

The flavor of the New Physics

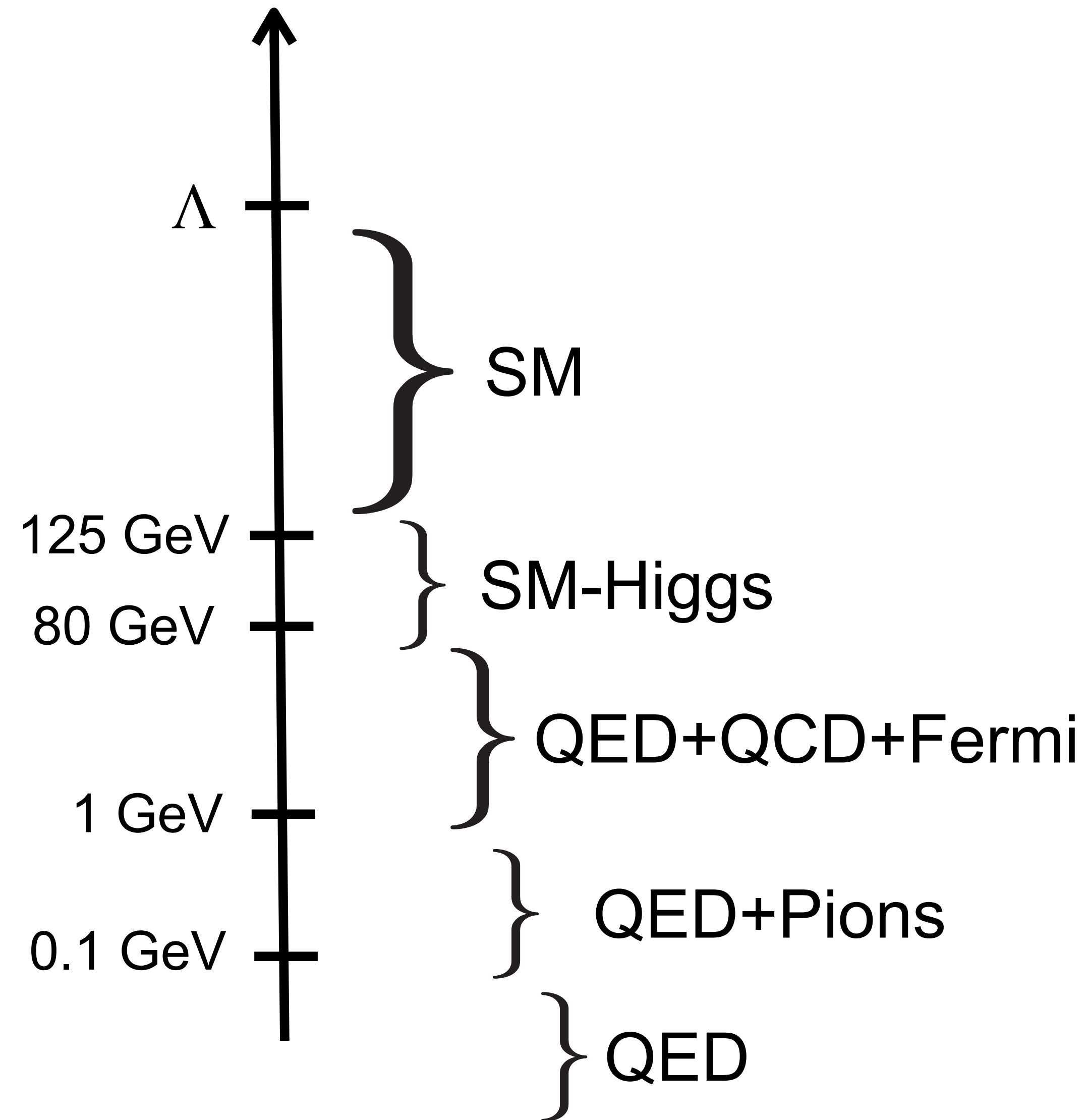
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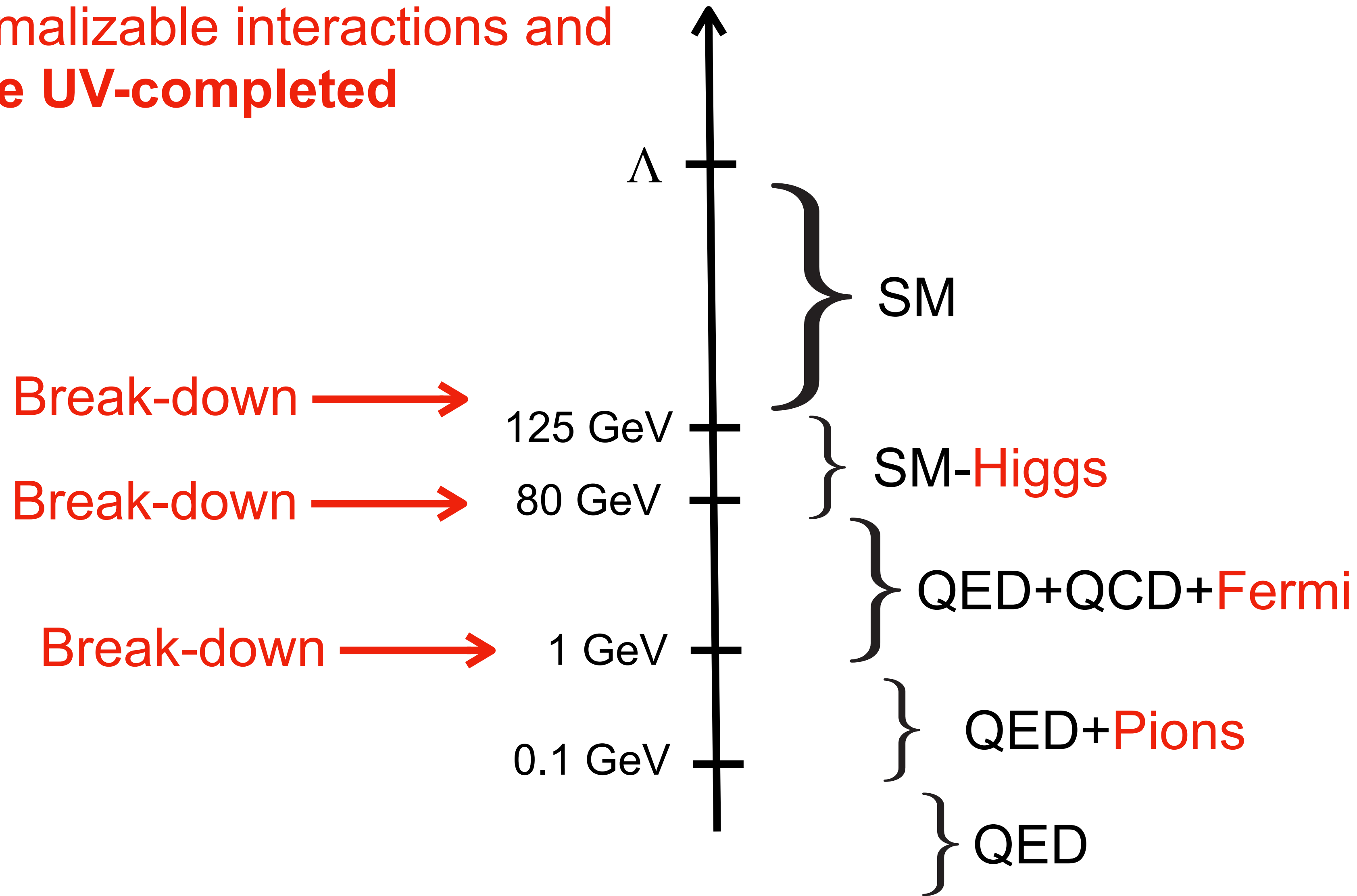
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Some perspective:
What can we learn from the past?

