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The Higgs boson as a tool for discovery  
or  
Searching for dark matter & new physics

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Fermions: spin = 1/2 particles

# Quarks

|             |                |               |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| $u$<br>up   | $c$<br>charm   | $t$<br>top    |
| $d$<br>down | $s$<br>strange | $b$<br>bottom |

|                              |                            |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| $e$<br>electron              | $\mu$<br>muon              | $\tau$<br>tau              |
| $\nu_e$<br>electron neutrino | $\nu_\mu$<br>muon neutrino | $\nu_\tau$<br>tau neutrino |

# Leptons

Vector Bosons: spin = 1 particles

# Forces

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| $Z$<br>Z boson | $\gamma$<br>photon |
| $W$<br>W boson | $g$<br>gluon       |



Higgs Boson:  
spin = 0  
fundamental  
scalar particle

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# The Higgs boson

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- ❖ The Higgs boson was “predicted” in 1964 to explain Electroweak Symmetry Breaking and origin of particle mass.
  - ❖ EWSB:  $m(W), m(Z) \gg m(\gamma)$  and  $m(\gamma) = 0$
- ❖ It was discovered at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in 2012.
- ❖ Given the mass of the Higgs boson (125 GeV), its properties within the Standard Model are well defined.
  - ❖ Lifetime =  $1.6 \times 10^{-22}$  seconds, width = 4.2 MeV
  - ❖  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow W^+W^-) = 21\%$   $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = 58\%$   $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 0.2\%$
- ❖ The LHC continues improving Higgs boson measurements
  - ❖ deviations from SM could suggest answers to open questions.

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Standard Model is complete.  
But is the theory of the  
fundamental particles complete?

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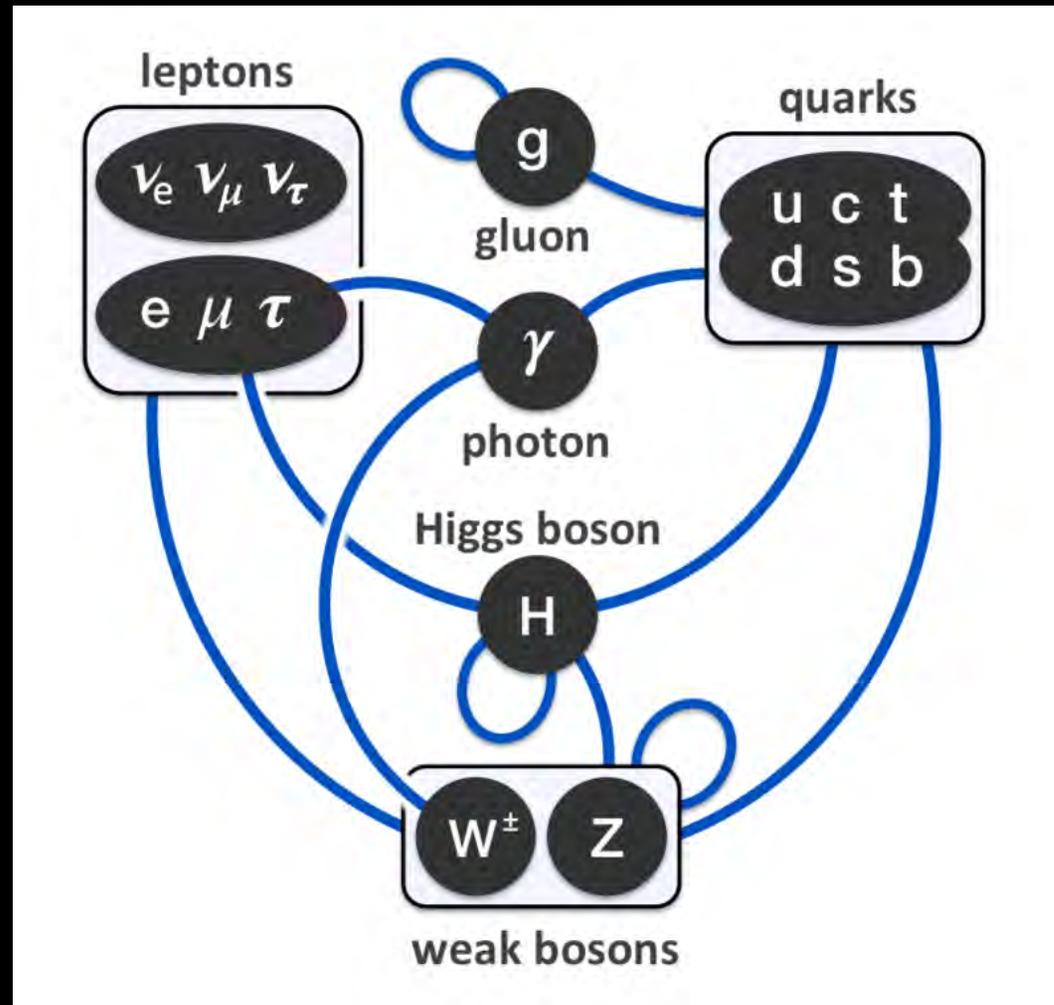
# Forces



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Higgs boson is the only  
fundamental **scalar** particle  
of the Standard Model

# The Standard Model



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# Higgs boson is special

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- Only known spinless ( $S=0$ ) fundamental particle.
- Explains symmetry breaking in electroweak force.
- Gives mass to fundamental particles.
- First particle named “Particle of the Year”.

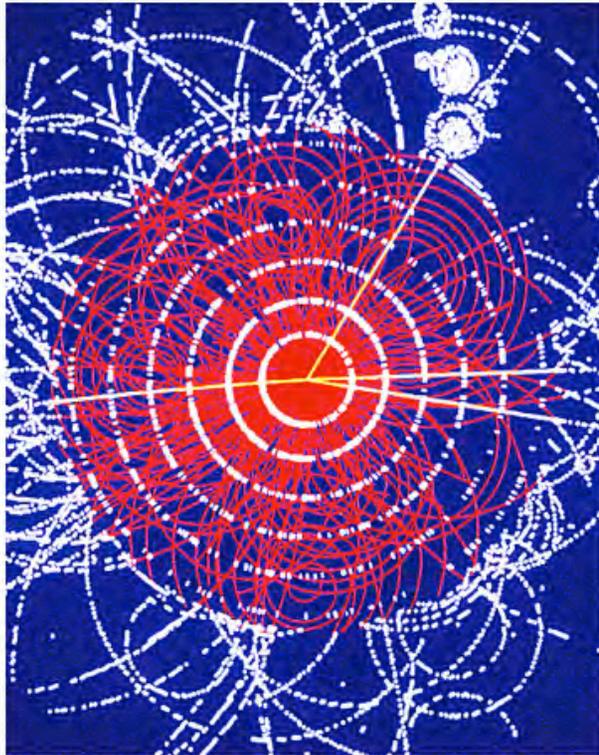
# TIME's 2012 Person of the Year: *the Higgs Boson was among nominees!*

THE CANDIDATES

## The Higgs Boson

By Jeffrey Kluger | Monday, Nov. 26, 2012

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Simulation of a Higgs-Boson decaying into four muons, CERN, 1990.

### What do you think?

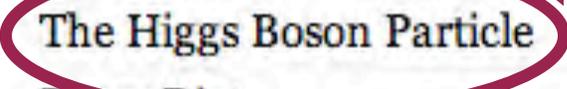
Should The Higgs Boson be TIME's Person of the Year 2012?

19.74% Definitely 80.26% No Way

Take a moment to thank this little particle for all the work it does, because without it, you'd be just inchoate energy without so much as a bit of mass. What's more, the same would be true for the entire universe. It was in the 1960s that Scottish physicist Peter Higgs first posited the existence of a particle that causes energy to make the jump to matter. But it was not until last summer that a team of researchers at Europe's Large Hadron Collider — Rolf Heuer, Joseph Incandela and Fabiola Gianotti — at last sealed the deal and in so doing finally fully confirmed Einstein's general theory of relativity. The Higgs — as particles do — immediately decayed to more-fundamental particles, but the scientists would surely be happy to collect any honors or awards in its stead.

| Name ↕                          | Definitely ▾ | No Way ↕  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Kim Jong Un                     | 5,635,941    | 137,986   |
| Jon Stewart                     | 2,366,324    | 63,213    |
| Undocumented Immigrants         | 1,554,085    | 328,710   |
| Gabby Douglas                   | 1,515,215    | 79,167    |
| Aung San Suu Kyi and Thein Sein | 1,487,945    | 56,021    |
| Stephen Colbert                 | 1,446,656    | 270,675   |
| Chris Christie                  | 1,368,767    | 401,011   |
| Hillary Clinton                 | 1,317,815    | 485,059   |
| Ai Weiwei                       | 1,151,120    | 456,897   |
| Mohamed Morsi                   | 874,486      | 2,032,540 |
| Bashar Assad                    | 857,339      | 353,982   |
| E.L. James                      | 782,583      | 245,593   |
| Roger Goodell                   | 691,870      | 99,026    |
| Sheldon Adelson                 | 618,678      | 427,300   |
| Malala Yousafzai                | 340,205      | 48,453    |
| The Mars Rover                  | 102,477      | 294,597   |
| Psy                             | 100,722      | 100,308   |
| Barack Obama                    | 89,182       | 100,584   |
| Felix Baumgartner               | 82,316       | 83,570    |
| The Higgs Boson Particle        | 73,558       | 299,051   |

2012 Person of the Year



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## The Higgs Boson: Particle of the Year

Forget Person of the Year – the discovery this summer by the Large Hadron Collider of the Higgs Boson particle was one of science's greatest achievements

