

# **Study of Top Yukawa Coupling Deviations in High Energy Muon Colliders**

Ishmam Mahbub  
University of Minnesota

In Collaboration with Zhen Liu and Kunfeng Lyu

APS April Meeting, April 15th, 2023

# Outline

- Motivation
- Unitarity in the  $W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  process
- Muon Colliders
- Measurement
- Results
- Summary and Outlook

# Motivation

## Objective

- Precise measurement of top Yukawa coupling

## Method

- The effective Lagrangian we consider:

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} \supset (1 + \delta_{yt}) y_t \bar{t} t h$$

- Such  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$  is expected to appear in BSM models like vector like quark (VLQ) models, composite Higgs models , top quark condensation models.
- LHC measurement uncertainty high due to jet background

# Unitarity in the $W^+W^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ Process

At Large Energies, the contribution from the  $\gamma$ , Z and t-channel contribution grows as:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\gamma+Z+b}(W_L^+W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{m_t}{v^2}\sqrt{s} \quad ; \sqrt{s} \gg m_t$$

So, the Higgs diagram is needed to unitarize this contribution. But, if the top yukawa-coupling deviates from Standard Model value by  $\delta_{yt}$ :

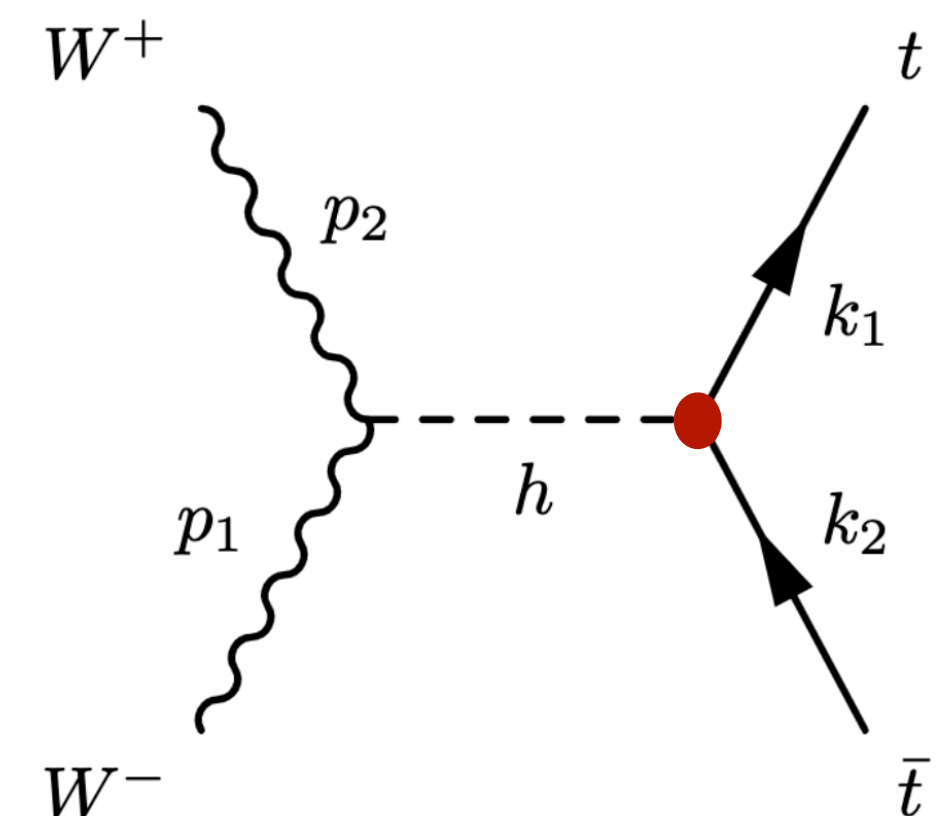
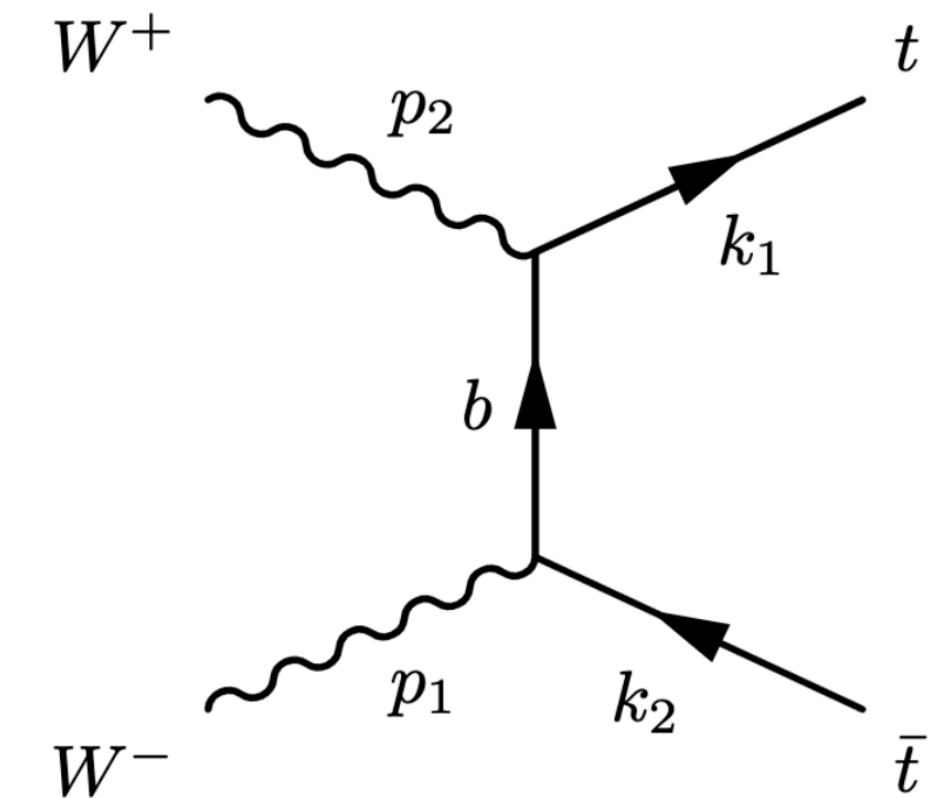
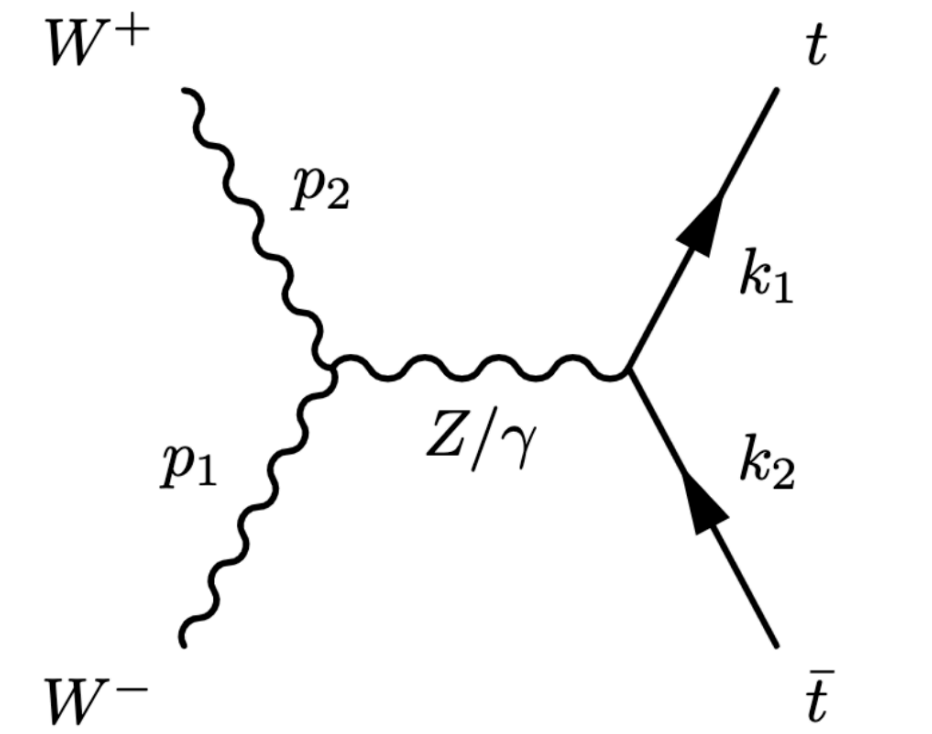
$$y_t \rightarrow y_t(1 + \delta_{yt})$$

