

Precision QCD Physics Input to European Strategy Update

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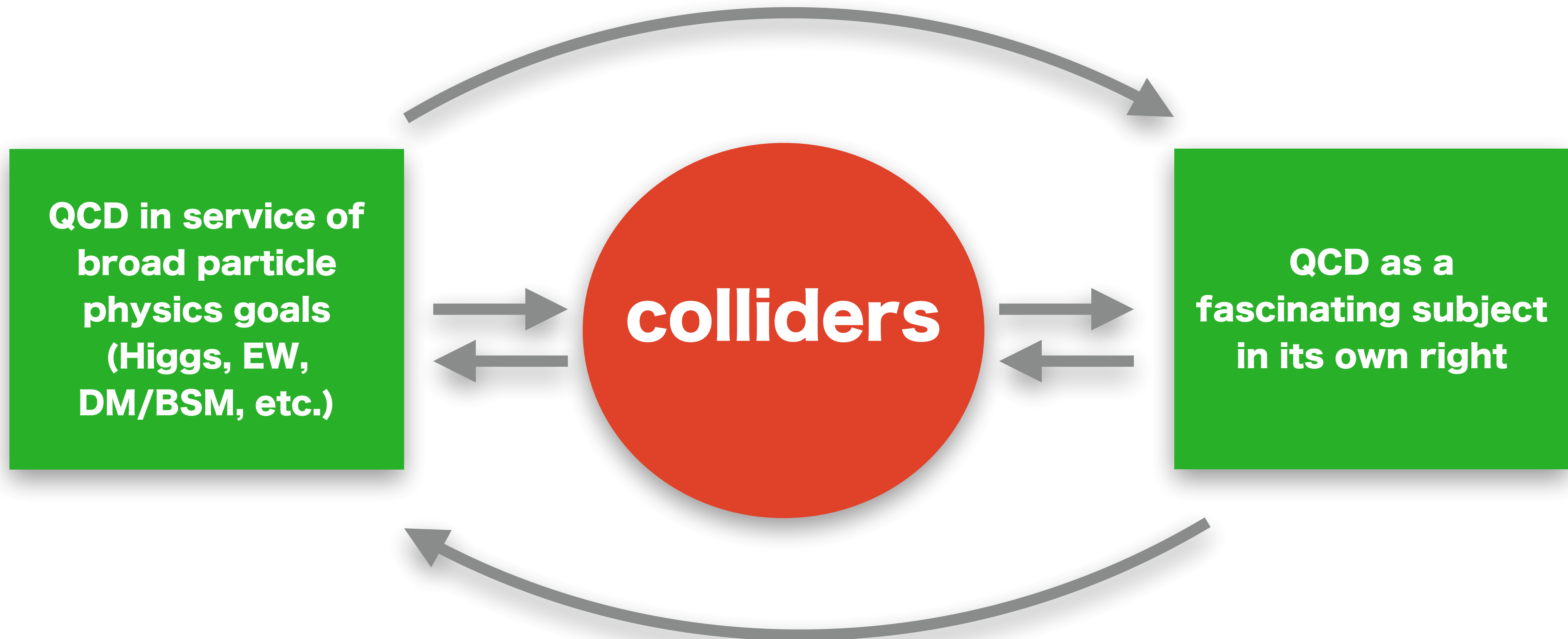
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European Particle Physics Strategy Update (EPPSU), 2018 – 2020

- <http://europeanstrategyupdate.web.cern.ch/welcome>
- Major preparatory work on approved and proposed future colliders, e.g.
 - [Report on the Physics at the HL-LHC, and Perspectives for the HE-LHC](#)
 - [FCC physics and design reports](#)
- Submitted input: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/765096/contributions/> (10pp/doc)
- [Open Symposium](#) (May 2019), including strong interactions [session](#) & [summary](#)
- Physics briefing book: [arXiv:1910.11775](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.11775) (strong interactions: section 4)
- January 2020: final closed meeting of European Strategy Group
- Final strategy [document](#) published June 2020

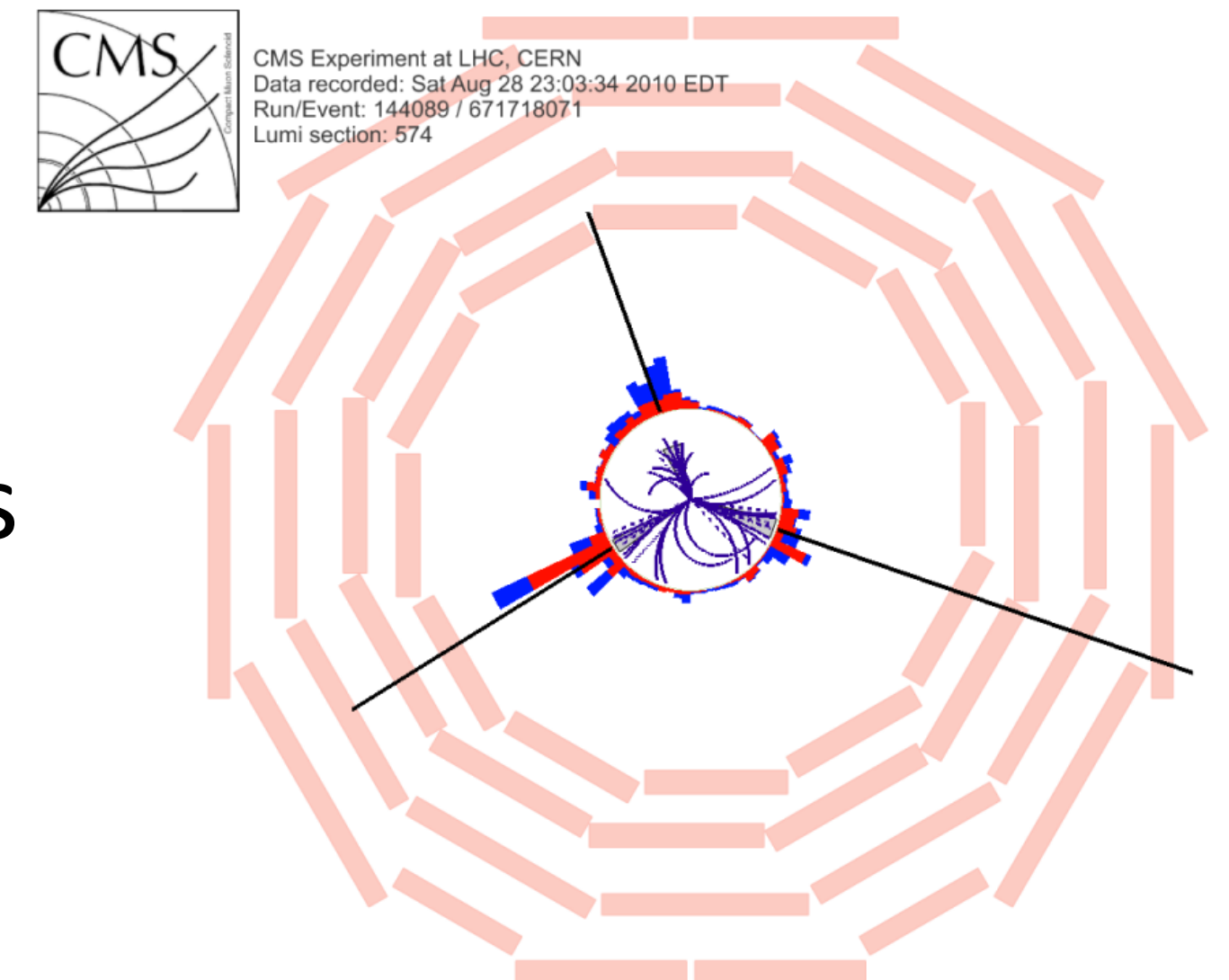
09:00	Scientific aspirations of the community in strong interactions <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Thomas Gehrmann 09:00 - 09:20	09:00	Theory challenges for Heavy Ion physics <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Urs Wiedemann 09:00 - 09:20
	Experimental QCD physics at future pp and e+e- colliders <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	David d'Enterria 09:30 - 09:50		Heavy Ion collisions at (HL-)LHC <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Johanna Stachel 09:30 - 09:50
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11:00	Strong Interaction physics with the (HL-)LHC pre-accelerator complex <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Gunar Schnell 11:15 - 11:45 11:45 - 12:00	11:00	Emerging facilities around the world for strong interaction physics <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Tetyana Galatyuk 11:15 - 11:35 11:35 - 11:45
12:00	Precision QCD physics at low energies <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Klaus Kirch 12:00 - 12:20 12:20 - 12:30	12:00	Synergies with astroparticle, nuclear and neutrino physics <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Tanguy Pierog 11:45 - 12:05 12:05 - 12:15
	Lattice QCD: challenges and opportunities <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Hartmut Wittig 12:30 - 12:50 12:50 - 13:00		Strong interaction physics at future ep colliders <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Uta Klein 12:15 - 12:35 12:35 - 12:45
13:00	Fixed Target opportunities at the (HL-)LHC <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Jean-Philippe Lansberg 13:00 - 13:20 13:20 - 13:30	13:00	What strong interaction physics can one do with the LHC after the HL-LHC? <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i> Open discussion <i>Albeniz+Machuca Room, Granada Conference Center</i>	Daniel Boer 12:45 - 12:55 12:55 - 13:15

two broad roles for QCD



Where do we stand?

- QCD at high energies: weak coupling and asymptotic freedom
 - Perturbative QCD as quantitative framework
 - Dynamics of quarks and gluons
 - Jet observables were early test of QCD
 - Factorization separates weak from strong coupling effects
- Quantitative predictions
 - Multi-loop calculations for inclusive quantities
 - Higher orders (NLO, NNLO, ...), resummation and parton shower simulation
 - Strong coupling dynamics parametrized in parton distributions, hadronization

