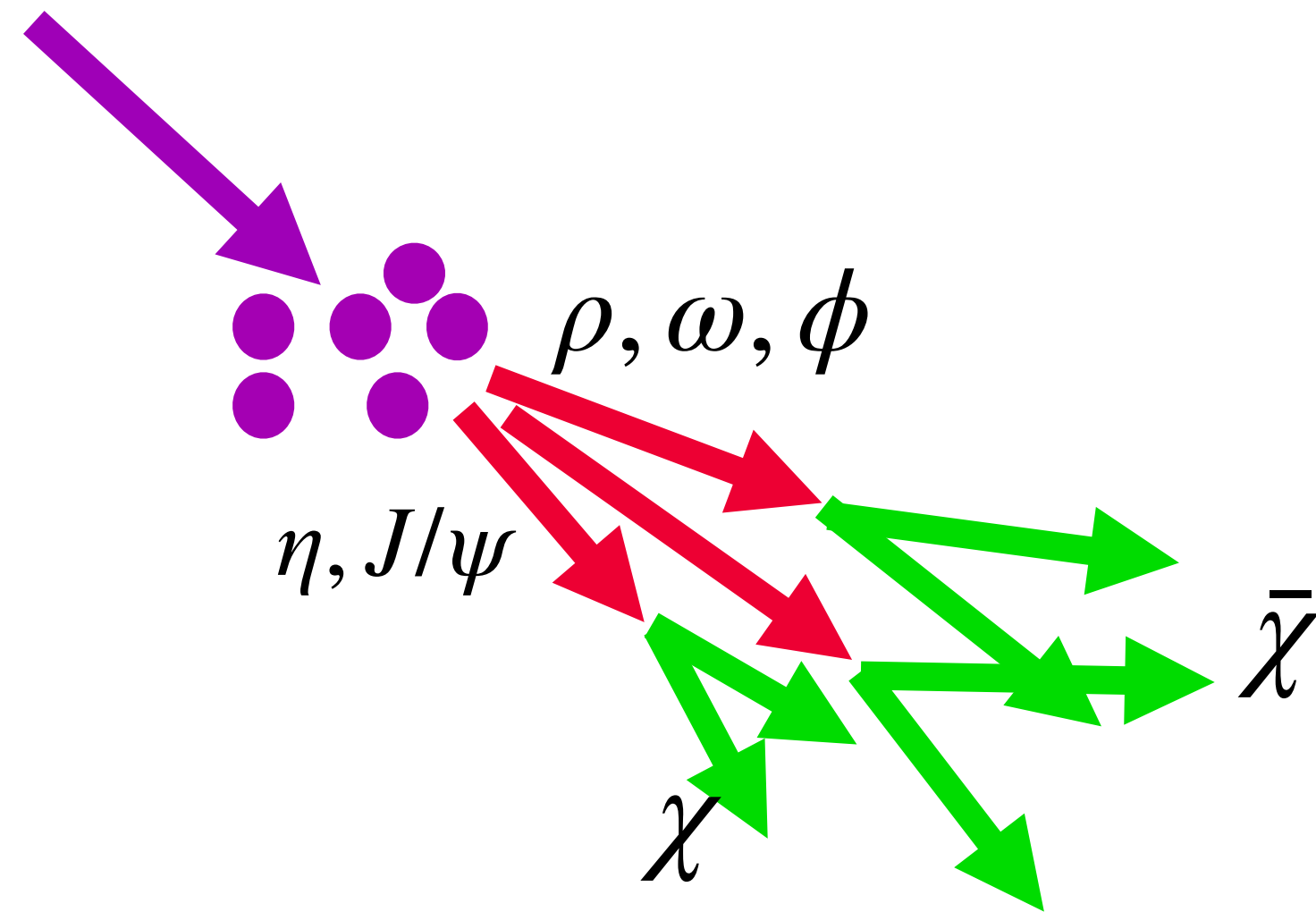


# Weaker than Weak physics at the intensity frontier

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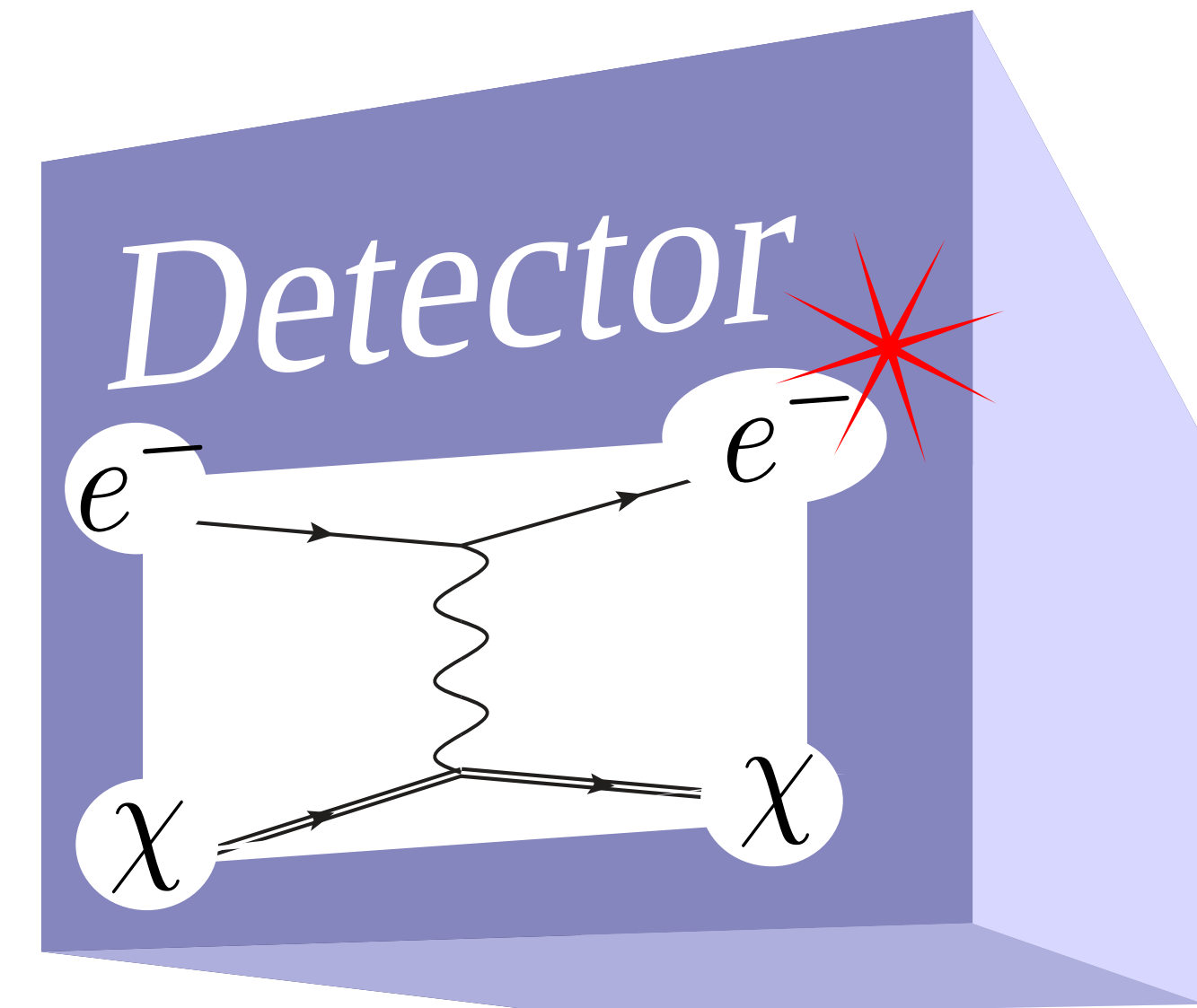
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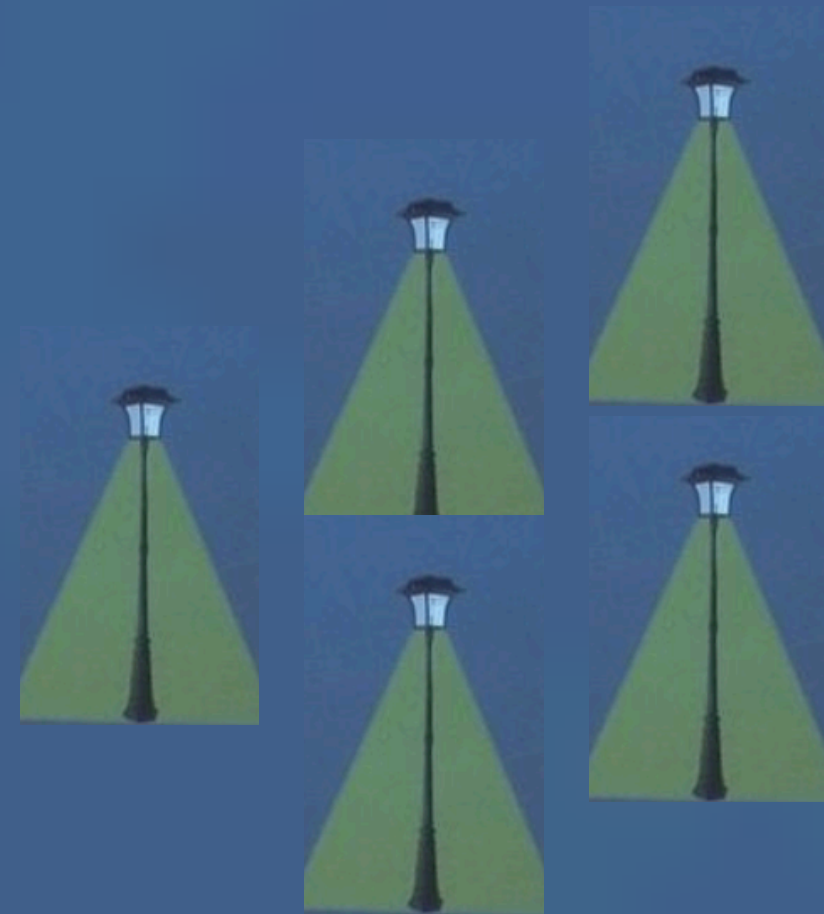
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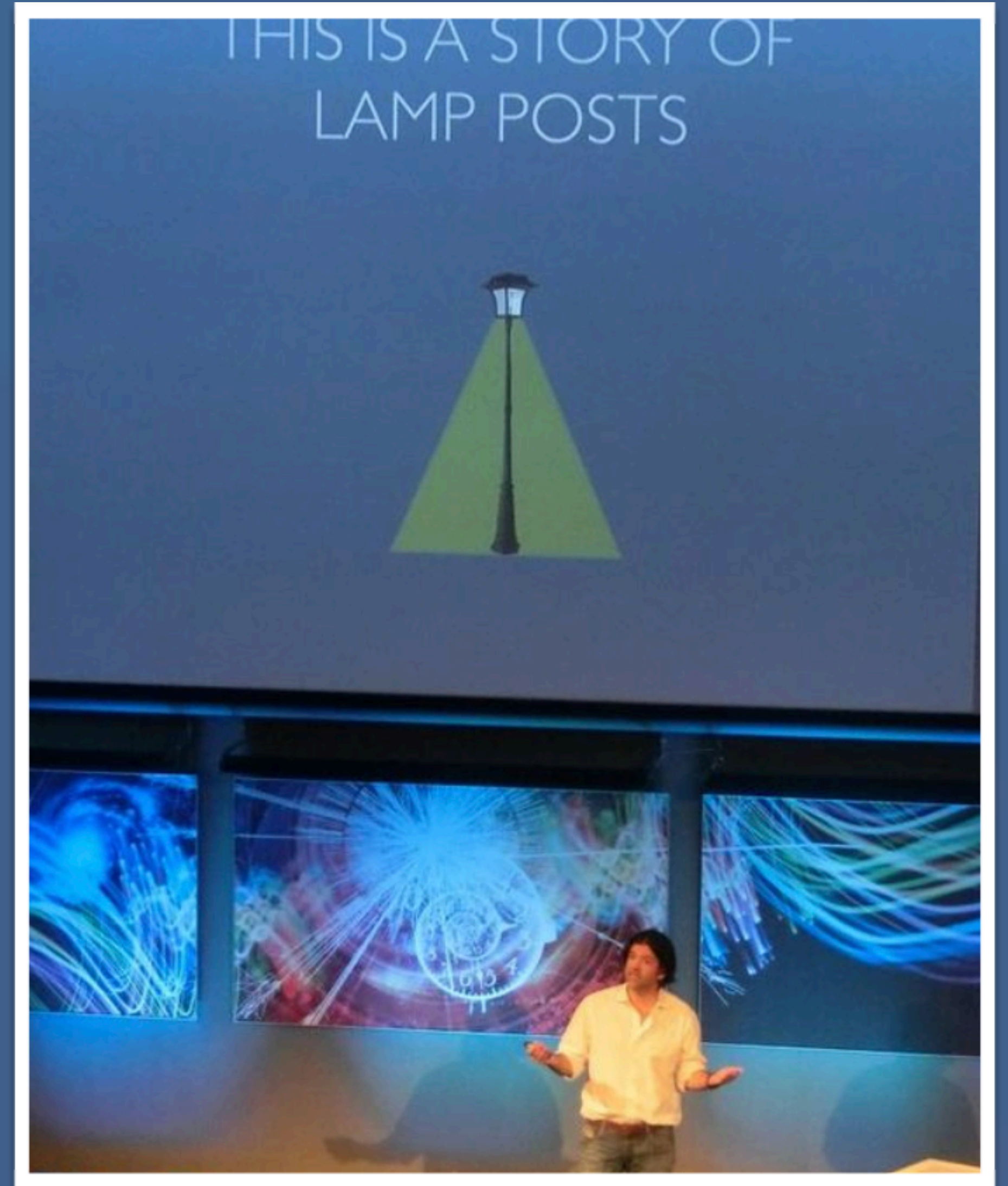


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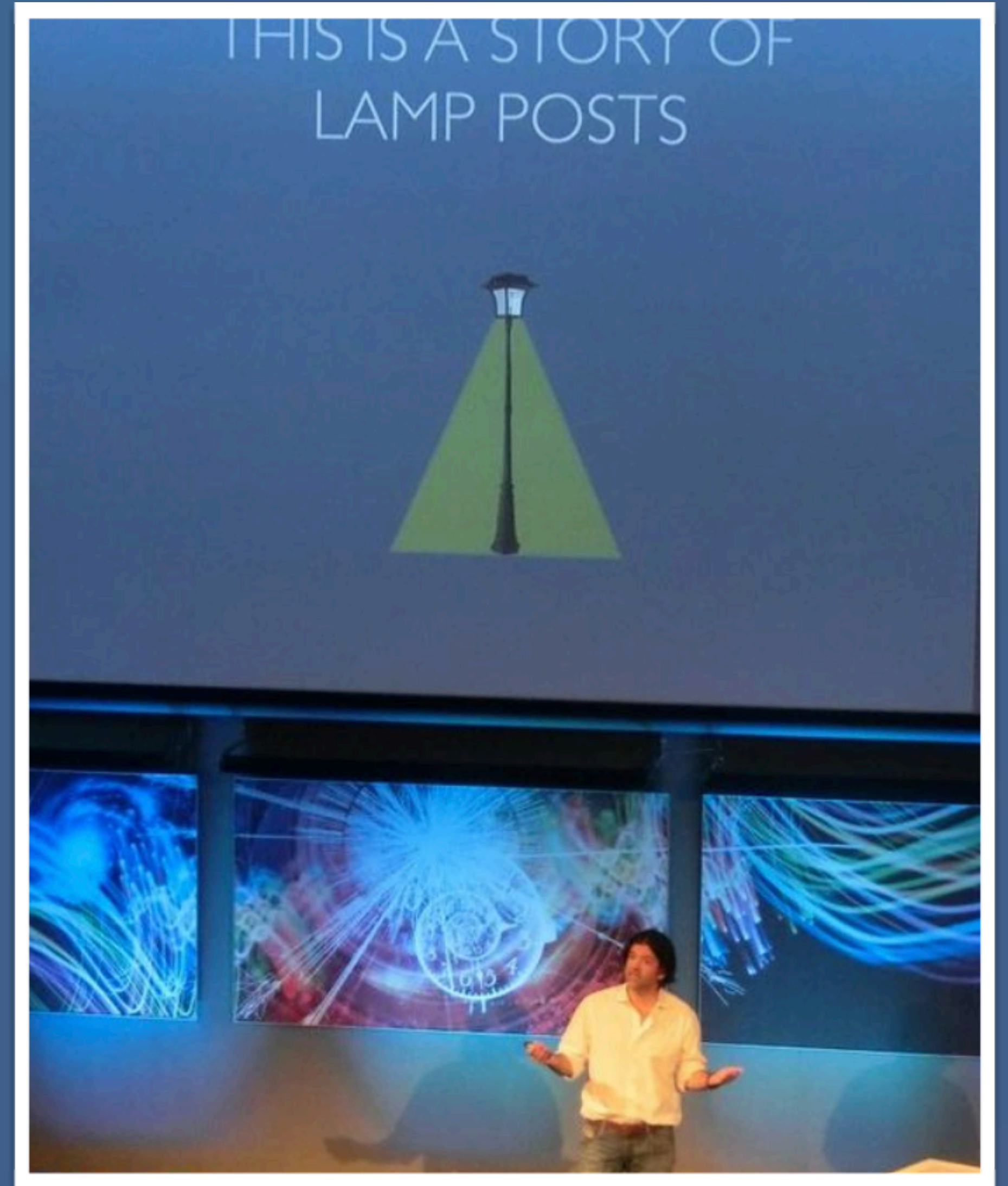
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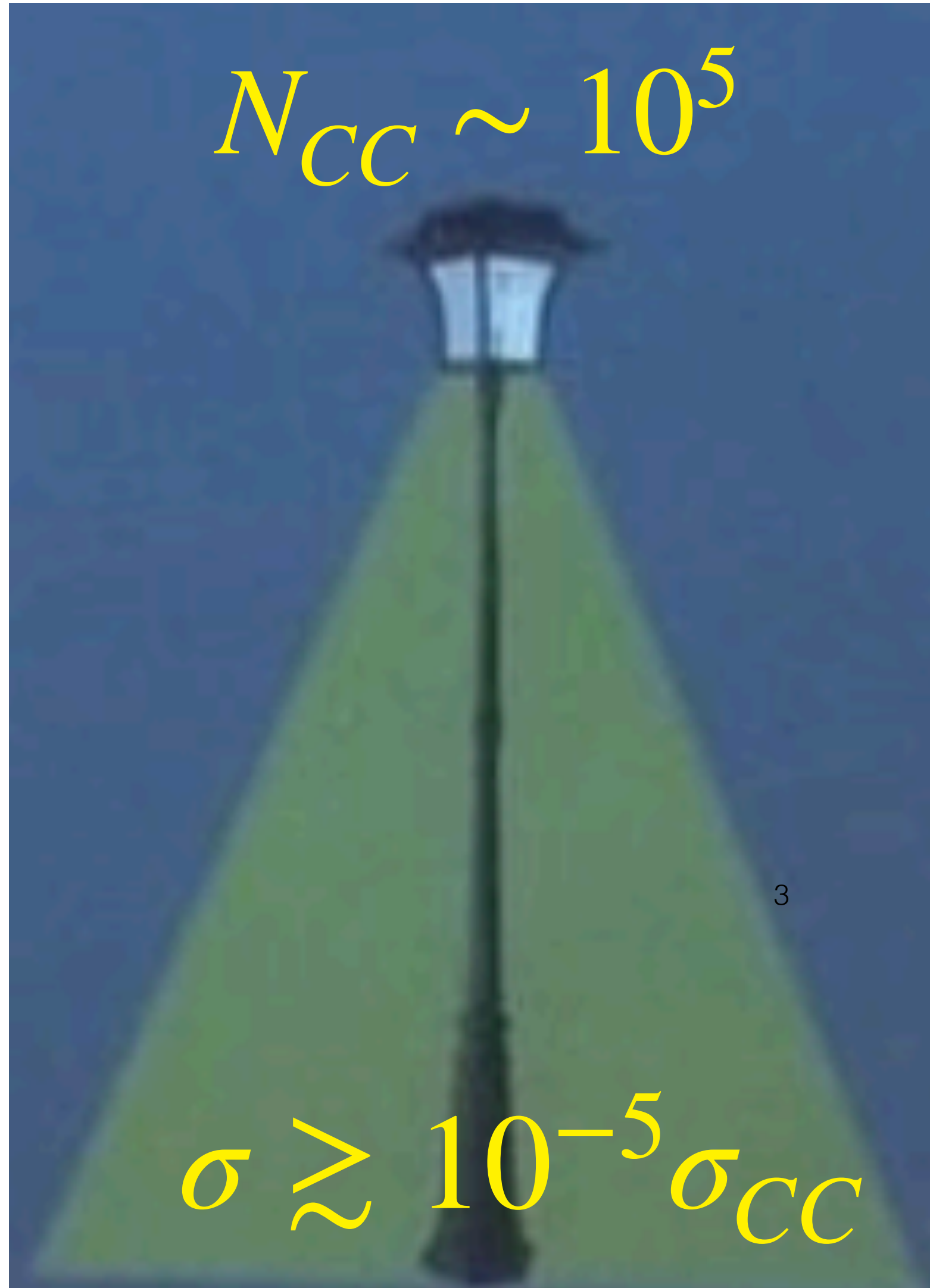


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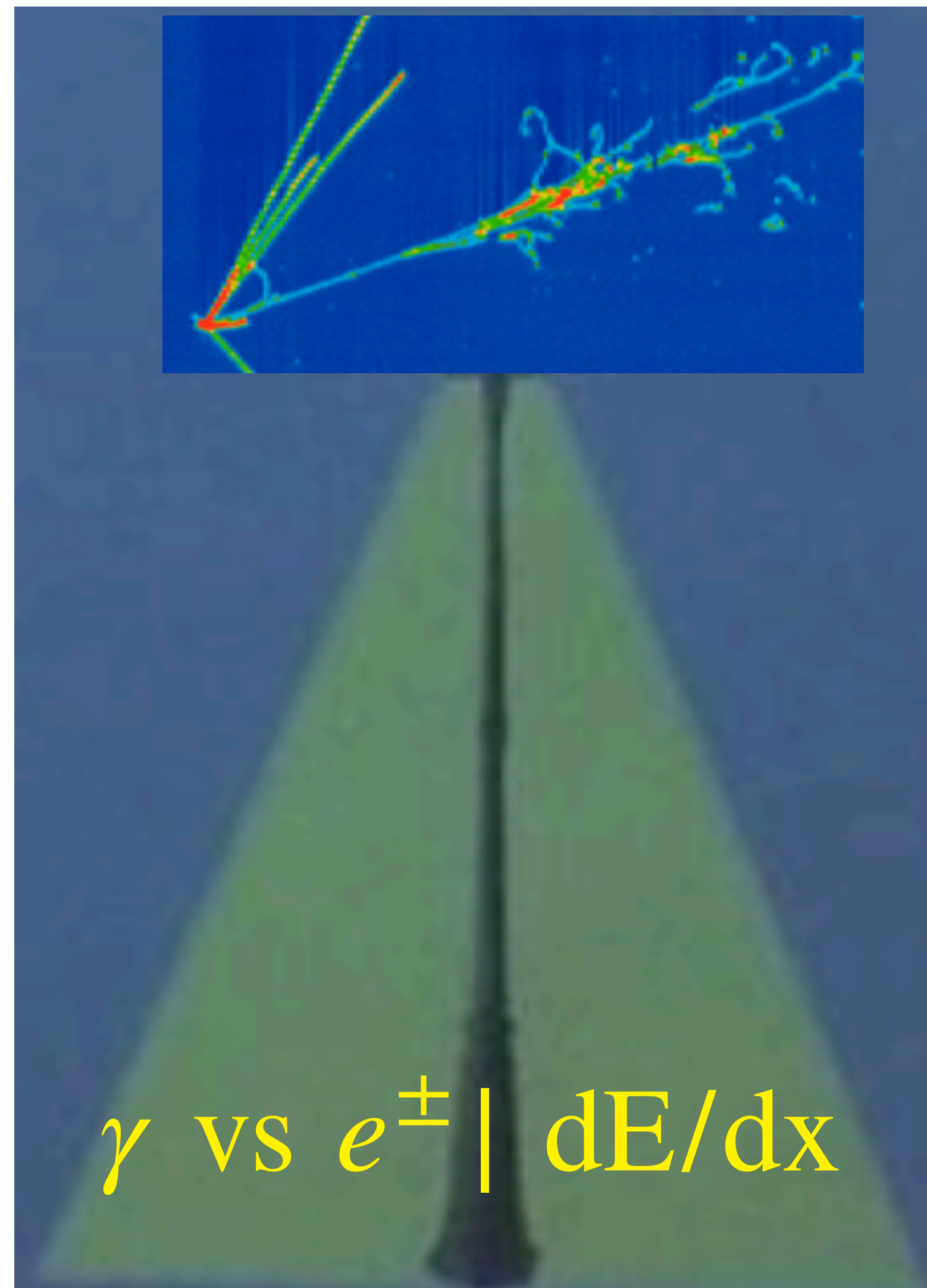
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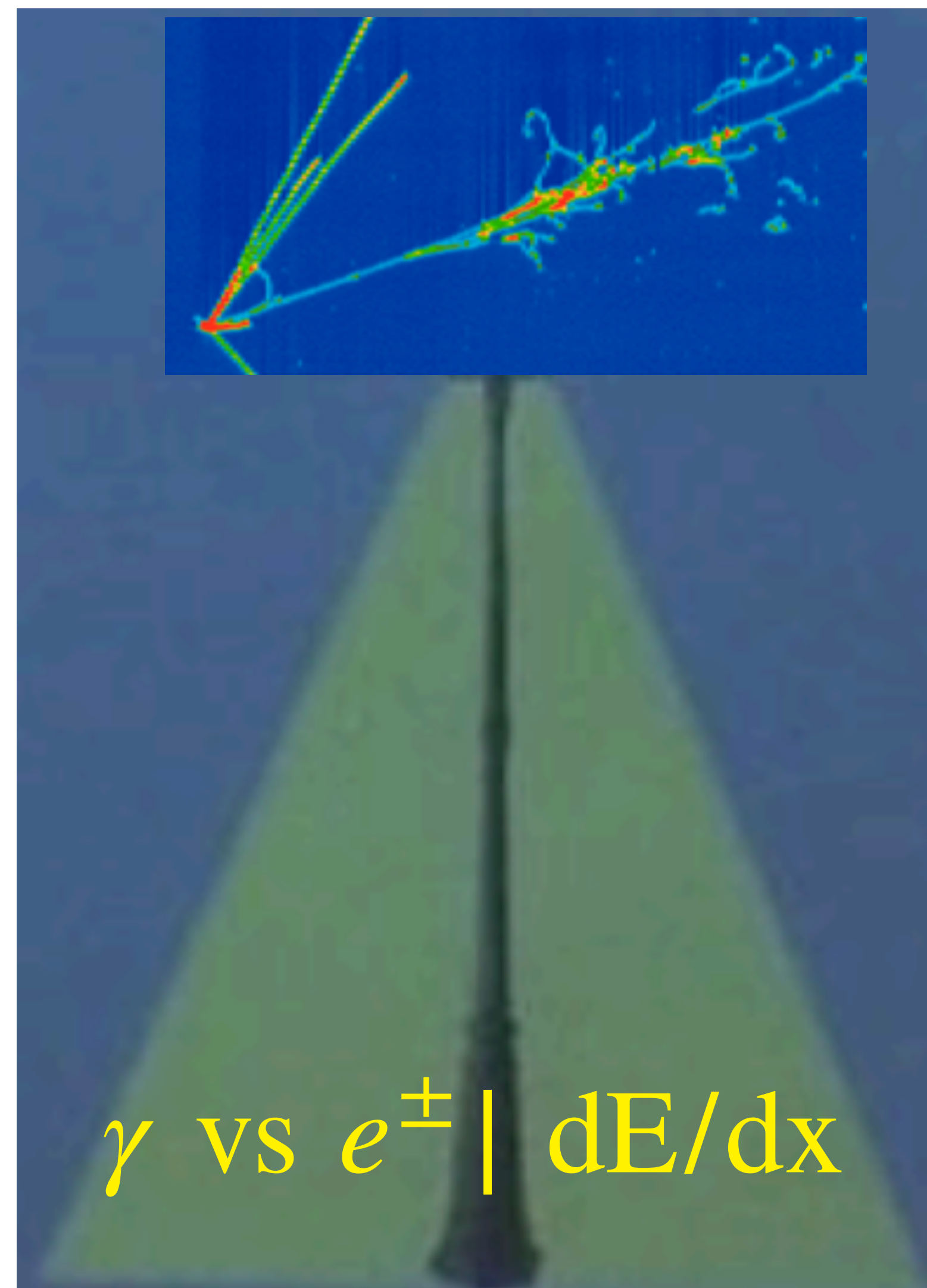
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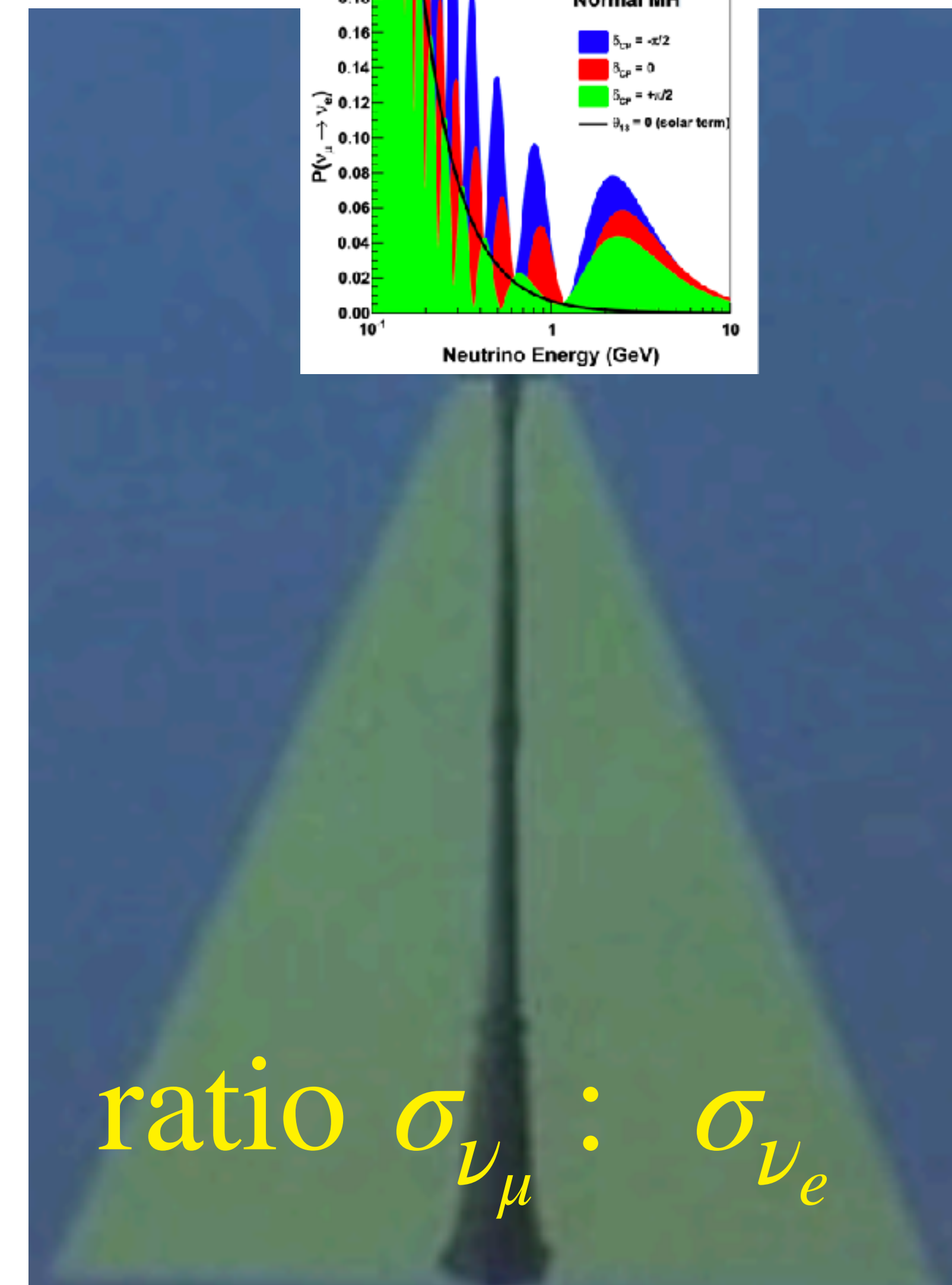
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## This Talk

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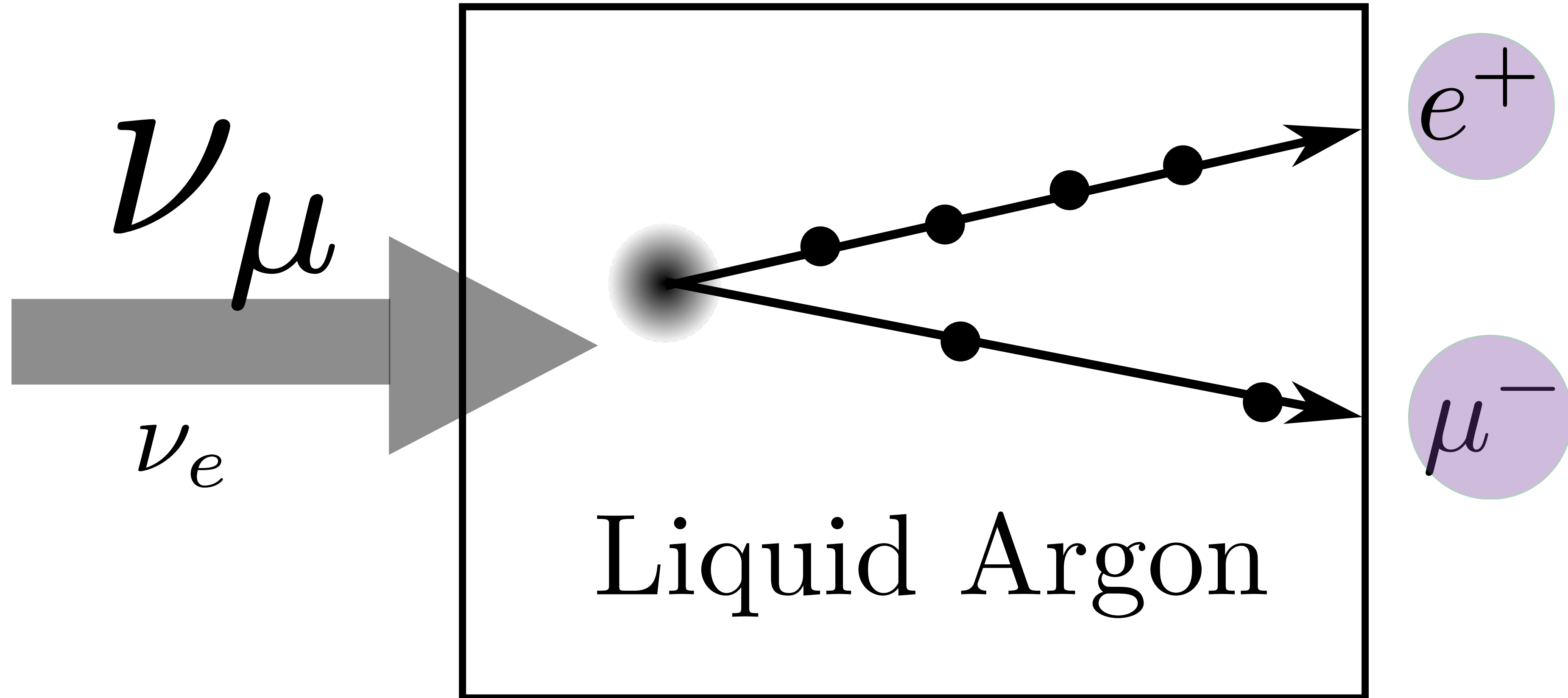
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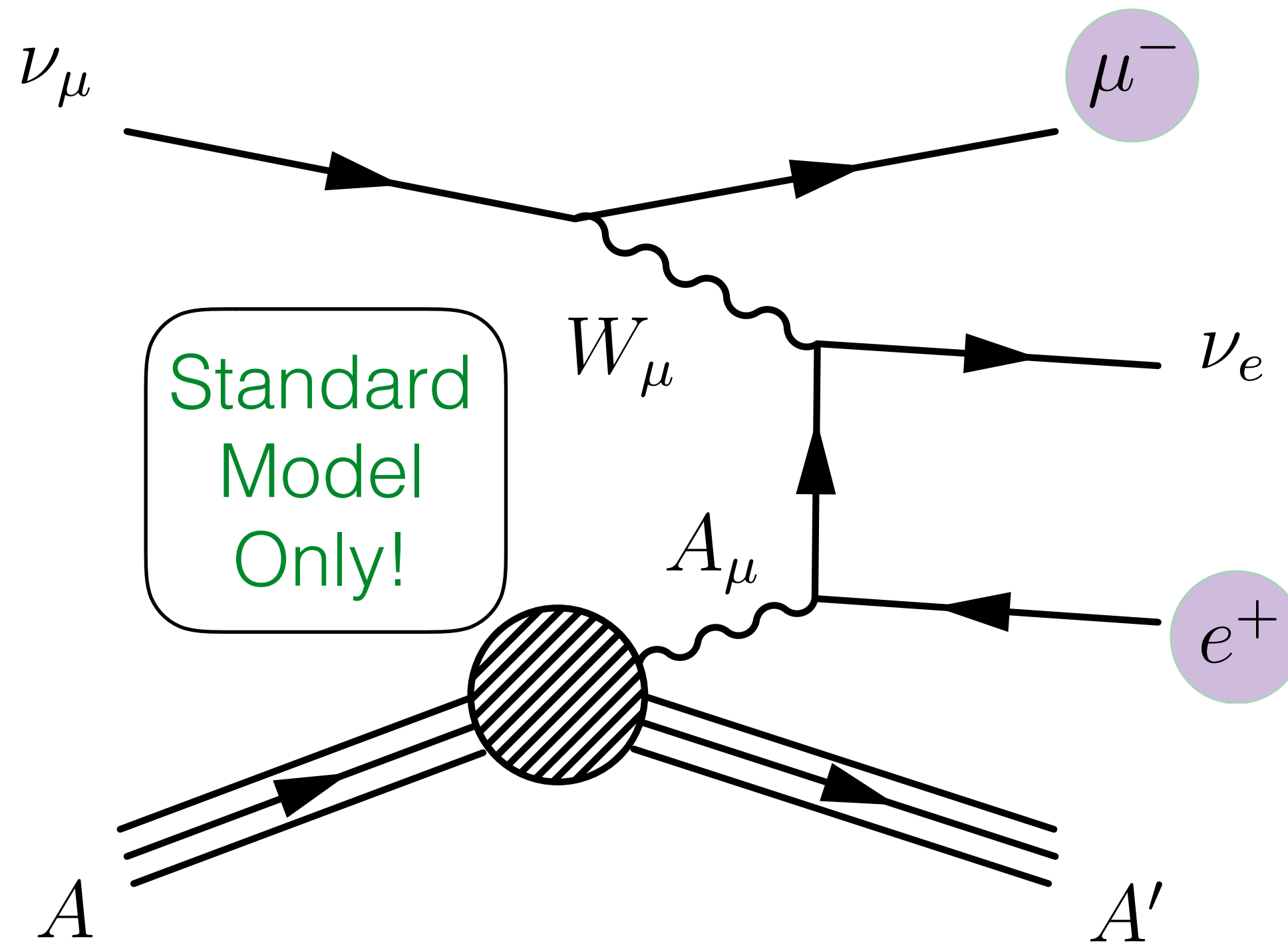
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# Neutrino Trident Production



Lepton  
Flavour  
Violation?

# Neutrino Trident Standard Model



Standard Model Only!

Can have any combination of  $e^\pm, \mu^\pm, \tau^\pm$   
Important BSM background!

Rare Process

Process dependent

$$\sigma_{\nu A} \approx \frac{1}{2} (C_V^2 + C_A^2) \frac{2 Z^2 \alpha^2 G_F^2}{9\pi^3} s_{\max} \log \left( \frac{s_{\max}}{(m_i + m_j)^2} \right)$$

$$\approx 10^{-45} \text{cm}^2 Z^2 \left( \frac{E_\nu}{\text{GeV}} \right) \approx 10^{-5} \sigma_{\text{CC}}$$

Belusevic and Smith, PRD (1988)

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**Determination of dimuon cross section at 40%**

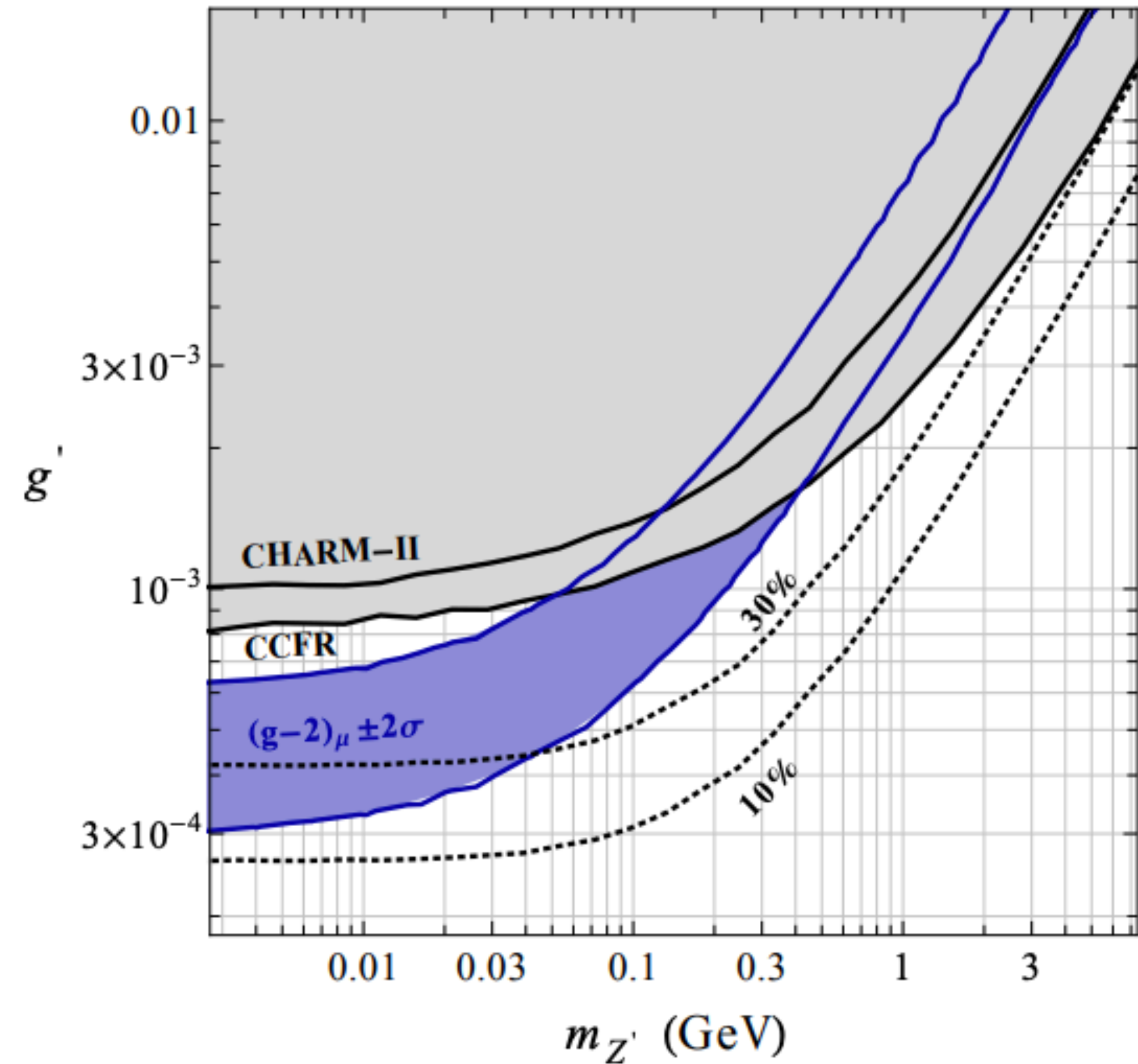
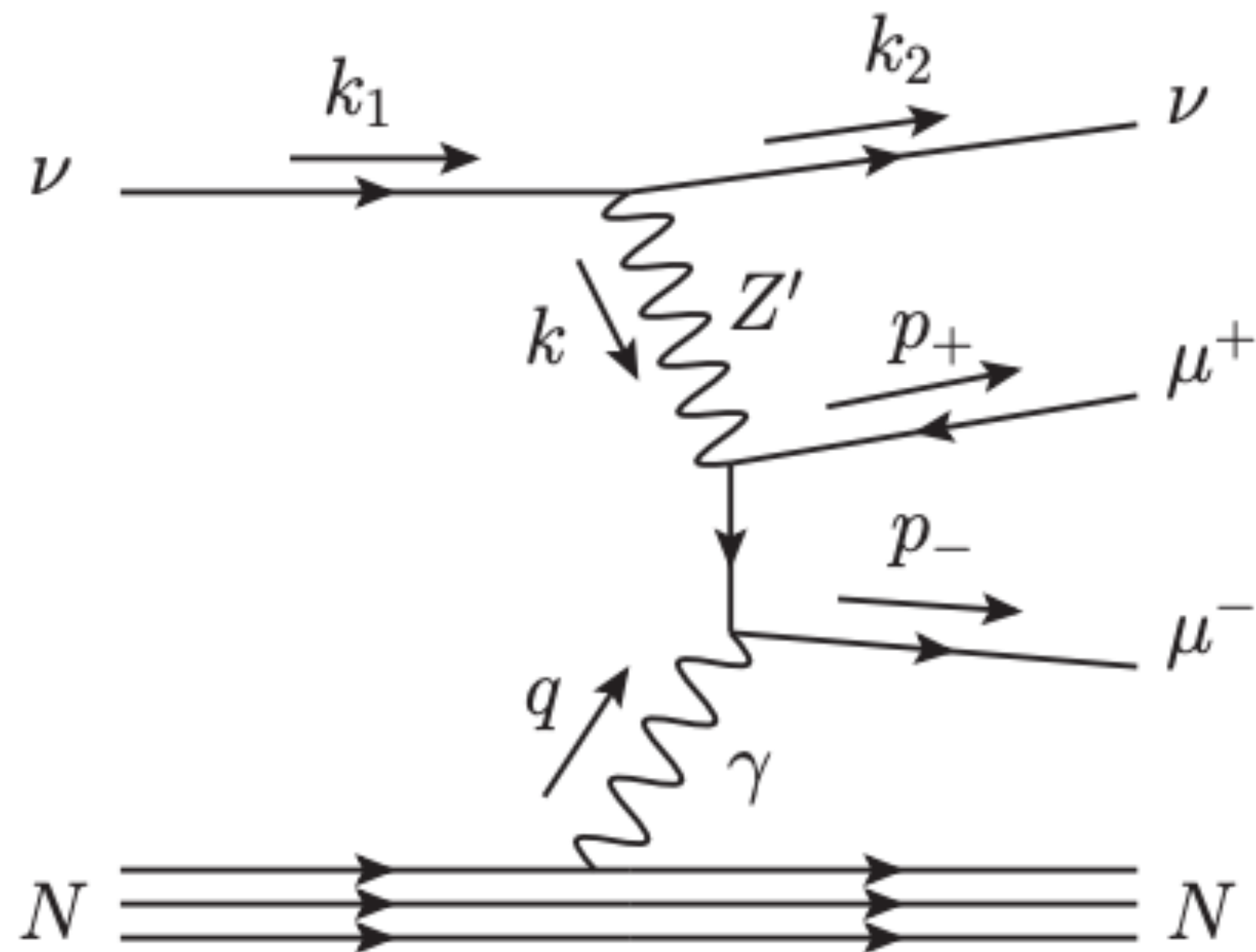


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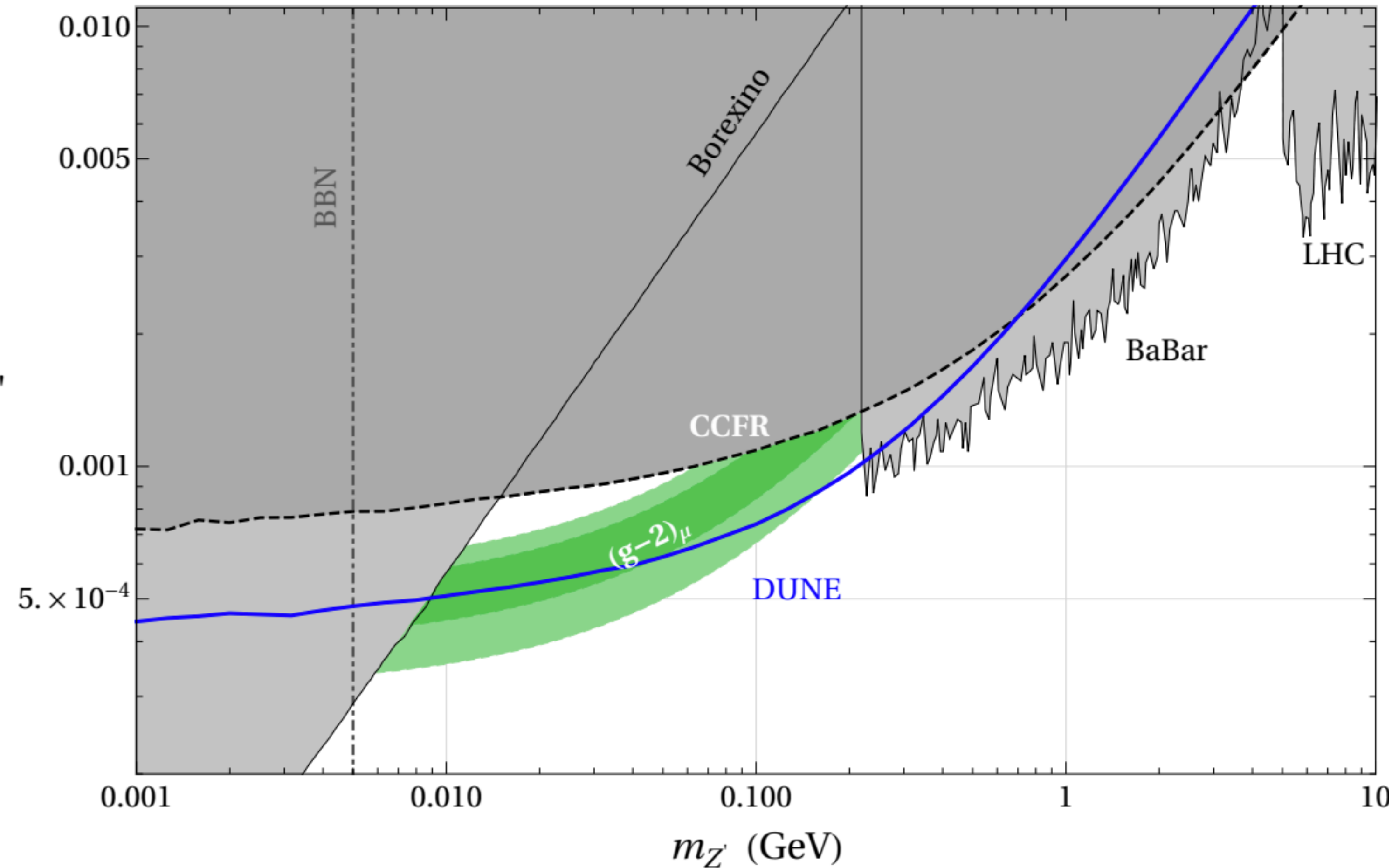
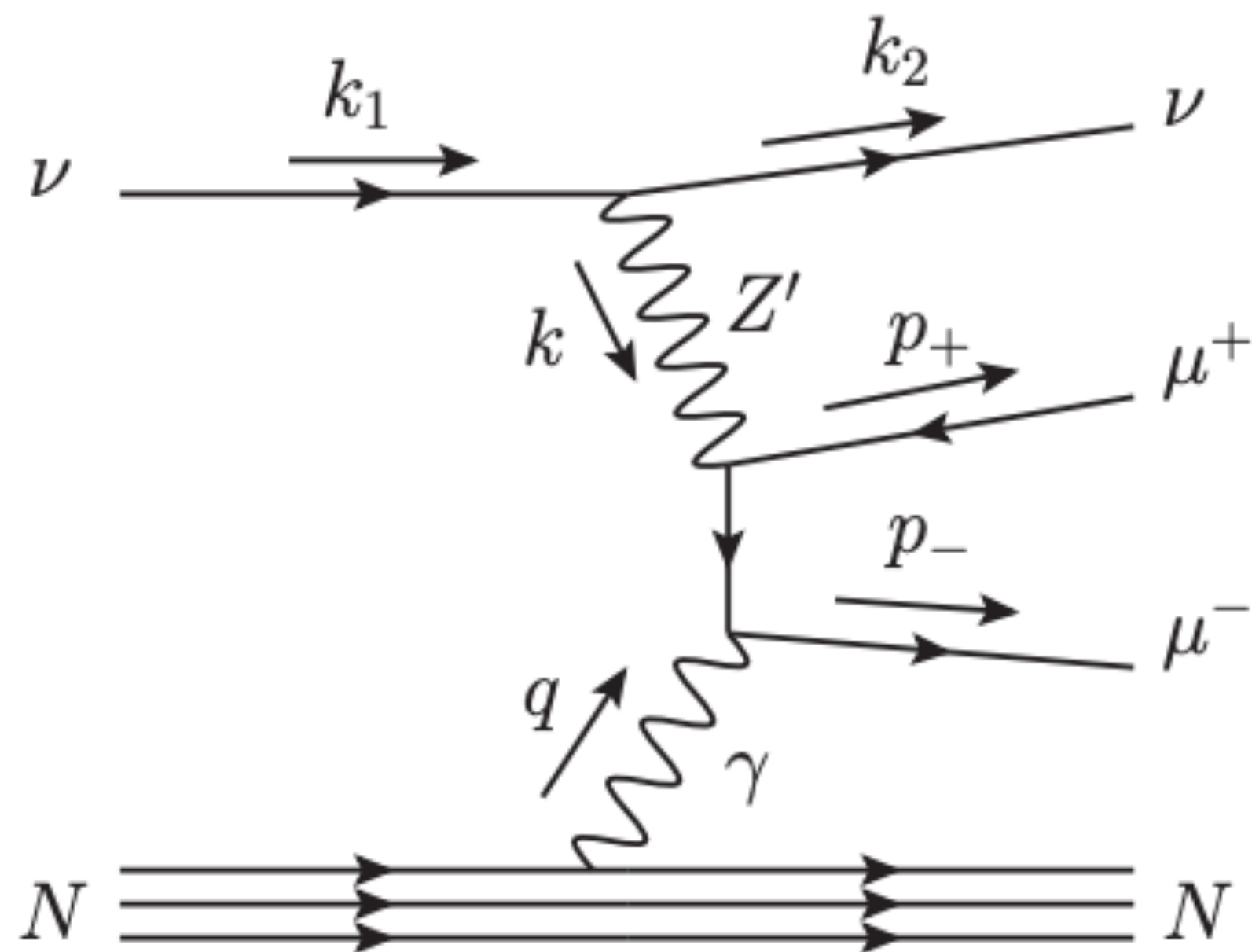


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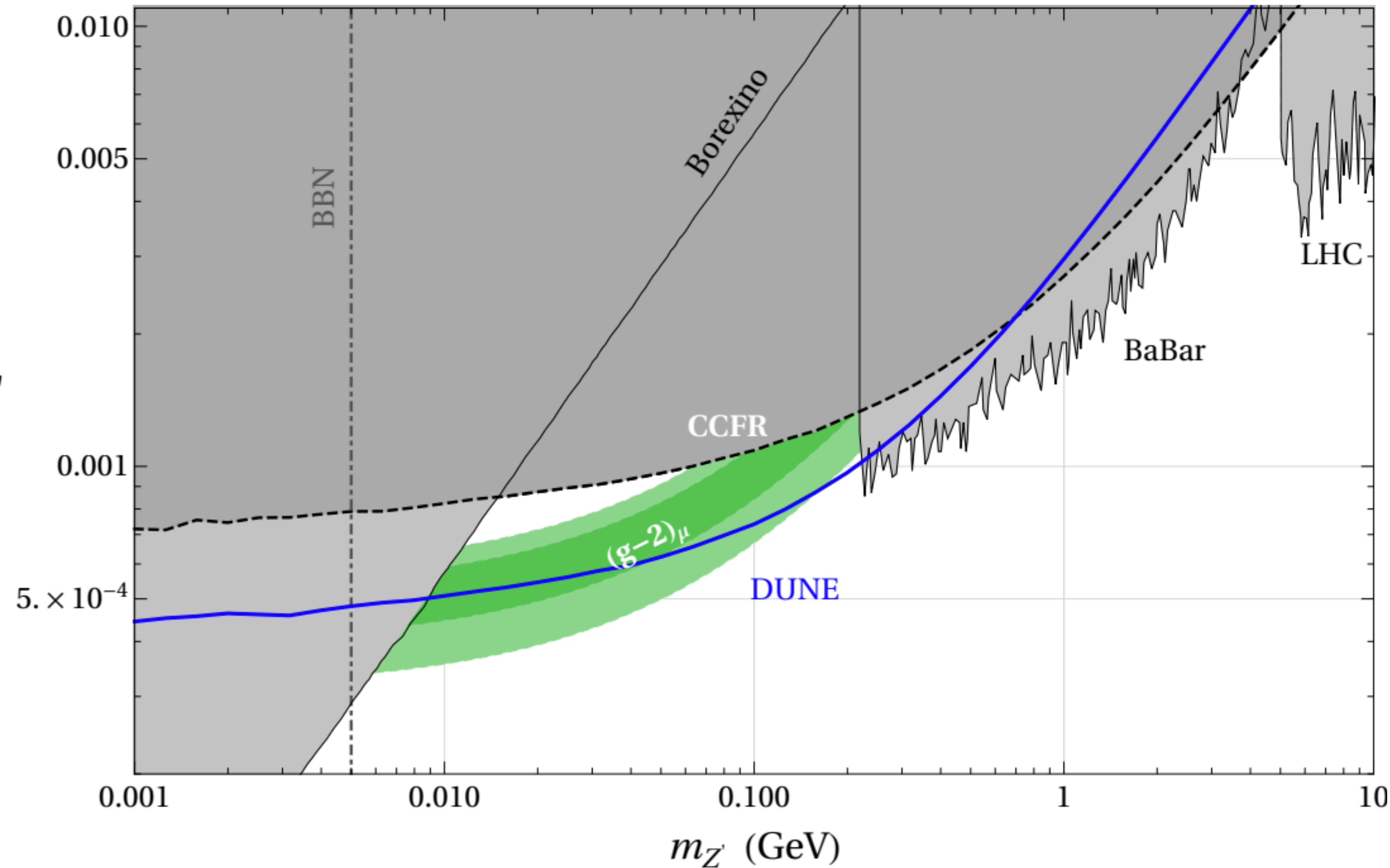
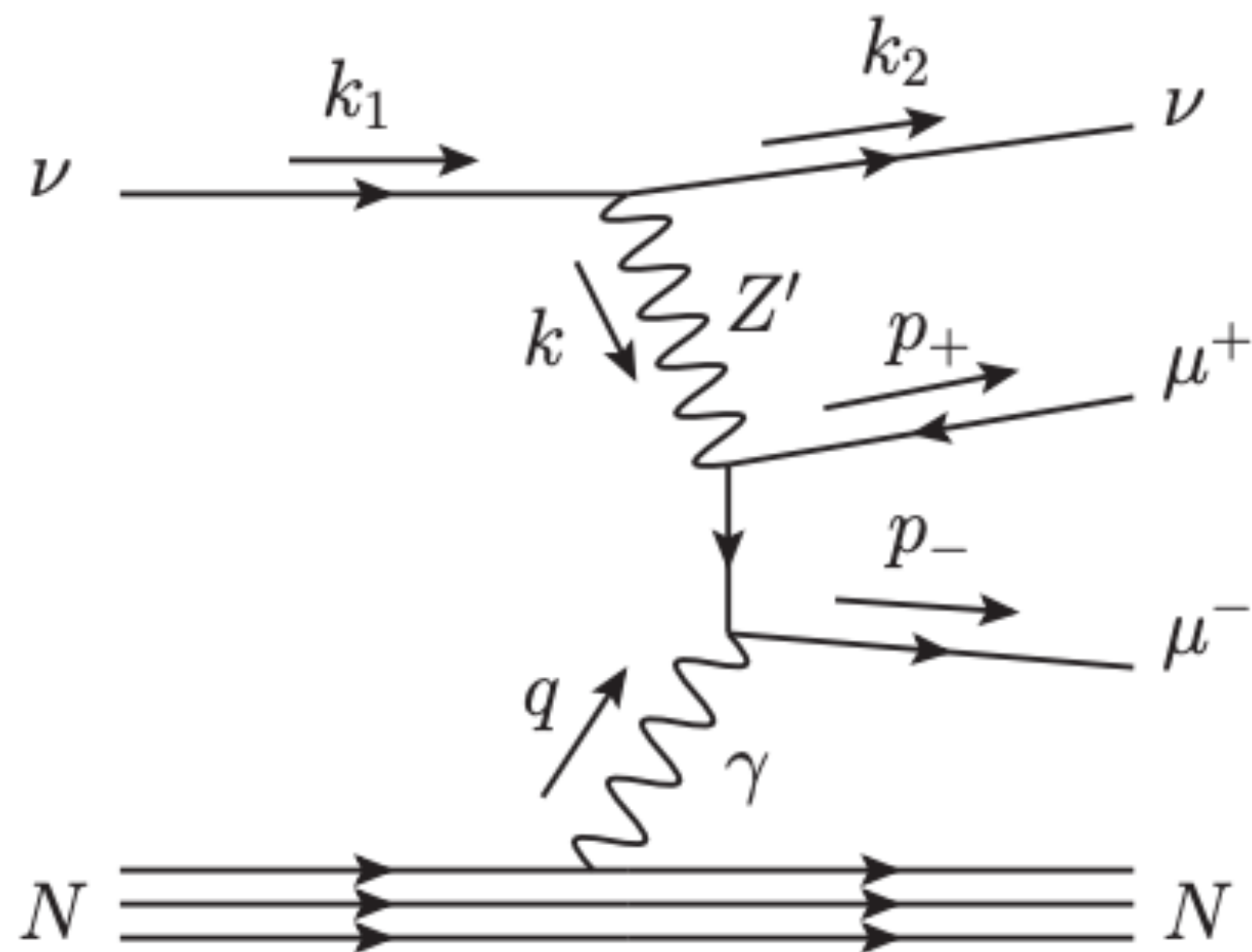


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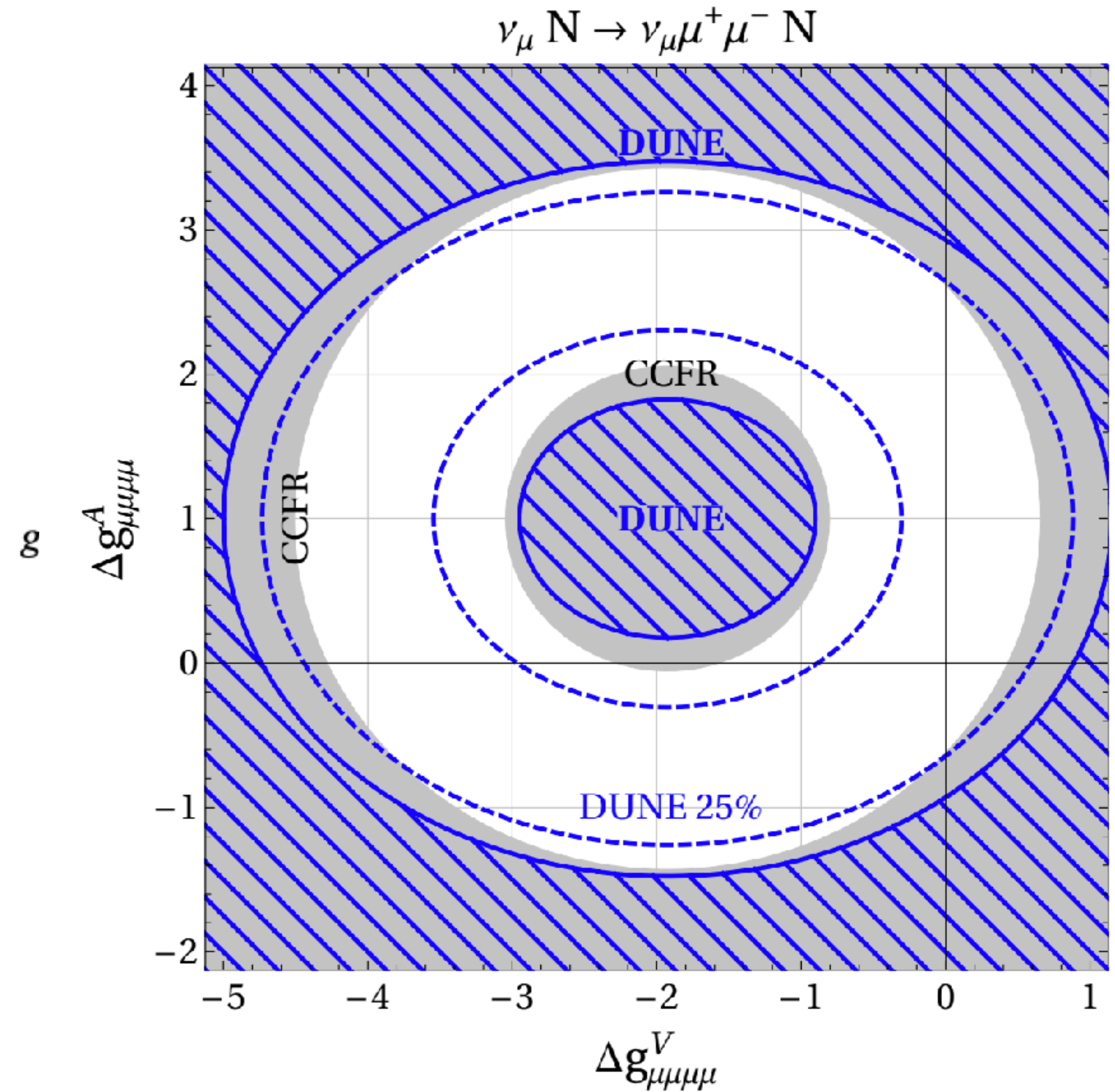
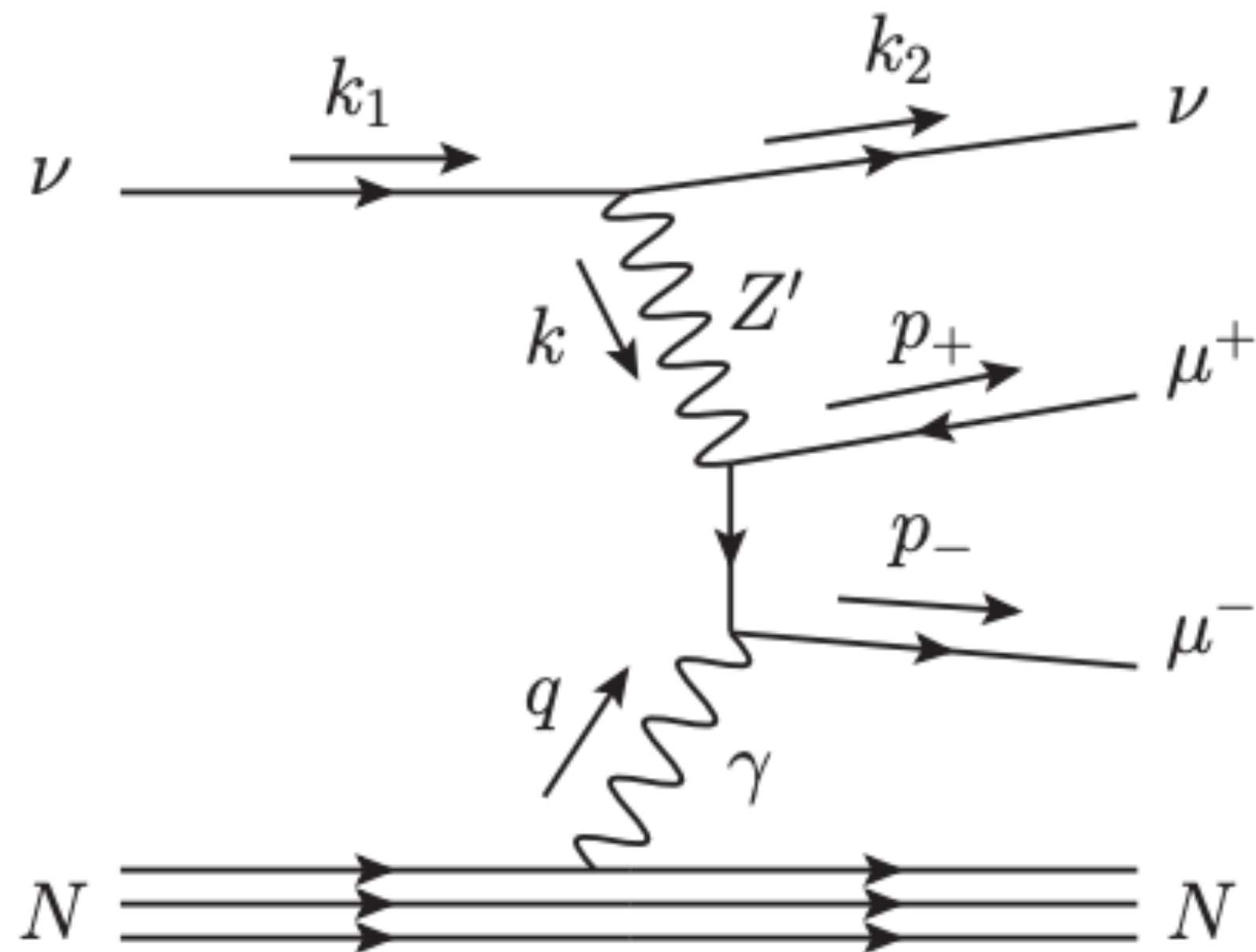
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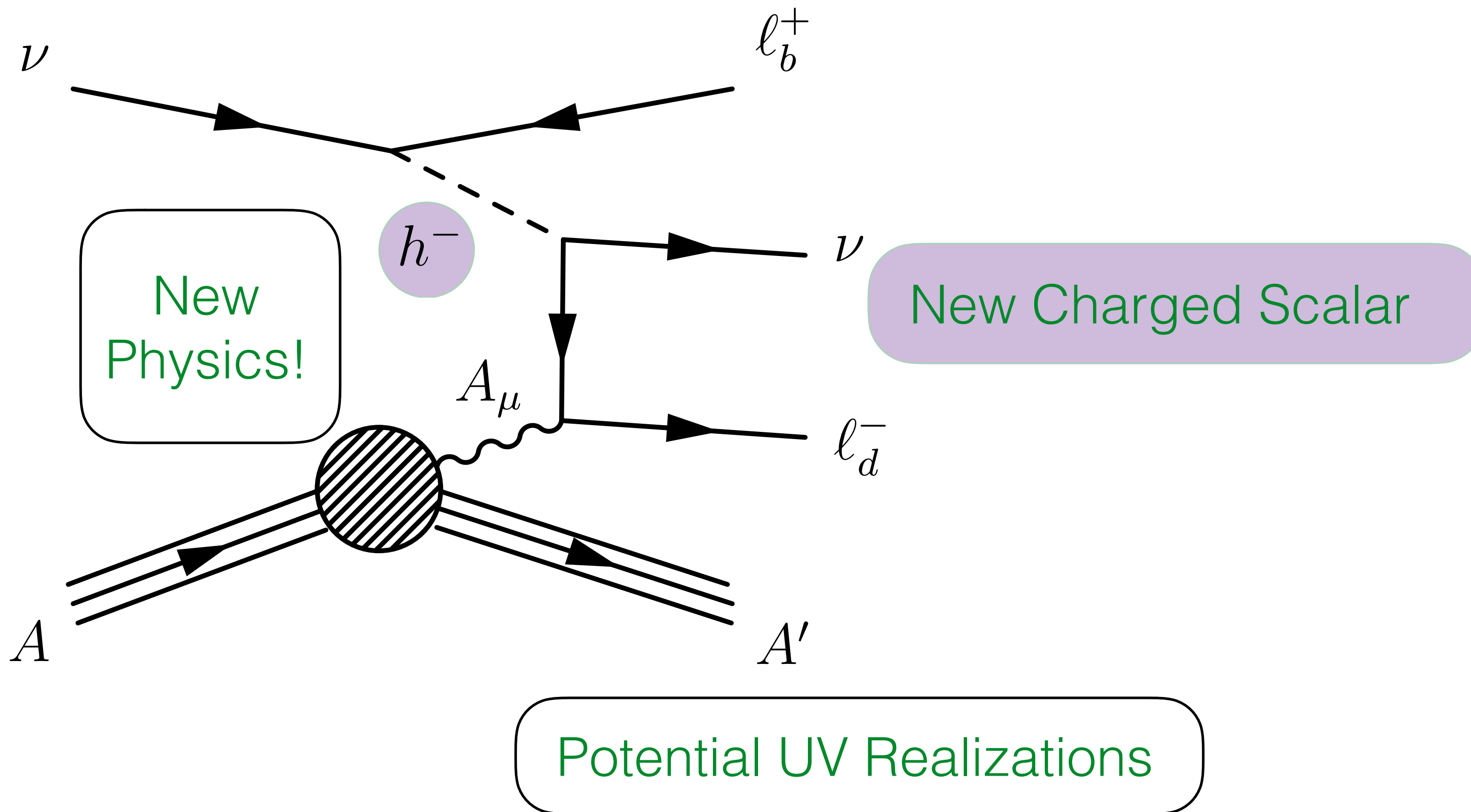
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**Probing allowed parameter space requires a 1% measurement of cross section.**

**Zee-Babu model tends to have many accidental cancellations**

**Higgs Triplet model has stronger bounds from doubly-charged scalars's LFV signatures**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Zee-Babu}} \supset f^{ab} L_a L_b \mathcal{F} + s^{ab} \ell_a \ell_b \mathcal{S}$$

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# Three Things to Remember

1. Neutrino trident production has only been measured in the di-muon channel.
2. Intensity + Technology = multi flavor tridents. Cross section is small, but enhanced by
  - Coherent effects
  - Large logarithms
$$Z^2 \times \log(Q_{\max}/m_\ell)$$
3. Understanding these “new” Standard Model signals gives as a new tool for searching for new physics.