The scattering amplitude will scale as:

$$\mathcal{M}(W_L^+W_L^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}) = \frac{m_t}{v^2}\sqrt{s}\delta_{yt} \quad ; \quad \sqrt{s} \gg m_t$$

Then Perturbative unitarity will be broken at some scale:

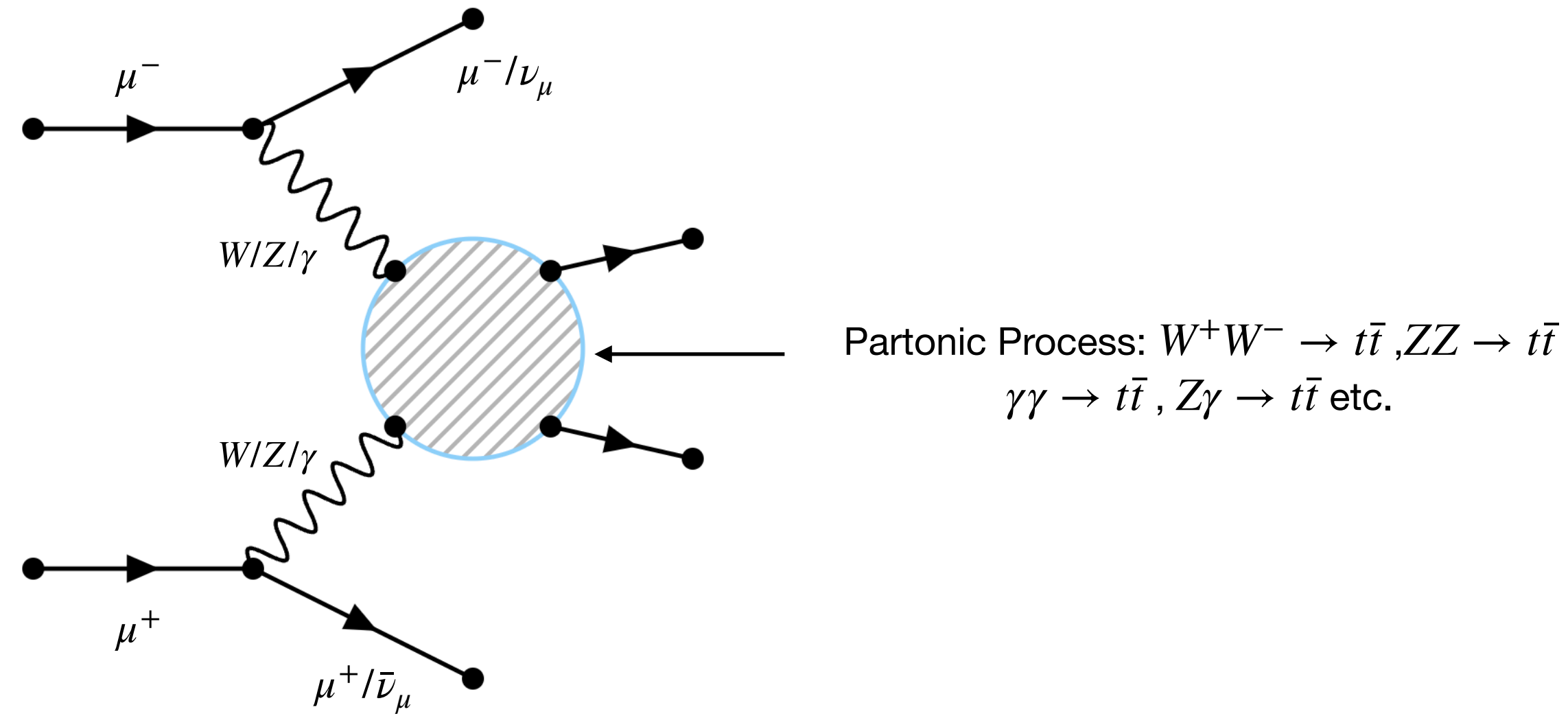
$$\Lambda < \frac{10TeV}{\delta_{yt}}$$



# Muon Collider

- Can provide high precision and high energy
  - Muon being fundamental particle, full energy available in collision
  - Cleaner background
  - High mass suppresses synchrotron radiation
