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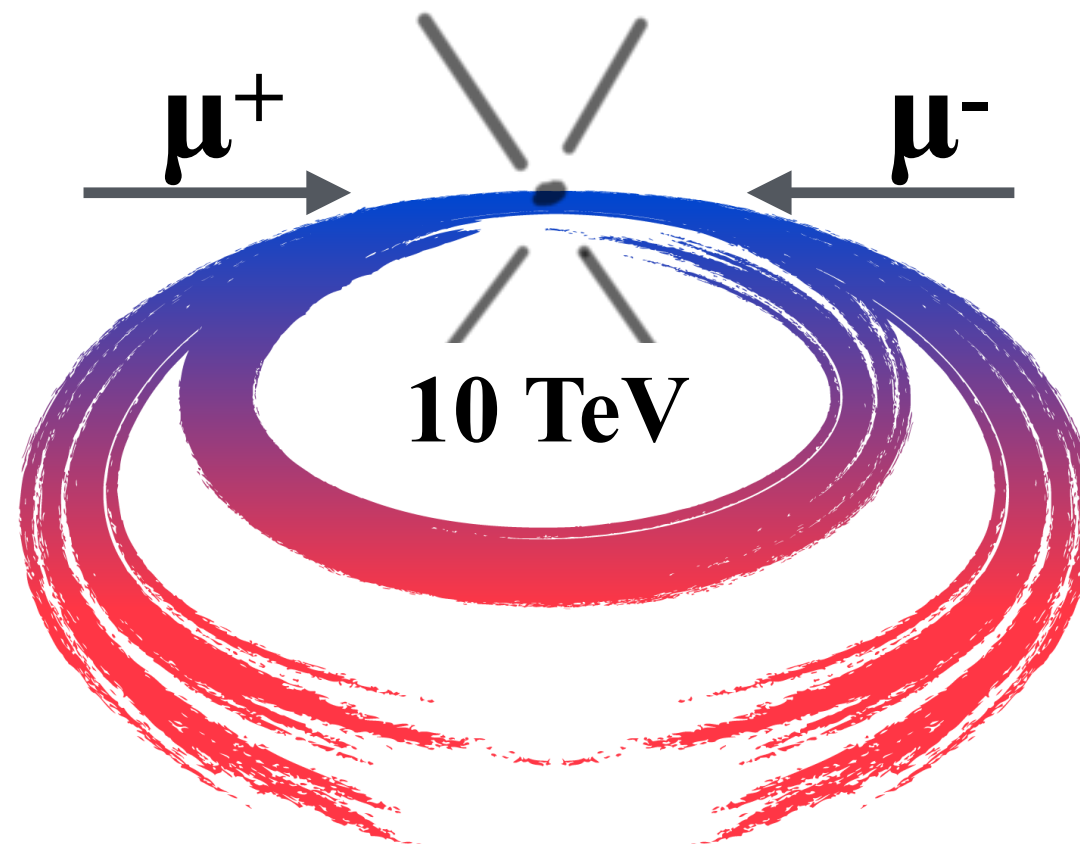
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What is Particle Physics?

What's **inside**?



It is the quest for the most **simple**,
universal laws that rule the occurrence
of **any Natural phenomenon**

i.e., for the smallest building blocks (**particles**)
and their mutual influence (**forces**)

We now understand **forces** as quantum exchange of **particles**. The
two concepts are unified, and described by **fields**.

The BIG achievements of Particle Physics

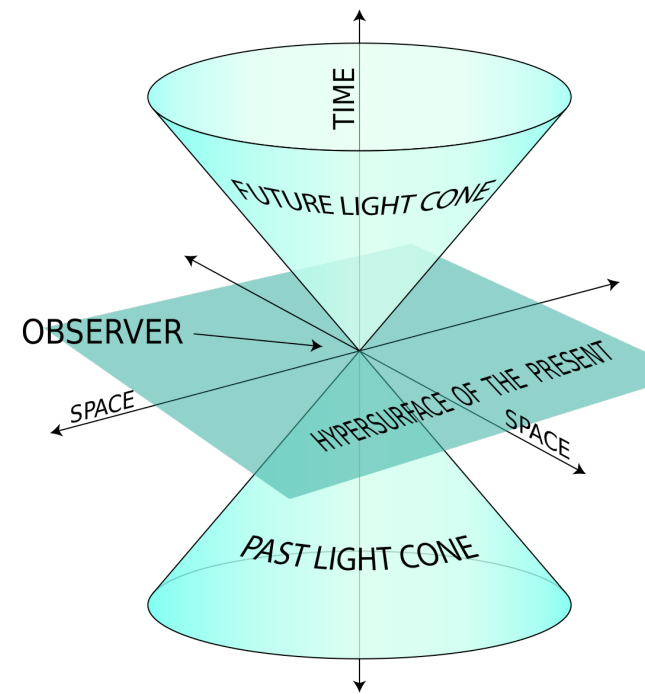
We discovered a satisfactory notion of **causality**
From Special Relativity

Understood that **particles do not have a position:**
Detectors have \rightarrow **Field Observables** $\mathcal{O}(t, \vec{x})$



Microcausality Principle and QFT

Incorporates and **supersedes** both QM and SR



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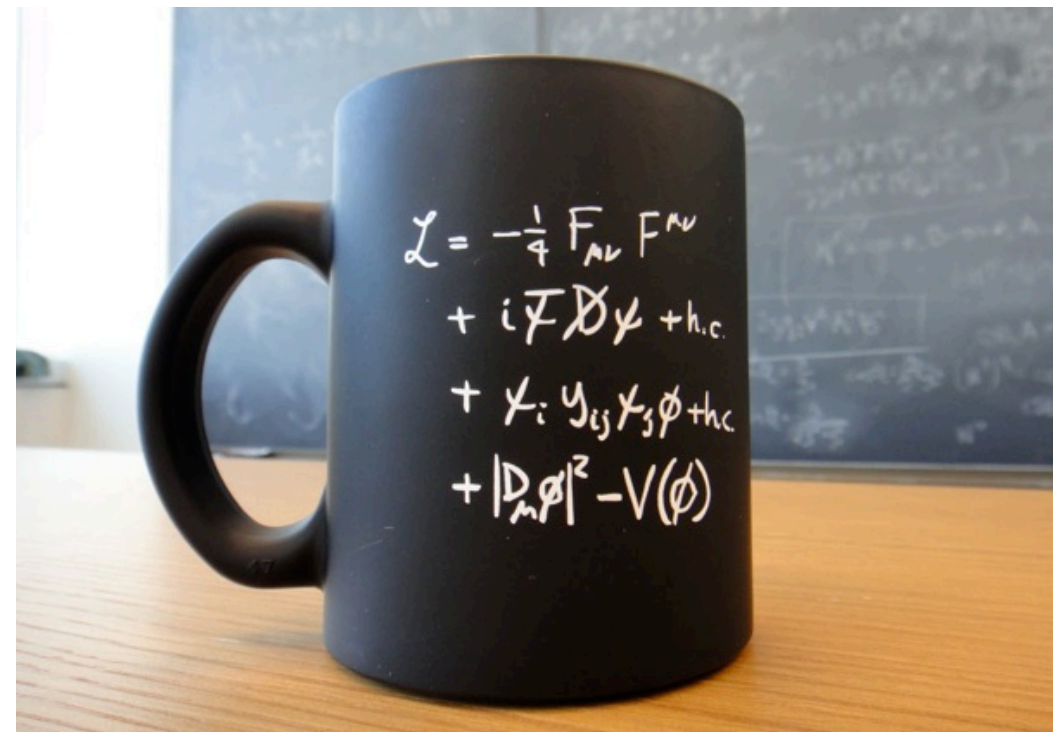
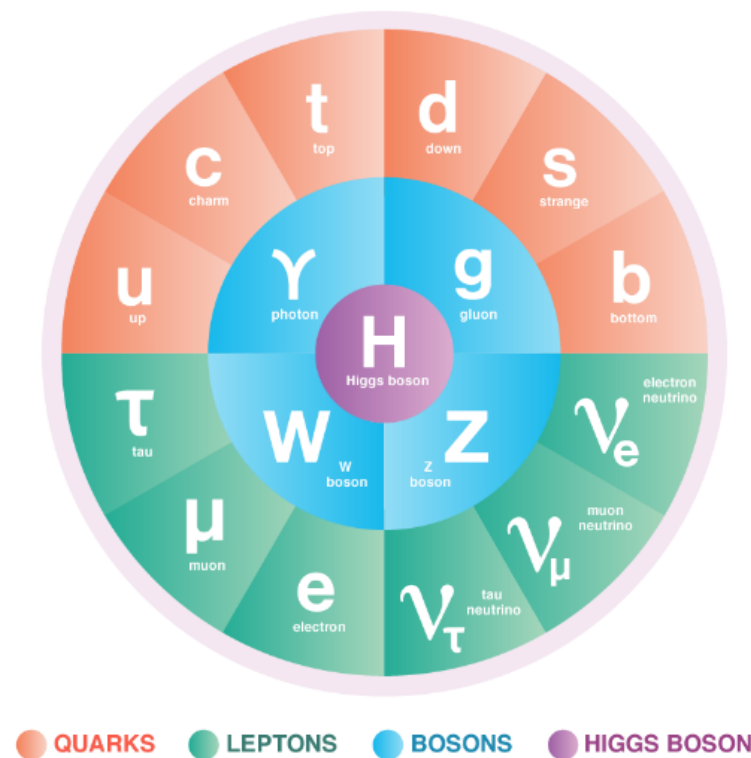


This theory is close to accomplish the Particle Physics dream.

But we are not yet there

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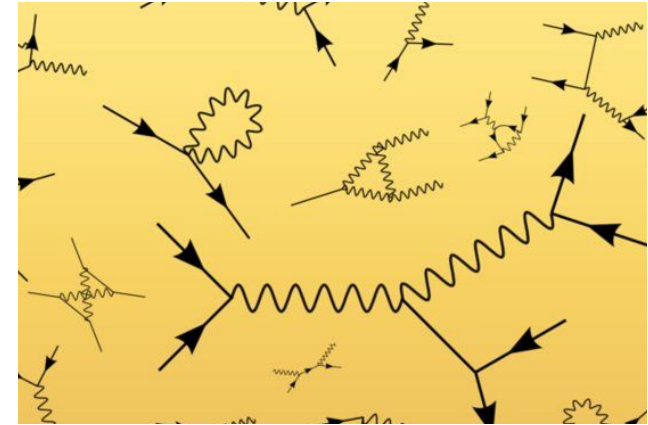
This monumental achievement of mankind is:

The Standard Model

It would definitely deserve a better name

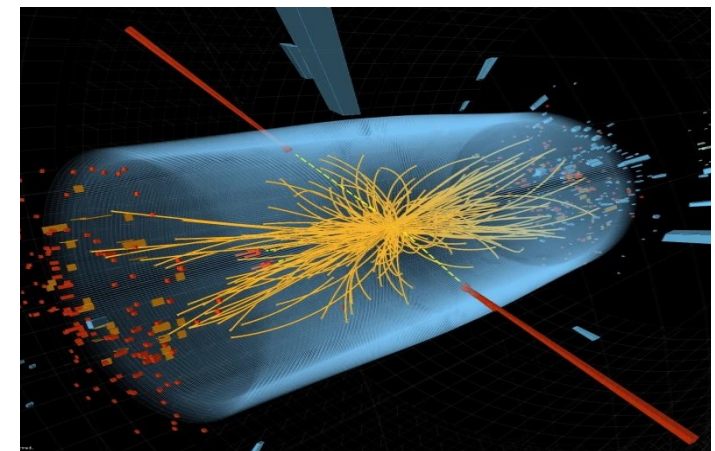
The Standard Model is not enough

Built by a **practical implementation** of QFT principles
Surely not the final one, as it **fails with Gravity**
A new theory breakthrough is waiting for us



Its particle/field content is merely **dictated by experiments**
New experiments are needed to tell if there are more particles
And we believe there are: for instance dark matter

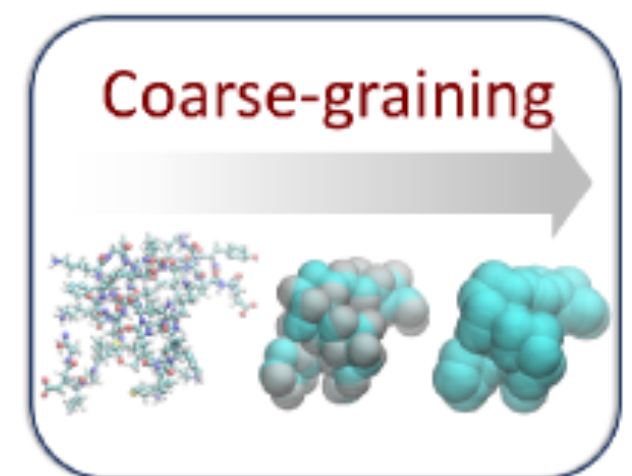
Creating heavy particle requires energy: $E = m c^2$



“Practical QFT” does not explain why only some type of interactions are observed.

The **Wilsonian explanation** is **disproven** if the Higgs boson is a **fundamental particle** as in the SM:

We must check if it truly is fundamental



What's inside?

We need energetic particles



We need large energy in order to probe short distances:

d = the length scale we want to resolve

$\lambda = 1/E$ = the wavelength of the wave we use

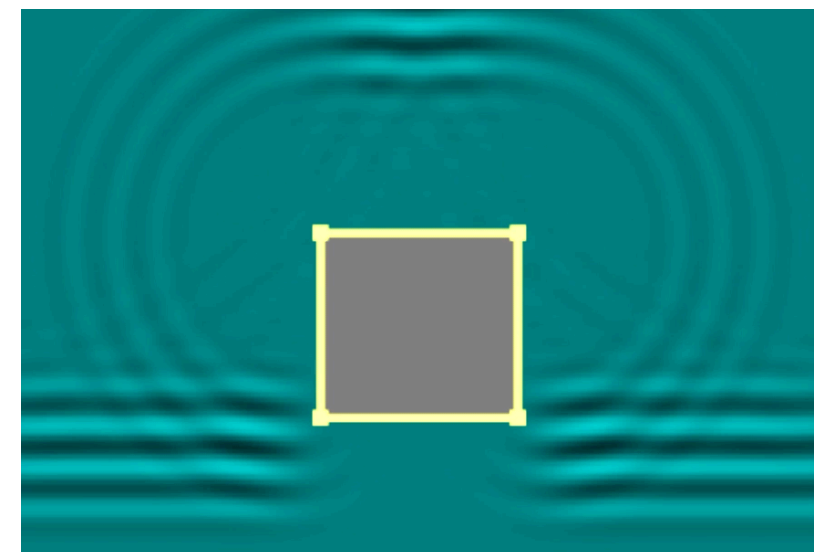
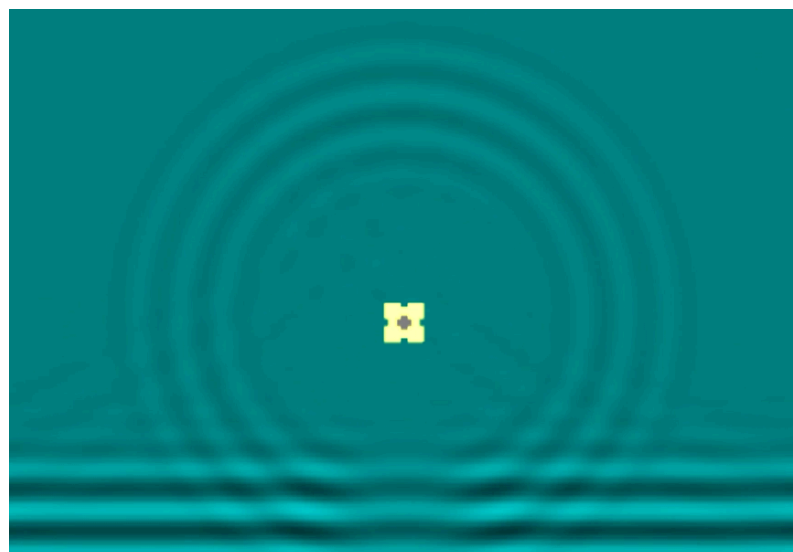
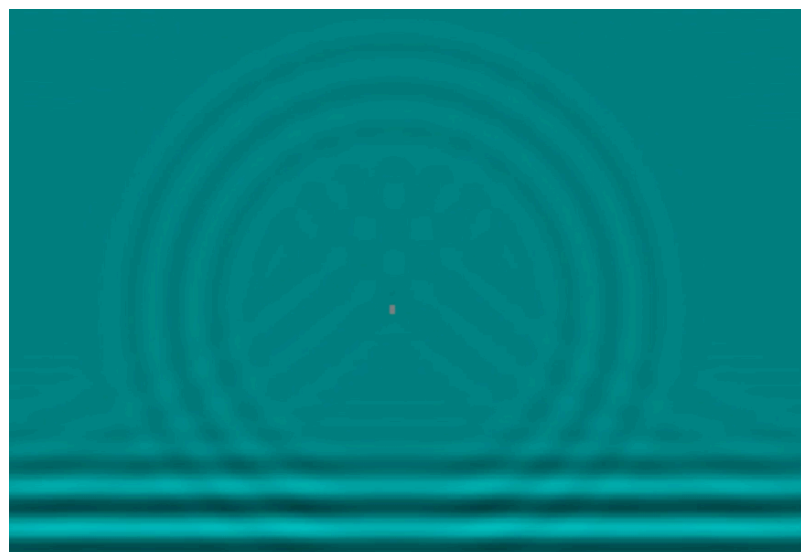
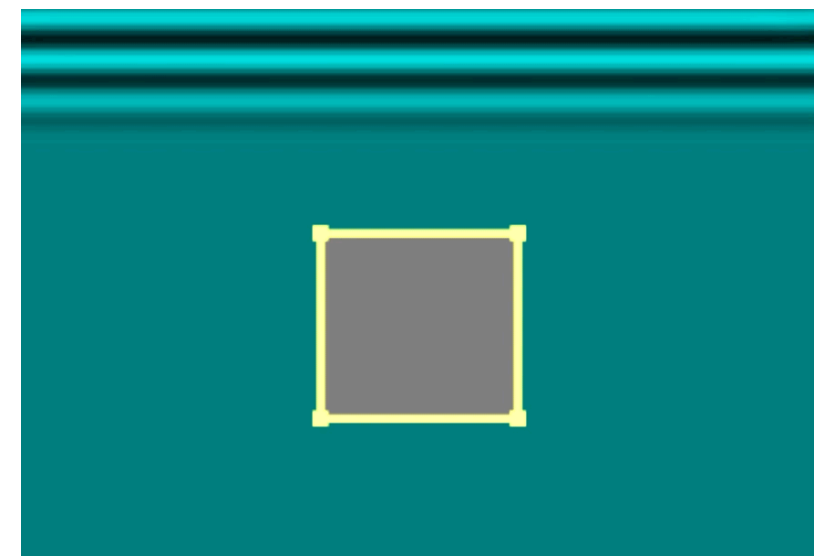
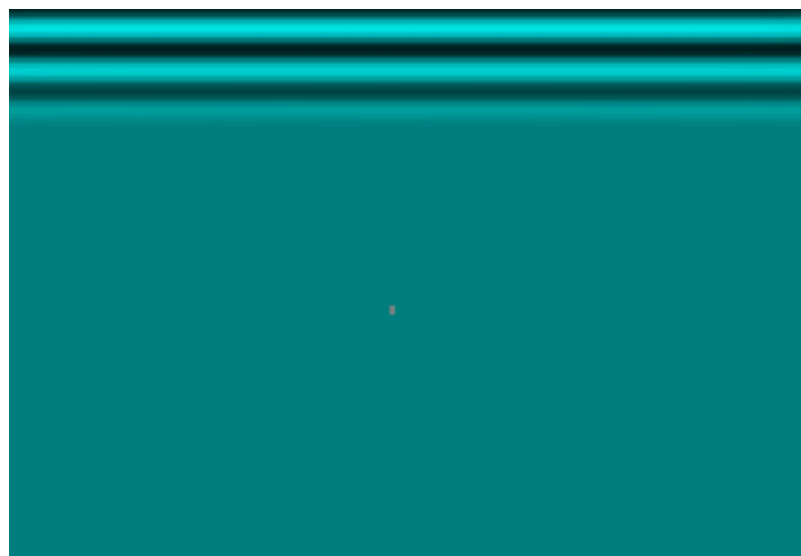
Detecting “ d ” requires: $\lambda < d$

