

Next steps on the energy frontier: LHC and beyond

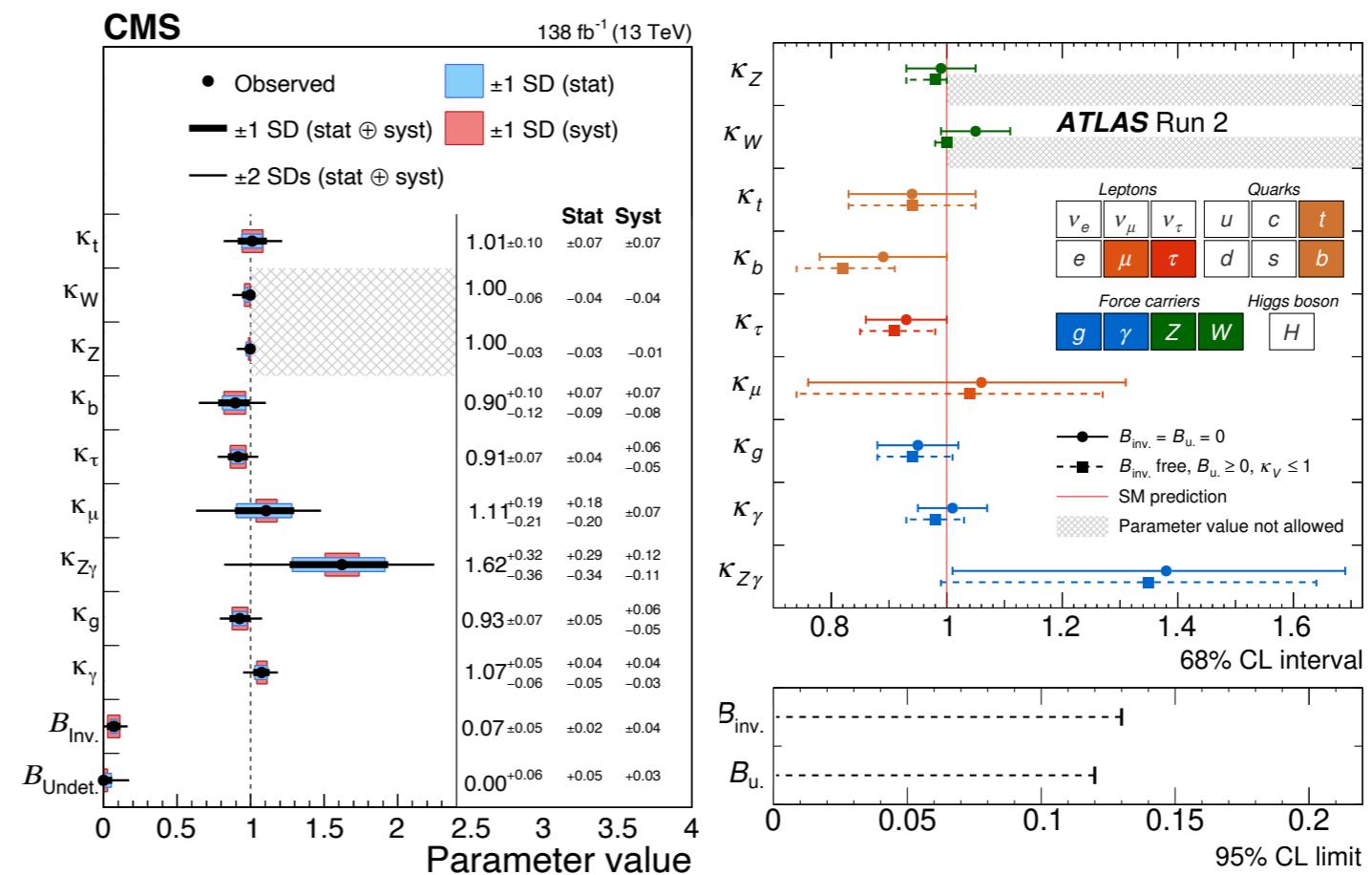
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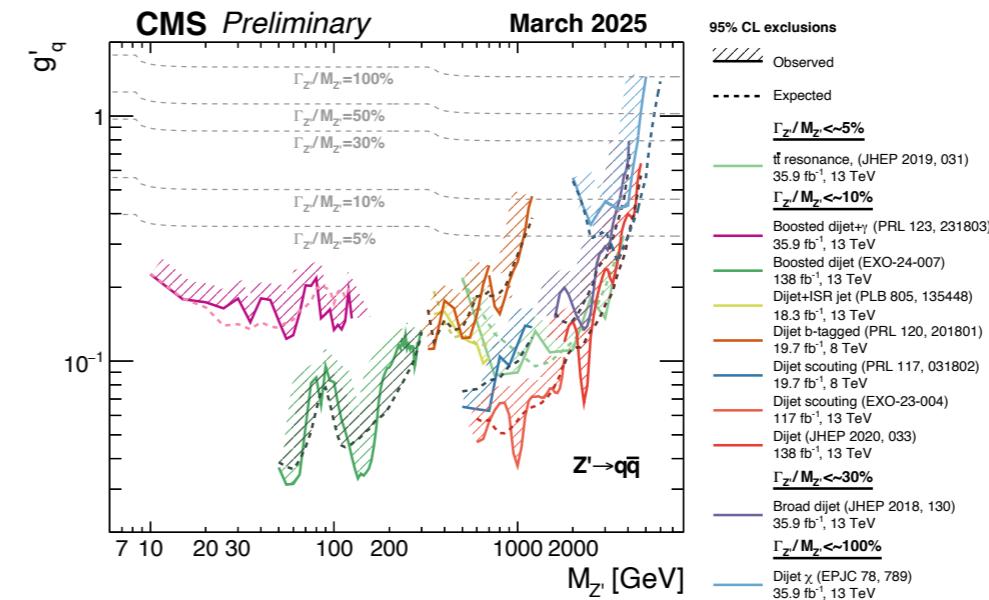
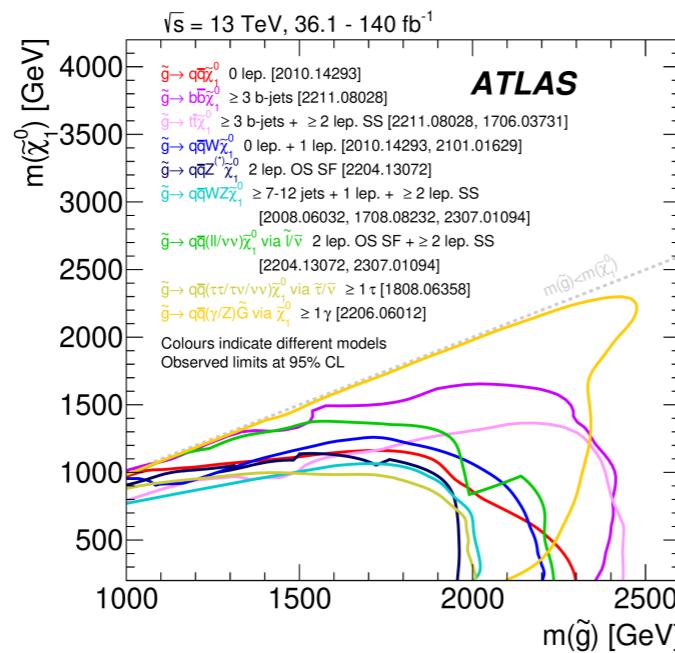
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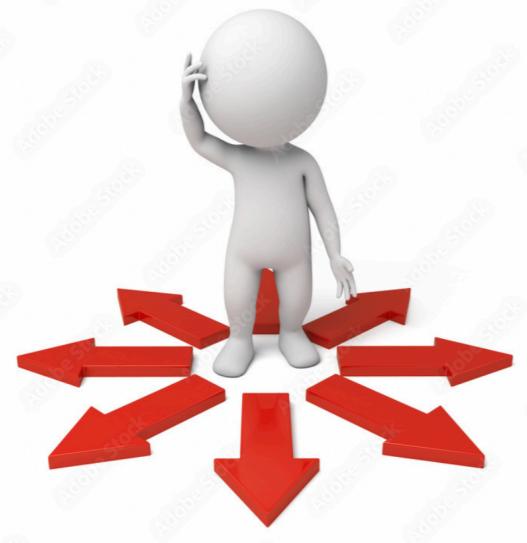
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- * So, what's next?

Still confused

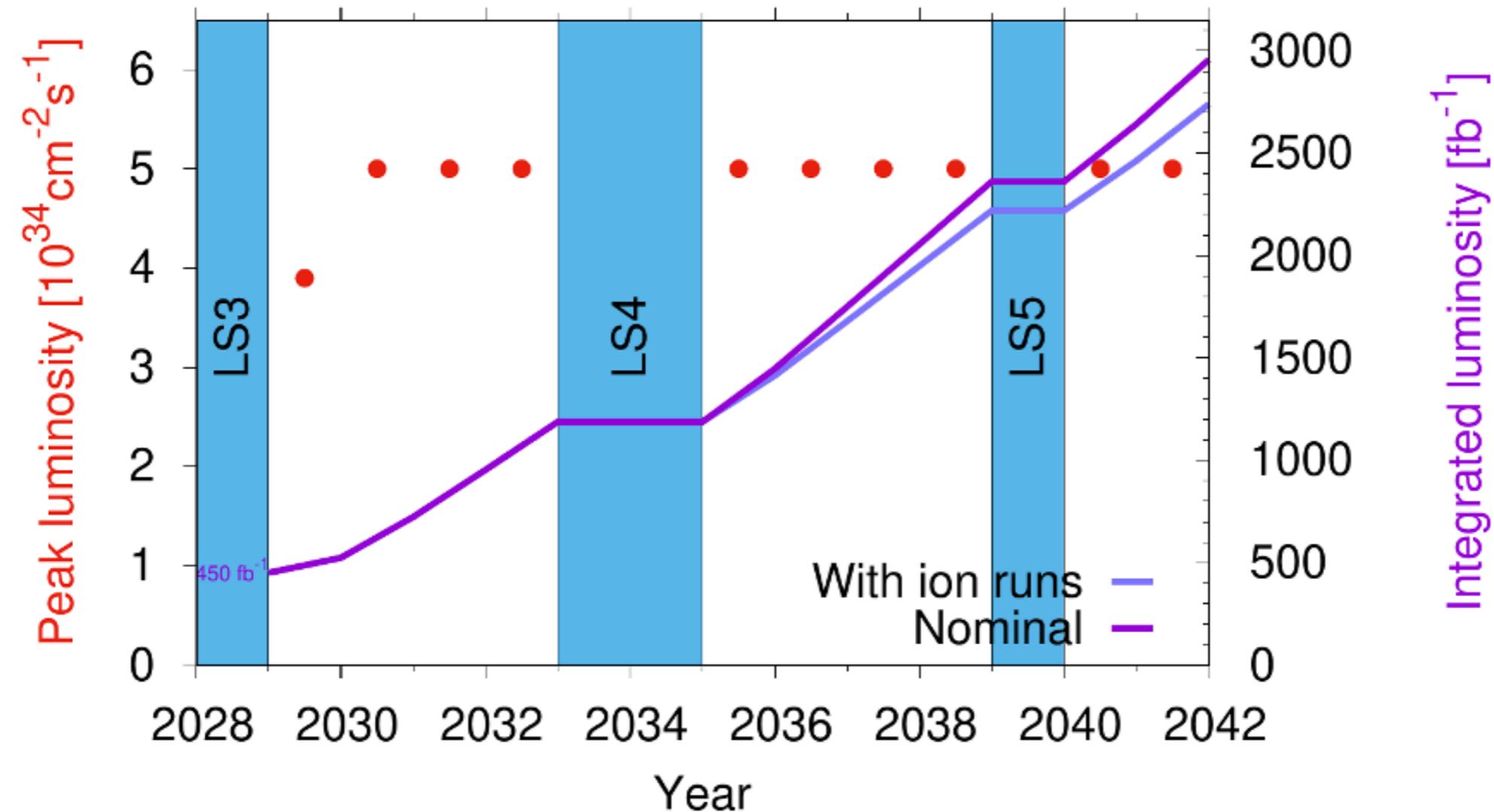


Dark matter Origin of the weak scale
Matter > anti-matter
Inflation flavor Dark energy

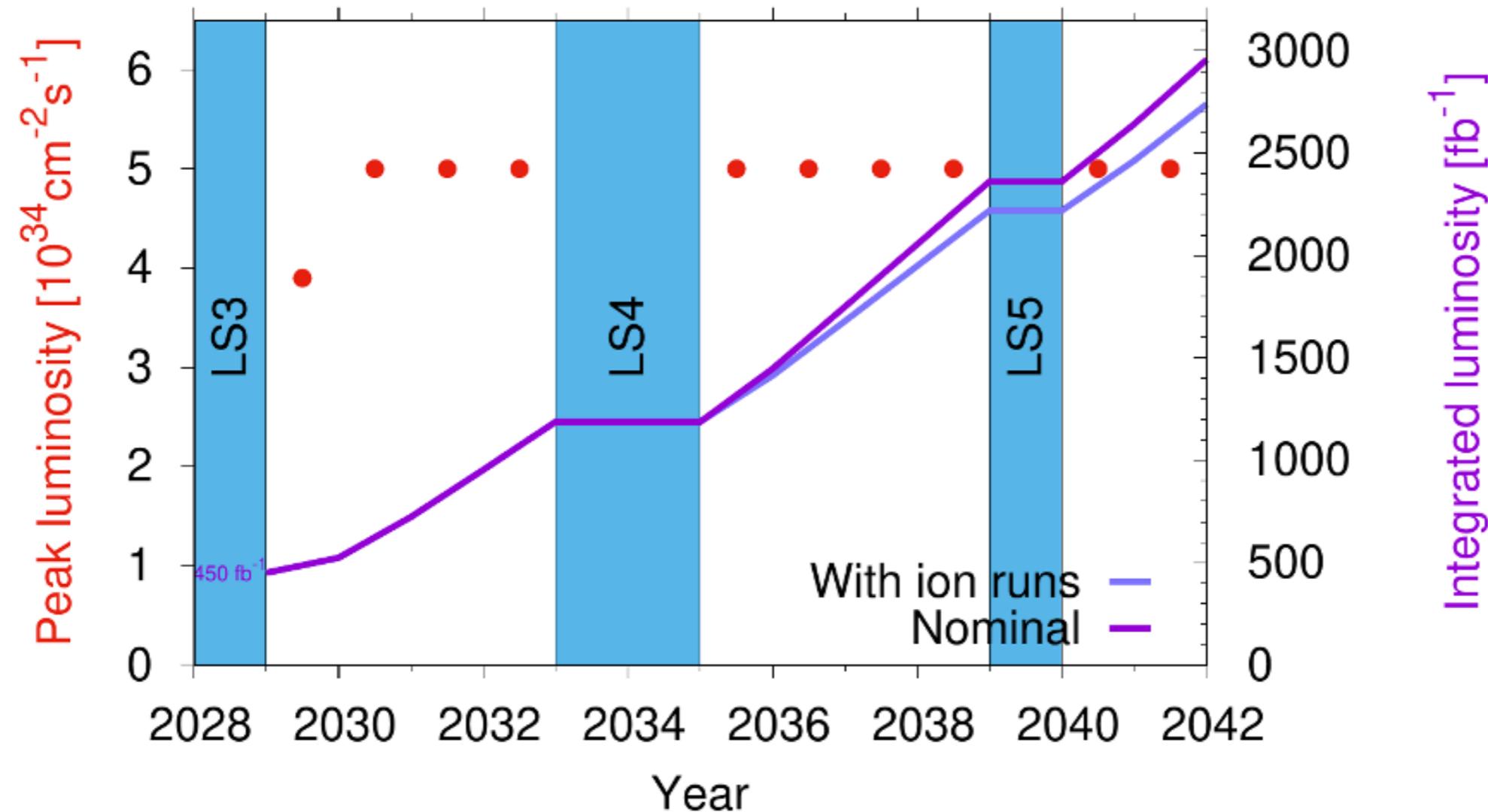
Many ideas, no confirmation.

Yes, we should come up with more.
Experimental guidance will be so much needed!

For now (and next decades)



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Central question: how to extract max info from this mountain of data?

What can (HL)-LHC do?

Precision



Are we really sure the SM is it appears to be?

This is the “bread and butter”.

Prime target, the Higgs
boson

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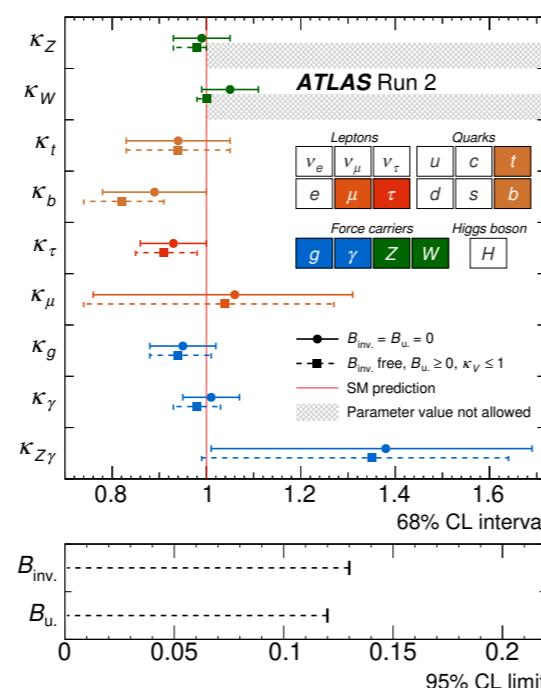
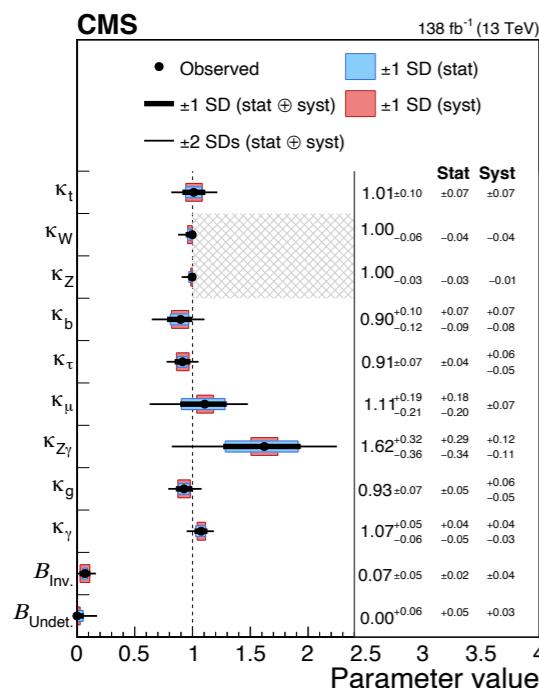
Maybe not as simple as it seems?

Is it elementary (like electron) or composite (like proton or pion)?

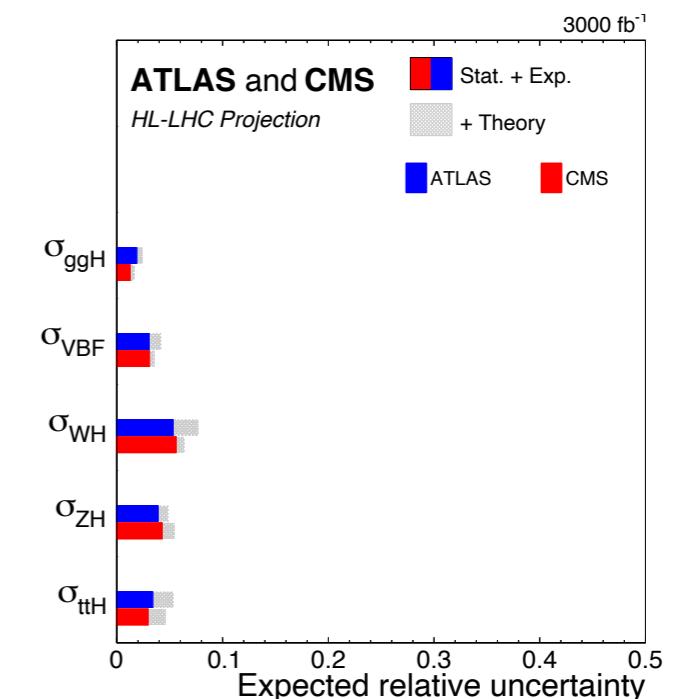
Is the Higgs the only spin-0 particle, or there are similar ones?

Higgs coupling

Higgs coupling other SM particles:



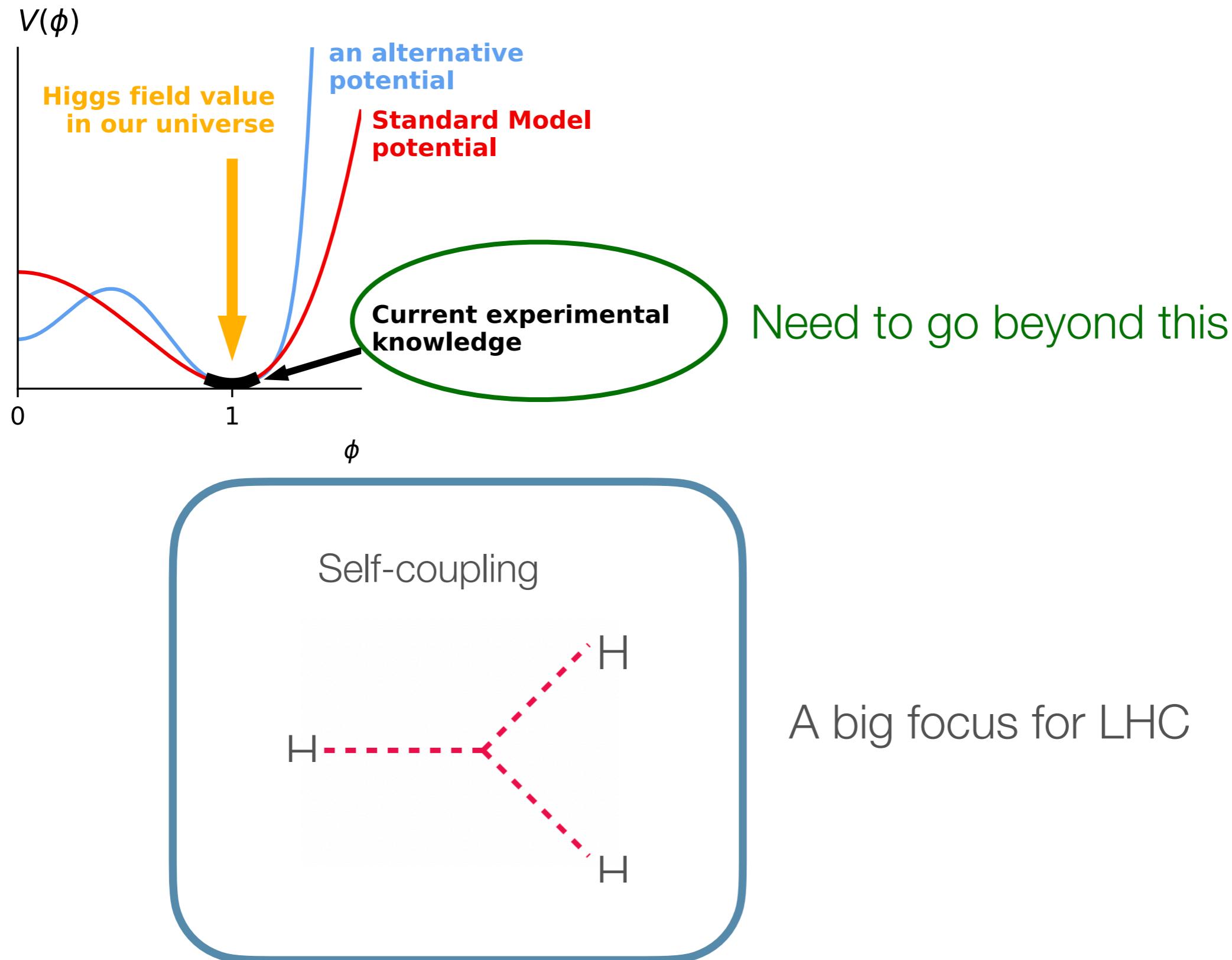
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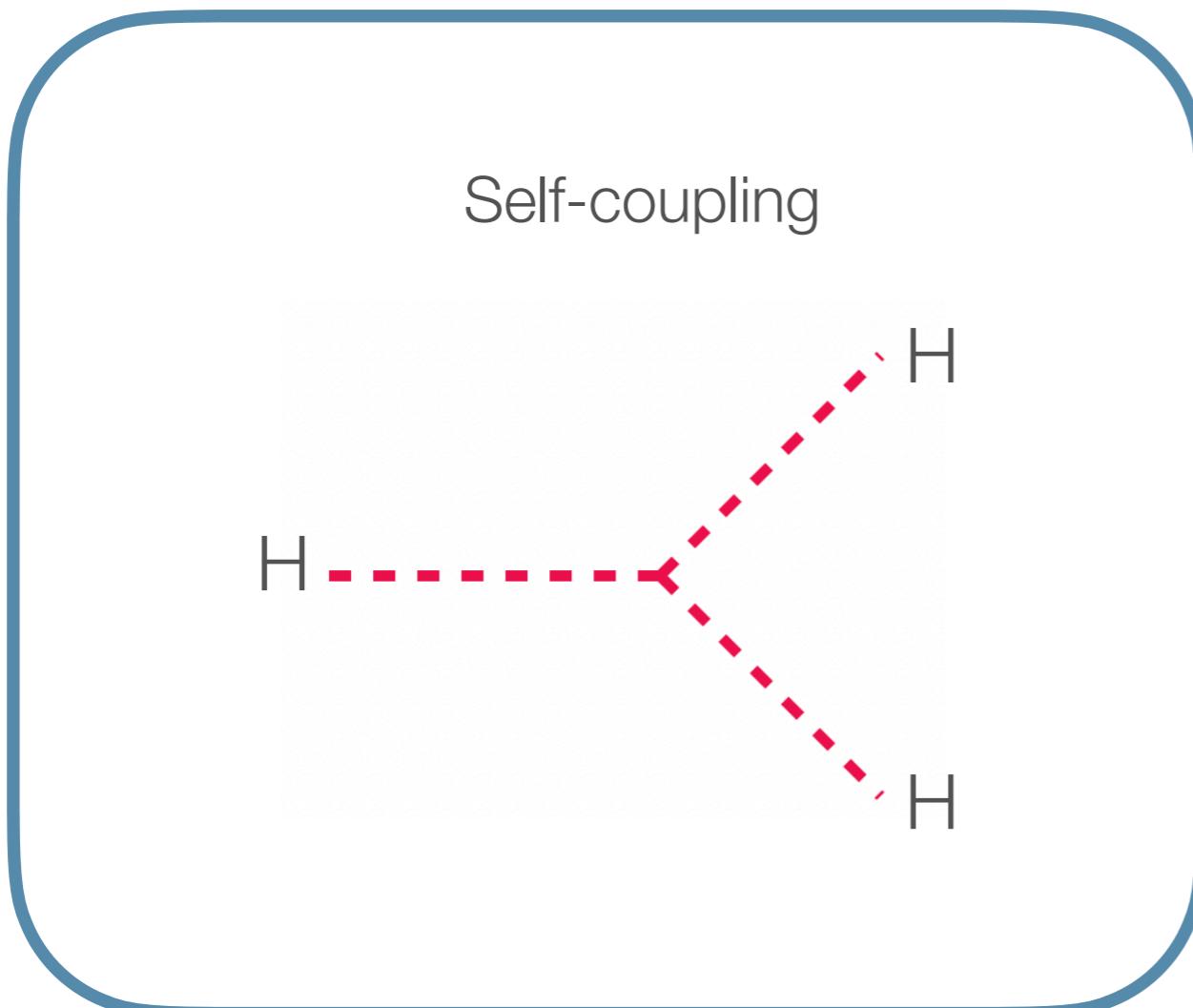
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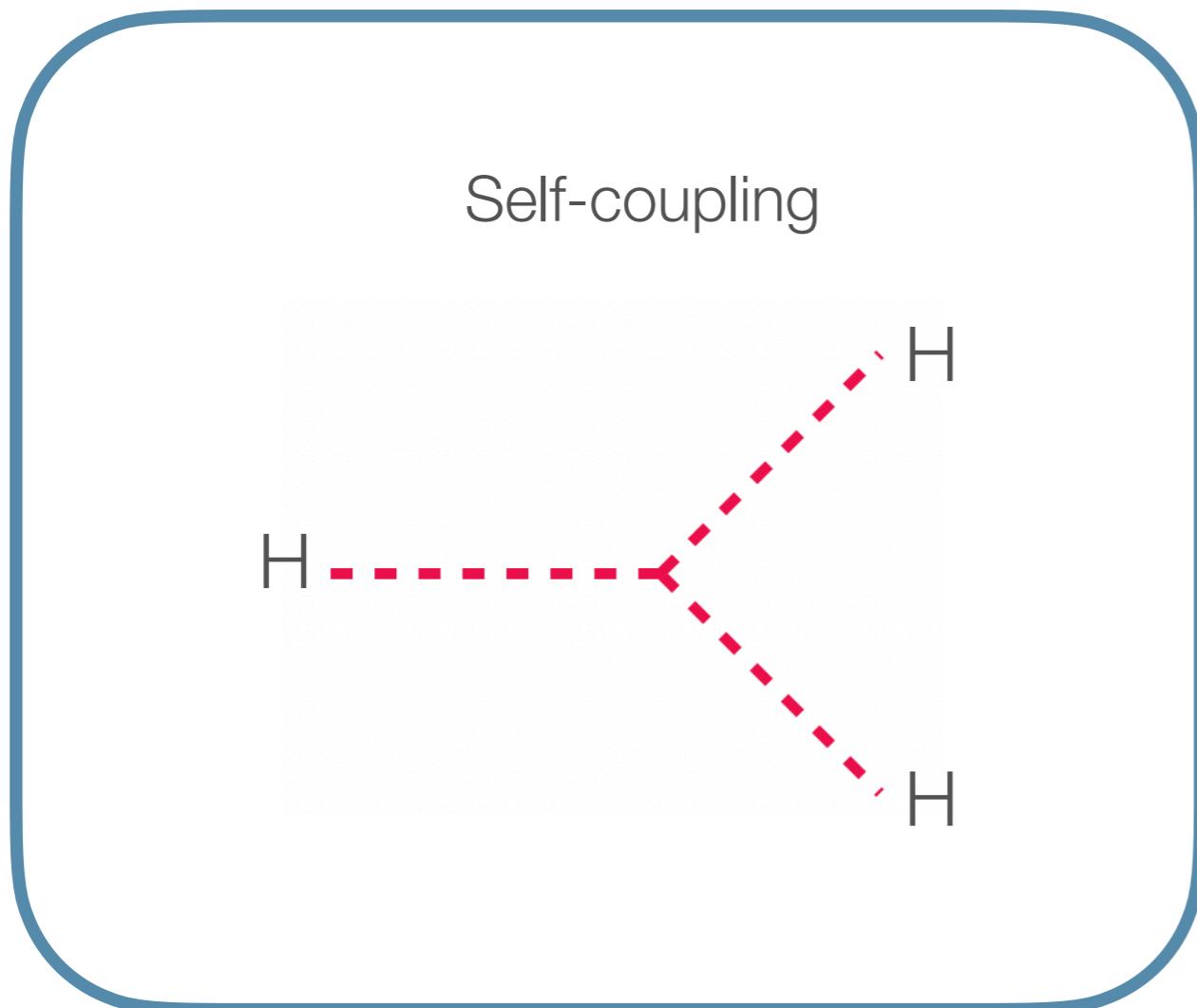


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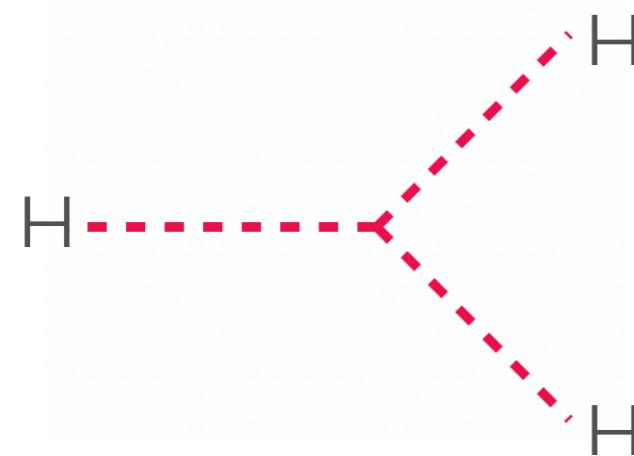


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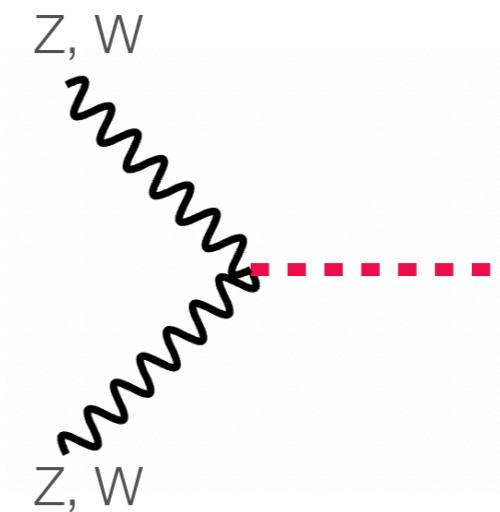
However, is this also a unique place to look for new physics?

It is unlikely new physics only shows up in self-coupling.