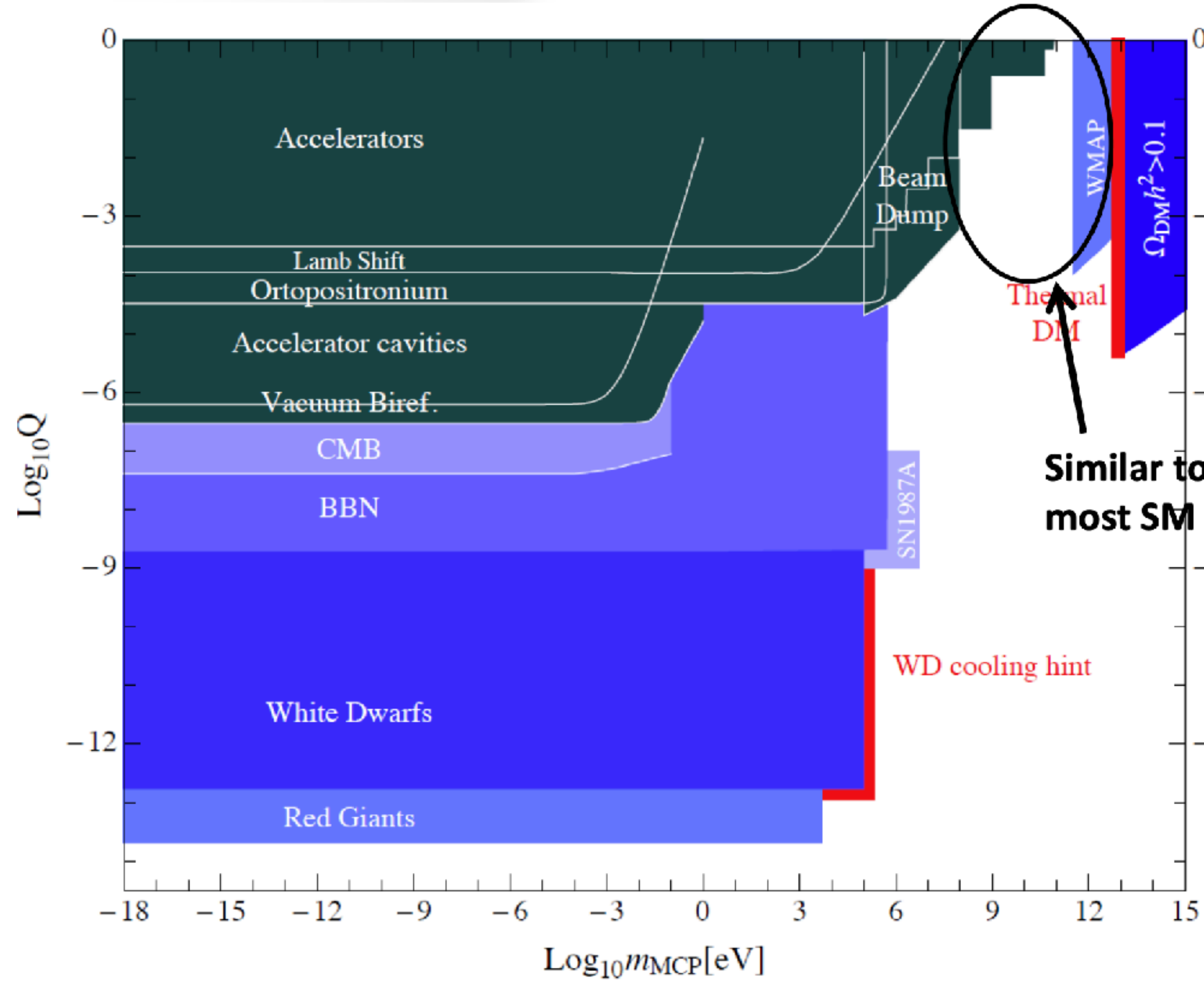
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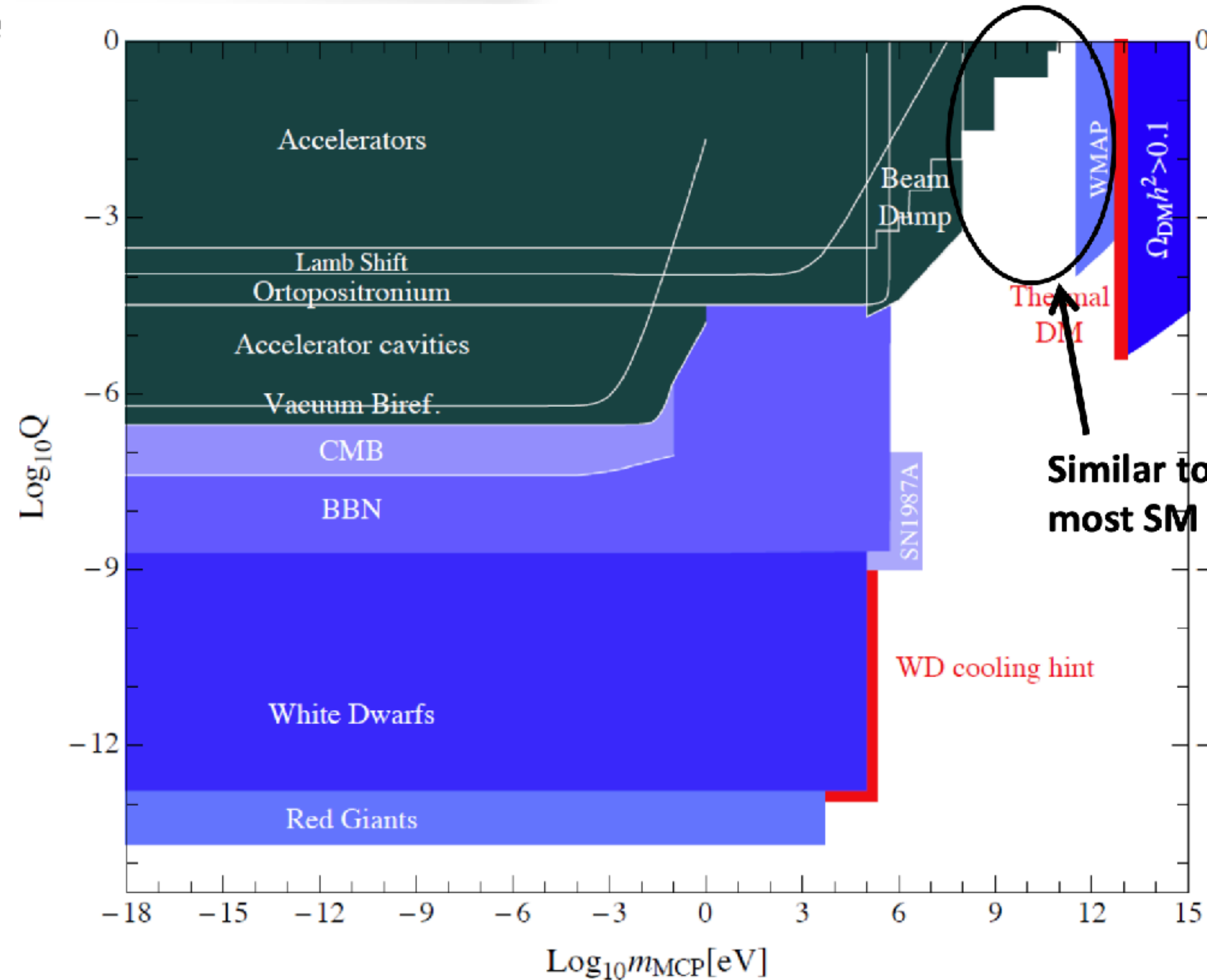
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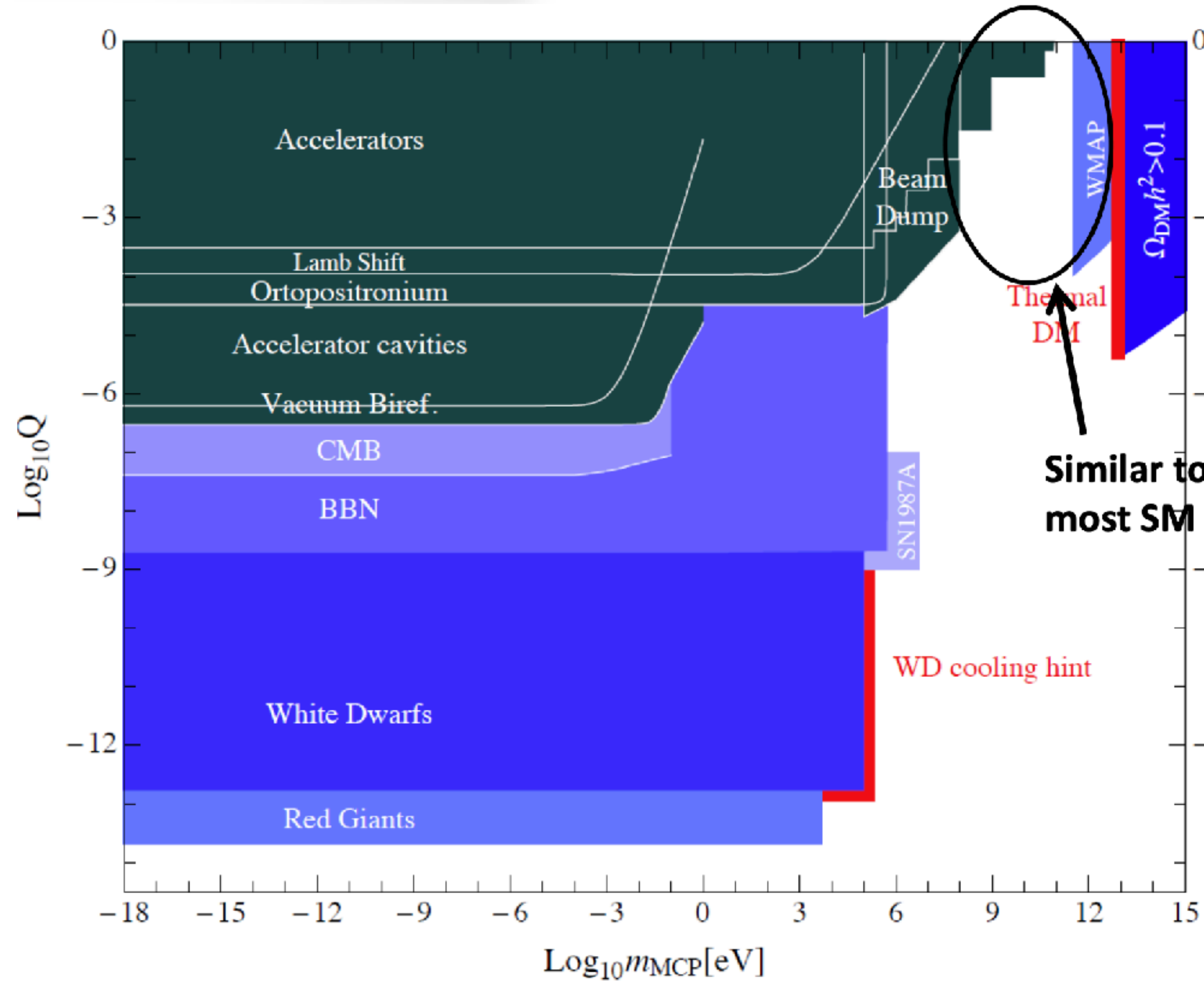
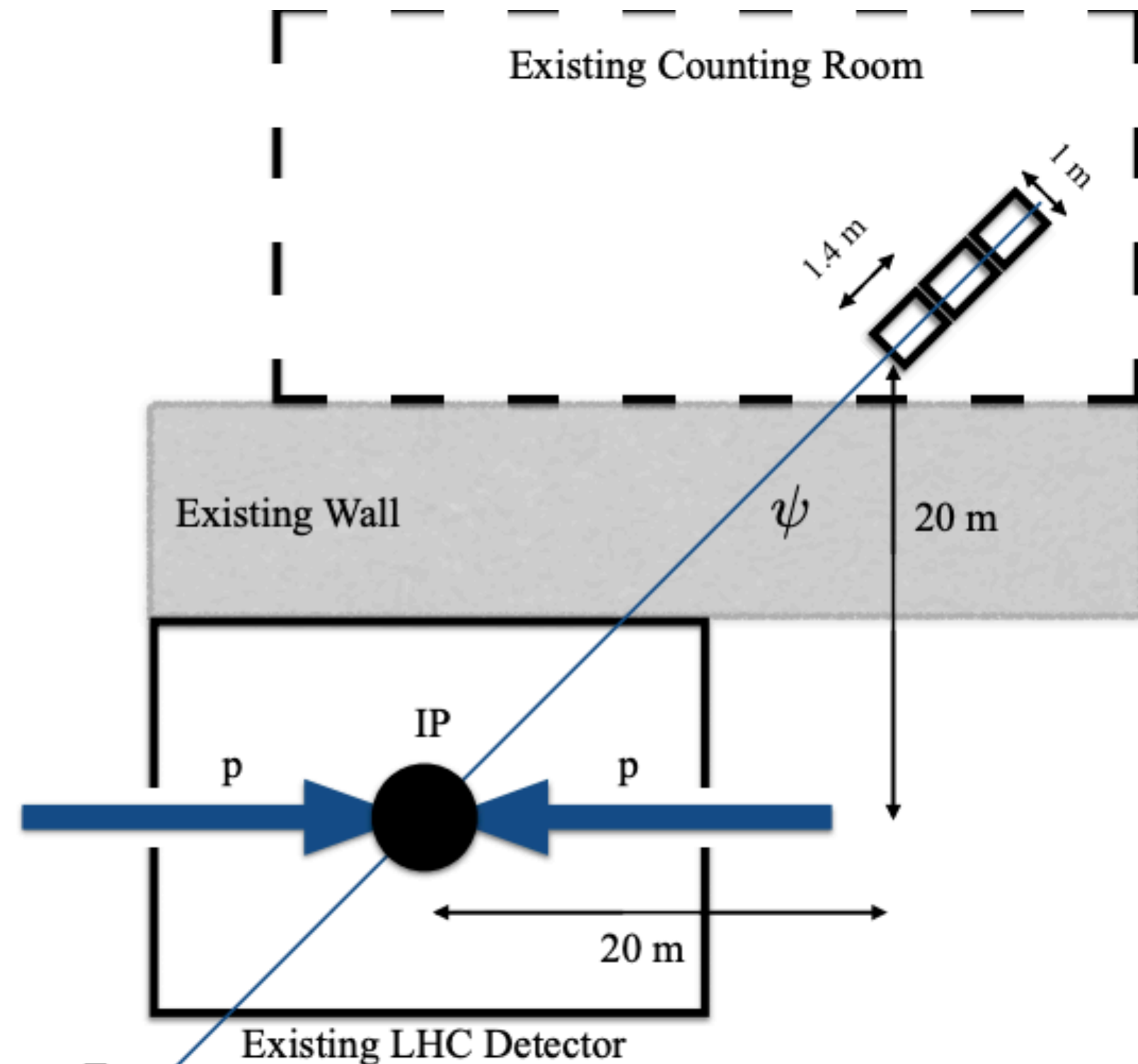
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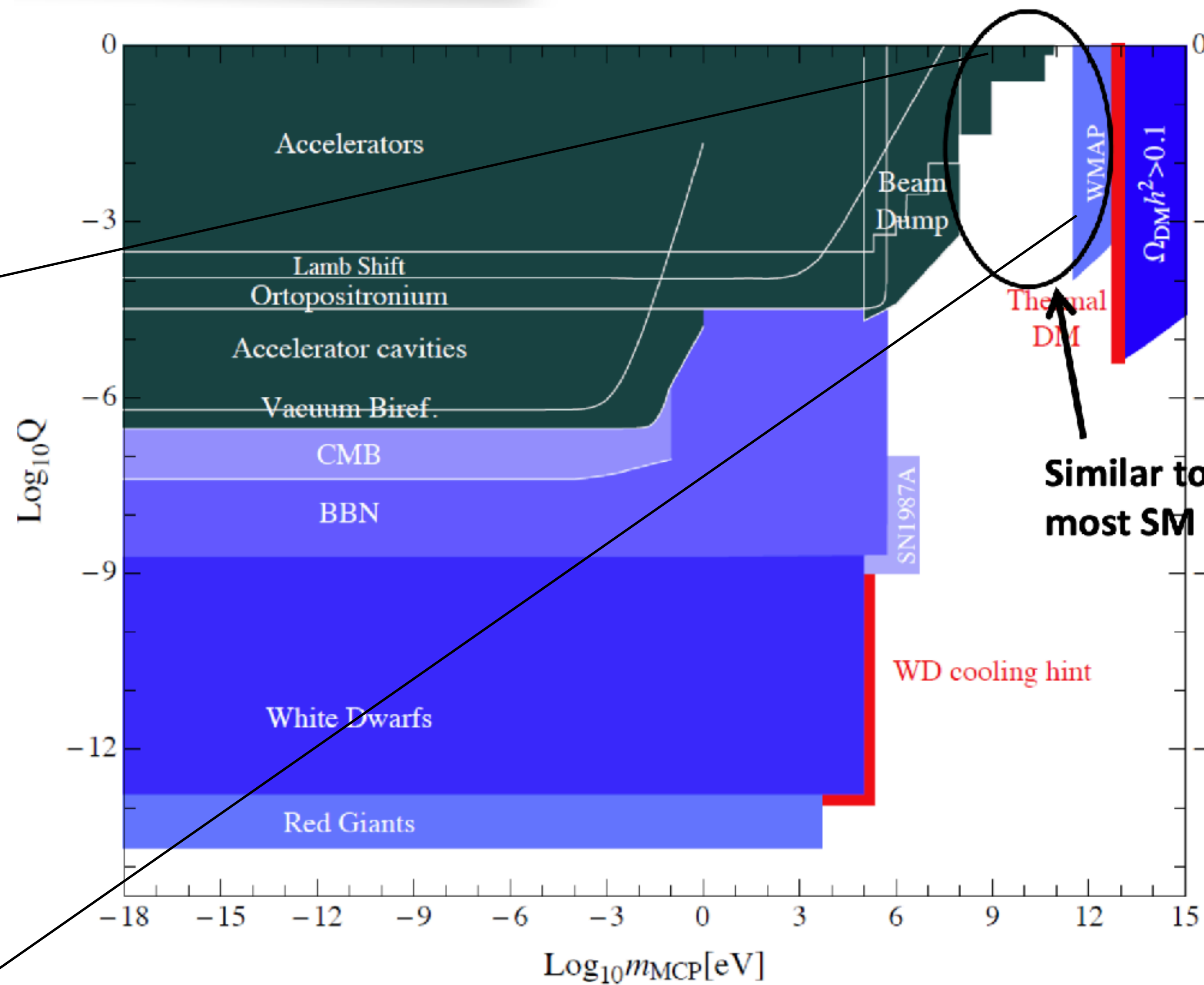
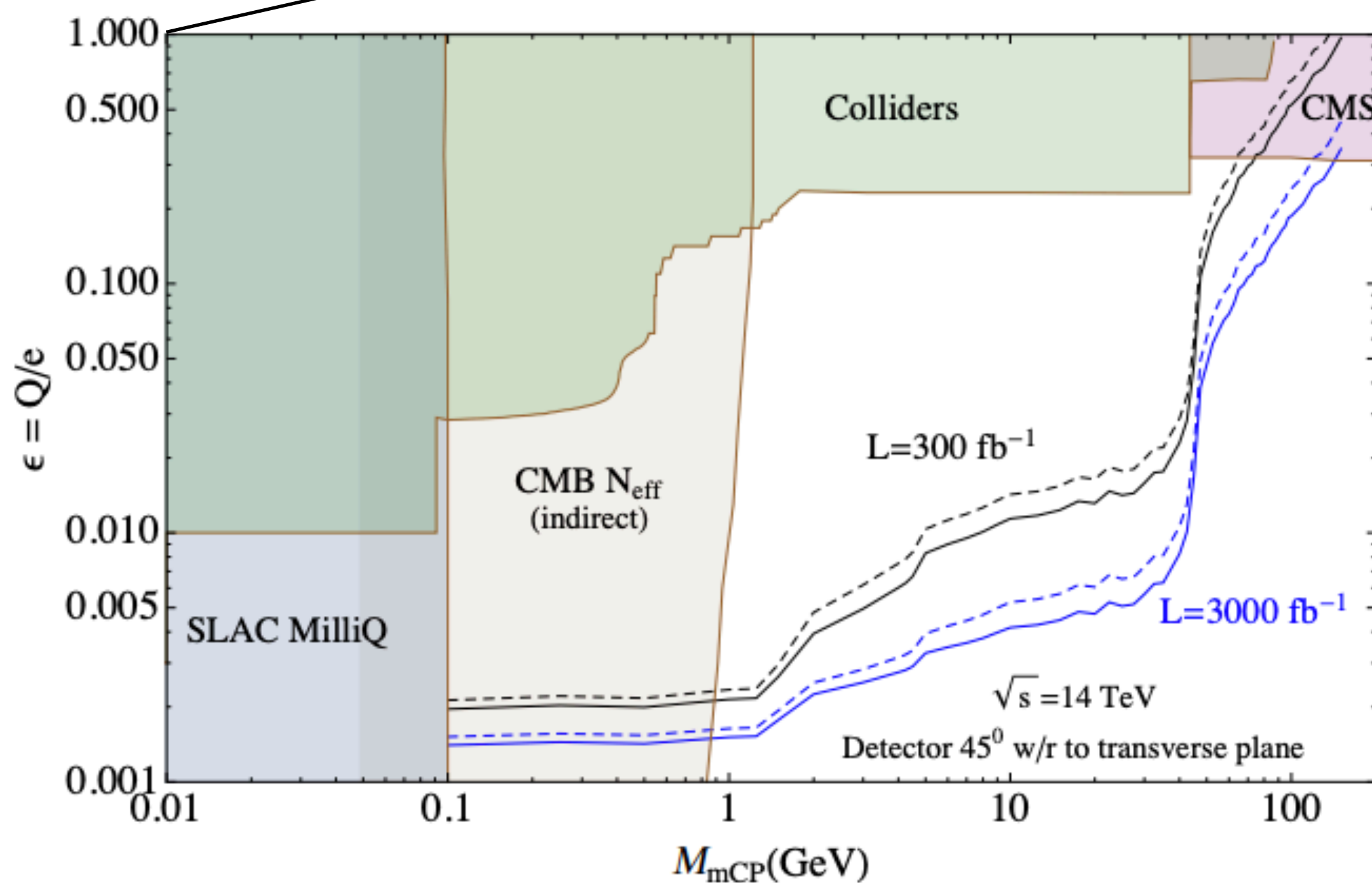
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We propose a new experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) that offers a powerful and model-independent probe for milli-charged particles. This experiment could be sensitive to charges in the range  $10^{-3}e - 10^{-1}e$  for masses in the range 0.1 – 100 GeV, which is the least constrained part of the parameter space for milli-charged particles. This is a new window of opportunity for exploring physics beyond the Standard Model at the LHC. The key new ingredients of the proposal are the identification of an optimal location for the detector and a telescopic/coincidence design



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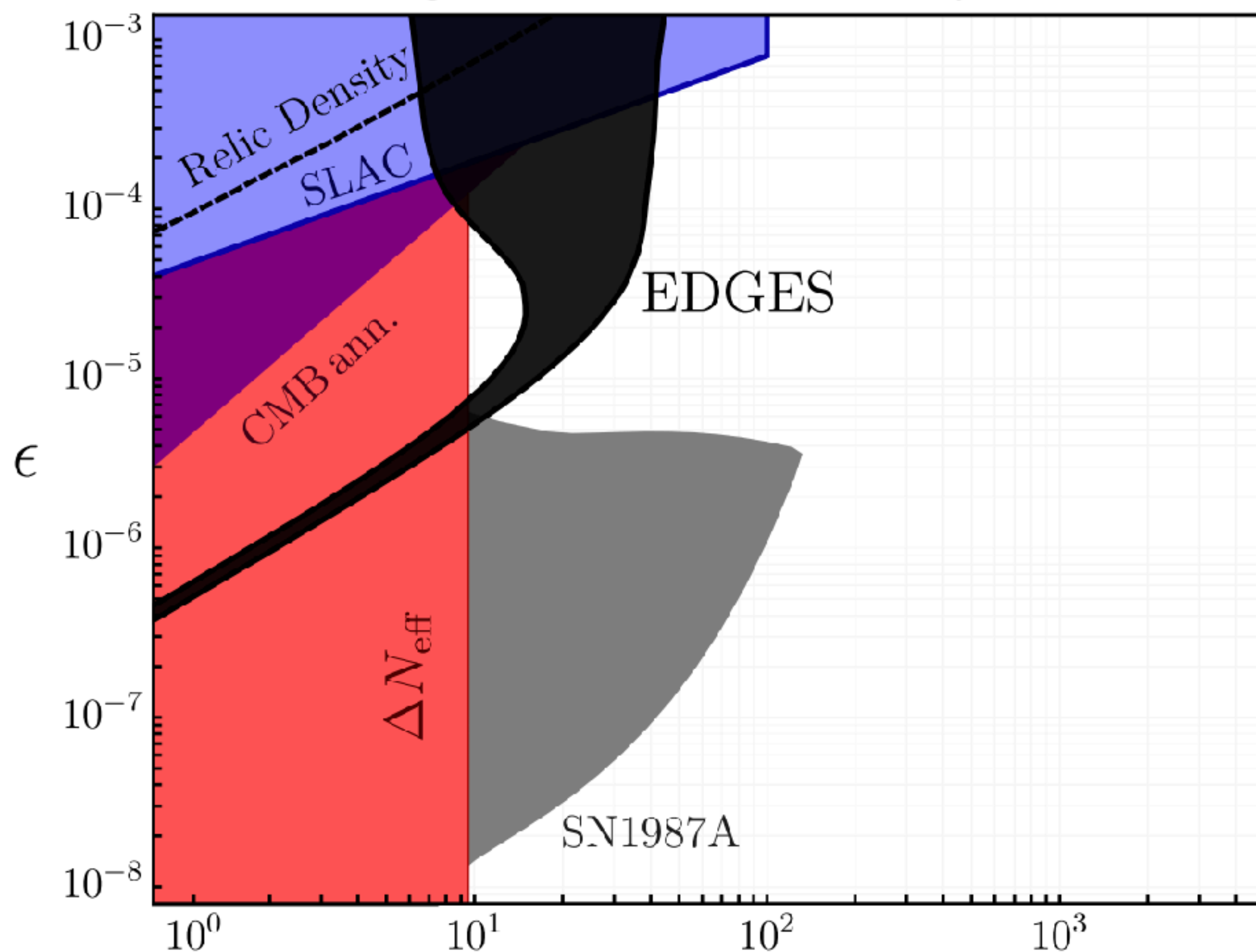
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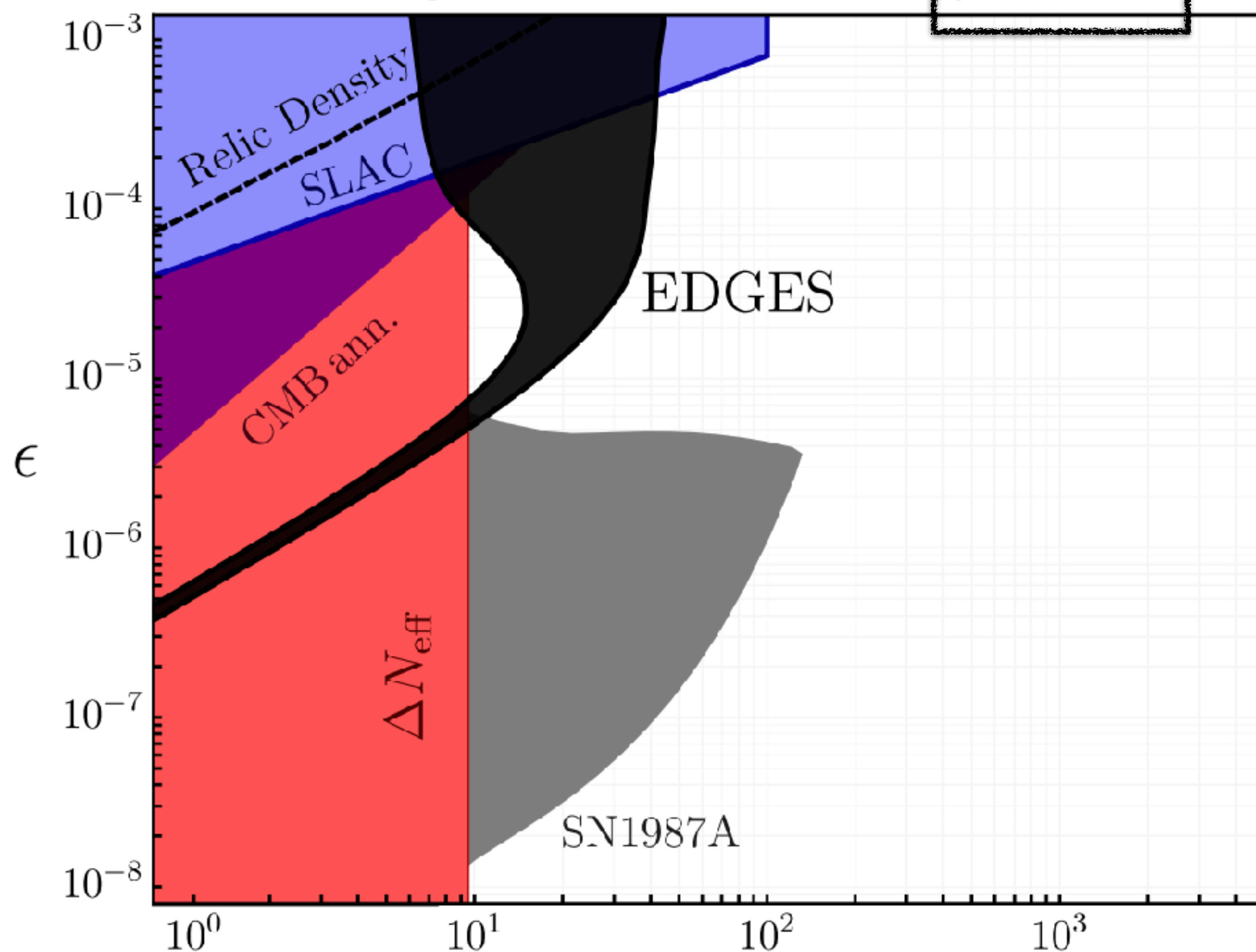


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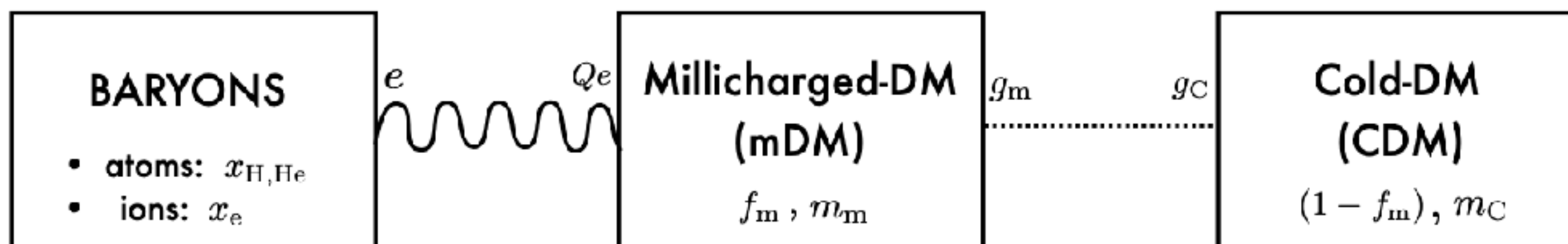
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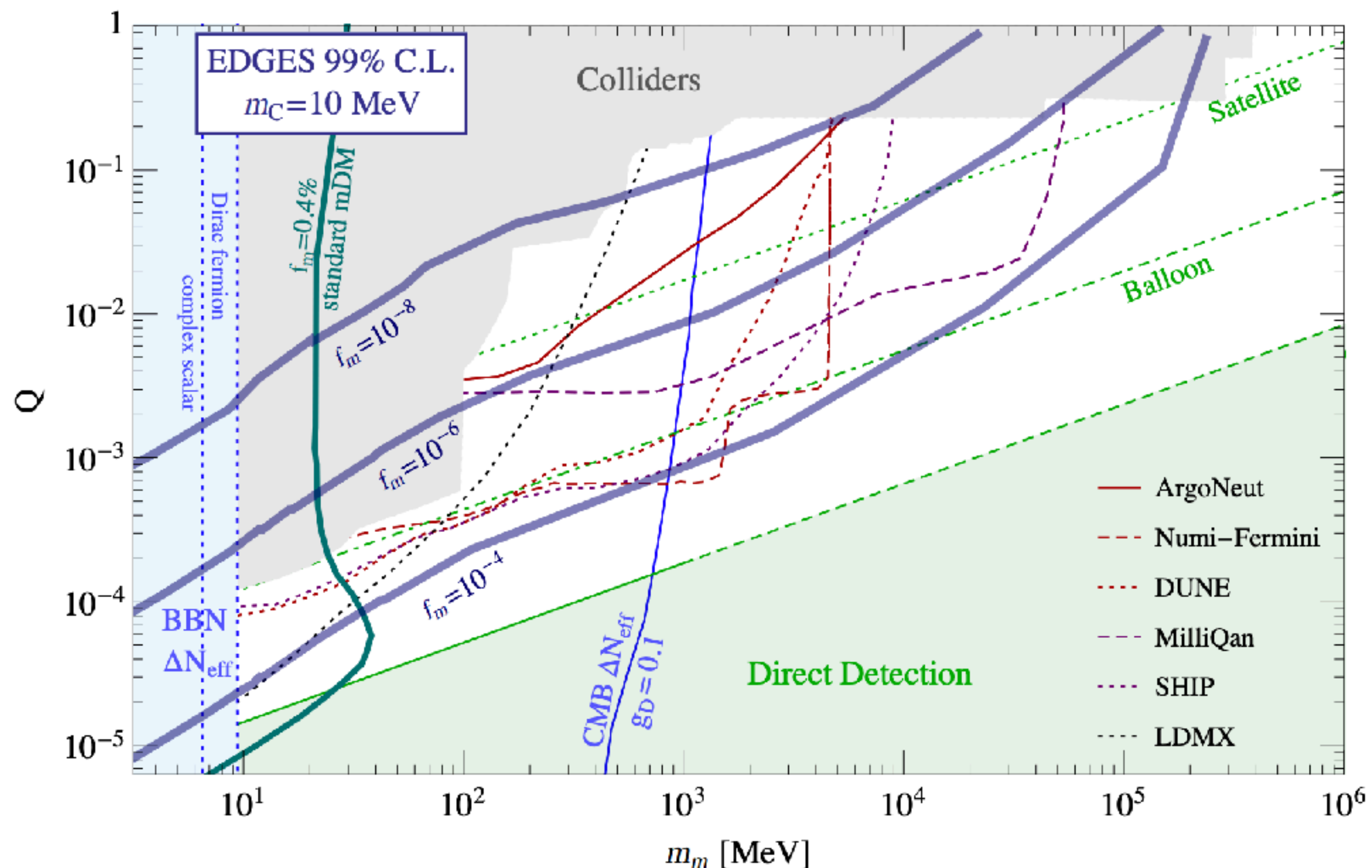
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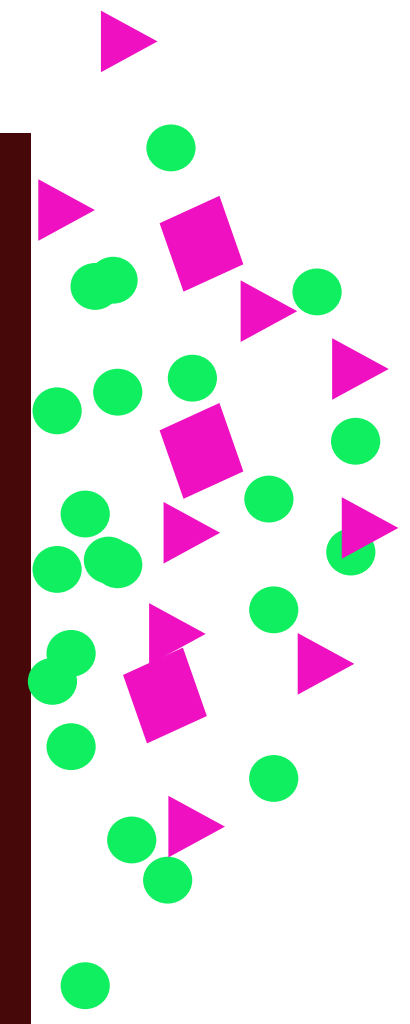
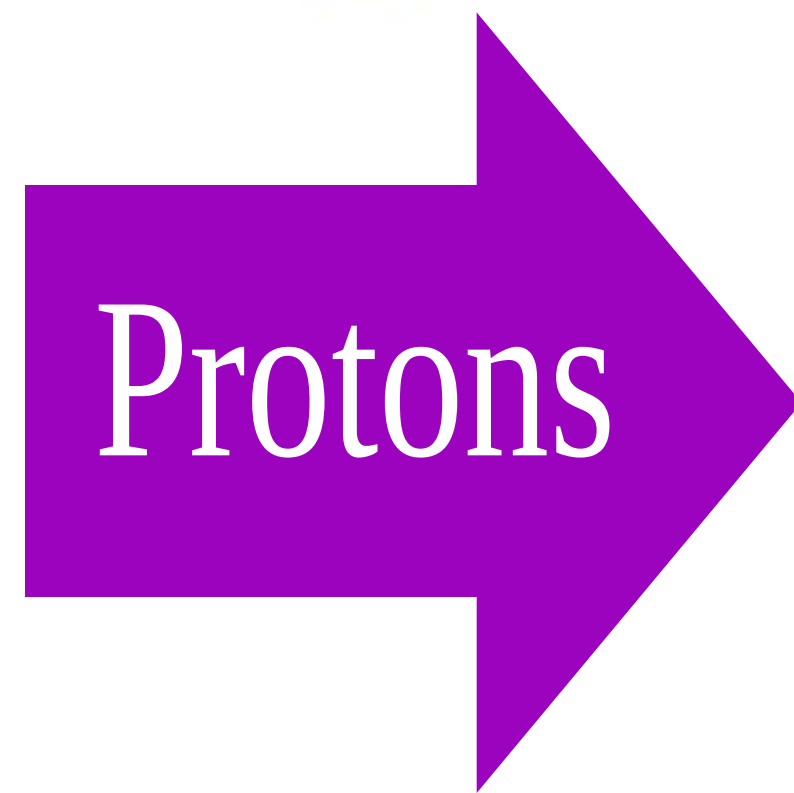
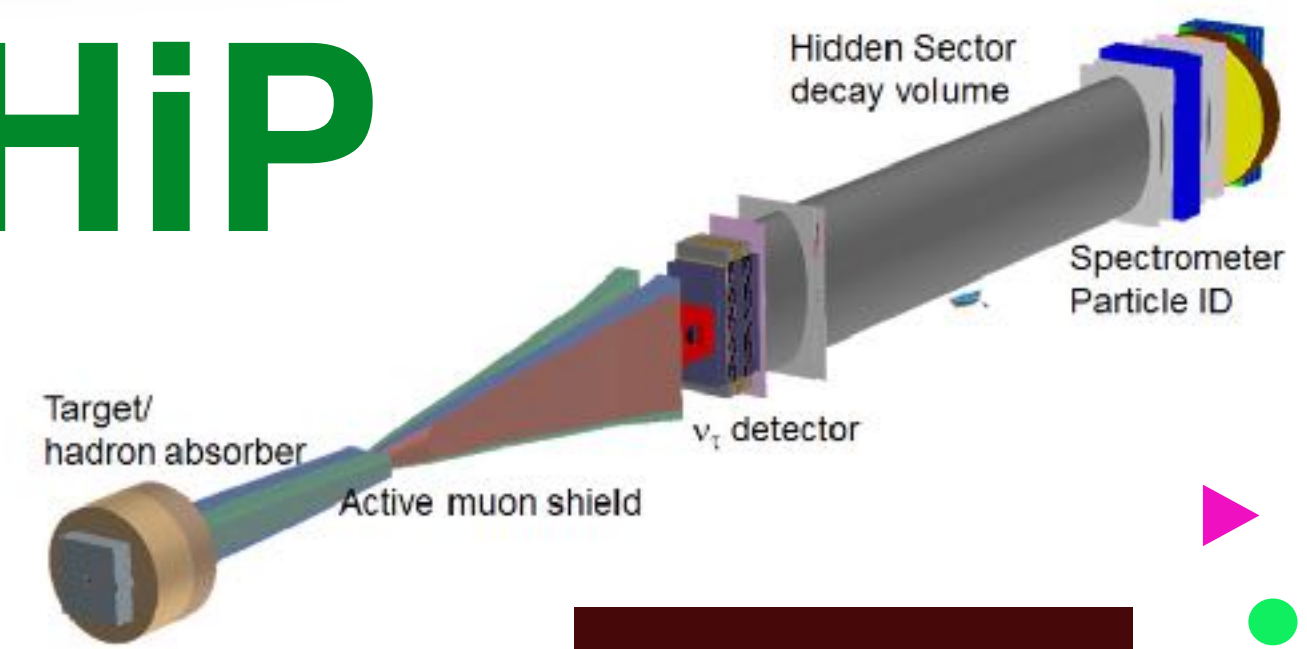
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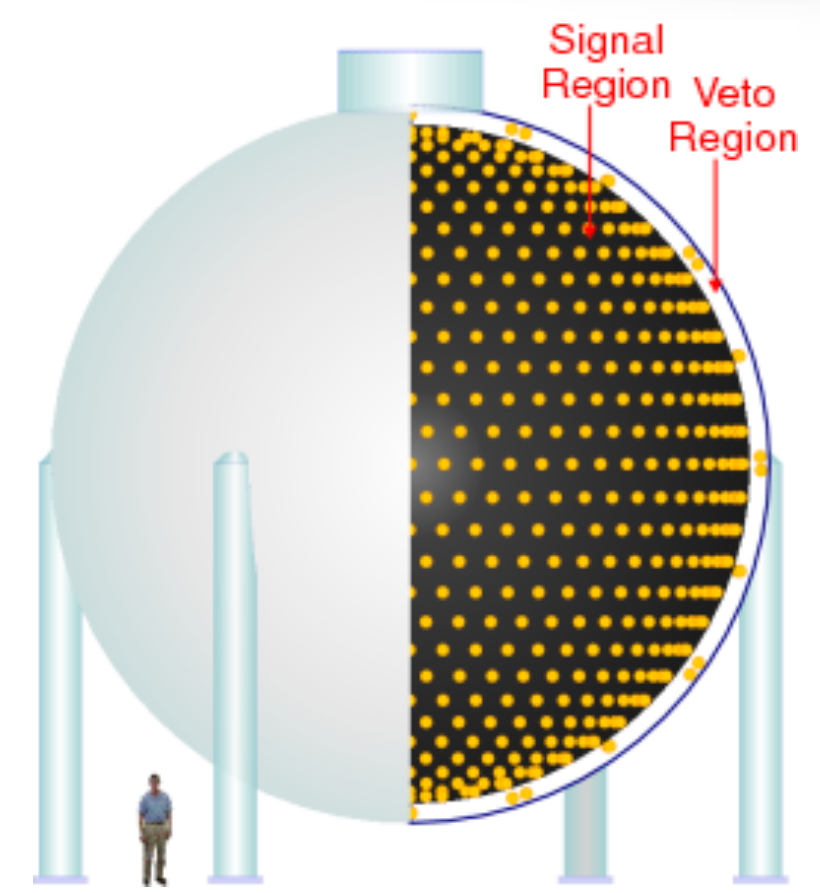
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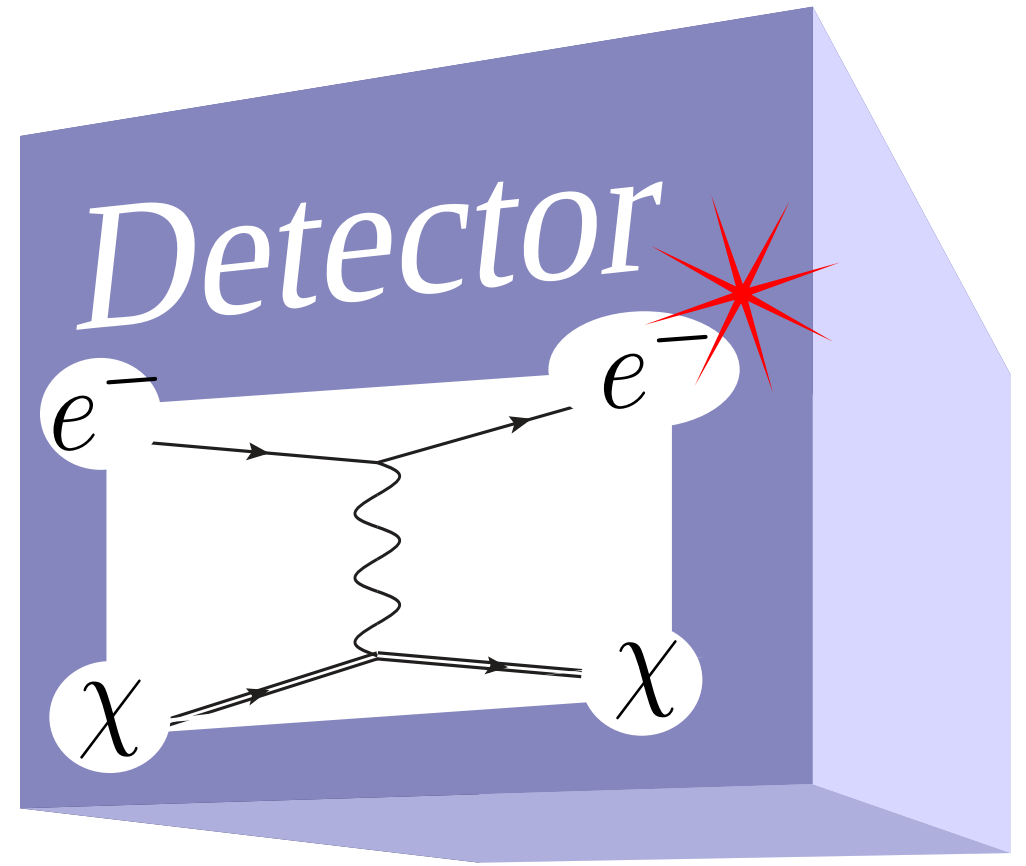


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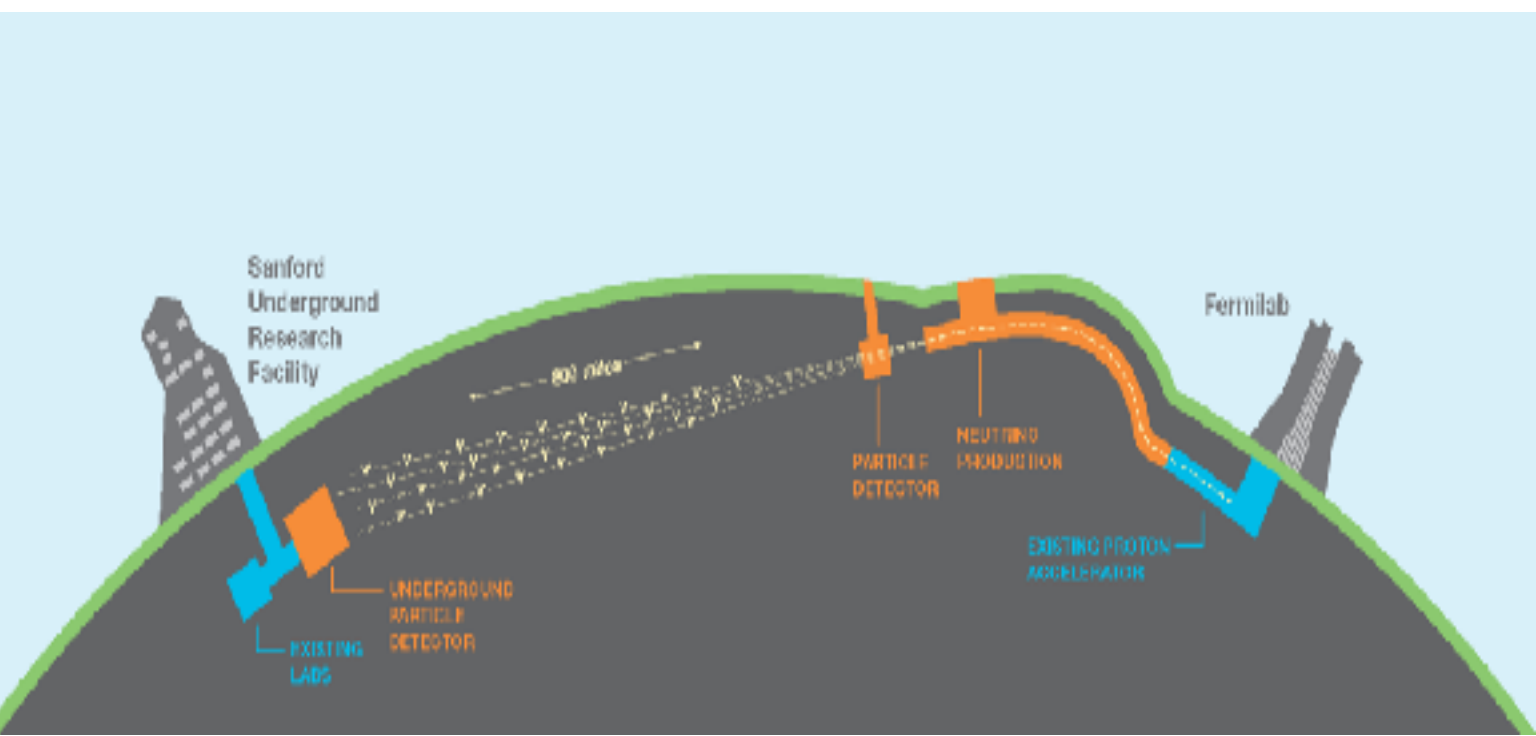
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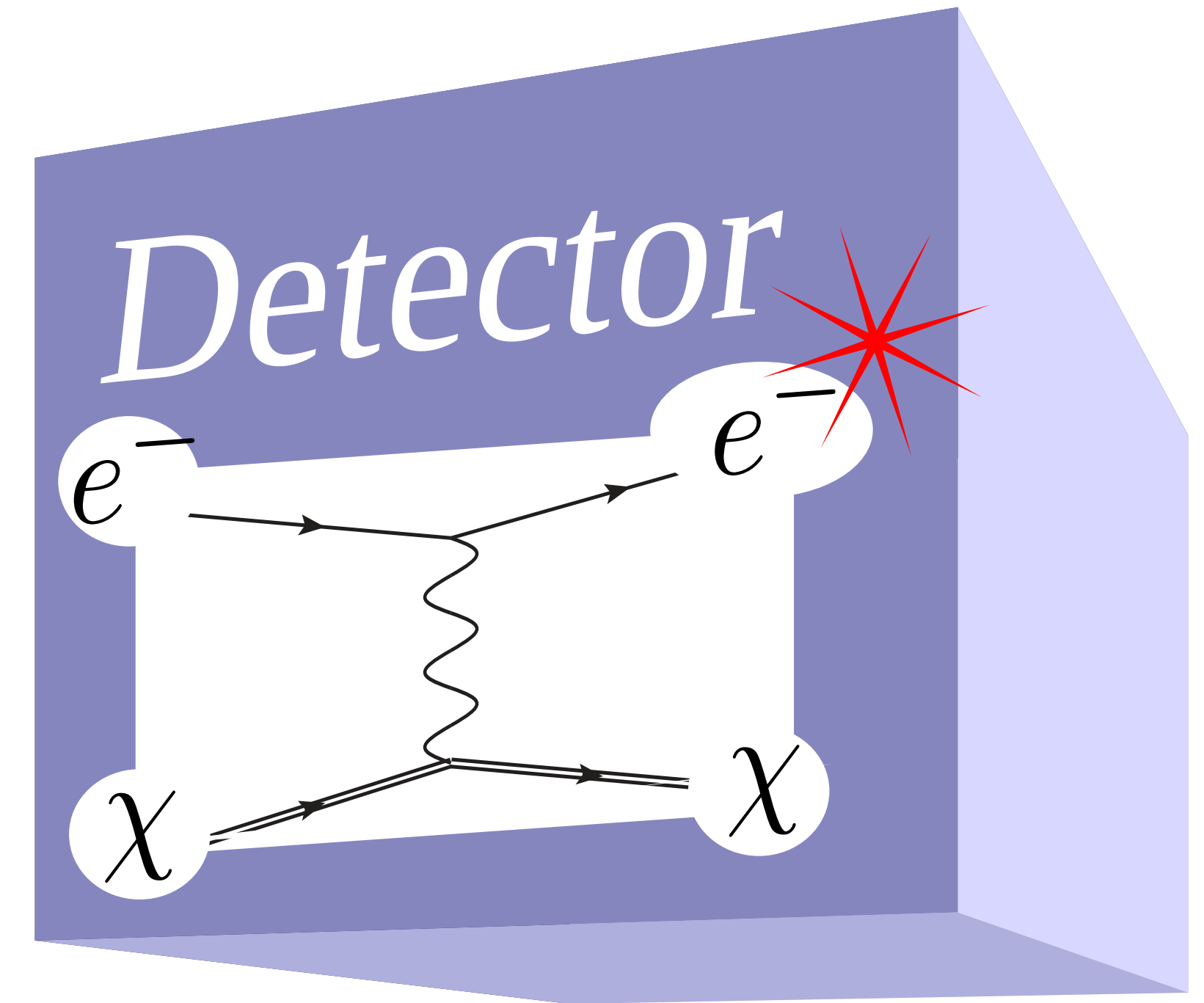
## SBN

The Three LArTPC SBN Program

Detector	Distance from SNS Target	Active LAr Mass
SBND	110 m	112 ton
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$\langle L_{\nu} \rangle \sim 610 \text{ m}$   
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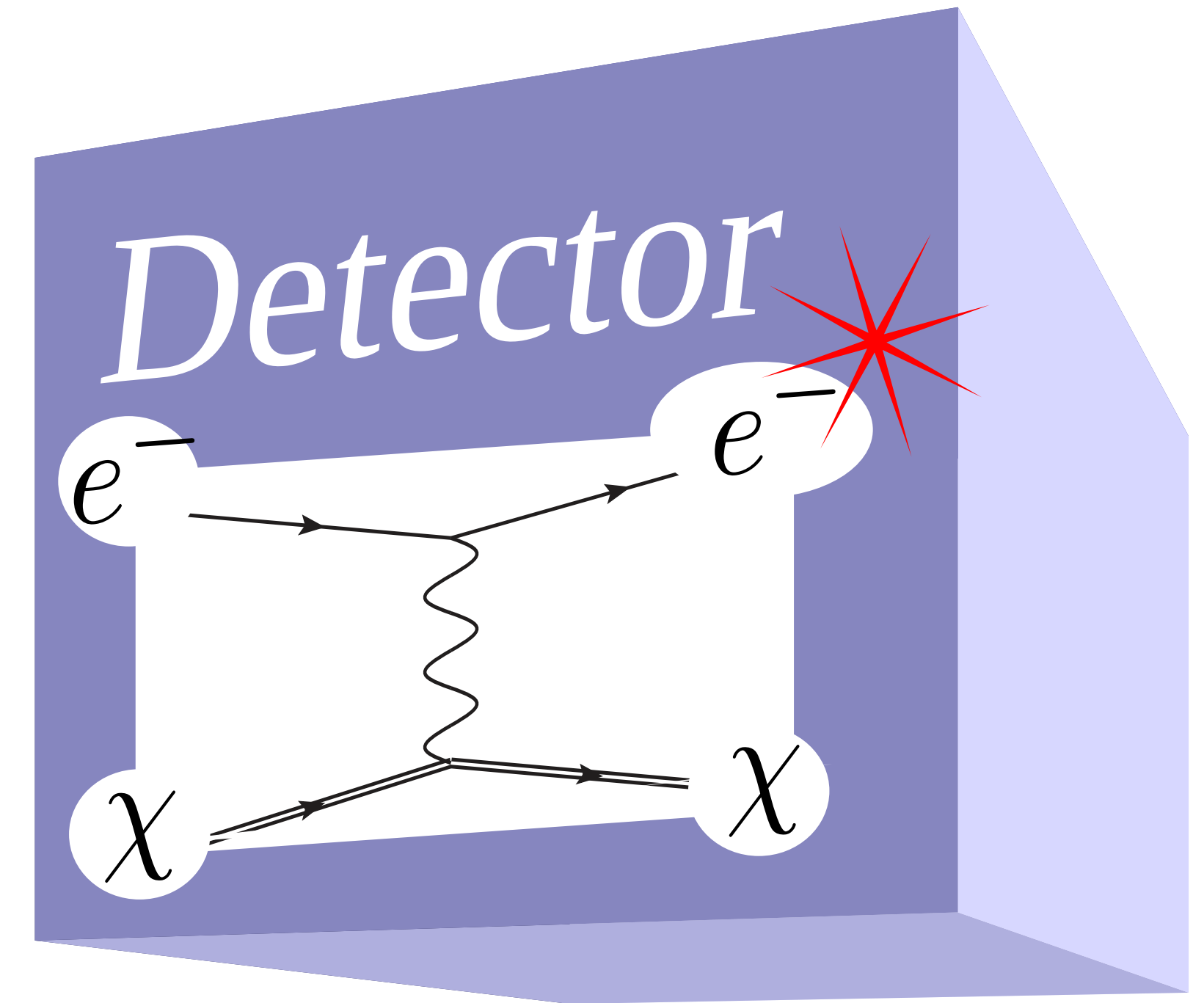


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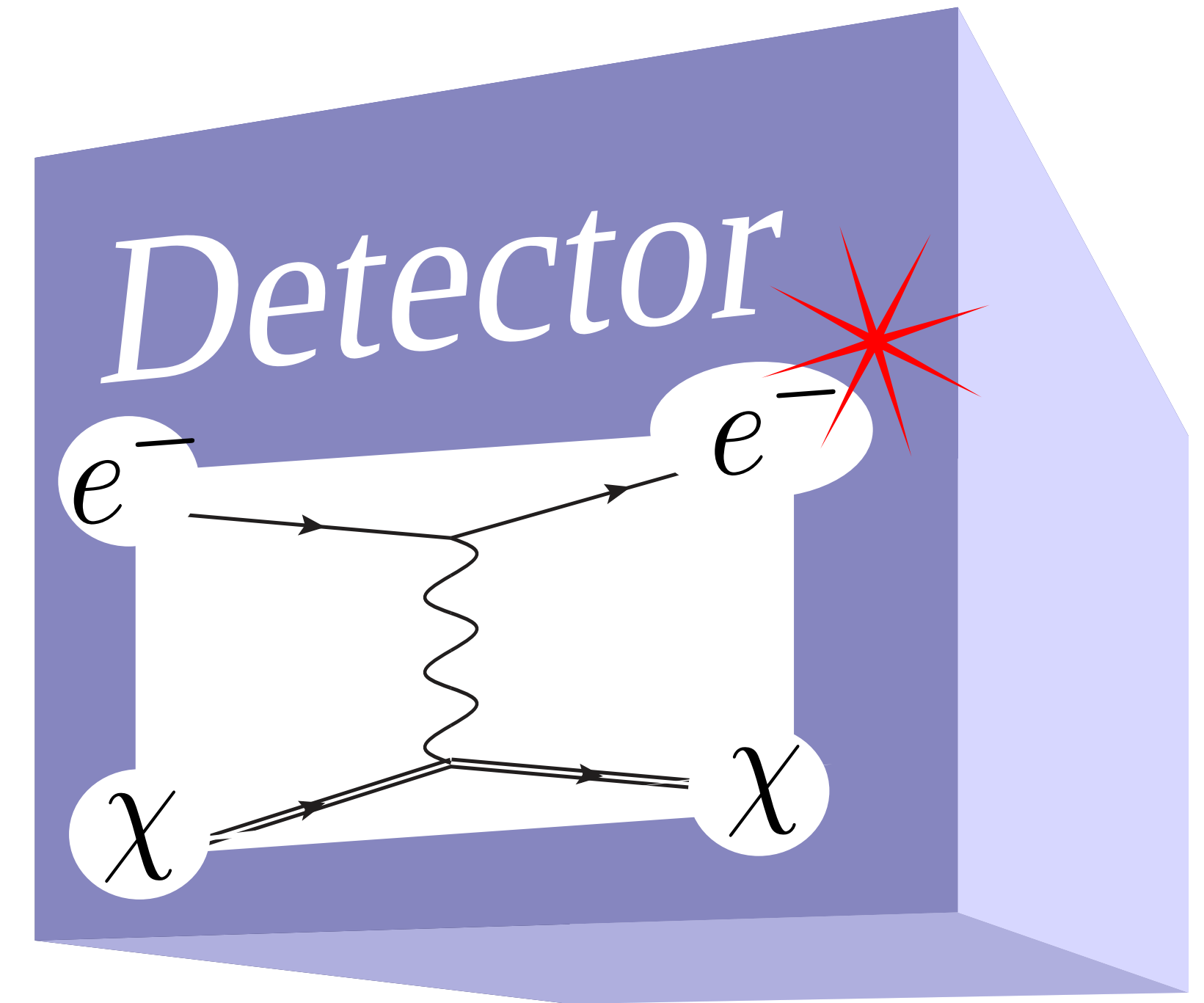
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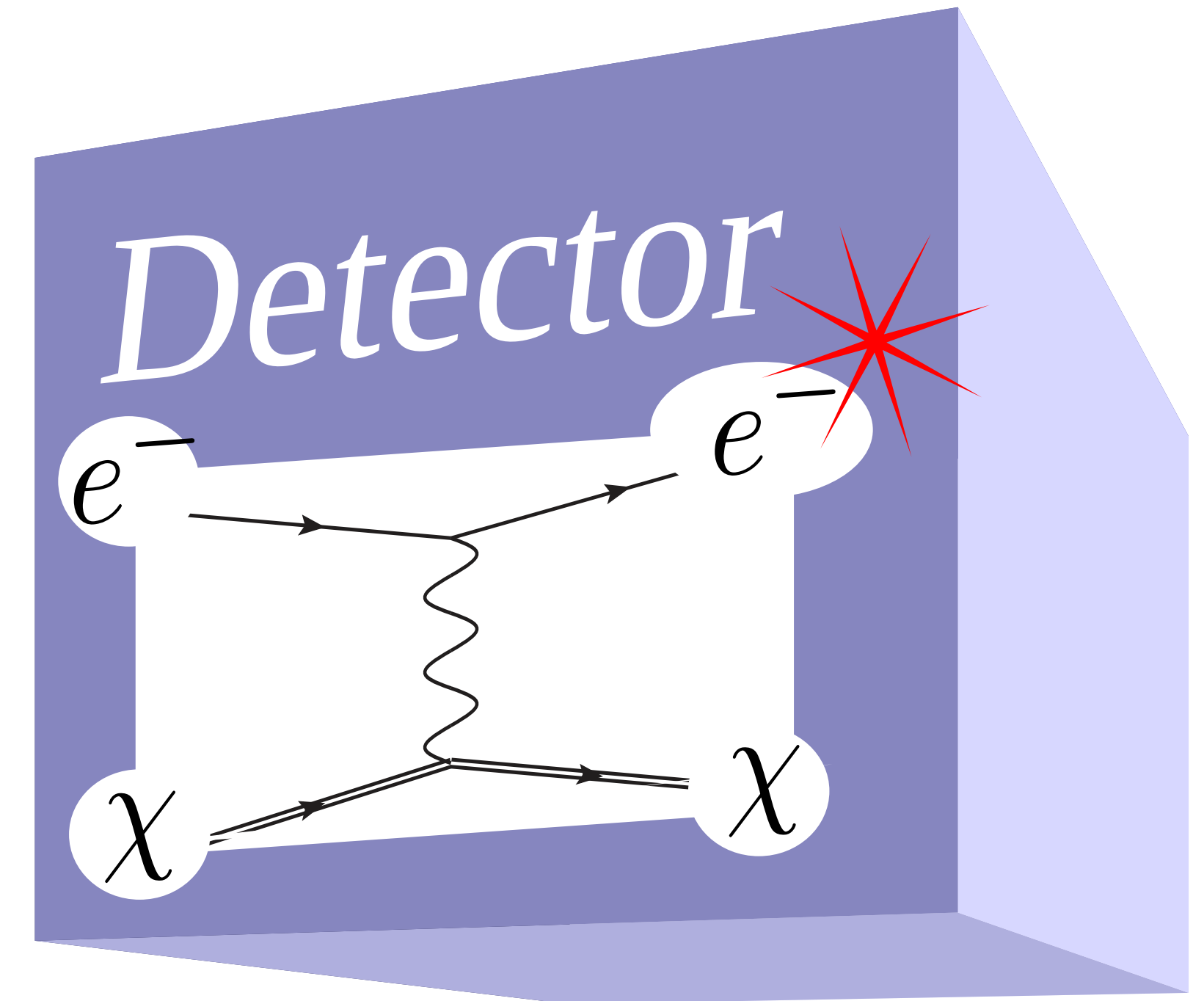
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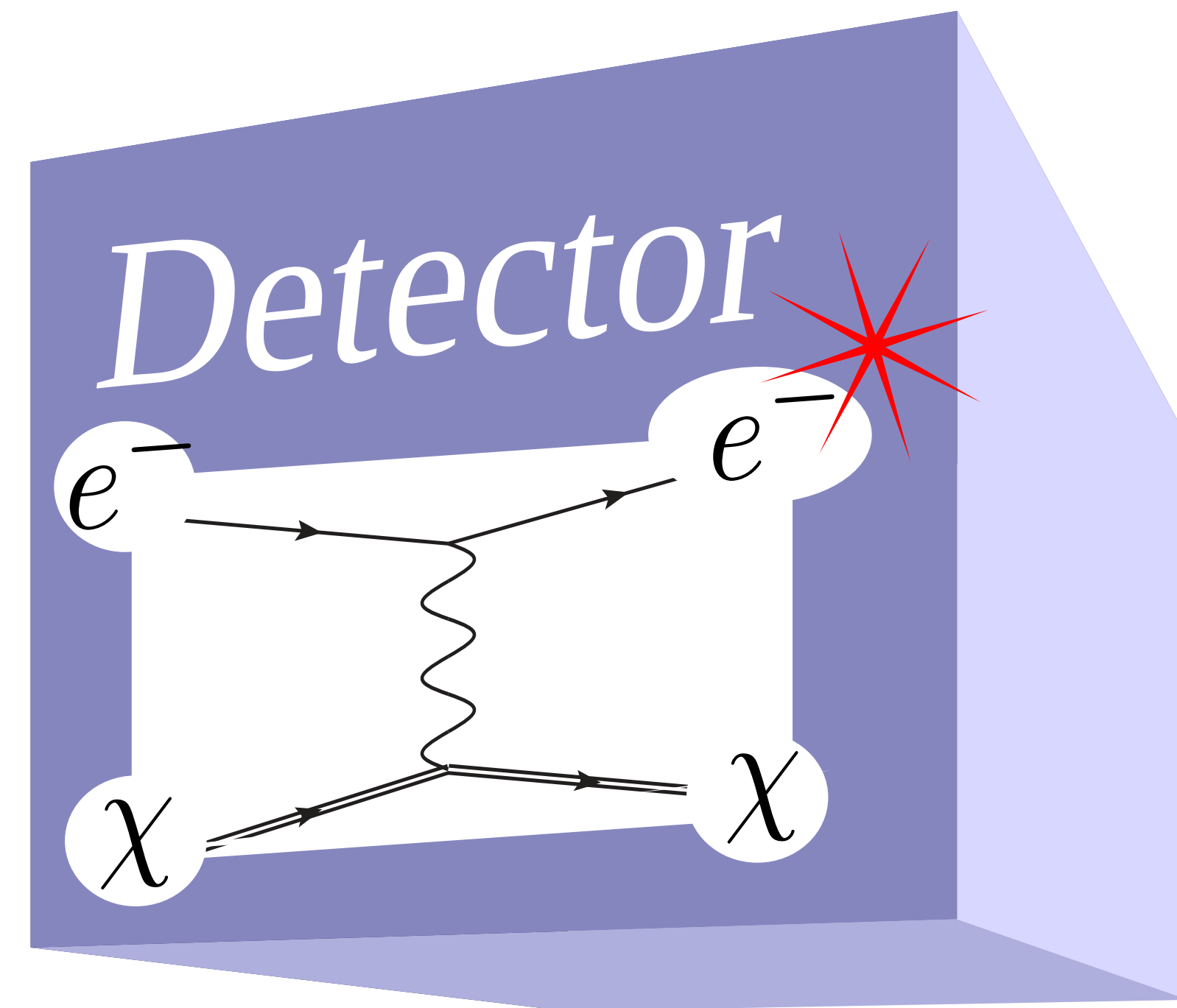
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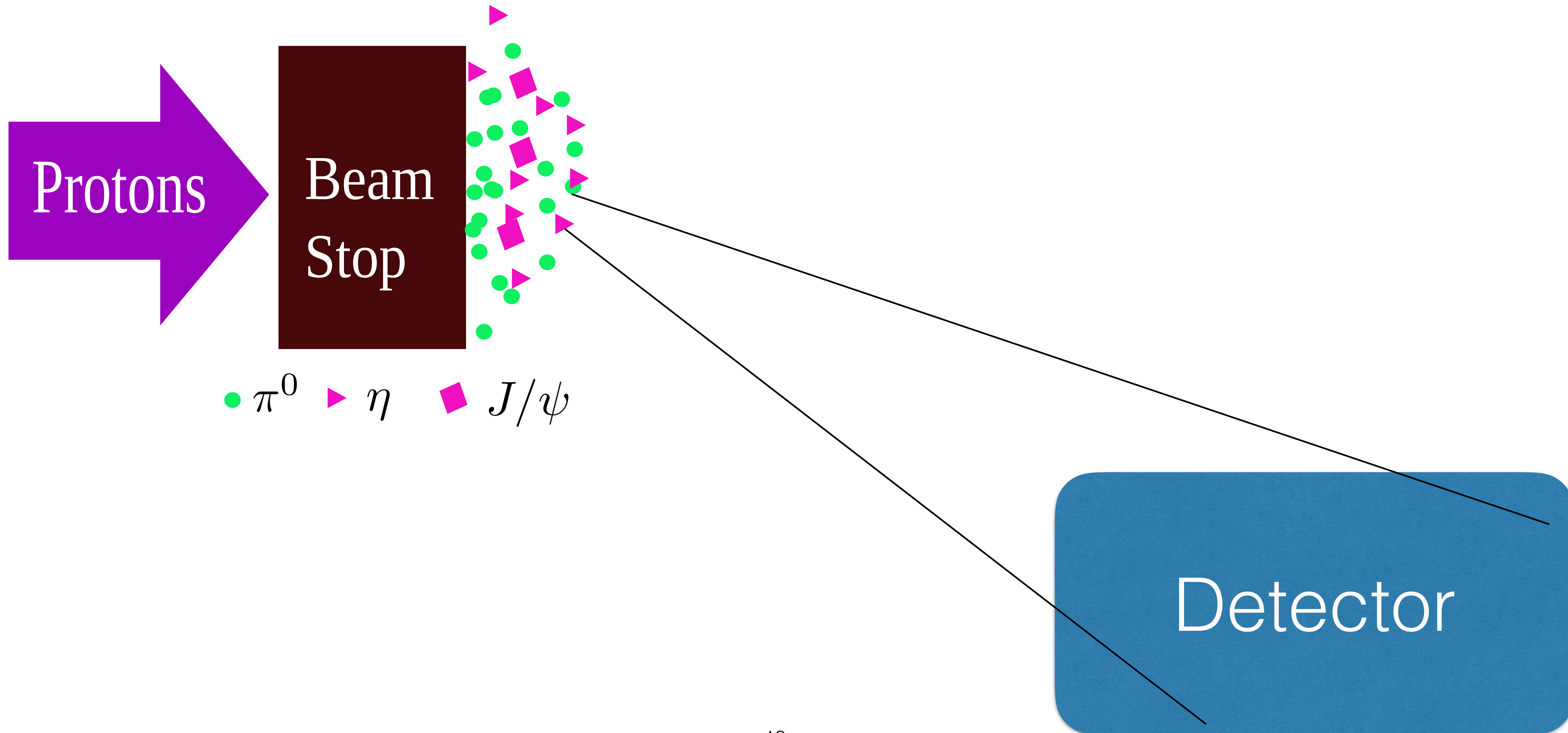
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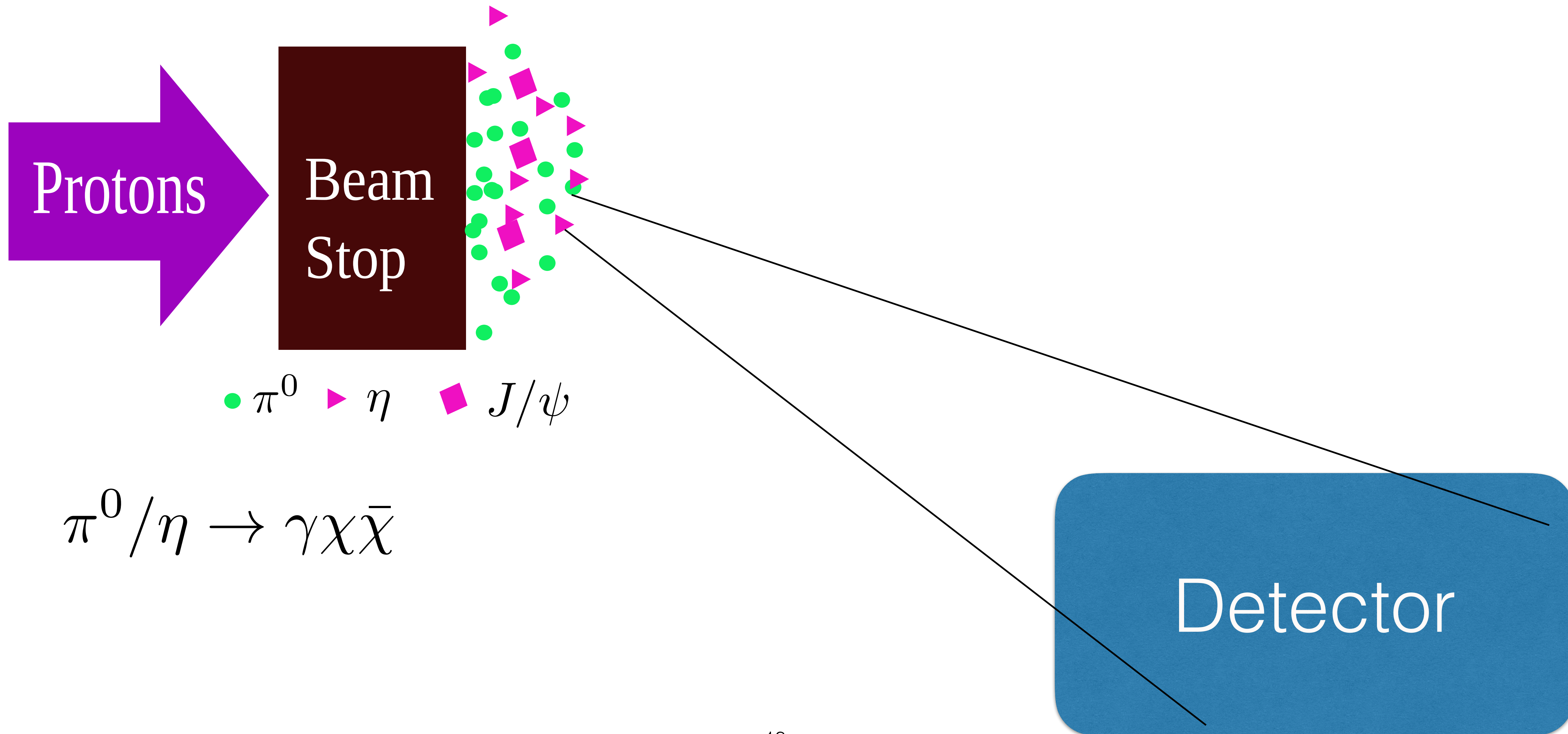


