



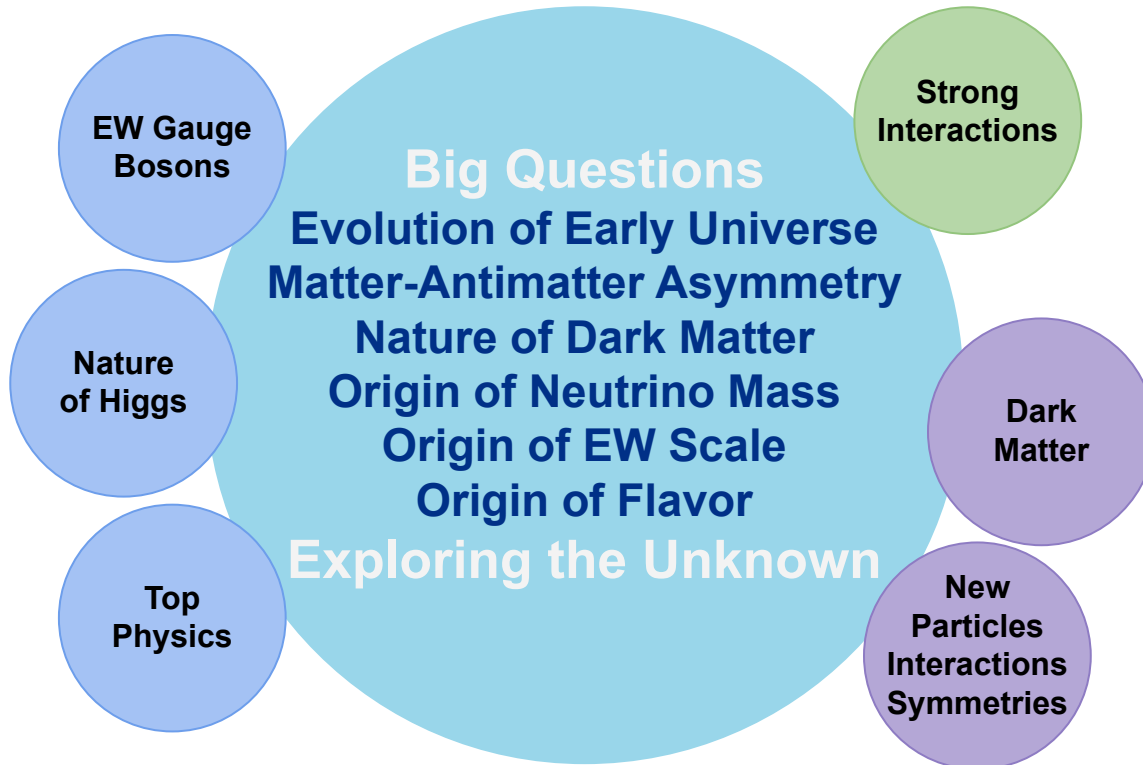
# **(B)SM Phenomenology and Event Generators**

