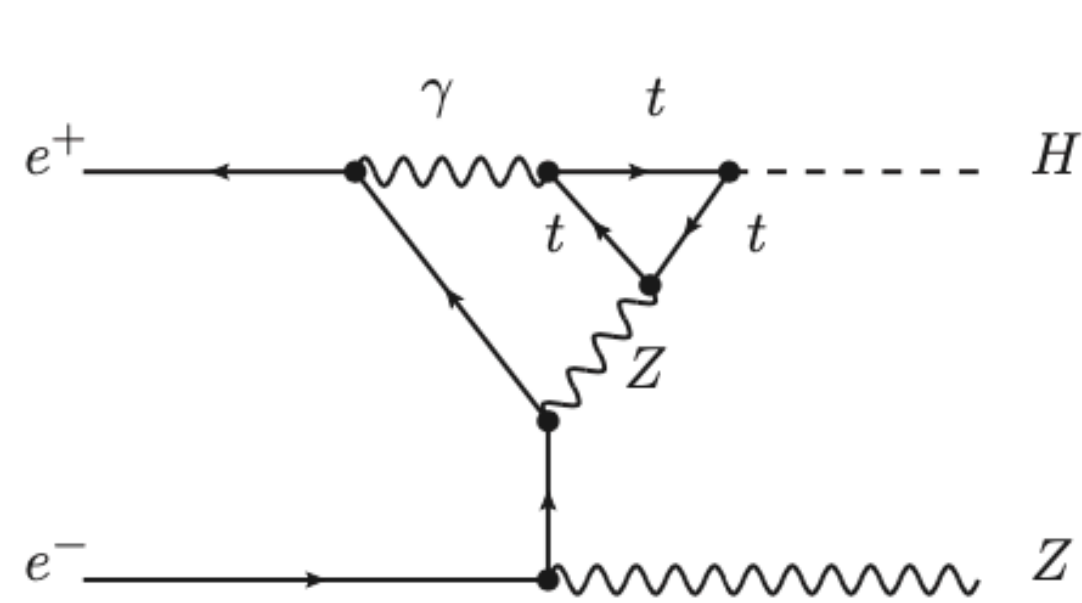
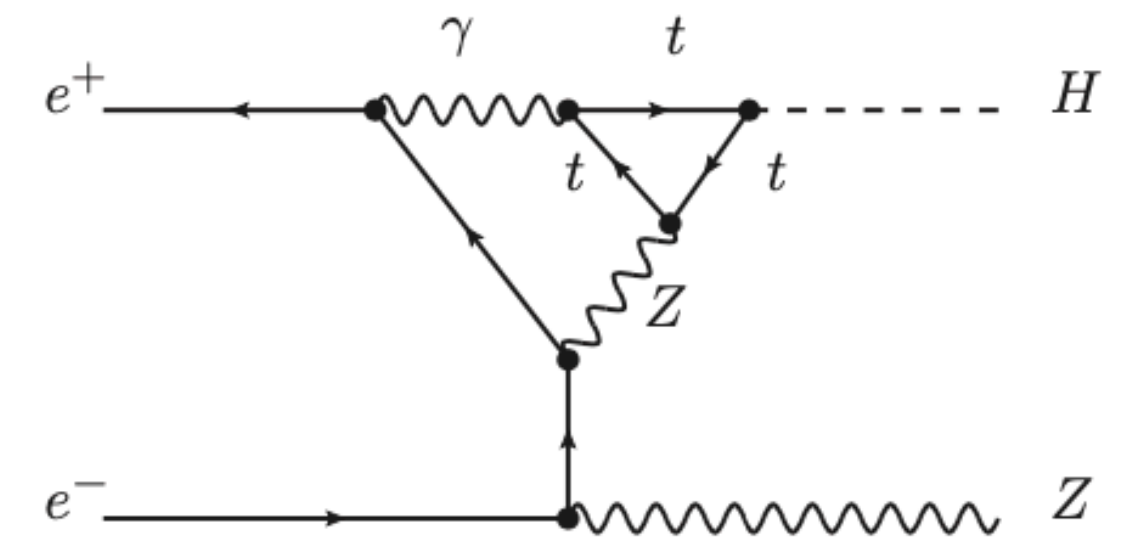


