

# New Physics in Transversal Bosons in VBS



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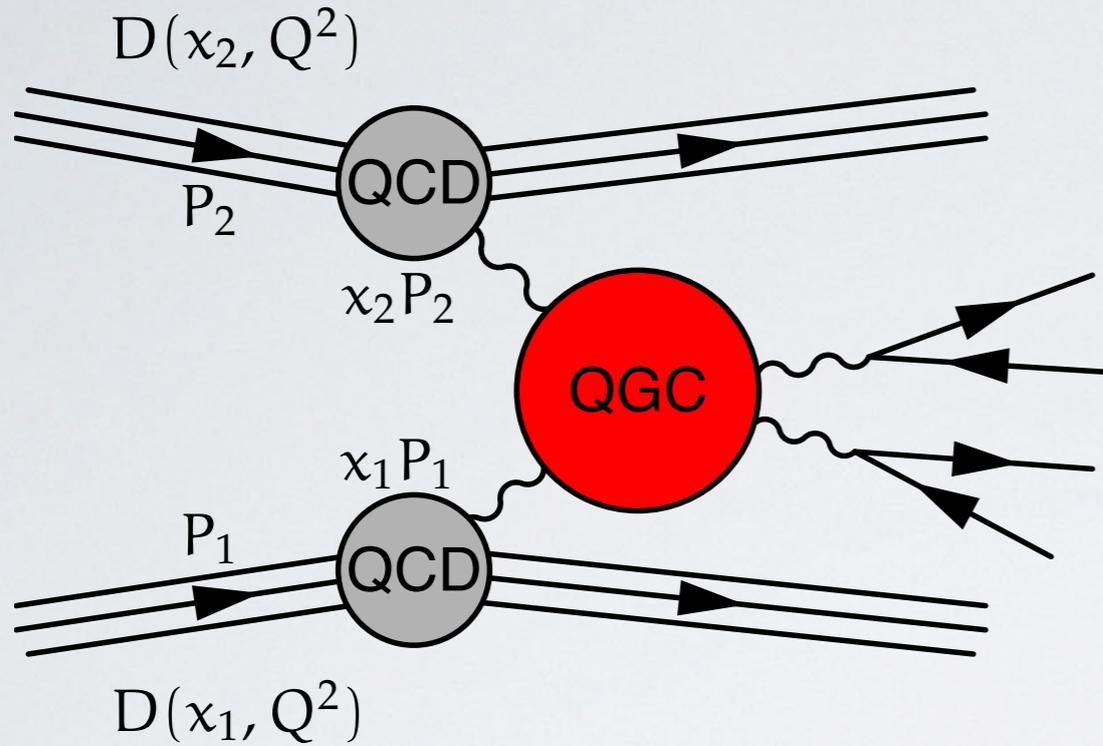
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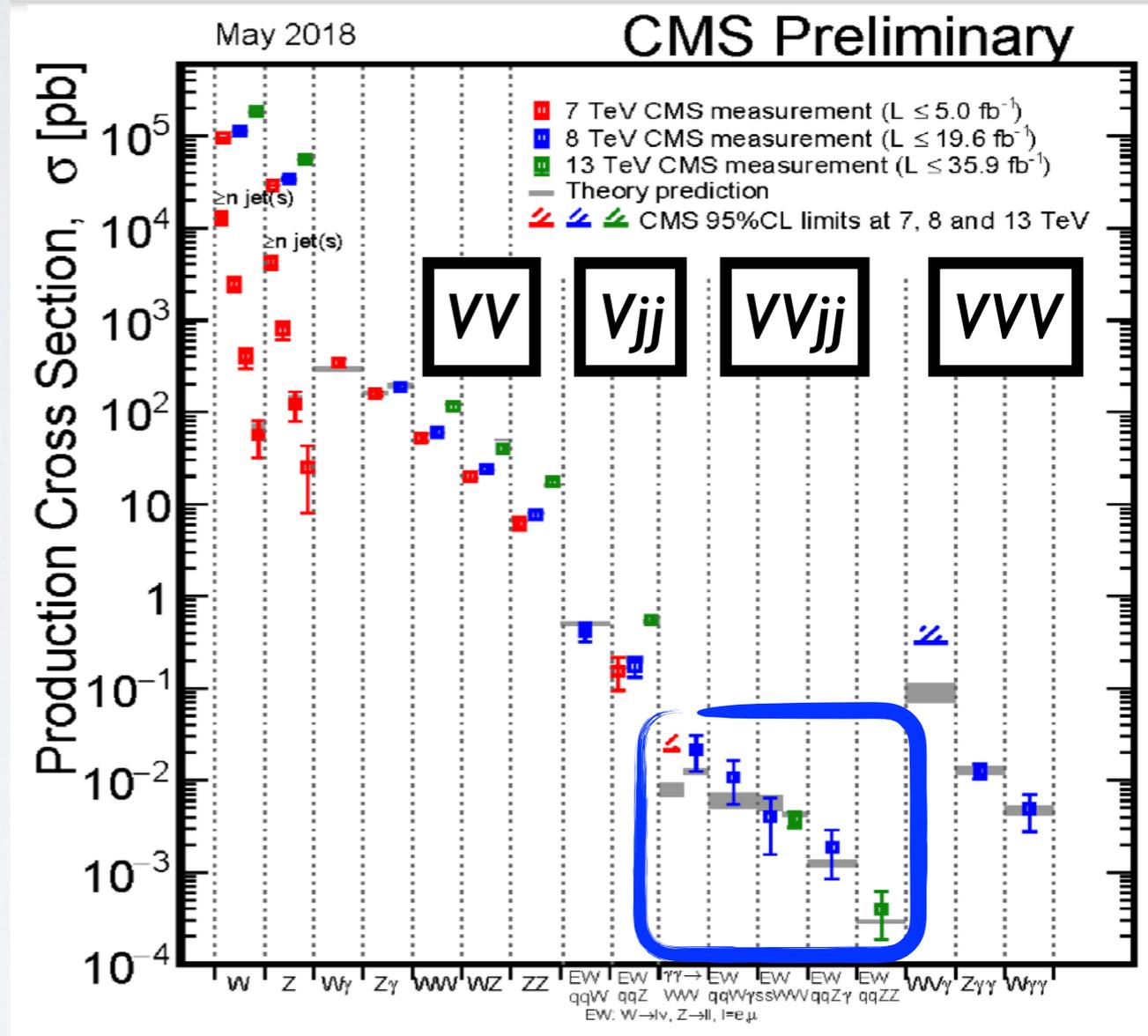


# Anatomy of Vector Boson Scattering (VBS)

$$pp \rightarrow WWjj \rightarrow \ell\nu\nu jj$$



Smallest accessible SM cross sections



Fiducial phase space volume:

- $ljj$  tag
- $m_{jj} > 500$  GeV (“jet recoil”)
- $|\Delta y_{jj}| > 2.4$  (“rapidity distance”)
- Cuts on  $E_j$ ,  $p_T^j$
- No / little central jet activity

Subtle cancellation of amplitudes in SM

Dim-8 operators  
for MBI physics

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Energy rise of operators lead to unitarity violation

Unitarity violation cancels between operators in UV-complete Theory

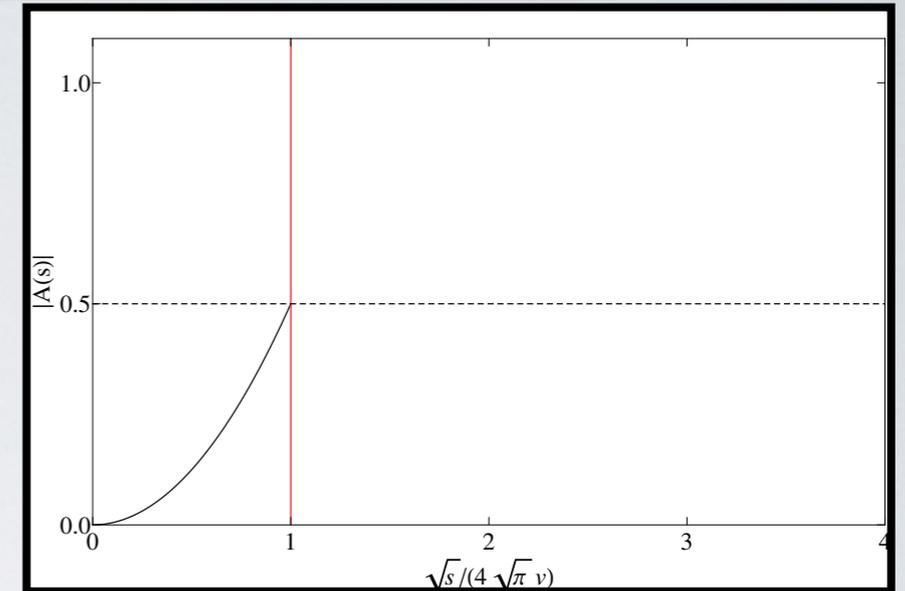
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# Procedures to treat unitarity violations

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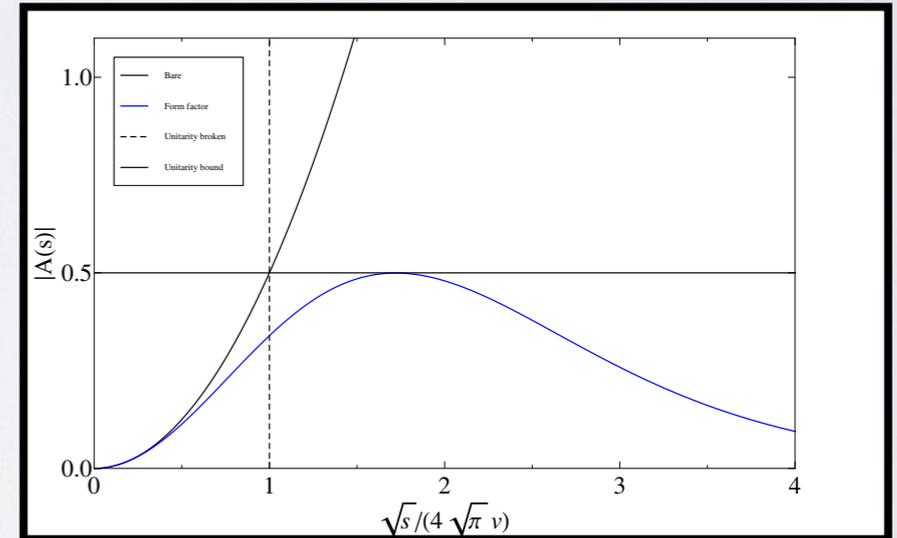
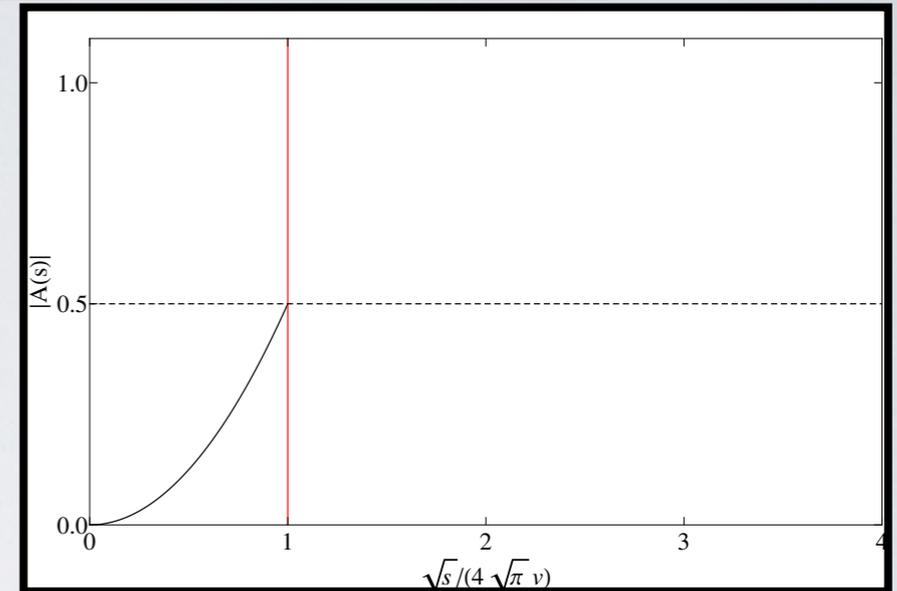


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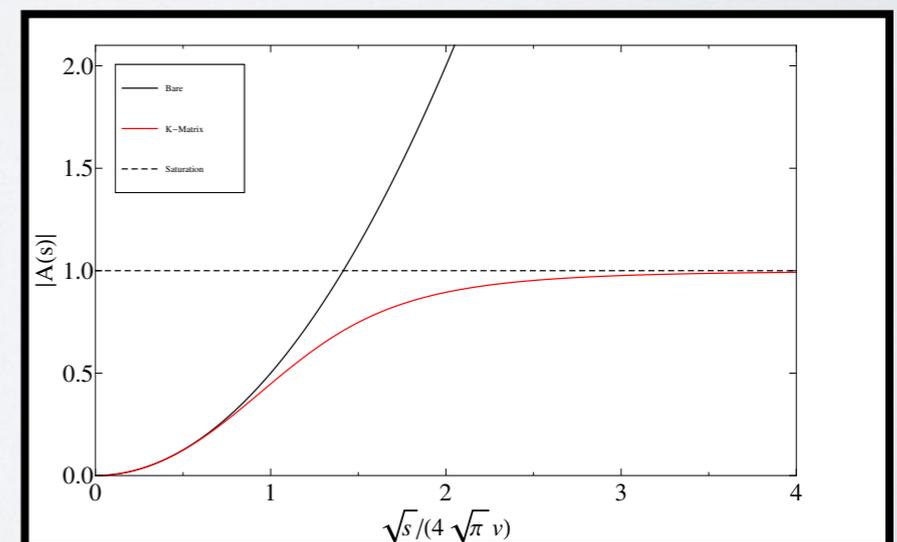
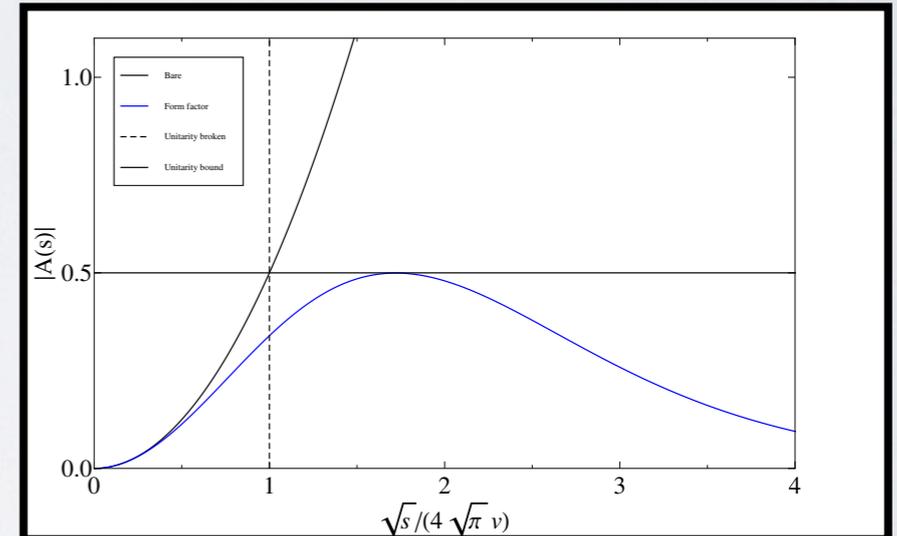
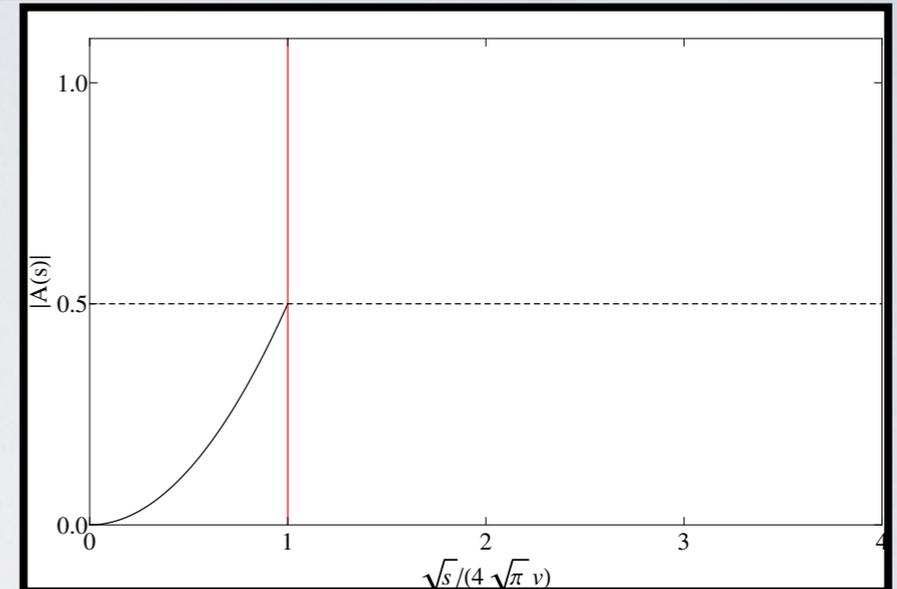
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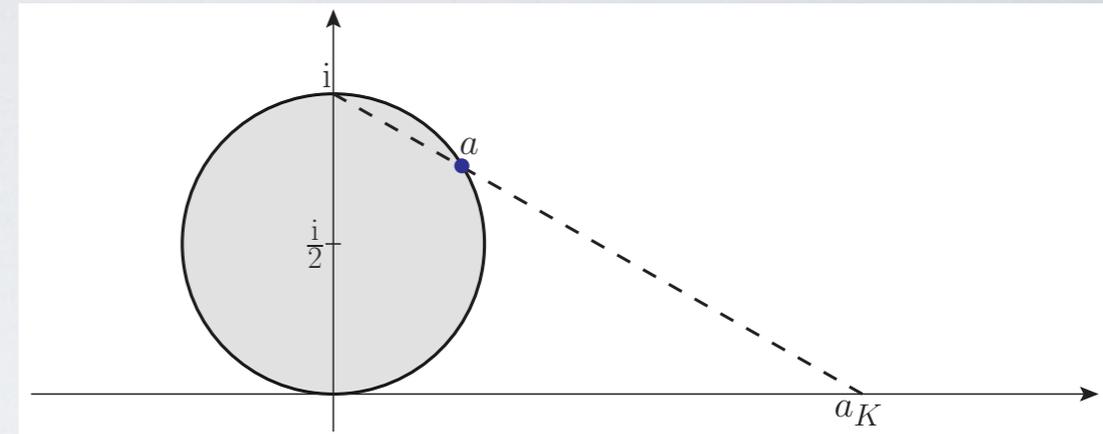
saturates amplitude [projection to unitarity circle], also for complex ampl., **no additional parameters**



