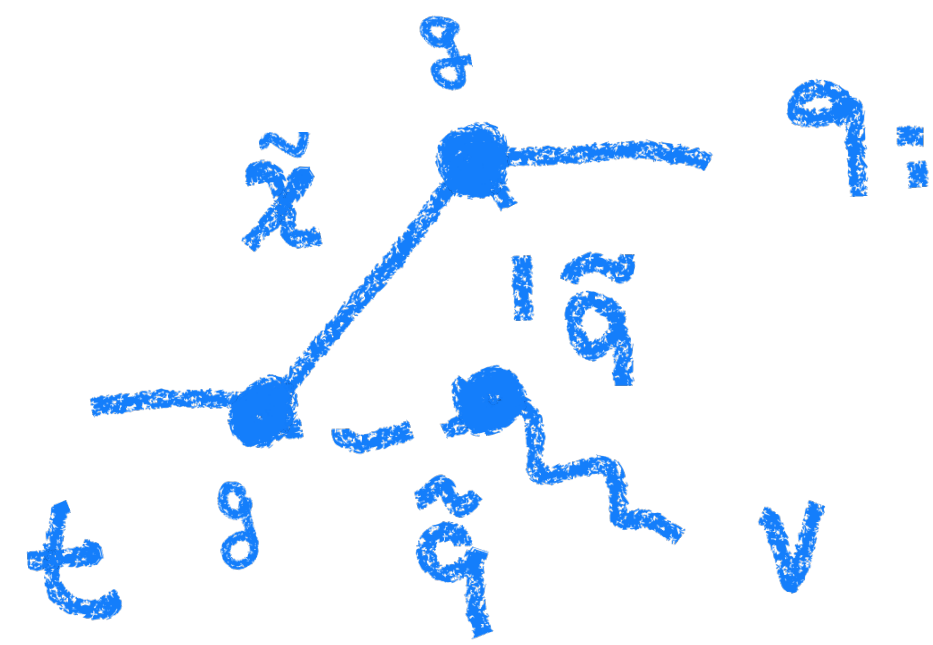
Top Exotic decays and Flavor Changing Neutral Currents at the top factory

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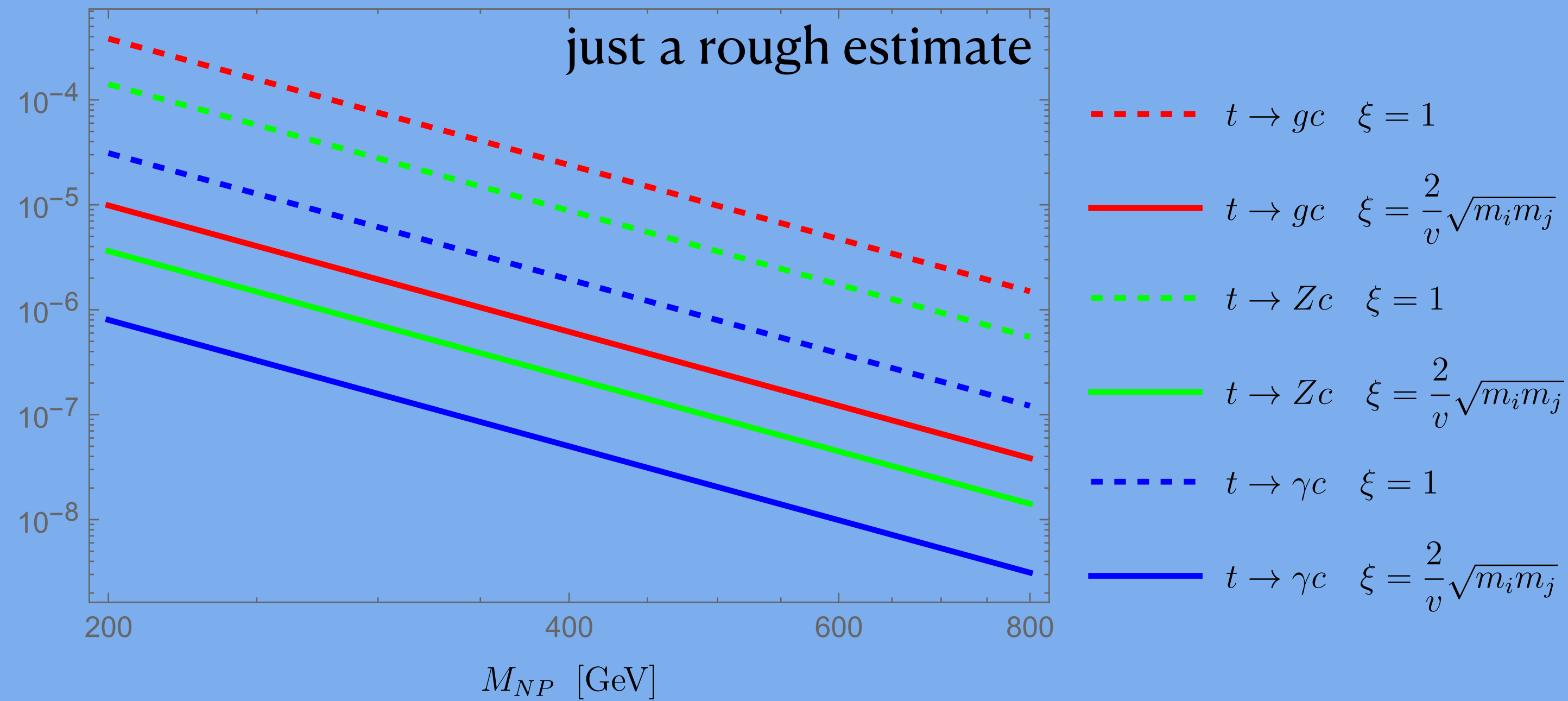
$t \rightarrow BSM$



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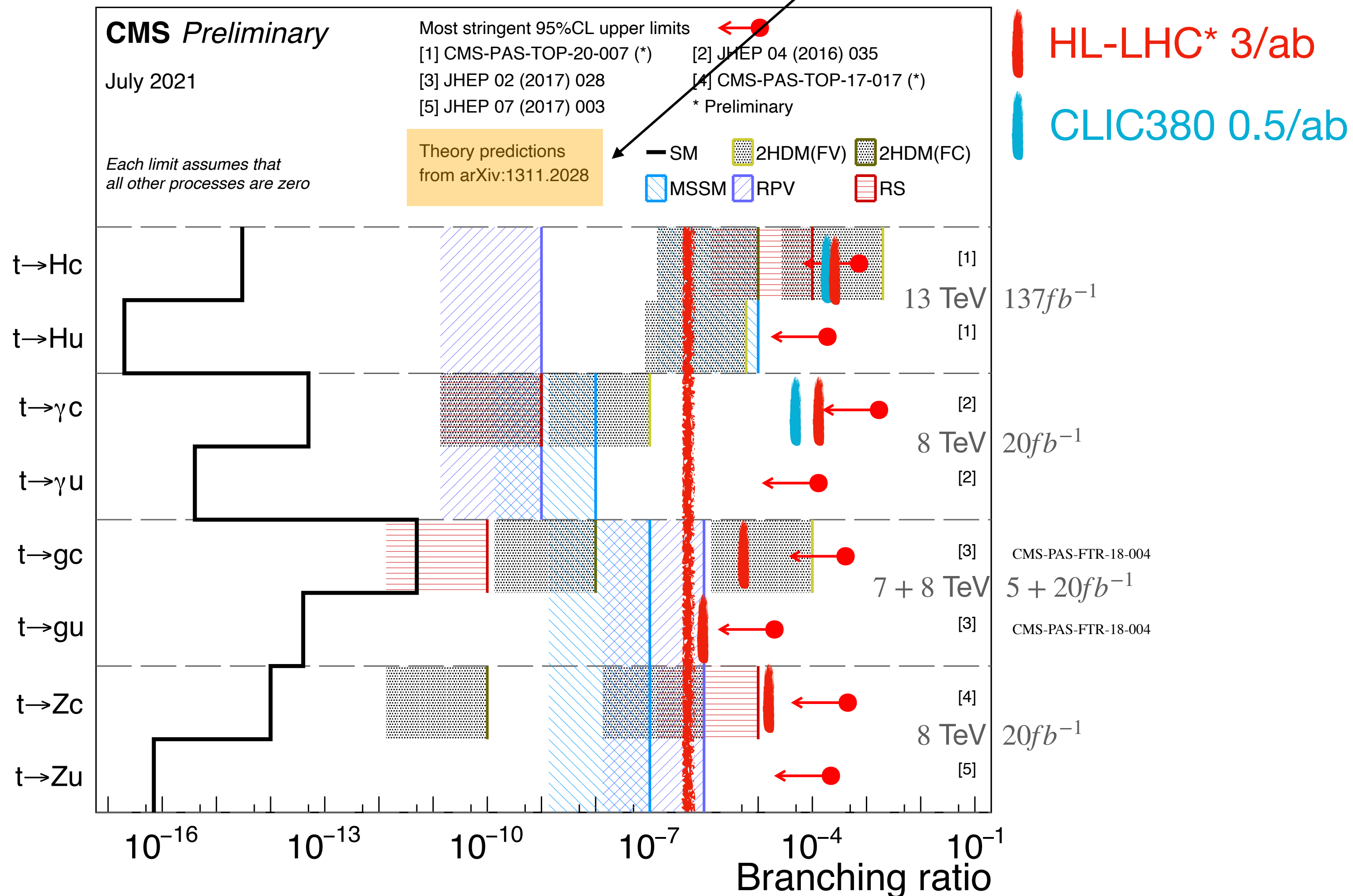


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2013 Snowmass



- **Last refresh of BSM benchmarks is quite old**
- Regardless of the focus topics a refresh seems needed for the final report
- Relation to EFT to be investigated further

Staus for Snowmass 2013

arXiv:1311.2028

Table 1-7. SM and new physics model predictions for branching ratios of top FCNC decays. The SM predictions are taken from [119], on 2HDM with flavor violating Yukawa couplings [119, 120] (2HDM (FV) column), the 2HDM flavor conserving (FC) case from [121], the MSSM with 1TeV squarks and gluinos from [122], the MSSM for the R-parity violating case from [123, 124], and warped extra dimensions (RS) from [125, 126].

Model - III
 $\max(\text{Model - I, Model - II})$

Process	SM	2HDM(FV)	2HDM(FC)	MSSM	RPV	RS
$t \rightarrow Zu$	7×10^{-17}	-	-	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	-
$t \rightarrow Zc$	1×10^{-14}	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-10}$	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-5}$
$t \rightarrow gu$	4×10^{-14}	-	-	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	-
$t \rightarrow gc$	5×10^{-12}	$\leq 10^{-4}$	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\leq 10^{-10}$
$t \rightarrow \gamma u$	4×10^{-16}	-	-	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	-
$t \rightarrow \gamma c$	5×10^{-14}	$\leq 10^{-7}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-8}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$
$t \rightarrow hu$	2×10^{-17}	6×10^{-6}	-	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	-
$t \rightarrow hc$	3×10^{-15}	2×10^{-3}	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-5}$	$\leq 10^{-9}$	$\leq 10^{-4}$

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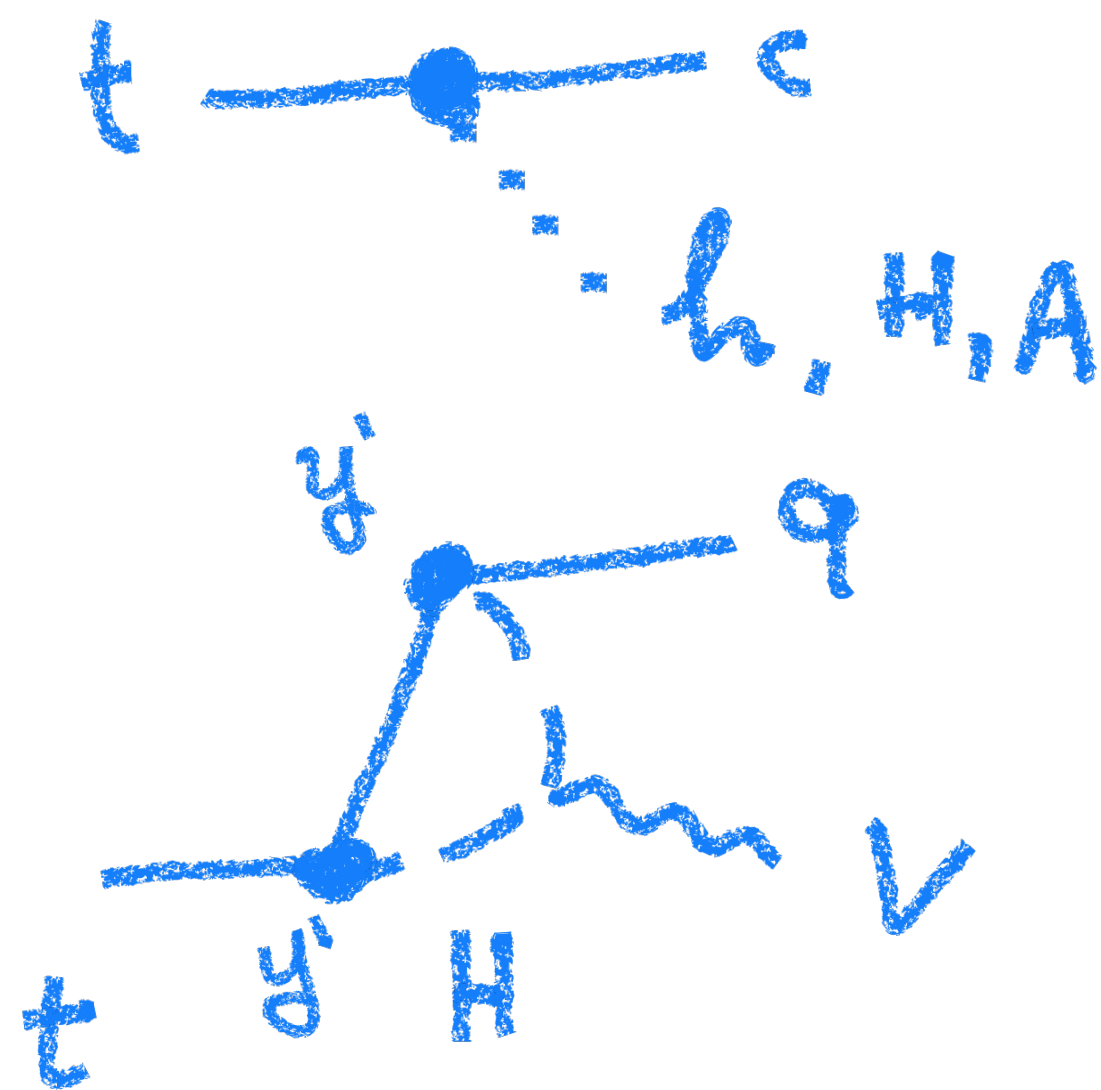
not observable at top factory

Use MSSM instead

2HDM-FV

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$t \rightarrow cV$ in 2HDM-FV



htc coupling tuned away by “alignment” making h SM-like (flavor conserving and SM strength as LHC measurements suggest quite strongly)

$$g_{hVV} = \sin(\beta - \alpha) \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos^2(\beta - \alpha) + \dots$$

FV coupling of h

$m_{H,A,H^+} > m_t$ so that they do not have a tree-level decay

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_Y = \mathcal{L}_{Y,SM} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d} \xi^d d H + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u} \xi^u u H + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\ell} \xi^\ell \ell H - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d} \gamma_5 \xi^d d A - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u} \gamma_5 \xi^u u A \\ - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\ell} \gamma_5 \xi^\ell \ell A + \left[\bar{u} \left(\xi^u V_{CKM} P_L - V_{CKM} \xi^d P_R \right) d H^+ - \bar{\nu} \xi^\ell P_R \ell H^+ + \text{h.c.} \right], \end{aligned}$$

both the doublets couple to all the quarks and leptons, but flavor violation is only in the doublet that does not take a VEV

$t \rightarrow cg$ in 2HDM-FV

Atwood et al 1996

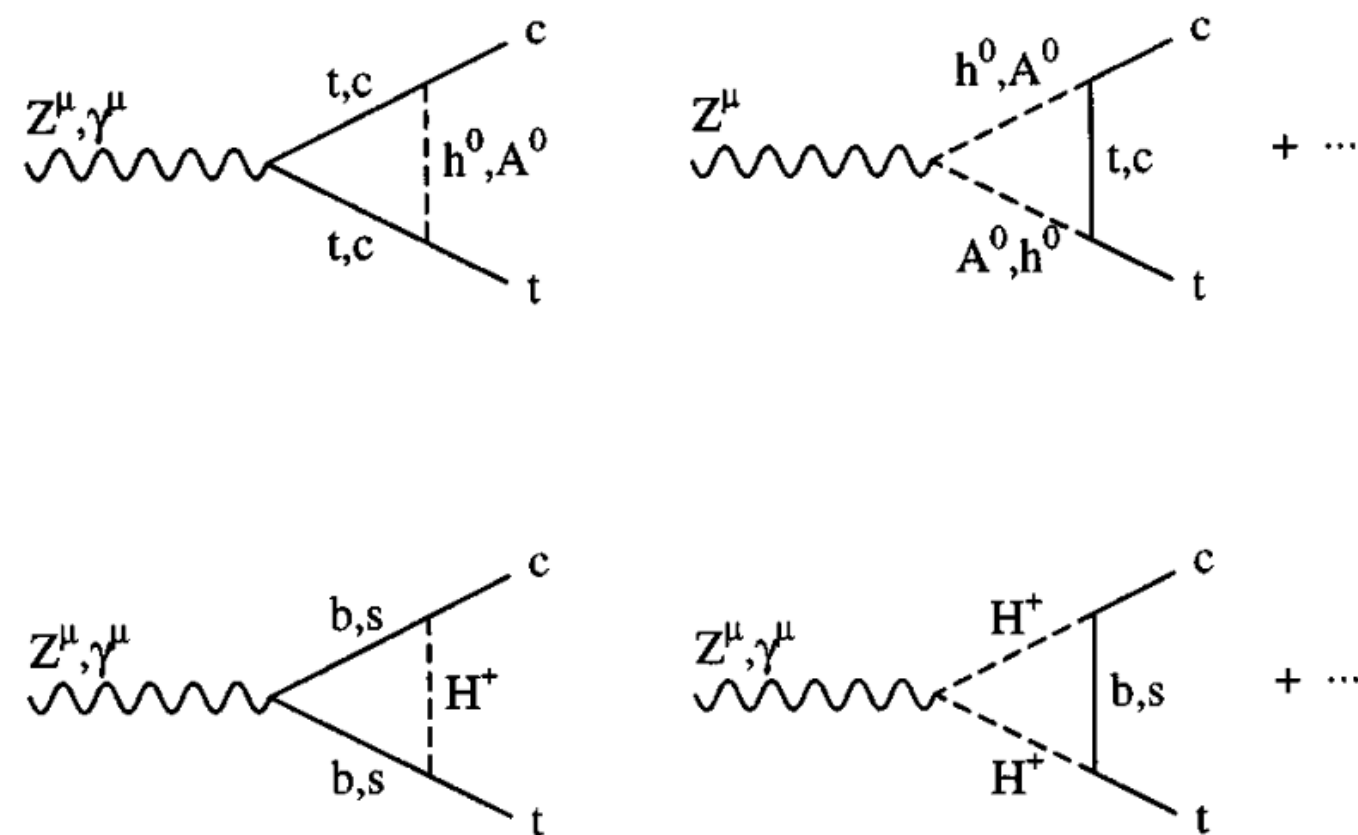


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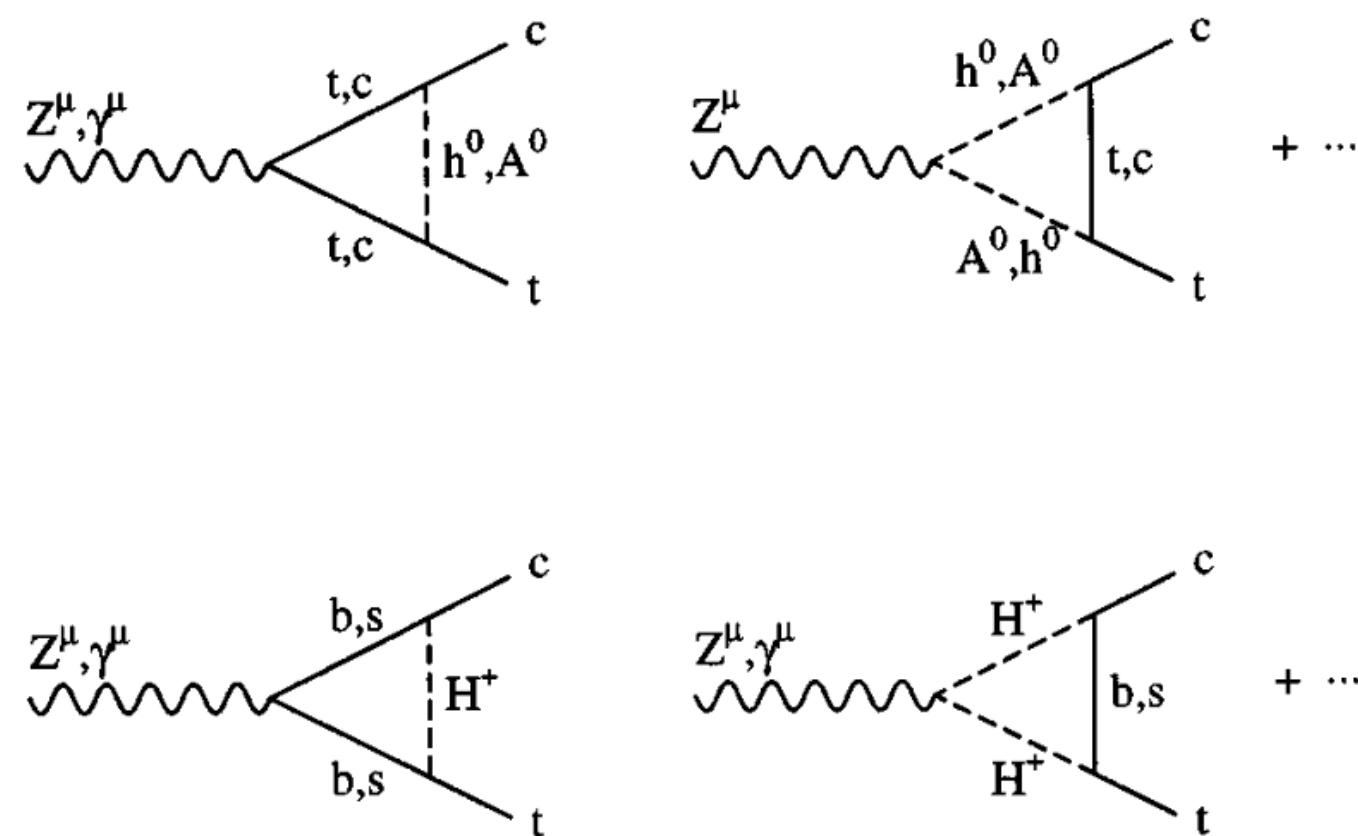
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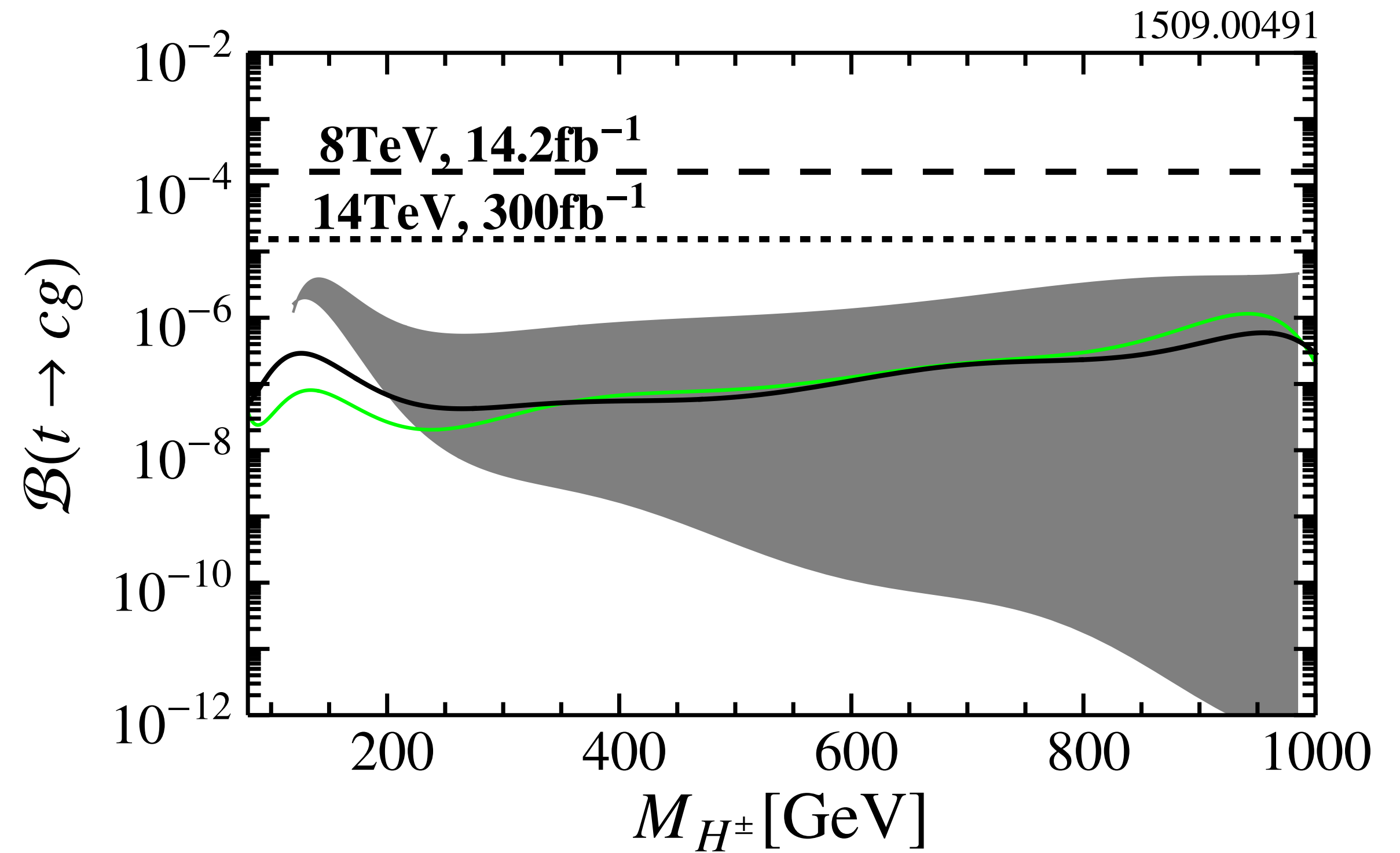
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above 10^{-6}
(largest rate)

