

# *Road to Minimal WIMPs*

Particle Physics Seminar

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- **Minimal WIMPs:**

*Minimal Dark Matter*  
*Electroweak Interacting Dark Matter*  
*Minimal WIMPs*

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia, Nucl. Phys. B 753 (2006) 178-194  
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 Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata, Takesako, JHEP 07 (2011) 005  
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 DelNobile, Nardecchia, Panci, JCAP 04 (2016) 048  
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*Doublets*  
*(Higgsino-like)*

$$\chi_{\mathbf{3}} \equiv \chi_{\tilde{W}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{W}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^0 \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^- \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

*Triplets*  
*(Wino-like)*

$\chi_{\mathbf{5}} \dots$

*Fiveplets...*

$\chi_{\mathbf{9}} \dots$

*Nineplets...*

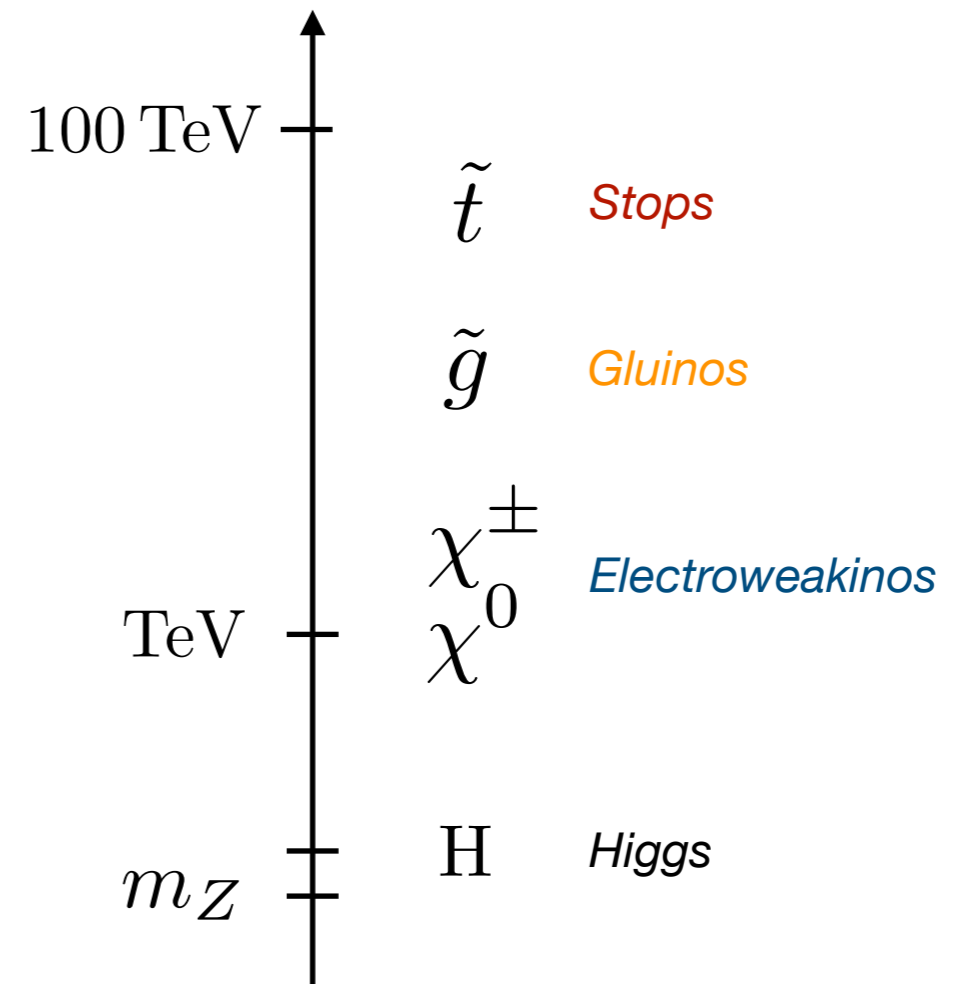
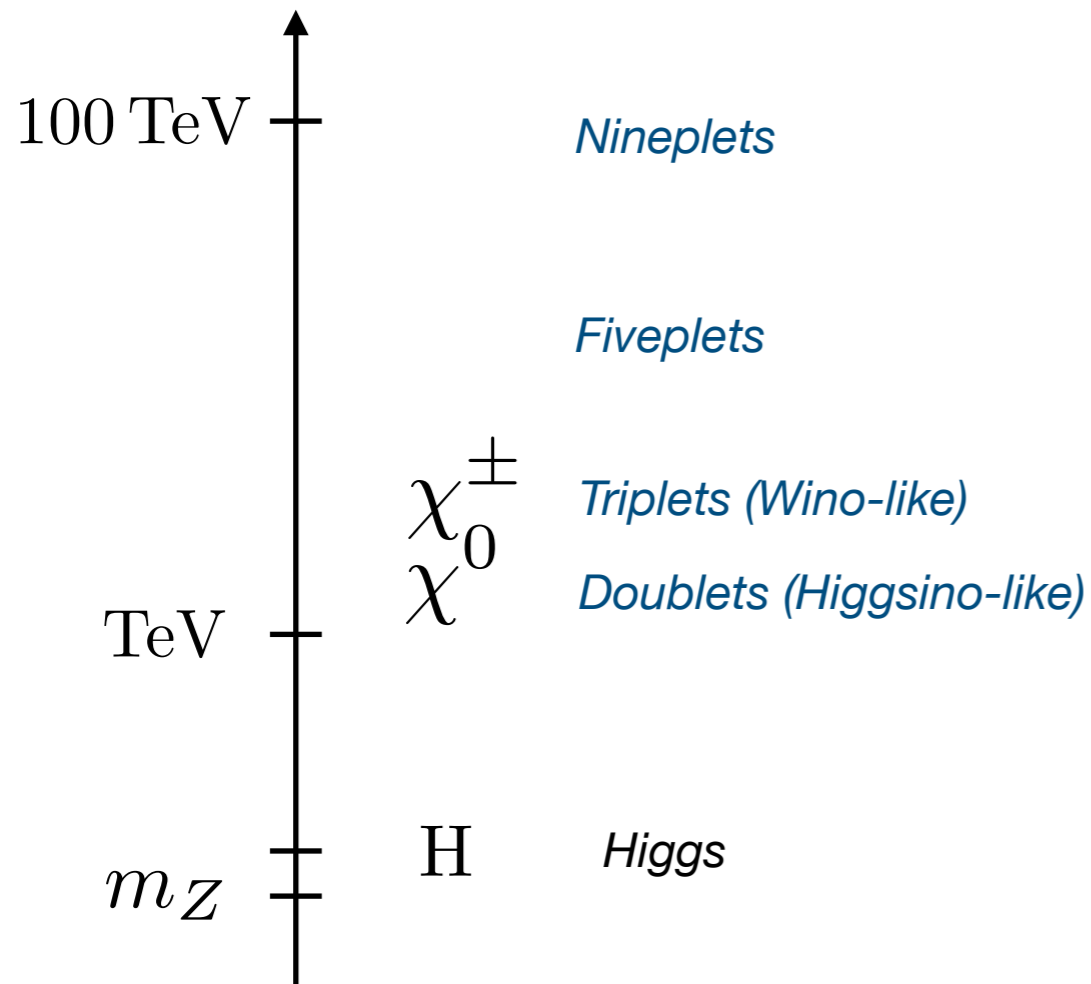
• **Minimal WIMPs:**

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*Simplified Models*

*(Split)Supersymmetry*



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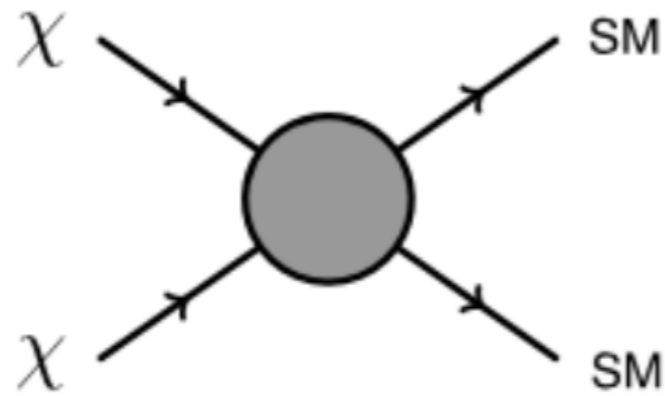
## 3. Future p/e Colliders

## 4. Muon Collider

- Disappearing Tracks
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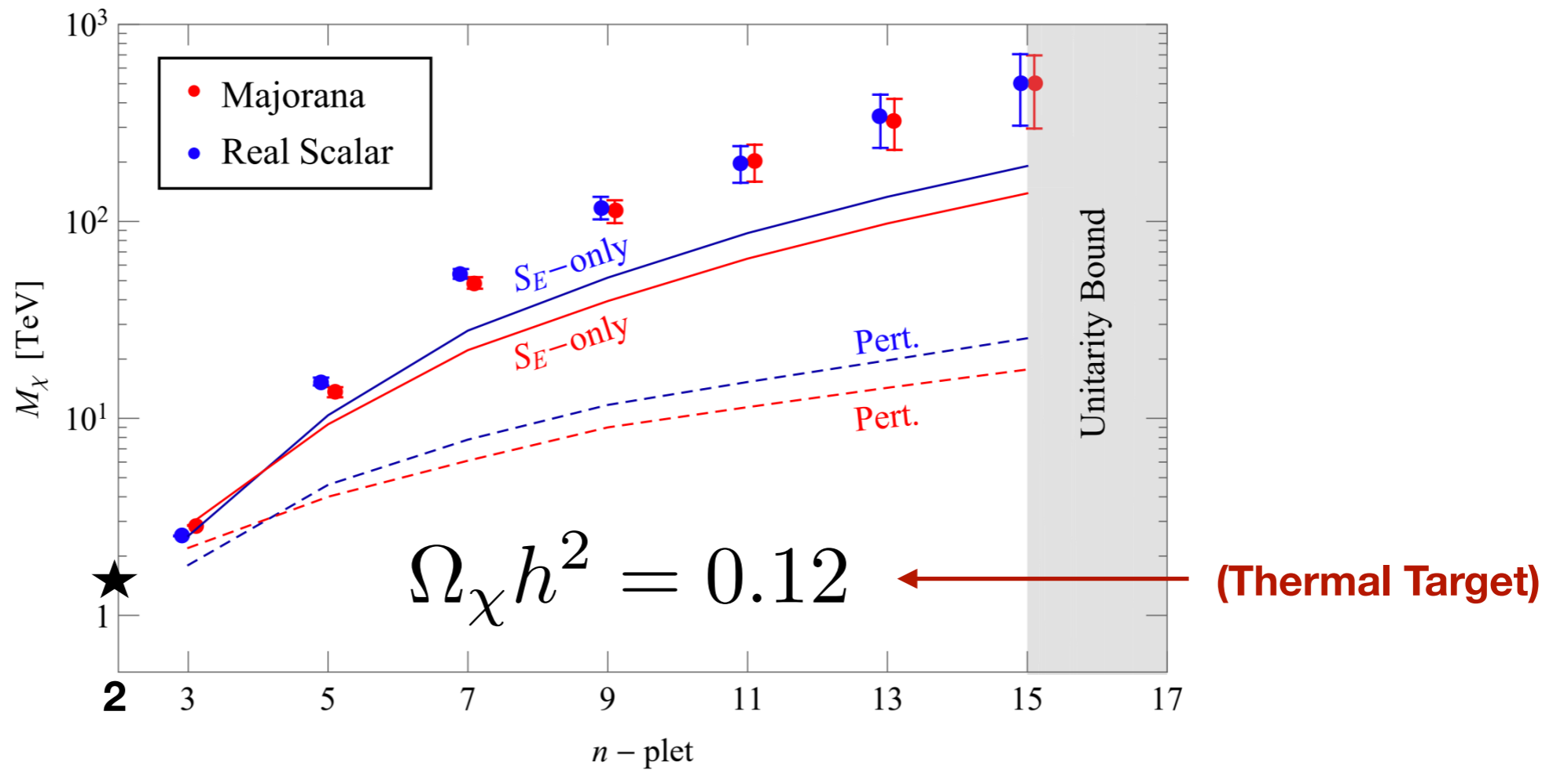
## Summary

• **Mass:**



$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{g^4 n^3 + 8g^2 g_Y^2 Y^2 n}{128\pi M_\chi^2} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(Majorana)} \\ \text{(Large } n \text{)} \end{matrix}$$

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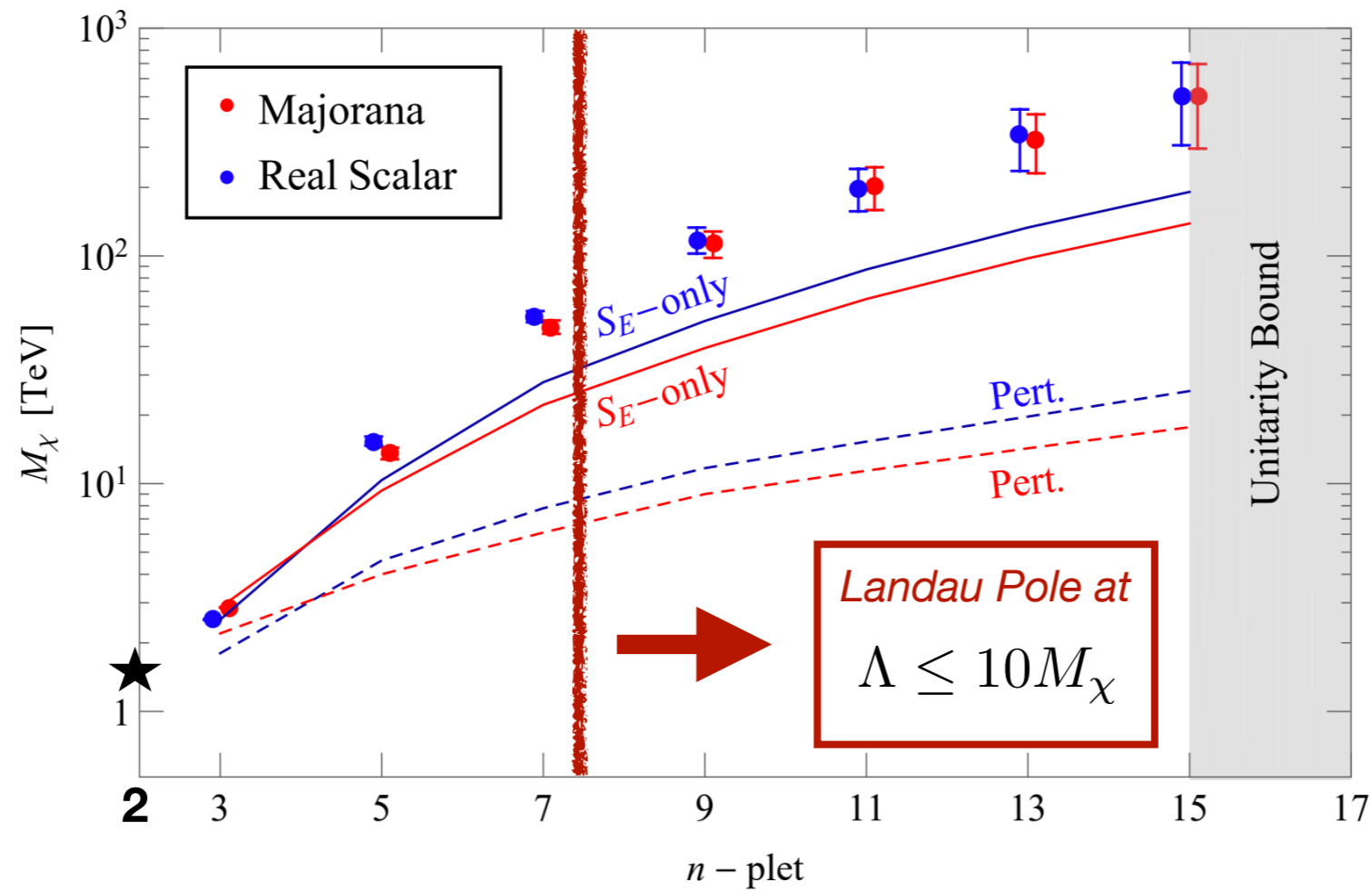
Bottaro et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 82 (2022) 1, 31

• **Mass:**

*Very large multiplets become less motivated*

*A good target can be:*

- *EW multiplets: 2, 3, ..., 7*
- *Masses: 1-50 TeV*



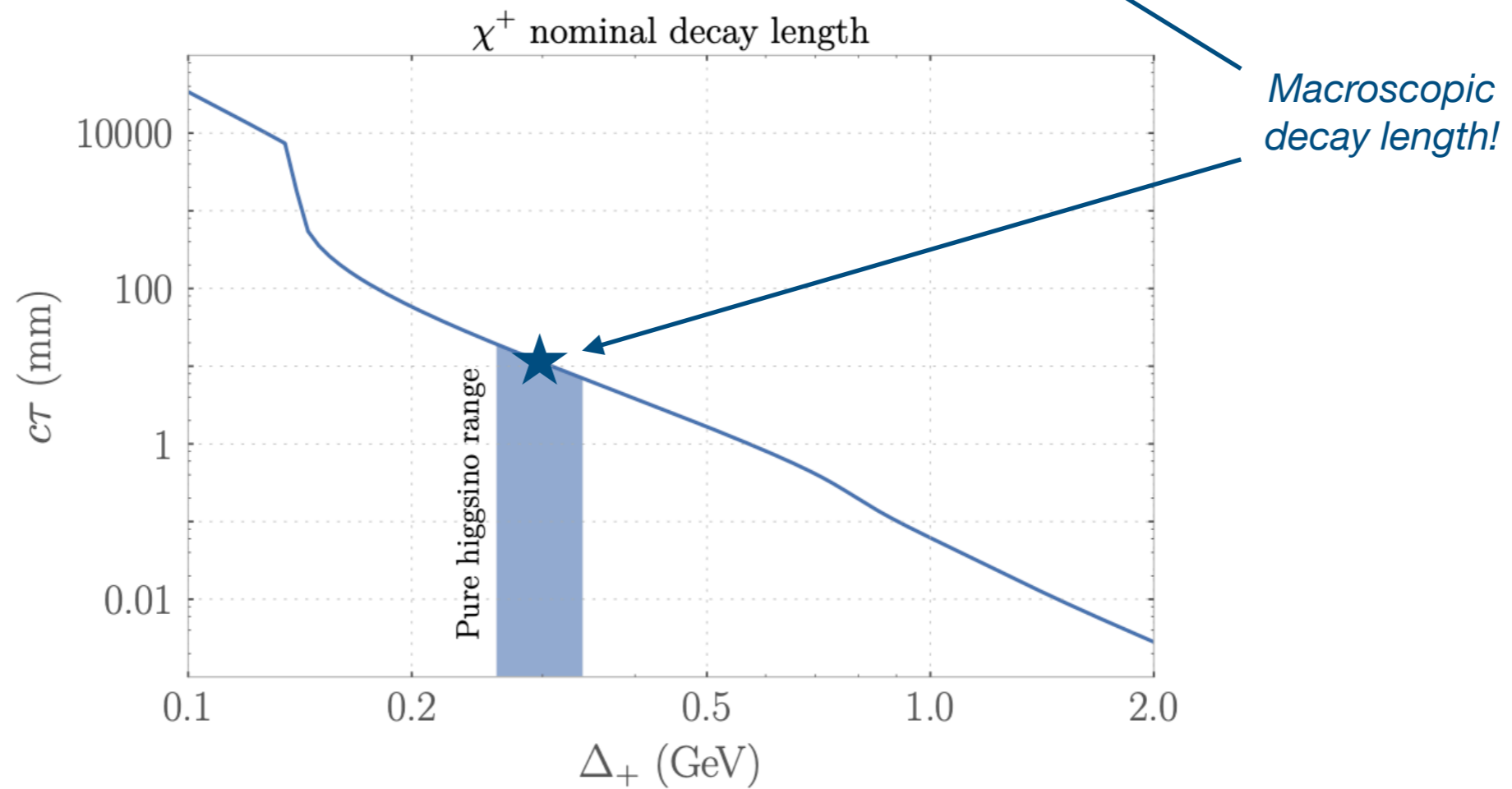
• Lifetime

For a given multiplet

$$\chi_{\tilde{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{H}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{H}}^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Loop effects generate  
chargino-neutralino splitting

$$\Delta M = M_{\chi^\pm} - M_{\chi^0} > 0$$



R. Mahbubani, P. Schwaller, J. Zurita, JHEP 06 (2017) 119

- **Thermal Targets**

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*Doublets (Higgsino-like)*                      *Triplets (Wino-like)*                      *Fiveplets...*                      *Nineplets...*

**Mass:**                      1.1 TeV                      2.7 TeV                      14 TeV

**Lifetime:**                      0.02 ns                      0.2 ns                      0.2 ns



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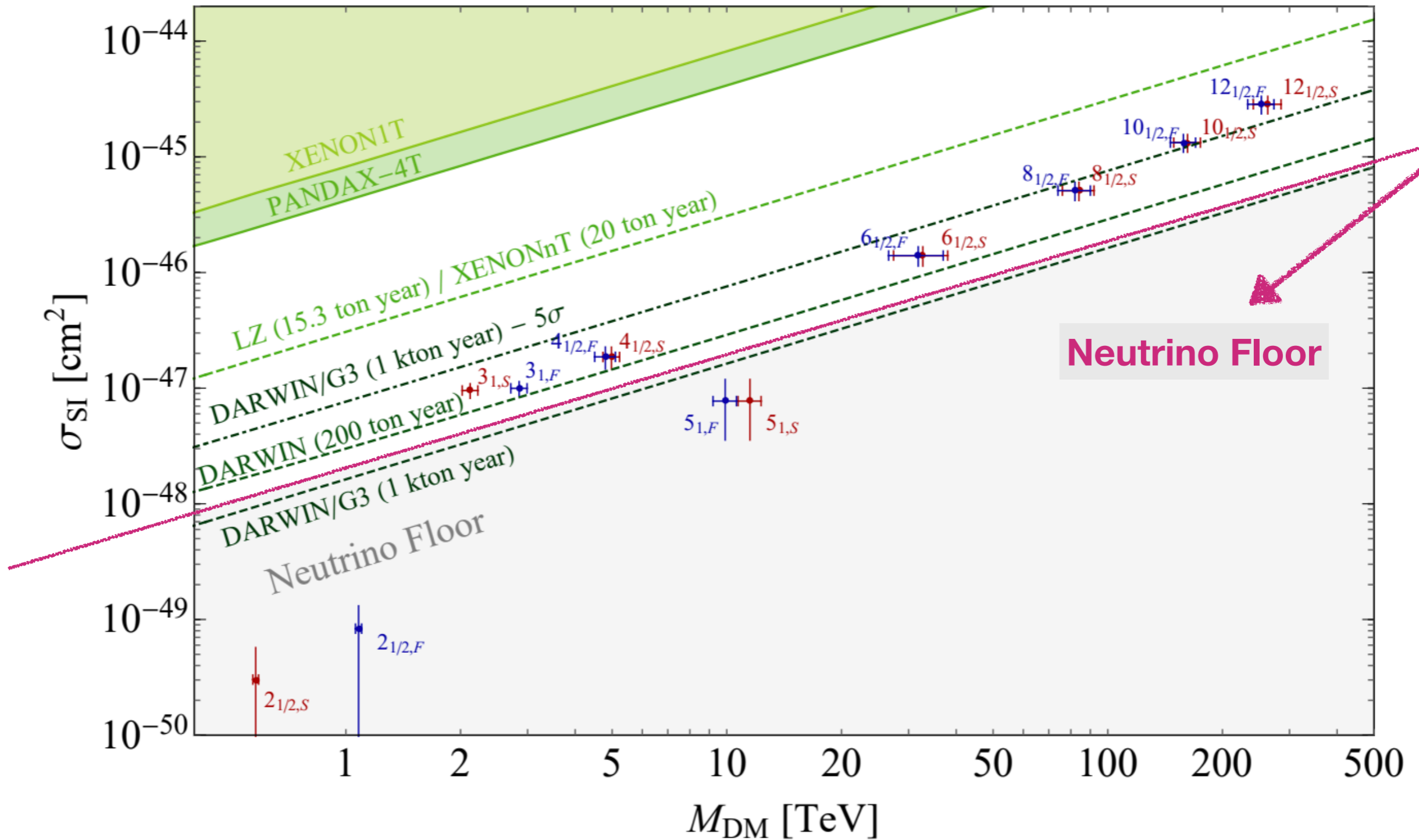
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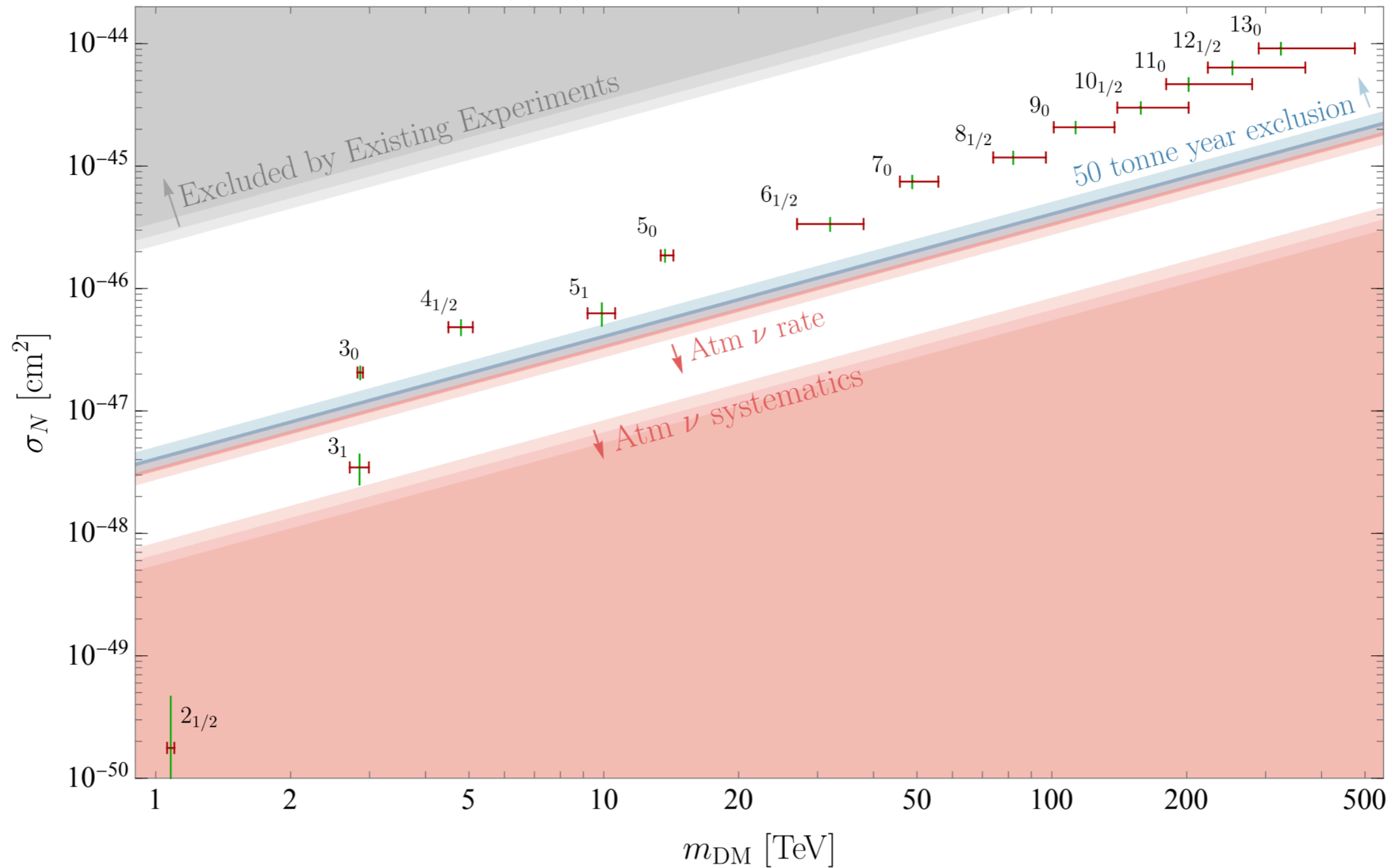
• **Direct Detection (DD)**

Bottaro, Buttazzo, Costa, Franceschini, Panci, Redigolo, Vittorio,  
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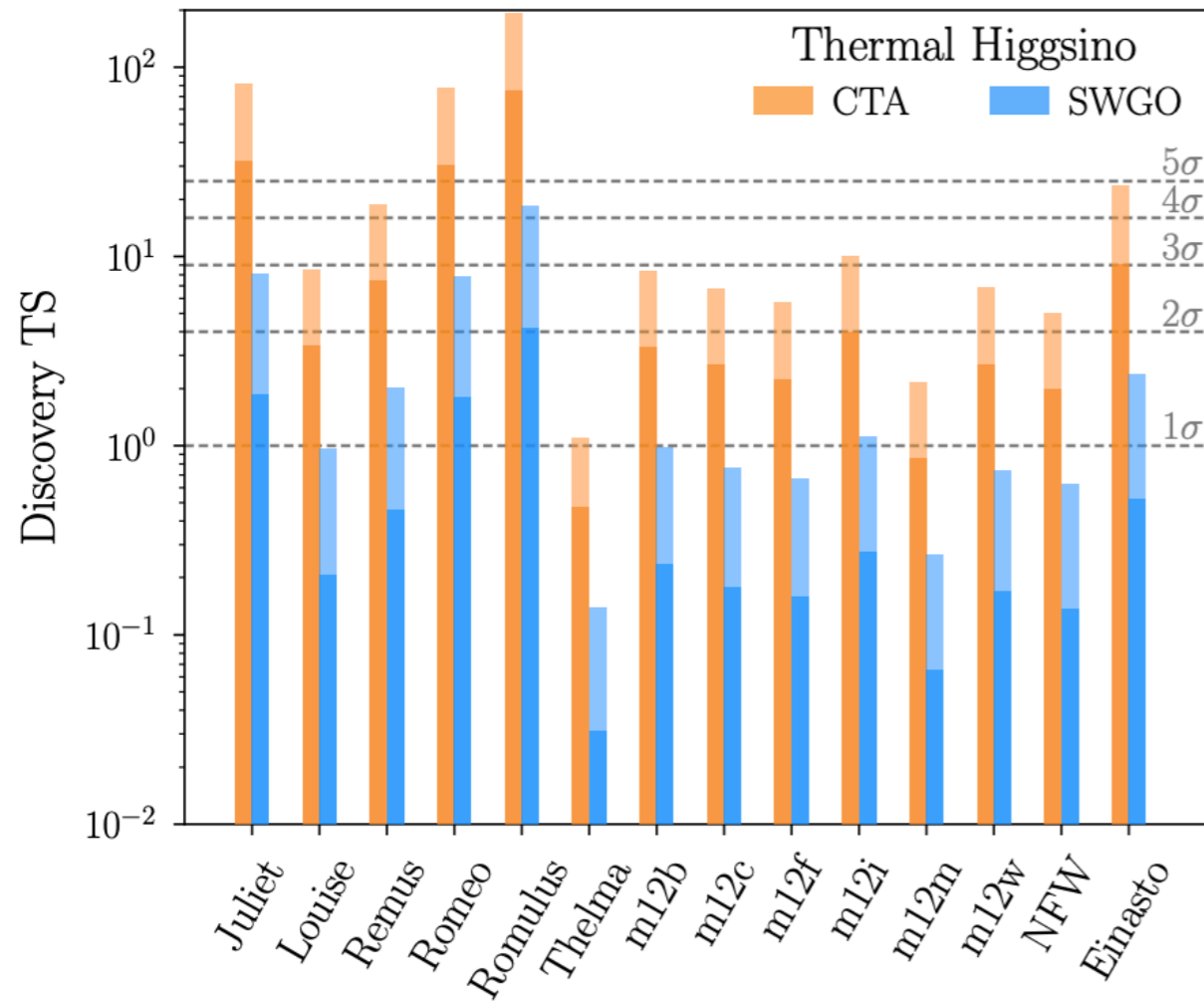
• **Direct Detection (DD)**

I. Bloch, S. Bottaro, D. Redigolo, L. Vittorio, ArXiv:2410.02723



- Indirect Detection (ID)

