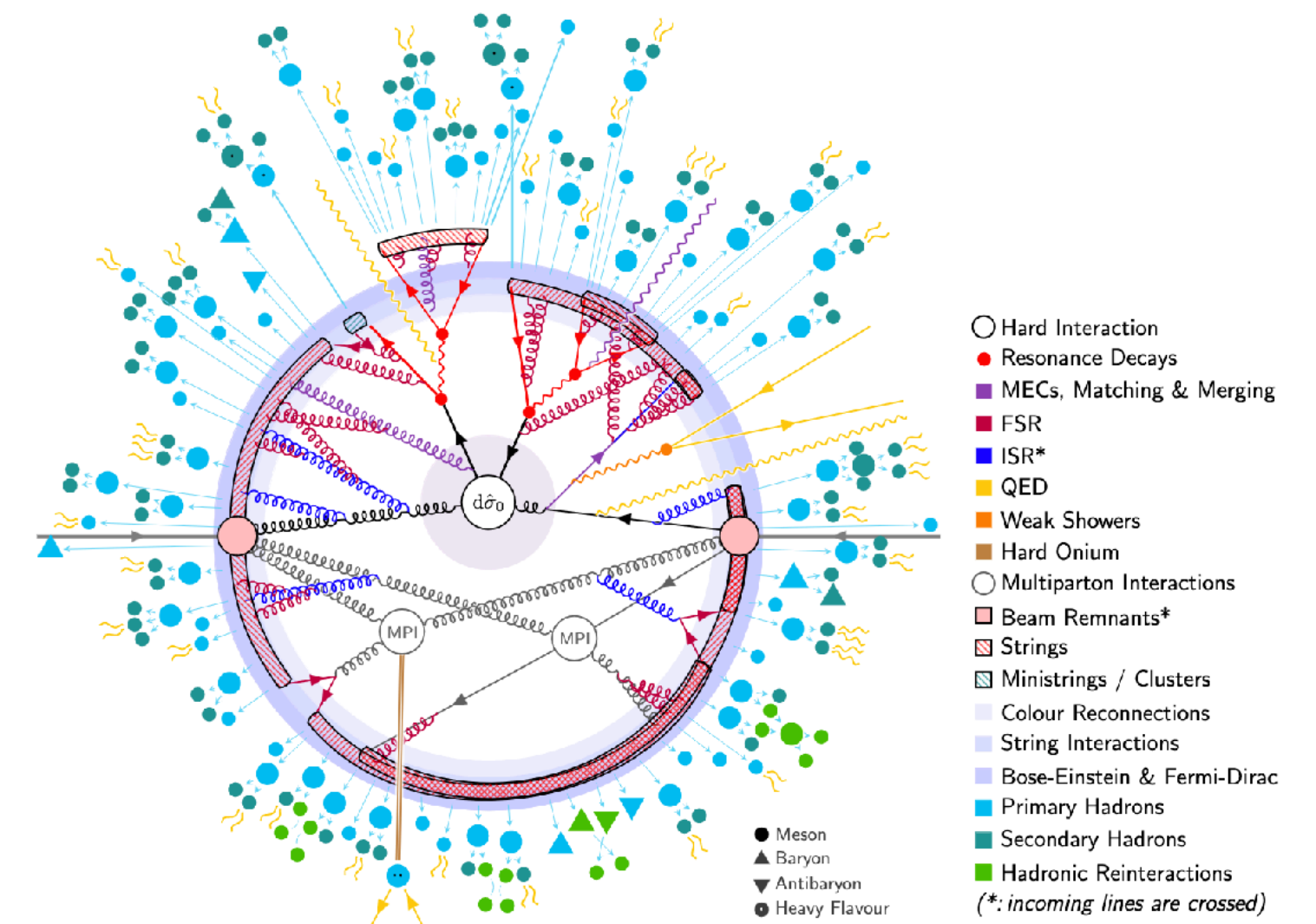
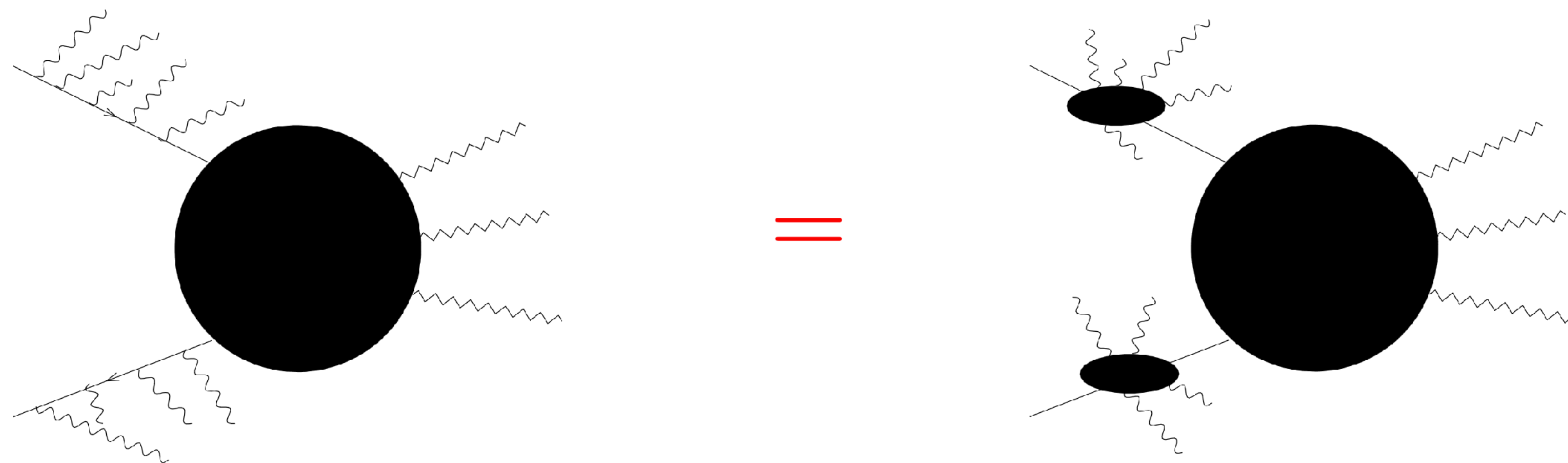


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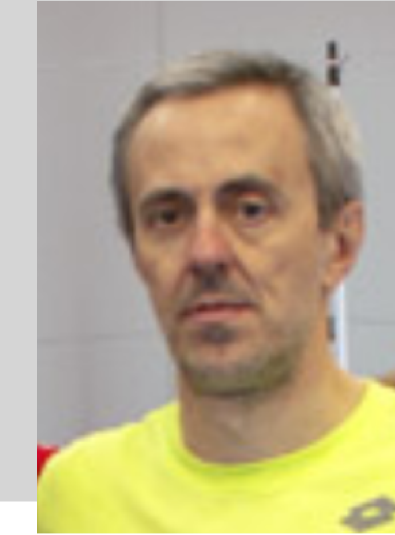
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- 1st WG2 Topical WS on Generators / Simulation, @CERN: Nov. 9-10, 2021 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1078675/>
- Very efficient and effective organization \Rightarrow Conveners: [Patrizia Azzi](#) [Fulvio Piccinini](#) [Dirk Zerwas](#)
- \geq 100 participants, roughly 30 at CERN
- Setting the stage: simulation tools, MCs, software frameworks



- 2nd WG2 Topical WS on Generators, @Brussels: June 21-22, 2023 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1266492/>
- \geq 65 participants, roughly 15 at Brussels (U. Libre de Bruxelles & Vrije Universiteit)
- Transfers from IMCC Annual Meeting in Orsay + Les Houches
- Much more focused on MC generators: physics, beam spectra, technical details, benchmarks
- Only invited talks triggered by the conveners well, and some more self-suggested ones

ECFA Higgs Factories: 2nd Topical Meeting on Generators

21.06.2023, 10:30 → 22.06.2023, 16:00 Europe/Zurich

Solvay (ULB)

Dirk Zerwas (Université Paris-Saclay (FR)) , Fabio Maltoni (Universite Catholique de Louvain (UCL) (BE) and Università di Bologna)

Beschreibung Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to make a presentation or if you would like to help with the work!

For information about the venue, travel and accomodations, please contact the local organisers: Barbara Clerbaux (barbara.clerbaux_at_ulb.be) or Fabio Maltoni (fabio.maltoni_at_uclouvain.be)

ECFA Higgs Factories study

- Beam simulation / luminosity spectra
- QED: ePDFs vs. YFS, collinear vs. soft resummation
- Inclusive precision vs. exclusive description
- Event formats
- Software frameworks
- QCD: parton showers & hadronization
- Performance
- Some focus topics: BSM needs, top threshold needs, Bhabha luminometry needs

For registration: an account is required.

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Videokonferenz  ECFA Higgs Factories Study Bitte einloggen und anmelden