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Kim et al, 1509.00491 2015

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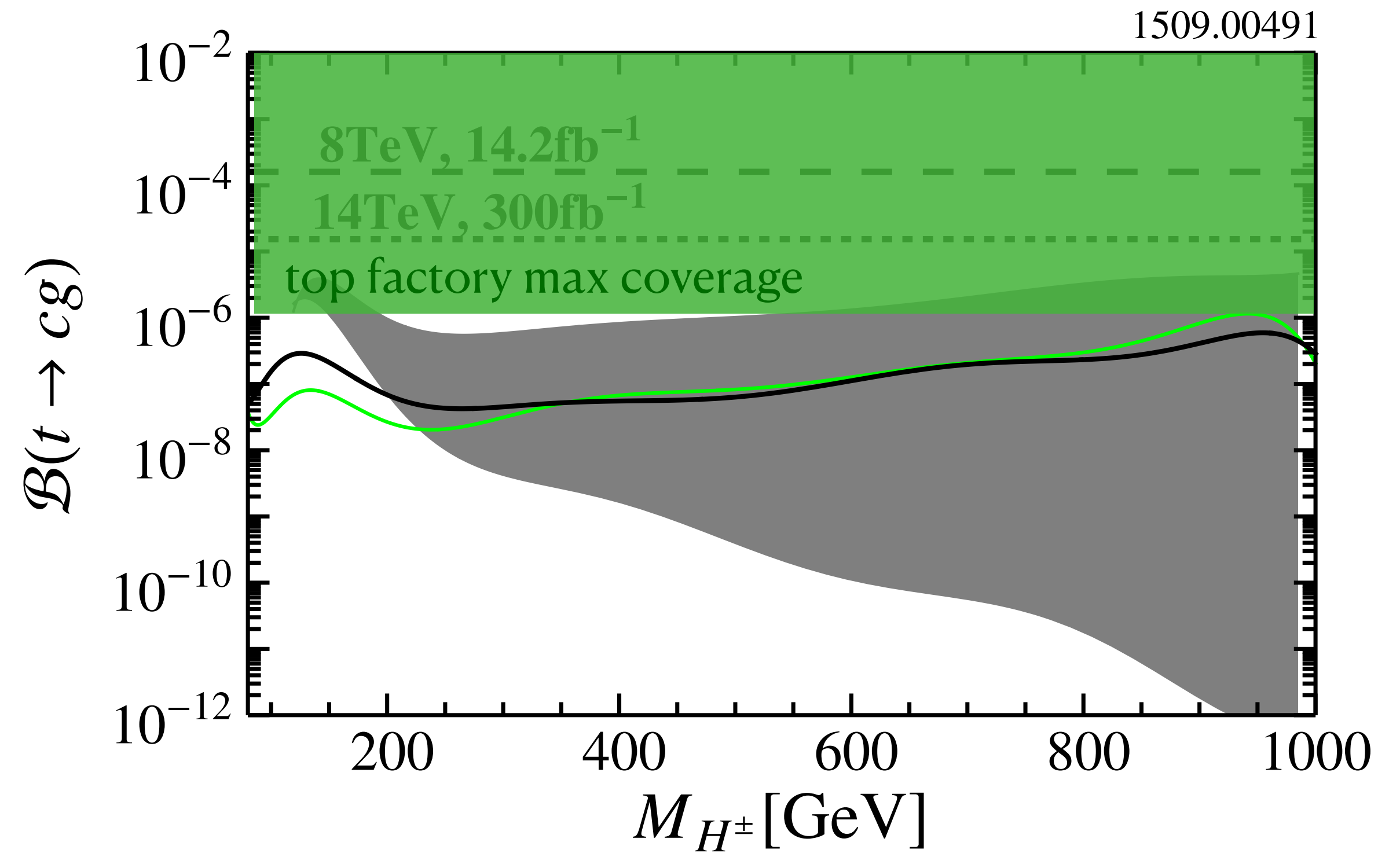
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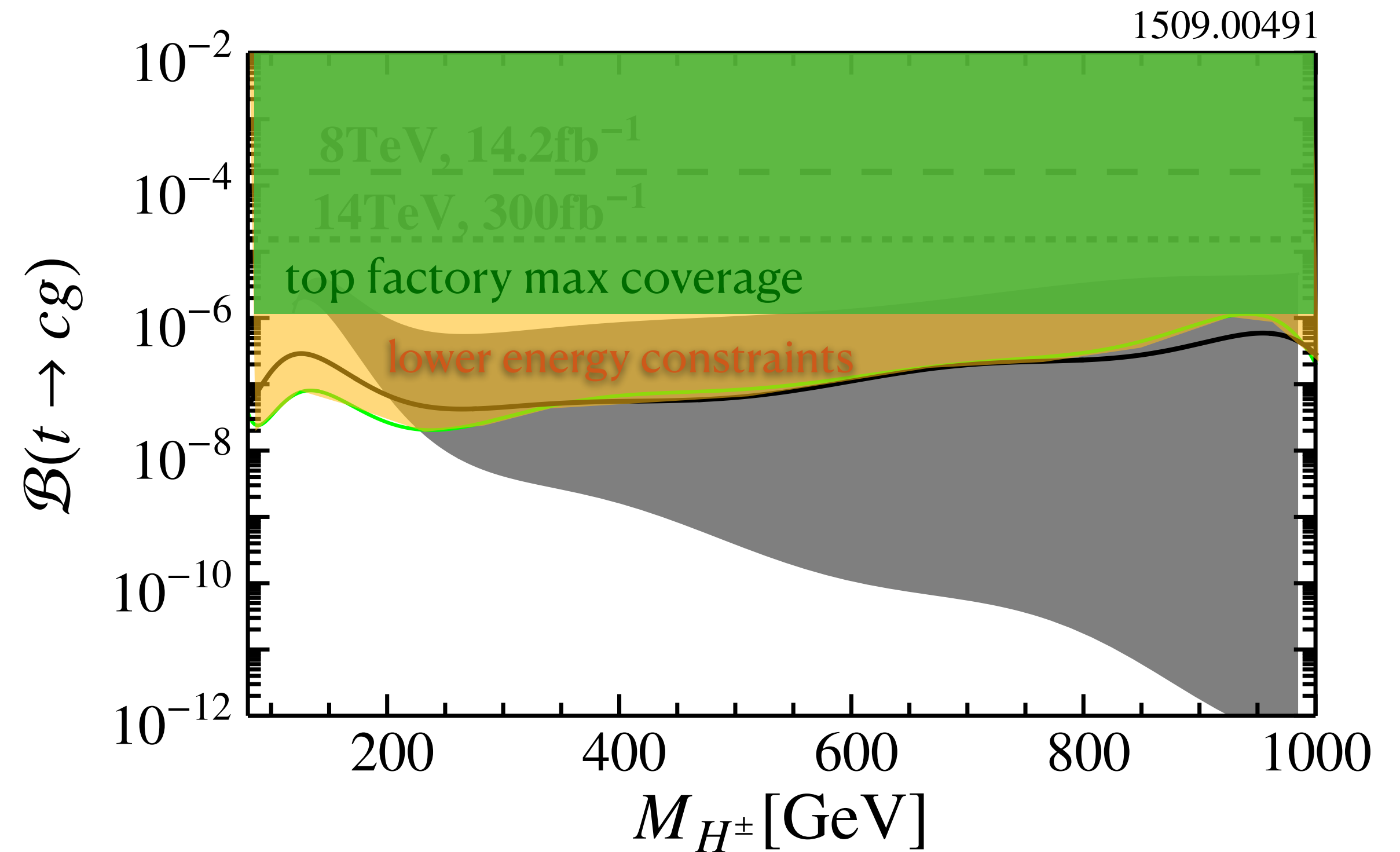
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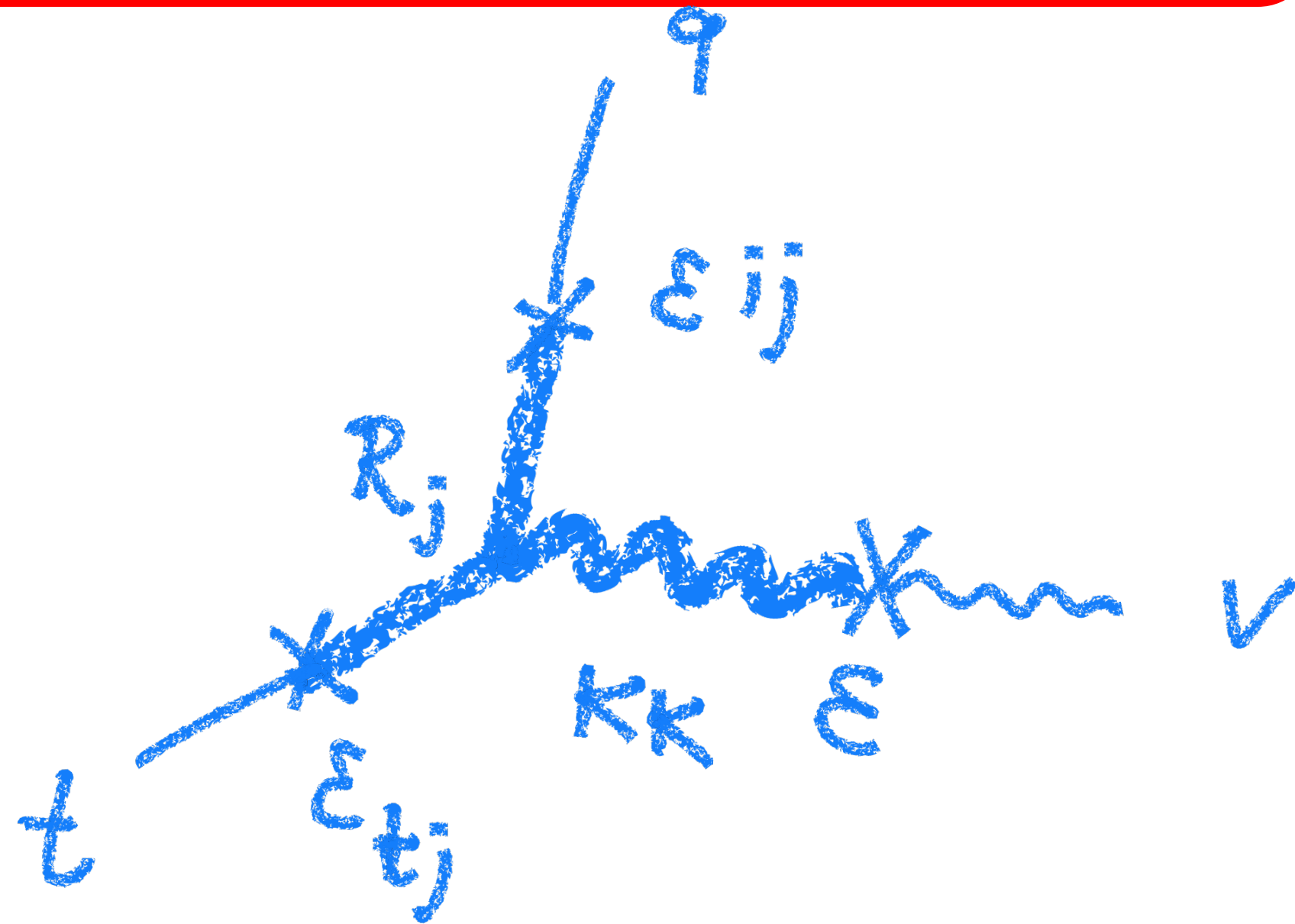
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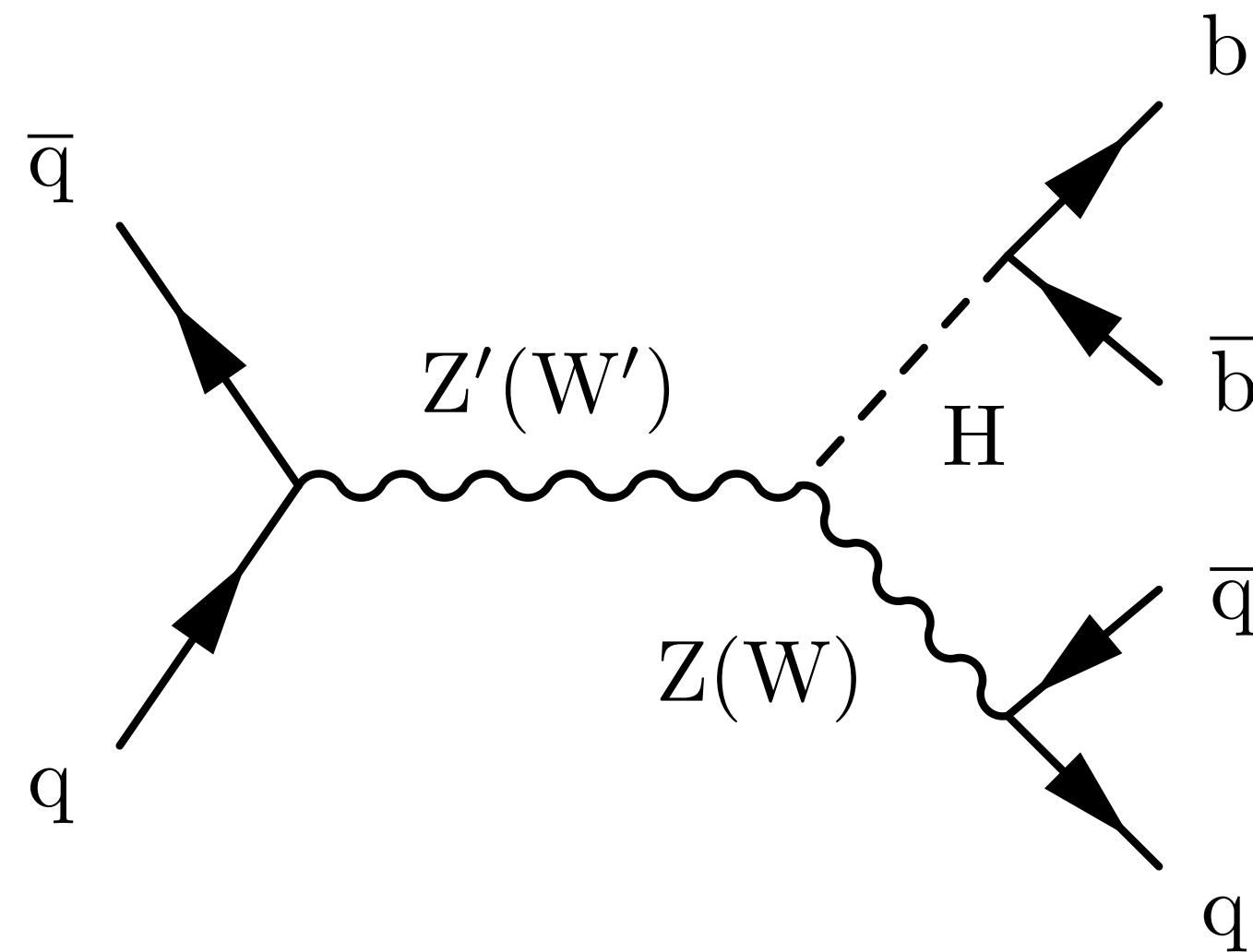
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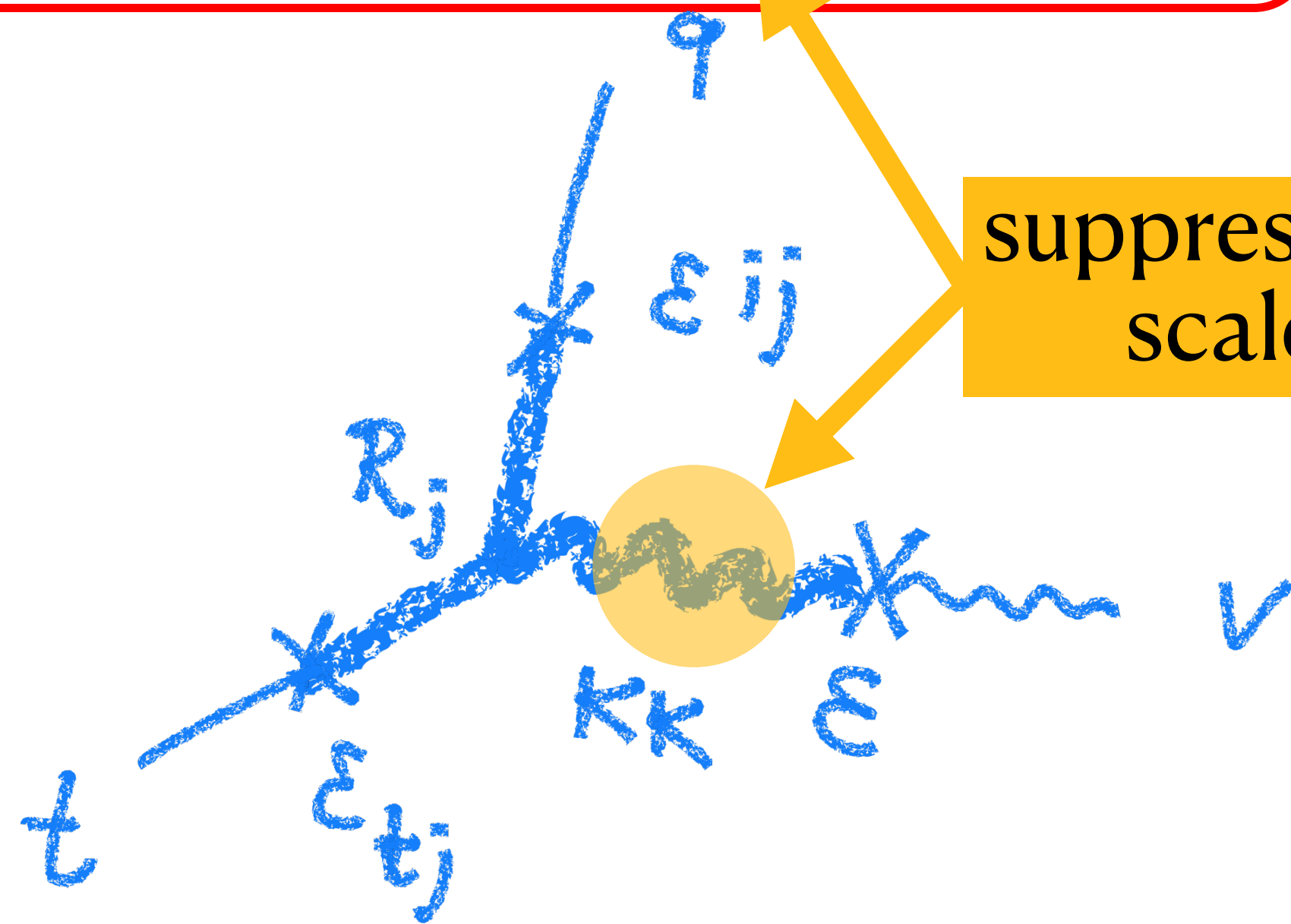
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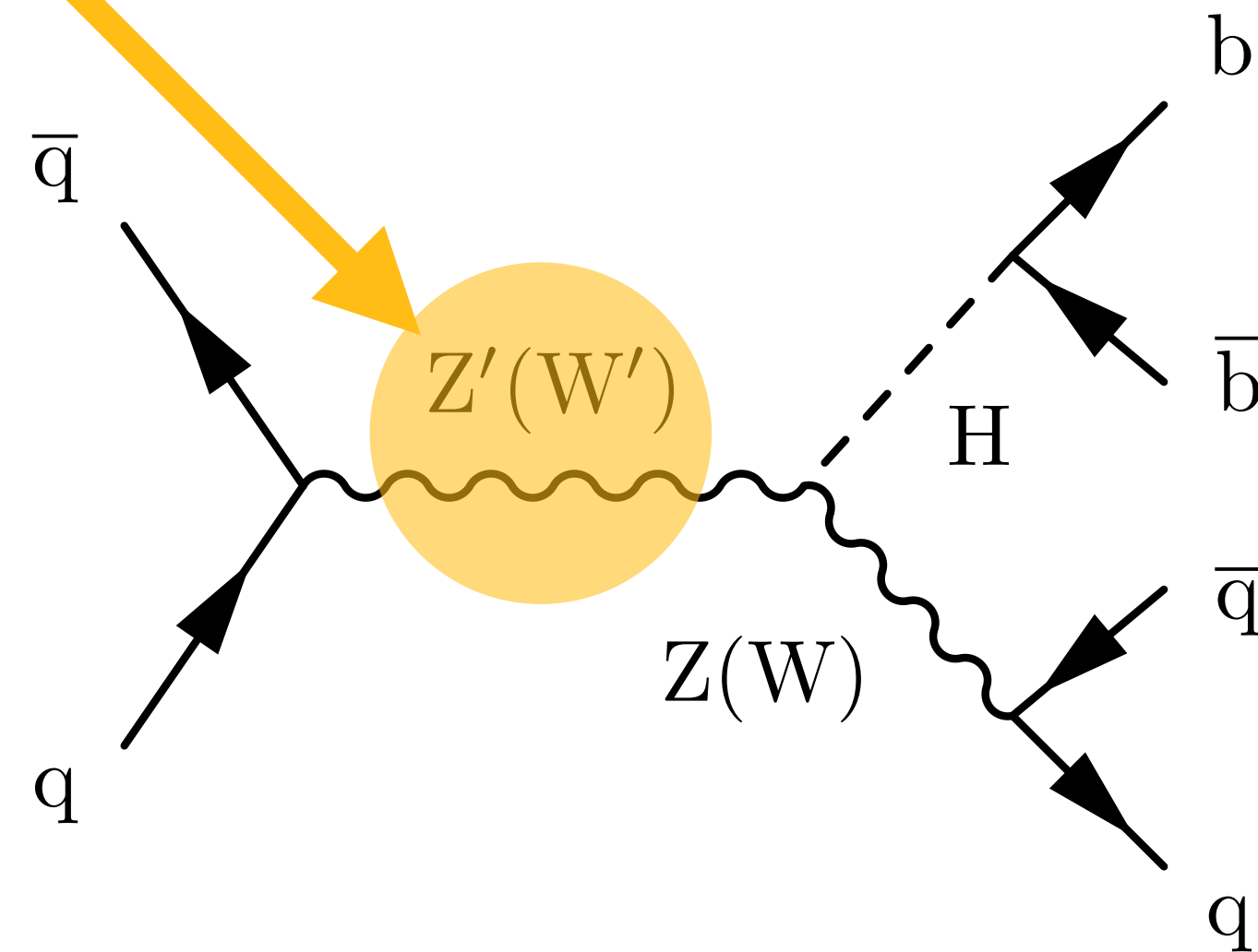
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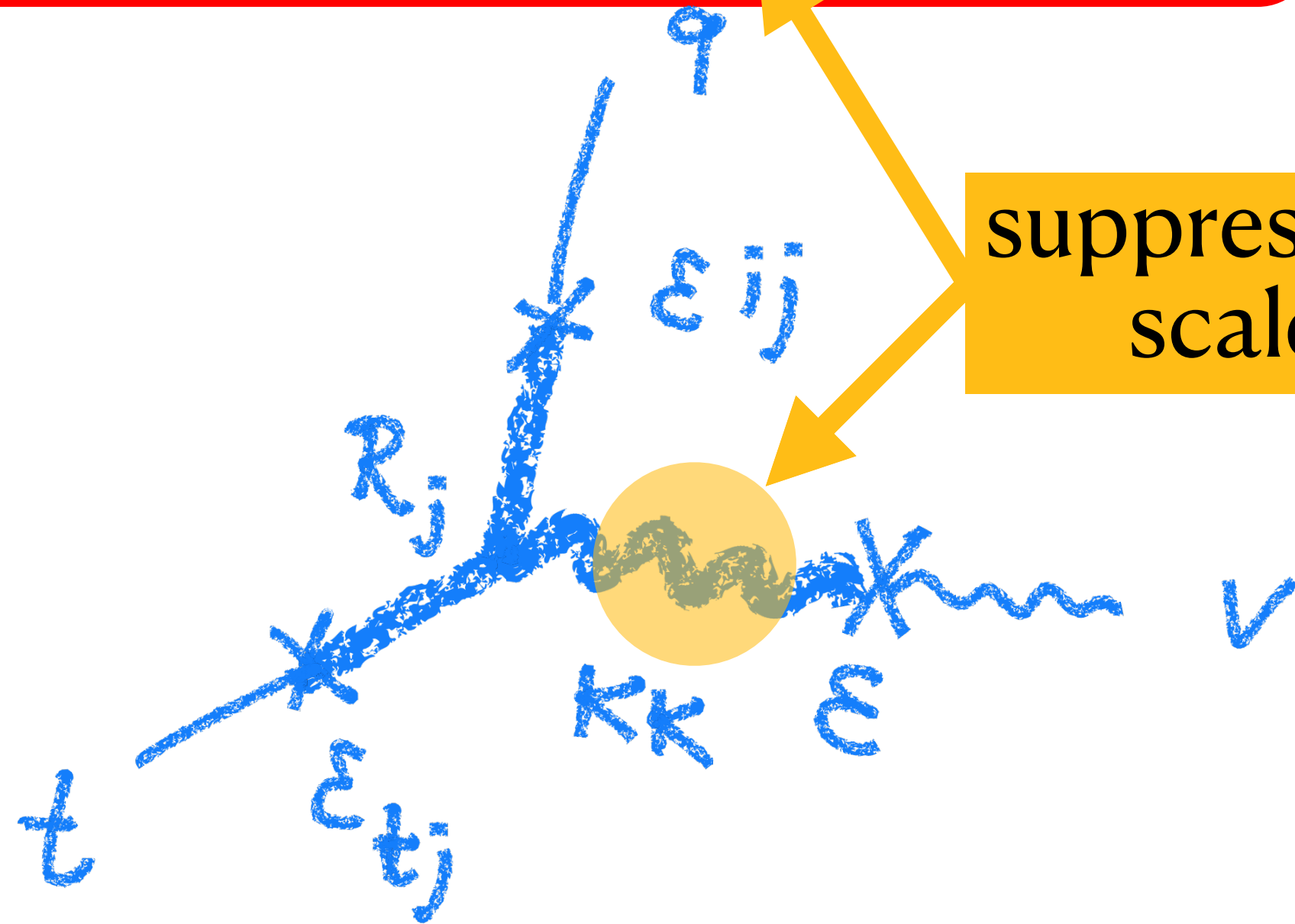
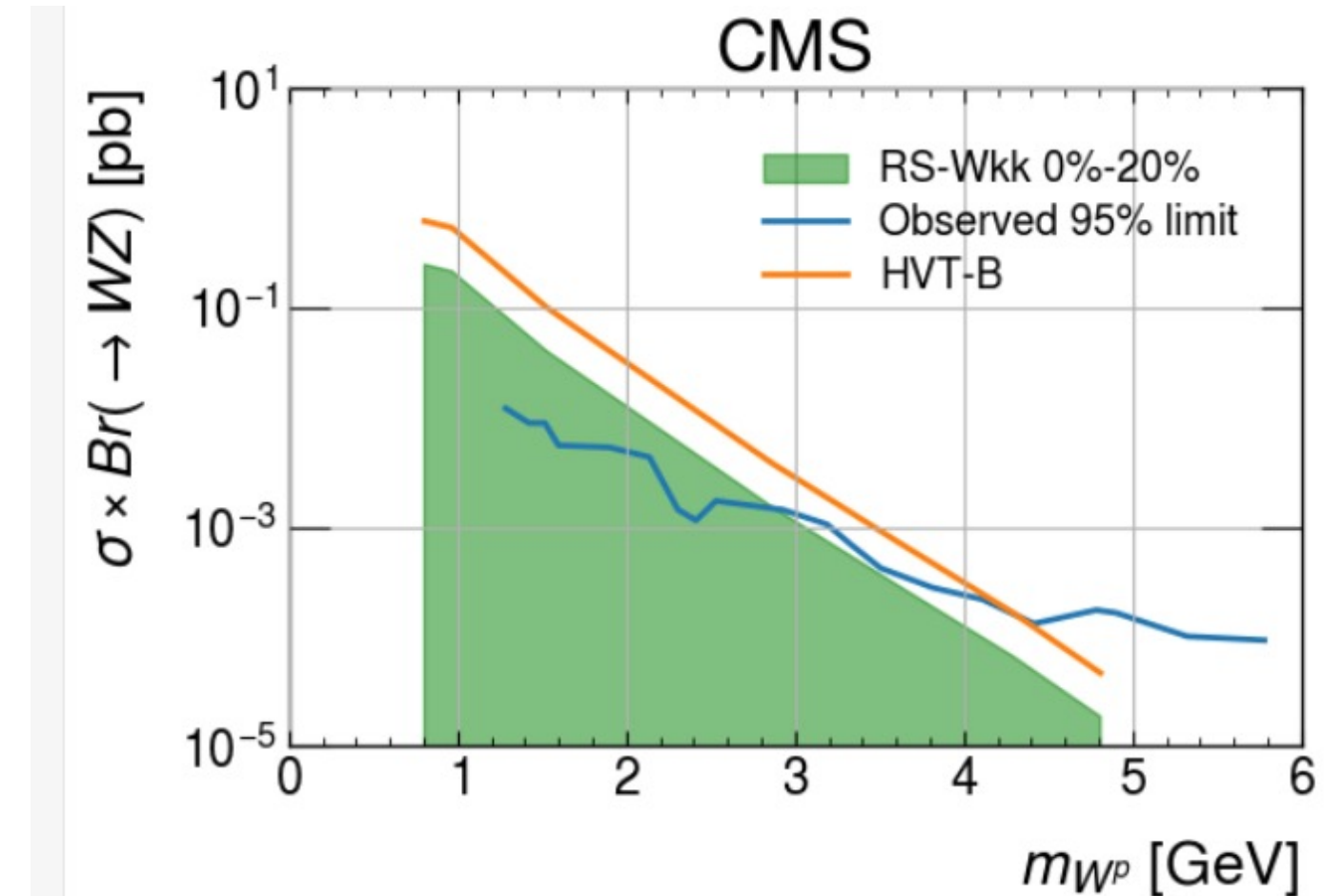
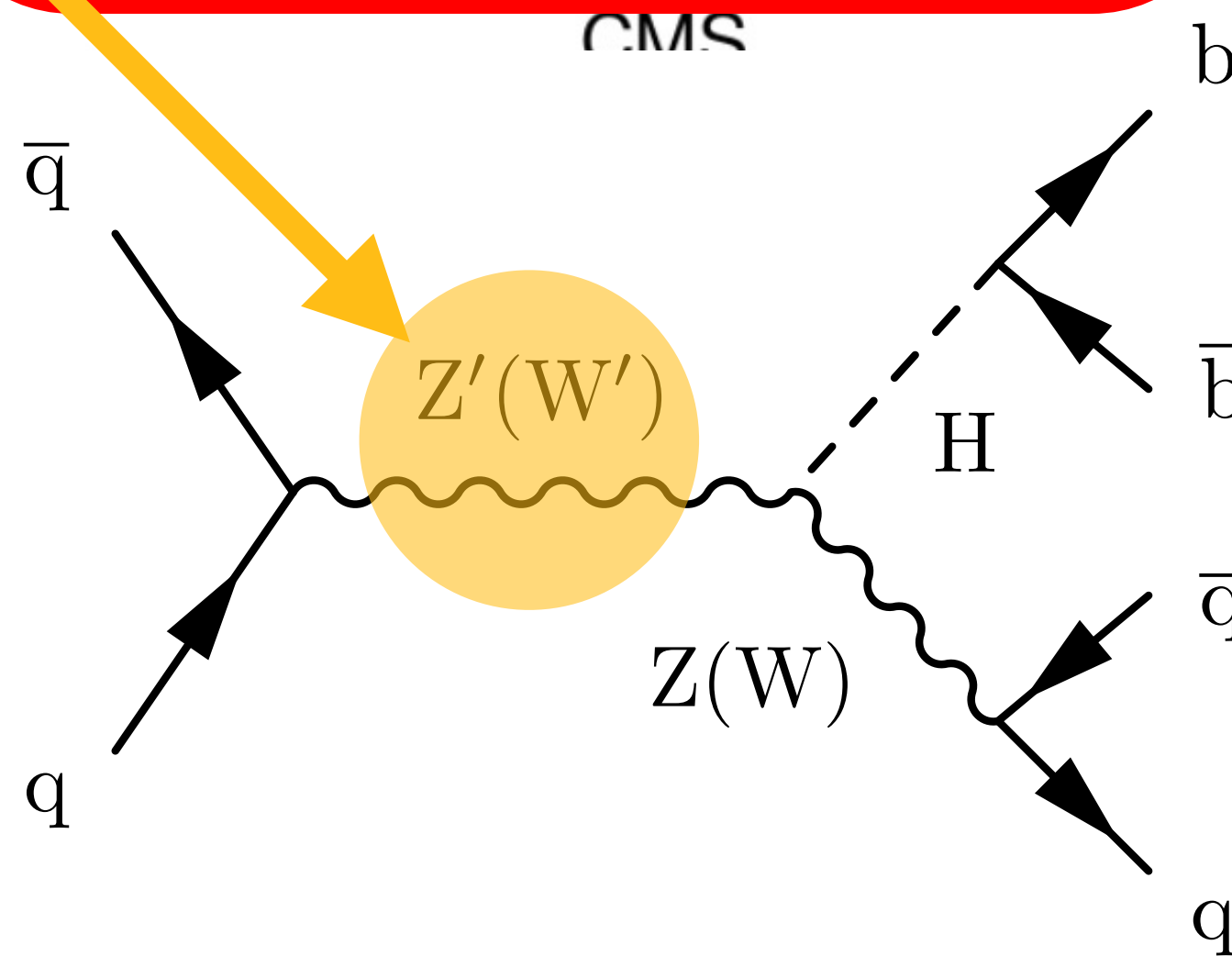
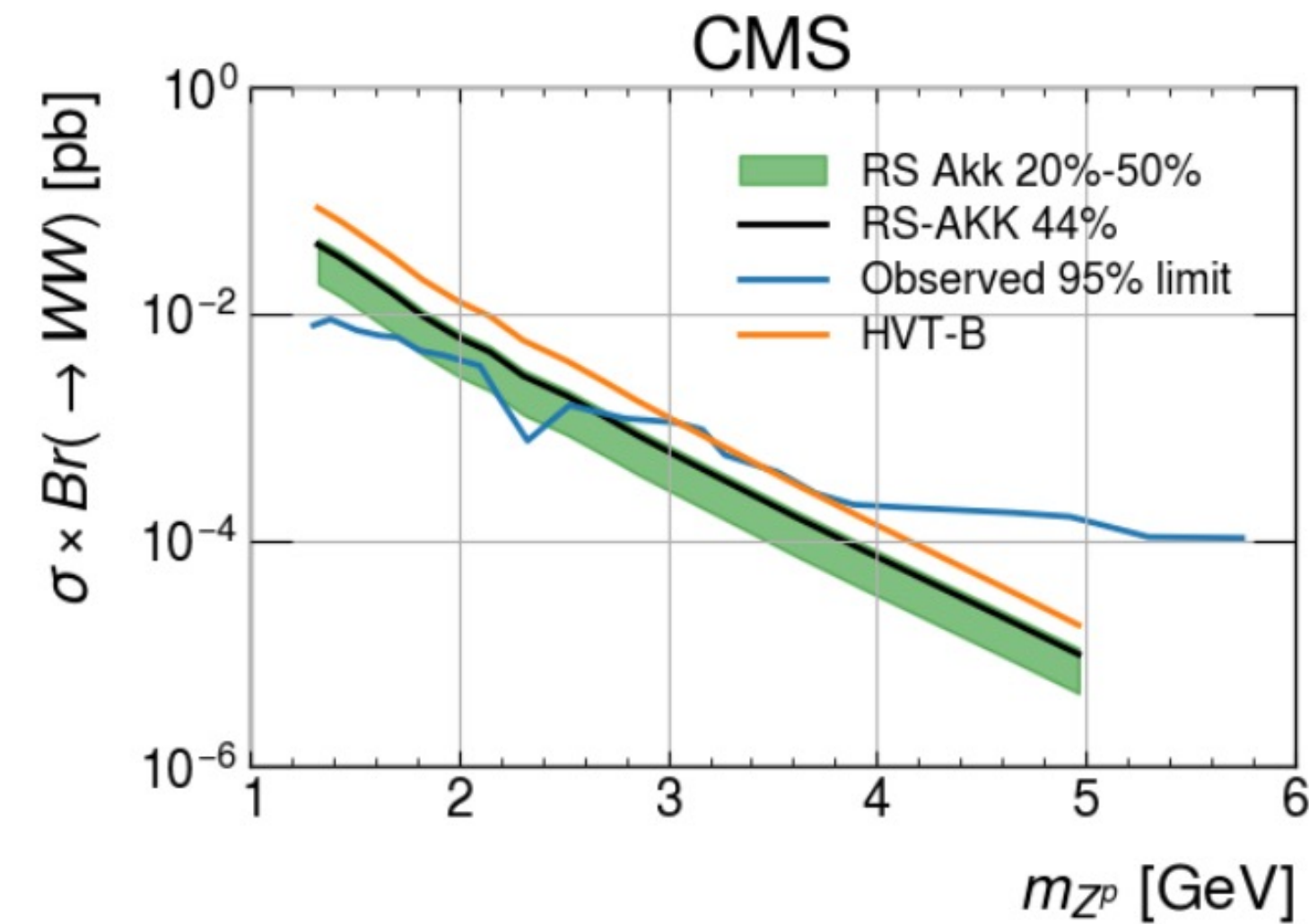
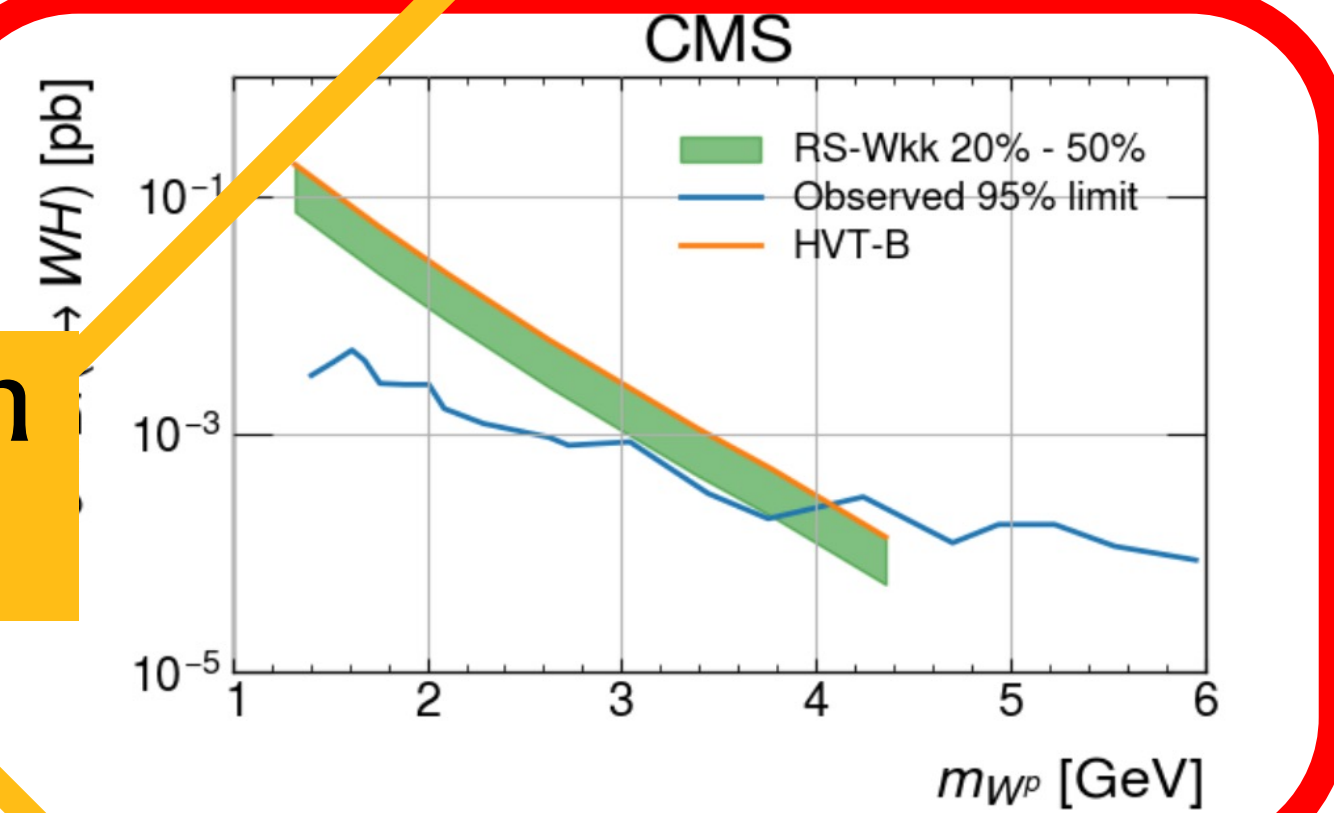
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- Channels $ZH, WW, WH, ZW, \text{ttbar}$

