

from exact asymptotic safety to physics beyond the Standard Model

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standard model

local QFT for fundamental interactions

strong nuclear force

weak force

electromagnetic force

open challenges

what comes beyond the SM?

how does gravity fit in?

asymptotic safety

idea:

some or all couplings achieve
interacting UV fixed point

Wilson '71
Weinberg '79

if so, **new directions** for
BSM physics &, possibly, quantum gravity

proof of existence:

4D gauge-Yukawa theory with
exact asymptotic safety

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asymptotic safety

today:

1. theorems for asymptotic safety

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**2. weakly interacting UV completions
of the Standard Model**

3. constraints from data (colliders)

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results

conditions for asymptotic safety

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gauge theory

$$\partial_t \alpha_g = -B \alpha_g^2 + C \alpha_g^3 \quad t = \ln \mu/\Lambda$$
$$0 < \alpha^* = B/C \ll 1 \quad \alpha_* \ll 1$$

loop coefficients

$B > 0$ **asymptotic freedom** $C < 0$ or $C > 0$

in the latter case:

$$\alpha_g^* = \frac{B}{C} \quad \text{Banks-Zaks IR FP}$$

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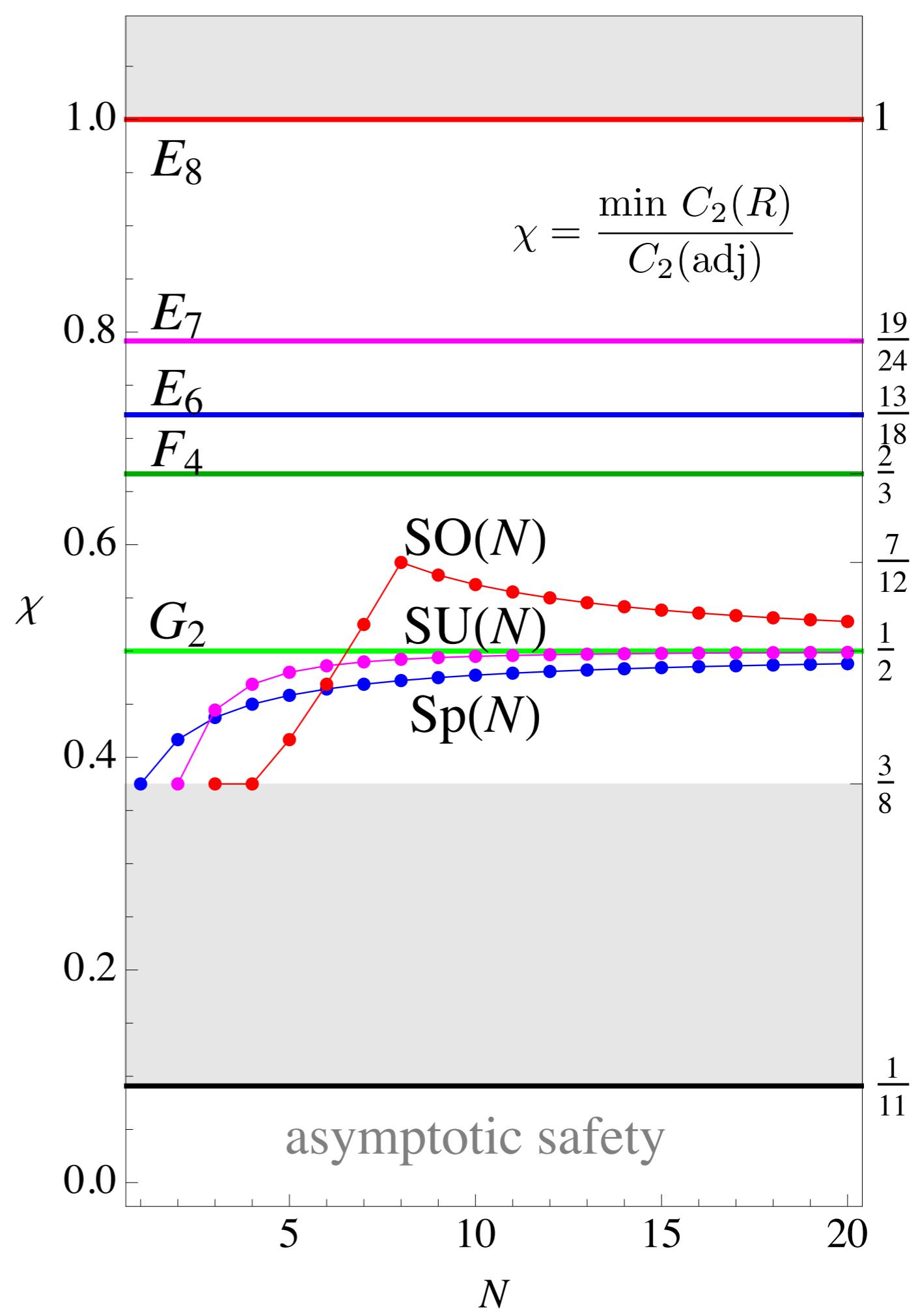
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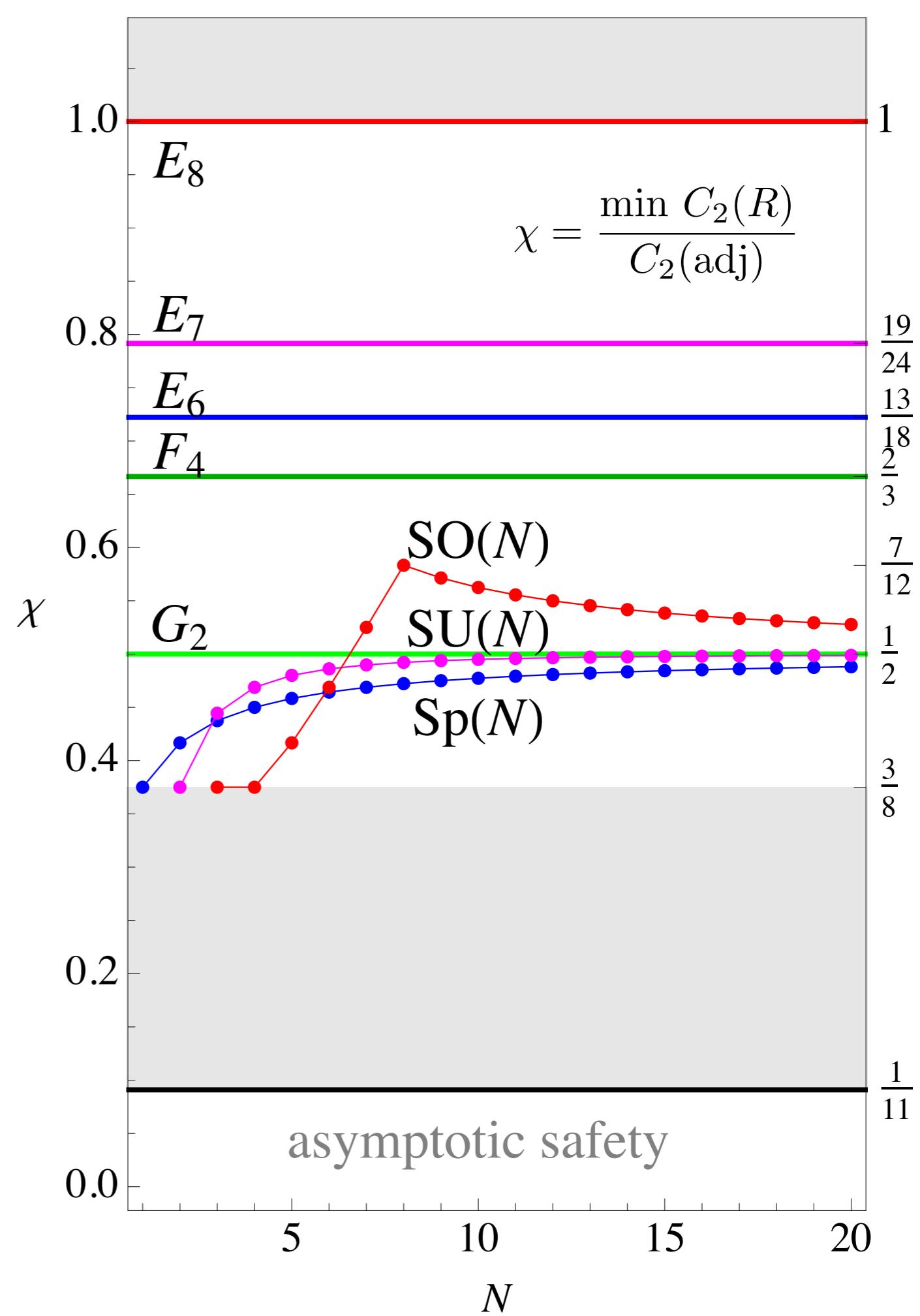
for $C < 0$ we must have

$$C_2^S < \frac{1}{11} C_2^G$$

result:



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implication:

$$B \leq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad C > 0$$

no go theorem

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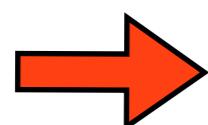
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can other couplings help?

more gauge: **useless**

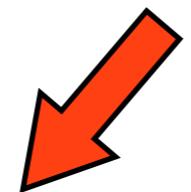
scalar quartics: **useless**

Yukawas: **unique viable option**



basics of asymptotic safety

gauge Yukawa theory



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loop coefficients $D, E, F > 0$ in any QFT

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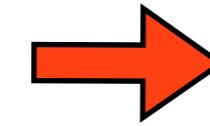
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shifted two-loop

$$C \rightarrow C' = C - D \frac{F}{E}$$

interacting UV fixed point iff

$$D F - C E > 0$$

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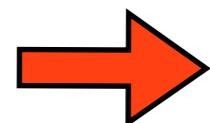
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gauge-Yukawa fixed point



$$(\alpha_g^*, \alpha_y^*) = \left(\frac{B}{C'}, \frac{B}{C'} \frac{F}{E} \right)$$