Self-coupling

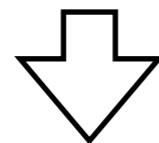


New physics often induce changes in other Higgs coupling, such as hZ



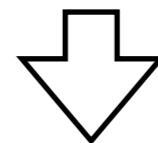
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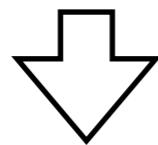
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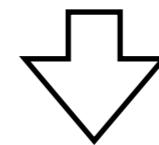
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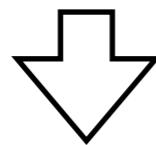
No special symmetry, both will generally be there.

All dim-6 operator \Rightarrow similar size of modification

H-Z coupling much better measured, in principle more sensitive.

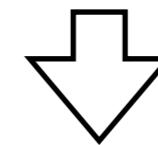
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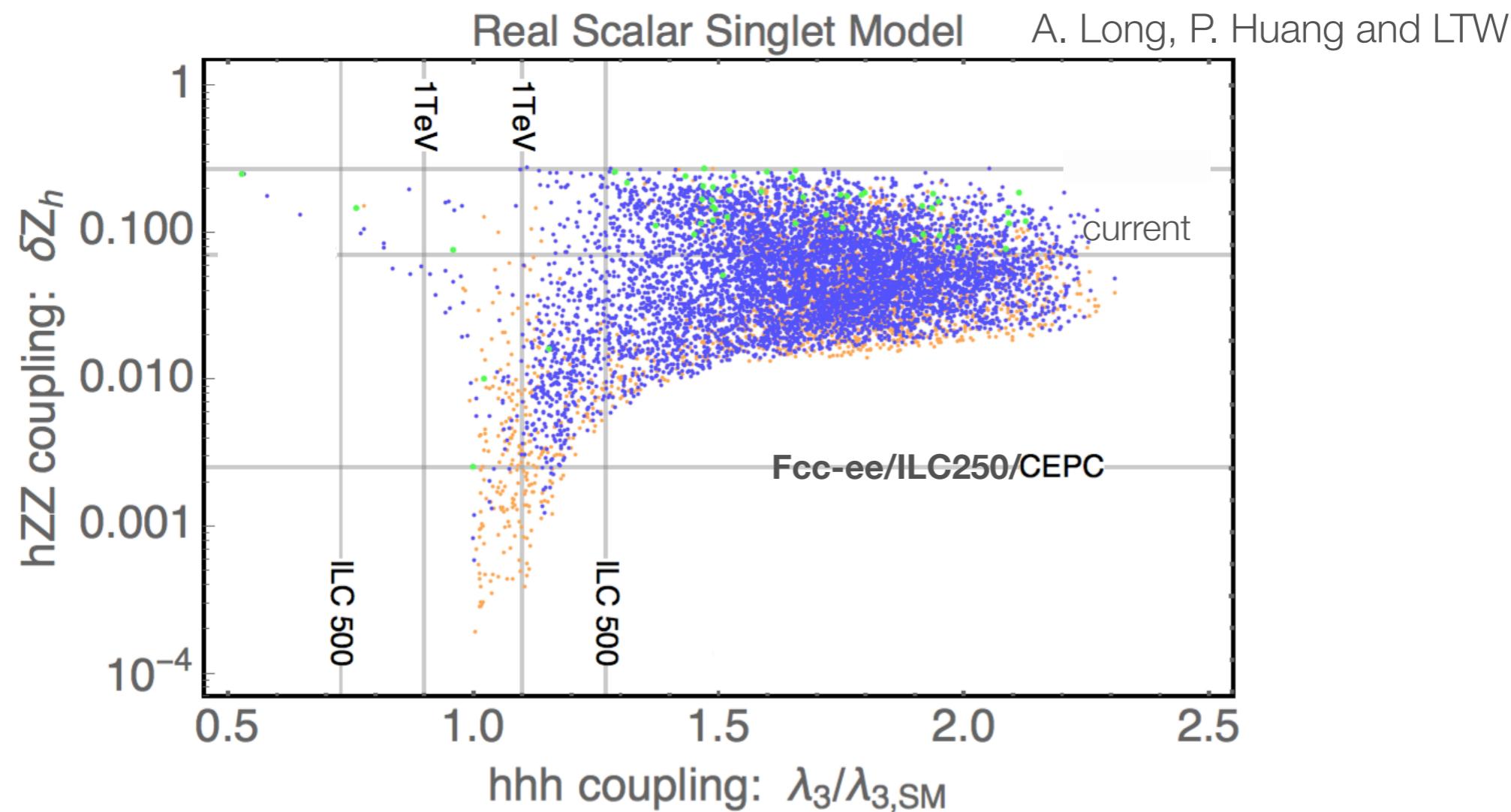


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However, $\delta_{Zh} \propto g_z$, while δ_{λ_3} is not related to $\lambda_{3,SM}$

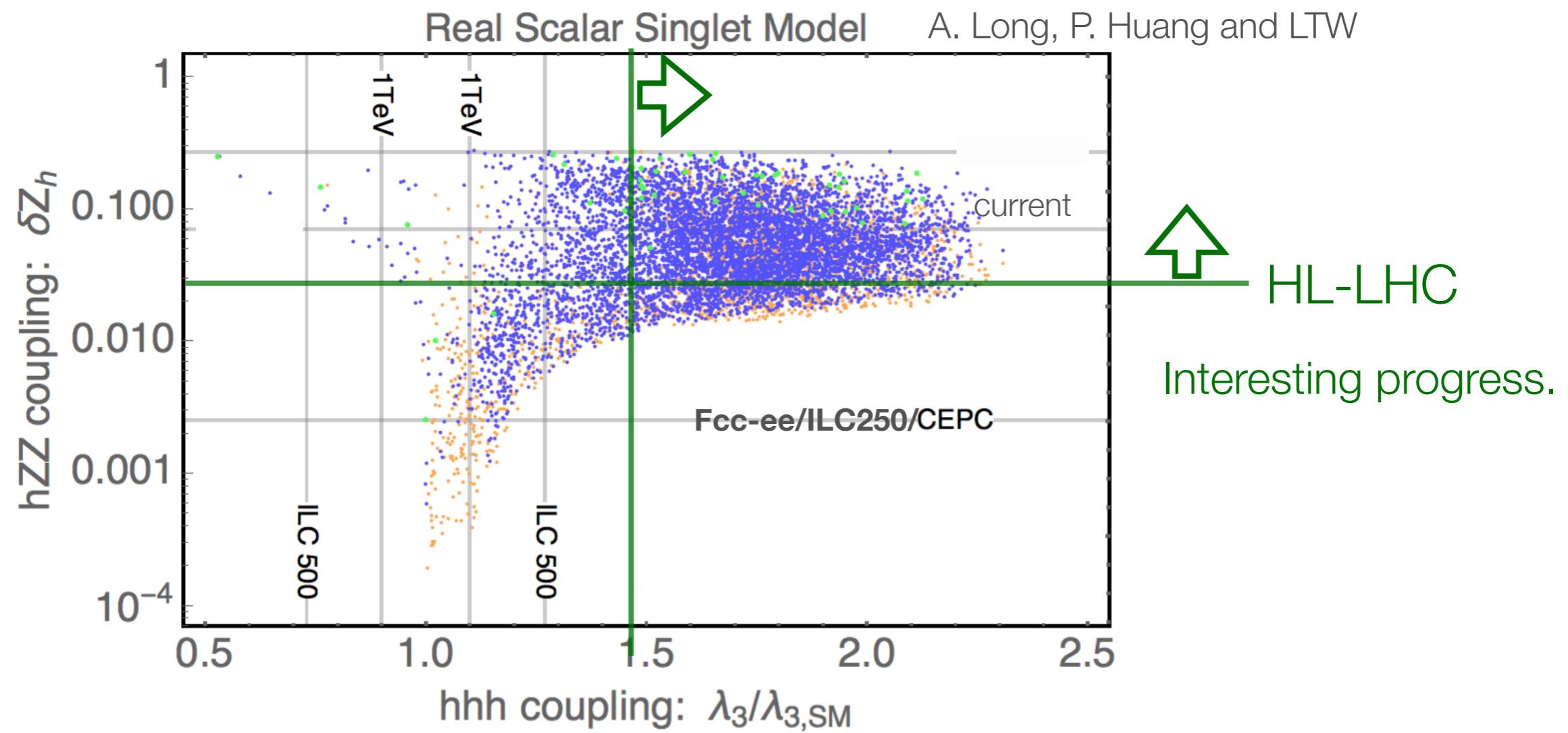
With some tuning, one can find models in which $\delta_{\lambda_3} > \delta_{Zh}$

Example: EW phase transition



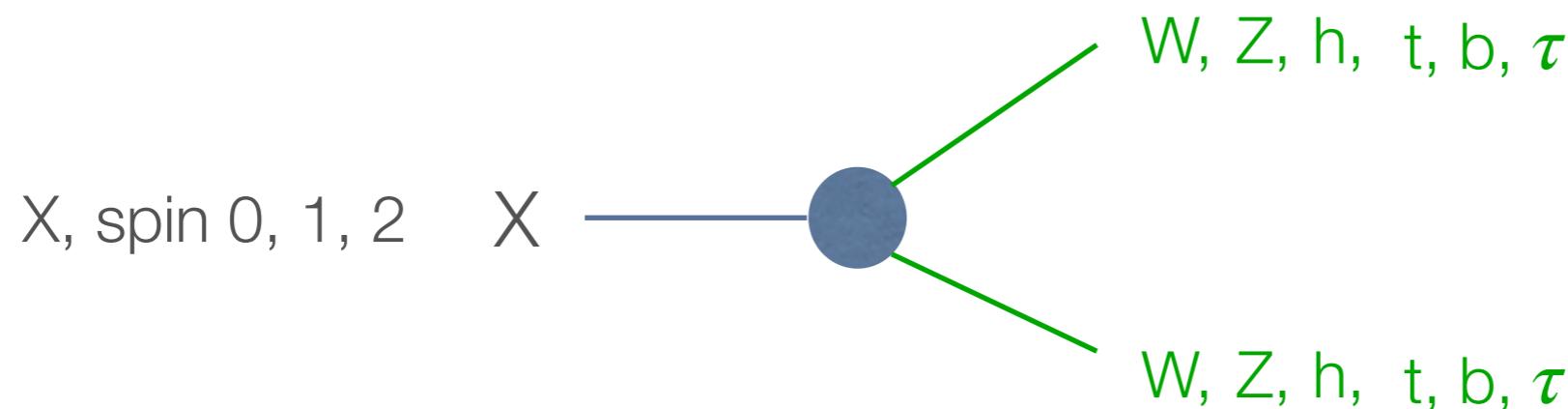
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di-Higgs search for resonances



From for heavy X (\sim TeV), as a consequence of Goldstone equivalence theorem and $SU(2)$ invariance,

the decay BR can be fixed

For example, for spin 0 and spin 2 resonances:

$$\text{BR}(X \rightarrow ZZ) \simeq \text{BR}(X \rightarrow hh) \simeq 0.5 \times \text{BR}(X \rightarrow WW)$$

Is there a case in which di-higgs has an advantage?

Busy Higgs signal

Now consider coupling:

$$S(H^\dagger H)^n, \text{ with } n > 1 \quad H^\dagger H = \frac{1}{2} \left((v + h)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^2 a_i^2 \right)$$

We have:

$$S(H^\dagger H)^n \propto (v^2)^{n-1} S \left(\sum_i a_i^2 \binom{n}{1} + h^2 \binom{n}{1} + 4h^2 \binom{n}{2} + \dots \right)$$

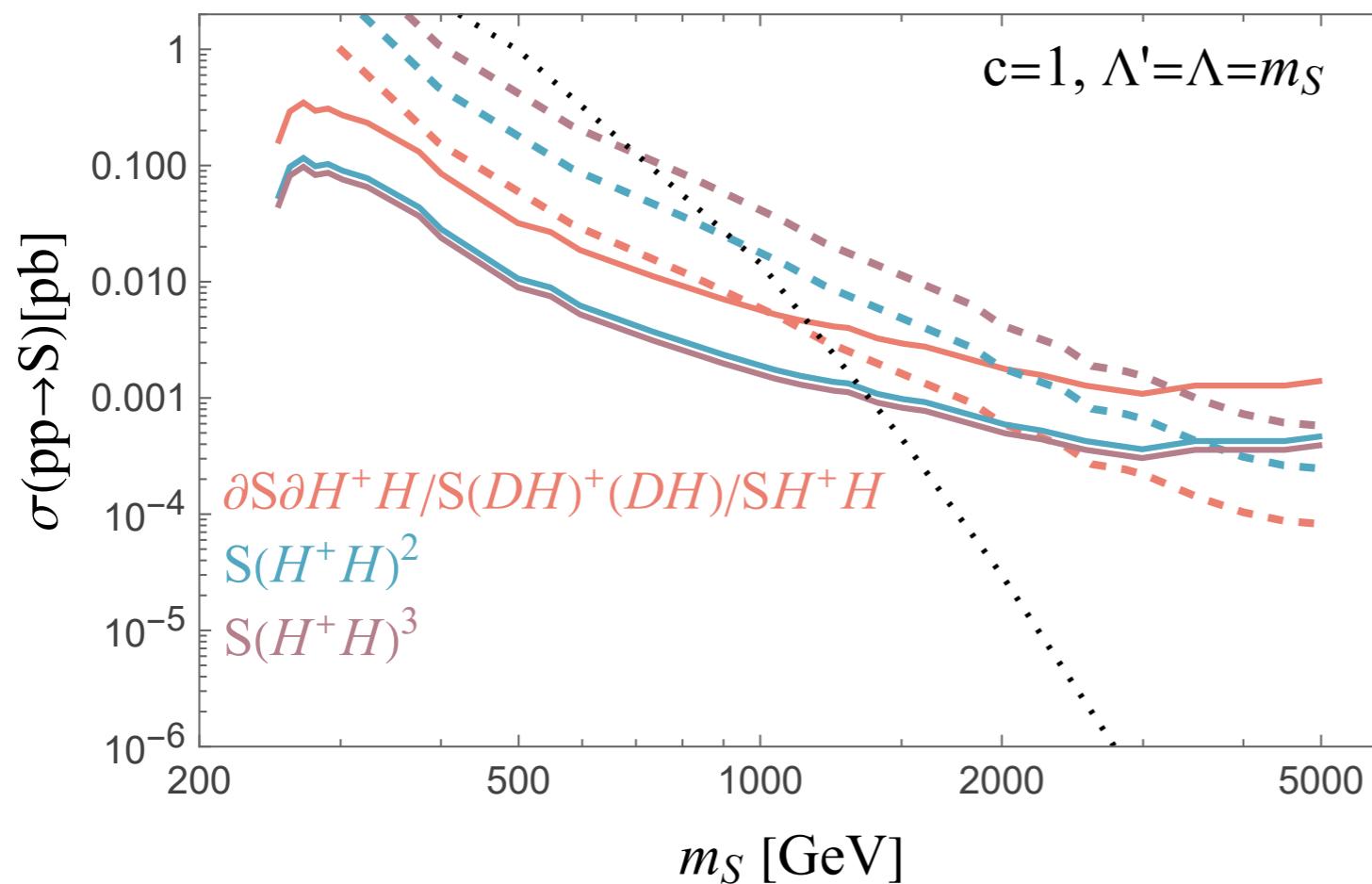
And:

$$\Gamma(S \rightarrow hh) : \Gamma(S \rightarrow WW) : \Gamma(S \rightarrow ZZ) = (2n-1)^2 : 2 : 1$$

An enhancement for the di-Higgs channel.

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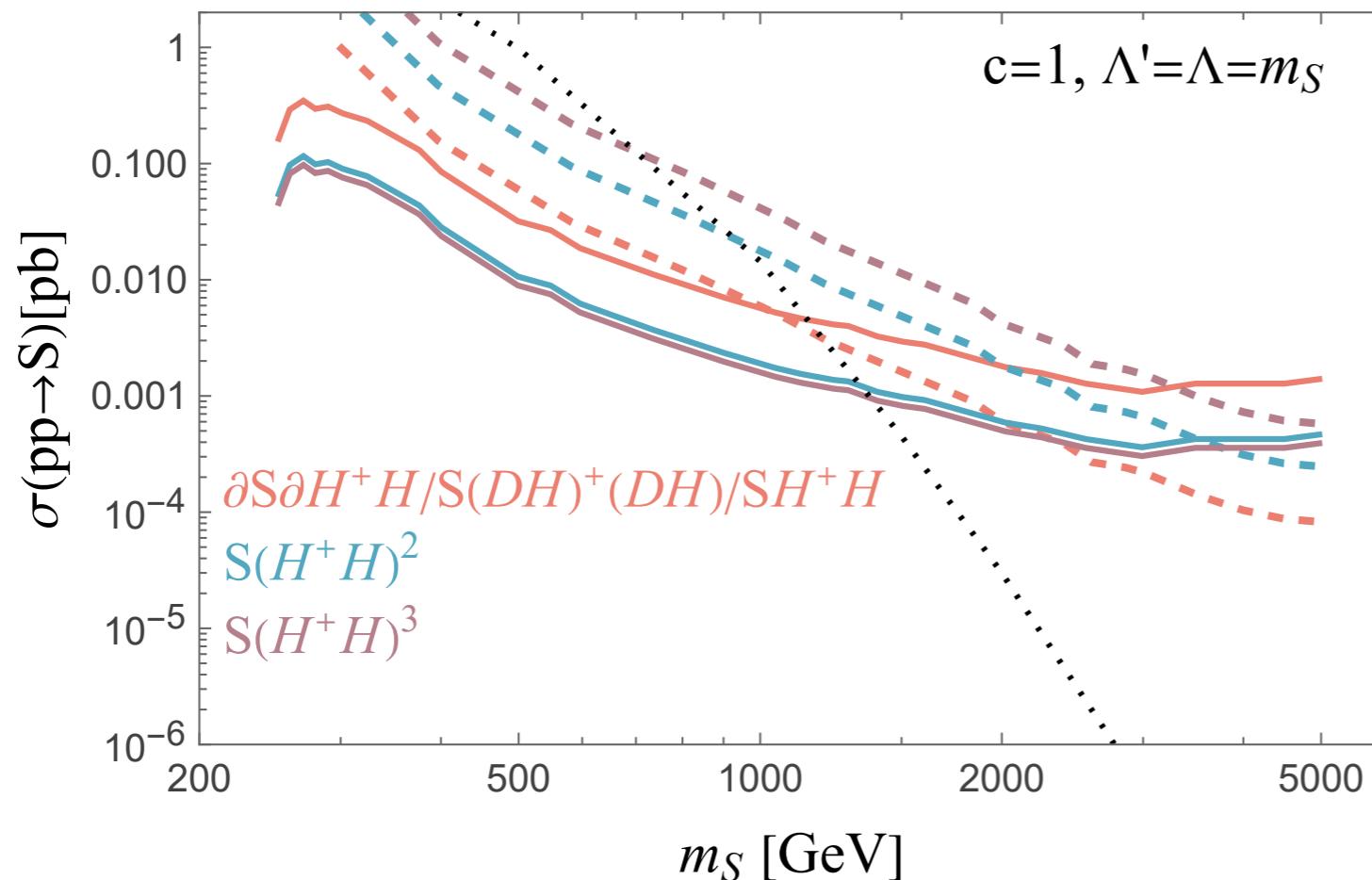
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Caution: a rather special case. Not a generic signal.

What can (HL)-LHC do?

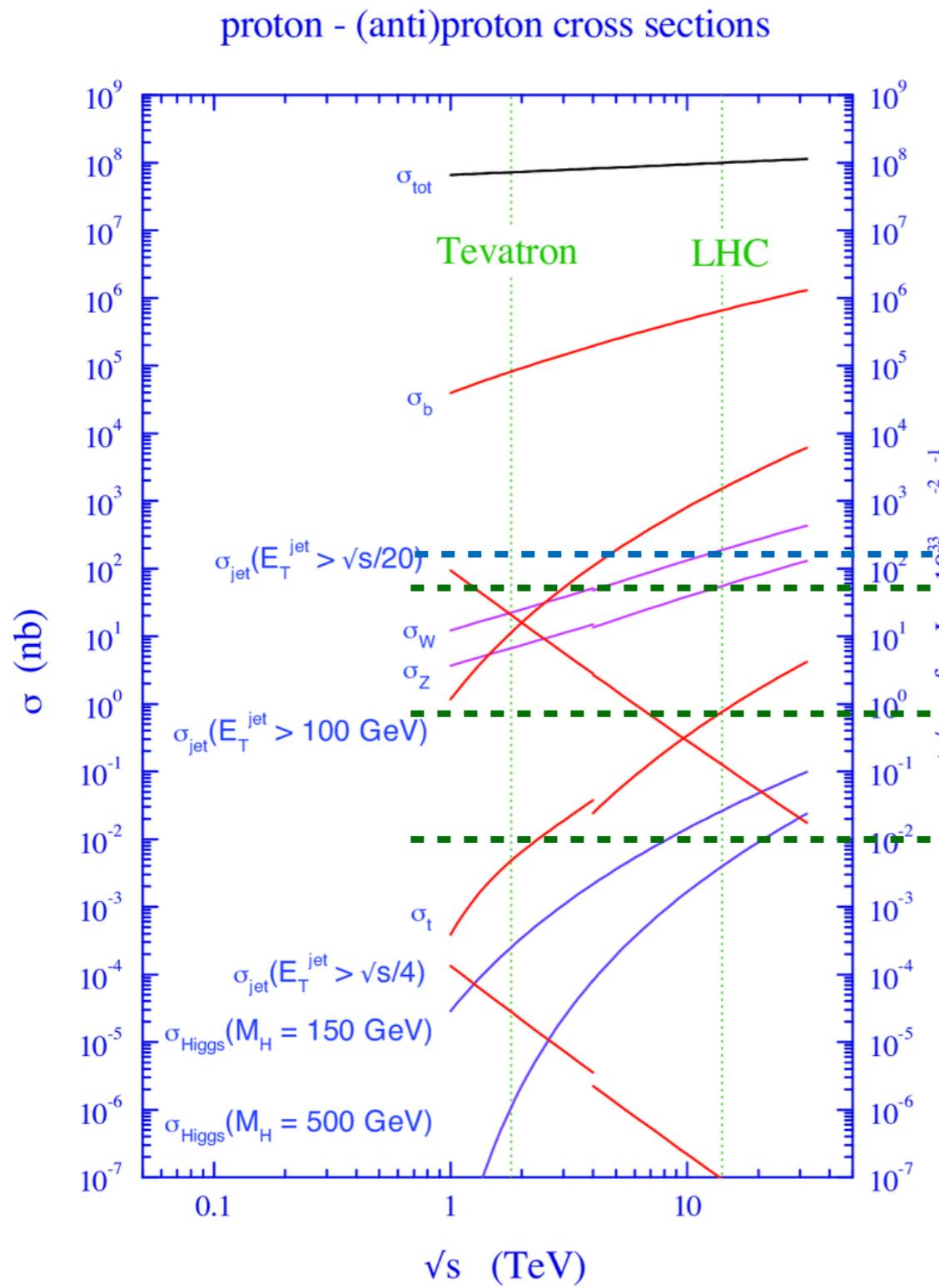
Rare processes



Unlikely, but seeing one can teach us a lot.

Large luminosity leads to big improvements.

HL-LHC as particle factories



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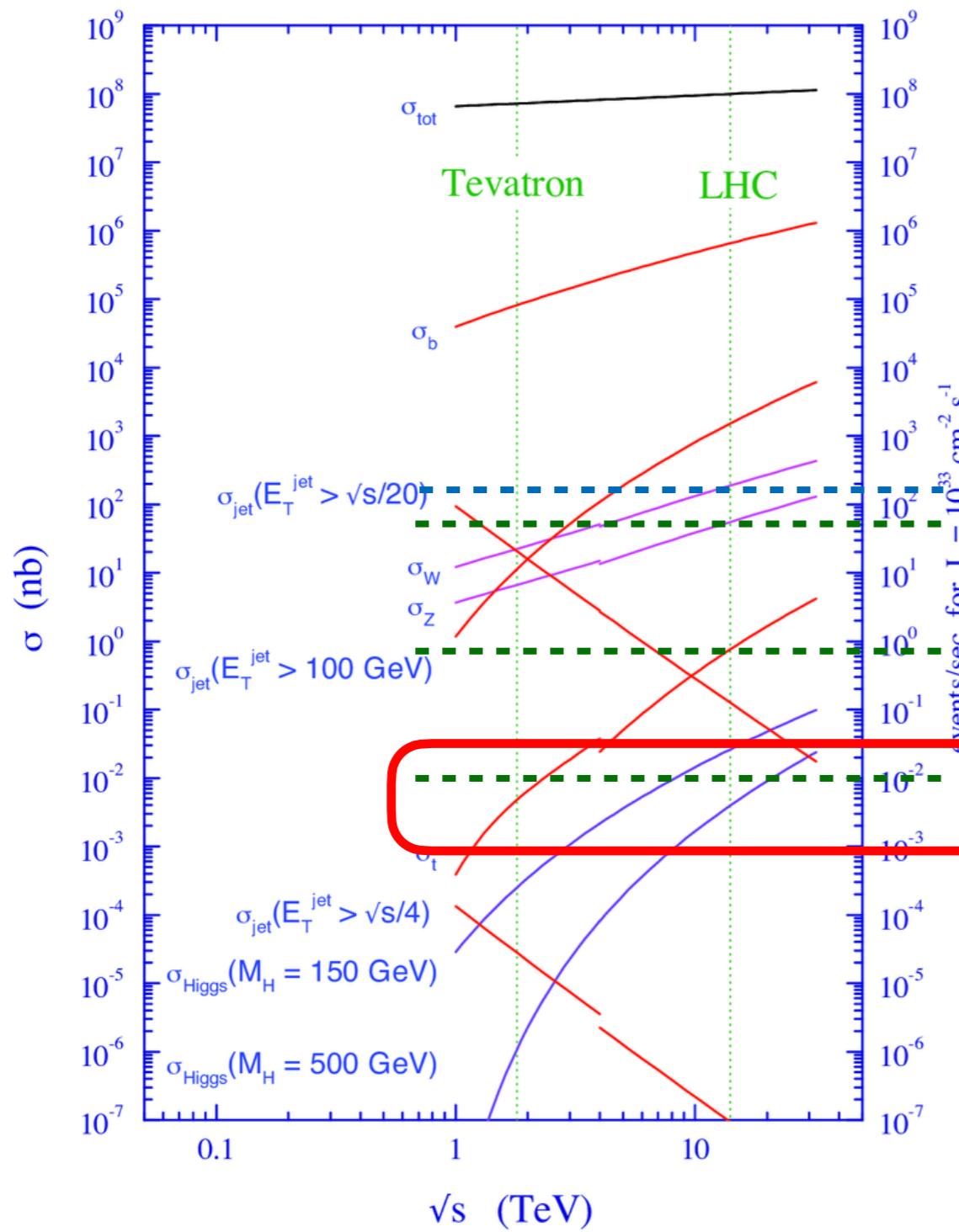
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proton - (anti)proton cross sections



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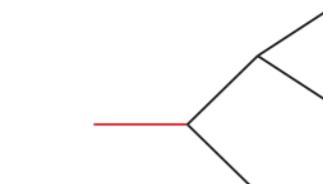
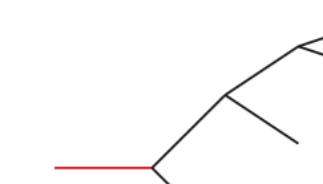
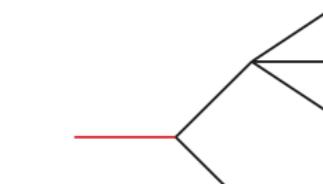
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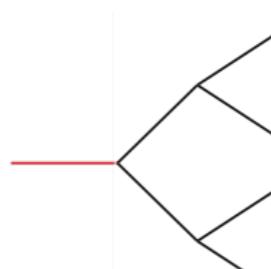
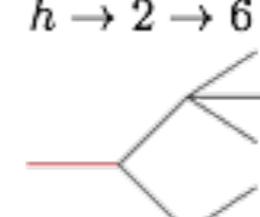
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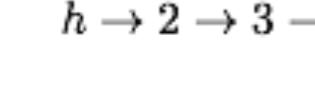
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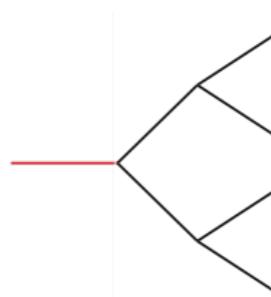
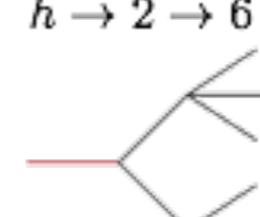
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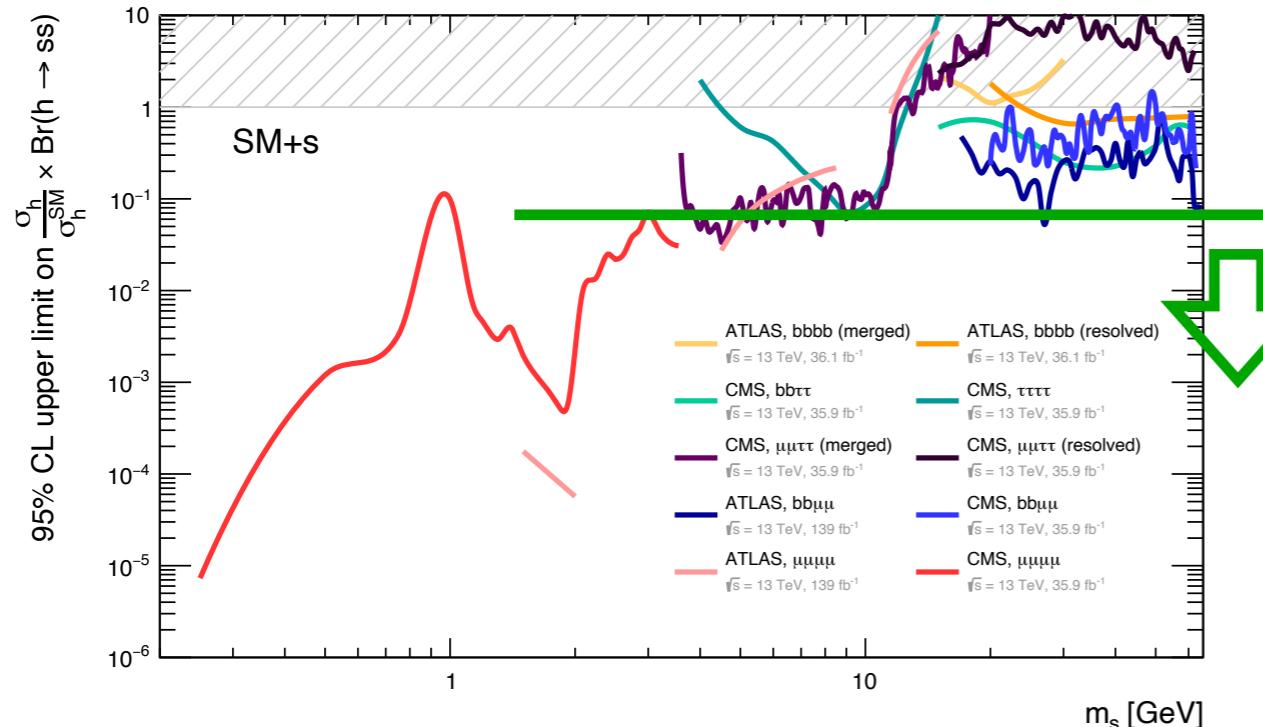
Simple, Great sensitivity from the LHC

With MET, less lepton

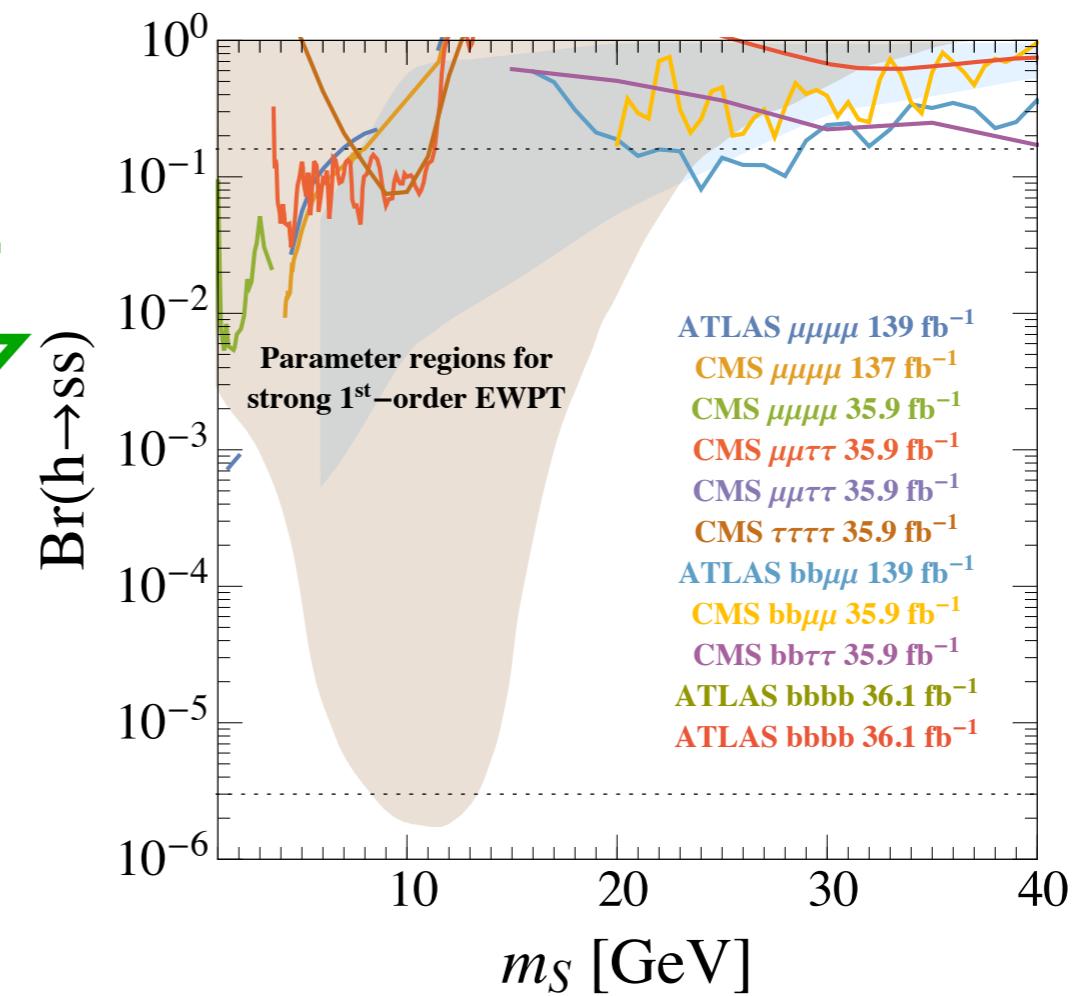
More hadronic

More challenging, but worth pursuing!

