

A circular visualization of a particle collision, showing a central point from which numerous colorful streaks (representing particles) radiate outwards in all directions. The streaks are primarily blue, green, yellow, and red, with some white highlights.

MUON COLLIDERS

THE FUTURE OF THE
ENERGY FRONTIER?



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Why does the energy frontier need a future?

Building for Discovery

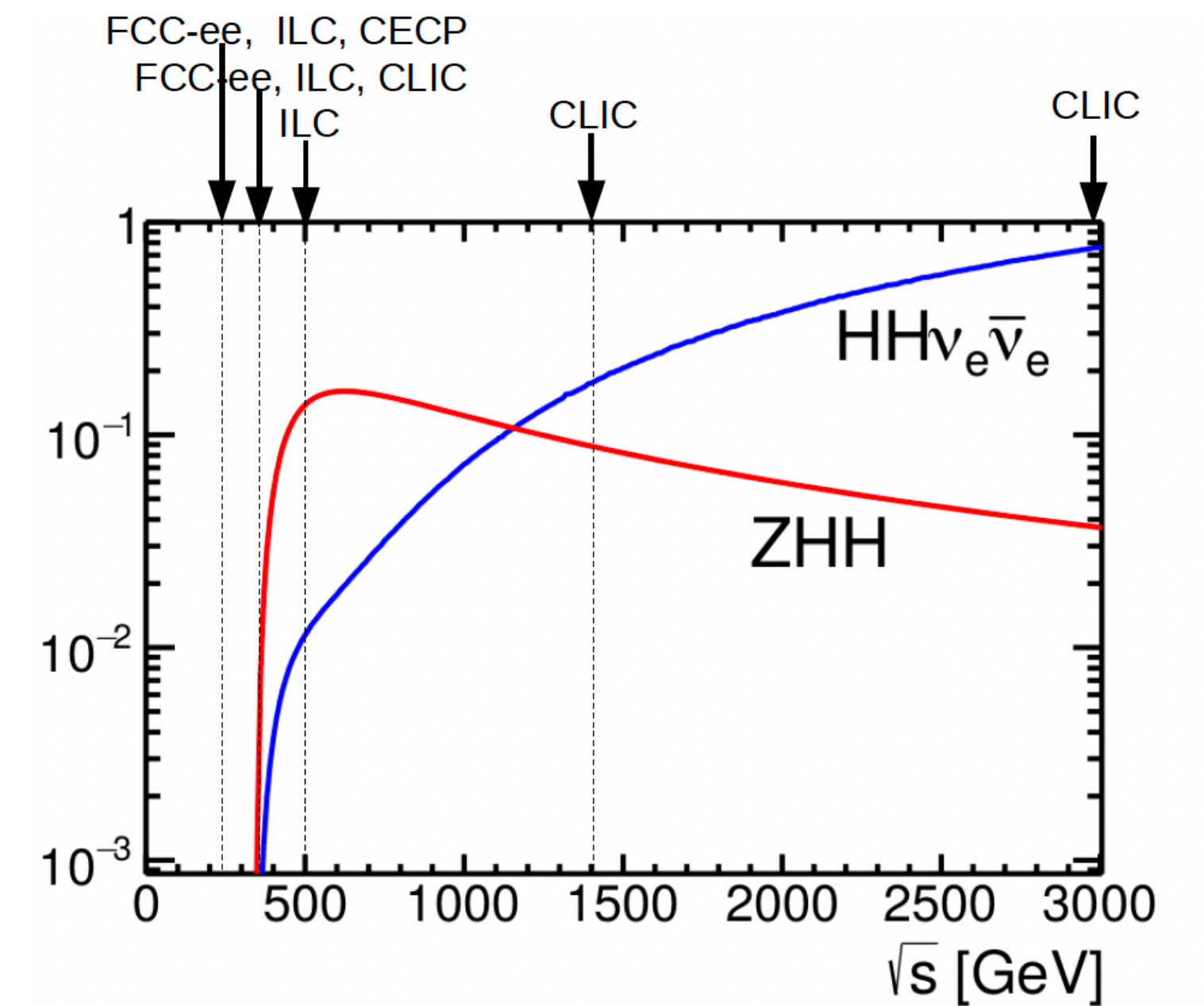
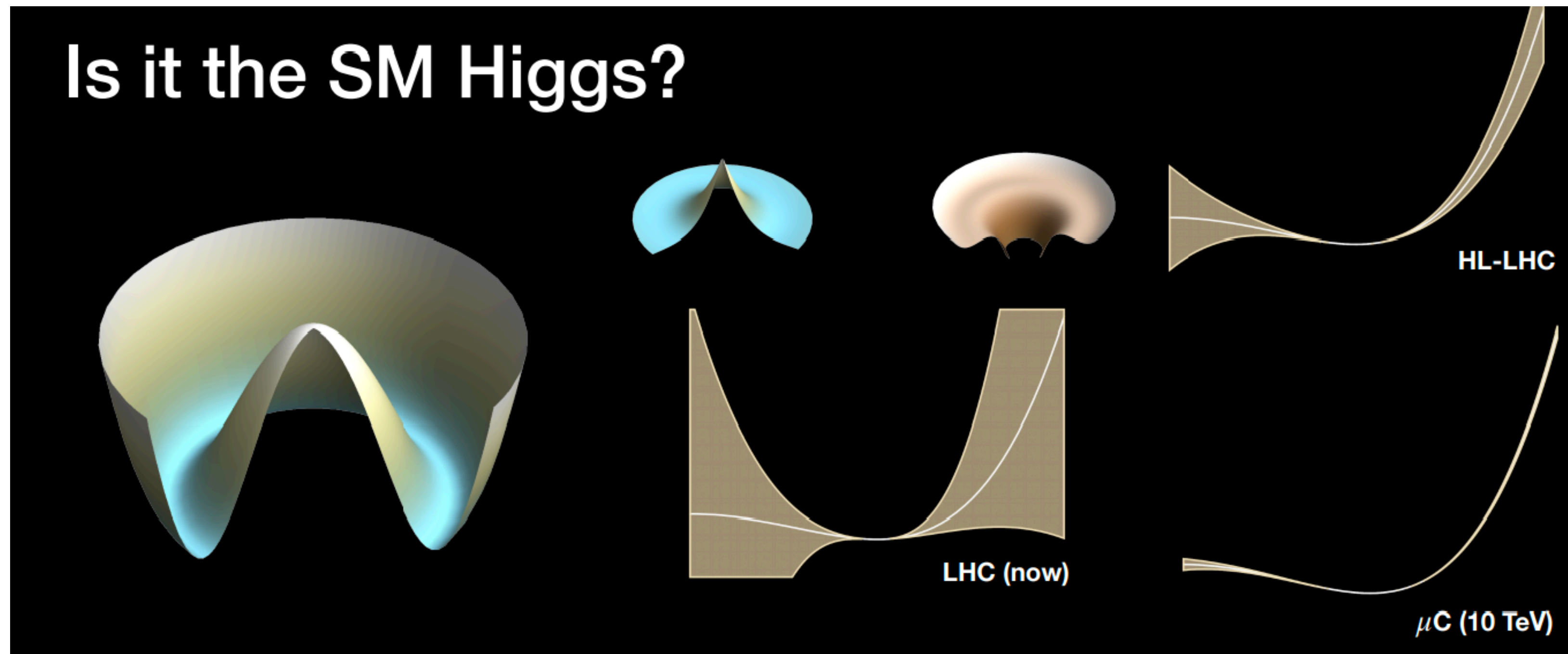
Strategic Plan for U.S. Particle Physics in the Global Context



Science drivers for High Energy Physics:

- ★ Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery
- ★ Pursue the physics associated with neutrino mass
- ★ Identify the new physics of dark matter
 - Understand cosmic acceleration: dark energy and inflation
- ★ Explore the unknown: new particles, interactions, and physical principles.

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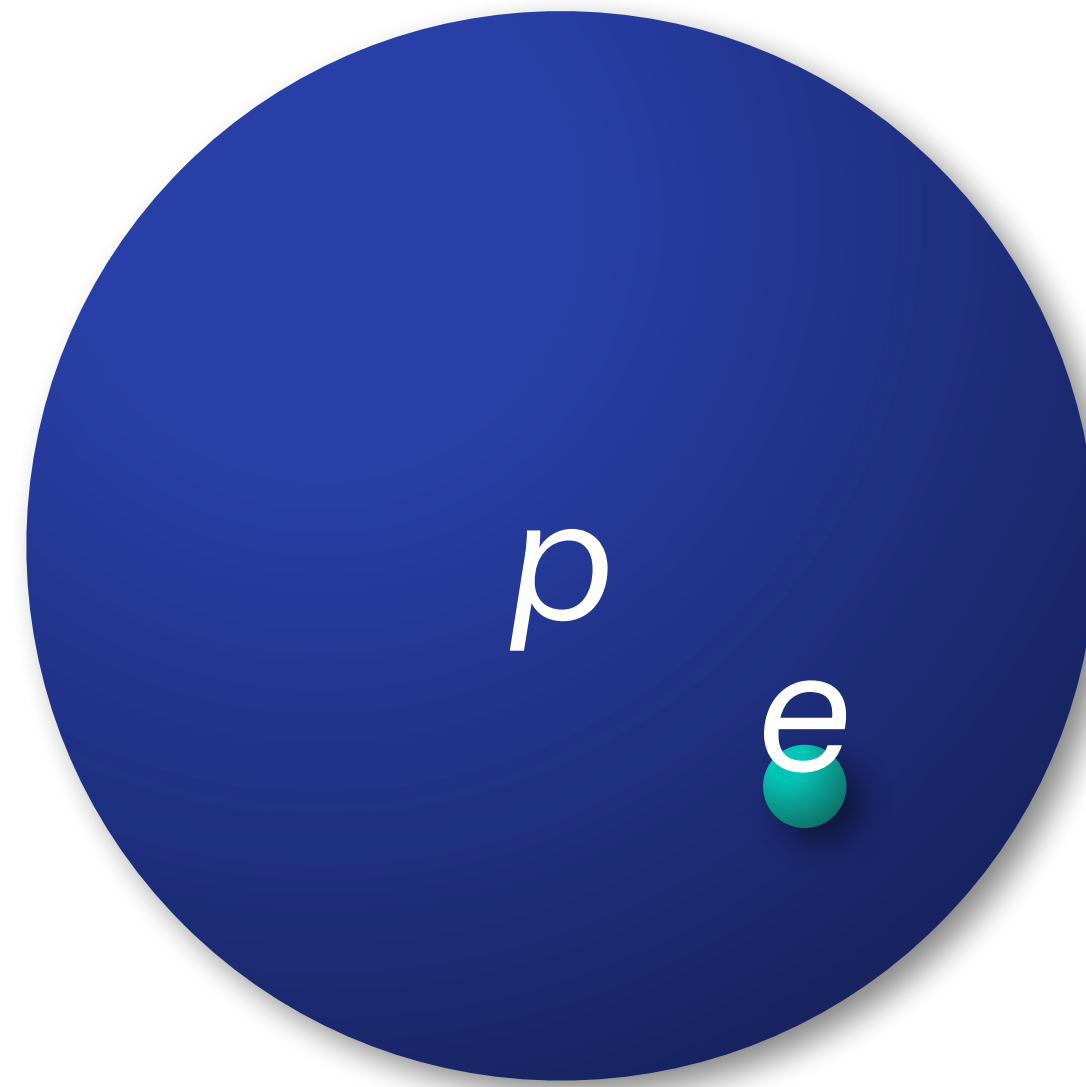


$$V(h) = \lambda v^2 h^2 + \lambda v h^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4$$

need to produce and study
high-energy higgses to
probe the potential!

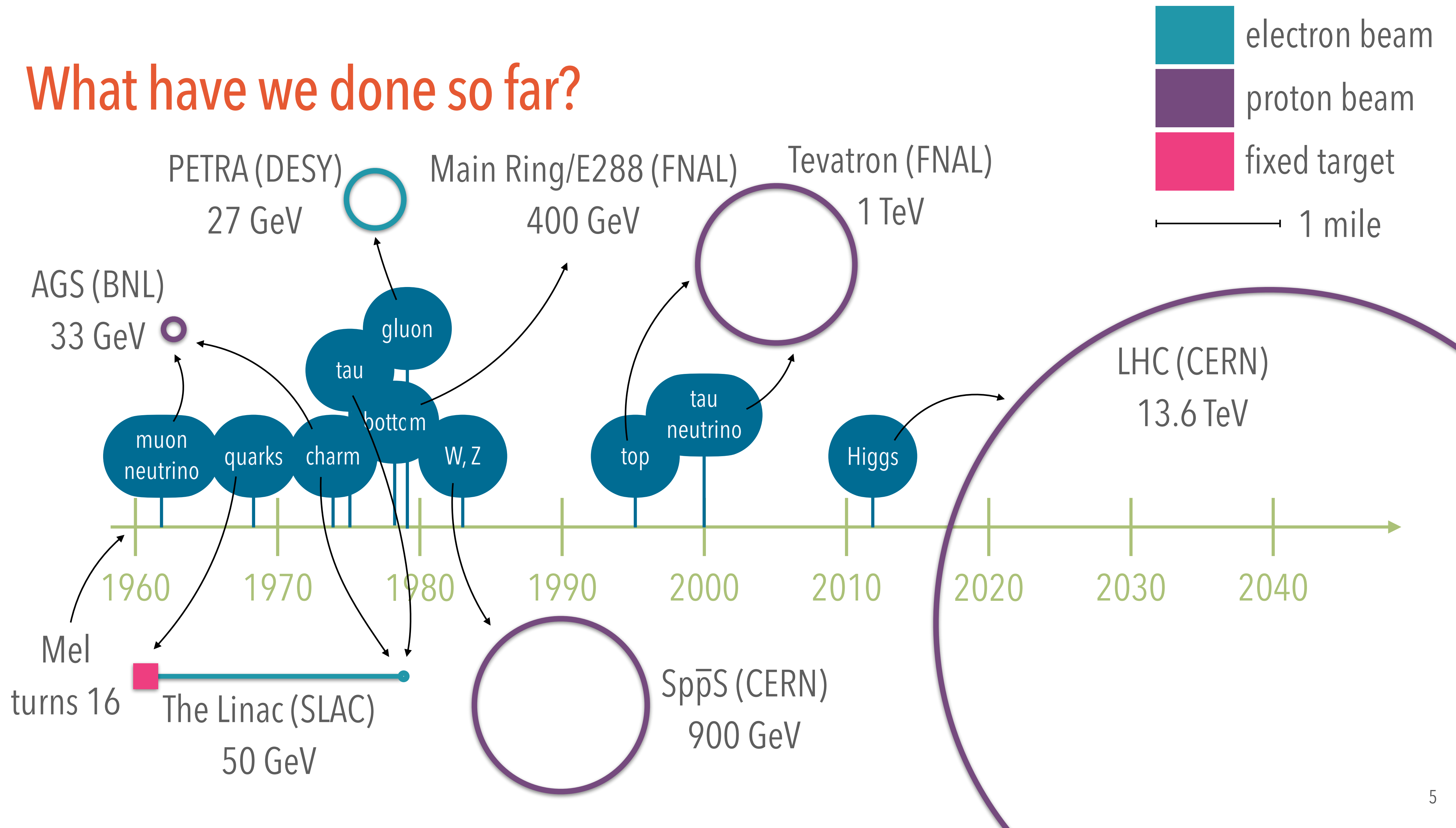
What have we done so far?

- The **reasonable** thing!
 - Take advantage of our readily accessible, stable, charged particles: e & p

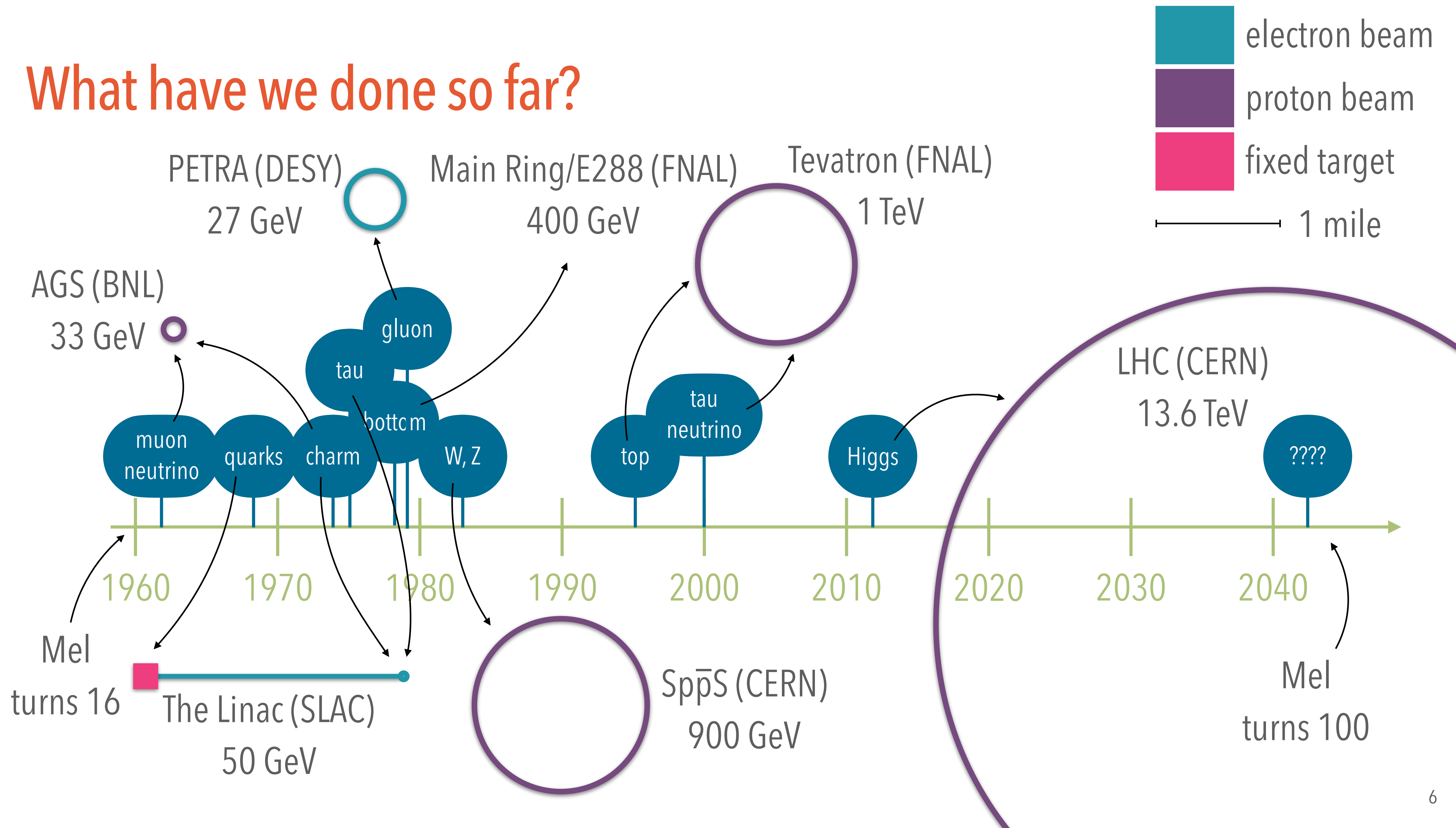


- What have we done with them?
 - A **lot!**

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can we go to higher energies?