$d = 0$

$d < \lambda$

$d > \lambda$

$\lambda \uparrow$

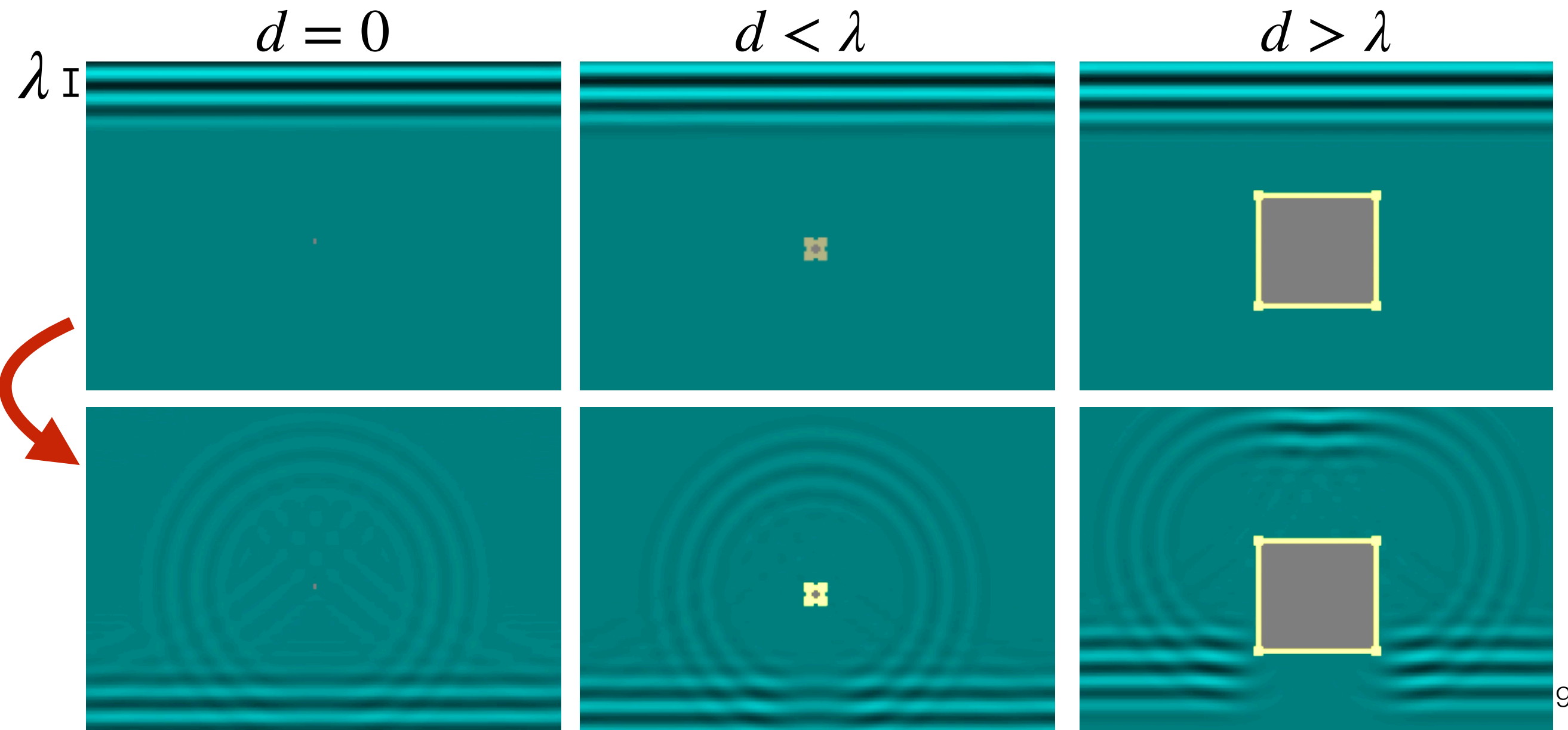


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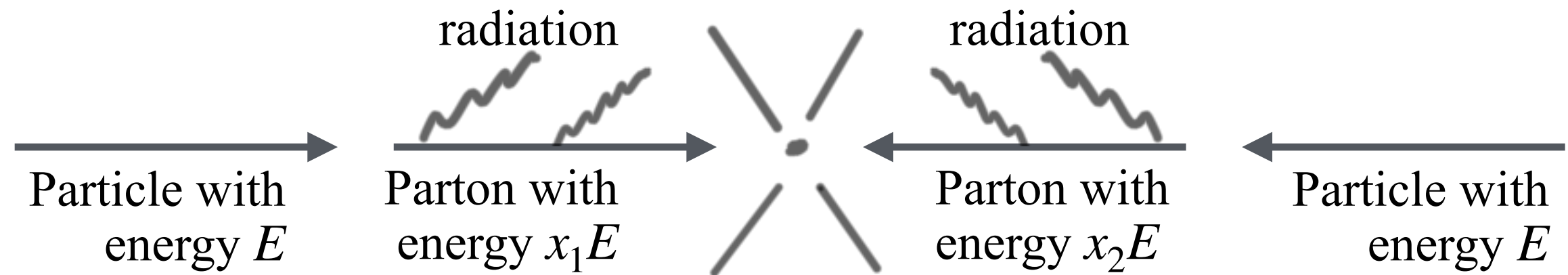


10 TeV is the next energy frontier

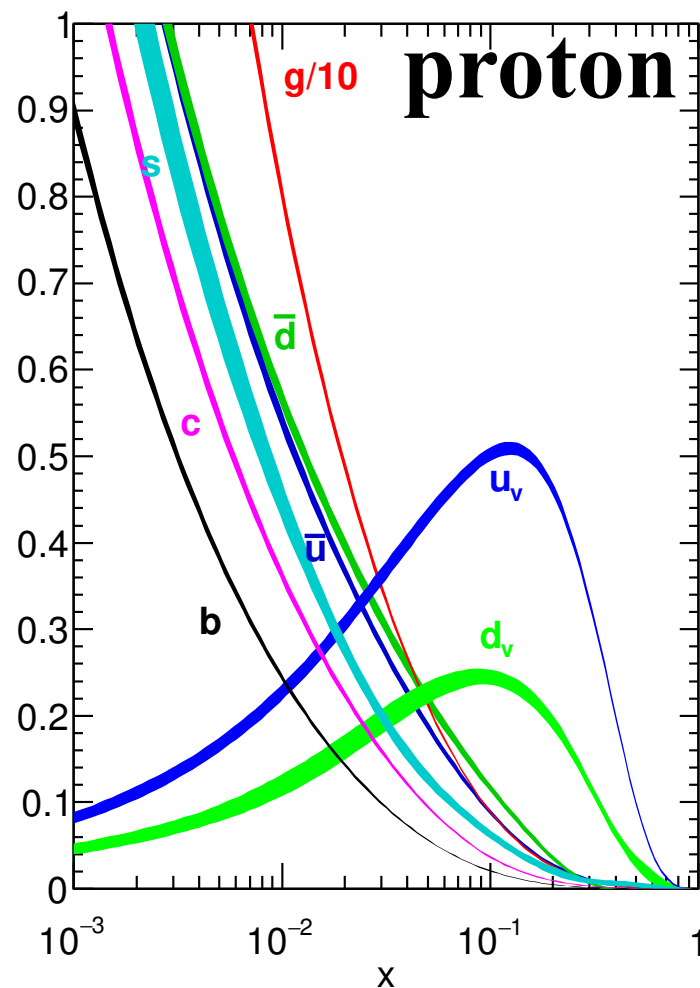


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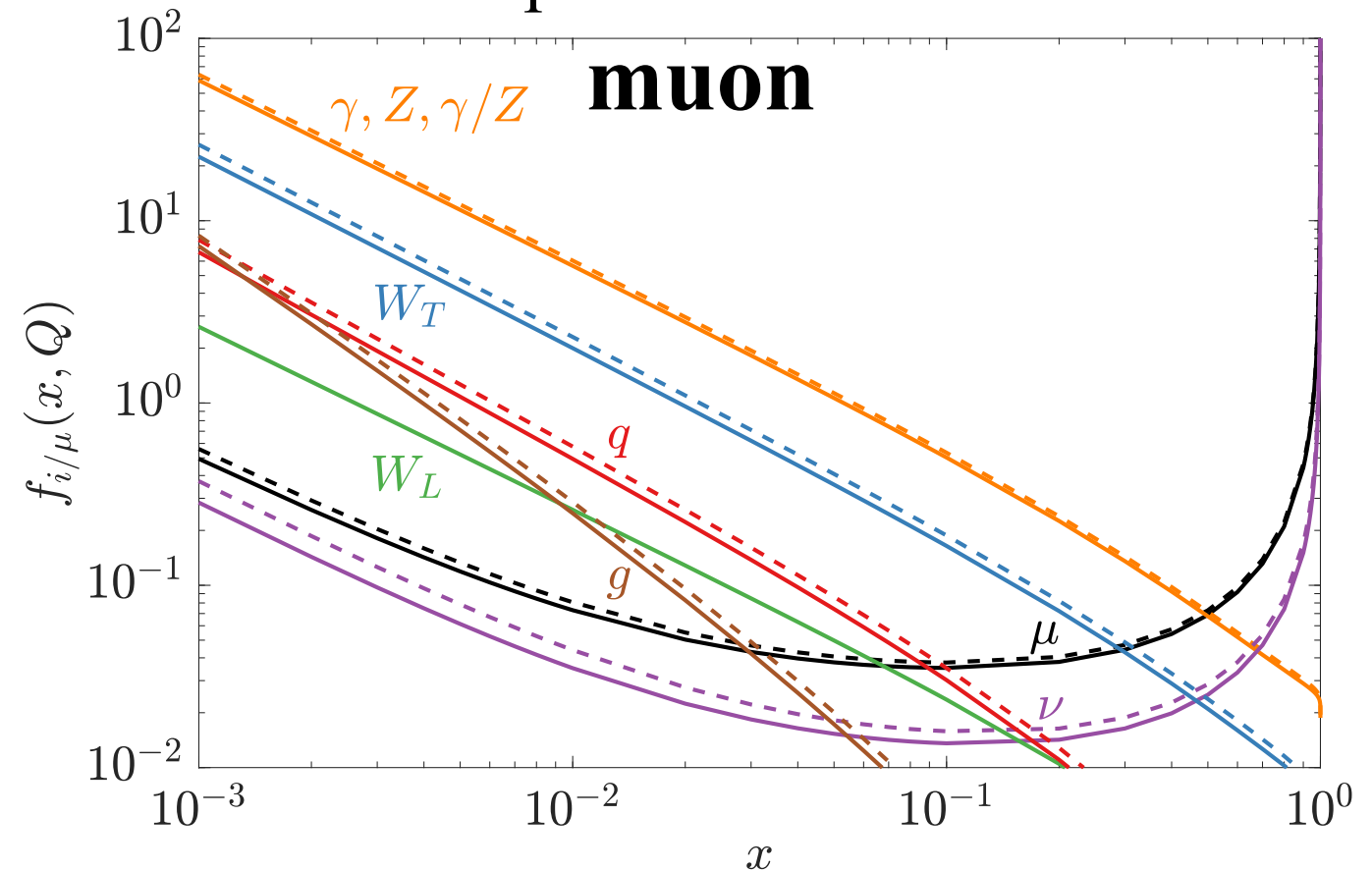
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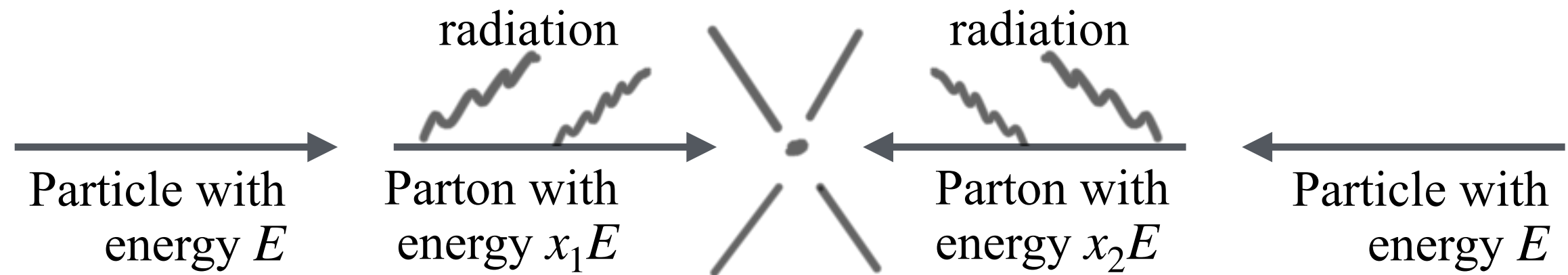


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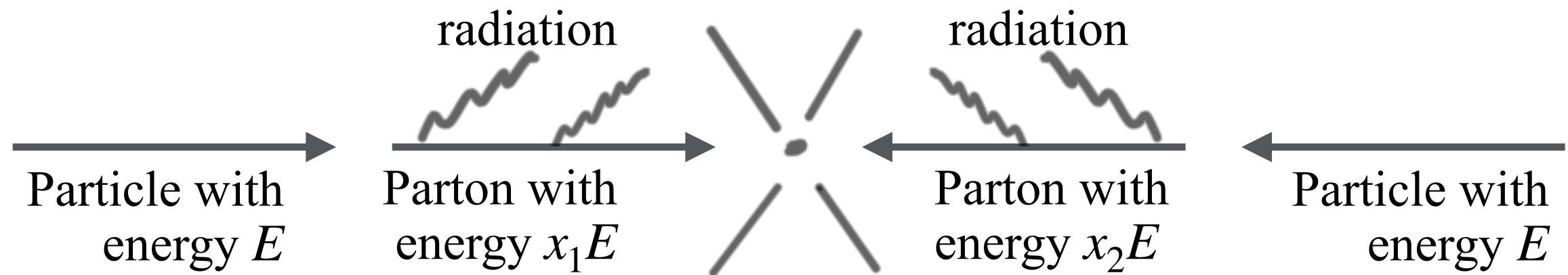
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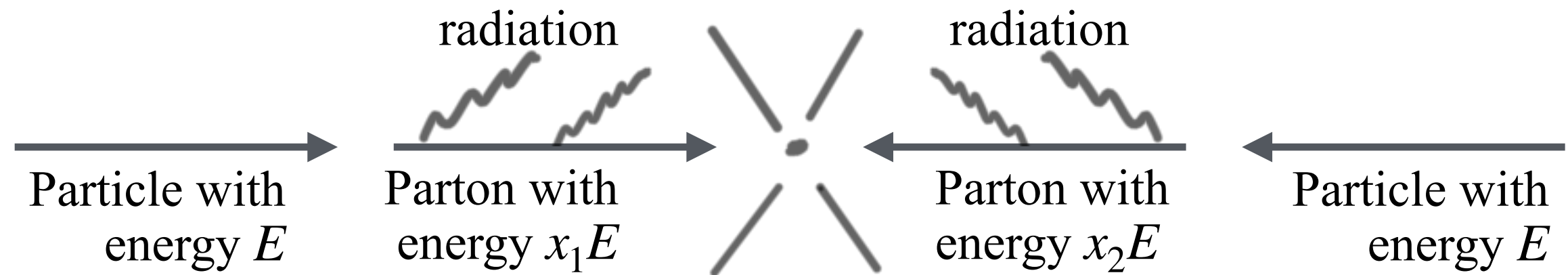
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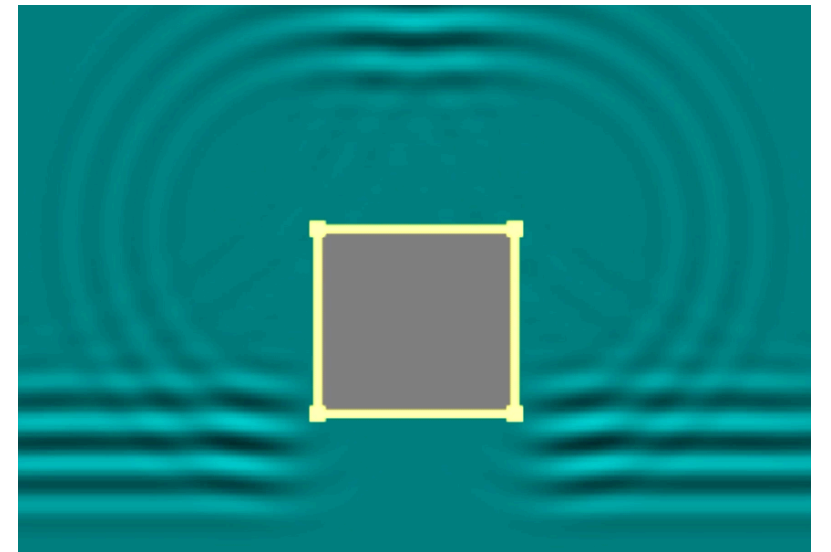
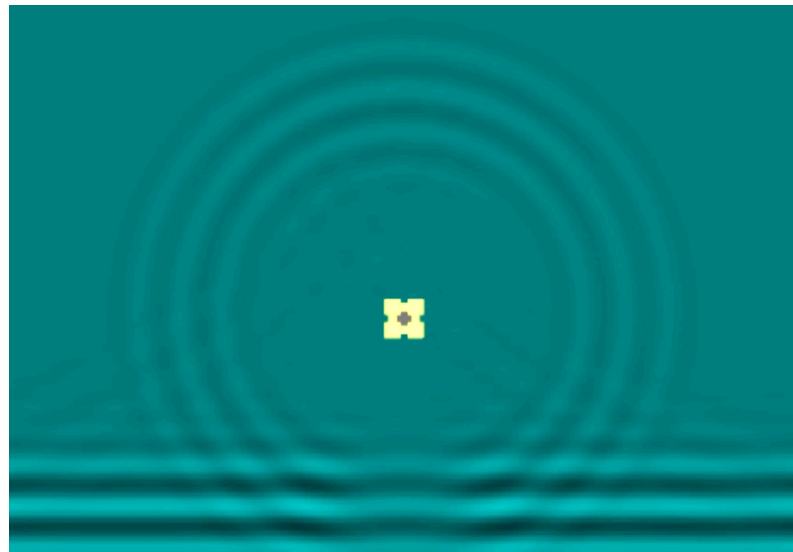
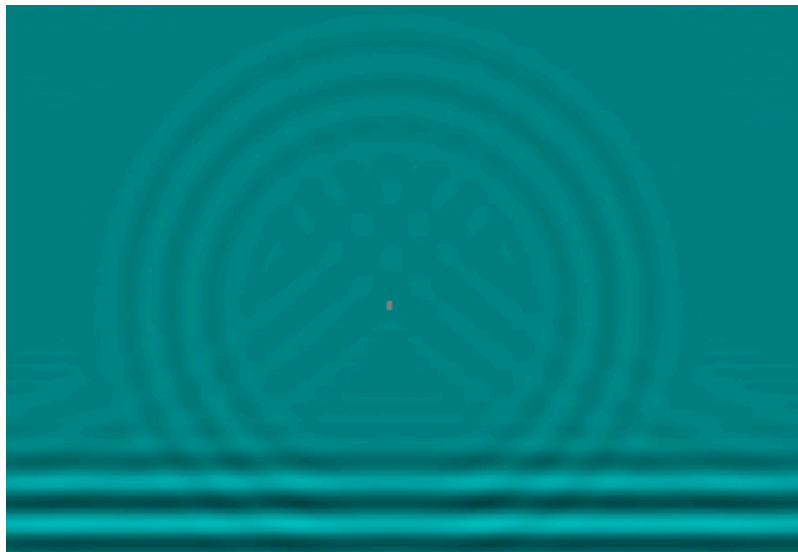


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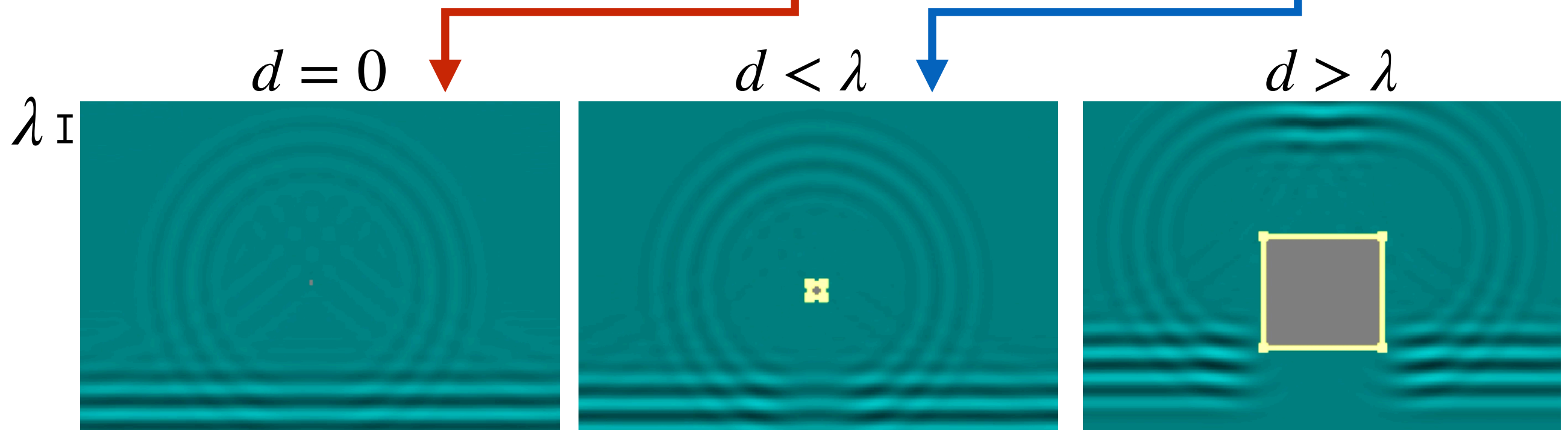
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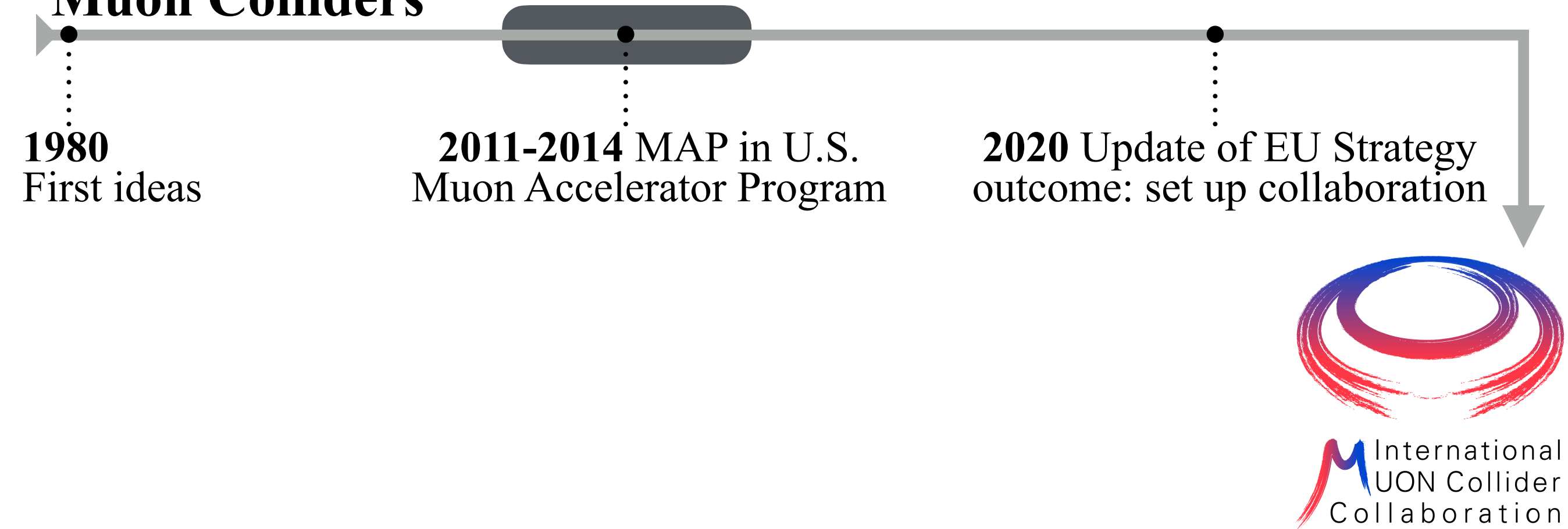


