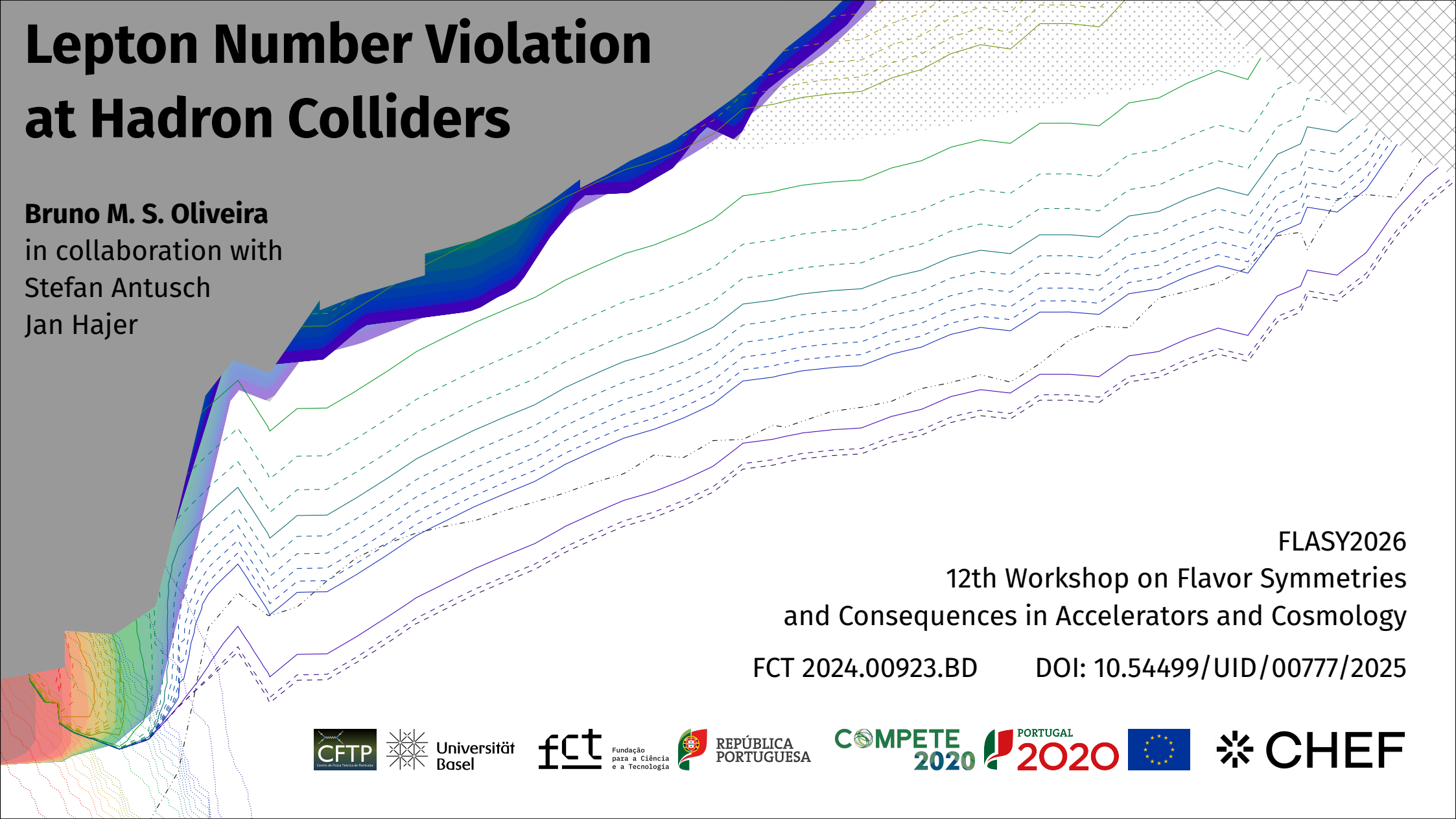


Lepton Number Violation at Hadron Colliders

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ln-violating Majorana mass

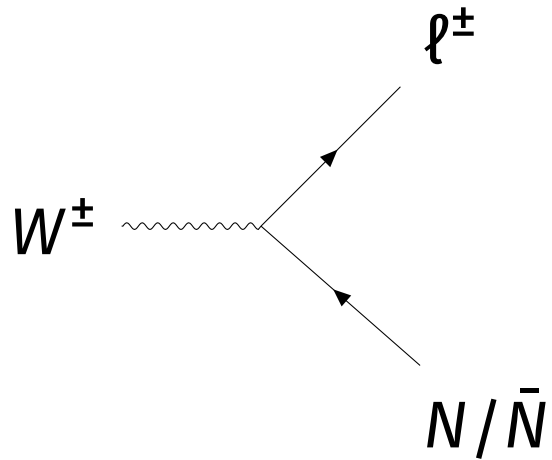
$$m_M \gg m_D$$

↓

seesaw mechanism

$$m_{\text{light}} \approx m_M |\vec{\theta}|^2 \quad m_{\text{heavy}} \approx m_M \quad \vec{\theta} \equiv \frac{\vec{m}_D}{m_M}$$

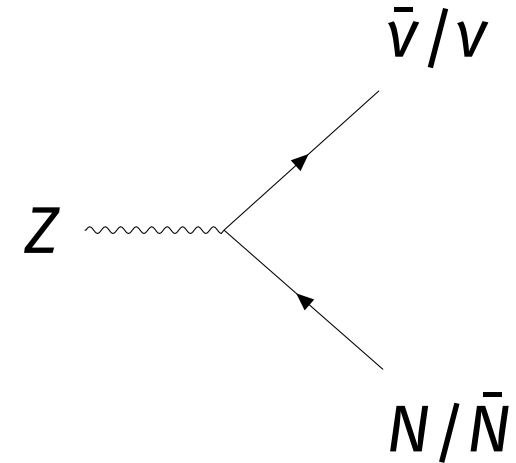
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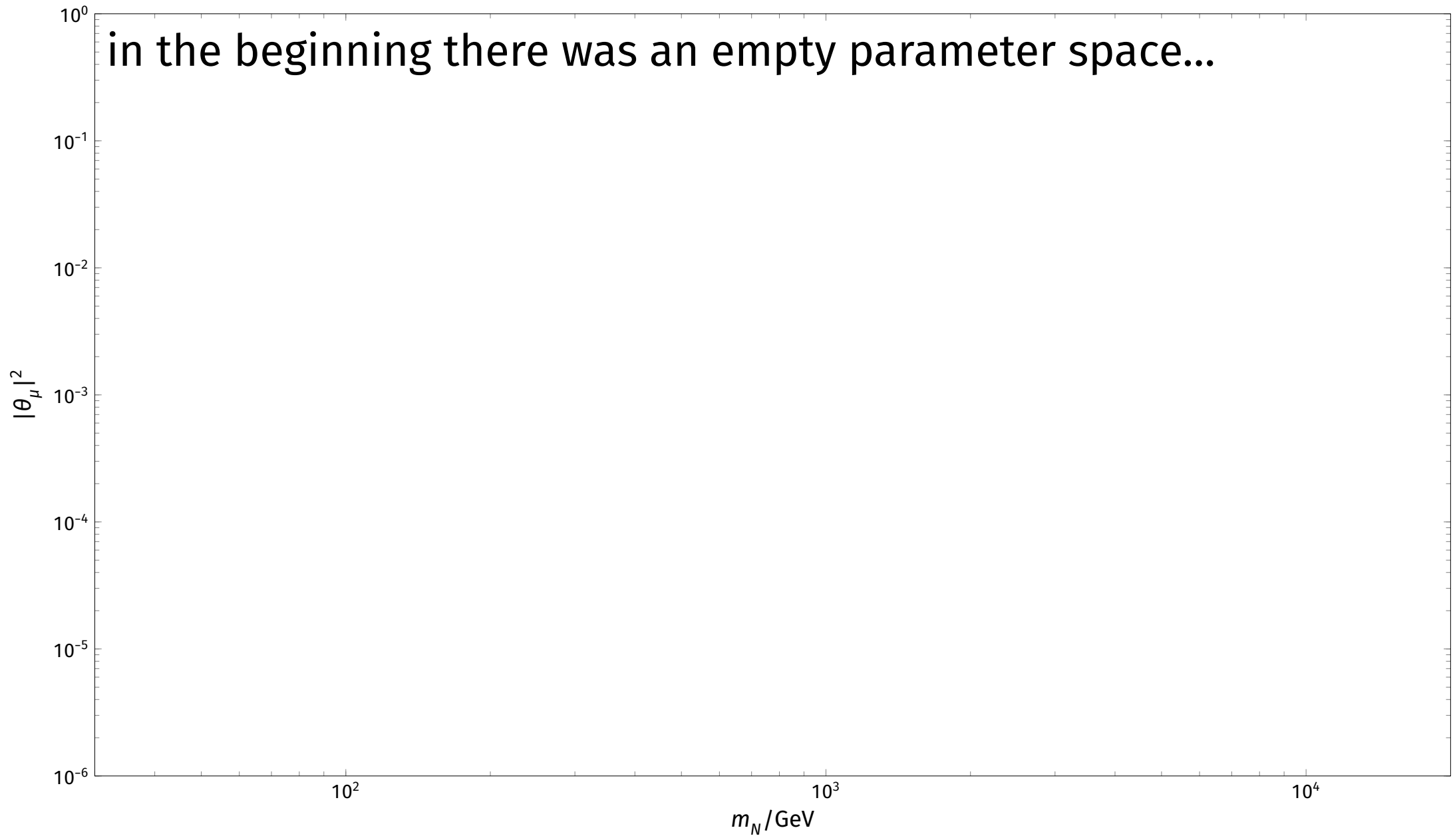


light neutrinos



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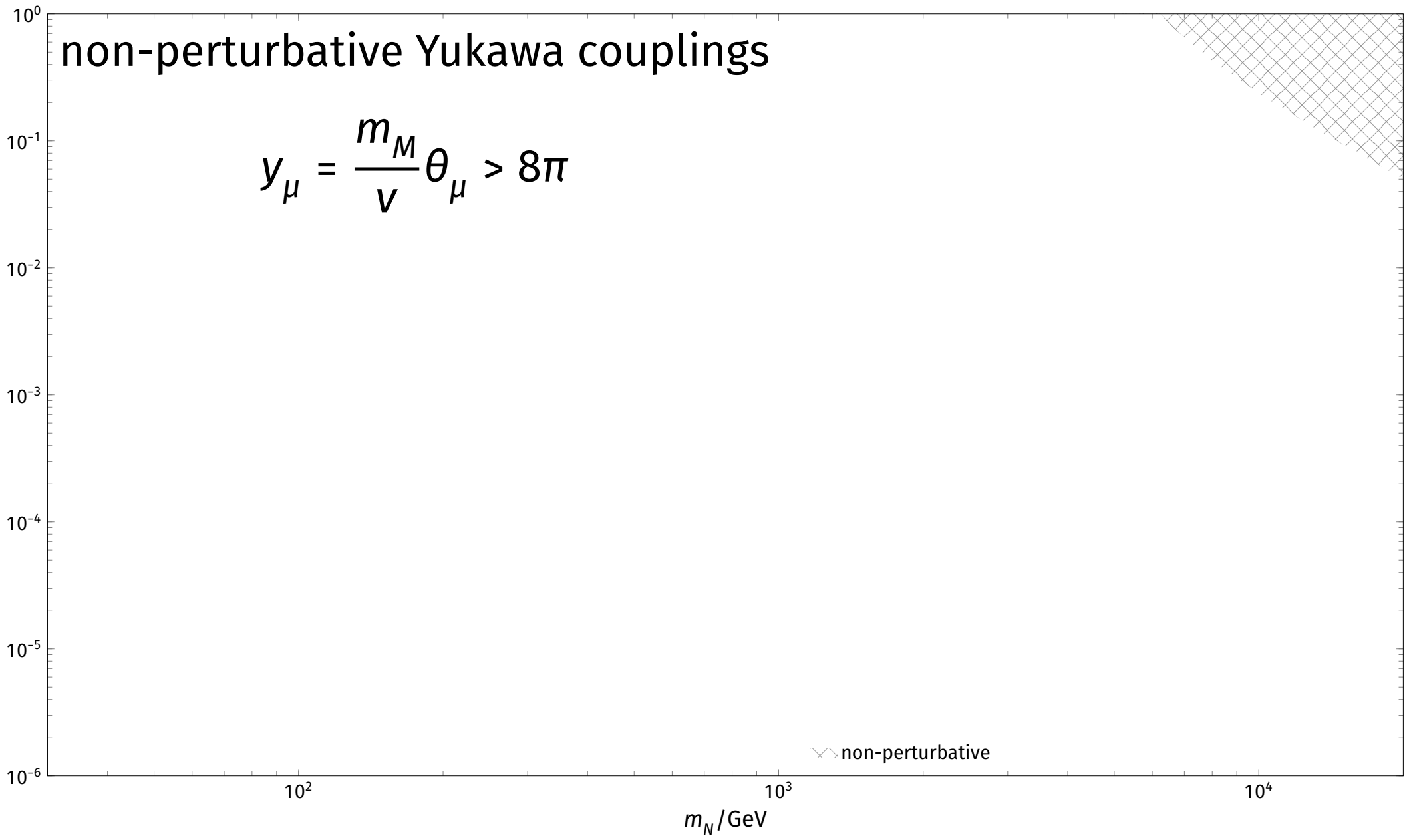
state of the art at the LHC



non-perturbative Yukawa couplings

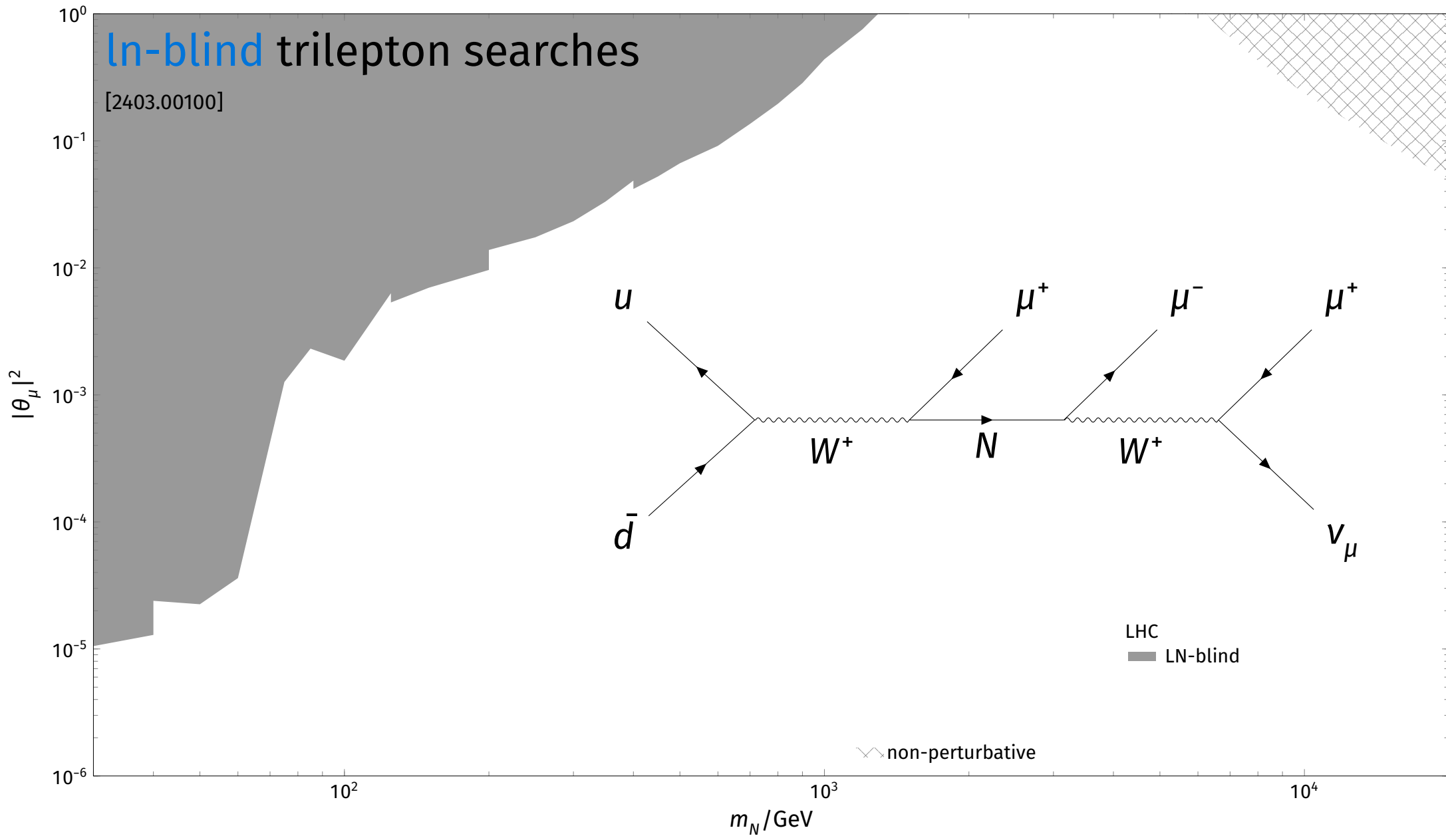
$$y_\mu = \frac{m_M}{v} \theta_\mu > 8\pi$$