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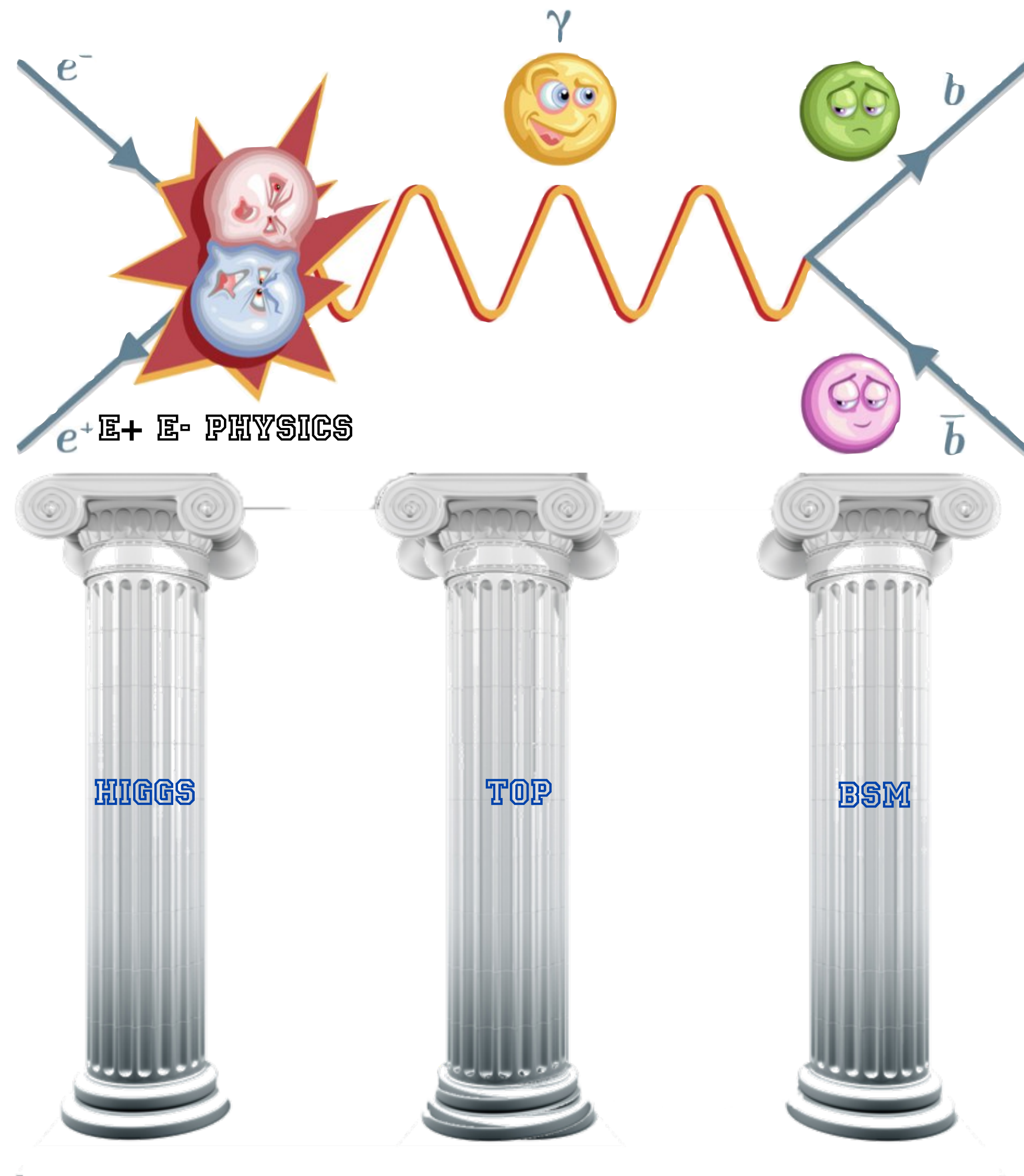
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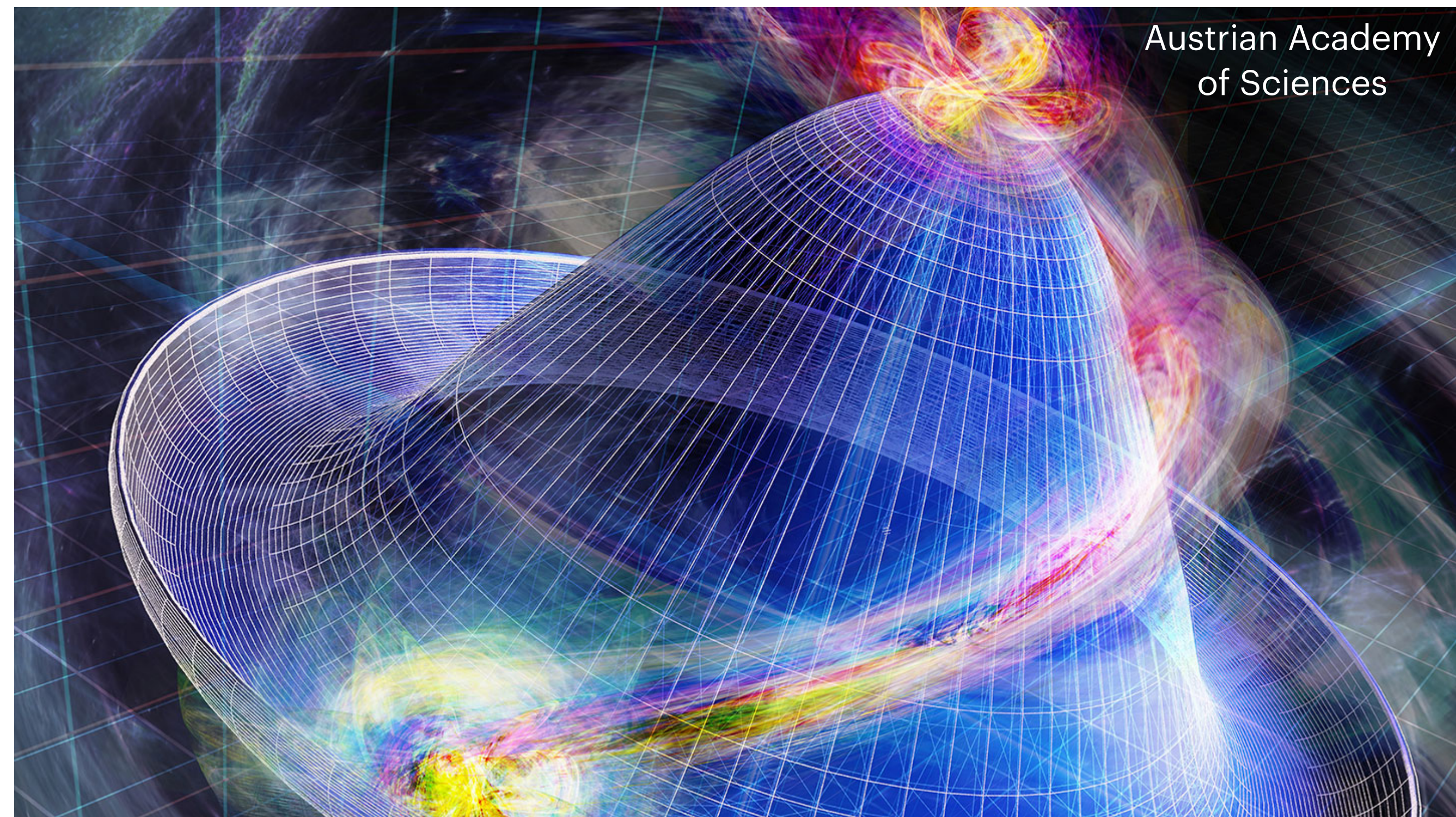
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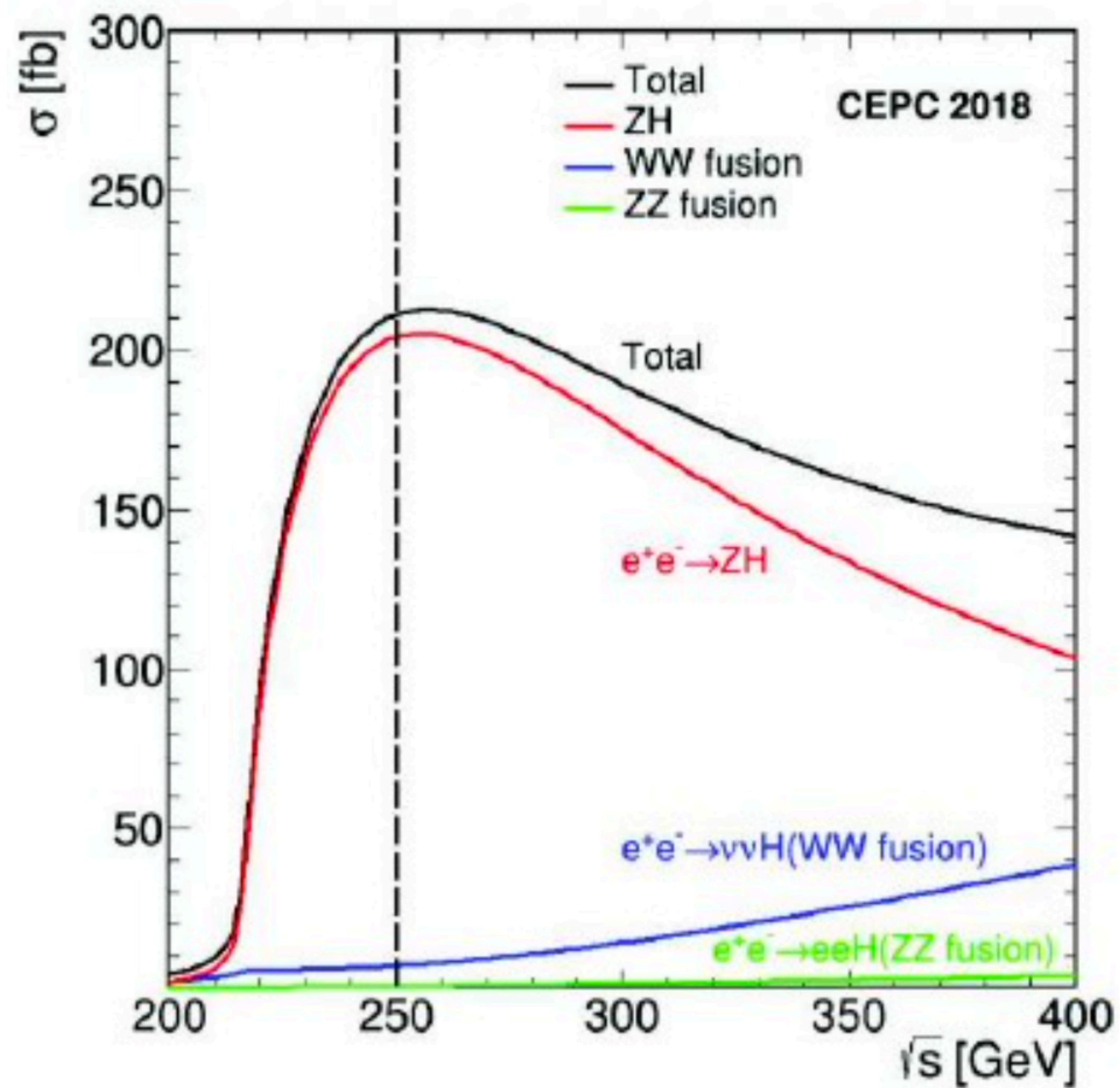
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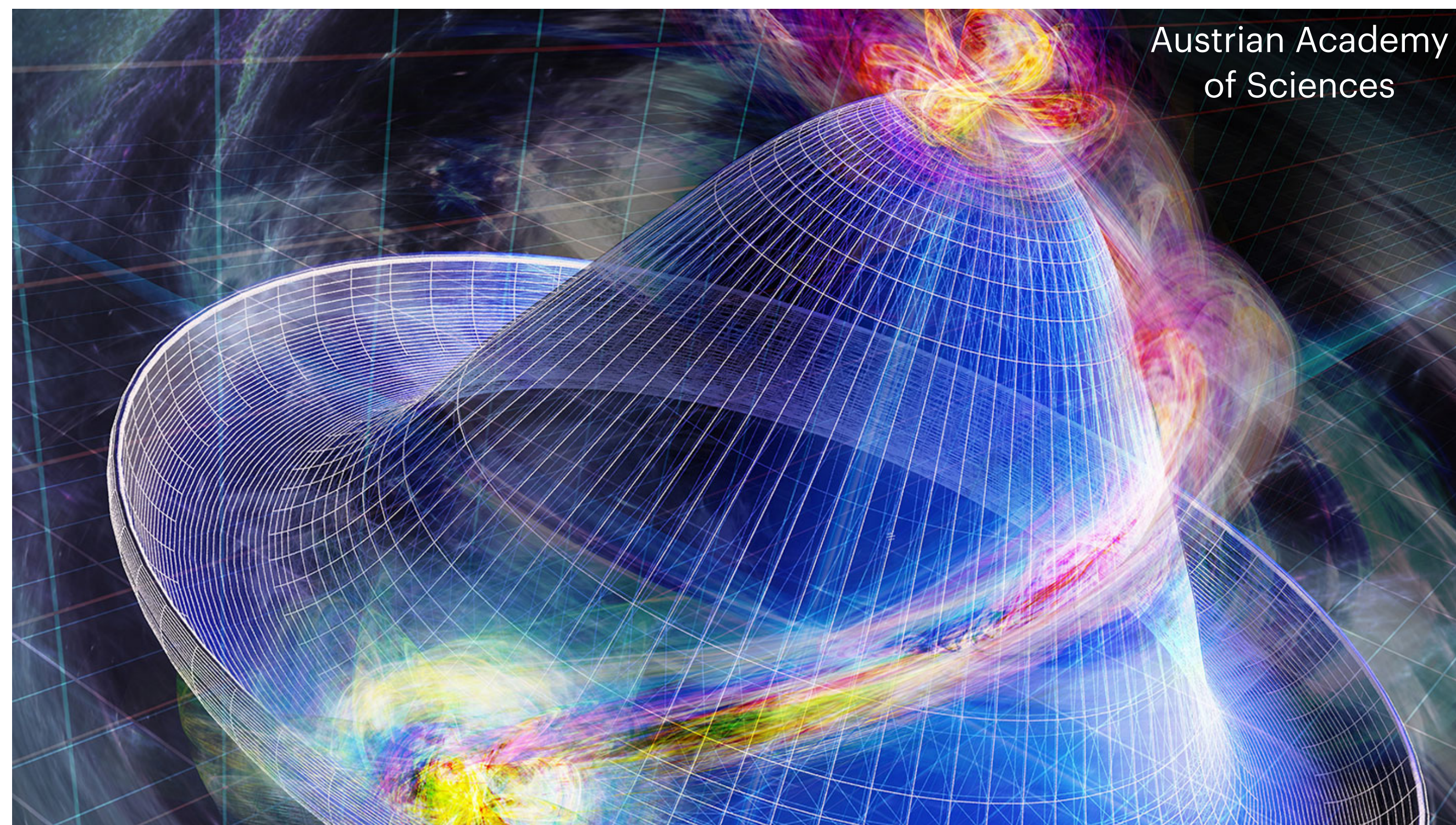
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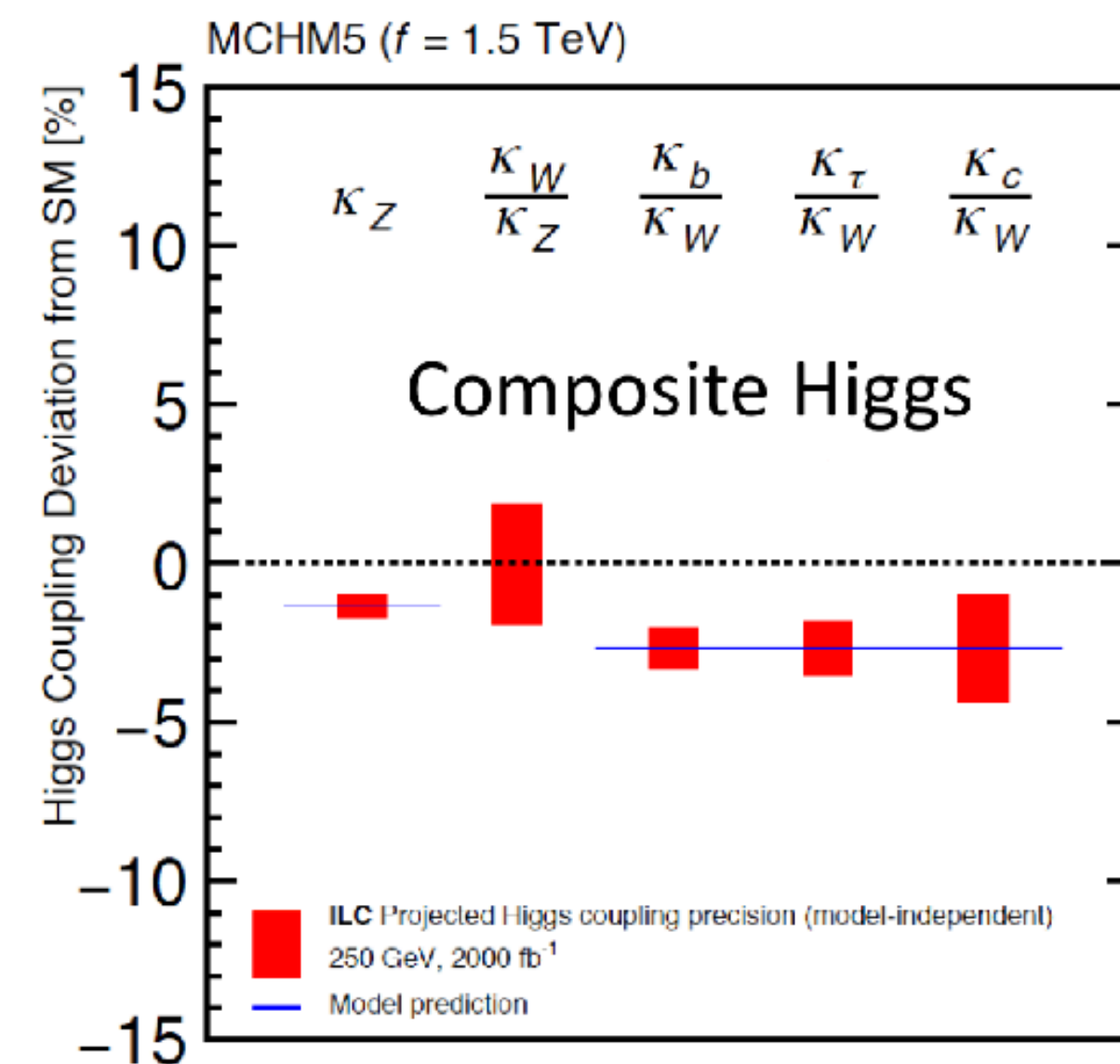
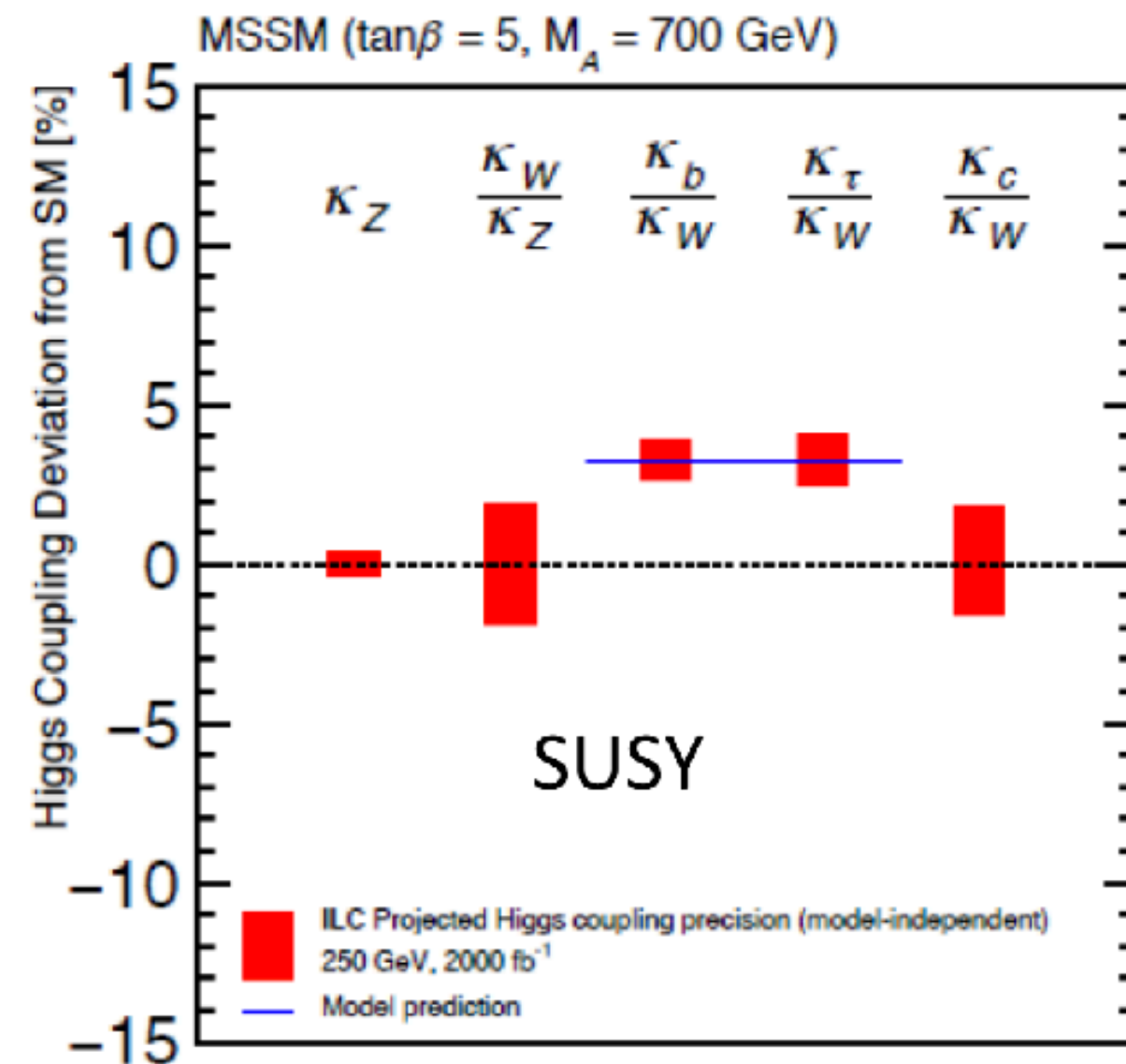
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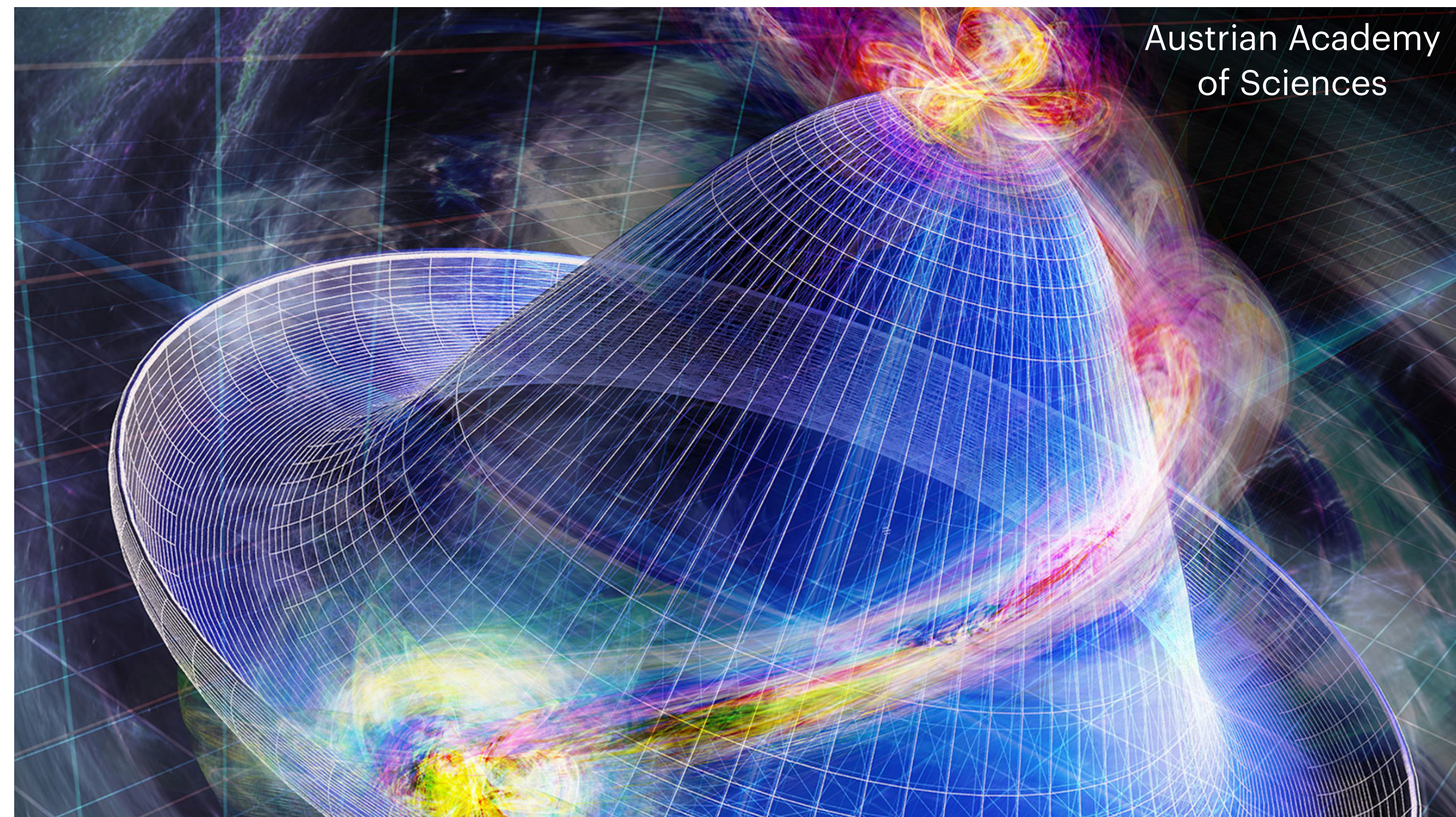
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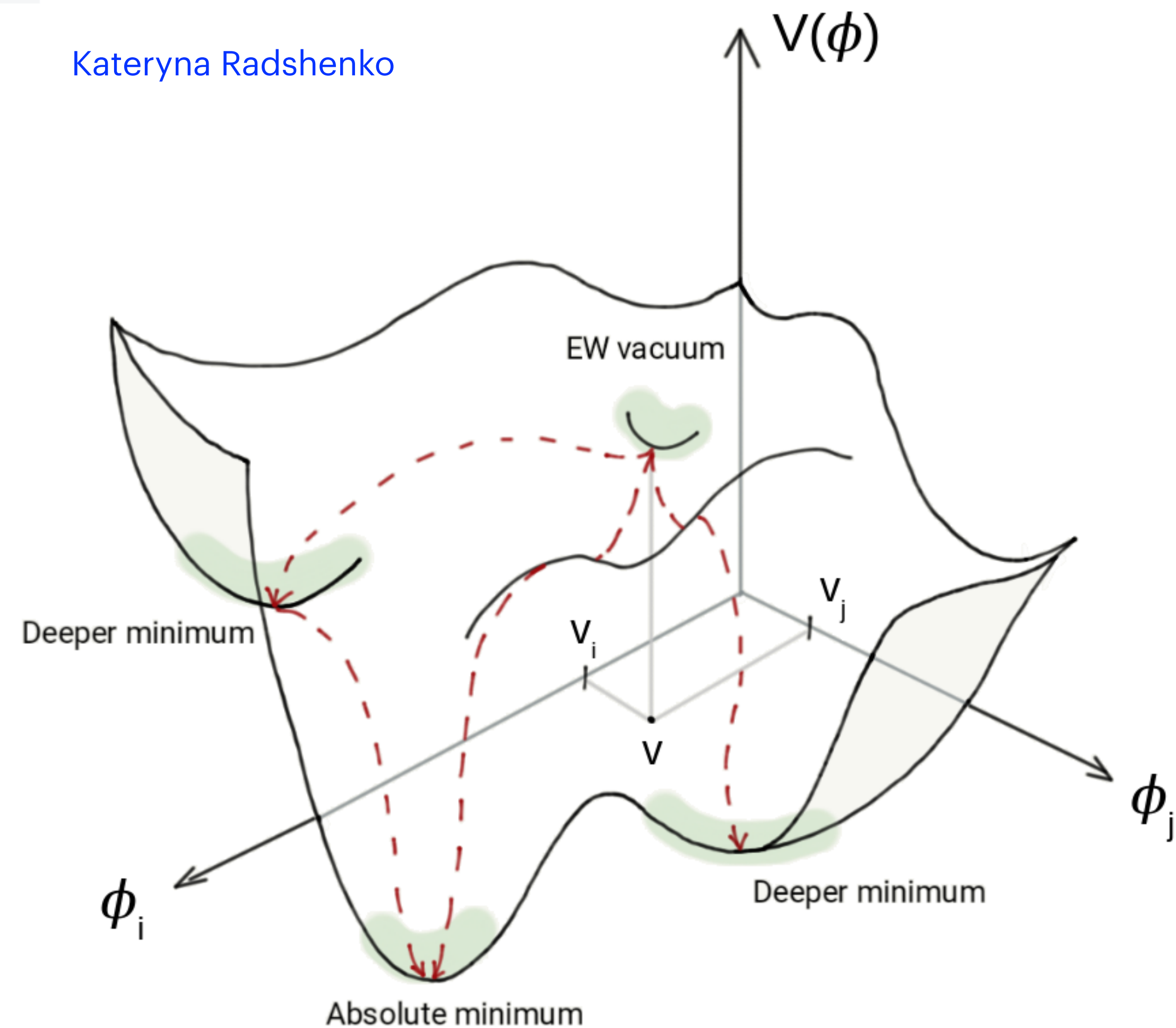
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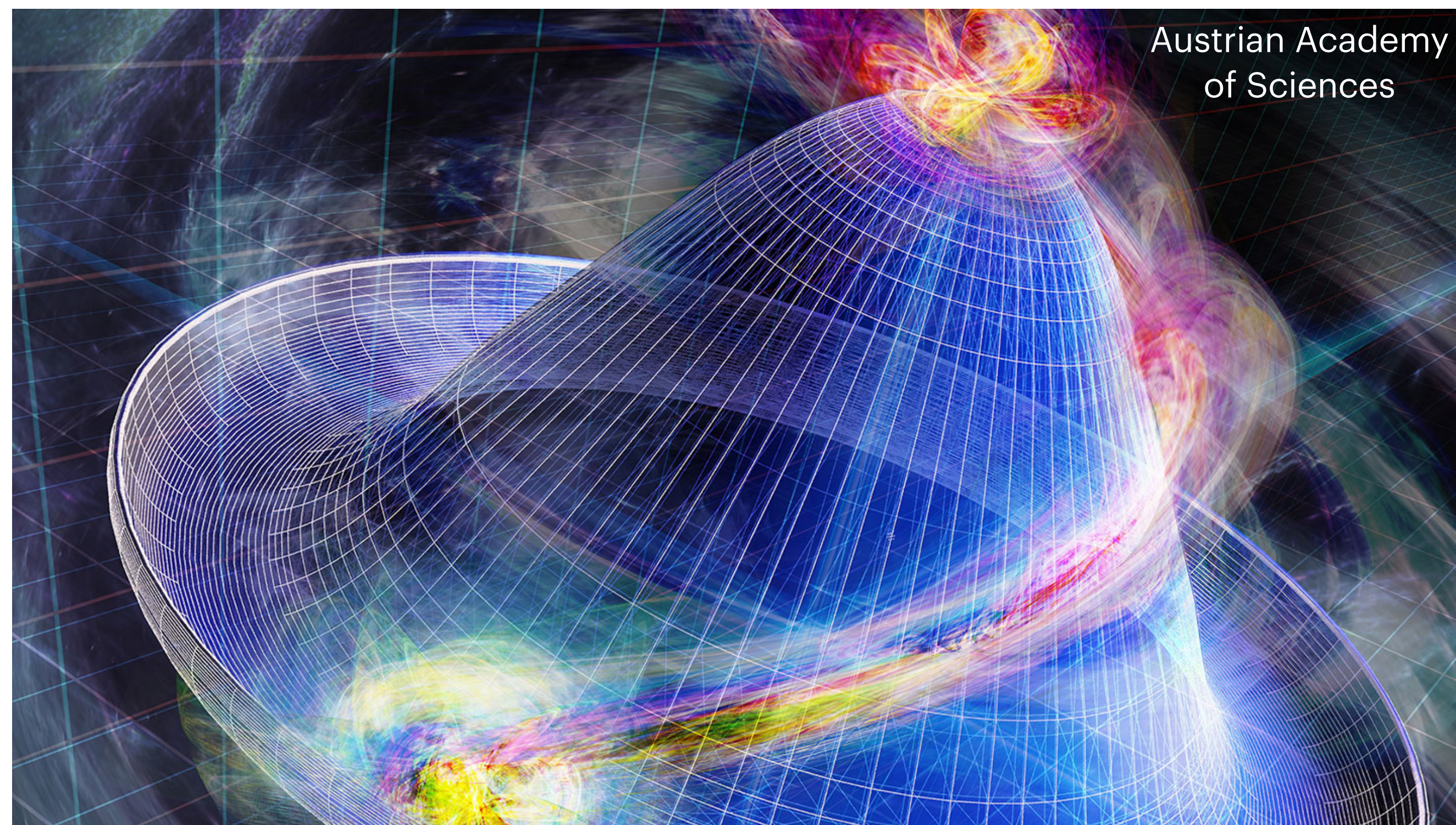
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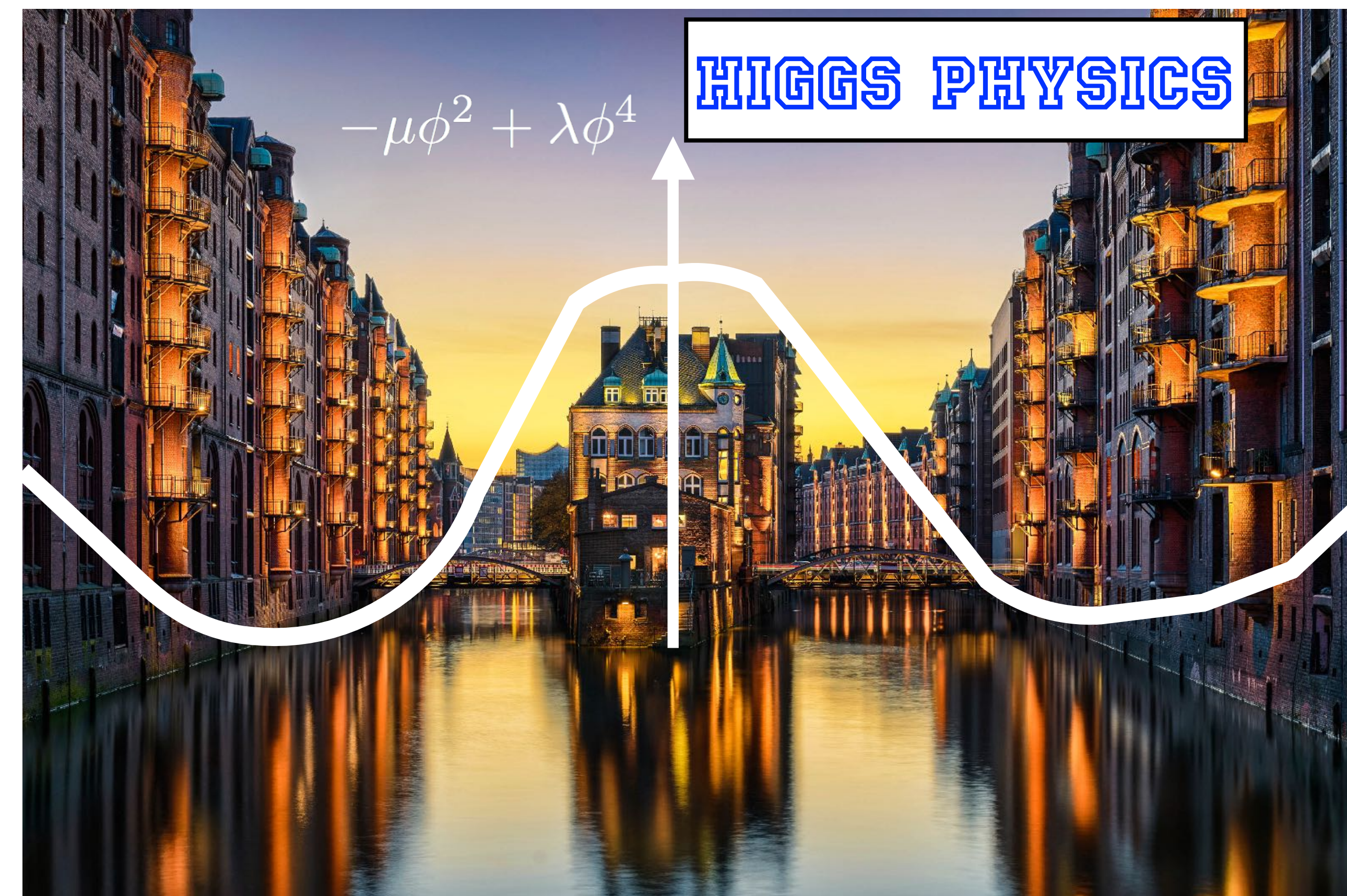
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- LHC HXSWG / LHC EWWG / LHC EFTWG:
[1101.0593](#), [1201.3084](#), [1307.1347](#), [1610.07922](#)
- LCGenG: focus on complete SM samples
- FCC-ee theory effort: CERN workshops '18-'22: [1906.05379](#)
- US Snowmass CSS 2021 Reports:
[2203.11110](#), [2209.08078](#), [2209.14872](#) etc.
- ECFA HTEF WS:
ECFA HTEF Report: <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2920434/>
Simulation/MCs 11/21 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1078675/>
Precision Calc. 05/22 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1140580/>