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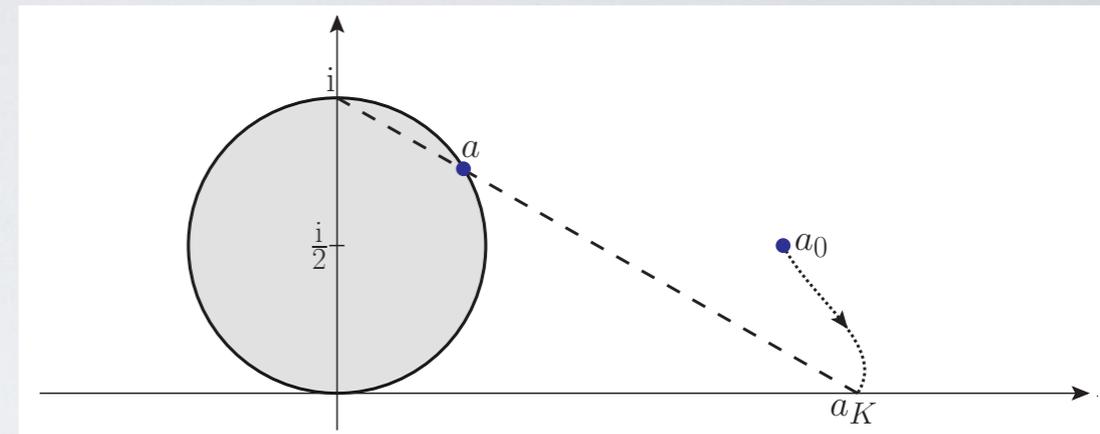
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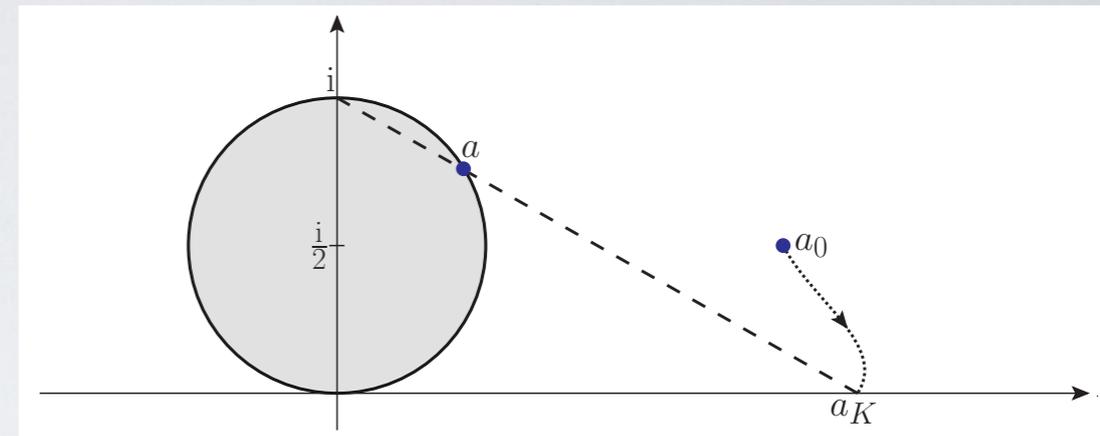


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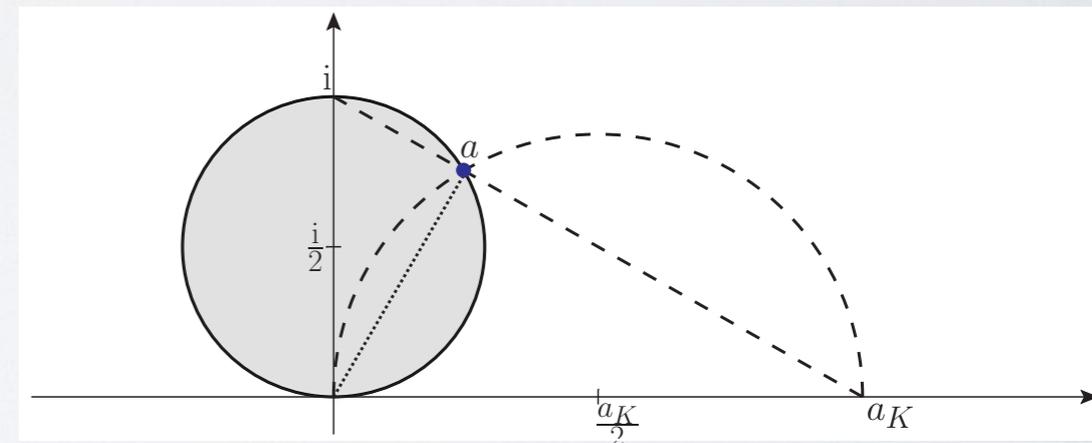


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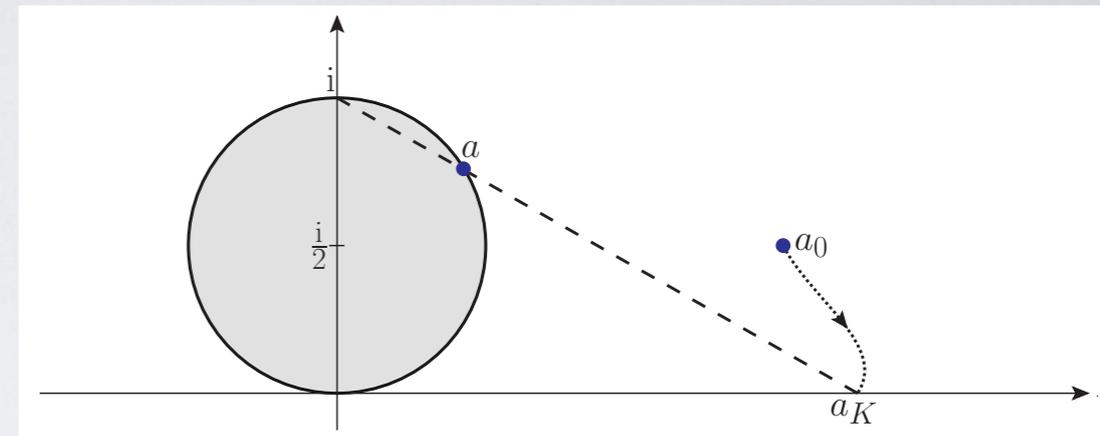
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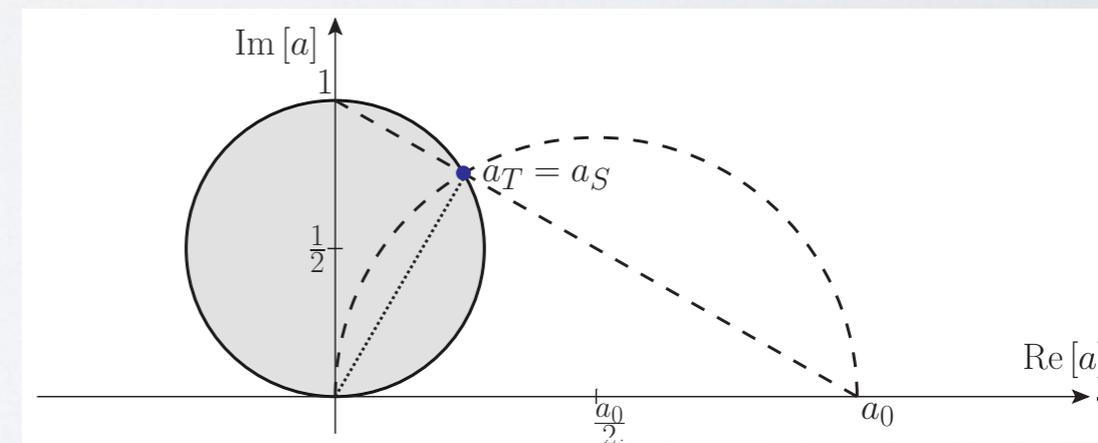
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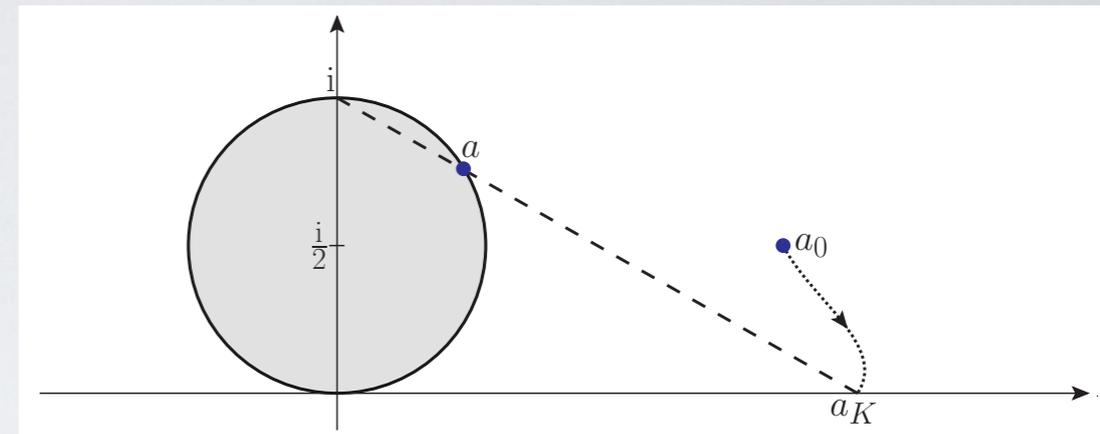


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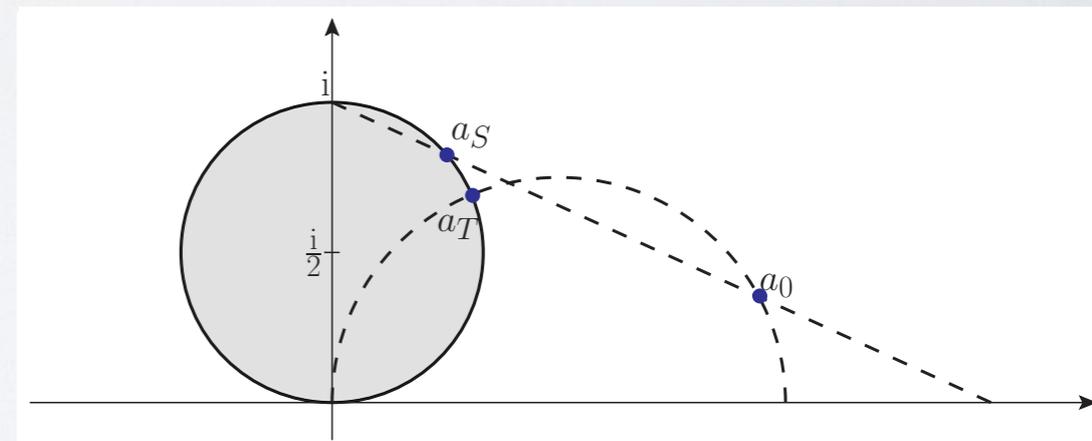


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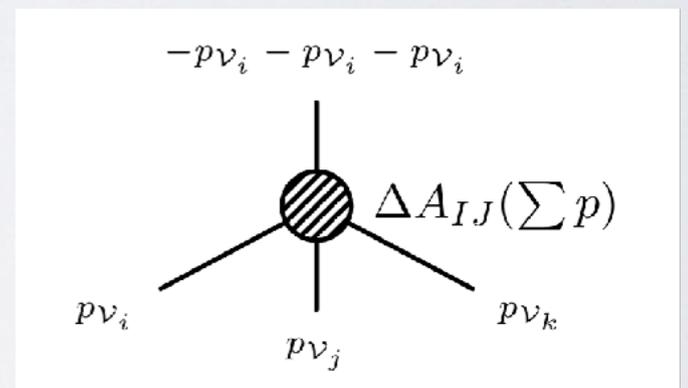
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- Clebsch-Gordan decomposition into spin–isospin eigenamplitudes
- Amplitudes should be modified only in s–channel configurations

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$$\mathcal{A}(I = 2) = \mathcal{A}(t, s, u) + \mathcal{A}(u, s, t)$$



- Evaluate modified Feynman rules off-shell

- Scale that is used for the diboson system in s-channel setups:  $\sqrt{\hat{s}_{VV}}$

# Unitarization of [transverse] operators

> Use spin-isospin eigenamplitudes **exclusive in helicities**:

$$\mathcal{A}_0(s, t, u; \boldsymbol{\lambda})$$

> Can be obtained by using **Wigner's d-functions** [Wigner, 1931]

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{IJ}(s; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \int_{-s}^0 \frac{dt}{s} A_I(s, t, u; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) \cdot d_{\lambda, \lambda'}^J \left[ \arccos \left( 1 + 2 \frac{t}{s} \right) \right]$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \quad \lambda' = \lambda_3 - \lambda_4$$

> **Extract all partial waves:**

$$A_{ij}(s; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) / (g^4 s^2) = (c_0 F_{T_0} + c_1 F_{T_1} + c_2 F_{T_2})$$