$|\theta_\mu|^2$



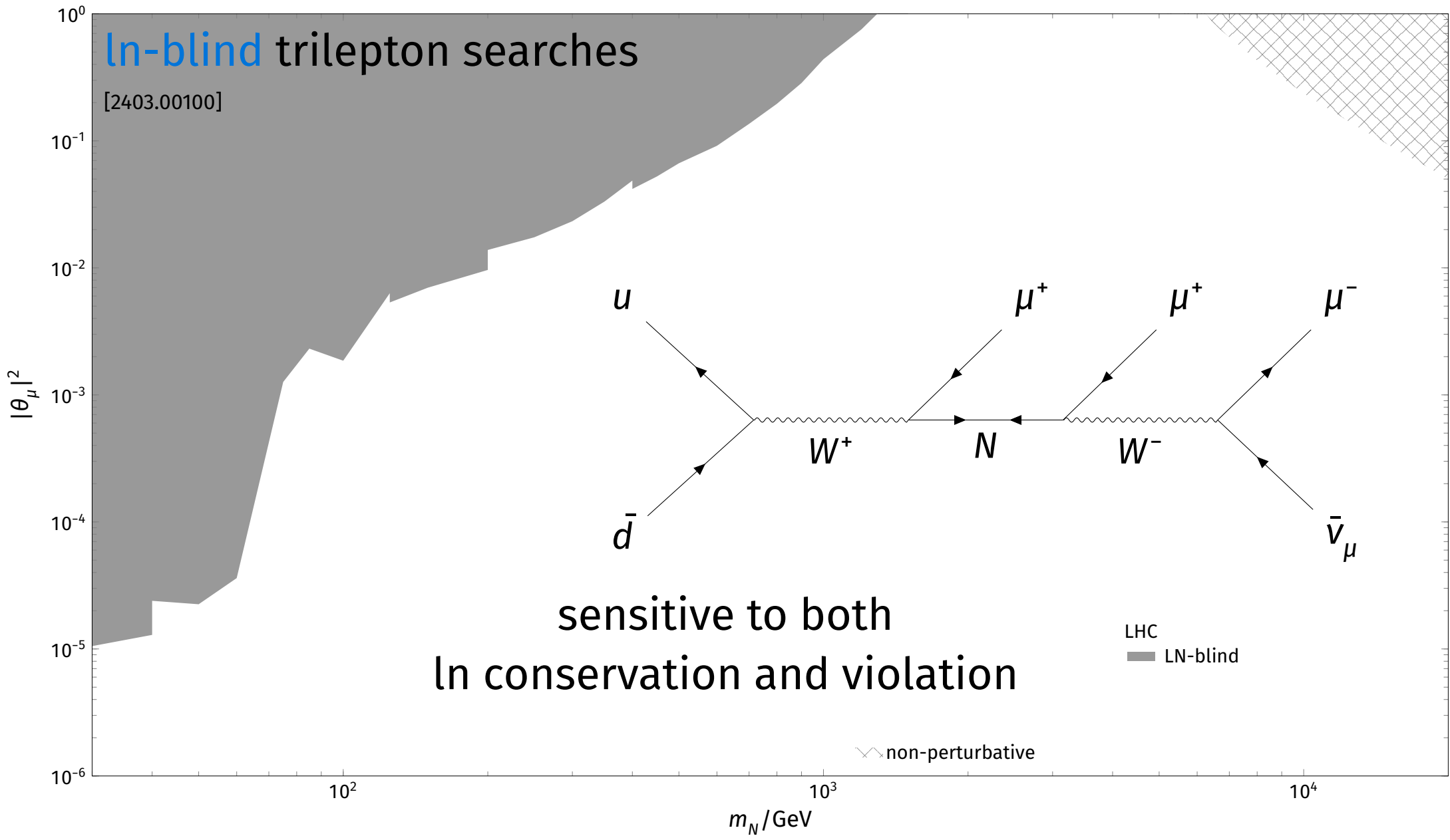
ln-blind trilepton searches

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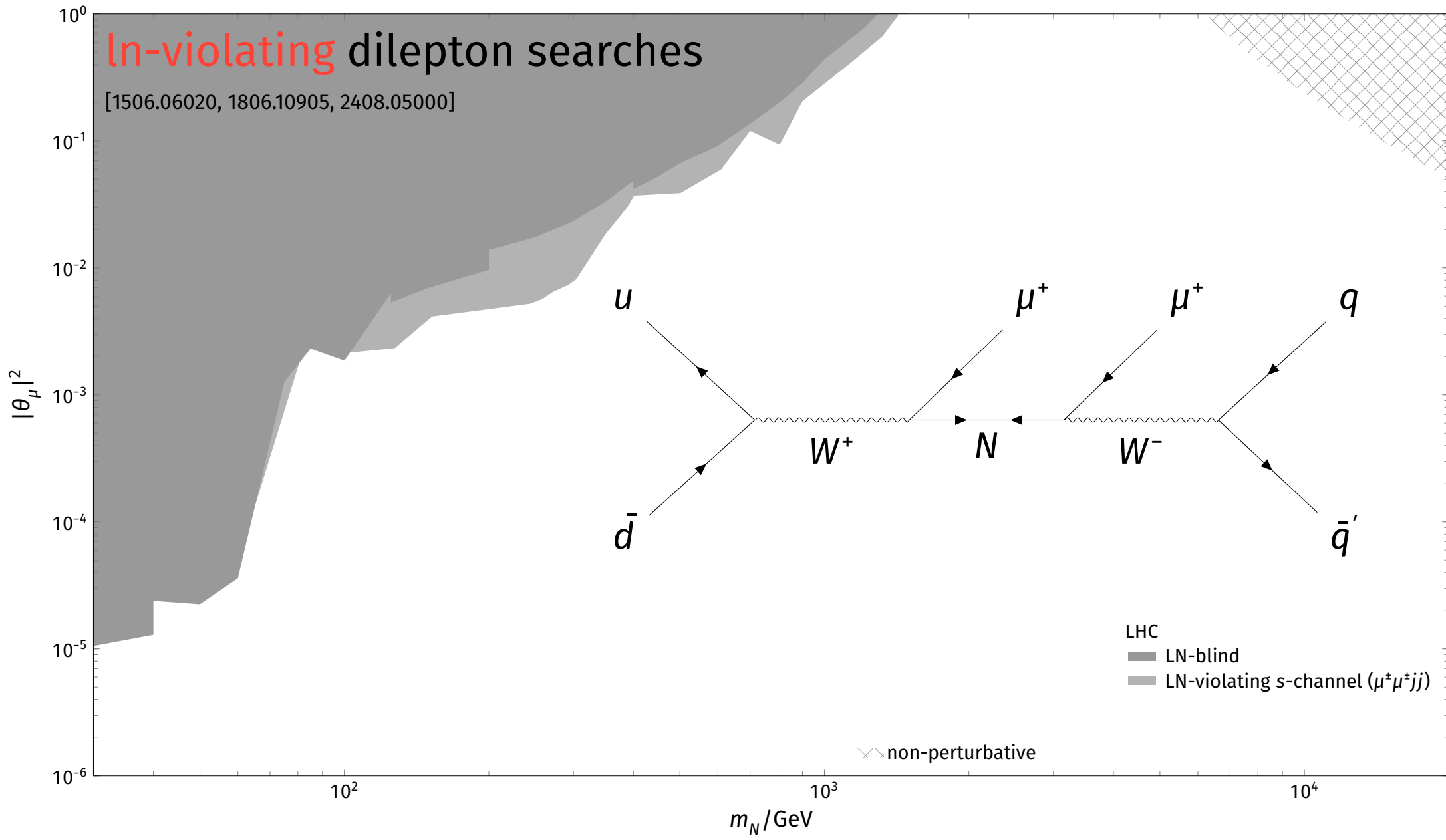
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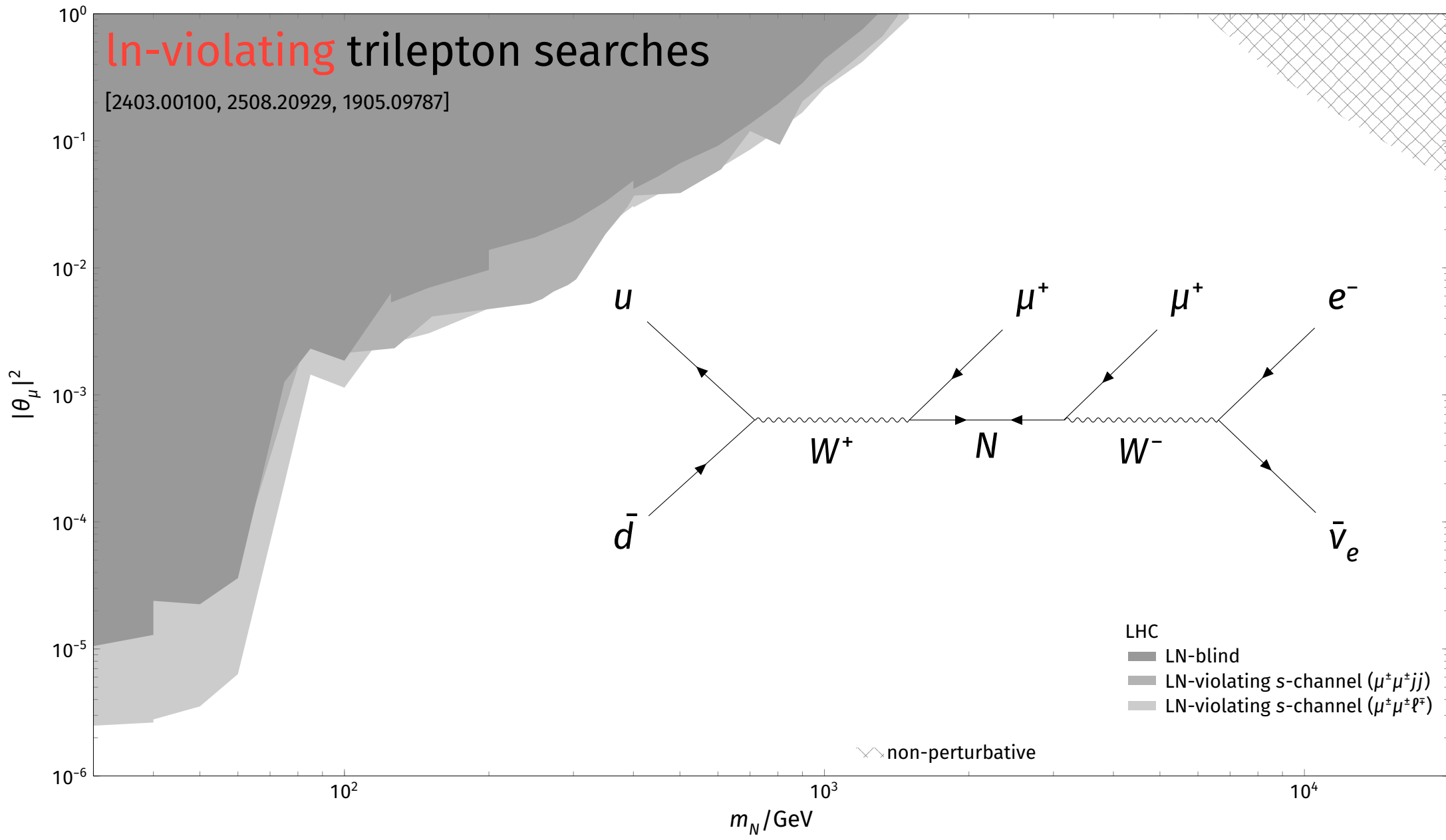
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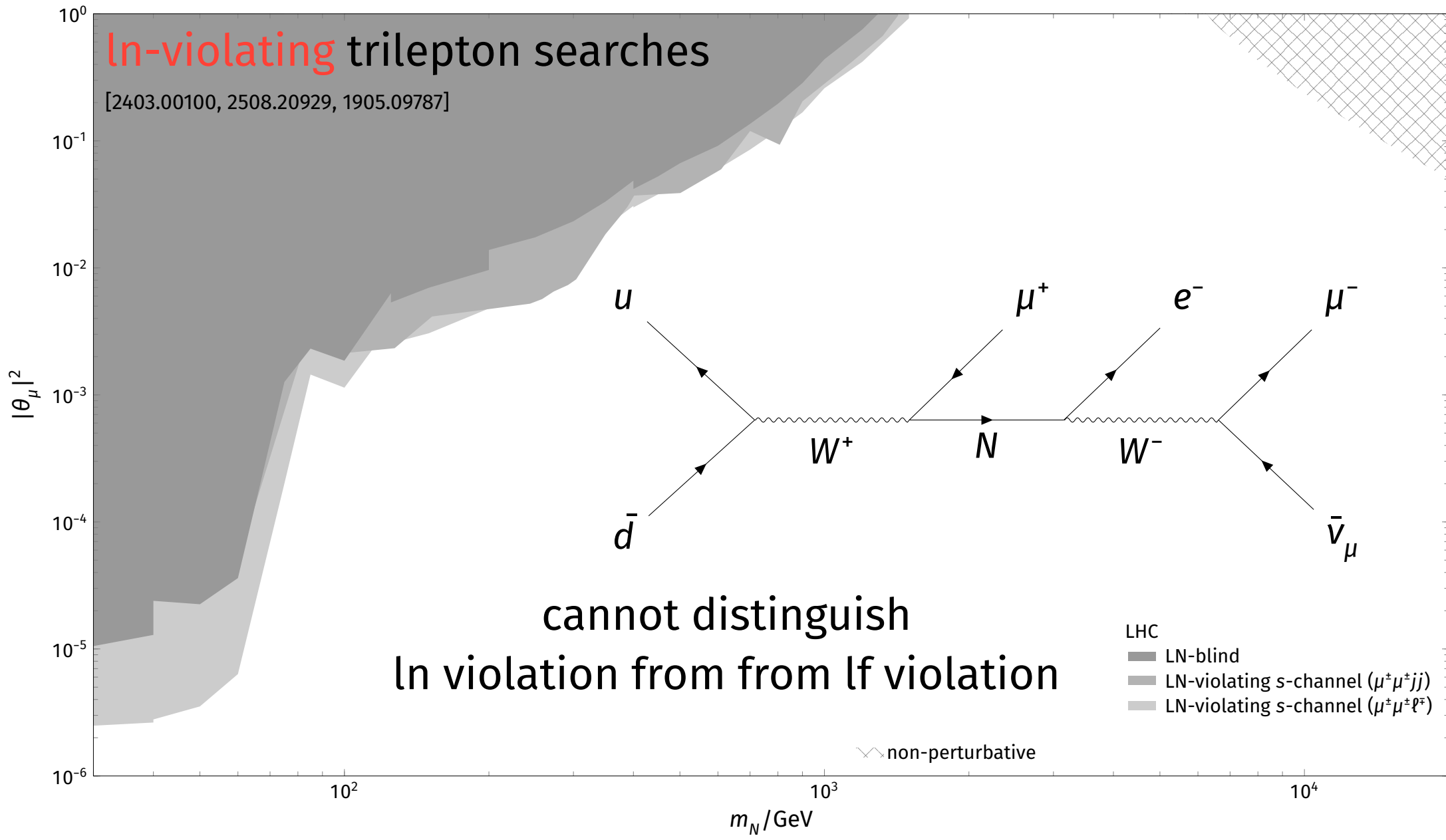
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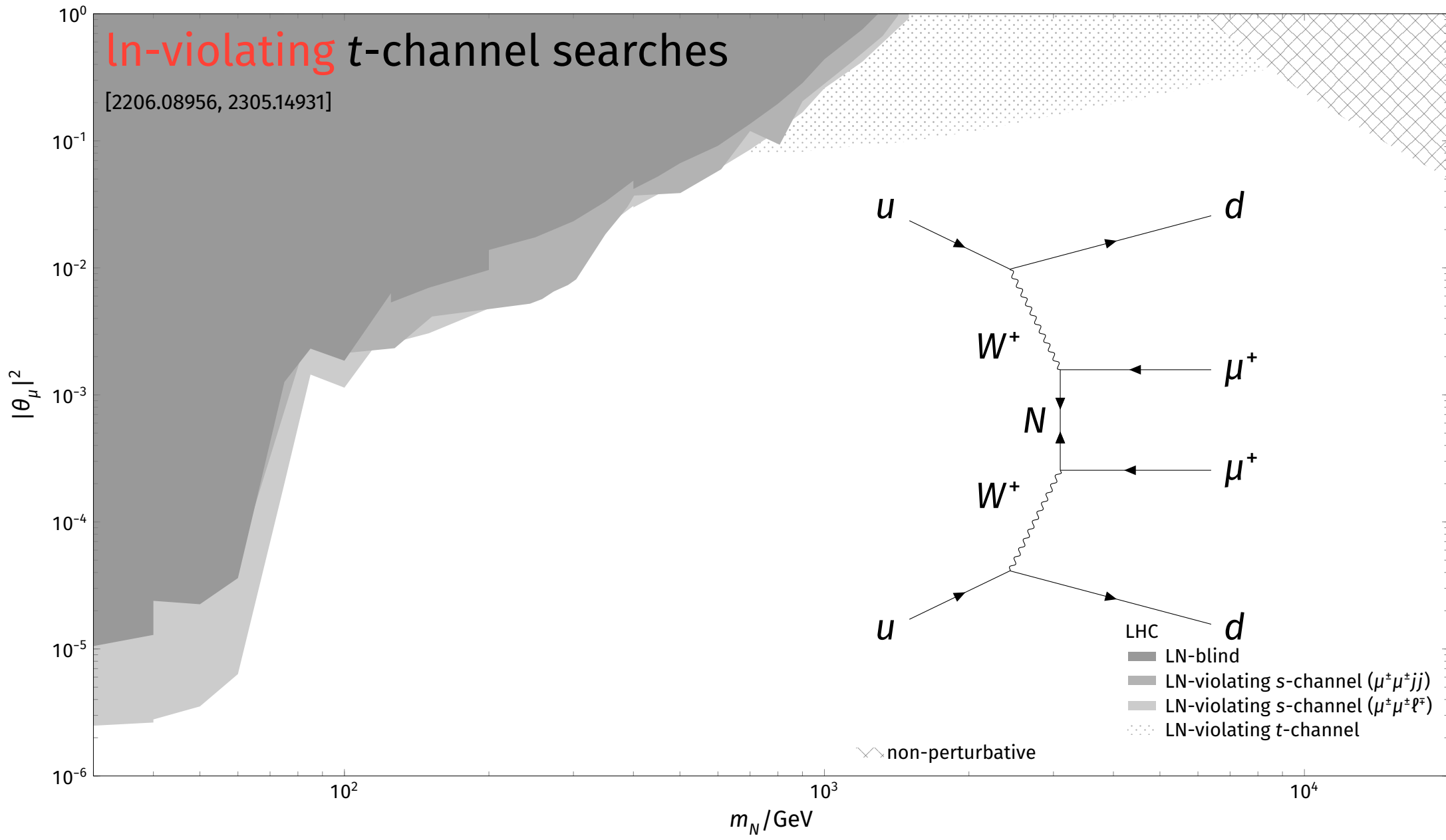
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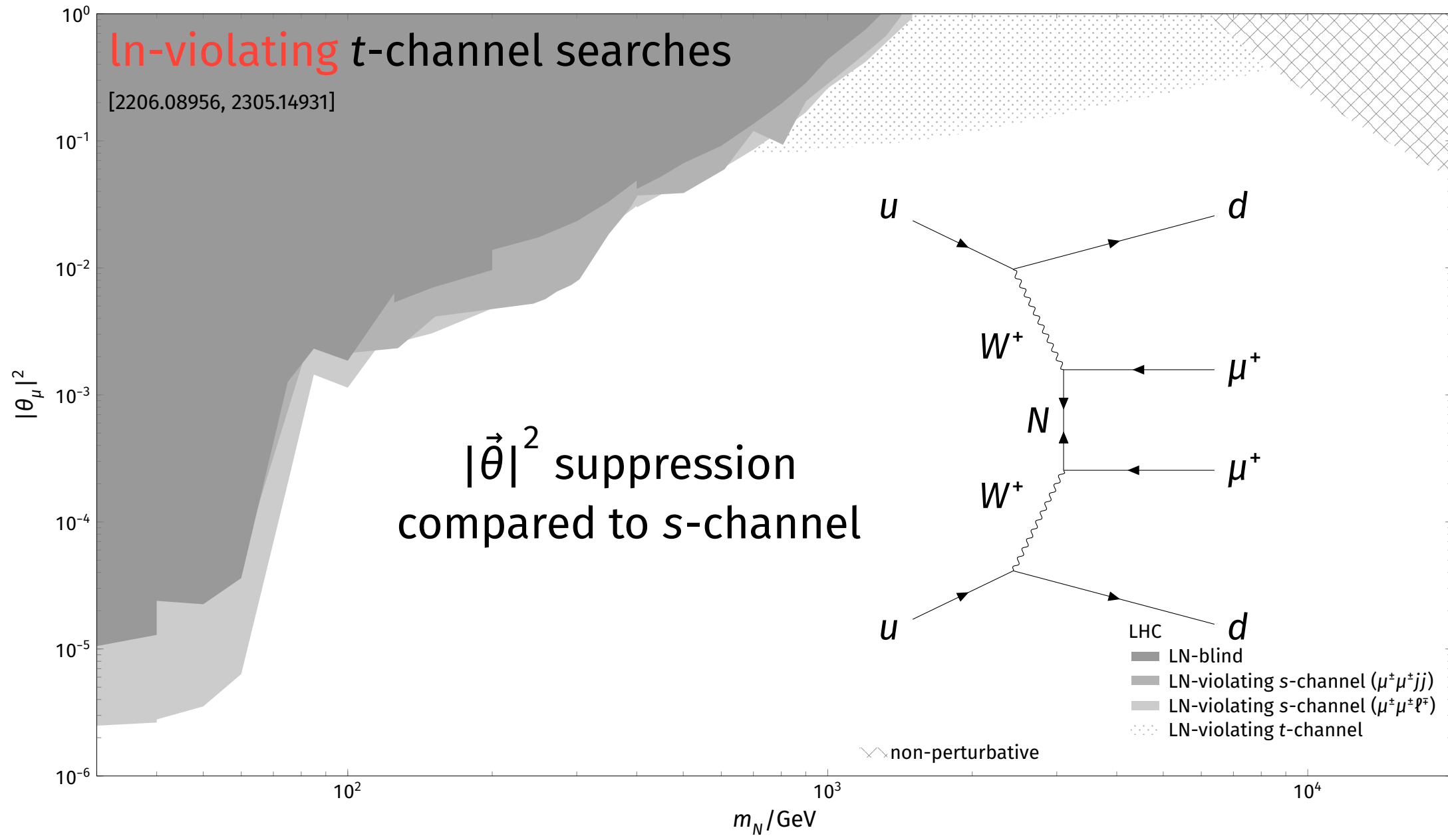
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ln-violating t -channel searches

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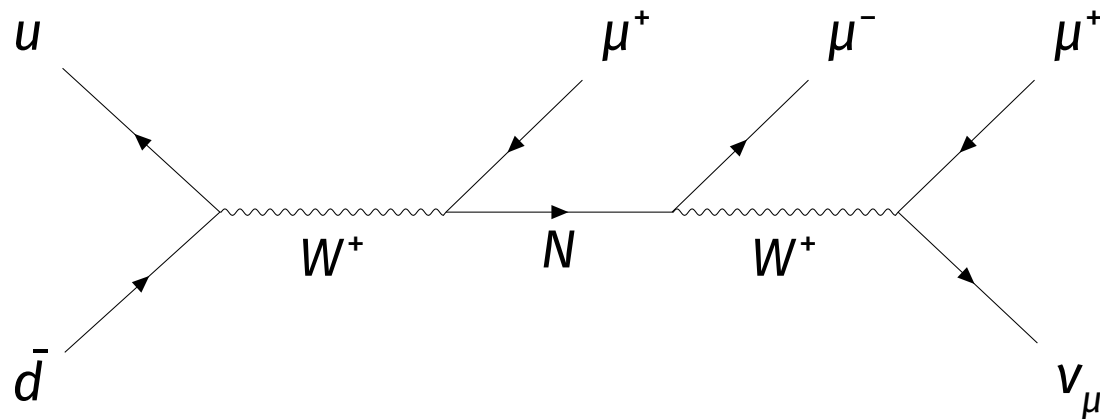


looking toward the future
FCC-*hh* and SppC

prospects at future colliders

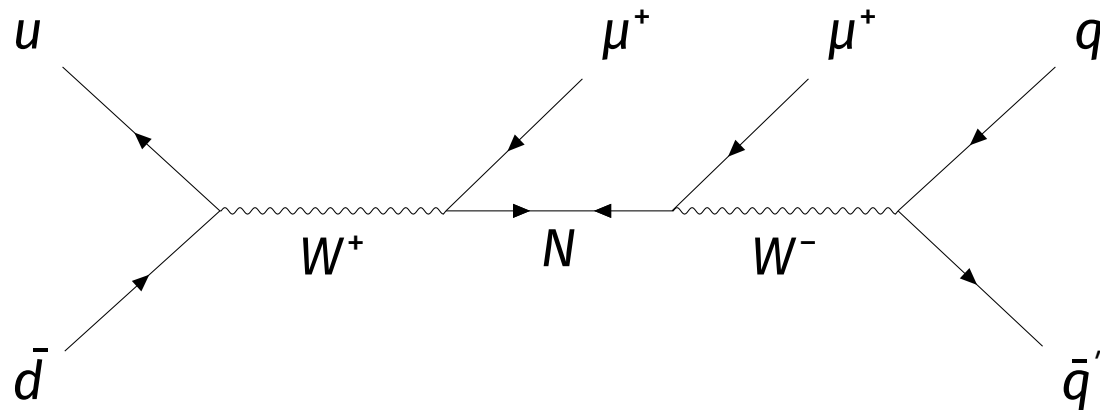
ln-blind

$$\begin{aligned} \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu \\ \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \end{aligned}$$

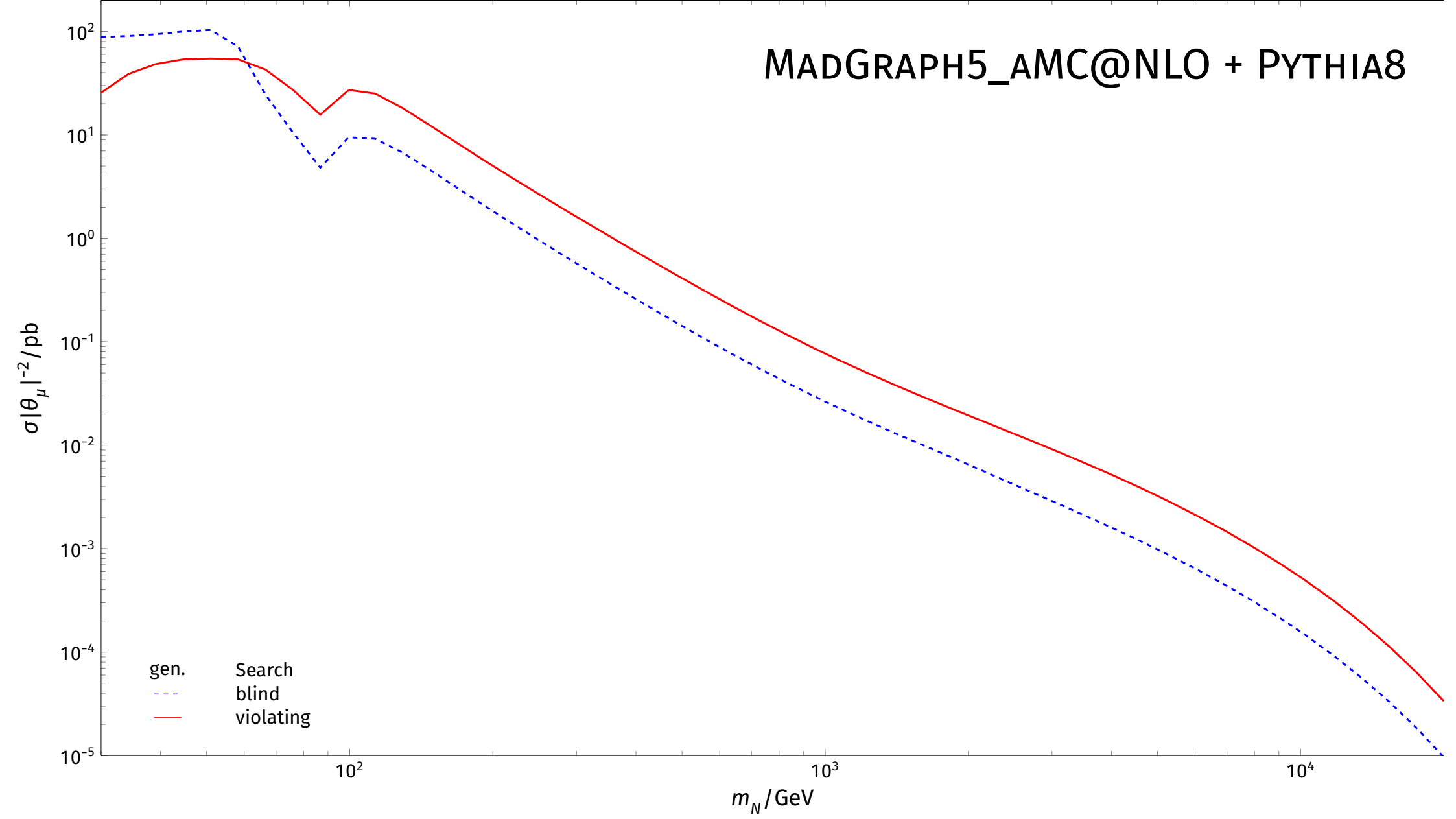


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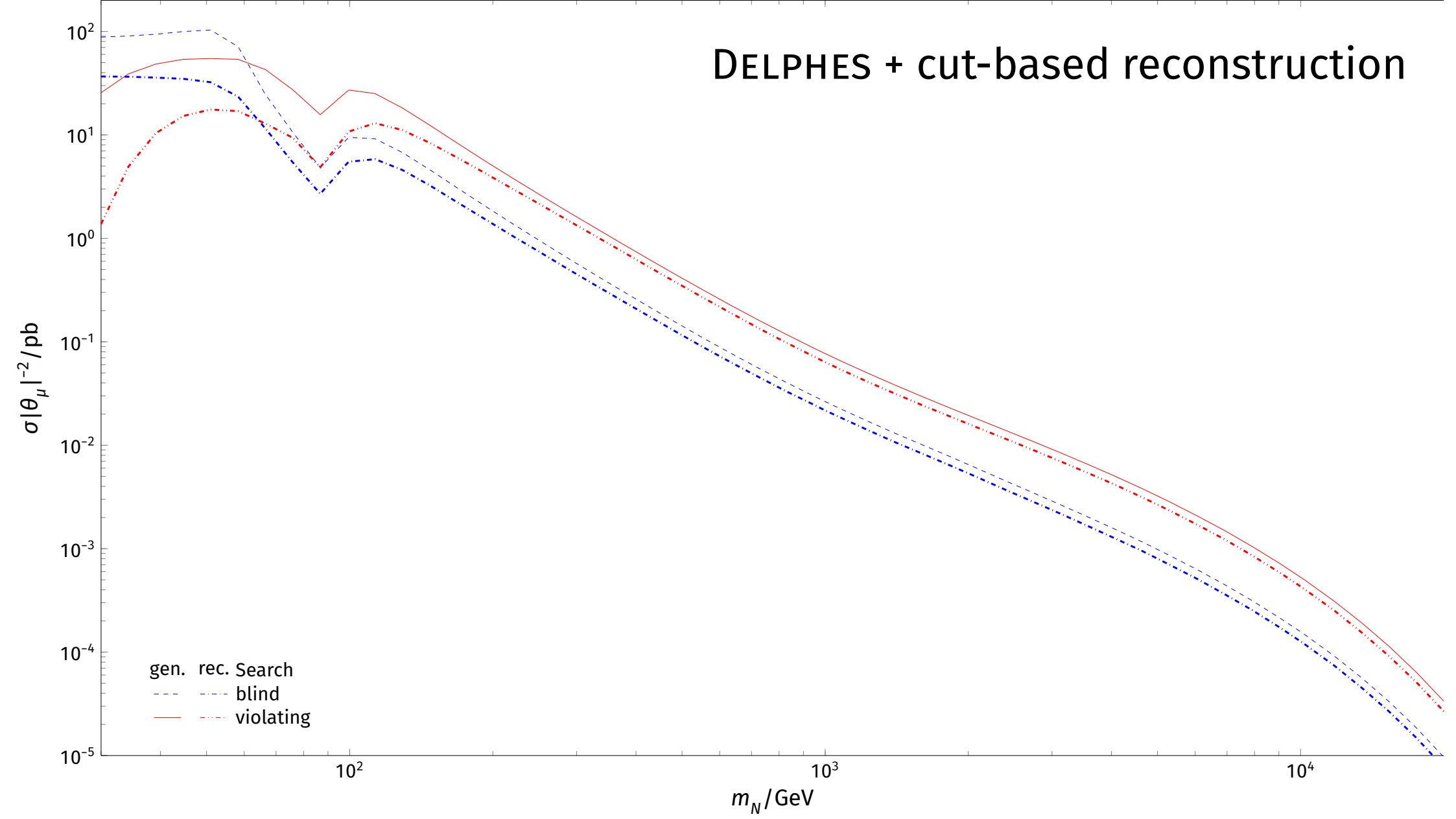
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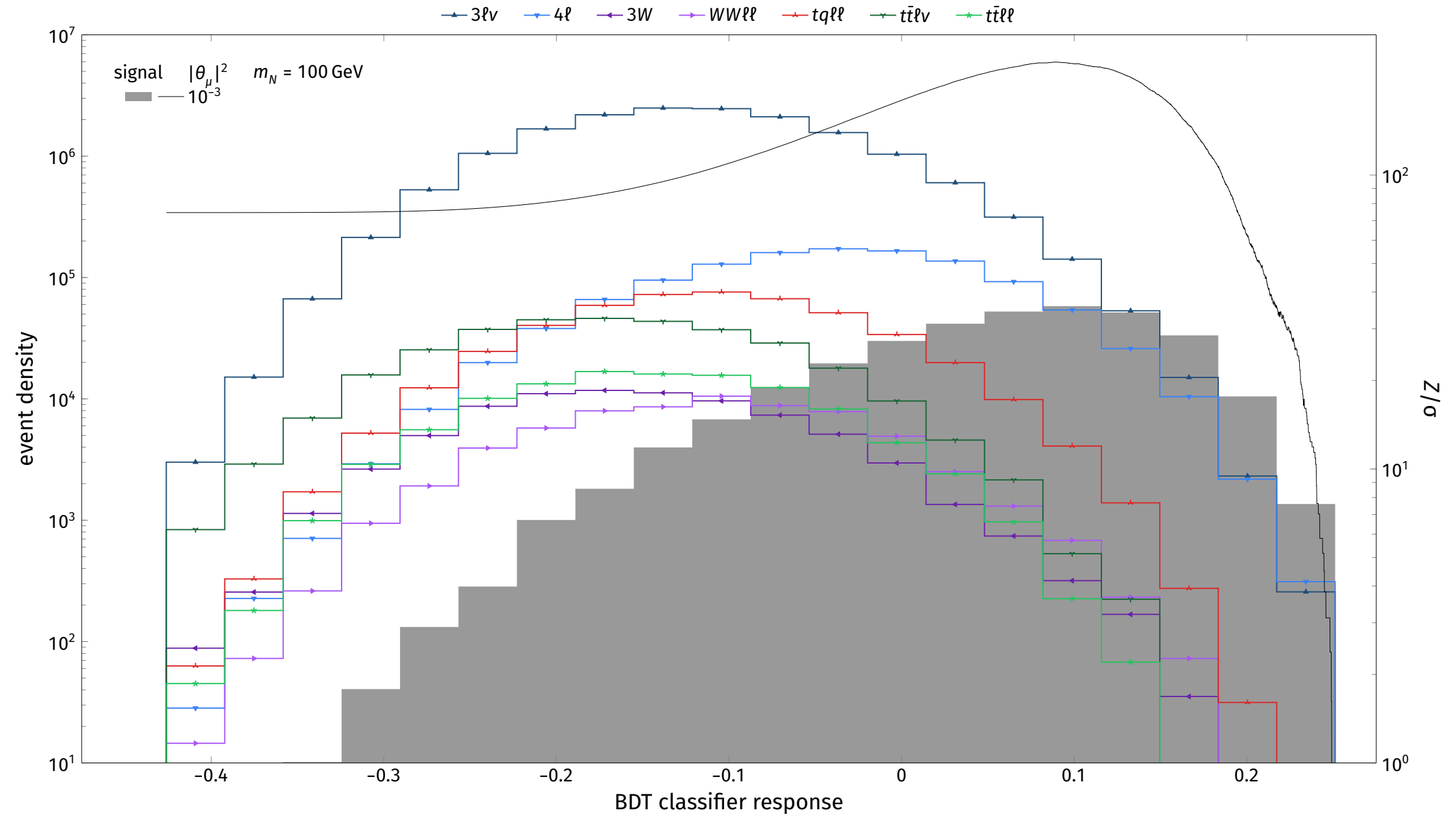