❑ **Intrinsic uncertainties:**

missing higher-order calculations of observables

❑ **Parametric uncertainties:**

imperfect knowledge/data extraction of SM input

SM Higgs precision
predictions:
analytic calculations
& tools

SM production
processes, bkgds.,
event selection eff.
MC tools

BSM Higgs precision
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❑ **Fully differential MC simulations:**

NLO QCD/EW matched to QCD/QED showers

❑ **Estimation of efficiencies and systematics:**

Simulation of full signal + backgrounds

❑ **Calculations in BSM Higgs models:**

Higgs sector calculations towards full predictions

❑ **BSM Higgs as SM Higgs deviations:**

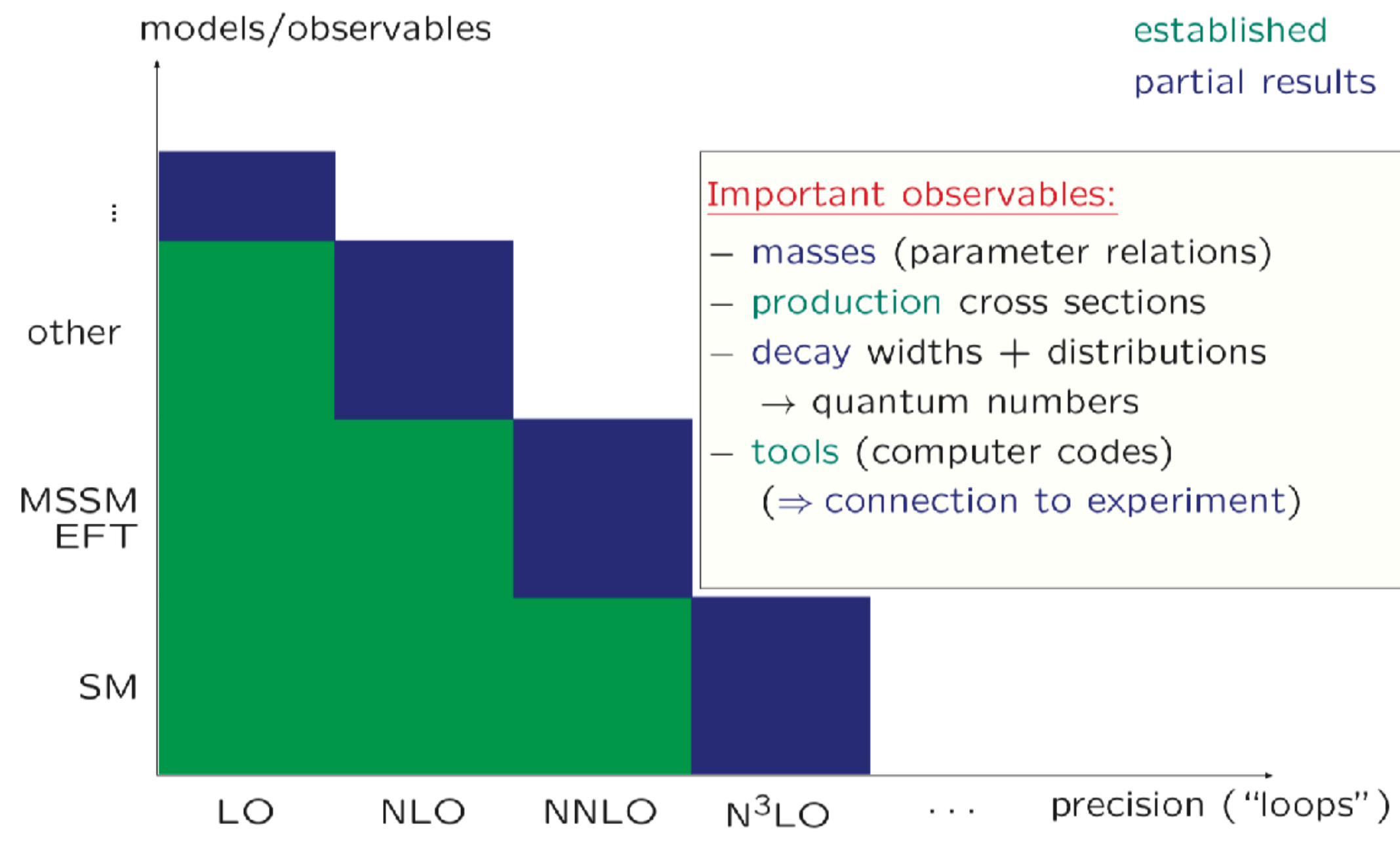
Framework of SMEFT/HEFT, needed at NLO EW

- Comparison of EWPOs / HPOs with SM to **probe new physics**
→ multi-loop corrections in full SM
- Extraction of EWPOs / HPOs (**pseudo-observables**) from **real observables**
→ backgrounds (in full SM), QED/QCD, MC tools
- “Other” electroweak parameters (“**input**” parameters)
→ m_t , α_s , etc. extracted from other processes

- Strip loop amps. of group theory / mass ratios / multiplicities / couplings. → $\mathcal{O}(1)$
- Extrapolate to higher orders from geometric series (beware of renormalons)
- Scale dependence for missing higher order corrections (QCD, $\overline{\text{MS}}$, less useful for EW)
- Compare differences in renormalisation schemes (e.g. On-Shell vs. $\overline{\text{MS}}$)

Higgs Precision Calculations

Higgs: theory situation



from S.
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$H \rightarrow WW$	–	–	2.6%
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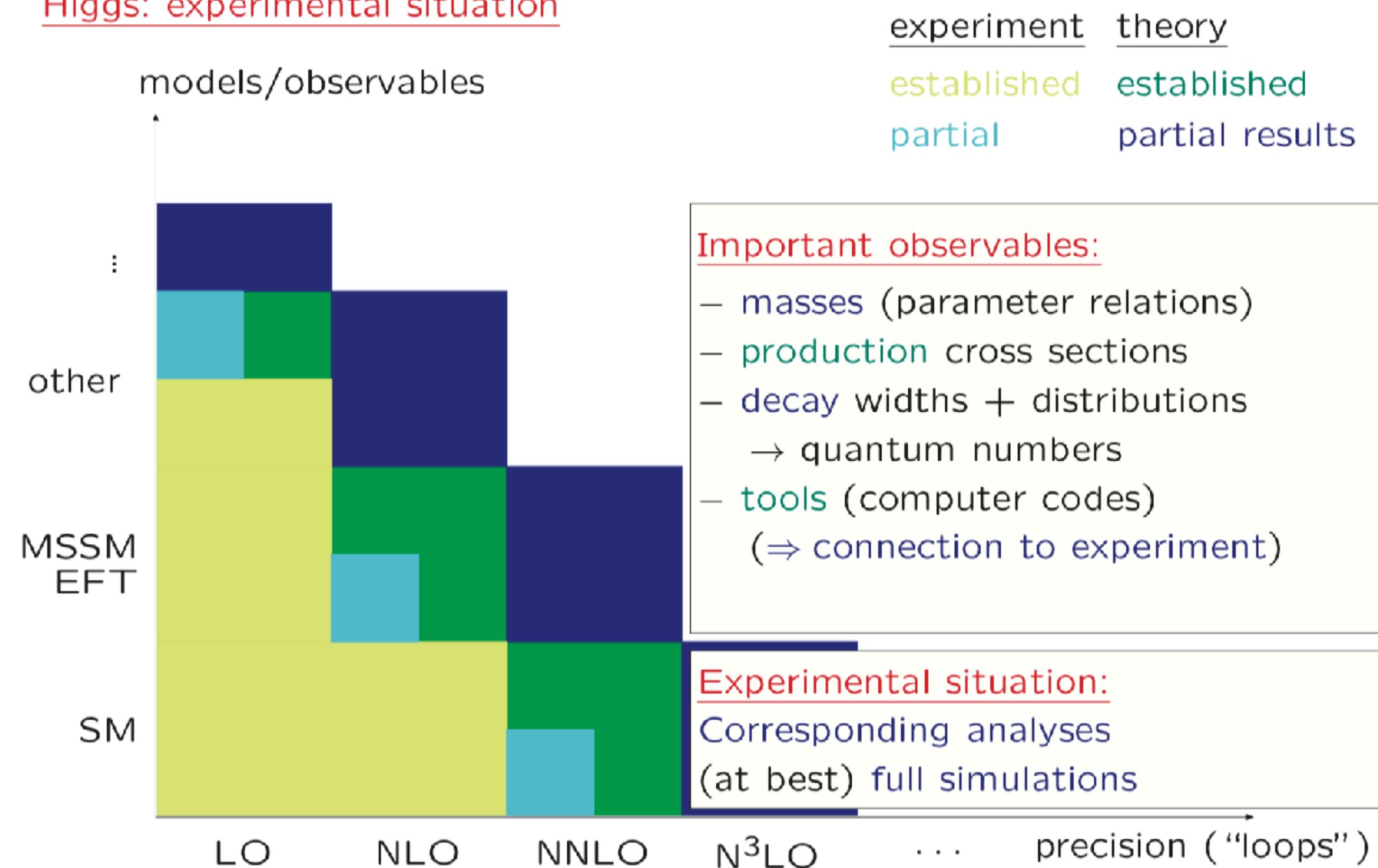
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5-10% NLO
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Full 2-loop for $ee \rightarrow ZH$ available [Chen/Guan/He/Li/Liu/Ma, 2209.14953](#)

Missing NNLO EW corrections $[2 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3]$: intrinsic uncertainty 1%

Compared to experimental uncertainty of 0.5-1.0%

5-10% NLO
corrections

NNLO EW
hard task for
VBF !



Higgs Branching Ratios

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ILC/CEPC/FCC-ee
projections

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Higgs decays	red = updated compared to Snowmass 21/22				
	future projection (conservative)		future projection (agressive)		
	th.err. estimate	additional orders available	th.err. estimate	additional orders available	comments
bb/cc	0.2	a^2+a*as	0.1	as^5	unc. dominated by N3LO mixed EW-QCD
$\tau/\mu\mu$	<0.1	a^2+a*as	0.05 ??	$af^2+af*as$	what is dominant remaining error? how to estimate?
WW/ZZ	0.3	as^2			
gg	1.0	as^4	0.5	as^5+a*as	unc. dominated by a^2 (3-loop)
$\gamma\gamma$					
$Z\gamma$					

Notation:

$a = \alpha_{ew}$

$as = \alpha_s$

$at = y_t^2/(4\pi)$ (ew. corr. enhanced by top mass)

$af = \alpha_{ew}$ with closed fermion loop



Parametric uncertainties

SM predictions for Higgs decays need measured input parameters

Reviews: [1906.05379](#), [2012.11642](#)

Numerical impact of input parameter uncertainties:

	$\delta m_t = 0.5 \text{ GeV}$	$\delta \alpha_s = 0.001$	$\delta(\Delta\alpha) = 10^{-4}$	FCC-ee exp.
$M_W [\text{MeV}]$	3	0.7	2	0.4
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell [10^{-5}]$	1.5	0.3	3.5	0.4
$\Gamma_Z [\text{MeV}]$	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.025
$\Gamma[h \rightarrow gg] [\%]$	<0.2	3	–	1.8

To keep impact subdominant for FCC-ee/CEPC precision studies, would need:

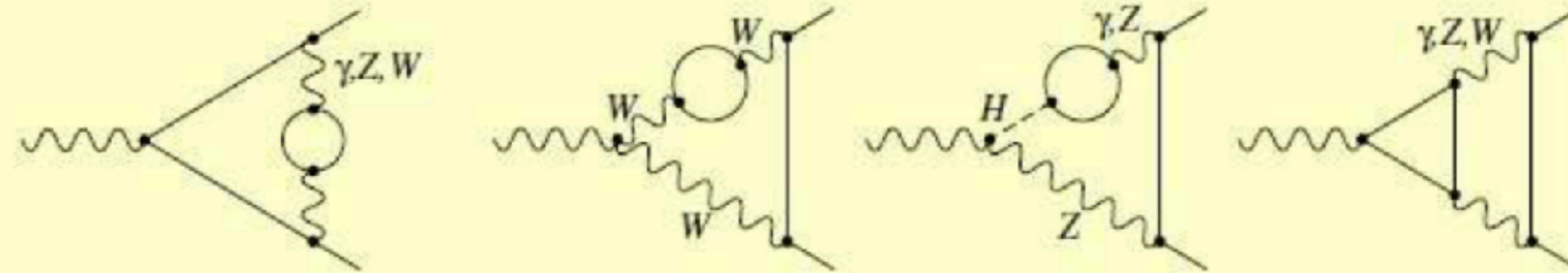
$$\delta m_t < 50 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\delta \alpha_s < 5 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\delta(\Delta\alpha_s) < 10^{-5}$$

Parametric uncertainties

Known corrections to Δr , $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$, $g_V f$, $g_A f$:

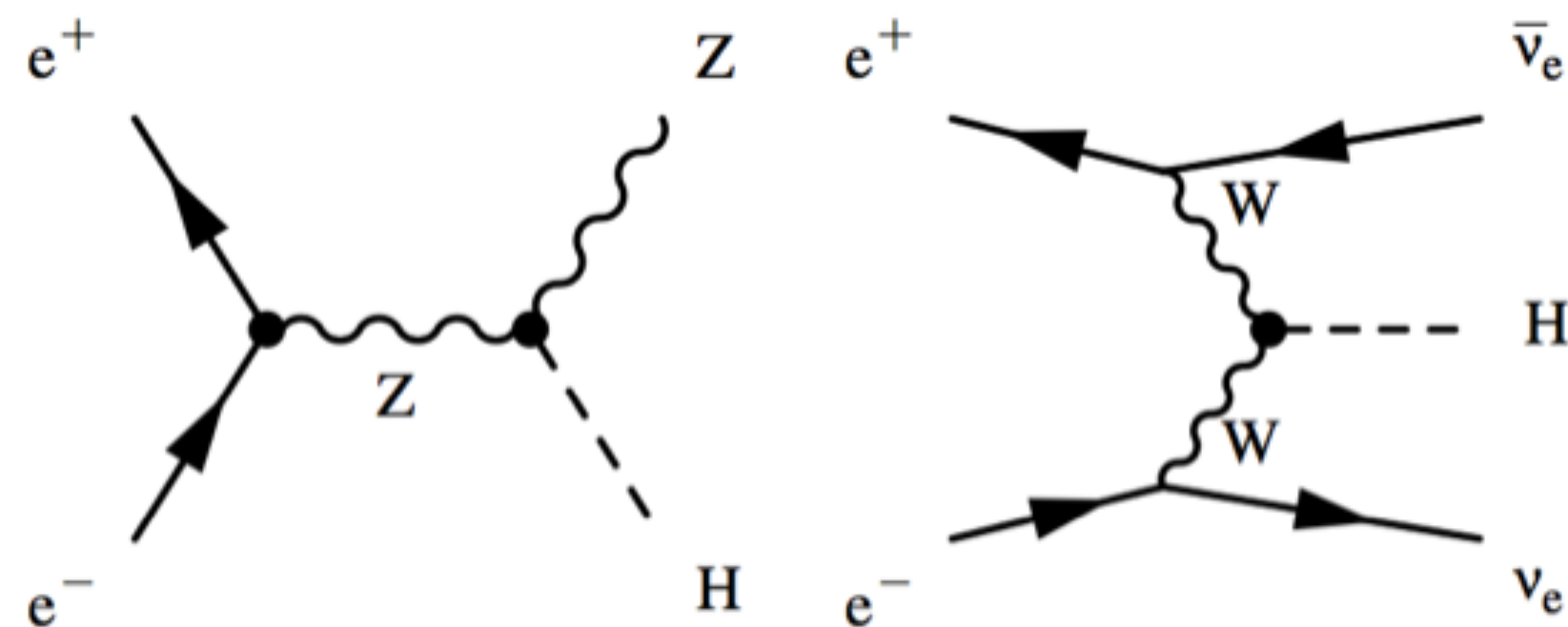


- Complete NNLO corrections (Δr , $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f$) Freitas, Hollik, Walter, Weiglein '00
Awramik, Czakon '02; Onishchenko, Veretin '02
Awramik, Czakon, Freitas, Weiglein '04; Awramik, Czakon, Freitas '06
Hollik, Meier, Uccirati '05,07; Degrandi, Gambino, Giardino '14
- “Fermionic” NNLO corrections ($g_V f$, $g_A f$) Czarnecki, Kühn '96
Harlander, Seidensticker, Steinhauser '98
Freitas '13,14
- Partial 3/4-loop corrections to ρ/T -parameter
 $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s^2)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2 \alpha_s)$, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s^3)$
Chetyrkin, Kühn, Steinhauser '95
Faisst, Kühn, Seidensticker, Veretin '03
Boughezal, Tausk, v. d. Bij '05
Schröder, Steinhauser '05; Chetyrkin et al. '06
Boughezal, Czakon '06

$$(\alpha_t \equiv \frac{y_t^2}{4\pi})$$

Higgs production channels

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Prefactor estimates: [$\text{del}(x)$ = relative cross-section correction of $\mathcal{O}(x)$]

$\text{del}(a^3) = \text{del}(a^2) * a/\pi * n_f$, where $a = g^2/(4\pi)$, $n_f = 12$ = # of charged fermion species

$\text{del}(a^2 * a_s) = \text{del}(a^2) * a_s/\pi^2 * C_F$ (heuristic factor 2 to account for diagram combinatorics)

$\text{del}(a * a_s^2) = \text{del}(a * a_s) * a_s/\pi^2 * C_A$ (heuristic factor 2 to account for diagram combinatorics)

Higgs production	(slide 8+9)		red = updated compared to Snowmass 21/22		
	current		future projection (conservative)		
	th.err. estimate	avail. orders	th.err. estimate	additional orders available	comments
HZ [%]	0.3	$a + a * a_s + a_f * a$	<0.1	a^2	estimate based on prefactors (see below)
WW fusion [%]	~1	a			

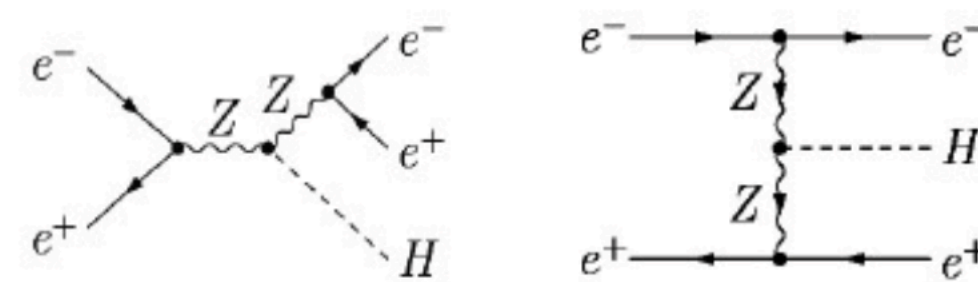
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From
[arXiv:2404.11441](https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.11441)

Technology for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ with off-shell Z-boson available

Boudjema et al. '04

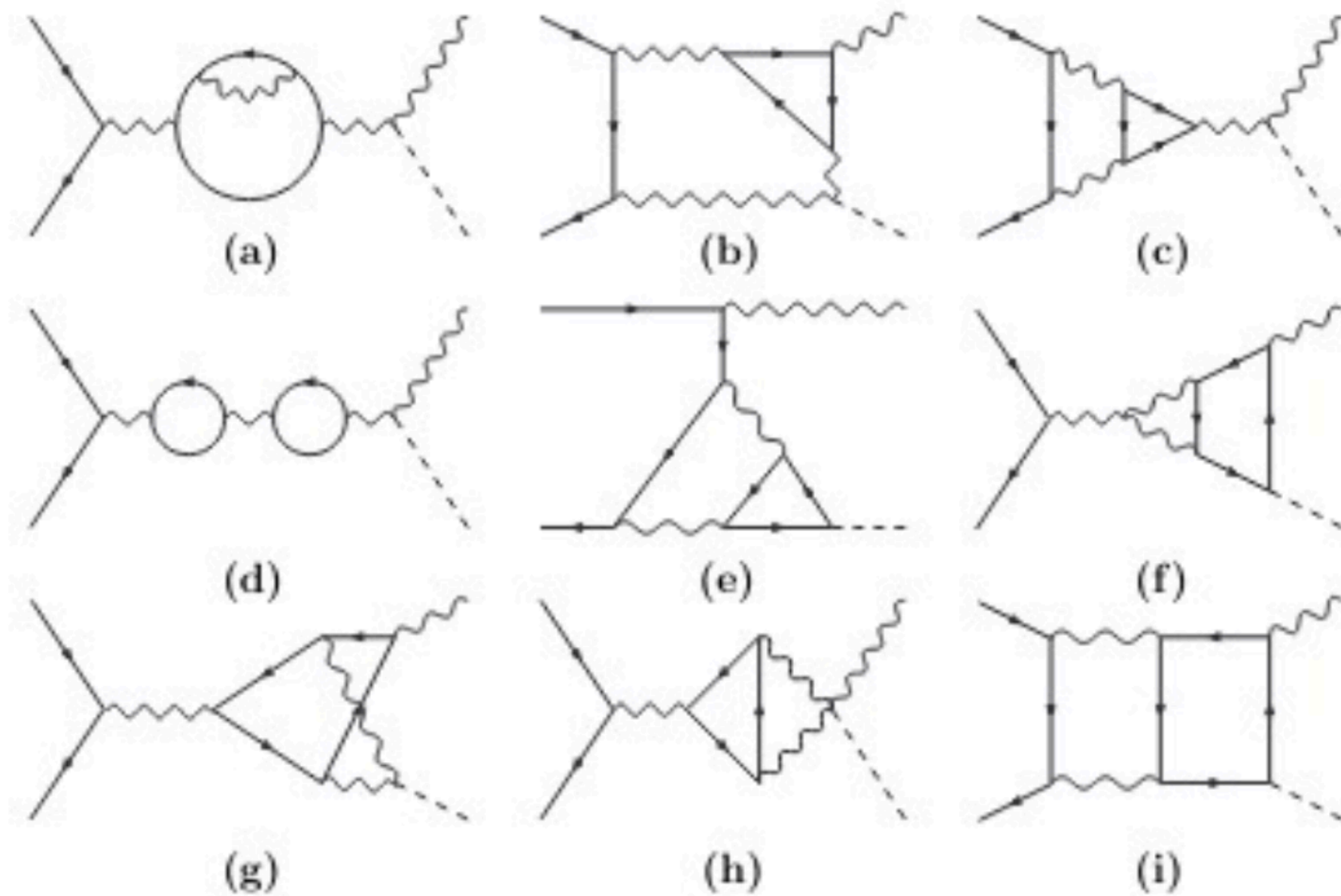
Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Weber '03