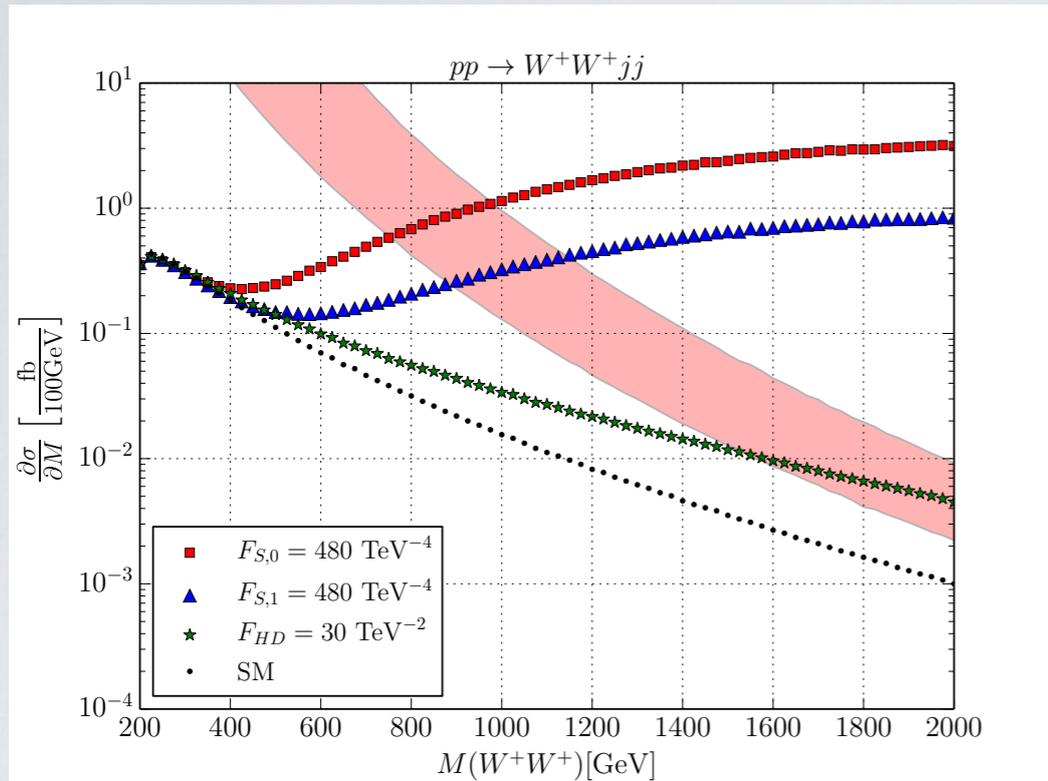
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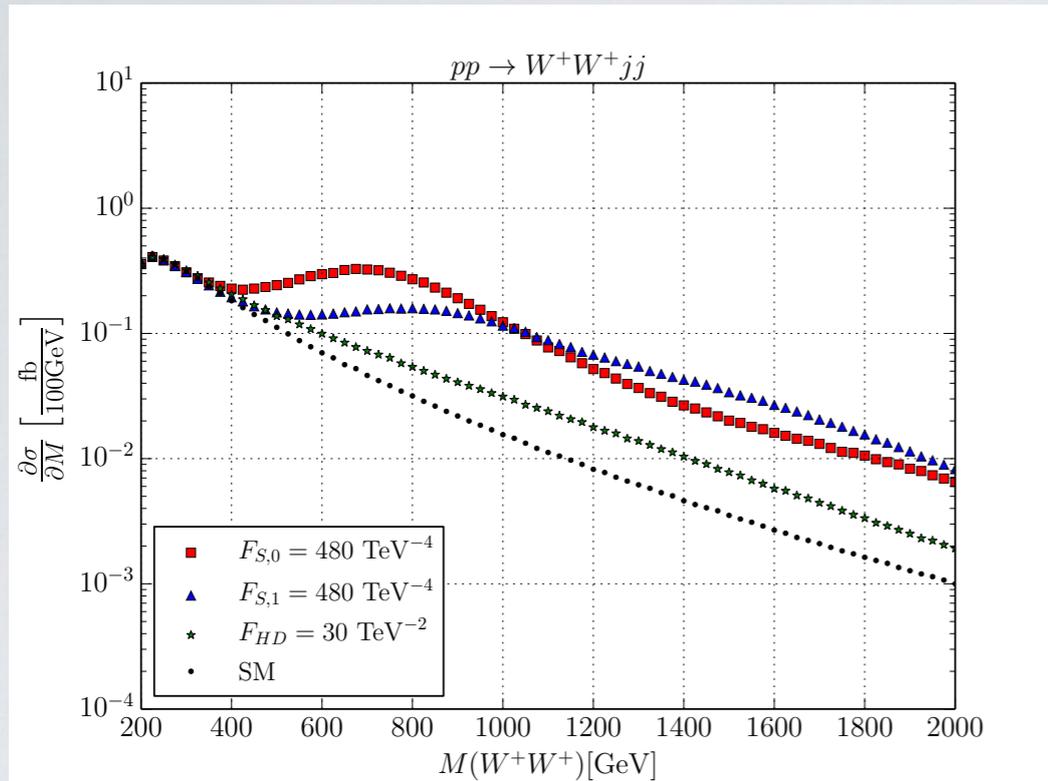
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> Implementation in WHIZARD takes leading corrections into account



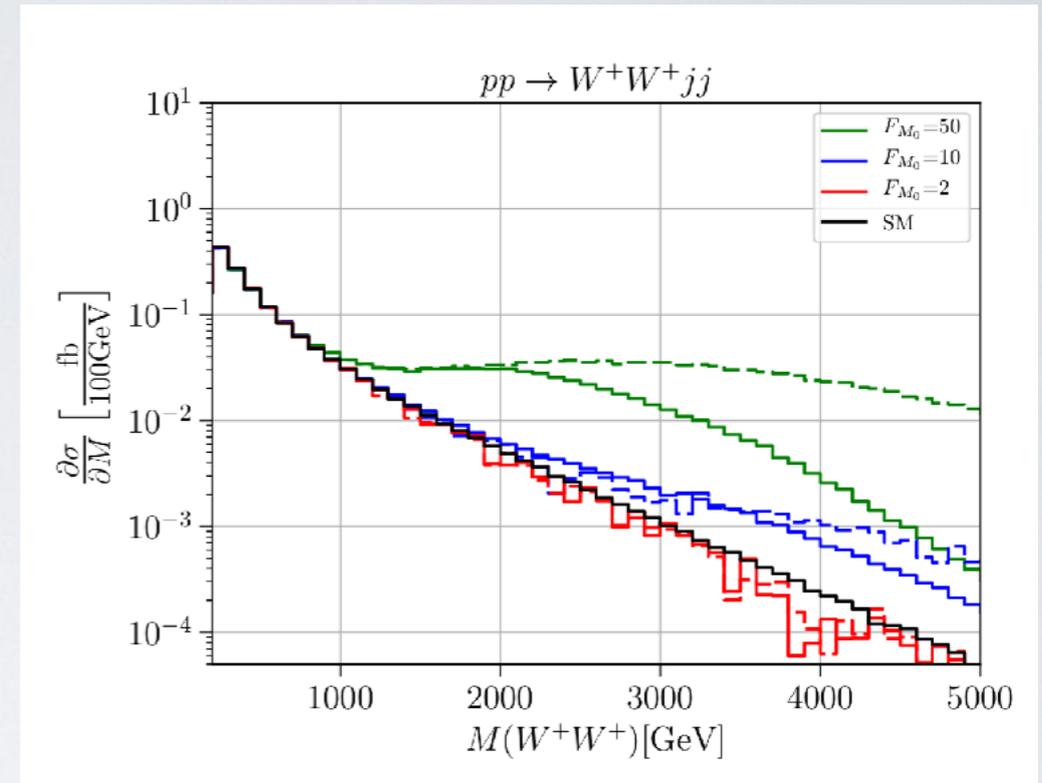
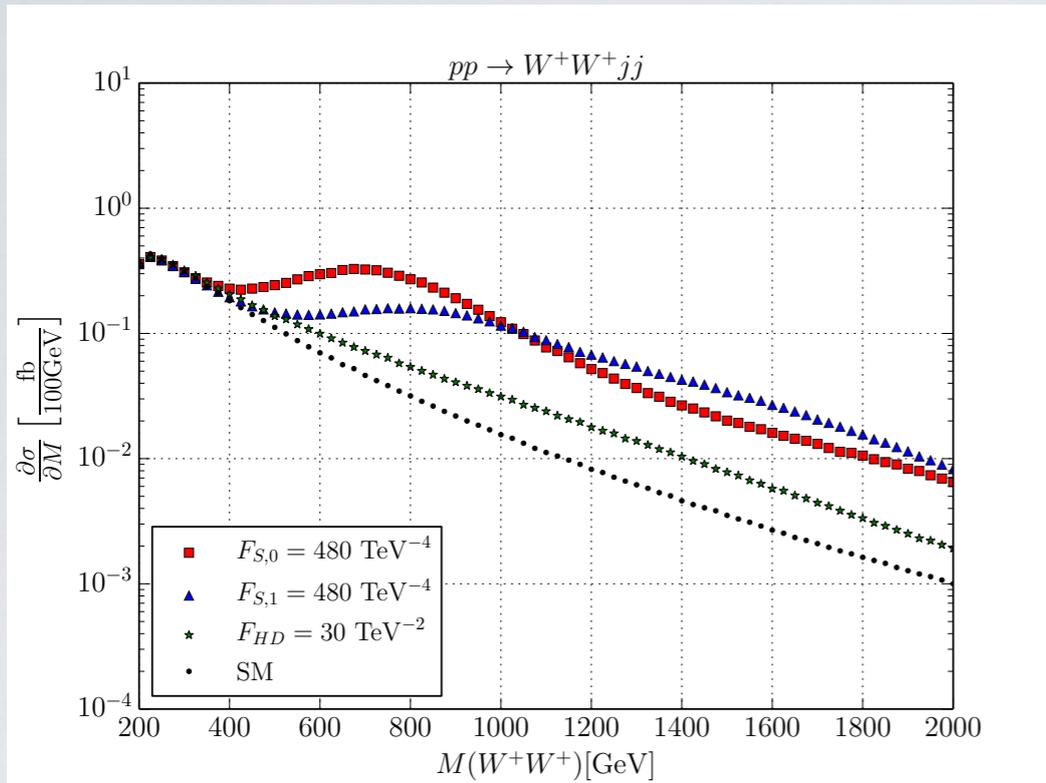