UV or IR

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summary of fixed points

$(\alpha_g^*, \alpha_y^*) = (0, 0)$	Gaussian	UV or IR
$(\alpha_g^*, \alpha_y^*) = \left(\frac{B}{C}, 0\right)$	Banks-Zaks	IR
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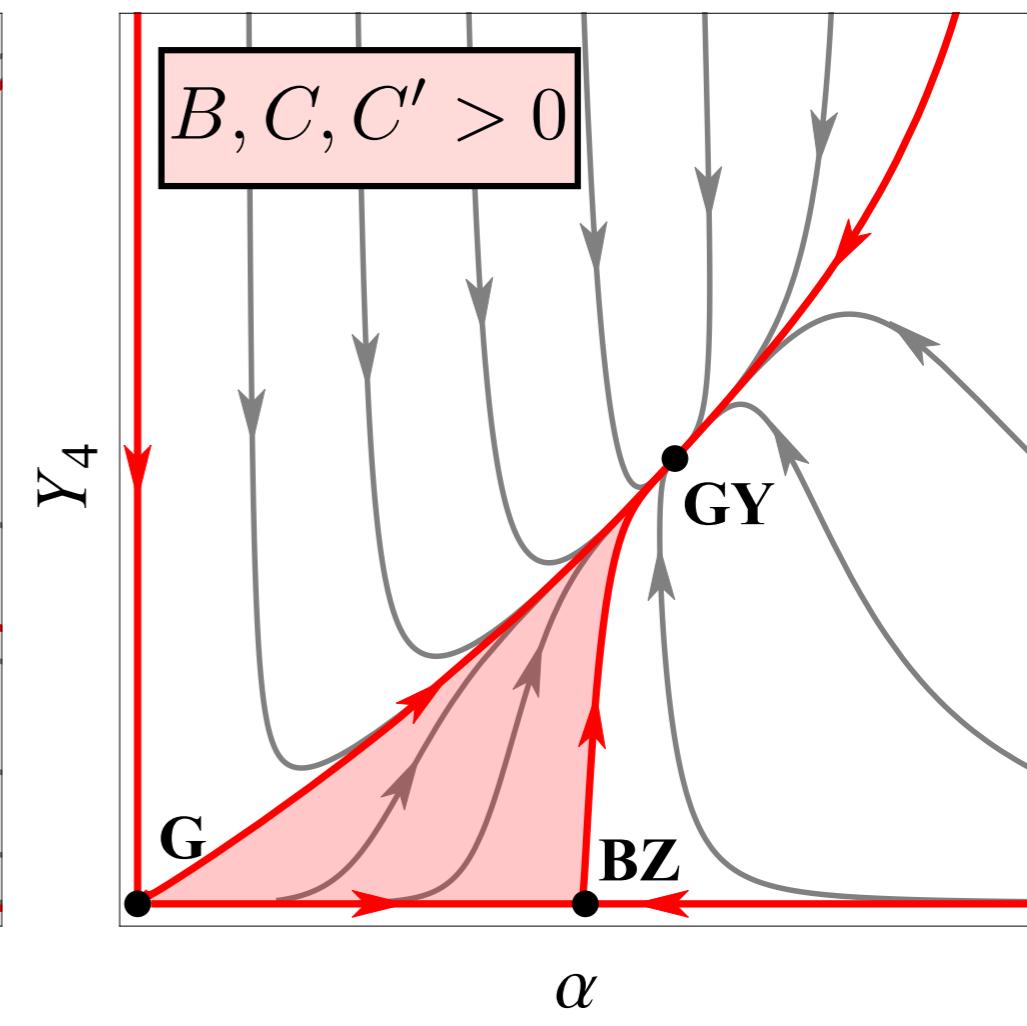
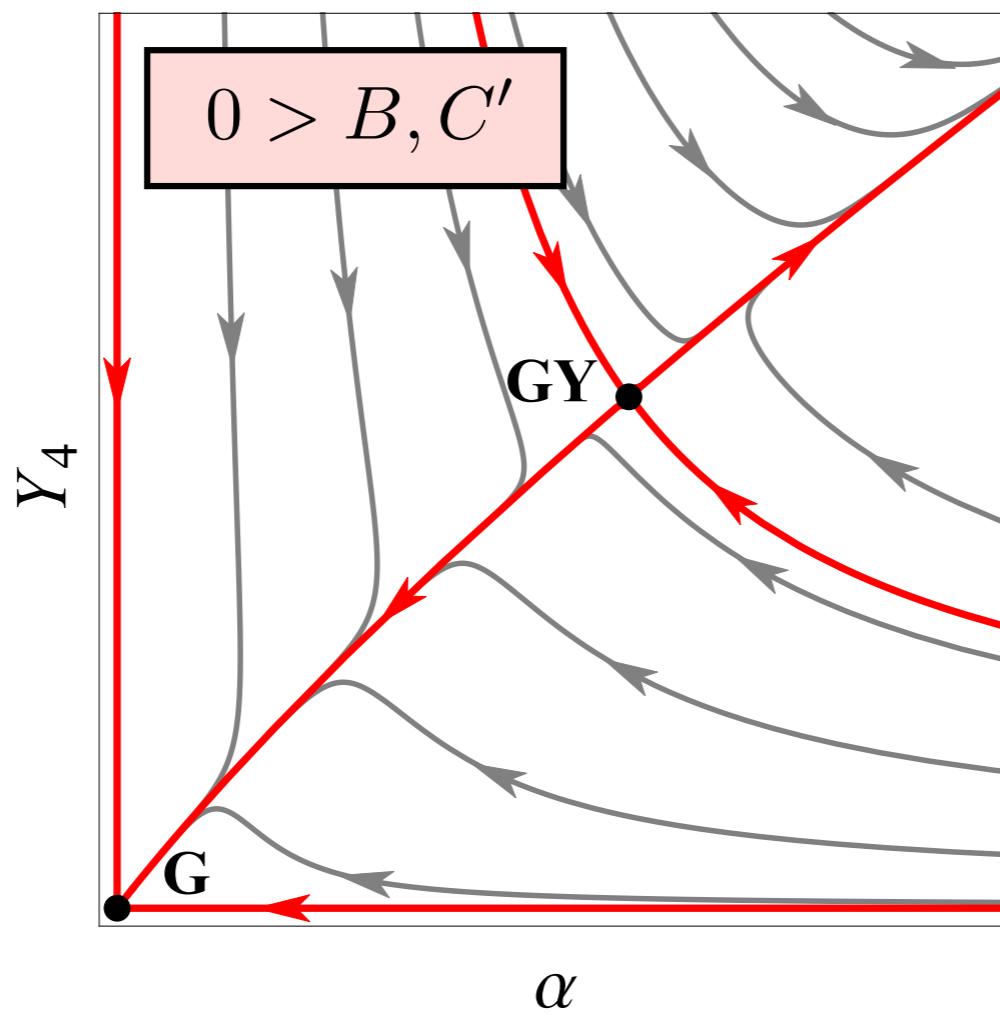
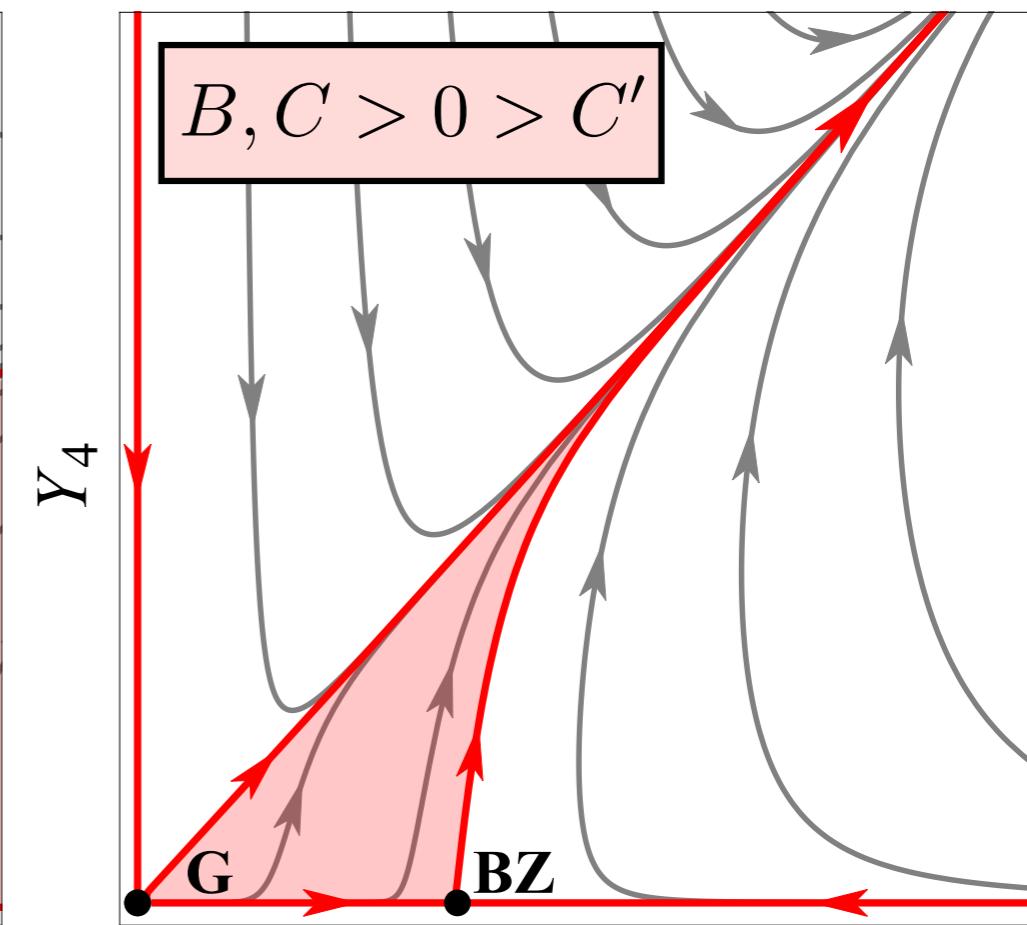
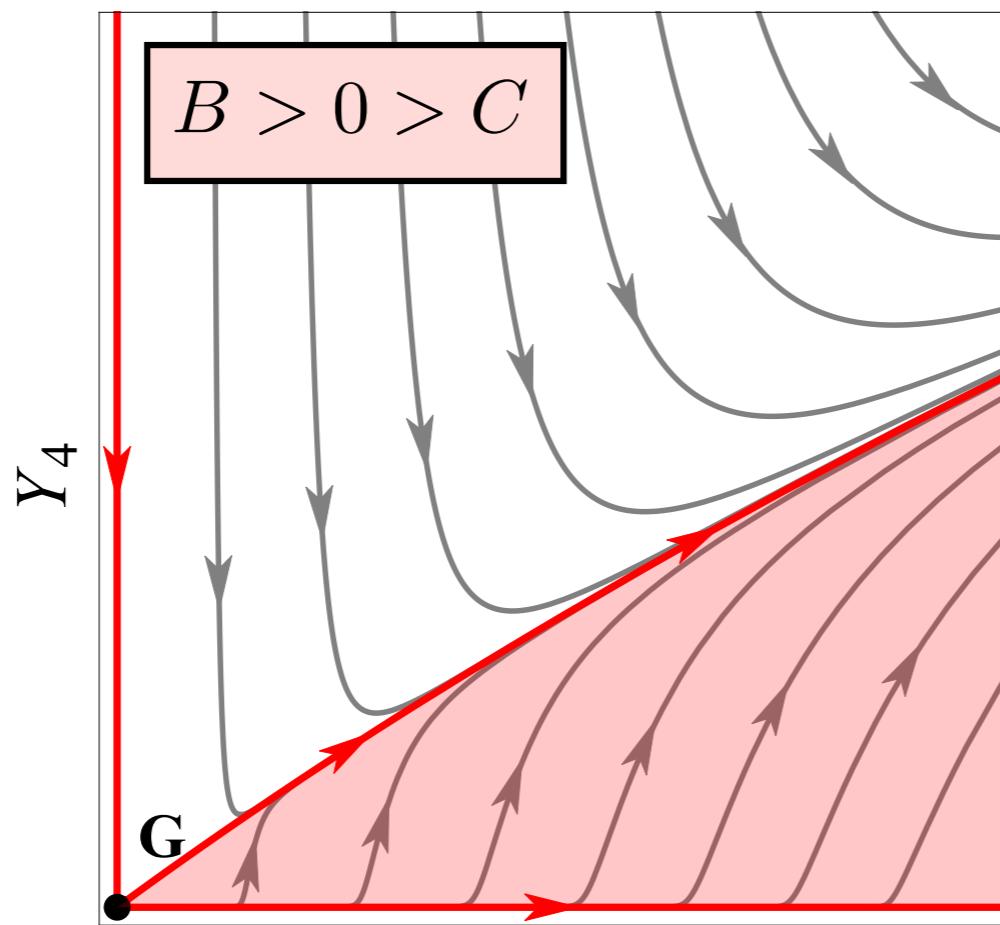
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asymptotic safety beyond the SM

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N_F	flavors of BSM fermions	$\psi_i(R_3, R_2, Y)$
	BSM singlet scalars	S_{ij}

global flavor symmetry $U(N_F) \times U(N_F)$

$$L_{\text{BSM, Yukawa}} = -y \operatorname{Tr}(\bar{\psi}_L S \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R S^\dagger \psi_L)$$

BSM Lagrangean

$$L = L_{\text{SM}} + L_{\text{BSM, kin.}} + L_{\text{BSM, pot.}} + L_{\text{BSM, Yukawa}}$$

UV fixed points

#	gauge couplings		BSM Yukawa	type & info	
FP ₁	$\alpha_3^* = 0$	$\alpha_2^* = 0$	$\alpha_y^* = 0$	G · G	non-interacting
FP ₂	$\alpha_3^* = 0$	$\alpha_2^* > 0$	$\alpha_y^* > 0$	G · GY	partially interacting
FP ₃	$\alpha_3^* > 0$	$\alpha_2^* = 0$	$\alpha_y^* > 0$	GY · G	partially interacting
FP ₄	$\alpha_3^* > 0$	$\alpha_2^* > 0$	$\alpha_y^* > 0$	GY · GY	fully interacting

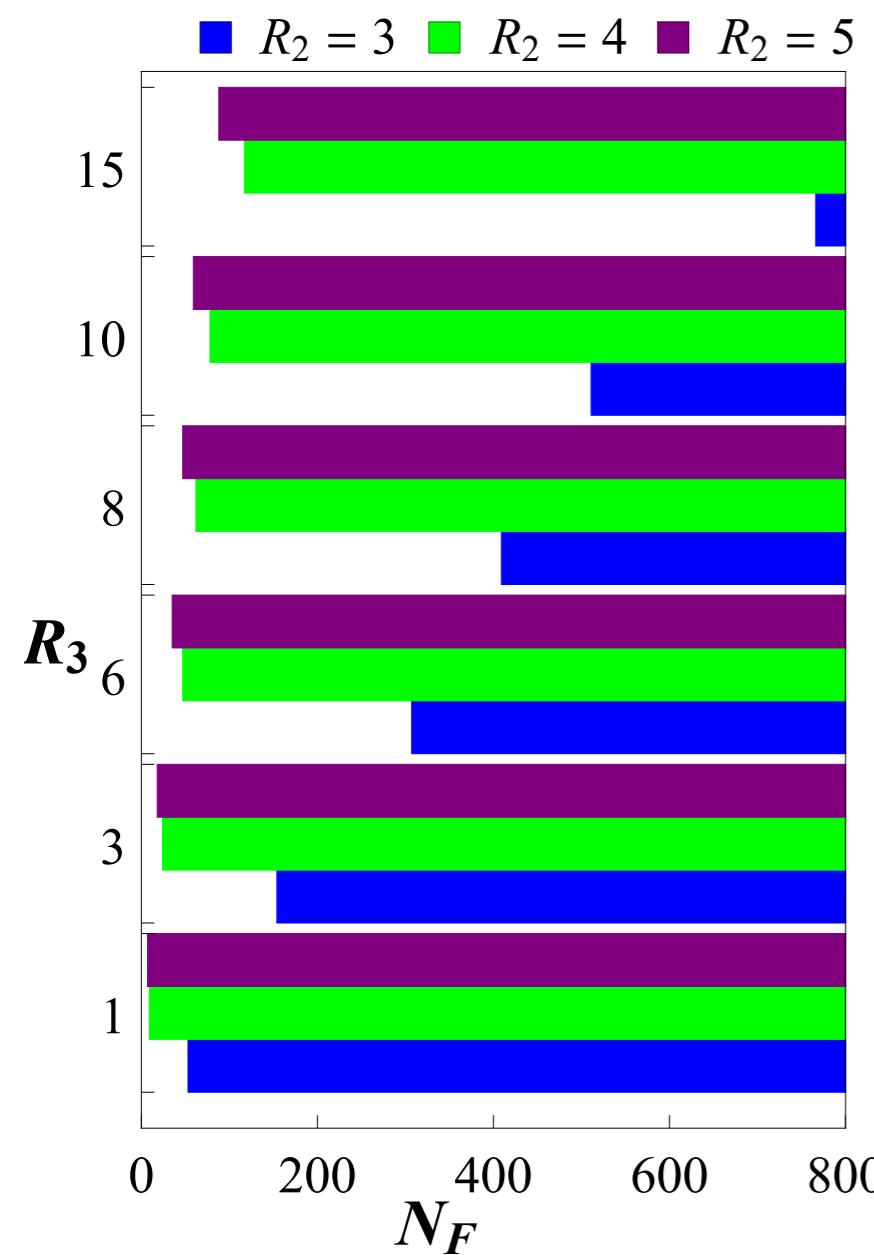
BSM fixed points

FP_2	$\alpha_2^* > 0$ $\alpha_3^* = 0$	weak becomes strong strong becomes weak
	UV critical surface	$\delta\alpha_2(\Lambda), \delta\alpha_3(\Lambda)$
FP_3	$\alpha_3^* > 0$ $\alpha_2^* = 0$	strong remains strong weak remains weak
	UV critical surface	$\delta\alpha_2(\Lambda), \delta\alpha_3(\Lambda)$
FP_4	$\frac{\alpha_2^*}{\alpha_3^*} \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}$	weak becomes the new strong
	UV critical surface	$\delta\alpha_3(\Lambda)$