- The price to pay is the instability of muons leading to neutrino radiation, beam induced background
  - Progress to overcome spearheaded by US Muon Accelerator Program (MAP), the Muon Ionization Cooling Experiment (MICE)

# $t\bar{t}$ production at muon colliders



## Production Cross-section

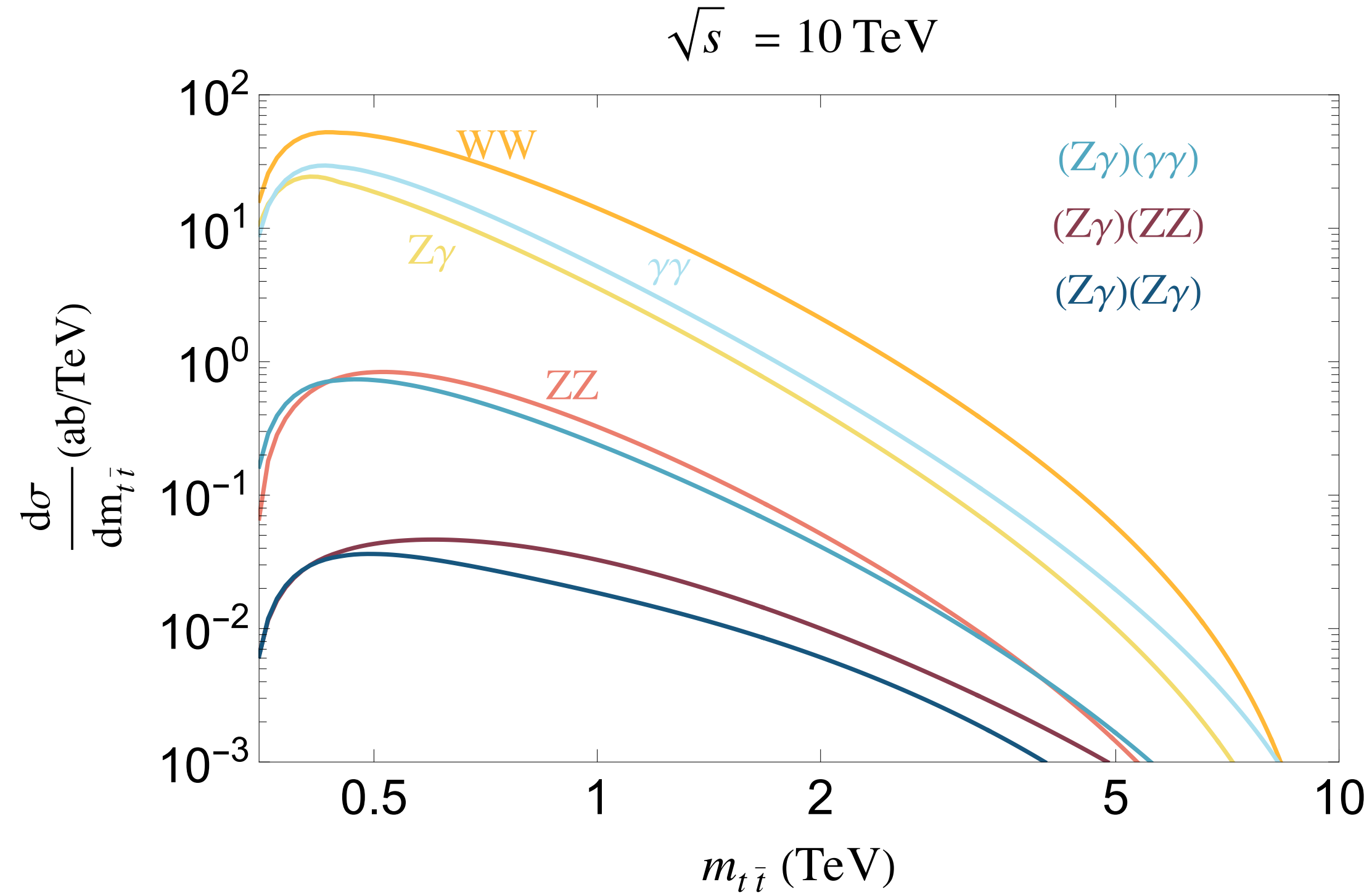
$$\sigma(\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow F + X) = \int_{\tau_{\min}}^{\tau_{\max}} d\tau \sum_{ij} \frac{\mathcal{L}_{ij}}{d\tau} \hat{\sigma}(ij \rightarrow F)$$