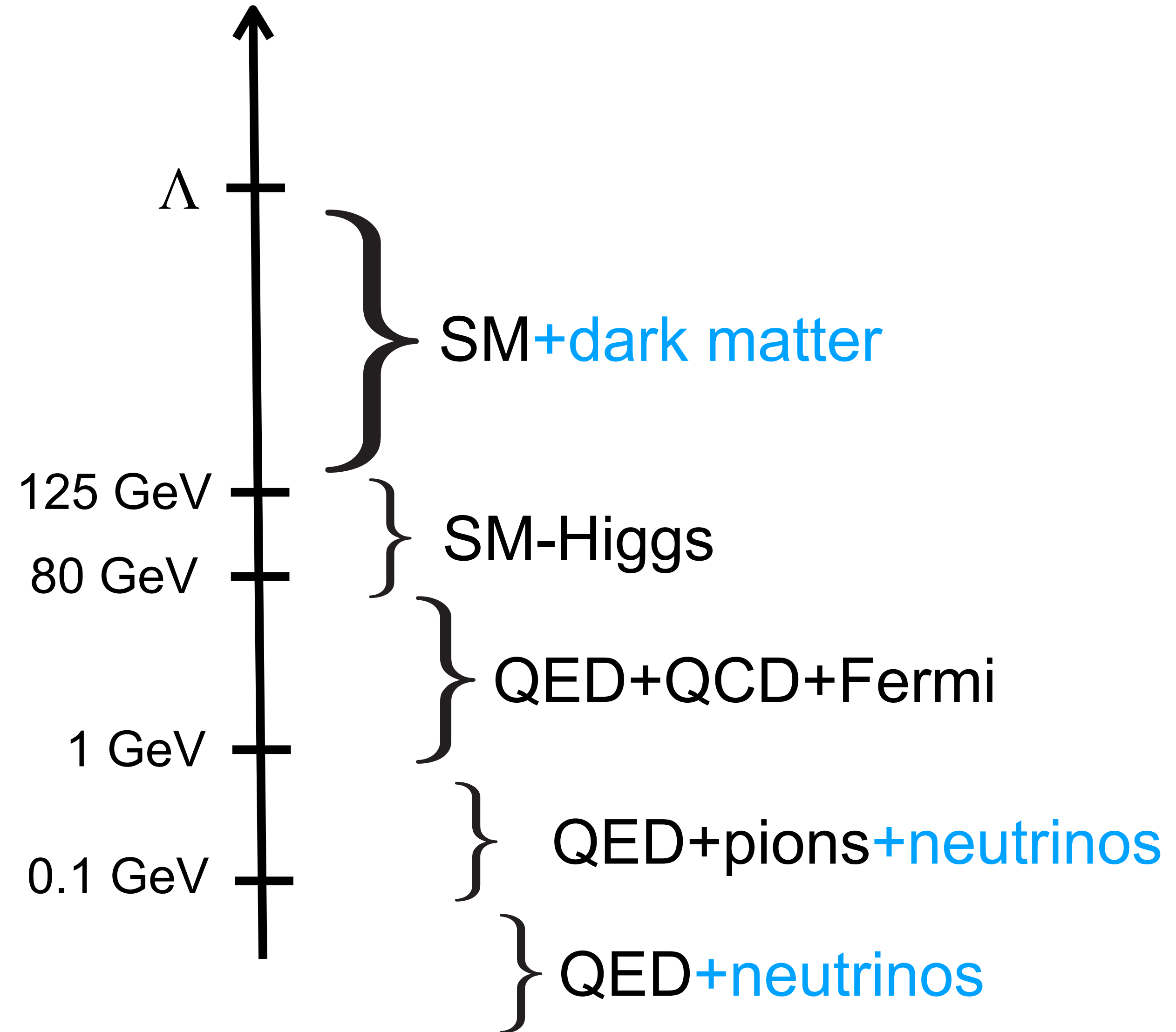
Conservatively including
only accessible particles:
layers of EFTs



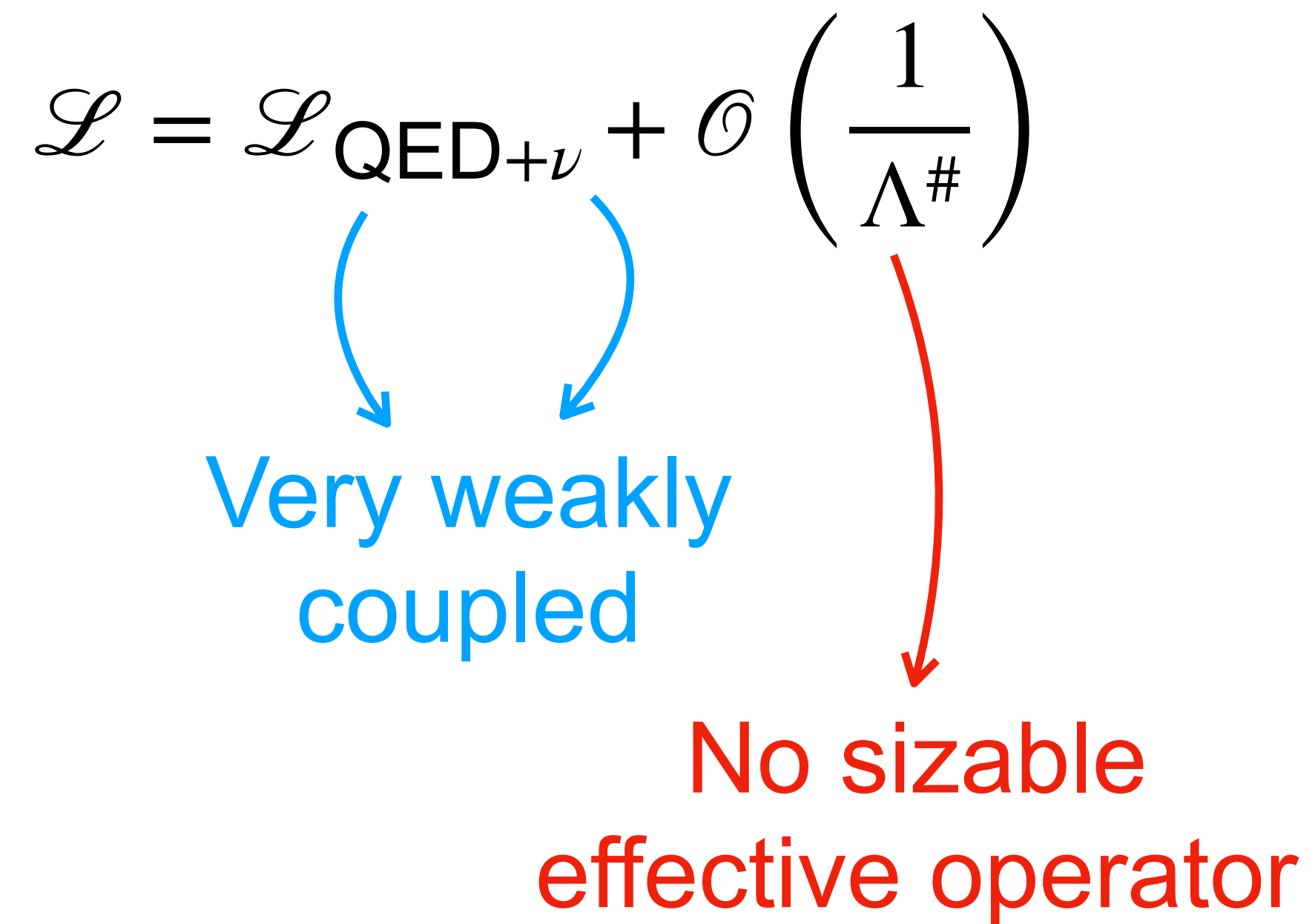
Some of these EFTs contain **sizable** non-renormalizable interactions and **have to be UV-completed**



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feebly-coupled dark sectors.

