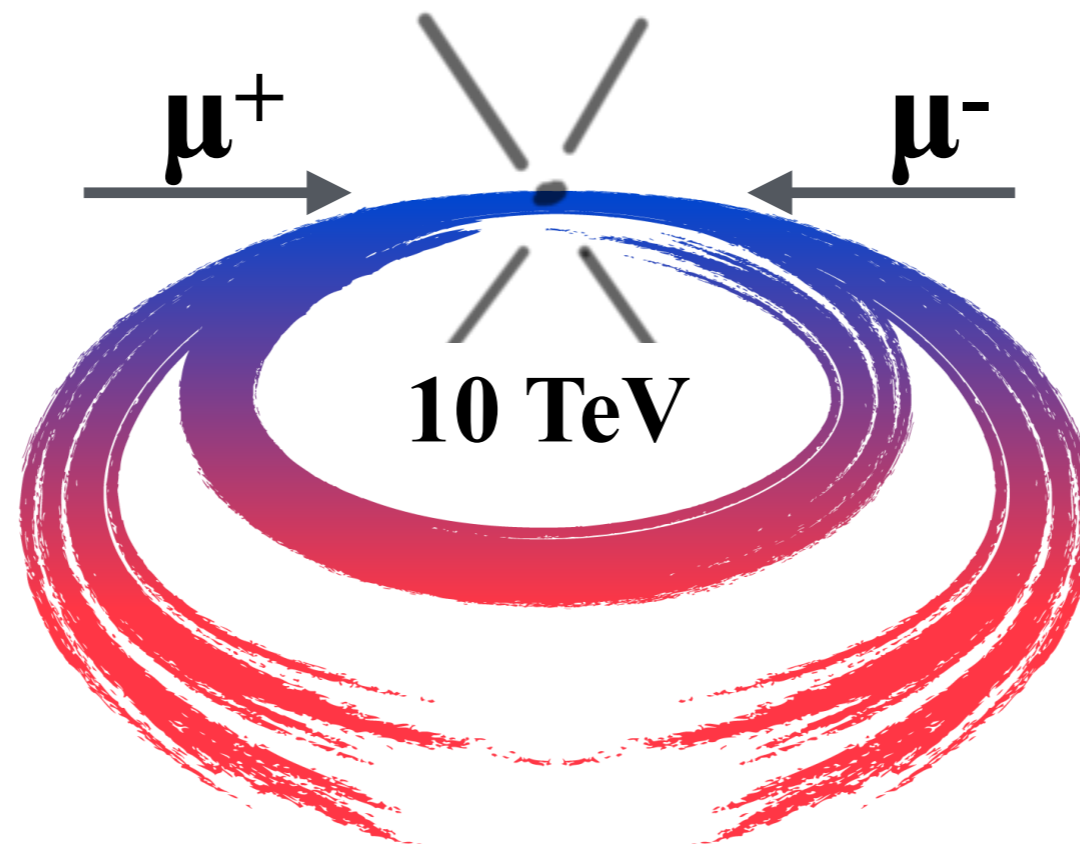


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... and the forthcoming IMCC Interim Report

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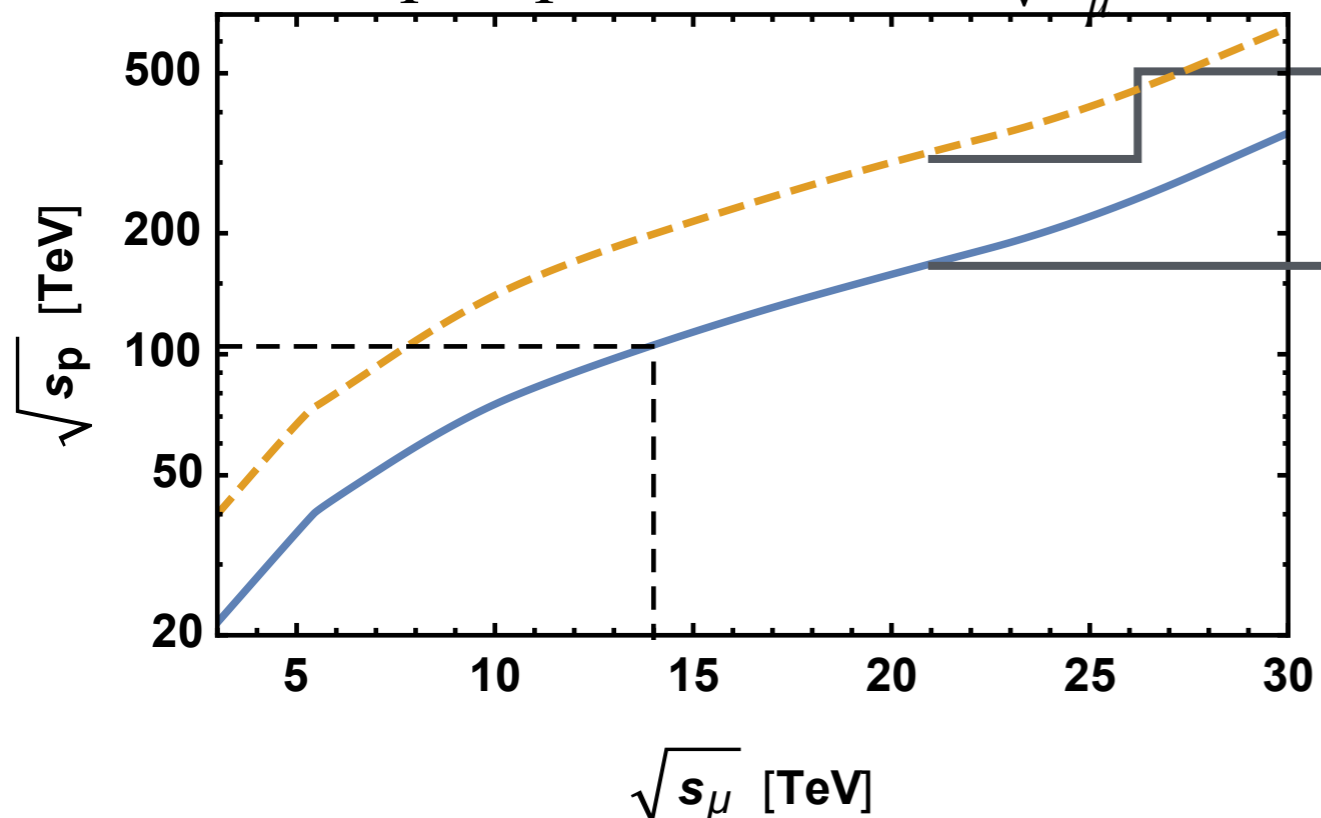
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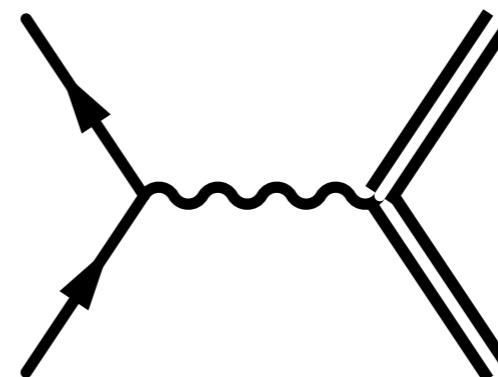
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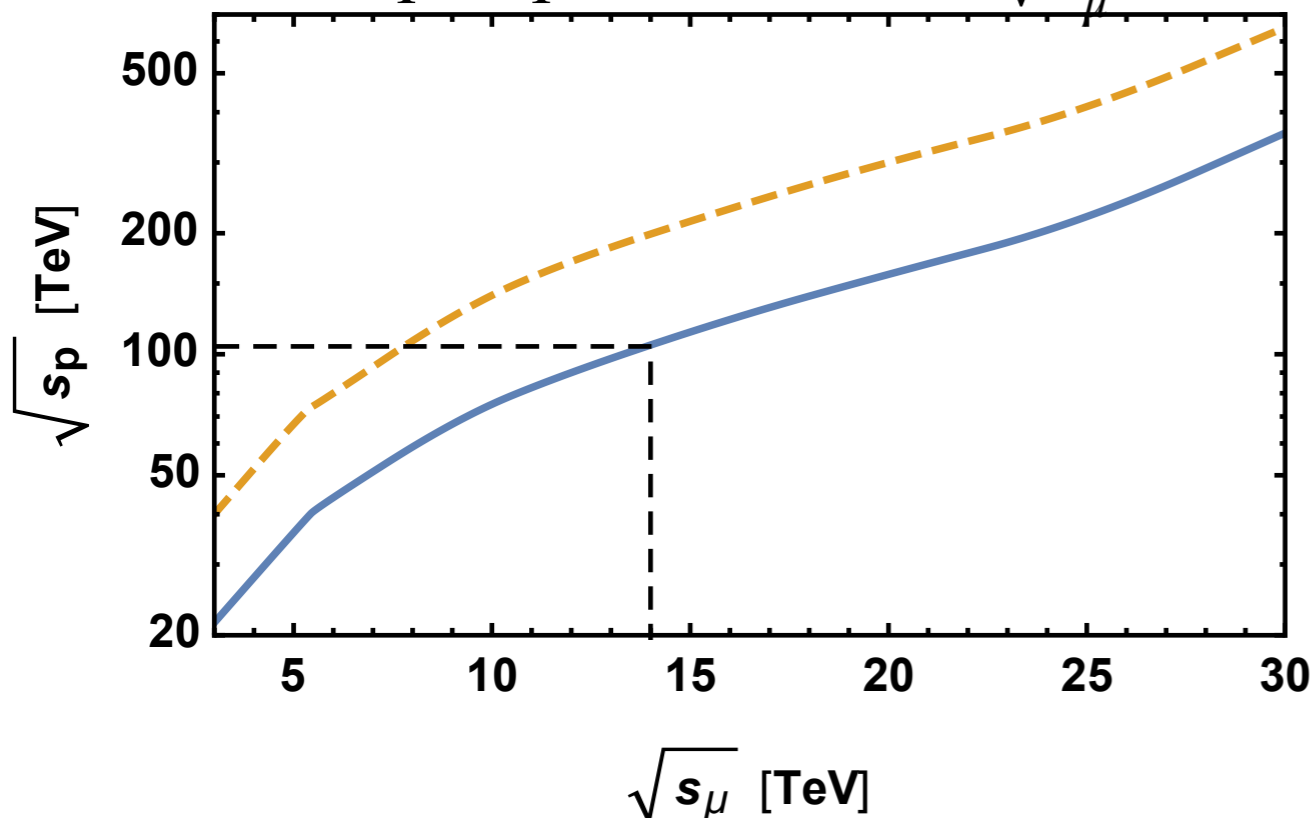
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P5 2023 Report introduced notion of Partonic Centre of Mass (PCM) Energy

**10 TeV PCM**

can be reached by **10 TeV** lepton collider  
or by a **100 TeV** pp collider  
(but with QCD background)

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**Electrons** radiate too much

[cannot accelerate them in rings above few 100 GeV]

[linear colliders limited to few TeV by size and power]

**Muons** are heavy: synchrotron radiation is not an issue



**Muon Collider**

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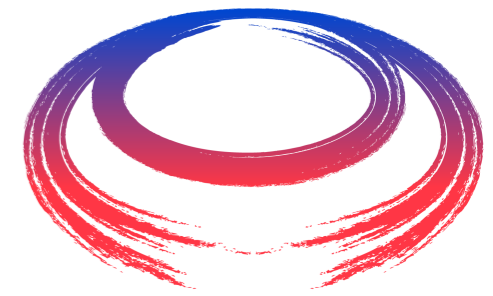
**1980**  
First ideas

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

**2020** Update of EU Strategy  
outcome: set up collaboration

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

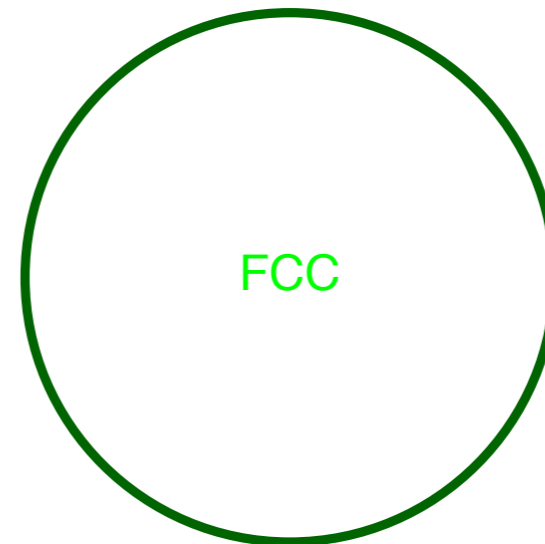
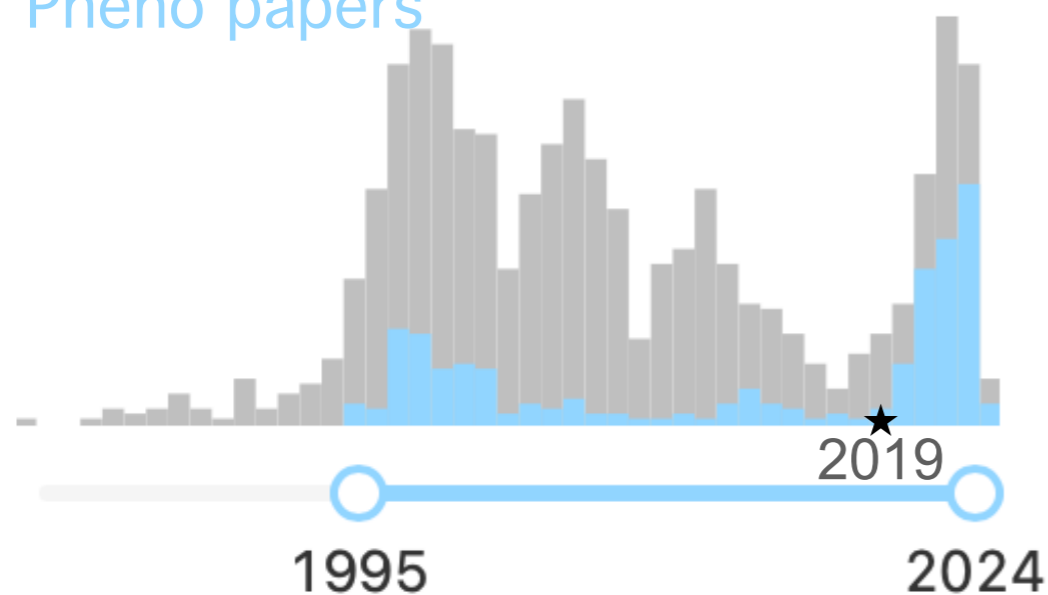
$$5 \text{ yrs run, 1 IP: } \mathcal{L}_{int} = 10 \text{ ab}^{-1} \left( \frac{E_{cm}}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2$$



International  
MUON Collider  
Collaboration

Date of paper (f t muon collider\*)