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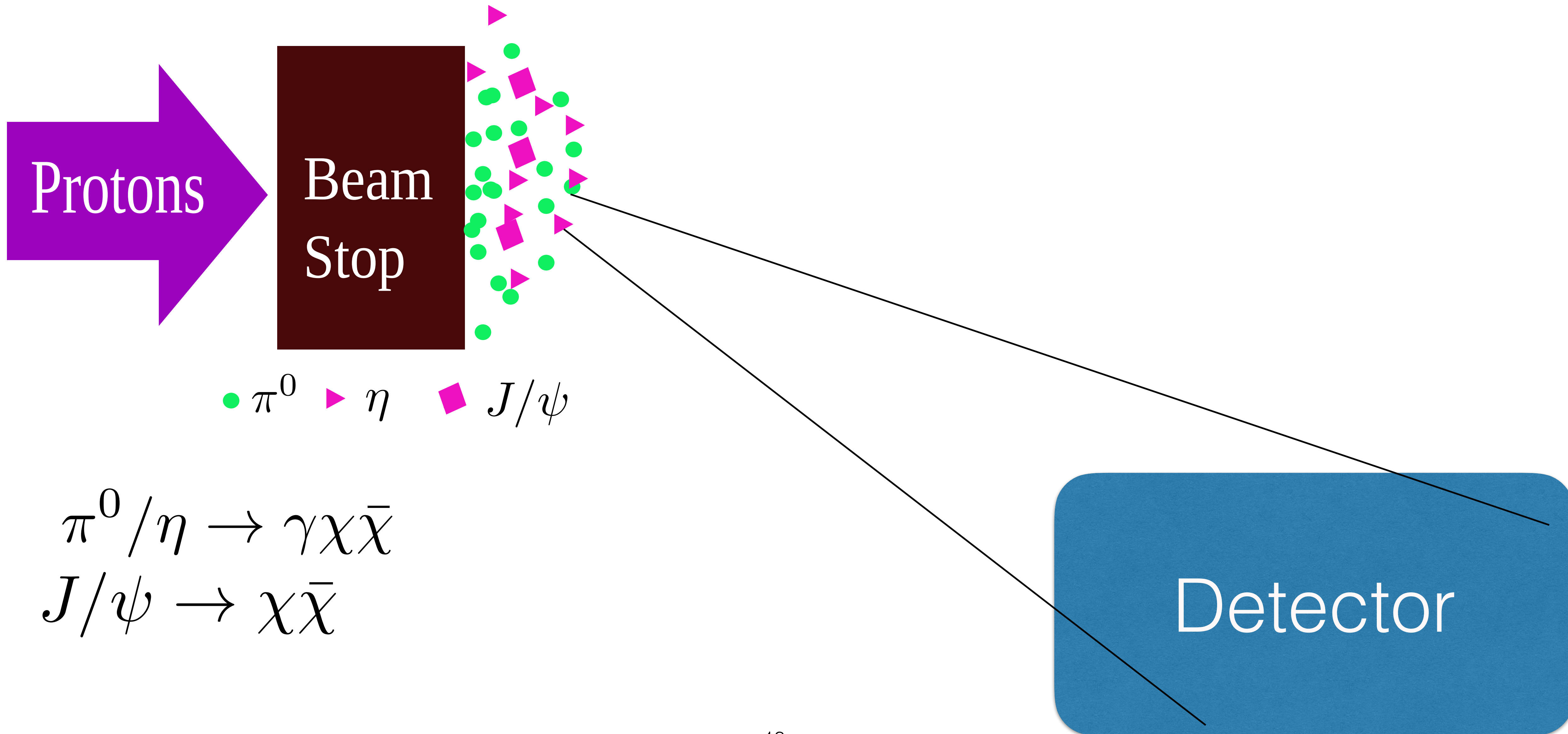


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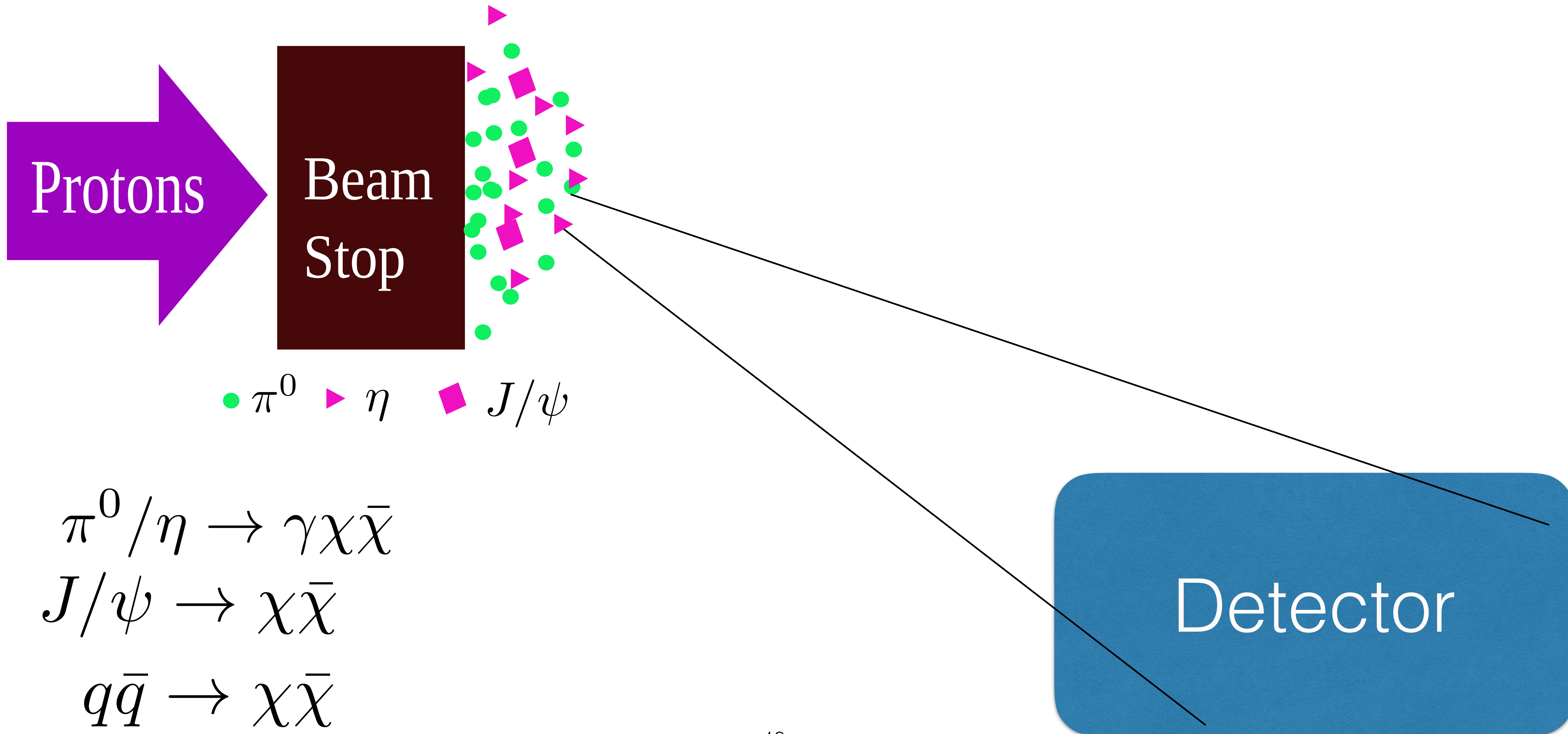




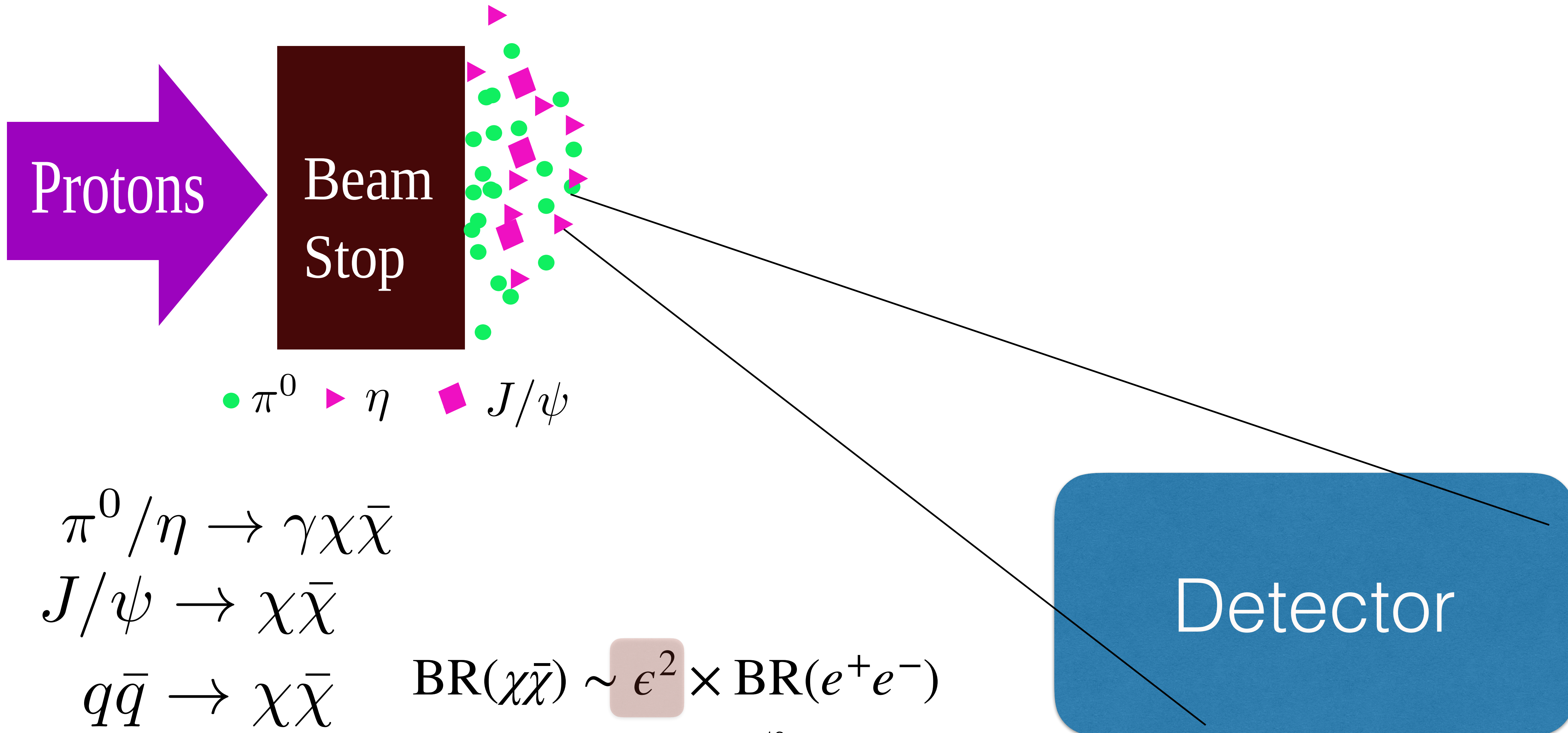
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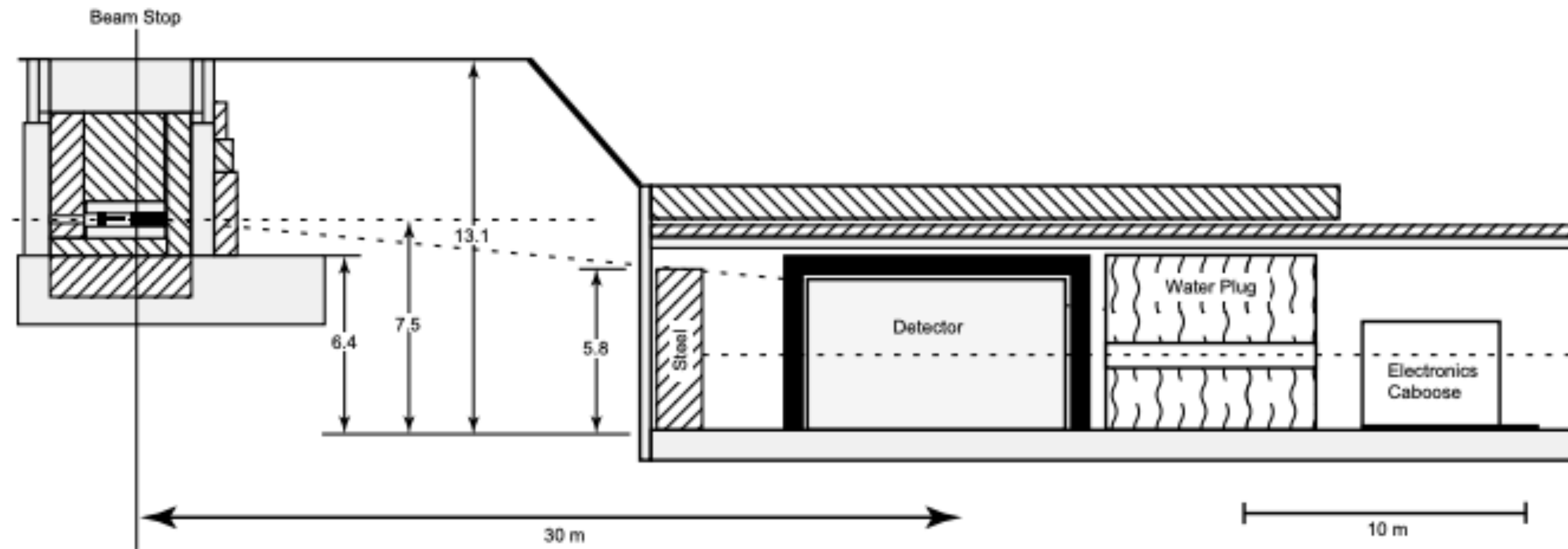


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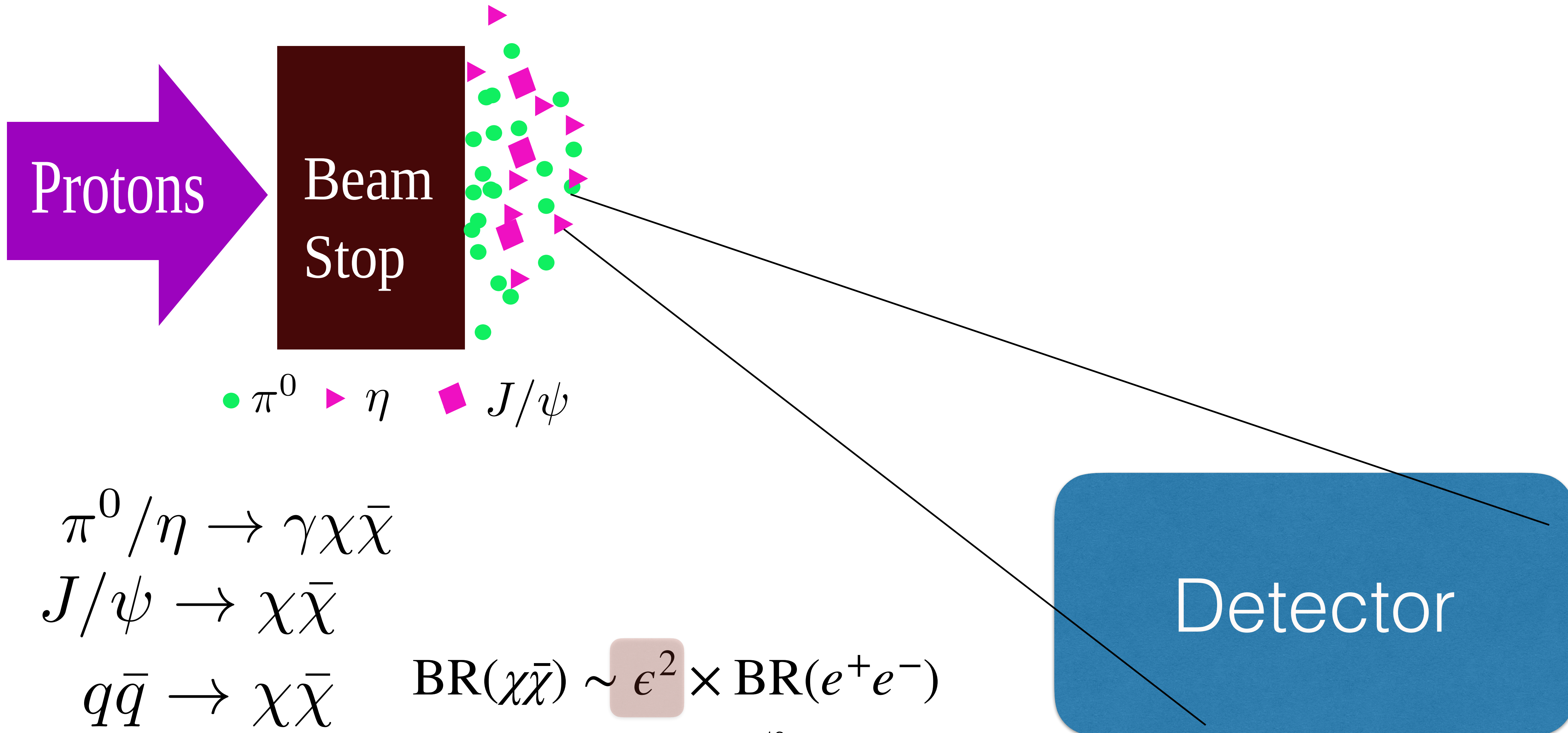
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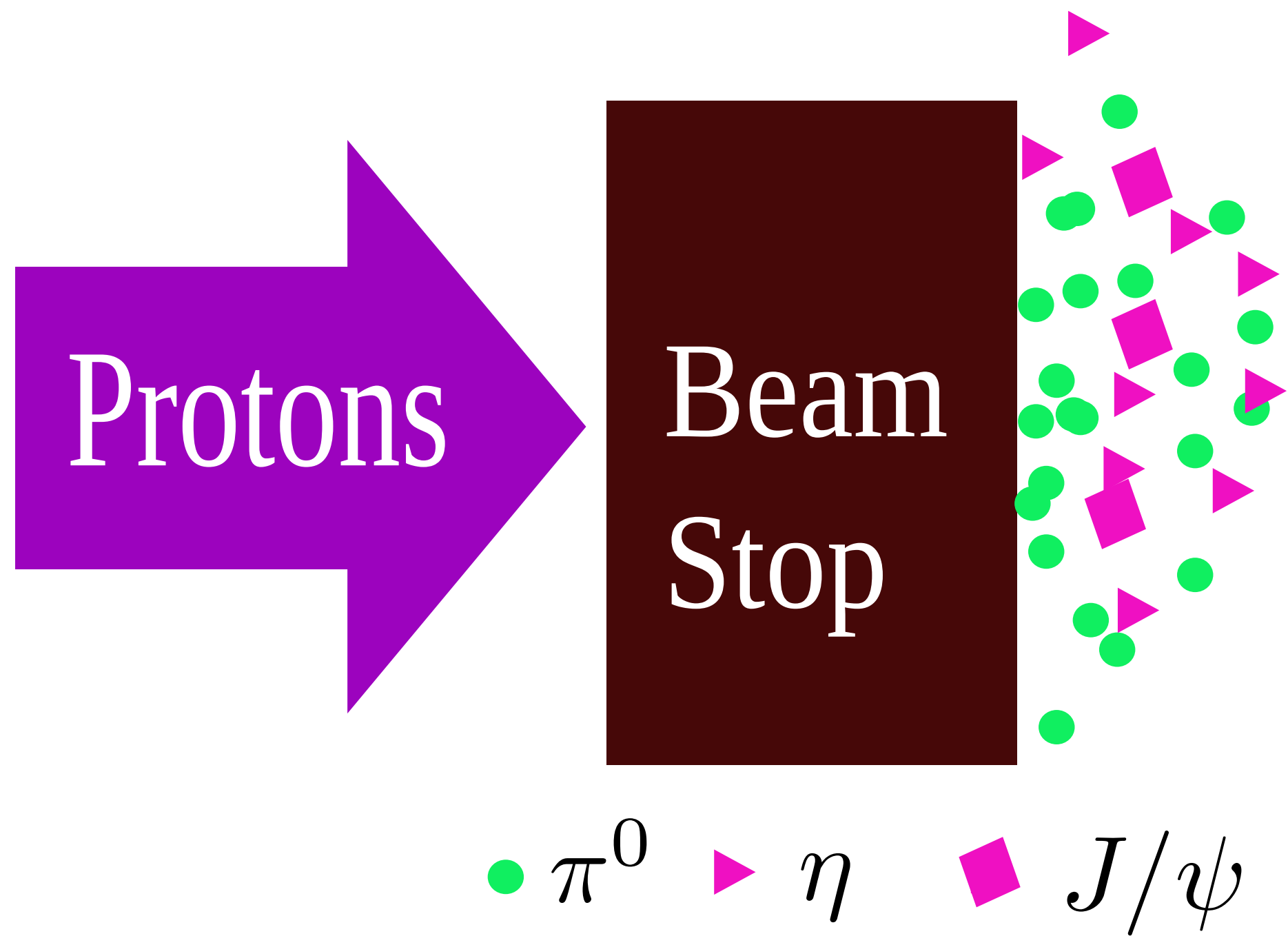
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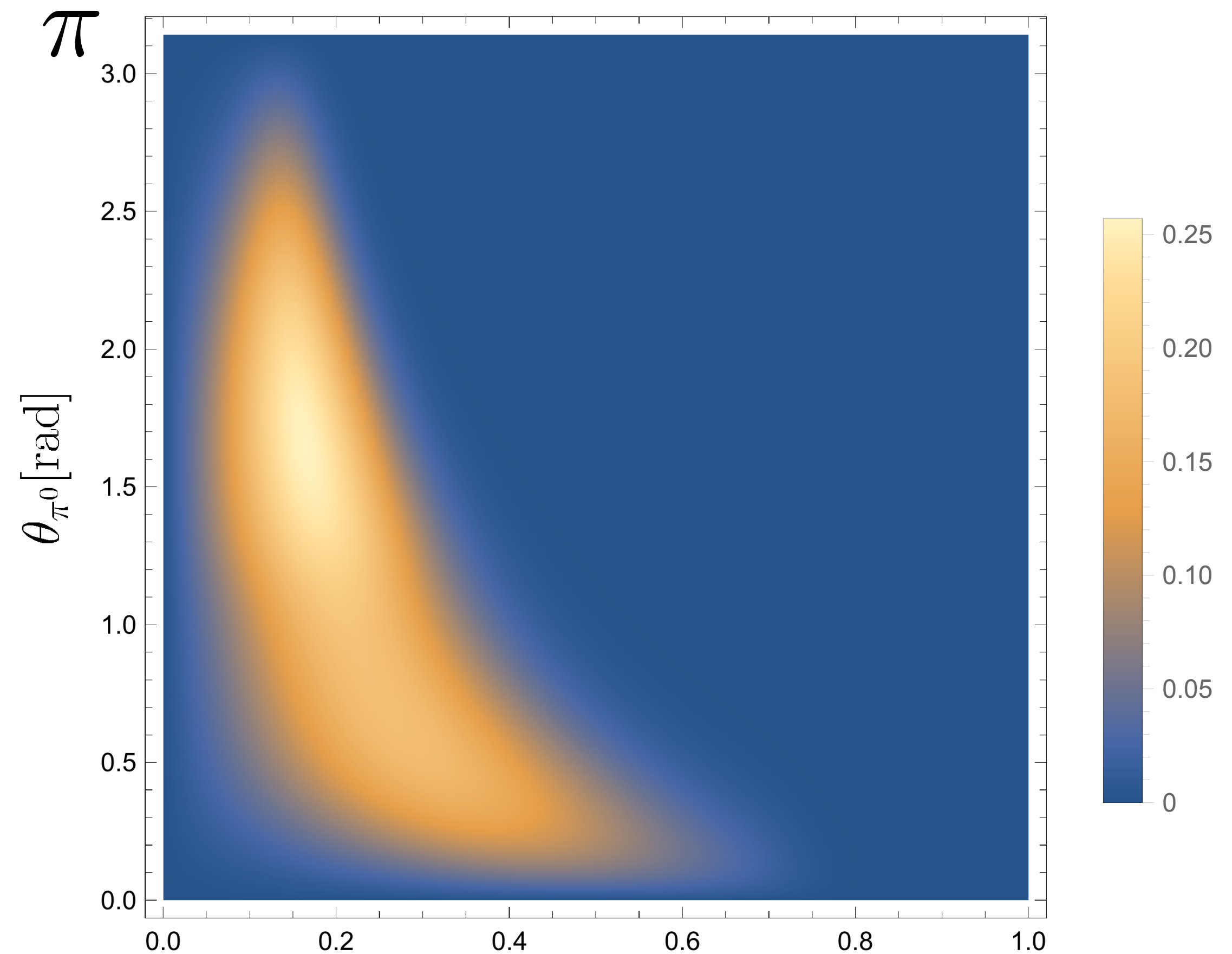
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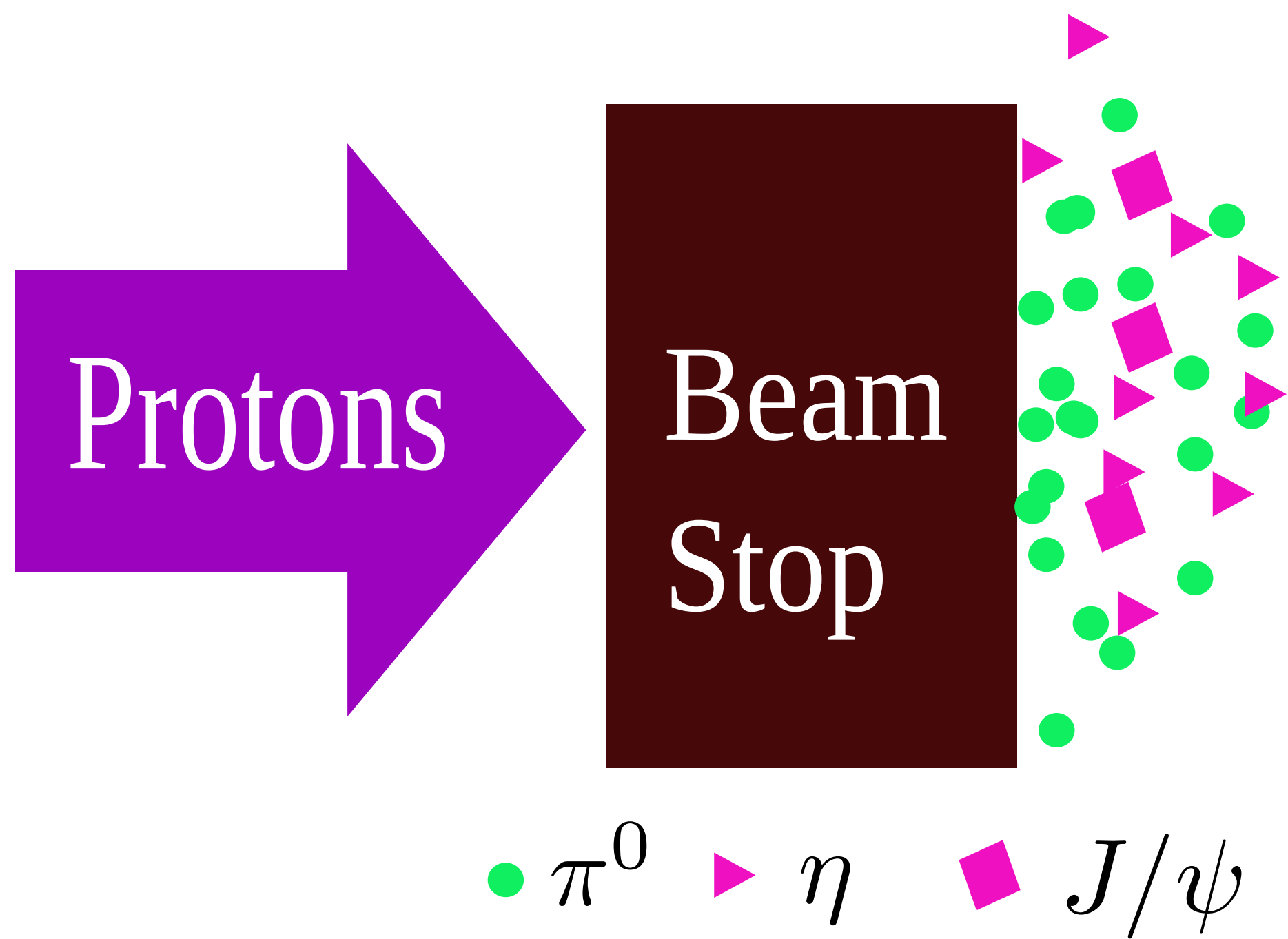
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LSND: Burman-Smith



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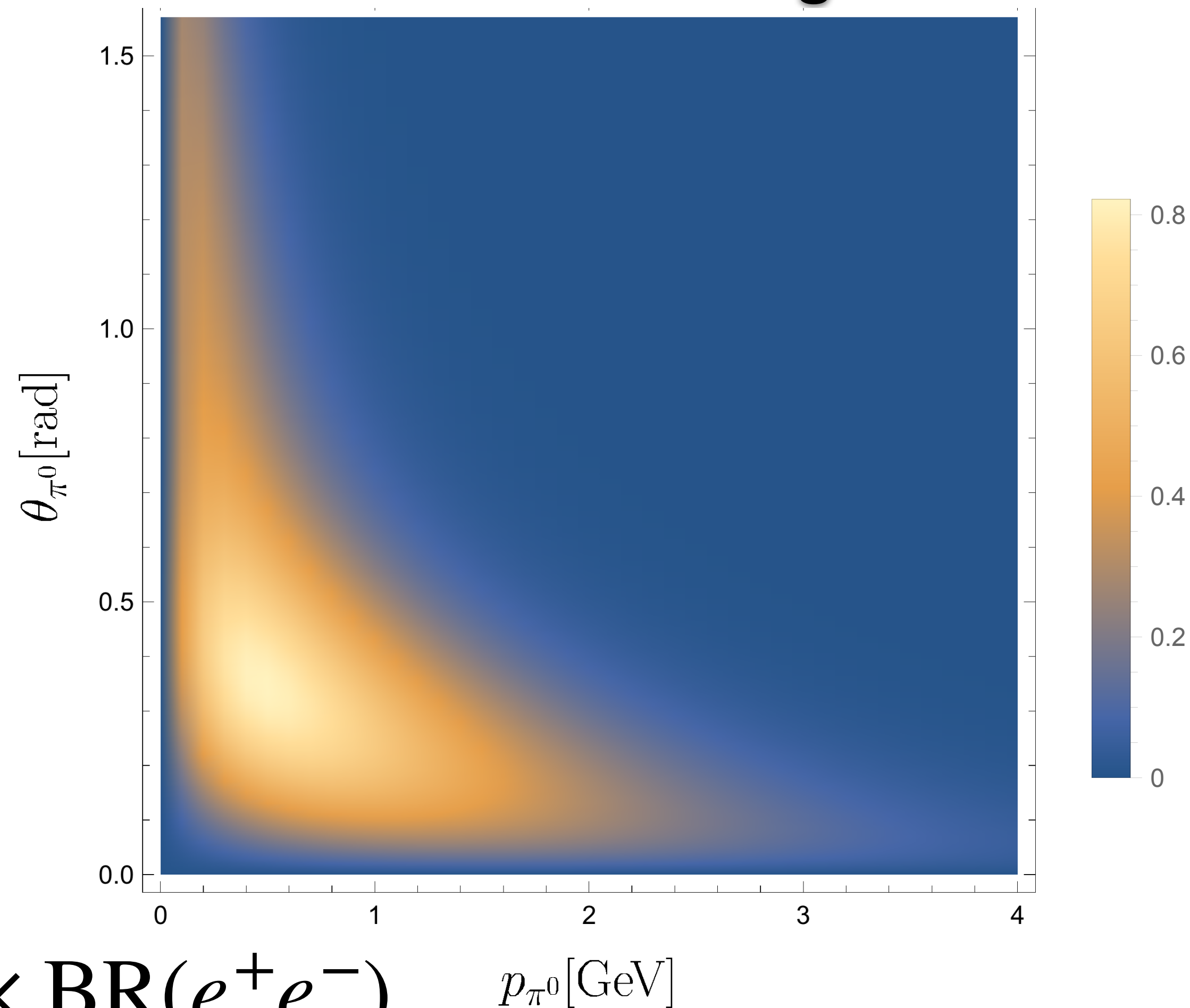
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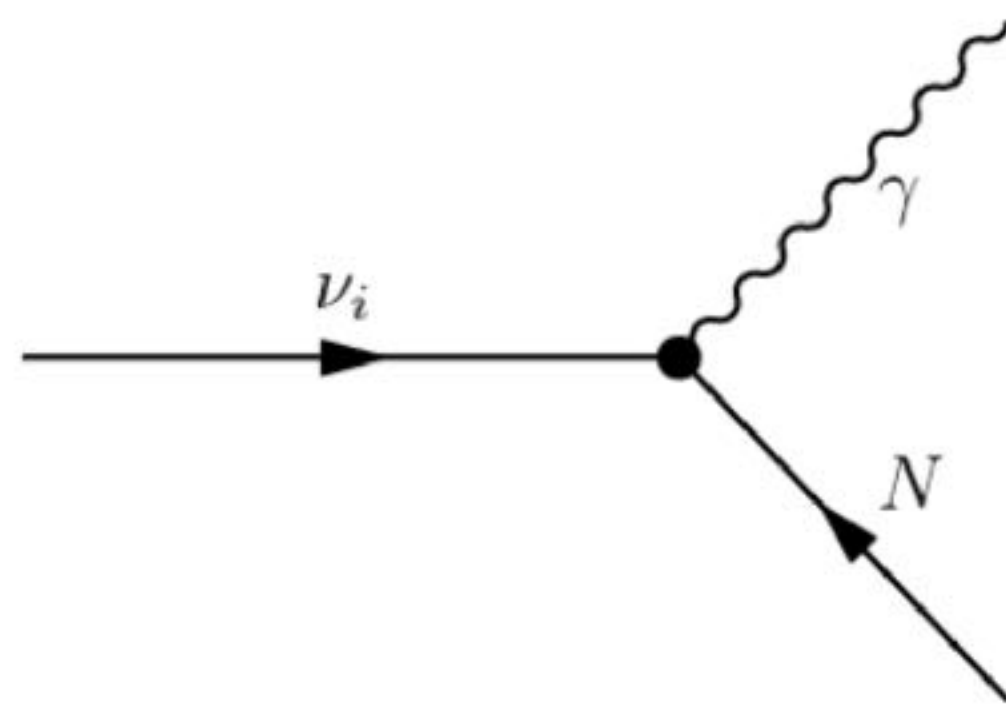
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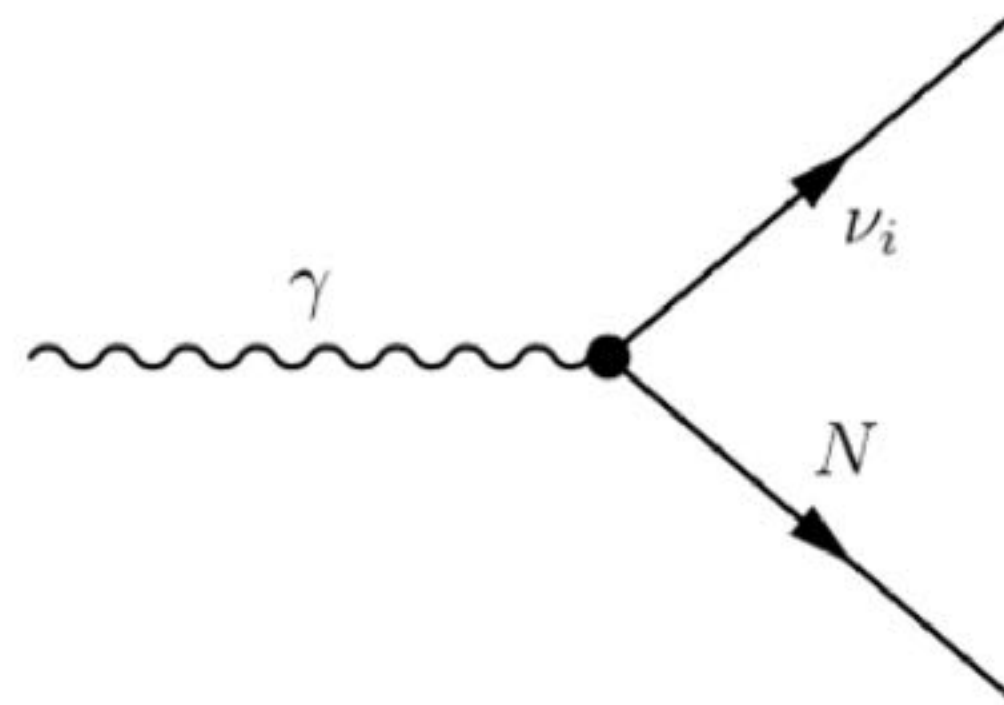
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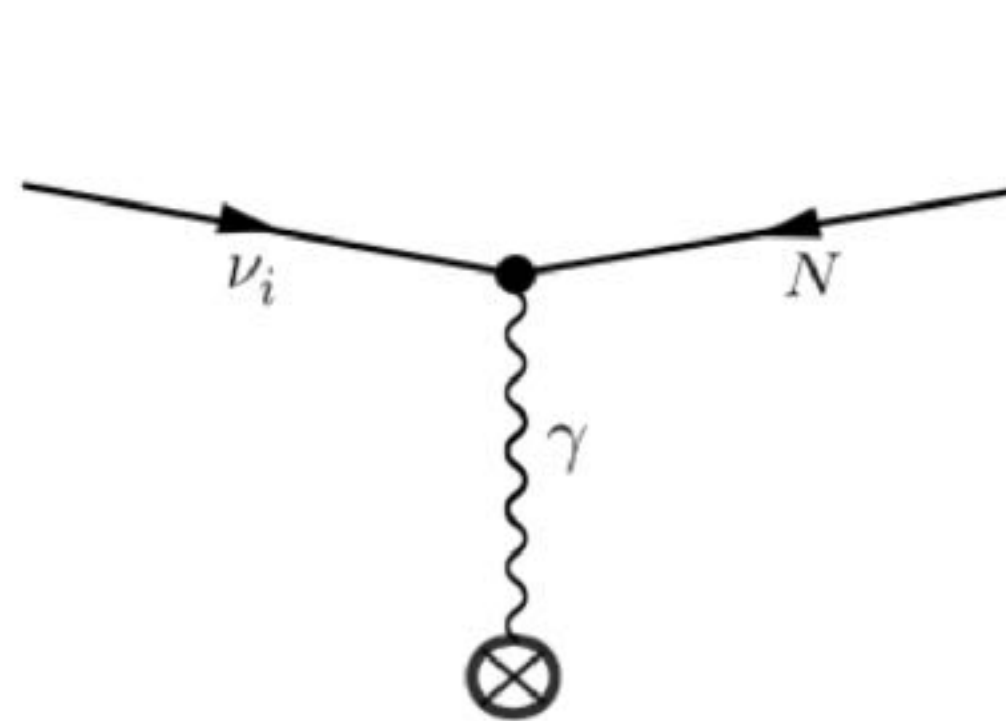
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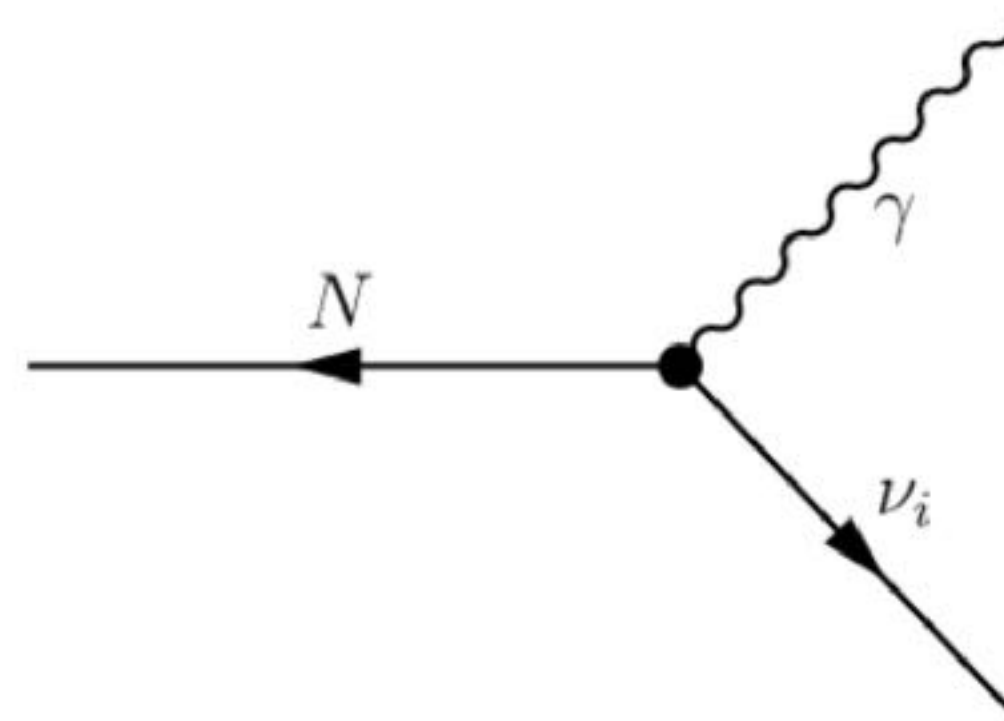
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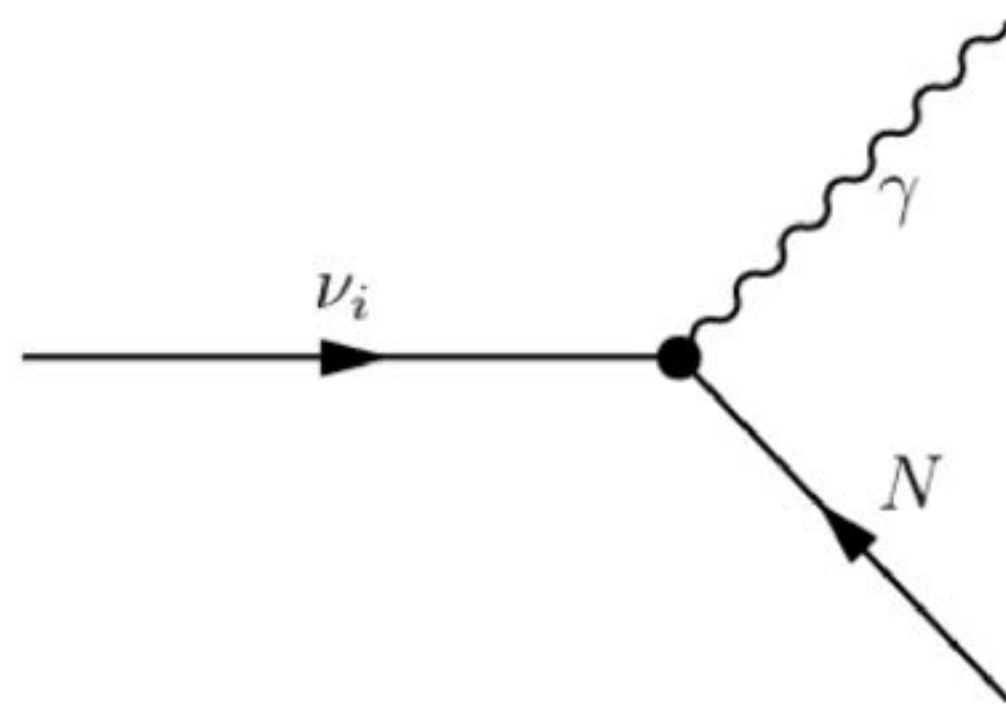
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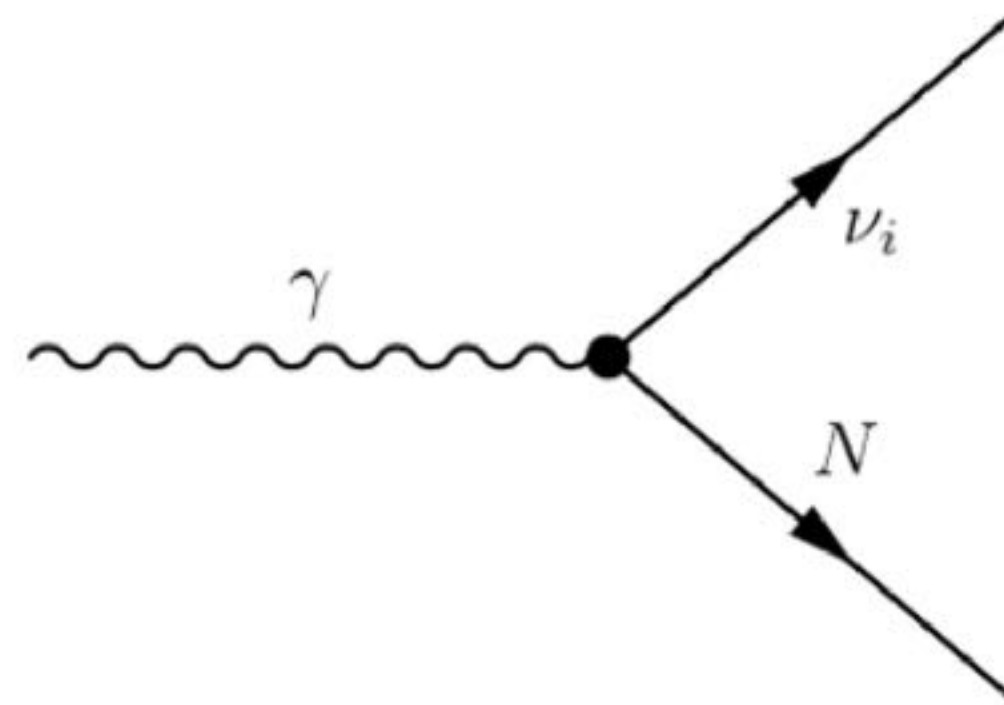
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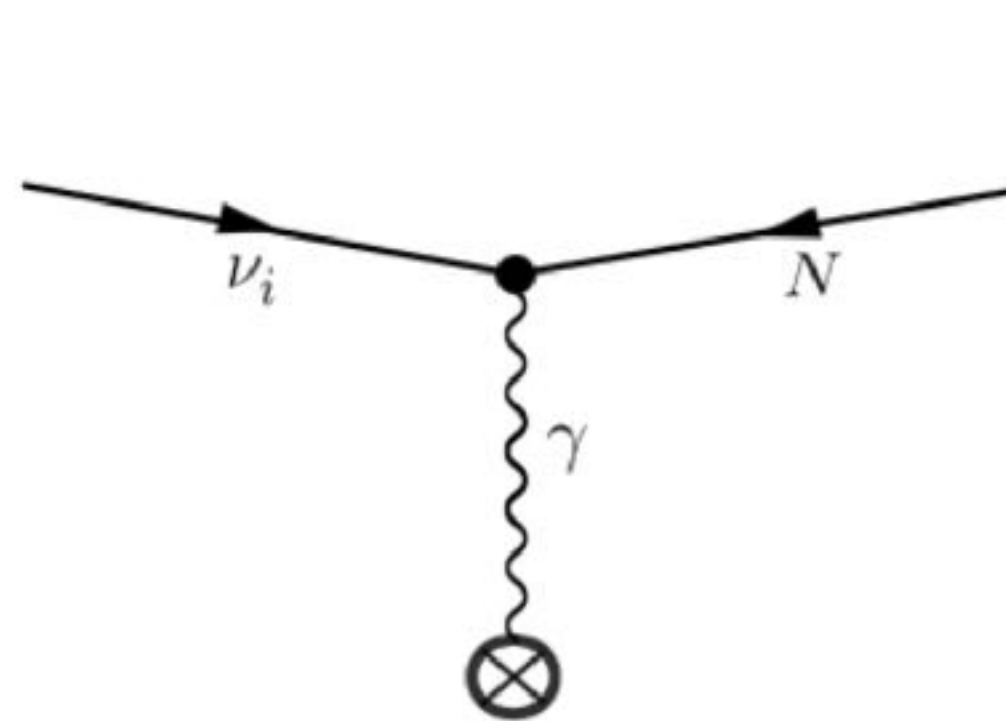
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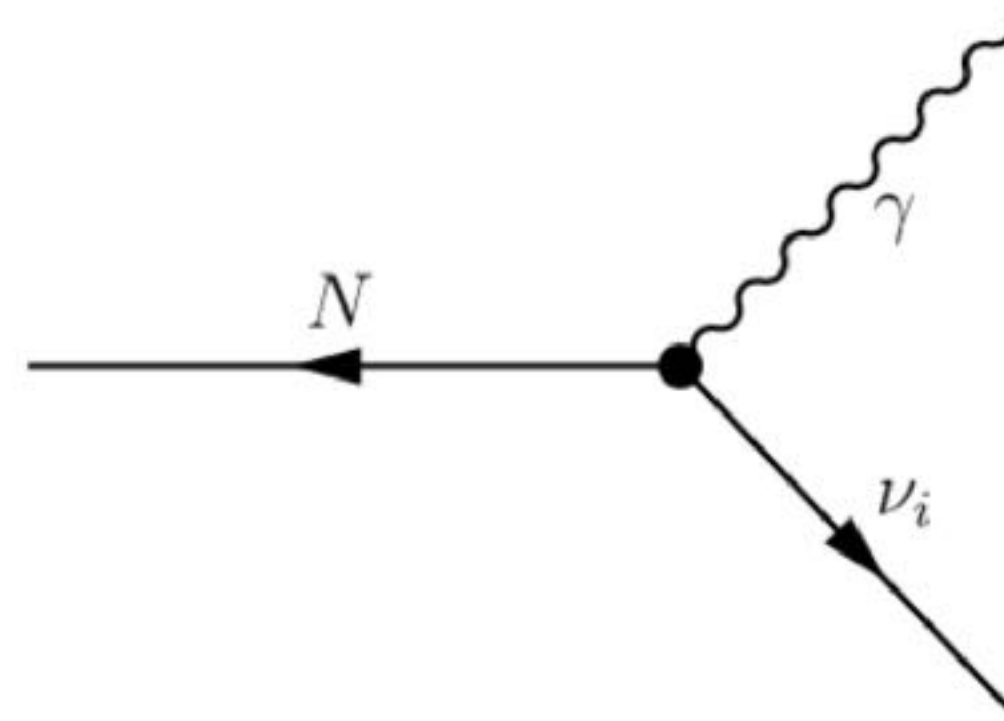
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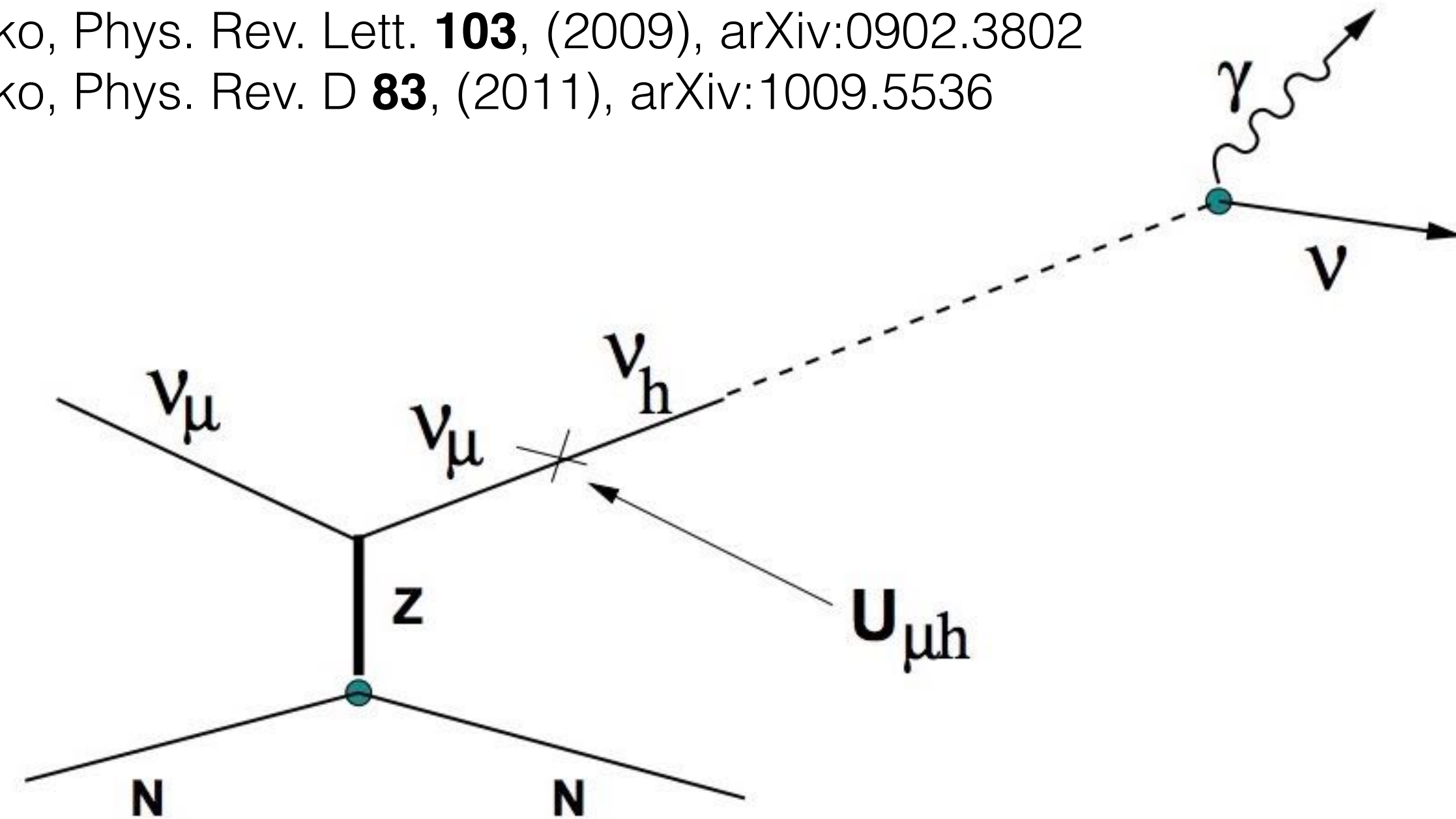
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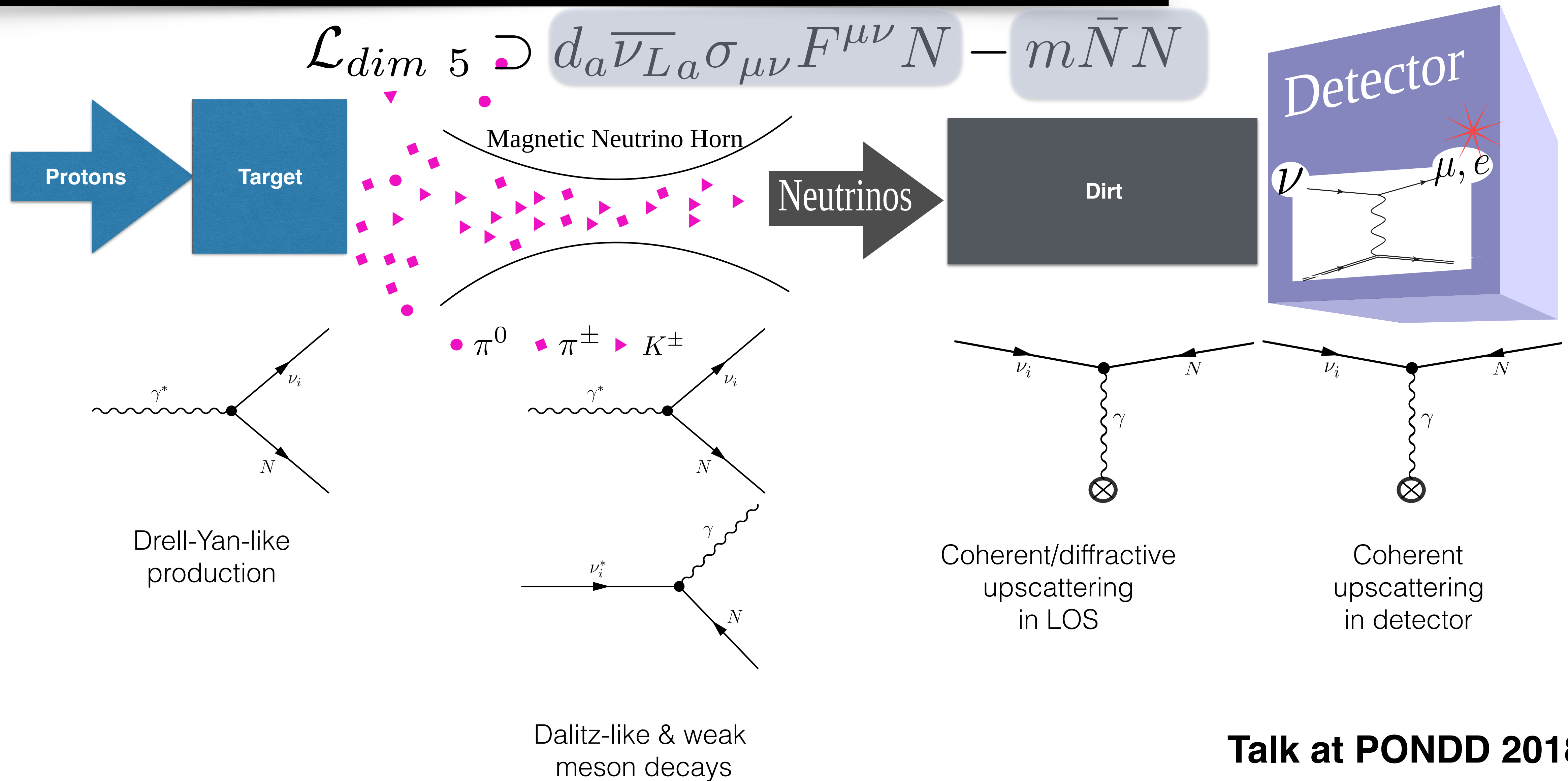


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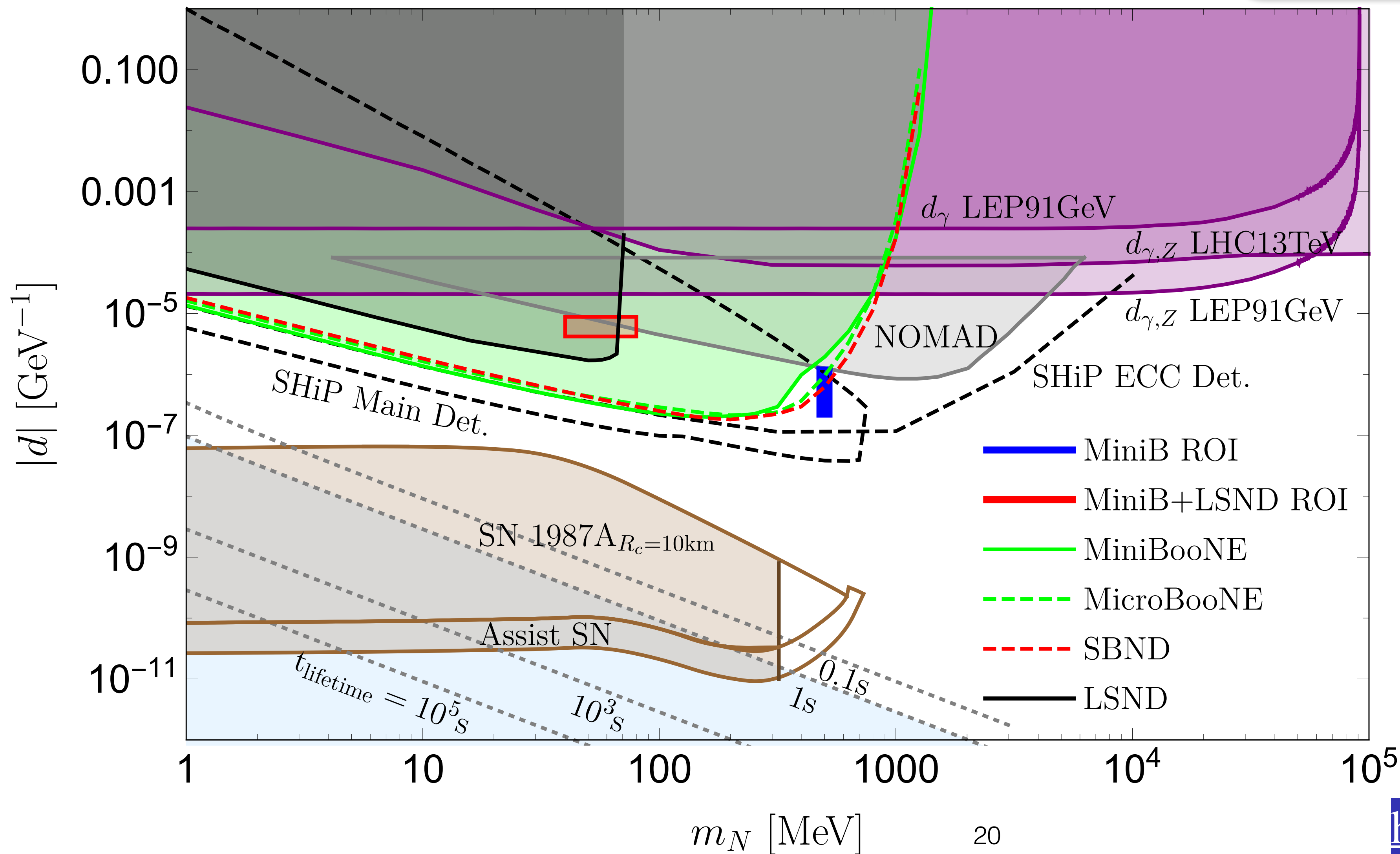
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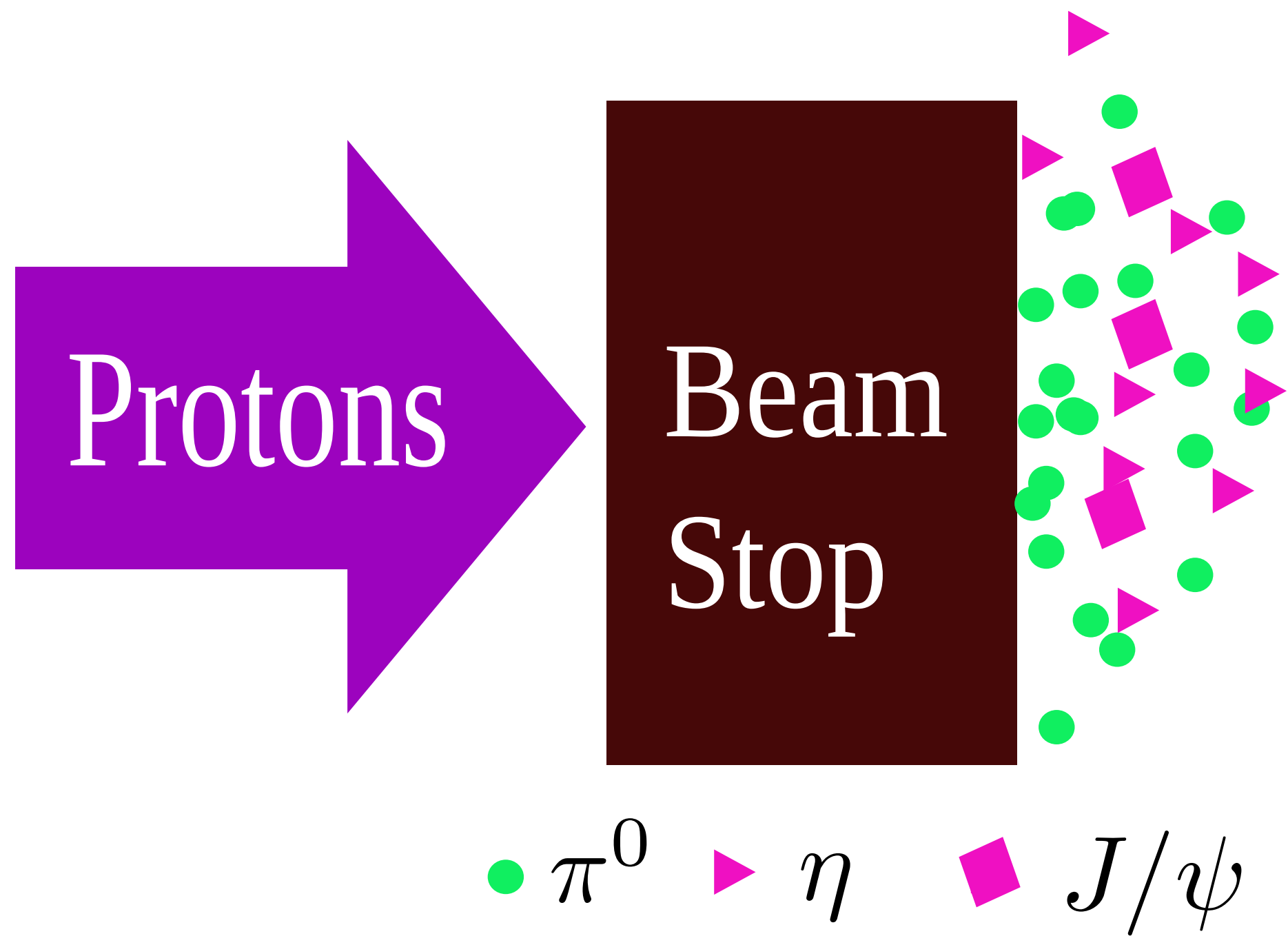
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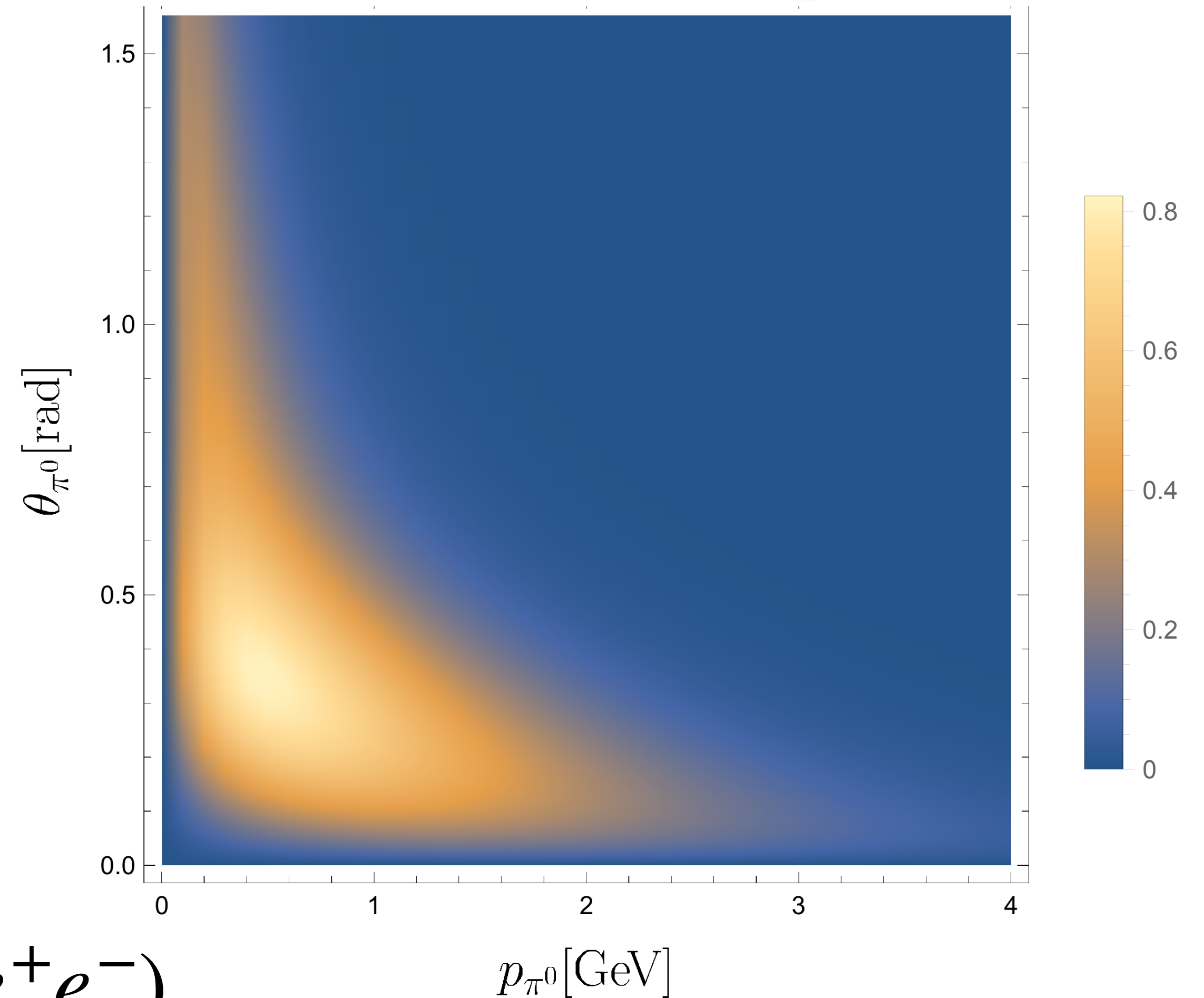
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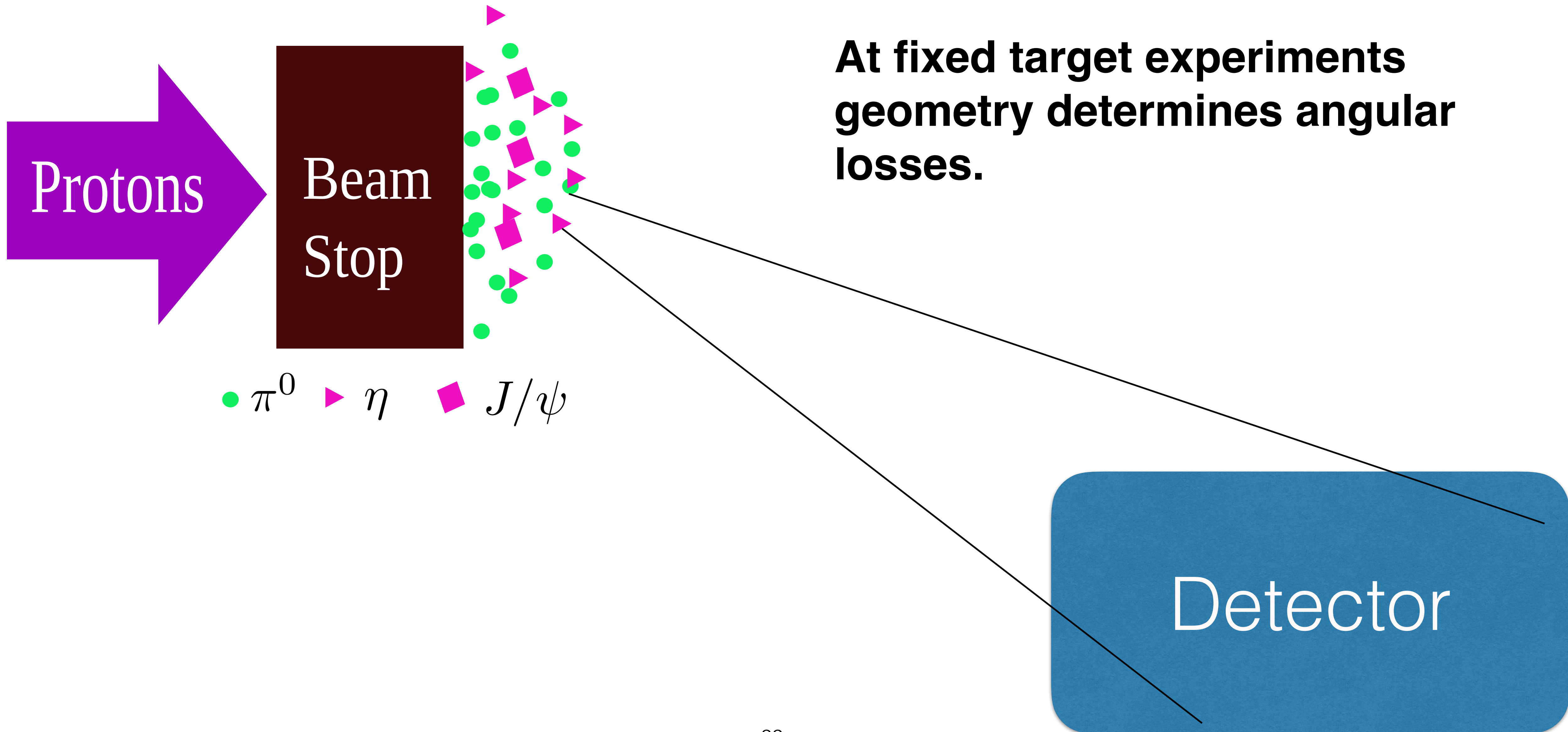
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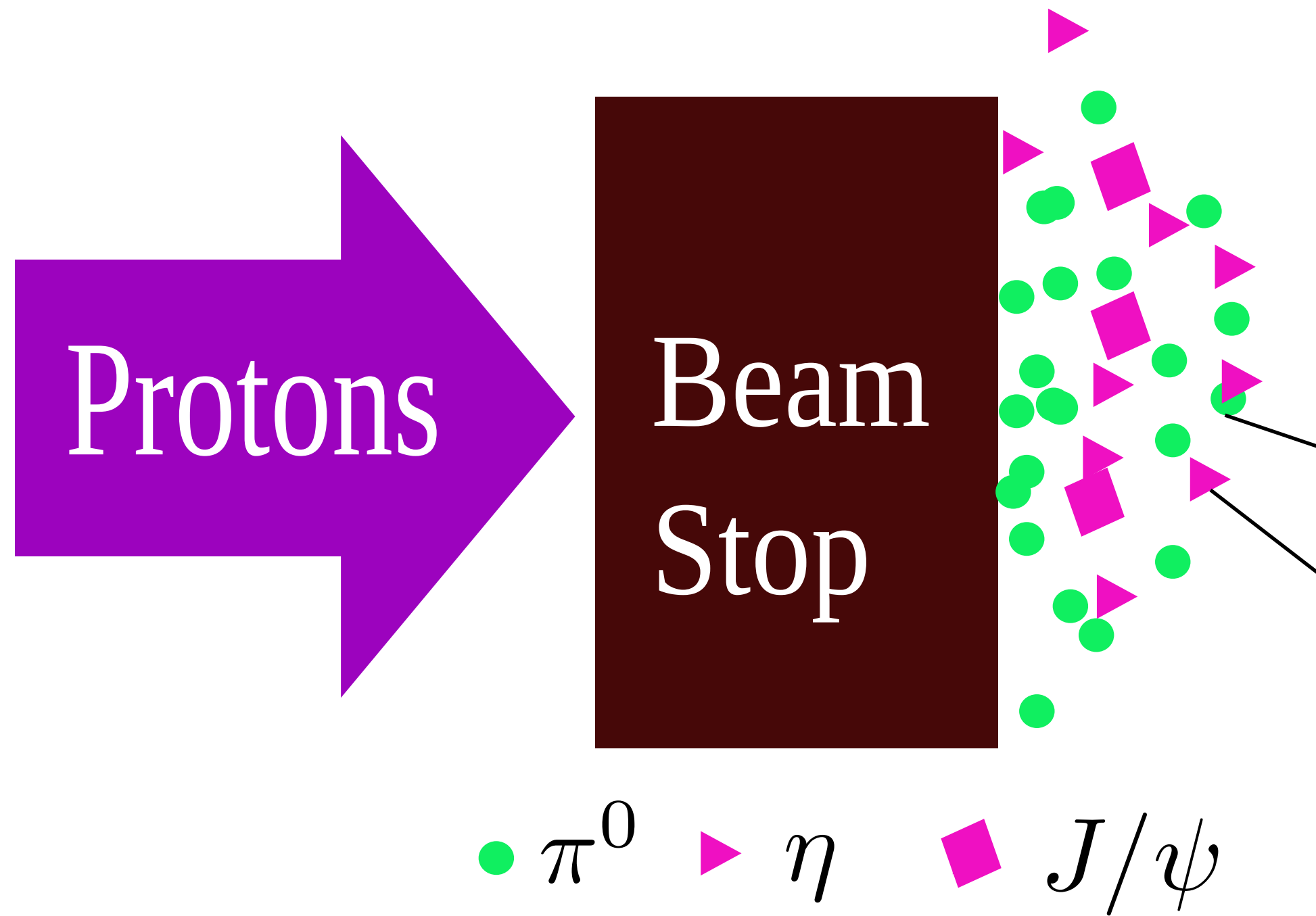
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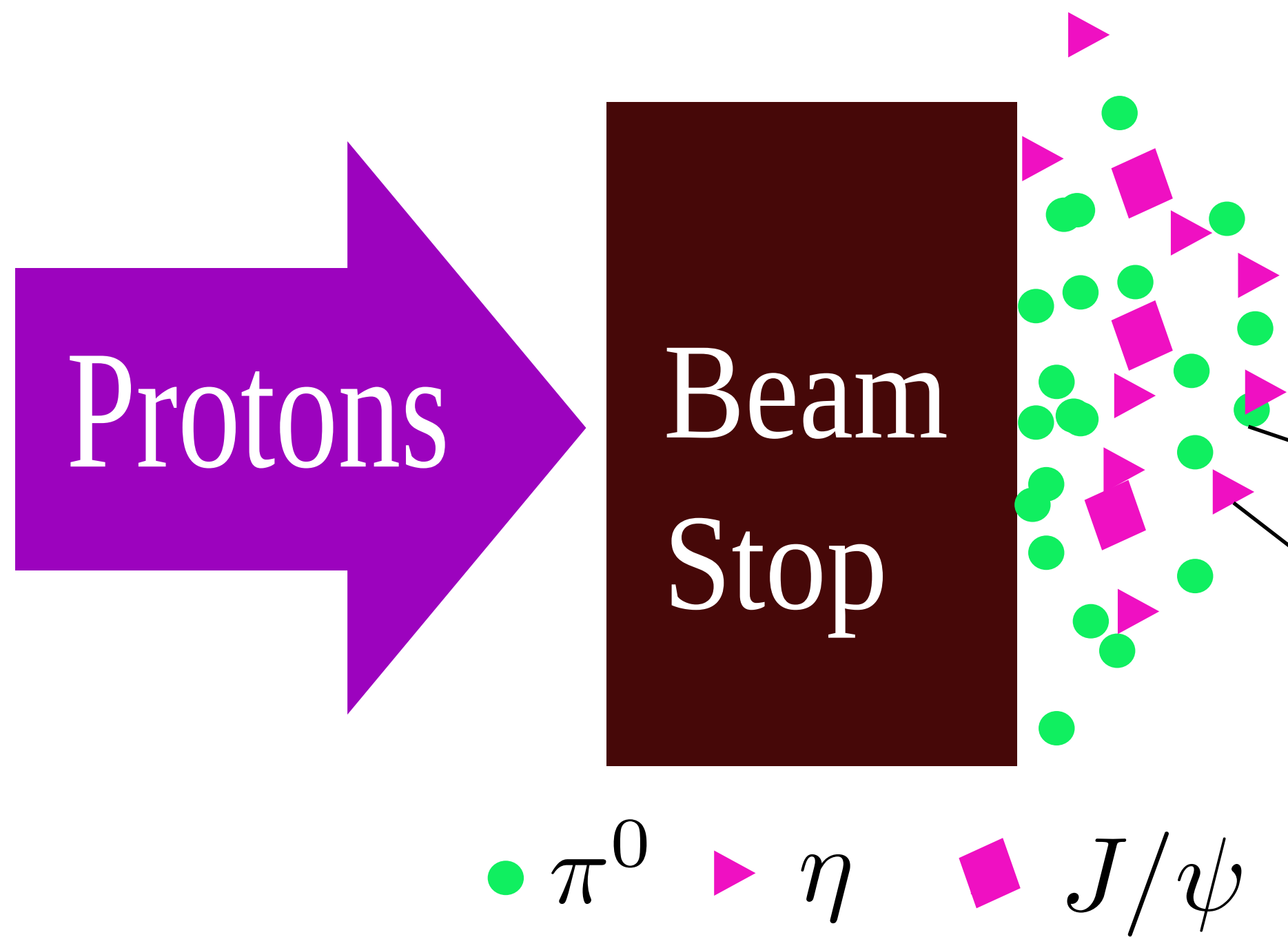
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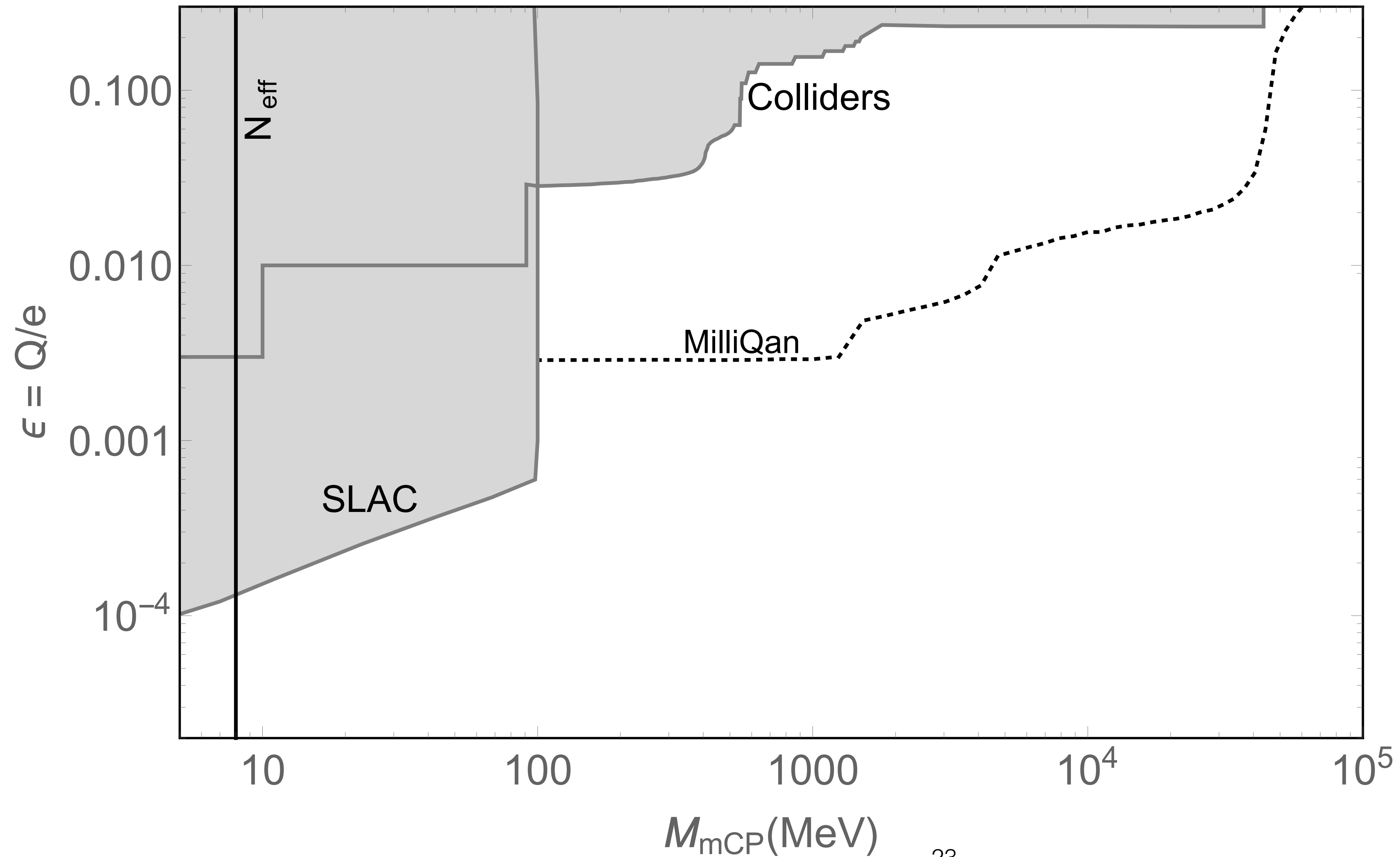


