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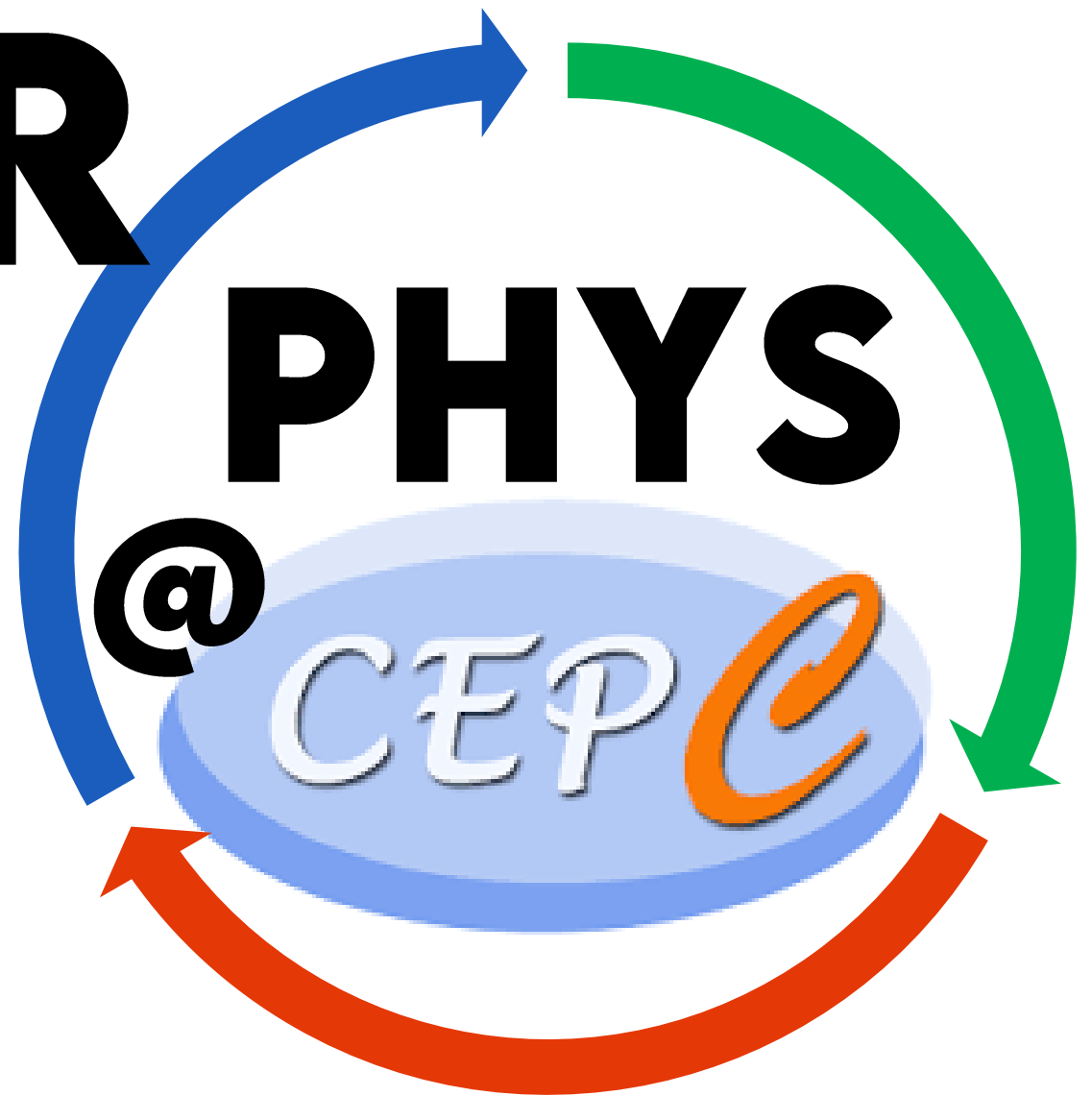
(in a random
theorist's
point of view)

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Based on "CEPC Flavor Physics White Paper"
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Tera-Z

90 GeV
 $O(100) \text{ ab}^{-1}$

*Also apply to



See also:

Guy Wilkinson's talk

Giga-W

160 GeV
 $O(10) \text{ ab}^{-1}$

Mega-HIGGS

240 GeV
 $O(10) \text{ ab}^{-1}$

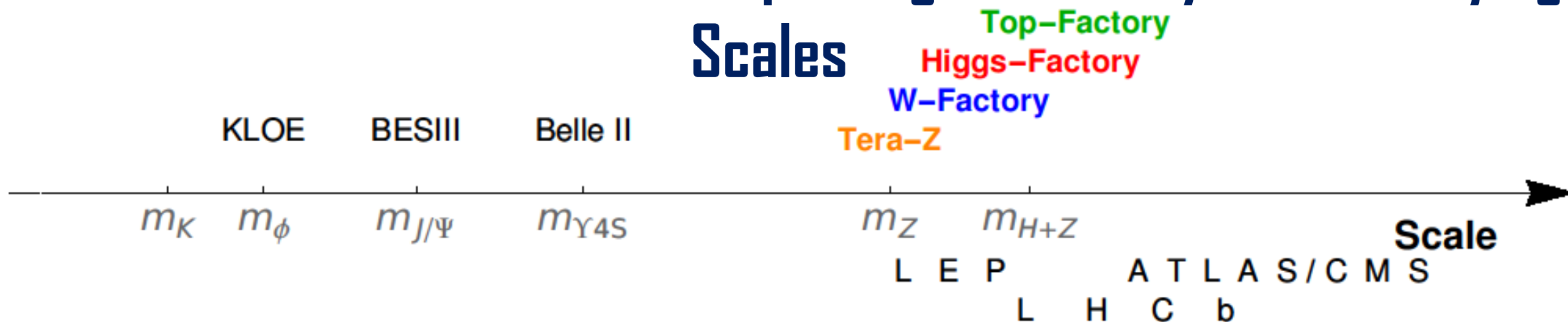


~100/π km

Operation mode	Z factory	WW threshold	Higgs factory	$t\bar{t}$
$\sqrt{s}$ (GeV)	91.2	160	240	360
Run time (year)	2	1	10	5
Instantaneous luminosity ($10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$, per IP)	191.7	26.7	8.3	0.83
Integrated luminosity (ab^{-1} , 2 IPs)	100	6.9	21.6	1
Event yields	4.1×10^{12}	2.1×10^8	4.3×10^6	0.6×10^6

- Massive Statistics
- Heavy/Exotic Hadrons
- Boosted final States
- Clean Environment
- EW scale Probes

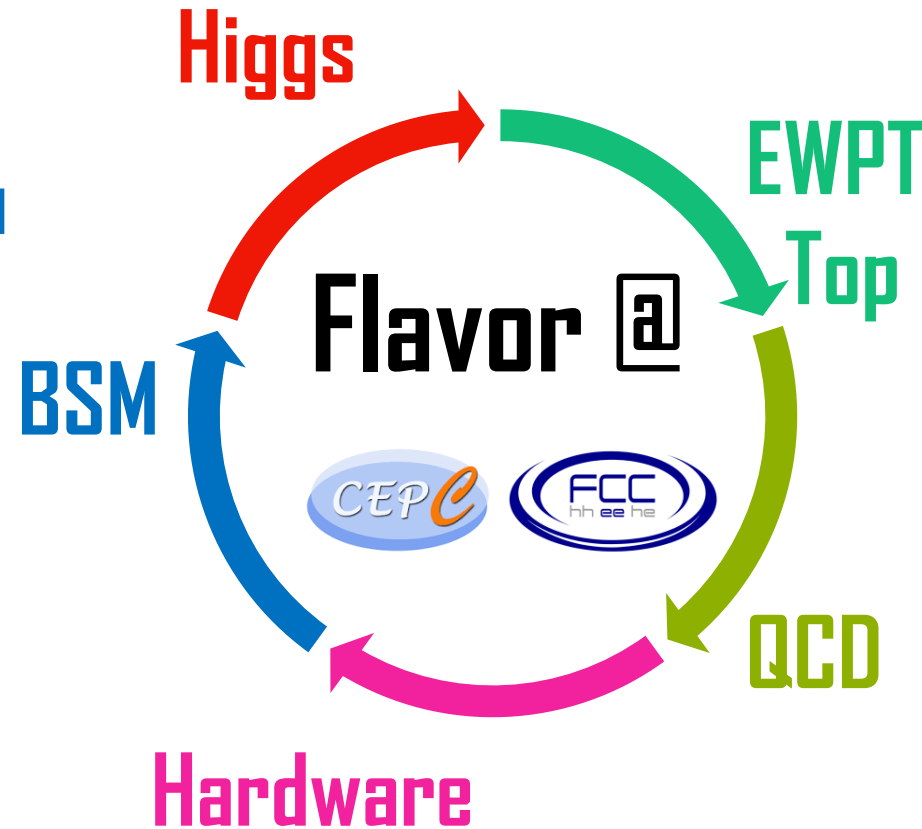
Inspecting Flavor Physics at Varying Scales



Flavor in the Big Picture

- ❑ Origin of matter?
understand lepton and baryon numbers
- ❑ Light dark matter?
- ❑ (Remaining) flavor anomalies?

- ❑ Origin of flavor hierarchy?
- ❑ CP violation phases from Yukawa?



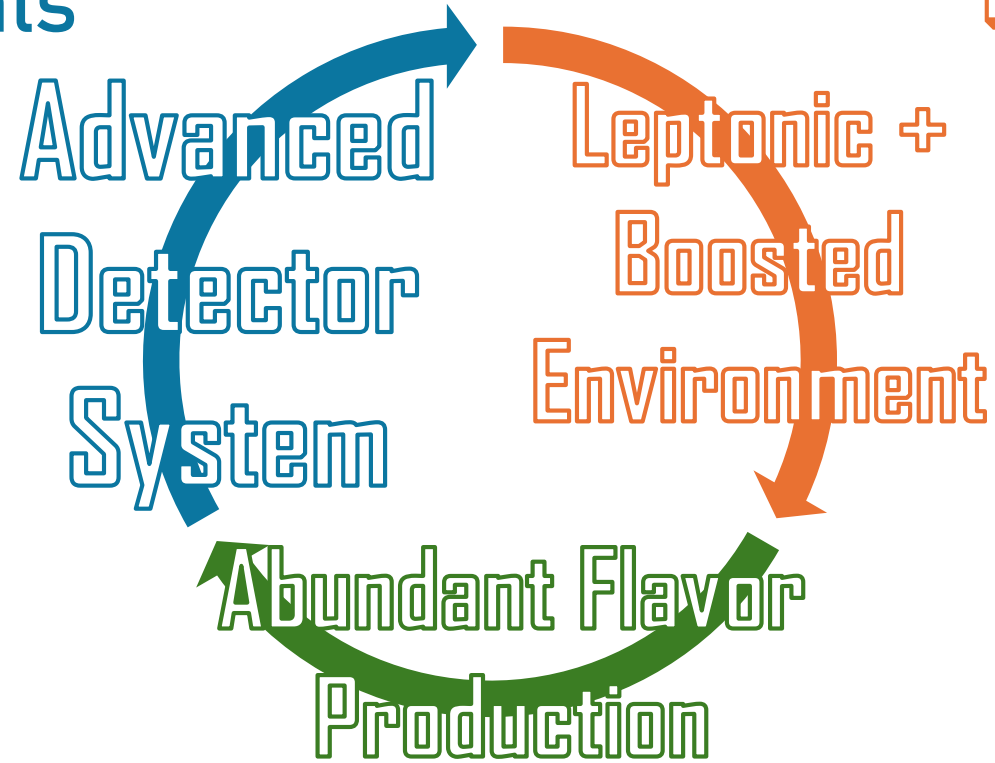
- ❑ Flavor physics beyond the Tera-Z phase?
- ❑ Common need in τ phys.