BSM fixed points

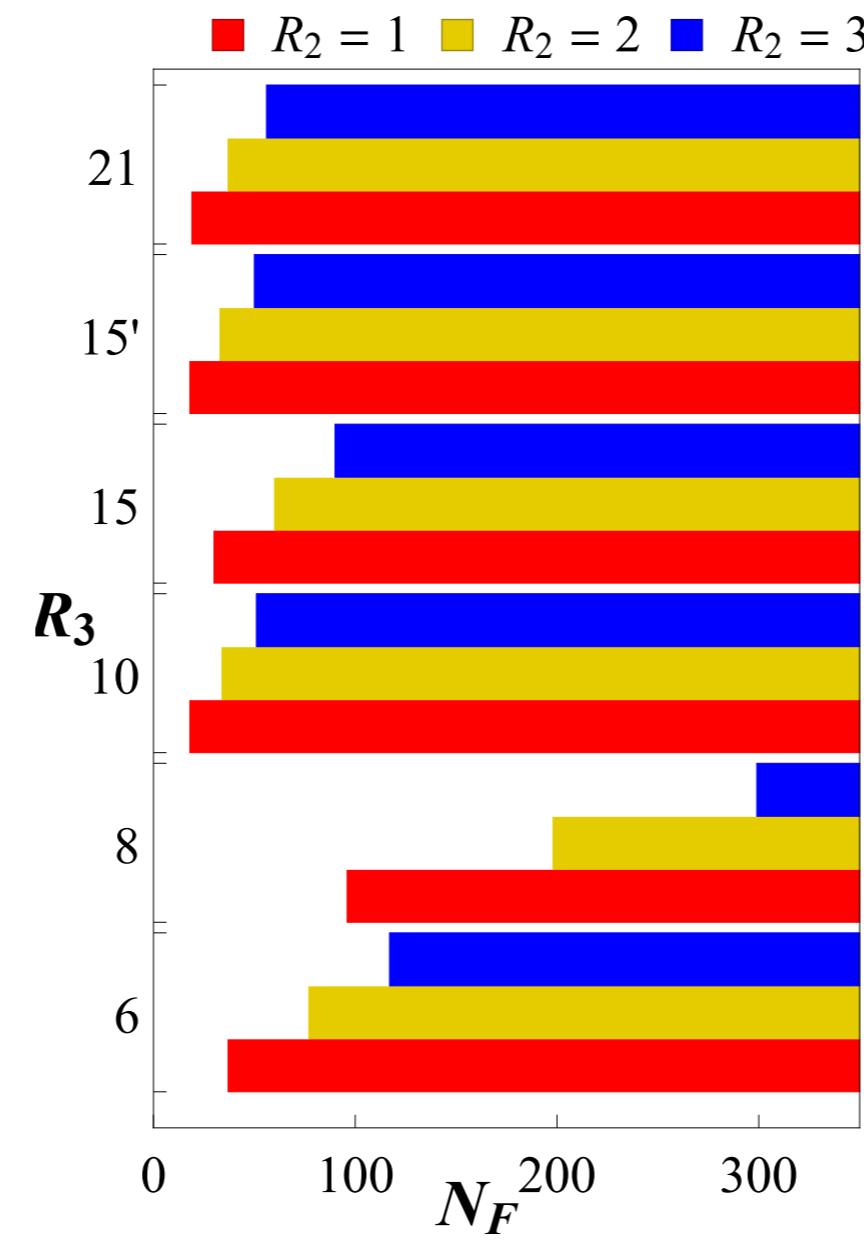
FP₂

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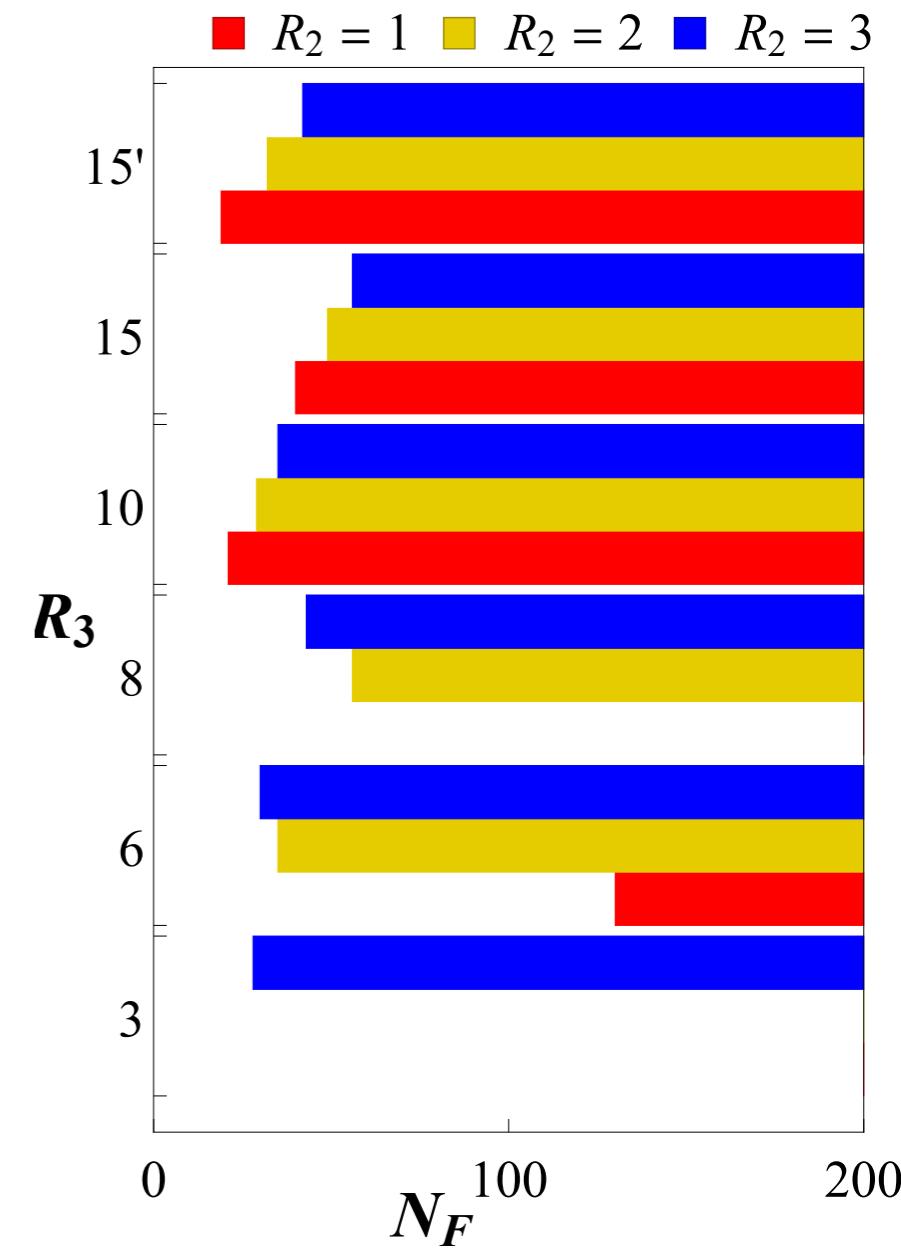
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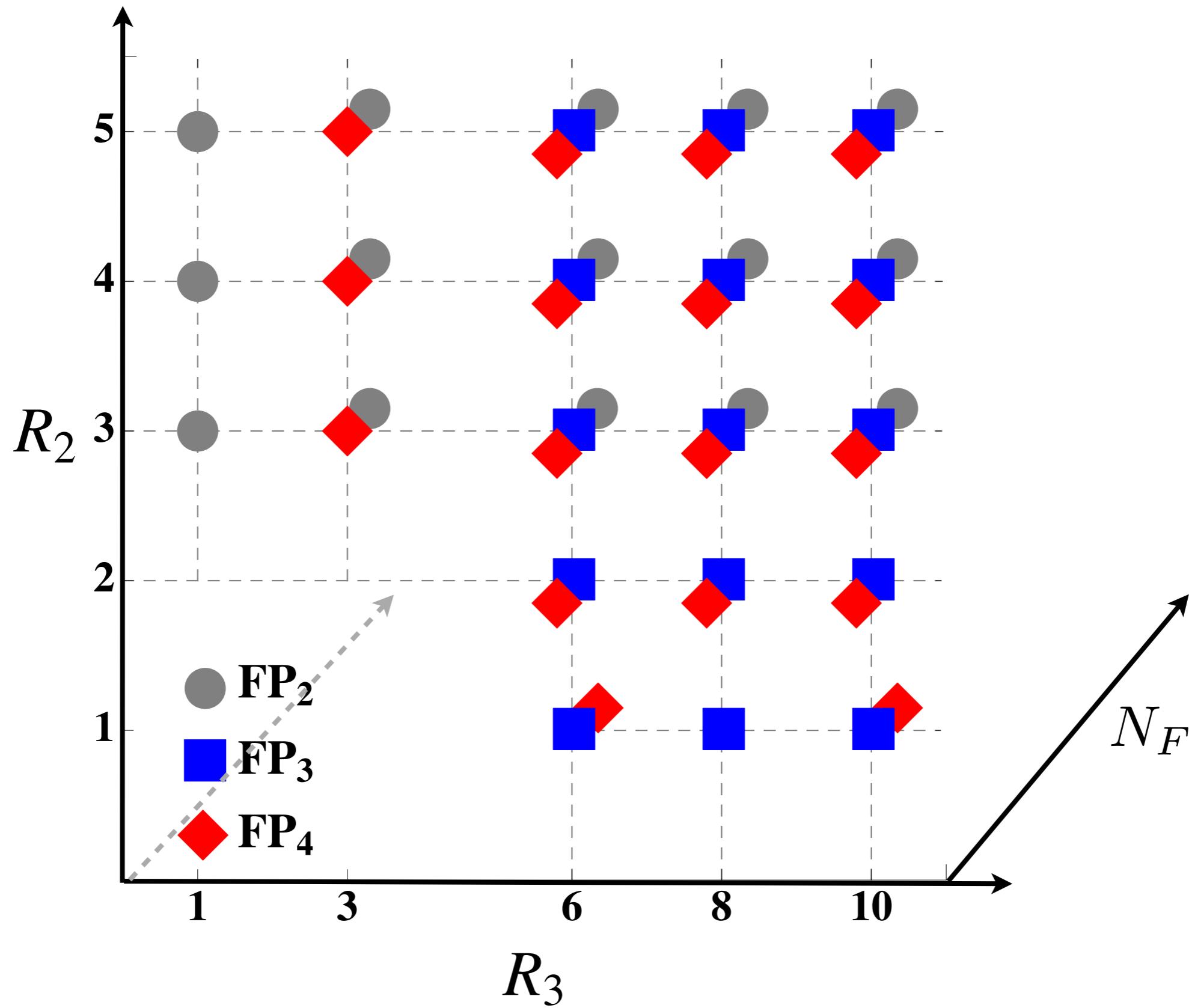


FP₄

$$\alpha_2^*, \alpha_3^* > 0$$



summary of fixed points



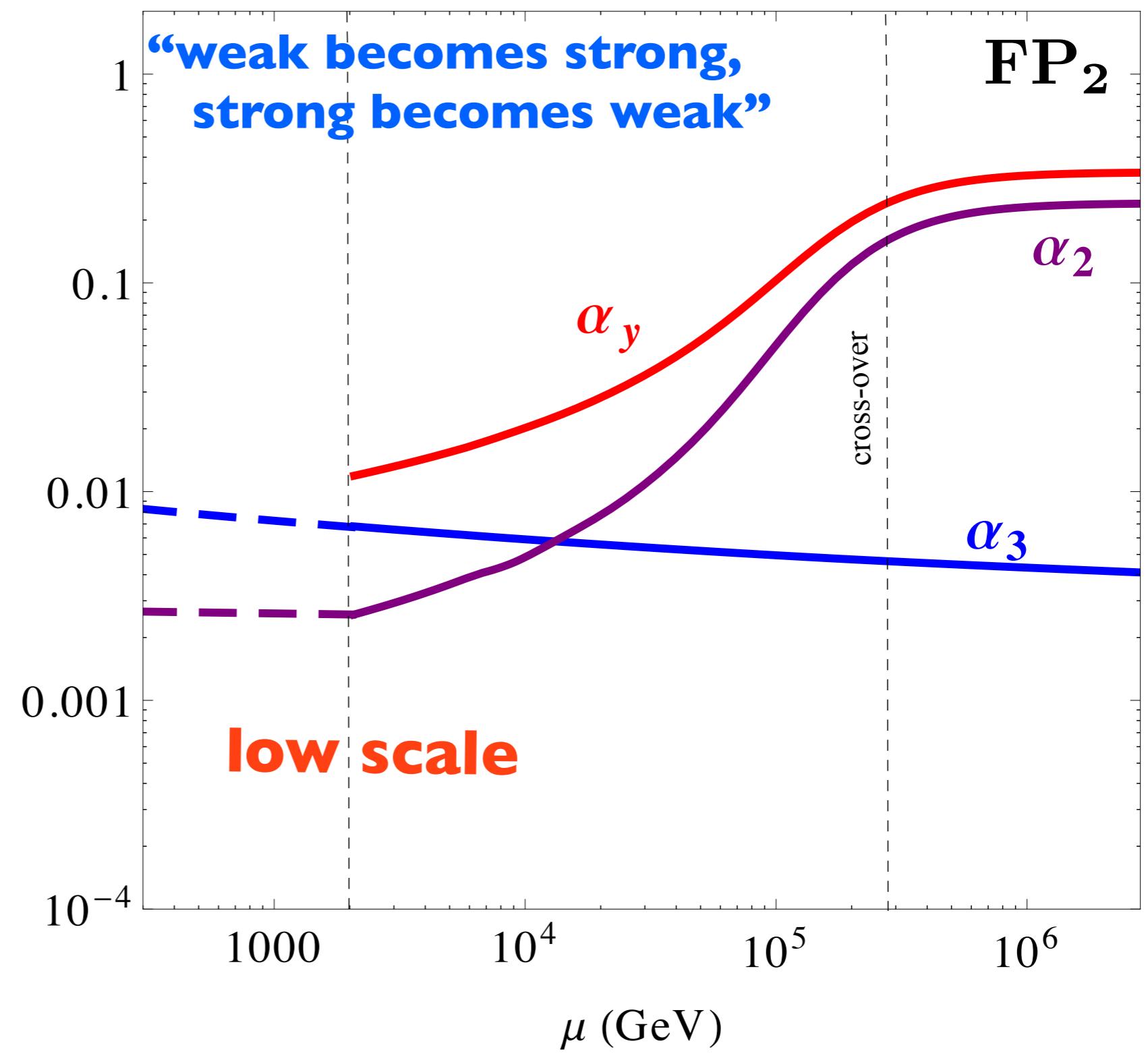
benchmark models

model	parameter (R_3, R_2, N_F)	UV fixed points			type
		α_3^*	α_2^*	α_y^*	
A	(1, 4, 12)	0	0.2407	0.3385	FP ₂ 
B	(10, 1, 30)	0.1287	0	0.1158	FP ₃ 
		0.1292	0.2769	0.1163	FP ₄ 
C	(10, 4, 80)	0.3317	0	0.0995	FP ₃ 
		0.0503	0.0752	0.0292	FP ₄ 
		0	0.8002	0.1500	FP ₂ 
D	(3, 4, 290)	0	0.0895	0.0066	FP ₂ 
		0.0416	0.0615	0.0056	FP ₄ 
E	(3, 3, 72)	0.1499	0.2181	0.0471	FP ₄ 