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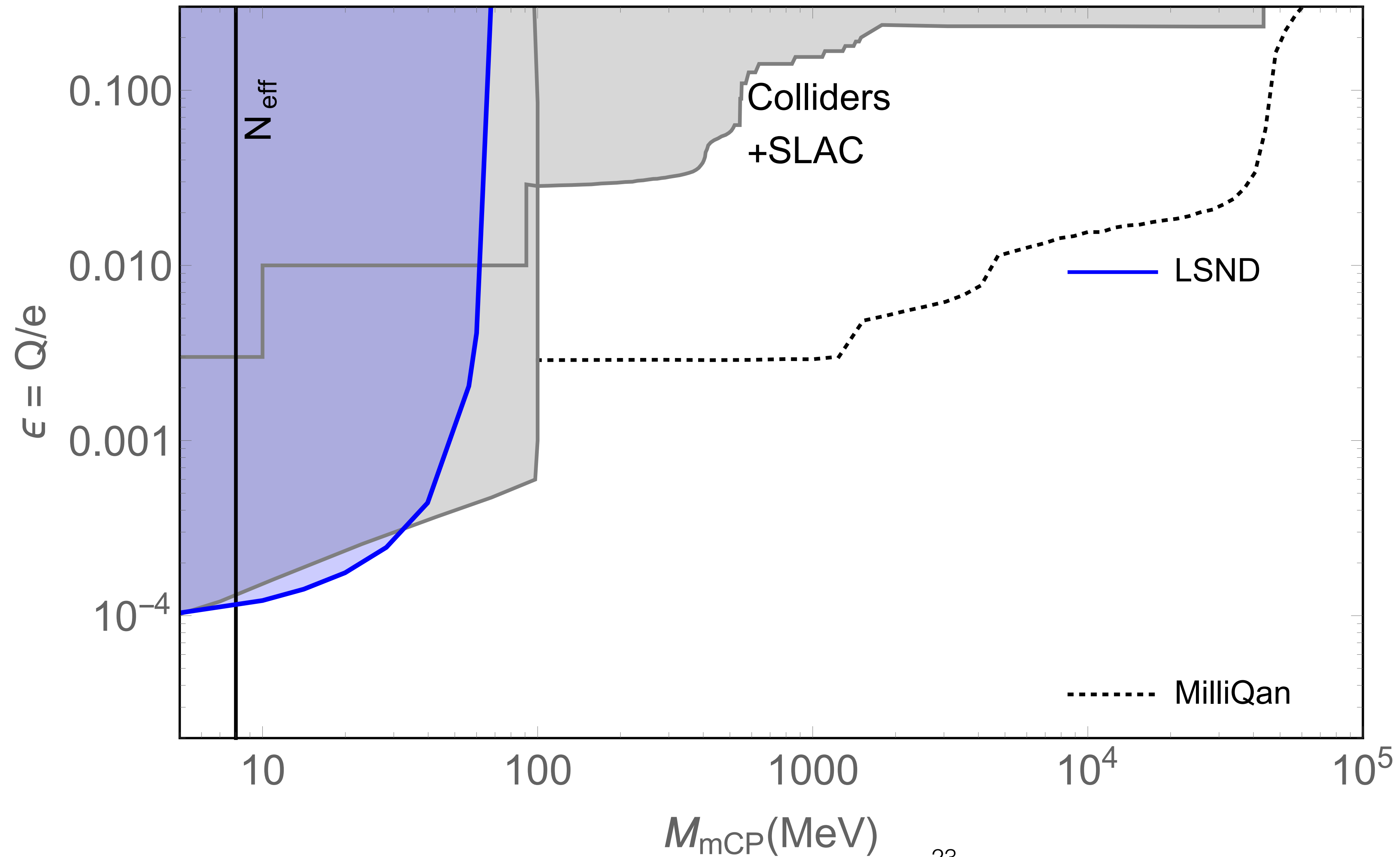
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mBooNE*	1.3	0.04	1.2	0.68	75	850	0*
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DUNE	830	16	3.3	5.1	2	40	19k
SHiP	4.7	0.11	130	220	100	300	140

TABLE I. Summary of the lifetime meson rates ( $N$ ), mCP detector acceptances ( $A_{\text{geo}}$ ), electron recoil energy cuts, and backgrounds at each of the experiments considered in this paper. In all experiments a cut of  $\cos \theta > 0$  is imposed in our analysis (\*except for MiniBooNE's dark matter run where a cut of  $\cos \theta > 0.99$  effectively reduces backgrounds to zero [44, 45]). For the SHiP and DUNE experiments, we also include  $J/\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  mesons as well as Drell-Yan production which are discussed in the text. We use an efficiency of  $\mathcal{E} = 0.2$  for Cherenkov detectors,  $\mathcal{E} = 0.5$  for nuclear emulsion detectors, and  $\mathcal{E} = 0.8$  for liquid argon time projection chambers. The data at LSND and MiniBooNE is taken from [46] and [24, 44] respectively. Projections at MicroBooNE [47], SBND [26], DUNE [27] and SHiP [48] are based on expected detector performance.

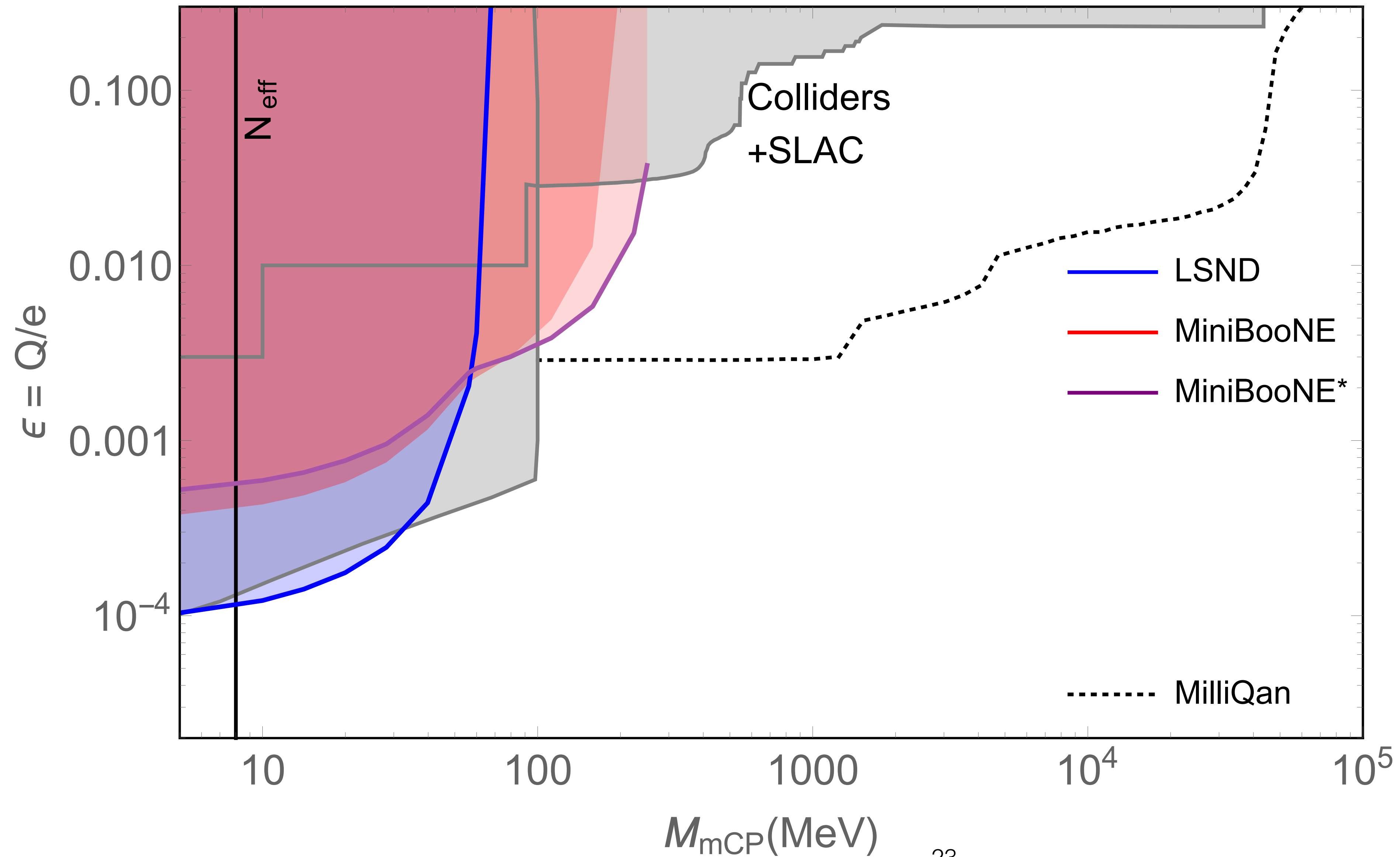
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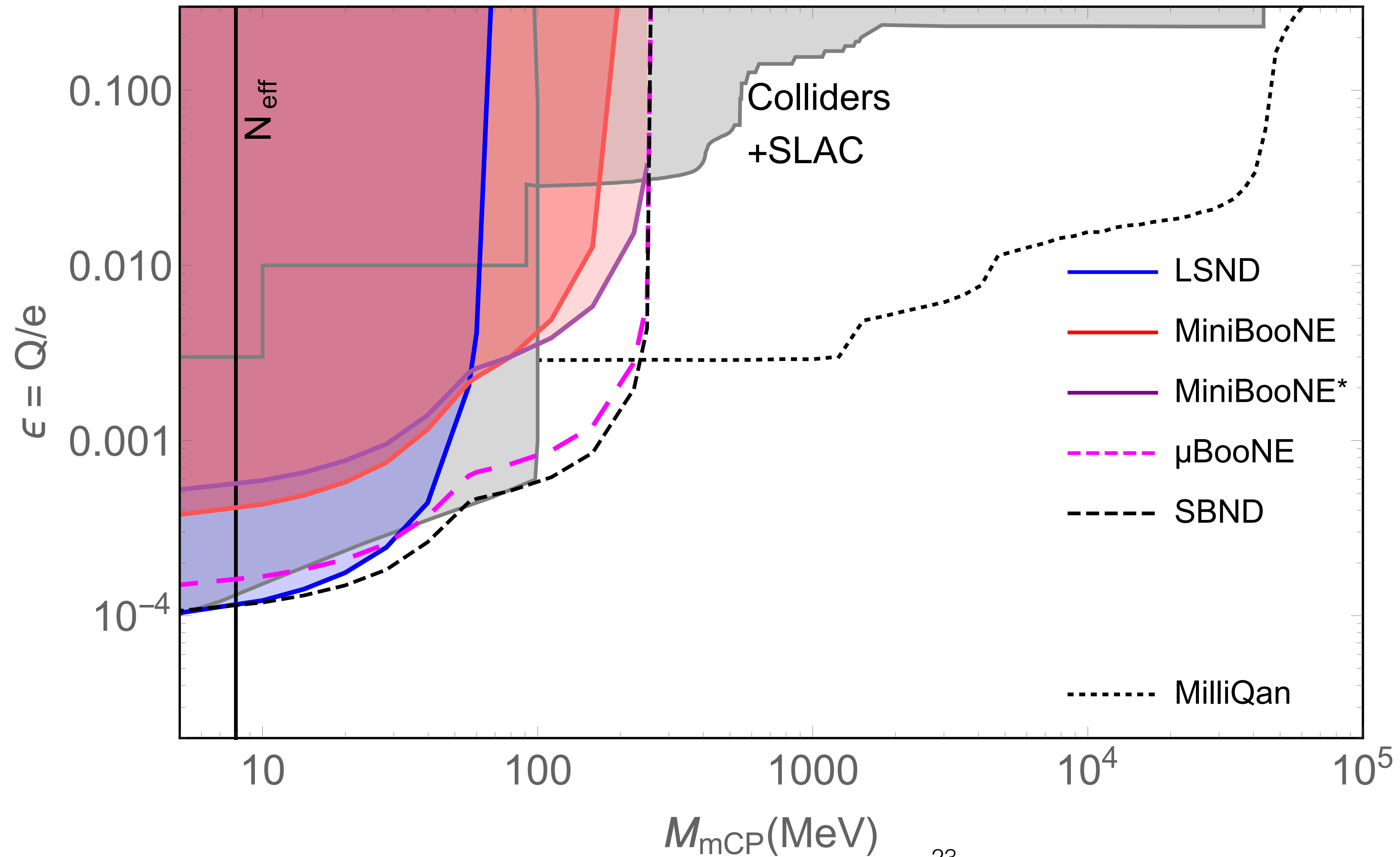
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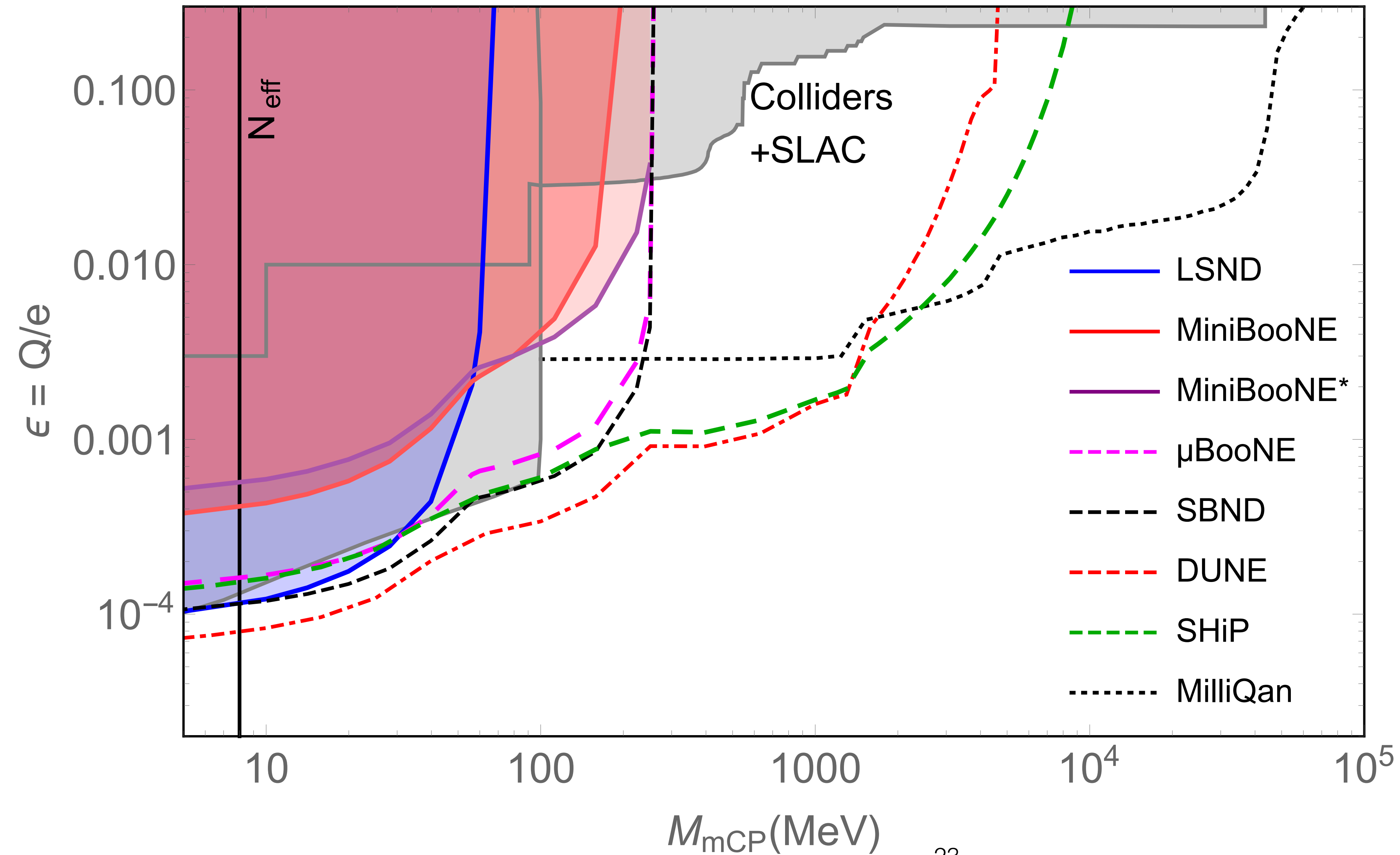
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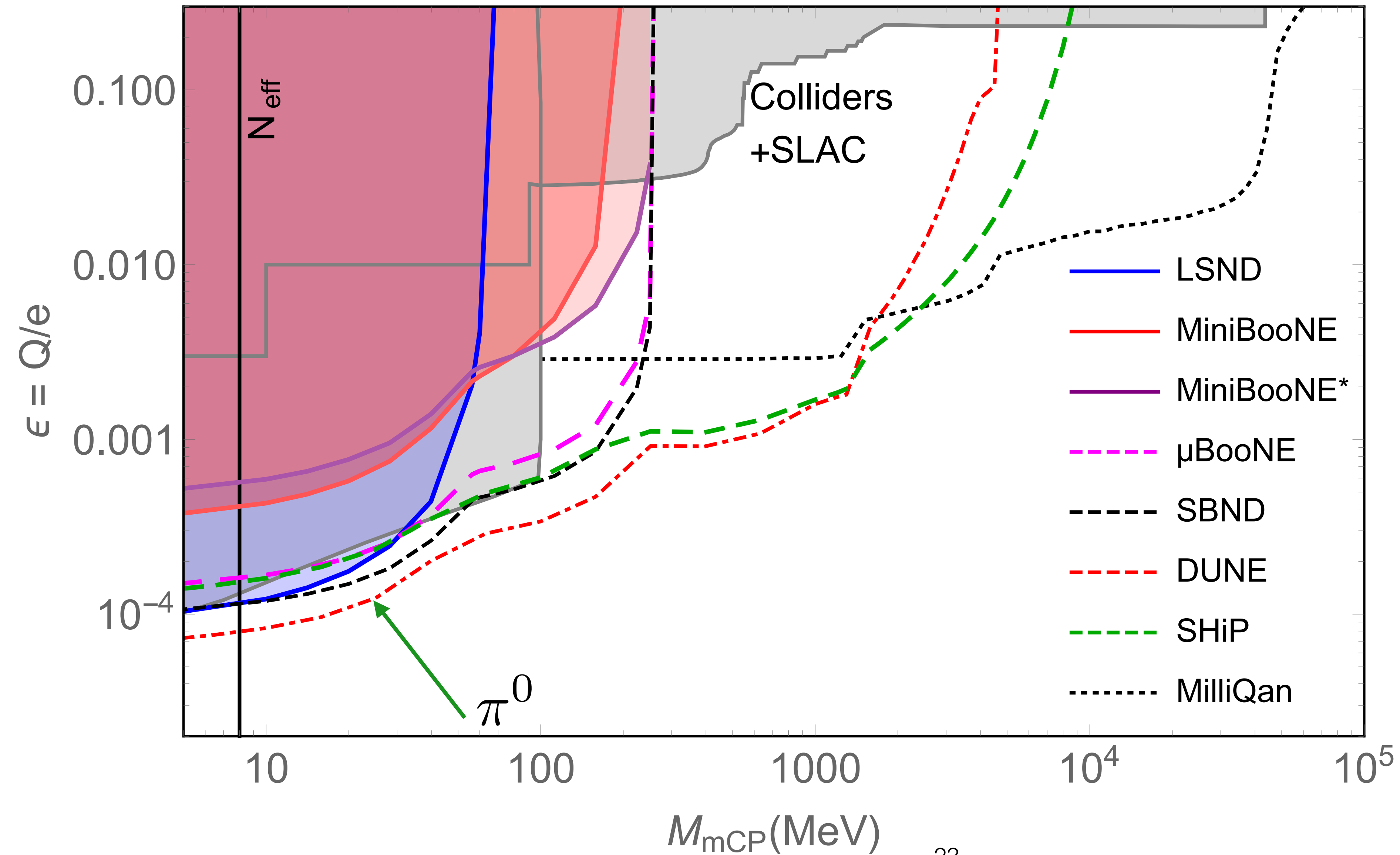
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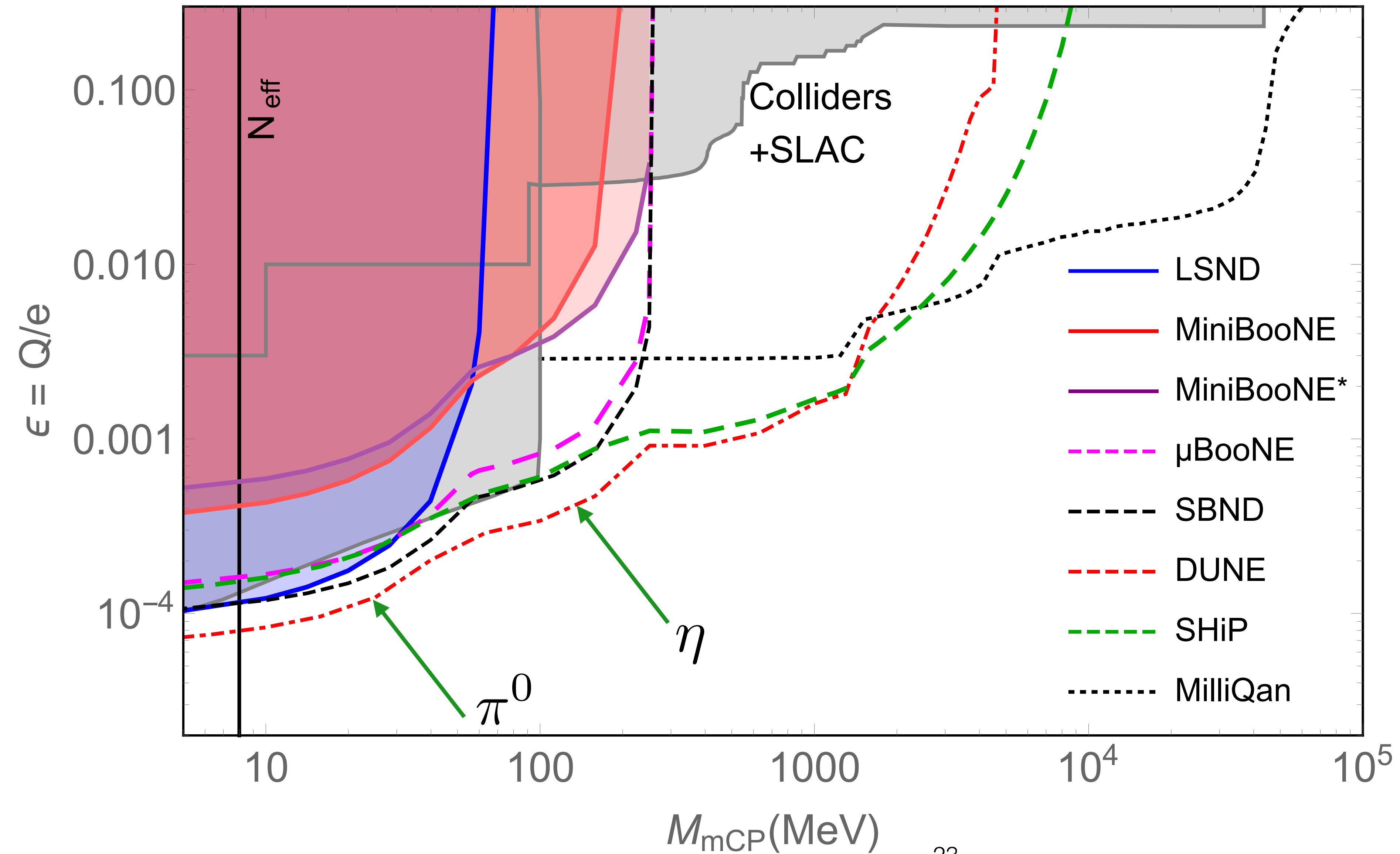
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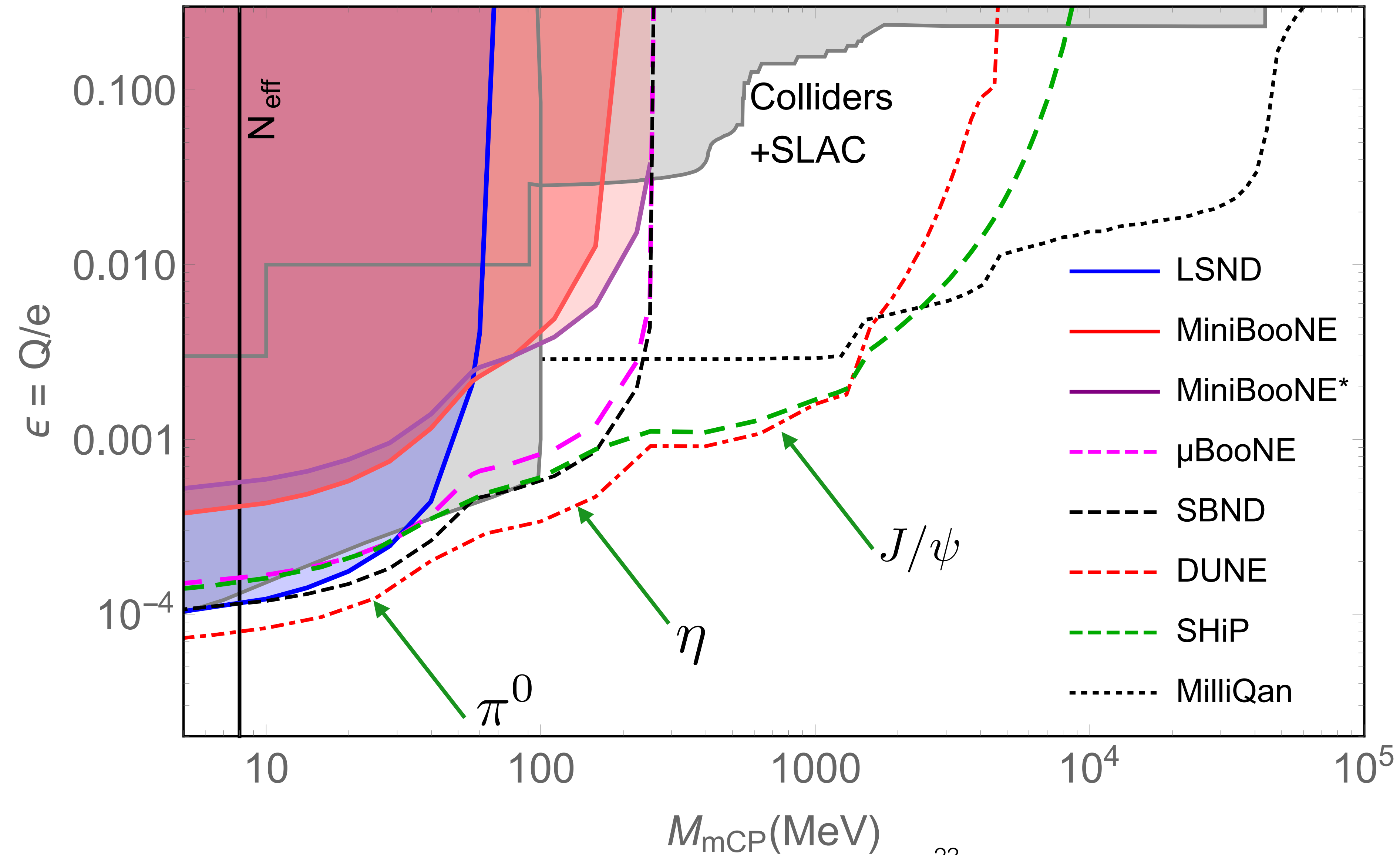


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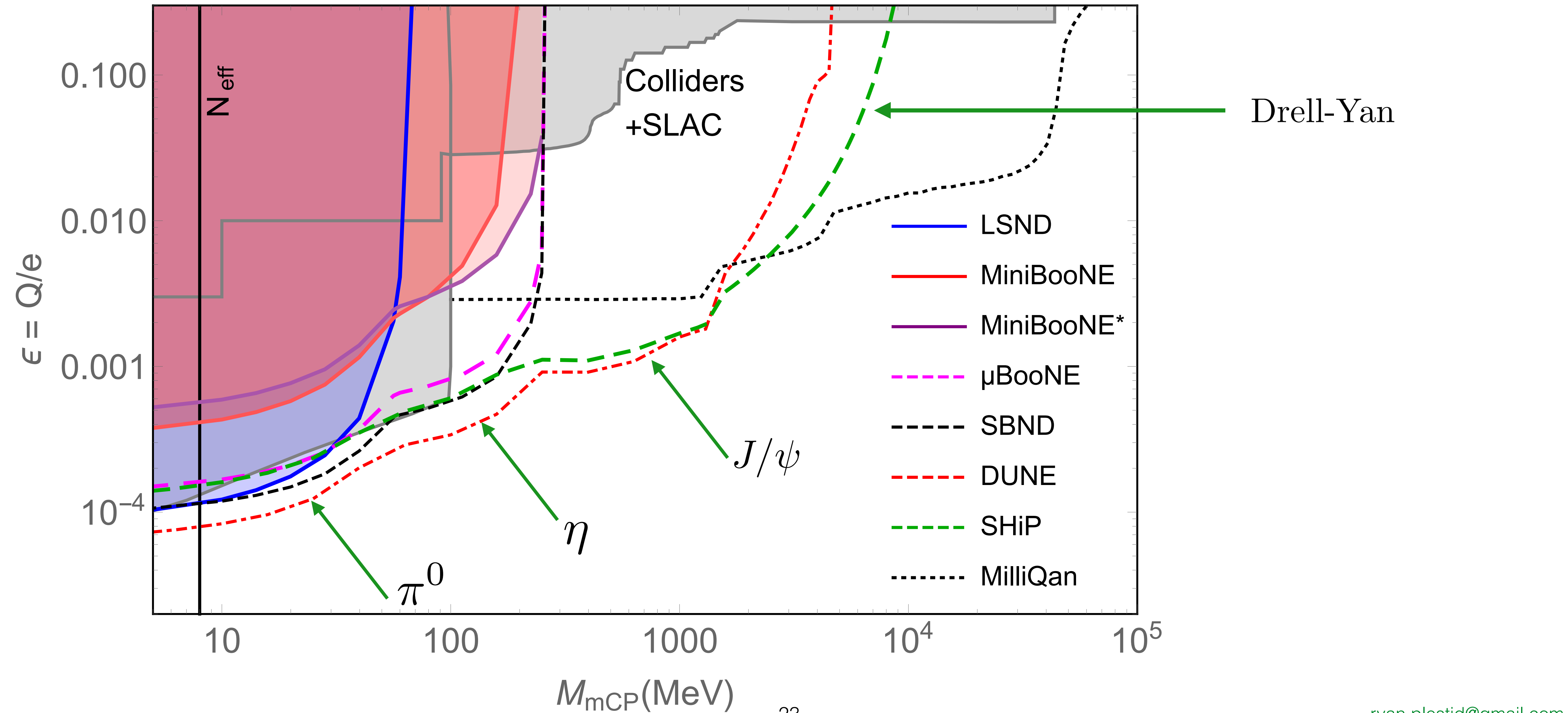




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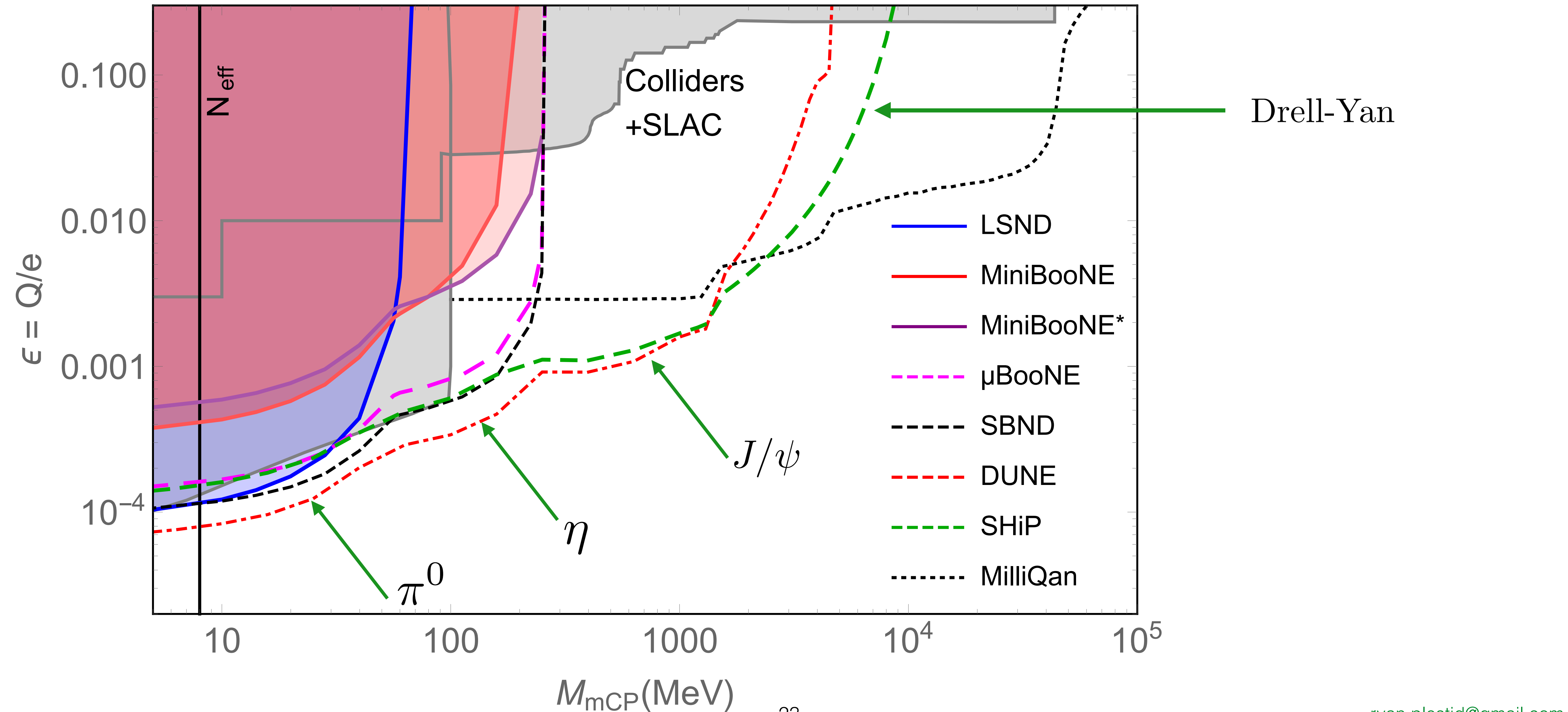


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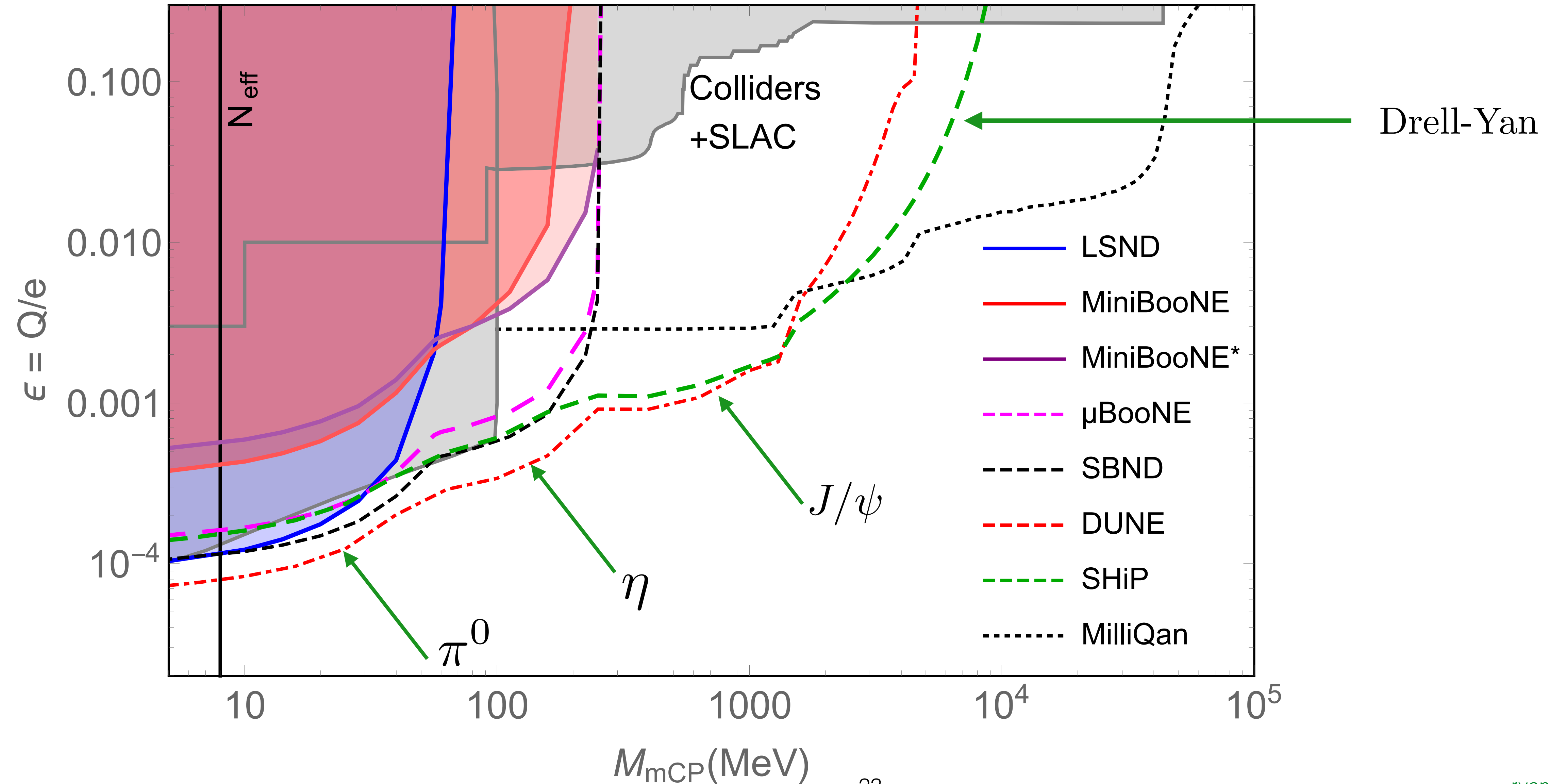
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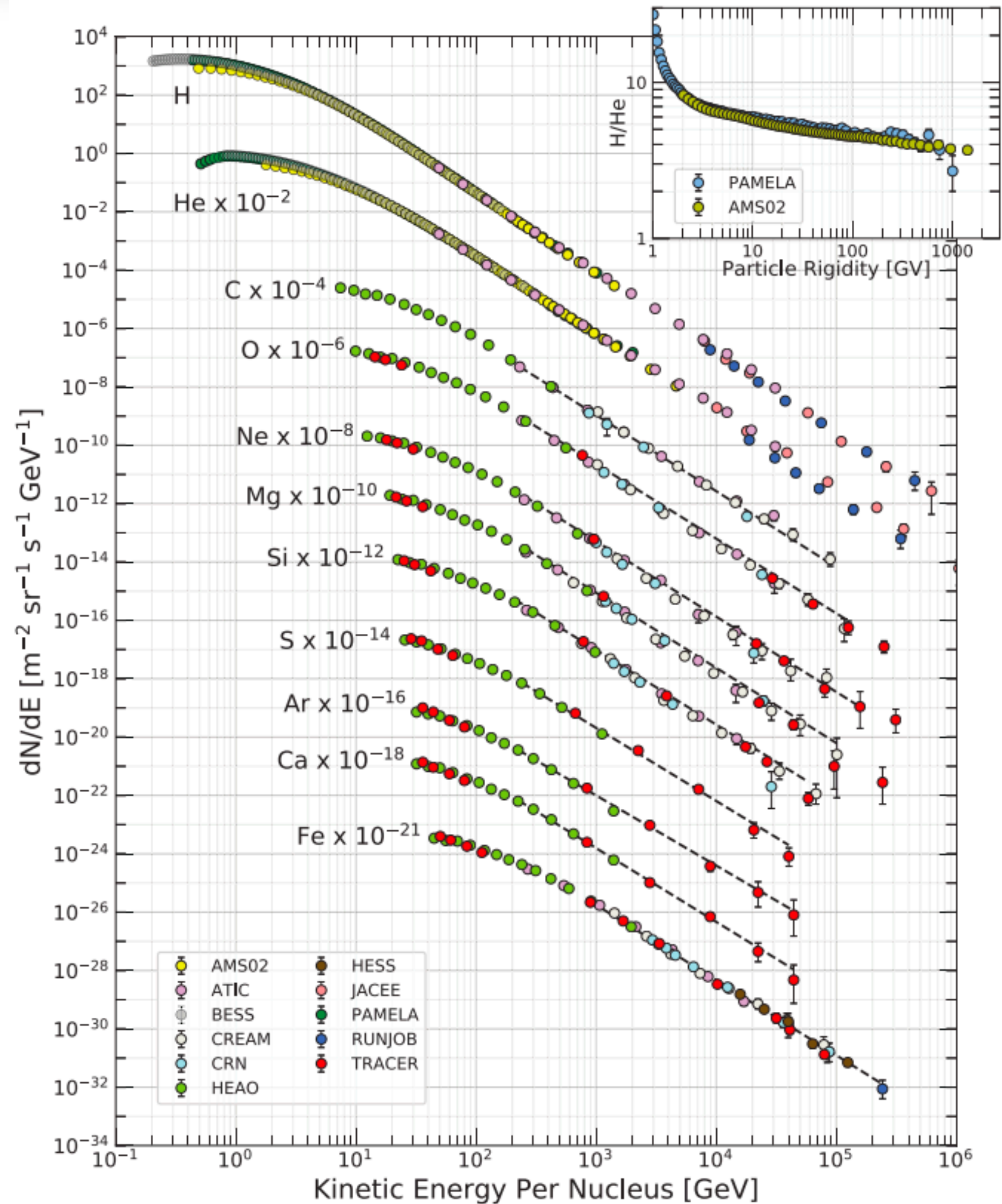
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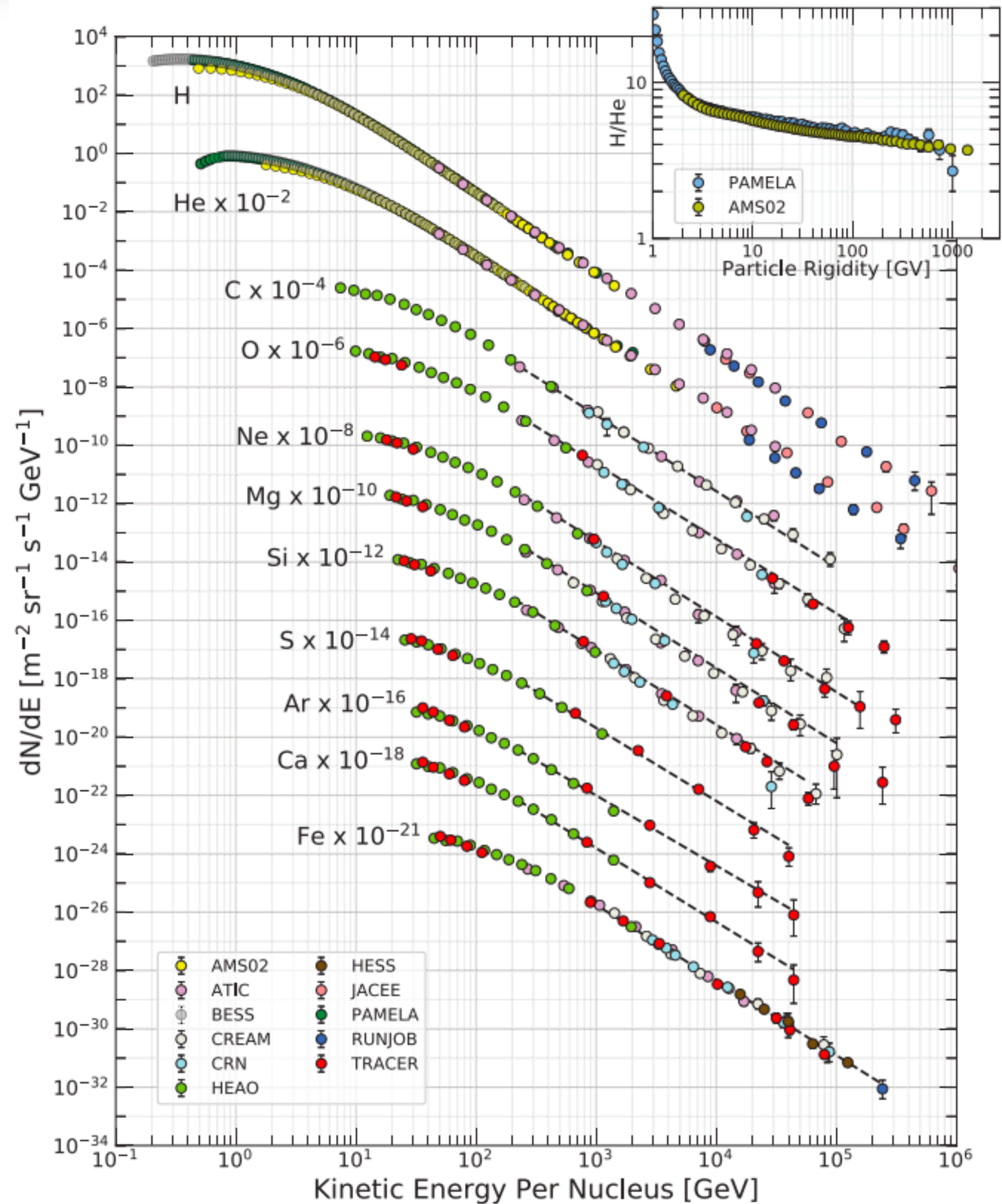
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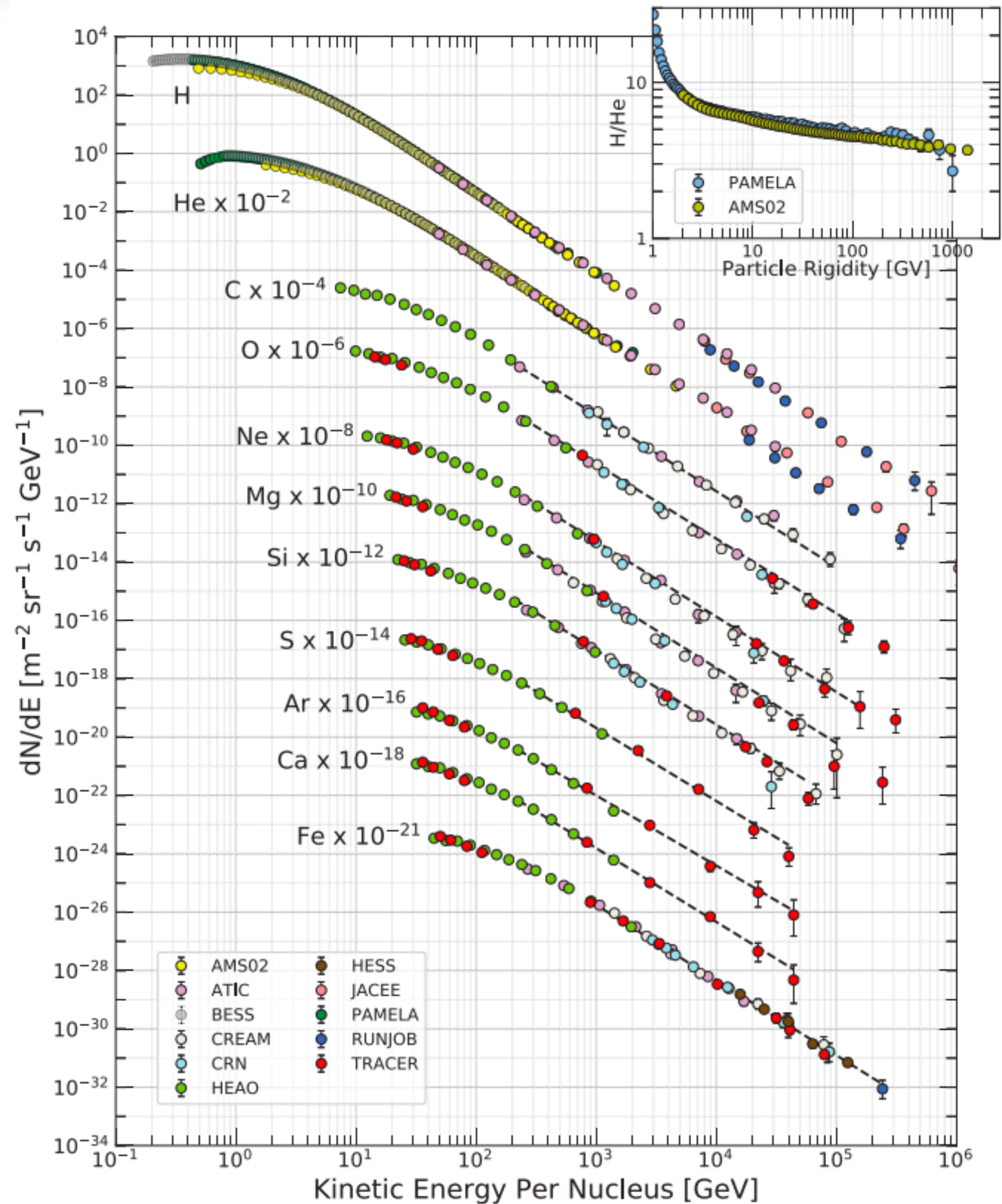
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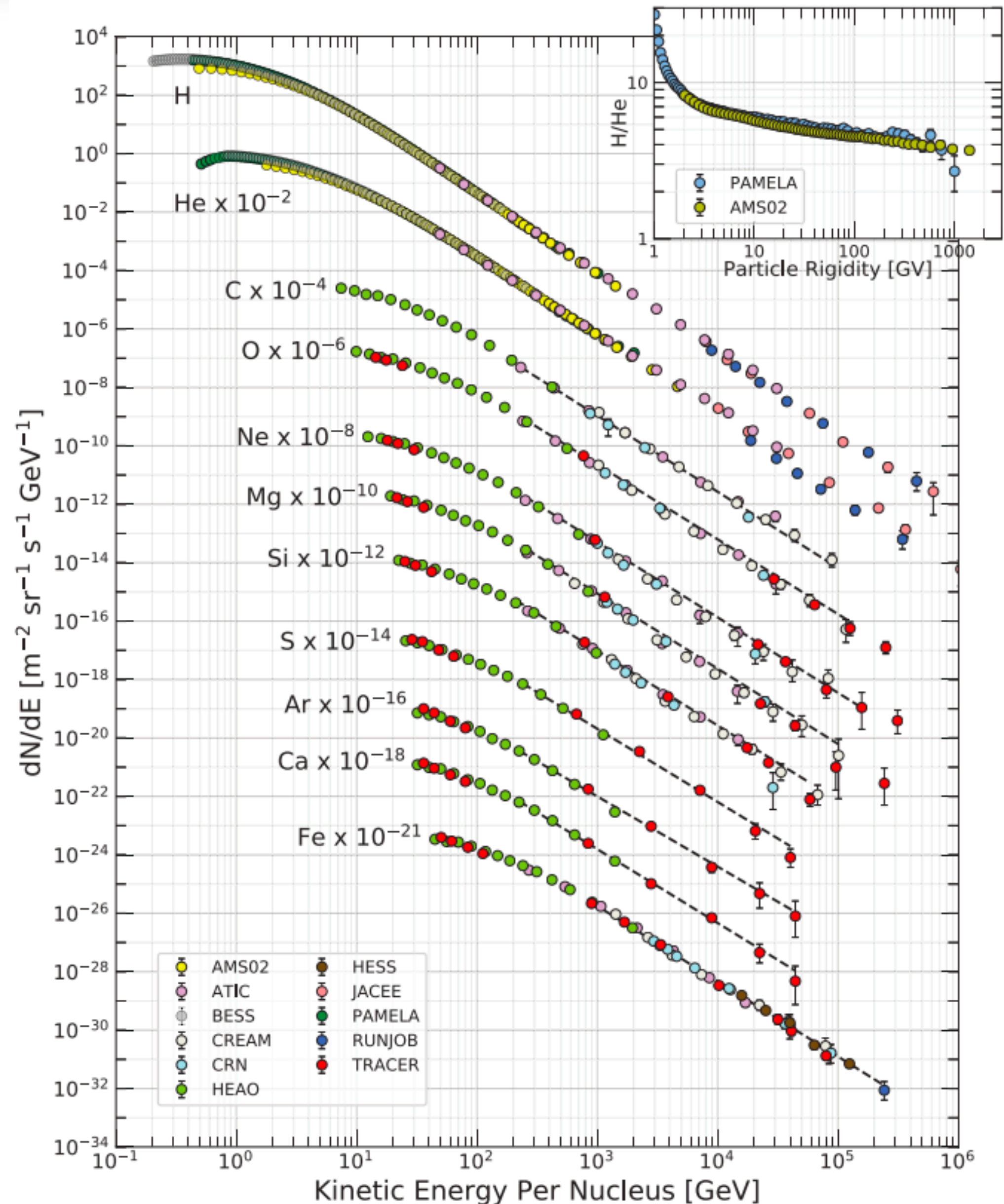
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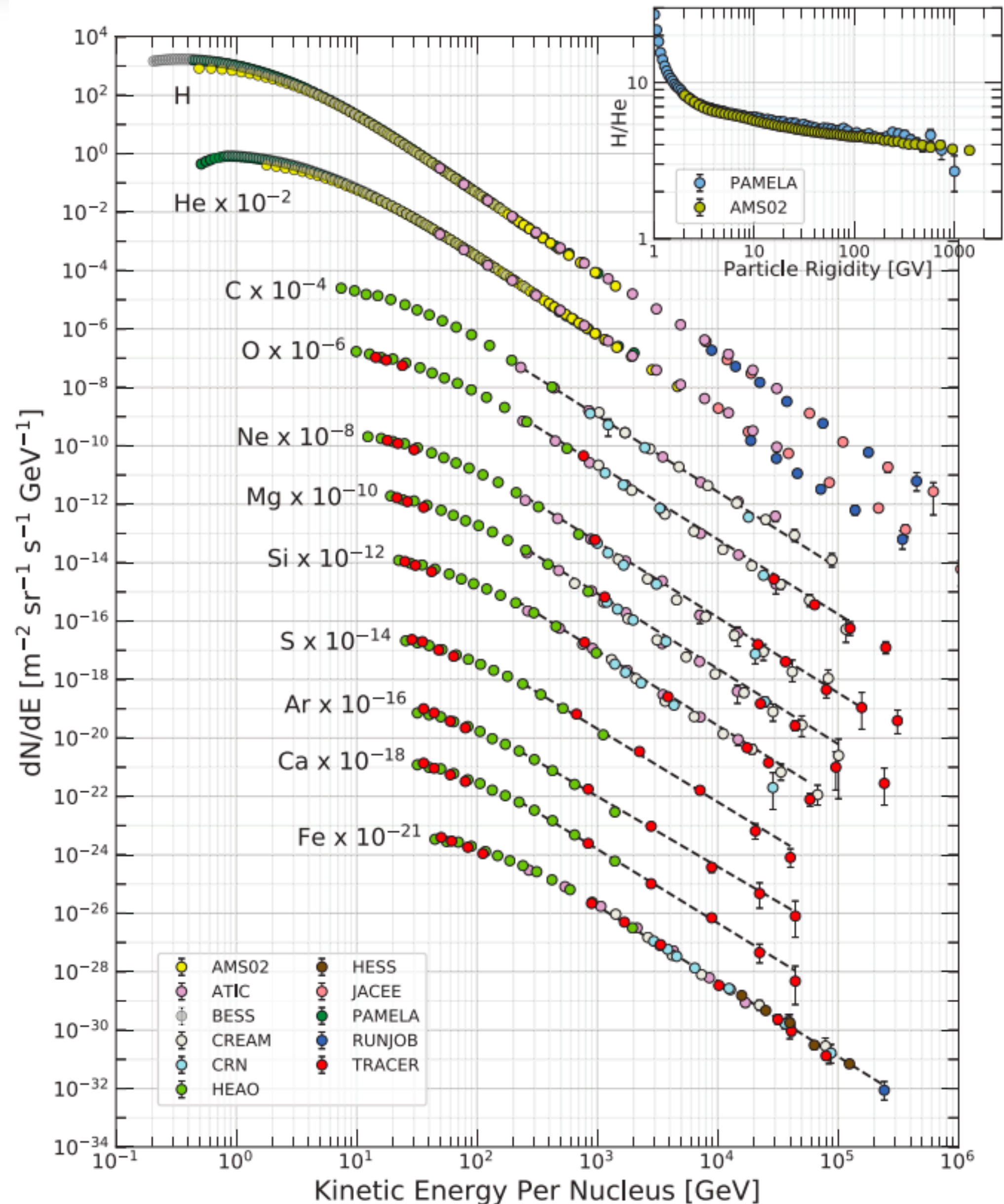
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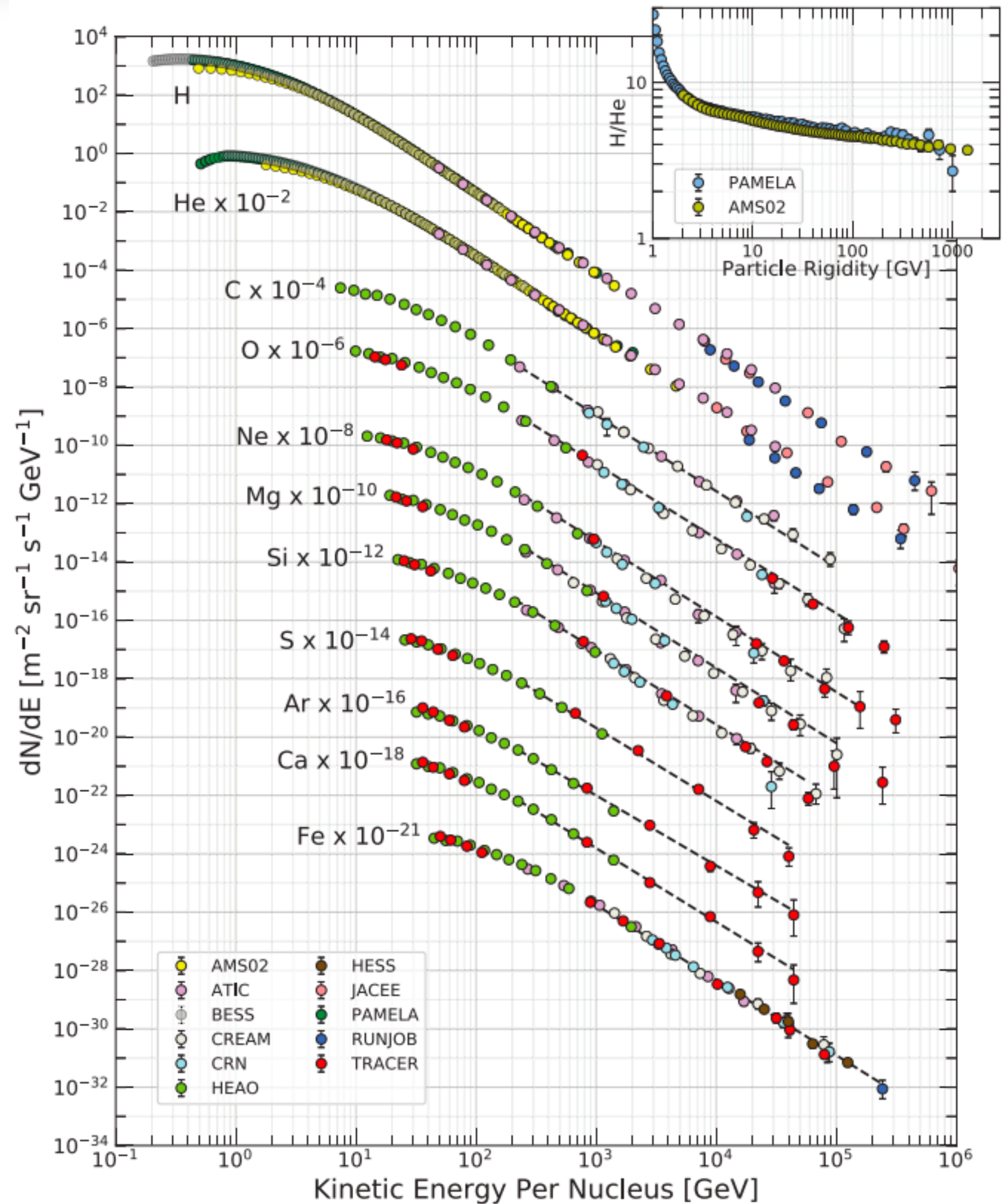
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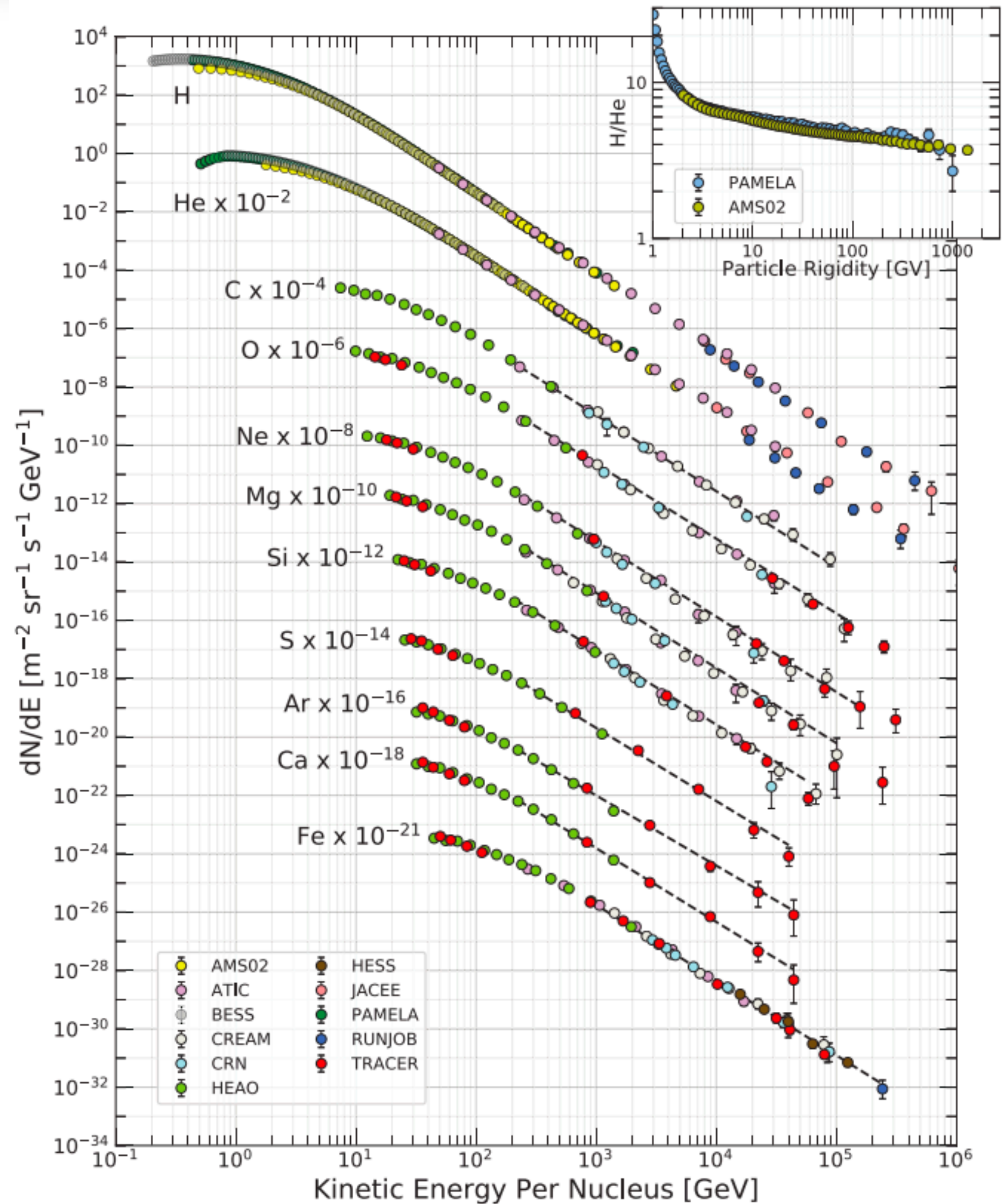
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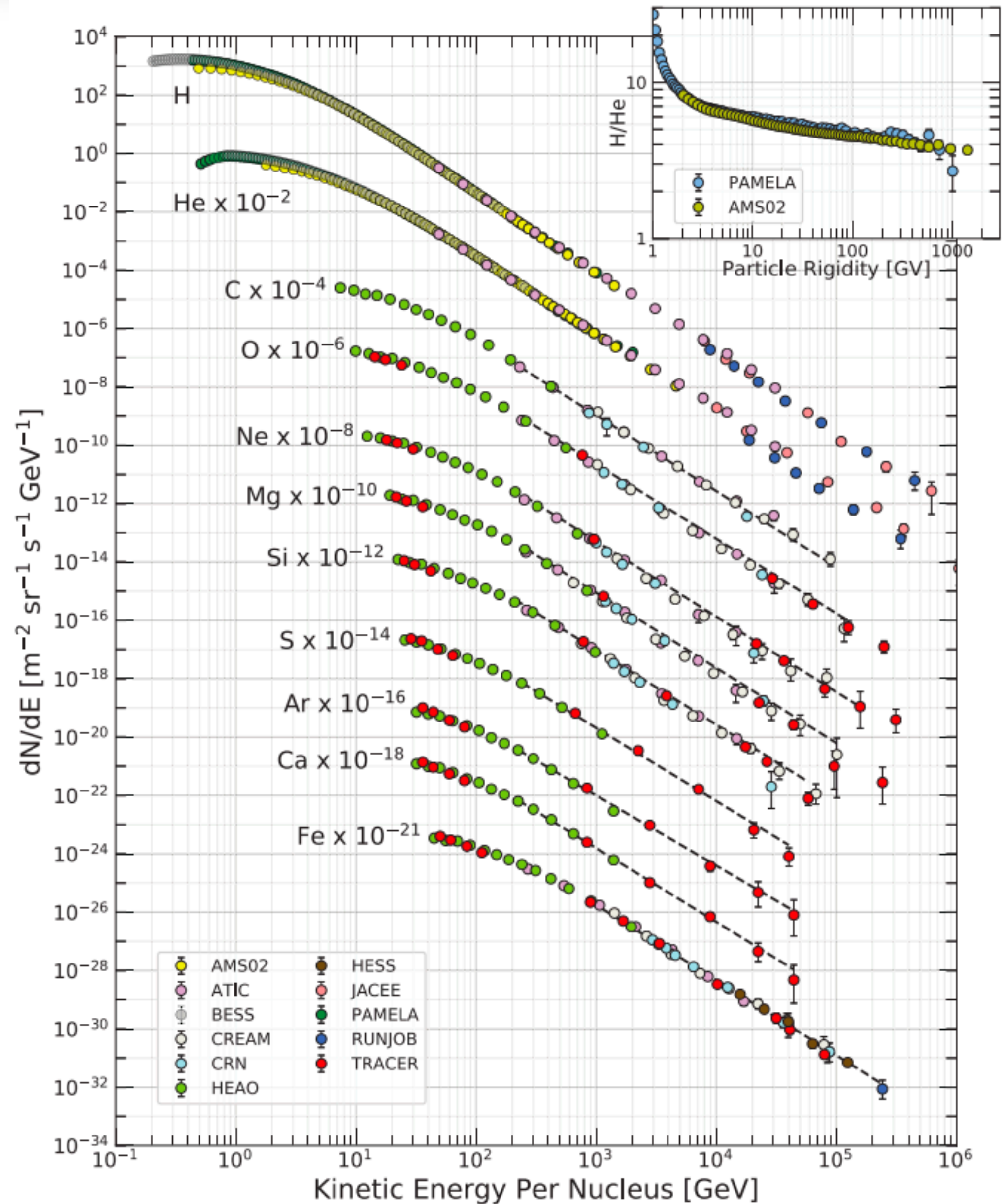