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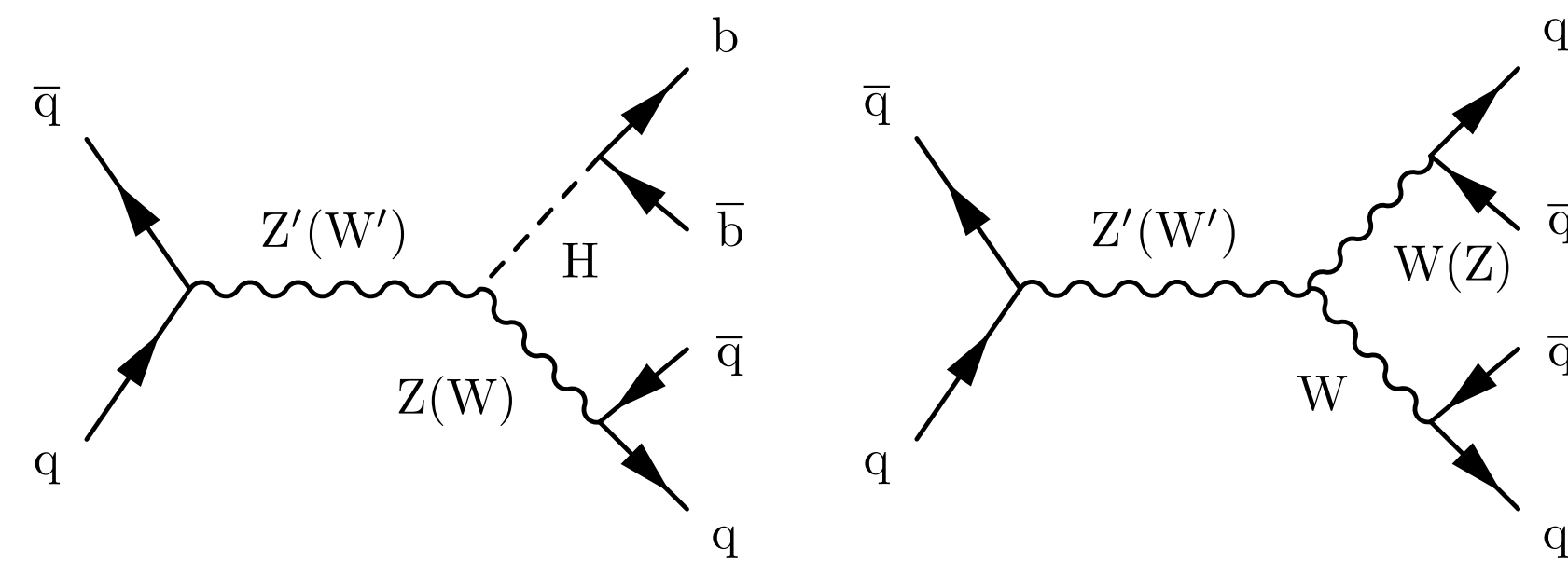
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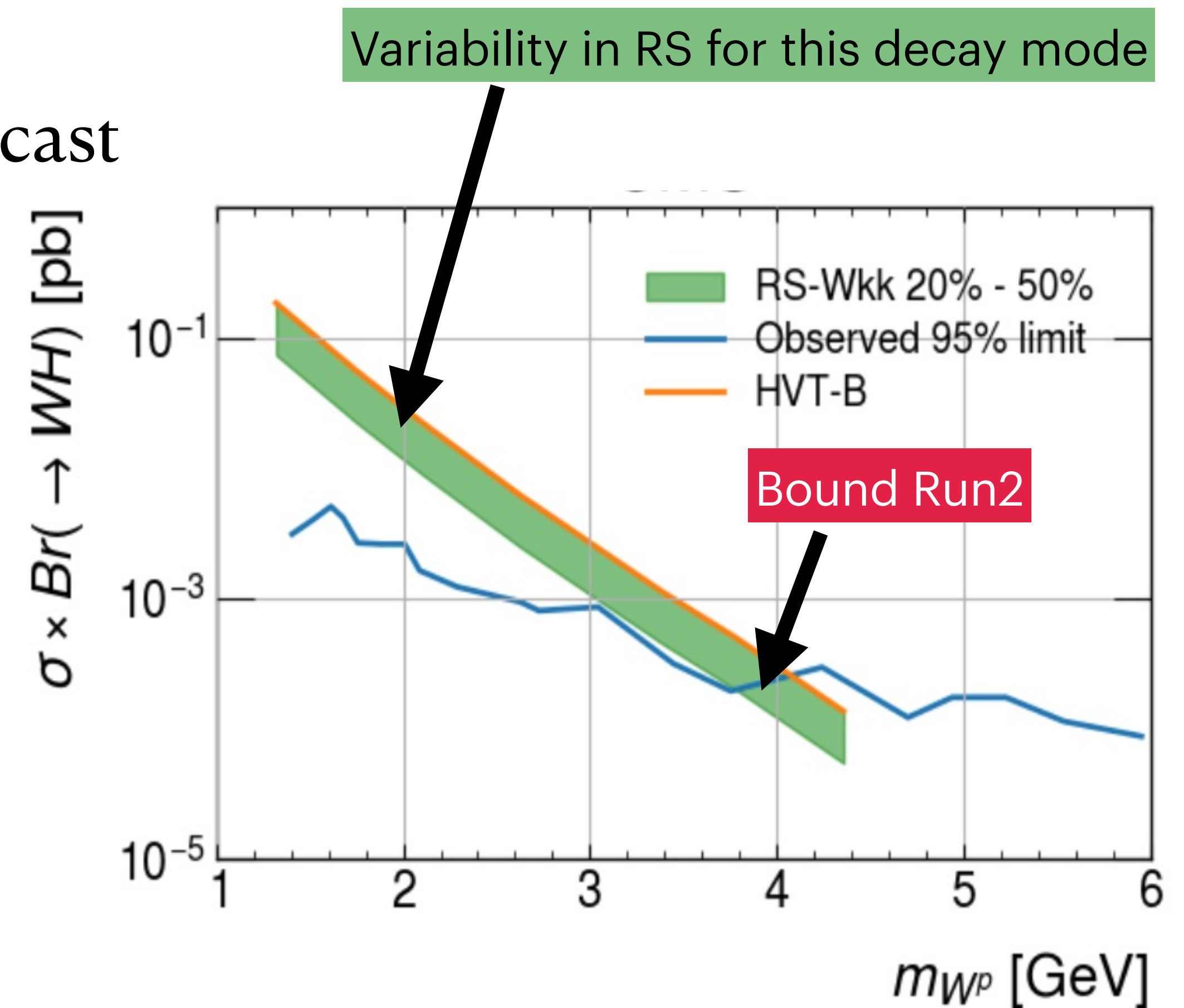
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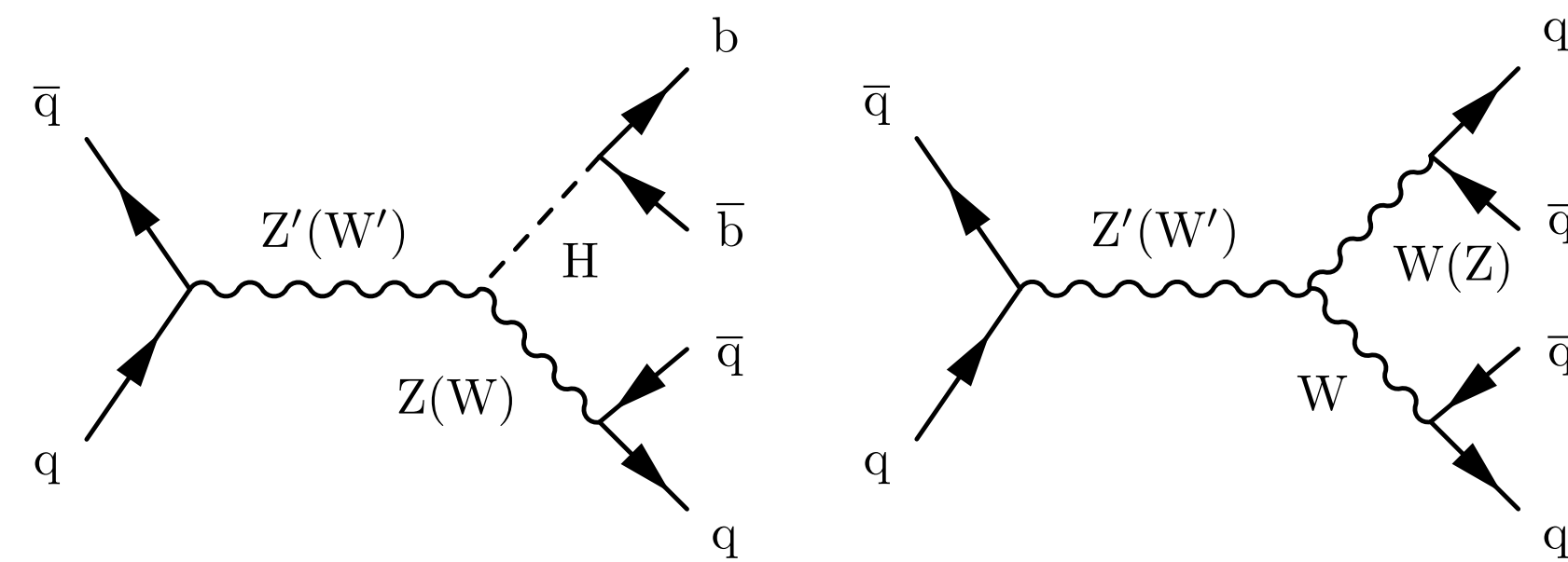
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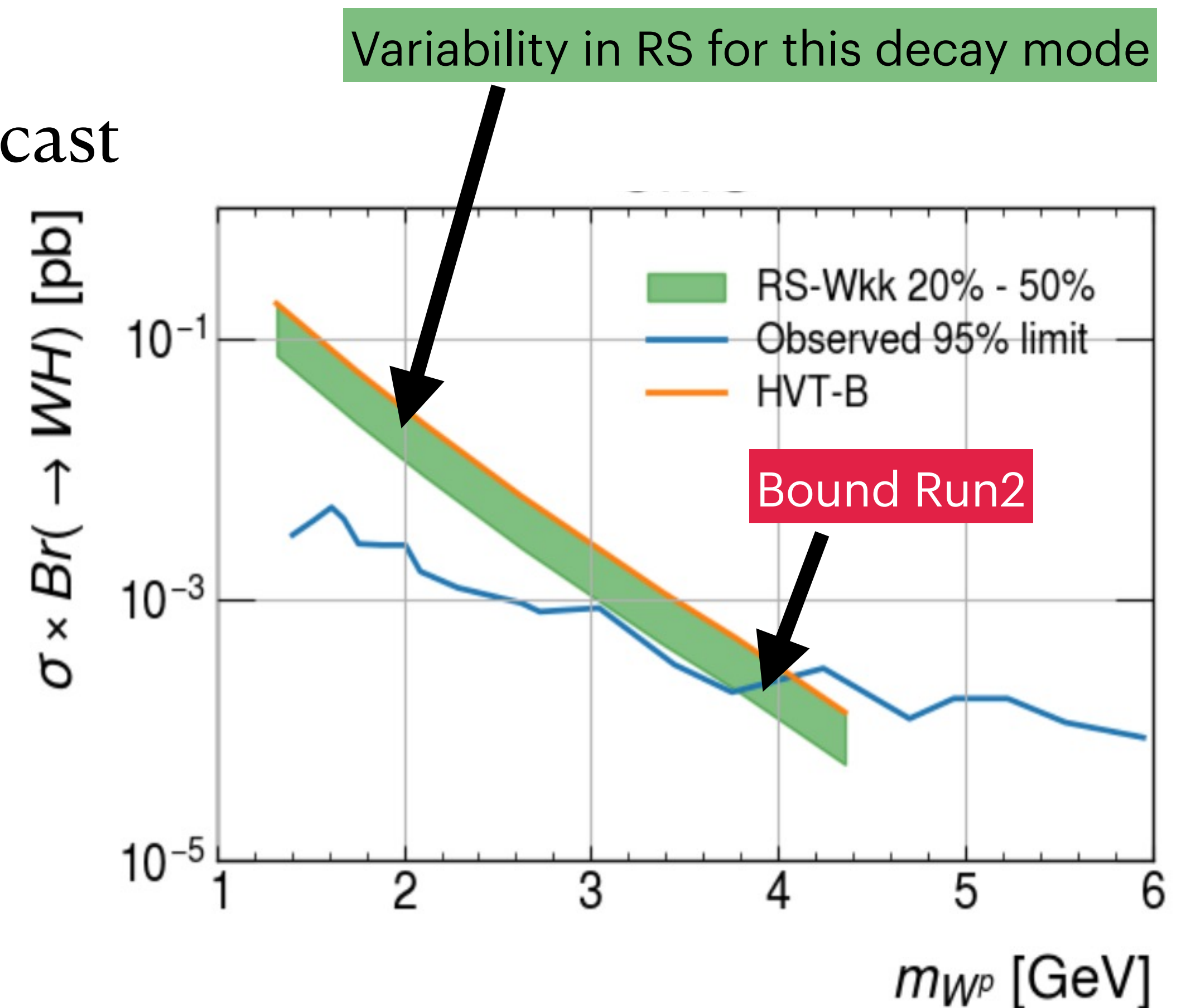
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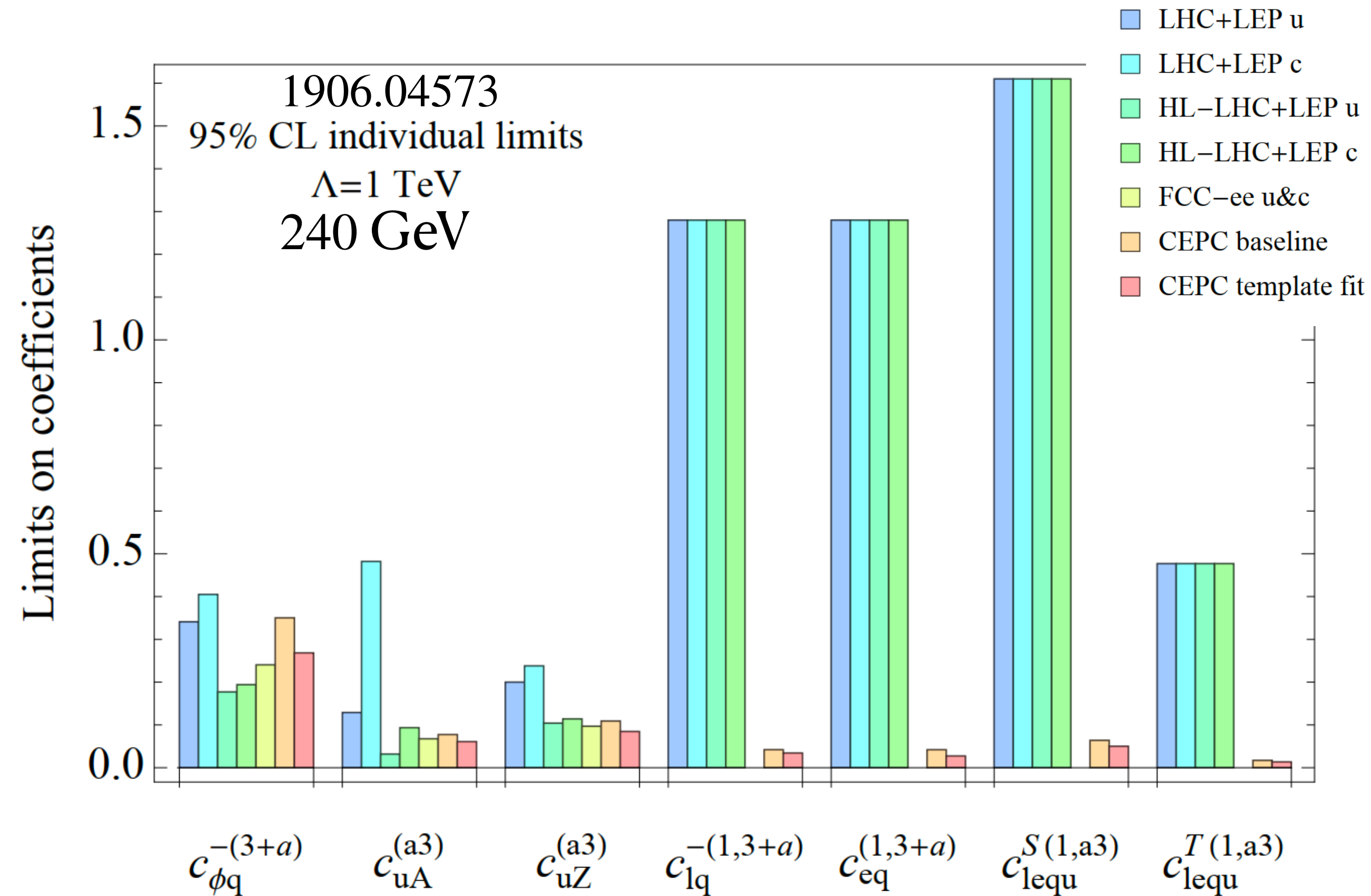
Single top $e^+e^- \rightarrow tc$

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Before the $t\bar{t}$ stage

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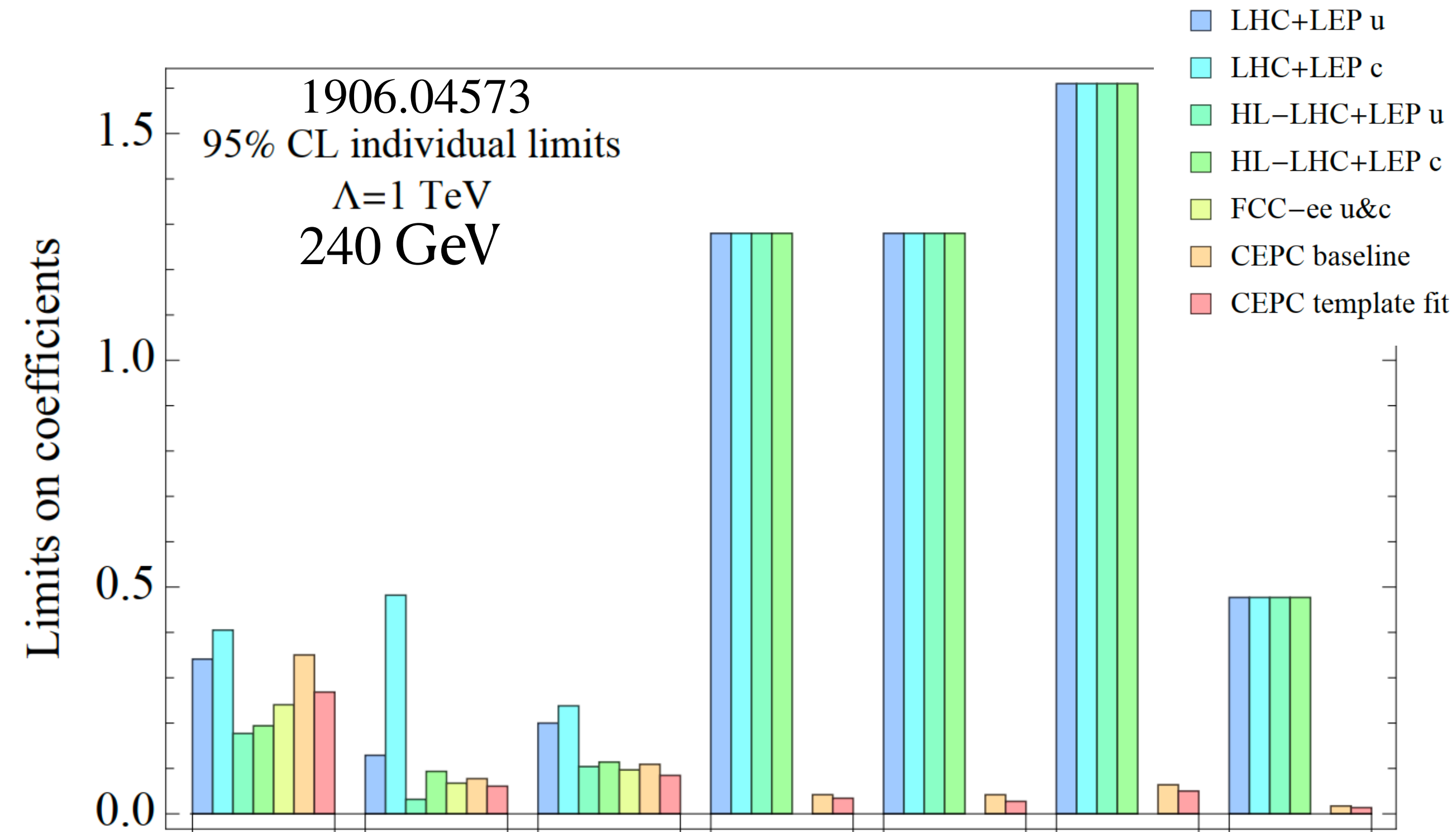
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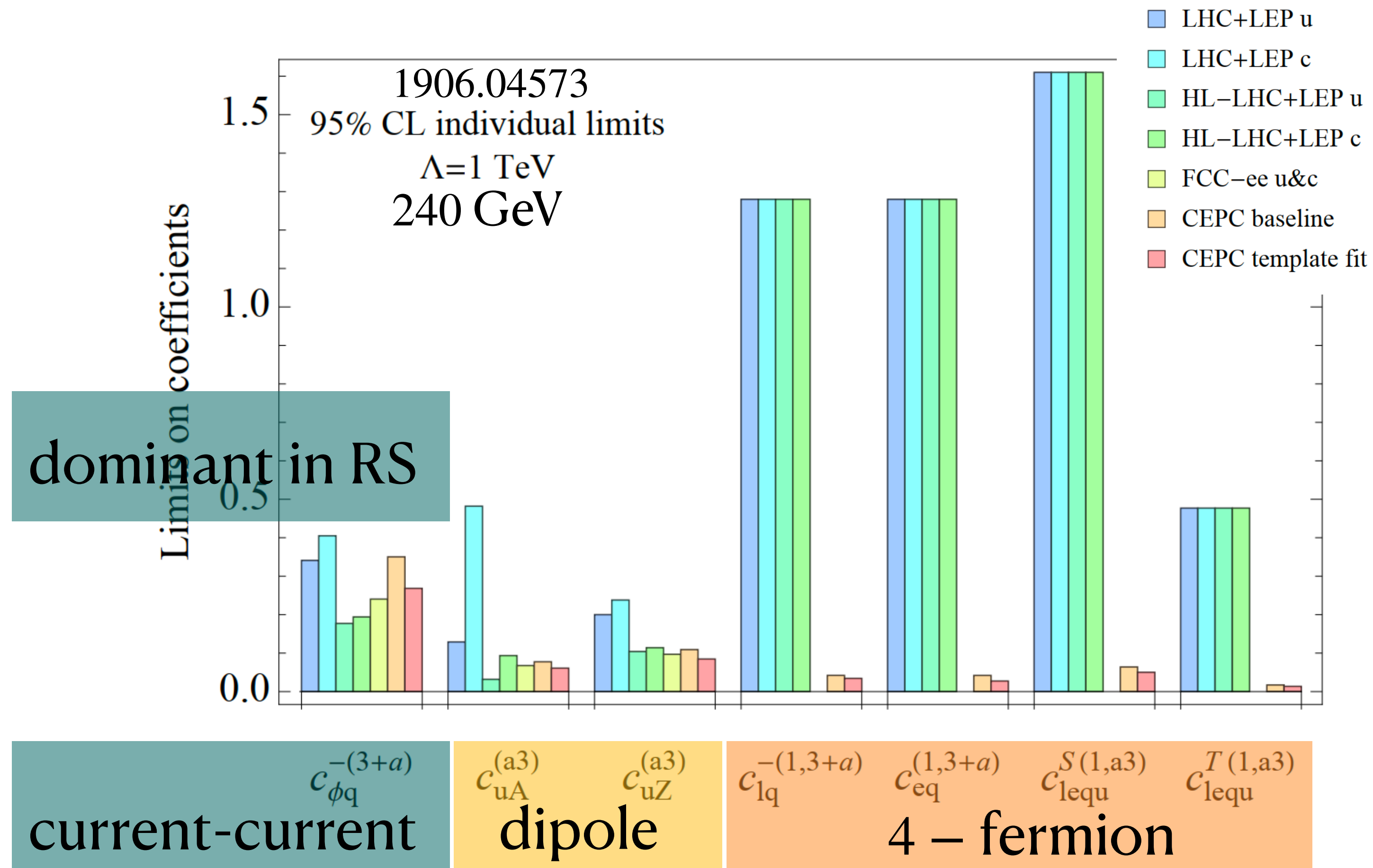


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Interim Summary from FCNC update

- Ztc coupling is best probed at 240 GeV via single-top production at e^+e^-
- No model* of the Snowmass 2013 able to generate a $BR > 10^{-6}$
- gtc coupling is best probed at the LHC via single top production
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- No update so far for htc coupling
- Will go down compared to Snowmass 2013, but safe to say some model will stay above $BR > 10^{-6}$
- Motivates pursuing also ϕtc couplings with a general BSM scalar ϕ

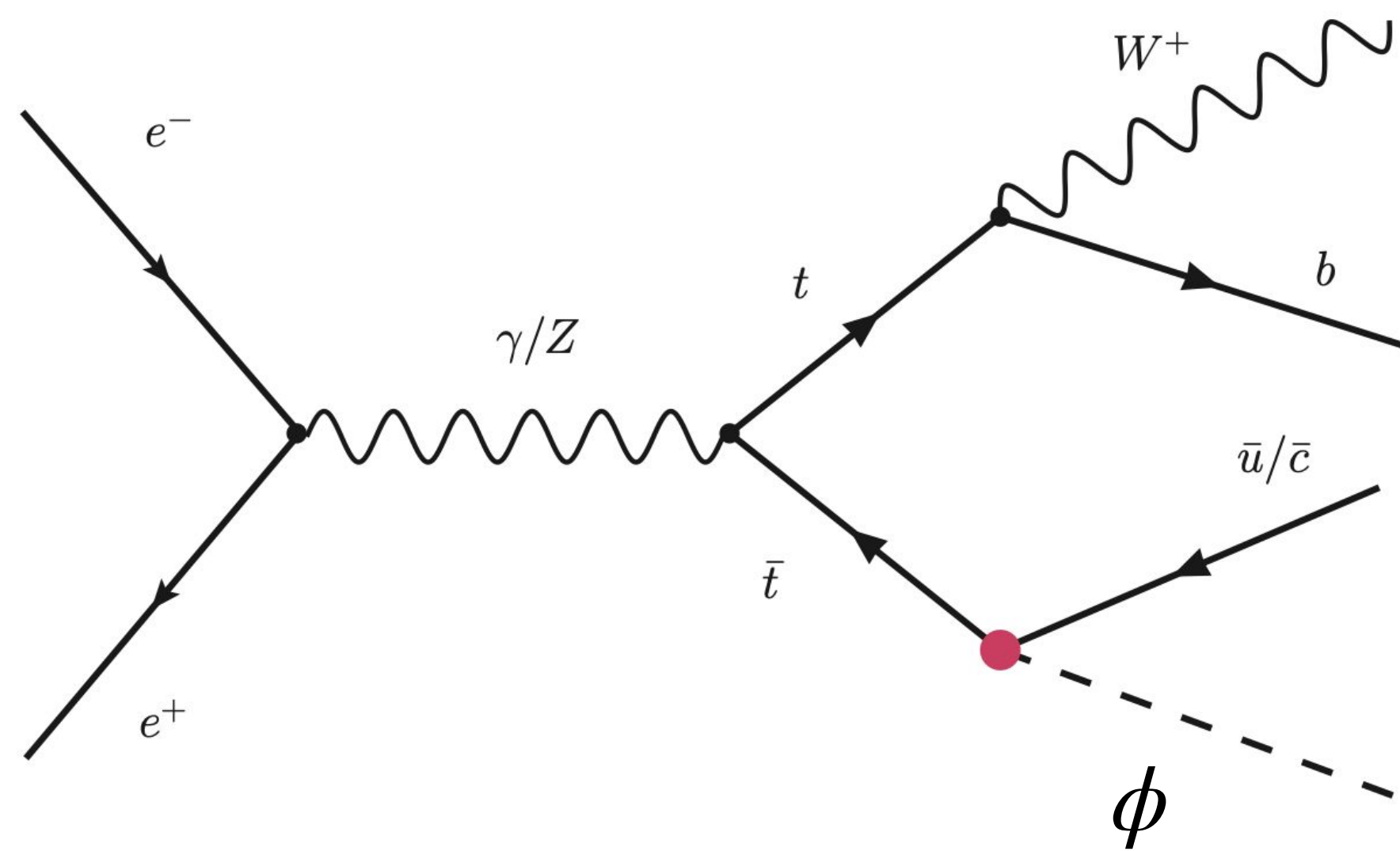
* does not mean one cannot make new ad-hoc models!

$t \rightarrow \phi c$ in **IDEA**

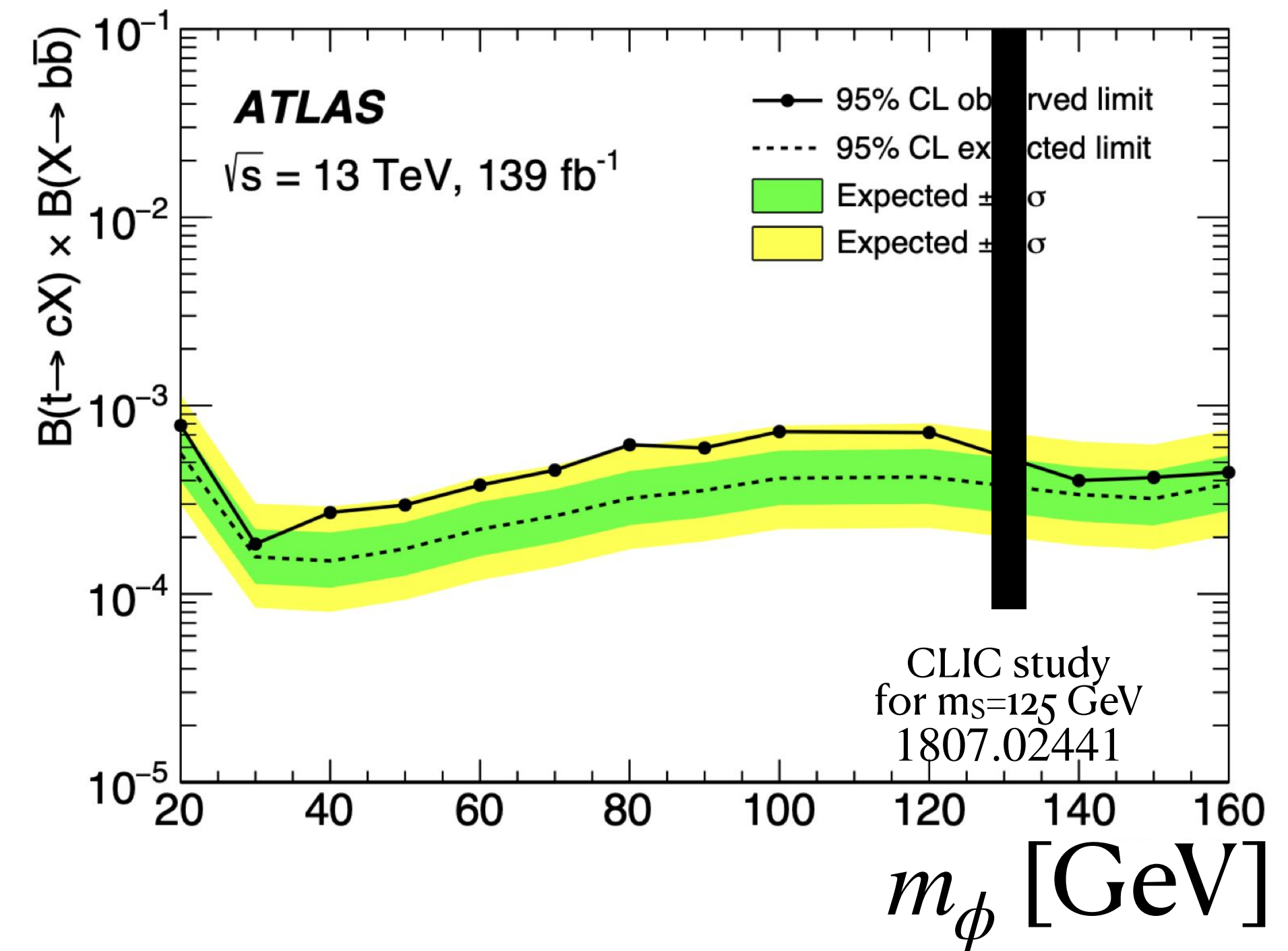
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BSM decays of top quark

$$t \rightarrow c\phi$$



studied for $m_\phi = 15, 20, 50, 120$ GeV



New bounds

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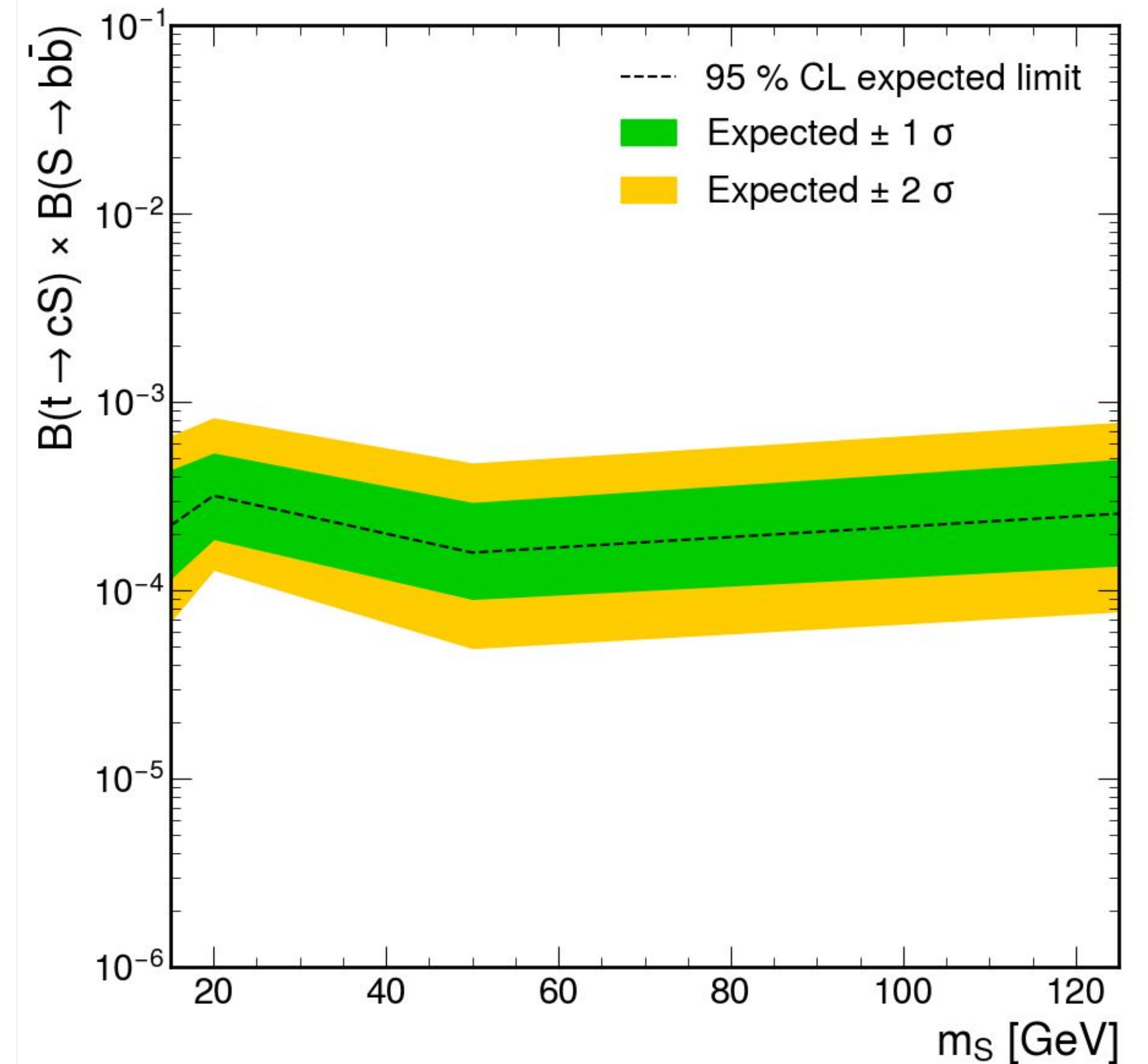
background $tt + jet$

Key4Hep production chain with Delphes

- At least one isolated lepton: $p > 5 \text{ GeV}$, $|\eta| < 2.9$, relative isolation $\Delta R < 0.5$
- 4-jets exclusive clustering with algo Durham, at least two of which are b-tagged (ParticleTransformer, trained on Higgs samples, training: wc_pt_13_01_2022, WP > 0.5) and at least one that is c-tagged (WP > 0.5)
- Flavour tagging performance is crucial for this analysis.
- Jets are combined in order to get the best combination for the $S \rightarrow bb$ and $t \rightarrow cS$

BDT to discriminate signal to background

- With good performance for high working point (0.97).



New bounds

$$t \rightarrow c\phi, \phi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$

background $tt + jet$

Key4Hep production chain with Delphes

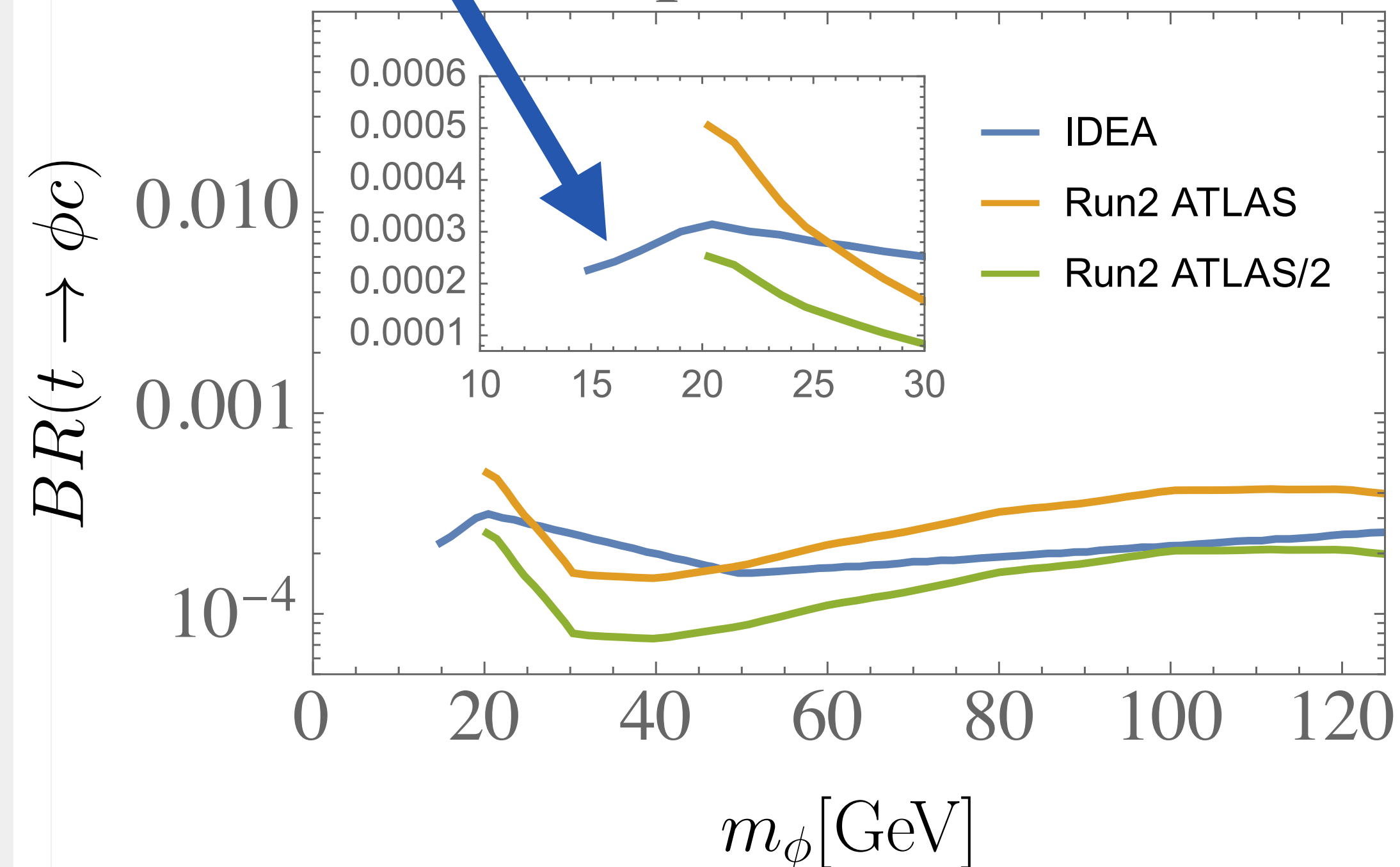
- At least one isolated lepton: $p > 5$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.9$, relative isolation $\Delta R < 0.5$
- 4-jets exclusive clustering with algo Durham, at least two of which are b-tagged (ParticleTransformer, trained on Higgs samples, training: wc_pt_13_01_2022, WP > 0.5) and at least one that is c-tagged (WP > 0.5)
- Flavour tagging performance is crucial for this analysis.
- Jets are combined in order to get the best combination for the $S \rightarrow bb$ and $t \rightarrow cS$

BDT to discriminate signal to background

- With good performance for high working point (0.97).