The Higgsstrahlung process

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- ☑ Higgsstrahlung main Higgs production mechanism below ca. 500 GeV
- ☑ Need for NNLO corrections: O(1%) precision and better
- ☑ Expected experimental precision on cross section:
CEPC: 0.5% [\[1811.10545\]](#), FCC-ee: 0.4% [\[EPJ ST 228\(2019\) 261\]](#), LCF: 0.62% [\[2503.19983\]](#)
- ☑ On-shell Higgsstrahlung (SM) available at NNLO EW [Freitas/Song\(/Xie\), 2101.00308, 2209.07612, 2305.16547](#)



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[Gong ea., 2016](#); [Chen/Feng/Jia/Sang, 2018](#)

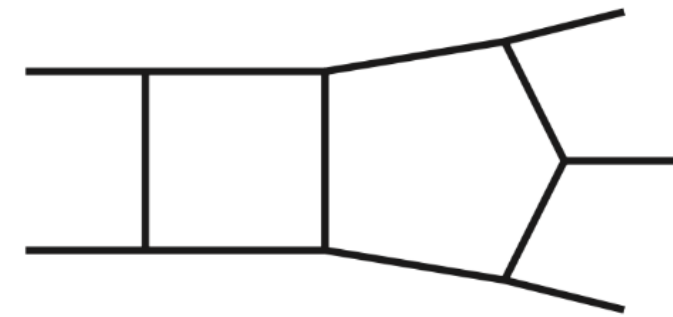
Semi-numerical approach for EW 2-loop problems



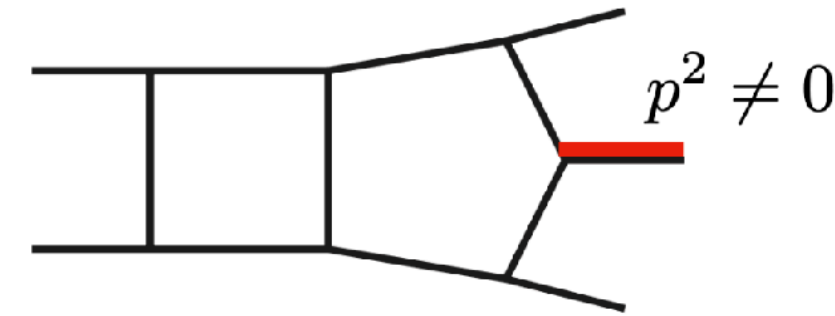
G. Heinrich, DESY Theory Workshop talk, 09/2022

Current multi-loop frontiers:

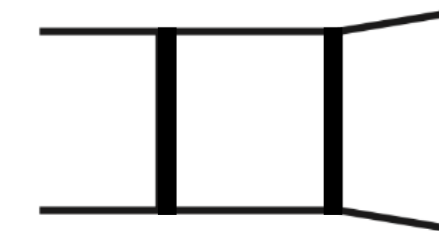
massless 5-point functions



massless 5-point functions, 1 off-shell line



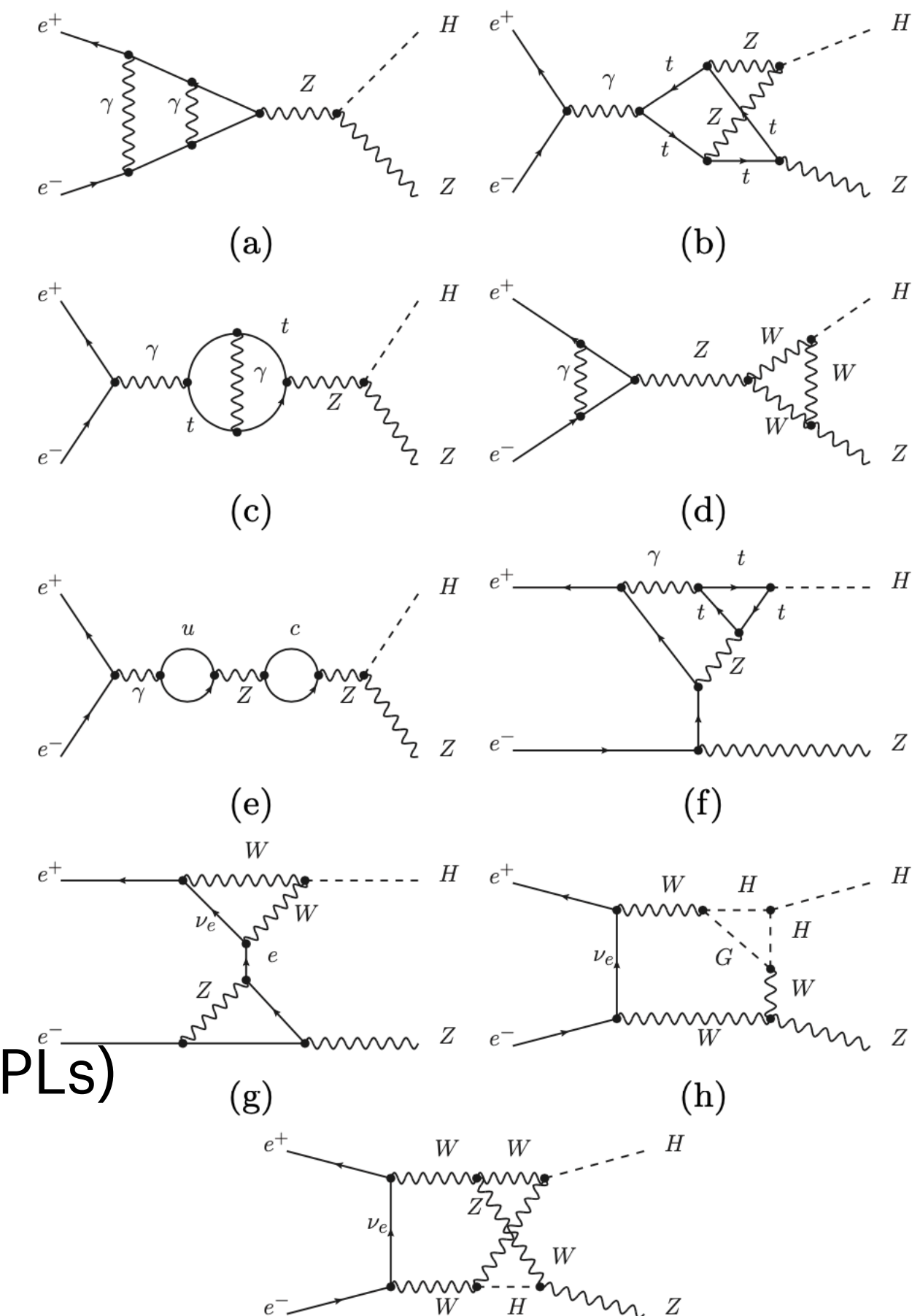
4-point functions w/ massive propagator(s)



- ✓ NNLO EW highly complicated: many mass scales (m_Z, m_W, m_H, m_t)
- ✓ Tensor & IntegrationByParts reduction to master integrals
- ✓ Analytic solution via diff.eq. (DE): Fire6, FireFly, LiteRed, FiniteFlow, Caravel
- ✓ (Semi-)Numerical solution of DE: DiffExp, AMFlow
- ✓ For NNLO EW: importance of viable γ_5 scheme

Abreu, Bonciani, Duhr, Gluza, Henn, Hirschi, Kossov, Liu, Ma, von Manteuffel, Panzer, Pezaro, Sotnikov, Stöckinger, Vicini, Weinzierl, Weißwange, Zoller am.

- No analytic 2-loop w/ mass. propagators yet: unknown generalized functions (beyond HPLs)
- Combination of numerical and analytical methods needed
- W.i.p.: automation of 2-loop virtuals, Openloops2loop, Griffin, McMule



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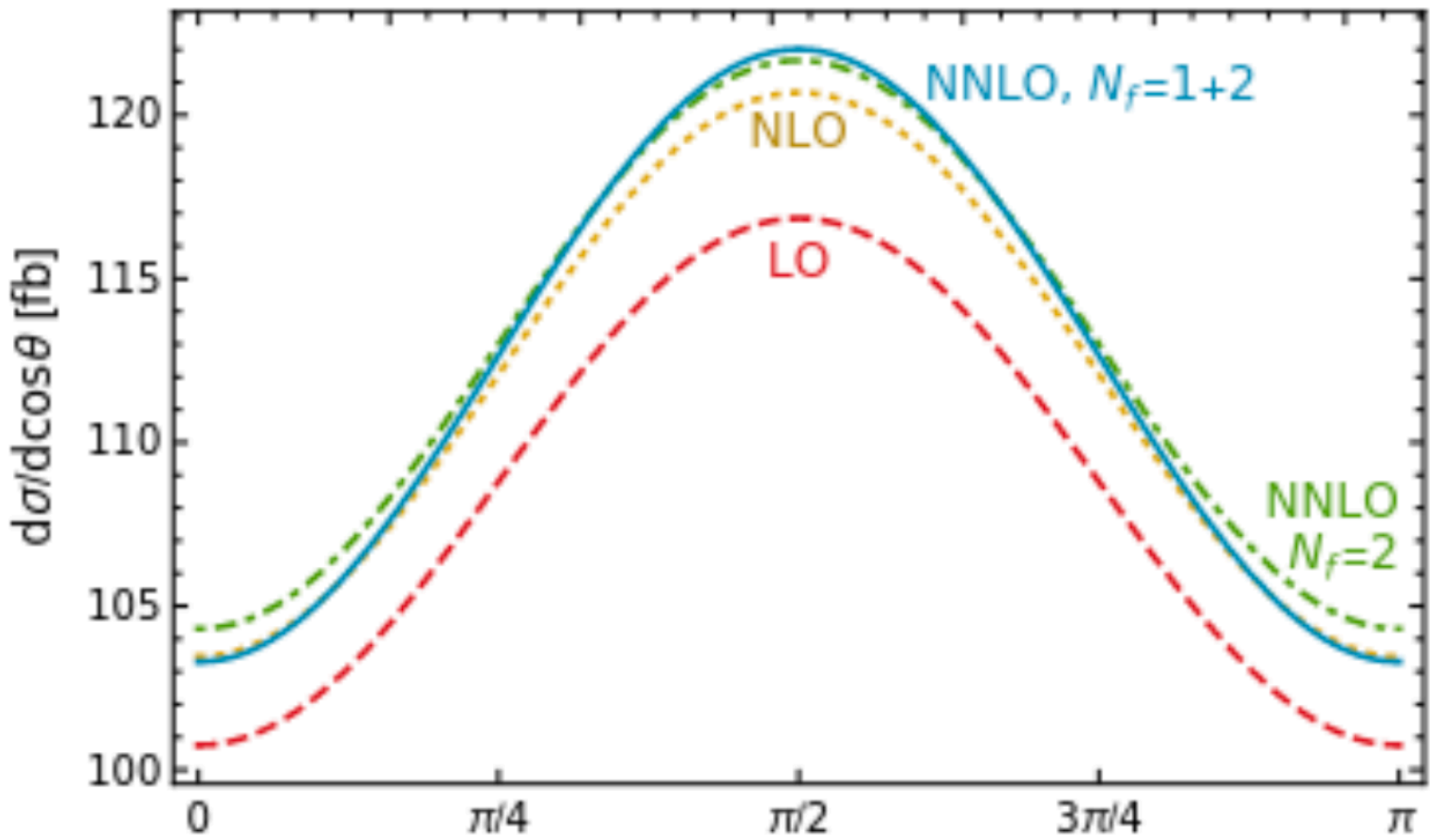
Very good agreement between the two schemes

$\alpha(0)$ scheme:

$$\alpha = e^2/(4\pi)$$
$$g = \frac{e}{\sin \theta_W} = \frac{e}{\sqrt{1 - m_W^2/m_Z^2}}$$

G_μ scheme:

$$\frac{G_\mu}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g^2}{8m_W^2}(1 + \Delta r).$$



- ✓ Fermionic 2-loop corrections dominant
- ✓ Scheme-dependence massively reduced
- ✓ Numerical precision limited, sufficient for applications
- ✓ Main theory uncertainty: missing bosonic corrections

Difference btw. $\alpha(0)$ and G_μ schemes	0.12 fb (0.05%)
$ \mathcal{M}_{(1,\text{bos})} ^2$	0.65 fb (0.3%)

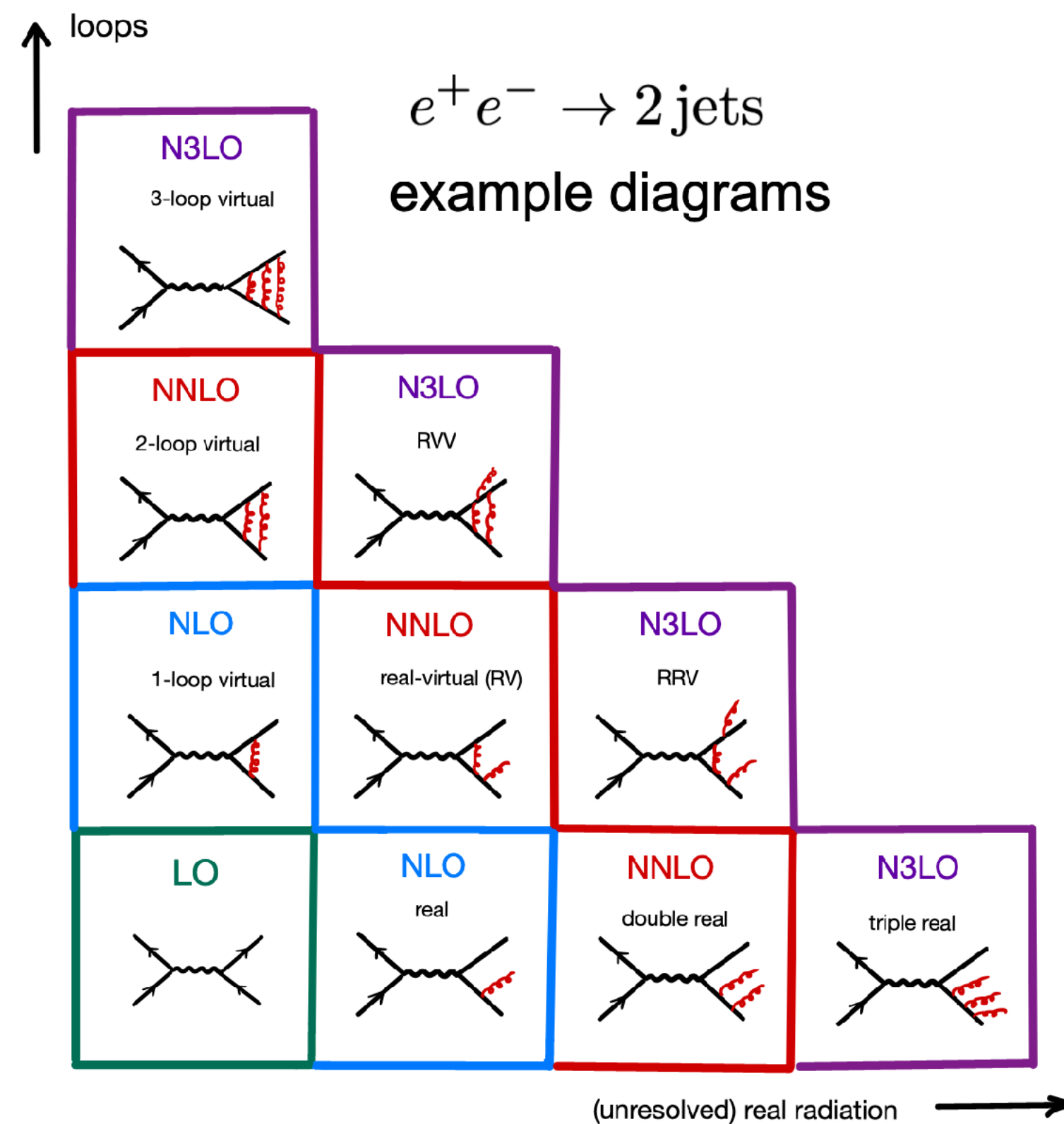
Exclusive (BSM) Higgs processes



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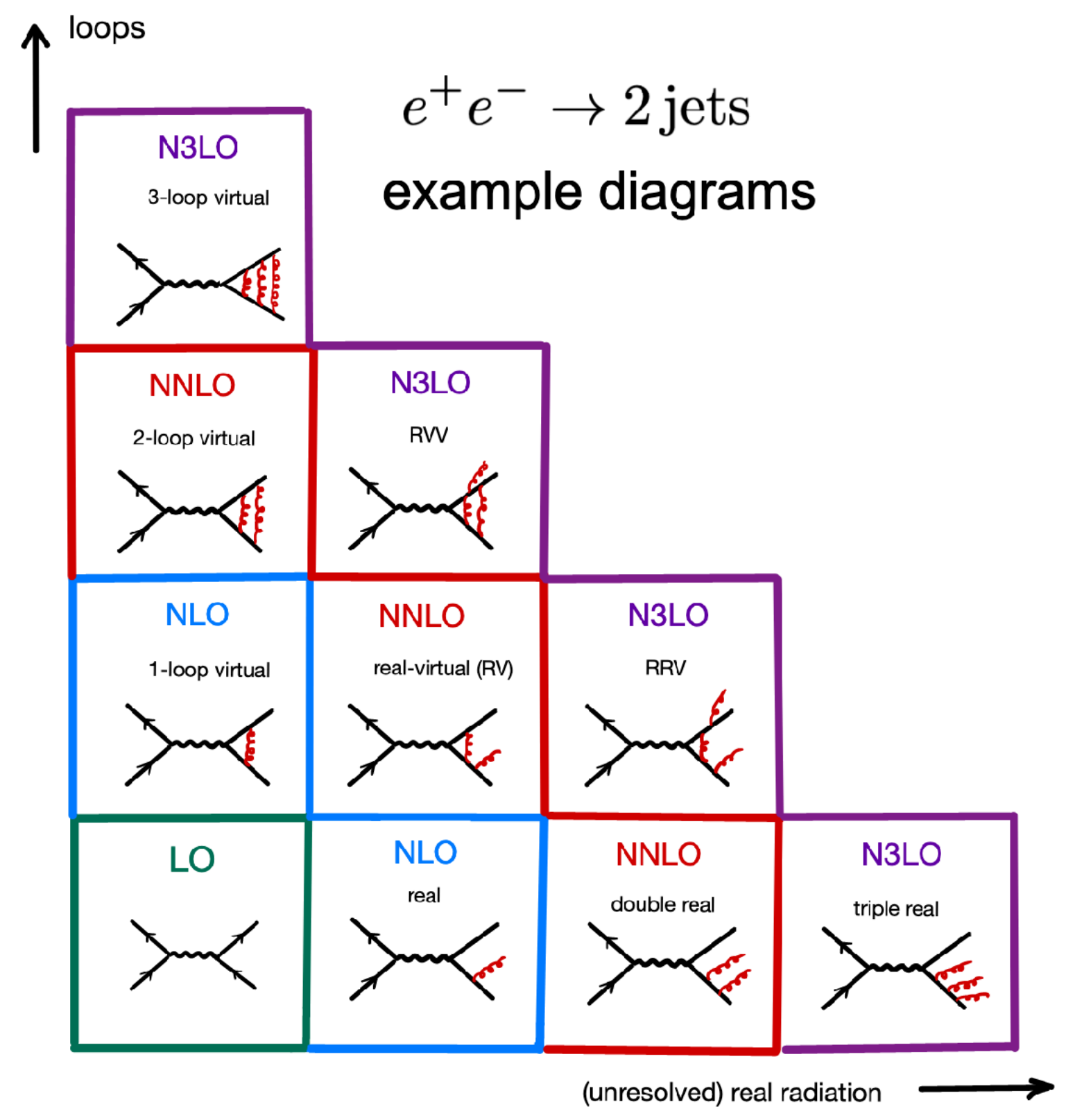