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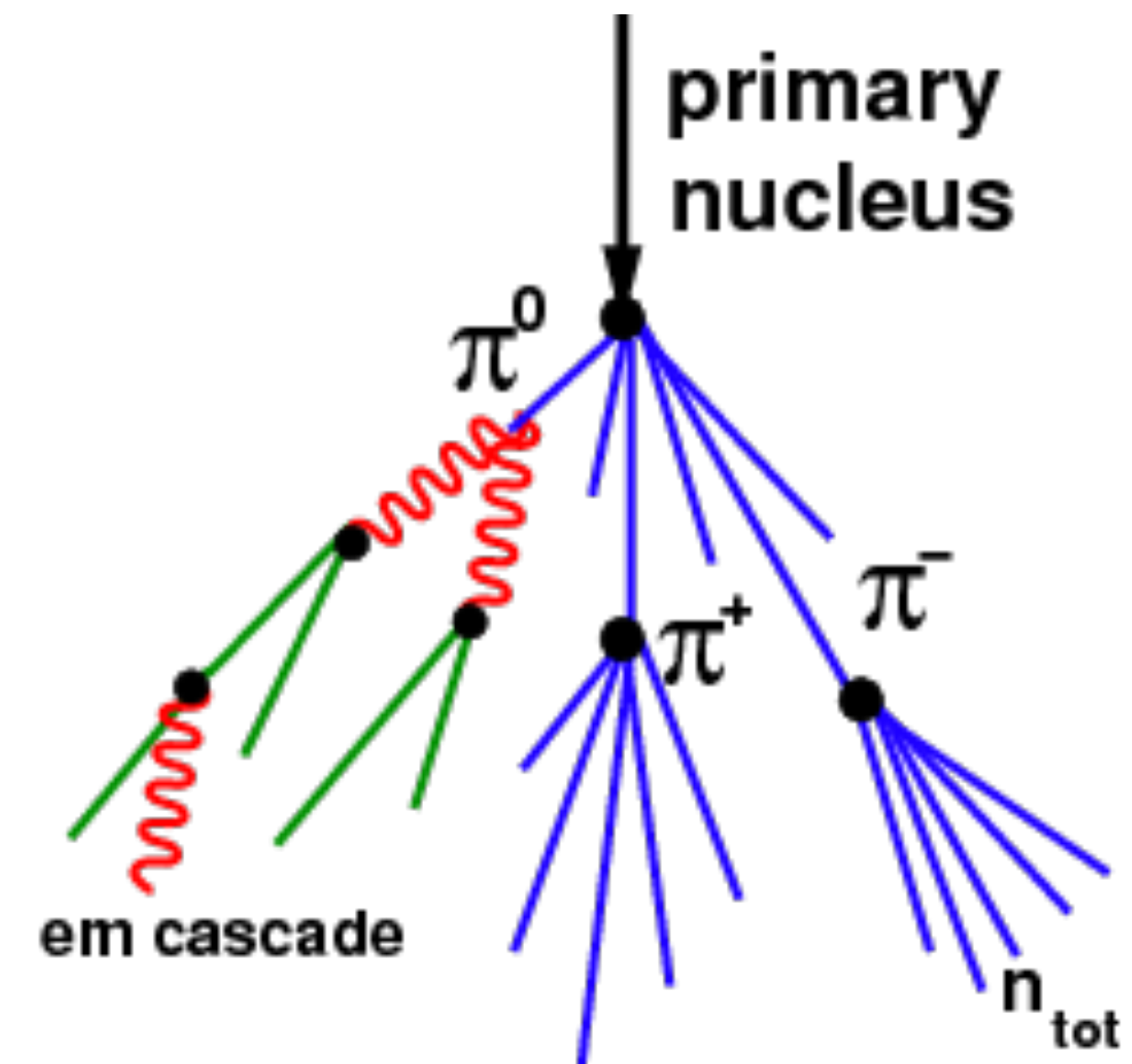
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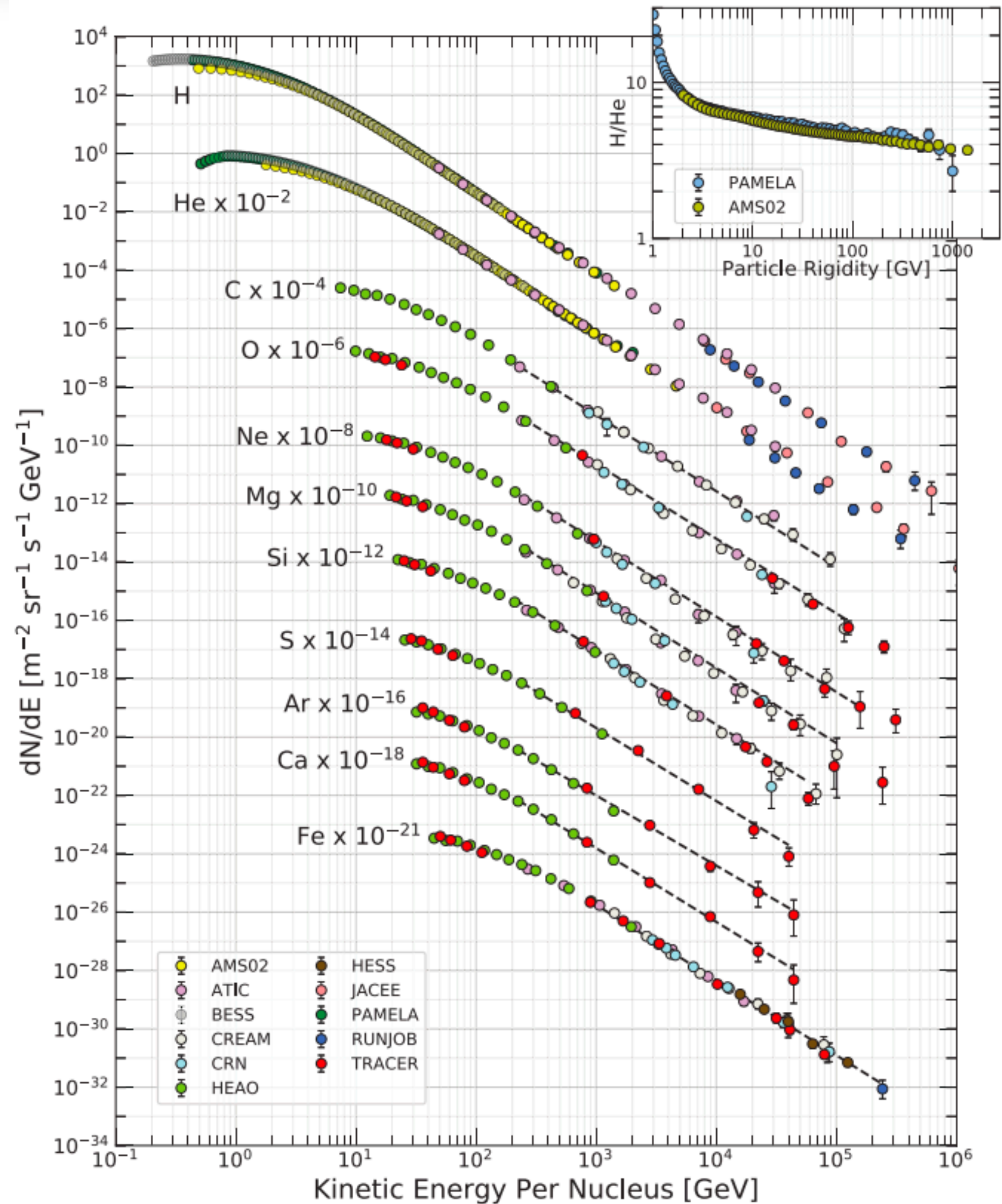
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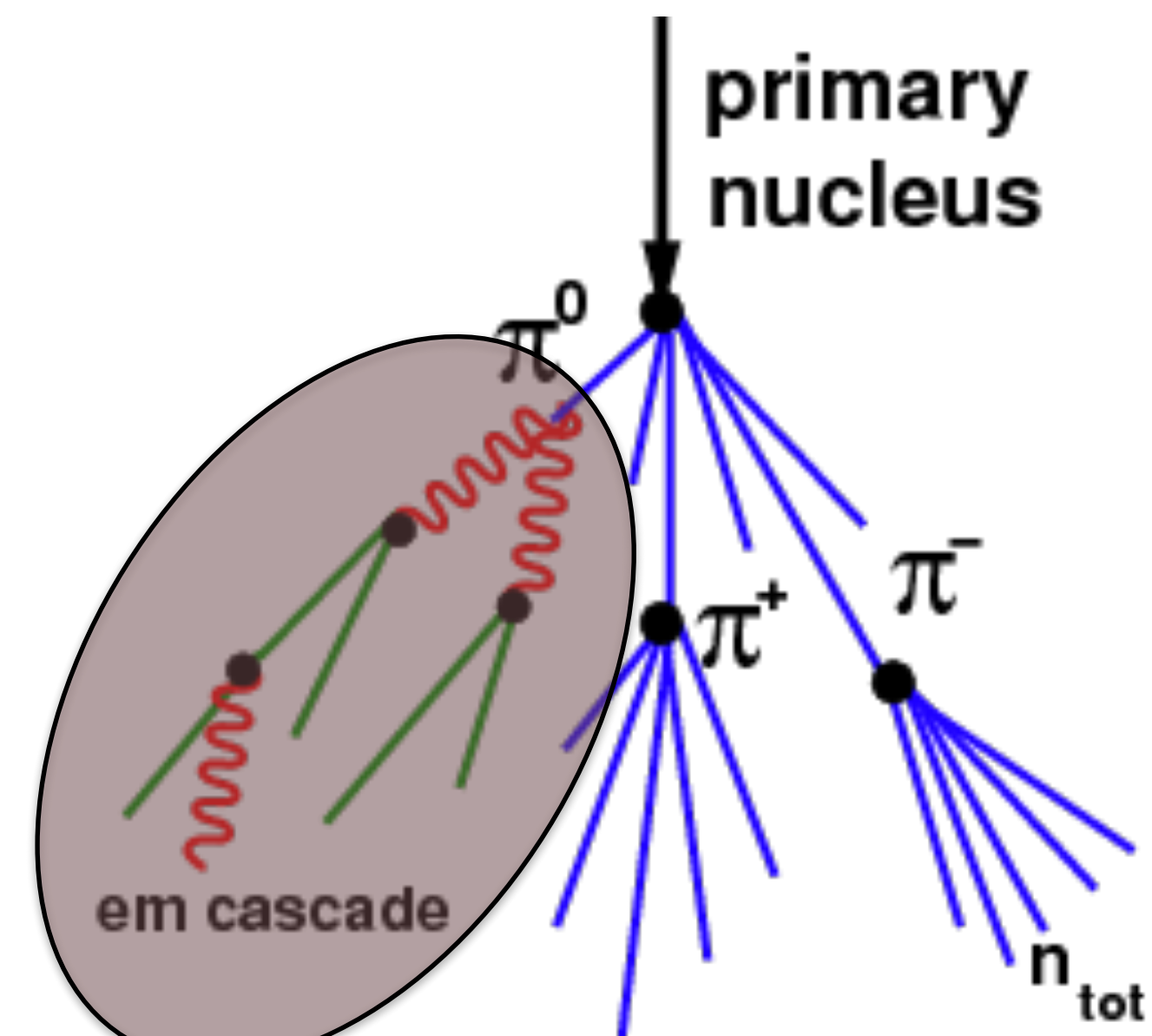
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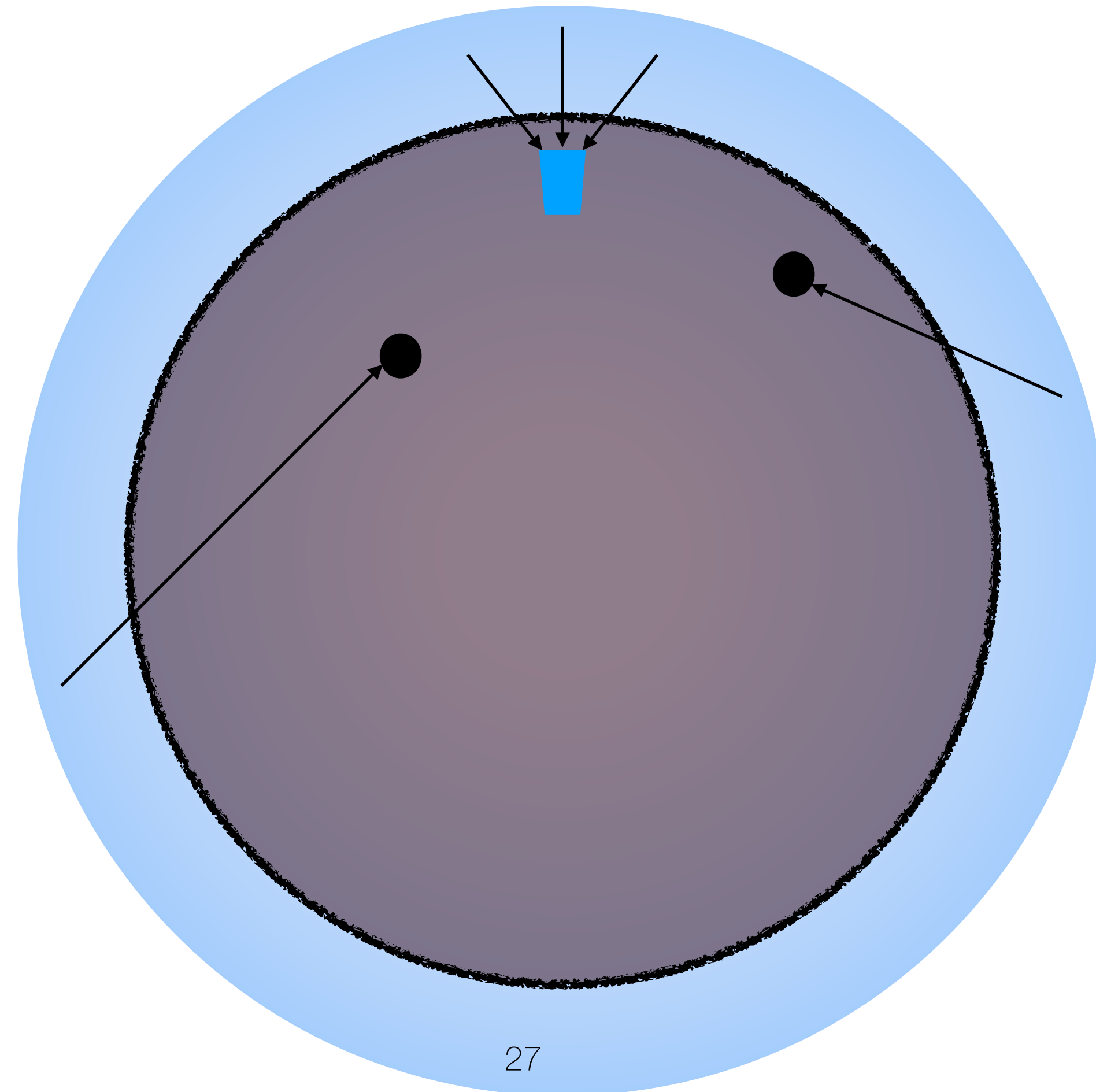
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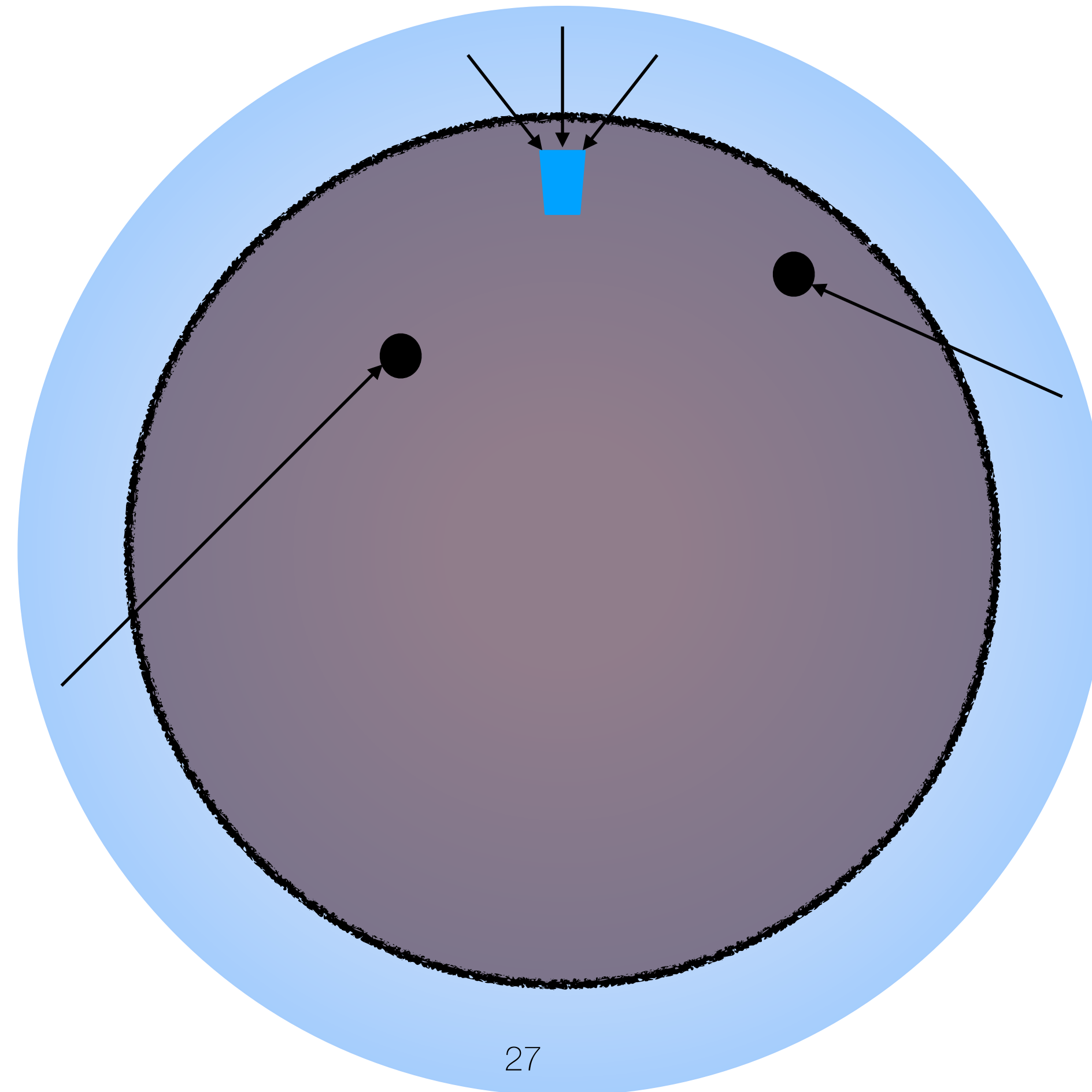
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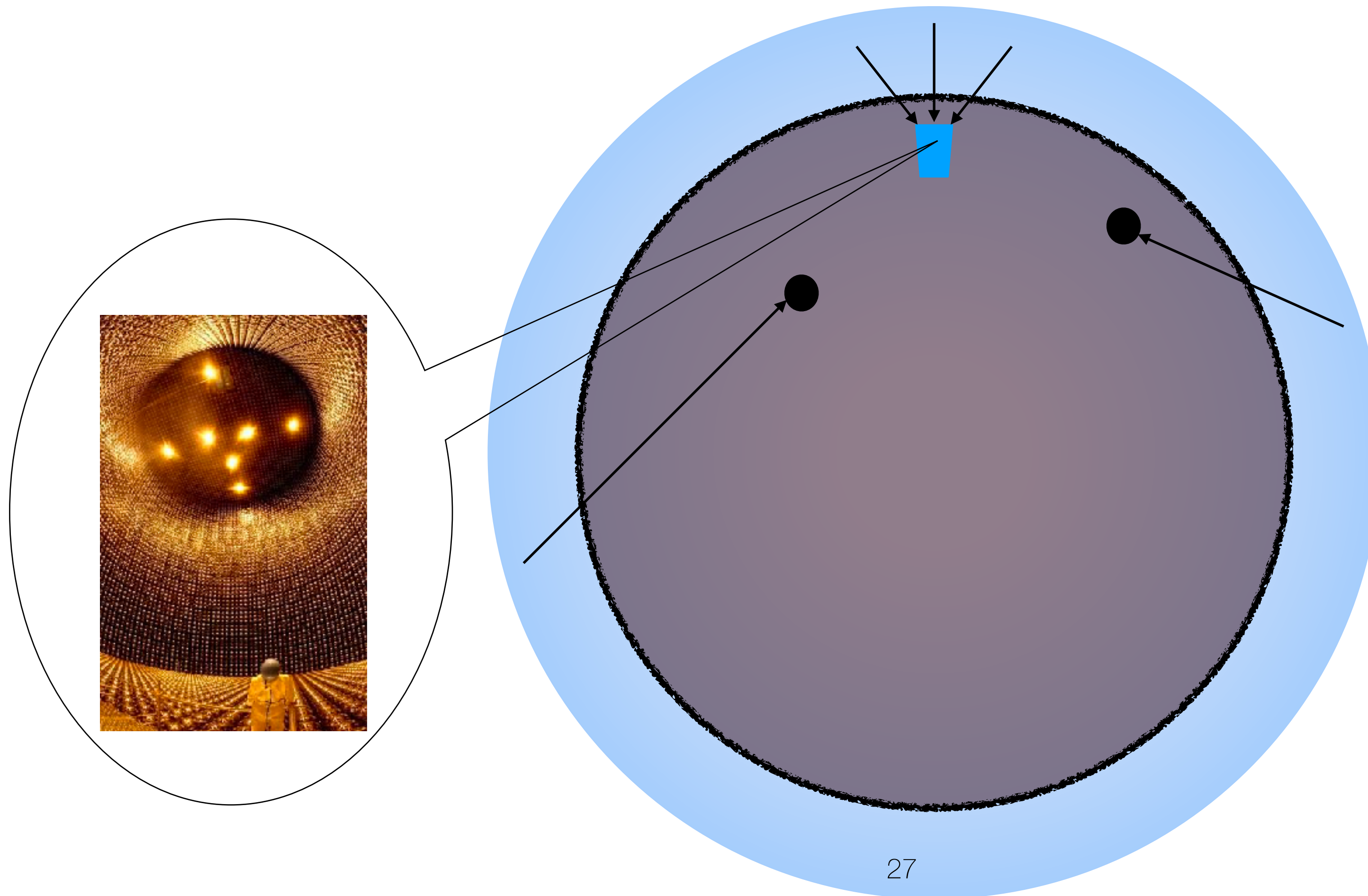
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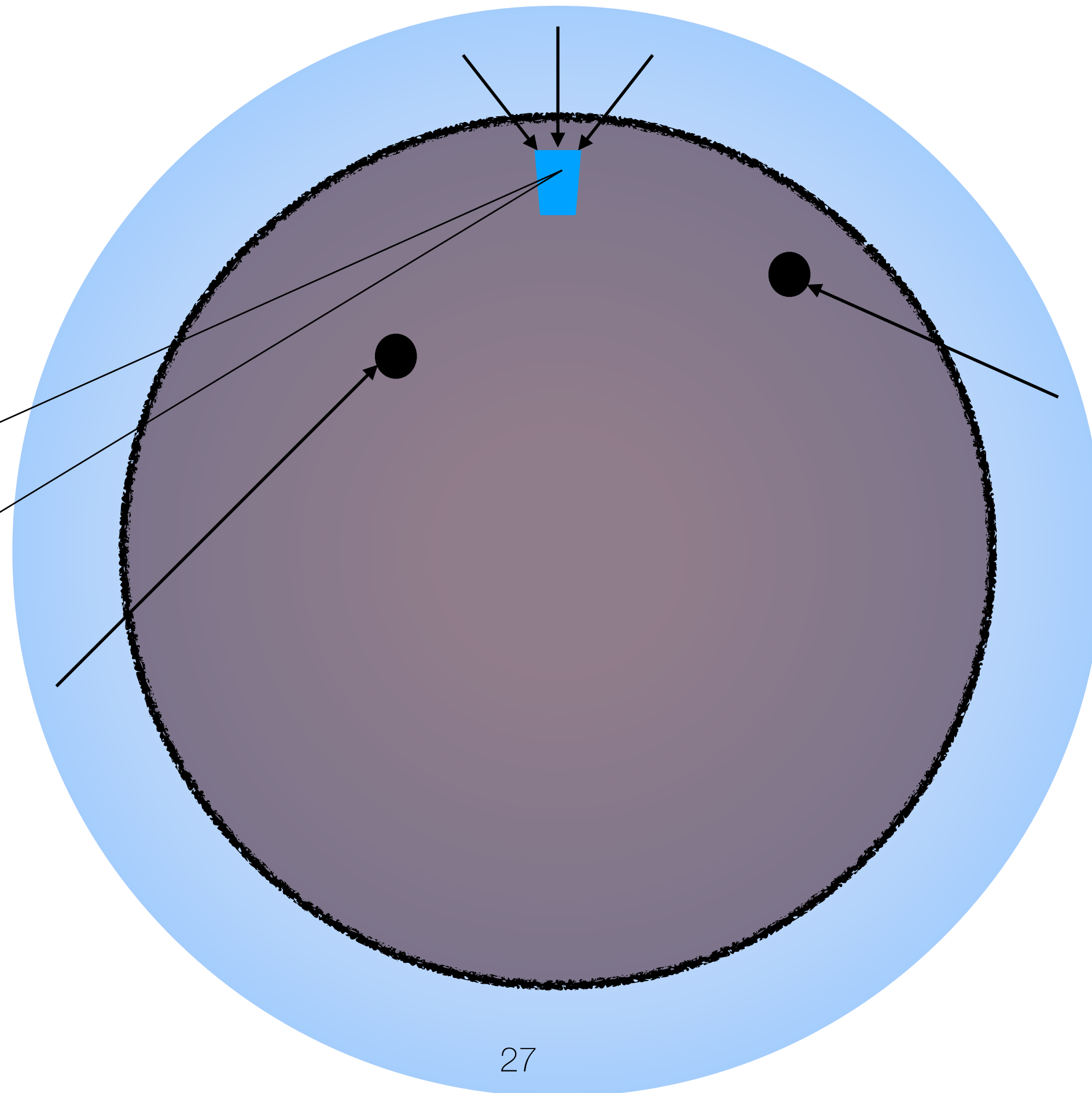
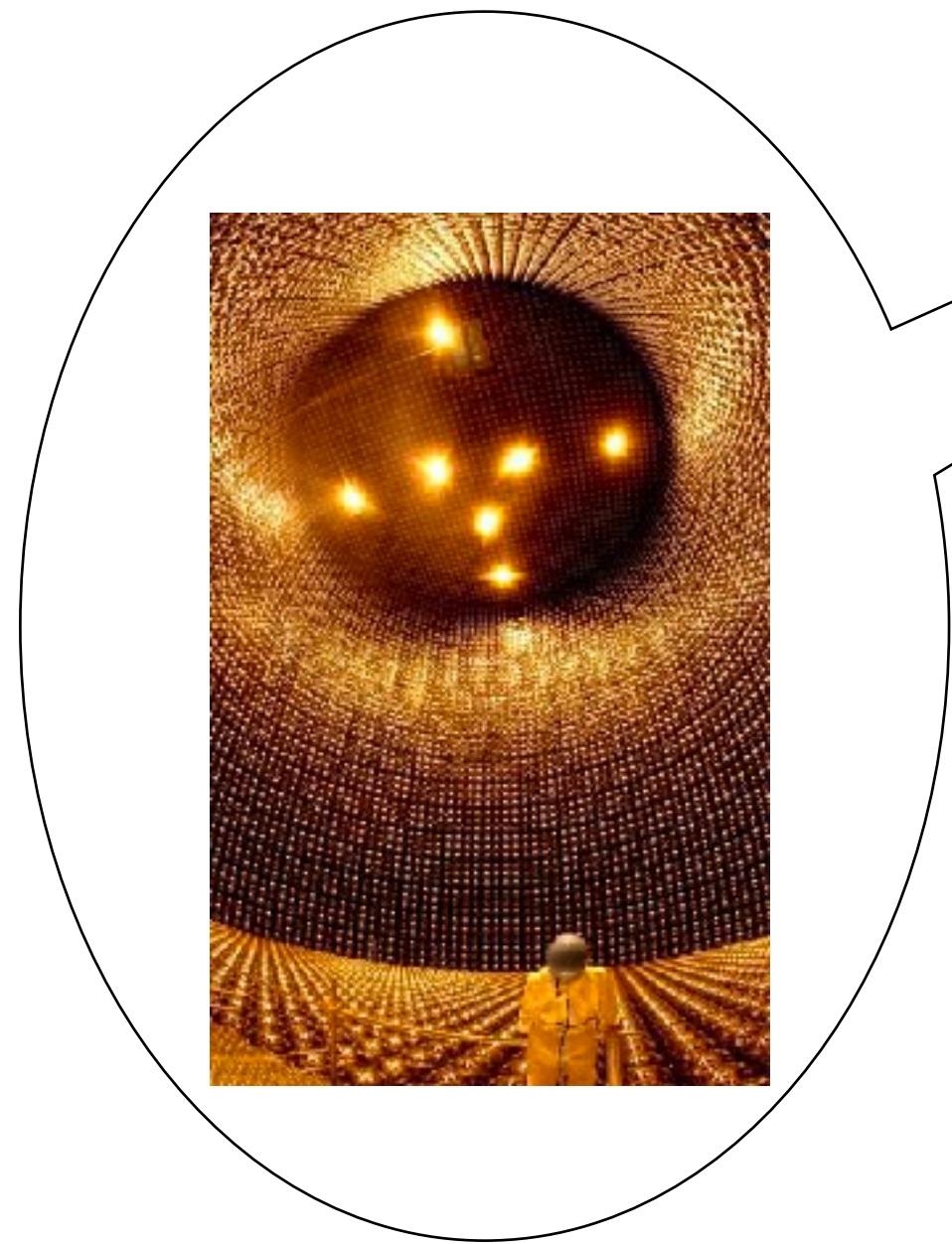
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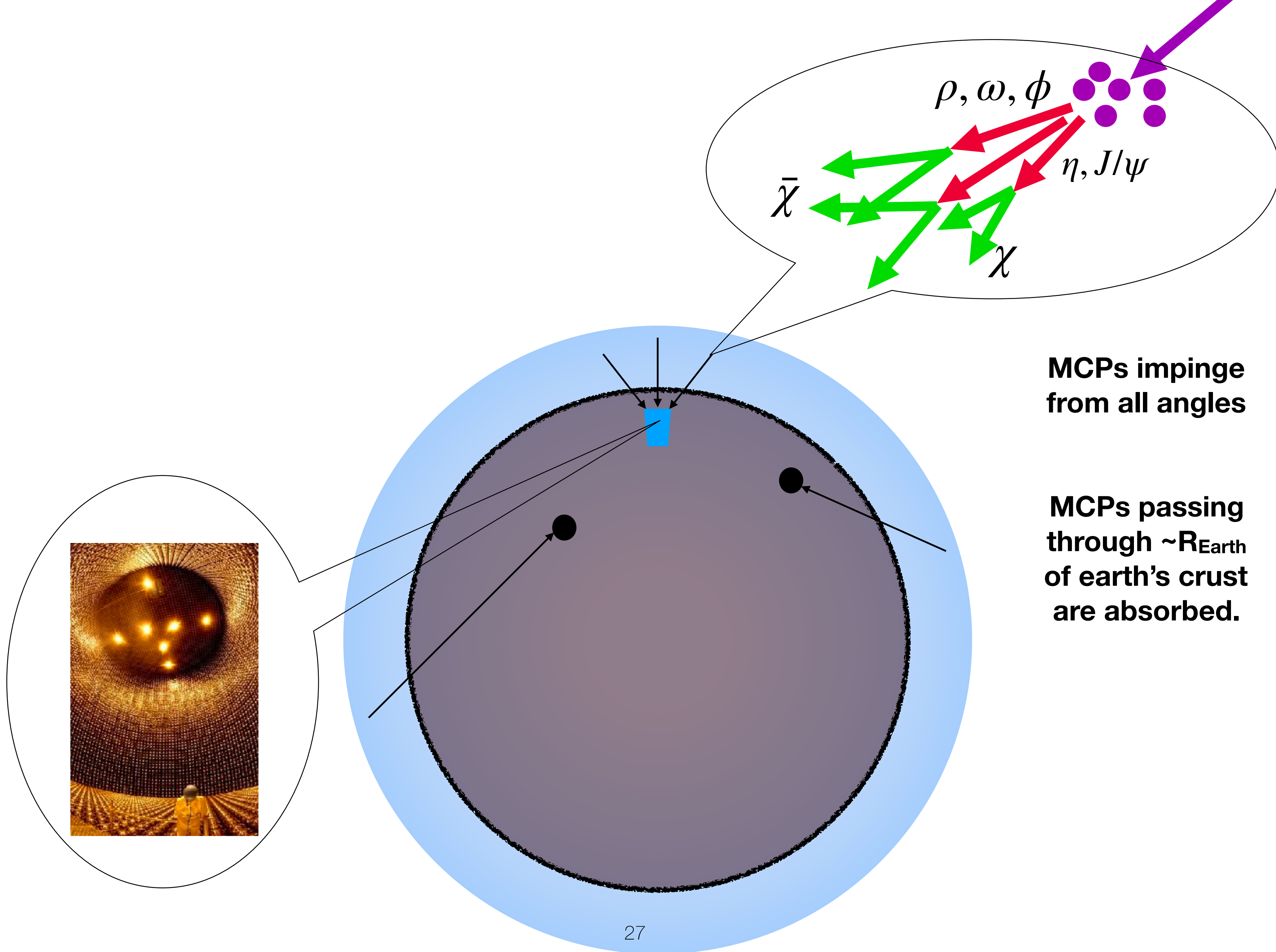
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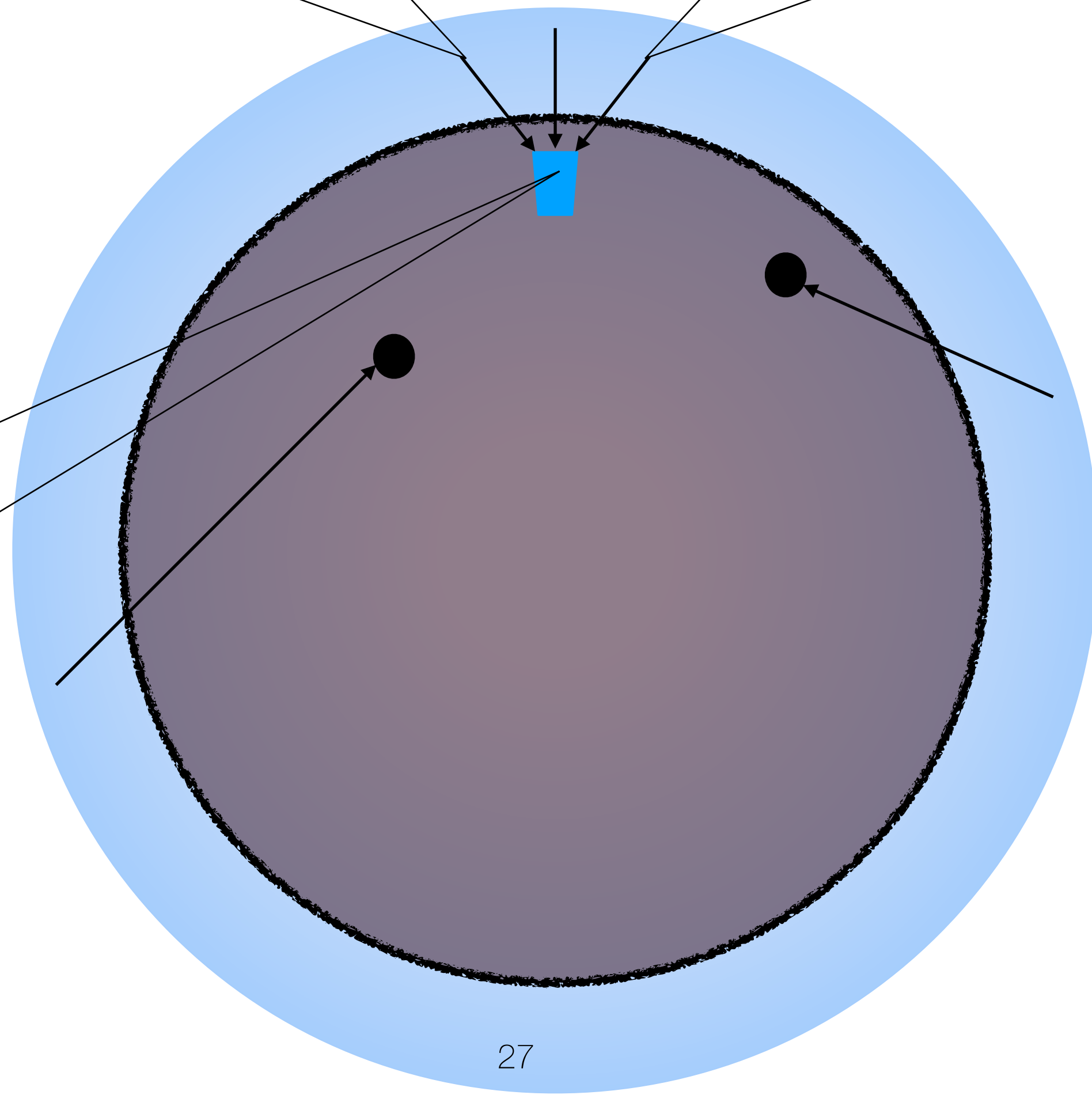
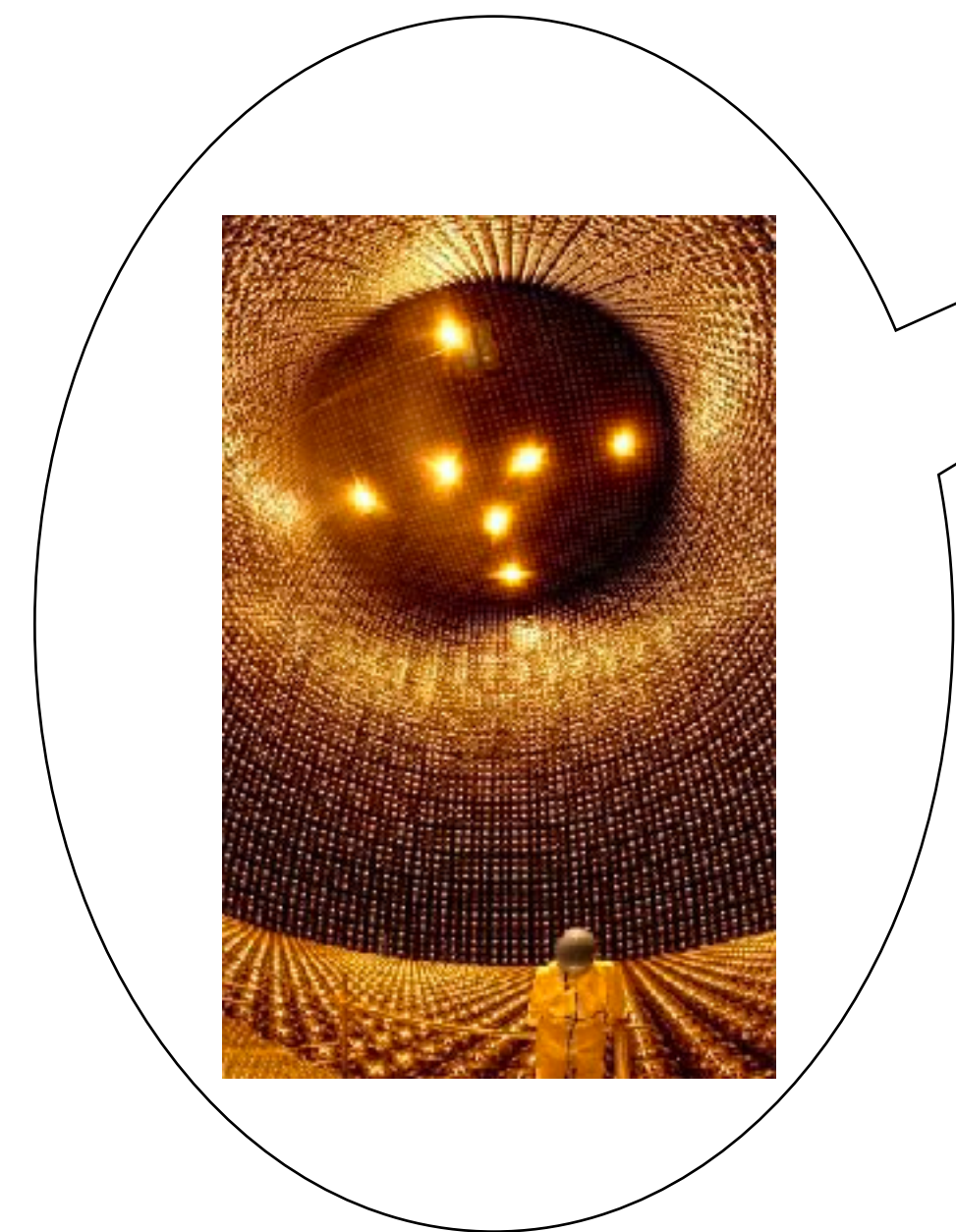
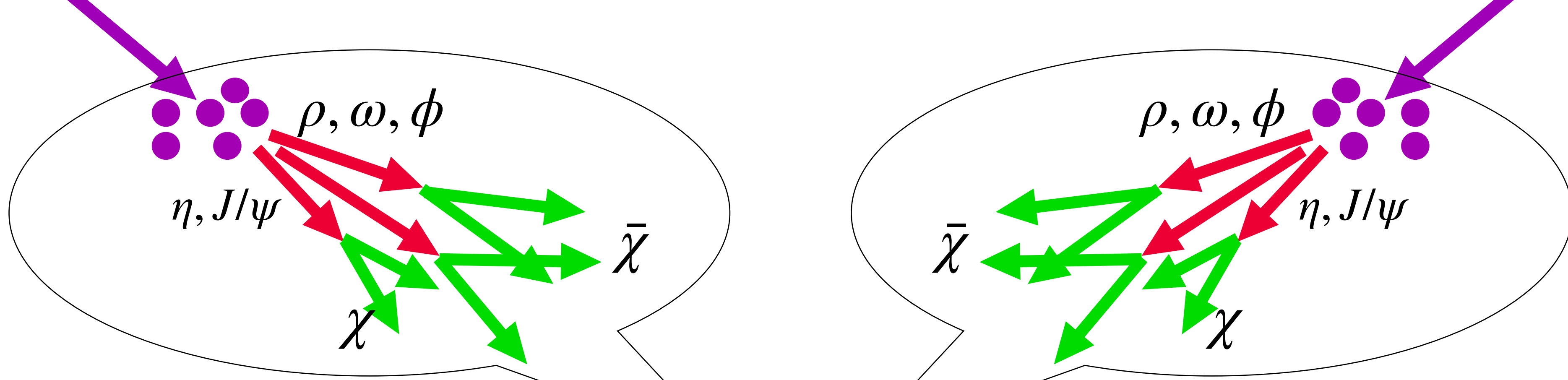
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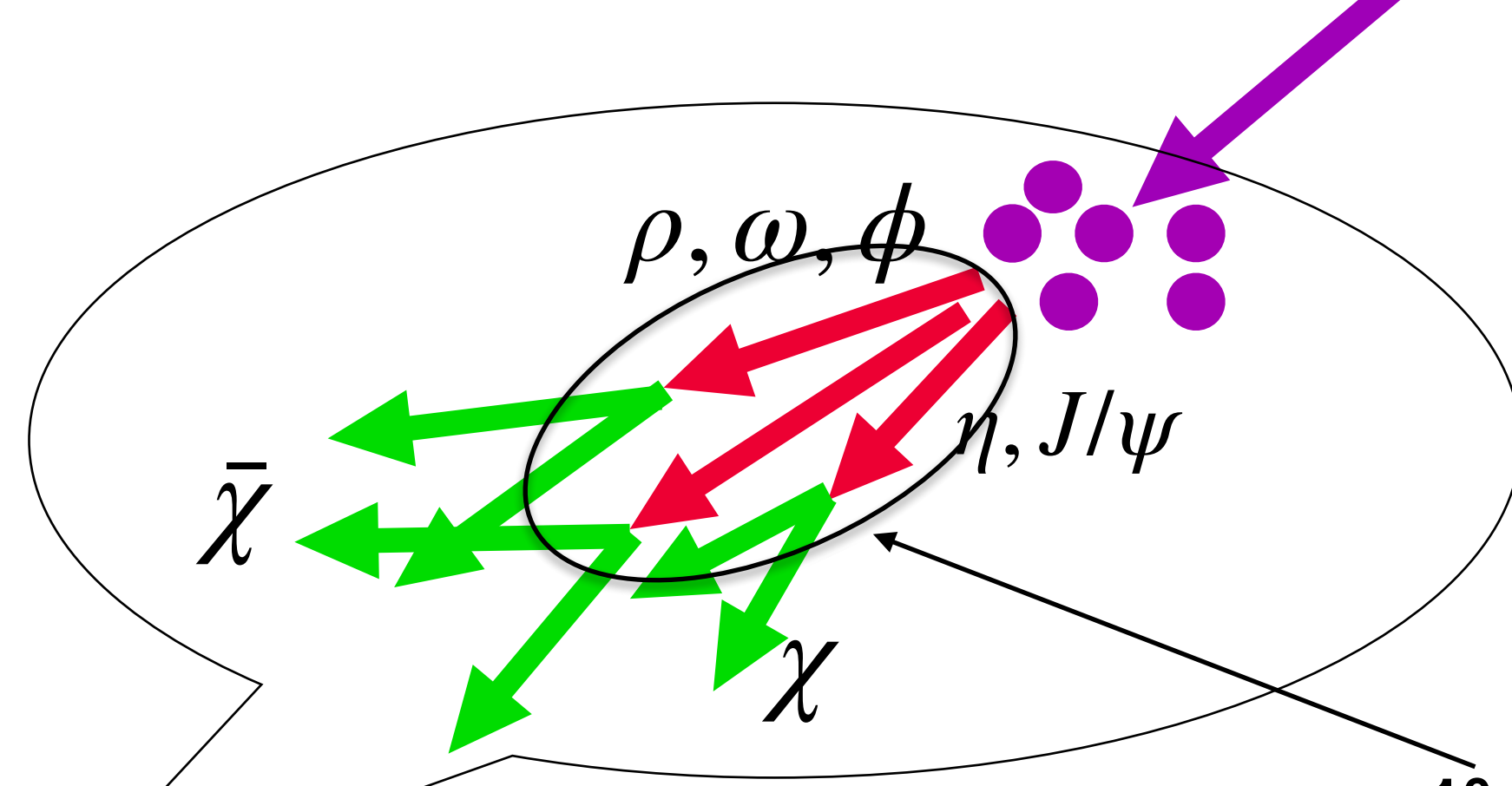
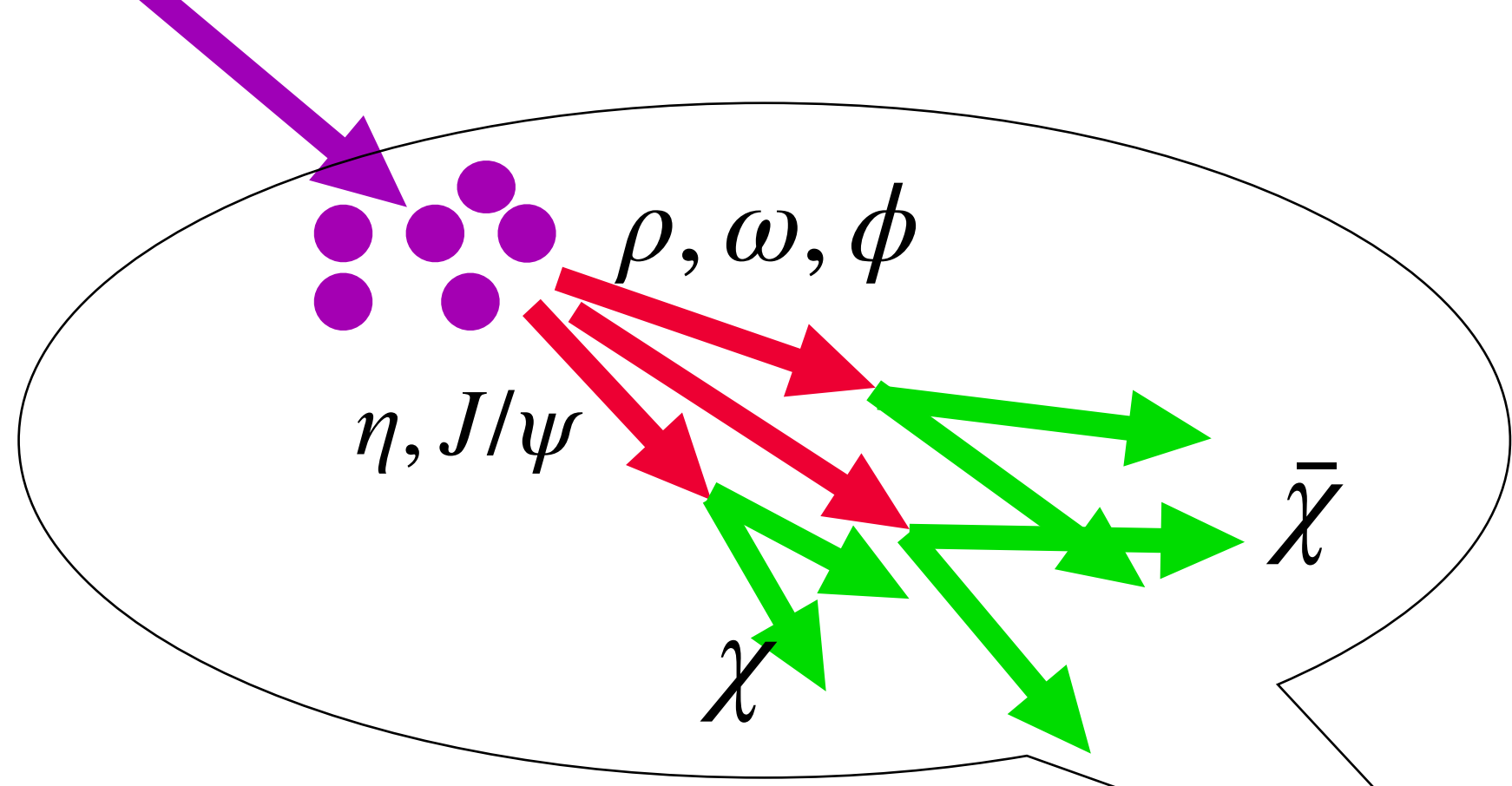
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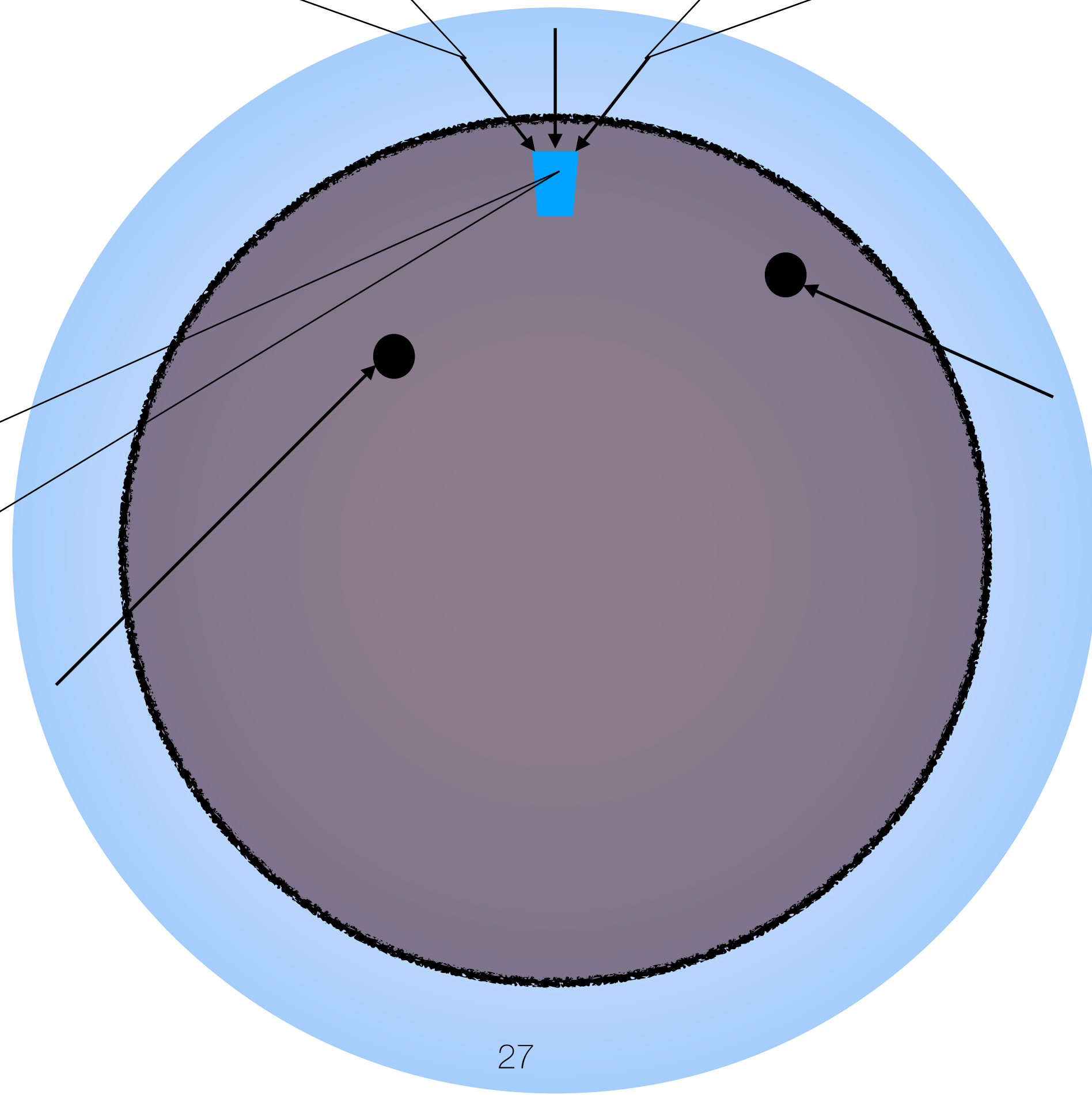
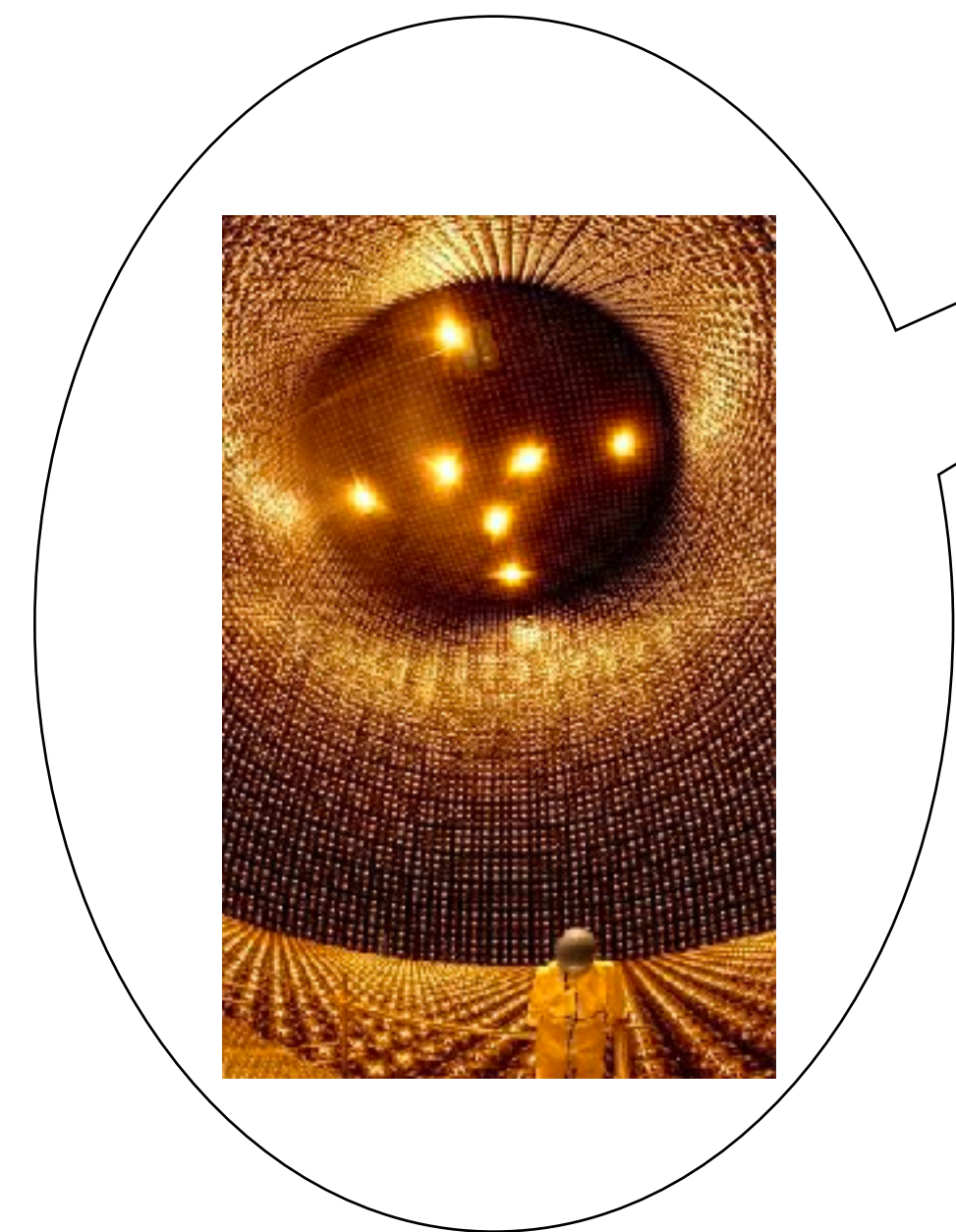
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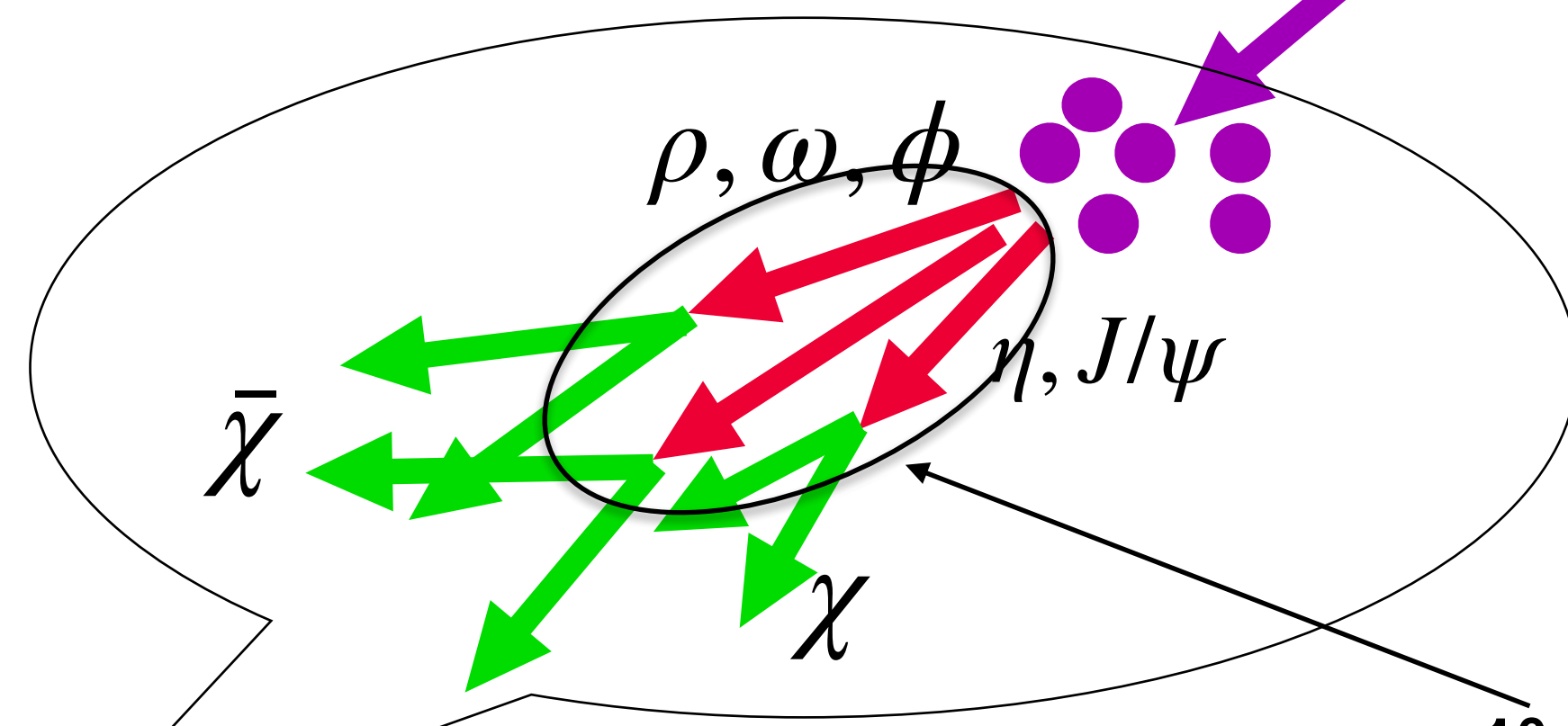
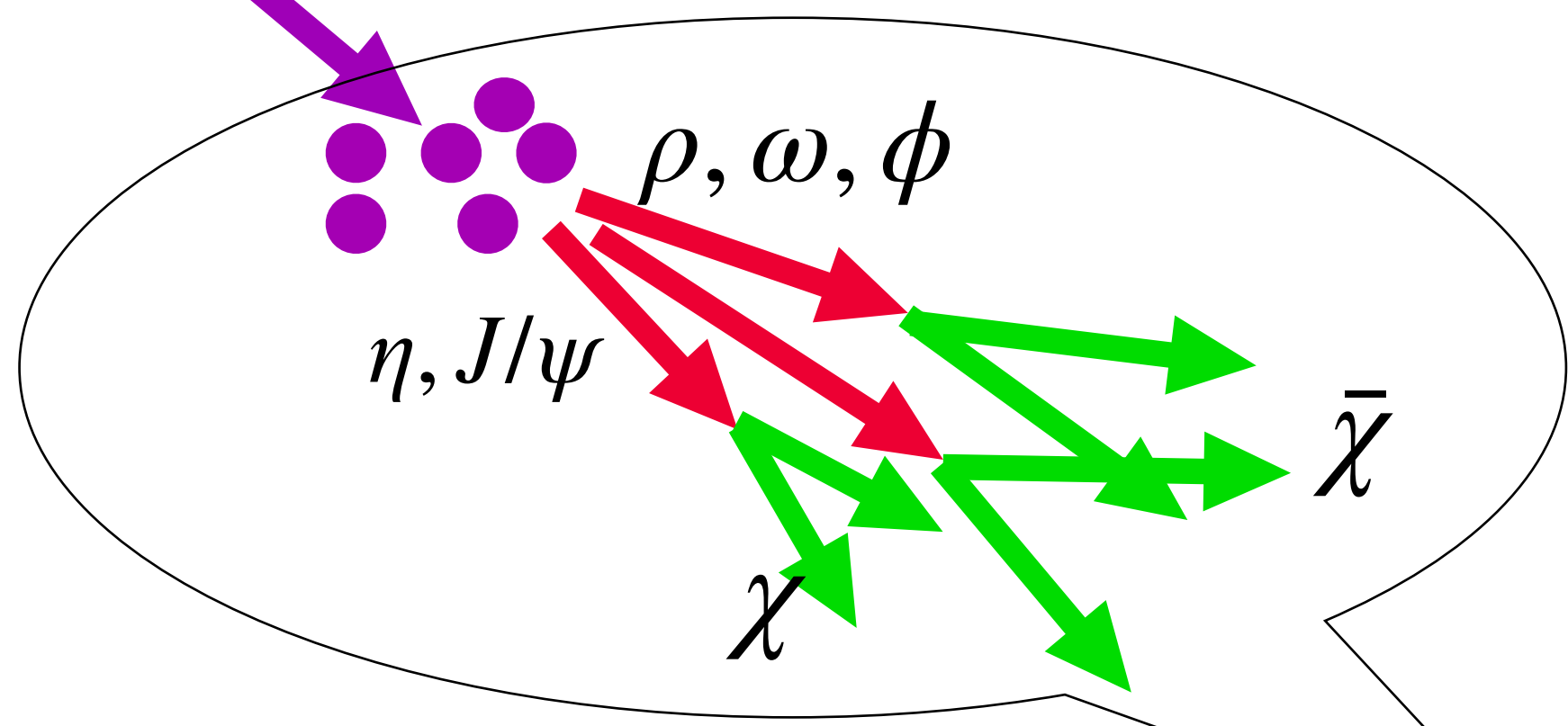


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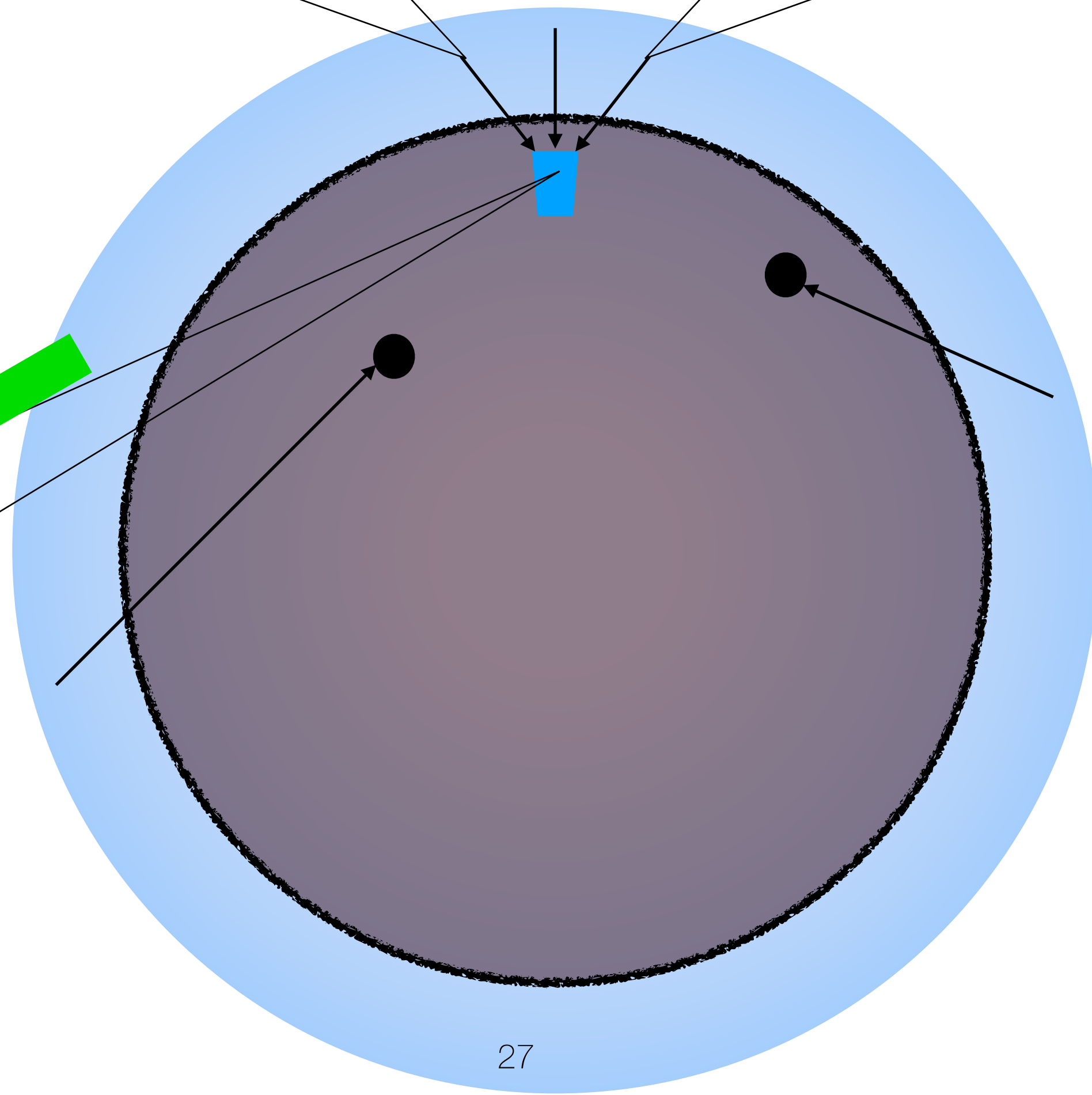
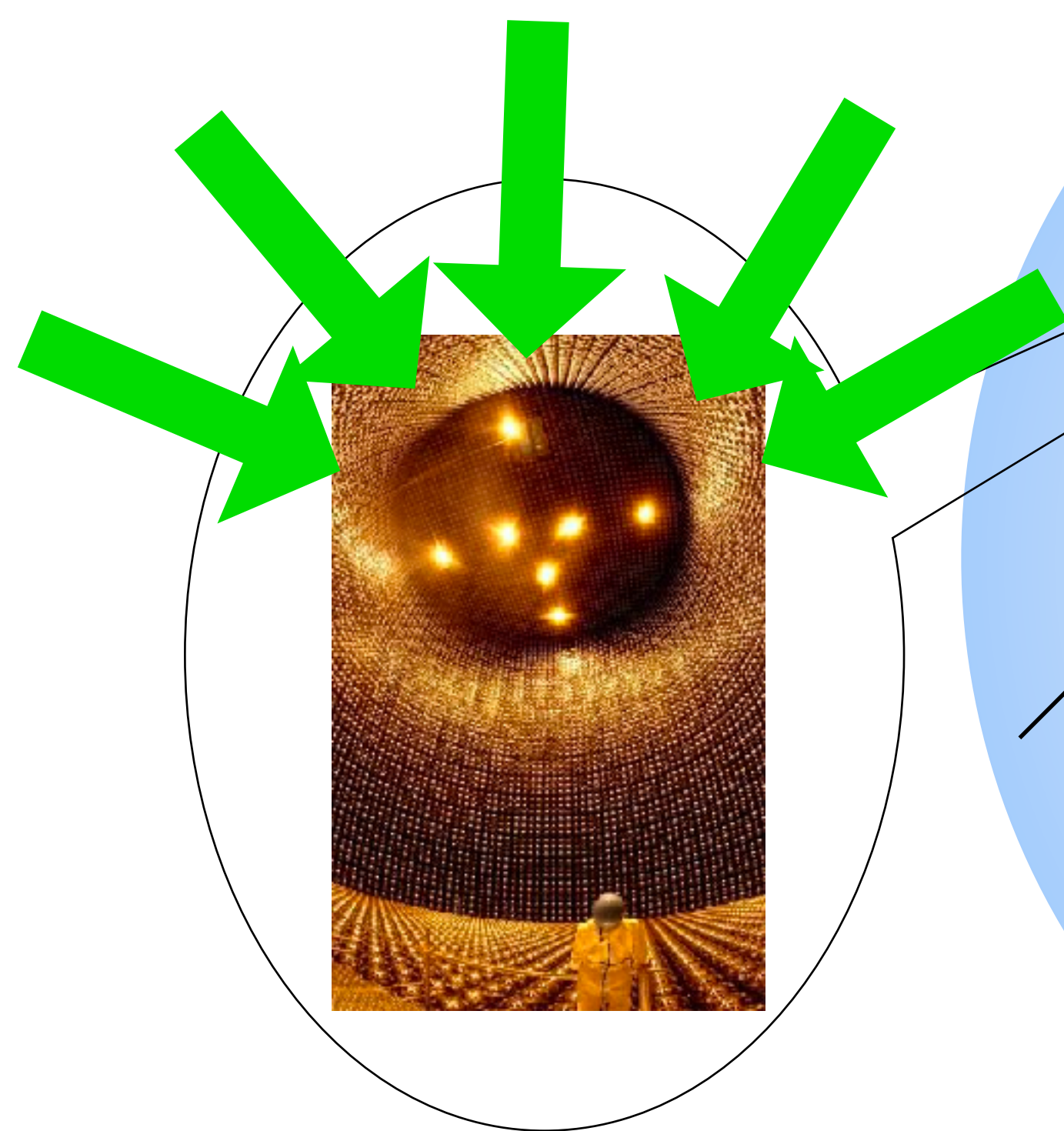