- ❑ How does asymptotic freedom work with flavor?
- ❑ New formalism beyond the conventional meson-baryon picture?

- ❑ Use a plethora of data to improve hadronization

❑ Most demanding field:
We need better tracker, E(H)CAL, electronics... everything!

- ❑ Lepton ID
- ❑ $\pi/K/p$ separation
- ❑ Precise ECAL
- ❑ Displaced signals



- ❑ Multiple soft tracks
- ❑ Neutrinos & BSM
- ❑ Neutral Particles (photon/ π^0/η ...)

- ❑ Including heavy species: Bc, baryons, exotics...
- ❑ Rare modes

Particle	CEPC (TDR)
$B^0, \bar{B}^0$	4.8×10^{11}
$B^\pm$	4.8×10^{11}
$B_s^0, \bar{B}_s^0$	1.2×10^{11}
$B_c^\pm$	7.2×10^8
$\Lambda_b^0, \bar{\Lambda}_b^0$	1×10^{11}
$D^0, \bar{D}^0$	8.3×10^{11}
$D^\pm$	4.9×10^{11}
$D_s^\pm$	1.8×10^{11}
$\Lambda_c^\pm$	6.2×10^{10}
$\tau^+ \tau^-$	1.2×10^{11}

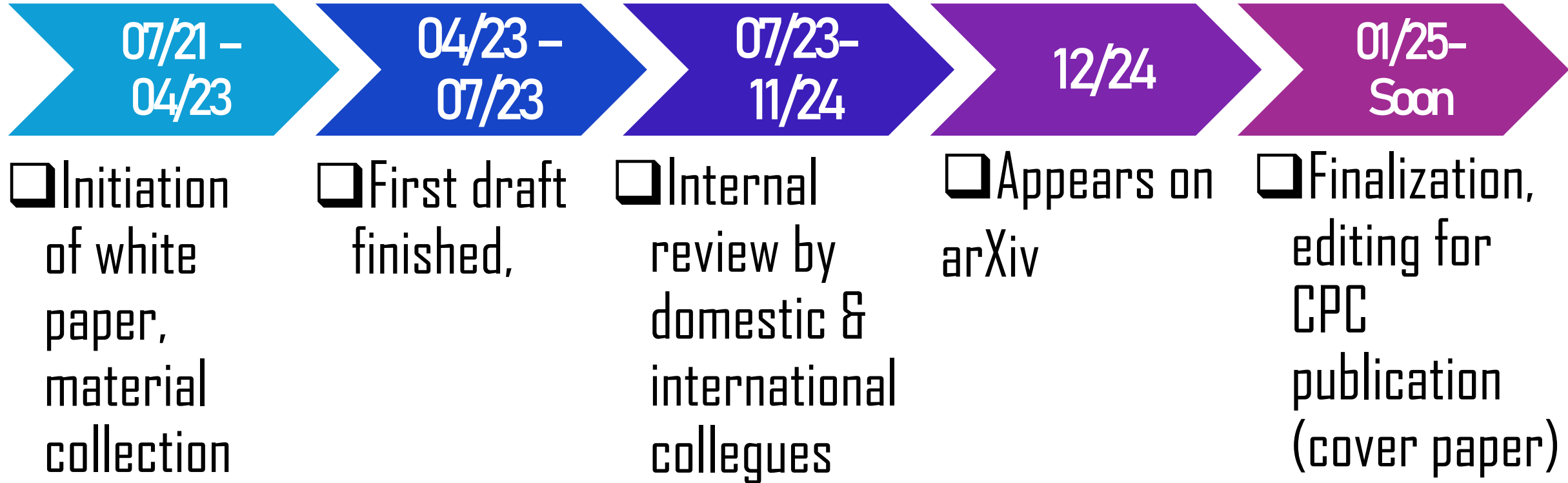
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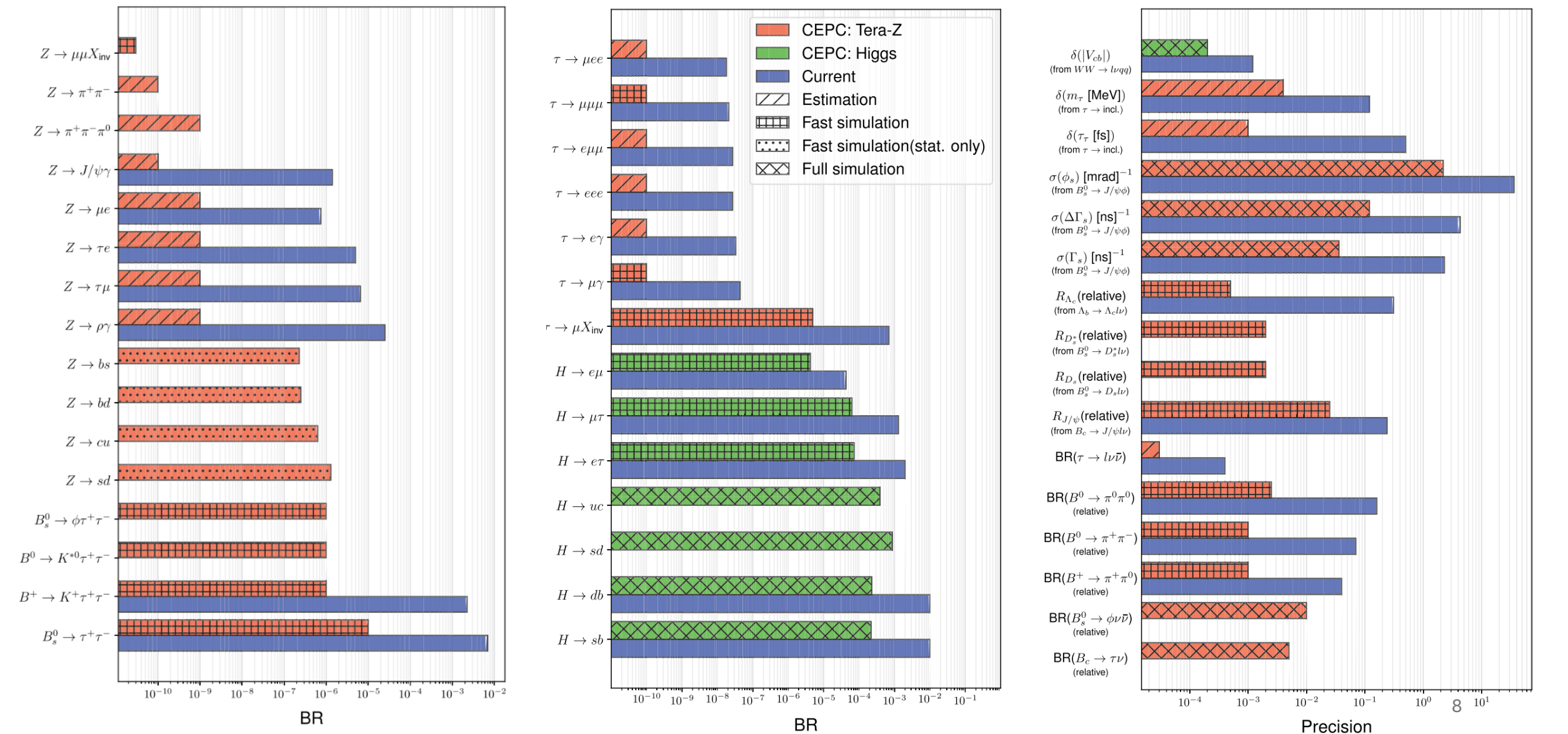


Higgs White Paper: 1810.09037

Accelerator TDR: 2312.14363

New Physics White Paper: 2505.24810

Physics Summary



Detector Performance

High ECAL energy resolution, reaching $3\%/E^{0.5}$ with a crystal ECAL design

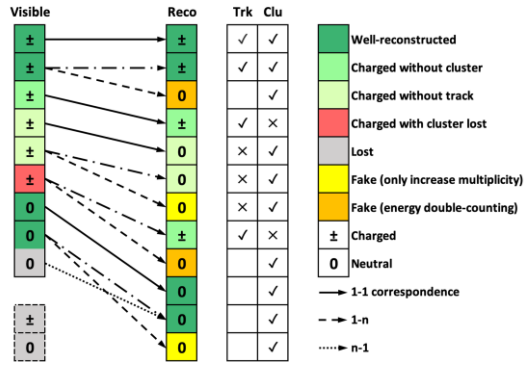
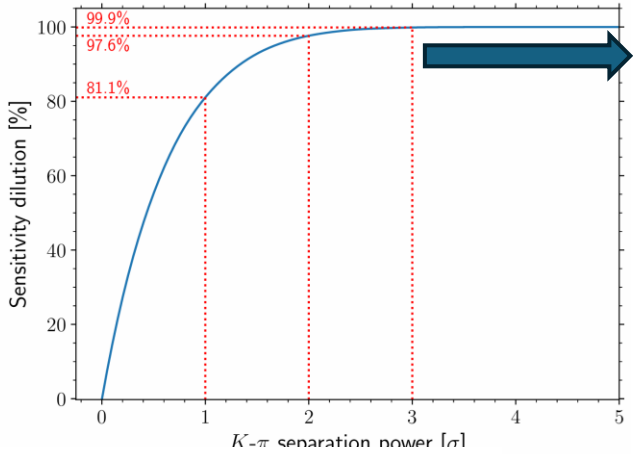
Item	CDR [2]	4 th concept [42]	Comments
Basic Performance			
Acceptance	$ \cos\theta < 0.99$ [2]		
Threshold	200 MeV [43, 44]	100 MeV	For tracks & photons
Beam energy spread	$\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ [2]		
Tracker momentum resolution	$\mathcal{O}(0.1\%)$ [2]		
ECAL energy resolution	$17\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} \oplus 1\%$ [2]	$3\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$ [32]	
HCAL energy resolution	$60\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})} \oplus 1\%$ [2]	$30\%/\sqrt{E(\text{GeV})}$ [45]	
Vertex resolution	10–200 μm [2]	5–100 μm	
Jet energy resolution	3–5% [2, 46]		For 20–100 GeV
$\ell - \pi$ mis-ID	$< 1\%$ [47]		In jet, $ \vec{p} > 2 \text{ GeV}$
$\pi - K$ separation	$> 2\sigma$ [2]	$> 3\sigma$ [36]	In jet, $ \vec{p} > 1 \text{ GeV}$, TOF+ dE/dx
Flavor Physics Benchmarks (Depending on the Above)			
$\sigma(m_{H,W,Z})$	3.7% [2]		Hadronic decays
b -jet efficiency $\times$ purity	$\sim 86\%$ [33]		In Z hadronic decays
c -jet efficiency $\times$ purity	$\sim 64\%$ [33]		In Z hadronic decays
b -jet charge tagging $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon(1 - 2\omega)^2$	$\sim 37\%$ [33]		
c -jet charge tagging $\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon(1 - 2\omega)^2$	$\sim 58\%$ [33]		
π^0 efficiency $\times$ purity	$\gtrsim 70\%$ [44]	$\gtrsim 80\%$ [32]	In Z hadronic decays, $ \vec{p}_{\pi^0} > 5 \text{ GeV}$
K_S^0, Λ efficiency	60%-85% [48]		In Z hadronic decays, all tracks
τ efficiency $\times$ purity	70% [49]		In $WW \rightarrow \tau\nu q\bar{q}'$, inclusive
τ mis-ID	$\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ [49]		In $WW \rightarrow \tau\nu q\bar{q}'$, inclusive