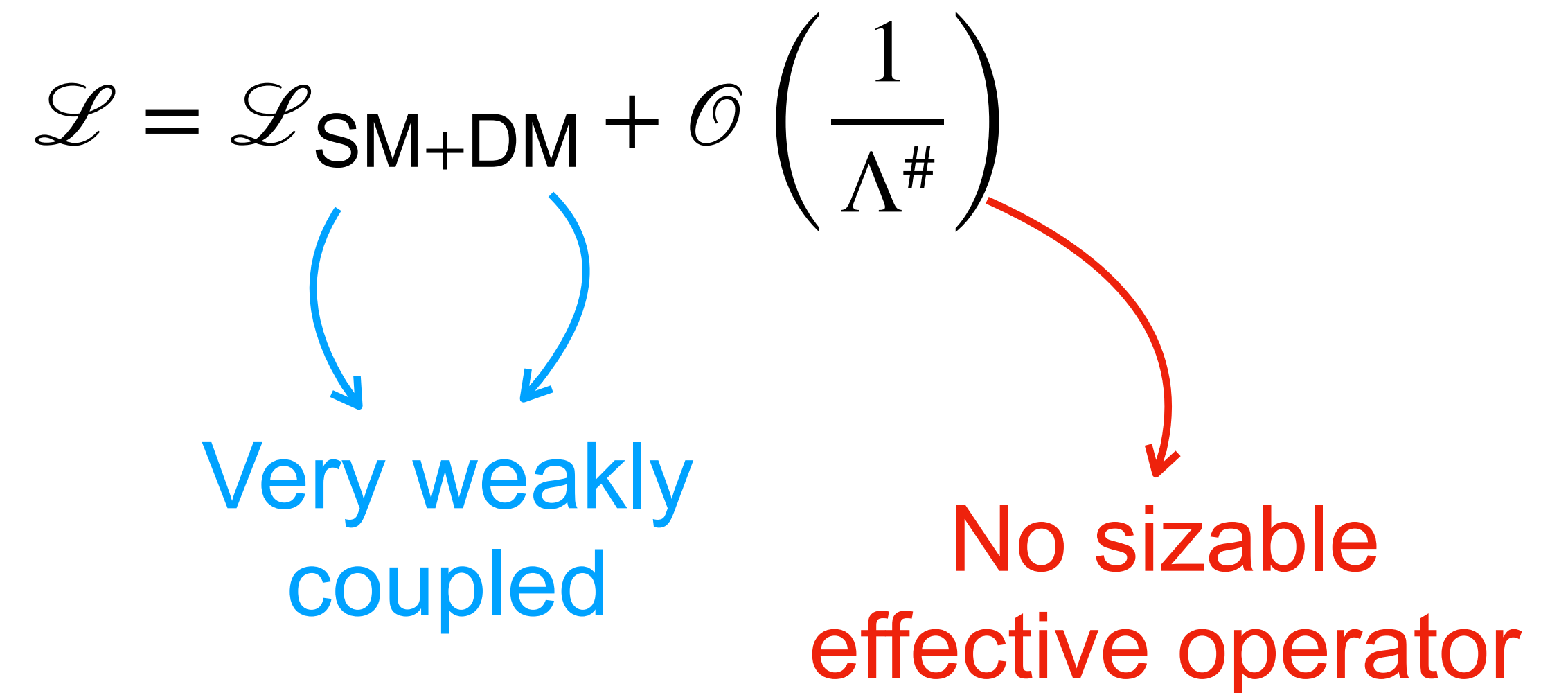


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What is the New Physics?

**A whole new world (us!) appears
at $\Lambda = m_\pi \sim 200m_e$ for apparently no reason!**

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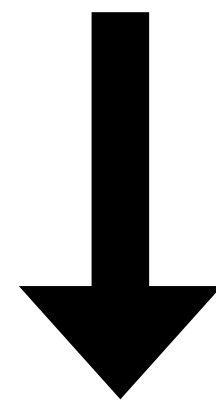
Direct approach:

$$\mathcal{A}(e^+e^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) \sim e^2$$

Probably a better option

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Following Weinberg, if we take $\Lambda \gg m_e$ we predict that:

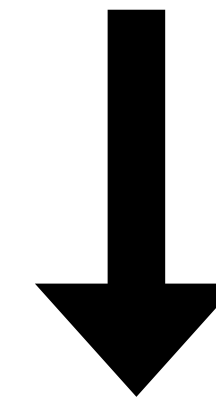
CP & P remain good symmetries (modulo θ) ✓

Absence of new physics up to, say, scales $\sim 100m_e$ ✓

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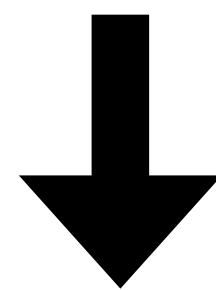
If we take $\Lambda \gg m_H$, remarkable predictions:

- approximate proton stability ✓
- light Majorana neutrino masses ✓
- success of CKM paradigm ✓
- absence of BSM signatures ✓

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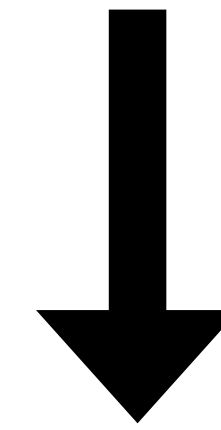


Imagine you are a theorist that computes $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ at 2-loops.
Observables depend on the cutoff via $\alpha \ln \Lambda^2$ (and inverse powers of Λ),
so your EFT looks fine even if Λ is large.

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Observables depend on $\alpha\Lambda^2$: reproducing data with large Λ requires fine-tuning.
Hierarchy Problem: NEW!

Lesson from the past

Indirect clues sometimes are crucial (chiral Lag., Fermi, SM-Higgs).
Sometimes they are not (QED) and Nature surprises us.
We have never seen a Hierarchy Problem.

Clues in the SM

Many, many more than in QED+ ν :
the hierarchy problem (=TeV), B, L, CKM, dark matter, etc.

“Where are our pions?”

How can we have new physics at TeV?

What flavor and CP violating structures are allowed?

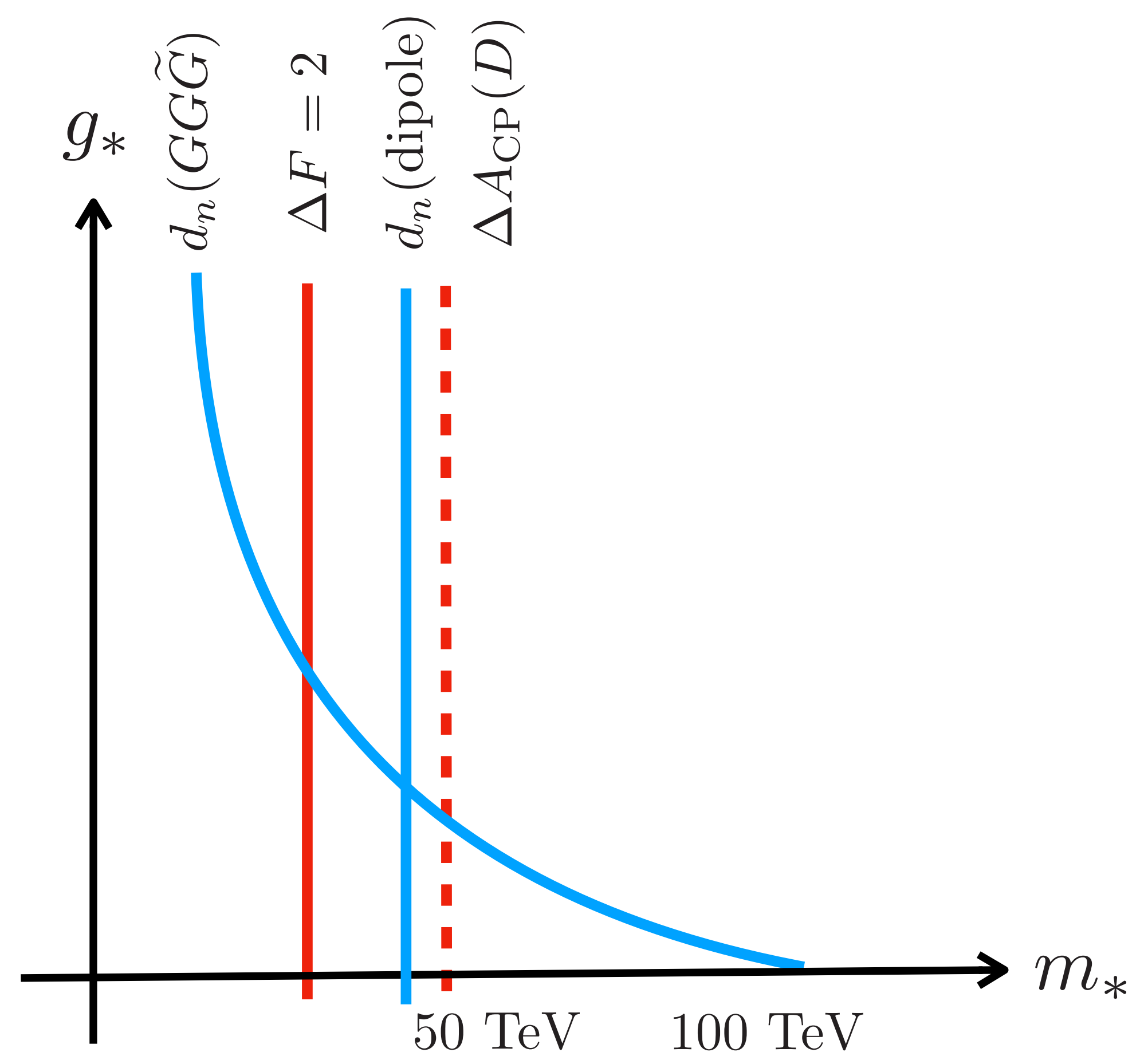
How will the picture evolve in 10-20 years?

