

Exploring neutrino compositeness

With invisible and displaced signals

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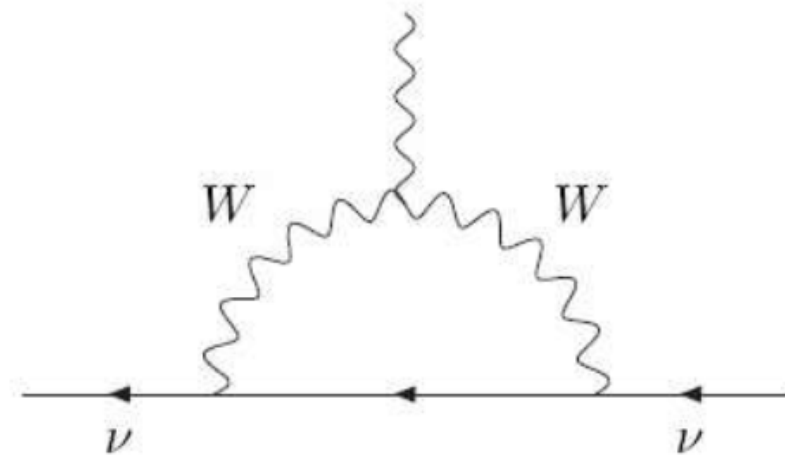


Motivation 1: neutrino structure

90. Searches for Quark and Lepton Compositeness

Neutrino Electromagnetic Properties

Giunti et al 2411.03122



Looking for non-dark structure

$$\mathcal{L}_{LL} = \frac{g_{\text{contact}}^2}{\Lambda^2} \sum_{i,j} \eta_{LL}^{ij} (\bar{q}_L^i \gamma_\mu q_L^i) (\bar{l}_L^j \gamma^\mu l_L^j),$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{RL} = \frac{g_{\text{contact}}^2}{\Lambda^2} \sum_{i,j} \eta_{RL}^{ij} (\bar{q}_R^i \gamma_\mu q_R^i) (\bar{l}_L^j \gamma^\mu l_L^j).$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{g_{\text{contact}}^2}{\Lambda^2} \left[\eta'_{LL} (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu \psi_L) (\bar{\psi}_L^* \gamma^\mu \psi_L^*) + \dots \right]$$

See for ex.

Peskin Eichten Lane PRL 1983

Falkowski et al. 2105.12136

Looking for heavy NP or heavy, single particle excitations

Motivation 2: neutrino masses

Standard Seesaw

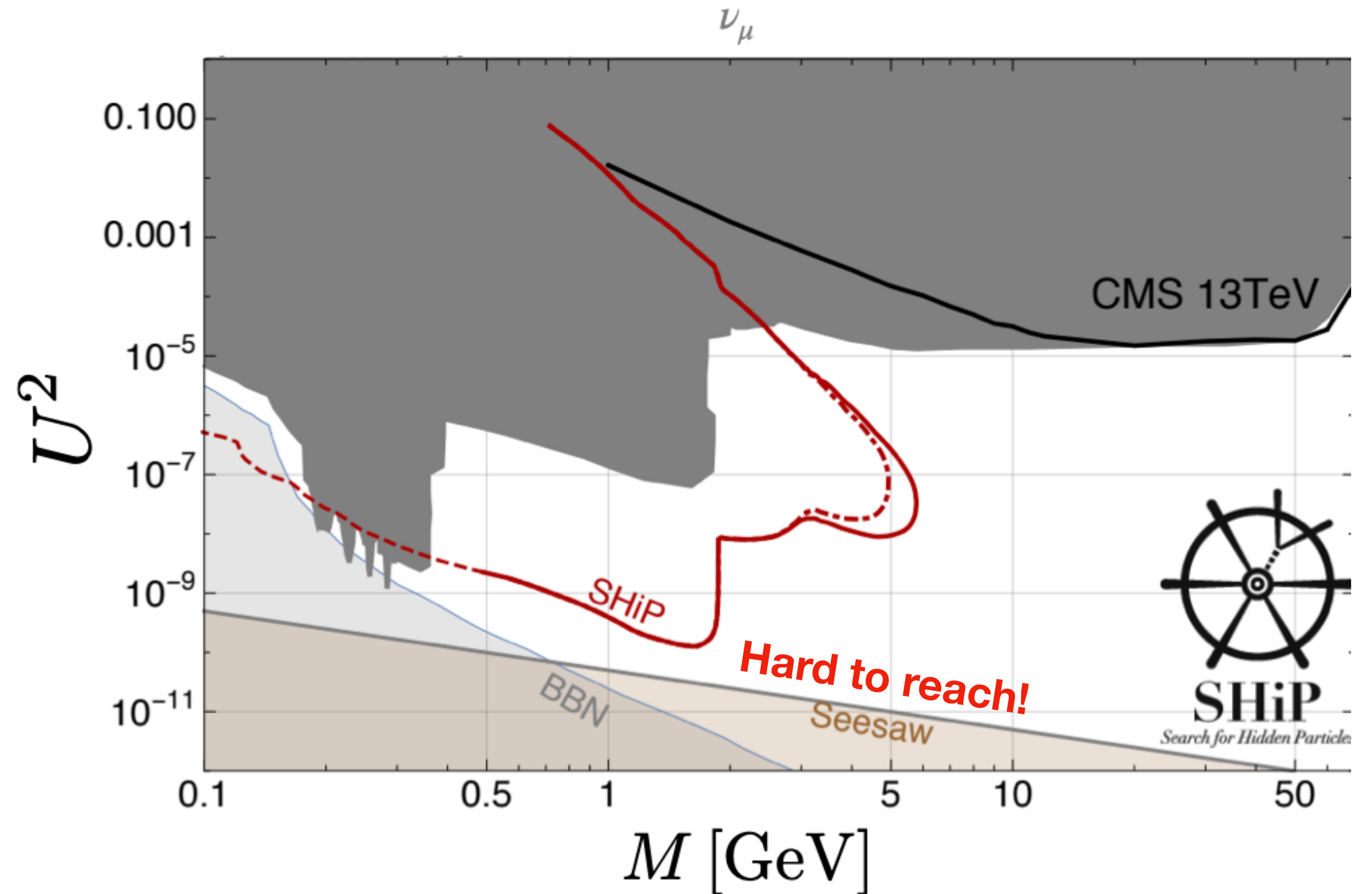
$$\mathcal{L} = y\bar{L}NH + \frac{1}{2}M\bar{N}^c N + \text{h.c.}$$

N fermionic Majorana singlet

Active-Sterile mixing small!

$$|U|^2 \sim \left(\frac{yv}{M}\right)^2 \sim \frac{m_\nu}{M} \ll 1$$

Very hard to test
phenomenologically!



SHiP collaboration[[1811.00930v3](#)]

Motivation 2: neutrino masses

Inverse Seesaw

Mohapatra and Valle, PRL 44, 912 (1980)

- Add N, S , fermion singlets

$$\mathcal{L} = y\bar{L}NH + M\bar{N}S + \frac{1}{2}\mu\bar{S}^c S + \text{h.c.}$$

- Tiny breaking of $U(1)_L$

- Small mixing mass



Small neutrino mass...

... but large mixing

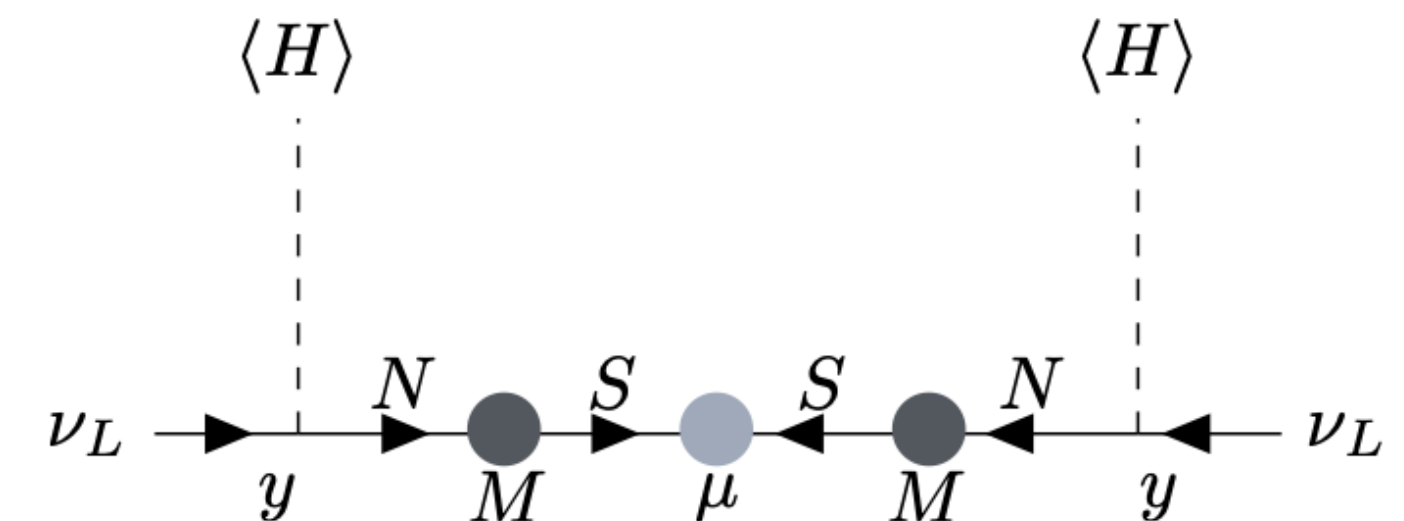
How to generate the hierarchy?

$$\mu \ll yv \ll M$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & yv & 0 \\ yv & 0 & M \\ 0 & M & \mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ N \\ S \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{y^2 v^2}{M^2} \mu$$

$$|U|^2 = \left(\frac{yv}{M} \right)^2 \sim \frac{m_\nu}{\mu}$$



Composite realization

Chacko Fox Harnik Liu 2012.01443

(Arkani-Hamed Grossman 9806223
Grossman Robinson 1009.2781)

Idea: generate hierarchy of scales from running of strongly coupled sector

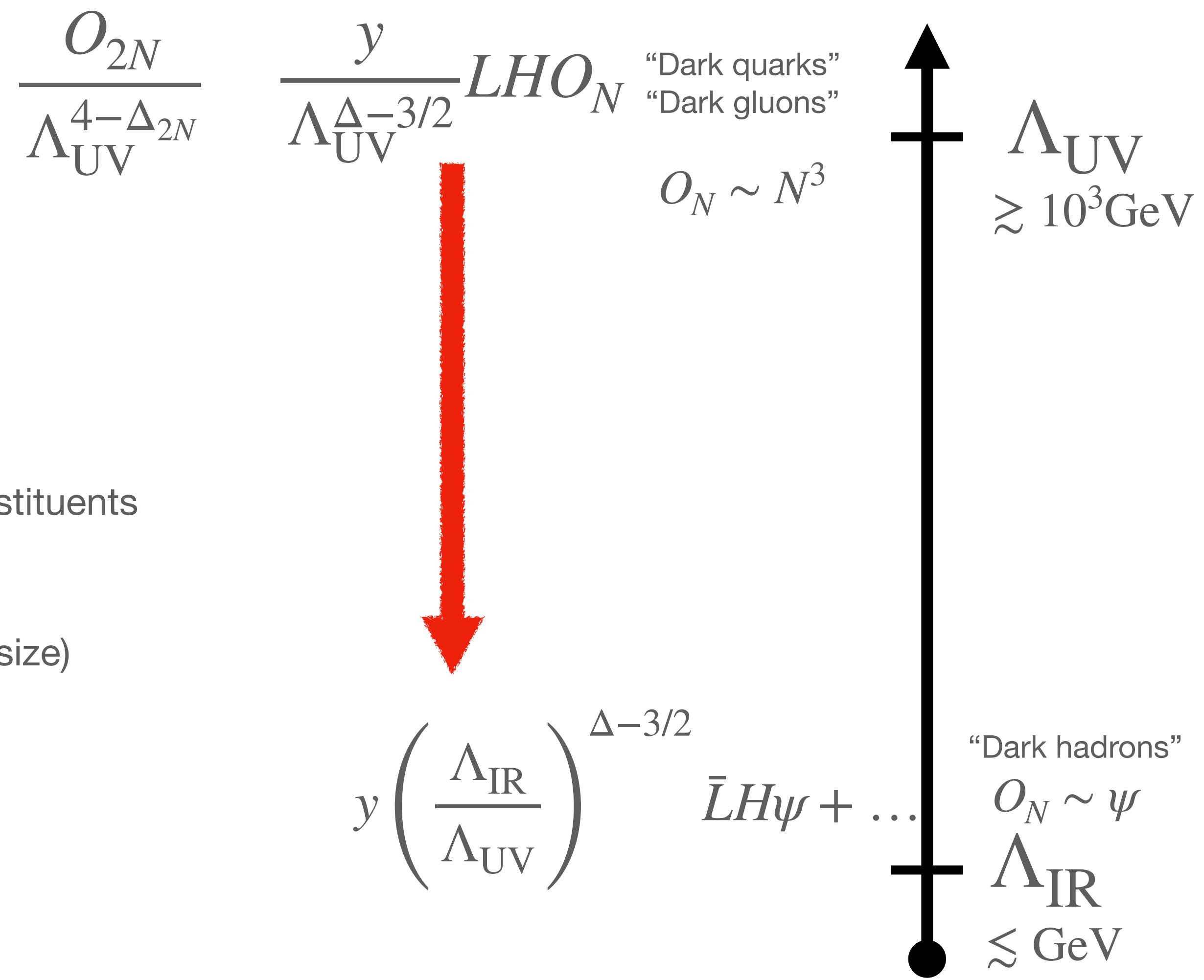
$$O_N \sim N^3, N^5, N\Phi, \dots$$

$[O_N] = \Delta$ Degree of compositeness: how many constituents

Λ_{UV} Cutoff: mediator size (~mutual interaction size)

Λ_{IR} Mass gap: size of compositeness

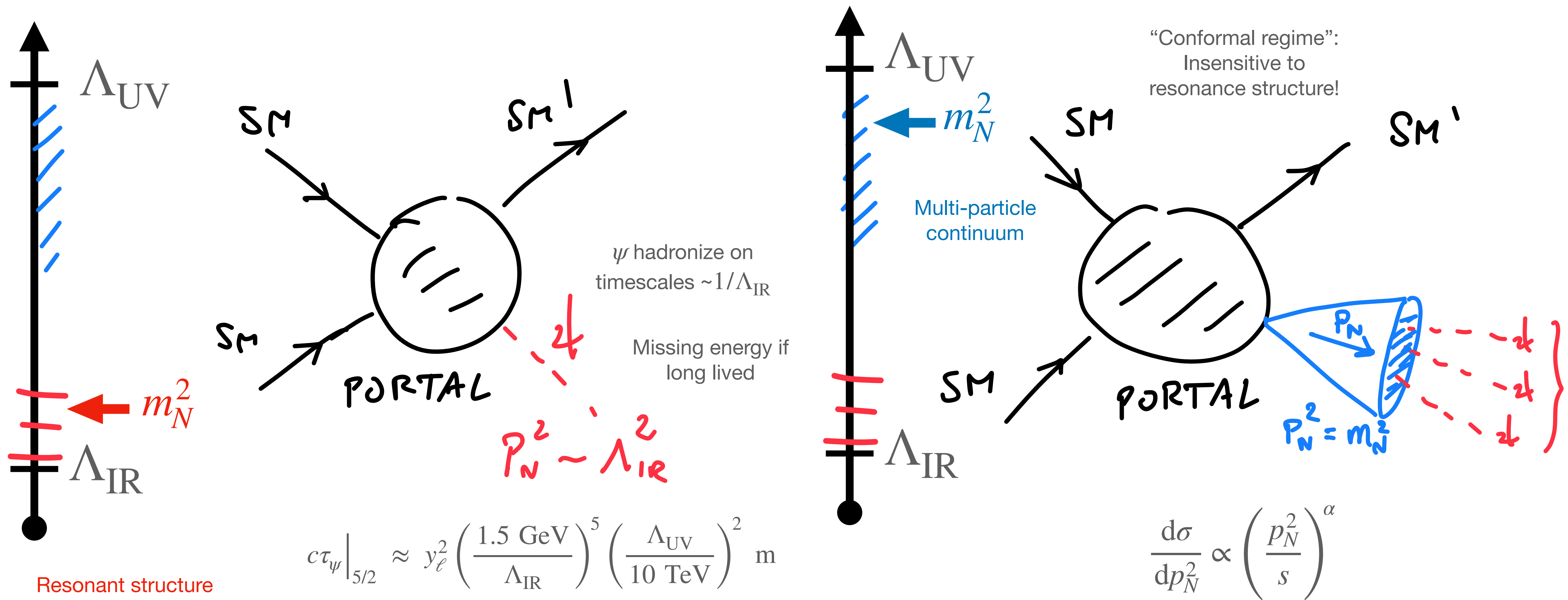
(y, c_O) (Coupling & dofs, degenerate with Λ_{UV})



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Arbitrary mass shell!
Integrate over all possible values of m_N^2

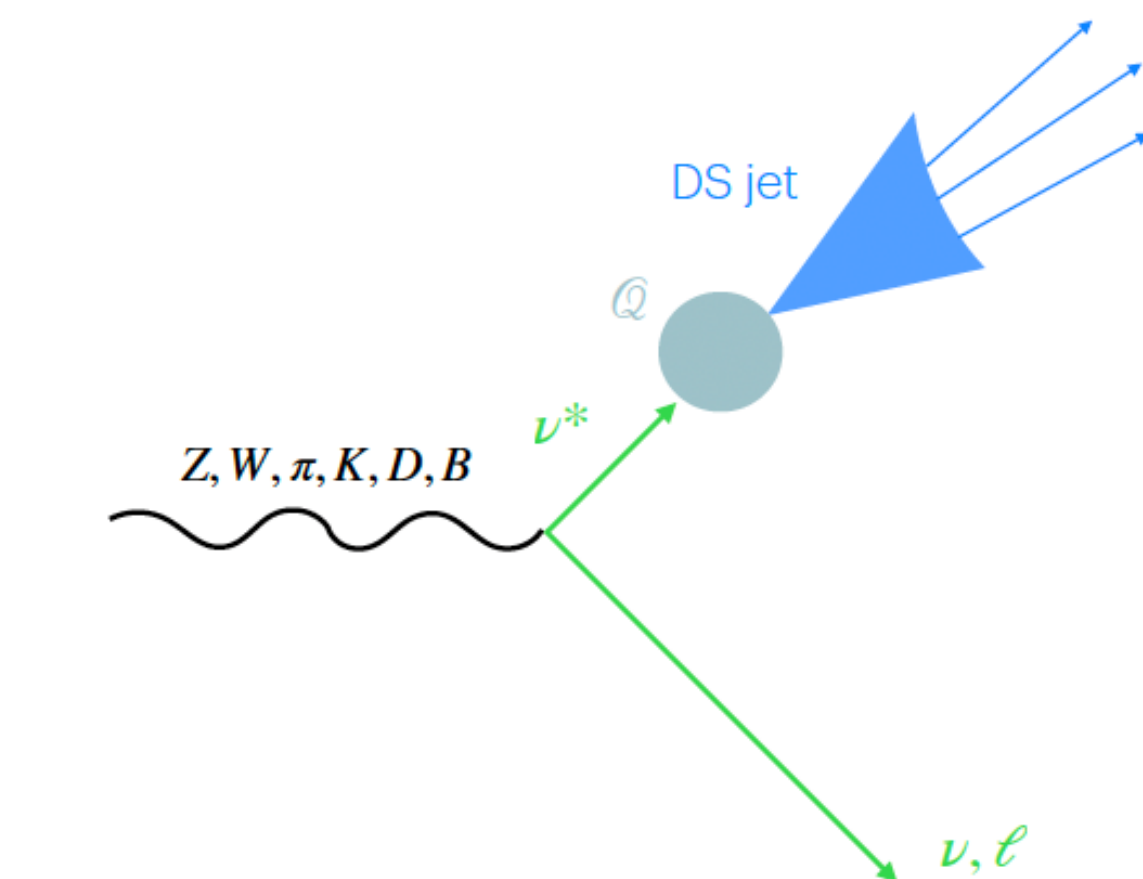
How are the events weighted in m_N^2 ?



Invisible signatures

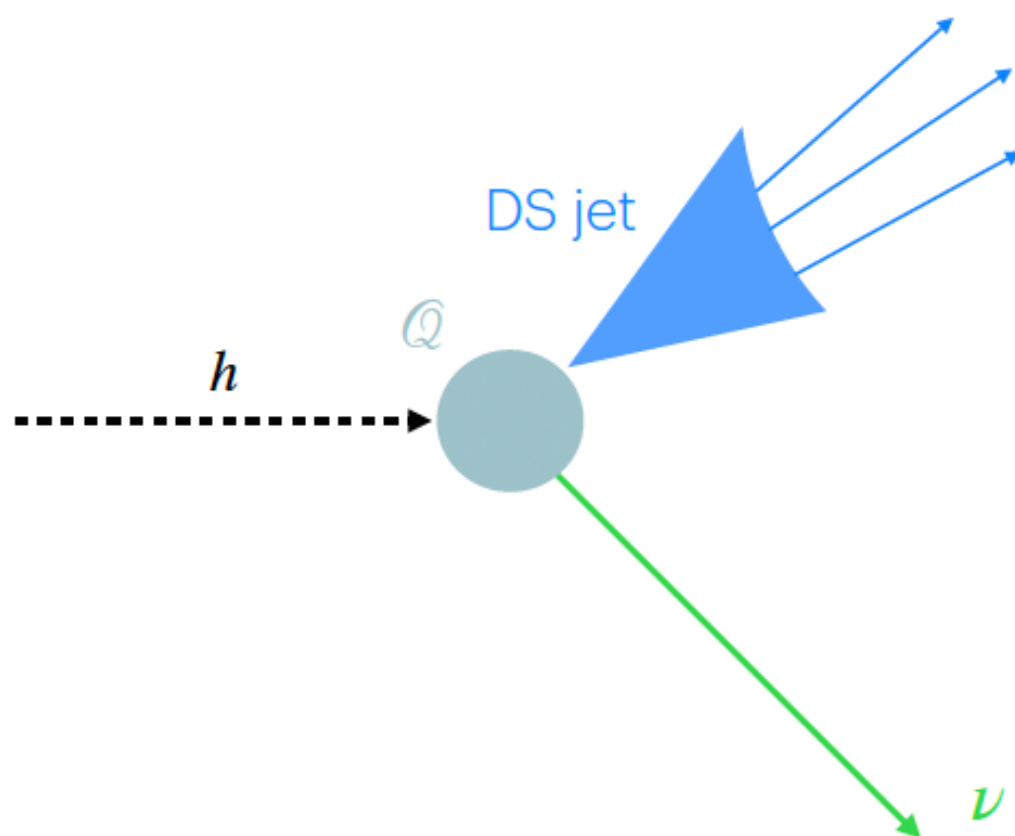
Inclusive production

Higgs, EW boson and meson invisible BR



$$\frac{d\Gamma_X}{dp_D^2} = \frac{A_N y_\ell^2 \Gamma_{\text{SM},b}}{4\pi p_D^2} \left(\frac{v^2}{p_D^2} \right) \left(\frac{p_D^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta_N - 3/2}$$

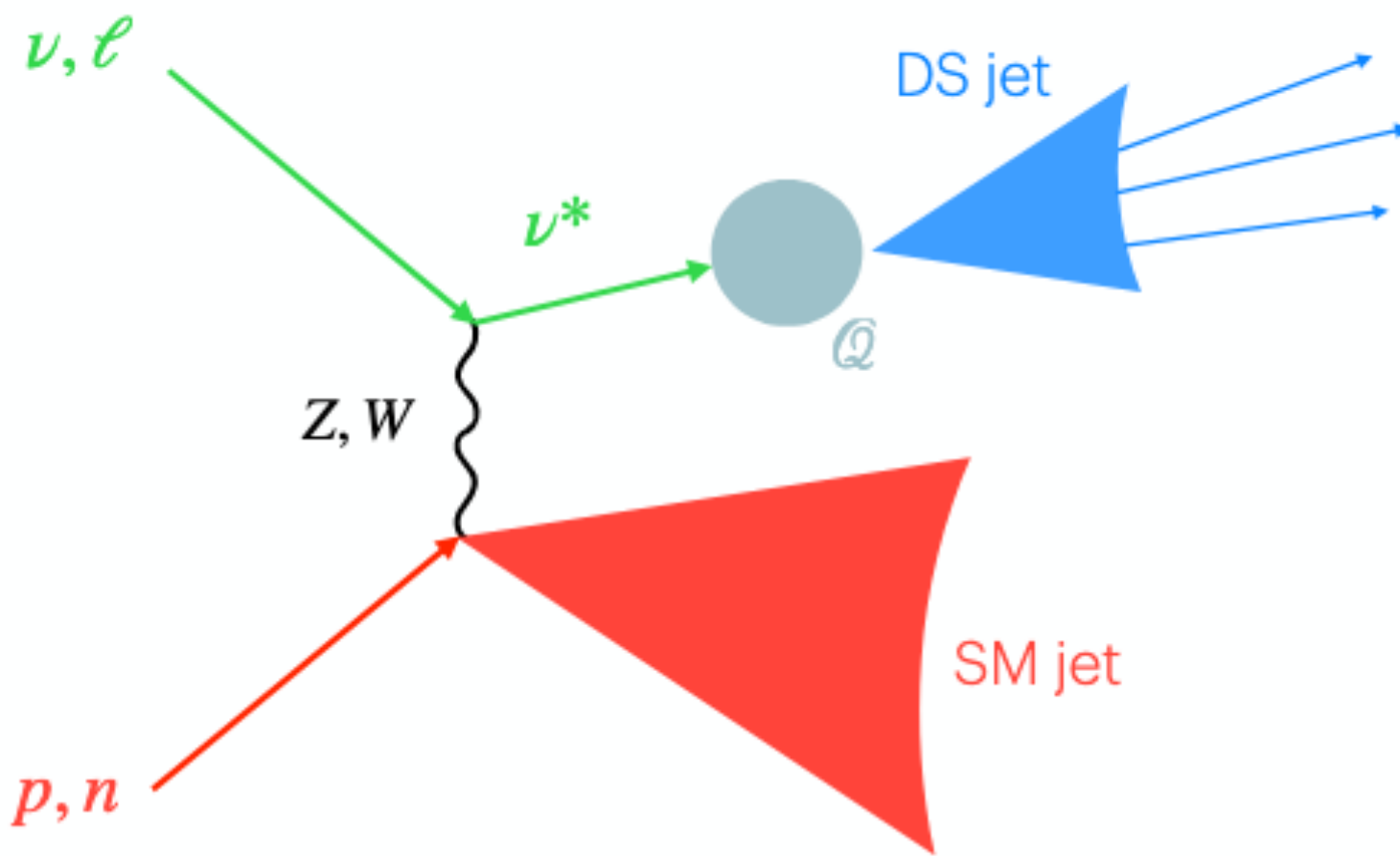
$$\frac{d\Gamma_h}{dp_D^2} = \frac{A_N y_\ell^2 \Gamma_{\text{SM},h}}{6y_b^2 4\pi p_D^2} \left(\frac{p_D^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta_N - 3/2}$$



$\mathcal{O}(1)$ UV coupling:
Higgs to inv. potentially
sensitive probe!

