

# **QCD & Heavy-Ion physics at the Future Circular Collider**

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# Particle physics: World context

- Apart from the Higgs discovery, all fundamental questions that motivated the LHC still remain open! *DM, matter-antimatter asymm., EW-Planck hierarchy, nu masses, strong CP problem, DE, cosmol.const, inflation,...*
- World priority is a **high-precision Higgs factory** to precisely probe the crucial scalar sector of the SM:
  - Model-indep. Higgs **couplings down to 0.1%**: Indirect BSM up to  $\Lambda \approx 7$  (70) TeV (+EW observ.)
  - Higgs **Yukawa couplings to lightest fermions** (u,d,s,e,nu?)  
Flavor-violating  $H \rightarrow qq'$  decays?
- Followed by energy-frontier hadron collider (FCC-hh):  
H selfcoupling + direct BSM searches up to  $\Lambda \approx 100$  TeV



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## High-priority future initiatives

A. An electron-positron Higgs factory is the highest-priority next collider. For the longer term, the European particle physics community has the ambition to operate a proton-proton collider at the highest achievable energy. Accomplishing these compelling goals will require innovation and cutting-edge technology:

- *the particle physics community should ramp up its R&D effort focused on advanced accelerator technologies, in particular that for high-field superconducting magnets, including high-temperature superconductors;*
- *Europe, together with its international partners, should investigate the technical and financial feasibility of a future hadron collider at CERN with a centre-of-mass energy of at least 100 TeV and with an electron-positron Higgs and electroweak factory as a possible first stage. Such a feasibility study of the colliders and related infrastructure should be established as a global endeavour and be completed on the timescale of the next Strategy update.*

# CERN Future Circular Collider (FCC)



- 90.7 km tunnel
- 4 experimental sites
- Deepest shaft 400 m, average 240 m

Two stages

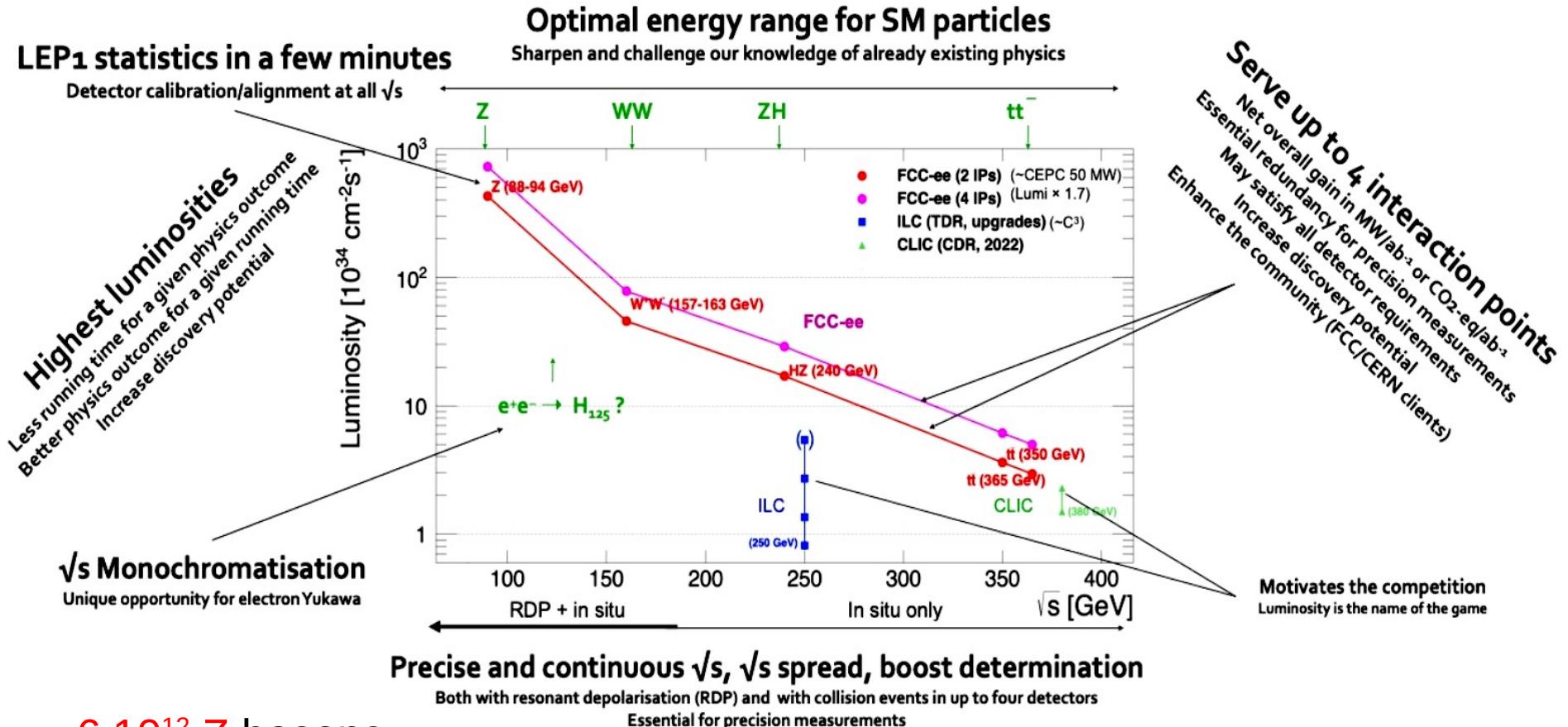
- FCC-ee (~15 years)
- FCC-hh (>20 years)

Exploit world-class international community, facilities, and sci-tech *savoir-faire* accumulated at CERN over the last 70 years!



"I believe FCC is the best project for CERN's future, we need to work together to make it happen"  
- Fabiola Gianotti, FCC Week London, 5th June 2023

# Impressive FCC-ee luminosities



$6 \cdot 10^{12}$  Z bosons

$5 \cdot 10^8$  W bosons

$2 \cdot 10^6$  Higgs bosons    H,Z,W,t (and u,d,s,c,b,g jets) probed **in pristine conditions...**

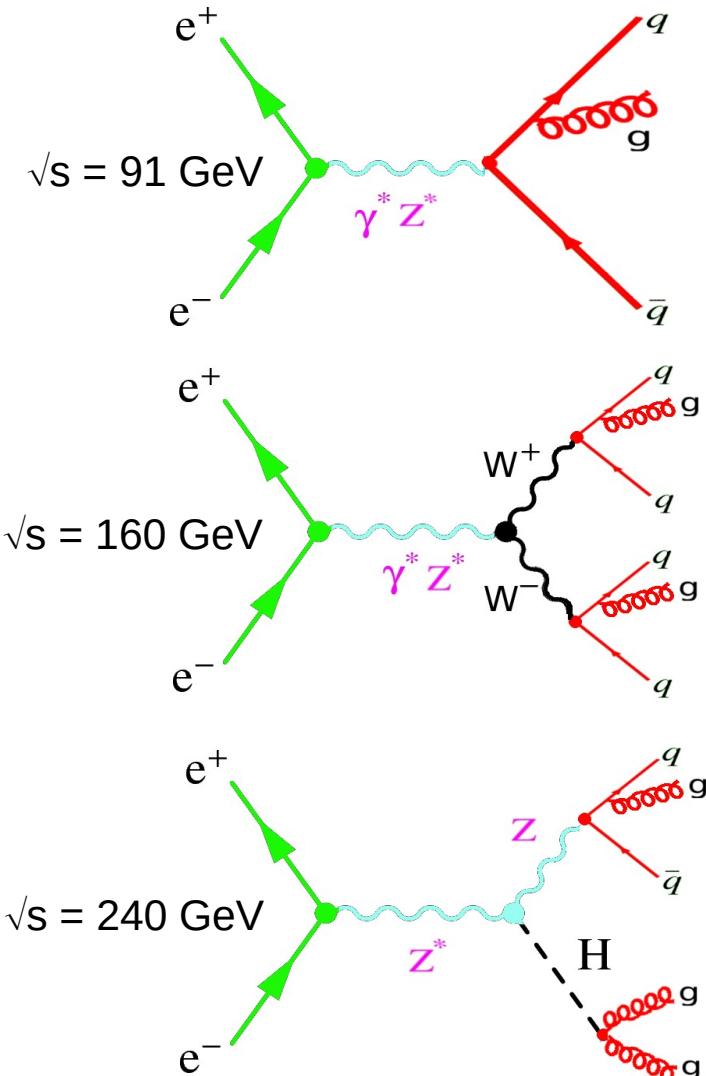
$4 \cdot 10^6$  top quarks

# QCD is at the core of FCC-ee physics

- Though QCD is not per se the driving force for FCC-ee, it is crucial for a huge range of studies:  
70–80% of H, Z, W boson decays have fully hadronic final states!
- 1. Precise  $\alpha_s$  determination is needed to accurately & precisely predict all SM x-sections & decay rates (Higgs, top, EWPOs,...)
- 2. Higher-order (N<sup>n</sup>LO, N<sup>n</sup>LL) calculations crucial to gain precise control over hadronic final states & jet dynamics.
- 3. Heavy/light quark & gluon separation (flavour tagging, substructure,...) is key for multiple SM measurements (H Yukawas,...) and BSM searches ( $X \rightarrow jj$  decays,...).
- 4. Non-perturbative QCD (hadronisation, colour reconnection,...) impacts studies with hadronic final states:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW, tt\bar{t}$  ( $\rightarrow$  jets),  $m_W$ ,  $m_{top}$  extractions.

# Precision QCD in $e^+e^-$ collisions

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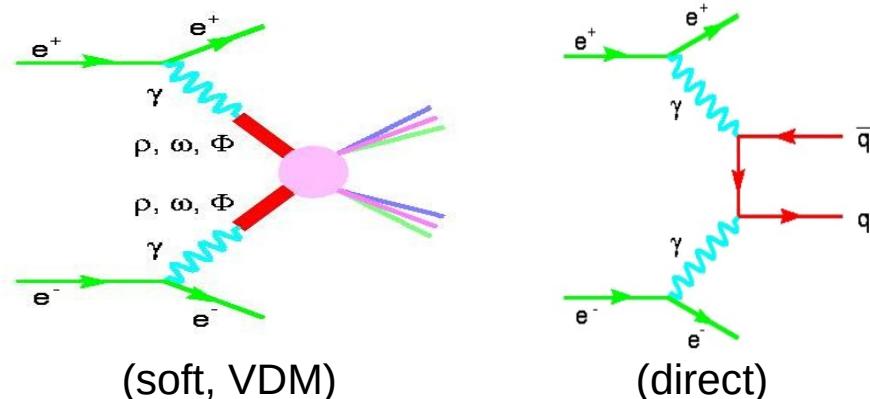


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- 1) QED initial-state with **known kinematics**
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- 4) **Smaller non-pQCD uncertainties:**  
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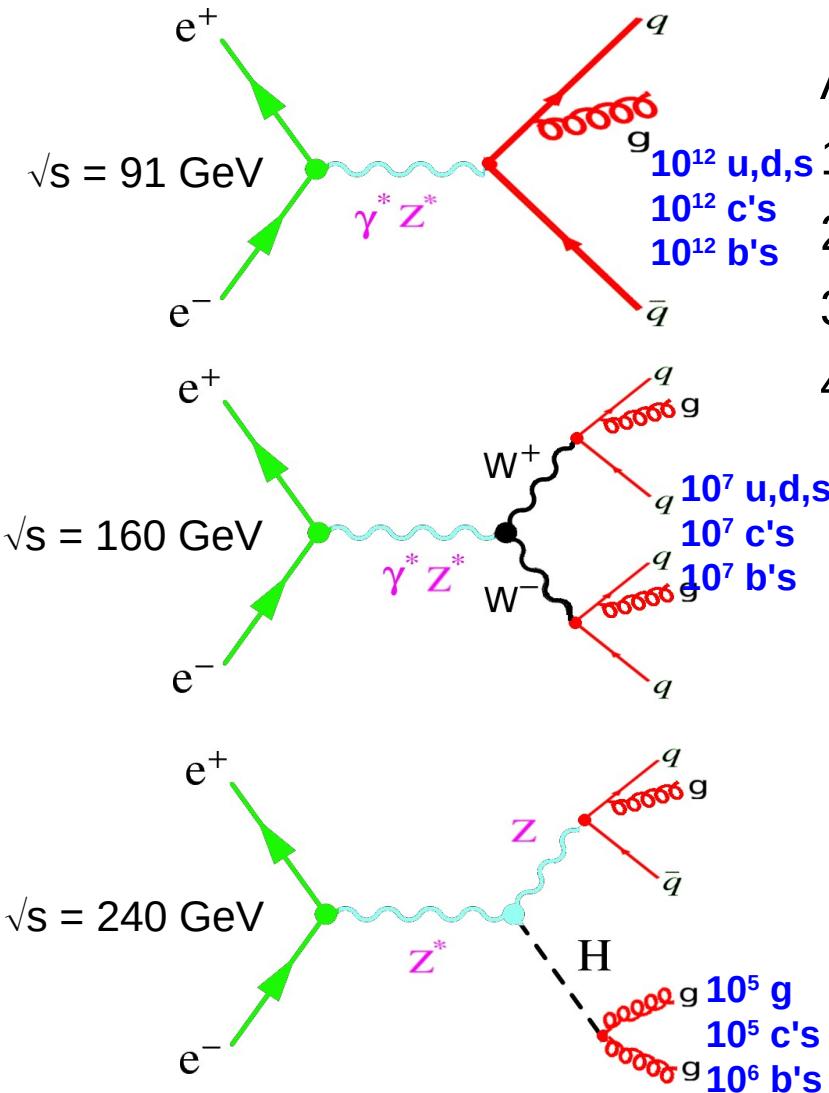
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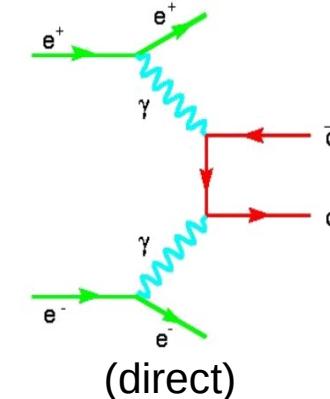
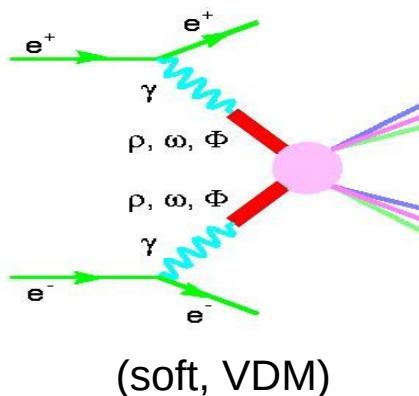


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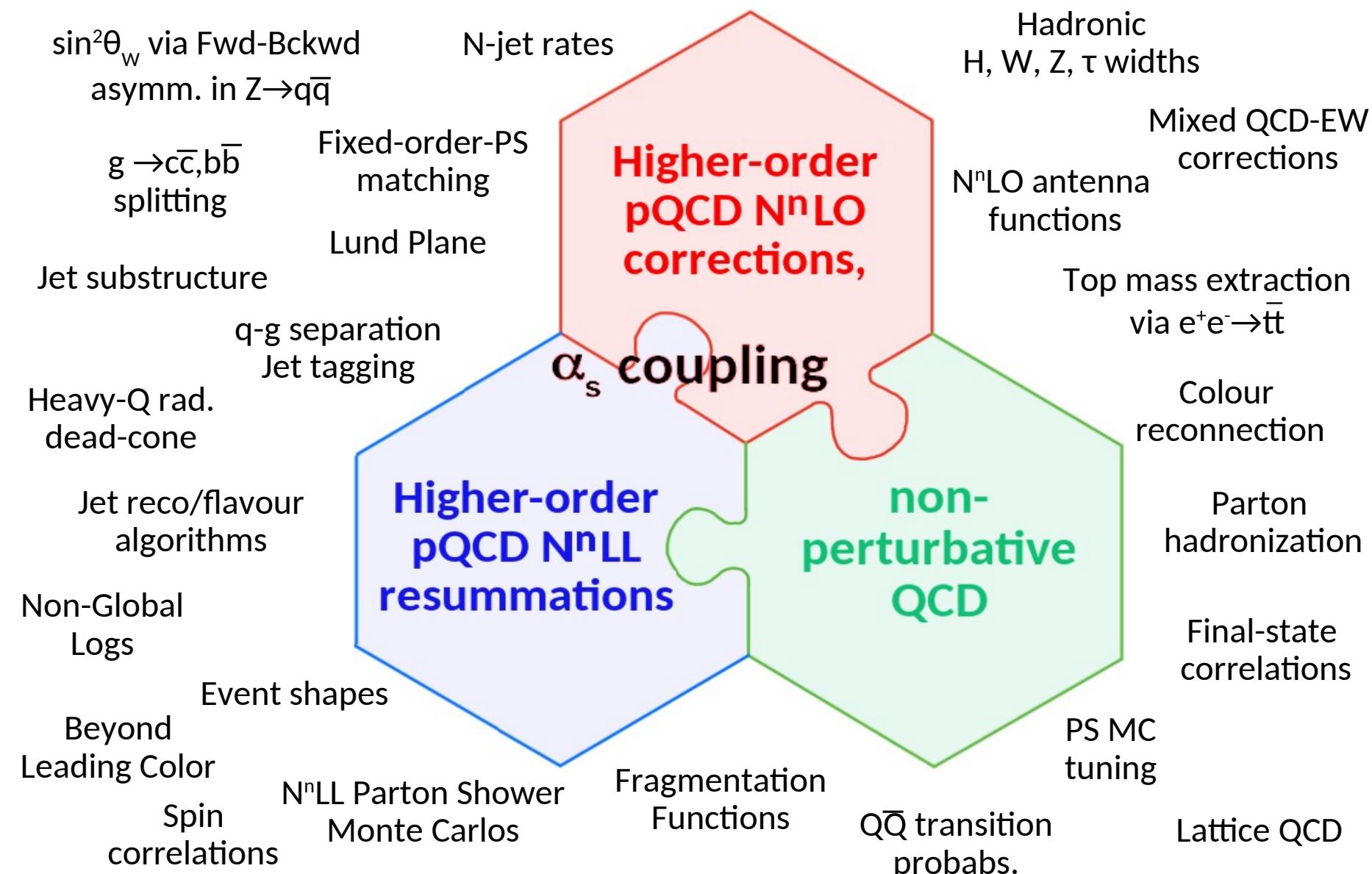
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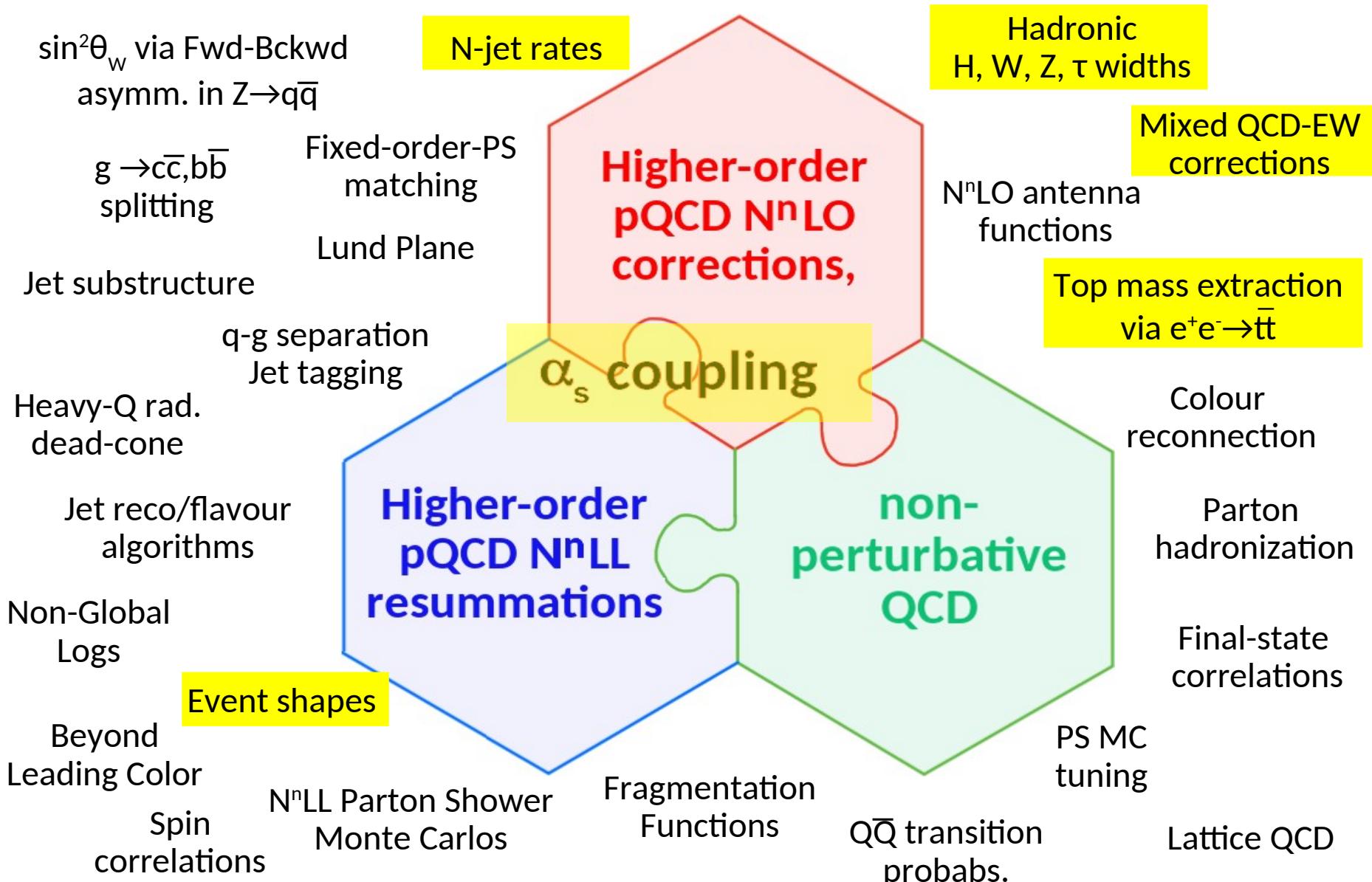
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# Very rich QCD physics at FCC-ee