- 1) Pick a framework** → Strongly-Interacting Light Higgs + partial compositeness
- 2) Do the dirty work**

Hypothesis:
No flavor symmetries

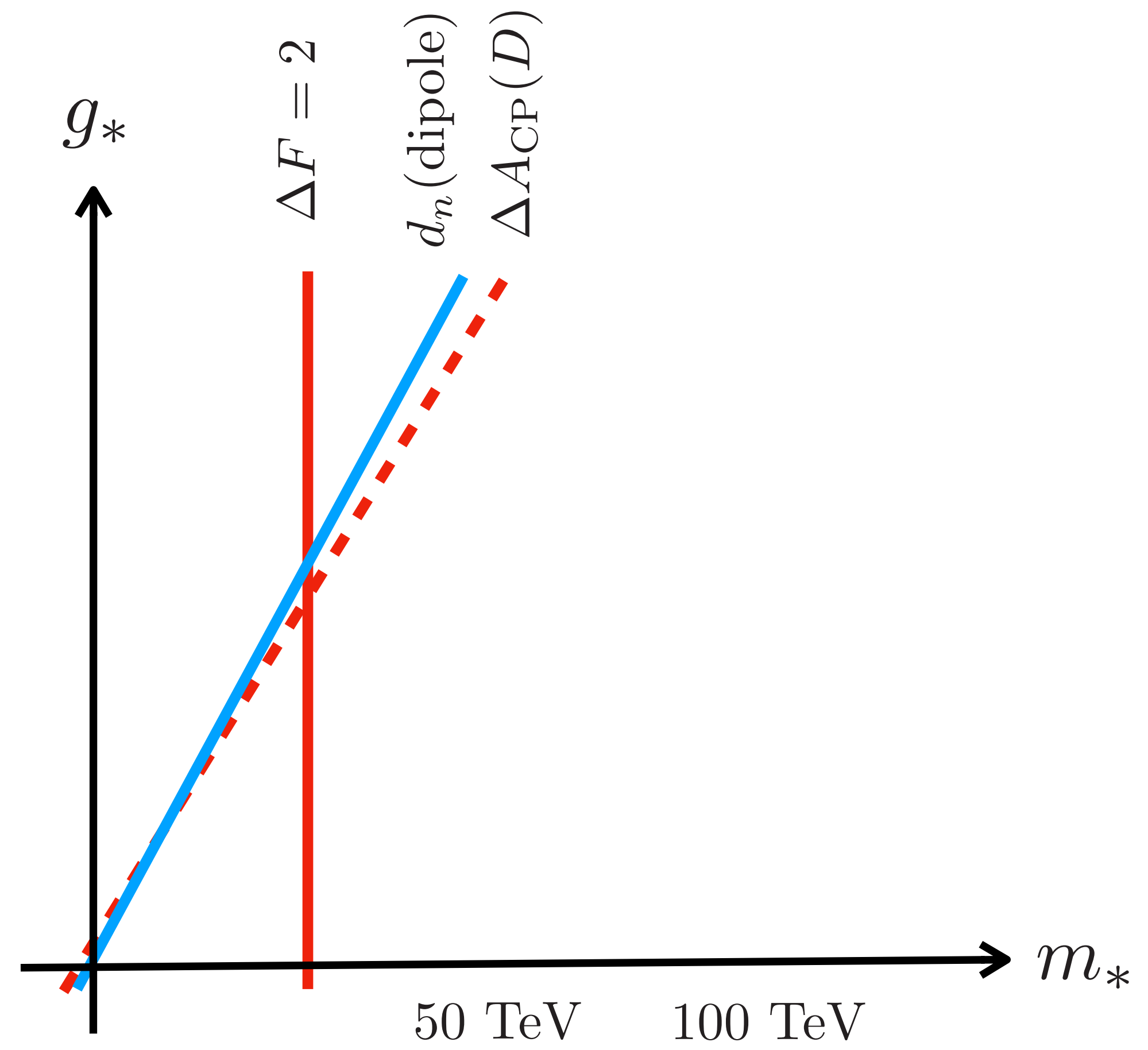
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LHC 😞
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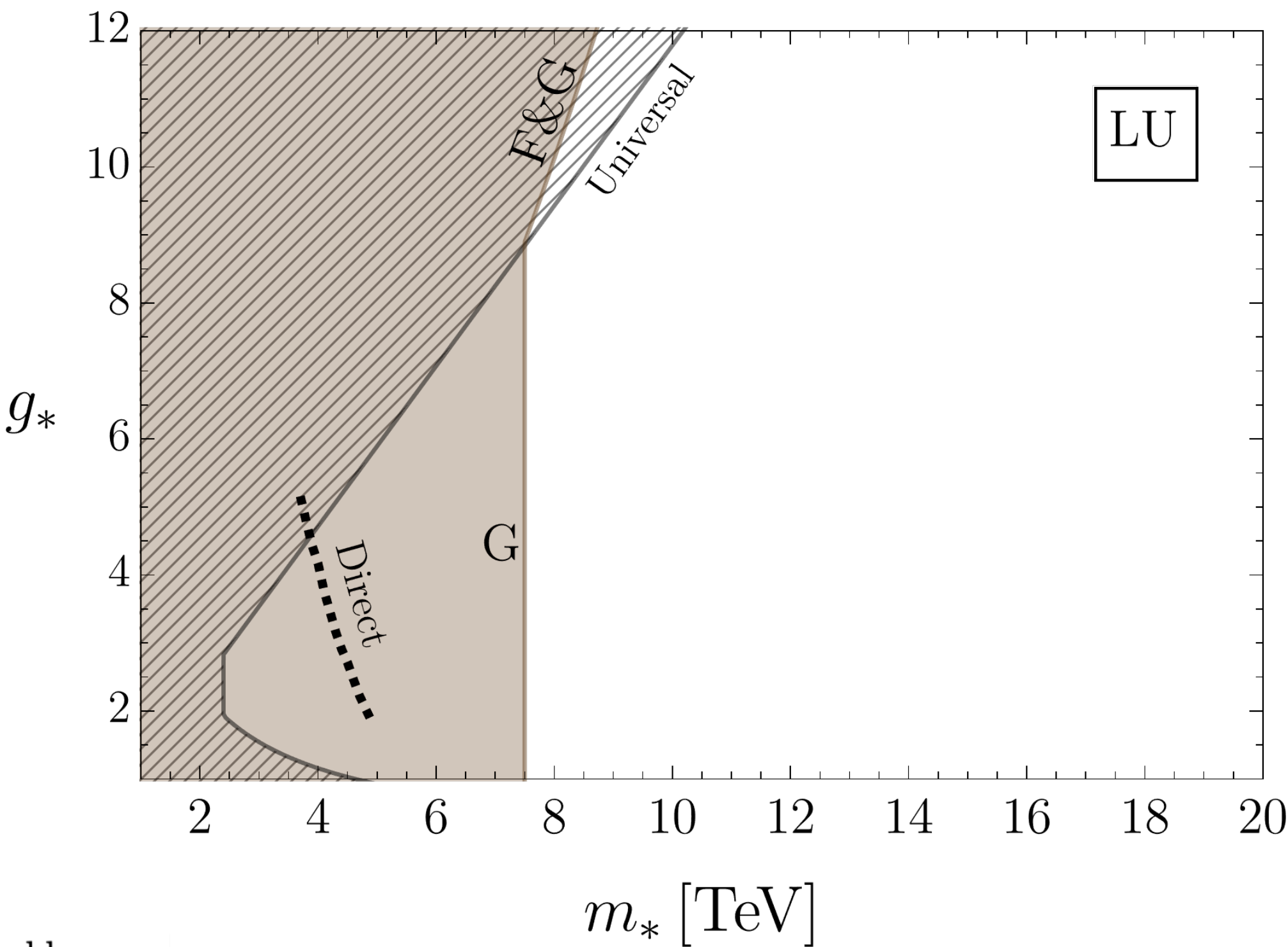
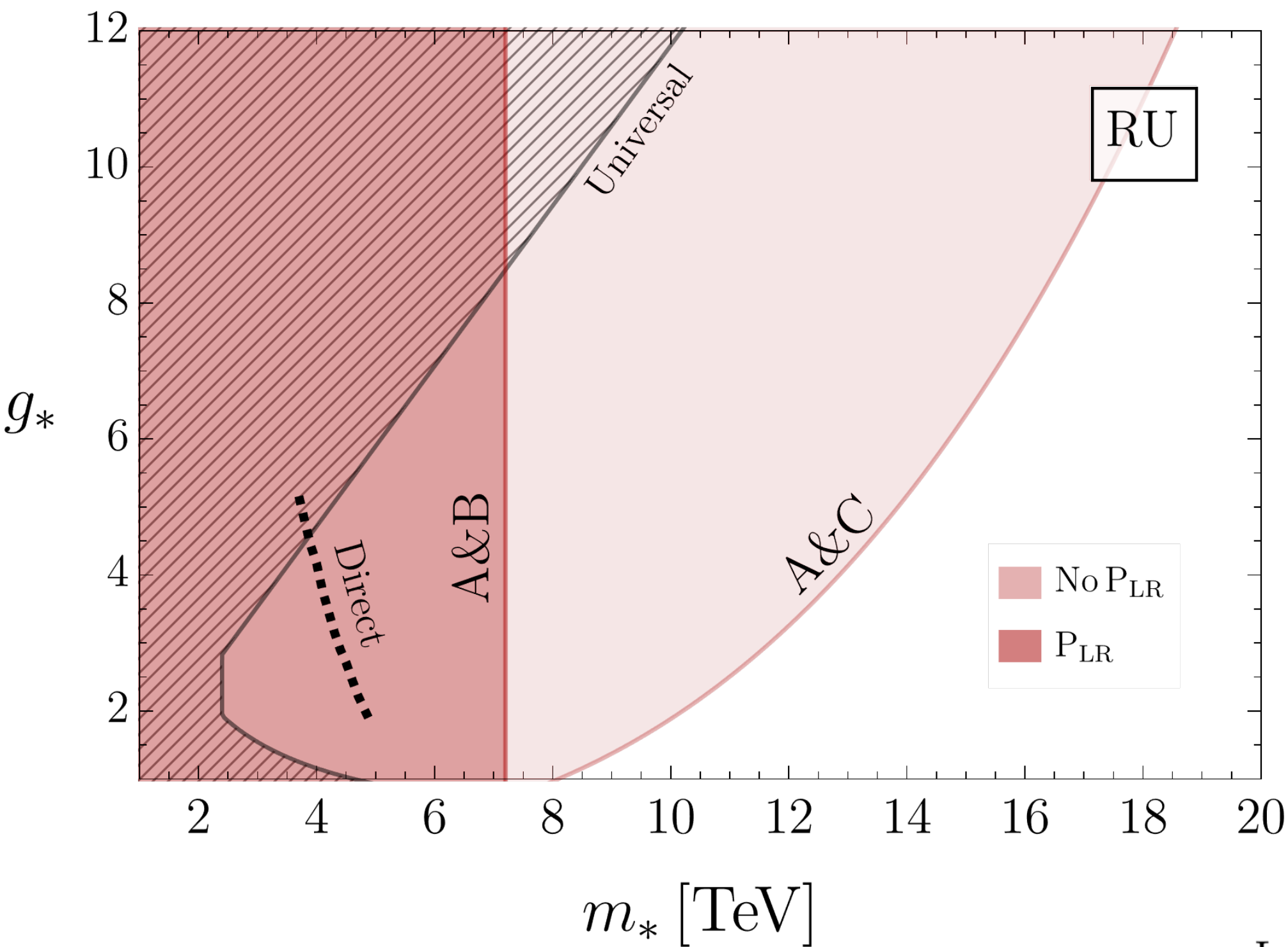
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- CP
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Hypothesis: Flavor symmetries