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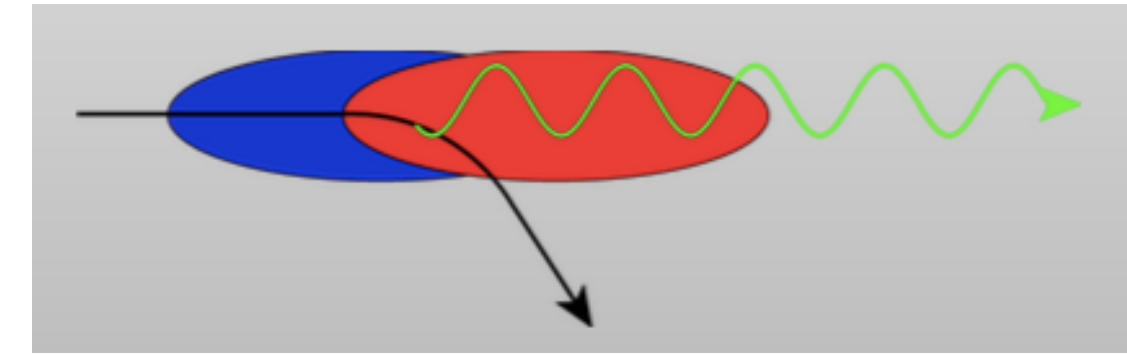
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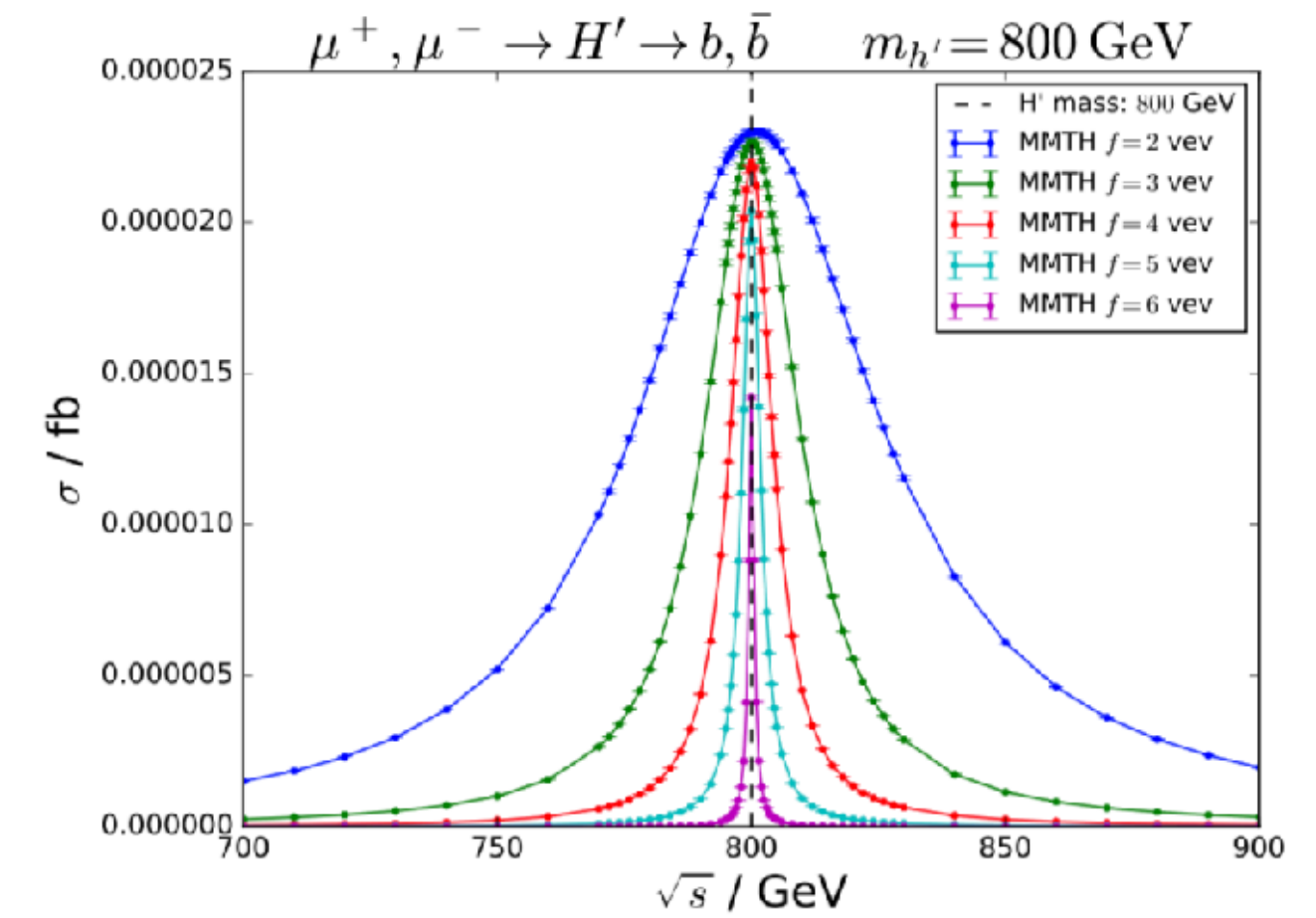
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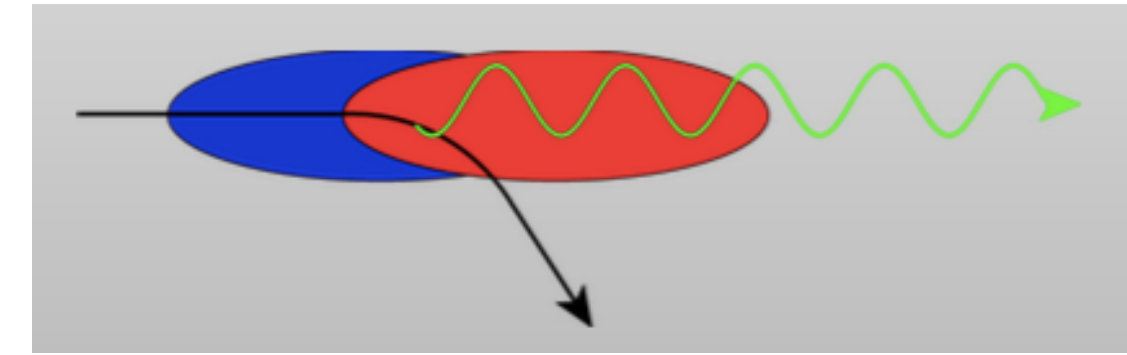
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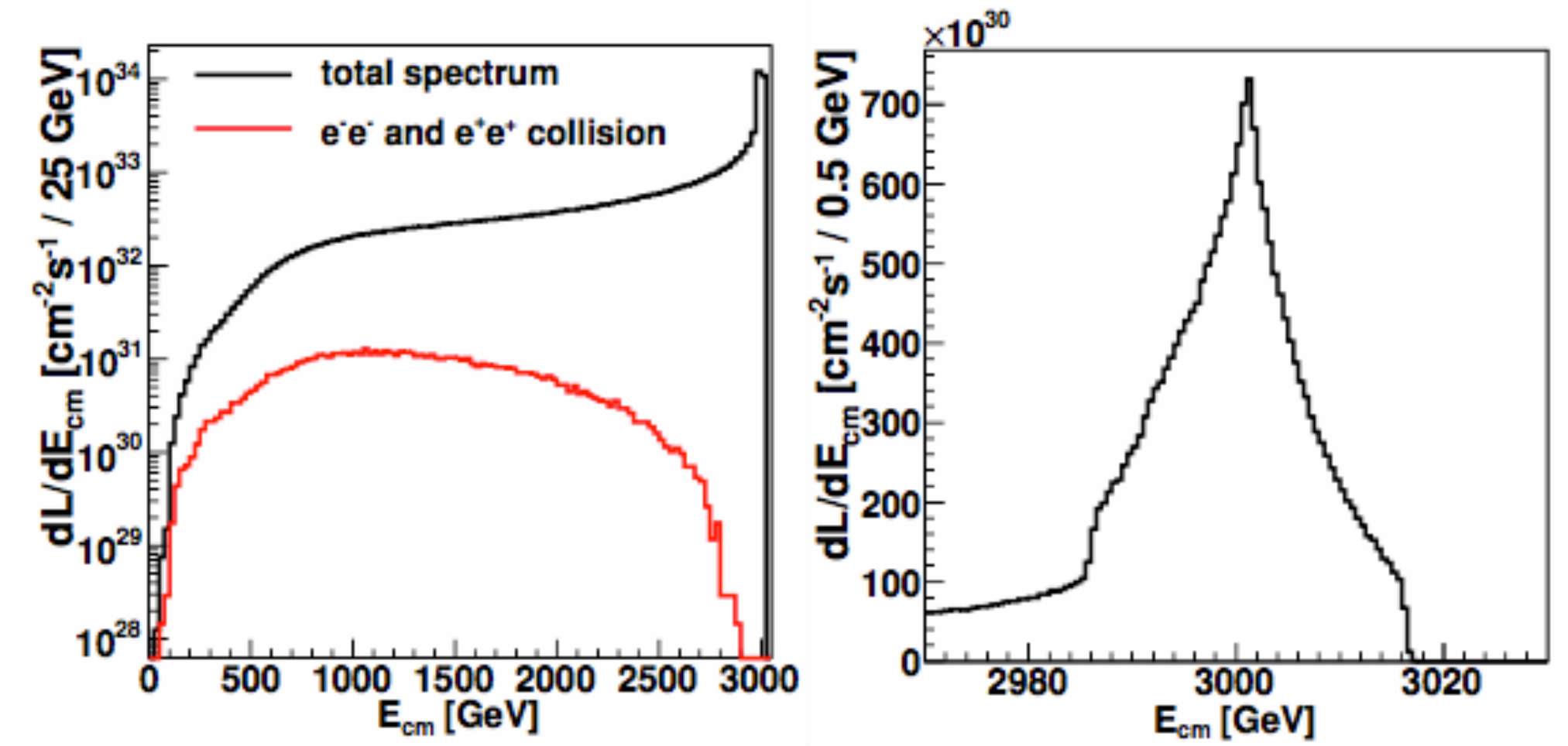
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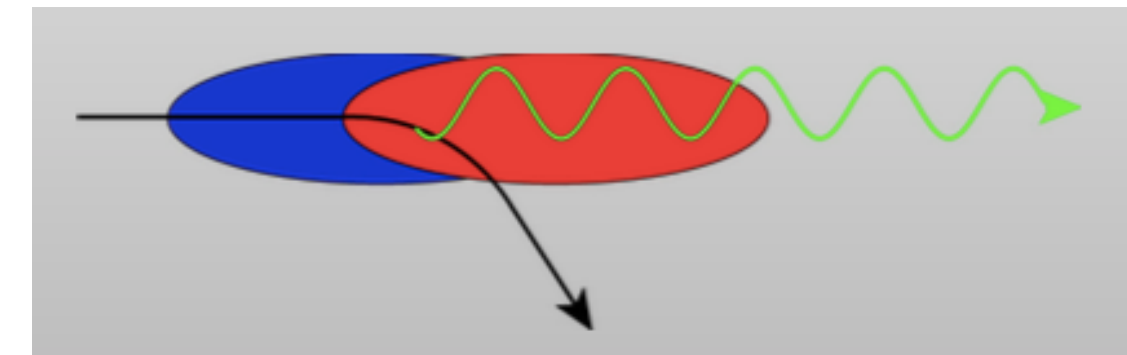
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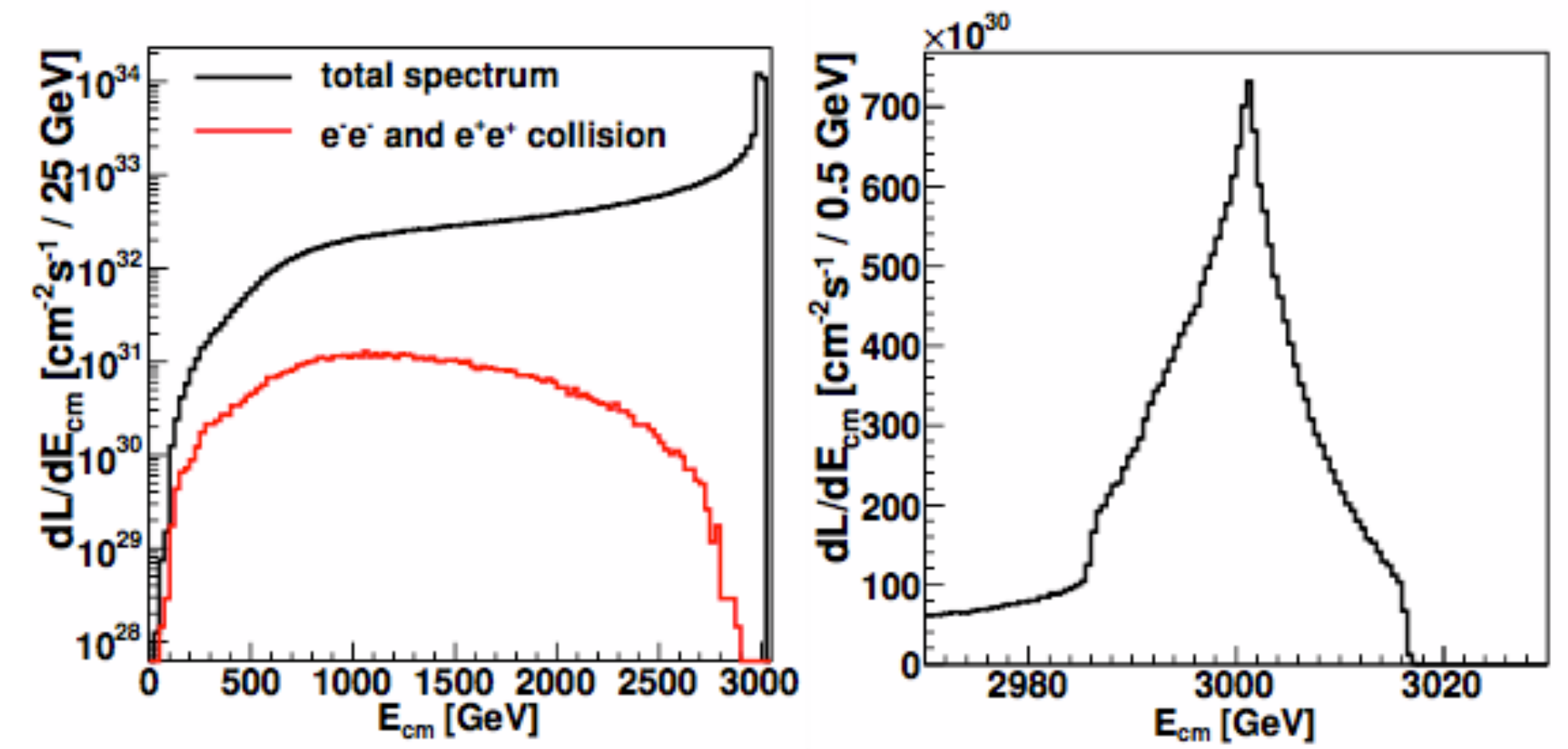
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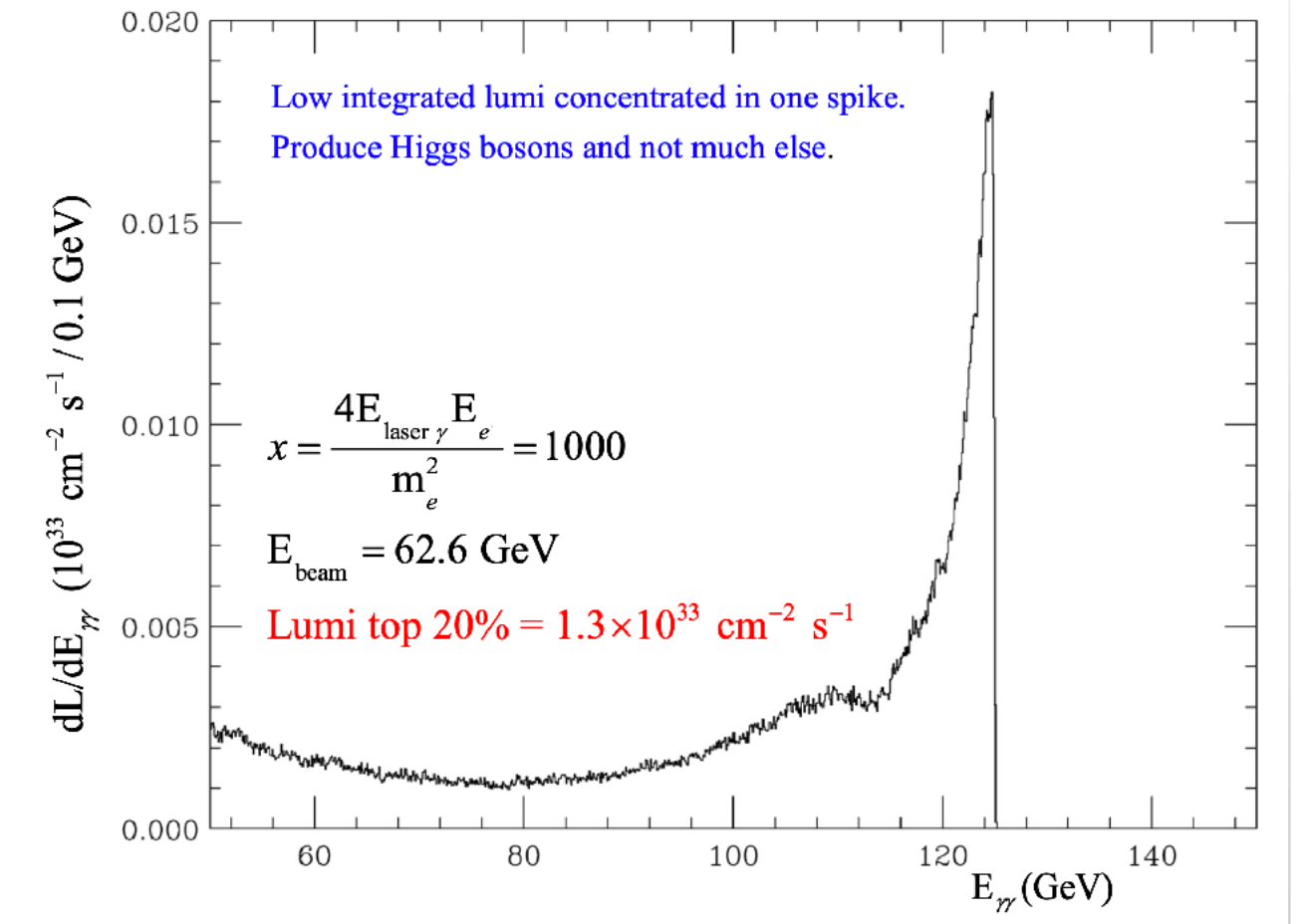
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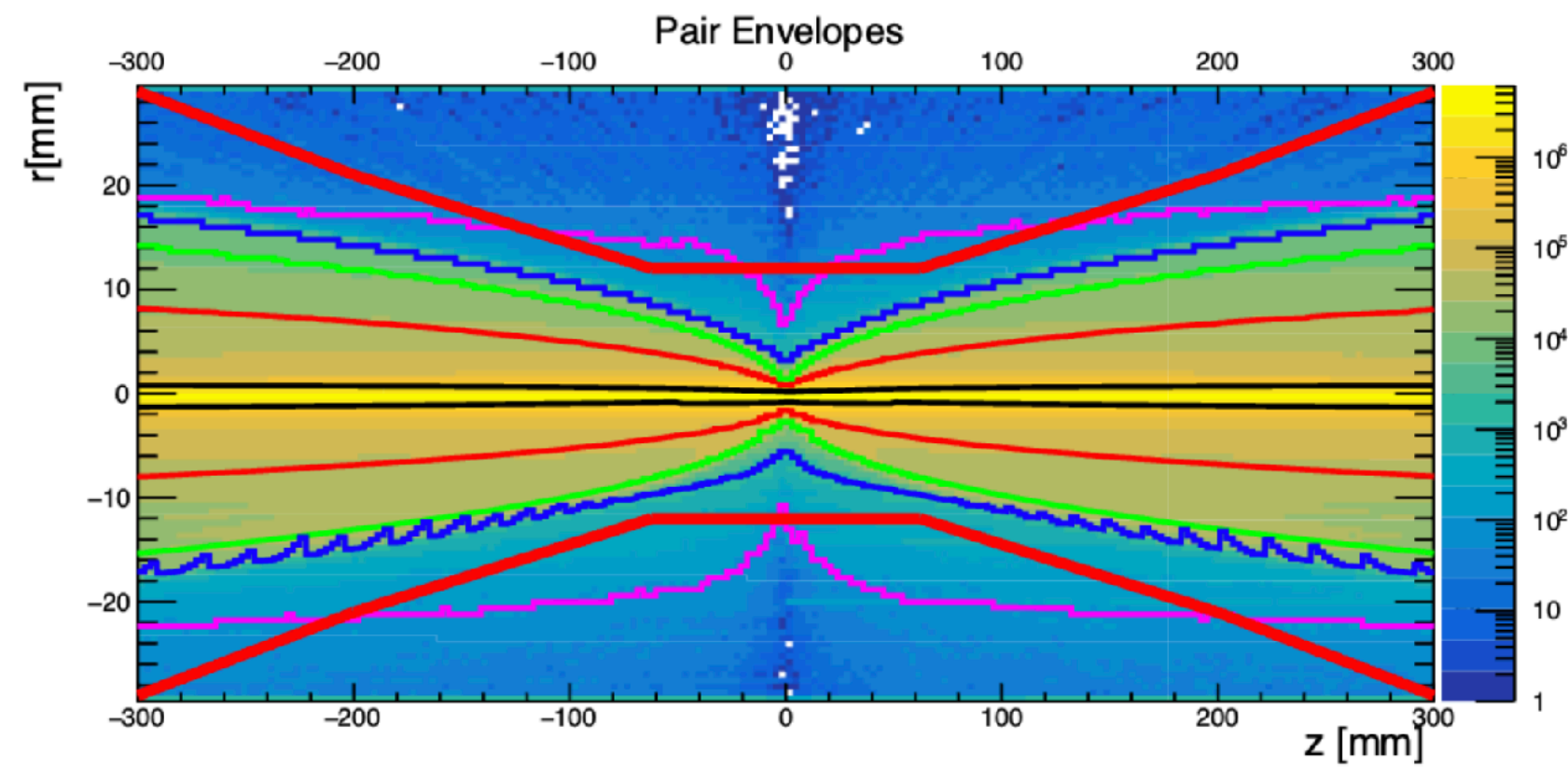