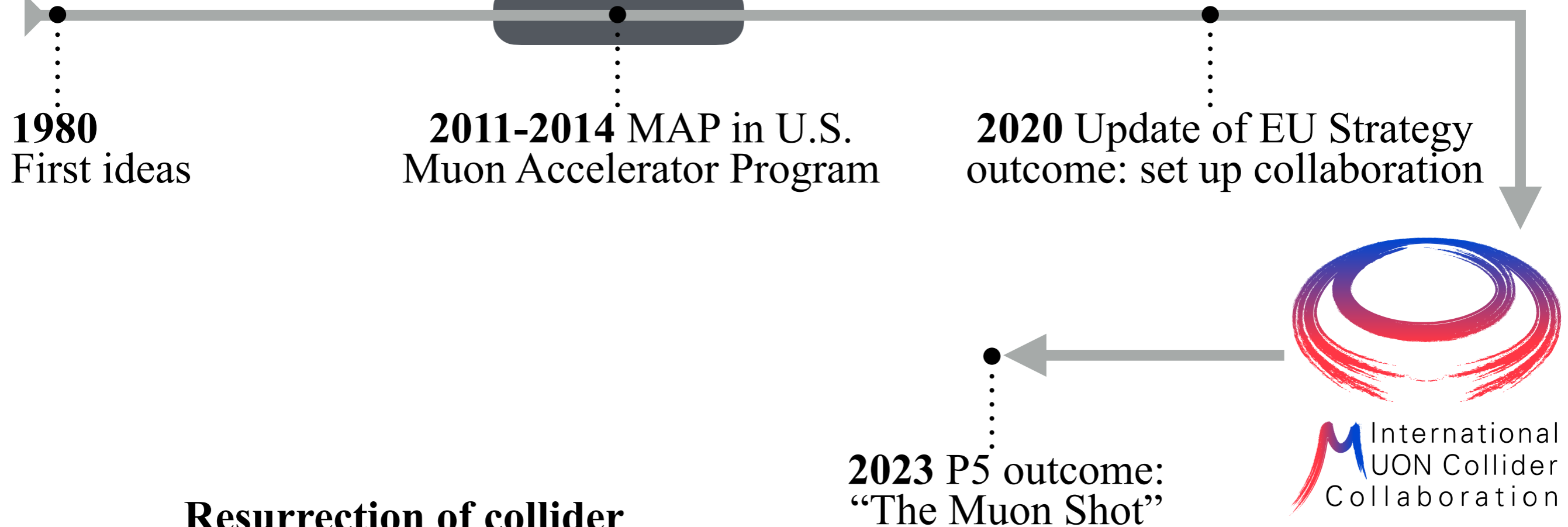
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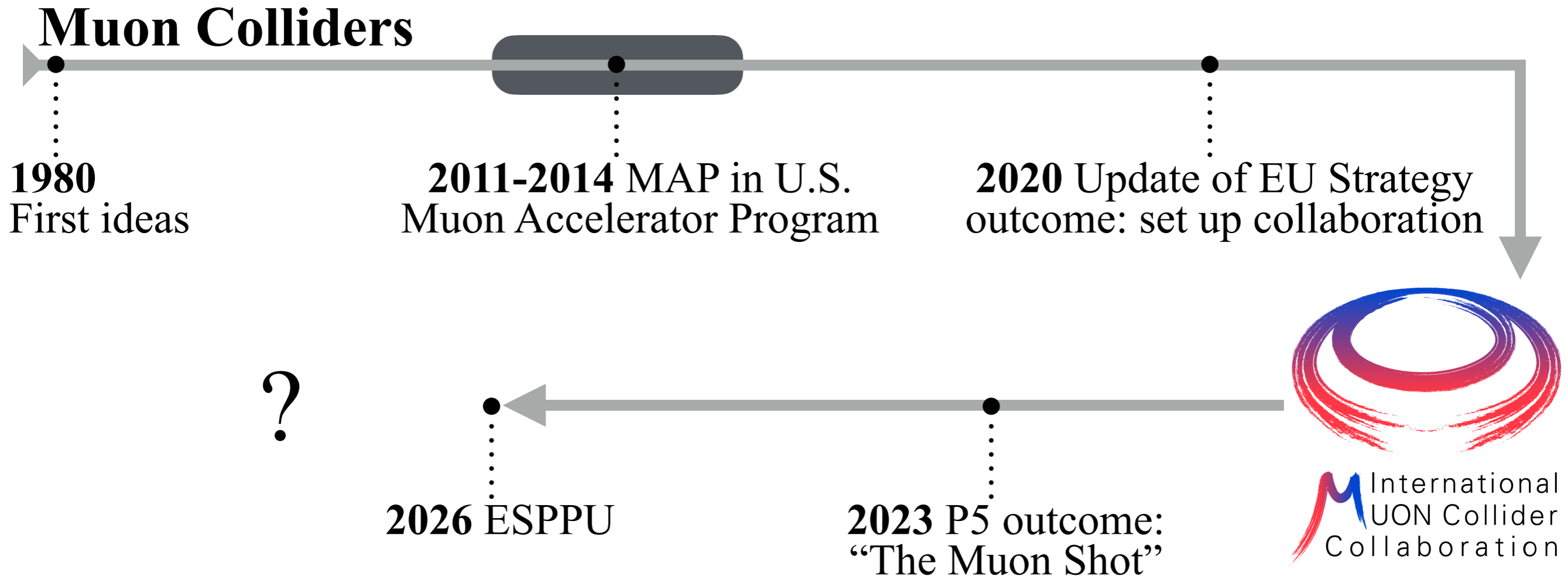
### Resurrection of collider ambitions in USA!

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

***This is our Muon Shot.***



# Muon Colliders Status



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

Assessing MuC potential (no showstopper identified)

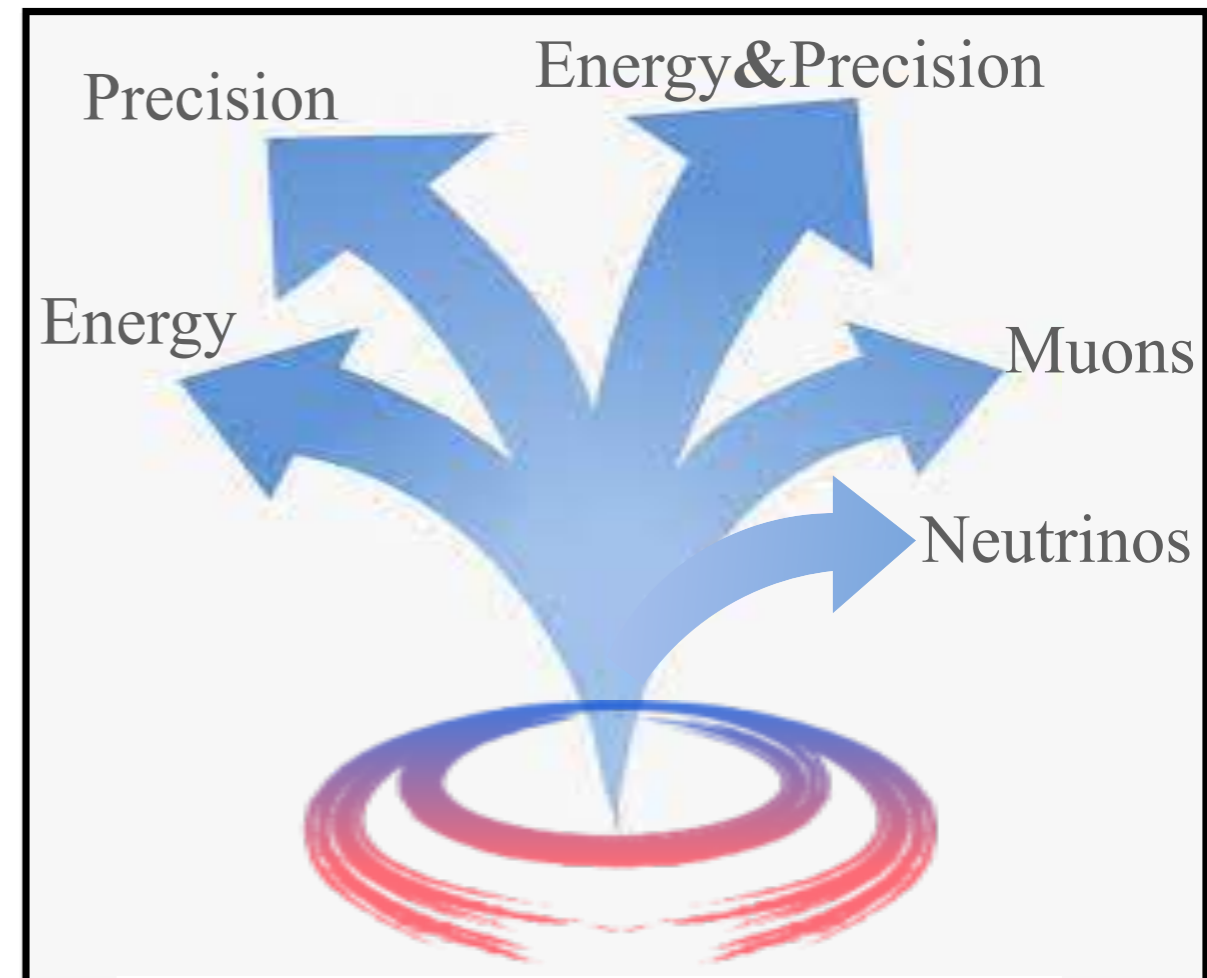
Detailing R&D path plan (including technical **demonstrator(s)**)

We are few years away from establishing MuC feasibility!

# Muon Collider Physics

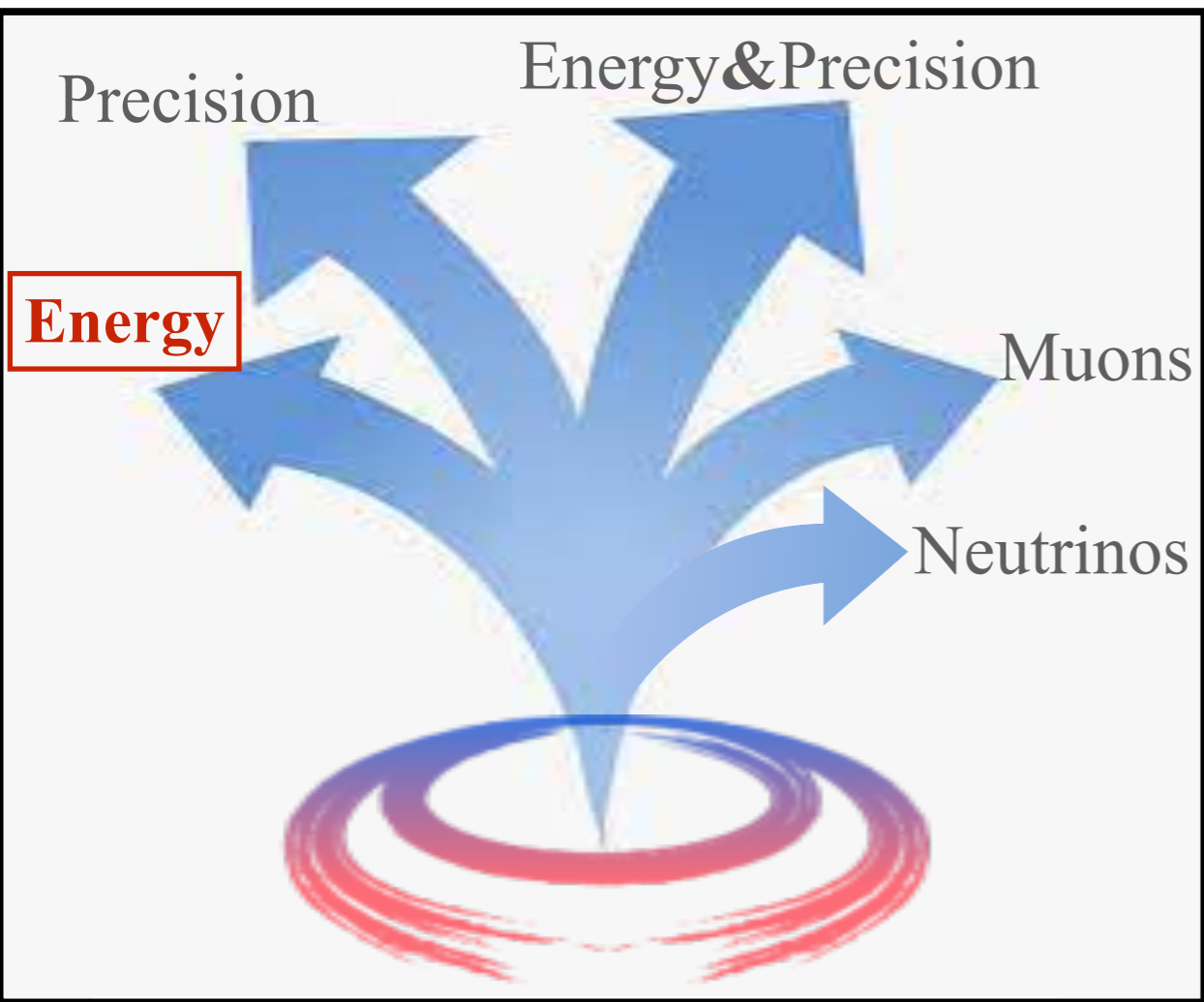
In short:

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

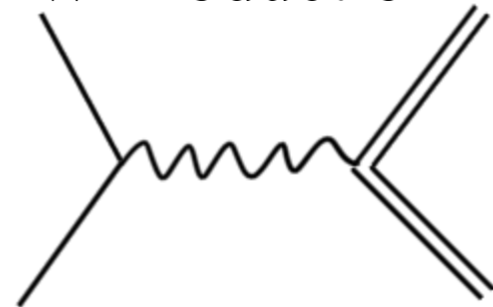


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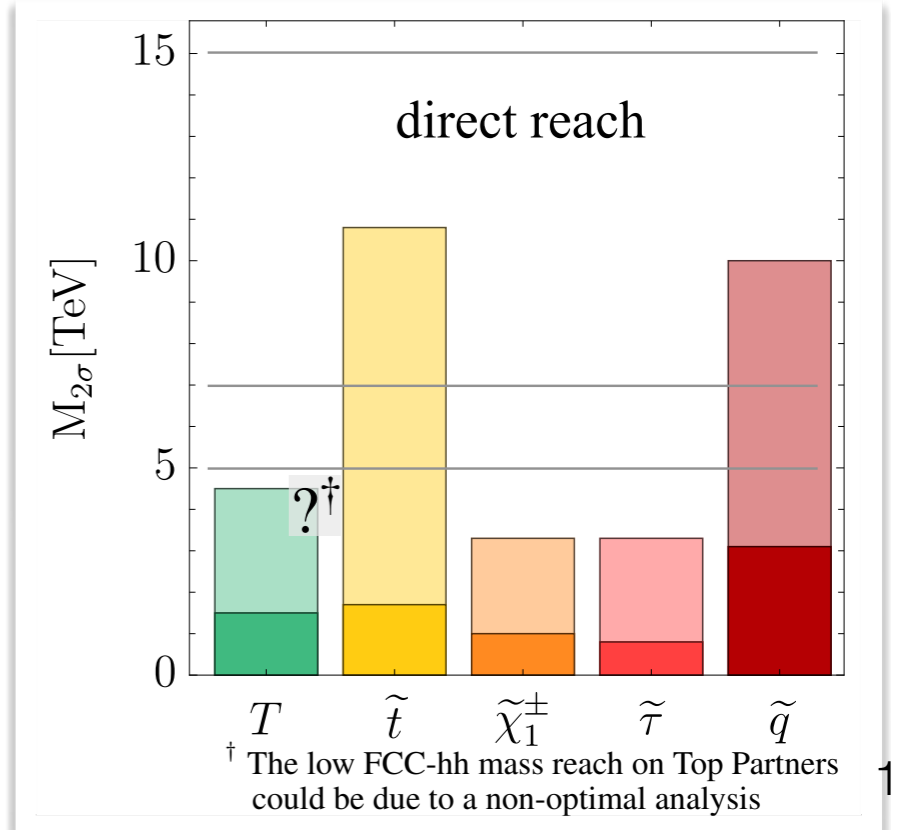
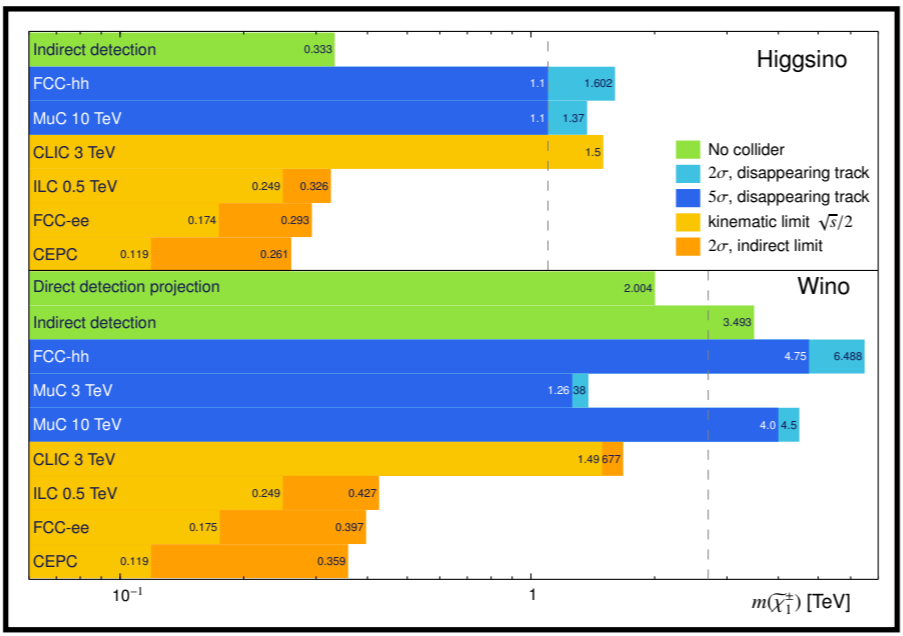
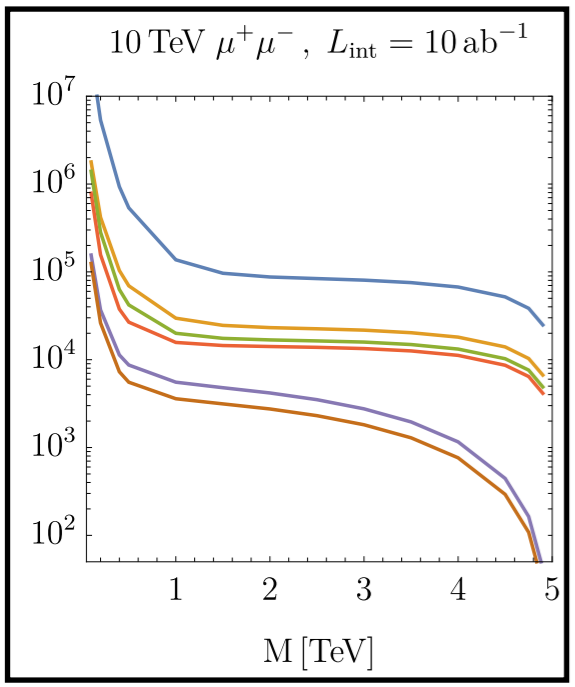
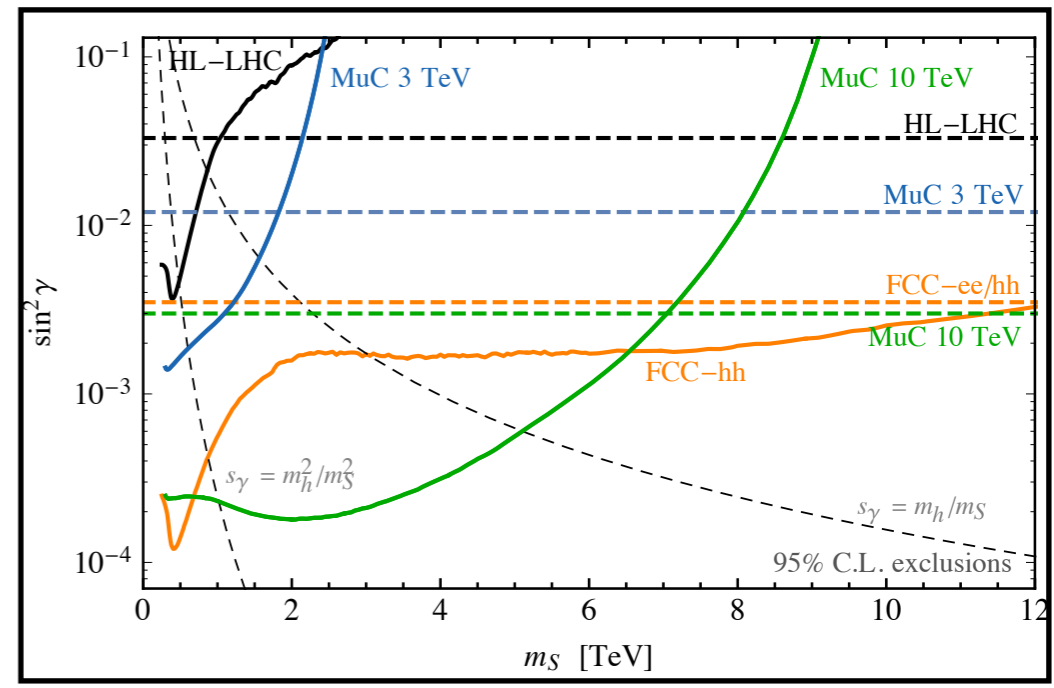
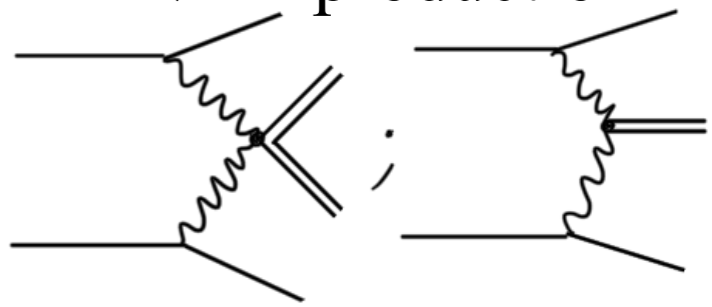
- *unique probe of EW+Higgs in novel high-energy regime.*
- The SM is a great physics case!*



EW Production



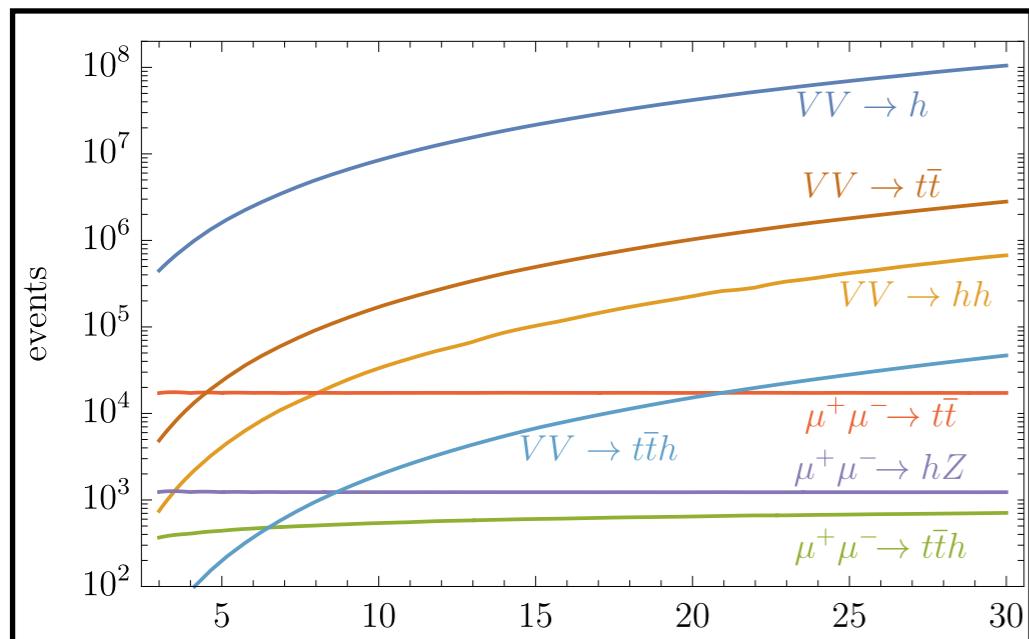
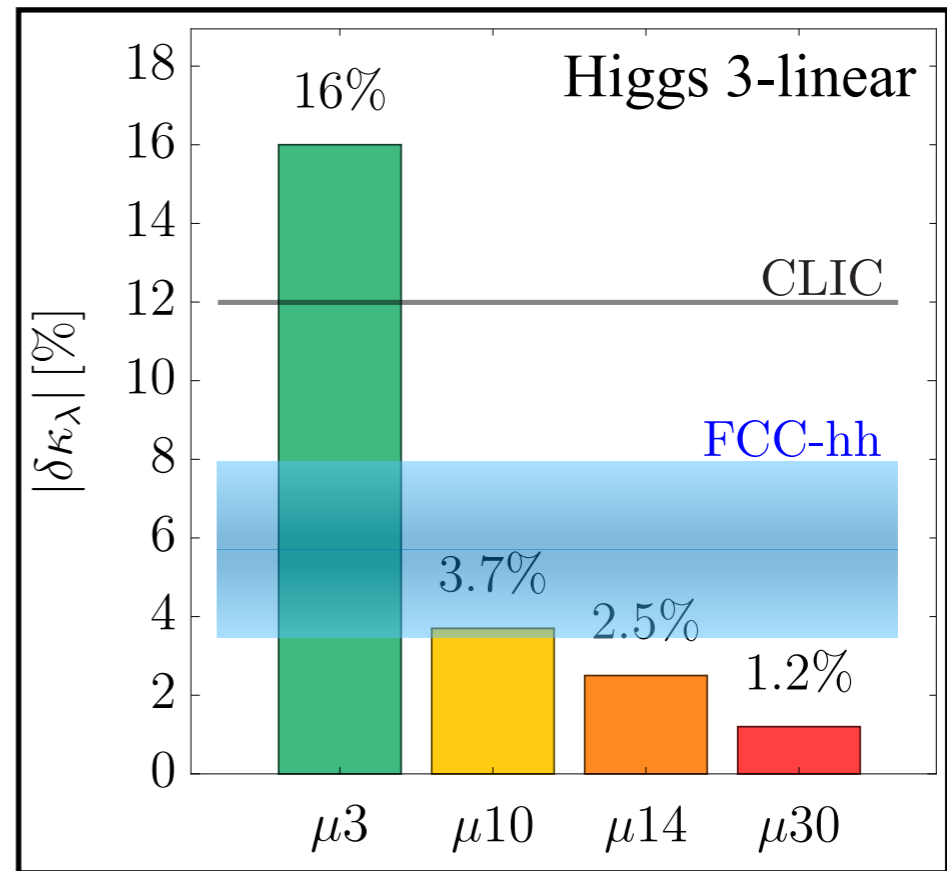
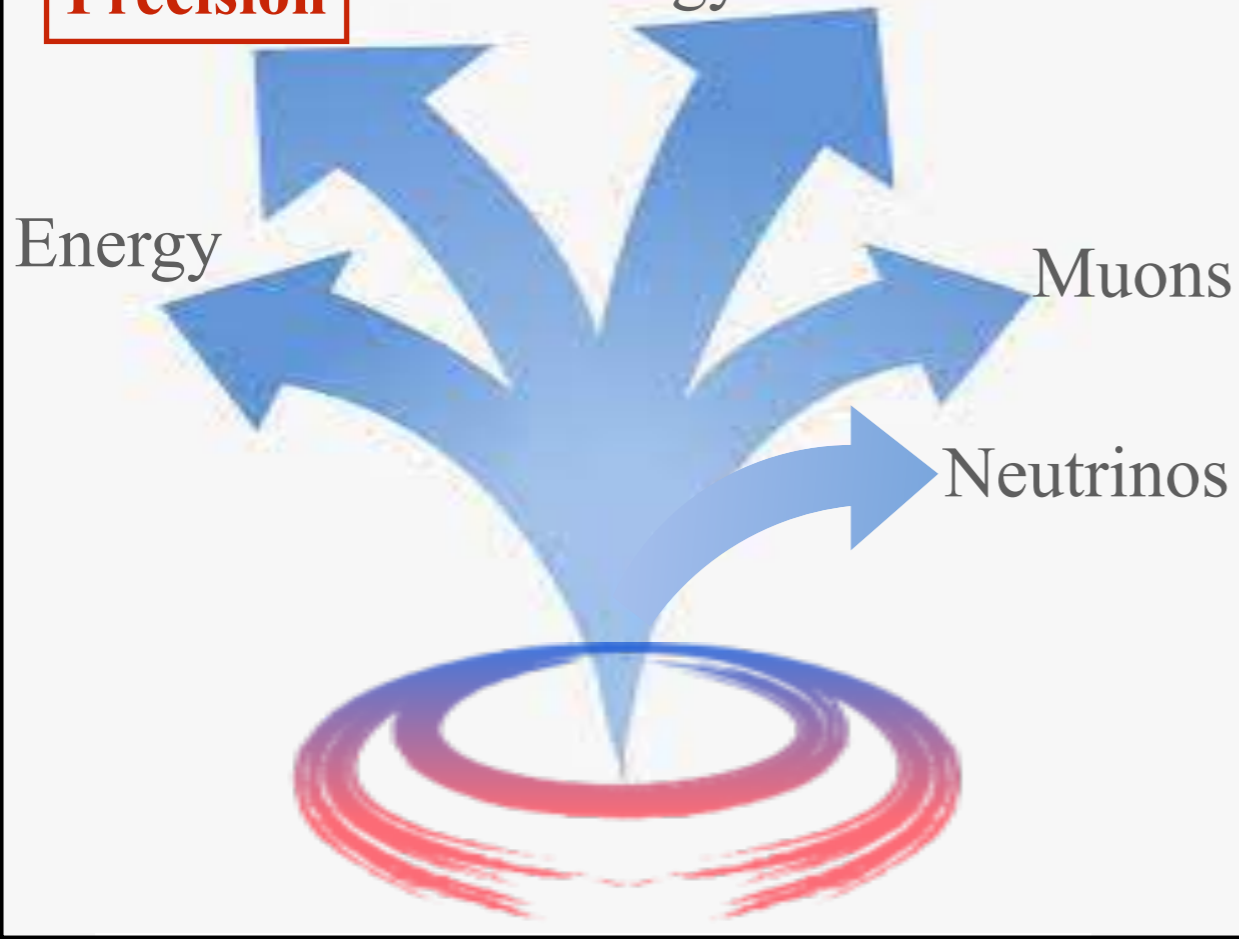
VBF production