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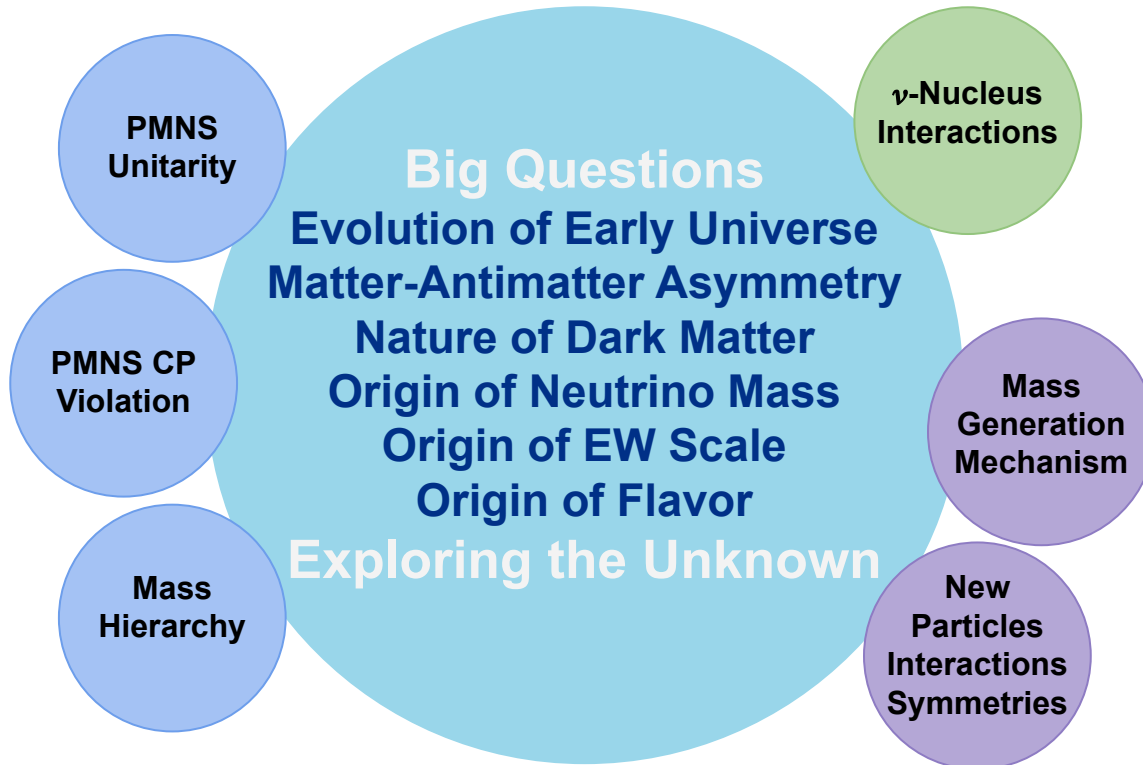
# Physics at the Energy Frontier – Snowmass 2021



- What can we learn about the origin of the EW scale and the EW phase transition from an in-depth study of SM particles at colliders (HL-LHC)?
- What can we learn about the dynamics of strong interactions in different regimes?
- How can we build a complete program of BSM searches which includes both model-specific and model-independent explorations at high scales?

[Narain et al.] arXiv:2211.11084

# Physics at the Neutrino Frontier – Snowmass 2021



- What can we learn about the origin of the neutrino masses and the absolute mass scale from high-intensity neutrino experiments (DUNE, SBND, Project 8,  $0_{\nu\beta\beta}$ )?
- Is there a source of CP violation in the lepton/neutrino sector?
- How can we exploit neutrinos as uniquely sensitive tools to probe a wide range of low-scale and/or small coupling BSM physics?

[Huber et al.] arXiv:2211.08641

# Connecting Theory and Experiment

- HEP experiments rely on simulations (event generators) for design, analysis and interpretation of data
- Theory needs generators to connect to experiments
- Generators preserve the collective knowledge of high-energy particle physicists in a set of calculations and models that are implemented in publicly accessible open-source computer code (Open Science)