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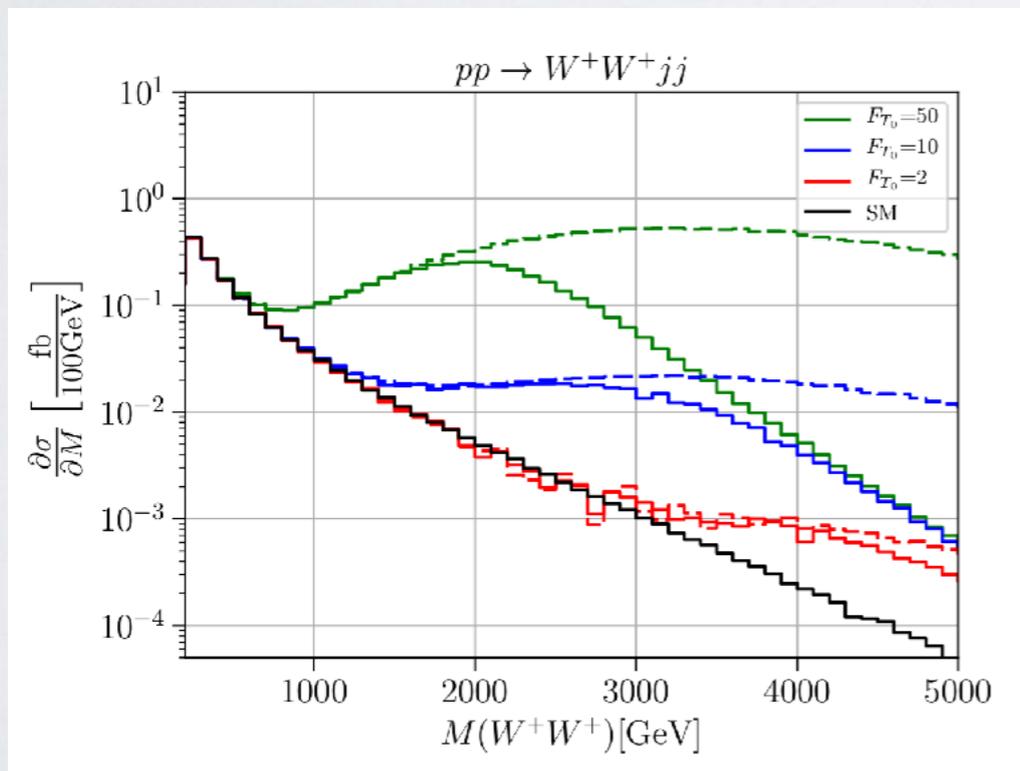
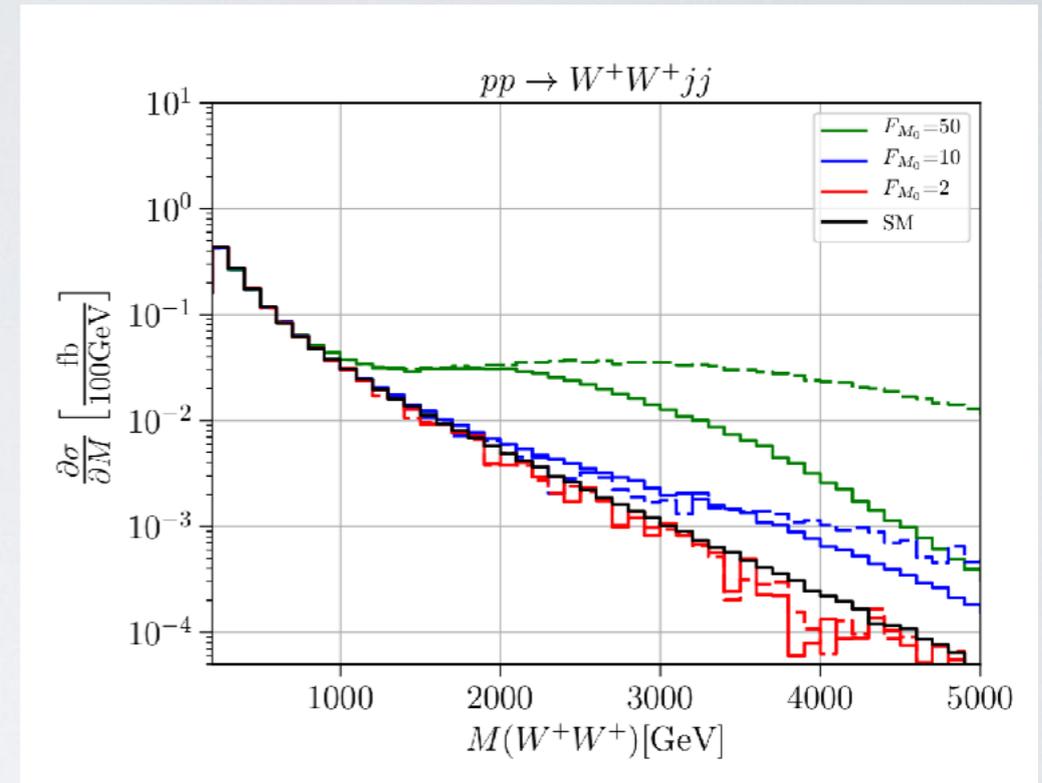
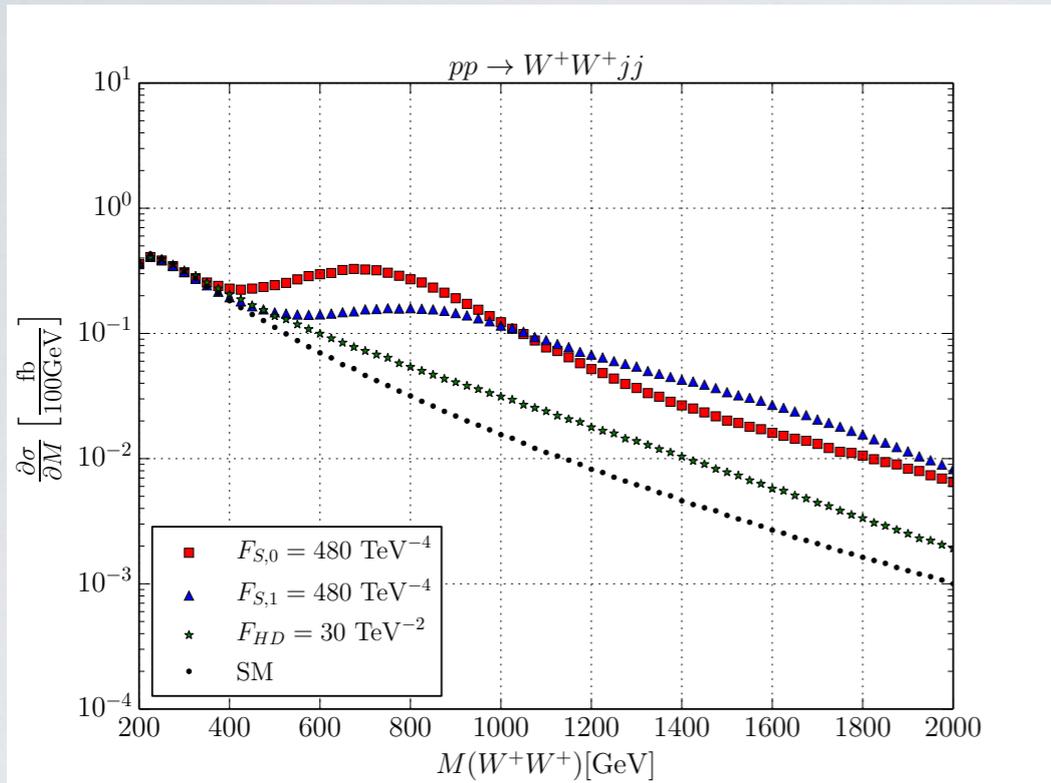
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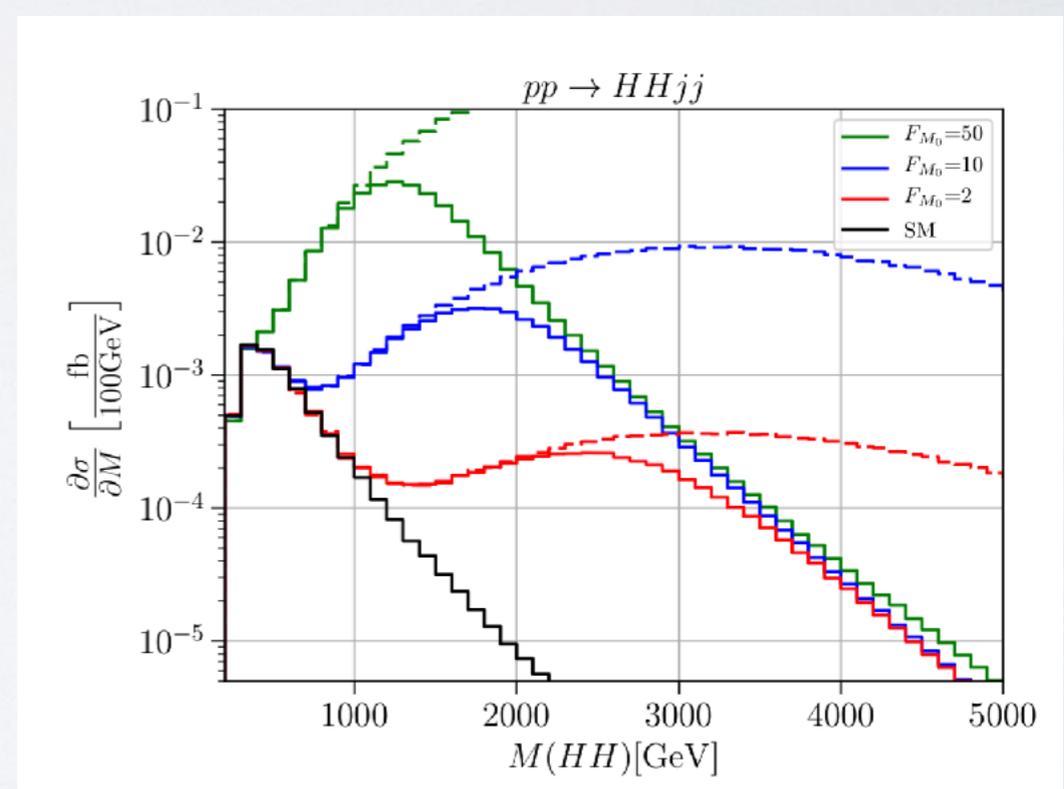
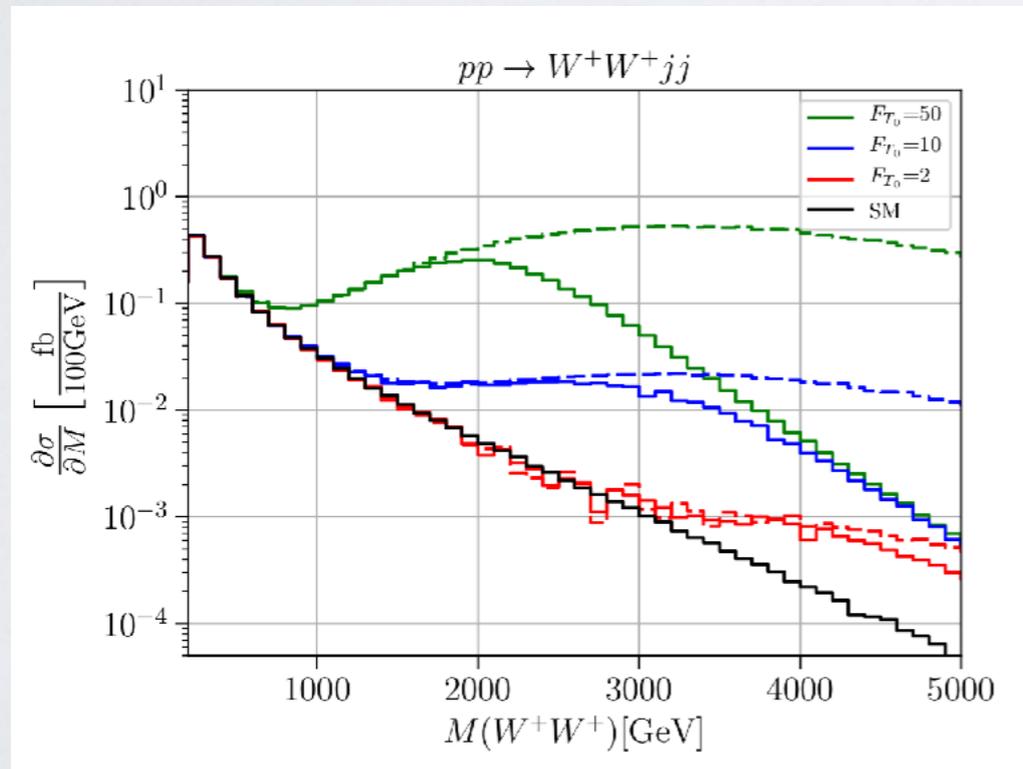
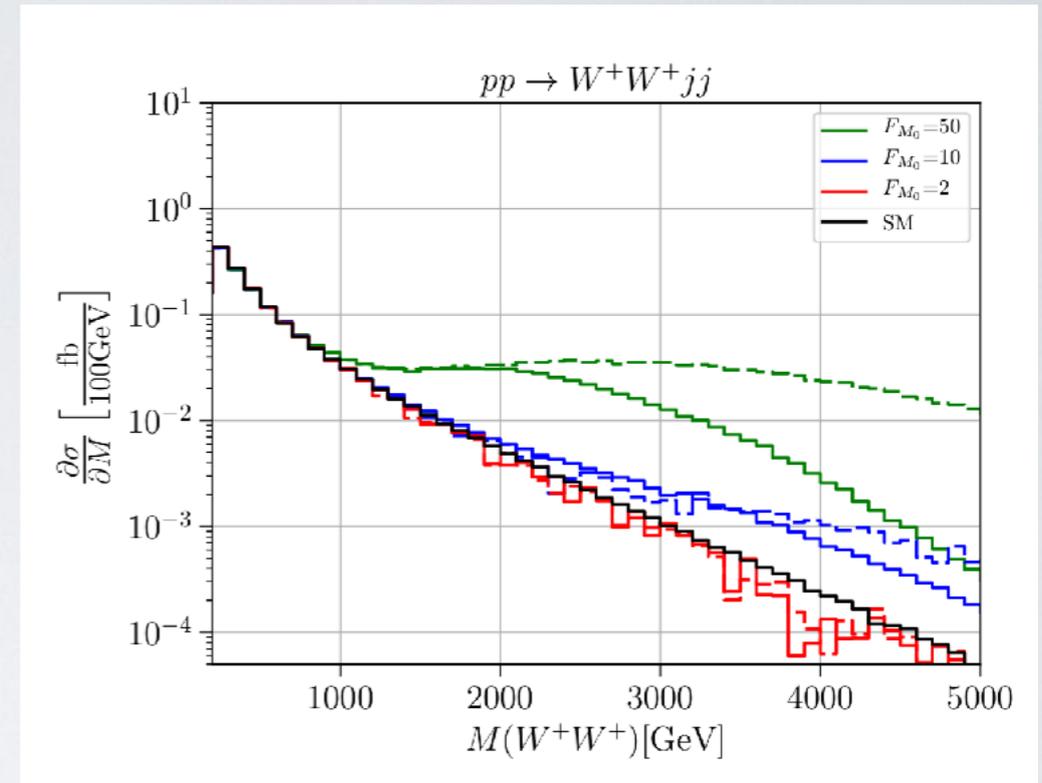
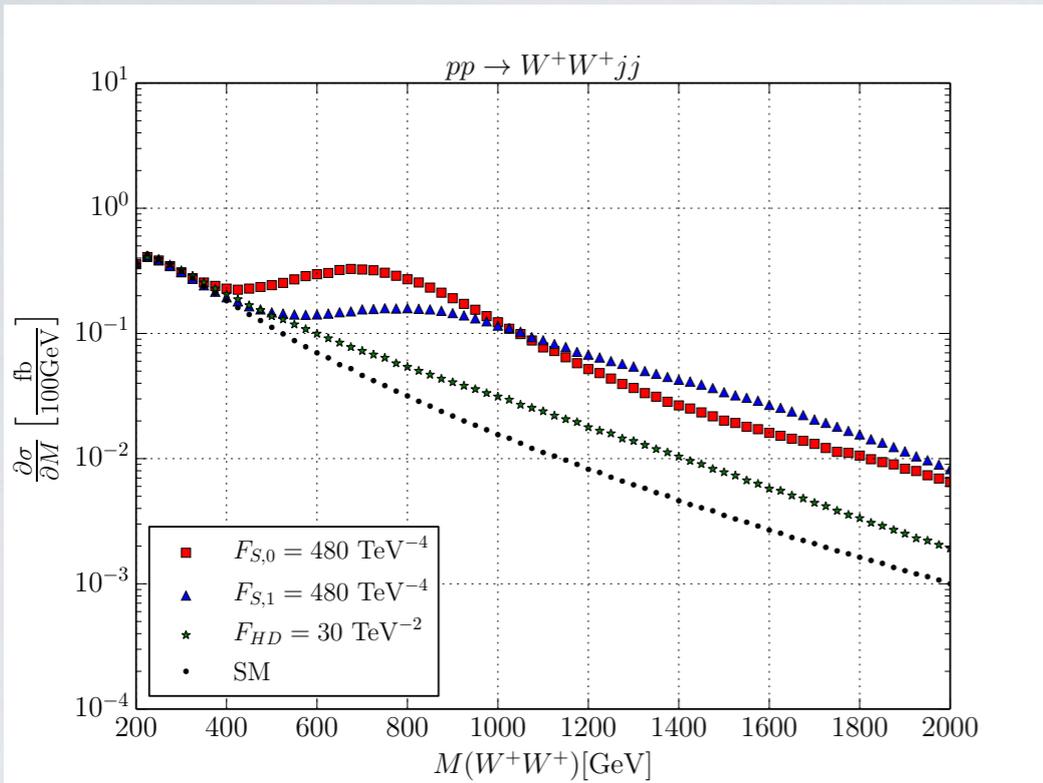
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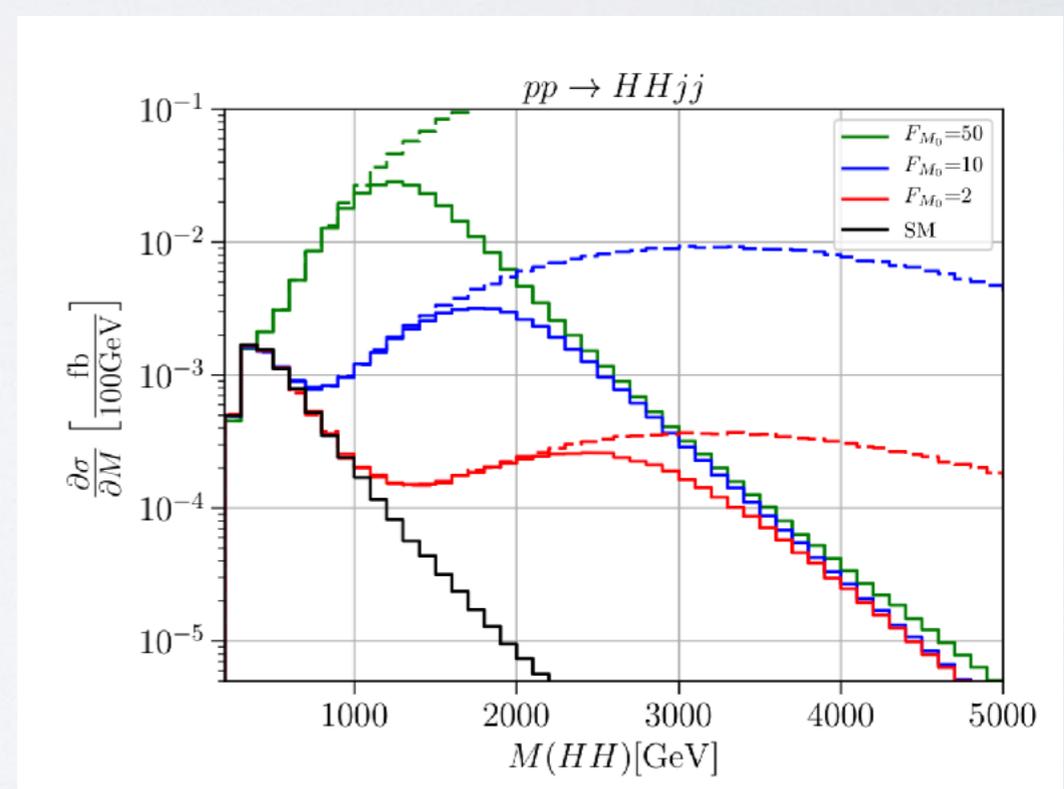
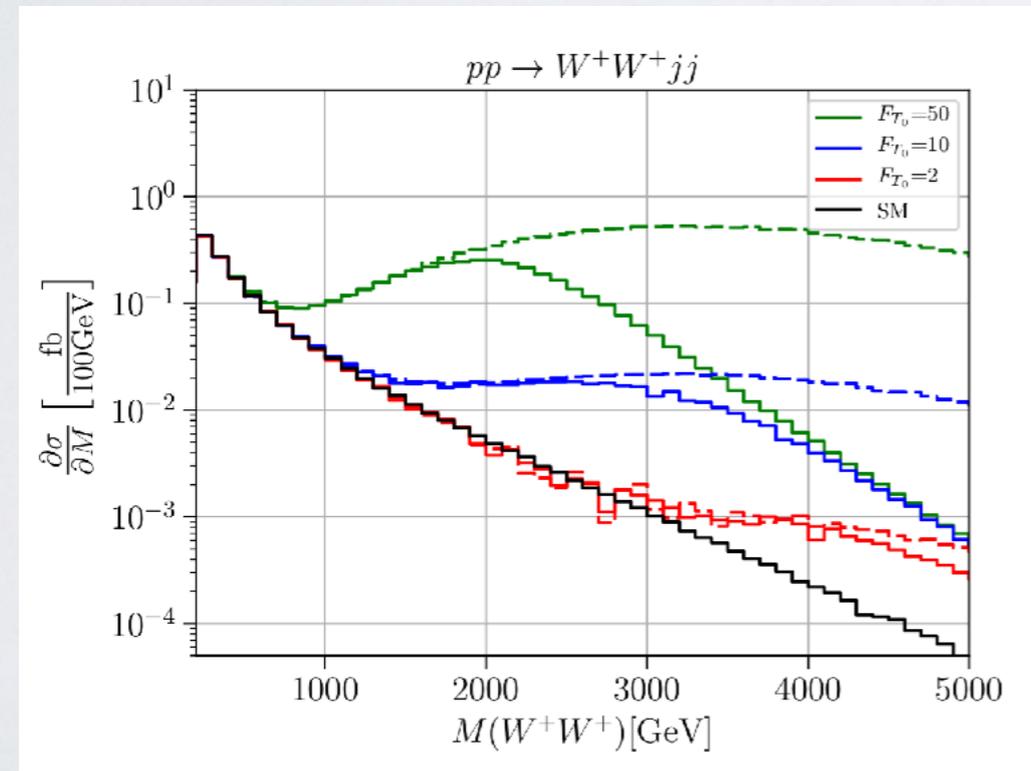
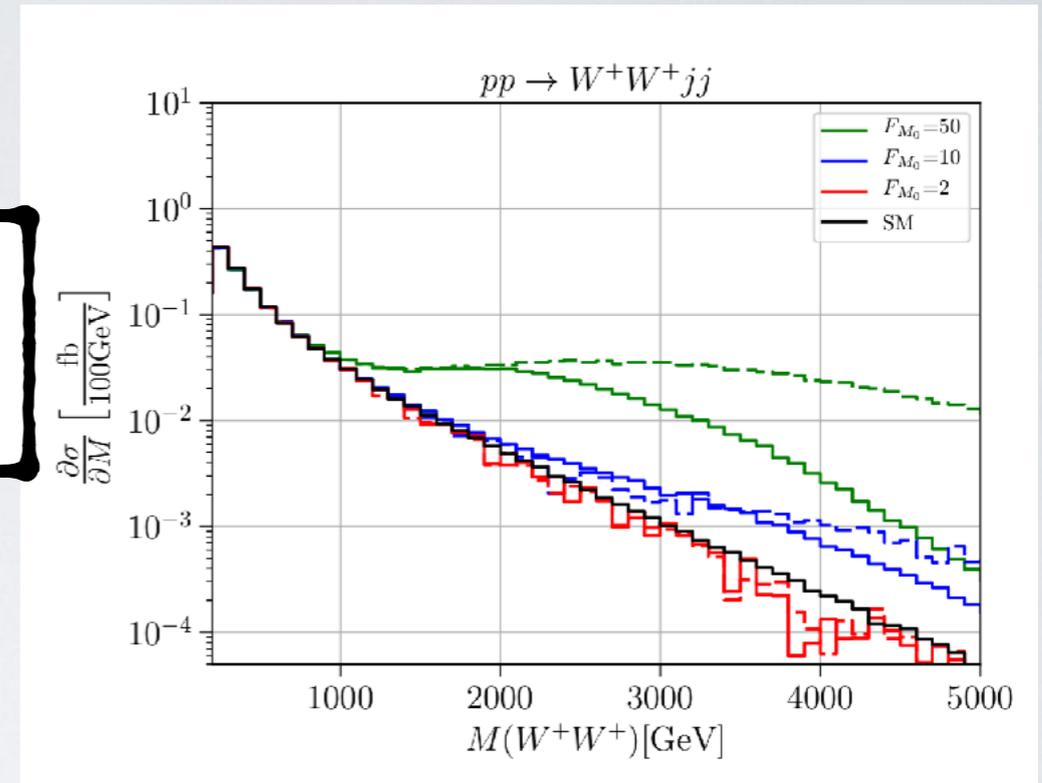
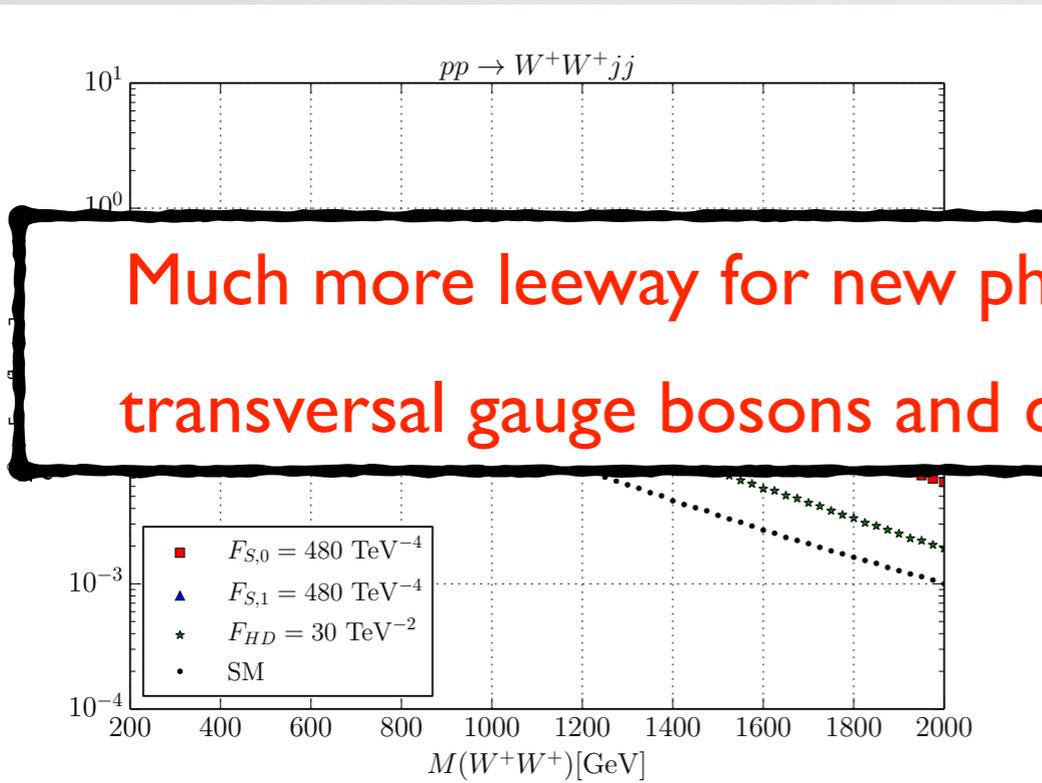