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

**Precision**

Energy & Precision

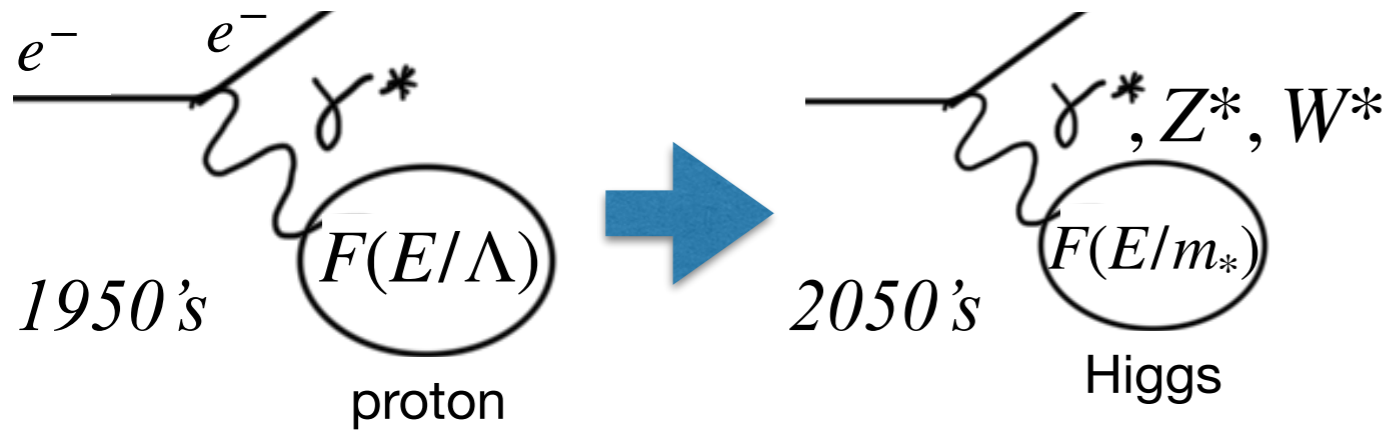
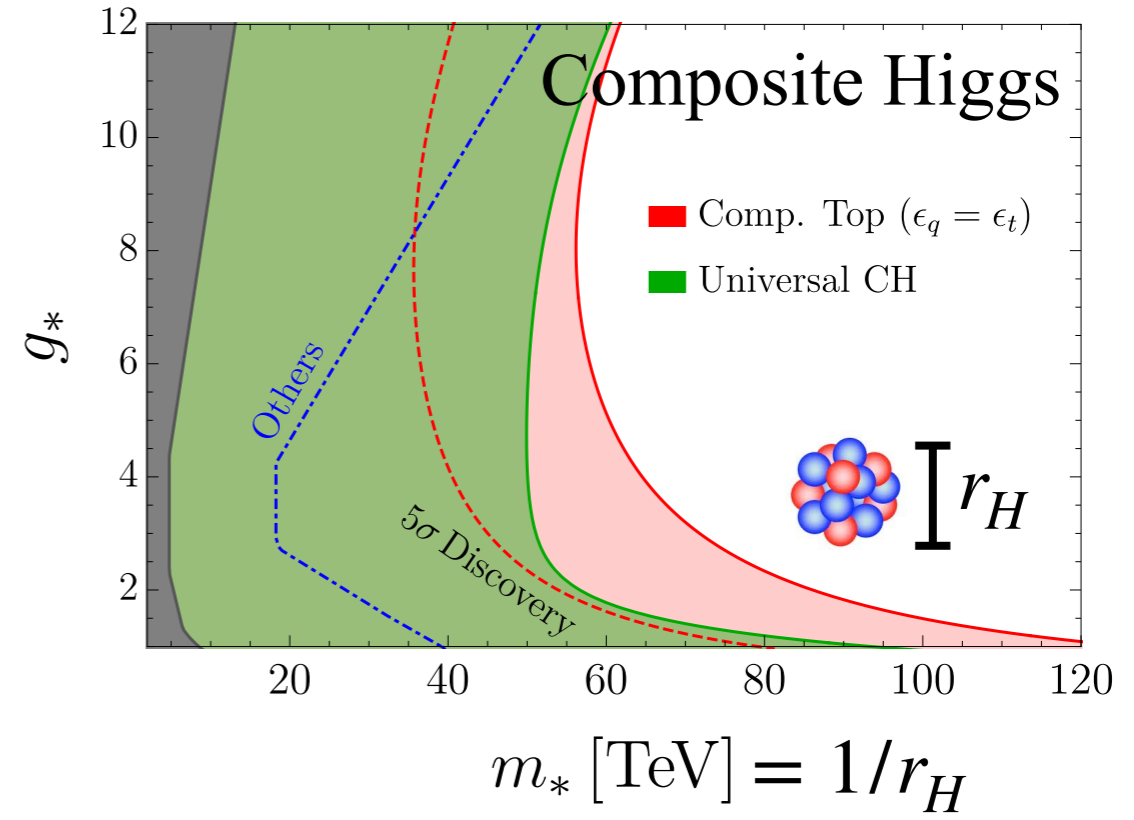
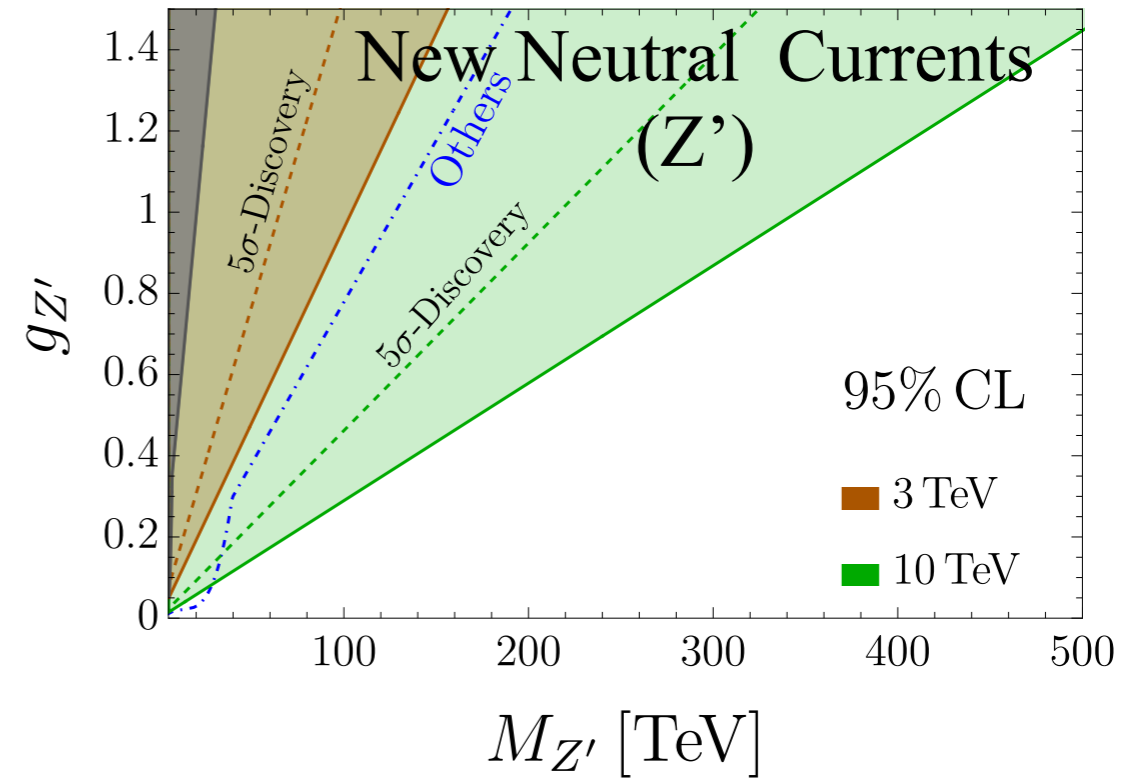
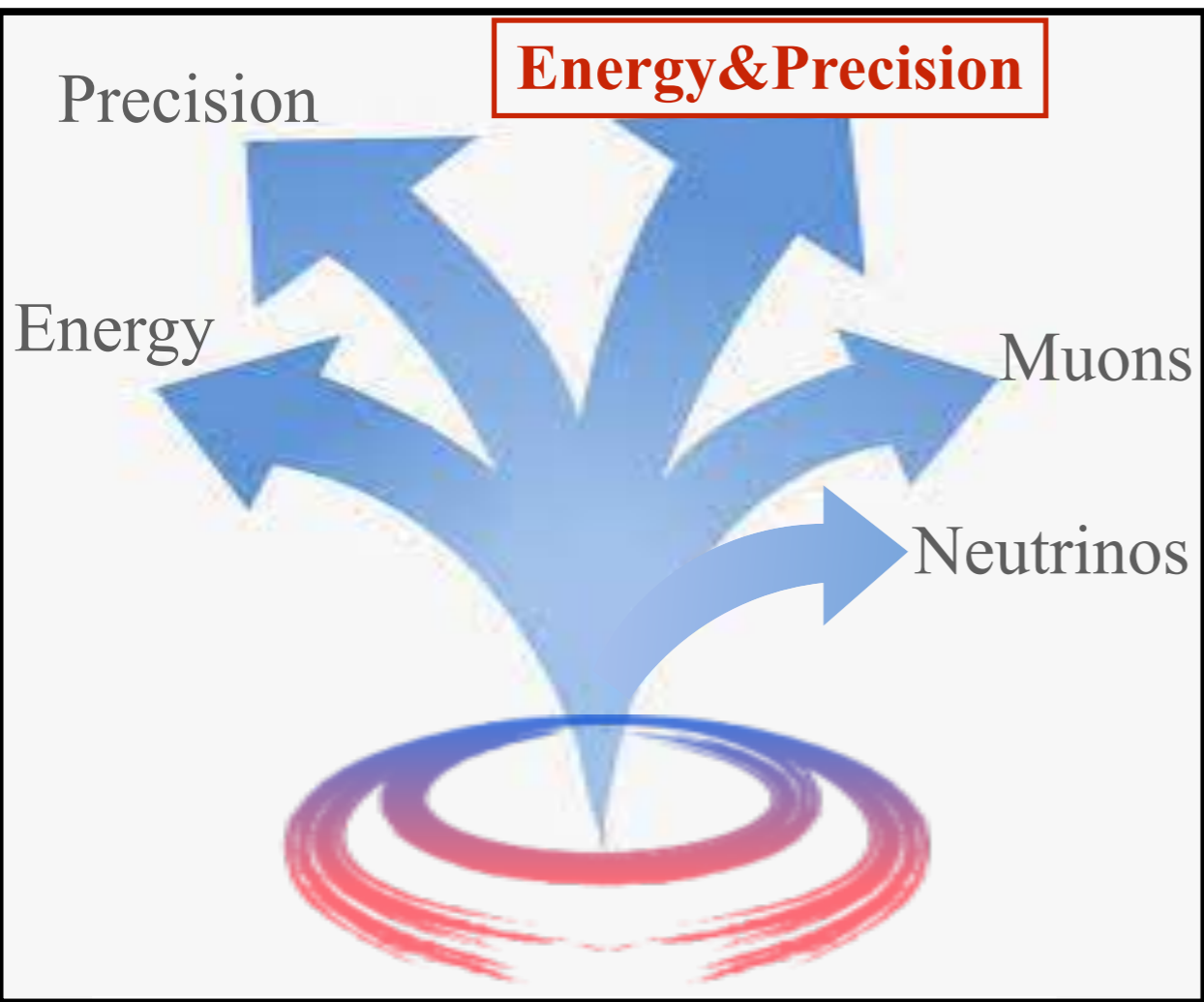


10 M Higgs bosons produced

	HL-LHC	HL-LHC +10 TeV	HL-LHC +10 TeV + ee
$\kappa_W$	1.7	0.1	0.1
$\kappa_Z$	1.5	0.4	0.1
$\kappa_g$	2.3	0.7	0.6
$\kappa_\gamma$	1.9	0.8	0.8
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	10	7.2	7.1
$\kappa_c$	-	2.3	1.1
$\kappa_b$	3.6	0.4	0.4
$\kappa_\mu$	4.6	3.4	3.2
$\kappa_\tau$	1.9	0.6	0.4
$\kappa_t^*$	3.3	3.1	3.1