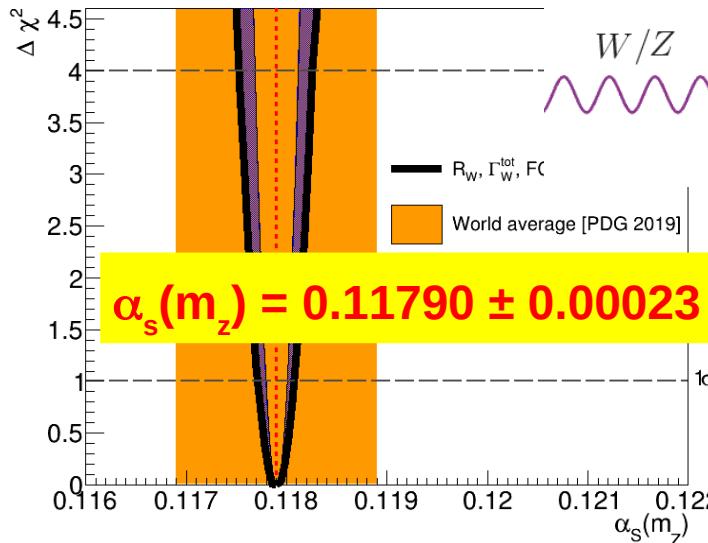
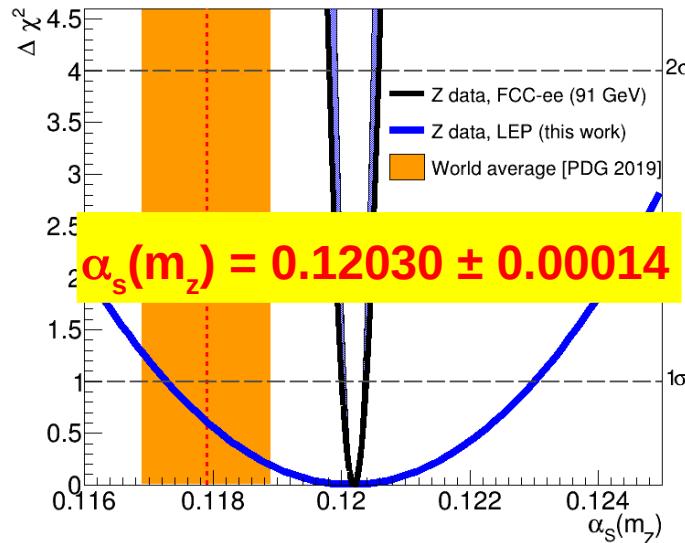


# Very rich QCD at FCC-ee. Examples:



# Example: QCD coupling $\alpha_s$

- Z,W hadronic widths provide the most precise (0.1%)  $\alpha_s$  extraction:



Strong (B)SM consistency test

- Reduced parametric uncertainties: Higgs, EWPO, top... x-sections & decays

Process	$\sigma$ (pb)	$\delta\alpha_s$ (%)	PDF + $\alpha_s$ (%)	Scale(%)
ggH	49.87	$\pm 3.7$	-6.2 +7.4	-2.61 + 0.32
ttH	0.611	$\pm 3.0$	$\pm 8.9$	-9.3 + 5.9
Channel	$M_H$ [GeV]	$\delta\alpha_s$ (%)	$\Delta m_b$	$\Delta m_c$
H $\rightarrow c\bar{c}$	126	$\pm 7.1$	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 2.3\%$
H $\rightarrow gg$	126	$\pm 4.1$	$\pm 0.1\%$	$\pm 0\%$

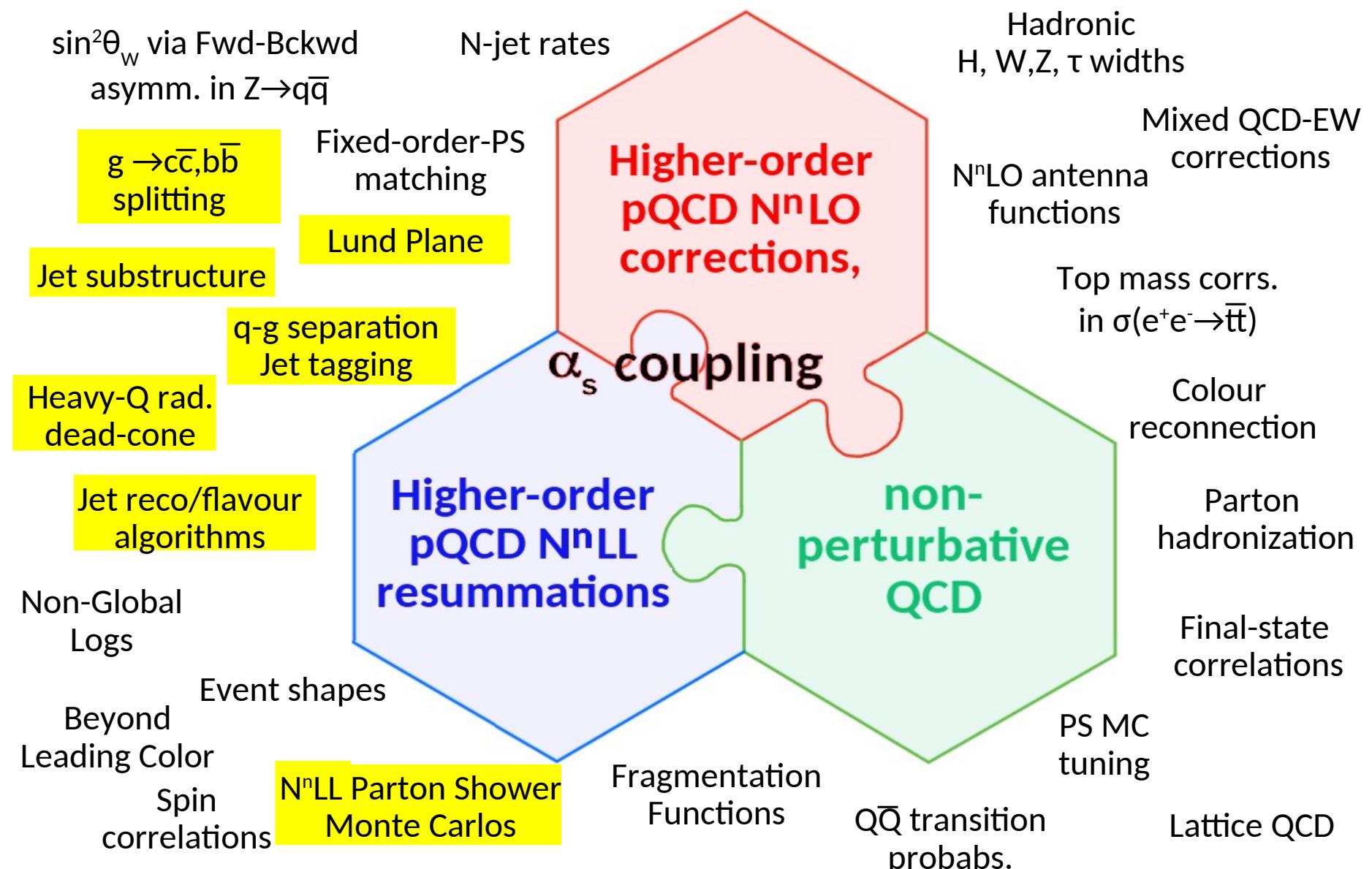
Summary of future parametric uncertainties:

Quantity	FCC-ee	future param.unc.	Main source
$\Gamma_Z$ [MeV]	0.1	0.1	$\delta\alpha_s$
$R_b$ [ $10^{-5}$ ]	6	< 1	$\delta\alpha_s$
$R_\ell$ [ $10^{-3}$ ]	1	1.3	$\delta\alpha_s$

Msbar mass error budget (from threshold scan)

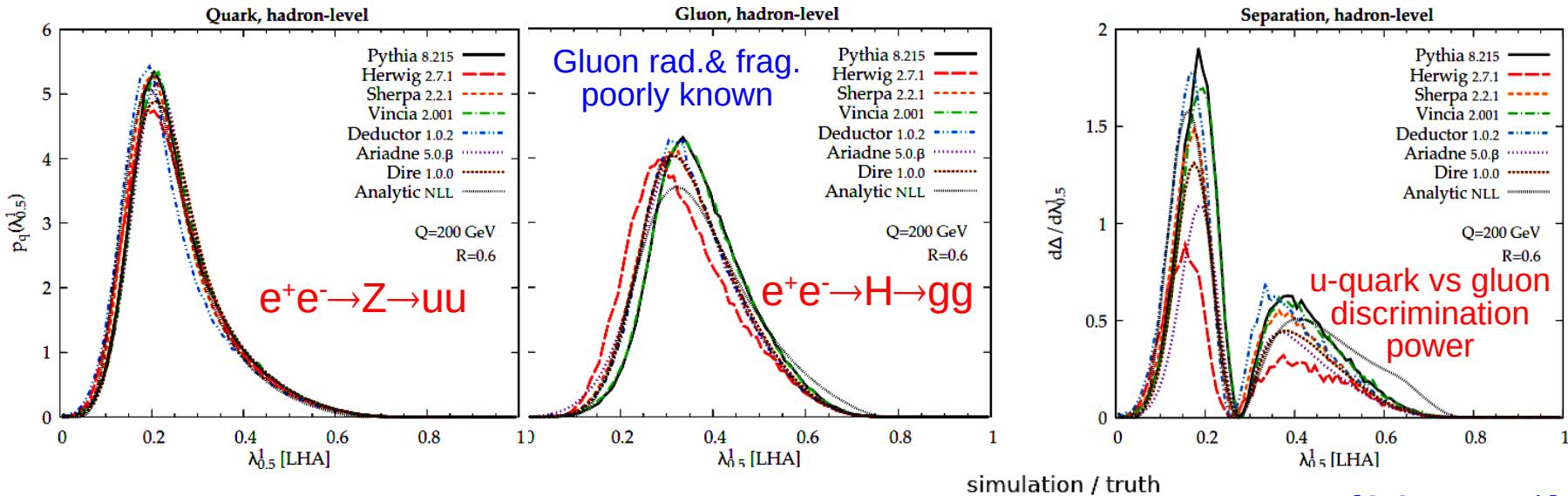
$(\delta M_t^{\text{SD-low}})^{\text{exp}}$	$(\delta M_t^{\text{SD-low}})^{\text{theo}}$	$(\delta \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t))^{\text{conversion}}$	$(\delta \bar{m}_t(\bar{m}_t))^{\alpha_s}$
40 MeV	50 MeV	7 – 23 MeV	70 MeV
$\Rightarrow$ improvement in $\alpha_s$ crucial			$\delta\alpha_s(M_z) = 0.001$

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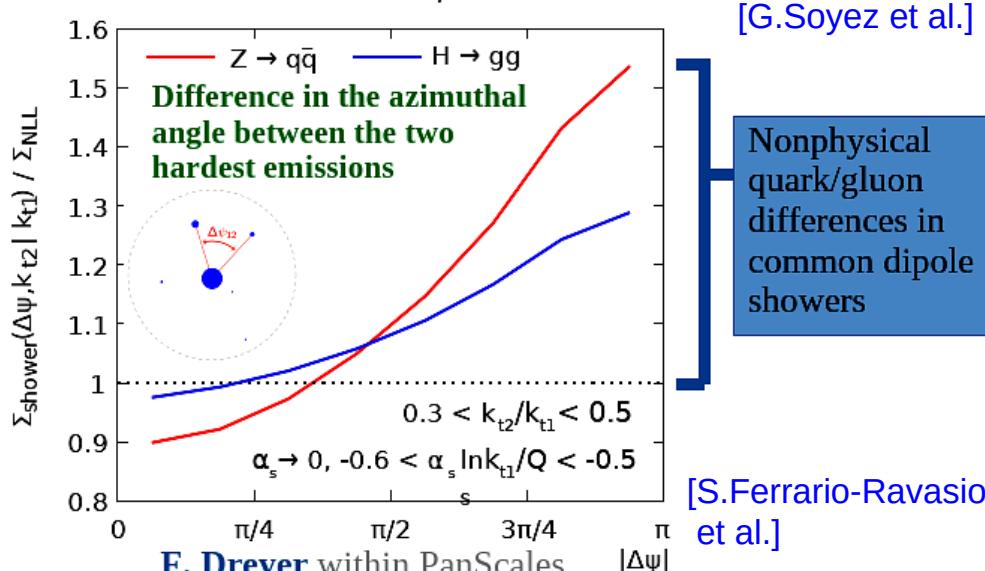


# Gluon jets are badly known today

- MC LL parton showers differ vastly on gluon jet substructure properties:

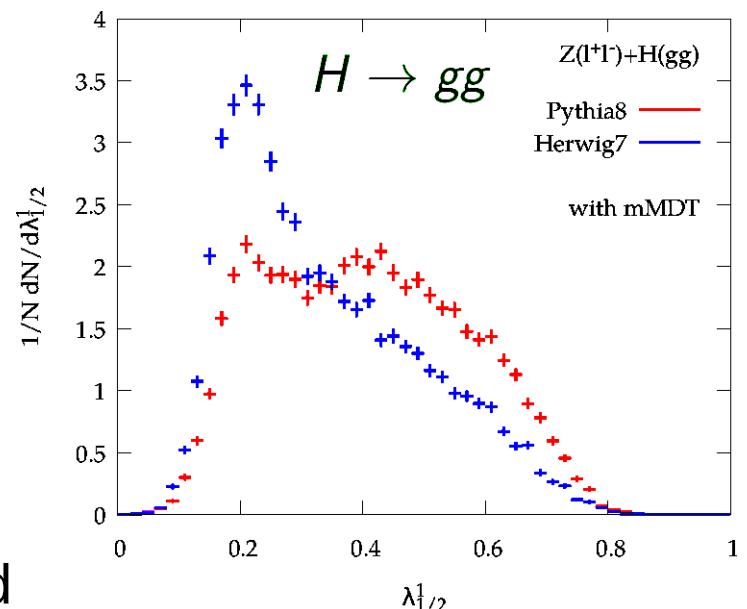
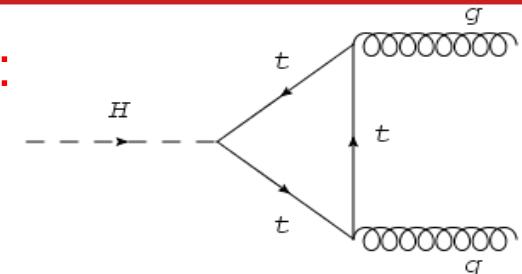


- Unphysical differences in the radiation pattern of q & g jets in LL PS:
- NNLL PS + high-quality  $e^+e^-$  gluon jet data/tuning badly needed.

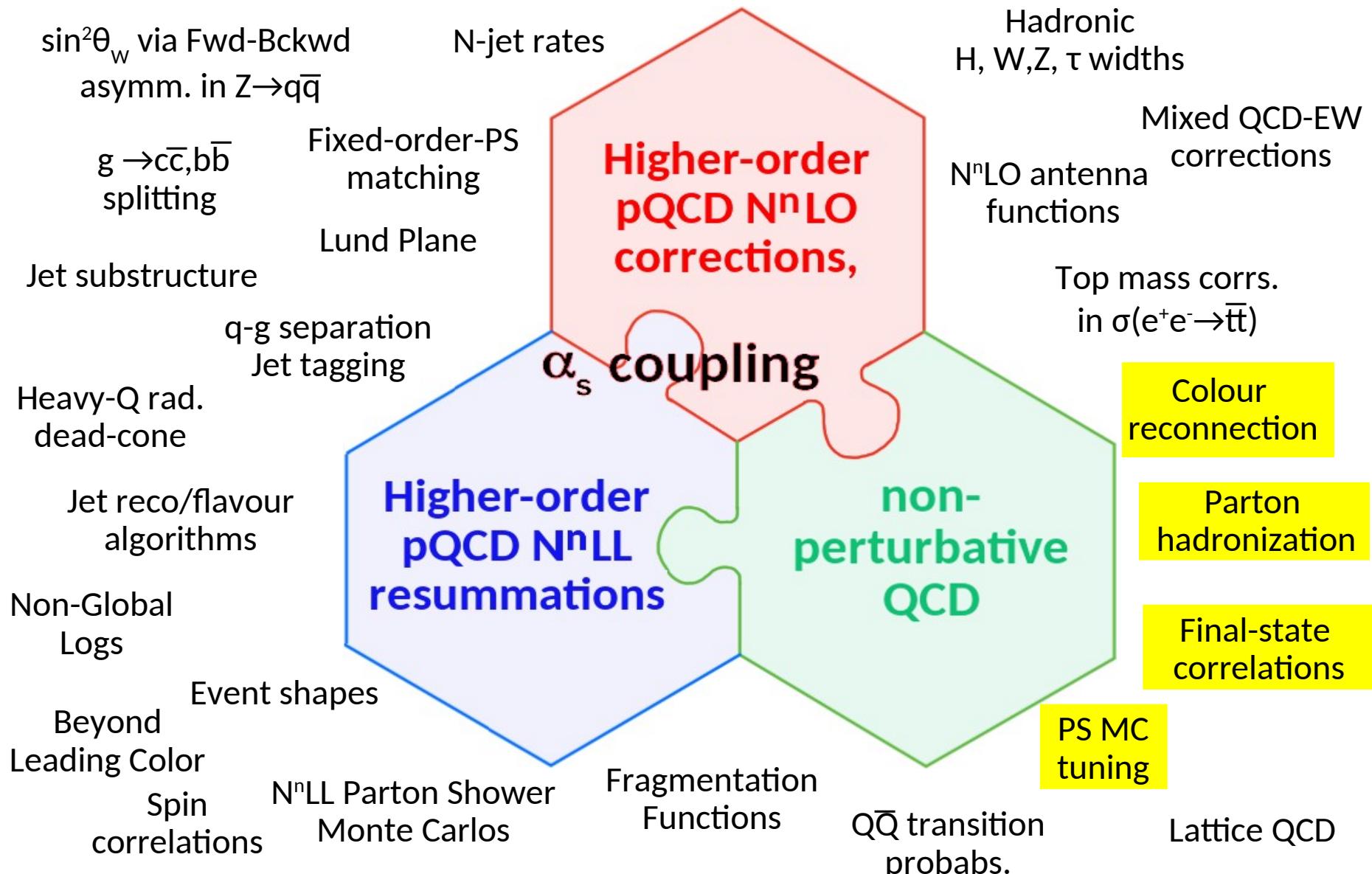


# Example: High-precision g & q jet studies

- Exploit FCC-ee  $H(gg)$  as a "pure gluon" factory:  
 $H \rightarrow gg$  provides  $\mathcal{O}(150.000)$  extra-clean digluon events.
- Compare to  $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$ : Multiple handles to study g rad./jet properties:
  - Gluon vs. quark via  $H \rightarrow gg$  vs.  $Z \rightarrow qq$   
(Profit from excellent g,b separation)
  - Gluon vs. quark via  $Z \rightarrow bbg$  vs.  $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$   
(g in one hemisphere recoiling against 2-b-jets in the other).
  - Vary  $E_{jet}$  range via ISR:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* \rightarrow jj(\gamma)$
  - Vary jet radius: small-R down to calo resol
- Multiple high-precision analyses at hand
  - Jet tagging: ML training on pure samples: Improve q/g/Q discrimination
  - pQCD: Improve/retune NNLL parton showers, Lund Plane, jet substructure ...
  - non-pQCD: Improved gluon hadronization: Leading  $\eta$ 's ? Baryon junctions ? Octet neutralization? Colour reconnection? Glueballs ?