Bernal Deka Losada
2311.18033

Disintegration onto
nuclei

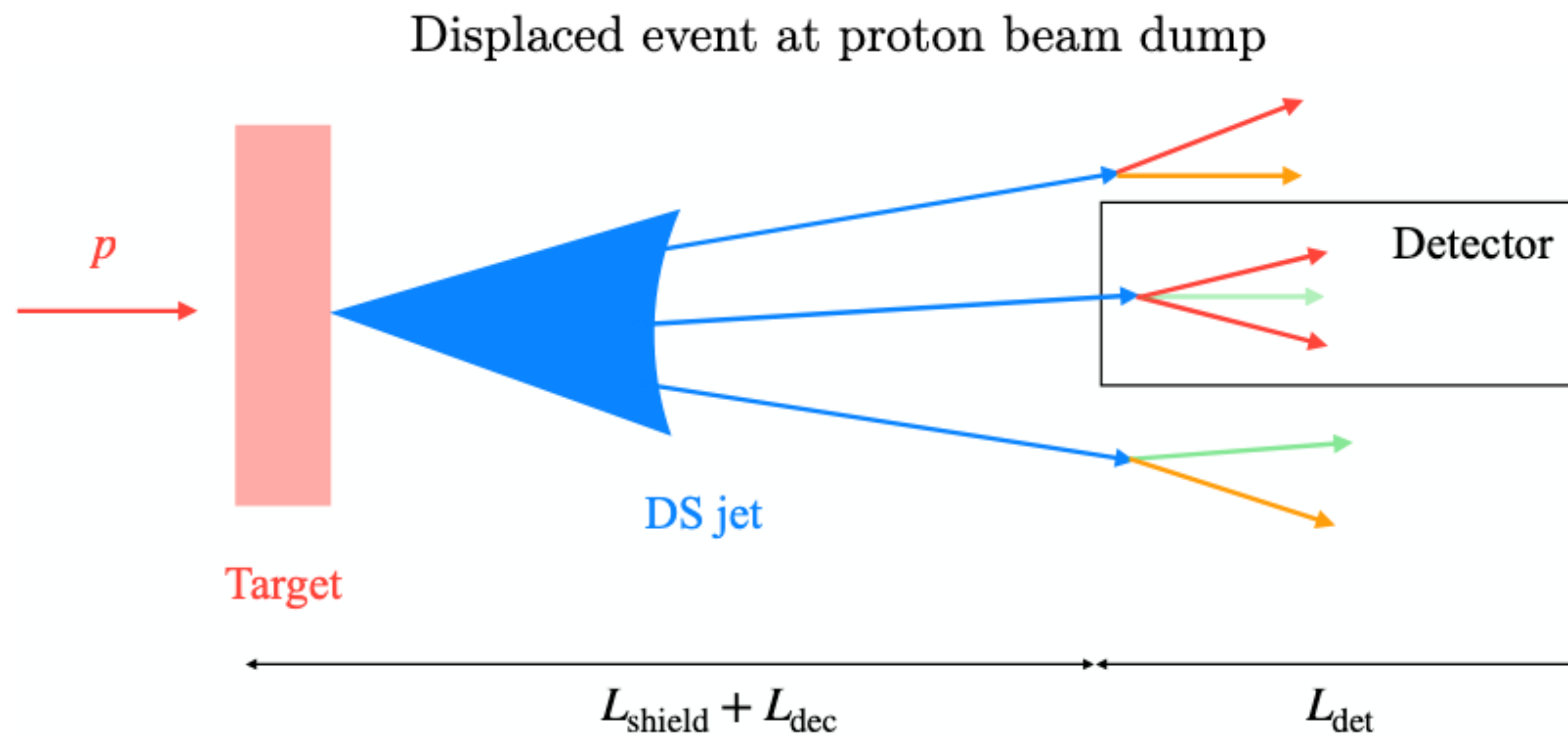


$$\frac{\text{BSM NC's}}{\text{CC's}} \sim \frac{\bar{s} v^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^4} \left(\frac{\bar{s}}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta_N - \frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{2\text{DIS}}}{dp_D^2} = \frac{A_N y_\ell^2 \sigma_{\text{EW}}}{4\pi p_D^2} \left(\frac{v^2}{p_D^2} \right) \left(\frac{p_D^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta_N - 3/2} \mathcal{F}(p_D^2/s)$$

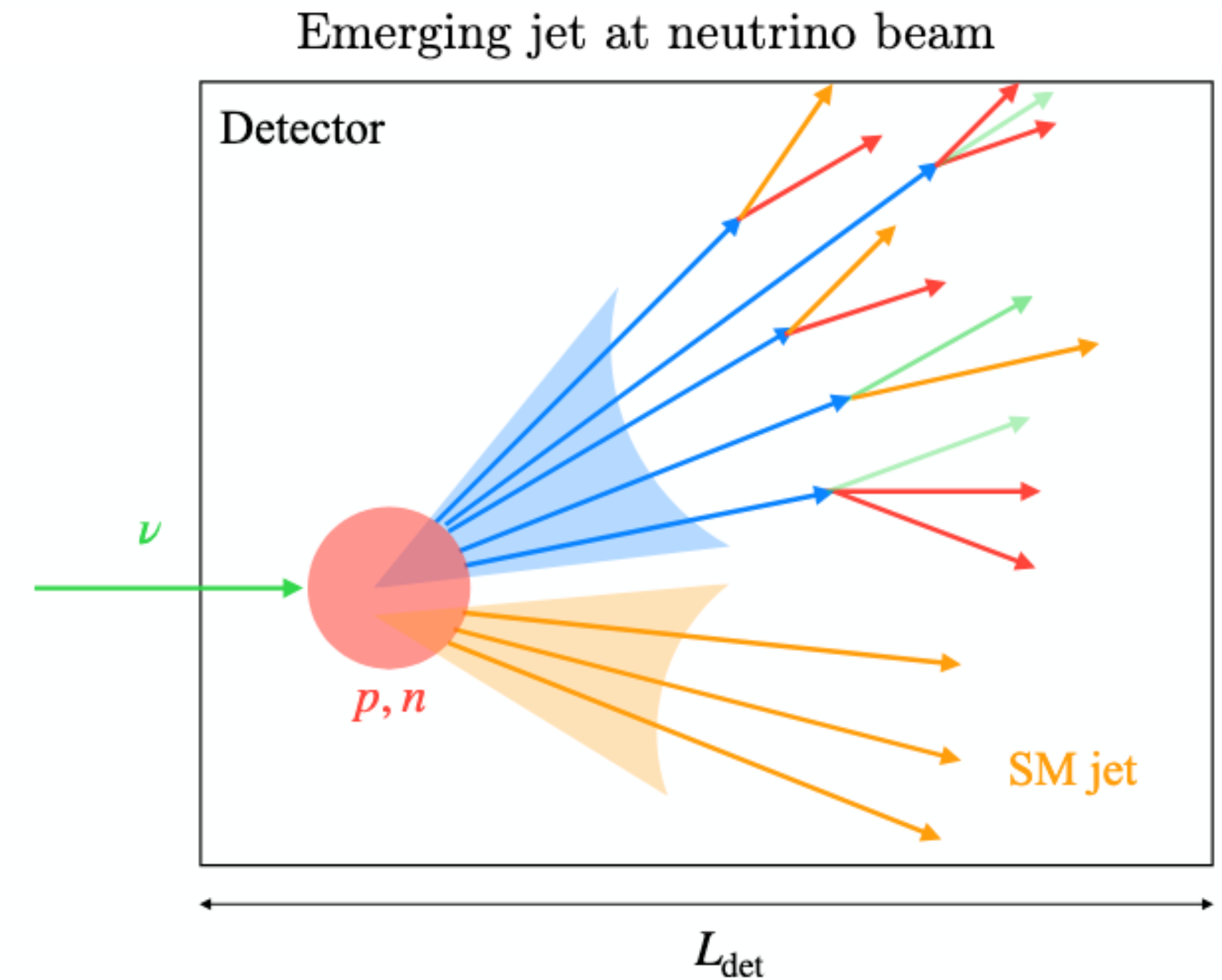
Visible signatures

Opportunity for beam dumps and neutrino experiments



$$S_{B \rightarrow \text{vis}} = N_B \times \text{Br}(B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_N) \times P_{\text{dec}}$$

Collider version of this: displaced vertices



$$S_{\text{displaced}} \approx [B_{\text{NC}} V_{\psi\nu}^2 L_{\text{det}} \Gamma_{\psi}] \times \left[\left(\frac{A_N m_p}{4\pi \Lambda_{\text{IR}}} \right) \left(\frac{s}{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2} \right)^{\Delta_N - 5/2} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{\Delta_N}(\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2, s) \right]$$

See also Jodlowski Trojanowski 2011.04751

Generic expectations

Before delving into mixing portal bounds...

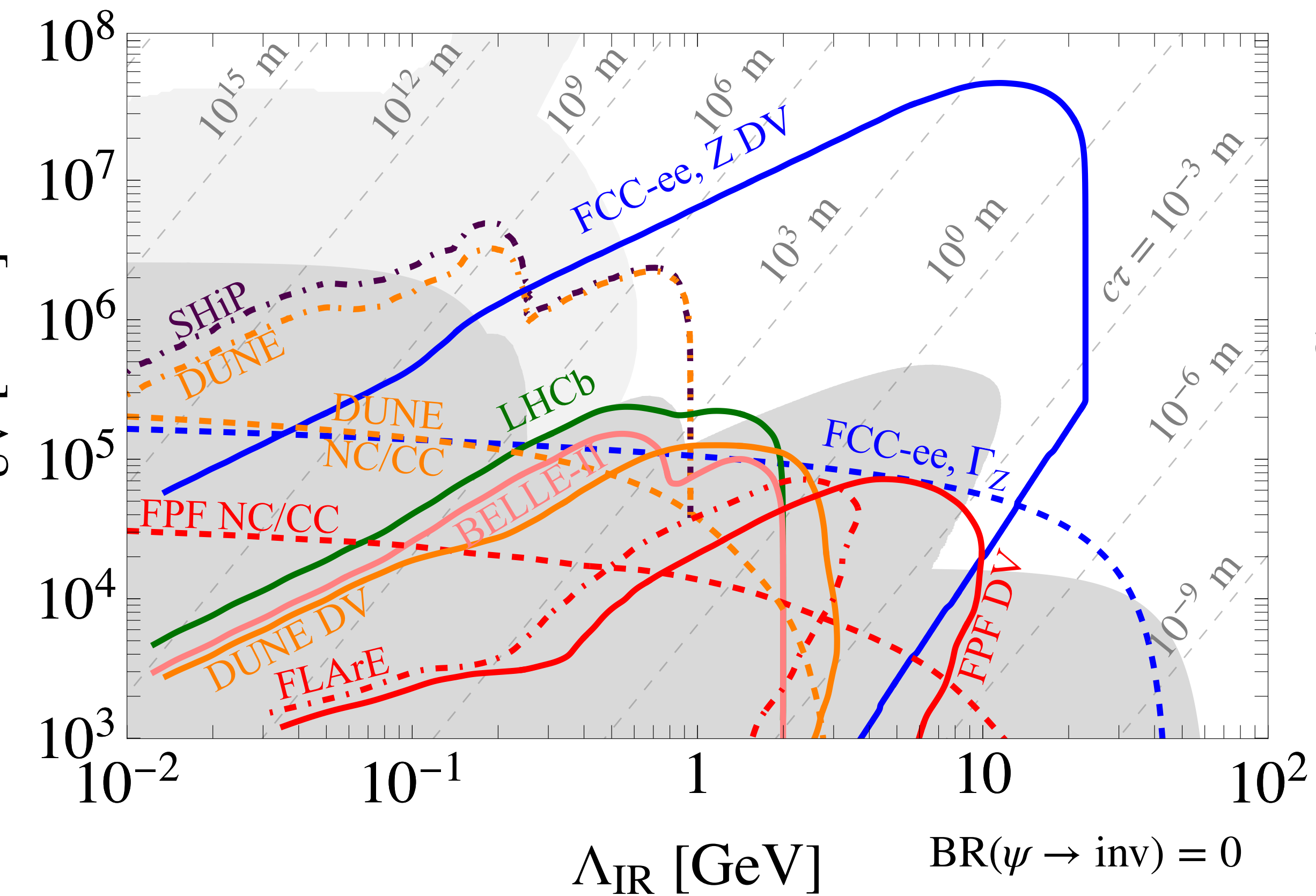
- SN bounds: $\Lambda_{\text{IR}} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ MeV}$ Carenza et al. 2311.0003
- $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} (HL)^\dagger \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu (HL) \rightarrow \frac{v^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \bar{\nu} \sigma^\mu \partial_\mu \nu \rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{UV}} \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$, independent on Δ_N Antusch et al. 0607020
Blennow et al. 2306.01040,
And others
- Other dark operators: $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{\Delta_S-2}} H^\dagger H O_S$: avoidable if $\Delta_S \gg \Delta_N$ (holography, chiral models,...)
- Other fermionic portals: $\frac{y}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{\Delta_N+1/2}} B_{\mu\nu} HL \sigma^{\mu\nu} O_N$, $\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{\Delta_N+1/2}} (\bar{Q}u)(\bar{O}_N L)$. Higher dim. portals

Results: vanilla scenario

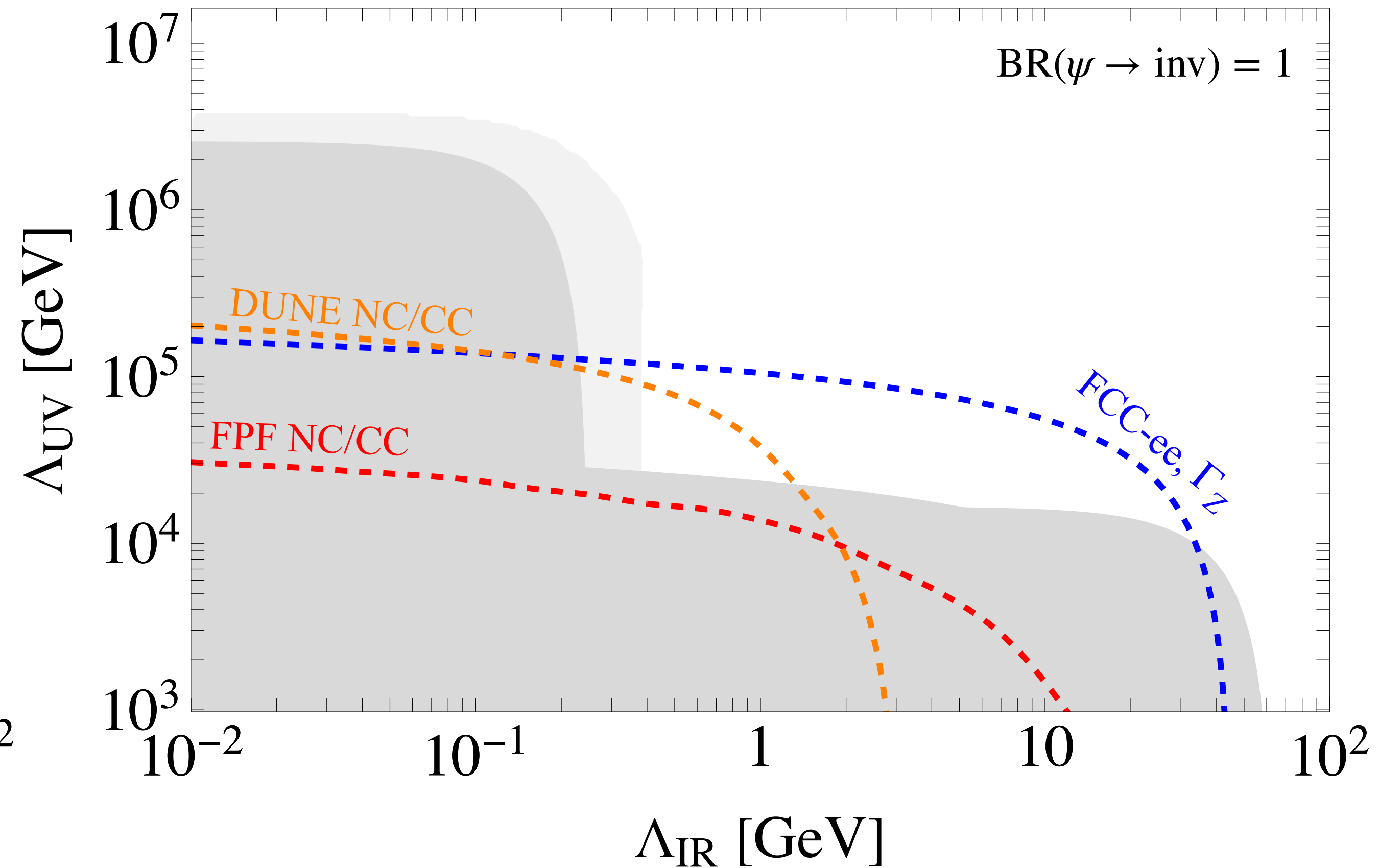
Projections

- Visible decay (prod. @ detector)
- ⋯ Visible decay (prod. @ target)
- - - Invisible signal

$\Delta_N = 5/2$ unbroken, no pNGB



$\Delta_N = 5/2$ unbroken, with pNGB



Conclusions

- Alternative m_ν generation mechanisms have large mixing with sterile sector
- (Even without a mass generation story, compositeness is a fundamental property of a particle, and should be tested)
- Simple DS parametrisation: $\Delta_N, \Lambda_{\text{IR}}, \Lambda_{\text{UV}}$
- Visible signature leading constraints: DS production at target or detector, ψ displaced decay. $\Lambda_{\text{UV}} > 100 \text{ TeV}$ for $\Delta_N = 5/2$
- Invisible signatures can constrain $\text{BR}(\psi \rightarrow \text{inv}) = 1$: Higgs, Z decays, NC/CC ratio.
- Lots of upcoming experiments!

Thanks for the attention!

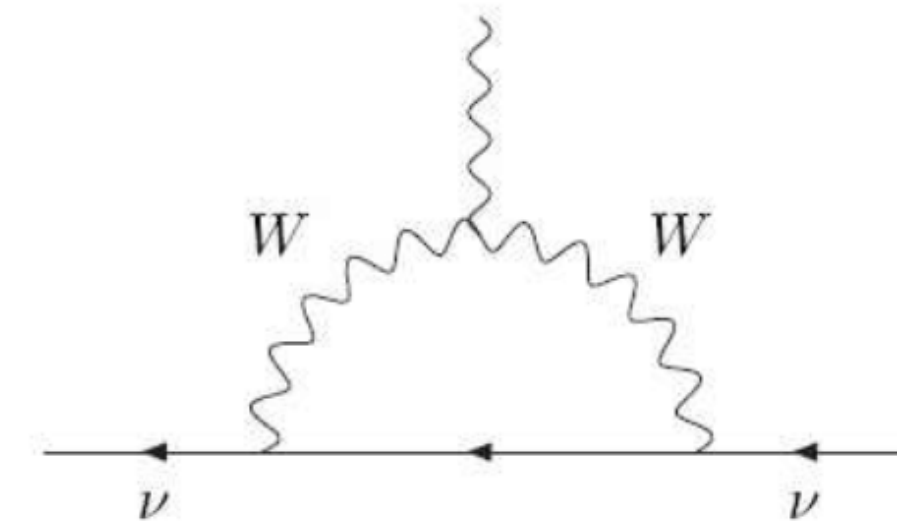
Backup

Modeling neutrino structure

- Electromagnetic form factors

$$d_\mu \bar{\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu F^{\mu\nu}$$

$$r_\nu^2 \bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu \nu \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu}$$



See Giunti et al. 2411.03122

$$\mu_\nu \lesssim 10^{-24} \text{ cm}$$

$$r_\nu \lesssim 10^{-16} \text{ cm}$$

- Excited states via EW process + decay
- 4 fermions operator (SM interference)



ATLAS: $\Lambda \lesssim 1.6 \text{ TeV}$

Peskin Eichten Lane PRL 1983

- $SU(2)_L$ compositeness

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} lll$$

LEP: $\Lambda \lesssim 10 \text{ TeV}$

- Neutrino Non-Standard Interactions

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} (\bar{\nu}\nu)(\bar{q}q)$$

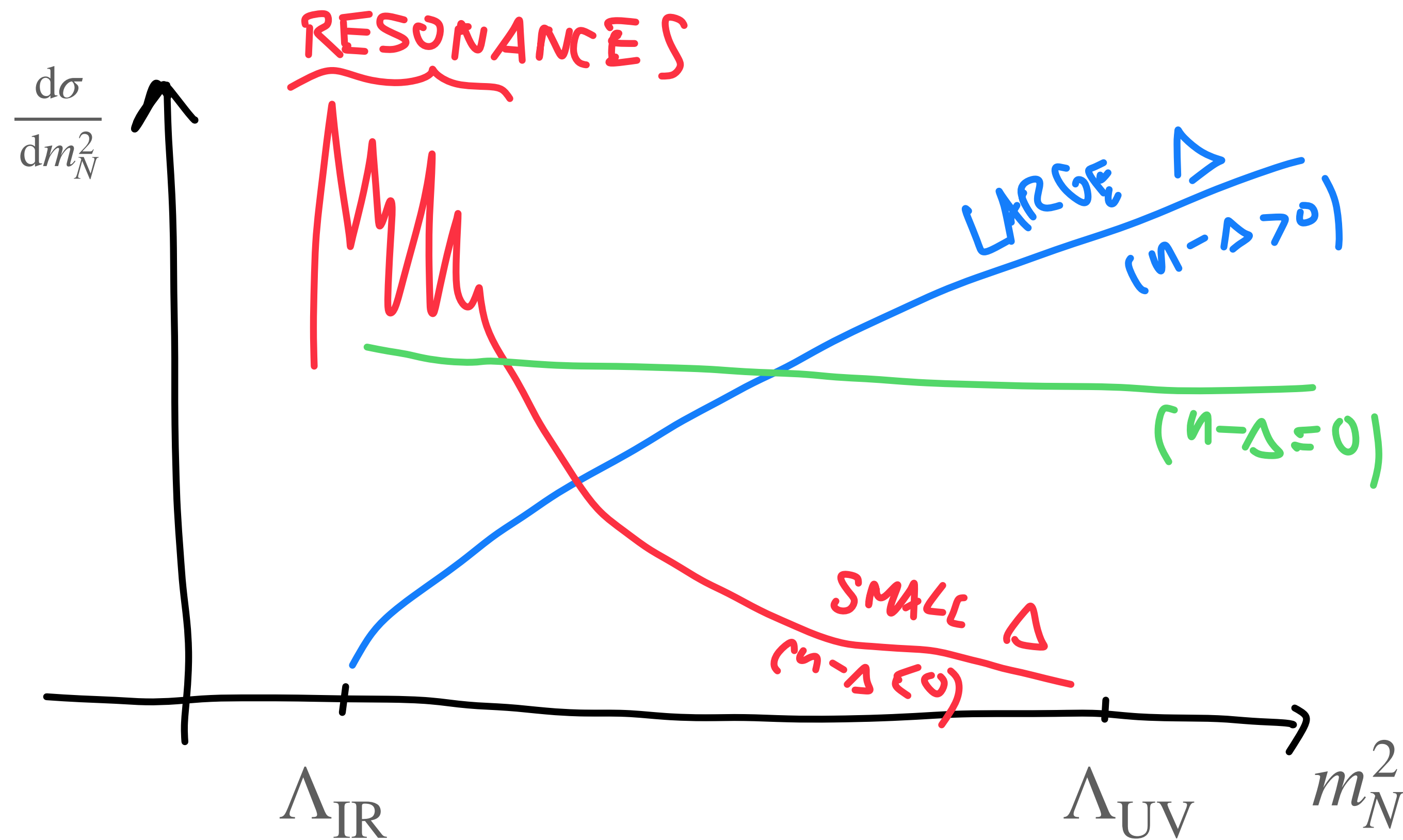
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} (\bar{\nu}l)(\bar{q}q')$$