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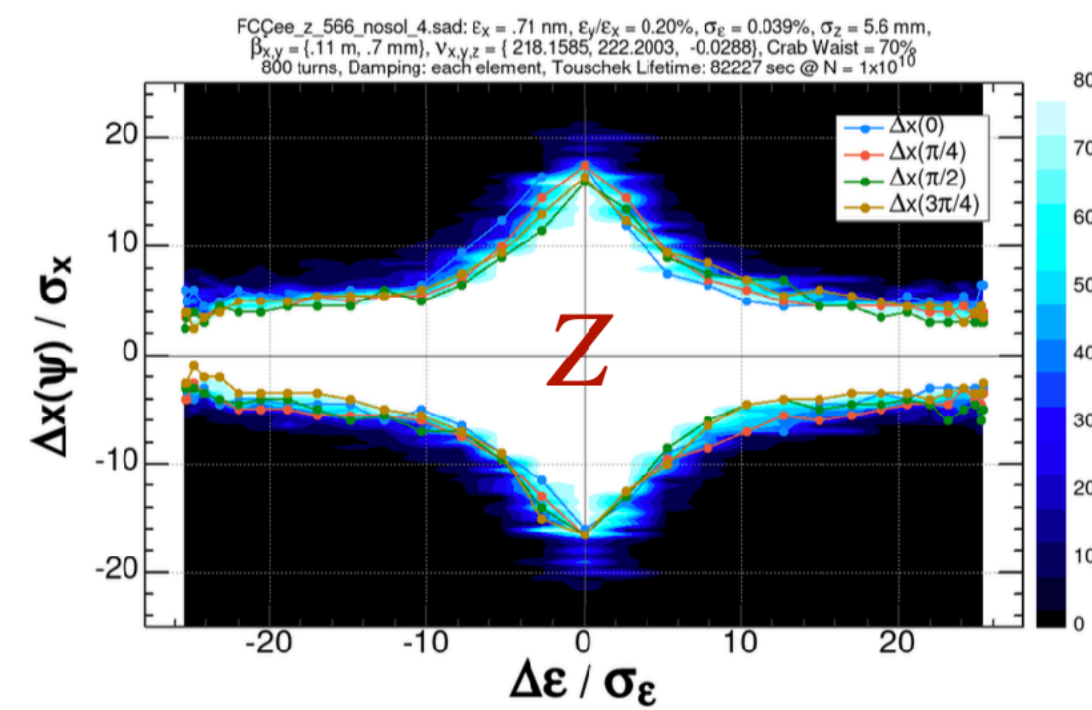
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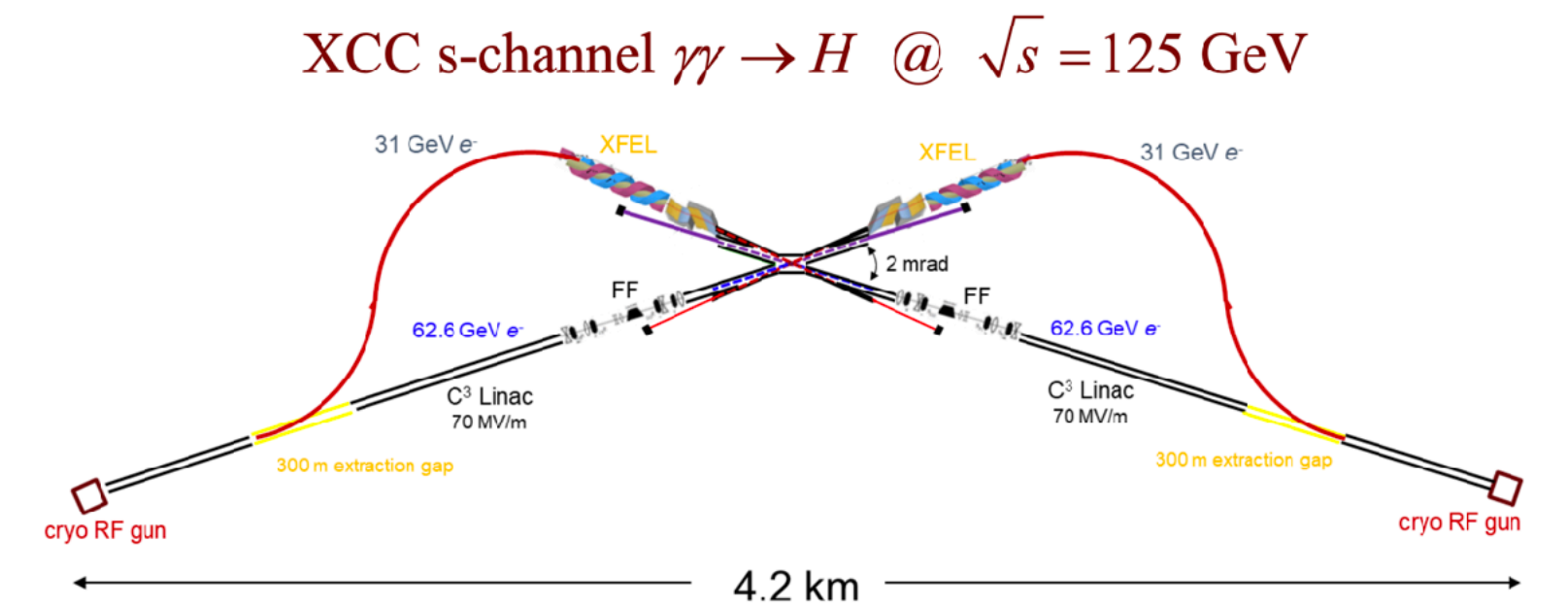
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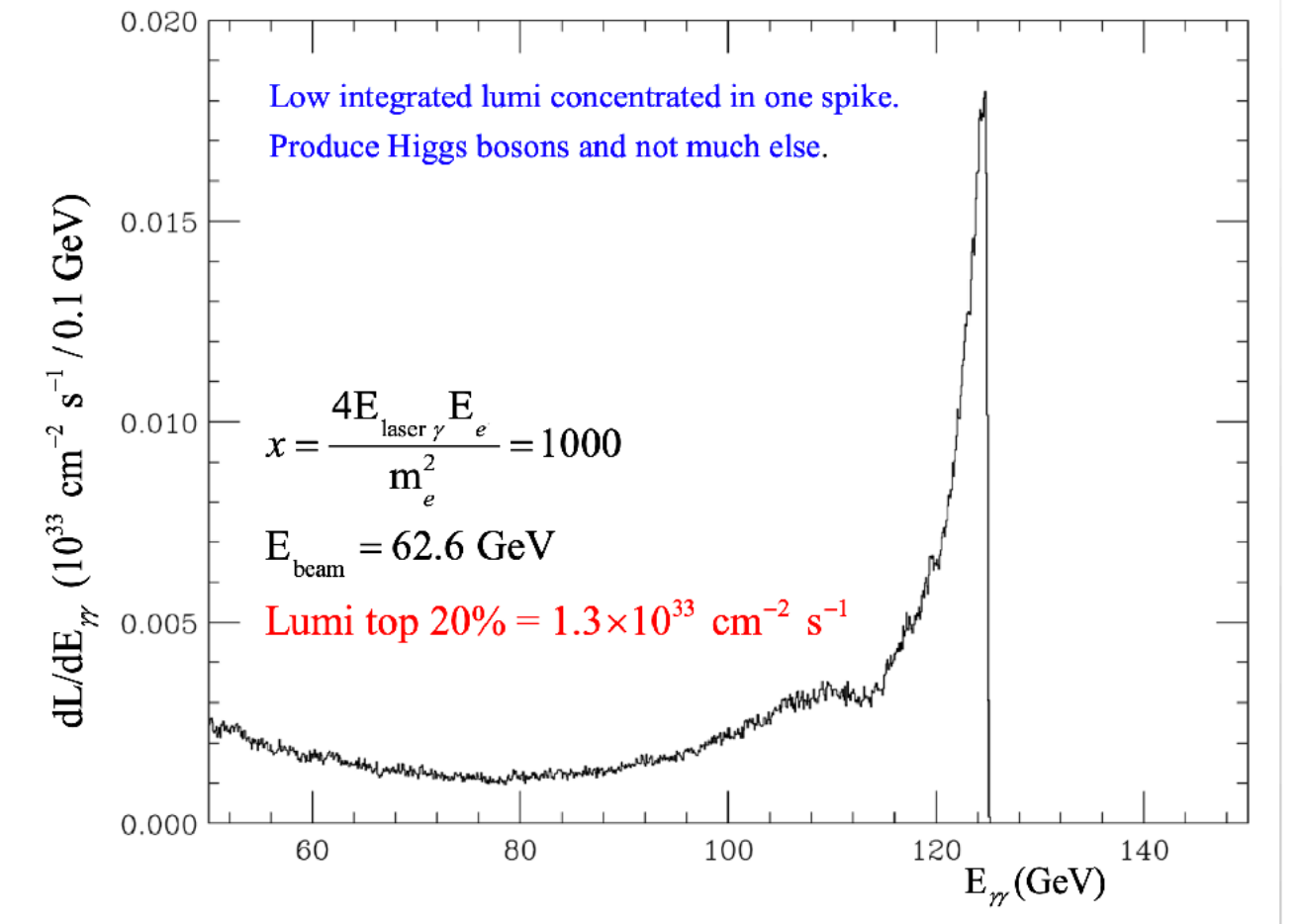


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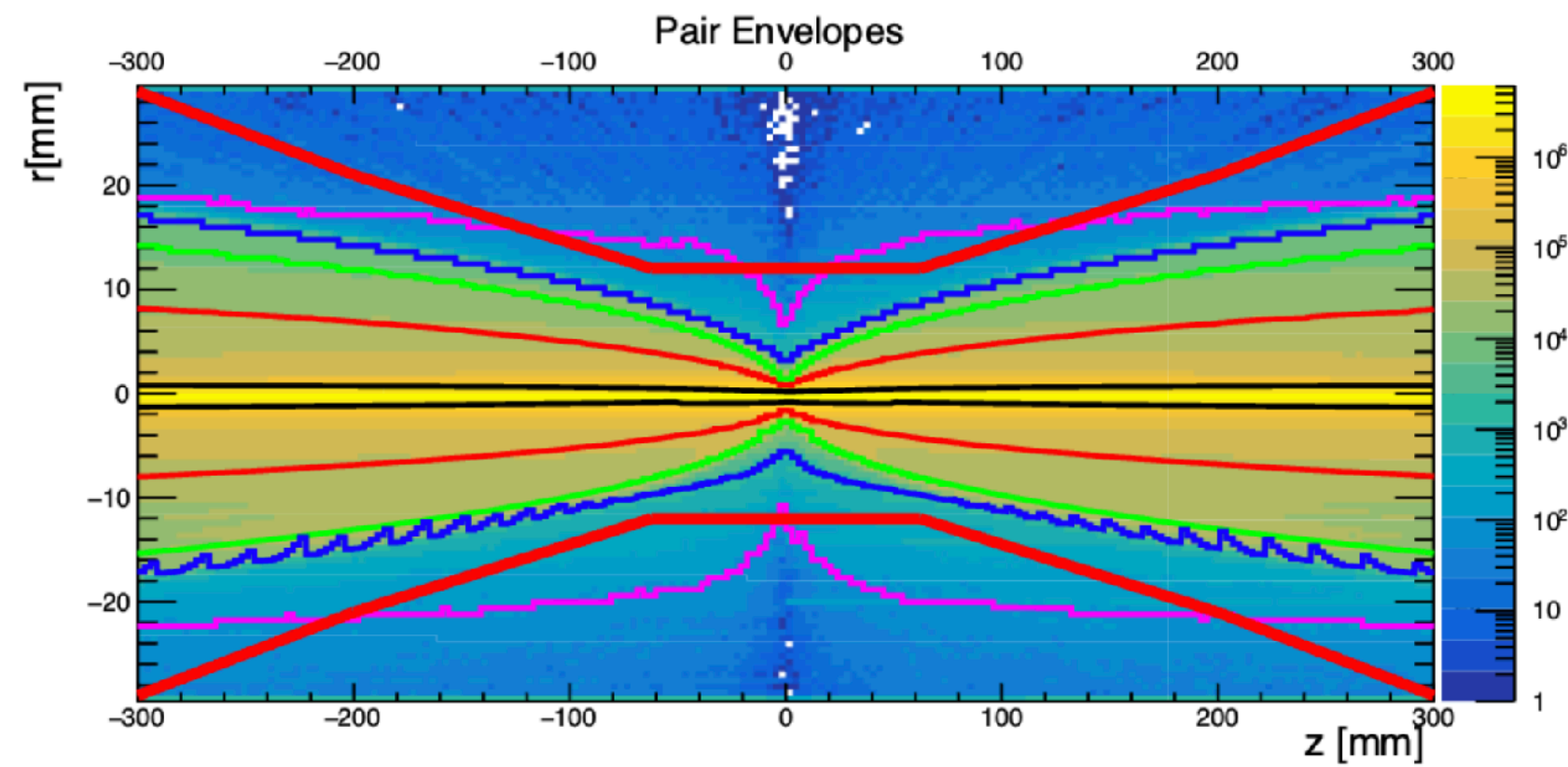


