

In 2012, the last missing piece of the Standard Model (SM) of particle physics, the Higgs boson, was discovered at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN in Geneva. Since then, the LHC greatly improved our understanding of the elementary particles of nature and their interactions. The LHC is scheduled to operate until the late 2030's and the particle physics community is now planning for the post-LHC era.

## Future Circular Collider project

The FCC study [1] envisions a new  $\sim 100$  km long circular collider ring to test the limits of the SM to an unprecedented level. In a first stage, intense collisions of electrons and positrons are produced (FCC-ee). Collision energies of 90–365 GeV at instantaneous luminosities of up to  $230 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  make the FCC-ee an electroweak (EW), Higgs and top factory. This for example allows the precise study of the Higgs boson properties and to investigate hints of lepton flavour violation (LFV) recently observed. In the second stage, the FCC would be equipped with 16 T strong magnets to collide hadrons with energies up to 100 TeV (FCC-hh), a more than seven fold increase from the LHC.

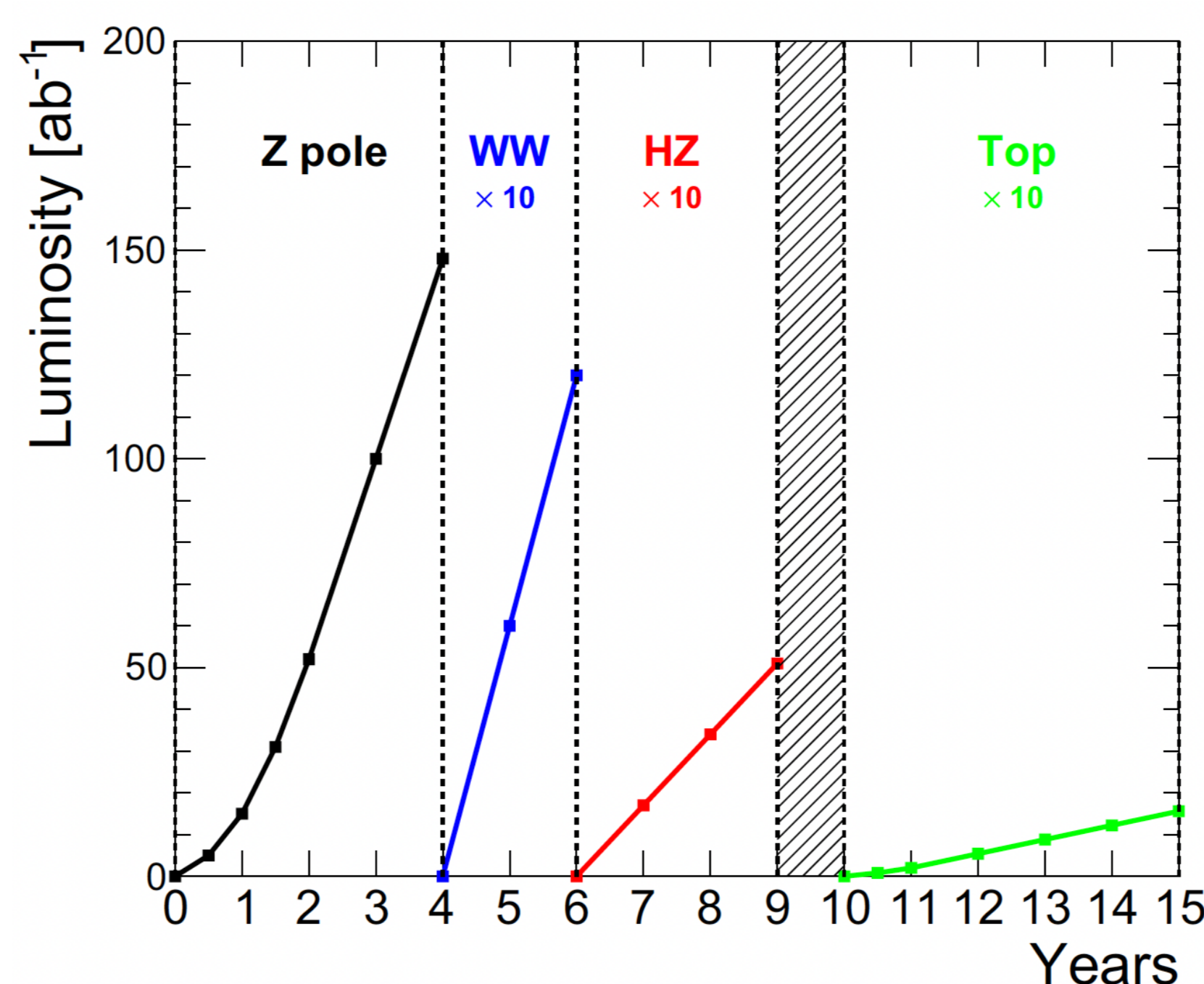


Figure 1: FCC-ee is operated at energies of around 90, 160, 240 and 350–365 GeV [1].