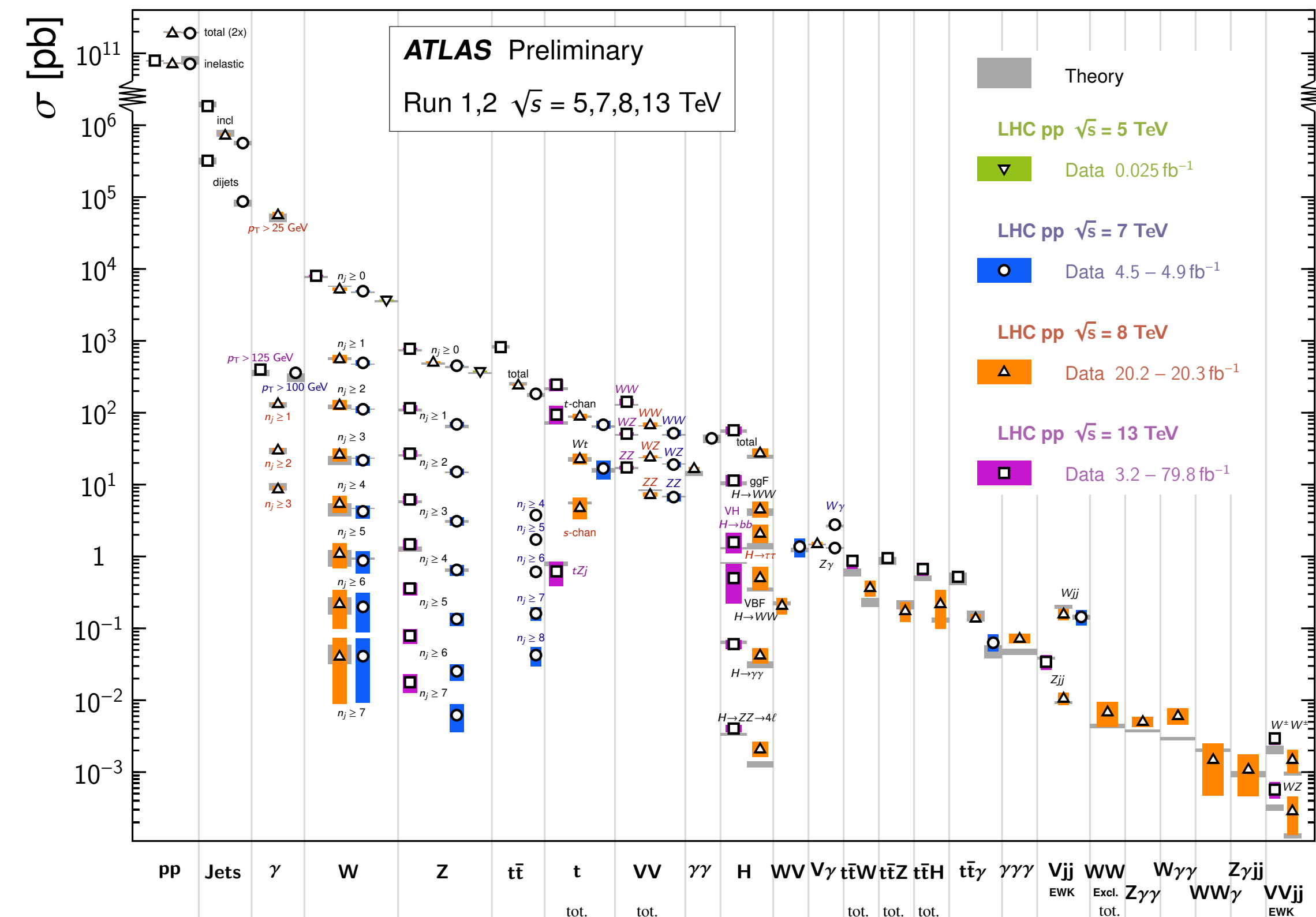


Where do we stand?

- Precision tests of the Standard Model
 - Measurements of masses and couplings
- Interplay of calculations and measurements
 - Accuracy on most cross sections $\gtrsim 5\%$
 - Limited by PDFs, QCD corrections
- Perturbative QCD as analysis tool
 - Jet substructure techniques
 - Data-driven background predictions

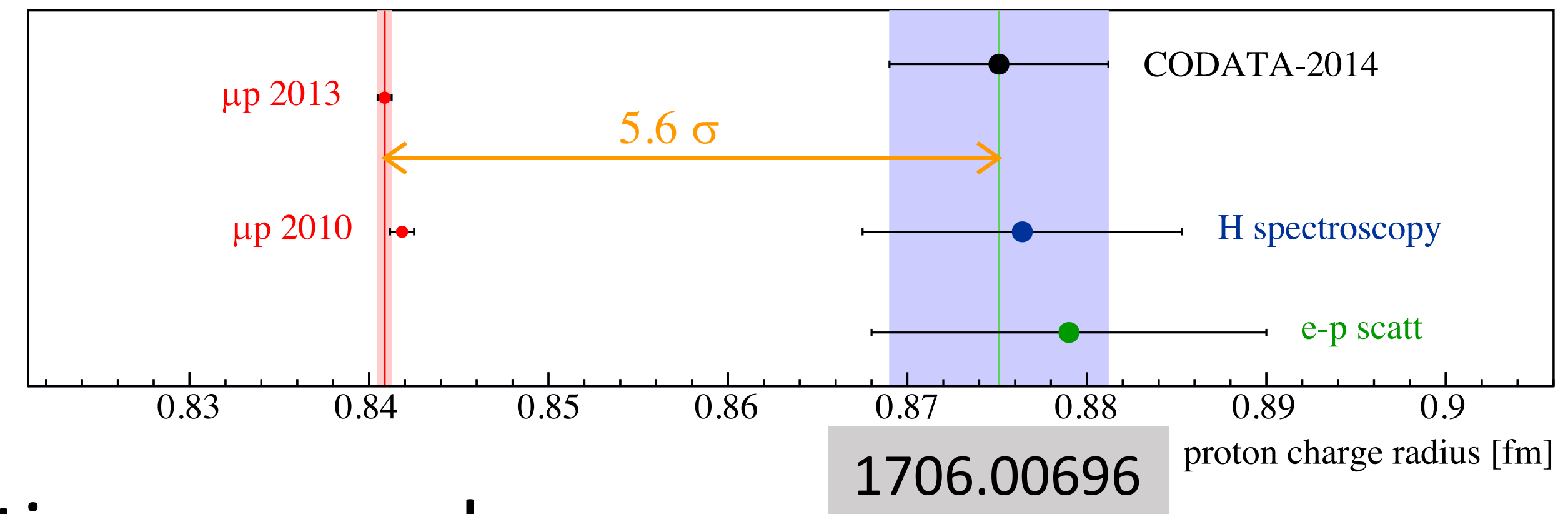
Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: March 2019



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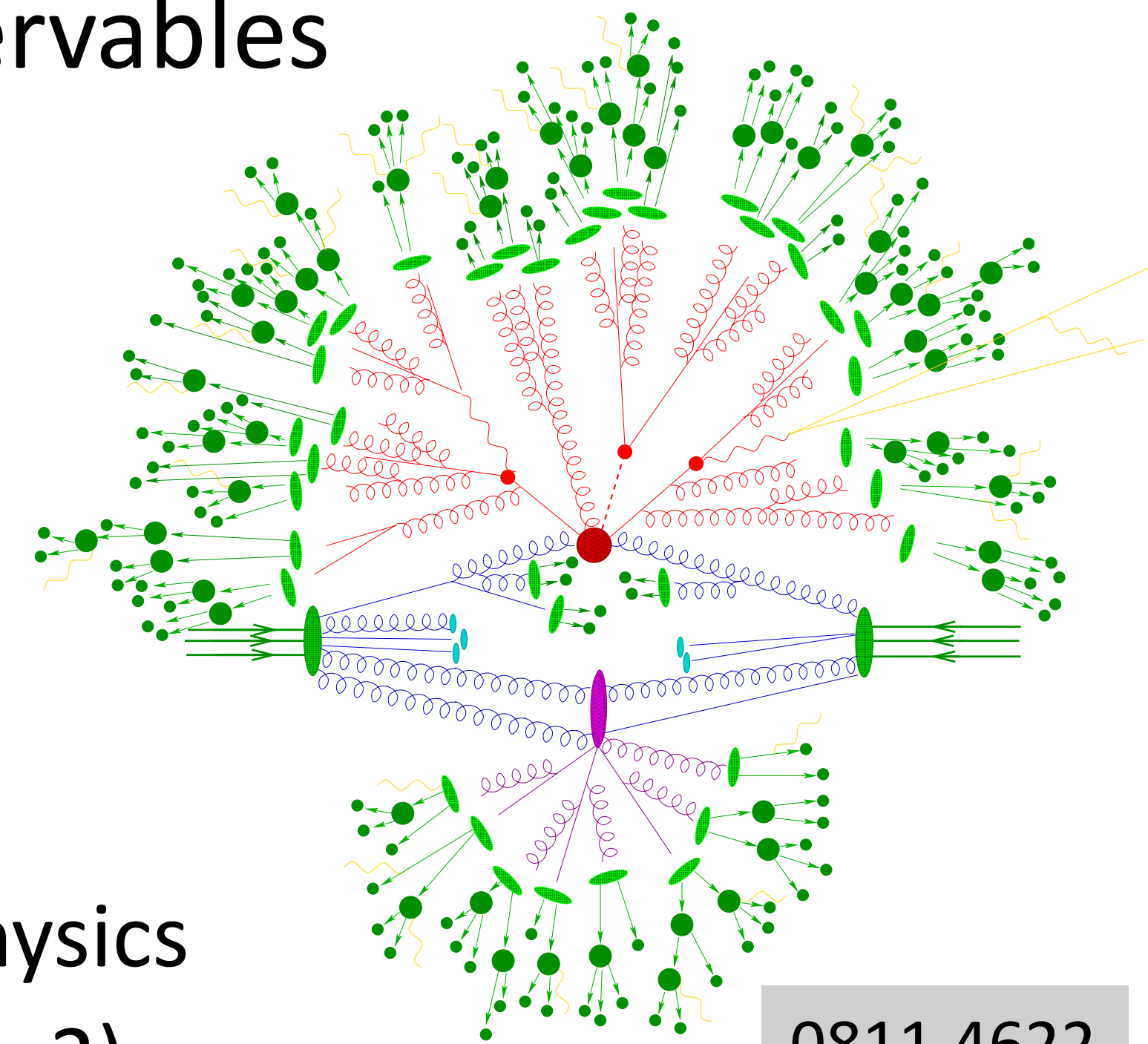
- QCD at strong coupling: diverse research program
 - Hadron physics, low-energy dynamics, heavy ions
 - Precision spectroscopy of light hadrons \leftrightarrow lattice QCD at high precision
 - Determination of hadron properties
 - Proton radius
 - Form factors
 - Nucleon structure



- Demands and drives new quantitative approaches
 - Understanding non-perturbative dynamics of QCD

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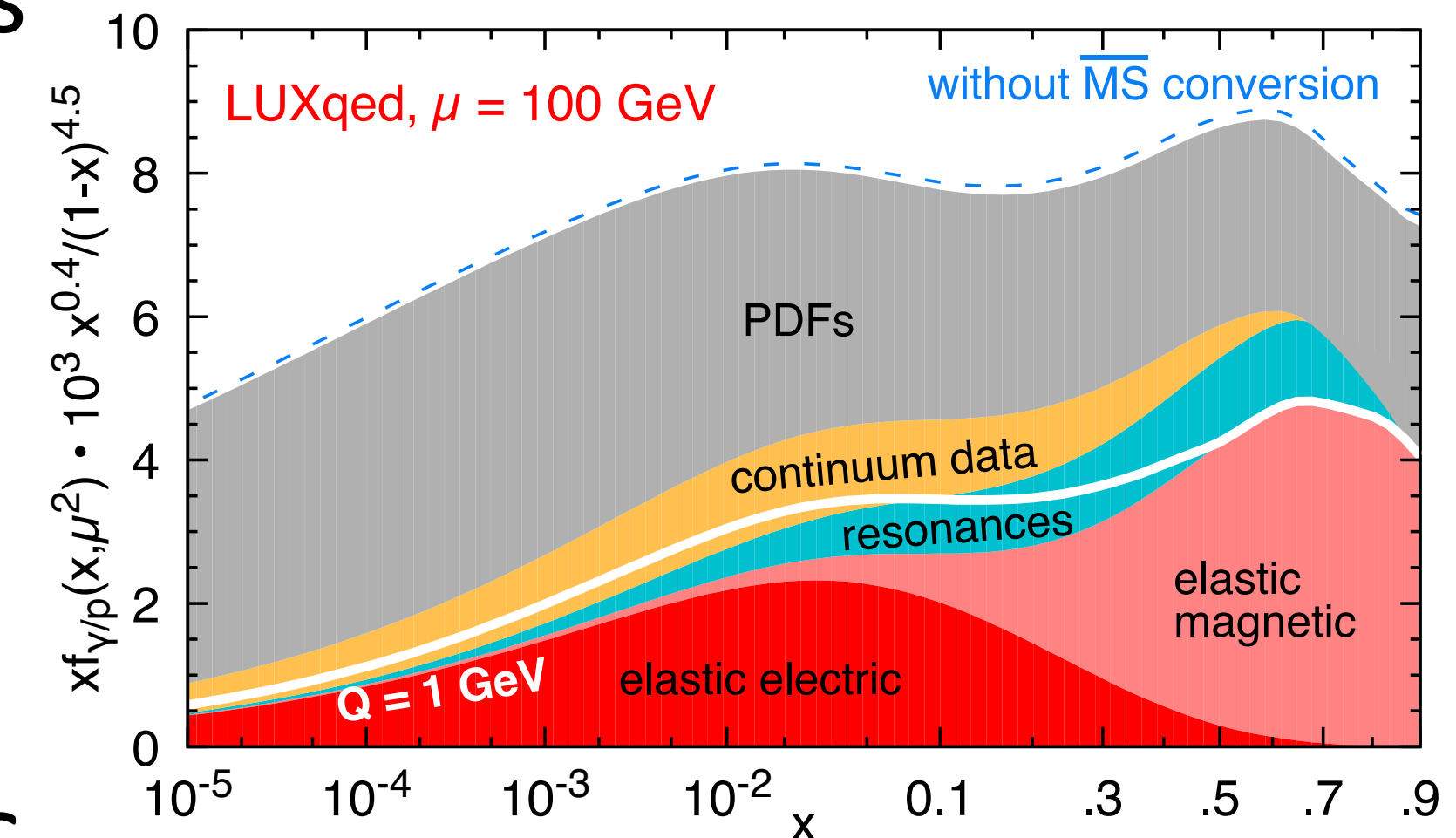
- Crucial interplay between QCD at strong and at weak coupling
- Non-perturbative effects on precision collider observables
 - Parton distributions
 - Intrinsic transverse momentum
 - Soft underlying event and hadronization
- Hadronic input to SM tests and BSM searches
 - Form factors in flavor physics
 - Hadronic cross sections in neutrino and astroparticle physics
 - Hadronic effects in QED precision observables: $\alpha(M_Z)$, $(g-2)_\mu$