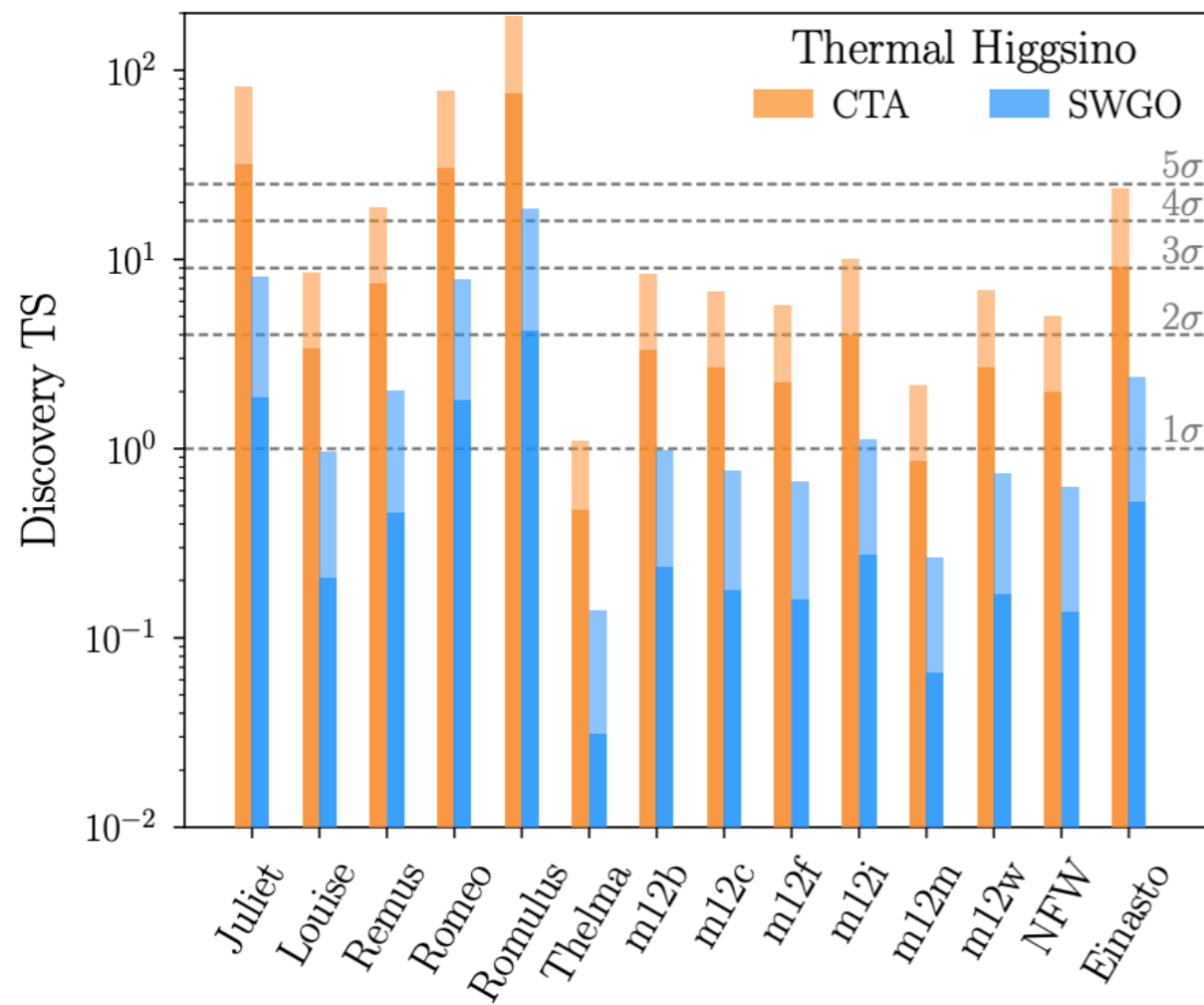
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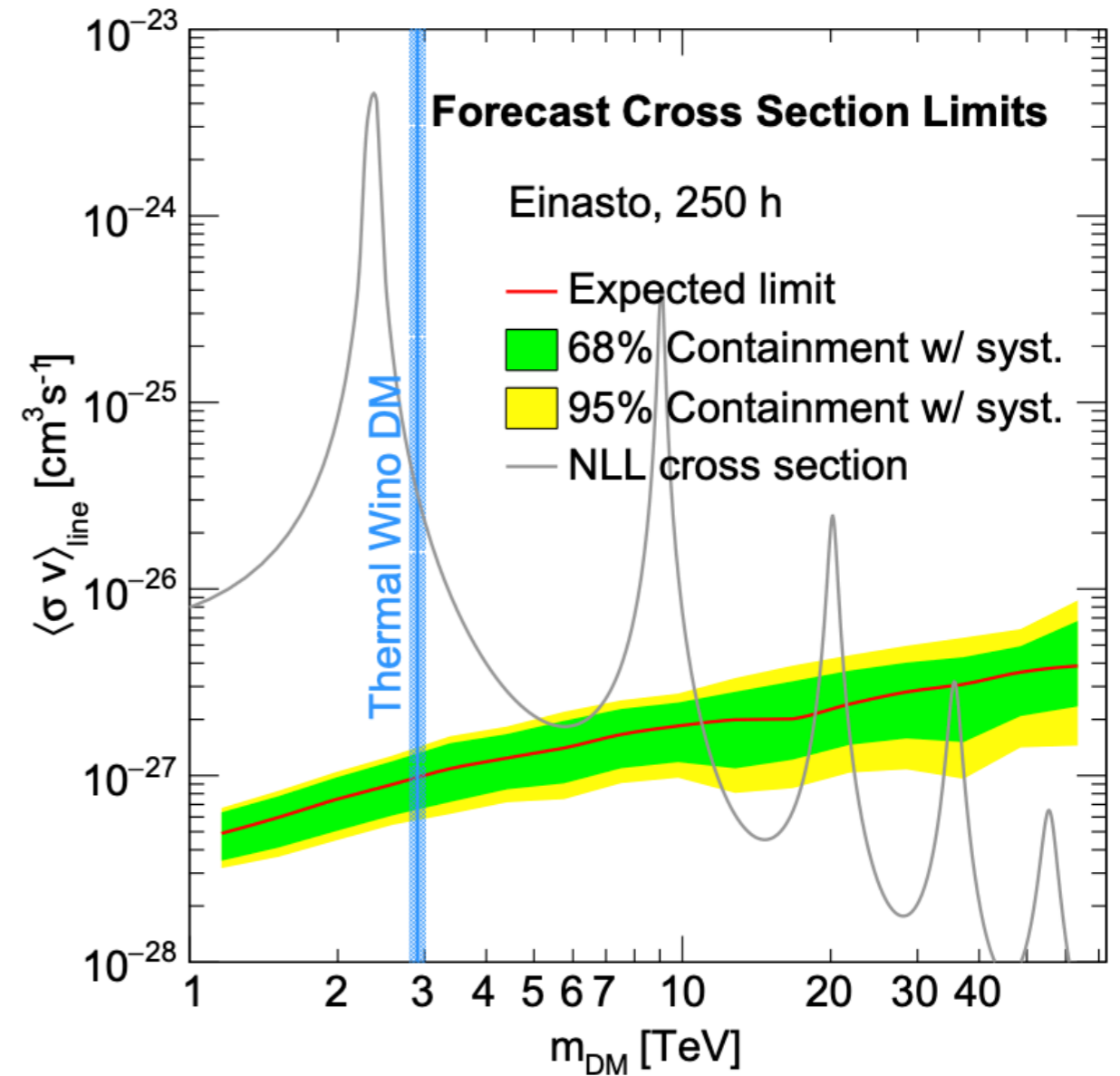
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**Triplet**



Rinchiuso et al., Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) 12, 123014  
Cohen, Lisanti, Pierce, Slatyer, JCAP 10 (2013) 061

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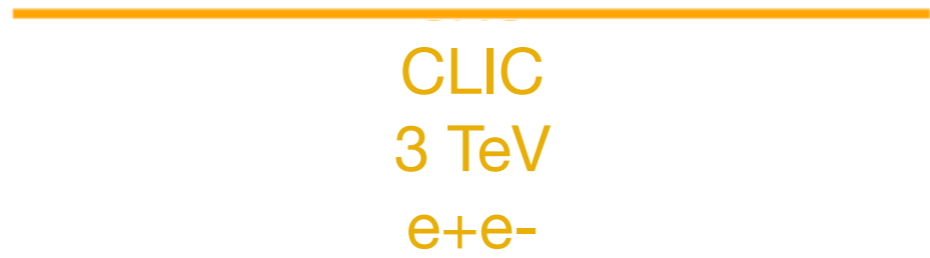
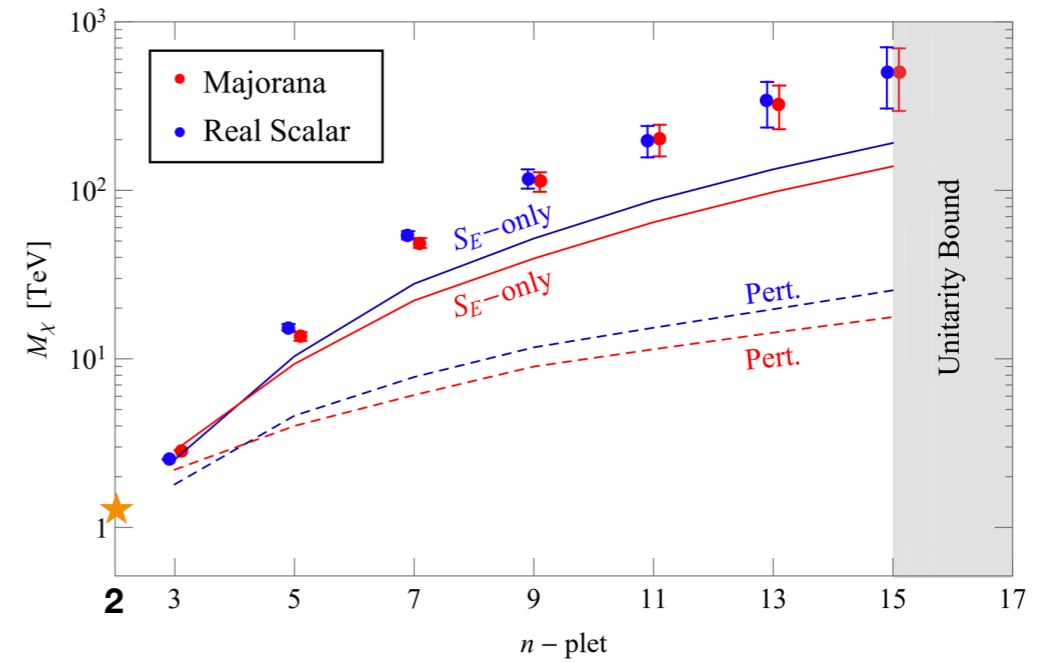
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• **Towards the Thermal Targets:**

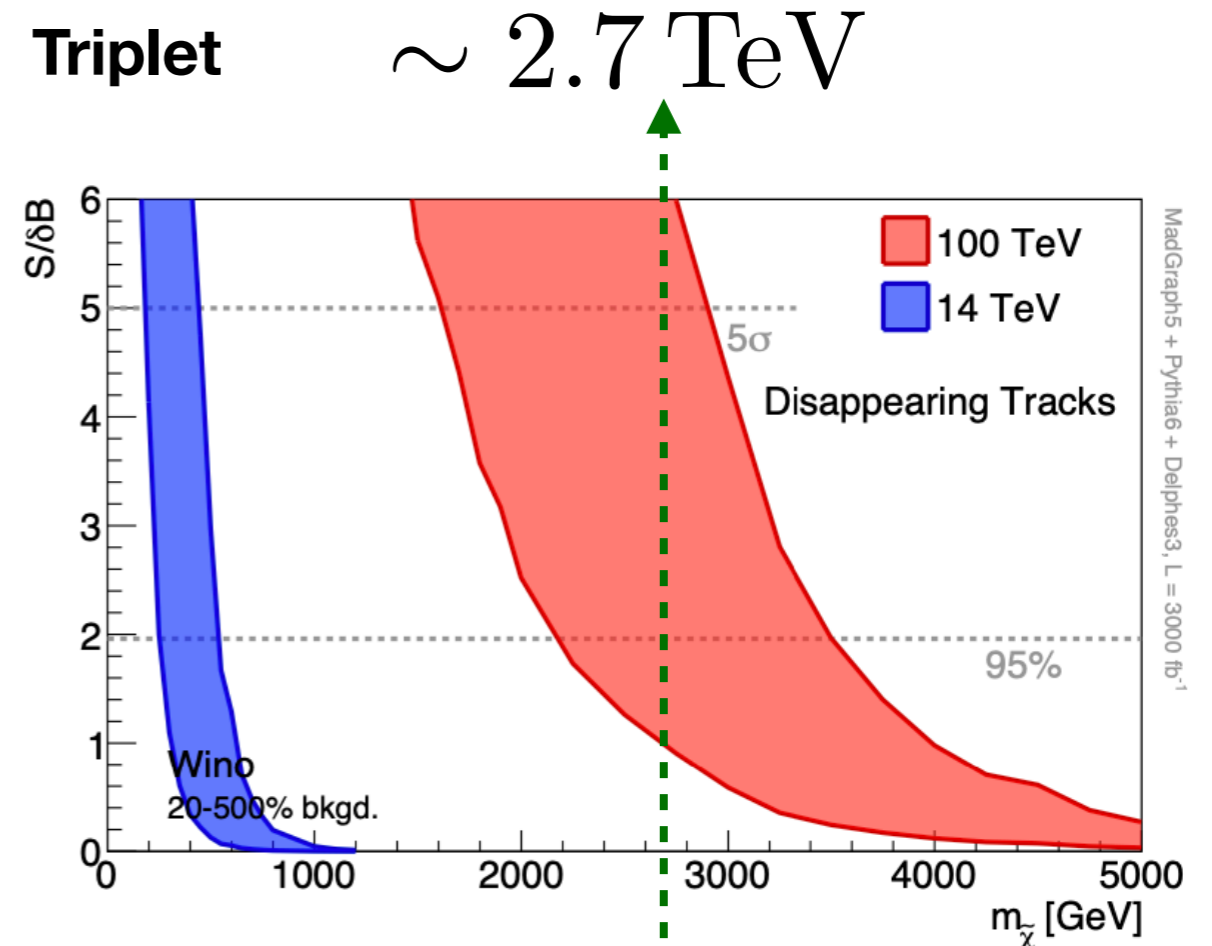
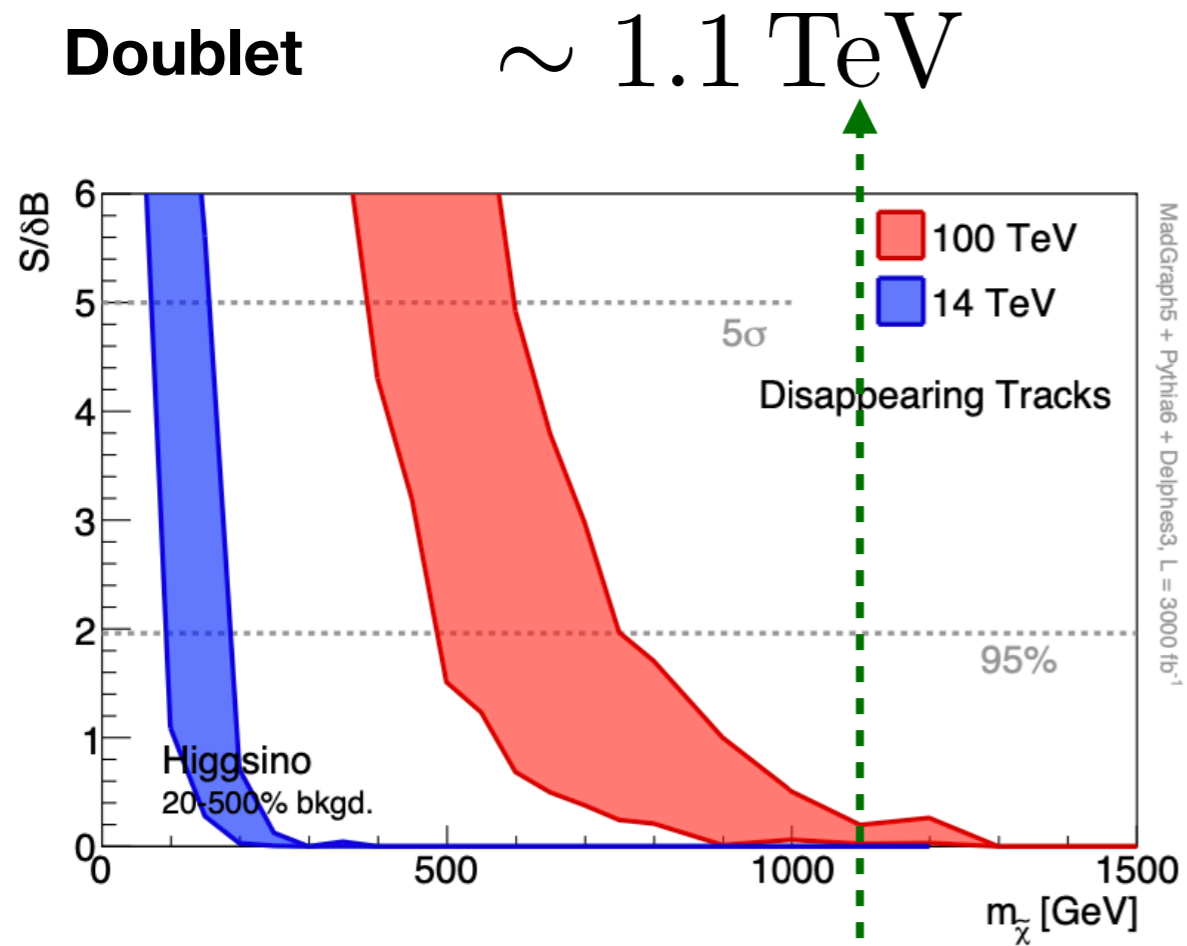
- *Electroweak states*
- *1-100 TeV masses*
- *100% of Dark Matter*

A task for future colliders!



• pp (100 TeV):

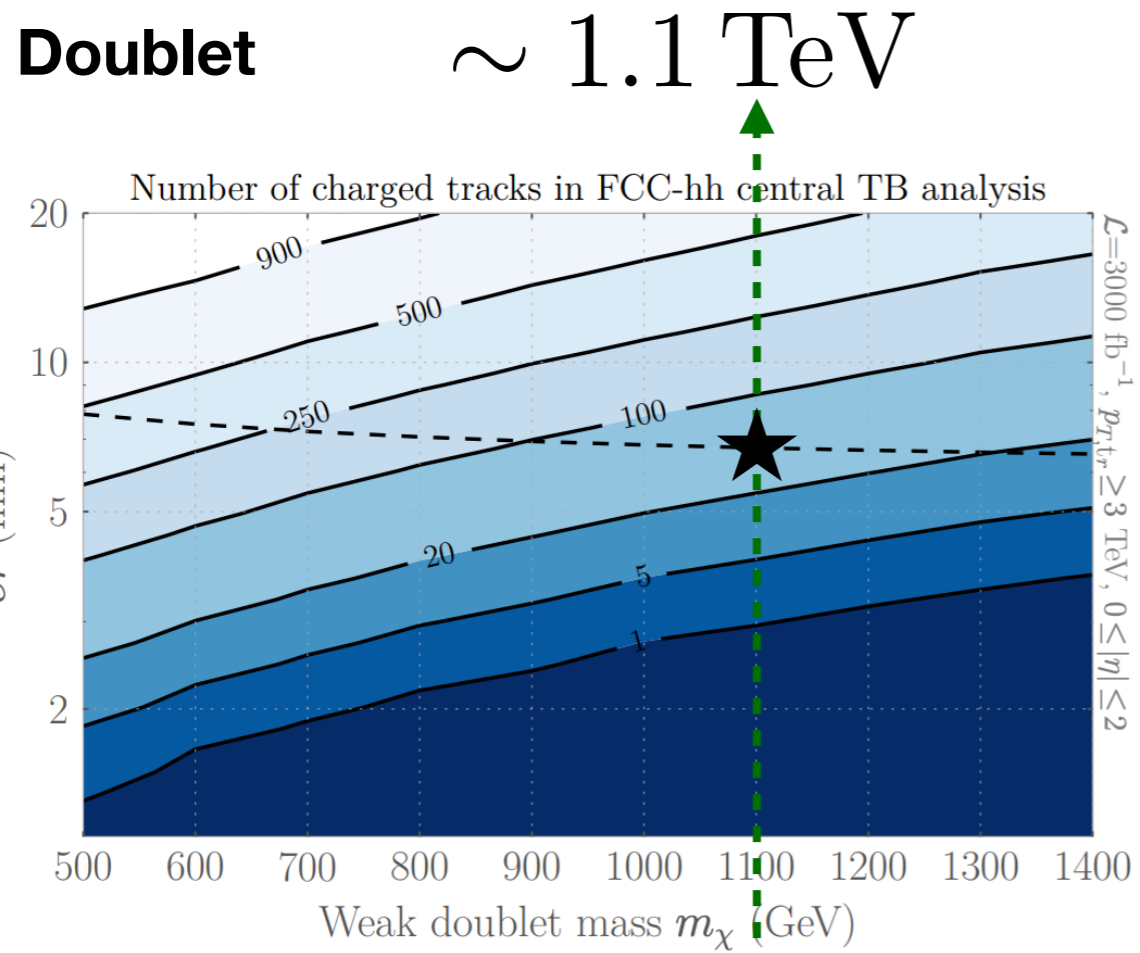
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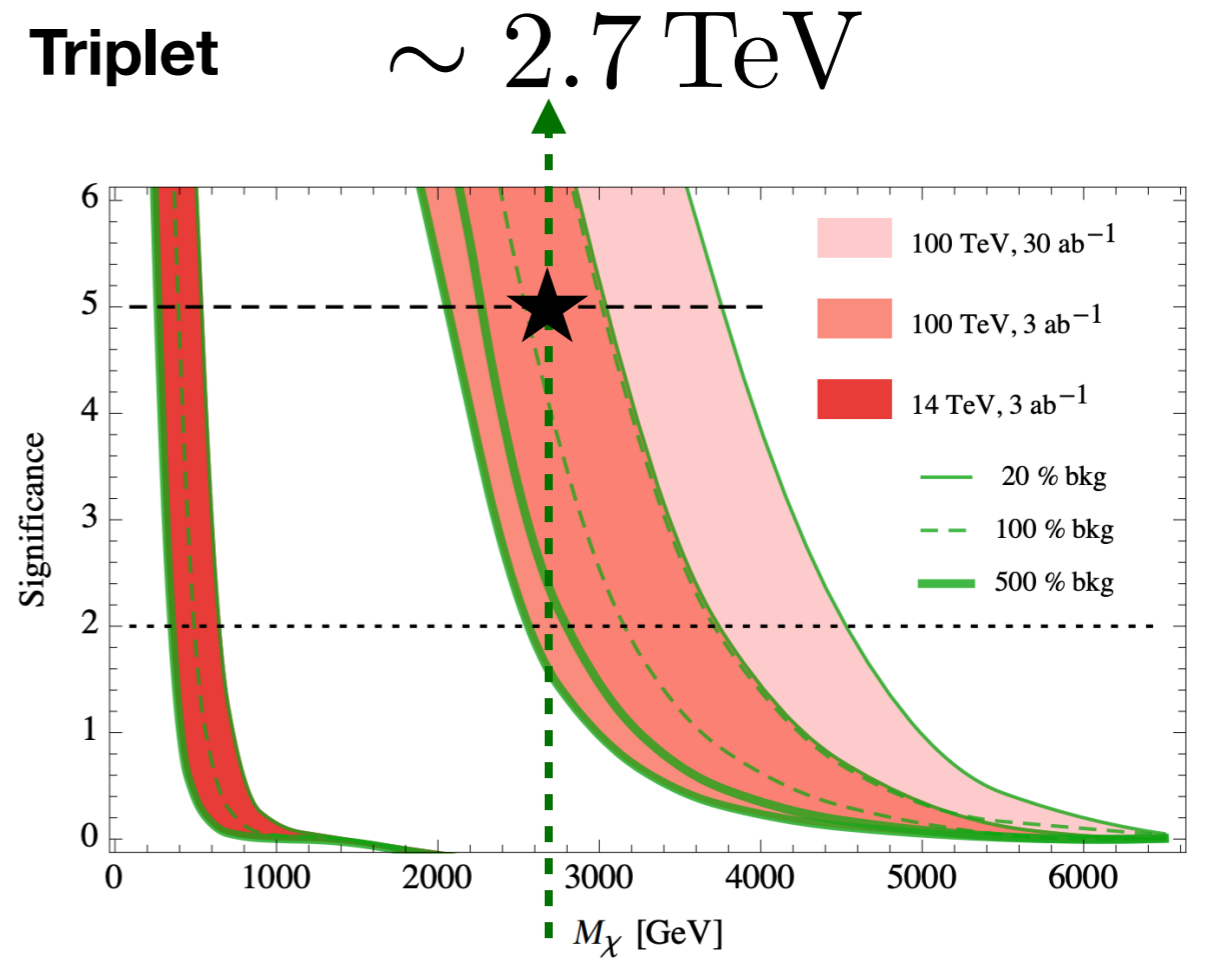
Thermal Target!



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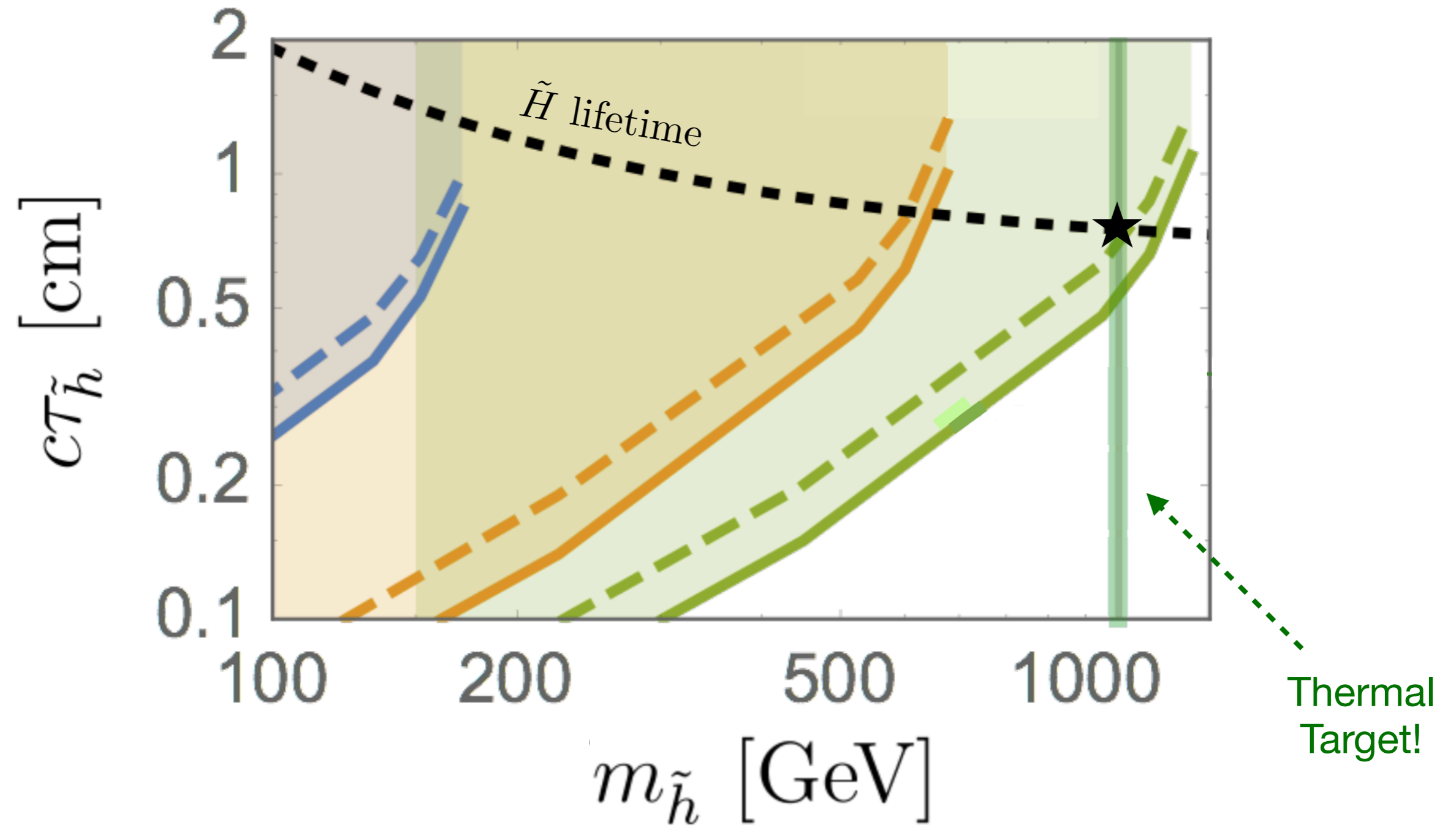


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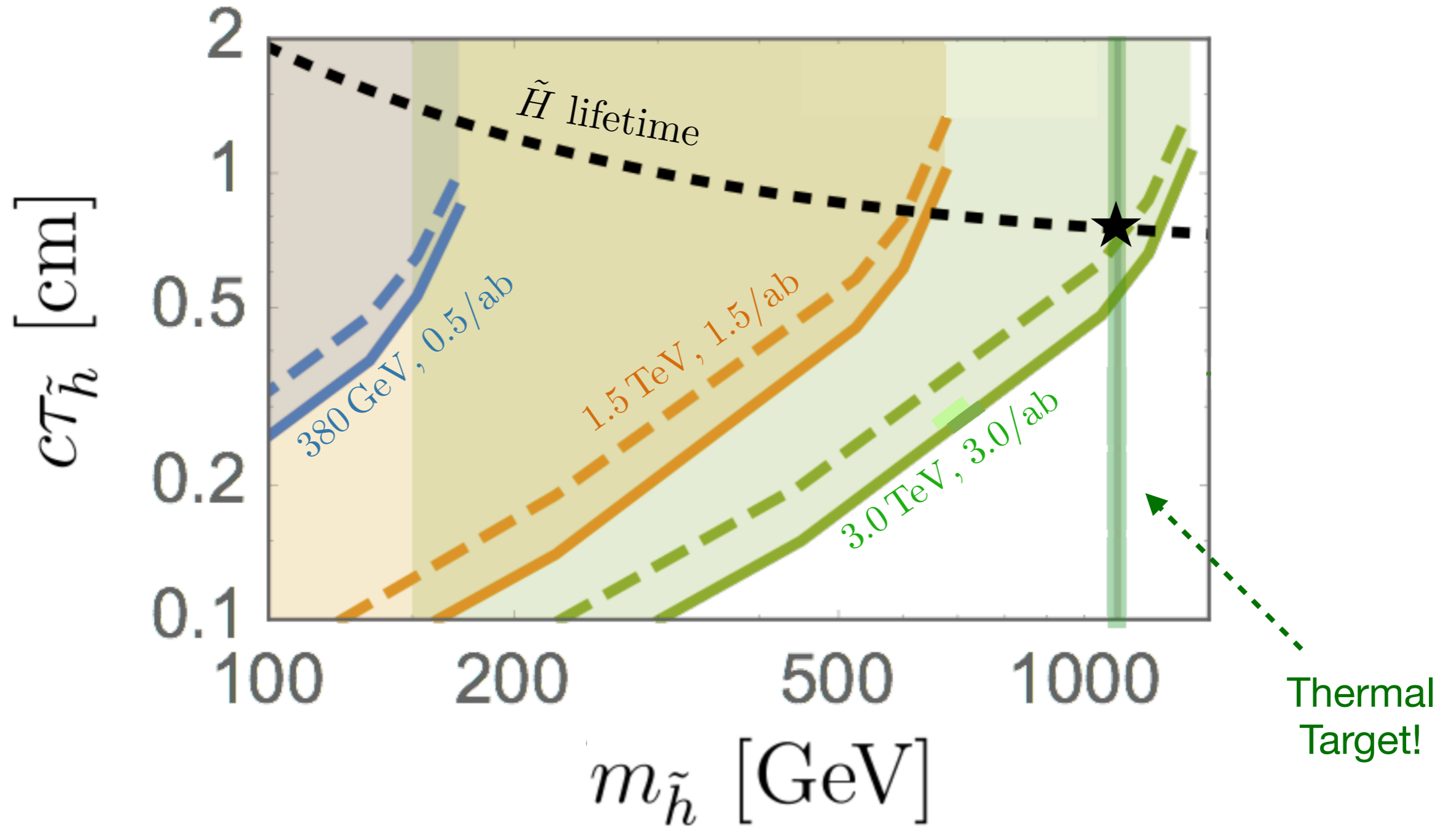
- **e+e- (3 TeV):**



CLIC Collaboration, CERN Yellow Rep. Monogr. 3 (2018)

• **e+e- (3 TeV):**

—  $N_{\text{ev}} = 3$   
- - -  $N_{\text{ev}} = 30$



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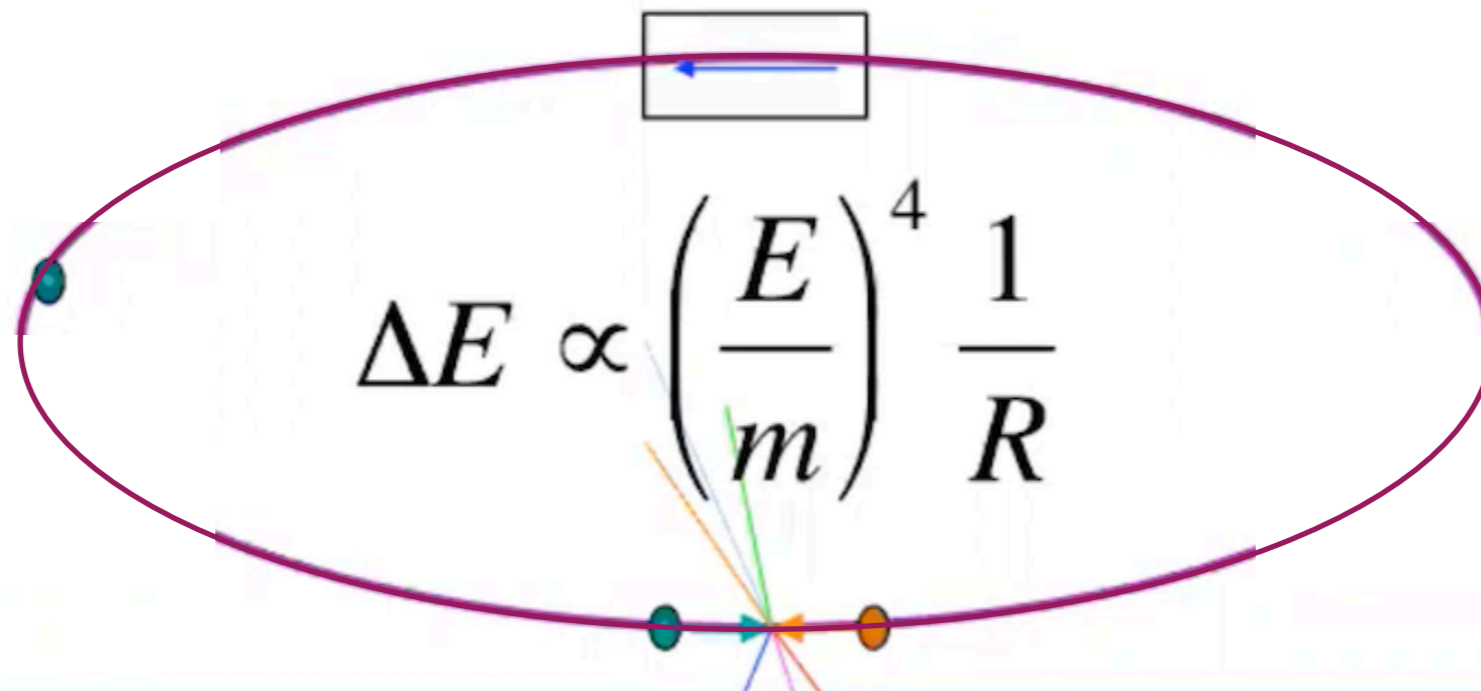
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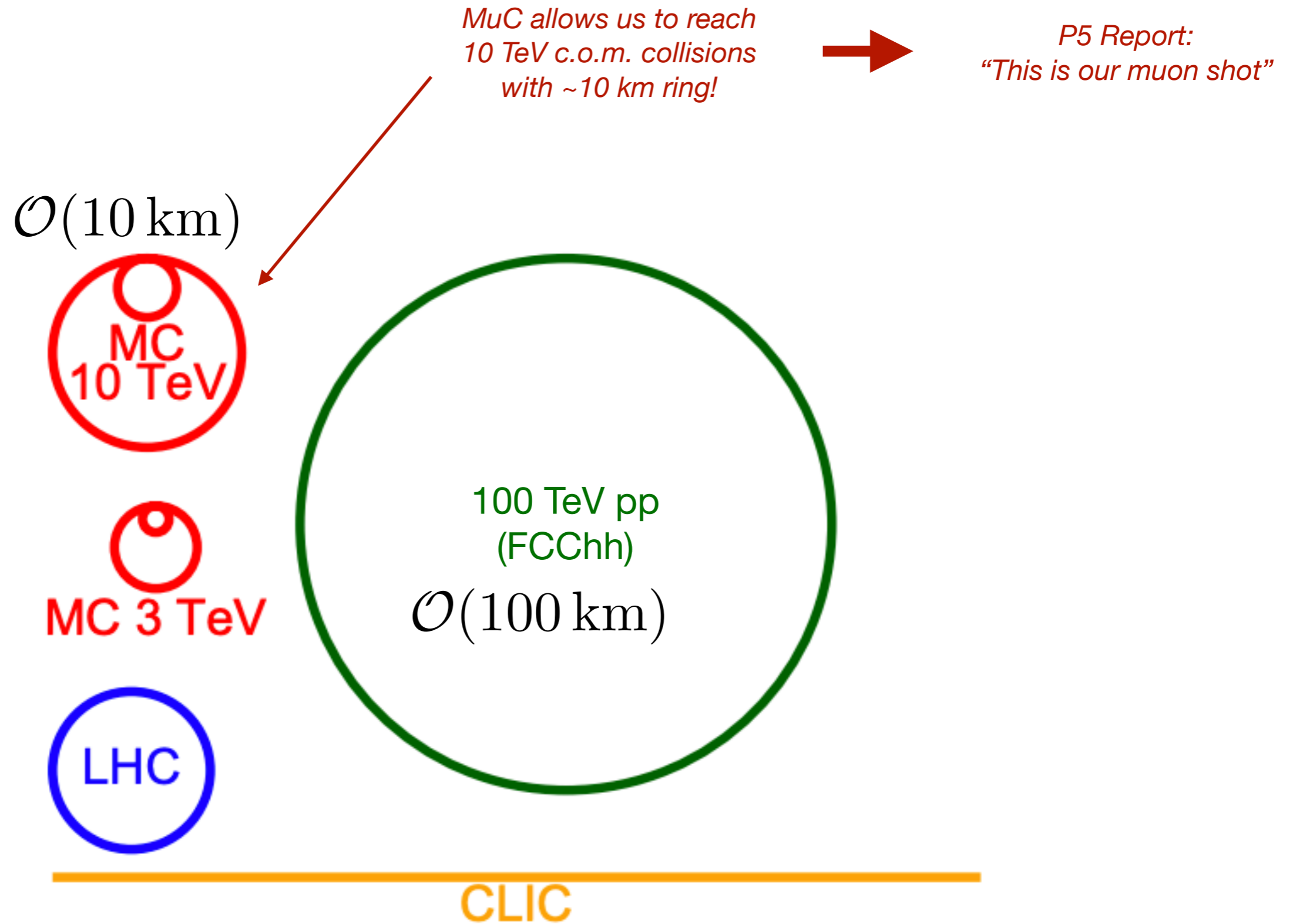
- **Muon Colliders:**

Advantages of circular lepton colliders:

- (i) Multi-pass! (recycle beam; lumi, power)
- (ii) All CoM energy is available
- (iii) Clean (from huge hadronic backgrounds!)