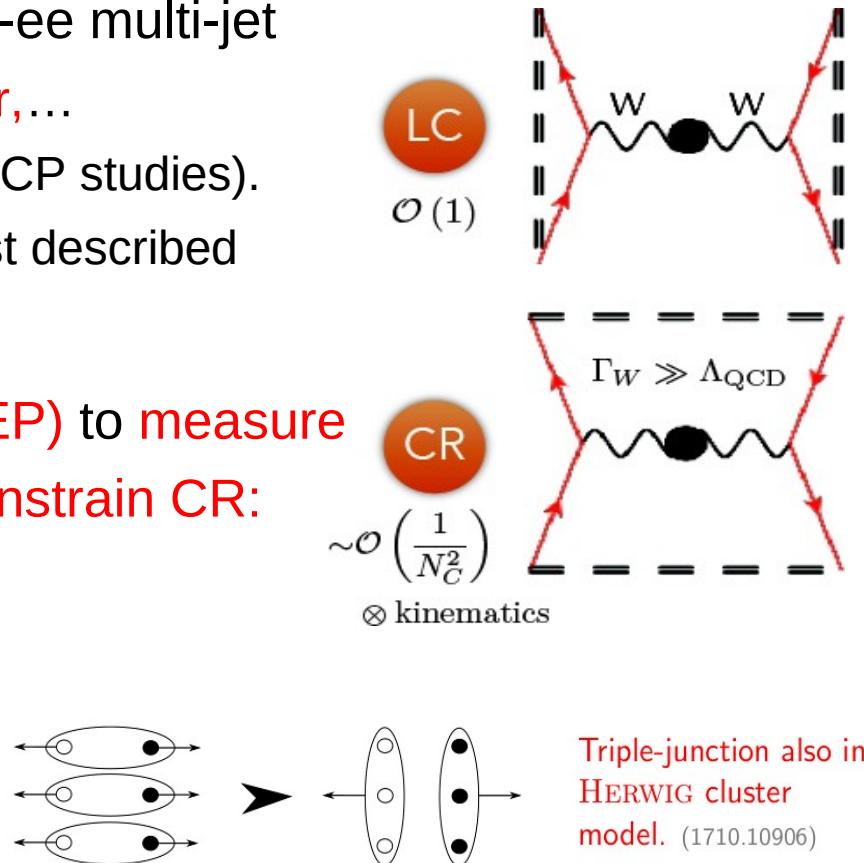
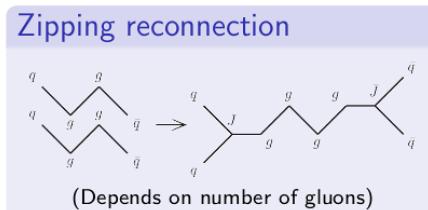
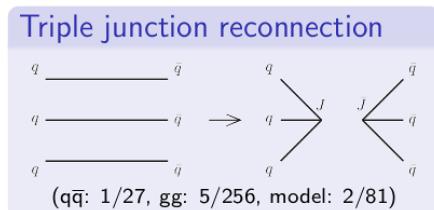
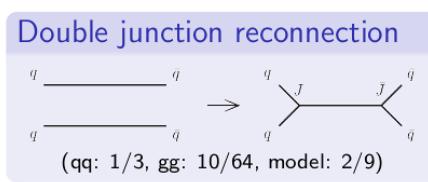
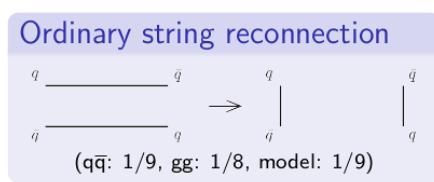
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# Non-pQCD example: Colour reconnection

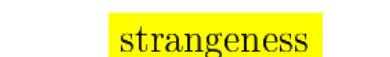
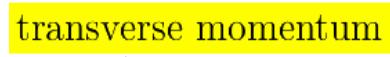
- Colour reconnection among partons is source of uncertainty in  $m_W$ ,  $m_{top}$ , aGC extractions in multijet final-states. Especially in pp (MPI cross-talk).
  - CR “string drag” effect impacts all FCC-ee multi-jet final-states:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j)$ ,  $H(2j,4j)$ ,  $t\bar{t}$ bar, ...
    - Shifted masses & angular correlations (CP studies).
    - Combined LEP  $e^+e^- \rightarrow WW(4j)$  data best described with 49% CR,  $2.2\sigma$  away from no-CR.
  - Exploit huge stat  $WW$  at rest ( $\times 10^4$  LEP) to measure  $m_W$  leptonically & hadronically and constrain CR:

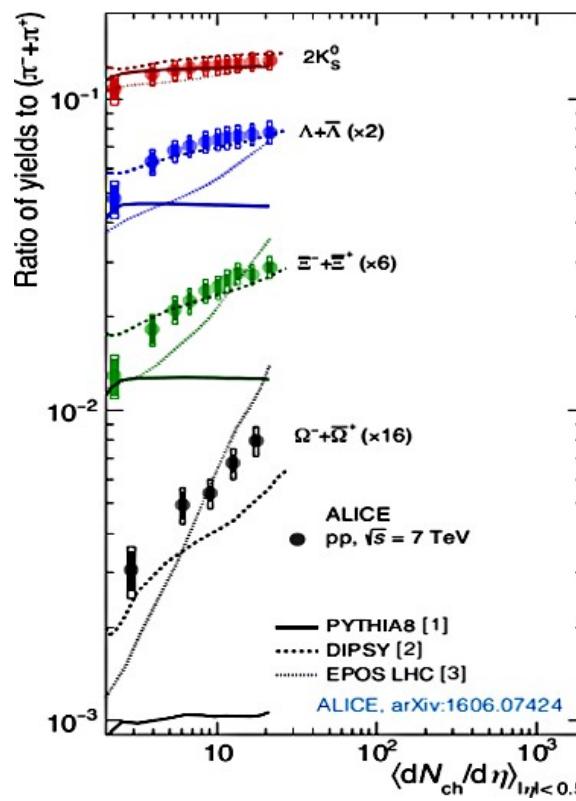
“Recent” PYTHIA option: QCD-inspired CR (QCDCR) (1505.01681):



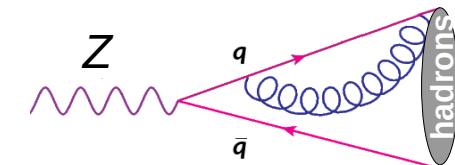
# Non-pQCD example: Vacuum hadronization

- Precision low- $p_T$  PID hadrons in  $10^{12} e^+e^- \rightarrow Z \rightarrow (10^{14}$  hadrons) for studies:
  - Baryon & strangeness prod. Colour string dynamics
  - Final-state correlations: space-time, spin (BE, FD)
  - Exotic BR( $10^{-12}$ ) bound-states: Onia, multi-quark states, glueballs, ...

conservation of :  
baryon number  
  
How local?  
strangeness  
  
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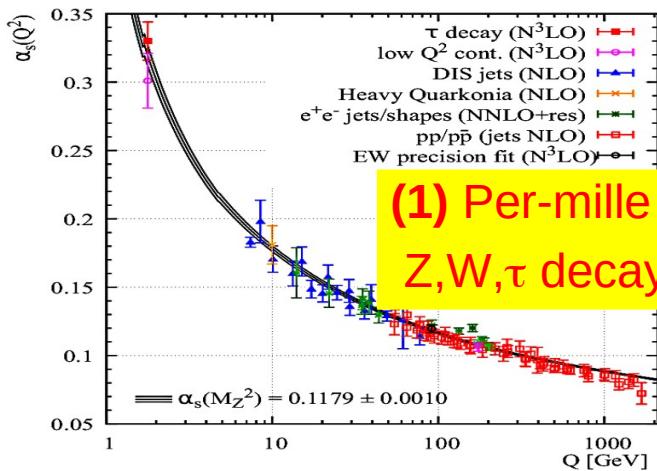


- Understand breakdown of universality of parton hadronization with system size observed at LHC.
- Baseline vacuum  $e^+e^-$  studies for high-density QCD in small & large systems.  
Also e.g. impact ultra-high-energy cosmic-ray MCs (muon puzzle)



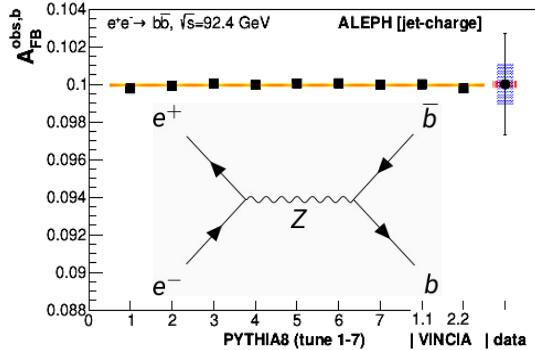
# Summary (1): High-precision QCD at FCC-ee

- The precision needed to fully exploit all future ee/pp/ep/eA/AA SM & BSM programs requires exquisite control of pQCD & non-pQCD physics.
- Unique QCD precision studies accessible at FCC-ee:

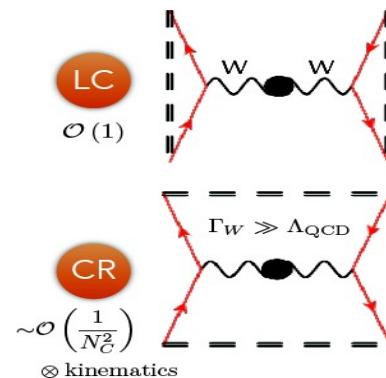


(1) Per-mille  $\alpha_s$  via hadronic  
Z,W, $\tau$  decays, evt shapes...

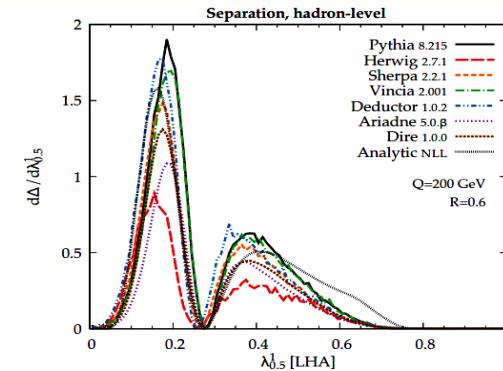
(3) <0.1% PS+hadroniz.  
uncert. for EWPOs



(4) <<1% control of  
colour reconnection



(2)  $N^n\text{LO}+N^n\text{LL}$  parton showers  
Ultimate g/q/Q discrimination



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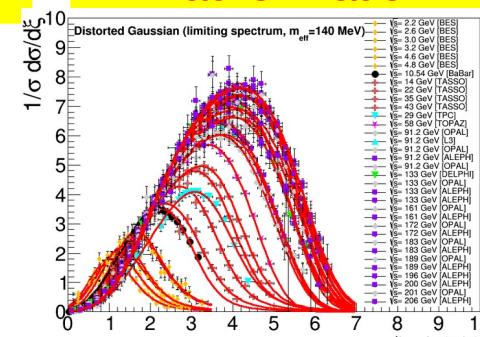
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(6) Ultra-rare QCD  
bound states

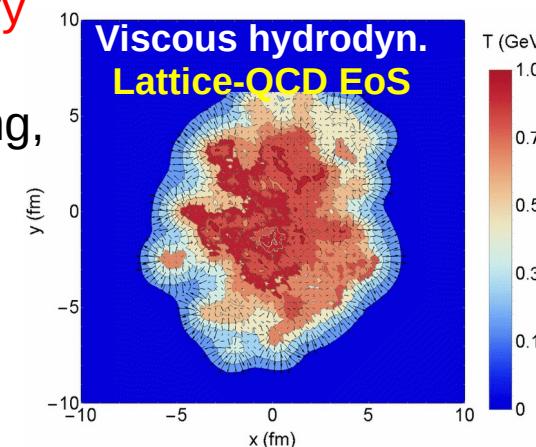
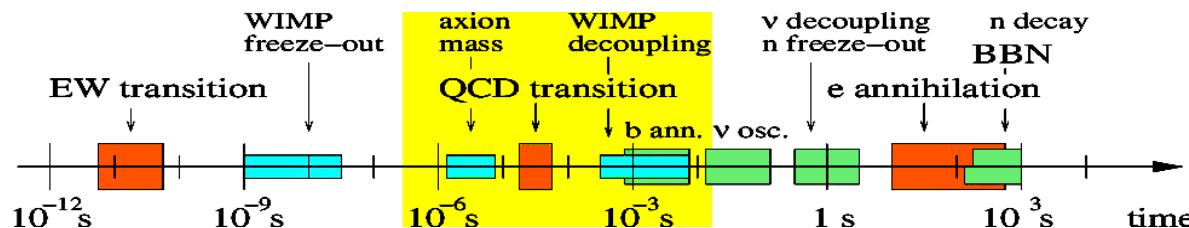
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# Heavy-ions at the FCC energy frontier

## ■ Central (hadronic) heavy-ion collisions:

1) ONLY way known to experimentally study the thermodynamics & phase transitions of a non-Abelian quantum-field theory. Collective ✓ QCD, ✗ EWK in the lab.

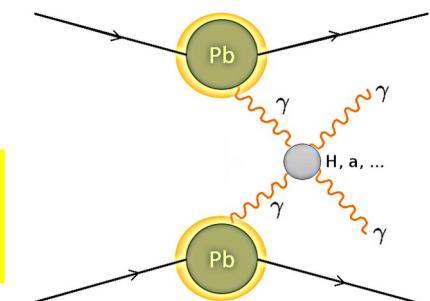
- ☞ QGP = Least viscous fluid known. Test-bed for string theory applications via AdS/CFT duality.
- ☞ Understand early Universe “bath” ( $\sim 1 \mu\text{s}$ ): WIMP decoupling, axion mass, imprints on gravitational wave spectrum? ...



## ■ Ultraperipheral (electromagnetic) heavy-ion collisions:

- ☞ Strongest electromagnetic fields in the Universe ( $\sim 10^{15} \text{ T}$ ).

2) Unique SM & BSM studies via photon-photon collisions:  
light-by-light, axion-like particles, magn. monopoles, Higgs,...



Note: Likely, no other place in Universe produces Pb-Pb collisions at multi-TeV c.m. energies (heaviest cosmic-rays colls.: Fe-Air up to  $\sqrt{s}_{\text{max}} \approx 400 \text{ TeV}$ ).

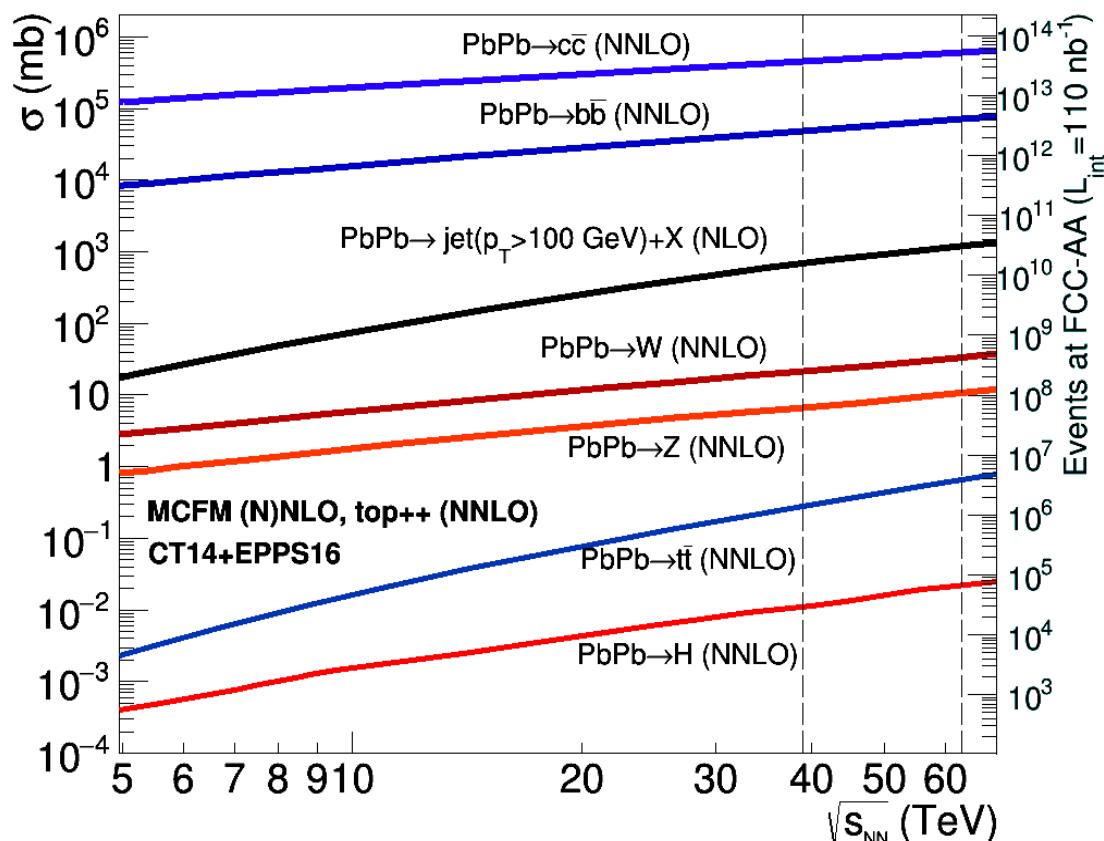
# Heavy-ion collisions at the FCC-hh

- CM energy  $\sqrt{s} = 100$  TeV for pp means:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = \sqrt{s}\sqrt{Z_1 Z_2 / A_1 A_2}$  for A-A colls.

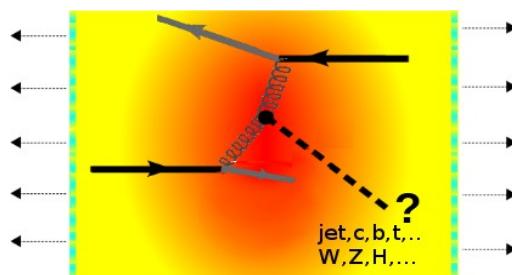
PbPb:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 39$  TeV,  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 110$  nb $^{-1}$ /month  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ :  $\times 7$  larger than LHC

pPb:  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 63$  TeV,  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = 29$  pb $^{-1}$ /month  $\mathcal{L}_{int}$ :  $\times 10\text{--}30$  larger than LHC

- Huge increase in pQCD cross sections (yields) to probe QGP:



- Charm:  $\times 4$  (40) LHC
- Bottom:  $\times 6$  (60) LHC
- 100-GeV jets:  $\times 30$  (300) LHC
- W:  $\times 7$  (70) LHC
- Z :  $\times 7$  (70) LHC
- Top:  $\times 80$  (800) LHC
- Higgs:  $\times 20$  (200) LHC



# PbPb(39 TeV): Bulk QGP properties

Quantity	Pb–Pb 2.76 TeV	Pb–Pb 5.5 TeV	Pb–Pb 39 TeV
$dN_{\text{ch}}/d\eta$ at $\eta = 0$	1600	2000	3600
Total $N_{\text{ch}}$	17000	23000	50000
$dE_T/d\eta$ at $\eta = 0$	1.8–2.0 TeV	2.3–2.6 TeV	5.2–5.8 TeV
Homogeneity volume	5000 fm <sup>3</sup>	6200 fm <sup>3</sup>	11000 fm <sup>3</sup>
Decoupling time	10 fm/c	11 fm/c	13 fm/c
$\epsilon$ at $\tau = 1 \text{ fm}/c$	12–13 GeV/fm <sup>3</sup>	16–17 GeV/fm <sup>3</sup>	35–40 GeV/fm <sup>3</sup>