benchmark models

model A

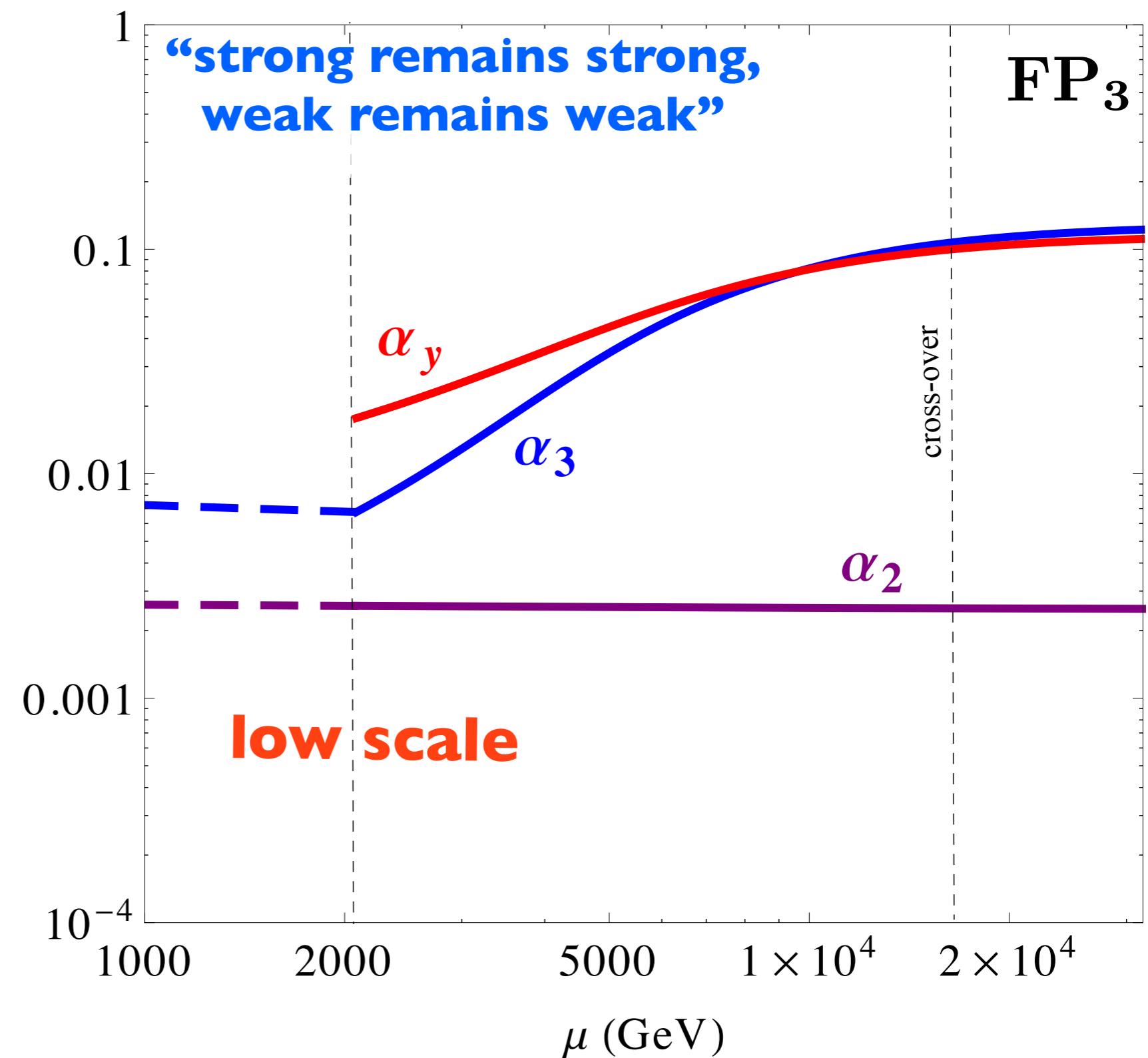
$(R_3, R_2, N_F) = (1, 4, 12)$



benchmark models

model B

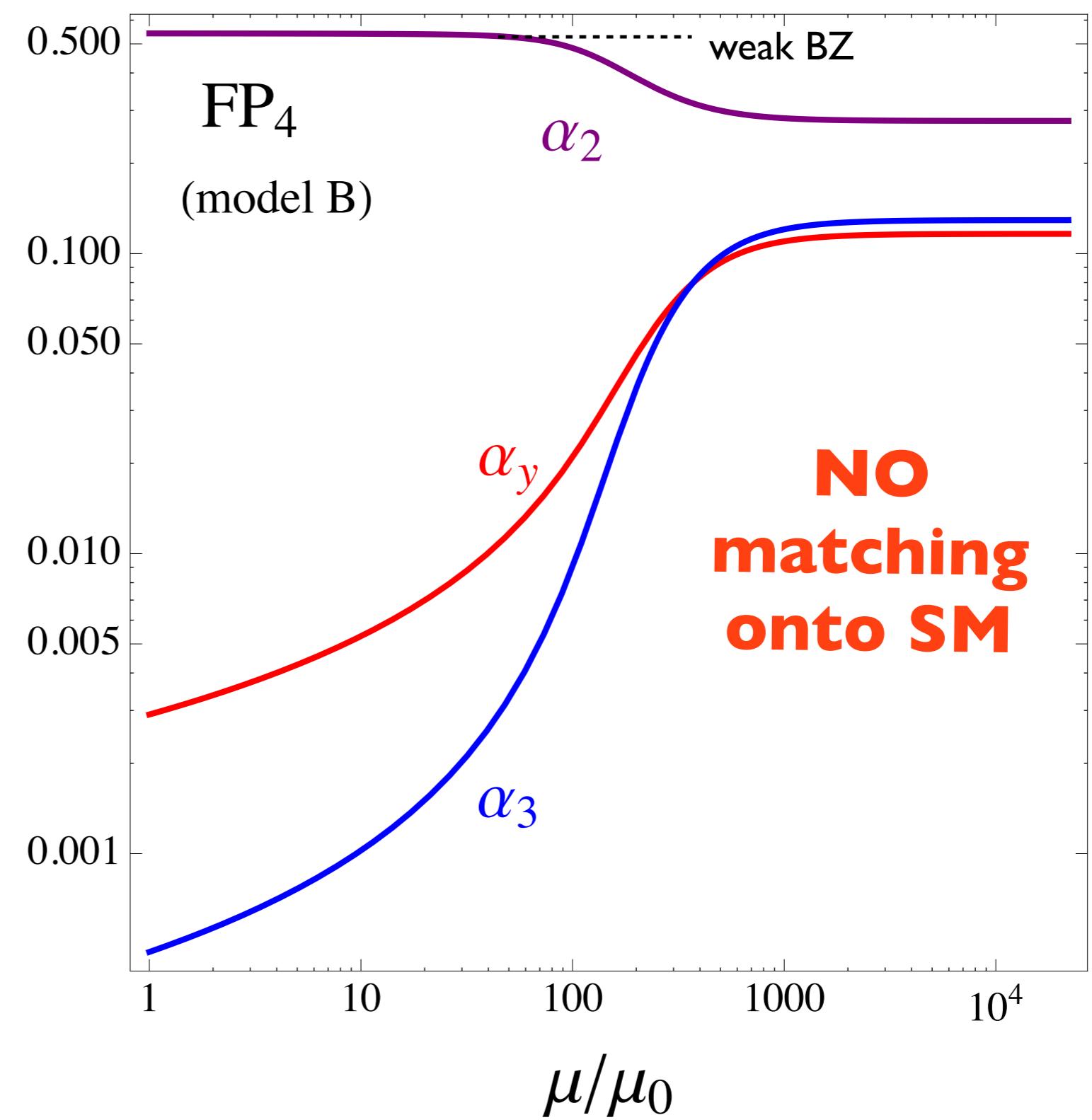
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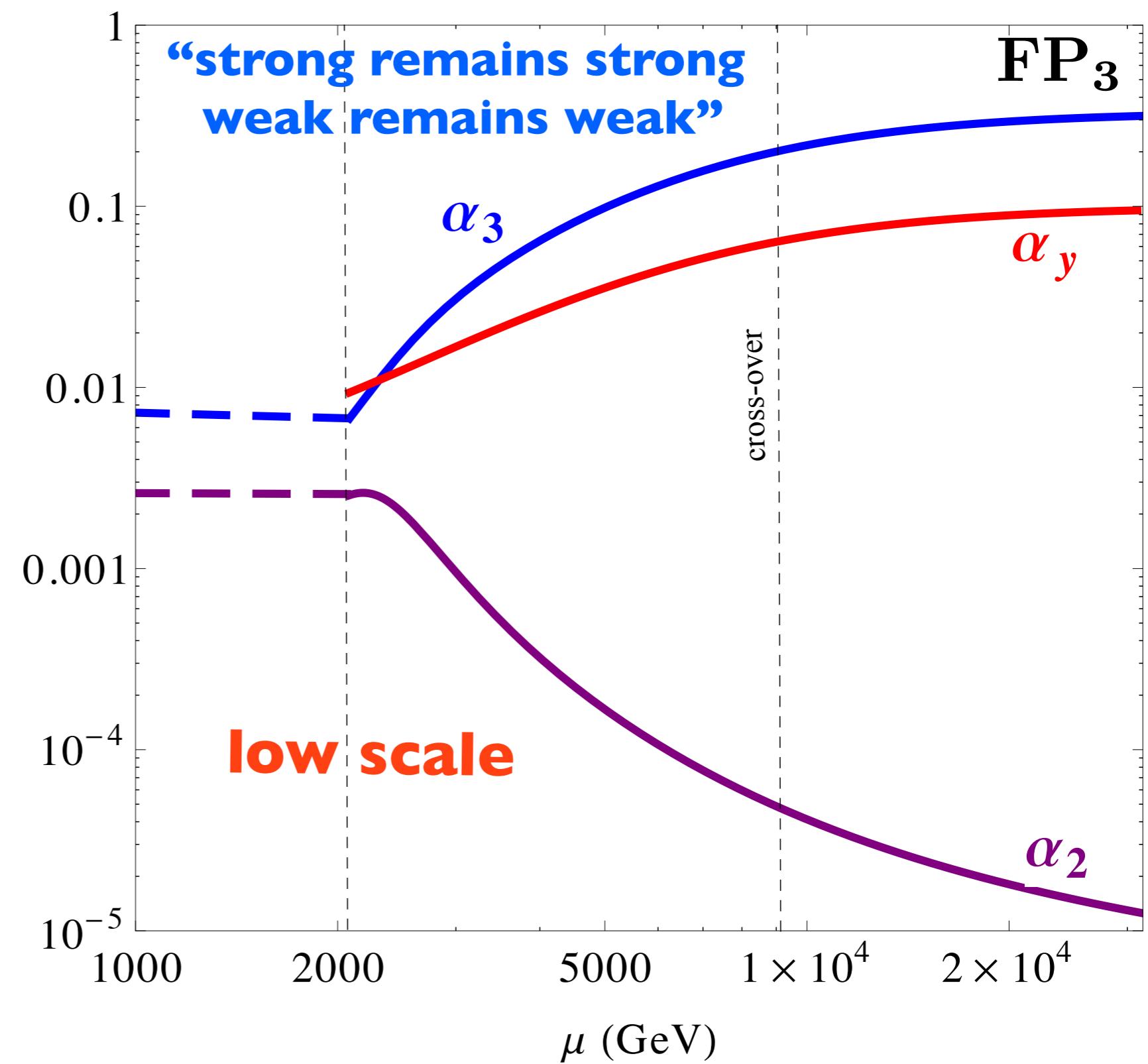
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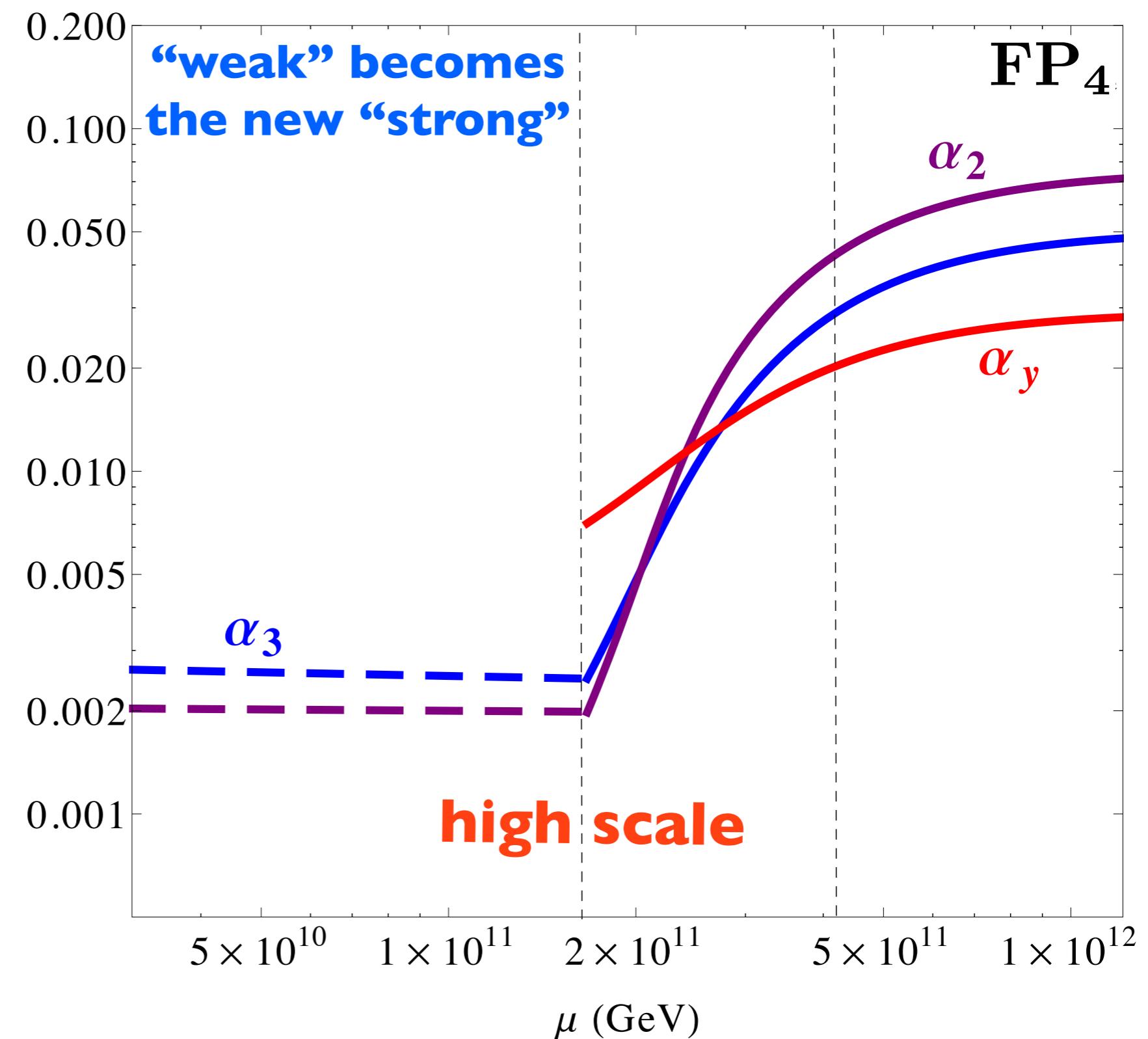
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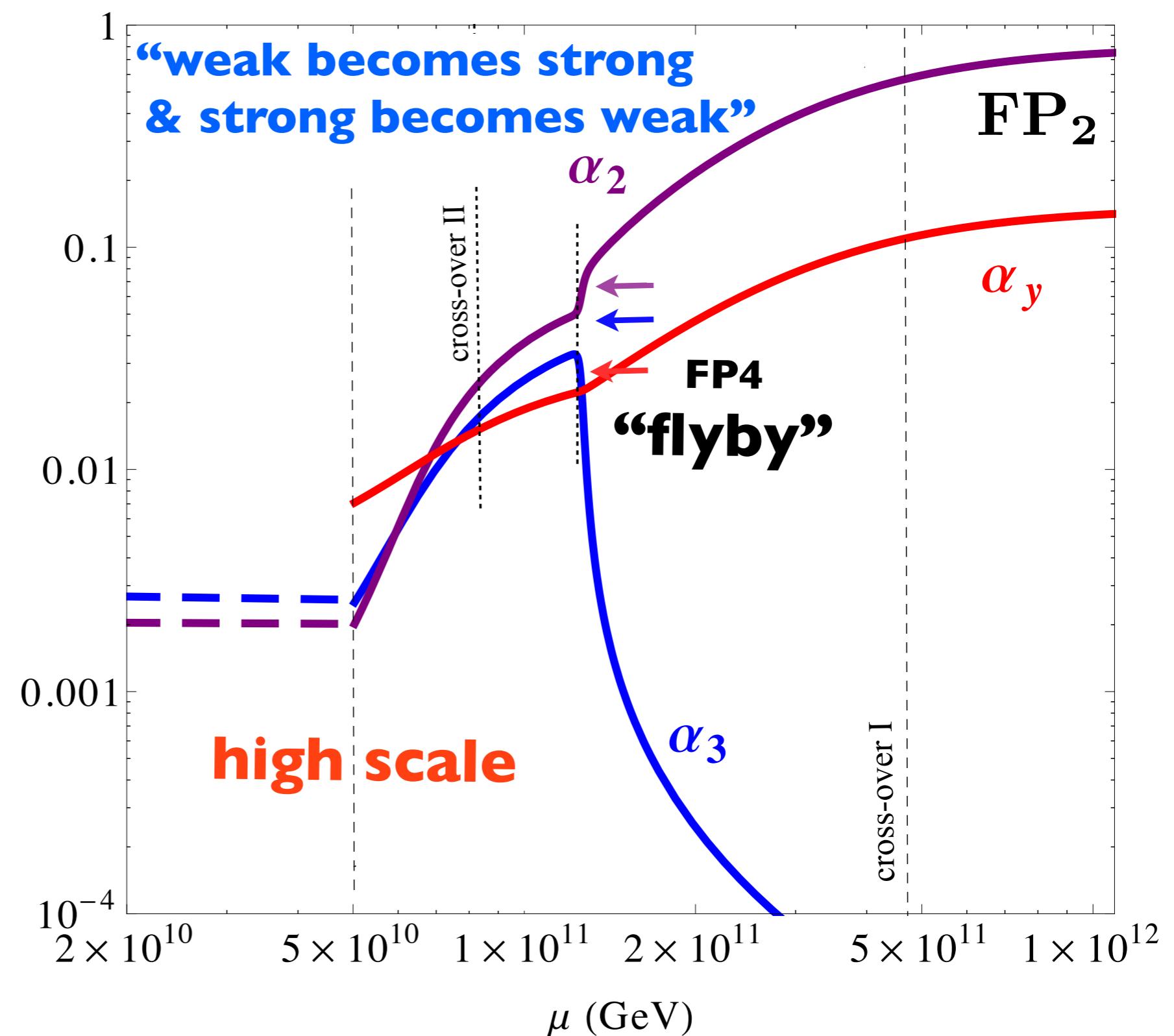
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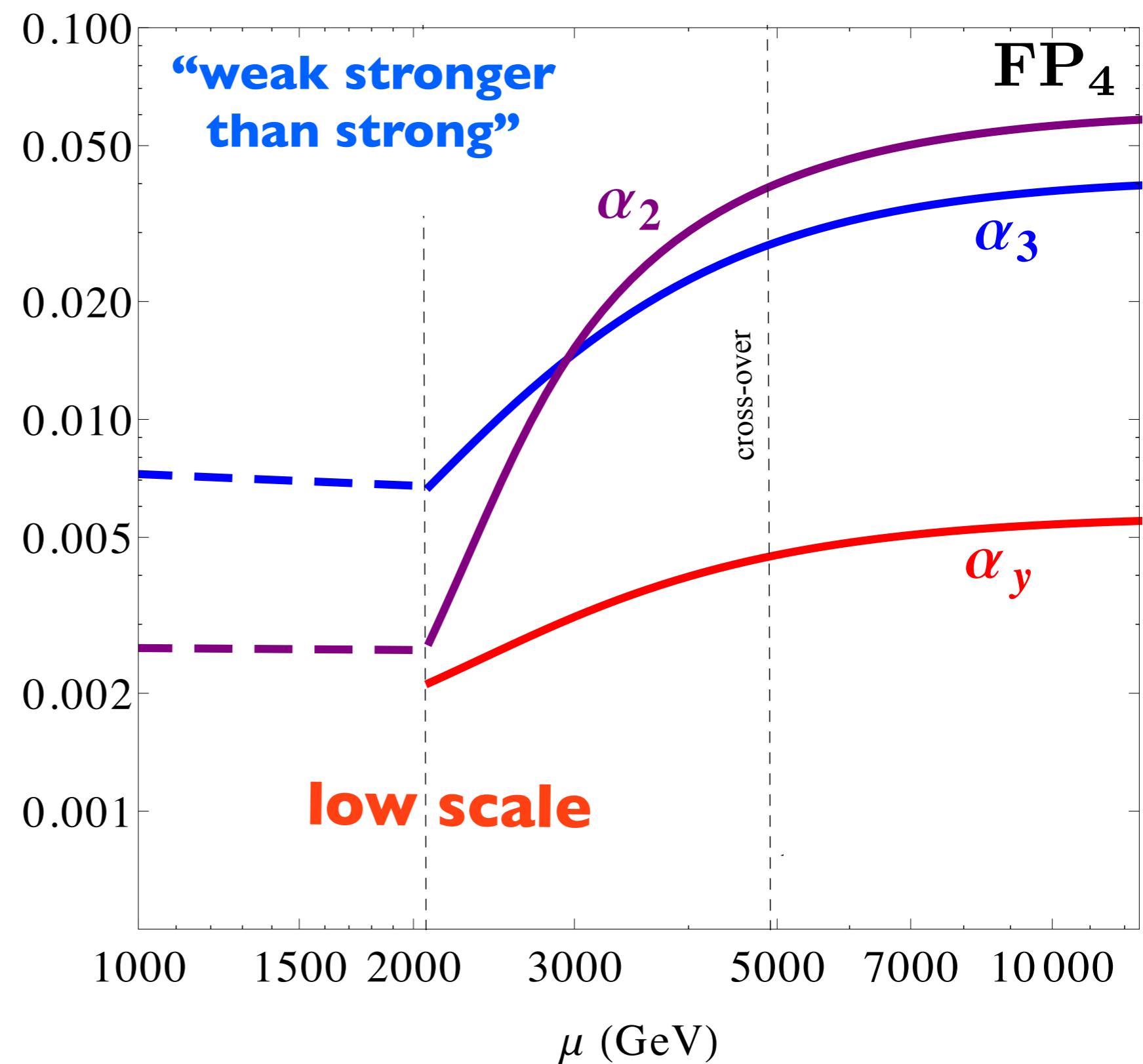
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benchmark models