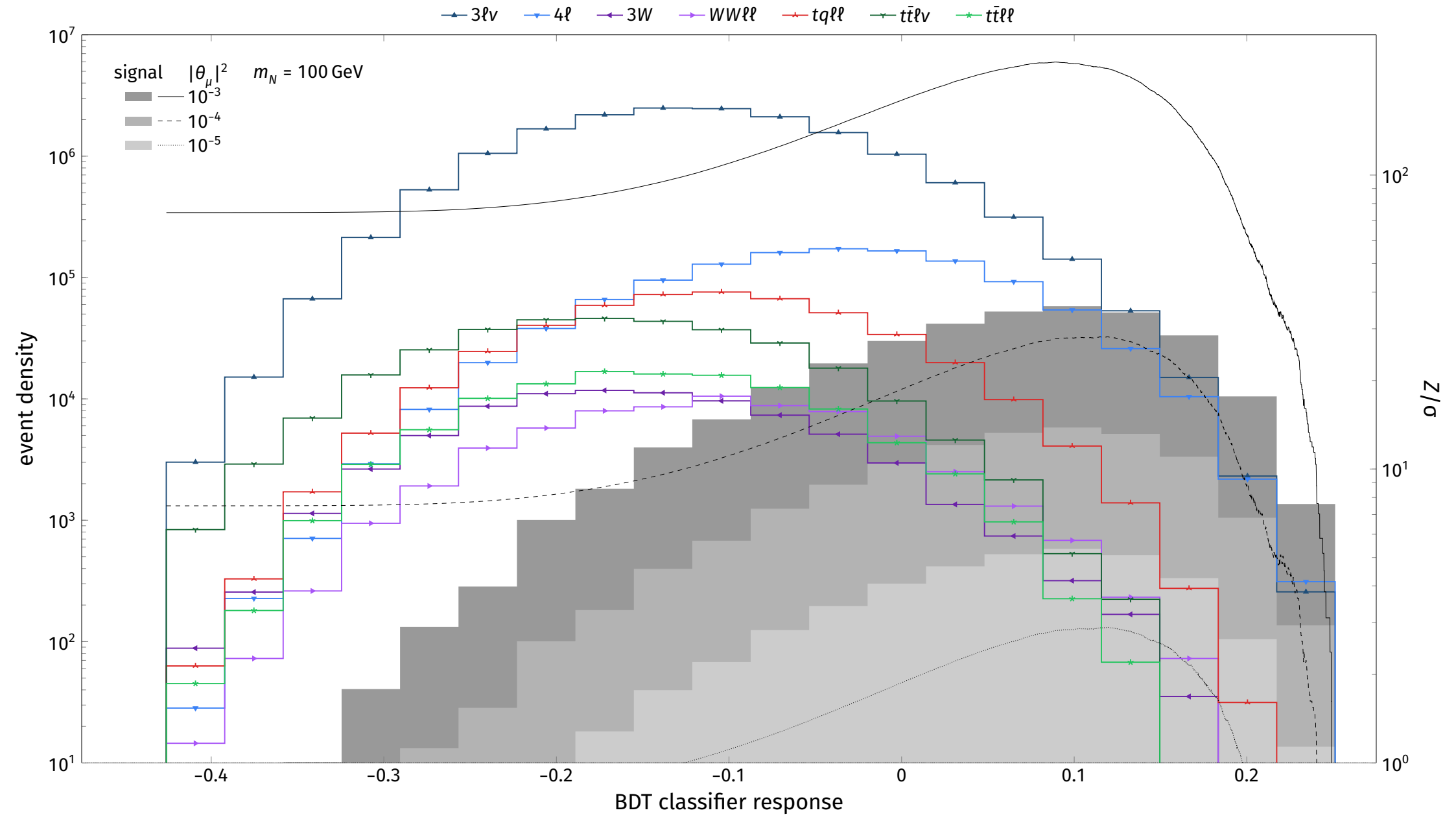
MADGRAPH5_AMC@NLO + PYTHIA8

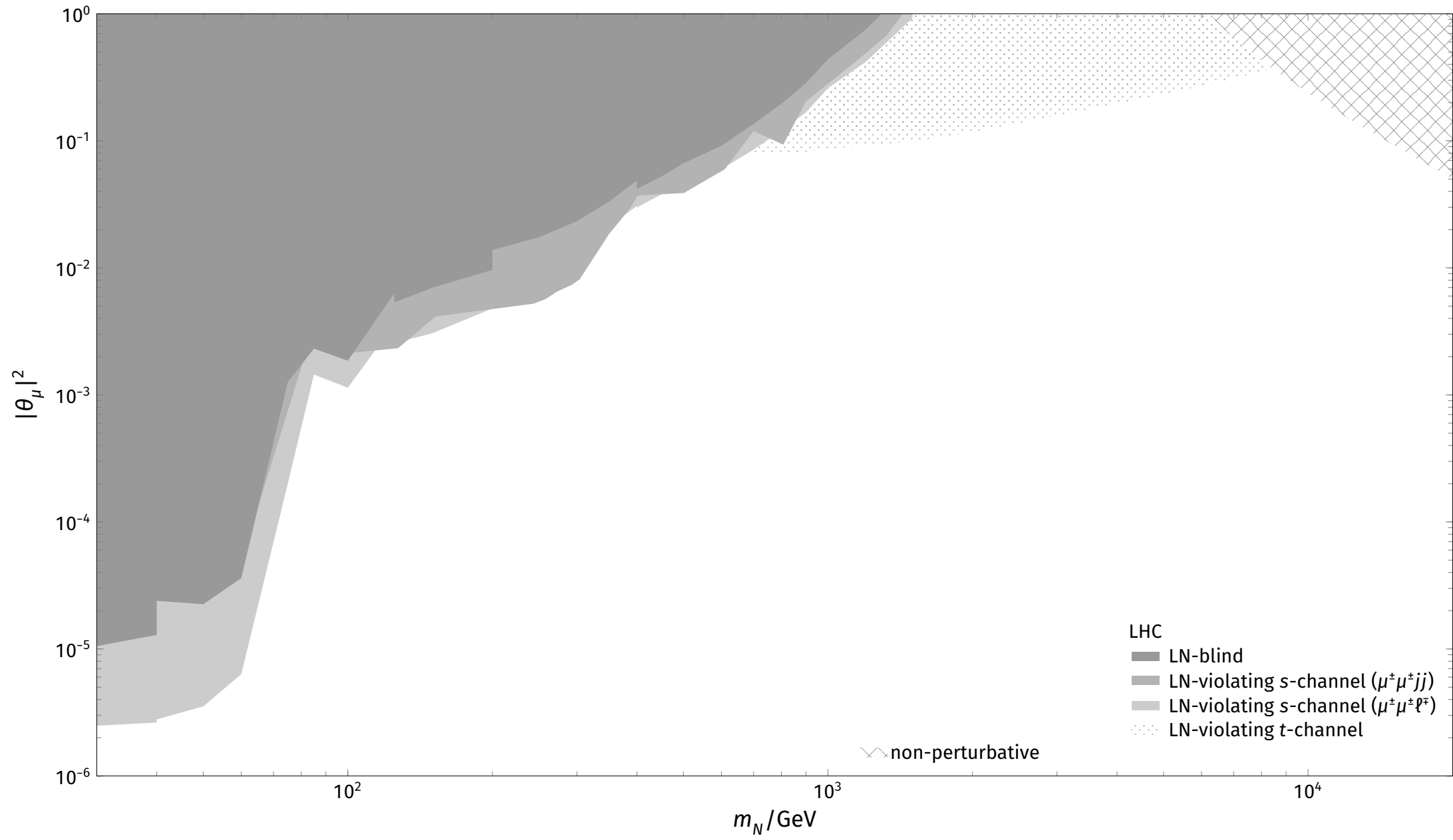


DELPHES + cut-based reconstruction

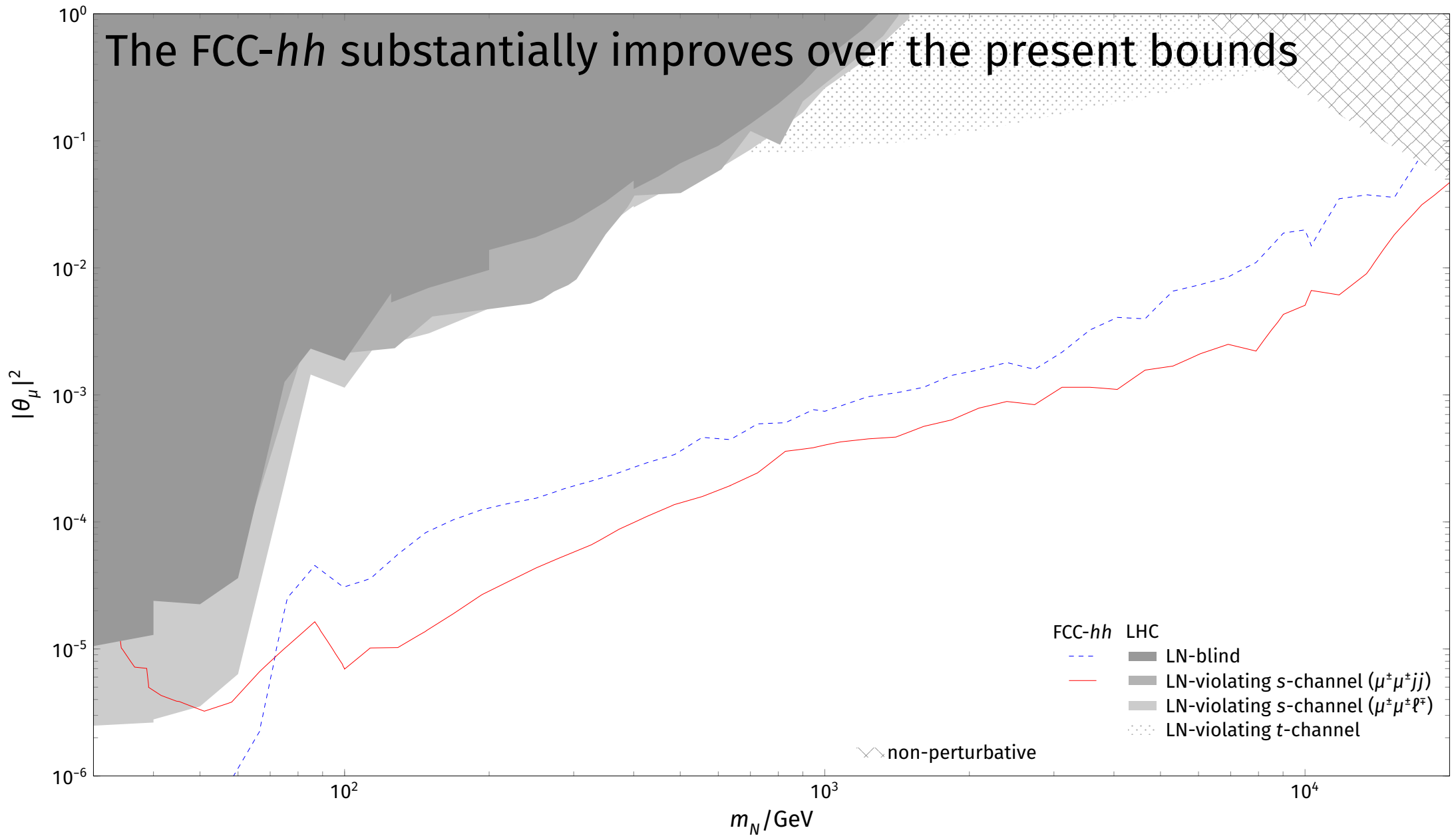






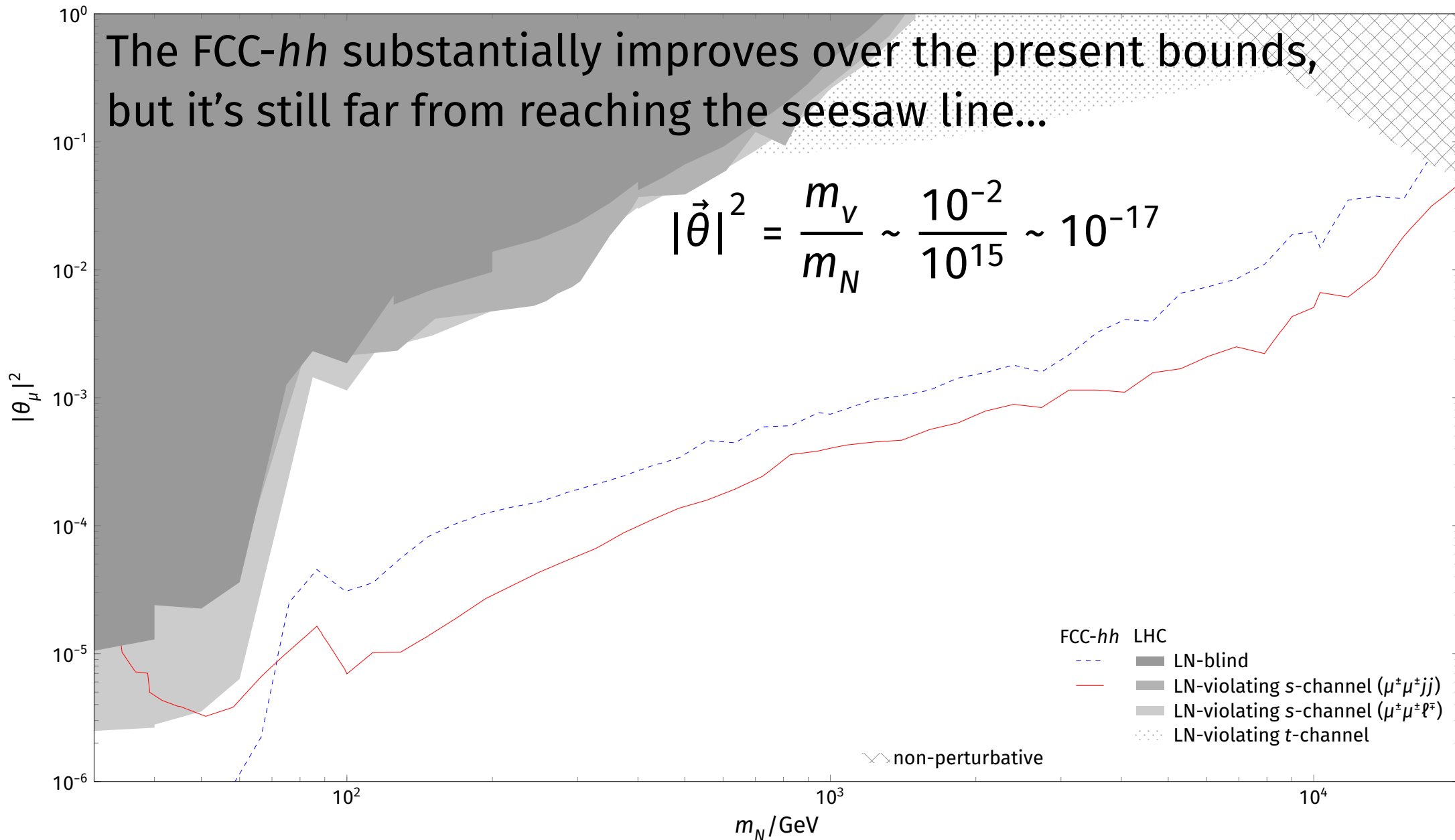


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The FCC- hh substantially improves over the present bounds, but it's still far from reaching the seesaw line...

$$|\vec{\theta}|^2 = \frac{m_\nu}{m_N} \sim \frac{10^{-2}}{10^{15}} \sim 10^{-17}$$

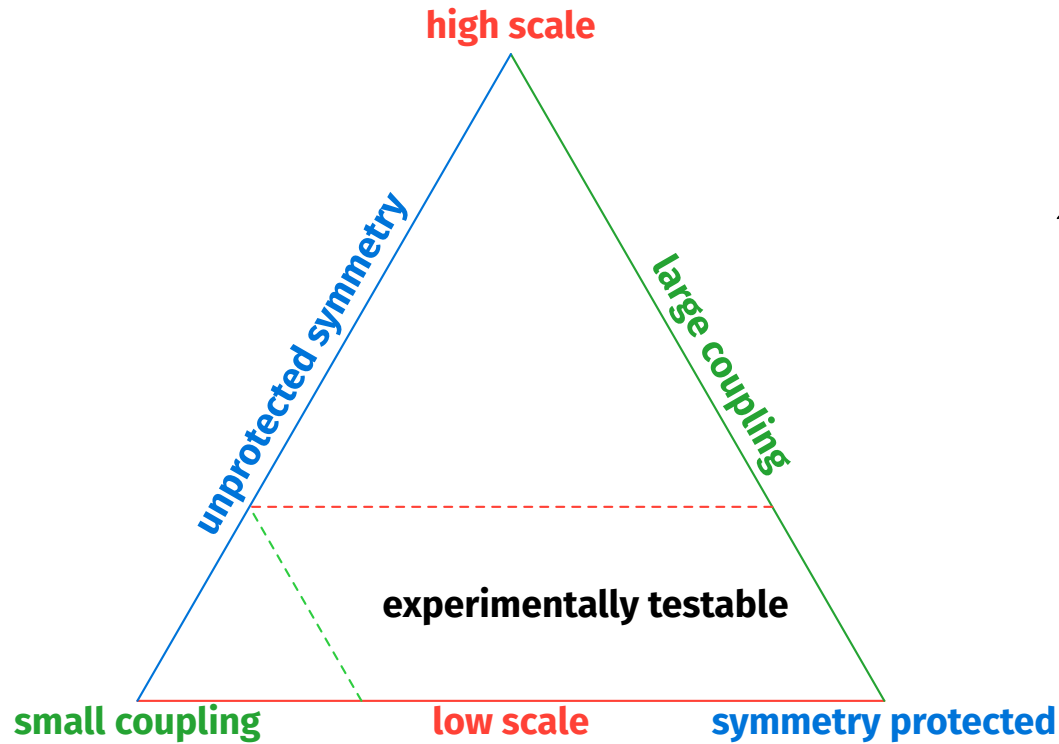


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second hnl + symmetry

symmetry-protected seesaw



exact In symmetry

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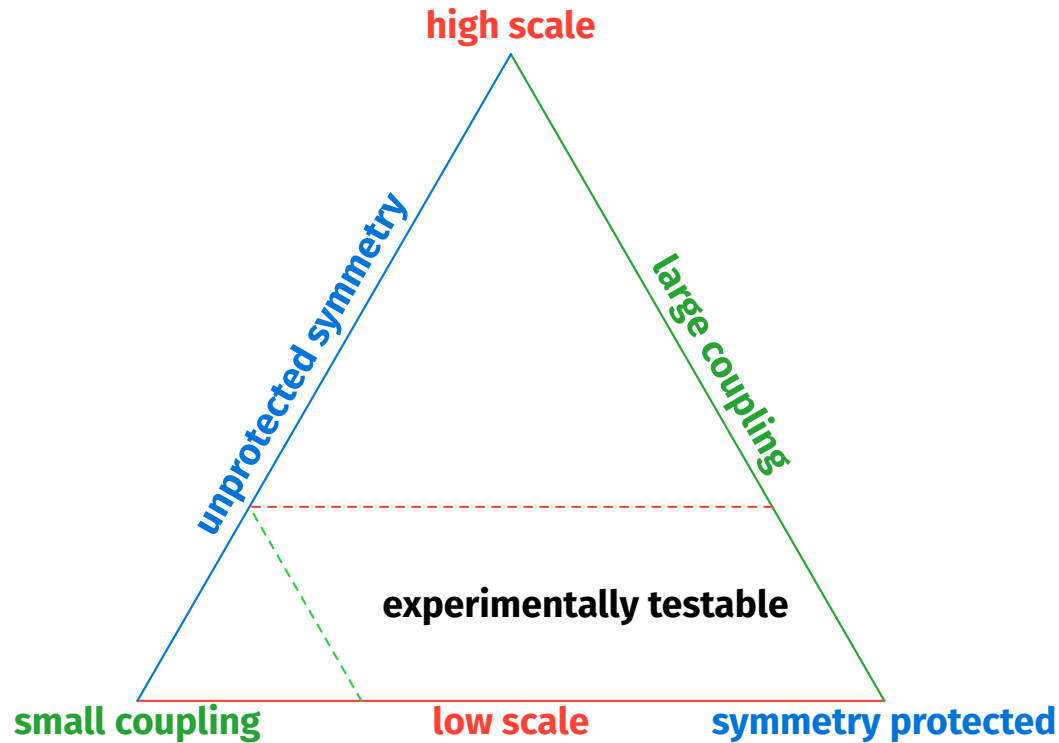
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massless SM neutrinos

+

collider-accessible
Dirac hnl

symmetry-protected seesaw



approximate ln symmetry

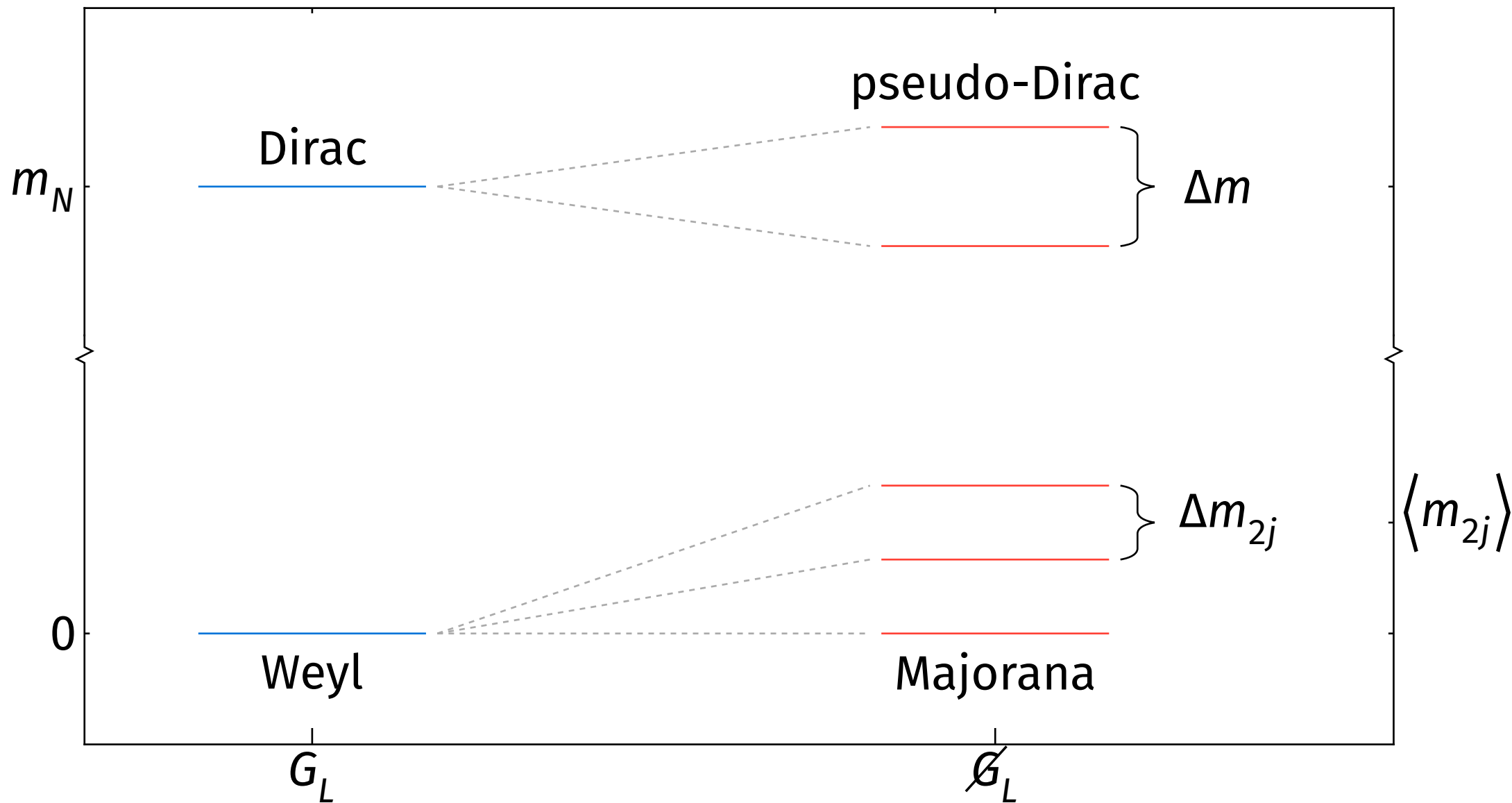
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light SM neutrinos

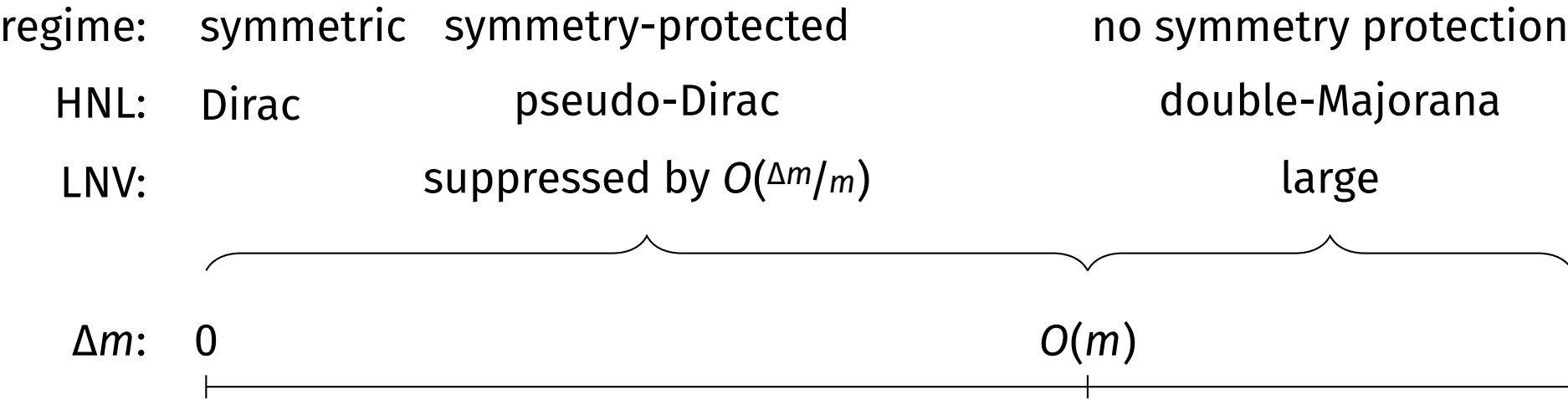
+

collider-accessible
pseudo-Dirac hnl



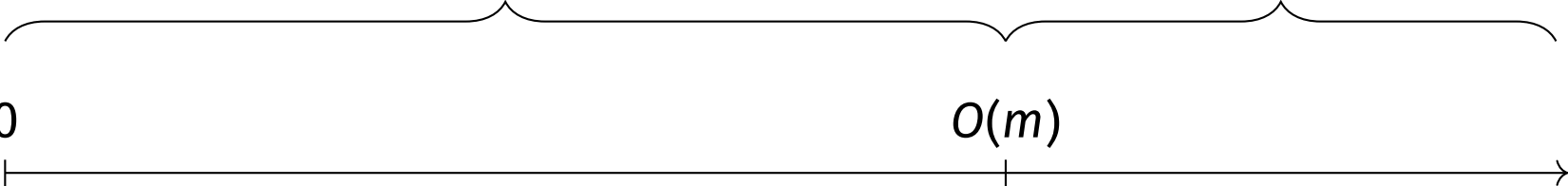
what about ln violation?

what plane-wave qft tells us



what plane-wave qft tells us

regime:	symmetric	symmetry-protected	no symmetry protection
HNL:	Dirac	pseudo-Dirac	double-Majorana
LNV:		suppressed by $O(\Delta m/m)$	large
Δm :	0		$O(m)$



not a complete picture!

heavy neutrino-antineutrino oscillations

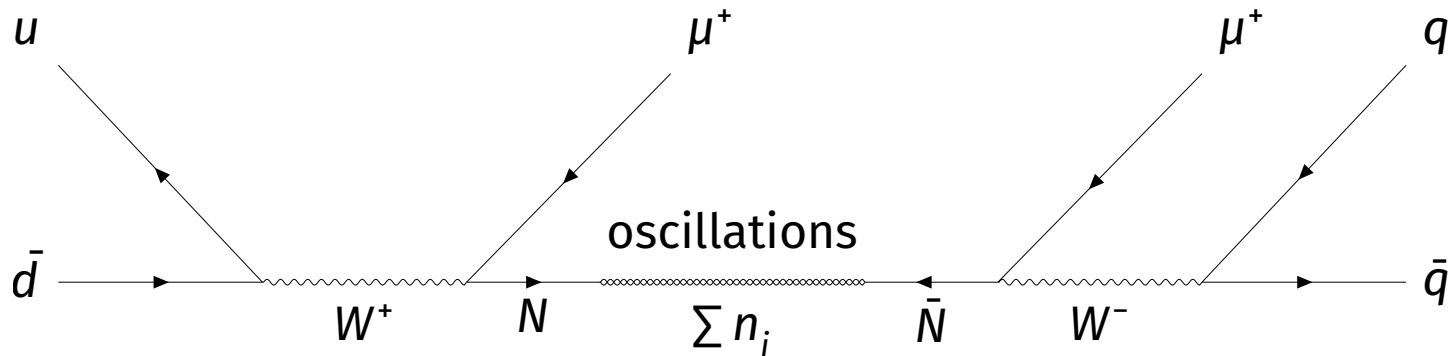
pseudo-Dirac pair contains two mass eigenstates

$$m_{4/5} = m_N \pm \frac{\Delta m}{2}$$

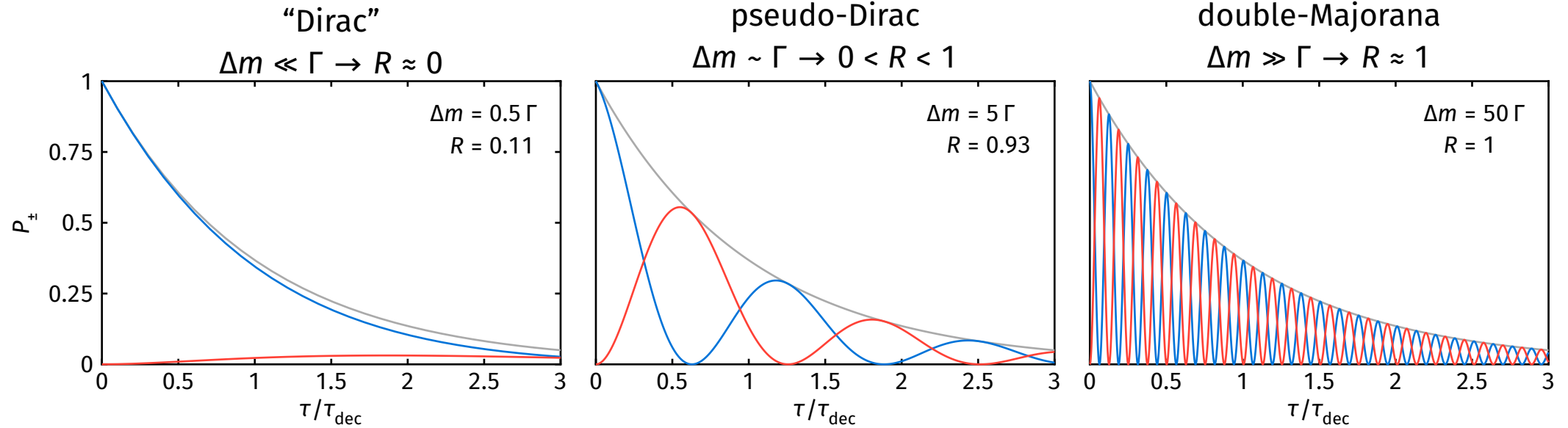
interference during resonant propagation