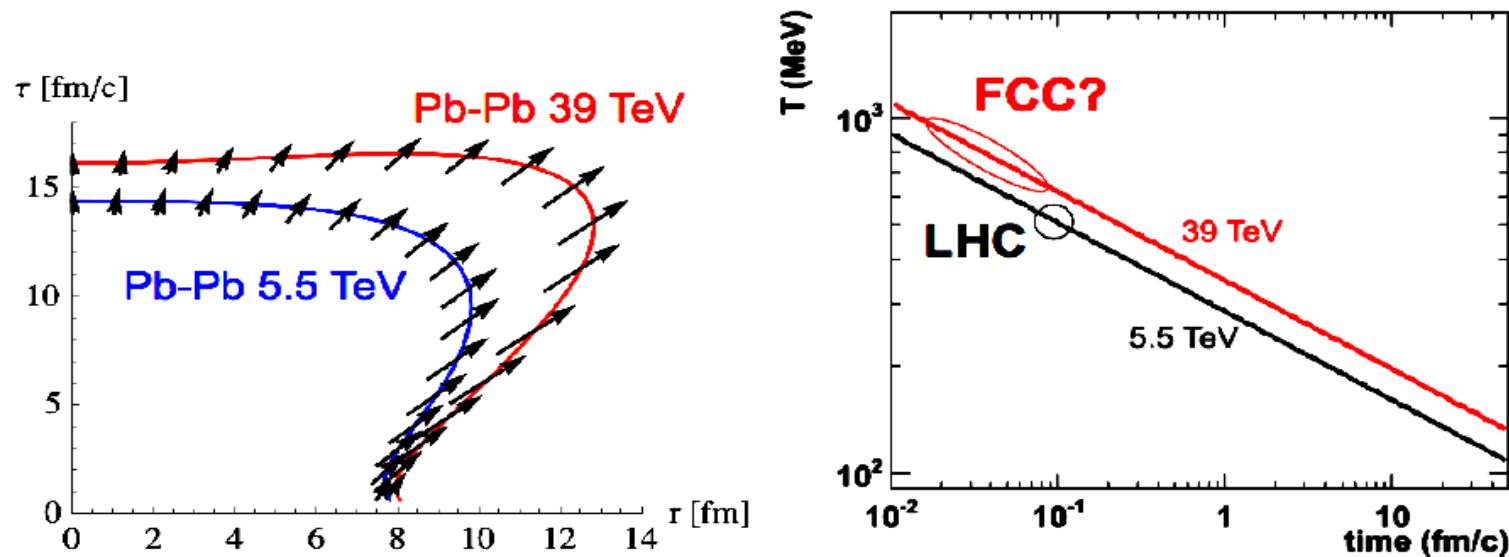
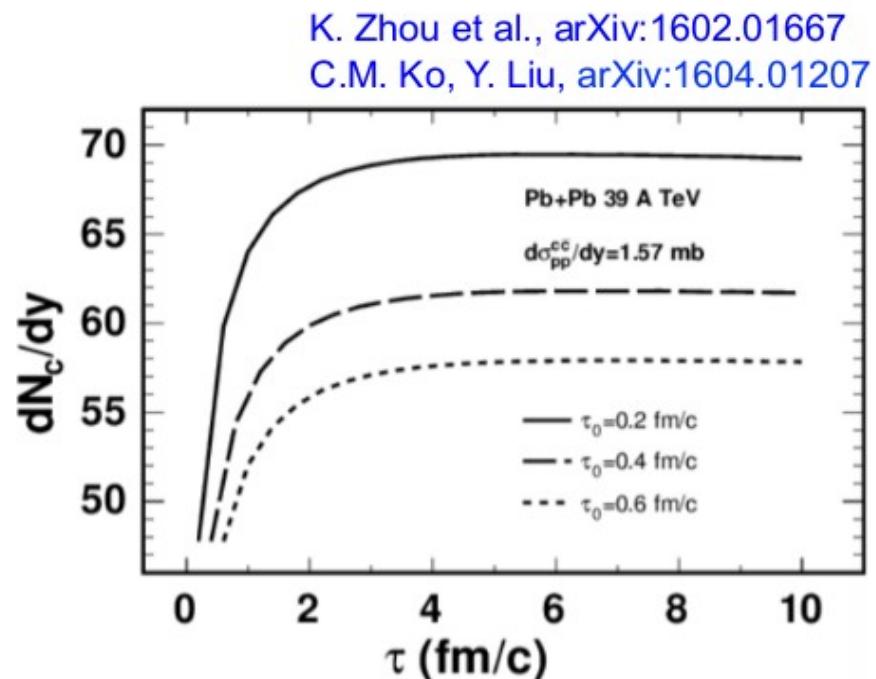
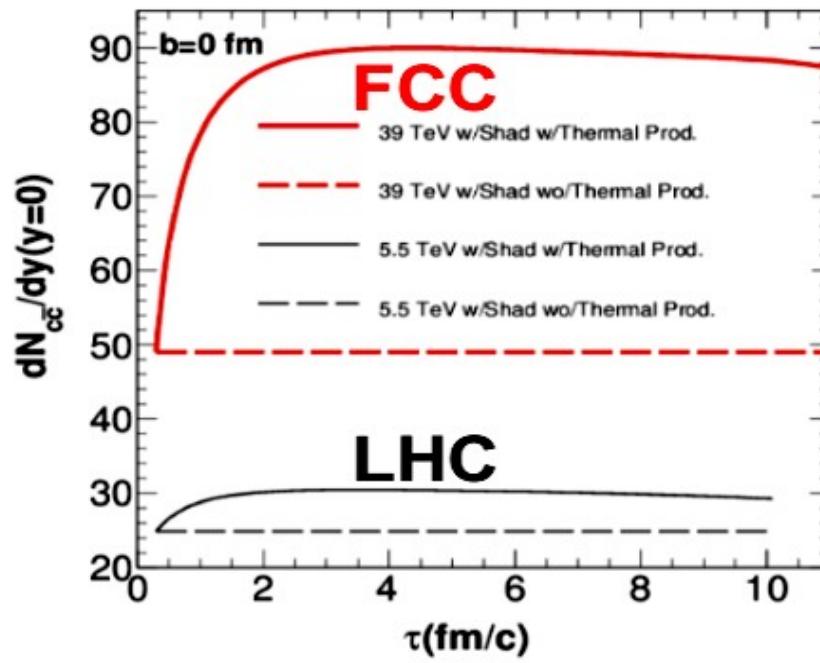


Fig. 2: Left: space-time profile at freeze-out from hydrodynamical calculations for central Pb–Pb collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 5.5 \text{ TeV}$  and 39 TeV. Right: time evolution of the QGP temperature as estimated on the basis of the Bjorken relation and the Stefan-Boltzmann equation (see text for details).

**x2–2.5 larger particle & energy densities ( $\sim 40 \text{ GeV}/\text{fm}^3$ ) than LHC**

# PbPb(39 TeV): Thermalized charm in QGP

- Expect abundant secondary production of  $c\bar{c}$  pairs in the medium from  $gg \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ ,  $q\bar{q} \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  + NLO ... (**~500  $c\bar{c}$  pairs!**)



- Up to 50-100% “enhancement” wrt primary charm
- Sensitive to QGP properties: T vs  $\tau$ , and  $\tau_0$  (**active ndof** in QCD EoS)

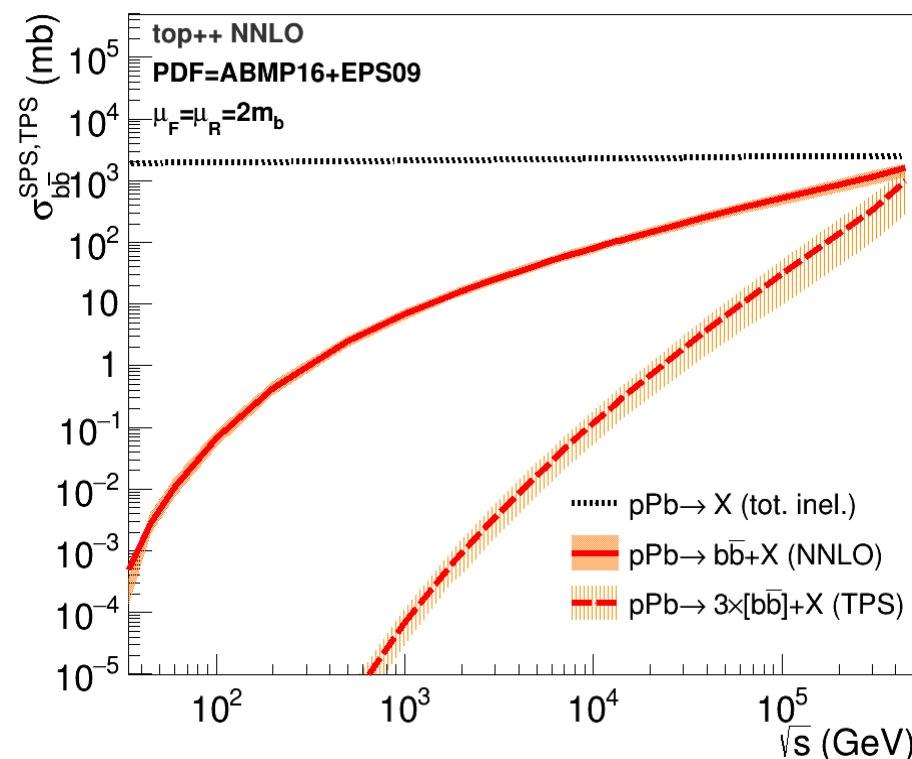
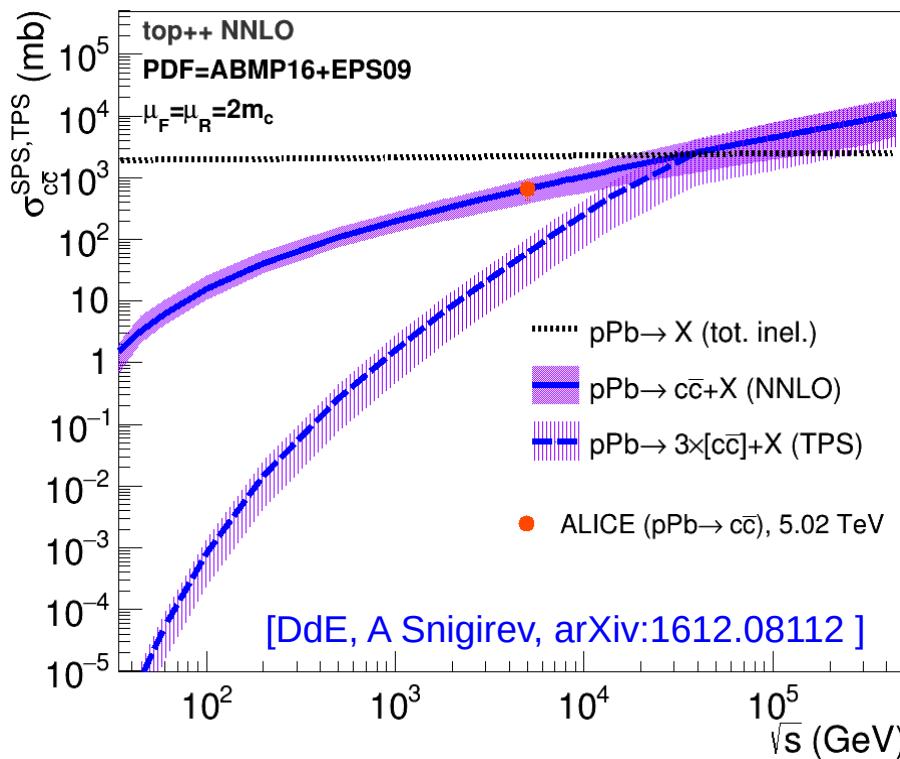
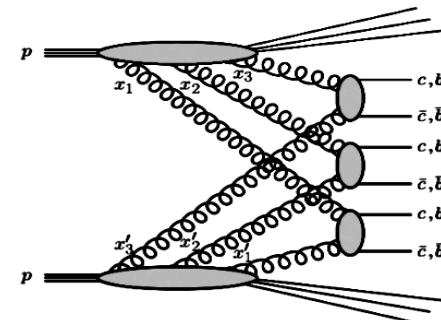
**x3 larger charm-anticharm densities than at the LHC**

# pPb(63 TeV): Triple-parton scatterings

- Huge triple-parton-scattering (TPS) x-sections for charm & bottom derived from  $\sigma(\text{NNLO})$  SPS plus “pocket formula” and p-A Glauber:

$$\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow abc}^{\text{TPS}} = \left( \frac{m}{3!} \right) \frac{\sigma_{hh' \rightarrow a}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow b}^{\text{SPS}} \cdot \sigma_{hh' \rightarrow c}^{\text{SPS}}}{\sigma_{\text{eff,TPS}}^2},$$

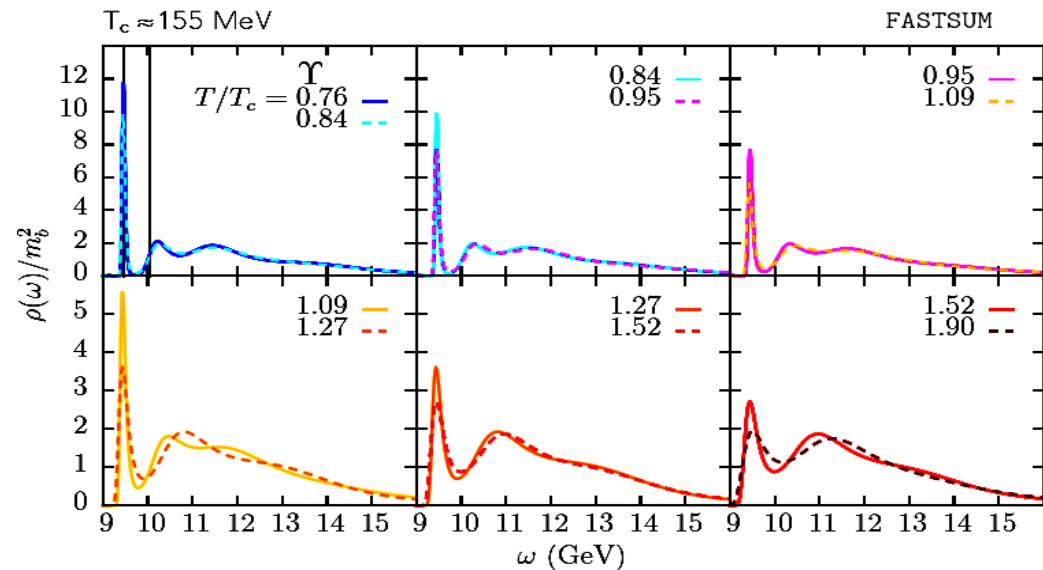
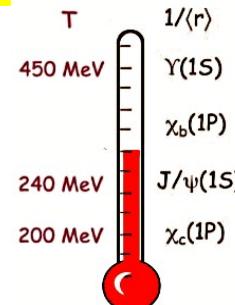
### Energy evolution of proton transv. profile?



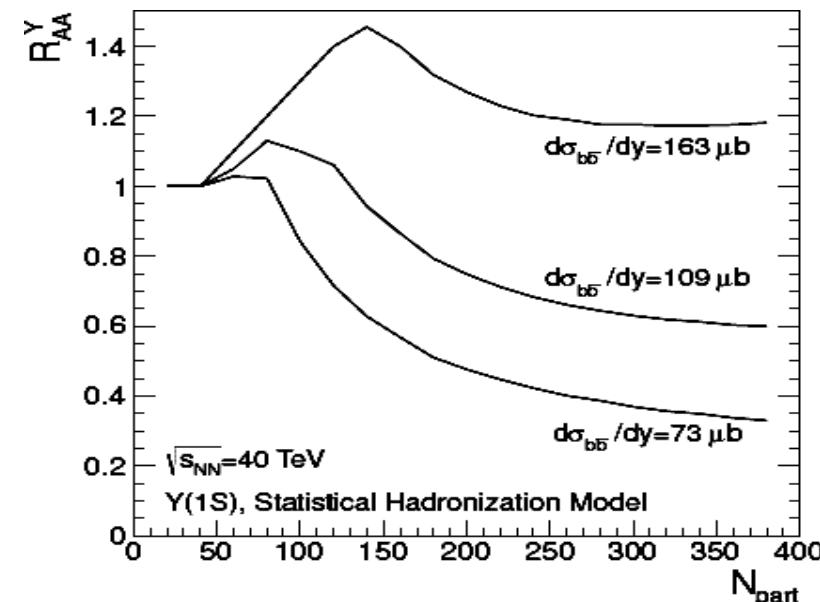
- At  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 63$  TeV:  $\sigma(\text{triple-charm}) \approx 8.6$  b,  $\sigma(\text{triple-J}/\psi), \sigma(\text{triple-bb}) \approx 1,10$  mb

# PbPb(39 TeV): QQ melting & recombination in QGP

- FCC ( $T_0 \sim 1\text{ GeV}$ ) can probe QGP temperature through  $\Upsilon(1S)$  “melting” expected by lattice-QCD at  $T = 4\text{--}5 T_c$



[G. Aarts et al, JHEP 07 (2014) 097]



[A. Andronic, et al., JPG38 (2011) 124081]

# PbPb(39 TeV): Boosted-top quark in QGP

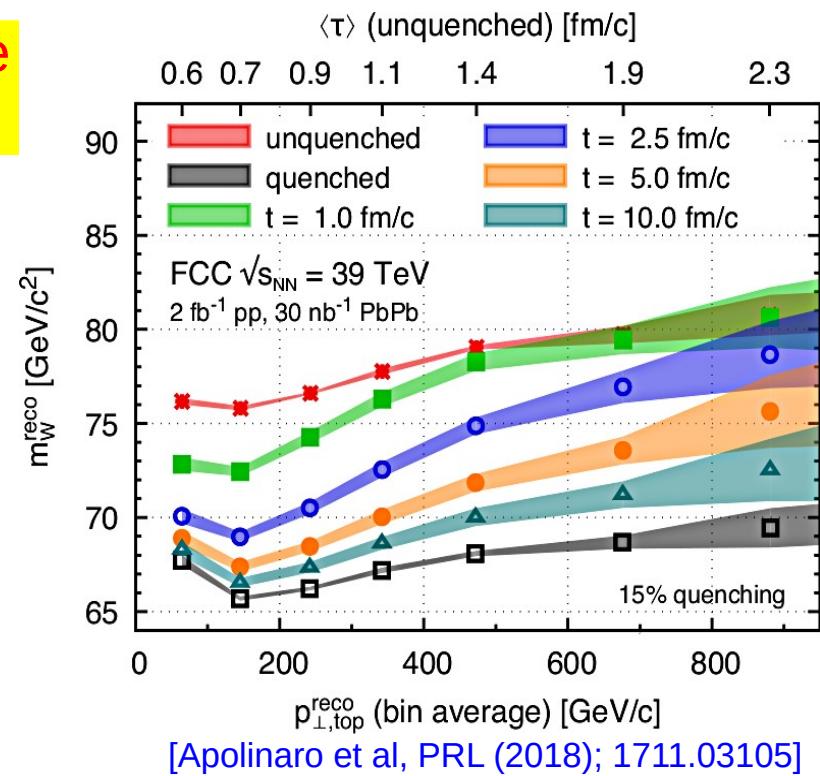
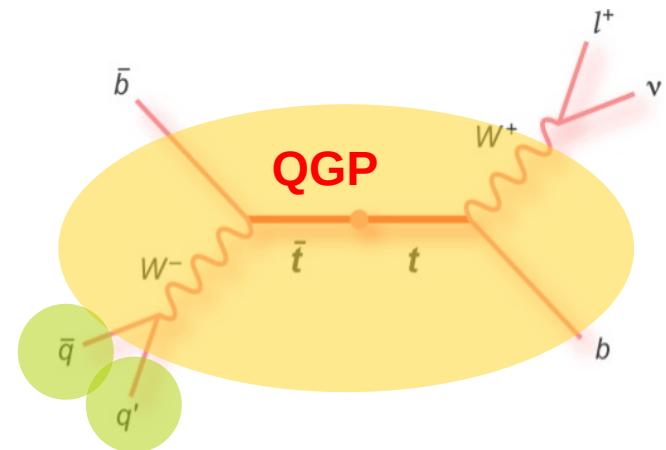
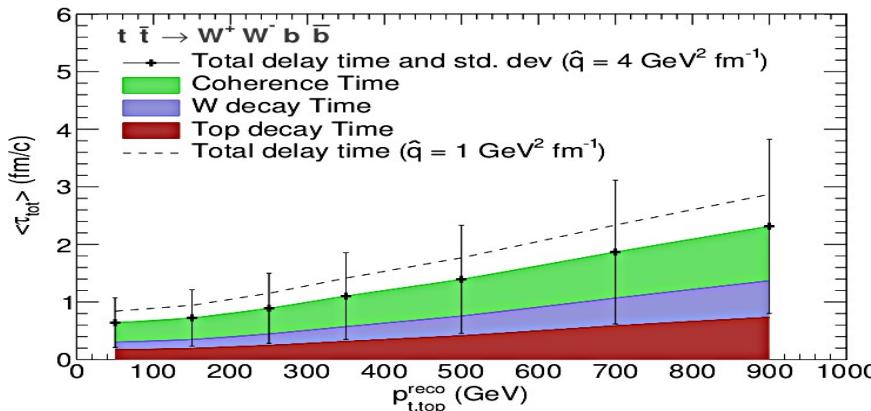
- Top-quark decays ( $t \sim 0.1$  fm/c) before hadronization into  $W+b$ . But, boosted  $t \rightarrow W \rightarrow qq'$  traverses QGP:

$t \rightarrow b + 2\text{jets}$  (66%)

$t\bar{t} \rightarrow b\bar{b} + 2\text{jets} + 1\ell + \text{MET}(n)$  (45%)

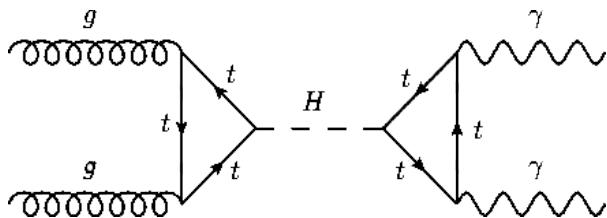
- Colour reconnection of decay  $b, q, q'?$
- Enhanced gluon radiation in QGP?
- Boosted  $t-t\bar{t}$  = Color-singlets probe medium opacity at diff. time scales:

- Reconstructed  $m_W(qq)$  vs  $p_T(t)$  provides space-time QGP tomography:

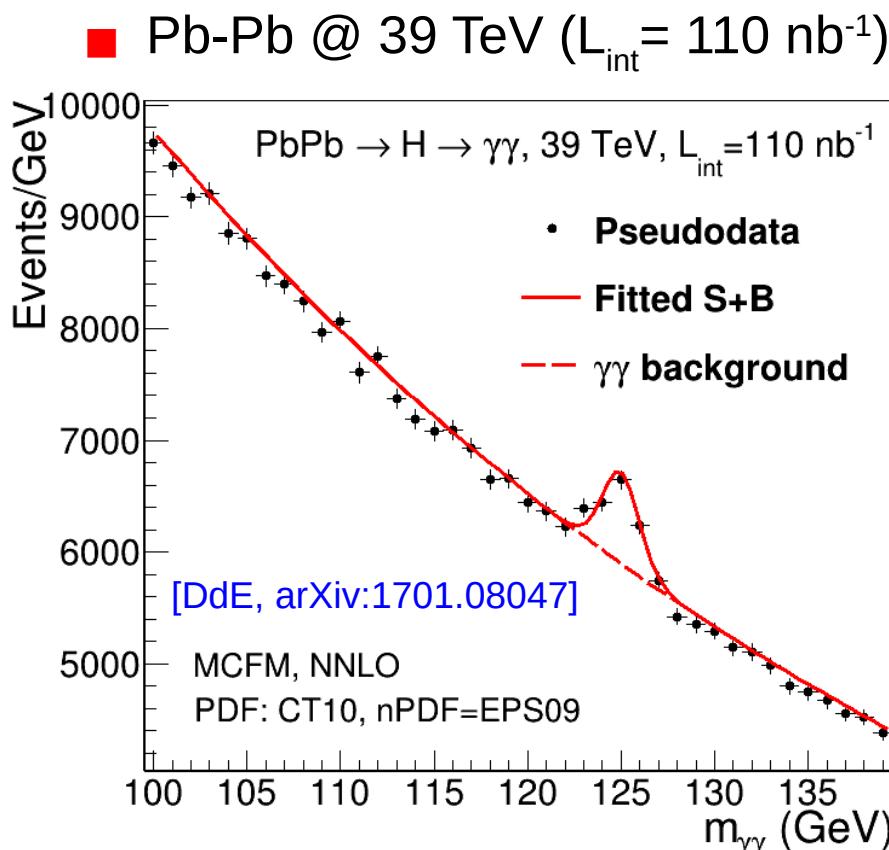


[Apolinaro et al, PRL (2018); 1711.03105]

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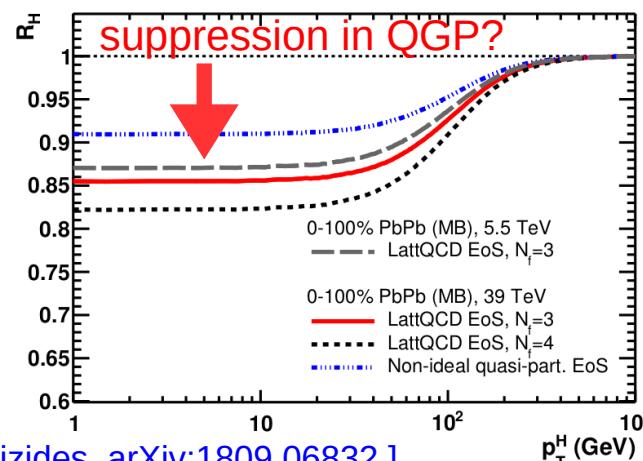
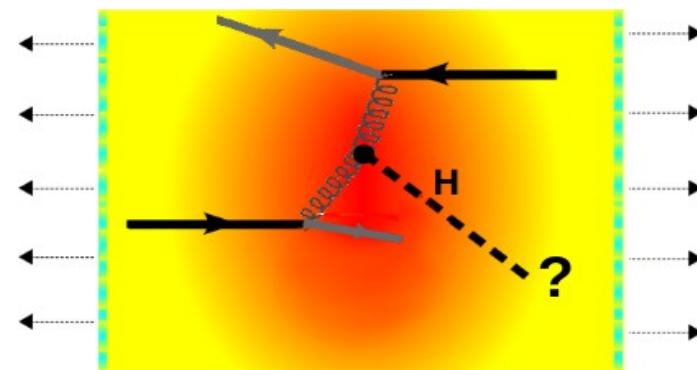


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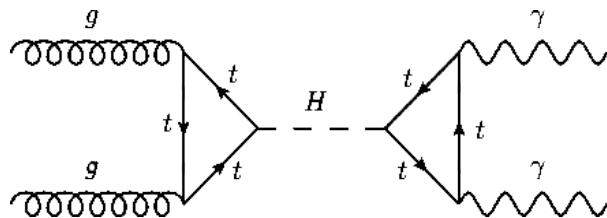


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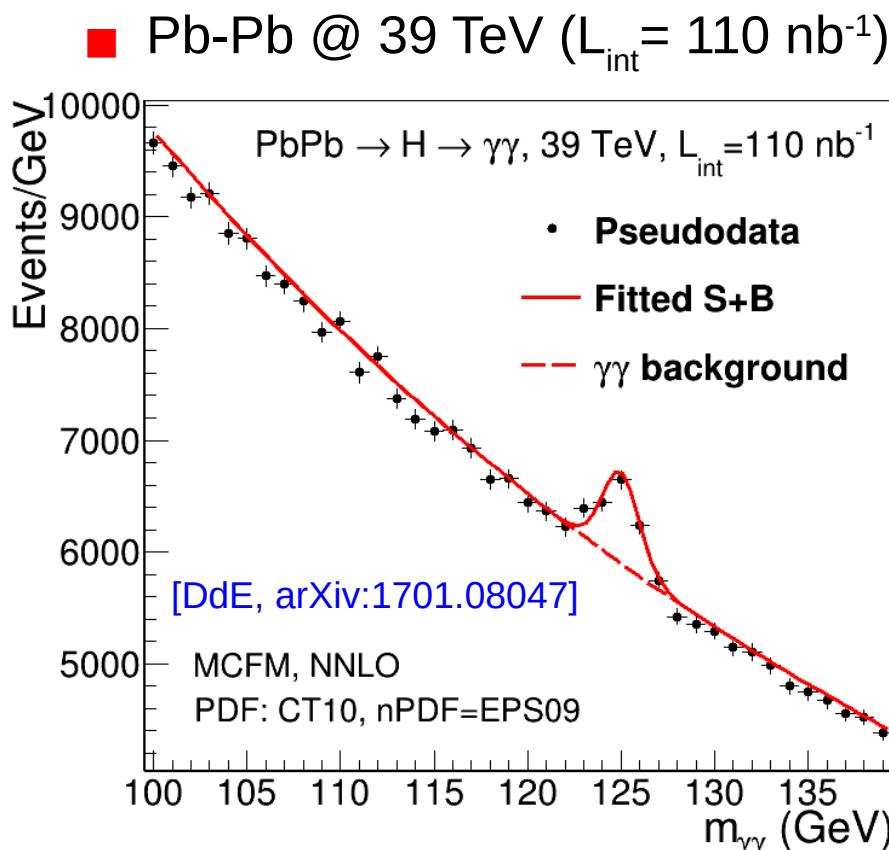
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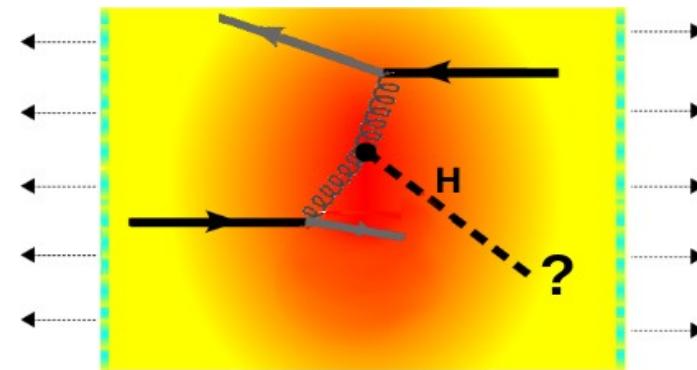


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[Ghiglieri & Wiedemann, arXiv:1901.04503]

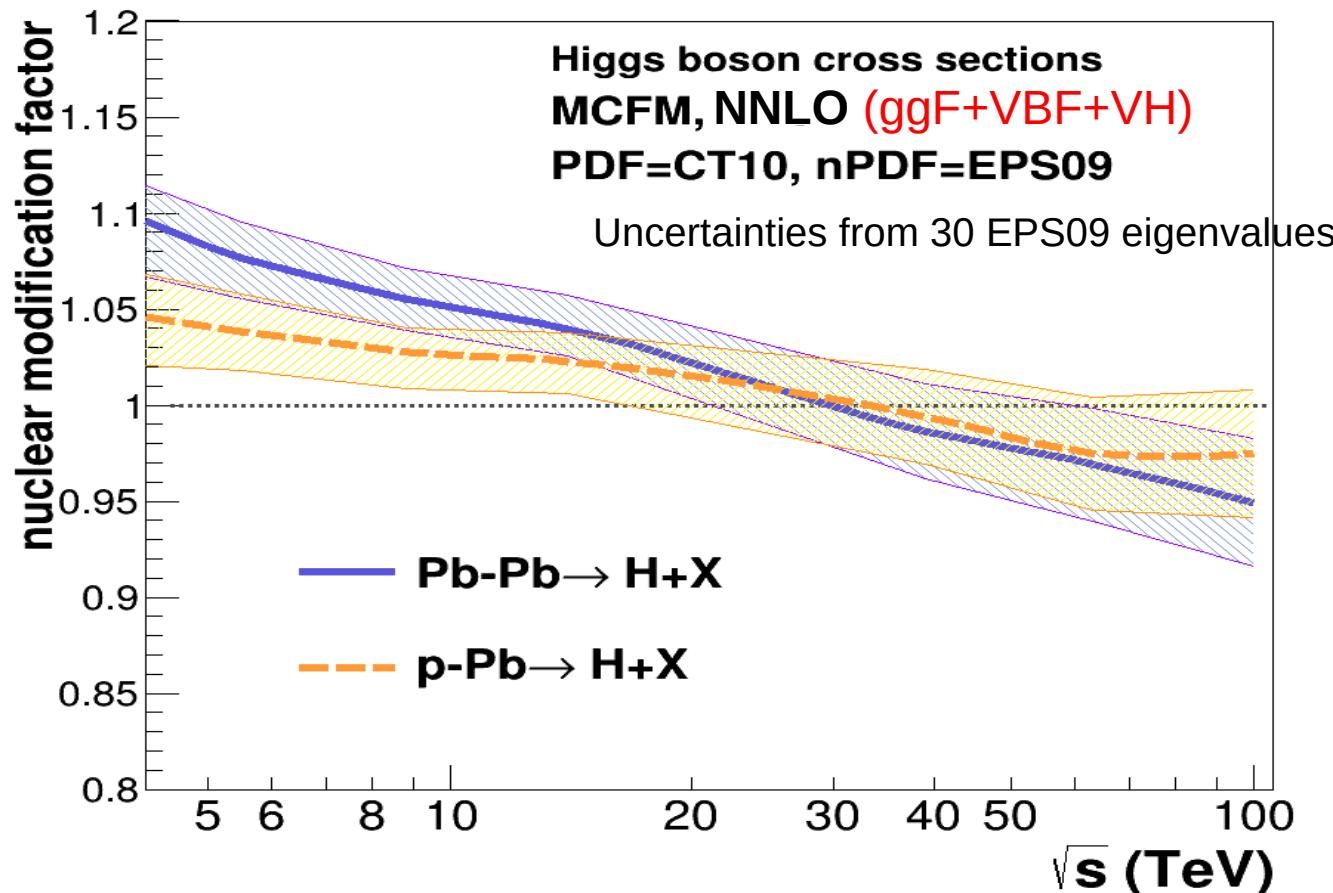
$$\delta\Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg} = -\Gamma_{H \rightarrow gg}^{\text{vac}} \alpha_s \frac{T^4}{M_H^4} \frac{112\pi^3}{45} (8 - n_f^T)$$

for  $H$ -decay in the plasma rest frame.

■ Negligible modification of Higgs decay width in QGP  $\sim (T/m_H)^4 \sim 10^{-6}$ ...

# nPDF (anti)shadowing via Higgs boson

- EPS09 nuclear PDFs modify slightly x-sections wrt. pp PDFs:



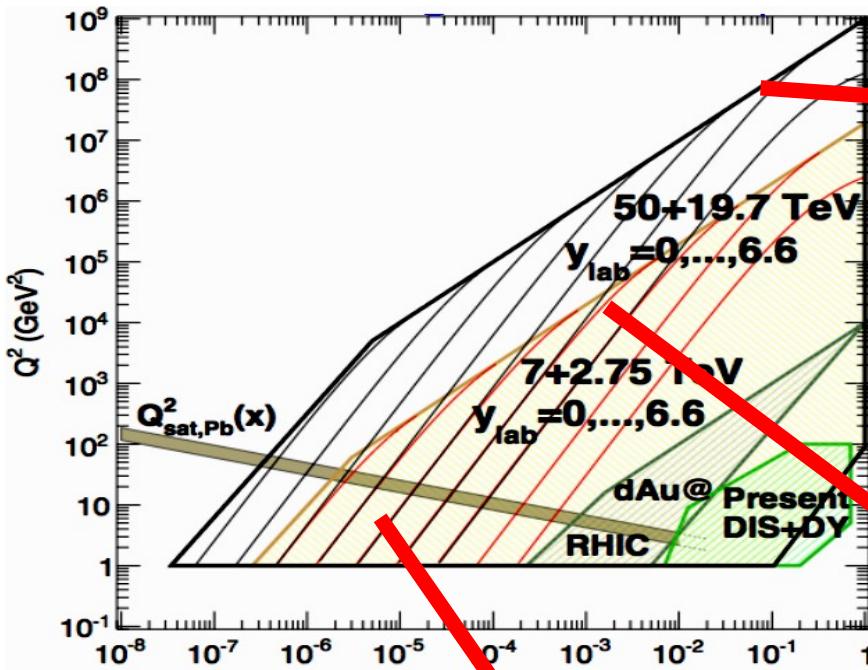
→ LHC: Small antishadowing:  $R_{AA} \sim 1.07$ ,  $R_{pA} \sim 1.03$

→ FCC: Mild shadowing:  $R_{AA} \sim R_{pA} \sim 0.97$

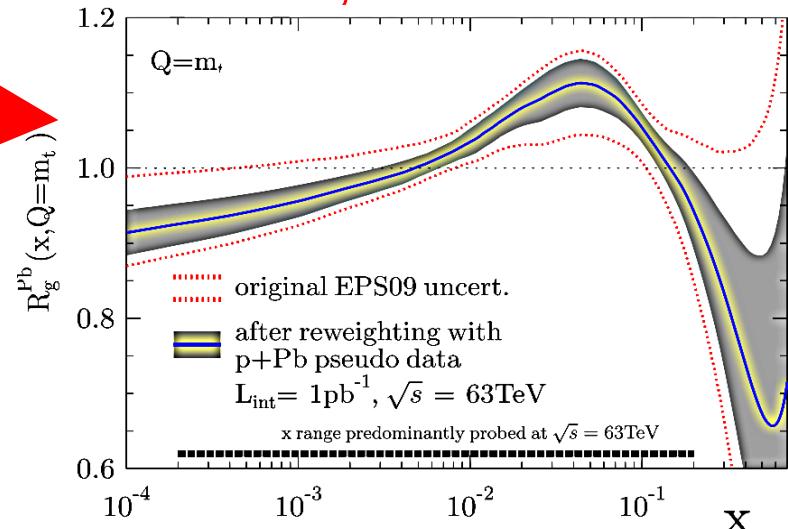
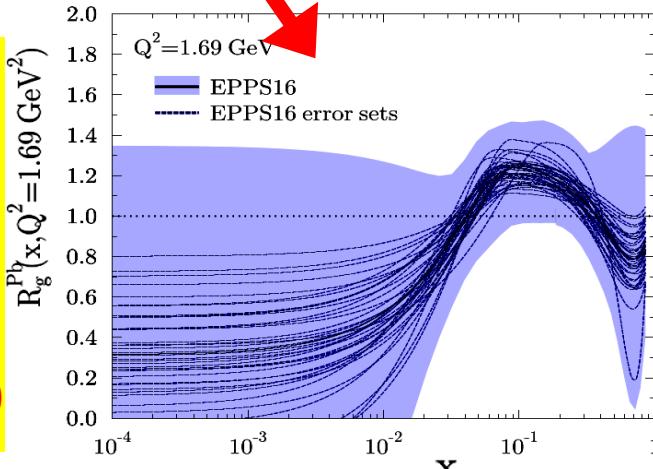
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# pPb(63 TeV): Nuclear parton distrib. functions

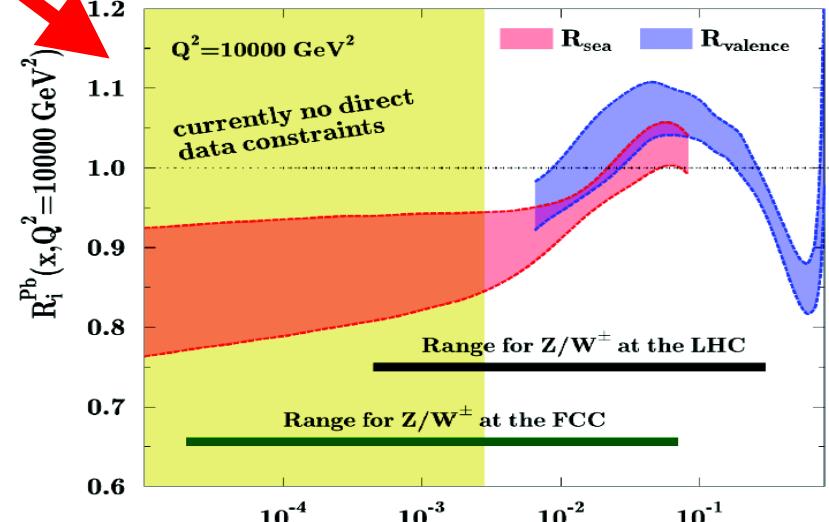
- Huge nPDF kinematical reach:  $Q^2 \approx 2-4 \cdot 10^8 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $x \approx 1-10^{-7}$



Unknown nuclear gluon at  $x < 10^{-4}$  (saturation?)