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to go from 14 to 100 TeV, could do:

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A large purple arc representing the LHC ring, spanning the right side of the slide.

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LHC: 8 T magnets, 27 km size

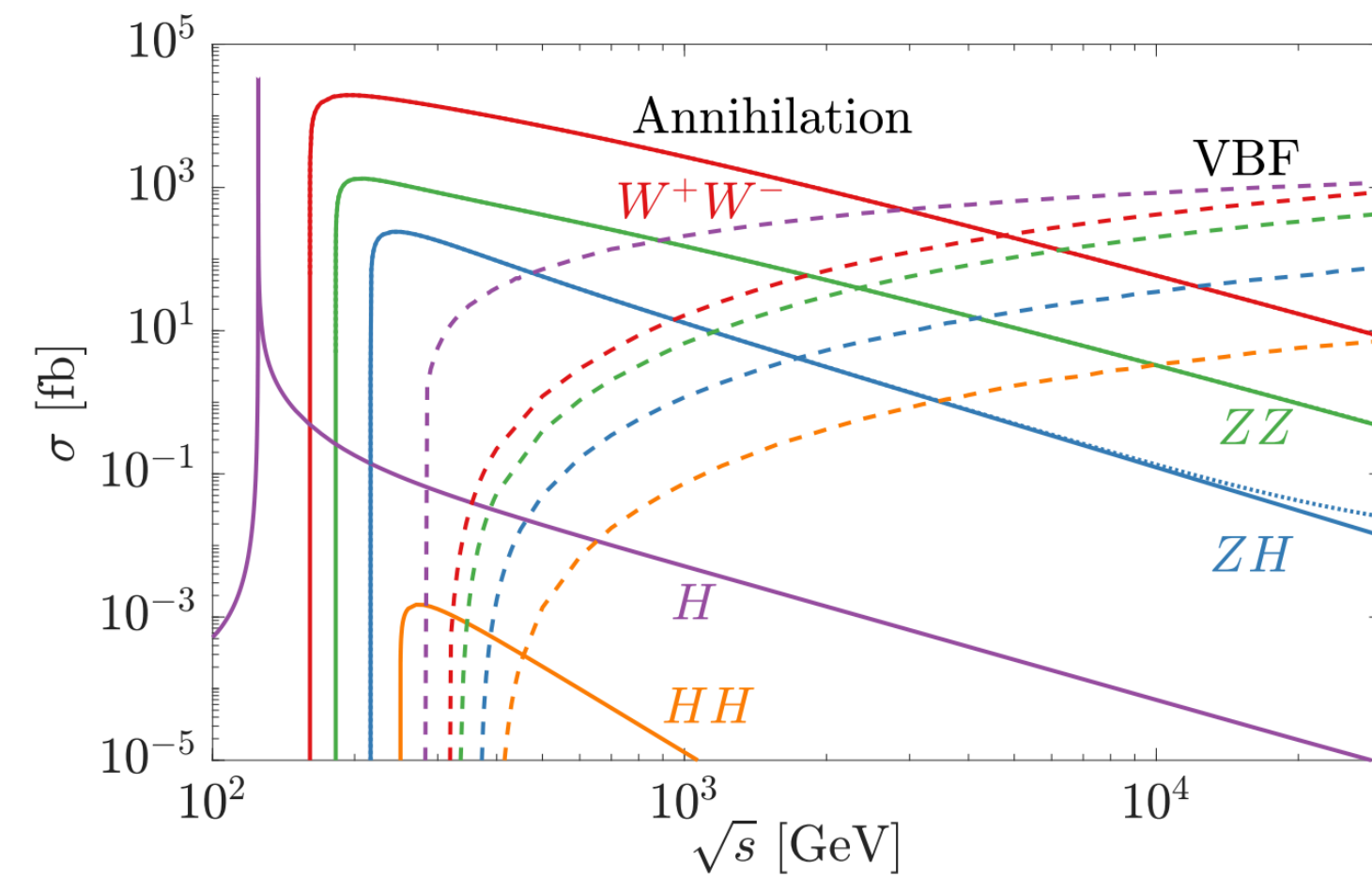
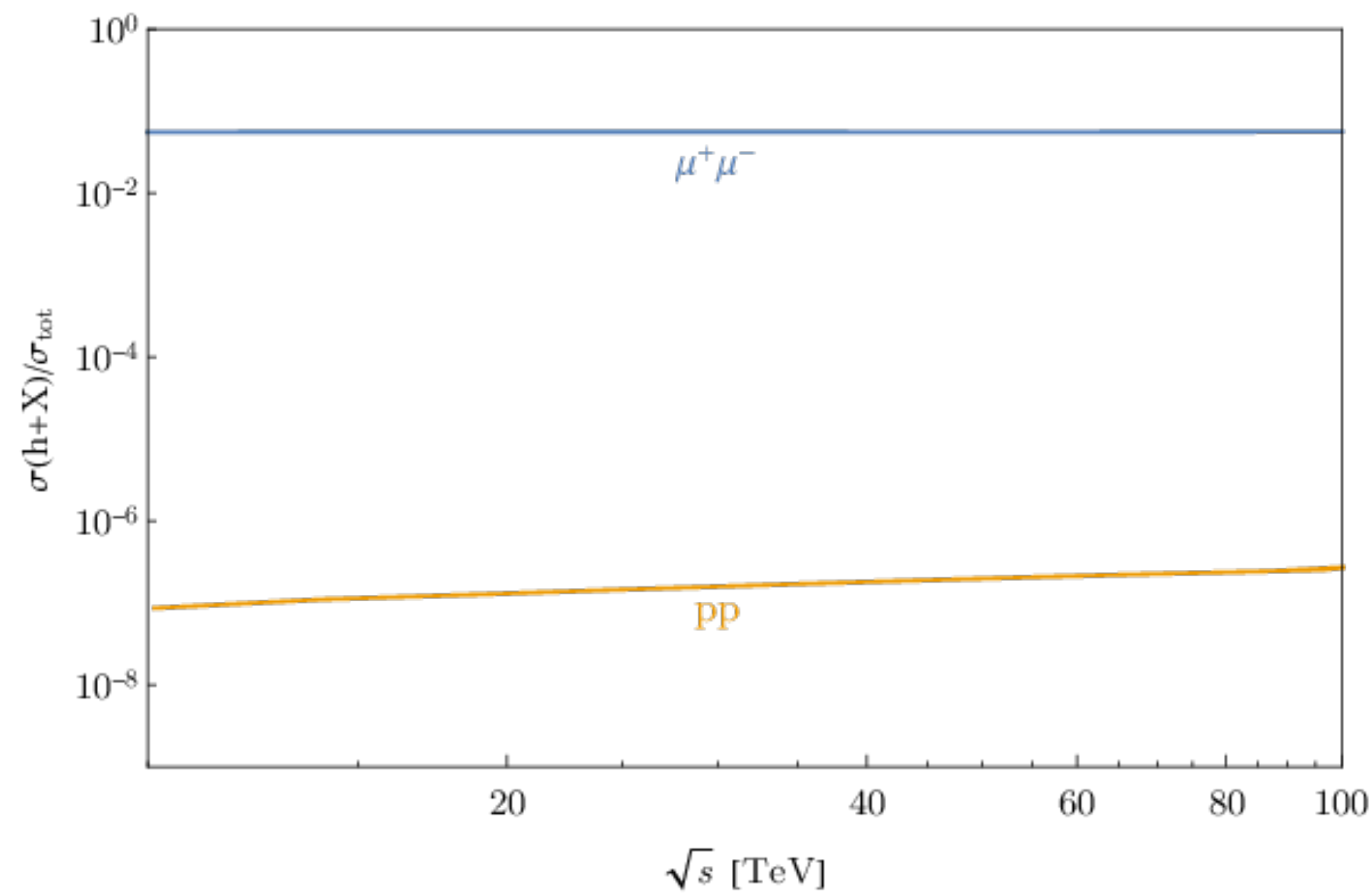
FCC-hh: ~16 T magnets, ~90 km size



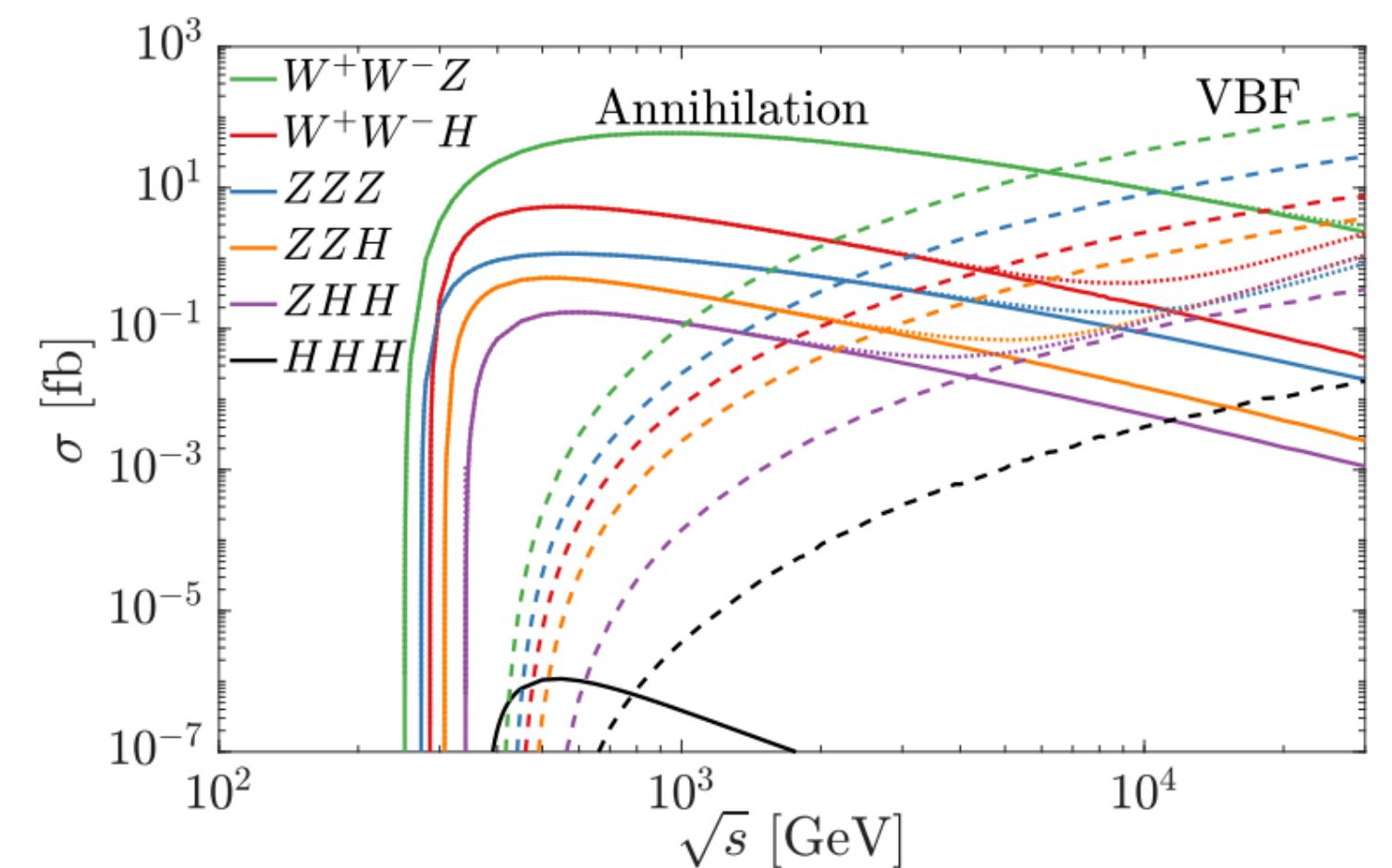
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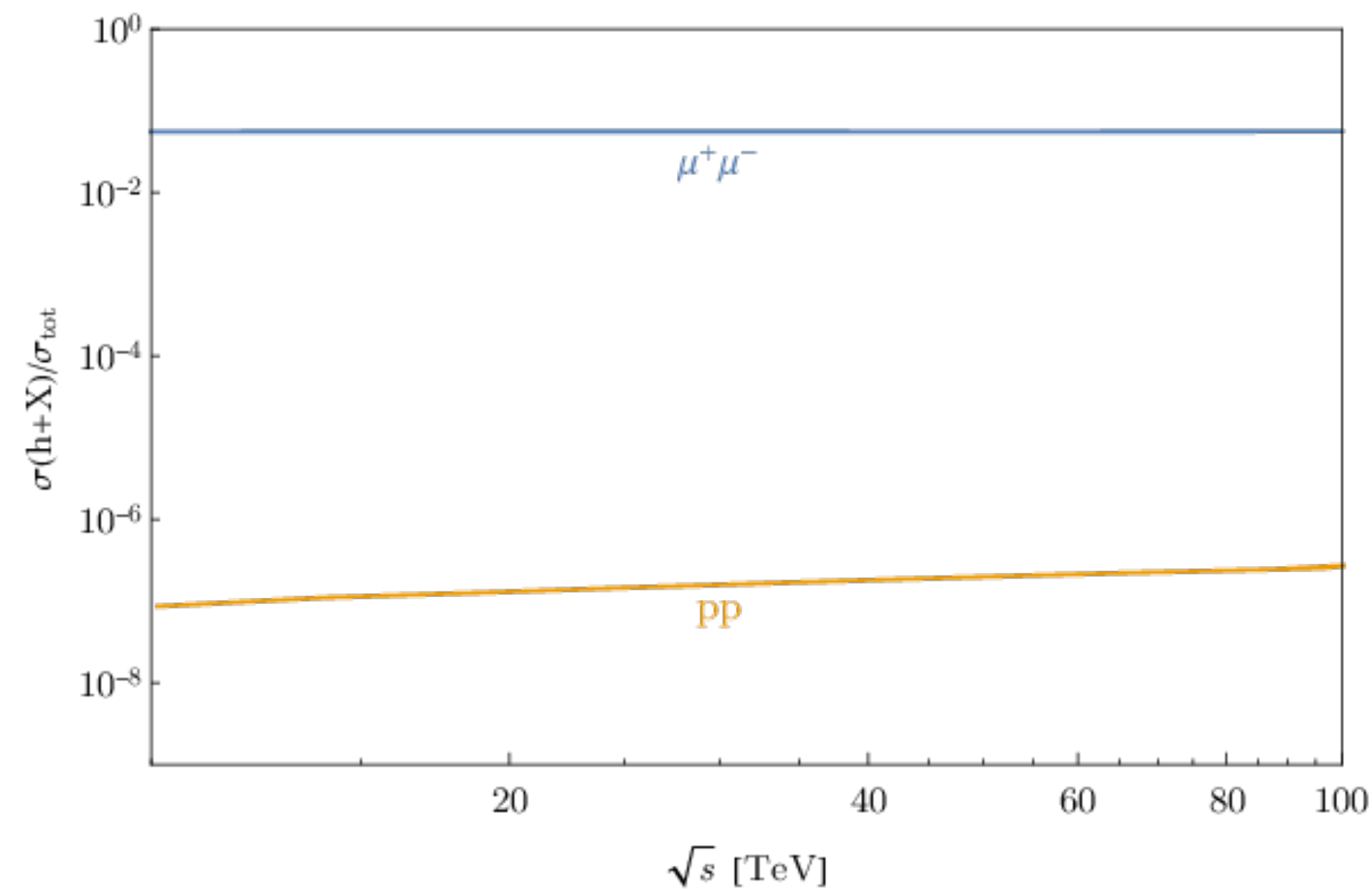
If we want to study the mysteries of EWK symmetry breaking maybe an EWK machine would be nice?



ee or $\mu\mu$?