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❑ **Estimate of operator coefficients** (difficult for strongly coupled models)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} \times \mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-6}} \gtrsim |\mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-6}}|^2 \quad \mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} \times \mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-8}} \gtrsim |\mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-8}}|^2 \quad \mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} \times \mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-6}} \gtrsim \mathcal{A}_{\text{SM}} \times \mathcal{A}_{\text{dim-8}}$$

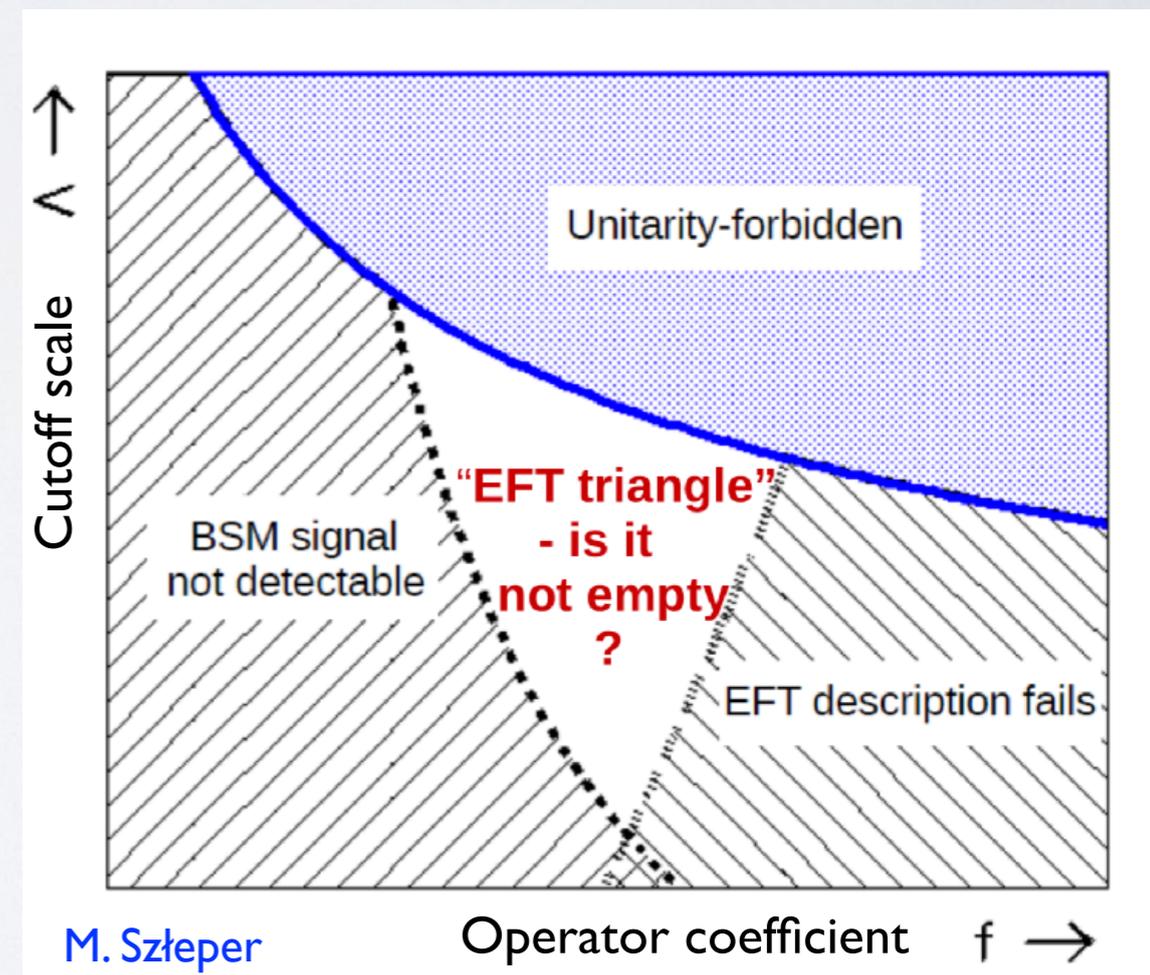
❑ **Partial wave unitarity:** gives guidance on maximally possible event numbers

❑ **Positivity constraints on operator coefficients**

❑ **Size of coefficients:** dichotomy between validity and detectability

❑ **EFT better/best[?] suited in intensity frontier** [example: HEFT @  $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$ ]

❑ **EFT borderline in energy frontier physics**



Rise of amplitude: is Taylor expansion below a resonance

Courtesy: Jorge de Blas

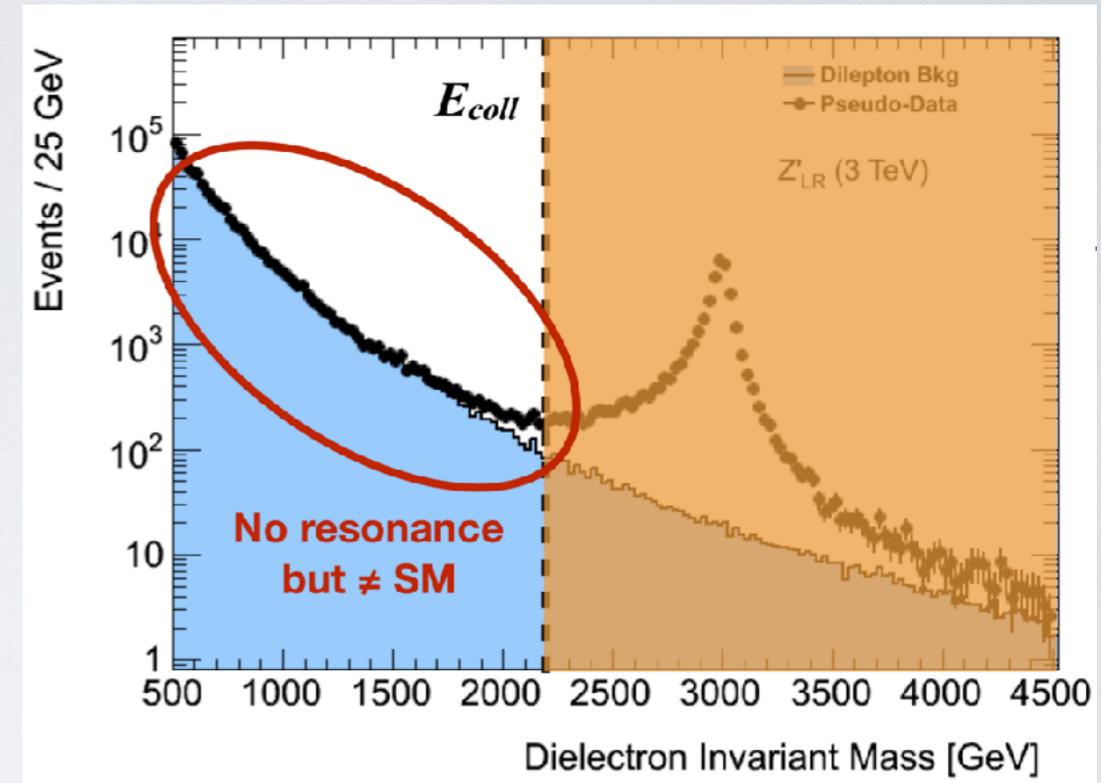
Resonances might be in direct reach of LHC

EFT framework EW-restored regime:

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R, SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \text{ gauged}$$

Include EFT operators in addition (more resonances, continuum contribution)

Apply  $T$ -matrix unitarization beyond resonance (“UV-incomplete” model)



Spins 0, 2 considered, Spin 1 has (partially) different physics (mixing with W/Z)

	isoscalar	isotensor
scalar	$\sigma^0$	$\phi_t^{--}, \phi_t^-, \phi_t^0, \phi_t^+, \phi_t^{++}$ $\phi_v^-, \phi_v^0, \phi_v^+$ $\phi_s^0$
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...	...	...

$$32\pi\Gamma/M^5$$

	$\sigma$	$\phi$	$f$	$X$
$F_{S,0}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	15	5
$F_{S,1}$	-	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-5	-35

Translation into Wilson coefficients below resonance



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- $f^{\mu\nu}$ : on-shell  $f^{\mu\nu}$