CCFR: $\Lambda \lesssim 5 \text{ TeV}$

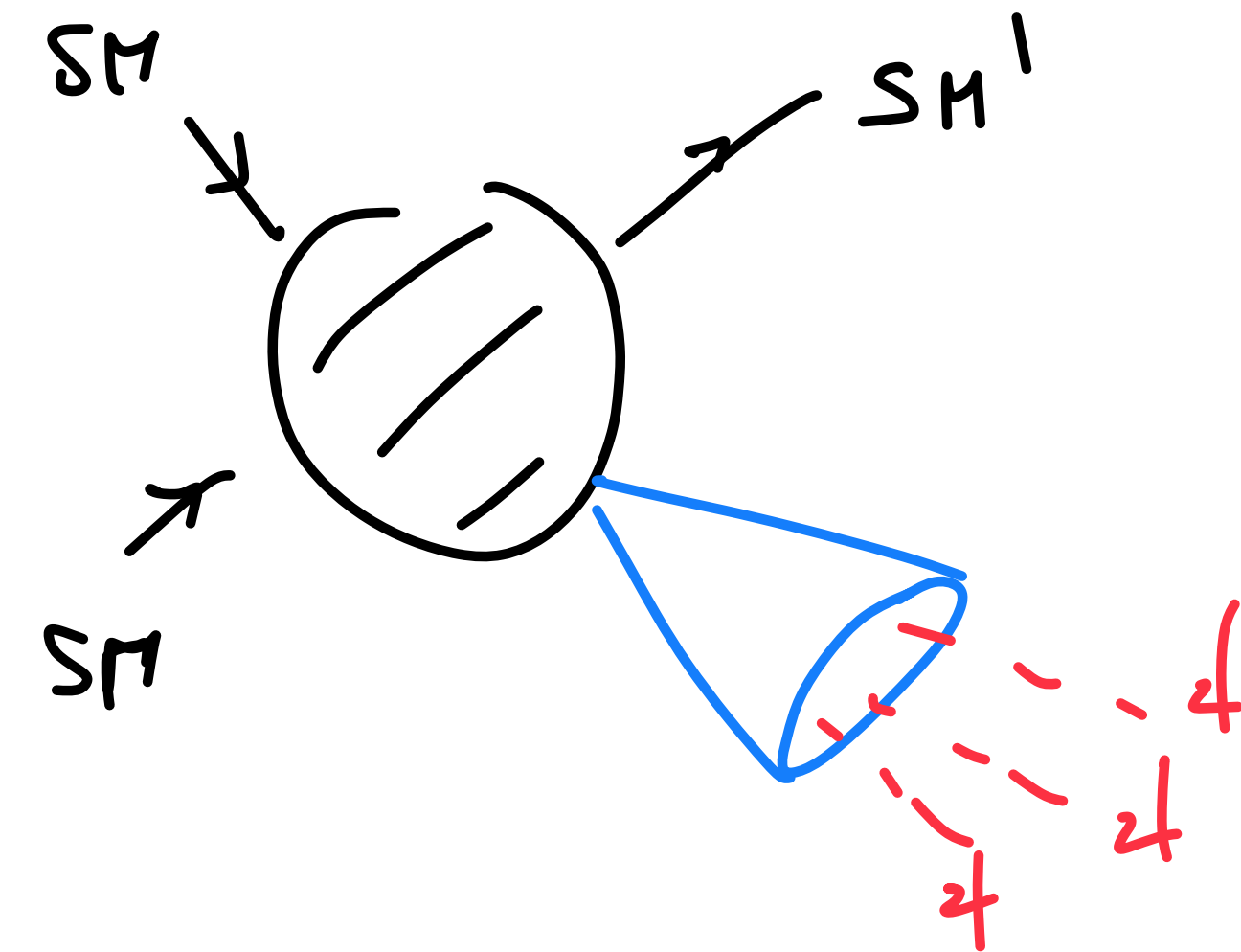
- “Partial compositeness”

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \nu O_N \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \nu N^3 \rightarrow m_{\text{mix}} \nu \psi$$

Production regimes



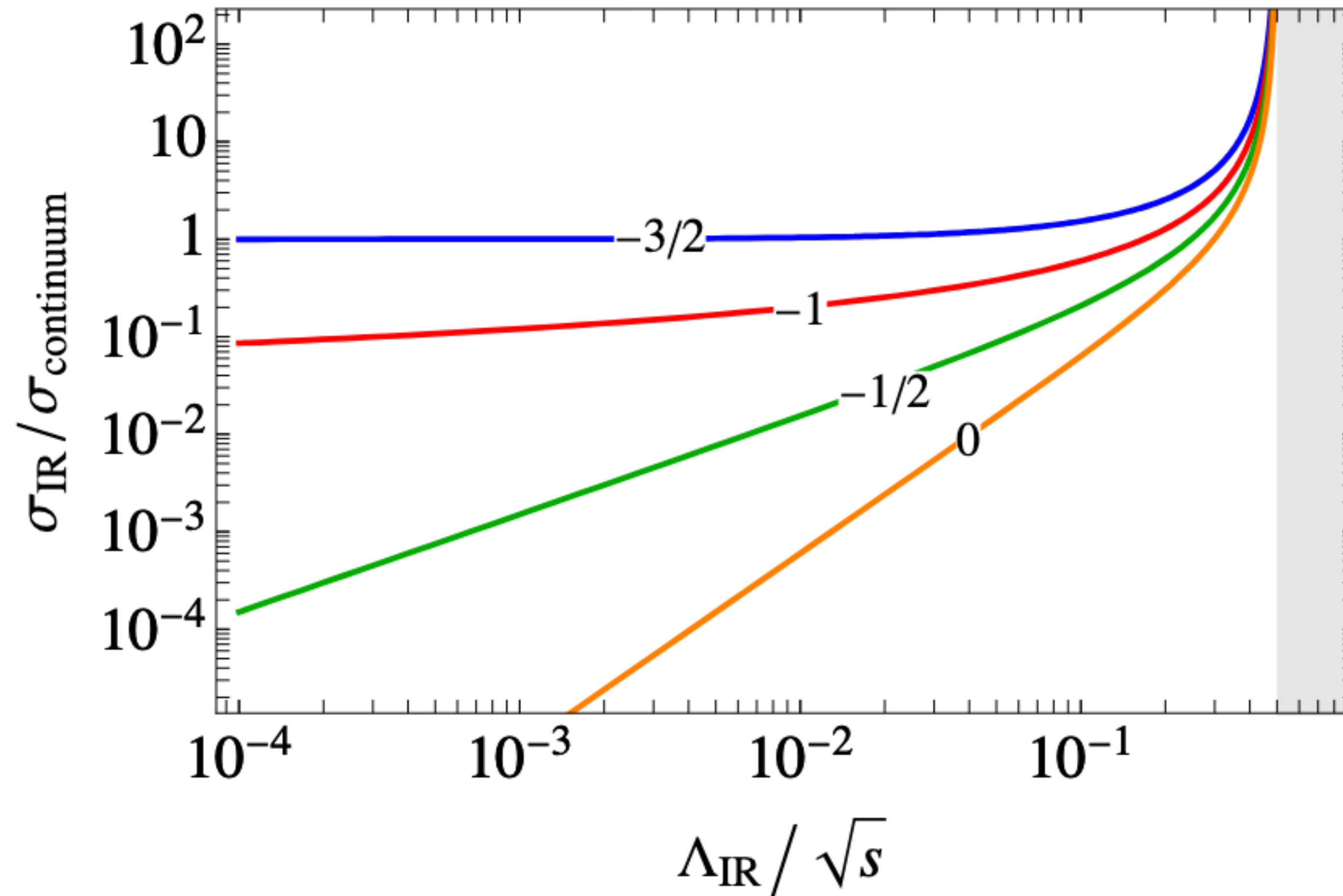
Δ dictates which regime has more weighted in total σ

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dm_N^2} \propto \left(\frac{m_N^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta-n} \rightarrow \sigma \propto \left(\frac{m_N^2}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2} \right)^{\Delta-n+1}$$


$$\tau_\psi \sim 10^{-10+4\Delta} \text{km} \left(\frac{10 \text{ MeV}}{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}} \right)^{2\Delta} \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{2\Delta-3}$$

Δ dictates lifetime of lightest resonance

UV dependency



$$\frac{d\sigma}{dp_D^2} \propto \left(\frac{p_D^2}{s} \right)^\alpha \left(1 - \frac{p_D^2}{s} \right)^2$$

DIS systematics

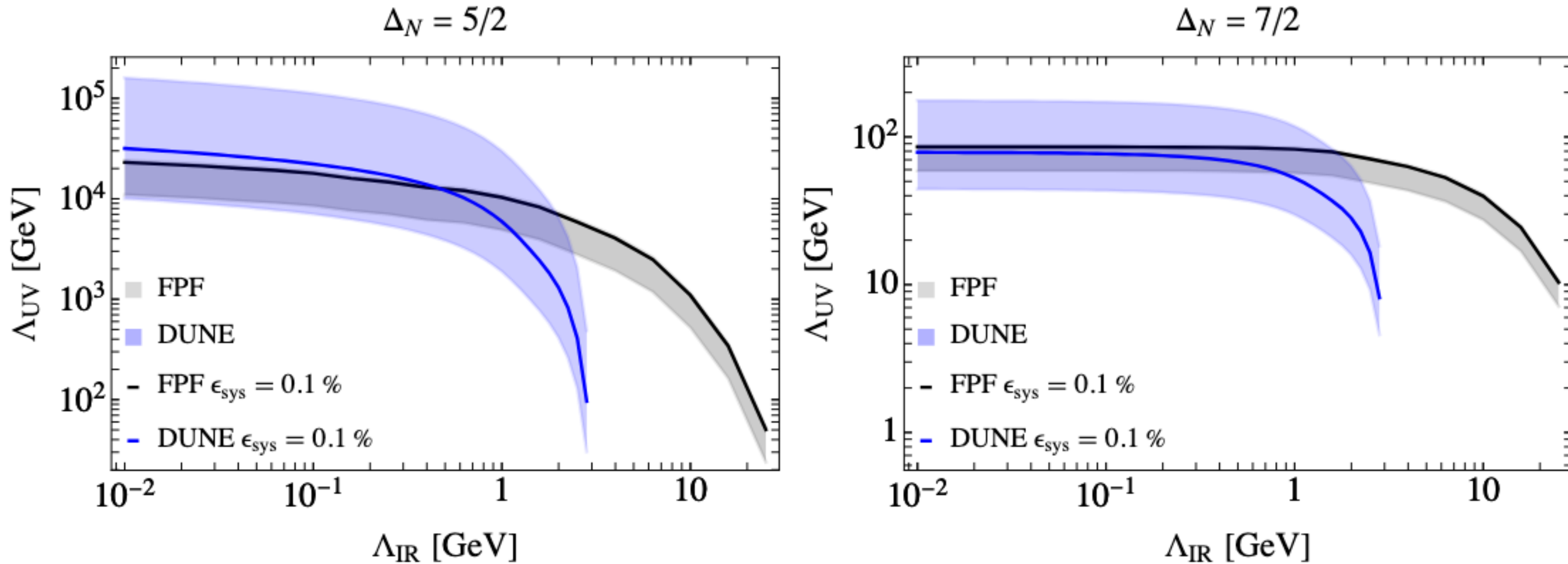
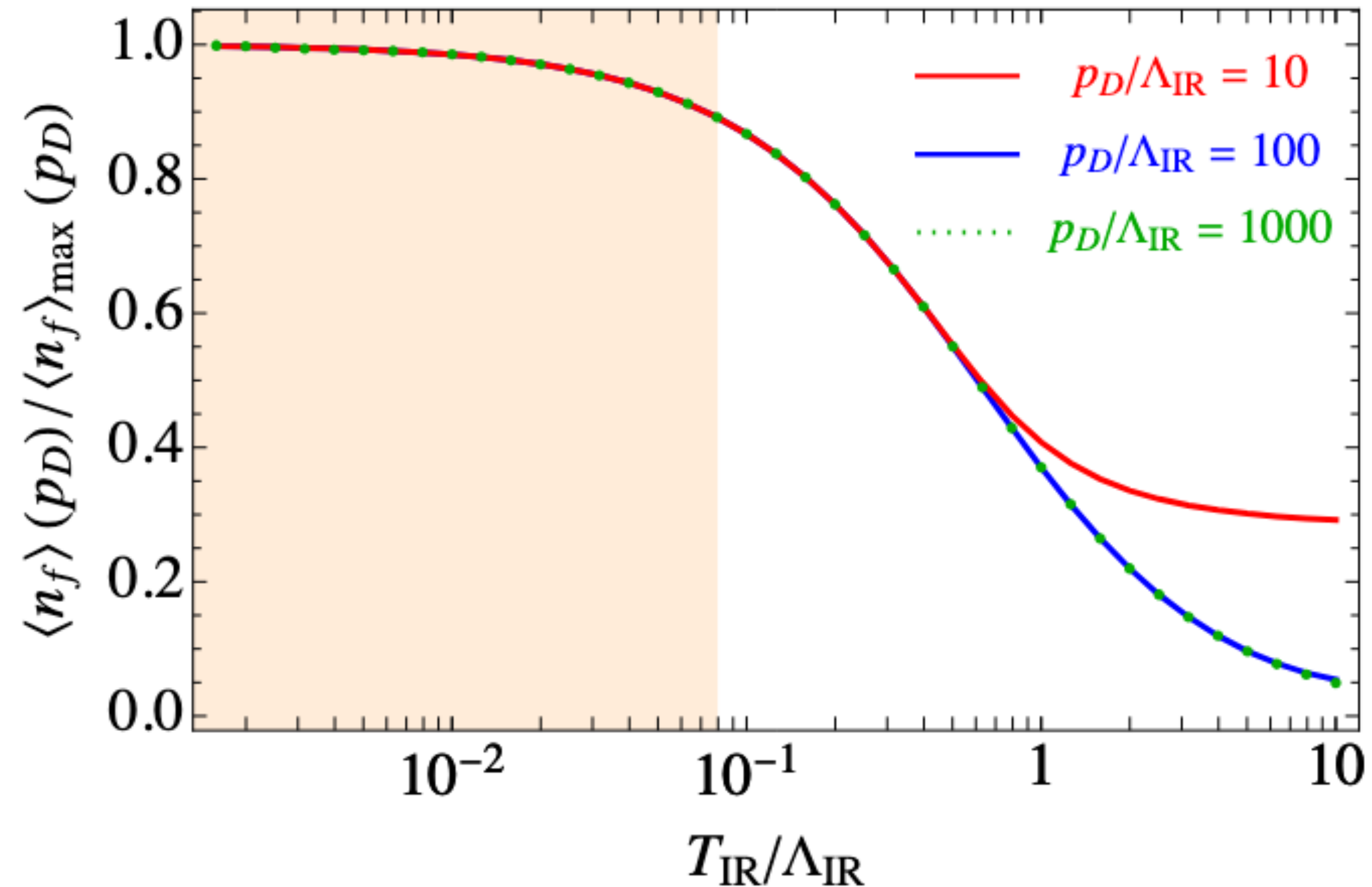


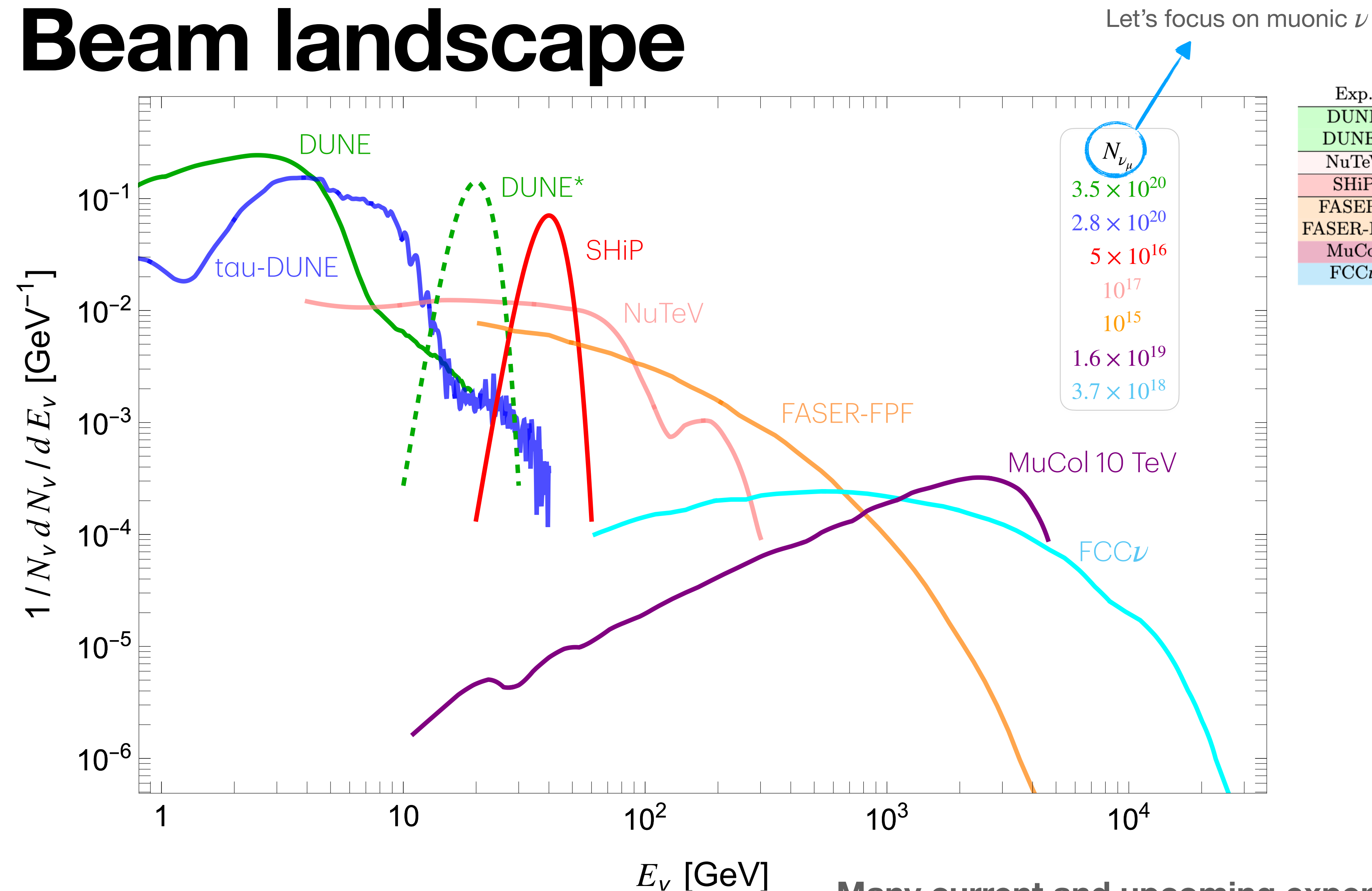
Figure 10: Effect of systematics uncertainties at DUNE (**blue**) and FPF (**black**). The colored region covers parameter space as ϵ_{sys} ranges from 0 to 0.01. Solid lines represent the level of systematic uncertainties obtained at NuTeV [18].

Number of fragments

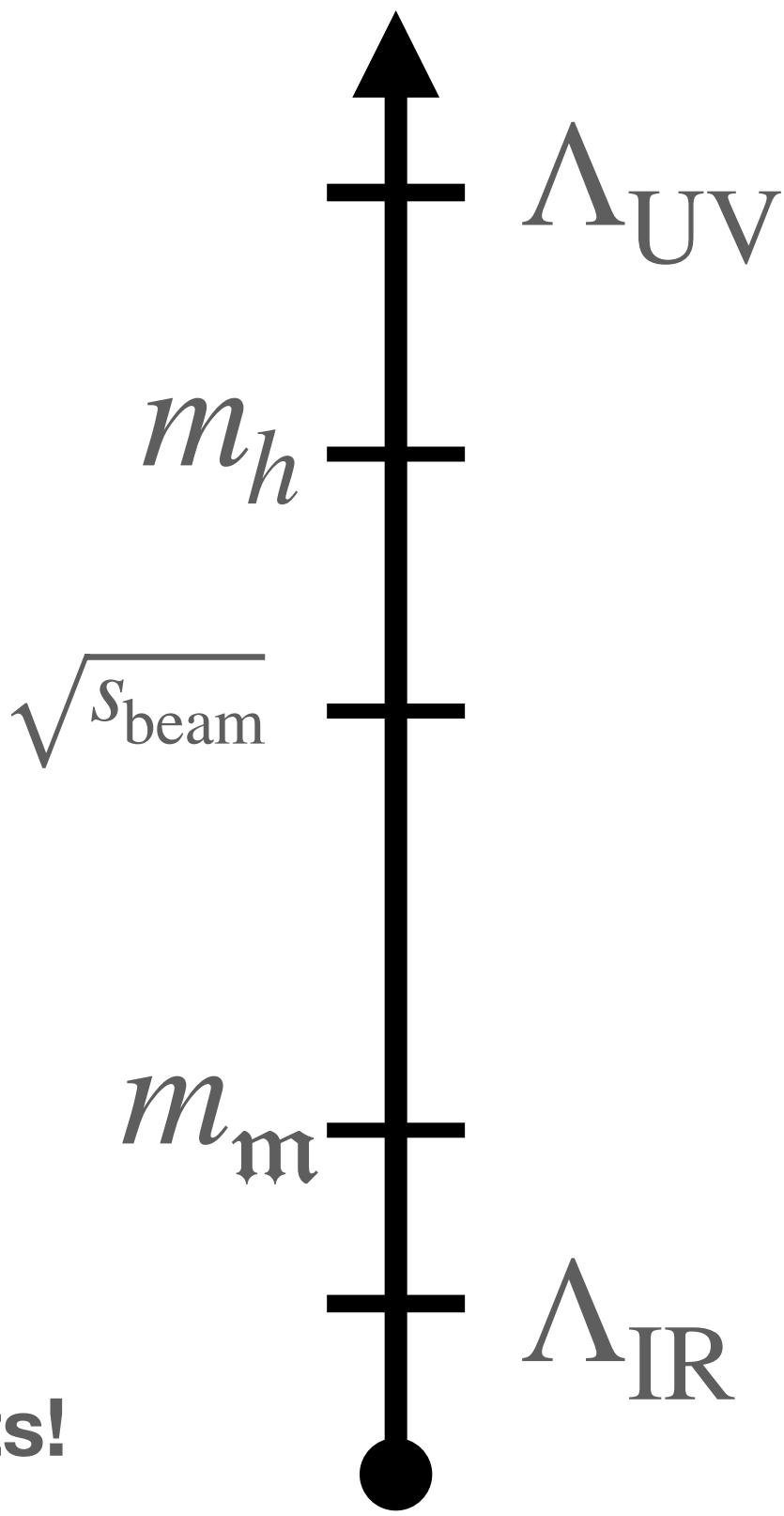
$$\langle n_f(p_D^2) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \int_0^{\sqrt{p_D^2/4 - \Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2}} \frac{p_D}{\sqrt{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{\sqrt{\Lambda_{\text{IR}}^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}}{T_{\text{IR}}} \right] \mathbf{p}^2 d|\mathbf{p}|$$