Permille-level precision  
on Higgs couplings

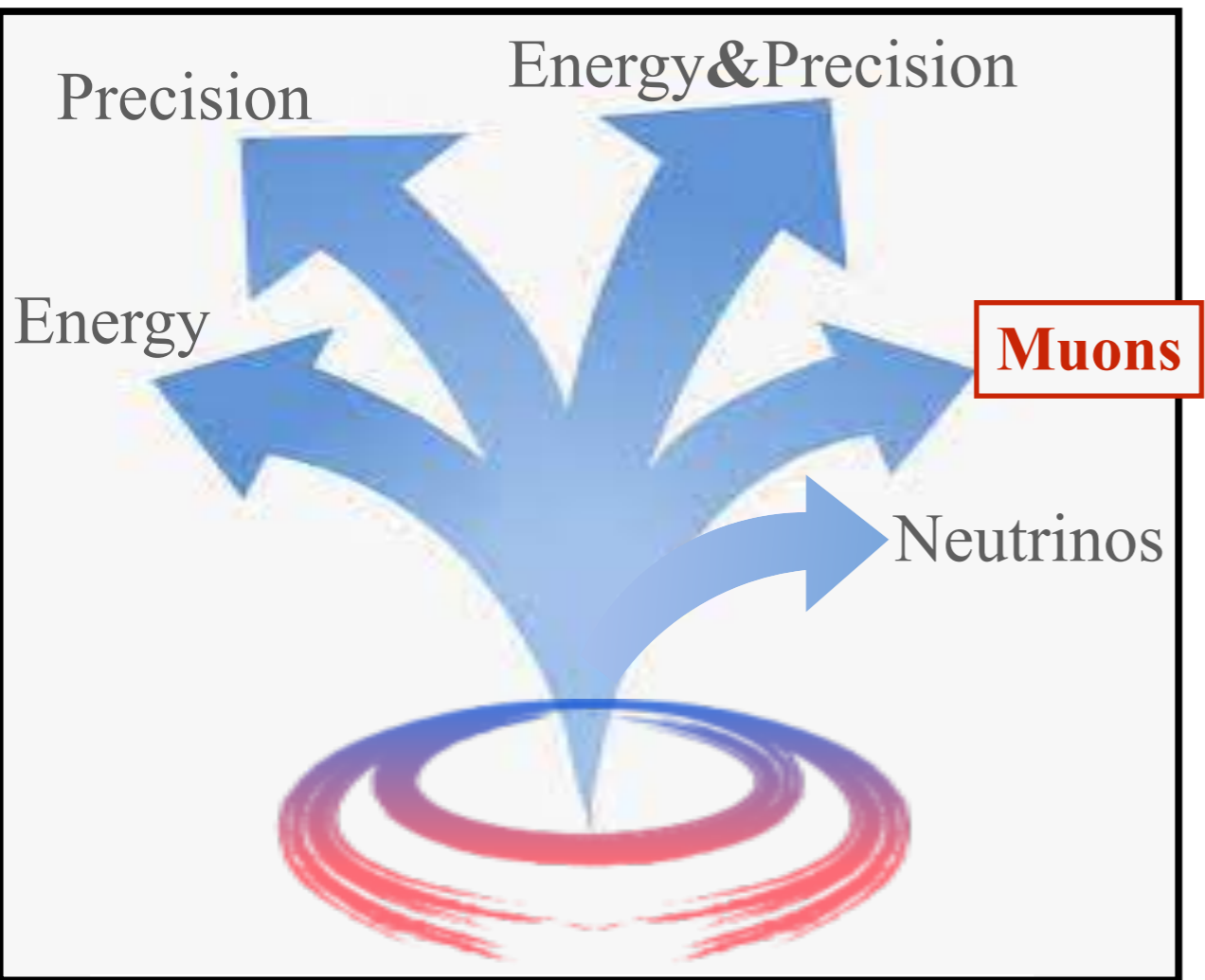
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Higher-energy observables are more sensitive to heavy physics:

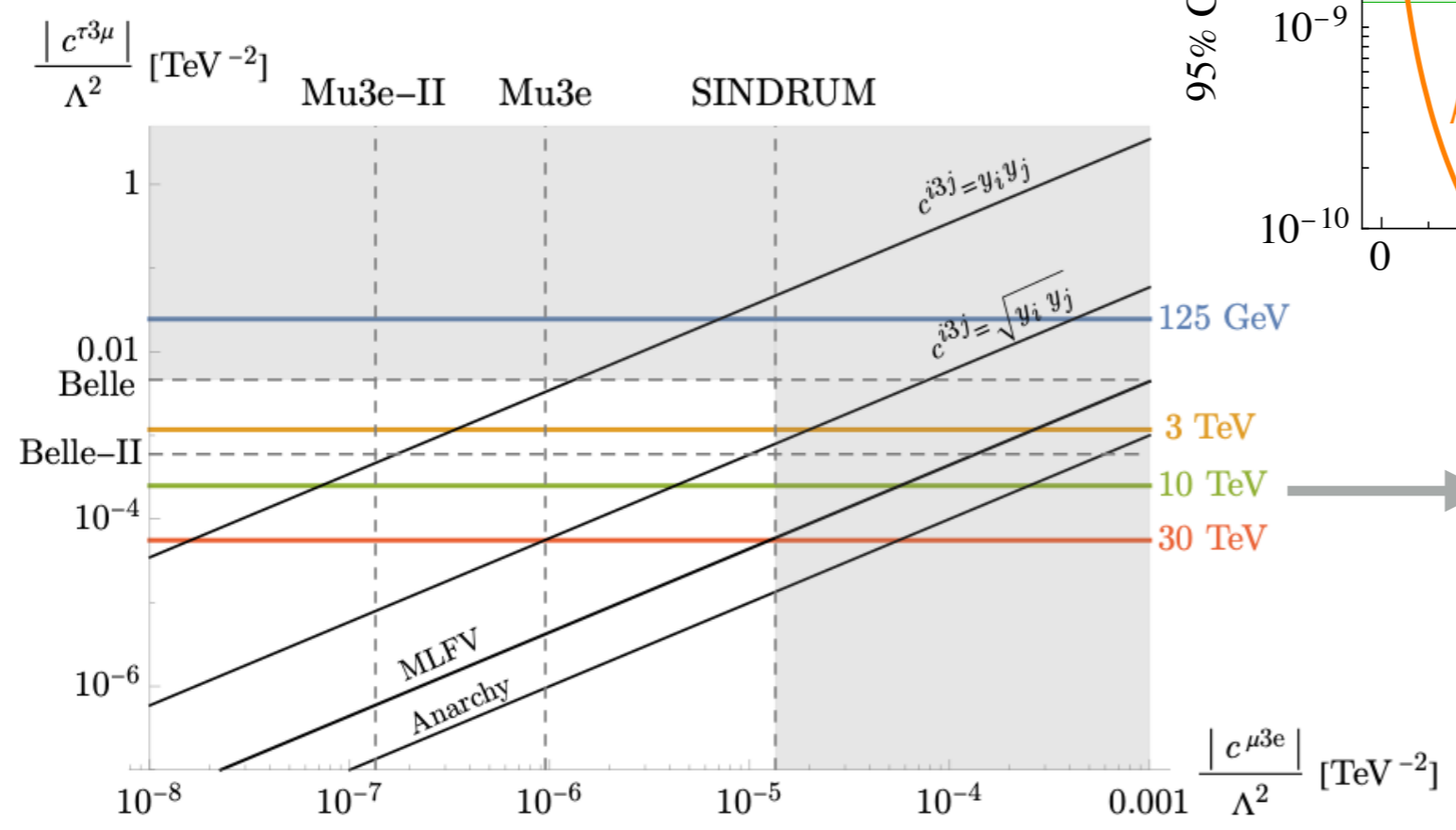
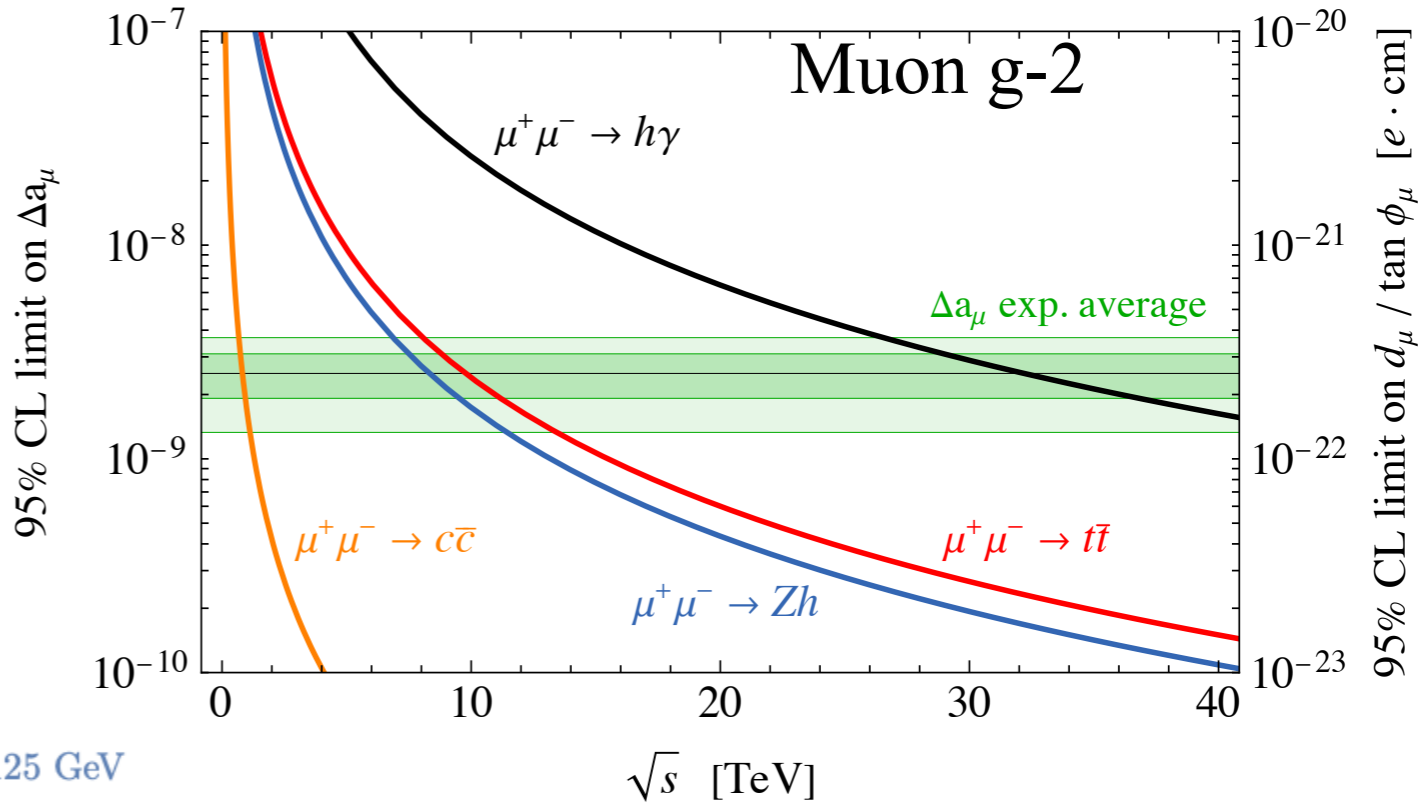
$$\frac{\Delta\sigma(E)}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}(E)} \propto \frac{E^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2} \quad [\text{say, } \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} = 100 \text{ TeV}]$$

$\rightarrow 10^{-6}$  at EW [FCC-ee] energies  
 $\rightarrow 10^{-2}$  at muon collider energies

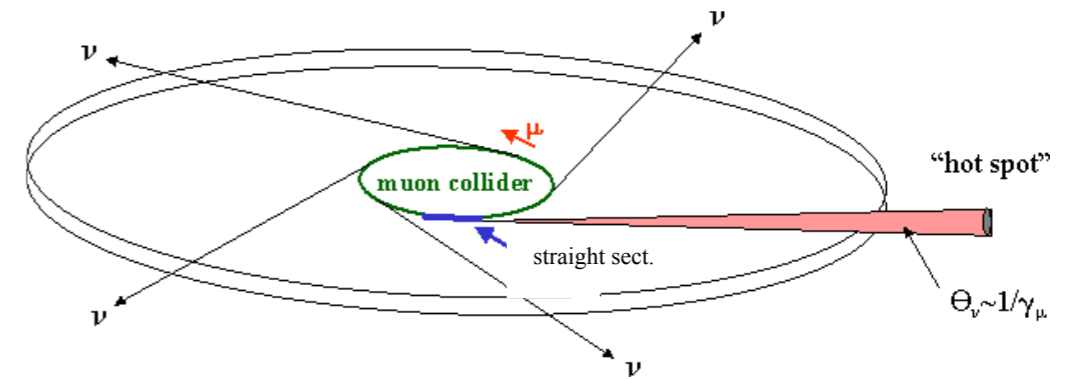
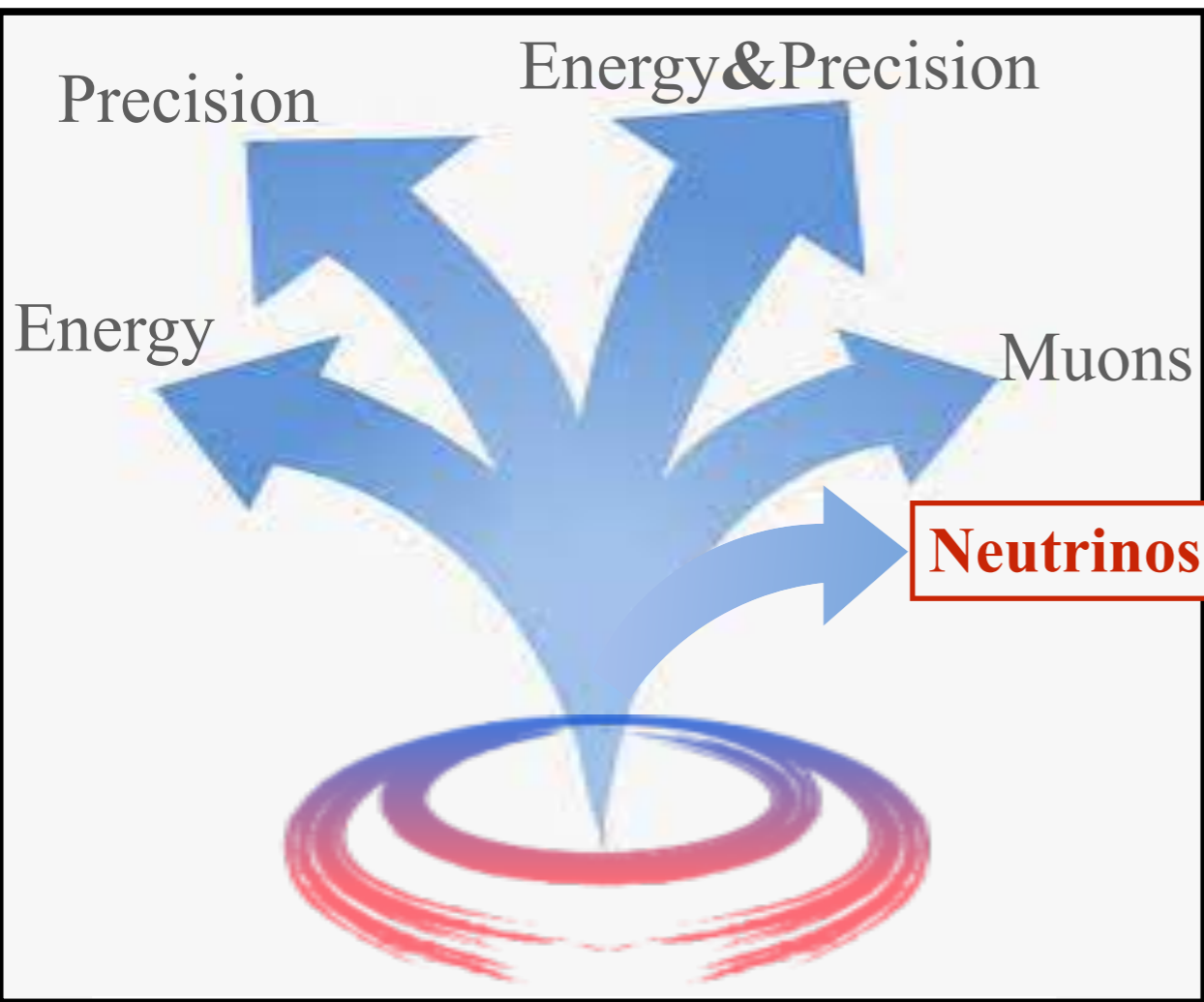


NP might couple primarily to muons because:

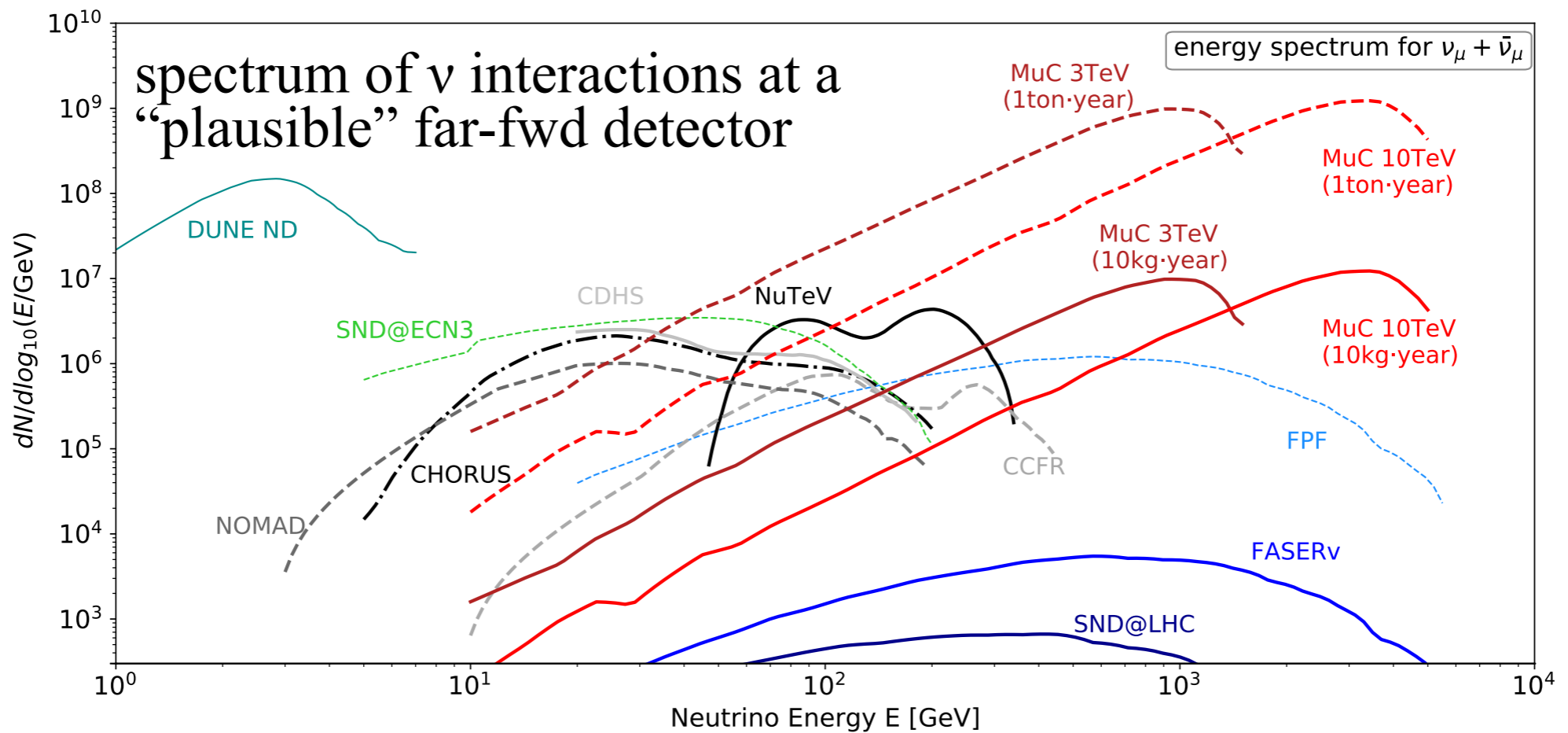
1. The Higgs does (so maybe NP in EWSB as well)
2. Possible connection with flavour
3. And because we haven't checked!



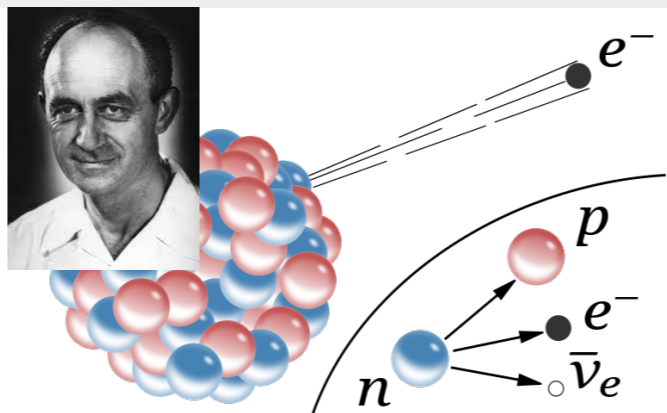
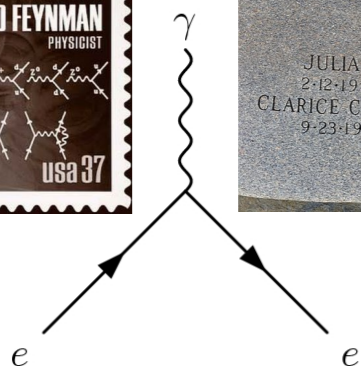
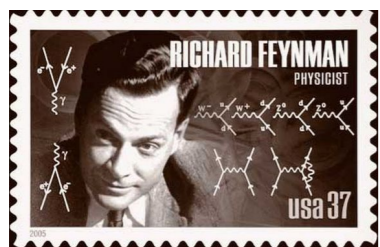
Complementarity with low-energy Lepton Flavour Violation probes



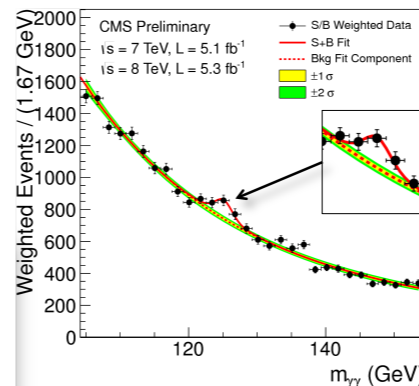
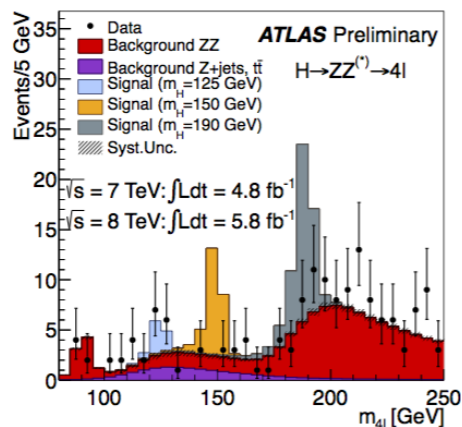
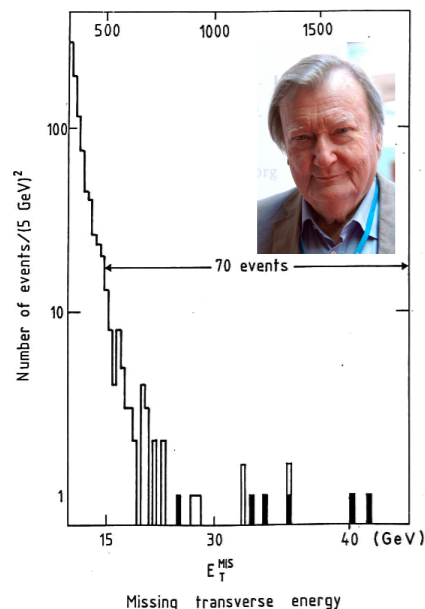
**Muons decay to neutrinos:**  
 Collimated, perfectly known, TeV-energy neutrino beams  
 First flux estimate with IMCC MuC beam will appear in Interim Report  
 Still unexplored physics opportunities



# Muon Collider Physics: a SM view



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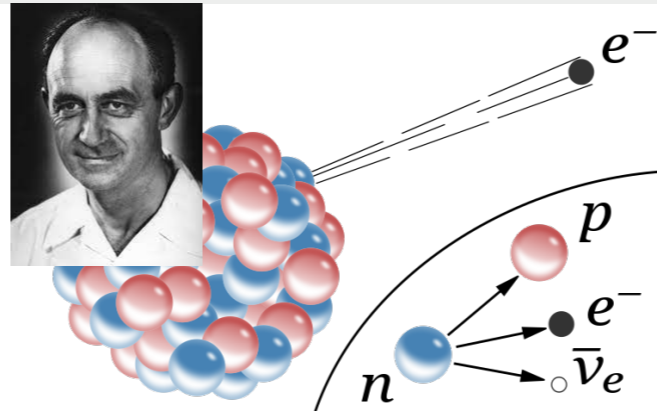
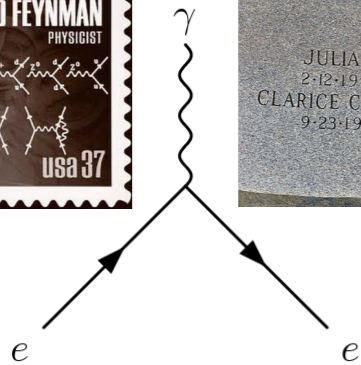
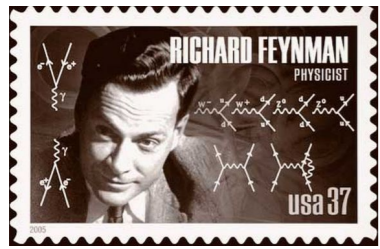
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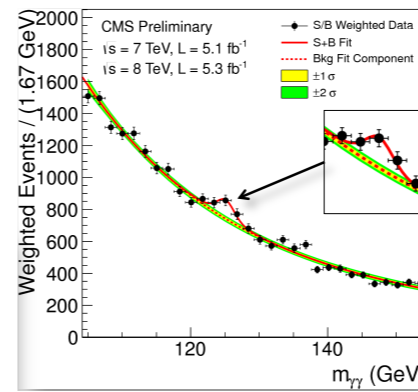
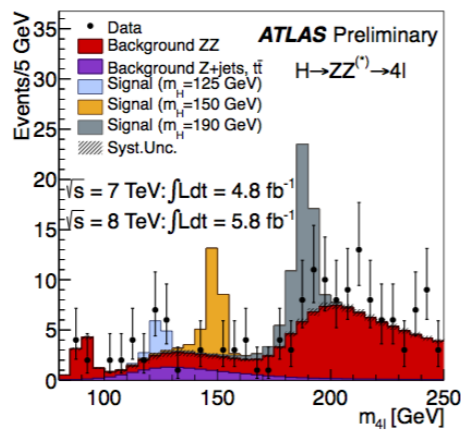
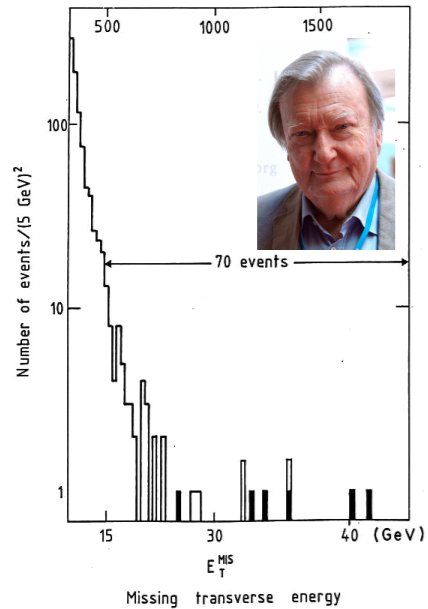
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Most direct theory implications are at high En.

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

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# Muon Collider Physics: a SM view

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

$$E \gg m_W$$

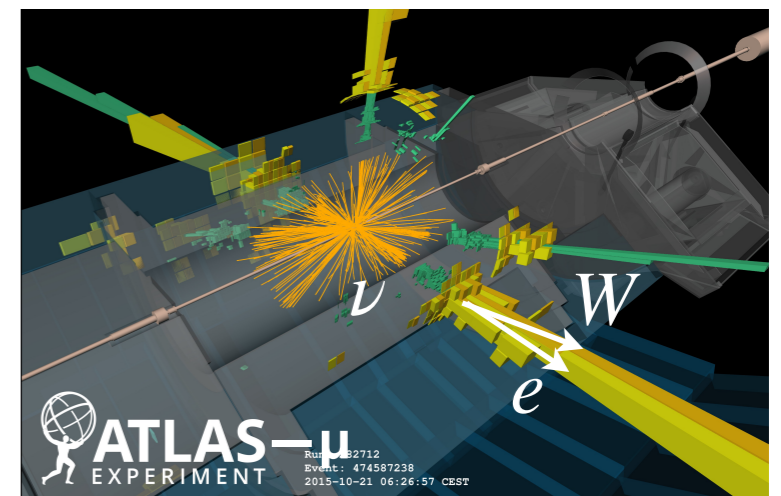
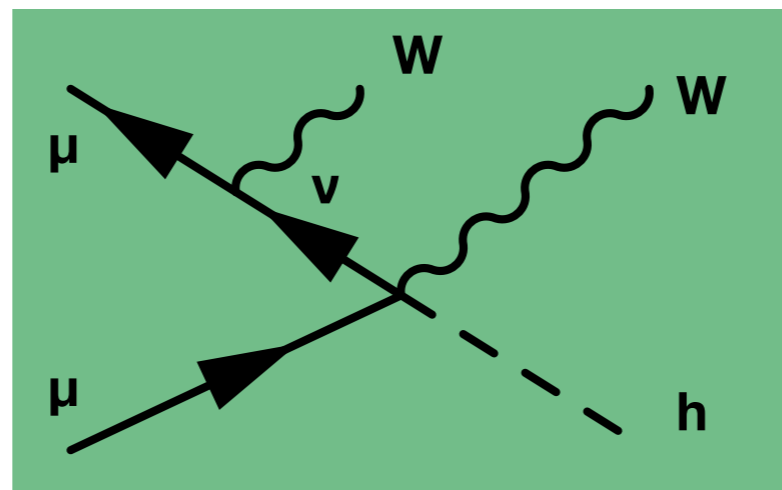
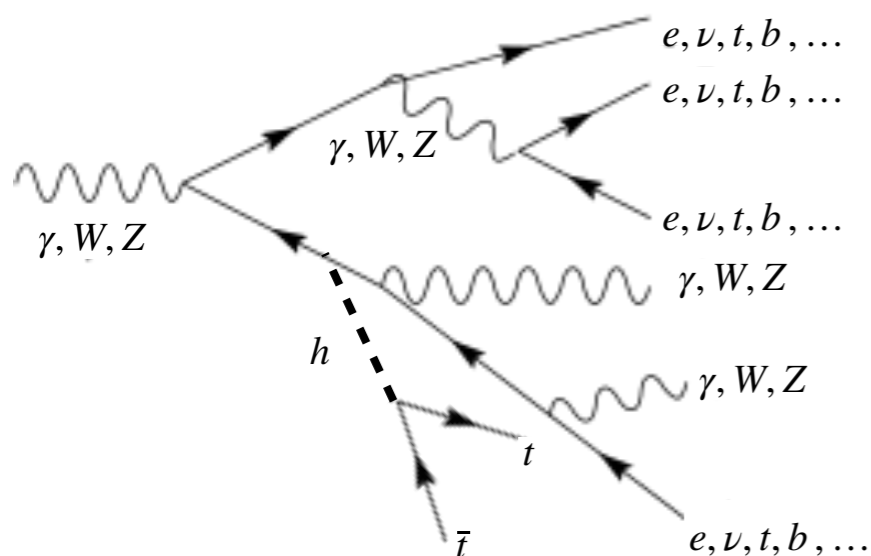
Plenty of cool things will happen:

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

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

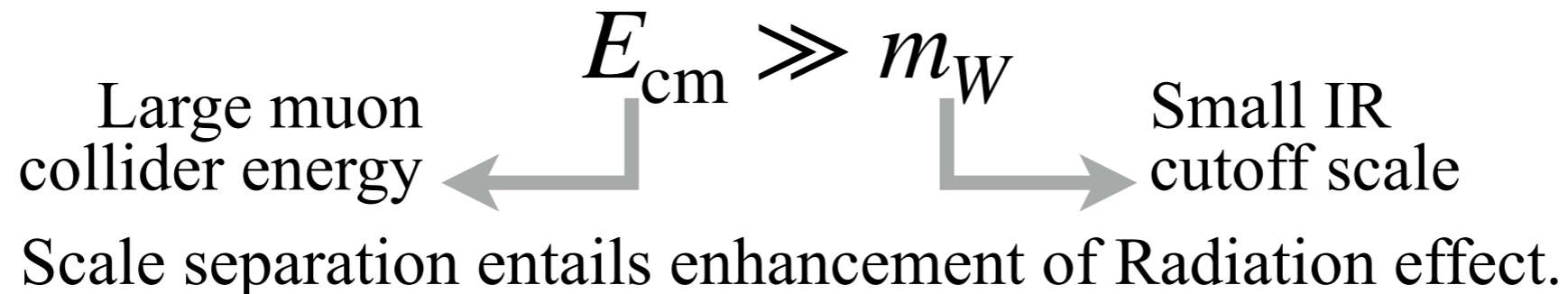
The **partonic content of the muon:** EW bosons, neutrinos, gluons, tops, ...  
**Copious scattering of 5 TeV neutrinos!**

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



# Theory Challenges

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



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

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

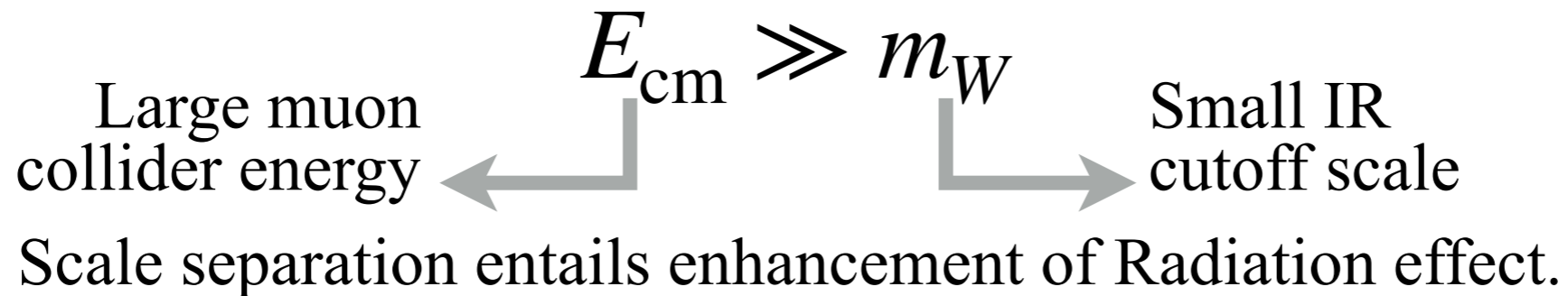
**Practical need** of computing  
EW Radiation effects  
Enhanced by  $\log^{(2)} E^2/m_{\text{EW}}^2$

EW theory is Weakly-Coupled  
The IR cutoff is physical

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

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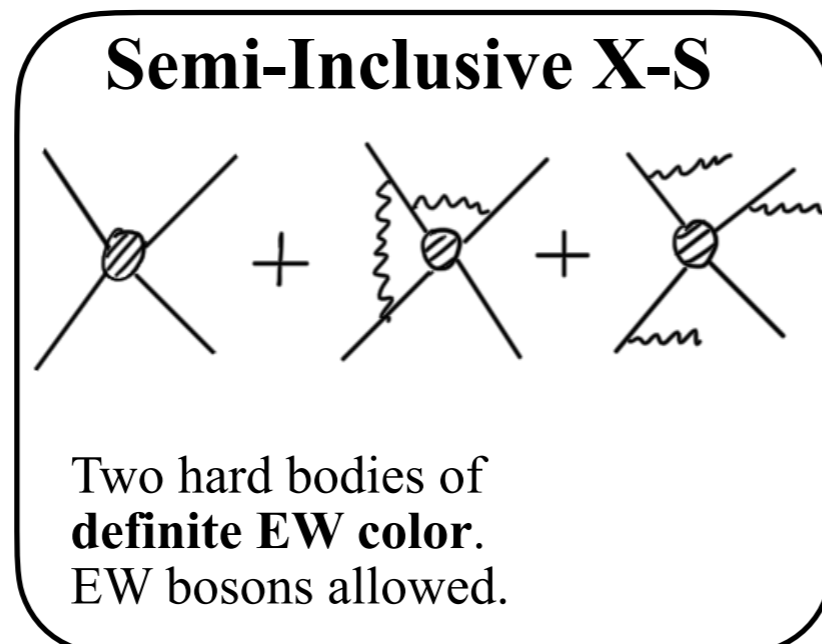
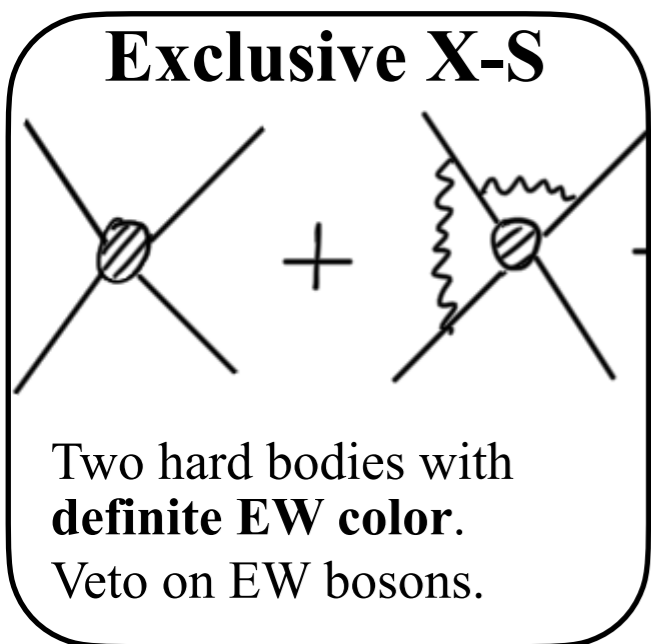
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Quantitatively, resummation is needed.

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

→ 10 TeV MuC



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

■ = charged

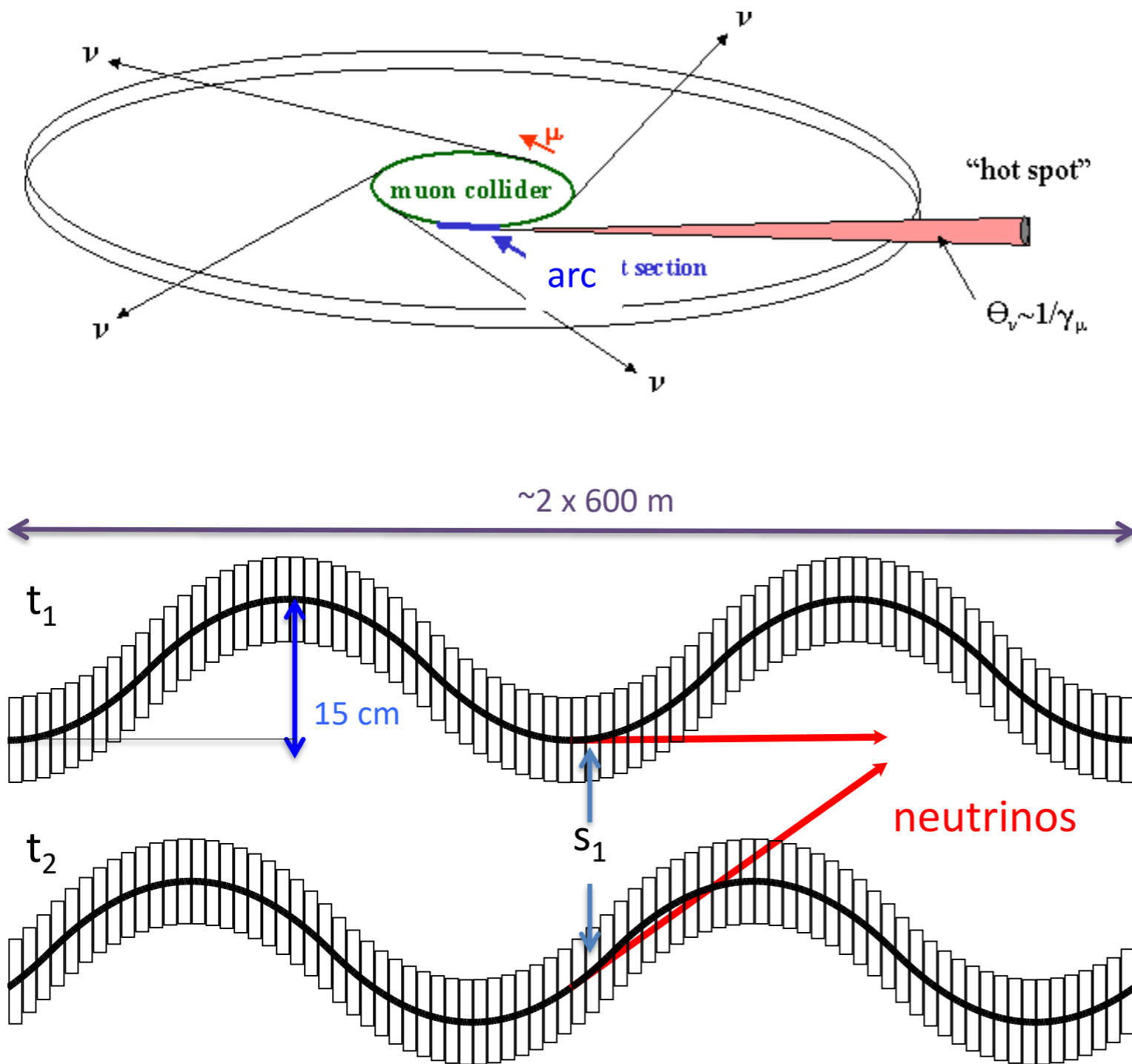
$b\bar{b}$	4573	6273
$t\bar{t}$	9771	11891
$bt$	—	5713
$Z_0 h$	680	858
$W_0^+ W_0^-$	1200	1456
$W_T^+ W_T^-$	2775	5027
$W^\pm h$	—	506
$W_0^\pm Z_0$	—	399
$W_T^\pm Z_T$	—	2345

# Principal Challenges — Key R&D

## Environmental impact:

- MuC is smaller and less power-consuming than other options
- Requires mitigation of the effect of neutrinos from muon decay  
Beam movers plus adequate orientation make **environmental impact negligible**
- Possible infrastructure reuse would strongly impact full lifecycle assessment

# Radiation dose from neutrinos



Legal limit: 1 mSv/year

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

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

With opening angle of 1 mrad:

**14 TeV MuC as safe as LHC**

Need to engineer mover system and study impact on beams

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## Detector and MDI:

- **BIB from muon decay is manageable.**  
First detector design and full sim results already available and more will come
- Timing resolution and radiation hardness for components R&D

# Experiment Design

## Design detector for precision at multi-TeV scale

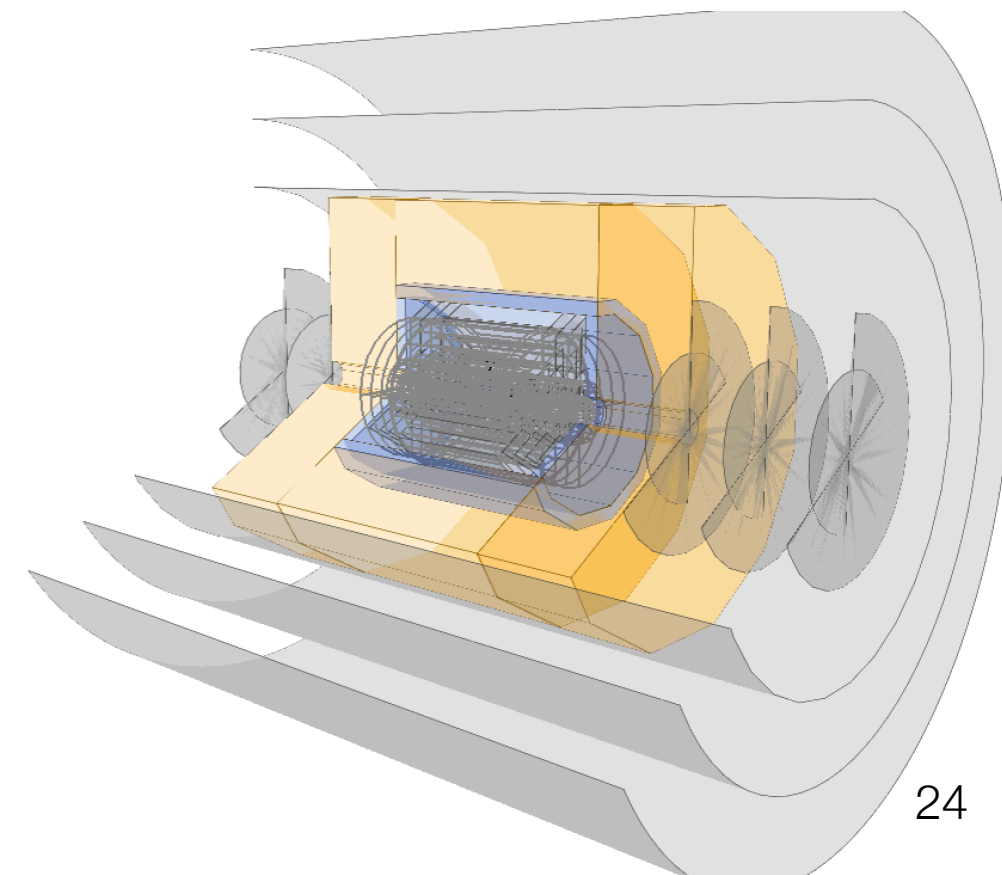
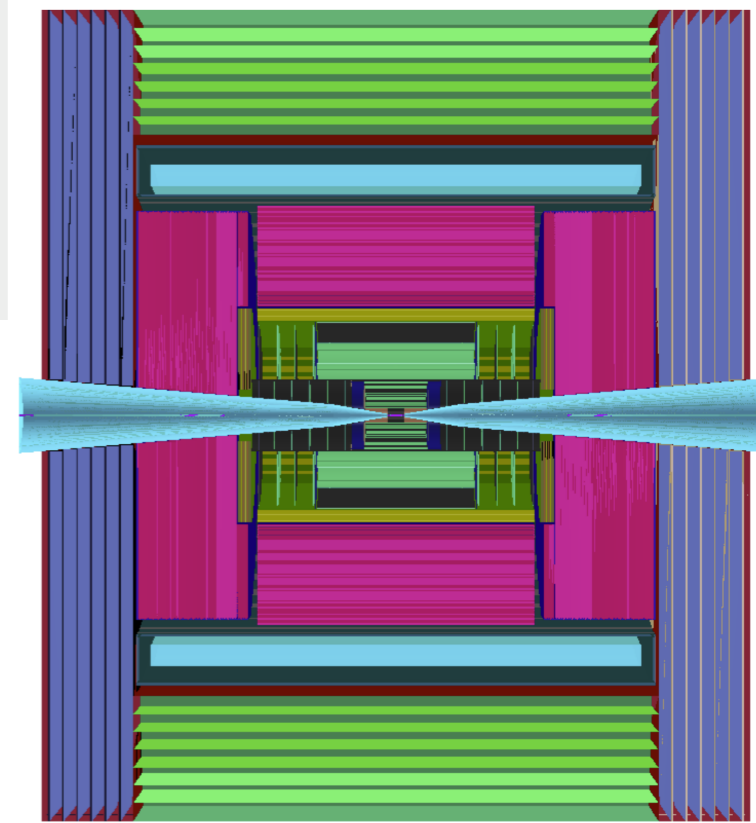
- Extract physics from GeV- and from TeV-energy particles
- Built-in sensitivity to “unconventional” signatures