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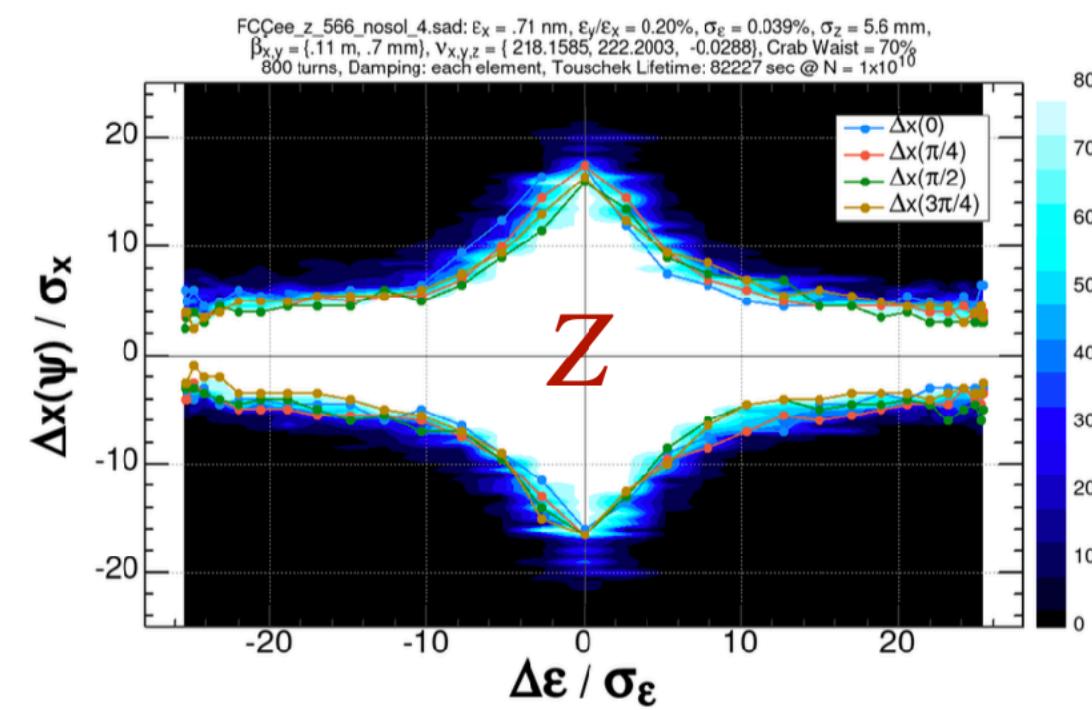
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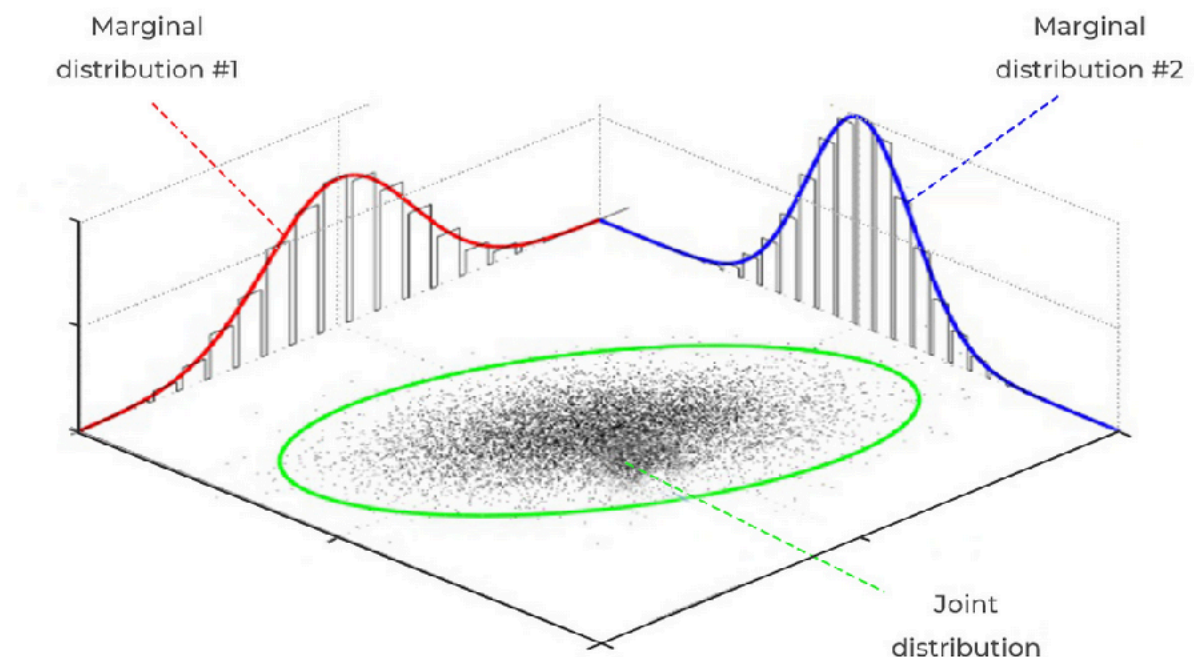
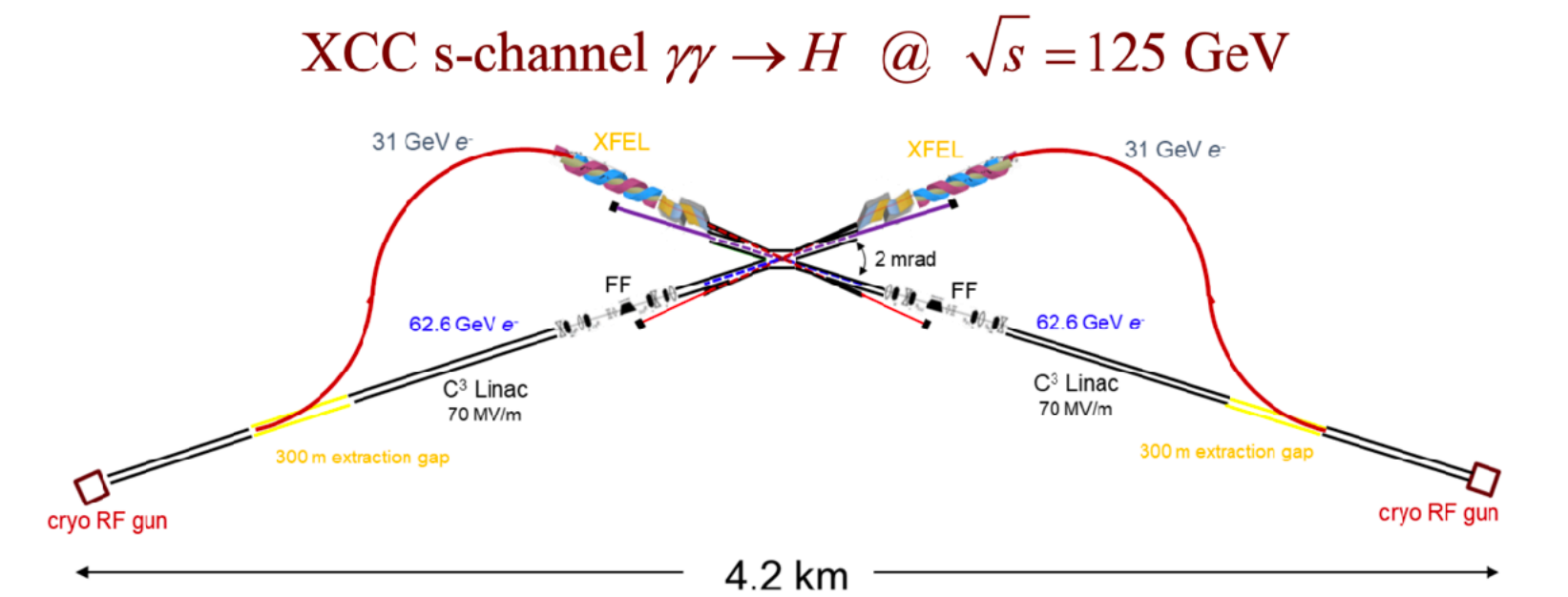


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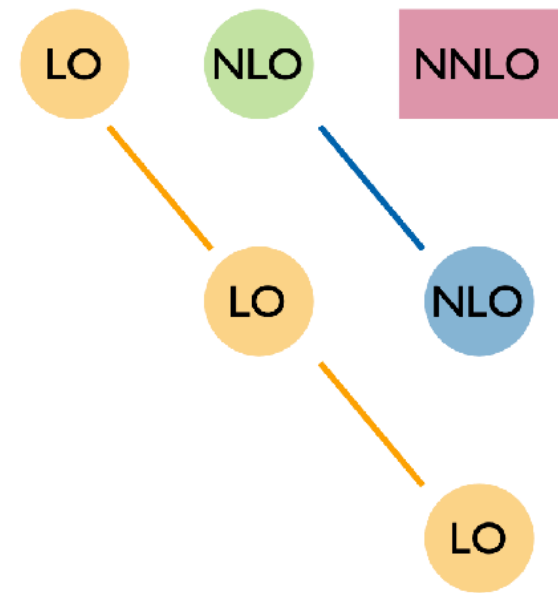





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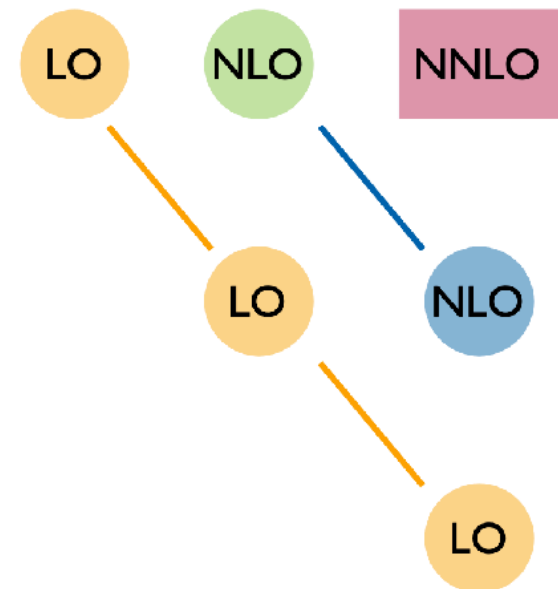
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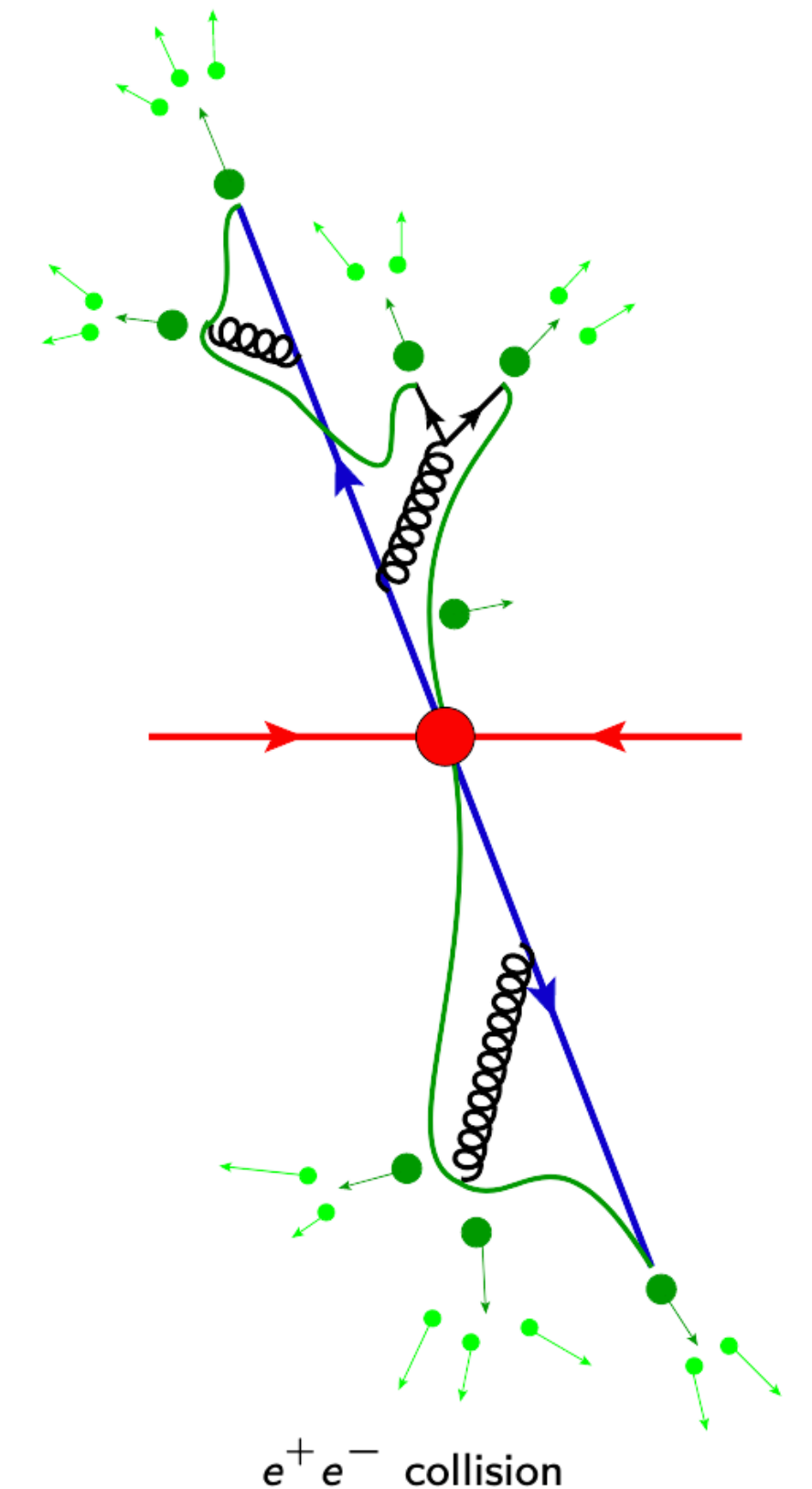


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Gigantic clean data sets from Z pole and above will necessitate new models / theor