## FCC location

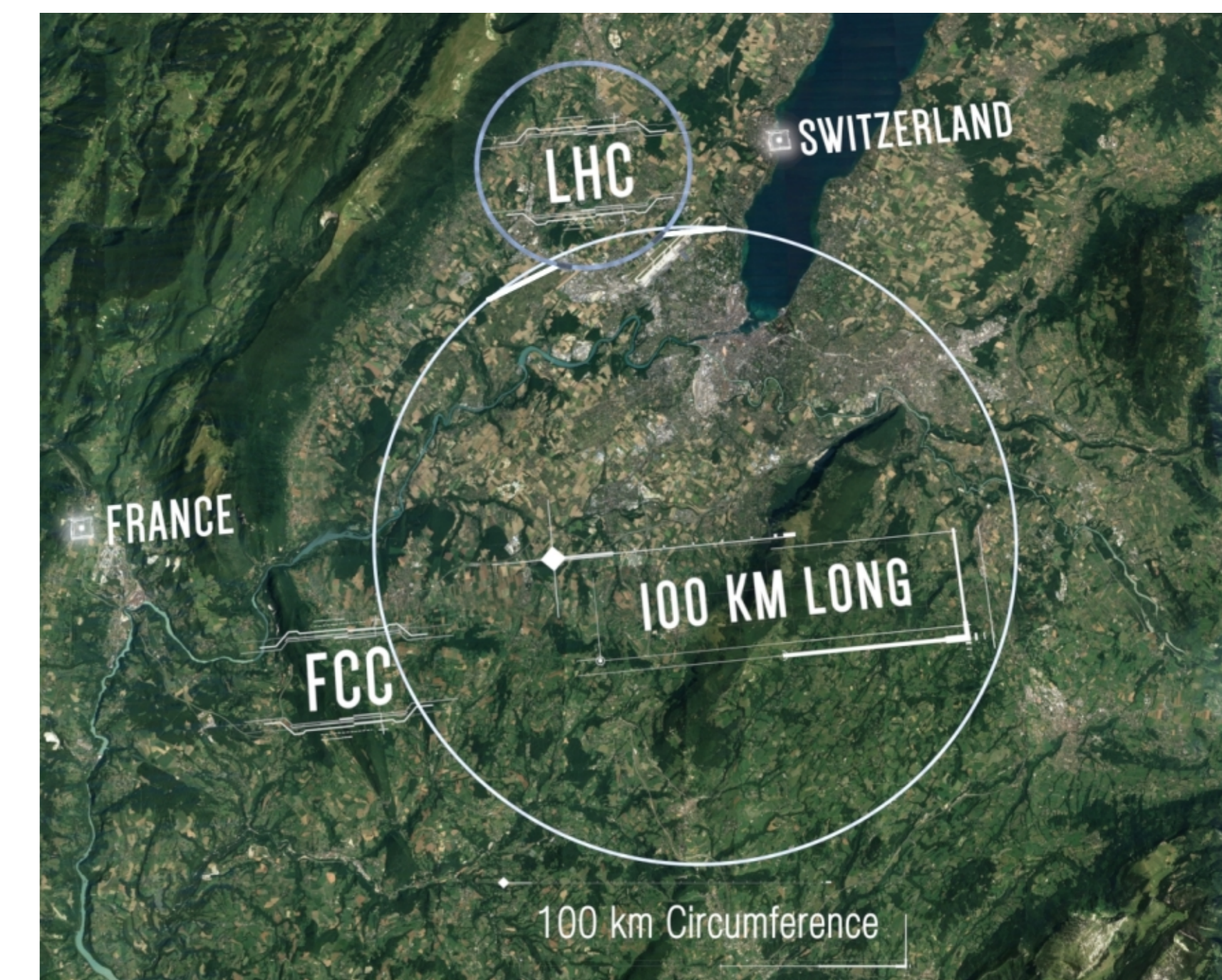


Figure 2: FCC Study@CERN

## Physics program at FCC-ee experiments

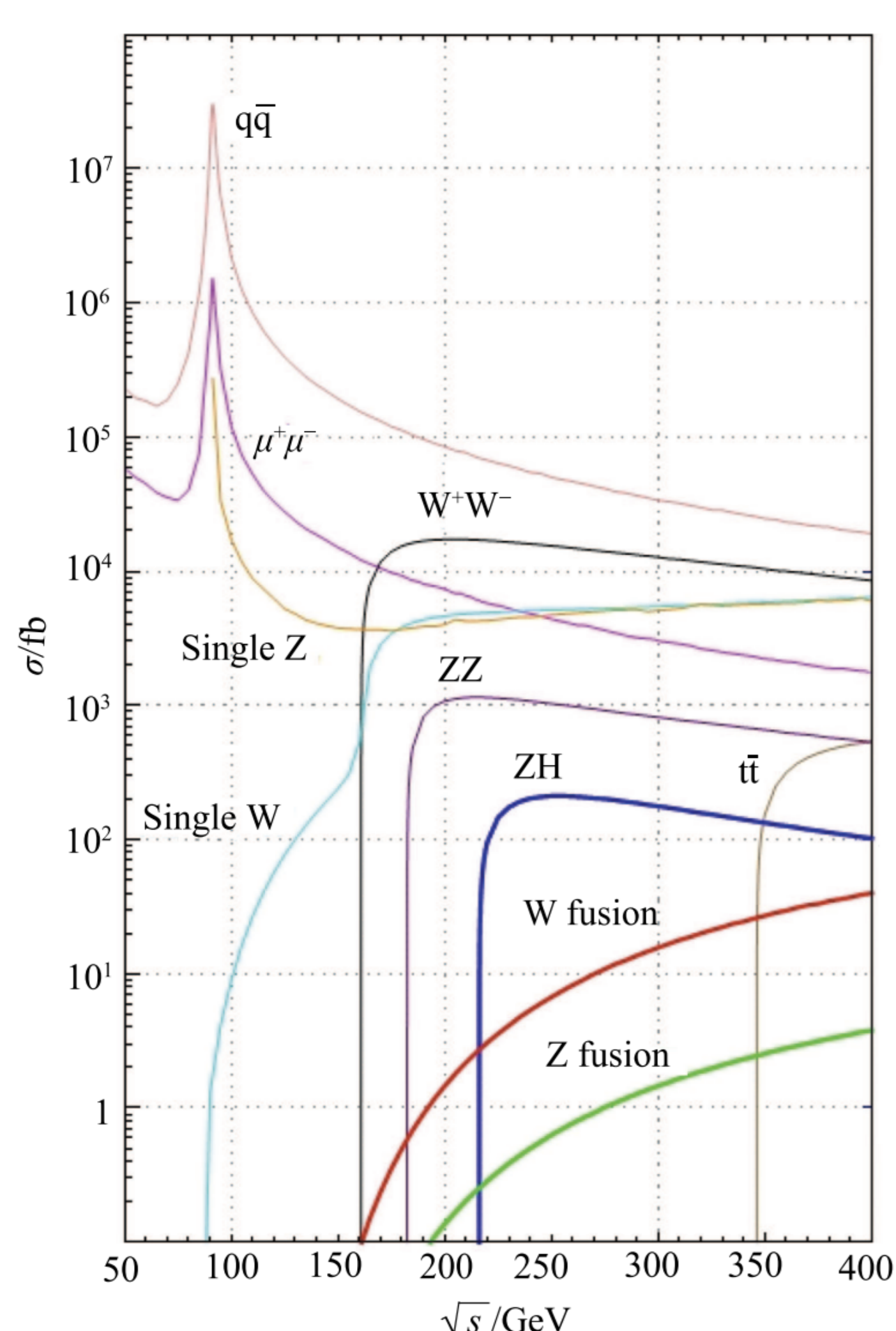


Figure 3: Annihilation cross sections in  $e^+e^-$  collisions. Adapted from [2].

**EW:**  $5 \cdot 10^{12}$  Z,  $10^8$  WW,  $10^6$   $t\bar{t}$

- ▶ 20–50 or more improvement in electroweak quantities [3]
- ▶ Indirect sensitivity to new particles up to 10–70 TeV [1]

**Higgs:**  $1.2 \cdot 10^6$  HZ, 75k WW  $\rightarrow$  H

- ▶ Higgs width at 1.6% [1]
- ▶ Higgs couplings at percent to sub-percent precision