model D

$(R_3, R_2, N_F) = (3, 4, 290)$



summary of SM matching: when it works

FP₂

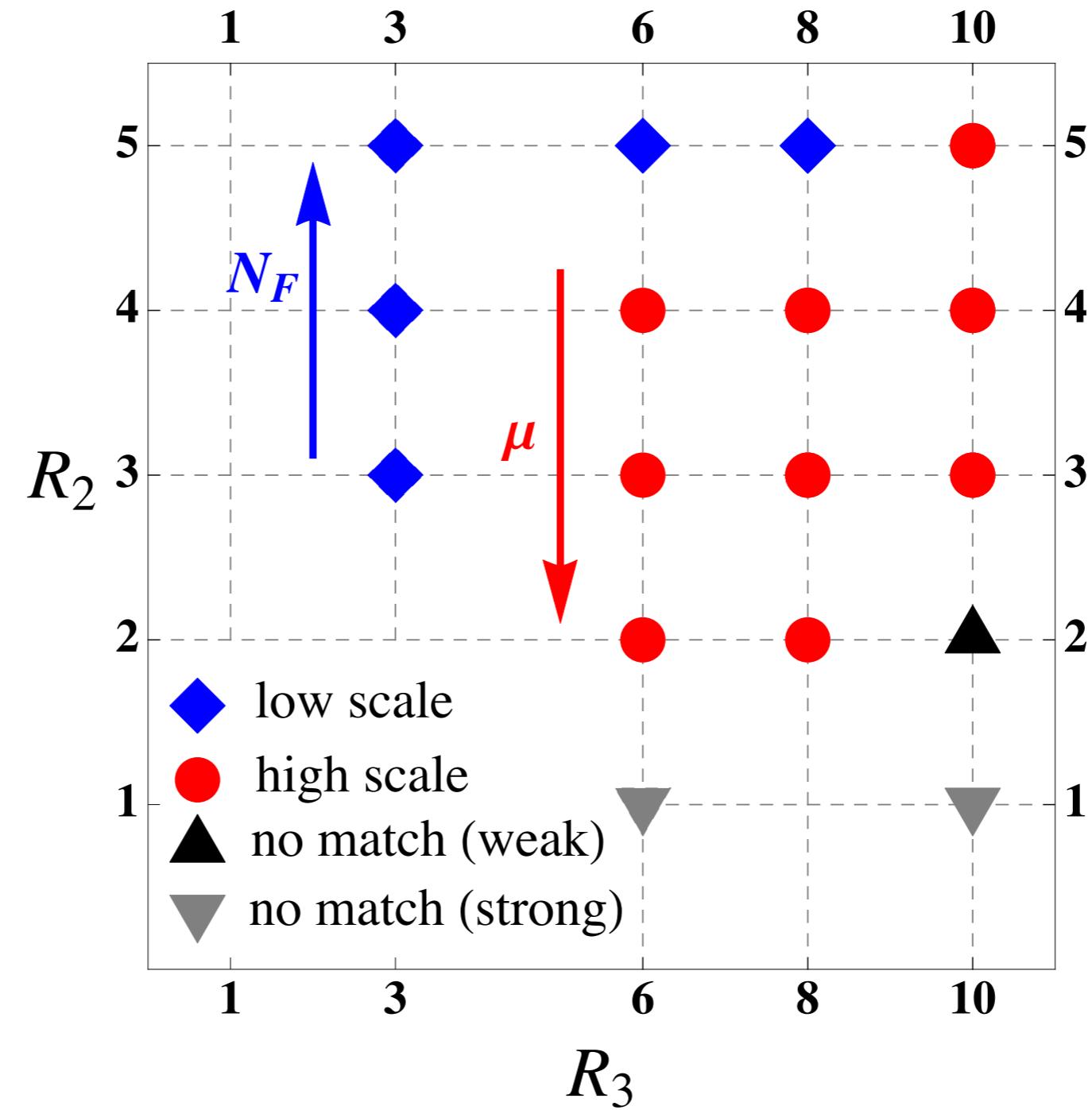
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phenomenology

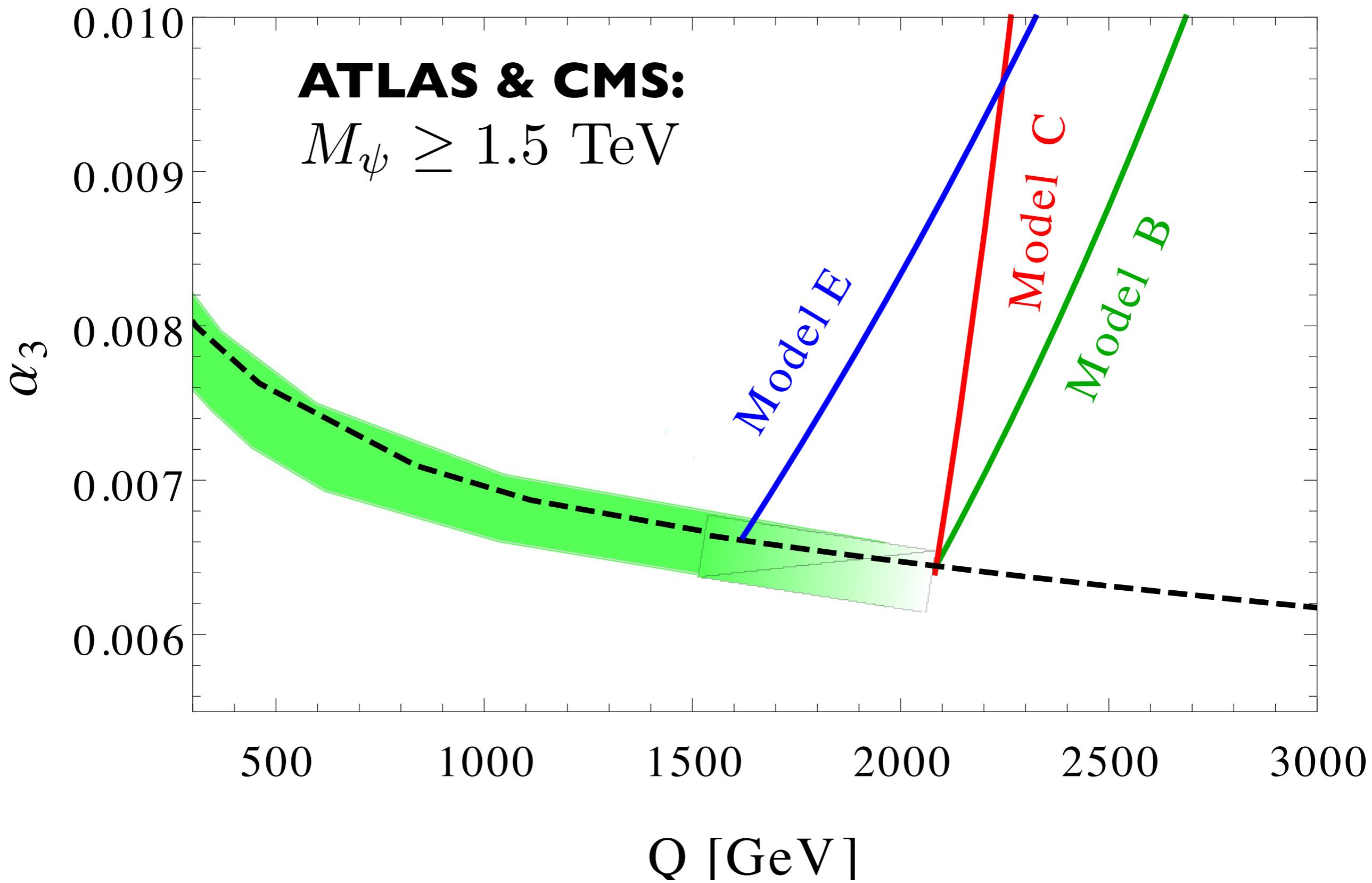
assume **low scale** matching
some BSM masses within **TeV** energy range

assume $R_3 \neq 1$ for LHC
($R_3 = 1$ can be tested at future e^+e^- colliders)

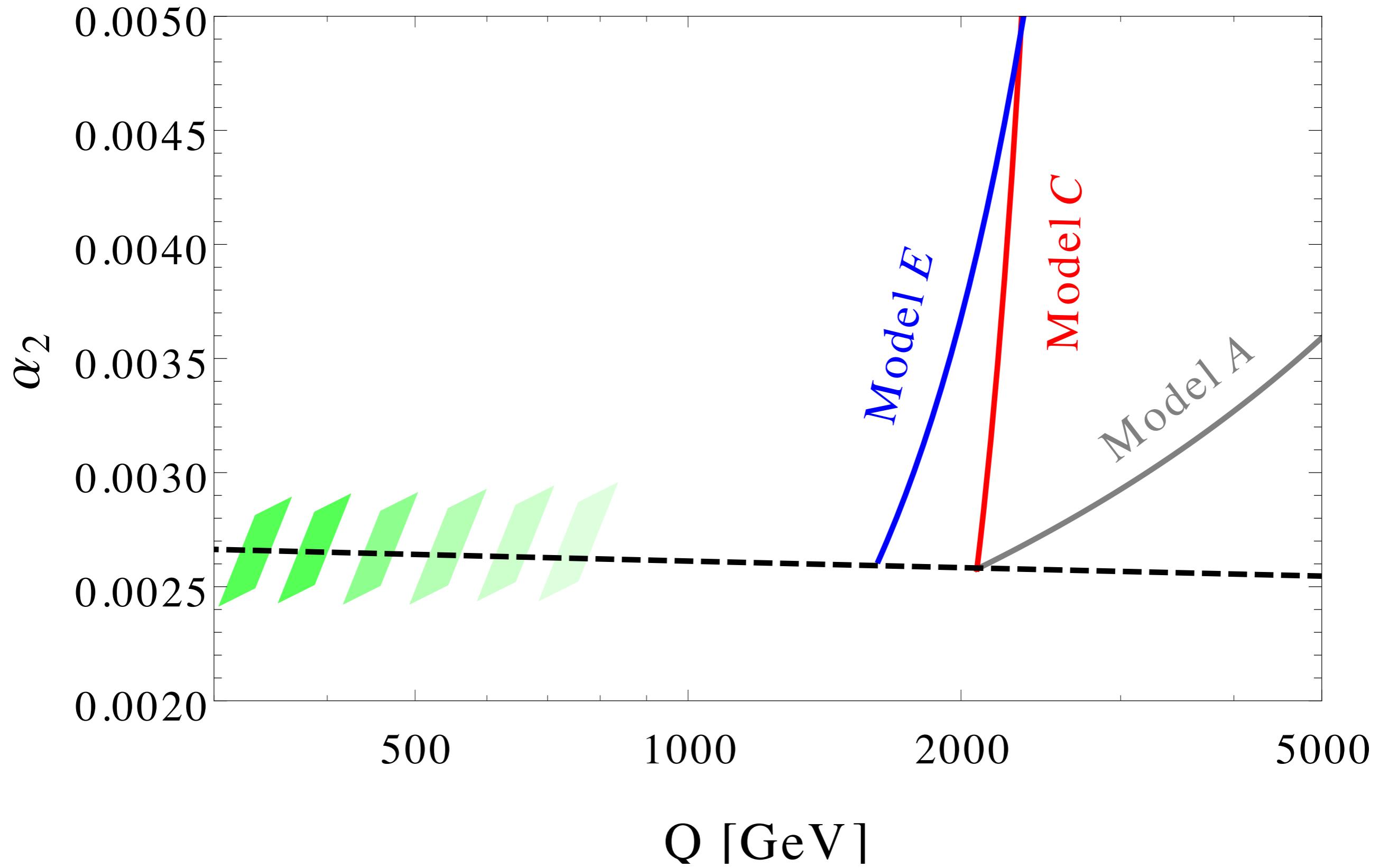
flavor symmetry: stable BSM fermions
broken flavor symmetry: **lightest BSM fermion stable**

constraints from
running couplings
the weak sector
long-lived QCD bound states
di-boson searches