Beam landscape



Exp.	N_ν	$\langle E_\nu \rangle$ [GeV]	σ_E^2 [GeV ²]	$\sigma_{\text{target}}^{-1}$ [GeV ²]
DUNE	10^{20}	3	4	0.02
DUNE*	10^{20}	20	8	0.02
NuTeV	10^{17}	60	10^3	0.02
SHiP	5×10^{16}	40	32	0.2
FASER ν	10^{12}	300	10^5	0.2
FASER-FPF	10^{15}	300	10^5	0.2
MuCol	10^{19}	2500	10^6	0.2
FCC ν	10^{18}	4000	10^7	0.2

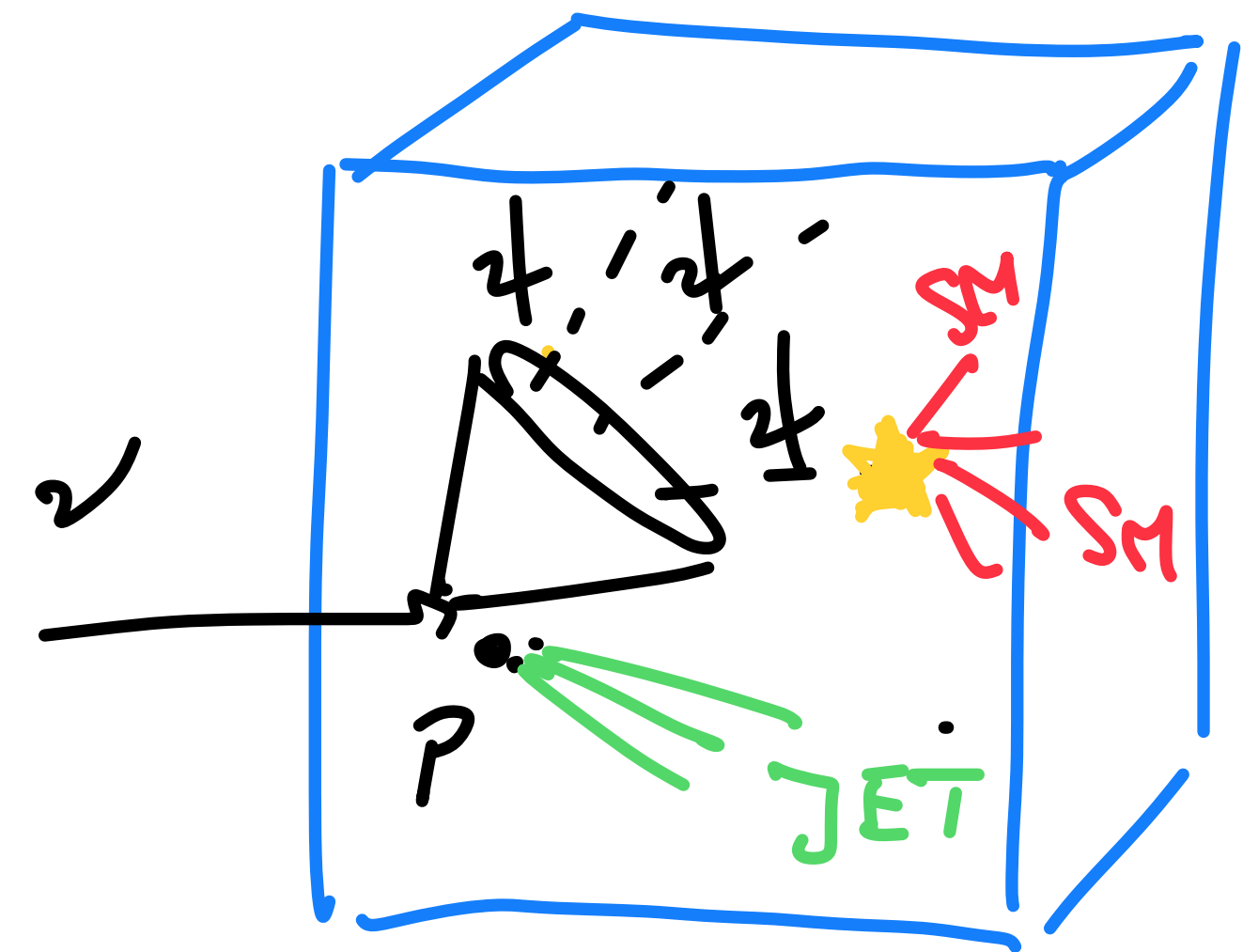


Many current and upcoming experiments!

Emerging jets

- Hadronic activity in the primary vertex and visible tracks of SM particles in secondary displaced vertices
- Pile-up background negligible
- Neutral SM particle decays: can be killed with leptonic decays

$$S_{B \rightarrow \text{vis}} = N_B \times \text{Br}(B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_N) \times P_{\text{dec}}$$



Computing inclusive xsecs

- Look for inclusive x-secs in the dark sector!
- Model independent at high energy

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Also: Hong Kurup Perelstein 1910.10160
 Hong Kurup Perelstein 2207.10093
 Hong Perelstein Youn 2412.00181

$$\frac{d\sigma_S}{dm_N^2} \propto \int d\Phi_{DS} |\langle DS | O_N(p_{DS}) | 0 \rangle| = 2\text{Im} [i\langle \bar{O}_N O_N \rangle]$$

Optical theorem

$$\text{Im} [i\langle O_N(p) \bar{O}_N(-p) \rangle] = A_\Delta \gamma^\mu p_\mu p^{2\Delta-5}$$

Conformal invariance
 (aka dimensional analysis)

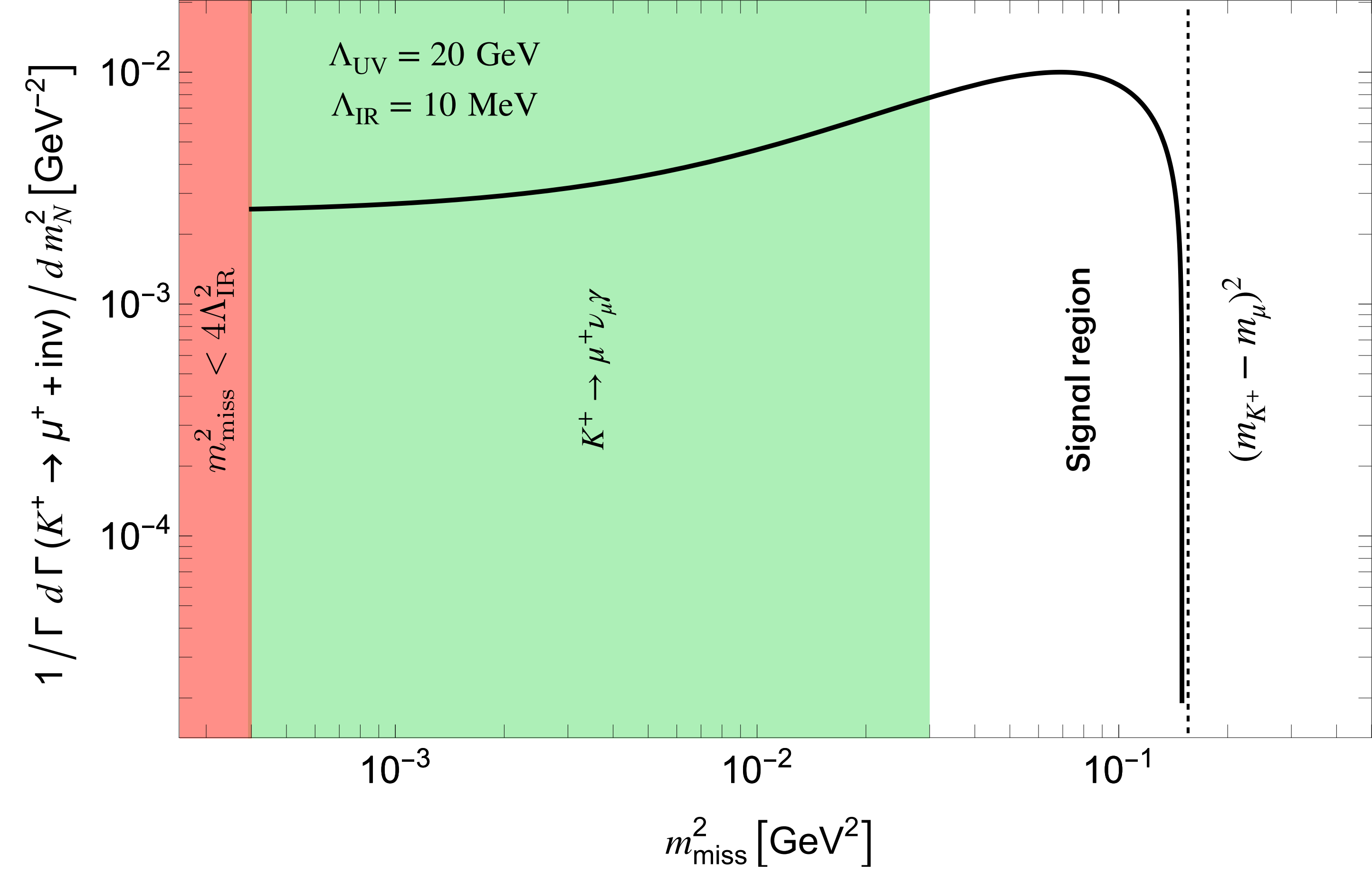
$$\frac{d\sigma_S}{dm_N^2} \sim \left(\frac{m_N^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \right)^{\Delta-7/2} \quad \text{For large } \Delta \text{ total } \sigma_S \text{ **UV dominated**: no need to model IR resonances}$$

Disintegration UV dominated for $\Delta \geq 5/2$

Decay bounds

SM	m_{SM} [GeV]	X_{SM}	$\text{Br}(\text{SM} \rightarrow \nu X_{\text{SM}})$	Invisible bound	Displaced bound
h	125	ν	$0.1 \times 10^{-2*}$	$10.7 \times 10^{-2\dagger}$	
W^+	80	μ^+	11×10^{-2}	0.3×10^{-2}	
Z	91	ν	20×10^{-2}	0.1×10^{-2}	10^{-6} [34]
π^+	0.140	μ^+	99.99×10^{-2}	0.8×10^{-6}	
		e^+	1.2×10^{-4}	0.8×10^{-6}	
K^+	0.494	μ^+	64×10^{-2}	0.2×10^{-2}	
		e^+	1.6×10^{-5}	1.4×10^{-7}	
D^+	1.9	μ^+	3.7×10^{-4}	0.3×10^{-4}	
		e^+		$9 \times 10^{-6\dagger}$	
		$e^+ X$	16×10^{-2}	0.6×10^{-2}	
		$\mu^+ X$	18×10^{-2}	6×10^{-2}	
B^+	5.3	μ^+		$9 \times 10^{-7\dagger}$	
		e^+		$10 \times 10^{-7\dagger}$	
		$e^+ X$	11×10^{-2}	5×10^{-2}	
		$\mu^+ X$	11×10^{-2}	7×10^{-2}	

Kaon decay spectrum

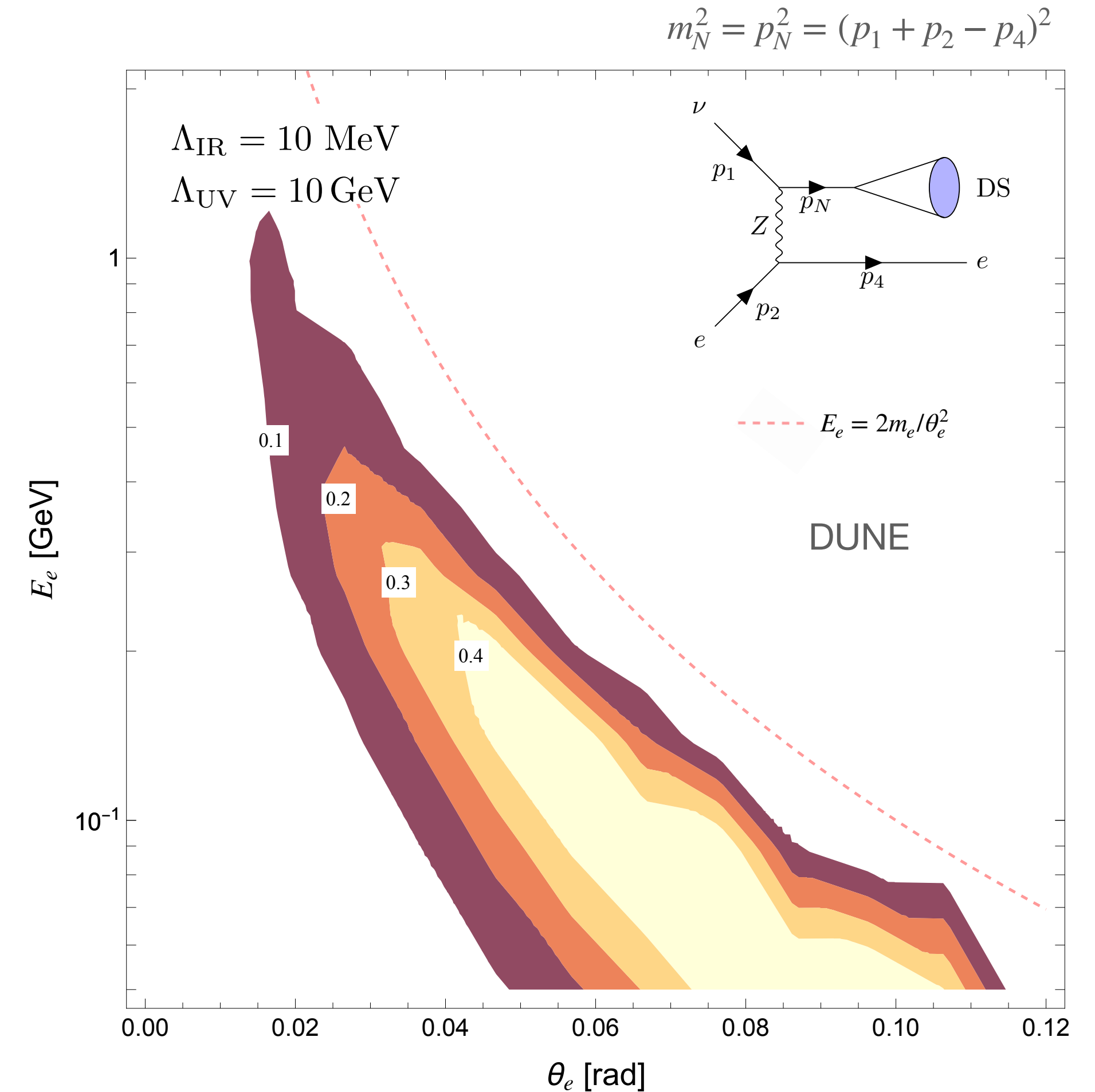


Disintegration on electrons

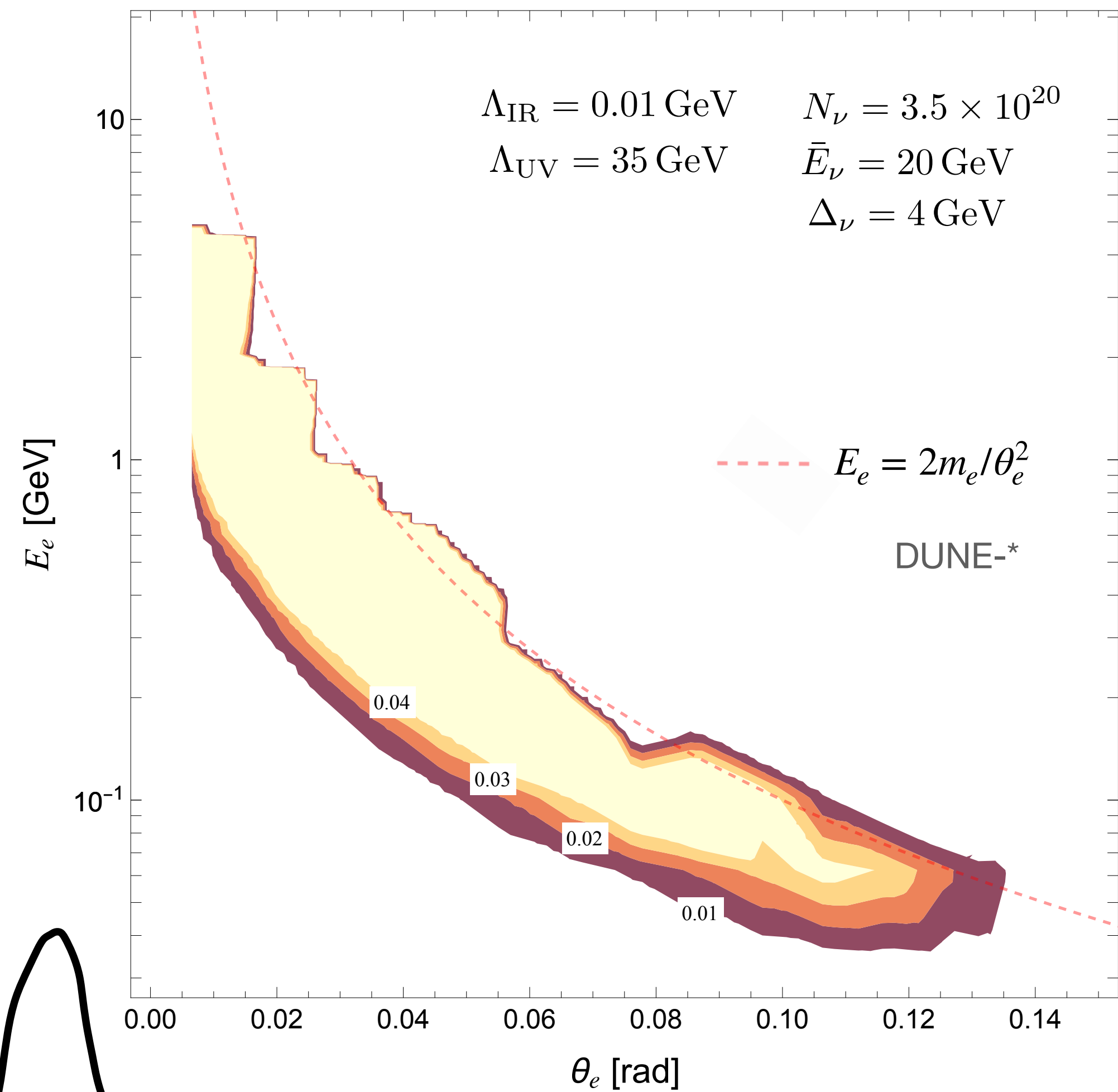
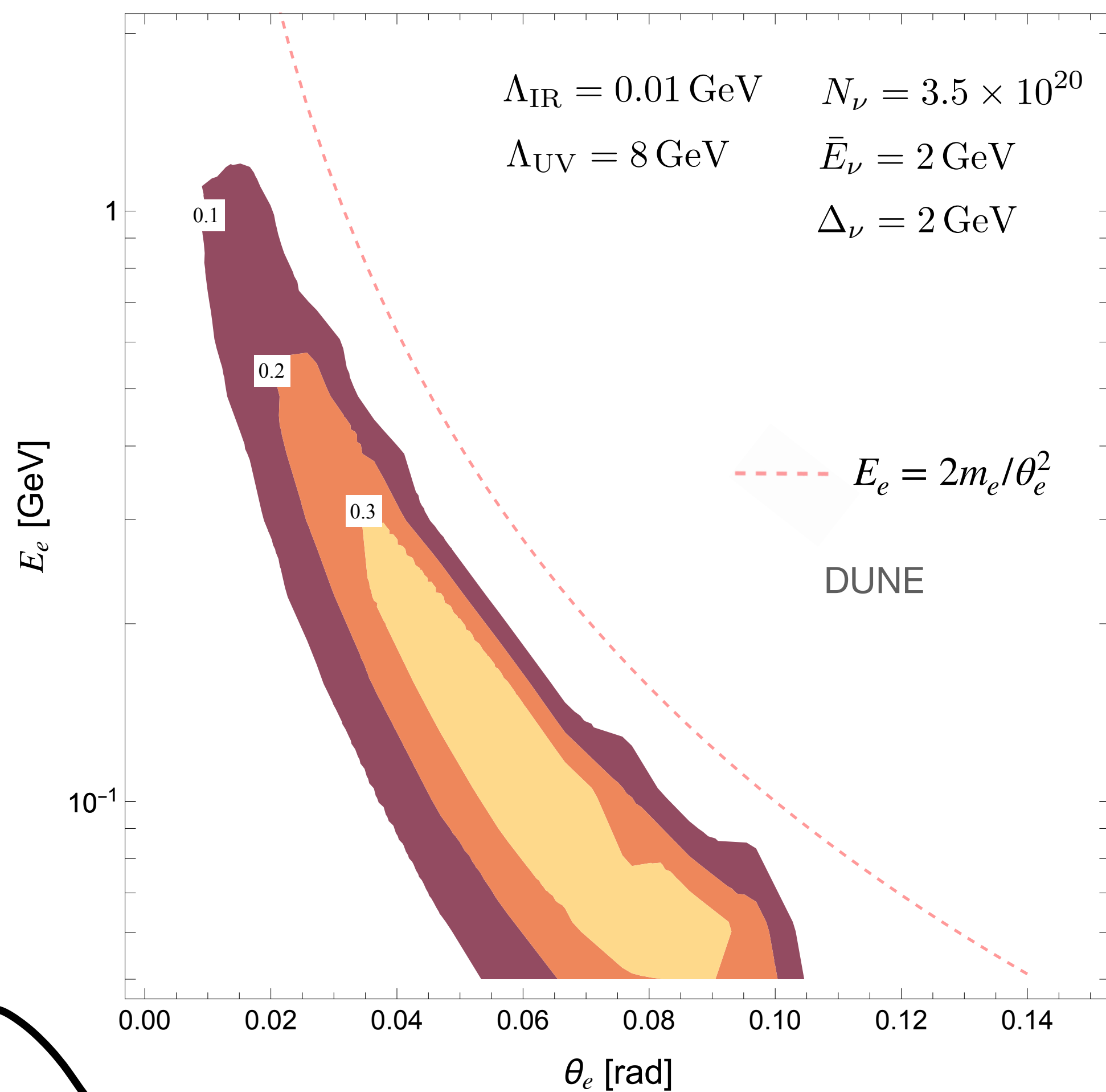
- Let's start with monochromatic beam
- SM NC: elastic, final electron with $E_e \sim \bar{E}_\nu$; $E_e(\theta_e)$
- Signal: inelastic, final electron with less energy

$$\frac{d\sigma_L}{dm_N^2} = \frac{A_N l_e^2 y_\mu^2}{96\pi^2} \frac{s_e}{v^2 \Lambda_{UV}^4} \left[\frac{m_N^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \right]^{\Delta_N - 7/2} \left[1 - \frac{m_N^2}{s_e} \right]^2 \quad s_e = 2E_\nu m_e$$

- Beam spread complicates...
- Binned analysis in (E_e, θ_e)

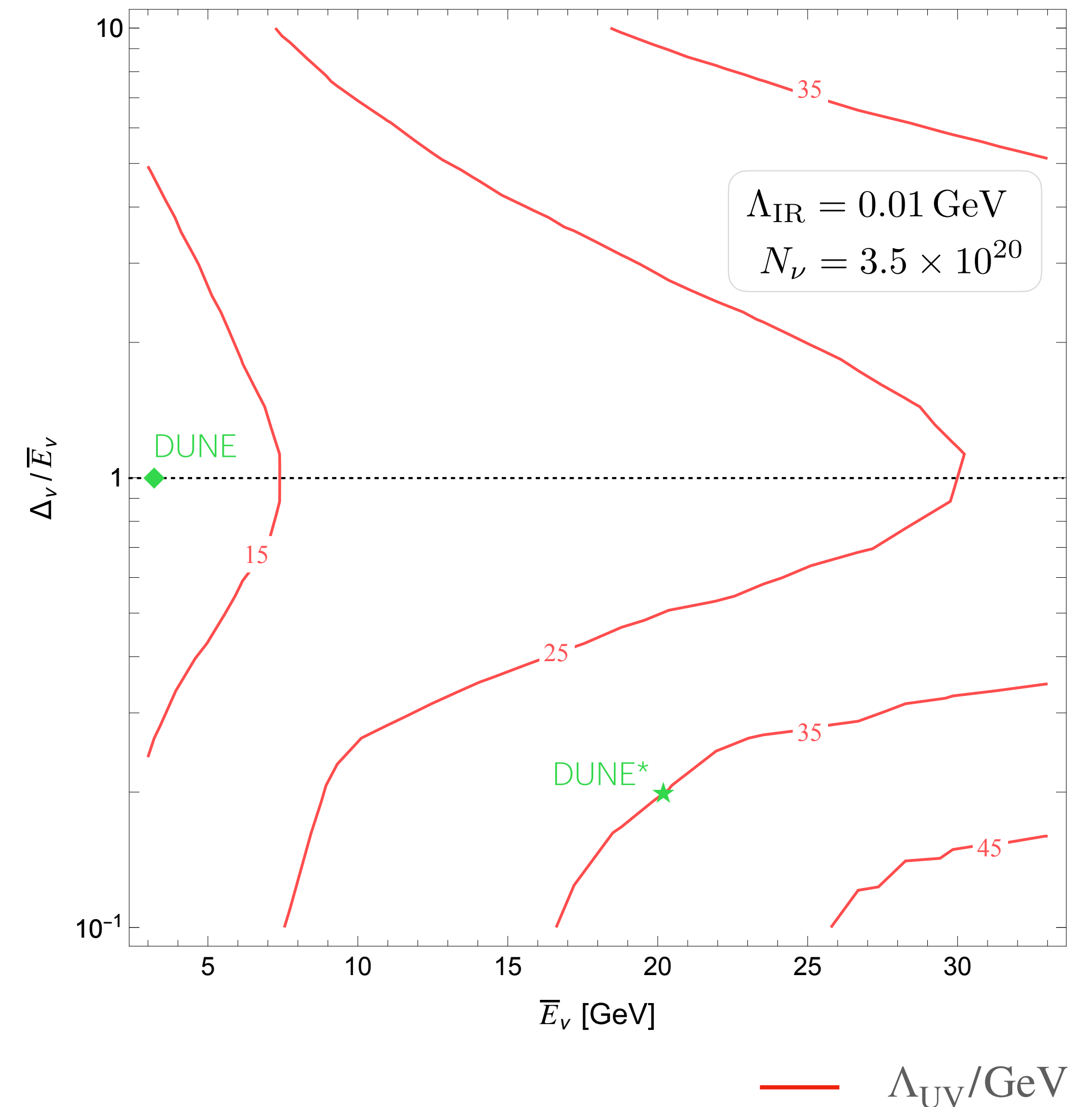


Disintegration on electrons



Disintegration on electrons

- Narrow flux: tail hunt high m_N^2
- Background free
- Large flux: spectrum distortion
- Both scenarios pay price of small $\sqrt{s}$