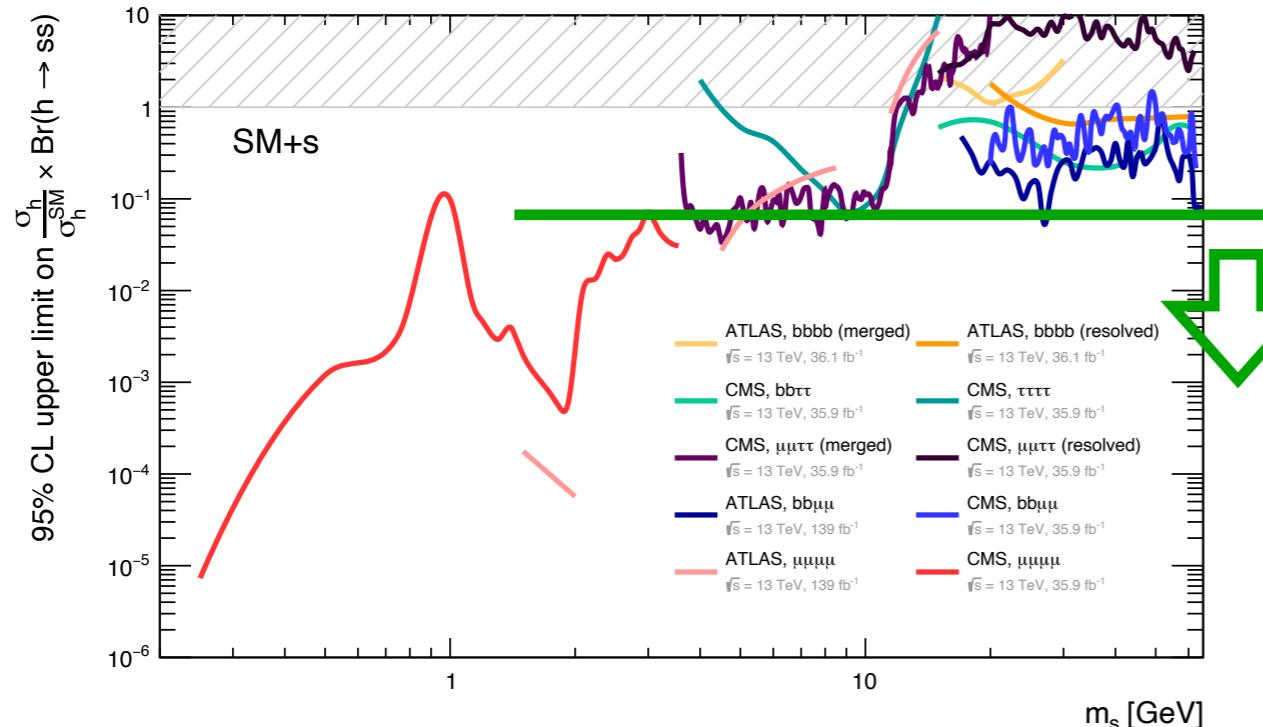
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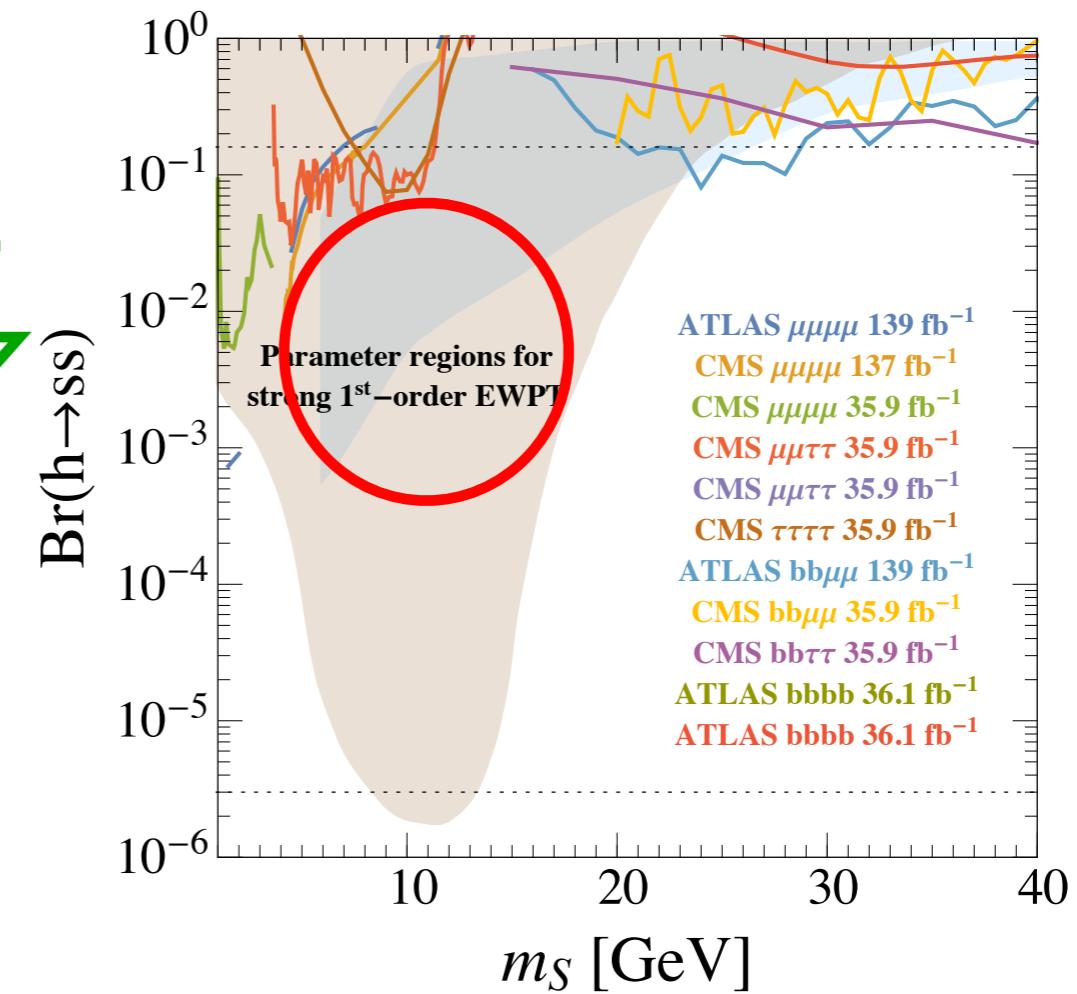
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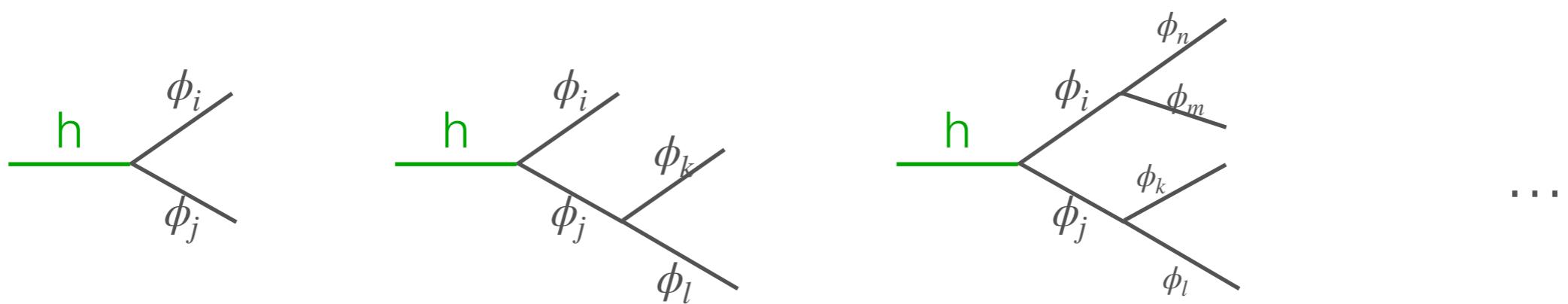
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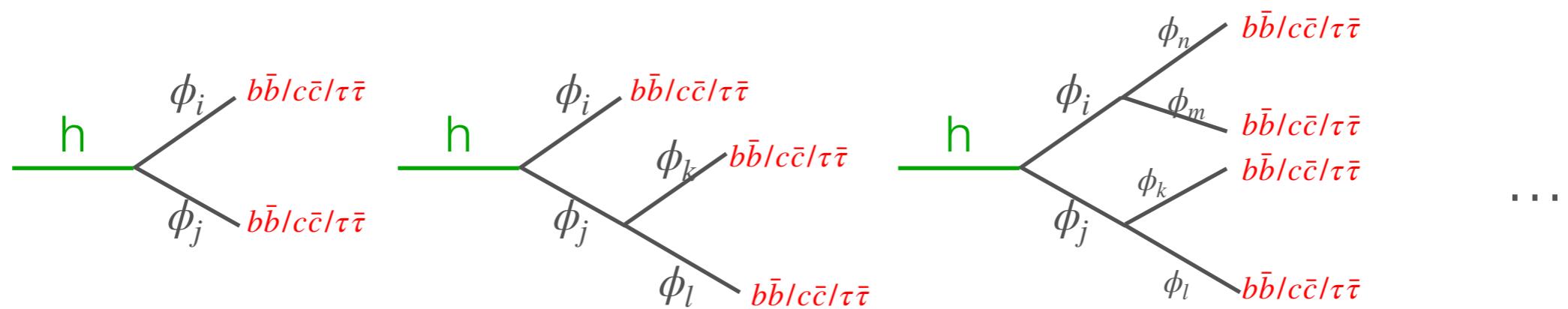
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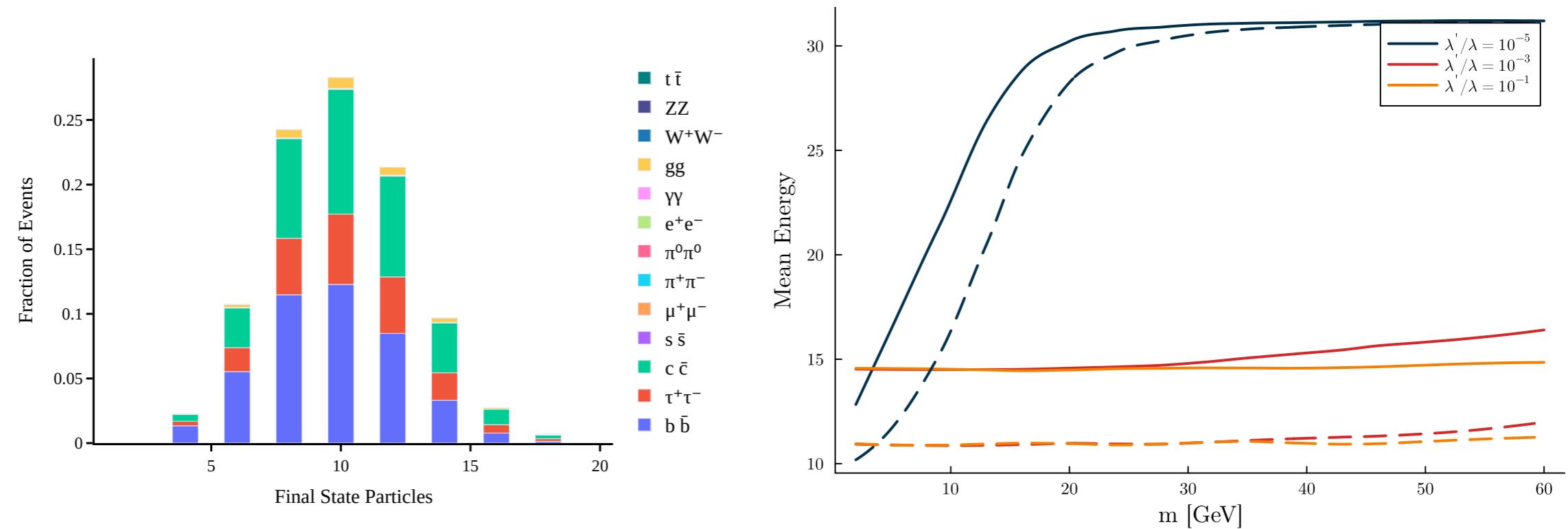


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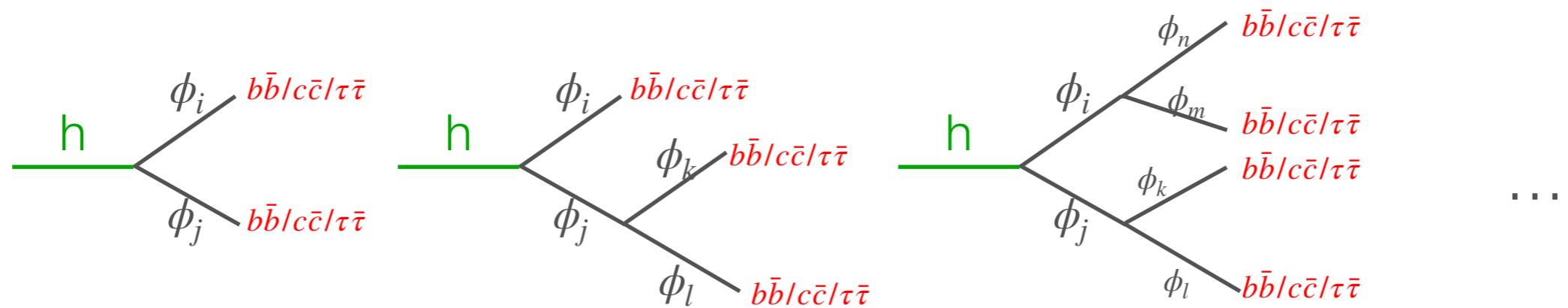
Decay from the Higgs



Longer cascade, higher final state multiplicity, softer decay products.

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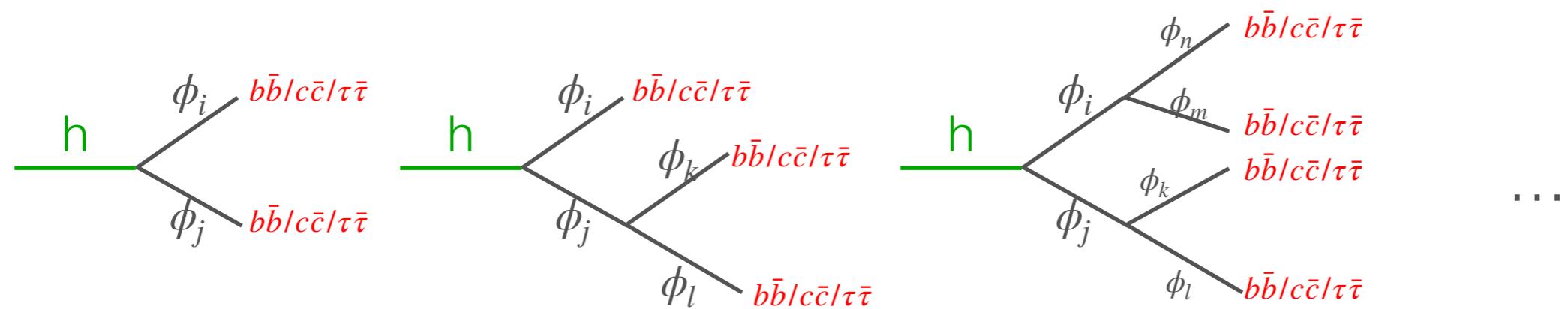


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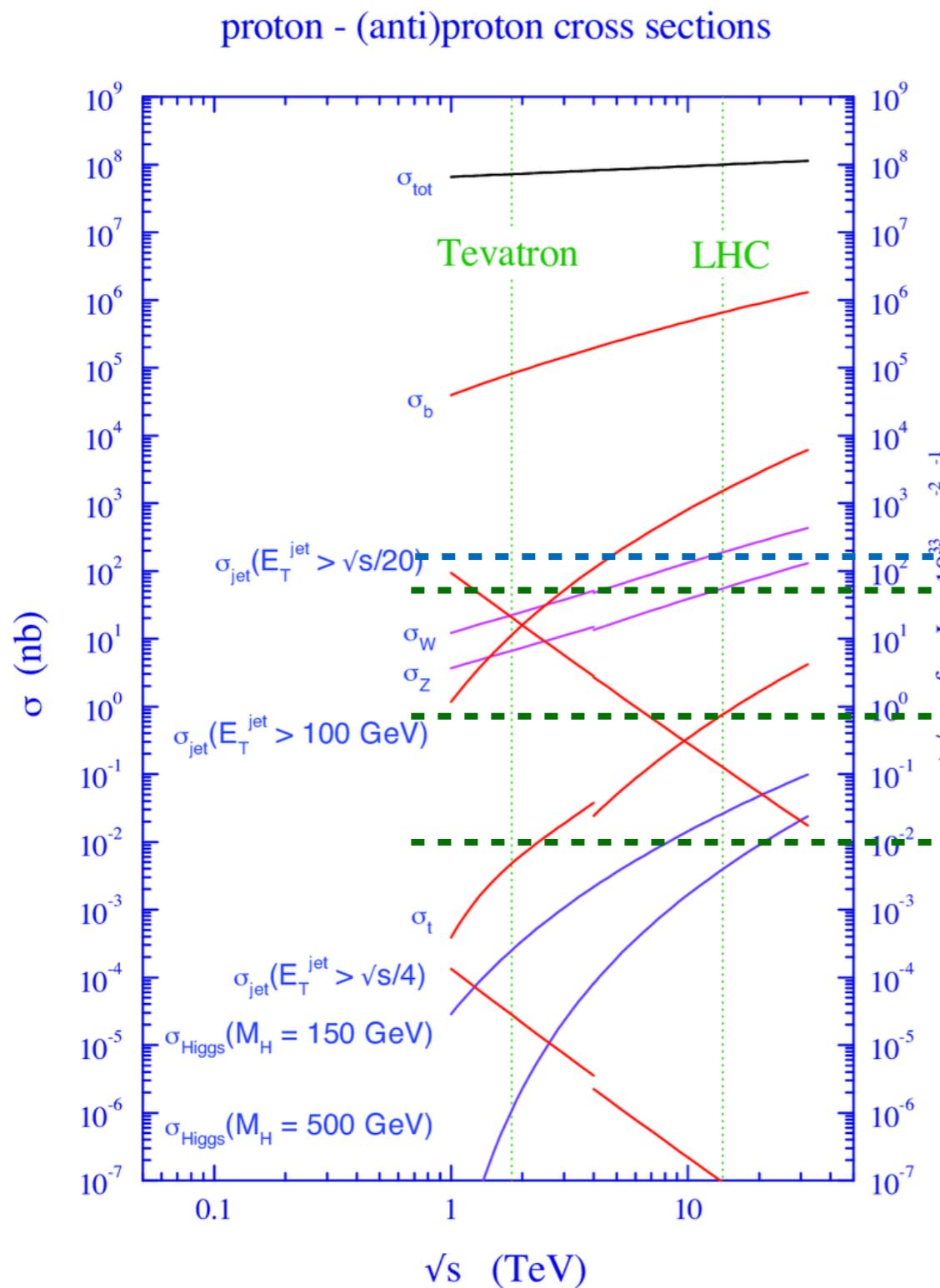
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⇒ but not reconstructing particular resonances.

Are we ready for this? S. Jung, Z. Liu, LTW, K. Xie 2109.03294

HL-LHC as particle factories



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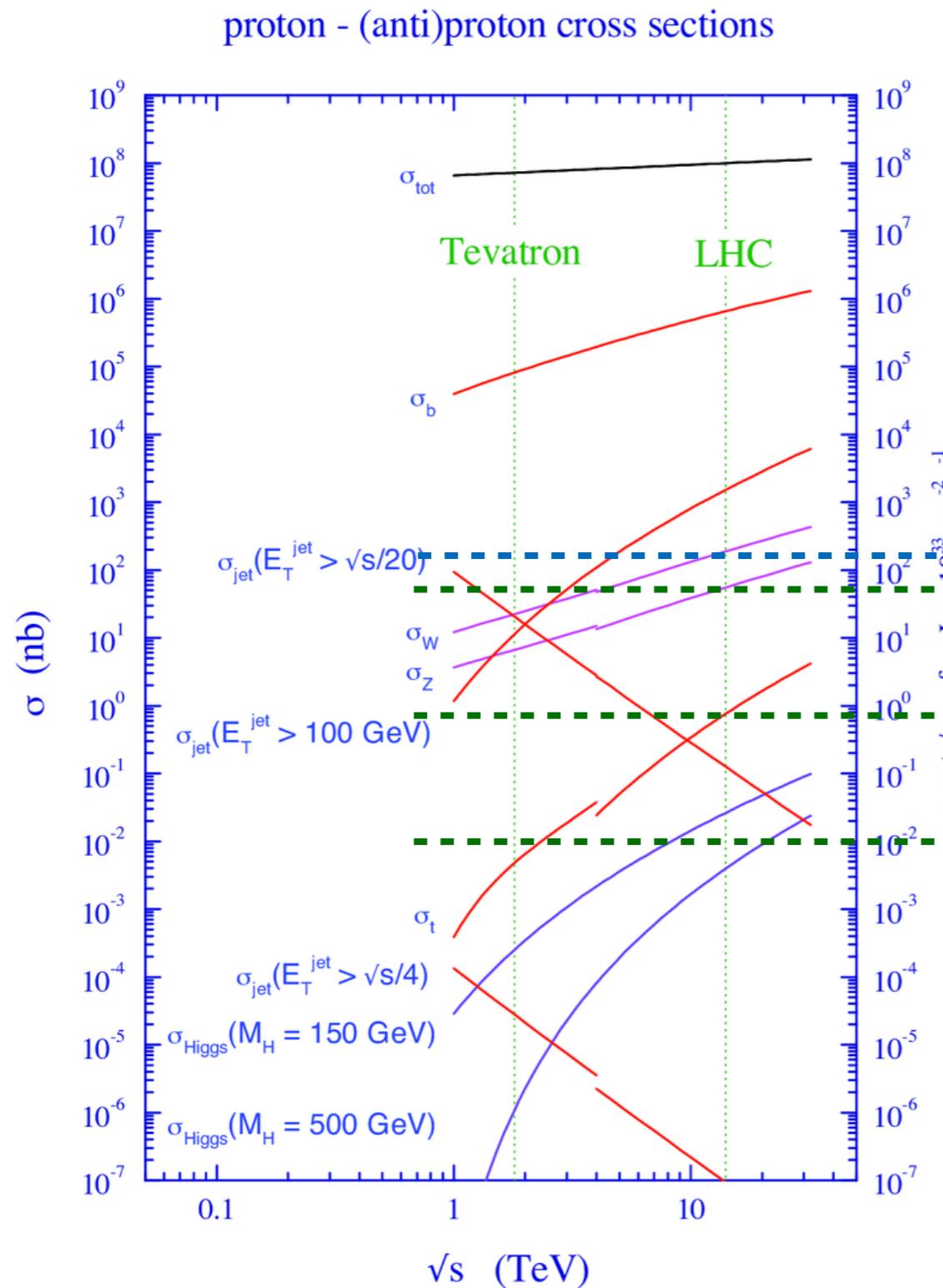
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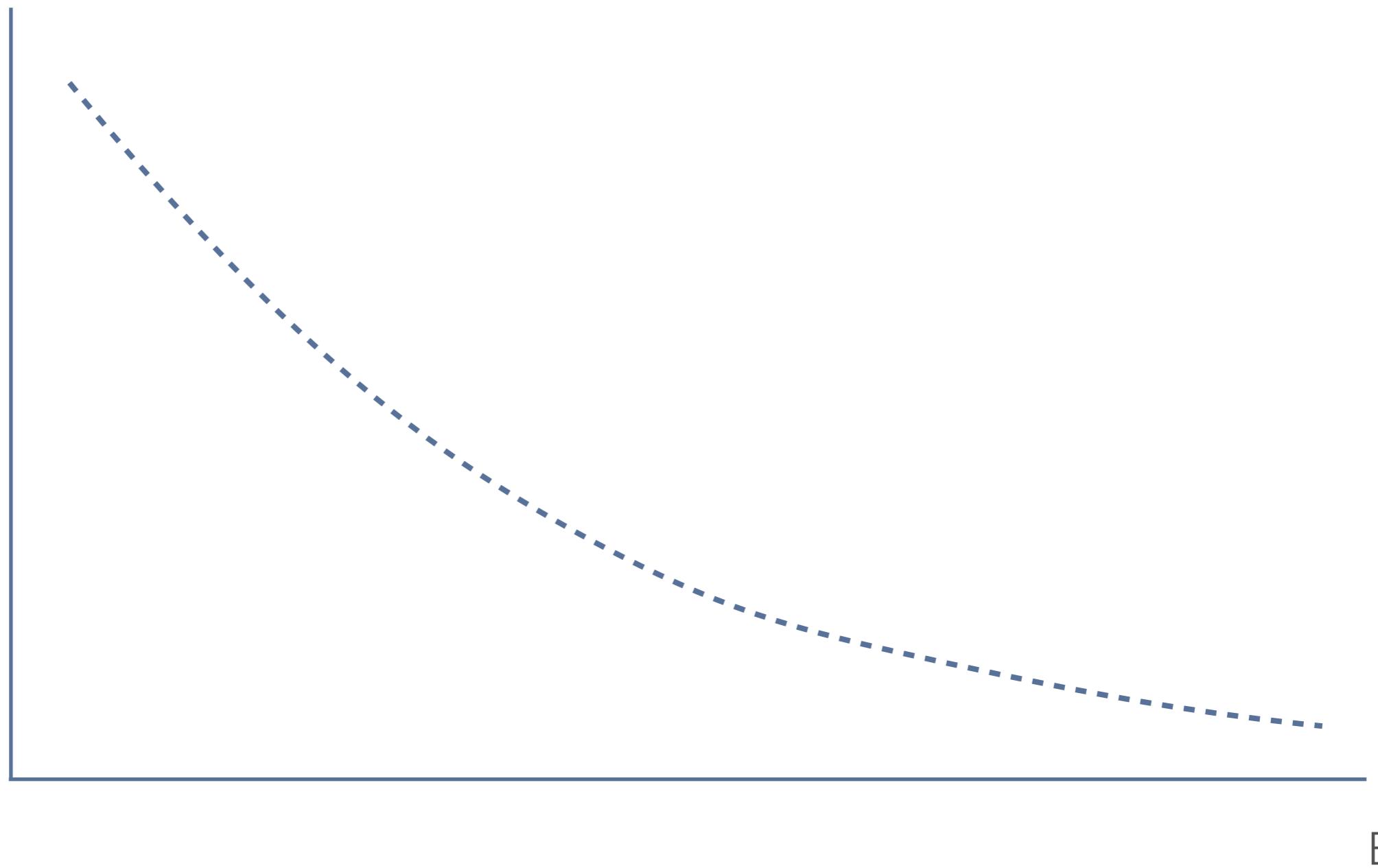
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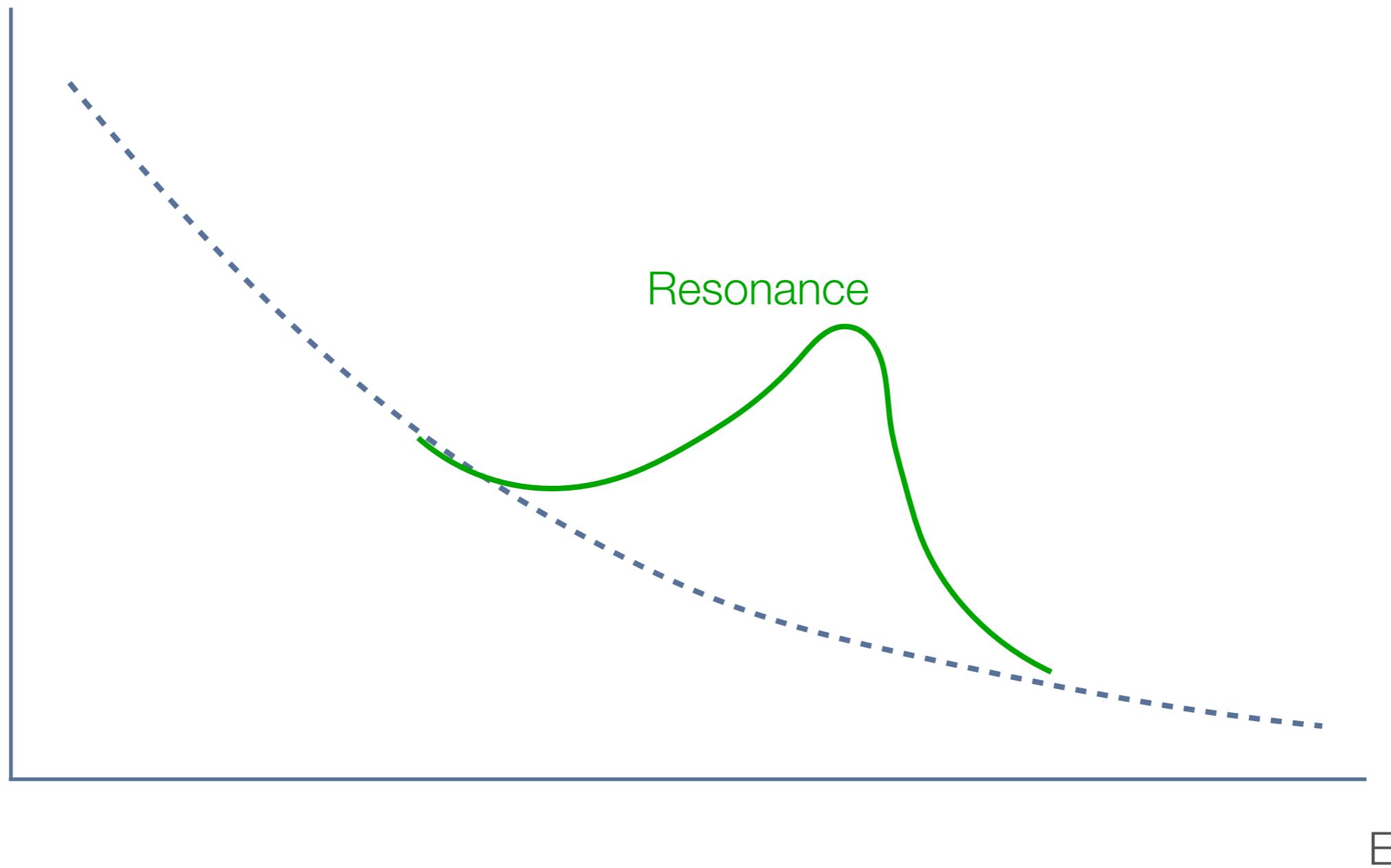
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More studies and
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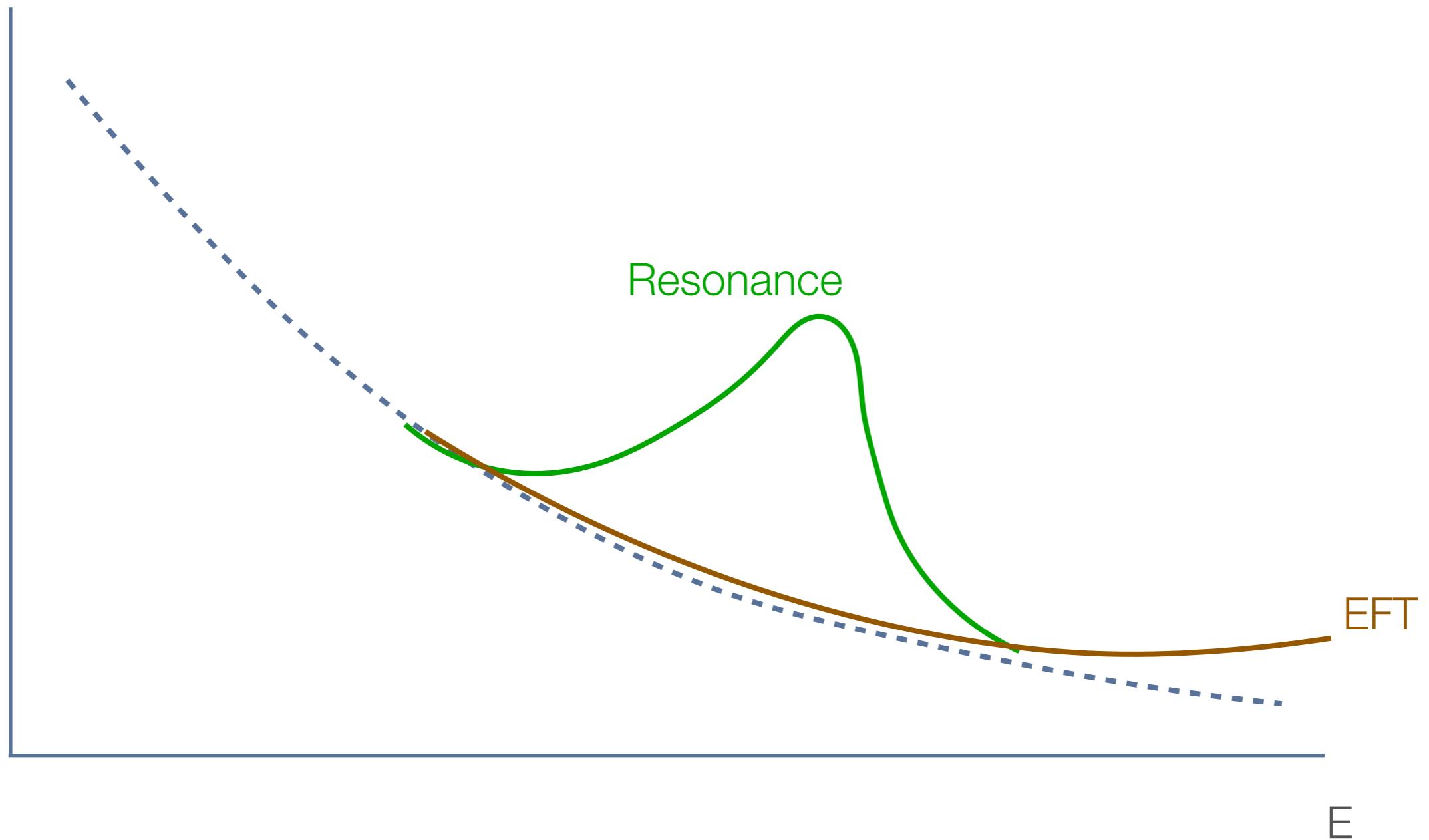
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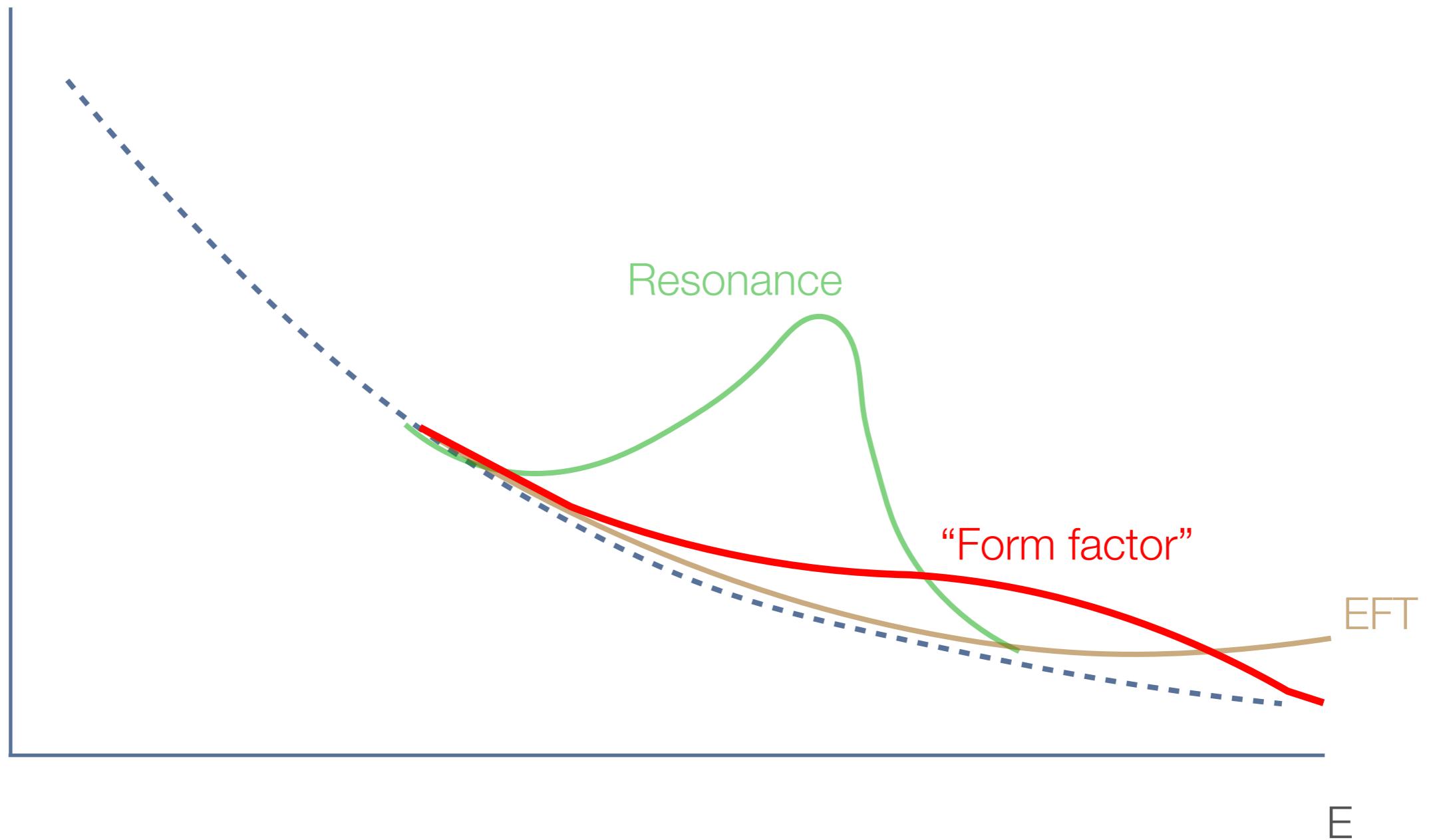
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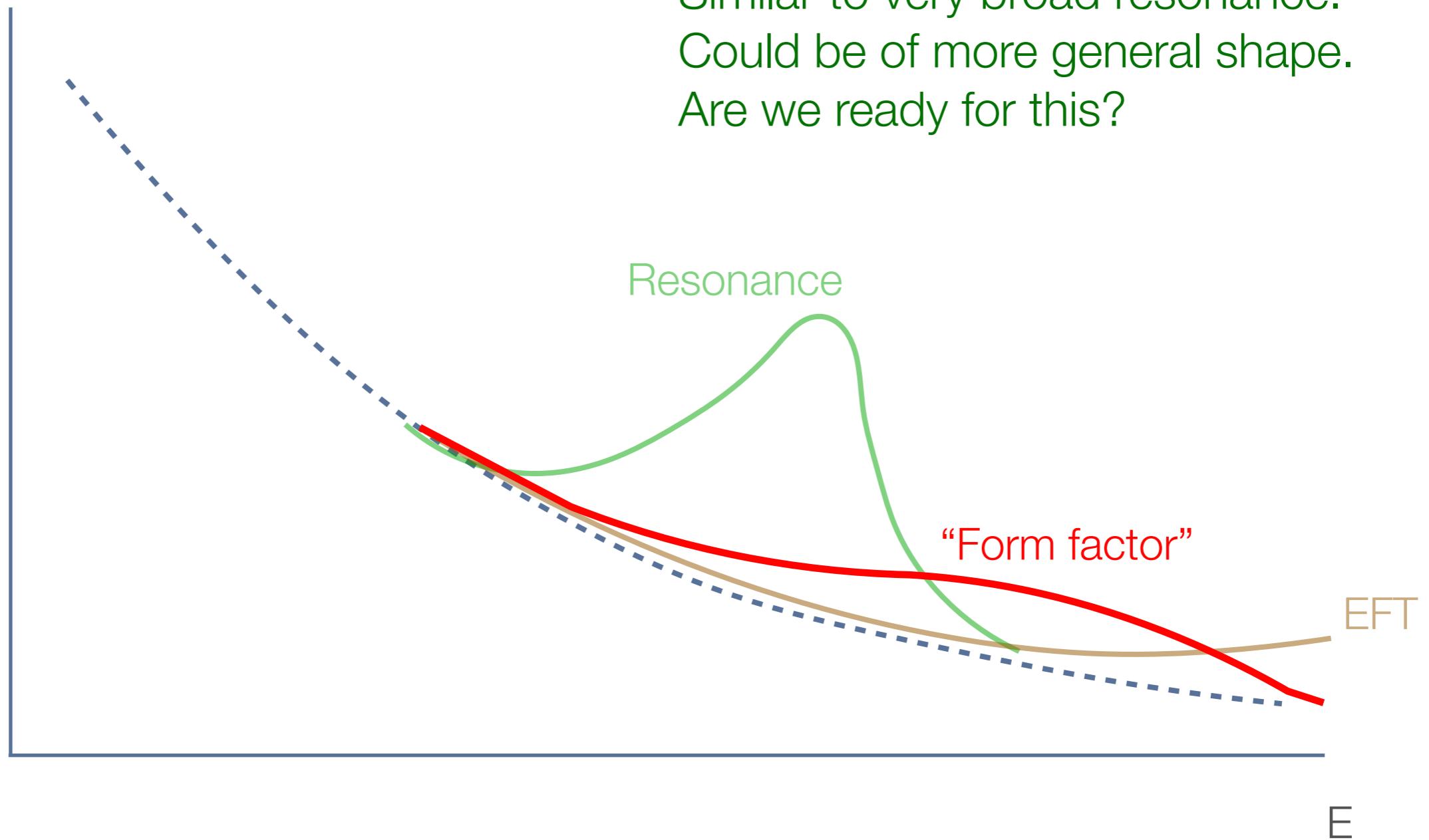