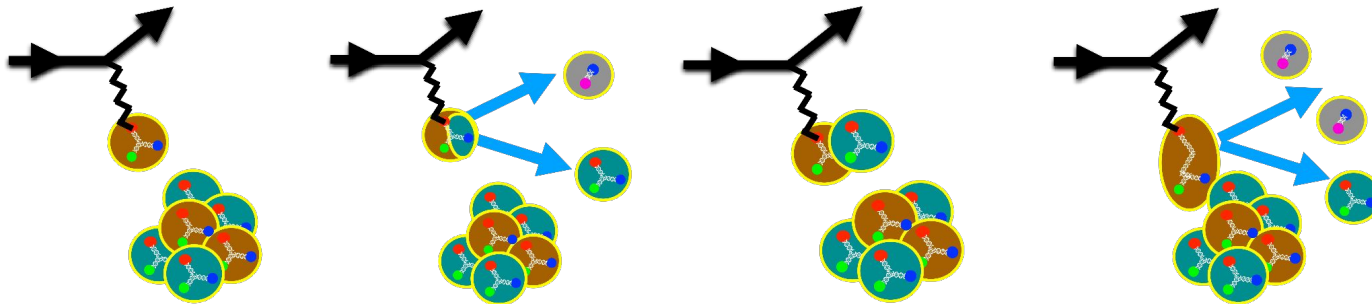
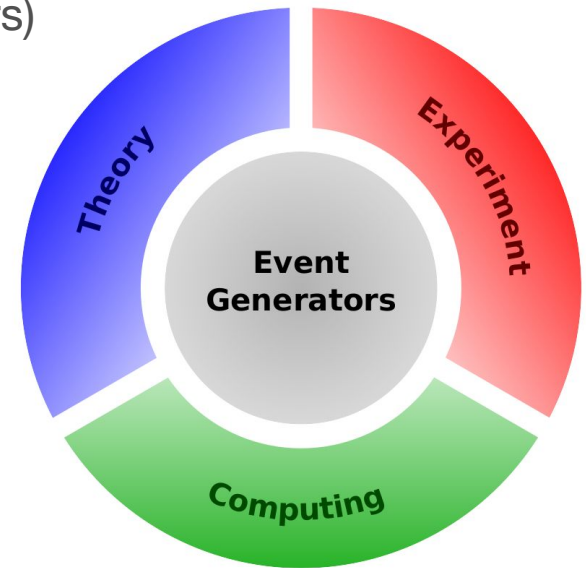
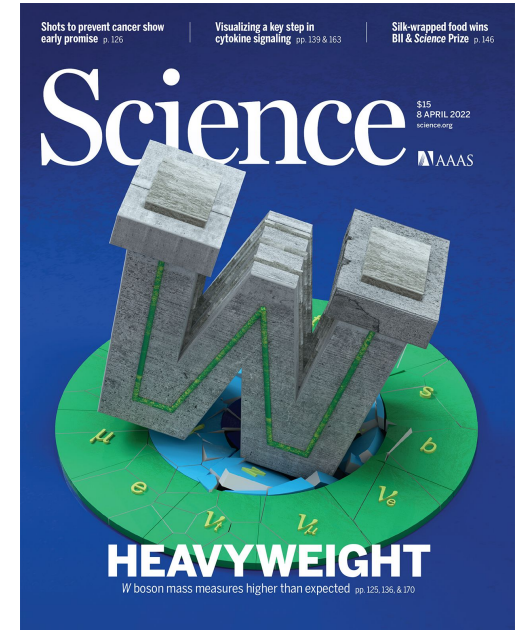
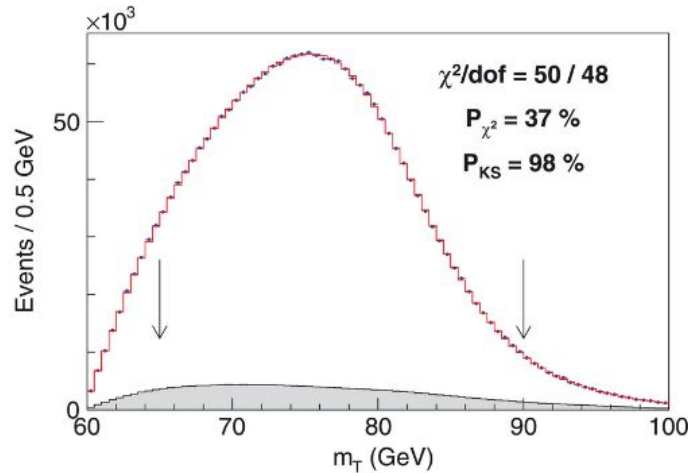
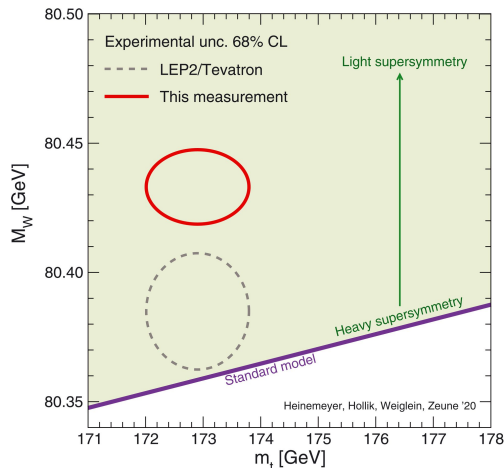


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[Campbell et al.] arXiv:2203.11110

# Precision Measurements at Colliders

- CDF's measurement of the W-boson mass emphasizes importance of precision calculations for extraction of SM parameters at colliders
- (B)SM interpretation of results depends on sub-permille level precision in lepton  $p_T$  spectrum