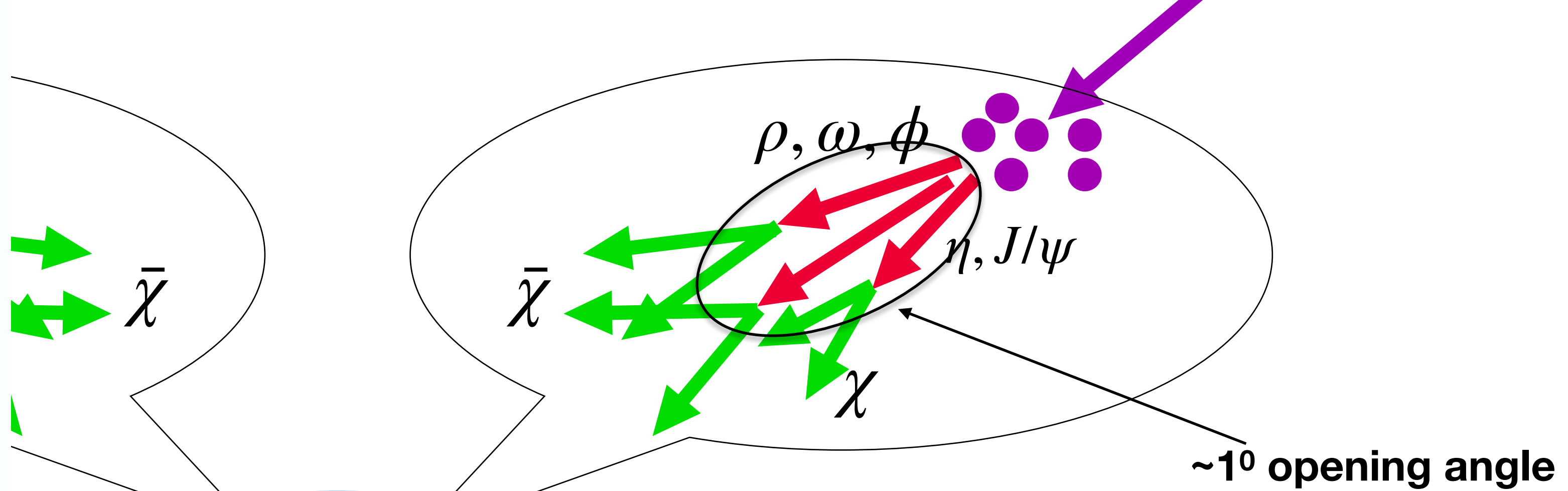
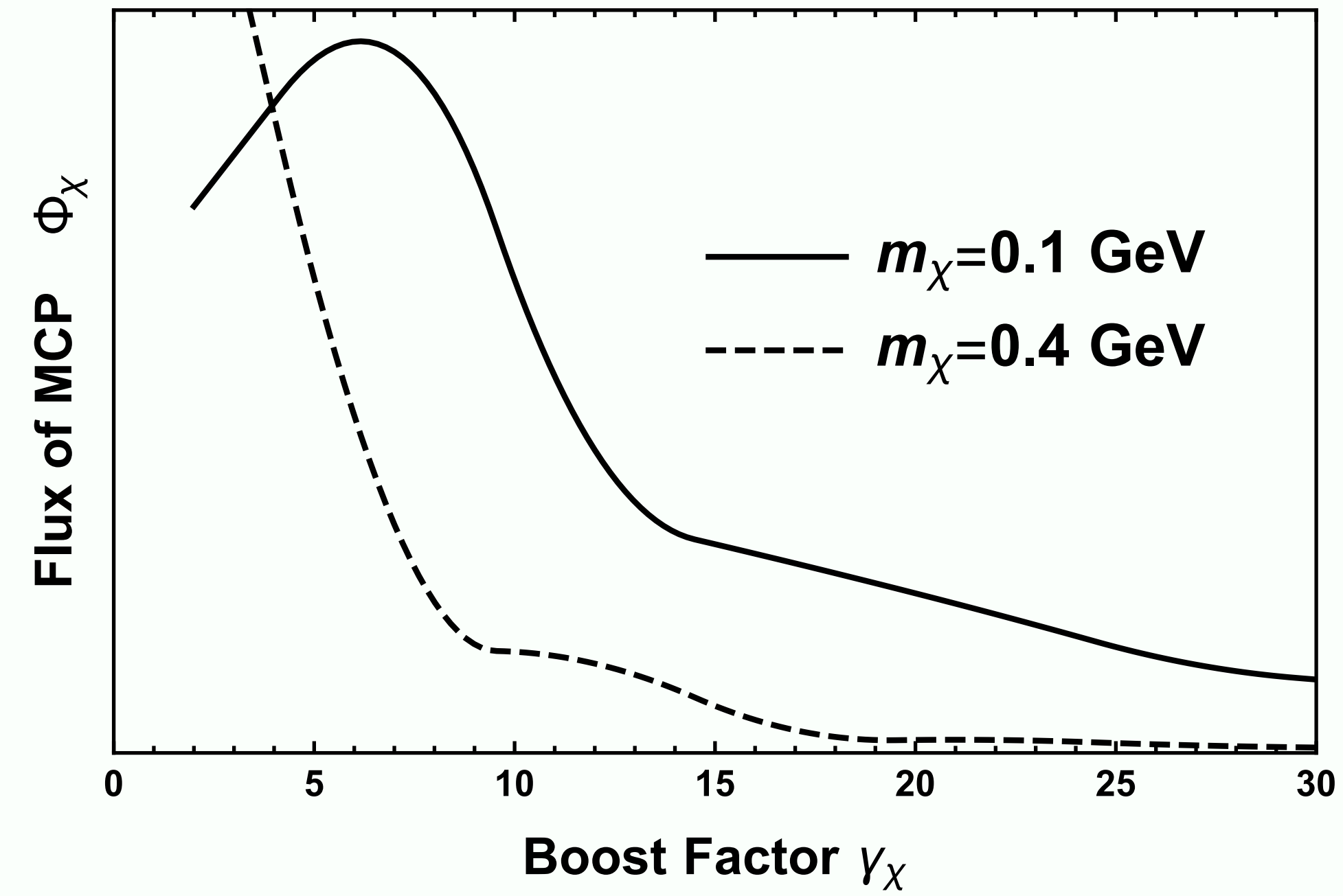


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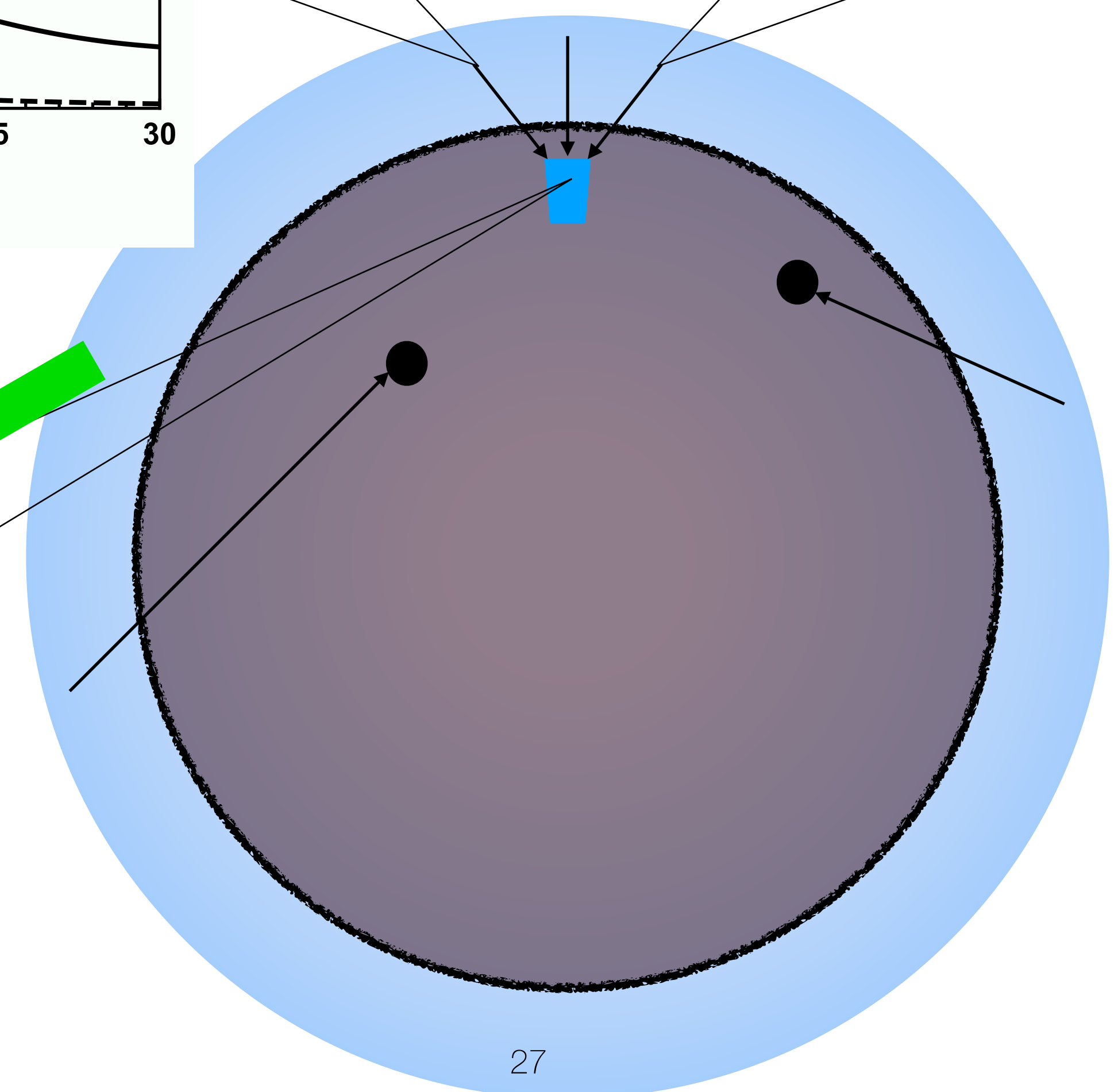
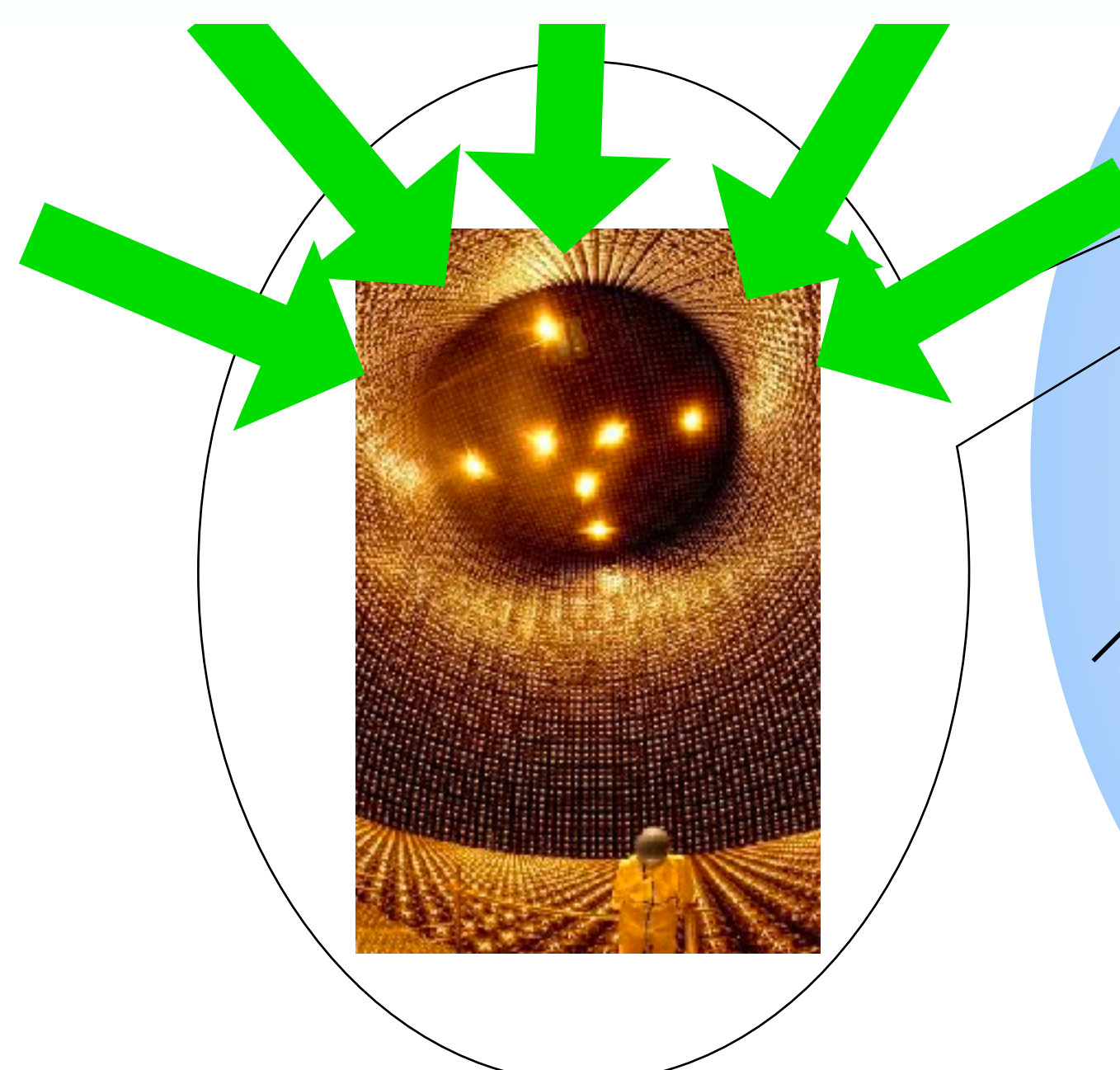
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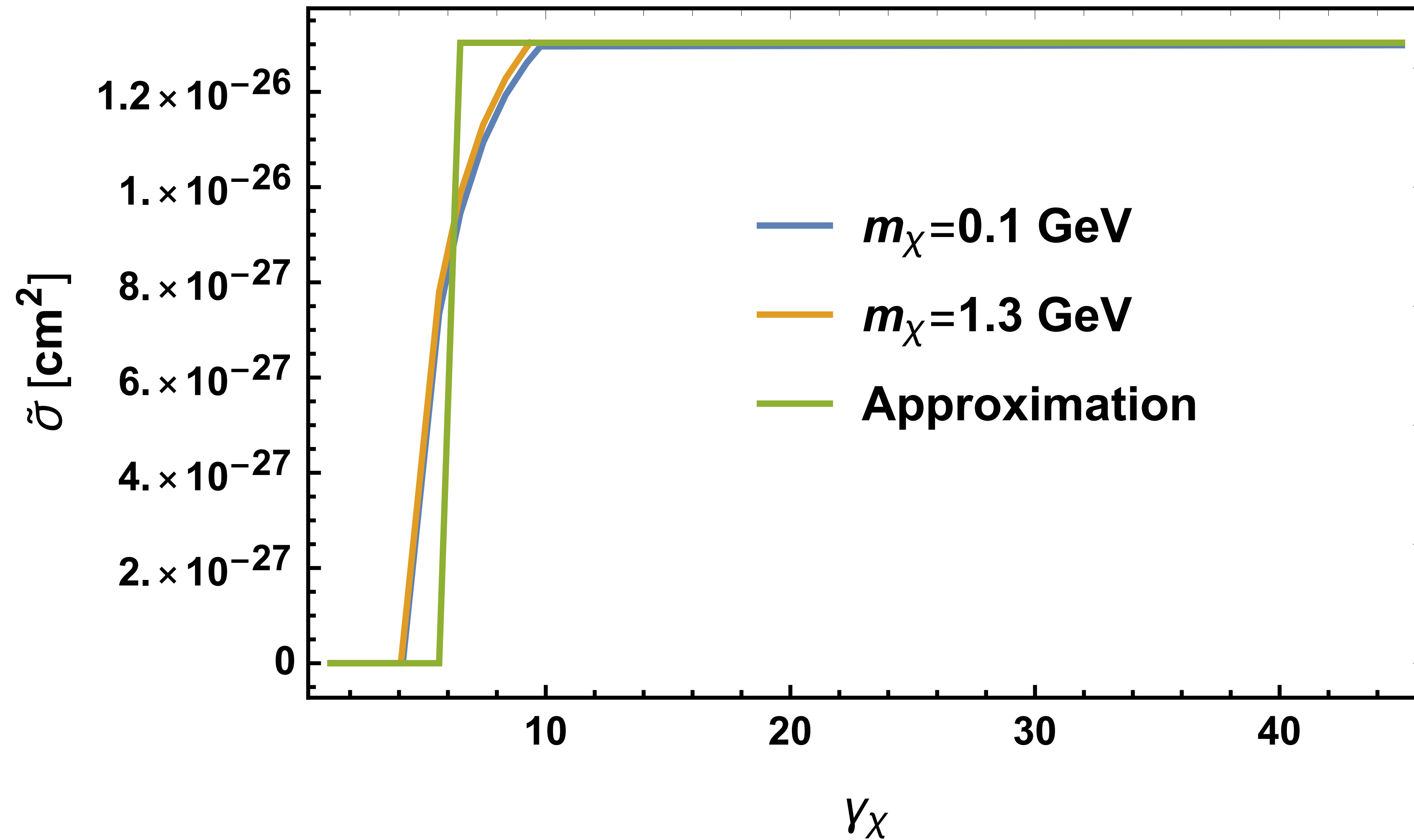
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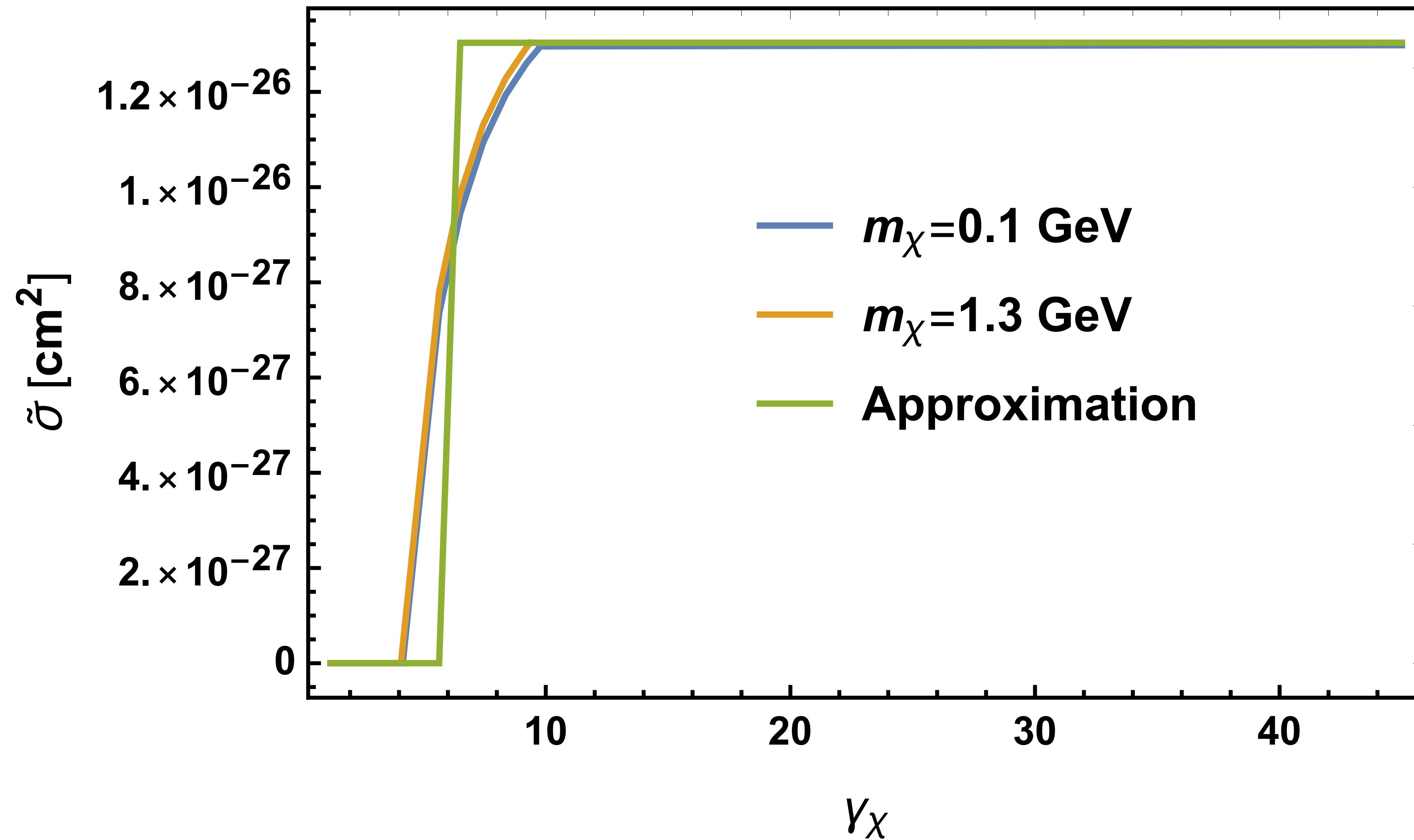




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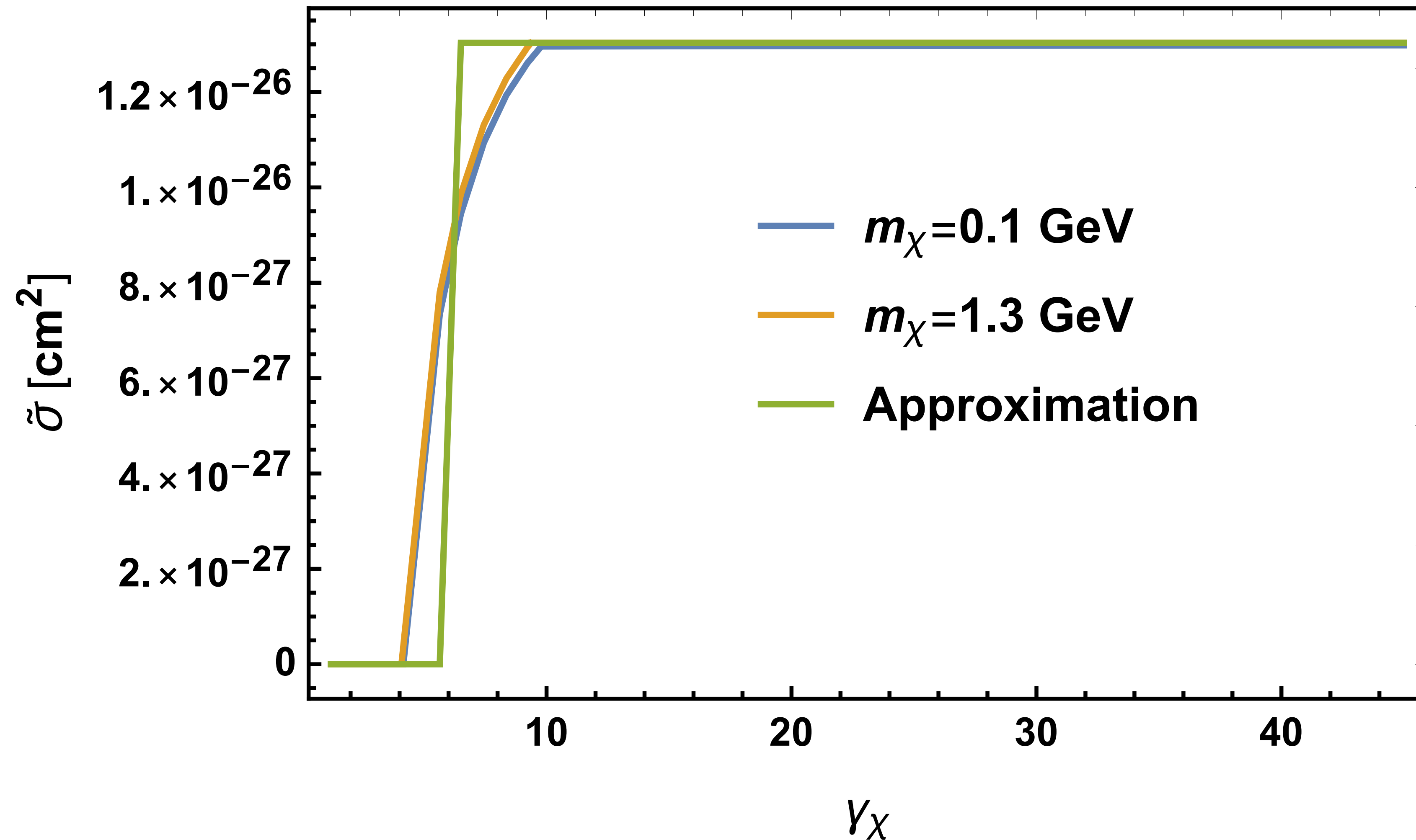


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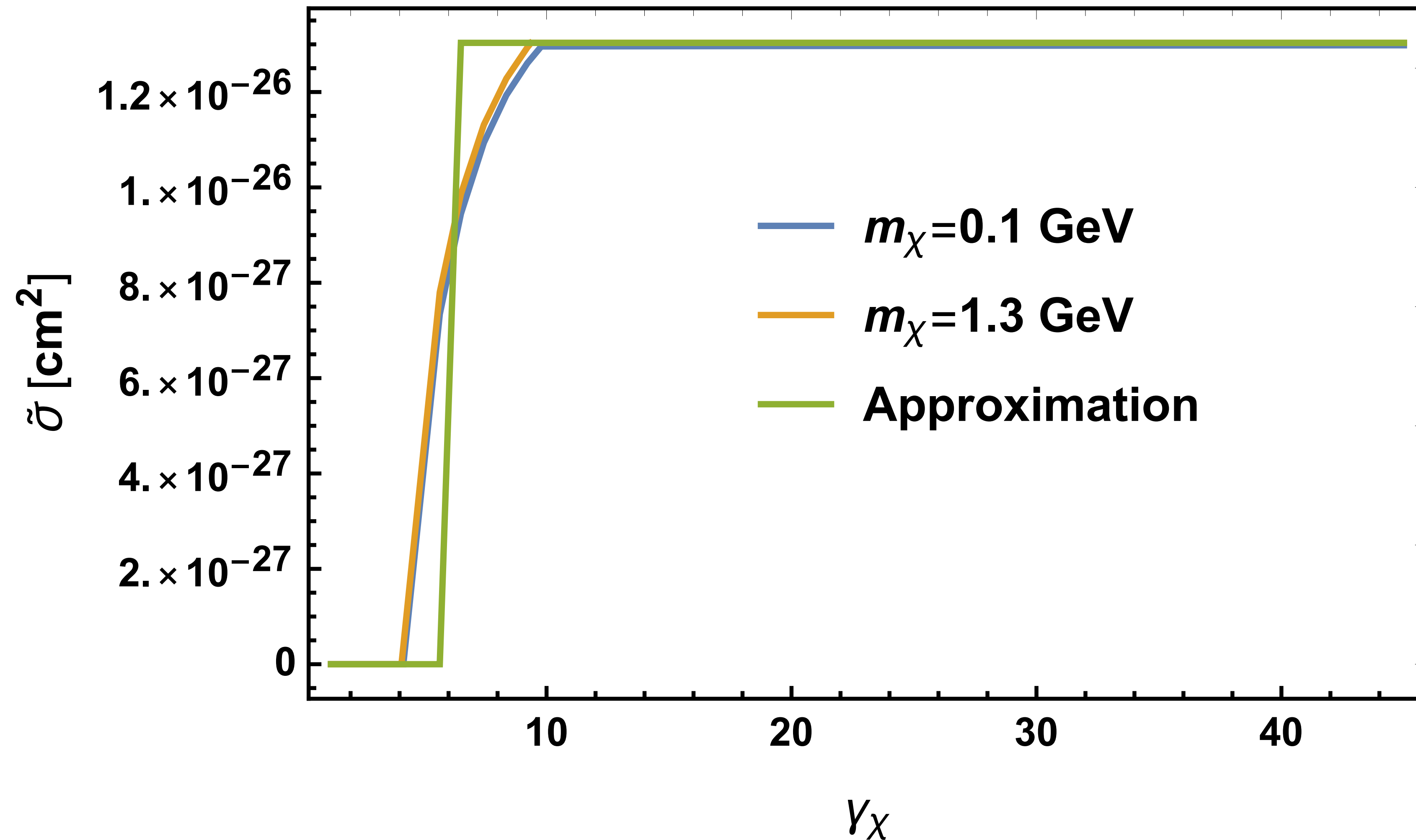
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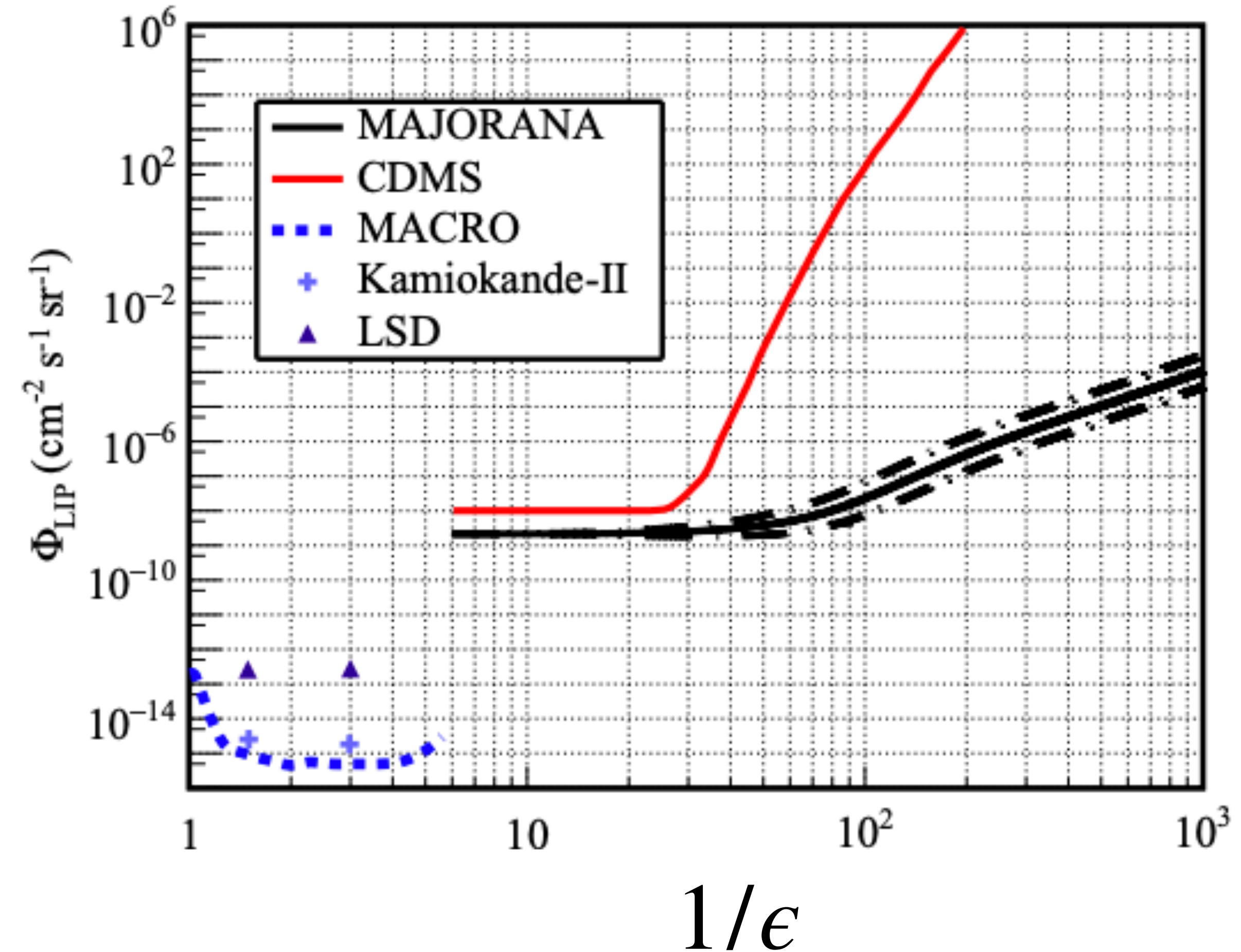
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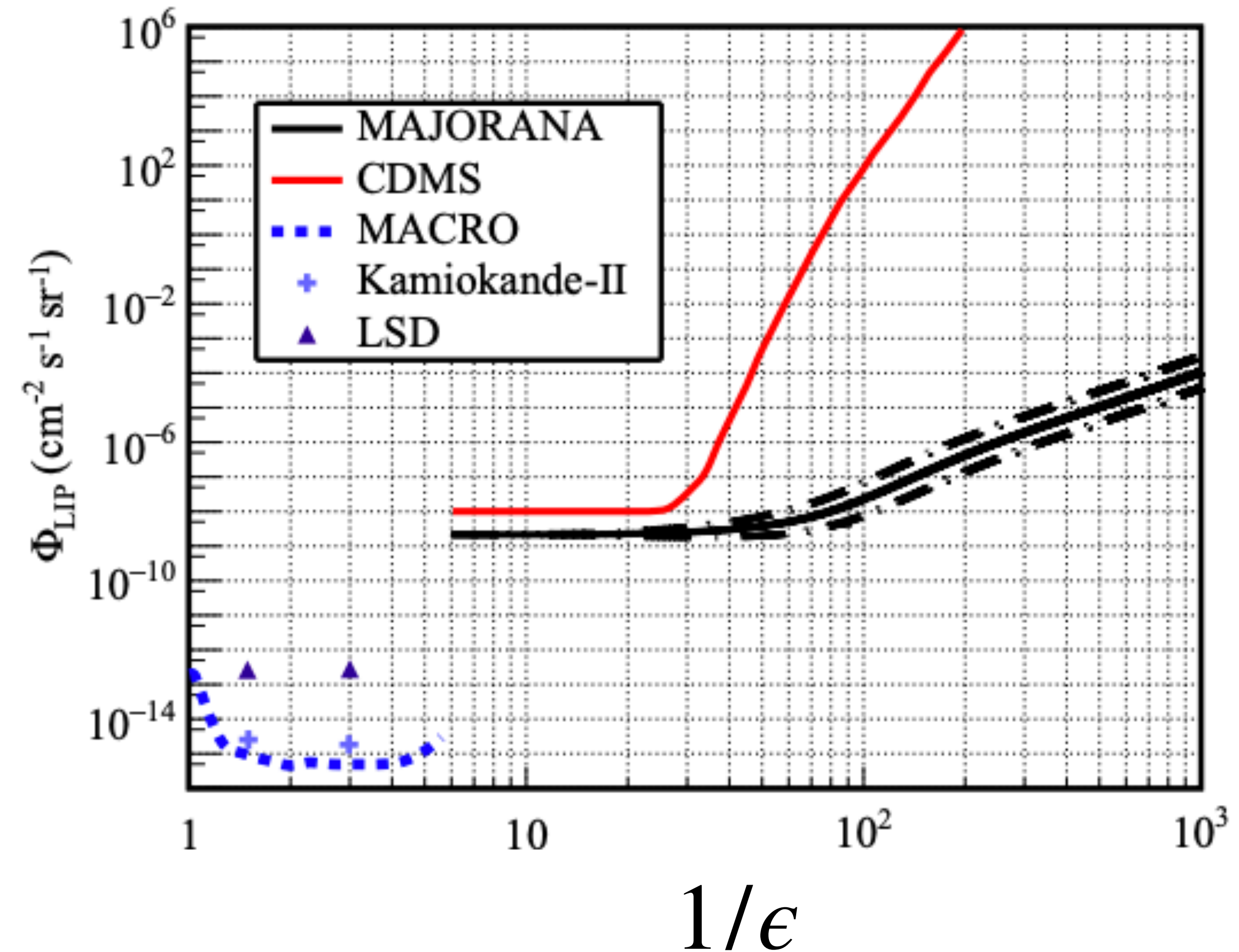


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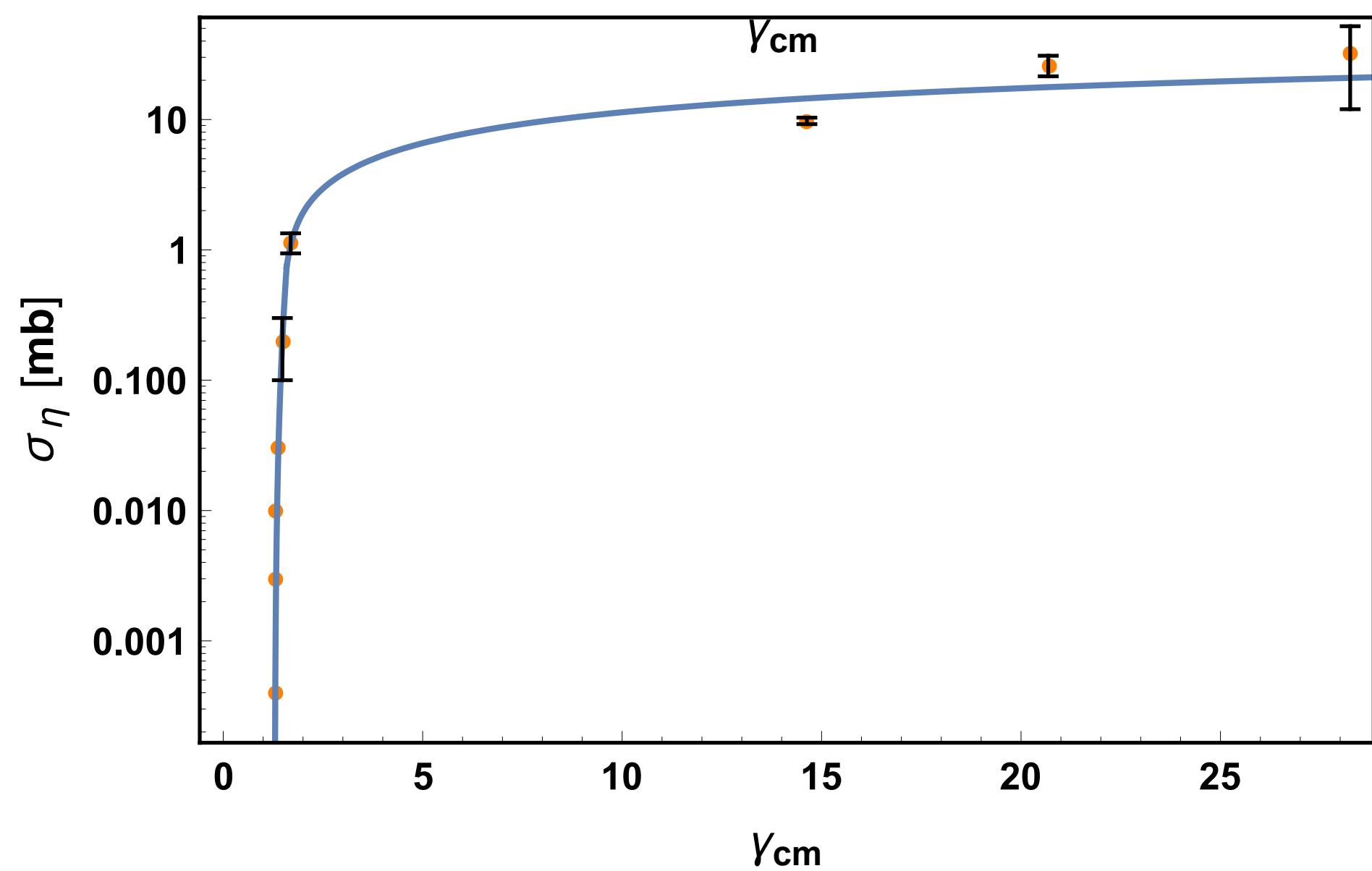
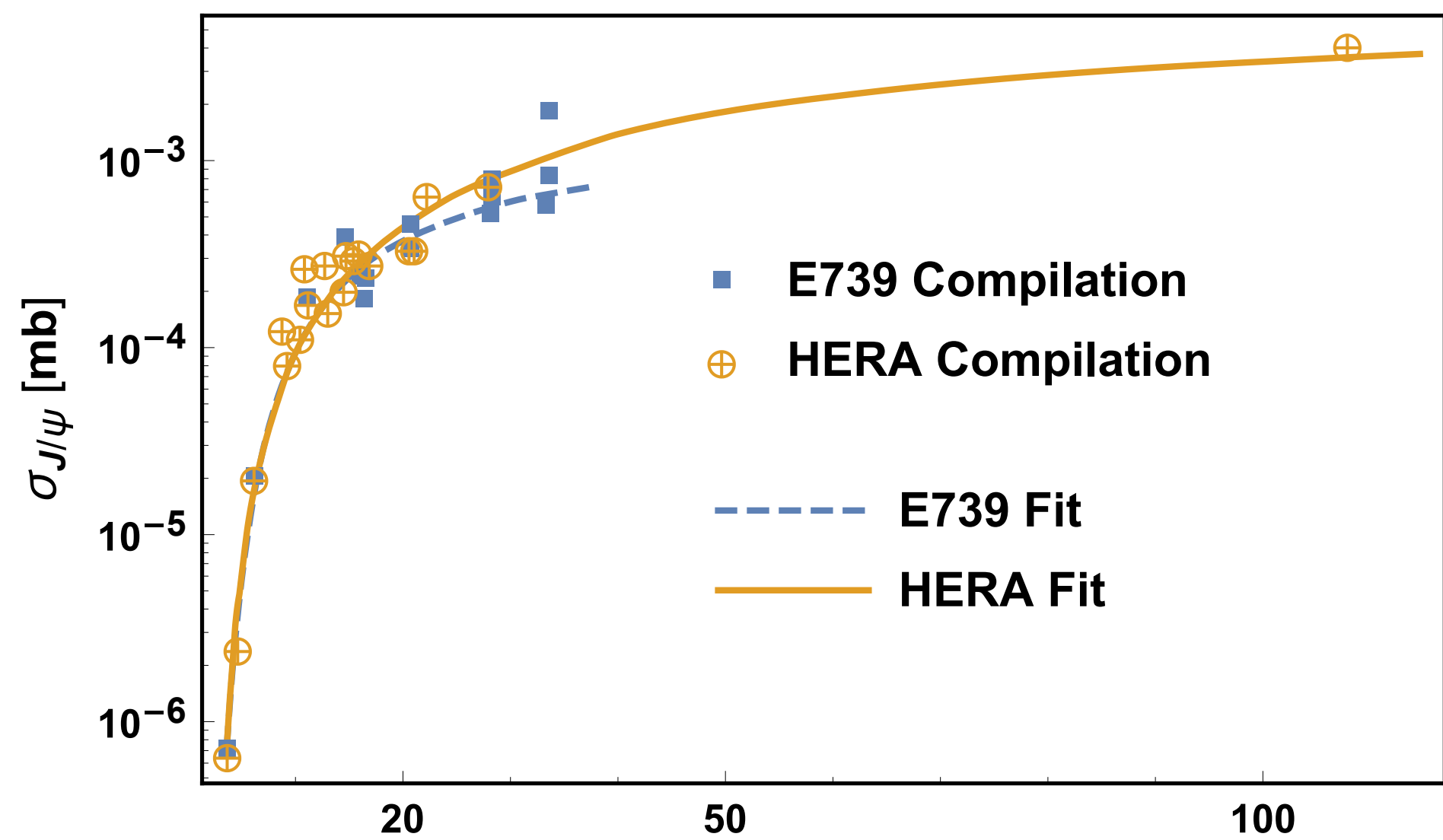


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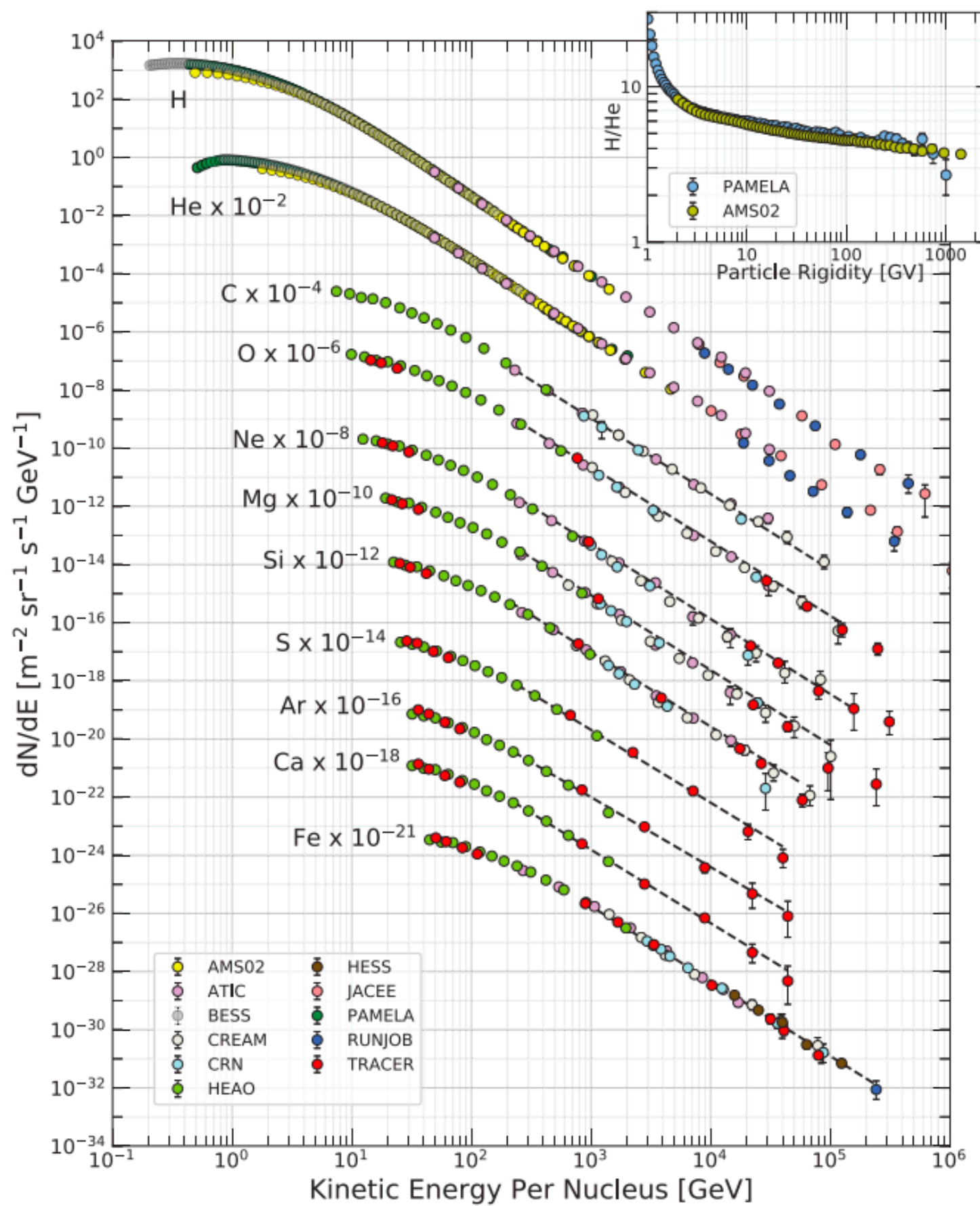
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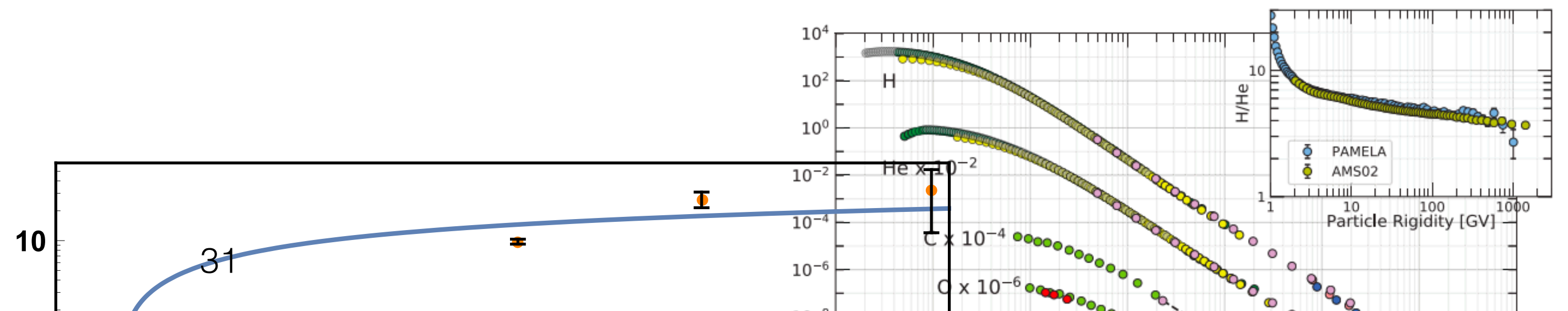
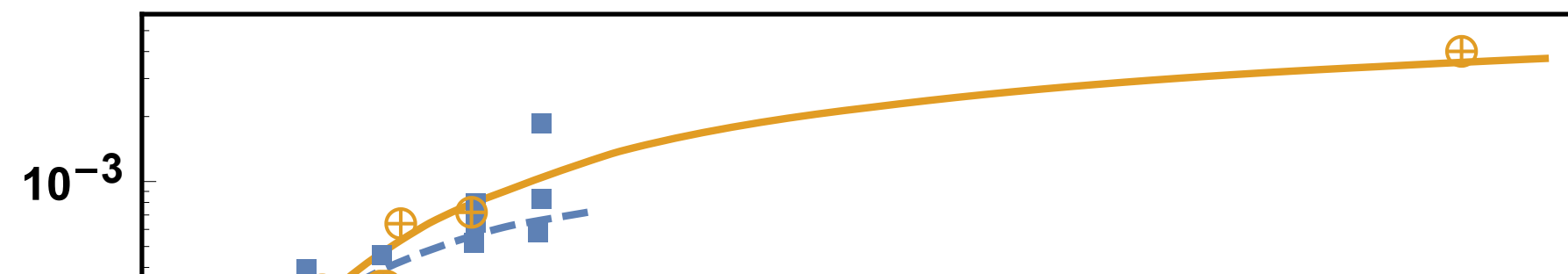


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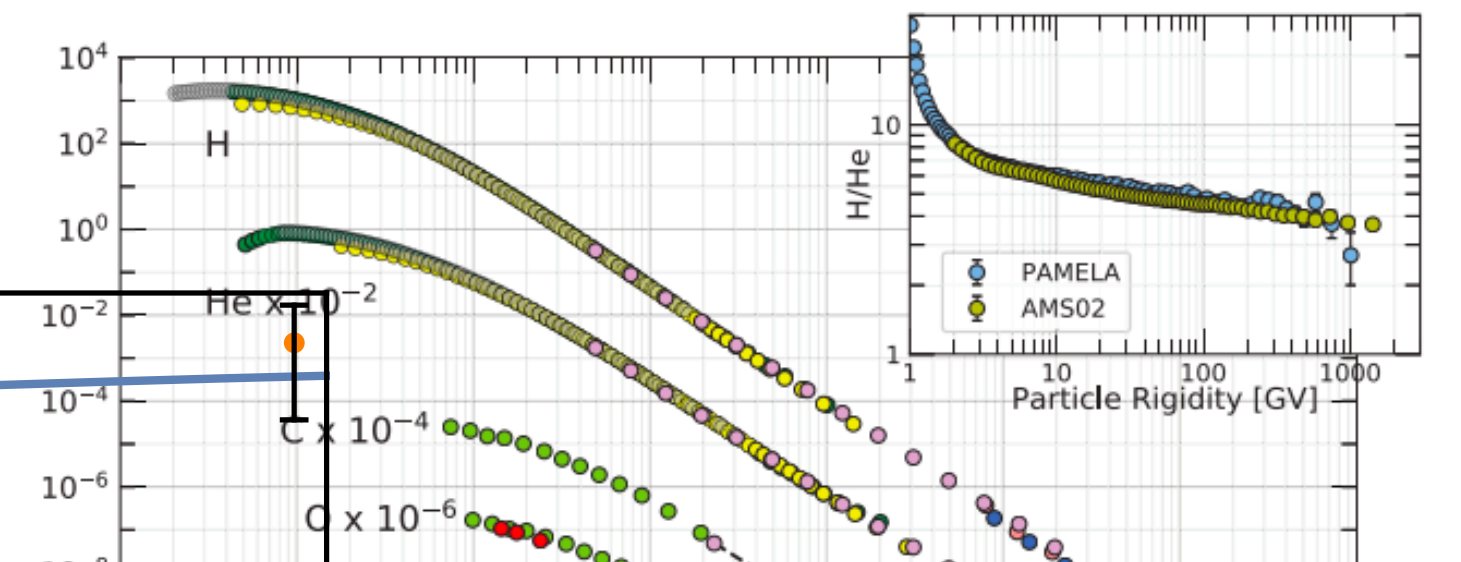
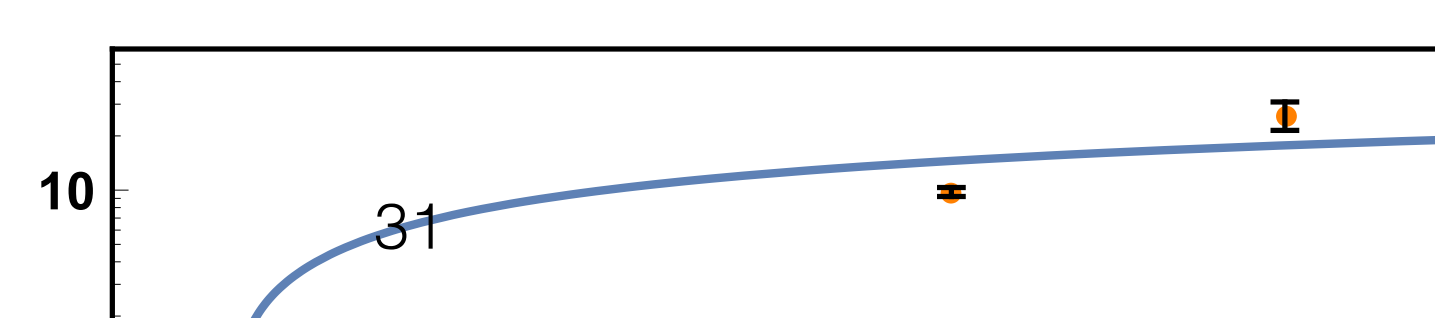
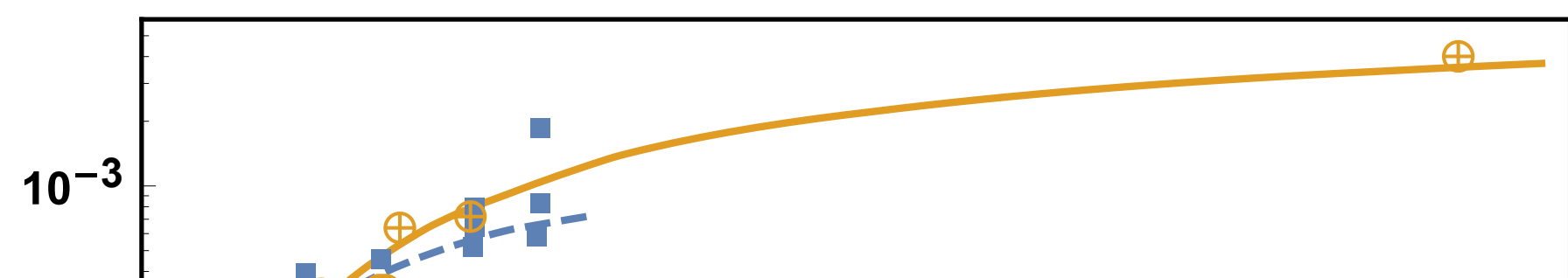
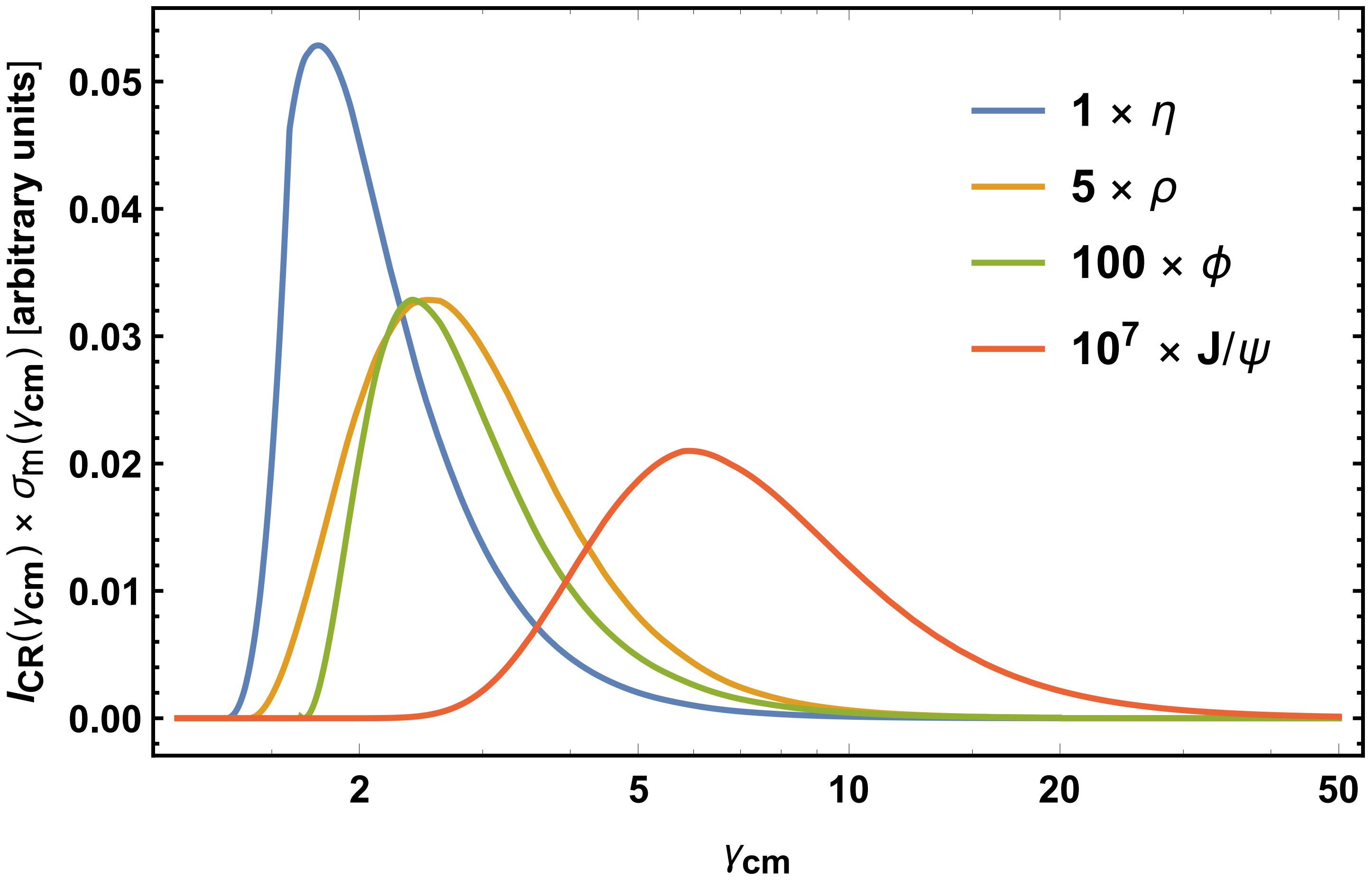
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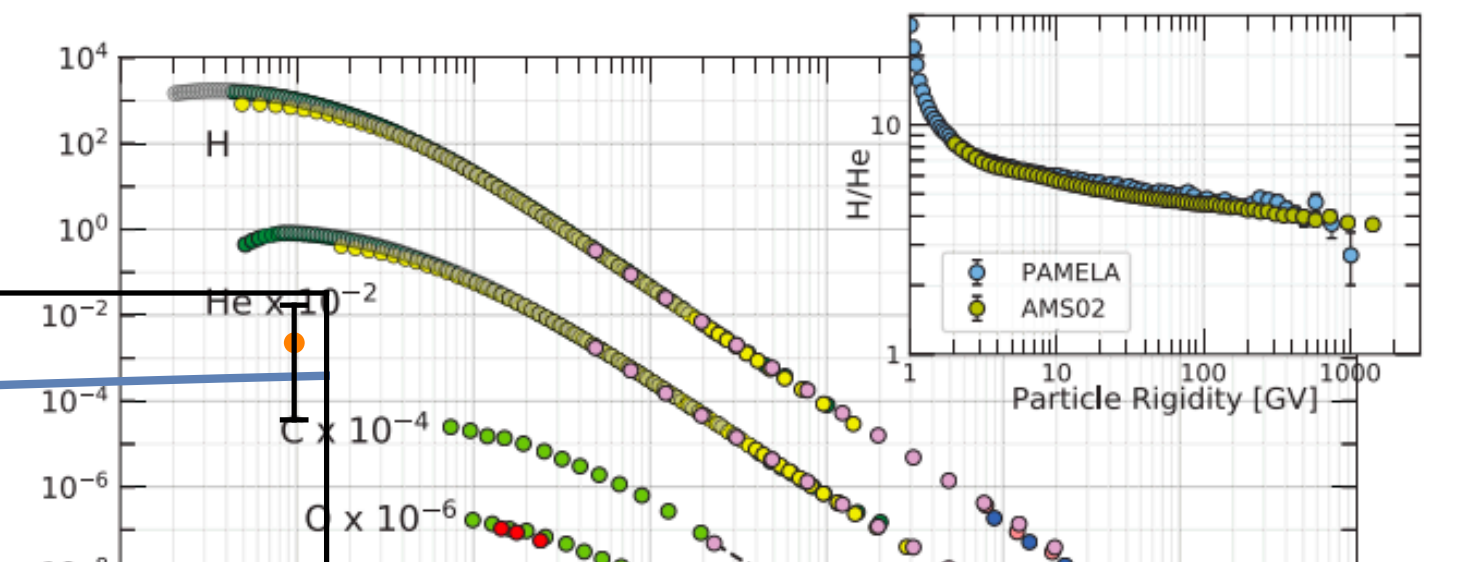
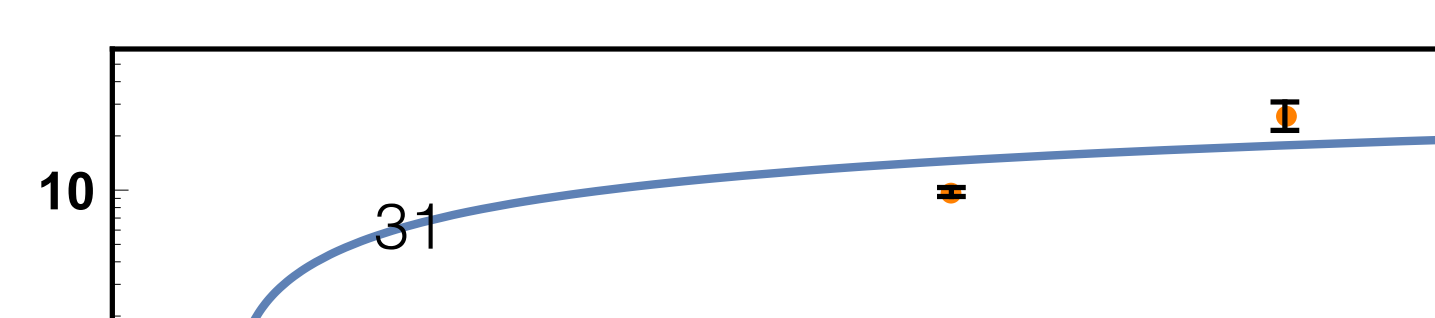
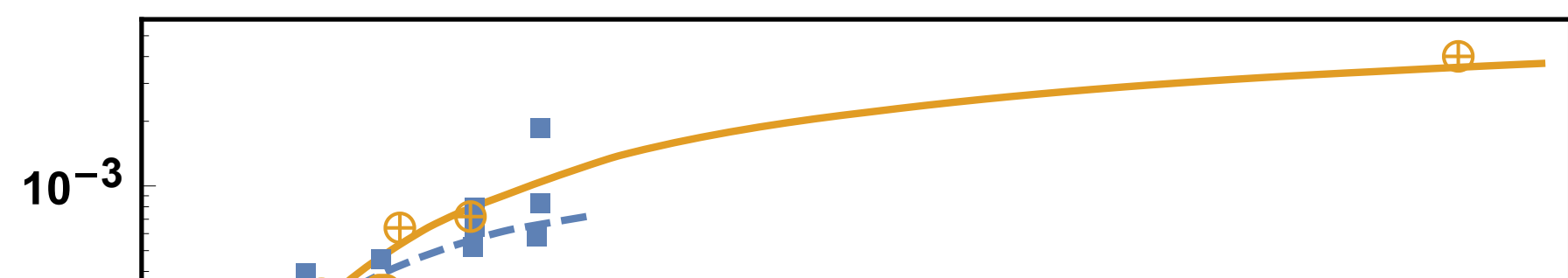
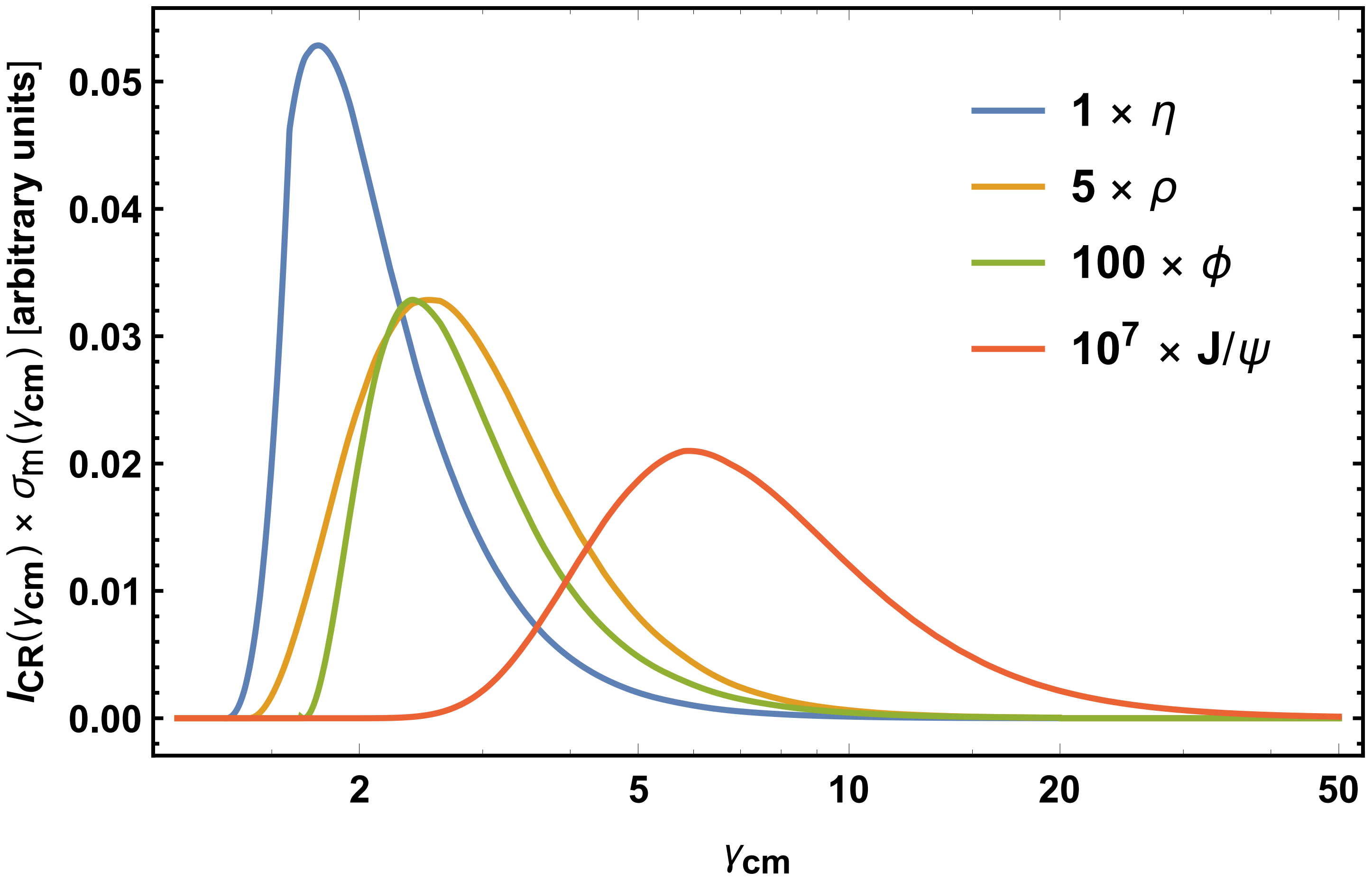
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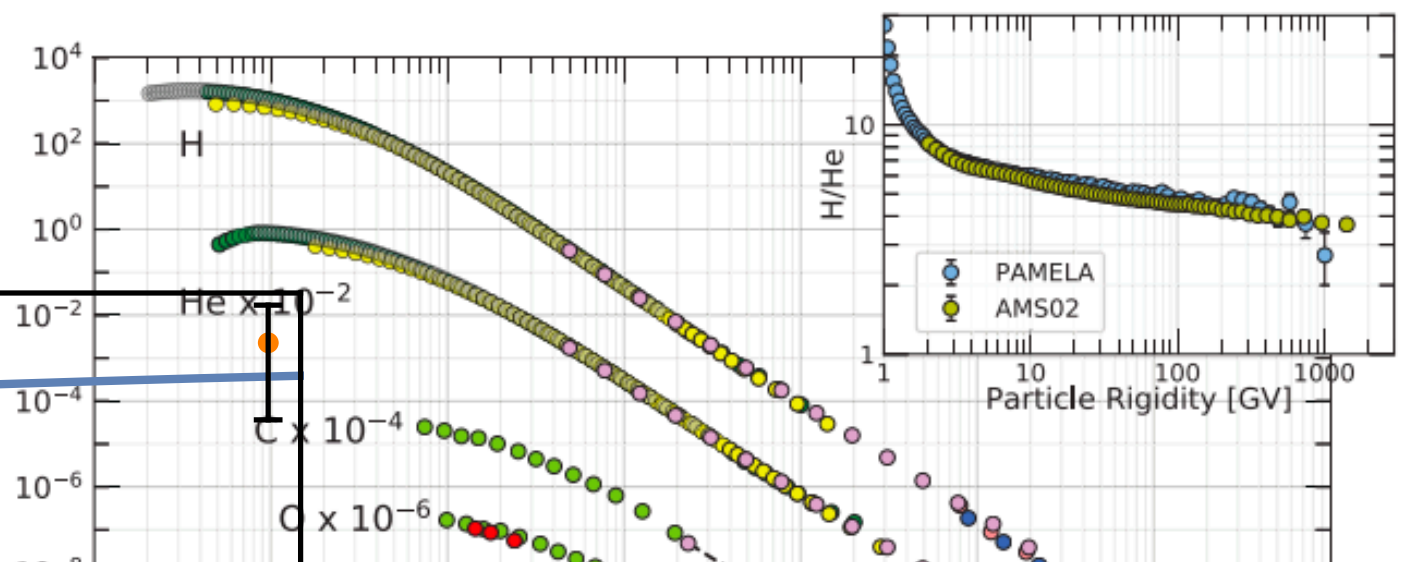
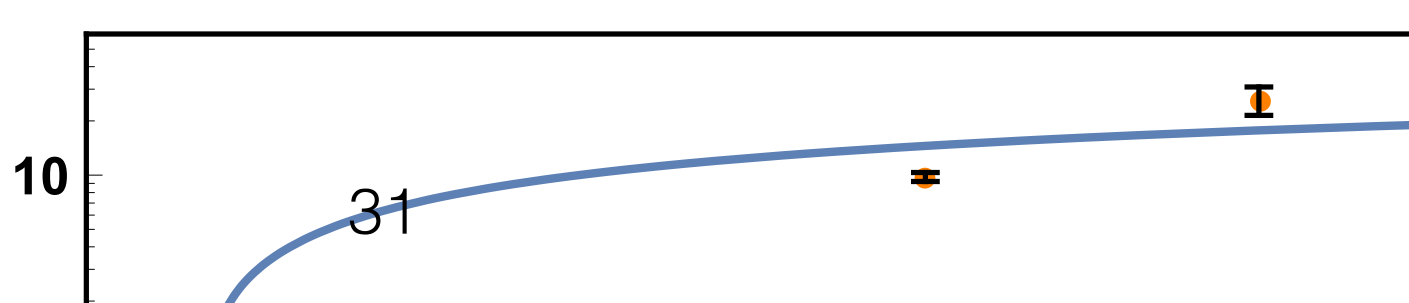
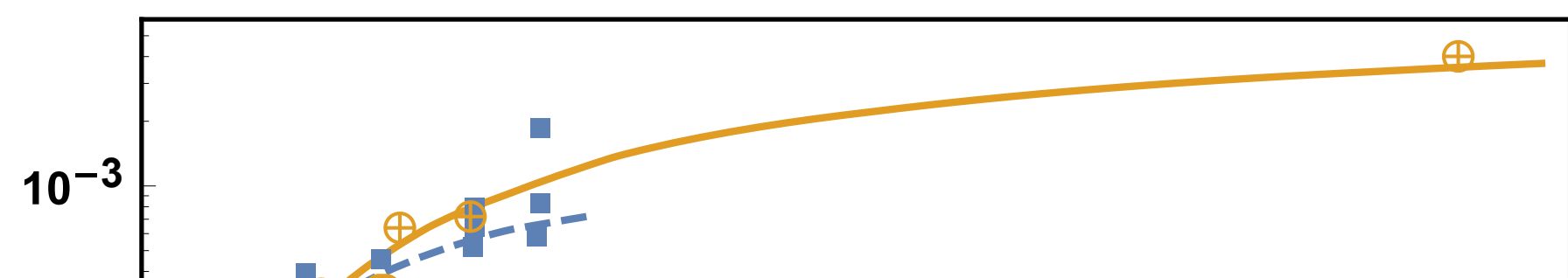
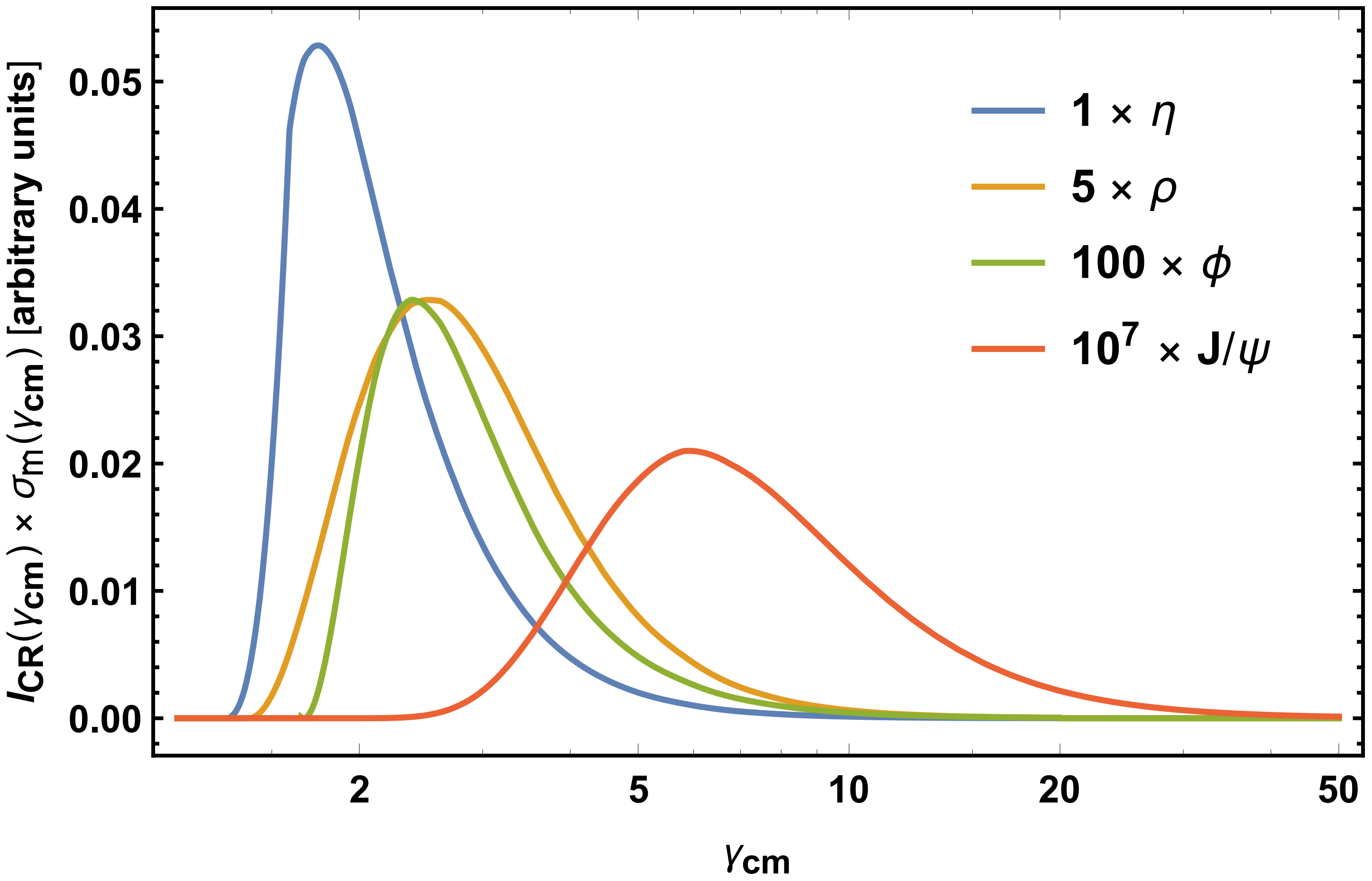