By TIME Staff @TIME | Dec. 19, 2012



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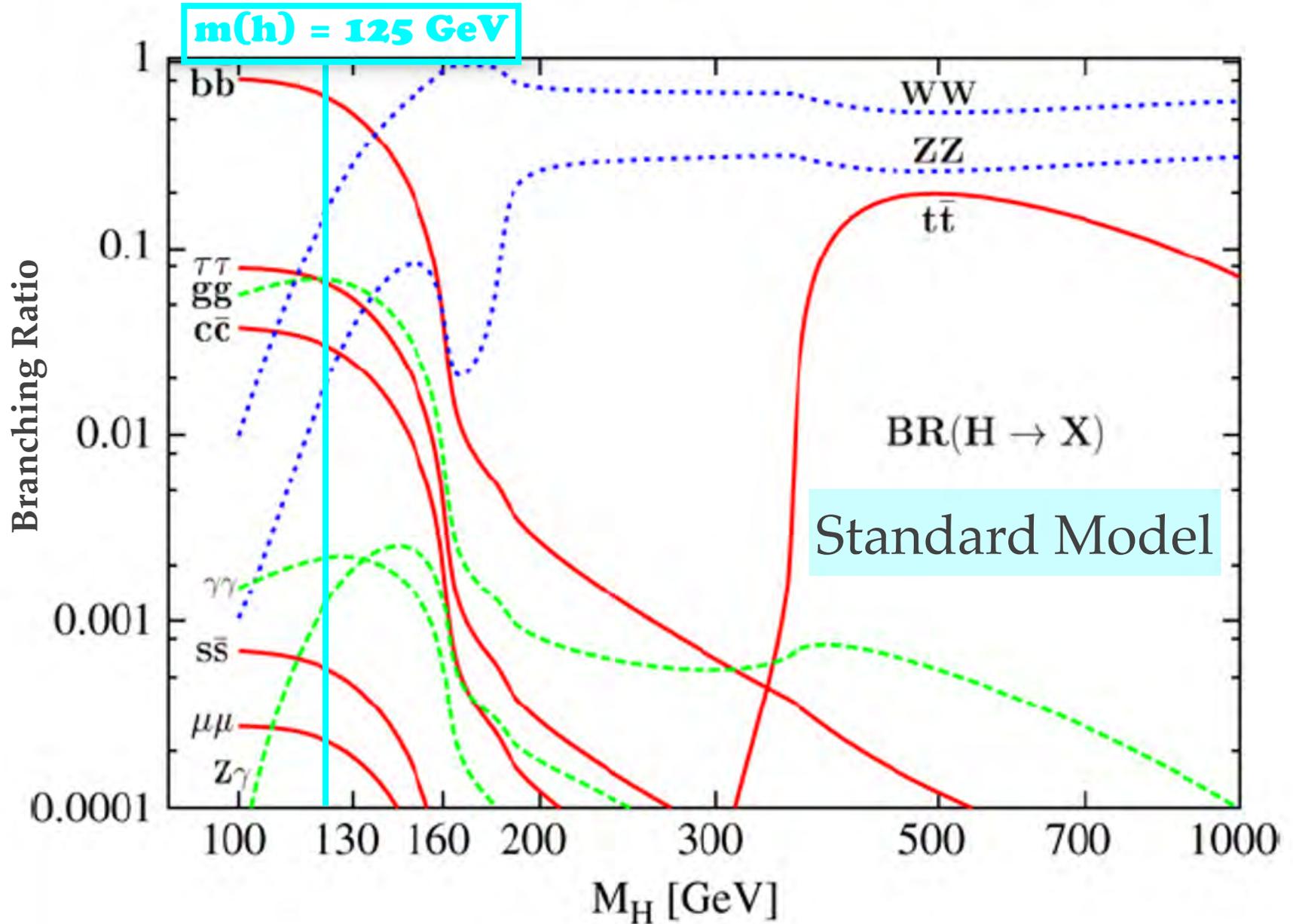
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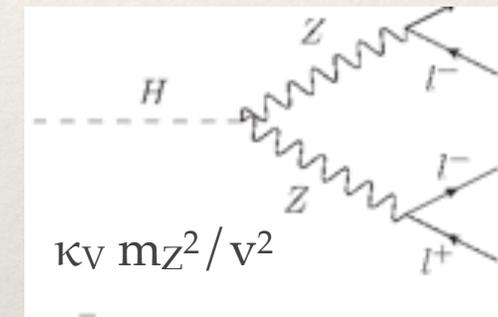
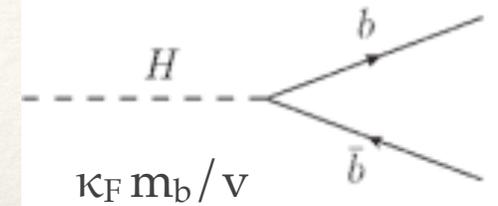
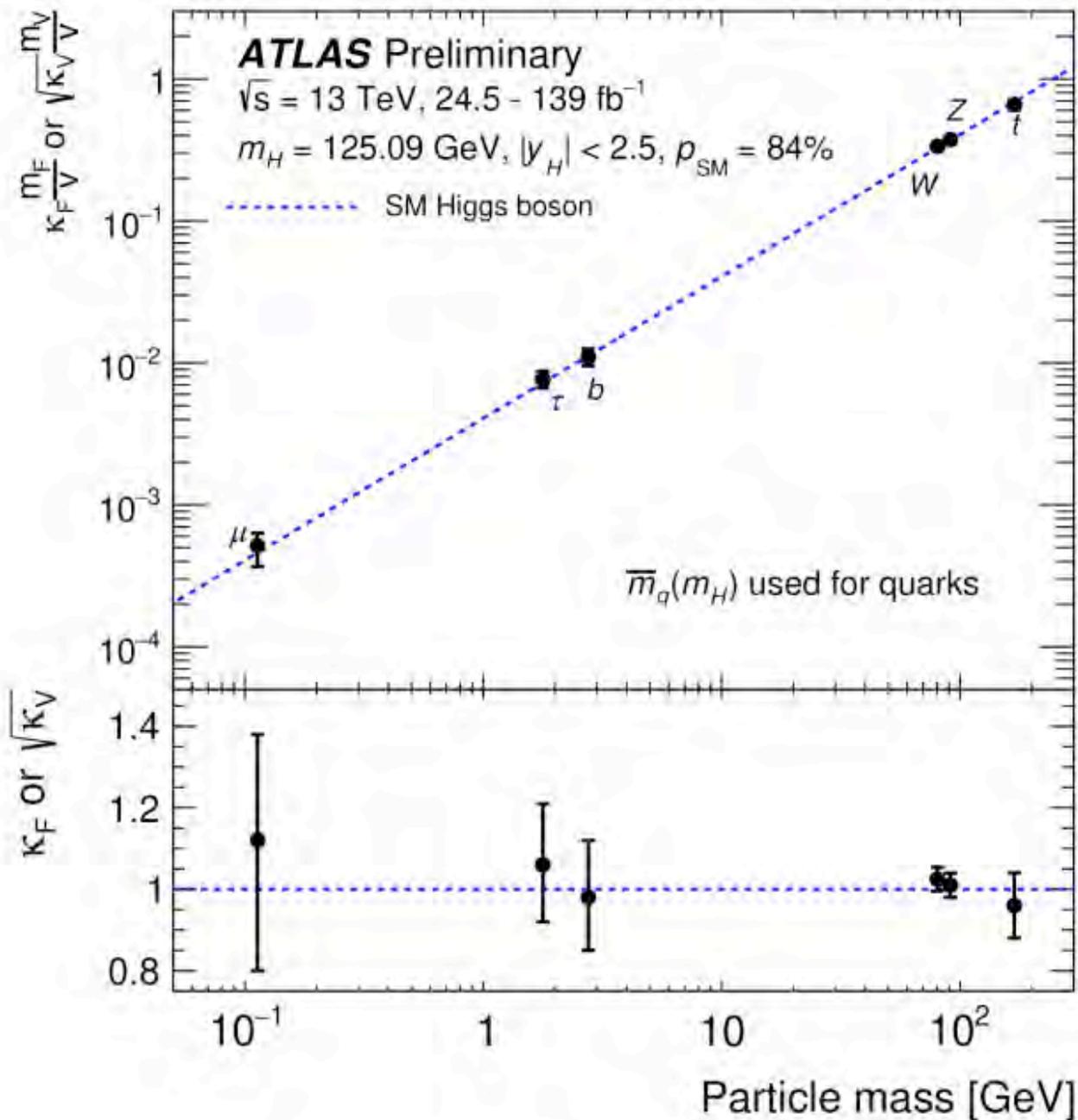
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- Only known spinless ( $S=0$ ) fundamental particle.
- Explains symmetry breaking in electroweak force.
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- Potential “tool” for discovery of

Physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM)



# Standard Model



$$v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

Higgs vacuum  
expectation  
value

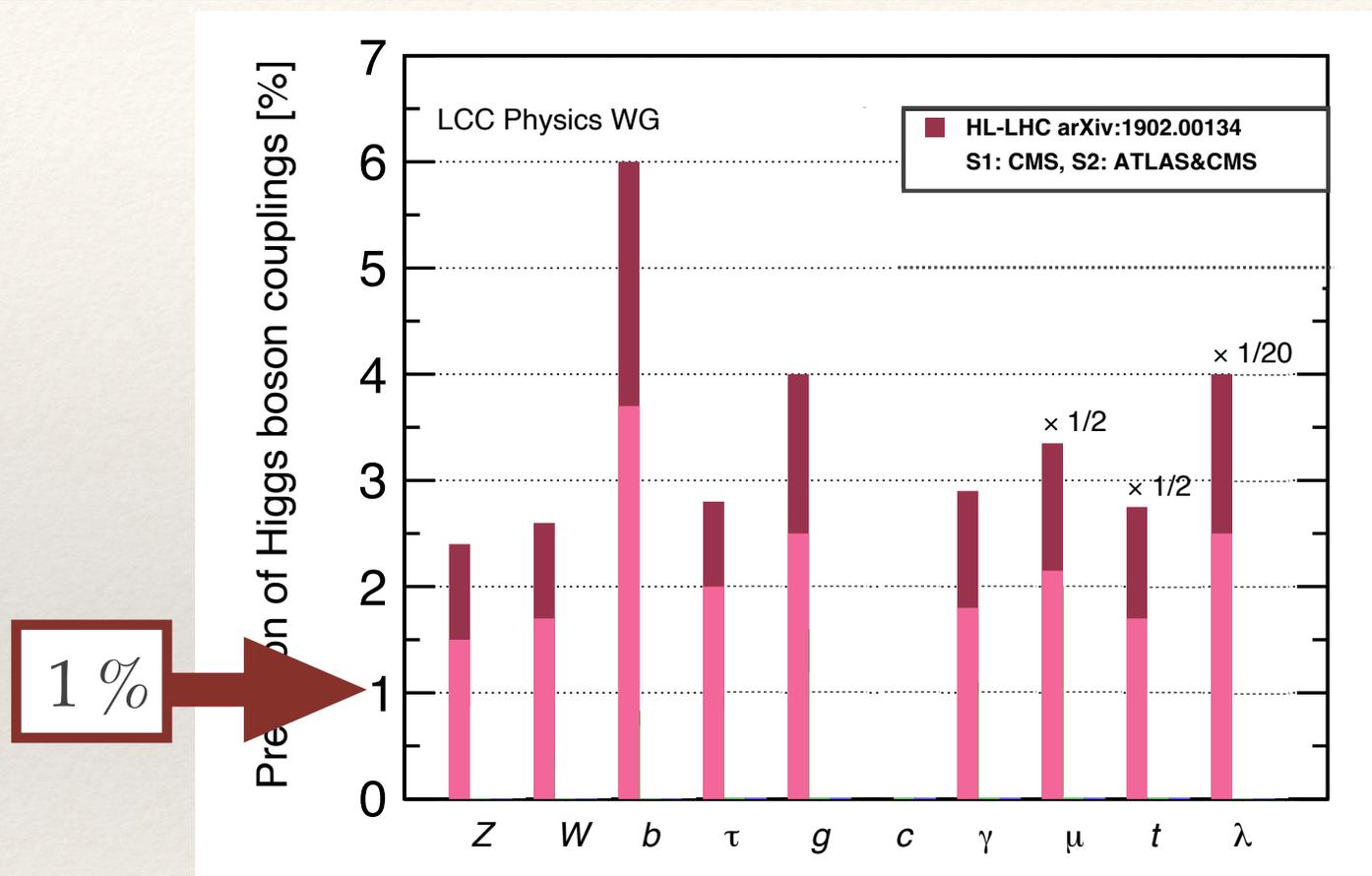
# LHC → HIGH LUMINOSITY LHC



- ❖ The High Luminosity LHC will stretch the Higgs physics reach:
  - ❖ ~2-5% precision for most Higgs couplings
  - ❖ Larger uncertainties on  $Z\gamma$  and charm
  - ❖ < 50% on the self-coupling
  - ❖ Higgs width 5%

# Future Reach of HL-LHC

- S1, current projection
- /model-dependent
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arXiv:1902:00134  
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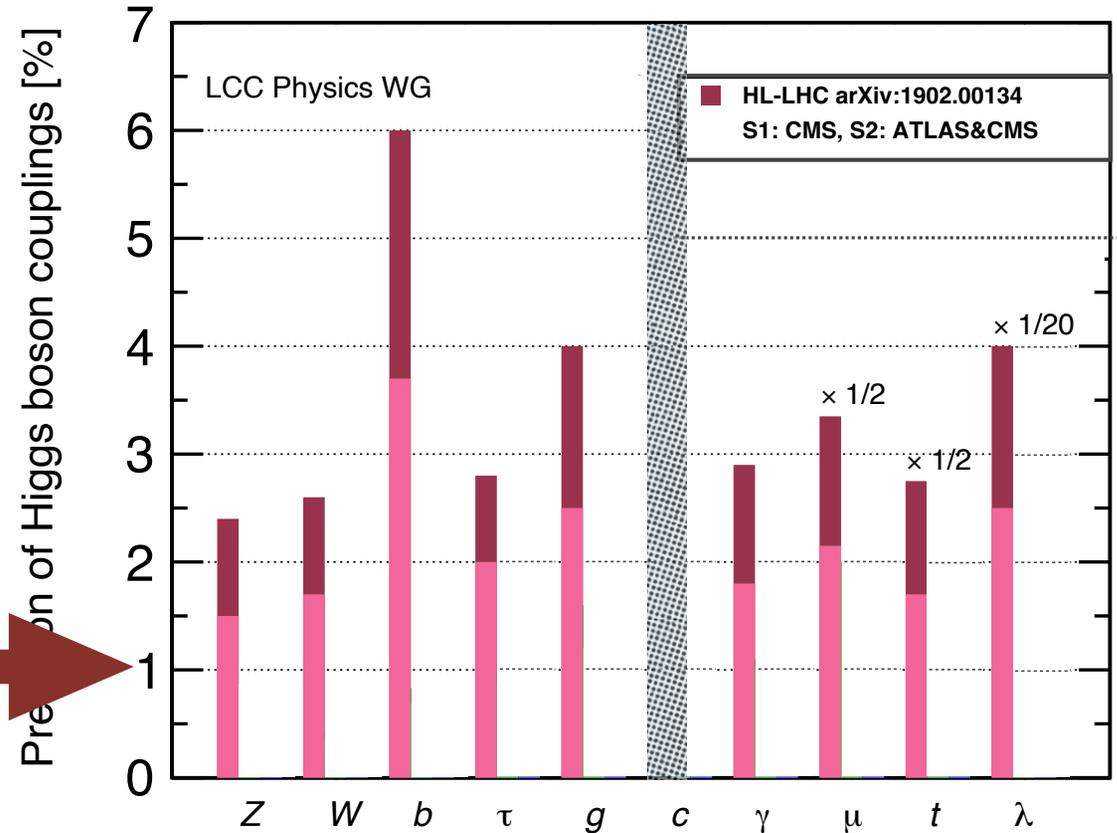
❖ Higgs boson production backgrounds at the LHC (strong interaction) limits the precision that can be achieved on these measurements:

❖ ~2-6%

## ❖ SPOILER ALERT

❖ The e+e- Higgs factory can greatly improve precision.