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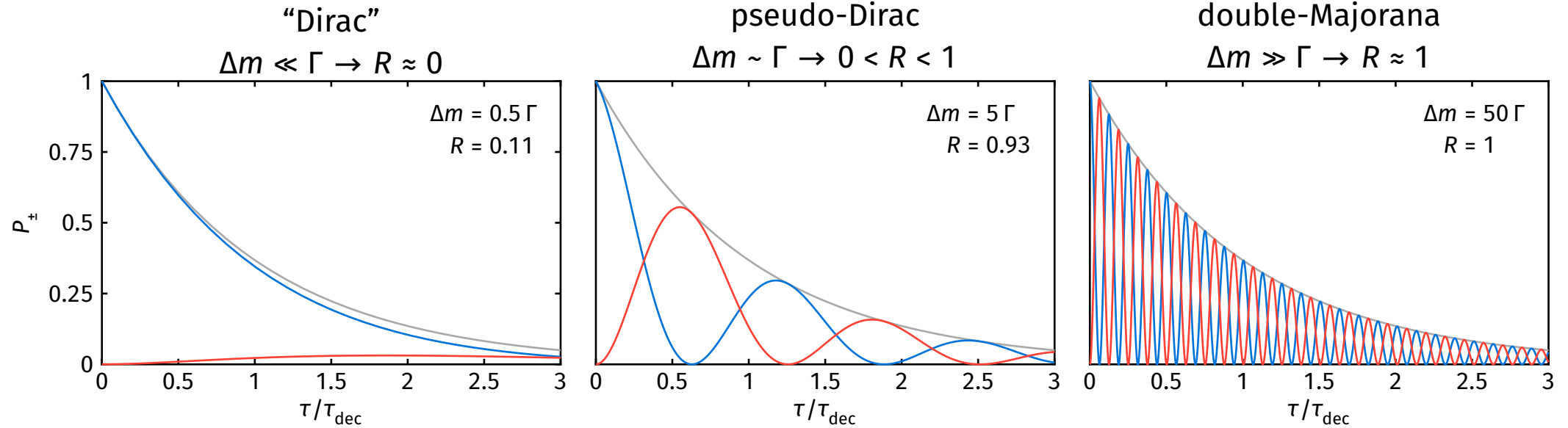
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decaying oscillations

$$P^{\pm}(\tau) = P_{\text{decay}}(\tau) \times P_{\text{osc}}^{\pm}(\tau)$$

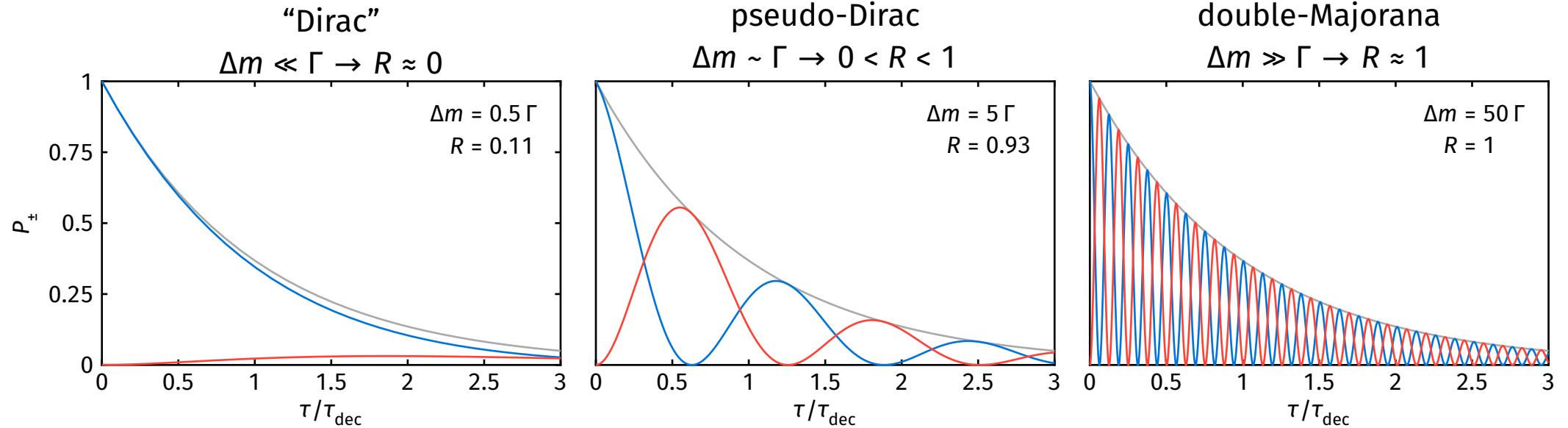
heavy neutrino-antineutrino oscillations



decaying oscillations

$$P_{\text{decay}}(\tau) = \Gamma e^{-\Gamma \tau} \quad P_{\text{osc}}^\pm(\tau) = \frac{1 \pm \cos(\Delta m \tau)}{2}$$

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time-integrated behaviour

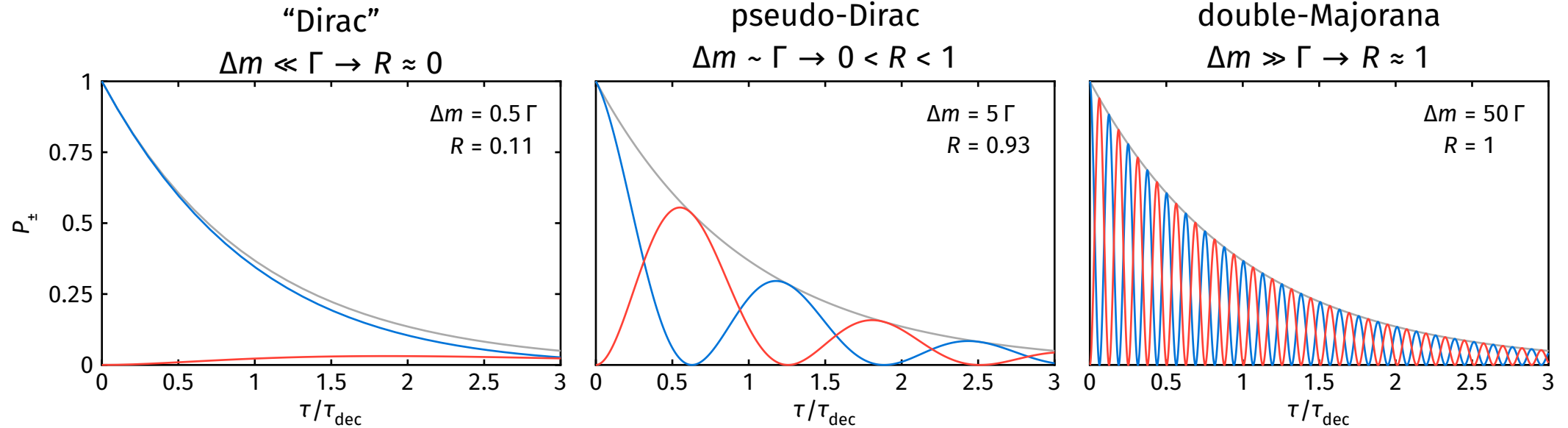
In-conserving $\ell^\pm \ell^\mp$ events

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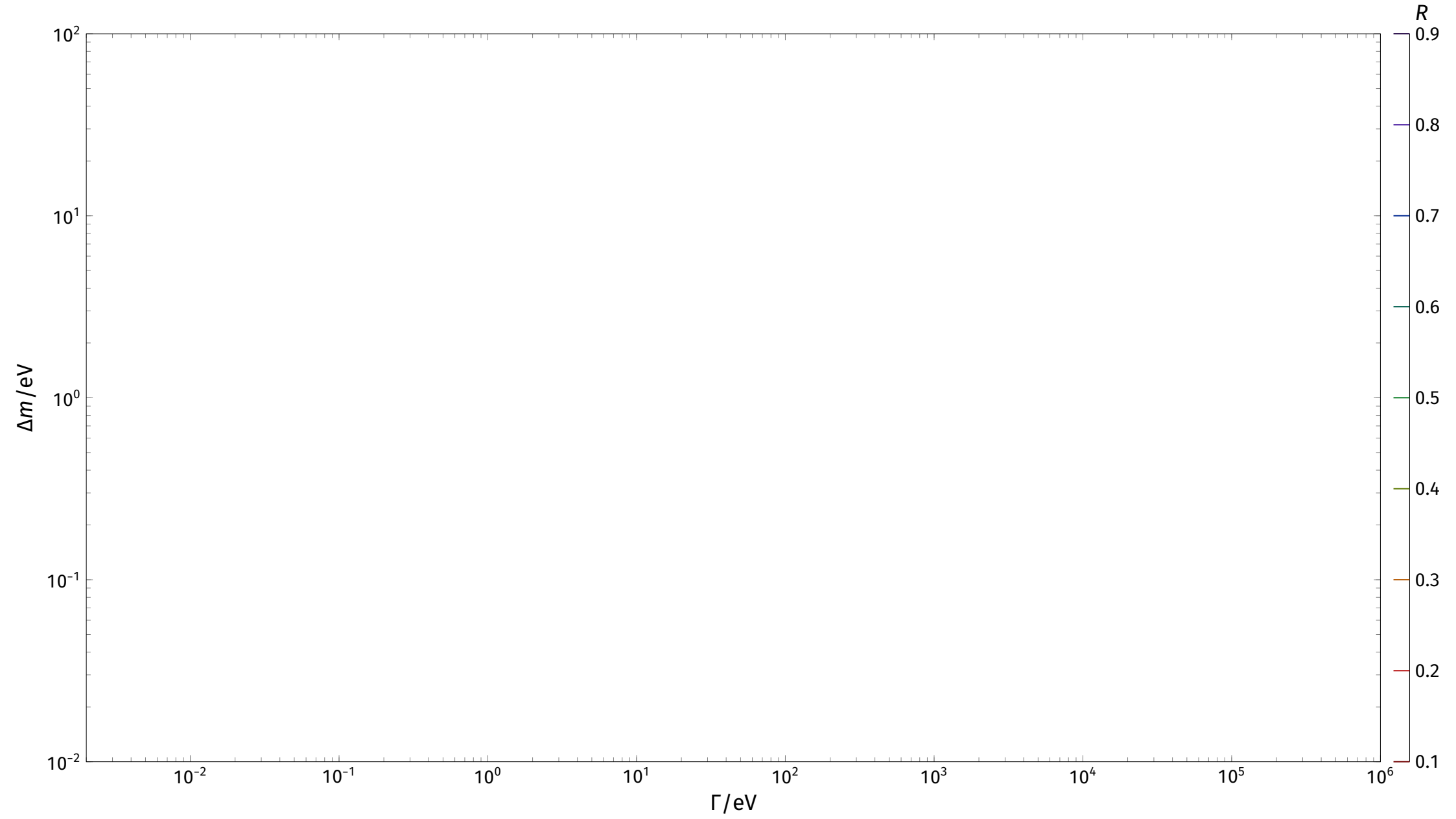
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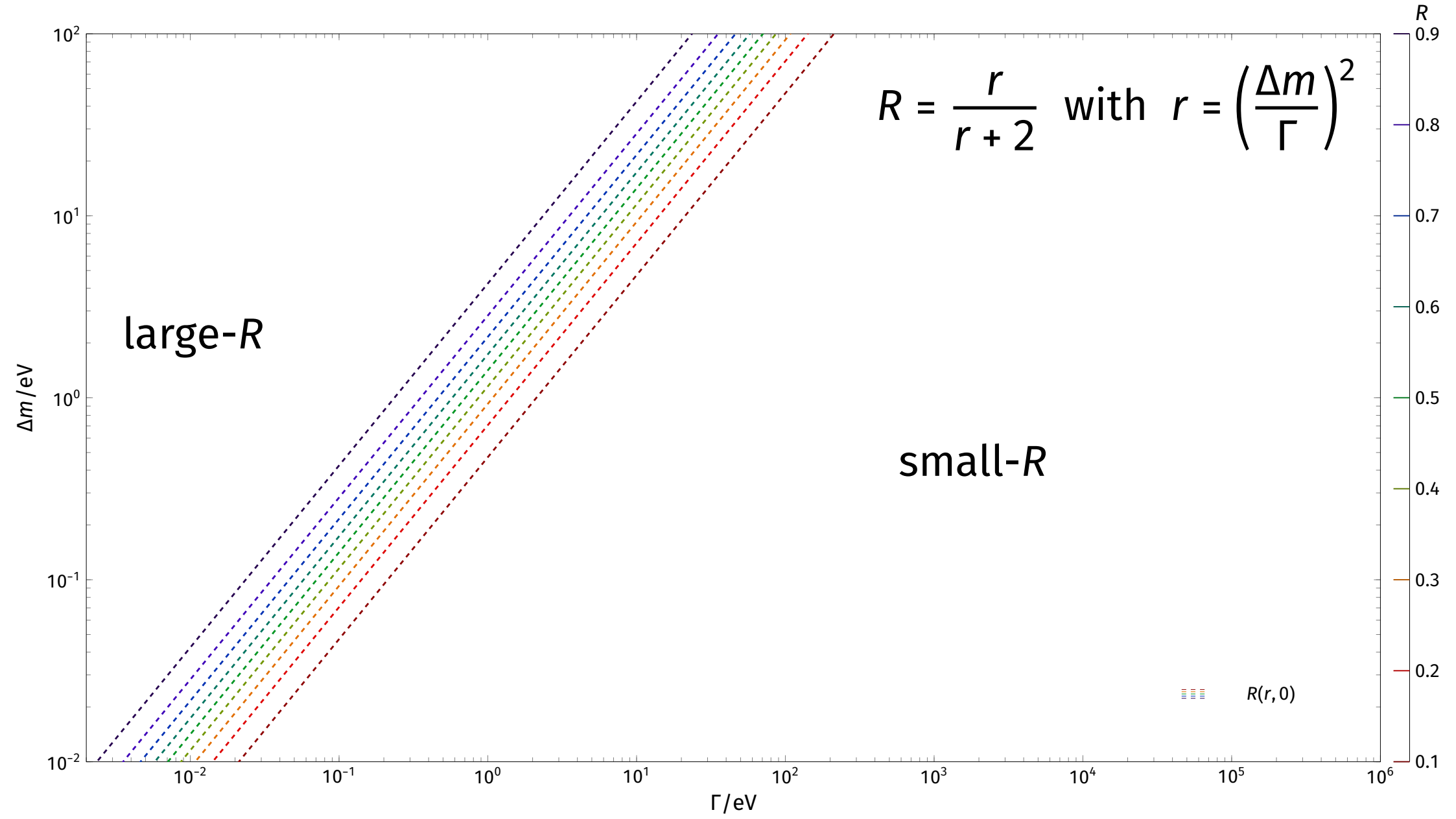
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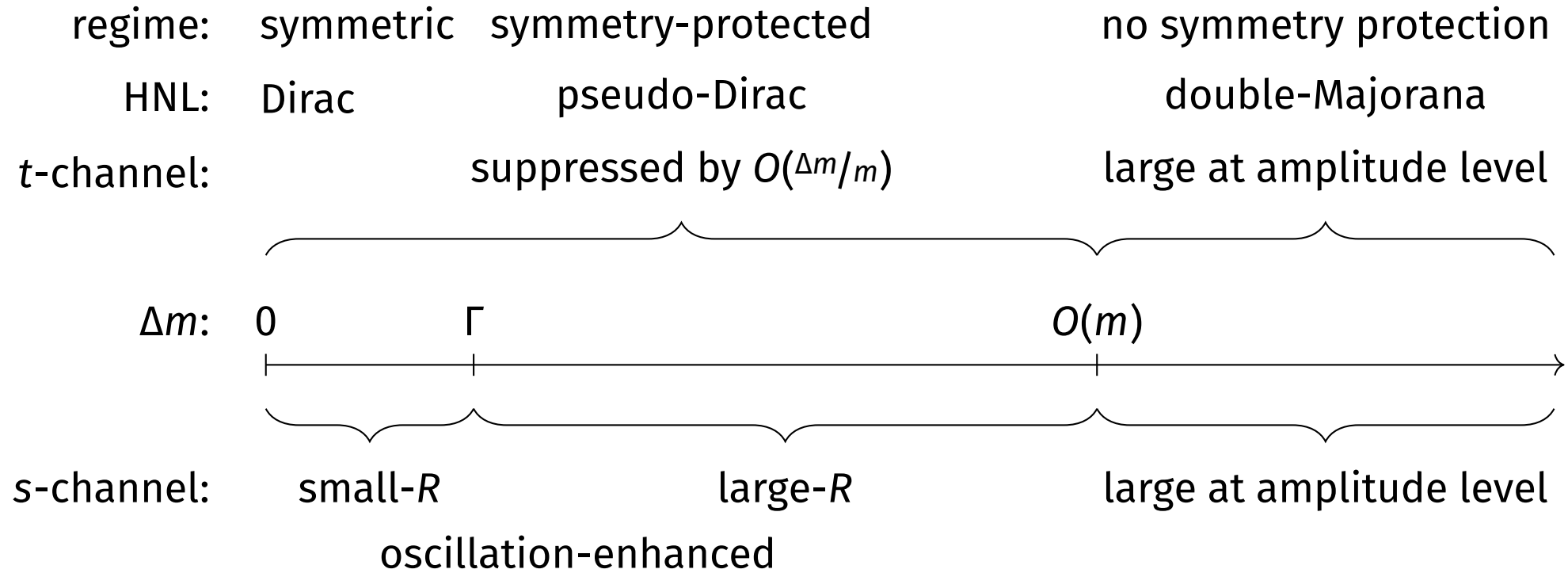
the decaying oscillations are governed by Δm and Γ

$$R \equiv \frac{N_{\text{SS}}}{N_{\text{OS}}} = \frac{r}{r+2} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{r}{2} & \Delta m \ll \Gamma \\ 1 - \frac{2}{r} & \Delta m \gg \Gamma \end{cases} \quad r \equiv \left(\frac{\Delta m}{\Gamma} \right)^2$$

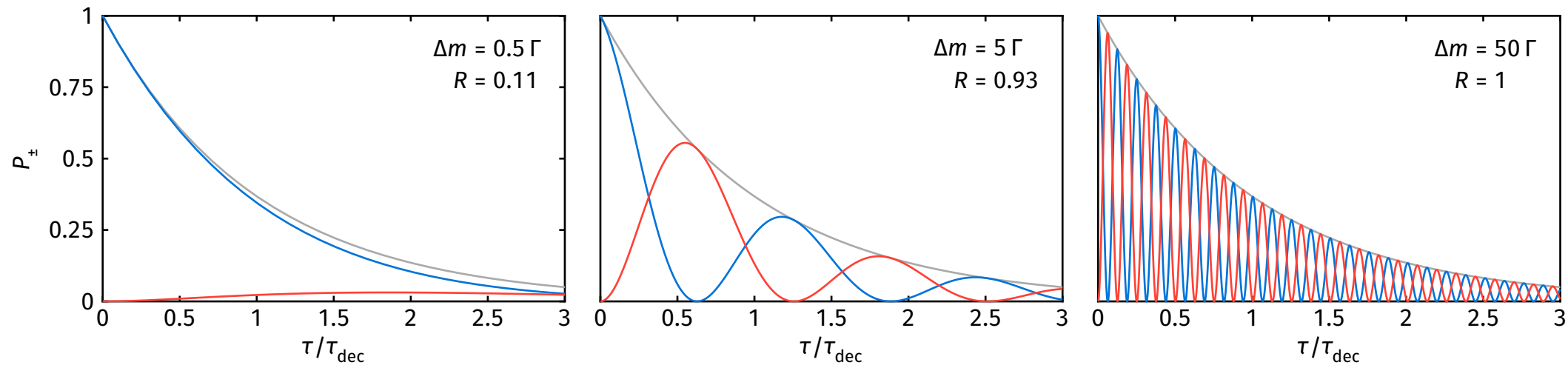




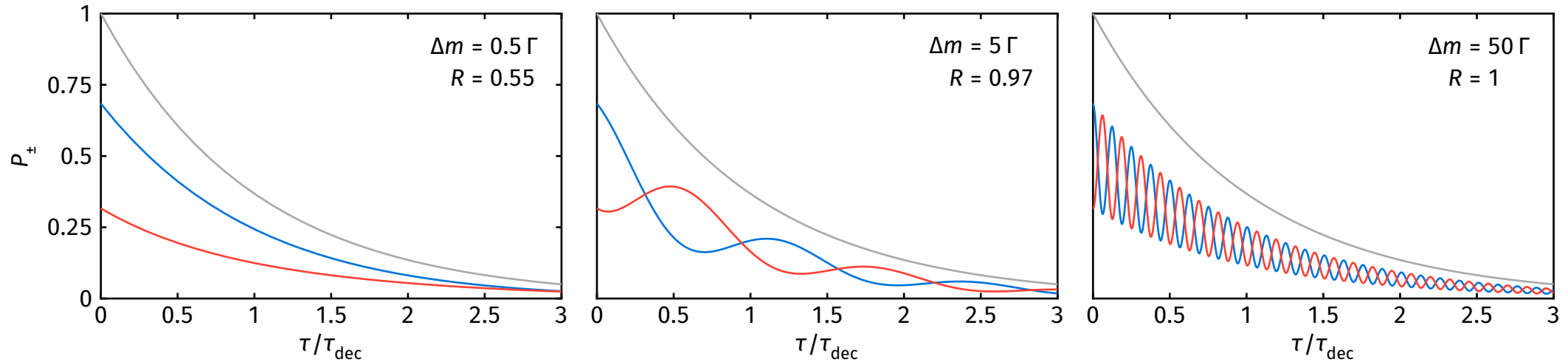
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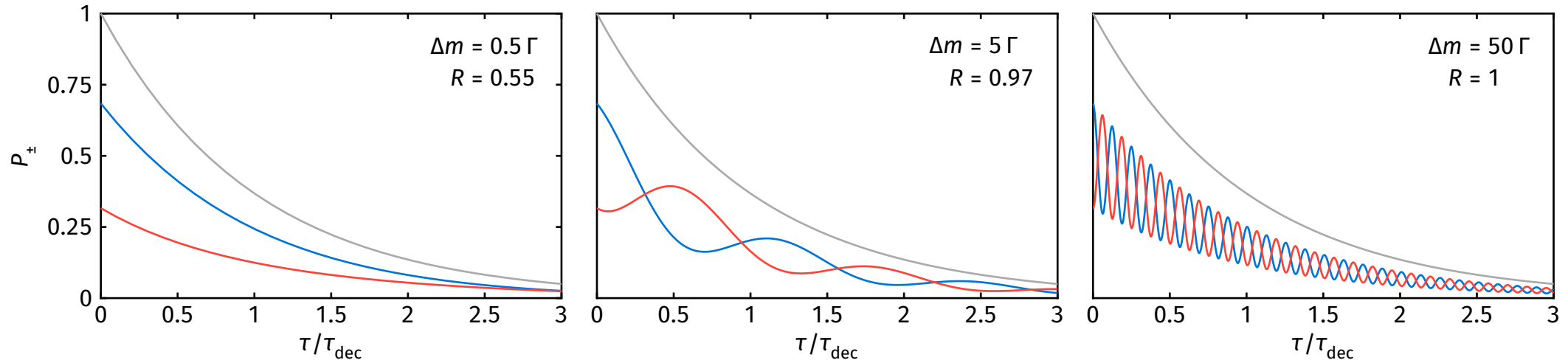


decoherence can damp quantum oscillations

$$P_{\text{osc}}^{\pm}(\tau) = \frac{1 \pm e^{-\lambda} \cos(\Delta m \tau)}{2} \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda = \left(\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta m_{\lambda}} \right)^2$$

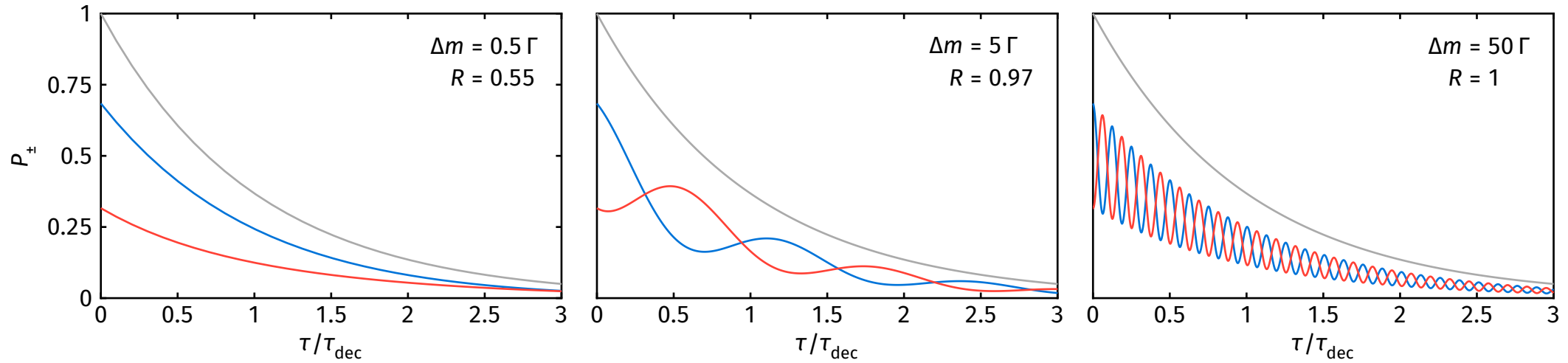
$$\text{and } \Delta m_{\lambda} = \mathcal{O}(10 \text{ eV})$$

heavy neutrino-antineutrino oscillations



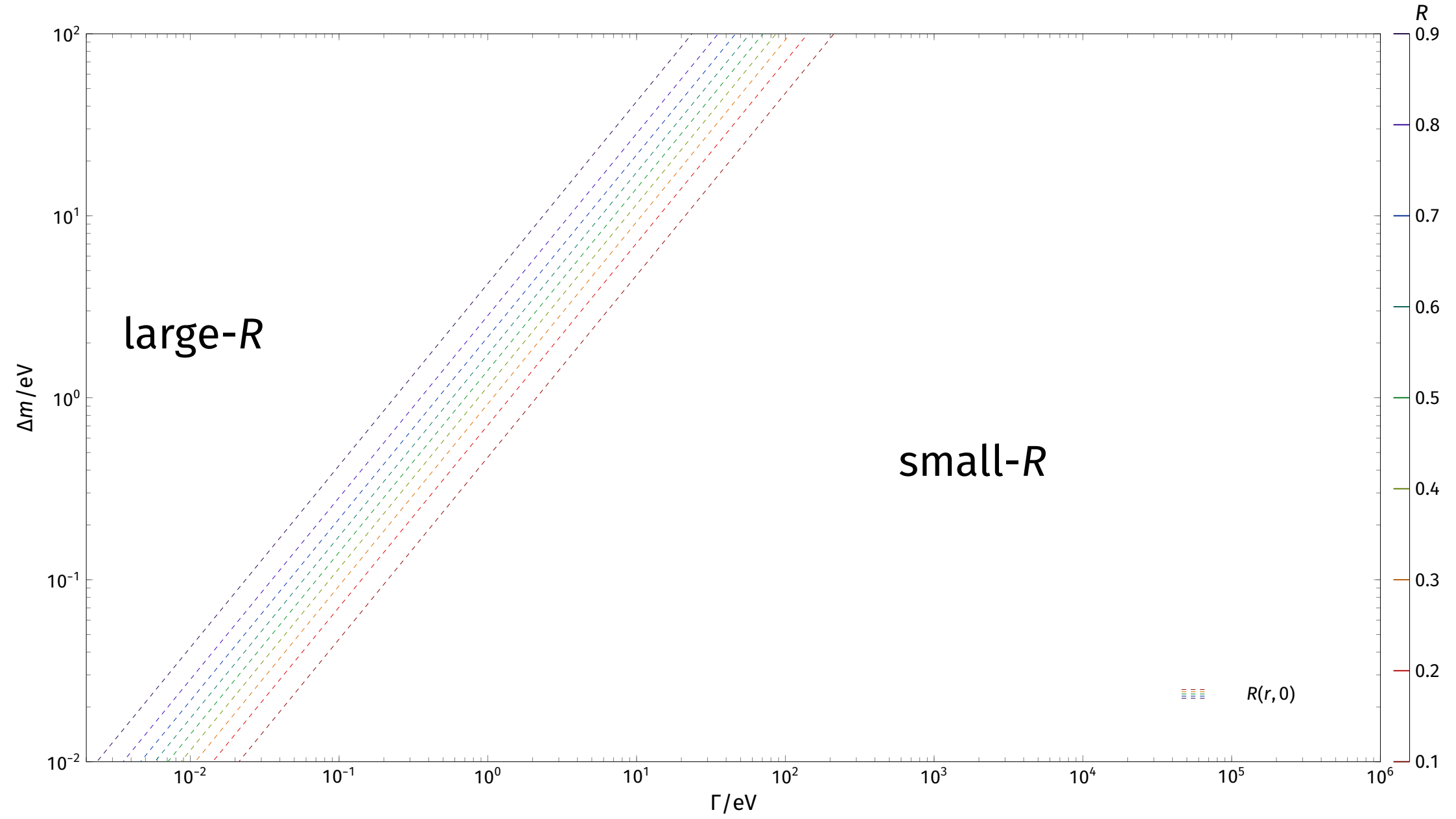
$$R(r, 0) = \frac{r}{r + 2} \quad R(r, \lambda) = 1 - \frac{2}{1 + (1 + r)e^{\lambda}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} R(r, 0) & \Delta m \ll \Delta m_{\lambda} \\ 1 & \Delta m \gg \Delta m_{\lambda} \end{cases}$$