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Quite exotic.
Similar to very broad resonance.
Could be of more general shape.
Are we ready for this?



The next frontier

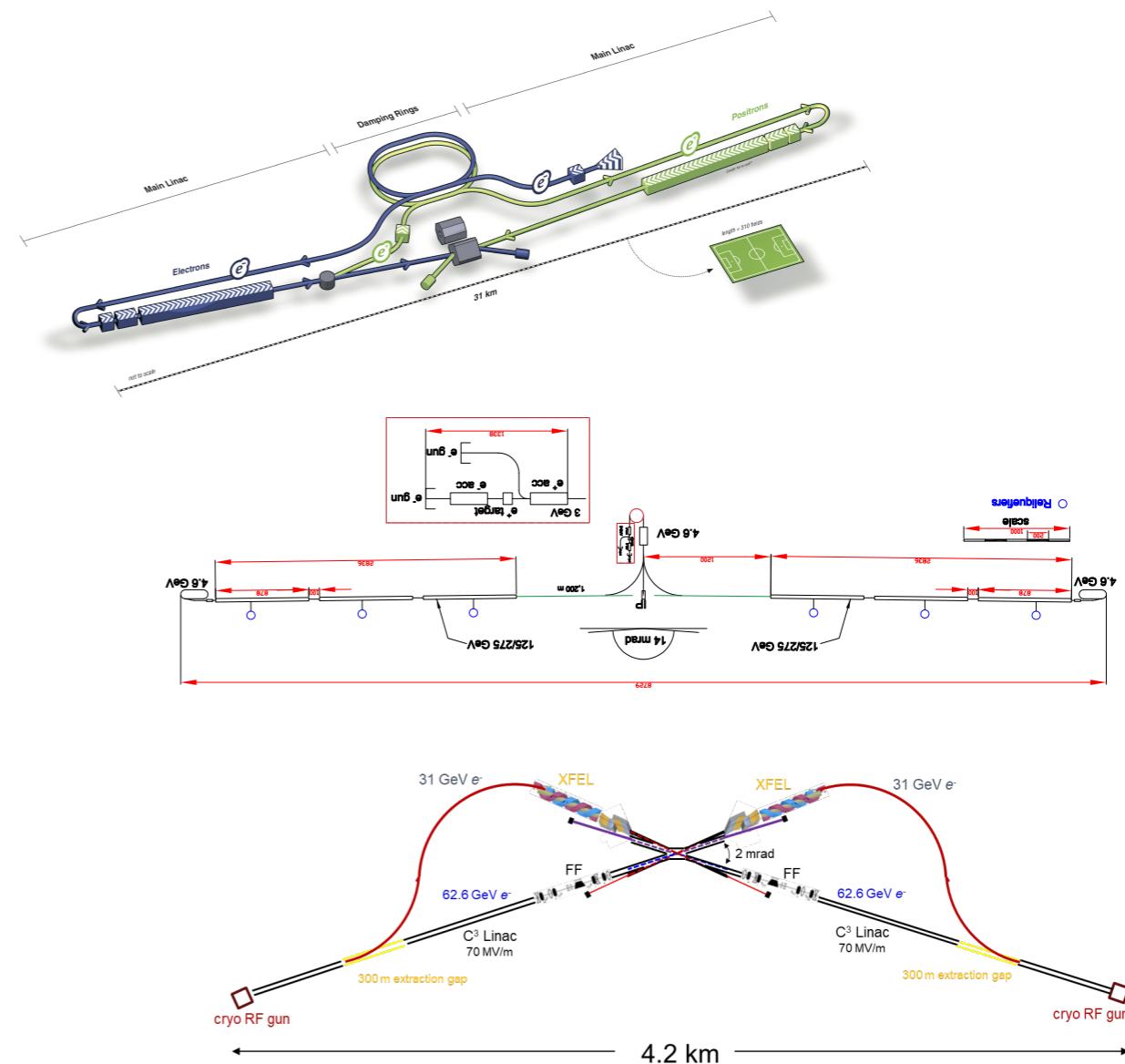
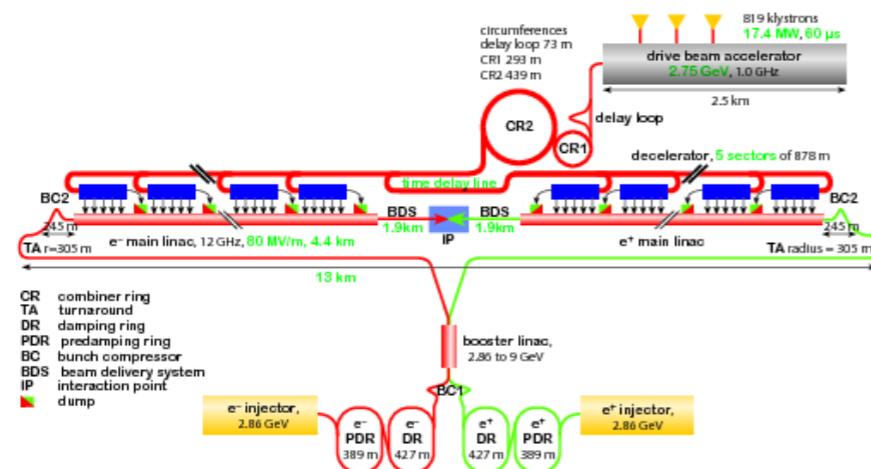
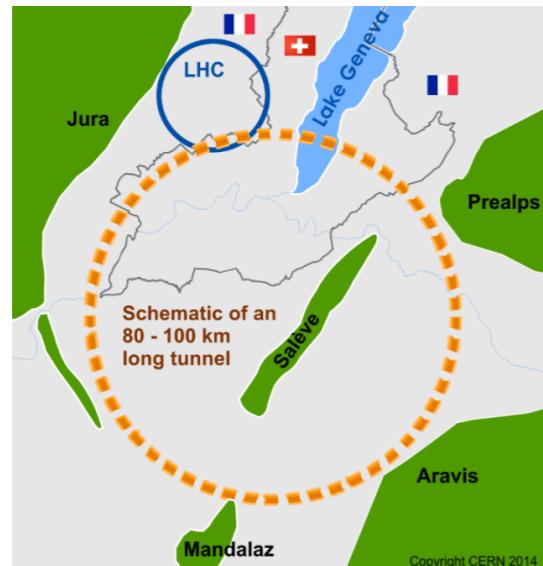
The future

- * Obviously, it would be great to have a new collider, at higher energies and intensity.

Many proposals.

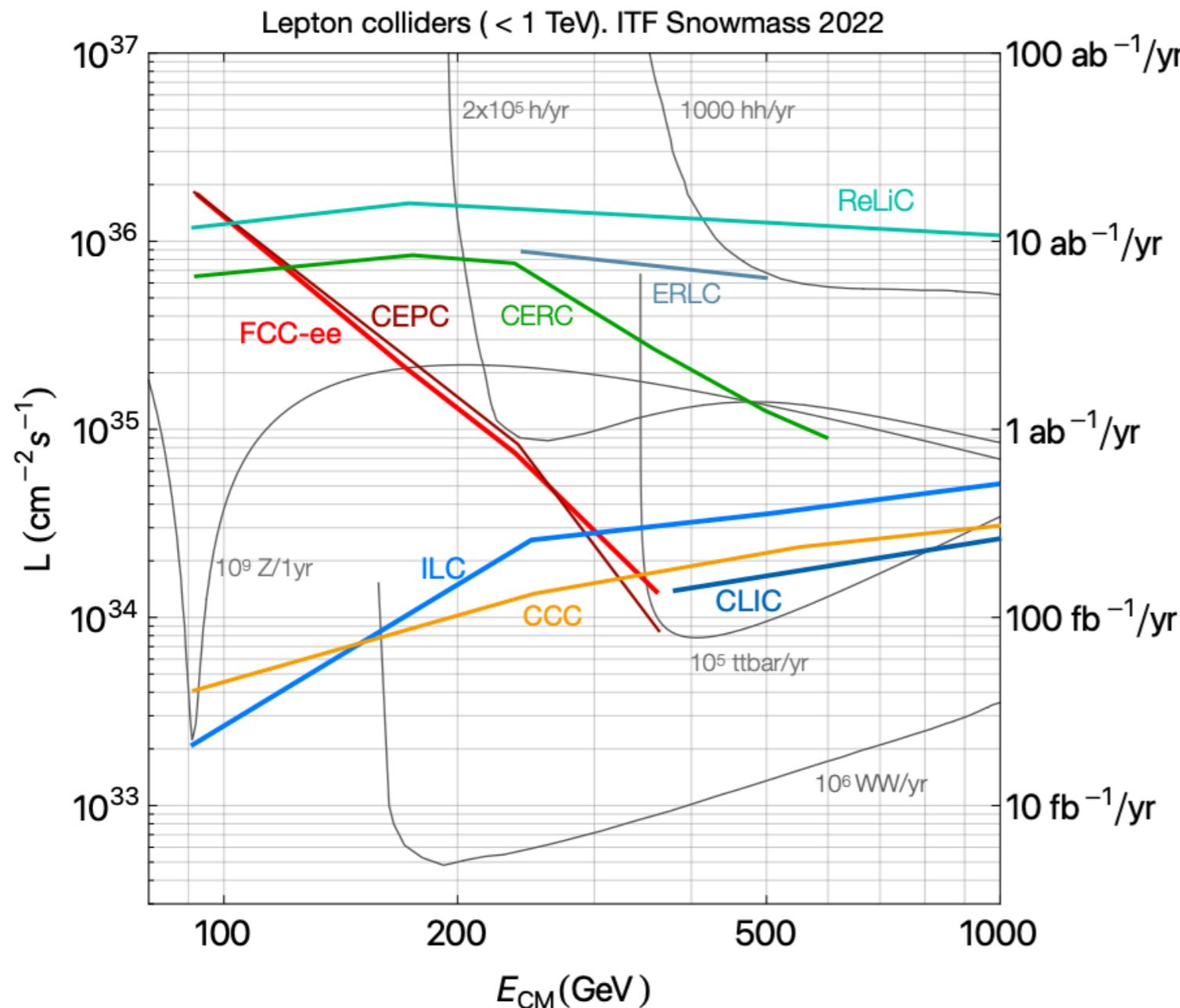
Many studies, recommendations. Snowmass/P5, European strategy...

Lepton (γ) colliders \leq TeV



Studies of the main physics case quite mature.
I will highlight some important benchmarks.

Physics output



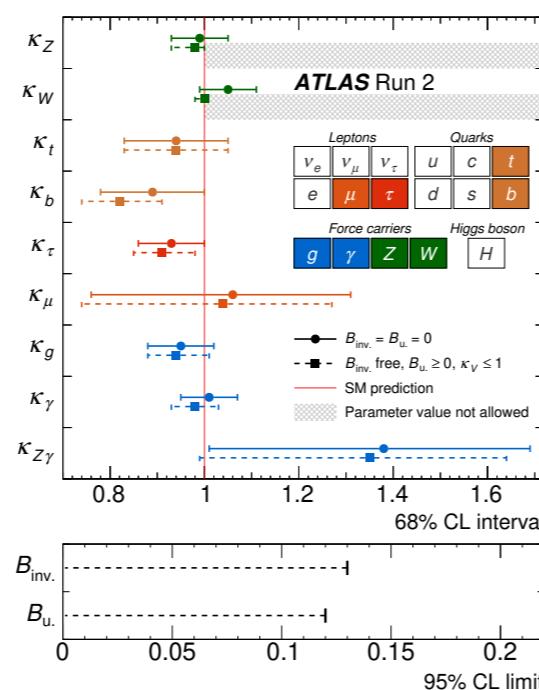
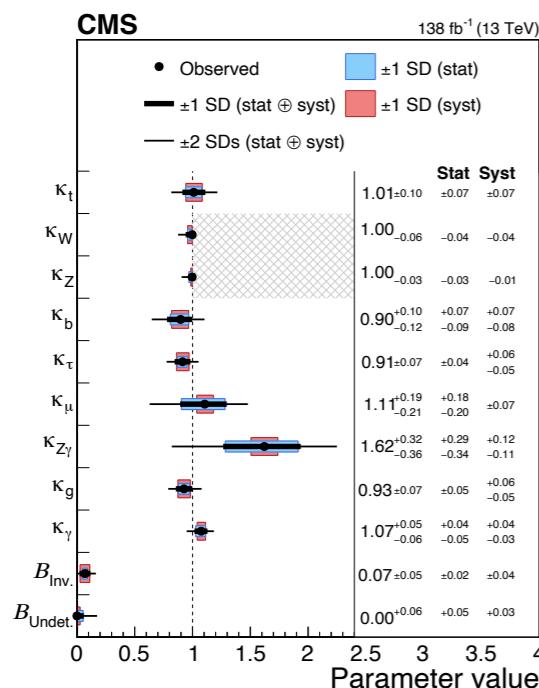
Main physics output:

- 10^6 Higgses
- Similar for XCC at 125 GeV
- $10^9 - 10^{12}$ Zs
- 10^6 WW
- 10^5 ttbar

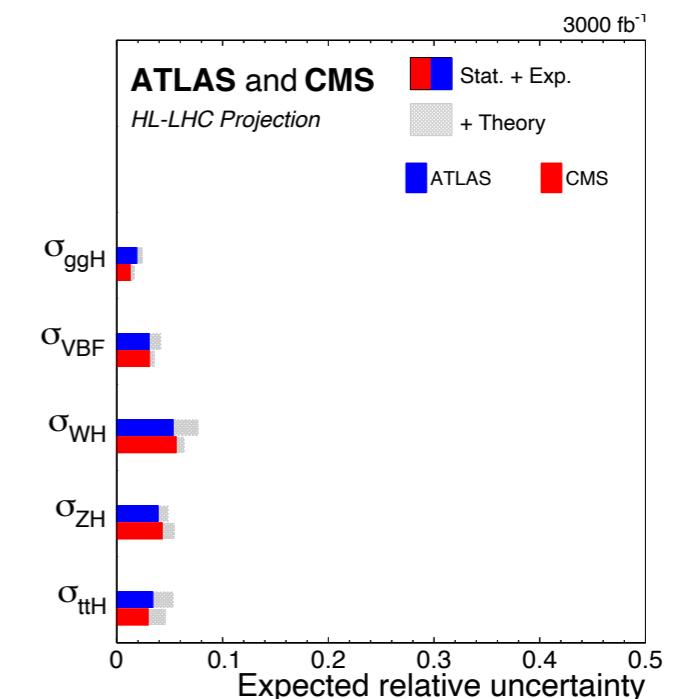
Central theme: the electroweak scale

Higgs coupling

Higgs coupling other SM particles:



Eventually at the LHC



Higgs couplings. Presently, known to about 10%

1- a few %

Higgs factories needs to go meaningfully beyond this.

Signal for new physics

Coupling deviation from the Standard Model, $\delta \equiv \frac{g_{\text{exp}} - g_{\text{SM}}}{g_{\text{SM}}}$

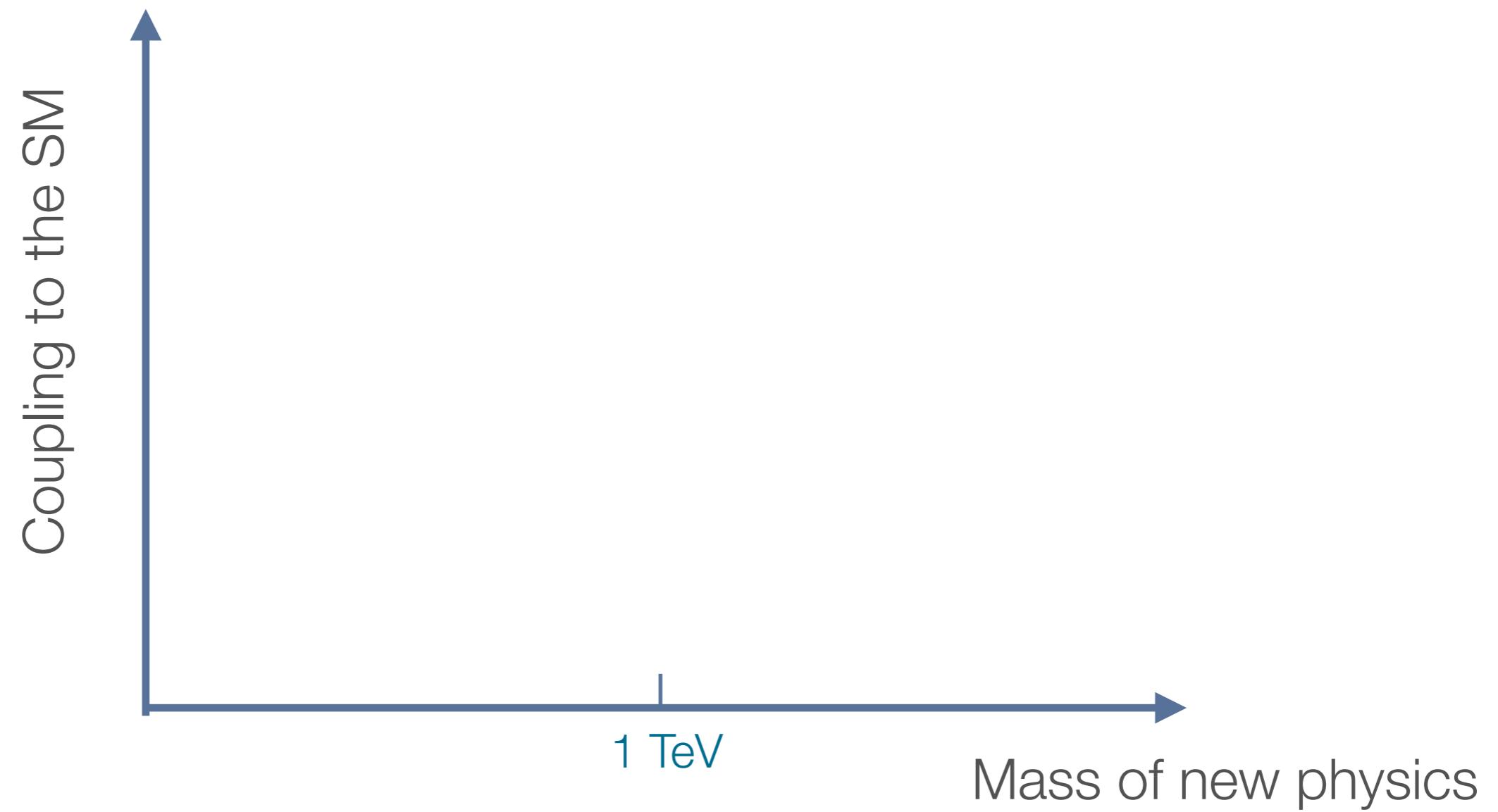
Deviation generated by new physics: $\delta \sim g_{\text{NP}}^2 \frac{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}{M_{\text{new physics}}^2}$

g_{NP} : coupling of new physics to the SM

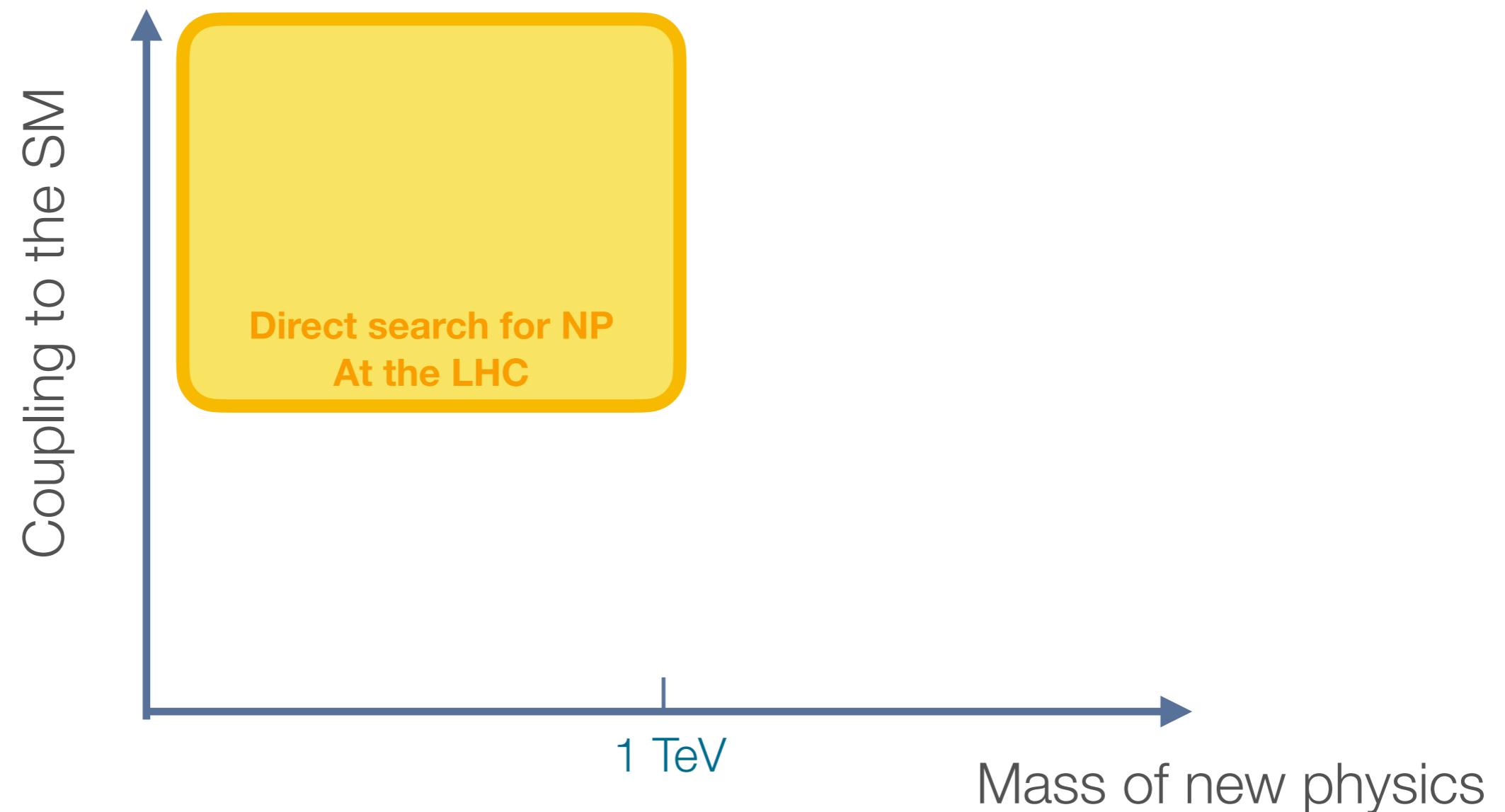
$M_{\text{new physics}}$: mass scale of new physics

Measurement precision \Rightarrow sensitivity on $\delta \Rightarrow$ reach for NP