## Luminosity Function is given by:

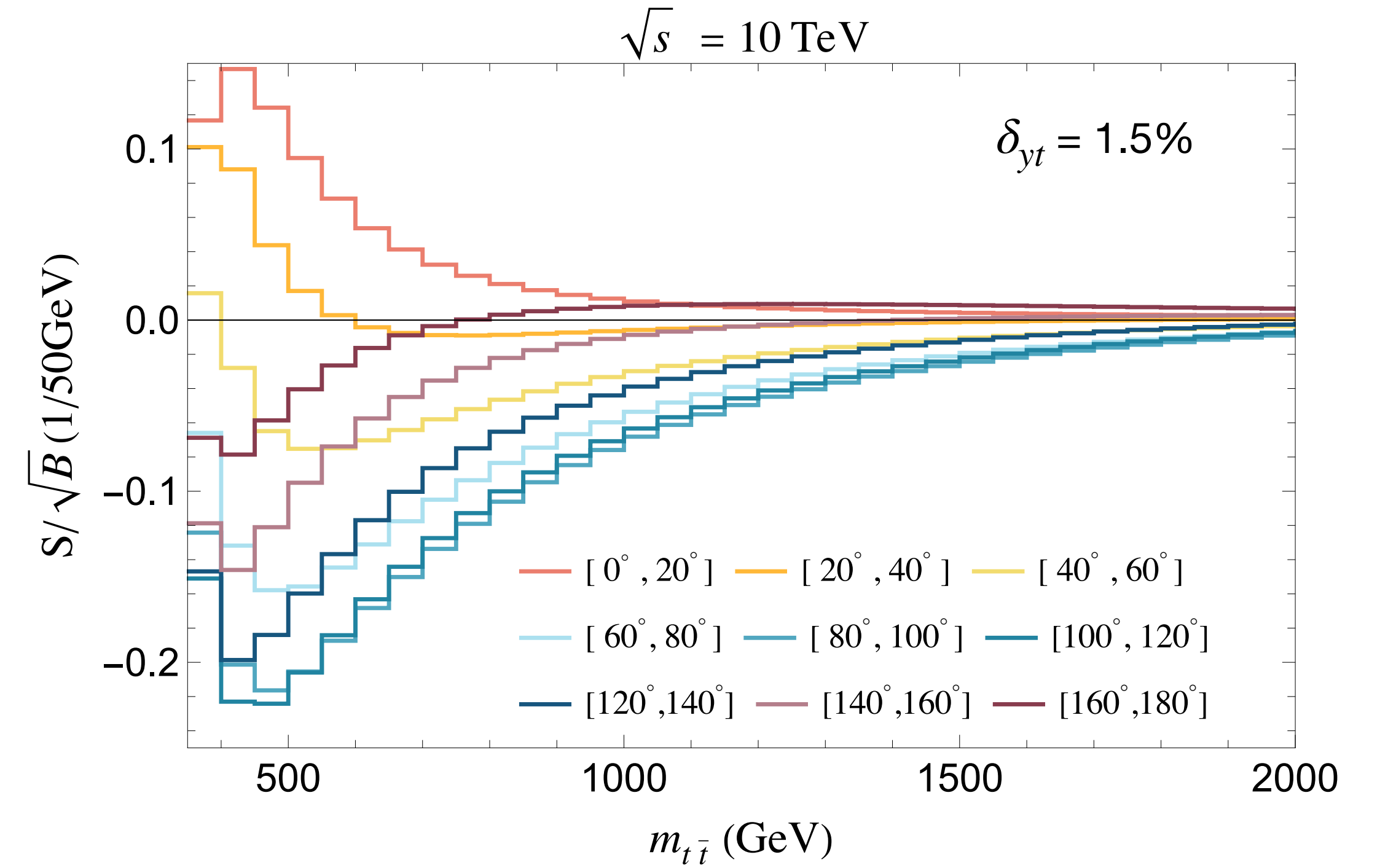
$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}_{ij}}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{ij}} \int_{\tau}^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} \left[ f_i(\xi, \mu_f) f_j\left(\frac{\tau}{\xi}, \mu_f\right) + i \leftrightarrow j \right]$$