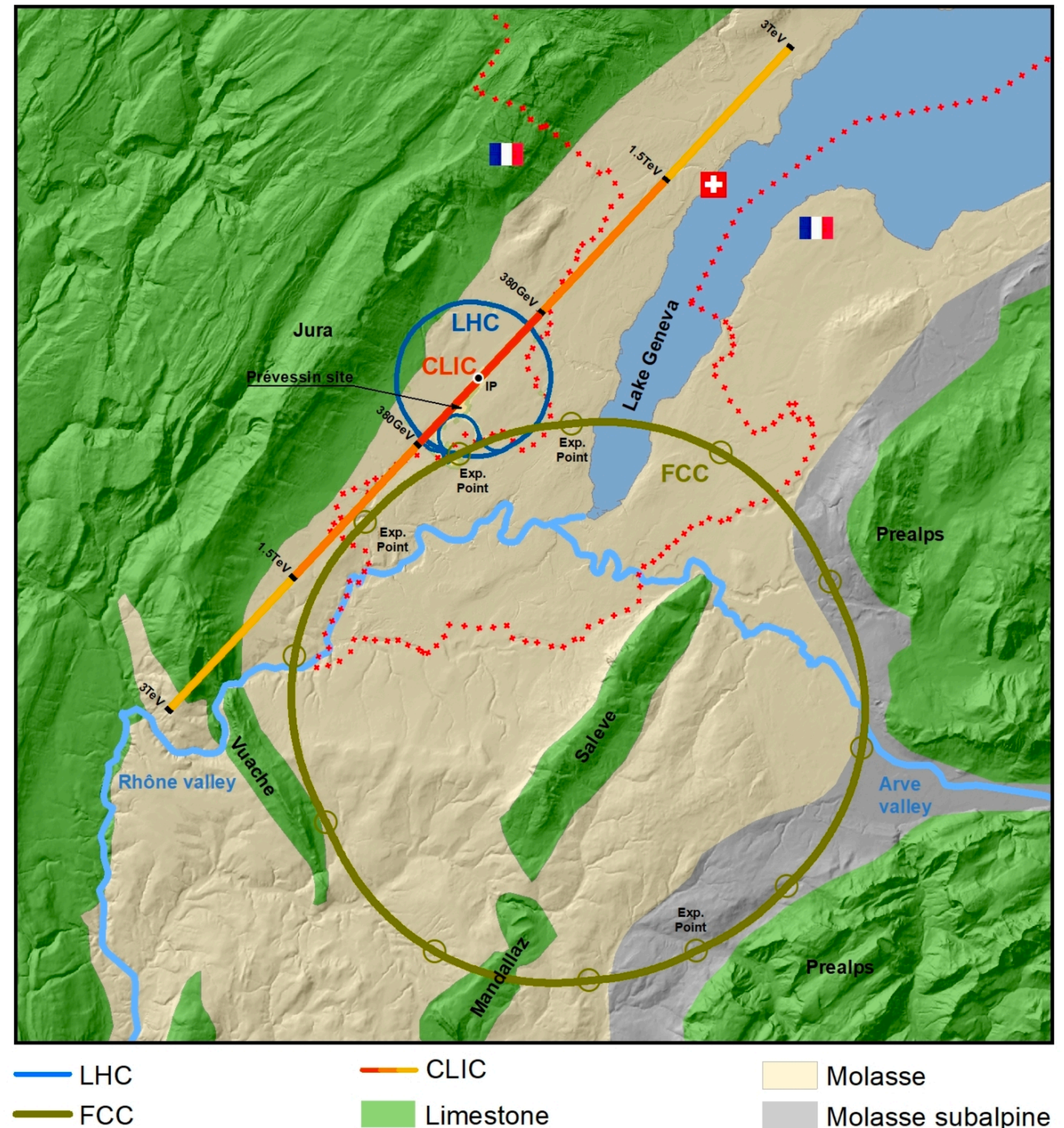
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- **Not on the plot!**

- Highest energy explored for e+e- is 3 TeV

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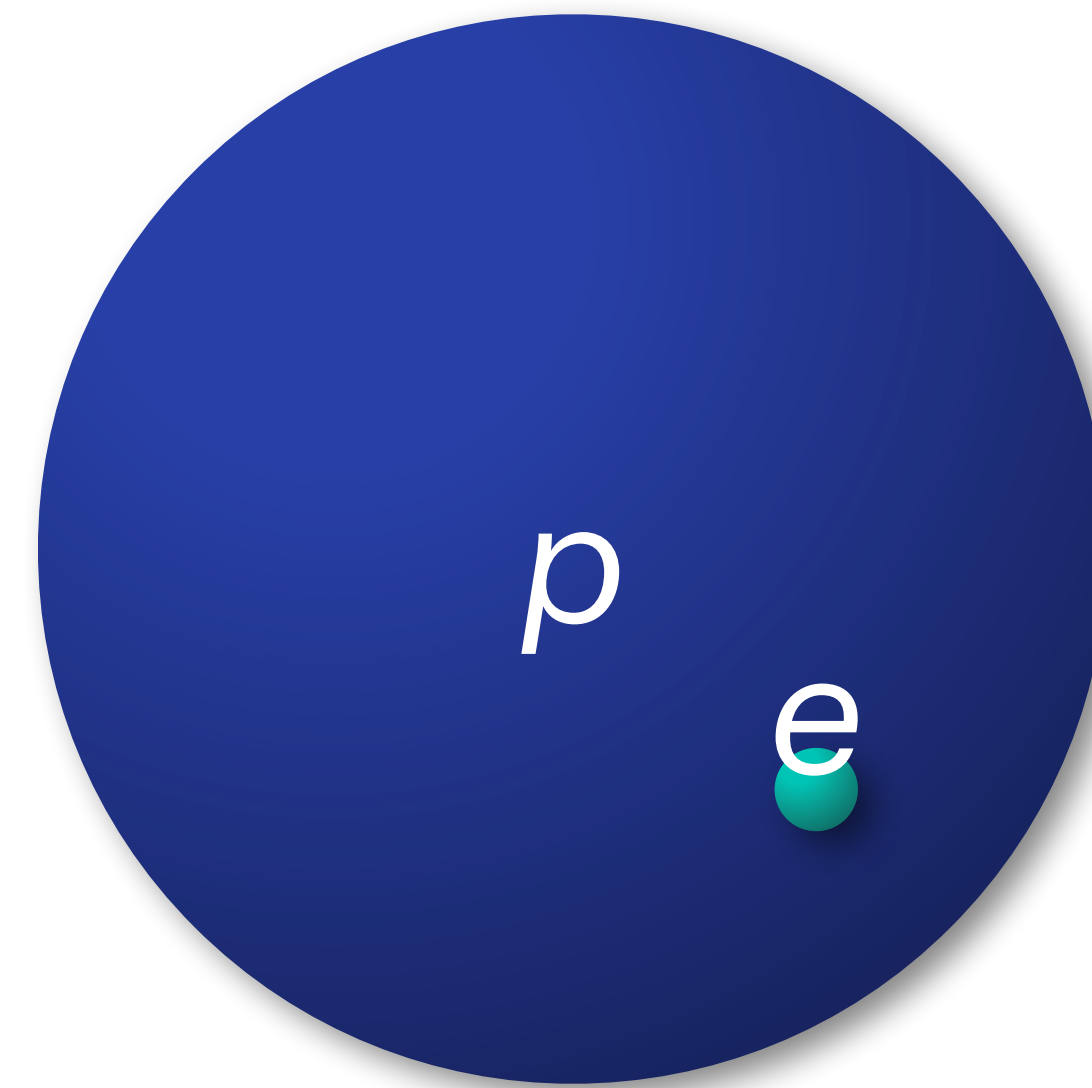
How do we go forward?

- **Using electrons...**

- Synchrotron radiation means we can't make high energy circular colliders
- Linear collider lengths are proportional to their energy

- **Using protons...**

- Effective center of mass energy $\sim 1/10$ of beam, and ring size set to beam energy
- EWK cross-section tiny compared to QCD



$$P \approx 3 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{1 \text{ km}}{R} \right)^2 \left(\frac{E}{m} \right)^4 \text{ eV/s}$$