High tagging power for b & c

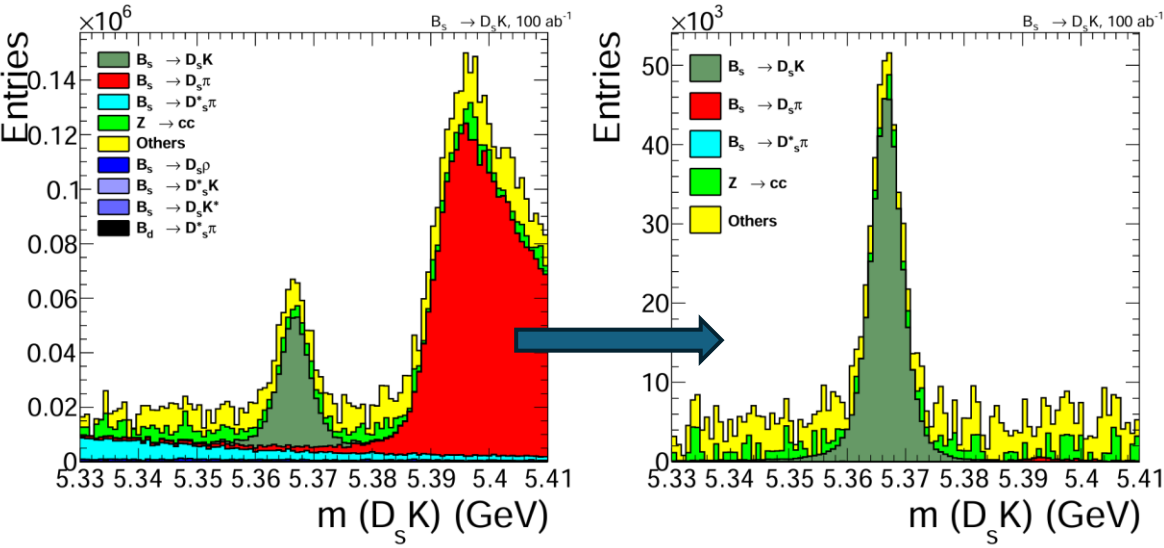
Advanced PID & Calorimeter Resolution

$dE(dN)/dx +$
TOE + HGCal

Reaching better K- π separation



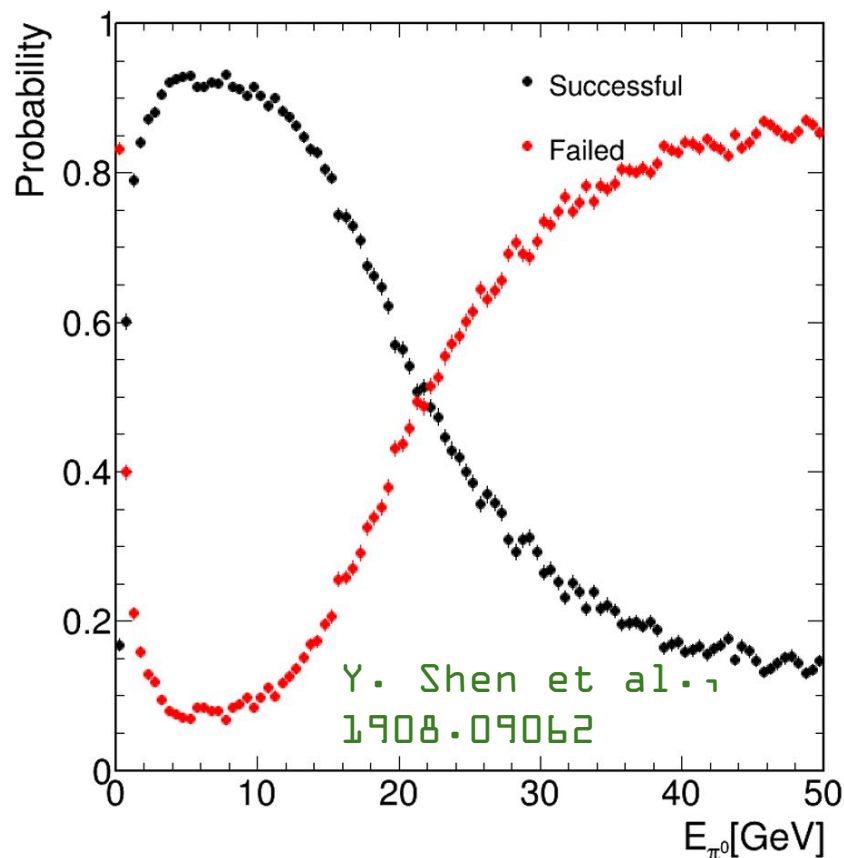
Y. Wang et al., 2411.06939



True	$e^\pm$	0.999	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	$\mu^\pm$	0.000	0.985	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	$\pi^\pm$	0.000	0.019	0.977	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	$K^\pm$	0.000	0.001	0.003	0.985	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	$p/\bar{p}$	0.000	0.000	0.001	0.012	0.979	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.008
	γ	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.973	0.003	0.004	0.000
	K_L^0	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.007	0.756	0.070	0.048	0.119
	n	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.083	0.803	0.027	0.084
	$\bar{n}$	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.052	0.026	0.796	0.123
	others	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.025	0.095	0.011	0.854
		$e^\pm$	$\mu^\pm$	$\pi^\pm$	$K^\pm$	$p/\bar{p}$	γ	K_L^0	n	$\bar{n}$
Predicted										

Boosted Final States

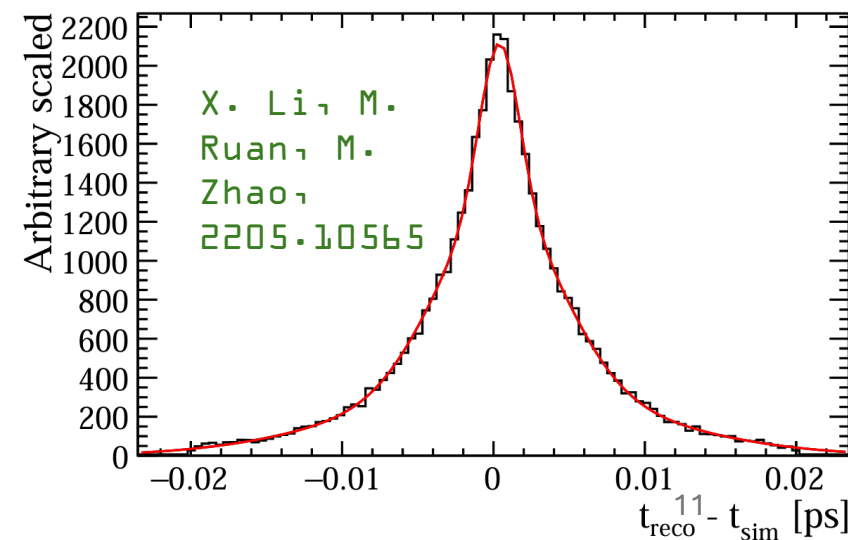
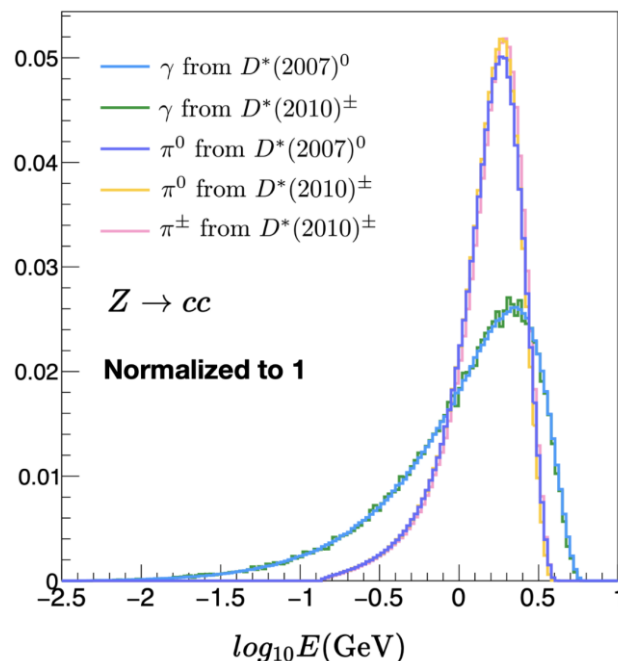
High boost leads to harder final states and better PID & time resolution