- $\phi$ :  $\partial_\mu \partial_\nu f^{\mu\nu}$

- $A^\mu$ :  $\partial_\nu f^{\mu\nu}$

- $\sigma$ :  $f^\mu{}_\mu$

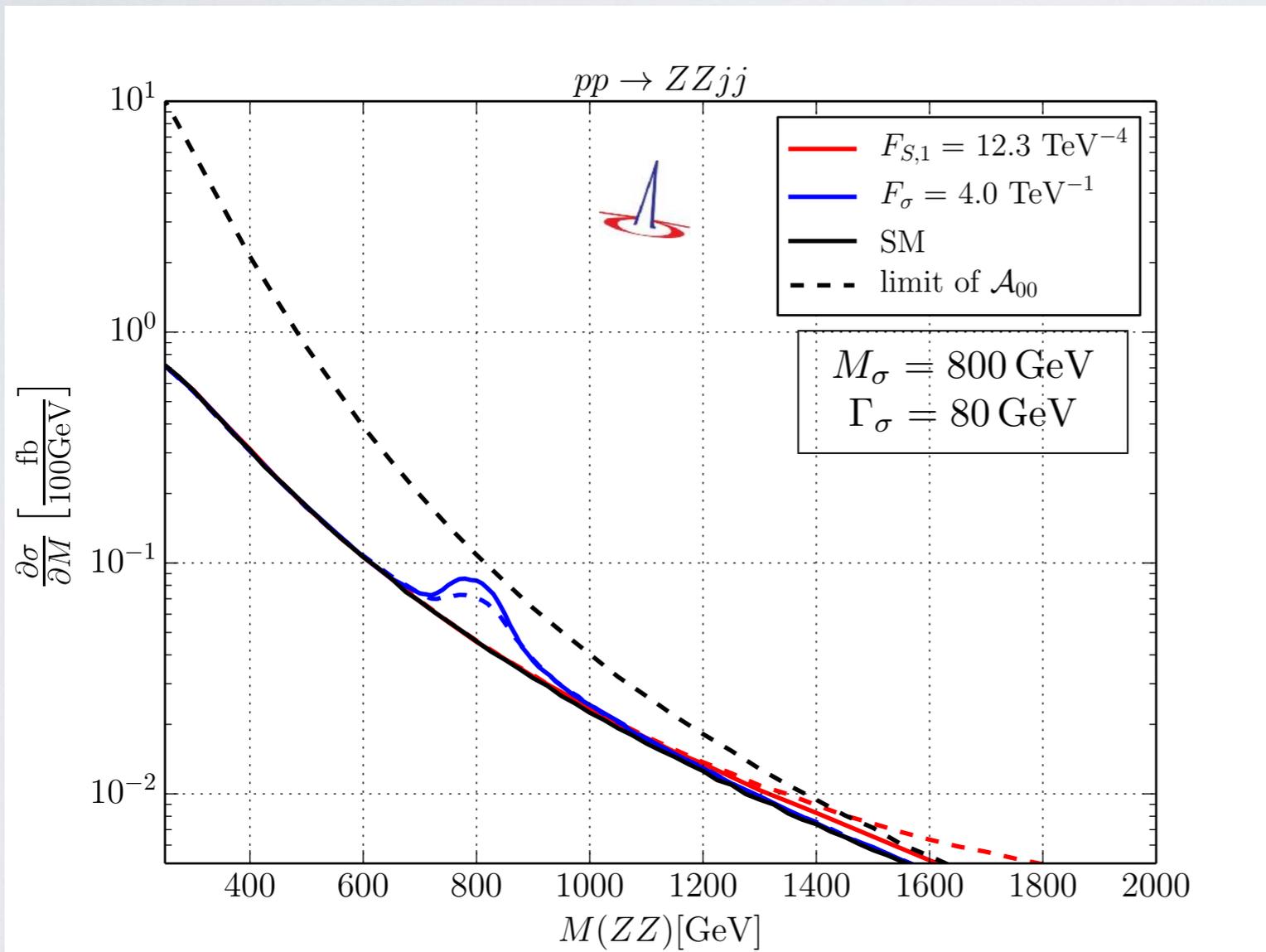
Gauge fixing:  $\sigma = -\phi$

# Comparison: Simplified Models & SMEFT

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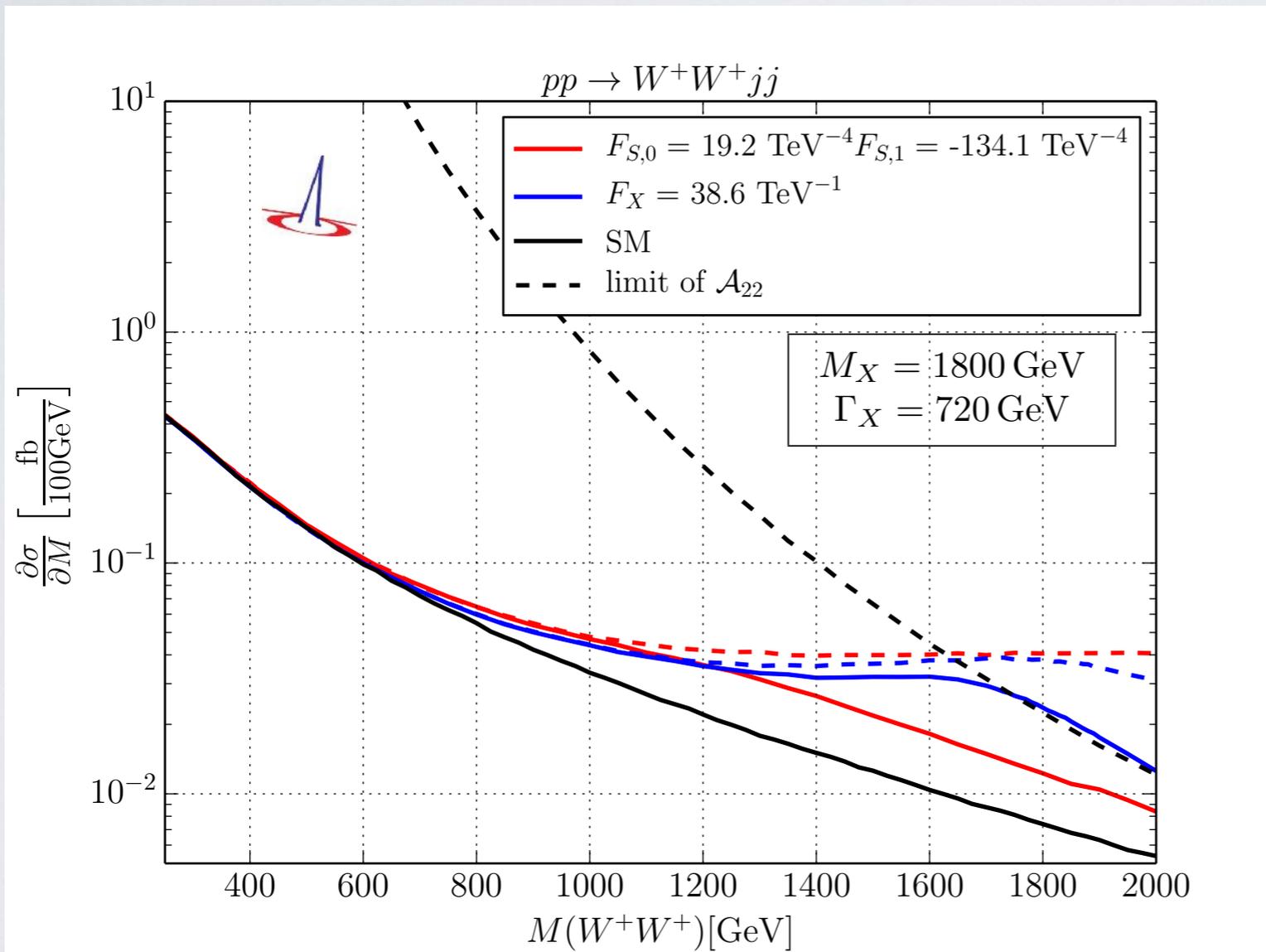
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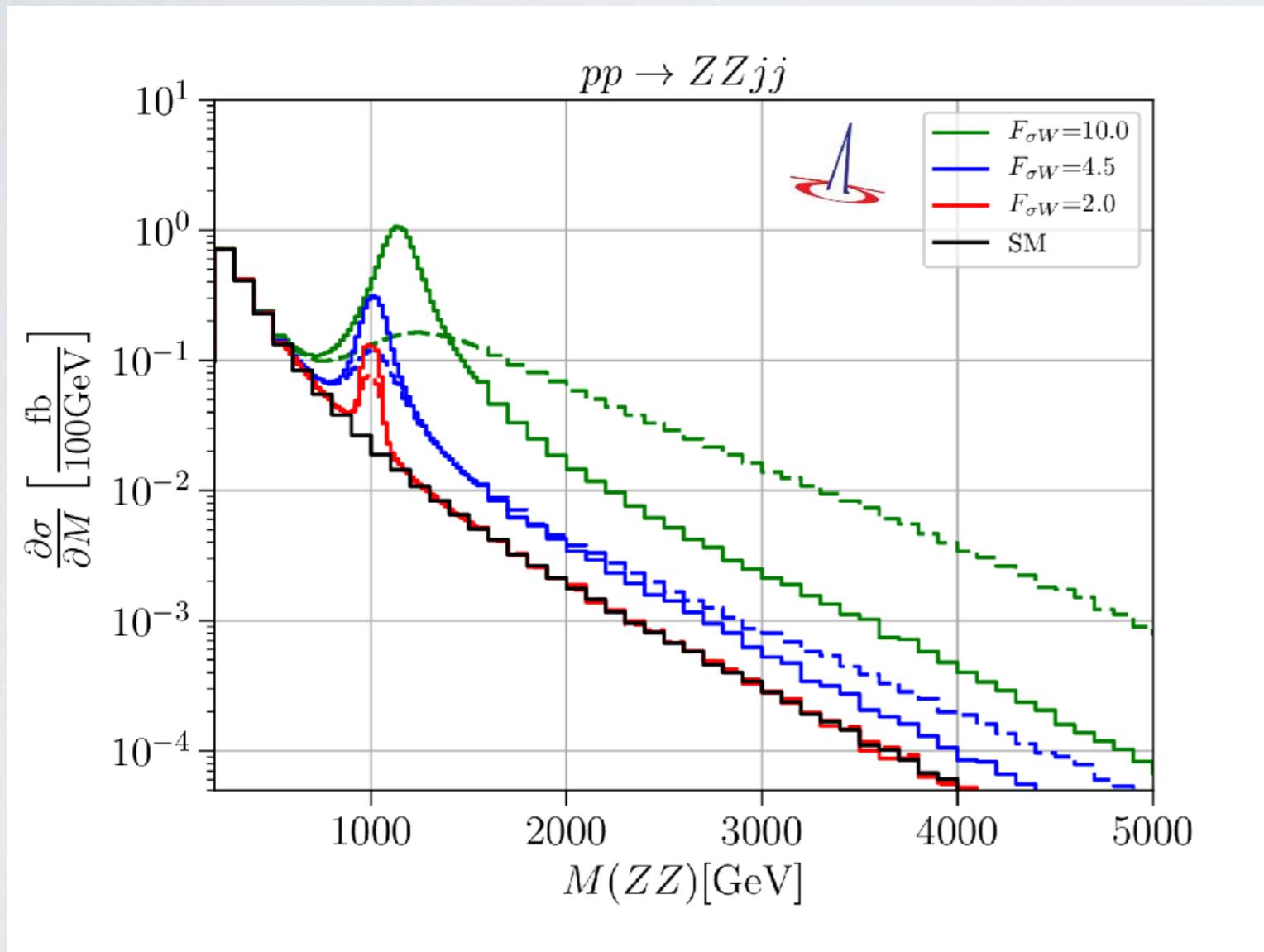
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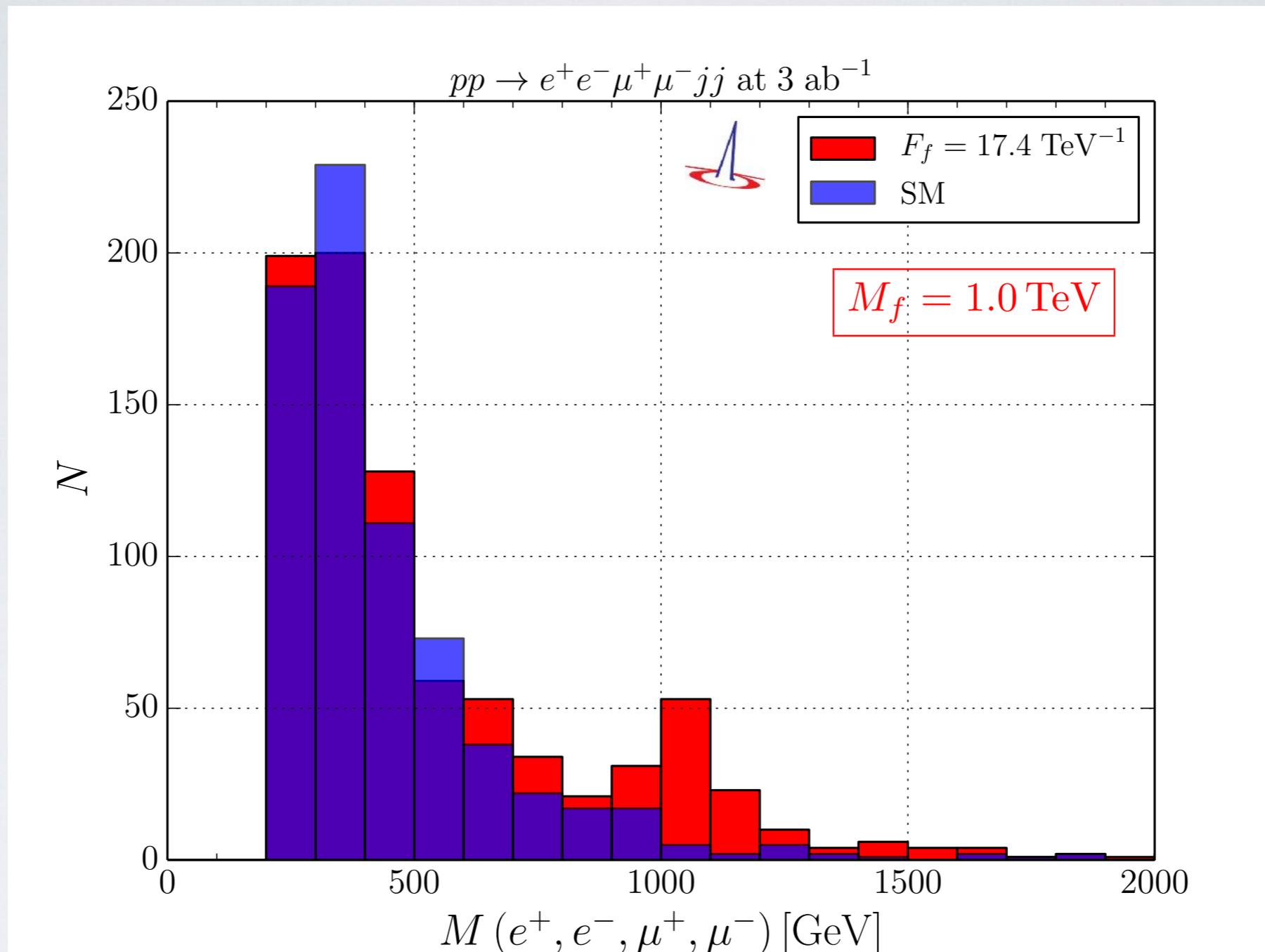
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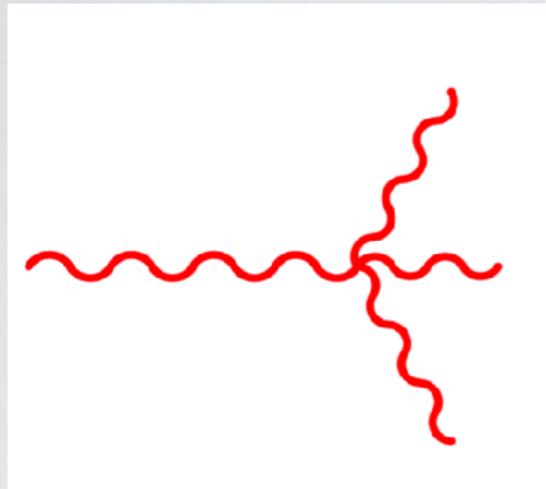
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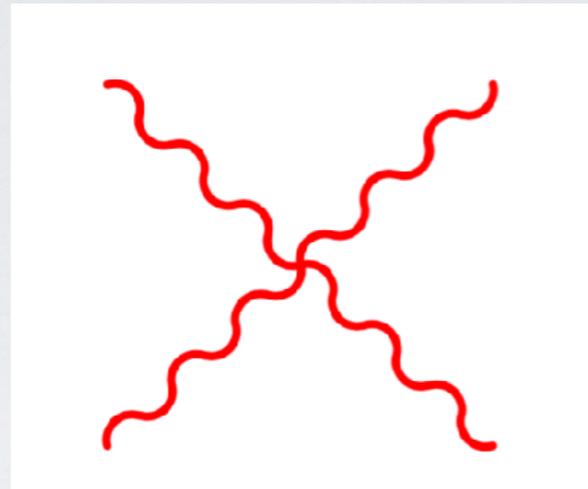


# Triple [multiple] Vector Boson Production ?

Relate



to



?

ATLAS data: 1903.10415

Decay channel	Significance	
	Observed	Expected
WWW combined	3.3σ	2.4σ
WWW → ℓνℓνqq	4.3σ	1.7σ
WWW → ℓνℓνℓν	1.0σ	2.0σ
WVZ combined	2.9σ	2.0σ
WVZ → ℓνqqℓℓ	–	1.0σ
WVZ → ℓνℓνℓℓ/qqℓℓℓ	3.5σ	1.8σ
VVV combined	4.0σ	3.1σ

- ▶ Yes, same Feynman rule as in VBS, but ...
- ▶ one external  $W/Z/\gamma$  always far off-shell
- ▶ Unitarization: work in progress (needs 2 → 3 unitarizations, inelastic channels) [Bahl/Kilian/Kreher/JRR, w.i.p.]
- ▶ Different Wilson coefficients dominate (particularly for resonances)
- ▶ Important physics (partially) independent from VBS (“different fiducial vol.”)