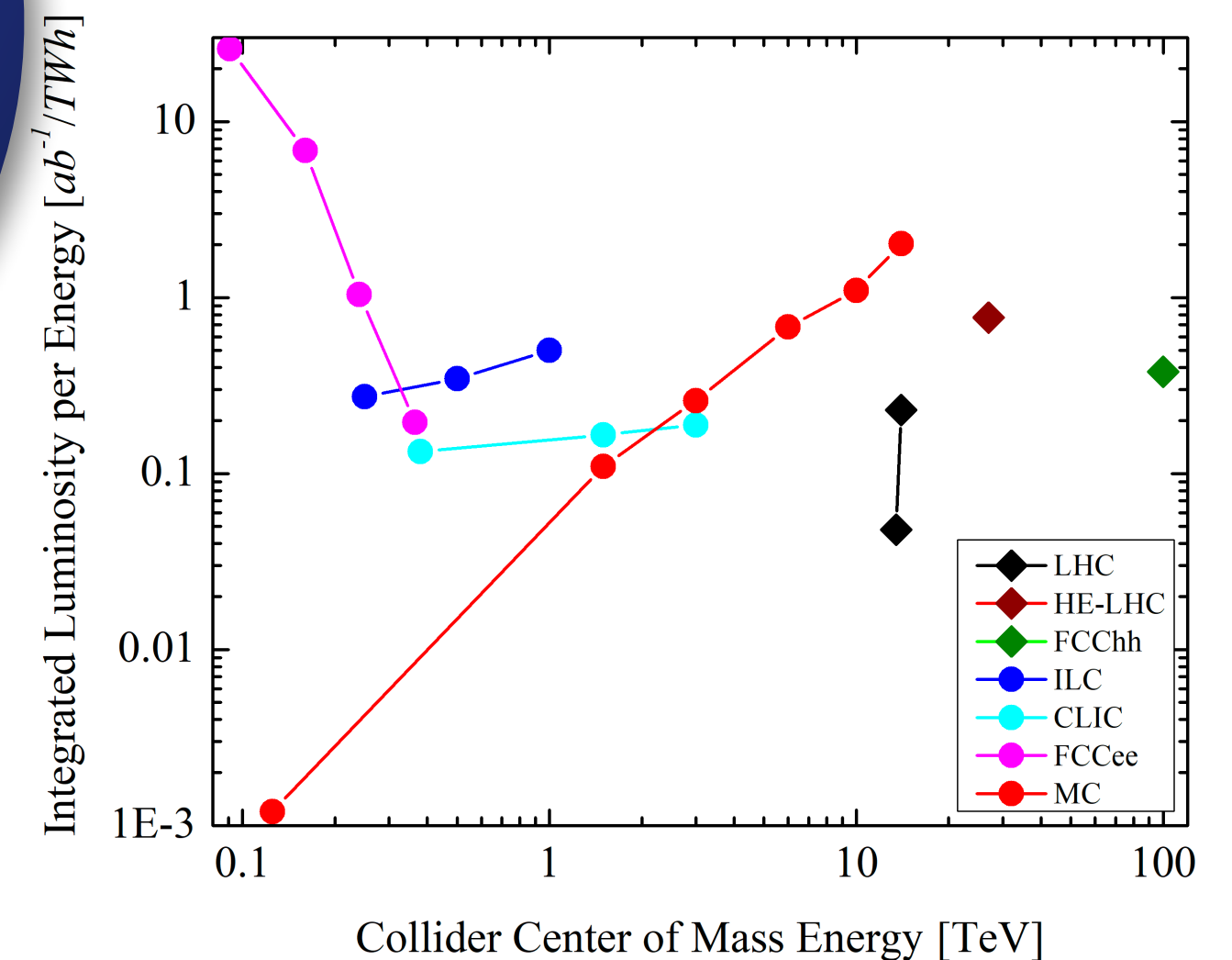
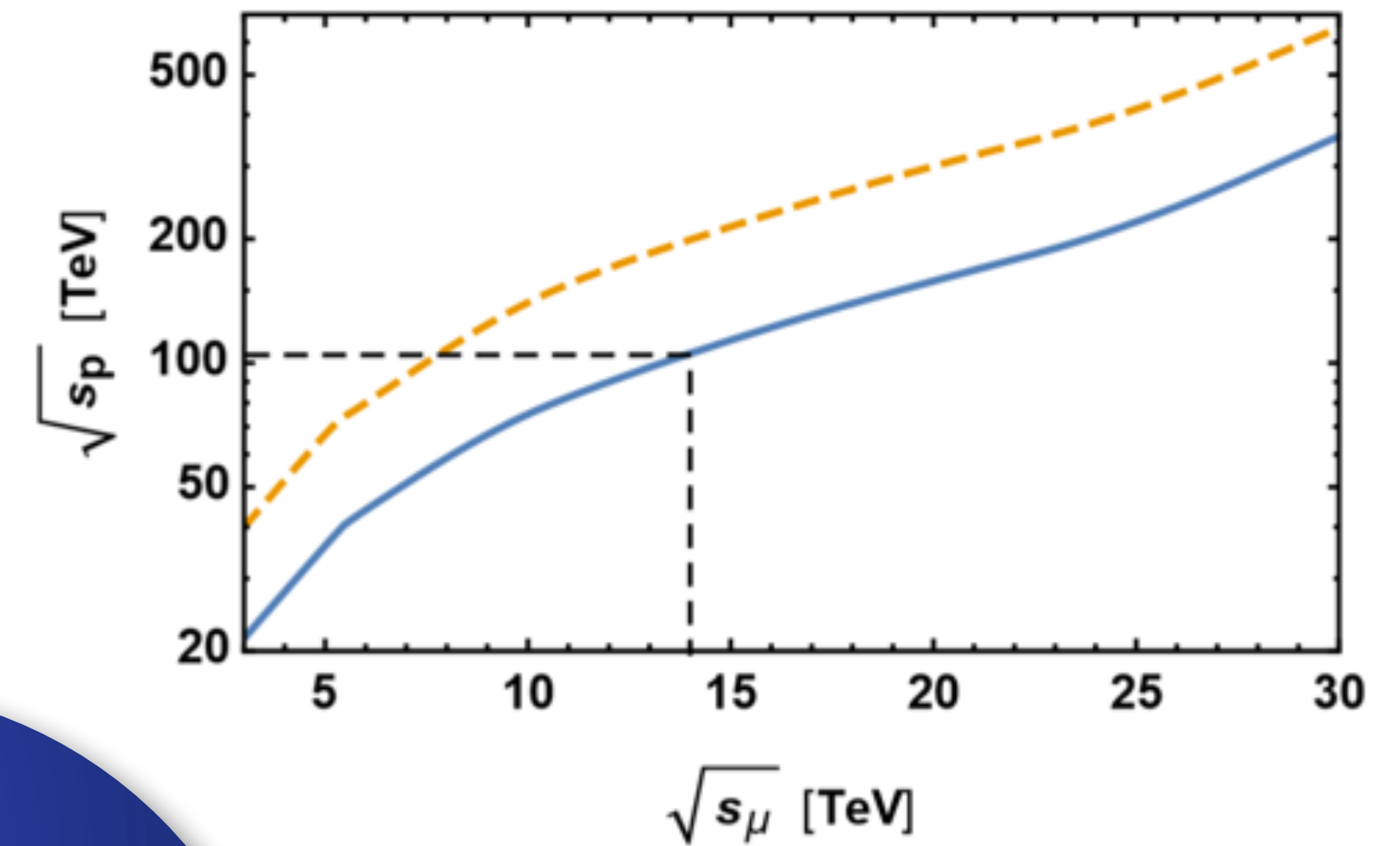
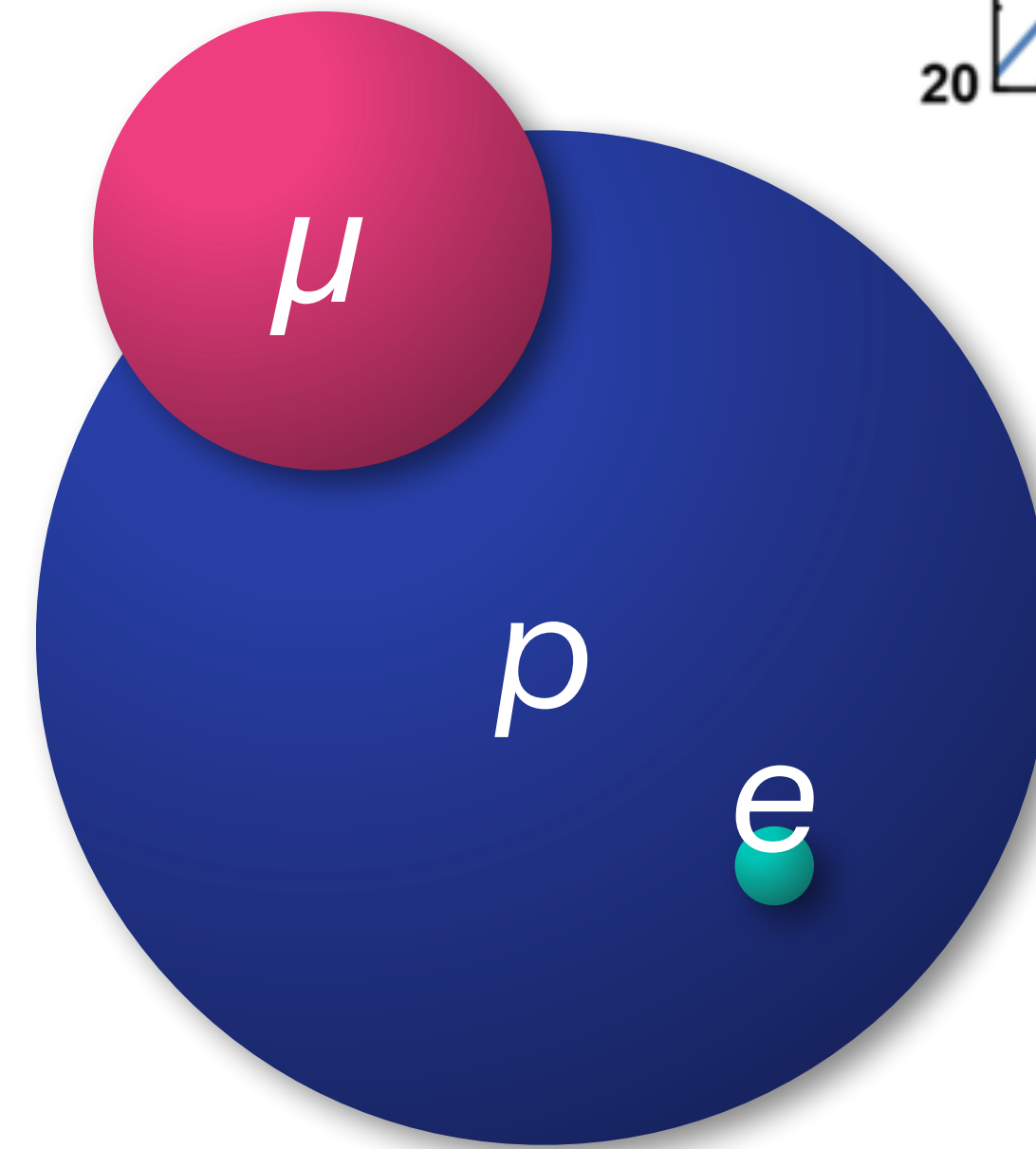
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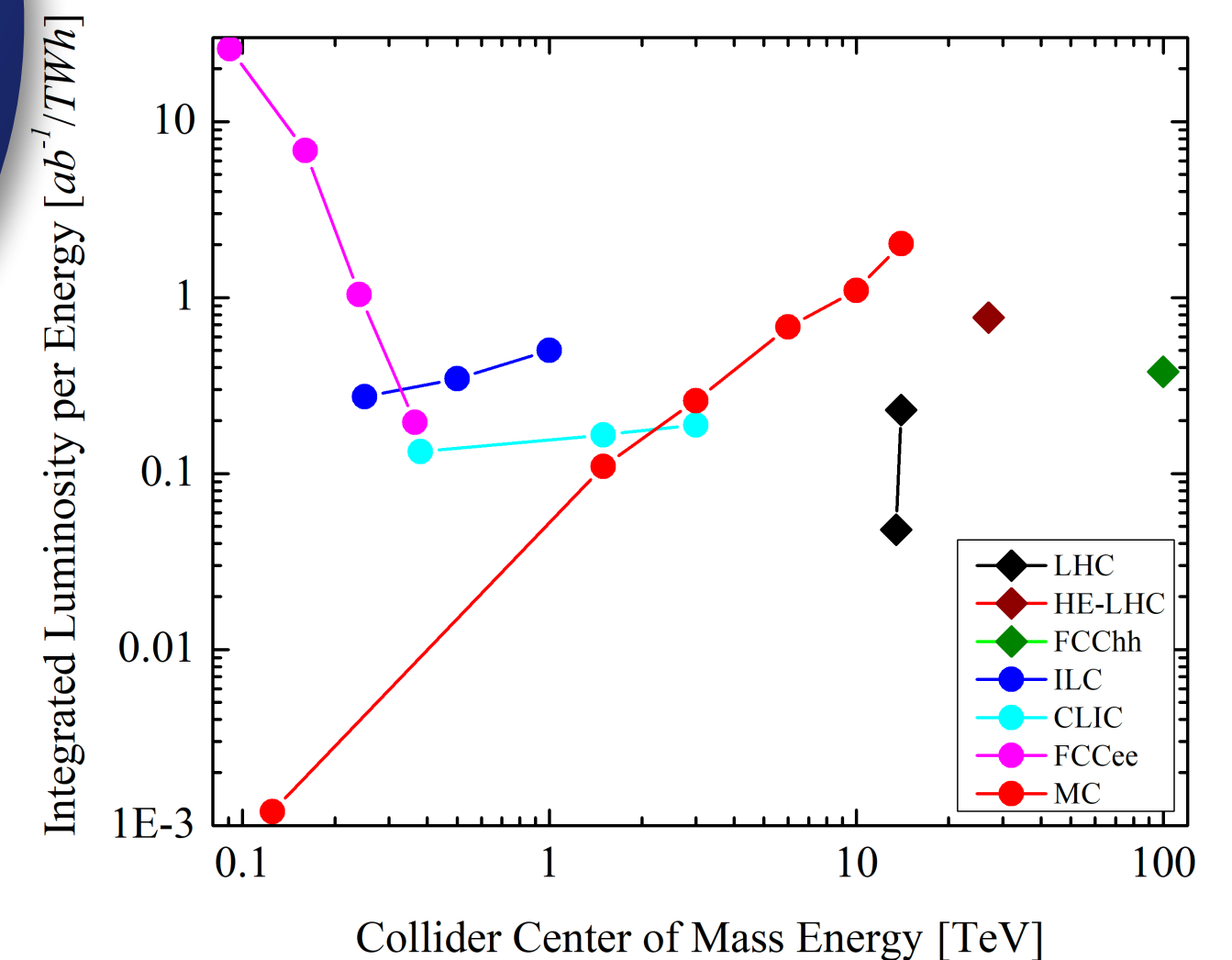
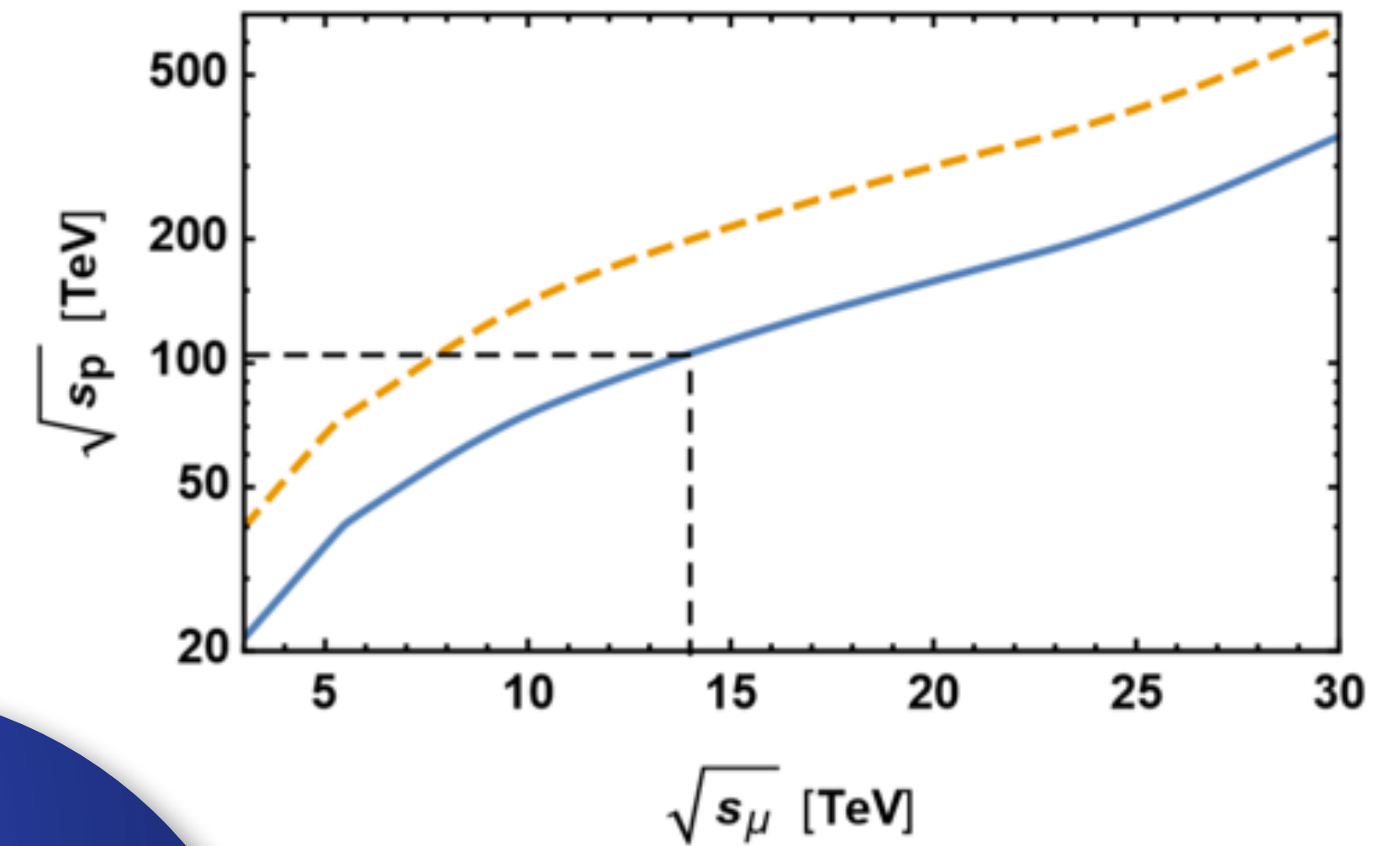
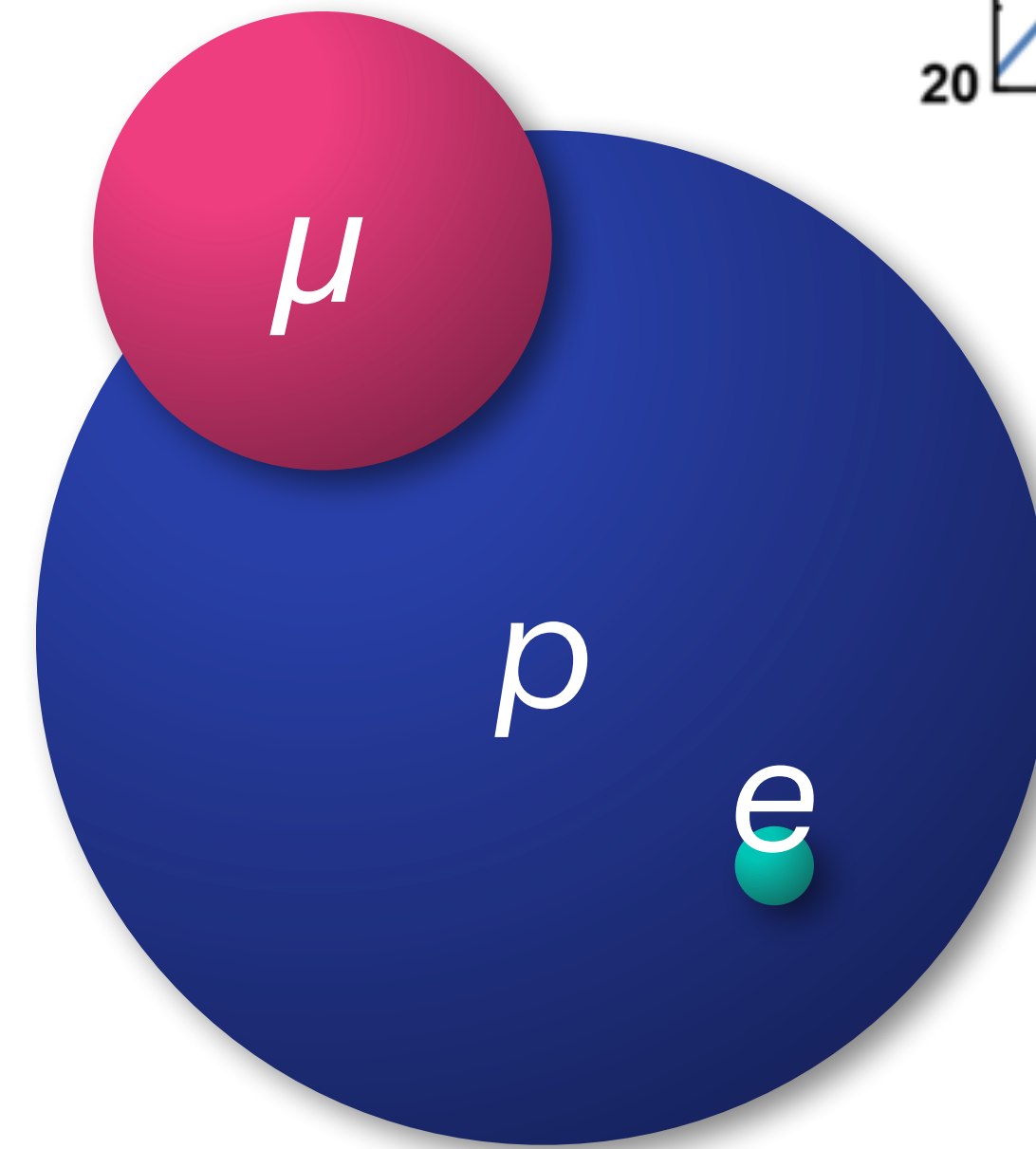
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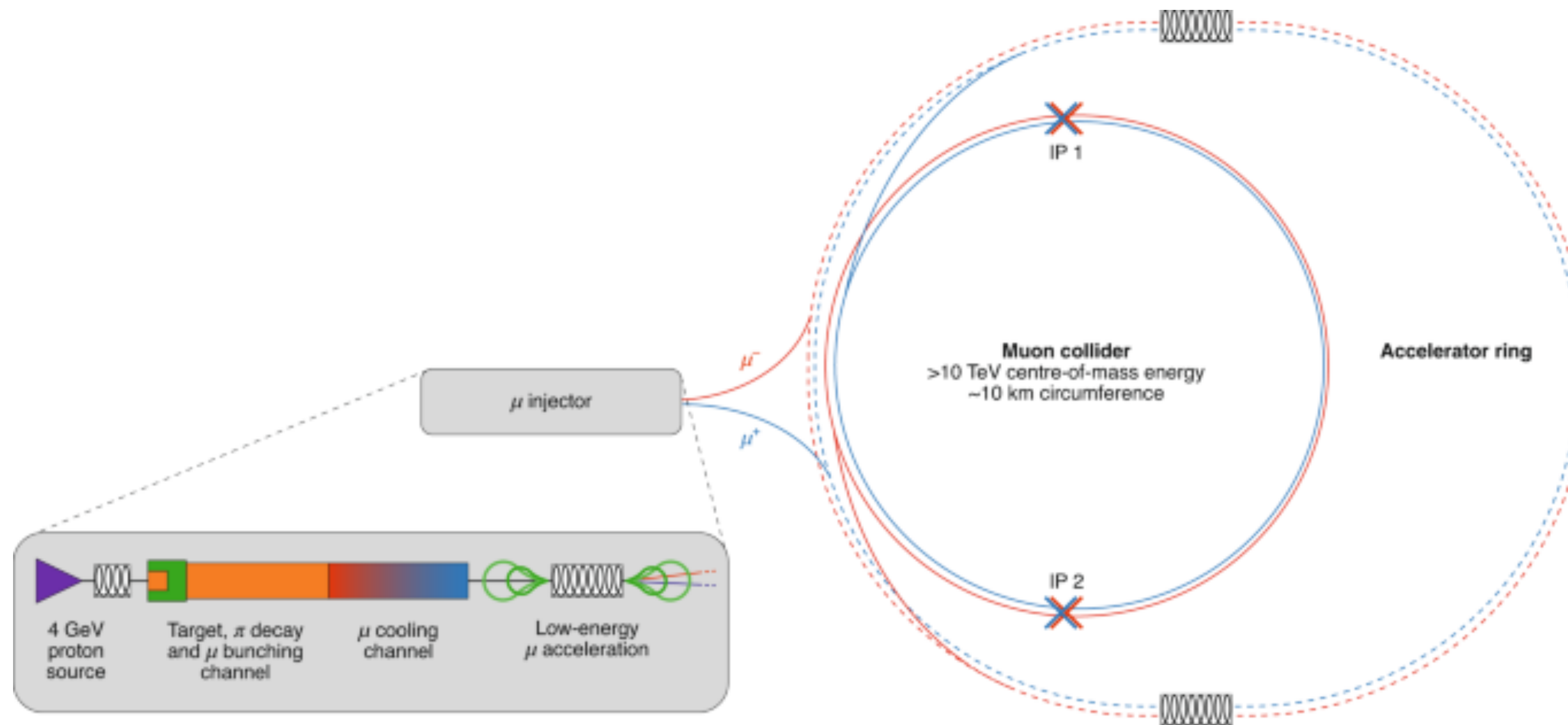
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- Downside: muons decay...

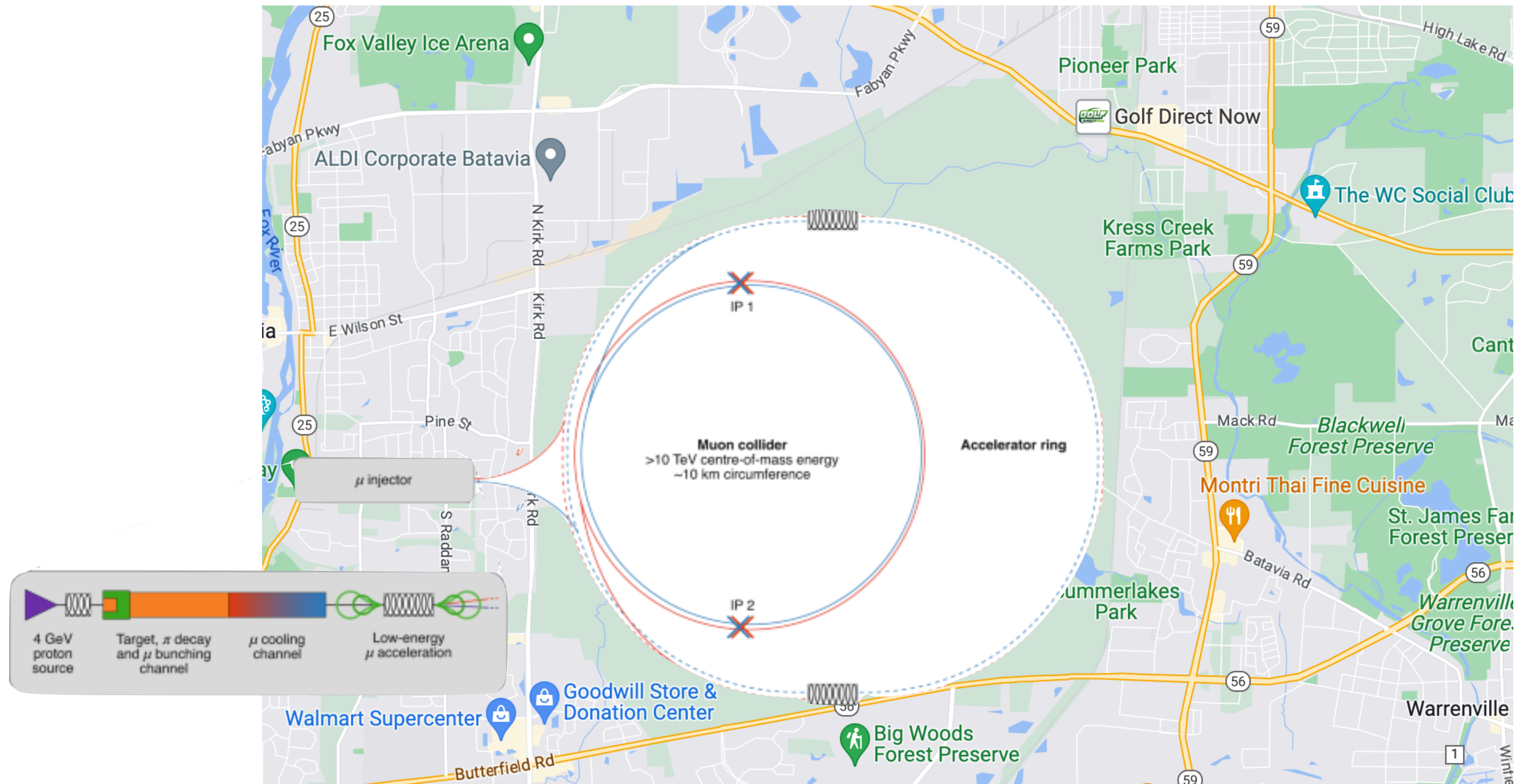


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a multi-TeV
muon collider?