1% →



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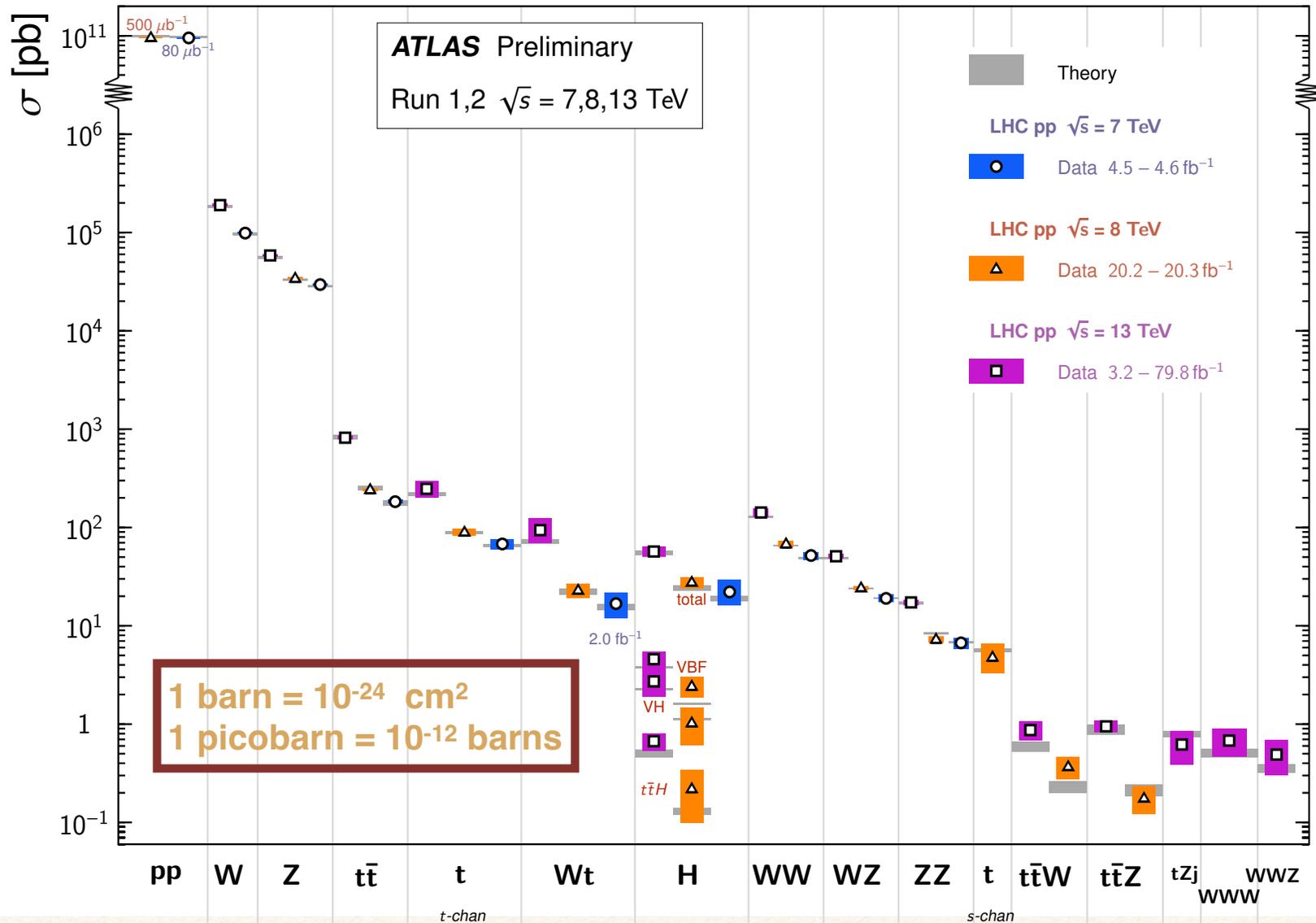
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# Physics at the LHC

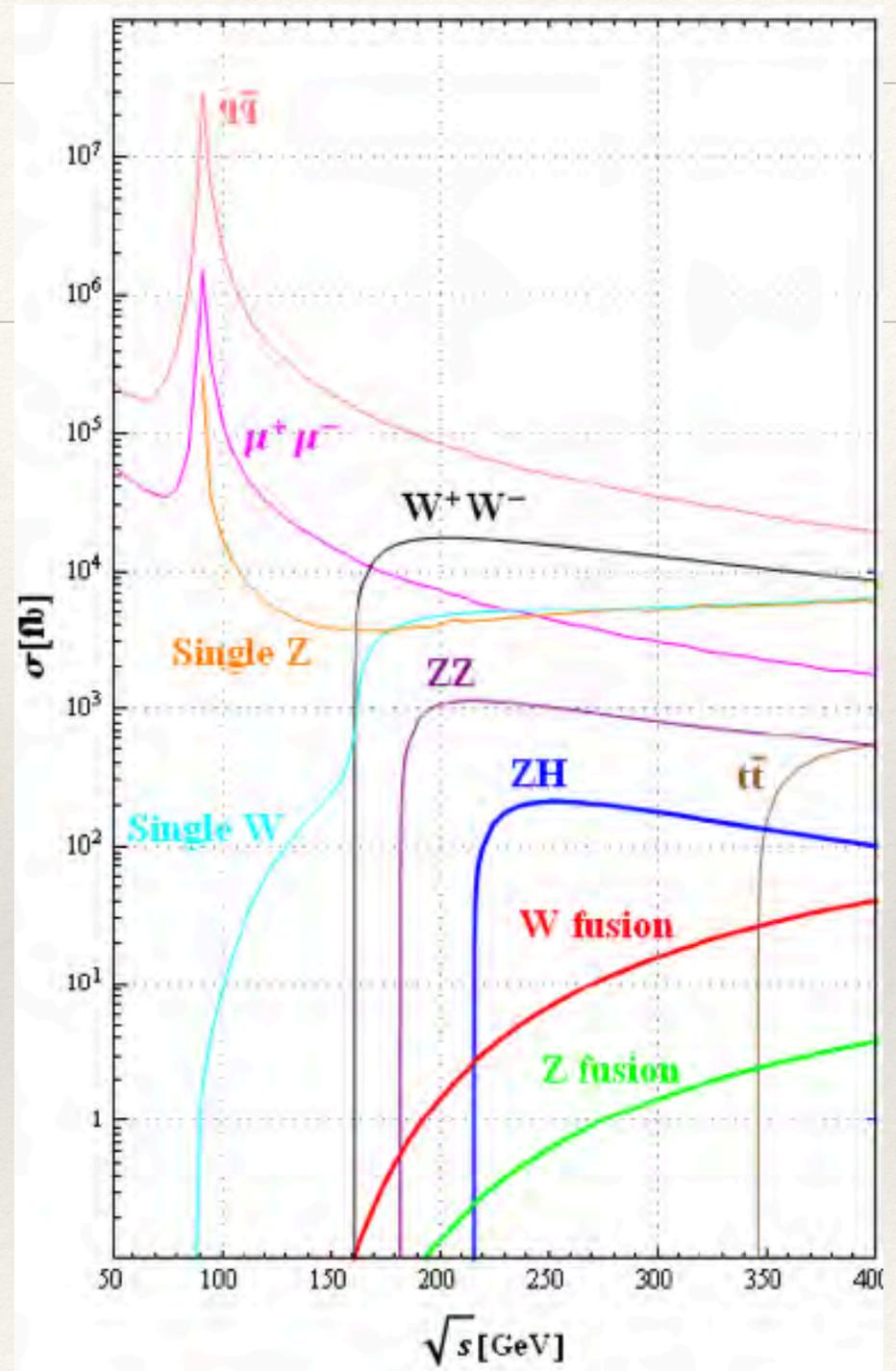
## Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: March 2019



# Physics at the Higgs factory

- ❖ Higgs boson production not nearly as rare as at the LHC
- ❖ Backgrounds lower
- ❖ Higher precision



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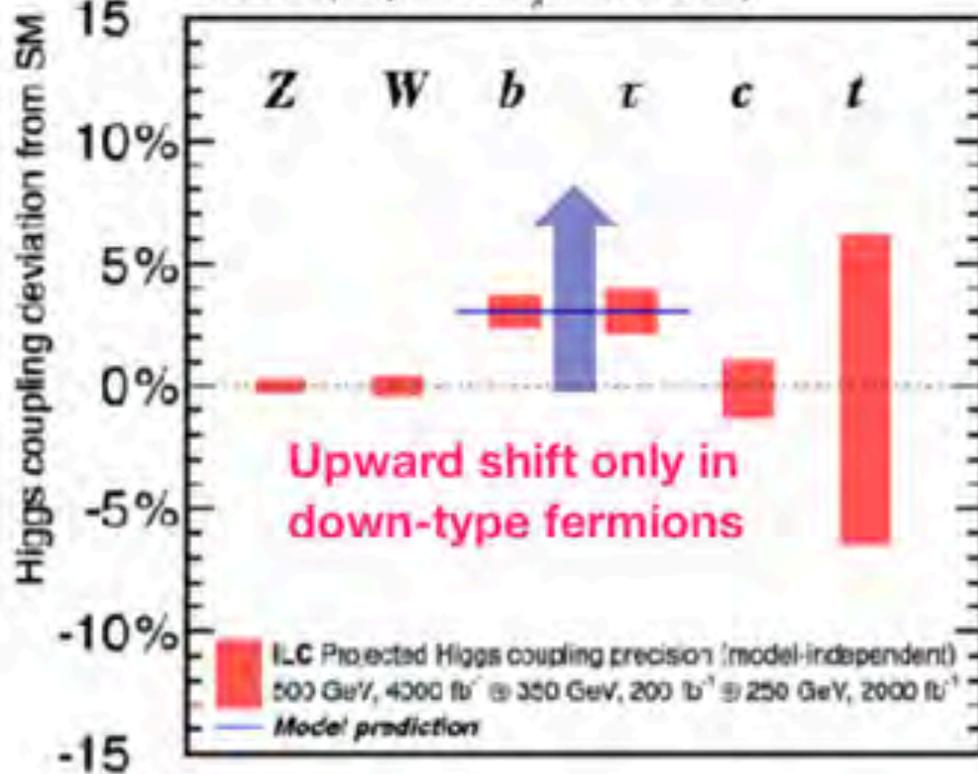
# Beyond the Standard Model

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- ❖ Is the Standard Model complete?
  - ❖ Gives excellent description of most physics.
- ❖ But
  - ❖ No dark matter.
  - ❖ Higgs mass unnaturally small (Hierarchy Prob.) - compared to gravity.
  - ❖ Why matter dominates Universe (Baryon asym.)?
  - ❖ Why is electroweak symmetry broken?
  - ❖ or neutrino mass, dark energy, gravity ...
- ❖ Properties of Higgs boson could point the way.
  - ❖ For example, is the Higgs boson elementary or a composite?