# Cross-section for $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$

## 10 TeV 10 $ab^{-1}$ Muon Collider



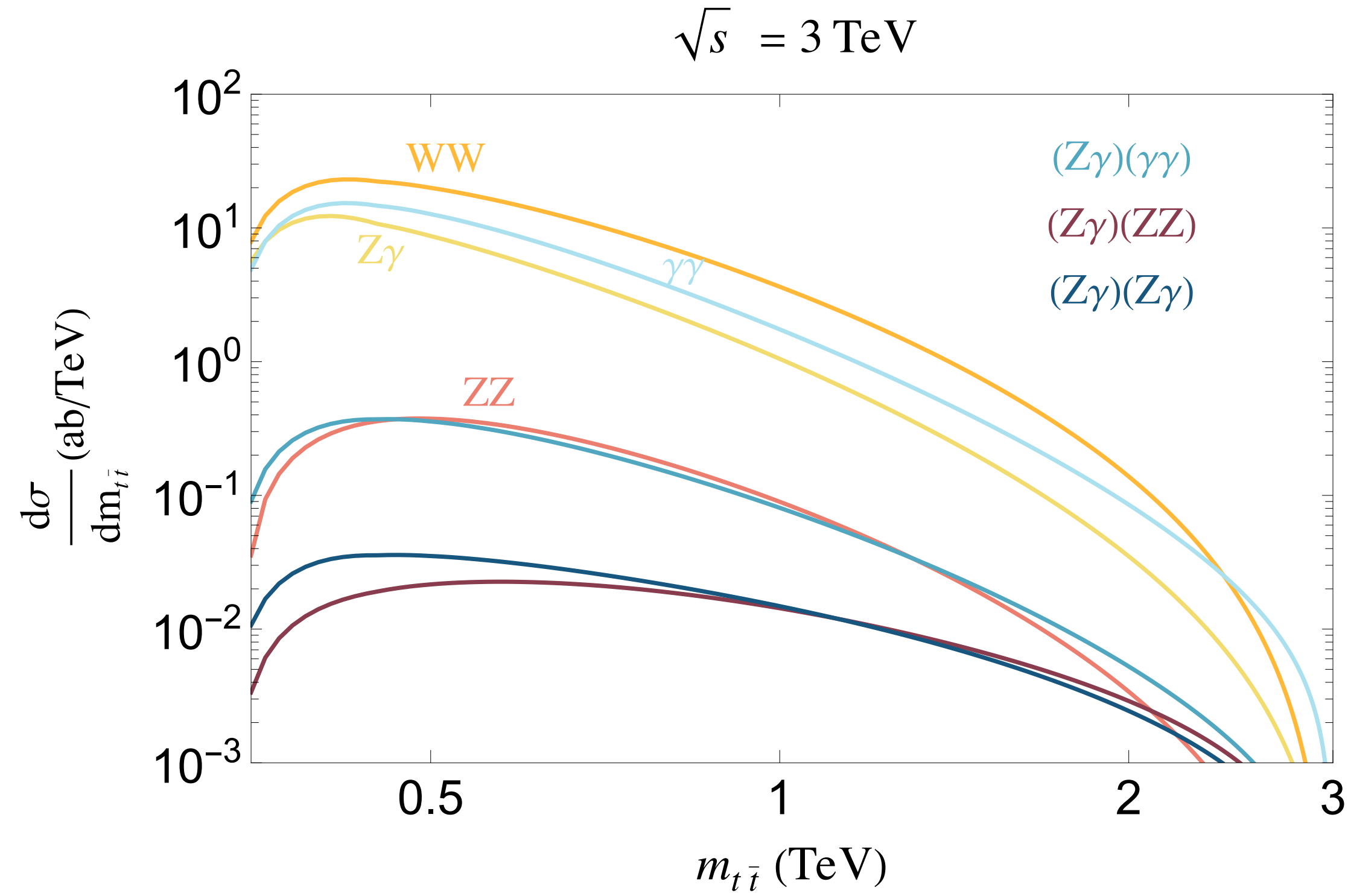
- W-Channel dominates the cross-section where we have the  $\delta_{yt}$  signal
- $(Z\gamma)(\gamma\gamma)$  ,  $(ZZ)(\gamma\gamma)$  ,  $(Z\gamma)(Z\gamma)$  are subtle interference effects



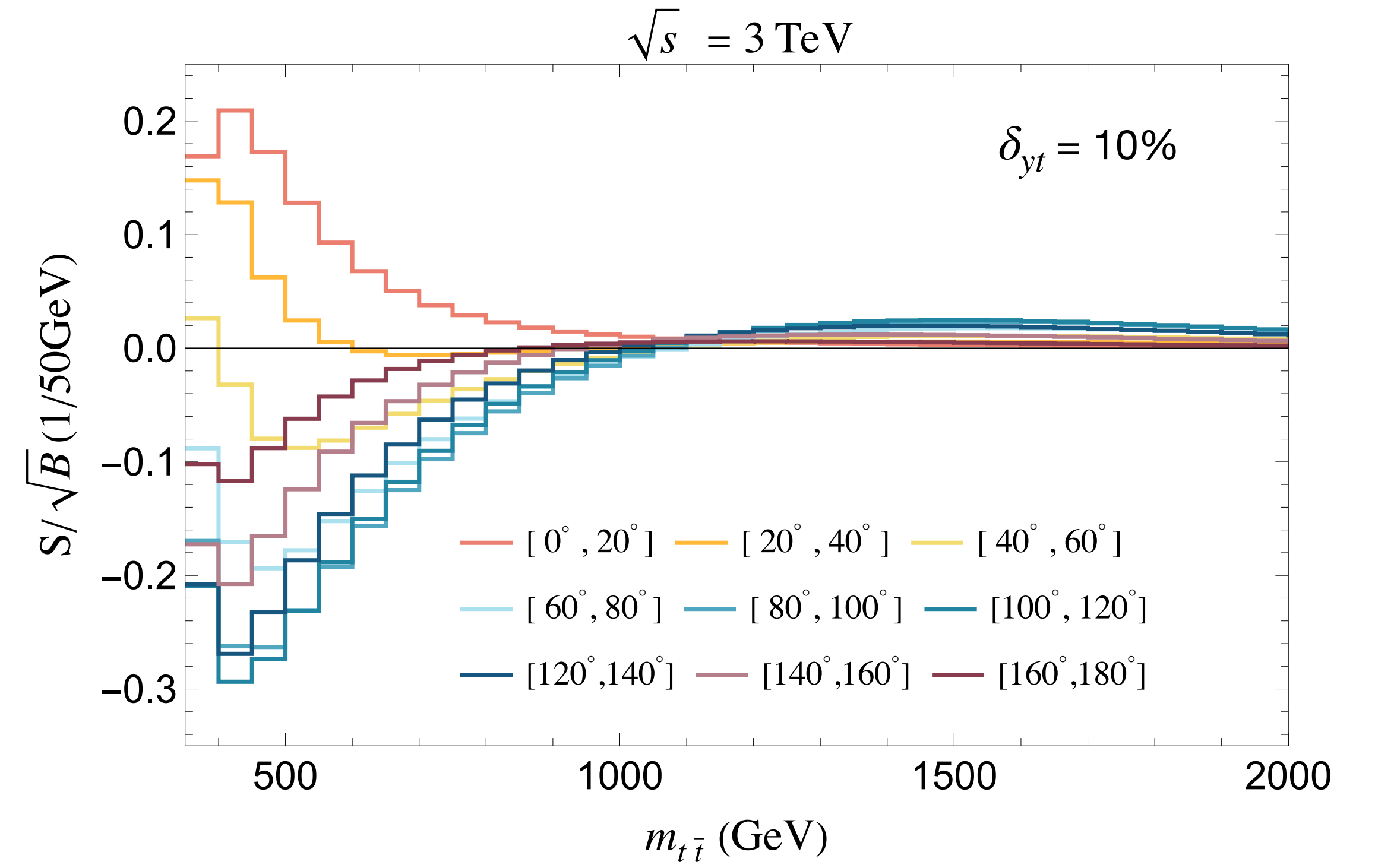
- Signal refers to  $|\mathcal{M}_{SM} + \mathcal{M}_{\delta_{yt}}|^2 - |\mathcal{M}_{SM}|^2$
- Signal dominated by interference between  $\mathcal{M}_{SM}$  and  $\mathcal{M}_{\delta_{yt}}$