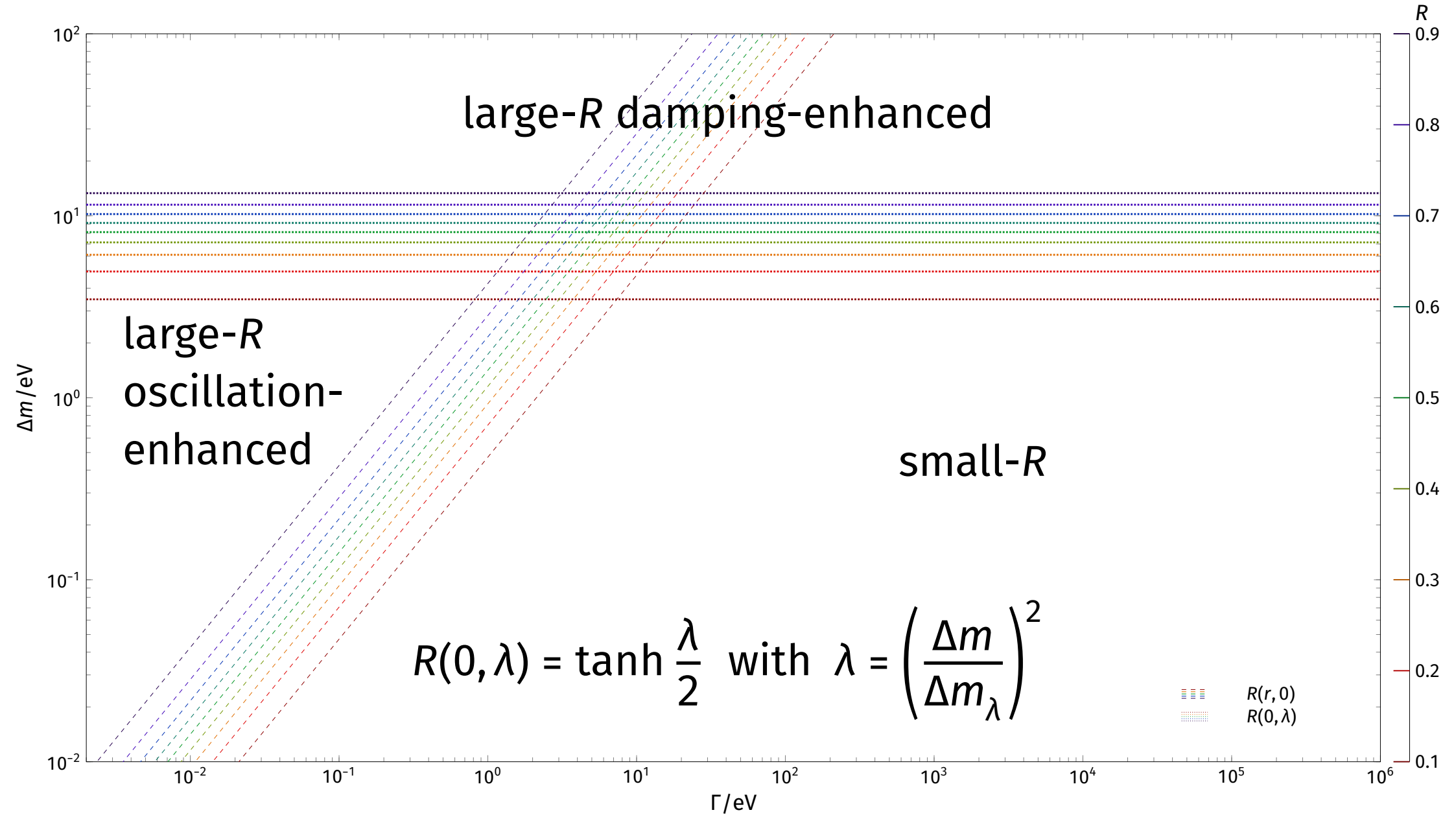
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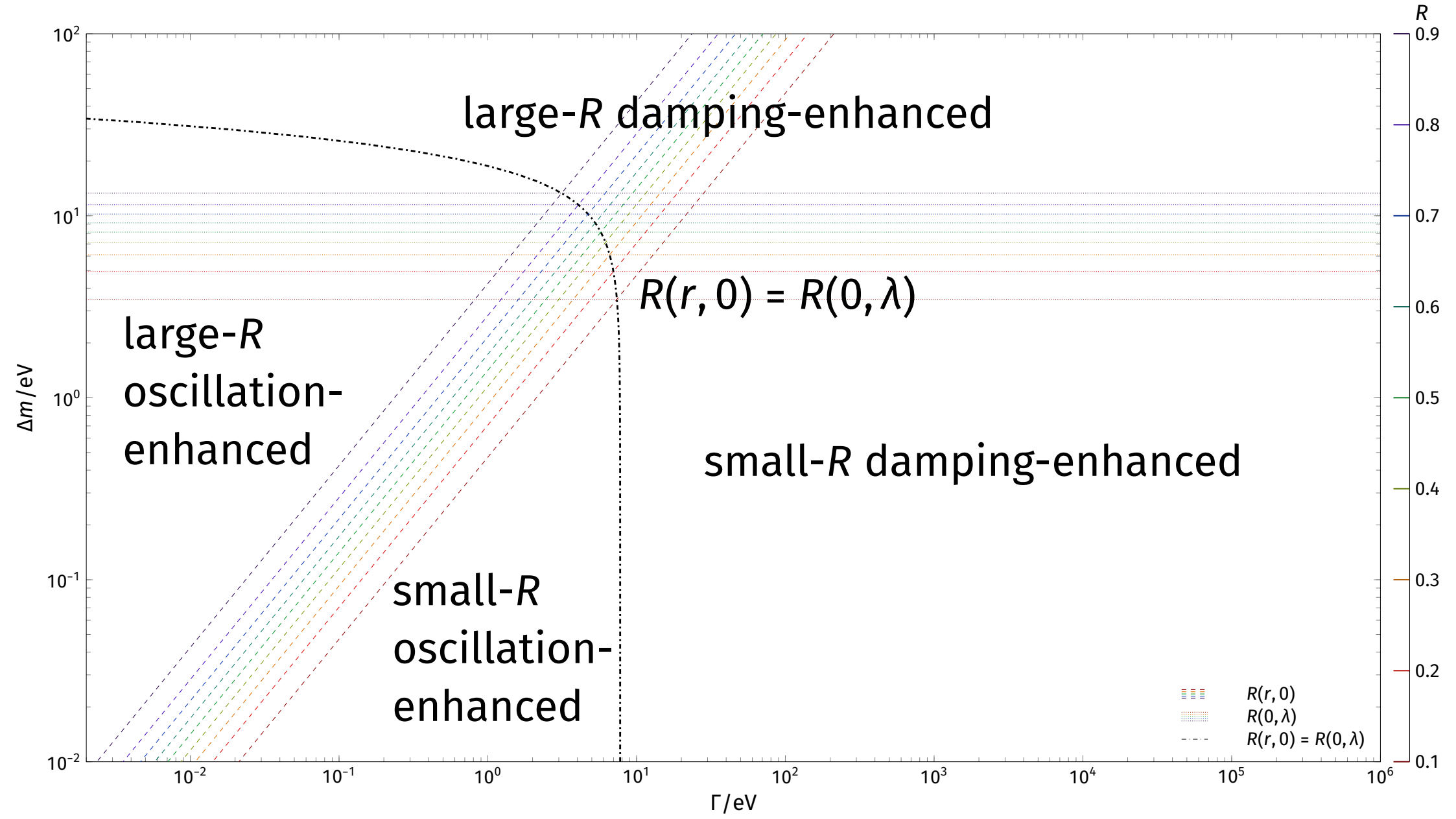


$$R(r, 0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{r}{2} & \Delta m \ll \Gamma \\ 1 - \frac{2}{r} & \Delta m \gg \Gamma \end{cases} \quad R(r, \lambda) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \tanh \frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{r}{1 + \cosh \lambda} & \Delta m \ll \Gamma \\ 1 - \frac{2}{r} e^{-\lambda} & \Delta m \gg \Gamma \end{cases}$$

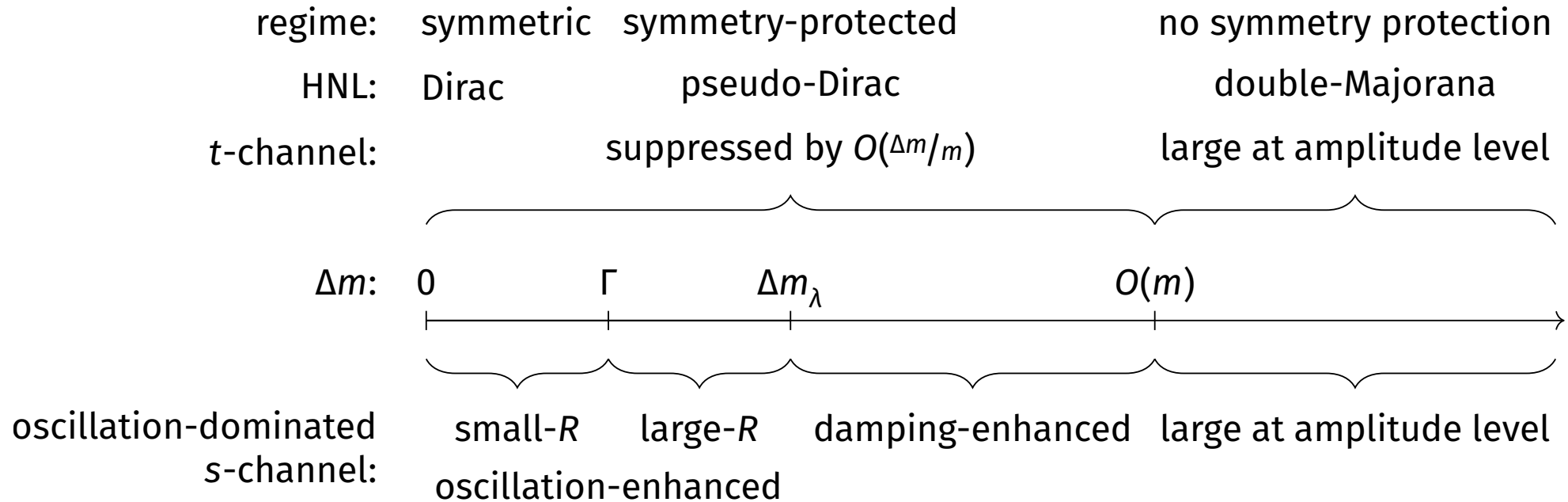
decoherence $\rightarrow$ ln violation floor at large Γ $R(0, \lambda) = \tanh \frac{\lambda}{2}$



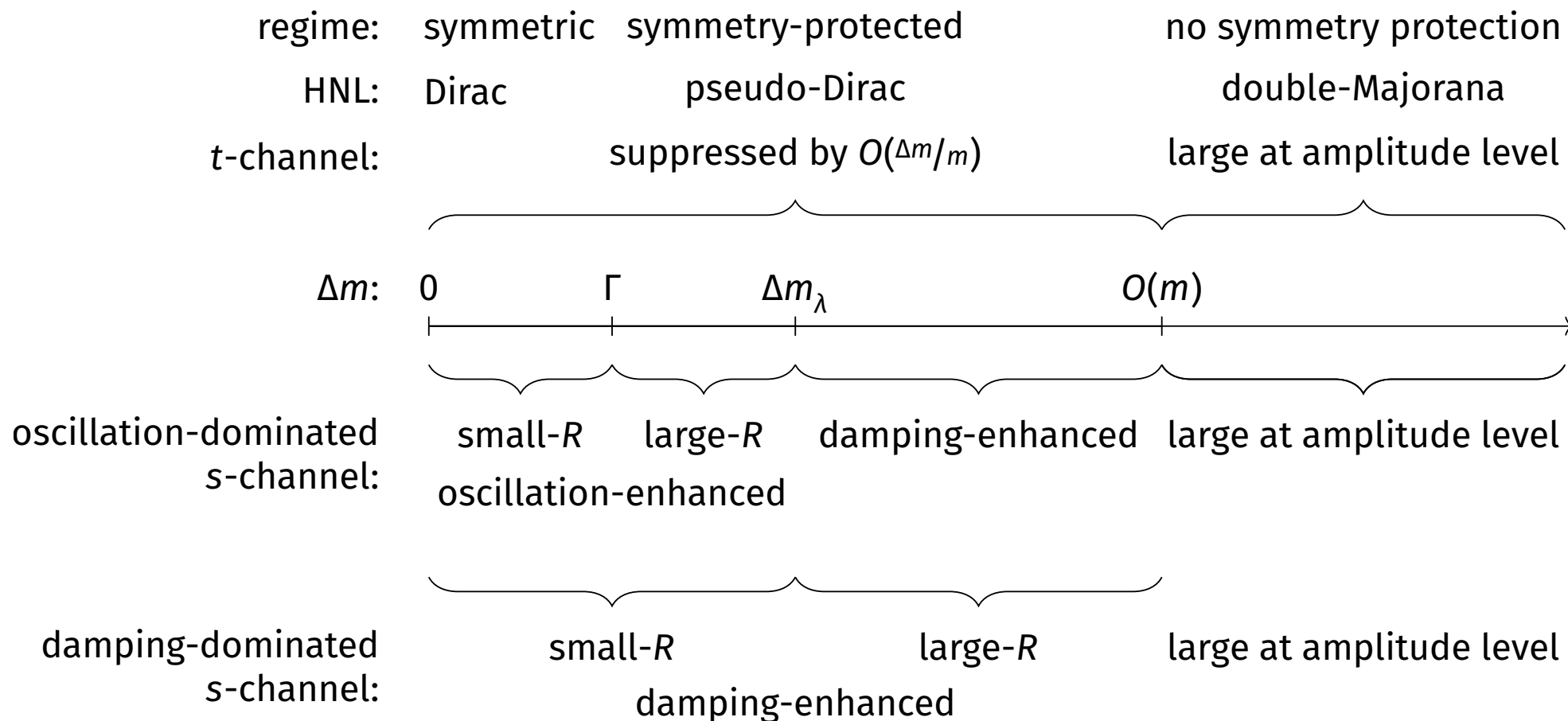


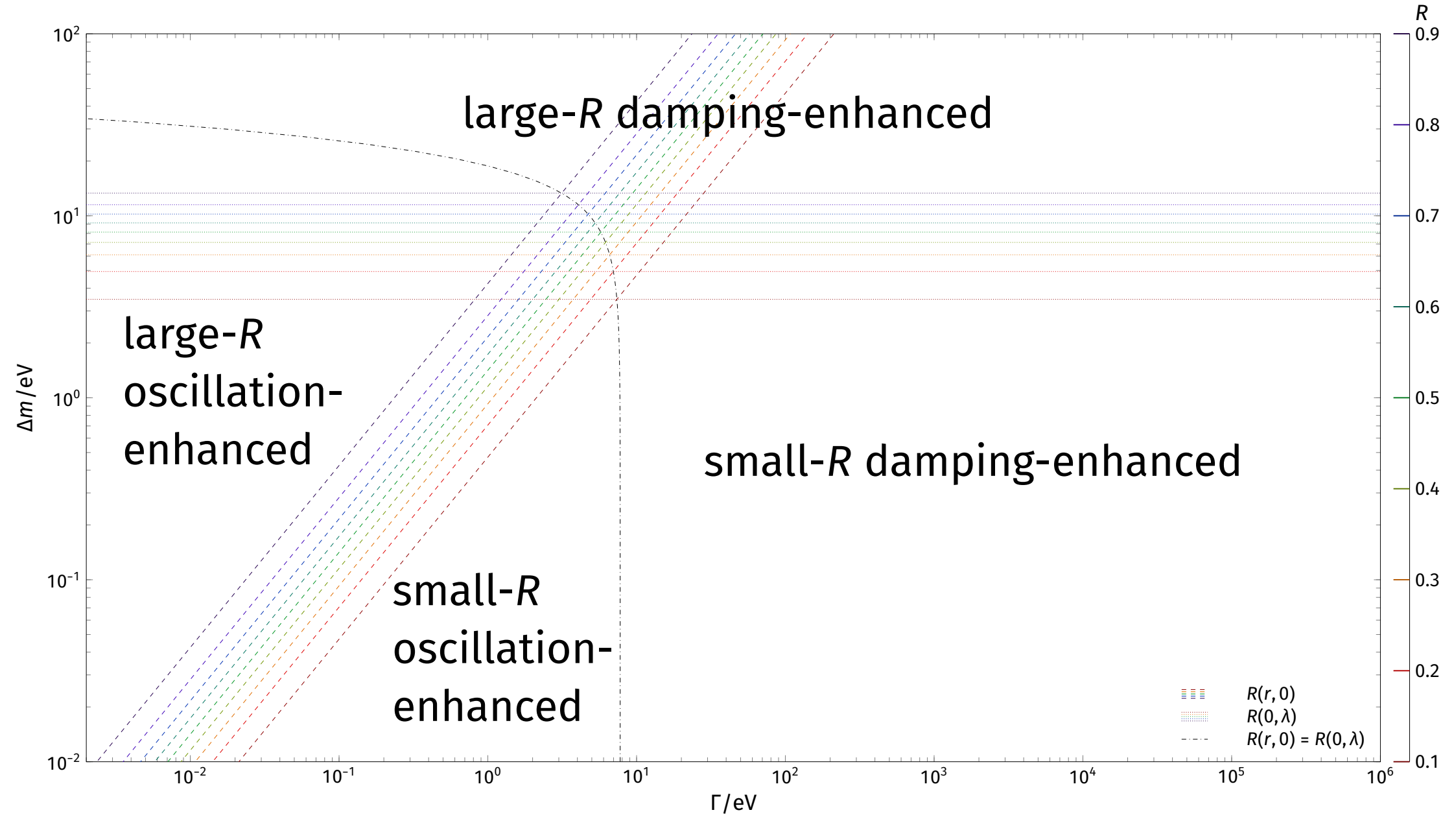


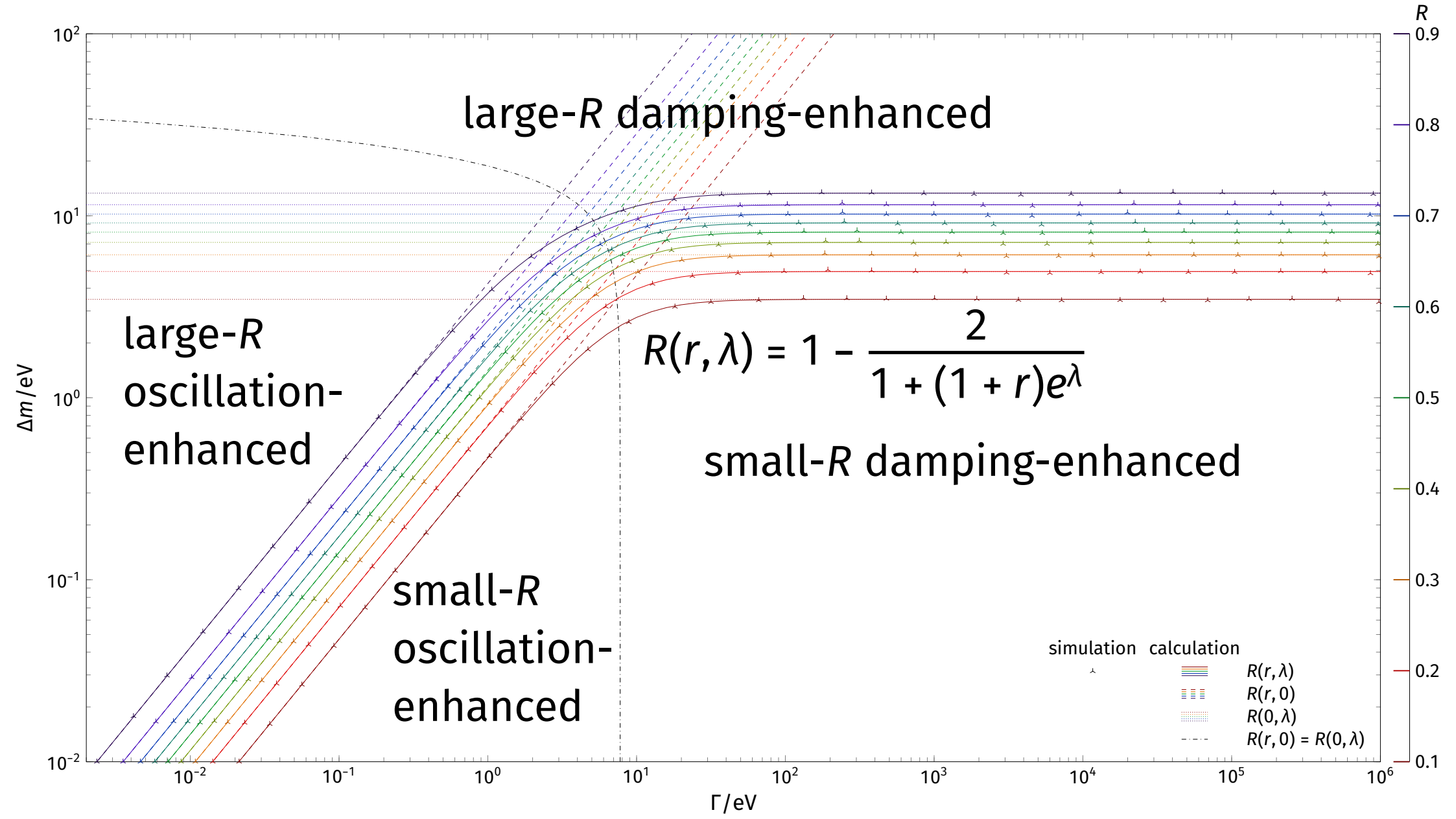
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back to colliders!