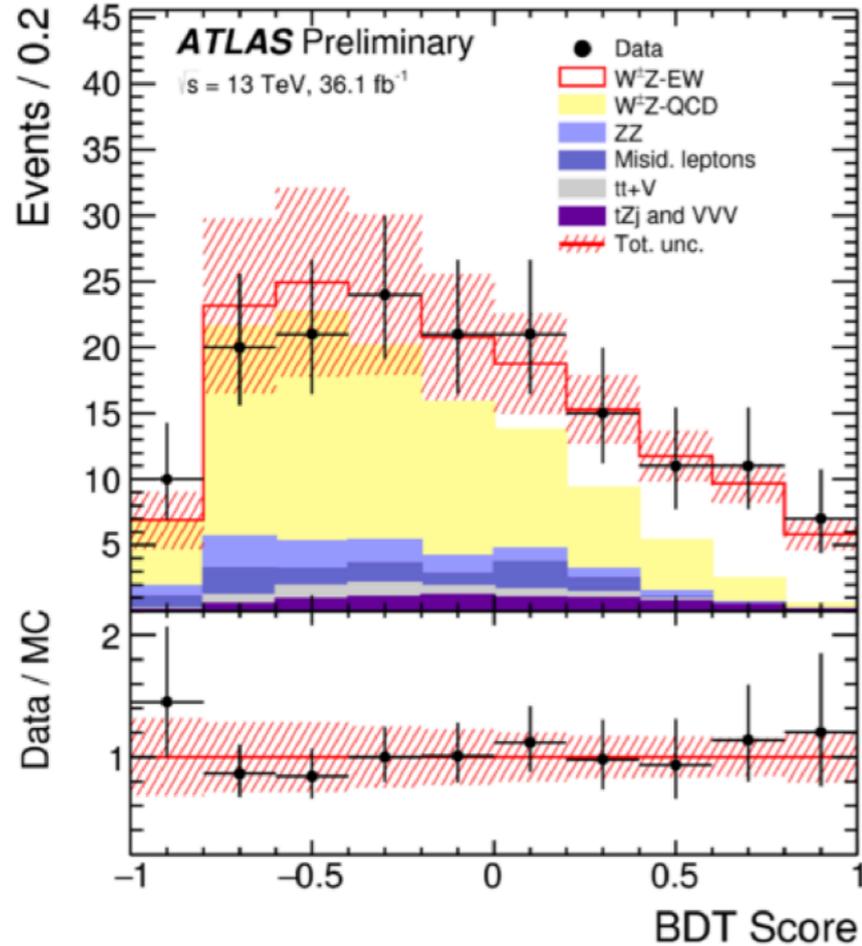
[CMS: downward fluctuation]

- ◆ Vector boson scattering one of the flagship measurements of Runs II/III/IV
- ◆ EFT provides **well-defined (and very limited) framework for SM deviations**
- ◆ There is not really a true model-independent parameterization!
- ◆ **Unitarization for theoretically sane description**
- ◆  $T$ -matrix unitarization: no new parameters, yields maximal (bin-wise) event counts
- ◆ **Unitarization bounds: more space for new physics in di-Higgs / transverse op.**
- ◆ **Simplified models: generic electroweak resonances**
- ◆ **Huge challenge: separation of different helicity fractions**
- ◆ Interesting kinematically different constraints from tri-boson production

# BACKUP SLIDES



# VBS measured in many different channels



Post-fit background normalisations

$$\mu_{WZ\text{-}QCD} = 0.60 \pm 0.25$$

$$\mu_{ttV} = 1.18 \pm 0.19$$

$$\mu_{ZZ} = 1.34 \pm 0.29$$

$$pp \rightarrow WZjj \rightarrow l\nu lljj$$

1812.09740

$$pp \rightarrow WZjj \rightarrow (l\nu)(l\nu)jjjj$$

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WZjj-EW measured signal strength:

$$\mu_{EW} = 1.77 \pm 0.41(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.17(\text{syst.}) = 1.77 \pm 0.45$$

Observed sign.:  $5.6\sigma$  ( $3.3\sigma$  expected)

Corresponding fid. cross section:

$$\sigma_{WZ^{\pm}jj \rightarrow l\nu lljj}^{\text{fid., EW}} = 0.57^{+0.15}_{-0.14} \text{ fb} = 0.57^{+0.14}_{-0.13} (\text{stat.})^{+0.05}_{-0.04} (\text{syst.})^{+0.04}_{-0.03} (\text{th.}) \text{ fb}$$

Philip Chang, plenary; Usama Hussain, parallel 24.5.

$$pp \rightarrow WZjj \rightarrow lljj + X$$

$$\sigma_{WZjj}^{\text{fid}} = 3.18^{+0.57}_{-0.52} (\text{stat})^{+0.43}_{-0.36} (\text{syst}) \text{ fb} = 3.18^{+0.71}_{-0.63} \text{ fb}$$

1901.04060

Observed (expected) of EW WZ  $1.9\sigma$  ( $2.7\sigma$ )

$$pp \rightarrow W^+W^+jj \rightarrow l\nu l\nu jj$$

$$\sigma_{\text{fid}} = 3.83 \pm 0.66 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.35 (\text{syst}) \text{ fb}$$

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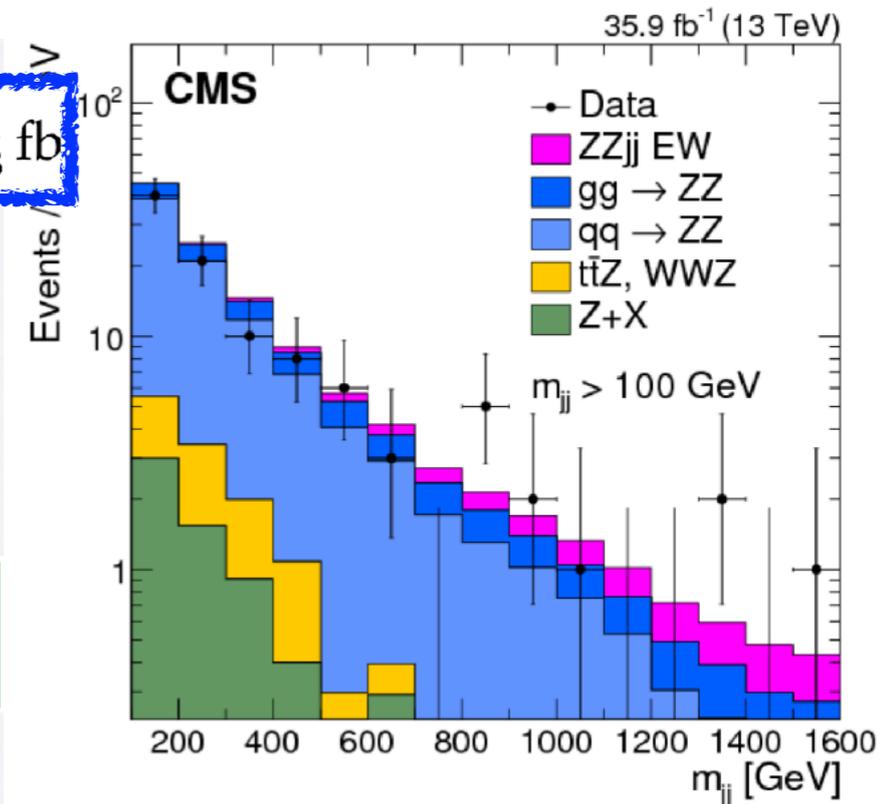
Observed (expected) of  $5.5\sigma$  ( $5.7\sigma$ )

$$pp \rightarrow ZZjj \rightarrow ll ll jj$$

$$\mu = \sigma_{\text{obs}}/\sigma_{\text{th.}} = 1.39^{+0.72}_{-0.57} (\text{stat})^{+0.46}_{-0.31} (\text{syst.})$$

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Observed (expected) of  $2.7\sigma$  ( $1.6\sigma$ )



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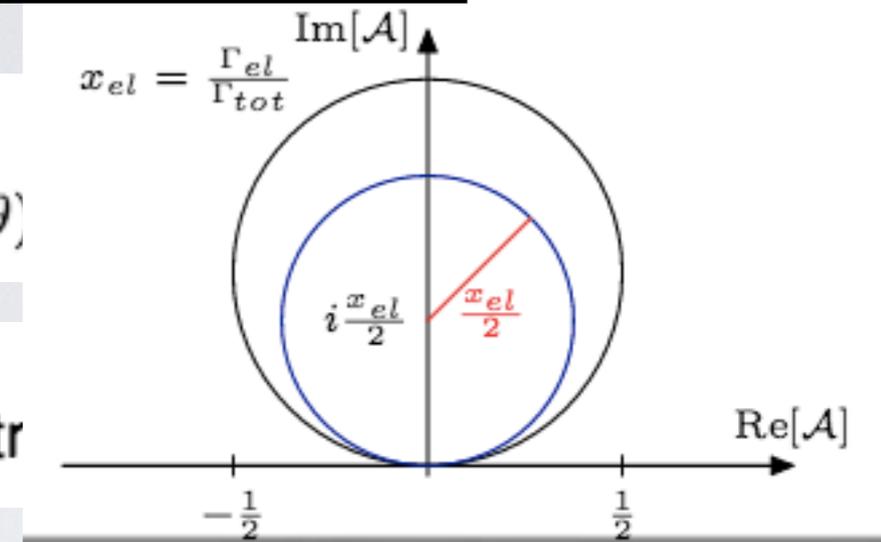
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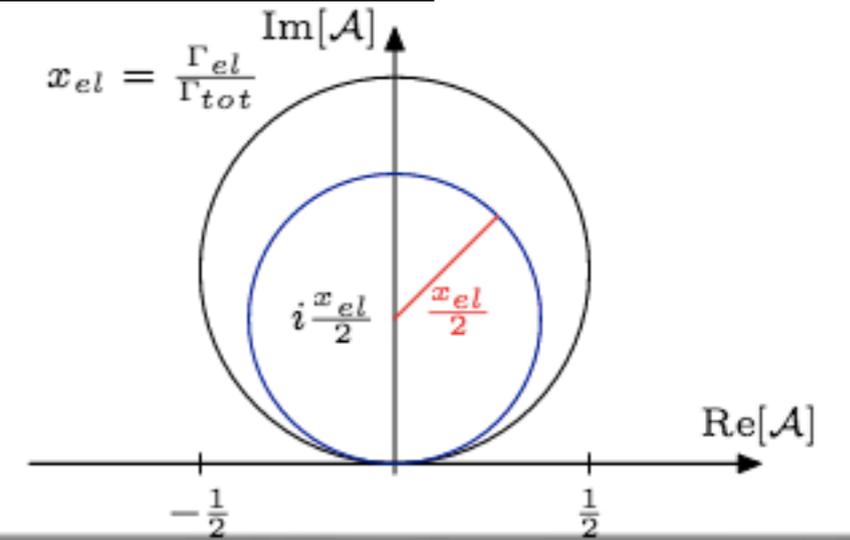
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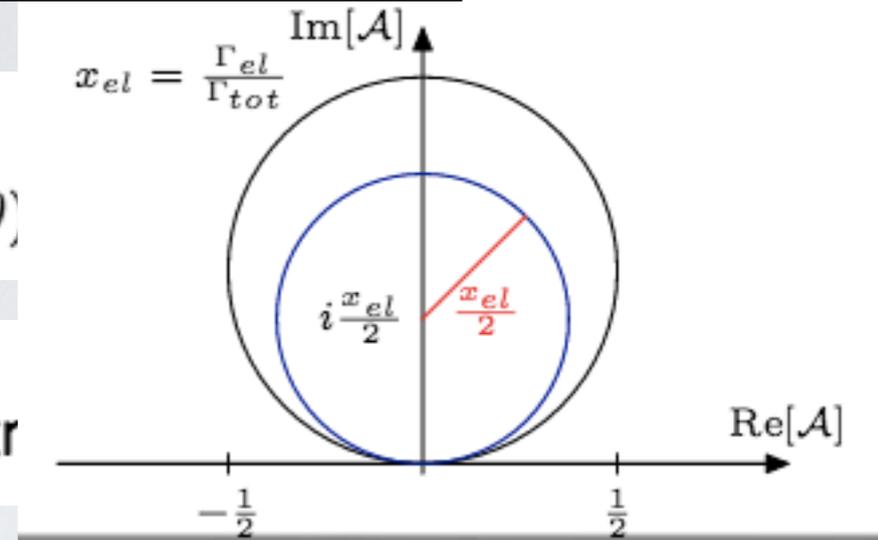
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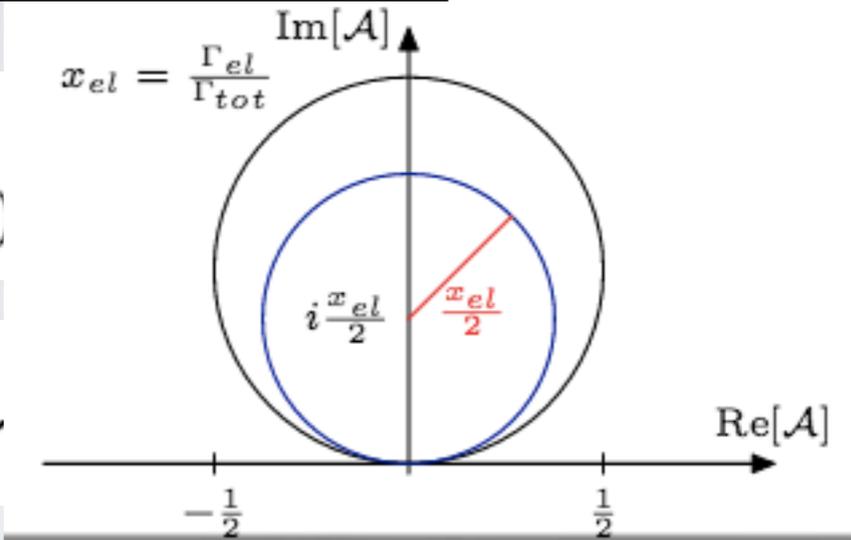
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Lee/Quigg/Thacker, 1973

**exceeds unitarity bound  $|\mathcal{A}_{IJ}| \lesssim \frac{1}{2}$  at:**

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$$I = 1 : \quad E \sim \sqrt{48\pi} v = 3.5 \text{ TeV}$$

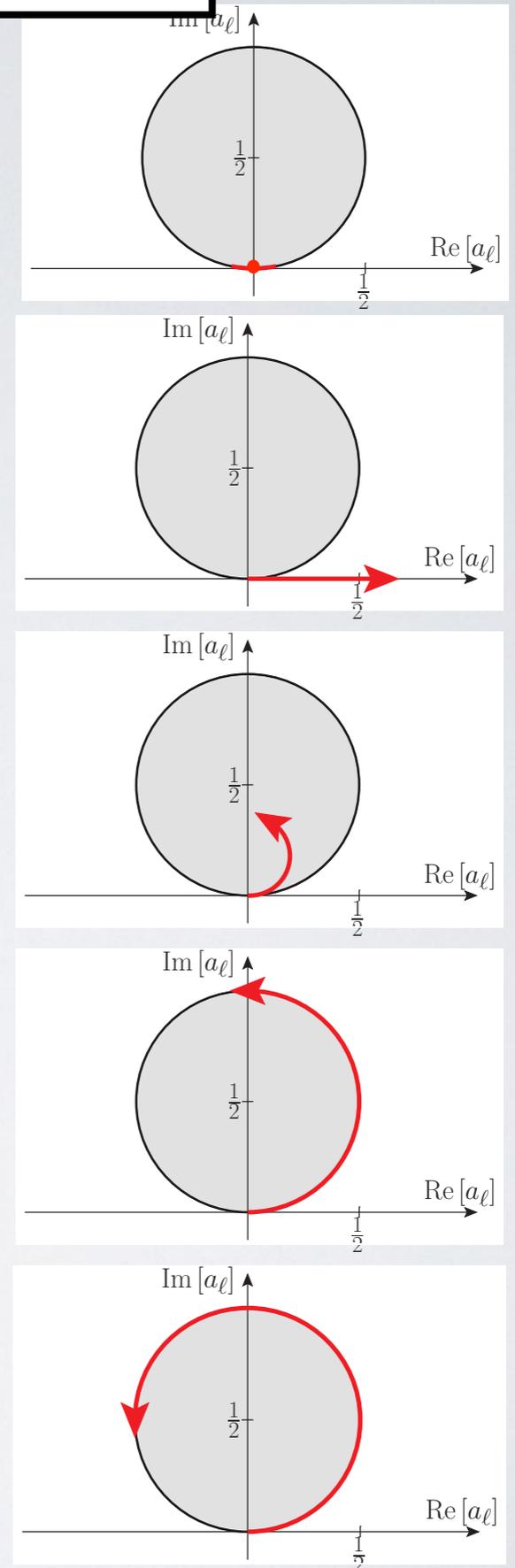
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Higgs exchange:

$$\mathcal{A}(s, t, u) = -\frac{M_H^2}{v^2} \frac{s}{s - M_H^2}$$

Unitarity:  $M_H \lesssim \sqrt{8\pi} v \sim 1.2 \text{ TeV}$

1. **SM or weakly coupled physics (e.g. 2HDM):** amplitude remains close to origin
2. **Rising amplitude (at least one dim-8 operator):** rise beyond unitarity circle [unphys.], strongly interacting regime
3. **Inelastic channel opens (form-factor description):** new channels open out, multi-boson final states
4. **Saturation of amplitude:** maximal amplitude, strongly interacting continuum, K-/T-matrix unitarization
5. **New resonance:** amplitude turns over