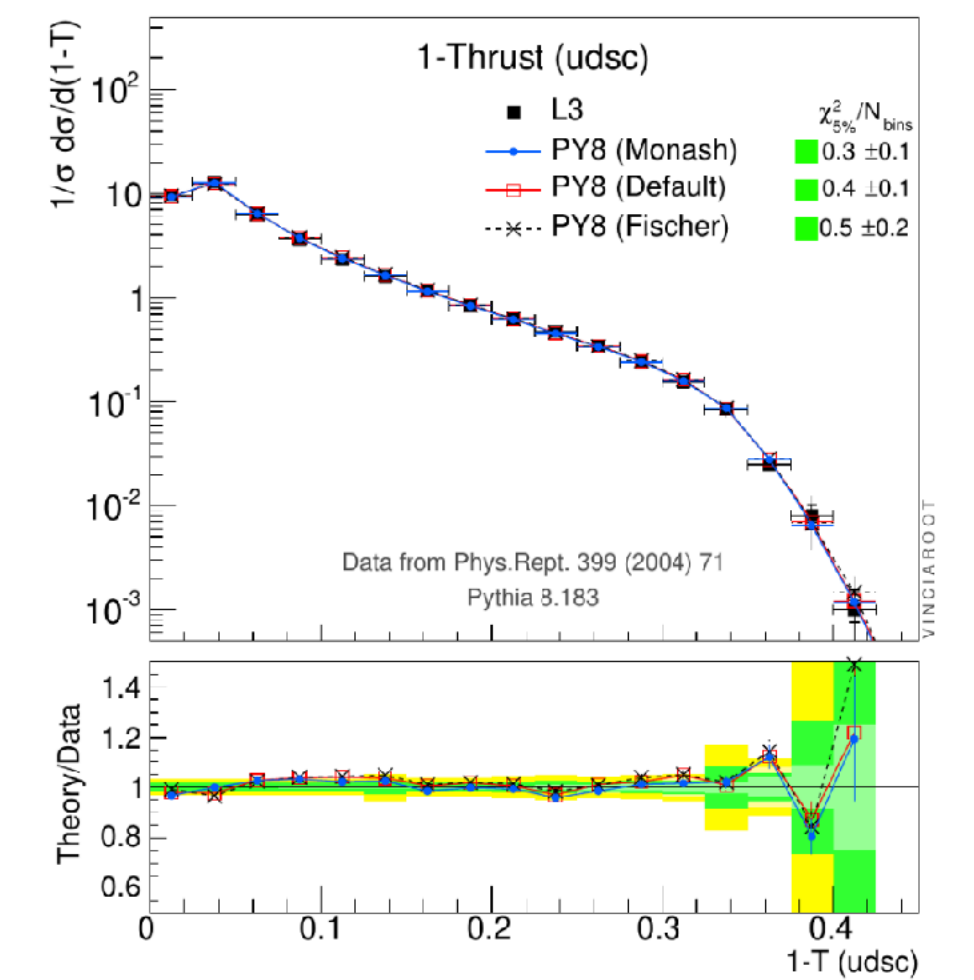
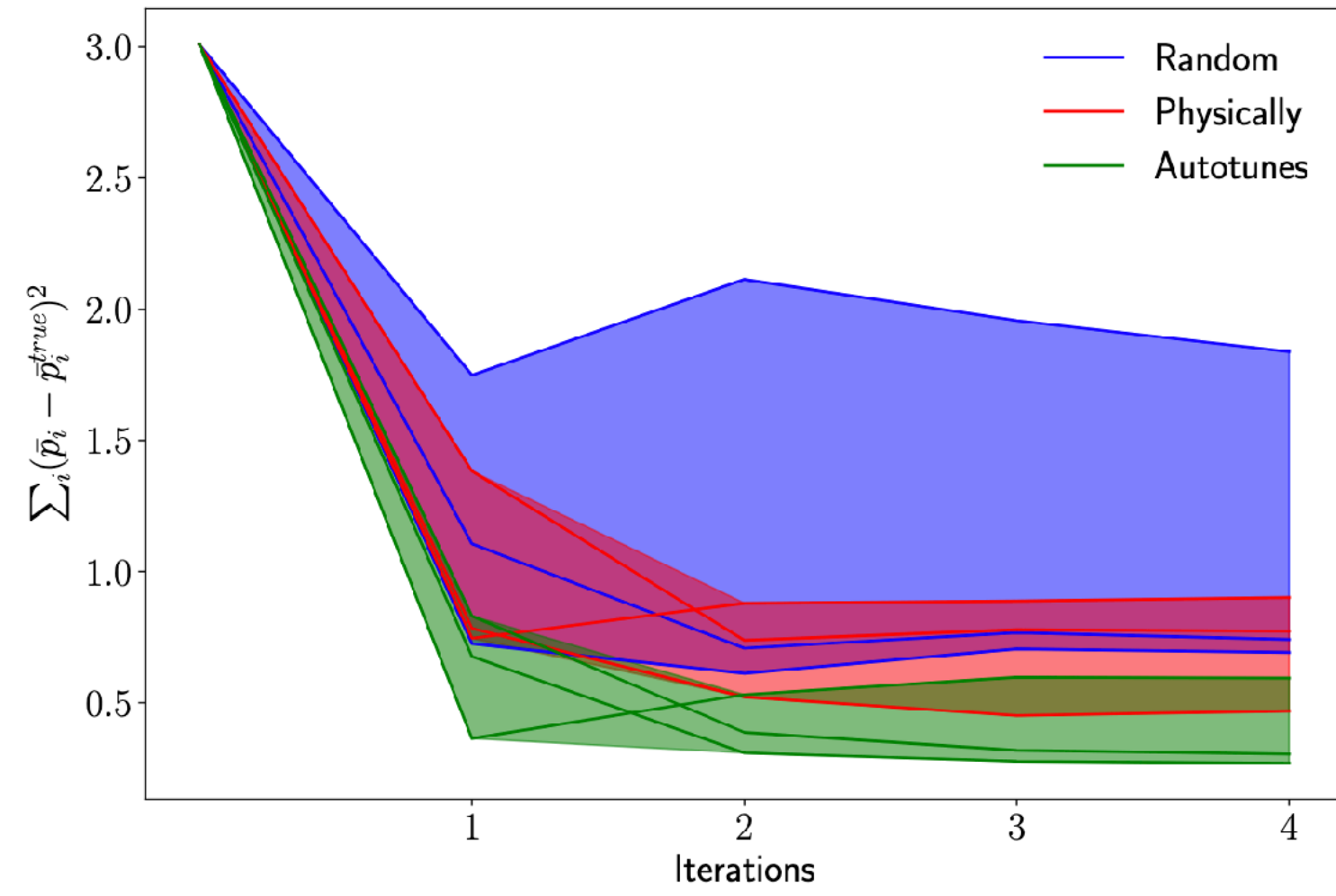
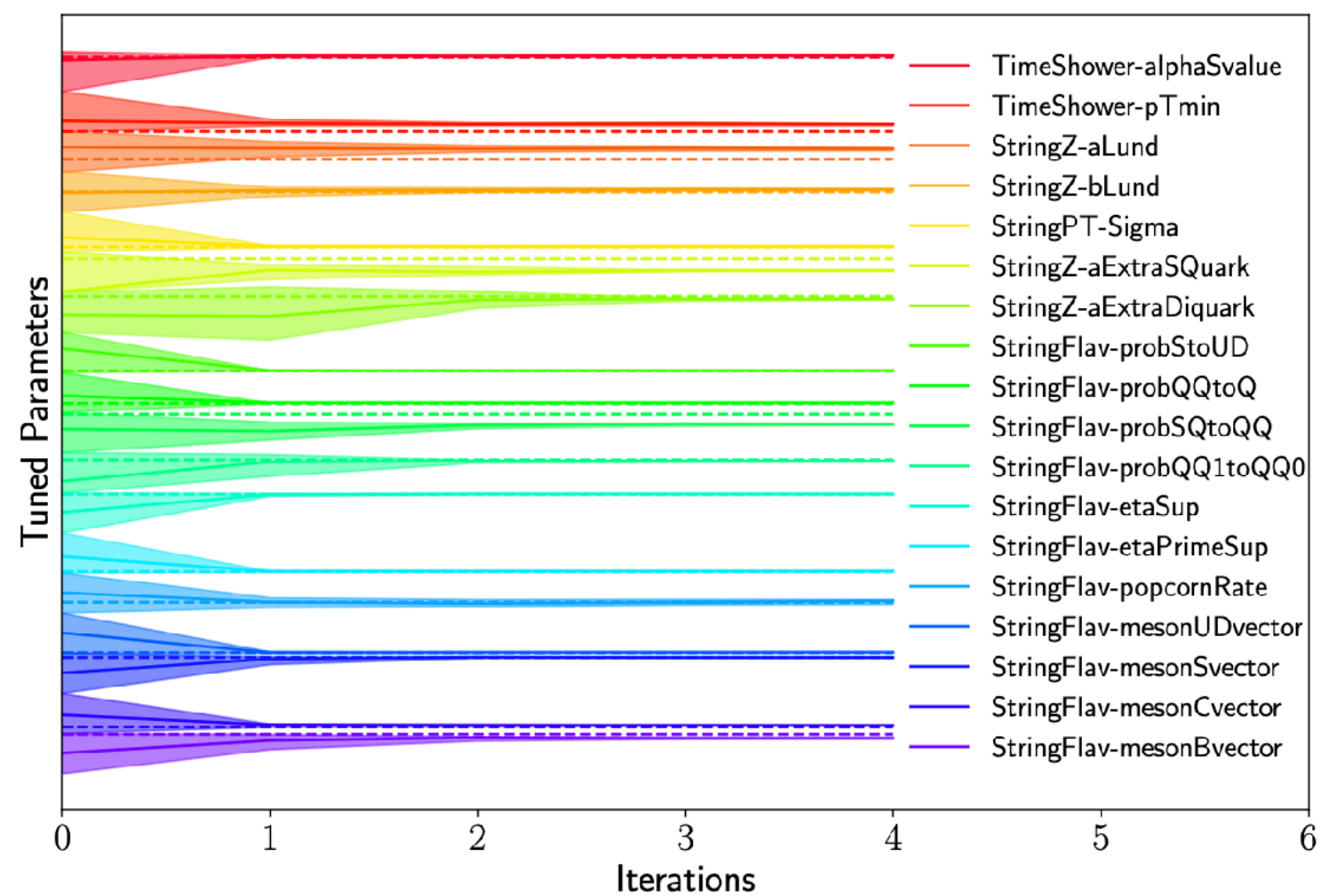
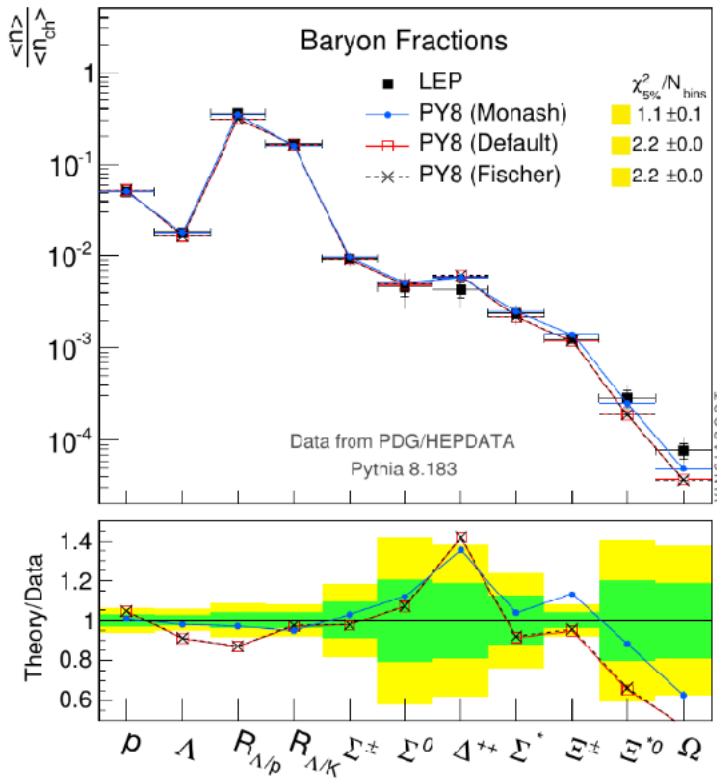
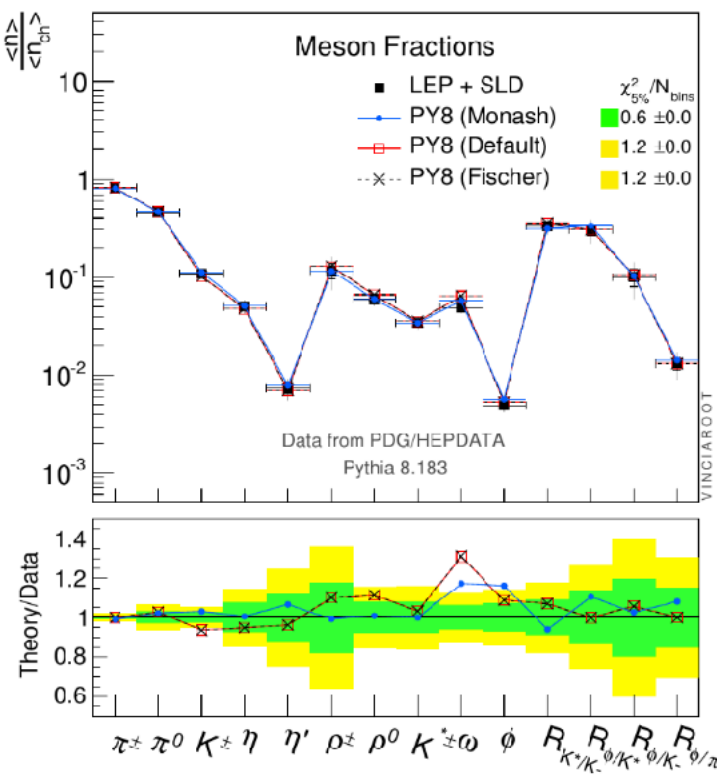