Demonstrated sensitivity to light scalar below range probed at LHC

Expected Limits



Paris SRCH parallels

Dark Matter

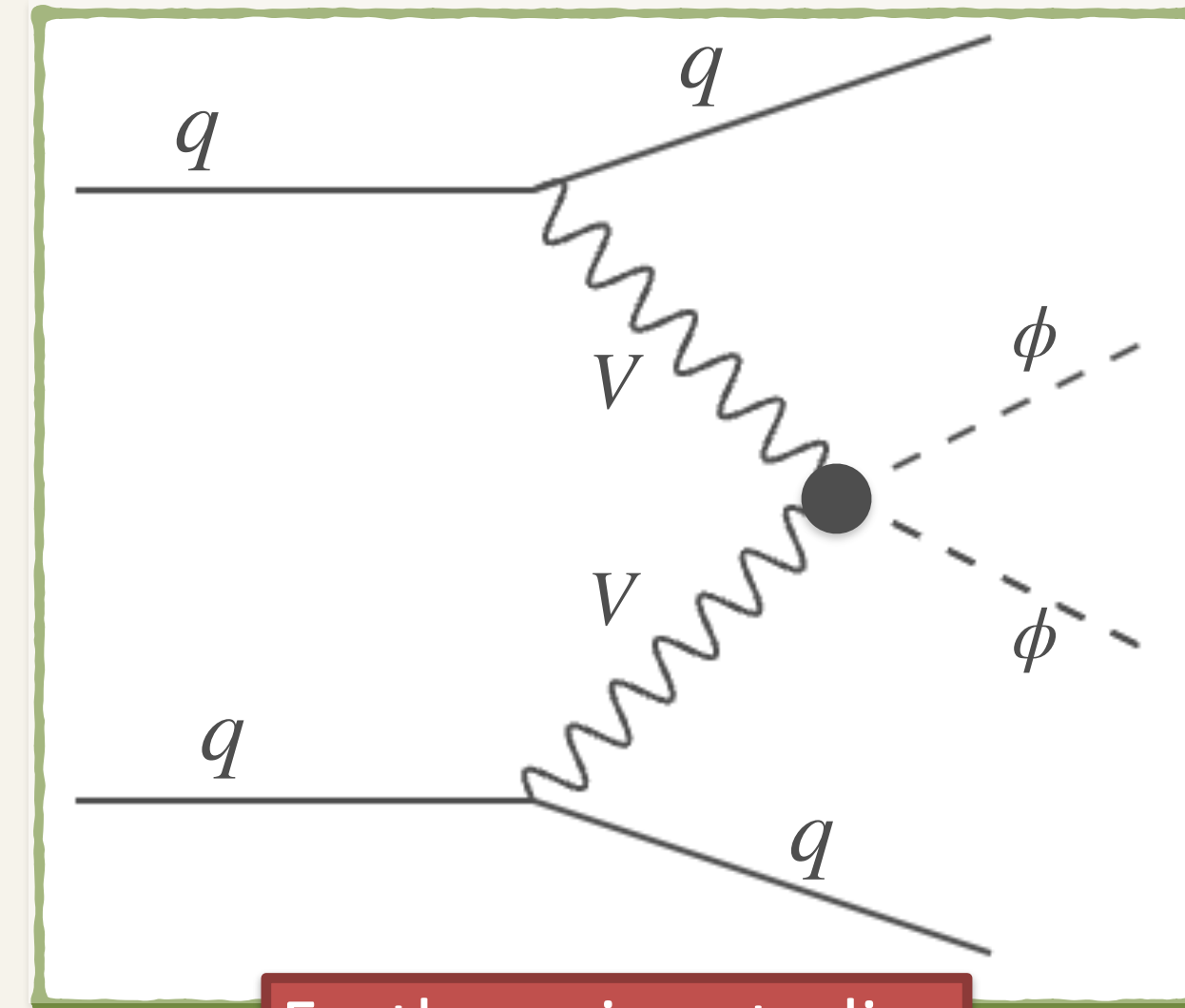
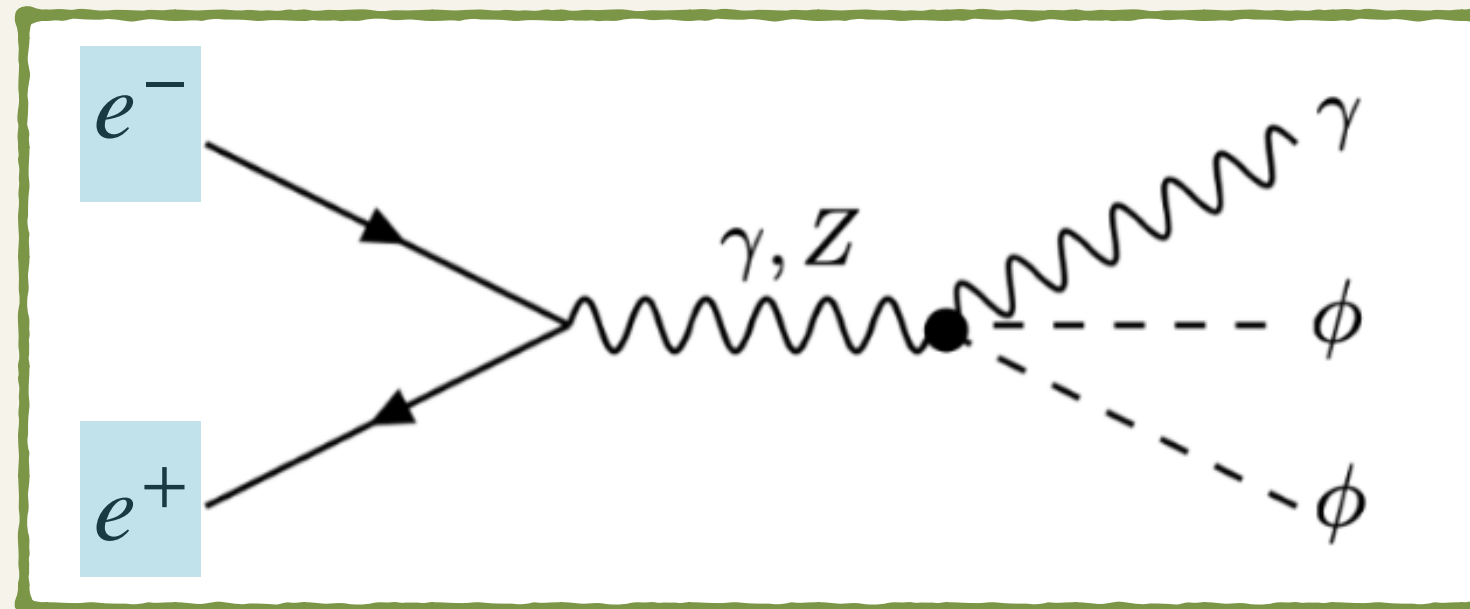
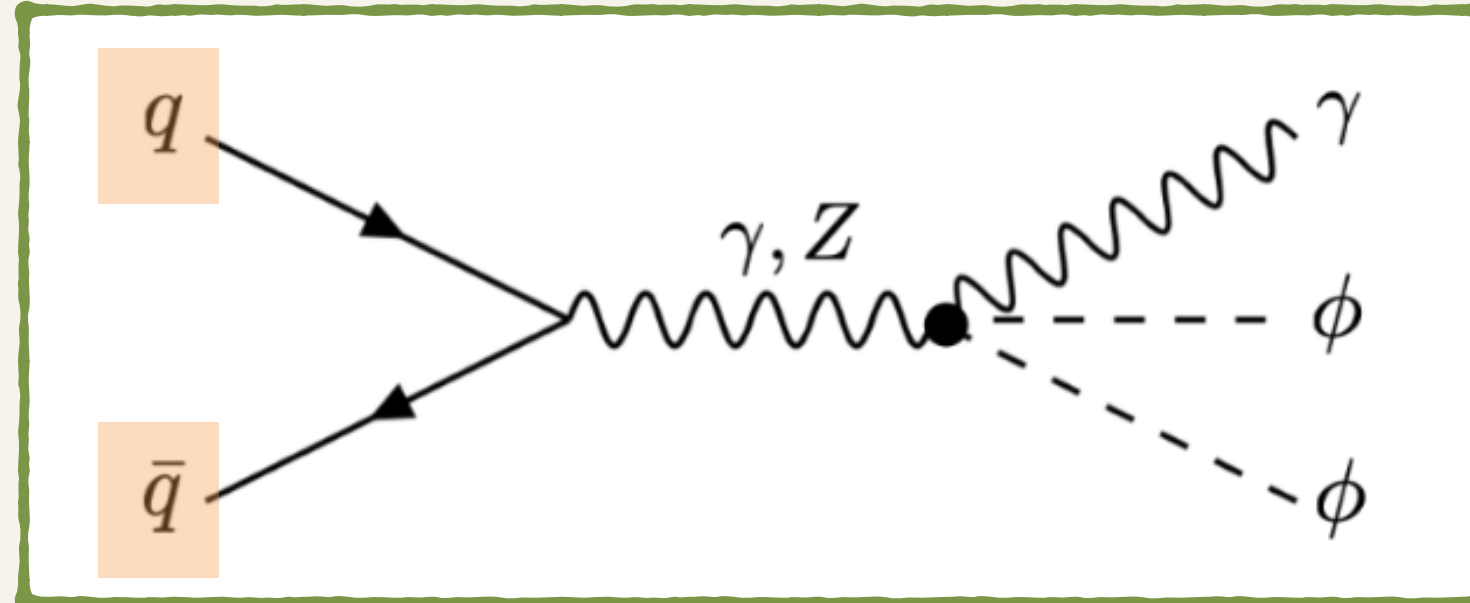
“Pair-coupled” Dark Matter

LHC and HTE factory

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Drell-Yan processes + Fusion TBD

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Forthcoming studies

Giulio Marino

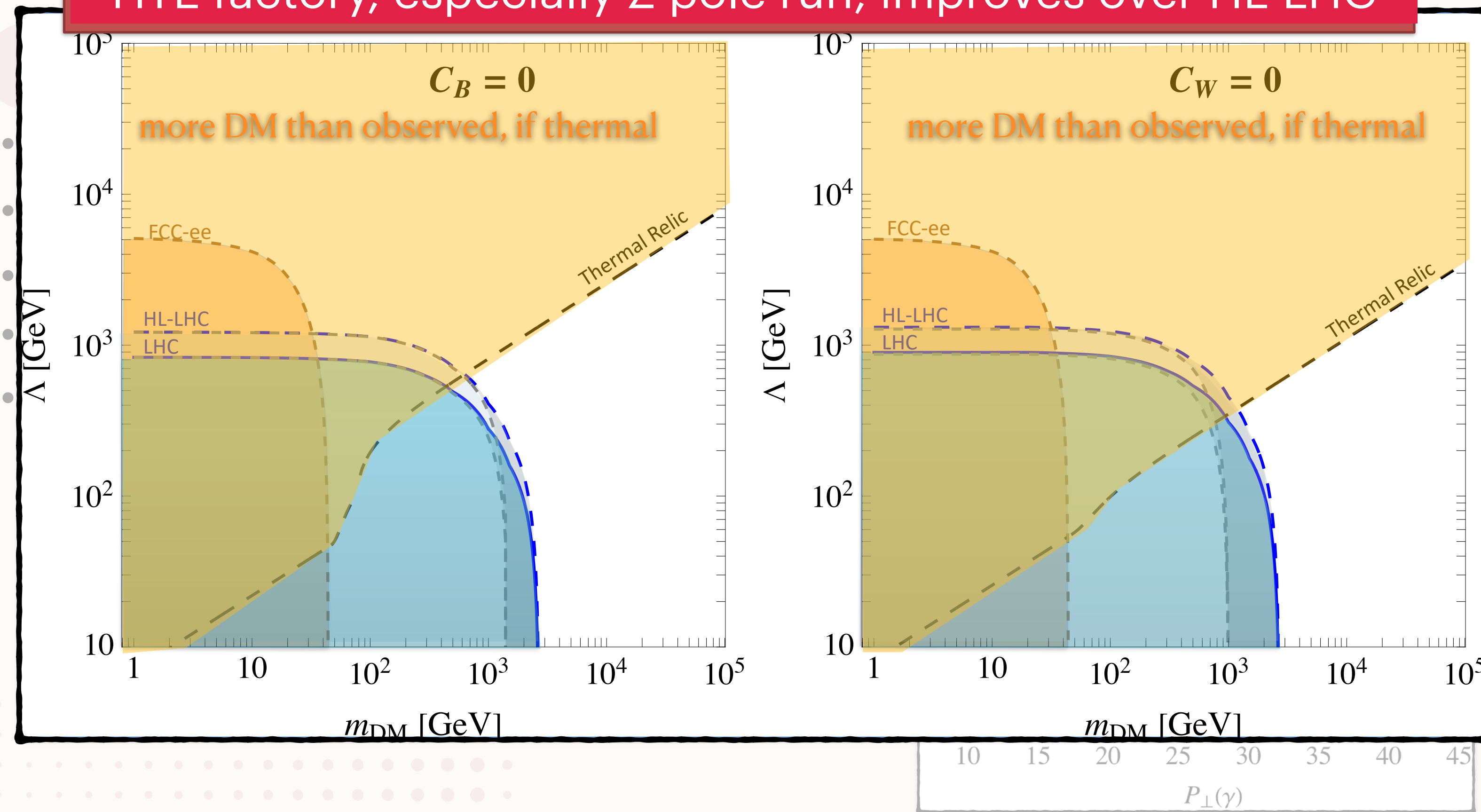
“Pair-coupled” Dark Matter

improved sensitivity for light DM candidates

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HTE factory, especially Z pole run, improves over HL-LHC

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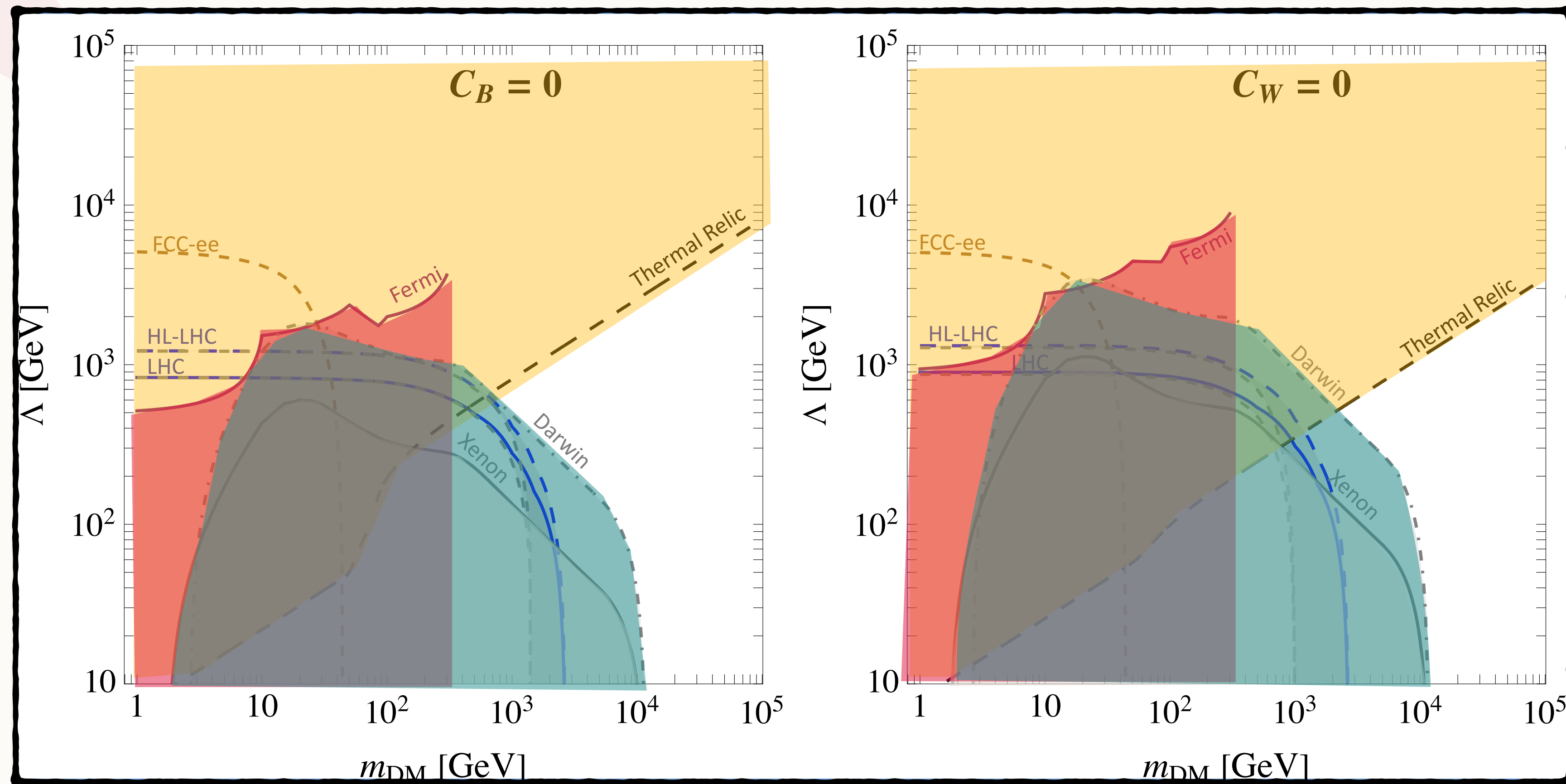
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improved sensitivity for light DM candidates

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DD and ID

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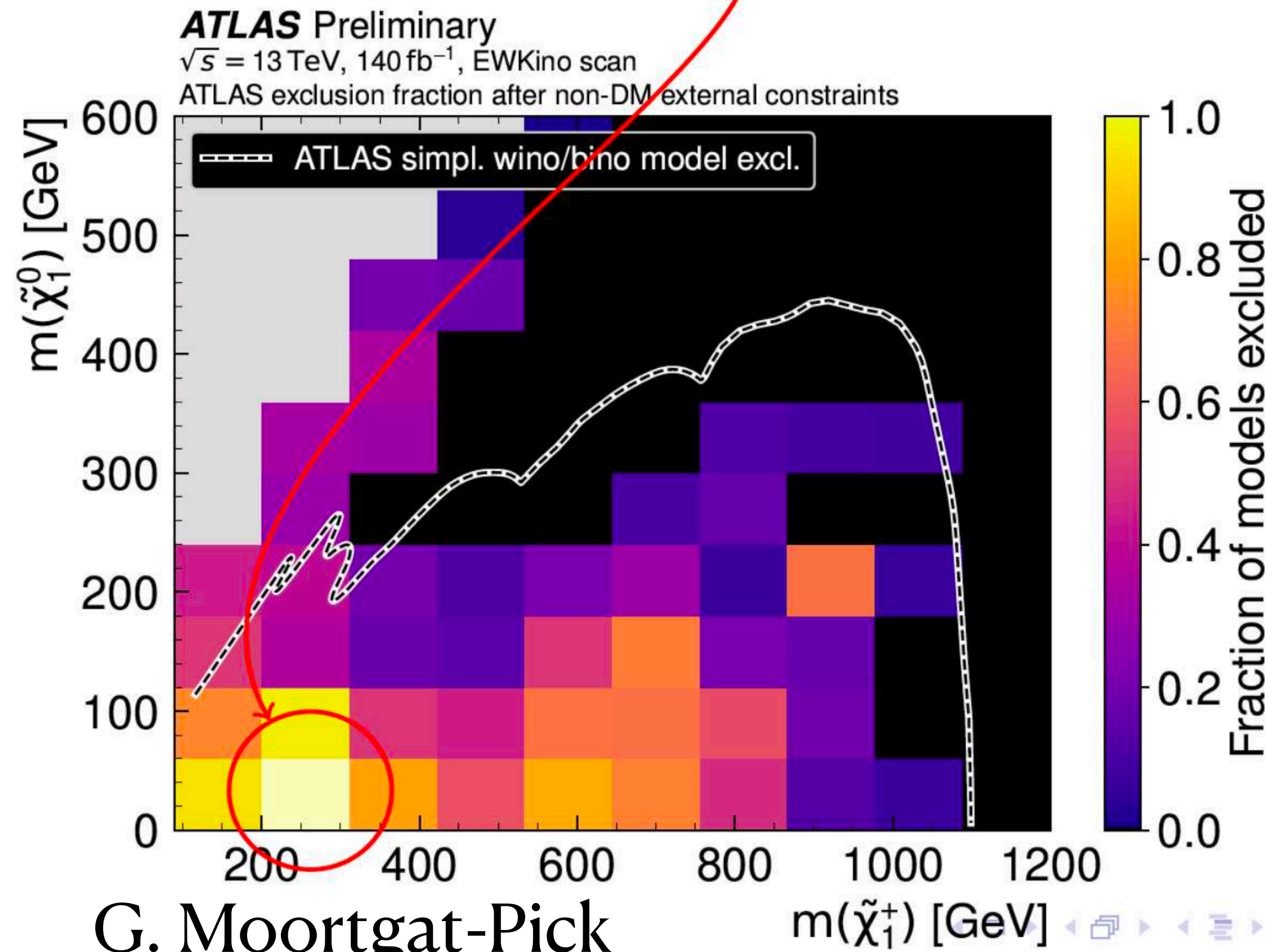
Light chargino-neutralino

starting to appear in the LHC data?

Impact from LHC SUSY searches limits

taken from M. Berggren 2023

Only this one is actually excluded !



Focus on two scenarios: wino/bino vs higgsino

A) Wino/bino DM with chargino co-annihilation

Parameter scan:

M. Chakraborti, S. Heinemeyer, I. Saha 24

$$\begin{aligned}
 &100 \text{ GeV} \leq |M_1| \leq 400 \text{ GeV} , \\
 &|M_1| \leq M_2 \leq 1.1|M_1| , \\
 &1.1|M_1| \leq \mu \leq 10|M_1| , \\
 &2 \leq \tan \beta \leq 60 , \\
 &100 \text{ GeV} \leq m_{\tilde{L}} \leq 1.5 \text{ TeV} , \\
 &m_{\tilde{R}} = m_{\tilde{L}} .
 \end{aligned}$$

(latter condition only to make the analysis simpler, no relevant effect)

wino/bino(+): $M_1 \times \mu > 0$

wino/bino(-): $M_1 \times \mu < 0$

relic DM density can be 100% fulfilled

$\Rightarrow m_{(N)\text{LSP}} \lesssim 600(650) \text{ GeV}$

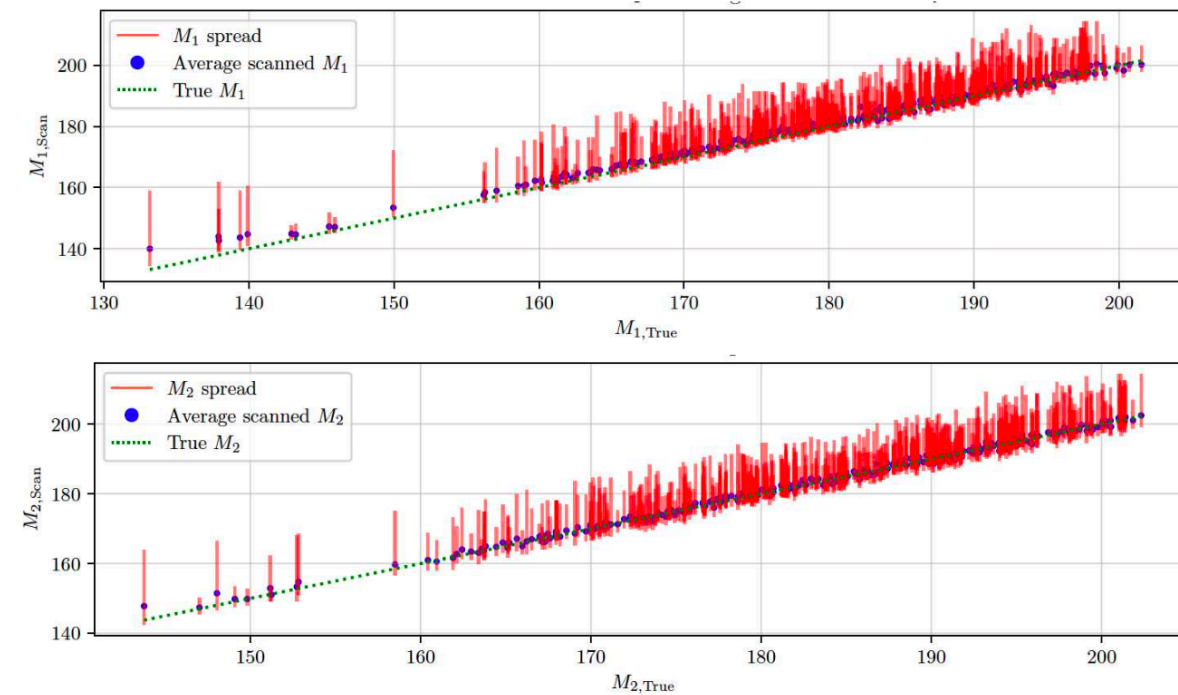
(original scan assuming a 5σ deviation in $(g-2)_\mu$)

Light chargino-neutralino

starting to appear in the LHC data?

Reconstruction of parameters

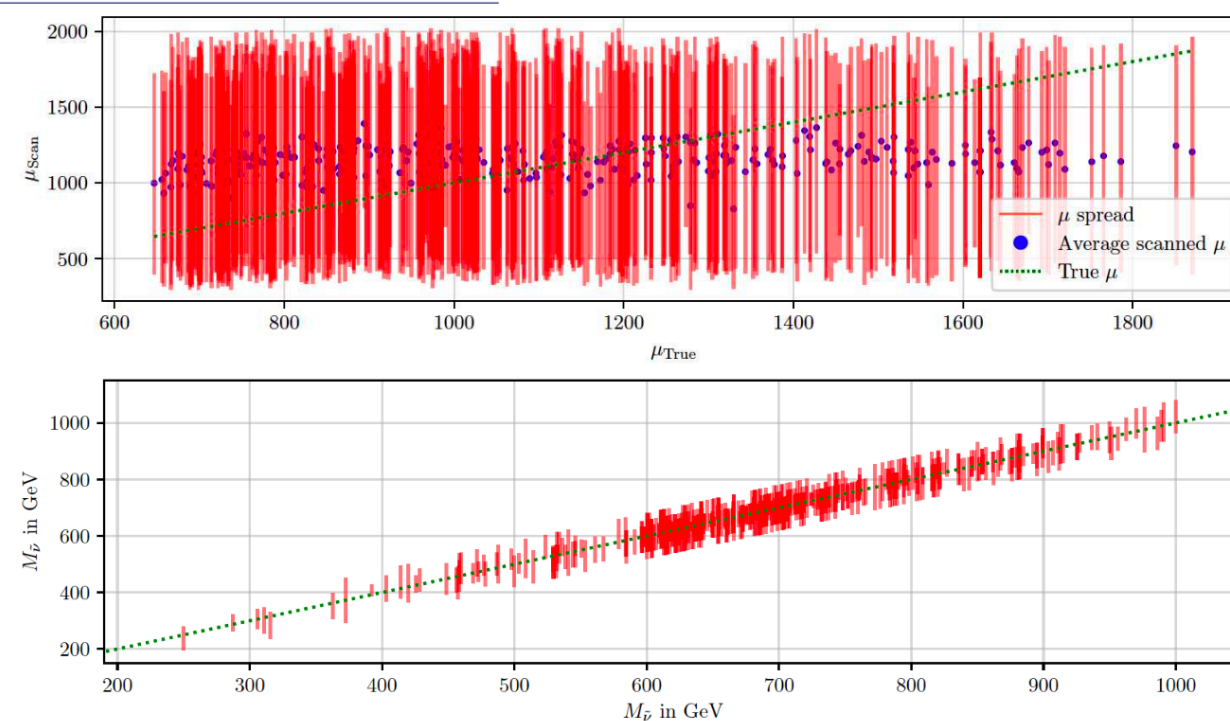
Reconstruction of M_1 and M_2 :



⇒ good reconstructions possible

Reconstruction of parameters

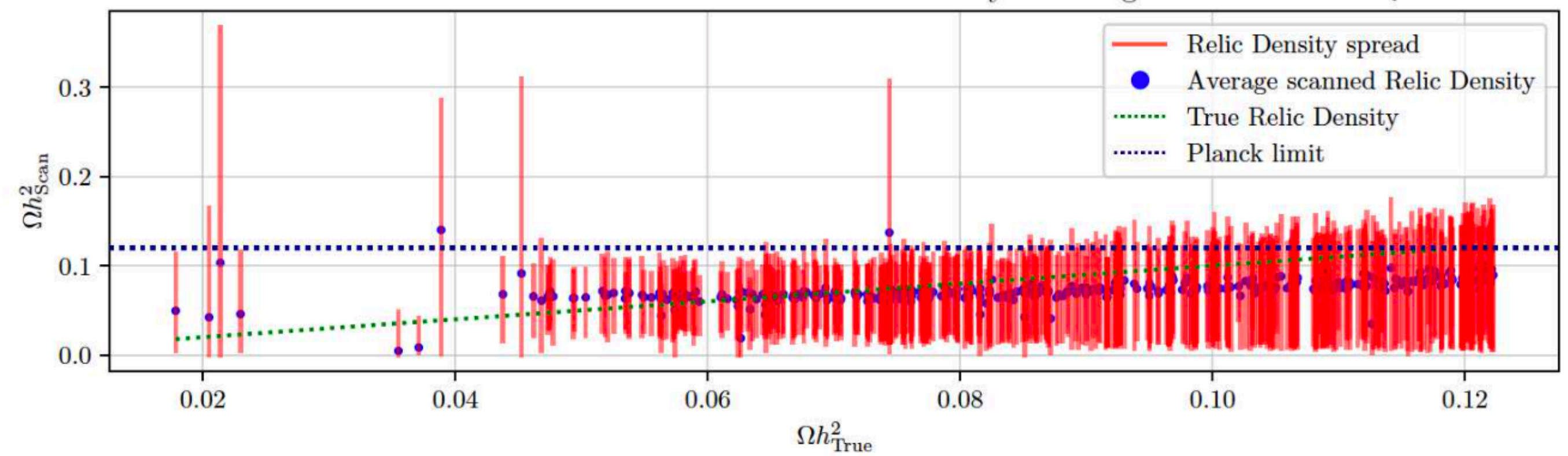
Reconstruction of μ and $m_{\tilde{\nu}_e}$:



⇒ bad reconstruction of μ , good reconstruction of $m_{\tilde{\nu}_e}$
 ⇒ no problem, since μ is not very relevant in this scenario

Relic density

Reconstruction of $\Omega_\chi h^2$:



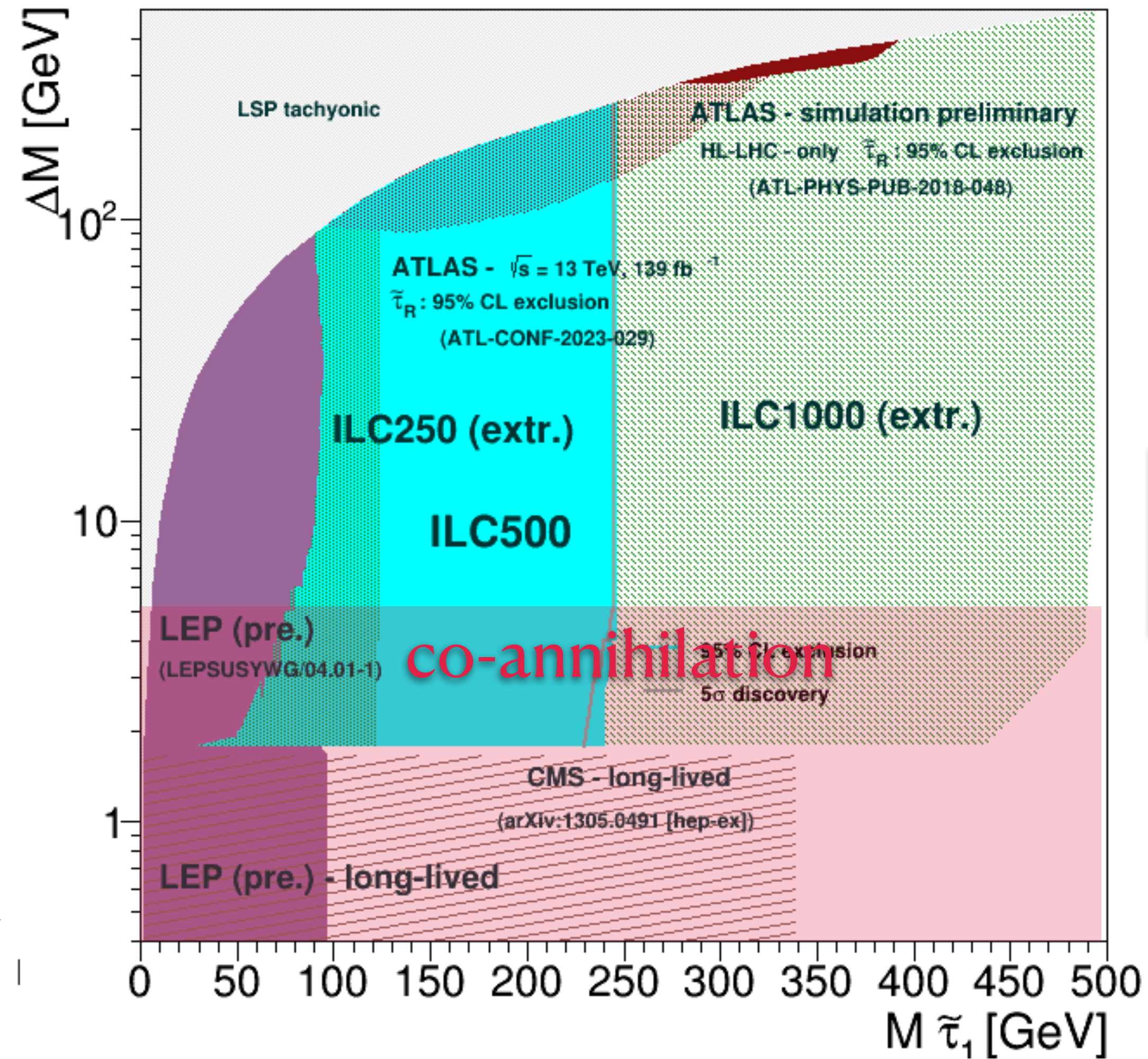
⇒ often large uncertainties - but not too bad either

⇒ reason: experimental uncertainties in M_1 and M_2

⇒ possible improvement: optimized \sqrt{s}

$\tilde{\tau}$ co-annihilation dark matter

close to the degenerate LSP-NLSP



At ILC discovery and exclusion are almost the same and close to the kinematic limit

[arXiv:2105.08616](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08616)



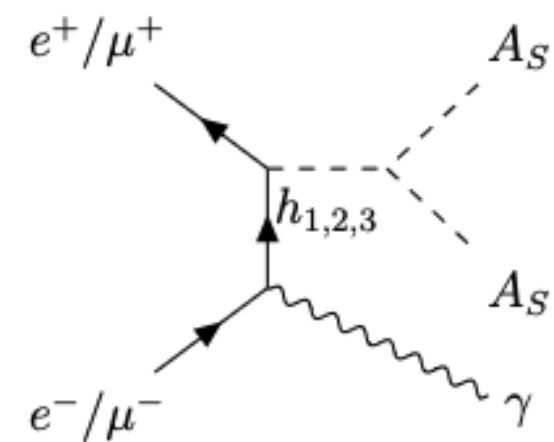
Dark matter from 2HDM+Singlet

more structure signals of DM

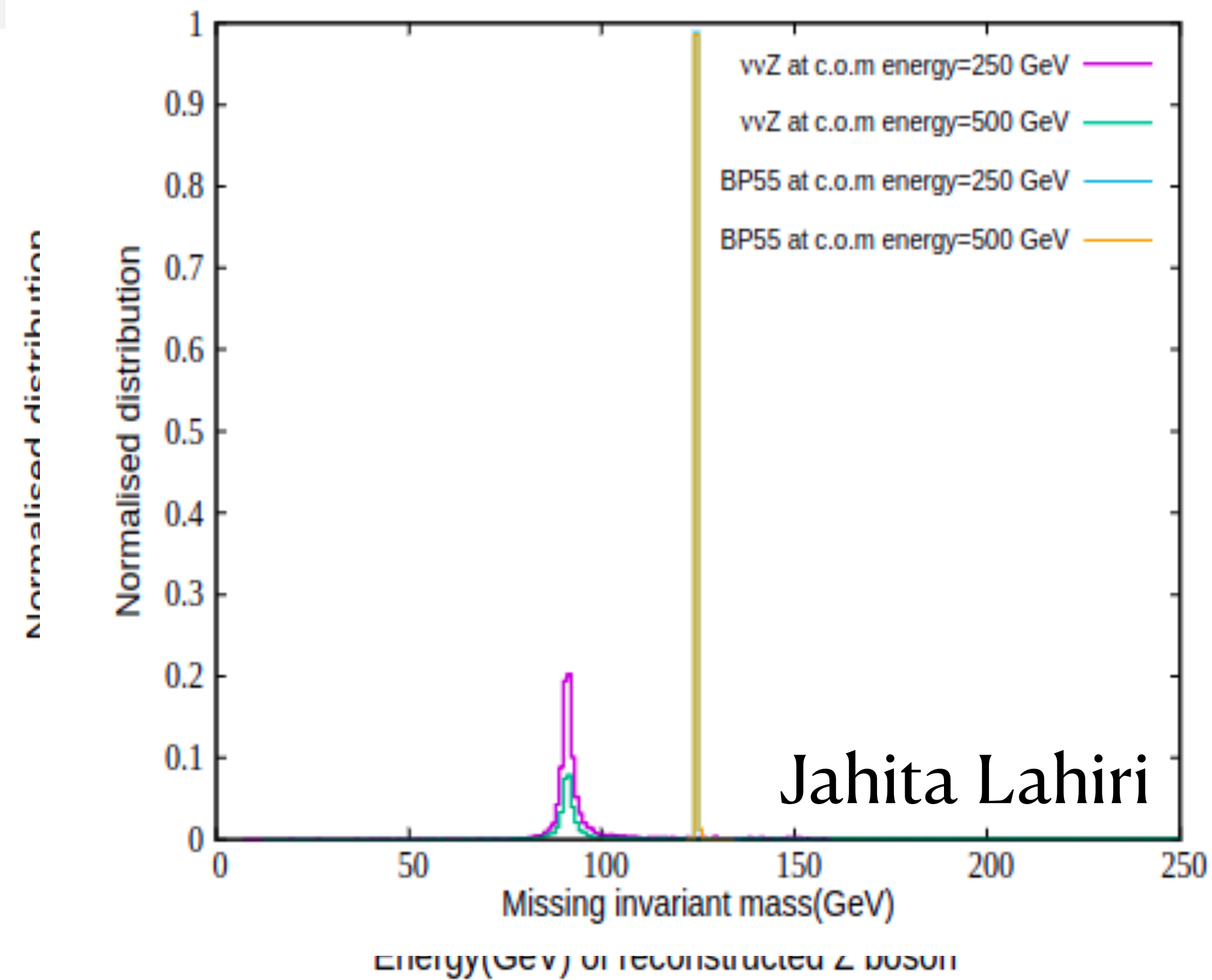
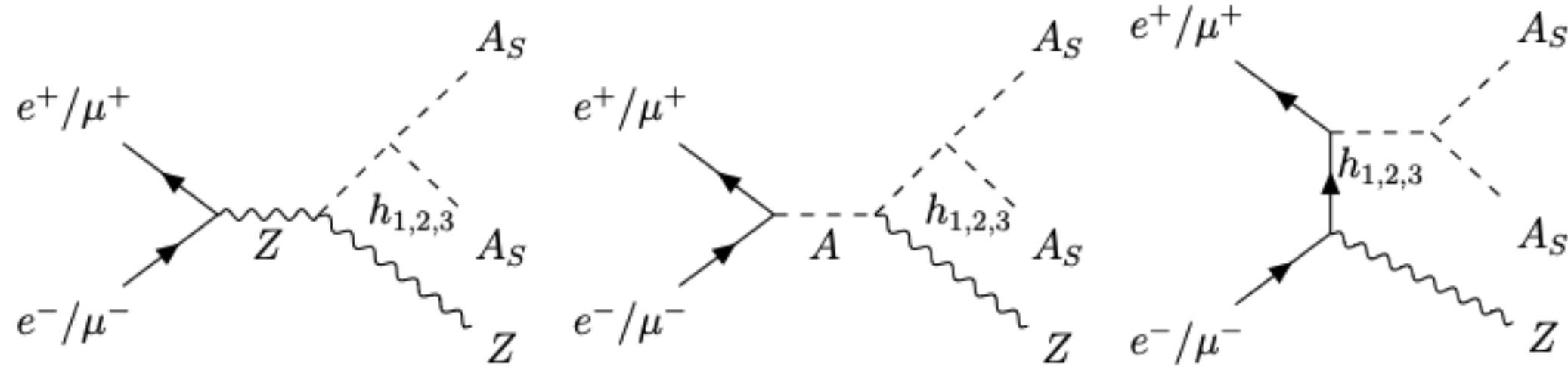
$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= E_{inv}^2 - |\vec{p}_{inv}|^2 \\
 &= (\sqrt{s} - E_Z)^2 - |\vec{p}_Z|^2 \\
 &= (\sqrt{s} - E_Z)^2 - (E_Z^2 - m_Z^2) \\
 &= s - 2\sqrt{s}E_Z + m_Z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Dark matter search at lepton colliders