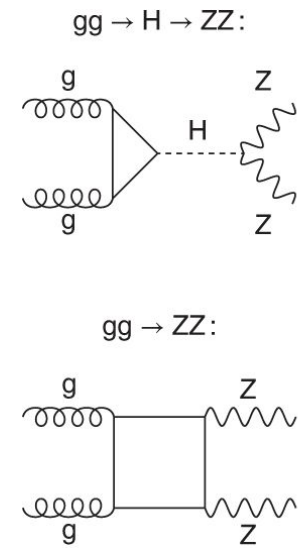
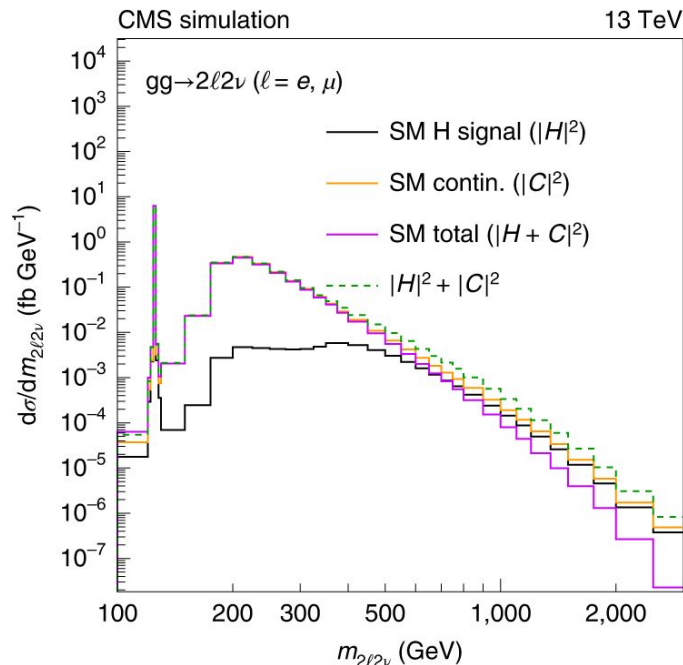
- Fermilab theorists provides two of the most important tools for predictions of the  $p_T$  spectrum: MCFM and ResBos
- ResBos2 –  $N^2$ LO fixed order,  $N^3$ LL resummed [Isaacson et al.]
- MCFM –  $N^3$ LO fixed order,  $N^4$ LL resummed [Campbell et al.]
- Multiple methods & codes to estimate perturbative truncation error

[CDF Collaboration]  
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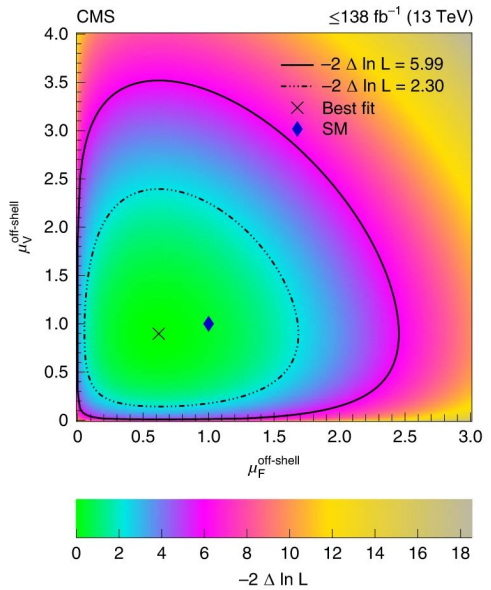


# Precision Measurements at Colliders

- Recent CMS measurement of Higgs boson width a success of both experiment & theory
- Off-shell interference due to loop-induced processes with special helicity configurations - a relatively recent finding



[CMS Collaboration] Nature Physics 18 (2022) 1329



- Fermilab theorists helped establish method and developed tools for experimental analysis [Campbell, Ellis, Williams]
- Rich BSM phenomenology also in di-photon decay channel [Campbell, Carena, Harnik, Liu]
- Future bounds on width also from  $\gamma\gamma$  channel [Dixon et al.]