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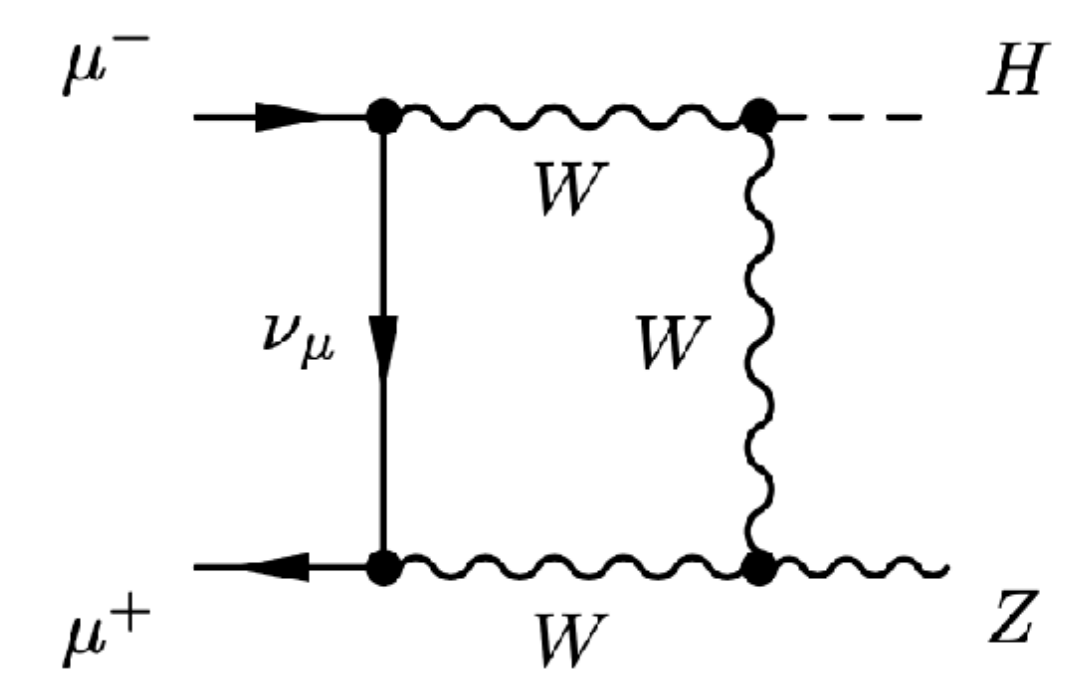
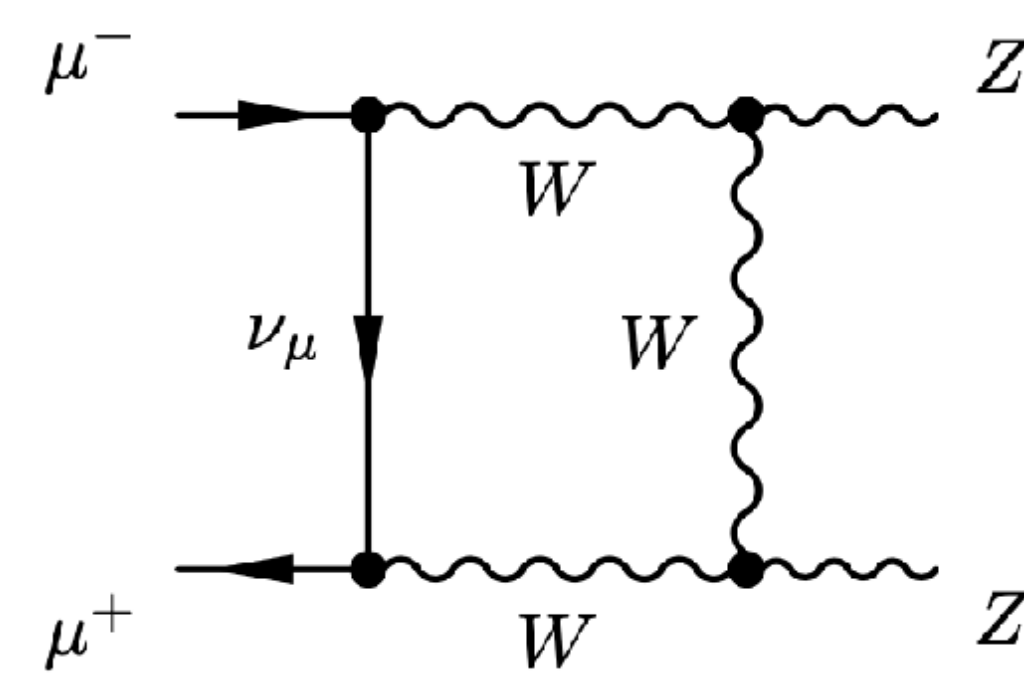
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W^+W^-	$4.6591(2) \cdot 10^2$	$4.847(7) \cdot 10^2$	+4.0(2)
ZZ	$2.5988(1) \cdot 10^1$	$2.656(2) \cdot 10^1$	+2.19(6)
HZ	$1.3719(1) \cdot 10^0$	$1.3512(5) \cdot 10^0$	-1.51(4)
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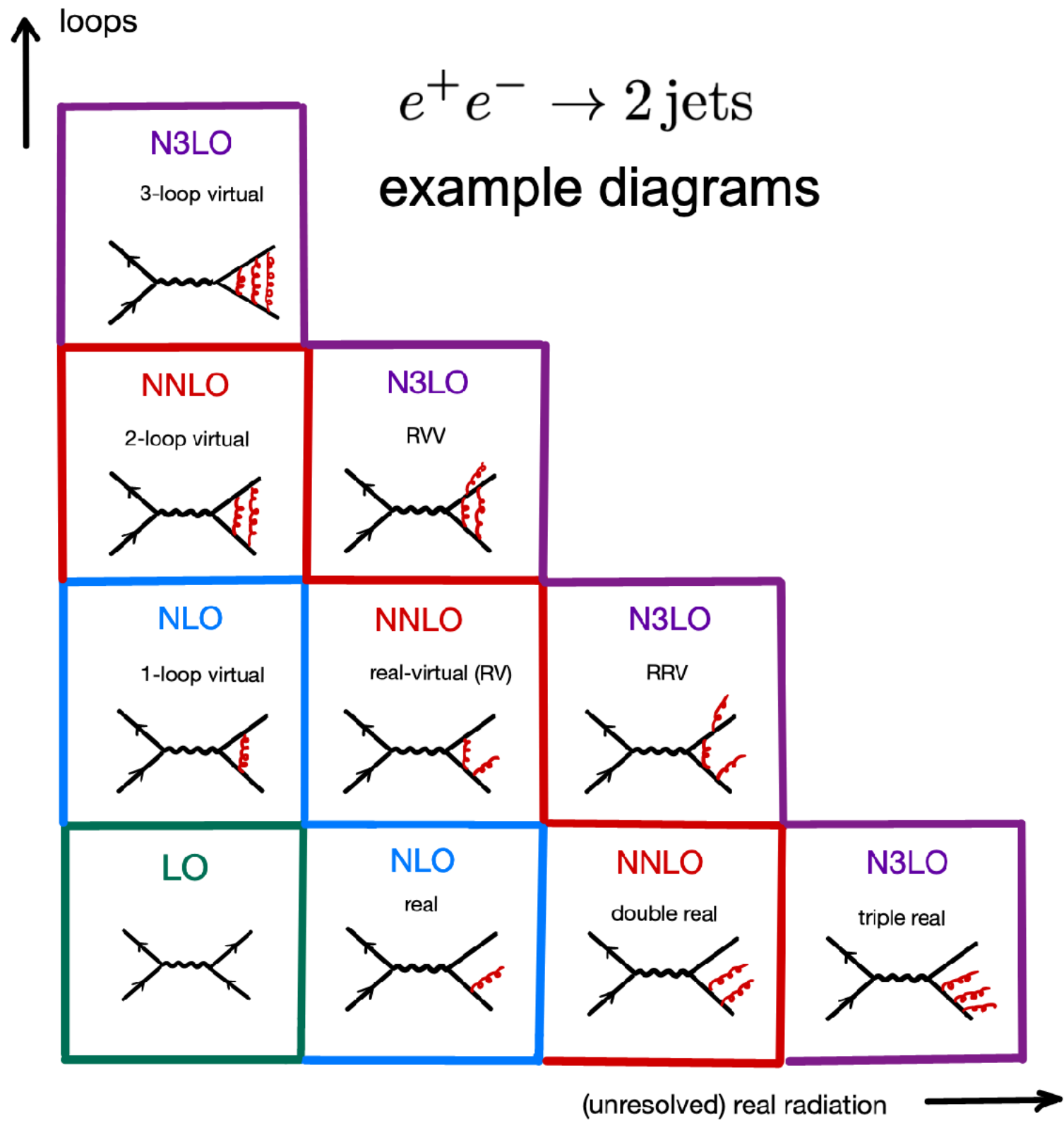


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Validation against: Denner/Dittmaier/Roth/Weber, hep-ph/0301189

process	cross section @ LO [fb]	NLO EW [fb]
$e^+e^- \rightarrow H + \nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$	84.9752	75.61601 ± 0.26
$e^+e^- \rightarrow H + \nu_l \bar{\nu}_l$ with $l = \mu, \tau$	3.9246278	4.396657 ± 0.0058
$e^+e^- \rightarrow H + \nu \bar{\nu}$ (with OpenLoops)	92.824	84.409 ± 0.26
$e^+e^- \rightarrow H + \nu \bar{\nu}$ (with Recola)	92.72 ± 0.11	$84.82^* \pm 0.13$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow H + \nu \bar{\nu}$ in Ref. [3]	92.64 ± 0.002	85.01 ± 0.08

Note: G_μ scheme, $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$, $\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$



Exclusive (BSM) Higgs processes

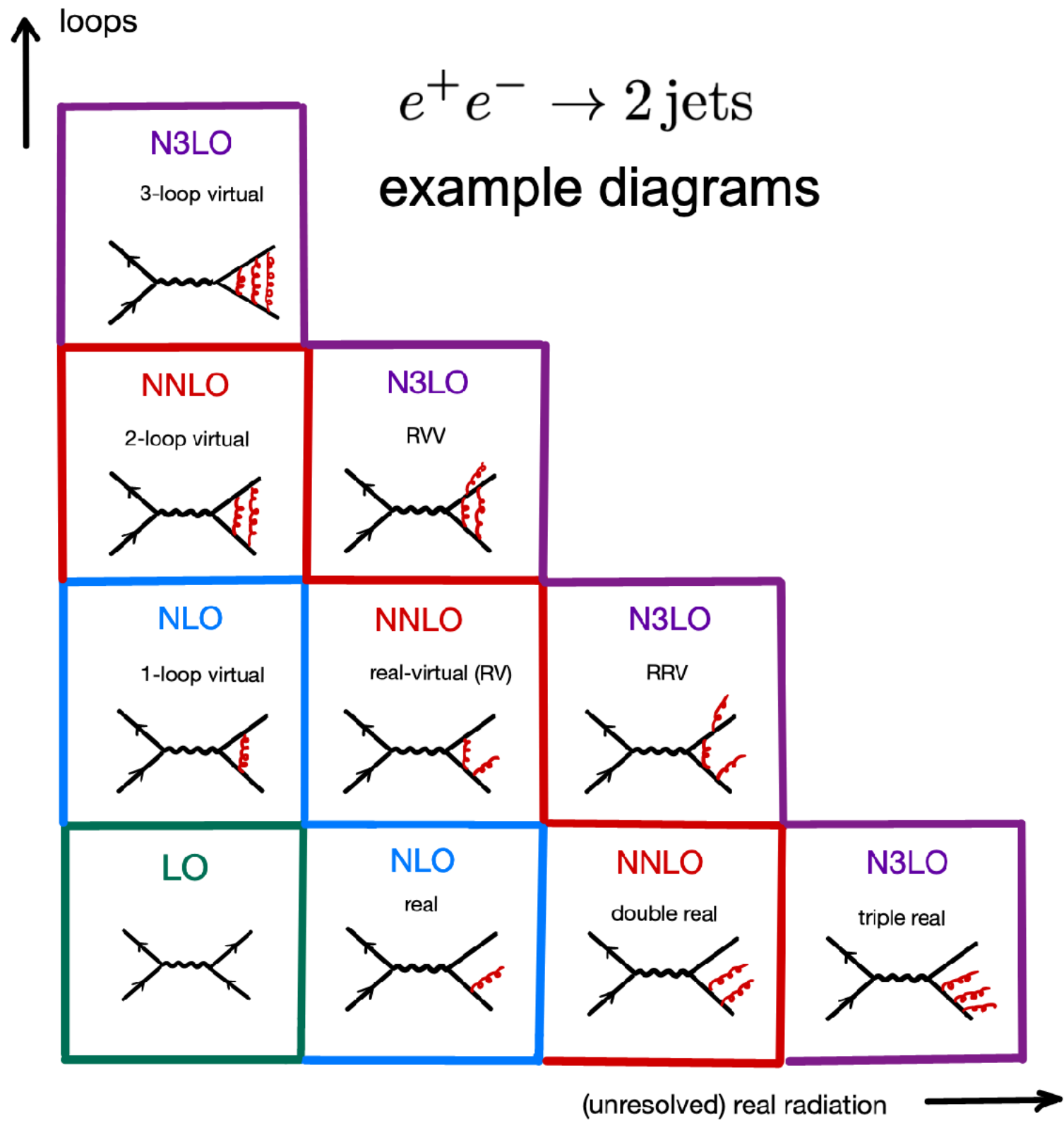


- ▶ NLO QCD ⊕ EW automated: Sherpa, MG5, Whizard
- ▶ Fixed-order N(N)LO, resummation and matching in MCs
- ▶ Need $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2f, 3f, 4f, 5f, 6f$ @ NLO QCD ⊕ EW
(arbitrary cuts, fully differential)

SM Higgs (here with polarization)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$ $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]	MCSANcEE [199]		WHIZARD+RECOLA			σ^{sig} (LO/NLO)
	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{tot}}$ [fb]	δ_{EW} [%]	
250	225.59(1)	206.77(1)	225.60(1)	207.0(1)	−8.25	0.4/2.1
500	53.74(1)	62.42(1)	53.74(3)	62.41(2)	+16.14	0.2/0.3
1000	12.05(1)	14.56(1)	12.0549(6)	14.57(1)	+20.84	0.5/0.5

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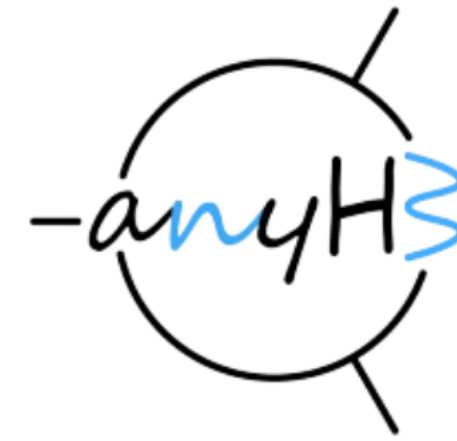
2HDM, $e^+e^- \rightarrow H\tau^+\tau^-$, Bredt/Höfer/Iguro/Ma/JRR/Zhang, w.i.p.

parameters	LO [fb]	NLO EW [fb]	correction [%]
SM	4.028(5)	4.152(13)	3.10 ± 0.29
$\tan(\beta) = 1$ for type-II	4.022(5)	4.164(12)	3.52 ± 0.26
$\tan(\beta) = 30$ for type-II	4.022(5)	4.084(11)	1.54 ± 0.25
$\tan(\beta) = 0.5$ for type-II	4.022(5)	4.185(12)	4.05 ± 0.26
$\tan(\beta) = 1$ for type-X	4.022(5)	4.163(12)	3.52 ± 0.26
$\tan(\beta) = 40$ for type-X	4.022(5)	4.081(12)	1.47 ± 0.25



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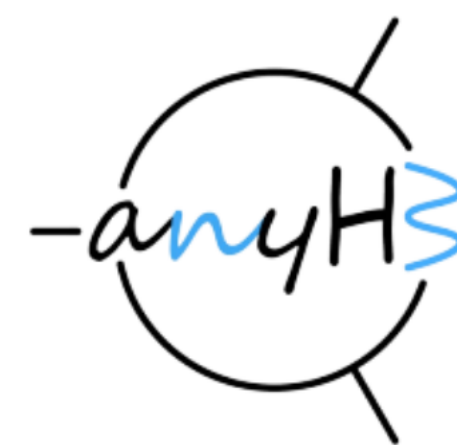