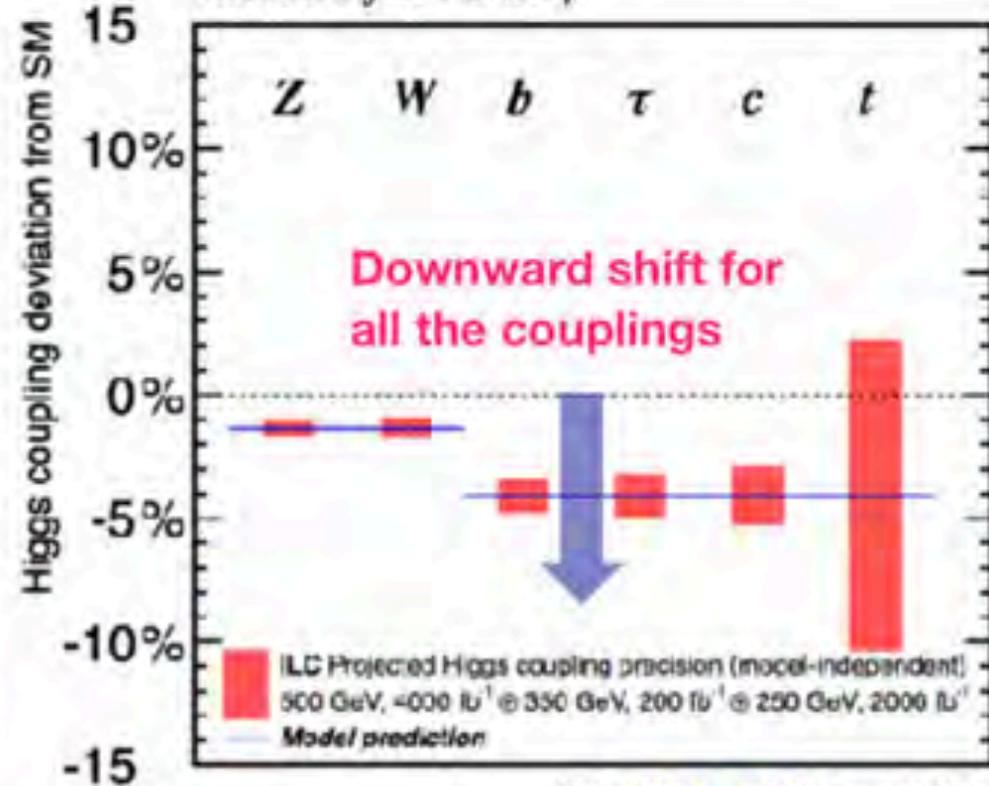
## Supersymmetry (MSSM)

MSSM ( $\tan\beta = 5$ ,  $M_A = 700$  GeV)



## Composite Higgs (MCHM5)

MCHM5 ( $f = 1.5$  TeV)



ILC 250+500 LumiUP

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# Advantage of Higgs Studies at $e^+e^-$

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Very low backgrounds and simple reactions in  $e^+e^-$ .

Environment allows for **detectors of unprecedented accuracy.**

Also, all decay modes are observed in  $e^+e^-$ ,  
with **small, calculable backgrounds.**

Polarization enhances sensitivity.

Higher precision, model-independent measurements feasible.

**Sub-1%** coupling measurements achievable.

Energy extendability (to 500-1000 GeV) accesses  
**top Yukawa and triple-Higgs couplings**

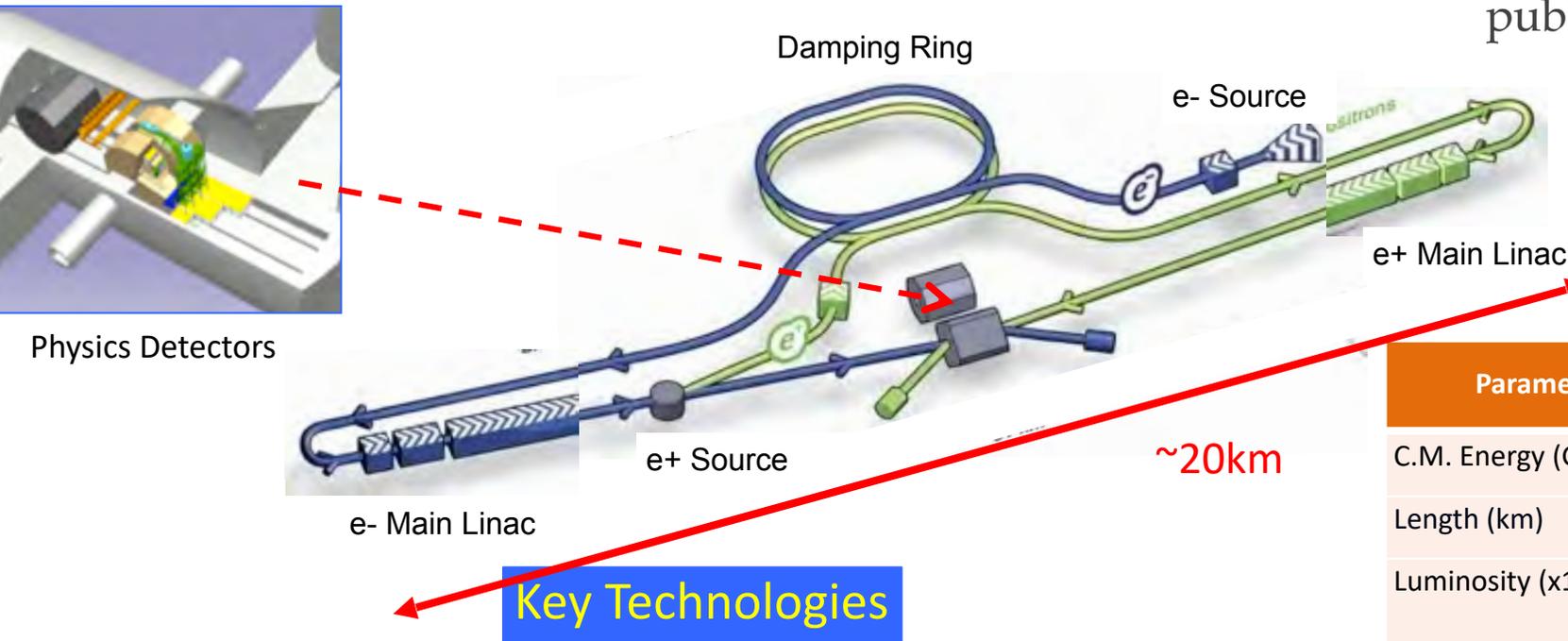
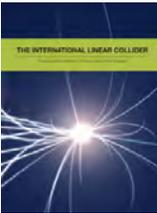
# $e^+e^-$ Higgs Factory proposals

|          | $\sqrt{s}$         | beam polarisation | $\int Ldt$ for Higgs                          | R&D phase                                                                                            |                           |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LINEAR   | ILC/C <sup>3</sup> | 0.1 - 1 TeV       | e <sup>-</sup> : 80%<br>e <sup>+</sup> : 30%  | 2000 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 250 GeV<br>200 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 350 GeV<br>4000 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 500 GeV | ILC TDR completed in 2013 |
|          | CLIC               | 0.35 - 3 TeV      | e <sup>-</sup> : (80%)<br>e <sup>+</sup> : 0% | 1000 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 380 GeV<br>2500 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 1.5 TeV<br>5000 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 3 TeV  | CDR completed in 2012     |
| CIRCULAR | CEPC               | 90 - 240 GeV      | e <sup>-</sup> : 0%<br>e <sup>+</sup> : 0%    | 5600 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 240 GeV                                                                      | CDR completed in 2018     |
|          | FCC-ee             | 90 - 350 GeV      | e <sup>-</sup> : 0%<br>e <sup>+</sup> : 0%    | 5000 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 250 GeV<br>1700 fb <sup>-1</sup> @ 350 GeV                                   | CDR completed in Jan 2019 |

update based on J. Tian, LC School, DESY, 2018

# International Linear Collider (ILC)

ILC TDR is 5-volumes, published 12 June 2013



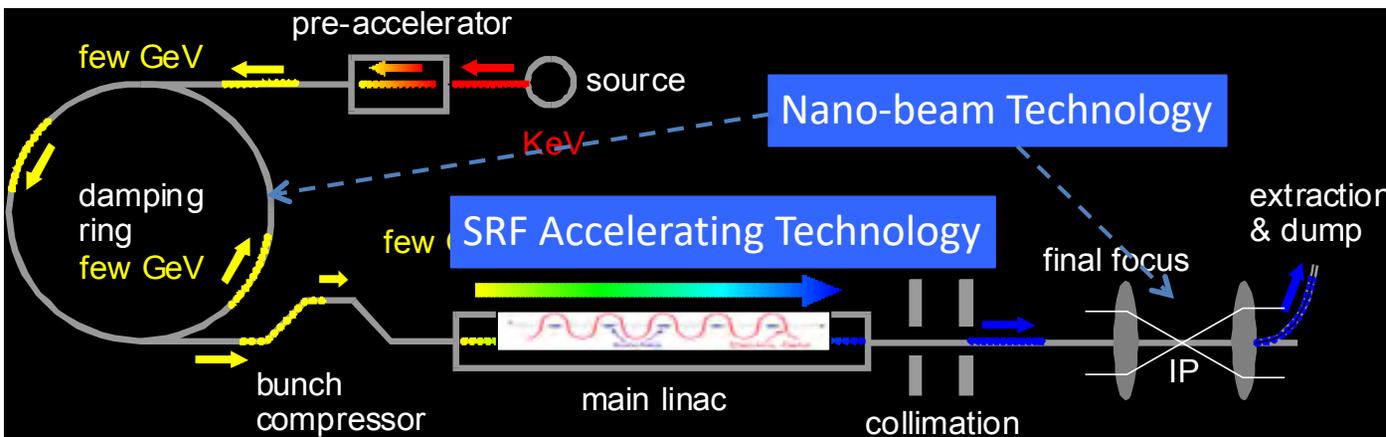
| Parameter                         | Initial stage               | TDR                         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C.M. Energy (GeV)                 | 250                         | 500                         |
| Length (km)                       | 20                          | 31                          |
| Luminosity ( $\times 10^{34}$ )   | 1.35<br>(2.7, 5.4)          | 1.8                         |
| Repetition (Hz)                   | 5 (10)                      | 5                           |
| Beam Pulse Period (ms)            | 0.73                        | 0.73                        |
| Beam Current (mA in pulse)        | 5.8                         | 5.8                         |
| Beam size ( $\gamma$ ) at FF (nm) | 7.7                         | 5.9                         |
| SRF Cavity Gr (MV/m), $Q_0$       | 31.5,<br>$1 \times 10^{10}$ | 31.5,<br>$1 \times 10^{10}$ |

based on S. Michizono, 8 Nov 2017

**Polarized electrons ( $\pm 80\%$ ) and positrons ( $\pm 30\%$ )**

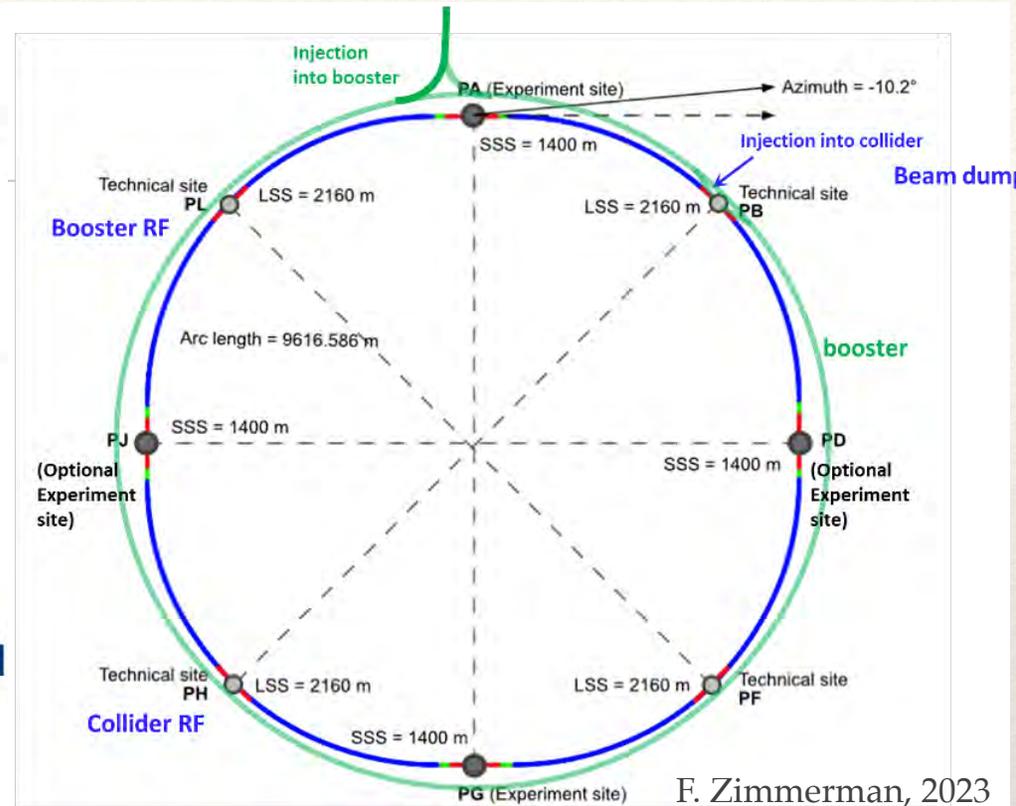
[arXiv:1711.00568](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.00568)