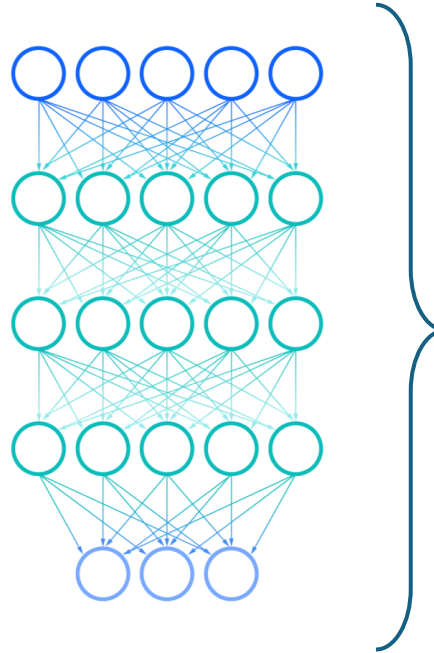
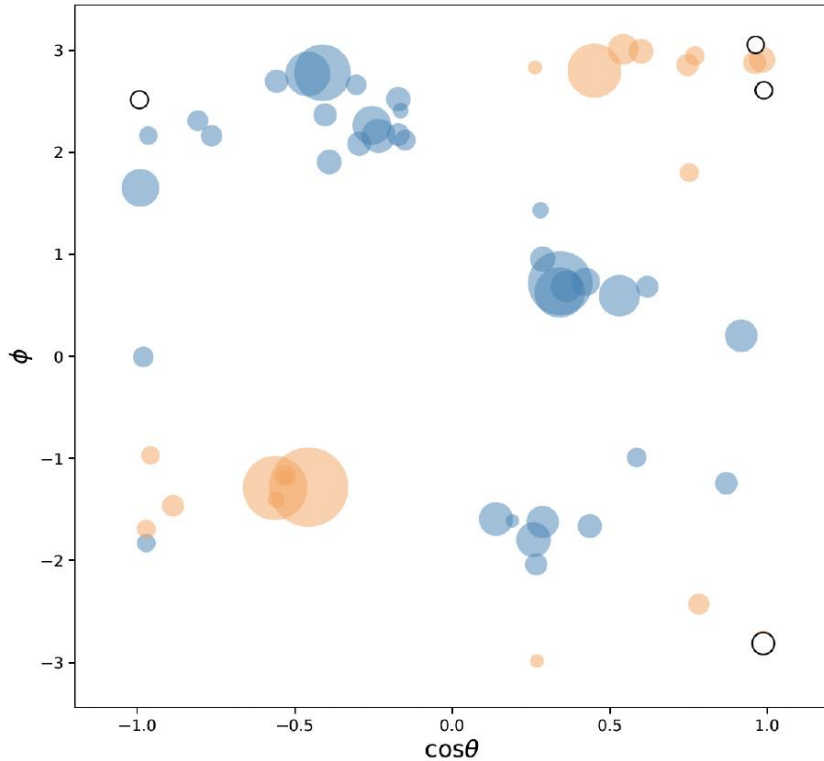
❑ Soft particles from D^* decays become harder

❑ Longer decay length + tracking, $< O(10)$ fs resolution possible

❑ π^0 @ baseline detector, eff. $> 60\%$ in the range relevant to flavor phys.



The Upcoming ML Advantage: Progress in New Structures

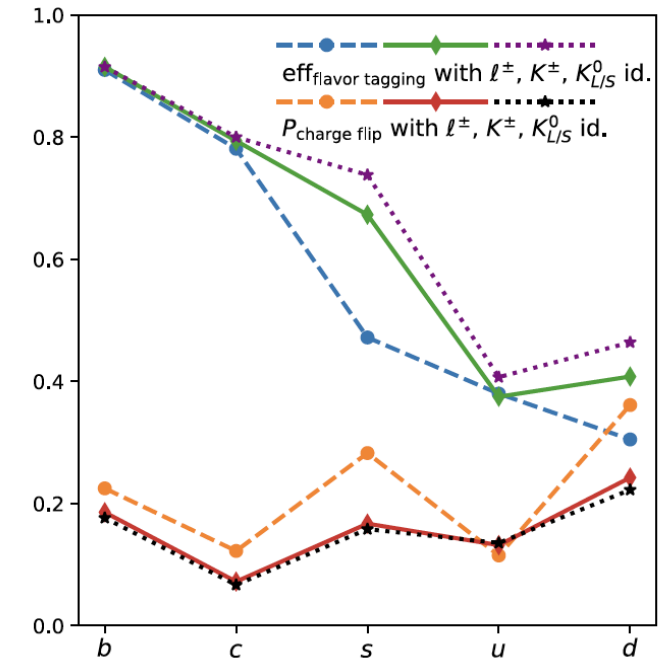


- ResNet
- PFN
- ParticleNet
- ParT
- LorentzNet
- L-GATr
- PELICAN
- MIParT

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□ New frontier of jet-tagging performance

H. Liang, M. Ruan, Y. Zhu et al.,
2309.13231 & 2310.03440



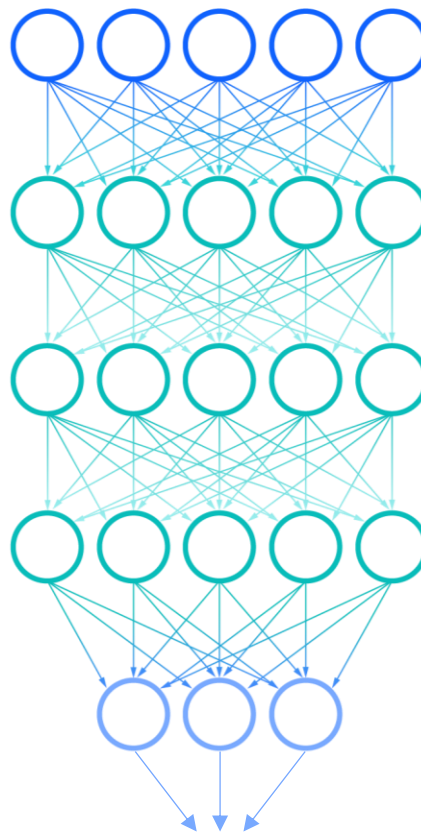
□ Jet clustering with color-singlet identification (Transformer)

LFL, Y. Y. Li, T. Liu and S. J. Xu, 2004.15013; F. A. Dreyer, H. Qu, 2012.08526; A. Bogatskiy, T. Hoffman, D. W. Miller, J. T. Offermann, 2211.00454; Y. Wu, K. Wang, C. Li, H. Qu and J. Zhu, 2407.08682; H. Qu, L. Gouskos, 1902.08570; H. Qu, C. Li, S. Qian, 2202.03772

The Upcoming ML Advantage: New Strategies

**Simulation based inference (SBI):
looking for EFT from all possible
distributions**

J. Brehmer, F. Kling, I. Espejo, K. Cranmer, 1907.10621; Chen, Glioti, Panico, Wulzer, 2007.10356; Ambrosio, Hoeve, Madigan, Rojo, Sanz, 2211.02058; R. Mastandrea, B. Nachman, T. Plehn, 2405.15847; Shengdu Chai, Jiayin Gu, LFL, 2401.02474



$$L = F(x_i, l_i) + \alpha(x_i) + \dots$$

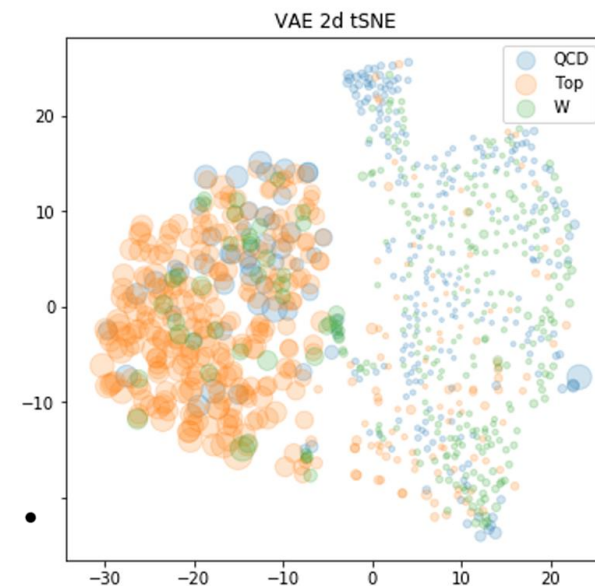
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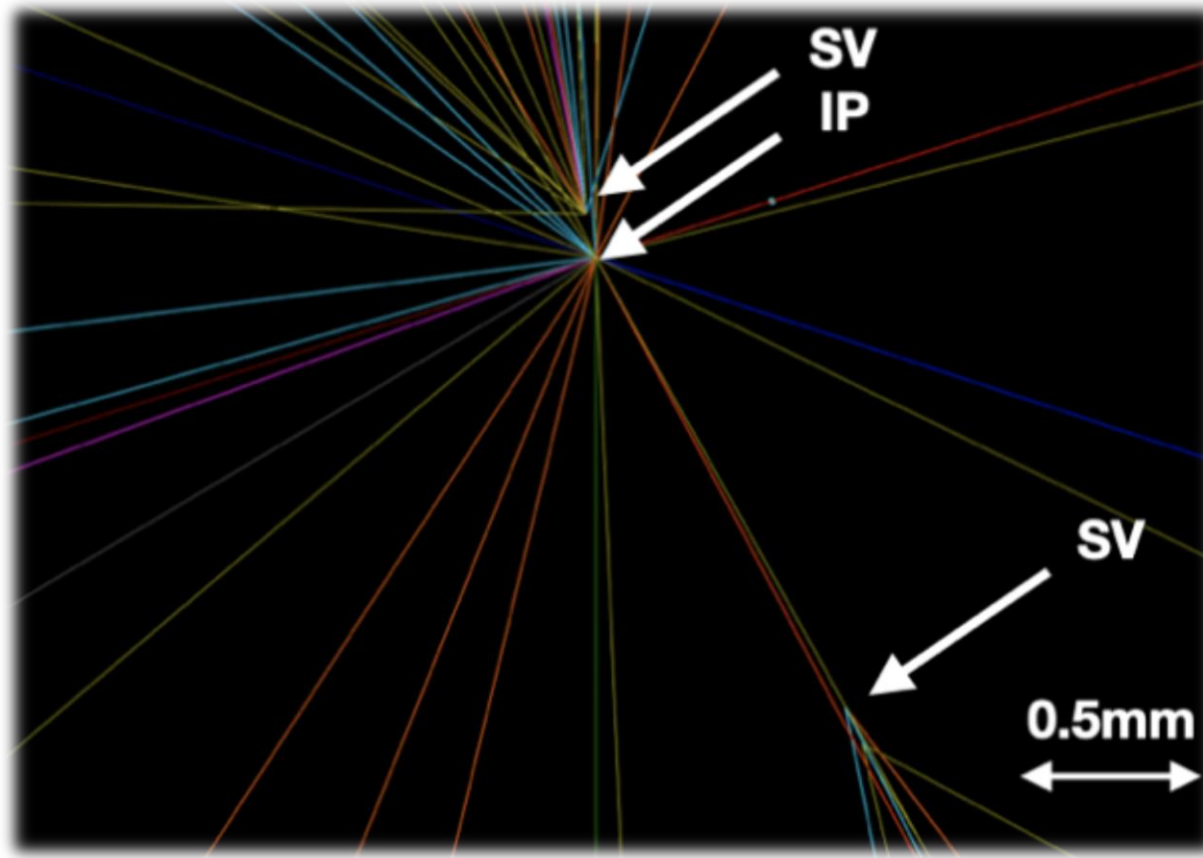
Update the
information
input

Update the regulators/
agumentation

**Anomaly detection:
Looking for unexpected phenomena
with minimal assumptions**

T. Cheng, J. F. Argüin, J. Leissner-Martin, J. Pilette and T. Golling, 2007.01850; G. Kasieczka, B. Nachman, M. D. Schwartz and D. Shih, 2007.14400; J. A. Rainer, S. Klein, D. Sengupta and T. Golling, 2203.09470