sensitivity to pseudo-Dirac hnls

collider-accessible = symmetry-protected



pseudo-Dirac hnls

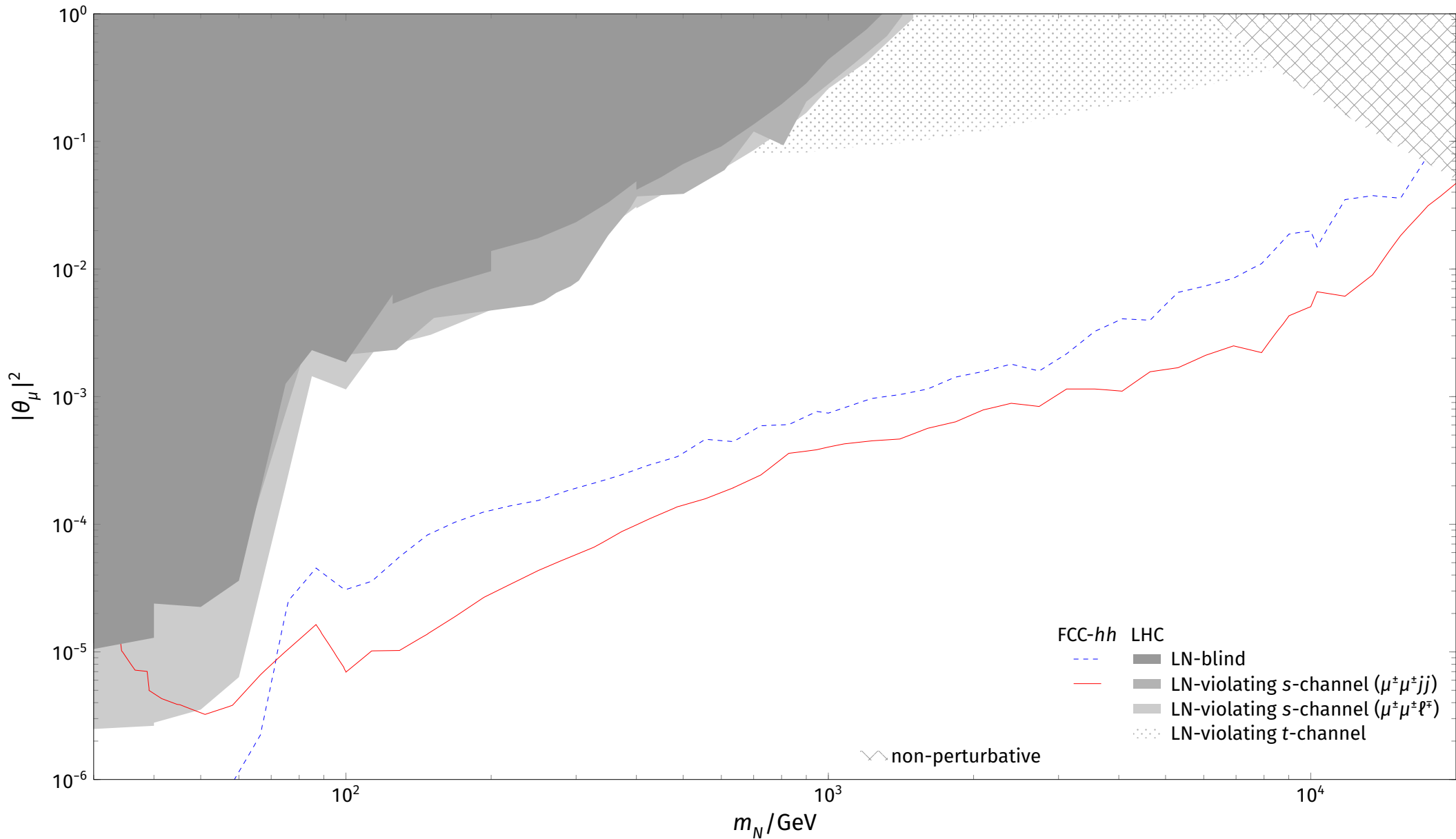


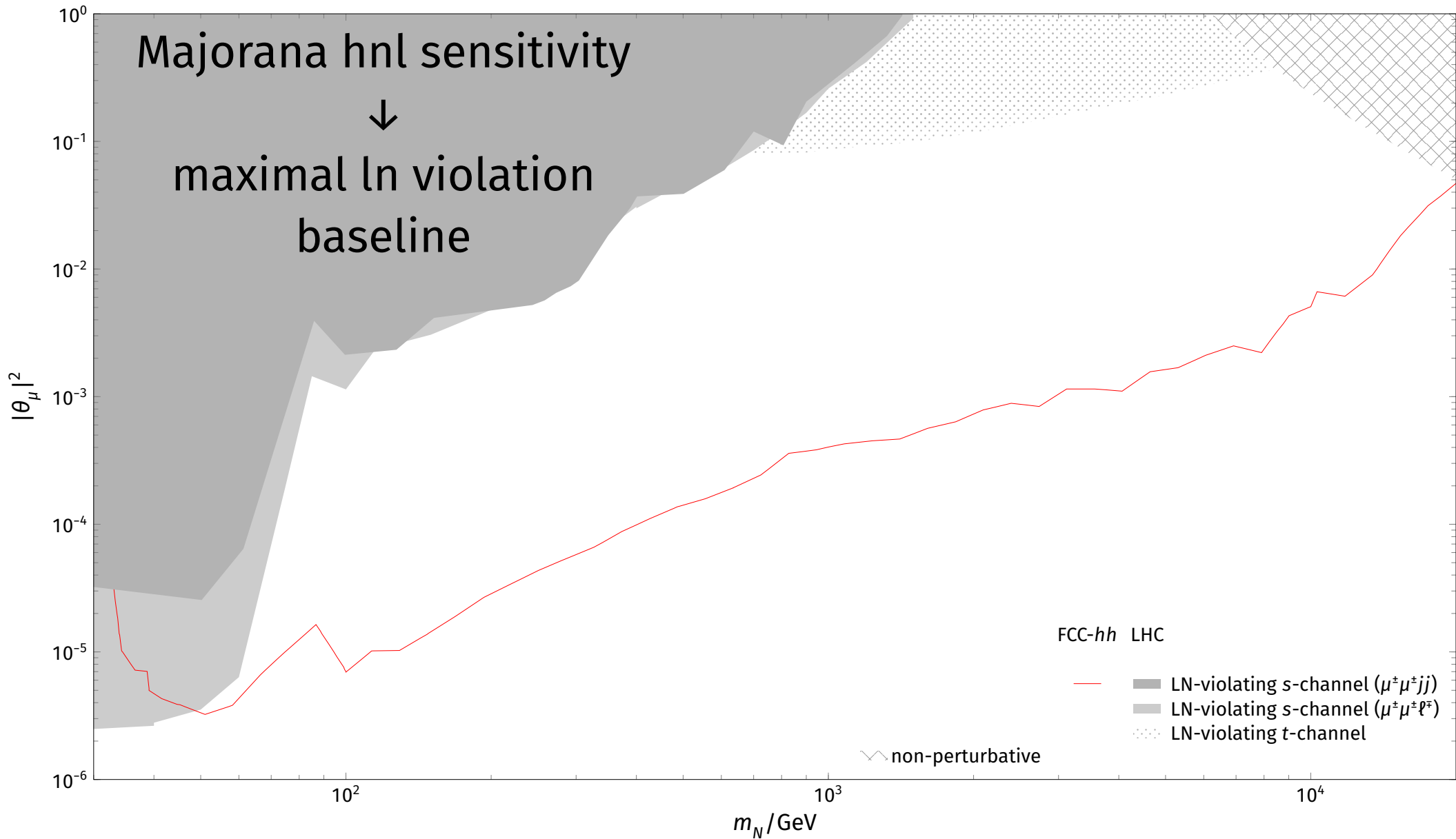
damped oscillations

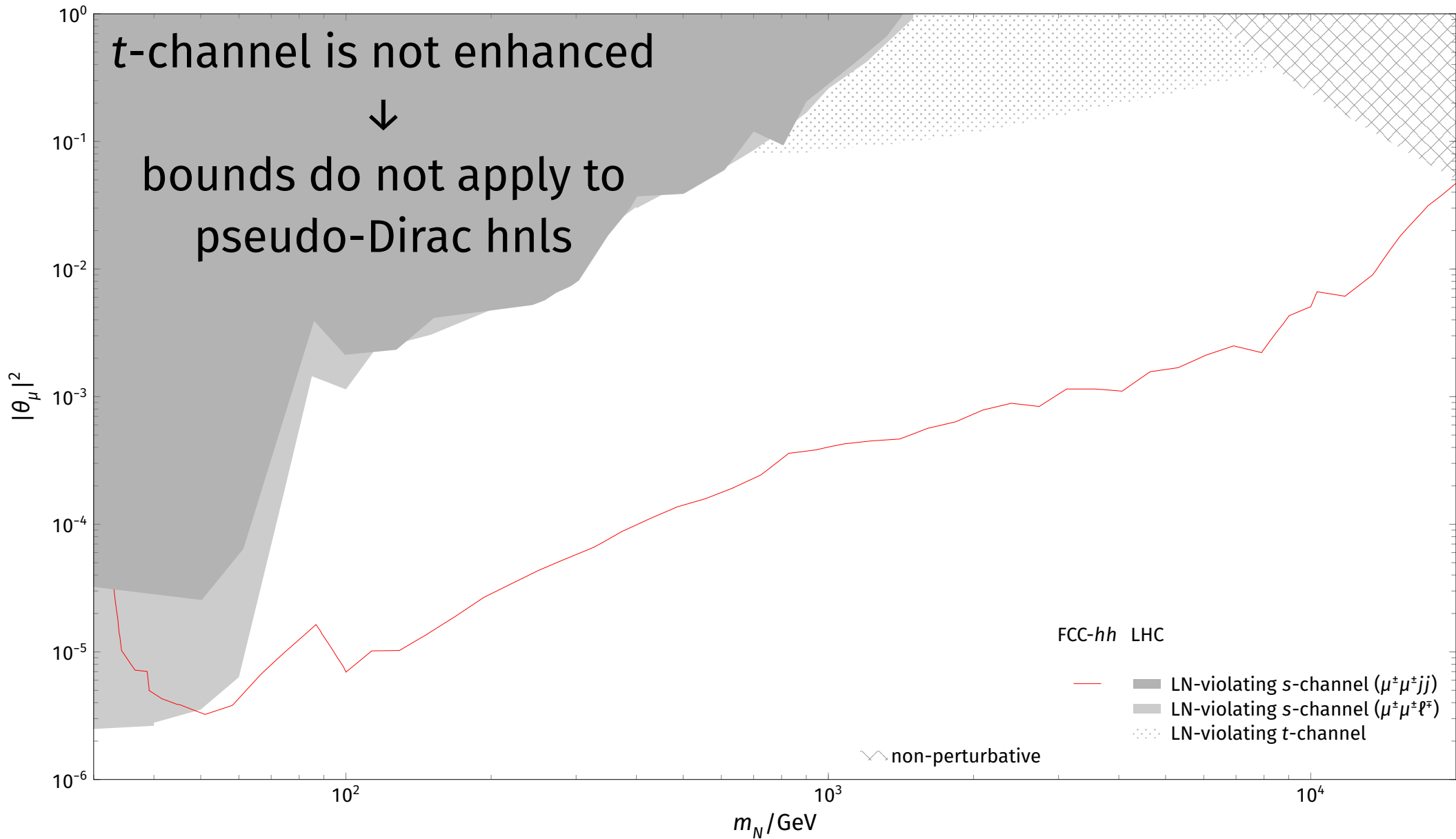


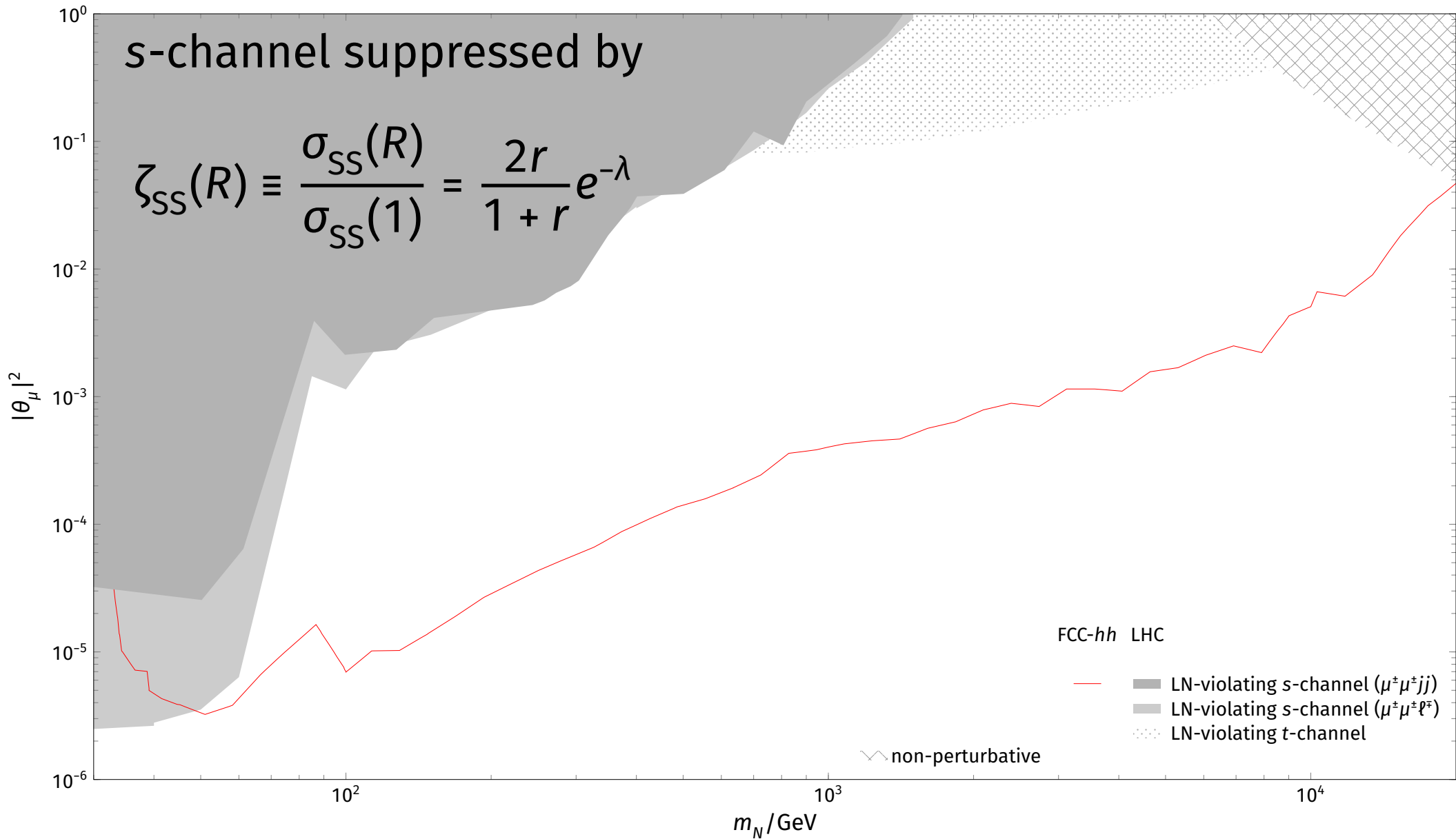
In violation interpolates between Dirac and Majorana limits

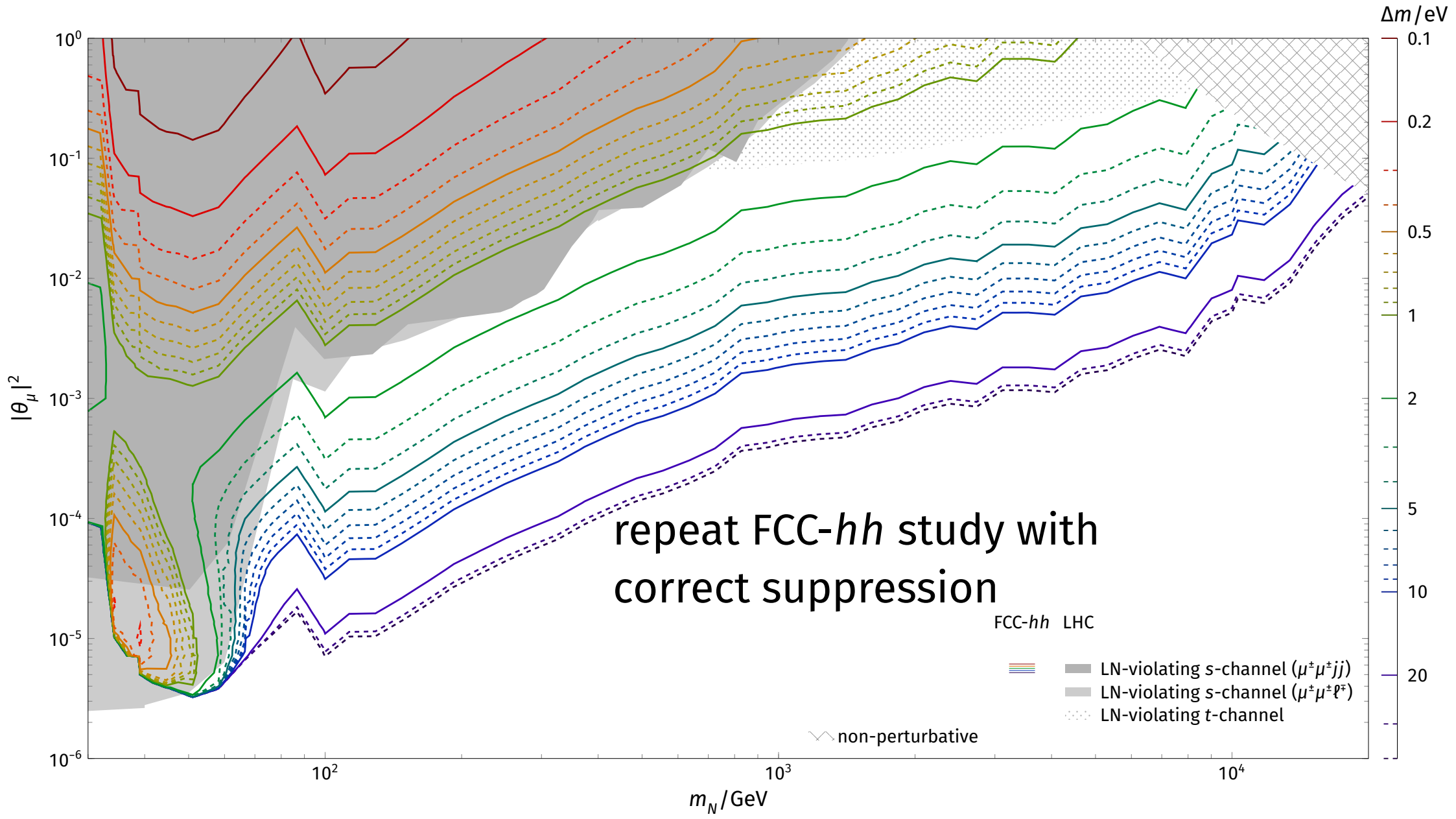
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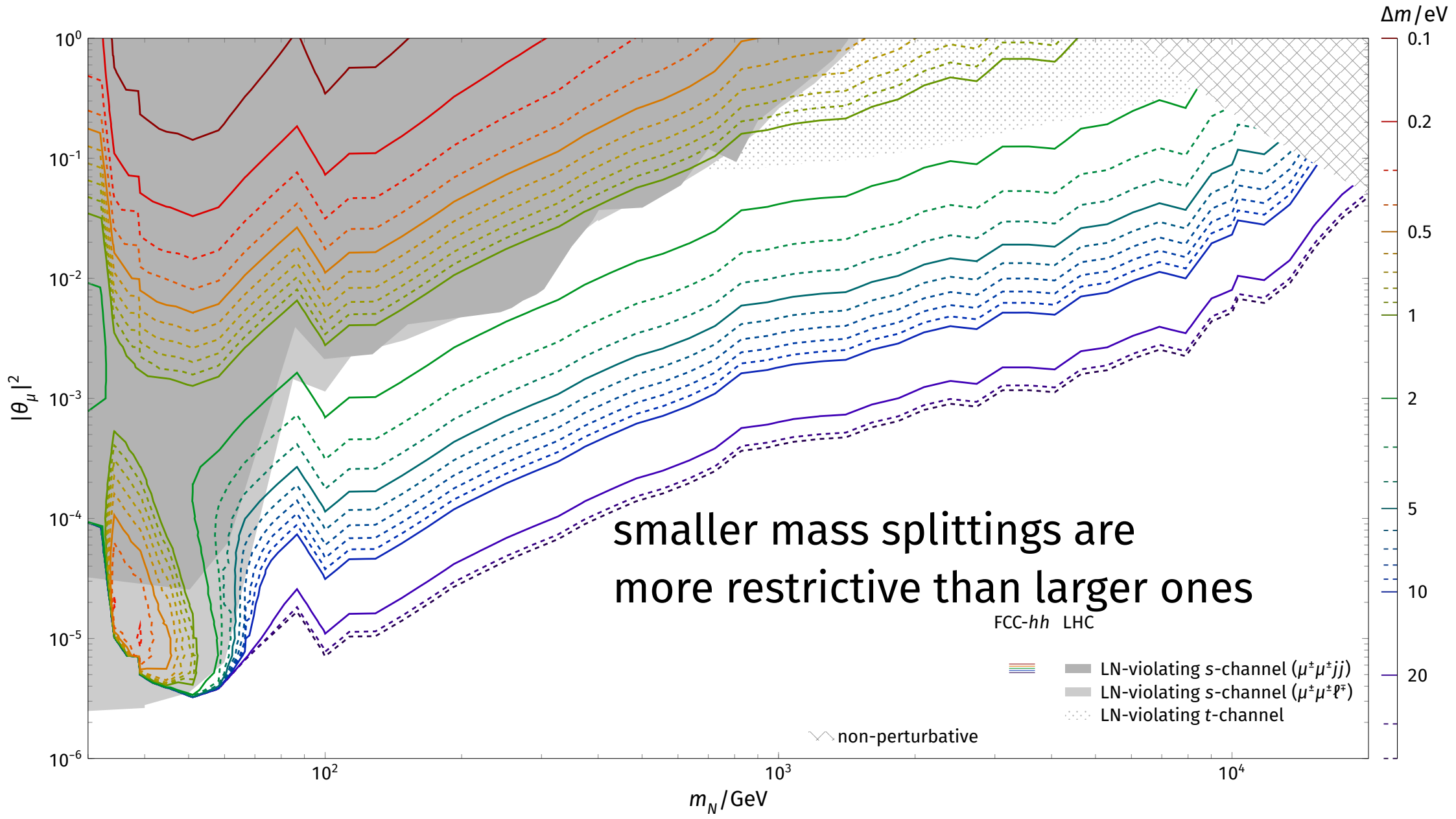