SU(3) BSM running



SU(2) BSM running



di-boson spectra and resonances

assume **resonant production** of BSM scalars

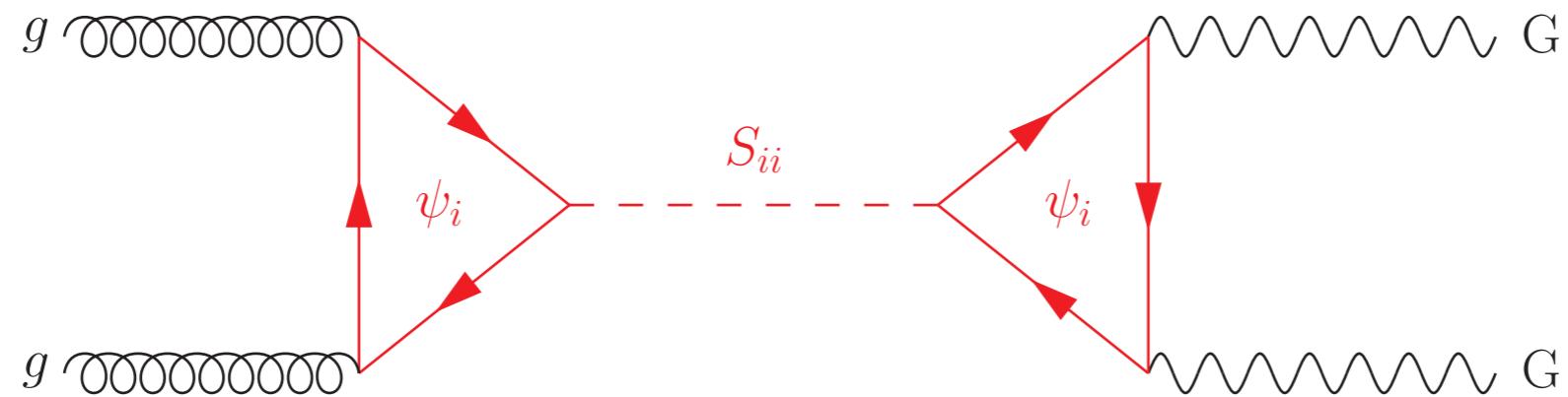
$$M_S < \sqrt{s}$$

$$M_S < 2M_\psi$$

“low Ms” $M_S \lesssim M_\psi$

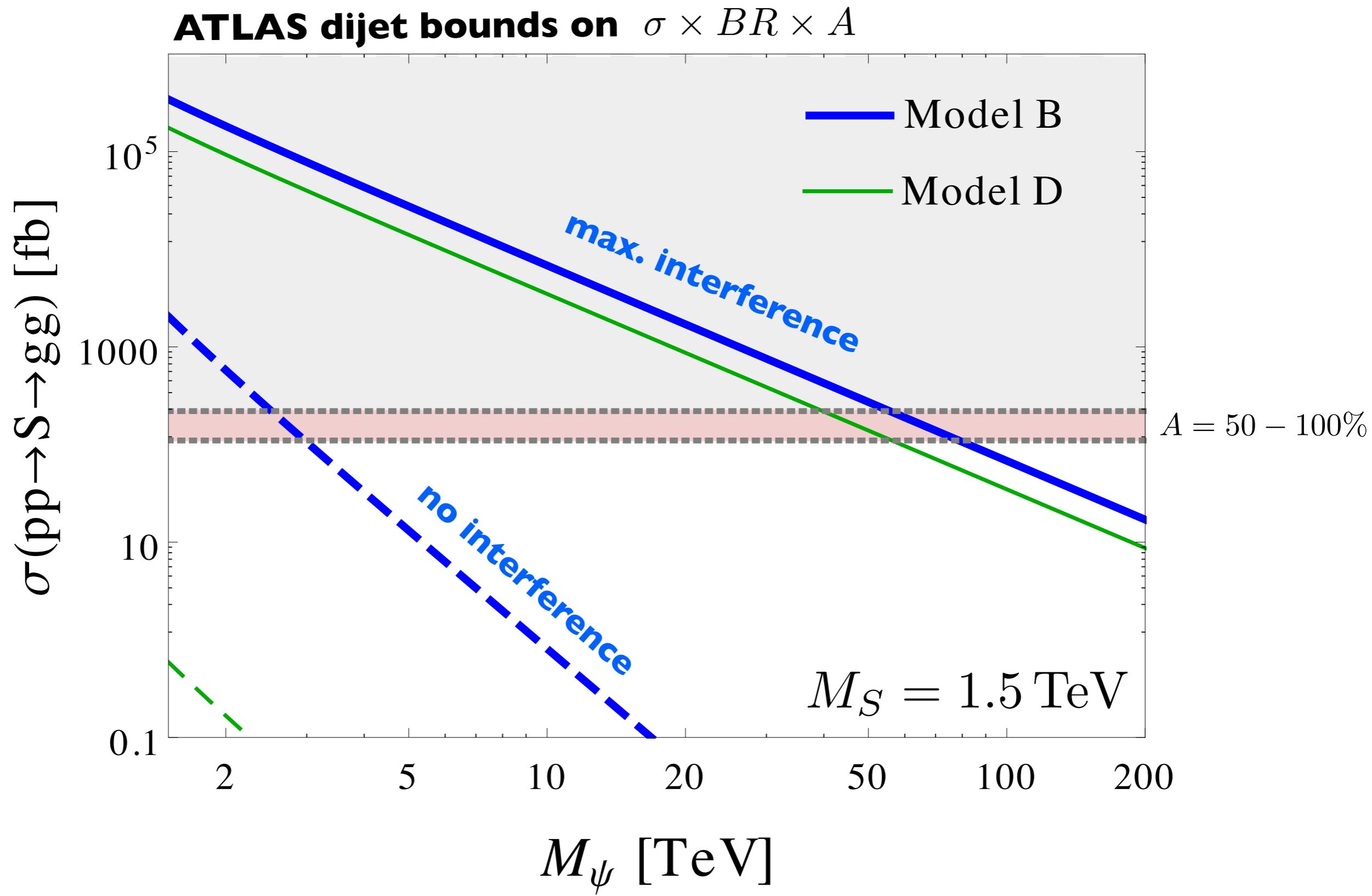
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loop-mediated decay into $GG = gg, \gamma\gamma, ZZ, Z\gamma$, or WW

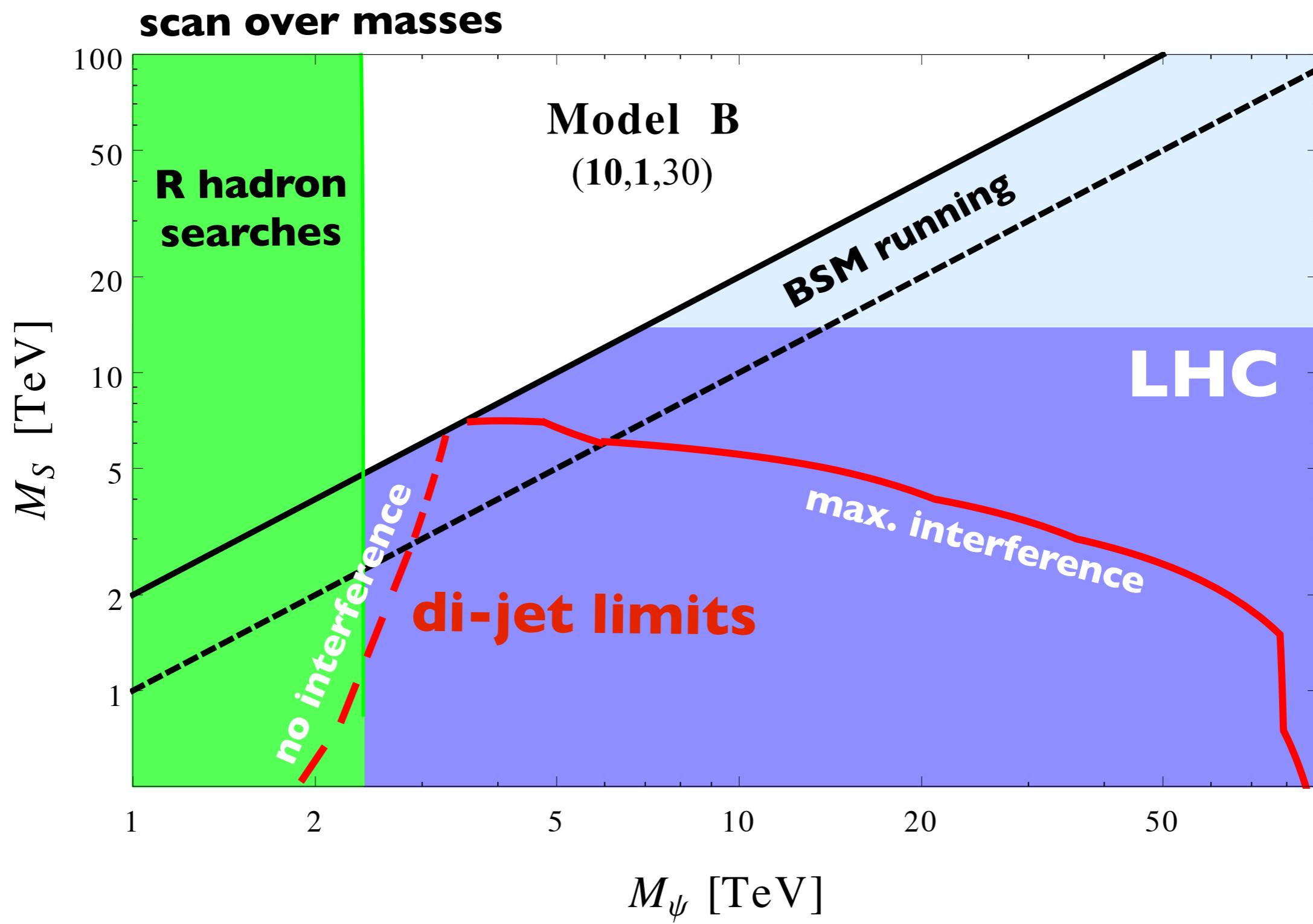


interference effects

dijet cross section



mass exclusion limits



conclusions

theorems for fixed points and asymptotic safety
systematics

weakly interacting **UV completions** of the SM

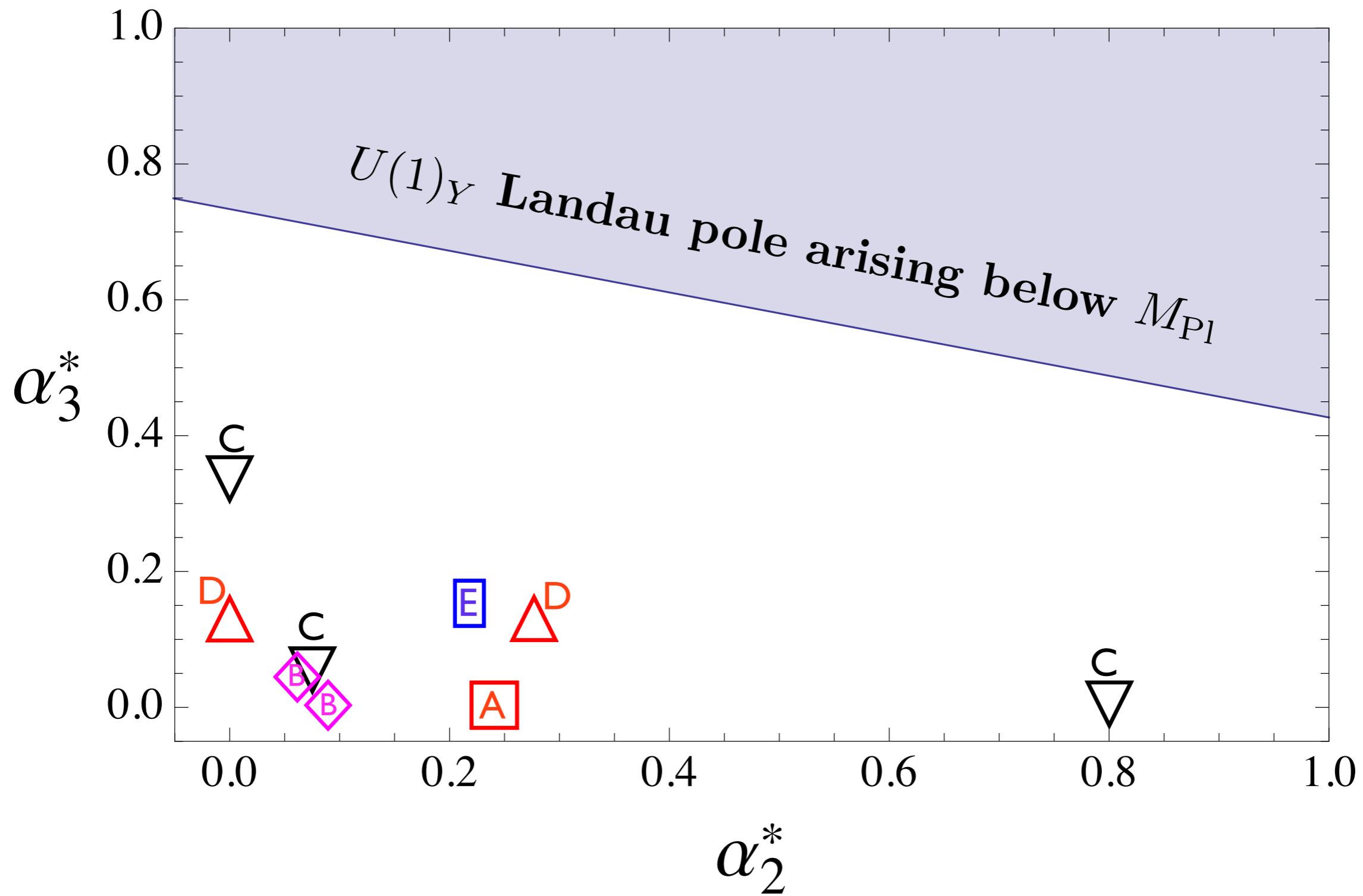
UV FPs can be partially or fully interacting
matching to SM explained, works in many cases

window of opportunities for BSM

new physics, can be probed at LHC
constraints from colliders

extra material

U(1)_Y BSM



phase diagrams

phase diagrams of simple gauge theories

parameters

B, C

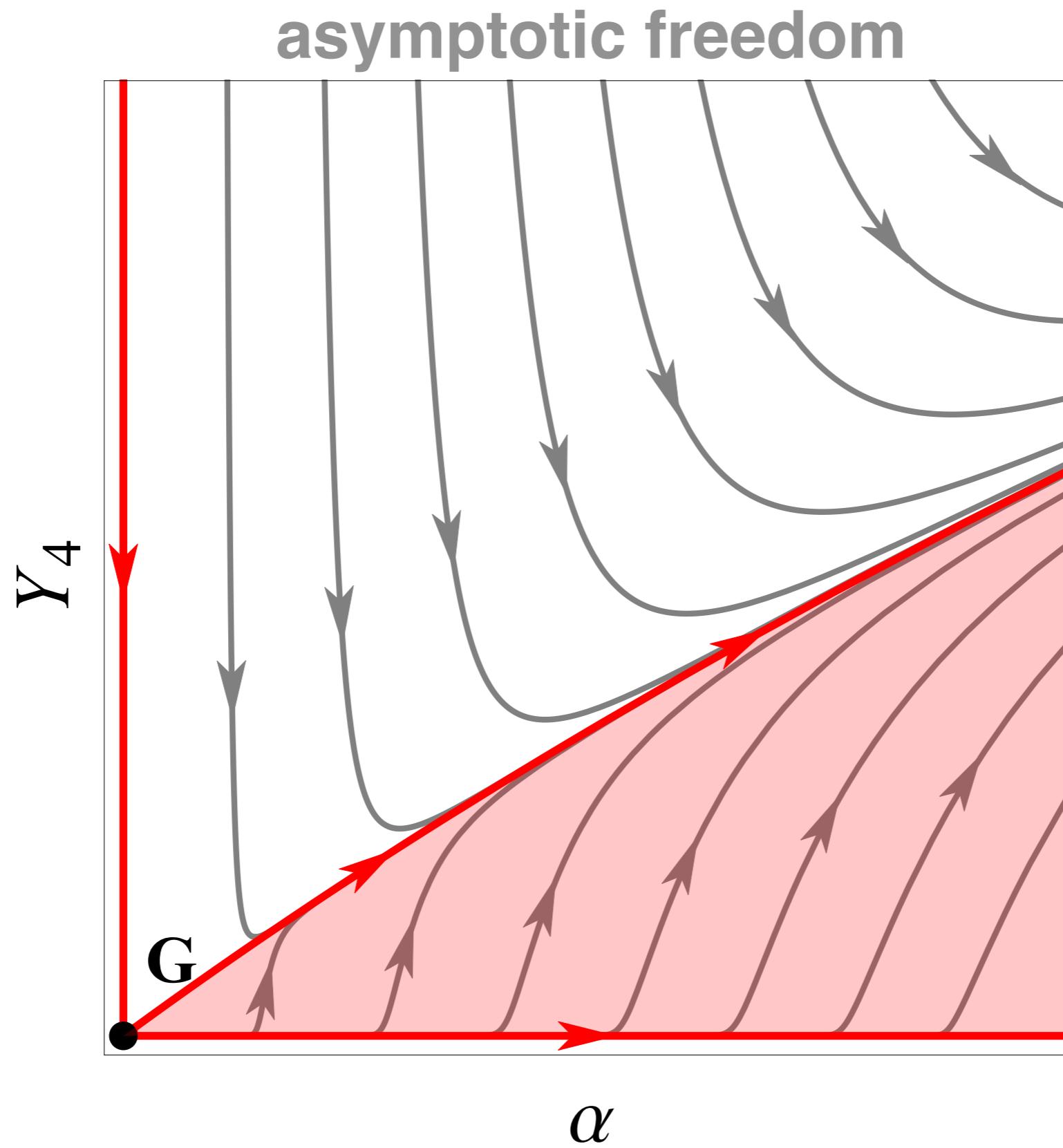
matter content

C'