# Exploring the Unknown – The Higgs Potential

- Higgs self interaction is key to understanding of EW sector
- Measurement will require careful combination of many analyses with full HL-LHC data set
- Heavy flavor channels needed for high statistical significance e.g. via “ABCD” method

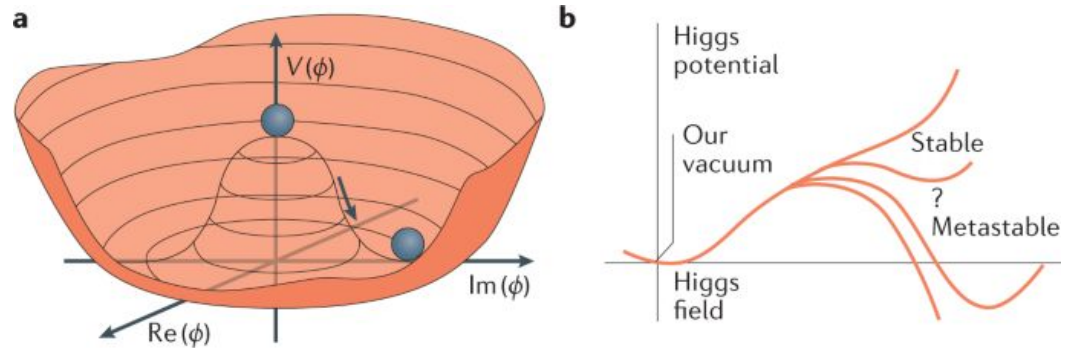
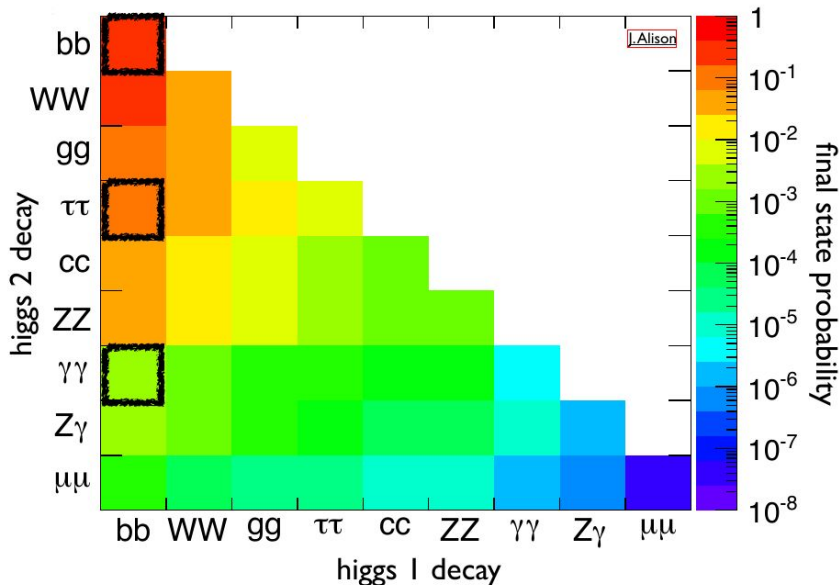
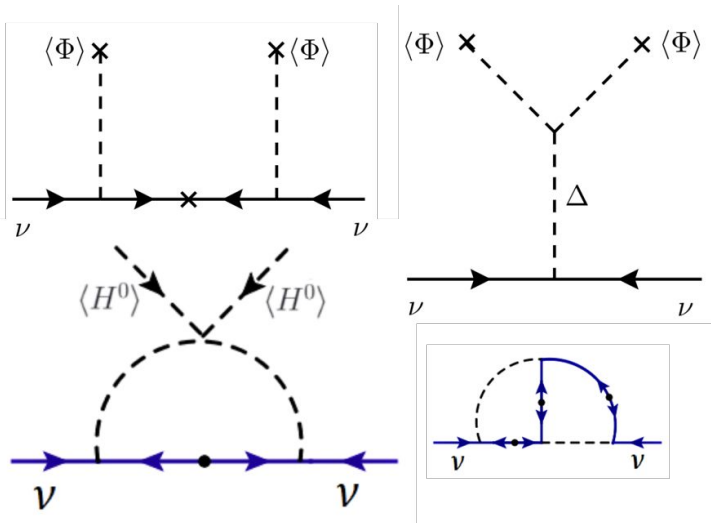


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- Predictions for heavy quark production as part of inclusive heavy plus light flavor jets difficult to obtain at high precision
- Multiple approaches co-developed at Fermilab & implemented in simulations
  - MCFM [Campbell et al.]
  - Sherpa [Höche et al.]
- Estimation of matching scheme uncertainties crucial for reliable extraction of triple Higgs coupling

# Precision Neutrino Phenomenology



- **Mechanism of neutrino masses qualitatively different from SM charged fermions: Requires BSM**
- Realizations of the neutrino mass mechanism can live in the sub-eV up to the  $10^{13}$  GeV scale
- Neutrino sector a promising portal to new physics scenarios