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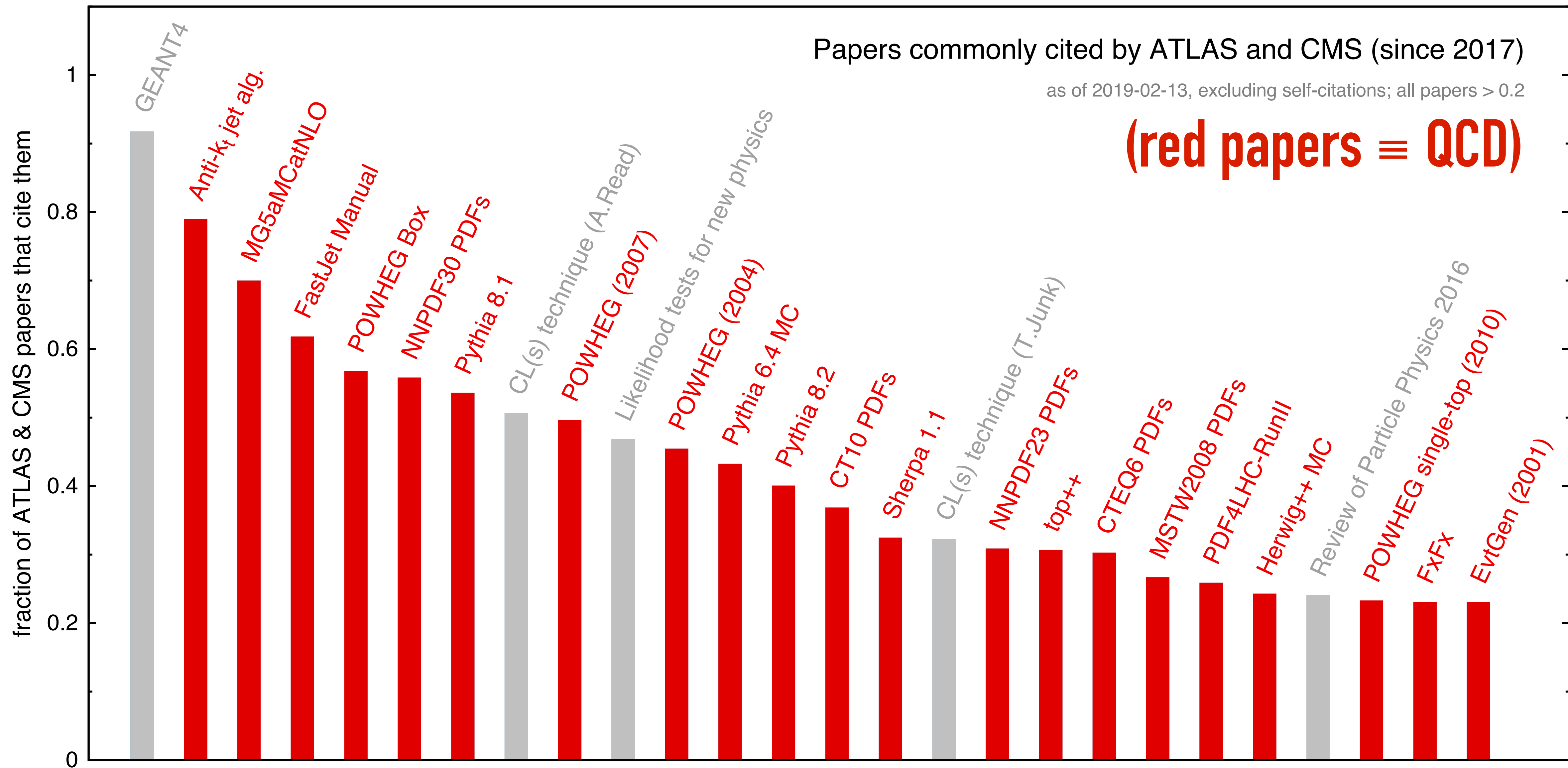
- Feed-in and feed-back between strong and weak coupling QCD
- Example: photon content of the proton (photon PDF)
 - Important ingredient to EW corrections of collider processes
 - Required for precision predictions at highest energies
 - Previously ad-hoc models with large uncertainty
 - LUXqed
 - relate to elastic and inelastic form factors
 - Exploit low-energy data
 - Combine with perturbative QCD evolution
- Different motivation to address similar questions



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to maximally exploit HL-LHC

QCD theory is workhorse of LHC experiments



Need for precision @ HL-LHC

- illustrated in the case of Higgs physics
- theory uncertainty (PDF + strong coupling + missing higher orders) dominates in 7/9 channels
- this is **with the assumption of reduction by x2 in today's theory uncertainties**
- depending on channel, it can be the uncertainties for the signal or the background that dominates.

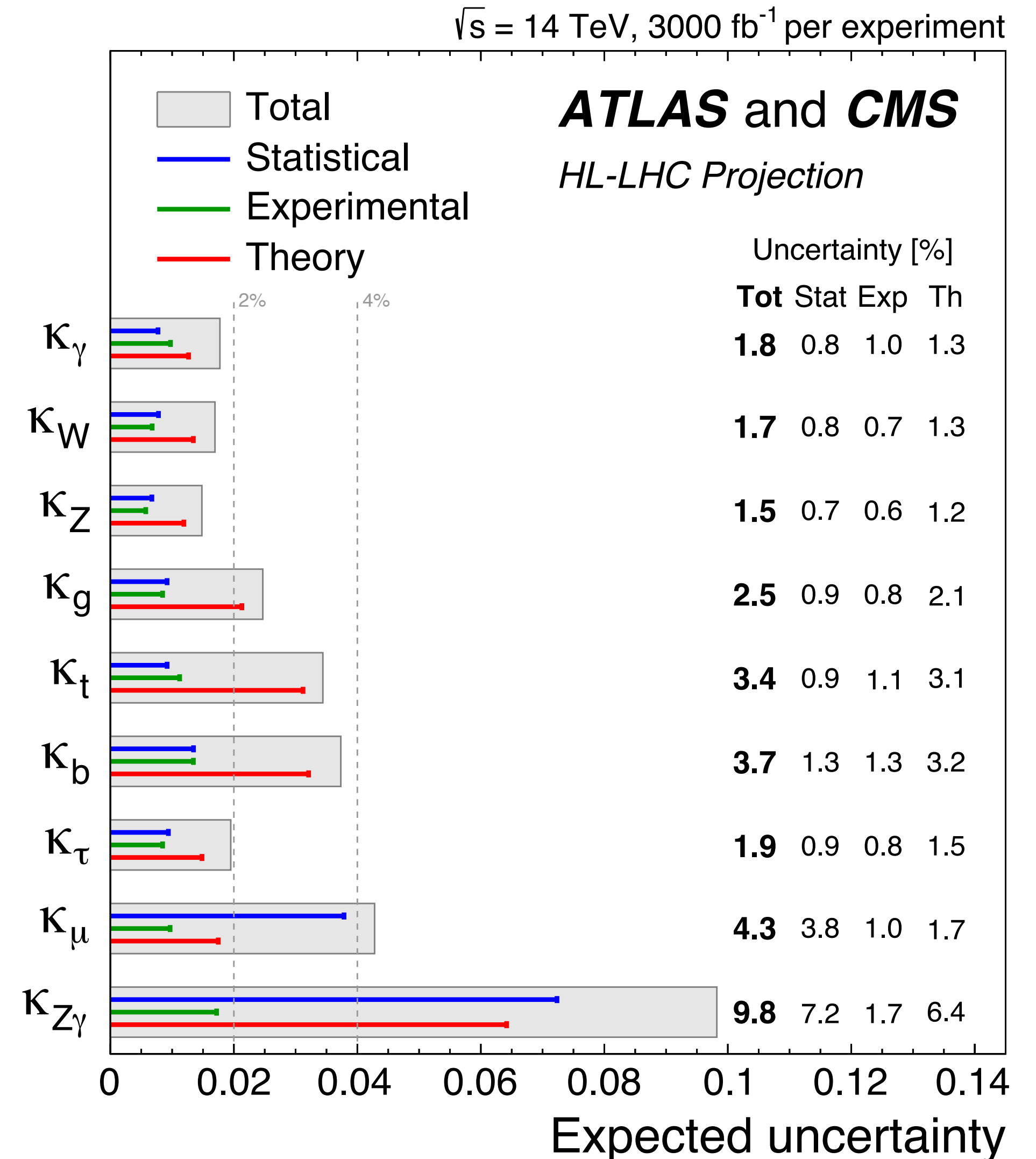


Figure 1. Projected uncertainties on κ_i , combining ATLAS and CMS: total (grey box), statistical (blue), experimental (green) and theory (red). From Ref. [2].