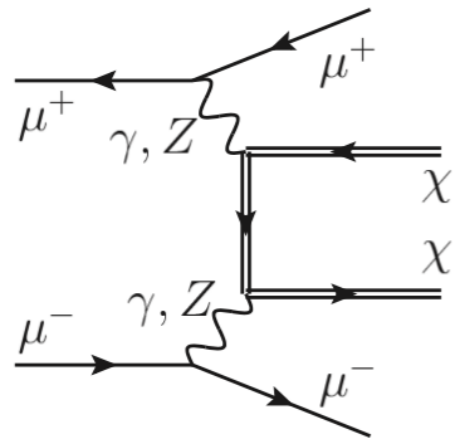
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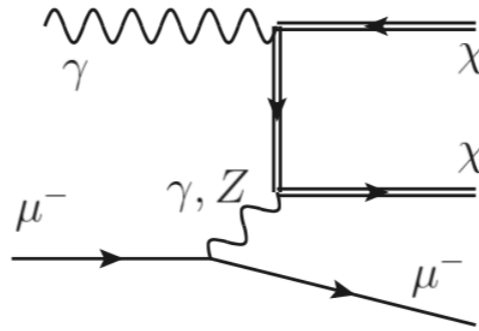
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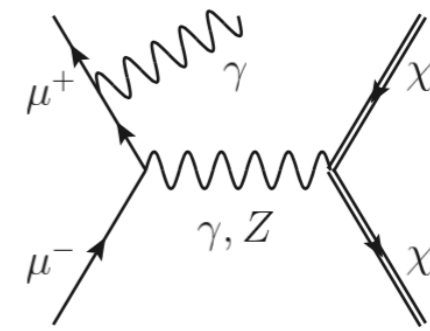
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mono-muon



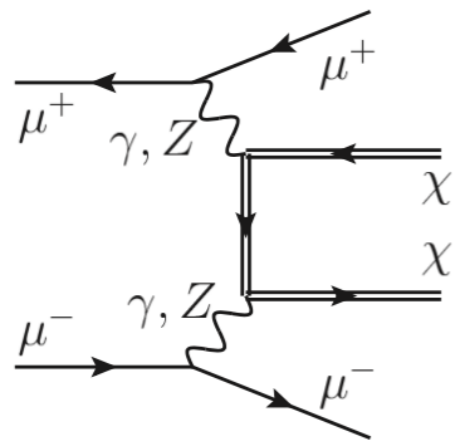
Mono-photon



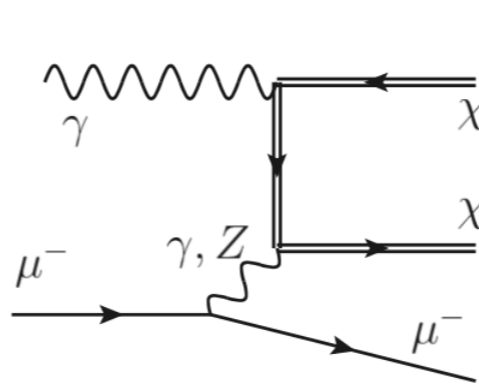
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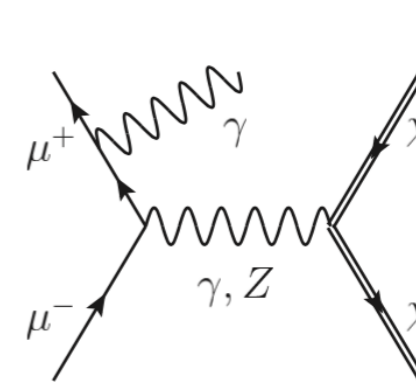
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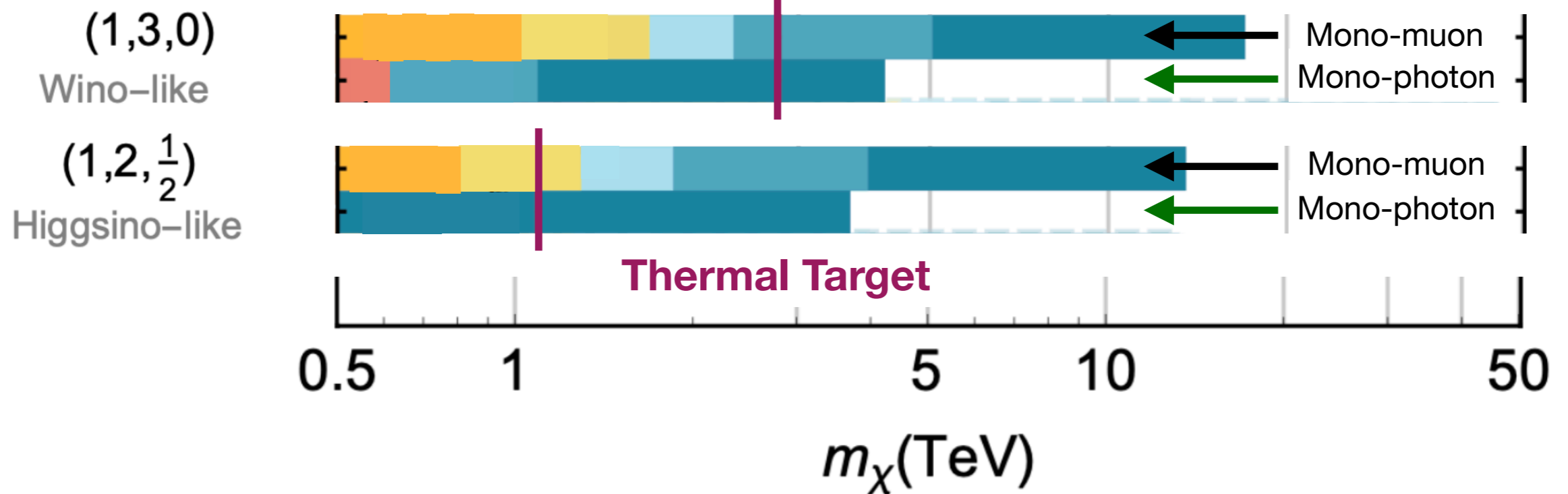


Mono-photon



**Muon Collider  $2\sigma$  Reach**

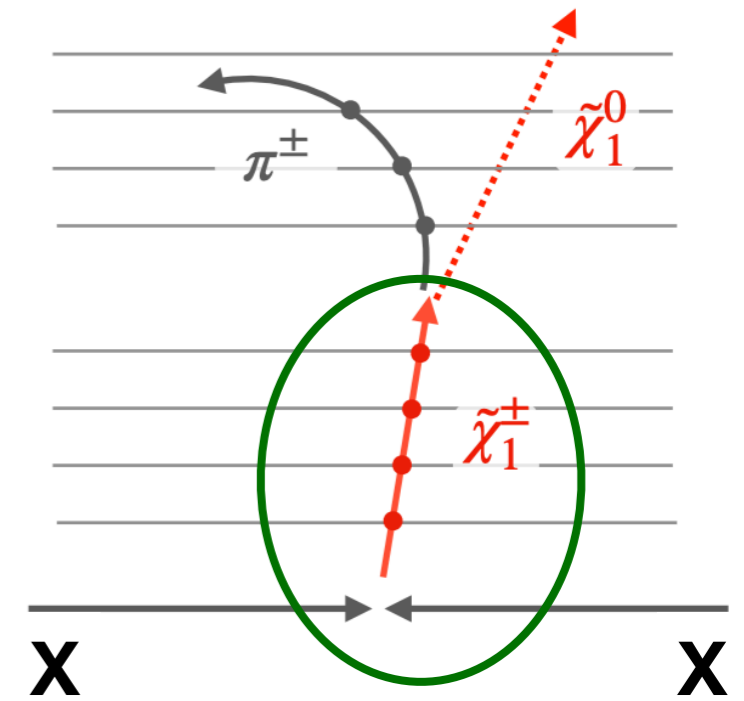
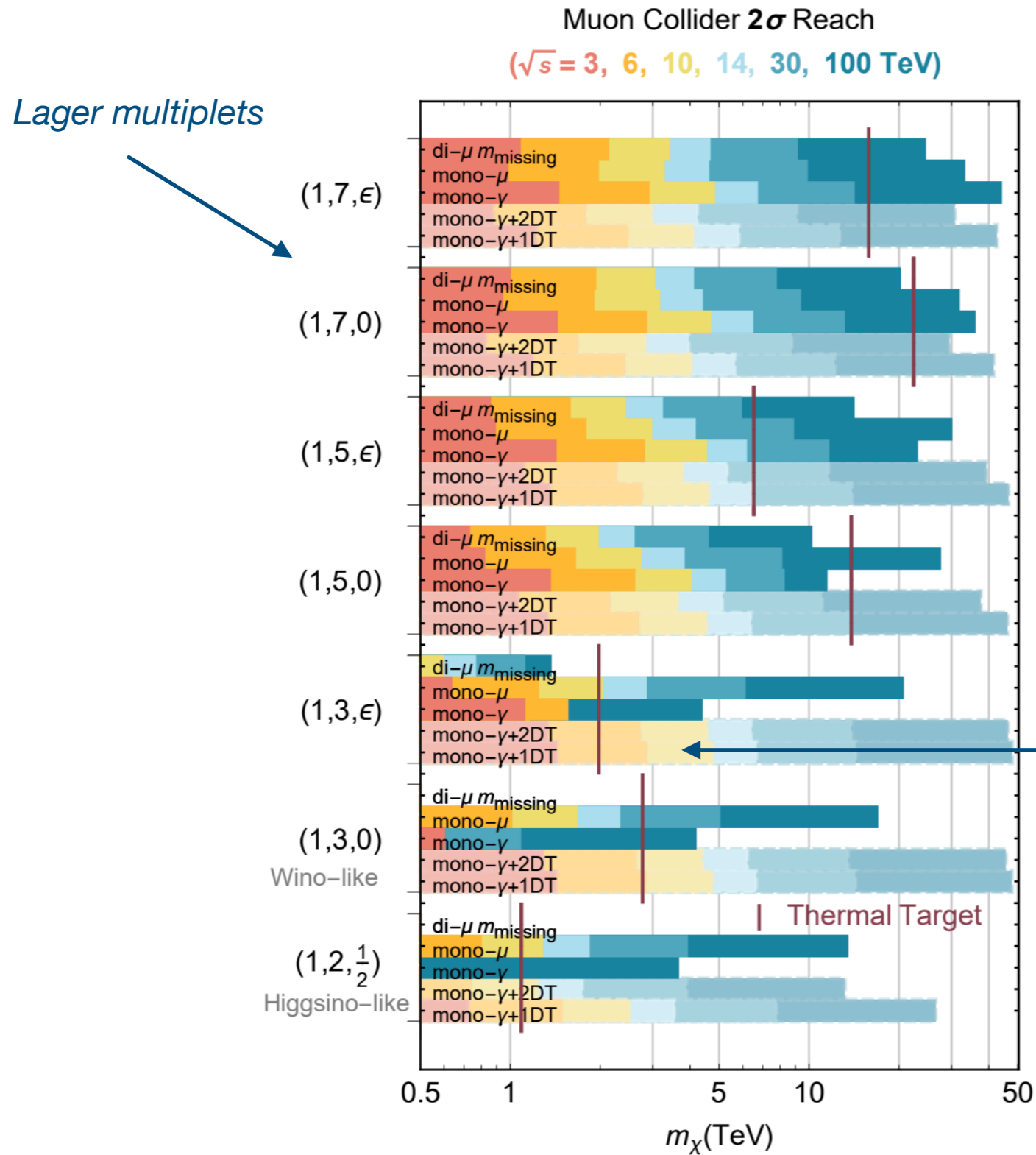
( $\sqrt{s} = 3, 6, 10, 14, 30, 100$  TeV)





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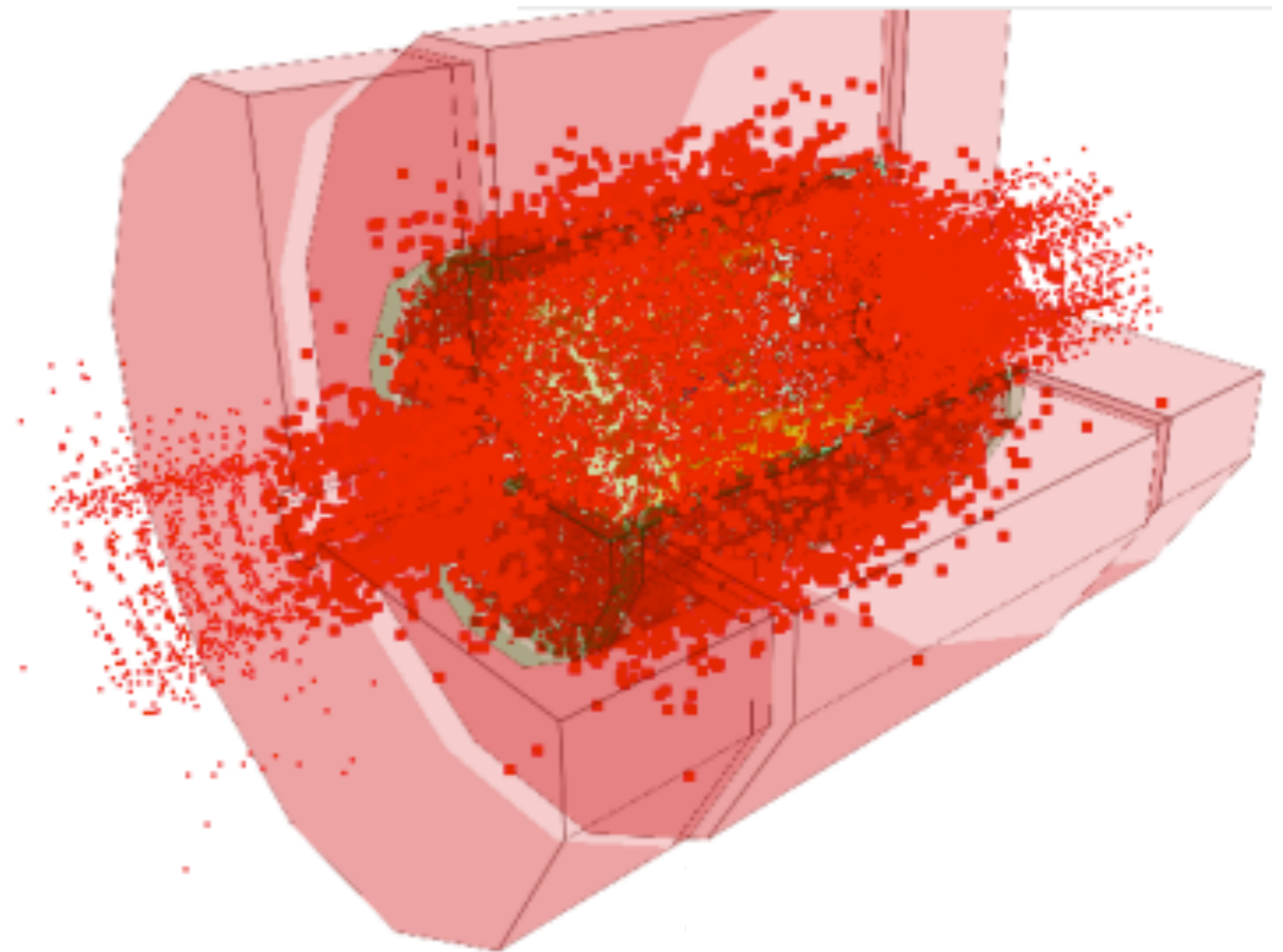
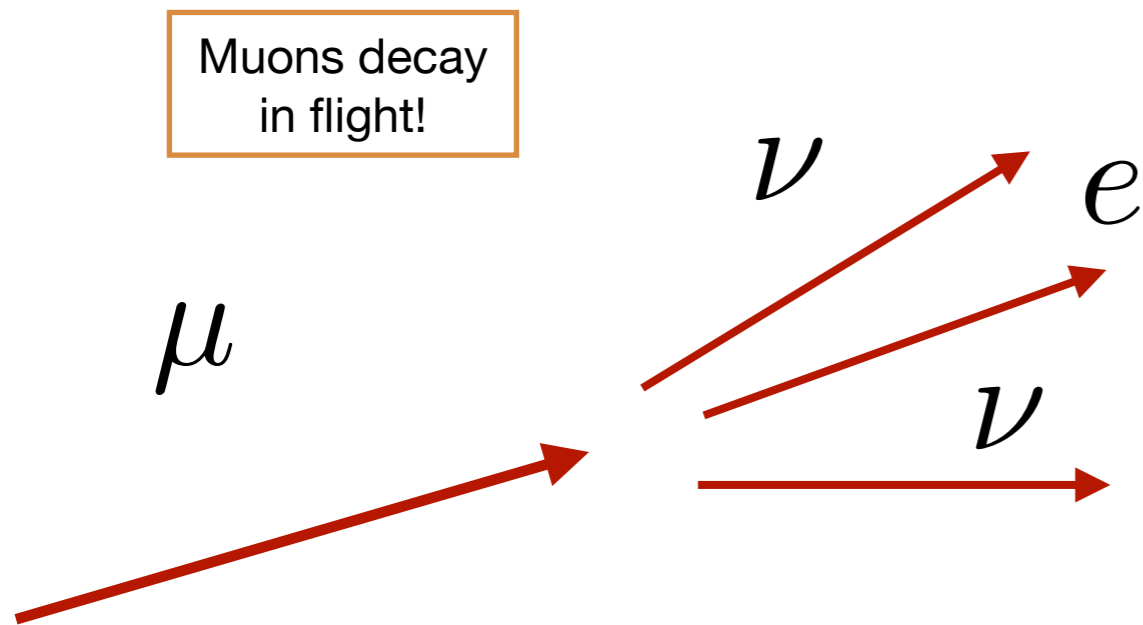
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*Disappearing Tracks!*

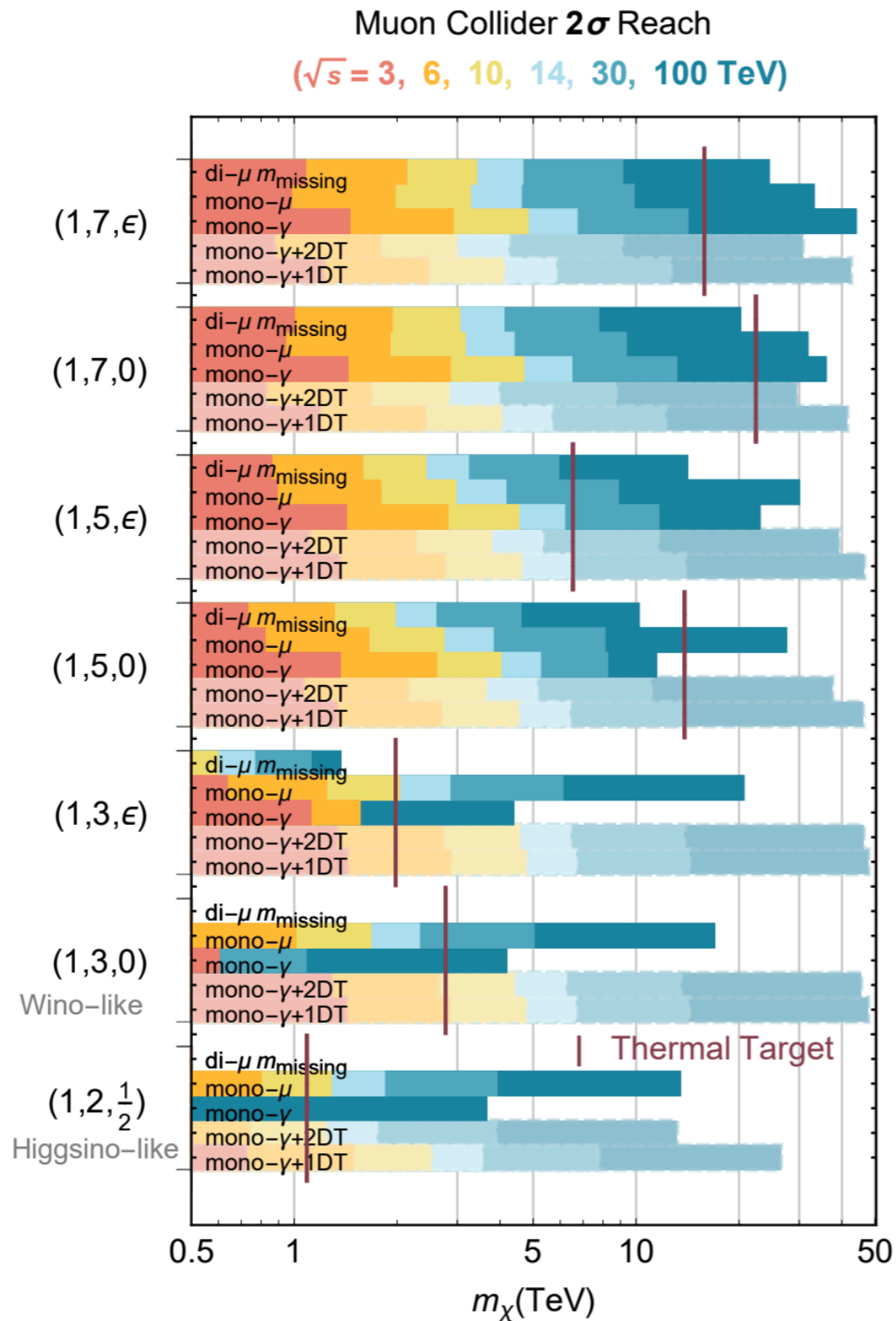
- **Muon Colliders:**

Sestini and Casarsa



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How about **full detector simulation?**

How about the **BIB?**

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- **Disappearing Tracks**
- Soft Tracks

Summary

• Full Detector Simulation + BIB:

DESY 21-019 IFIC/21-03

Hunting wino and higgsino dark matter at the muon collider with disappearing tracks

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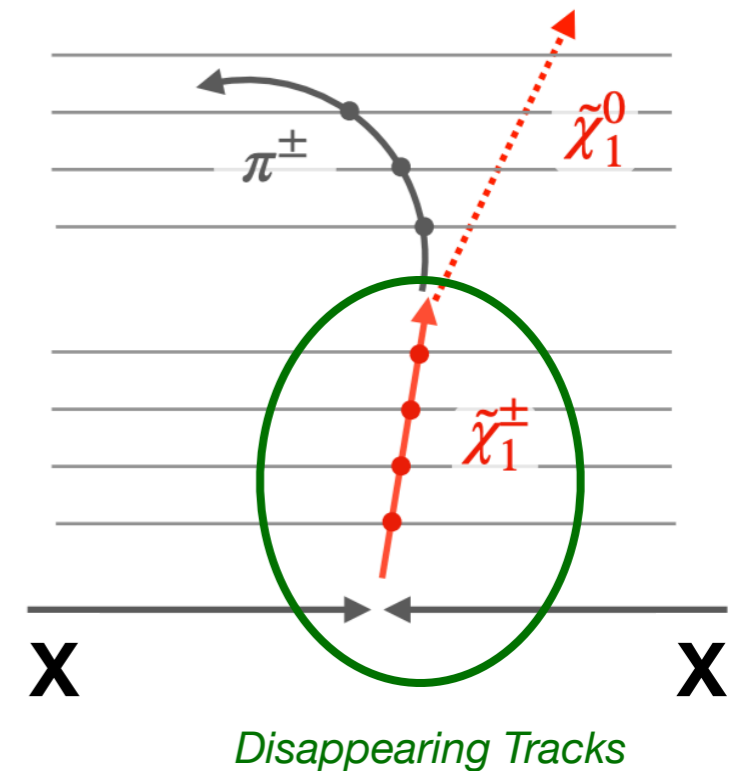
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RC, Federico Meloni, Rosa Simoniello, Jose Zurita, JHEP 06 (2021) 133



Federico Meloni, DESY

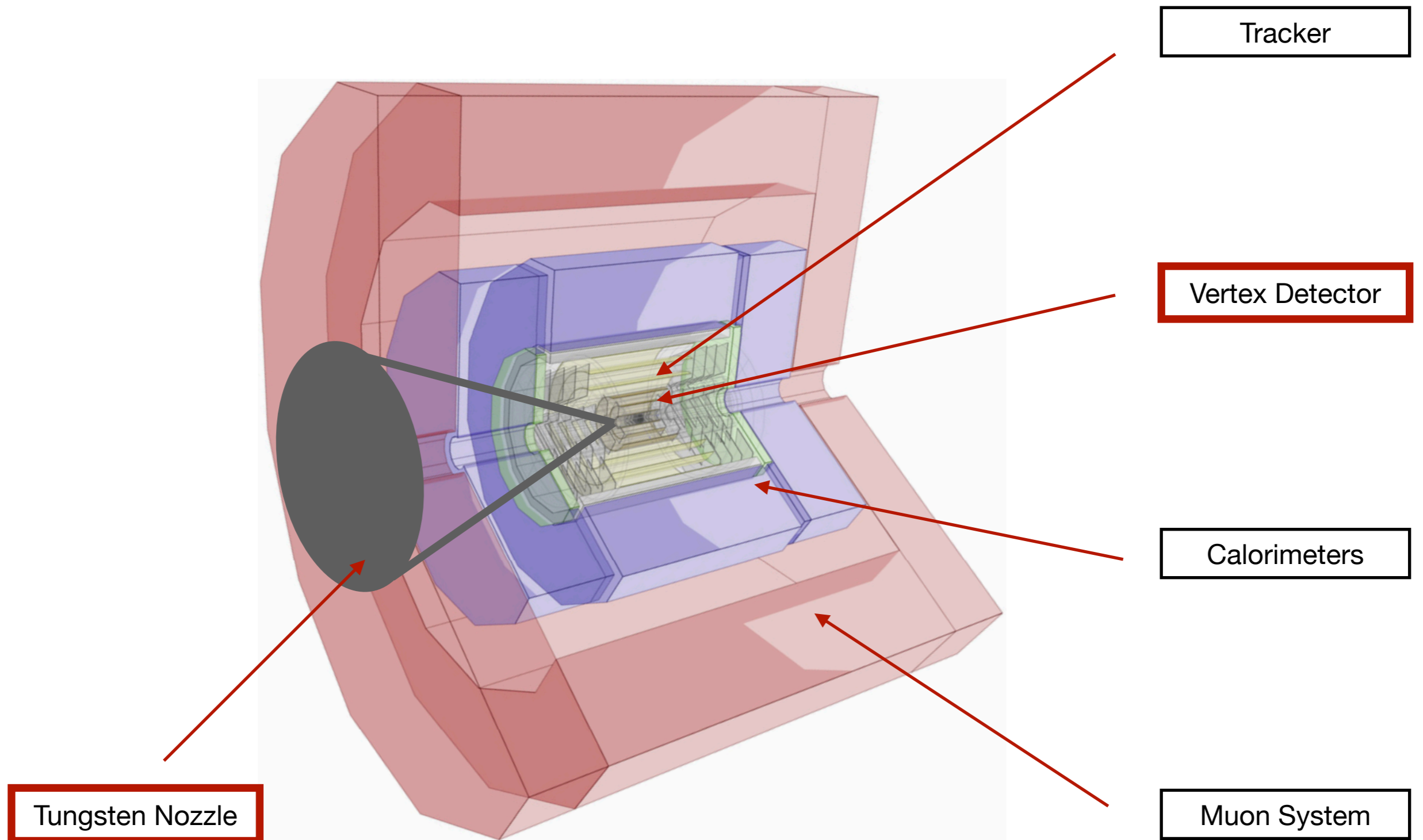


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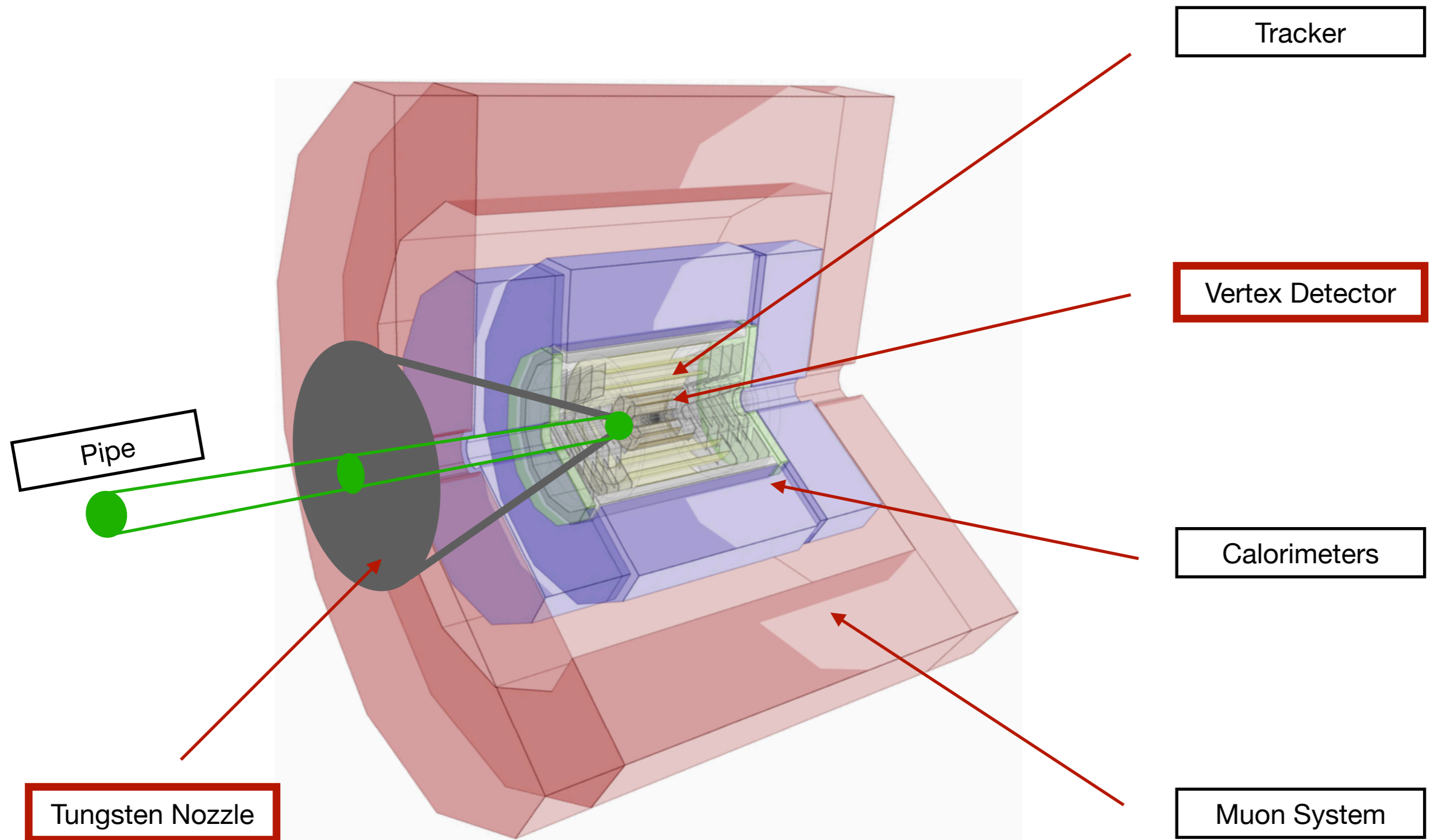


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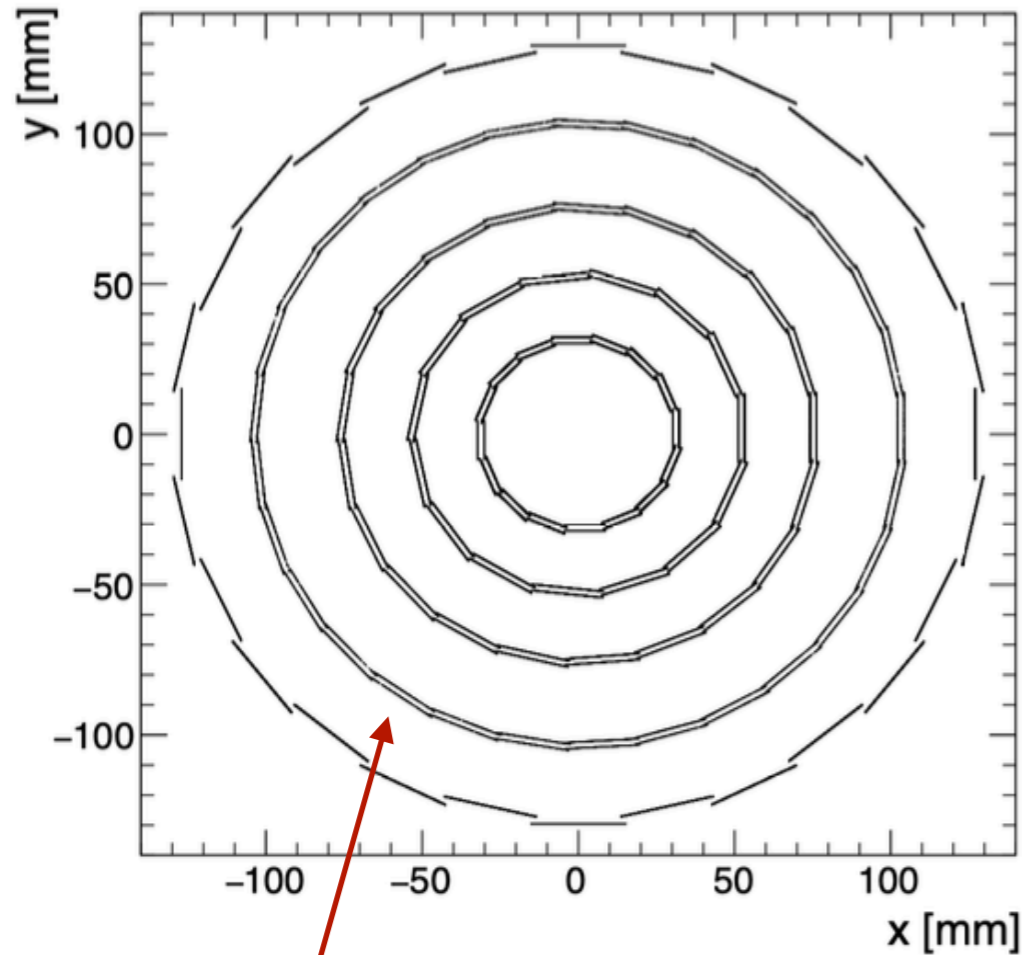
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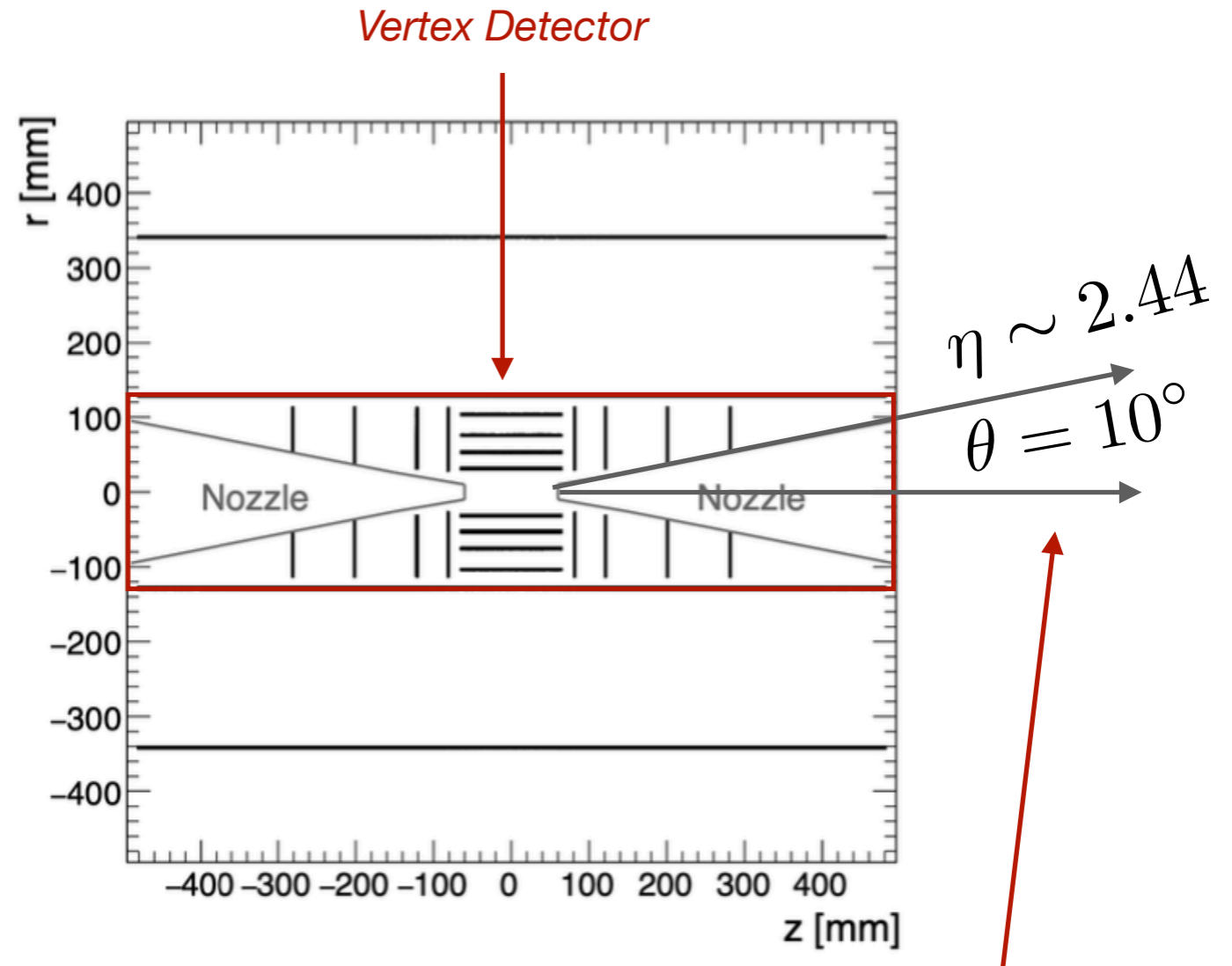
- **Design Adapted from CLIC:**