**Flavour:**  $10^{12}$   $b\bar{b}$  and  $c\bar{c}$ ,  $1.7 \cdot 10^{11}$   $\tau\tau$

- ▶ LFV and flavour anomaly searches

**And many many more!**

## FCC-ee detector requirements

$e^+$  and  $e^-$  are **point-like particles**  $\rightarrow$  very different than the LHC!

- ▶ Initial  $E$  and  $p$  known
- ▶ Almost no pile-up, no QCD background

FCC-ee running at the Z pole ( $\sqrt{s} = 91.2 \text{ GeV}$ ) generates extremely large statistics (*tera-Z factory*). To benefit from this, the systematic uncertainties need to be kept down to  $10^{-4}$ – $10^{-5}$

$\rightarrow$  **Stringent requirements on FCC-ee detectors:**

- ▶ Luminosity measurements down to  $10^{-4}$
- ▶ Error on detector acceptance to  $\sim 10^{-5}$
- ▶ Efficient flavour tagging ( $b/c/g/s?$ ) and particle identification ( $\pi/K/p$ )

For the **vertex detector**, determining the spatial locations of the interactions, this requires:

- ▶ Precise vertex determination  $\rightarrow O(3 \times 3 \mu\text{m}^2)$  single-hit resolution
- ▶ Maximise momentum resolution  $\rightarrow$  Minimise material in the vertex detector to limit multiple scattering ( $X_0 \sim 0.3\%$  per layer)