gluon fusion Higgs theory uncertainties

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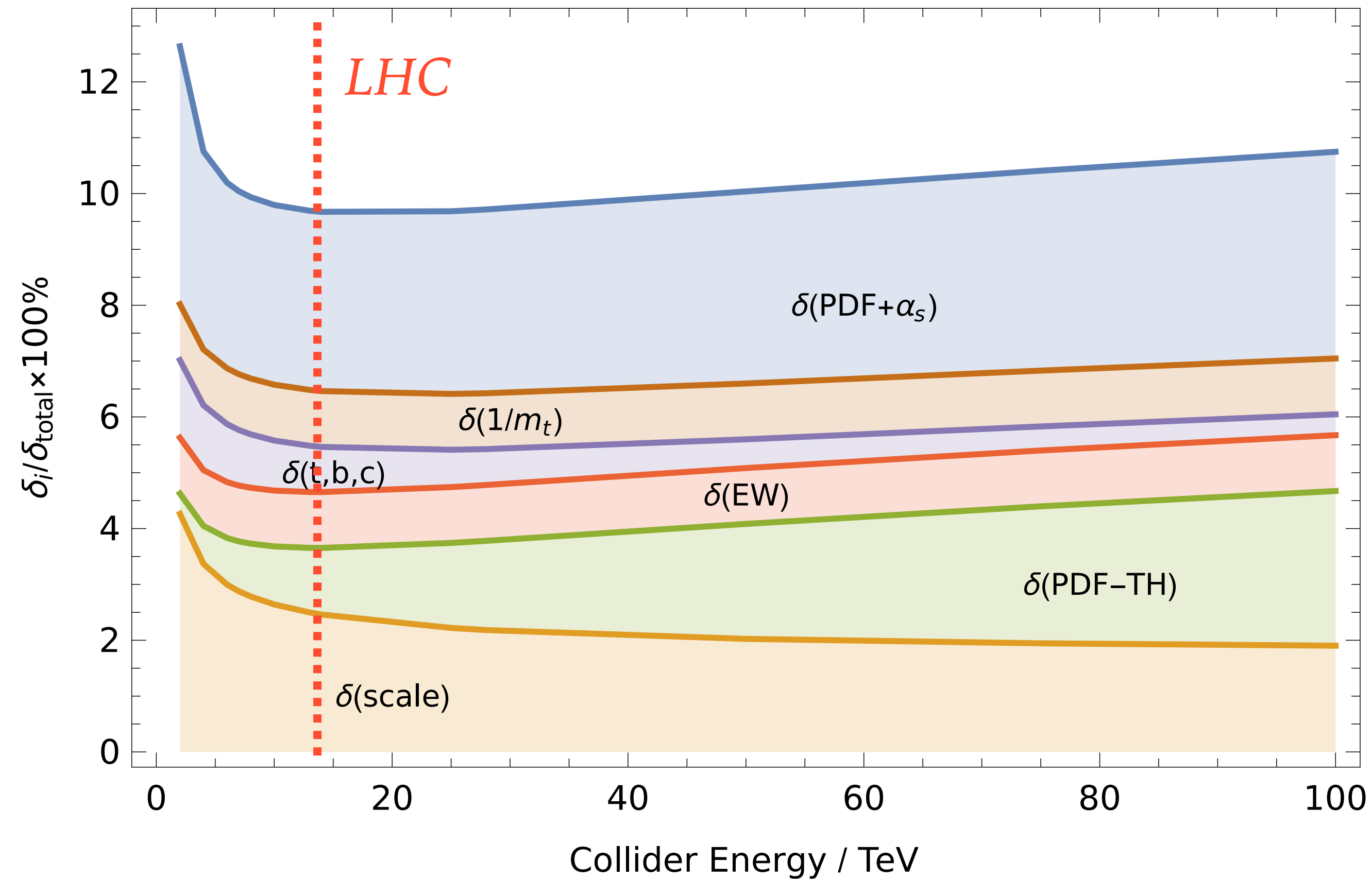


Fig. 1: The figure shows the linear sum of the different sources of relative uncertainties as a function of the collider energy. Each coloured band represents the size of one particular source of uncertainty as described in the text. The component $\delta(\text{PDF} + \alpha_s)$ corresponds to the uncertainties due to our imprecise knowledge of the strong coupling constant and of parton distribution functions combined in quadrature.

QCD theory anticipated / needed for full exploitation of HL-LHC

(1) Fixed-order / resummed calculations

- Core processes at high accuracy ($2 \rightarrow 1$ and $2 \rightarrow 2$): 1%, N3LO
- Splitting functions at N3LO (*also needed for potential ep machines*)
- Complex processes at few percent accuracy
- Accuracy at high p_T
- Technical requirements for NLO multi-particle precision
- Multi-variate analyses / observables: performance and uncertainties
- Non-perturbative effects
- Resummation (incl. SCET)
- Accurate predictions for BSM effects

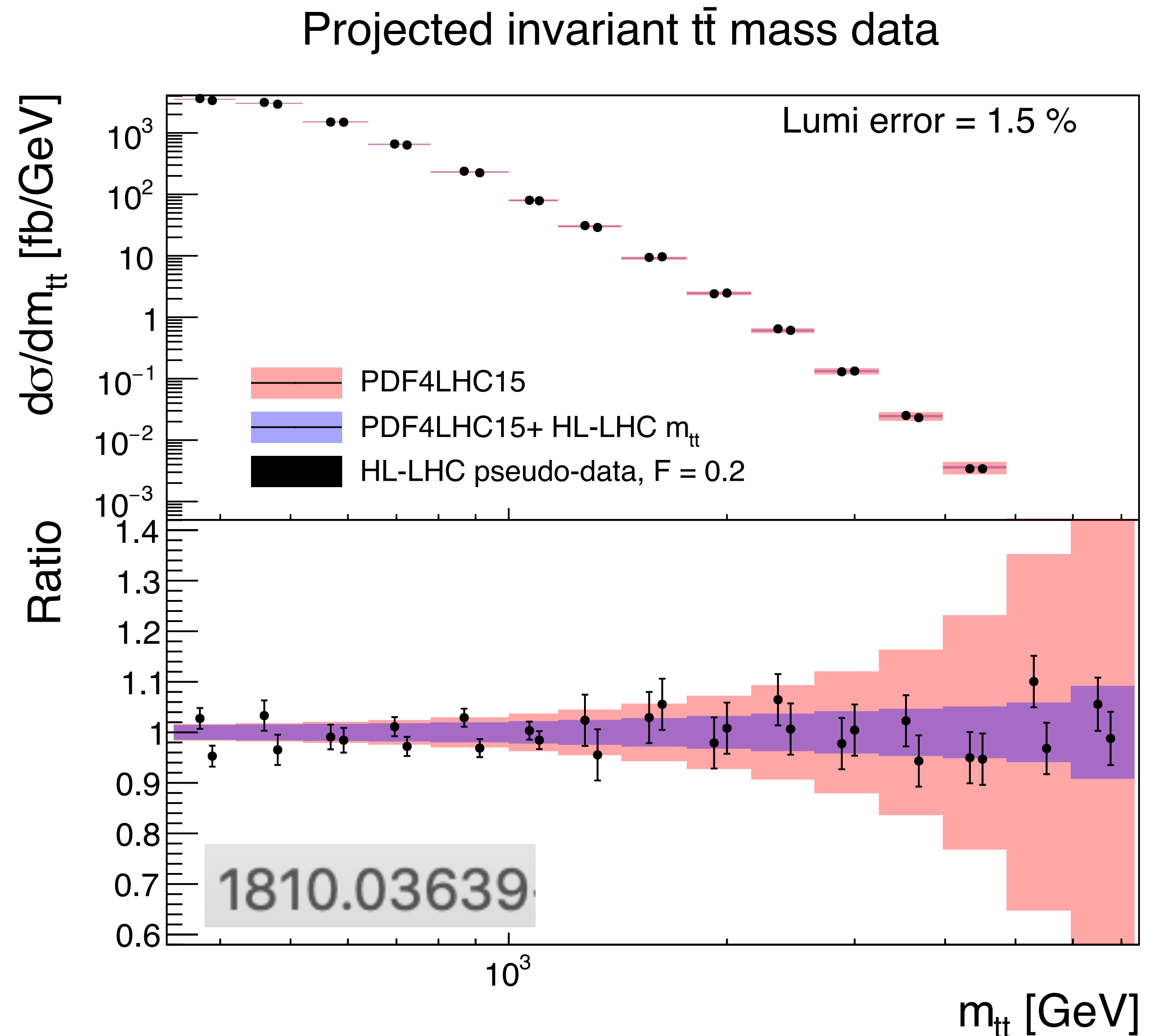
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(2) General purpose Monte Carlo event-generator tools

- Perturbative improvements for Matching and Merging (e.g. generalisation of approaches for parton shower + NNLO merging,)
- Understanding & exploiting relation between parton-shower algorithms and resummation
- Phenomenological Models (hadronisation, underlying event, **also connects with HI physics, neutrino programmes, low energy QCD, various “beyond colliders” experiments, cosmic-ray physics**)

projected improvements in PDFs & strong coupling

- plot illustrates use of pseudodata with HL-LHC stats to obtain estimates of expected PDF uncertainties at HL-LHC
- PDF extractions will need to move to N3LO once available
- strong coupling remains contentious
 - tensions between different groups' extractions (PDFs, event shapes, and to a lesser extent lattice QCD)
 - what ultimate accuracy on 10-15 year timescale?



**to maximally exploit
proposed future colliders
(ee, eh, hh)**

future e^+e^- colliders

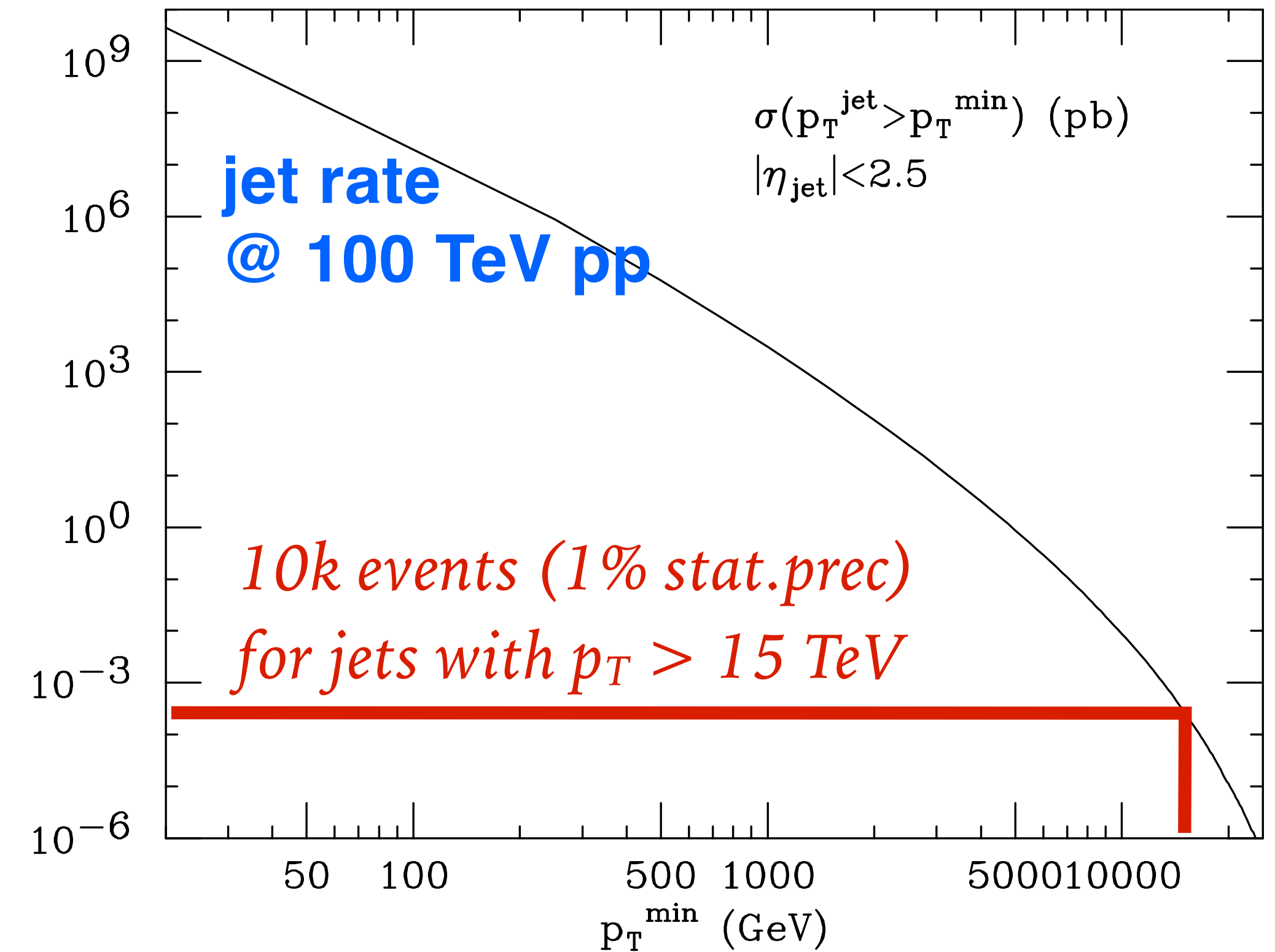
- 3-loop and partial 4-loop calculations of Zff vertex for Tera-Z for EW pseudo-observables
- precision for decays, e.g. in Higgs physics and top-quark physics
- new generations of MC programs for QED and EW effects, understanding two-photon physics

	$\delta\Gamma_Z$ [MeV]	δR_l [10^{-4}]	δR_b [10^{-5}]	$\delta \sin_{eff}^{2,l} \theta$ [10^{-6}]
Present EWPO theoretical uncertainties				
EXP-2018	2.3	250	66	160
TH-2018	0.4	60	10	45
EWPO theoretical uncertainties when FCC-ee will start				
EXP-FCC-ee	0.1	10	2 ÷ 6	6
TH-FCC-ee	0.07	7	3	7

Table 1: Comparison for selected precision observables of present experimental measurements (EXP-2018), current theory errors (TH-2018), FCC-ee precision goals at the end of the Tera-Z run (EXP-FCC-ee) and rough estimates of the theory errors assuming that electroweak 3-loop corrections and the dominant 4-loop EW-QCD corrections are available at the start of FCC-ee (TH-FCC-ee). Based on discussion in [2].