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A spherical cow muon collider

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 - Circulate pairs of bunches until they're depleted
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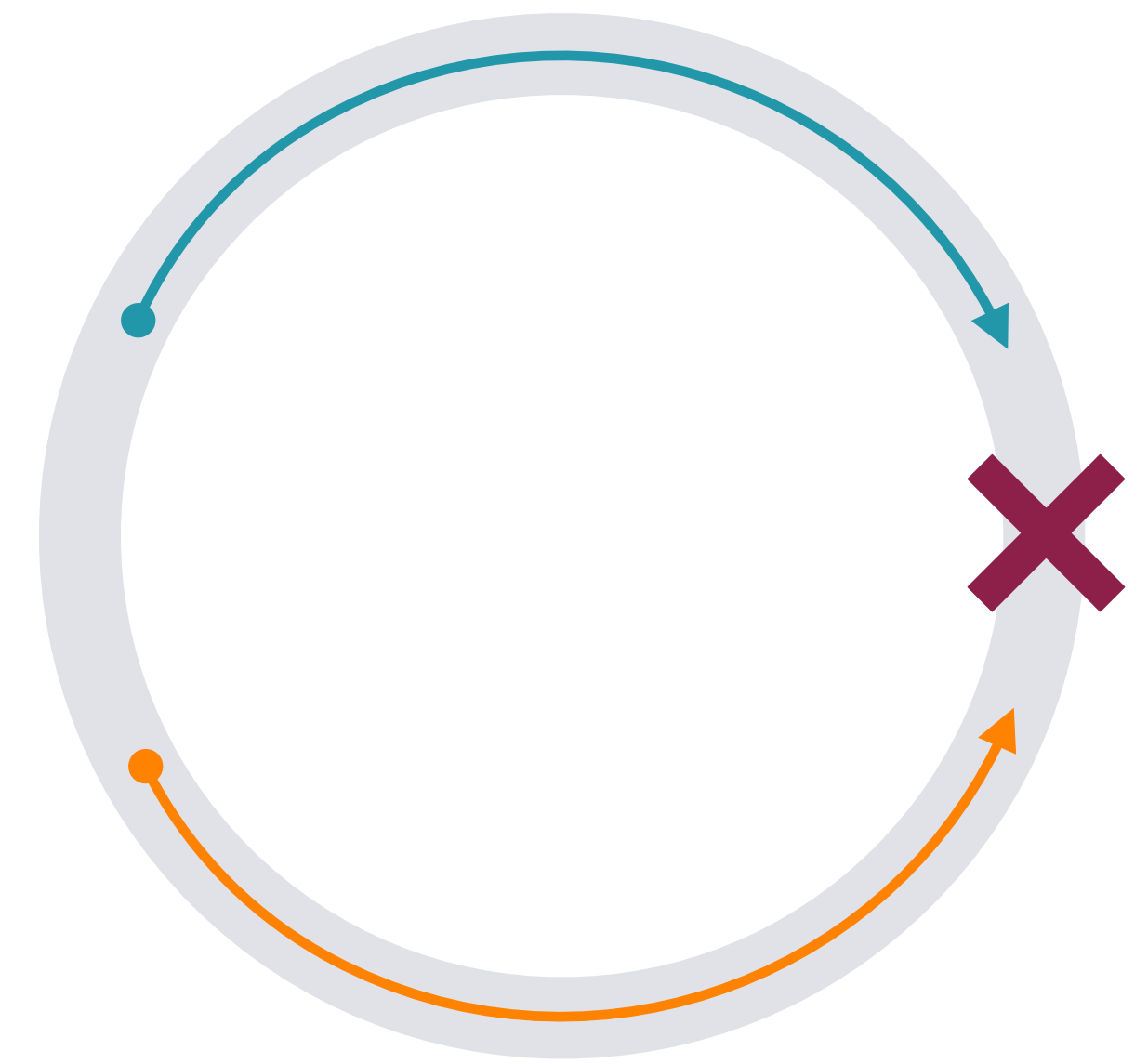
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Need to re-inject at:
~100 Hz for 0.5 TeV beam
~10 Hz for 5 TeV beam

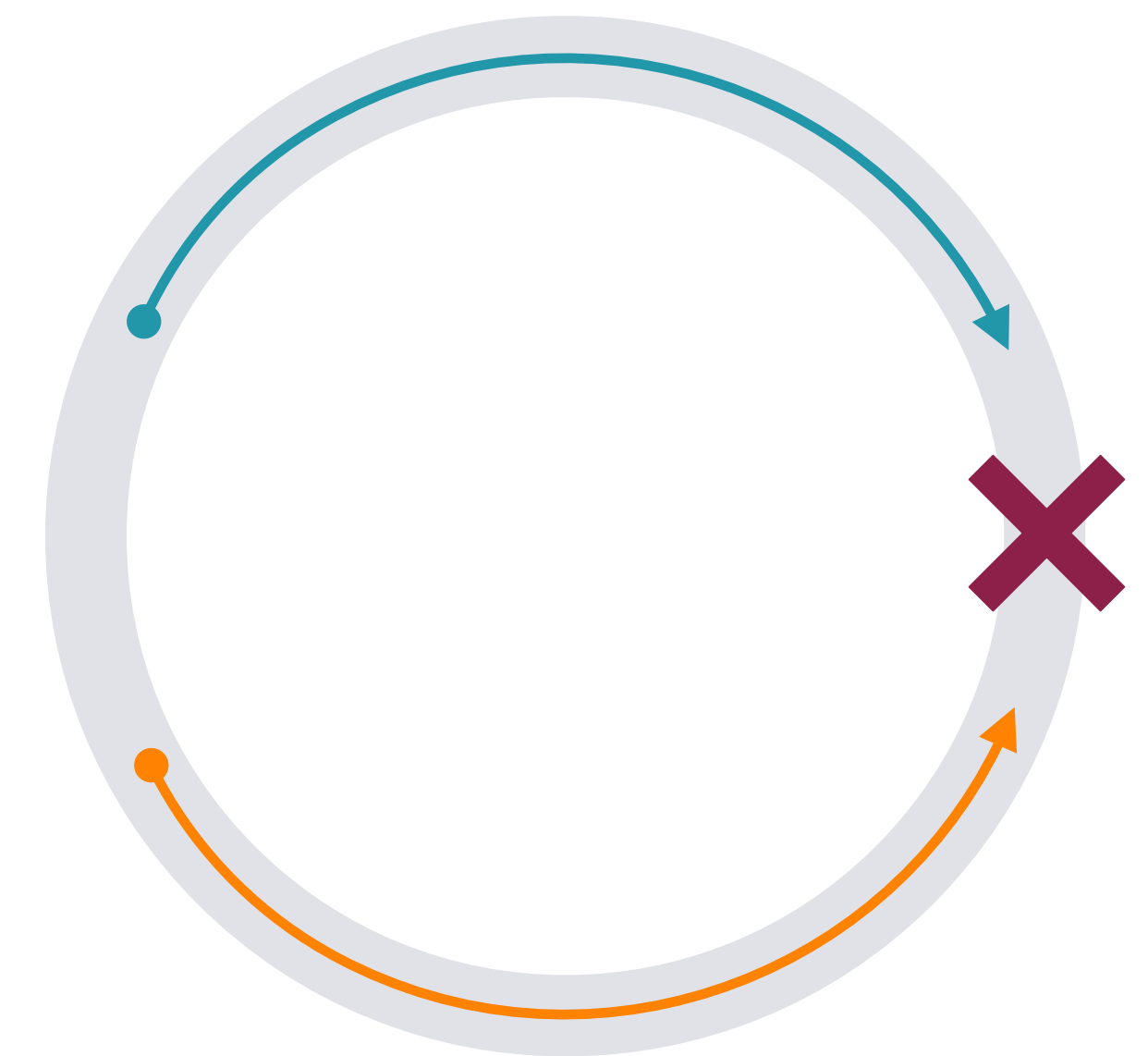


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Large spacing between collisions, ~1000x lower rate than LHC



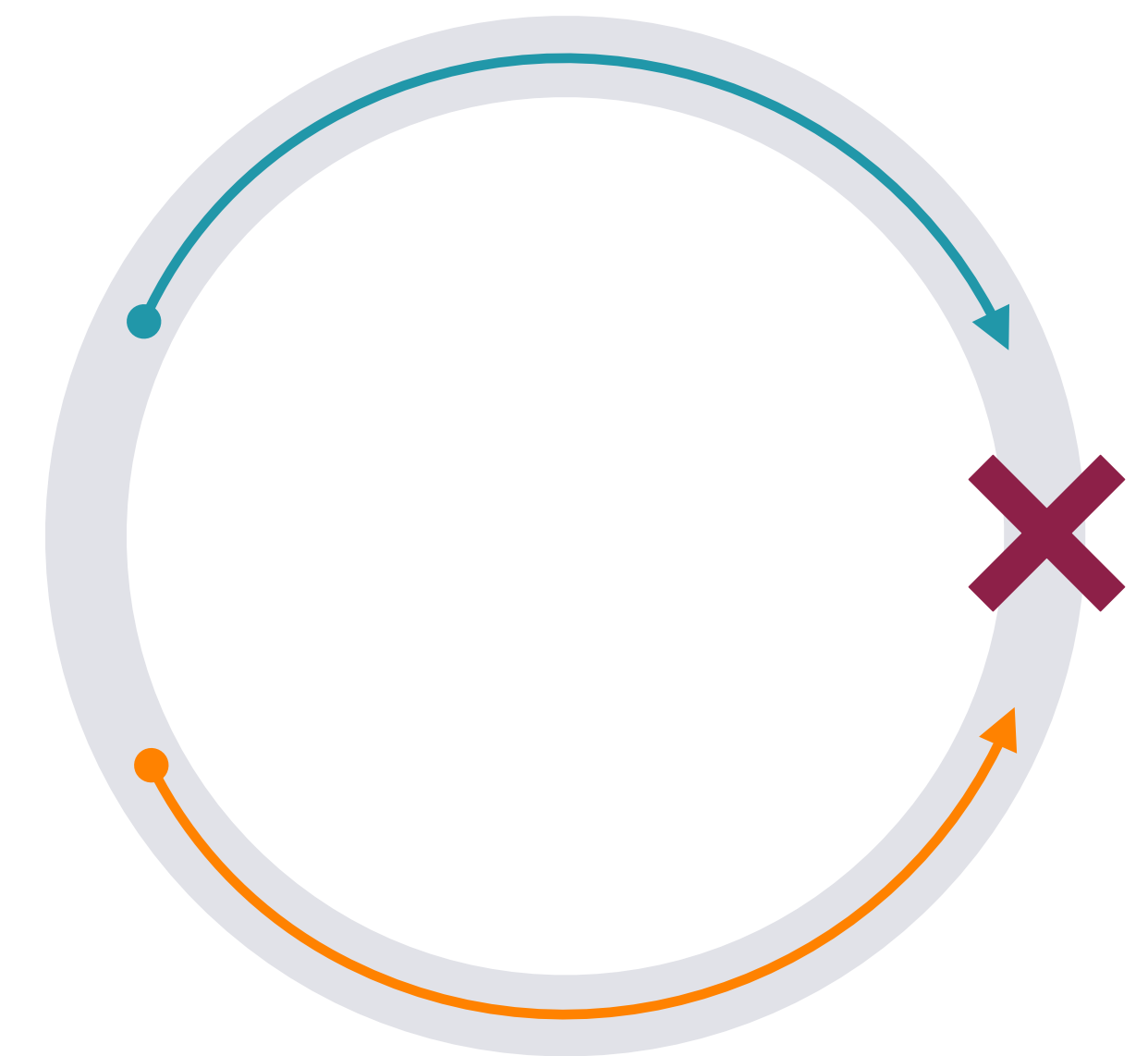
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Luminosity increases
proportionally to energy



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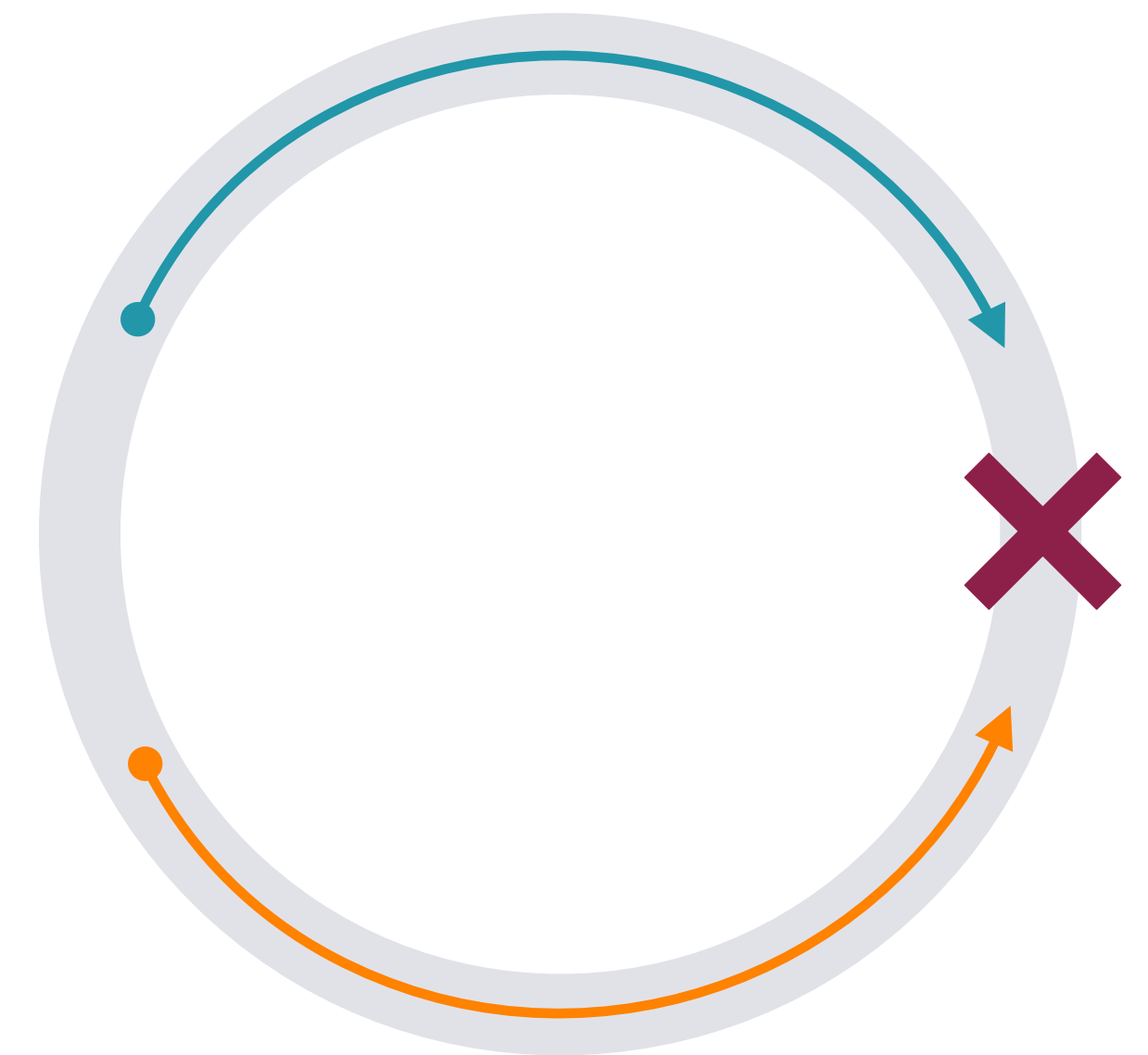
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$$f \approx 6.4 \times 10^{-6} \times \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{E} \right)$$

inversely proportional to energy

For each bunch of 2×10^{12} ,
expect around 10^7
decays in this region



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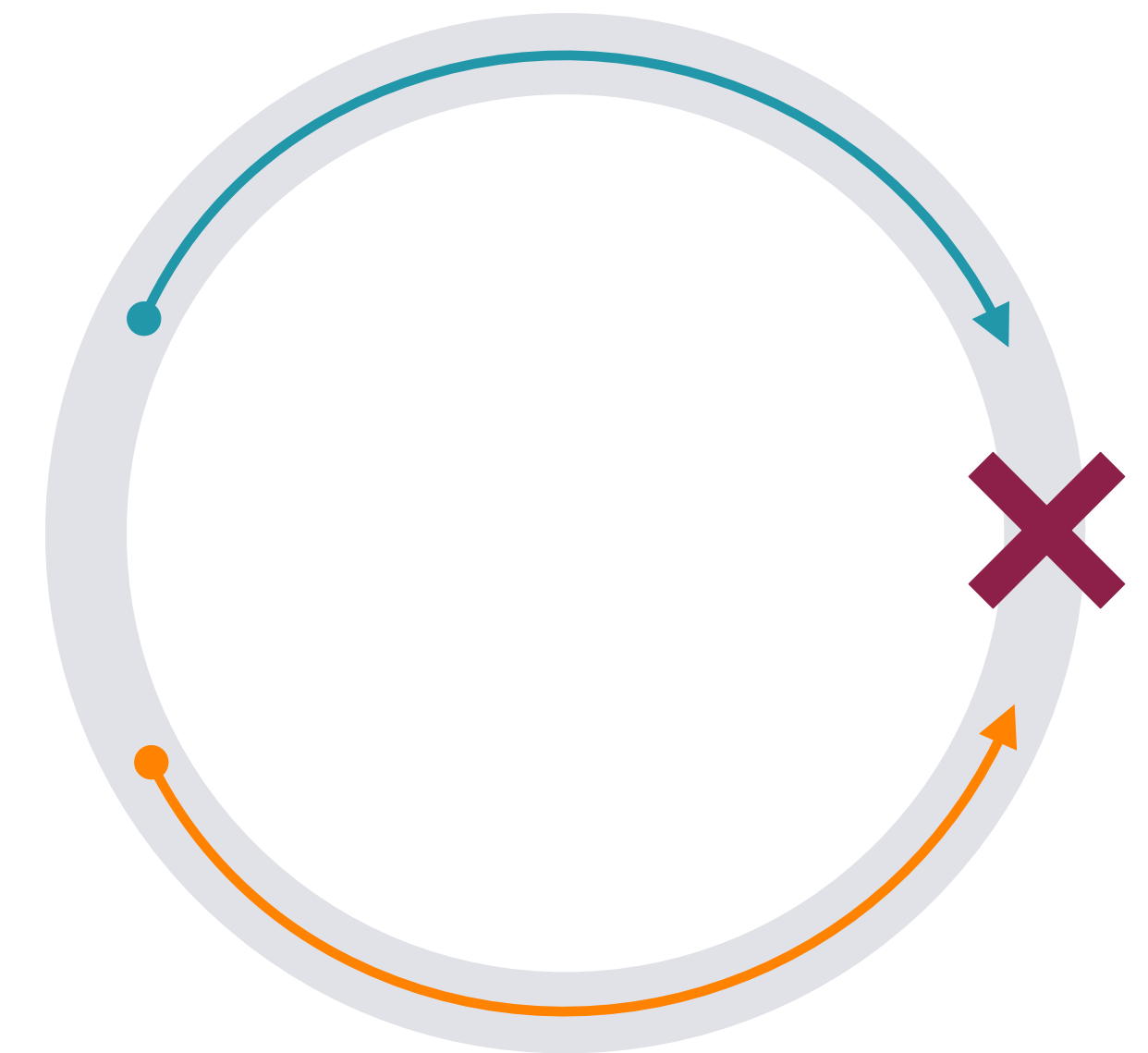
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- total energy of decay products within 20m of the interaction point

$$E_{\text{decay}} = 13 \text{ EeV} \times \left(\frac{n_\mu/\text{bunch}}{2 \times 10^{12}} \right)$$