## Depleted Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (DMAPS)

**Monolithic:** Signal generation, amplification and readout in one die

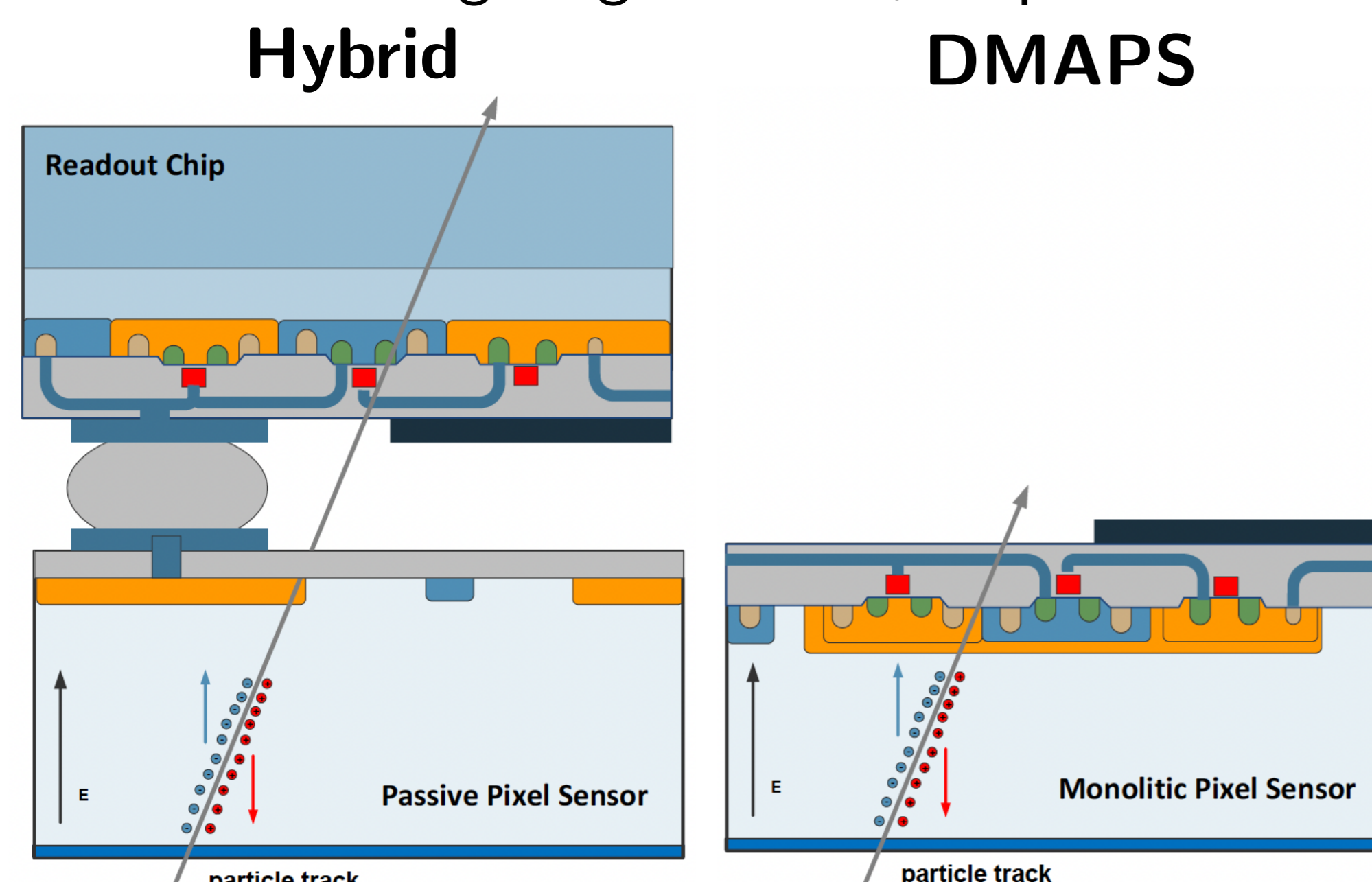


Figure 4: Comparison between hybrid and depleted monolithic active pixel sensors [4].

**Depleted:** p-n junction to create volume free of space charge  
 $\rightarrow$  Collect induced charge by drift  $\rightarrow$  fast!

*Best candidate for FCC-ee vertex detector*

- ▶ Scalable to (very) large sensors
- ▶ **Less material** (possibly no support material)
- ▶ Simpler assembly
- ▶ More cost effective

## Possible thesis topics

### Hardware work

- ▶ Lab characterisation of DMAPS test structures:  
*Fumble with oscilloscopes, cables and lasers!*

### Physics performance case study

- ▶ Data analysis of simulated FCC-ee collisions to assess potential reach in benchmark physics processes  
*Study process in question, apply selections and plot the results!*

### Detector performance simulation

- ▶ Estimate the impact of different detector designs on vertexing and tracking performance  
*Change detector parameters, simulate collisions, estimate performance metrics and compare!*

### Your ideas!

- ▶ We are open to other contributions related to FCC-ee

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