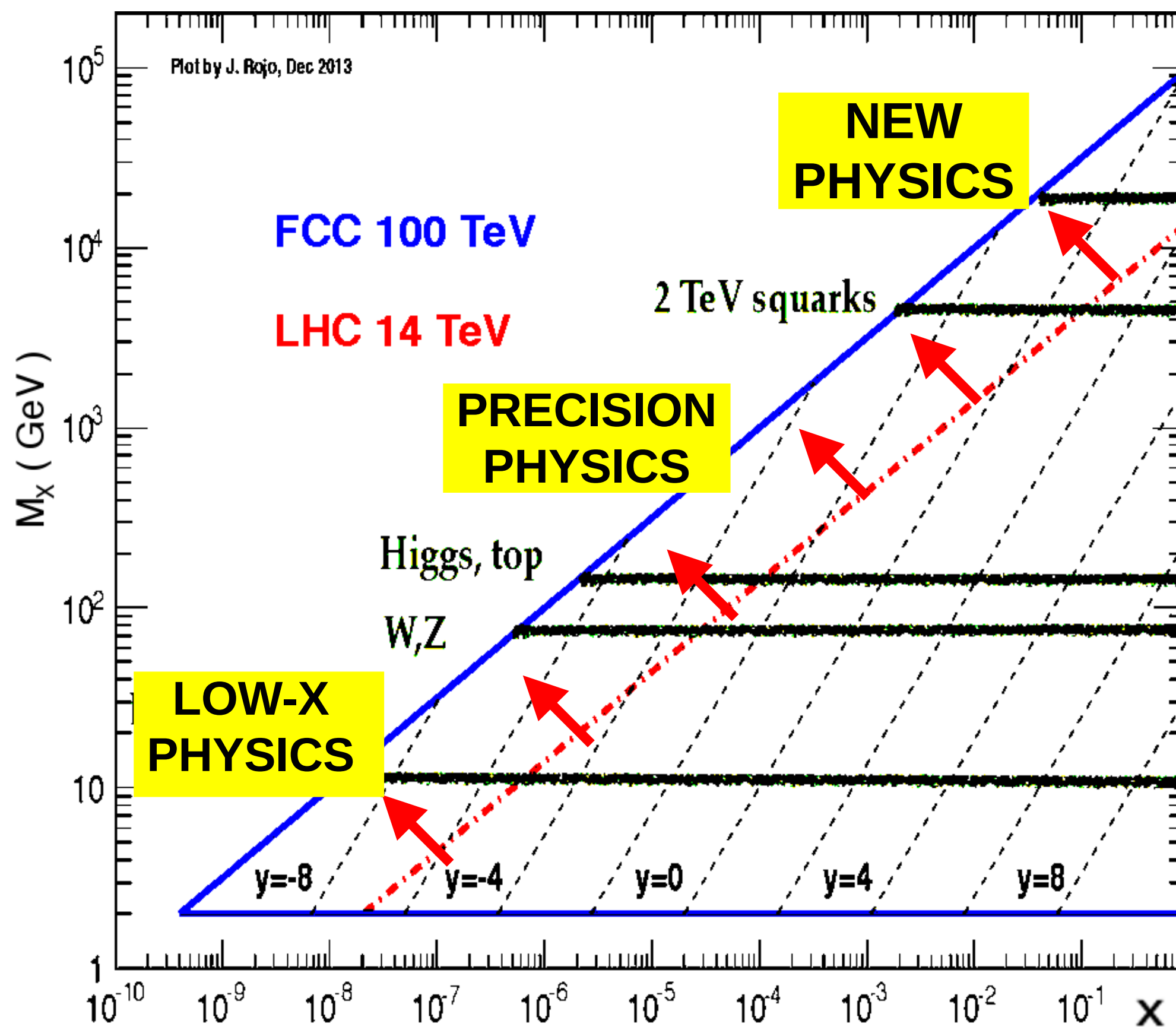
future pp colliders

- combination of higher energies and luminosities will continue to push potential for precision
- need for precision will extend to high transverse momenta → requires improved treatment of EW corrections, including mixed QCD-EW effects
- very high-multiplicity final states, possibly involving multiple scales → needs understanding of regions of validity of perturbation theory, interplay with parton showers, etc., including for EW objects

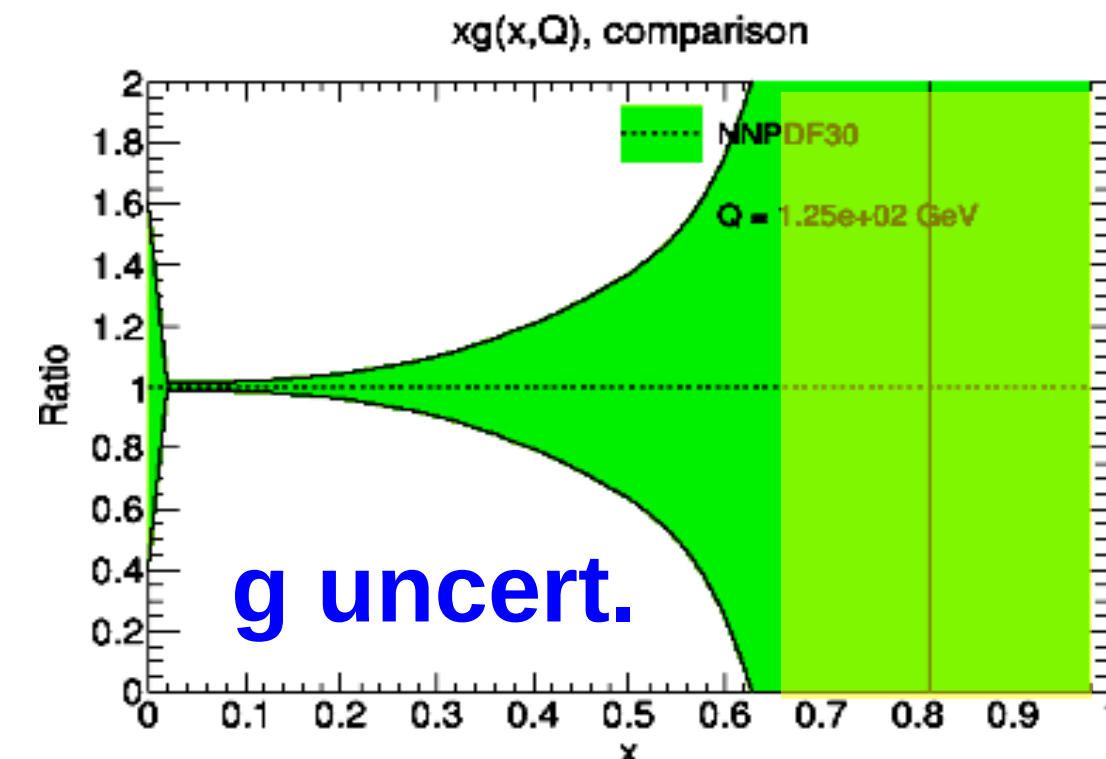


PDFs: Still work to do for FCC...

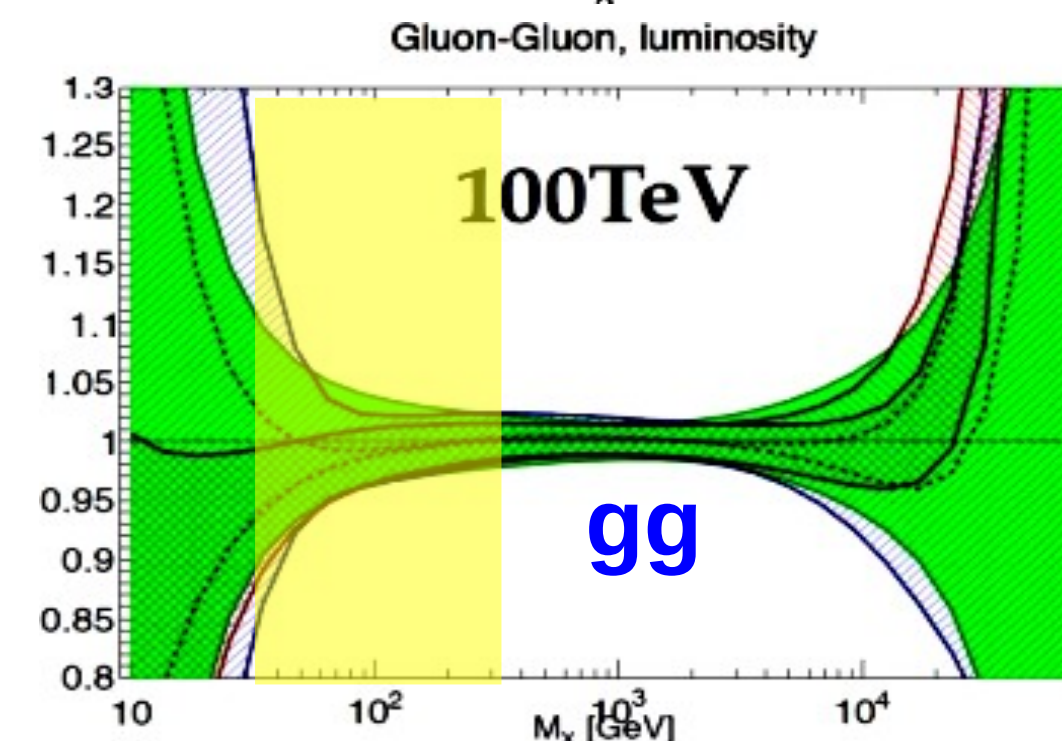
- Still large PDF uncertainties in pp at 100 TeV in key (x, Q^2) regions:



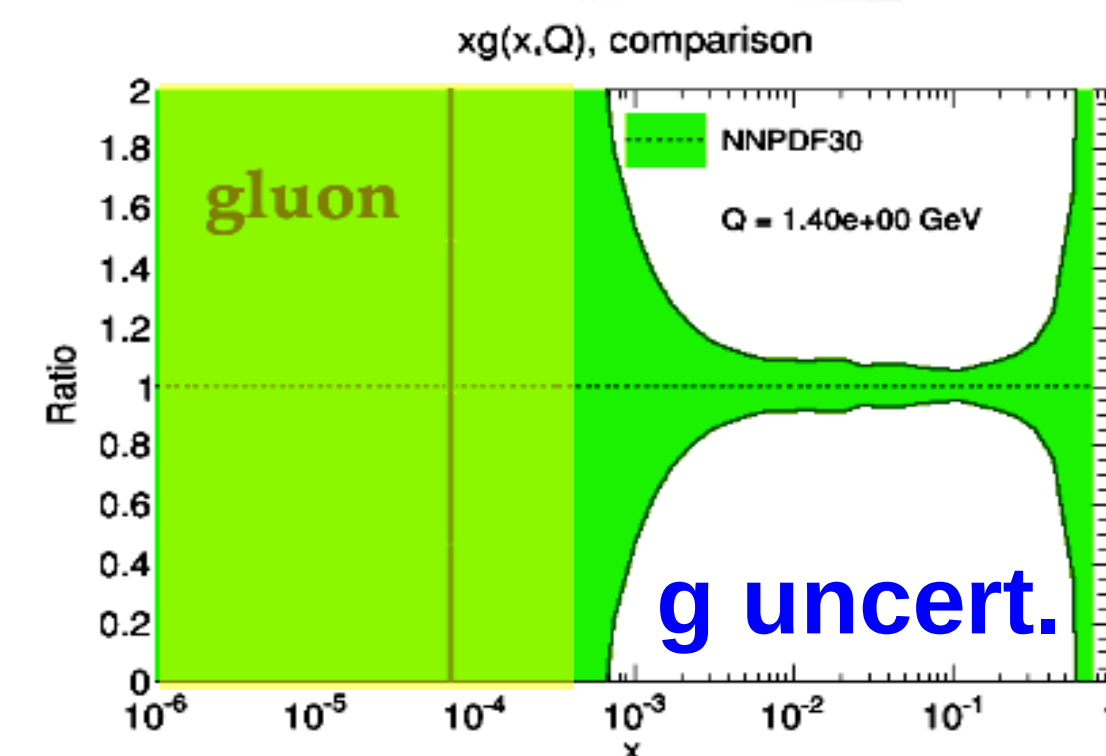
- FCC-ep required to reach $O(1\%)$ uncertainty for $\sigma(W, Z, H)$ at FCC-pp



High-x



Mid-x



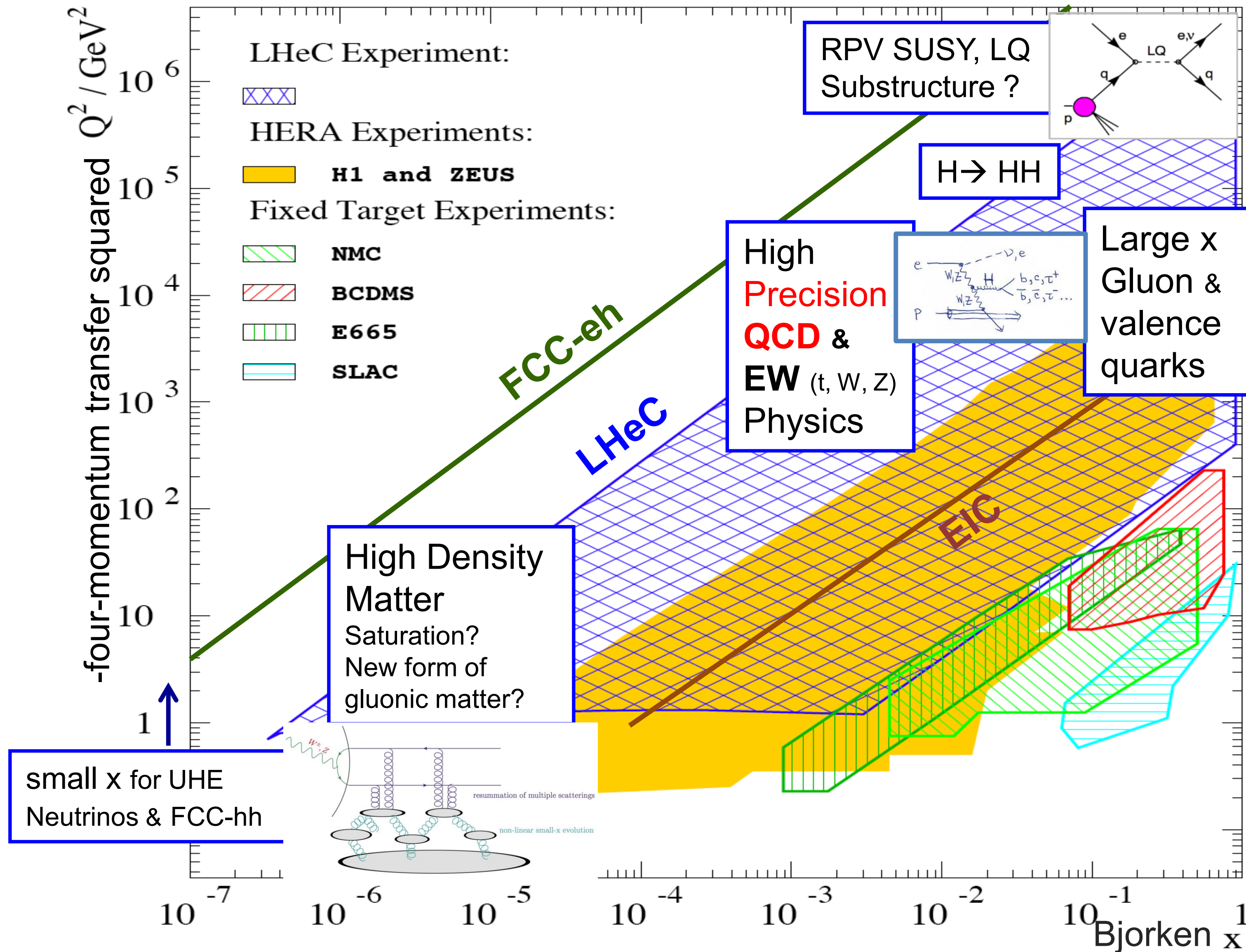
Low-x

from David d'Enterria's EPPSU talk

The ep Physics at the Energy Frontier

and unfold hadron sub-structure for LHC and FCC-hh unambiguously

from Uta Klein's EPPSU talk



New ep colliders beyond HERA c.m.s.

Extensions of both x and Q² ranges are crucial for pp experiments and HEP theory developments;

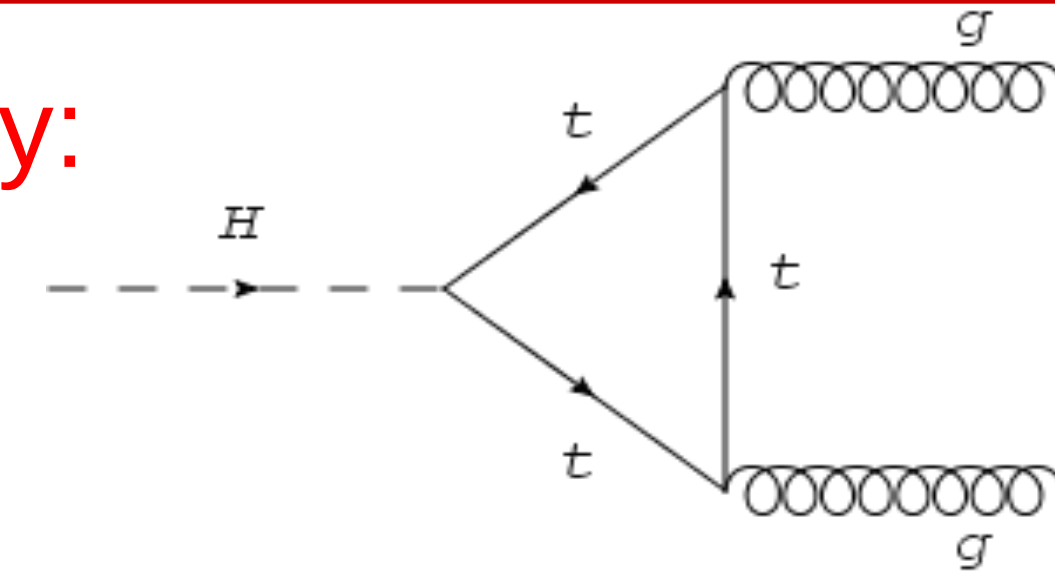
HERA established the validity of pQCD down to x > 10⁻⁴ (DGLAP) due to a very high lever arm in Q²:

→ high luminosity colliders with high c.m.s. energy of 1.3 – 3.5 TeV

small x for UHE Neutrinos & FCC-hh

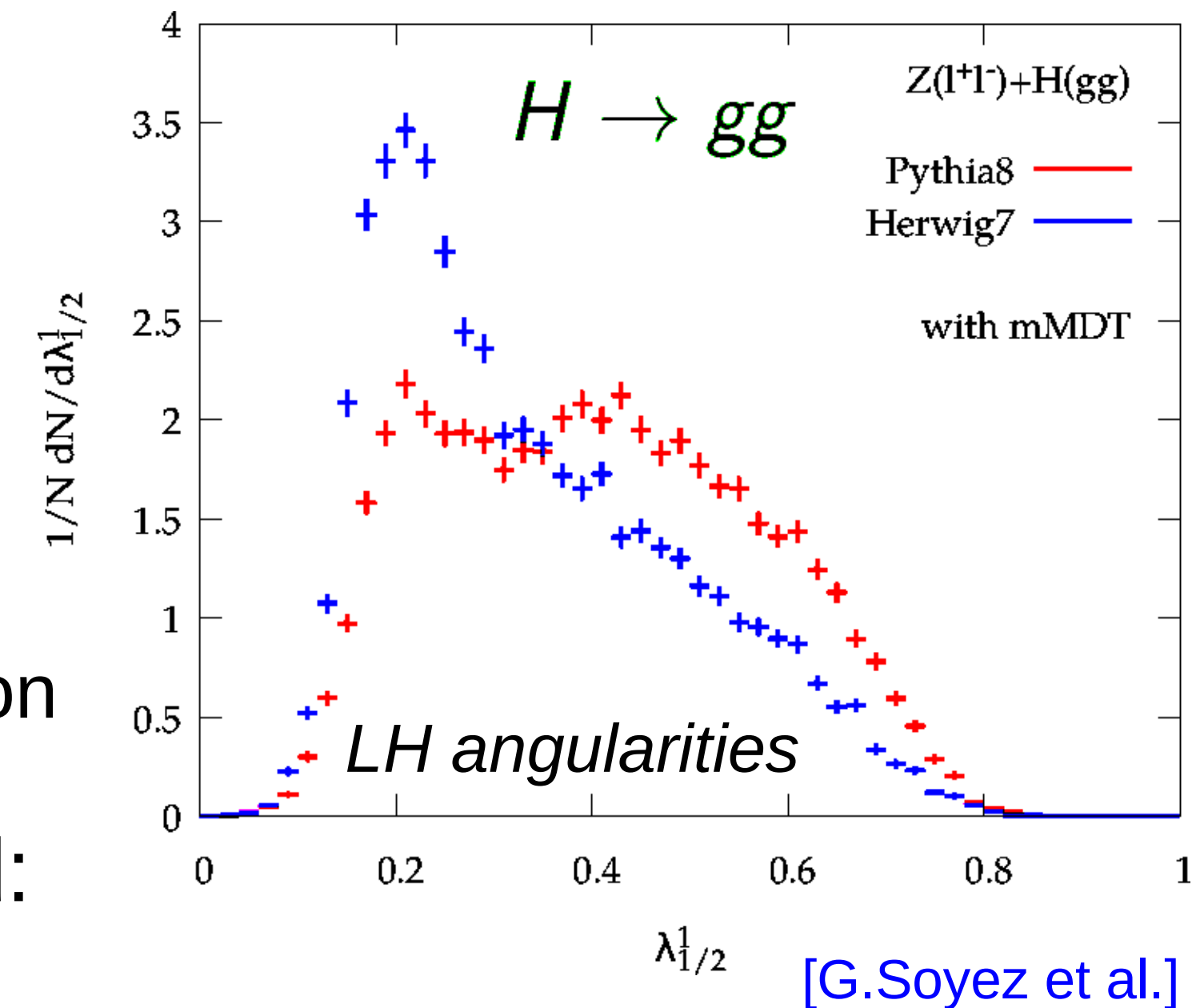
High-precision gluon & quark jet studies (FCC-ee)

- Exploit FCC-ee $H(gg)$ as a "pure gluon" factory:
 $H \rightarrow gg$ (BR~8% accurately known) provides
 $O(100.000)$ extra-clean digluon events.