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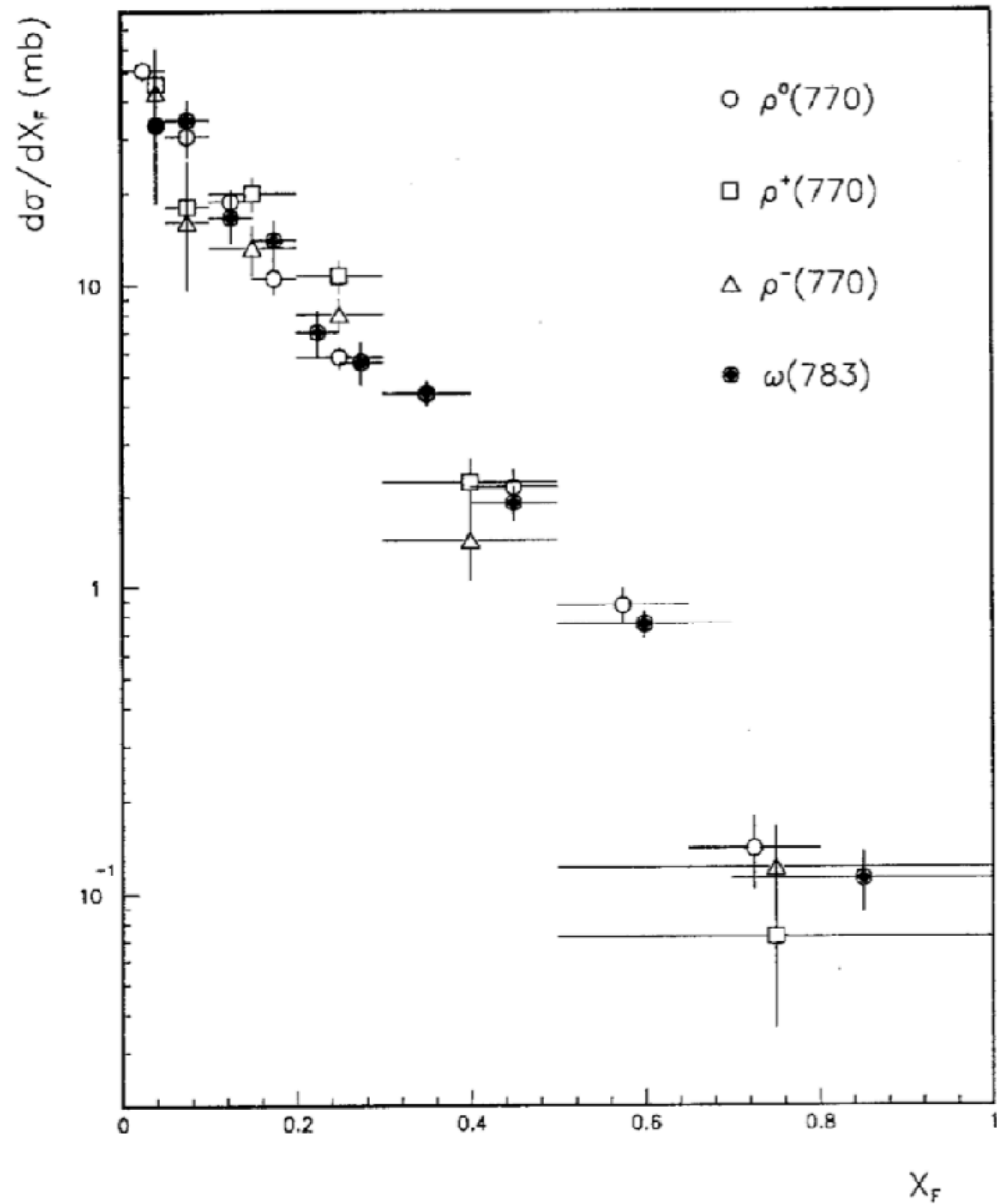
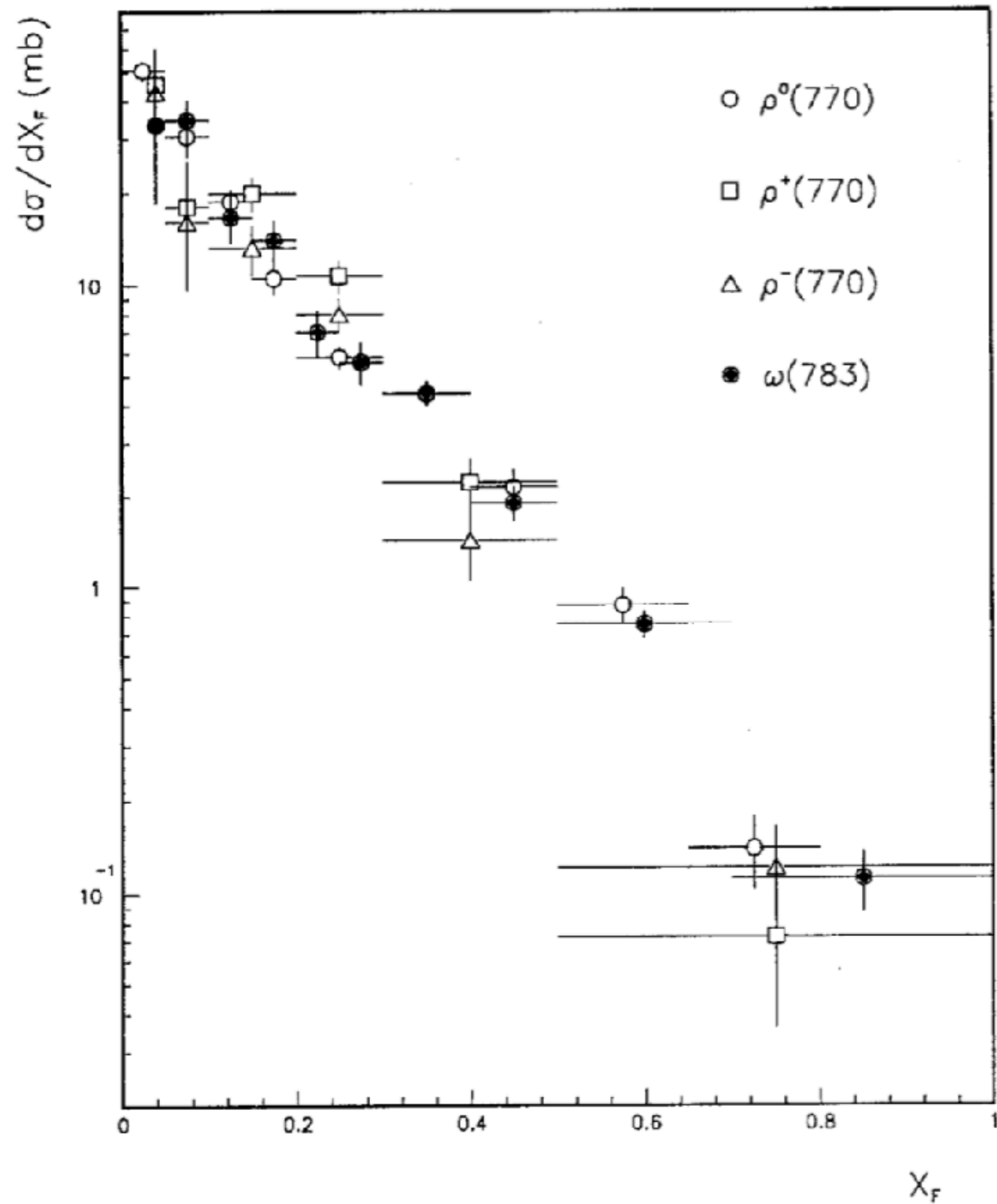


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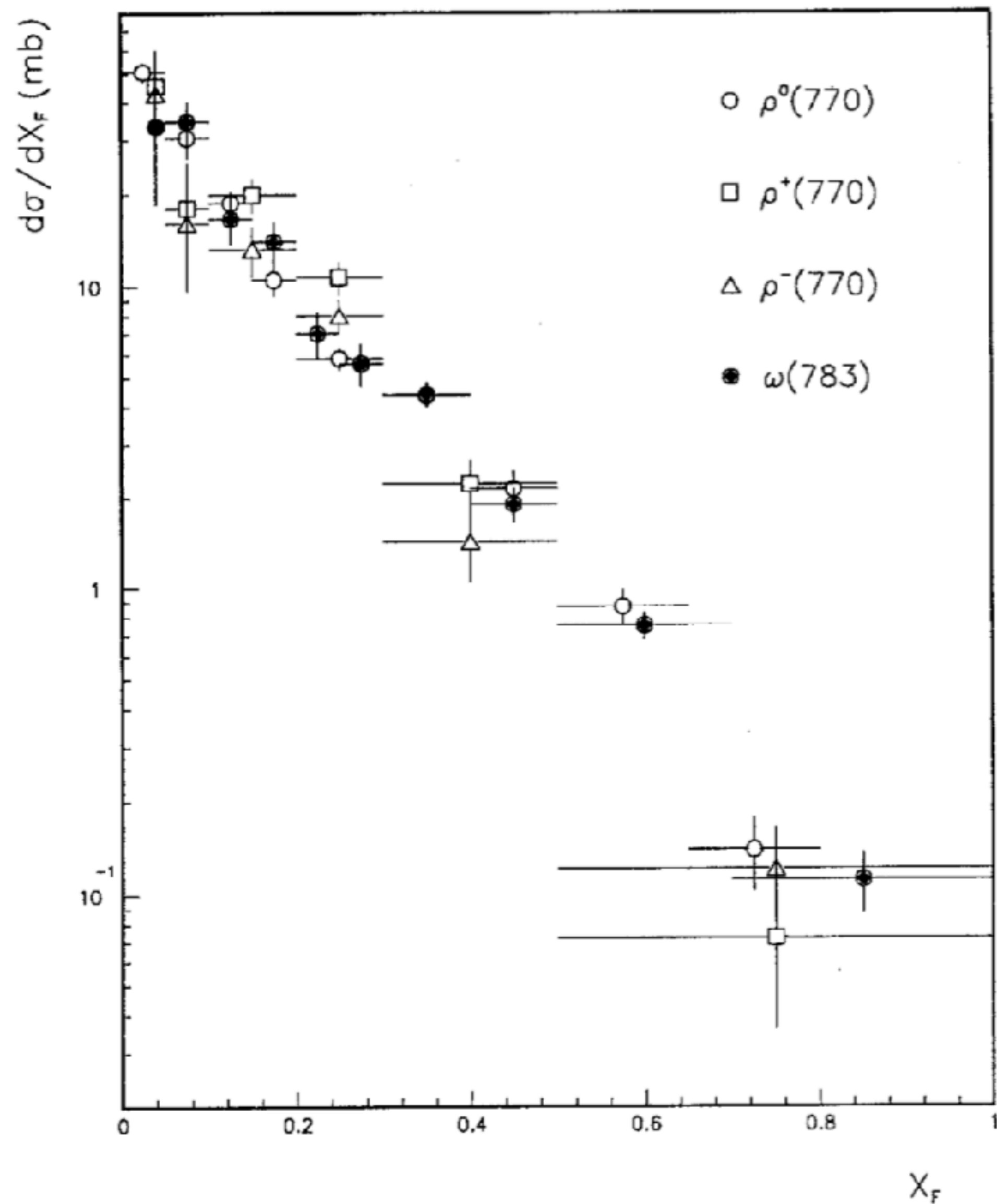


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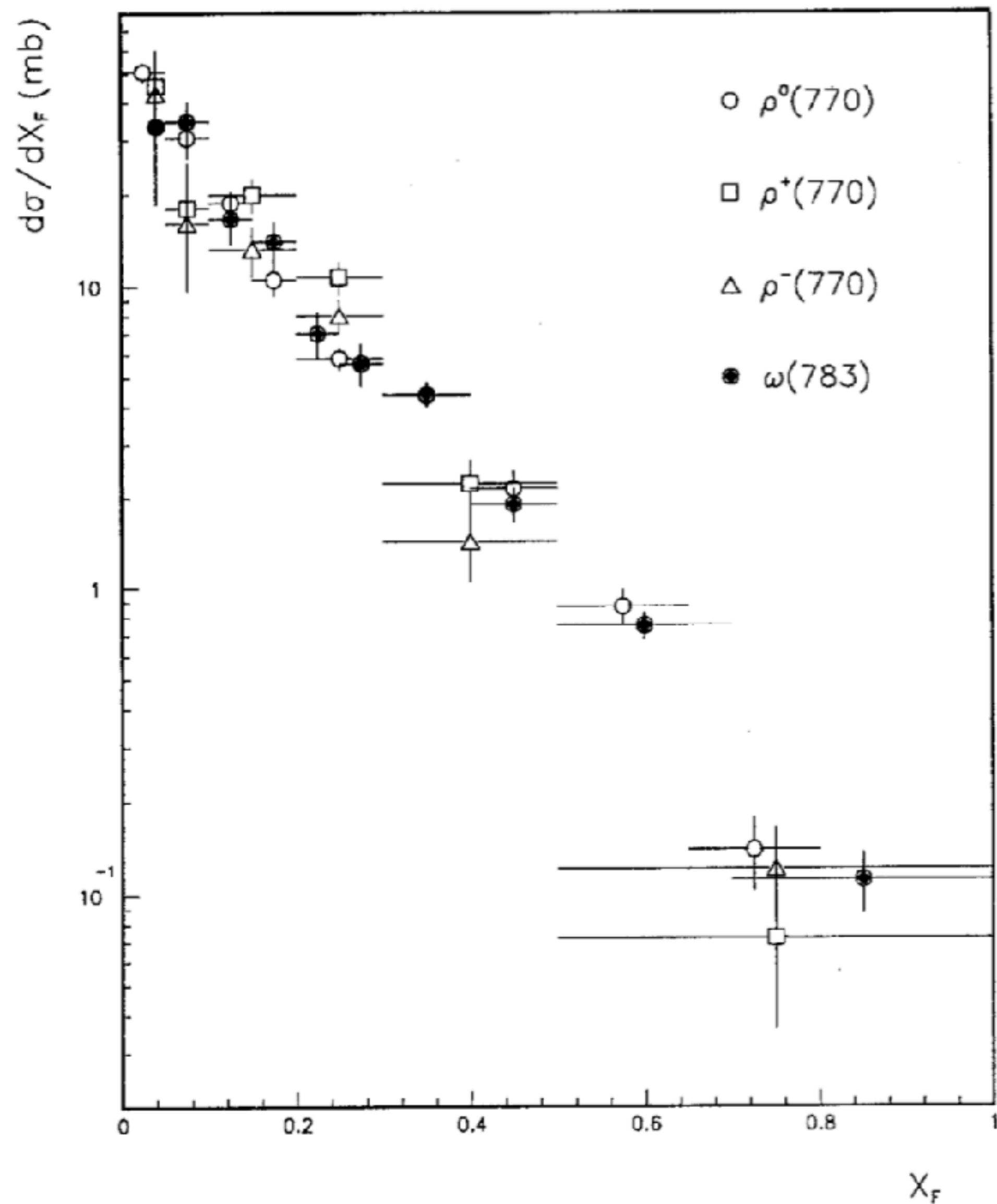


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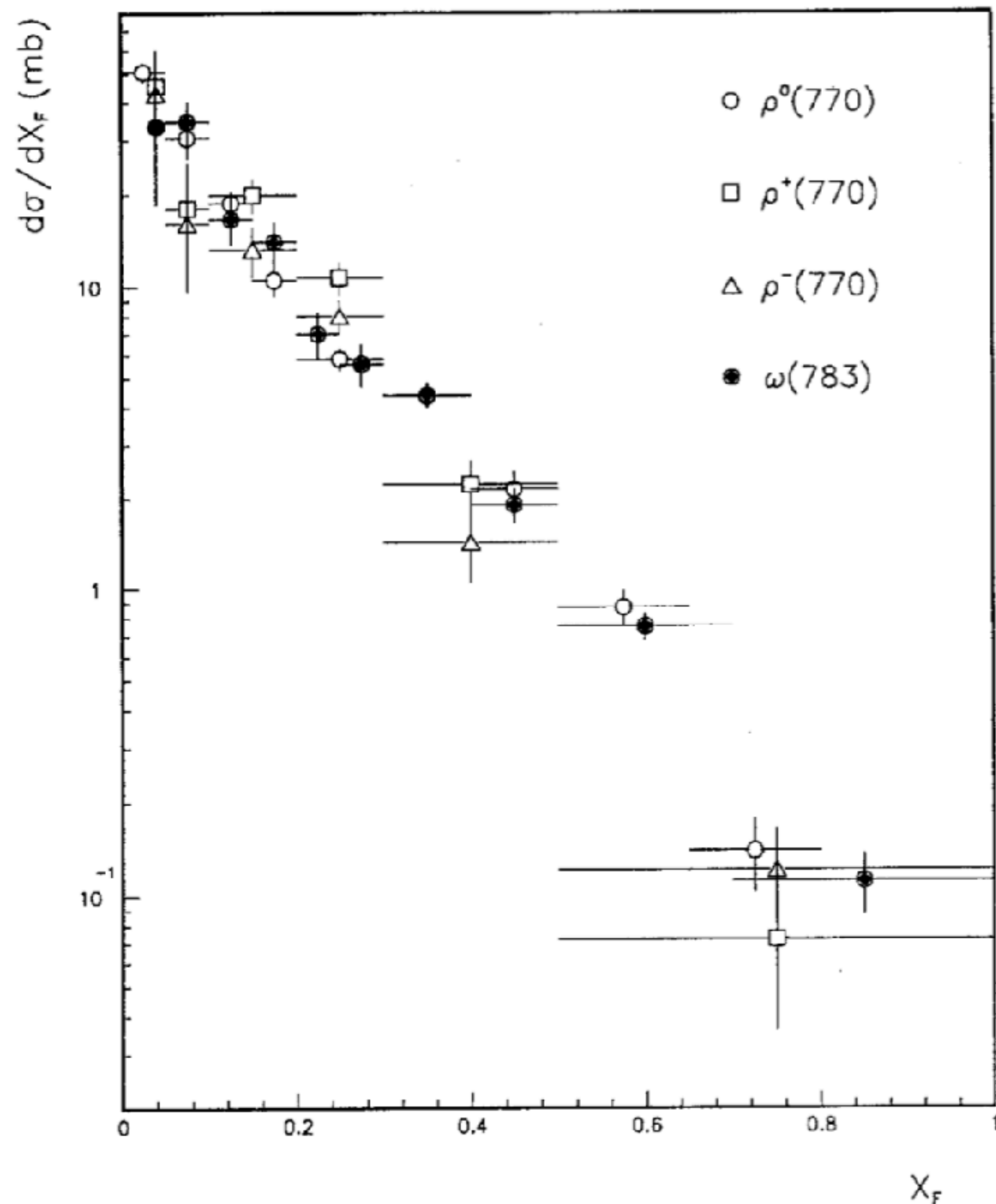


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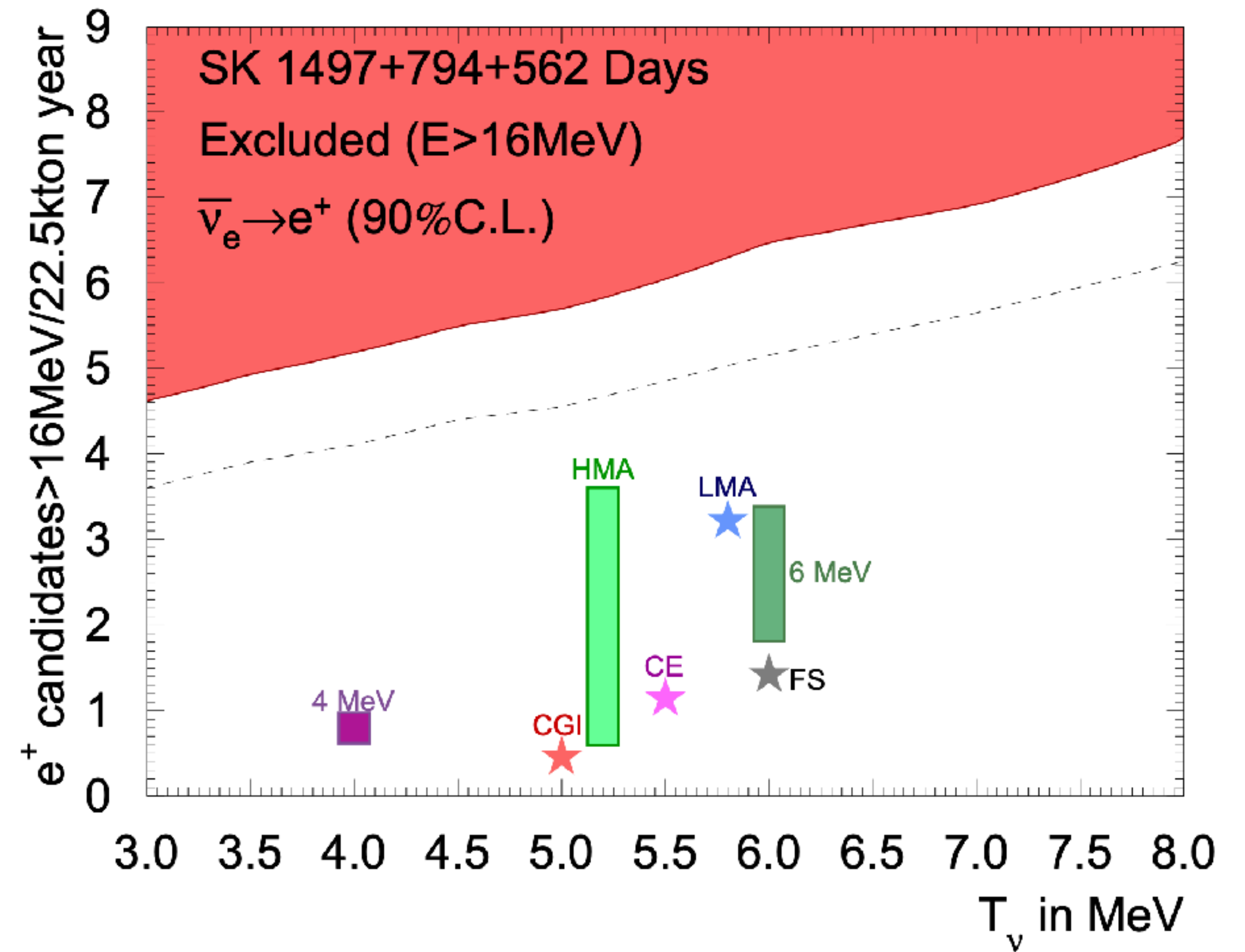
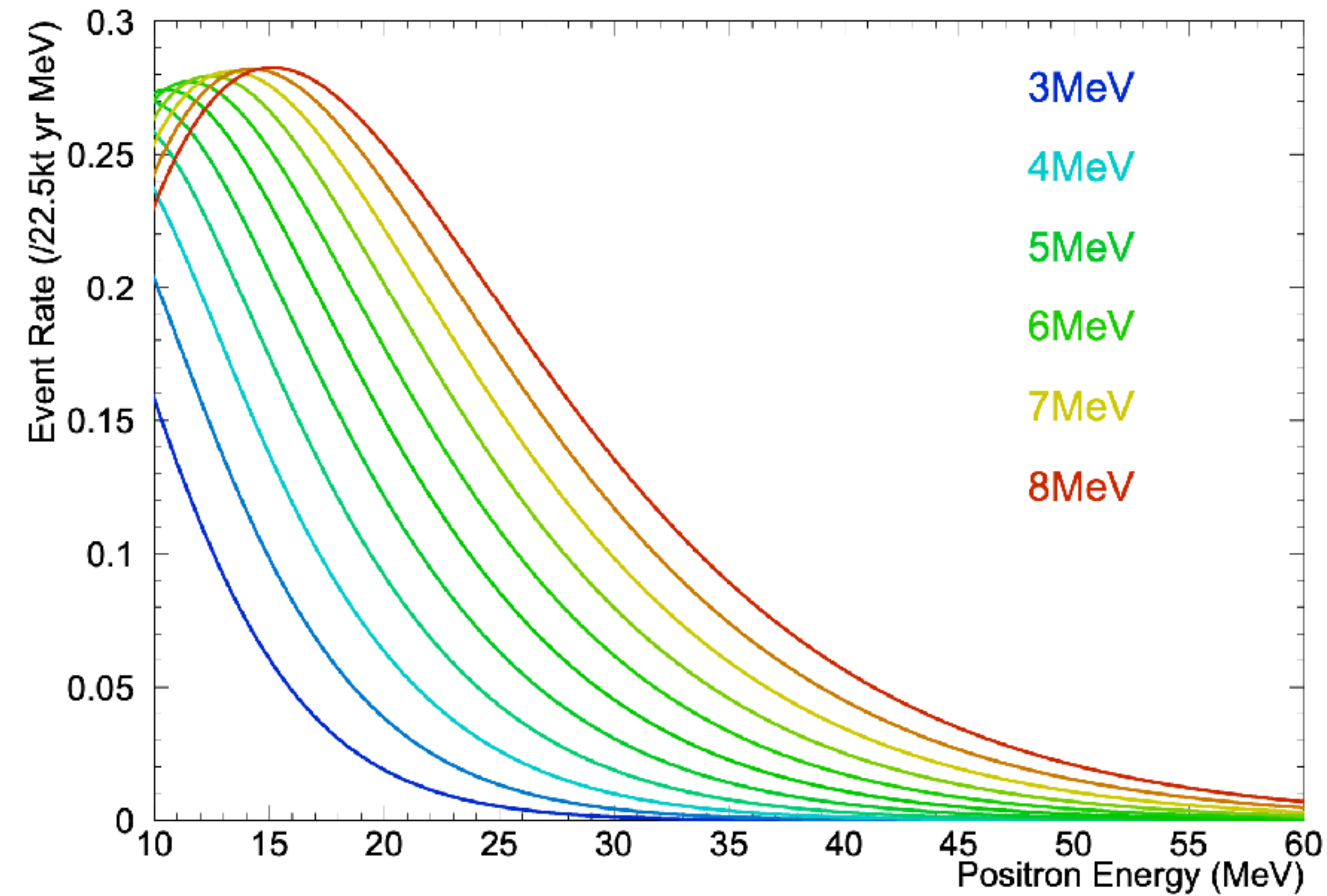
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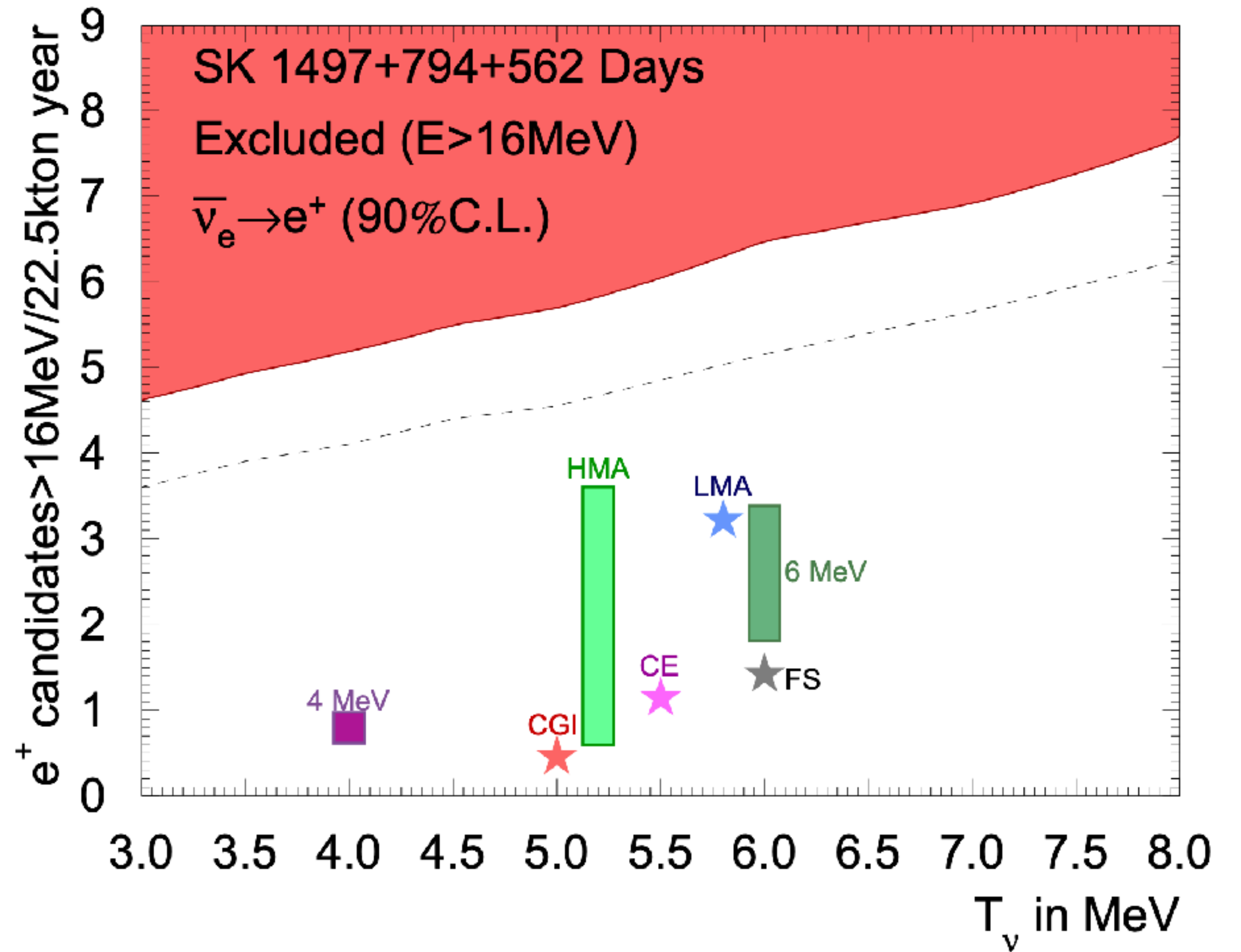
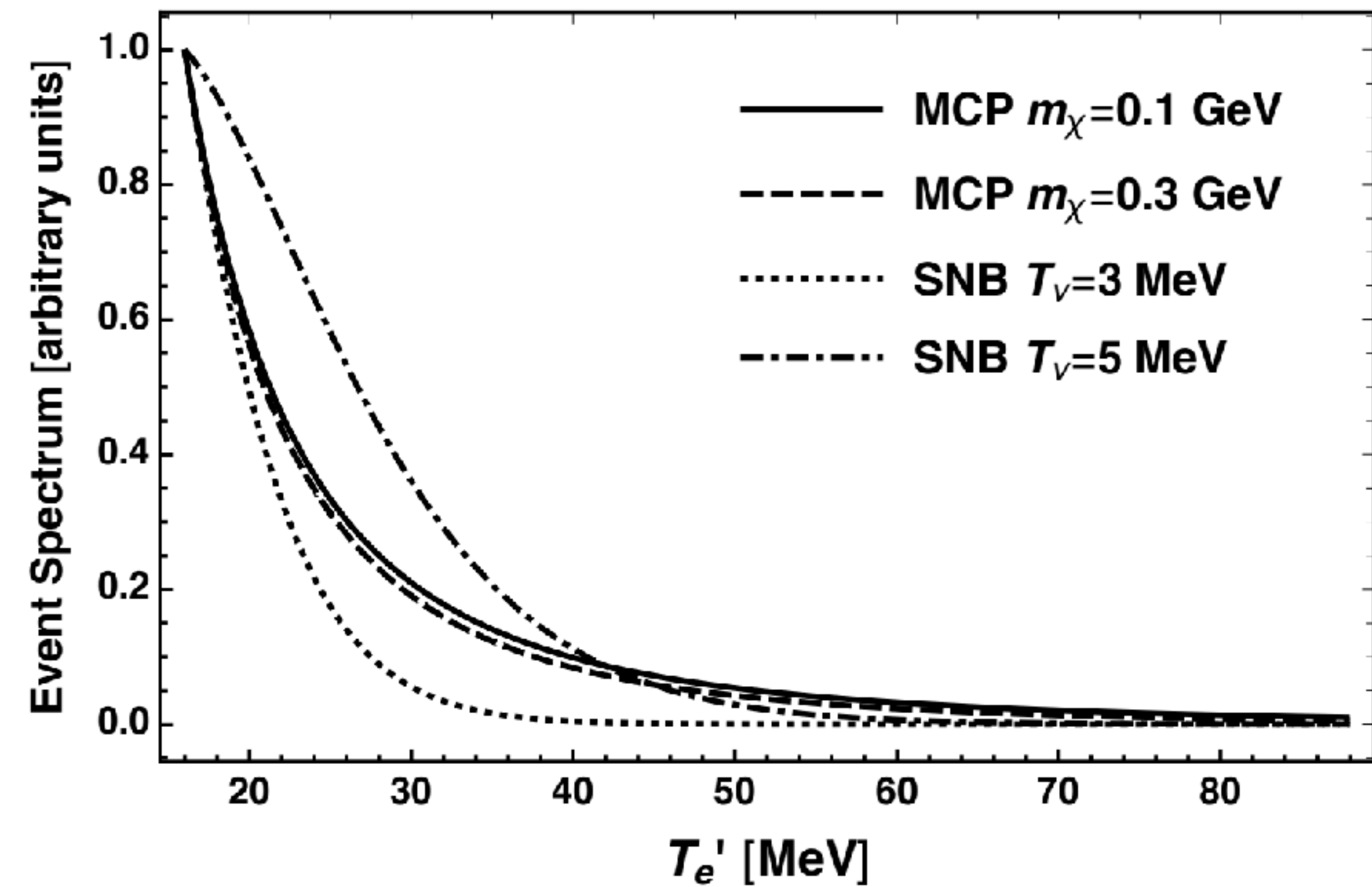
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- 1. Everything I have told you applies to any stable particle produced in meson decays.**
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- 3. We are only including primary mesons (no cascades).**

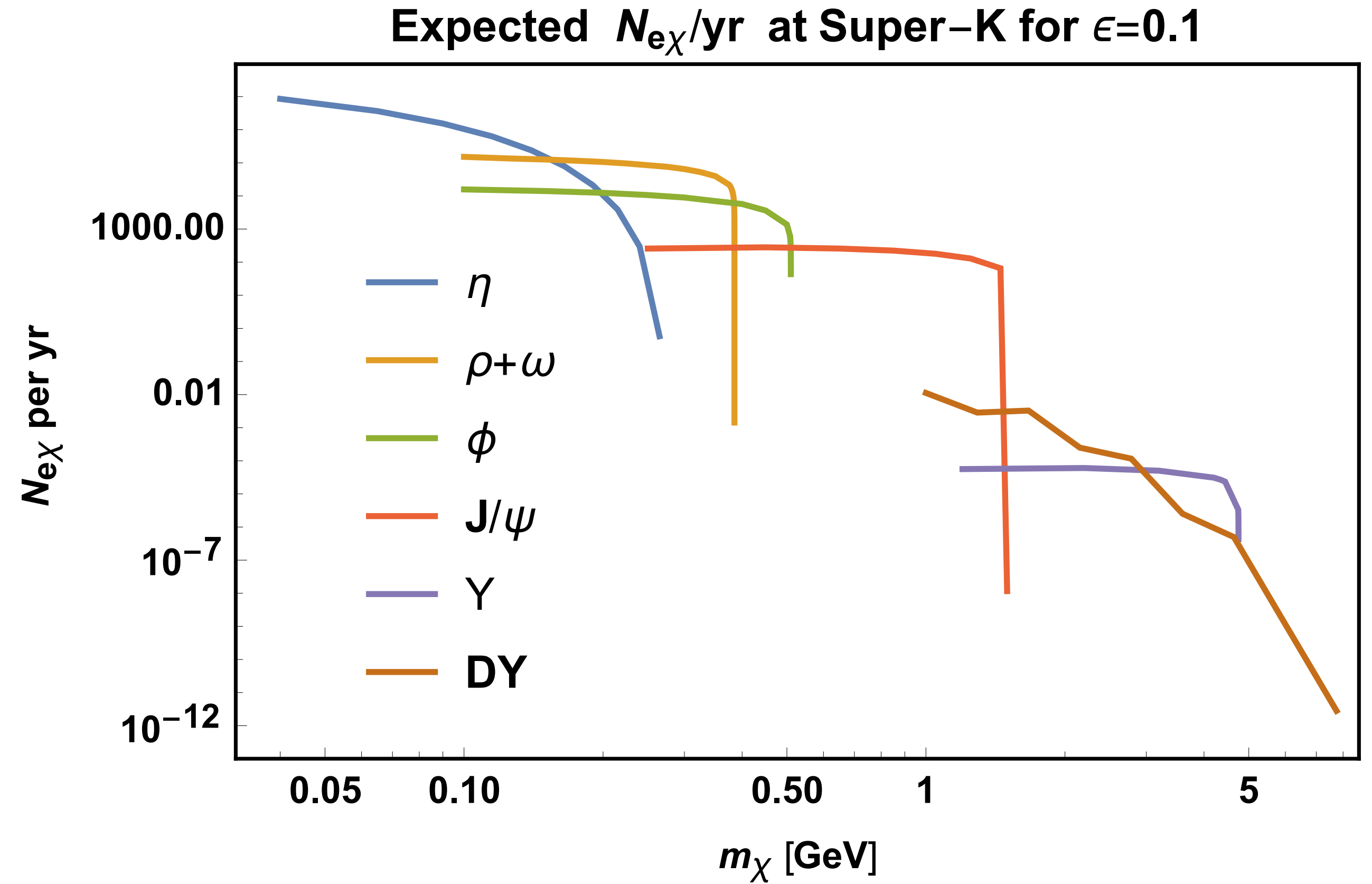
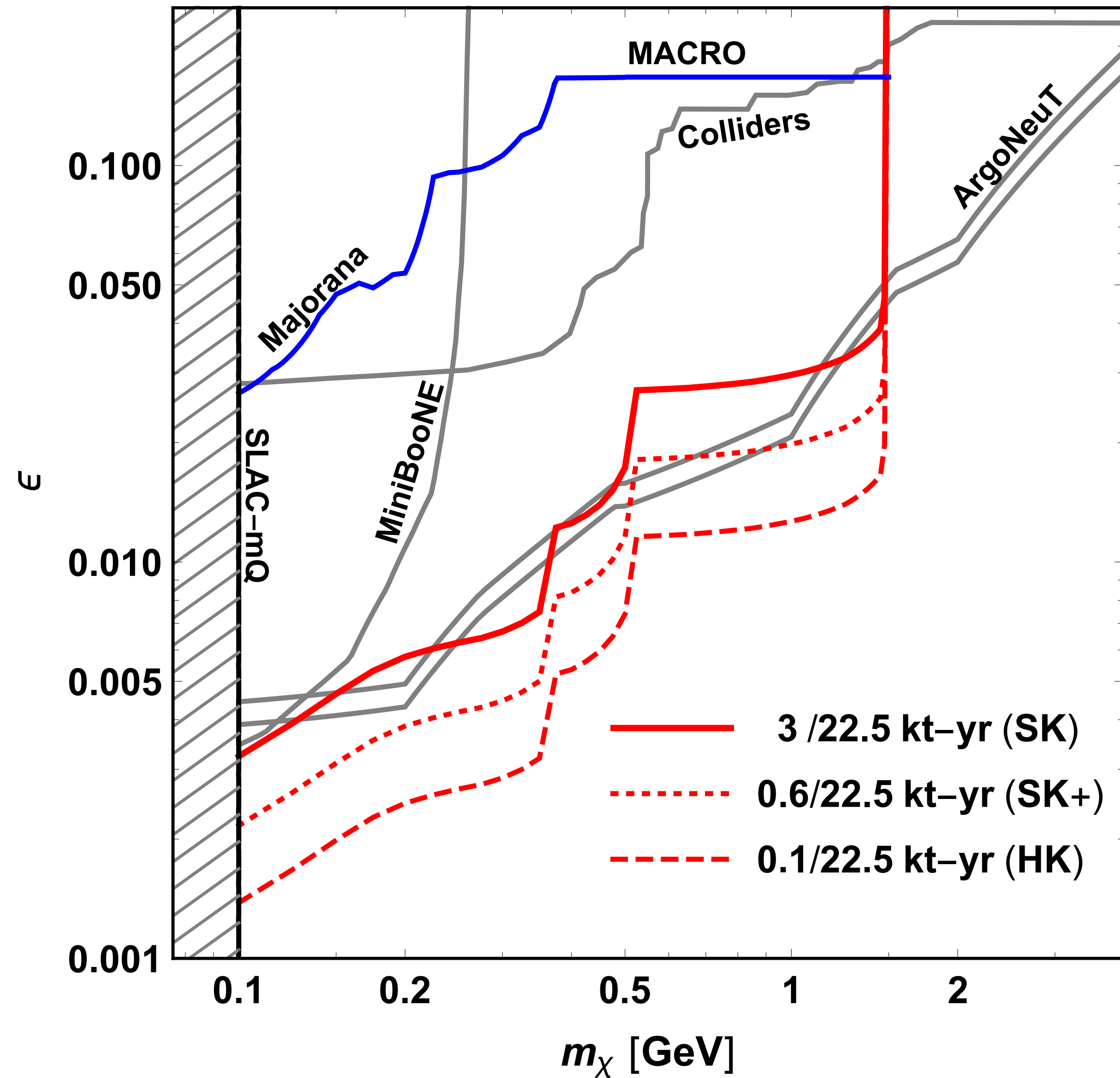
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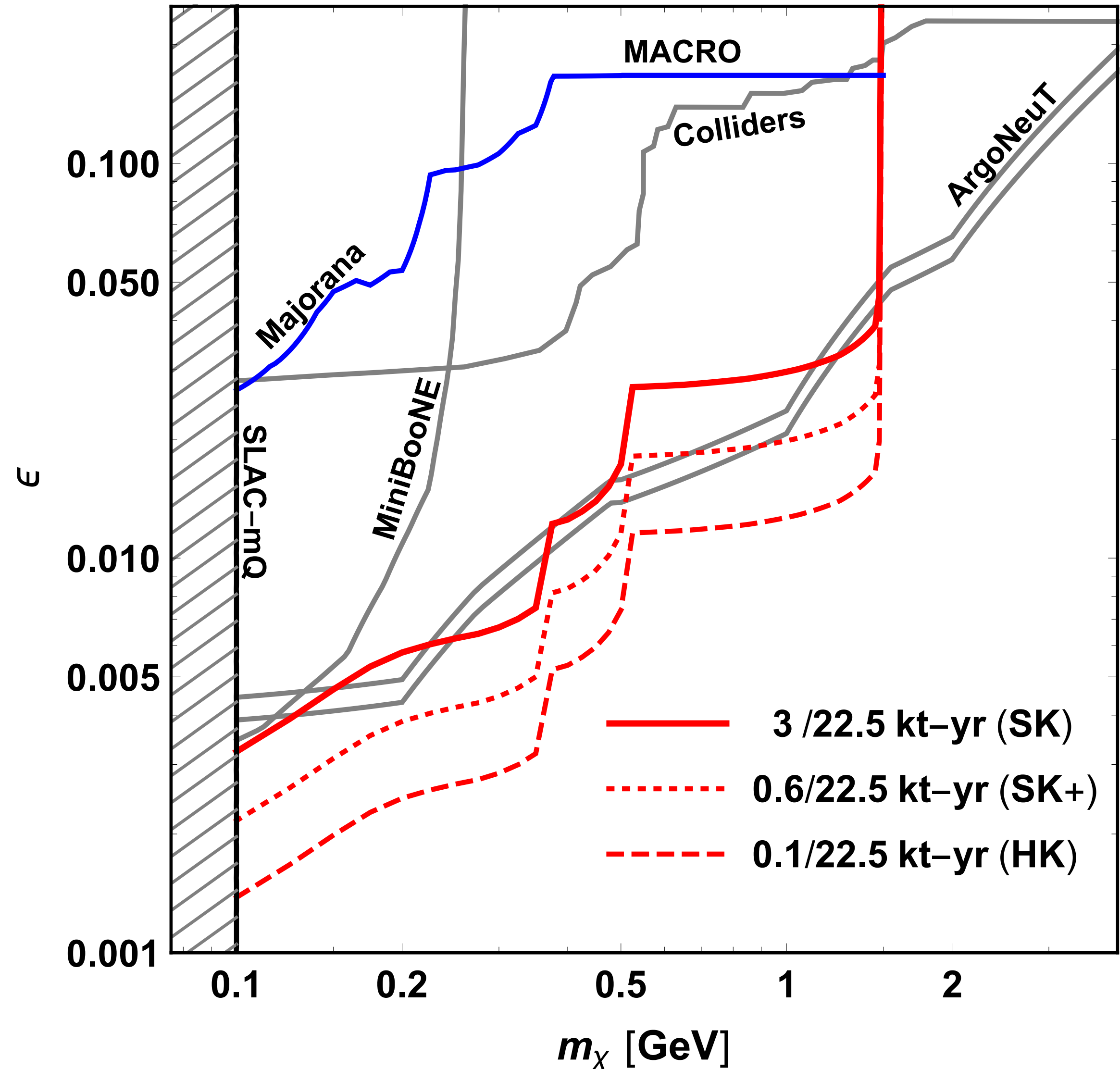


# Results from cosmic rays



# Conclusions

- Fixed target experiments and cosmic ray induced “beams” can provide model independent bounds on millicharged dark-sector models.
- Cosmic rays + neutrino telescopes are competitive with (and surpass) fixed target experiments.
- MCPs are kind of case study in the impact of neutrino detectors for low-recoil signals.





# Outlook and Ongoing Work

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# Radiative Corrections to charged current scattering

Requisite error budget for e.g. DUNE is  $\sim 1-3\%$

What Standard Model physics is important at this level of precision?

$$\alpha/4\pi \sim 0.1\%$$

$$\times Z \sim \text{few } \%$$

**Coulomb field of nucleus**

$$\times \log(Q_{\text{max}}/m_\ell) \sim \text{few } \%$$

**Large logs from radiative corrections**

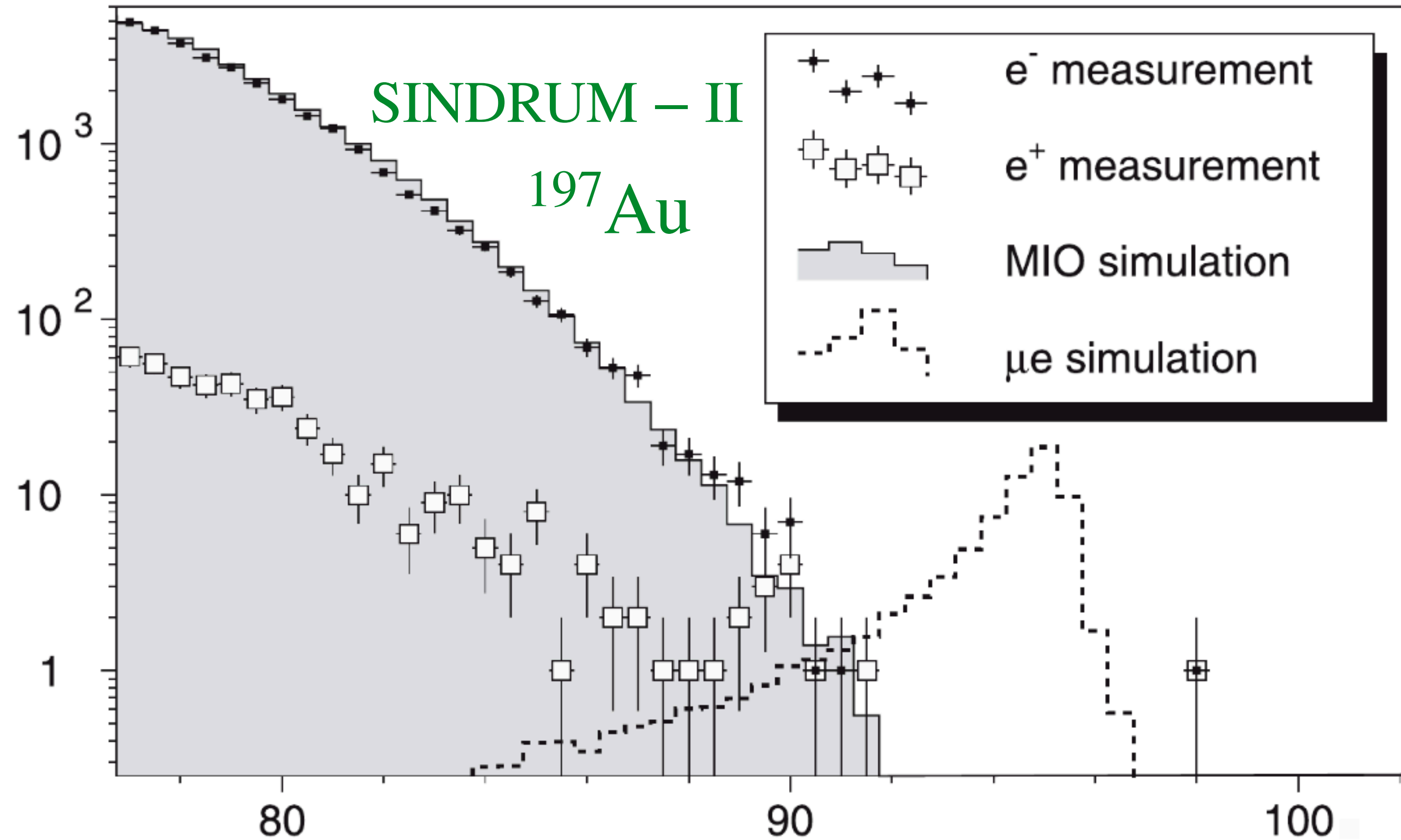
Work ongoing with RHJ Hill, and O Tomalak

See e.g.

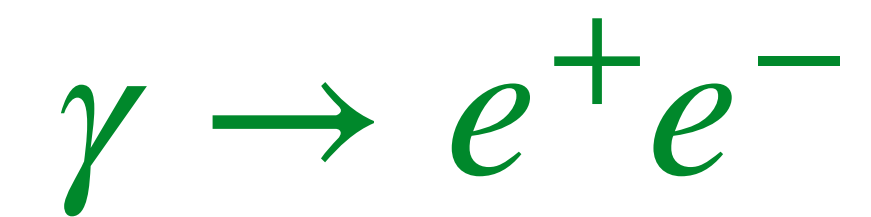
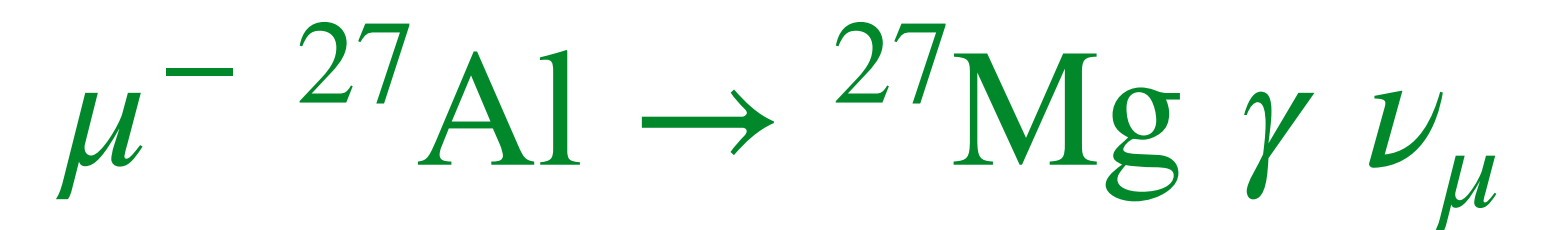
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# Mu2e Backgrounds from Radiative Muon Capture



## Background



Search for  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^\pm$

**Study RMC spectrum  
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# Summary and Conclusions

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- 1. High intensity neutrino experiments are a fertile testing ground for SM and BSM physics.**
- 2. Cosmic rays + Neutrino telescopes can function like a fixed target facility offering competitive reach.**
- 3. “New” SM physics can be impactful across a range of communities**
  - Neutrino flux determination**
  - Expected background for CLFV & LNV searches**
- 4. Studying alpha-suppressed SM physics teaches us how to use new detectors to cut down backgrounds.**

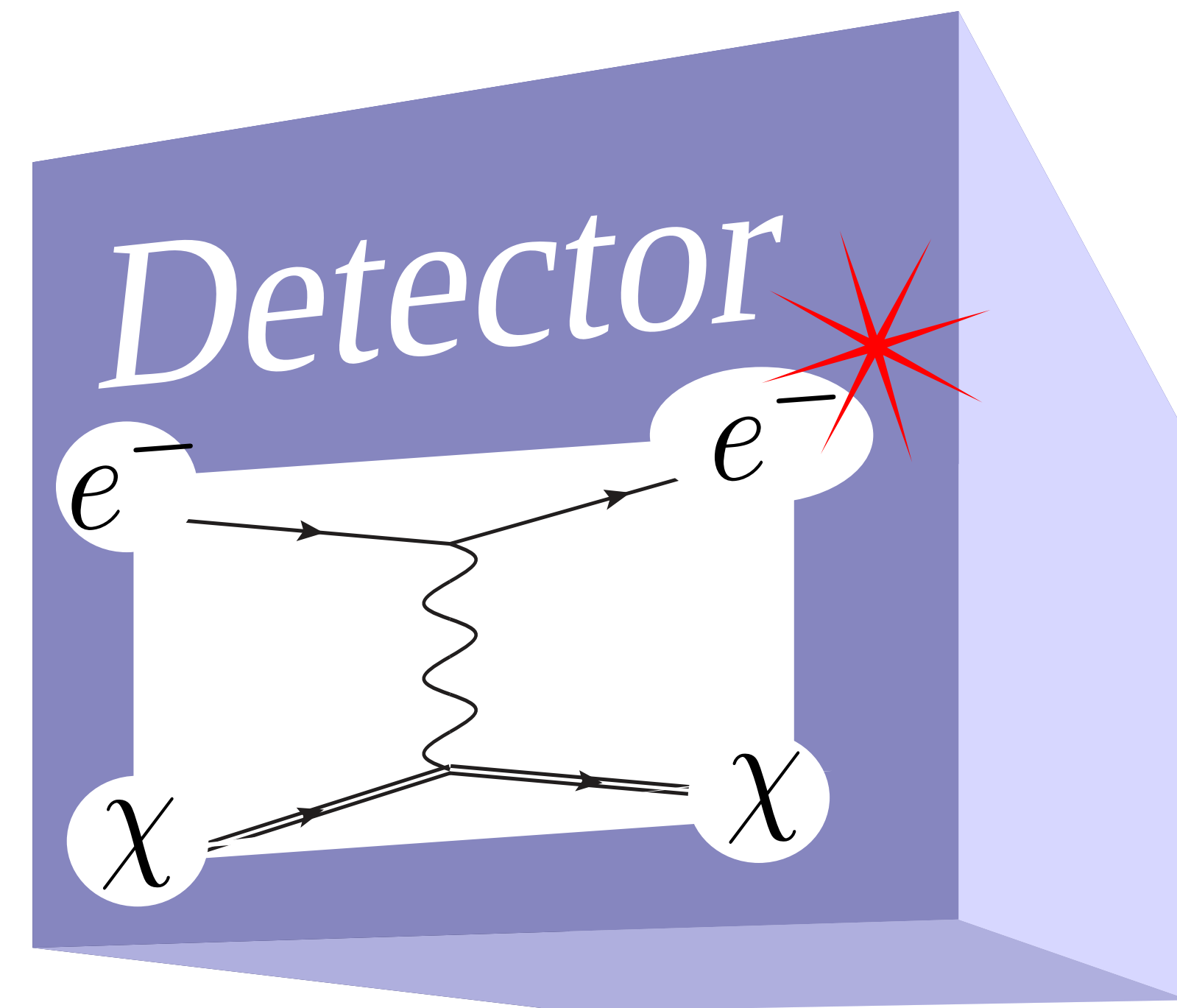
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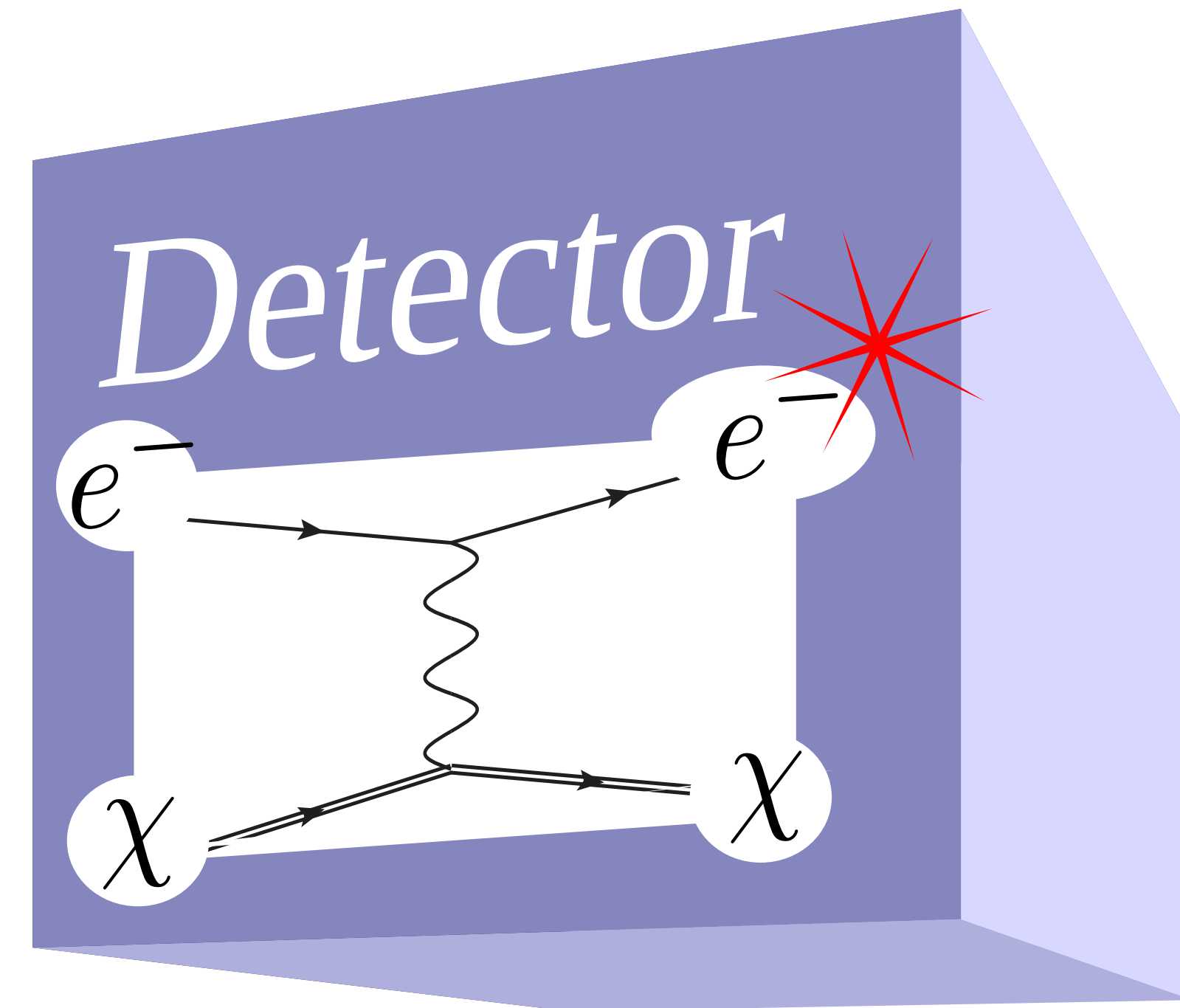


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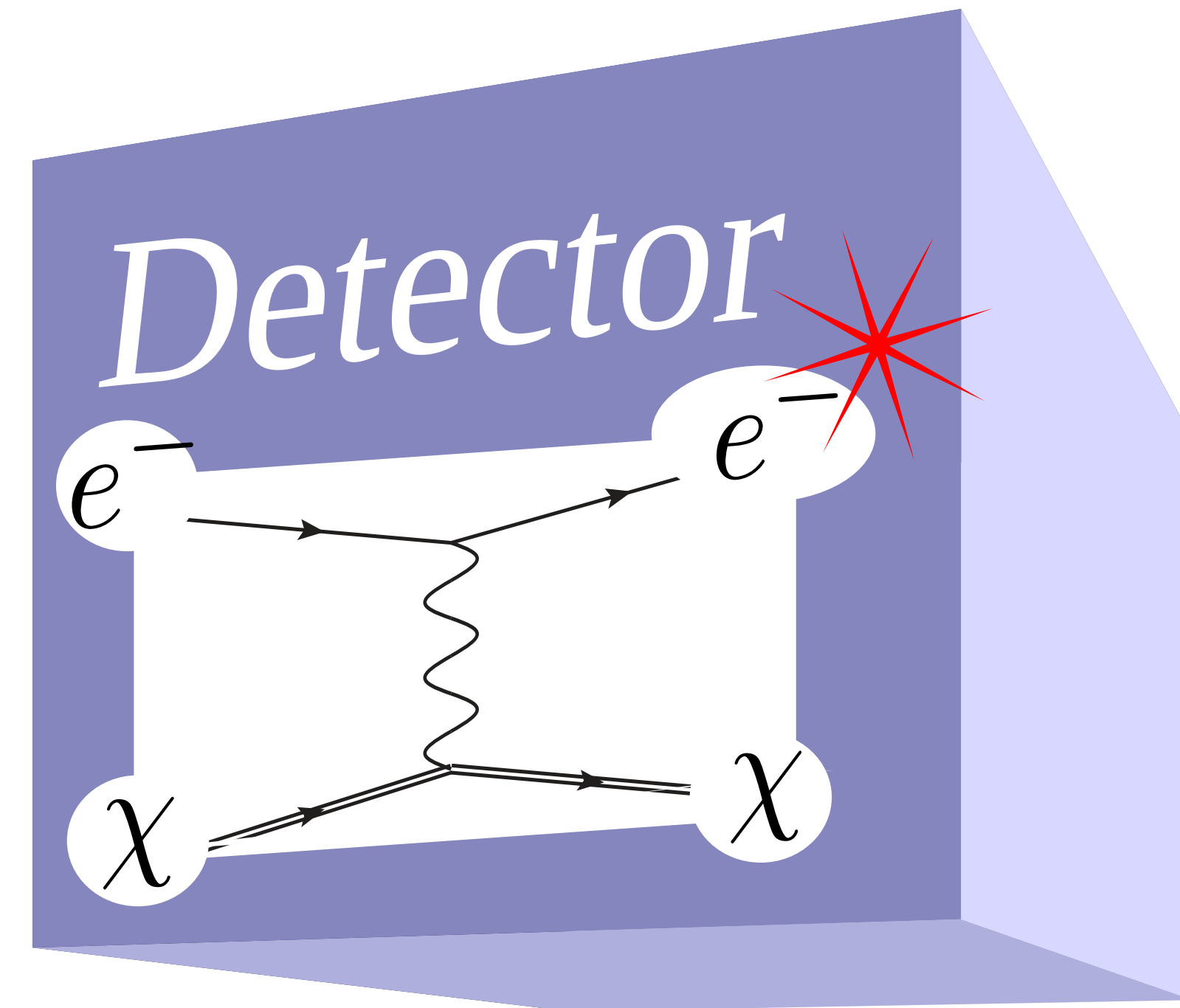
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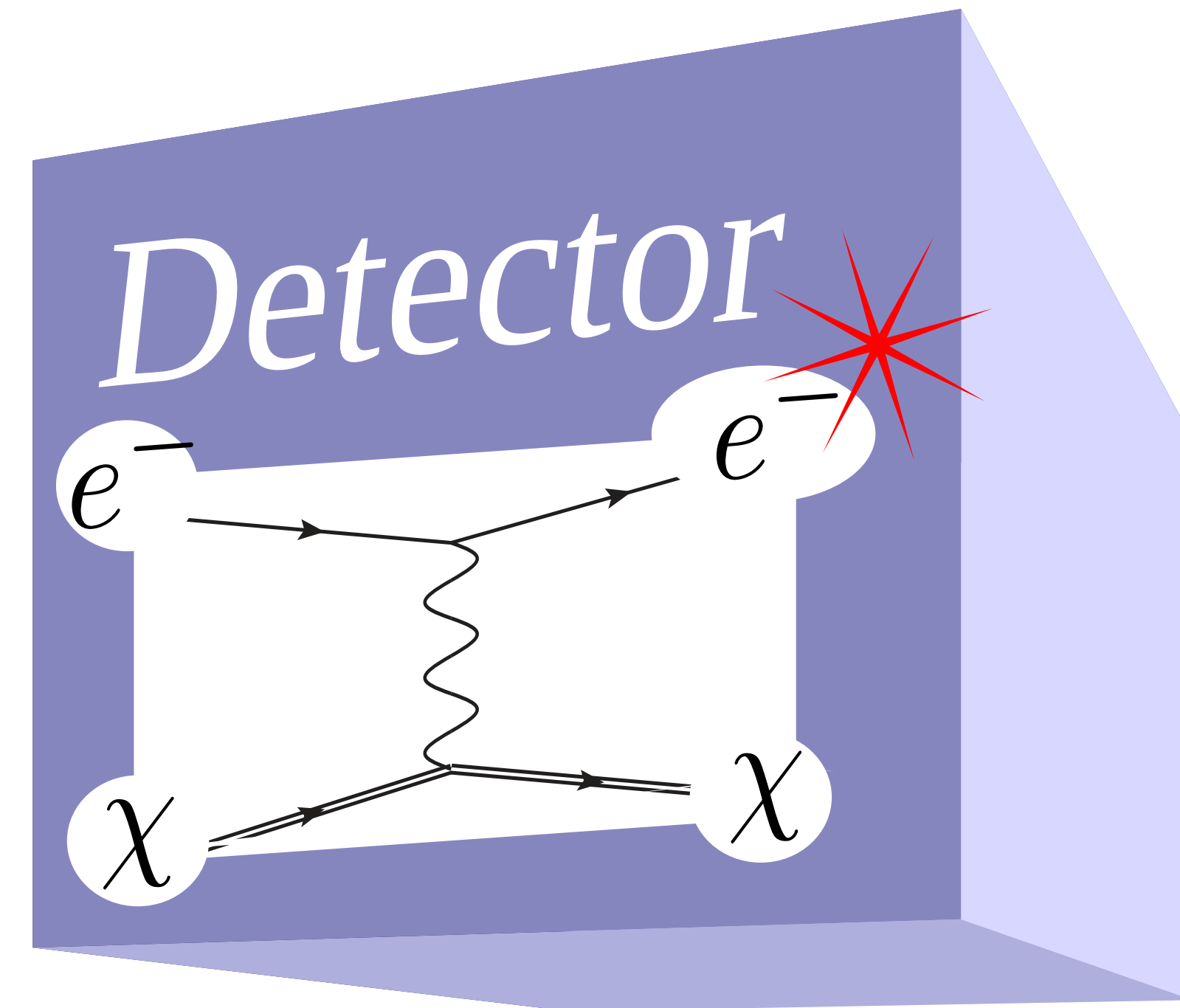
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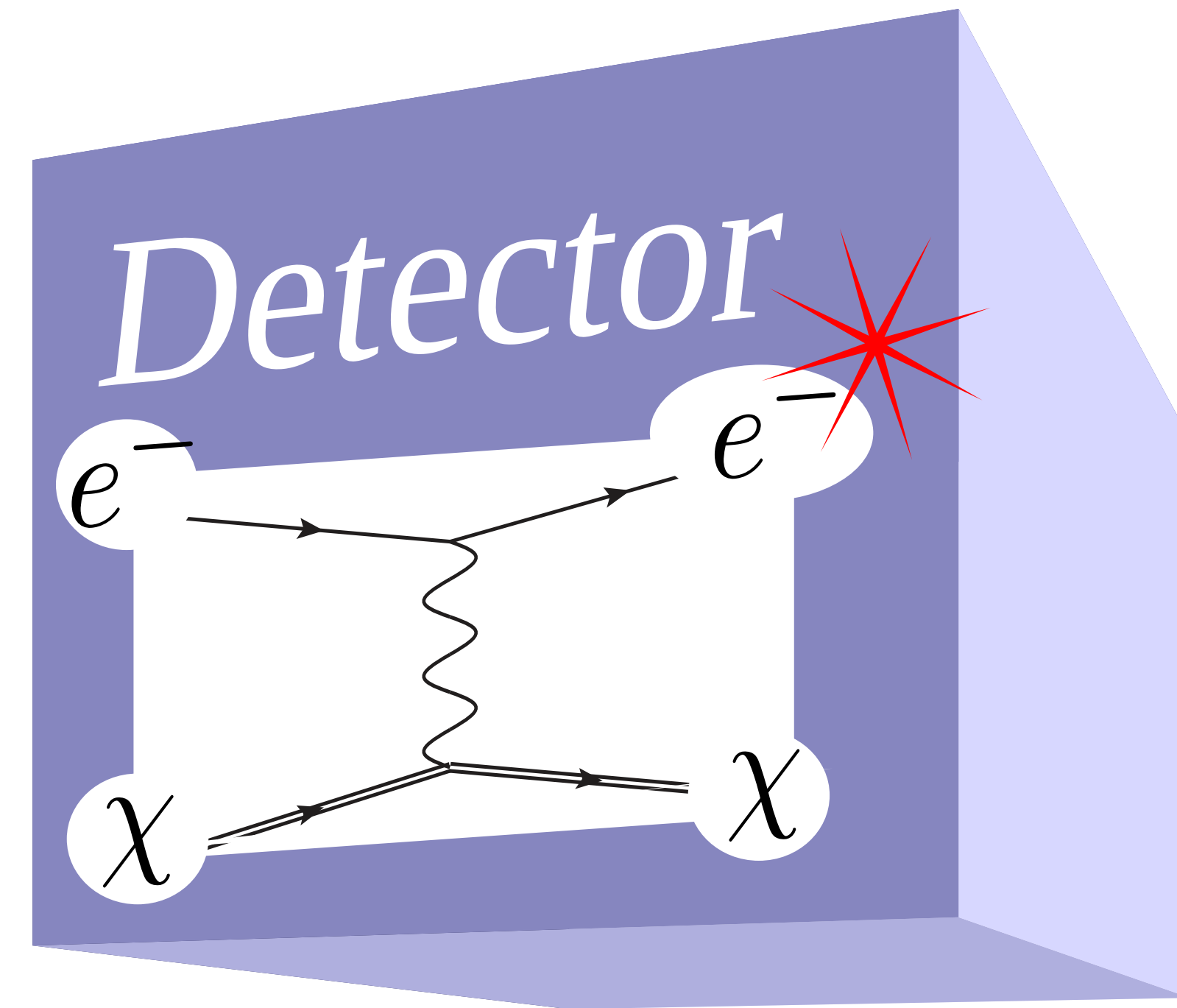