The precision of **proton** colliders is limited long-distance phenomena that are difficult to model: **QCD backgrounds**

The **muon** collider is **energetic** and **precise** at once

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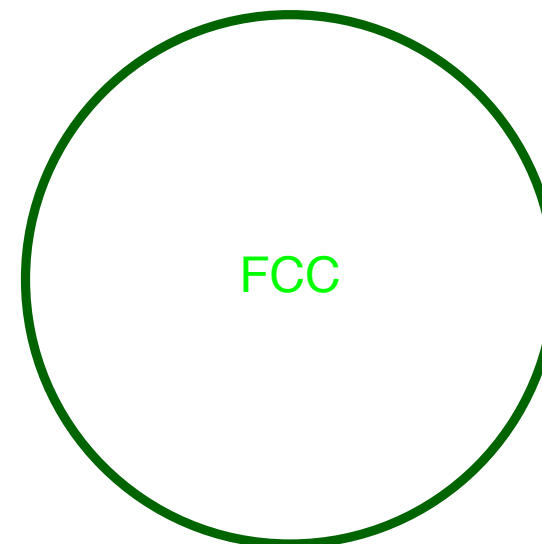
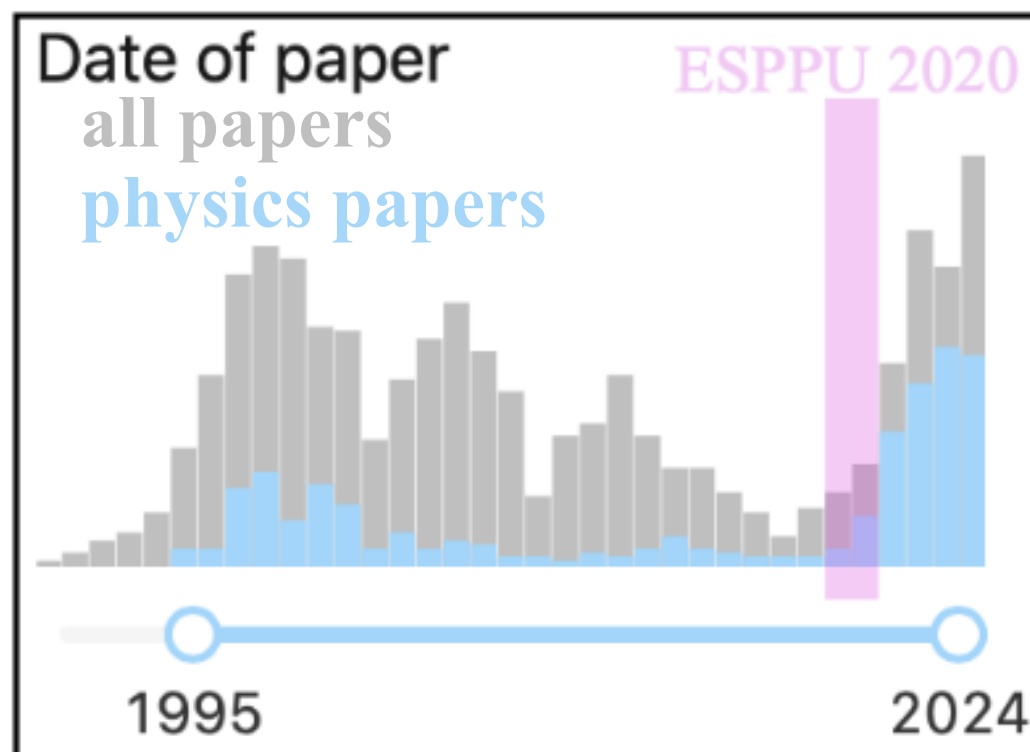
1980
First ideas

2011-2014 MAP in U.S.
Muon Accelerator Program

2020 Update of EU Strategy
outcome: set up collaboration

Centre-of-mass energy	E_{cm}	TeV	3	10
Luminosity	\mathcal{L}	$1 \times 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	1.8	20
Collider circumference	C_{coll}	km	4.5	10

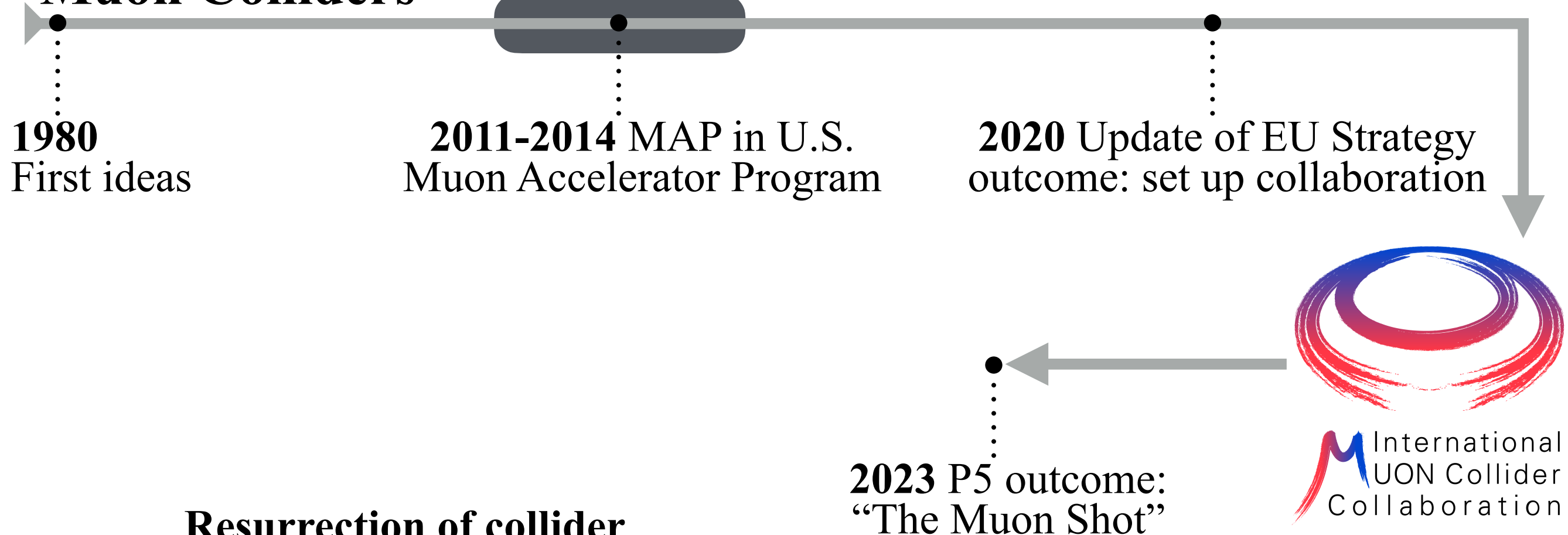
$$5 \text{ yrs run, 1 IP: } \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \left(\frac{E_{\text{cm}}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2$$



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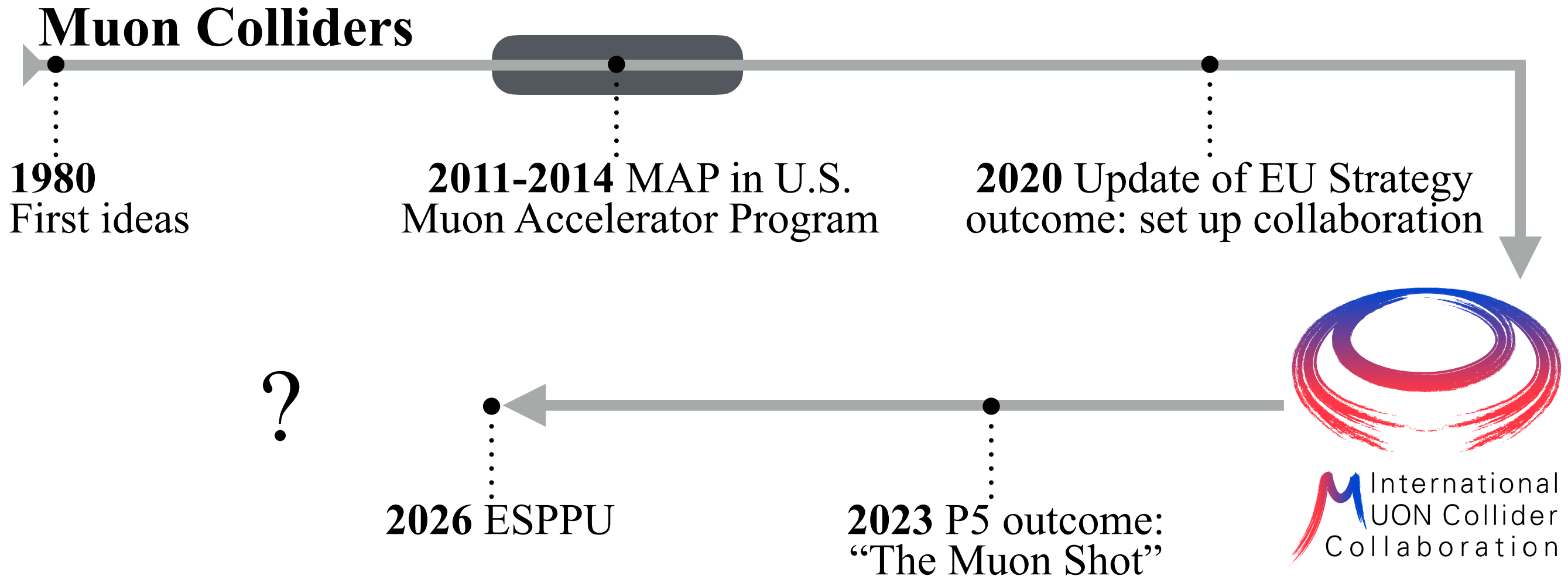


Resurrection of collider ambitions in USA!

*Although we do not know if a muon collider is ultimately feasible, the road toward it leads to a series of proton beam improvements and neutrino beam facilities, each producing world-class science while performing critical R&D **towards a muon collider**. At the end of the path is an unparalleled global facility on **US soil**.*

This is our Muon Shot.

Muon Colliders Status



As per ESPPU 2020 and LDG mandate, IMCC provided ESPPU 2026 with an evaluation report, aimed at:

Assessing MuC potential (no showstopper identified)

Detailing R&D path plan (including technical **demonstrator(s)**)

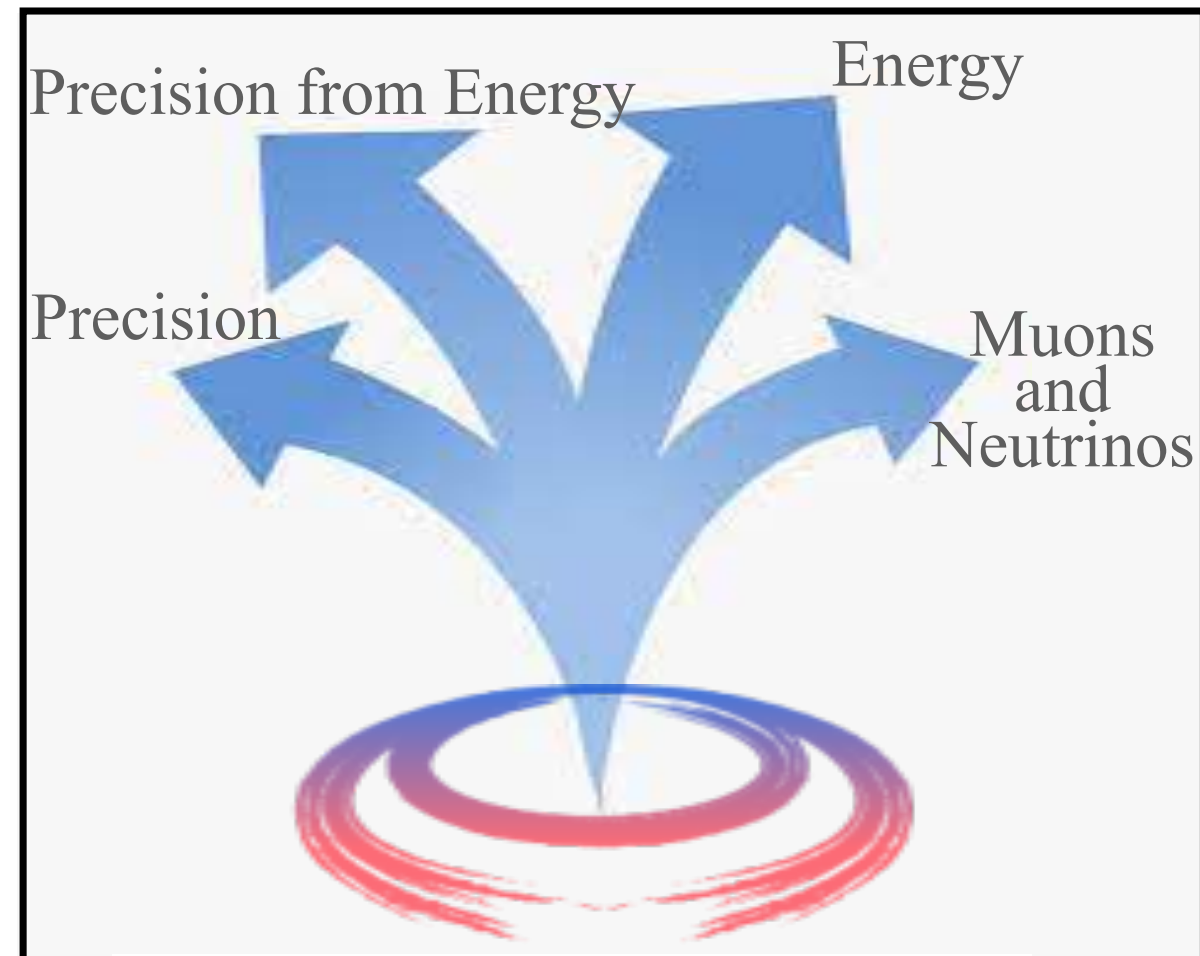
We are few years away from establishing MuC feasibility!

Muon Collider Physics Targets

Most complete and recent overview: **The Muon Collider**

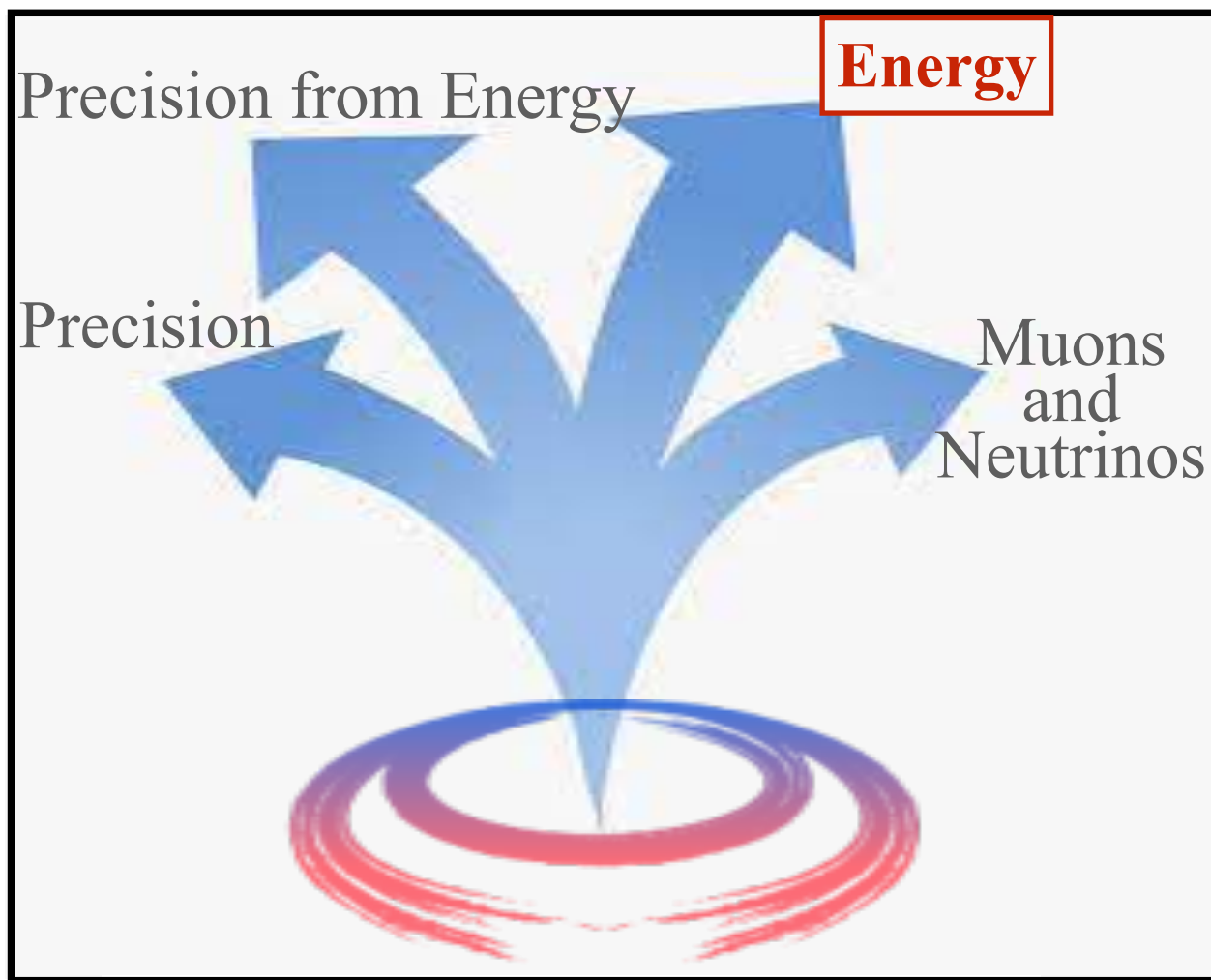
In short:

- discover new particles with presently inaccessible mass, including WIMP dark matter candidate*
- discover cracks in the SM by the **precise study of the Higgs boson**, including the precise direct measurement of triple Higgs coupling.*
- uniquely pursue the quantum imprint of new phenomena in novel observables by **combining precision with energy**.*
- give unique access to new physics coupled to muons and delivers beams of neutrinos with unprecedented properties from the muons decay.*

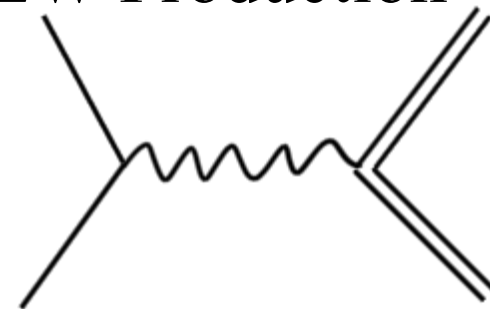


But also:

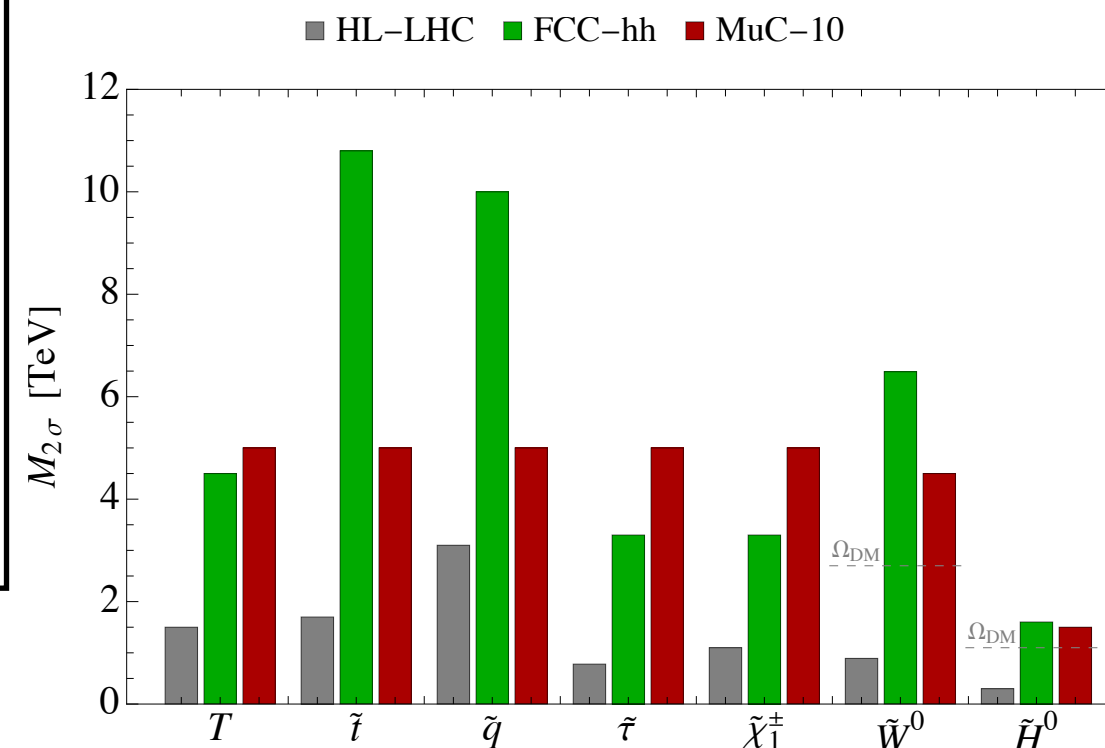
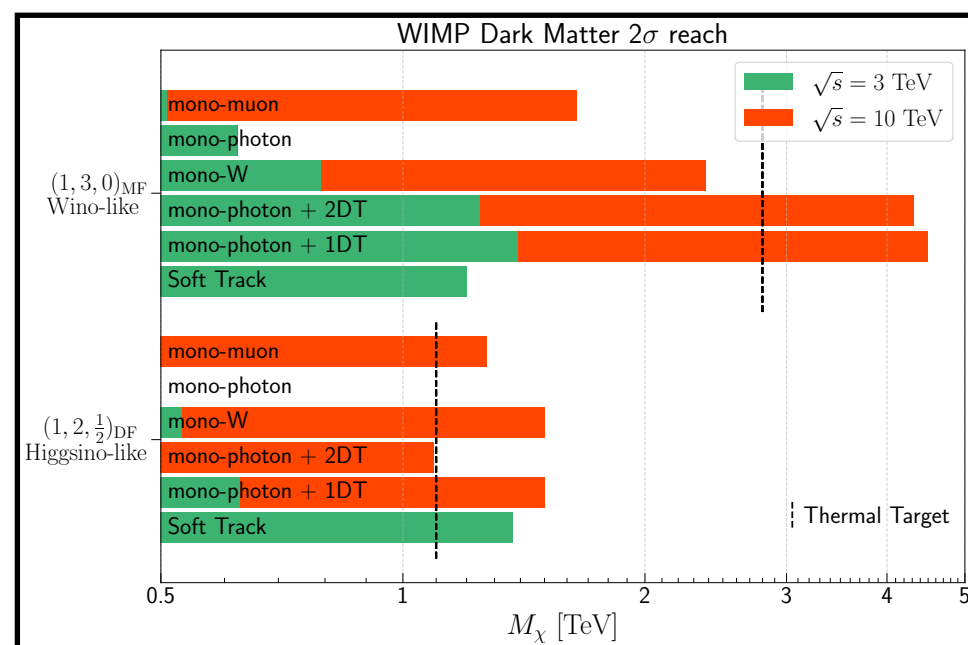
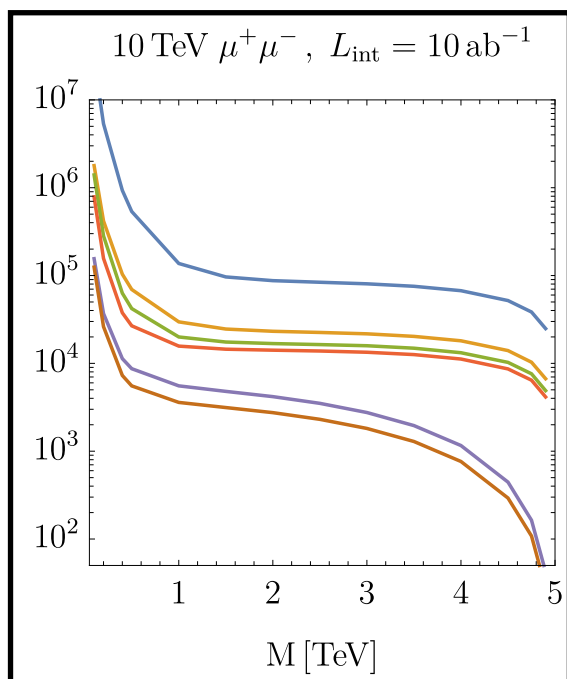
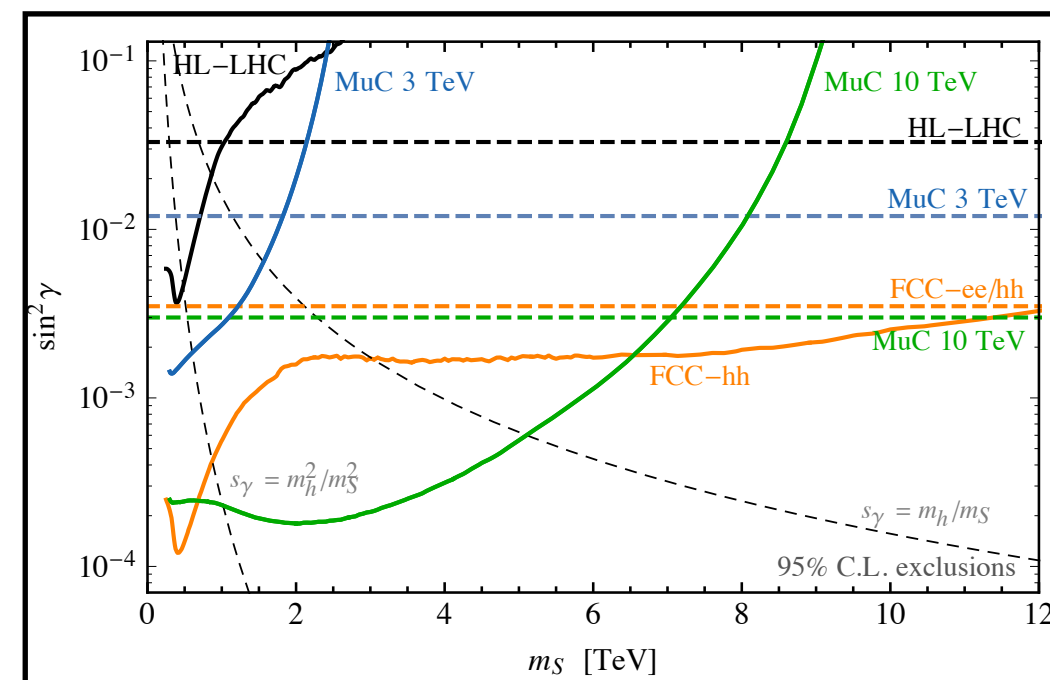
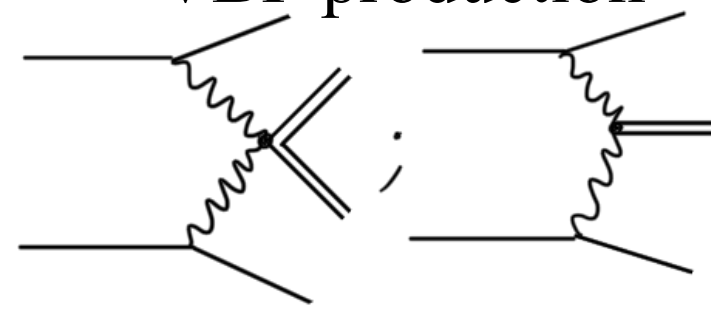
- unique probe of EW+Higgs in novel high-energy regime.*
- The SM is a great physics case!*



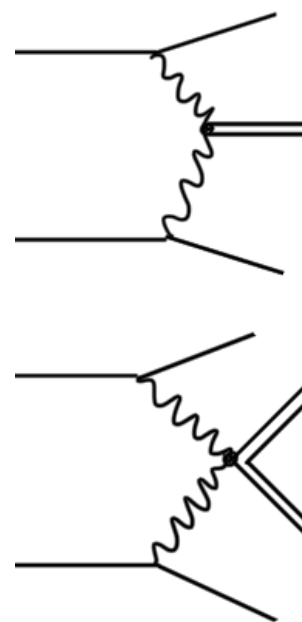
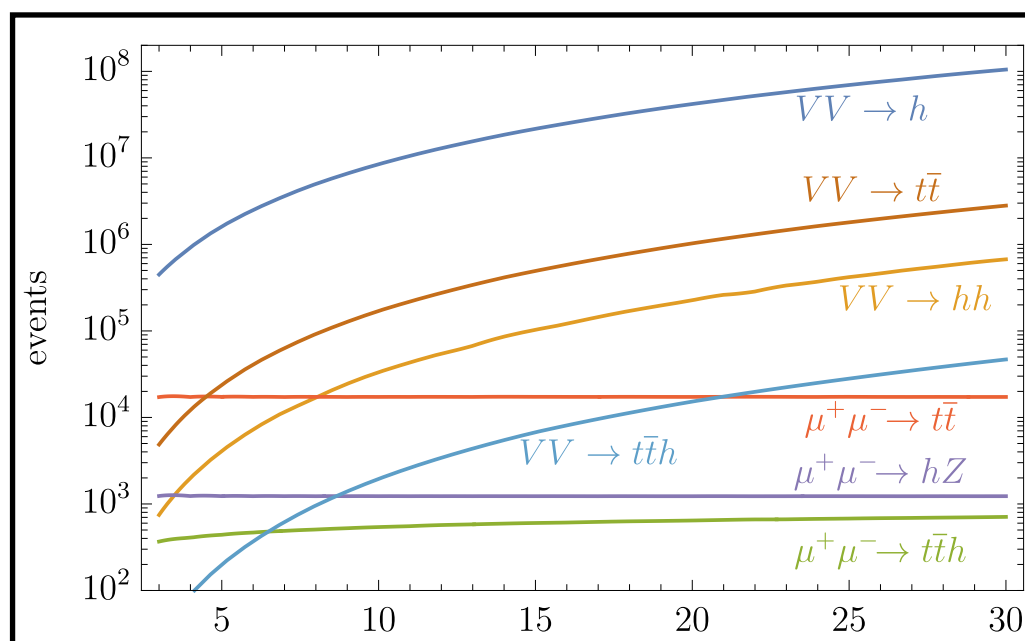
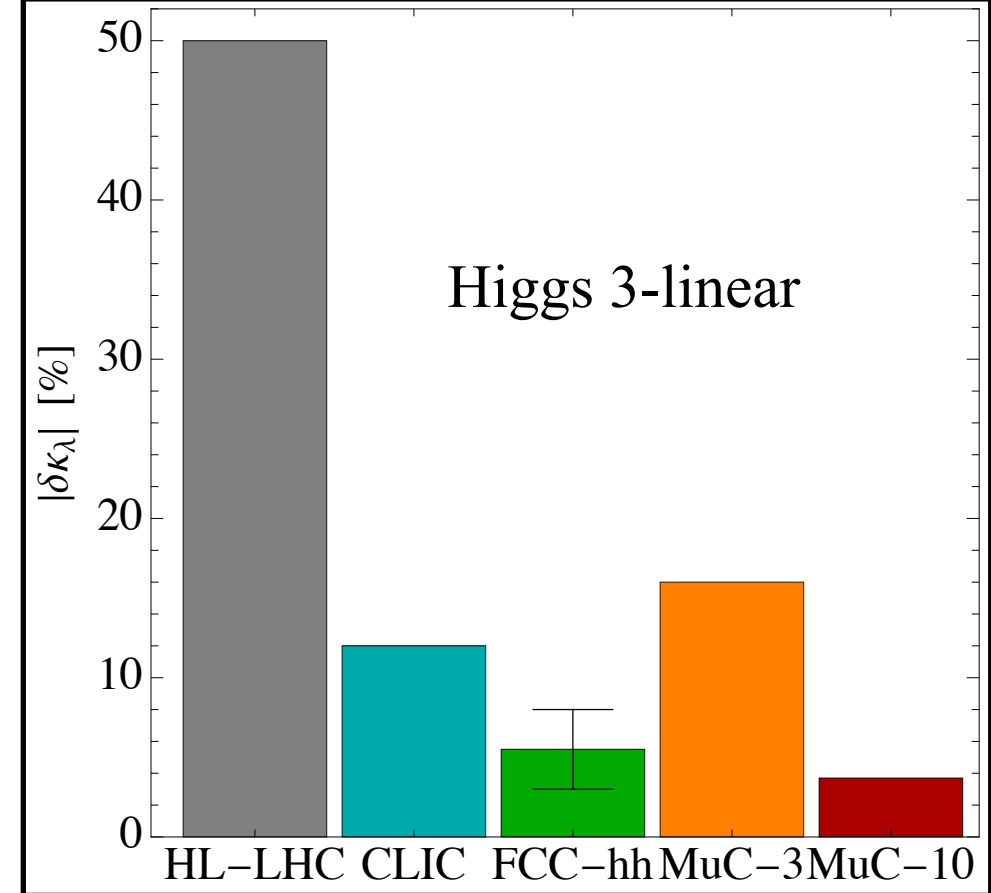
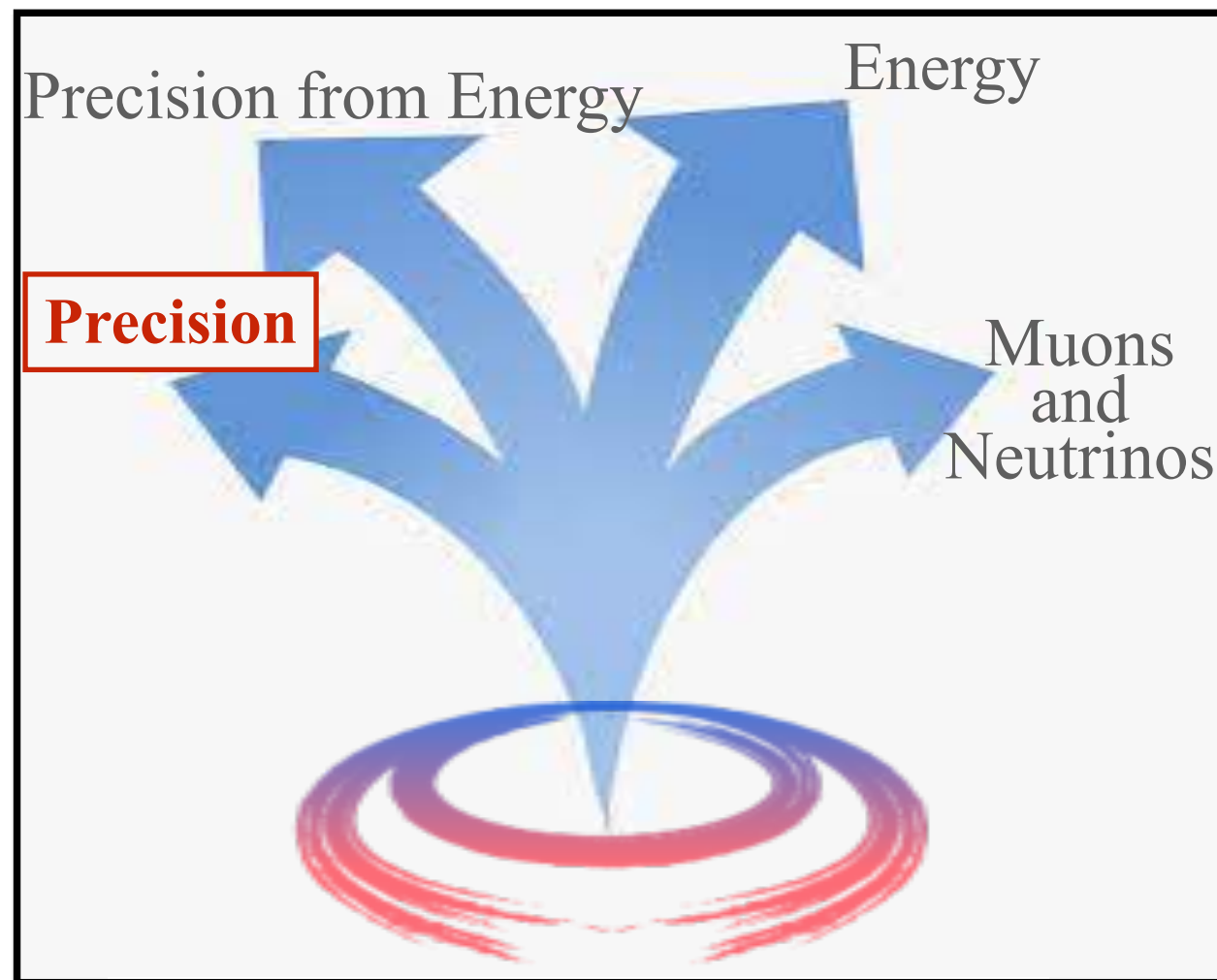
EW Production



VBF production



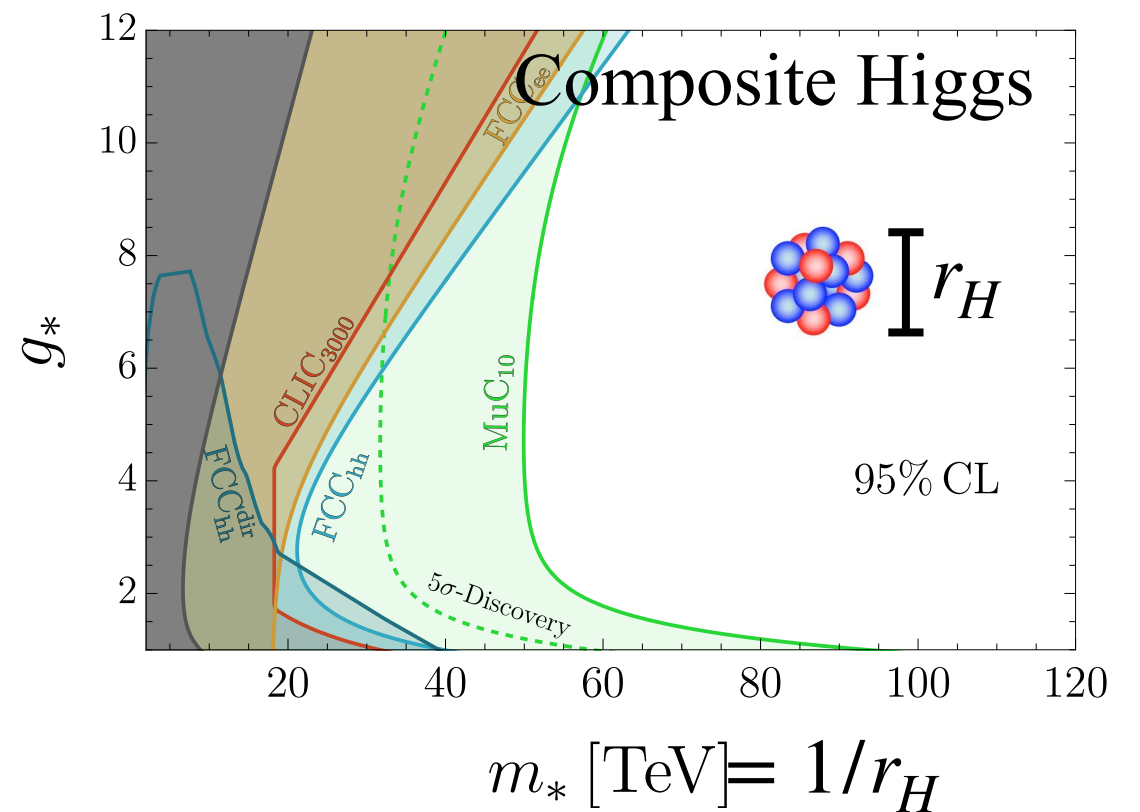
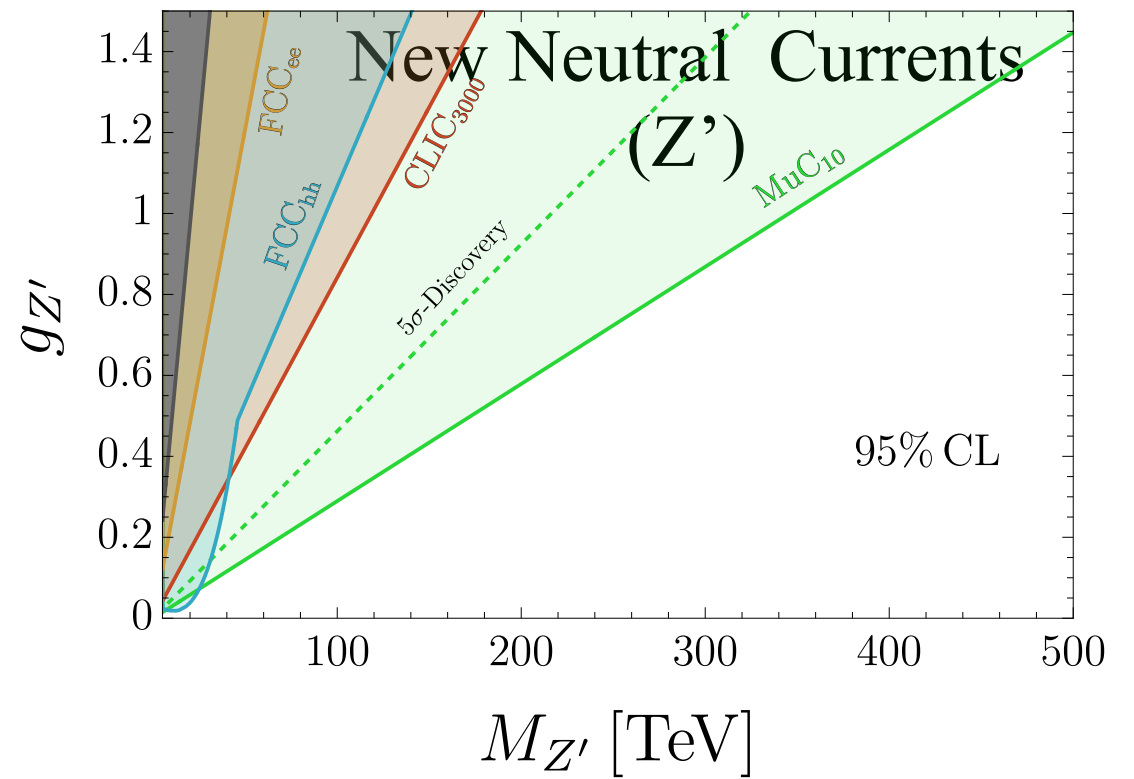
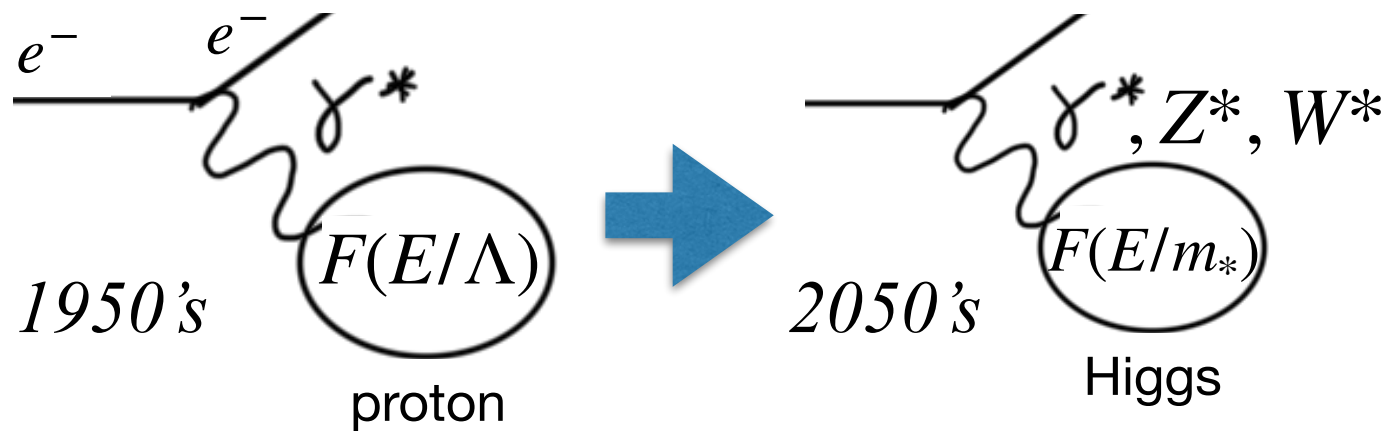
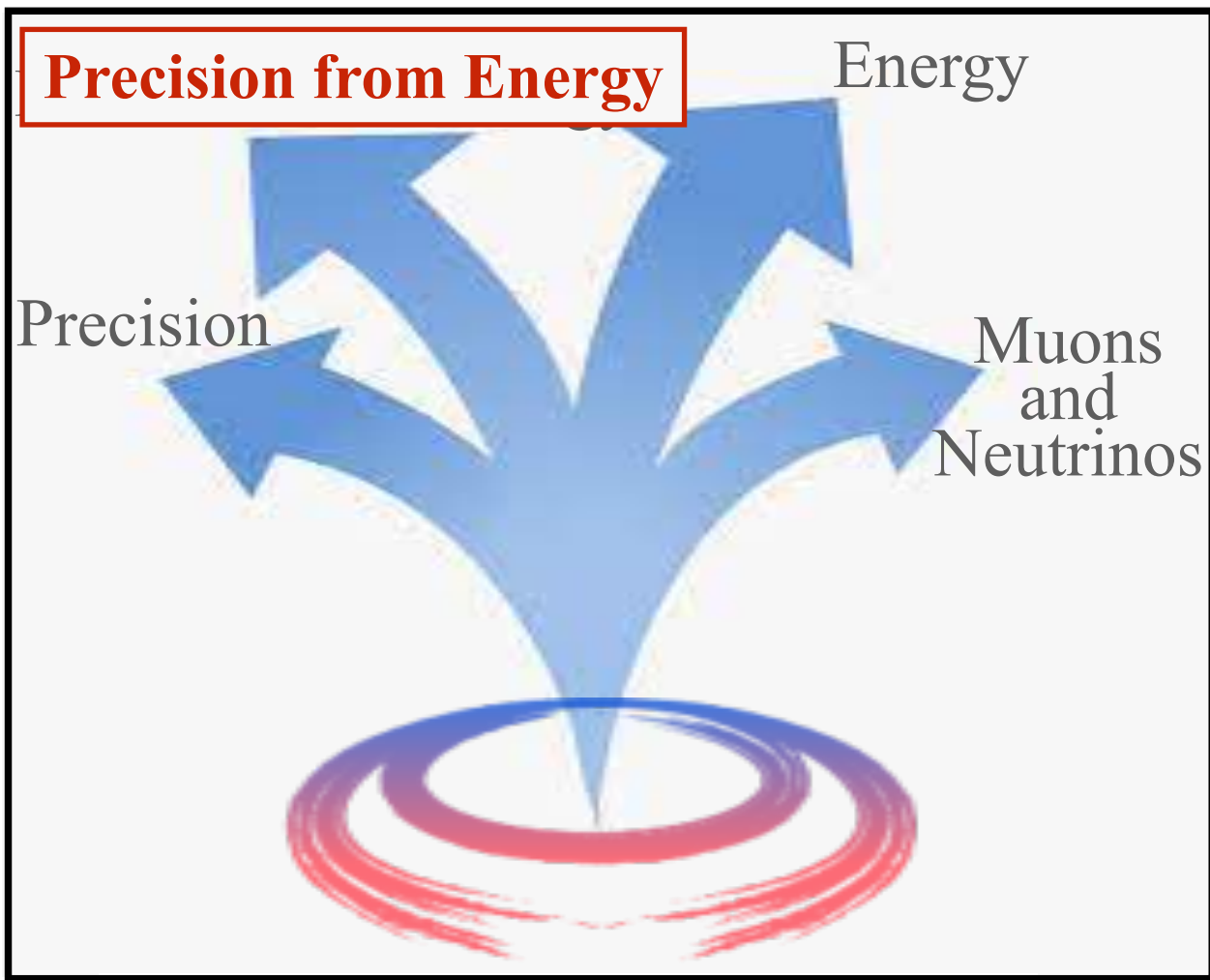
Discover new heavy particles such as long-sought WIMP dark matter candidates