- **Focus on the Vertex Detector:**



*Double layer tracker*

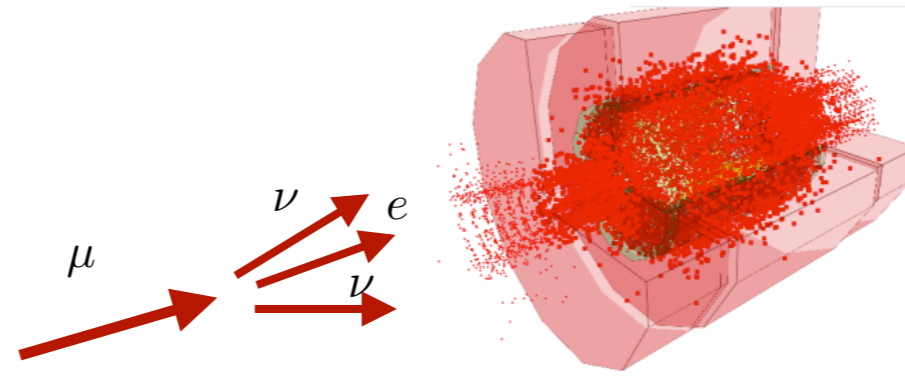


*The nozzle covers 10 degrees of the angular acceptance*



### 3. Future Colliders

- **BIB:**

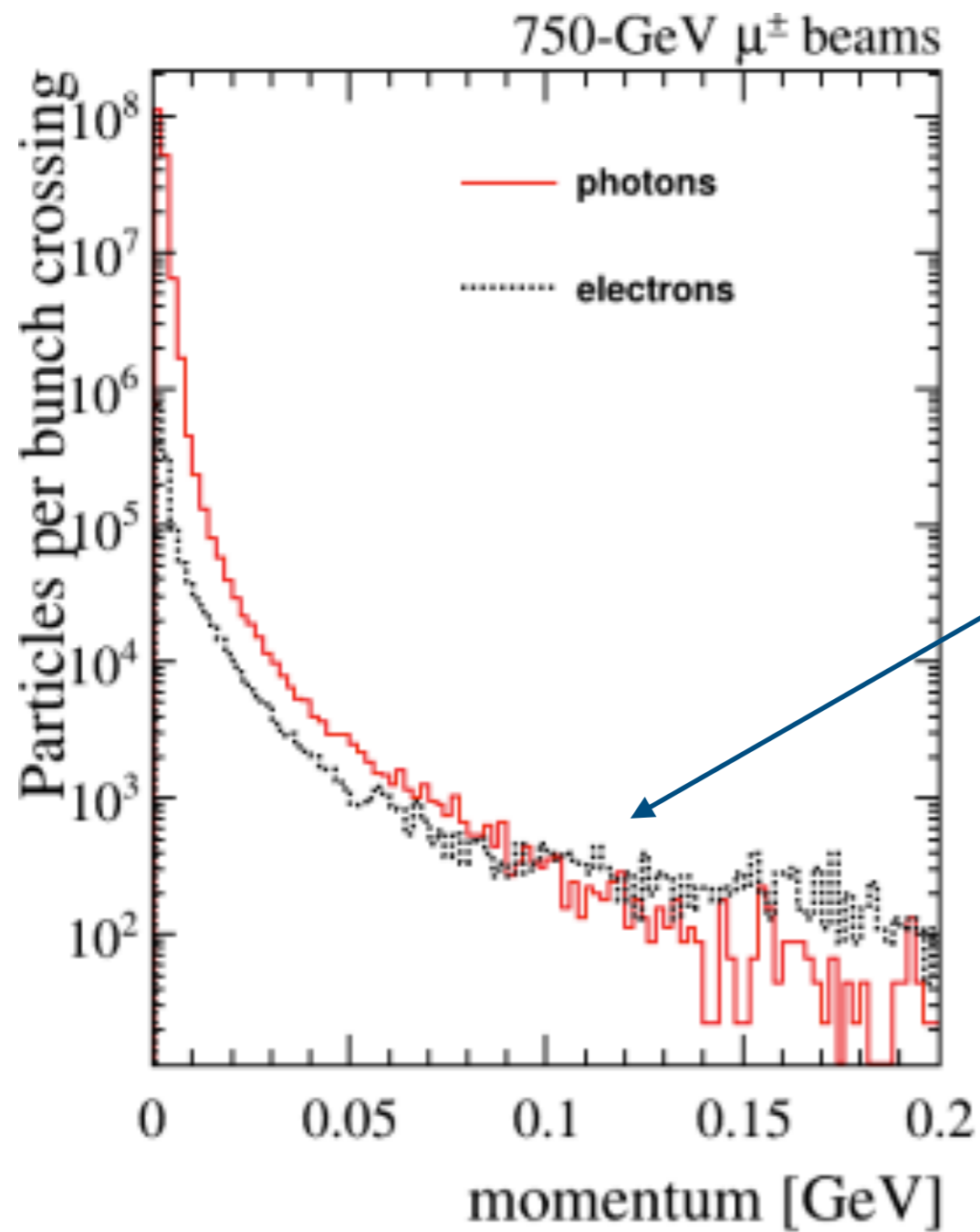


1. Soft

2. Arrives late

3. Mostly forward

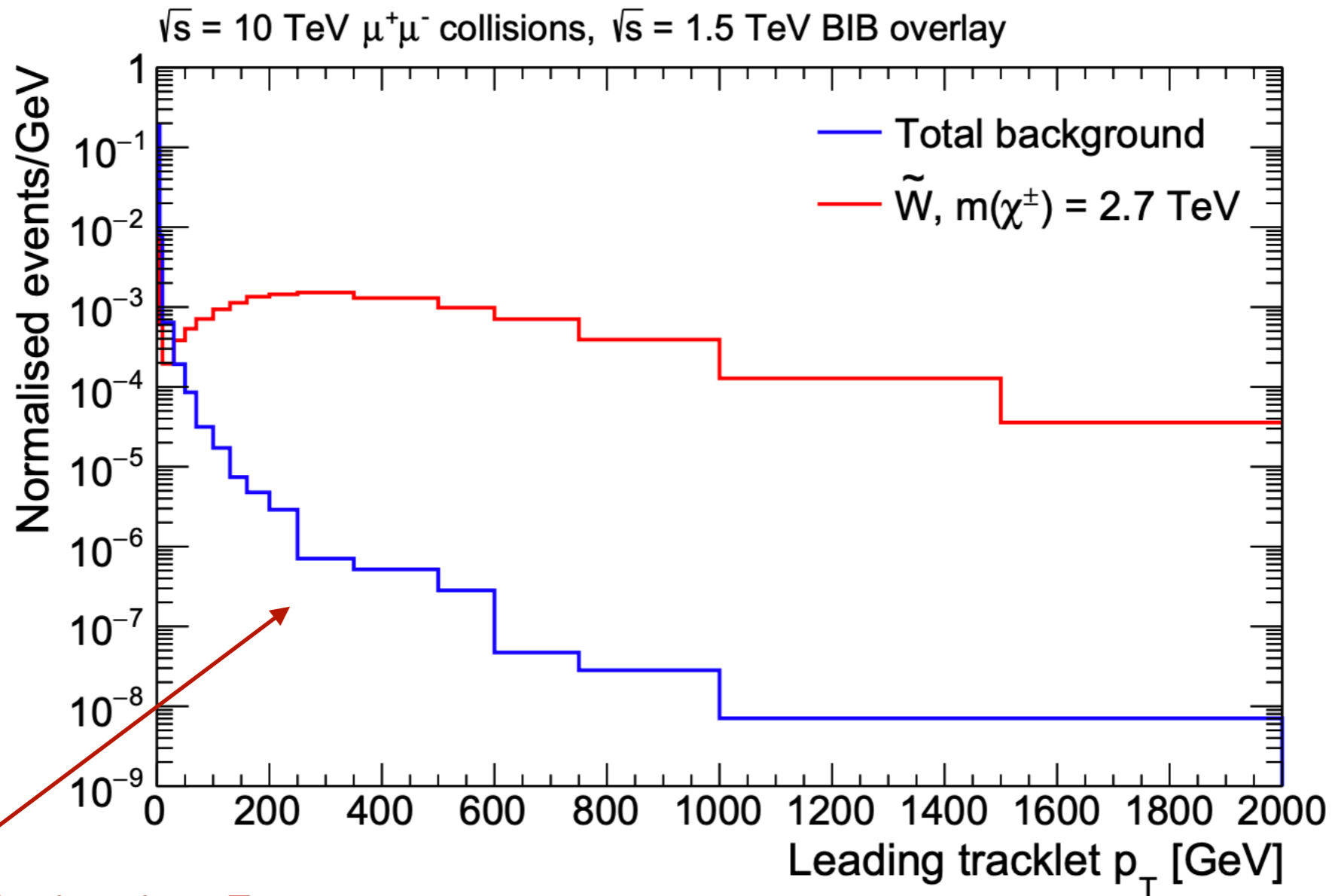
N. Bartosik et al., 2020 JINST 15 P05001



*BIB is mainly composed of photons and electrons with a rapidly falling momentum distribution*

- **Removing the BIB:**

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- 2. Arrives late
- 3. Mostly forward



*BIB tracklets tend to have low  $p_T$*

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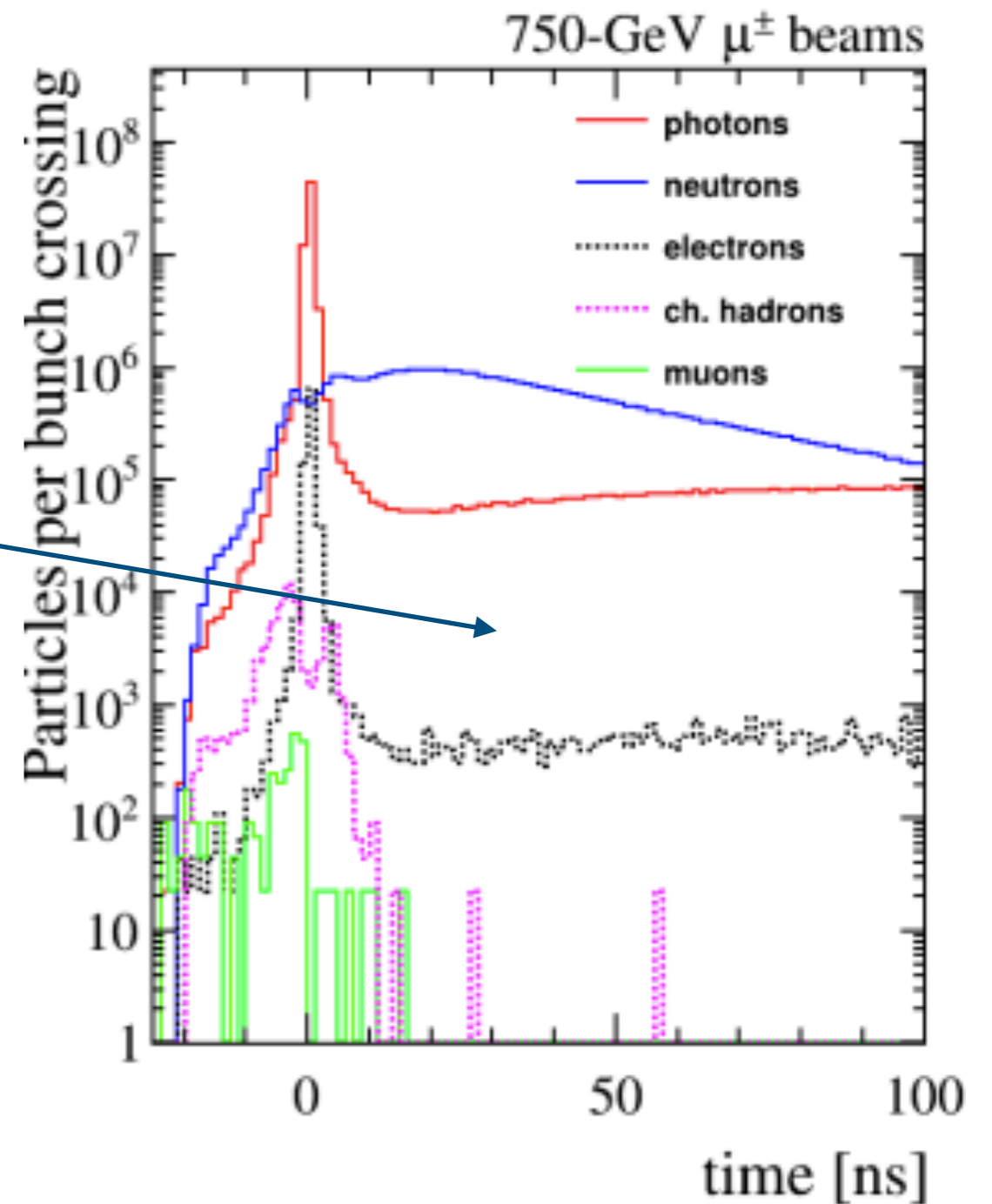
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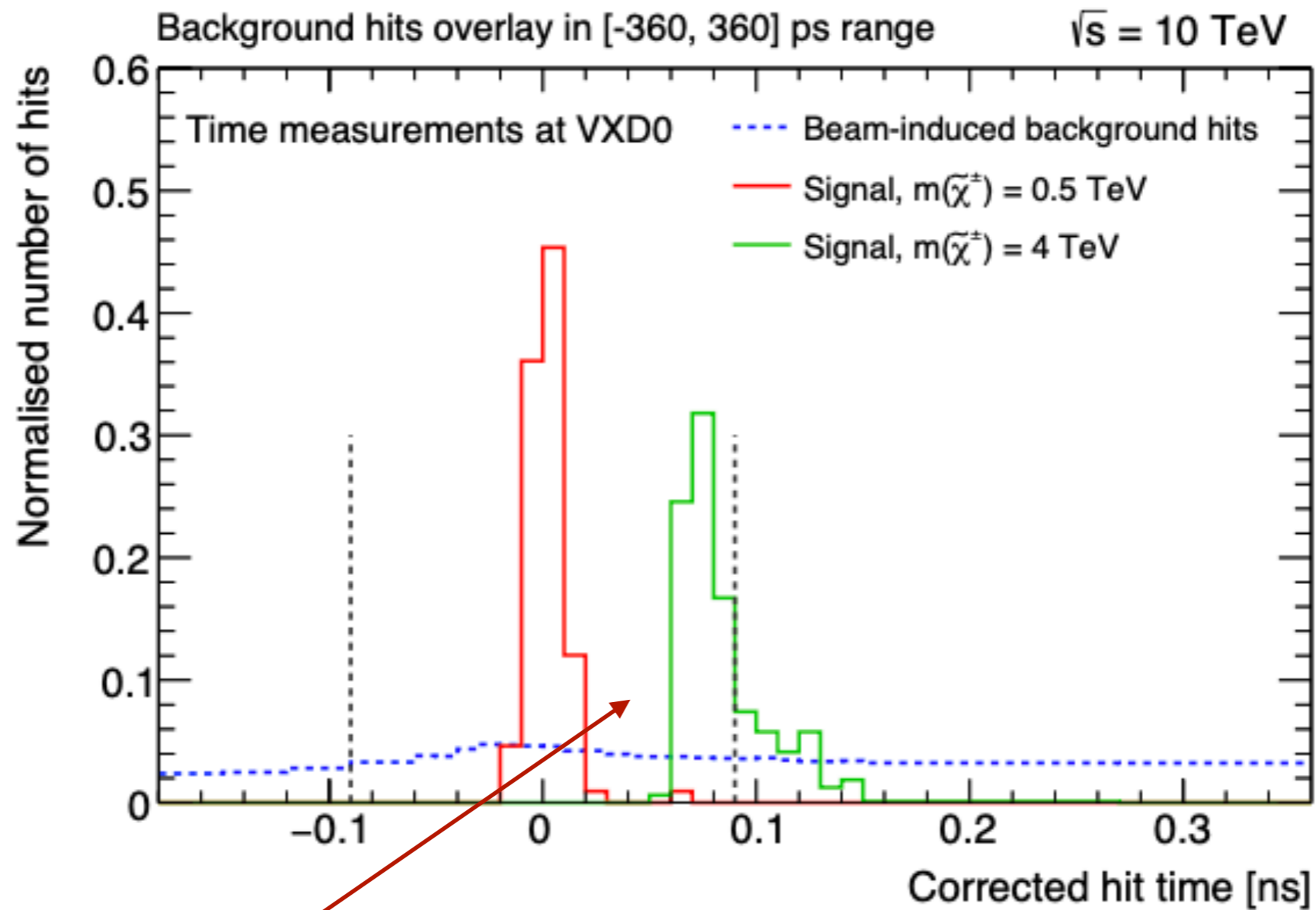
3. Mostly forward

*The BIB spreads over a wide range of time*



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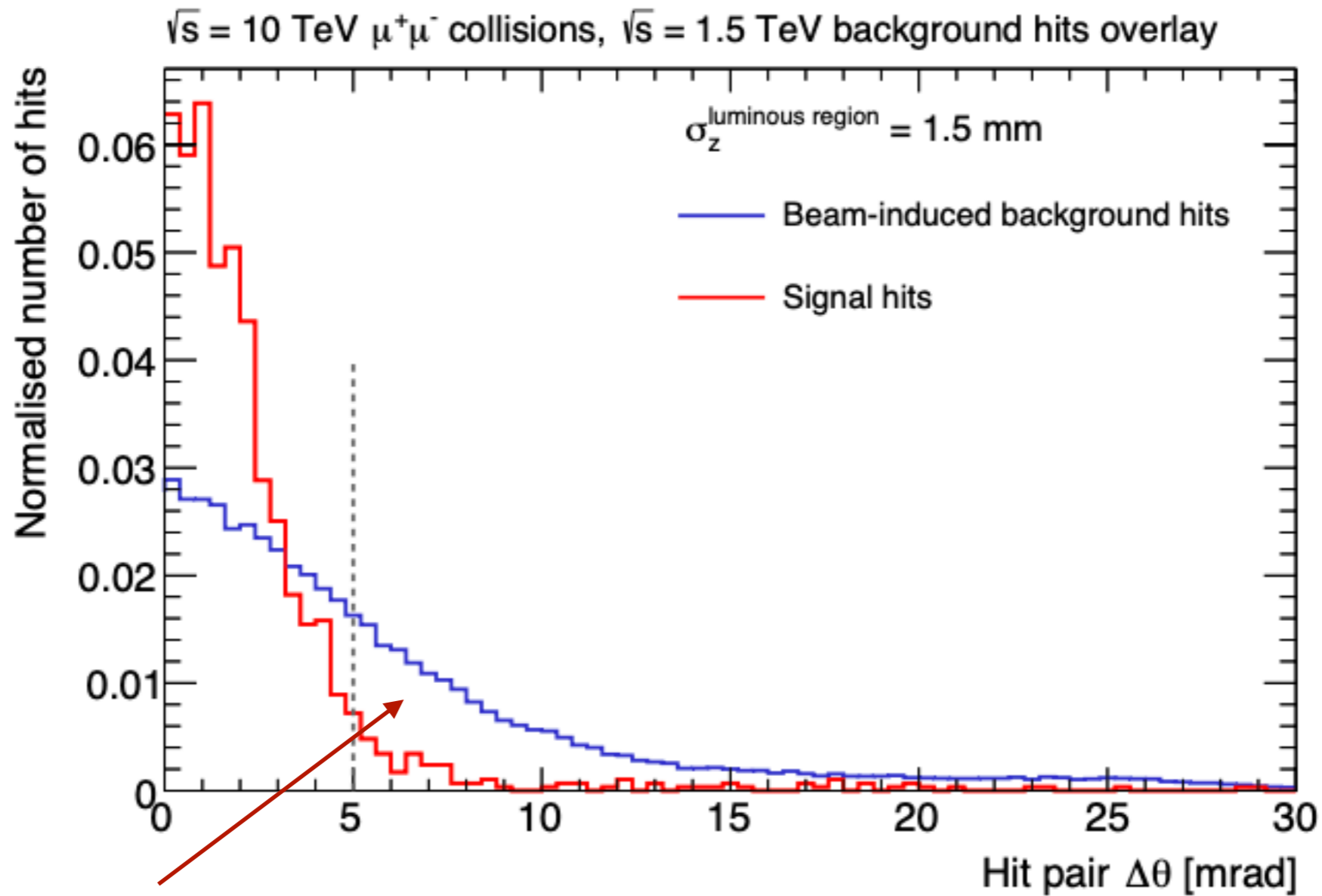
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*For a given mass we choose the appropriate time window!*

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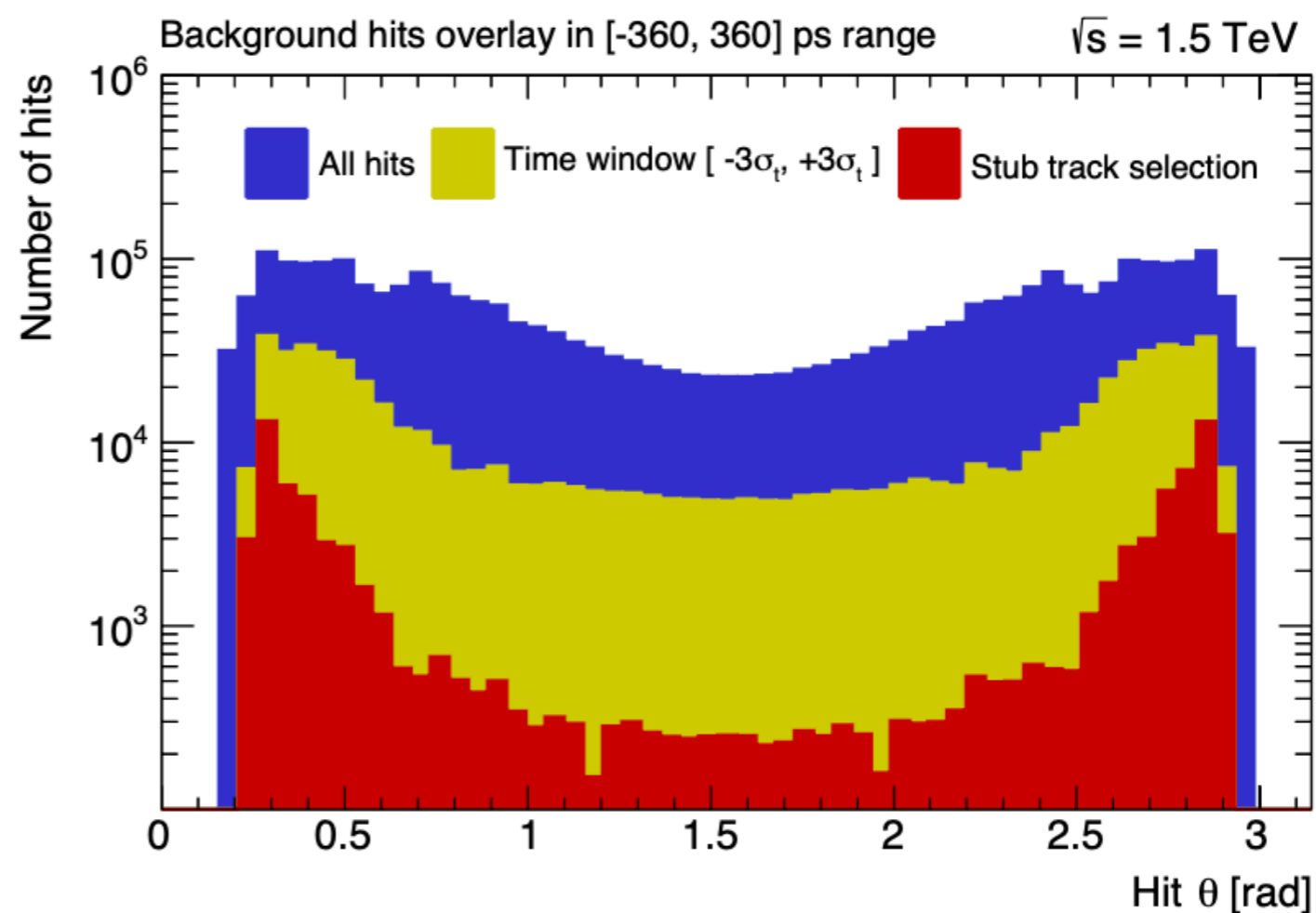
*Angle between consecutive tracking layers*

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	$SR_{1t}^\gamma$	$SR_{2t}^\gamma$
Total background	$187.8 \pm 0.6$	$0.16 \pm 0.05$
$\tilde{W}$ , 2.7 TeV, $\tau = 0.2$ ns	$313 \pm 5$	$168 \pm 2$
$\tilde{H}$ , 1.1 TeV, $\tau = 0.02$ ns	$53.0 \pm 0.7$	$3.92 \pm 0.05$

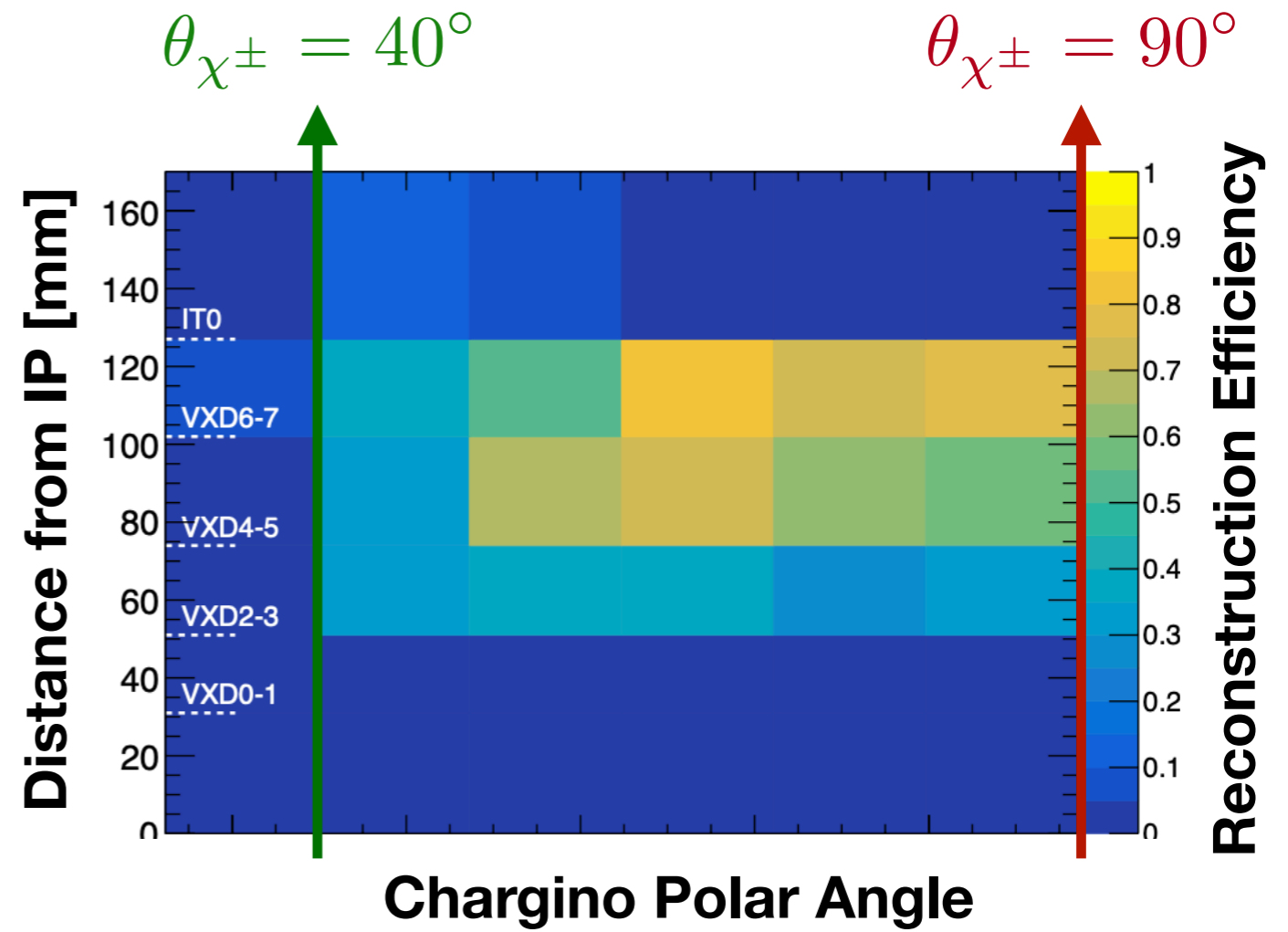
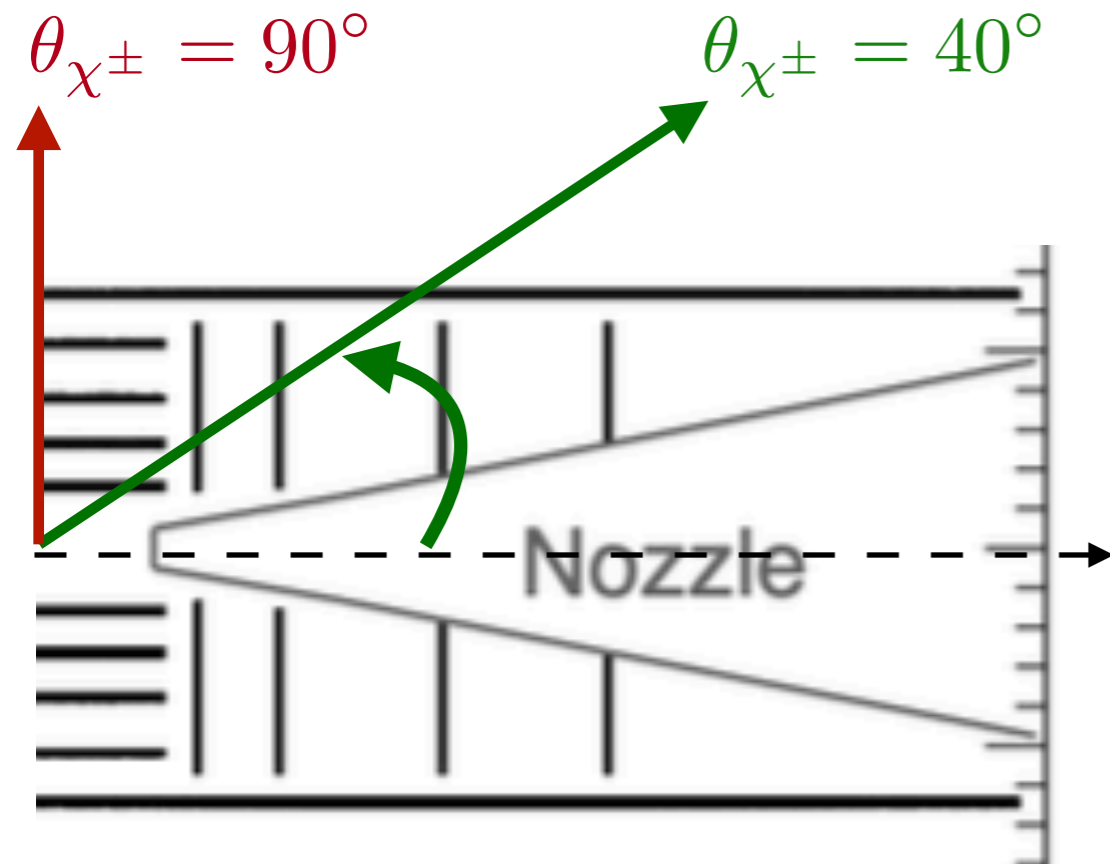
*Three orders of magnitude background suppression*