[arXiv:1903.01629](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.01629)



# Future Circular Collider (FCC-ee)

- **Double ring e+ e- collider ~100 km → 91 km**
- **Follows footprint of FCC-hh, except around IPs**
- **Asymmetric IR layout and optics to limit synchrotron radiation towards the detector**
- **2 IPs, large horizontal crossing angle 30 mrad, crab-waist optics**
- **Synchrotron radiation power 50 MW/beam at all beam energies**
- **Top-up injection scheme for high luminosity**
- **Requires booster synchrotron in collider tunnel**



G. Taylor, Jan 2019

F. Zimmerman, 2023

| Energy (GeV) | Design Luminosity ( $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}/\text{IP}$ ) |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 90           | 182                                                                      |
| 160          | 19.4                                                                     |
| 240          | 7.3                                                                      |
| 375          | 1.33                                                                     |

SR/beam limited to ~50 MW

**Unpolarized beams**

CDR: CERN-ACC-2018-0057

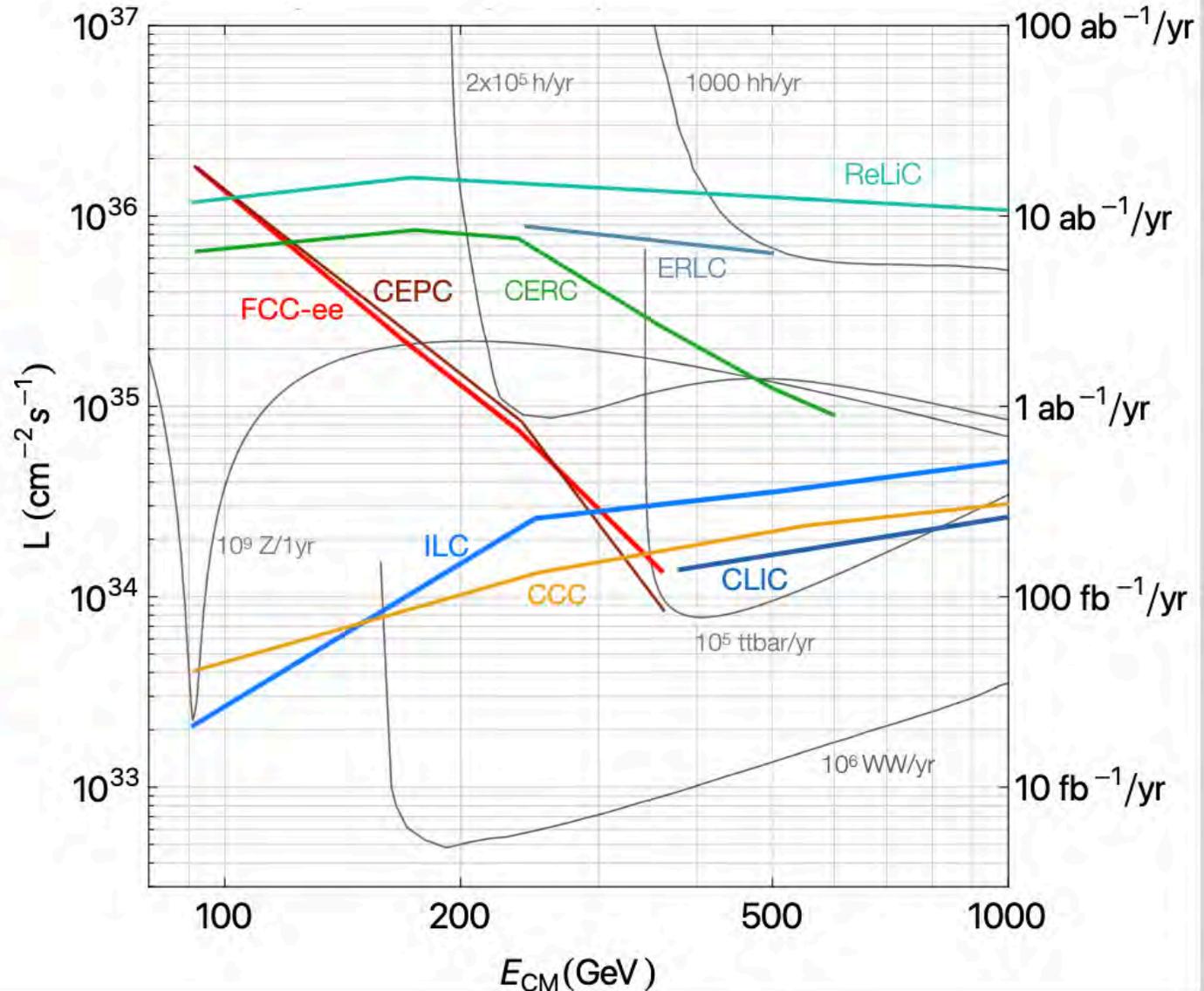
F. Zimmerman, SLAC P5, May 3, 2023

# AF Collider Implementation Task

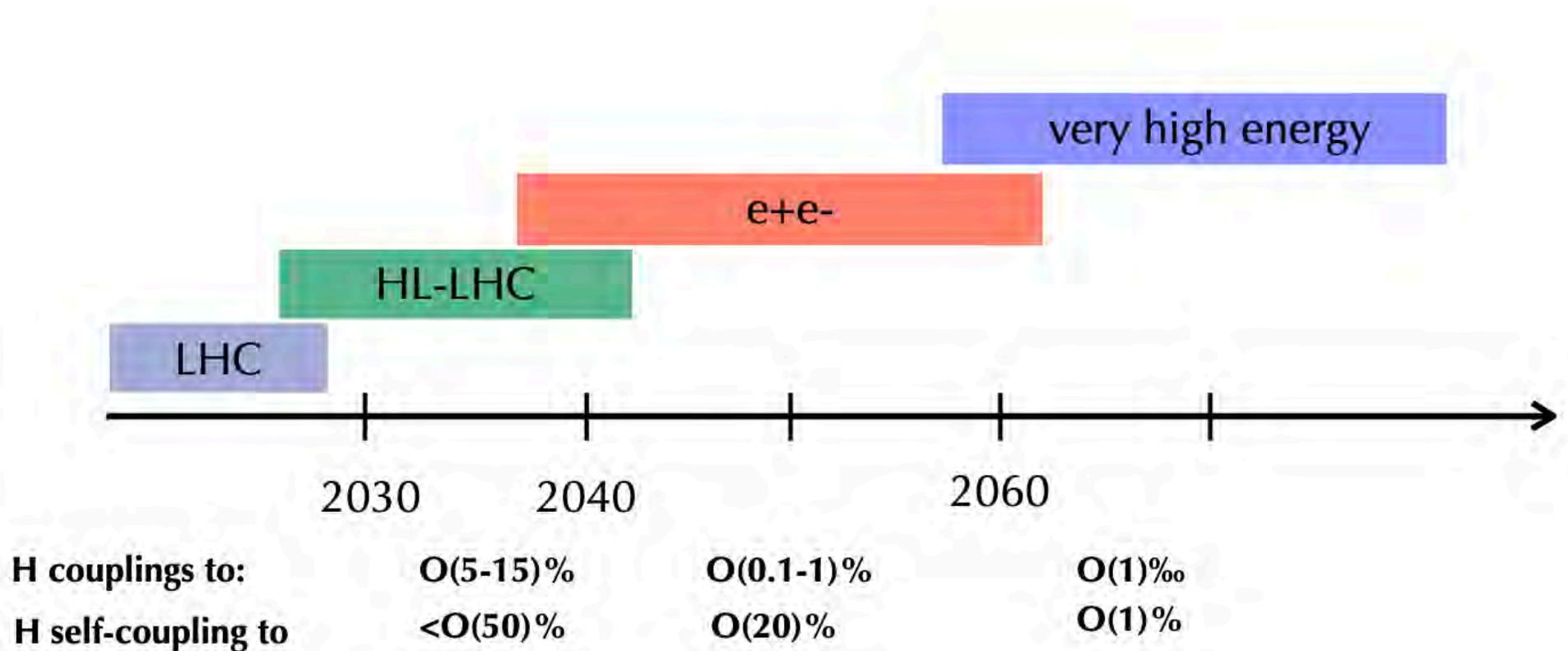
## Higgs factory summary plot

- Peak luminosity per IP vs CM energy for the Higgs factory proposals as provided by the proponents.
- The right axis shows integrated luminosity for one Snowmass year ( $10^7$  s).
- Also shown are lines corresponding to the required luminosity for yearly production rates of important processes.