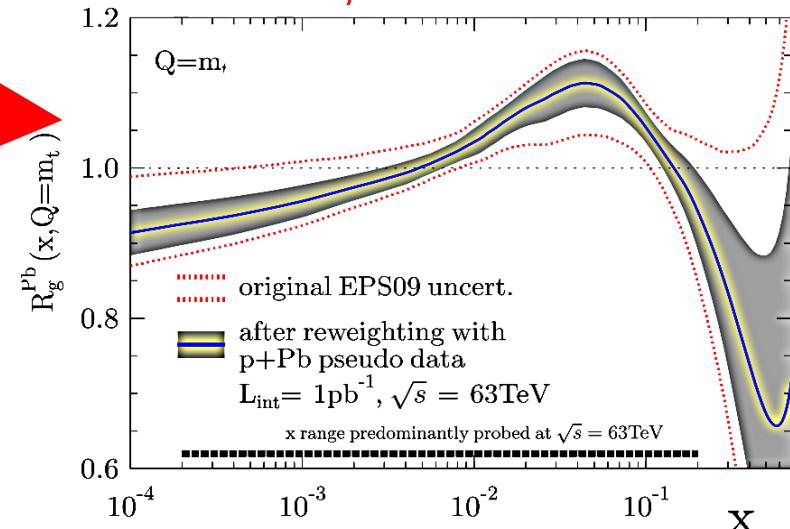
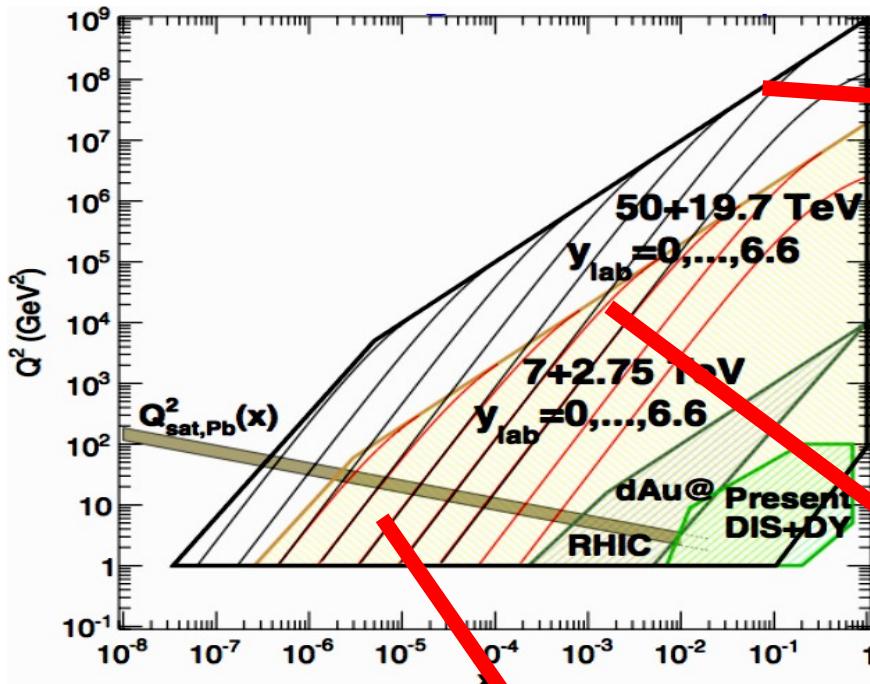
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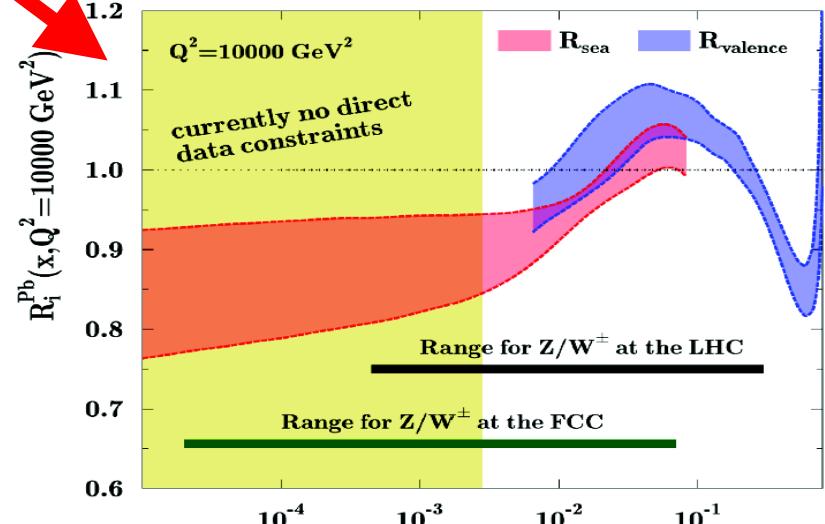
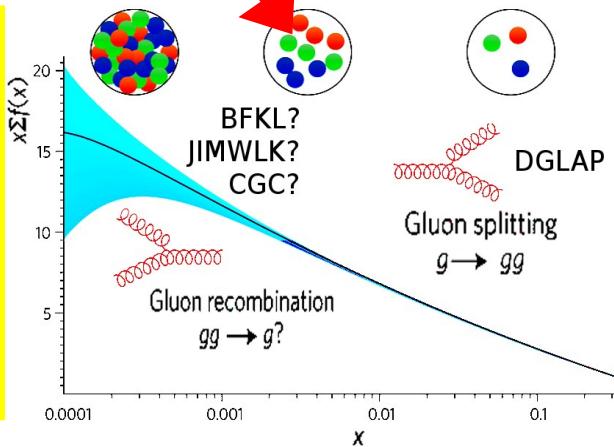
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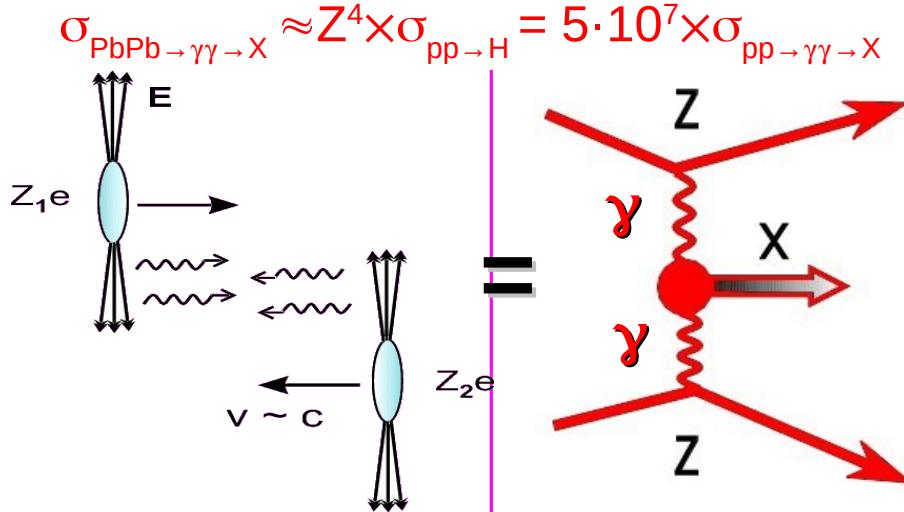
DGLAP breakdown below  $x < 10^{-4}$  (CCG?)



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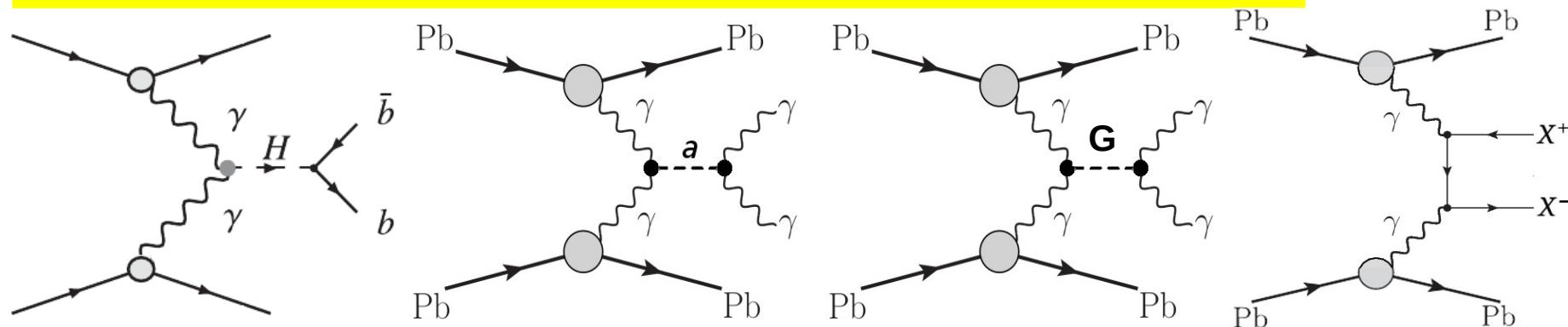
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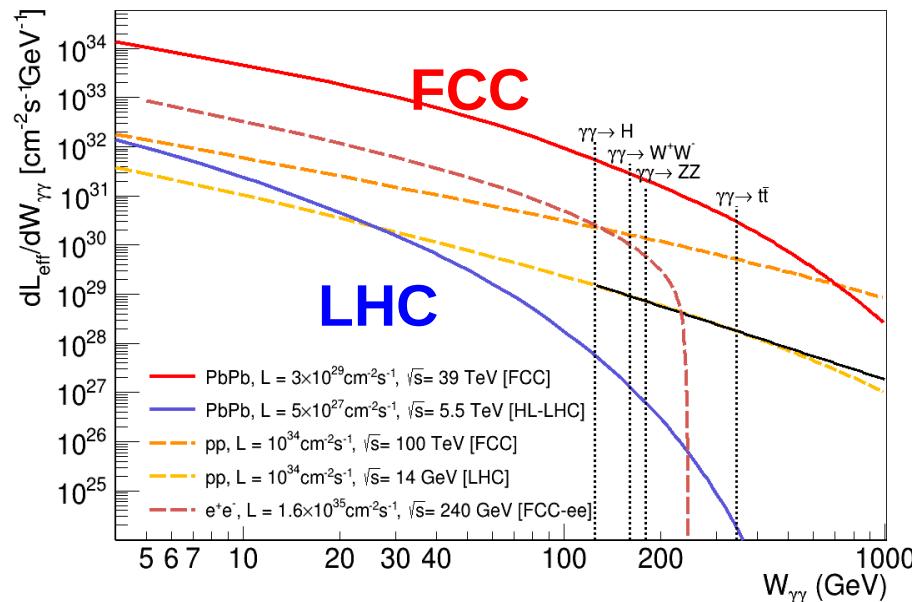


Ultraperipheral interactions: Nuclei survive.

- Unique SM & BSM  $\gamma\gamma$  processes accessible without pileup:

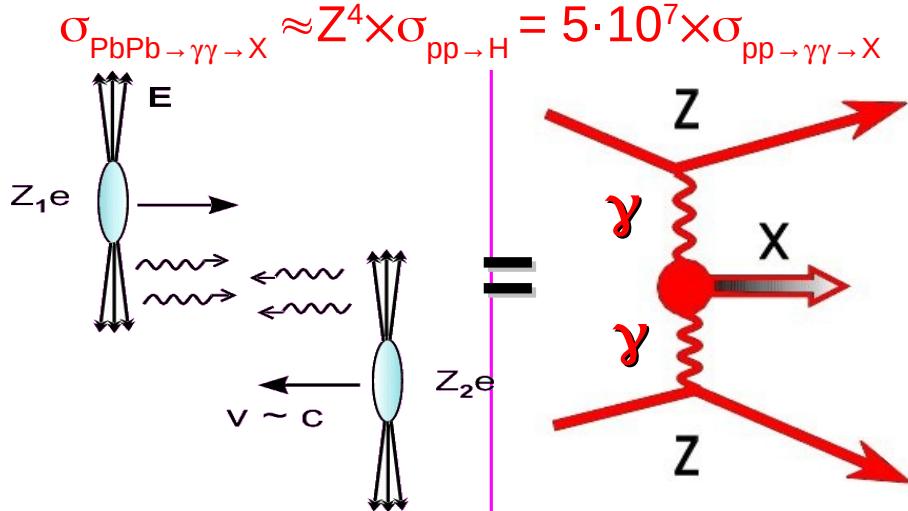


- Large eff. lumi up to  $\sqrt{s}_{\gamma\gamma} \approx 1 \text{ TeV}$



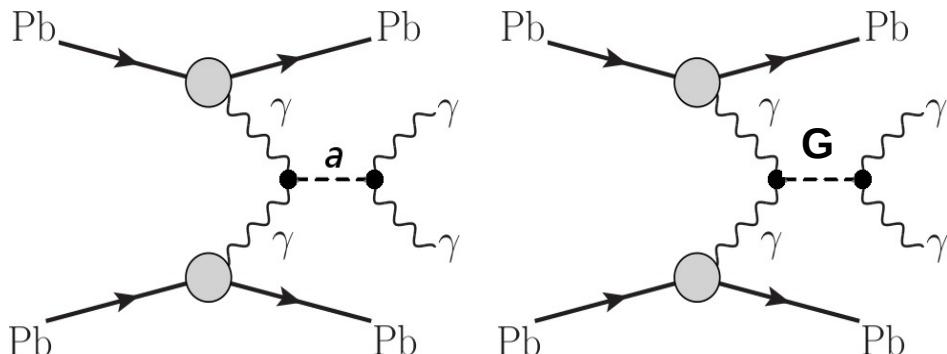
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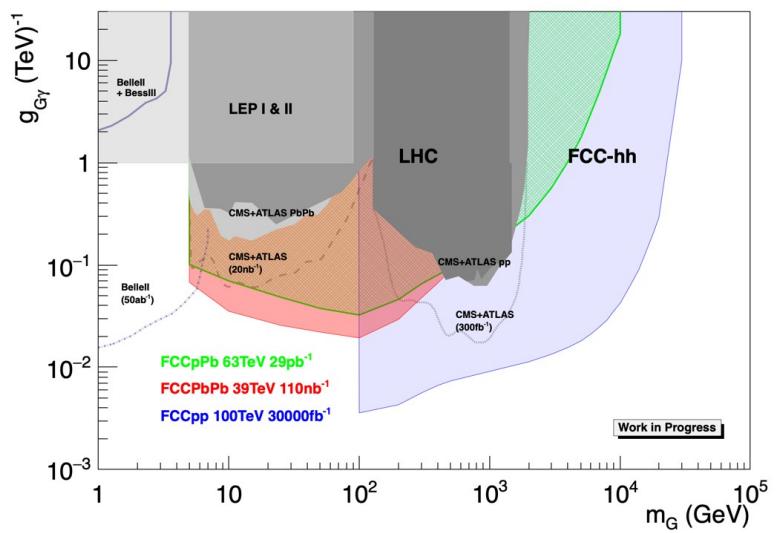
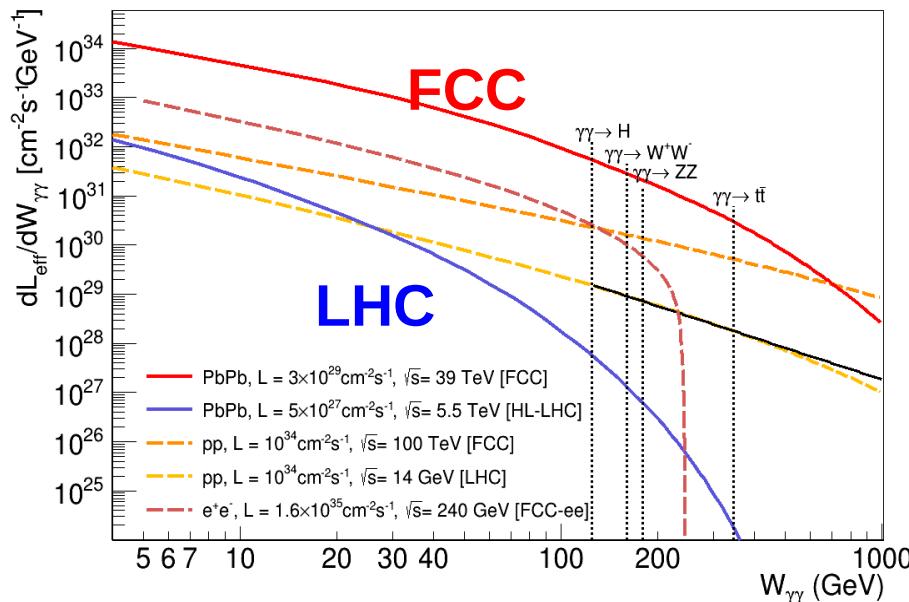


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- Competitive ALPs, GRAVs searches:



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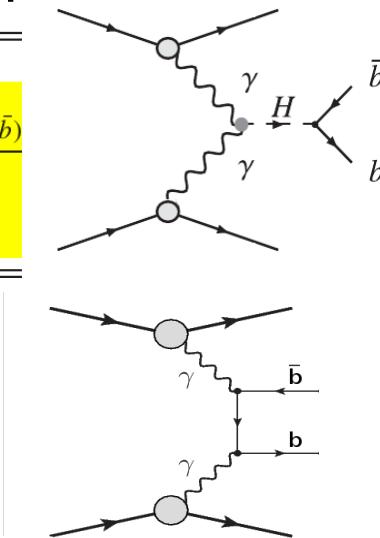
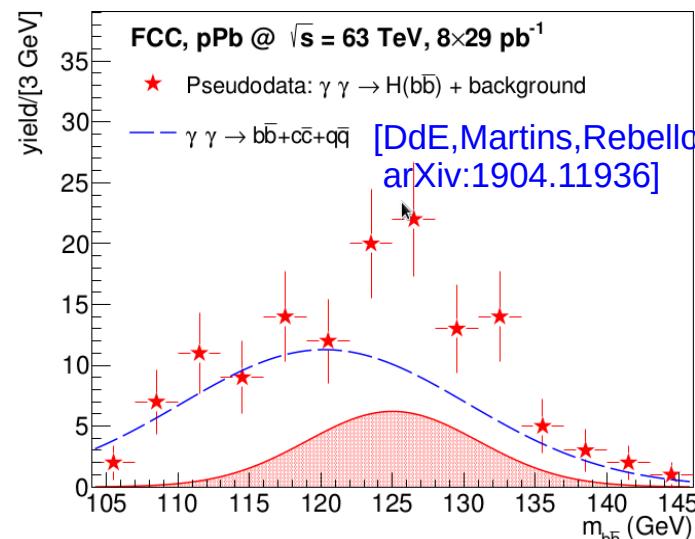
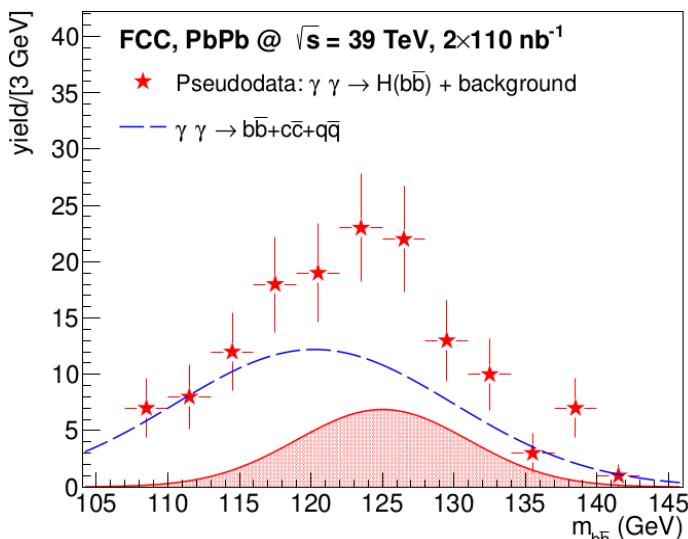
# PbPb(39 TeV): Higgs boson via $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

■ Expected exclusive Higgs over  $b\bar{b}$  background after cuts:

System	Nominal runs			$N_{\text{Higgs}}$ total ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )	Upgraded $pA$ scenario			$N_{\text{Higgs}}$ total ( $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ )
	$\mathcal{L}_{AB}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta t$ (s)	$\langle N_{\text{pileup}} \rangle$		$\mathcal{L}_{AB}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	$\Delta t$ (s)	$\langle N_{\text{pileup}} \rangle$	
$pp$ (14 TeV)	$10^{34}$	$10^7$	25	77 (55)	$10^{34}$	$10^7$	25	77 (55)
$p\text{Pb}$ (8.8 TeV)	$1.5 \cdot 10^{29}$	$10^6$	0.05	0.050 (0.035)	$1 \cdot 10^{31}$	$10^7$	1	34 (25)
$\text{PbPb}$ (5.5 TeV)	$5 \cdot 10^{26}$	$10^6$	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.009 (0.007)	$5 \cdot 10^{26}$	$10^7$	$5 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.15 (0.1)

PbPb at $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}} = 39$ TeV	cross section		$N_{\text{evts}}$ ( $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 110 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )
	$(b\text{-jet (mis)tag efficiency})$	visible cross section after $p_T^j, \cos \theta_{jj}, m_{jj}$ cuts	
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	1.02 nb (0.50 nb)	0.19 nb	21.1
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ [ $m_{b\bar{b}}=100-150$ GeV]	24.3 nb (11.9 nb)	0.23 nb	25.7
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow c\bar{c}$ [ $m_{c\bar{c}}=100-150$ GeV]	525 nb (1.31 nb)	0.02 nb	2.3
$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ [ $m_{q\bar{q}}=100-150$ GeV]	590 nb (0.13 nb)	0.002 nb	0.25

■ 5 $\sigma$  significance in first PbPb (pPb) month (year):



→ Measurement of H- $\gamma$  coupling not based on decay but s-channel prod.