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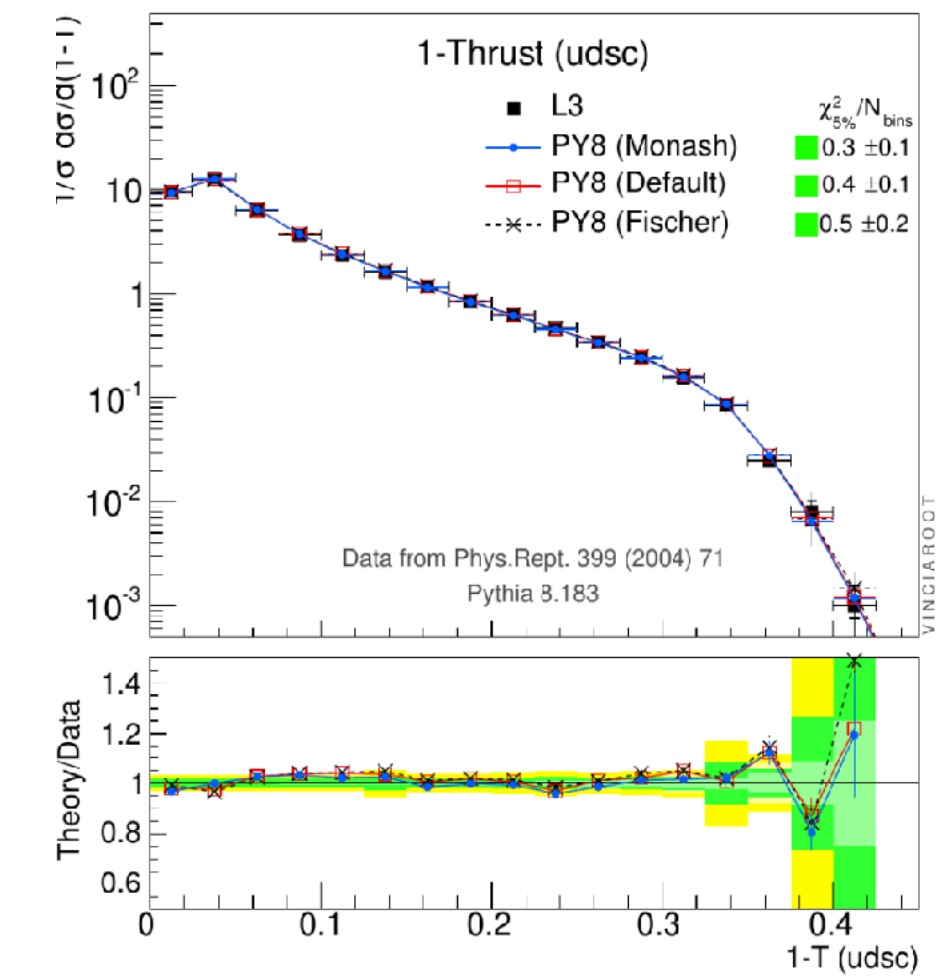
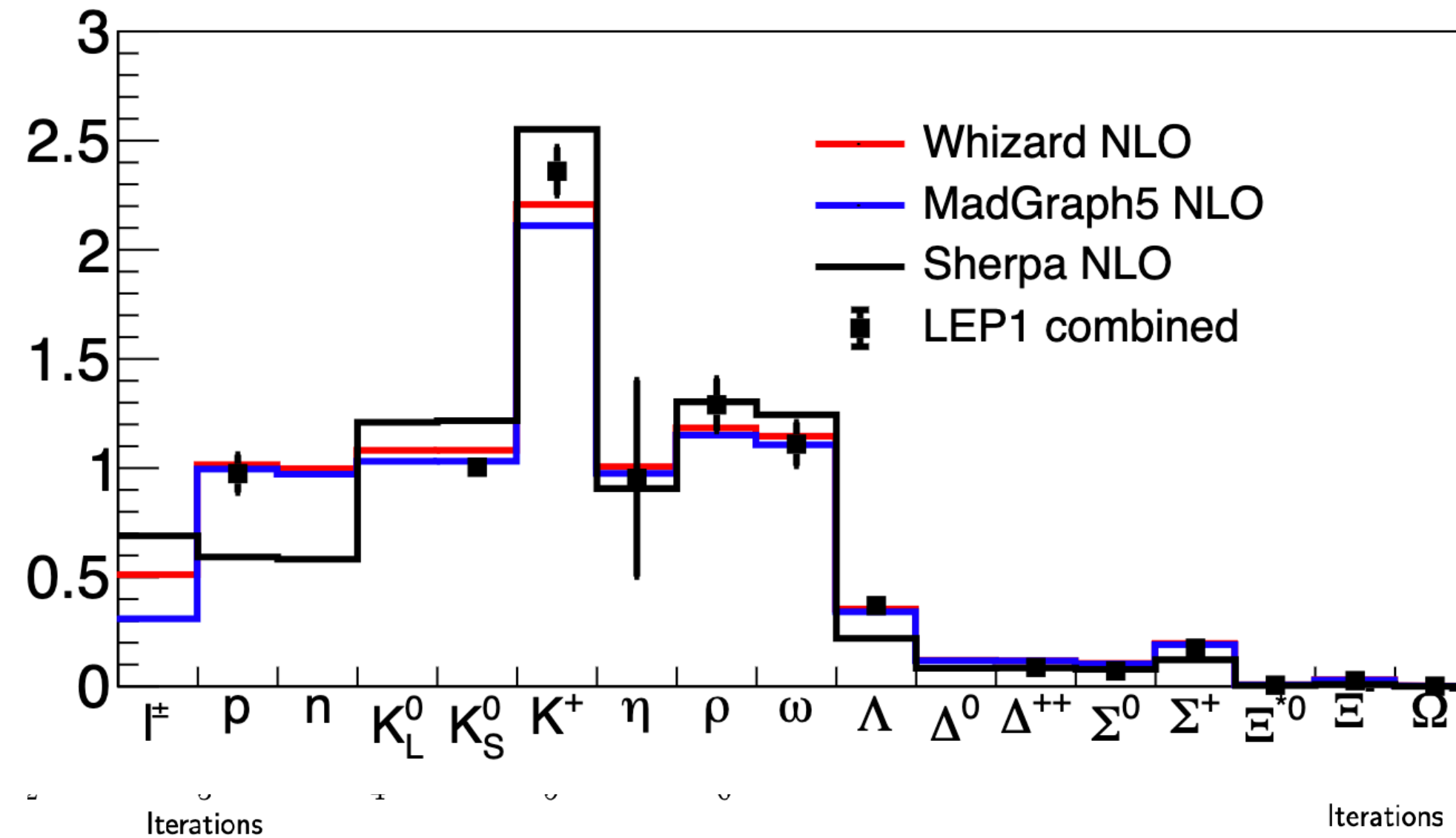
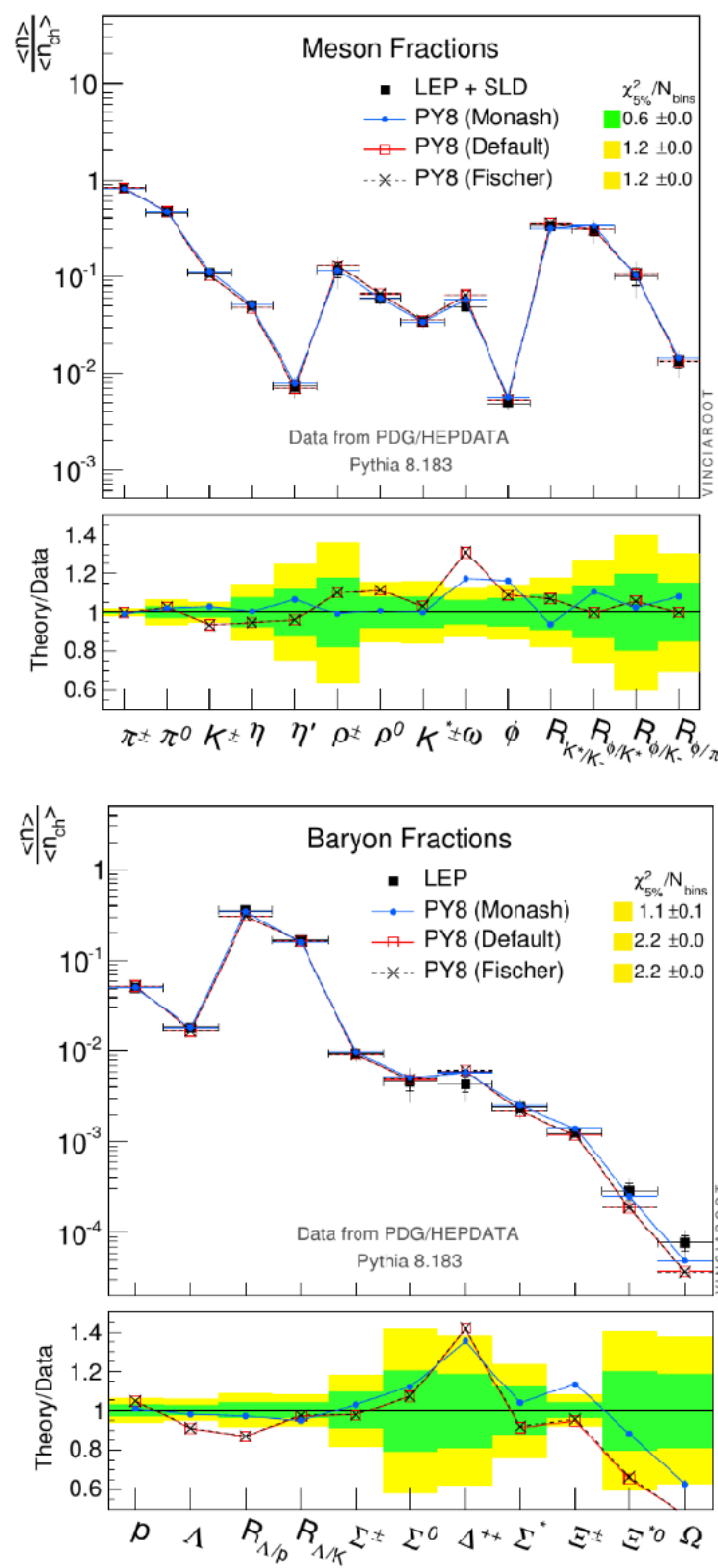
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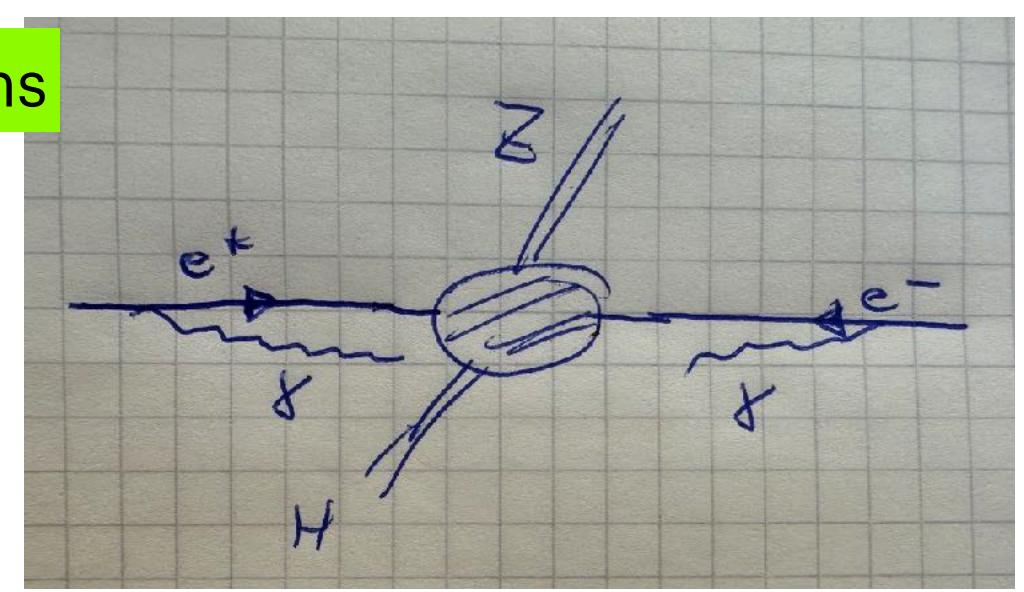
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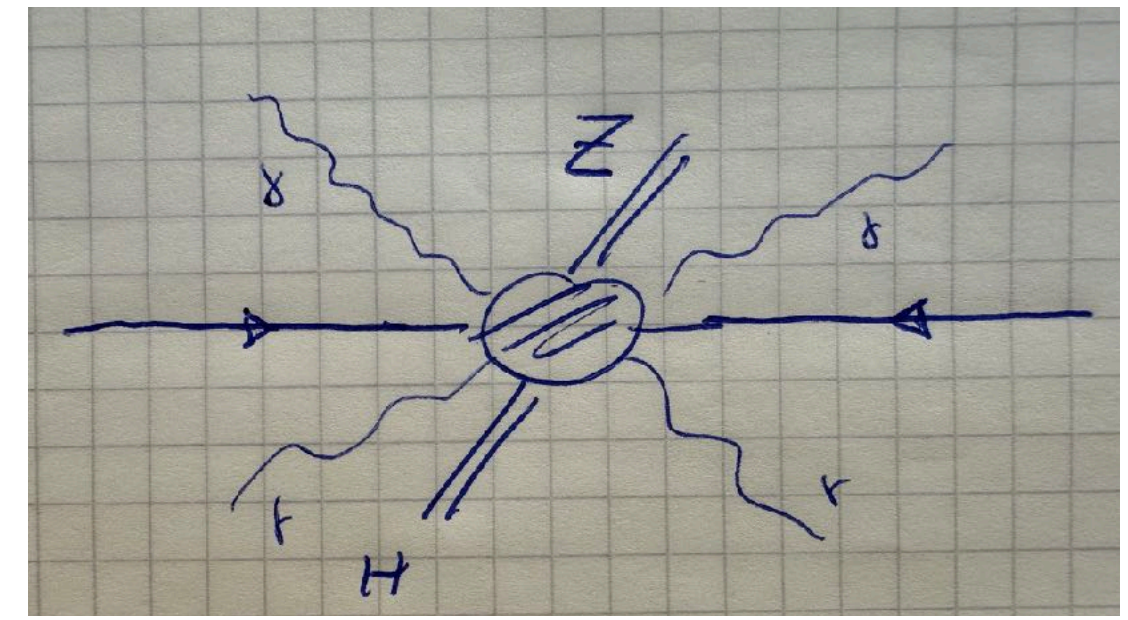
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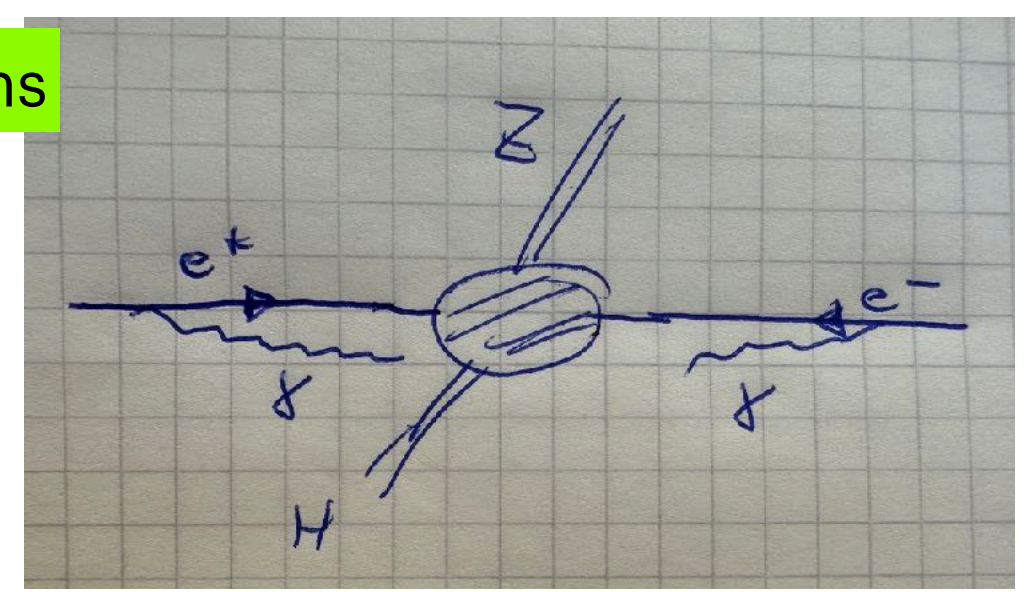
Two major bottlenecks

- Virtual integrals with many mass scales/off-shell legs
Abreu ea., Badger ea., Baglio ea., Brønnum-Hansen ea.
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CS, FKS, NS, Stripper, qT/sub-jettiness etc.

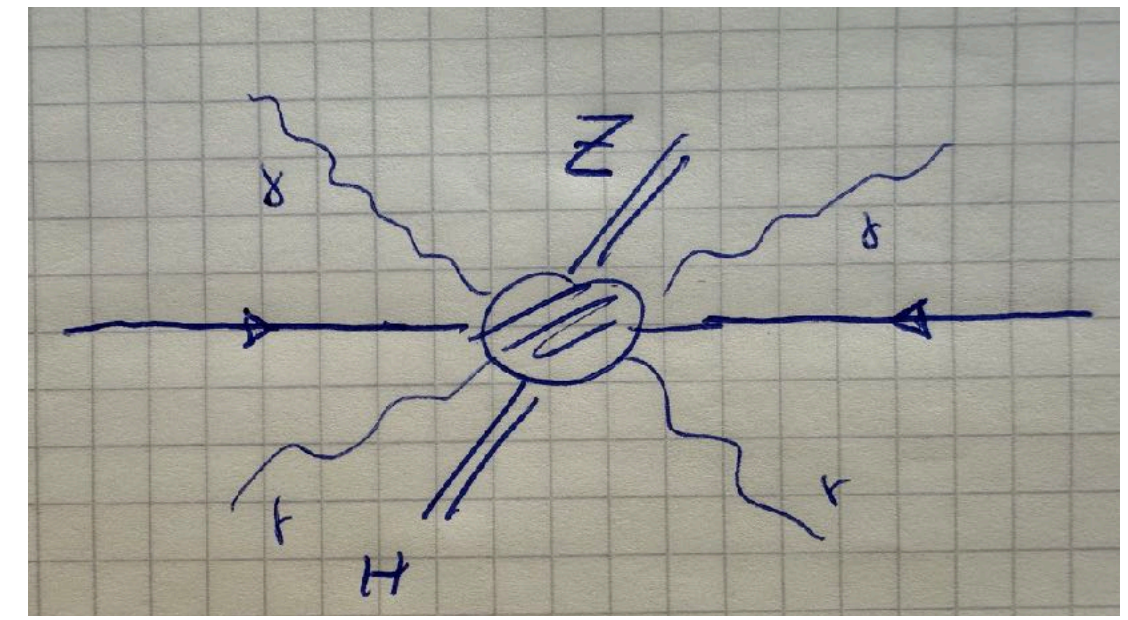
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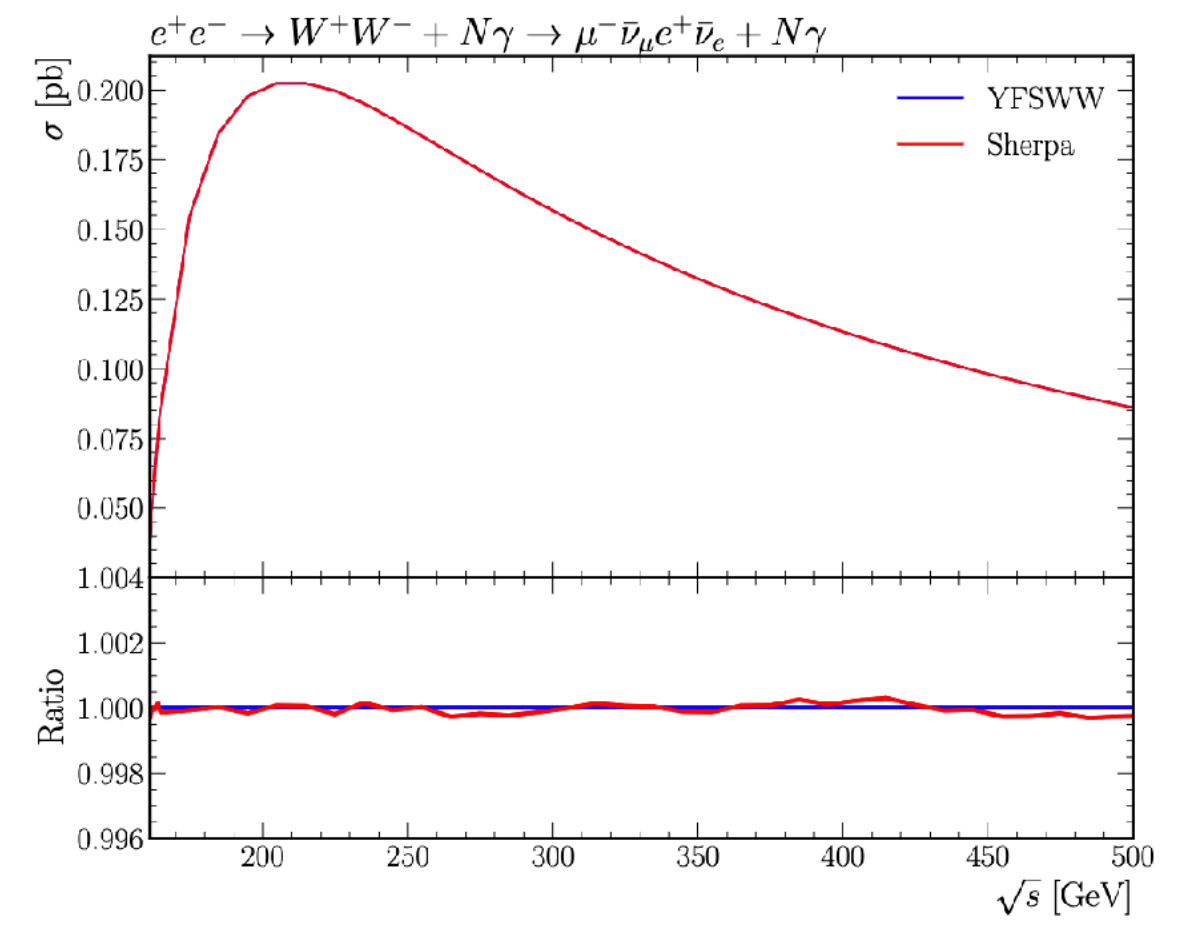
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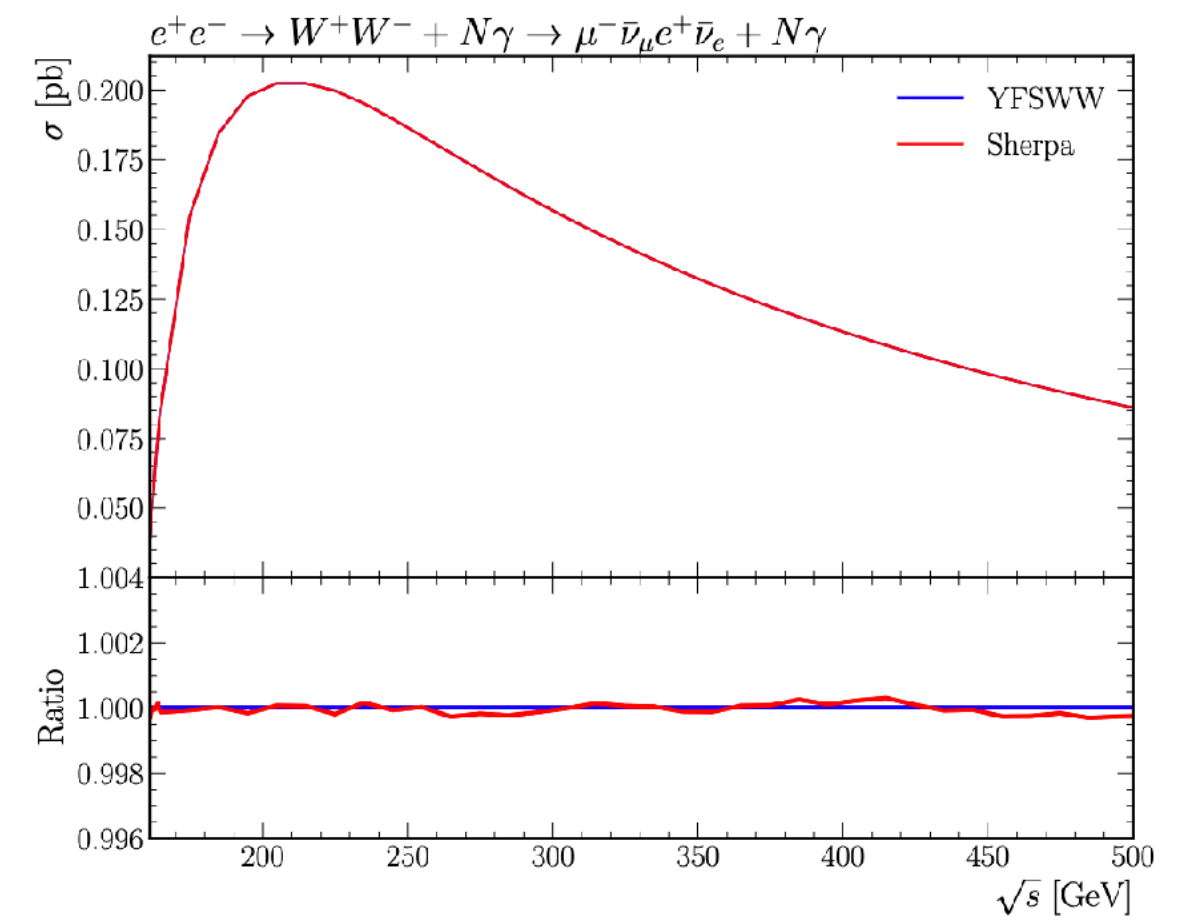