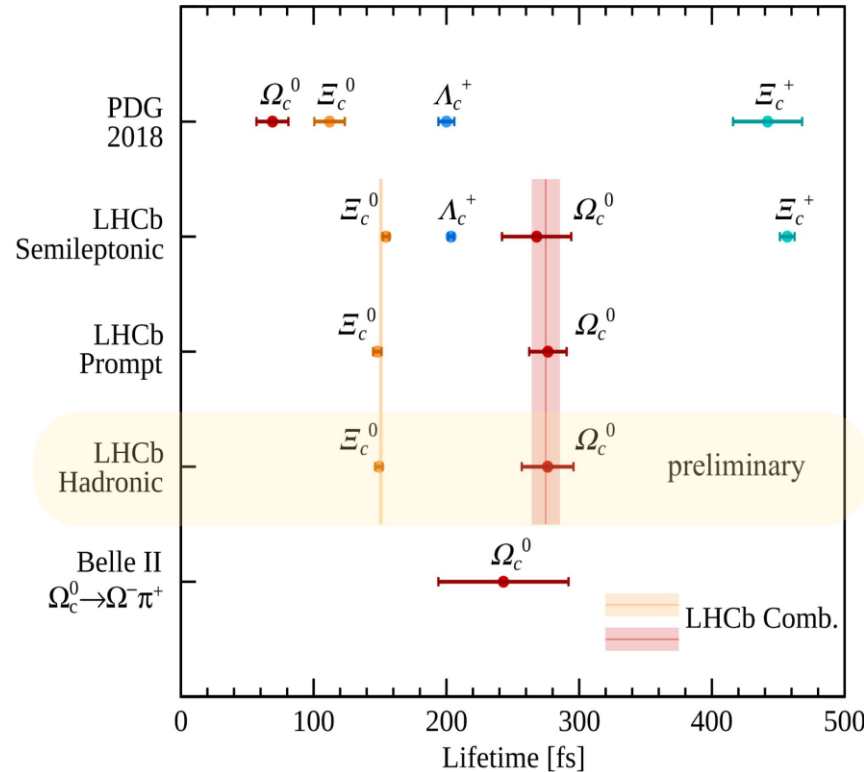
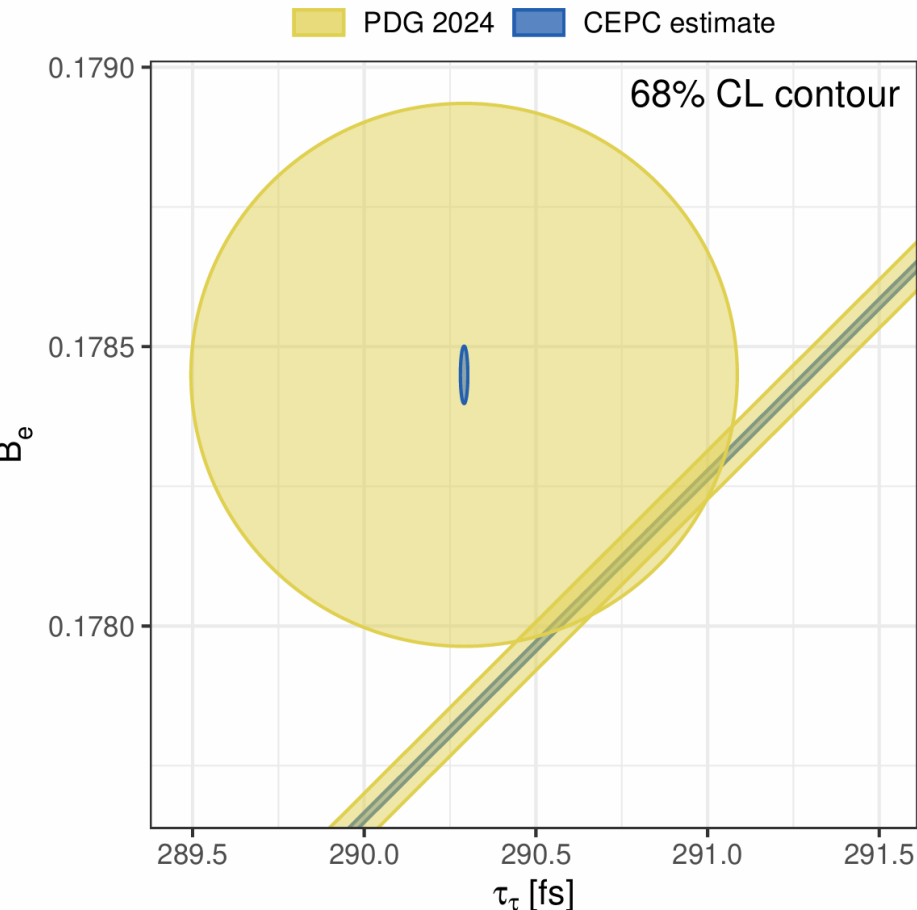
Approach I: Hadrons from the Z Factory (Exclusive)

“Basic” Measurements

Remains to be updated:

- $\Delta m_{d/s}$
- $\Delta \Gamma_{d/s}$
- $\tau(\Xi_b, \Omega_b \dots)$
- Production fractions
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- ❑ Tau mass, lifetime and LFUV in leptonic tau decays



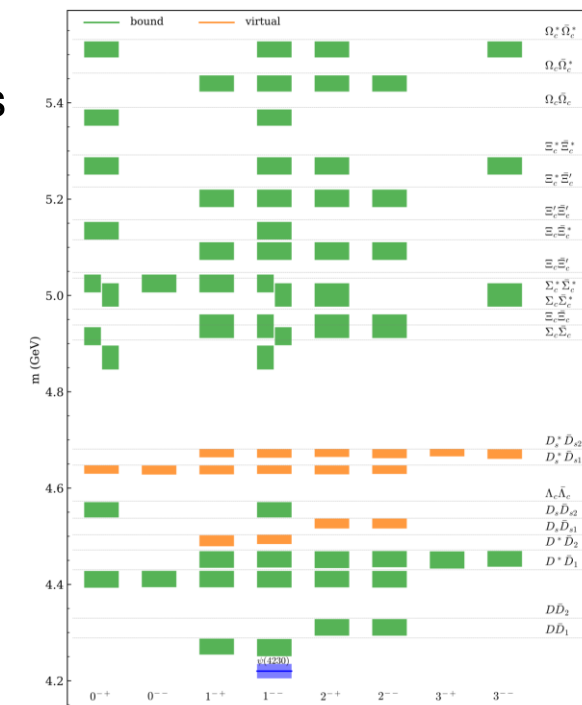
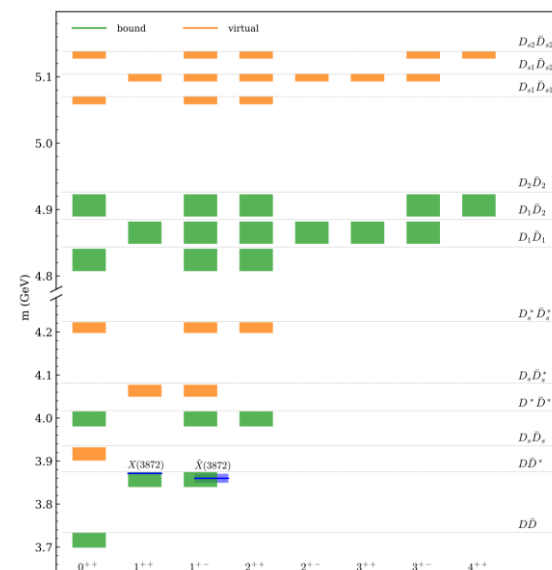
- ❑ Charm (baryon) lifetime issues: update/cross checks

See more details in [Chia-Wei Liu's talk](#)

F. K. Guo, C. Hanhart, U. G. Meissner, Q. Wang, Q. Zhao, B. S. Zou, 2018
X.K. Dong, F.K. Guo, B.S. Zou, 2021

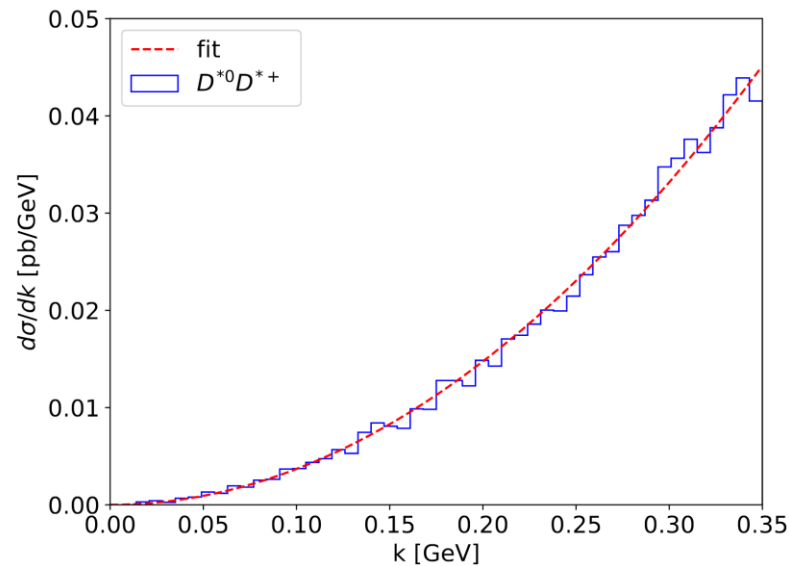
X.K. Dong, F.K. Guo, B.S. Zou, 2021

See F. K. Guo's talk
for more theoretical insights



Spectroscopy from Z Decays

Z. S. Jia, G. Li, P.
P. Shi and Z. H.
Zhang, 2405.02619



□ Relative momentum between
D* mesons when pair
produced from Z decay

□ Expected Yield: $O(10^5 - 10^7)$ for tetraquarks

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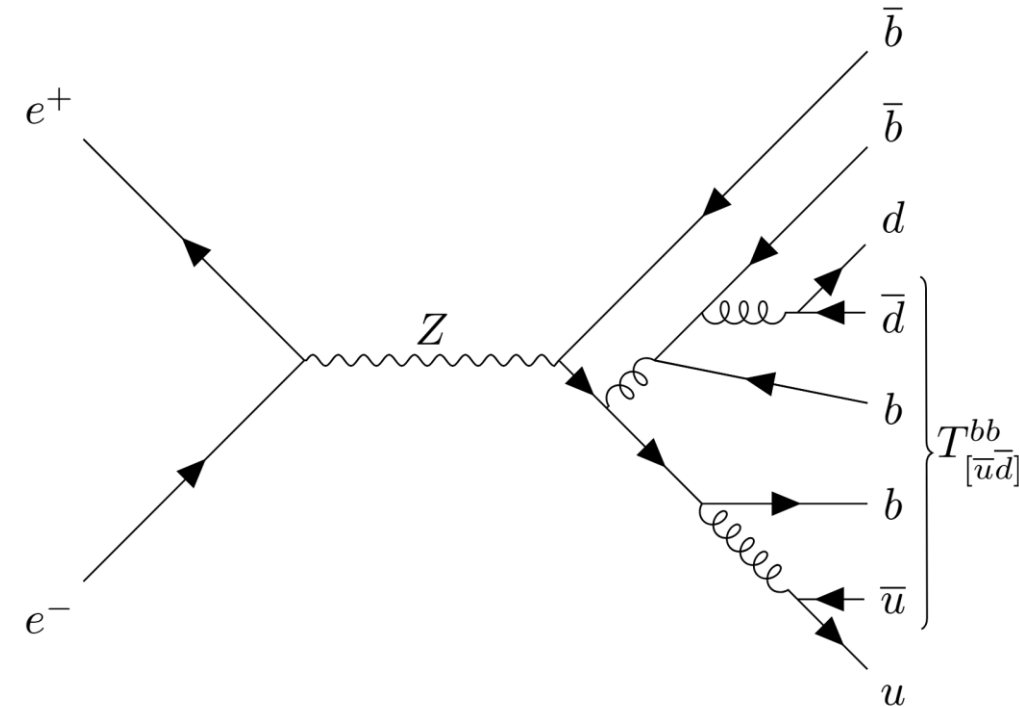
$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}$