- For oscillation physics need to reconstruct incoming neutrino energy

$$\sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

- Detector response depends on final state: energy, direction & type of each particle
- **To fully exploit neutrino sector, need to describe neutrino-nucleus interactions differentially: Requires simulations**
- Factorization is key to simulation

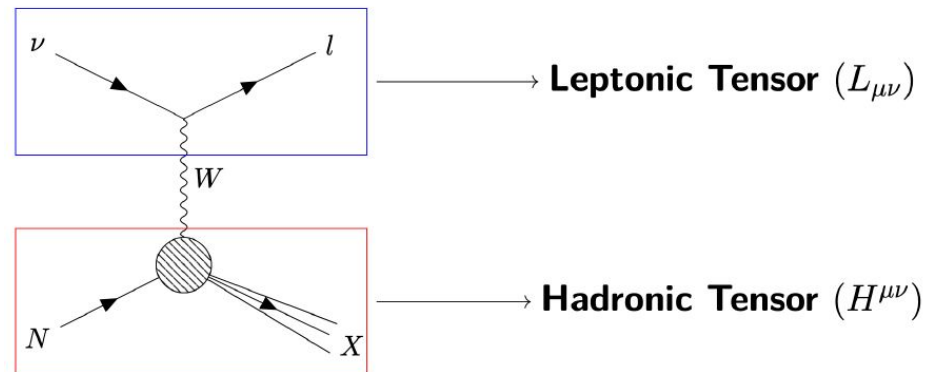
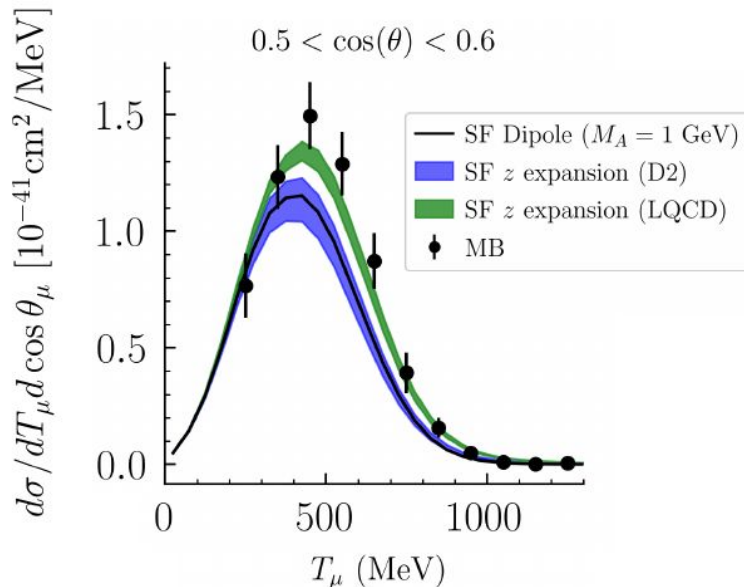


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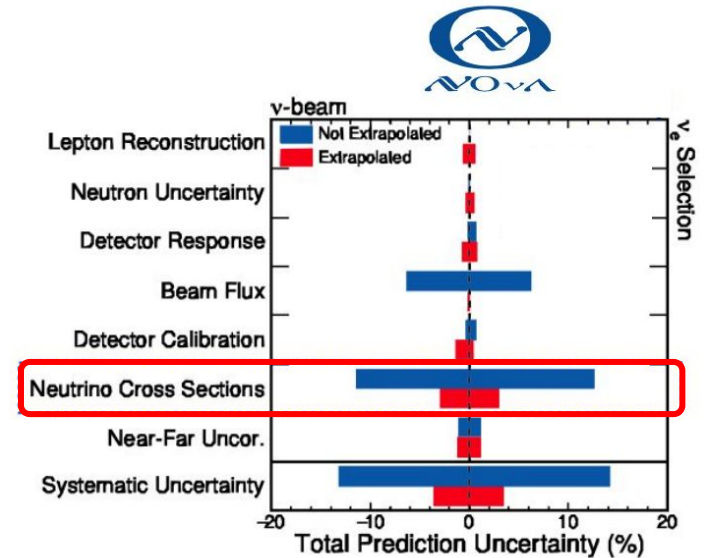