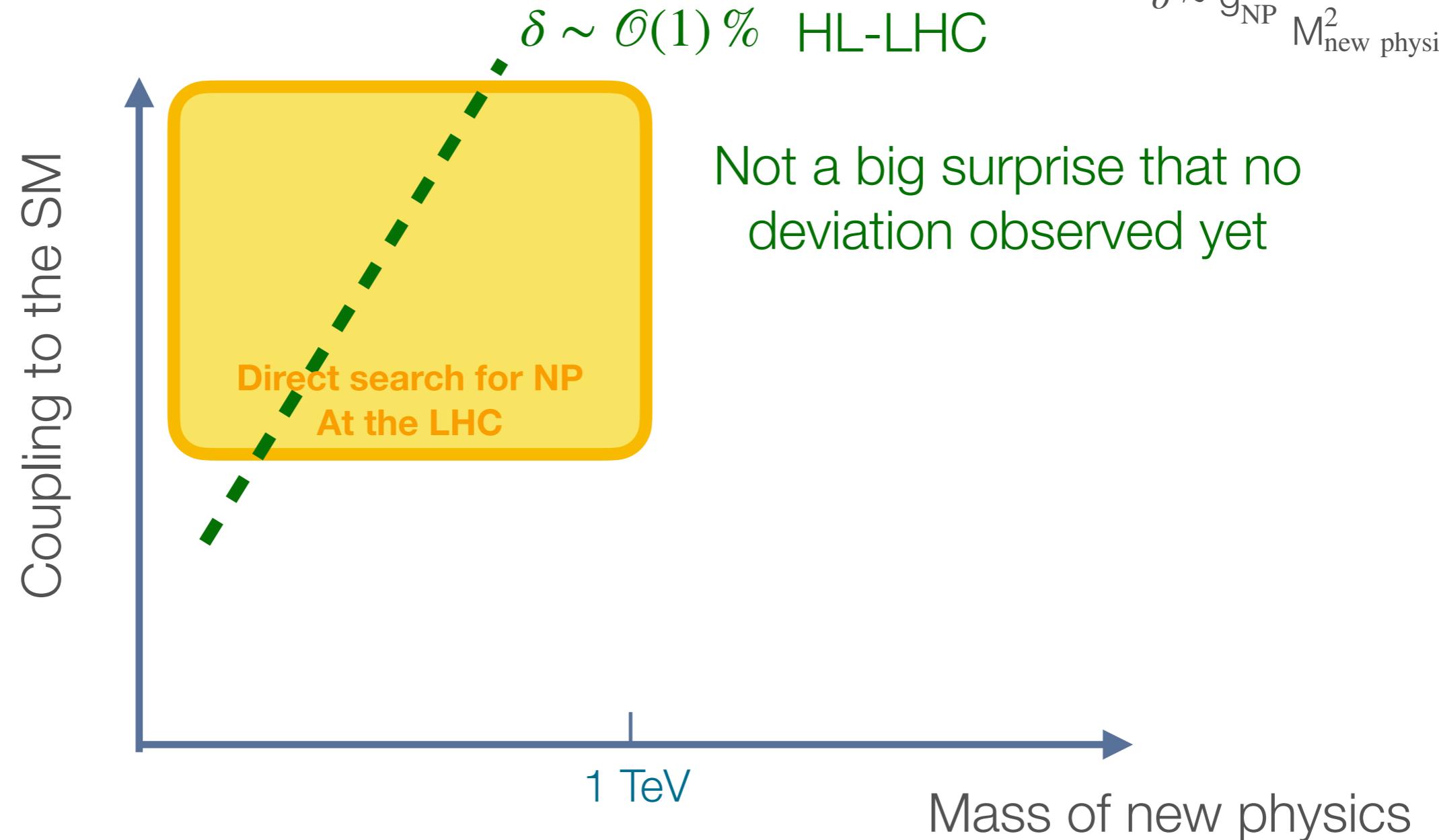
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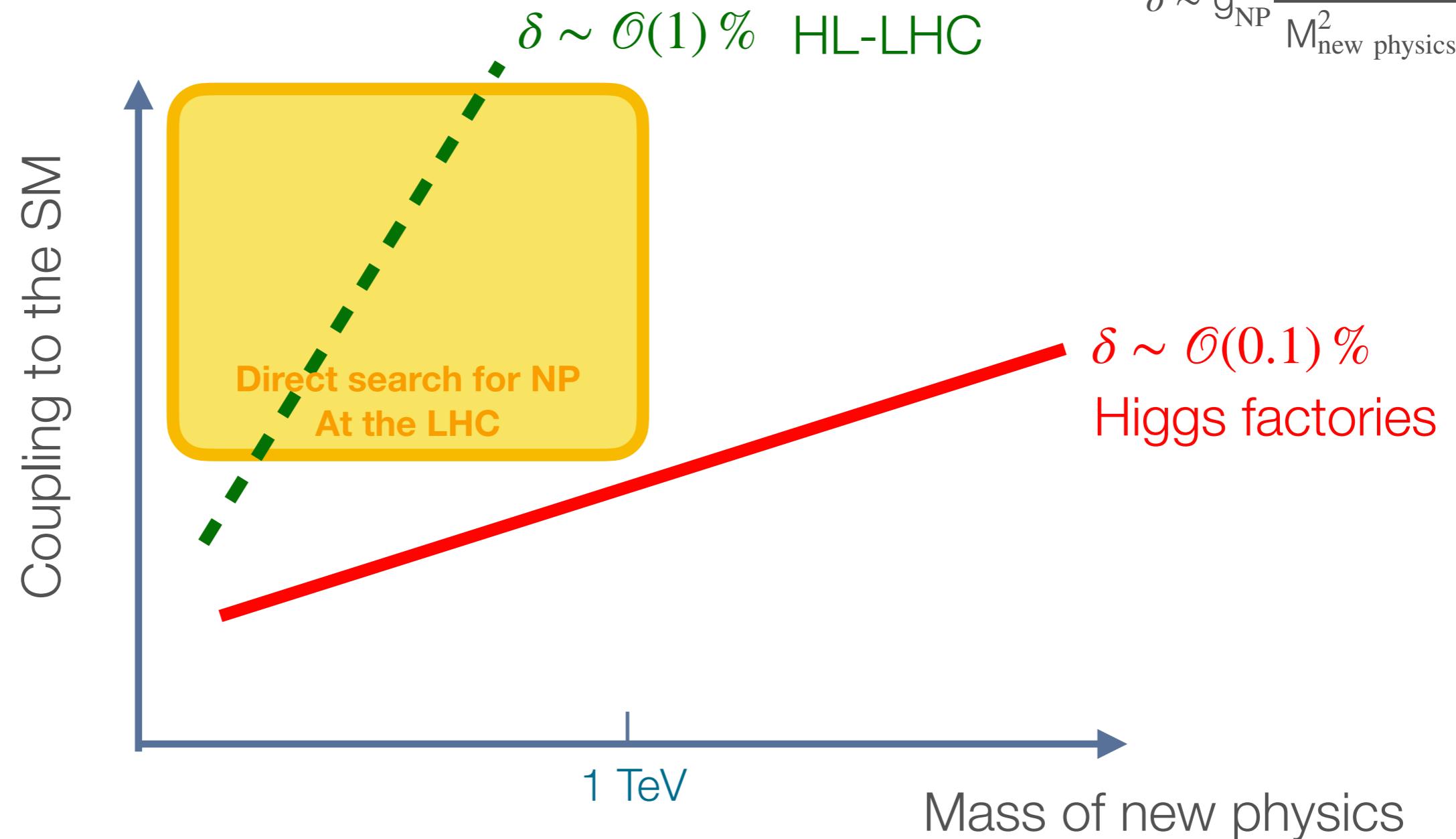
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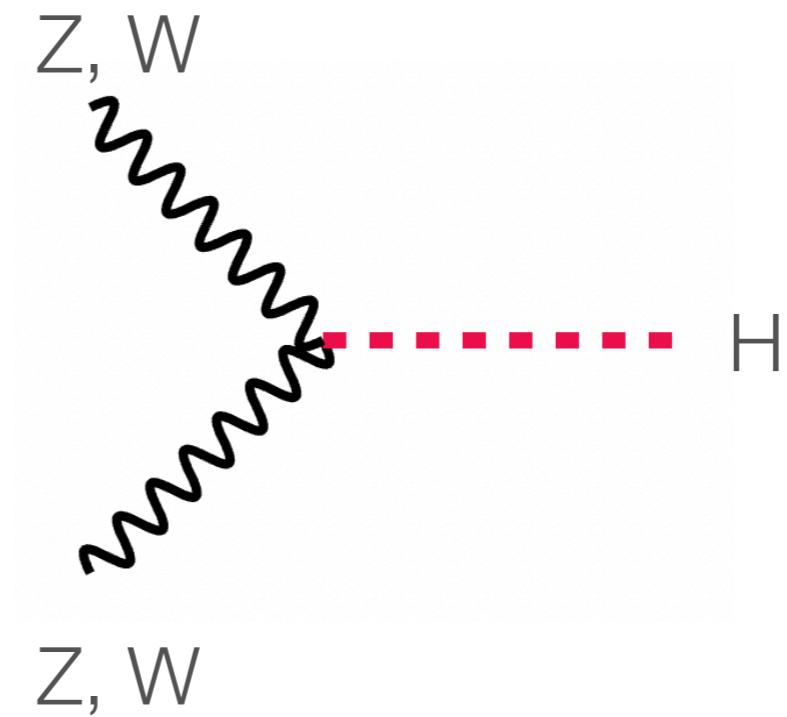
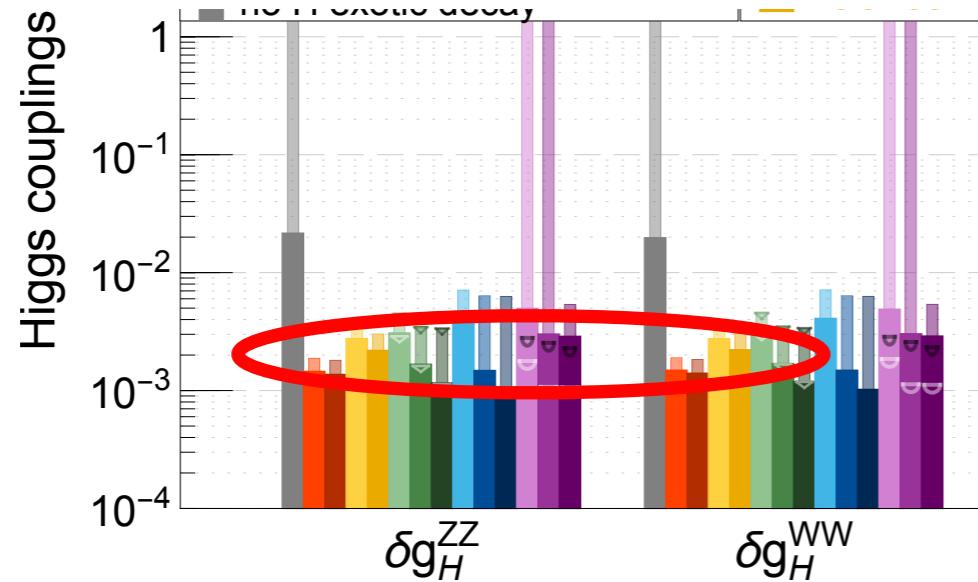
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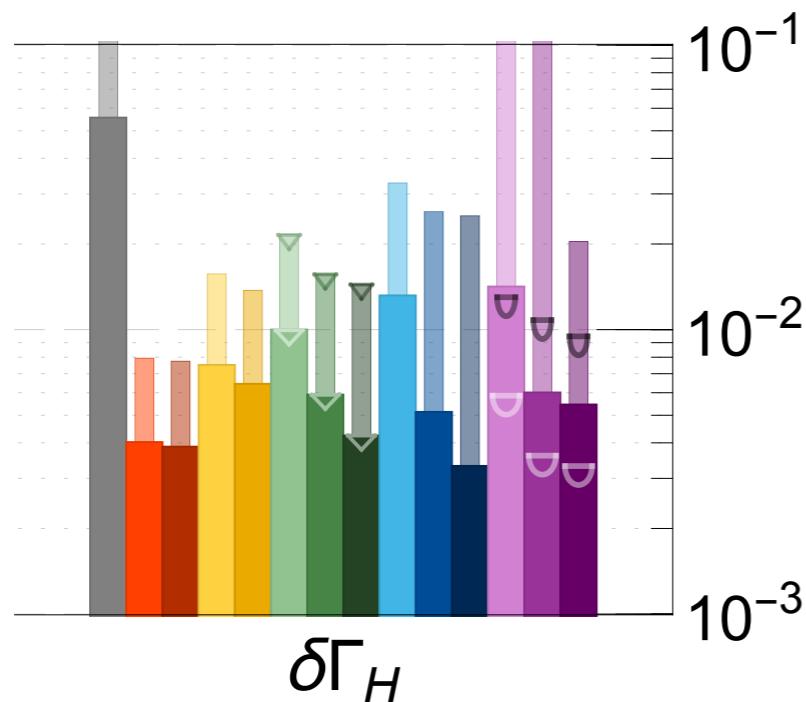


Measuring crucial Higgs coupling up to 10^{-3}
Needs 10^6 Higgses

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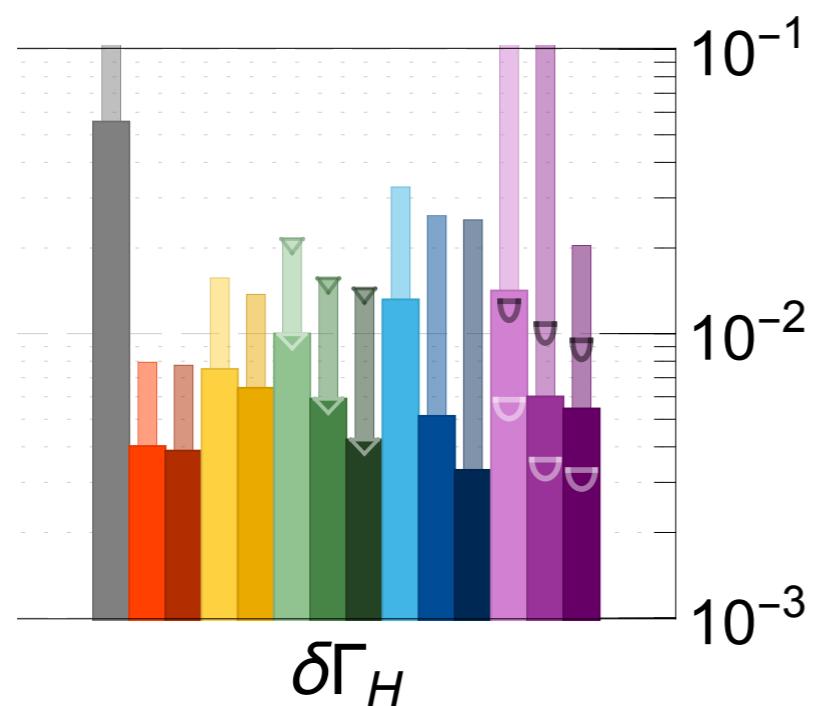


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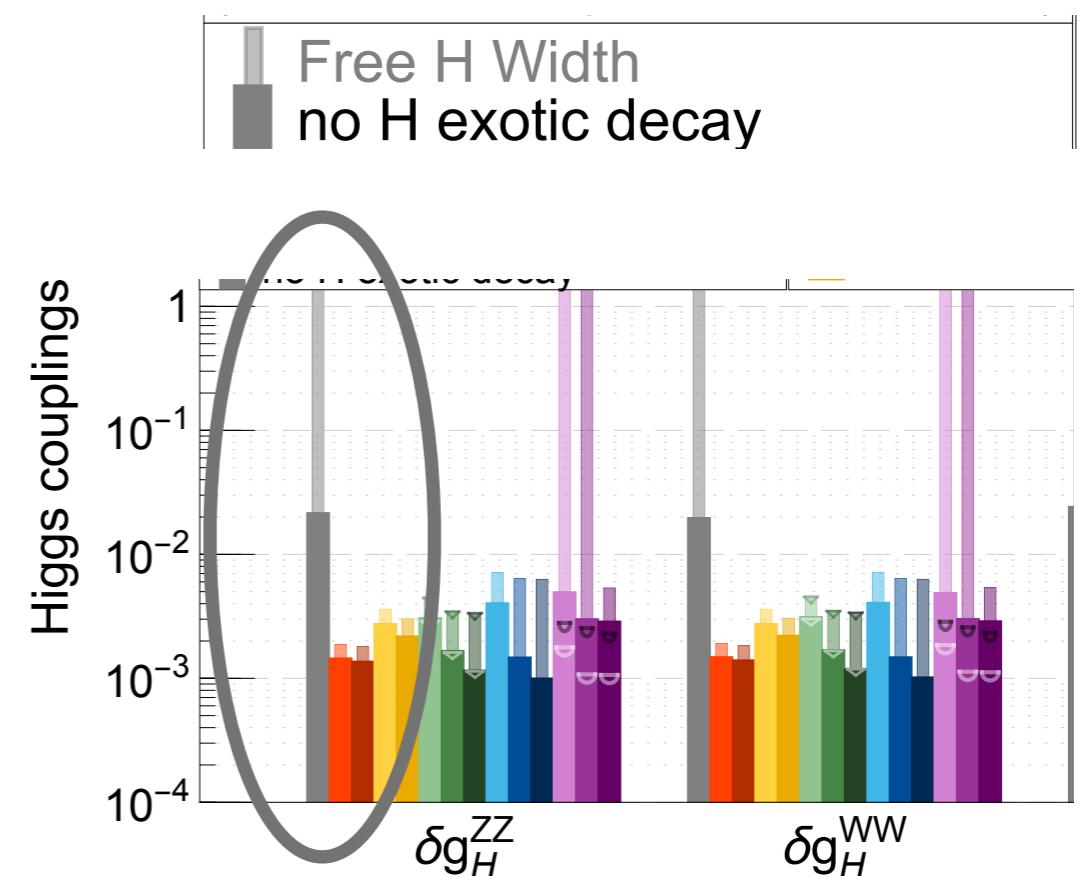
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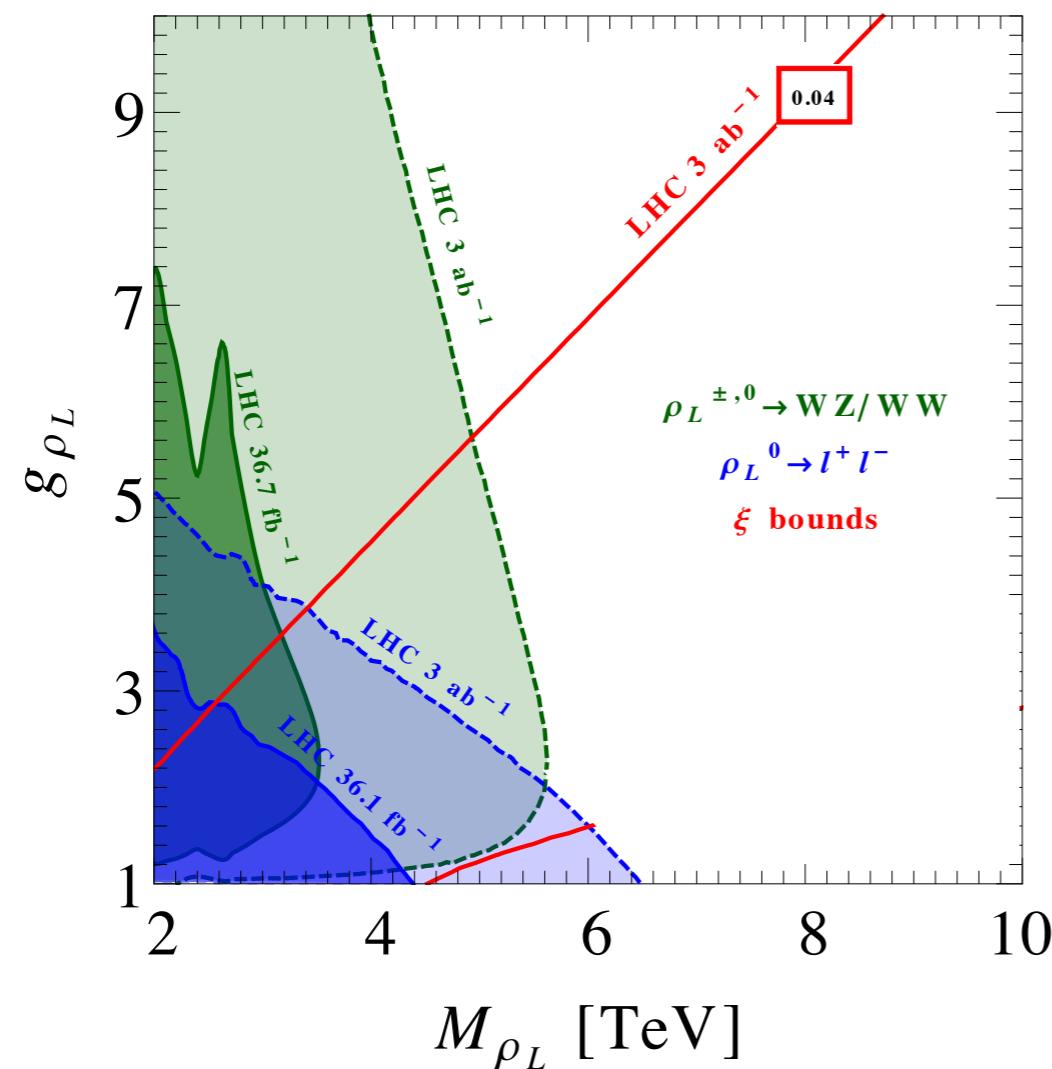


Higgs width measurement



Significant impact on other coupling measurement

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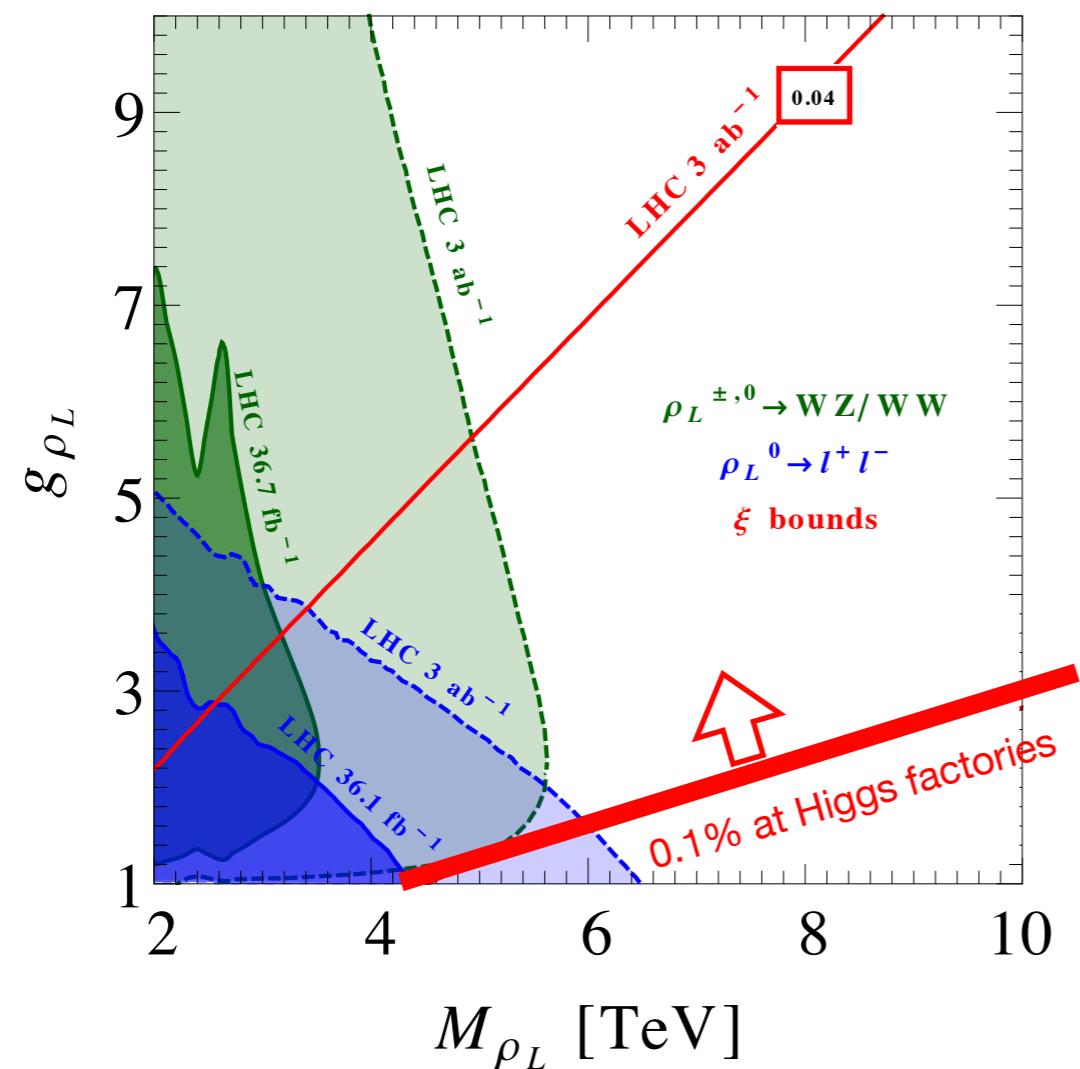
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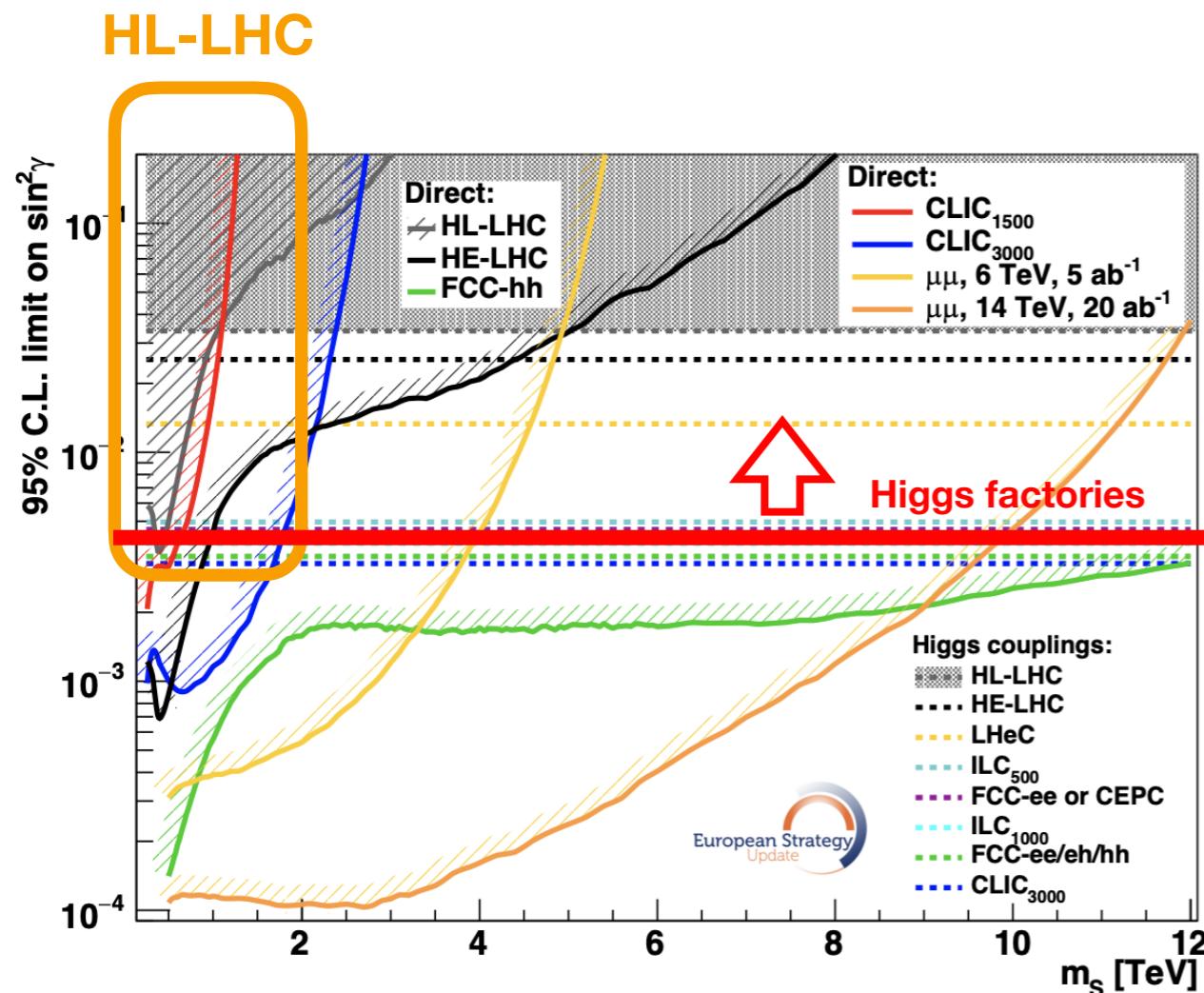
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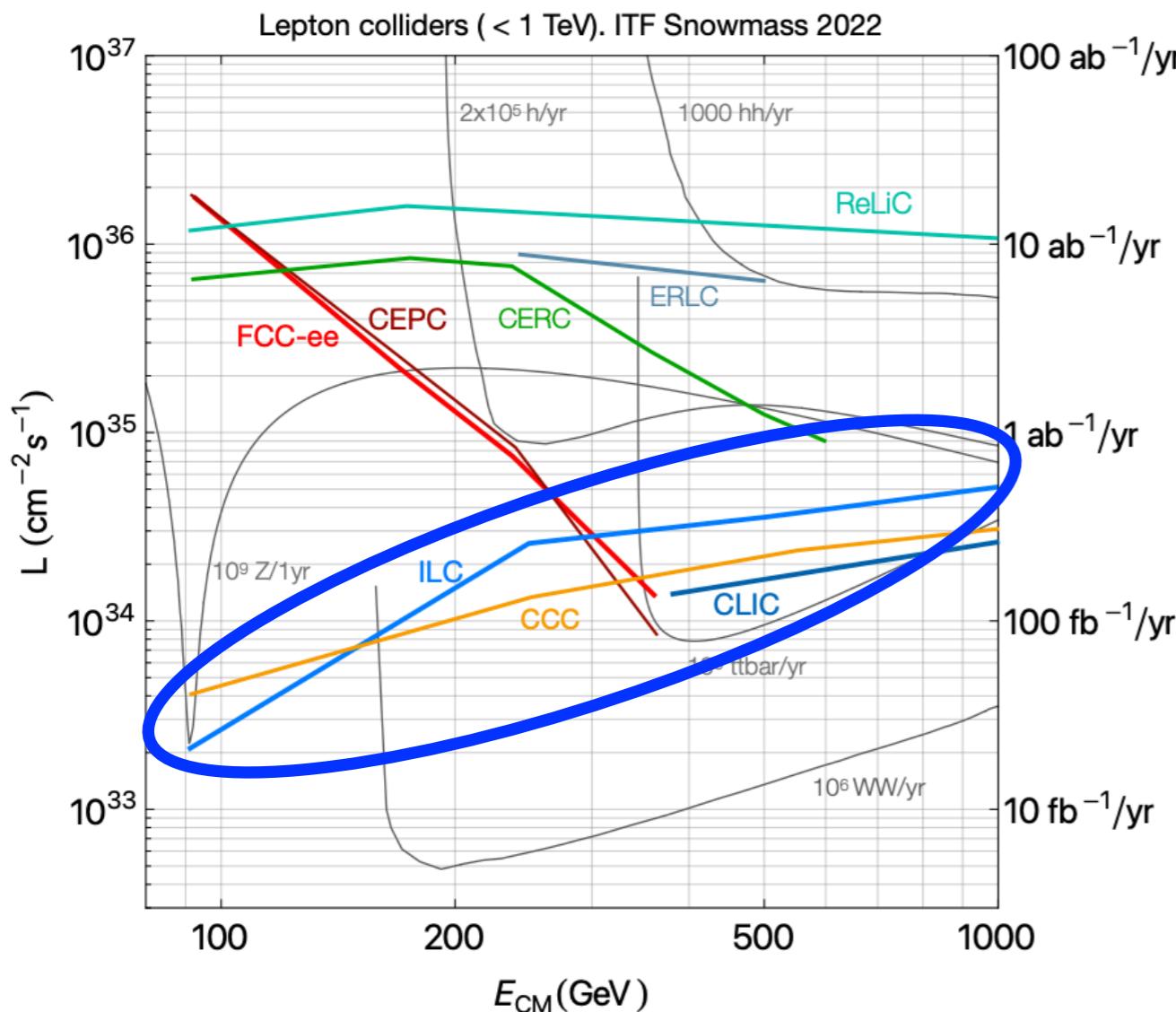


Maybe Higgs boson has some partners?

Will change Higgs behavior by interacting with it.