## The BIB is under control. See EPJC Review

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

## Exciting opportunities ahead

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



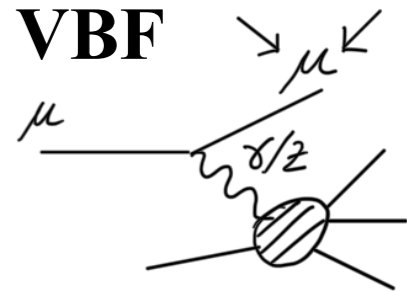


# Target Detector performances

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

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

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



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

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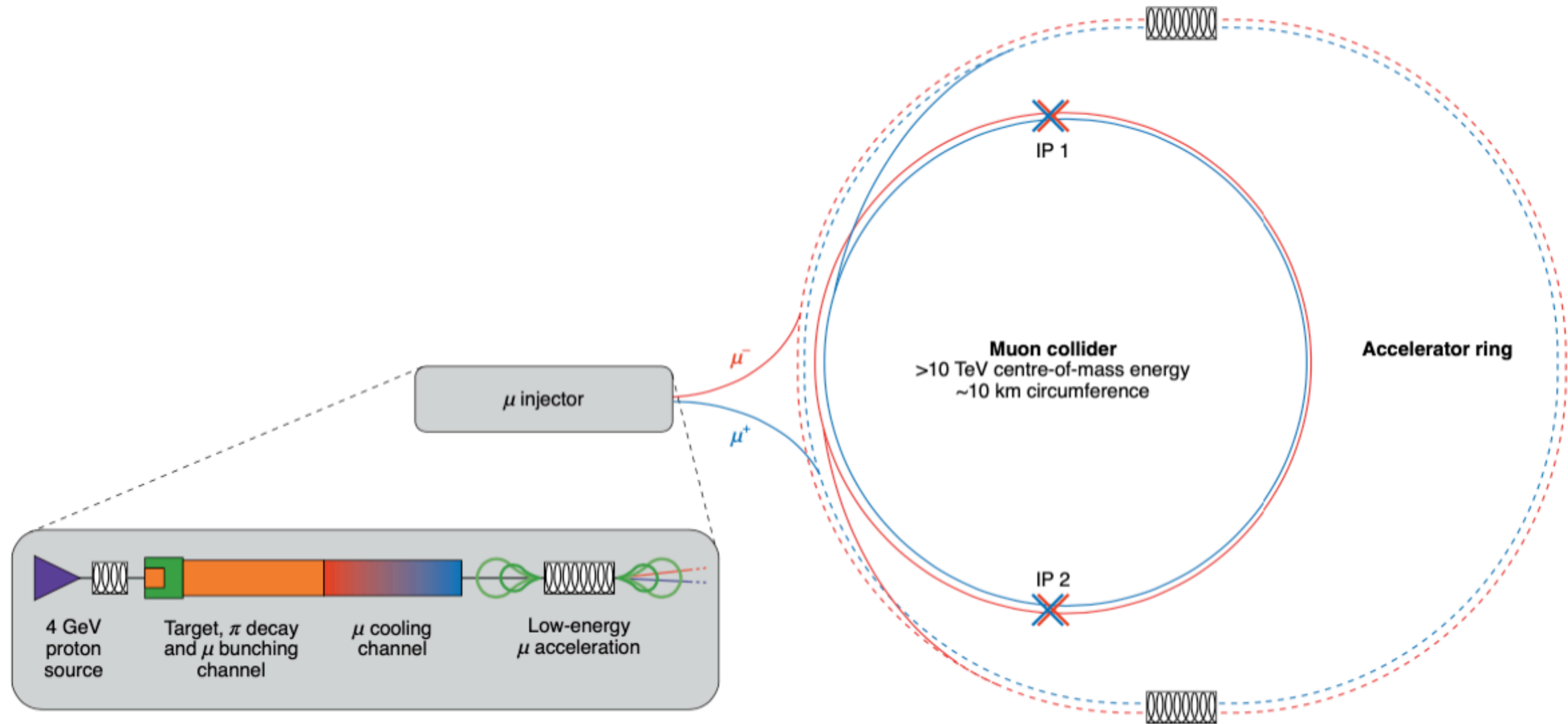
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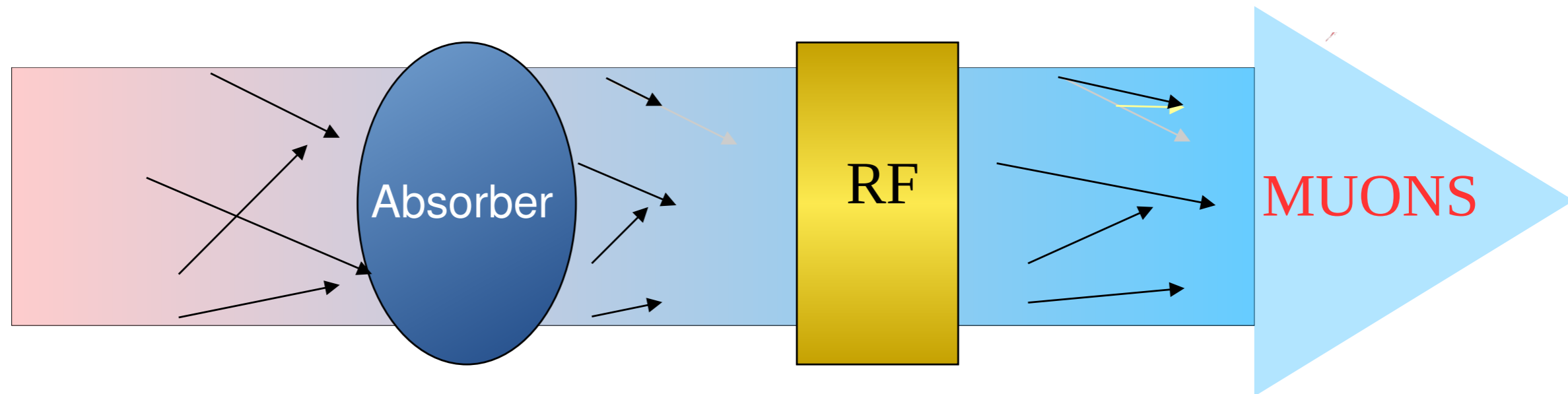
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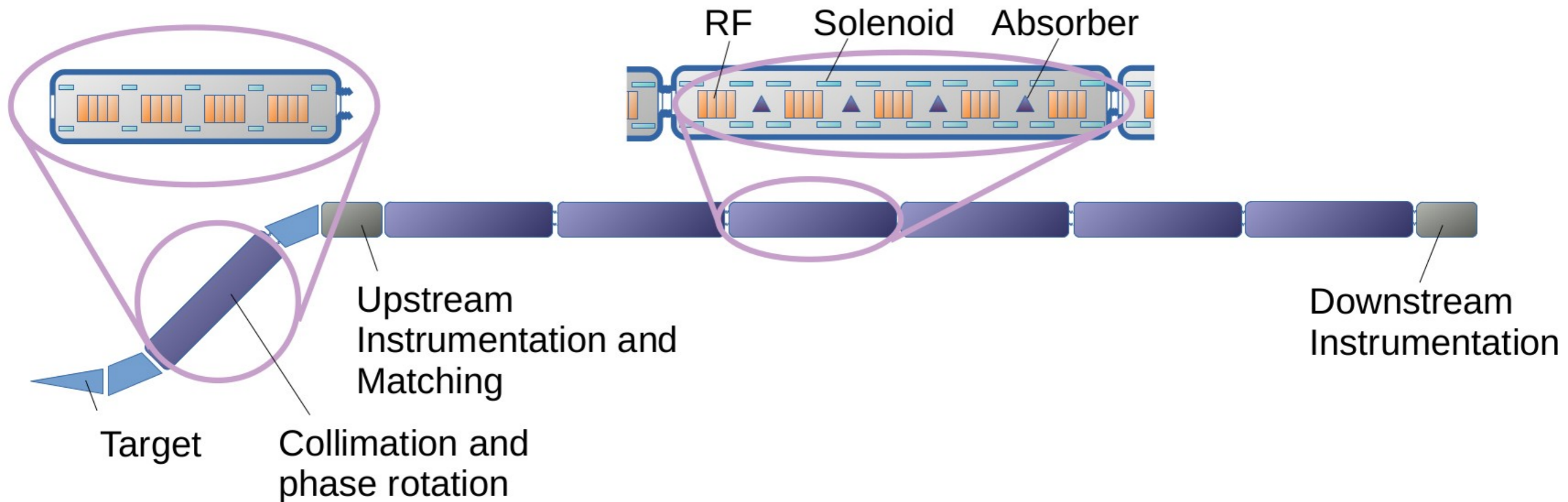


# Ionisation Cooling



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

# Cooling Demonstrator



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

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- Non-available 16 T would still allow 10 TeV with less luminosity

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IMCC Evaluation Report will detail R&D path

- A cooling **demonstrator facility**.
- Many smaller-scale technology demonstrators

Unique physics opportunities

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





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

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

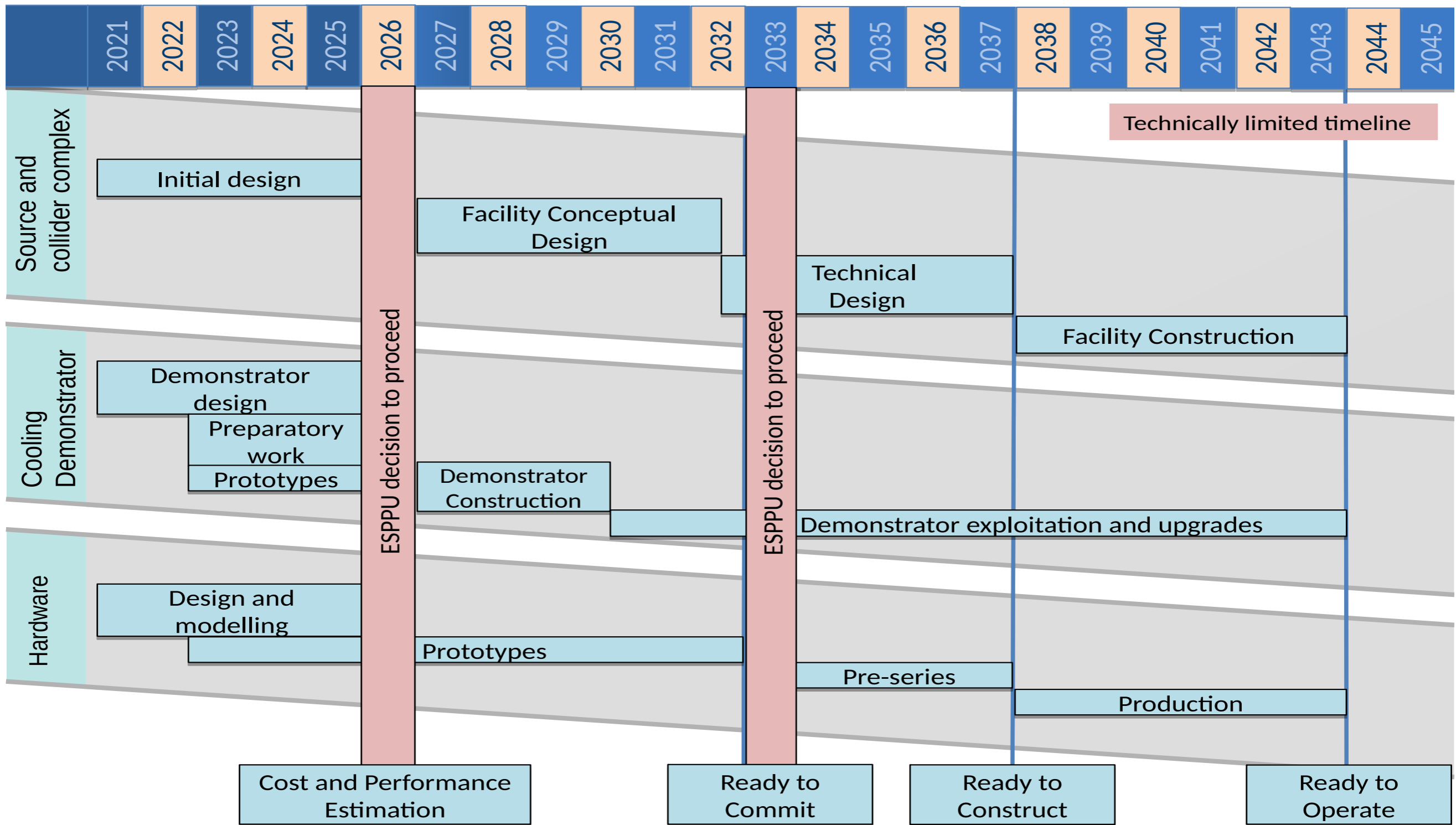
New enthusiasm on muon colliders:

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

Thank You

# Backup

# Technically limited timeline [Stay tuned for consolidated timeline release]



# Particle Physics Community



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

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## Collaboration Board (ICB)

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

## Steering Board (ISB)

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

## Advisory Committee

## Coordination committee (CC)

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

Will integrated the US also in the leadership