# Cross-section for $\mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X$

## 3 TeV 1 $ab^{-1}$ Muon Collider



- W-Channel dominates the cross-section



- Reduced significance at 3 TeV

$\Delta\chi^2$  test is performed by binning  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  with 50 GeV bins and angular distribution into 9 bins



# $\Delta\chi^2$ Analysis

## Event Selection:

- Dilepton events are discarded after  $t\bar{t}$  decay
- Angle Cut:  $10^\circ < \theta < 170^\circ$

## Results:

	$\delta_{yt}$	$\delta_{yt}$
$\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$	-6%	8%
$\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$	-1.25%	1.4%

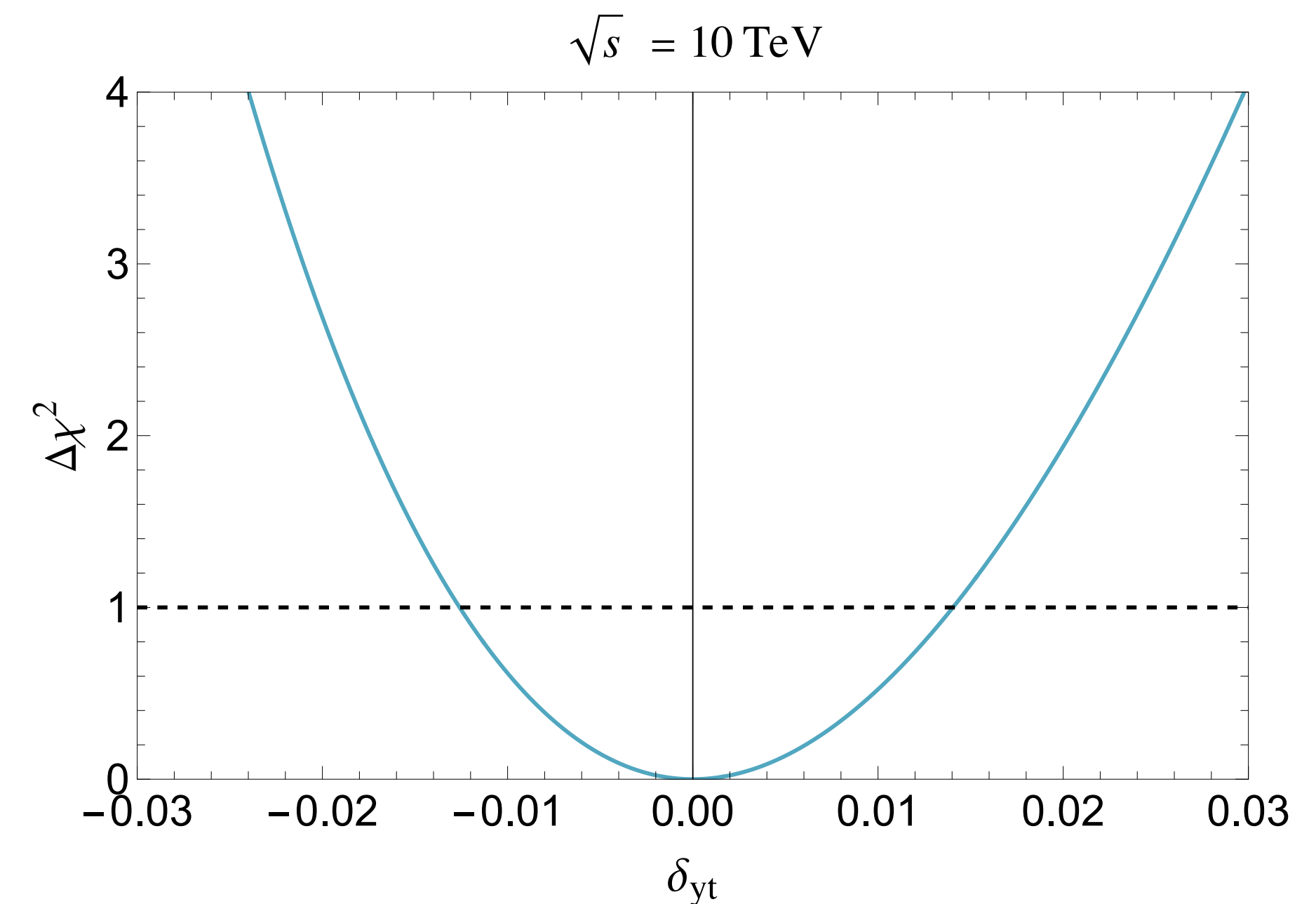
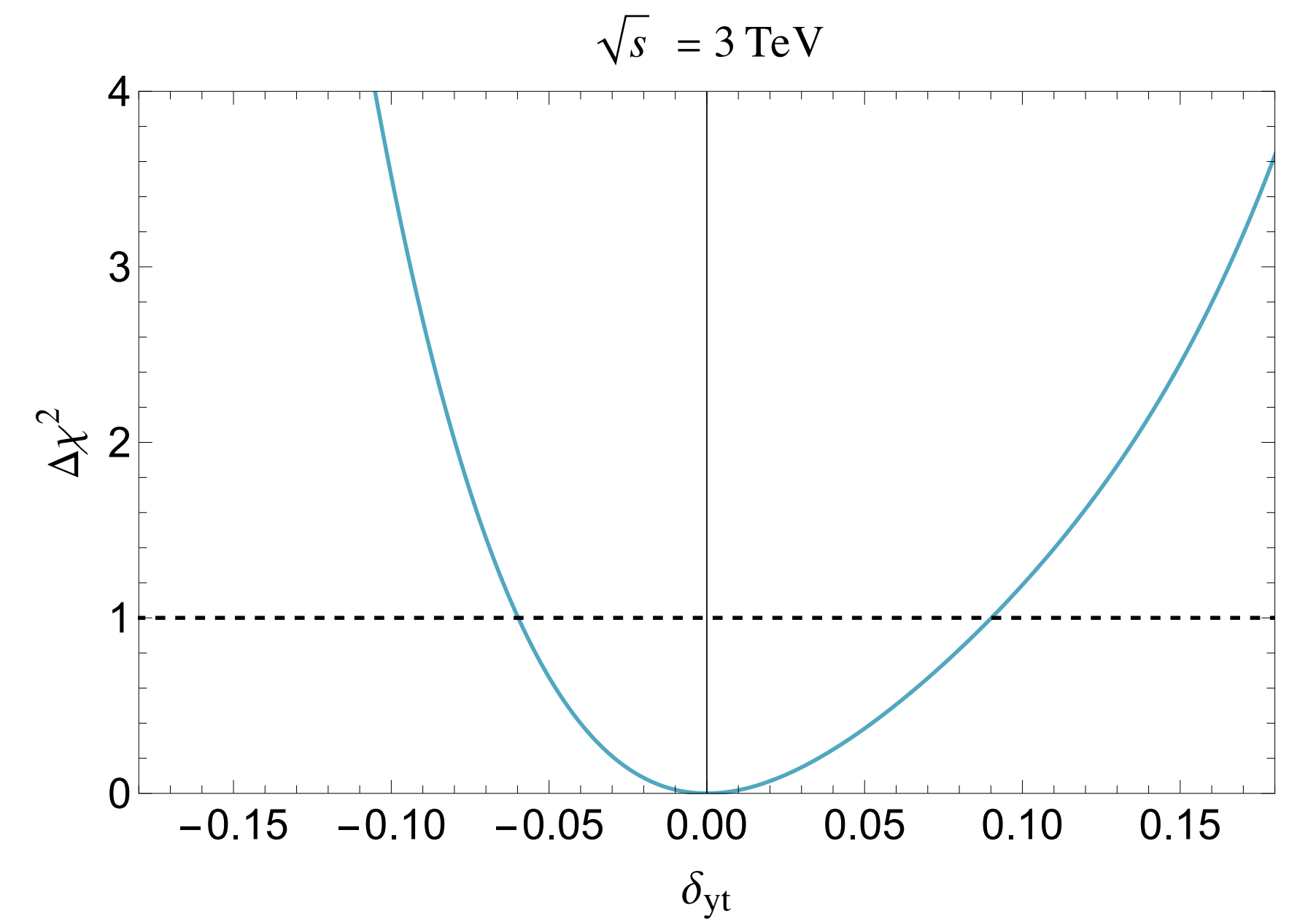
## Comparison:

Direct measurement @MuC using  $t\bar{t}h$  channel for 3 TeV is 53% and for 10 TeV 34%

[M. Forslund, P. Meade, arXiv:2203.09425]

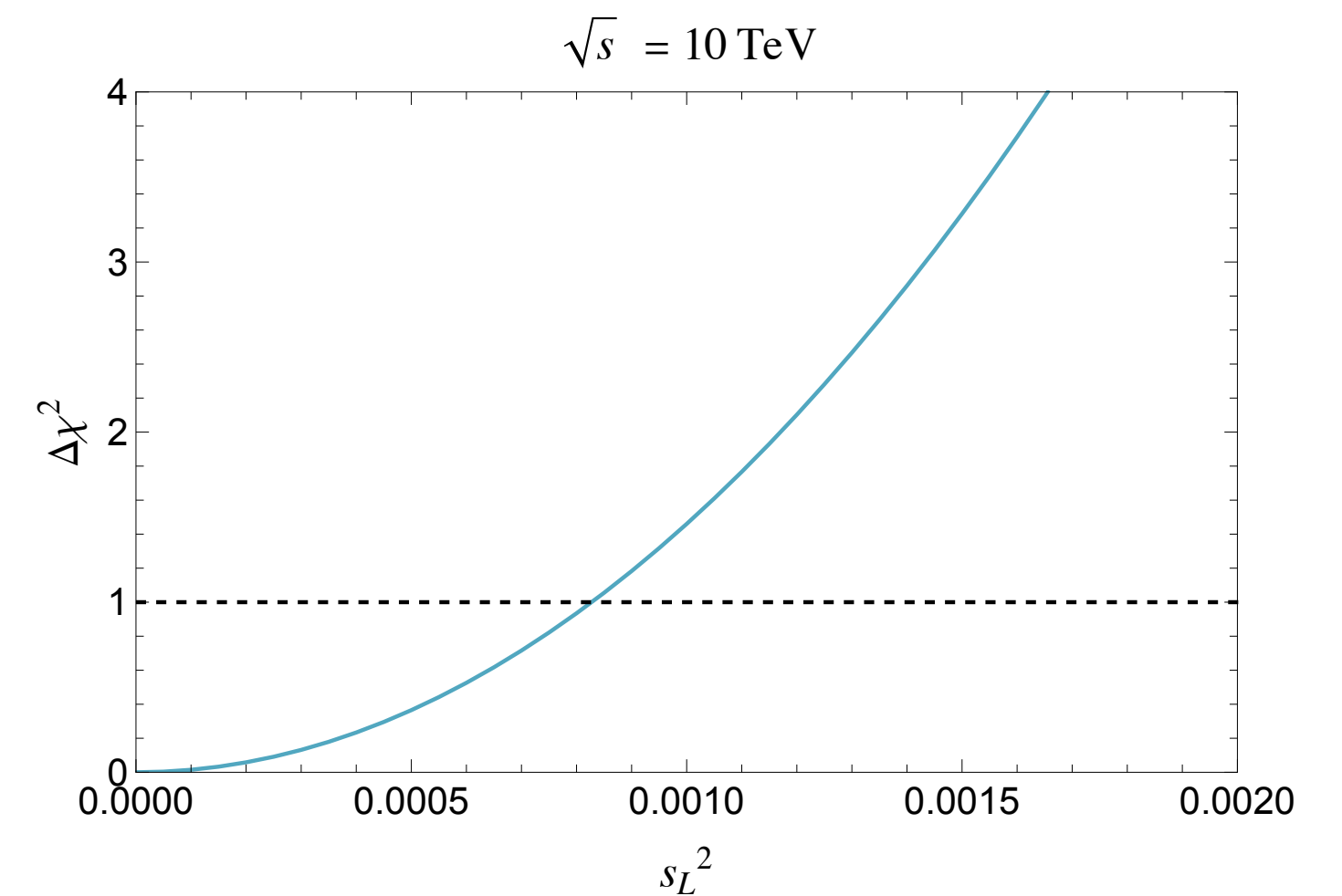
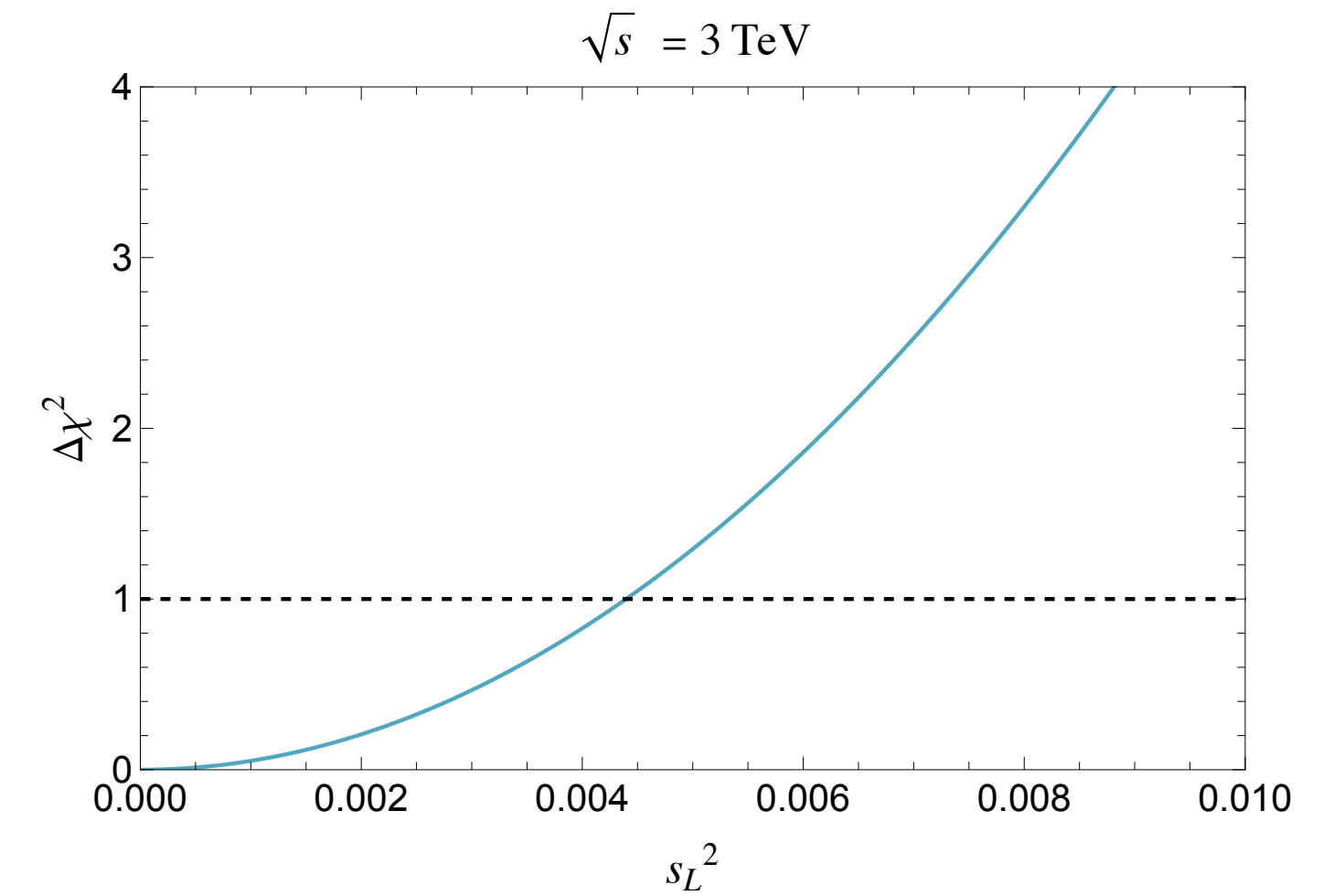
14 TeV HL-LHC @  $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  is 6.9%

[M. Cepeda *et al.*, arXiv:1902.00134 ]



# Summary and Outlook

- Consideration of various UV complete models
  - Promising results for VLQ model with one heavy top partner
  - Study other models
- Detailed consideration of detector effects and reconstruction



Results for VLQ model with one top partner