κ [%]	HL-LHC	HL-LHC +10 TeV	HL-LHC +10 TeV + ee
κ_W	1.7	0.1	0.1
κ_Z	1.5	0.2	0.1
κ_g	2.3	0.5	0.5
κ_γ	1.9	0.7	0.7
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	10	5.2	3.9
κ_c	-	1.9	0.9
κ_b	3.6	0.4	0.4
κ_μ	4.6	2.4	2.2
κ_τ	1.9	0.5	0.3

10 M Higgs bosons produced

Permille-level precision
on Higgs couplings

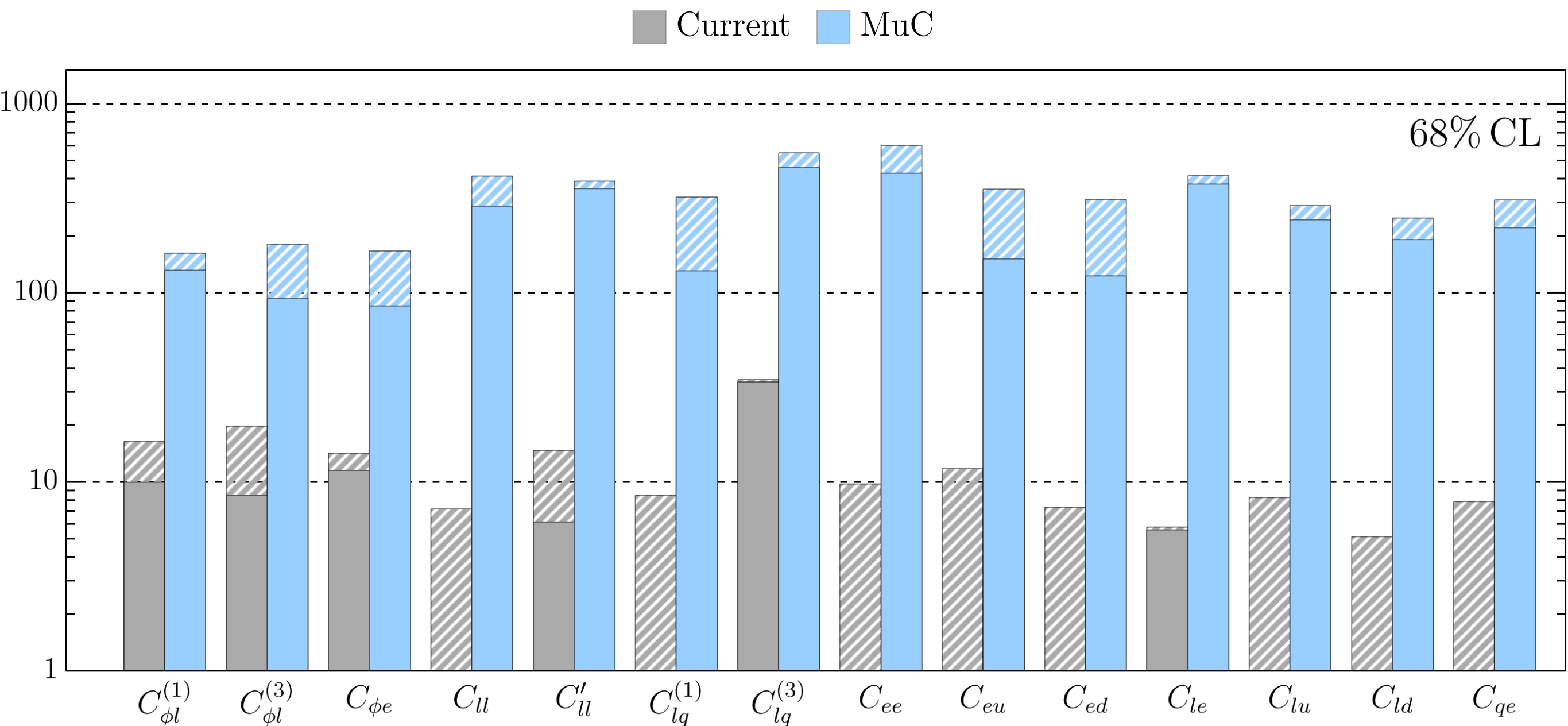


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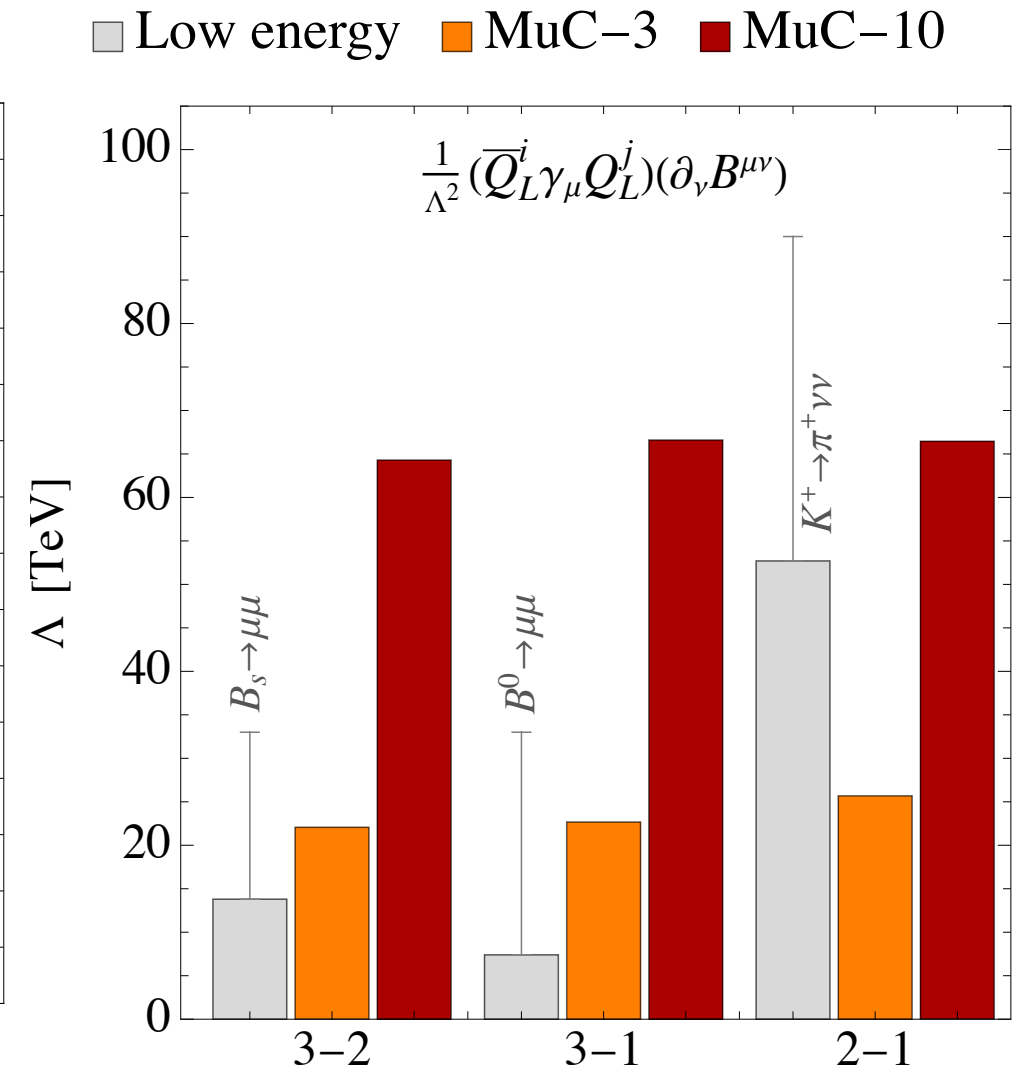
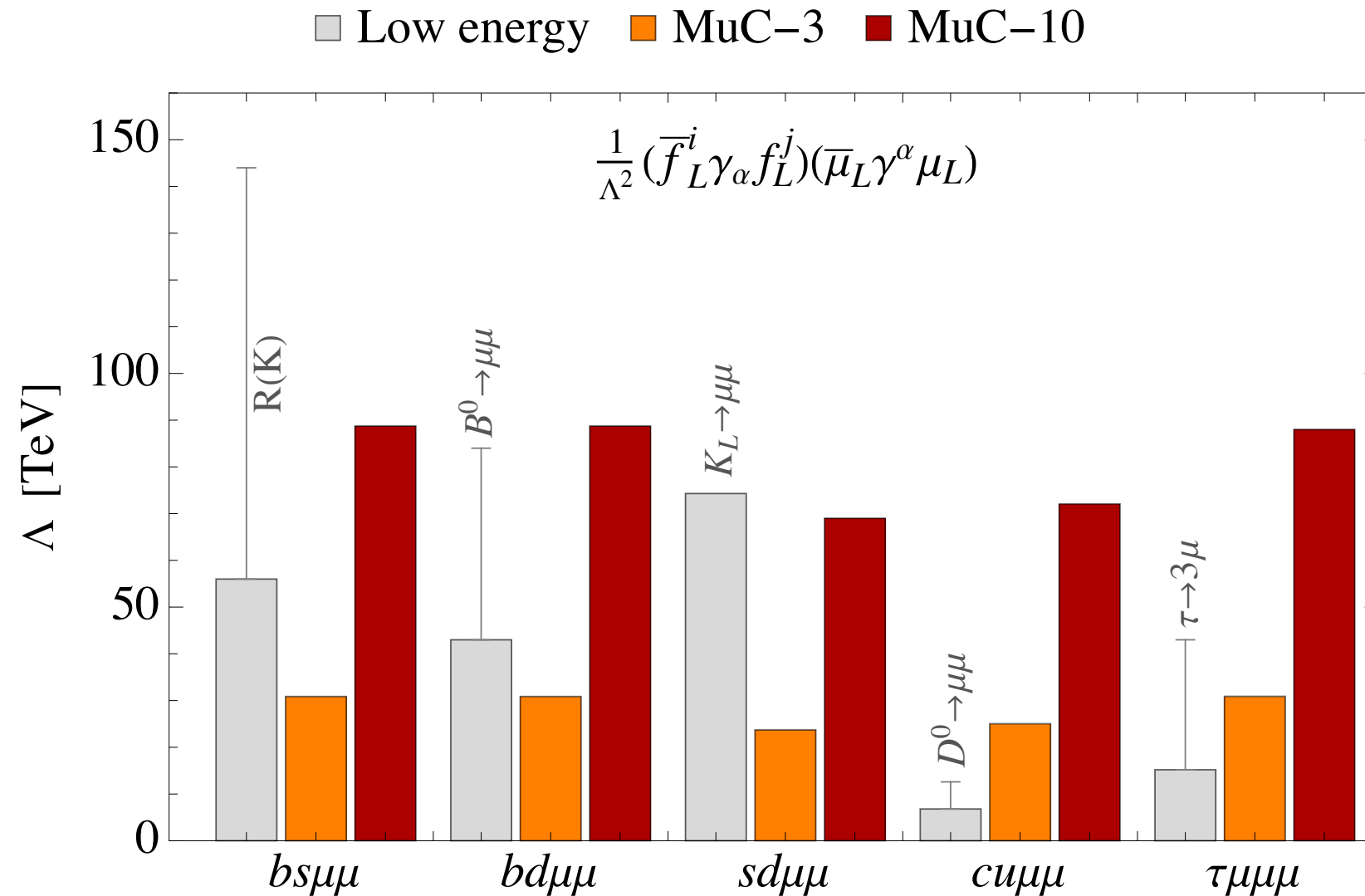
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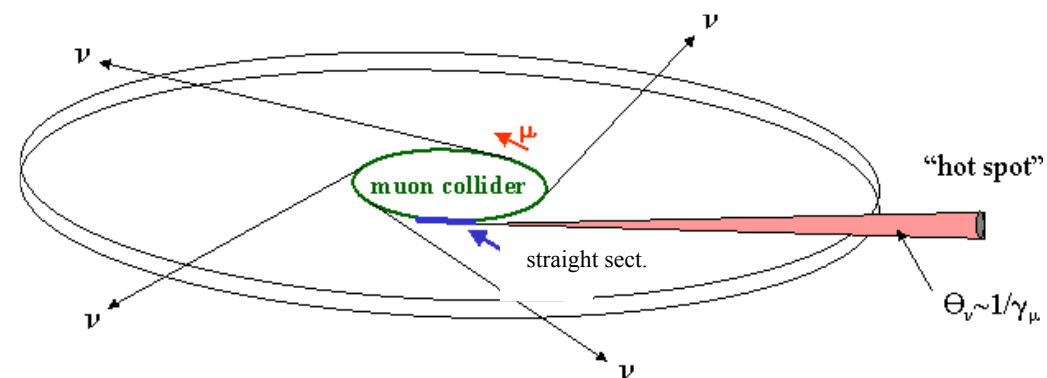
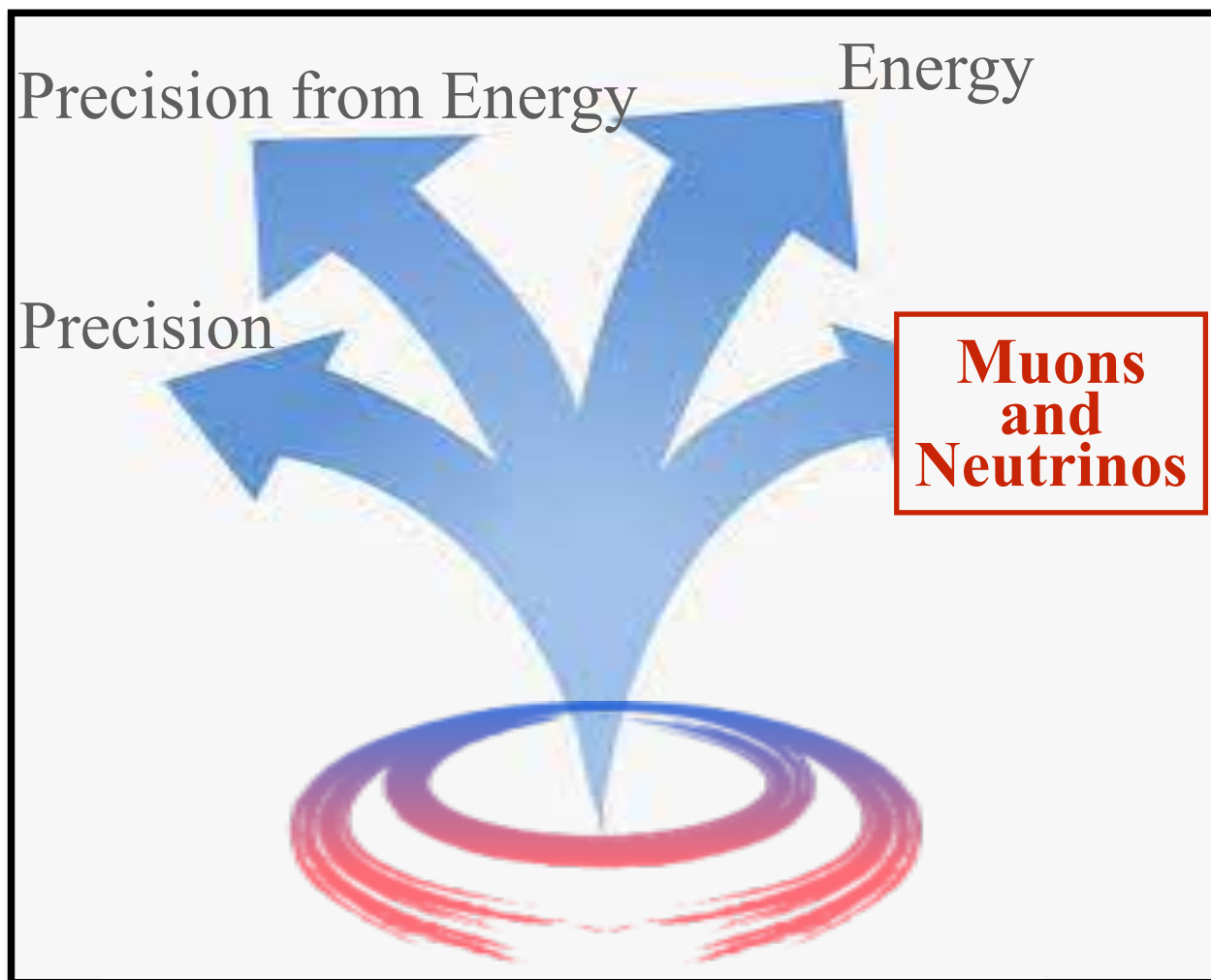