Mono- γ



Mono-Z

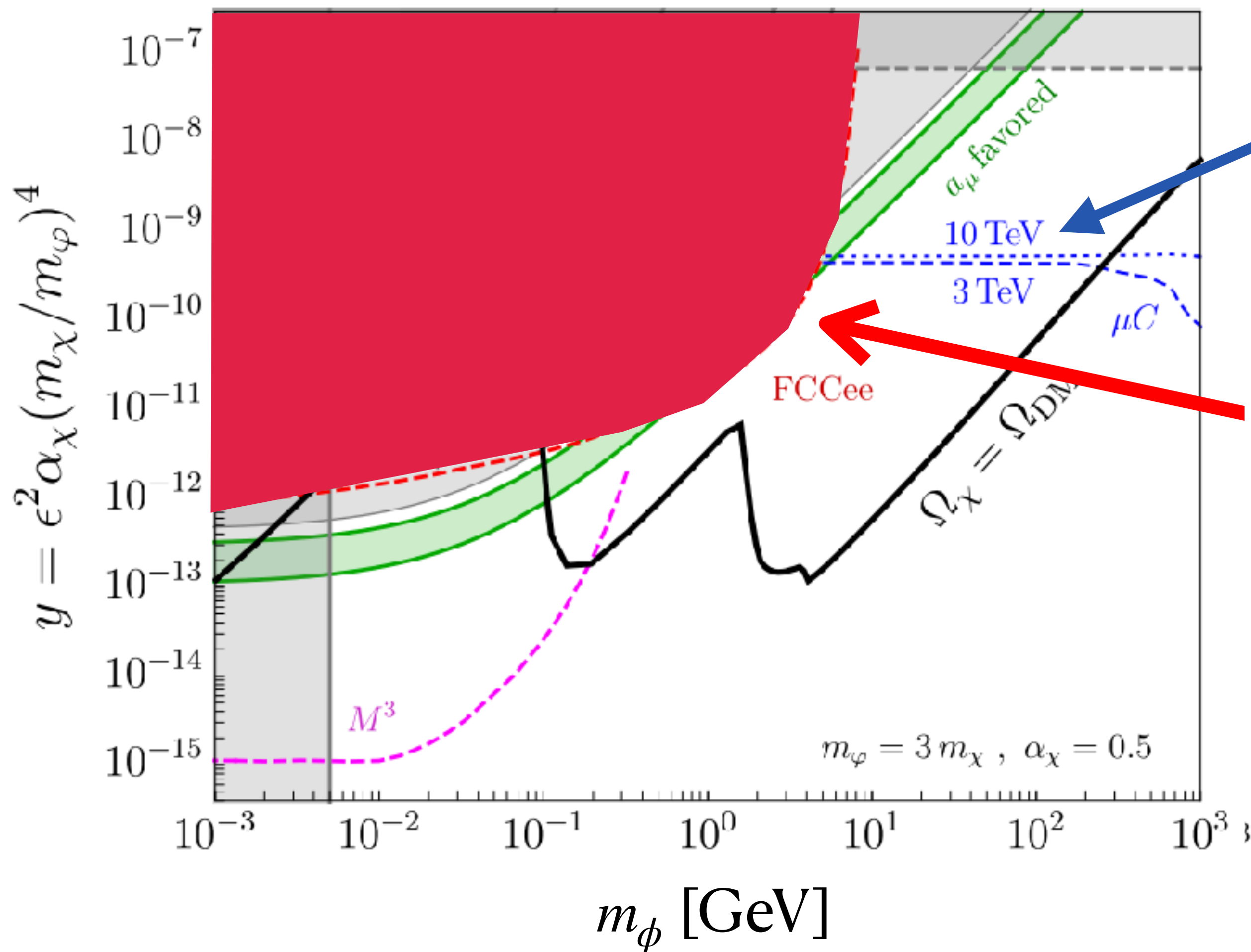


lepto-philic dark matter

1 singlet, 2 doublets (one only couples to leptons)

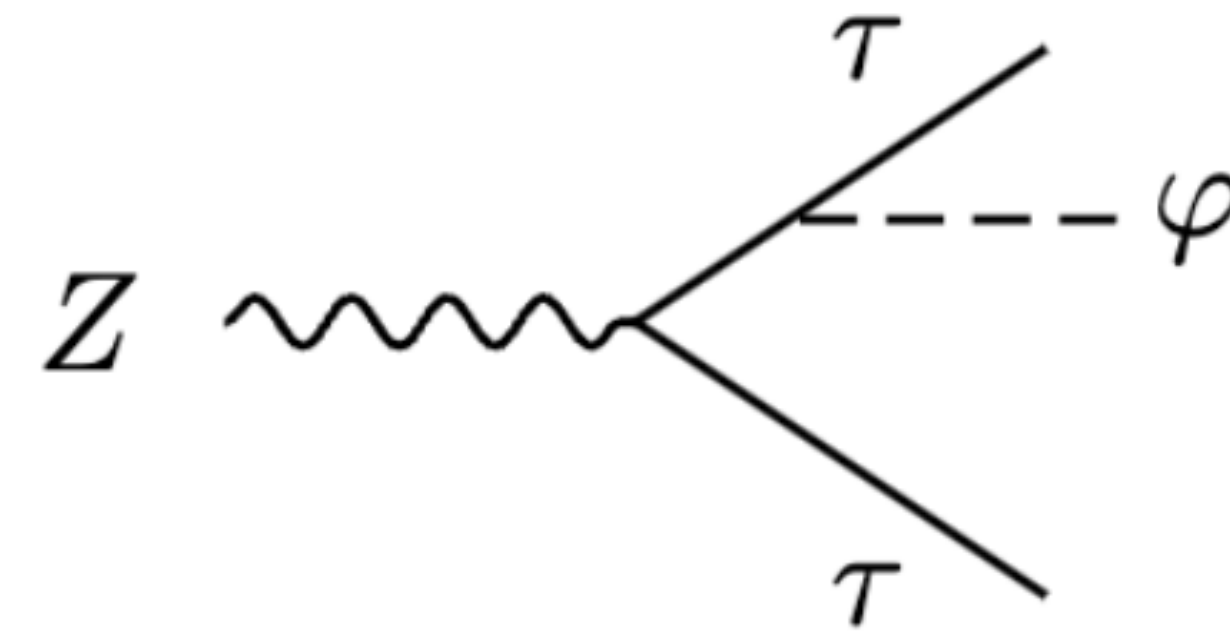
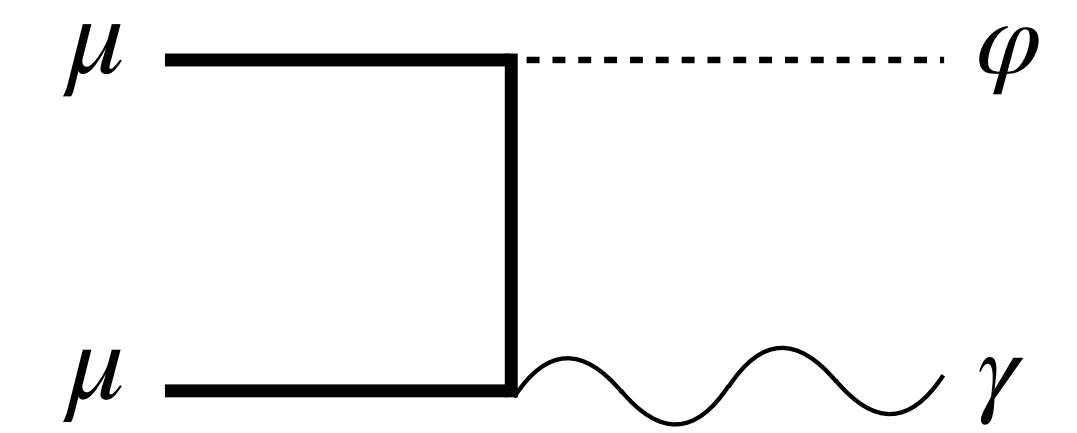
$$H_1 \sim (1,2)_{1/2} \quad +S \sim (1,1)_0$$

$$H_2 \sim (1,2)_{-1/2}$$



$$\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \varphi \gamma$$

$$E_\gamma \sim \sqrt{s}/2$$



$$\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \tau\tau)$$

Cari Cesarotti

Paris SRCH parallels

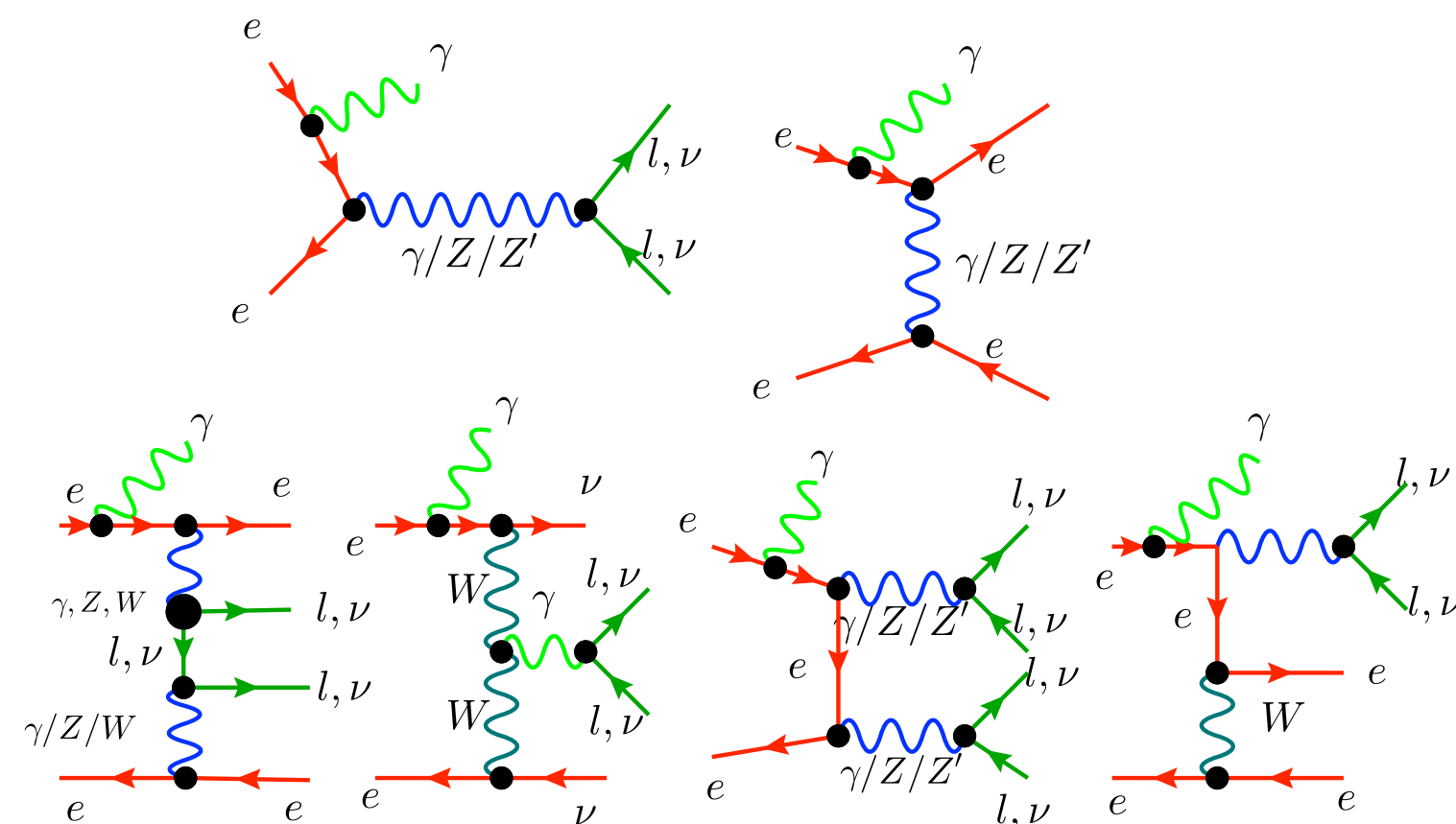
Z'

New vector states

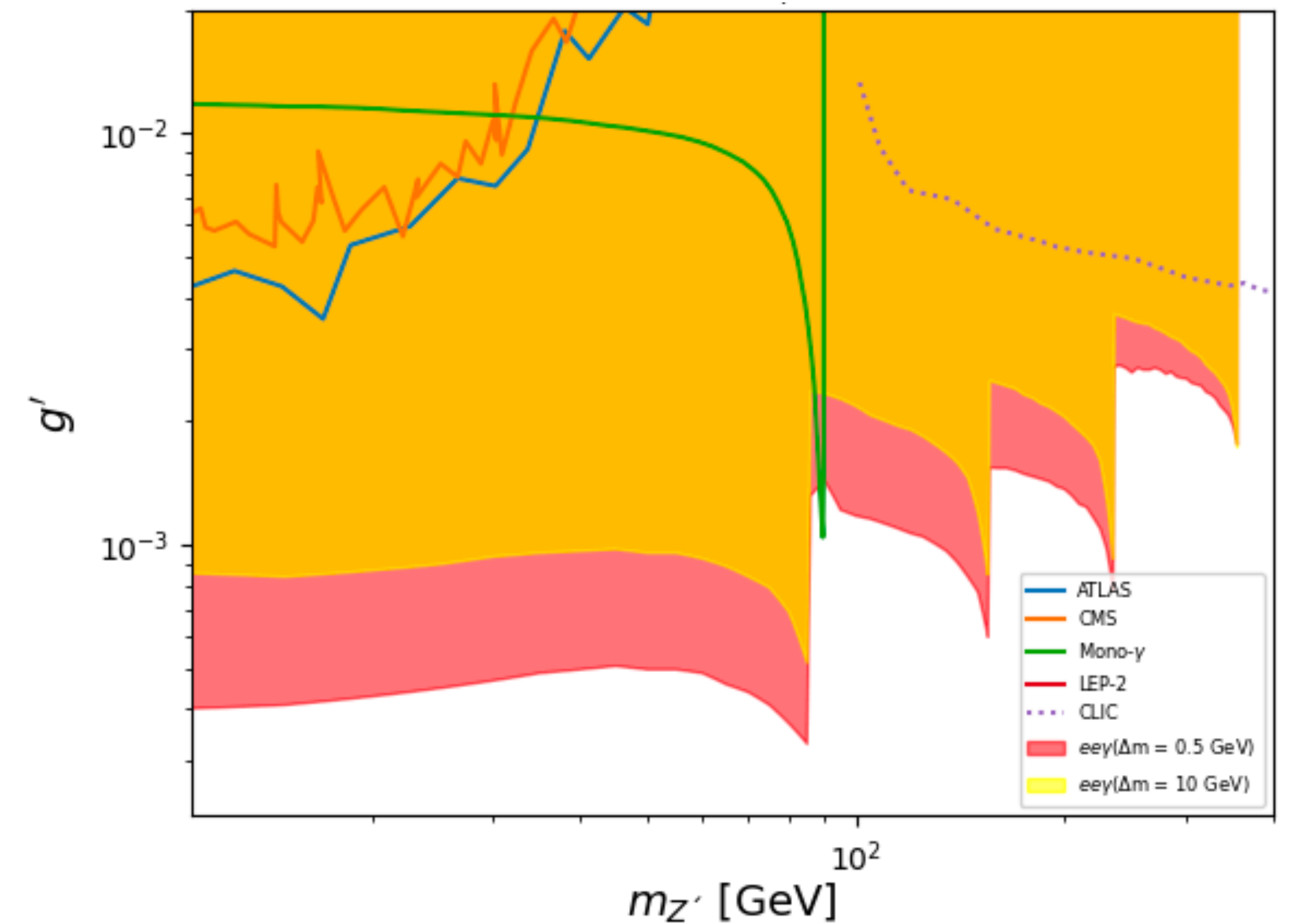
flavor-aware gauge bosons in IDEA

- Signal: $e^+e^- \rightarrow \gamma X$ with $X = l^+l^-, \nu\nu$

- Selection cuts (aligned with IDEA thresholds)
 - e, μ : $p_T > 0.5$ GeV, $|\eta| \leq 2.5$, $\Delta R(l, X) > 0.5$.
 - γ : $E > 2$ GeV, $p_T > 0.5$ GeV, $|\eta| \leq 3.0$, $\Delta R(\gamma, X) > 0.5$.
 - τ : $p_T > 1$ GeV, $|\eta| \leq 3.0$, $\Delta R(\tau, X) > 0.5$,
- Object efficiencies (from IDEA card): $\epsilon_{e,\mu,\gamma} = 0.99$, $\epsilon_\tau = 0.6$

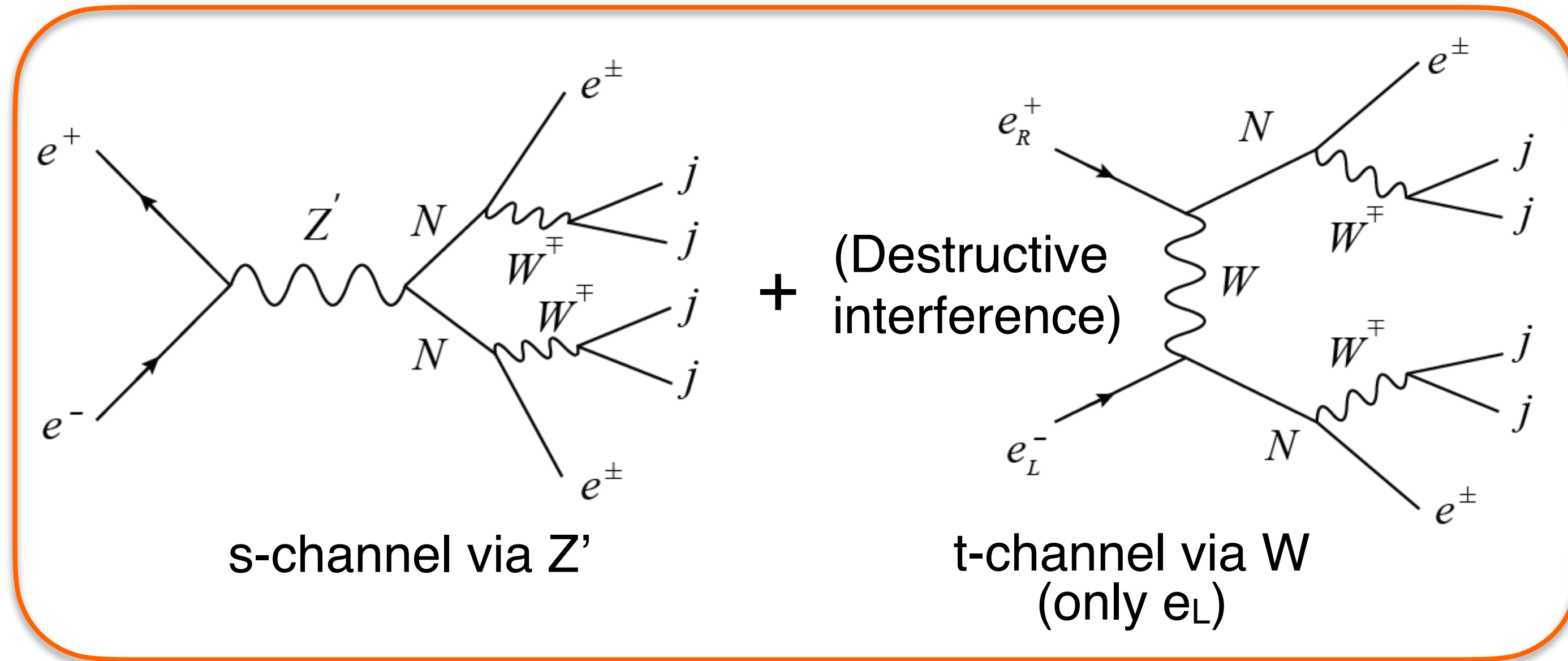


$L_e - L_\tau$ gauge boson

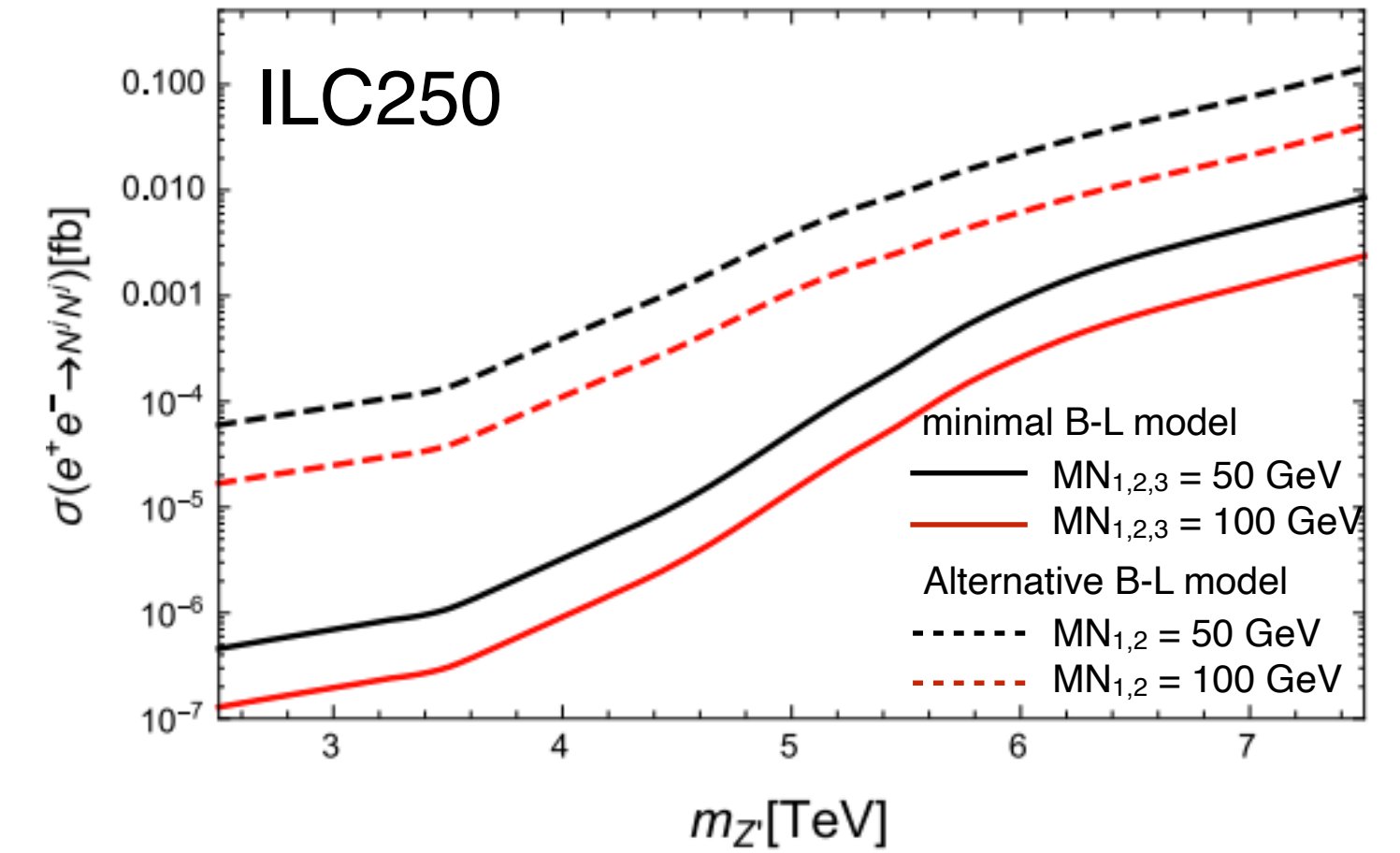


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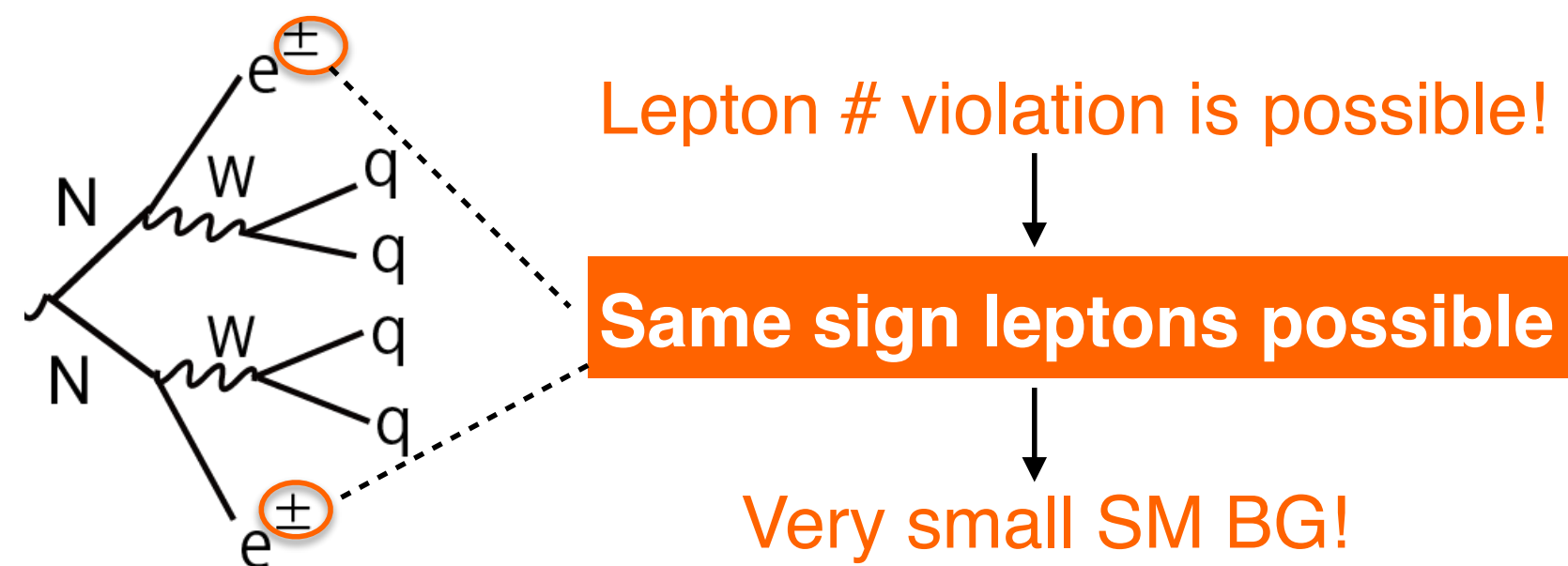
HNL gauge bosons in ILD



RHN pair production crosssection at ILC250 for expected HL-LHC limits on $M_{Z'}/g'$

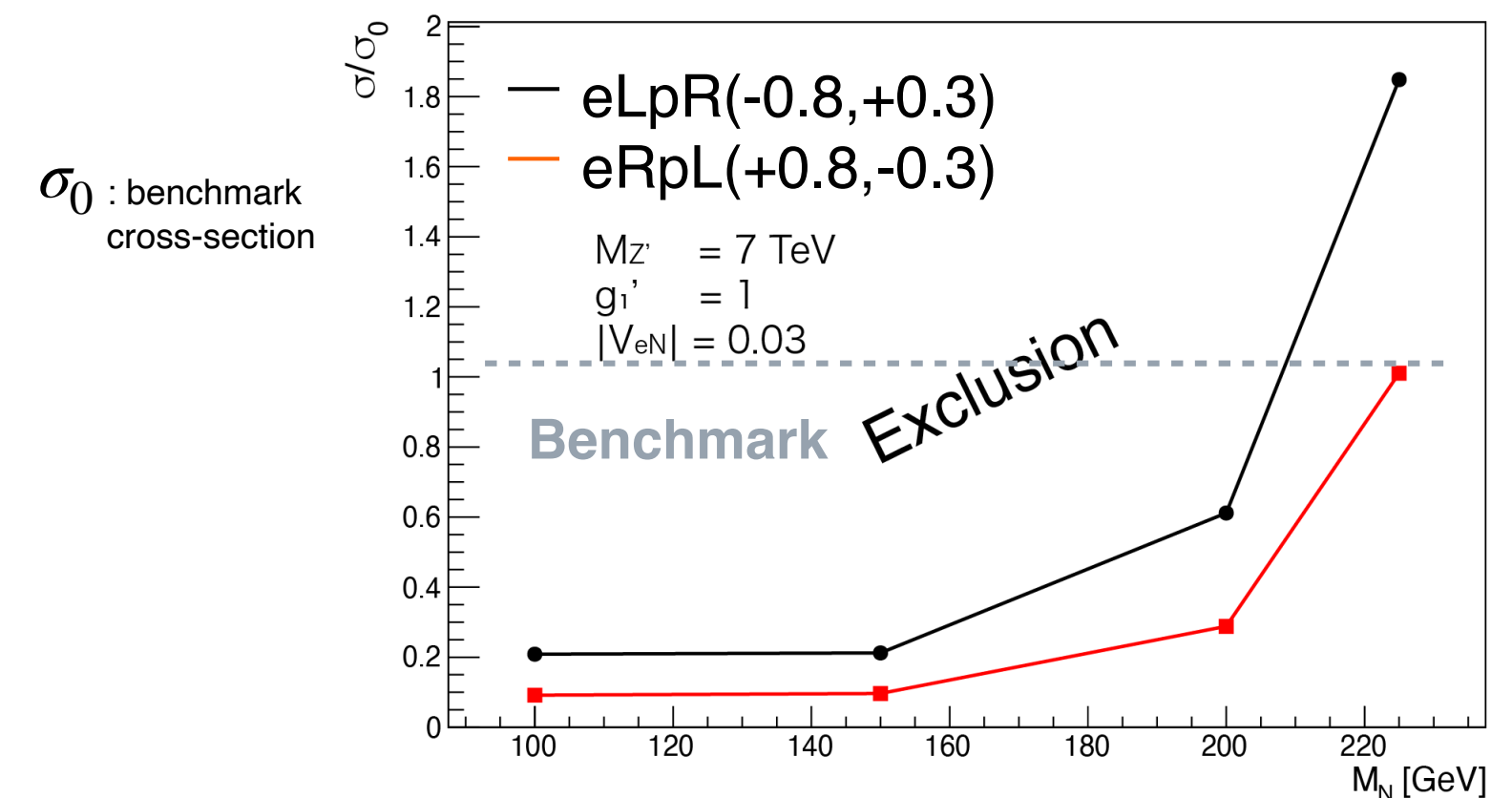


arXiv[1812.11931]



Jurina Nakajima

Calculate 95% UL on σ/σ_0



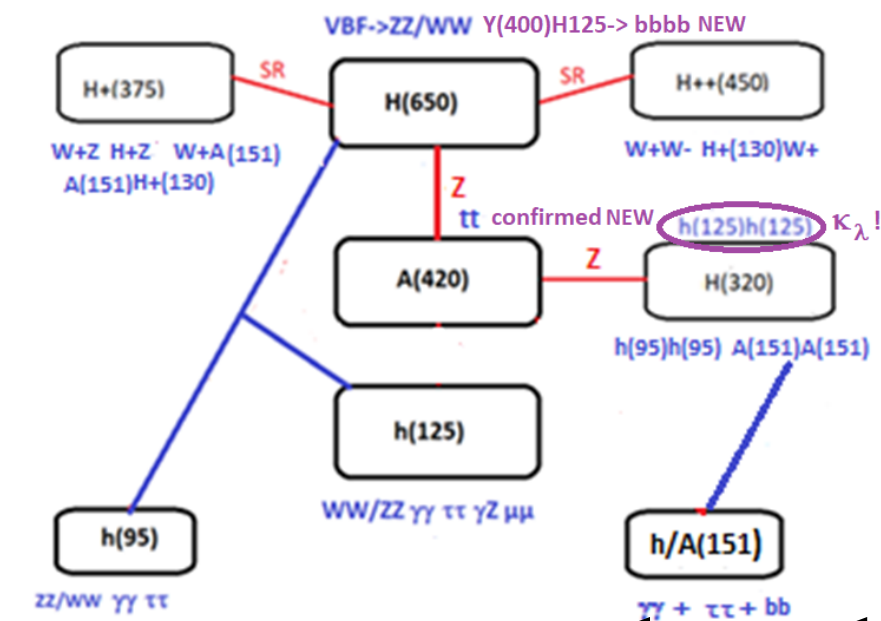
Strongly limited by eRpL case and lighter RHN masses

New vector and (tensor?) states

puzzles from the LHC keep showing up ...

Should the LHC experiment start to publish the “trial factor”? How many independent signal regions have been looked at? Is 3σ the new 1σ ? Helpful to take into account properly the LHC results in our study.

SUMMARY OF BSM SCALAR CANDIDATES



François Richard

- We should not ignore the possibility of tensor candidates in searches for BSM scalar resonances
- To select $T(650) \rightarrow ZZ$, it is therefore important to apply a genuine **cut based** method to CMS data, separating VBF from ggF
- The RS scenario seems able to accommodate the tensor $T(650)$ candidate but also implies **Kaluza Klein heavy vectors** which require our attention
- **$T(650)$** is a fascinating object which can be fully elucidated with an e^+e^- machine reaching 1 TeV
- This could also be true for the **fiveplet** comprising **$T(450)_{++}$**
- We await with great hopes a reanalysis of $X(650) \rightarrow ZZ$ and conclusive results from RUN3, **3.5 sd true signals could then become 5 sd**

Thank you!

if you missed our parallels please check the backup slides

Nomenclature for 2HDMs (no pretense to be complete)

Table 1. The most familiar 2HDMs.

2207.06771

	Model	u_R^i	d_R^i	e_R^i	
$\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1$	Type I	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_2	a.k.a. <i>NFC – Type I</i> or <i>Inert</i>
$\phi_2 \rightarrow -\phi_2, u_R \rightarrow -u_R$	Type II	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_1	a.k.a. "up-specific" or <i>NFC – Type II</i>
$\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1, e_R \rightarrow -e_R$	Lepton-specific	Φ_2	Φ_2	Φ_1	a.k.a. "lepton-specific"
$\phi_1 \rightarrow -\phi_1, d_R \rightarrow -d_R$	Flipped	Φ_2	Φ_1	Φ_2	a.k.a. "down-specific"

NFC=Natural Flavor Conservation

Symmetries can be advocated to fix which Higgs doublet interacts with which kind of fermions.