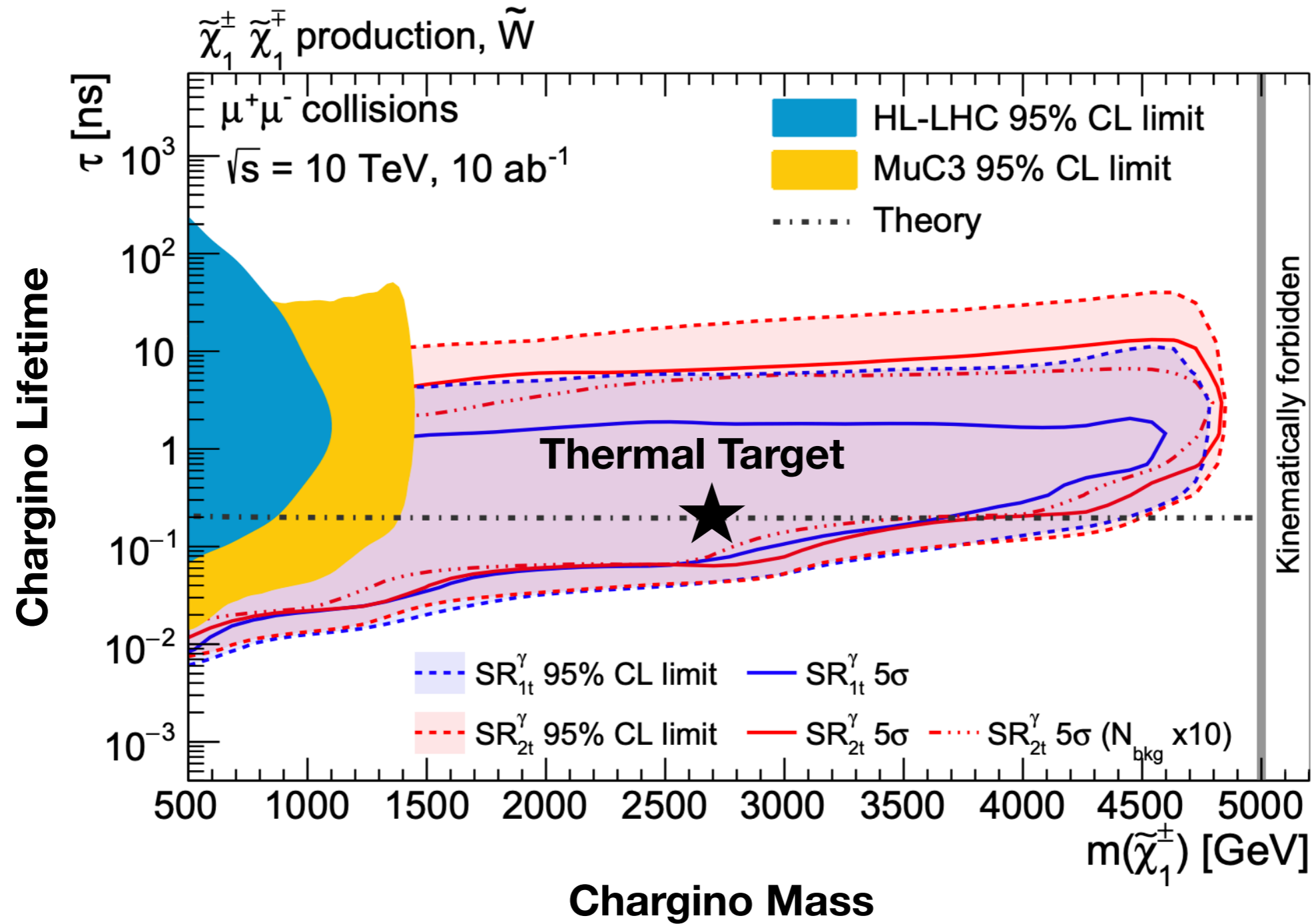
Requirement / Region	$SR_{1t}^\gamma$	$SR_{2t}^\gamma$
Veto	leptons and jets	
Leading tracklet $p_T$ [GeV]	$> 300$	$> 20$
Leading tracklet $\theta$ [rad]	$[2/9\pi, 7/9\pi]$	
Subleading tracklet $p_T$ [GeV]	-	$> 10$
Tracklet pair $\Delta z$ [mm]	-	$< 0.1$
Photon energy [GeV]	$> 25$	$> 25$

• **Efficiency:**

Good signal efficiency ~30-80%



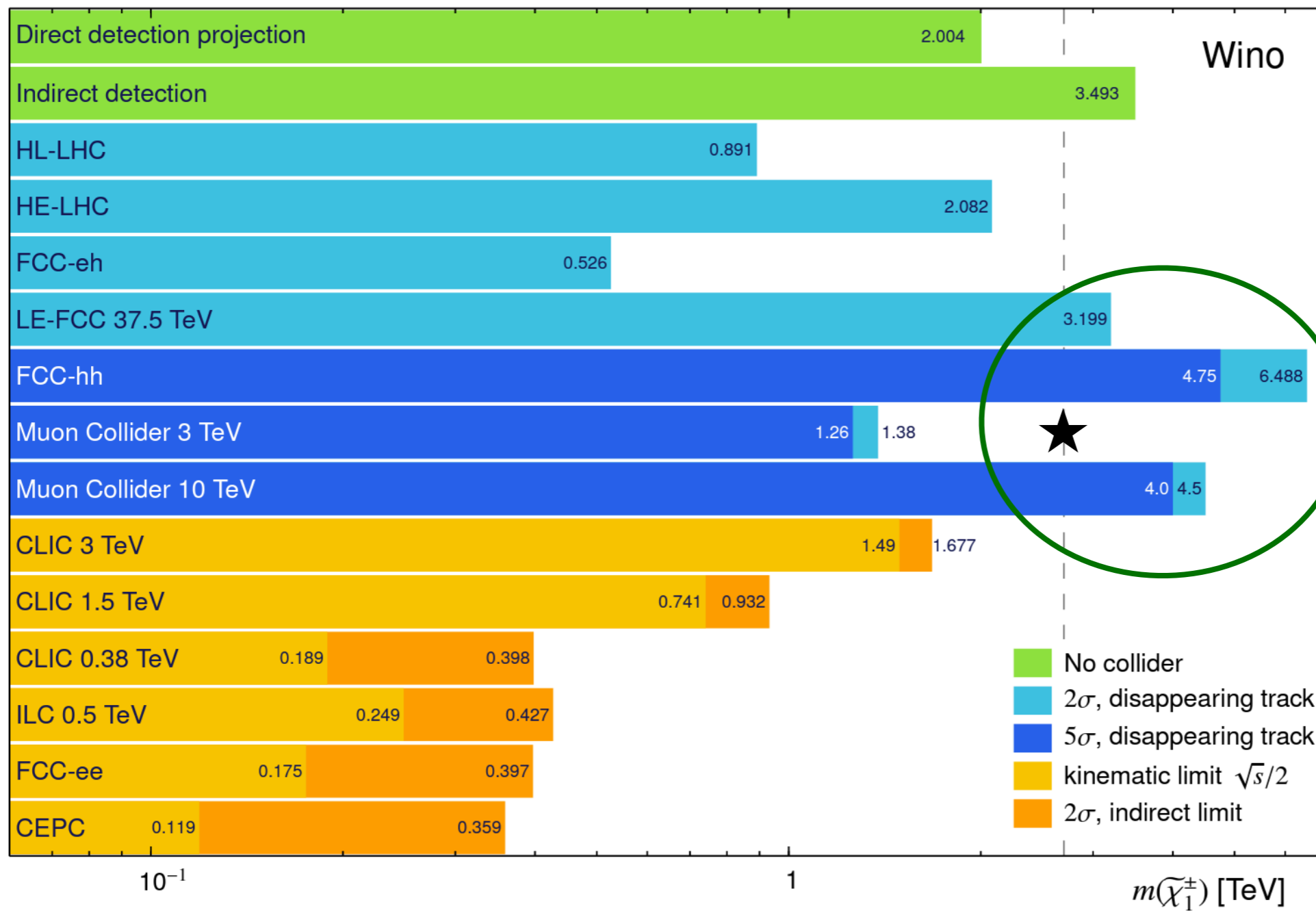
• **DT Reach: Wino**





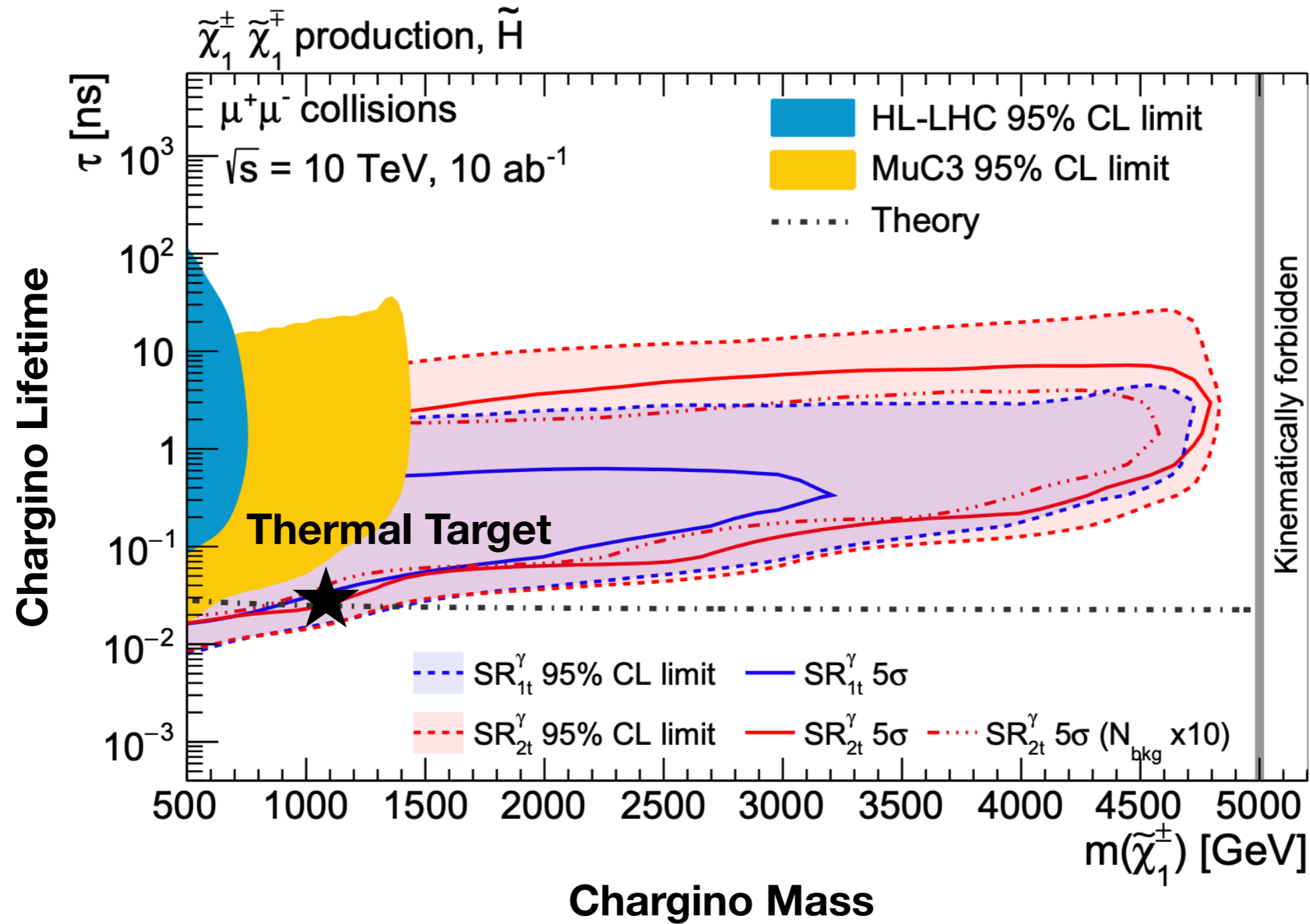
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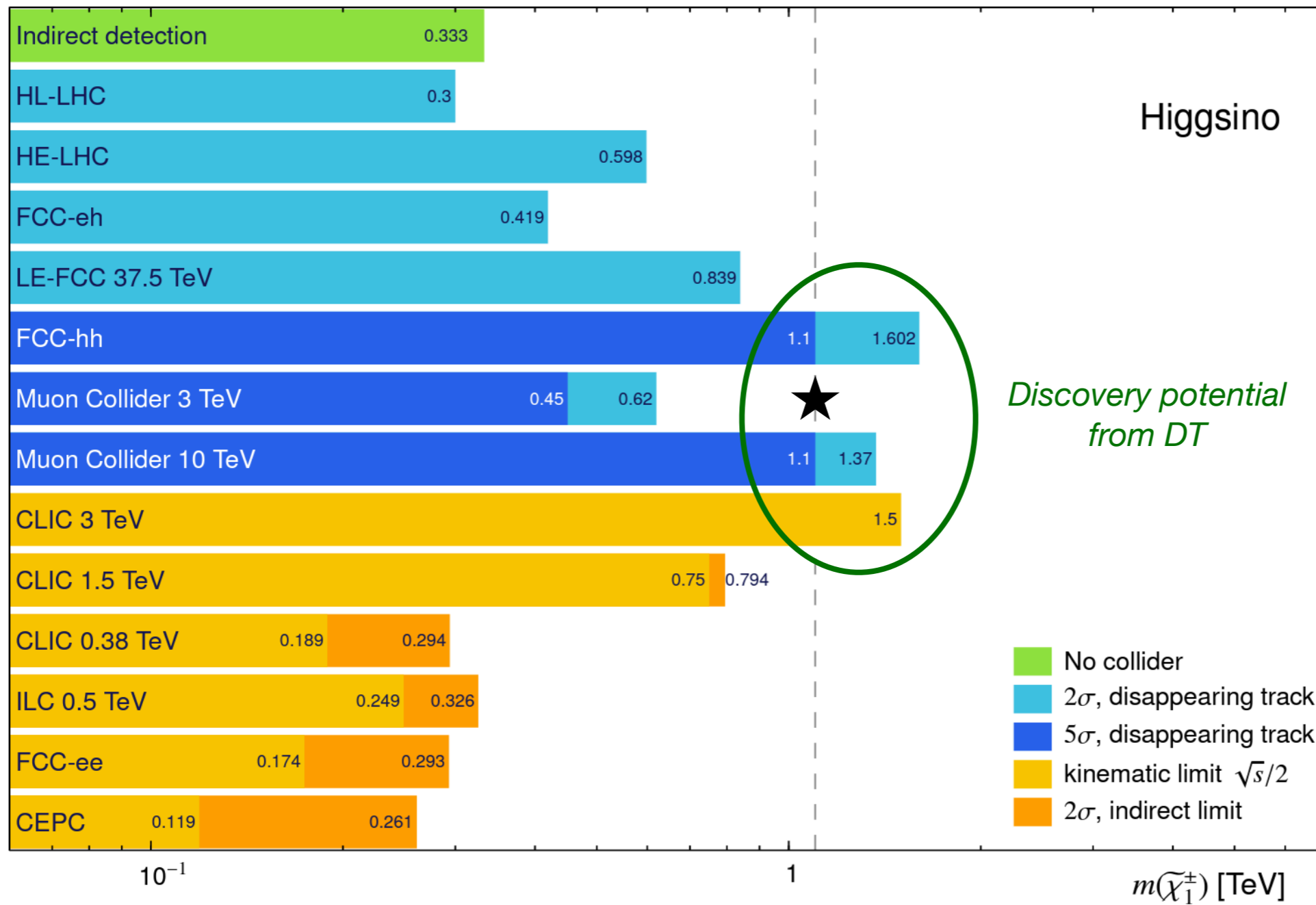
*Discovery potential from DT*

• **DT Reach: Higgsino**



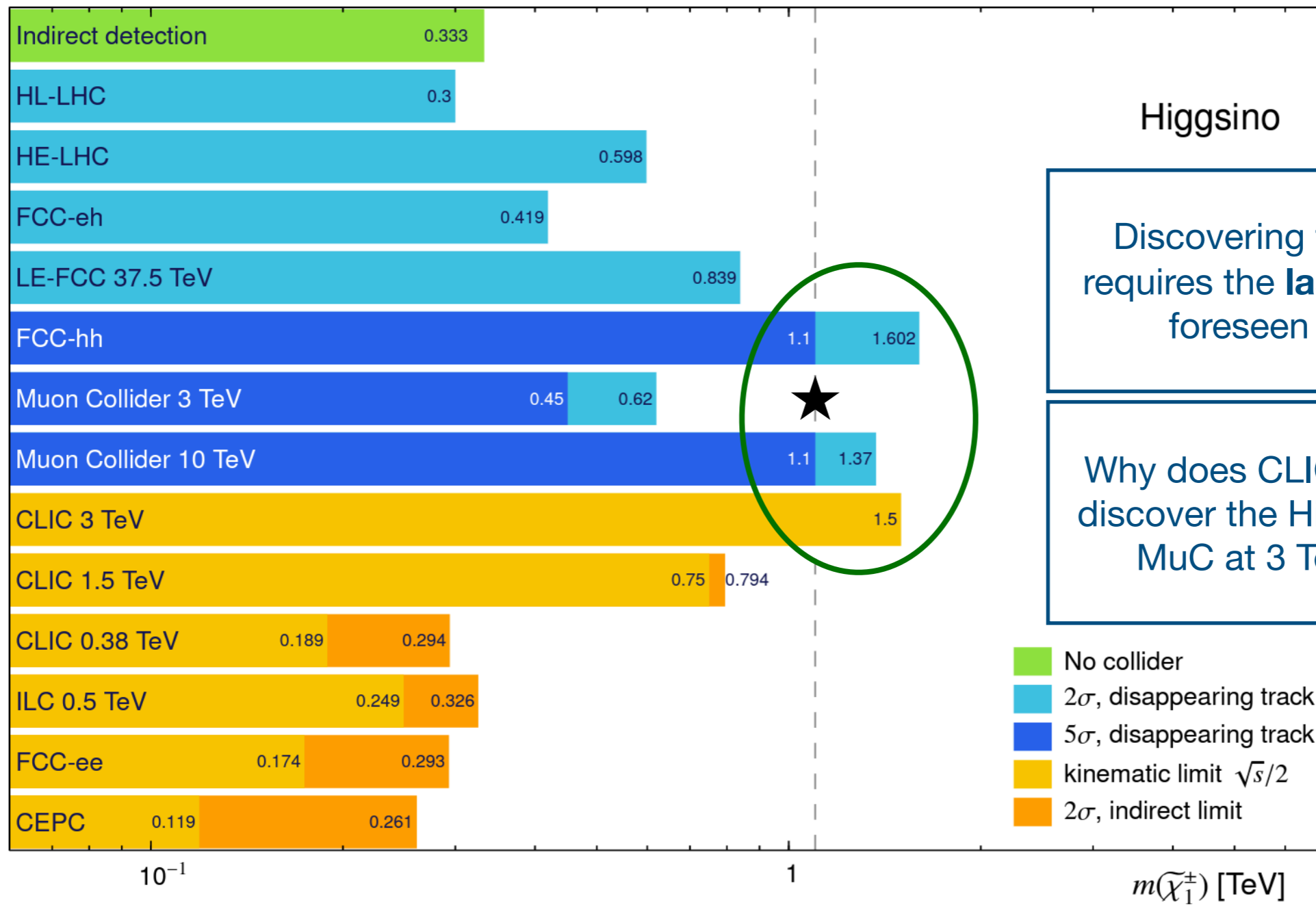
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• **DT Reach: Higgsino (can we do better?)**

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Higgsino

Discovering the Higgsino requires the **last** stage of the foreseen colliders!

Why does CLIC at 3 TeV can discover the Higgsino but the MuC at 3 TeV cannot?

- No collider
- 2σ, disappearing track
- 5σ, disappearing track
- kinematic limit  $\sqrt{s}/2$
- 2σ, indirect limit

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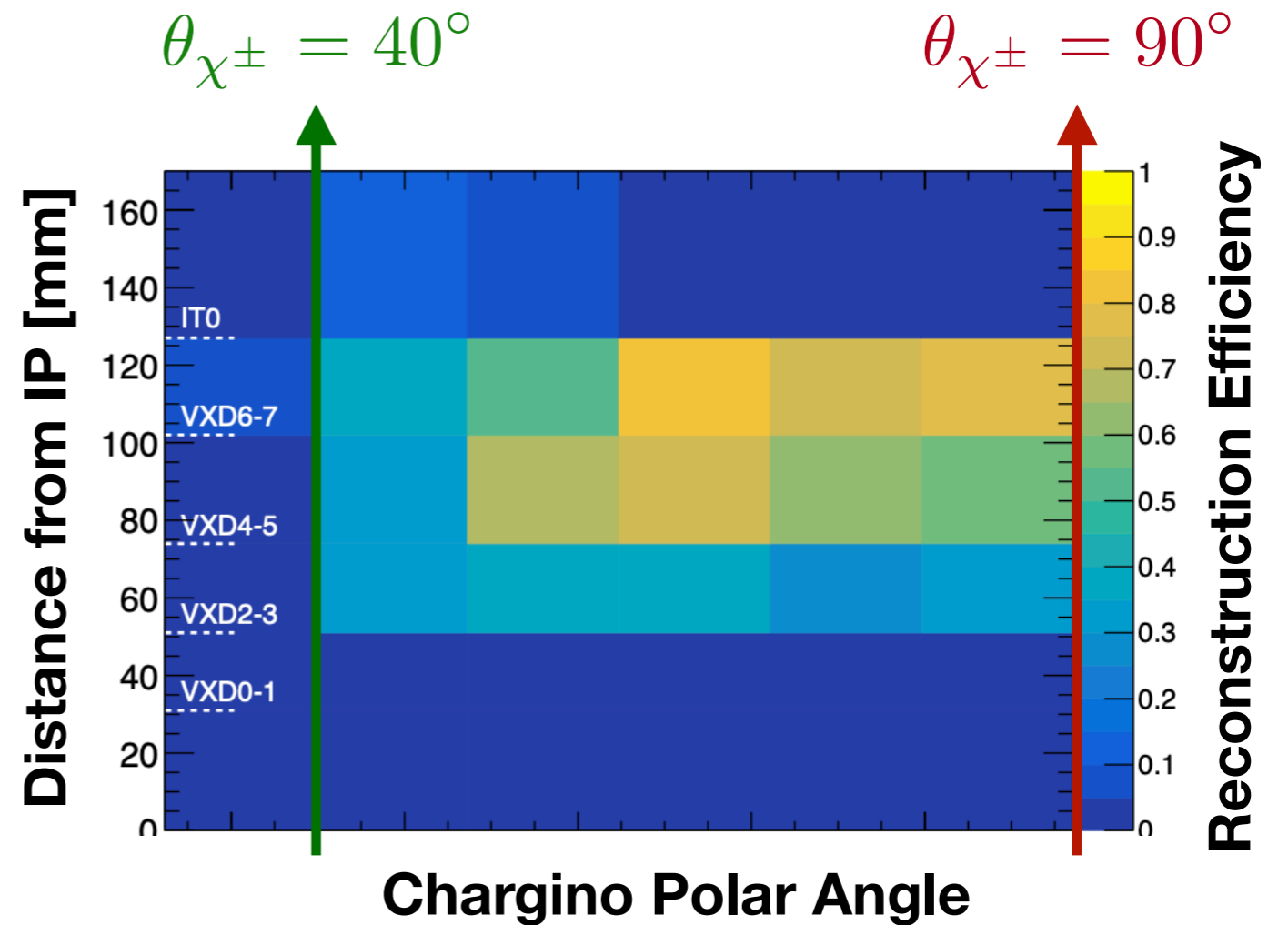
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**Mass = 1.1 TeV**

**Lifetime = 0.02 ns**



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# • A New Search Strategy: Soft Tracks!

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## Discovering Electroweak Interacting Dark Matter at Muon Colliders using Soft Tracks

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### Focus on:

1. Higgsino Thermal Target
2. Muon Collider 3 TeV

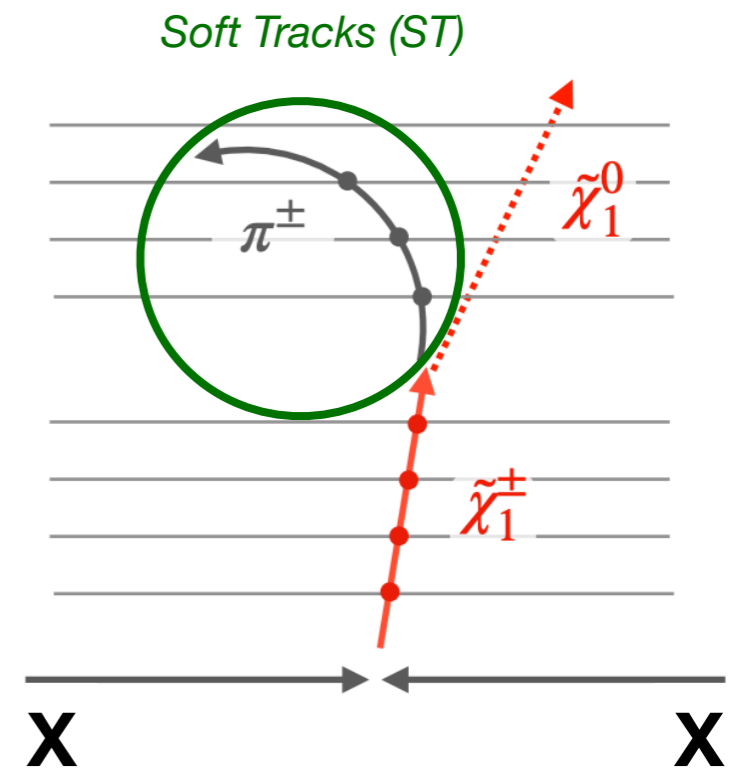


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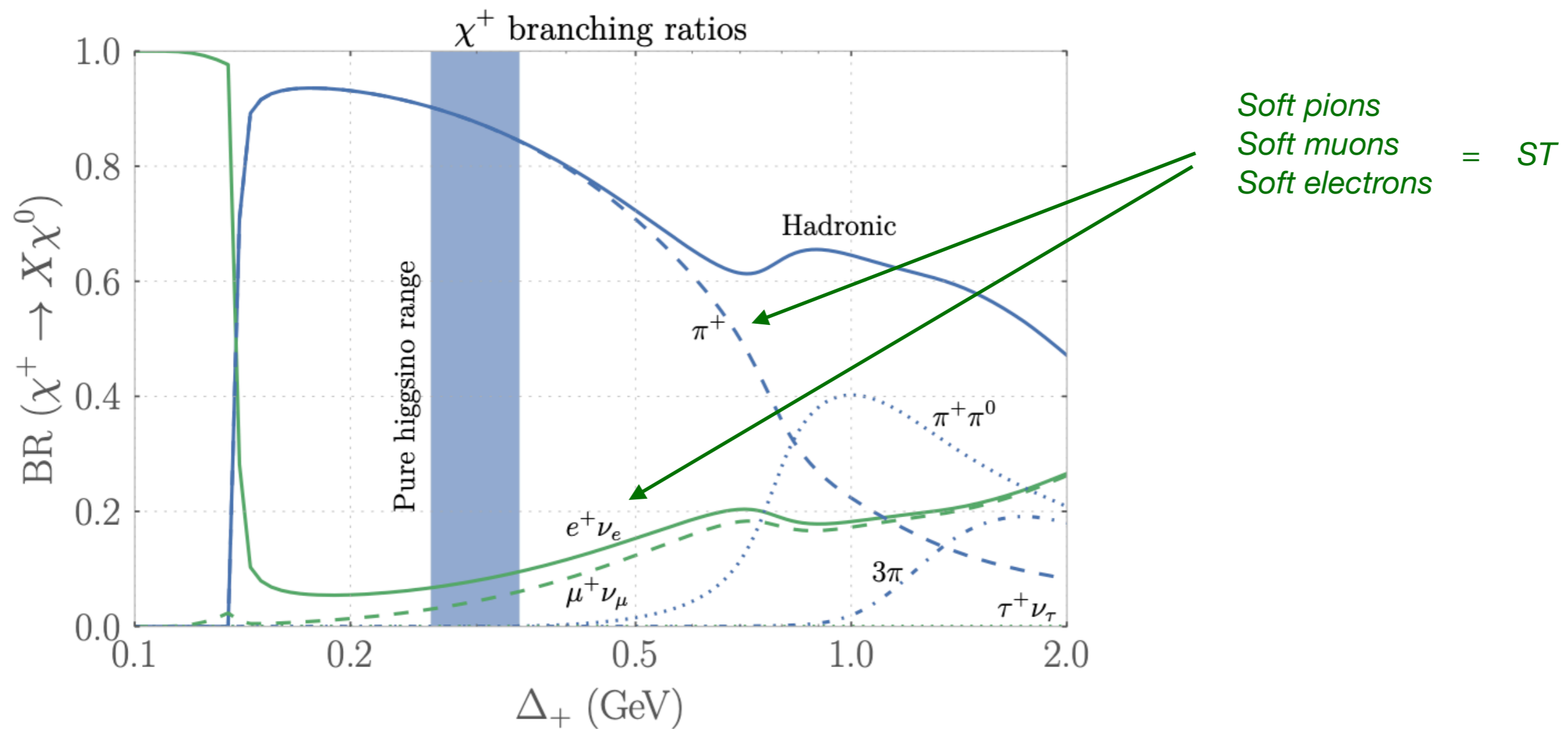
RC, Federico Meloni, Jose Zurita, arXiv:2405.08858



• **Focus on Higgsinos:**

$$m_\chi = 1.1 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\Delta m \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$$

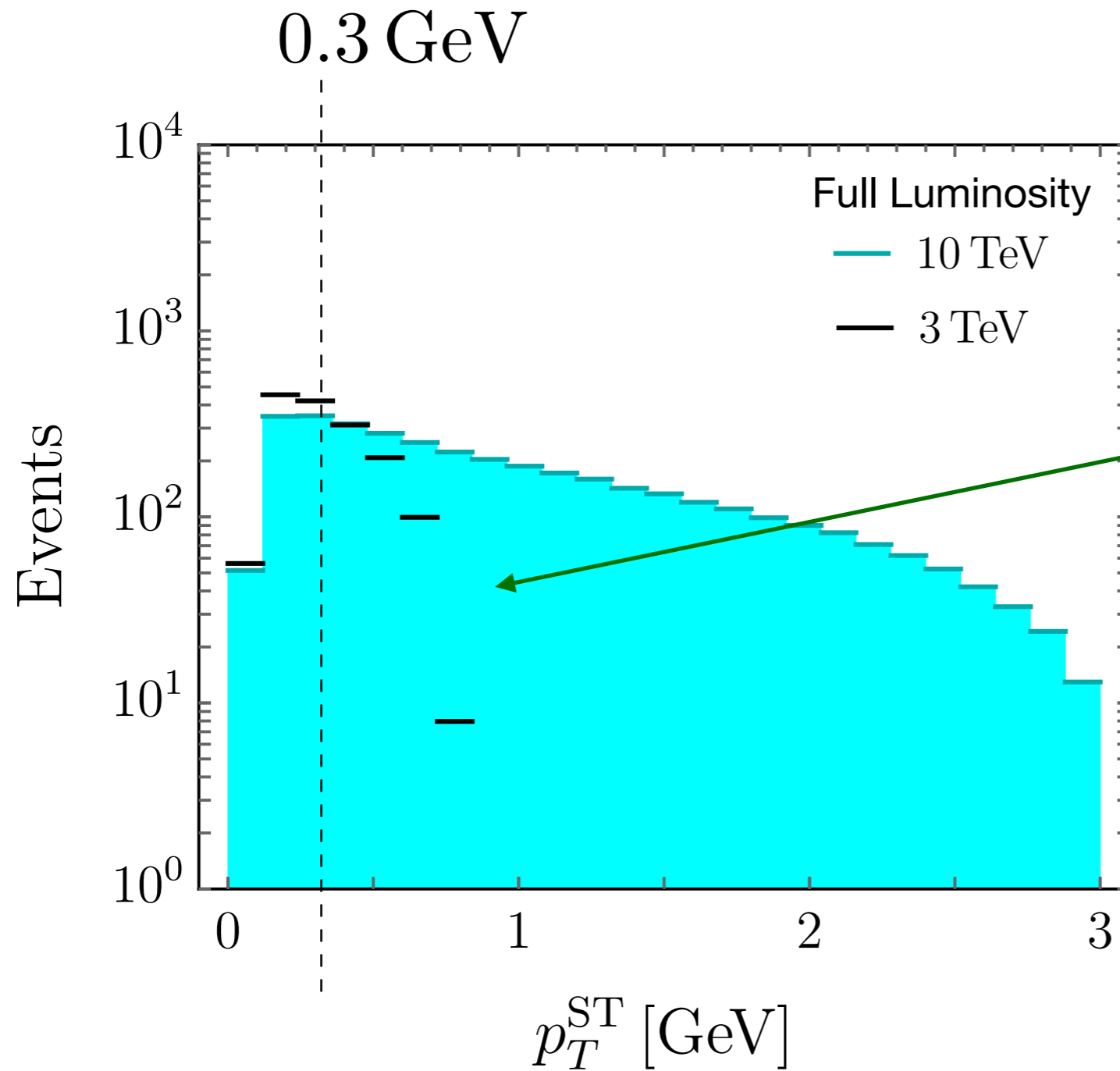


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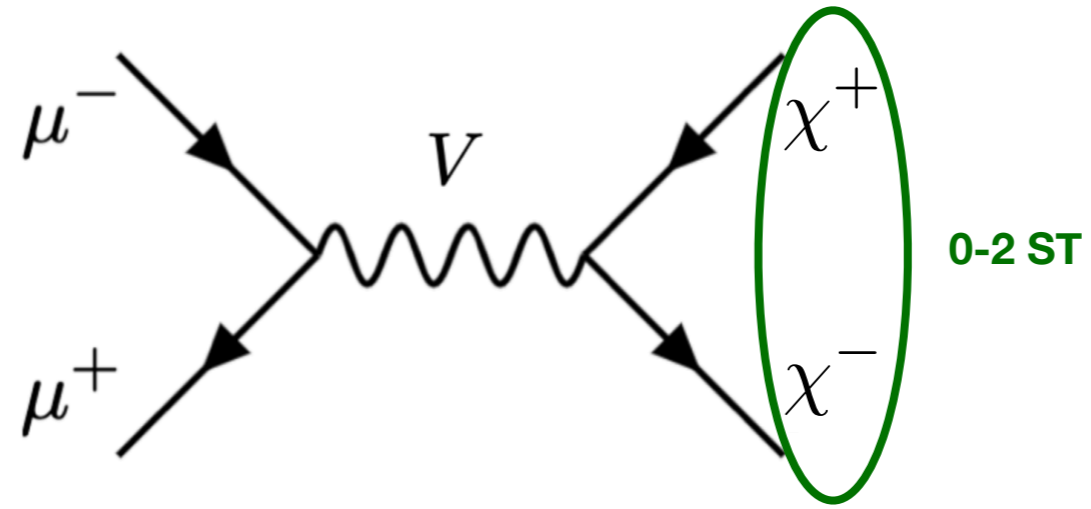
- **Focus on the 3 TeV Collider:**