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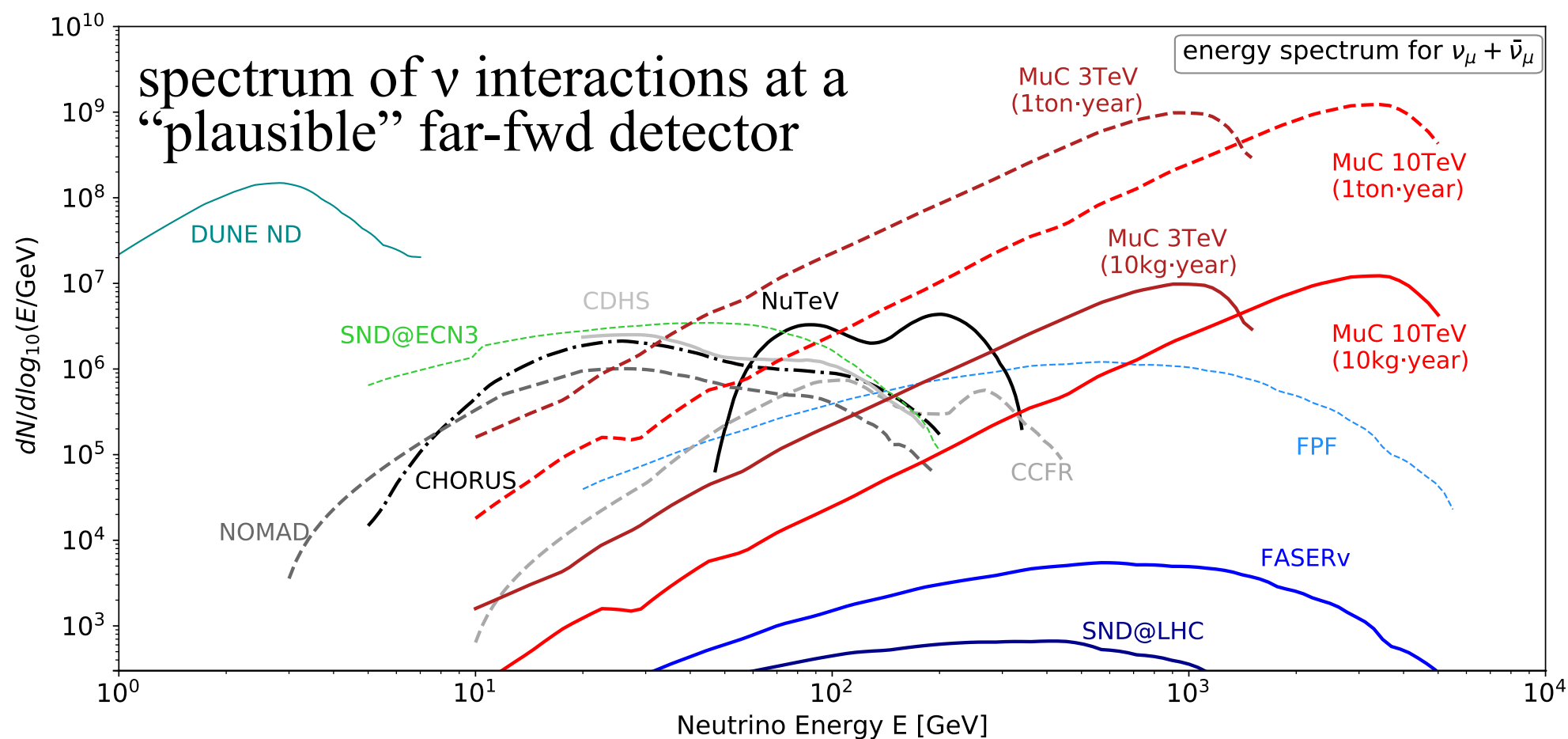
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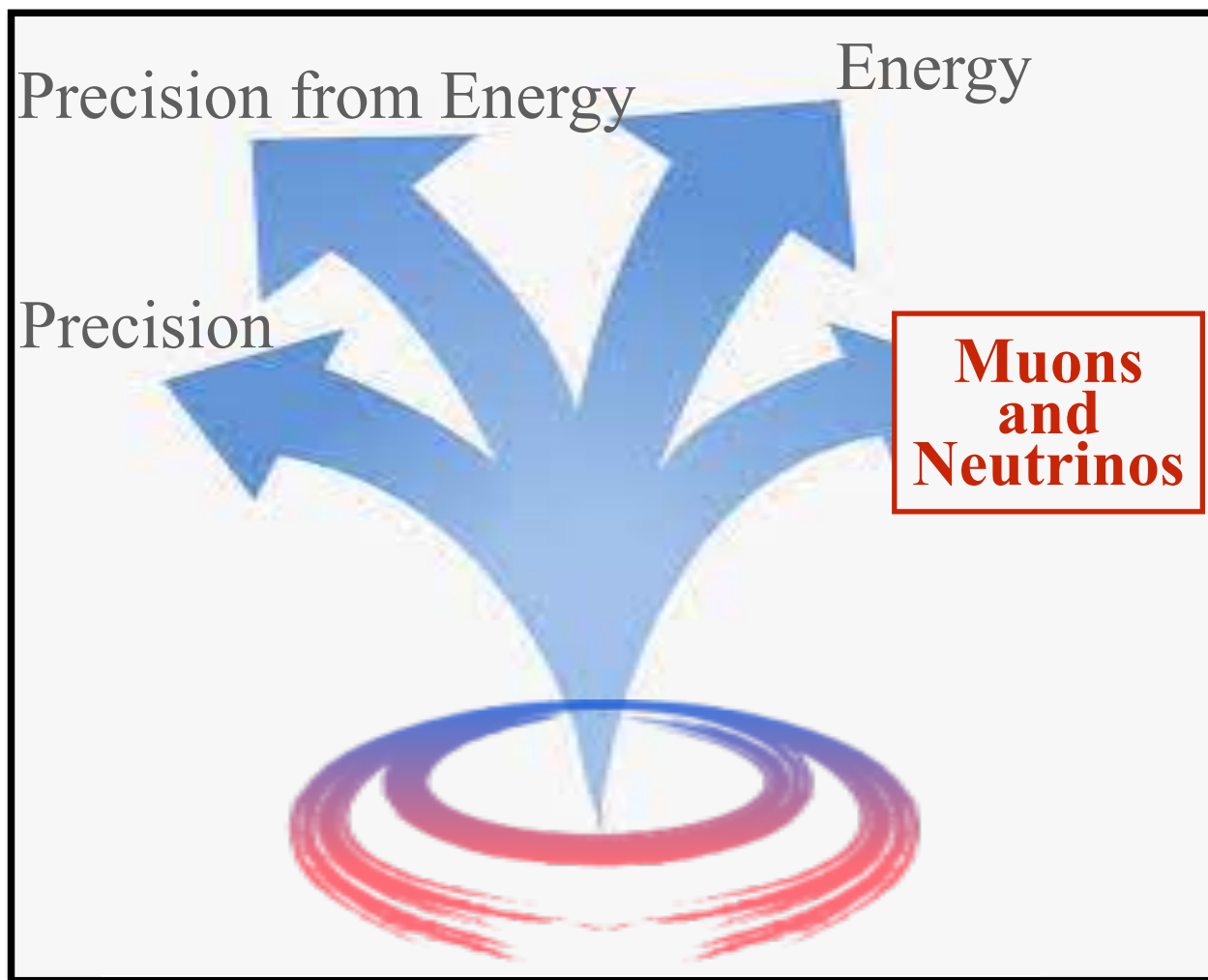
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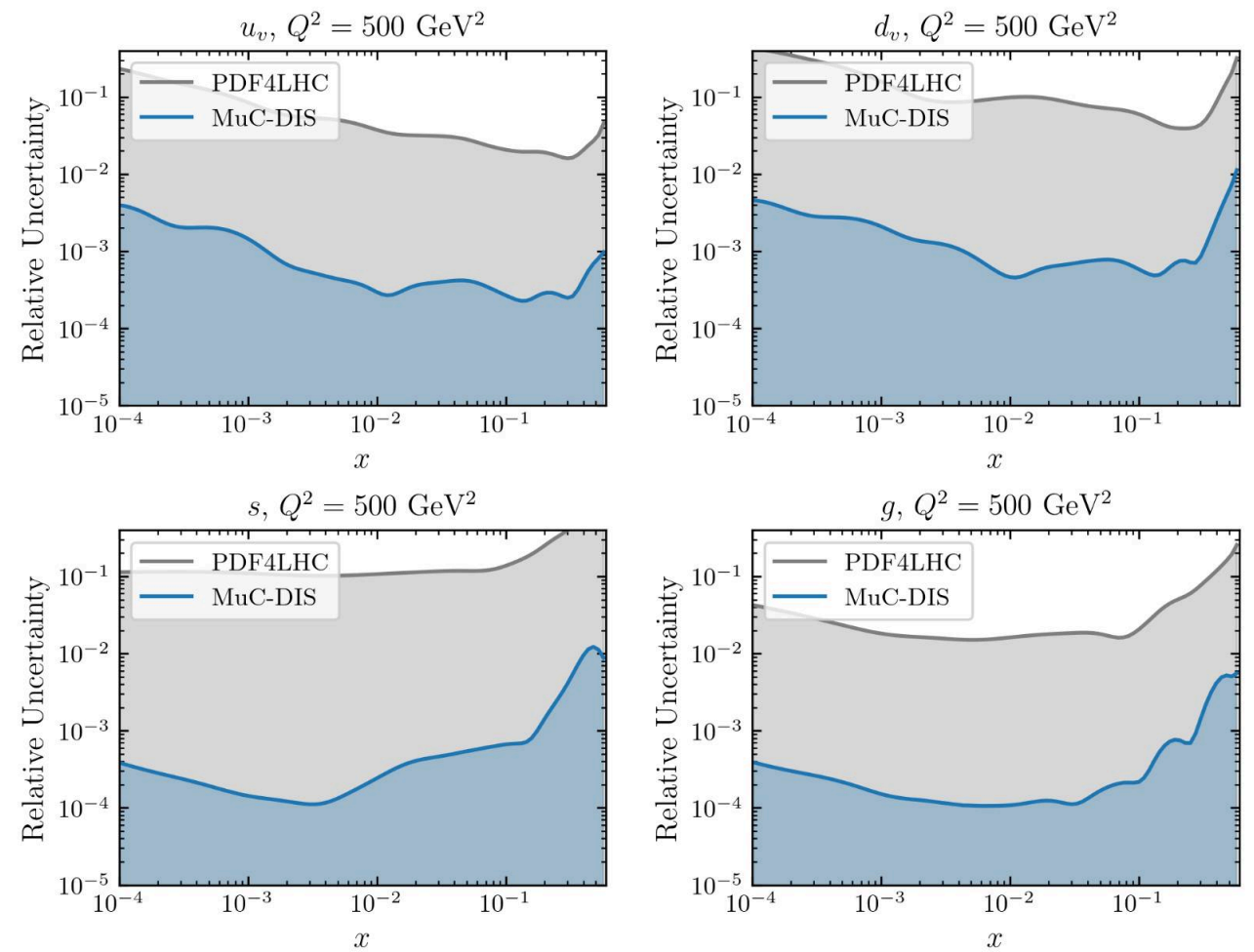


Muons decay to neutrinos:
Collimated, perfectly known,
TeV-energy neutrino beam

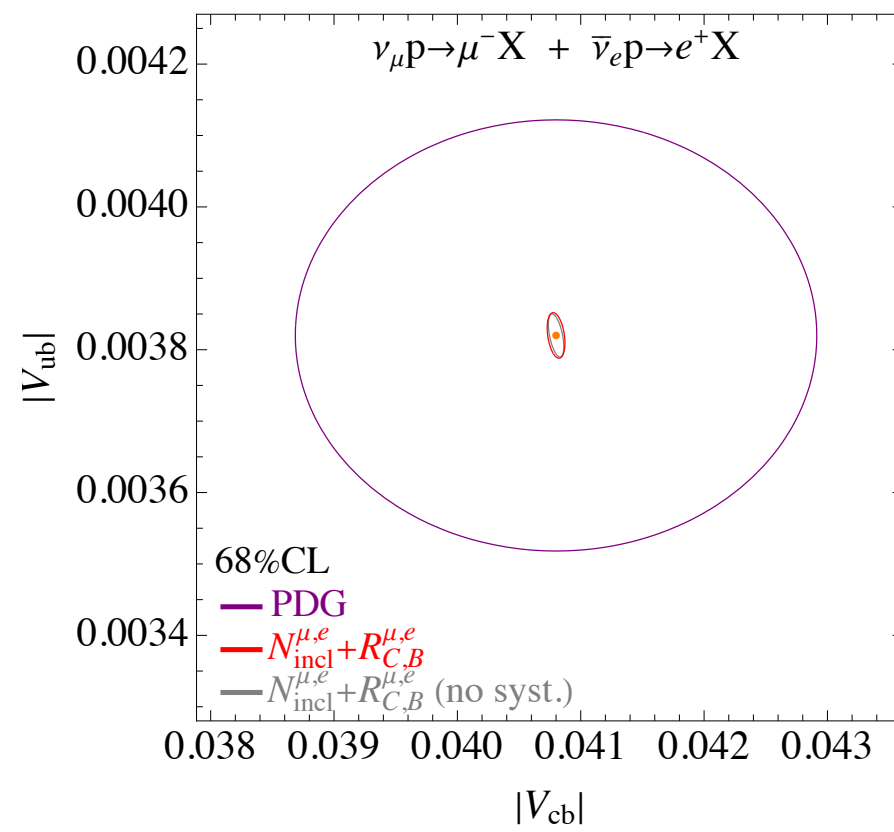
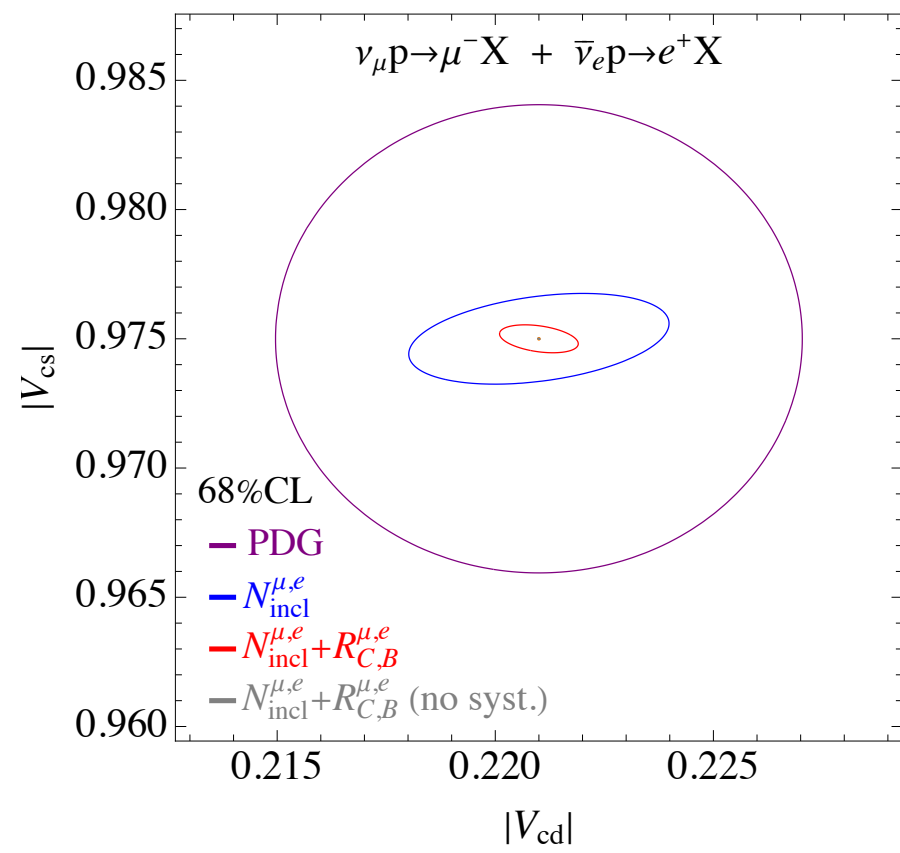




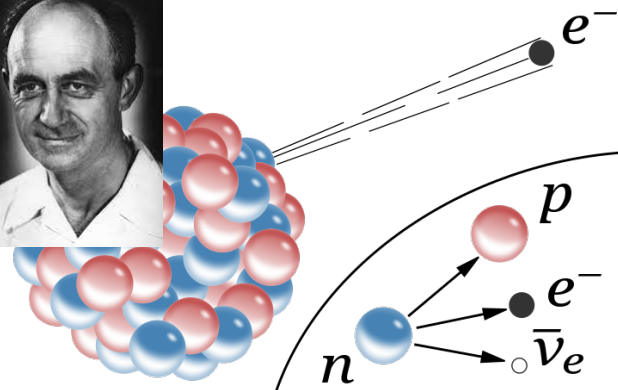
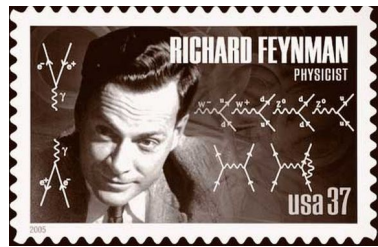
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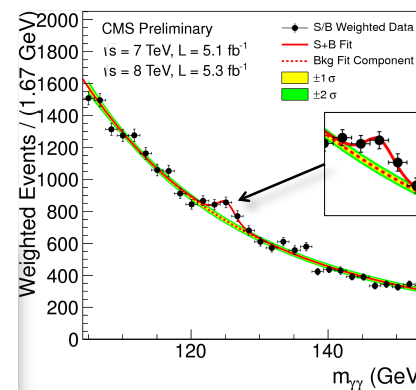
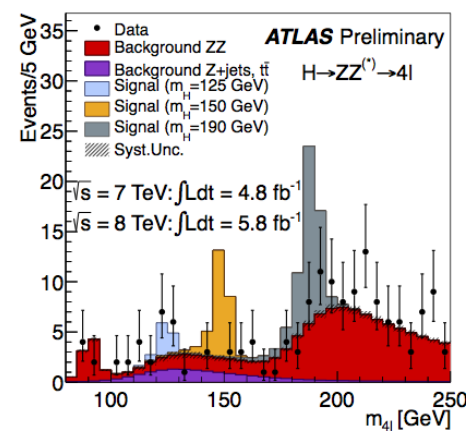
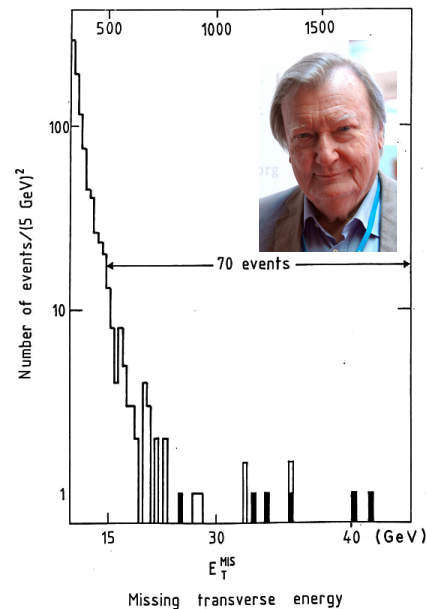
CKM elements determination



Muon Collider Physics: a SM view



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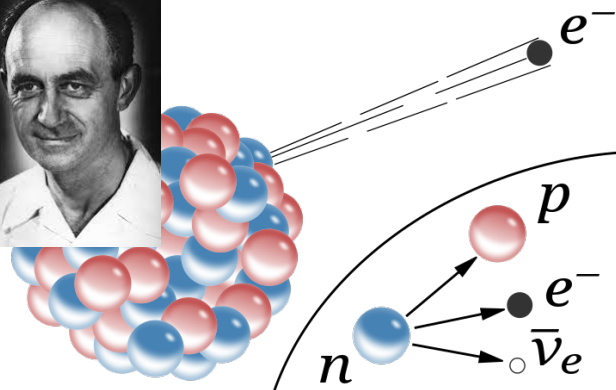
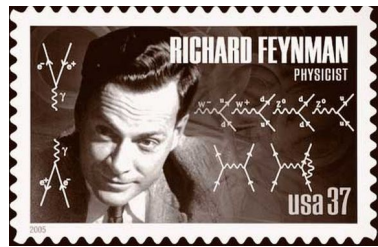


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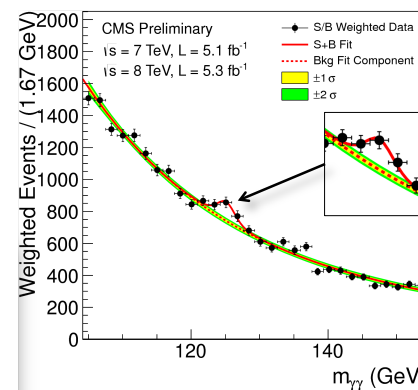
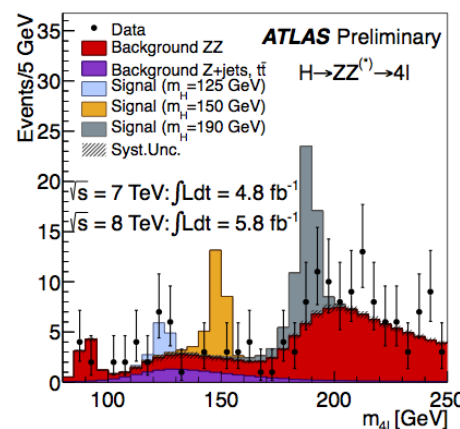
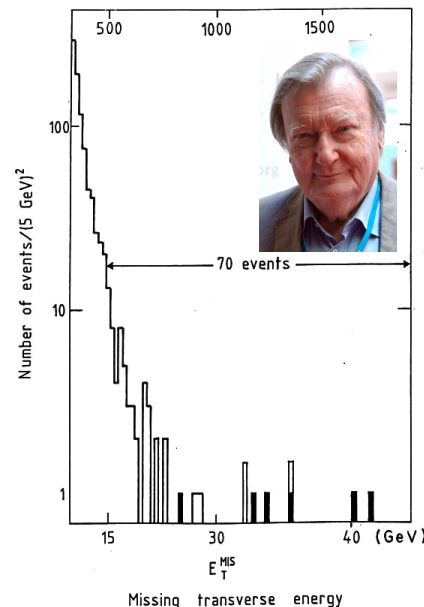
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Muon Collider Physics: a SM view



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Most direct theory implications are at high En.