Paris SRCH parallels

Already? discussed in plenary

(Heavy) Neutrinos

Heavy Neutral Lepton

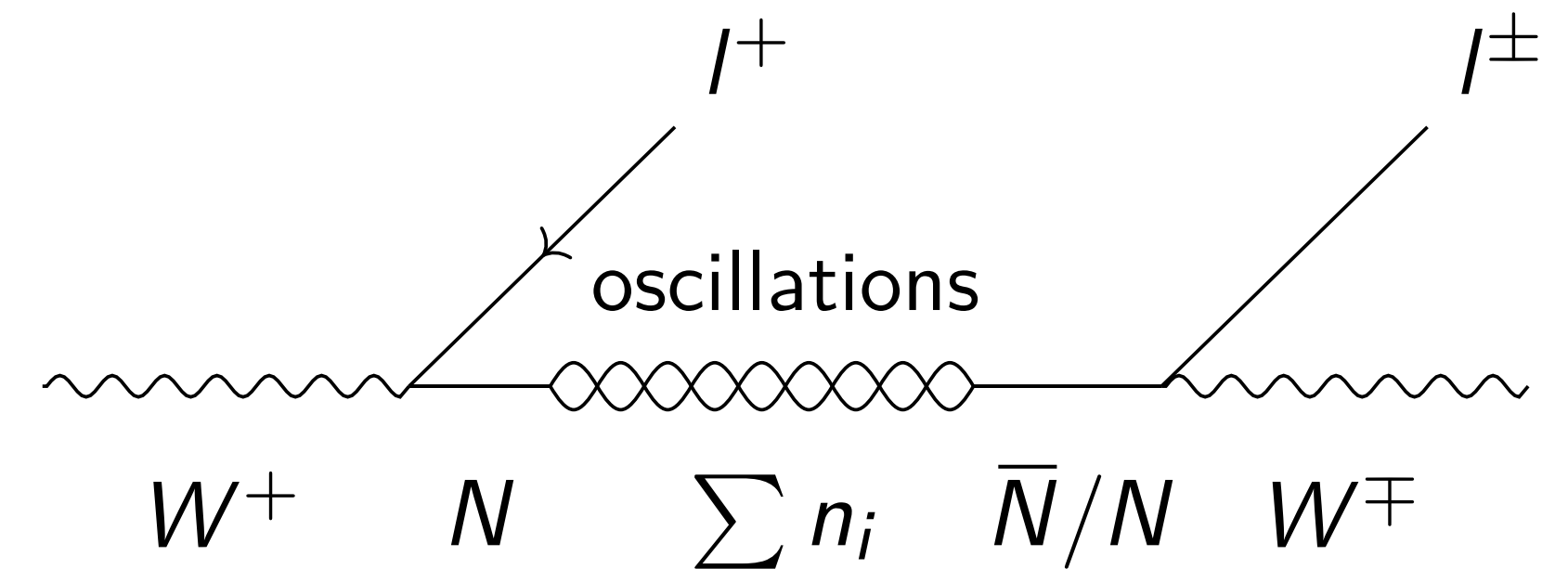
characterization

Symmetry-protected low-scale seesaw

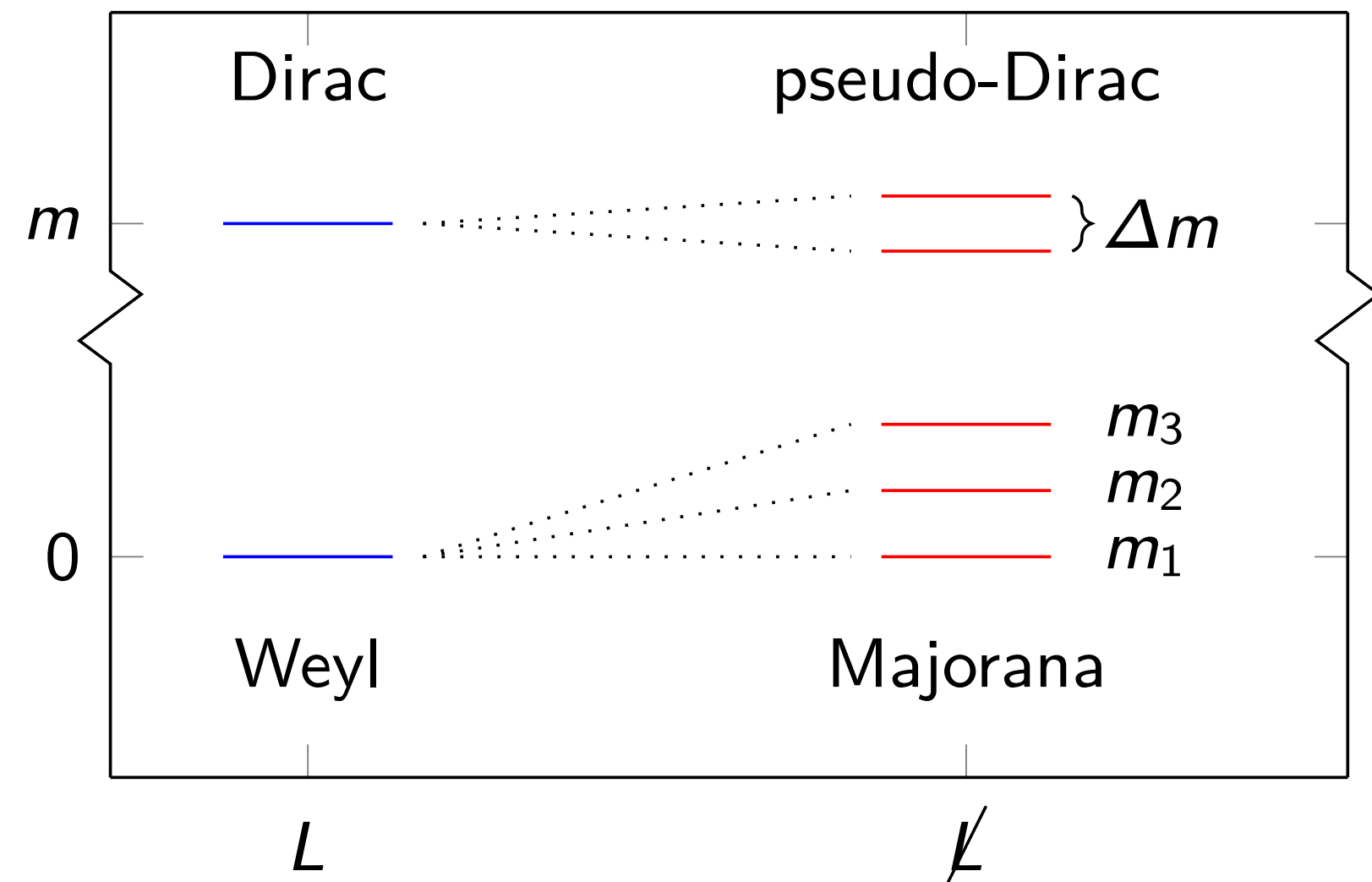
Small symmetry breaking \mathcal{L}

- Light neutrino masses $m_\nu \propto \mathcal{L}$
- Heavy neutrino mass splitting $\Delta m \propto \mathcal{L}$

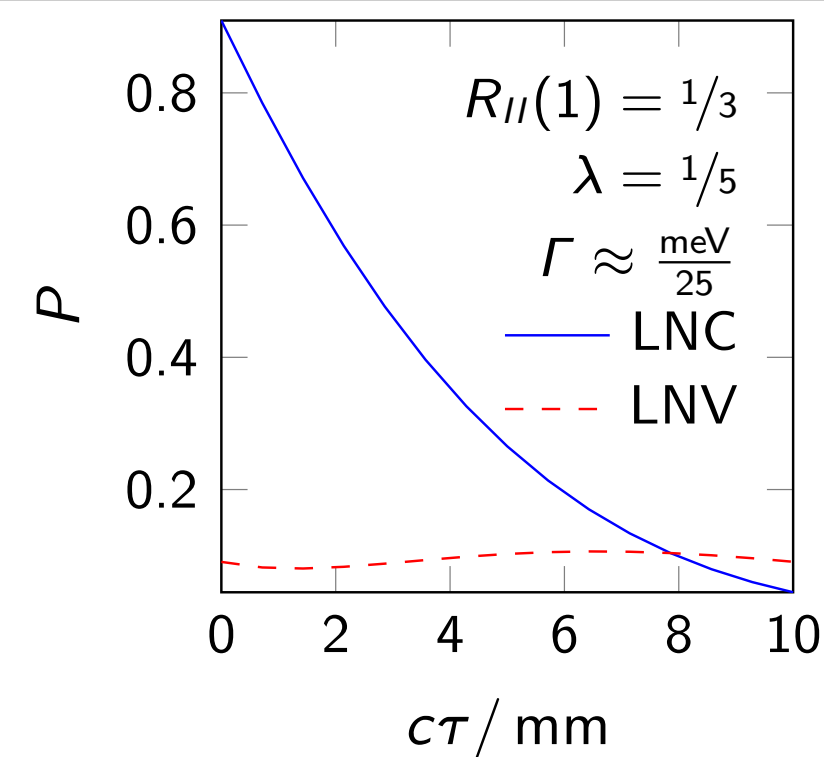
Oscillating mass eigenstates n_i



Breaking induced neutrino mass splitting

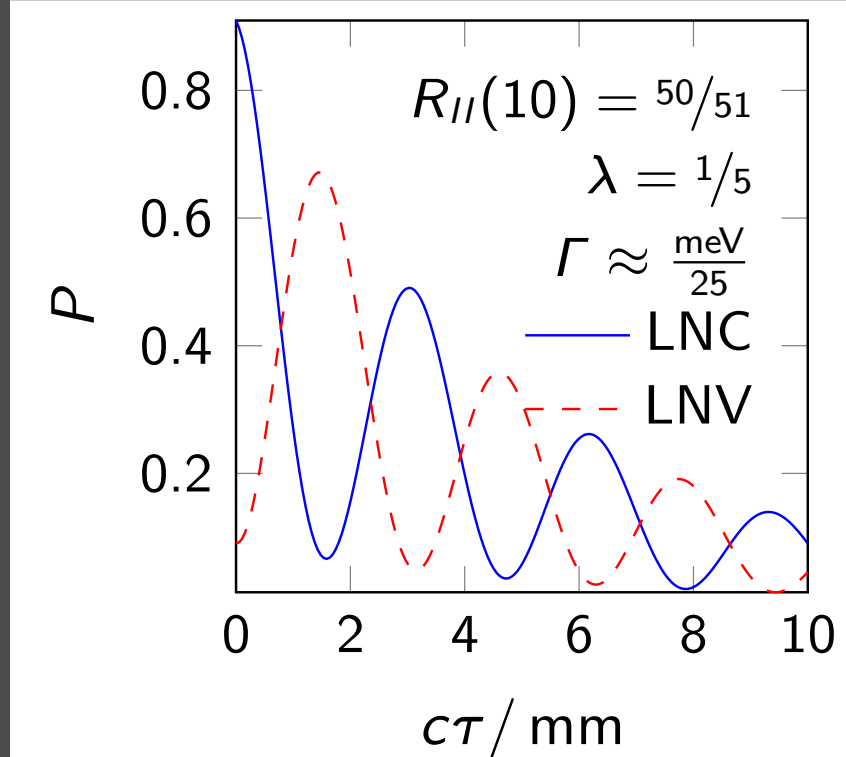


Almost Dirac limit



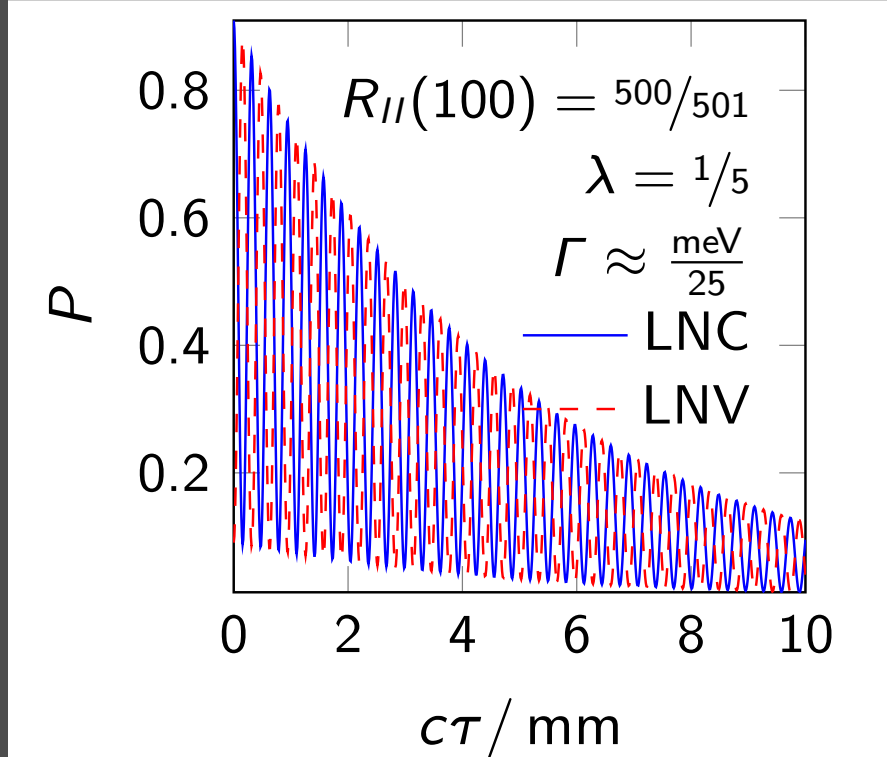
Mostly LNC

Archetypical pseudo-Dirac



Potentially resolvable

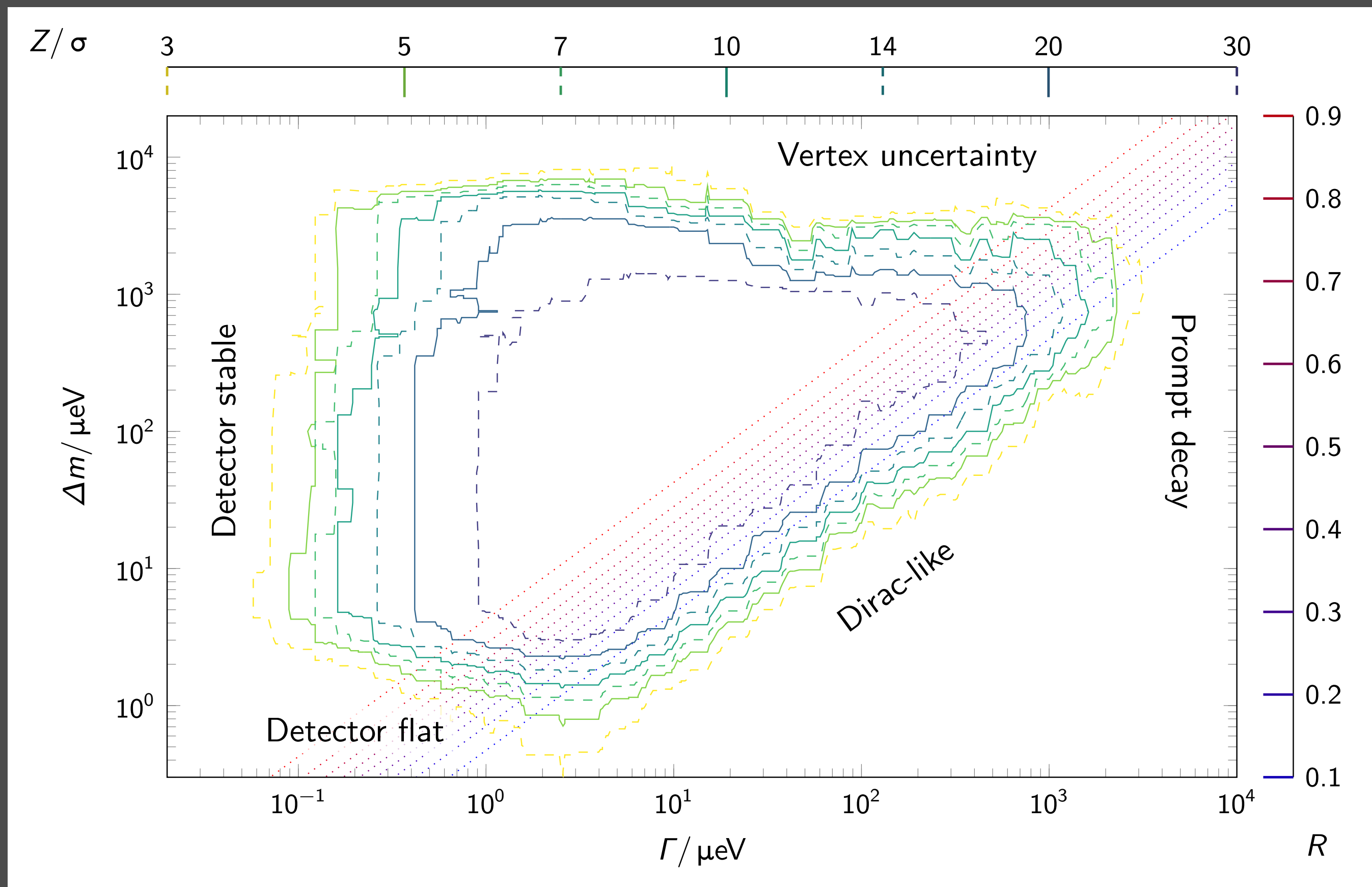
Double-Majorana limit



Unresolvable
LNV as frequent as LNC

Heavy Neutral Lepton characterization

Maximal significance of the FCC-ee

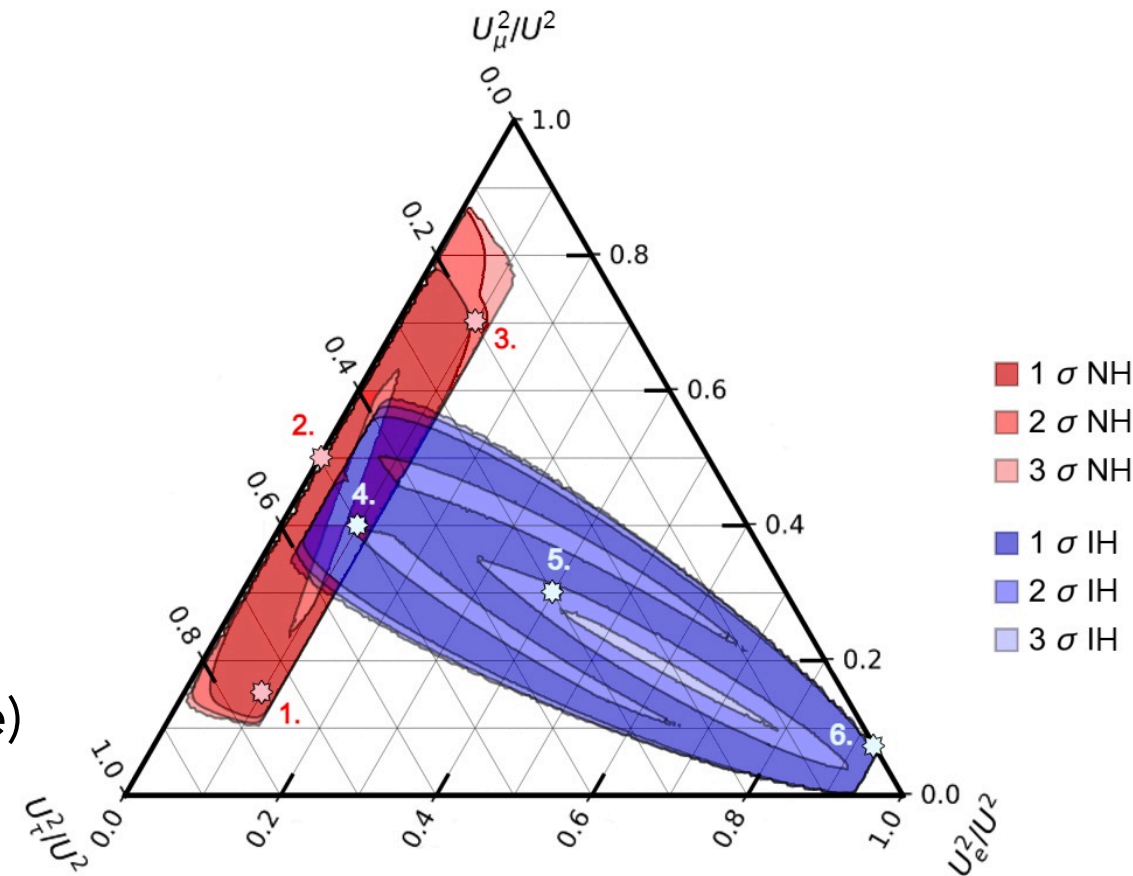


Discover reach is limited by detector geometry and interplay between oscillations and decay

Heavy Neutral Lepton leptogenesis

Parameters are chosen in agreement with leptogenesis [Phys. Rev. D 108 \(2023\) L101302](#) and oscillation data [JHEP 09 \(2020\) 178](#):

- $\Delta M = |M_1 - M_2| = 1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}$
- $M_N = M_1 \in [10, 80] \text{ GeV}$
- Unitarity of the mixing matrix
 $U_e^2/U^2 + U_\mu^2/U^2 + U_\tau^2/U^2 = 1$ to set:
 - $|U_{\mu,1,2}| \in [1 \cdot 10^{-6}, 1 \cdot 10^{-4}]$
- Six benchmarks selected (shown in the picture)



Selection:

Two leptons, no photons

$$p_{T,miss} > 5 \text{ GeV}, p_{T,\ell} > 1 \text{ GeV}, E_\ell > 2 \text{ GeV}$$

No other track and no neutral hadron

$$p_{T,miss} > 10 \text{ GeV}$$

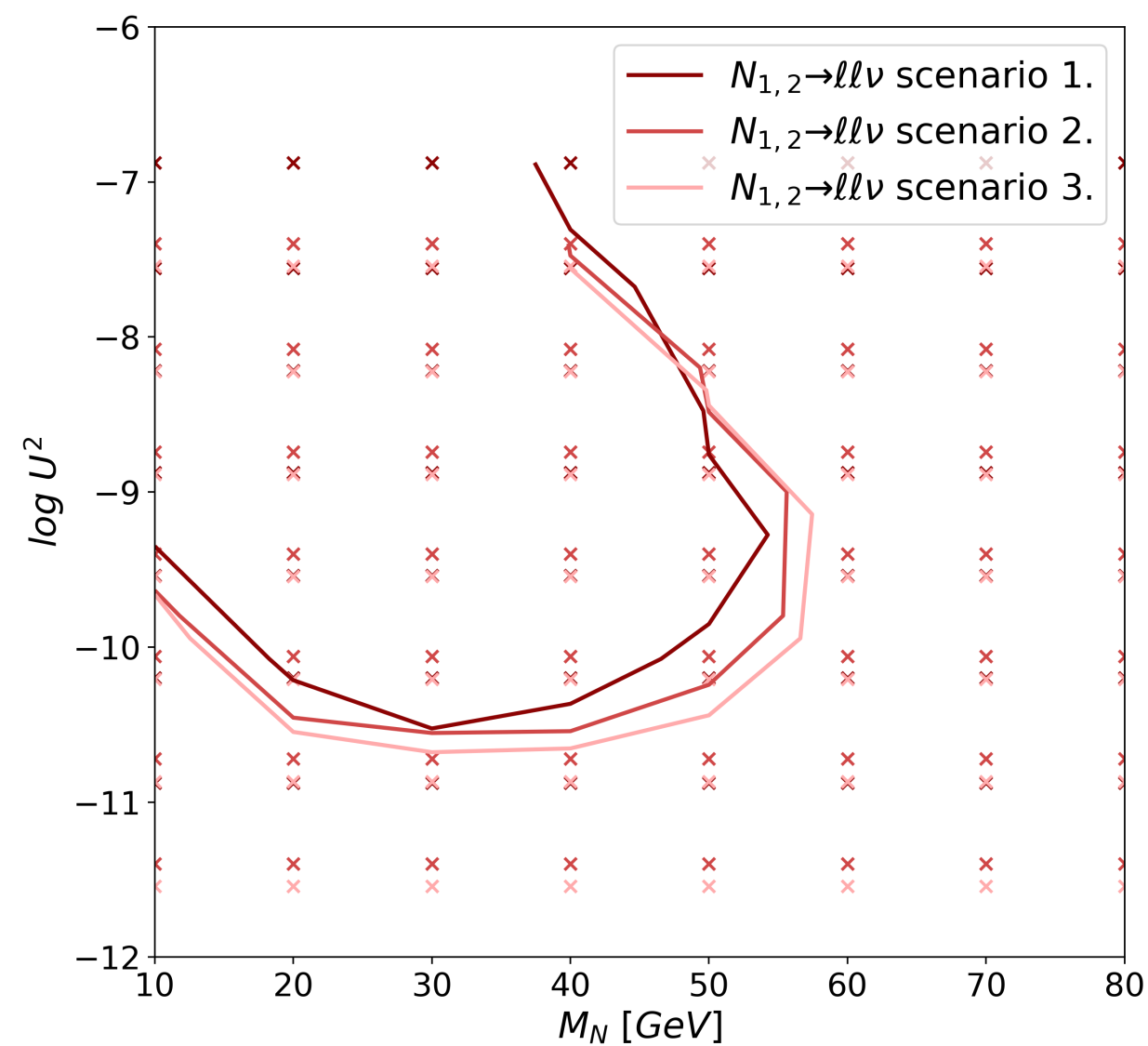
$$\cos\theta_{ll} > -0.8$$

$$M(l, l') < 80 \text{ GeV}$$

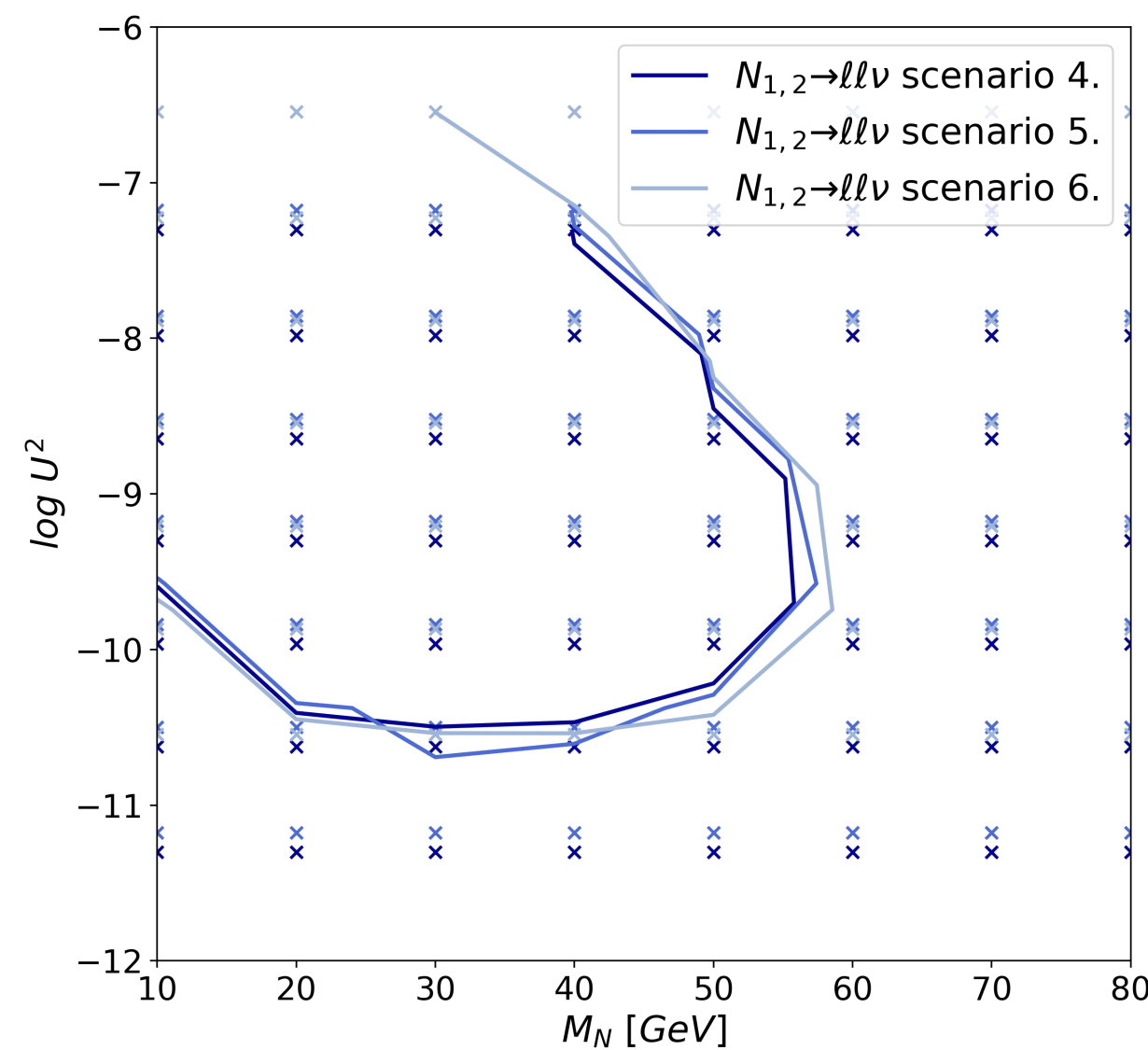
$$\chi^2 < 10$$

$$|d_0| > 0.64 \text{ mm}$$

Displaced events – Normal Hierarchy



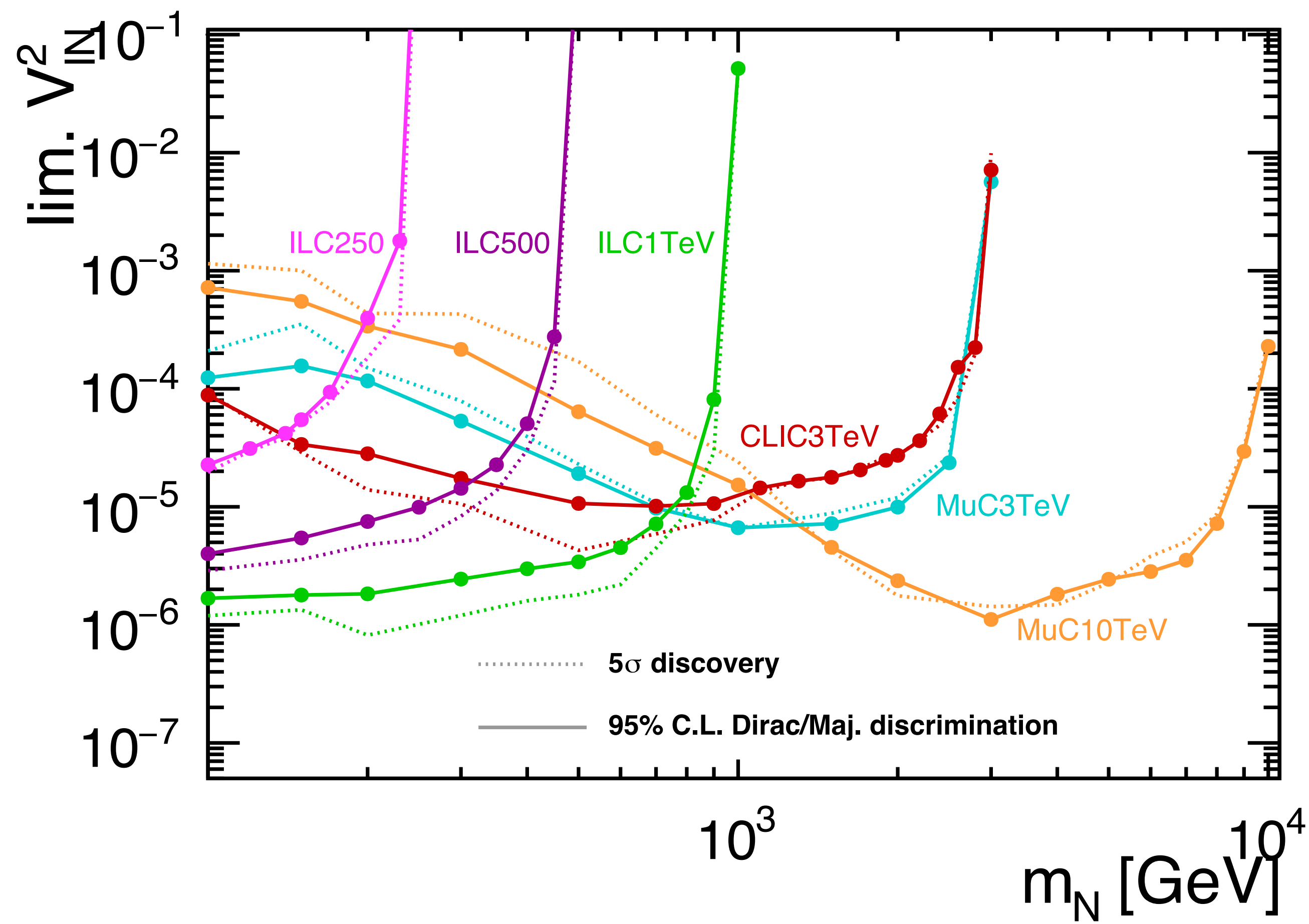
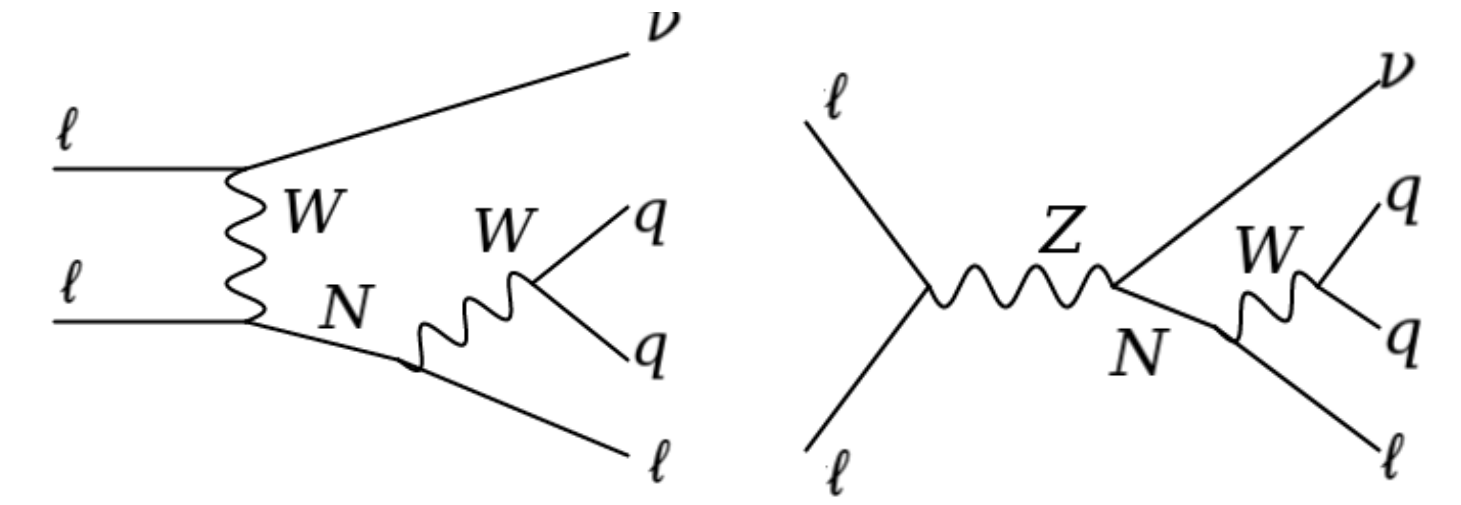
Displaced events – Inverted Hierarchy