Maximal Symmetry (MFV+CP+SO(4)+B+L)



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C	$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
D	nEDM
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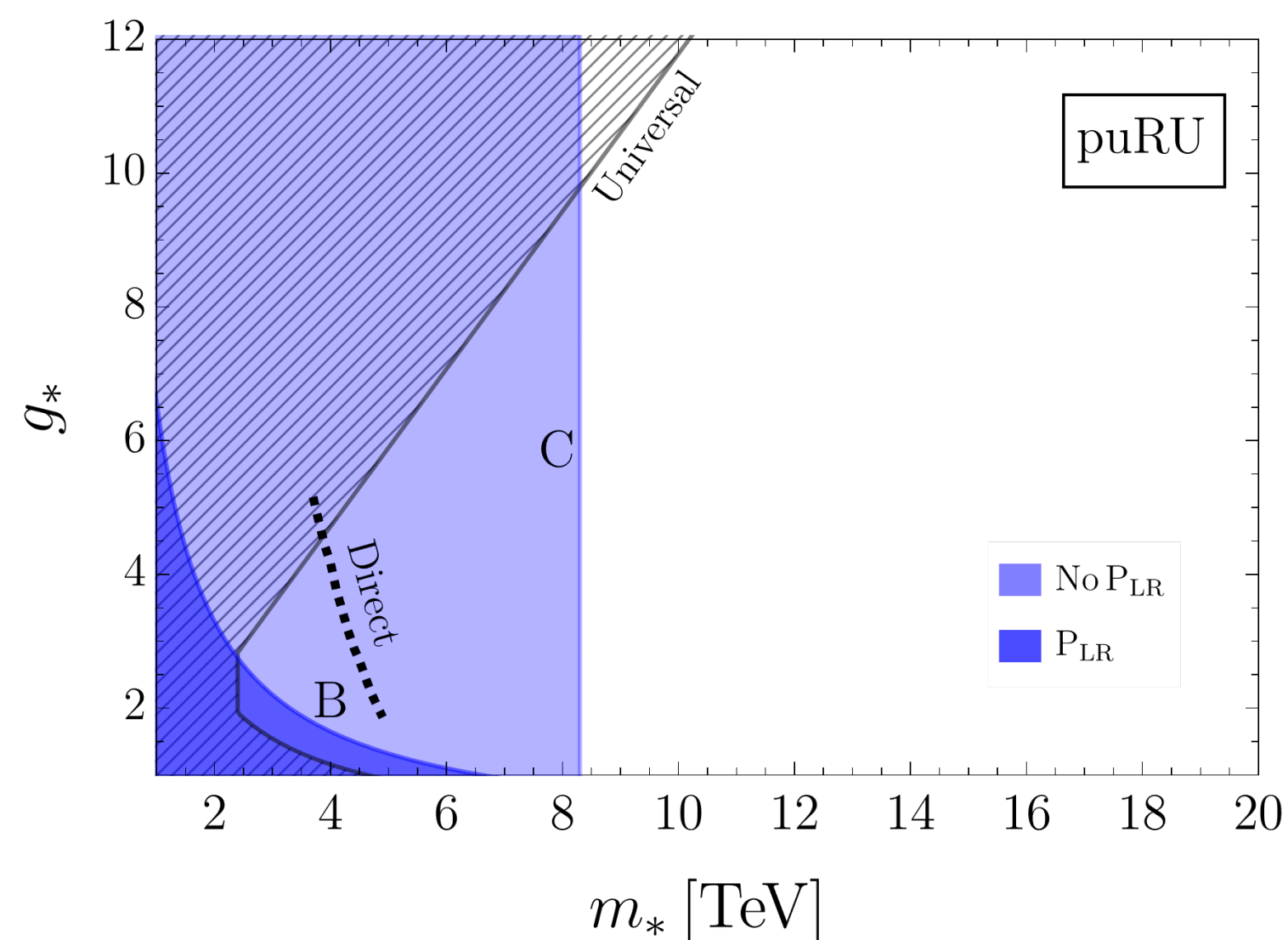
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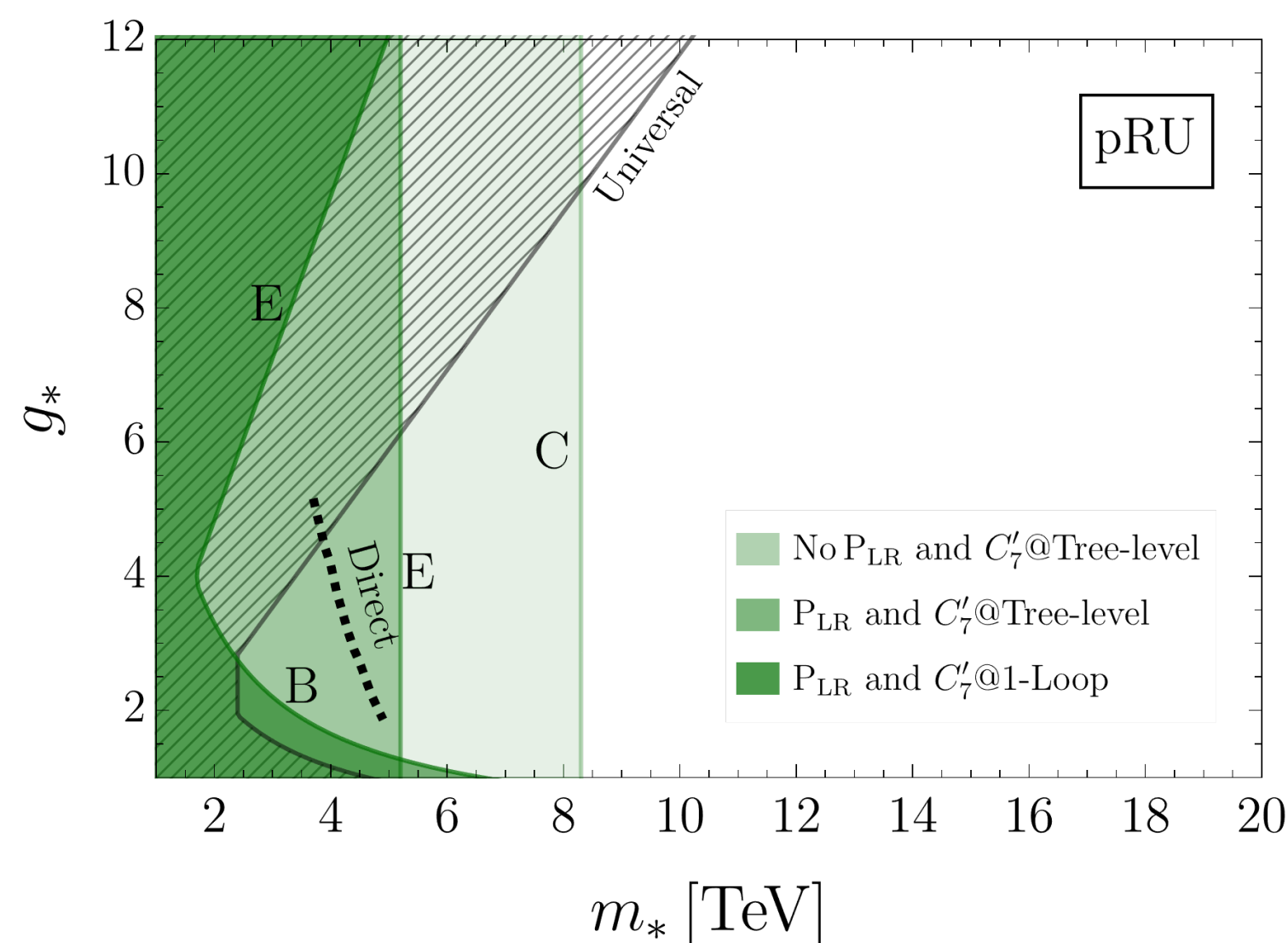
Intermediate Symmetry