$$\mathcal{L} = 1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$$

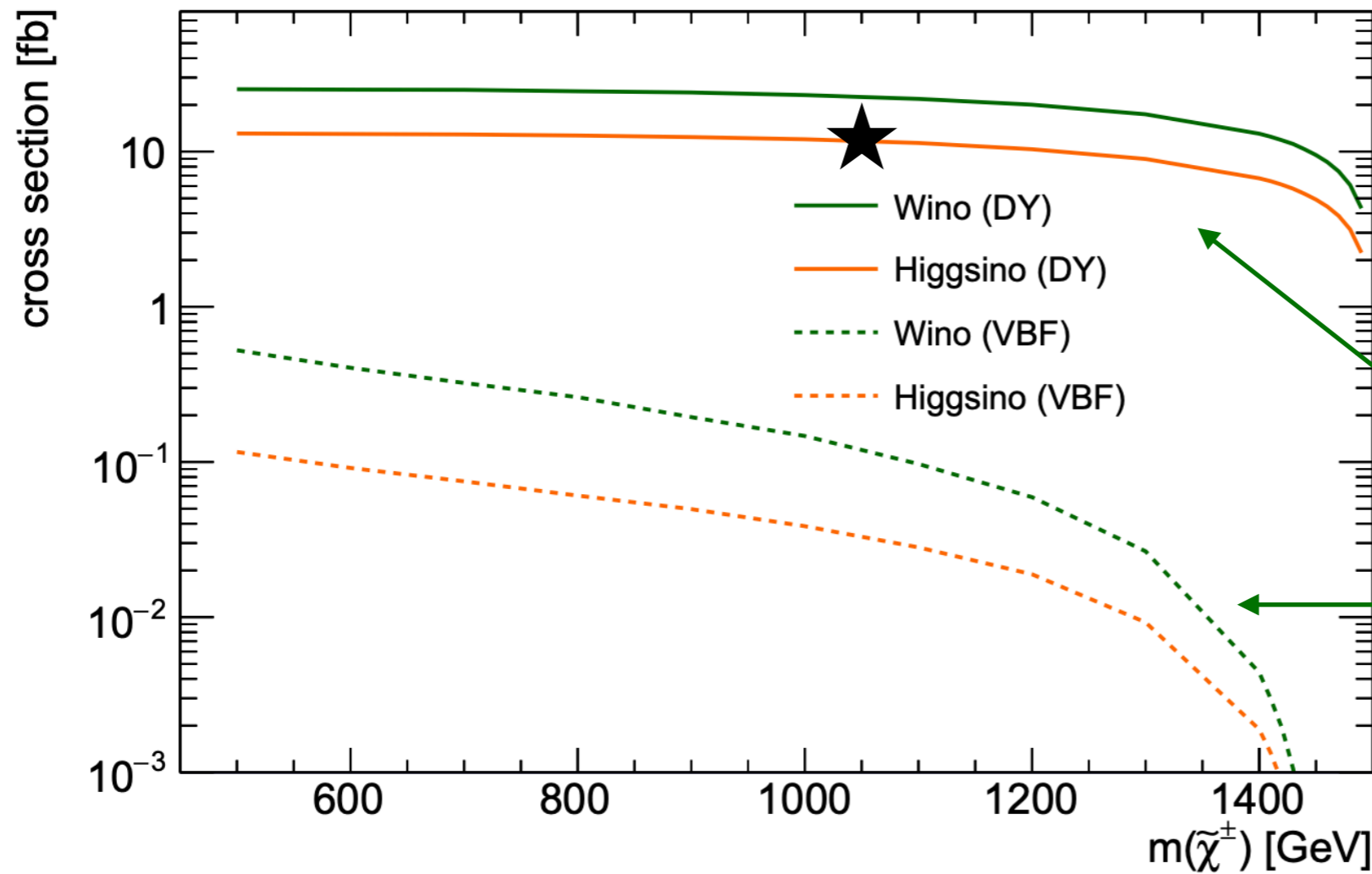


*Very soft spectrum:*  
 $p_T^{\text{ST}} \leq 0.75 \text{ GeV}$

• **Signal Events:**



**MuC 3 TeV**



$xsec = 10 \text{ fb}$   
 $Lumi = 1/ab$   
 $Nevents = 10,000$

*s-channel neutral current process dominates signal production over VBF*

RC, Meloni, Simoniello, Zurita, JHEP 06 (2021) 133

- **Signal Events:**

**MuC 3 TeV**

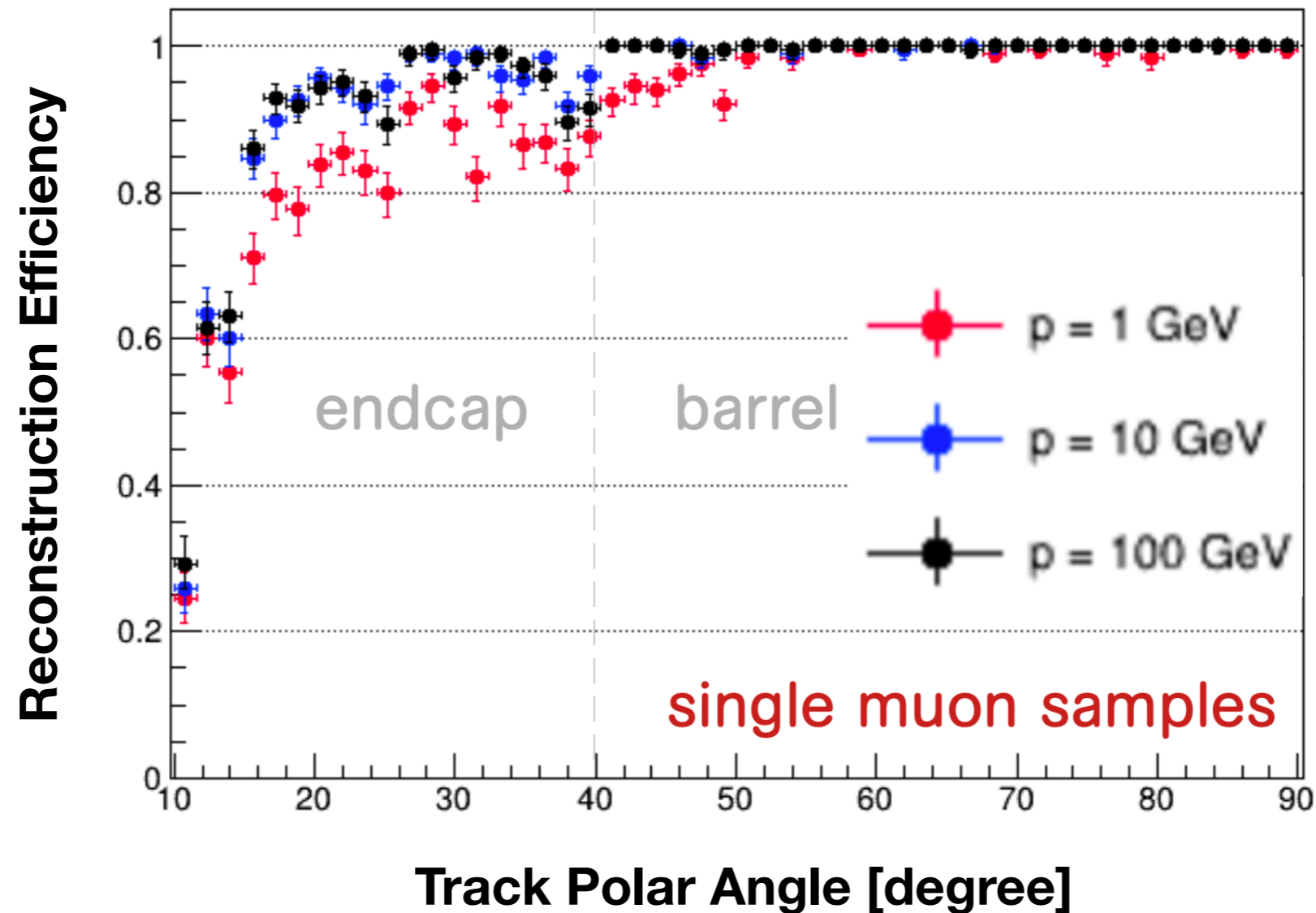
1ST $0\gamma$  14%	1ST $1\gamma$  2%
2ST $0\gamma$  75%  $\sigma_T = 12.53(3) \text{ fb}$	2ST $1\gamma$  9%

↑  
*About 1,000 signal events in this signal region*

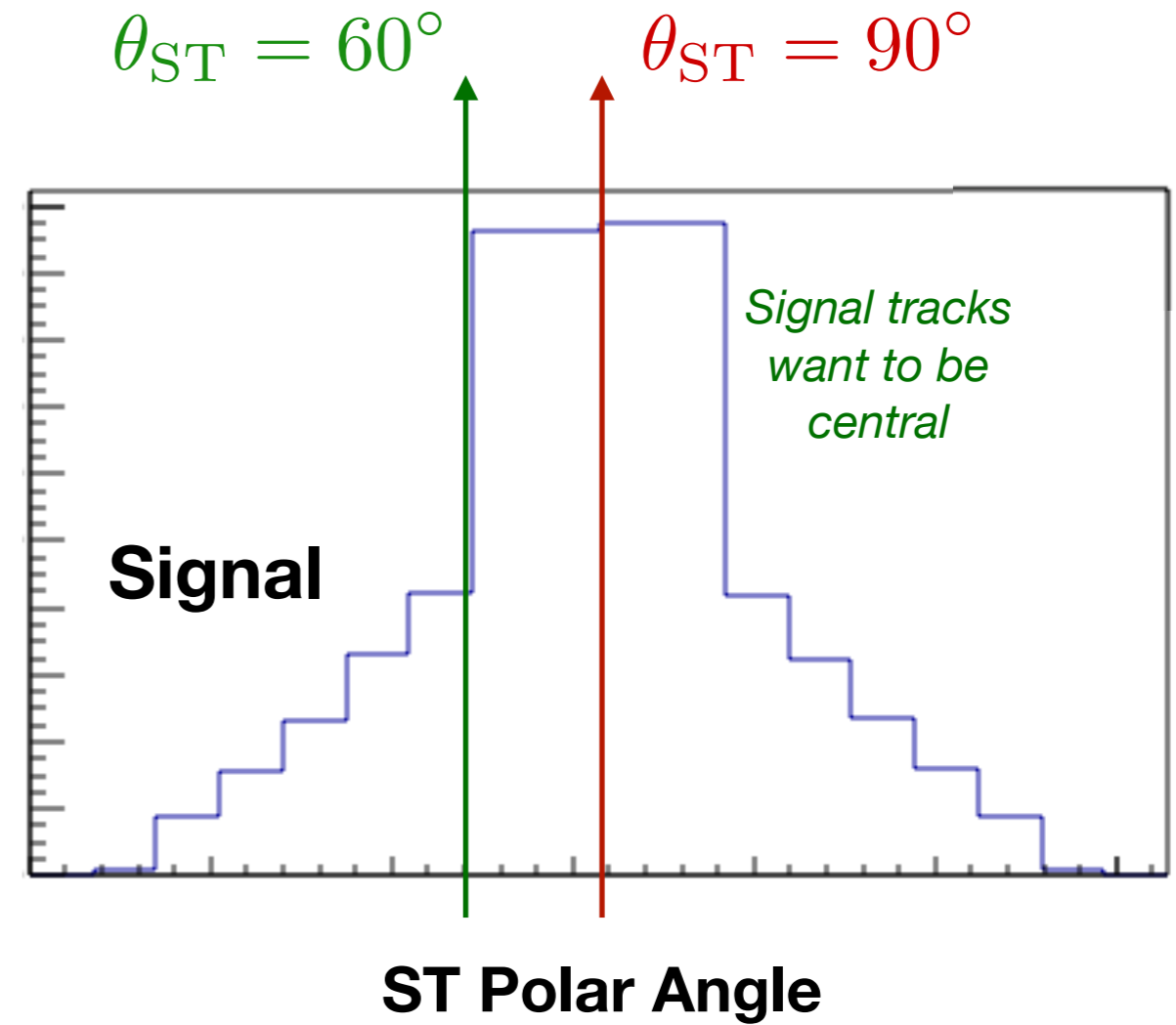
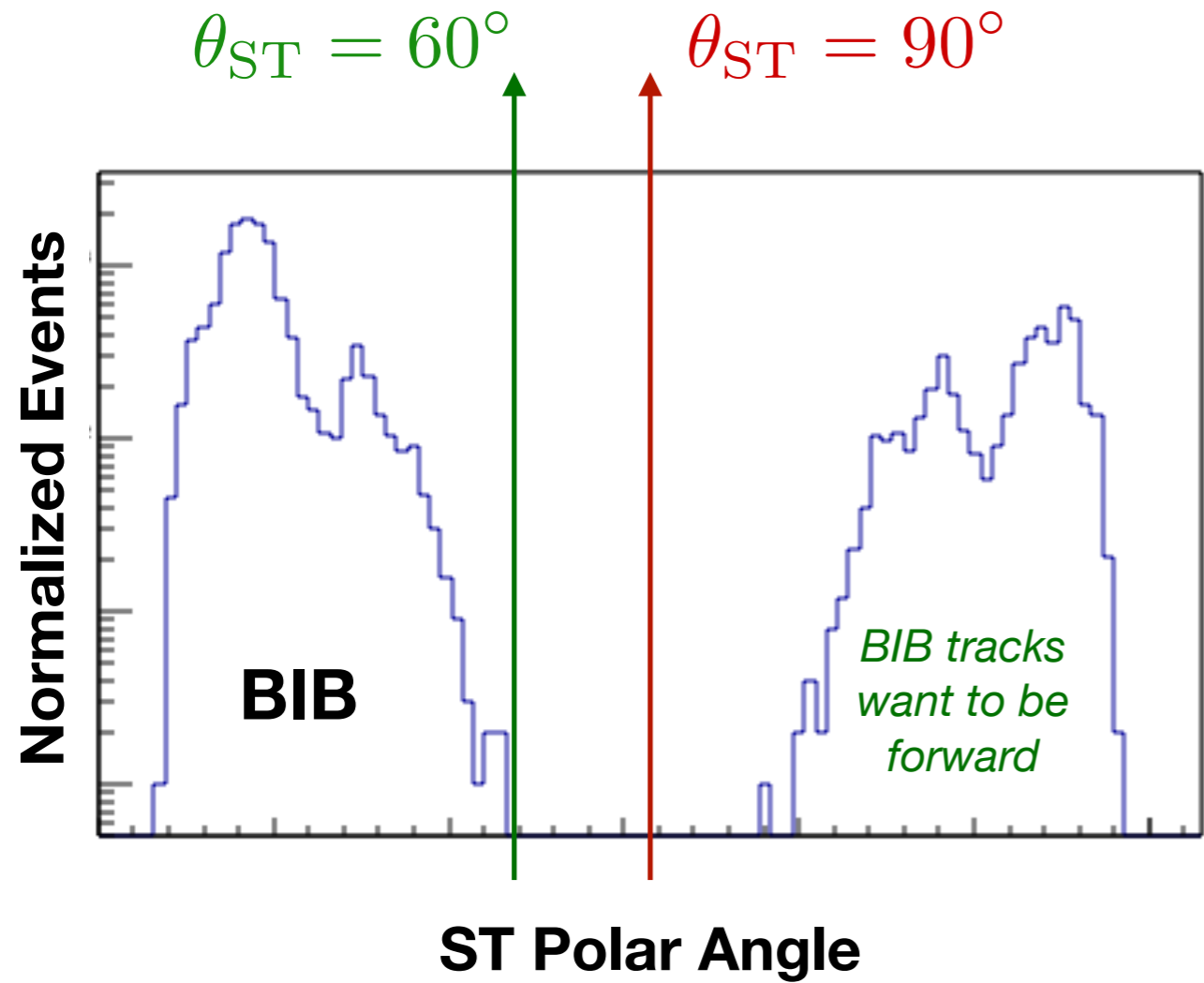
- **Backgrounds: BIB (efficiency)**

*BIB Data from the MAP collaboration*

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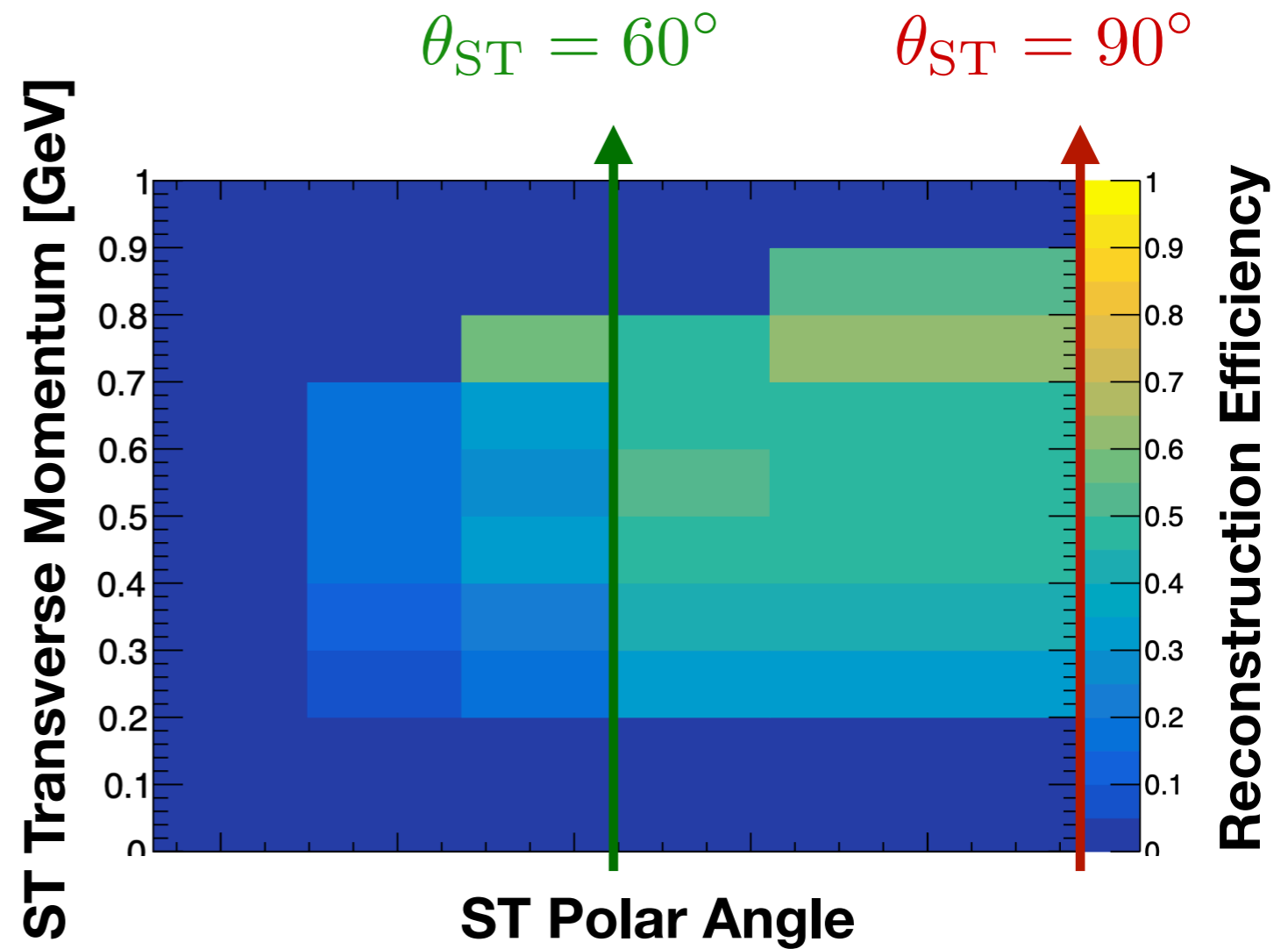
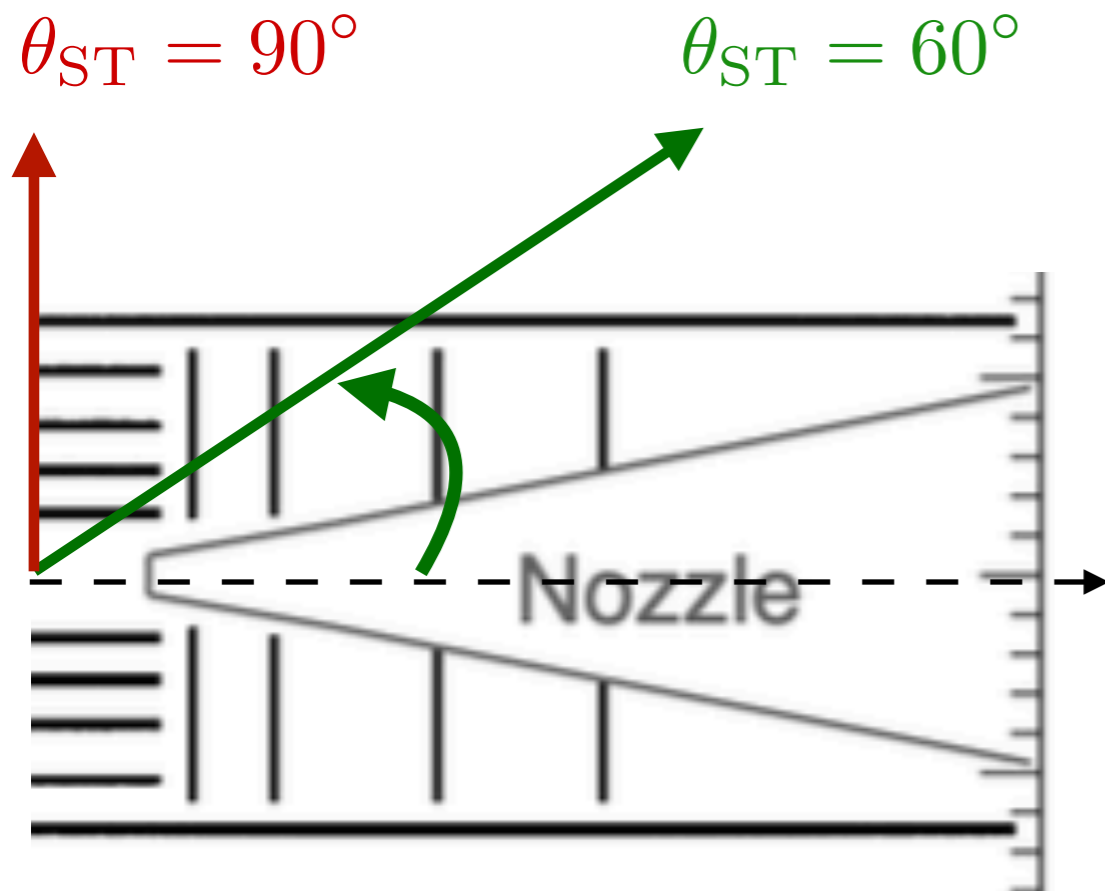


- **Backgrounds: BIB (fake tracks)**



- **Efficiency:**

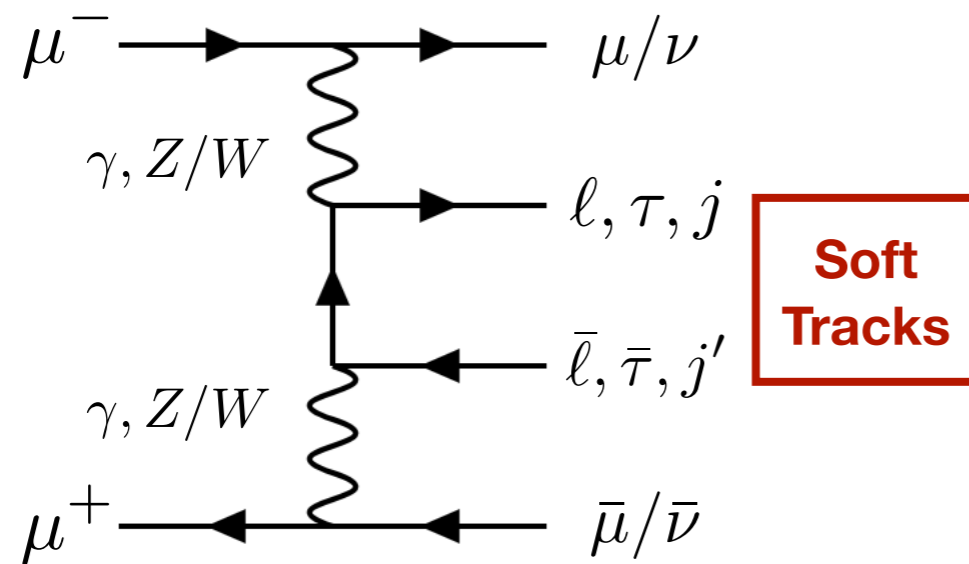
*Decent reconstruction efficiency ~30-60%*



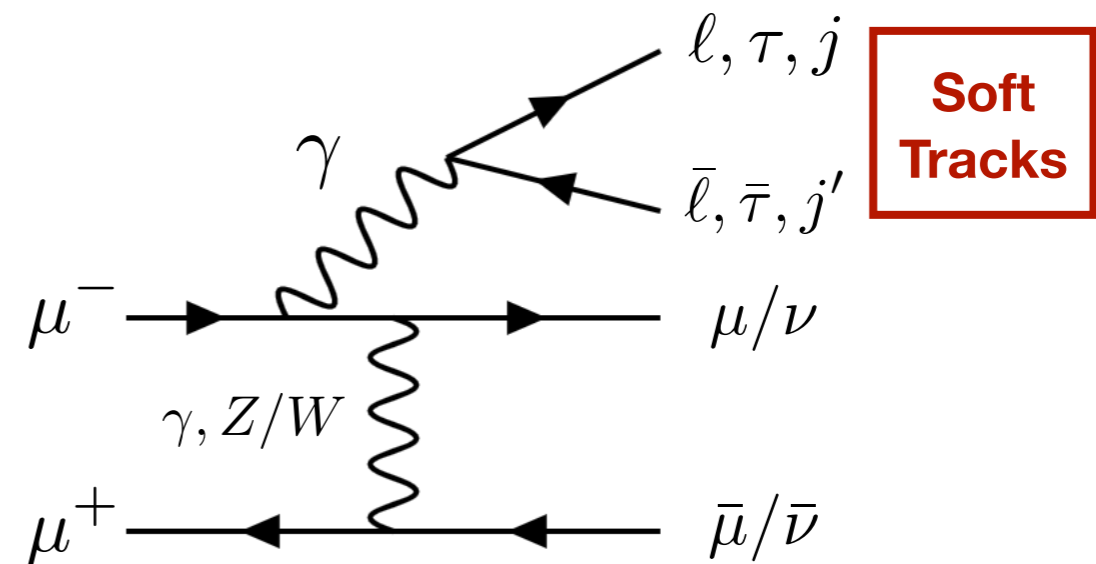
• **Background Processes:**

*VBF & Bhabha-like processes  
dominate background production*

**Vector Boson Fusion**

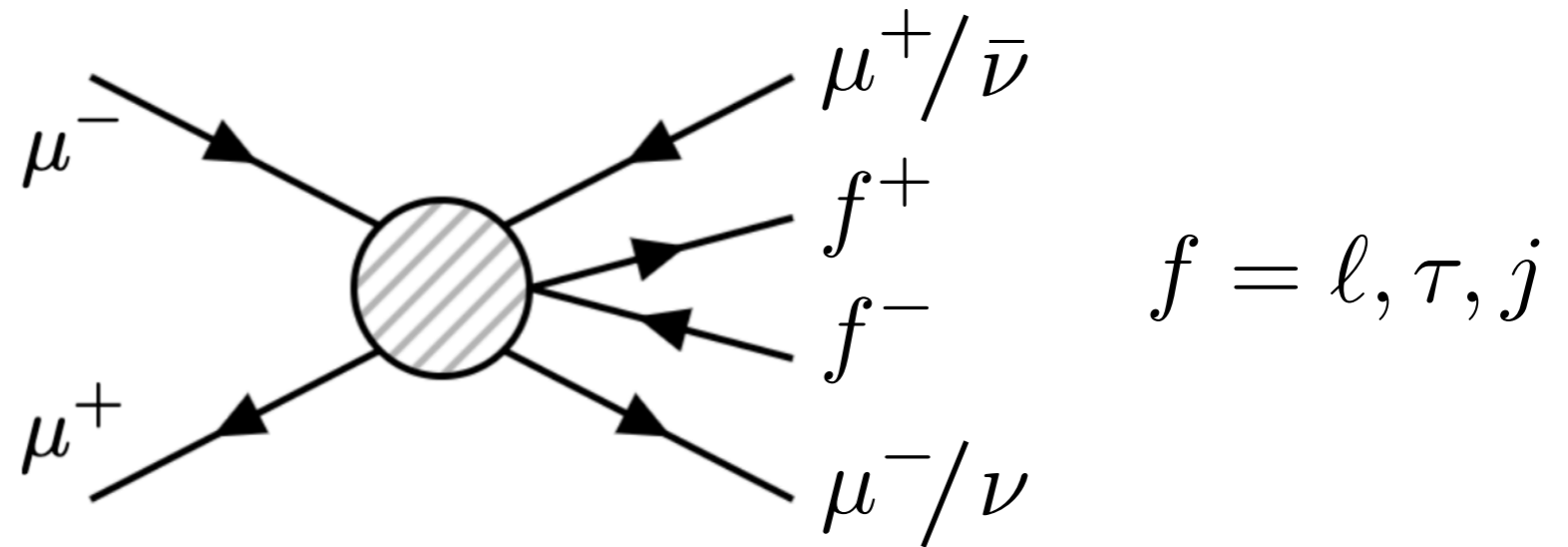


**Bhabha-Like Scattering**



• **Background Processes:**

*VBF & Bhabha-like processes dominate background production*



$\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \gamma + X (+ Z \rightarrow \nu\nu)$		
X	$\sigma(\gamma X)$ [fb]	$\sigma(\gamma X Z)$ [fb]
$\ell^+\ell^-\nu_\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell$	242.0	2.828
$\ell^+\ell^-\mu^+\mu^-$	60.45	0.012
$e^+\nu_e\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu + \text{CP}$	226.6	2.710
$\tau^+\tau^-\nu_\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell$	6.493	0.058
$\tau^+\tau^-\mu^+\mu^-$	30.86	0.006
$\tau^+\nu_\tau\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu + \text{CP}$	226.2	2.722
$jj\nu_\ell\bar{\nu}_\ell$	104.5	0.904
$jj\mu^+\mu^-$	30.63	0.019
$jj\mu^-\bar{\nu}_\mu + \text{CP}$	1215.	11.57

$$p_T^\gamma \geq 20 \text{ GeV}$$

$$|\eta_\gamma| < 2.44$$

$$p_T^\ell \geq 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

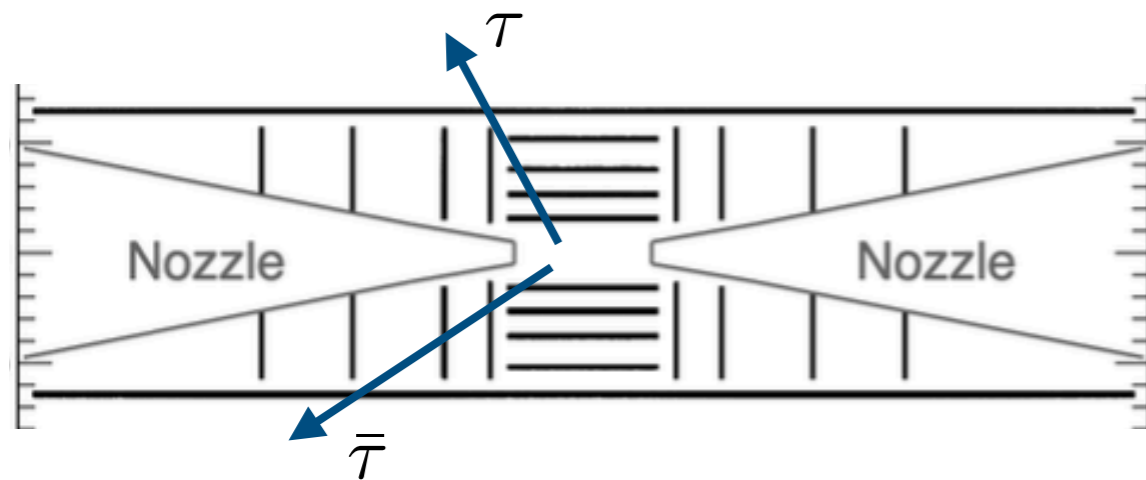
$$p_T^j \geq 0.1 \text{ GeV}$$

**Compare with the  
~1fb signal**



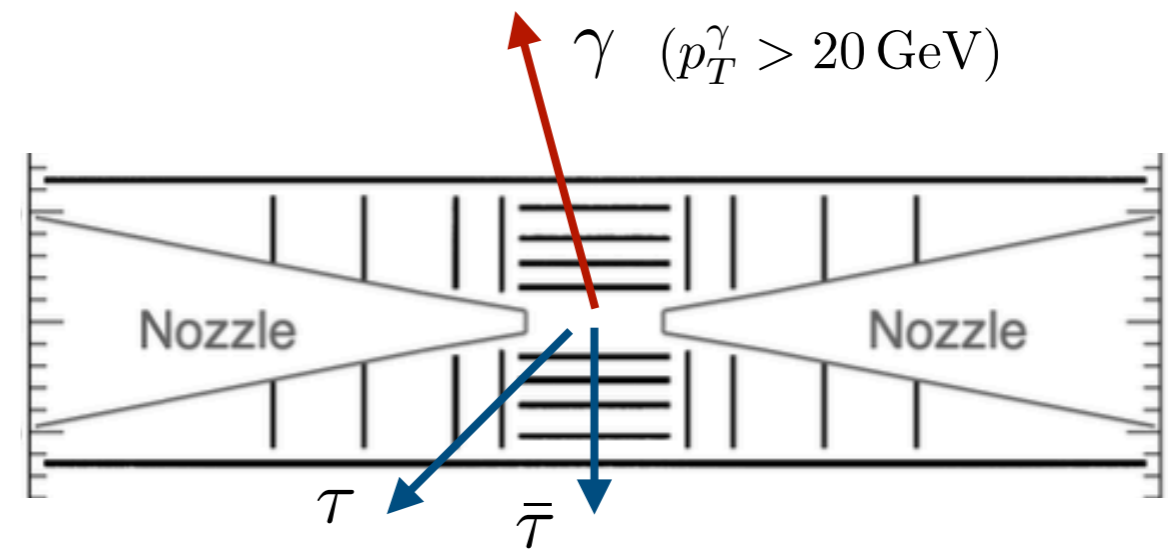
• **The Importance of the Photon:**

Signal region:  
 $2 ST + 1 \text{ gamma}$   
 $0.2 < p_T < 0.75 \text{ GeV}$



$$N_{\text{signal}} \sim 9000$$

$$N_{\text{background}} \sim 10^3 \times N_{\text{signal}}$$



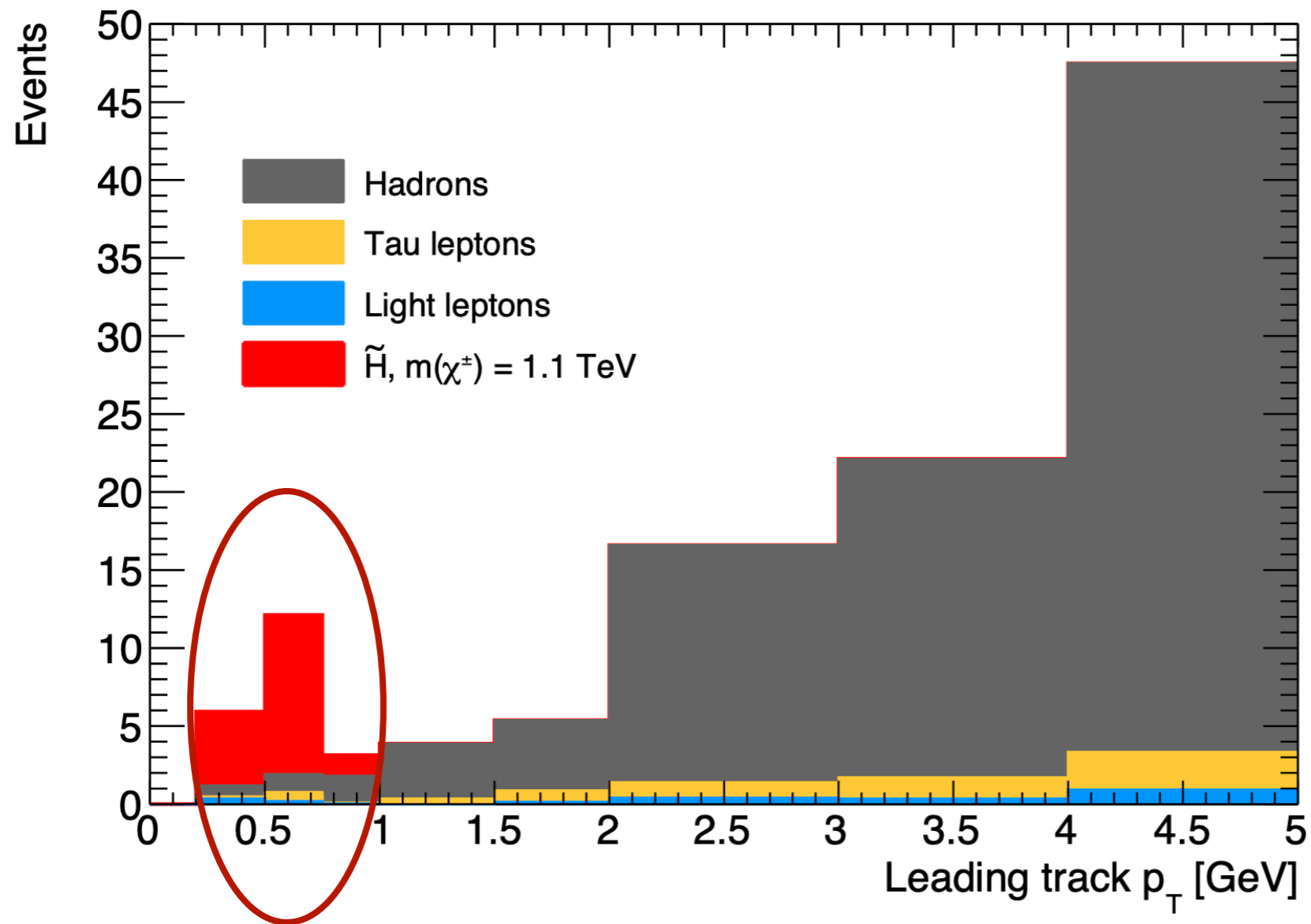
$$N_{\text{signal}} \sim 2000$$

$$N_{\text{background}} \sim 6000$$

*Note: Considering di-tau production using the improved Weizsäcker-Williams approximation for the photon PDF.*