Heavy Neutral Lepton

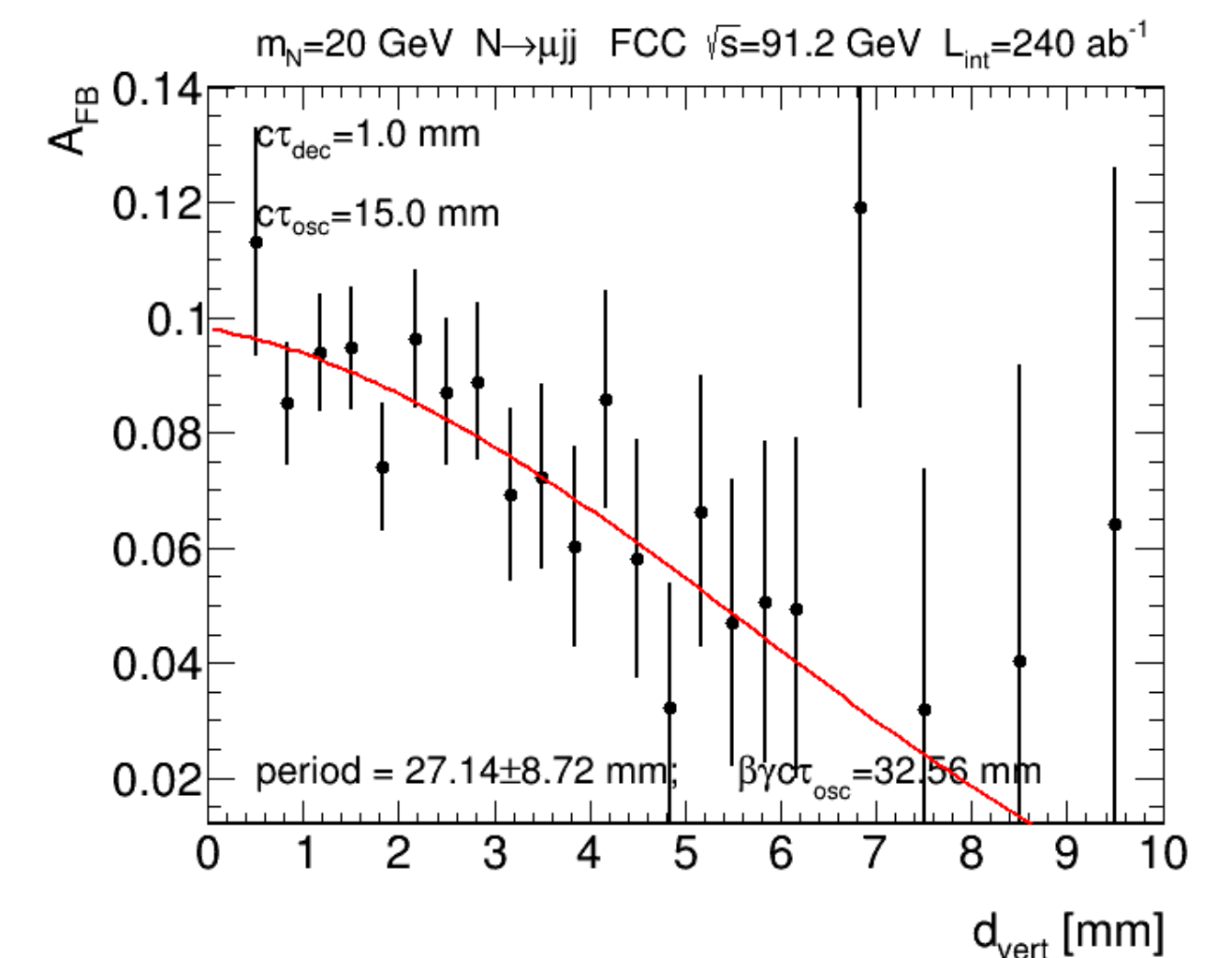
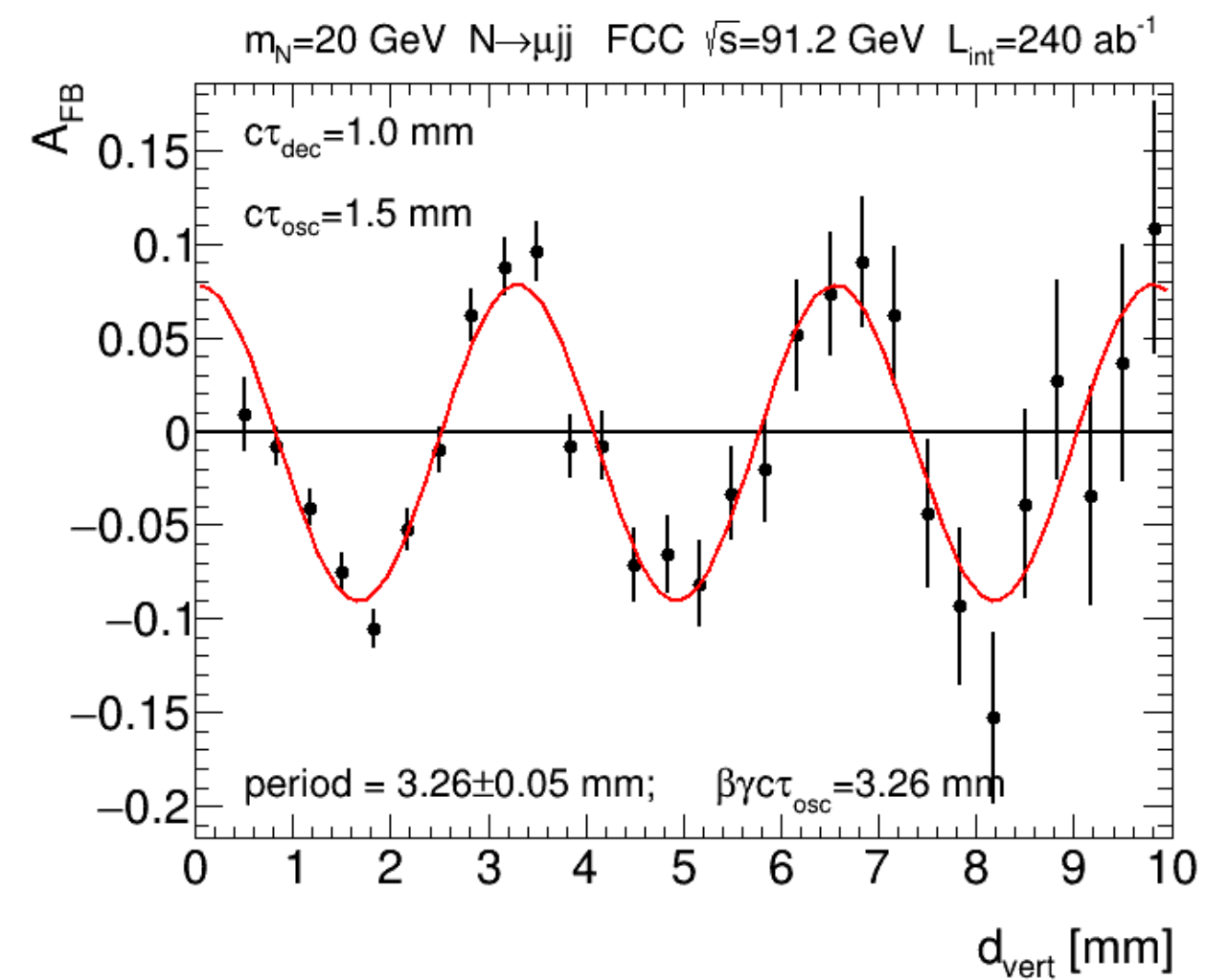
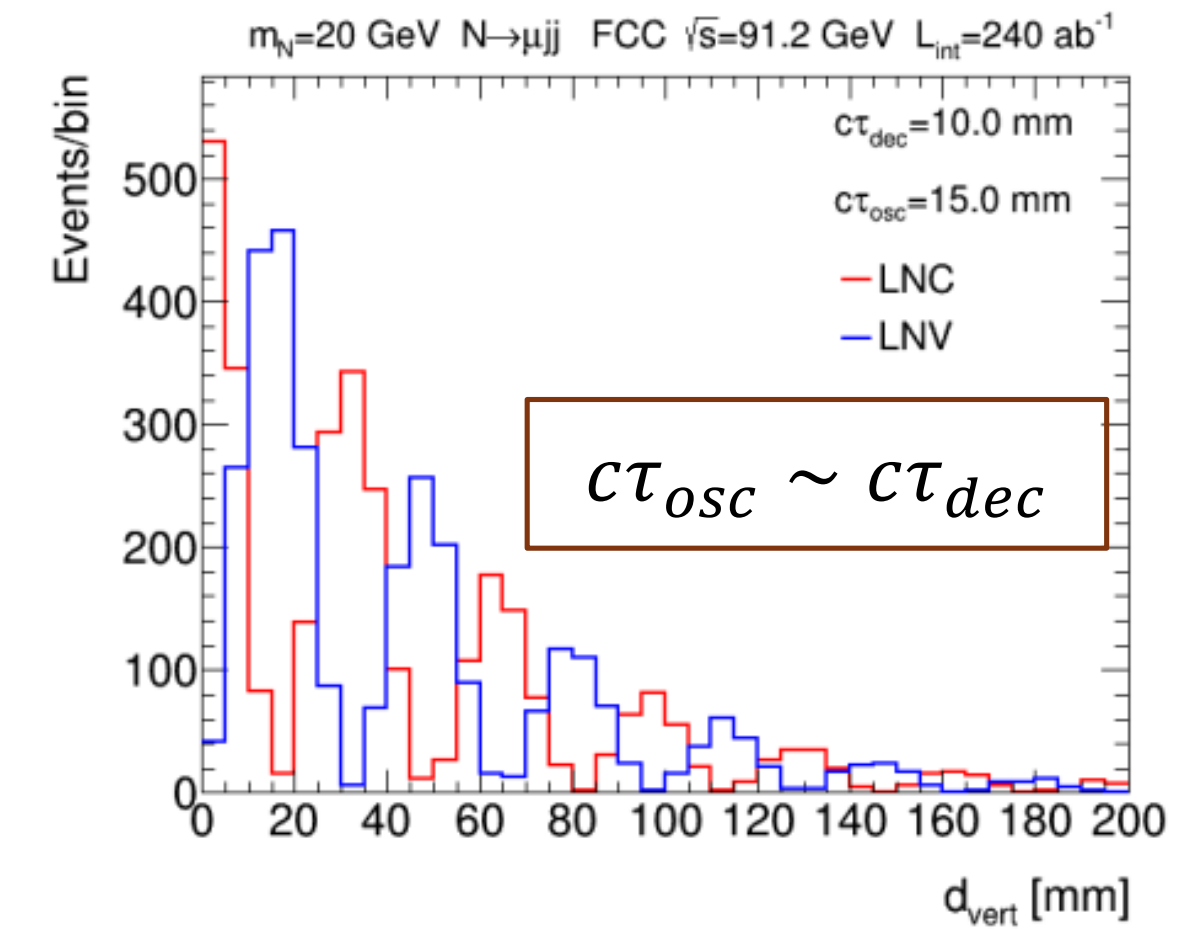
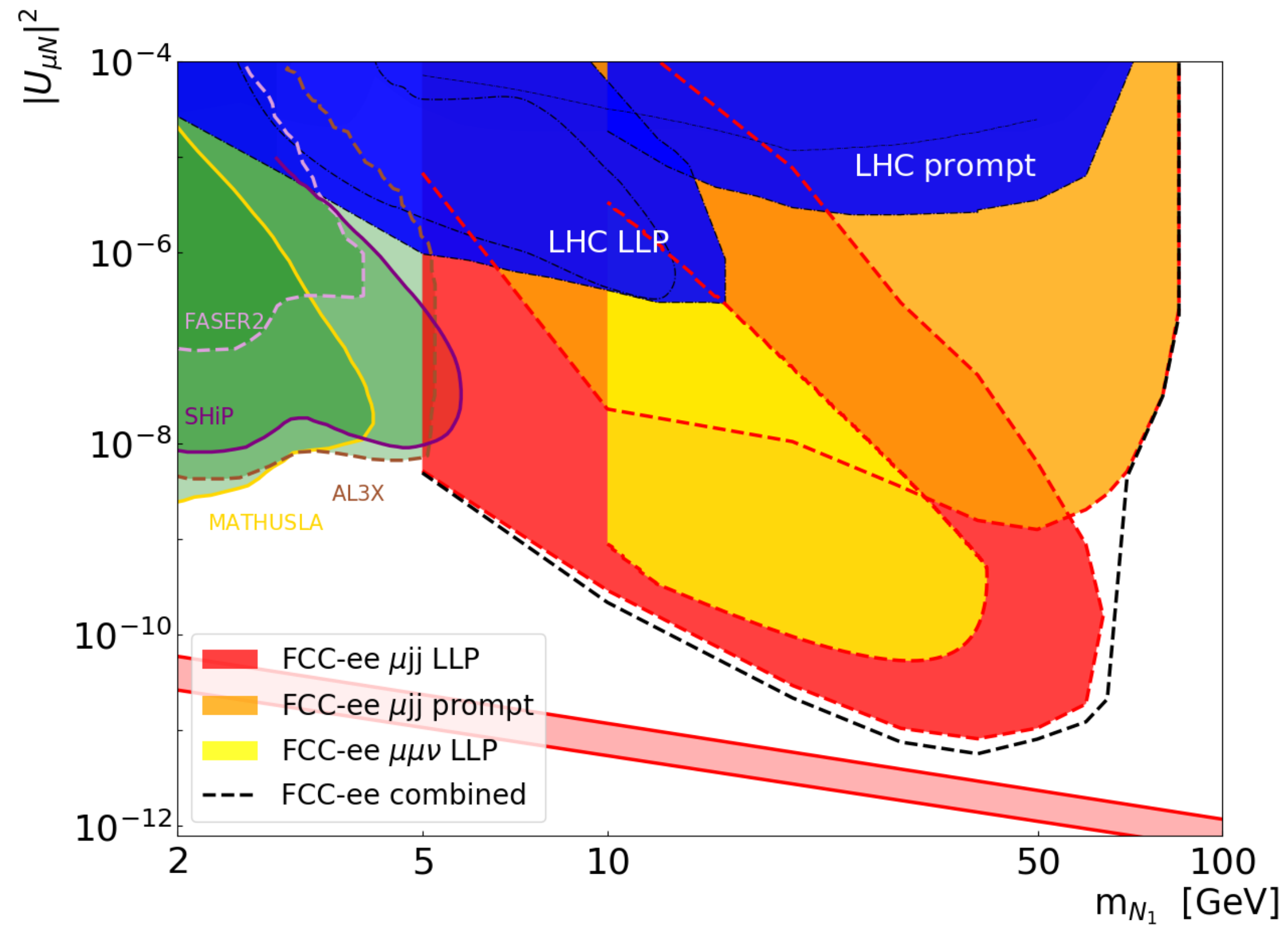
up to bigger masses, probing Dirac vs. Majorana

Dirac vs. Majorana – results



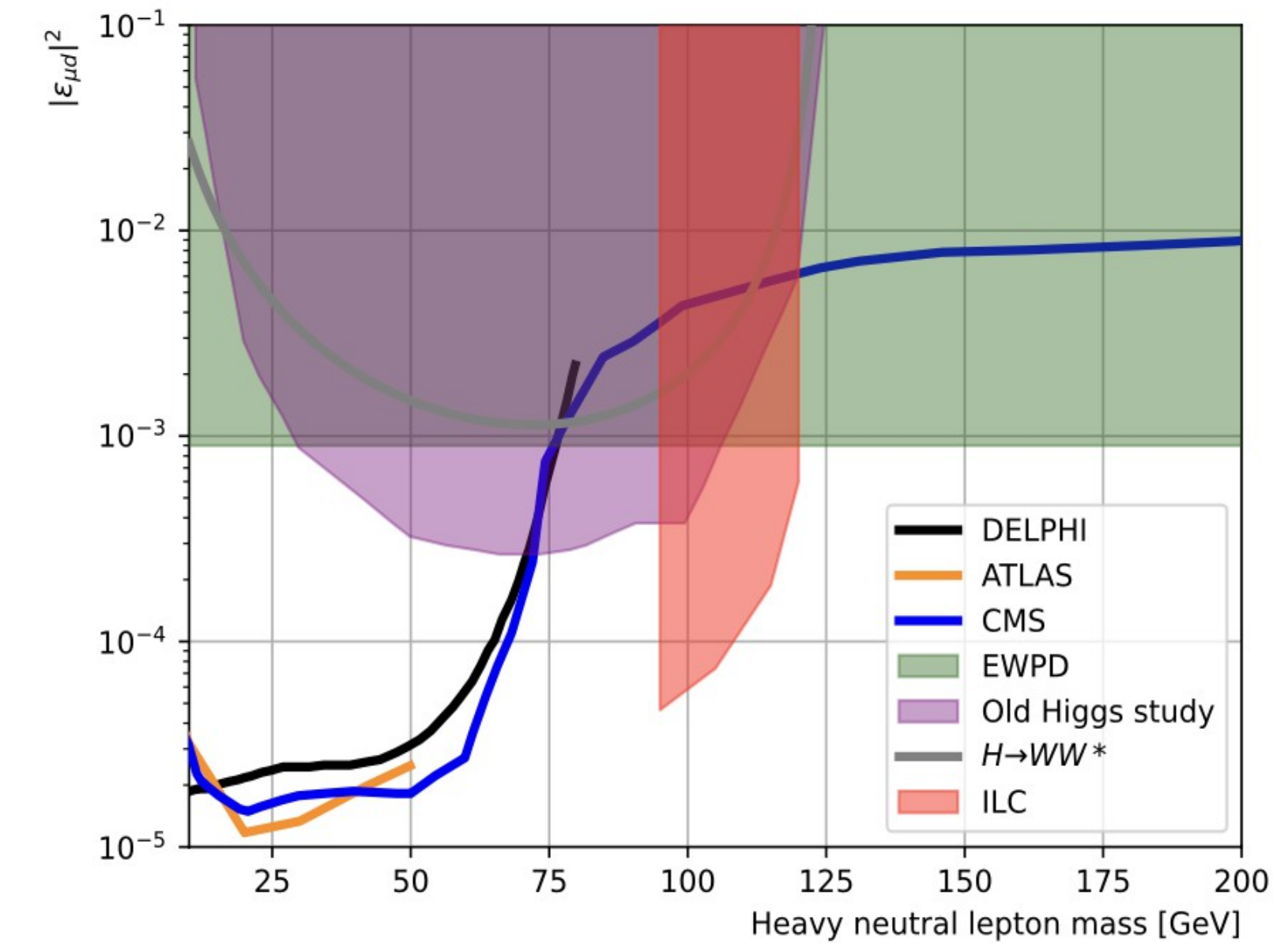
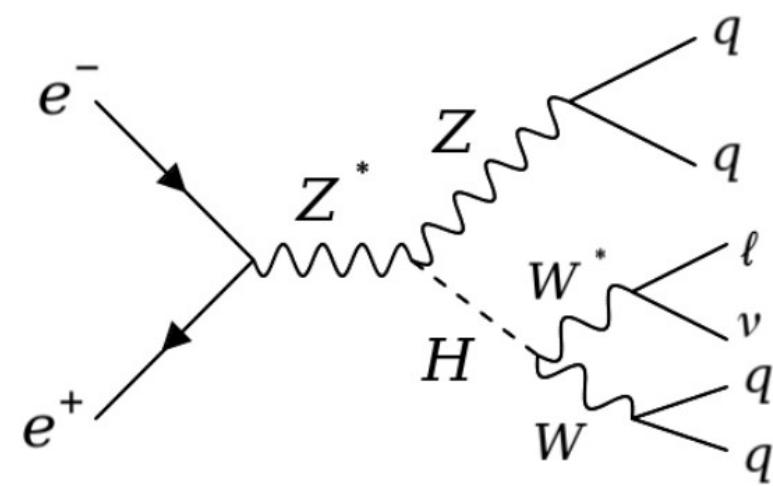
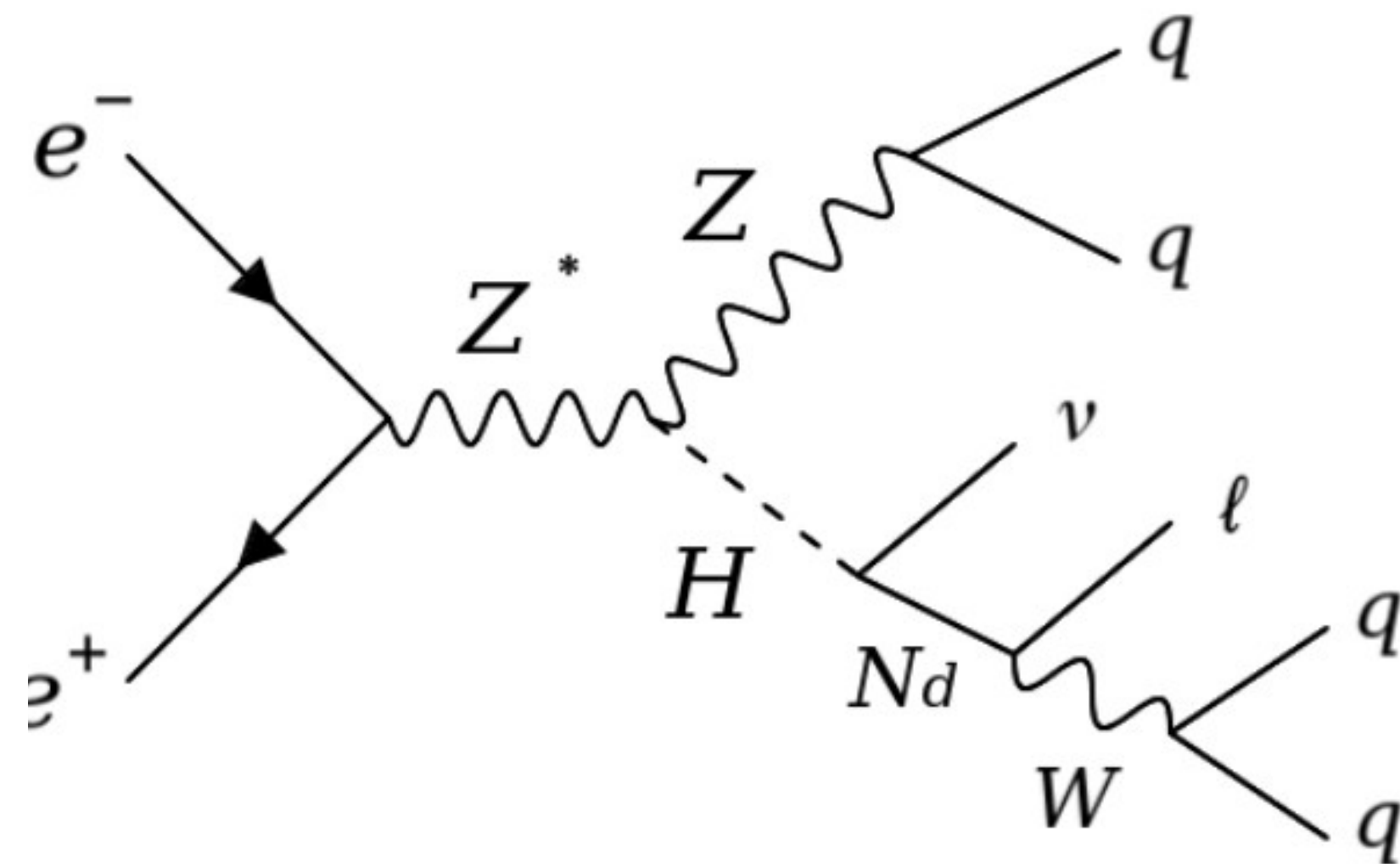
Heavy Neutral Lepton

fully reconstructible LLP and prompt with IDEA



Heavy Neutral Lepton

ML-powered studies



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- Constrain $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \nu N_d) \text{BR}(N_d \rightarrow l W)$ to **0.1%** (at 2σ)
- 25x higher significance compared to HL-LHC
 - **ILC allows for high precision measurements!**

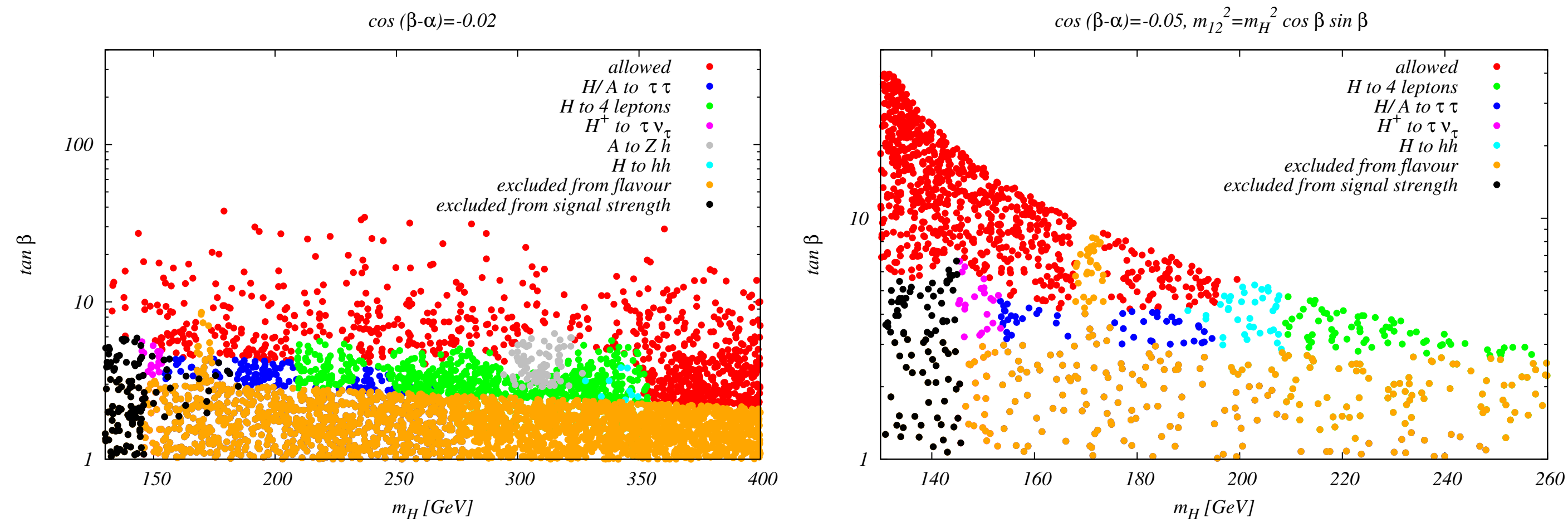
Scalars

Type-1 “Inert-like”

can be light!

2HDM parameter space for fixed $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$, Type I

TR, ArXiv:2409.19657



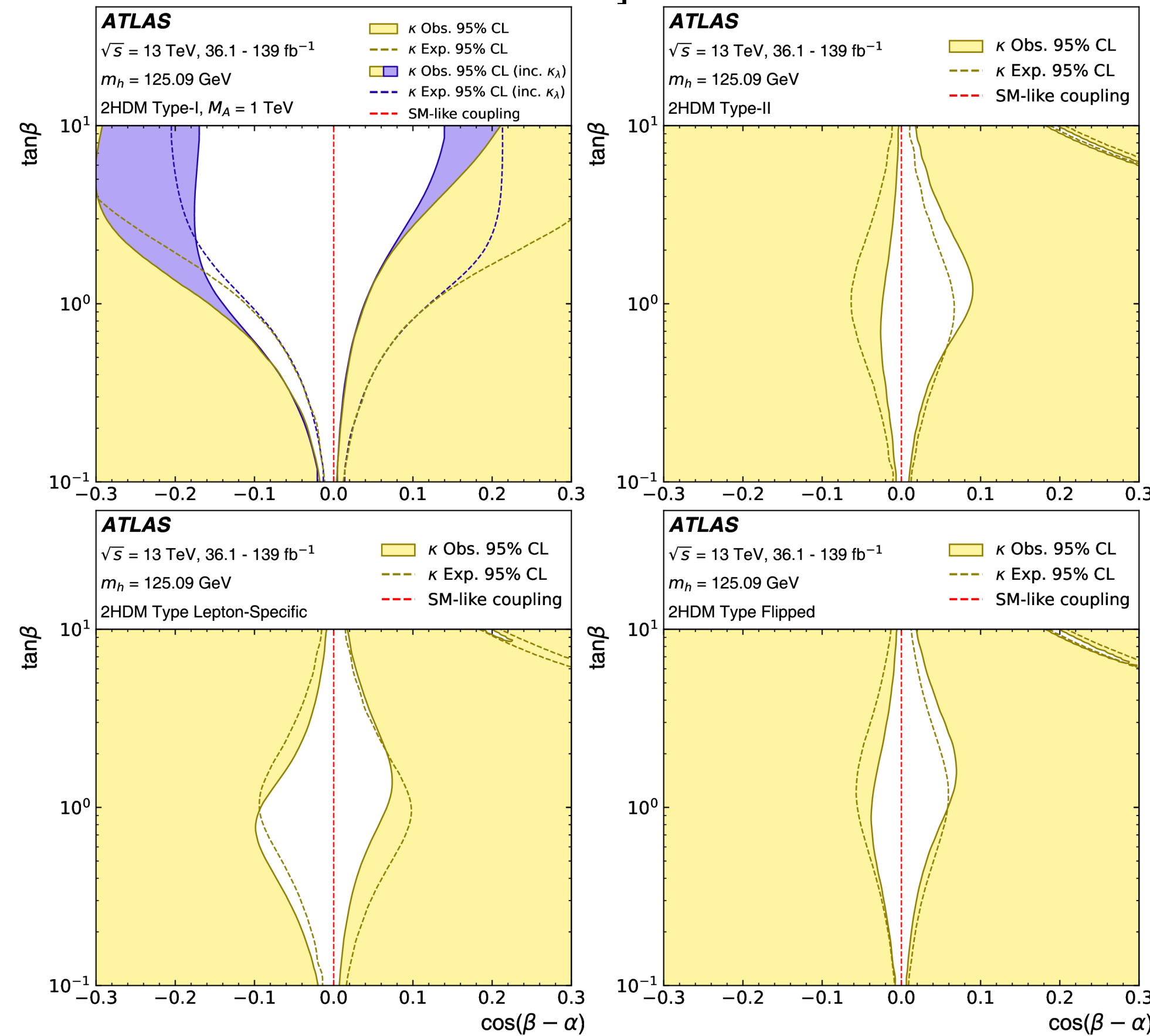
$$m_H = m_A = m_{H^\pm}$$

[using thdmTools, Biekoetter et al, JHEP 01 (2024) 107]

Type-1 “Inert-like” can be light!

Current constraints on alignment in 2HDMs

[arXiv:2402.05742, ATLAS Full Run II]



Fully inert can be light!

Introduction
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Theory setup
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Experimental setup
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Parametric neural network
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Results
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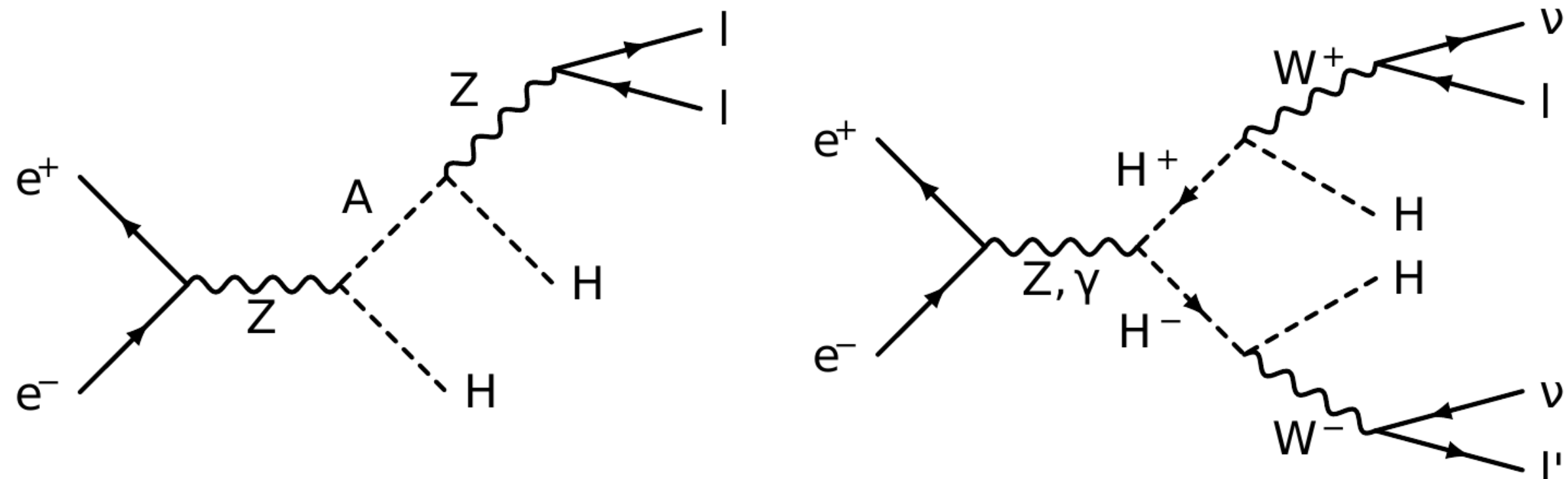
The Inert Two-Higgs-Doublet model (IDM)

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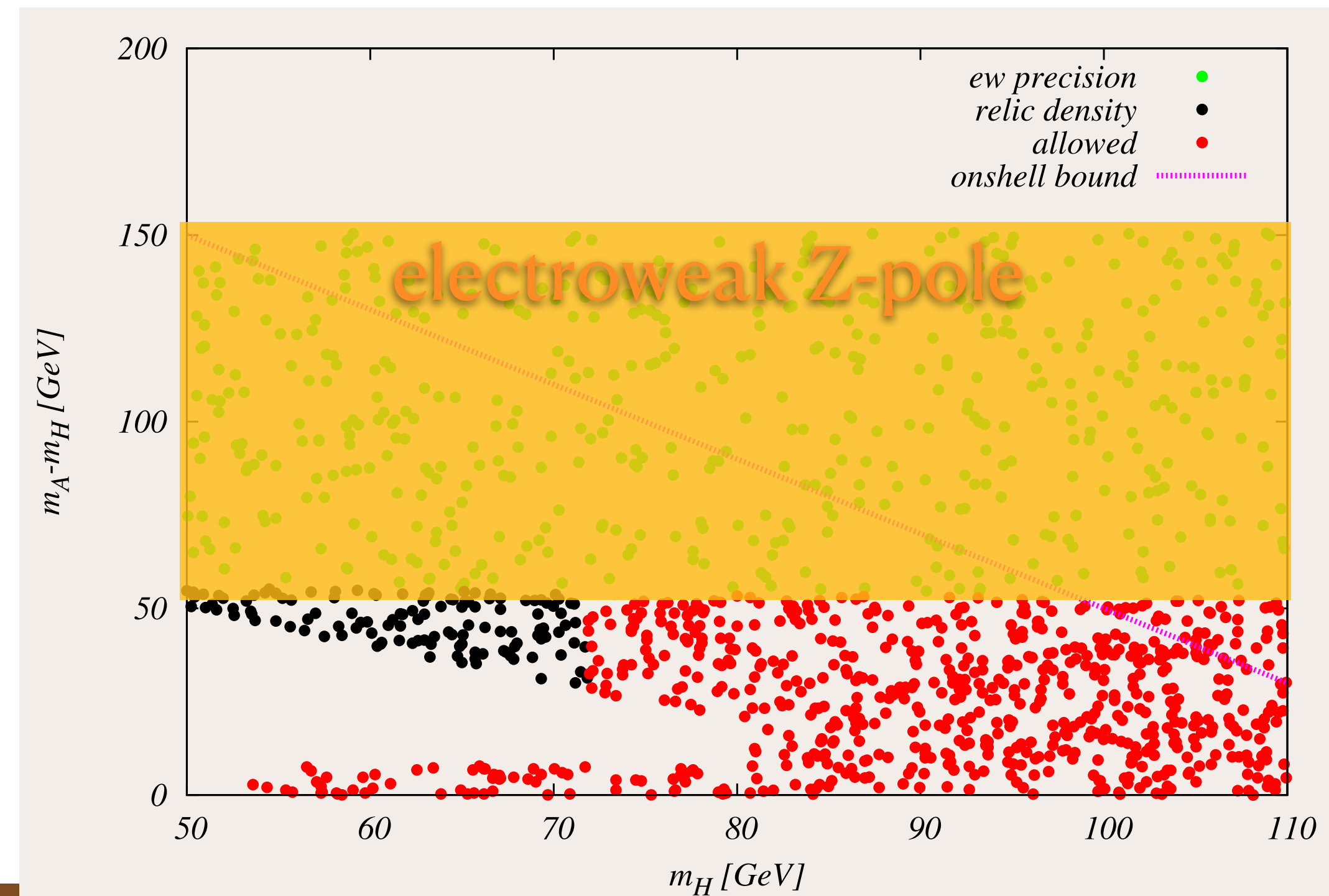


- Two Higgs-Doublet model: 5 scalars, h, H, A, H^+, H^- .
- h is the SM Higgs with constraints from SM measurements.
- Add Z_2 symmetry: $\phi_D \rightarrow -\phi_D, \phi_S \rightarrow \phi_S, SM \rightarrow SM$.
- New scalars do not couple to fermions and are pair-produced.
- Dark Matter candidate(s): choose H .
- Five free parameters: $m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm}, \lambda_{345}, \lambda_2$.

Final state considered: $2\ell(=e \text{ or } \mu) + HH$, mainly produced through AH and H^+H^-

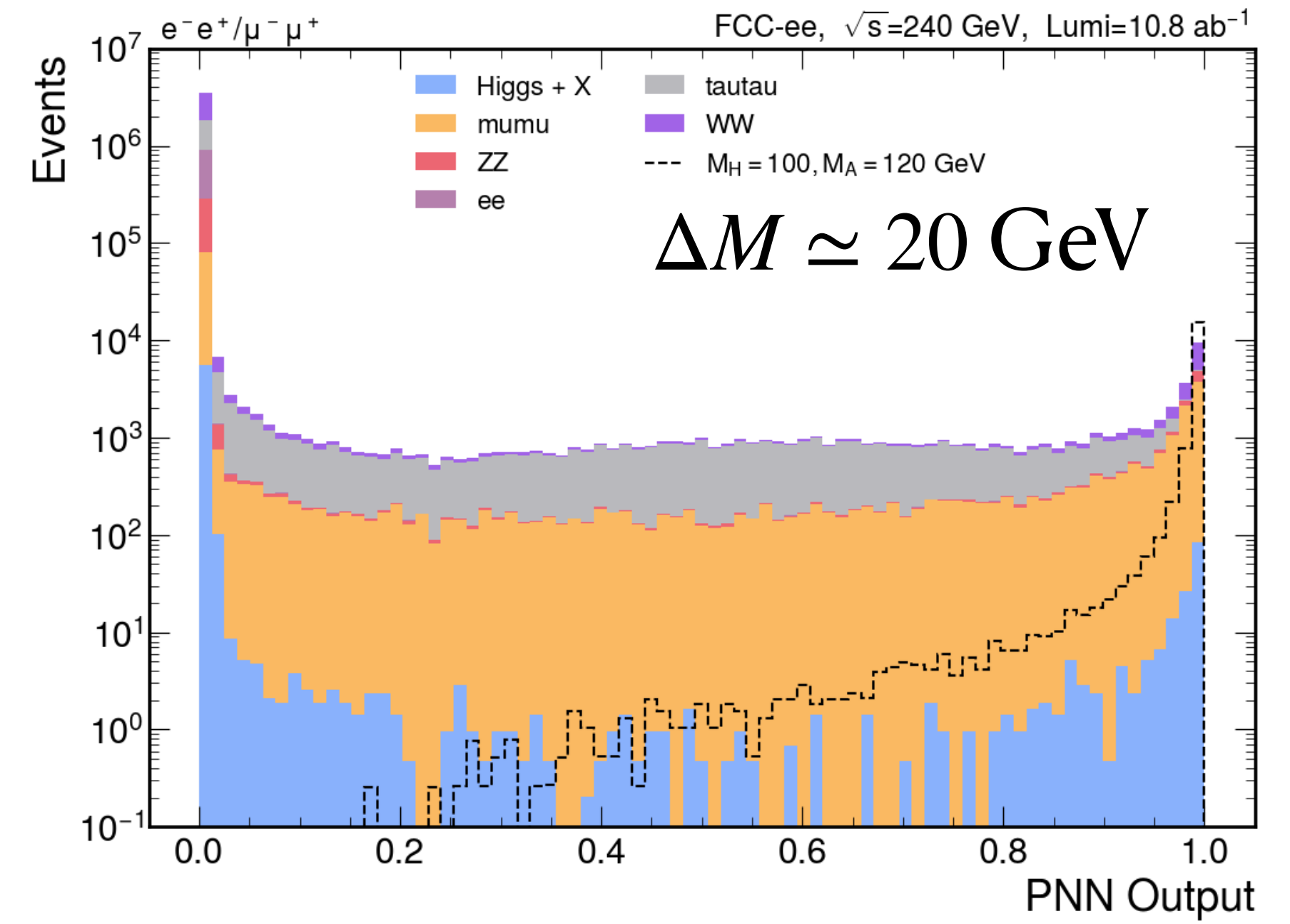
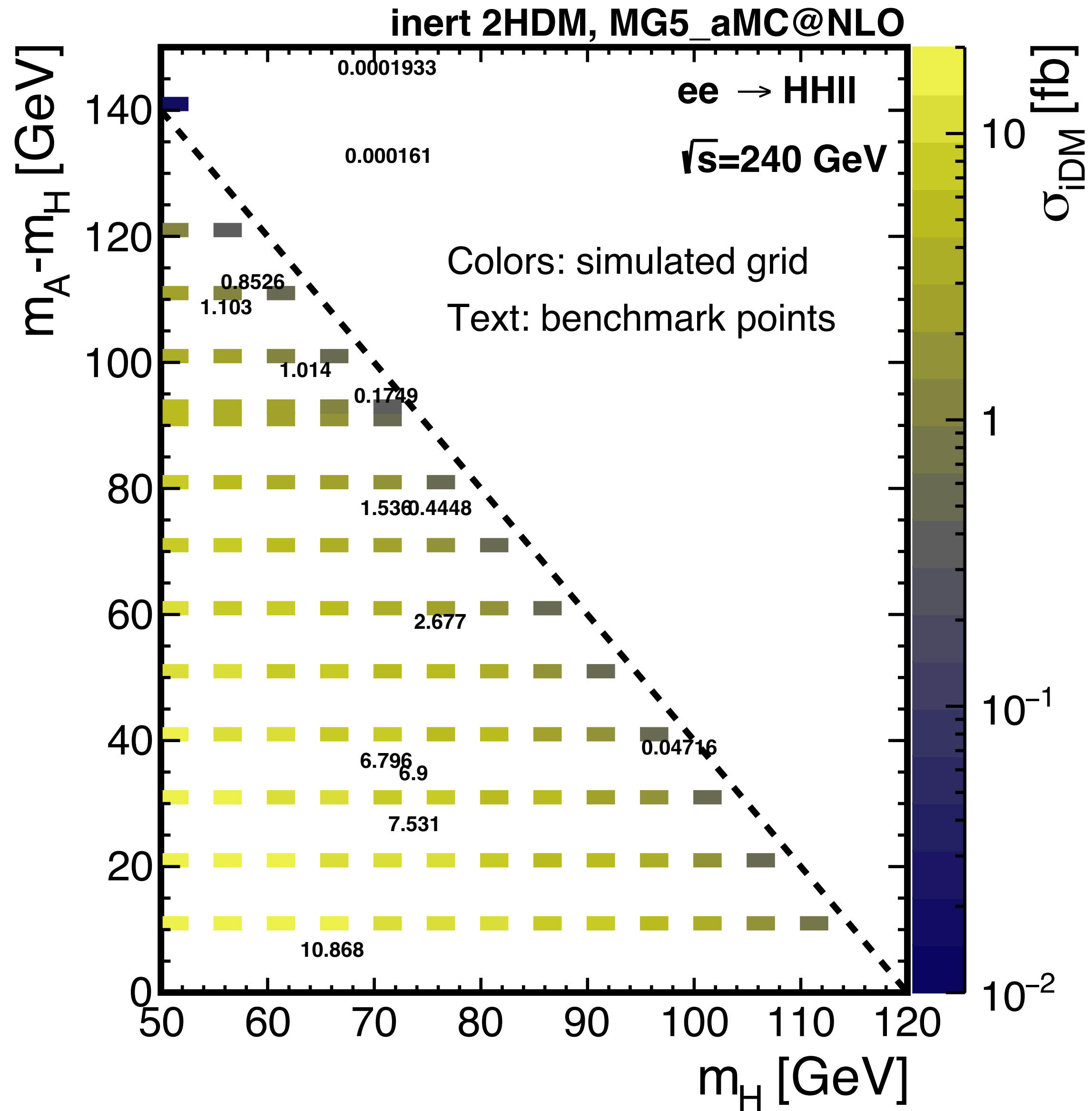


$ee \rightarrow lHH$ and $ee \rightarrow ll\nu\nu HH$.