# Precision Neutrino Phenomenology

- Current uncertainty estimates of neutrino nuclear interaction modeling: 5-10% Mismodeling can hinder BSM searches or lead to fake anomalies [Machado et al.]
- Reaching precision goals of DUNE possible, but will require strong effort Must ensure continued support for simulations and background theory



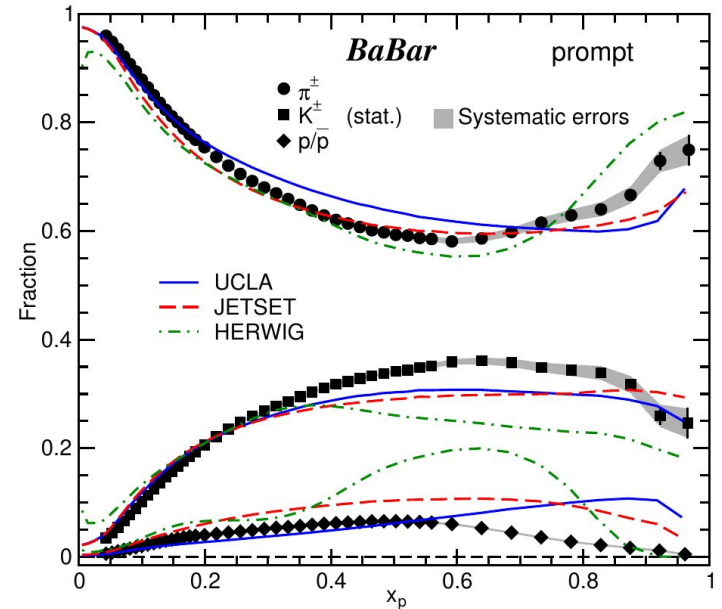
[Simons et al.] arXiv:2210.02455



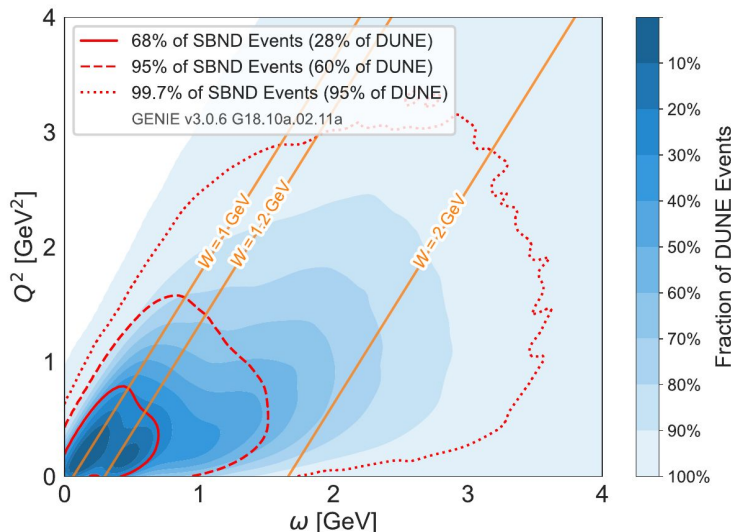
- Computation of spectral functions for neutrino-nucleus interaction [Rocco et al.]
- Collaboration between nuclear theory and lattice QCD to improve nuclear matrix elements [Rocco, Wagman et al.]
- Collaboration with experiment to include in Genie [Rocco, Steinberg et al.]

# Precision Neutrino Phenomenology

- Modeling of non-perturbative parton-to-hadron transition important for detector response, especially at low particle multiplicity
- Flavor composition of jets and identified hadron production typically somewhat challenging, especially at low energy
- Must be addressed in order to reach precision goals of future colliders & neutrino experiments