$(3.6 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-4}$

- 4b/ 2b2c/ 4c tetraquarks
- Doubly heavy-flavored baryons
- Related to B_c physics

T. Zheng, J. Xu, L. Cao, D. Yu, W. Wang, 2007.08234; Y. Amhis, M. Hartmann, C. Helsens, D. Hill and O. Sumensari, 2105.13330; X. Zuo, M. Fedele, C. Helsens, D. Hill, S. Iguro, M. Klute, 2305.02998;

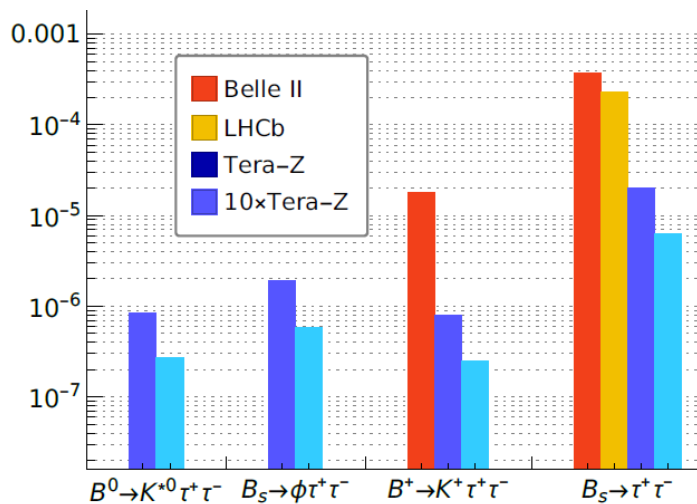
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Rare Decays

See also:

Guy Wilkinson's talk



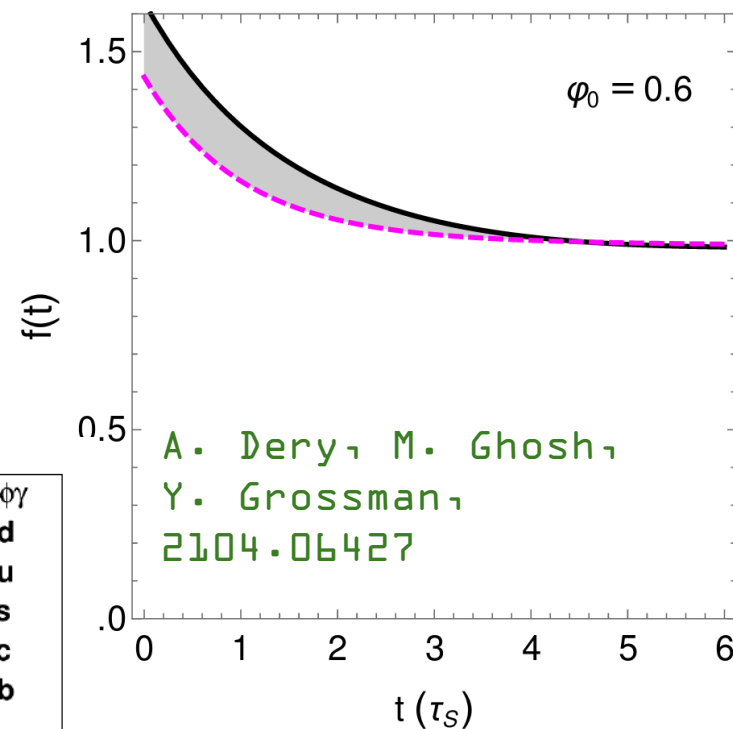
FCNC $b s \tau \tau$ transitions: reaching the SM predictions

J. F. Kamenik, S. Monteil, A. Semkiv, L. V. Silva, 1705.11106; LFL, T. Liu, 2012.00665

Light lepton modes:

T. H. Kwok, Z. Polonsky, V. Lukashenko, J. Aebischer, B. Kilminster, 2506.08089; M. Bordone, C. Cornella, J. Davighi, 2503.22635;

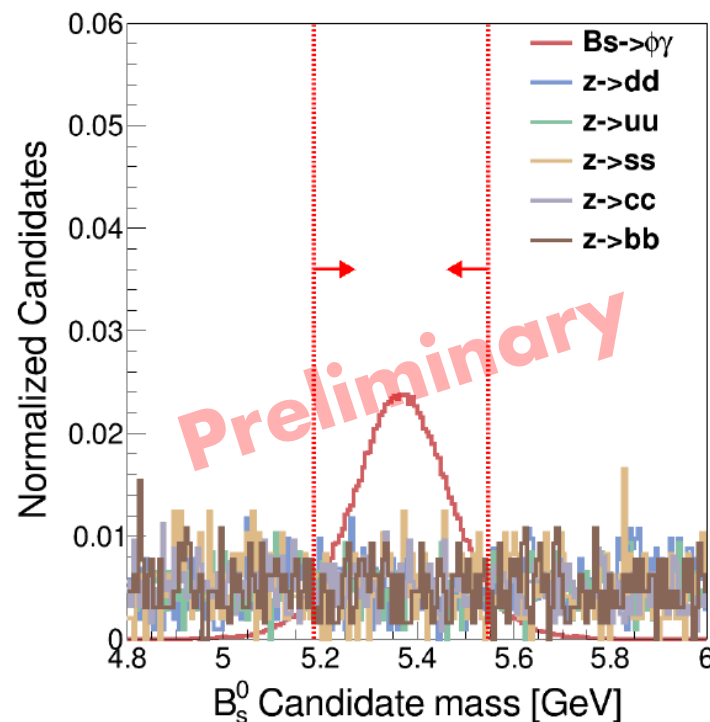
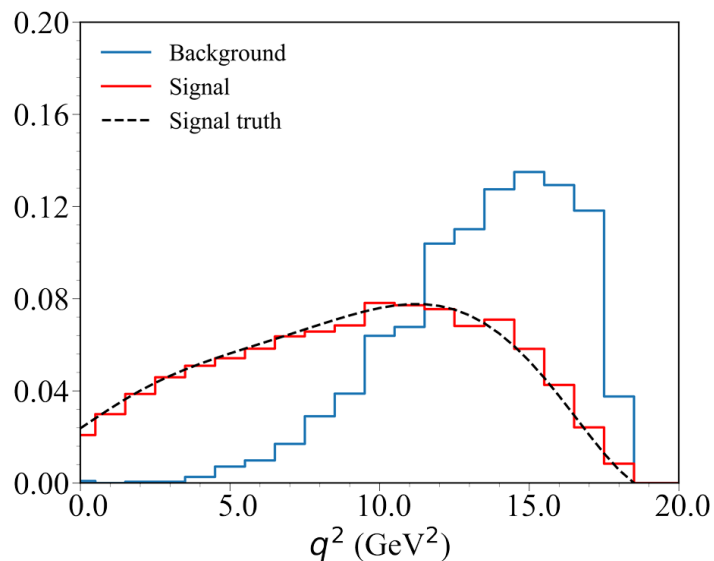
Rare neutral kaon decays (e.g. $K \rightarrow \mu \mu$) and the oscillation:



A. Dery, M. Ghosh, Y. Grossman, 2104.06427

Analogy: FCNC $b s \nu \nu$ transitions, reconstruct the invisible q^2

LFL, M. Ruan, Y. Wang, Y. Wang, 2207.07374, Y. Amhis, M. Kenzie, M. Reboud and A. R. Wiederhold, 2309.11353

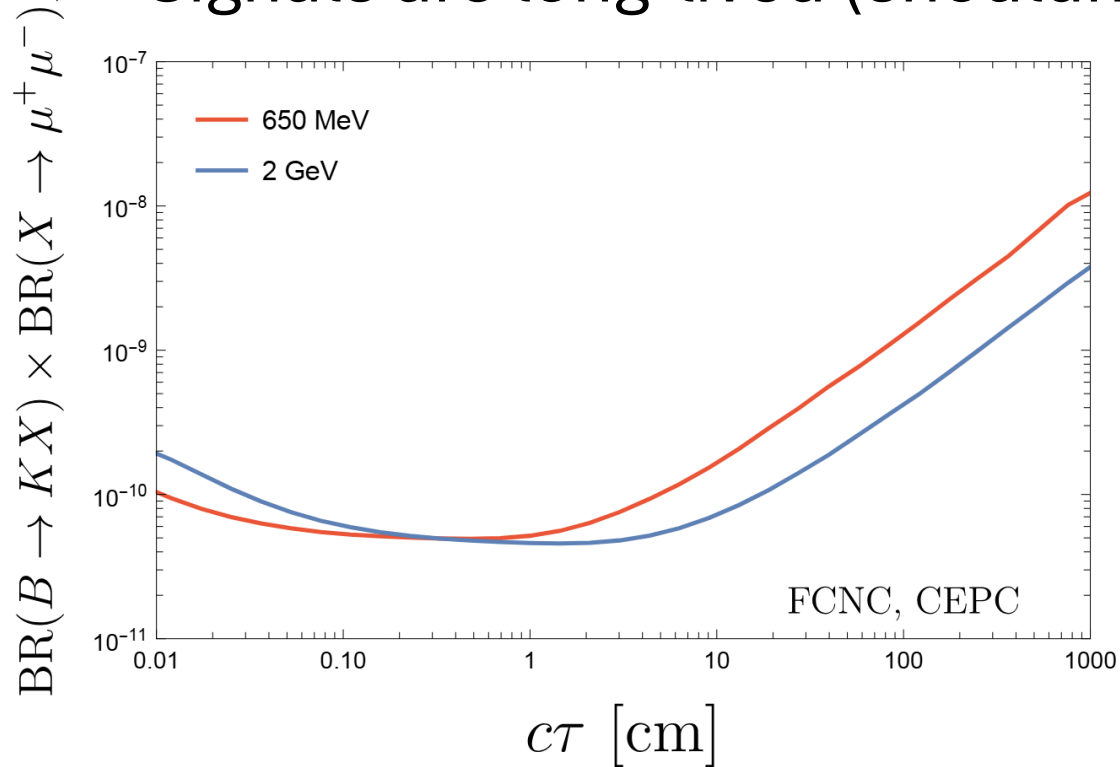


Radiative ($B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$)