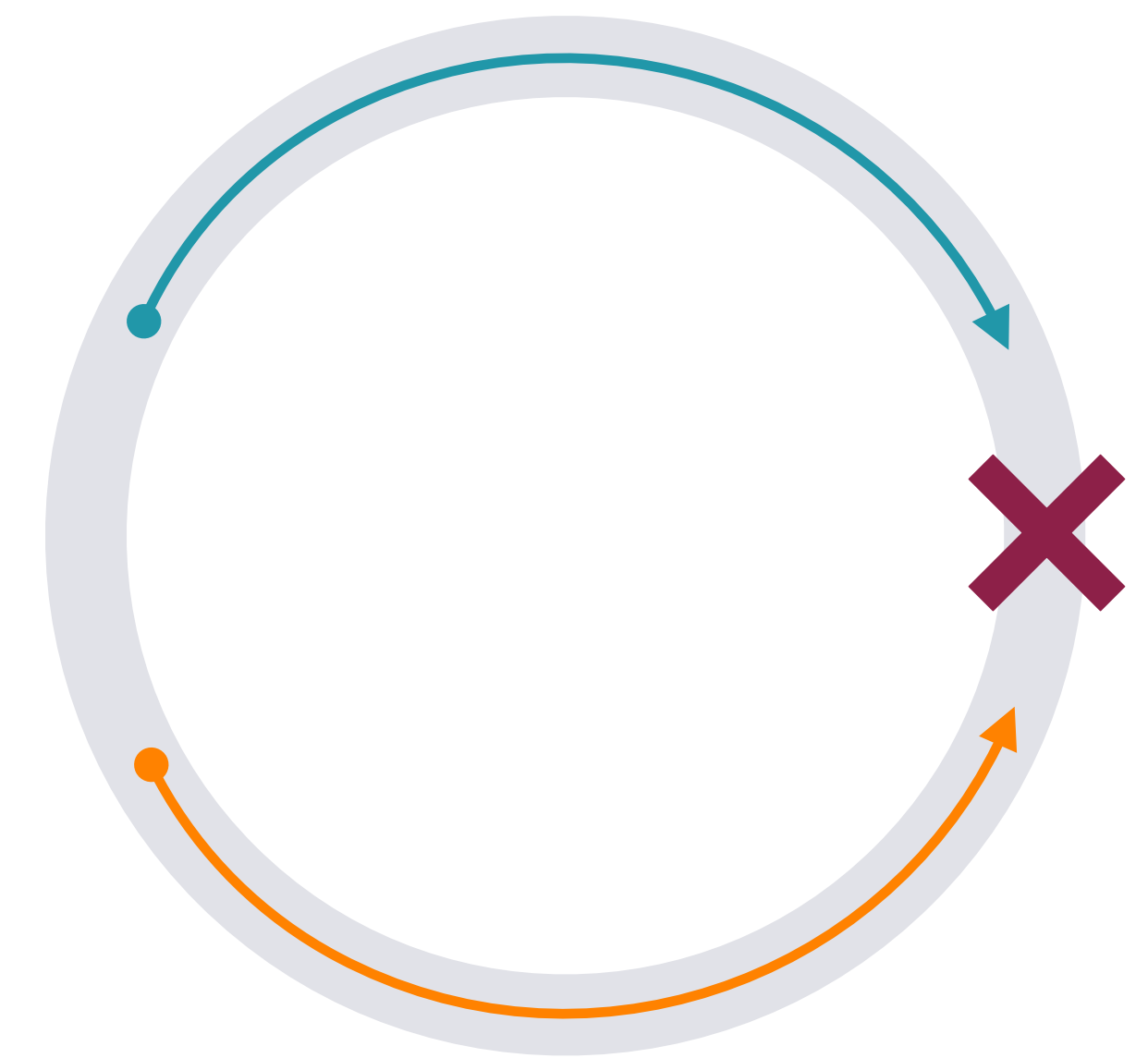
does not depend on E!



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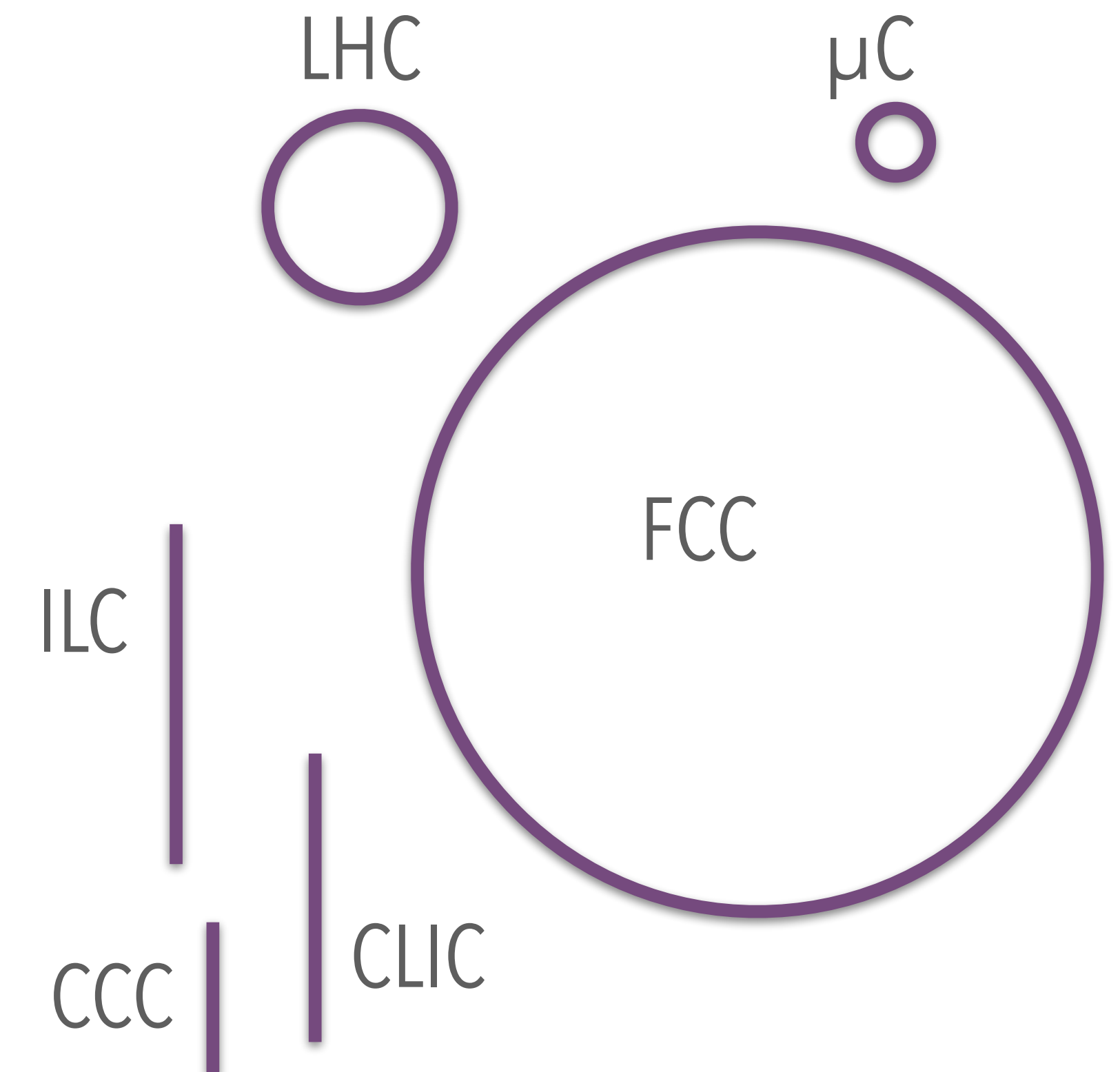
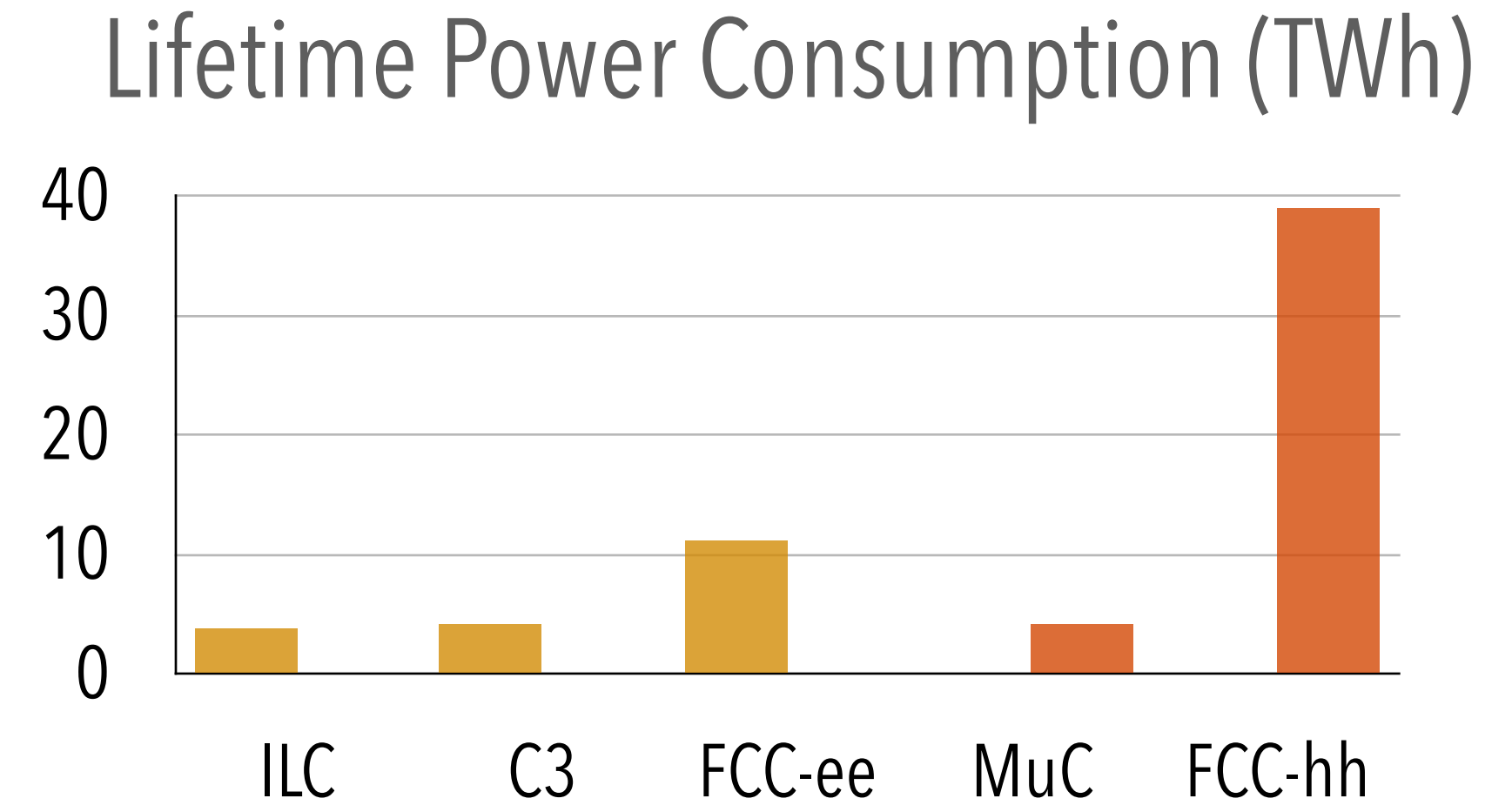
- Takeaways:
 - Key **ee** challenges get **harder** with E
 - synchrotron radiation at a circular collider
 - power and size constraints on a linear collider
 - Key **pp** challenges get **harder** with E
 - large ring size needed for high energy beams
 - Key **$\mu\mu$** challenges get **easier** with E
 - higher luminosity due to circulating beams
 - fewer beam decays



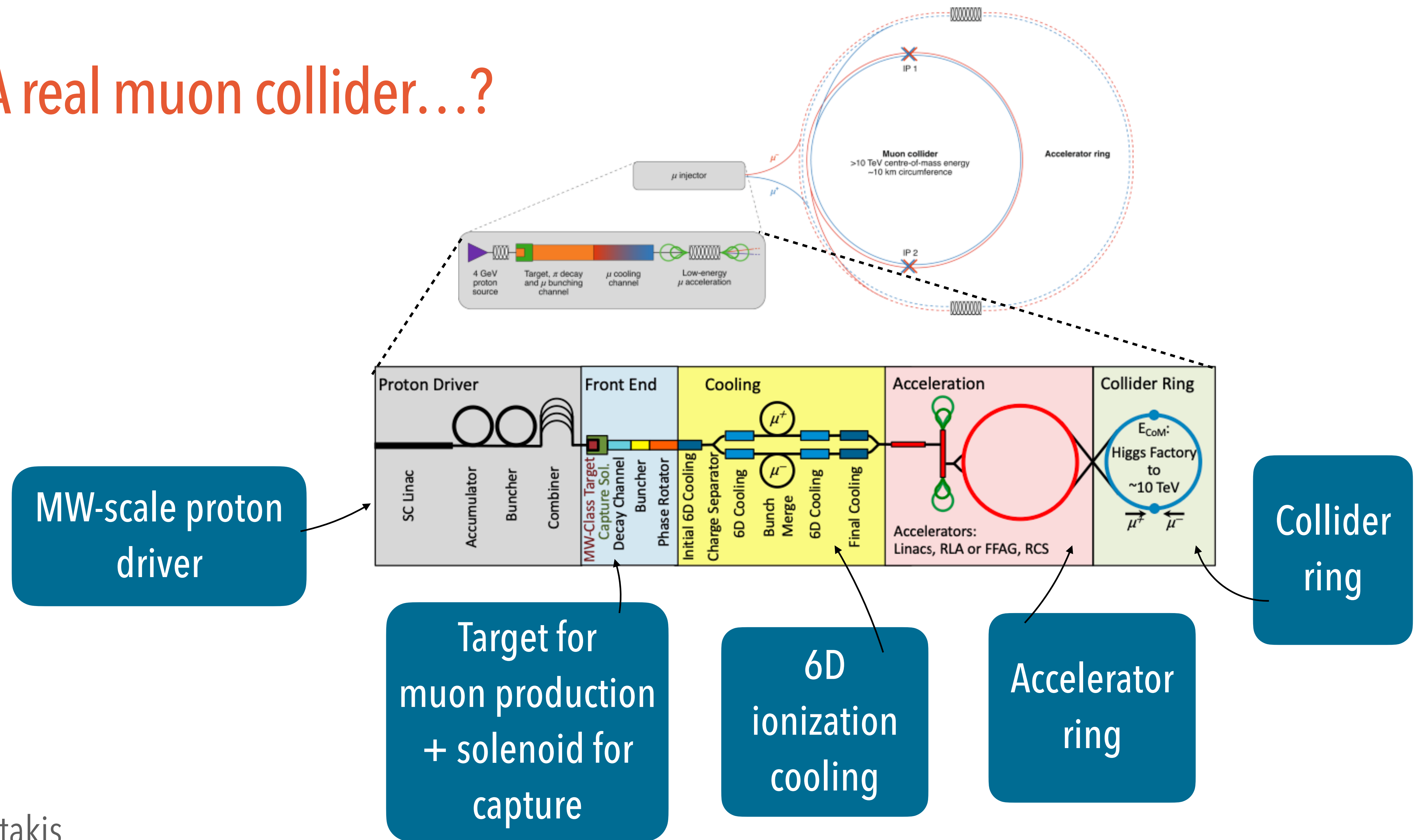
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- Some other selling points:
 - **Compact** size and low power means lower cost and carbon footprint
 - Potential **Fermilab** siting, which means it could be complimentary to a CERN program
 - Most of cost goes into **new technology**; good for return on investment and international buy-in
 - Path **beyond** the 10 TeV scale!