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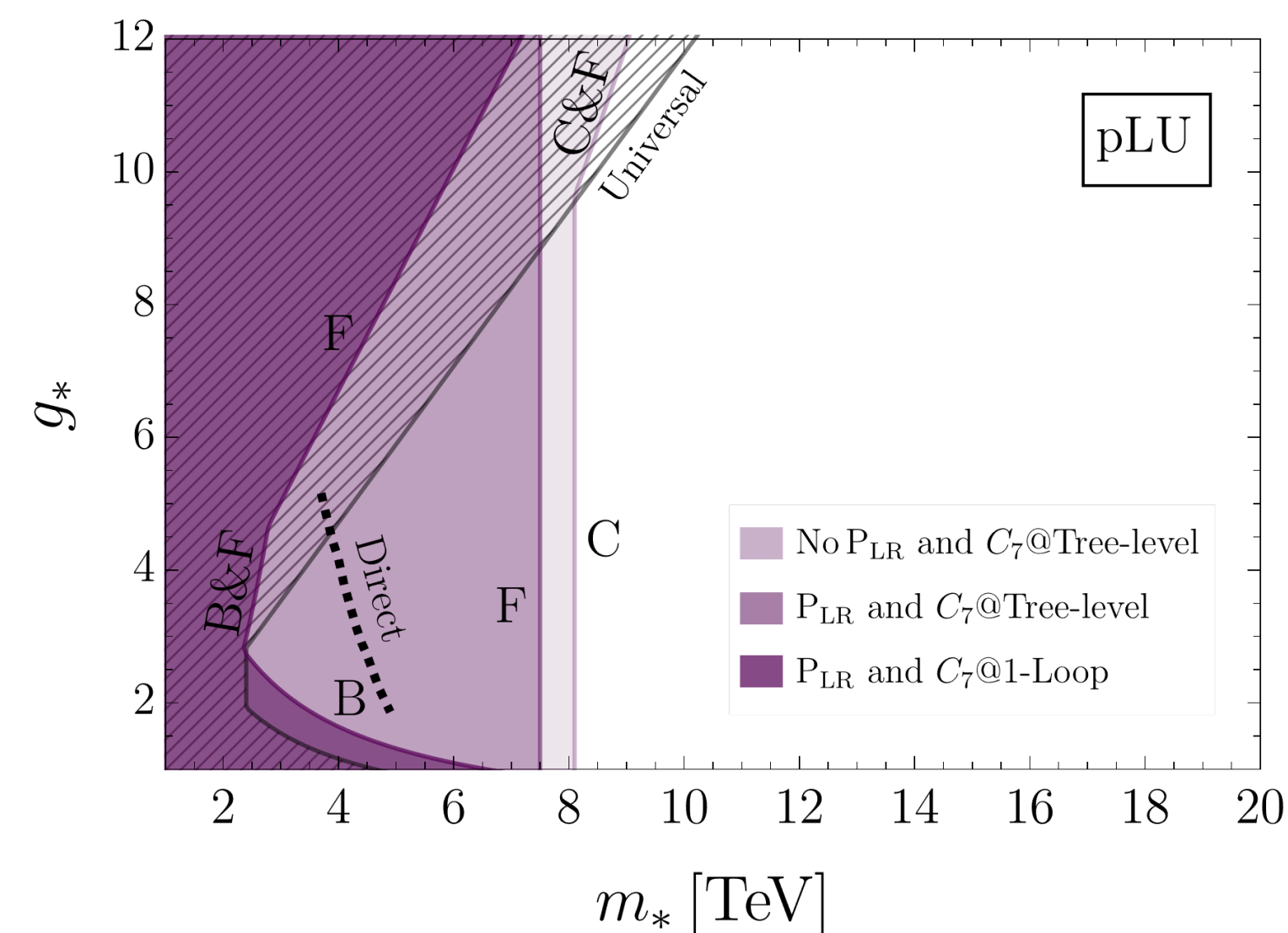
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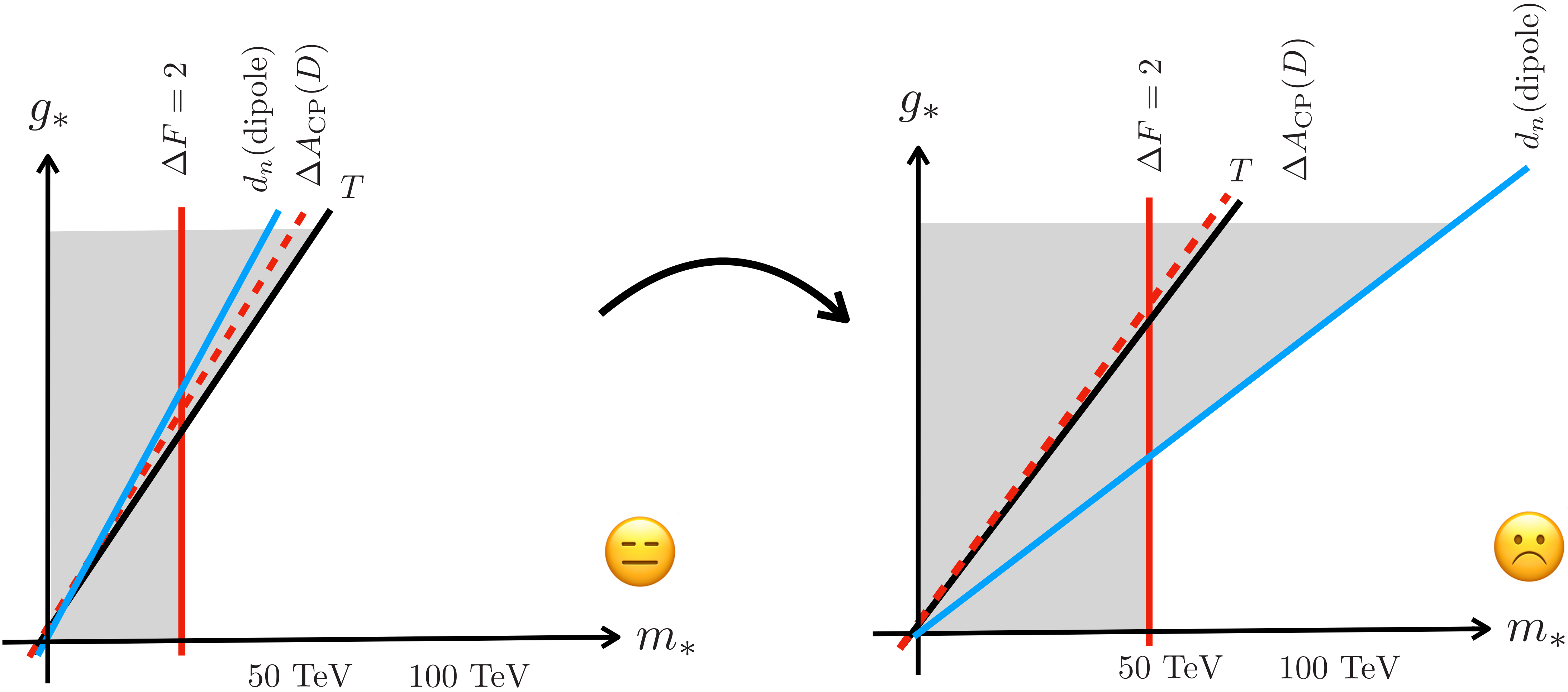
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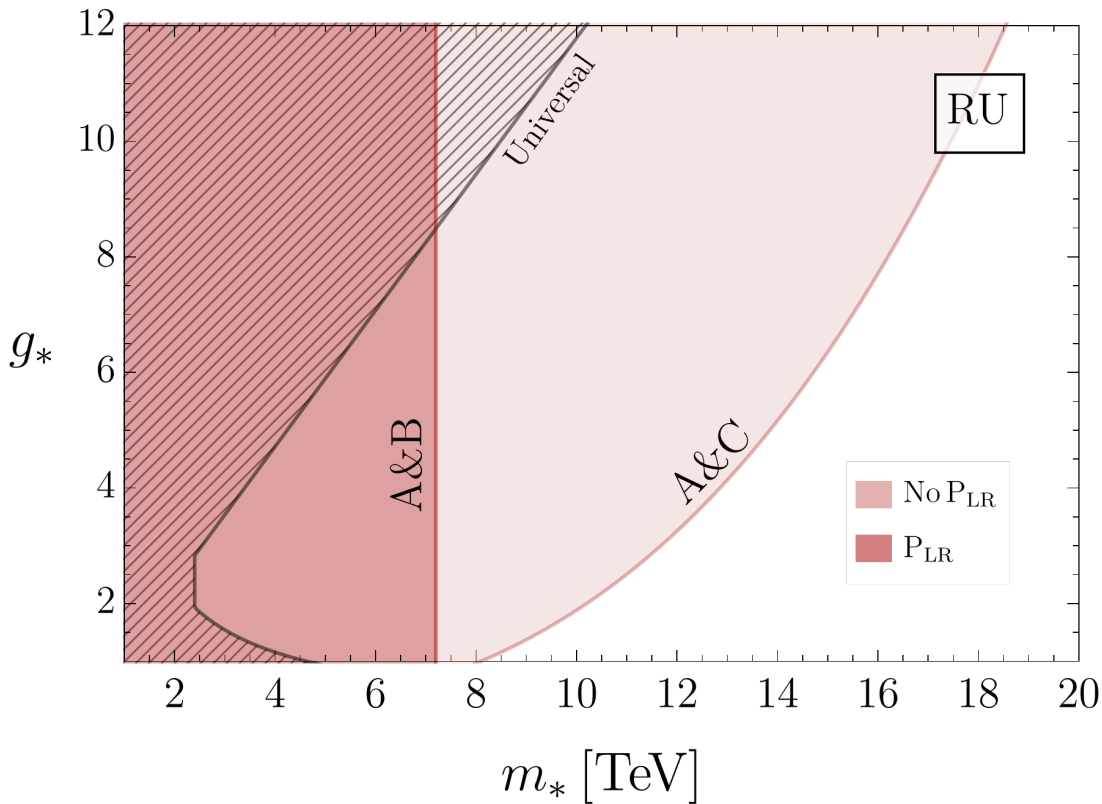
And in 10-20 years?