H.Y. Wang et al, in prep

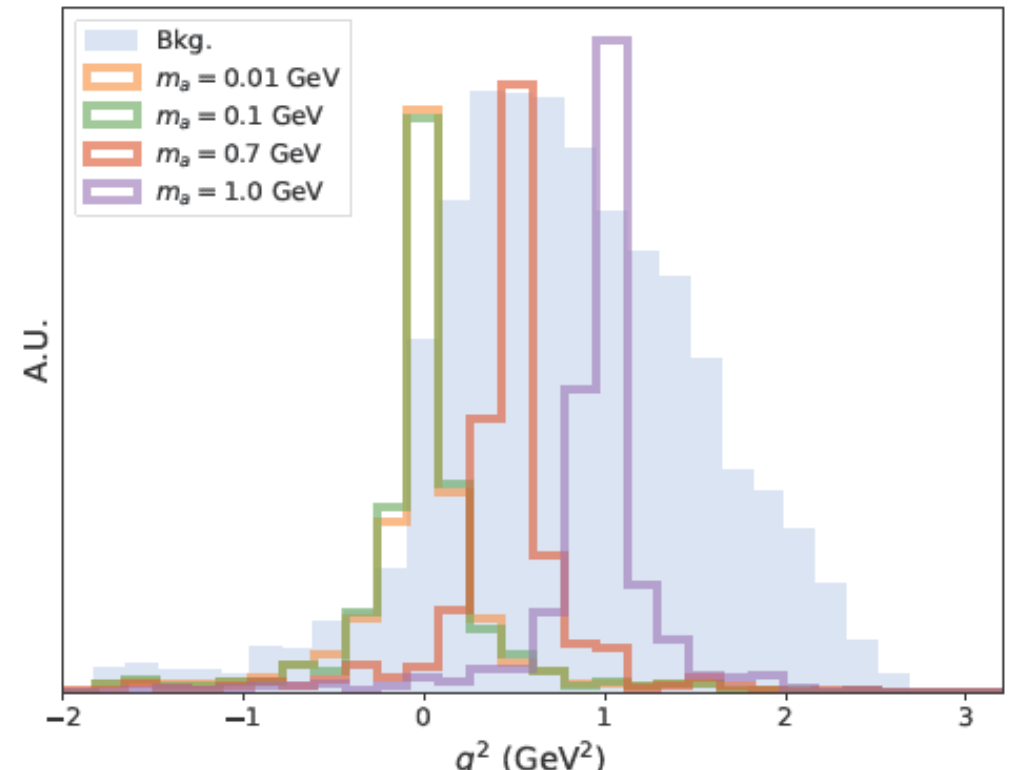
New Physics from Flavor

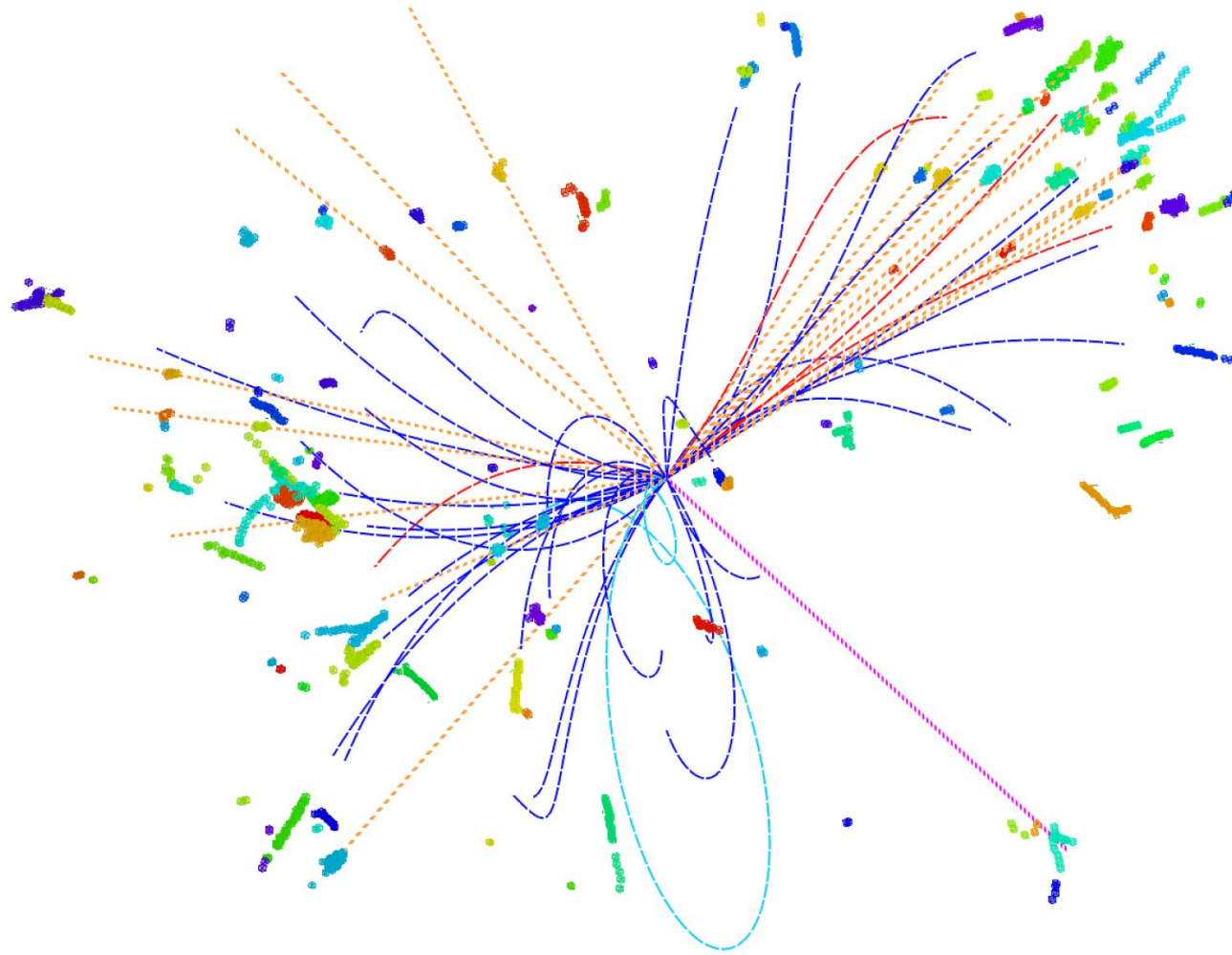
- Signals are invisible (similar to neutrinos)
- Signals are long-lived (shouldn't surprise flavor physicists)



- ❑ FCNC $b \rightarrow s+X$ decays w/ long-lived BSM final states (down to 10^{-10} level)

- ❑ Tau decay to lepton + invisible X



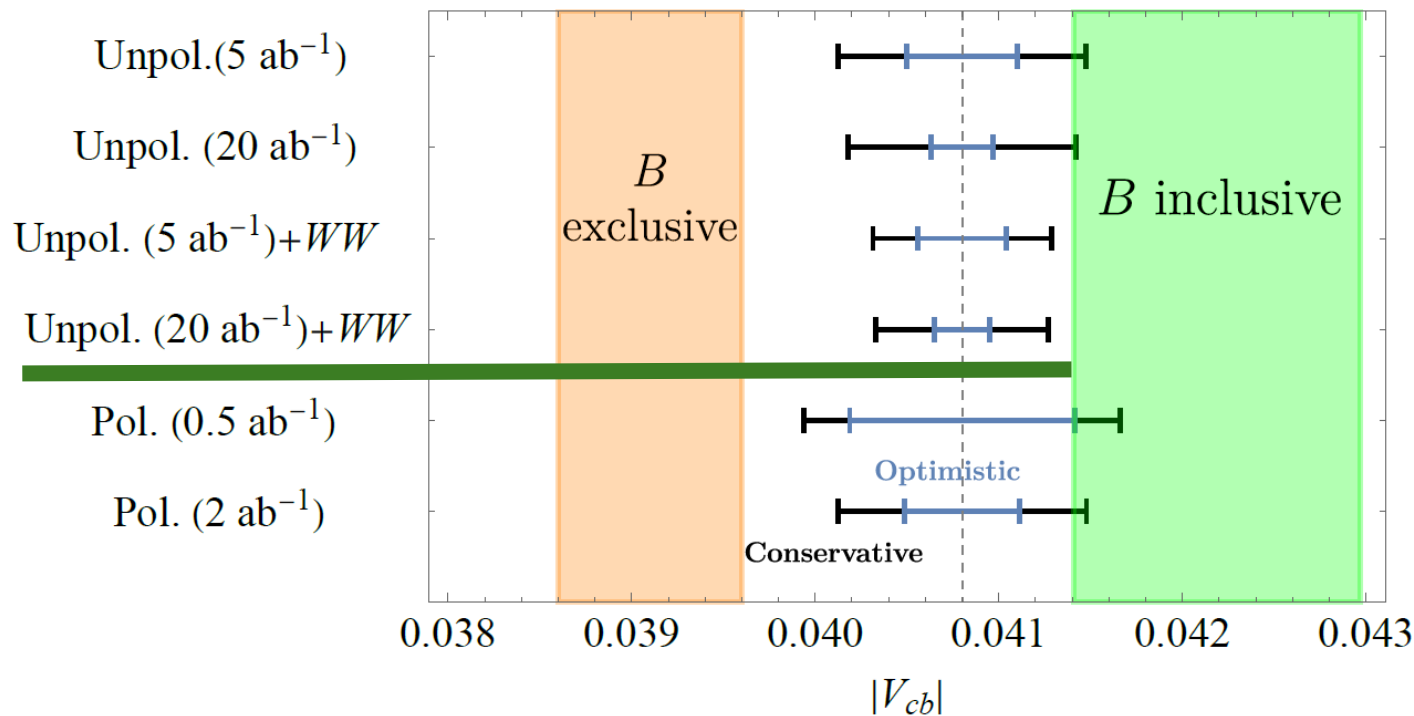


Approach II: Phenomena from the EW Scale (Often inclusive)