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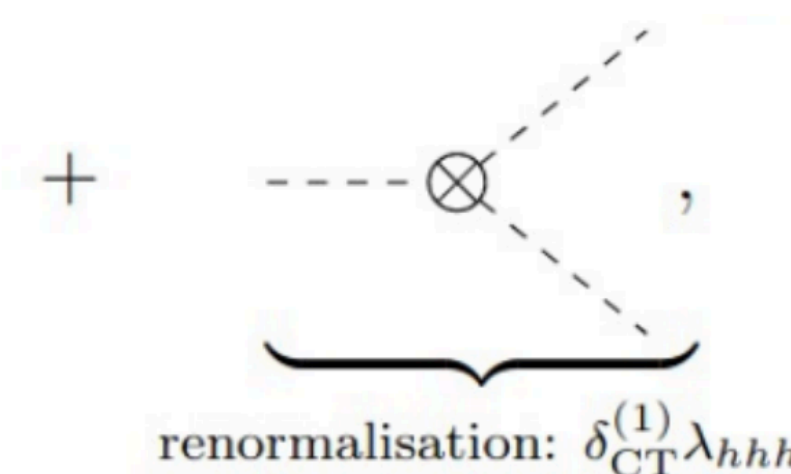
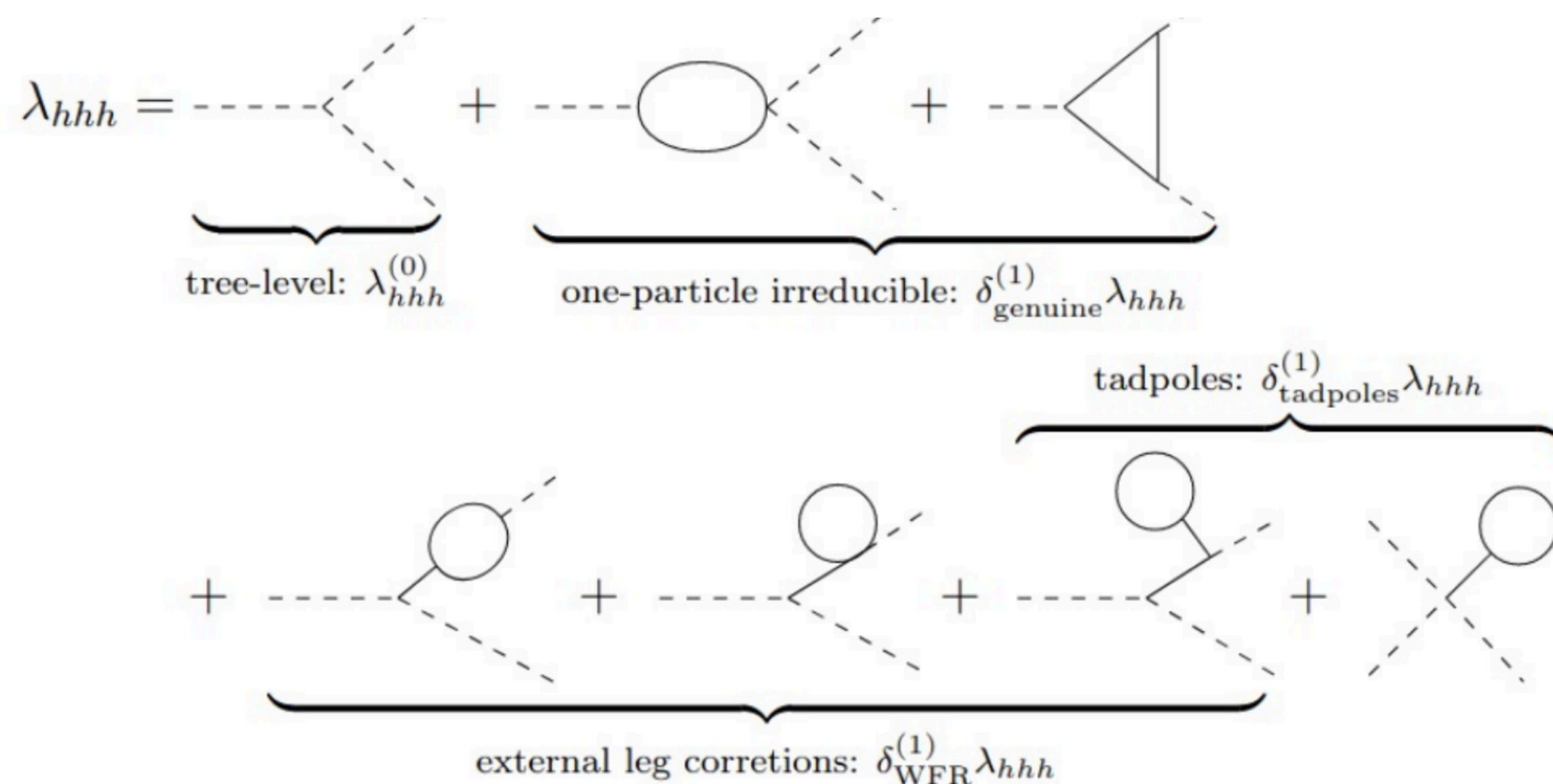
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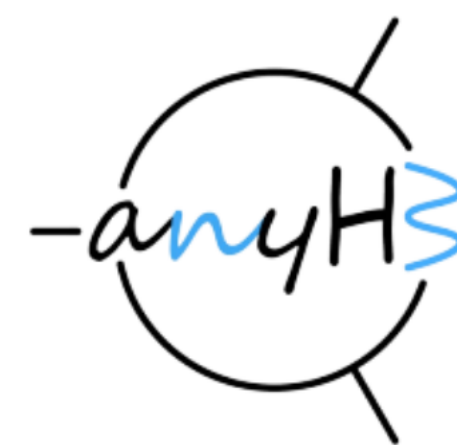
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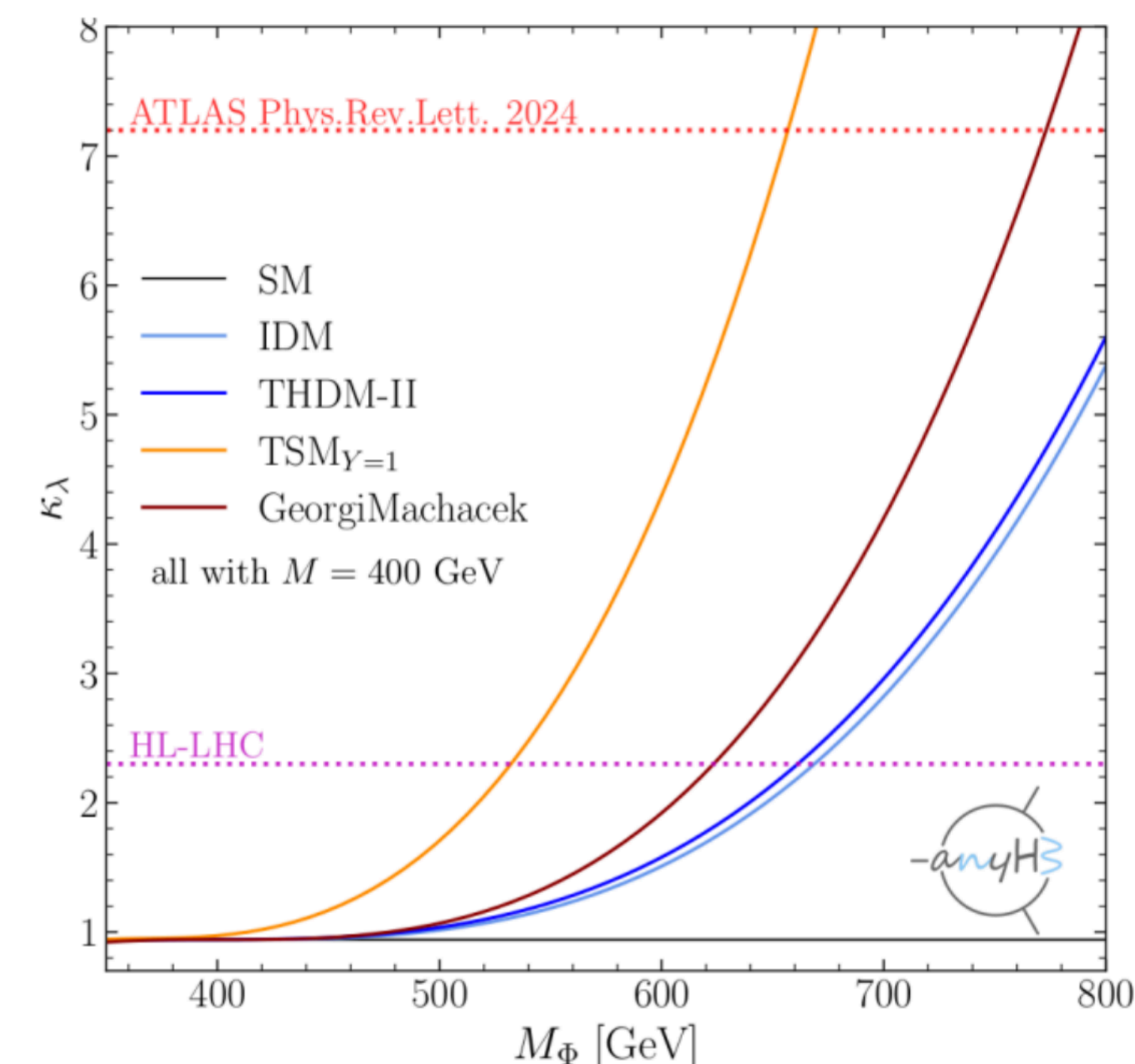
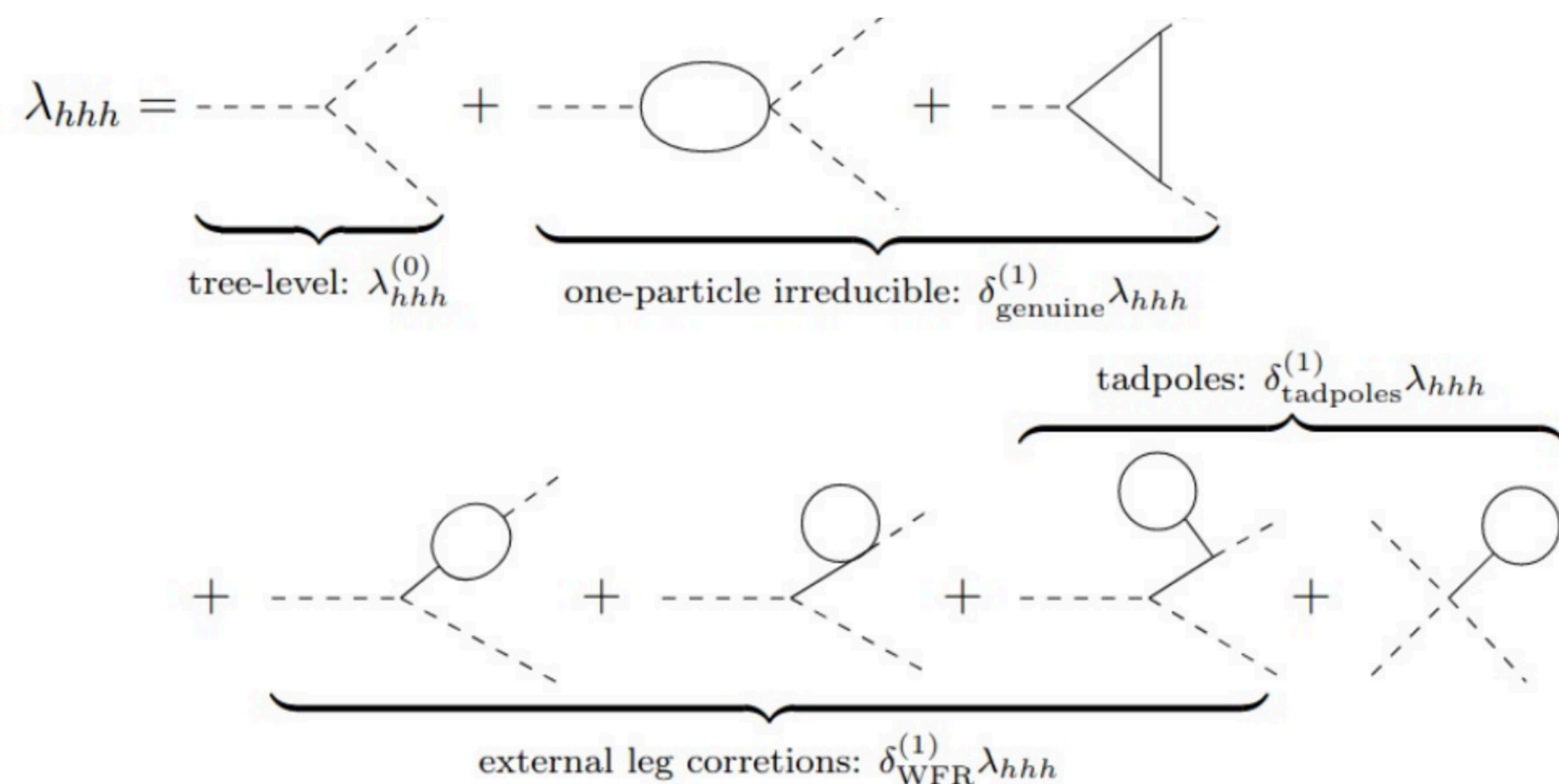
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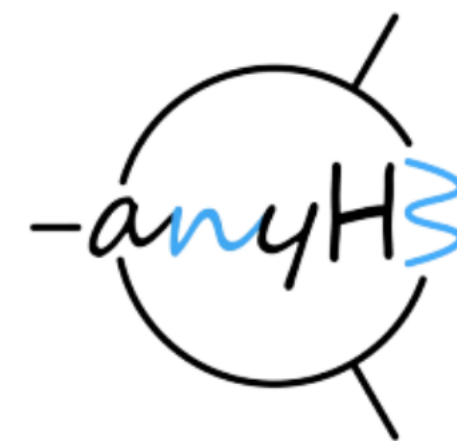
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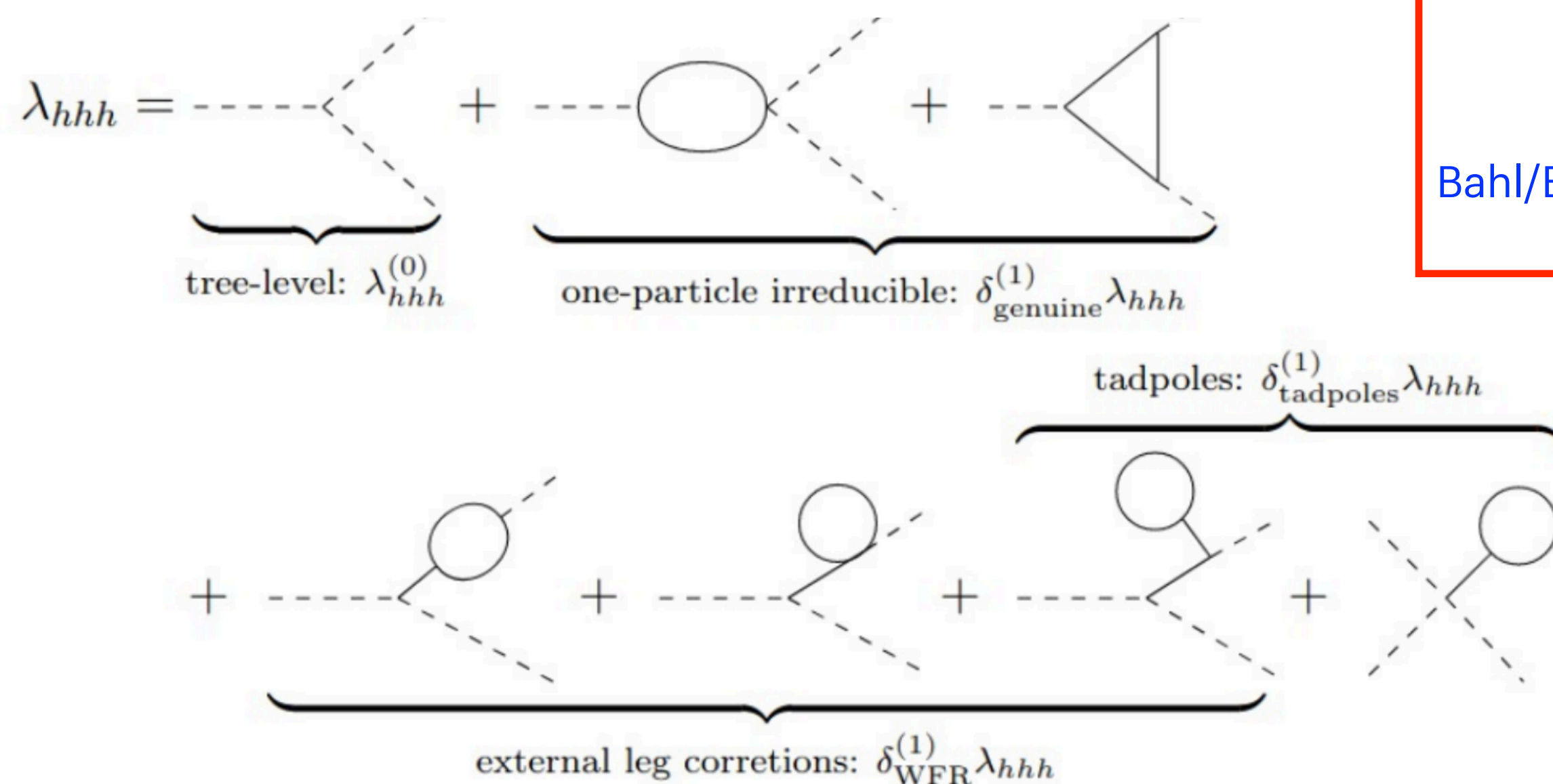
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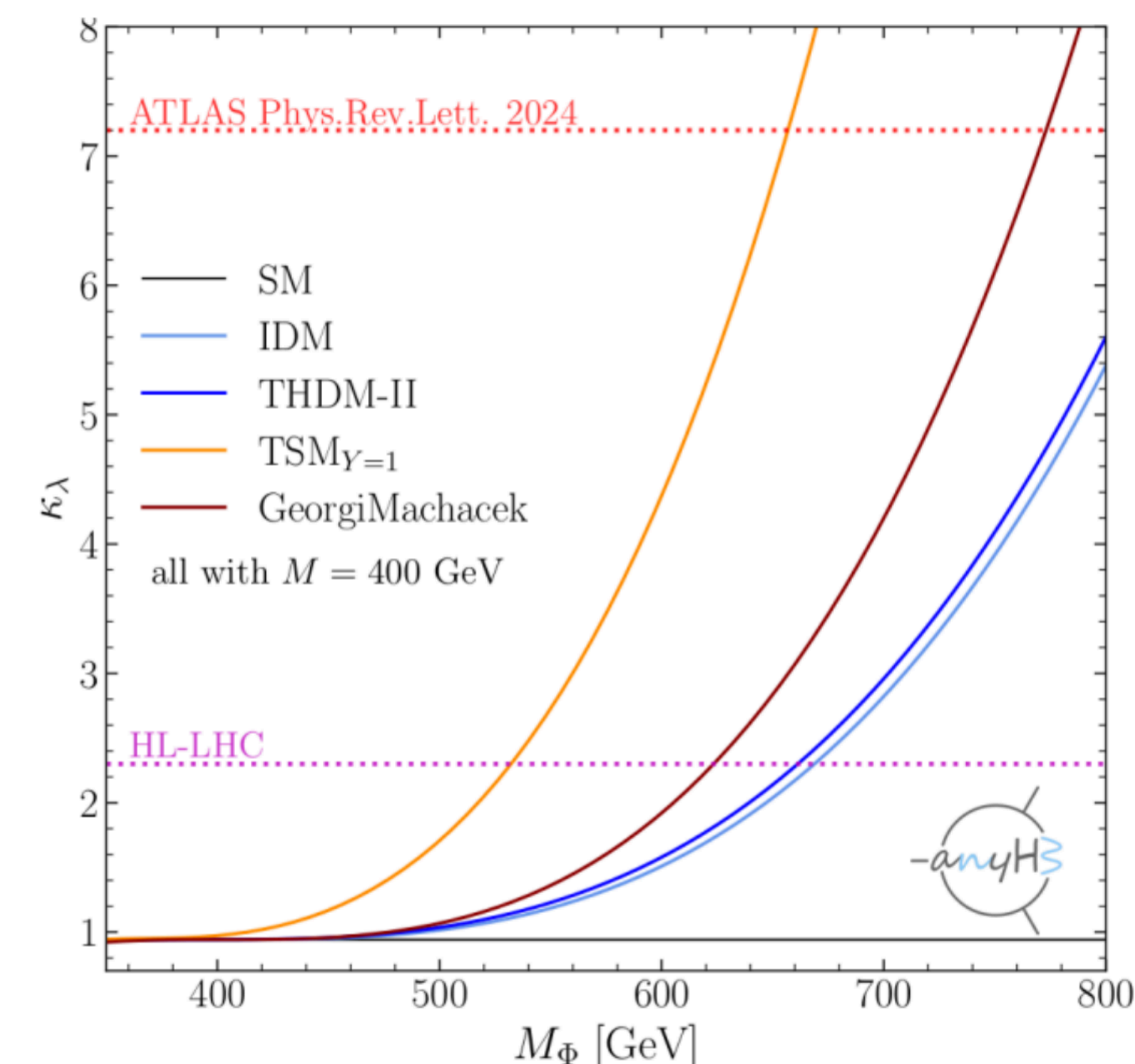
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2-loop results start to
become available!

Bahl/Braathen/Gabelmann/Paßehr,
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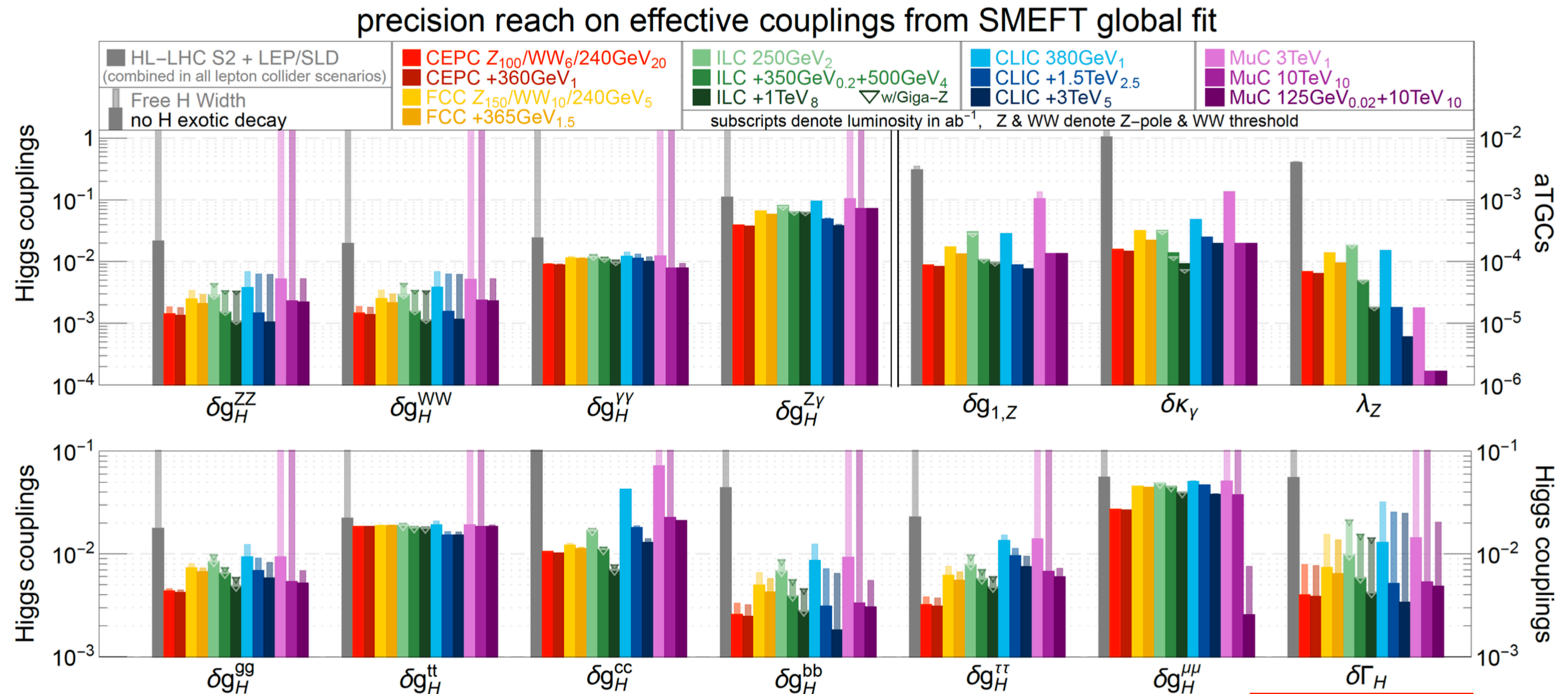