Projections (mainly HL-LHC, Belle II, nEDM)

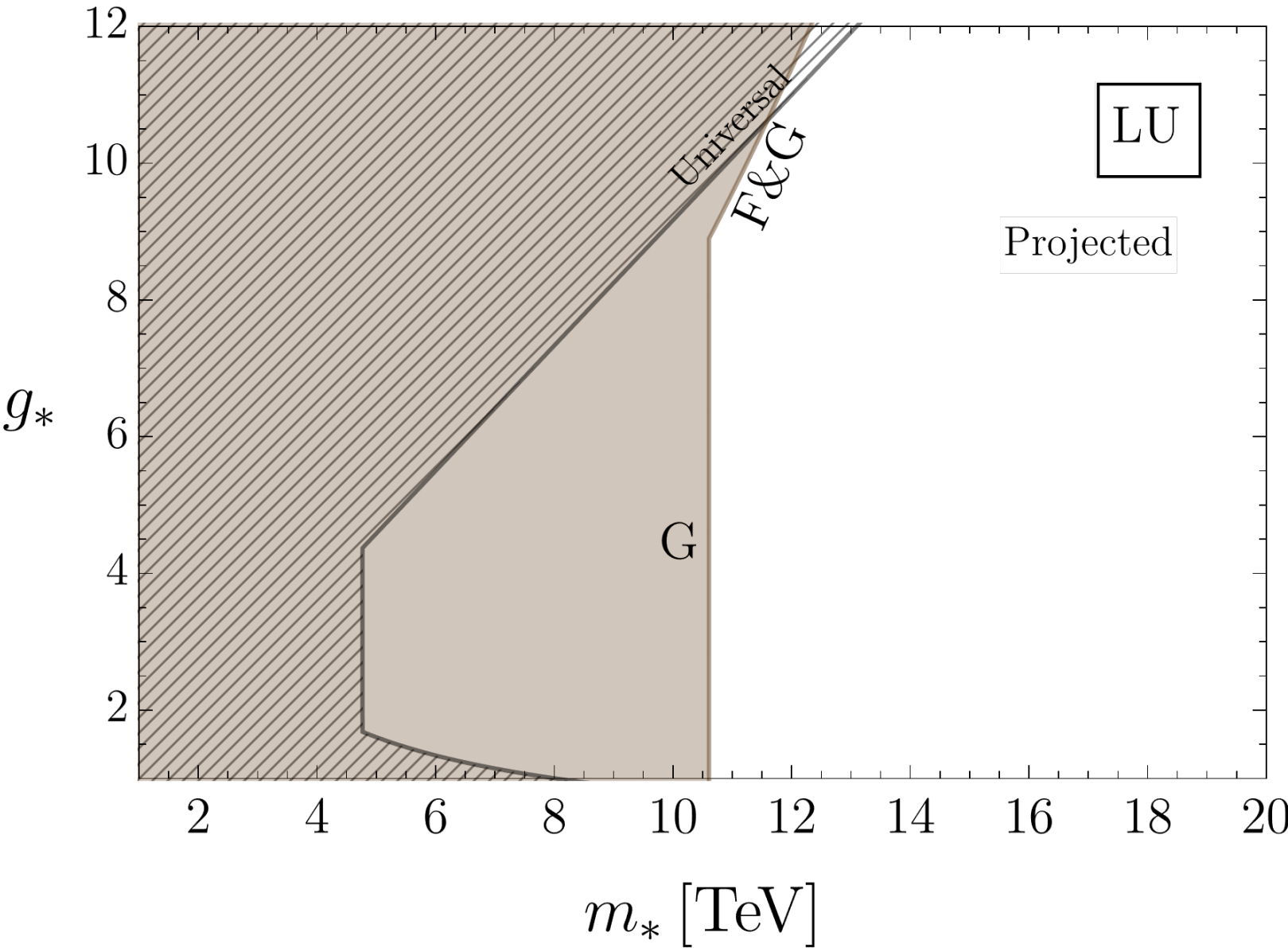
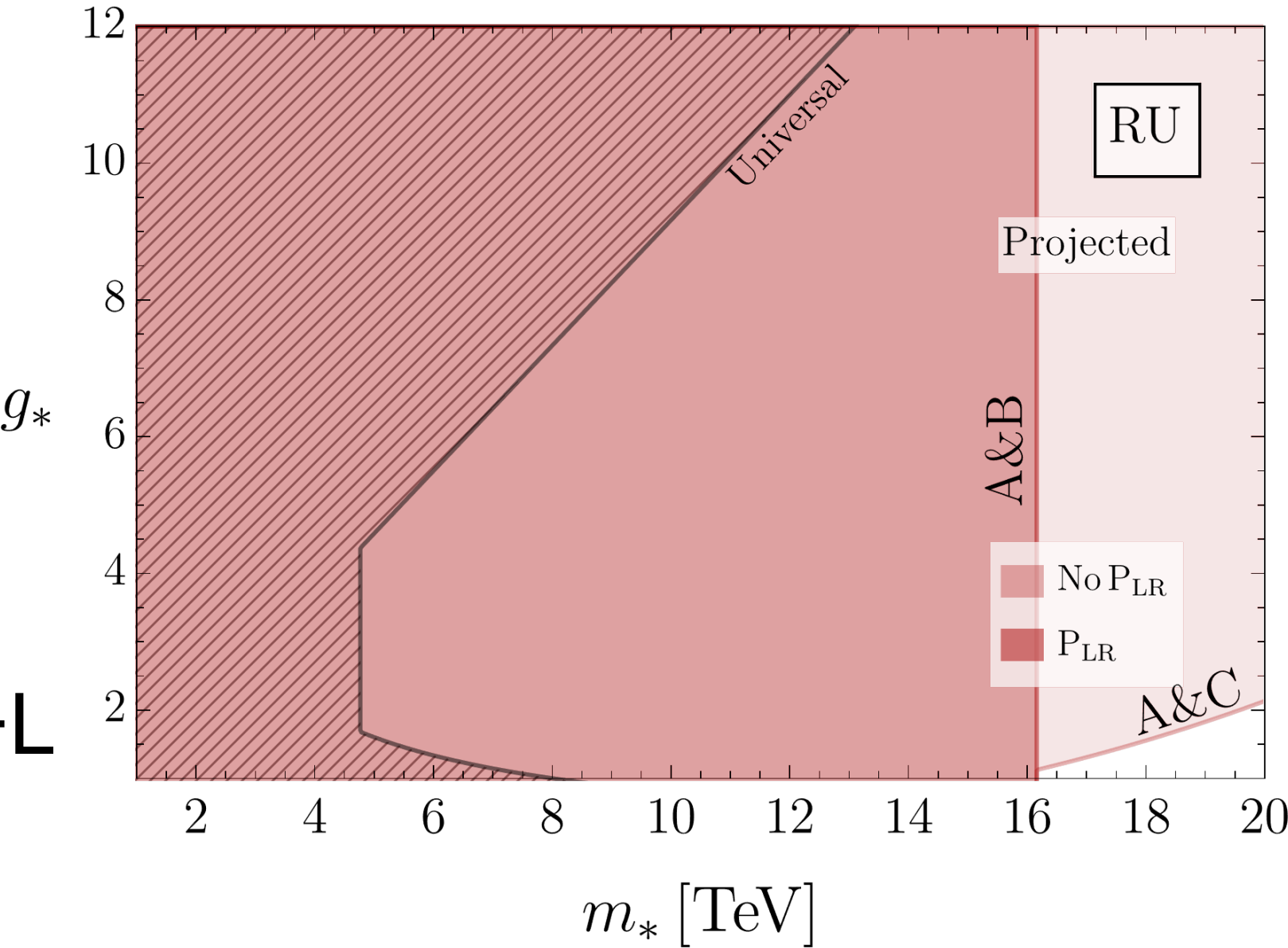
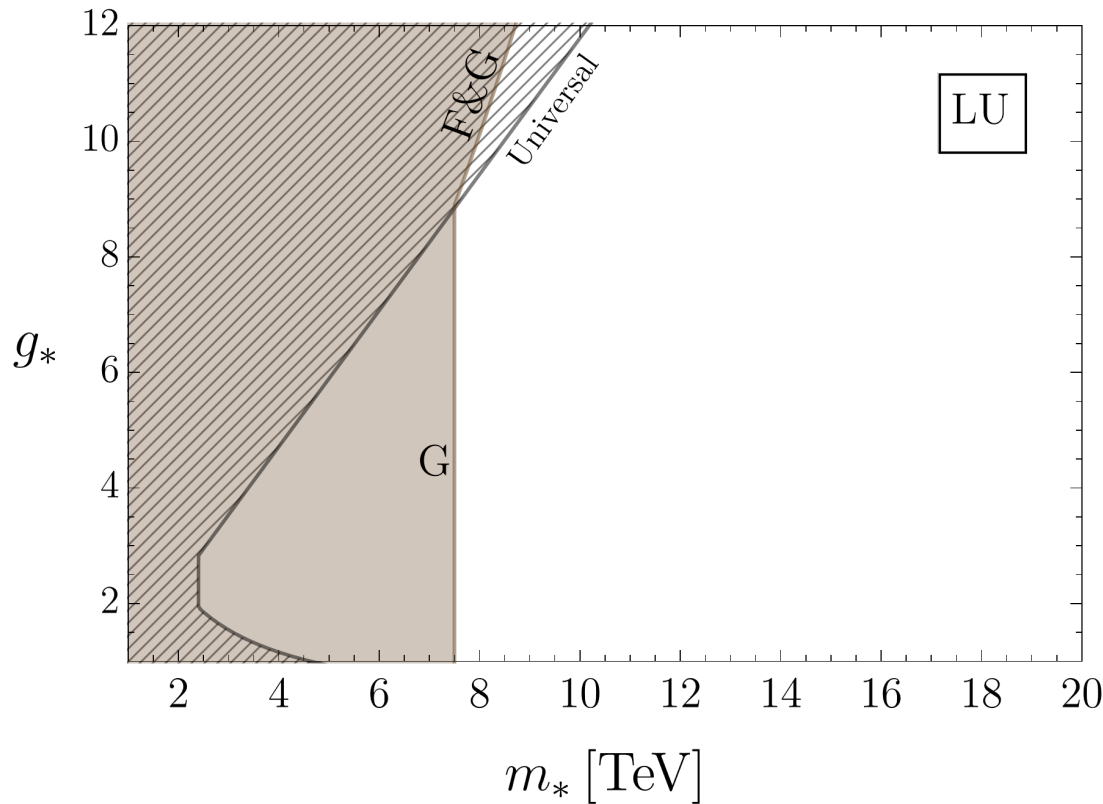