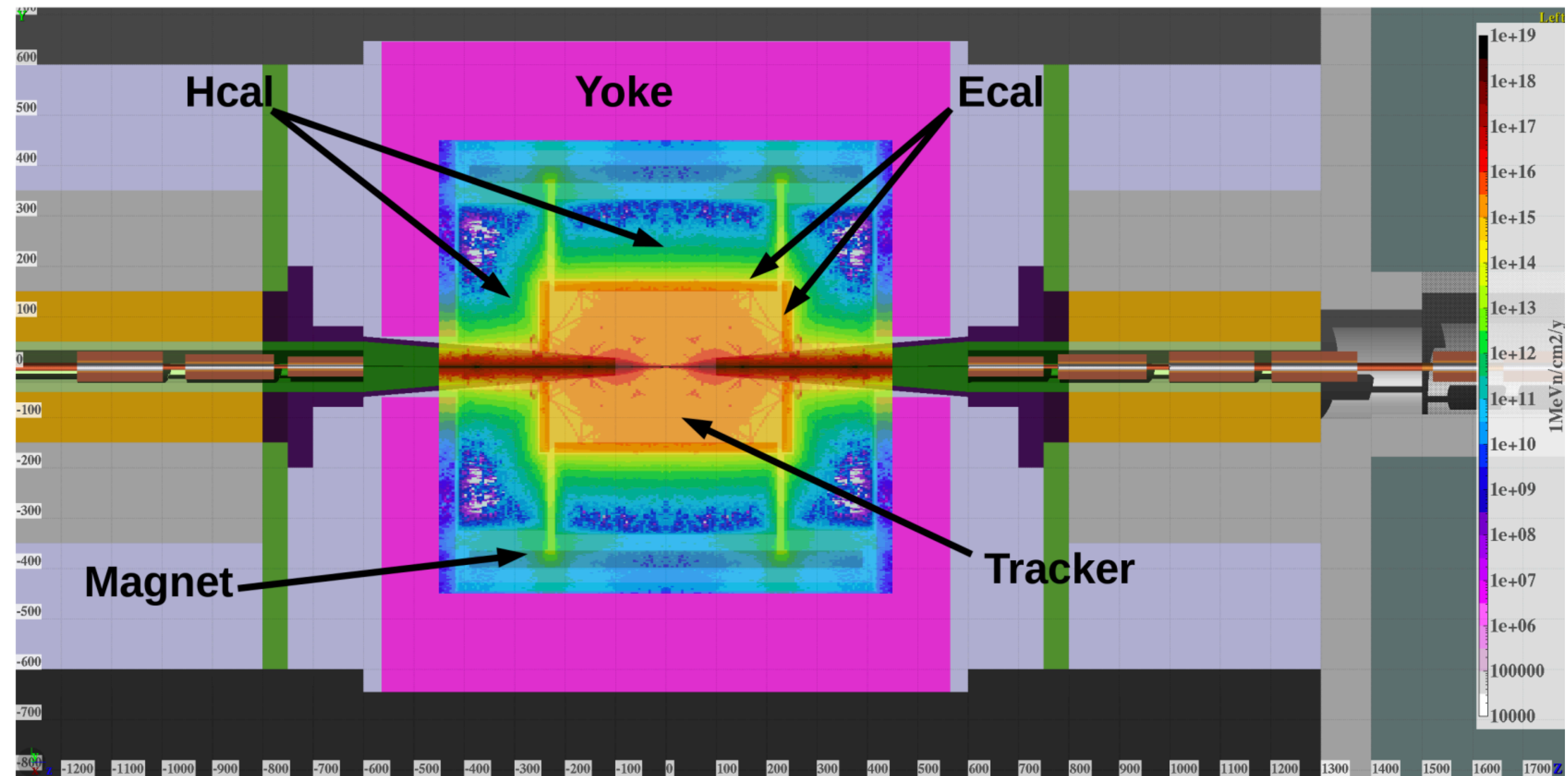


A real muon collider...?



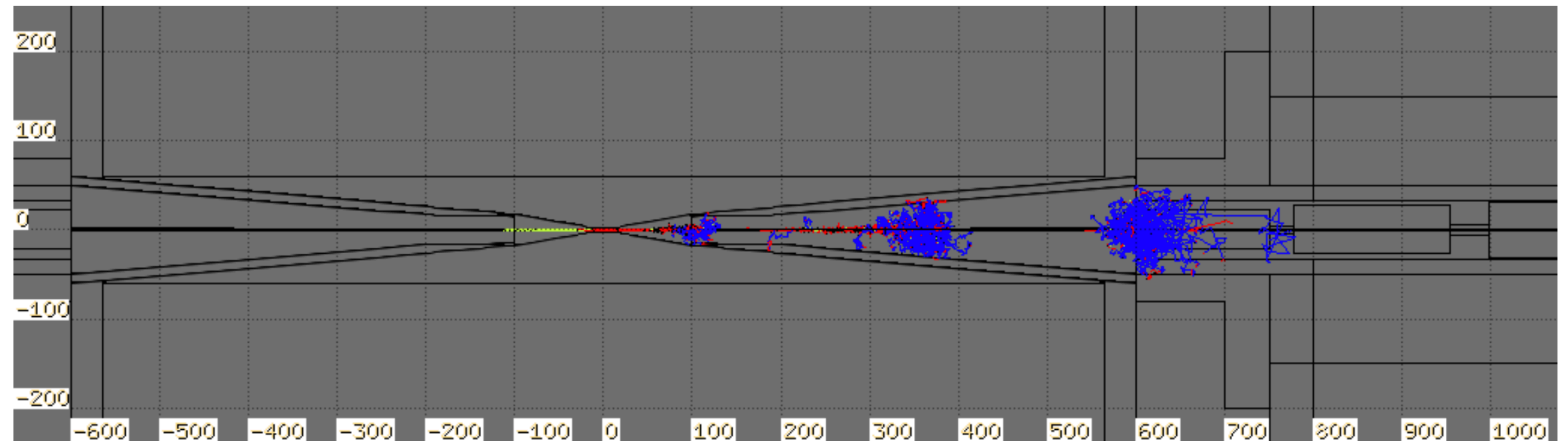
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particles resulting from one muon decay

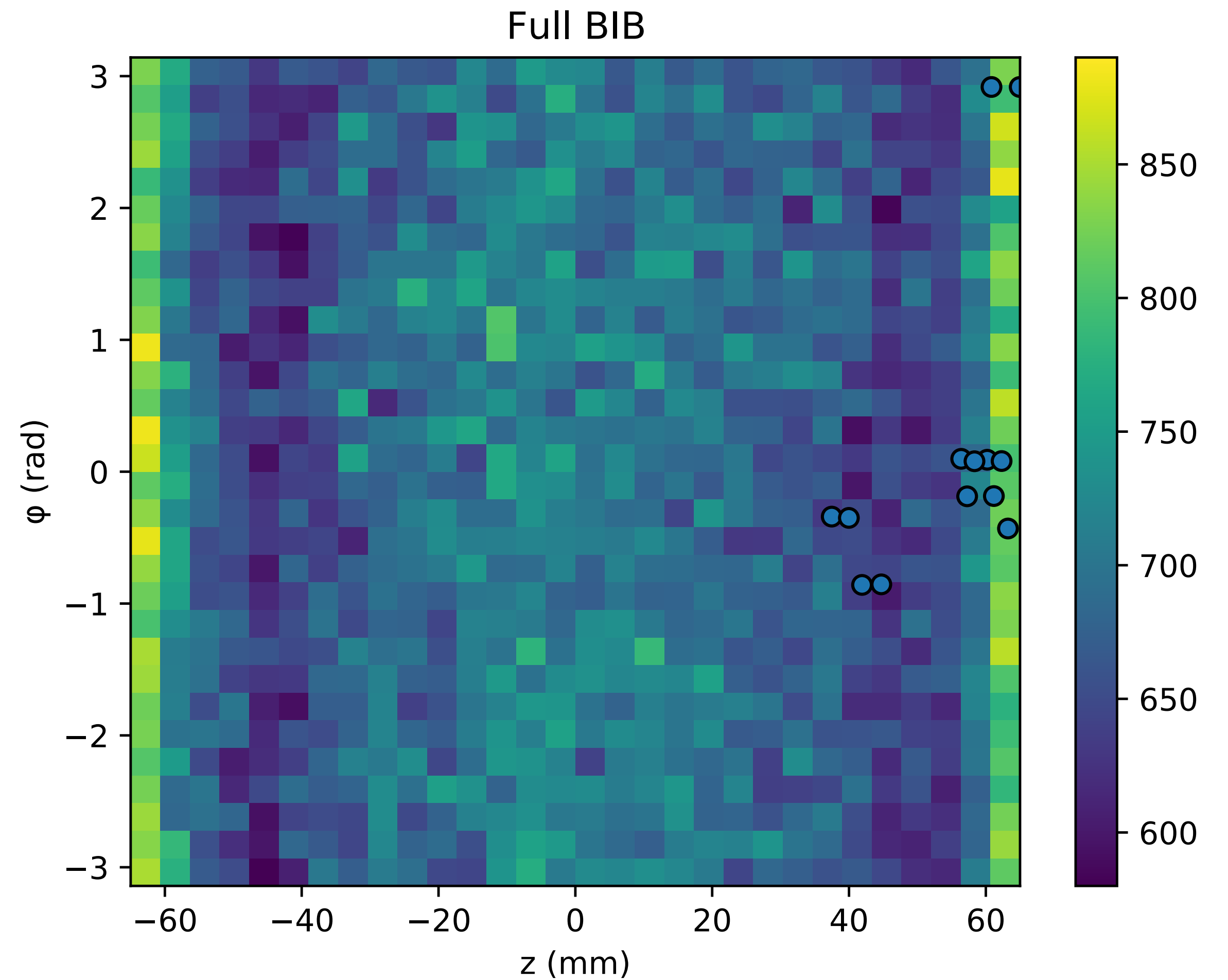
we expect $\sim 10^7$ of these



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In the vertex detector...

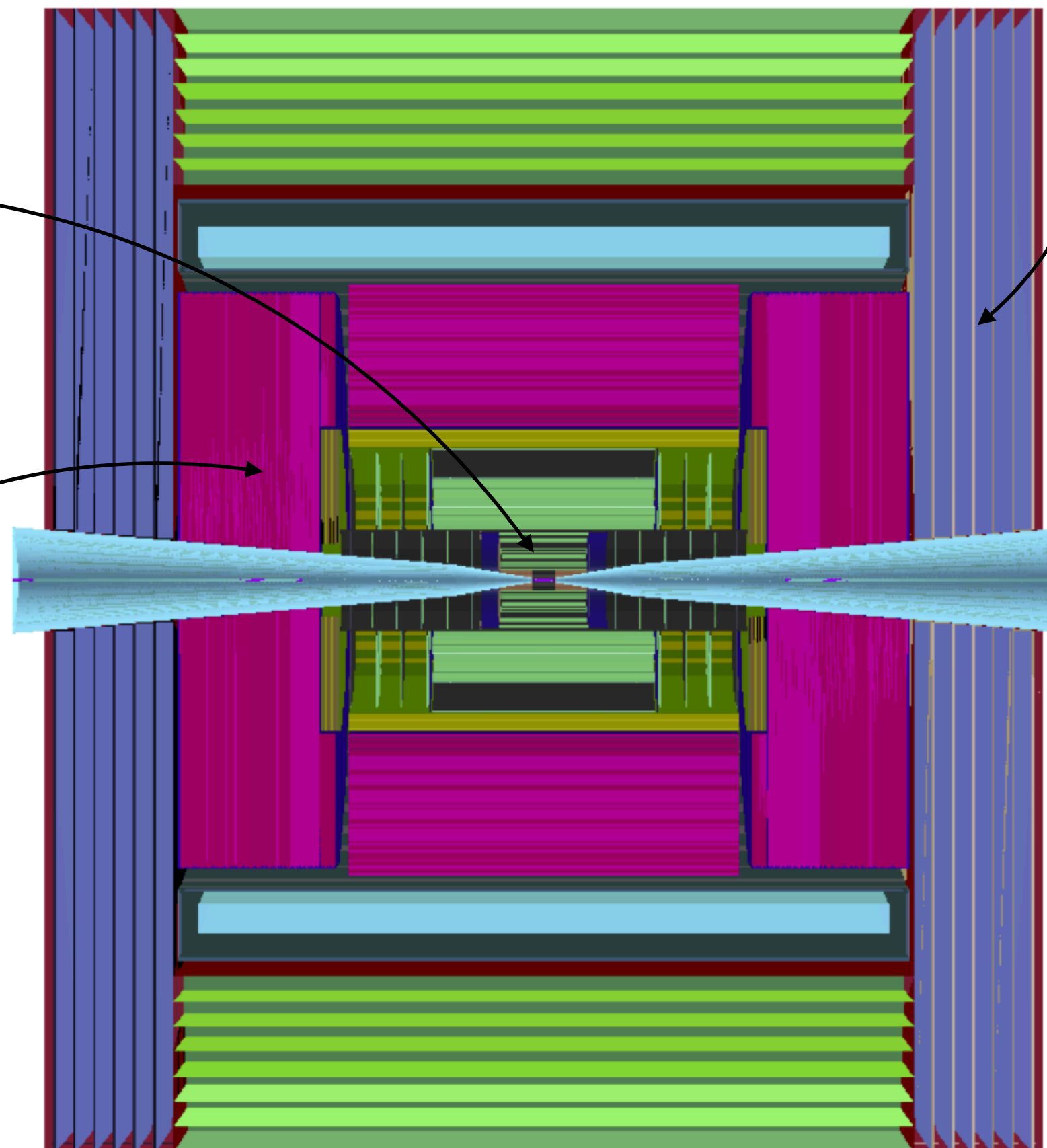


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High rate muon
system (esp. in
endcaps)

4D tracker, potentially with
pointing information

High granularity
calorimeter with
precision timing



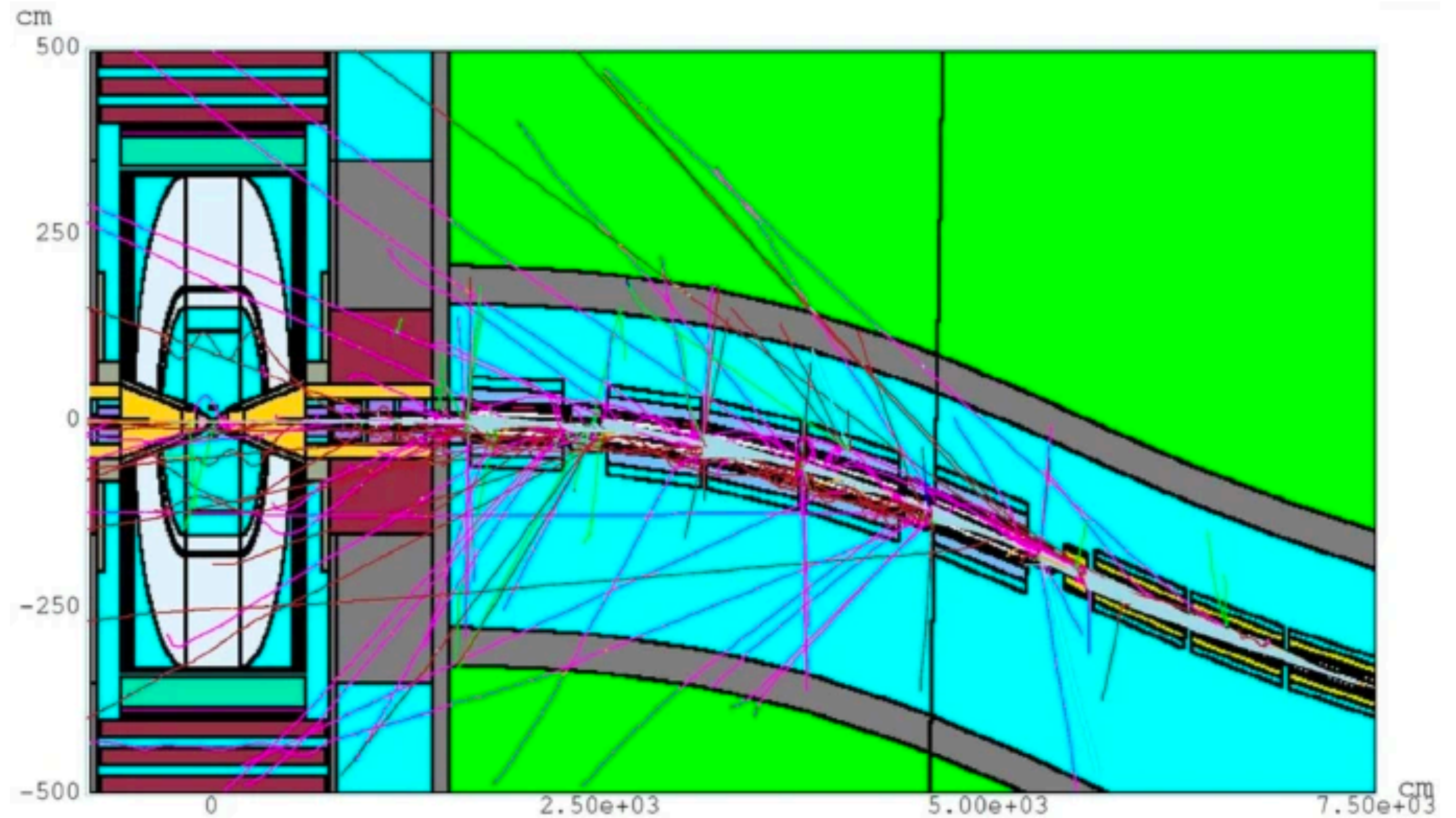
Radiation hard
electronics with on-chip
intelligence for
triggerless readout