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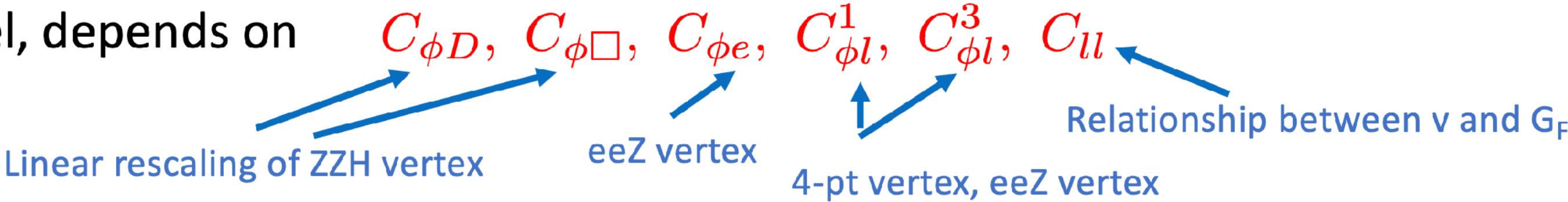


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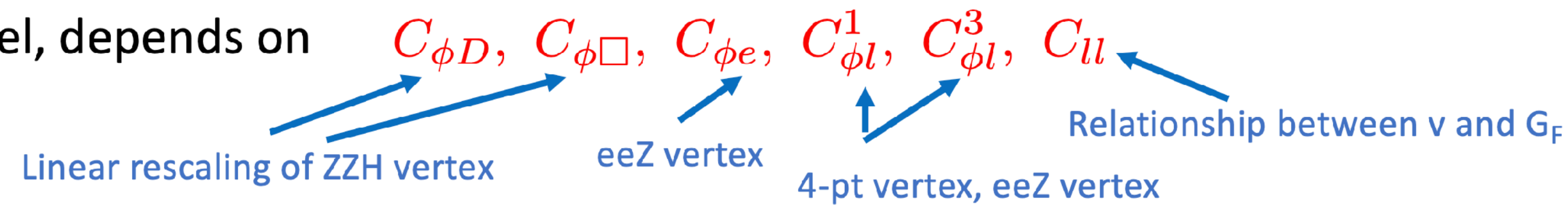
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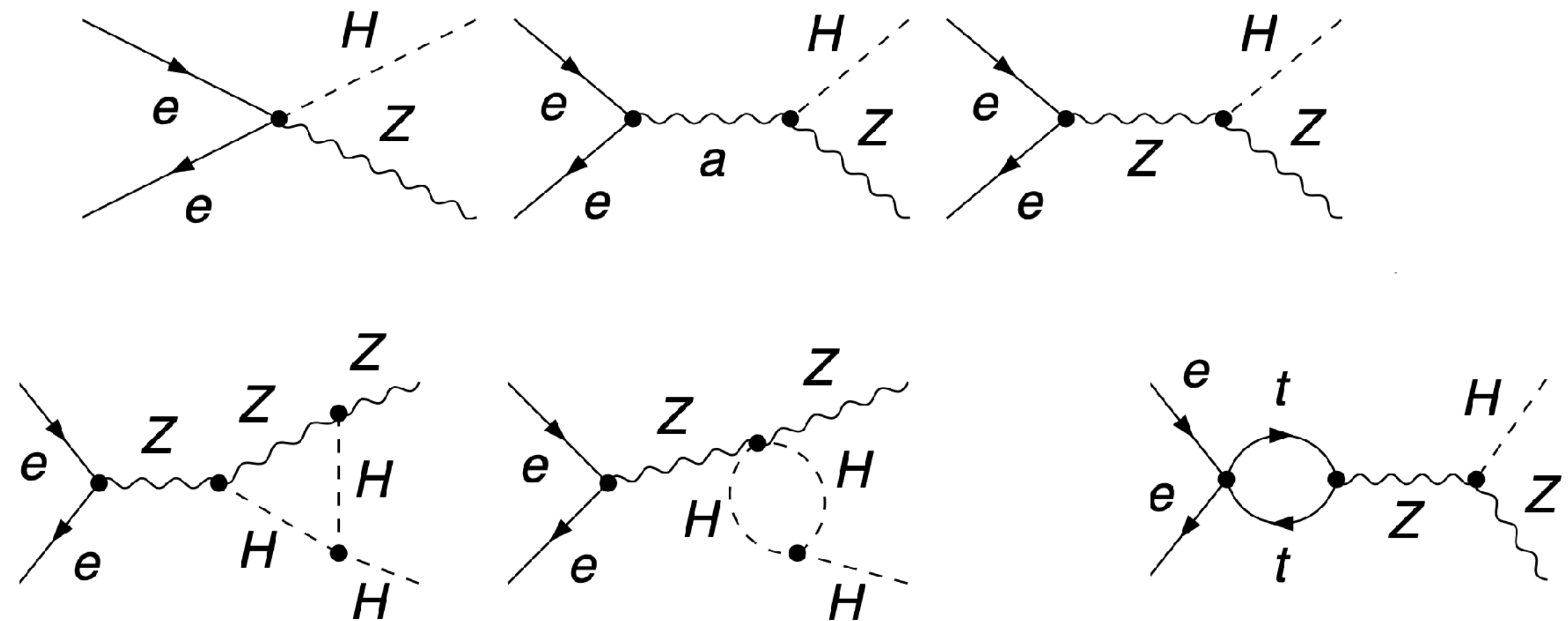
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Linear rescaling of ZZH vertex
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 Relationship between v and G_F

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Higgs trilinear

4-fermion operators, C_{eu} [1133]

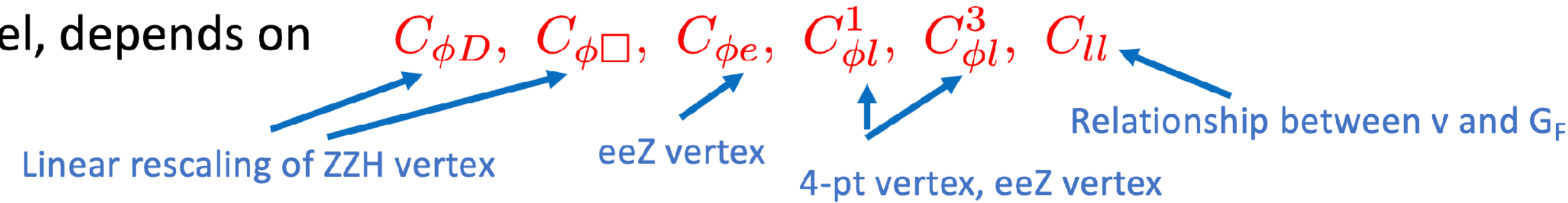
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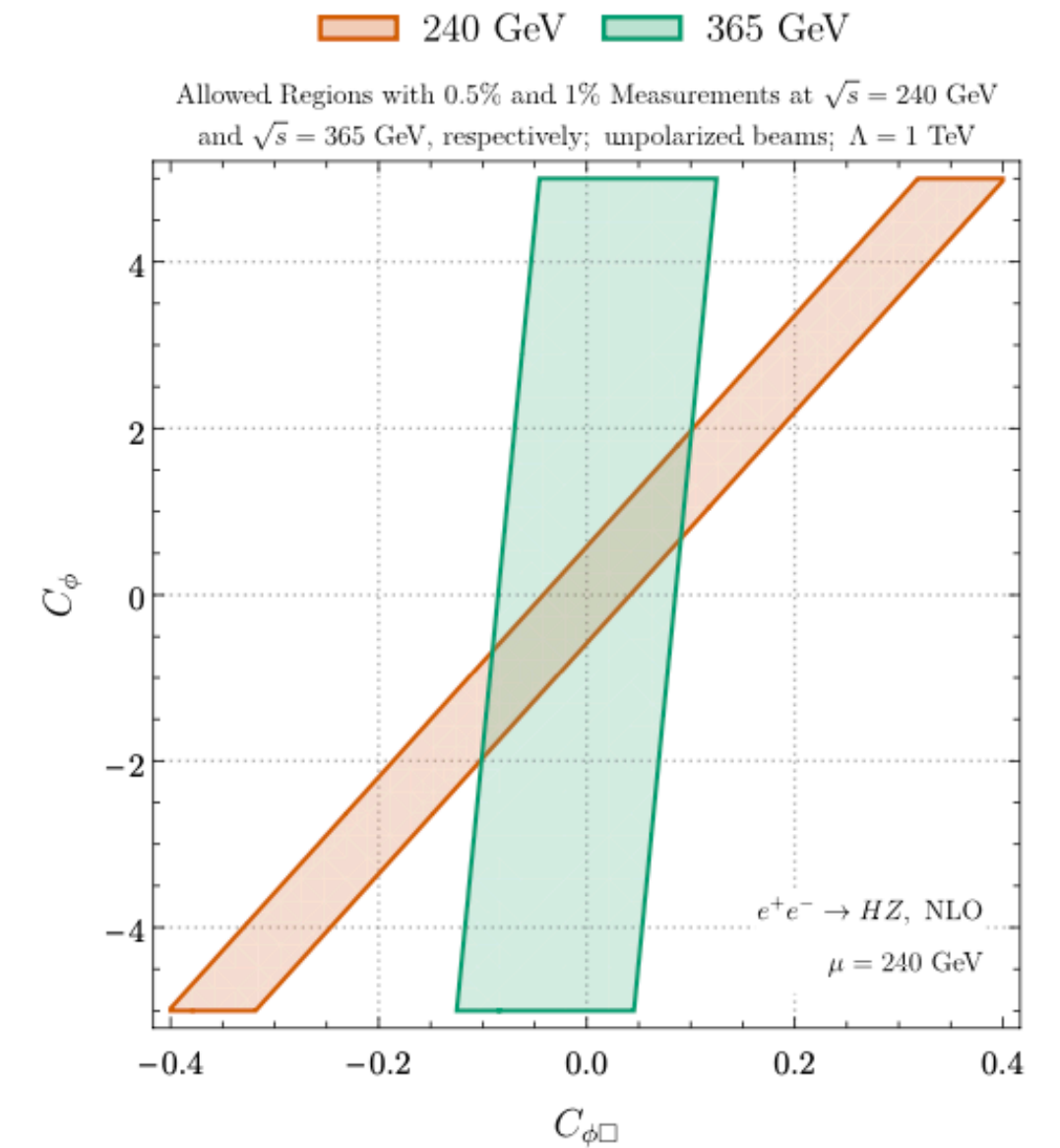
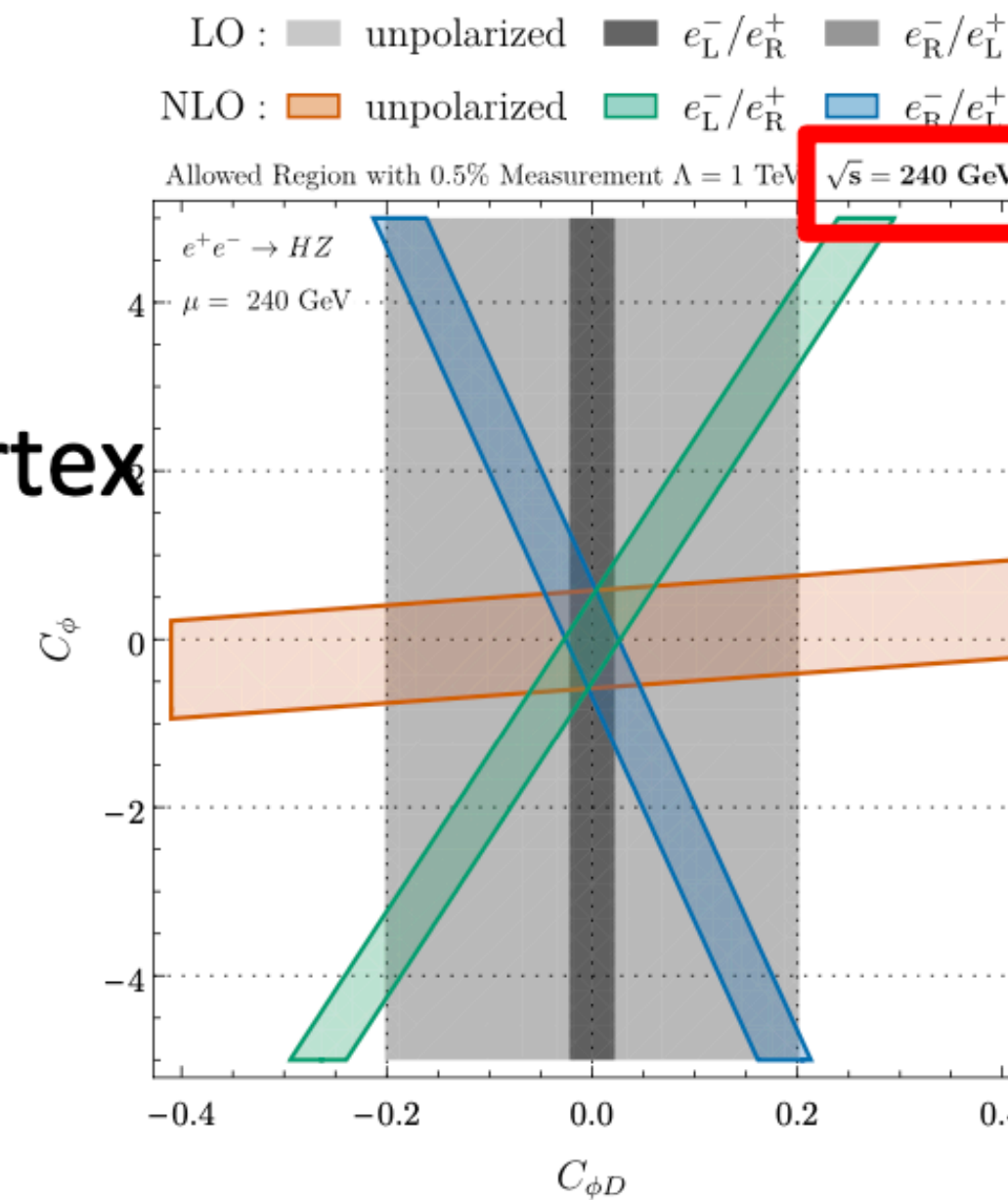
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H³ vertex



Contributes to ZZH vertex



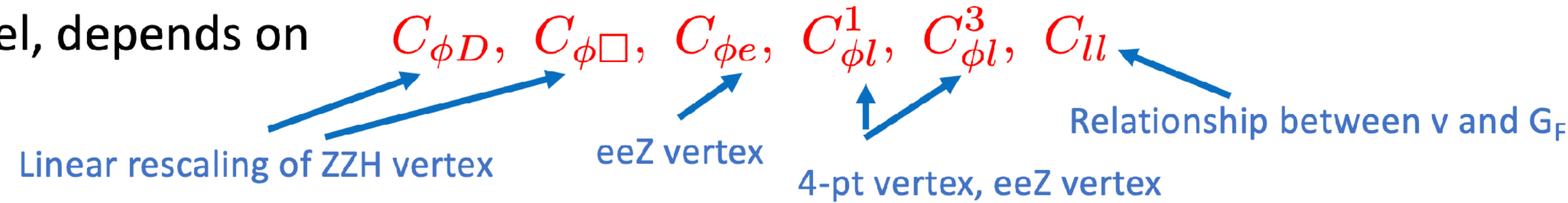
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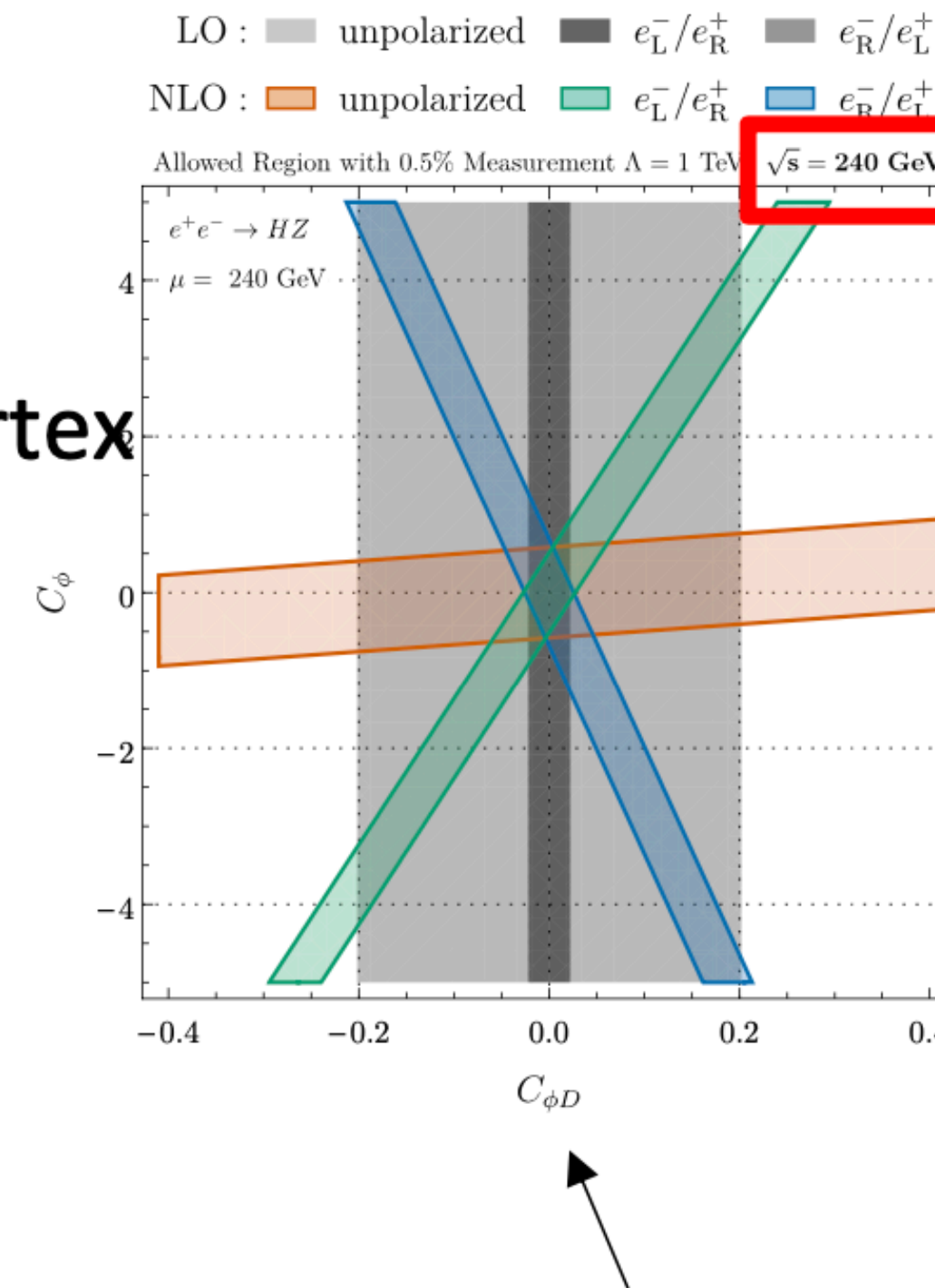
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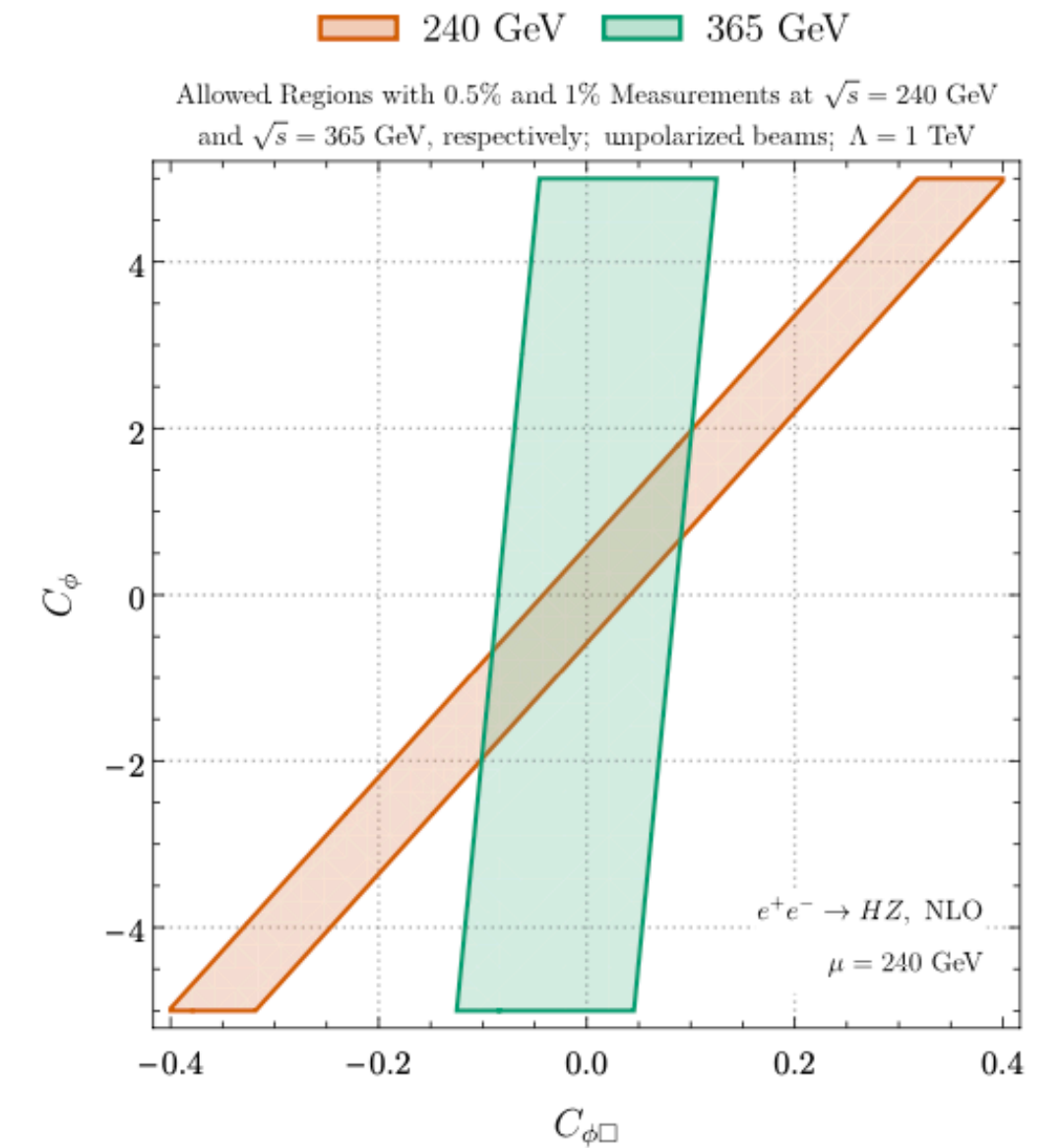
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- Complete NLO EW SMEFT for $e^+e^- \rightarrow HZ$
- NLO little impact on single parameter fits
- Large correlations of operators that appear only at NLO