Simplest example:
Higgs coupling to one other spin-0 boson

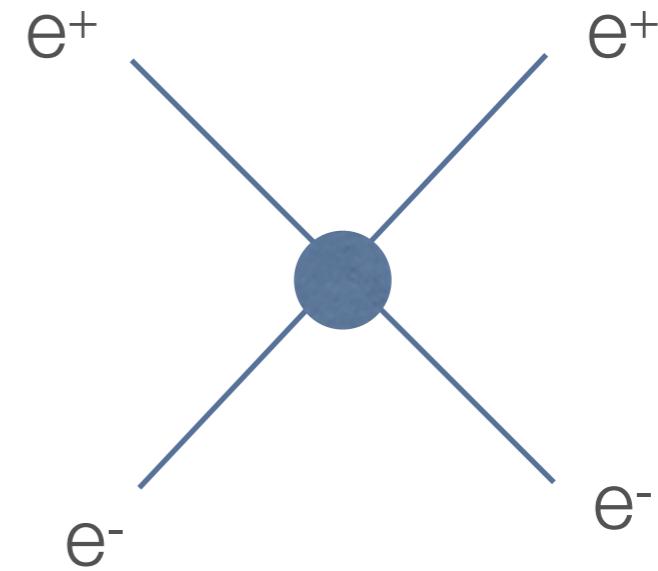
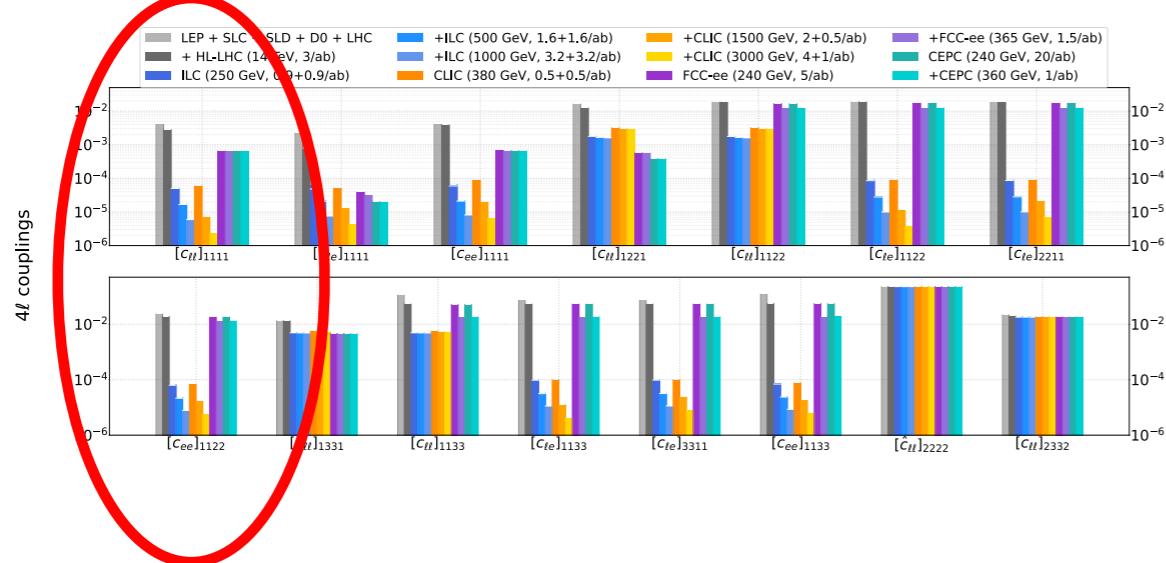
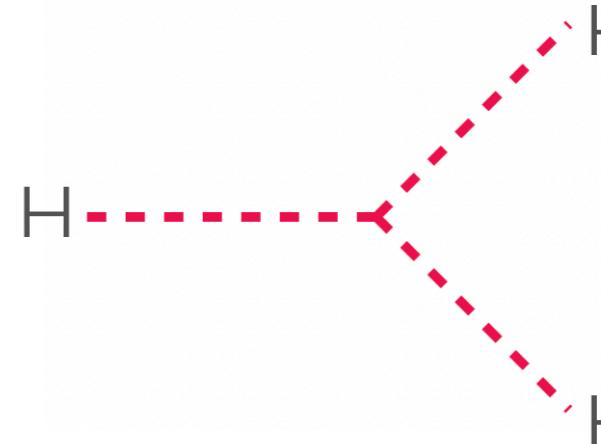
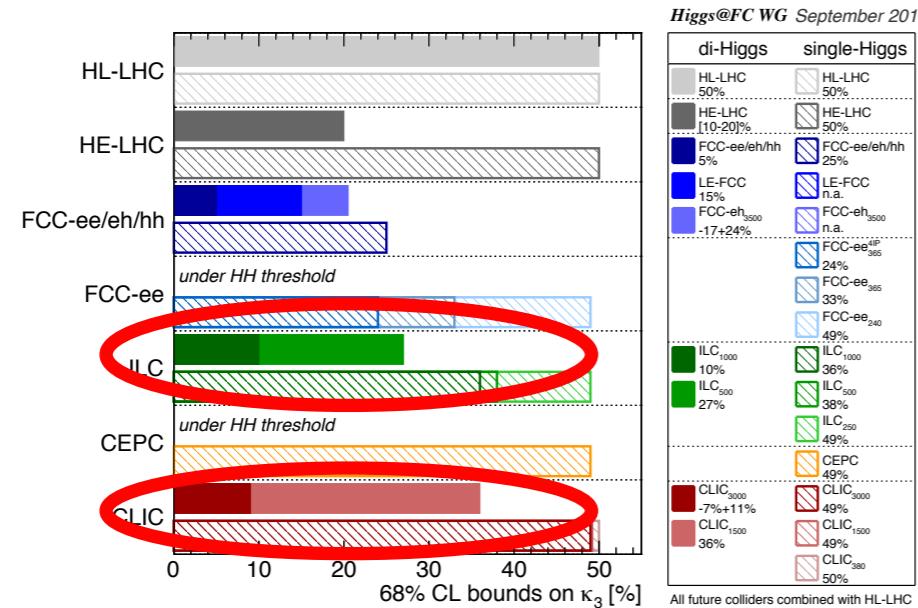
Linear options



Longitudinal polarization.
Better at resolving certain signals

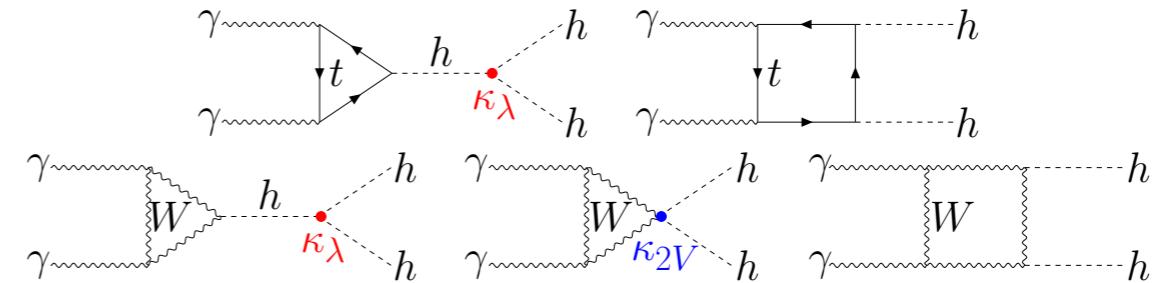
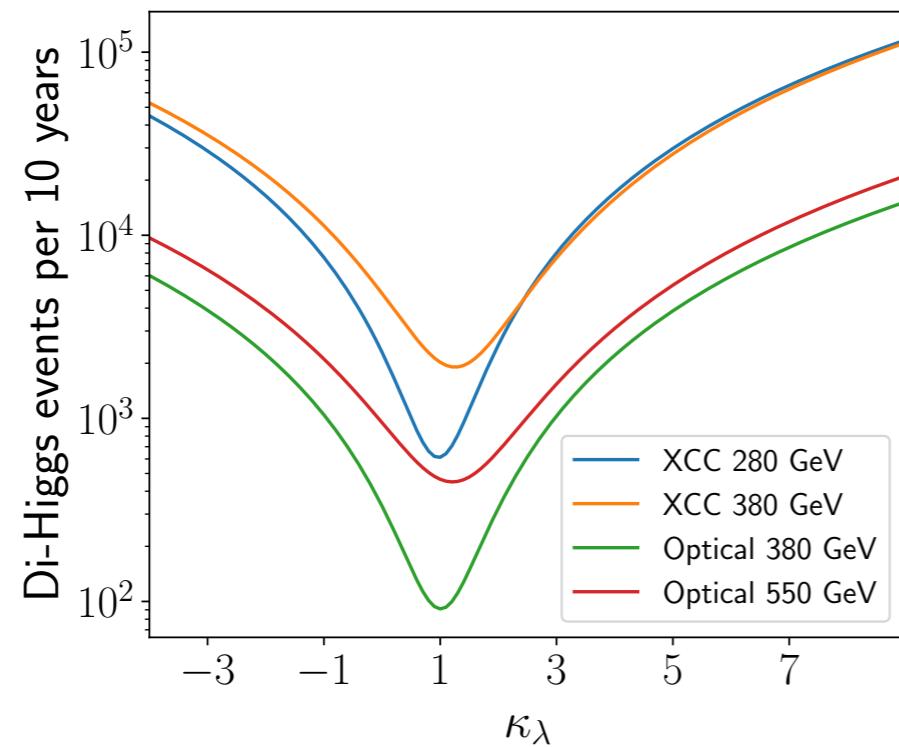
Can go to higher energies

Higher energies, polarization



Photon collider

Marten Berger, Johannes Braathen, Gudrid Moortgat-Pick, and Georg Weiglein, 2510.05012

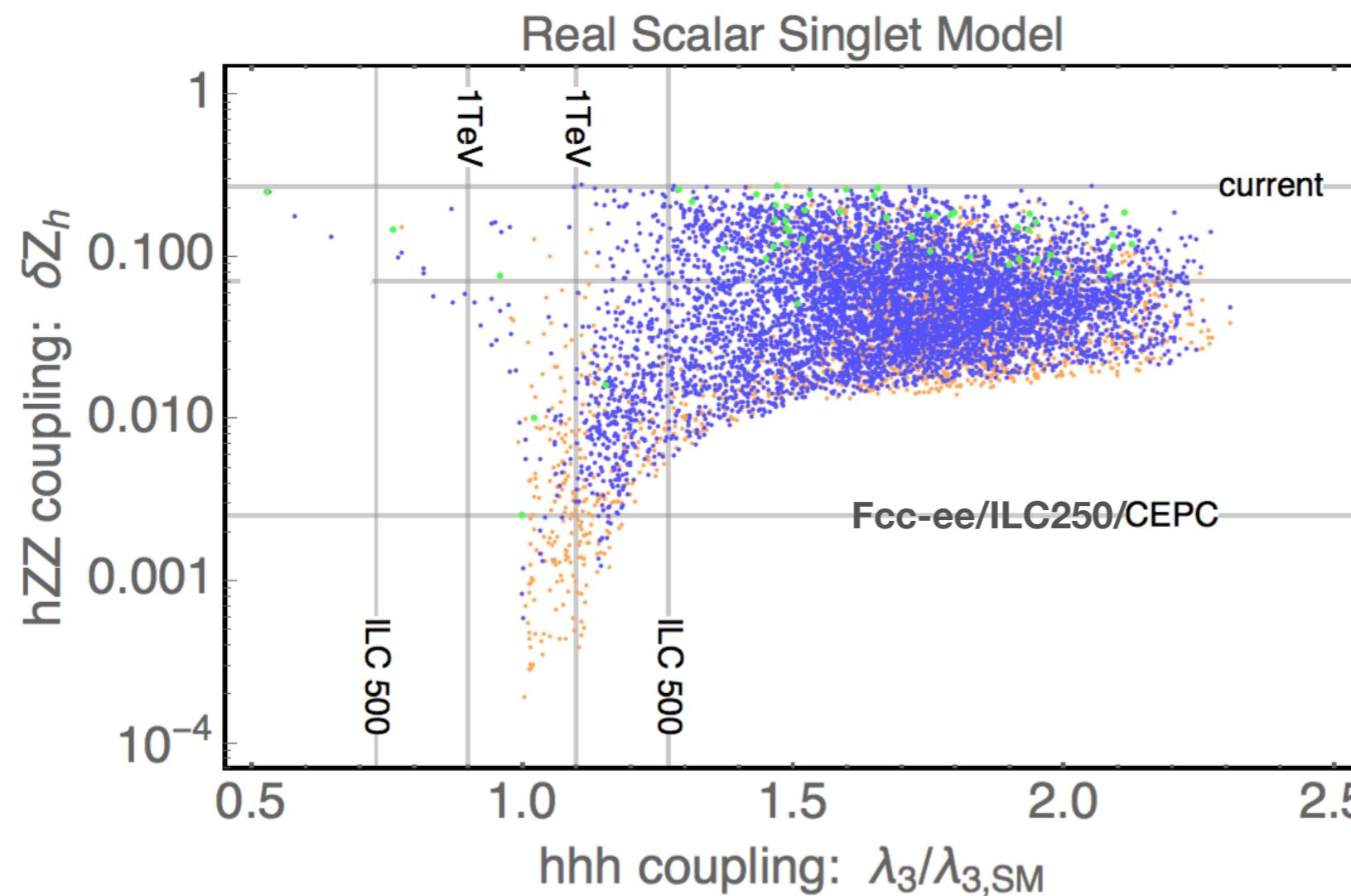


di-Higgs.

$\delta\kappa_\lambda \sim 5\%$ T. Barklow et. Al.

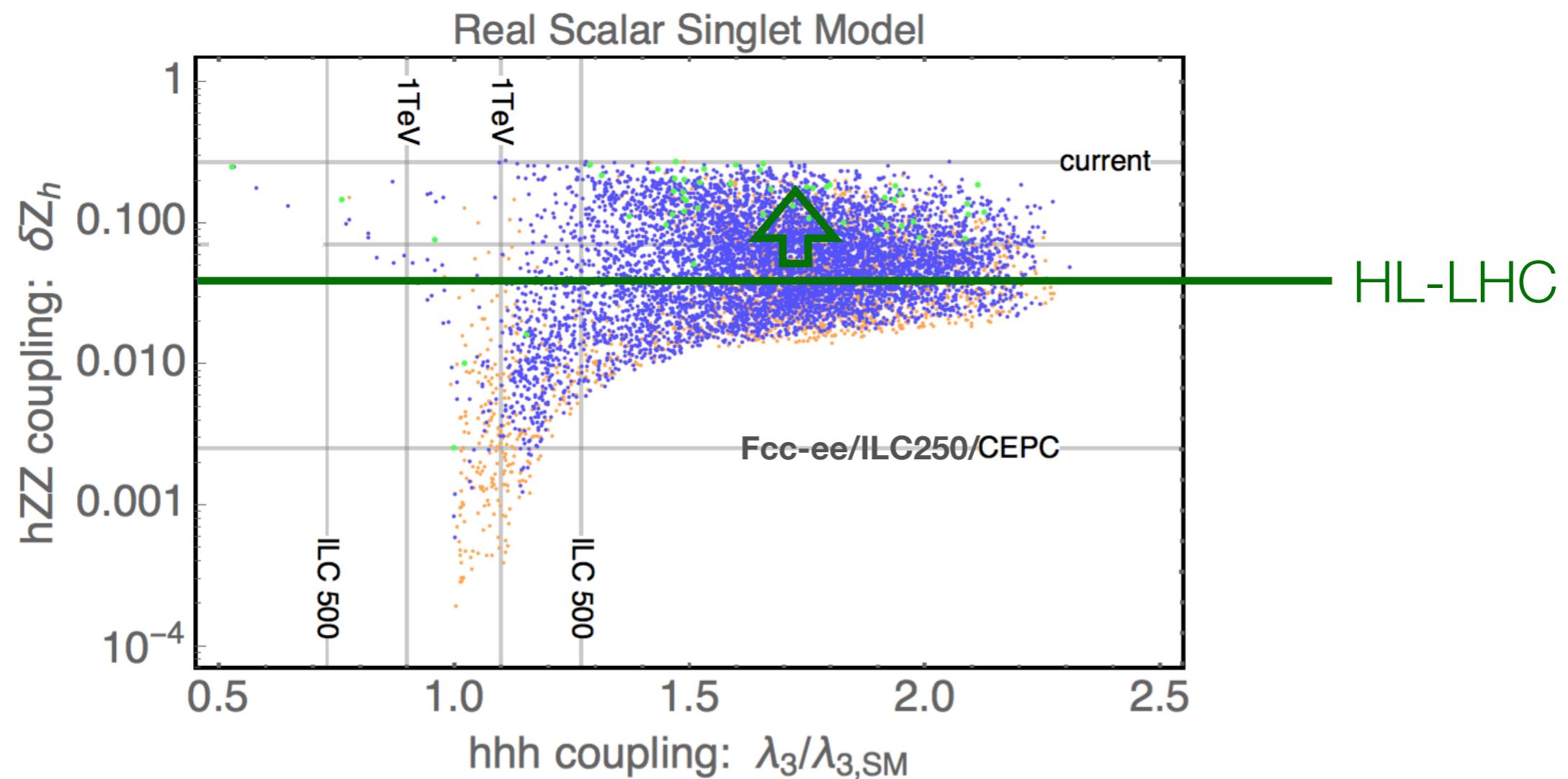
Looking forward to the final words on these studies.

EW phase transition



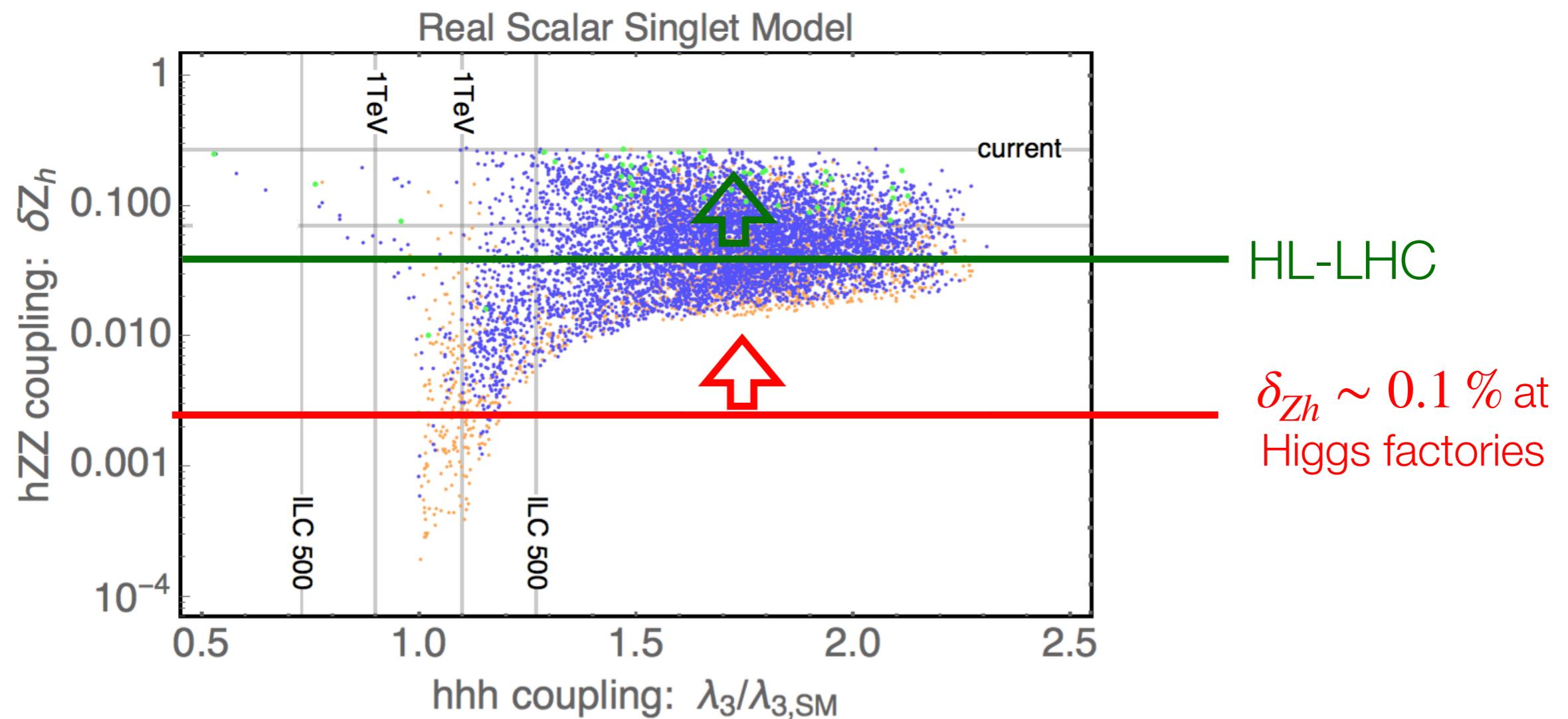
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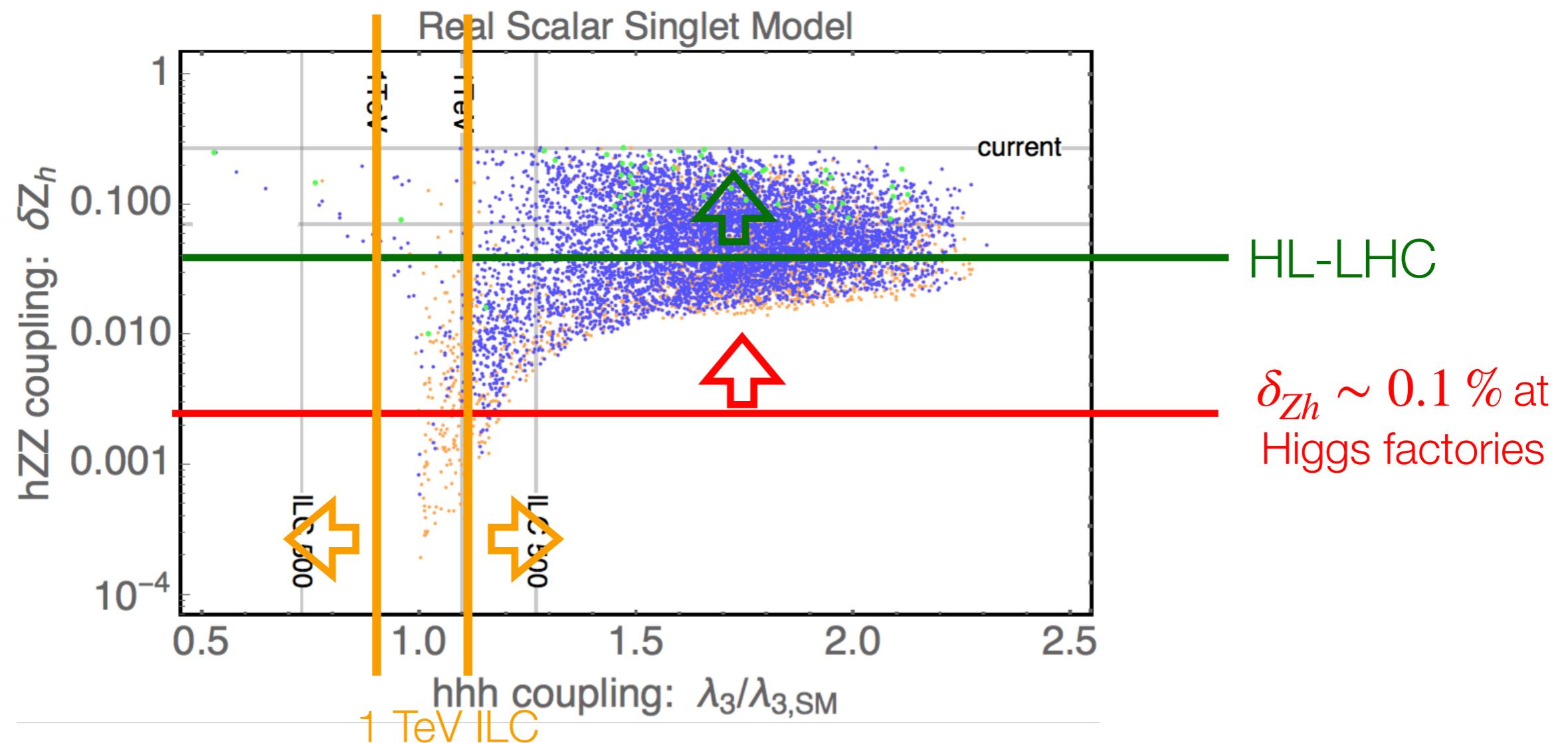
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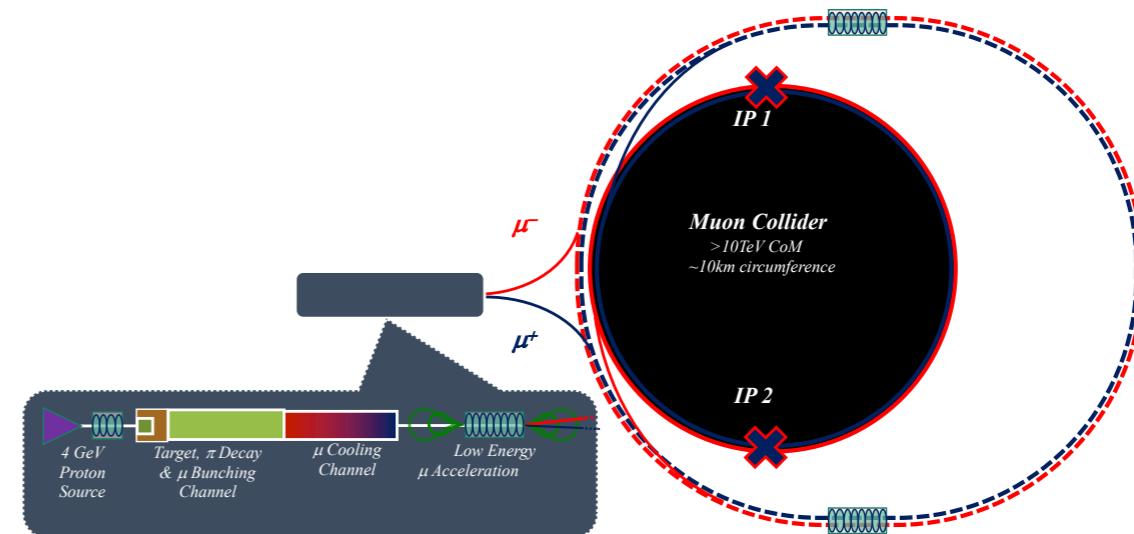
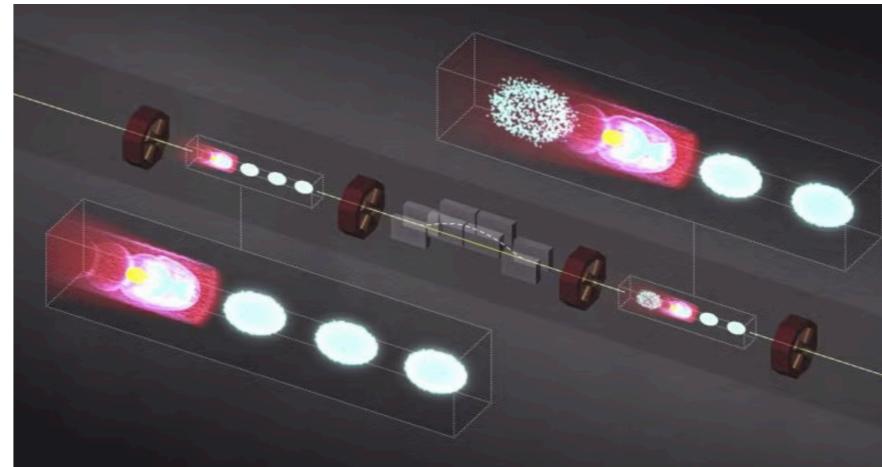
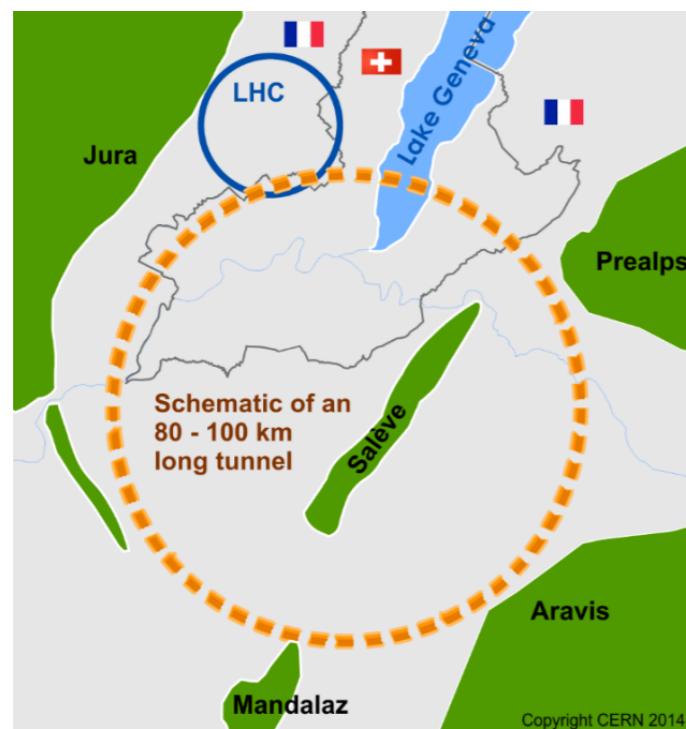


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More to do in physics studies

- * What can further **enrich the physics program?**
 - * Searches complementary to LHC.
 - * Higgs rare decay, Z-pole flavor physics, ...
 - * Fixed target.
 - * ...
 - * Some studies already, need to do more.

The 10 TeV pCM frontier



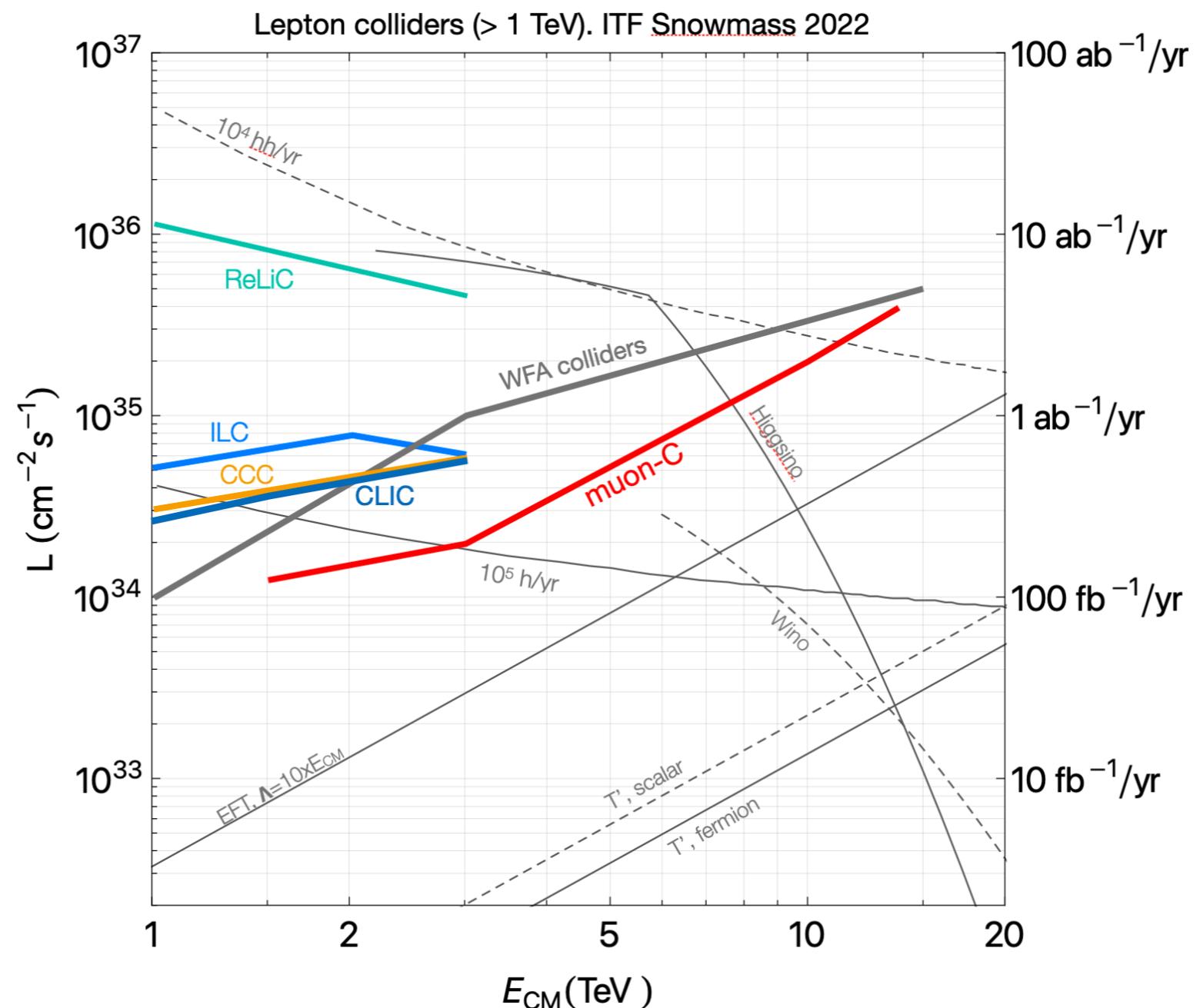
Study for 10 TeV pCM

- * So far, most studies are done in the context of muon collider and 100 TeV pp collider.
- * However, the point is really go to 10 TeV pCM
 - * Qualitatively, $e^+ e^-$ and $\gamma\gamma$ should work just as well.
 - * Needs more studies!

Why 10 TeV?

e⁺e⁻ : 1-10s TeV

* The energy frontier!