• **Projection:**

$\mu^+\mu^-$  collisions,  $\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



Signal region:  
 $2 \text{ ST} + 1 \text{ gamma}$   
 $0.2 < p_T < 0.75 \text{ GeV}$

Photon  $p_T$  above  
 $40 \text{ GeV}$

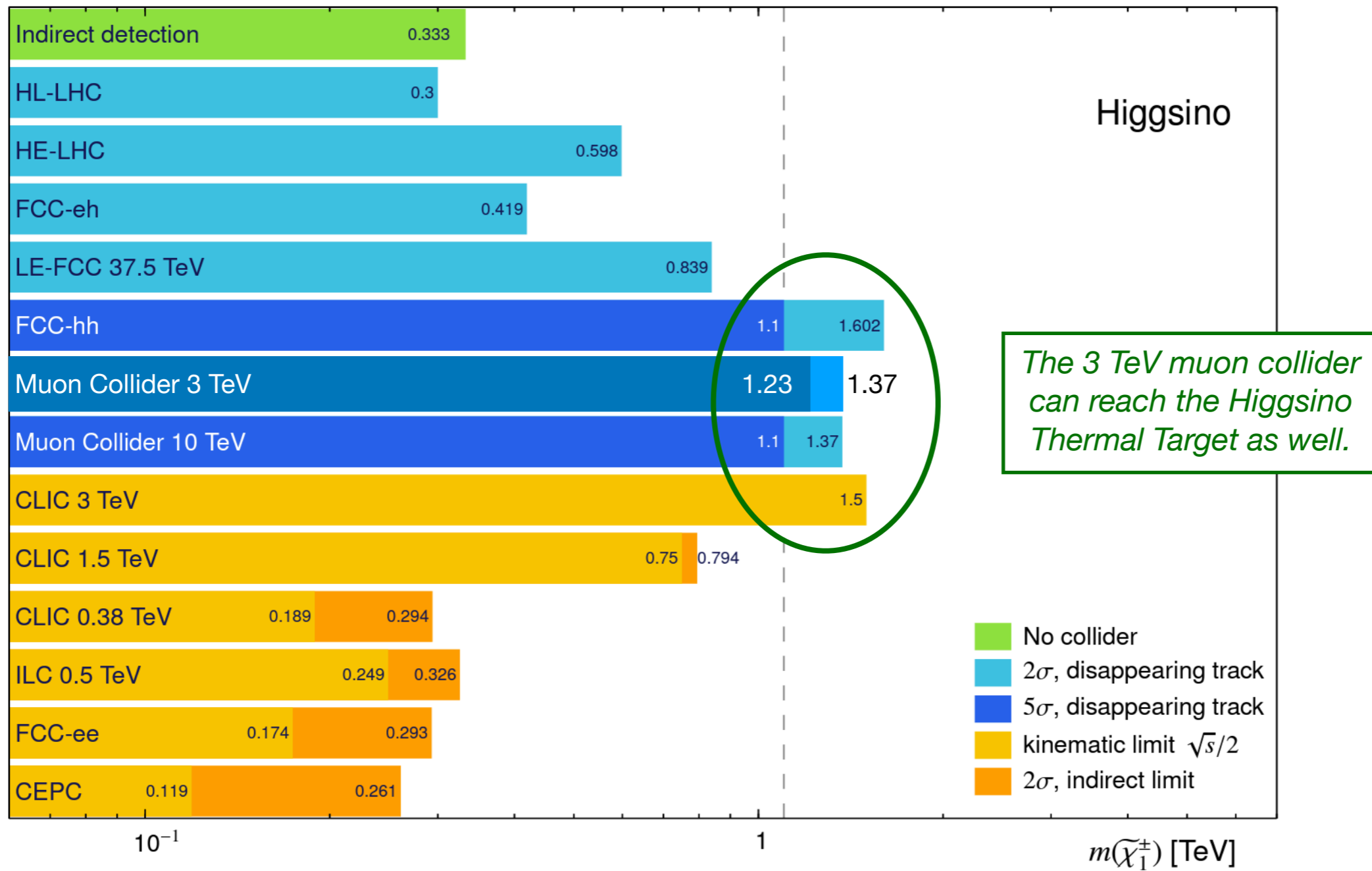
Fakes:

Pairs of ST along with  
 an uncorrelated photon

Random ECAL hits  
 from the BIB that can  
 mimic a photon

Five sigma+ for the  
 Thermal Higgsino  
 (Doublet MDM)

• **Projection:**



# Outline

## 1. Introduction

## 2. Minimal WIMP Searches

- Direct Detection
- Indirect Detection
- LHC

## 3. Future p/e Colliders

## 4. Muon Collider

- Disappearing Tracks
- Soft Tracks

## Summary

- **Thermal Targets**

$$\chi_2 \equiv \chi_{\tilde{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{H}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{H}}^0 \\ \chi_{\tilde{H}}^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \chi_3 \equiv \chi_{\tilde{W}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{W}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^0 \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^- \end{pmatrix} \dots \quad \chi_5 \dots \quad \chi_9 \dots$$

*Doublets (Higgsino-like)*                      *Triplets (Wino-like)*                      *Fiveplets...*                      *Nineplets...*

**Mass:**                      1.1 TeV                                      2.7 TeV                                      14 TeV

**Lifetime:**                      0.02 ns                                      0.2 ns                                      0.2 ns

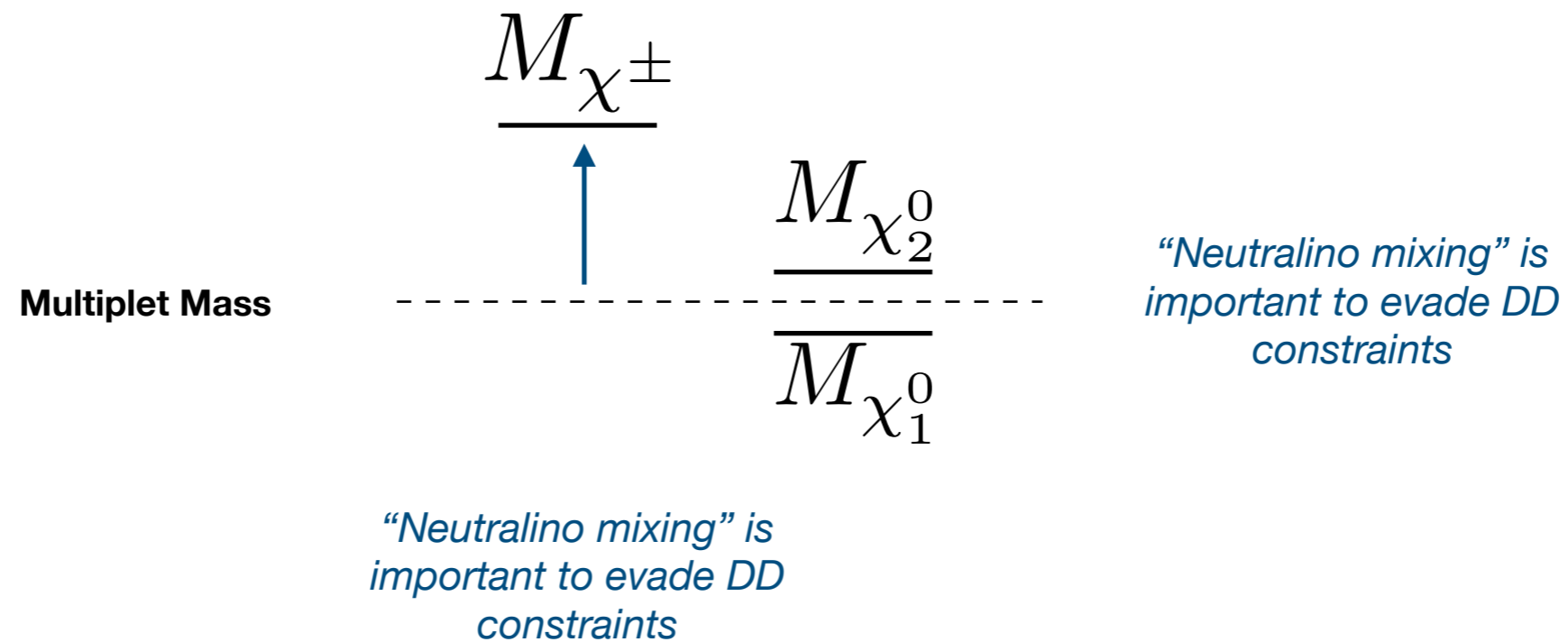
- **Lifetime**

For a given multiplet

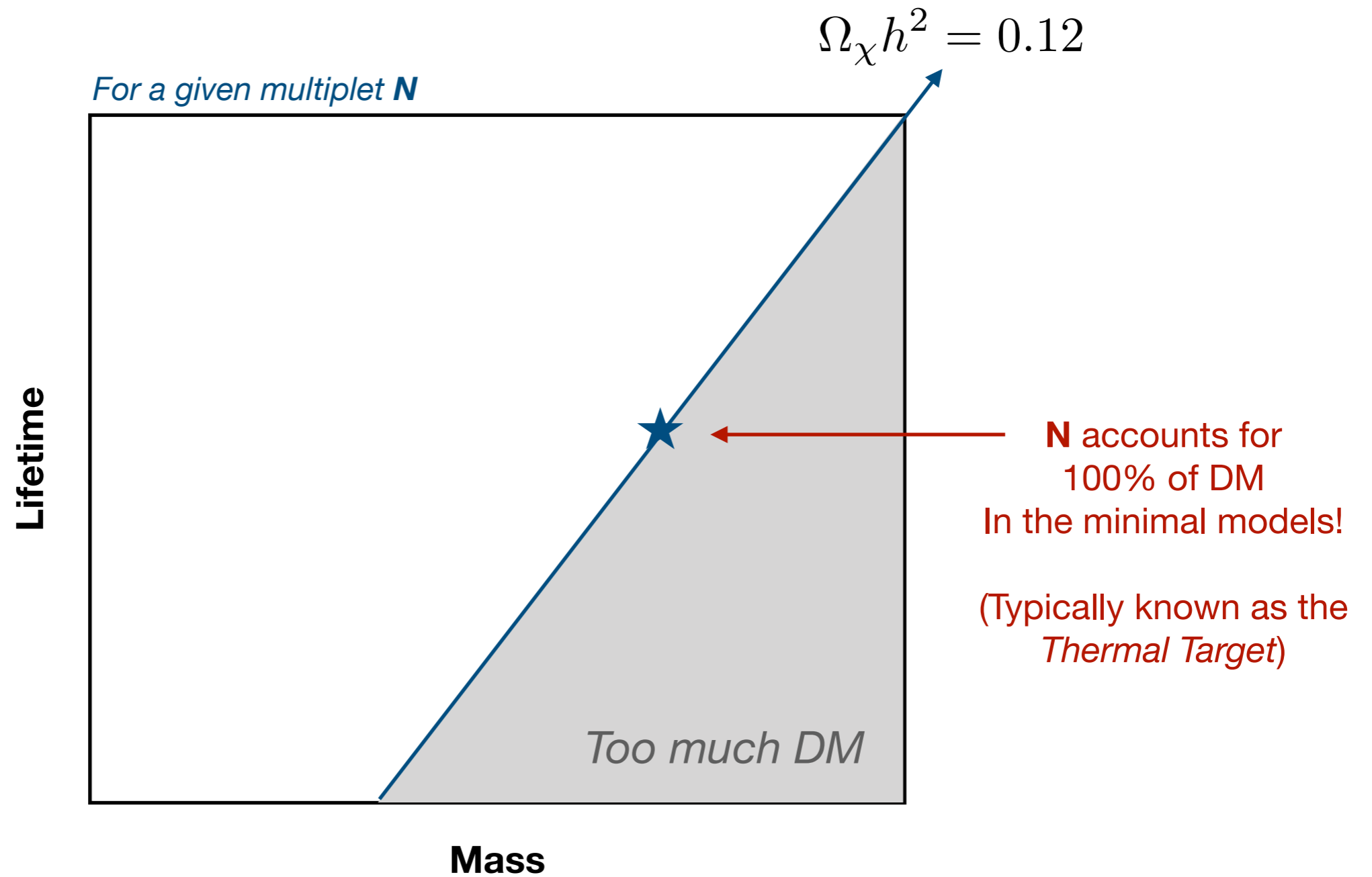
$$\chi_{\tilde{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{H}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{H}}^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Loop effects generate chargino-neutralino splitting

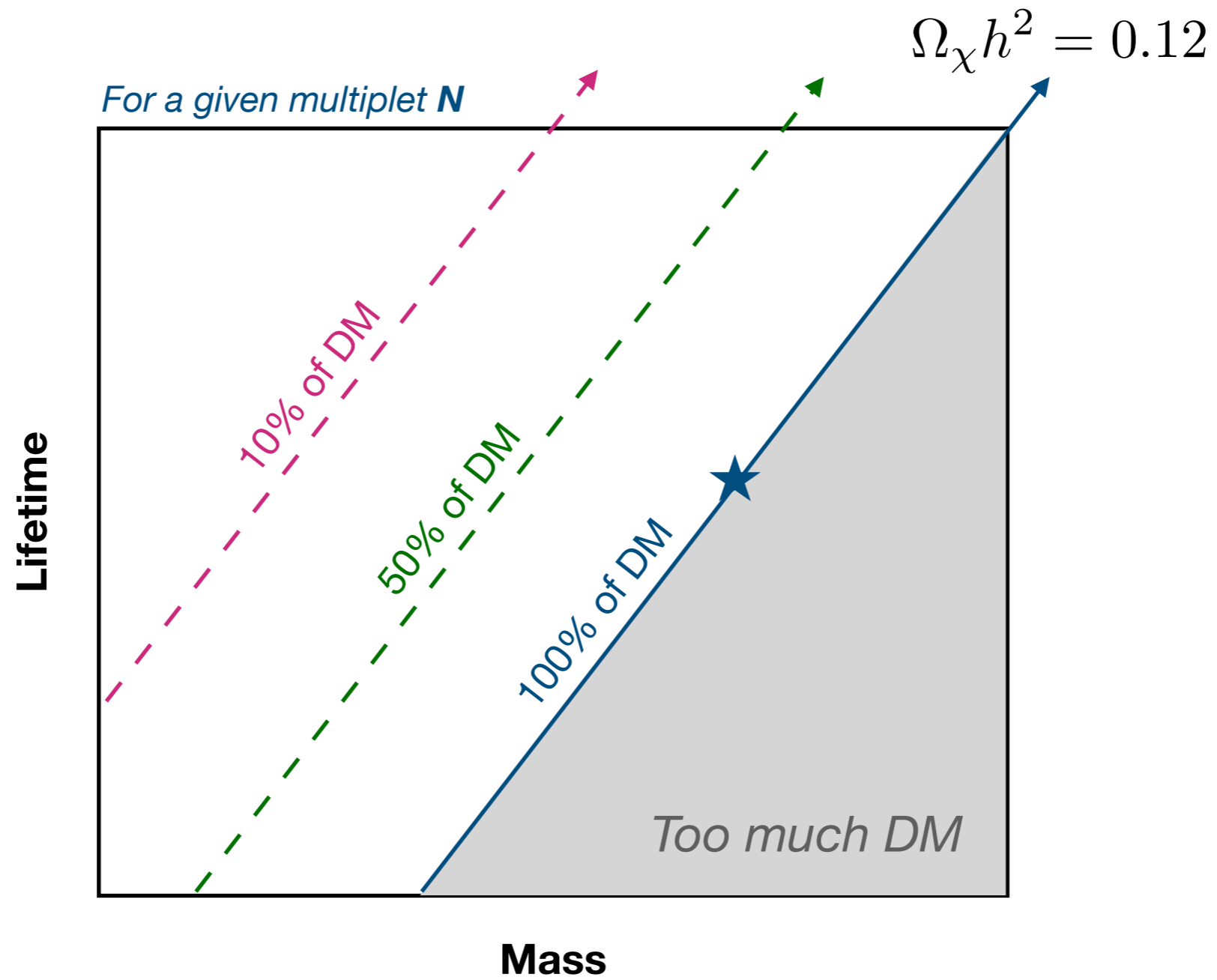
$$\Delta M = M_{\chi^\pm} - M_{\chi^0} > 0$$



- **Target Parameter Space:**

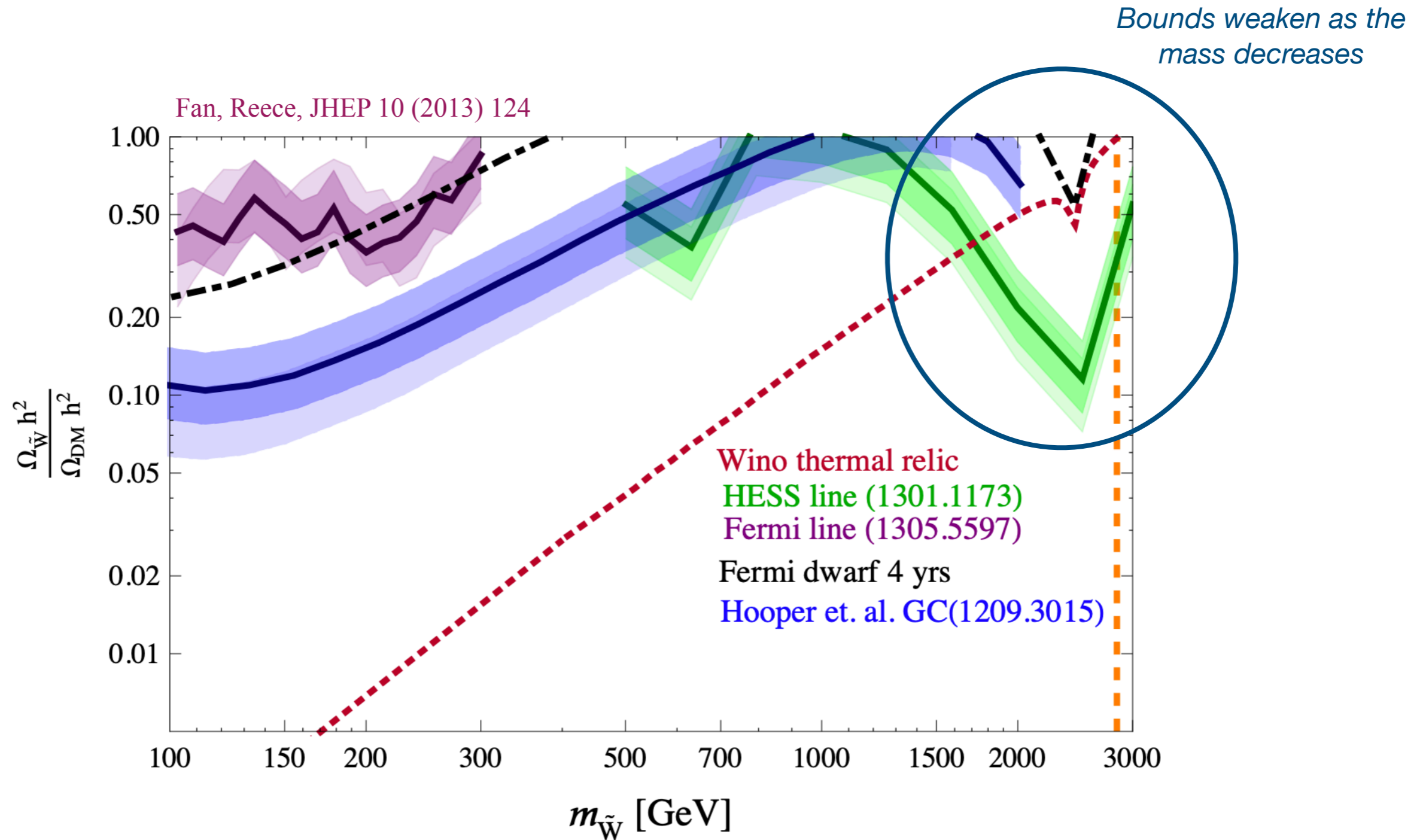


- **Target Parameter Space:**

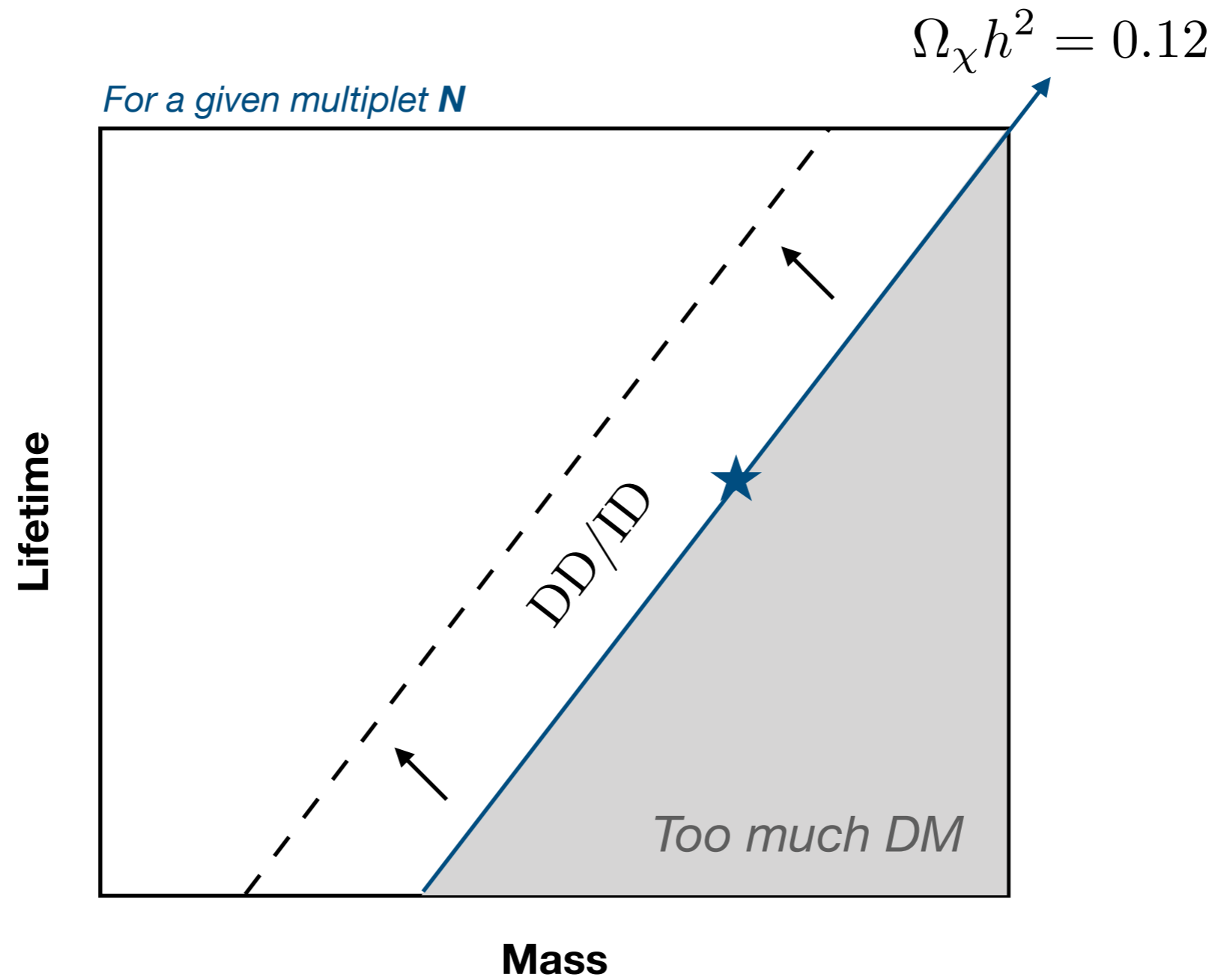




• Indirect Detection (ID)