- Multiple handles to study gluon radiation & g-jet properties:

- ➔ Gluon vs. quark via $H \rightarrow gg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq$
 (Profit from excellent g,b separation)
- ➔ Gluon vs. quark via $Z \rightarrow bbg$ vs. $Z \rightarrow qq(g)$
 (g in one hemisphere recoiling against 2-b-jets in the other).
- ➔ Vary E_{jet} range via ISR: $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* \rightarrow jj(\gamma)$
- ➔ Vary jet radius: small-R down to calo resolution



- Multiple high-precision analyses at hand:
 - BSM: Improve $q/g/Q$ discrimination tools
 - pQCD: Check N^nLO antenna functions. High-precision QCD coupling.
 - non-pQCD: Gluon fragmentation: Octet neutralization? (zero-charge gluon jet with rap gaps). Colour reconnection? Glueballs ? Leading η 's, baryons?

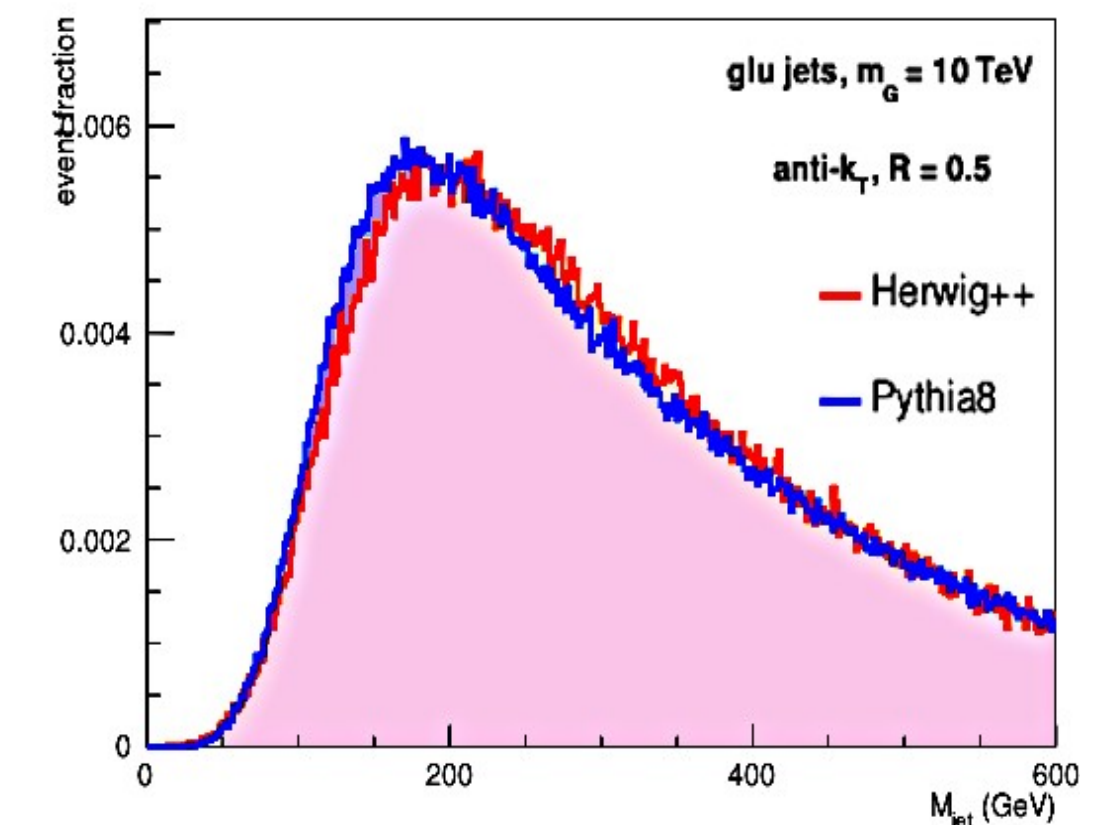
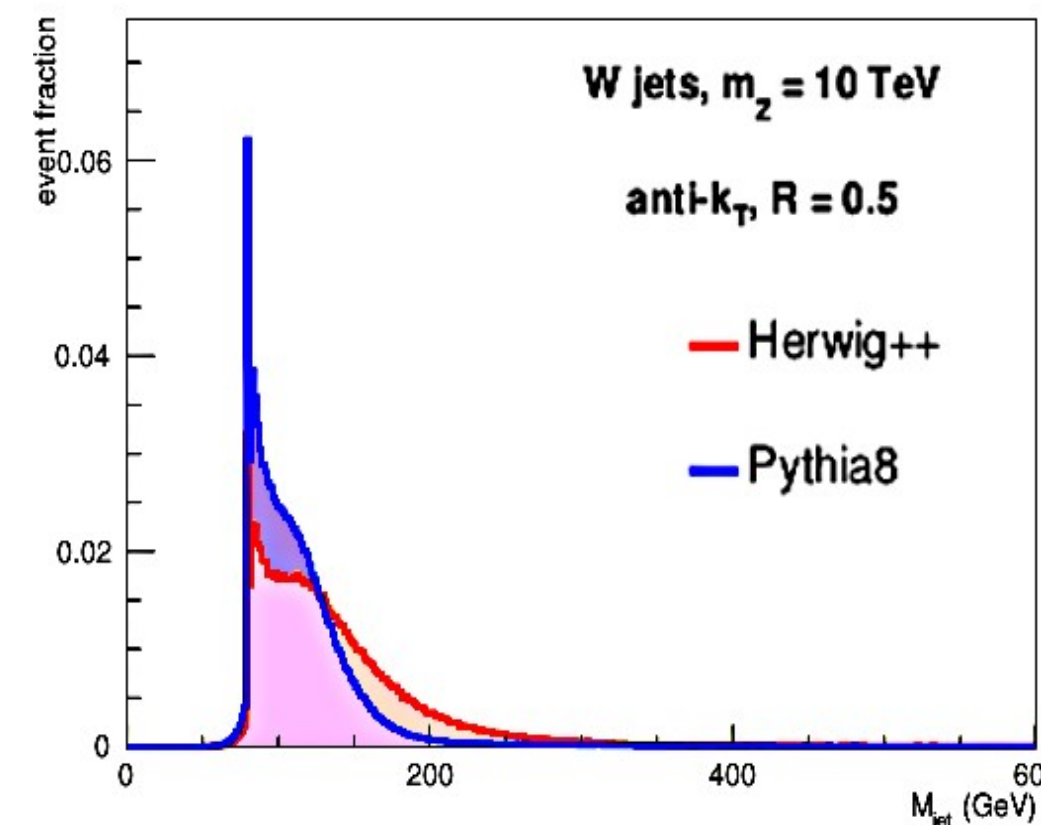
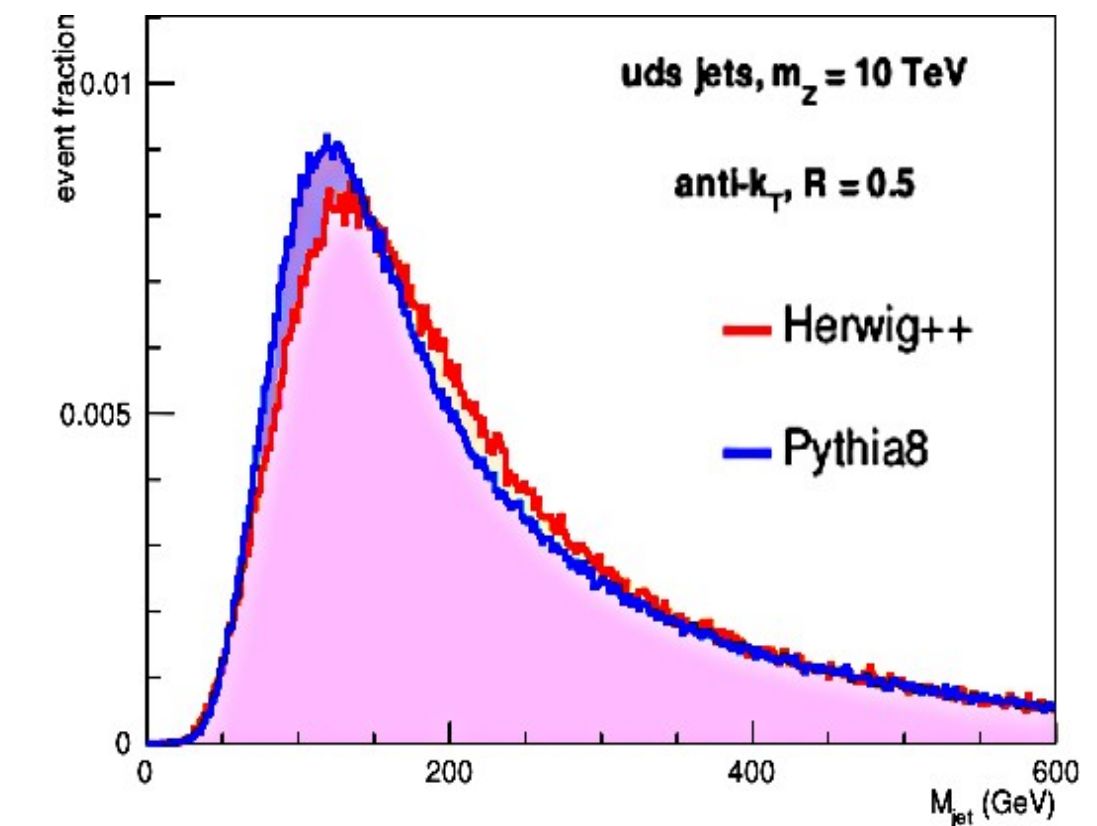
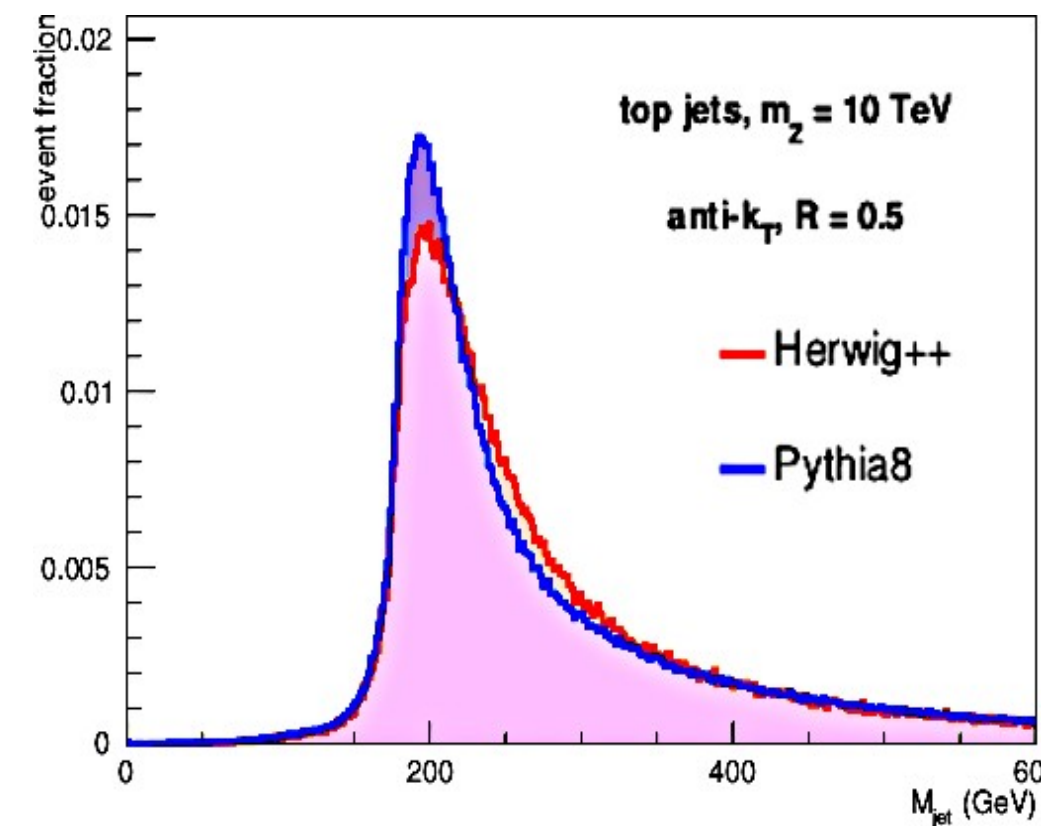
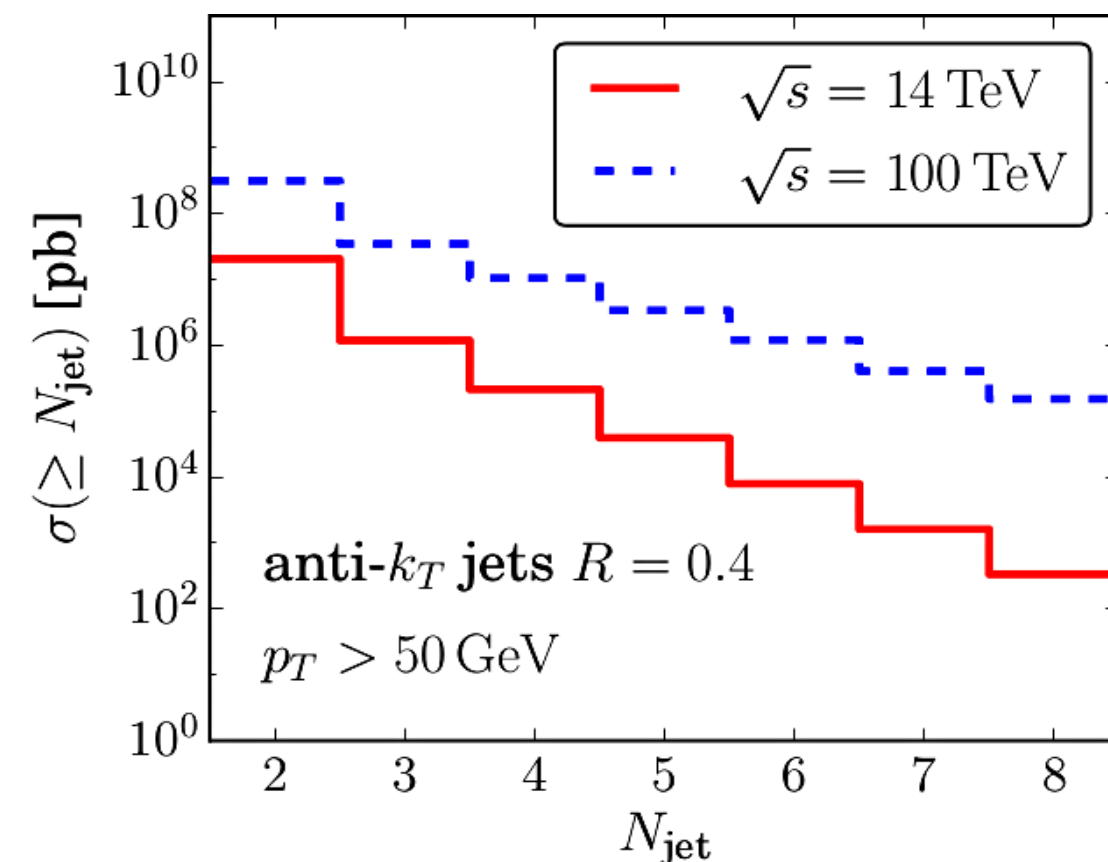
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Highly-boosted jets, multijets (FCC-pp)