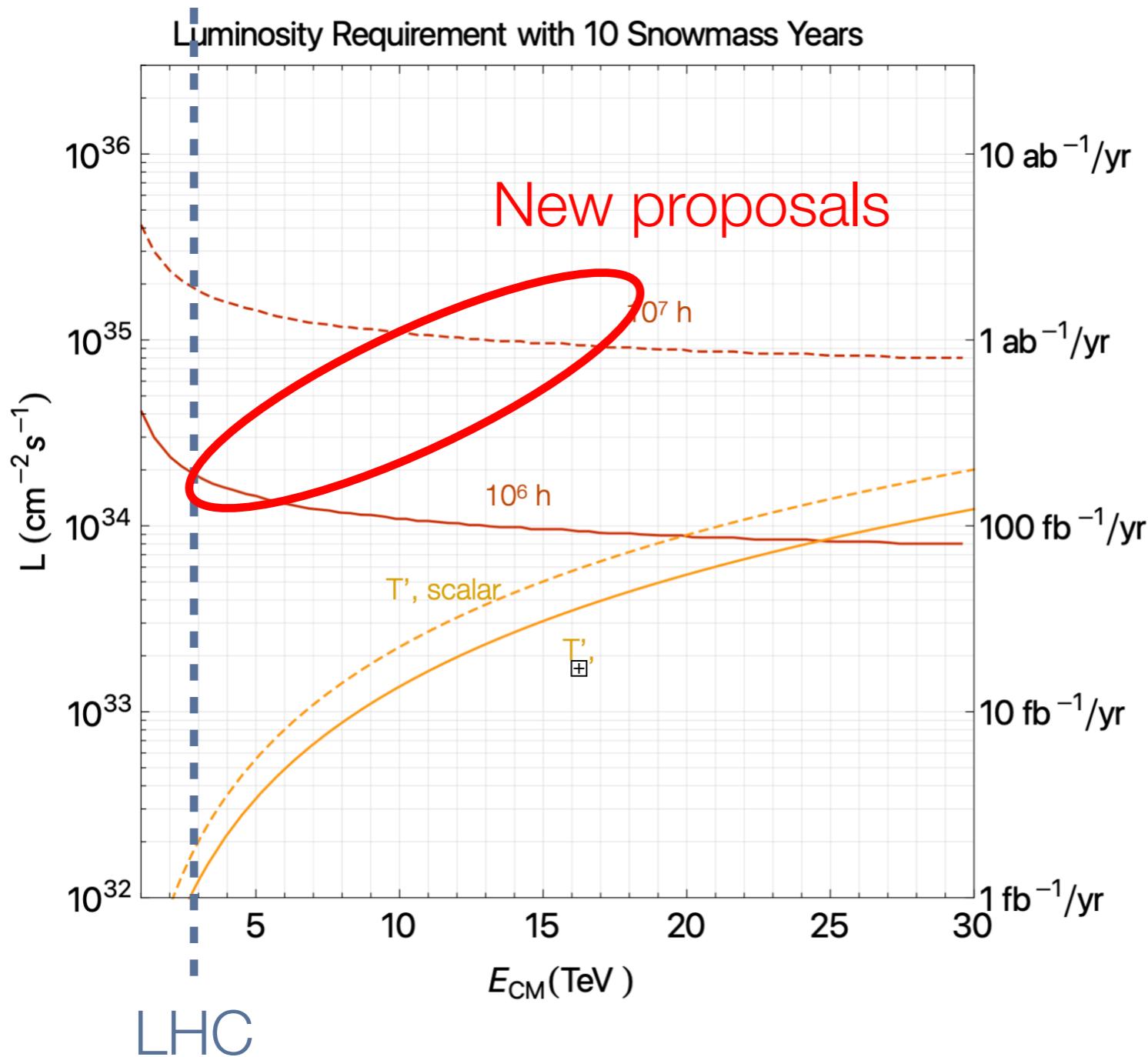


Naturalness

Fine-tuning $\propto M_{\text{NP}}^2$

10 TeV muon collider reach 5-10 beyond LHC.
~100 times better test of naturalness!

Top partner



Pair production
reach = $0.45 \times E_{\text{CM}}$

Examples:
SUSY stop
Composite T
...

Spectacular signal,
energetic final states.

$T' \rightarrow Wb, Zt, ht$

No need for high lumi.

A big step beyond the LHC!

Energy \Rightarrow precision

- * The effect of heavy new physics can be parameterized by higher dimensional (EFT) operators.
 - * Precision measurement targeting these operators.
- * Their effect grows at higher energies.
 - * e.g. if new physics lead to dim-6 operators

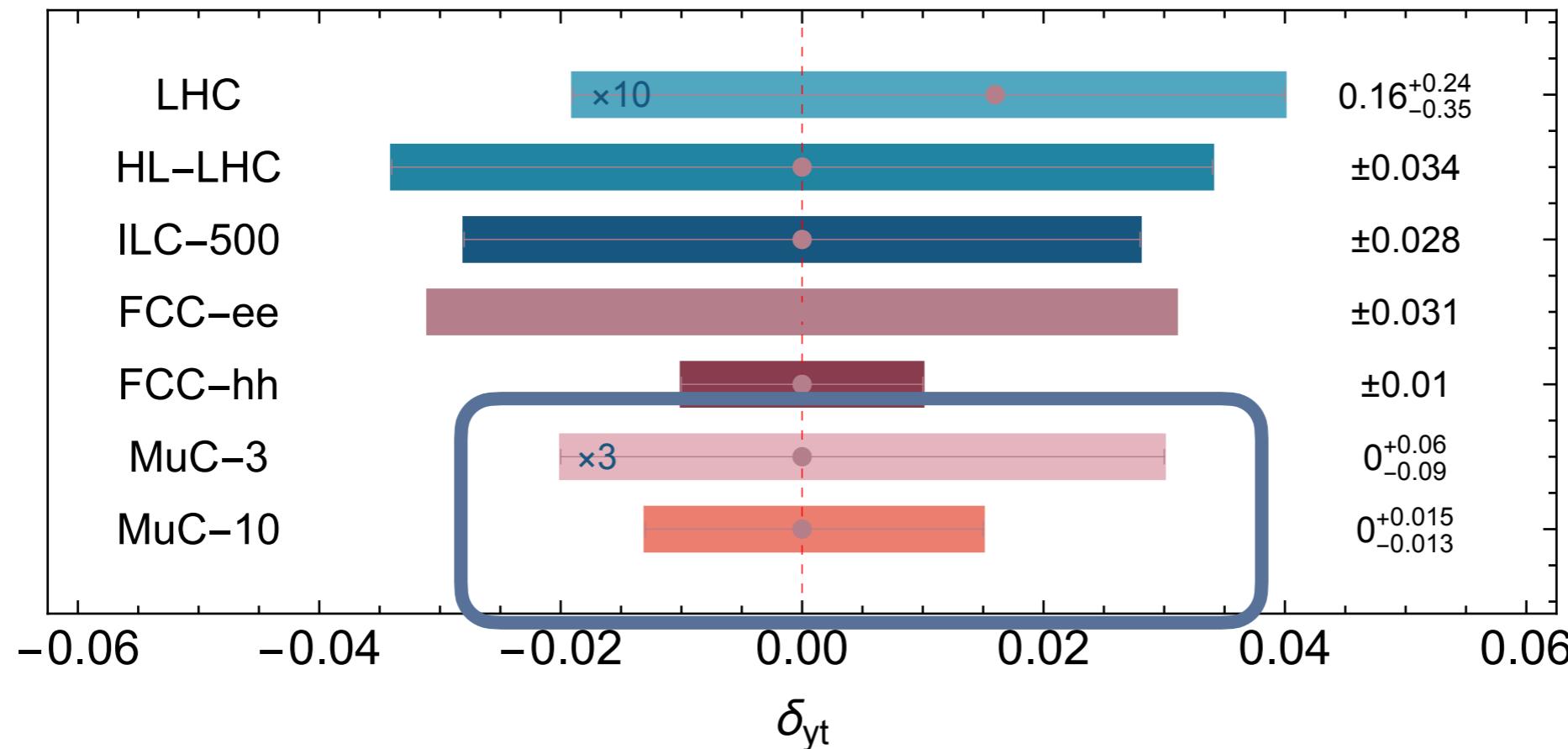
$$\frac{\mathcal{O}^{(6)}}{\Lambda_{\text{NP}}^2} \rightarrow d\sigma \propto E^2$$

Higher energy \Rightarrow better sensitivity, better precision

10 TeV pCM can reach $\Lambda_{\text{NP}} \sim 50$ TeV

Top quark - Higgs coupling

Liu, Lyu, Mahbube, LTW 2308.06323



Higher energies lead to better precision.

Limited by precision on very energetic particles.

Should be similar to e^+e^- and $\gamma\gamma$. Would be useful to verify!

Testing WIMP dark matter

Simplest WIMP model

Model (color, n , Y)		Therm. target
(1,2,1/2)	Dirac	1.1 TeV
(1,3,0)	Majorana	2.8 TeV
(1,3, ϵ)	Dirac	2.0 TeV
(1,5,0)	Majorana	14 TeV
(1,5, ϵ)	Dirac	6.6 TeV
(1,7,0)	Majorana	48.8 TeV
(1,7, ϵ)	Dirac	16 TeV

Correct relic abundance
⇒ Thermal targets

Reach up to thermal target

≈

complete coverage for WIMP candidate

Way beyond LHC reach.

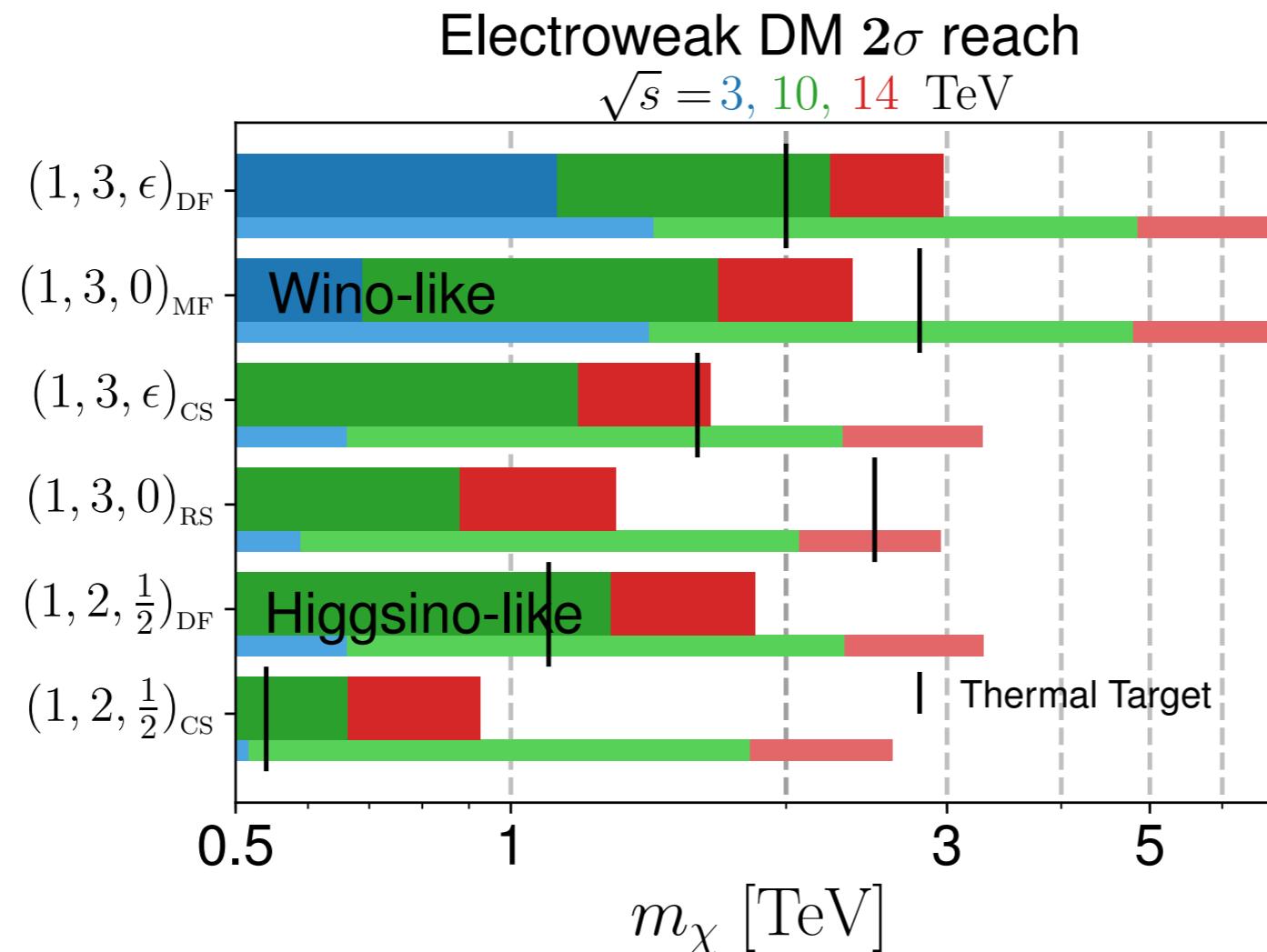
DM in EW multiplet

Mitridate, Redi, Smirnov, Strumia, 1702.01141

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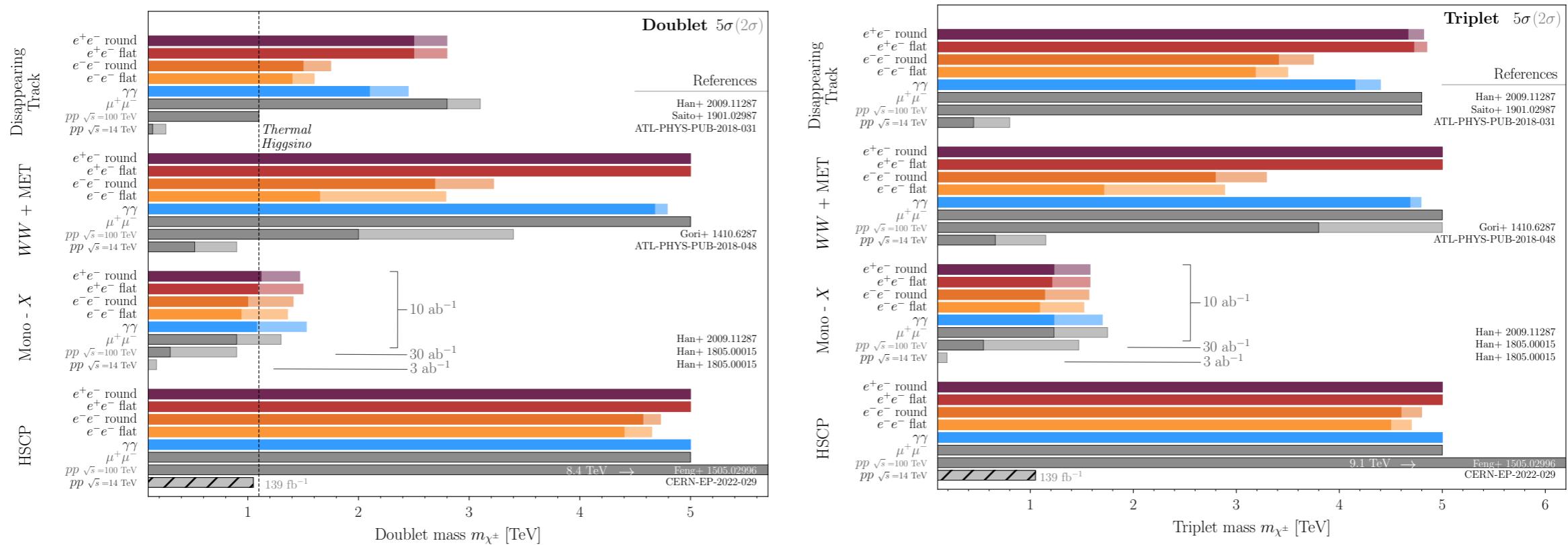
WIMP reach

T. Han, Z. Liu, X. Wang, LTW, 2009.11287, 2203.07351



Study for muon collider with full BIB still lacking.
Different challenge for $e^+ e^-$ and $\gamma\gamma$.

WIMP at wake field collider



Beam-beam does not affect reach too much.

Flavor (CP)

Main question: what is the scale and mechanism flavor physics?

Lepton flavor violation

Exp limit: $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 10^{-12}$

Constraint: $\frac{c}{\Lambda^2}(e\Gamma\mu)(e\Gamma e), \quad \Lambda > 2 \times 10^2 \text{ TeV}$

Exp limit: $\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow 3\mu) < 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$

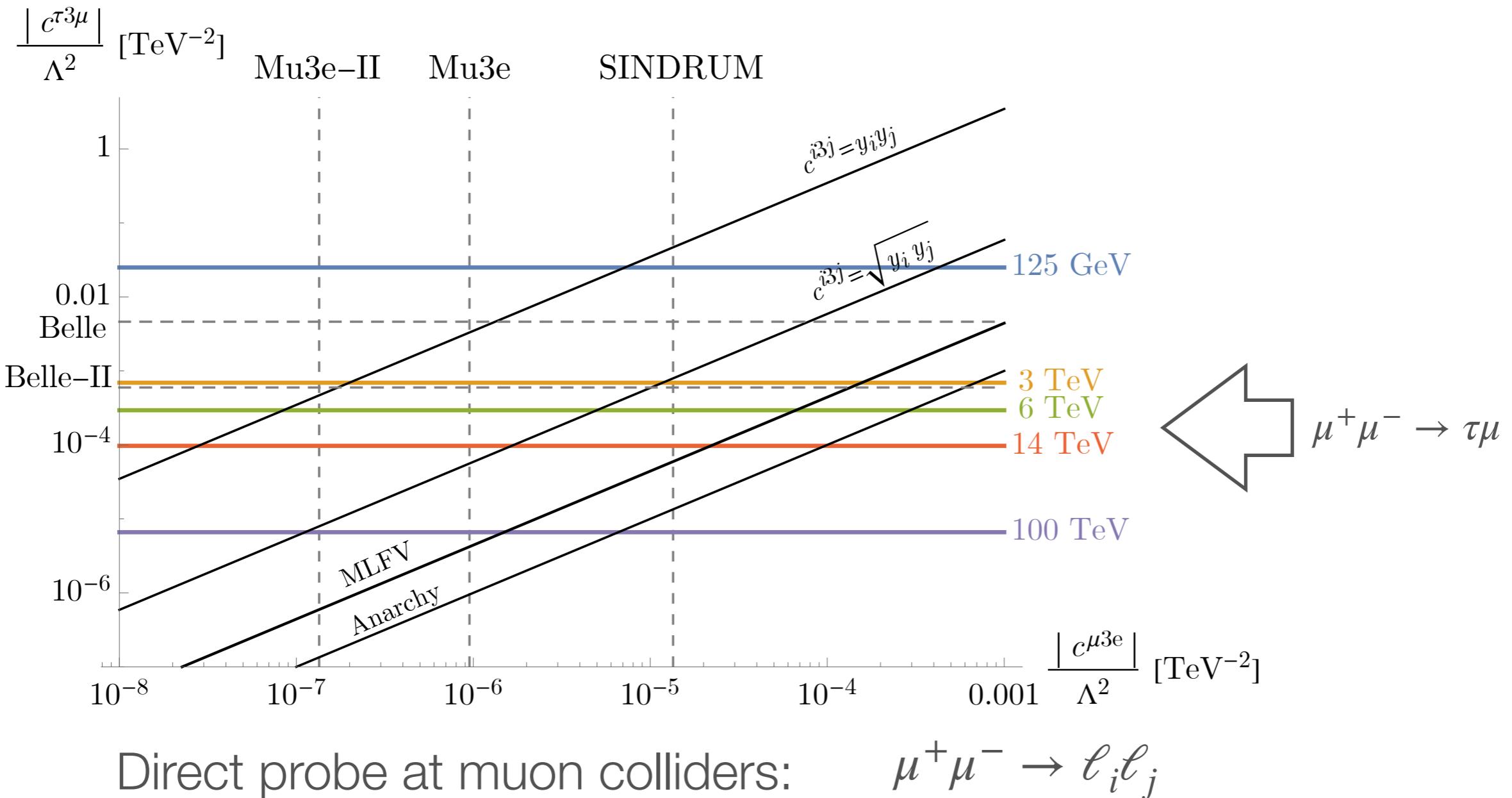
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Flavor scale beyond weak scale. Sometime known as the “little hierarchy”

However, 10 TeV remains possible for new flavor physics!

Flavor violation: EFT study

S. Homiller, Q. Lu, M. Reece, 2203.08825, Smasher's guide



Sensitivity comes from the high energy part. Similar reach for $e^+ e^-$

How about “real” flavor physics

- * Most naive limit on scale of flavor physics $\Lambda_{\text{flavor}} > 100s \text{ TeV}$
- * However, in many scenarios of flavor generation, there are suppressions.
 - * Extra-dimension. Arkani-Hamed and Schmaltz, 9903417
Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali, March-Russell, 9811448
Fitzpatrick, Perez, Randall, 07101869 ...
 - * partial compositeness. D. B. Kaplan, 1991
...
Rattazzi, Ricci 2402.09503
 - * ...

New flavorful resonances can appear around 10 TeV.

More work needed: models + collider pheno

Looking ahead

Happening, right?

The European Strategy for Particle Physics:
2026 Update

- A. *The electron–positron Future Circular Collider (FCC-ee) is recommended as the preferred option for the next flagship collider at CERN.*

However, history taught us that there will still be a lot of uncertainties ahead.

Other options, and steps beyond to 10 TeV pCM, will need to be vigorously pursued.

Conclusion

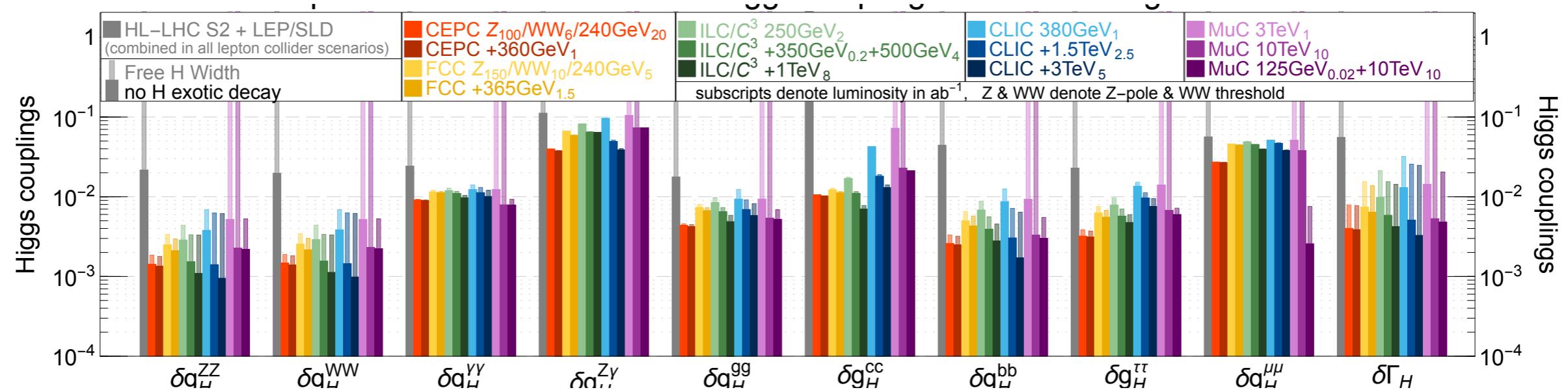
- * We are in uncertain times.
 - * Many unanswered questions, no clear path forward.
- * There are also many opportunities
 - * Much more data from LHC to come.
 - * Many new proposals to study.
- * Time to think big, think long term!



A lot to look forward to...

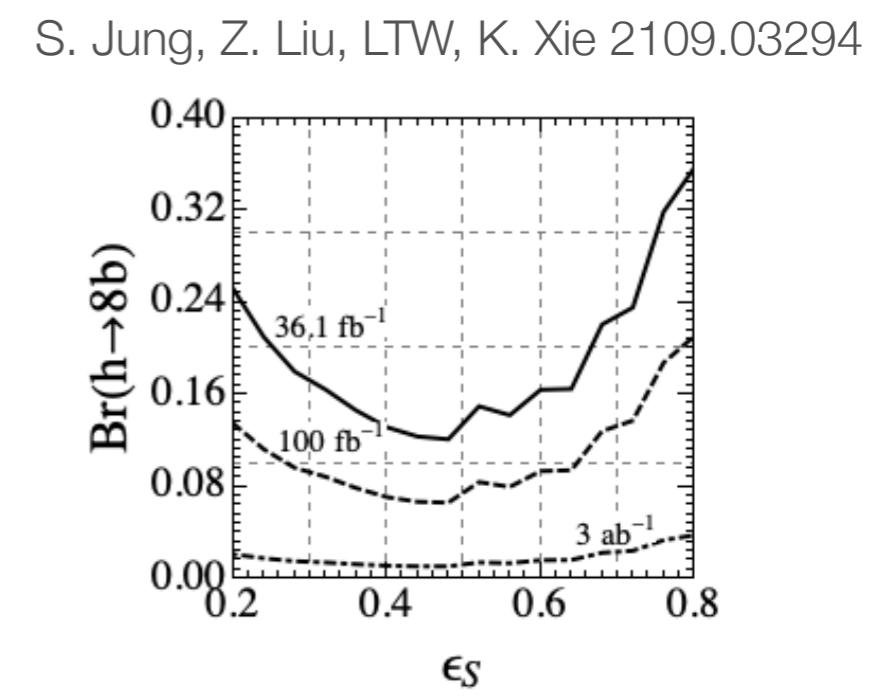
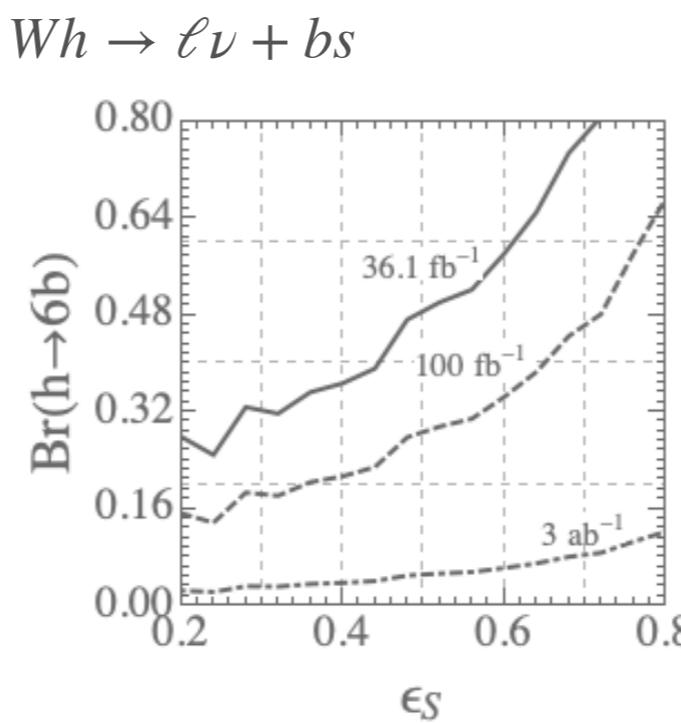
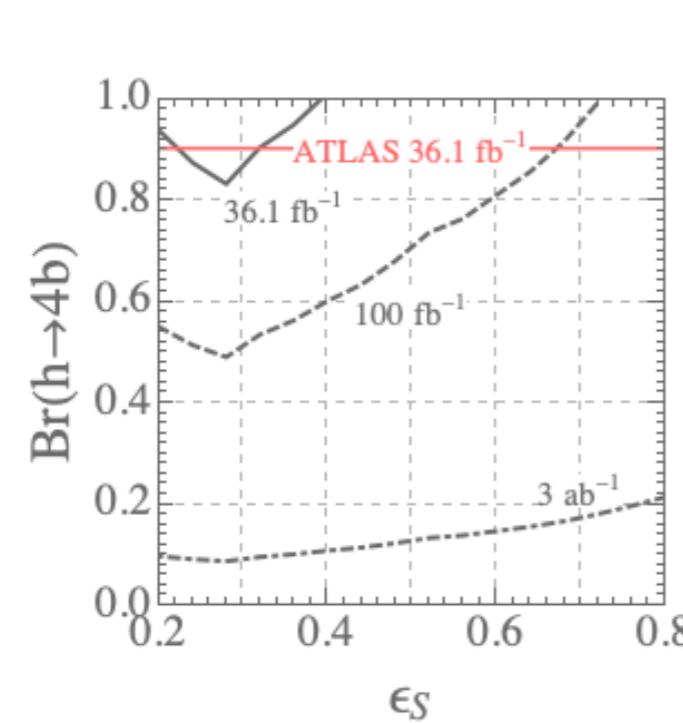
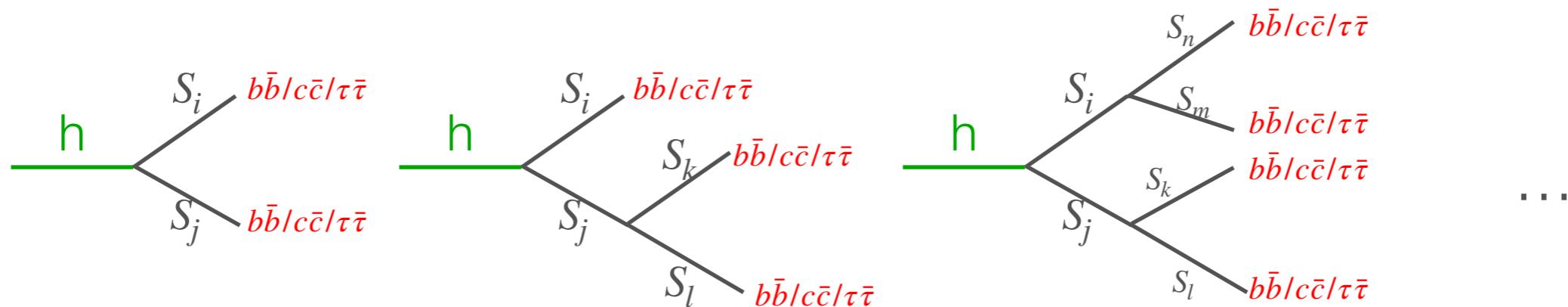
Extra

The Higgs measurements



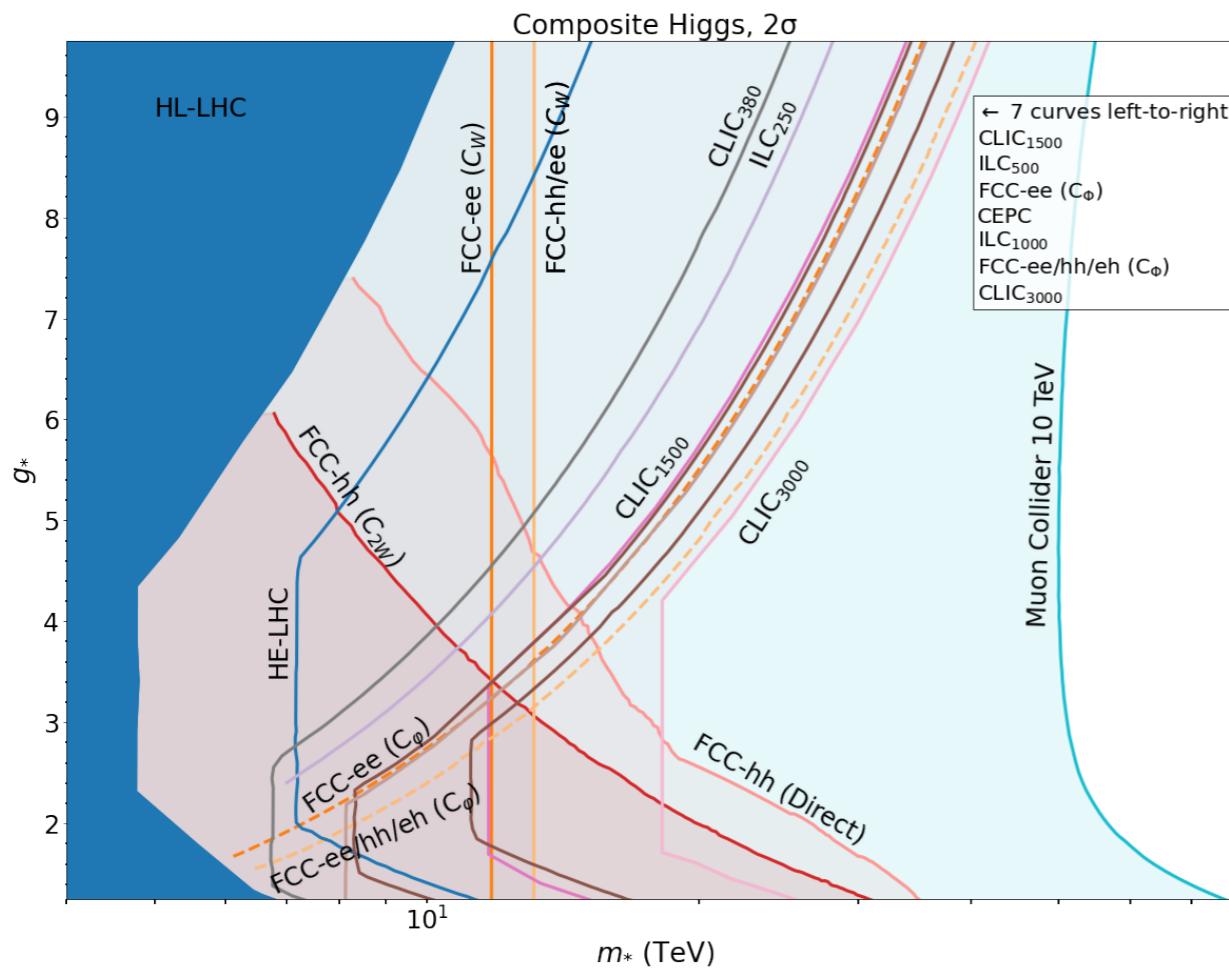
Overall, a big step beyond the LHC

Are we ready for this?



New ideas to trigger and tag on this kind of final states?