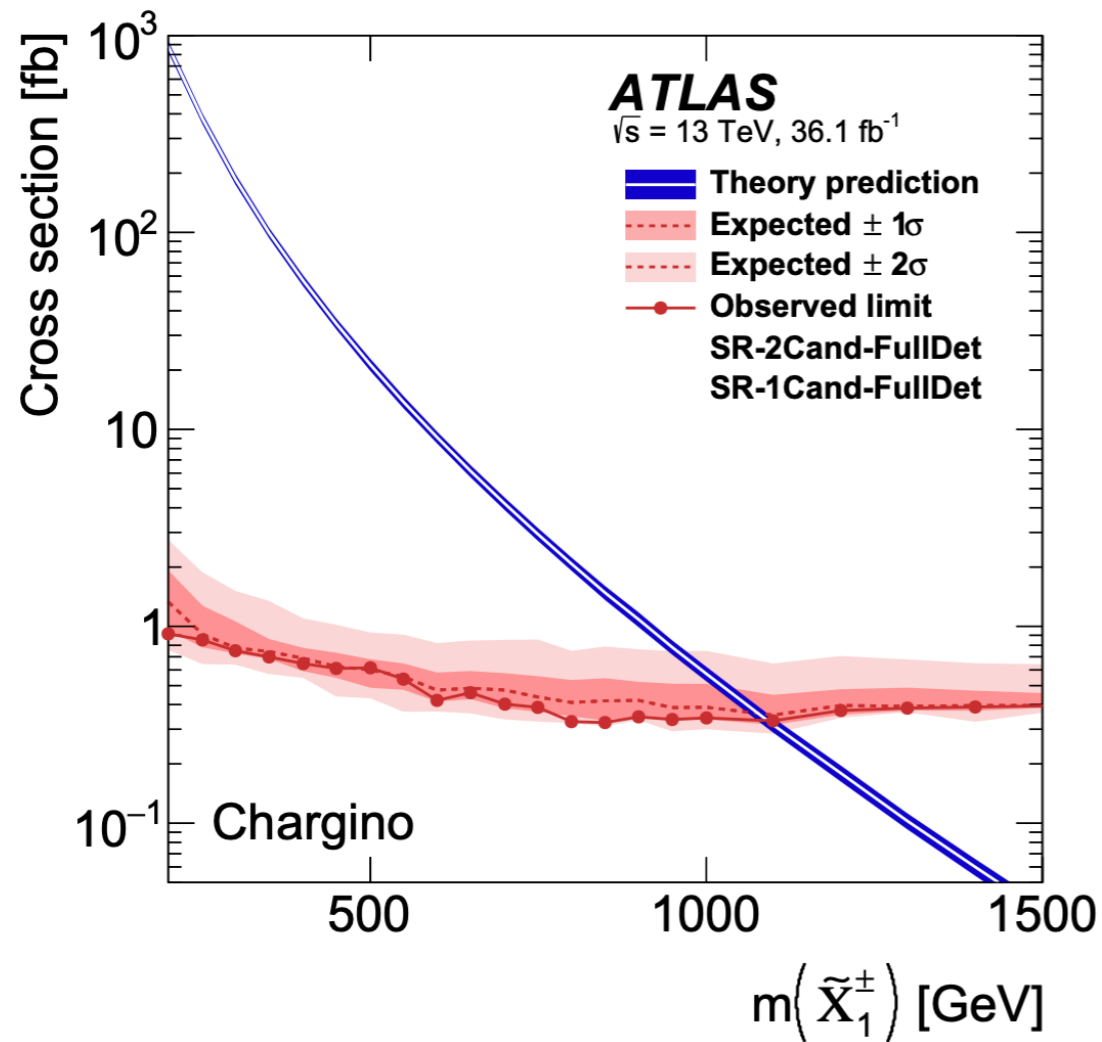
- **Target Parameter Space:**



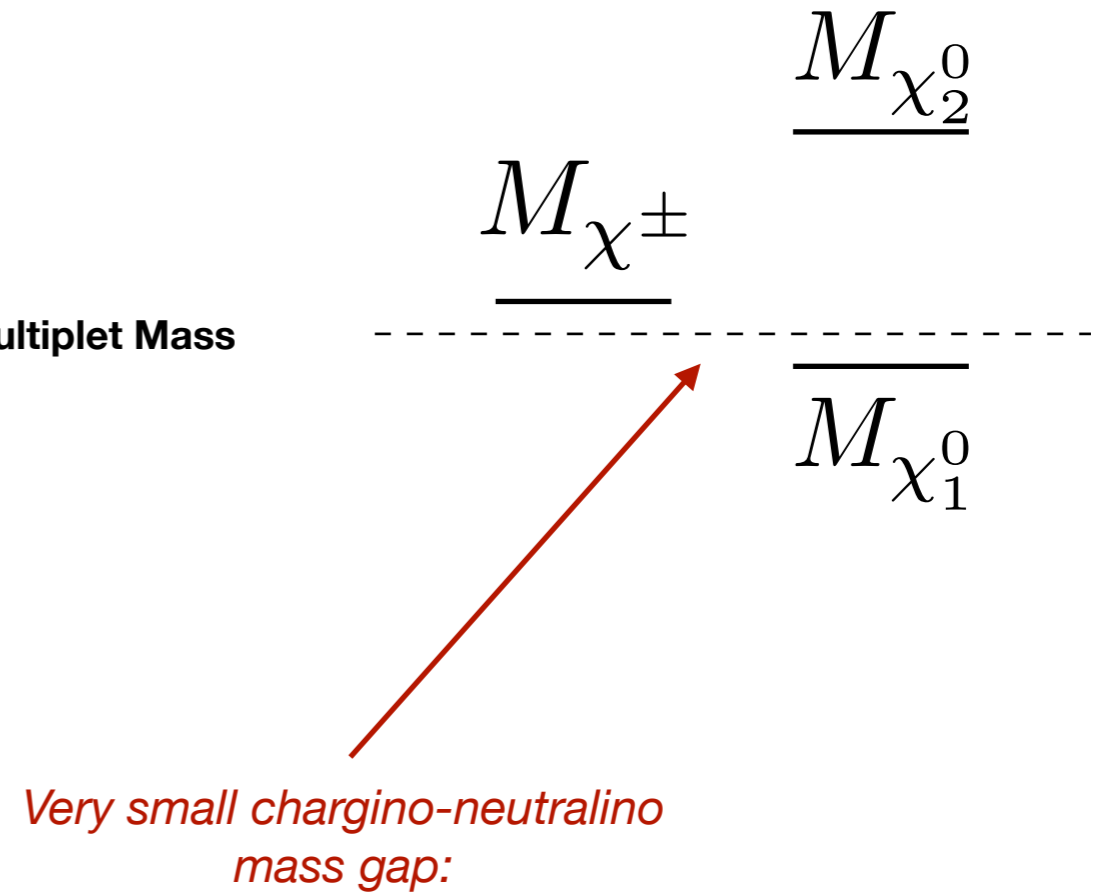
• **LHC:**

# HSCP

**Heavy Stable (50ns)  
Charged Particle**



**Multiplet Mass**

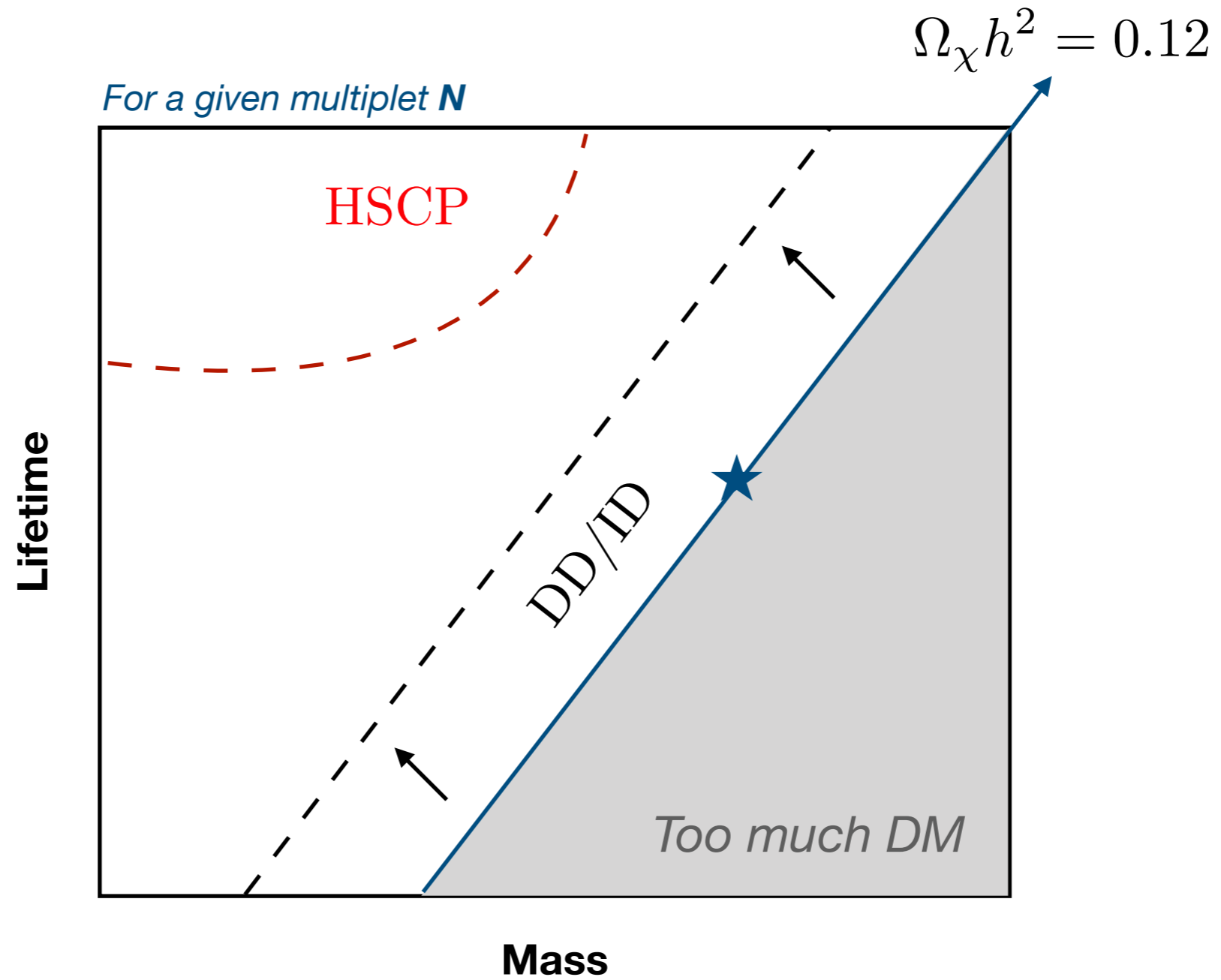


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- **LHC:**

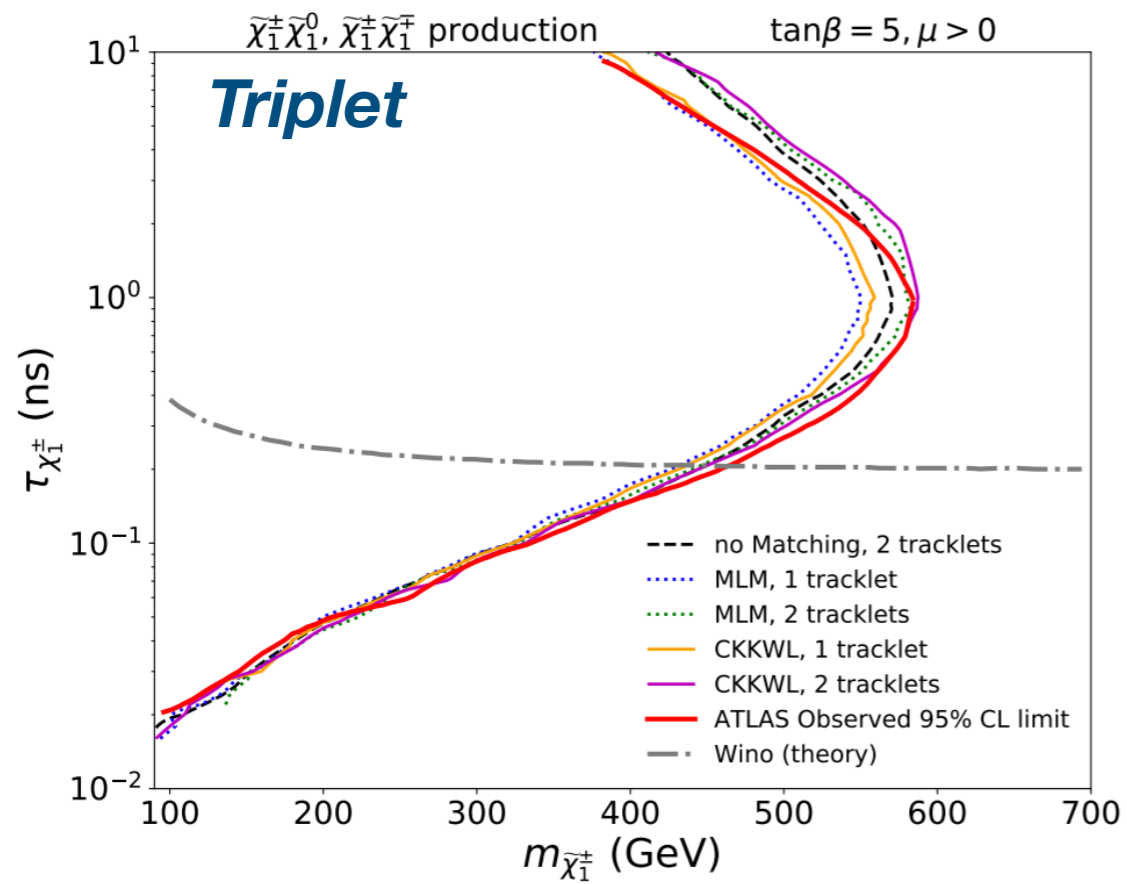
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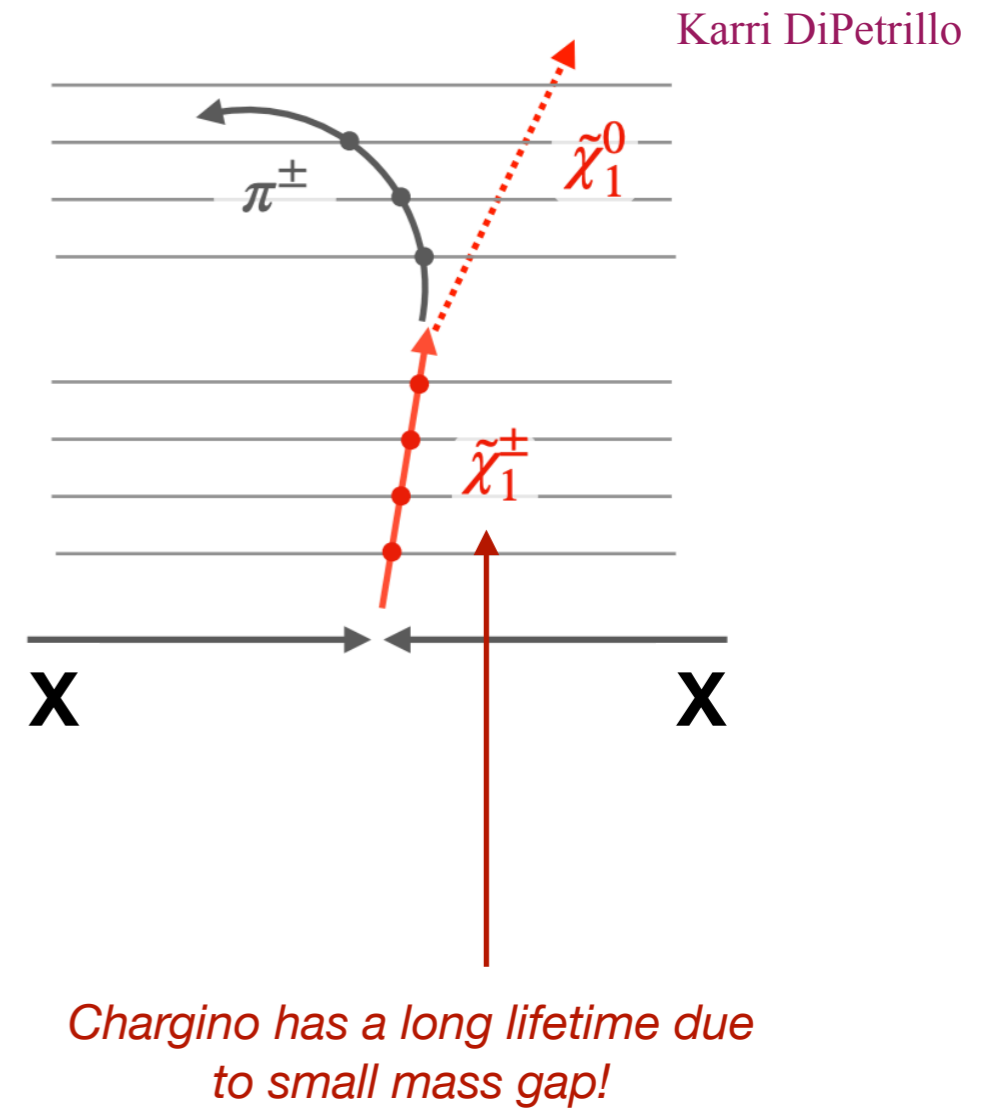


• LHC:

DT  
Disappearing  
Tracks

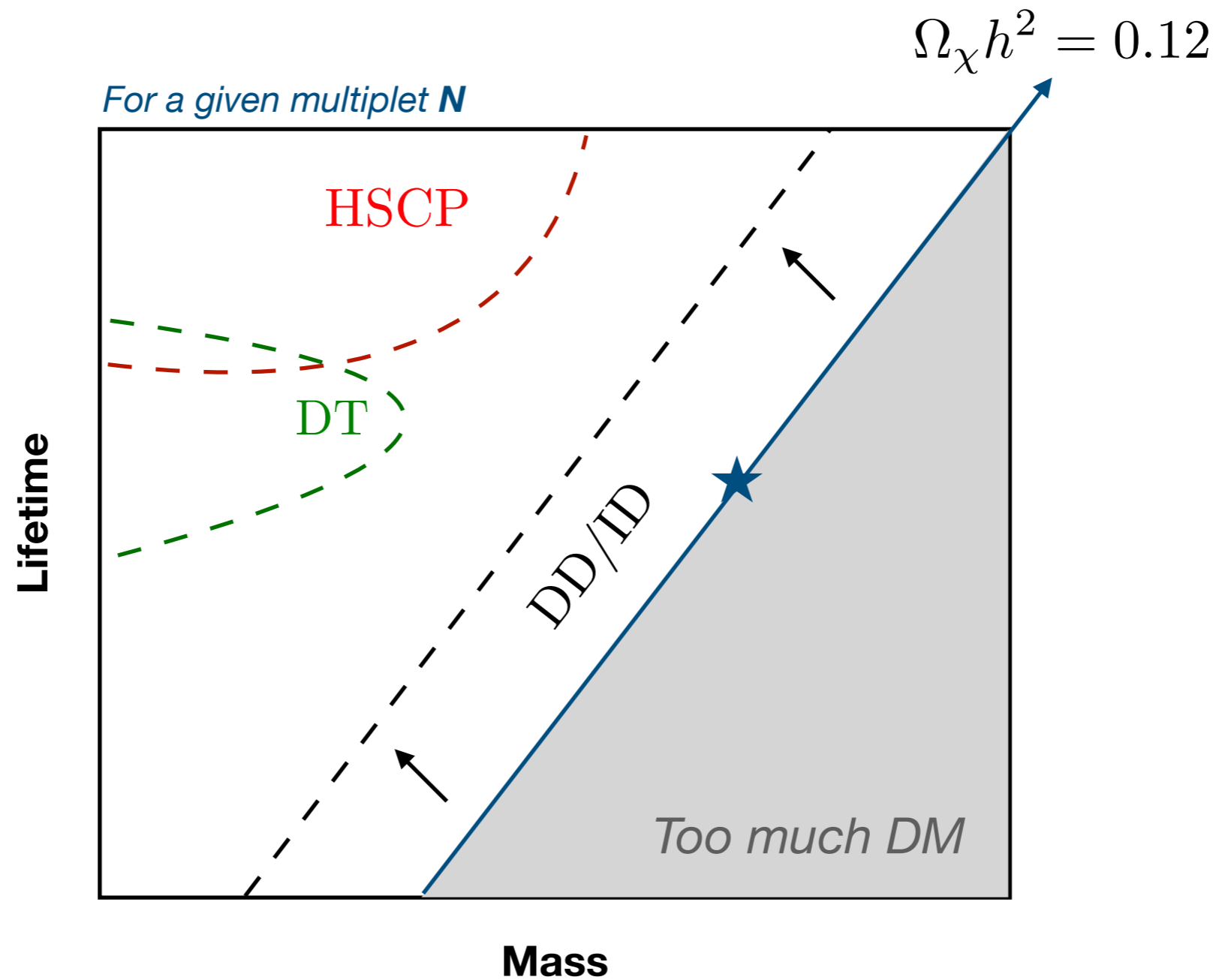


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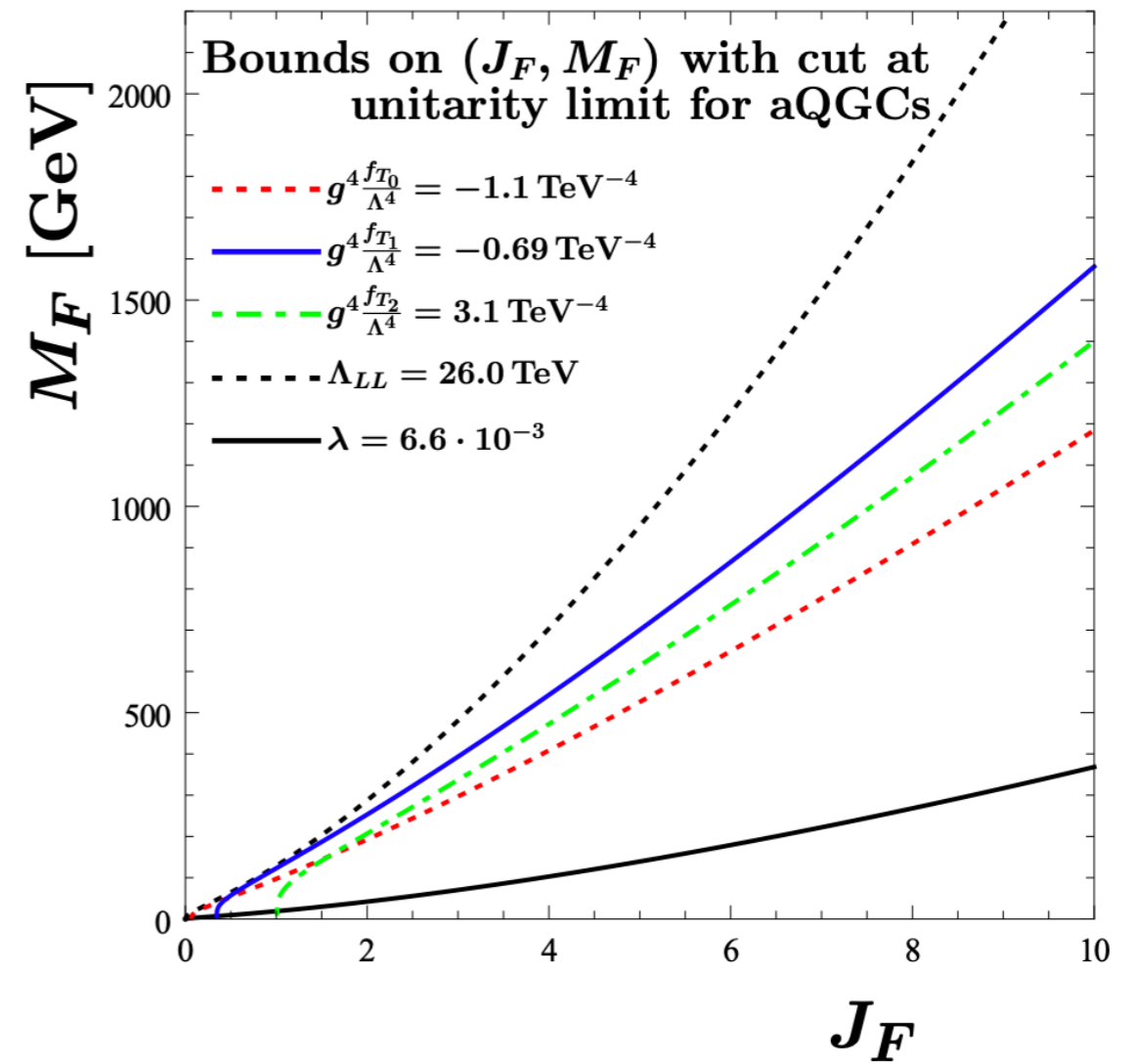
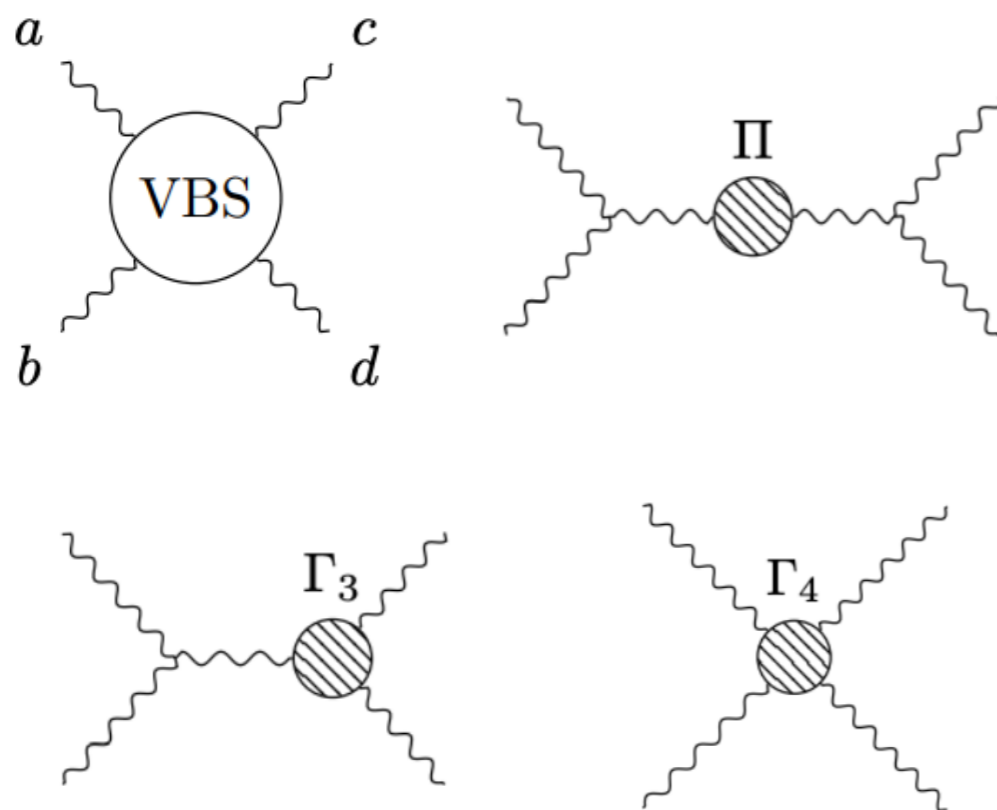
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• LHC:

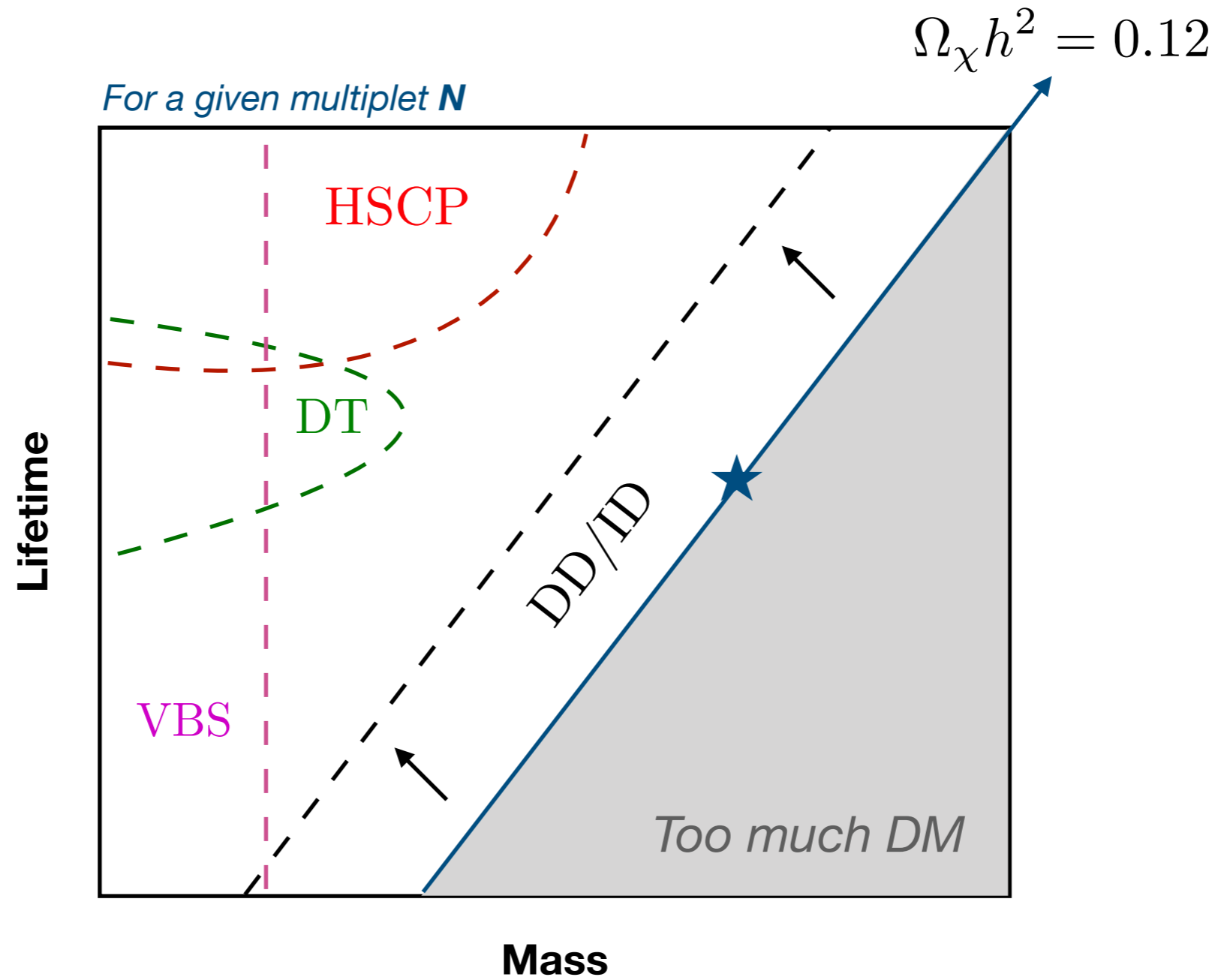
VBS  
Vector Boson  
Scattering



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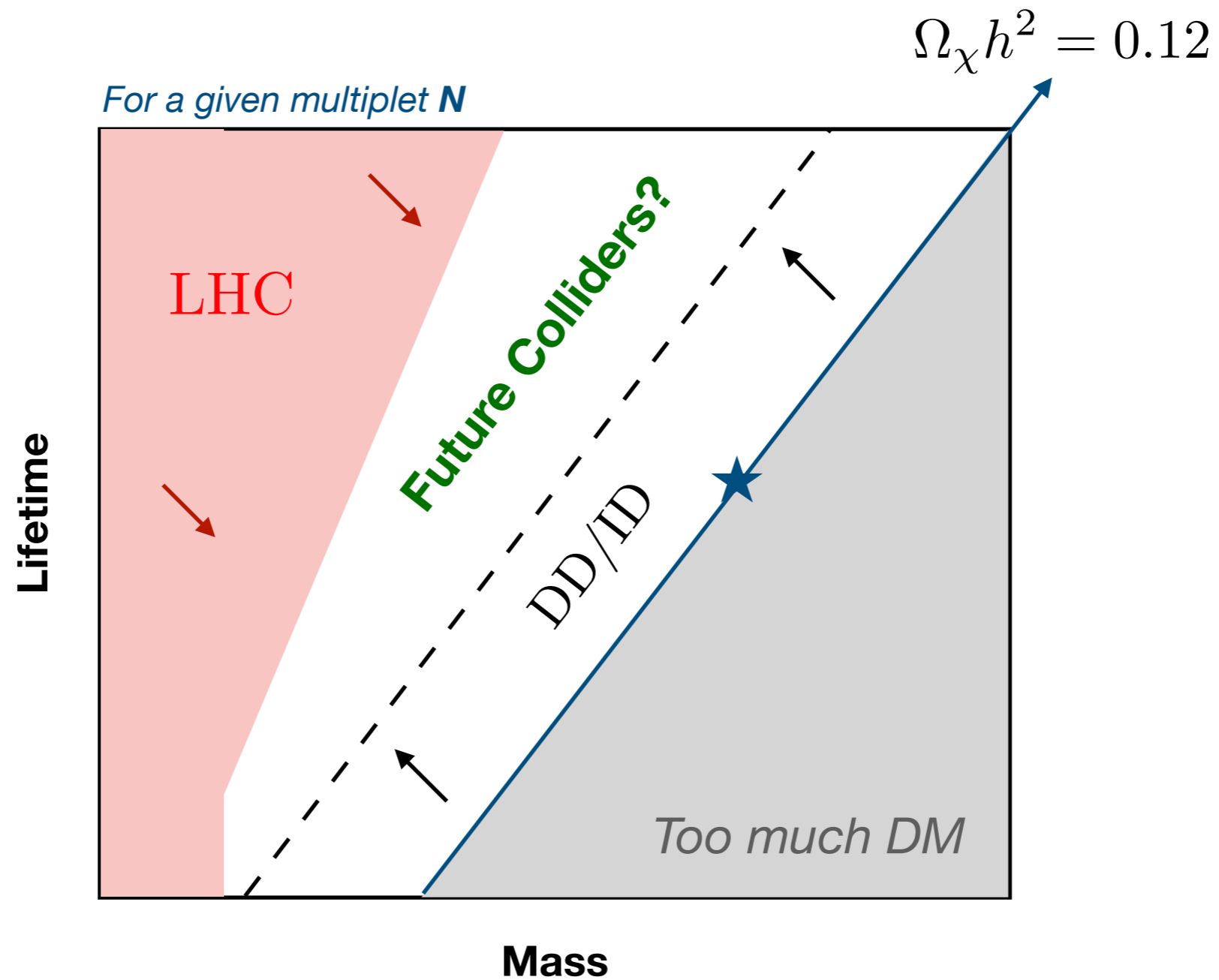
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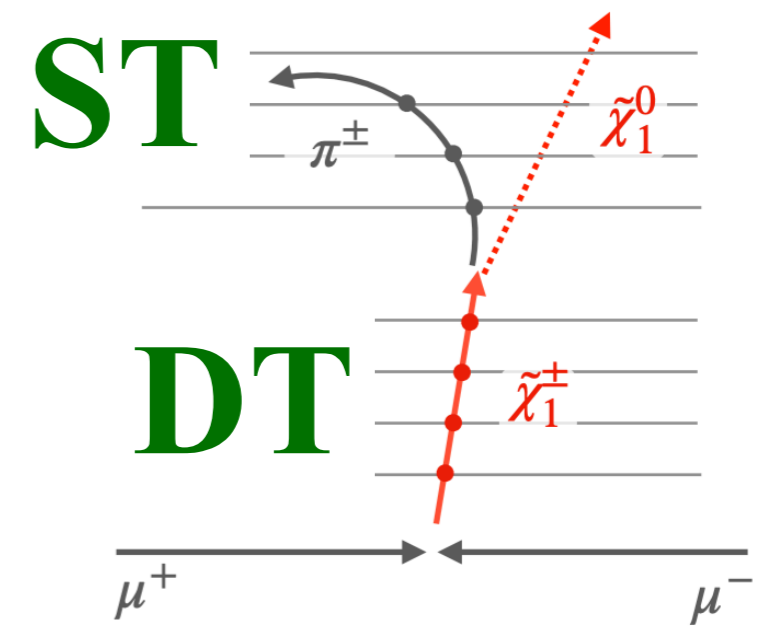
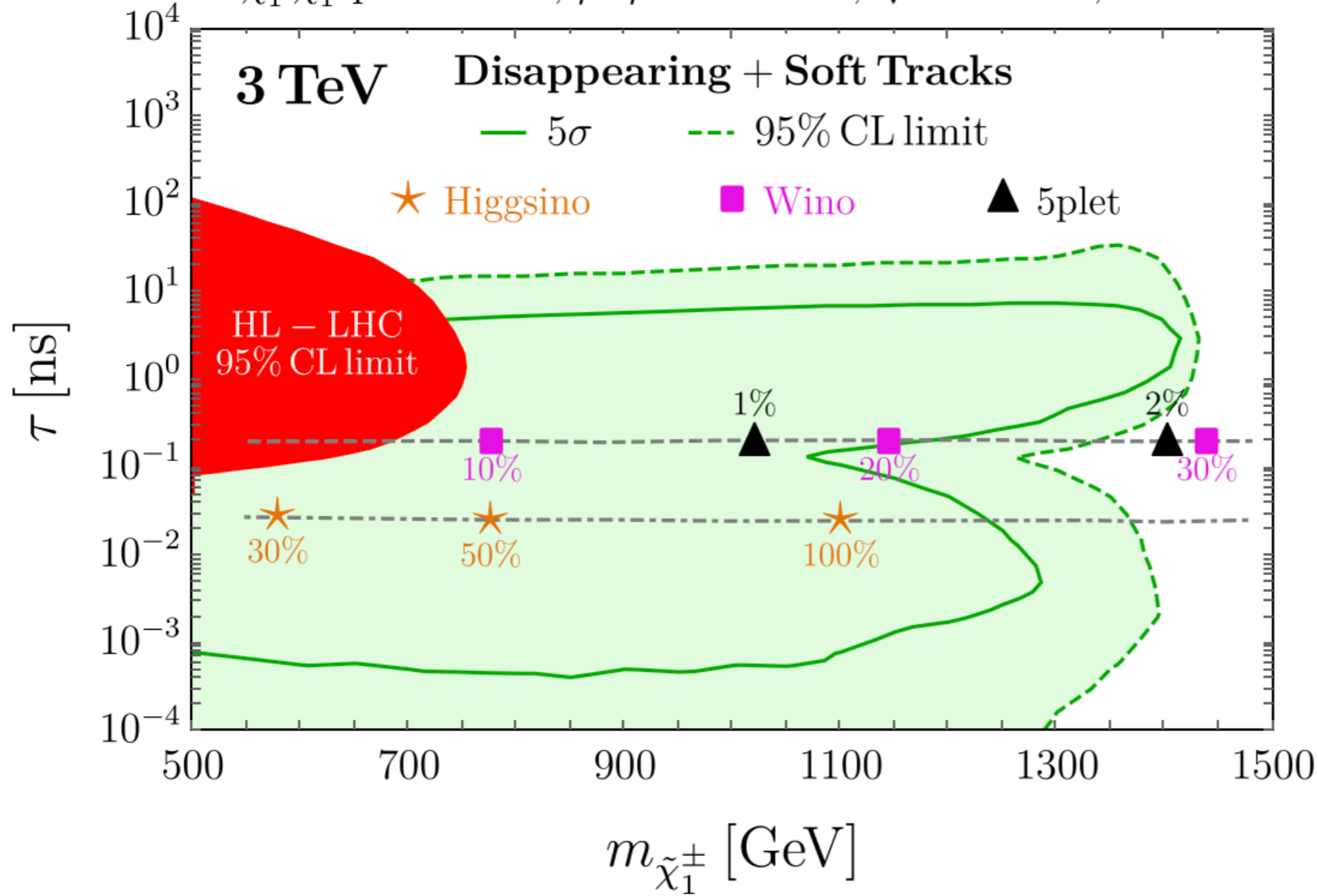


- Road to Minimal WIMPs?



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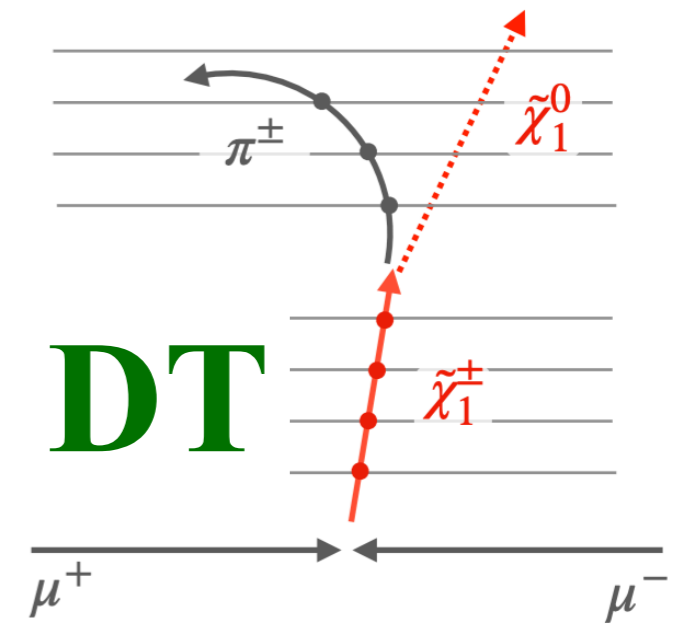
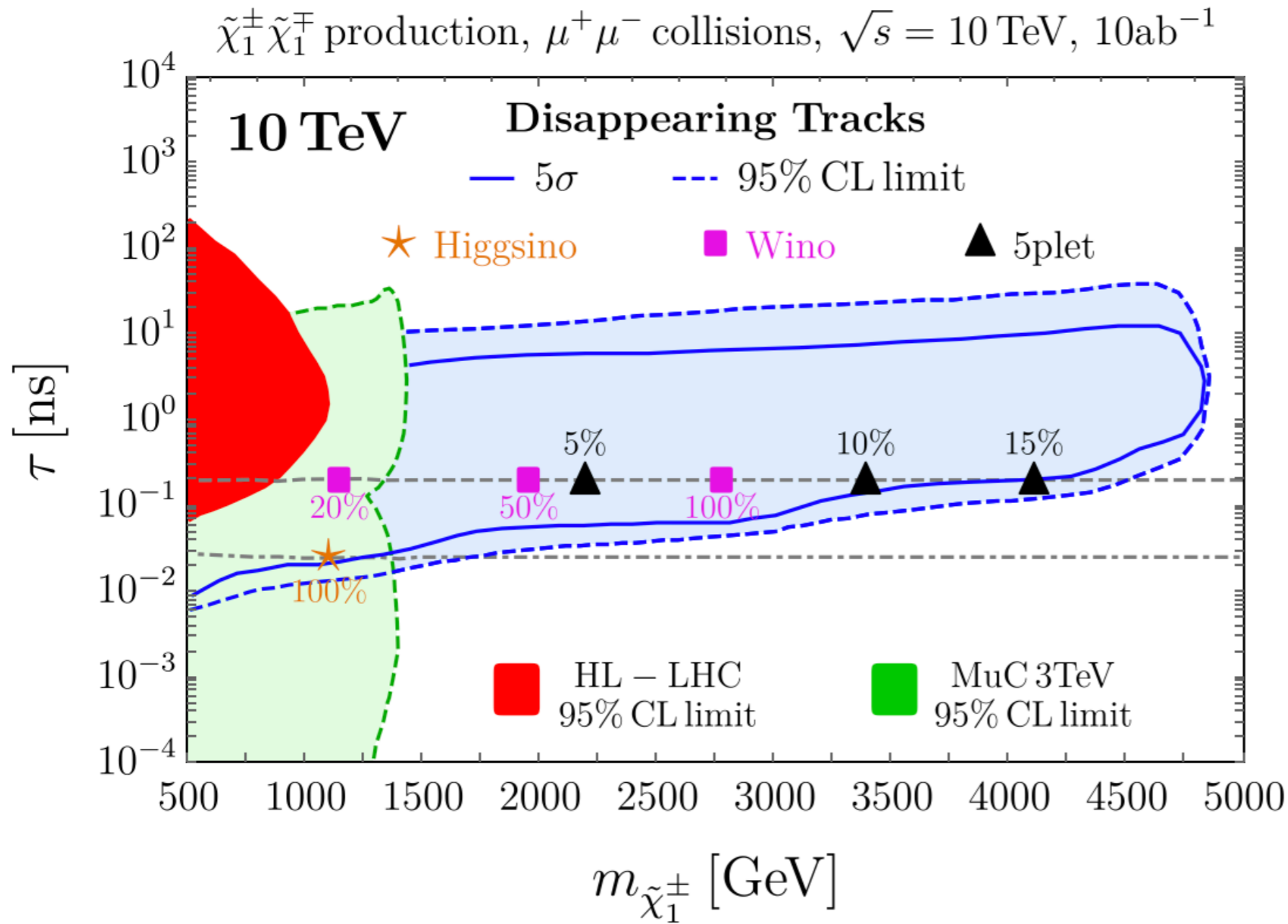
$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \tilde{\chi}_1^\mp$  production,  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  collisions,  $\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$



The 3 TeV collider:

Doublets	100% of DM
Triplet	20% of DM
Fiveplet	1% of DM

• Road to Minimal WIMPs:



The 3 TeV collider:

Doublets	100% of DM
Triplet	100% of DM
Fiveplet	10% of DM

# Summary

1. Minimal WIMPs constitute highly motivated targets for BSM physics. **Doublets/Triplets** that account for **100% of DM** in the Universe as well as **5-plets** that can account for **~10% of DM** fall into the multi-TeV range, reachable at future colliders.
2. In our *Road to Minimal WIMPs*, the LHC plays an important role. Searches for HSCP, DT, VBS cover important portions of the lifetime/mass parameter space.
3. The **Muon Collider** program (3 -> 10 TeV) could discover and characterize minimal WIMPs. **Disappearing Track** and **Soft Track** searches will allow us to determine the **mass** of the thermal relic, as well as the **mass gap** between this particle and its companion charged state.
4. These studies with full detector simulation and BIB overlay require the collaboration between **theorists and experimentalists**. Preliminary studies with new detector designs and new BIB data show improvements with respect to the results shown in this talk.

*Thank You!*