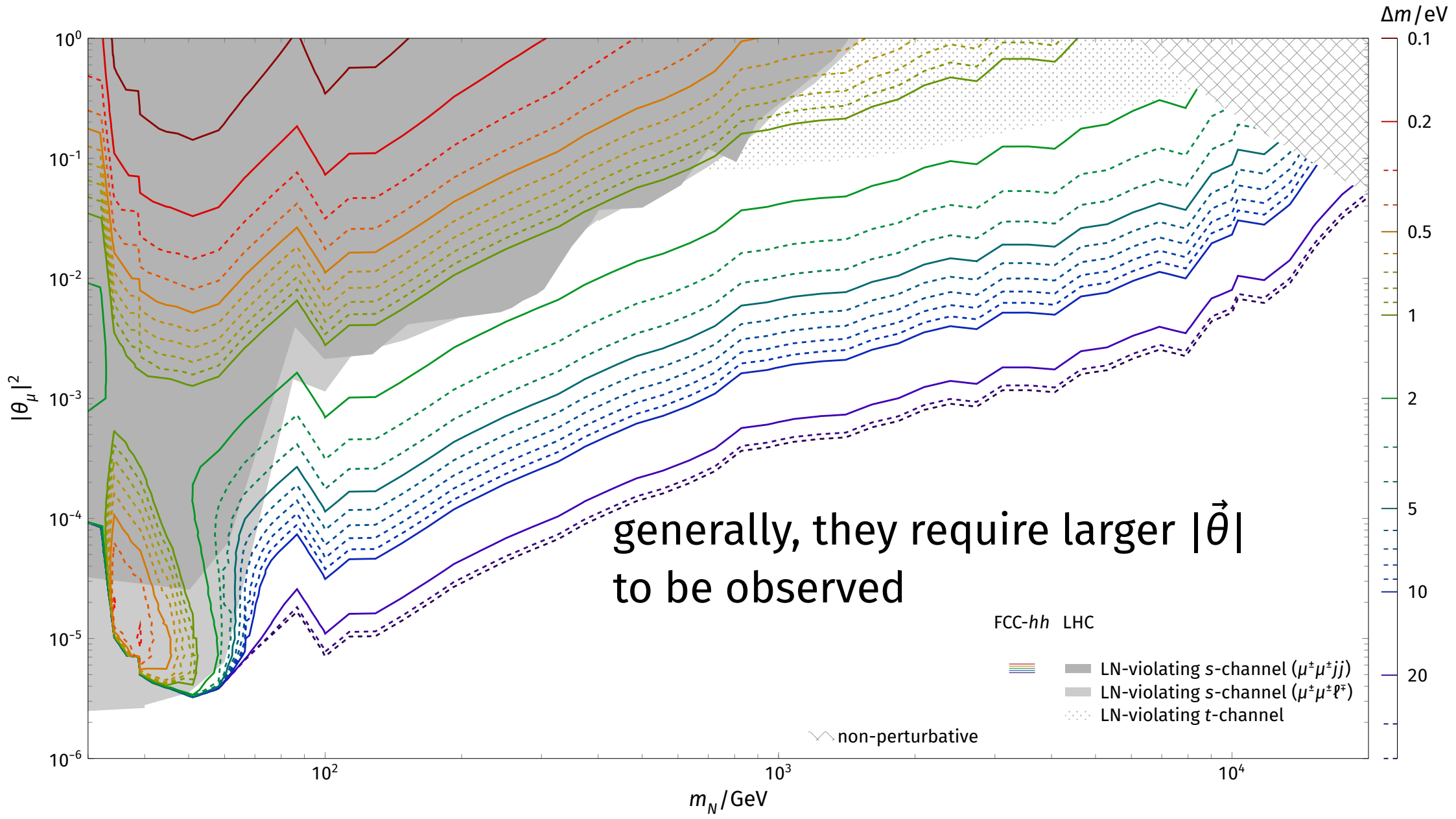


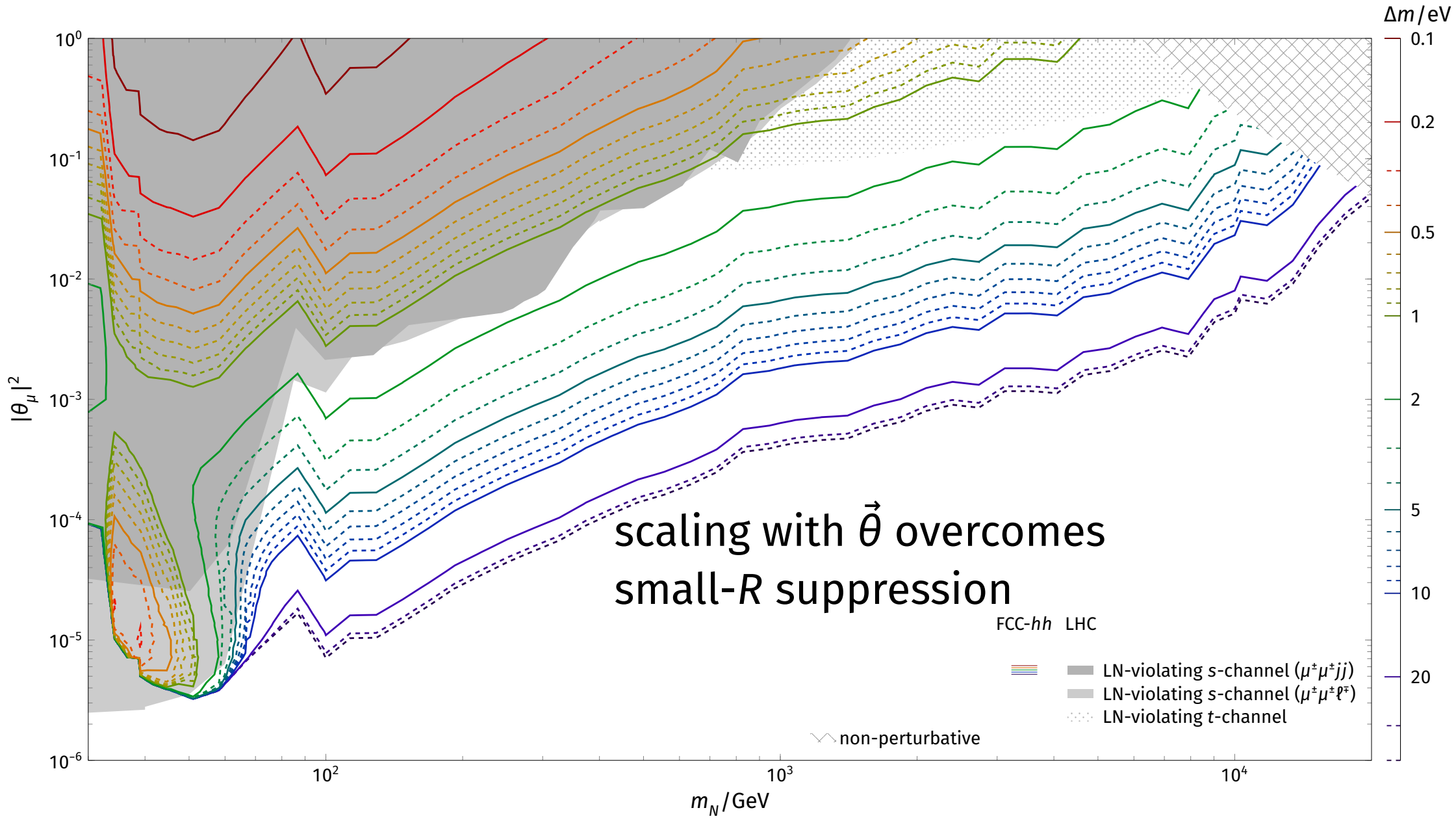


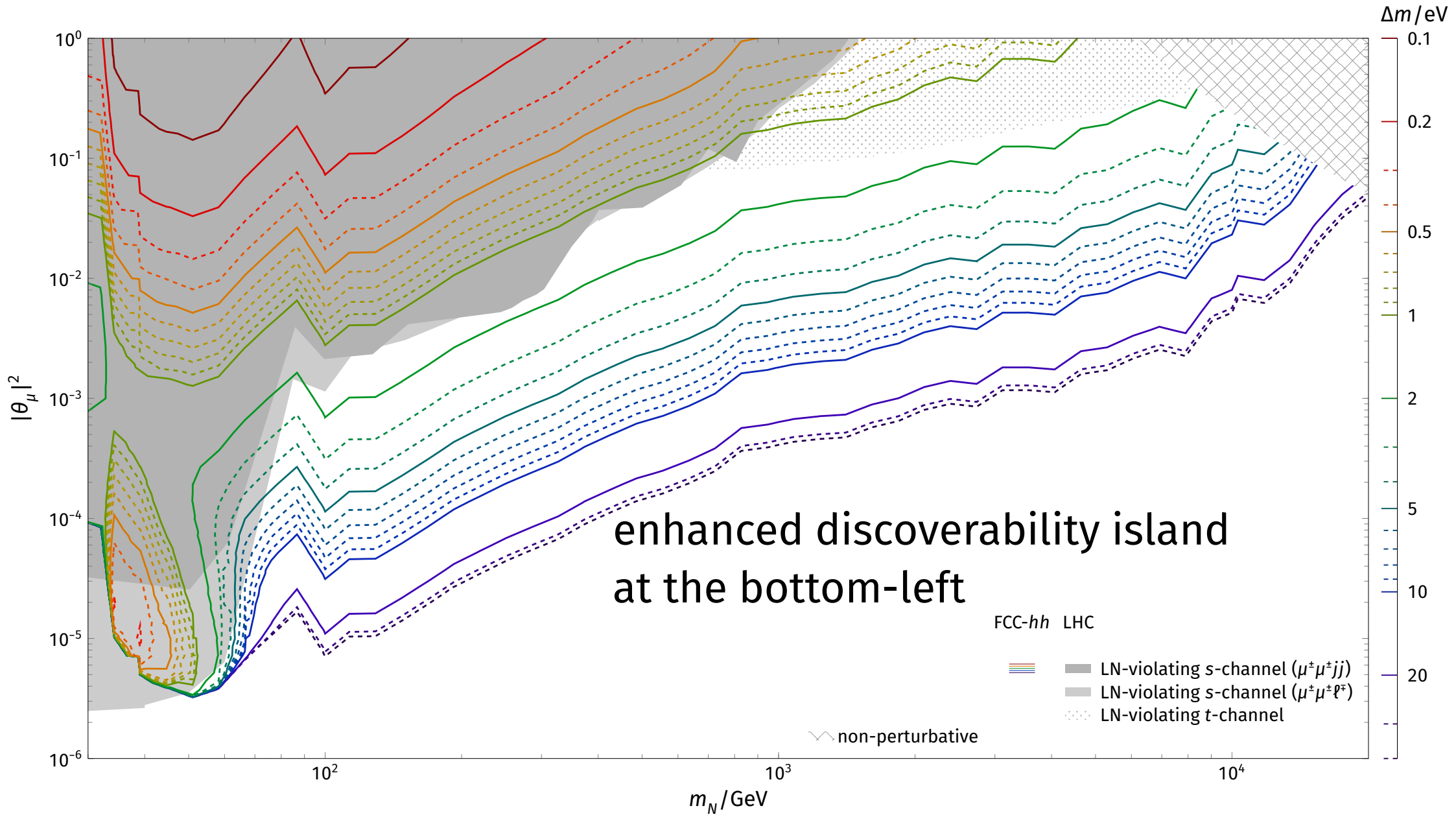


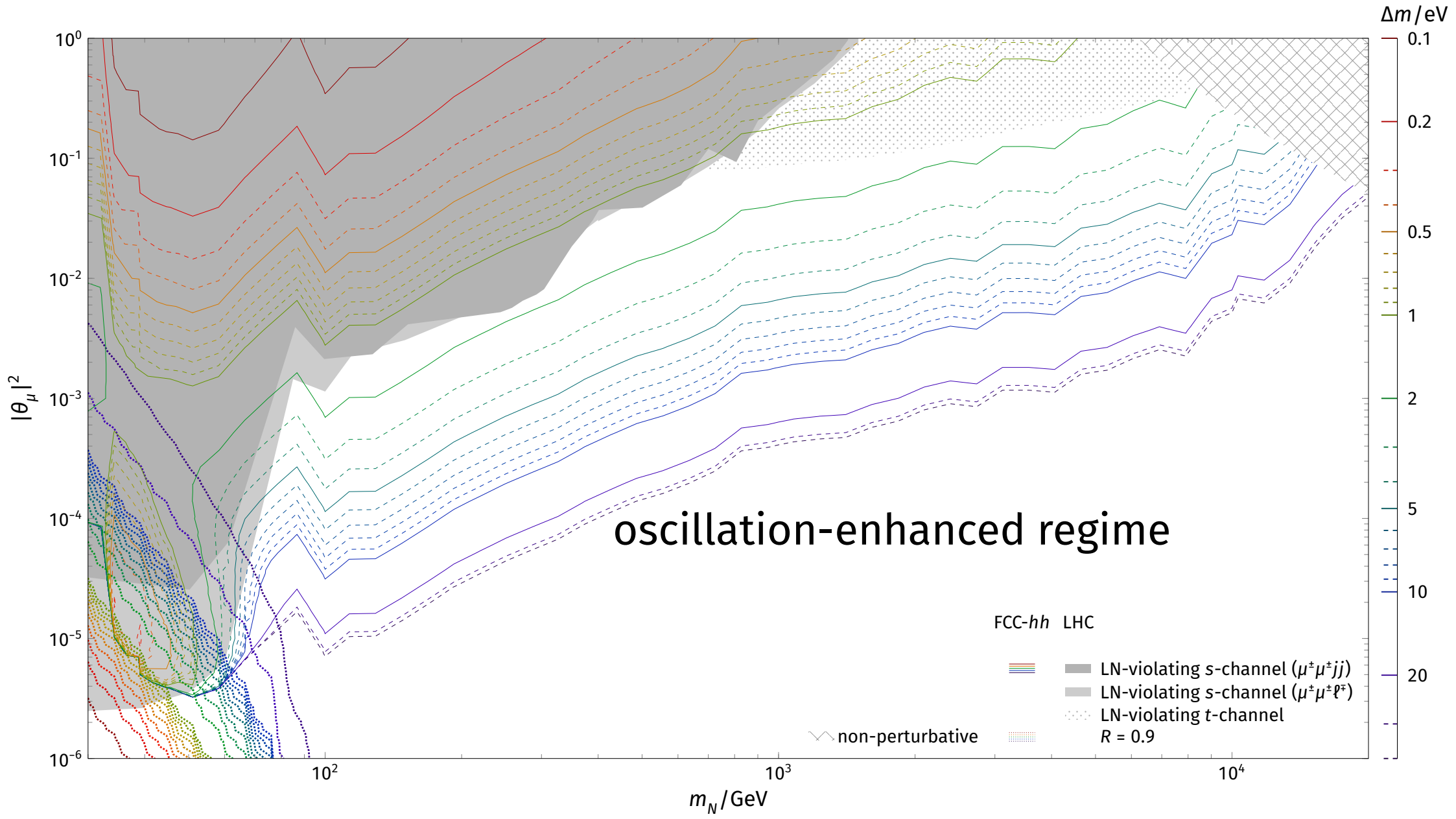


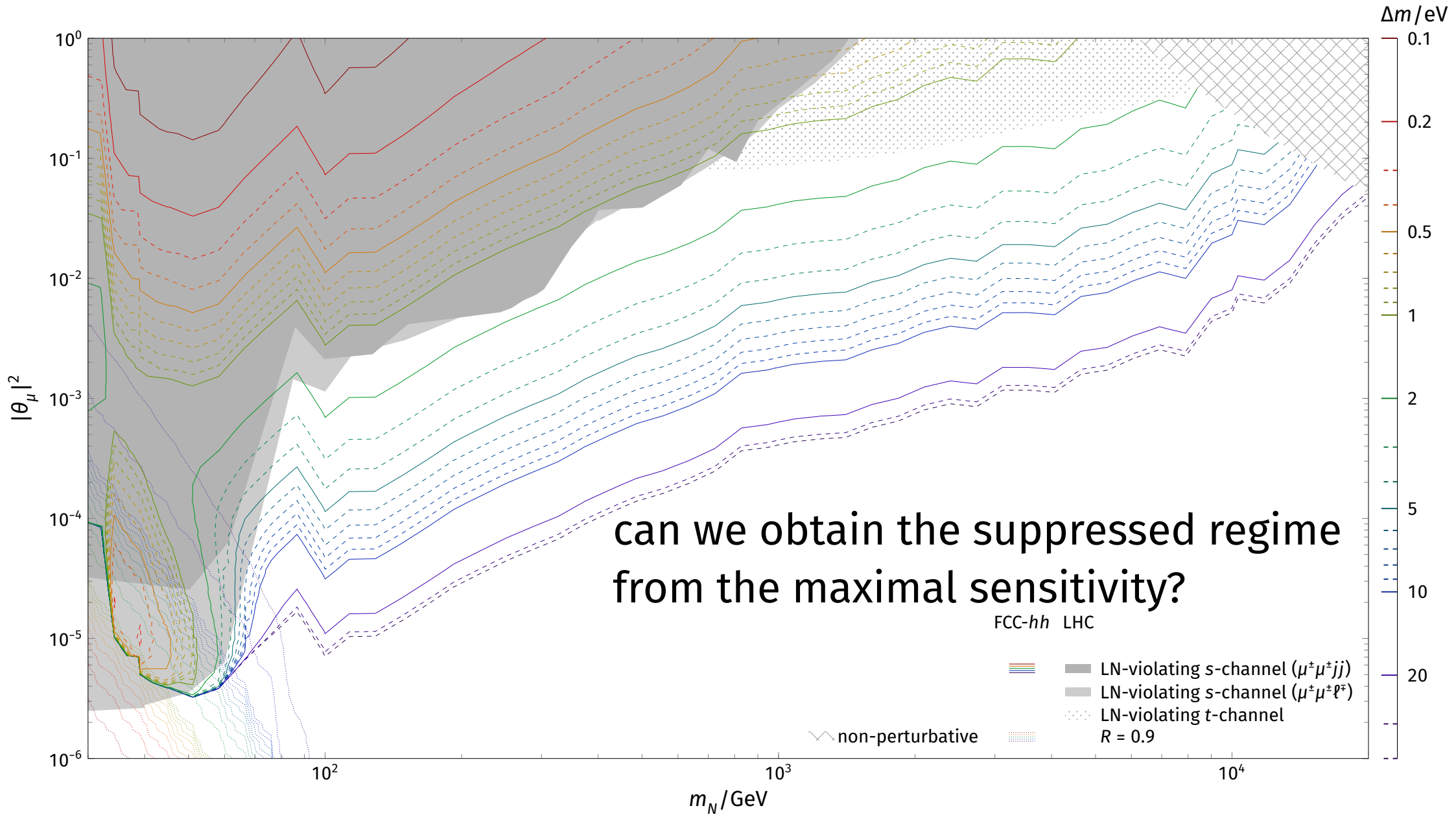












reinterpreting existing bounds

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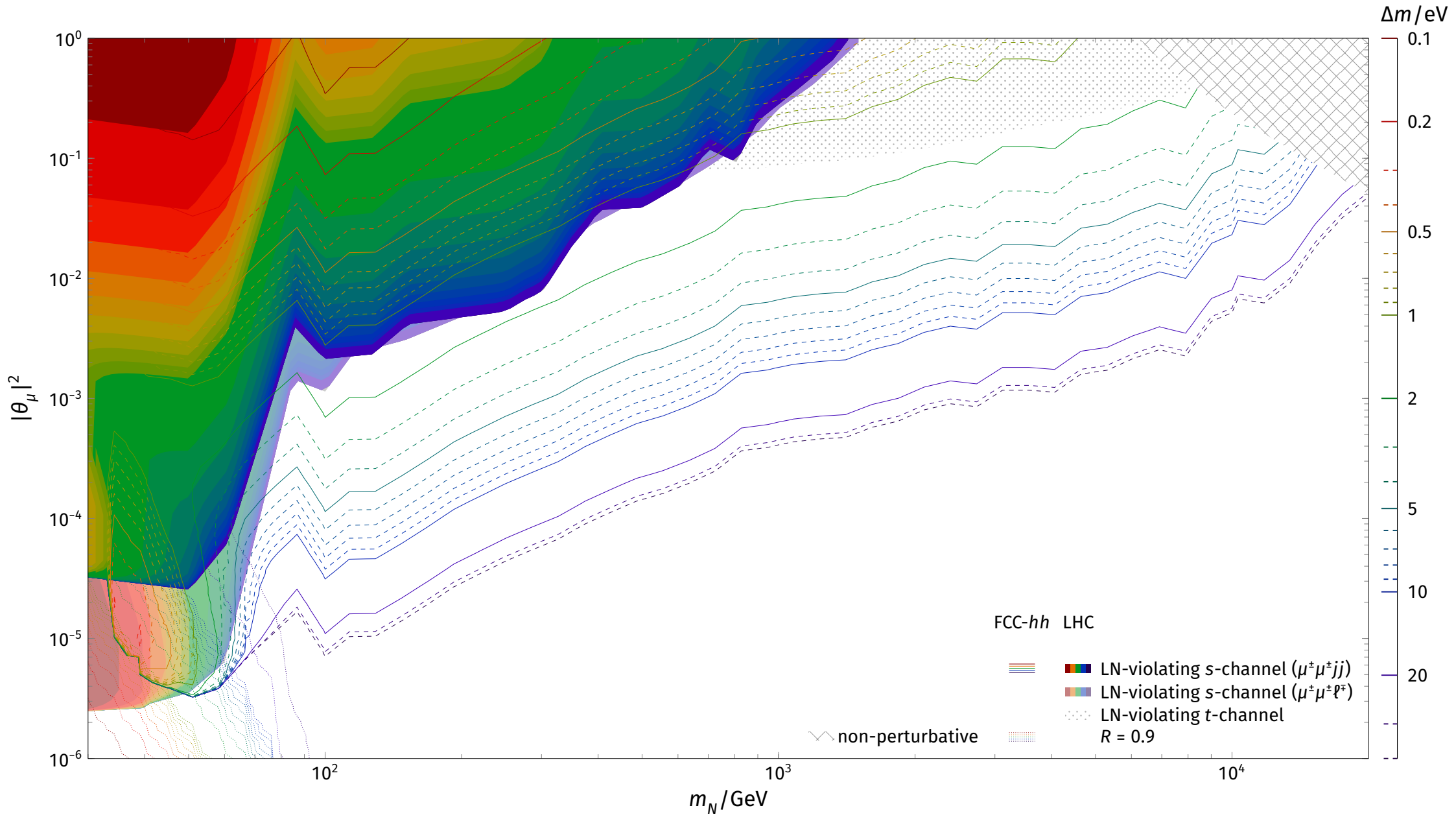
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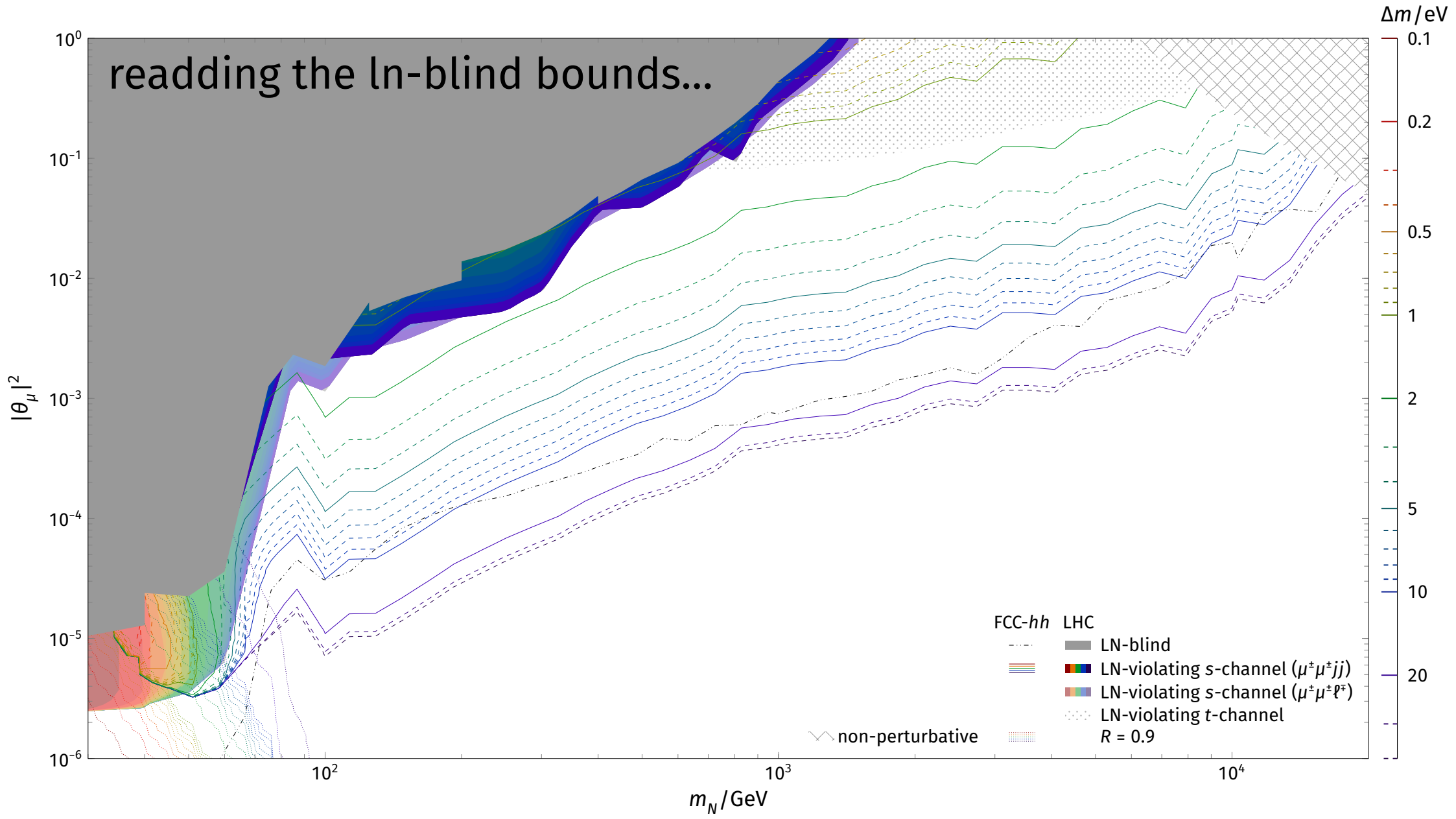
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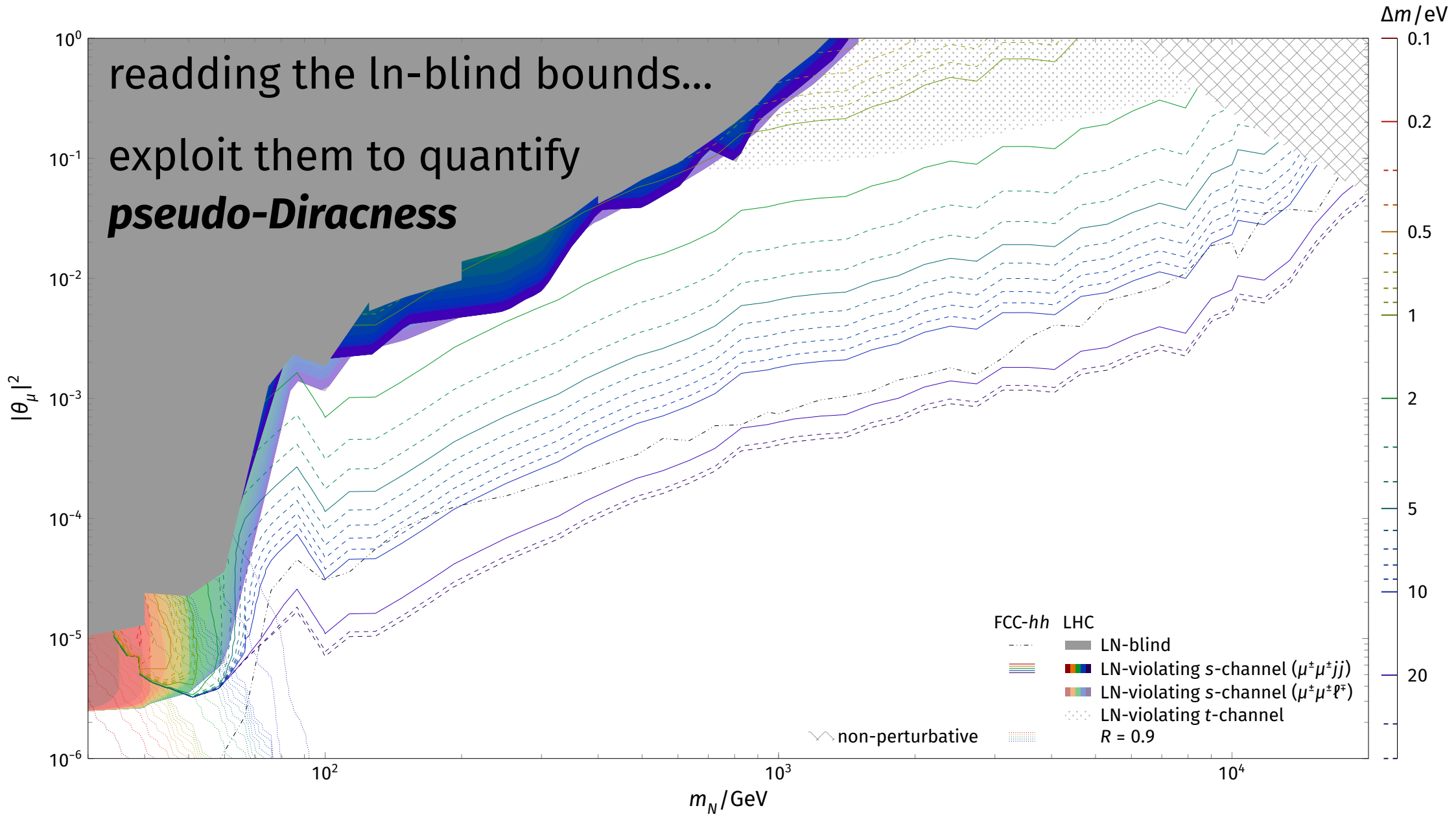
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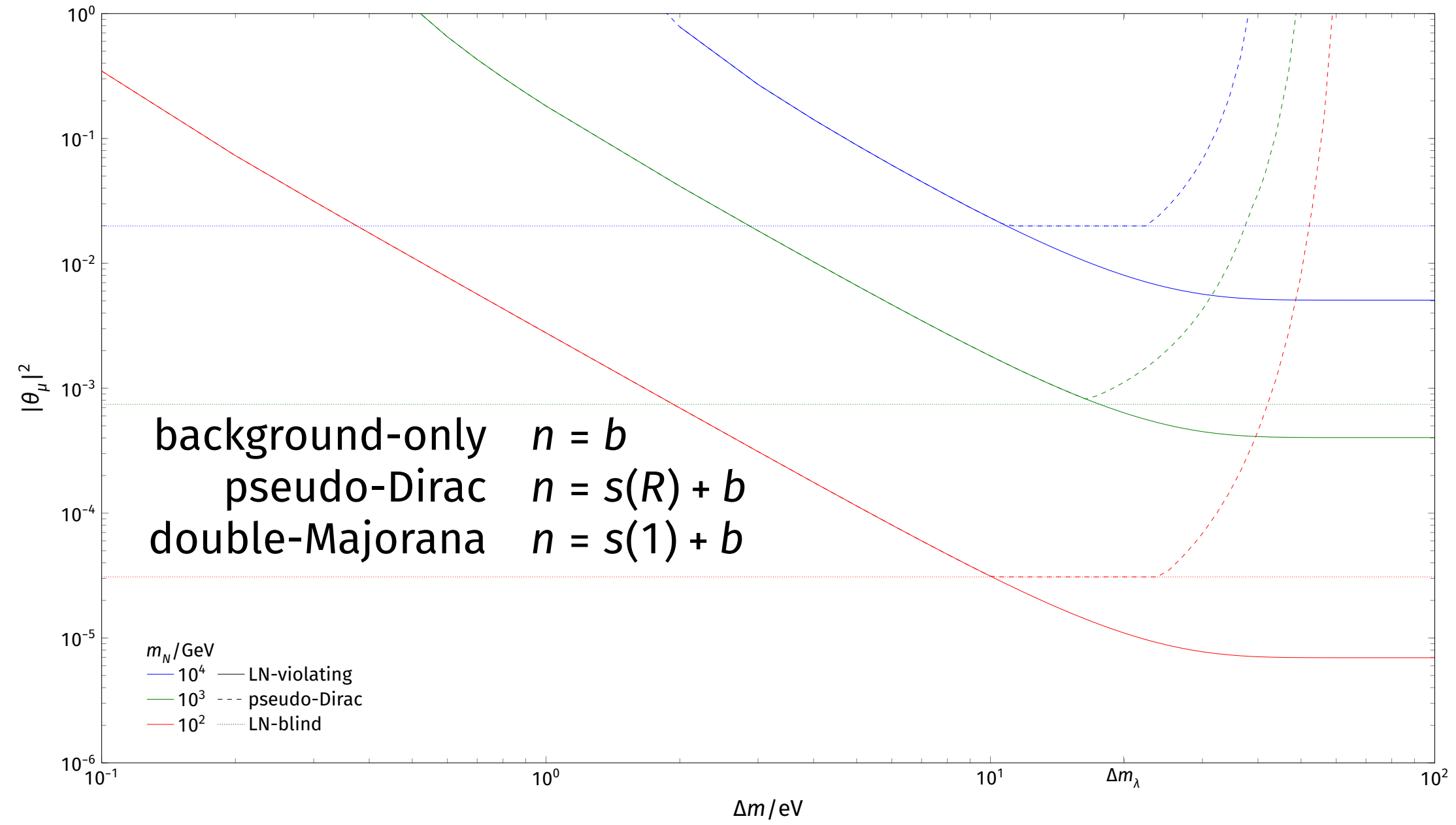
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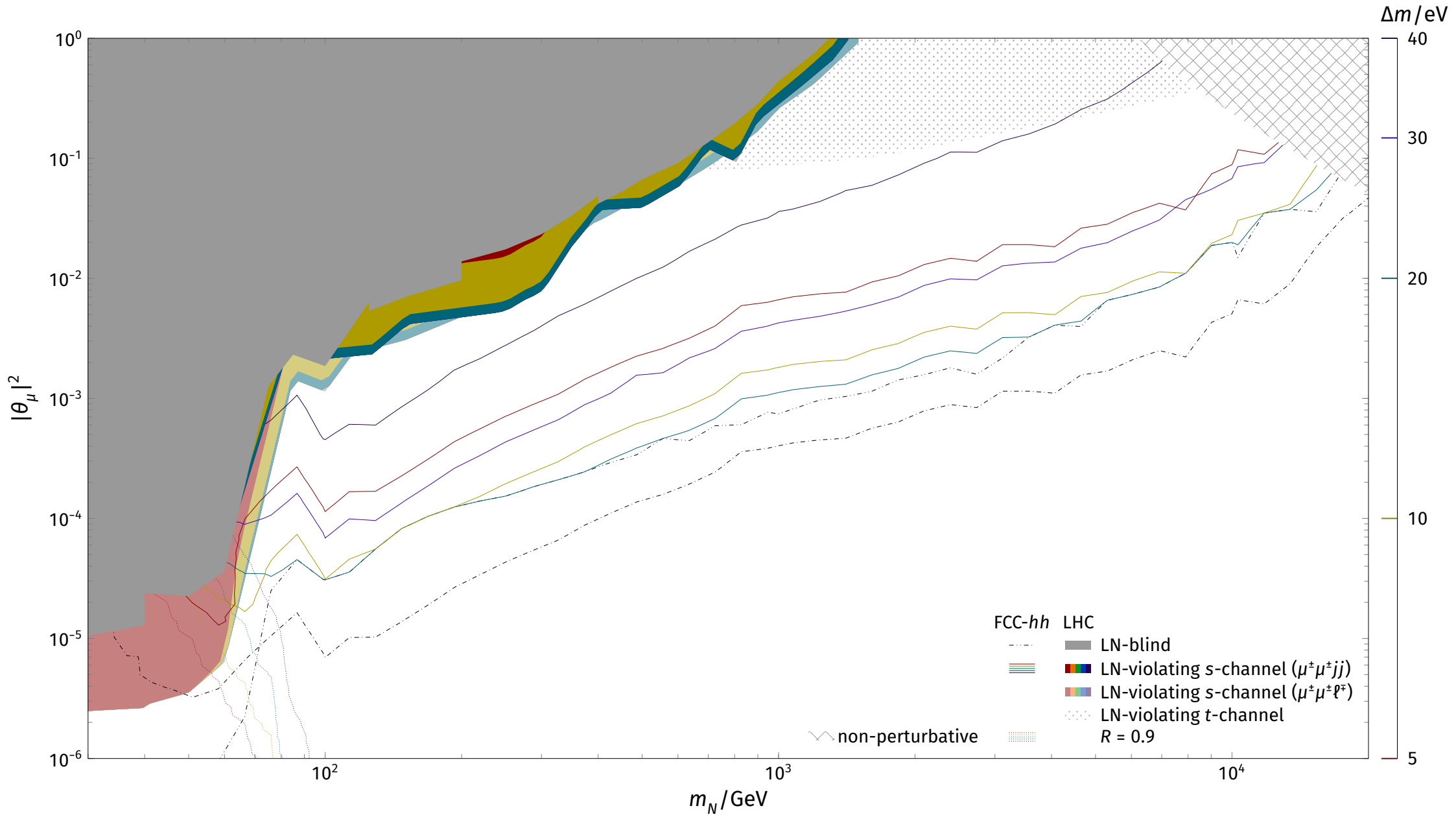
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{small-coupling} \\ \text{damping-enhanced} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} |\vec{\theta}|^2 \ll 1 \\ \Gamma \gtrsim \Delta m_\lambda \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow |\vec{\theta}|^2 = \frac{|\vec{\theta}_0|^2}{1 - e^{-\lambda}}$$



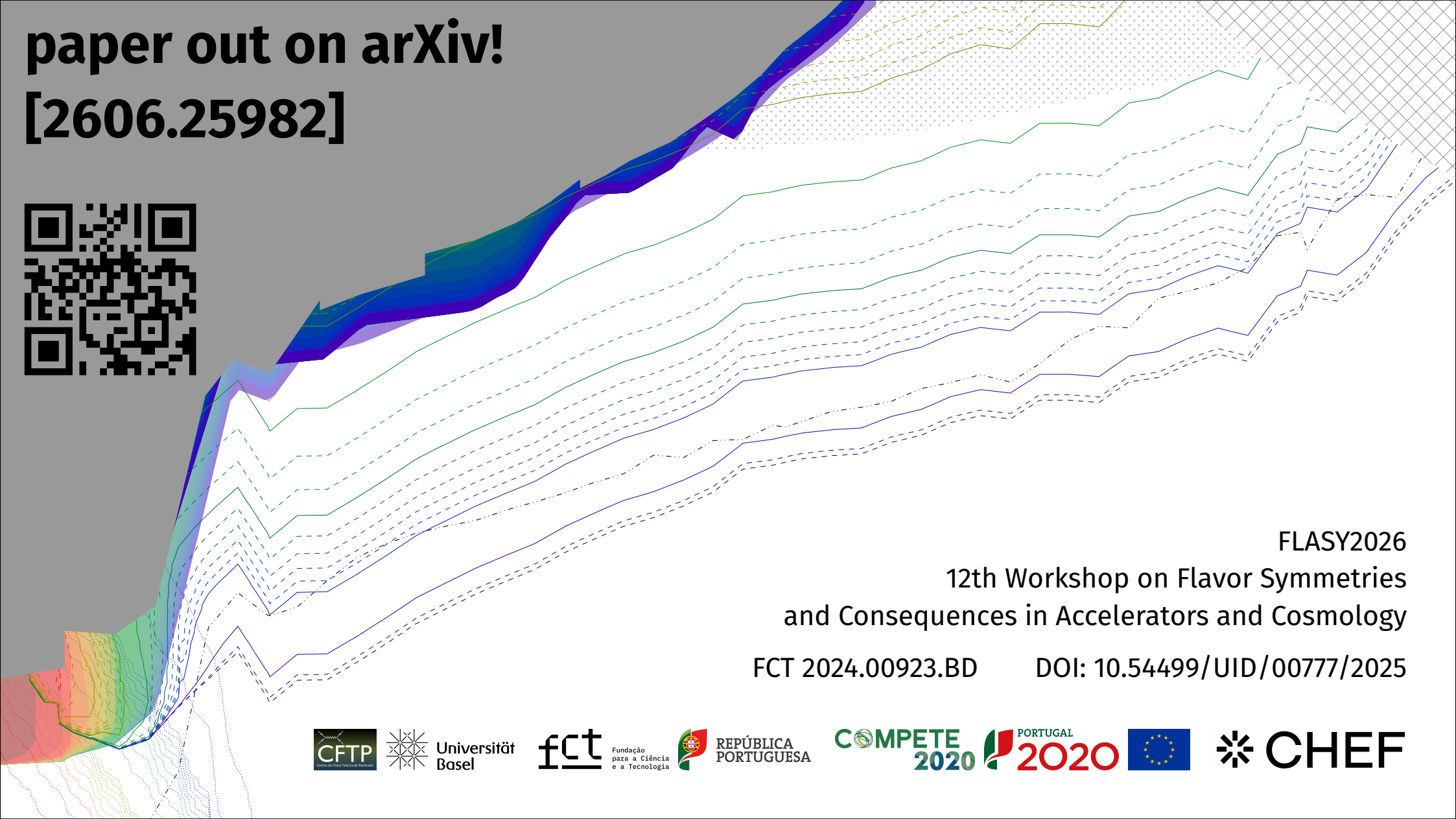








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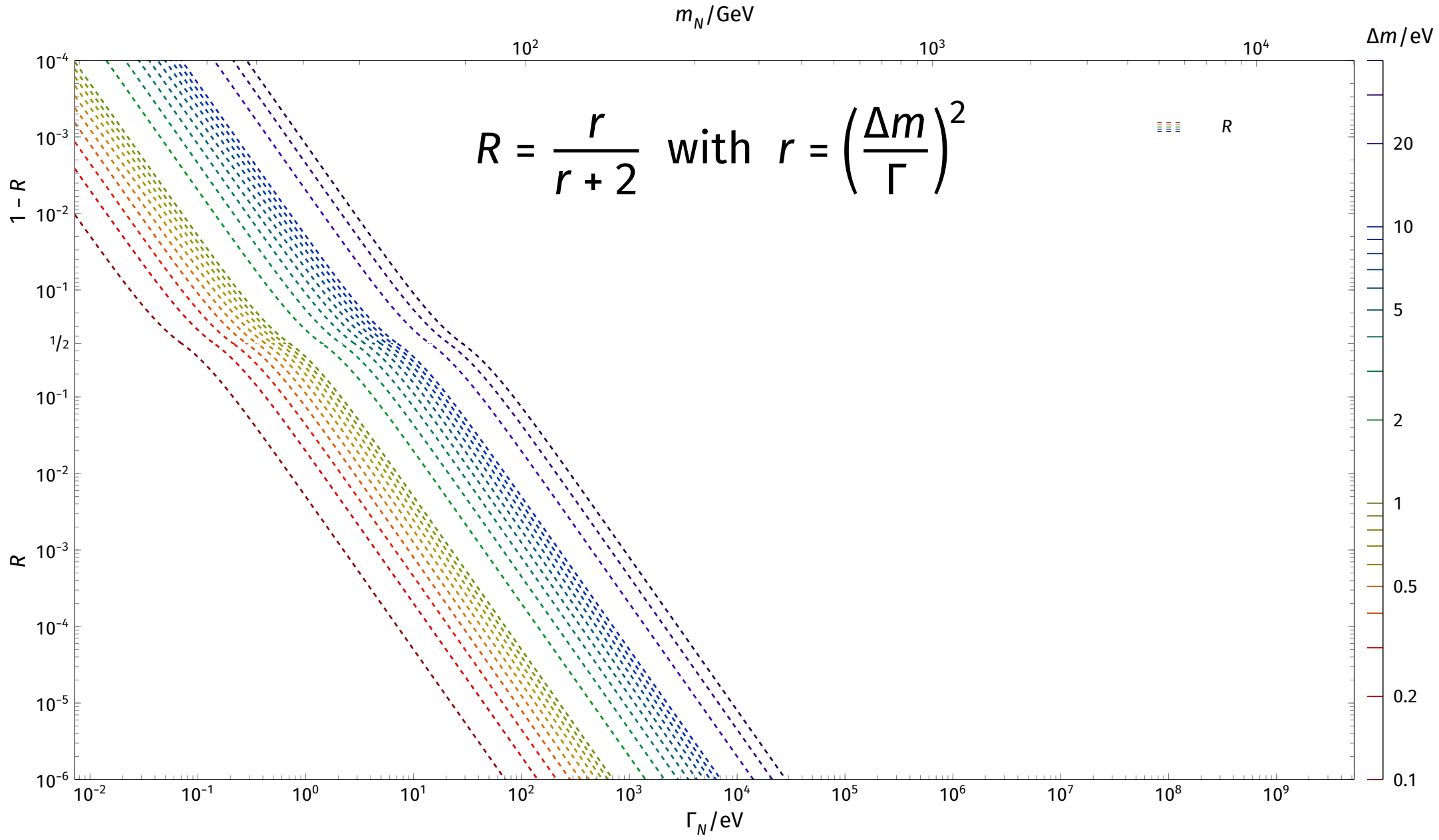