H^3 vertex



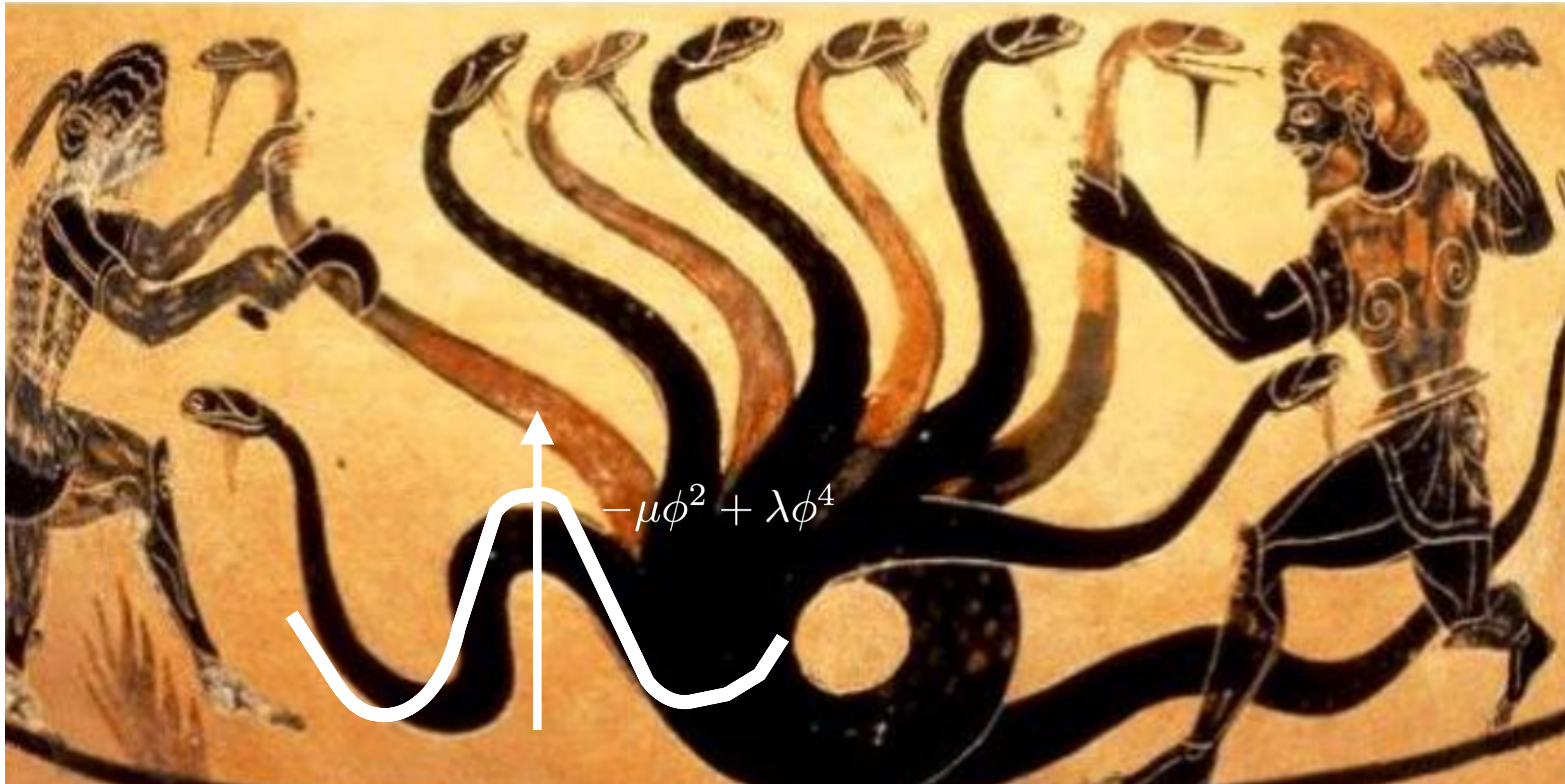
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- Spectacular experimental Higgs (+EW) precision program in e^+e^- collisions
- Most measurements allow per-cent down to (sub-) per-mil level precision
- **Hard theoretical work needed to match this precision!**
- NNLO (2-loop) EW slowly getting closer; still a long way to go for full processes
- Higgs precision program needs: production processes NNLO, decays @ min. 3-loop
- Massive 2- & 3-loop diagrams: PDE, sector decomposition, Mellin methods etc.
- Calculations in EFTs (SMEFT/HEFT) at least at the NLO EW level needed; cross correlations
- Calculations in specific models (extended Higgs sectors, MSSM, etc.): scheme dependence
- Focus on specific “effects”, e.g. trilinear Higgs coupling; full NLO model calculations starting
- “Exclusive frontier”: $2 \rightarrow 4, 6, (8)$ NLO SM, NLO $e^\pm$ PDFs, QED showers/matching
- Tools, tools, tools: community must value and support codes (loops, MC, fits)

Higgs Precision is reconciling Loops and Legs

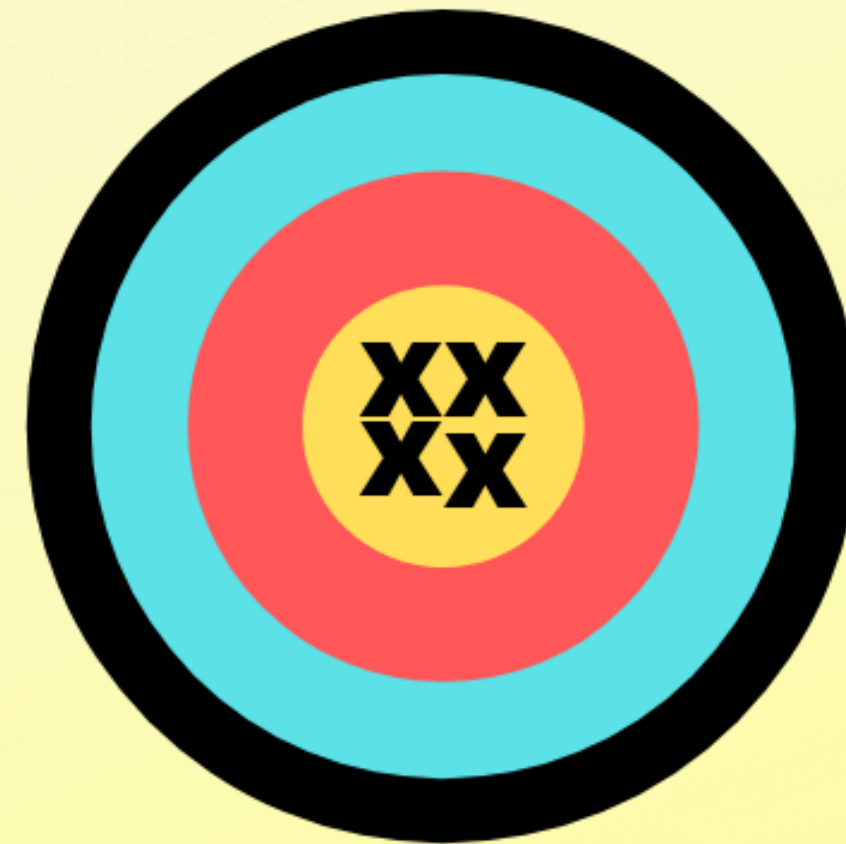
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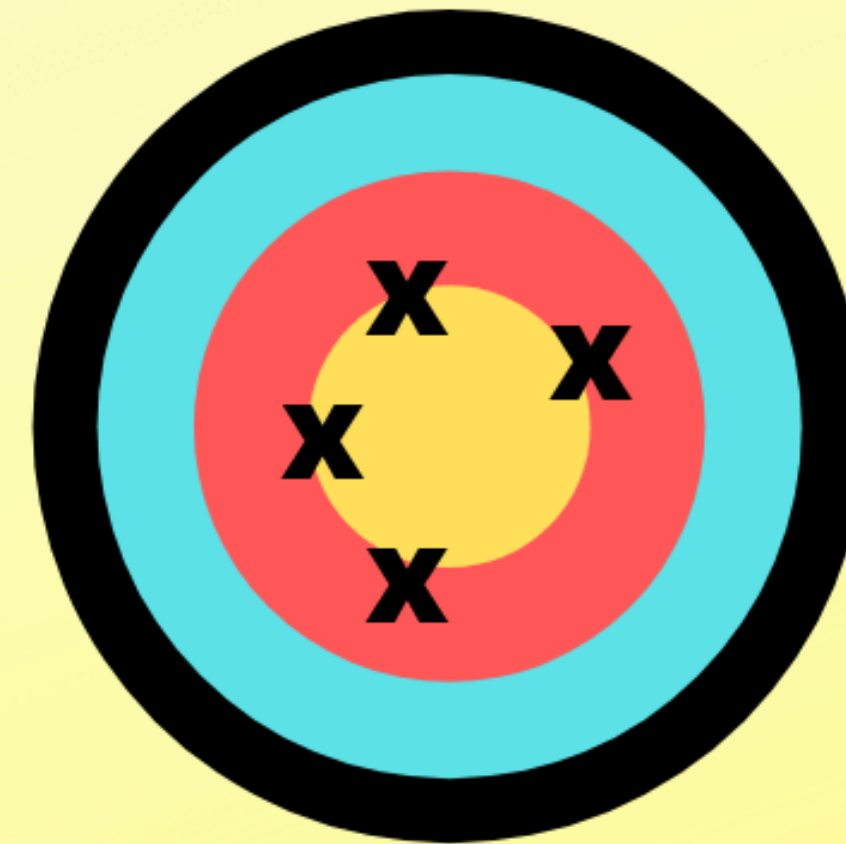
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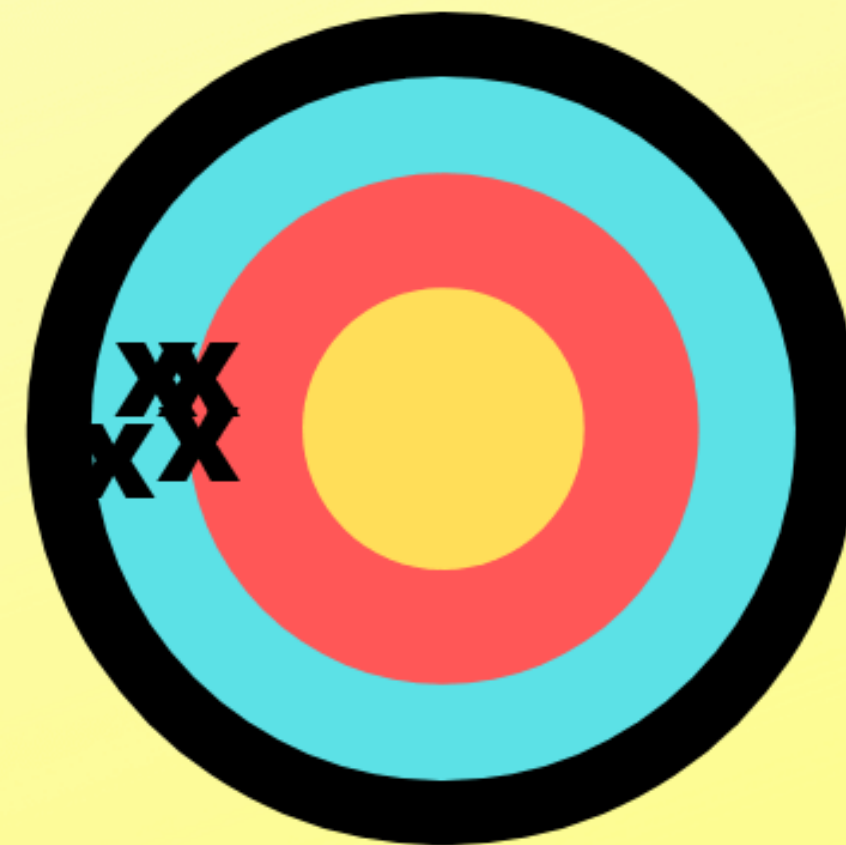
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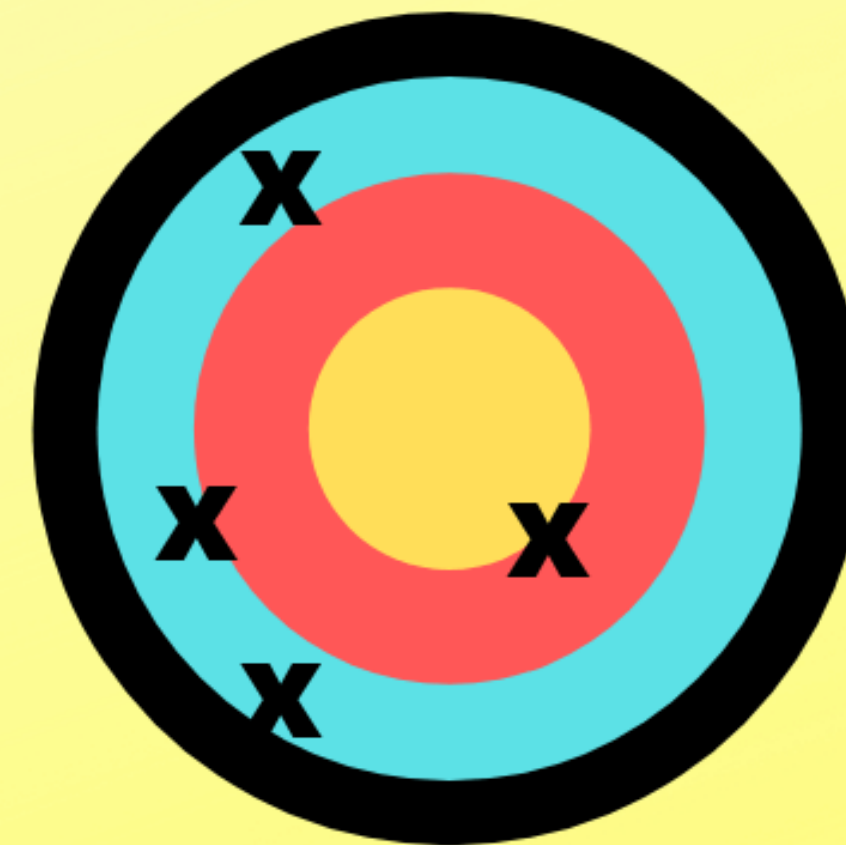
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$$\Gamma_Z = \sum_f \Gamma[Z \rightarrow f\bar{f}], \quad (\text{from a fit to } \sigma_f(s) \text{ at various values of } s)$$

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$$\mathcal{A}_f = \frac{1 - 4|Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f}{1 - 4|Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f + 8(Q_f \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^f)^2}.$$

$$\text{total} = \sqrt{\text{experimental}^2 + \text{parametric}^2} + \text{intrinsic}$$

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$ complete

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2\alpha_s)$ fermionic

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ double-fermionic

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s^3)$ 4-loop

Quantity	FCC-ee	Current intrinsic error	Projected intrinsic error
M_W [MeV]	0.5–1 [‡]	4 ($\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$)	1
$\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}^\ell$ [10^{-5}]	0.6	4.5 ($\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$)	1.5
Γ_Z [MeV]	0.1	0.4 ($\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s, \alpha\alpha_s^2$)	0.15
R_b [10^{-5}]	6	11 ($\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$)	5
R_l [10^{-3}]	1	6 ($\alpha^3, \alpha^2\alpha_s$)	1.5

Theoretical uncertainties for WW threshold don't match exp. precision: 3 GeV uncertainty

[Beneke/Falgari/Schwinn/Signer/Zanderighi, 0707.0773](#); [Actis/Beneke/Falgari/Schwinn, 0807.0102](#); [C. Schwinn, in 1905.05078](#)

needed: full 2-loop corr. $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ and $W \rightarrow f\bar{f}$, ISR & matching (later); 3-loop Coulomb-enhanced

Recent efforts in $e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ (2-loop, logarithmic corr.)

[Blümlein/de Freitas/Raab/Schönwald, 1901.08018, 1910.05759, 2003.14283, 2004.04287](#)



Parametric uncertainties

- M_H : Higgsstrahlung at threshold, 10 MeV uncertainty, leptonic recoil, minor theory uncertainties
- M_Z : Z lineshape, ~ 0.1 MeV exp., QED ISR+ISR/FSR, EW box diagrams, [Jadach/Skrzypek/Pietrzik, 1999](#)
- $\alpha_s(M_Z)$: global fit of overconstrained EW pseudo-observables at Z pole, non-perturbative uncertainties
- $m_t^{MS}(m_t)$: N³LO QCD/NNLO EW, resummed NNLL, 4-loop mass translation., off-shell corr.
[Beneke ea., 1506.06864/1711.10429](#), [Hoang ea. 1309.6323](#), [Marquard ea. 1502.01030](#), [Chokoufé et al. 1609.03390](#), [Bach ea. 1712.02220](#)
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- $\Delta\alpha$: extracted from $e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, τ decays (BESIII, VEPP-2000, Belle II), radiative return
Proposal for direct measurement below/above Z pole: subtract EW from QED corrections
available @ 1-loop; needed fermionic 2-loop corr., $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2, \alpha^2\alpha_s)$ corr. $\Rightarrow 10^{-4}$
2-/3-loop box diagrams: full $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s^2)$, double-fermionic $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ corr. $\Rightarrow 10^{-5}$

hZ production:

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corr. to hZ production and Z decay

Knierl '92; Denner, Küblbeck, Mertig, Böhm '92

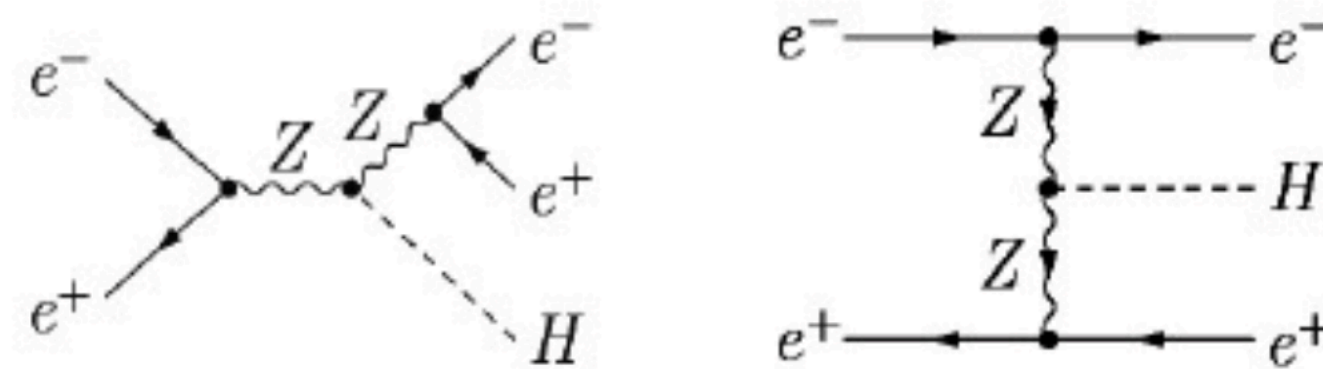
Consoli, Lo Presti, Maiani '83; Jegerlehner '86

Akhundov, Bardin, Riemann '86

- Technology for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ with off-shell Z -boson available

Boudjema et al. '04

Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Weber '03



- Can be combined with h.o. ISR QED radiation

Greco et al. '17

- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$ corrections

Gong et al. '16

Chen, Feng, Jia, Sang '18

- $\mathcal{O}(N_f\alpha^2)$ corrections

Freitas, Song '22

[also see Chen, Guan, He, Li, Liu, Ma '22]

Theory error: $\Delta_{\text{th}} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.3\%)$ (mostly from non-fermionic NNLO)