Thomas Roser  
P5 meeting  
April 13, 2023



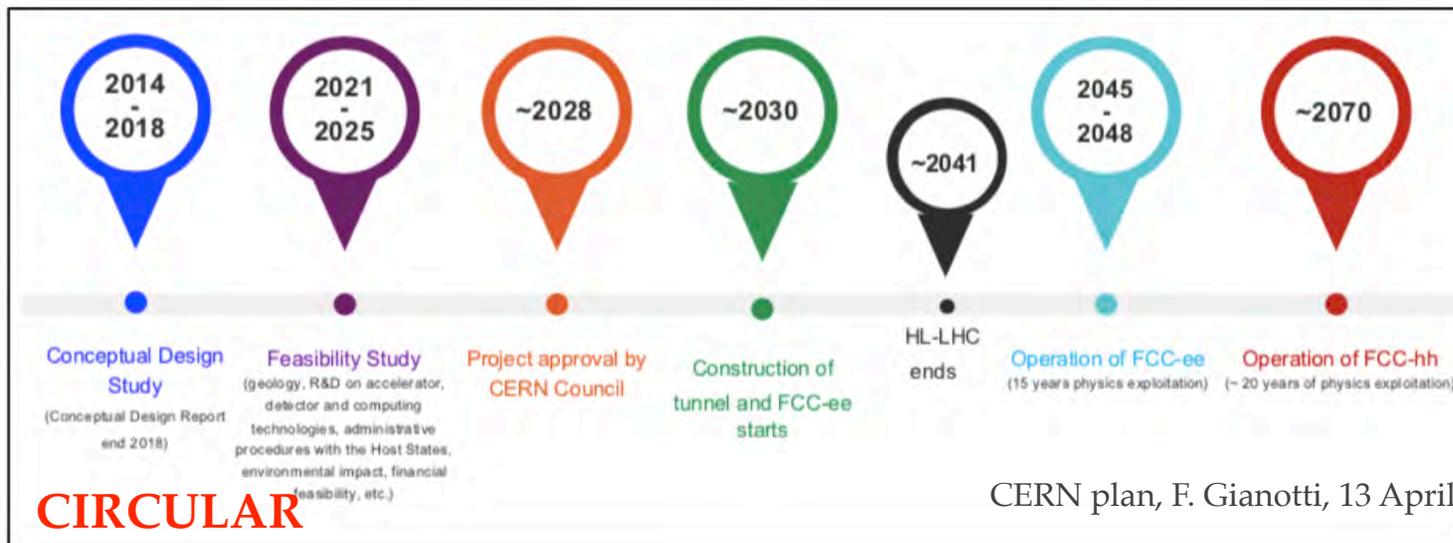
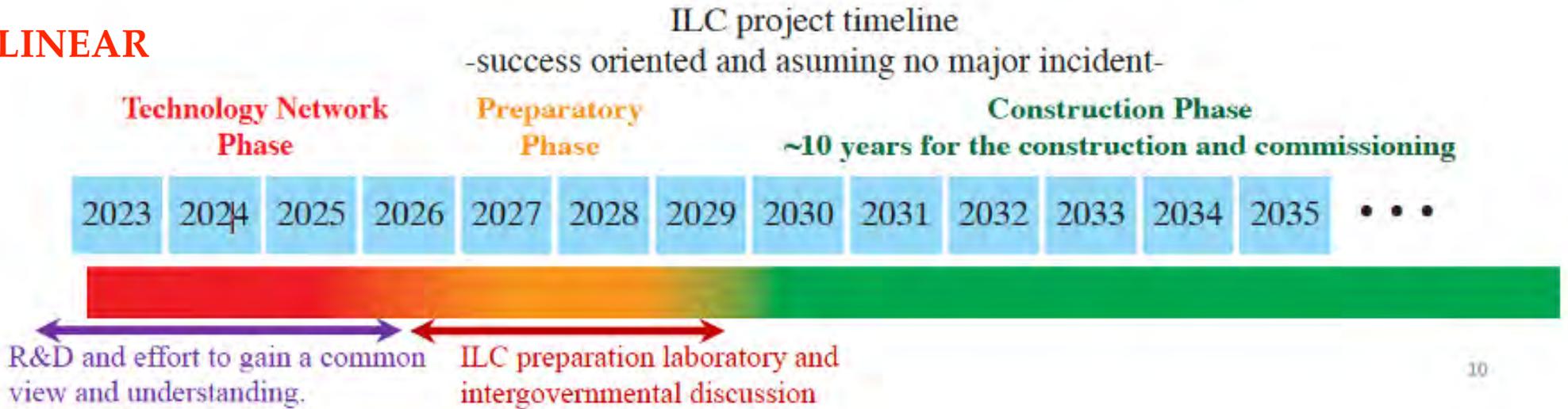
# Future Collider Timeline



C. Vernieri – Snowmass 21 EF Workshop - Brown U. - March 2022

# Process to achieve Higgs collisions by ~2040 (Linear) or ~2050 (Circular)

## LINEAR



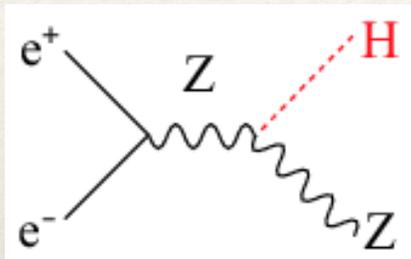
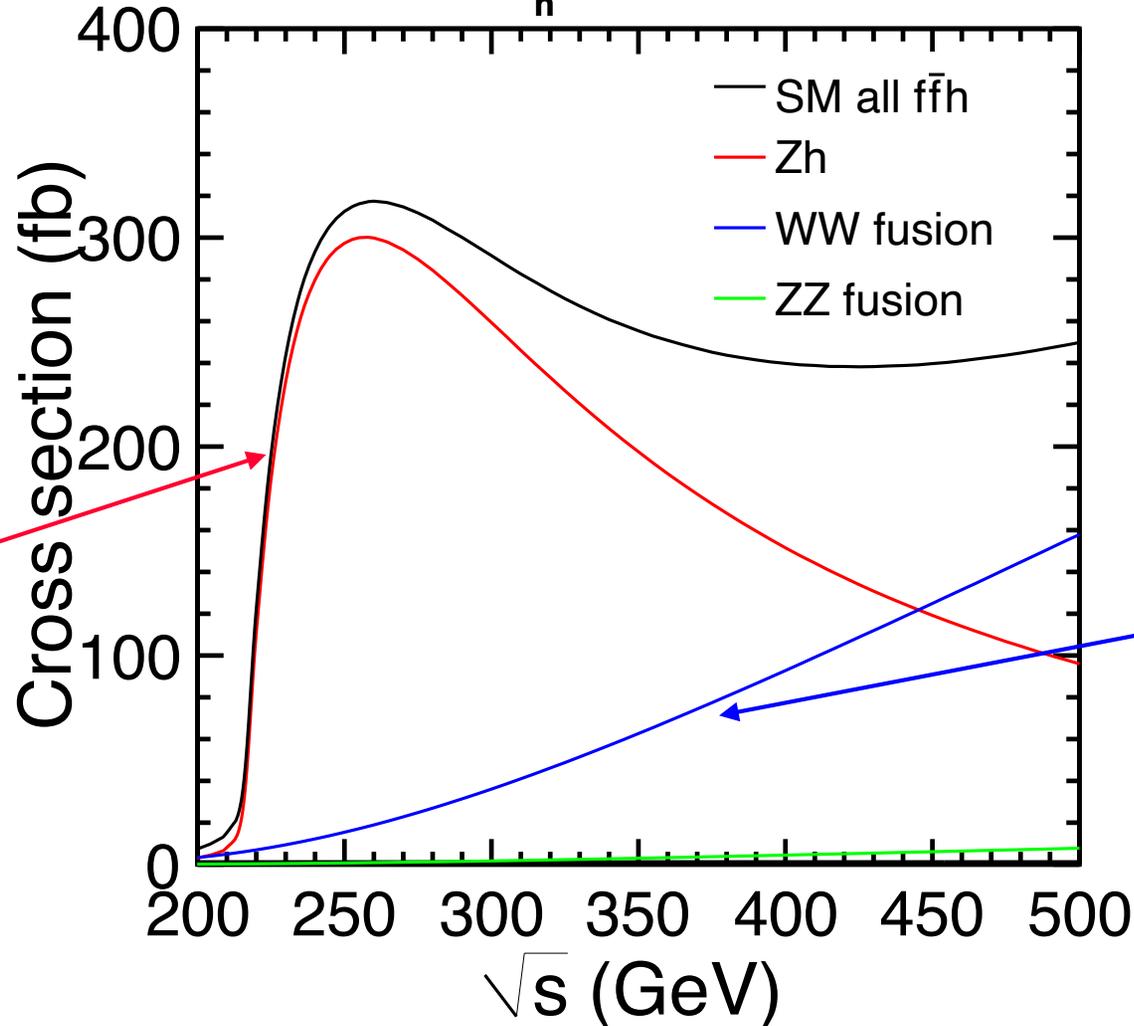
CERN plan, F. Gianotti, 13 April 2023

FCCee plan starts with Z, then WW, reaching Higgs ~2050

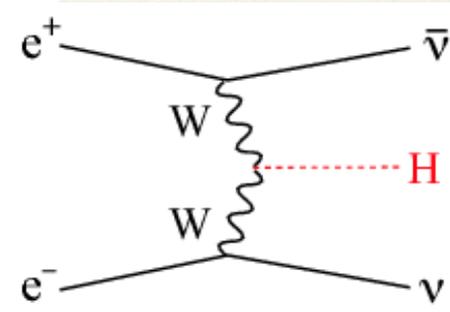
CEPC earlier?

# Higgs Boson Cross Section

$P(e^-, e^+) = (-0.8, 0.3)$ ,  $M_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$



Higgs-strahlung peaks and falls with center-of-mass energy



WW fusion rising with center-of-mass energy

# Higgstrahlung at 250 GeV

Higgs Factory observes Higgs recoiling from a Z, with known CM energy  $\Downarrow$

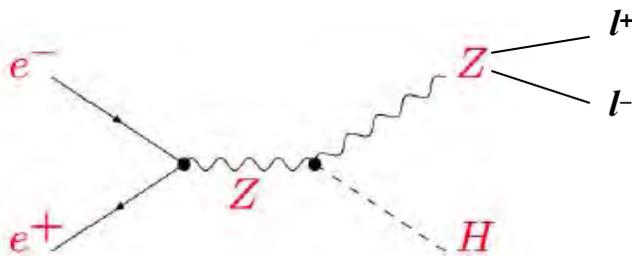
- powerful channel for unbiased tagging of Higgs events
- measurement of even invisible decays

( $\Downarrow$  - some beamstrahlung)