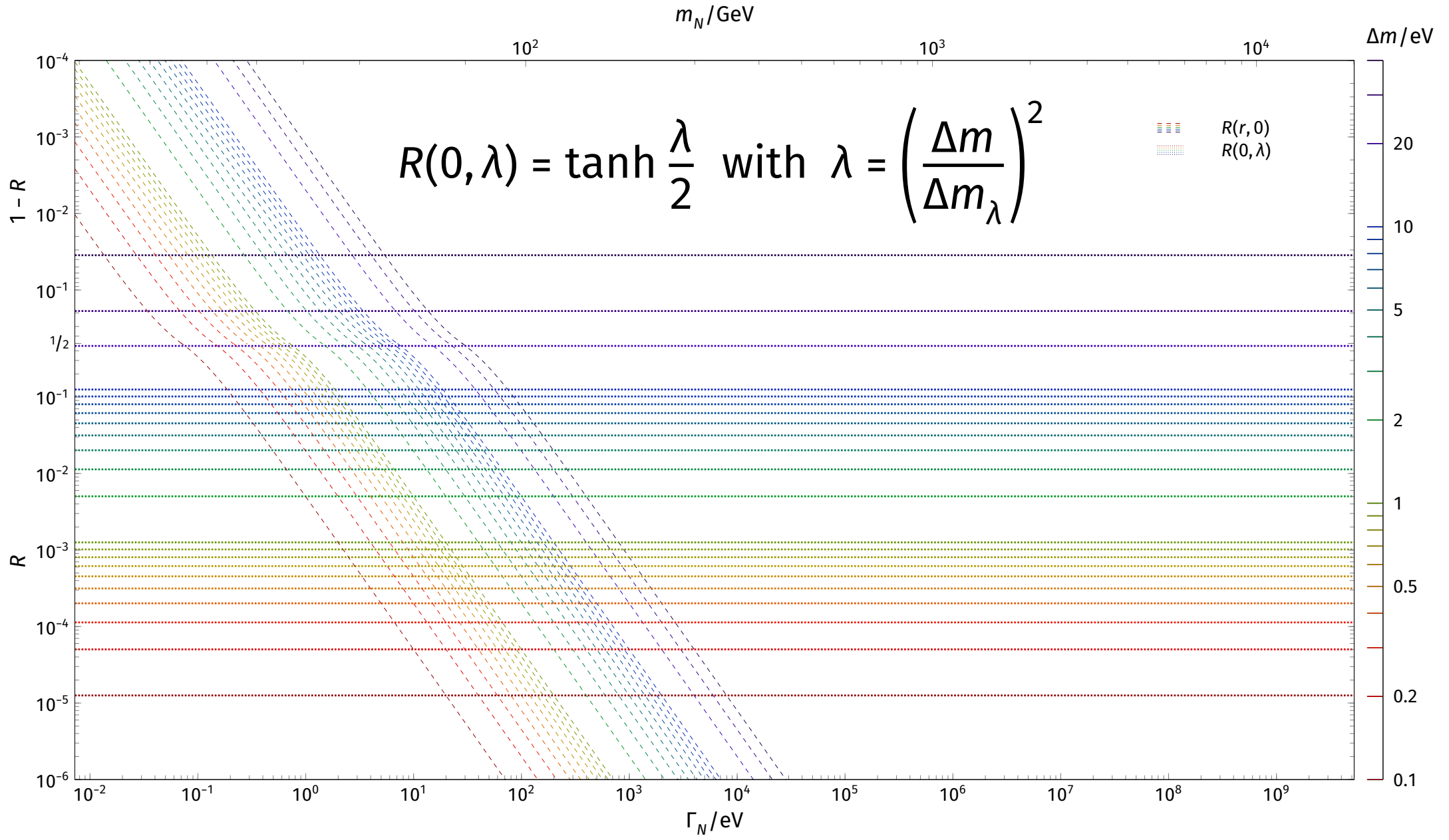
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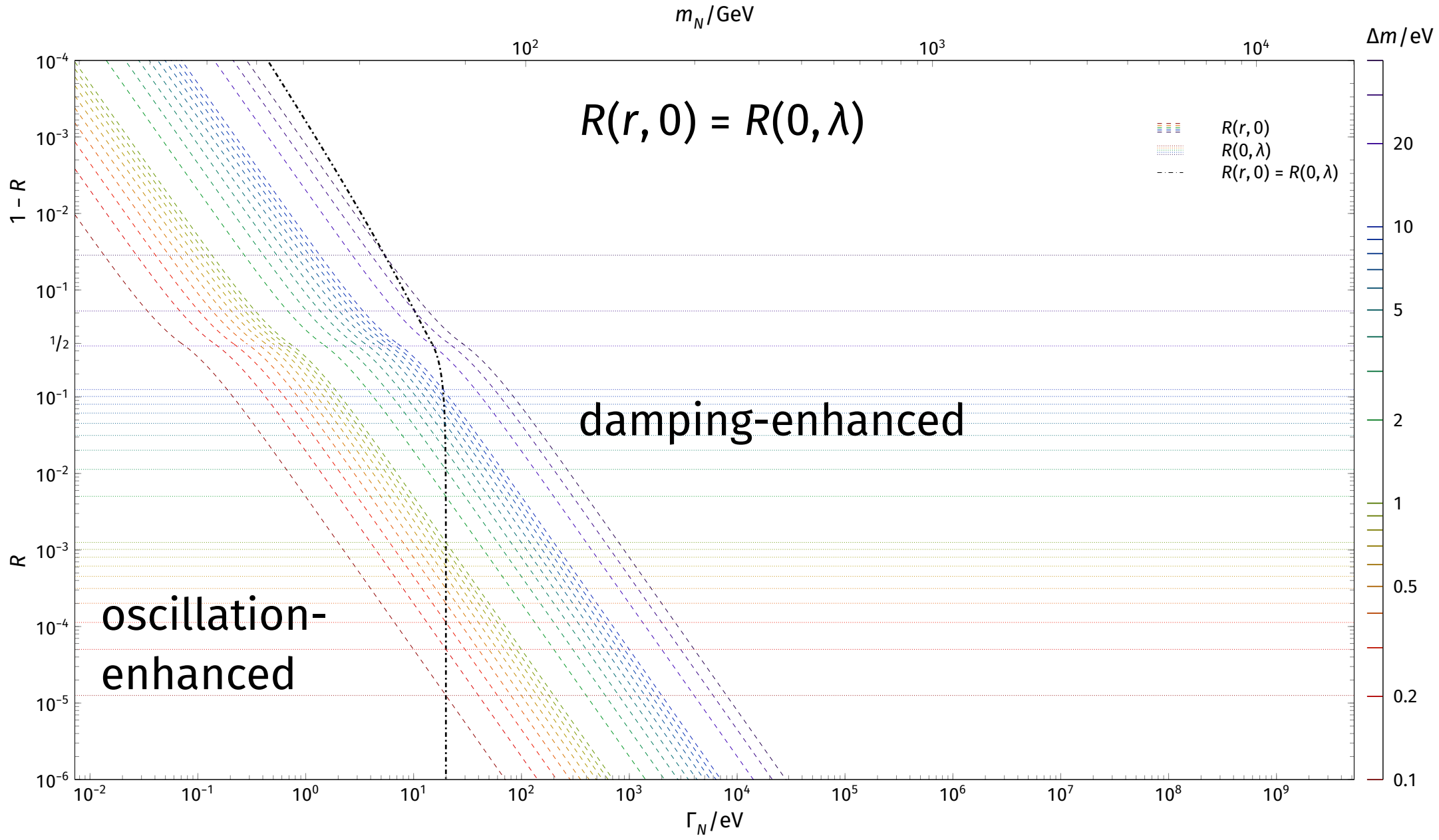


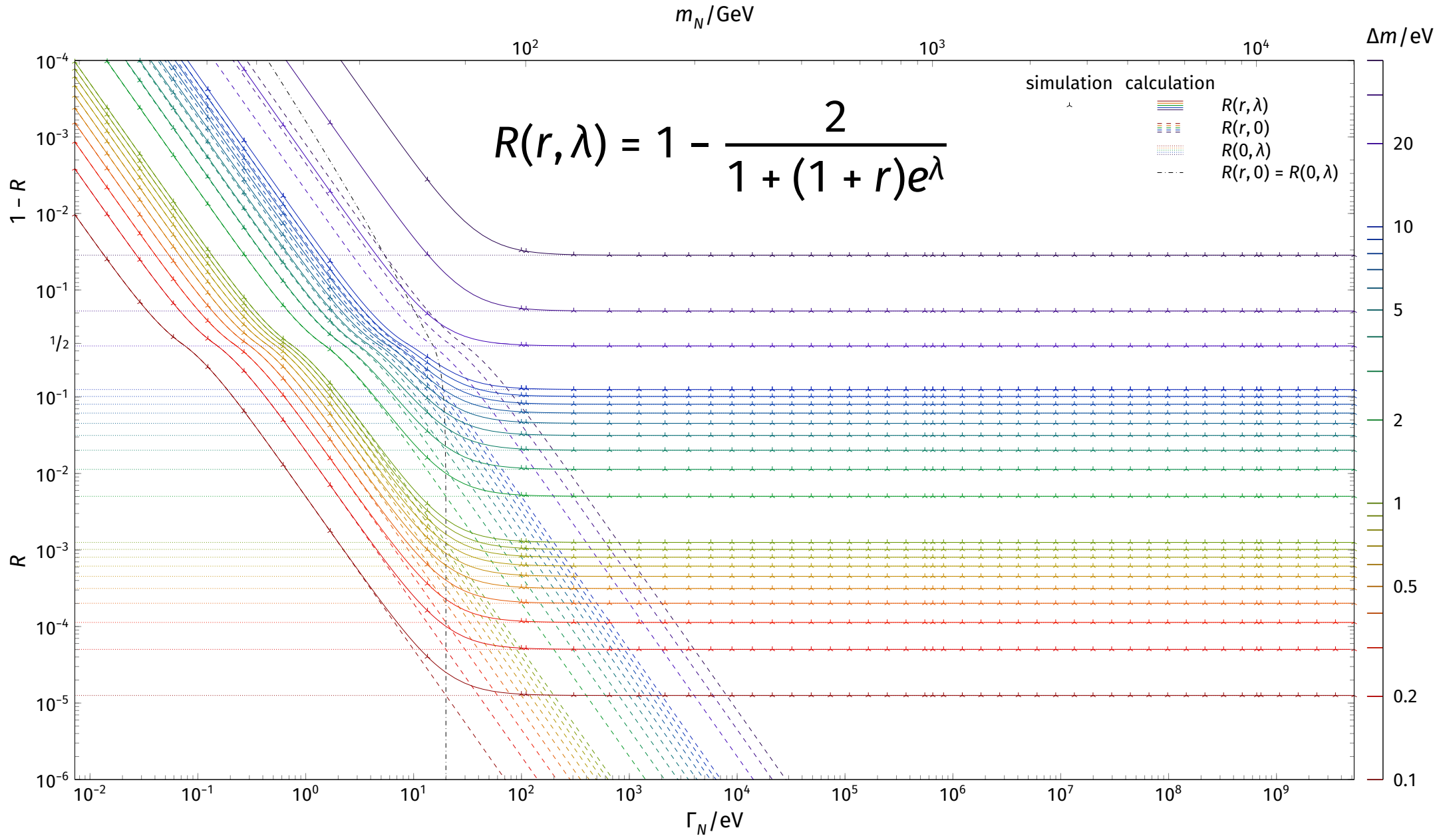
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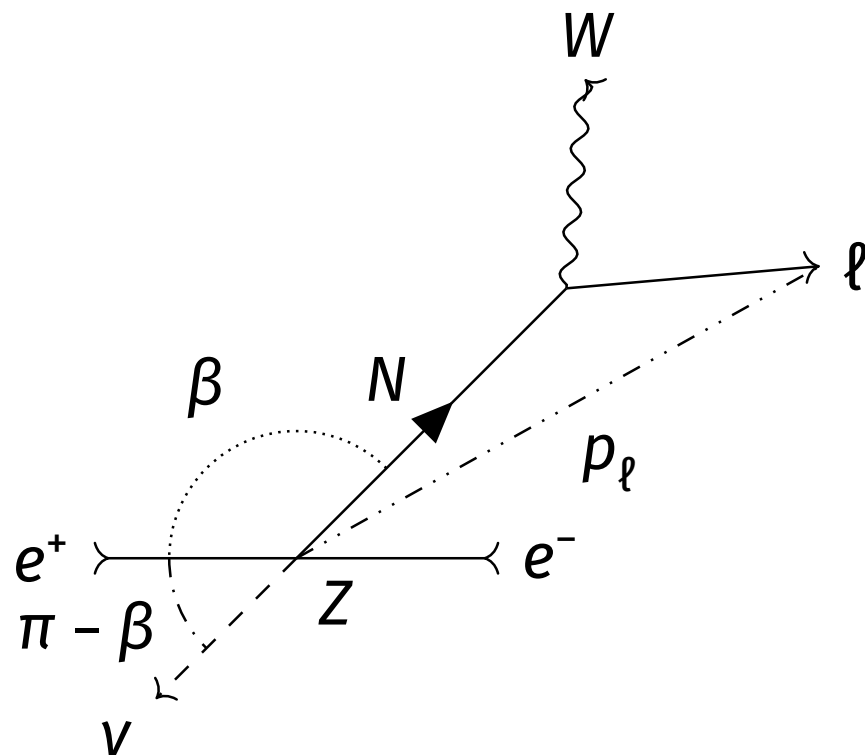




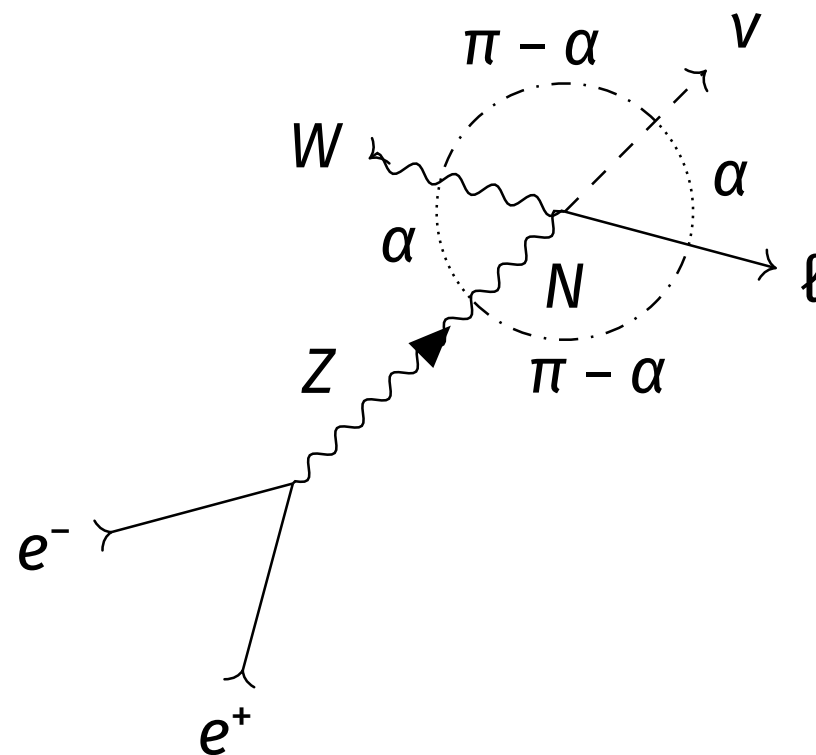


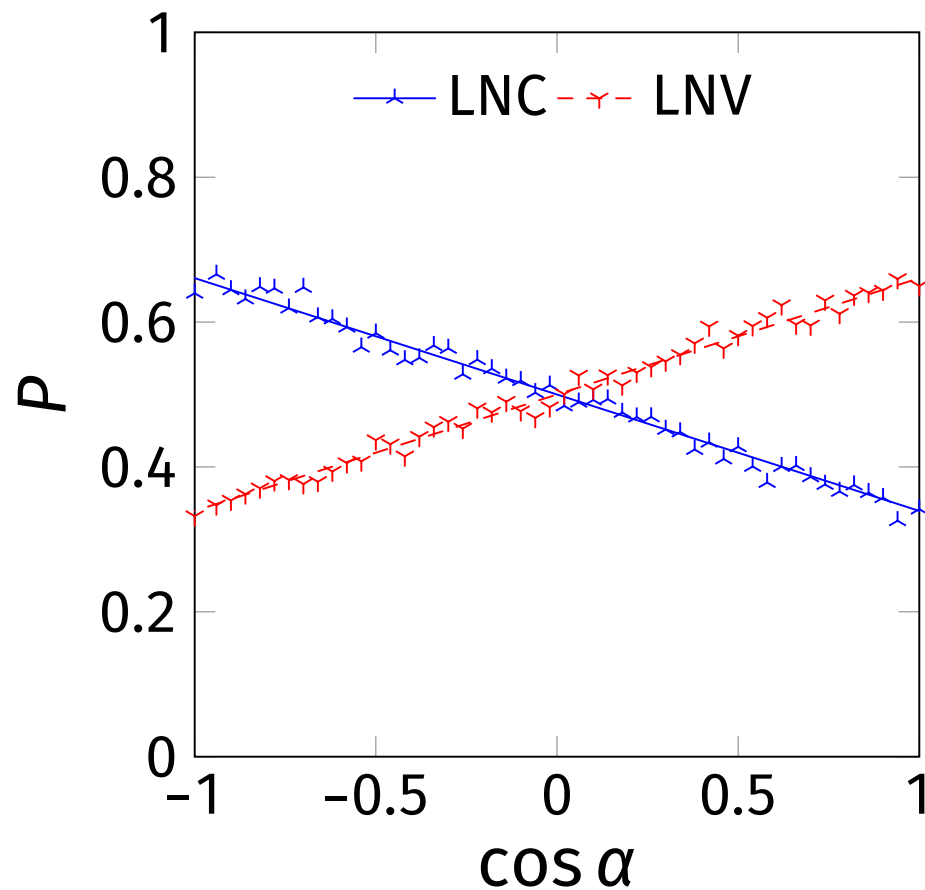
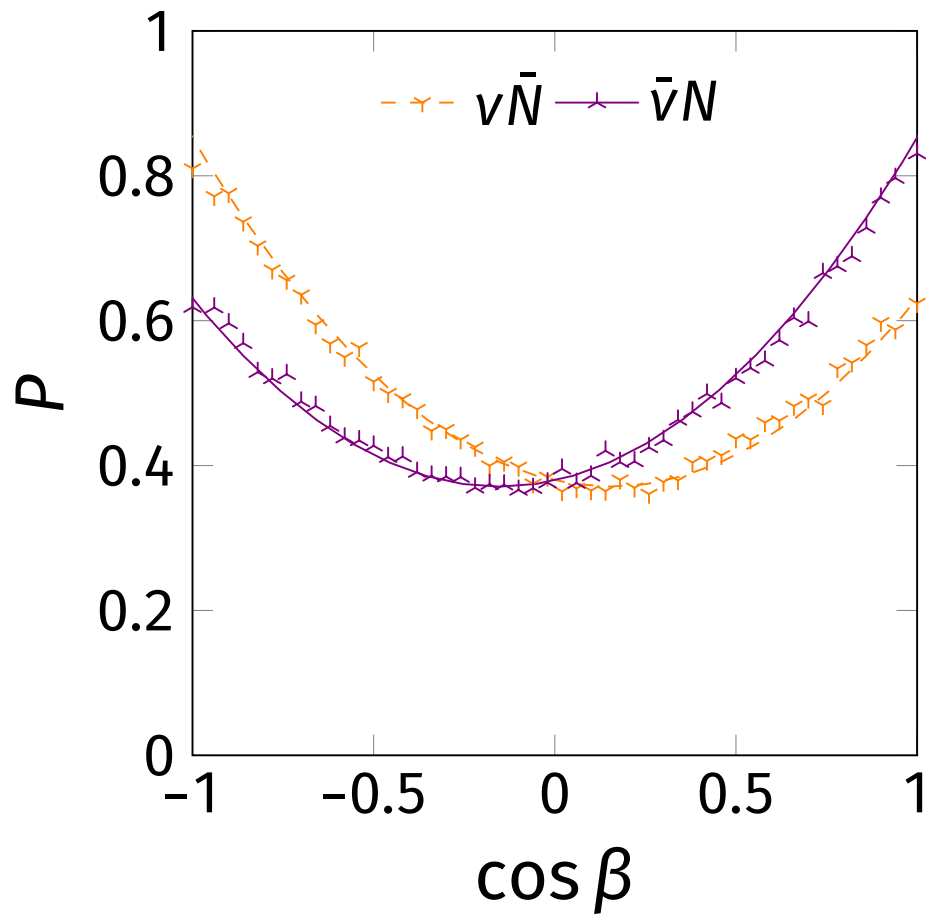
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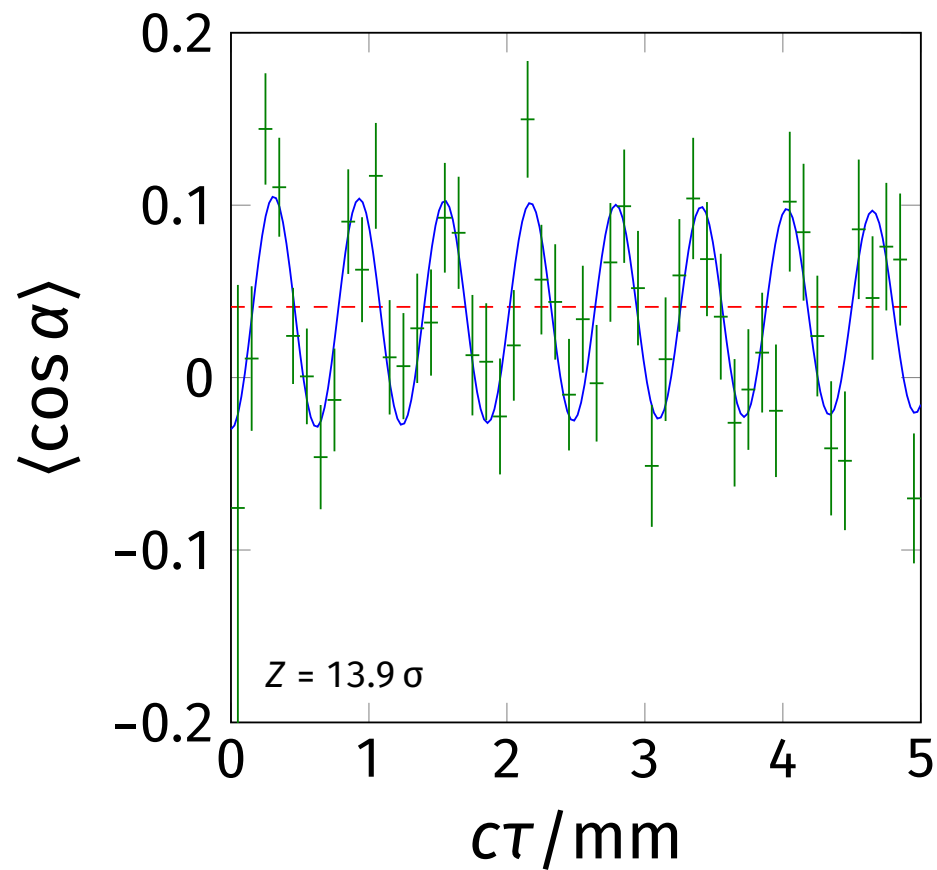
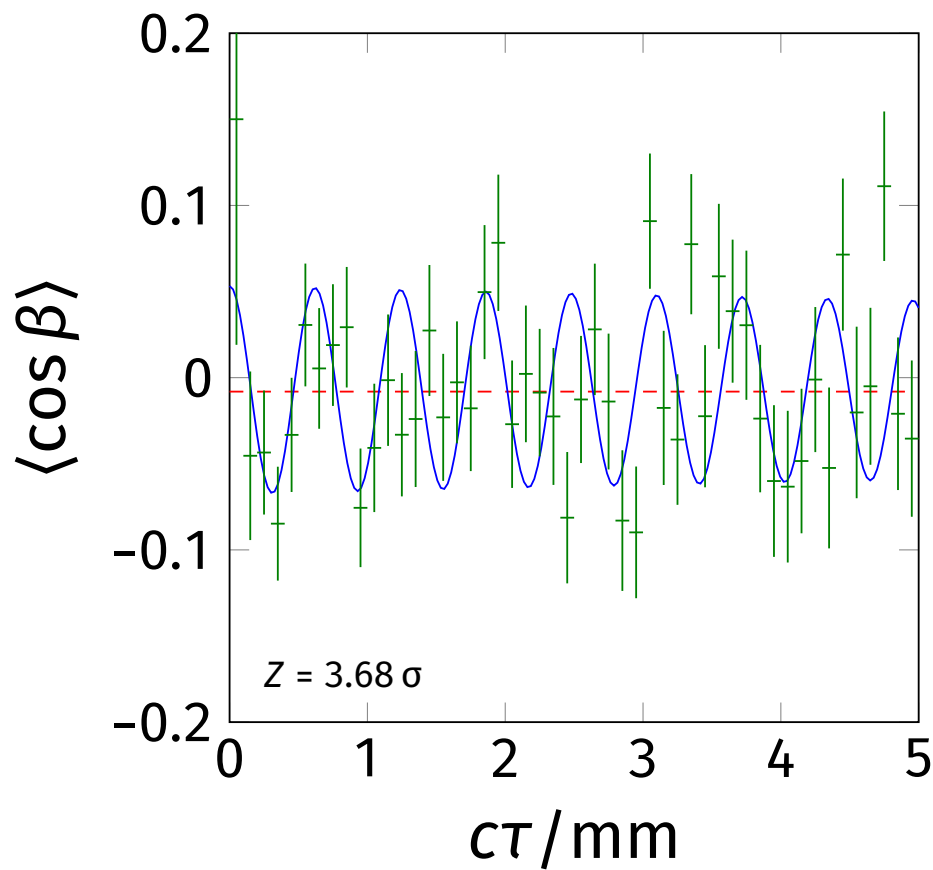
forward-backward asymmetry
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