Fully inert

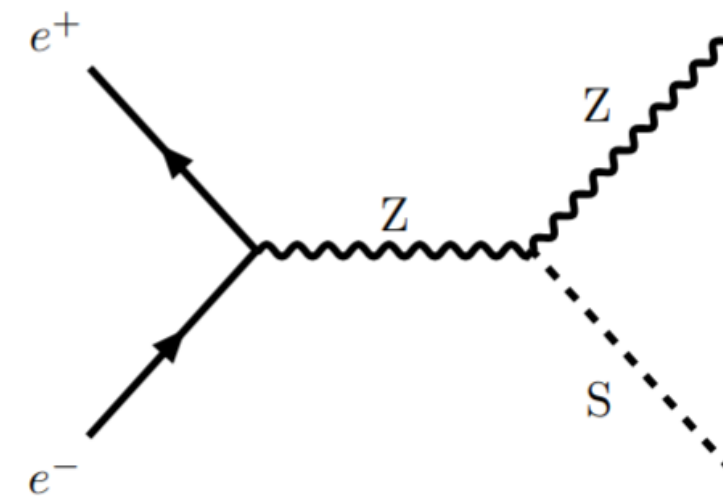
can be light!



Invisible can be light!

Motivation

- $e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z S$ (scalar-strahlung) process could be used to probe new low mass scalar using Recoil Mass analysis technique.



- One can use the decay products of Z boson to probe this process.
- Light exotic scalar states at low masses are not excluded by existing data.
- We have considered hadronic decay of the Z boson which has a $Br(Z \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \simeq 70\%$ and invisible decay of new scalar - $S \rightarrow inv$ (which may include Dark Matter).
- This study considers the center of mass energy as 240 GeV.
- Previously, this was studied for CLIC at 380 GeV. [Eur. Phys. J. Plus 136, 160 \(2021\)](#)

$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \nu\nu^-\nu\nu^--$$

Simulation

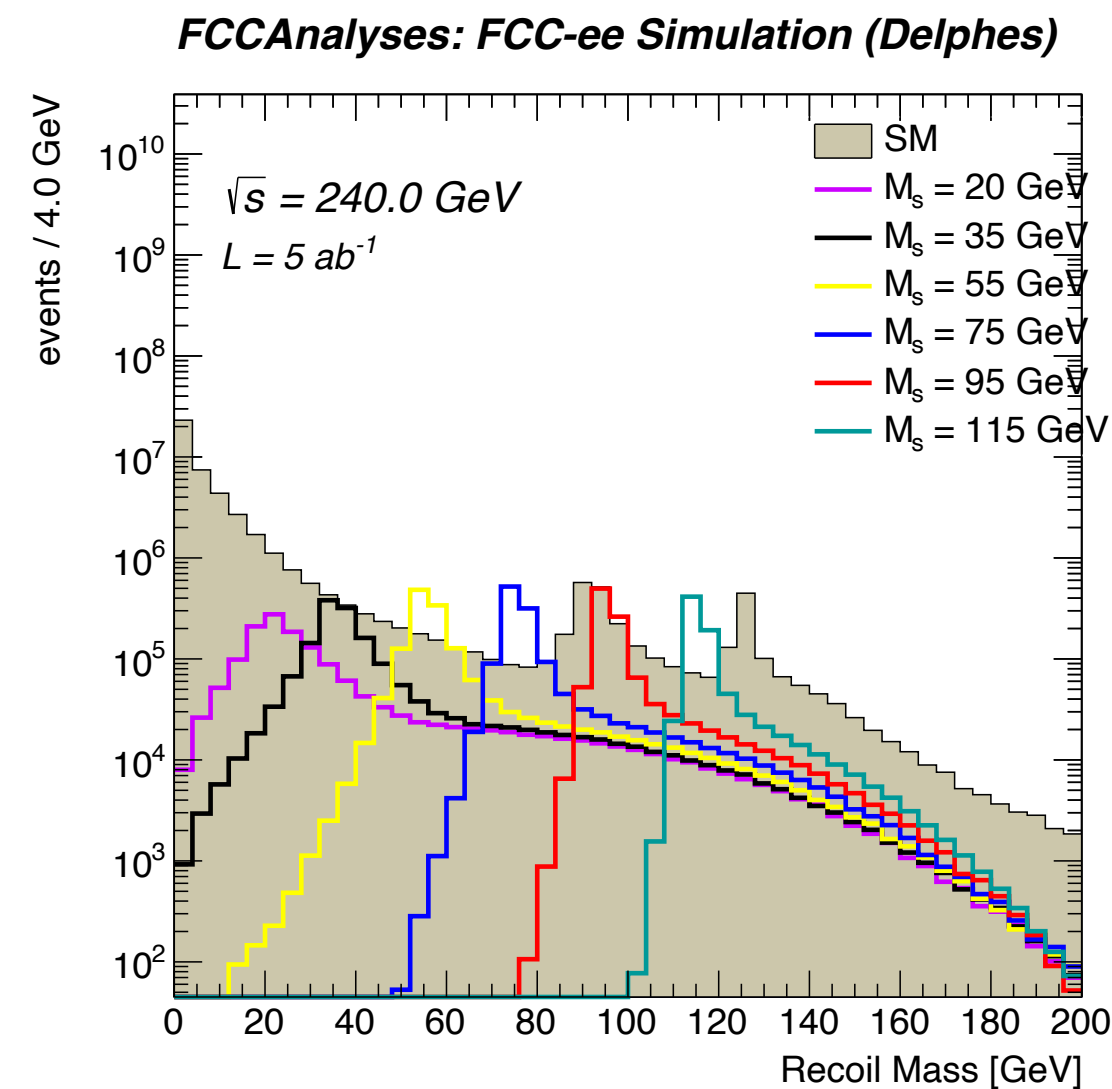
Background Event Samples

- All background samples have been generated using the same chain of tools as for signal.
- Background consists of a combination of jets, leptons, and neutrinos.
- We have considered the final states consisting of two jets, four jets, two jets + two leptons, two jets + neutrinos, two jets + lepton + neutrino.

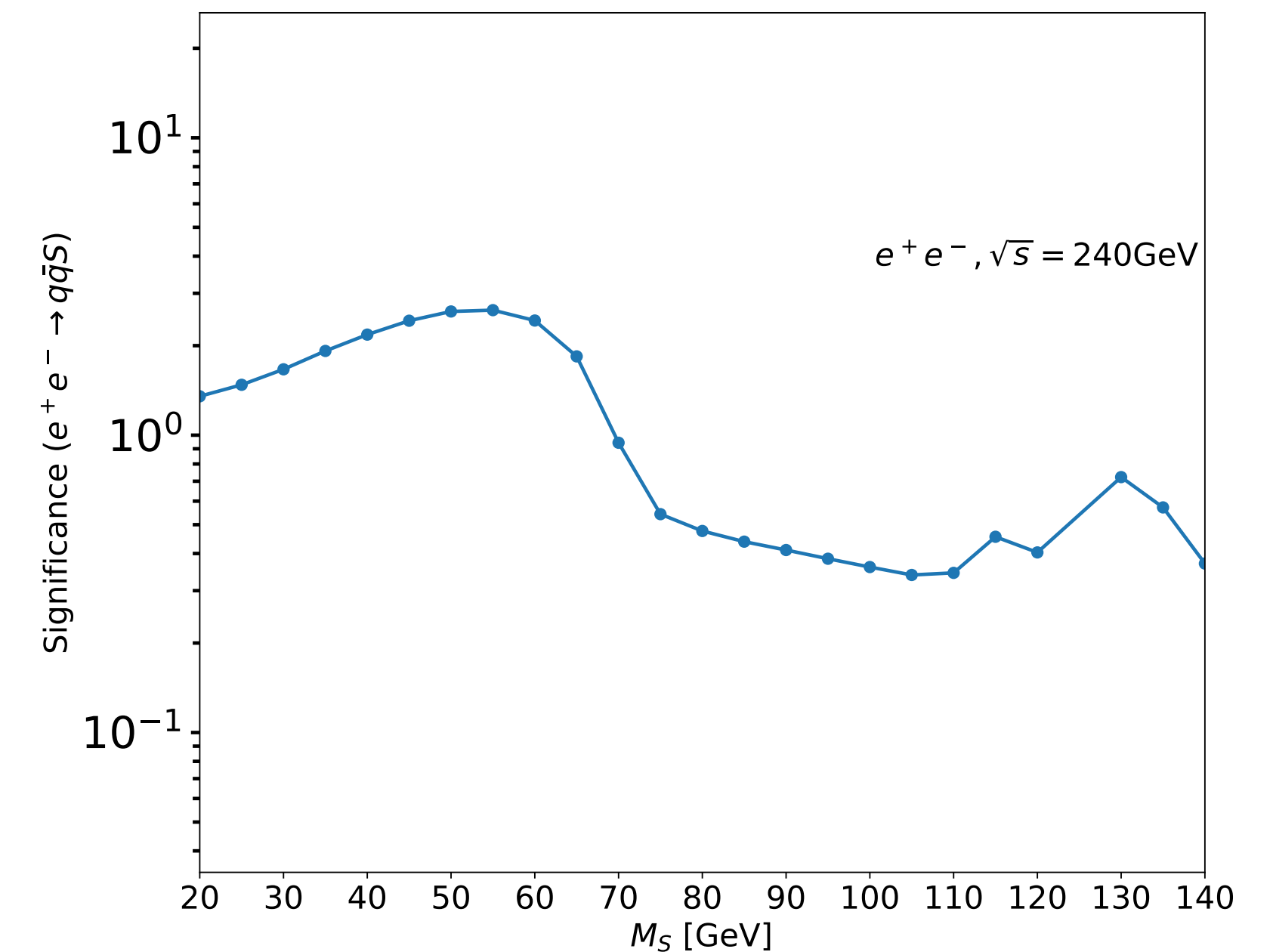
Invisible can be light!

Cut-based Analysis

Recoil Mass Reconstruction



“typical” suppression with $\sin \theta \sim 0.24$ for signal



- Recoil mass is given by: $M_{\text{Recoil}} = \sqrt{s + m_Z^2 - 2E_Z\sqrt{s}}$
- A variable cut on M_{Recoil} is applied in a window of a given $M_S \pm 20 \text{ GeV}$.
- Peaks seen in SM distribution are from ZZ (at 90 GeV) and ZH events (at 125 GeV).

Multiple final state

digging deeper

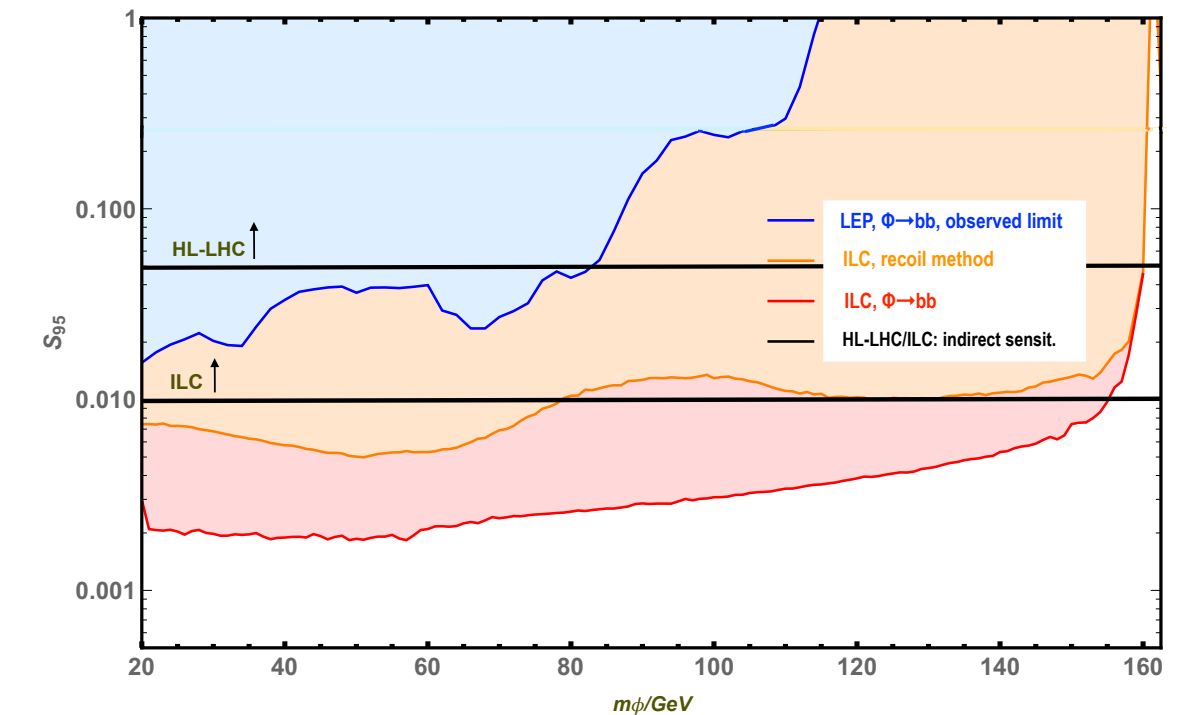
Target I Search for light exotic scalars in the process:

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Z S$$

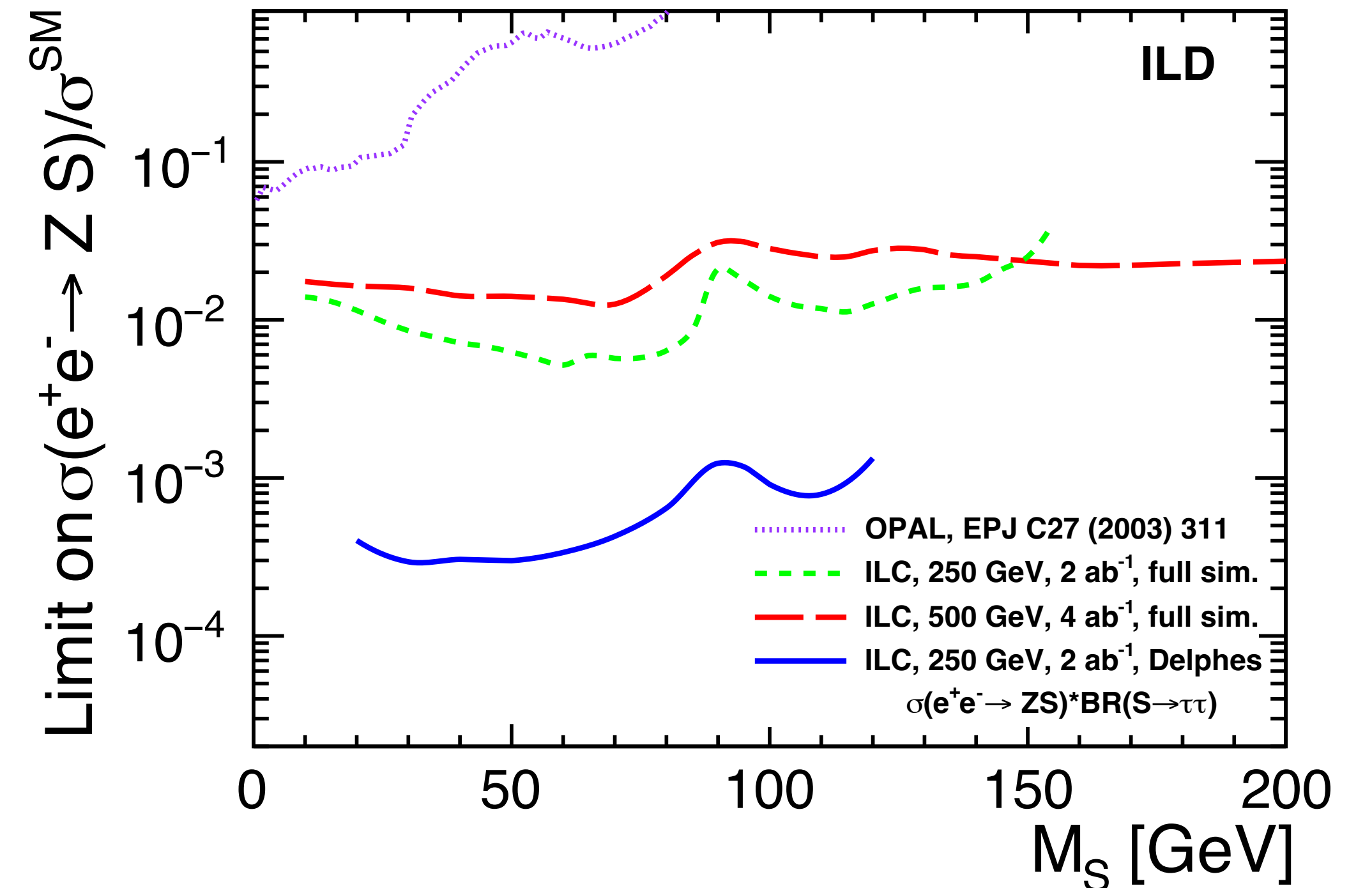
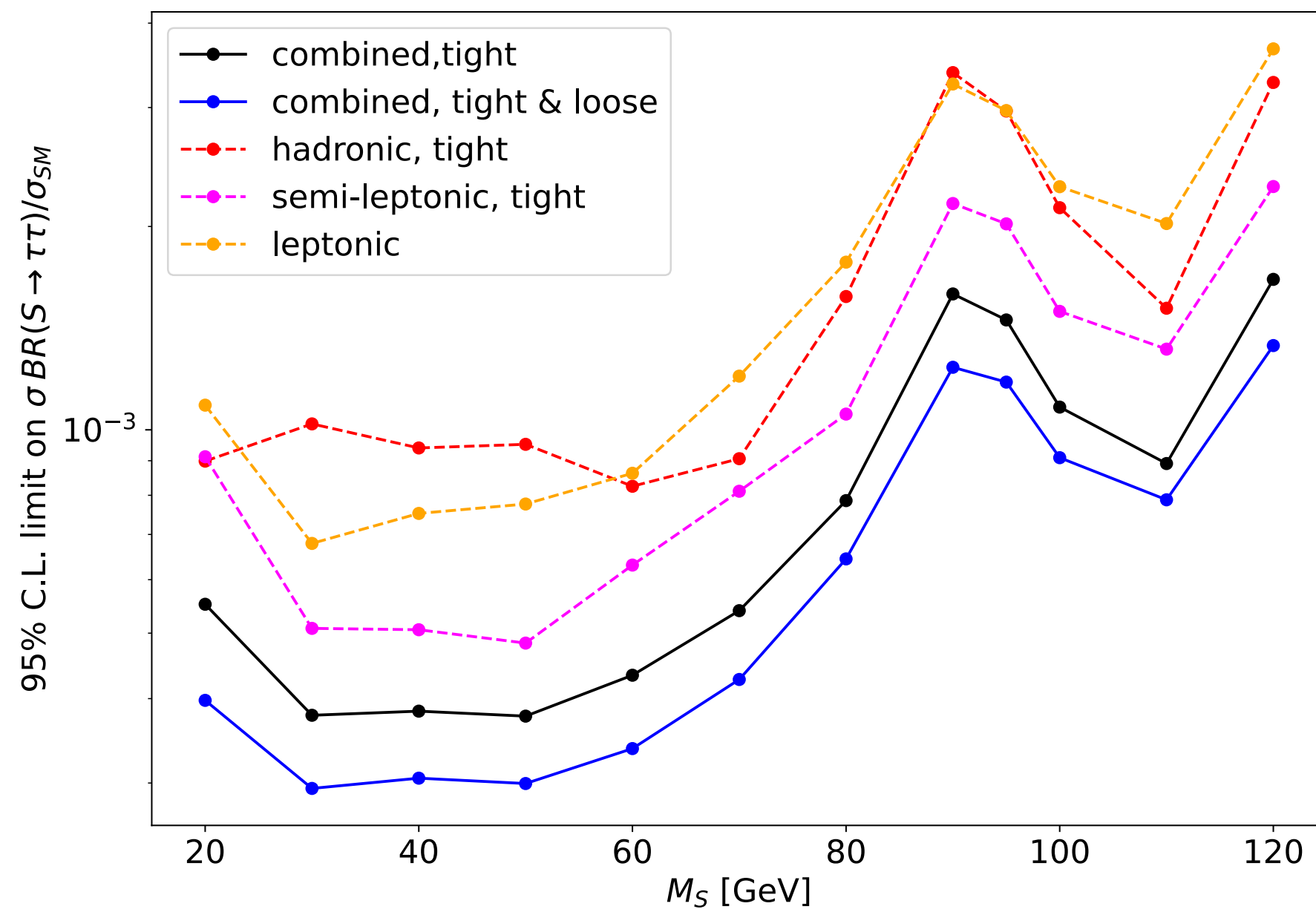
Production of new scalars can be tagged, independent of their decay, based on the recoil mass.

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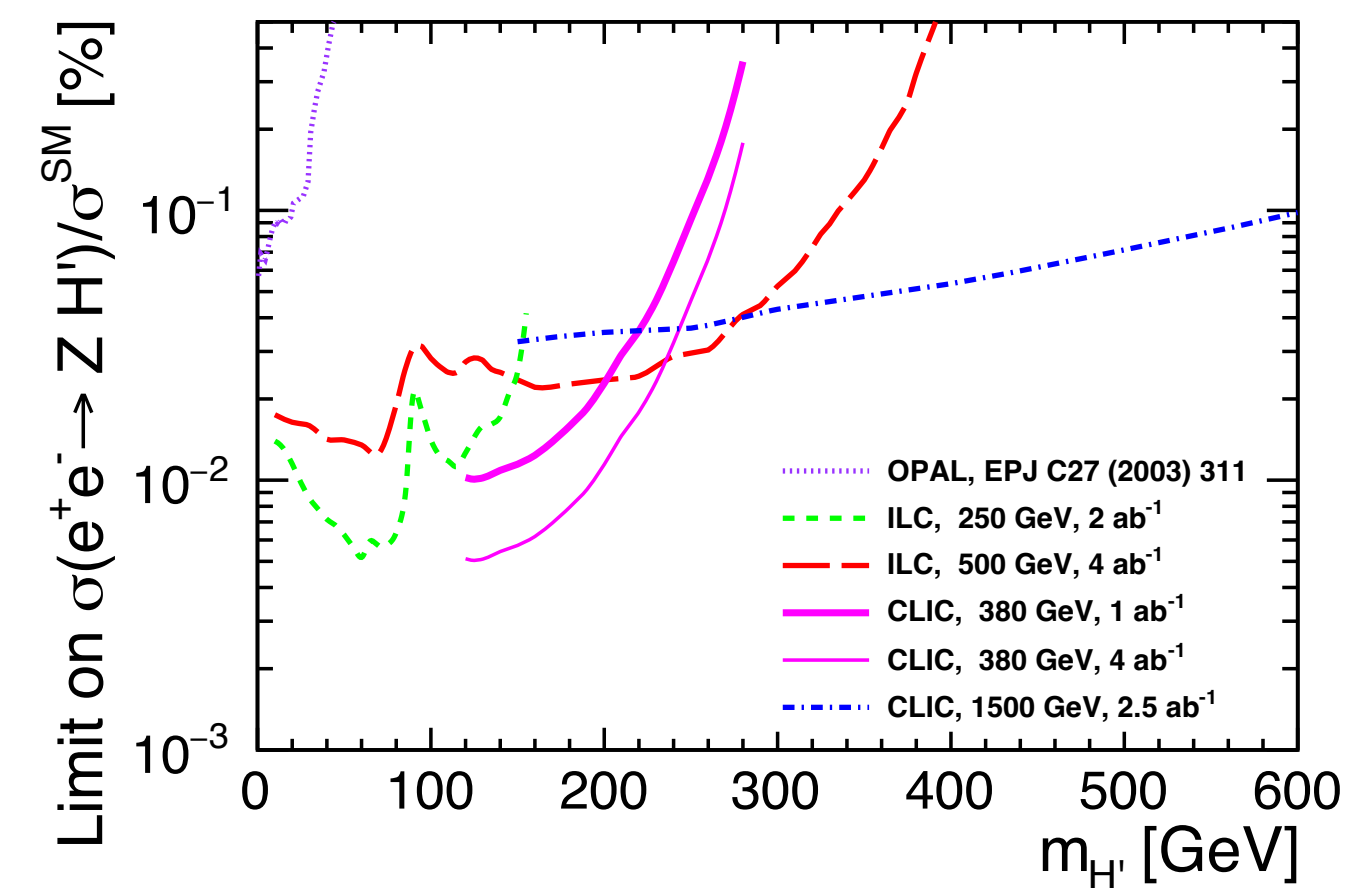
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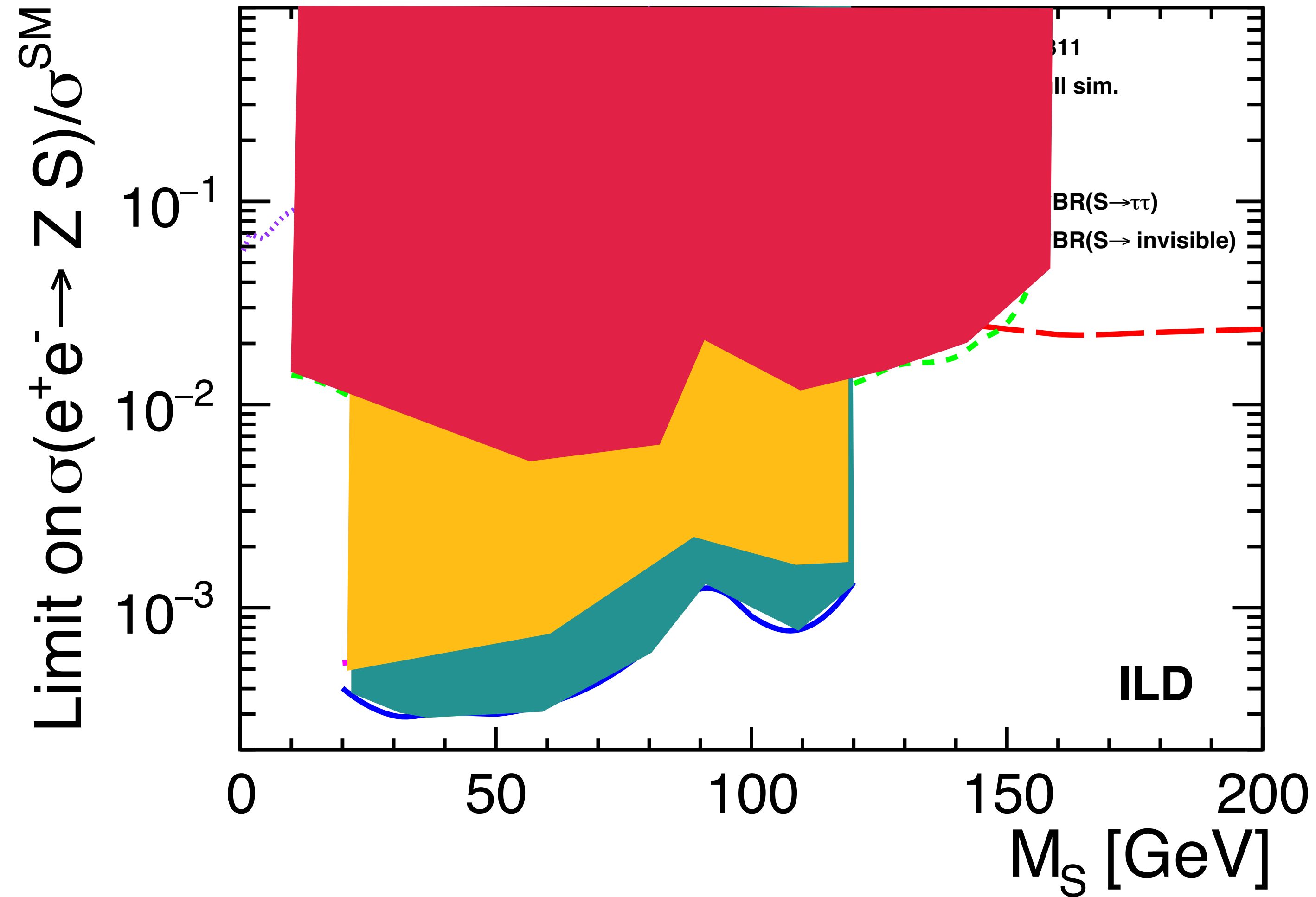
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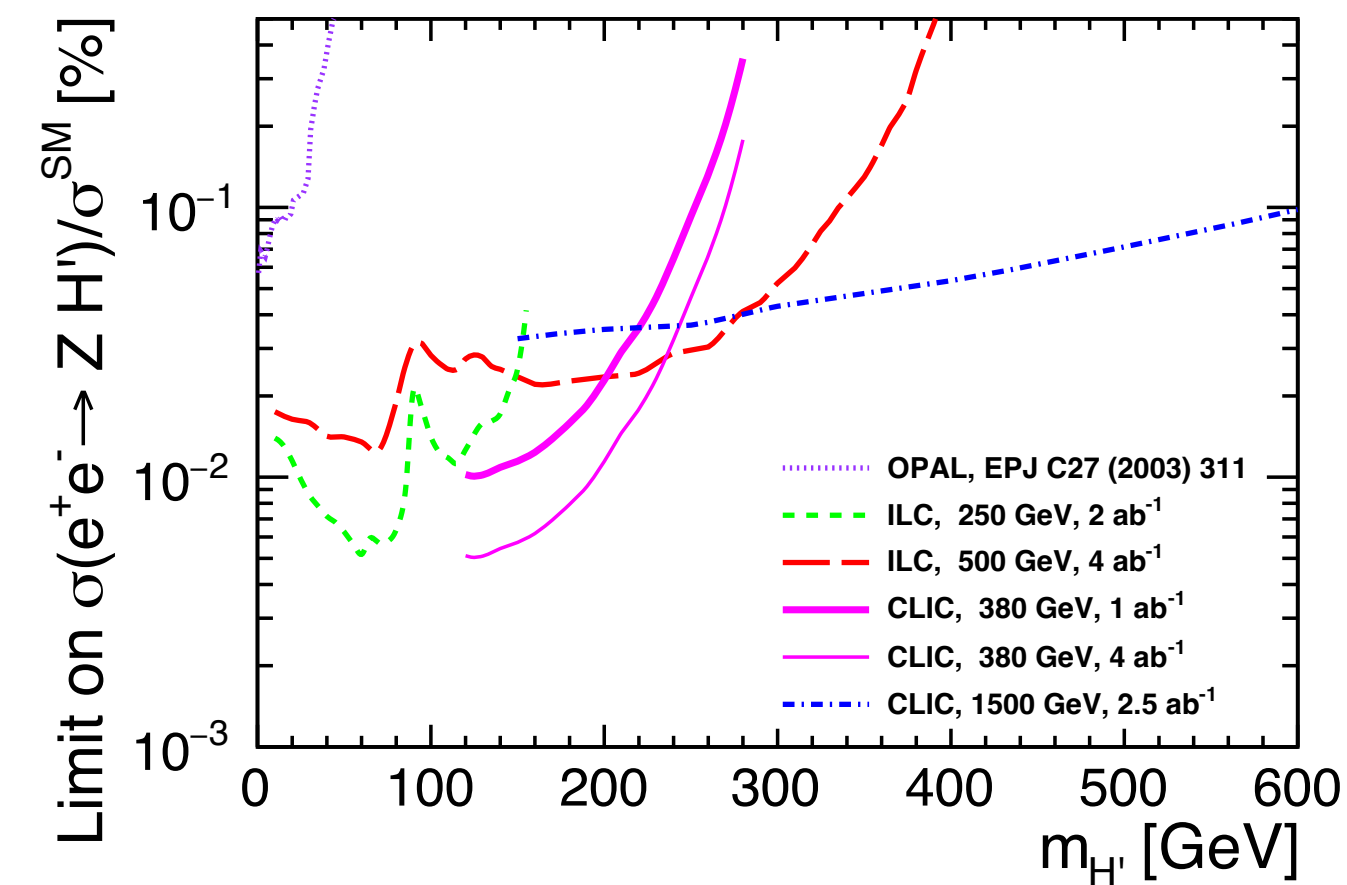
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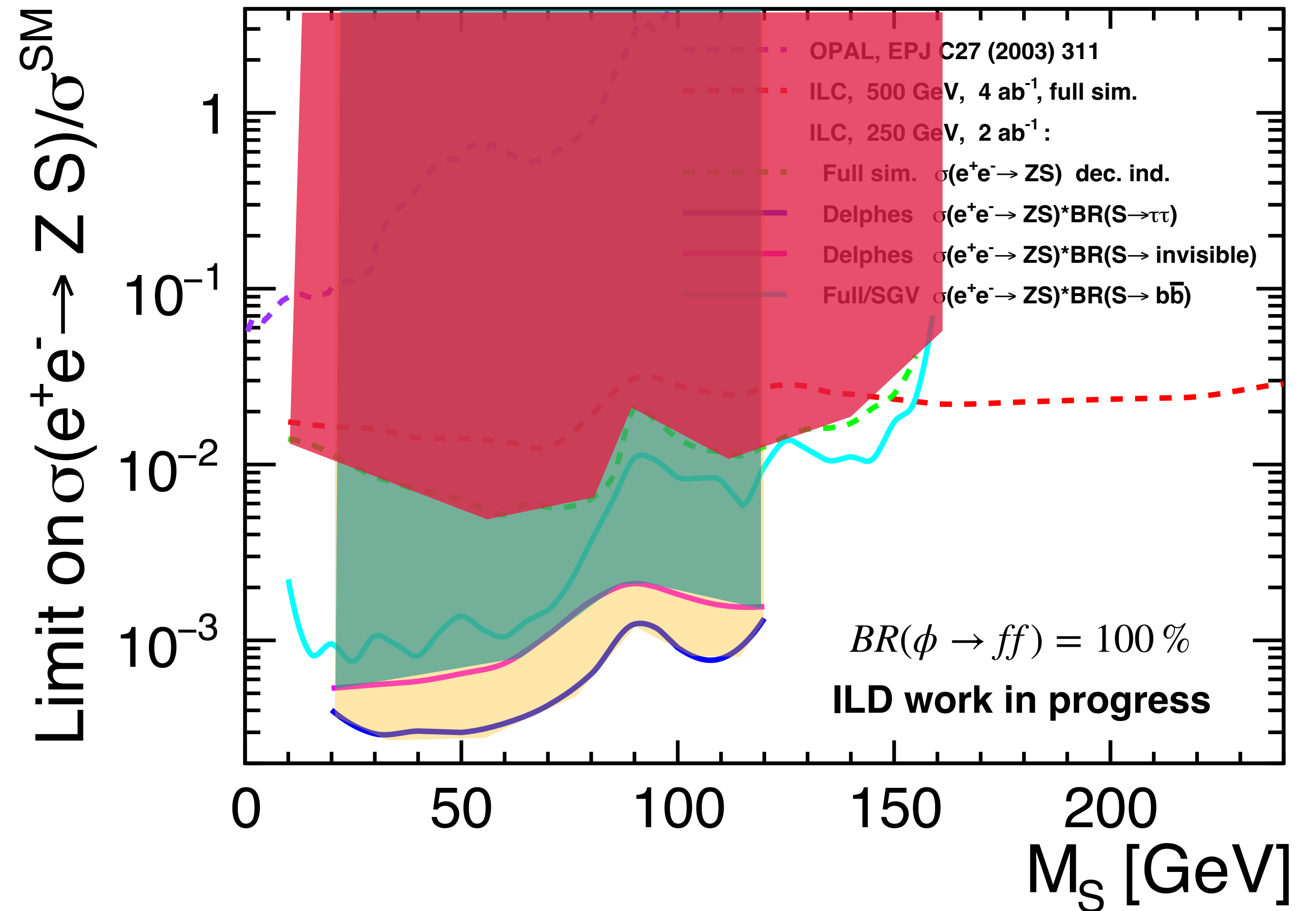
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The decay mode independent search

broad sensitivity

Motivation and conditions current studies

Reimplementation of previous analysis with current experimental conditions and full simulation software

Full detector simulation and reconstruction procedures of the ILD at the ILC for $\sqrt{s} = 250$ GeV

Different Z decays modes want to be covered

Samples:

- Background using new SM 250 GeV samples generated with Whizard v.2.8.5, the SetA beam-spectrum, simulation and reconstruction with the ILD_I5_o2_v02 model, and ILCSoft v02-02-01
- Signal generated with Whizard v.2.8.5, the SetA beam-spectrum, detector simulation done by

Calculation of the limits is going on

Hints of light new particles

requires HTE-level of $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Explanation in 2HDM

Analysis

○ Dominant decay modes of H^\pm : $\tau\nu$, tb

○ Considered Benchmark Point:

$$m_H = 152 \text{ GeV}, m_{H^\pm} = 130 \text{ GeV}, \alpha - \beta \approx \pi/2$$

$$m_A = 200 \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta = 20, m_{12}^2 = 1100 \text{ GeV}$$

○ $\text{Br}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$ required at the percent level

○ Possible in Aligned 2HDM without Z_2 symmetry