1. KNOWN INITIAL STATE

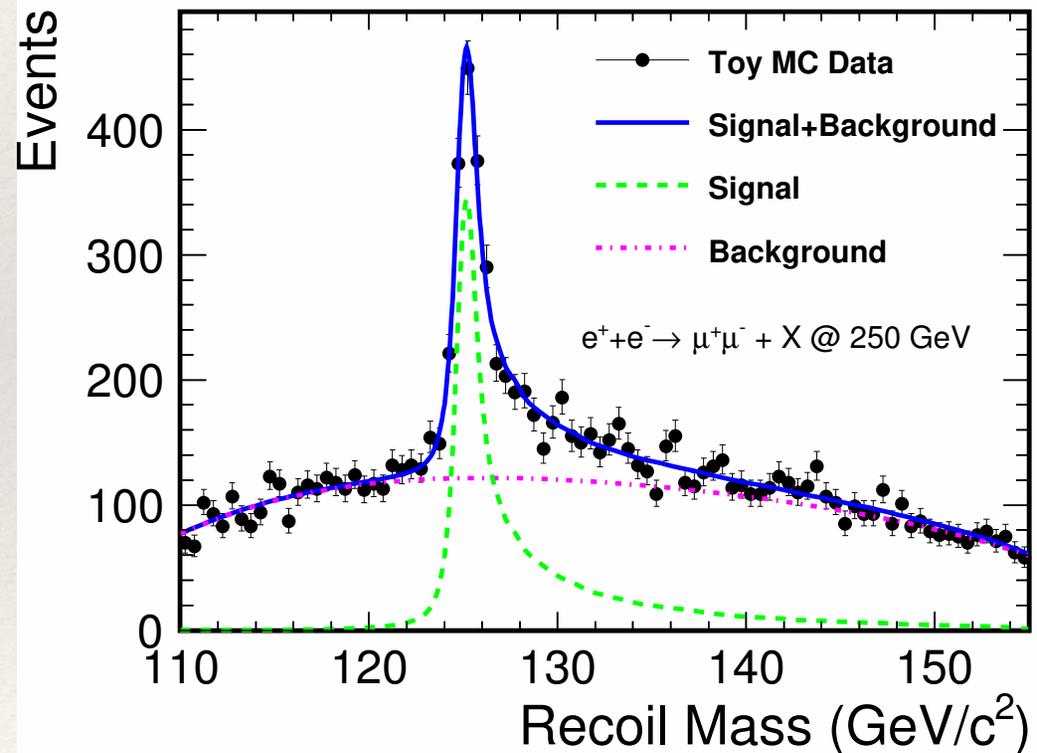
2. MEASURE  $Z \rightarrow l+l-$

3. SELECT  $E(Z \text{ boson}) = 110 \text{ GeV}$   
 $M(\text{recoil}) = 125 \text{ GeV}$



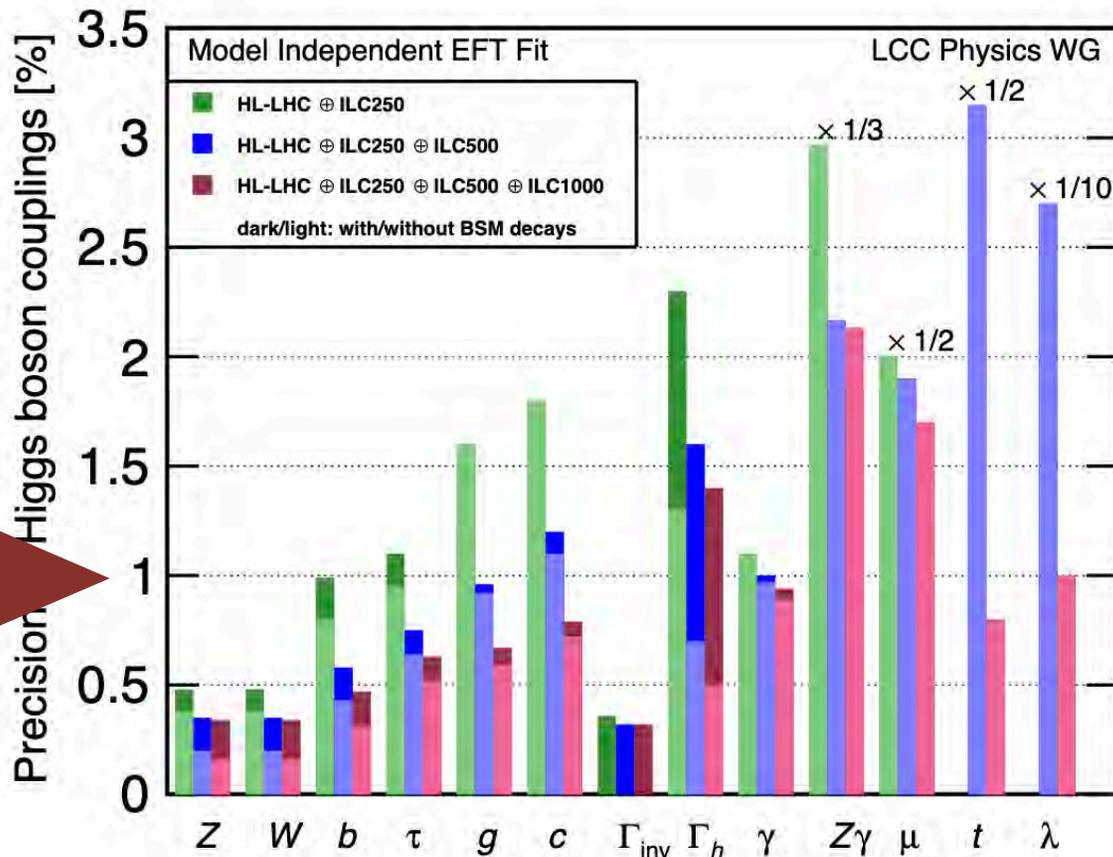
4. MEASURE RECOIL  
AND OBSERVE DECAY

Invisible decays are included



arXiv:1604.07524, PRD94 (2016) 113002

# HL-LHC Comparison (model-dependent)



1 %

arXiv:2203.07622

ALSO:

BR(invisible) < 0.16%

SM = 0.1%

arXiv:2203.08330

The darker bars show the results allowing invisible and exotic Higgs decay channels; the lighter bars assume that these BSM decays are not present.

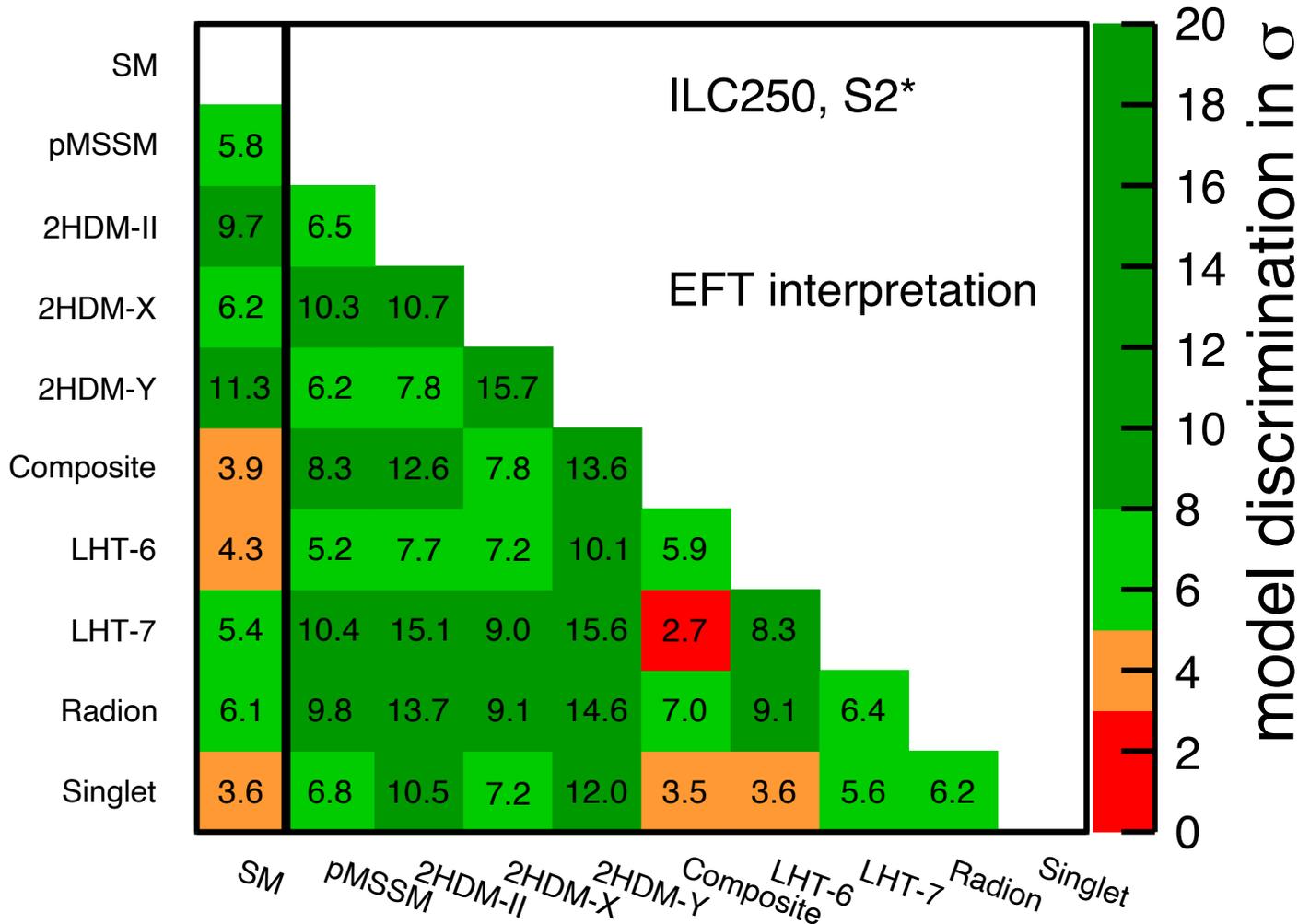
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# Testing New Physics Models

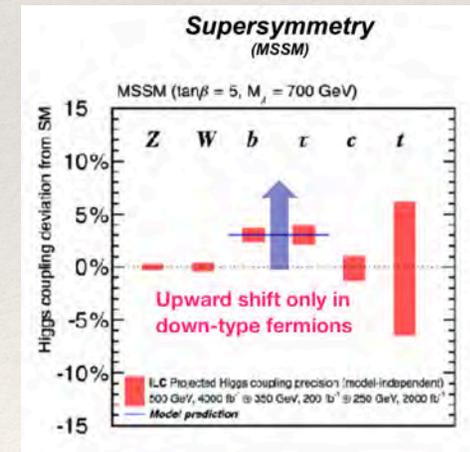
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- ❖ Studied nine(9) models that are unlikely to be discovered by HL-LHC.
  - ❖ Masses beyond reach.
    1. pMSSM SUSY [34]; high colored masses:  $m(\text{bino}) = 3.4 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $m(\text{gluino}) = 4 \text{ TeV}$ .
    2. Type II 2-Higgs-doublet [36]; heavy Higgs bosons at 600 GeV and  $\tan \beta = 7$ .
    3. Type X 2-Higgs-doublet [36]; heavy Higgs bosons at 450 GeV and  $\tan \beta = 6$ .
    4. Type Y 2-Higgs-doublet [36]; heavy Higgs bosons at 600 GeV and  $\tan \beta = 7$ .
    5. Composite Higgs MCHM5,  $f = 1.2 \text{ TeV}$  [38]; lightest new particle vectorlike top partner T at 1.7 TeV and very small single production.
    6. Little Higgs with T-parity [39];  $f = 785 \text{ GeV}$  and top partner T at 2 TeV.
    7. Little Higgs with T-parity [40];  $f = 1 \text{ TeV}$  and option B for light-quark Yukawa couplings; top partner T mass of 2.03 TeV.
    8. Higgs-radion mixing [41]; radion mass is 500 GeV; other relevant extra-dimensional states can be at multi-TeV masses.
    9. Model with Higgs singlet added to SM, motivated by EW baryogenesis with portal to dark matter sector [42]; singlet mass is 2.8 TeV, with mixing as permitted by decoupling.

# Model Discrimination - 250 GeV



- S1\*, current projection /model-independent
- S2\*, improved /model-independent



arXiv:1710.07621

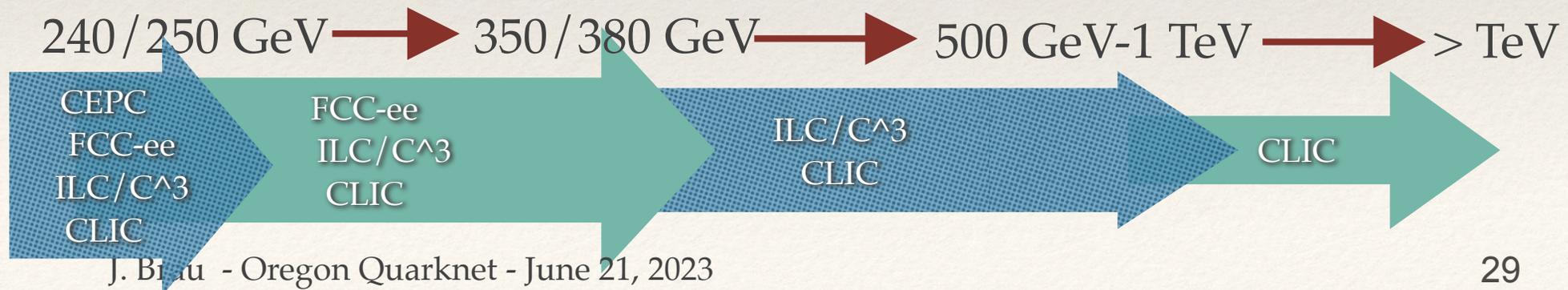
# The Broader Physics Program

The physics opportunities of next-generation  $e^+e^-$  colliders emphasize precise measurement of **most Higgs boson couplings**.

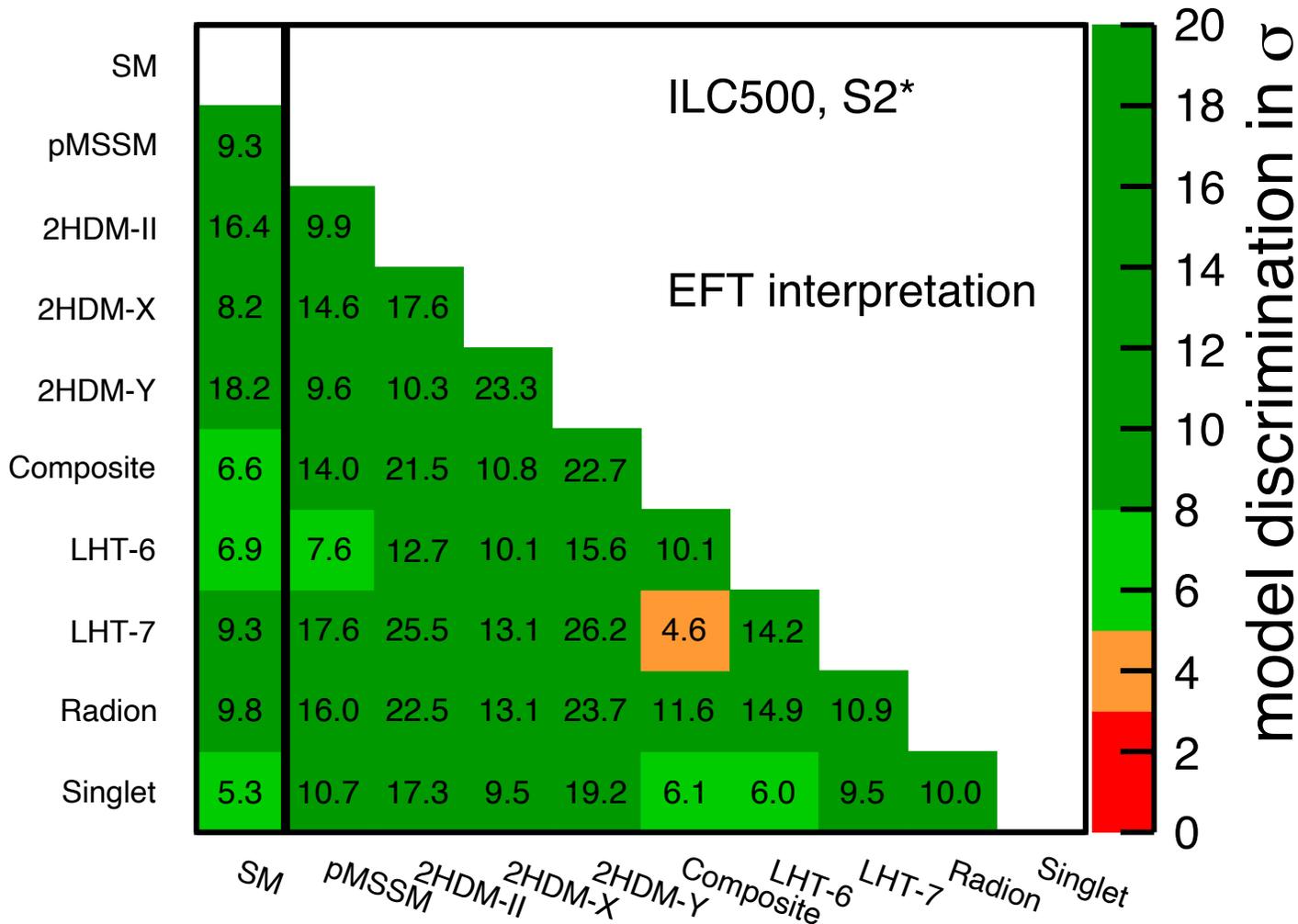
**These are the centerpiece and FIRST PRIORITY.**