Disintegration on nucleons

Kinematics

- Larger s^2 : $(m_p/m_e)^2$
- Even for monochromatic beam, m_j free
- At fixed (E_j, θ_j) :

$$m_{j,\text{SM}}^2 \simeq 2m_p E_j$$

$$m_{j,\text{BSM}}^2 \simeq m_{j,\text{SM}}^2 - \frac{m_N^2 E_j}{E_\nu - E_j}$$

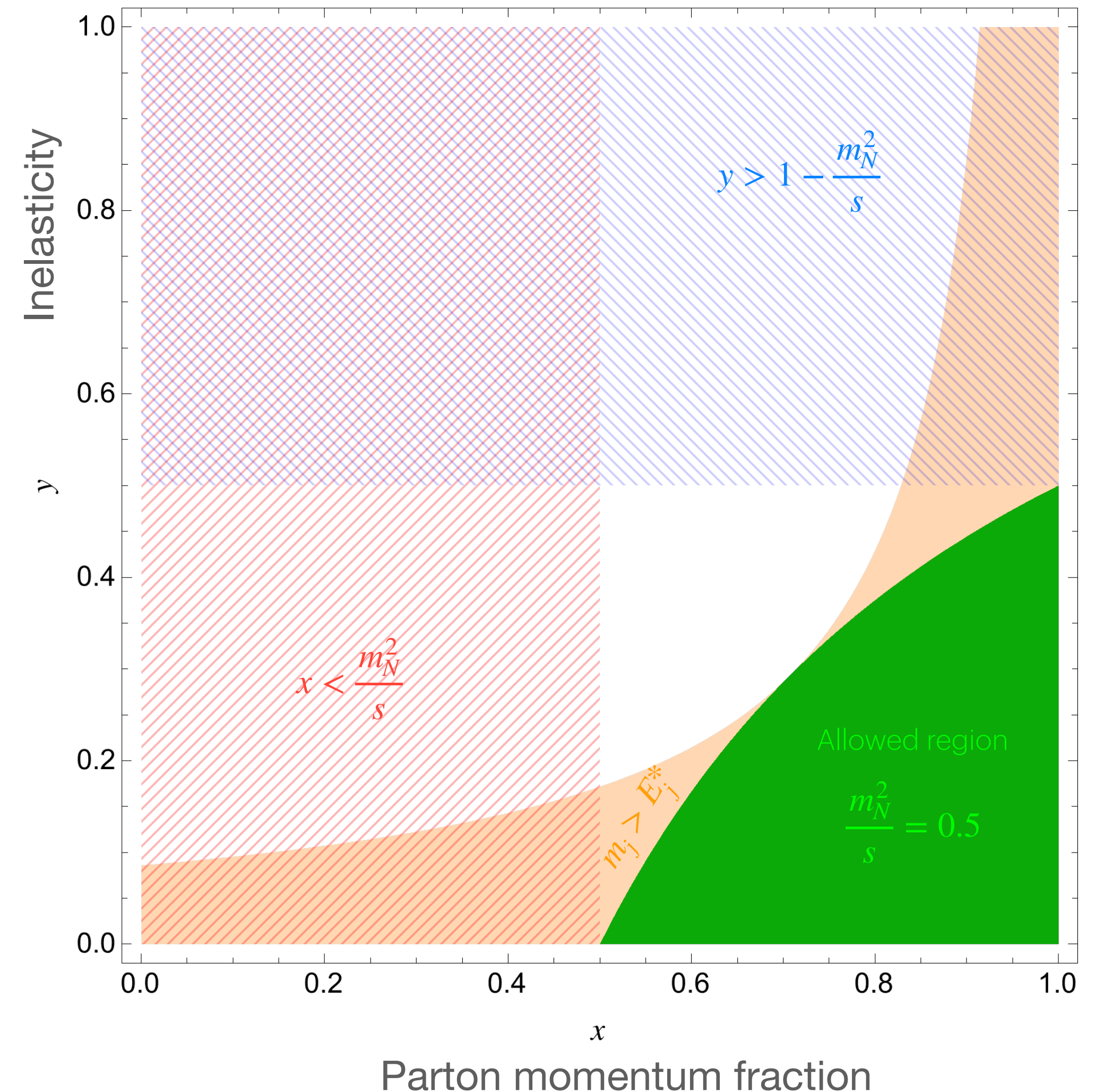
Number of tracks in jet

$$Q_{\text{SM}}^2 \simeq \frac{E_\nu E_j^2 \theta_j^2}{E_\nu - E_j}$$

$$Q_{\text{BSM}}^2 \simeq Q_{\text{SM}}^2 + \frac{m_N^2 E_j}{E_\nu - E_j}$$

Jet collimation

Kinematics much more complicated!



Disintegration on nucleons

NuTeV

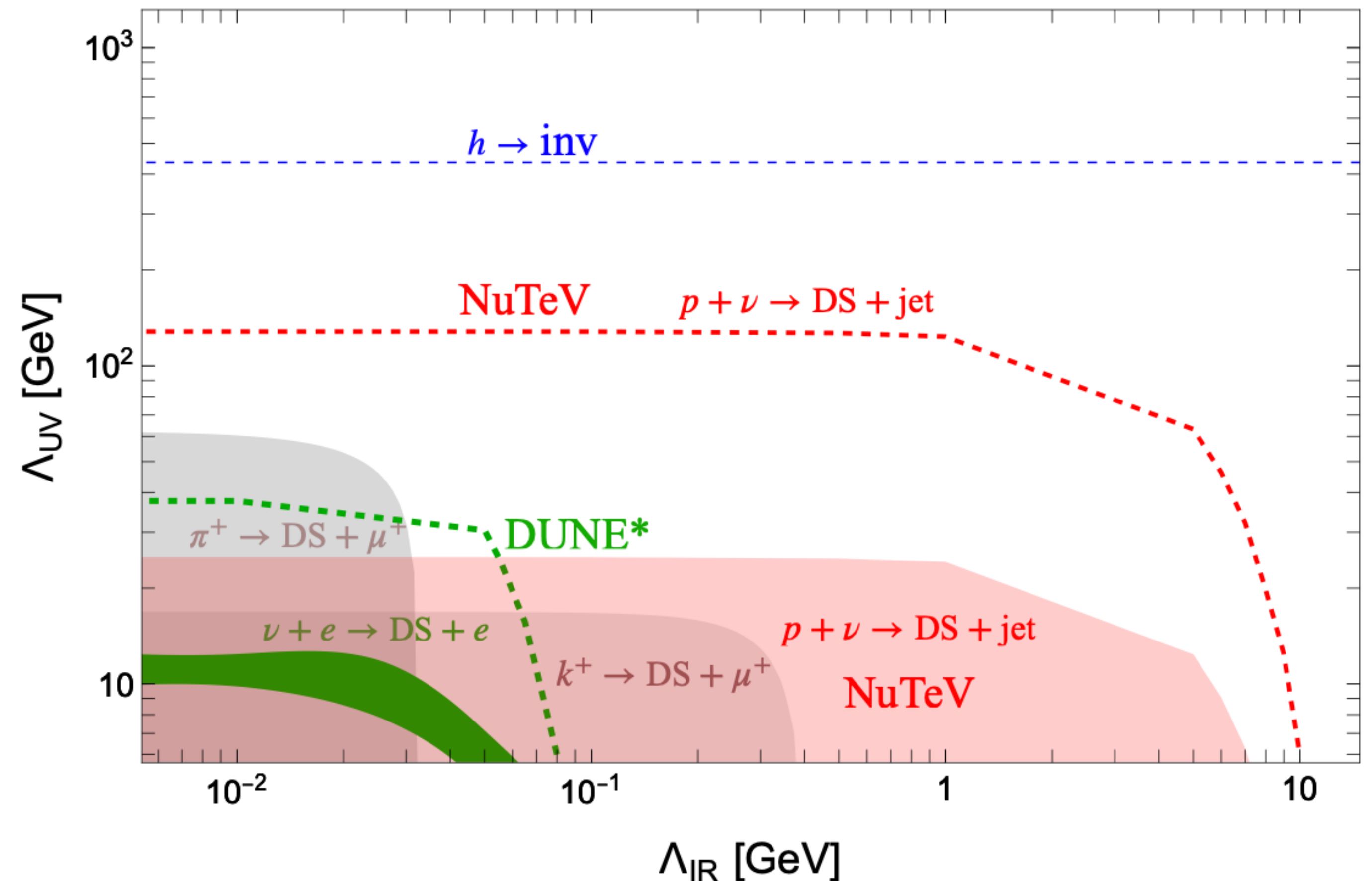
- Inclusive analysis

- $$R = \frac{\text{short tracks}}{\text{long tracks}} = \frac{\text{NC}}{\text{CC}}$$

- SM NC $\sim 4.5 \times 10^5$

- $$\text{Signal} \sim 1.7 \times 10^3 \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^4$$

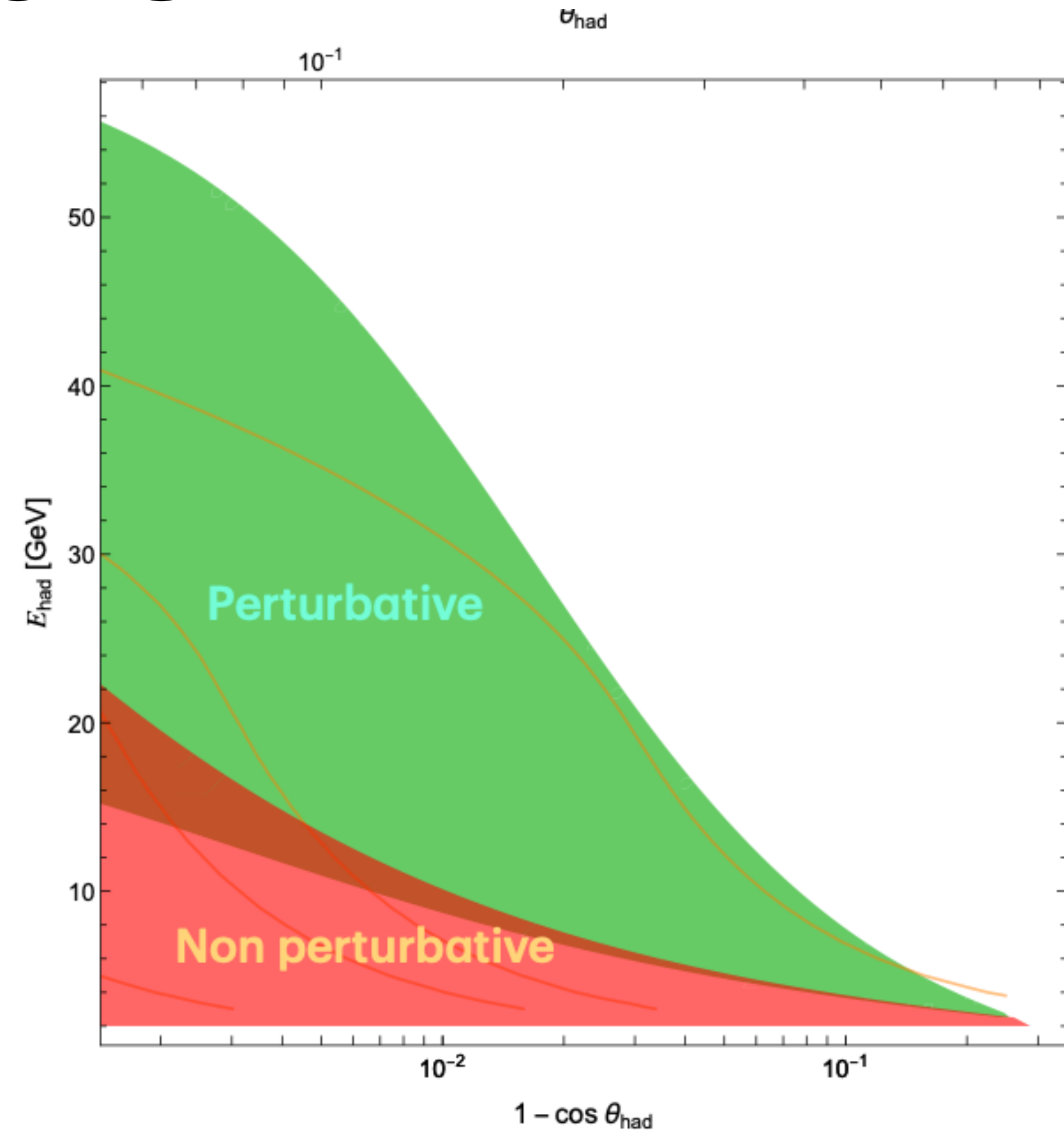
■ $S_{\text{mis}} > S_{\text{bsm}}$
--- $\sqrt{S_{\text{mis}}} > S_{\text{bsm}}$



Disintegration on nucleons

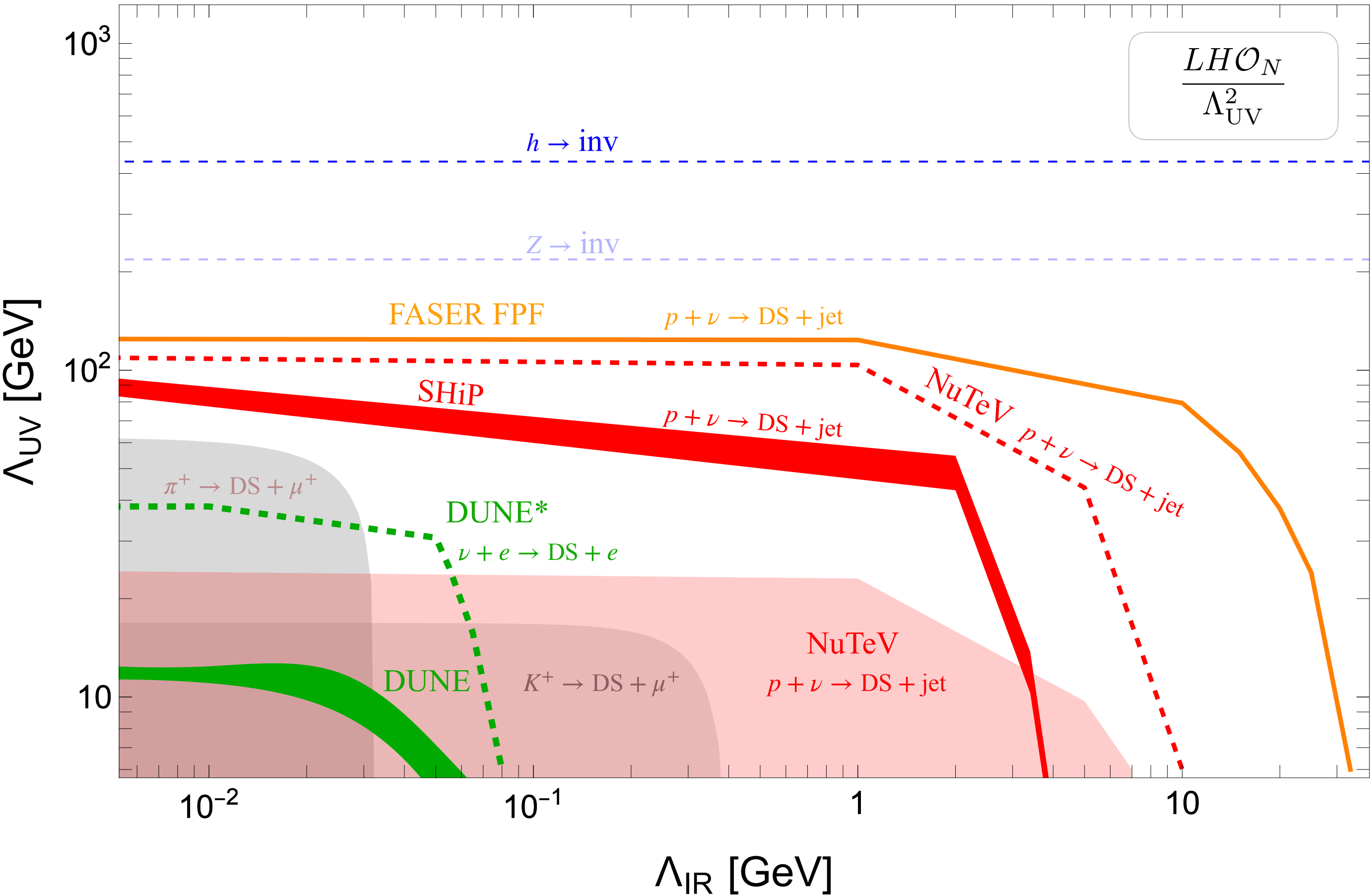
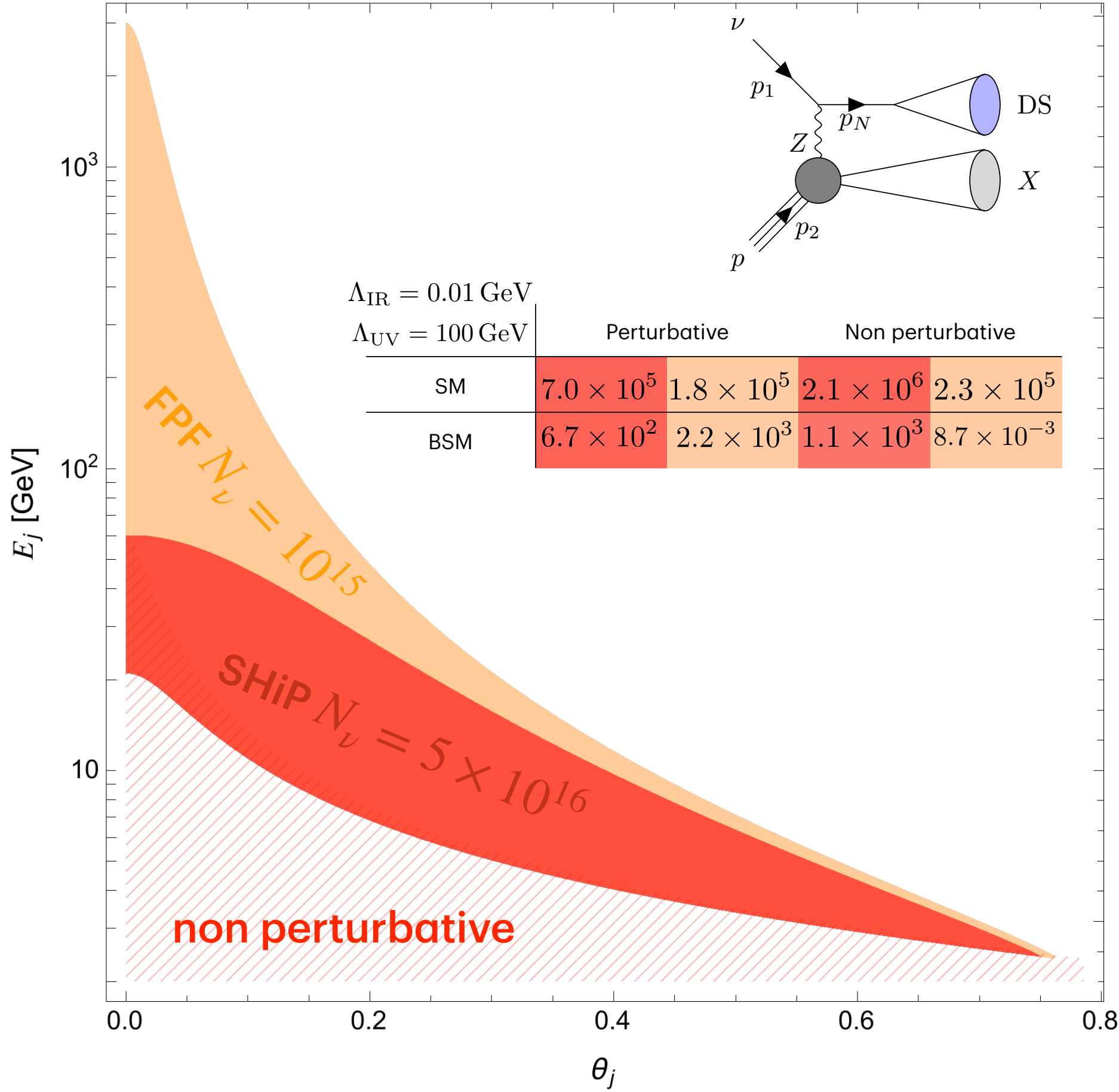
SHiP

- We classify each bin (E_j, θ_j) as perturbative or not
- Then, merge into the two bins (pt or not)
- Conservative analysis: only pt.
- More aggressive: include also non-pt event bin, $\mathcal{O}(1)$ systematics