# Differential spectra in VBS

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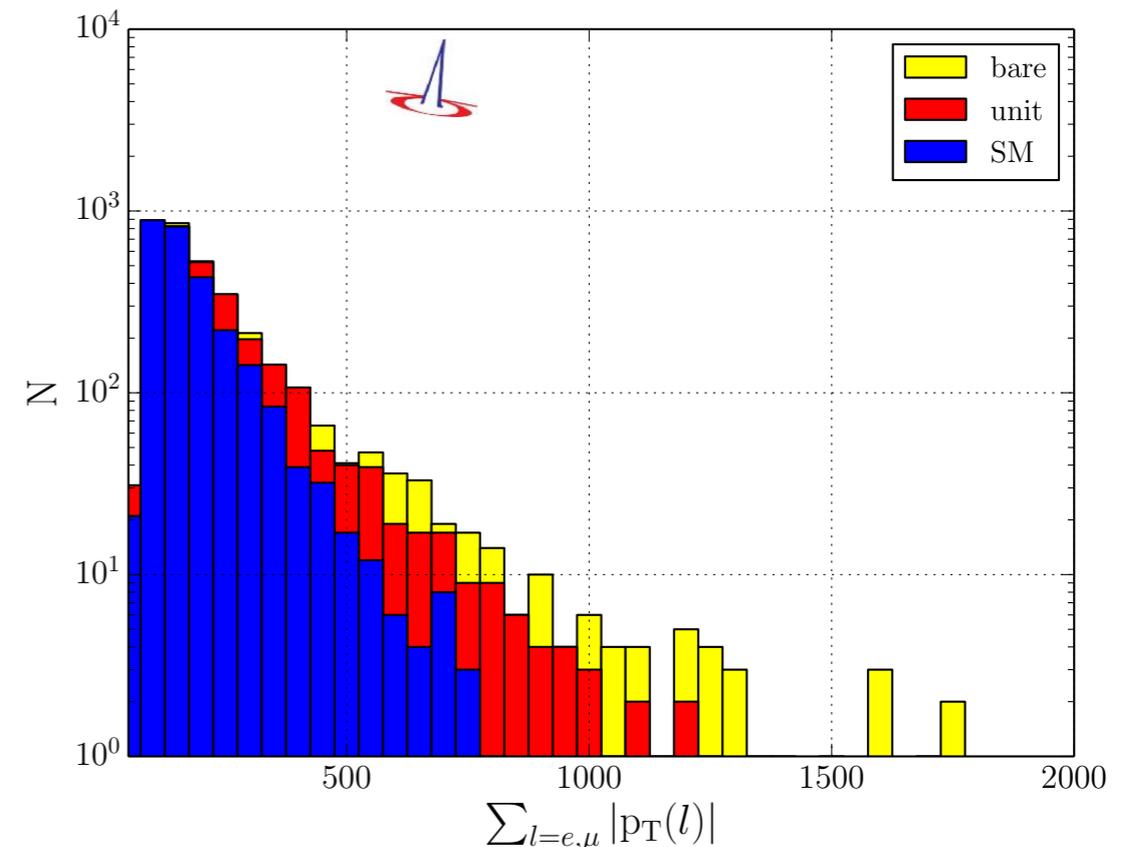
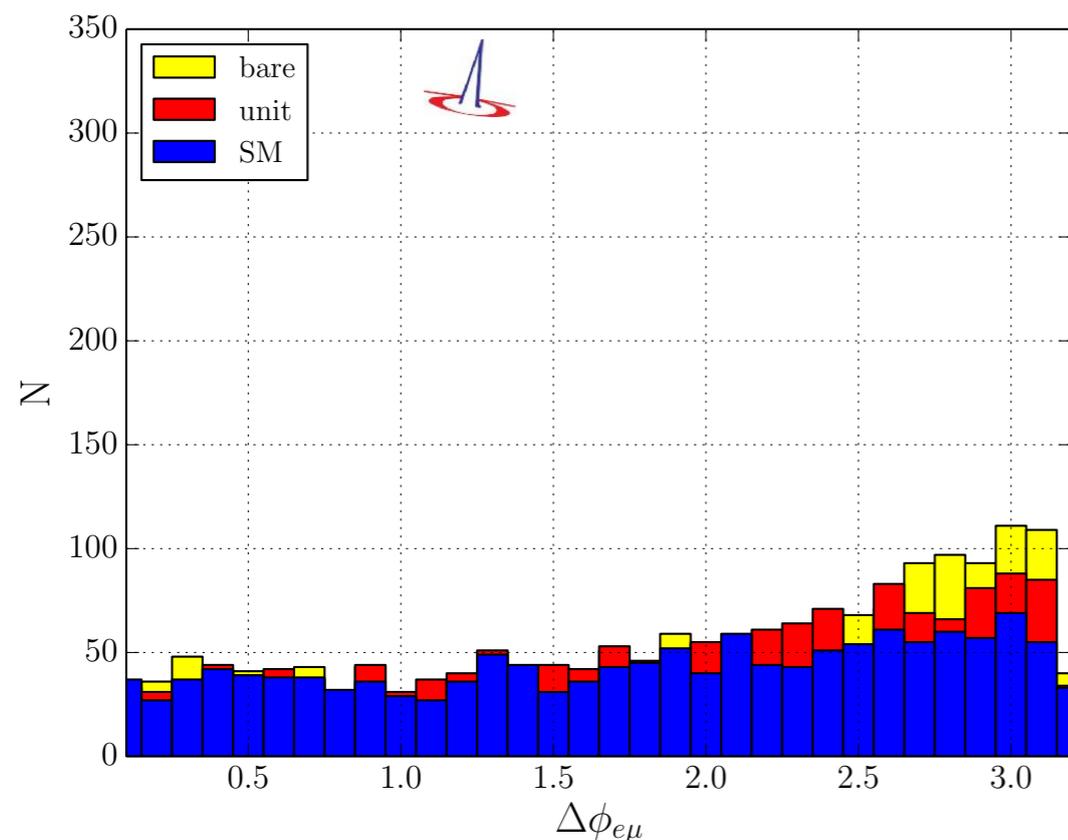
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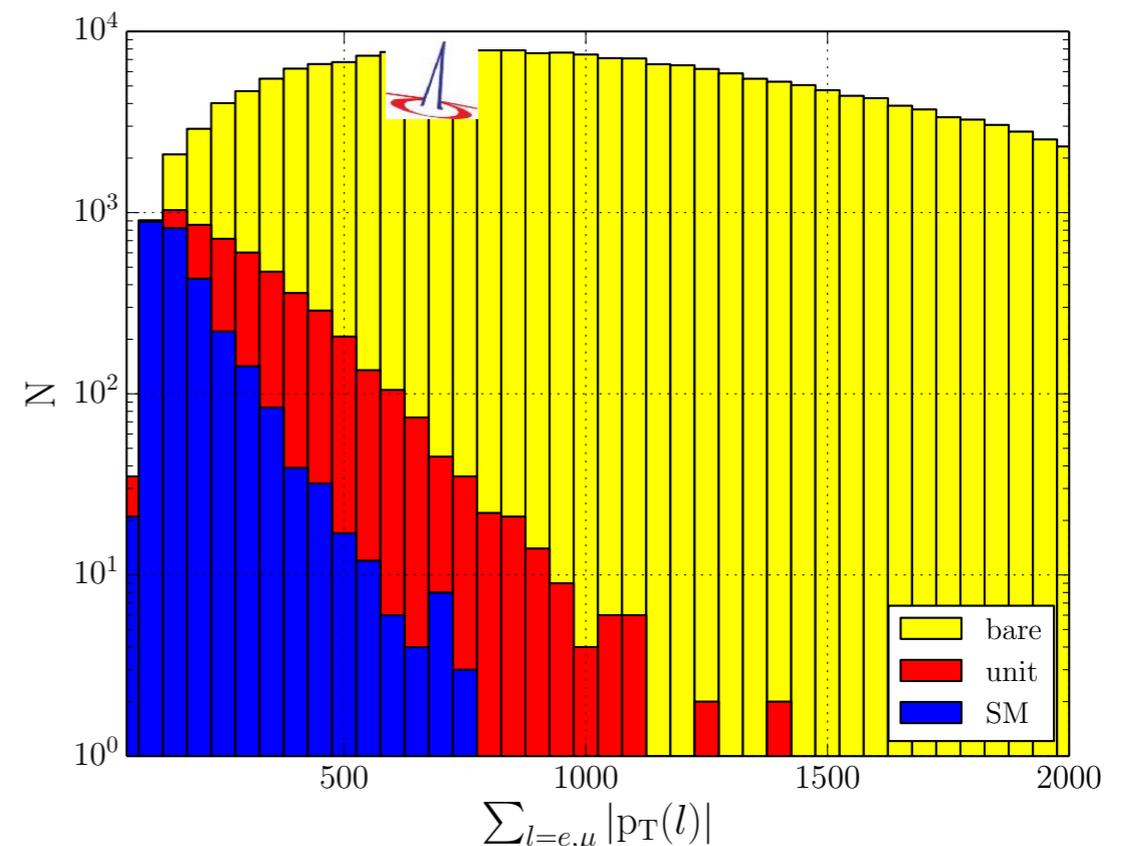
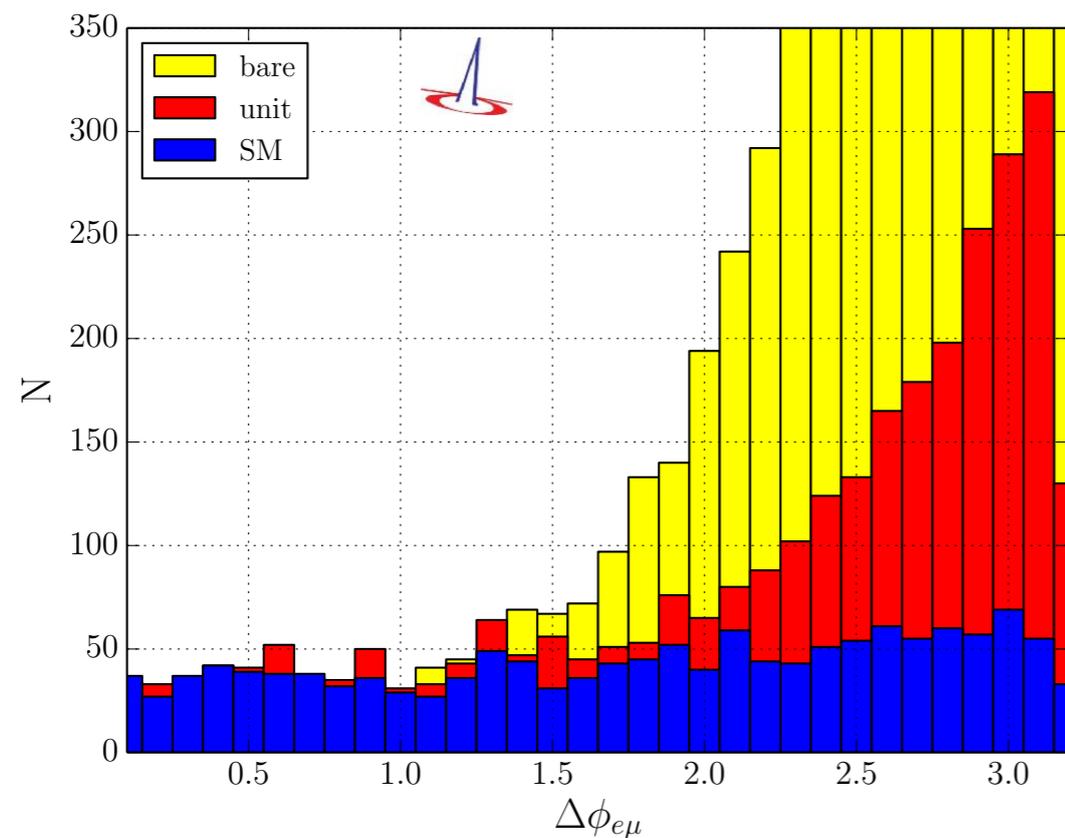
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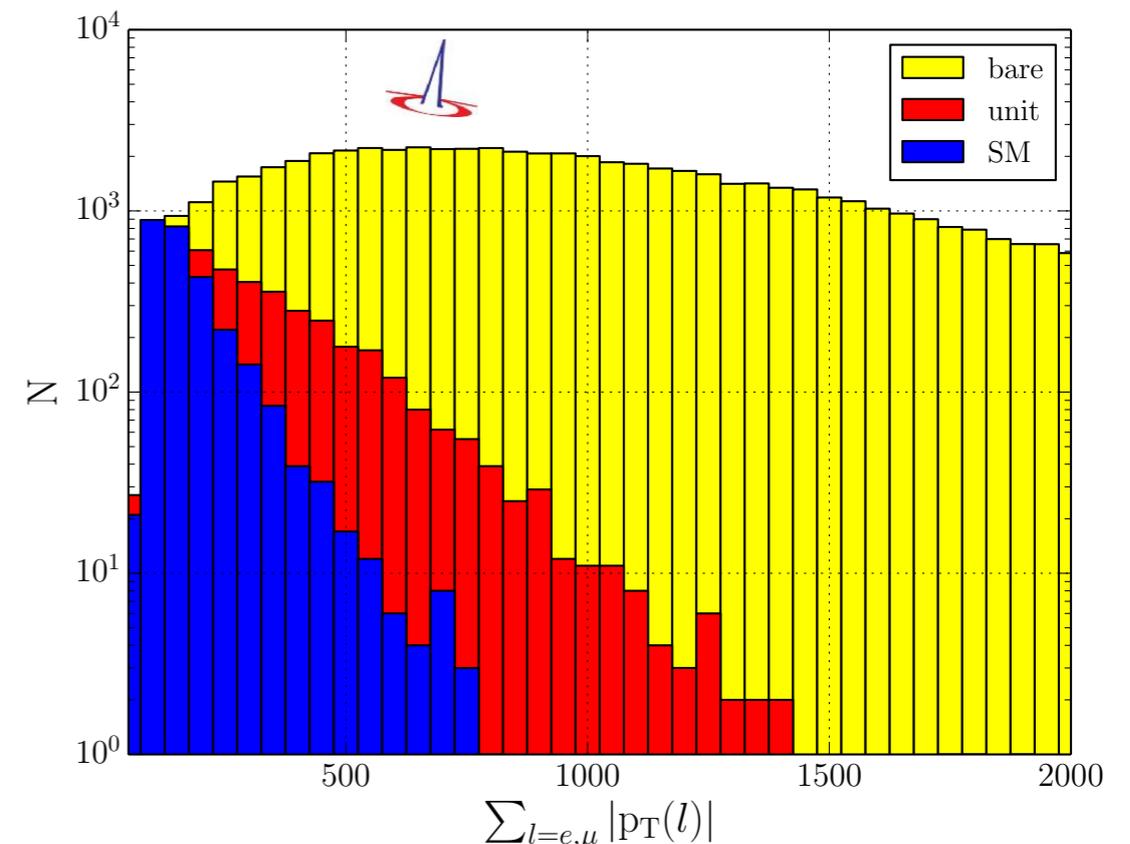
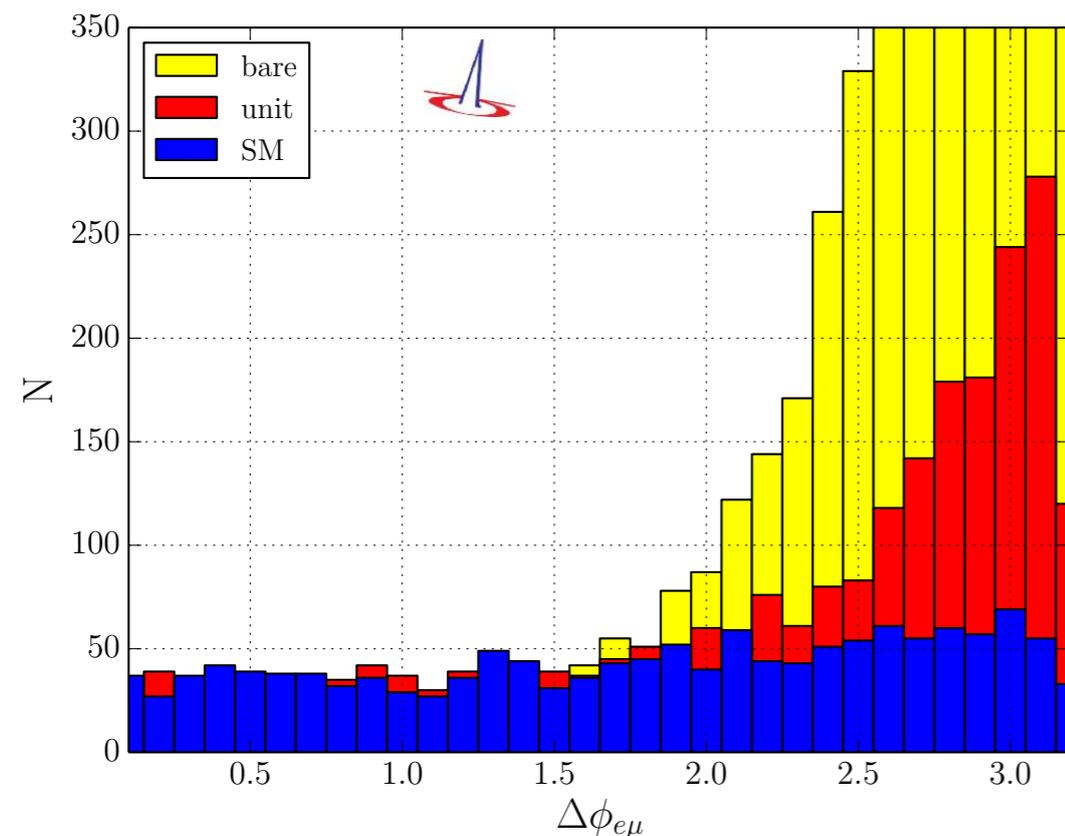
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