**But  $e^+e^-$  colliders also provide:**

- search for **exotic modes of Higgs boson decay**
- search for **dark matter particles and other invisible states**
- search for **heavy resonances** through 2-fermion processes
- precise study of **W boson interactions** in  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$ 
  - precise measurement of the **top quark mass**
  - precise measurement of **top quark electroweak couplings**
    - precise measurement of **top quark Yukawa coupling (tth)**
    - measurement of the **triple Higgs boson coupling**



# Model Discrimination (250+500)



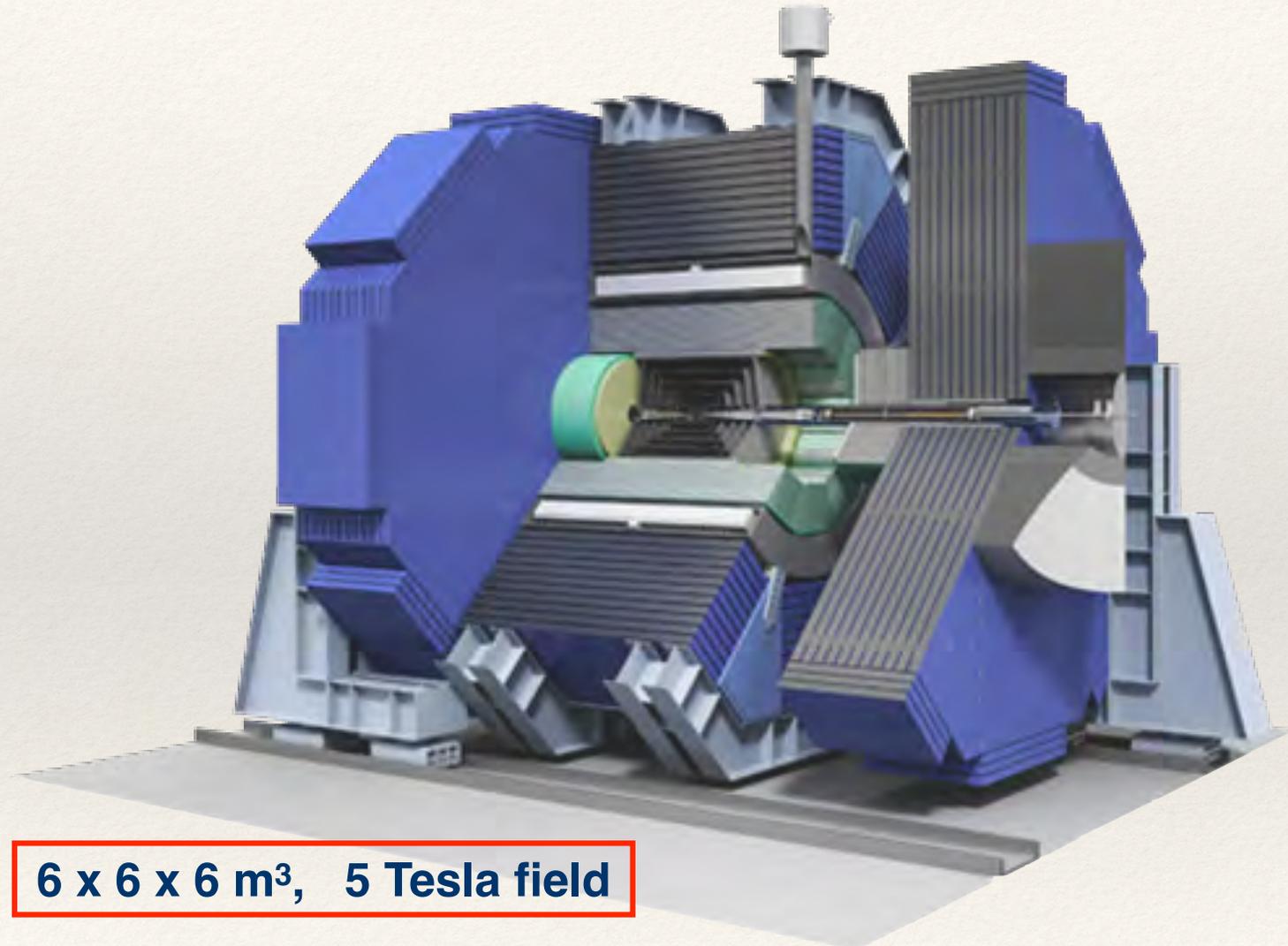
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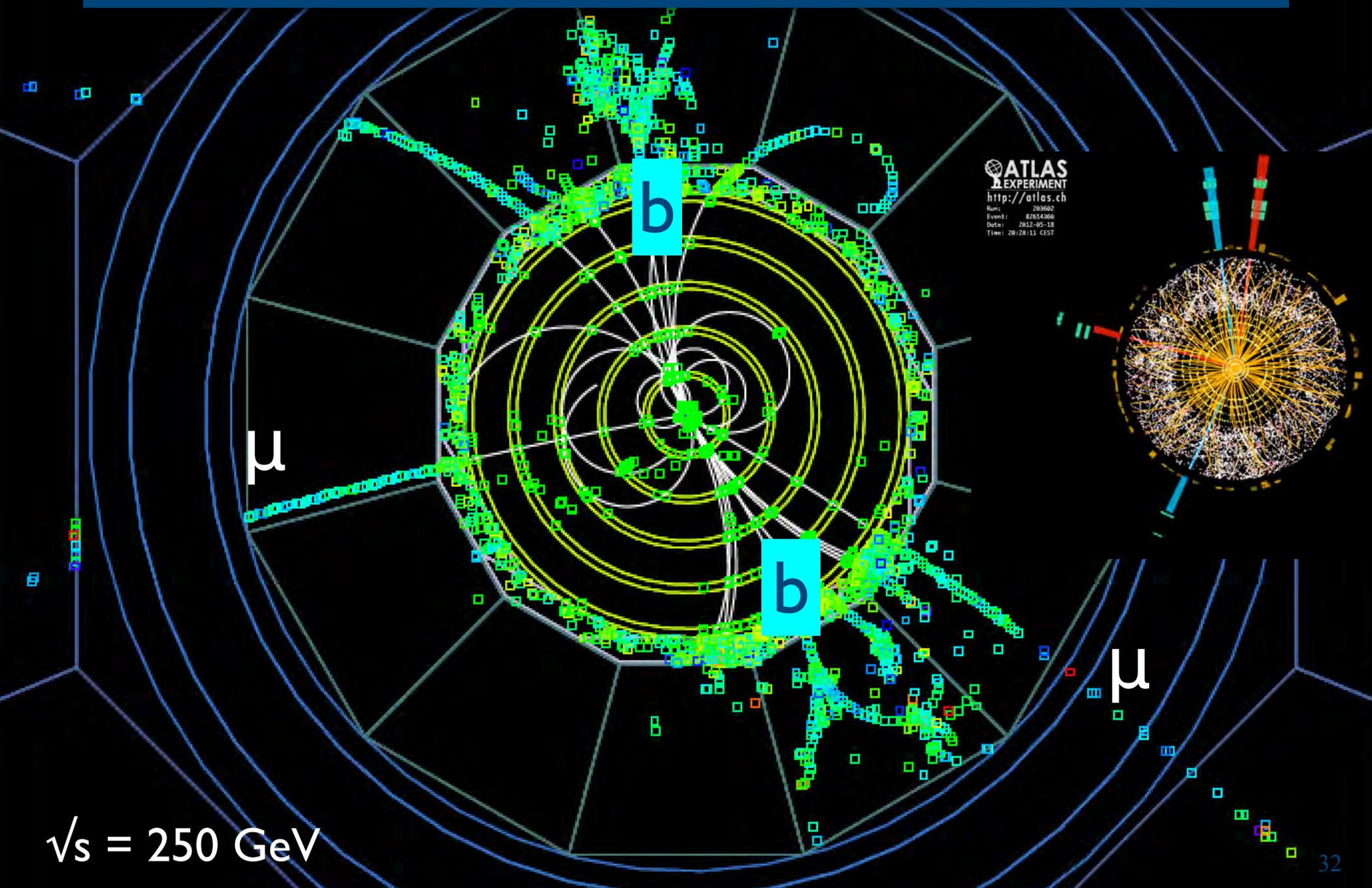
# SiD - a linear collider detector

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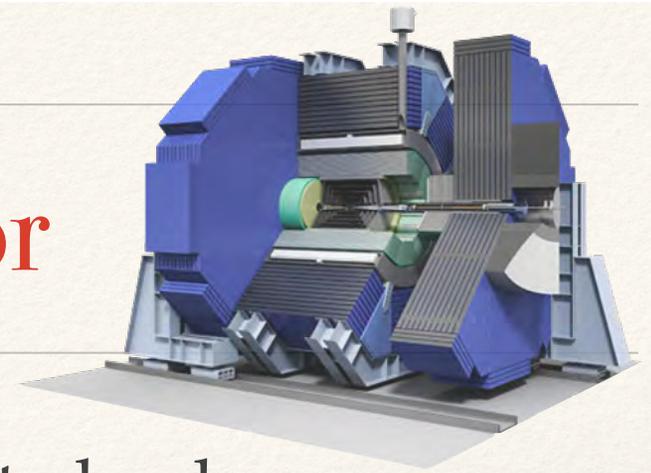


**6 x 6 x 6 m<sup>3</sup>, 5 Tesla field**

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh; \quad Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-; \quad h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$



# SiD - a linear collider detector



- ❖ Much detector development remains to be done.
- ❖ Oregon is particularly involved in developing a new calorimeter based on monolithic active pixels -
  - ❖ 25  $\mu\text{m}$  x 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .
  - ❖ Half a trillion pixels in final experiment.
- ❖ Small prototypes, larger modules, beam tests to verify design, and finally, construction. We need time to do all this work.

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# Summary

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- ❖ BSM physics would impact Higgs boson couplings at the **percent level** for mass scales of TeV.
- ❖ Electron-positron colliders provide qualitatively improved, **percent level precision** on Higgs boson couplings, with **model-independent measurements**.
- ❖ Excellent science **already achievable at 250 GeV** from strength of Higgstrahlung reconstruction and EFT analysis.
  - ❖ **Higher energy** from upgrades extends physics program.
- ❖ In all scenarios for future LHC outcomes, there is a compelling **discovery potential**.
- ❖ Higgs factory collisions are possible by 2040.