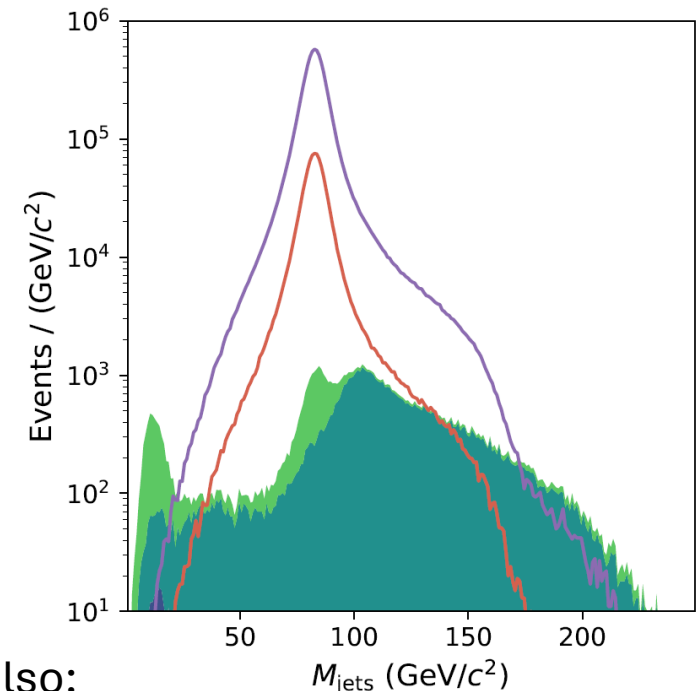
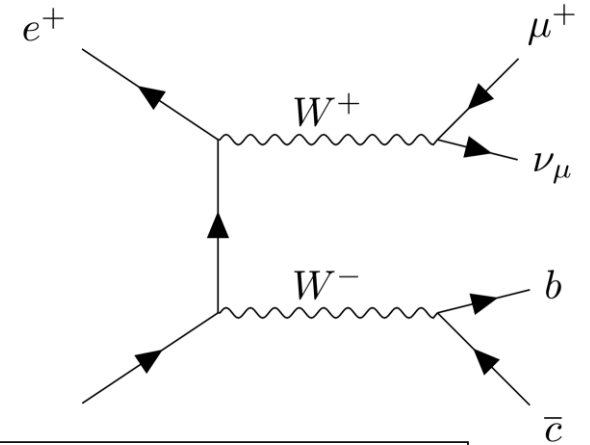
CKM from WW Decays

H. Liang, LFL, Y. Zhu, X. Shen and M. Ruan, 2406.01675

- The Higgs factory mode provides leading WW statistics



$$R_{cb} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(W \rightarrow cb)}{\sum \Gamma(W \rightarrow qq')} \simeq \frac{|V_{cb}|^2}{2}$$



See also:

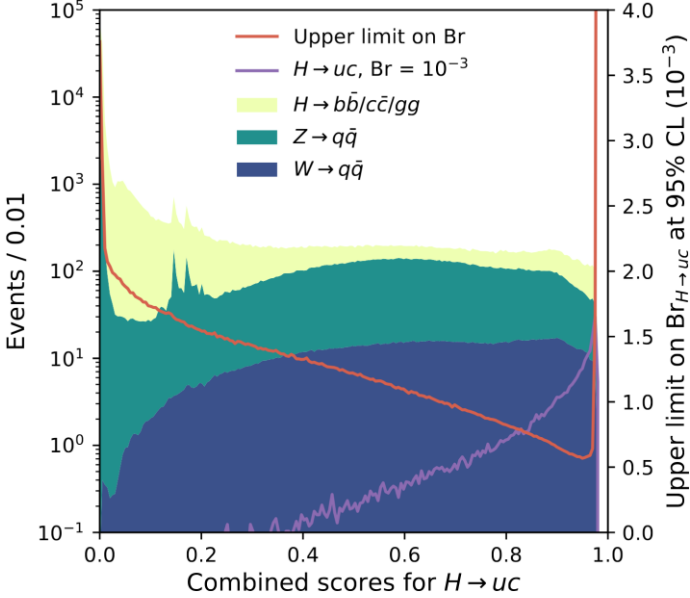
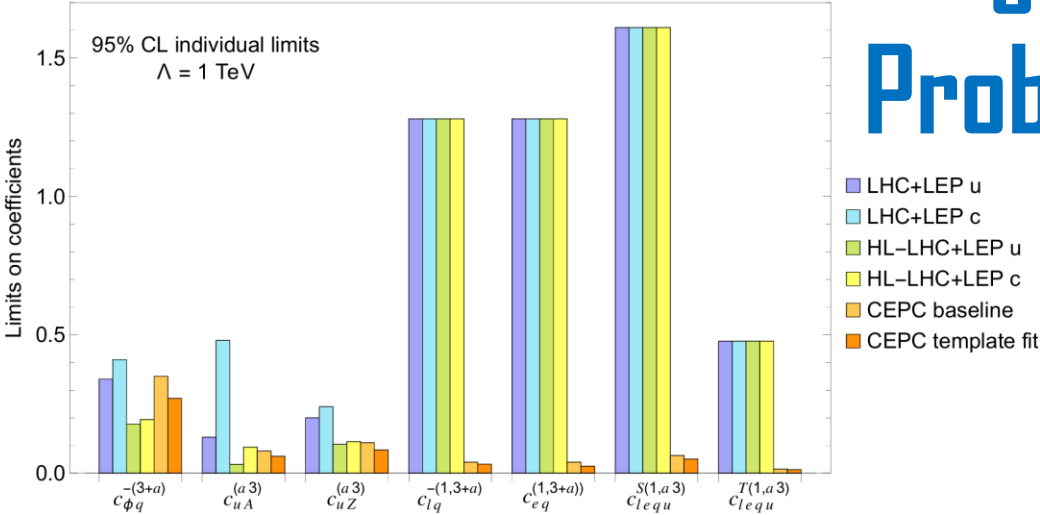
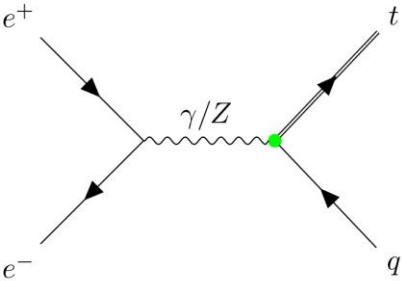
D. Marzocca, M. Szewc, M. Tamaro, 2024

EW Scale FCNC Decays

FCNC/cLFV Z Decays

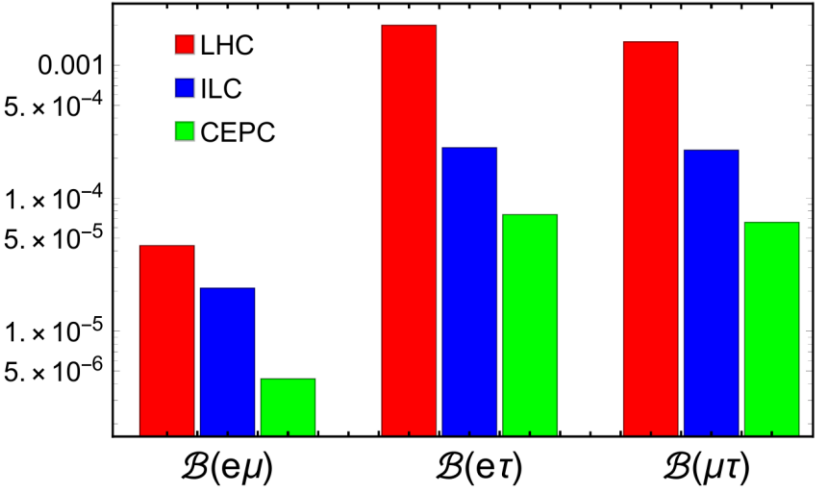
Measurement	Current	HL-LHC	FCC	CEPC prelim.
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \tau\mu)$	$< 6.5 \times 10^{-6}$	1.4×10^{-6}	10^{-9}	10^{-9}
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \tau e)$	$< 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$	1.1×10^{-6}	10^{-9}	
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \mu e)$	$< 2.62 \times 10^{-7}$	5.7×10^{-8}	$10^{-8} - 10^{-10}$	10^{-9}

See also [Qing-Hong Cao's talk](#)



$$\text{BR}(h \rightarrow cu) < 4 \times 10^{-4}$$

Single-Top Probing FCNC



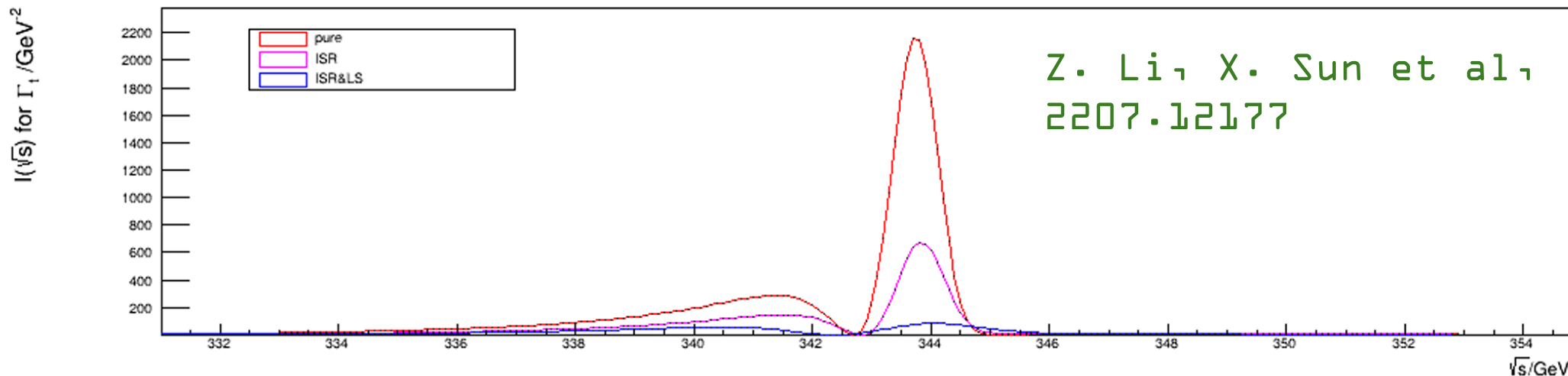
Higgs Decays

More Chances

□ H/W/Z exclusive (radiative) hadronic decays

Measurement	SM Prediction	Current Limits [165]	CEPC prelim.
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)$	$(8.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-13}$ [239]	—	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0)$	—	—	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow J/\psi \gamma)$	$(8.02 \pm 0.45) \times 10^{-8}$ [237]	$< 1.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$10^{-9} - 10^{-10}$
$\text{BR}(Z \rightarrow \rho \gamma)$	$(4.19 \pm 0.47) \times 10^{-9}$ [237]	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$	

□ Precision toponium?



Summary

❖ Current Stage:

- ❑ Future Z/W/Higgs factories are ideal places to study flavor physics
- ❑ Complementary probes at the EW scale or even higher
- ❑ Current result are of phase one, will move on to phase two study in the future

❖ Message to the Community:

- ❑ Need to find the most advantageous/innovative observables for various flavor physics questions
- ❑ Welcome to consider CEPC/FCC-ee projections in your future works