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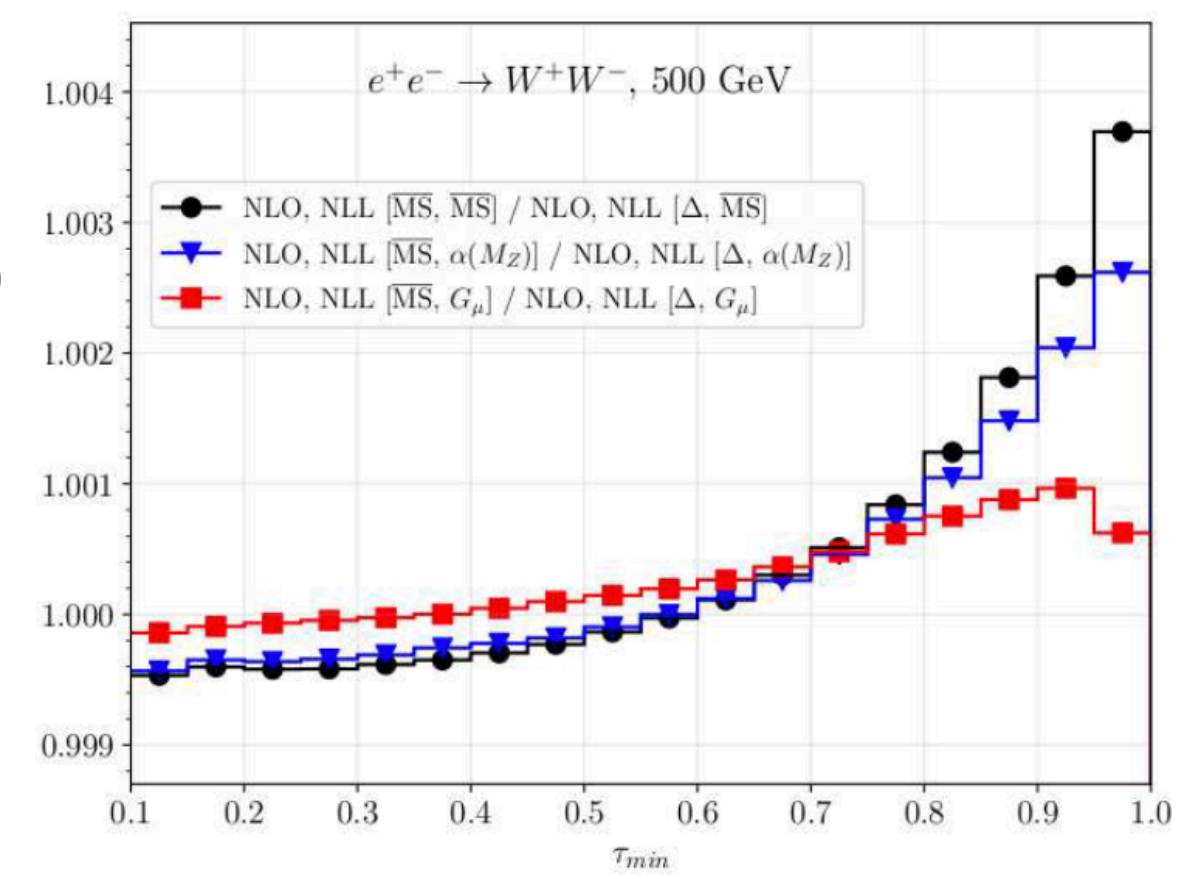
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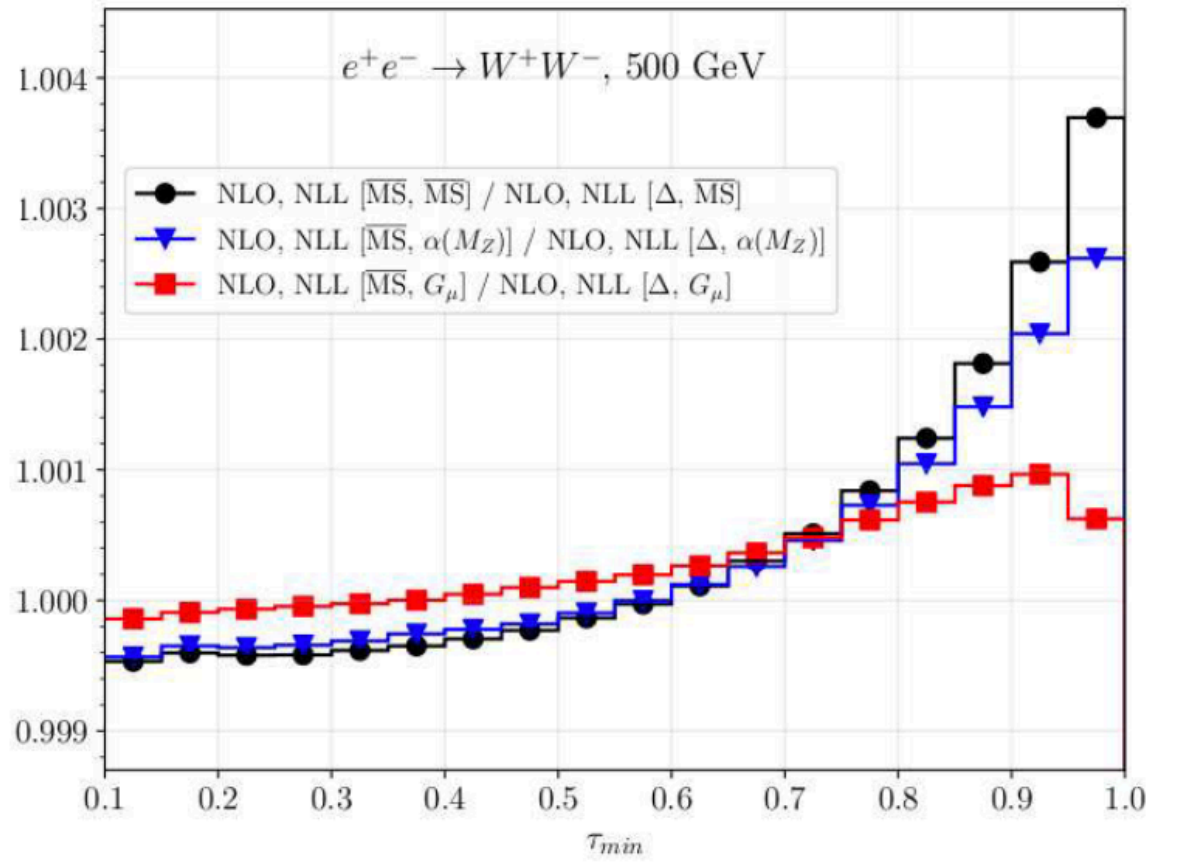
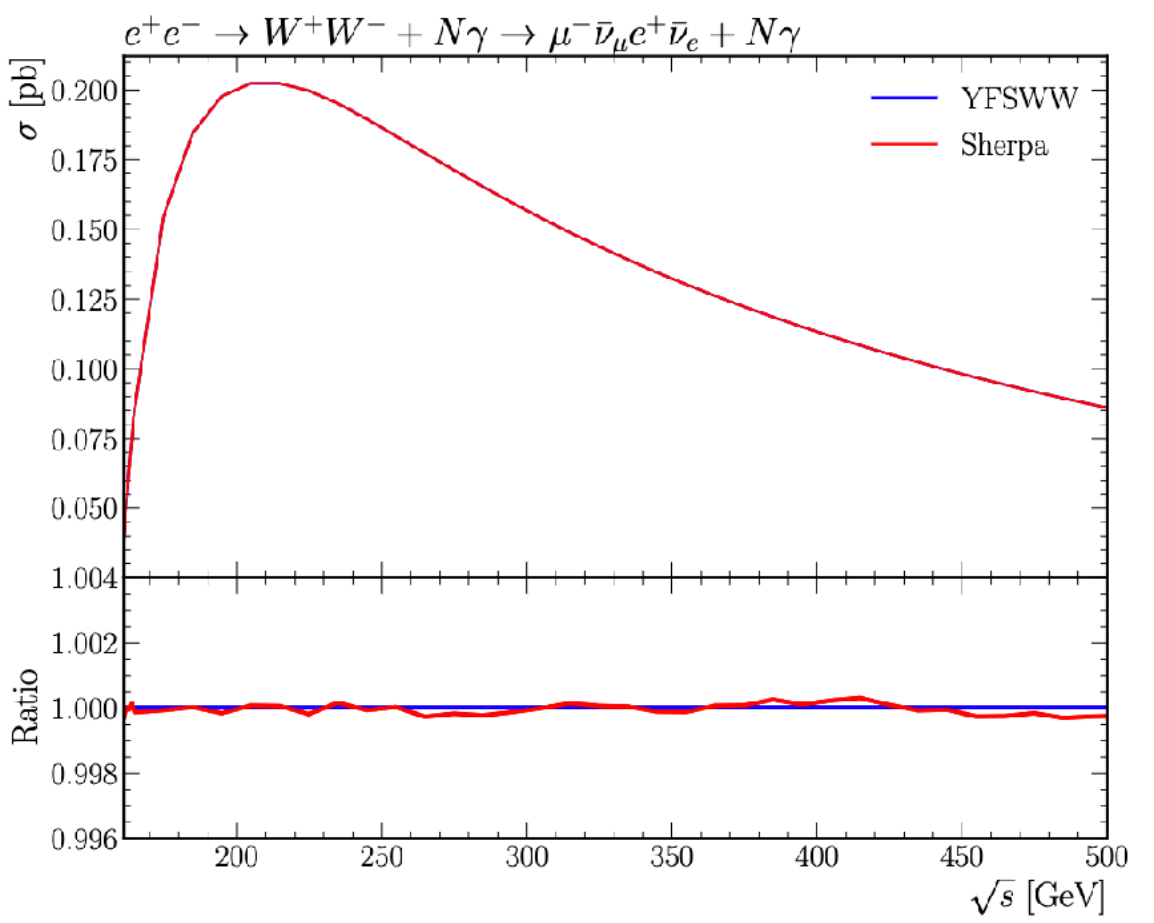


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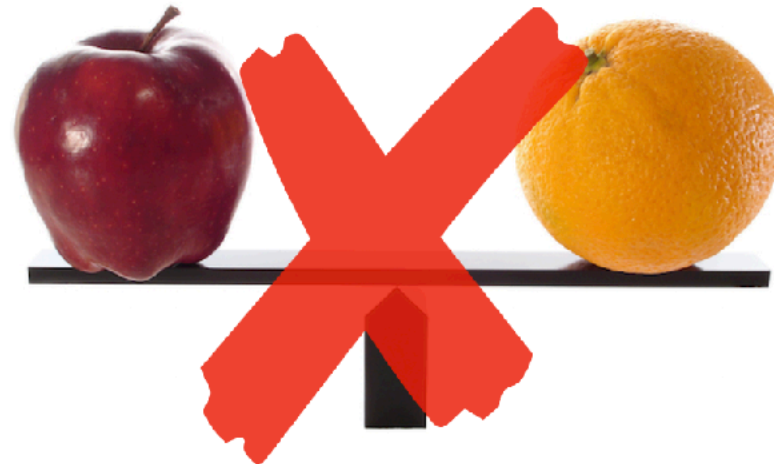
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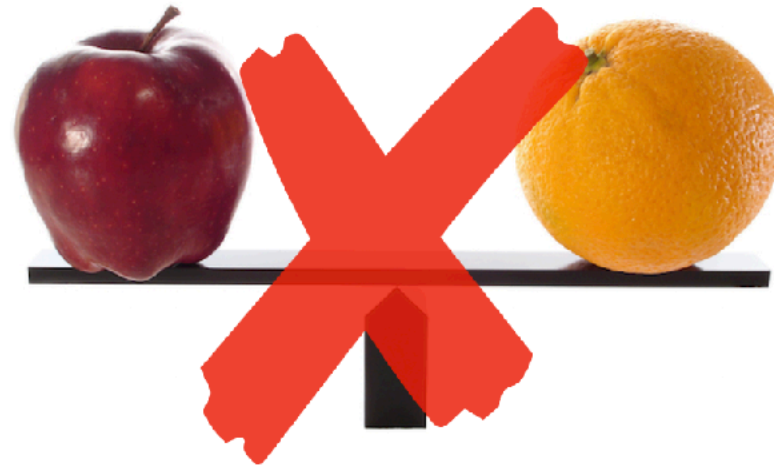
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Focus topics II: BSM needs

[Sarah Williams]

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- Feature request for LLP in Whizard
- Some confusion on UFO vs. generator-specific models

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Flavor
"boosted" B/D/ τ factory:

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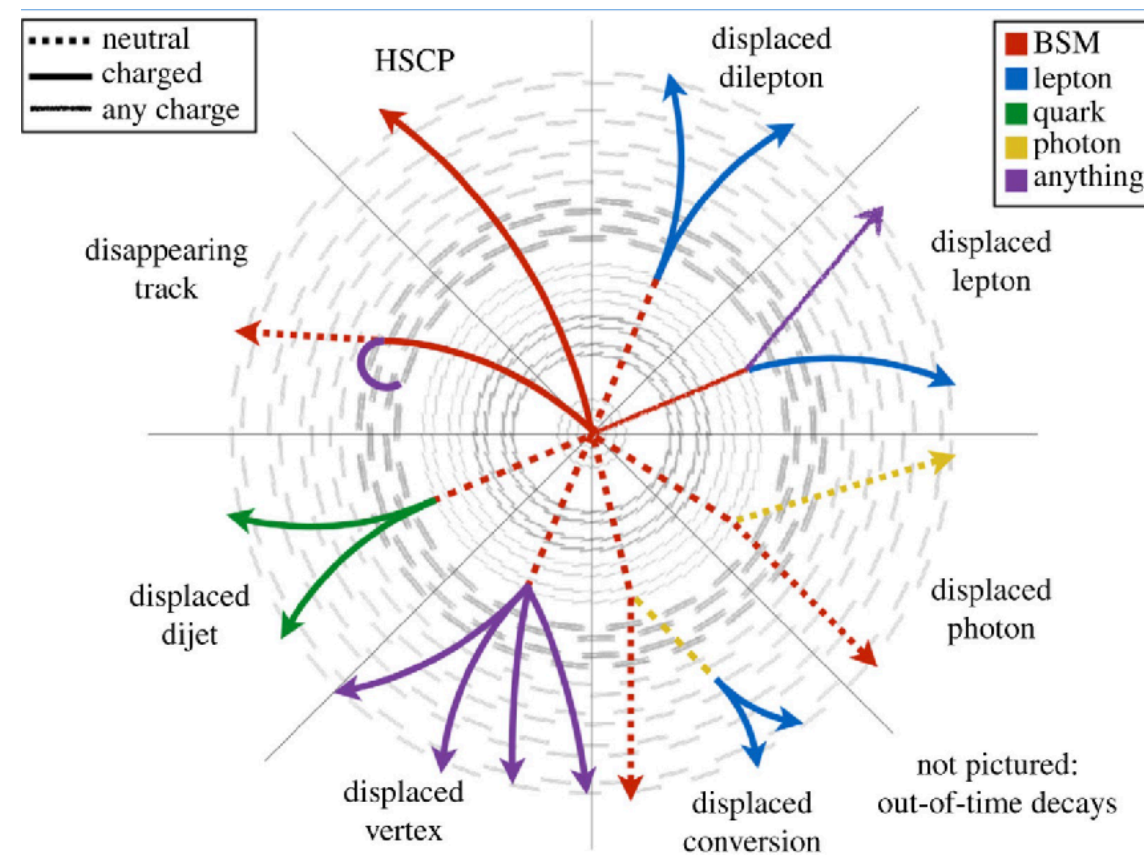
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Focus topics II: BSM needs

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- Feature request for LLP in Whizard
- Some confusion on UFO vs. generator-specific models

Higgs factory

m_H, σ, Γ_H
self-coupling
 $H \rightarrow bb, cc, ss, gg$
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 $ee \rightarrow H$
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Top

$m_{top}, \Gamma_{top}, ttZ, FCNCs$

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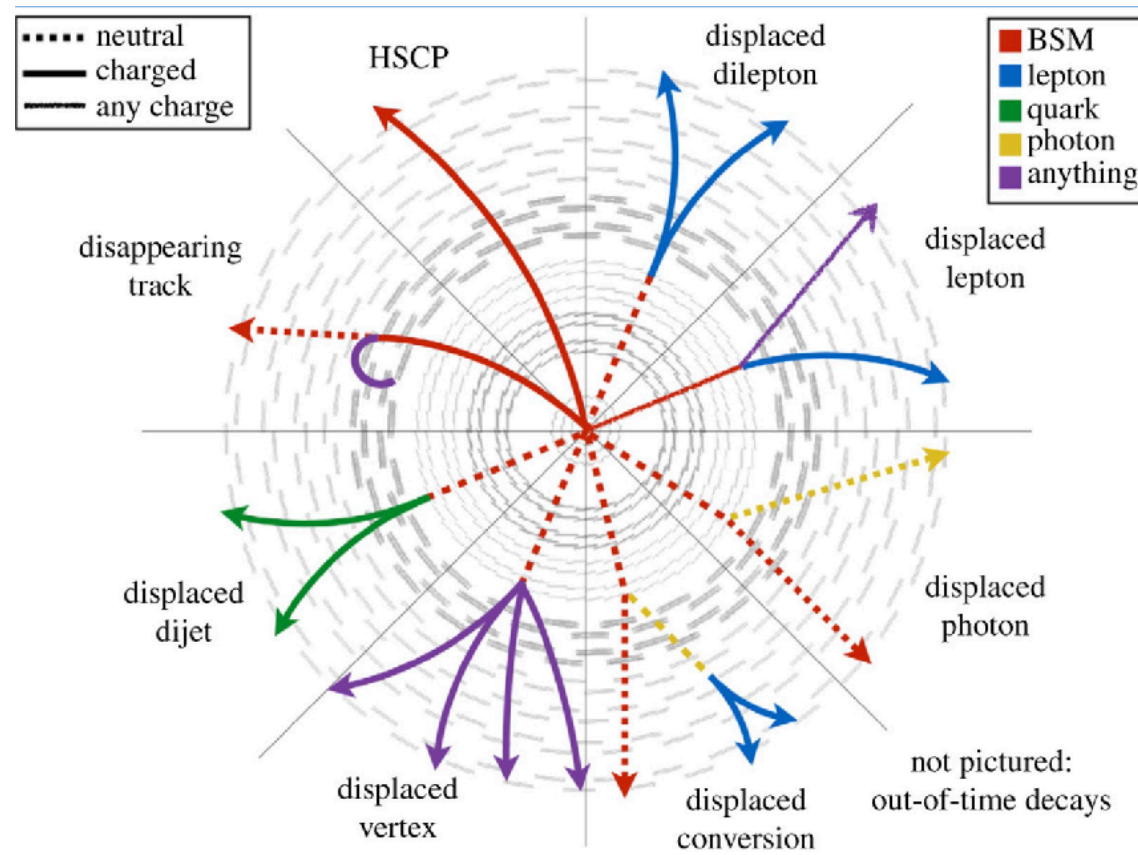
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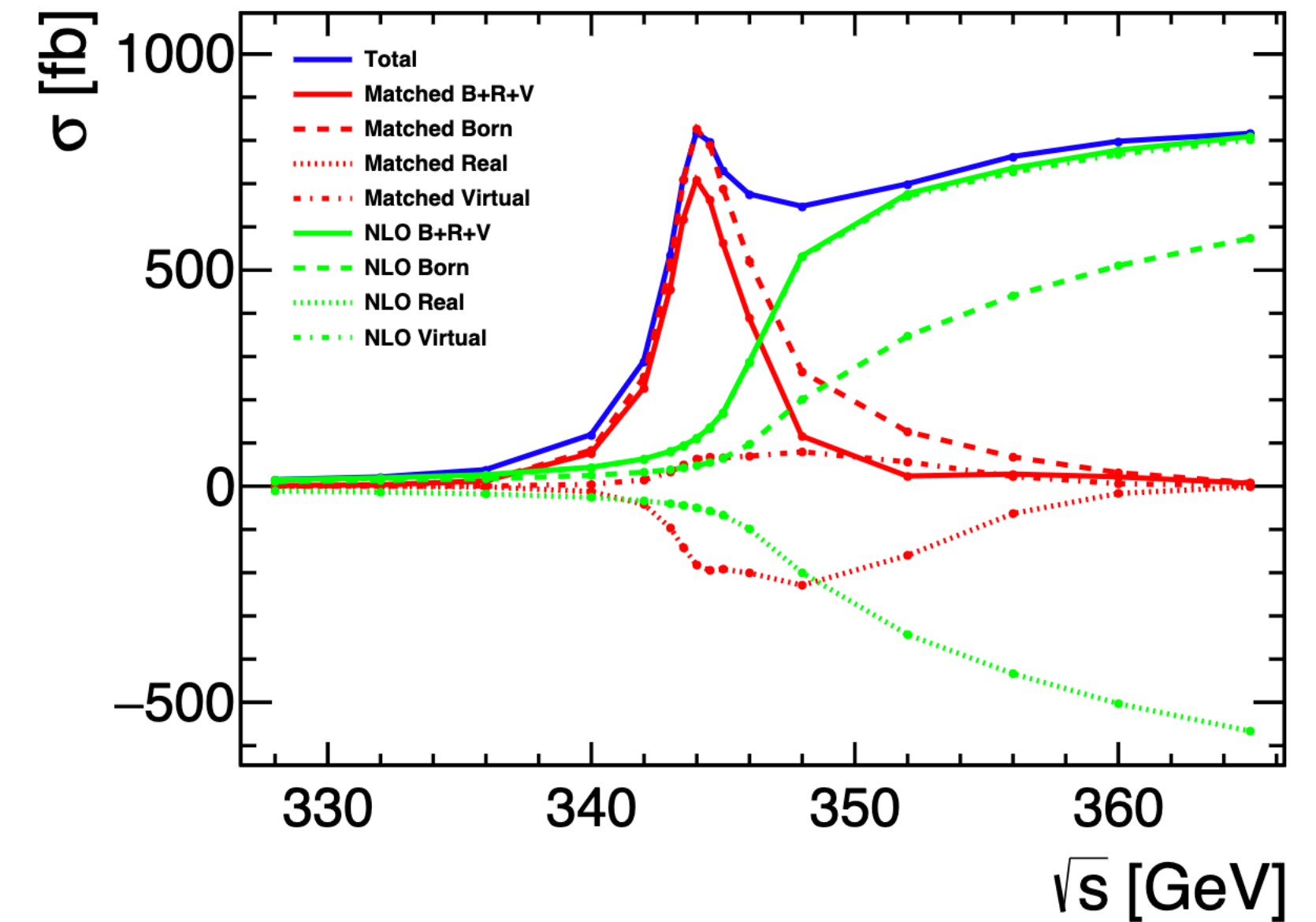
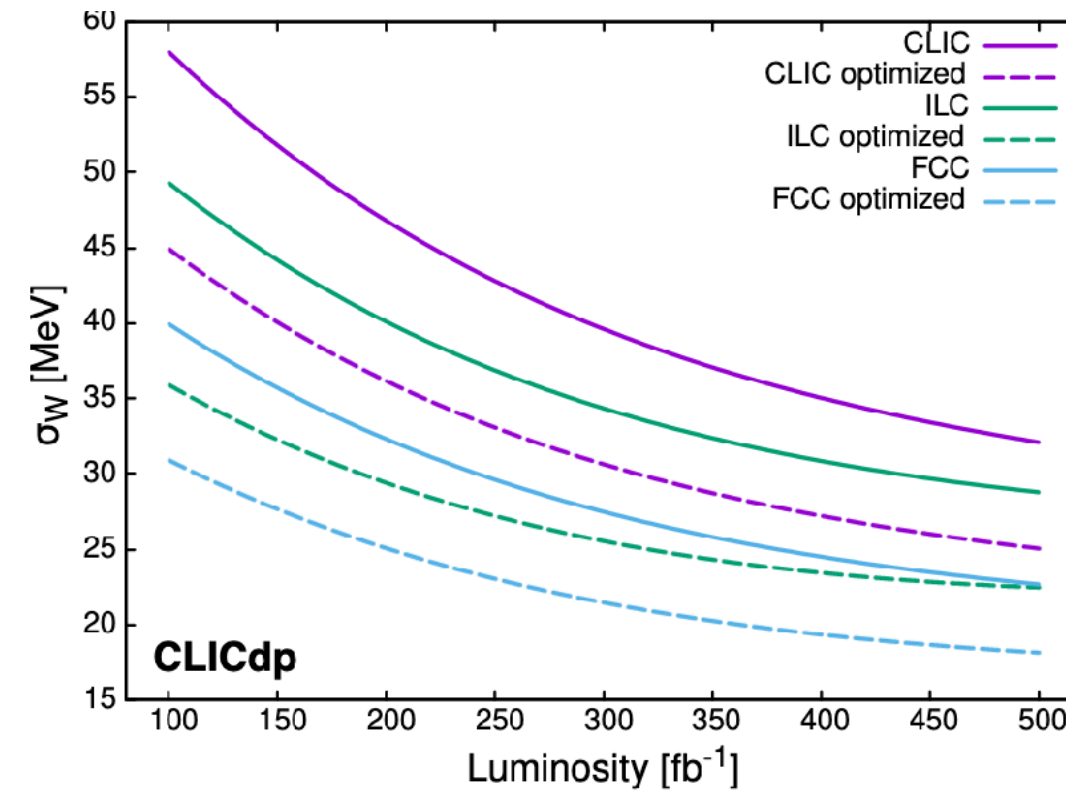
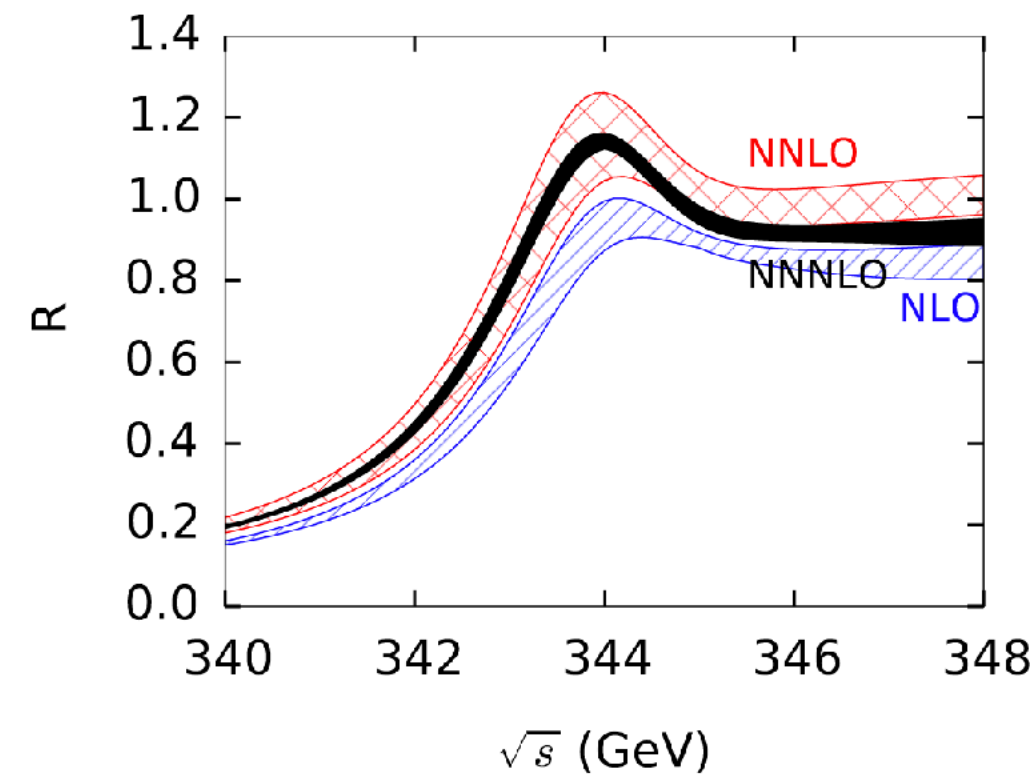


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- Differential distributions are sensitive to top mass as well
- Completely unknown: theoretical uncertainties, completely unknown: systematic uncertainties
- For $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-b\bar{b}$ at NLO QCD (continuum) to NLO NRQCD \oplus NLL ν NRQCD matched in Whizard
- Implemented 2013-17 (1 postdoc, 2 Phd students left physics), recently (re-)validated in Whizard v3.x
- Attempt in FCC-ee by Jeremy Andrea (director at Strasbourg) and A.F. Žarnecki (student finished)
- Some purely technical problems: tested with ISR, doesn't work with beam spectrum, fails with spectrum & polarization
- Complicated procedure of six different differential cross section contributions
- Plagued by very bad number of negative weights
- No person-power in Whizard: open call for participation & contribution ... there are open theoretical challenges !!

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<code>babayaga[†]</code>	<code>baurmc[†]</code>	<code>bhlumi^{††}</code>	<code>crmc[†]</code>	<code>evtgen</code>	<code>genie[†]</code>
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<code>photos</code>	<code>pythia6[†]</code>	<code>pythia8</code>	<code>sherpa</code>	<code>starlight[†]</code>	<code>superchic[†]</code>
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- ☑ Software framework (Key4Hep, EDM4HEP) universally adapted by CEPC, ILC, CLIC, FCC-ee, CCC (?)
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- ☑ Discussed: porting to GPUs, mentioned: vectorization, not discussed: OpenMPI / coarray etc.
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