The role of the Higgs as part of the microscopic description of the EW force must be verified by **high energy** experiments

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Muon Collider Physics: a SM view

The muon collider will **probe a new regime of EW (+H) force:**
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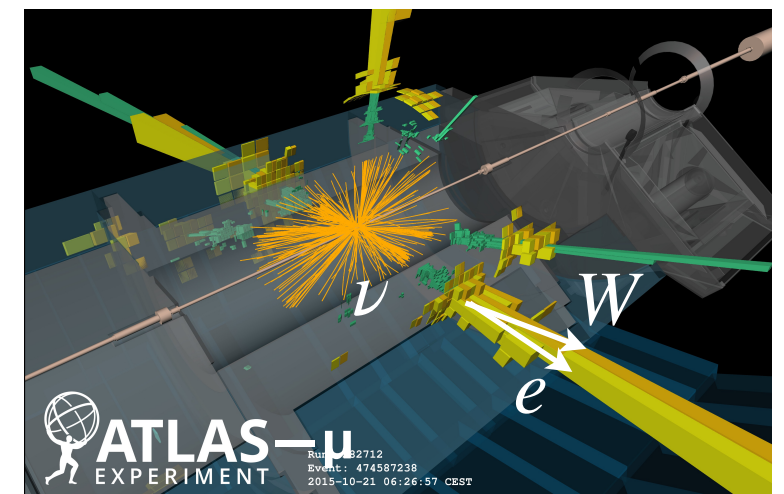
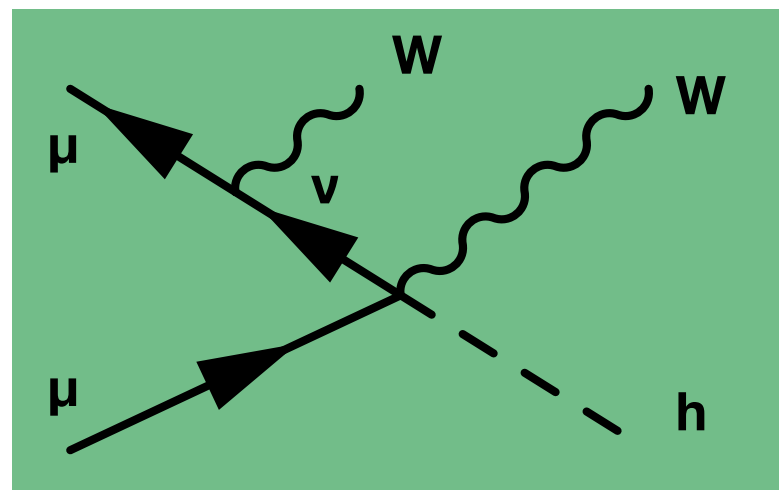
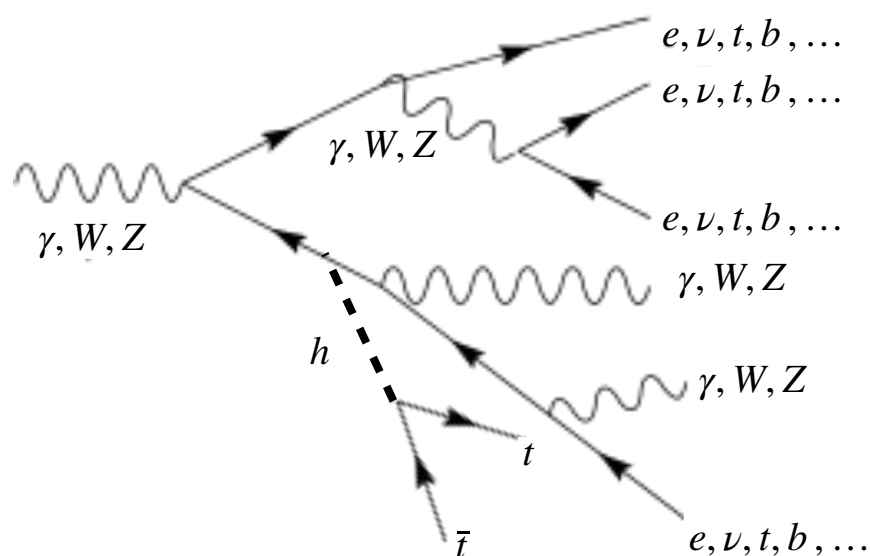
Plenty of cool things will happen:

Electroweak Restoration. The $SU(2) \times U(1)$ group emerging, finally!

Electroweak Radiation in nearly massless broken gauge theory.
Never observed, never computed (and we don't know how!)

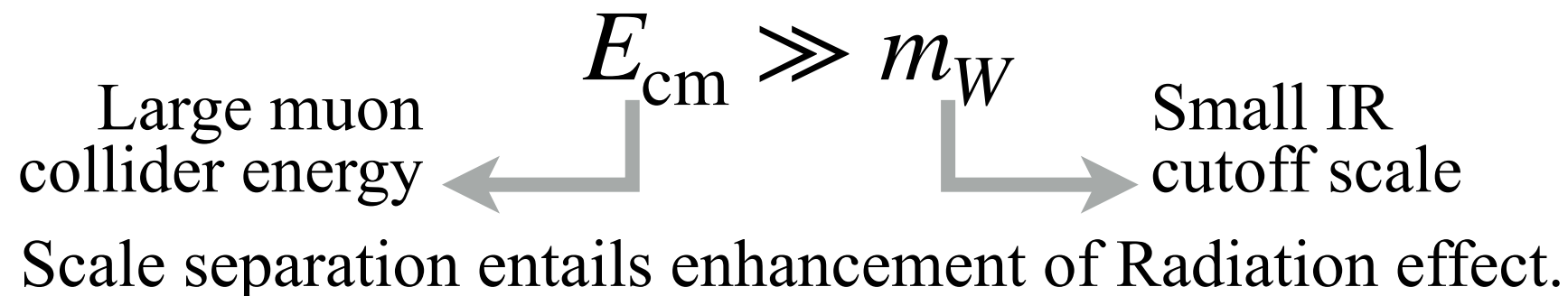
The **partonic content of the muon:** EW bosons, neutrinos, gluons, tops, ...
Copious scattering of 5 TeV neutrinos!

The **particle content of partons:** e.g., find Higgs in tops, or in W's, etc
Neutrino jets will be observed, and many more cool things



Theory Challenges

EW theory is weakly coupled, but observables are not IR safe



Like QCD ($E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$) and QED ($E \gg m_\gamma = 0$), **but:**

EW symmetry is broken:
EW color is observable ($W \neq Z$).
KLN Theorem non-applicable.
(inclusive observables not safe)

Practical need of computing
EW Radiation effects
Enhanced by $\log^{(2)} E^2/m_{\text{EW}}^2$

EW theory is Weakly-Coupled
The IR cutoff is physical

First-Principle predictions
must be possible
For arbitrary multiplicity final state

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[More in backup]

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The muon collider is a **high-energy electroweak (lepton) collider**

- Unique direct access to the simplicity of the **Standard Model** in new h.e. regime
- Unique promise for conclusive **Beyond the Standard Model** physics exploration.
- Combines **energy** with **precision** gaining more than the union of the two.

Unique physics opportunities

- Explore 10 TeV scale
- **New strategies** to address old questions:
 - Higgs characterisation in VBF
 - Energy & Accuracy
 - Lepton and quark flavour at high-energy
- **New questions from new strategies:**
 - EW+Higgs physics in novel regime
 - Neutrino beam



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Coordinated MuC R&D effort is progressing:

- Led by **Europe** after extraordinarily quick expertise ramp-up
- Key US competences will re-enter after P5 recommendation implementation

IMCC proposes detailed R&D path

- A cooling **demonstrator facility**.
- Many smaller-scale technology demonstrators.
- Few years away from establishing muon collider feasibility!

Take-home messages

Why working on the MuC? — Because is **new!**

- **The first collider of its species!**
- Challenges/opportunities in **all areas** of accelerator physics
- Plus, technology **synergies**
- Opportunity also for **Physics, Experiment, Detector:**
A lot of cool LHC physics was done decades before the LHC started
And LHC physics was built on decades of previous proton collider experience!
Twenty years is barely enough to be ready!

New enthusiasm on muon colliders:

- In spite of (actually, because of!) the risk of failure
- Scientists like working on what is new and difficult
- **Opportunity—see P5 outcome—for collider physics at large**

Thank You

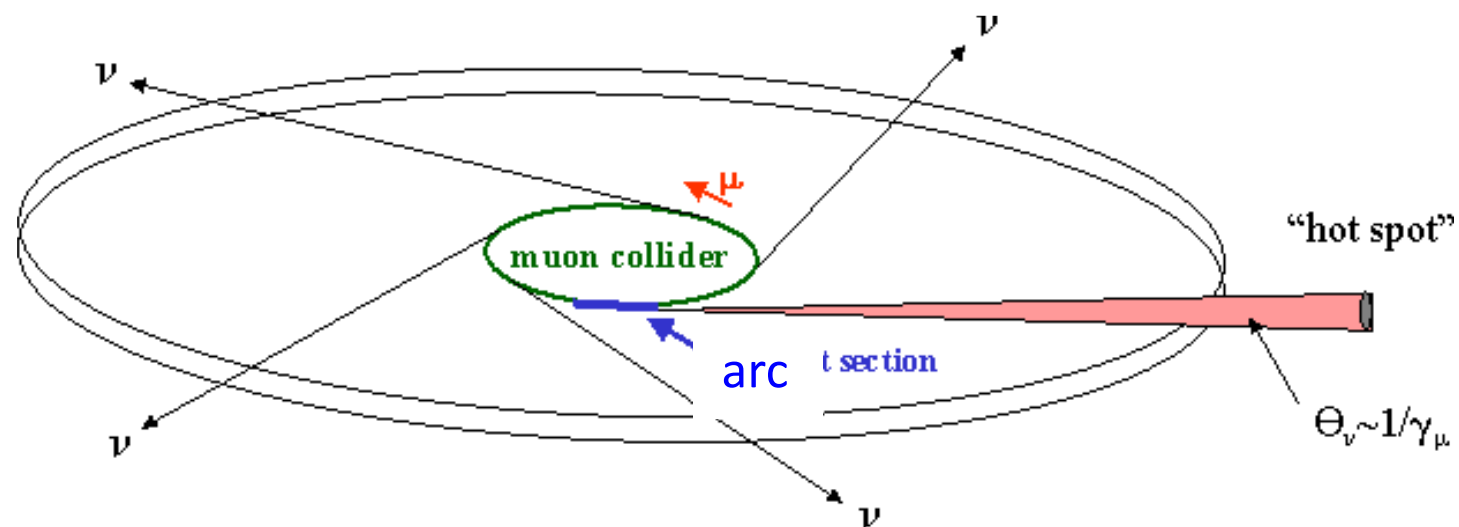
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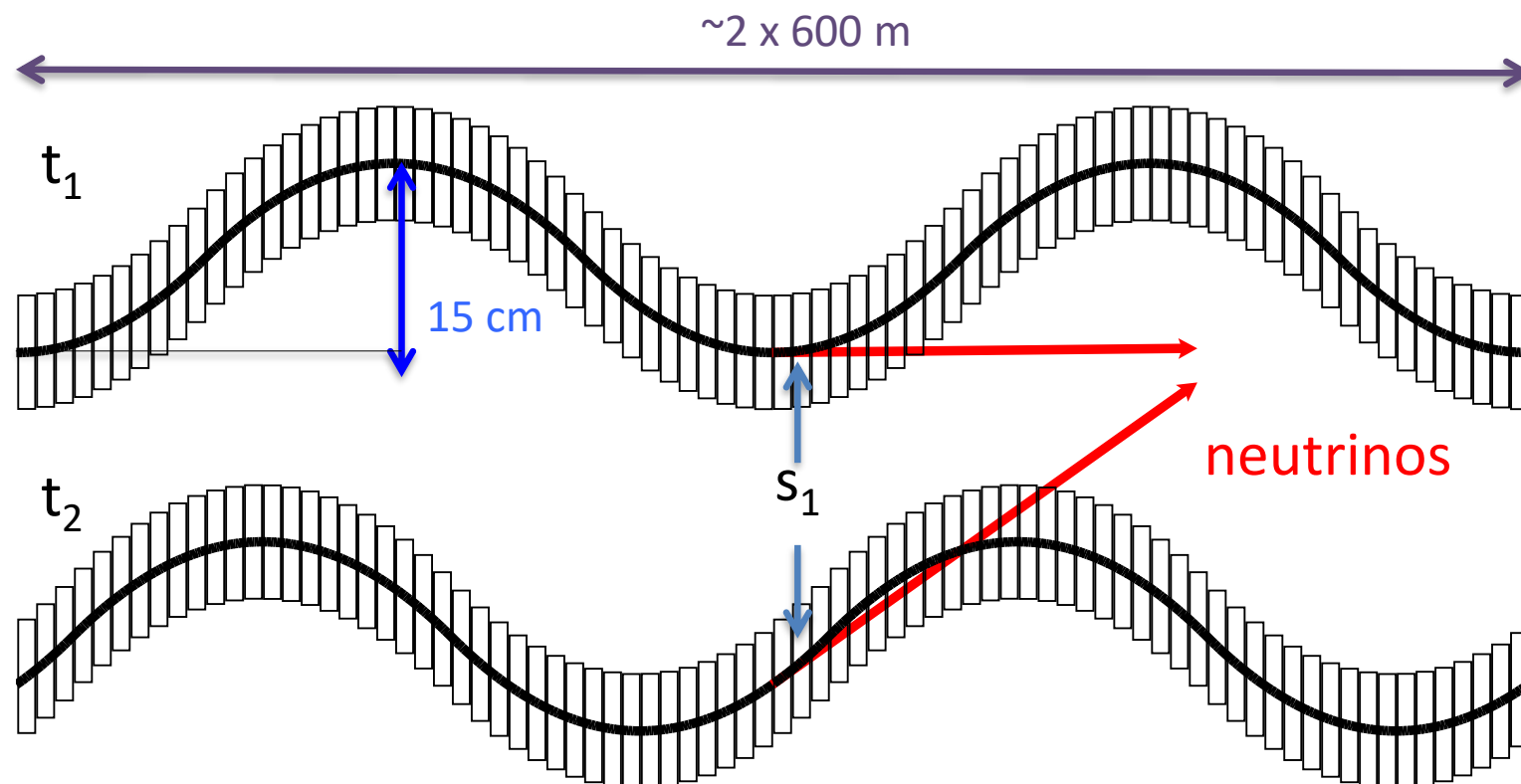
Radiation dose from neutrinos



Legal limit: 1 mSv/year

IMCC goal: **below threshold
for legal procedure**
 $< 10 \mu\text{Sv/year}$

LHC achieved: $< 5 \mu\text{Sv/year}$



With opening angle of 1 mrad:

14 TeV MuC as safe as LHC

Need to engineer mover system
and study impact on beams

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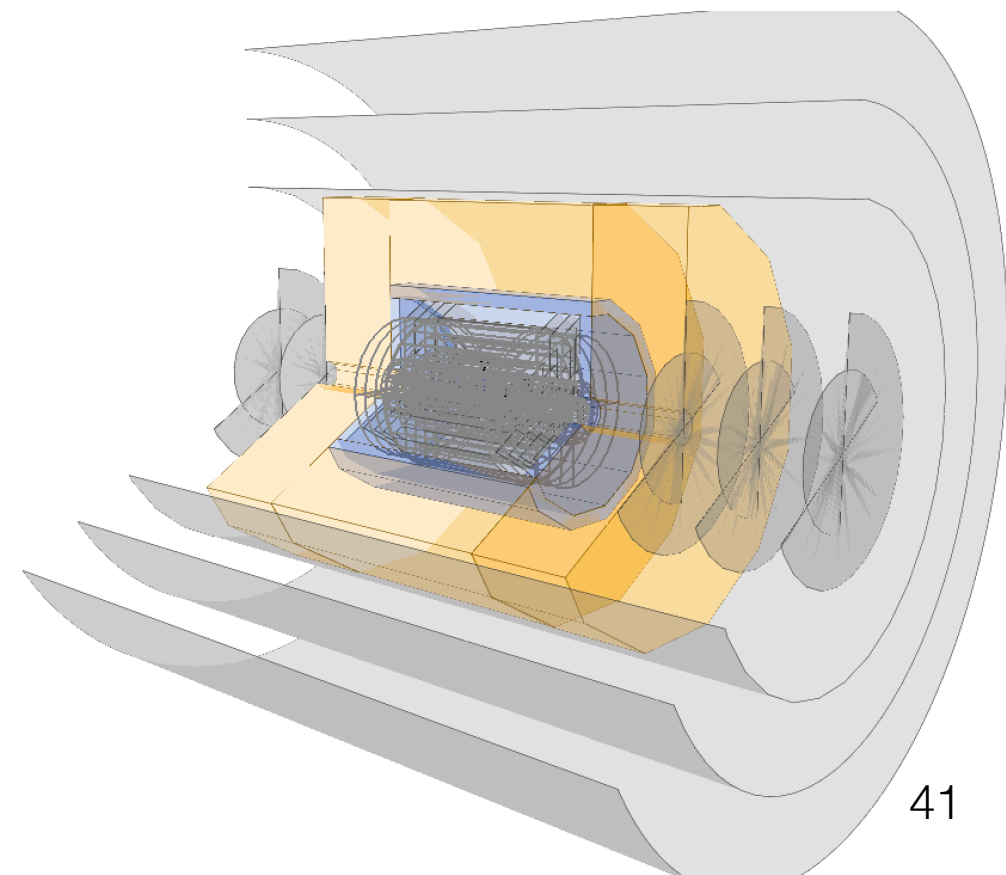
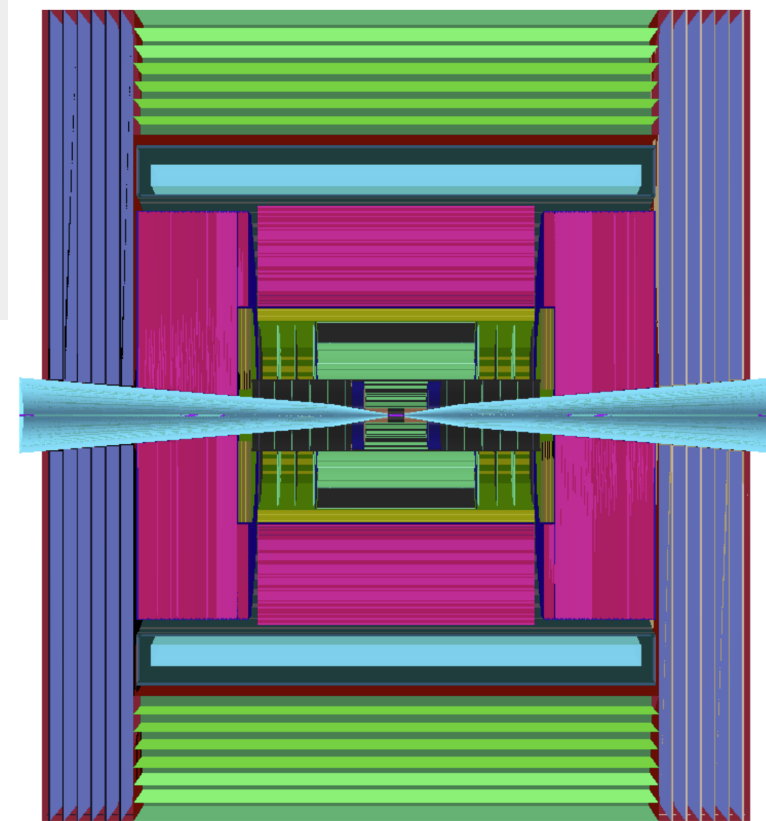
- Extract physics from GeV- and from TeV-energy particles
- Built-in sensitivity to “unconventional” signatures

The BIB is under control. See EPJC Review

- Demonstrated LHC-level performances with CLIC-like design
- Sensitivity to Higgs production
- Disappearing/short tracks detection
→ Thermal Higgsino & 3 TeV MuC!

Exciting opportunities ahead

- Explore new detector concepts
- Identify and pursue key R&D requirements for technology development in next 20 years
- New challenges → new techniques that could be ported back to HL-LHC and F.C.
- Tackle the gigantic physics program of the MuC!