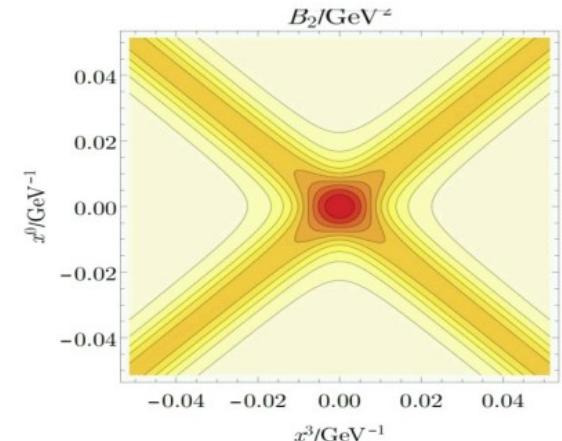
→ Total Higgs width via:

$$\Gamma_H^{\text{tot}} = \Gamma(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) / \mathcal{B}(H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

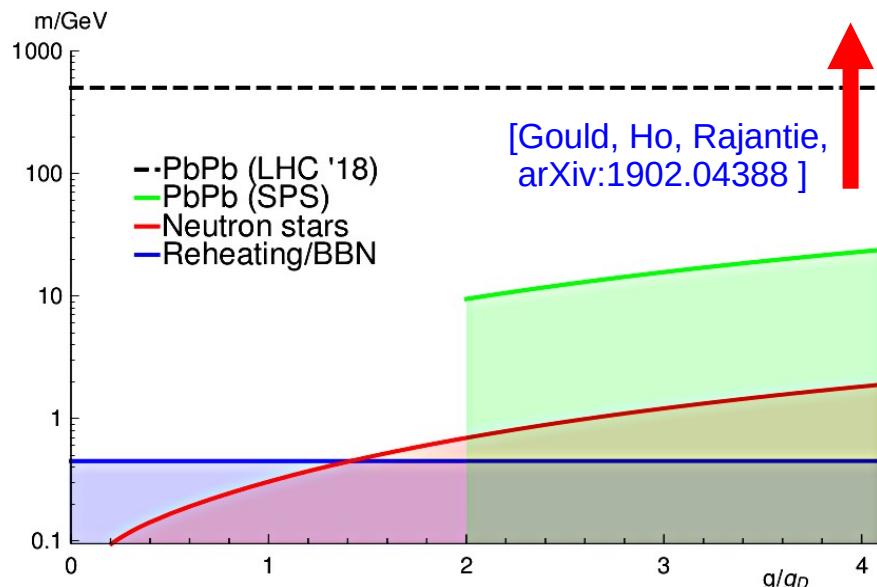
# PbPb(39 TeV): BSM searches (e.g. magnetic monopoles)

- Heavy-ion collisions at the LHC generate the **largest B-fields in the universe**  
 $B \sim 10^{16} \text{ T}$ , i.e.  $\times 10^5$  magnetar fields (albeit over  $\sim 10 \text{ fm}$  for  $\sim 1 \text{ fm/c}$ ):

LHC magnets	$ \vec{B}  \sim 8.3 \text{ T} \sim 1.6 \times 10^{-15} \text{ GeV}^2$
Magnetars	$ \vec{B}  \sim 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ T} \sim 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^2$
Fixed-target Pb collisions at SPS	$ \vec{B}  \sim 5 \times 10^{13} \text{ T} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$
5.02 TeV Pb-Pb collisions at LHC	$ \vec{B}  \sim 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ T} \sim 7 \text{ GeV}^2$



FCC: B-fields further increased by  $\times 10$



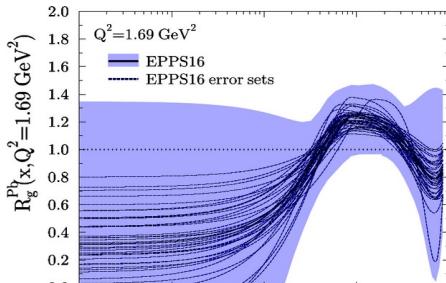
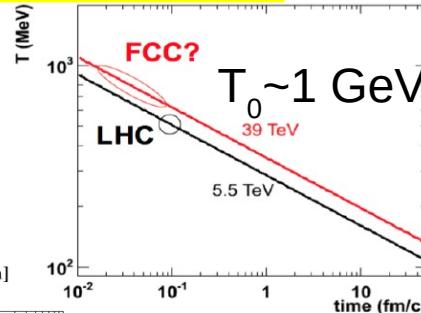
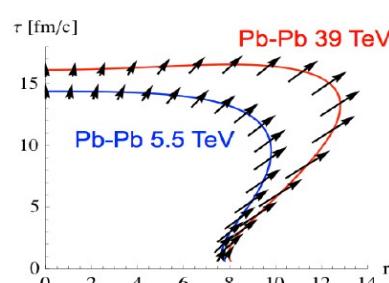
- Magnetic monopoles:**
  - Explain charge quantization.
  - Predicted by GUT/string theory.
- B-monopoles via Schwinger mech.**  
 not accessible in p-p, e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collisions  
 (pair prod. expon. suppressed),  
 but x-section  $\sigma \sim \exp(-m^2/(gB))$ :

Unique FCC mass bounds  $m > 1 \text{ TeV}$

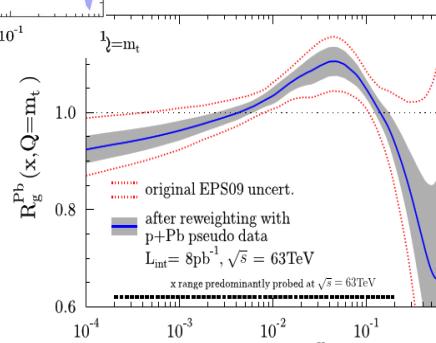
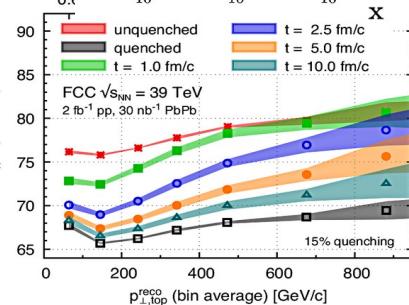
# Summary (2): Unique heavy-ion physics at FCC-hh

■ Unparalleled HI physics with  $\times 7$ ,  $\times 10$  larger  $\sqrt{s}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$  than LHC:

energy densities:  $\sim 40 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$

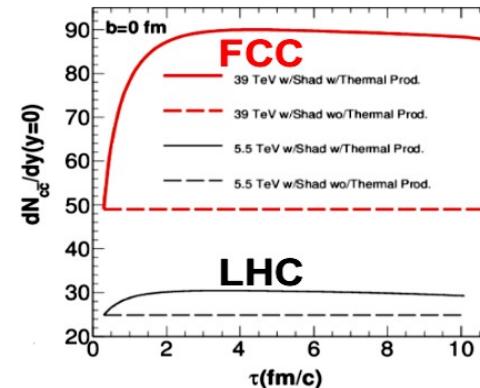


Gluon saturation down to  $x \sim 10^{-7}$

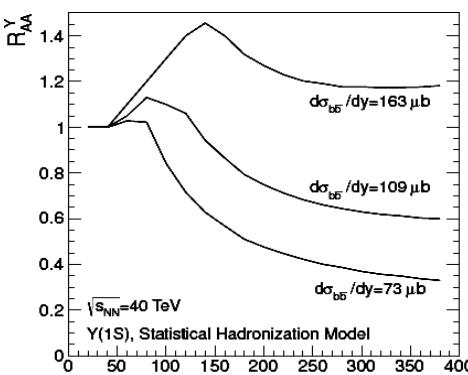


Top quark = Parton rad. “chrono-fmeter”  
& high-x gluon nPDF probe

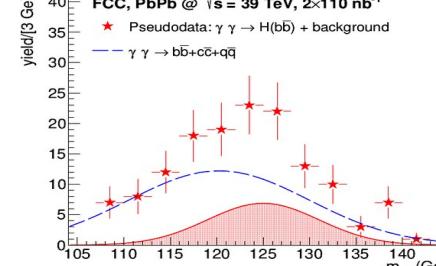
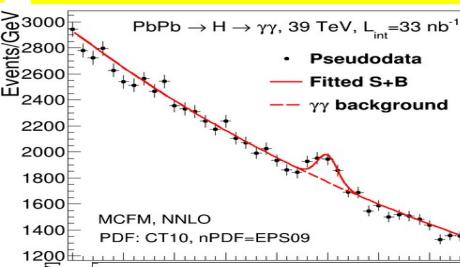
$\sim 500$  charm pairs in QGP



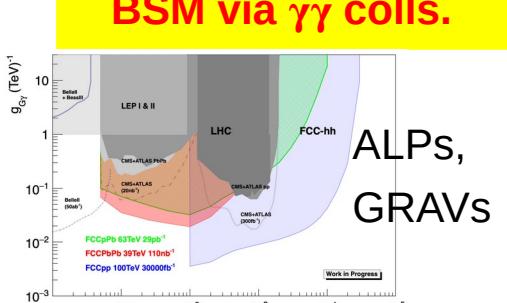
Y(1S) melt.+recomb.?



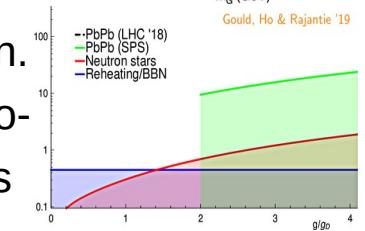
Higgs in QGP & via  $\gamma\gamma$



BSM via  $\gamma\gamma$  colls.



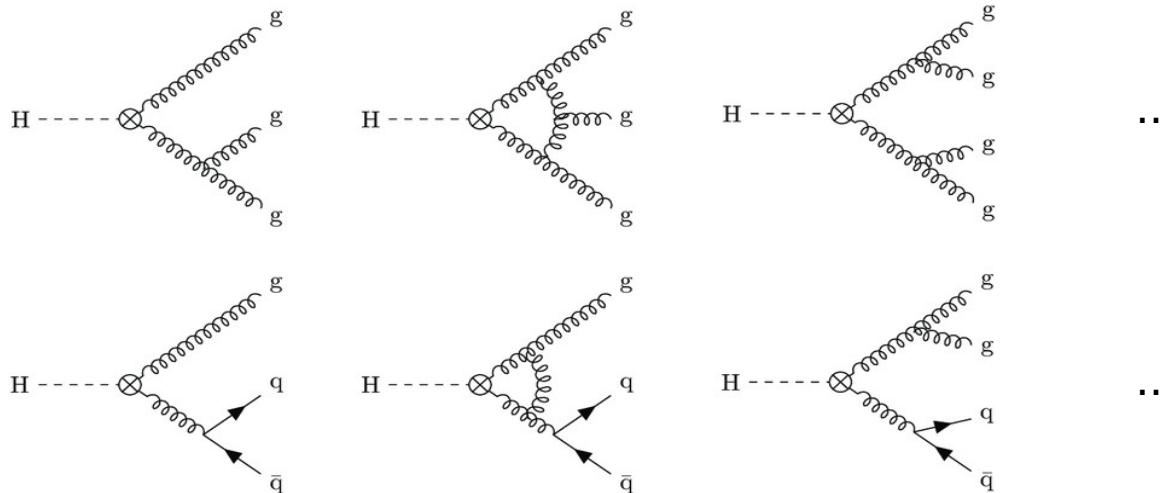
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# Back-up slides

# Higgs $\rightarrow$ gg decay and BSM

- H  $\rightarrow$  gg partial width known today theoretically at N<sup>4</sup>LO (approx) accuracy



- Percent deviations on Higgs-gluon coupling in BSM models:

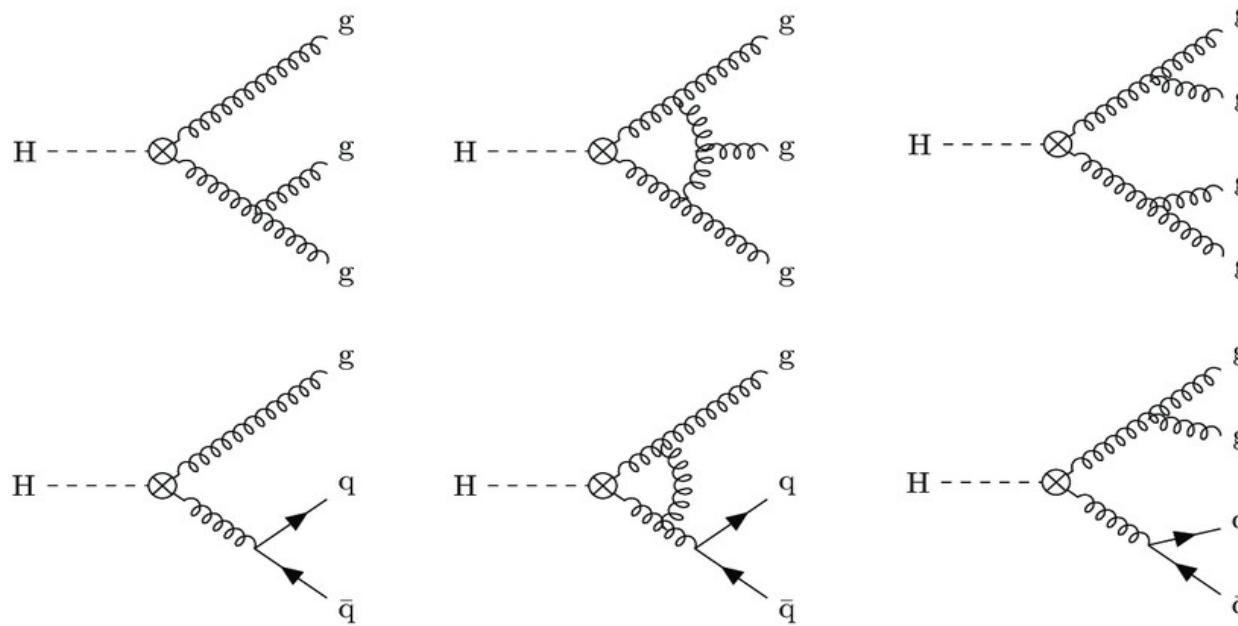
Table 5: Deviations from the Standard Model predictions for the Higgs boson couplings in %

Model	$b\bar{b}$	$c\bar{c}$	$gg$	$WW$	$\tau\tau$	$ZZ$	$\gamma\gamma$	$\mu\mu$
1 MSSM [40]	+4.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.2	+0.4	-0.5	+0.1	+0.3
2 Type II 2HD [42]	+10.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	+9.8	0.0	+0.1	+9.8
3 Type X 2HD [42]	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	+7.8	0.0	0.0	+7.8
4 Type Y 2HD [42]	+10.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	-0.2
5 Composite Higgs [44]	-6.4	-6.4	-6.4	-2.1	-6.4	-2.1	-2.1	-6.4
6 Little Higgs w. T-parity [45]	0.0	0.0	-6.1	-2.5	0.0	-2.5	-1.5	0.0
7 Little Higgs w. T-parity [46]	-7.8	-4.6	-3.5	-1.5	-7.8	-1.5	-1.0	-7.8
8 Higgs-Radion [47]	-1.5	-1.5	+10.	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0	-1.5
9 Higgs Singlet [48]	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5	-3.5

[T. Barklow et al.  
arXiv:1708.08912]

# Higgs decays widths & QCD coupling

- $H \rightarrow gg$  partial width known today theoretically at  $N^4LO$  (approx) accuracy



Uncertainties:  $O(3\%)$  TH +  $O(4\%)$  parametric from  $\alpha_s(m_z)=0.118\pm 1\%$  (today):

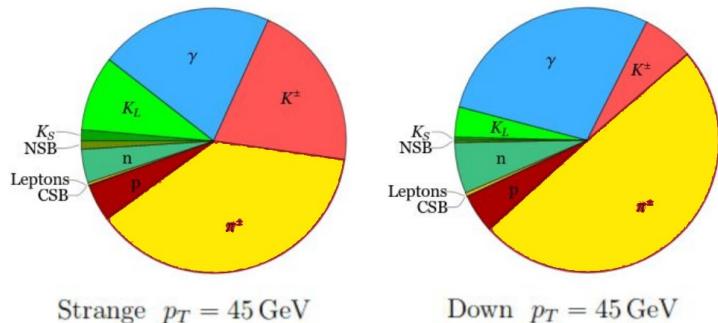
Partial width	intr. QCD	intr. electroweak	total	para. $m_q$	para. $\alpha_s$
$H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	$< 0.3\%$	$< 0.4\%$	1.4%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$	$\sim 0.2\%$	$< 0.3\%$	$< 0.4\%$	4.0%	0.4%
$H \rightarrow gg$	$\sim 3\%$	$\sim 1\%$	$\sim 3.2\%$	$< 0.2\%$	3.7%

- FCC-ee will need a much more precise  $\alpha_s(m_z)$  to constrain  $\kappa_g$  at  $\pm 0.7\%$  (exp

# Strange-quark jet tagging at FCC-ee

- FCC-ee will produce  $O(400)$   $H \rightarrow ss\bar{b}$  decays. Can we measure  $y_s$ ?
- ParticleNet jet tagger exploiting hadron PID (via  $dE/dx$ , ToF, RICH):

[2003.09517] Momentum weighted fraction:

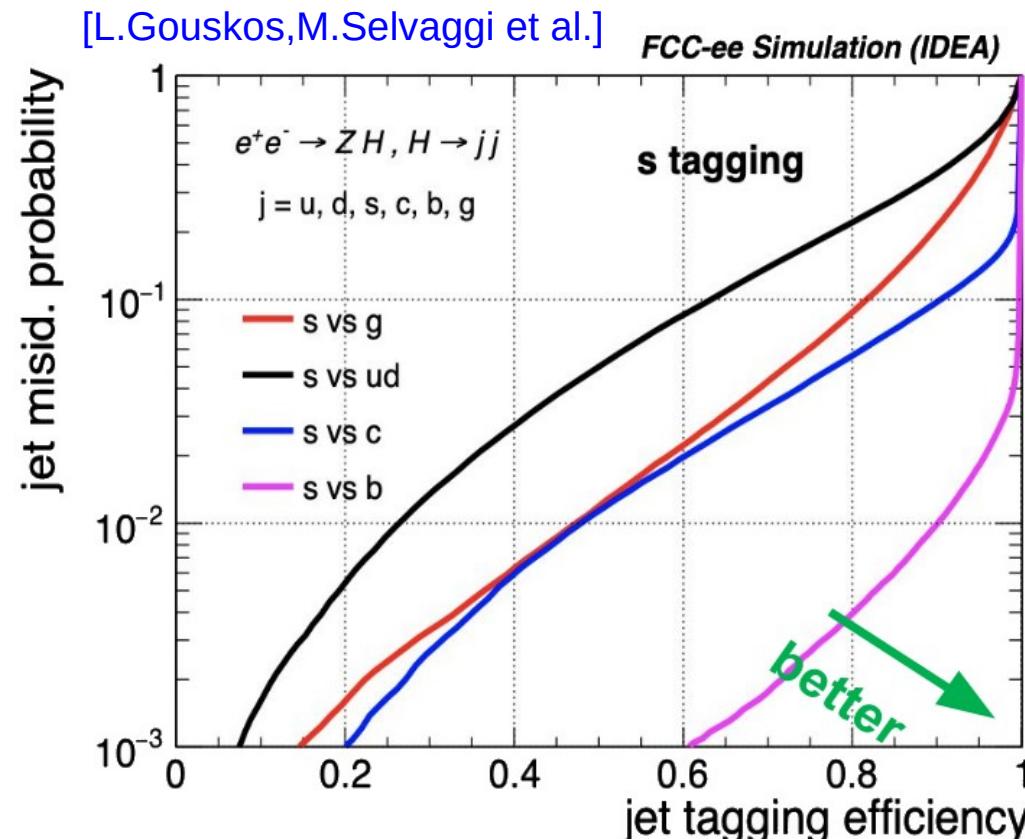


Tagger exploits directly full list of jet constituents (ReconstructedParticles):

$[O(50)$  properties/particle]

$\times [\sim 50\text{-}100$  particles/jet]

$\sim O(1000)$  inputs/jet



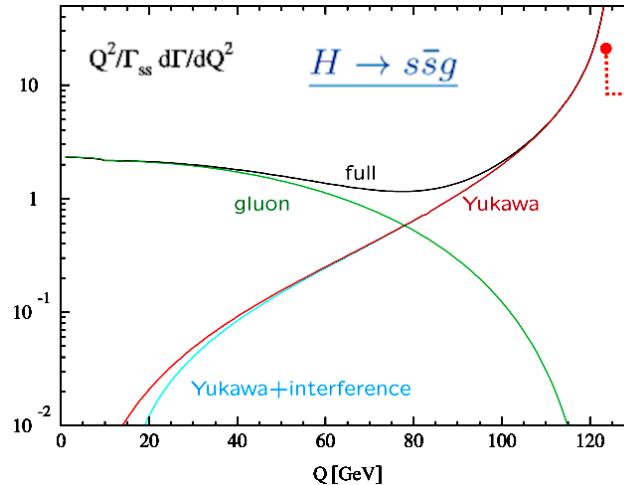
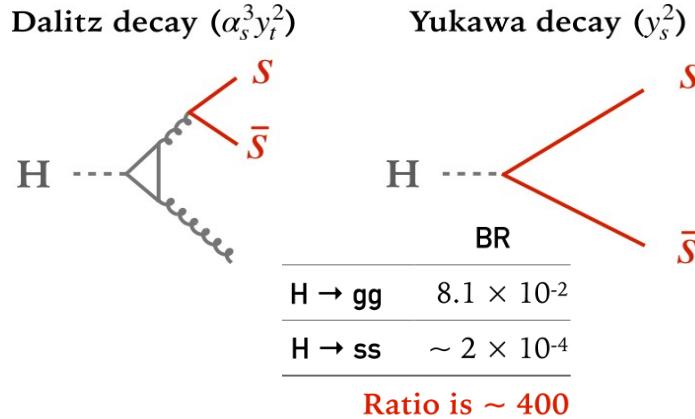
- Analysis  $e^+e^- \rightarrow Hz, H \rightarrow qq$  with  $N=2j$  exclusive jet algorithm:

Backgds: WW/ZZ/Z, qqH, HWW, HZZ

Combined jj (Hbb, Hcc, Hss, Hbb) fit yields:  $H \rightarrow ss$  with  $O(80\%)$  uncertainty

# Separating $H \rightarrow ss$ and $H \rightarrow gg$

- Does the  $H \rightarrow gg(ss)$  Dalitz decay jeopardize the  $H \rightarrow ss$  measurement?