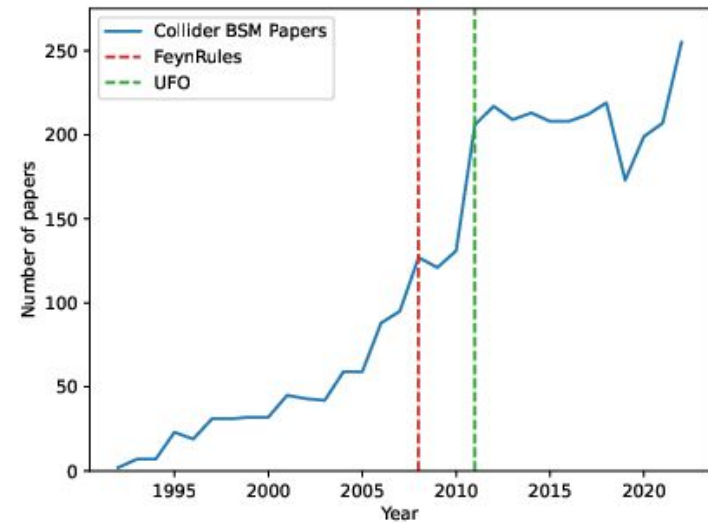
[Lees et al.] arXiv:1306.2895



- About 10% of DUNE events expected to be in DIS region → precision target for low  $Q^2$  hadronization models of 10%
- Challenging for any existing generator
- Fermilab involved in two model developments: String [Mrenna] & Cluster [Höche]

# BSM Neutrino Phenomenology

- Ideal workflow for BSM explorations:  
Lagrangian → Simulation → Analysis
- Enabled by developments in collider physics community (**FeynRules+UFO**)  
[Darmé et al.] arXiv:2304.09883
- If BSM only in leptonic sector, analogous solution for neutrino event generators  
[Isaacson et al.] arXiv:2110.15319



# Fermilab Efforts in Generator Development

- Novel neutrino event generator Achilles: Primary interaction, Cascade, BSM [Isaacson, Machado, Rocco]
- Connecting LQCD and nuclear many-body [Rocco, Wagman]

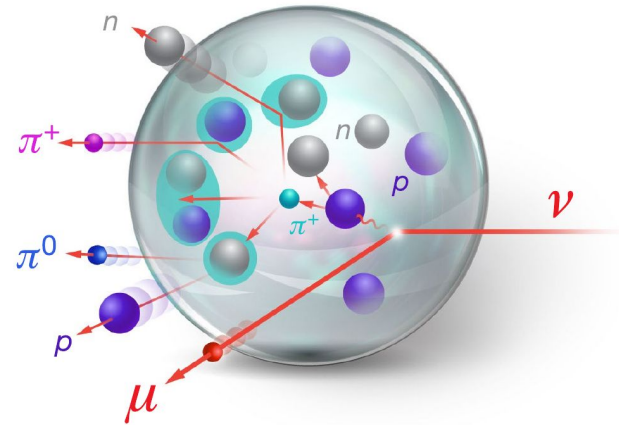
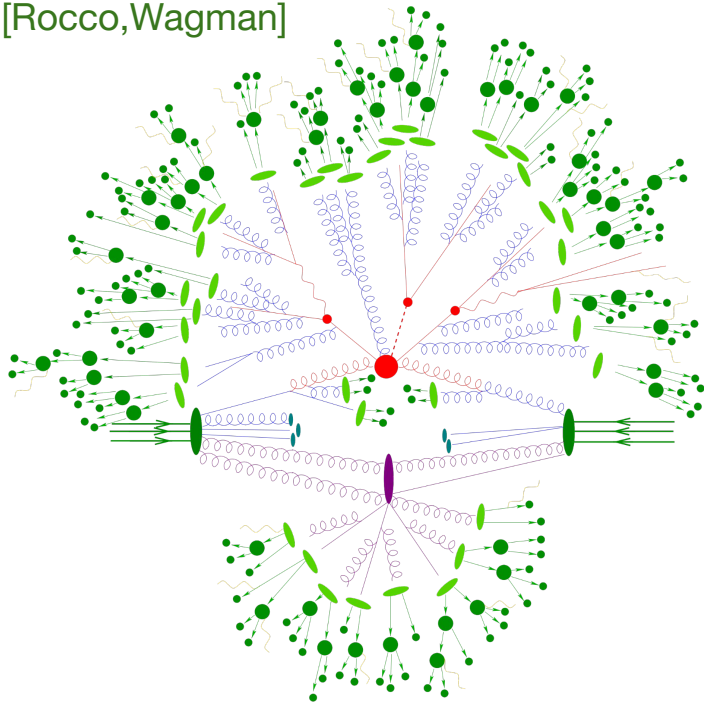


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- General-purpose collider physics tools: Perturbation theory, resummation, hadronization modeling, QED effects [Mrenna, Höche]
- Fixed-order & resummation at highest achievable precision [Campbell, Isaacson]

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