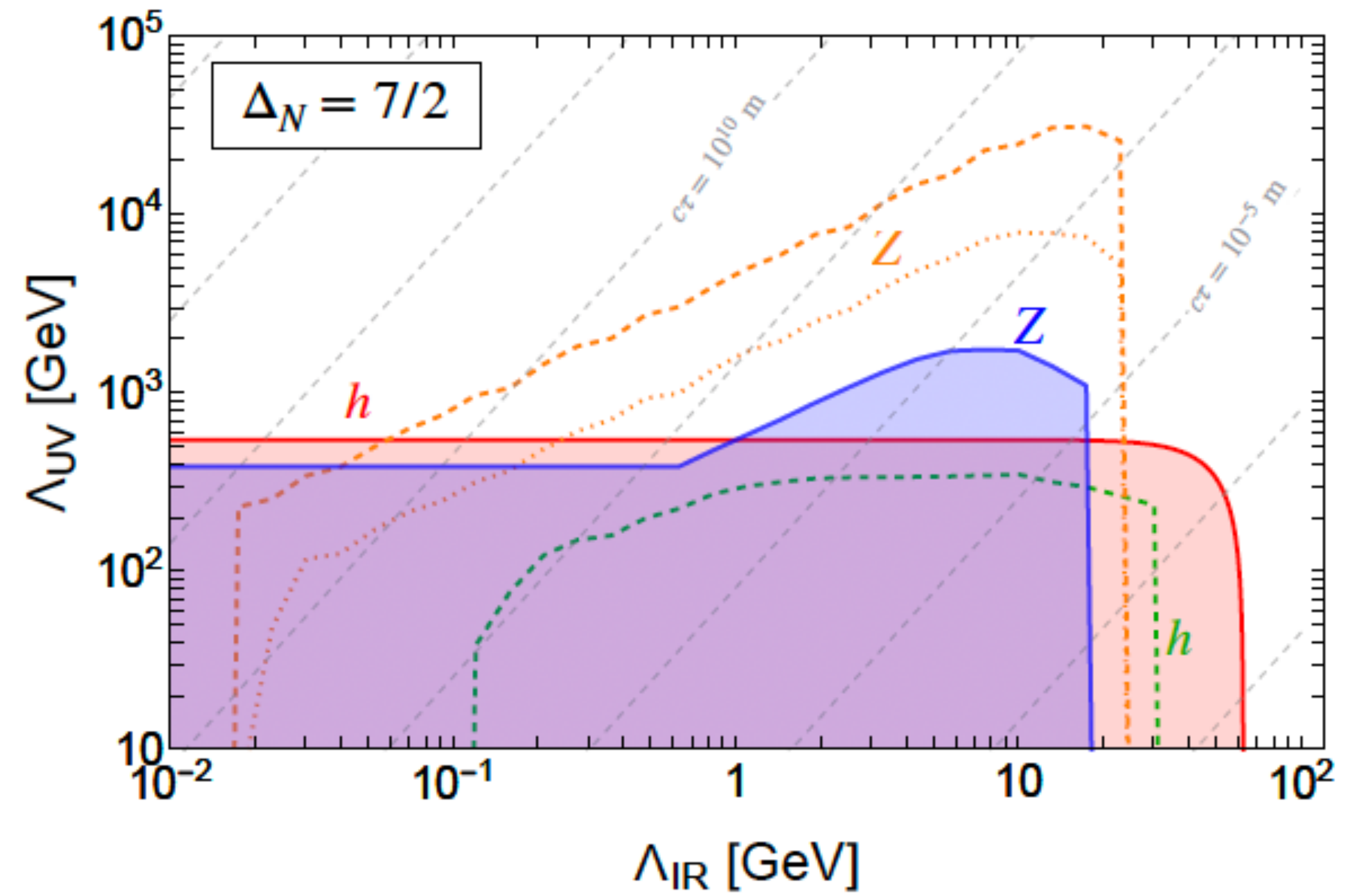
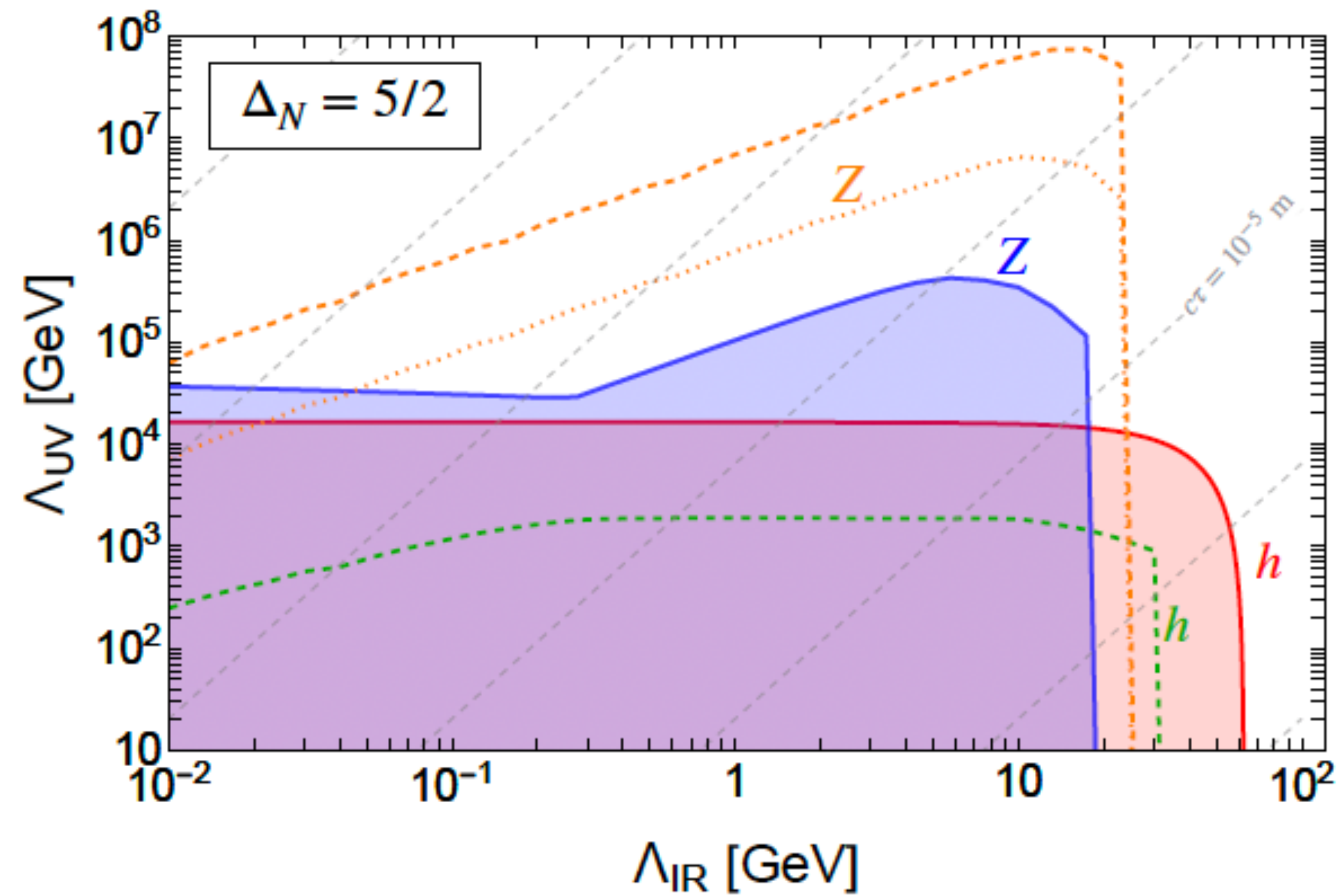


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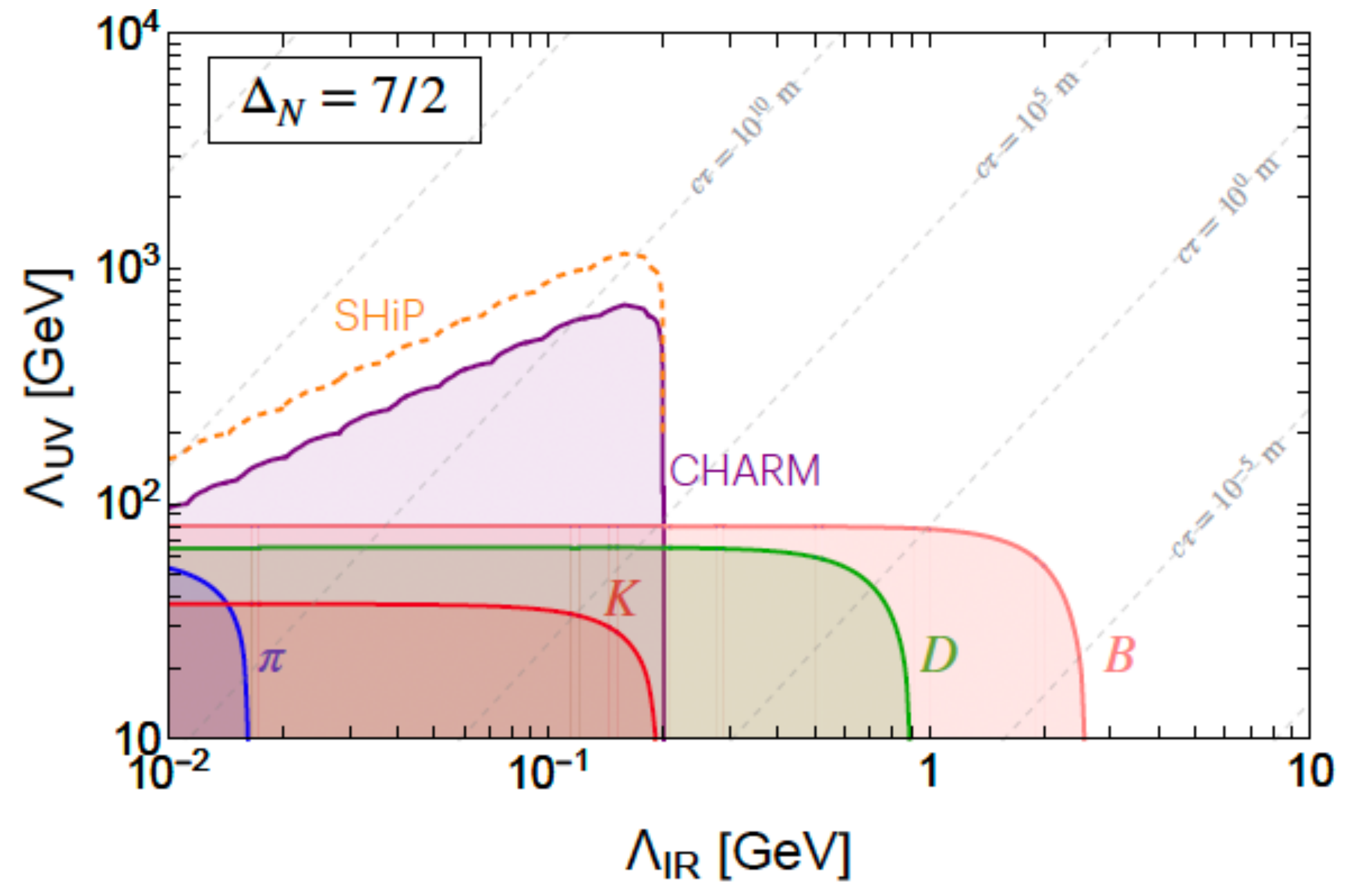
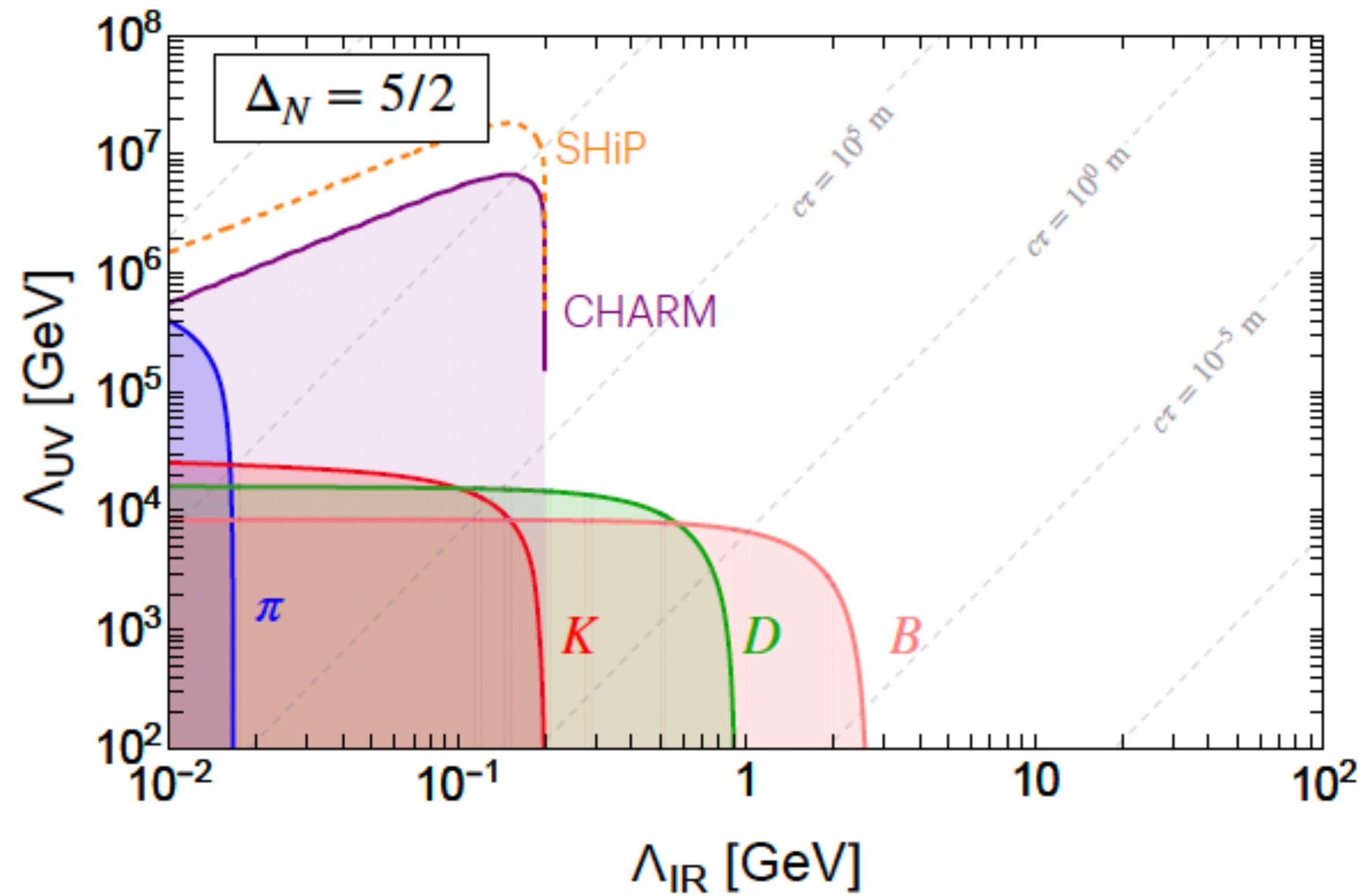
SHiP/FPF



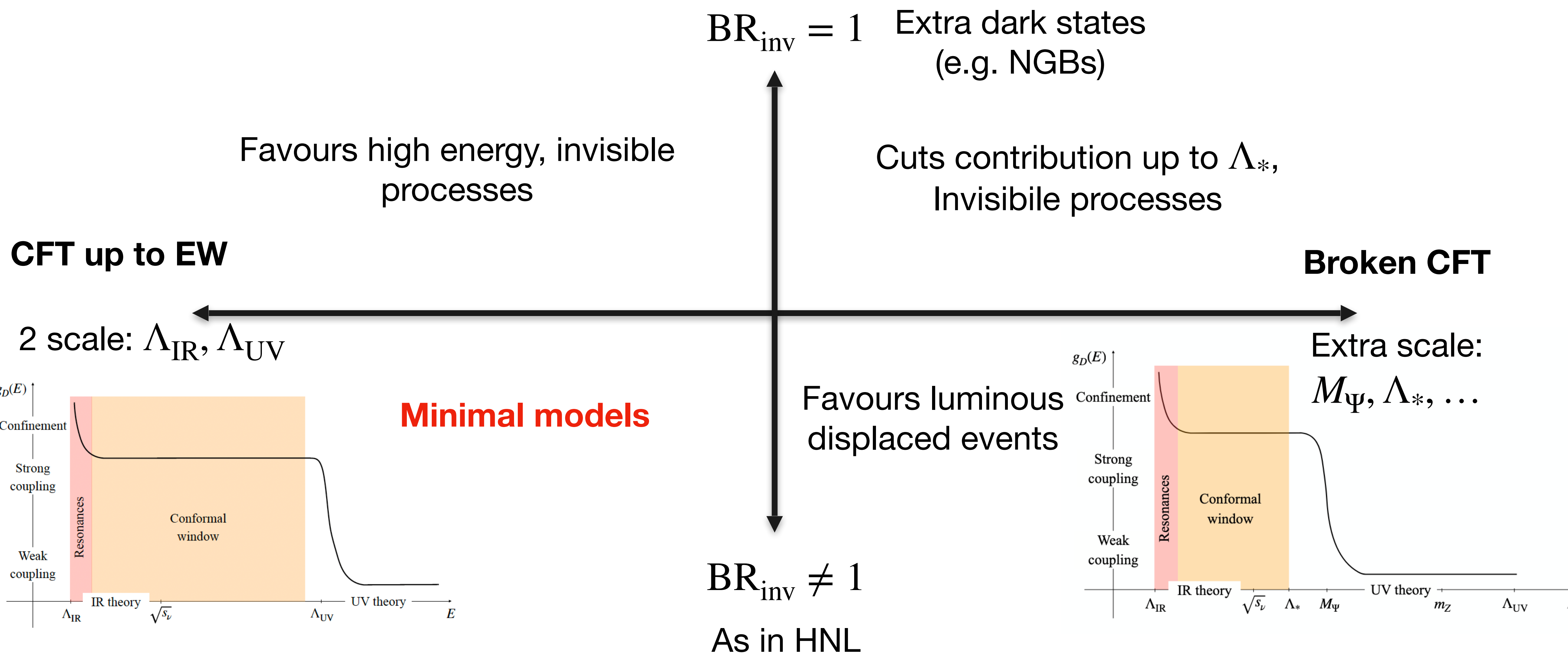
EW bounds



Meson decay bounds



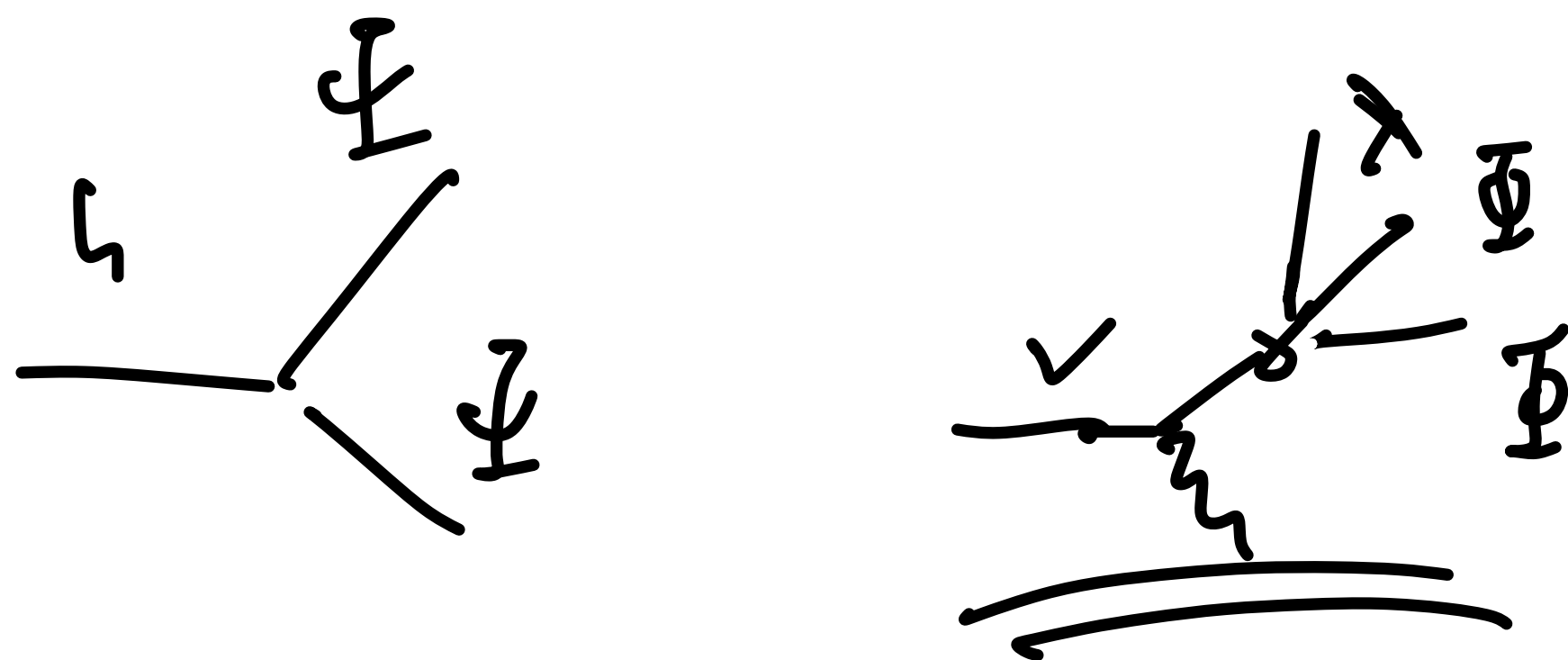
Beyond the minimal assumptions



Evading Higgs constraints

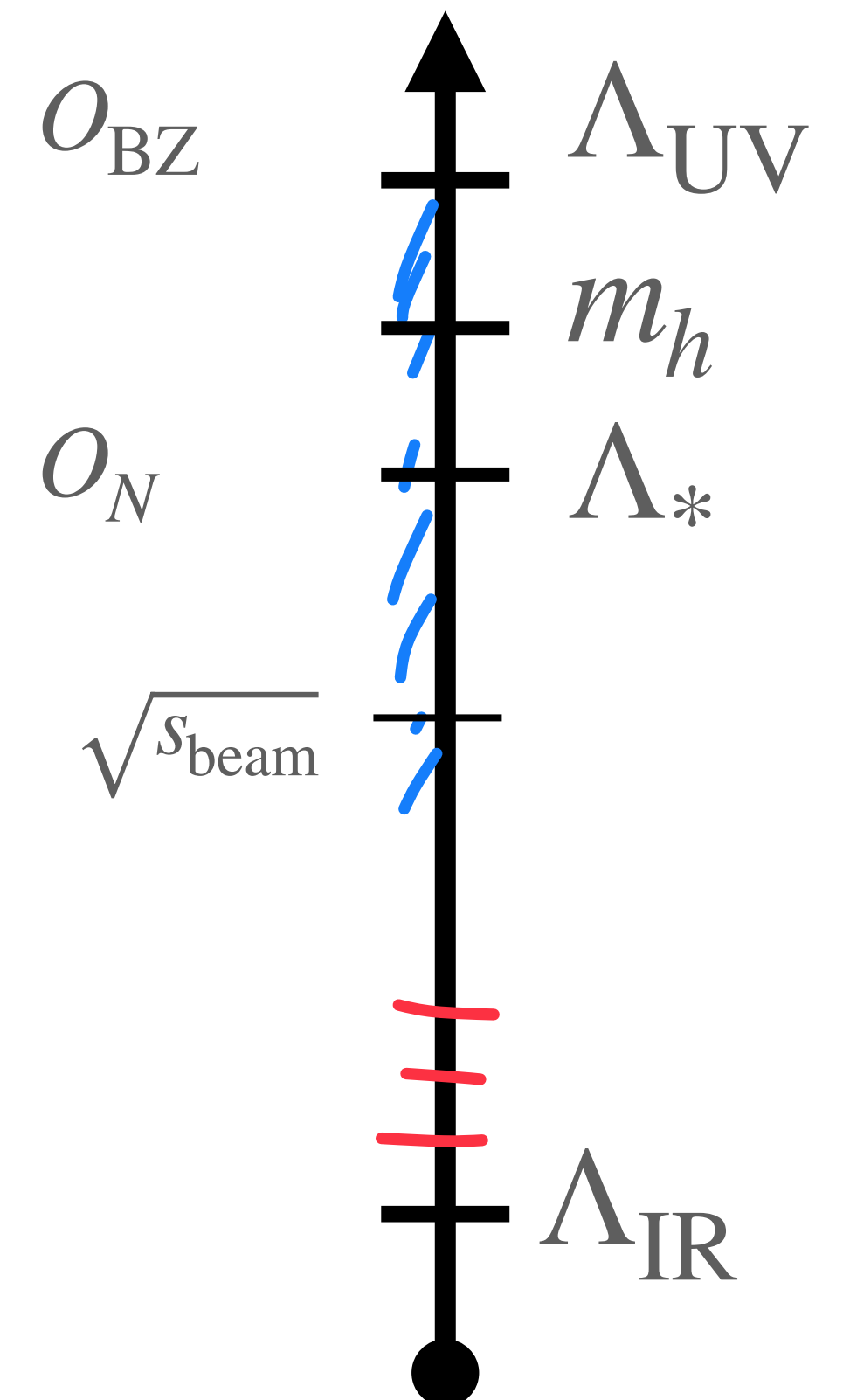
- Idea: make something happen at $\Lambda_{\text{IR}} < \Lambda_* < m_h$
- Problem in general eased for $\Delta < 7/2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = \tilde{y} H L \Psi + M_\Psi \bar{\Psi} \Psi + \frac{\bar{\Psi} \lambda \Phi^2}{\Lambda_*}$$



Decay bounds can be made weaker if “at Higgs scale sterile sector is weakly coupled”