Yukawa structure

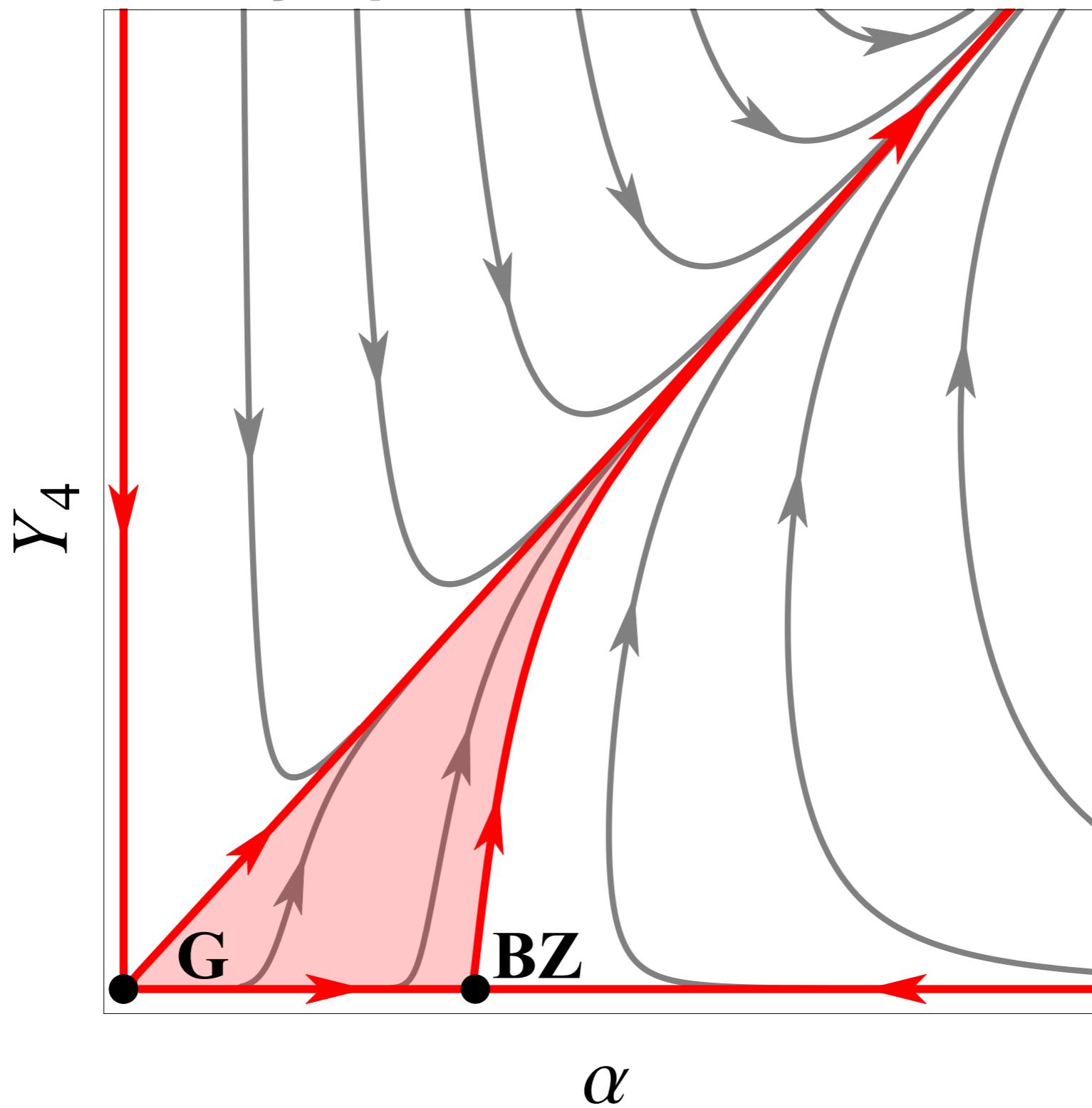
	simple	Yes	$B > 0$ and $C > 0 > C'$	Banks-Zaks	IR
c)	simple	Yes	$B > 0$ and $C > C' > 0$	BZ and GYs	IR
	simple or abelian	Yes	$B < 0$ and $C' < 0$	gauge-Yukawas	UV/IR

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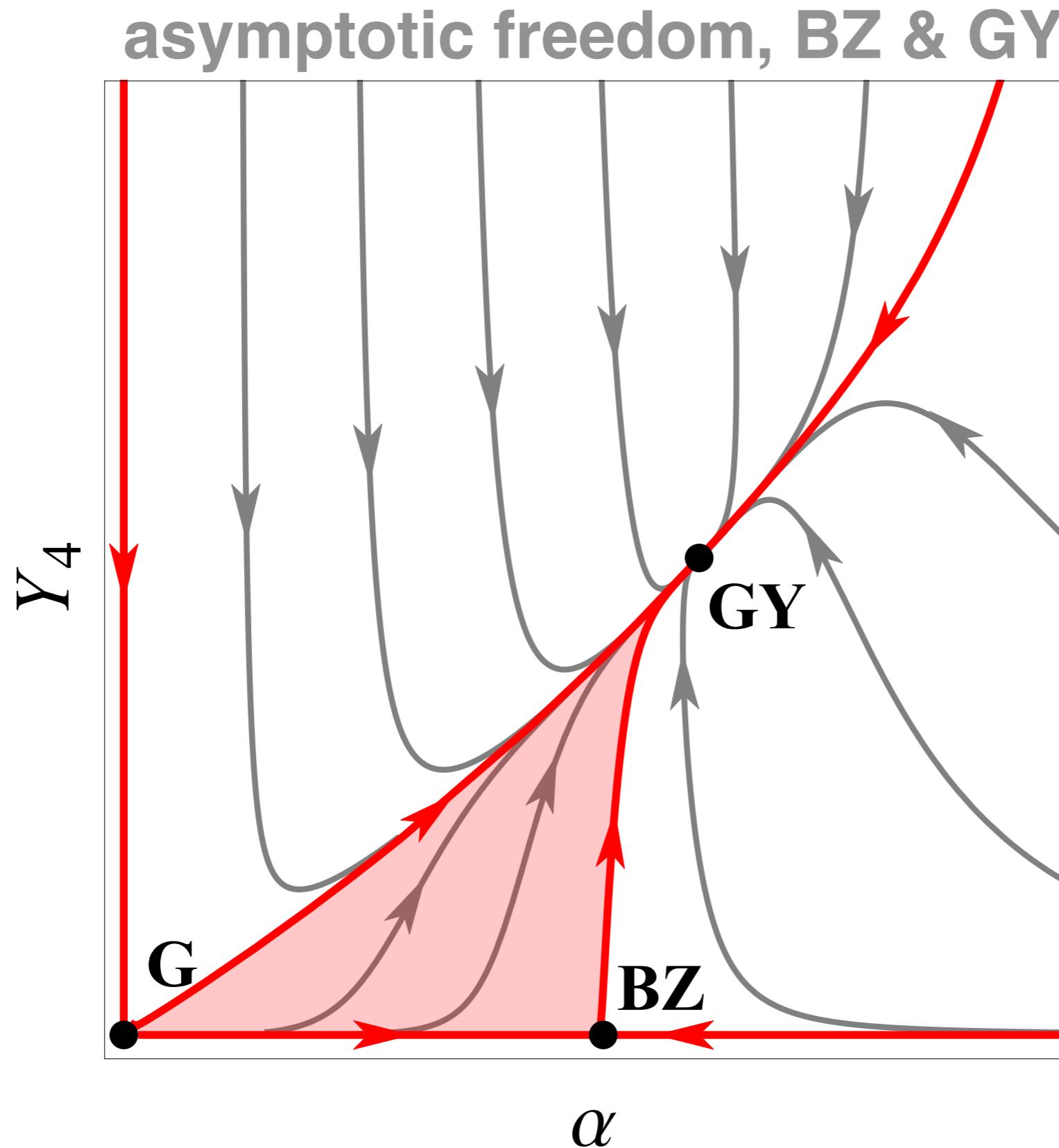


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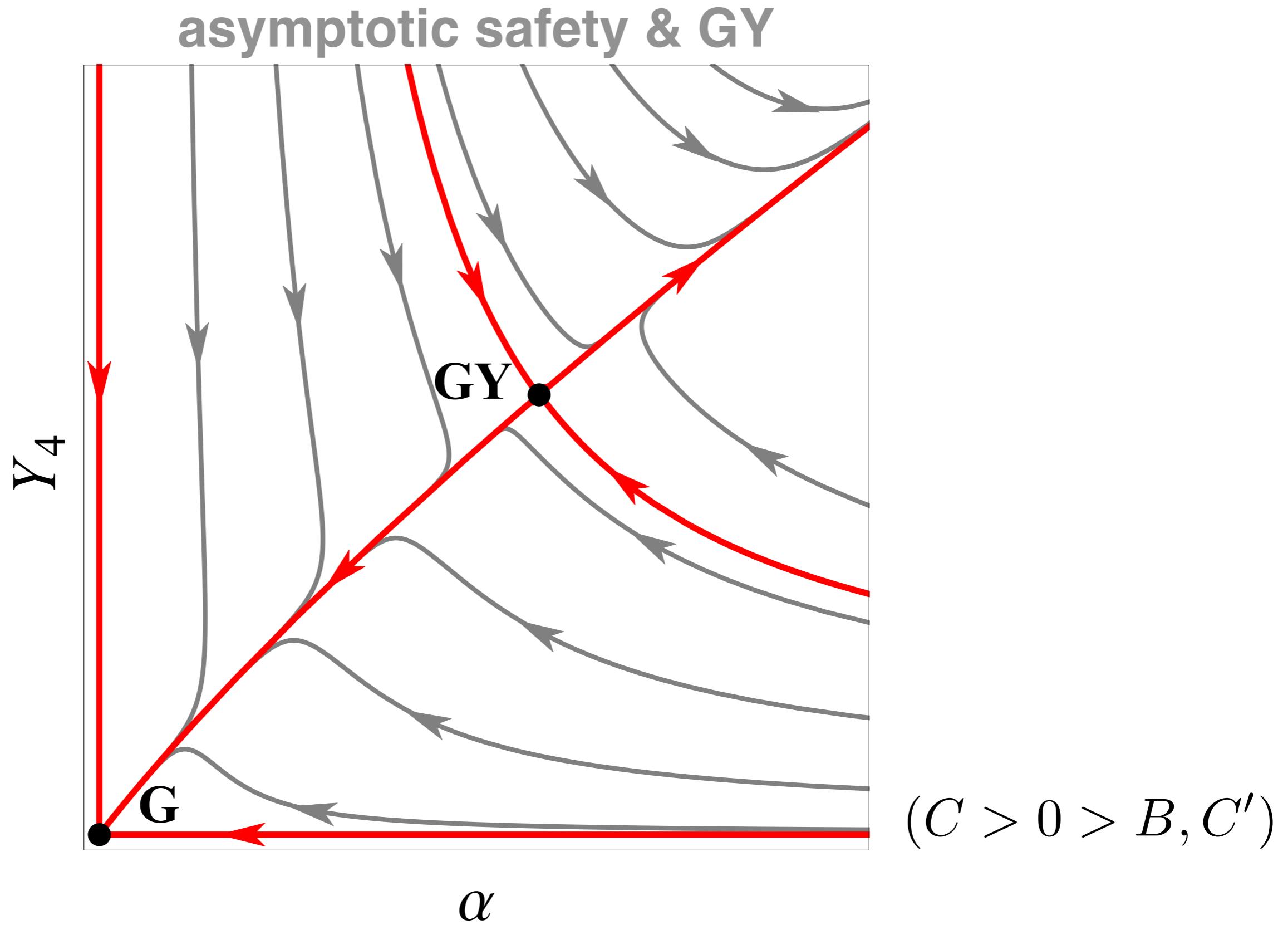
asymptotic freedom & BZ



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extensions I

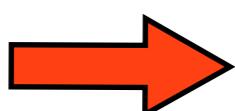
interacting UV FPs with **exact asymptotic safety**
exist for simple gauge theories

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but: do interacting UV FPs with **exact asymptotic safety** exist for **semi-simple** gauge theories?

Yes!