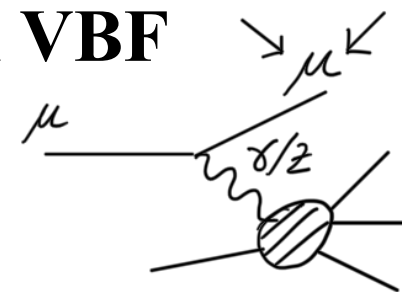


Target Detector performances

Requirement	Baseline		Aspirational
	$\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$	$\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$	
Angular acceptance	$ \eta < 2.5$	$ \eta < 2.5$	$ \eta < 4$
Minimum tracking distance [cm]	~ 3	~ 3	< 3
Forward muons ($\eta > 5$)	–	tag	$\sigma_p/p \sim 10\%$
Track σ_{p_T}/p_T^2 [GeV $^{-1}$]	4×10^{-5}	4×10^{-5}	1×10^{-5}
Photon energy resolution	$0.2/\sqrt{E}$	$0.2/\sqrt{E}$	$0.1/\sqrt{E}$
Neutral hadron energy resolution	$0.5/\sqrt{E}$	$0.4/\sqrt{E}$	$0.2/\sqrt{E}$
Timing resolution (tracker) [ps]	$\sim 30 - 60$	$\sim 30 - 60$	$\sim 10 - 30$
Timing resolution (calorimeters) [ps]	100	100	10
Timing resolution (muon system) [ps]	~ 50 for $ \eta > 2.5$	~ 50 for $ \eta > 2.5$	< 50 for $ \eta > 2.5$
Flavour tagging	b vs c	b vs c	b vs c , s -tagging
Boosted hadronic resonance ID	h vs W/Z	h vs W/Z	W vs Z

Note **unique** muon collider **opportunity to tag very forward muons from VBF**

- Invisible or untagged Higgs (absolute coupling)
- Angular correlations for Higgs CP, VBS characterisation, etc
- Higgs-portal DM and other BSM



Physics targets for optimisation: Higgs precision; heavy resonances; disappearing tracks
 Timing for BIB suppression, but also low- β particles tagging

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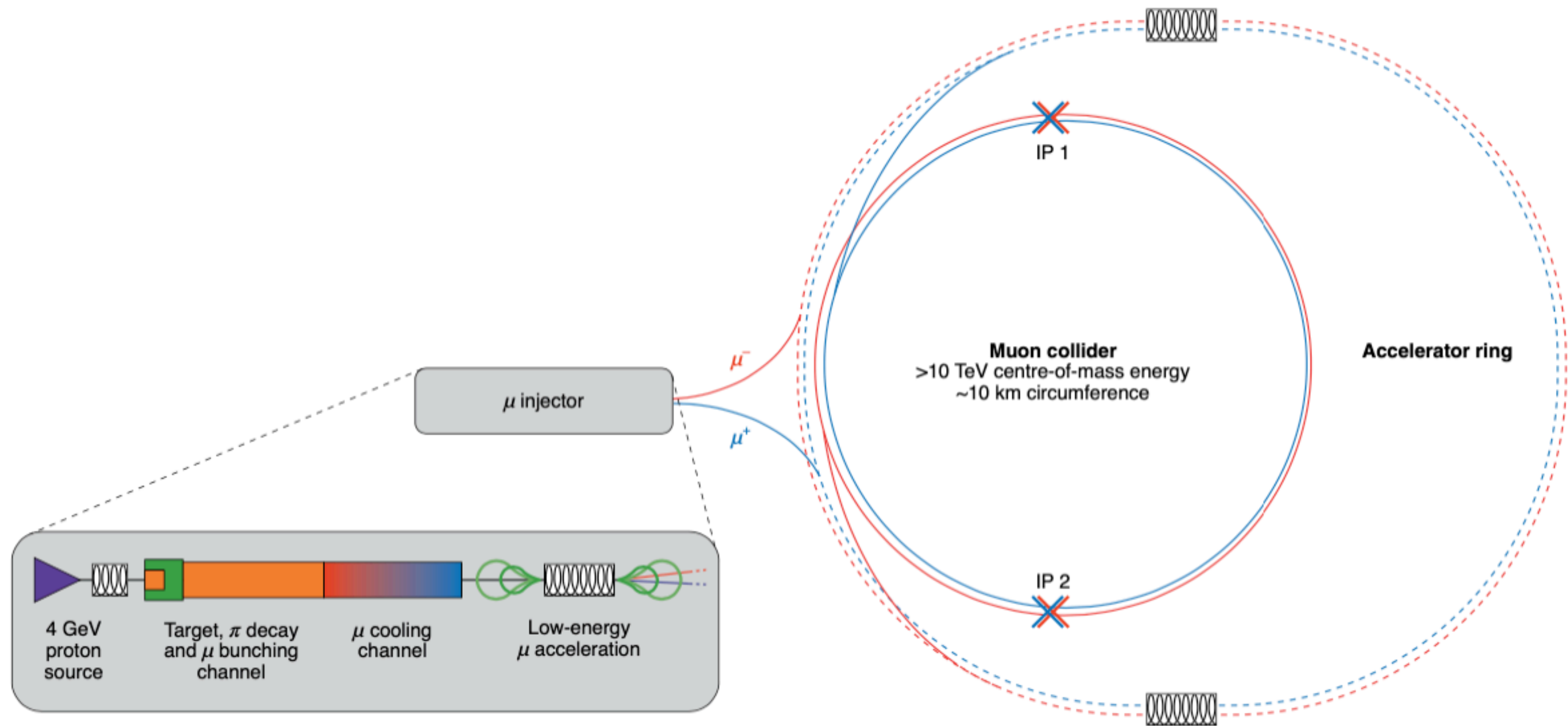
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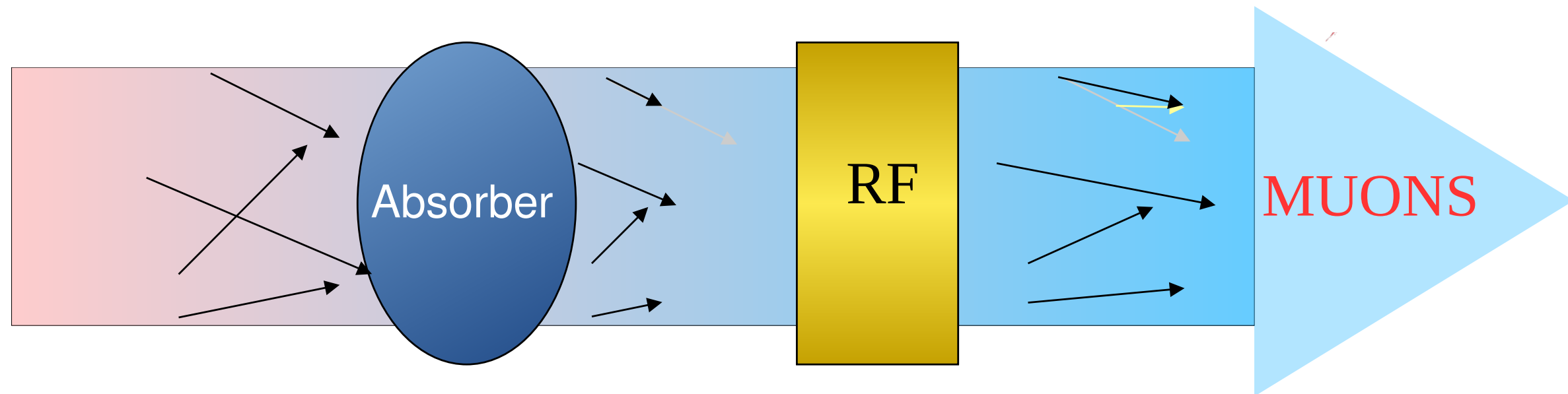
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Muon Collider Facility

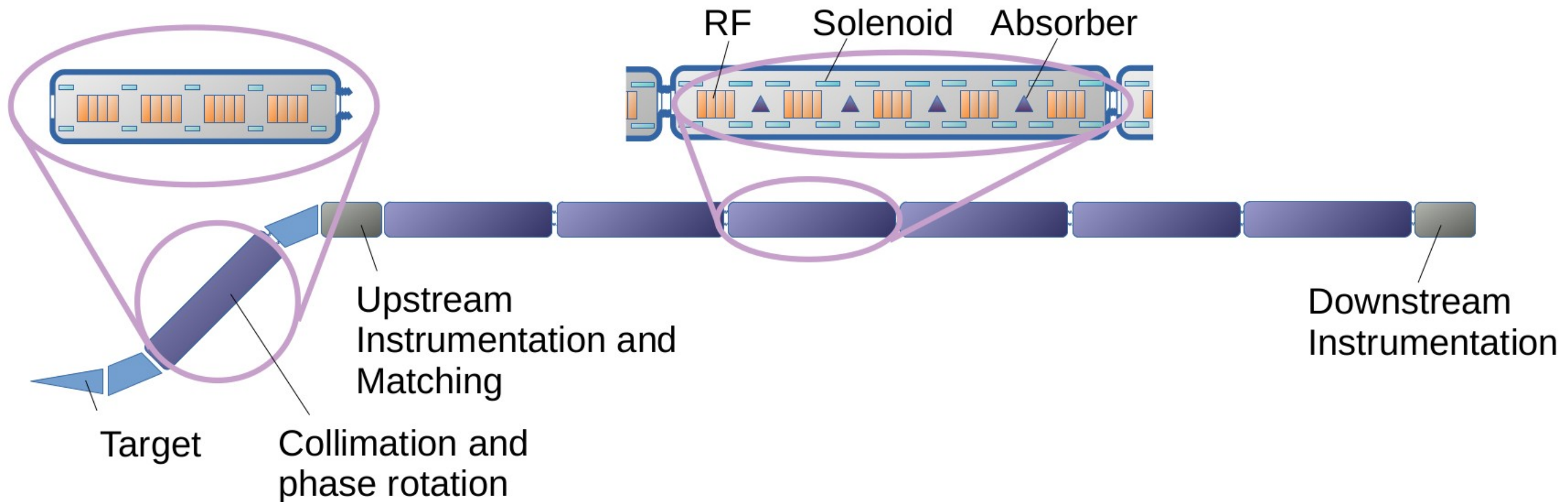


Ionisation Cooling



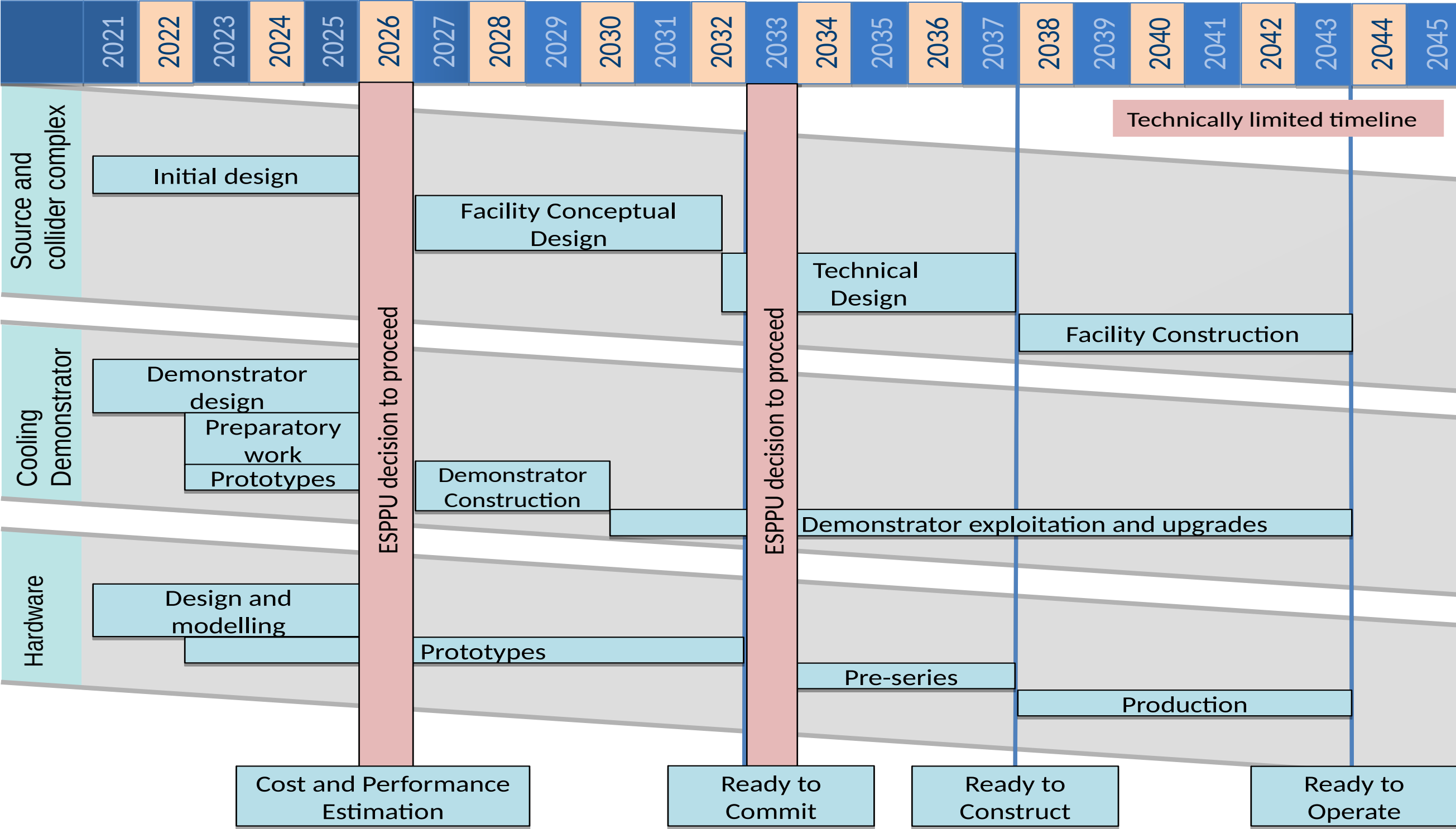
- Beam loses energy in absorbing material
 - Absorber removes momentum in all directions
 - RF cavity replaces momentum only in longitudinal direction
 - End up with beam that is more straight
- Demonstrated by the Muon Ionisation Cooling Experiment

Cooling Demonstrator



- Build on MICE
 - Longitudinal and transverse cooling
 - Re-acceleration
 - Chaining together multiple cells
 - Routine operation

Technically limited timeline [Stay tuned for consolidated timeline release]



Particle Physics Community



- Huge “grass roots” interest from the particle and accelerator physics community

IEIO	CERN	UK	RAL	US	Iowa State University	KO	KEU
FR	CEA-IRFU		UK Research and Innovation		Wisconsin-Madison		Yonsei University
	CNRS-LNCMI		<i>University of Lancaster</i>		<i>Pittsburg University</i>	India	<i>CHEP</i>
DE	DESY		University of Southampton		Old Dominion	IT	INFN Frascati
	Technical University of Darmstadt		University of Strathclyde		BNL		INFN, Univ. Ferrara
	University of Rostock		University of Sussex	China	<i>Sun Yat-sen University</i>		INFN, Univ. Roma 3
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IT	INFN		Royal Holloway		Peking University		INFN, Univ. Milano Bicocca
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Mal	Univ. of Malta						
BE	<i>Louvain</i>						

IMCC Organisation

Collaboration Board (ICB)

- Elected chair: **Nadia Pastrone**
- **50 full members, 60+ total**

Steering Board (ISB)

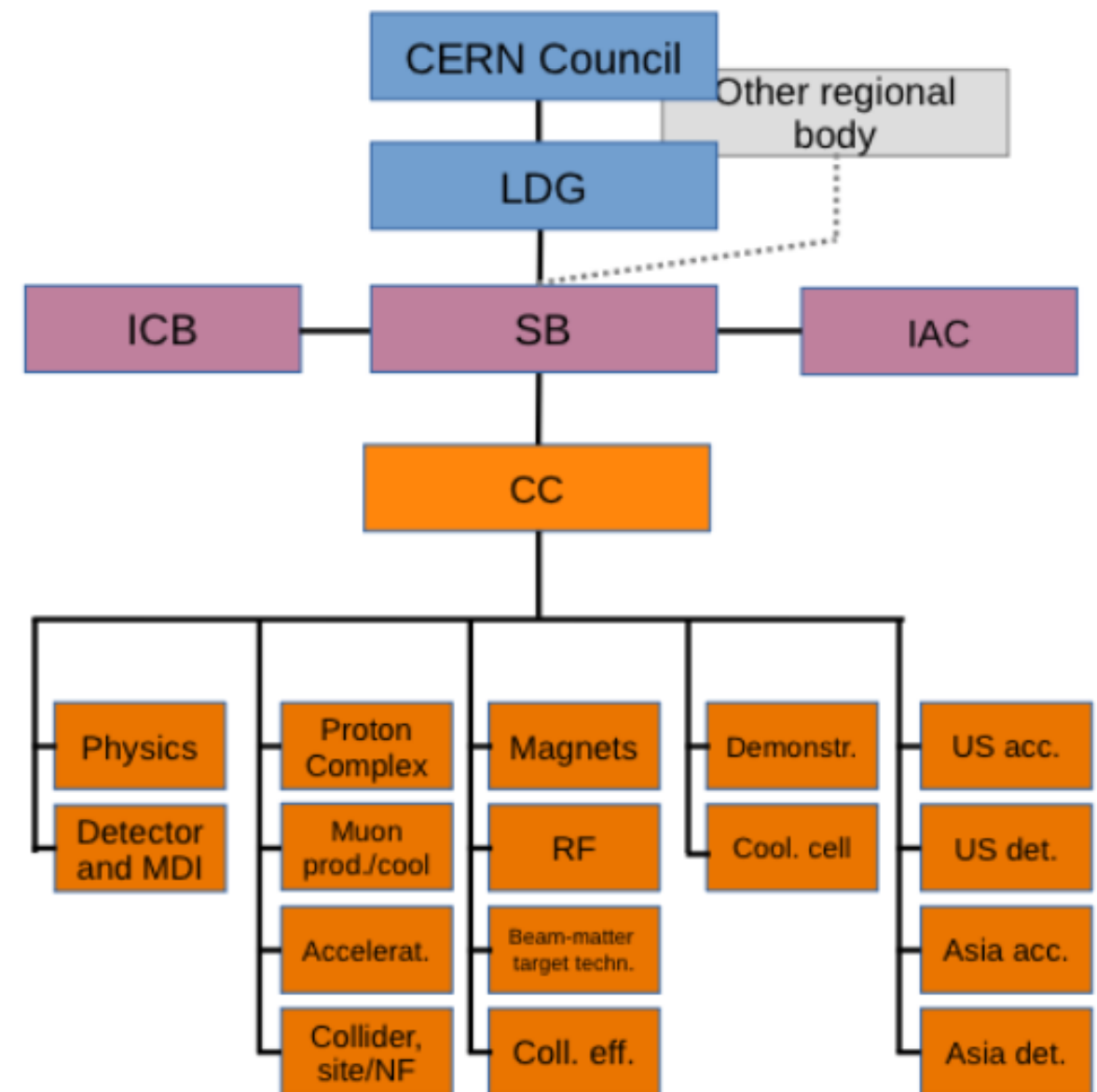
- Chair **Steinar Stapnes**
- CERN members: Mike Lamont, Gianluigi Arduini
- ICB members: Dave Newbold (STFC), Pierre Vedrine (CEA), N. Pastrone (INFN), Beate Heinemann (DESY), successor of Mats Lindroost† (ESS)
- Study members: SL and deputies

Advisory Committee

Coordination committee (CC)

- Study Leader: **Daniel Schulte**
- Deputies: Andrea Wulzer, Donatella Lucchesi, Chris Rogers

Will integrated the US also in the leadership



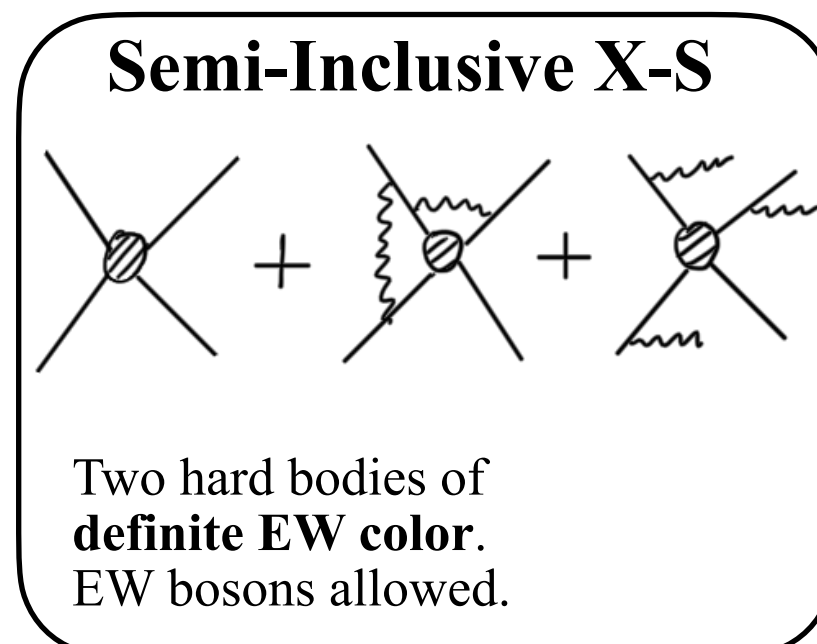
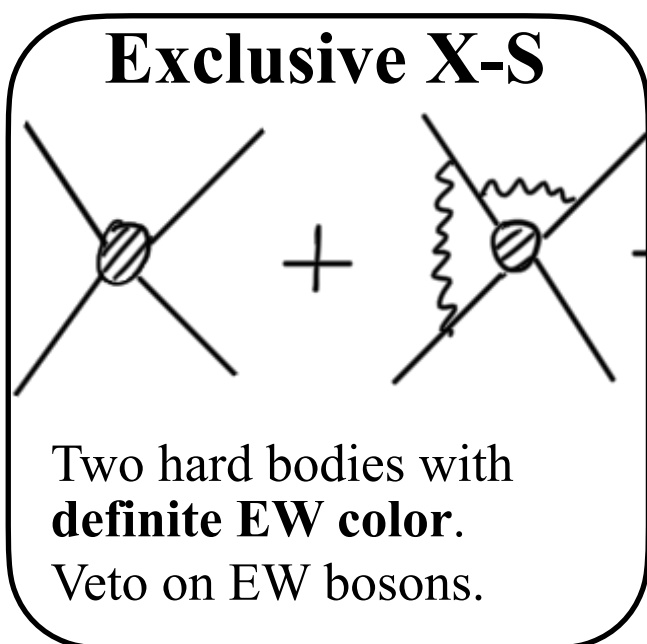
Theory Challenges

EW theory is weakly coupled, but observables are not IR safe

$E_{\text{cm}} \gg m_W$
 Large muon collider energy \longleftarrow \longrightarrow Small IR cutoff scale
 Scale separation entails enhancement of Radiation effect.

Quantitatively, resummation is needed.

$$\exp \left[-g^2/16\pi^2 \log^2(E_{\text{cm}}^2/m_W^2) \times \text{Casimir} \right] \xrightarrow{10 \text{ TeV MuC}} \approx \exp[-1]$$



Process	N (Ex)	N (S-I)
$e^+ e^-$	6794	9088
$e \nu_e$	—	2305
$\mu^+ \mu^-$	206402	254388
$\mu \nu_\mu$	—	93010
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	6794	9088
$\tau \nu_\tau$	—	2305
jj (Nt)	19205	25725
jj (Ch)	—	5653
$c \bar{c}$	9656	12775
$c j$	—	5653

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$b \bar{b}$	4573	6273
$t \bar{t}$	9771	11891
$b t$	—	5713
$Z_0 h$	680	858
$W_0^+ W_0^-$	1200	1456
$W_T^+ W_T^-$	2775	5027
$W^\pm h$	—	506
$W_0^\pm Z_0$	—	399
$W_T^\pm Z_T$	—	2345

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