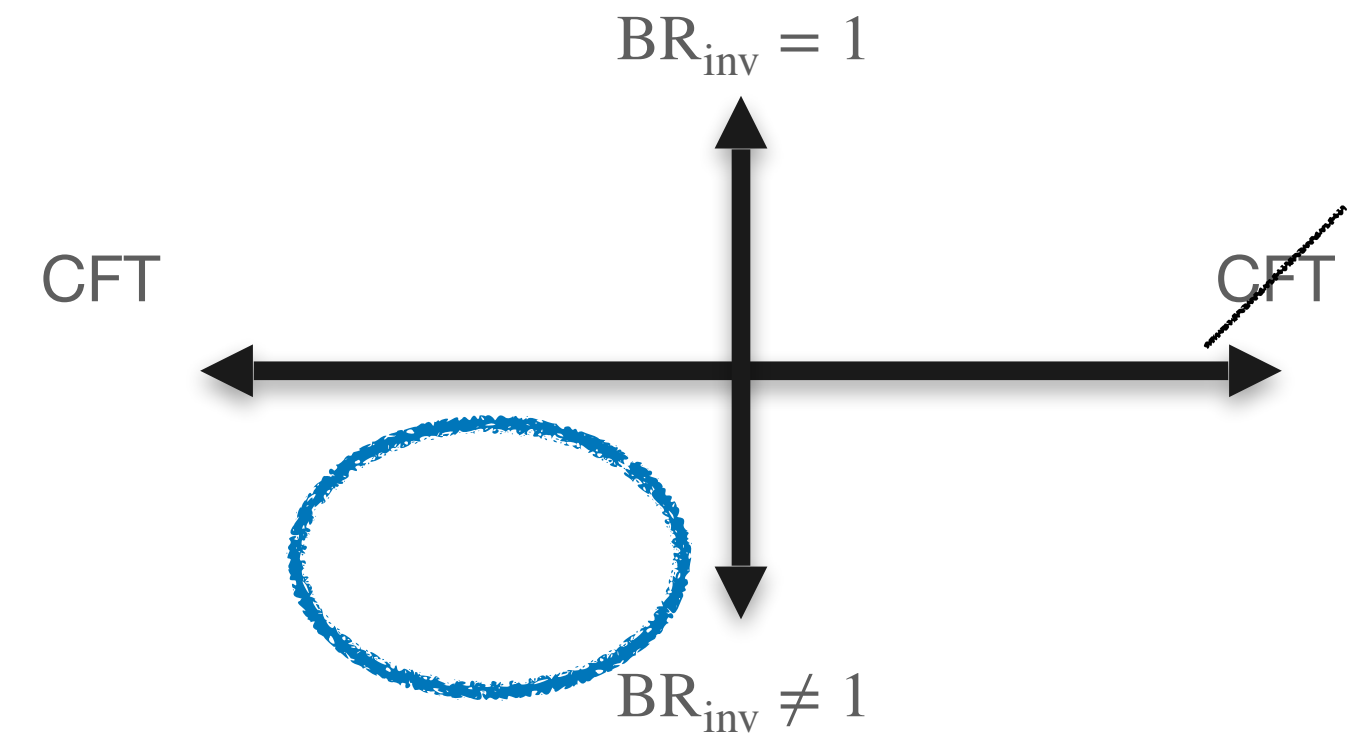
Alternatively, think of possible form factor damping at v