Design for forward
systems for tagging and
luminosity

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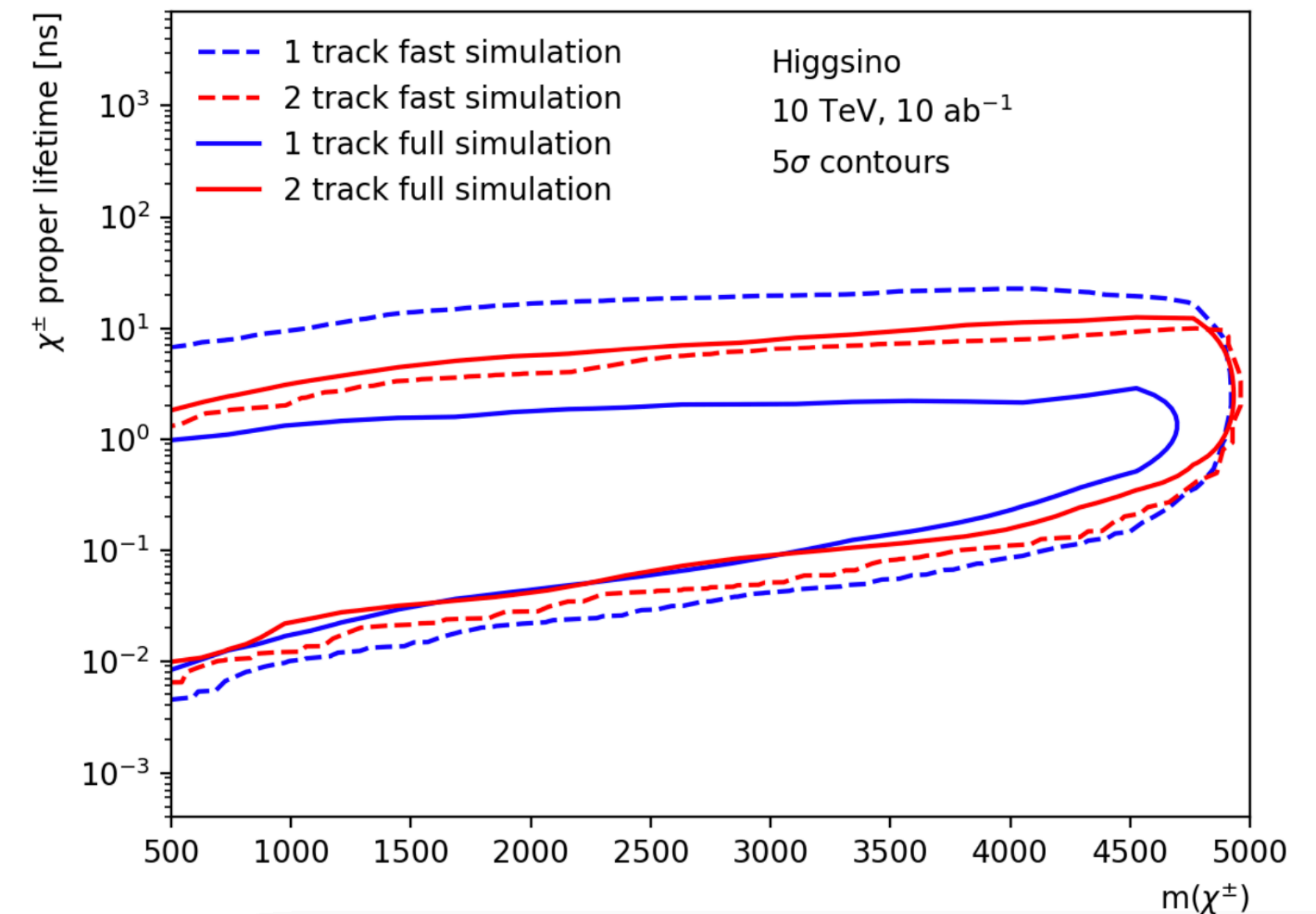
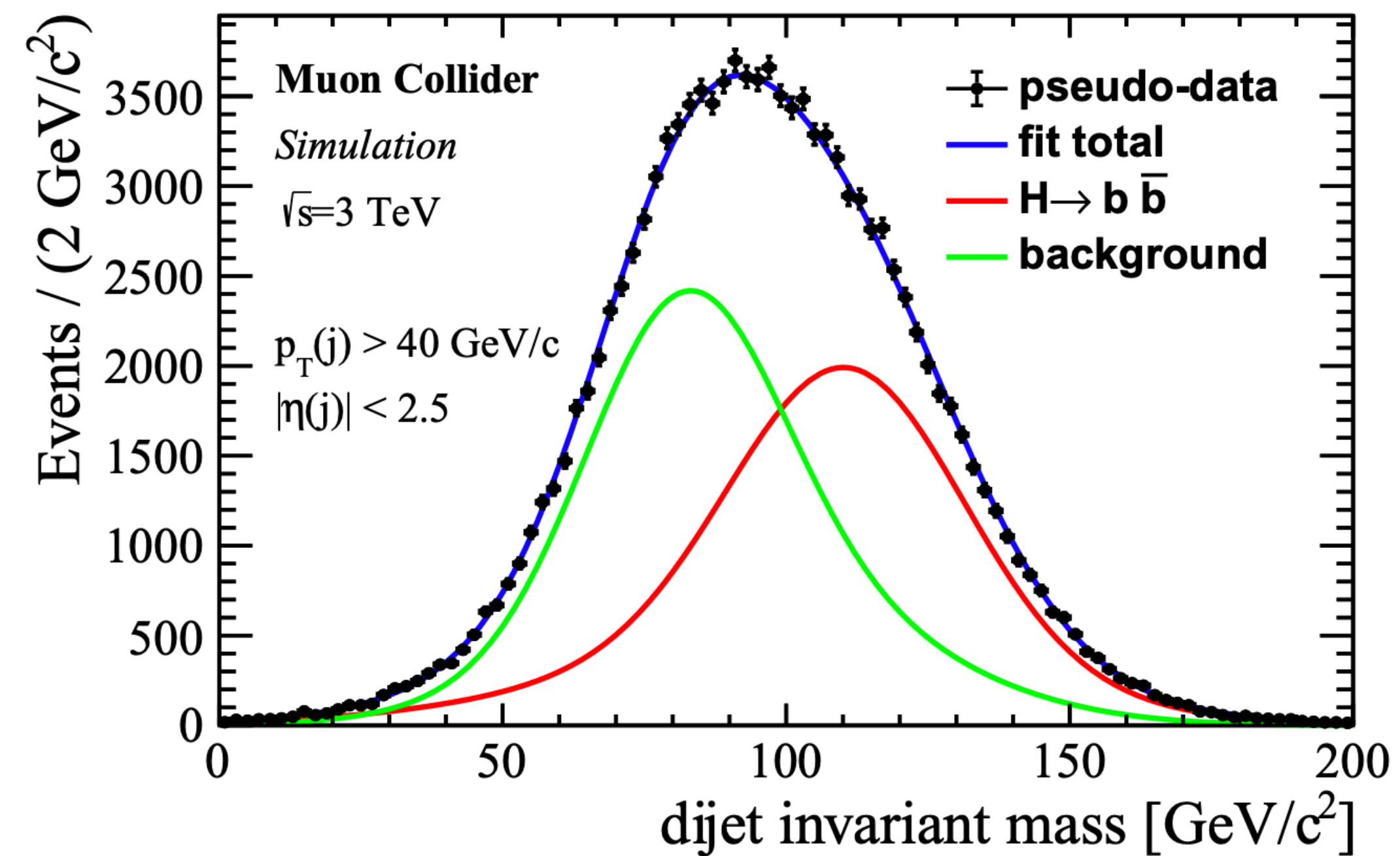
Everything is interconnected!

Tweaks to beam parameters or
machine-detector-interface
completely change detector
requirements, physics performance



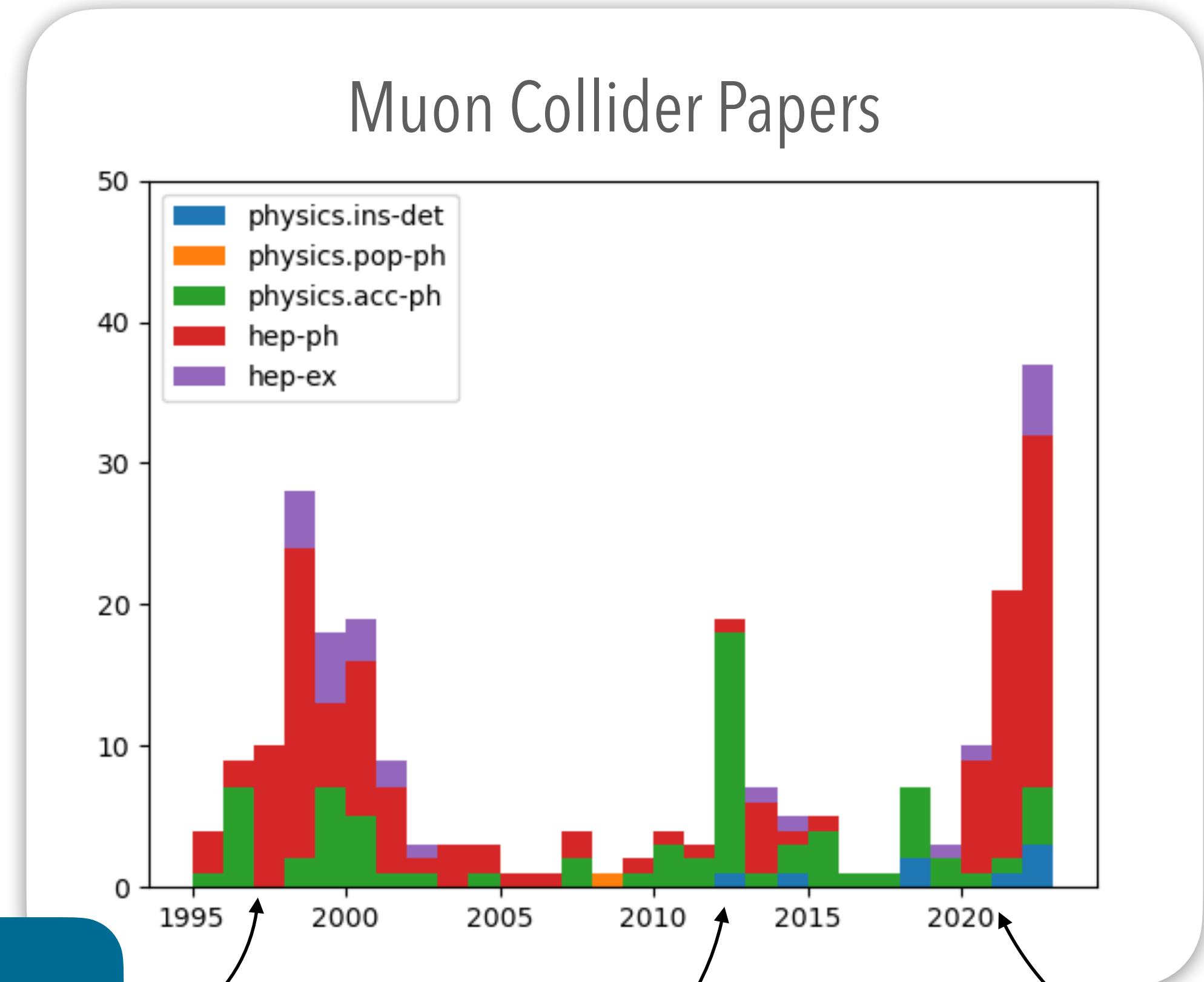
An opportunity to bring accelerator,
experiment, and theory together –
already happening.

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- Muon collider interest comes in waves
 - First proposed in connection with a neutrino factory at BNL or FNAL
 - MAP program focused on a Higgs factory
 - Now, shifted focus to multi-TeV collider with connections back to Higgs and neutrinos



Muon collider +
neutrino factory
program

MAP
program

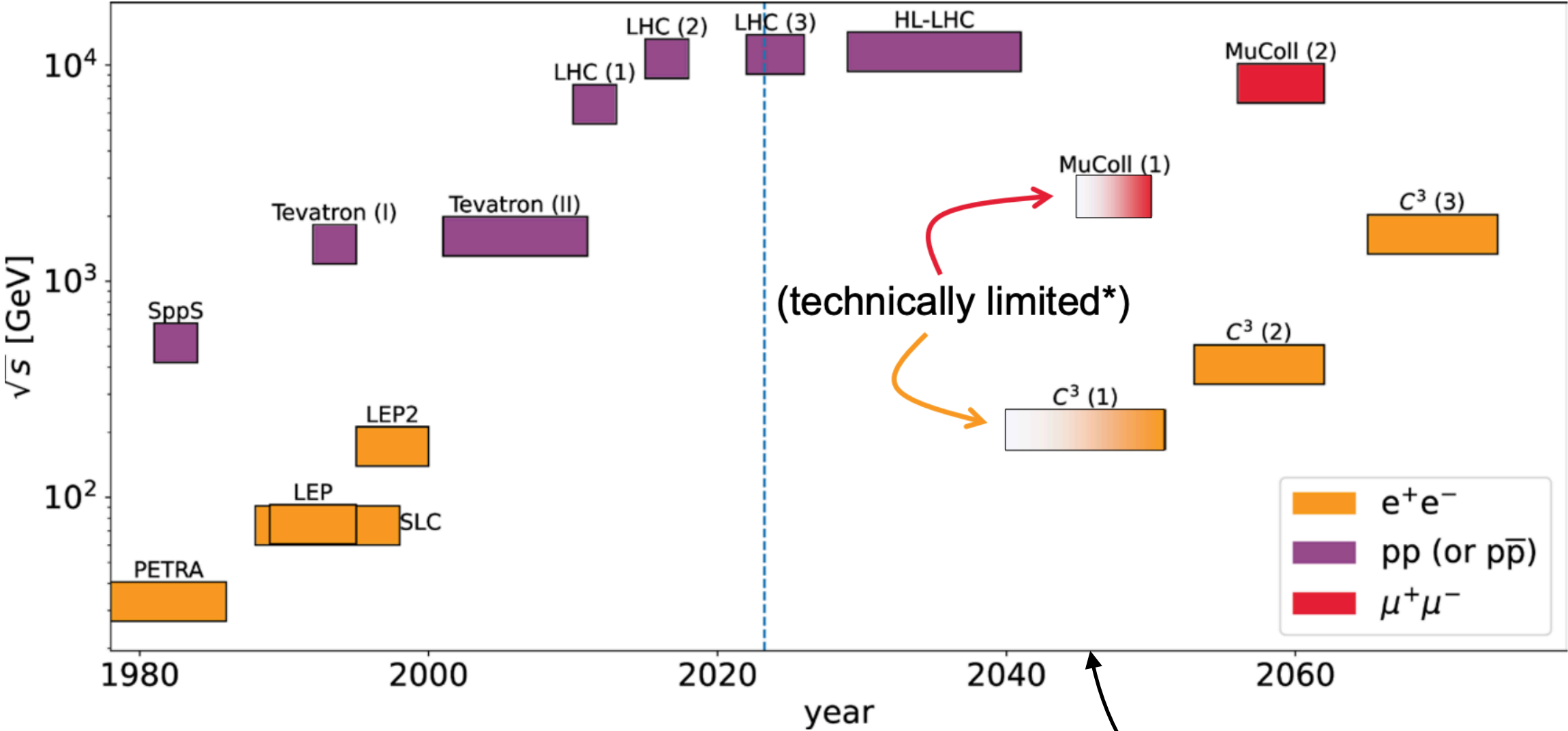
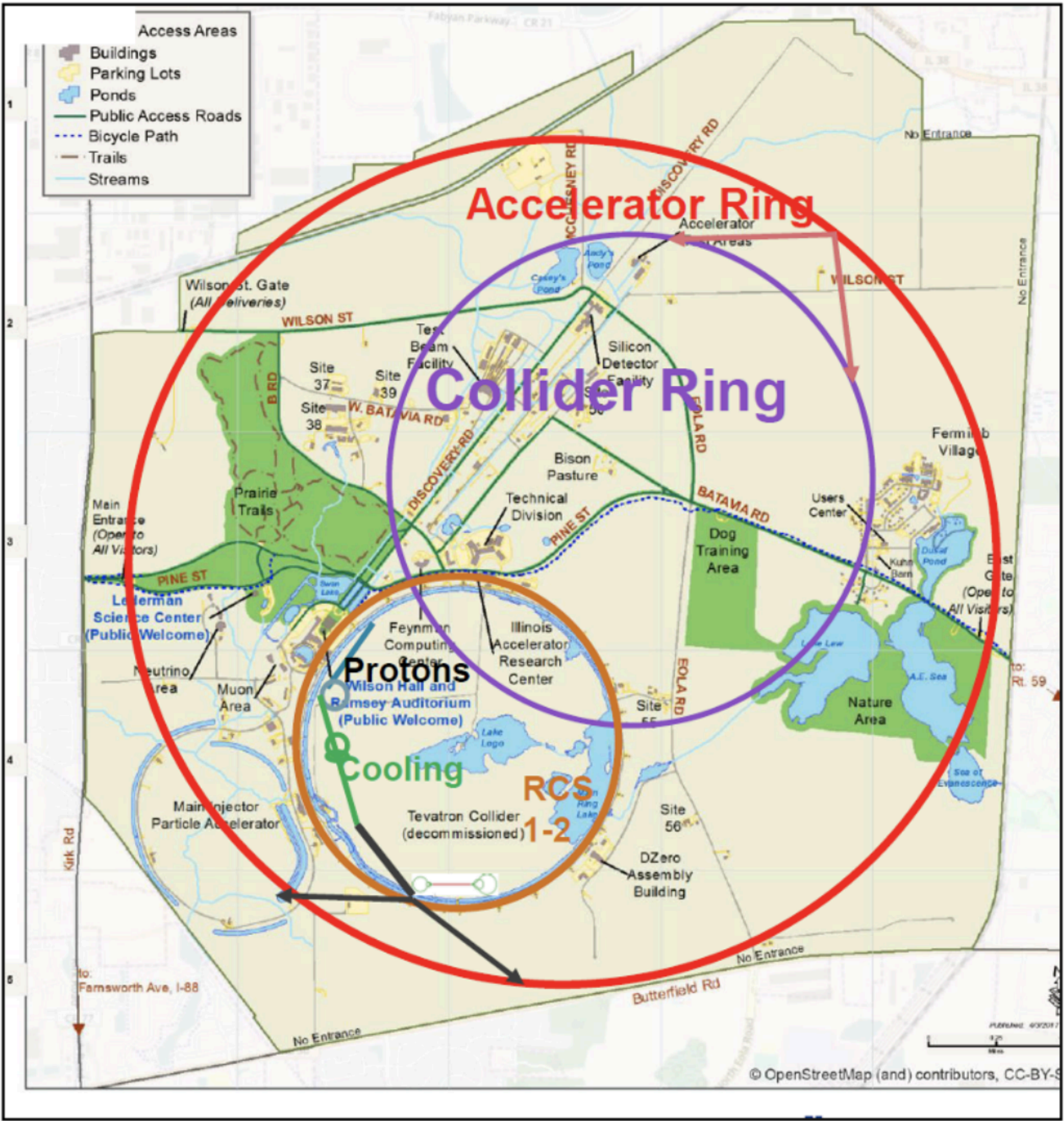
Lead-up to
"2021"
Snowmass

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Community already well-tested in
design and production

A real muon collider...?



Mel turns 100

Exciting opportunity to continue the exploration of the energy frontier – maybe even in Chicagoland!

Thank you!