- Proton-proton collisions at 100 TeV provide **unique conditions** to produce & study **highly-boosted objects**: top, W, Z, H, $R_{\text{BSM}}(\text{jj}), \dots$
Resolving **small angular dijet sep.** $\Delta R \approx 2M(\text{jj})/p_T(\text{j})$.
- Jet substructure: key to separate **dijets from QCD & (un)coloured resonance** decays, e.g.
 $R_{10\text{-TeV}} \rightarrow \text{tt}, \text{qq}, \text{gg}, \text{WW}$
- **Diff.** in MC generators for **quark vs. gluon jets (& jet radius)**.
- Also **unique multijet ($N \gg 10$)**

from David d'Enterria's EPPSU talk

BSM,
QCD
studies



[FCC-pp, arXiv:1607.01831]

resources & the next generation

incoming / early-stage researchers and subsequent career development

- early-stage researchers need recognition for a variety of types of contribution (e.g. including the technical work that simply “makes things work” but that comes neither with glory nor even necessarily papers)
- how do we ensure **recognition for early-stage researchers working within the medium-sized teams** (O(10) researchers) that are increasingly common?
- specialisation v. broad training
 - successful projects need skills that span interface with maths (incl. computer algebra), interface with computing, machine-learning, and a range of physics/pheno applications → **individuals specialise**
 - at same time we need to ensure future generation can combine specific expertise with broad physics ability within the field

issues of long-term support

- funding for projects that last longer than typical funding cycles
- support for codes:
 - state-of-the-art physics codes often developed in small groups, but subsequent long-term maintenance & user-support of successful codes often requires substantial dedicated expert time, which can be a substantial burden
 - the “glue” codes (e.g. LHAPDF, HepMC): may not be seen as physics by funding agencies, but support (people/resources) & evolution essential for long-term smooth operation of the field
 - “mechanisms need to be developed to share the effort between event generator projects and their user communities” [Id114] (& we need to ensure that conditions are attractive for those who do this well, e.g. in terms of career recognition)
- computing aspects
 - adapting codes to new architectures
 - availability of state-of-the-art hardware (e.g. hundreds of GPUs, very high-memory machines)
 - many university groups can't afford to keep up with disparate landscape of hardware. How best to share nationally and internationally?

Summary

QCD theory summary

- Advances in QCD theory are essential to exploit HL-LHC and future colliders (and already built into some projections!)
- They will involve a wide range of topics, spanning calculations of amplitudes to Monte Carlo event generations, including phenomenological work to connect with data
- Theory advances can bring light also on many topics of intrinsic interest in QCD, including proton structure, exotic hadrons, connections with “theorists’s theories” like N=4 SUSY
- Continued support of QCD theory is essential for success of European collider programme, and community needs to keep in mind
 - recognition of contributions of early-stage researchers as teams grow larger
 - funding structure for increasingly long-term theory projects
 - positions and career development for individuals who provide essential “support” roles (maintenance of widely used tools, interfacing with & support for users, ...)
 - computing (access to hardware and expertise)

backup

gluon fusion Higgs theory uncertainties

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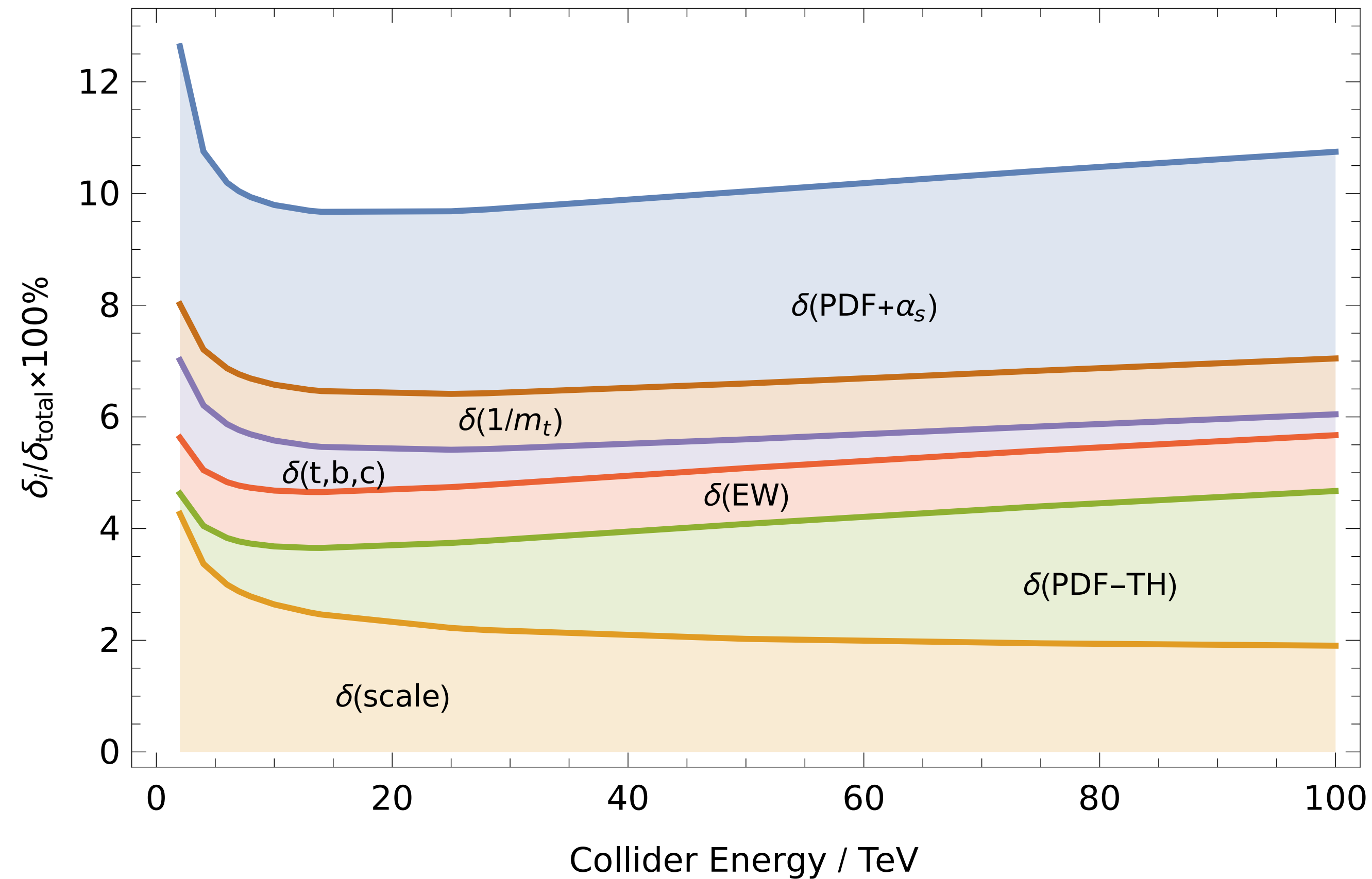


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Theoretical path for QCD physics: main inputs

Id100 Precision calculations for high-energy collider processes

Id101 Theory Requirements and Possibilities for [ee colliders]

Id114 MC event generators for HEP physics event simulation

Id163 Quantum Chromodynamics: Theory