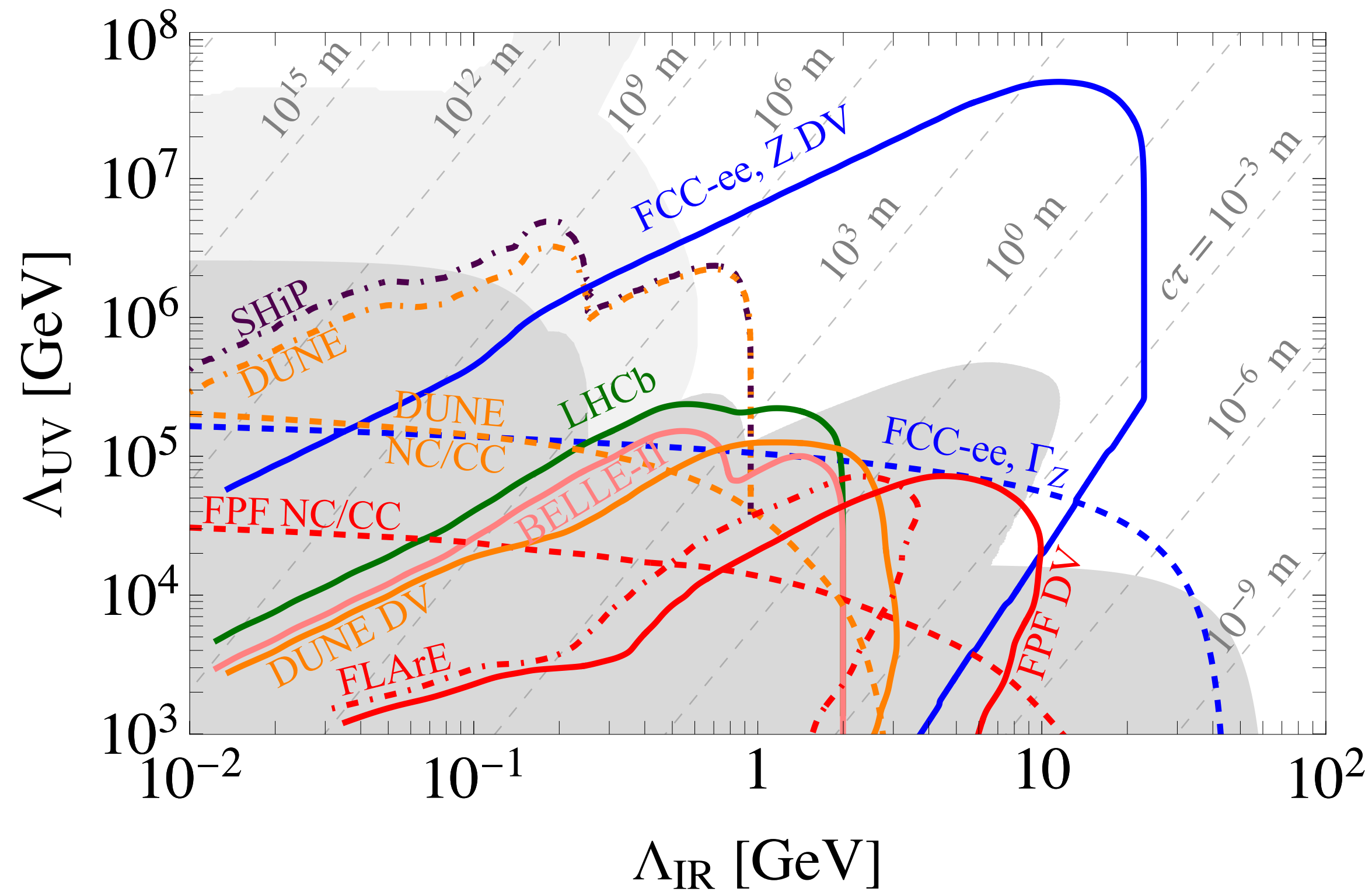
$$\Delta_N = 7/2$$

$$5/2 > \Delta_{\text{BZ}} > 3/2$$

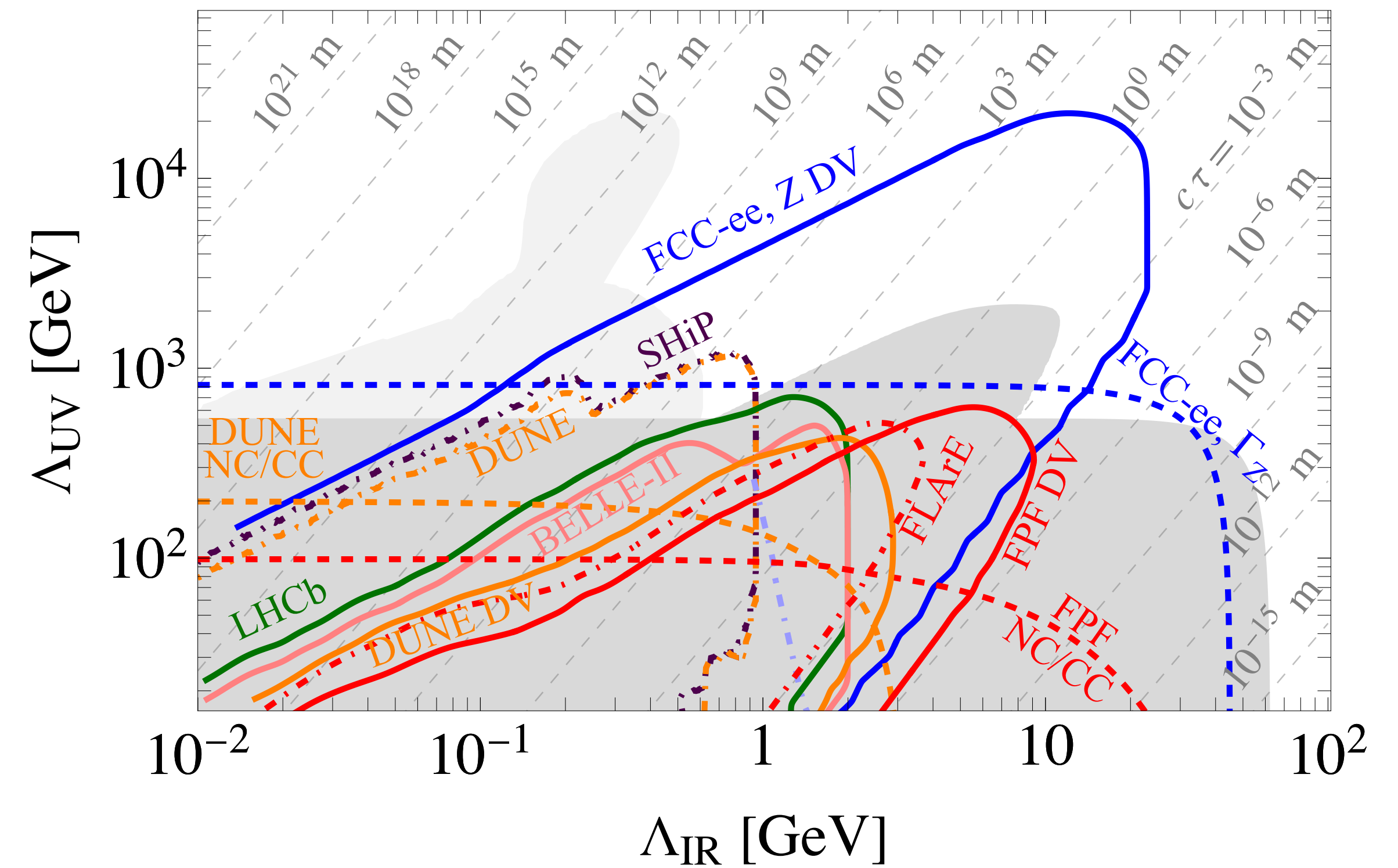
No GB, CFT all the way



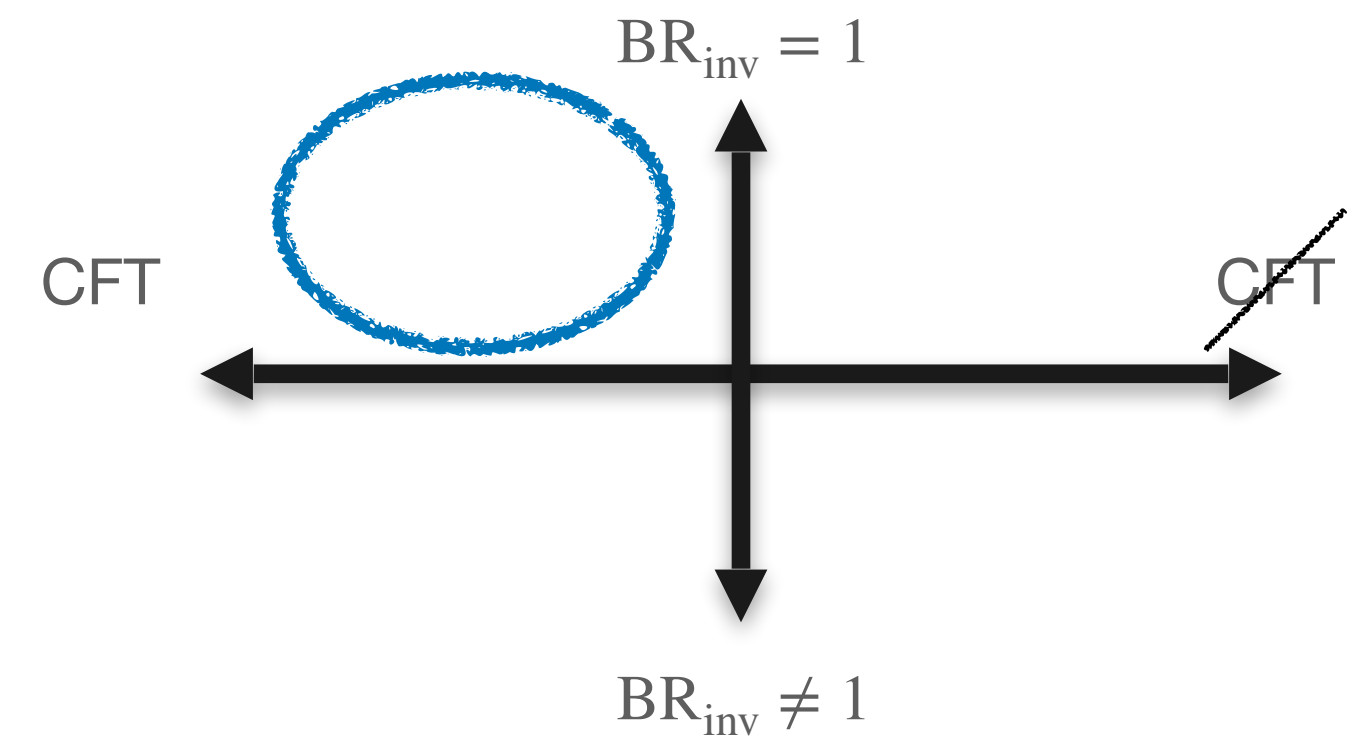
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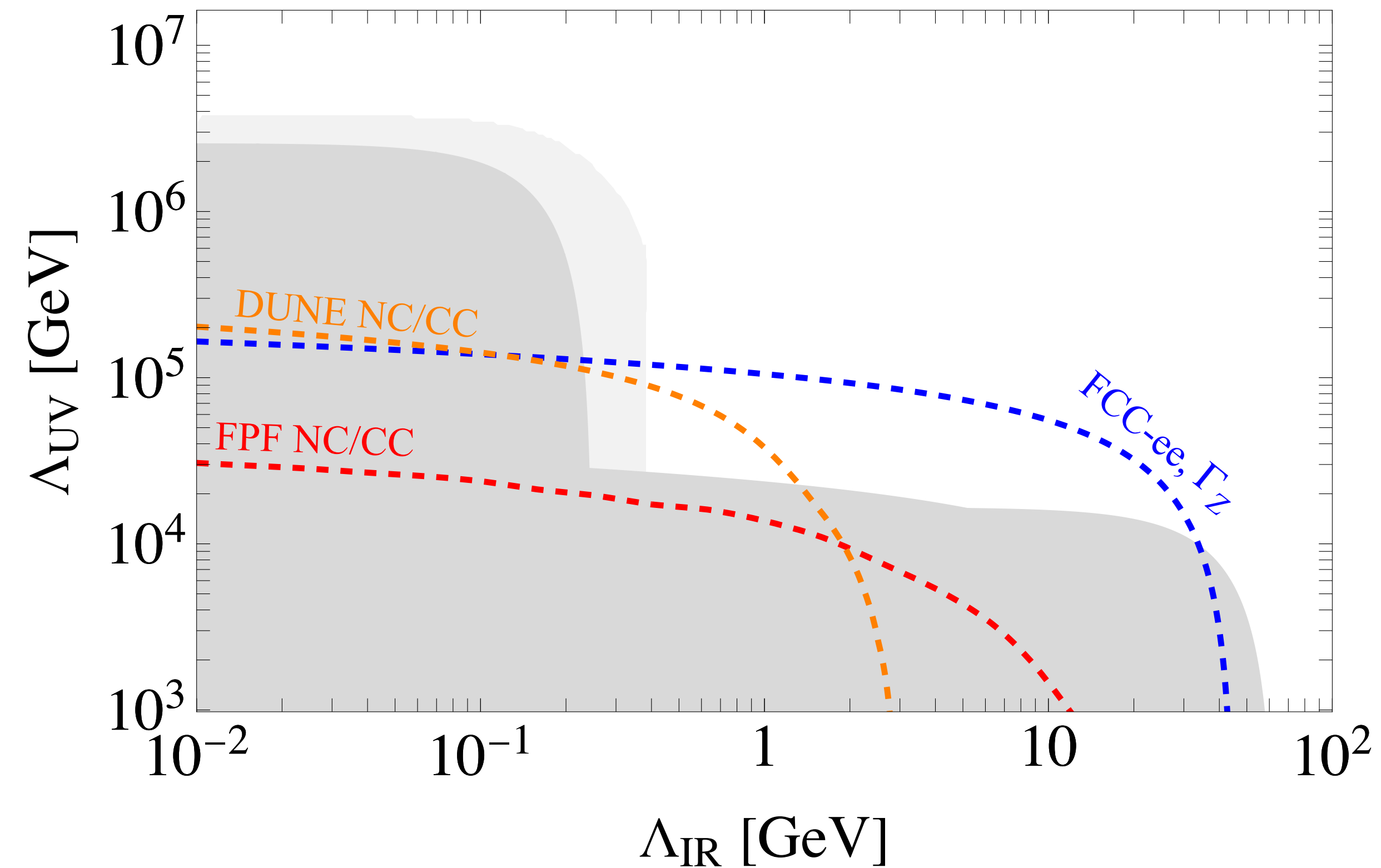
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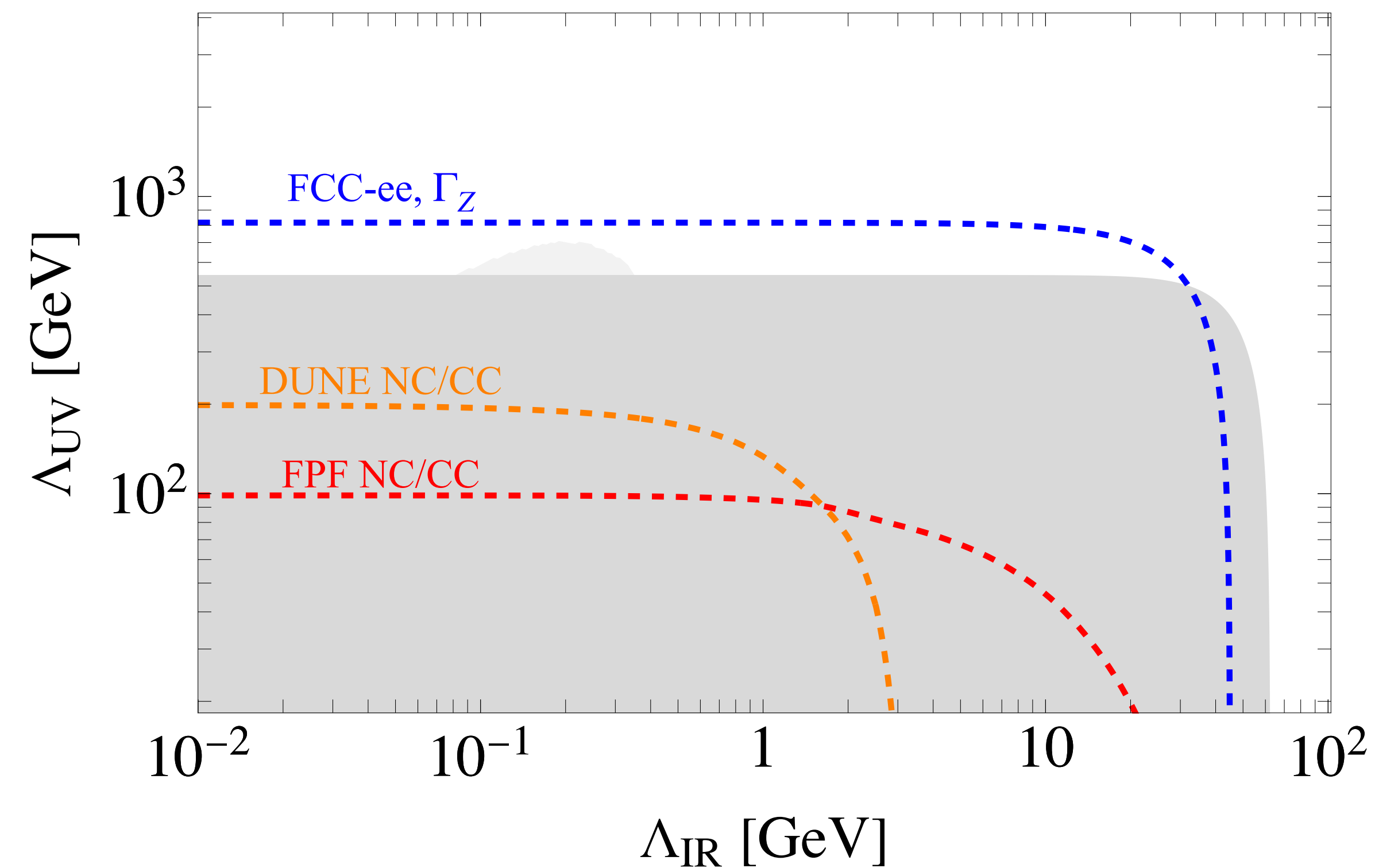
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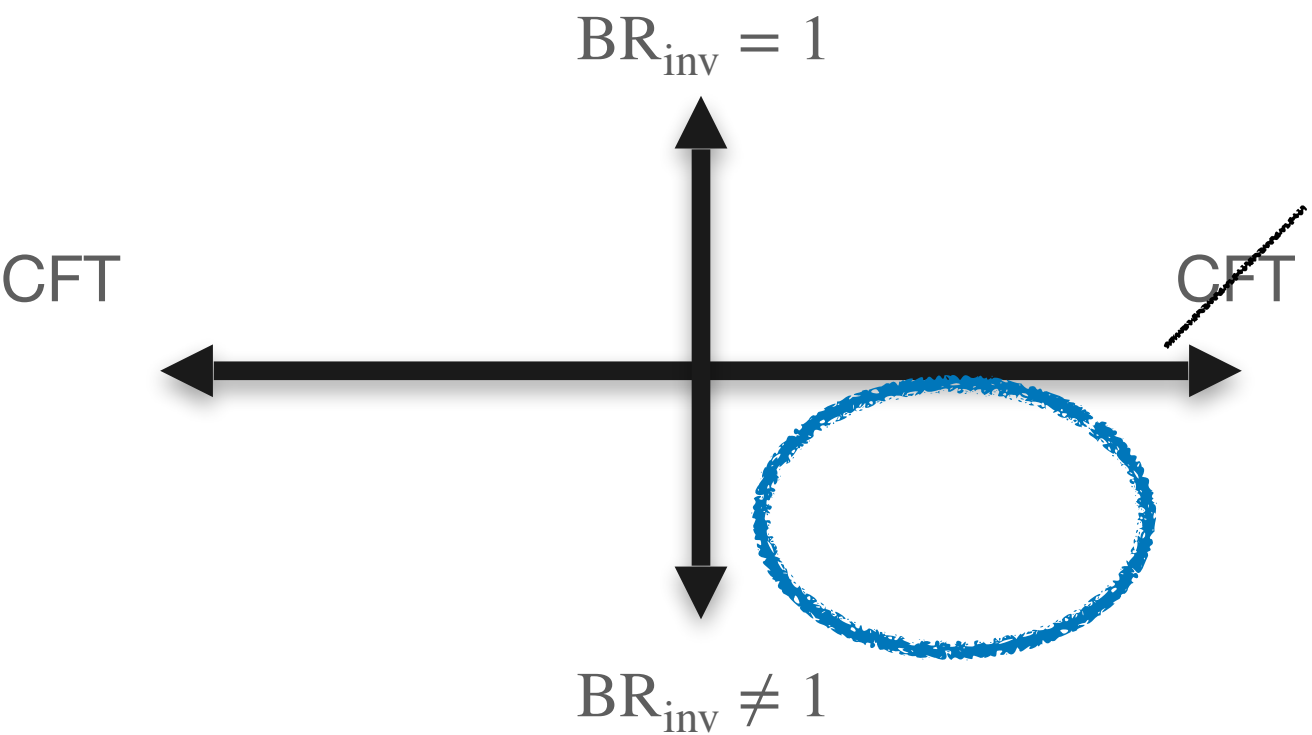
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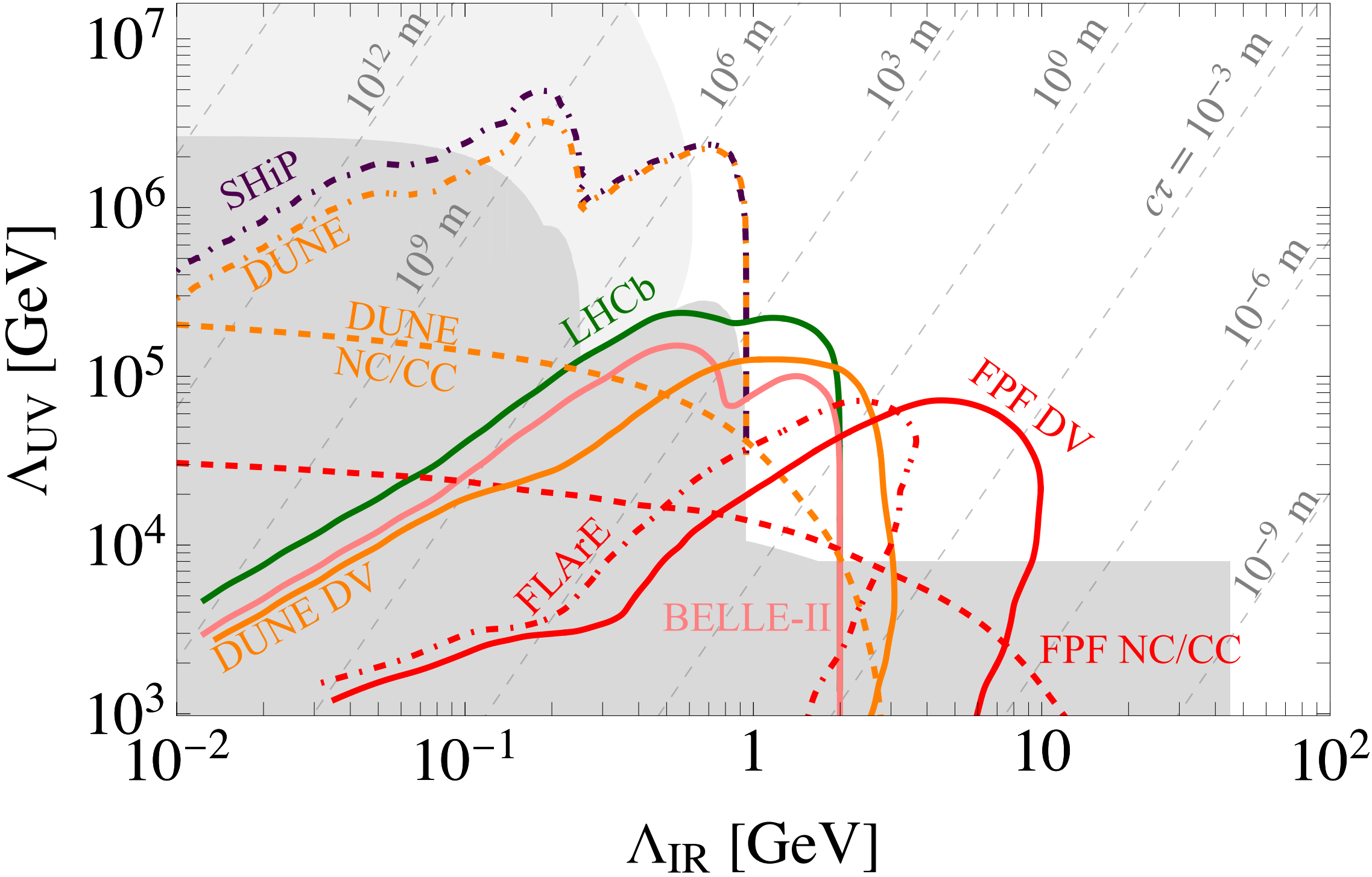
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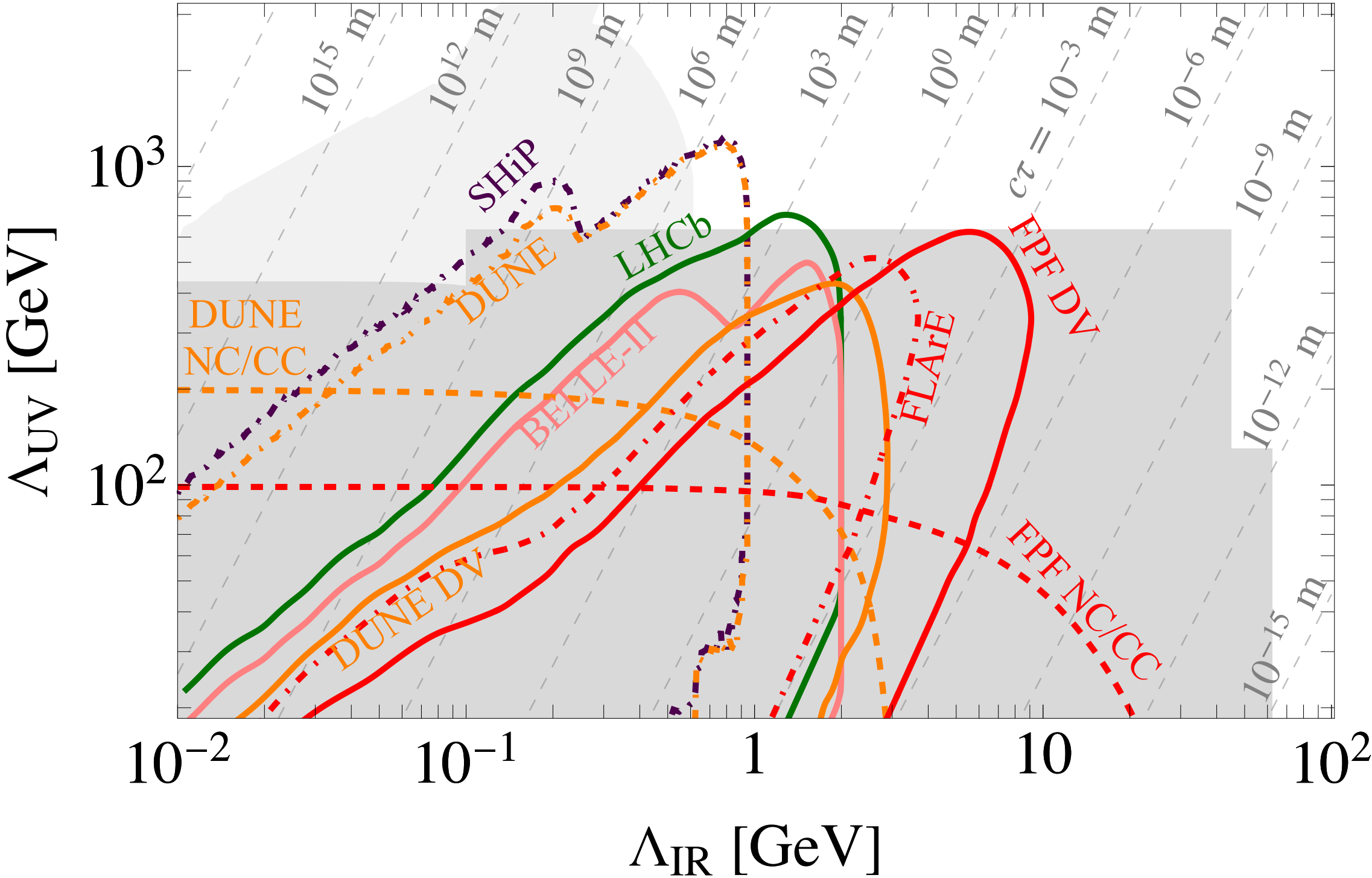
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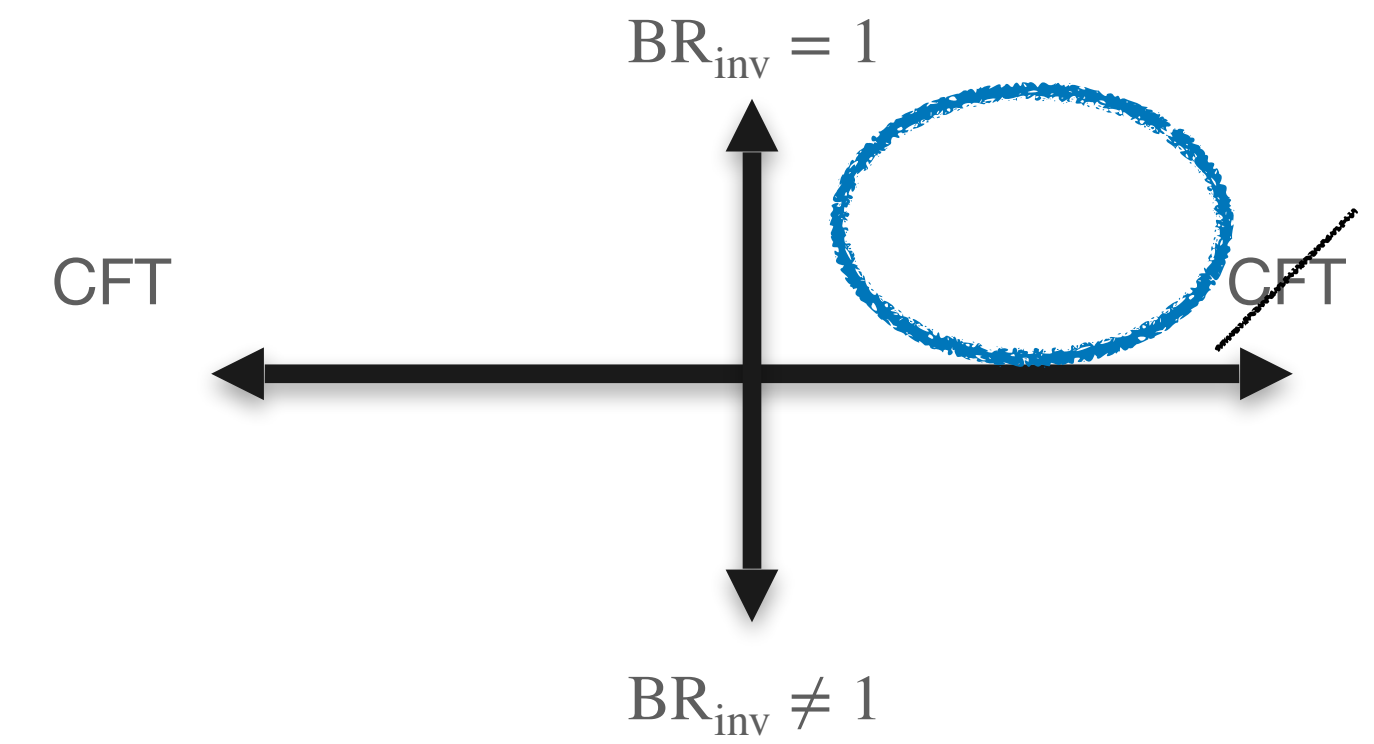
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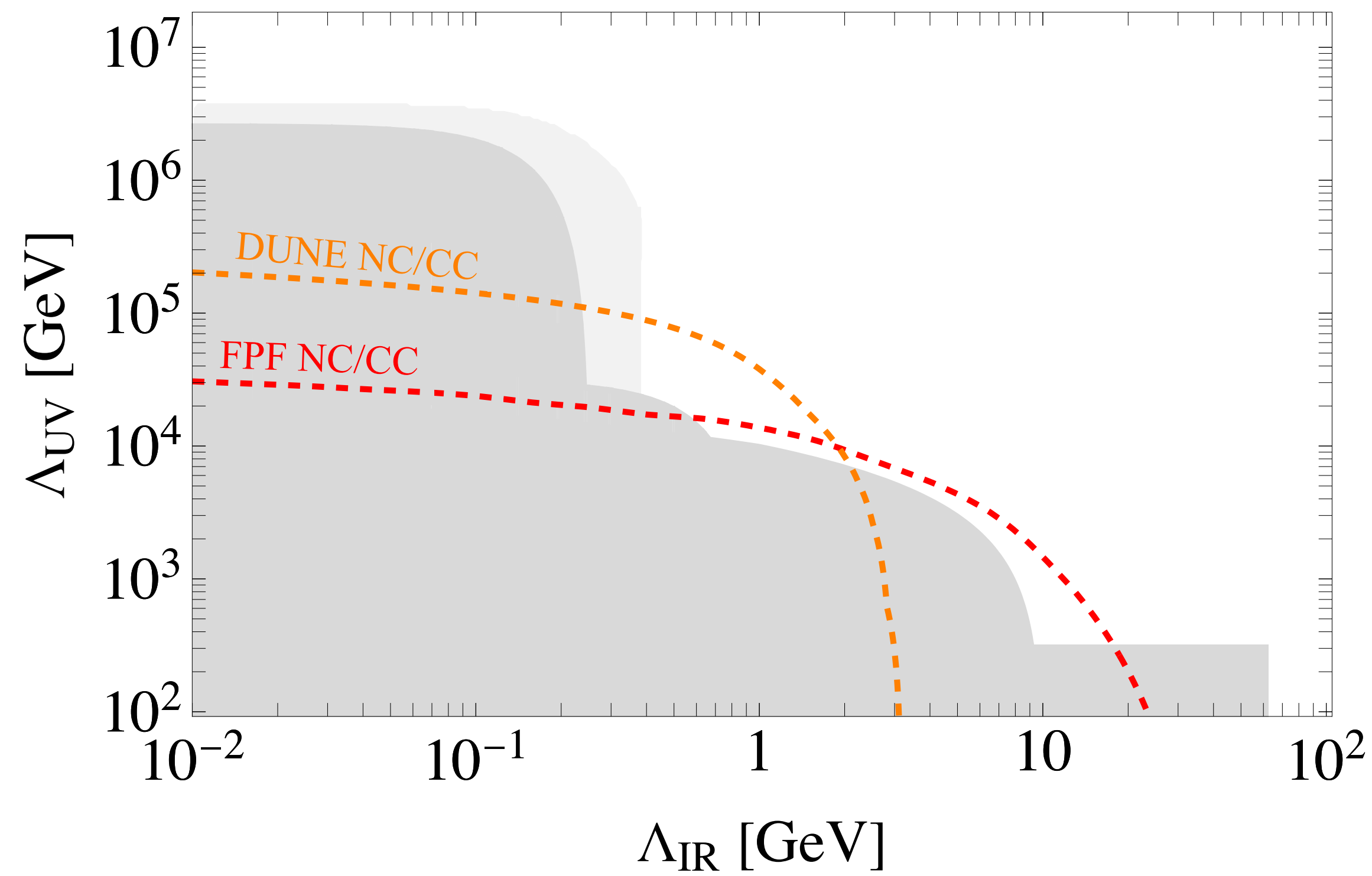
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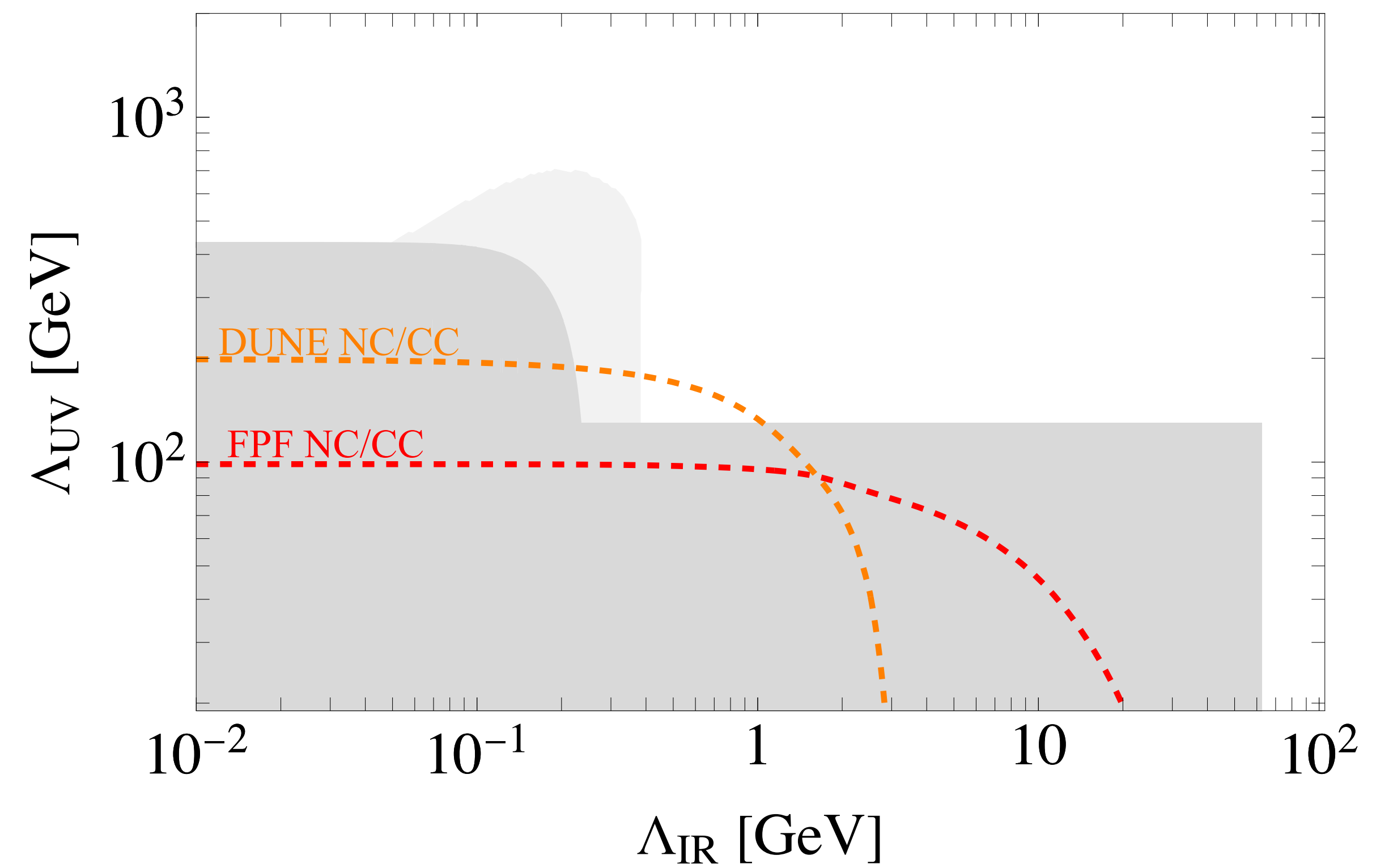
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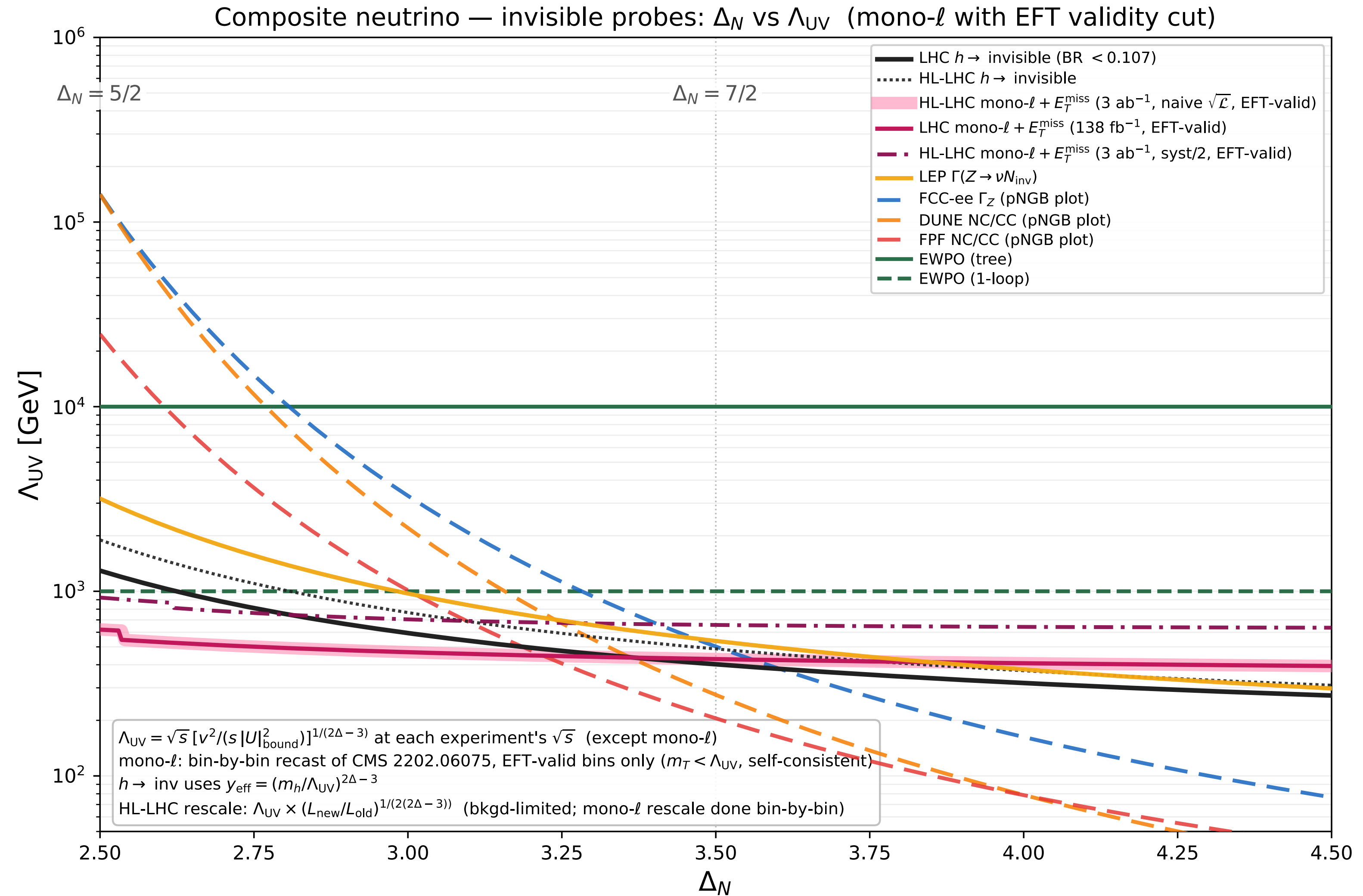


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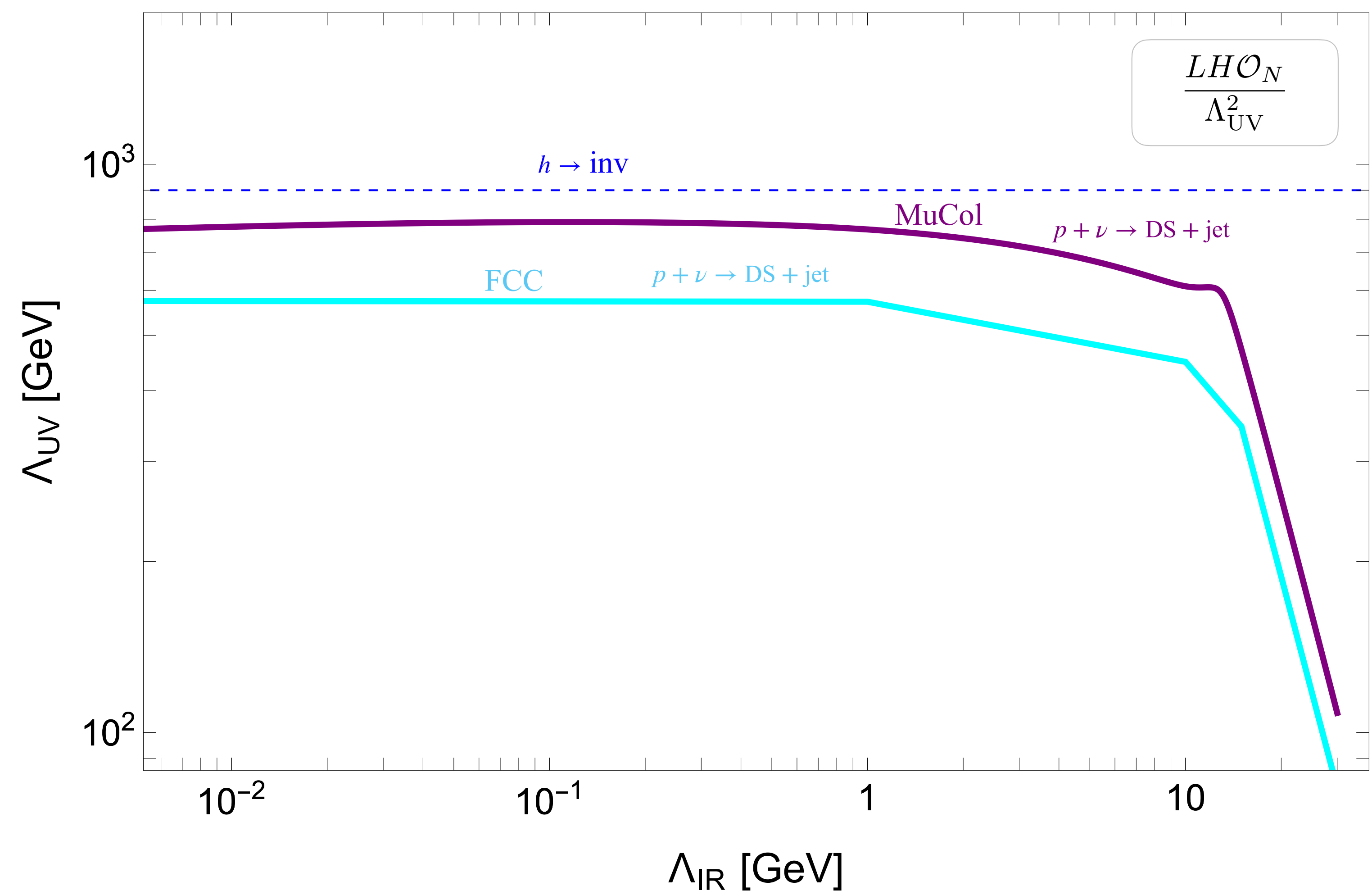


General expectations

PRELIMINARY



Future colliders



Composite dipole