Bond @ ERG 2016 and @ this meeting



space of UV FP solutions is non-empty

extensions II

what is the impact of couplings with non-vanishing canonical mass dimension?

results:

**fixed point persists
effective potential remains stable**

extensions II

Lagrangean

$$L_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$L_F = \text{Tr} (\overline{Q} i \not{D} Q)$$

$$L_Y = y \text{Tr} (\overline{Q} H Q)$$

$$L_H = \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu H^\dagger \partial^\mu H)$$

$$L_U = -u \text{Tr} (H^\dagger H)^2$$

$$L_V = -v (\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)^2.$$

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further scalar invariants

$$v_k(i_1, i_2) = u_k(i_1) + i_2 c_k(i_1)$$

$$u_k(i_1) = \sum_{j=2}^{N_i} \frac{(4\pi)^{2j-2} i_1^j \lambda_{2j-2}}{N_f^{2j-2}}$$

$$c_k(i_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{N_i} \frac{(4\pi)^{2j+2} i_1^j \lambda_{2j+1}}{N_f^{2j+1}}$$

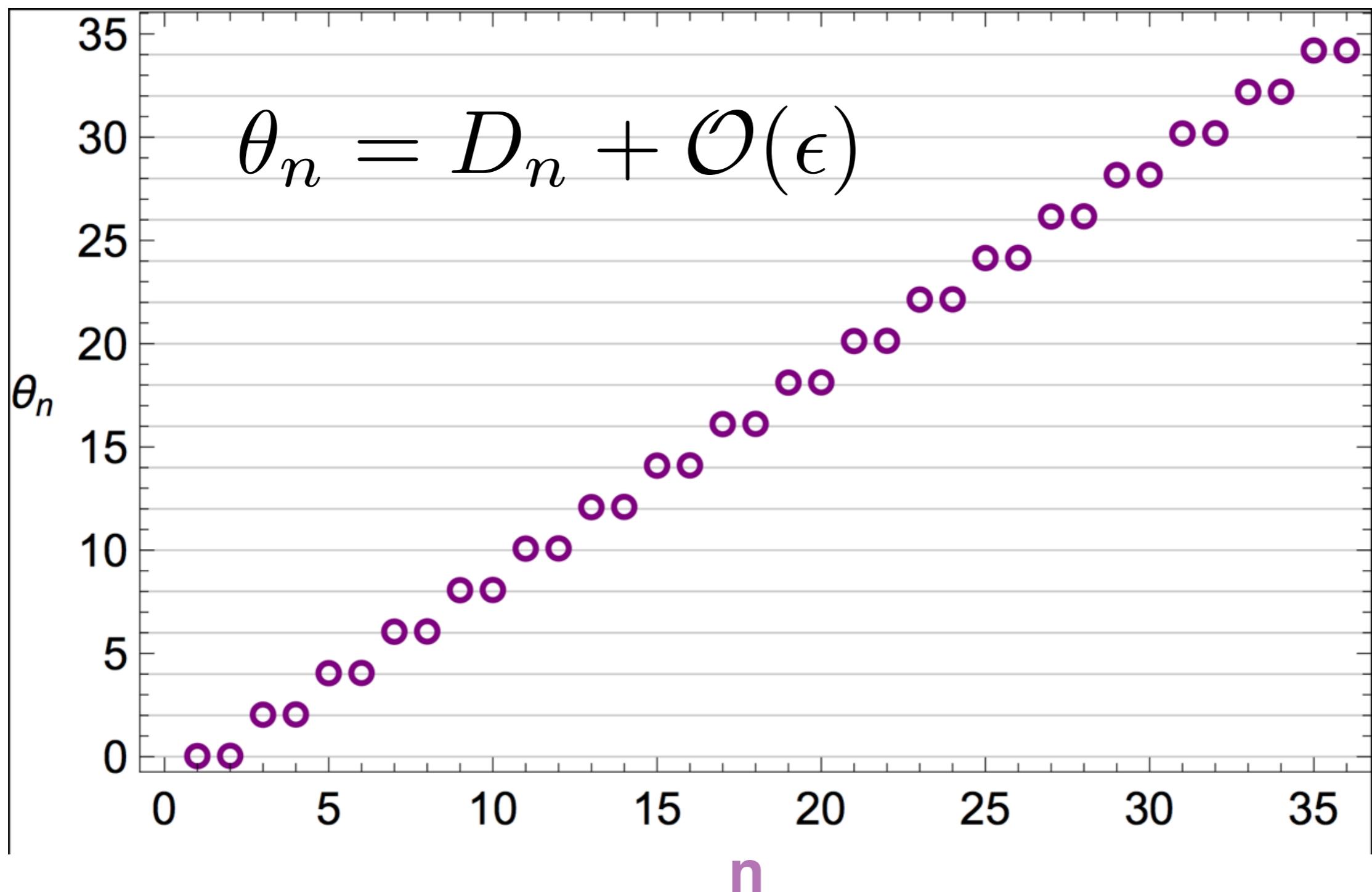
$$i_1 = \text{Tr}(h^\dagger h)$$

$$i_2 = \text{Tr} \left((h^\dagger h)^2 - \frac{1}{N_f} (\text{Tr} h^\dagger h)^2 \right)$$

extensions II

results:

exact eigenvalue spectrum



more weak sector

contributions to **muon anomalous magnetic moment** together with $\Delta a_\mu^{\text{exp}} \sim (2 - 3) \cdot 10^{-9}$ leads to **constraint**

$$d(R_3) S(R_2) N_F \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M_\psi} \right)^2 \lesssim 10^4$$

obeyed by all benchmark models.

contributions to the **rho parameter** arise if fermion multiplets encounter mass splitting $\delta M \ll M_\psi$ due to SU(2) breaking

$$N_F d(R_3) S(R_2) \delta M^2 \lesssim (40 \text{ GeV})^2$$

sub-percent splitting for TeV or higher BSM masses

R-hadron searches

assume **pair-production** of BSM fermions $2M_\psi < \sqrt{s}$

at least the lightest has a long life ($> \tau_{\text{hadron}}$) and forms colorless **QCD bound states** with SM matter

$pp \rightarrow \psi\bar{\psi}$ via **t-channel gluon fusion**

$\sigma_{\psi\bar{\psi}} \sim N_F \mathcal{C}_3$ with $\mathcal{C}_3 = [C_2(R_3)]^2 d(R_3) d(R_2)$

lower limits

M_ψ^{\min}

from ATLAS
and CMS
gluino
searches

$\psi(R_3, R_2)$	$R_2 = 1$		$R_2 = 2$		$R_2 = 3$		
	R_3	\mathcal{C}_3	M_ψ^{\min} (TeV)	\mathcal{C}_3	M_ψ^{\min} (TeV)	\mathcal{C}_3	M_ψ^{\min} (TeV)
	3	$5\frac{1}{3}$	(1.2)	$10\frac{2}{3}$	(1.3)	16	1.3
	6	$66\frac{2}{3}$	1.5	$133\frac{1}{3}$	1.6	200	1.7
	8	72	1.5	144	1.6	216	1.7
	10	360	1.8	720	1.8	1080	1.9
	15	$426\frac{2}{3}$	1.8	$853\frac{1}{3}$	1.9	1280	2.0
	15'	$1306\frac{2}{3}$	2.0	$2313\frac{1}{3}$	2.1	3920	2.1

model **B, C, D, E:** 2.3, >2.4, 2.2, 2.0 TeV

di-boson spectra and resonances

assume **resonant production** of BSM scalars

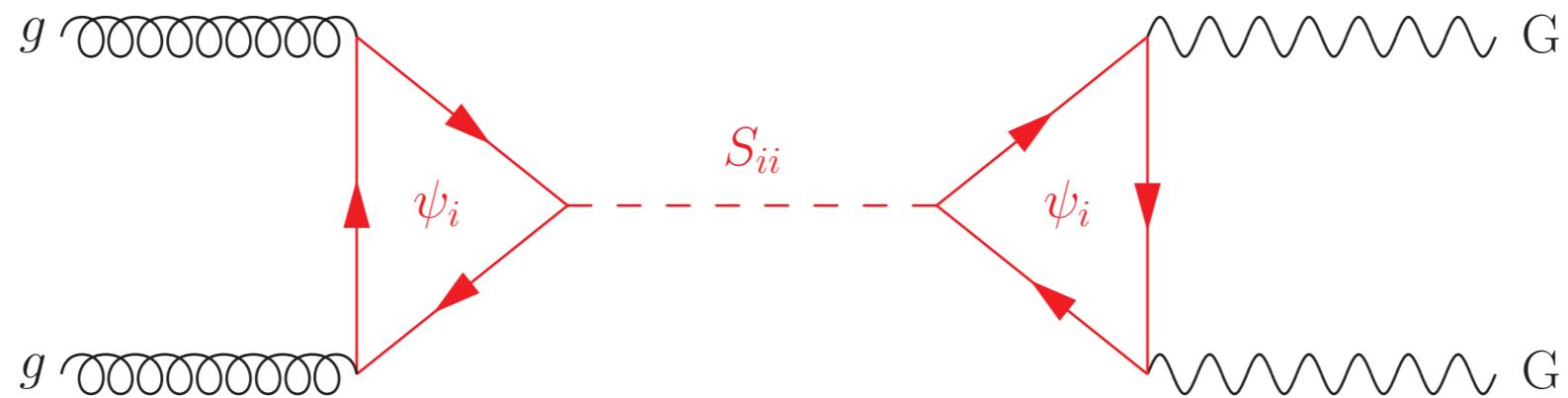
$$M_S < \sqrt{s}$$

$$M_S < 2M_\psi$$

“low Ms” $M_S \lesssim M_\psi$

“high Ms” $M_\psi \lesssim M_S < 2M_\psi$

loop-mediated decay into $GG = gg, \gamma\gamma, ZZ, Z\gamma$, or WW



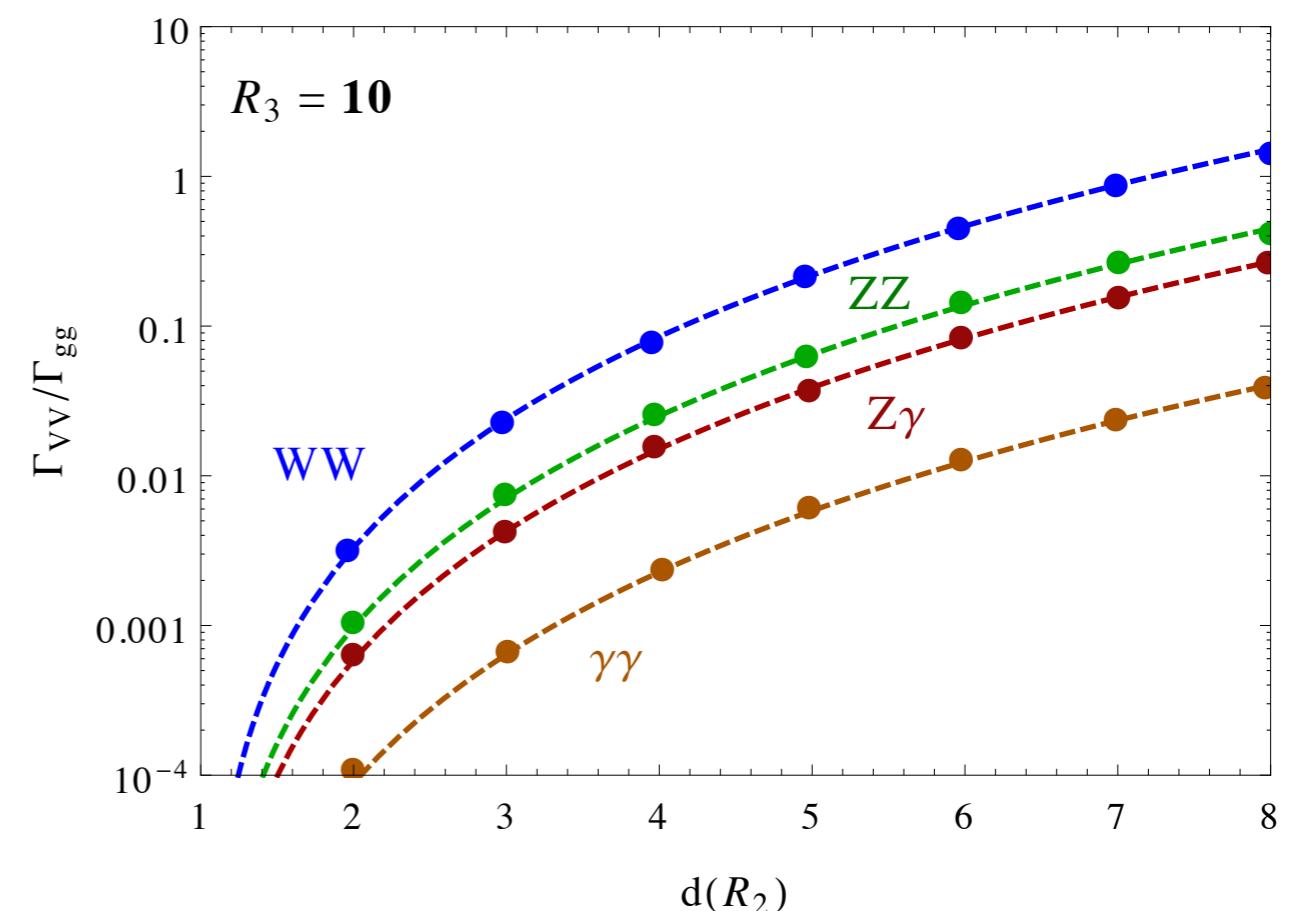
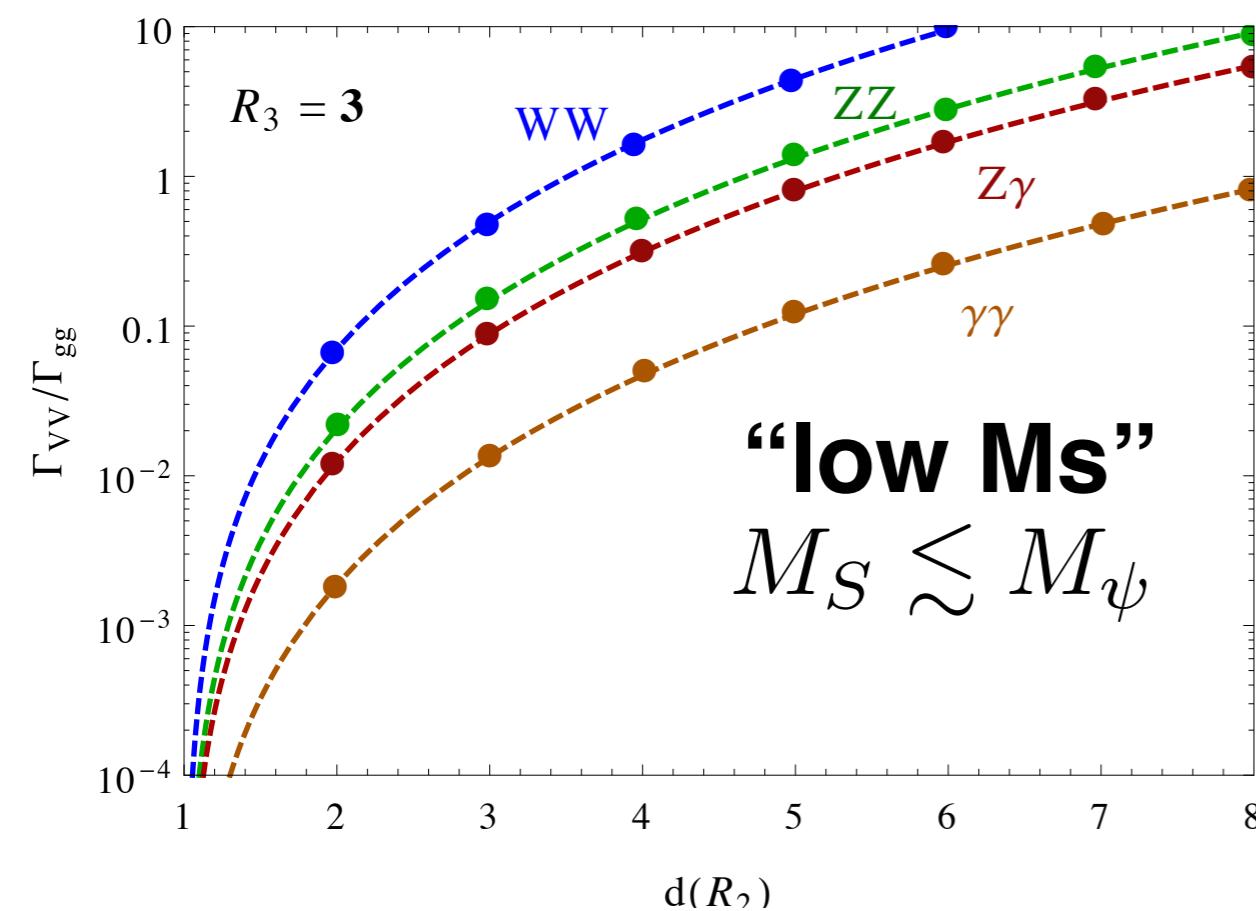
interference effects

decays into electroweak gauge bosons

further signatures if $d(R_2) \neq 1$

general scalar resonance decaying into $WW, ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$

growth with $\text{dim}(R_2)$



decays into electroweak gauge bosons

“reduced” decay widths

$$\Gamma_{VV} = \frac{1}{F} \frac{\Gamma_{VV}}{\Gamma_{gg}}, \quad \text{with} \quad F = \left(\frac{4}{3} \frac{C_2(R_2)}{C_2(R_3)} \right)^2$$

for small hypercharge coupling

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{WW} = \frac{\alpha_2^2}{\alpha_3^2}, \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ZZ} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_2^2}{\alpha_3^2}, \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{Z\gamma} \approx \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_3} \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_3}, \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\gamma\gamma} \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_1^2}{\alpha_3^2}$$

modification of widths for “high Ms”