Composite Higgs

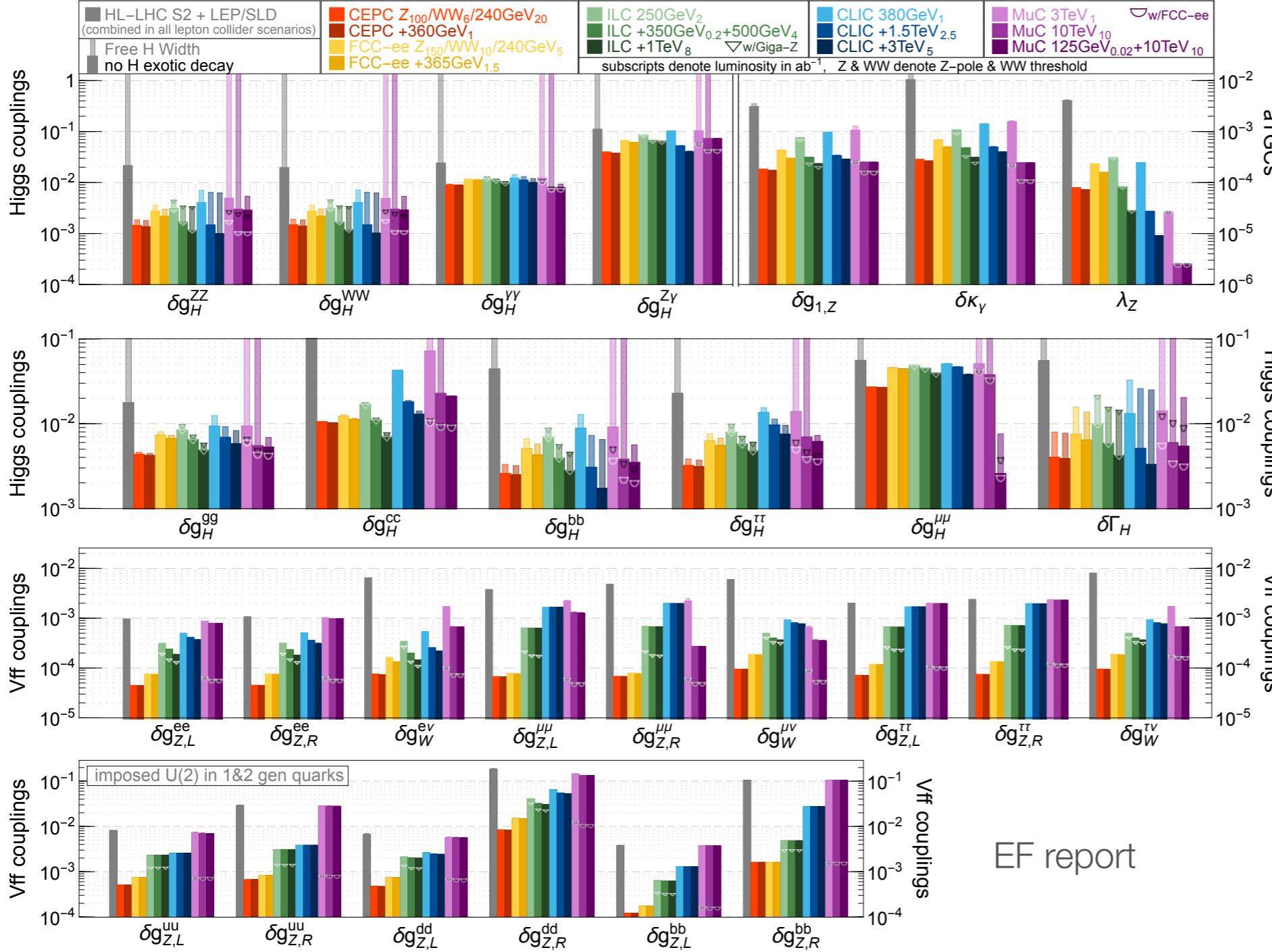


Limited by precision on very energetic particles.
Should be similar to e^+e^- and $\gamma\gamma$
Good to verify!

$$\frac{c_\phi}{\Lambda^2} \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu (\phi^\dagger \phi) \partial^\mu (\phi^\dagger \phi)$$

A full suite of measurements

precision reach on effective couplings from SMEFT global fit



Based on:

Collider	\sqrt{s}	P [%] e^-/e^+	$L_{\text{int}} \text{ ab}^{-1}$
ILC	250 GeV	$\pm 80/\pm 30$	2
	350 GeV	$\pm 80/\pm 30$	0.2
	500 GeV	$\pm 80/\pm 30$	4
	1 TeV	$\pm 80/\pm 20$	8
ILC-GigaZ	m_Z	$\pm 80/\pm 30$	0.1
CLIC	380 GeV	$\pm 80/0$	1
	500 GeV	$\pm 80/0$	2.5
	1 TeV	$\pm 80/0$	5
CEPC	m_Z		
	$2m_W$		
	240 GeV		
	$2m_t$		
FCC-ee	m_Z		
	$2m_W$		
	240 GeV		
	$2m_t$		

EF report

Simplest example: Higgs + singlet

$$\mathcal{L} \supset V(H) + V(S) + \lambda H^\dagger H S^2$$

For $m_s < 0.5 \times m_h$

After EWSB, $\Gamma(h \rightarrow ss) \propto (\lambda v)^2$.

Can be significant since $\Gamma_h^{\text{SM,tot}}$ is very narrow.

If $\langle S \rangle = 0$, missing energy

If $\langle S \rangle \neq 0$, singlet mixes with Higgs, prefers to decay to heavy fermion

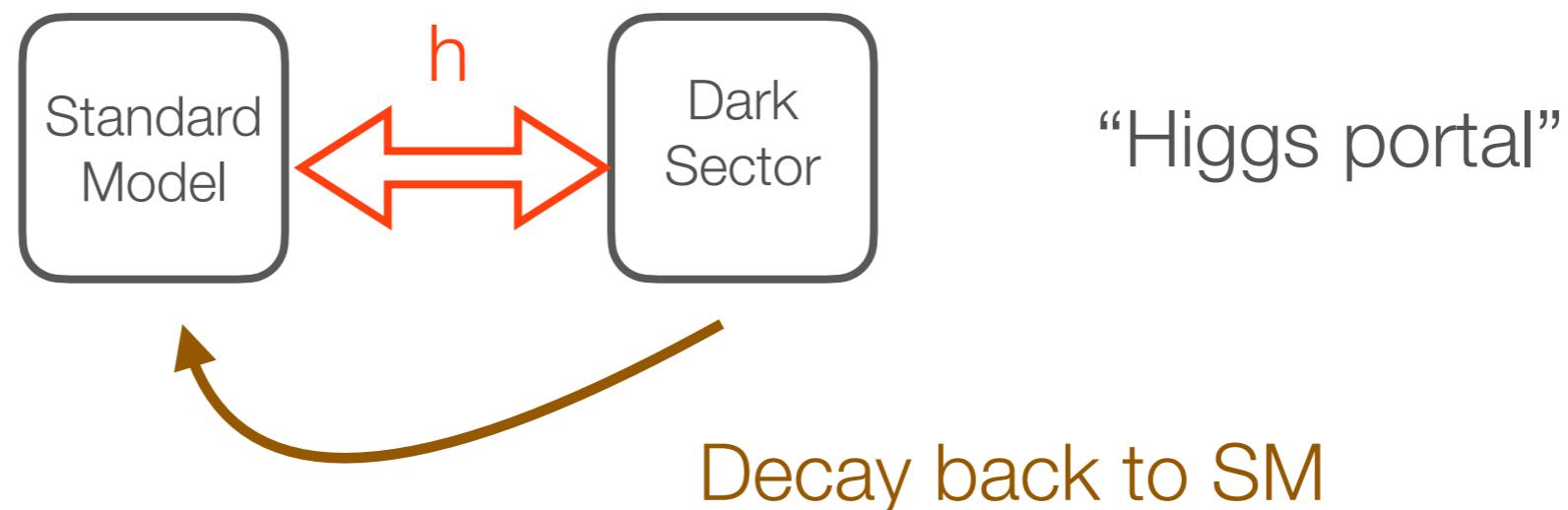
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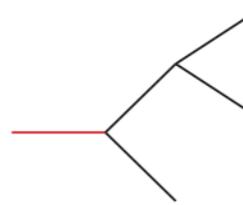
For $m_s > m_h$, integrating out singlet

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger \partial H)^2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (H^\dagger H)^3$$

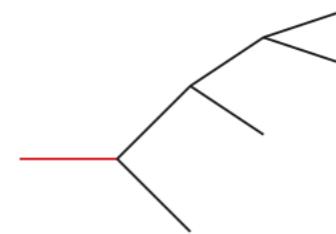
Higgs to dark sector



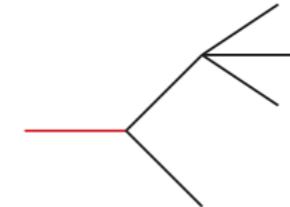
$h \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$



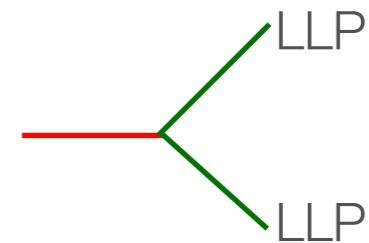
$h \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$



$h \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow (1+3)$



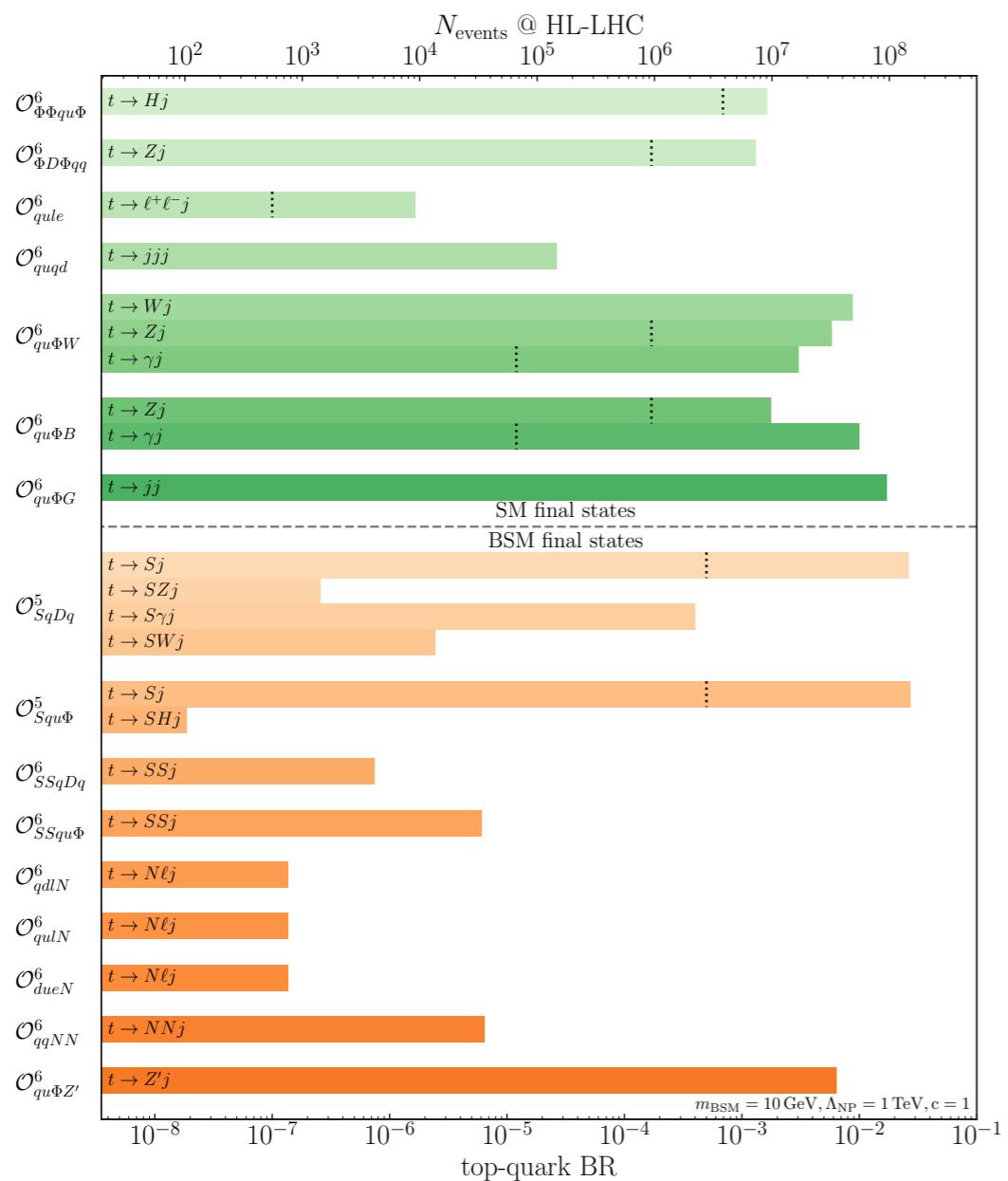
Long lived particles



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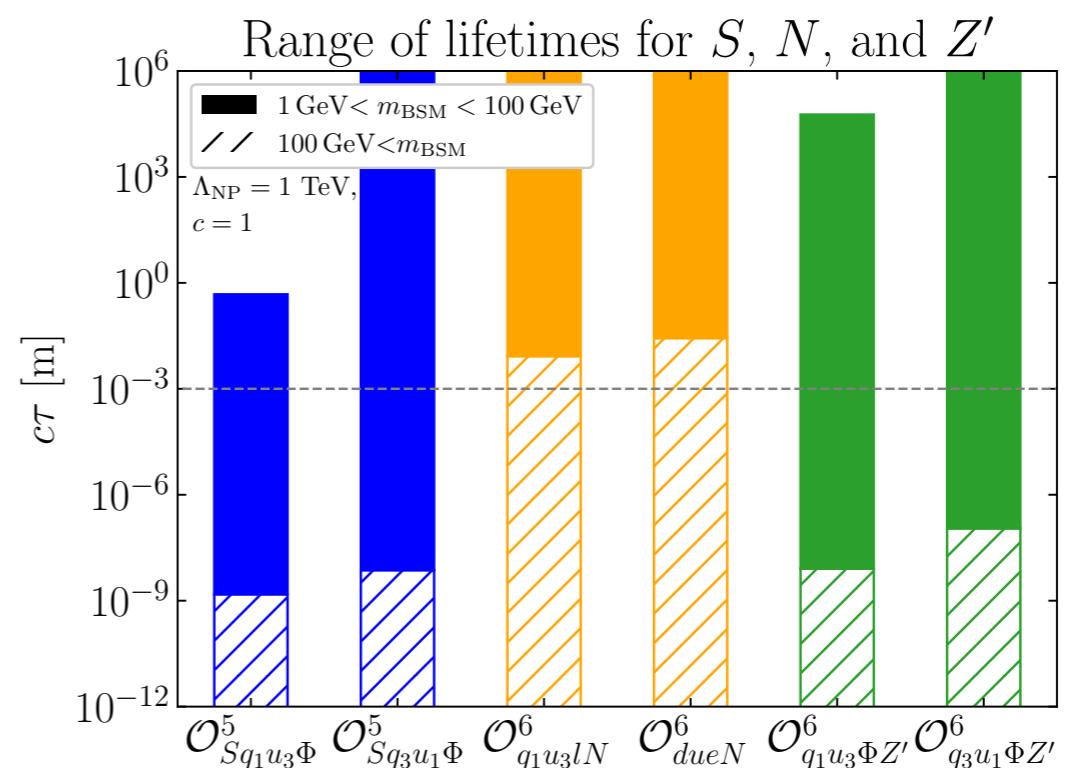
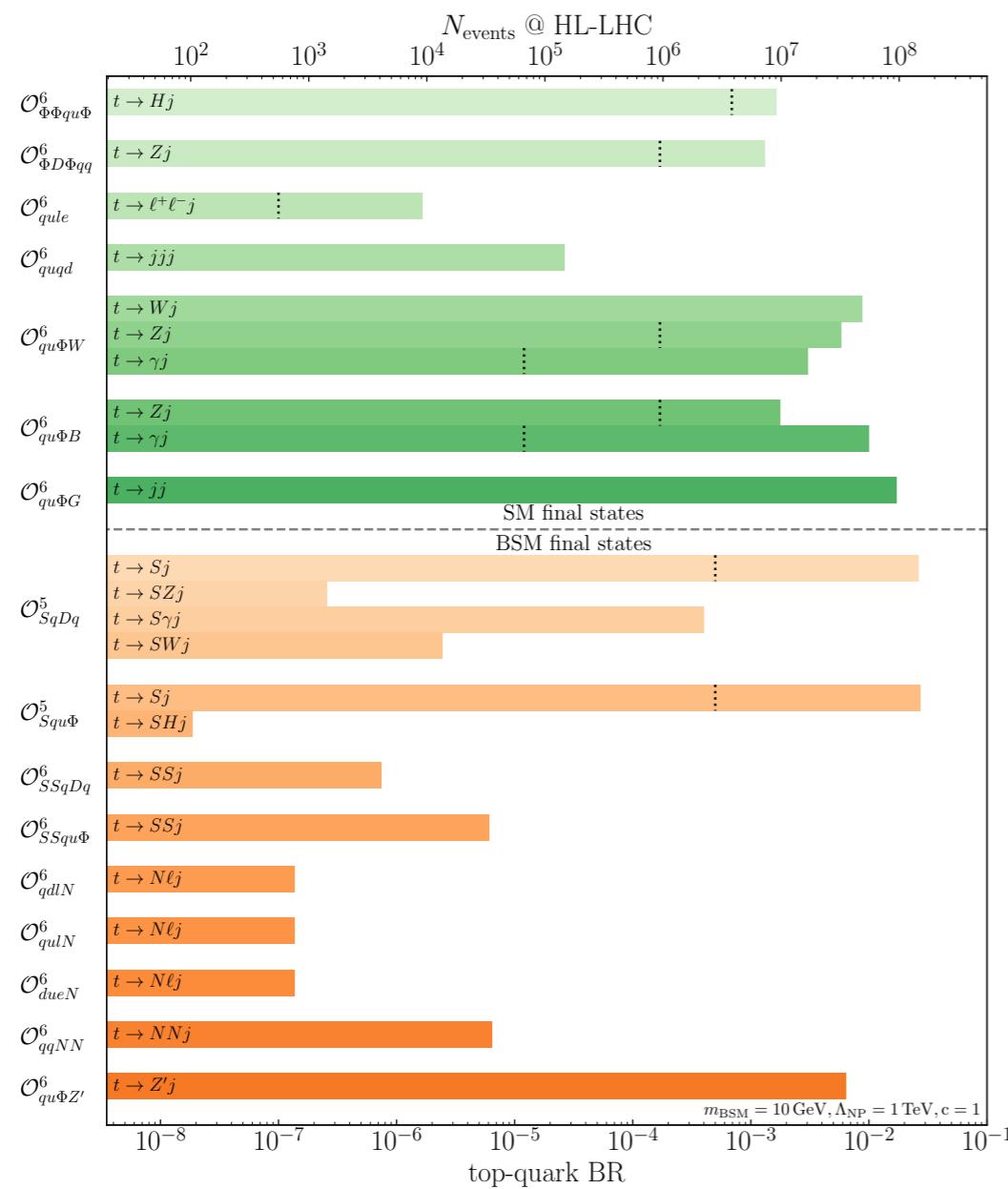
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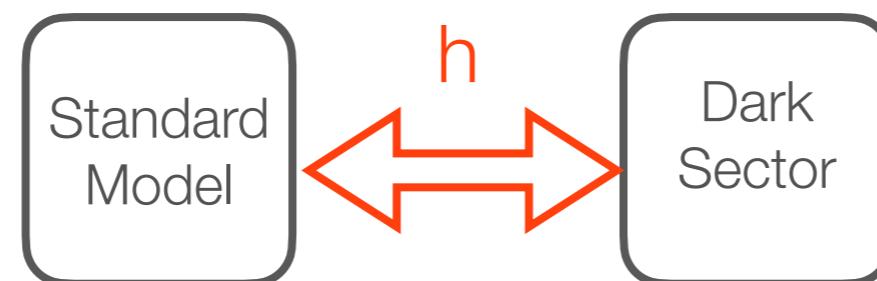
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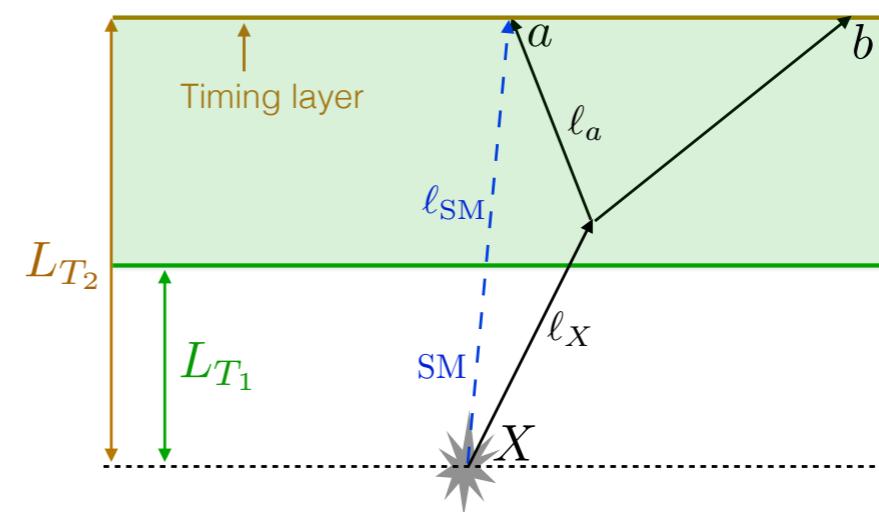
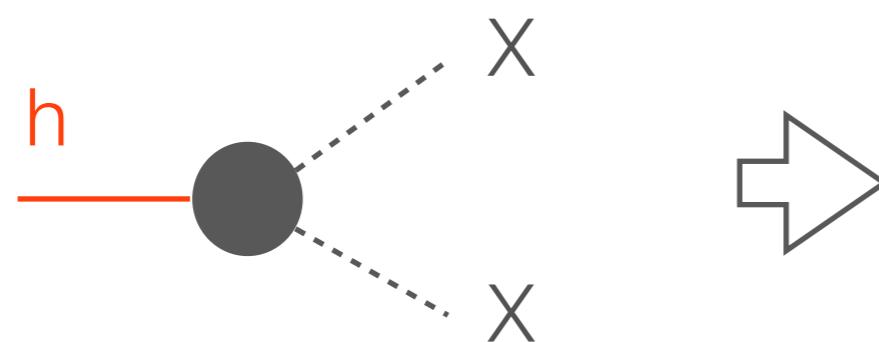
Can have LLPs

Can use the other top as trigger

Long lived particle (LLP)



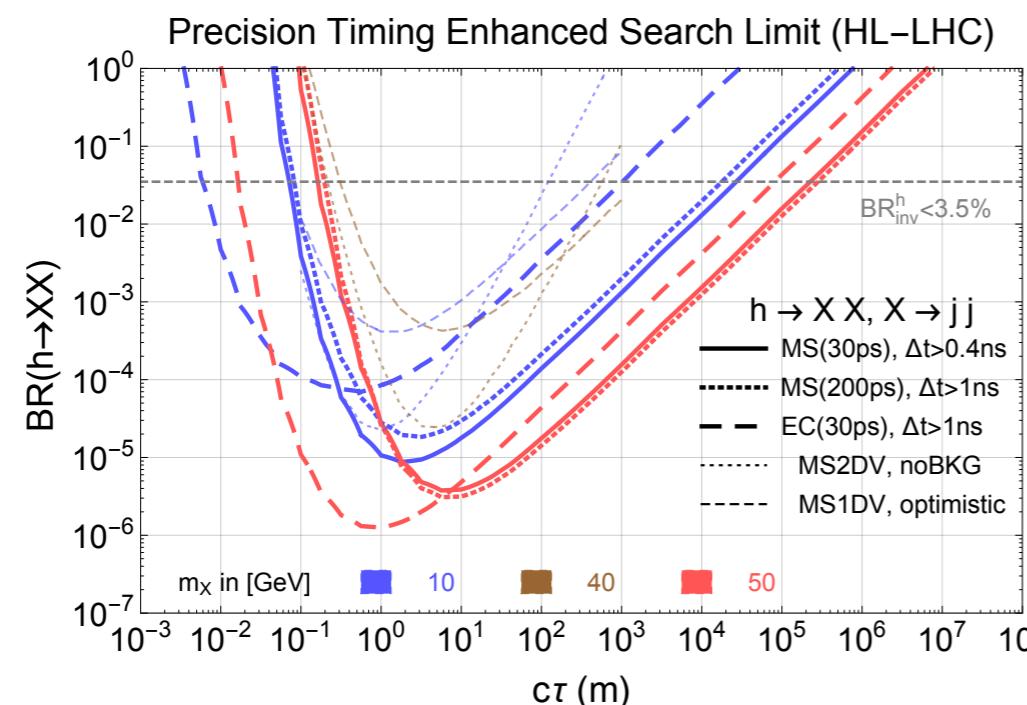
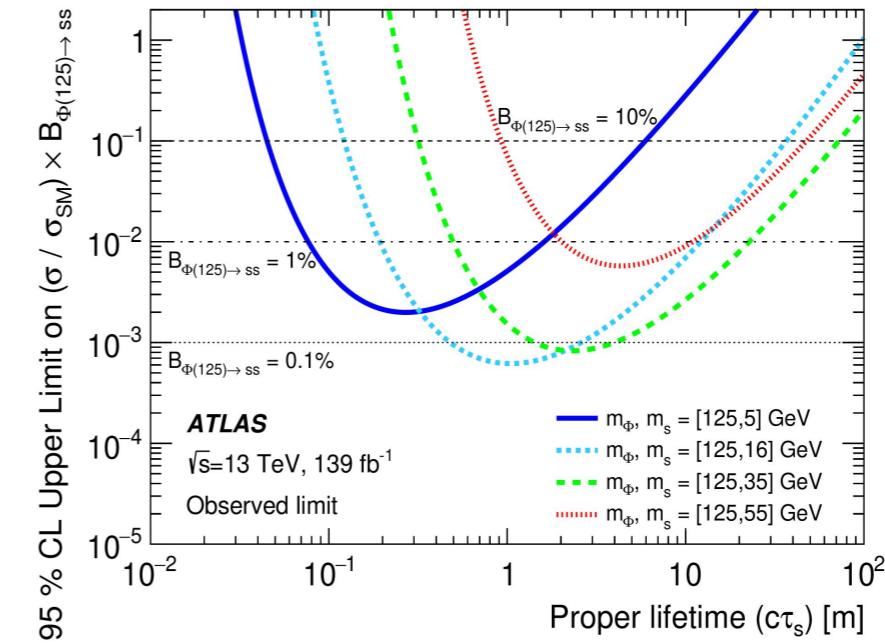
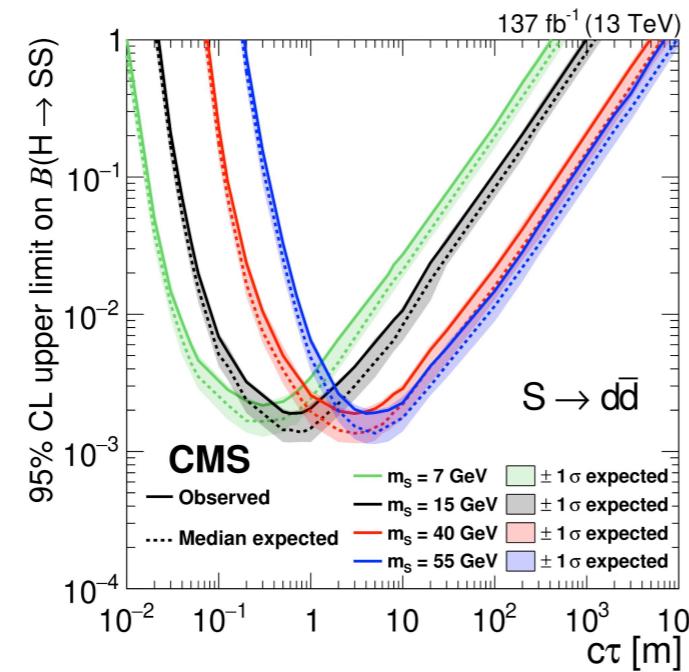
Decay back to SM
Can be long lived.
 ct can be 1 km or more



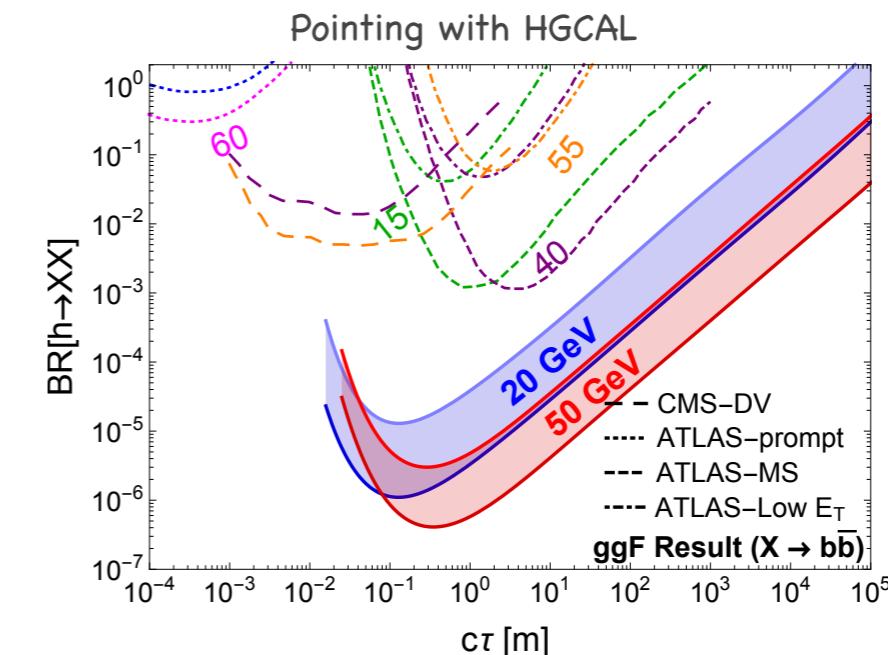
Higgs portal long lived particles

$h \rightarrow XX$

X: LLP



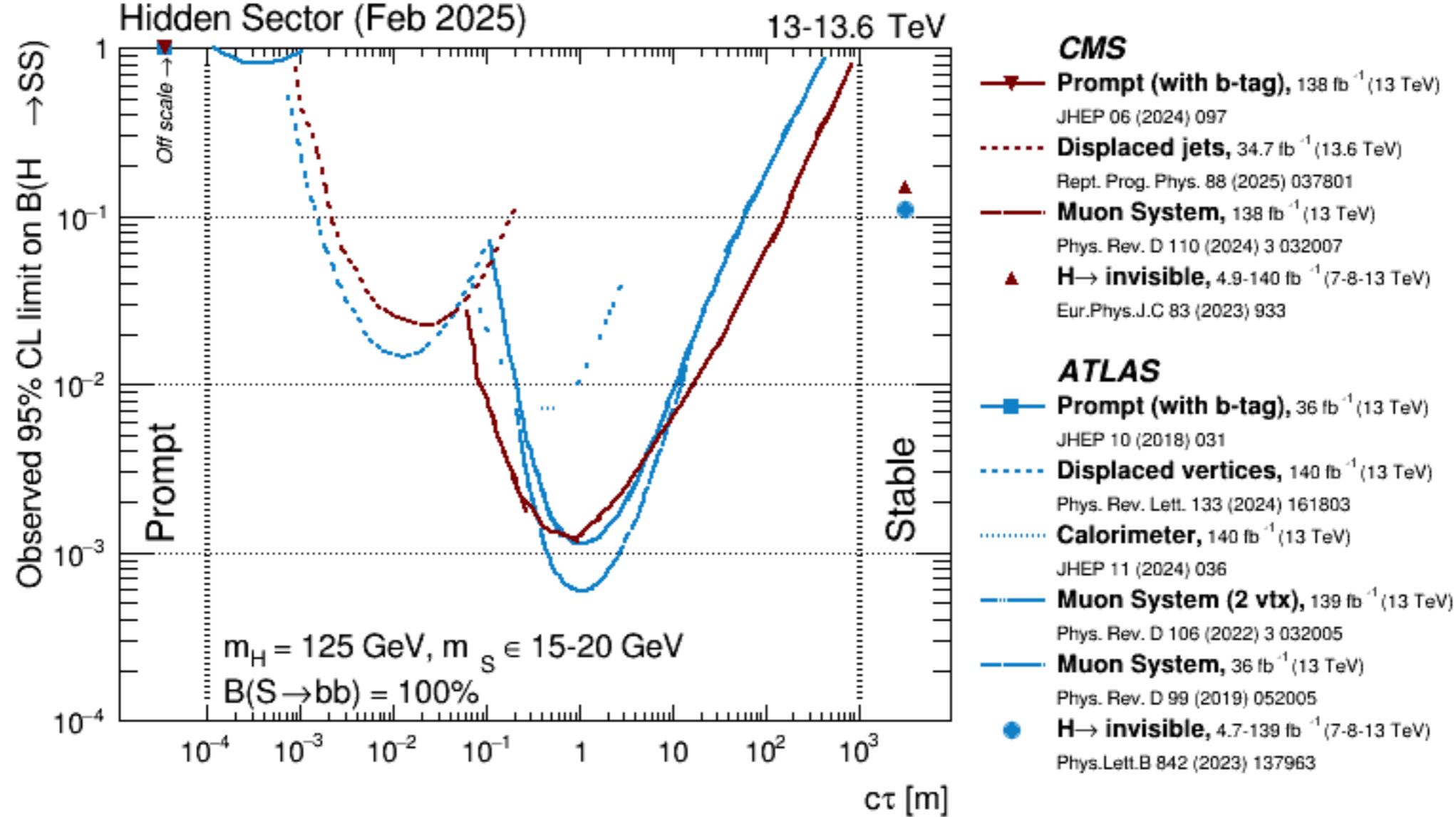
J. Liu, Z. Liu and LTW, 1805.05957



J. Liu, Z. Liu, X. Wang and LTW, 2005.10836

Potential to do better, $BR(h \rightarrow XX) < 10^{-5}$

ATLAS+CMS Preliminary
Hidden Sector (Feb 2025)



Still room for new ideas.

Higgs self-coupling