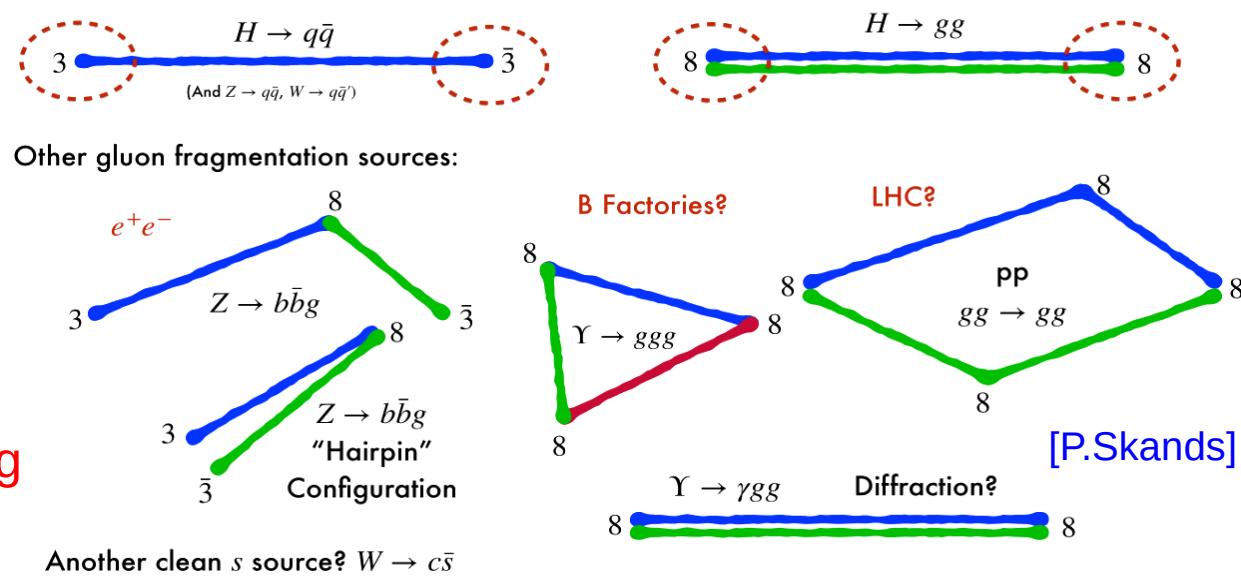


For  $m_{jj} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ :  
Dalitz ssg decays are no bottleneck to the  $y_s$  extraction  
(high mass resum. needed)

[M.Spira; G. Salam]

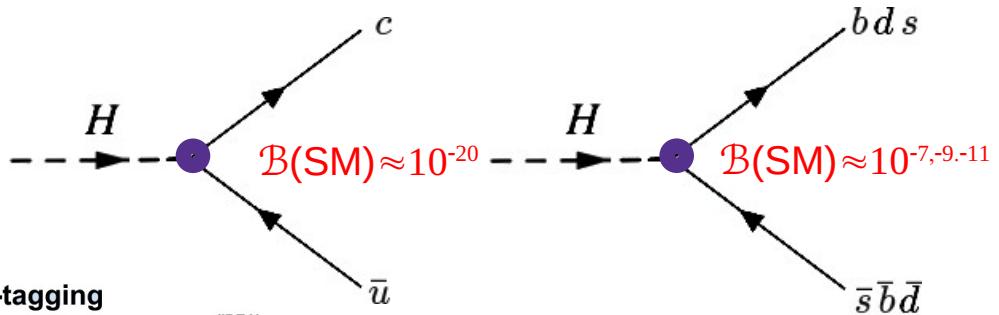
- Need also NNLL parton showers (matched to NNLO) and accurate/precise s, g (string, cluster) hadronization:

High-precision hadron data (FCC-ee, B-factories?) needed to reliably distinguish leading s, u,d,g fragmentation hadrons



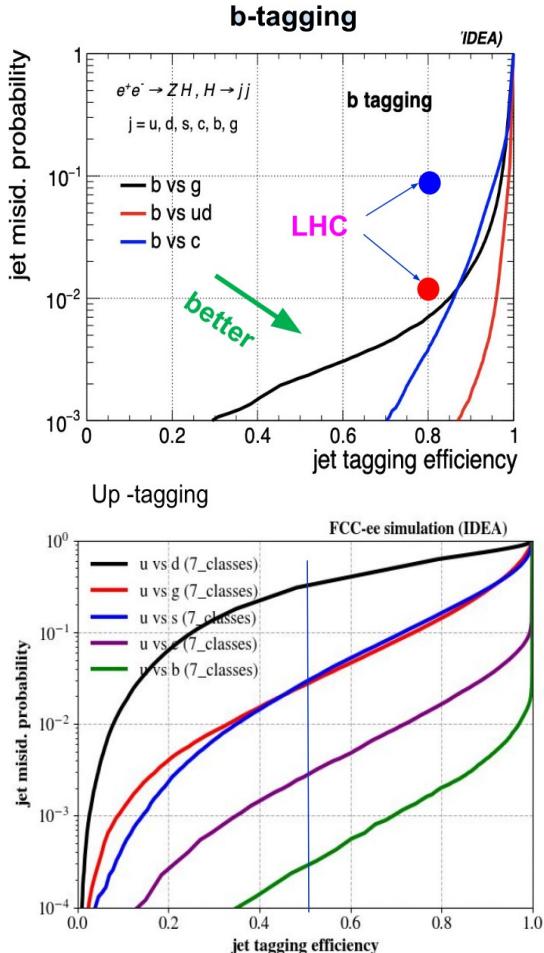
# Flavor-violating Higgs decays at FCC-ee

- Are there flavour-violating Higgs decays  $H \rightarrow qq'$  ?



[Kamenik et al. arXiv:2306.17520]

- Projected sensitivities:**  $y_{bs, bd, cu} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ,  $y_{sd} \sim 8 \cdot 10^{-4}$  well beyond current indirect constraints ( $B_s$  and  $D$  meson oscillations)
- Expected reach **strongly depend** on the performance of jet flavor taggers:  
Tunable (tag&probe) with ultra-pure  $Z \rightarrow qq$ ,  $W \rightarrow qq'$  samples



Qu/Gouskos: arXiv:1902.08570  
Bedeschi/Gouskos/Selvaggi,  
arXiv:2202.03285

# QCD coupling at FCC-ee (Tera-Z)

## ■ EW boson pseudoobservables known at N<sup>3</sup>LO in pQCD:

- The W and Z hadronic widths :

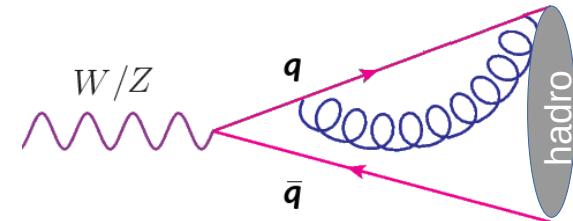
$$\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{had}}(Q) = \Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{Born}} \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(Q) \left( \frac{\alpha_S(Q)}{\pi} \right)^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^5) + \delta_{\text{EW}} + \delta_{\text{mix}} + \delta_{\text{np}} \right)$$

- The ratio of W, Z hadronic-to-leptonic widths :

$$R_{W,Z}(Q) = \frac{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{had}}(Q)}{\Gamma_{W,Z}^{\text{lep}}(Q)} = R_{W,Z}^{\text{EW}} \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i(Q) \left( \frac{\alpha_S(Q)}{\pi} \right)^i + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_S^5) + \delta_{\text{mix}} + \delta_{\text{np}} \right)$$

- In the Z boson case, the hadronic cross section at the resonance peak in  $e^+e^-$ :

$$\sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = \frac{12\pi}{m_Z} \cdot \frac{\Gamma_Z^e \Gamma_Z^{\text{had}}}{(\Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}})^2}$$



Note: Sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  from  $\mathcal{O}(4\%)$  virtual corrs.

[DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545]

## ■ FCC-ee will reach 0.1% precision on $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ ( $\times 20$ better than LEP results):

- Huge Z pole stats. ( $\times 10^5$  LEP):
- Exquisite syst./parametric precision:

$$\Delta R_Z = 10^{-3}, \quad R_Z = 20.7500 \pm 0.0010$$

$$\Delta \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} = 0.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Gamma_Z^{\text{tot}} = 2495.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$

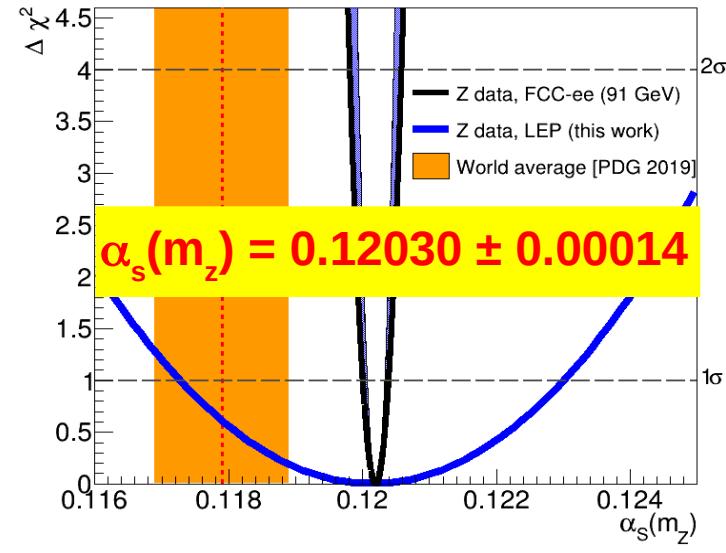
$$\Delta \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = 4.0 \text{ pb}, \quad \sigma_Z^{\text{had}} = 41494 \pm 4 \text{ pb}$$

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$$\Delta m_Z = 0.1 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_Z = 91.18760 \pm 0.00001 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Delta \alpha = 3 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad \Delta \alpha_{\text{had}}^{(5)}(m_Z) = 0.0275300 \pm 0.0000009$$

- TH uncertainty to be reduced by  $\times 4$  from missing  $\alpha_s^5, \alpha^3, \alpha \alpha_s^2, \alpha \alpha_s^2, \alpha^2 \alpha_s$  terms



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# QCD coupling at FCC-ee (Oku-W)

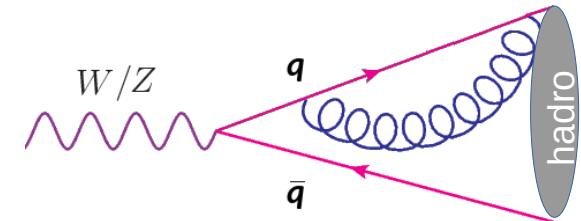
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Note: Sensitivity to  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  from  $\mathcal{O}(4\%)$  virtual corrs.

[DdE, Jacobsen: arXiv:2005.04545]

## ■ FCC-ee will reach 0.2% precision on $\alpha_s(m_W)$ ( $\times 300$ better than LEP results):

- Huge W pole stats. ( $\times 10^4$  LEP-2).
- Exquisite syst./parametric precision:

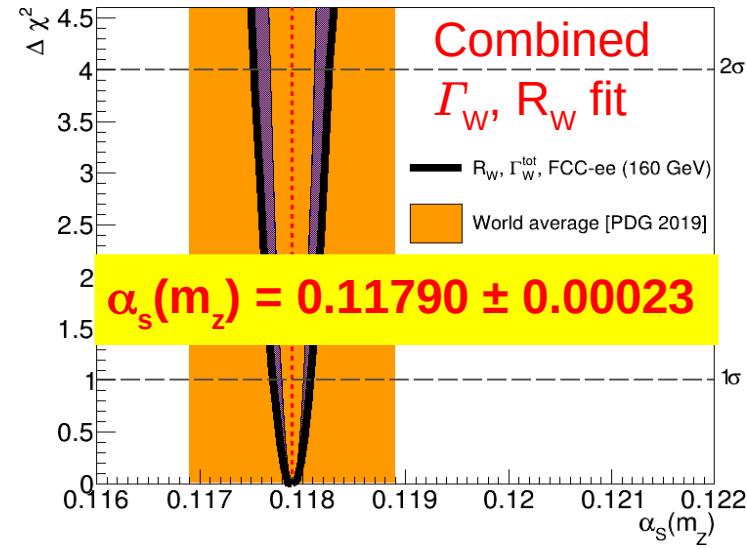
$$\Gamma_W^{\text{tot}} = 2088.0 \pm 1.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$R_W = 2.08000 \pm 0.00008$$

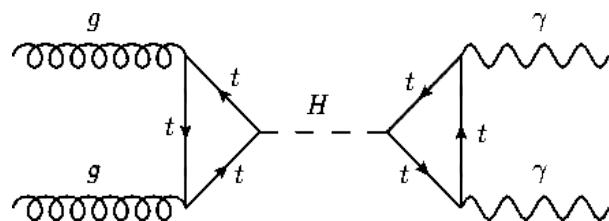
$$m_W = 80.3800 \pm 0.0005 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.97359 \pm 0.00010 \quad \leftarrow O(10^{12}) D \text{ mesons}$$

- TH uncertainty to be reduced by  $\times 10$  from missing  $\alpha_s^5, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha\alpha_s^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s$  terms



# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ counts after cuts



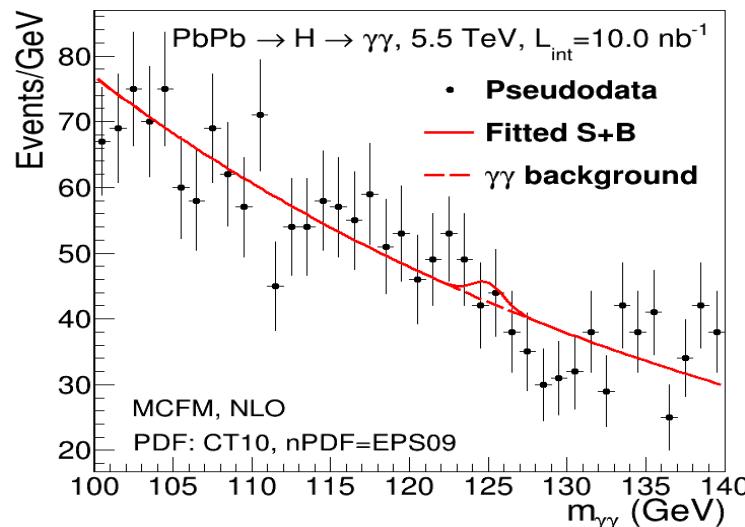
Analysis based on **NNLO MCFM v.8.0**  
pseudo-data for  $H(\gamma\gamma)$  plus  $\gamma\gamma$  backgrounds  
after **typical CMS/ATLAS cuts**

System	$\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}$ (TeV)	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$	$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow ZZ^*(4\ell)$	$\sigma_{\text{tot}}$	yields	yields
PbPb	5.5	$10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	500 nb	6	0.3	
pPb	8.8	$1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	6.0 nb	7	0.4	
PbPb	39	$33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$	$11.5 \mu\text{b}$	450	25	
pPb	63	$8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	115 nb	950	50	

- LHC (nominal  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ ): **~2 Higgs bosons/month** in Pb-Pb
- HE-LHC (nominal  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ ): **~10 Higgs bosons/month** in Pb-Pb
- FCC (nominal  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$ ): **~500 H bosons/month** in Pb-Pb

# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ observation in Pb-Pb (LHC, FCC)

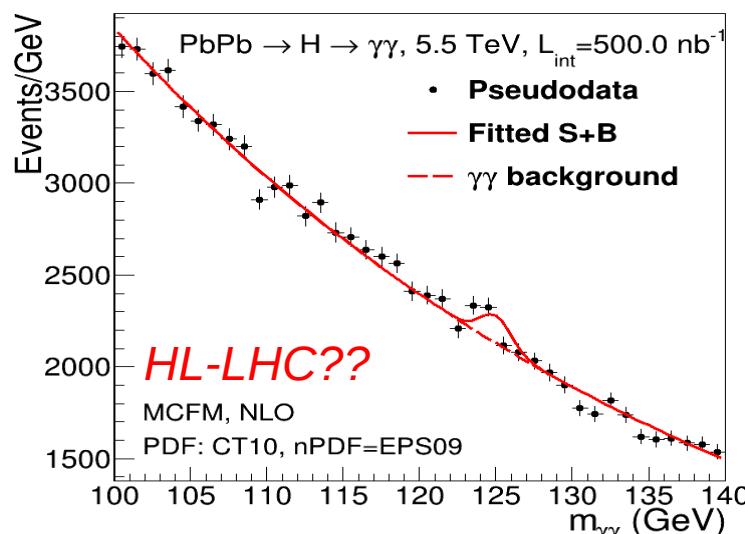
## ■ Pb-Pb @ 5.5 TeV ( $L_{int} = 10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )



→ LHC (5.5 TeV,  $10 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ ):

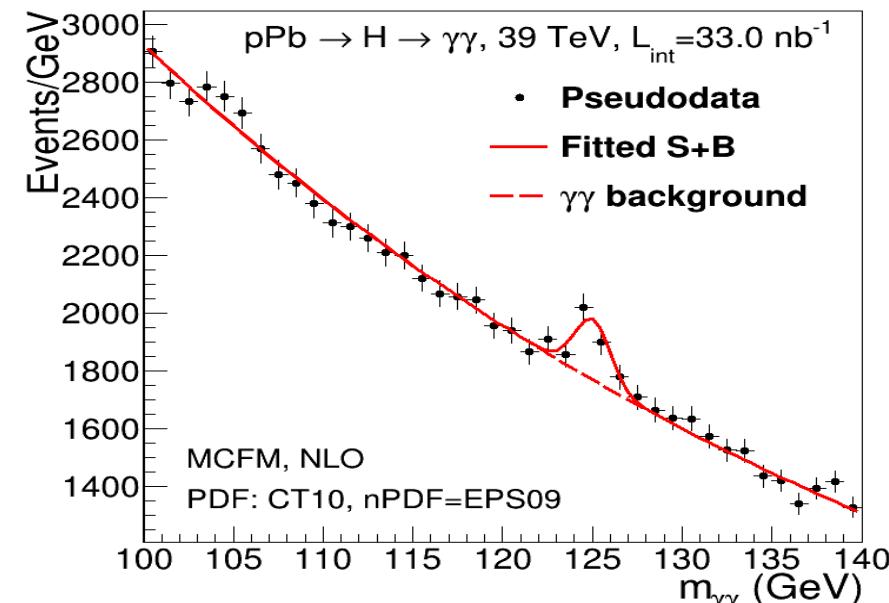
Nomin. lumi:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 0.36$  (0.5, adding  $4l$ )  
 $L_{int} = 500 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ : 3s evidence  
 4.2s combined with  $H(4l)$

## ■ Pb-Pb @ 5.5 TeV ( $L_{int} = 500 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )



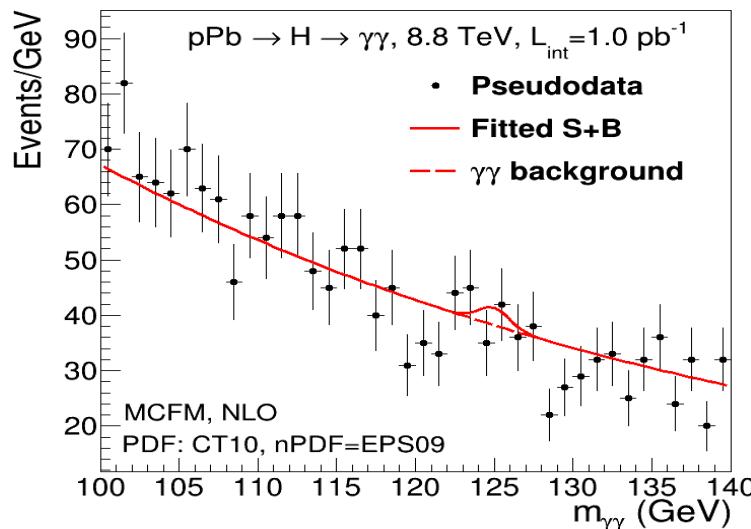
→ FCC (39 TeV,  $33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ ):

Nominal lumi:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 5.2s$  observation  
 ■ Pb-Pb @ 39 TeV ( $L_{int} = 33 \text{ nb}^{-1}$ )

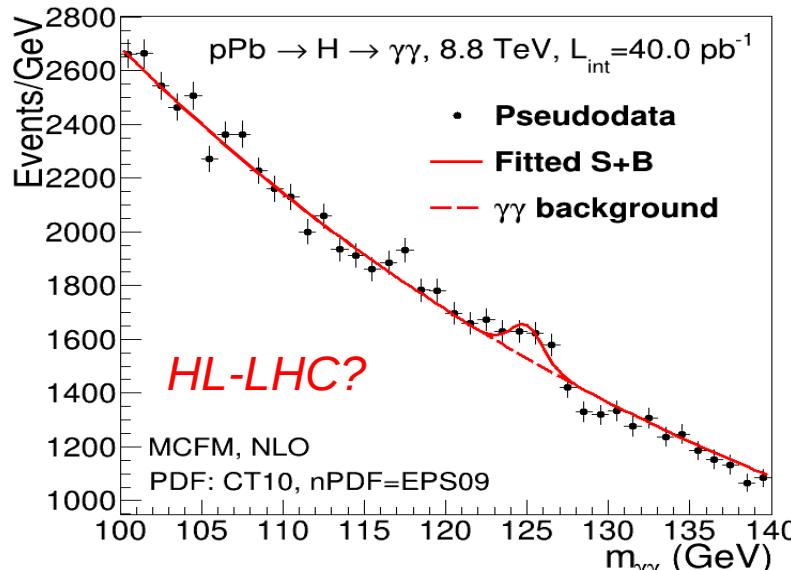


# $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ observation in p-Pb (LHC, FCC)

- p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV ( $L_{int} = 1 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )



- p-Pb @ 8.8 TeV ( $L_{int} = 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )



→ LHC (8.8 TeV, 1 pb $^{-1}$ ):

Nominal lumi:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 0.4$  (0.6, adding 4l)  
 $L_{int} = 40 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ : 3s evidence  
 4.2s combined with H(4l)

→ FCC (63 TeV, 8 pb $^{-1}$ ):

Nominal lumi:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim 7.7$ s observation

- p-Pb @ 63 TeV ( $L_{int} = 8 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ )