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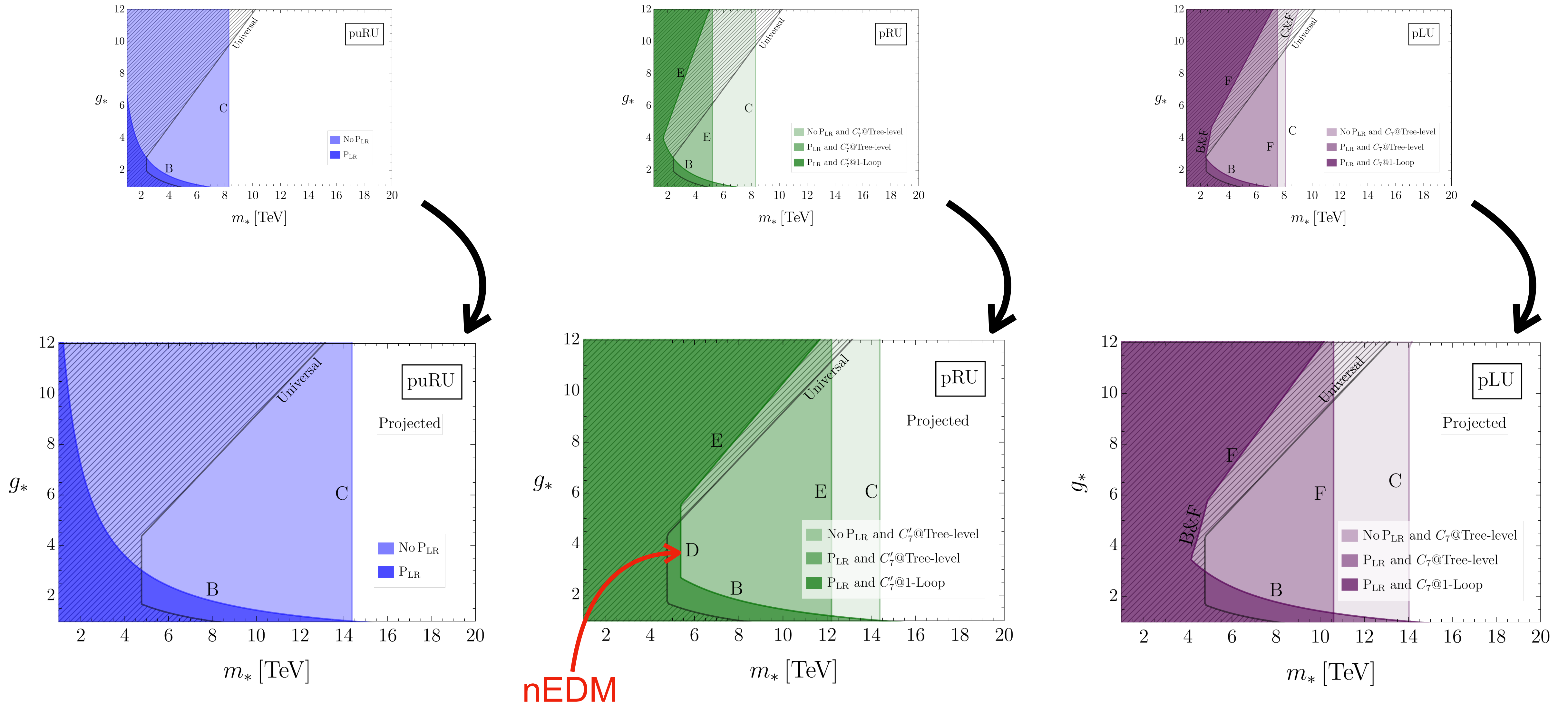
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Conclusions

- Lesson from the past: **Nature gives us clues but might surprise us (=theorists can fail!)**
- SM clues (1): **the SM is a unique EFT because of the hierarchy problem**
- SM clues (2): **FV & CPV are and will remain crucial**
- **Must be interpreted:** What are we testing at LHC? What theories will a future collider explore?
- We focused on SILH with partial compositeness. **Currently:**
 - ◆ Not only B & L & custodial SO(4), but also CP is necessary
 - ◆ Accessible theories have flavor symmetries (not MFV) & Left-Right Custodial
 - ◆ Higgs-mediated transitions never relevant, but in principle $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow hc) \sim 10^{-4}$ is achievable
- **In the next 10-20 years:**
 - ◆ Unless no discovery is made, flavor Anarchy removed from FCC reach
 - ◆ The “simplest accessible option” might become MFV via Left-Universality
 - ◆ Watch out for the improvement of 10-100 in nEDM