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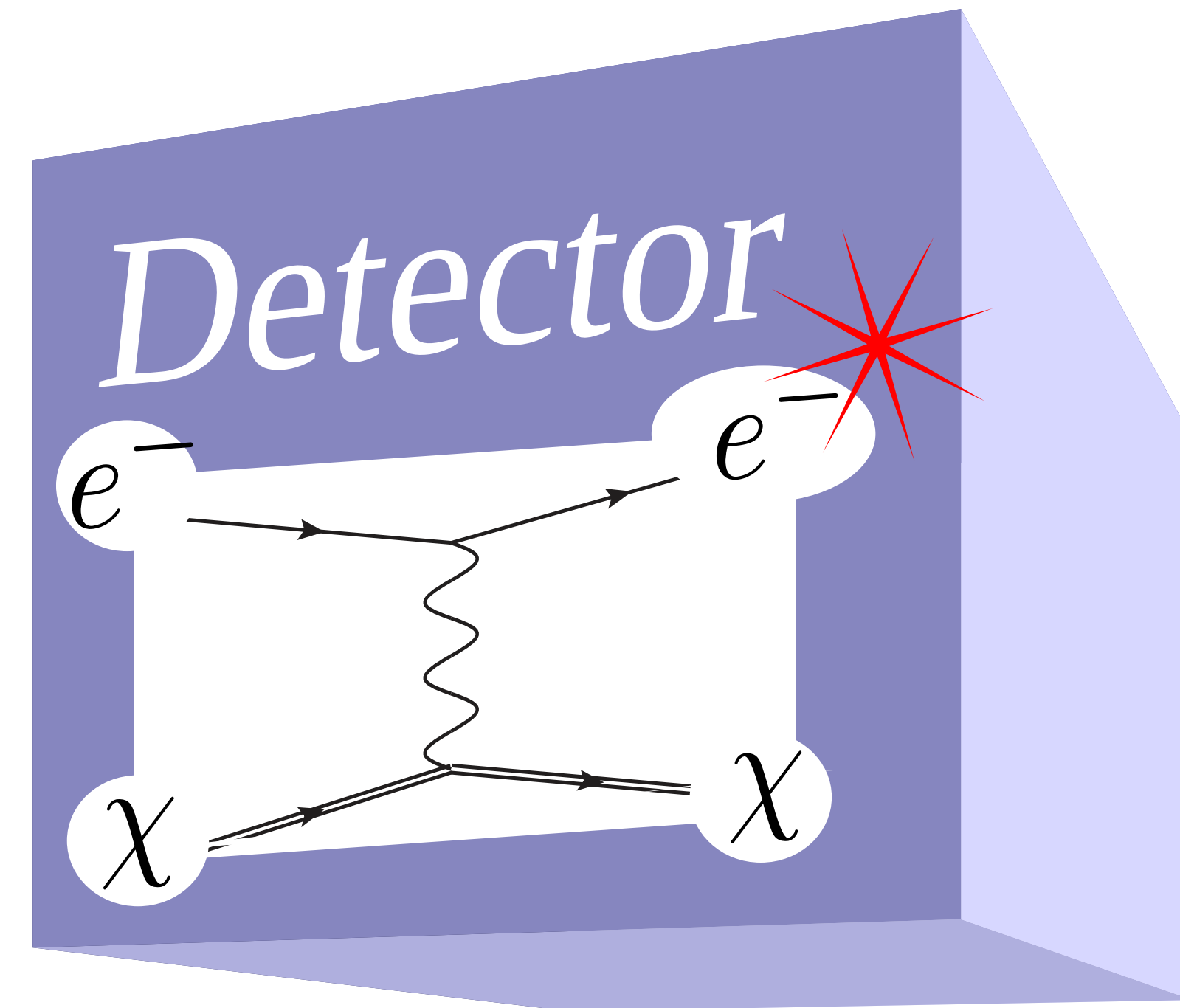
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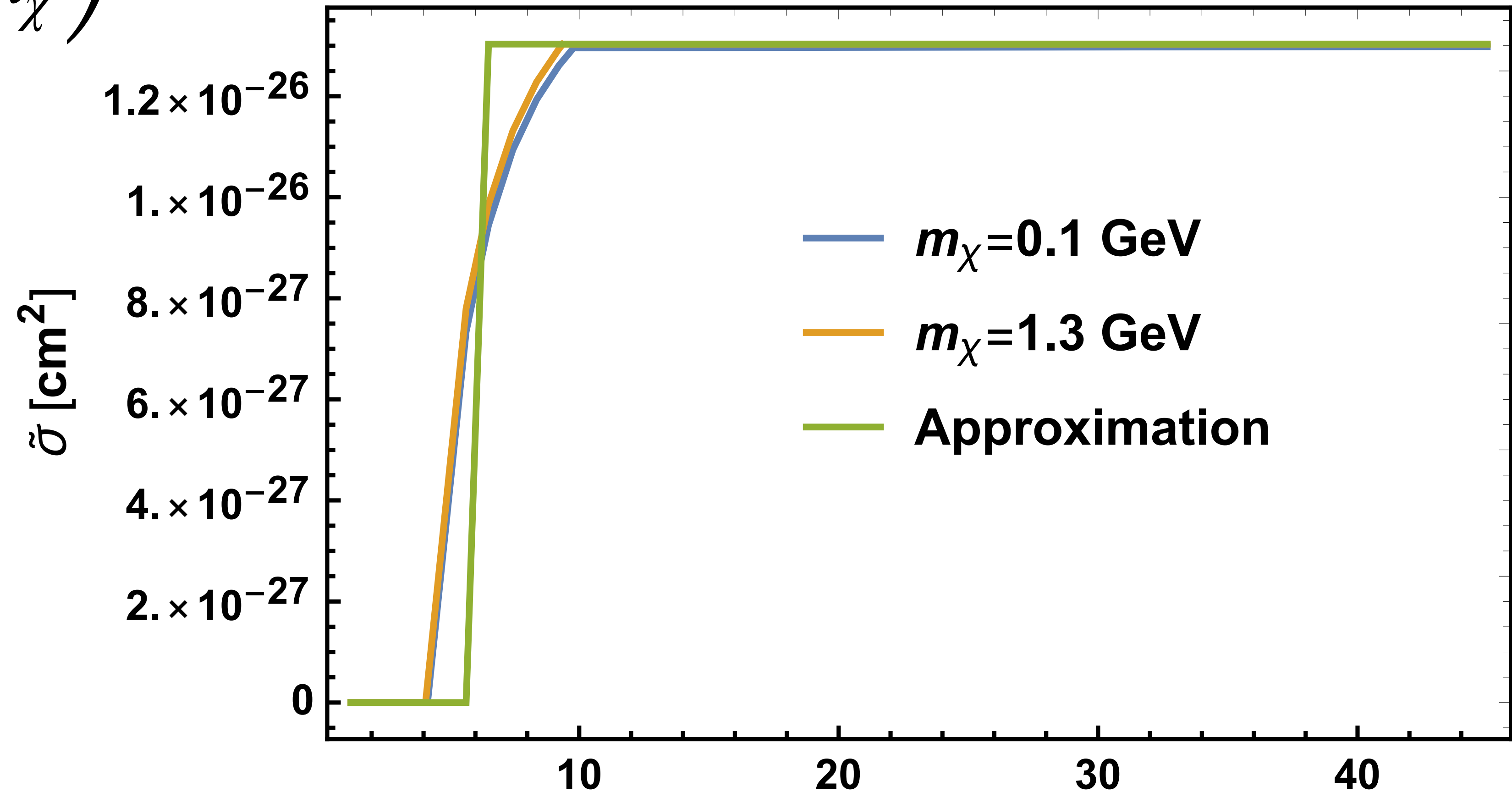
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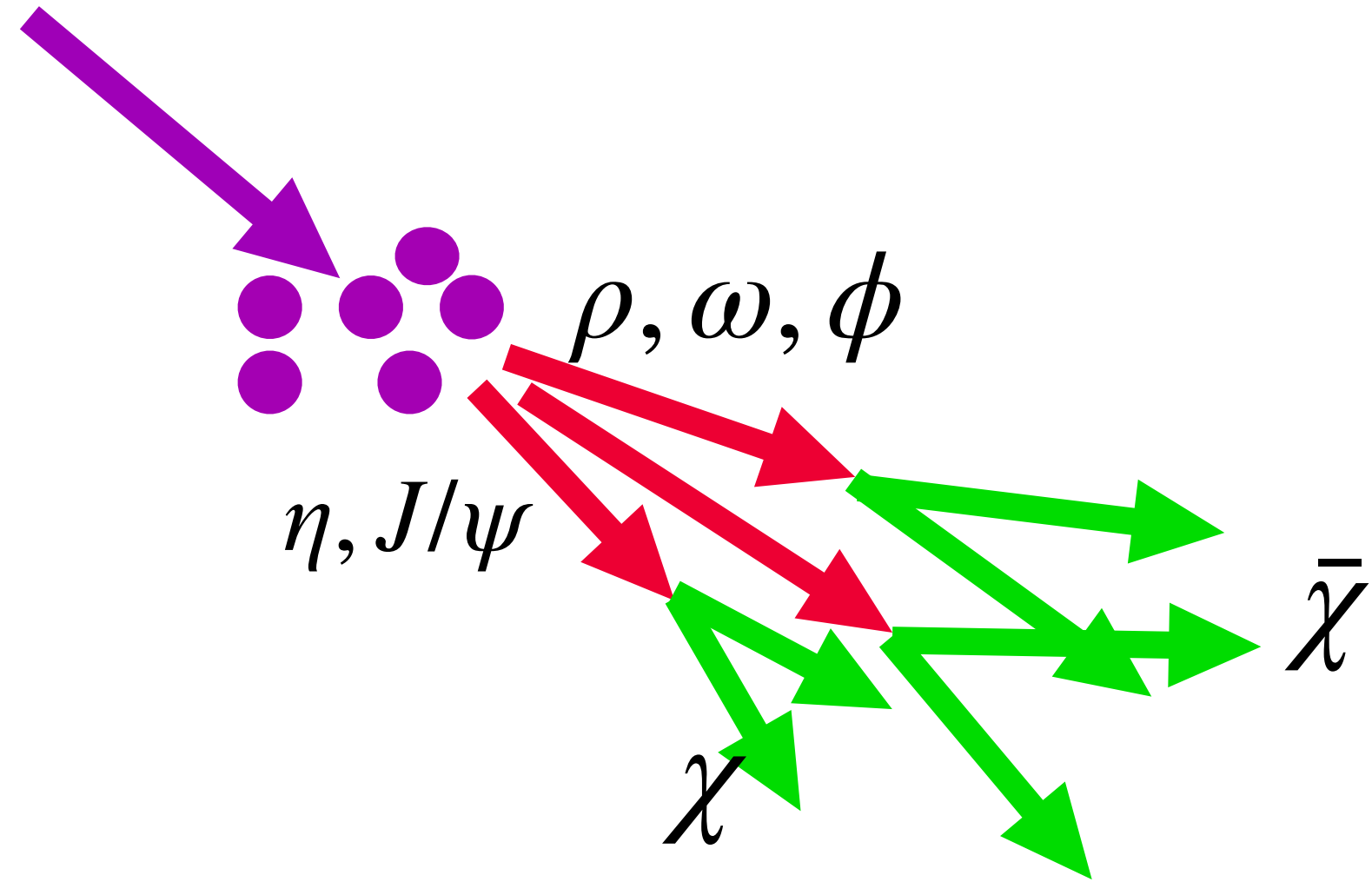
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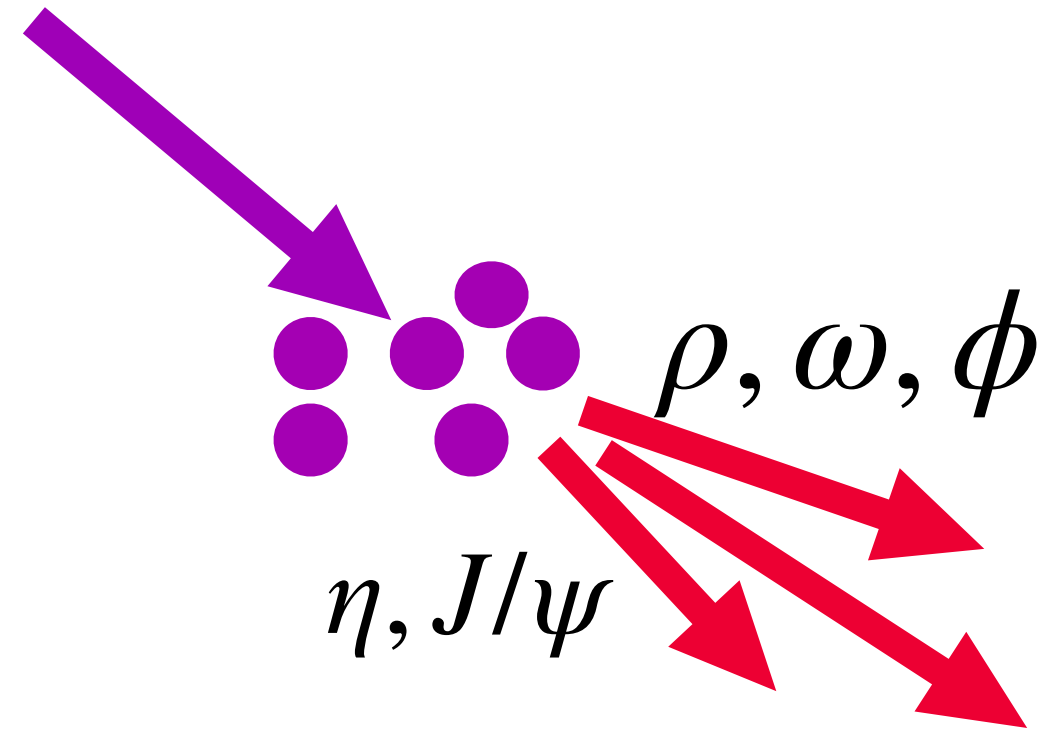


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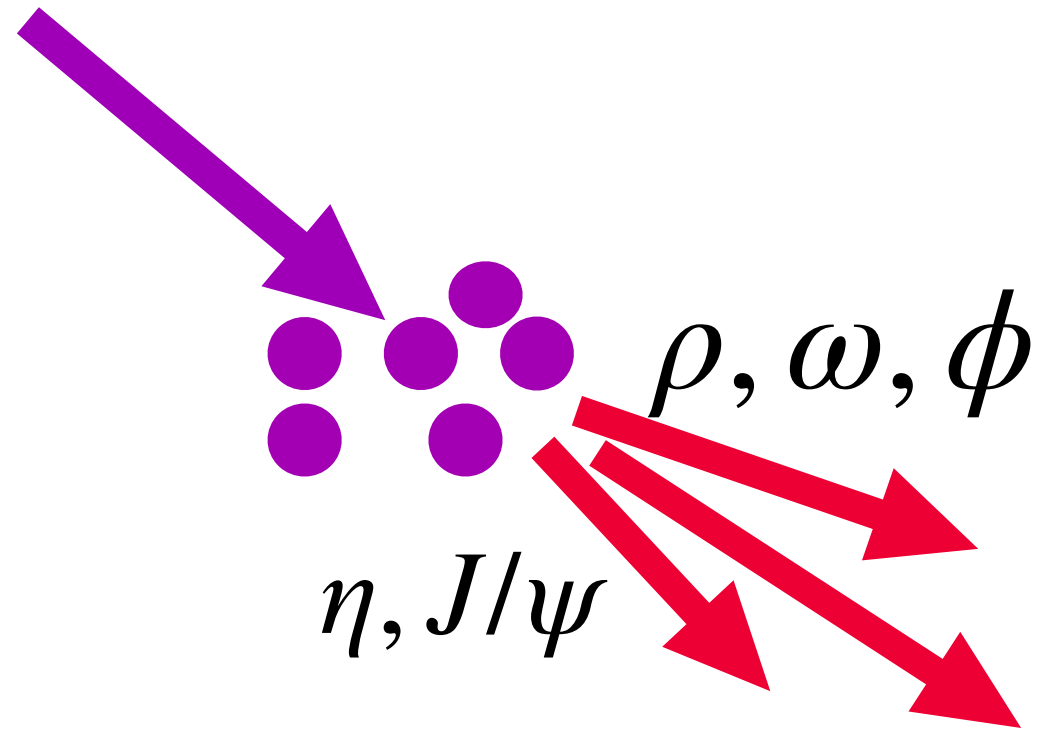
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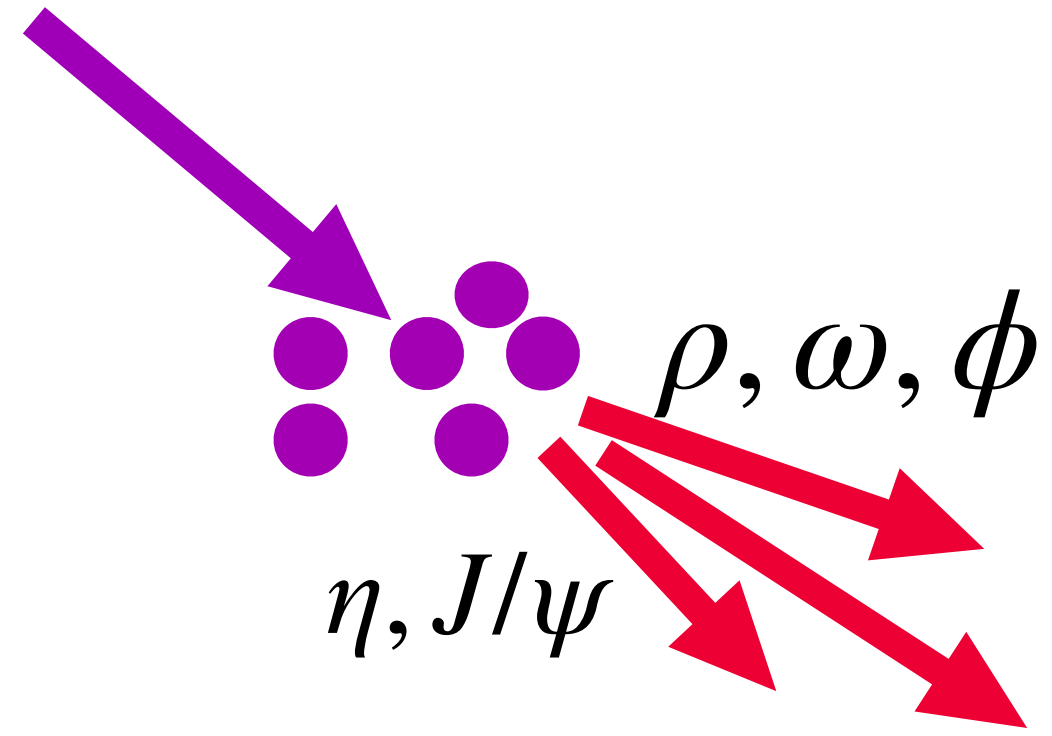
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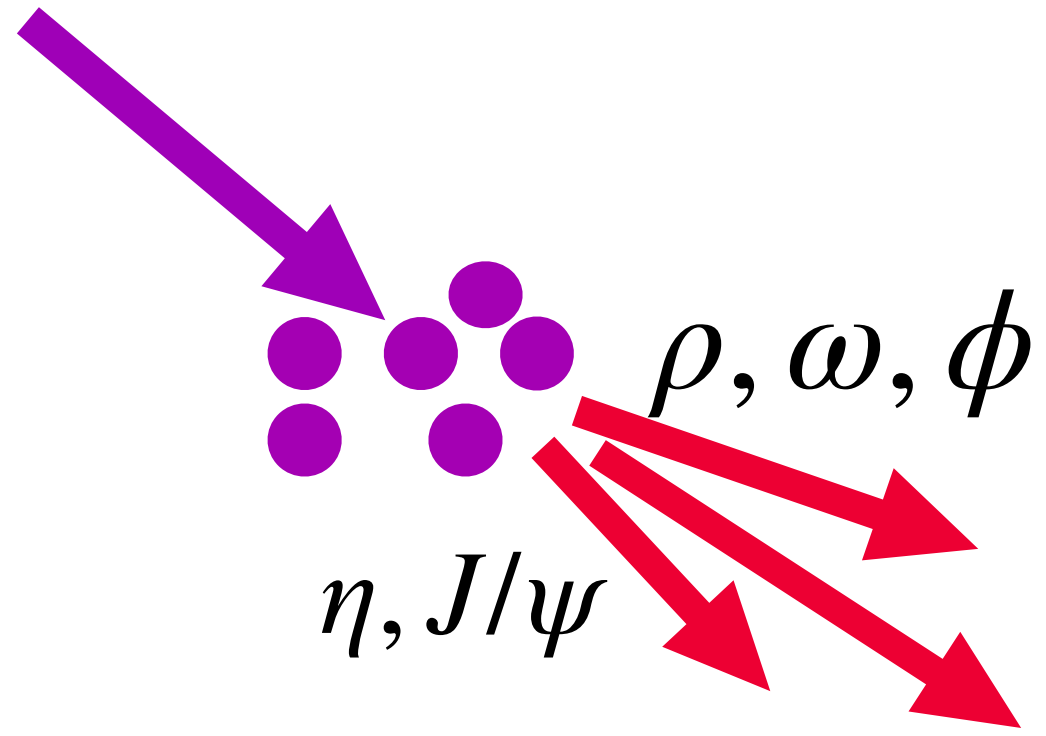
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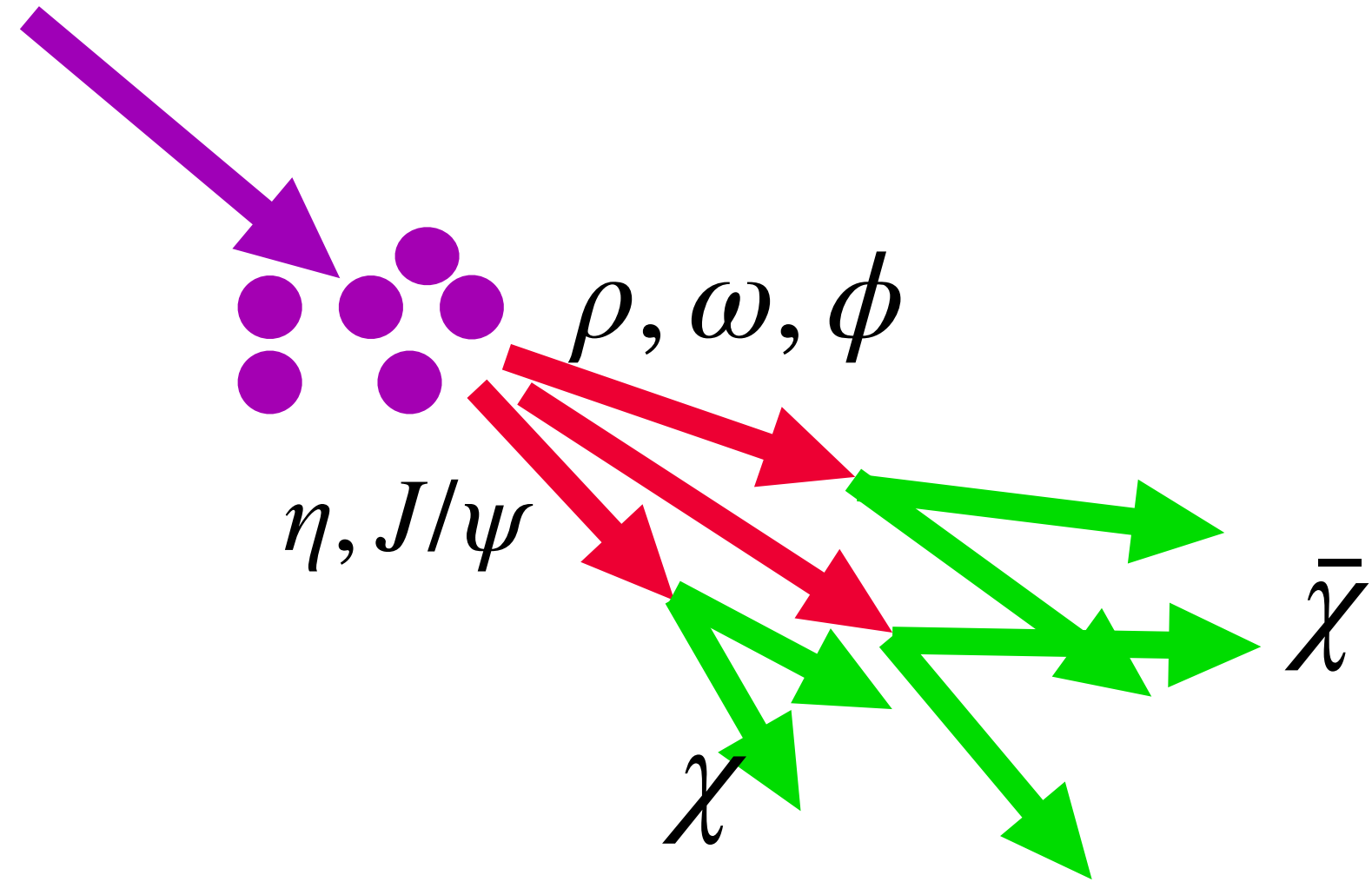
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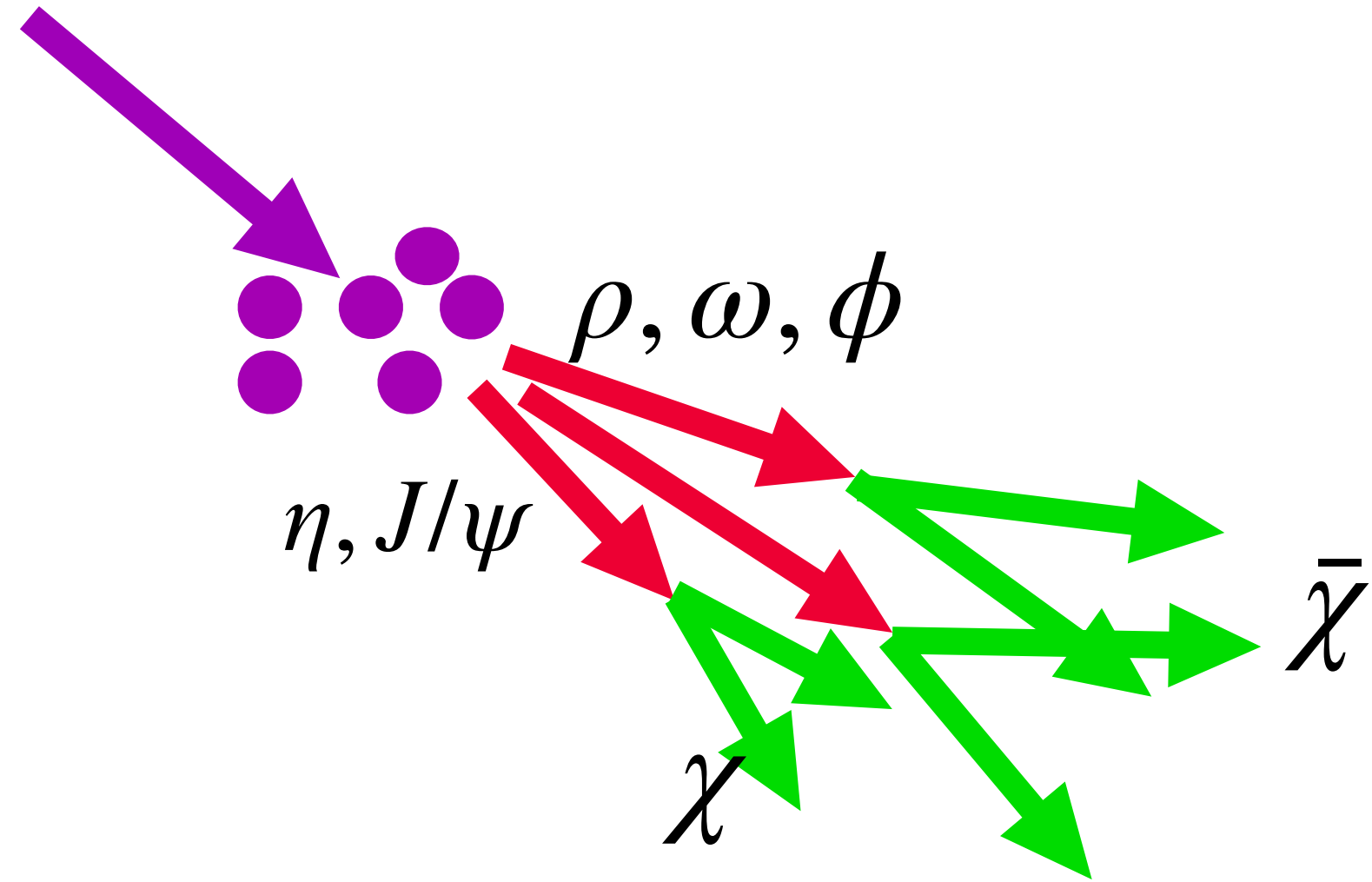
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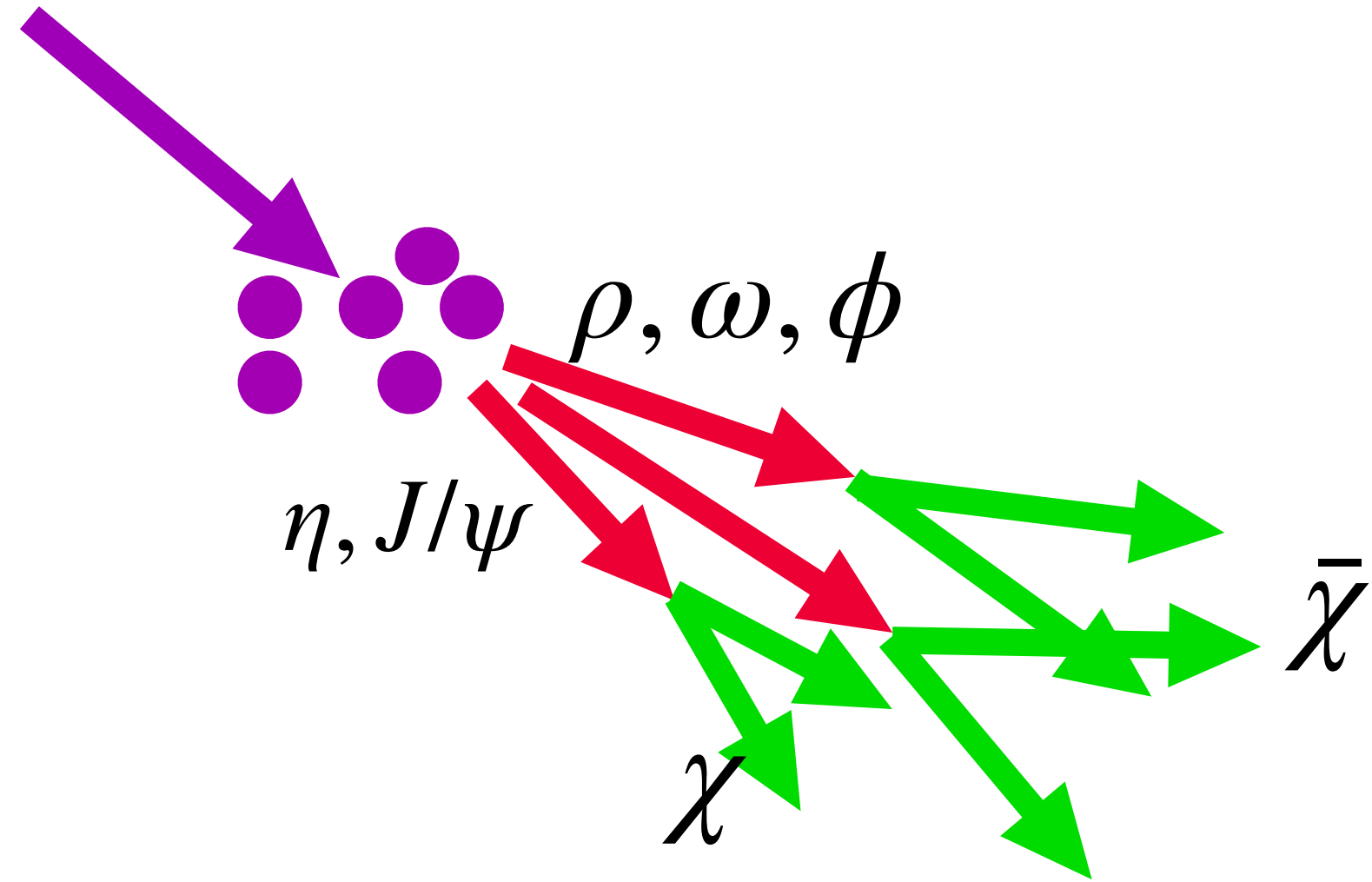
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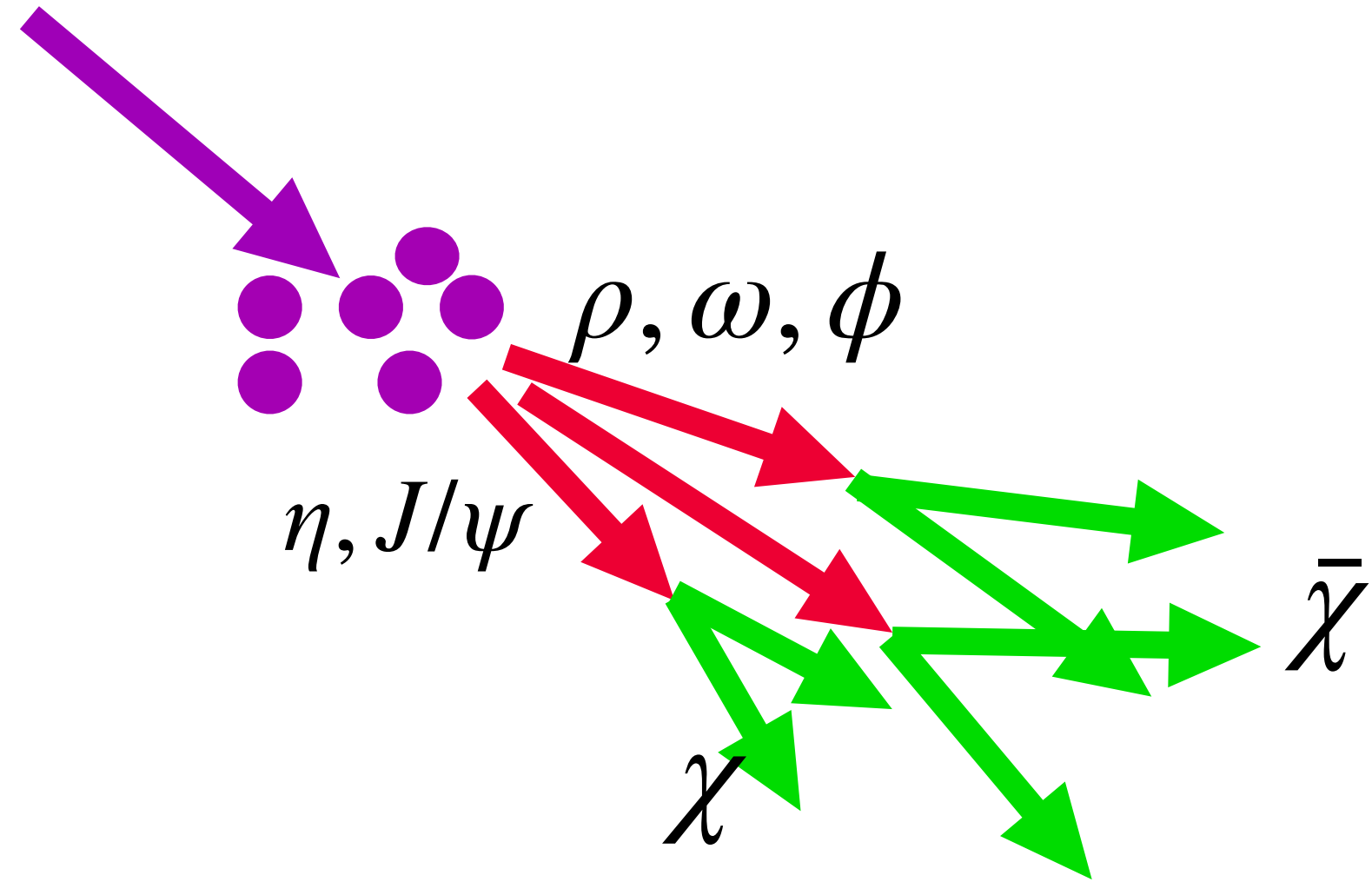
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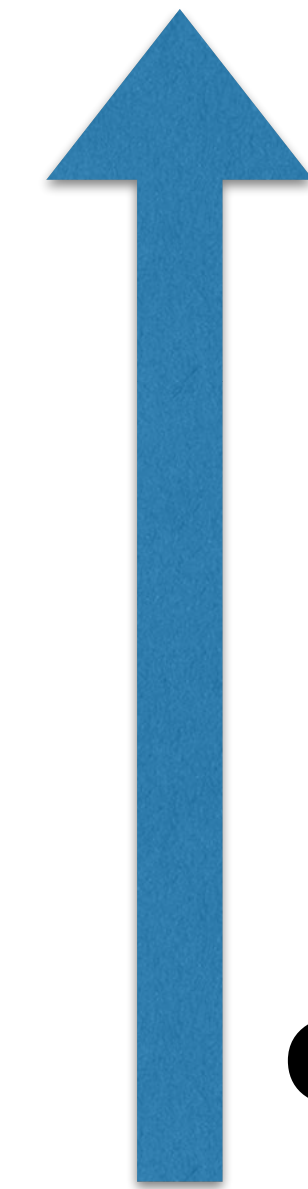


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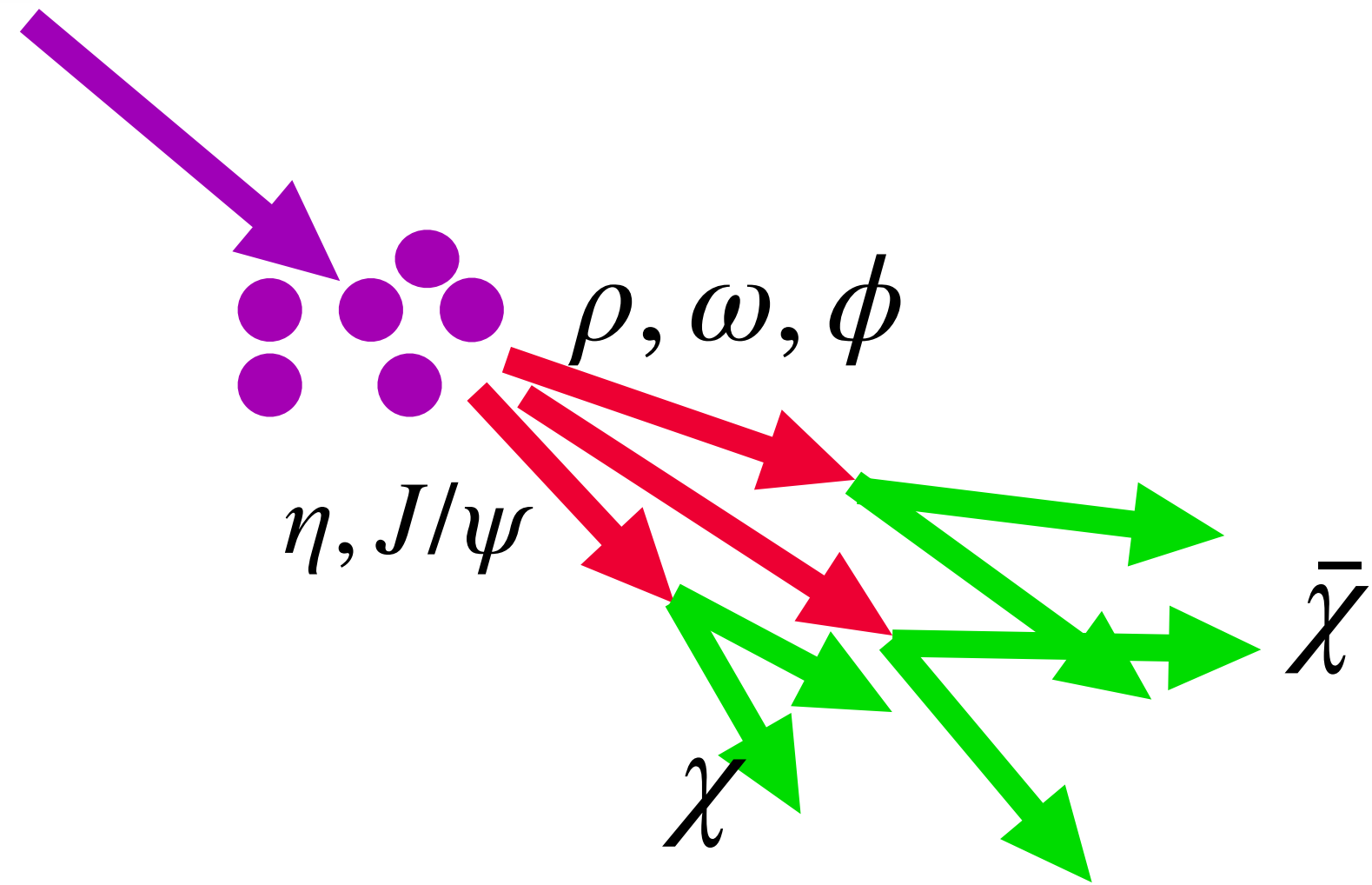


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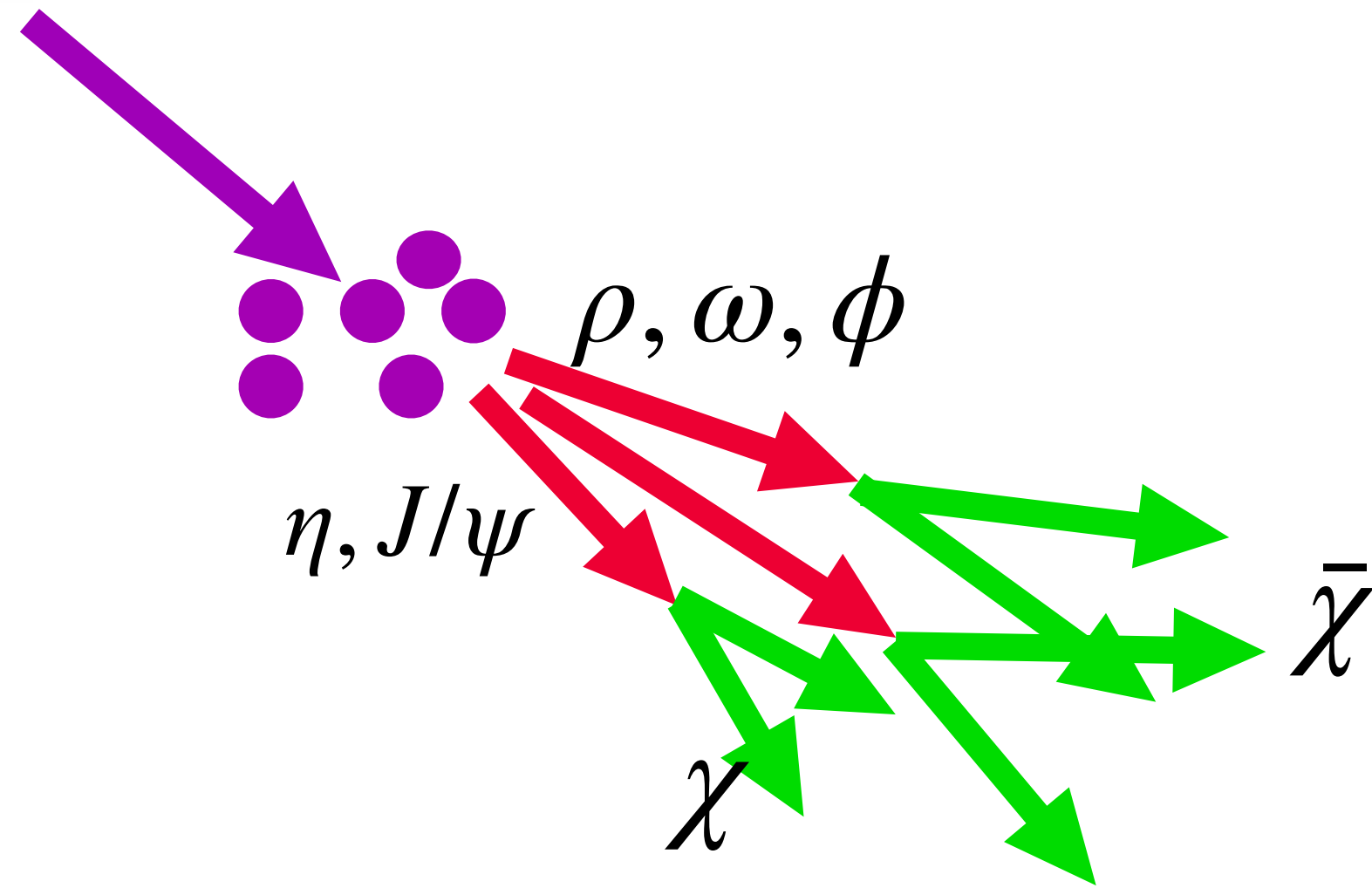
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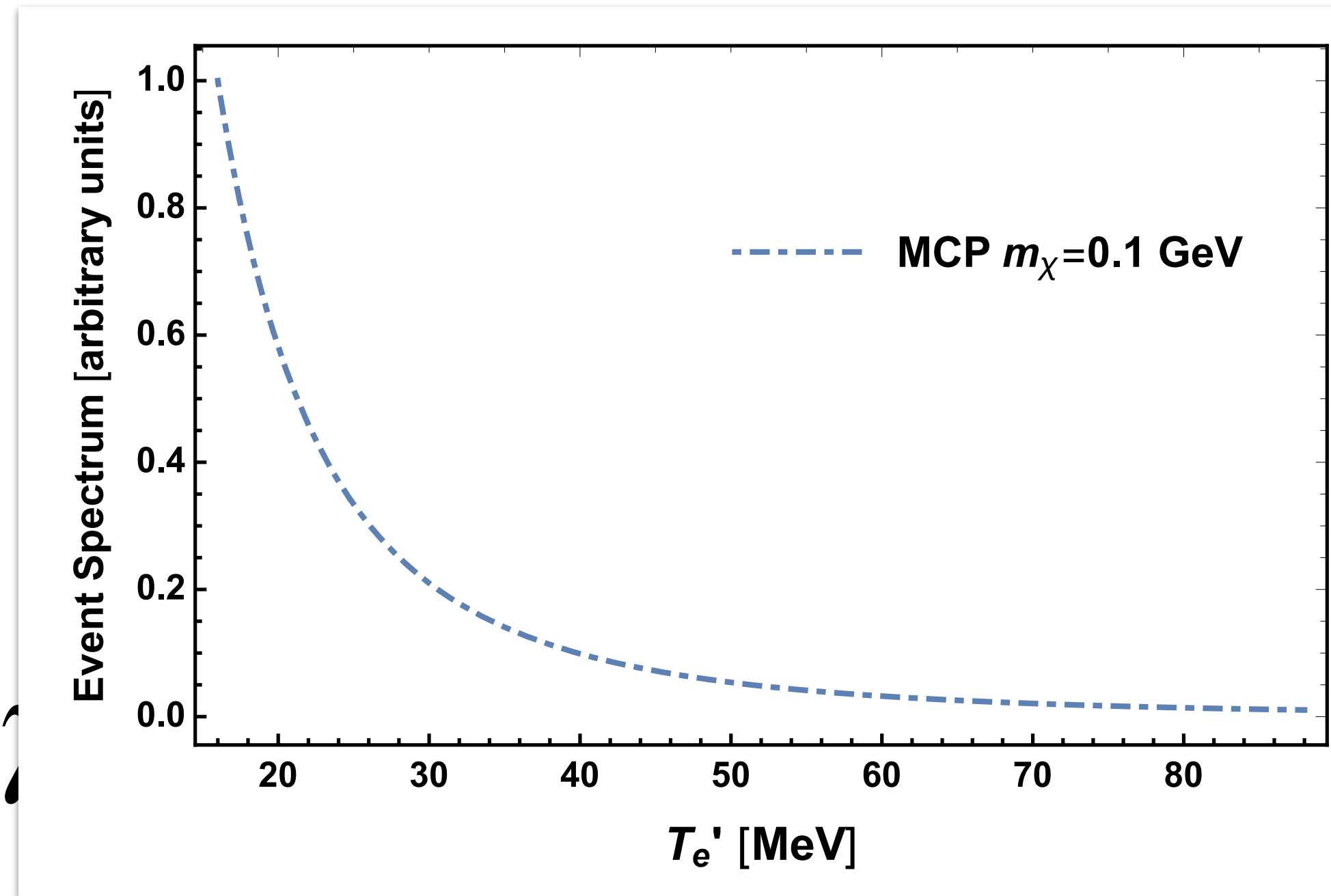
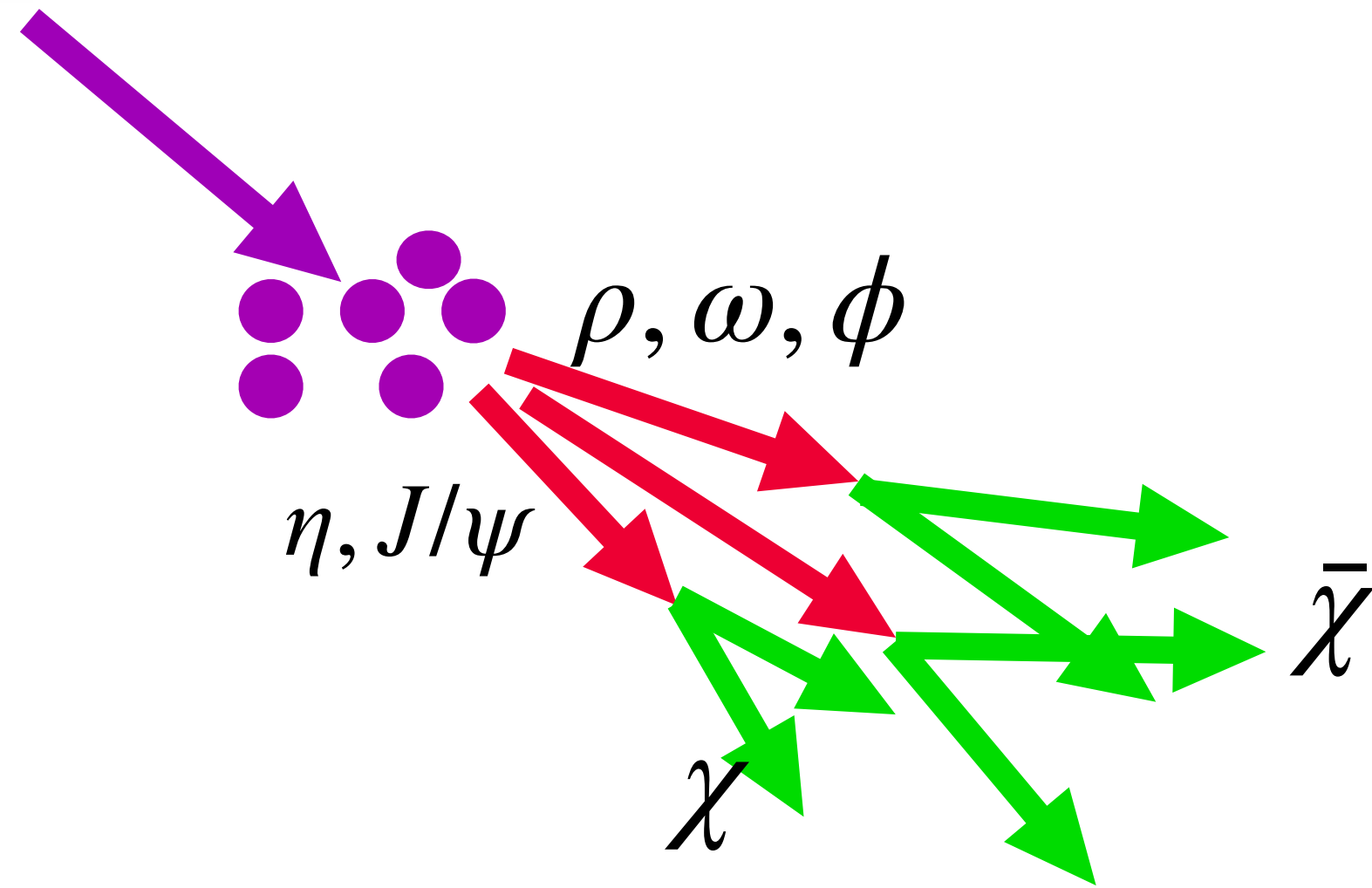
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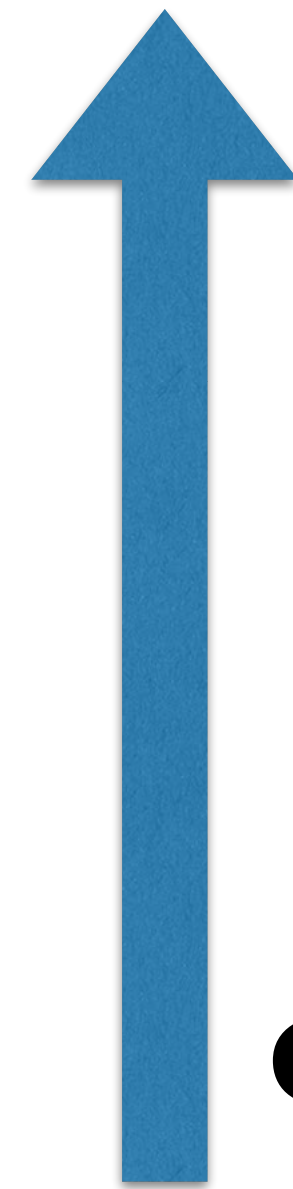
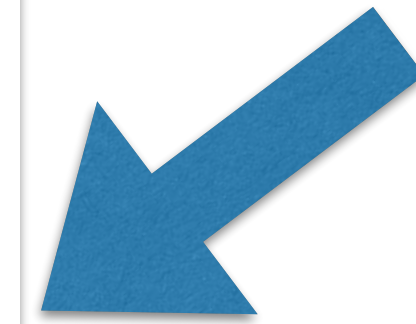
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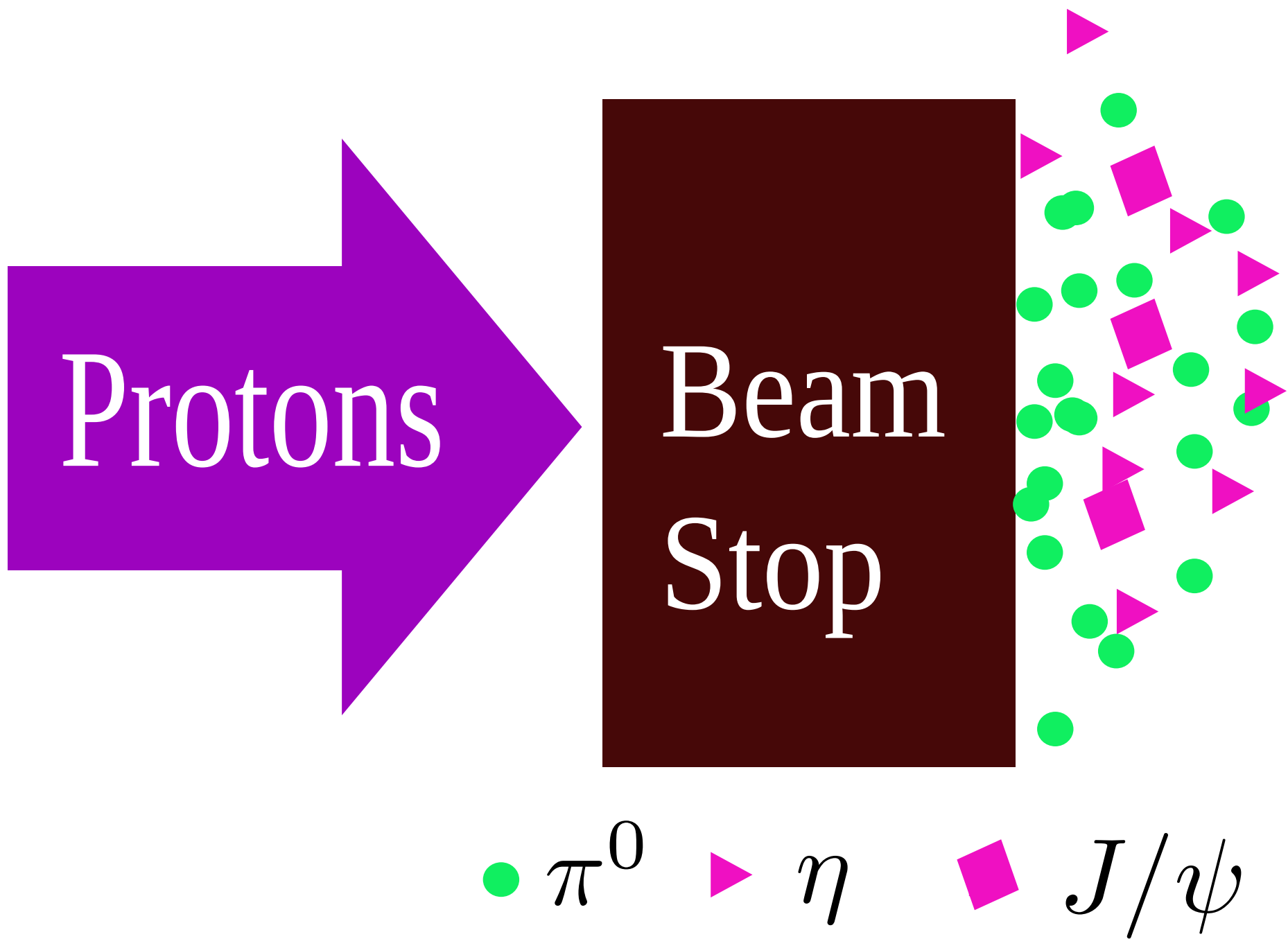
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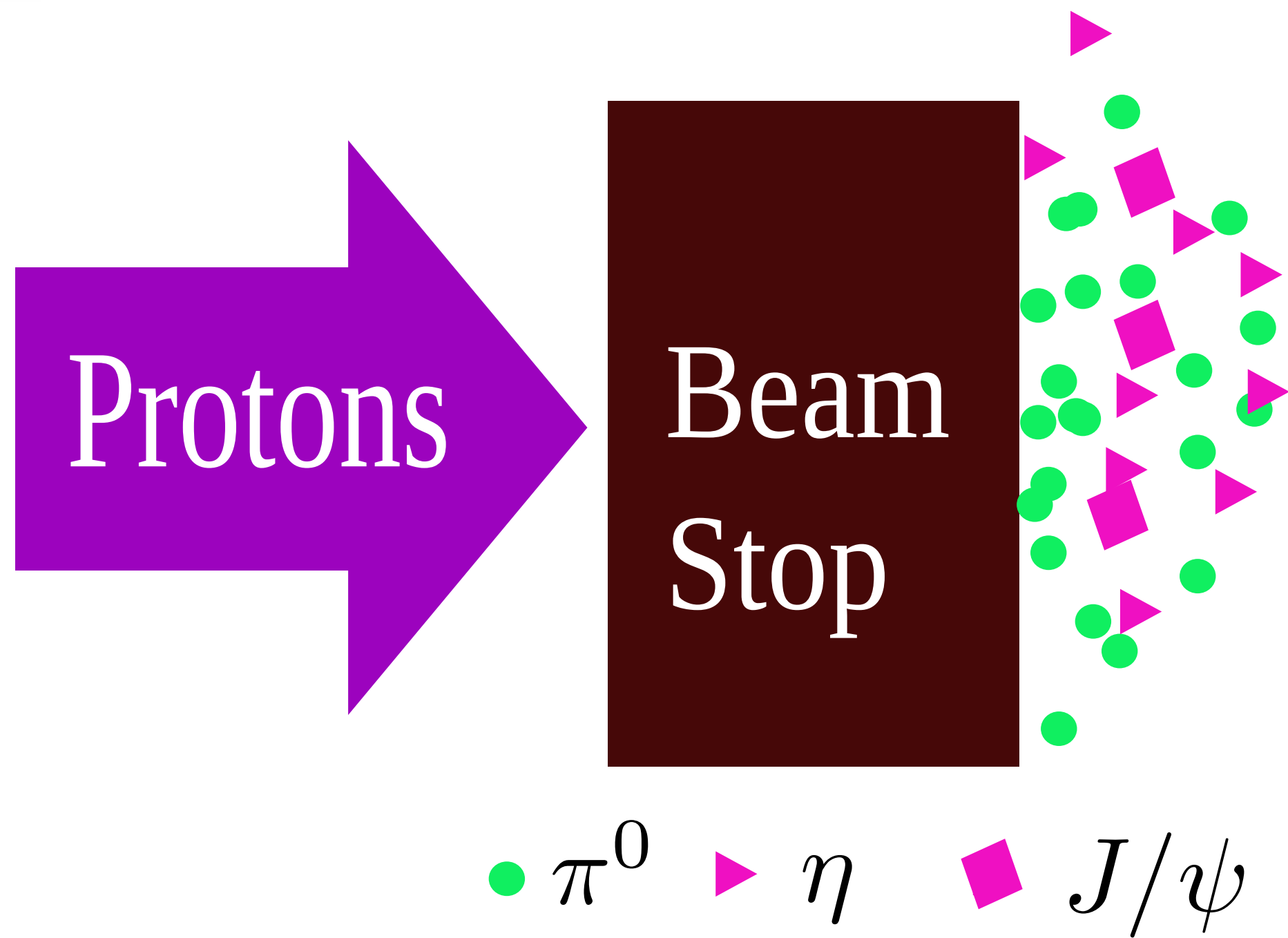


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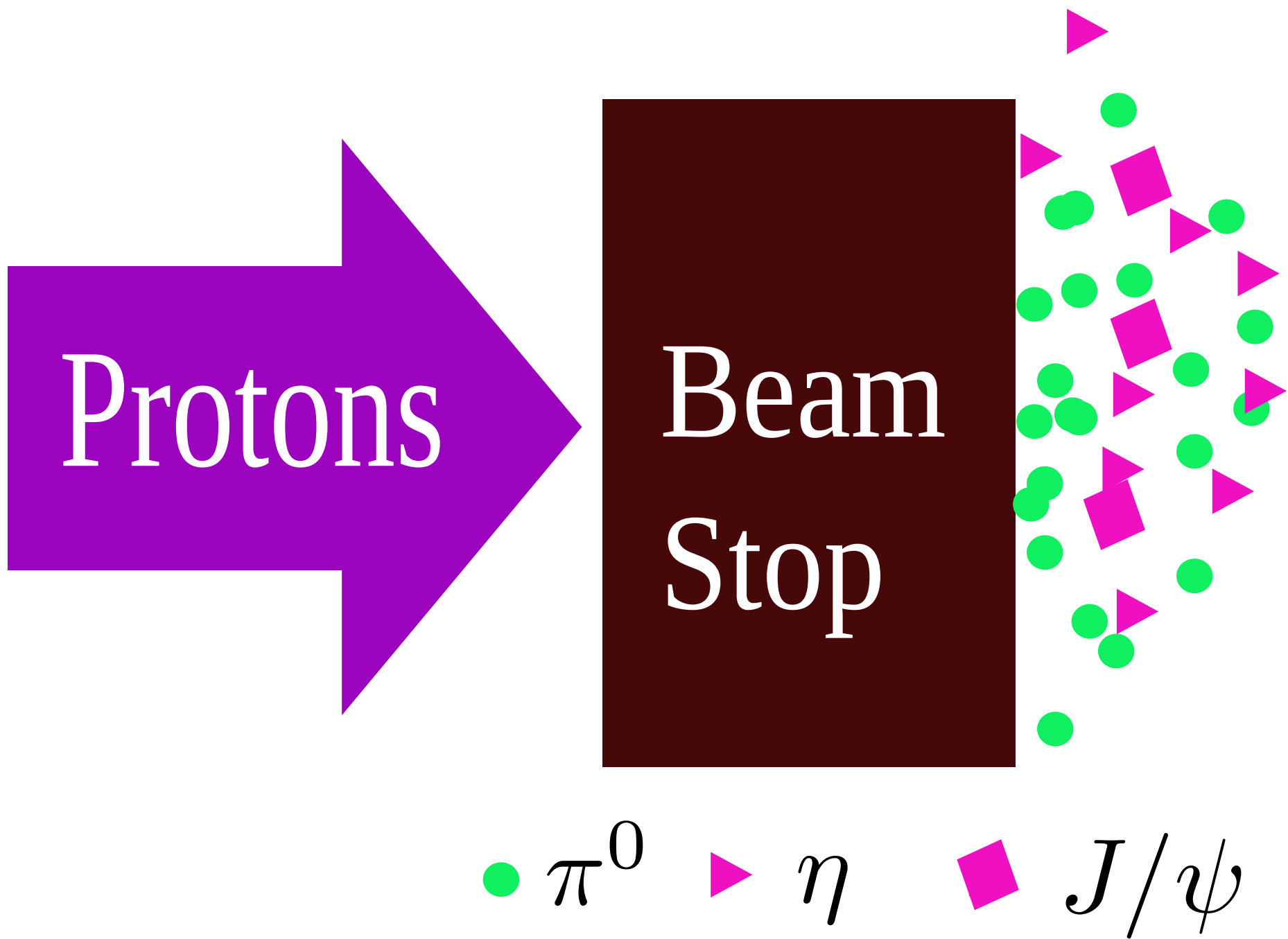
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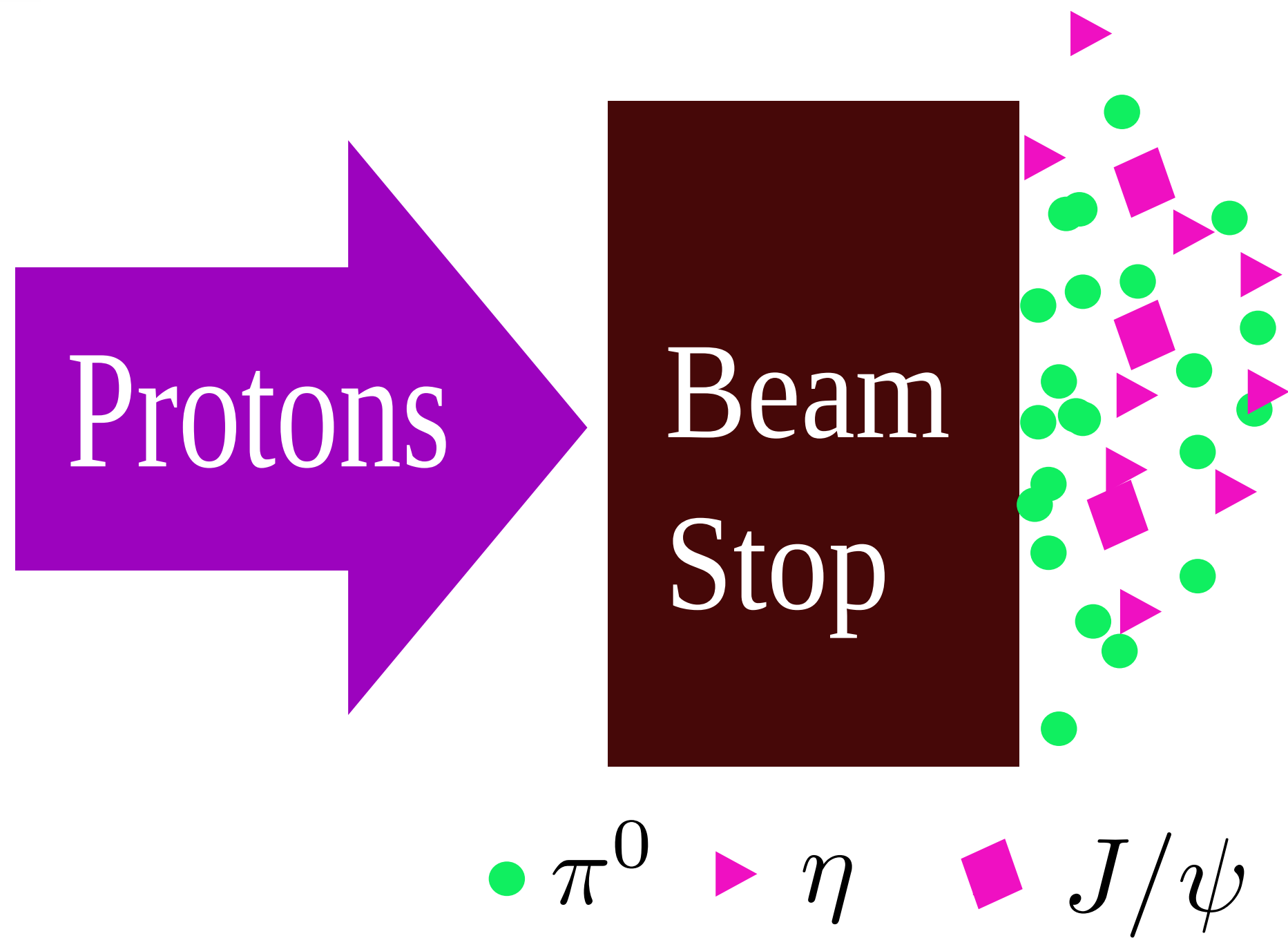


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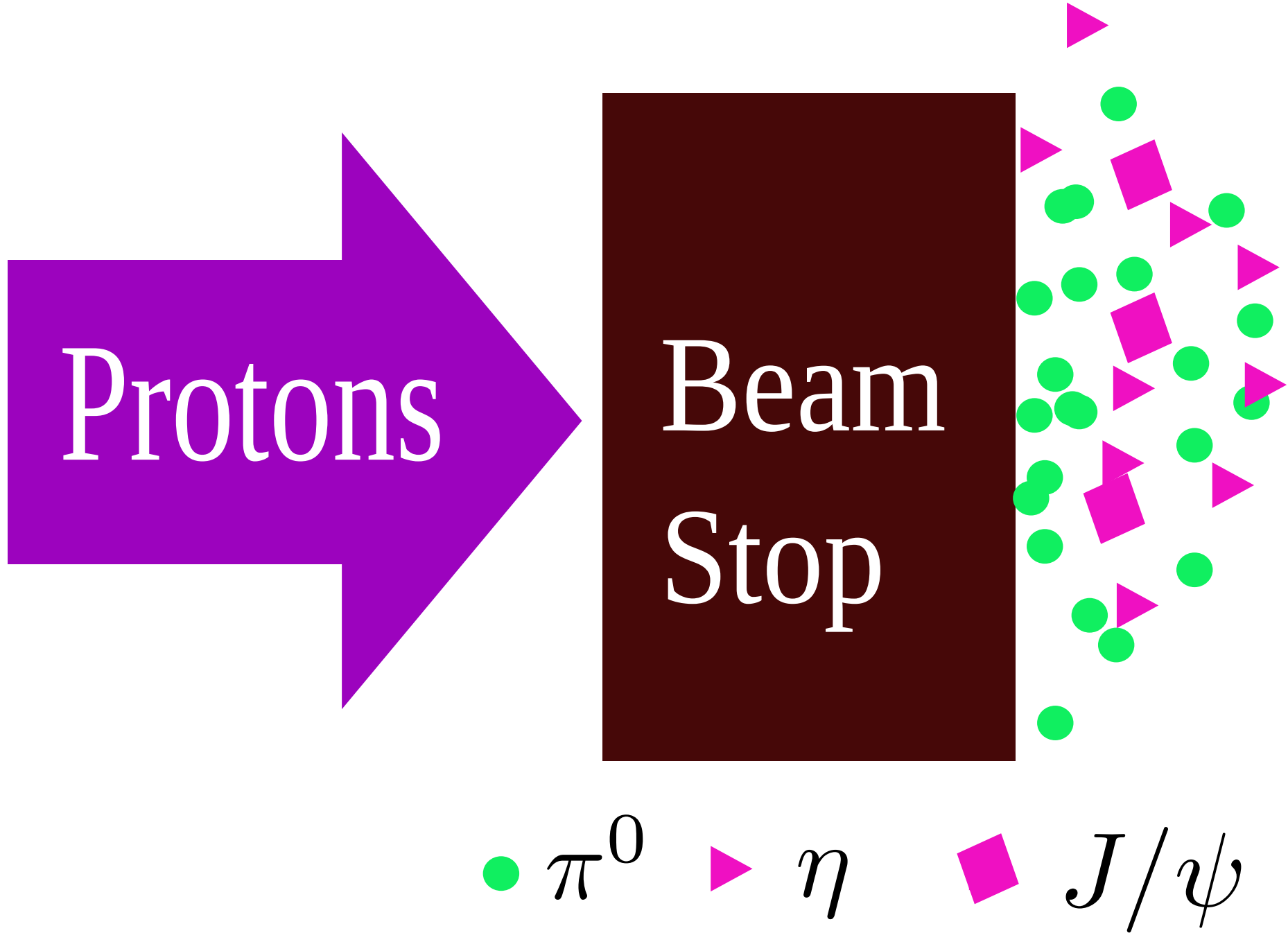
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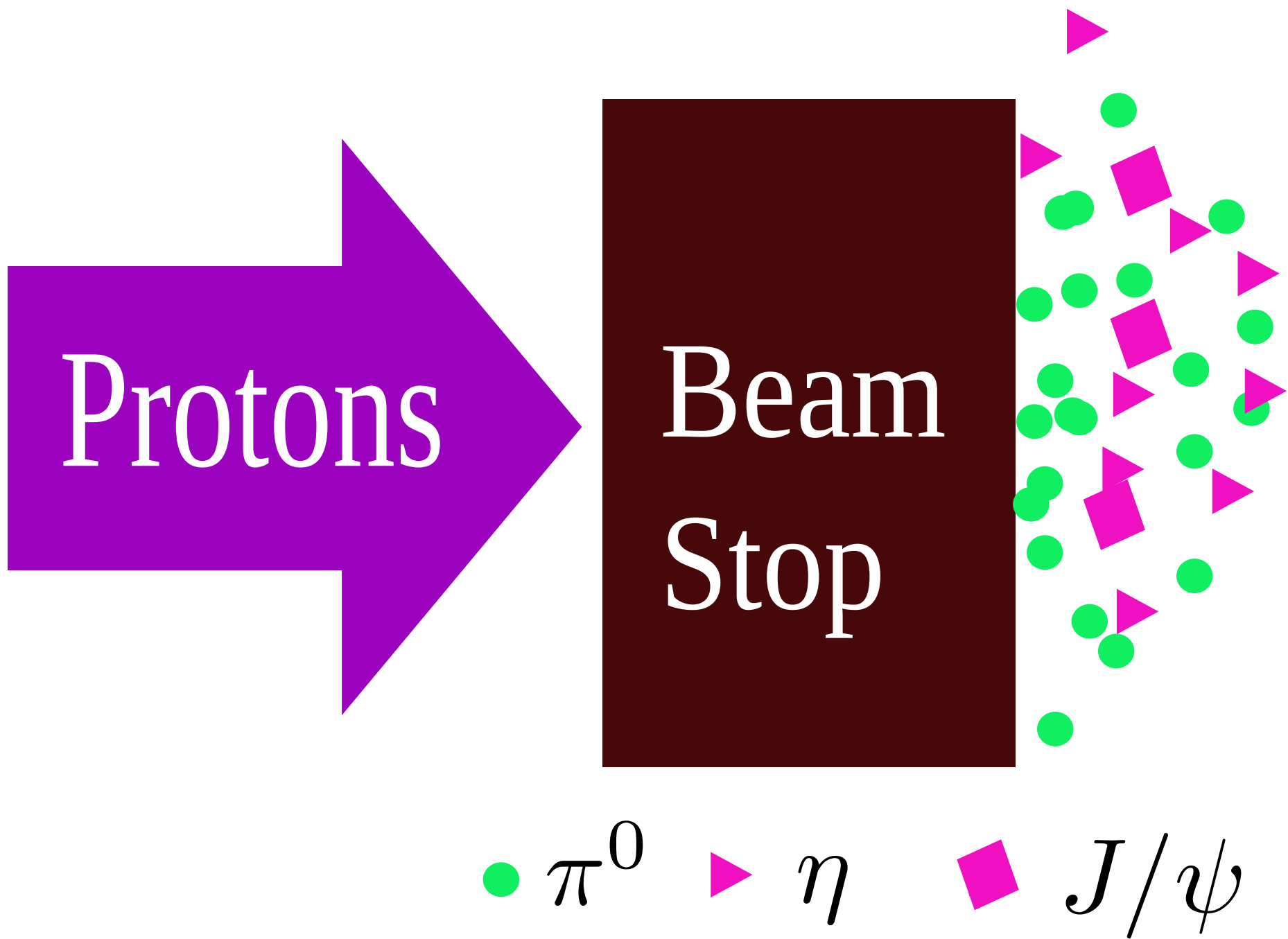
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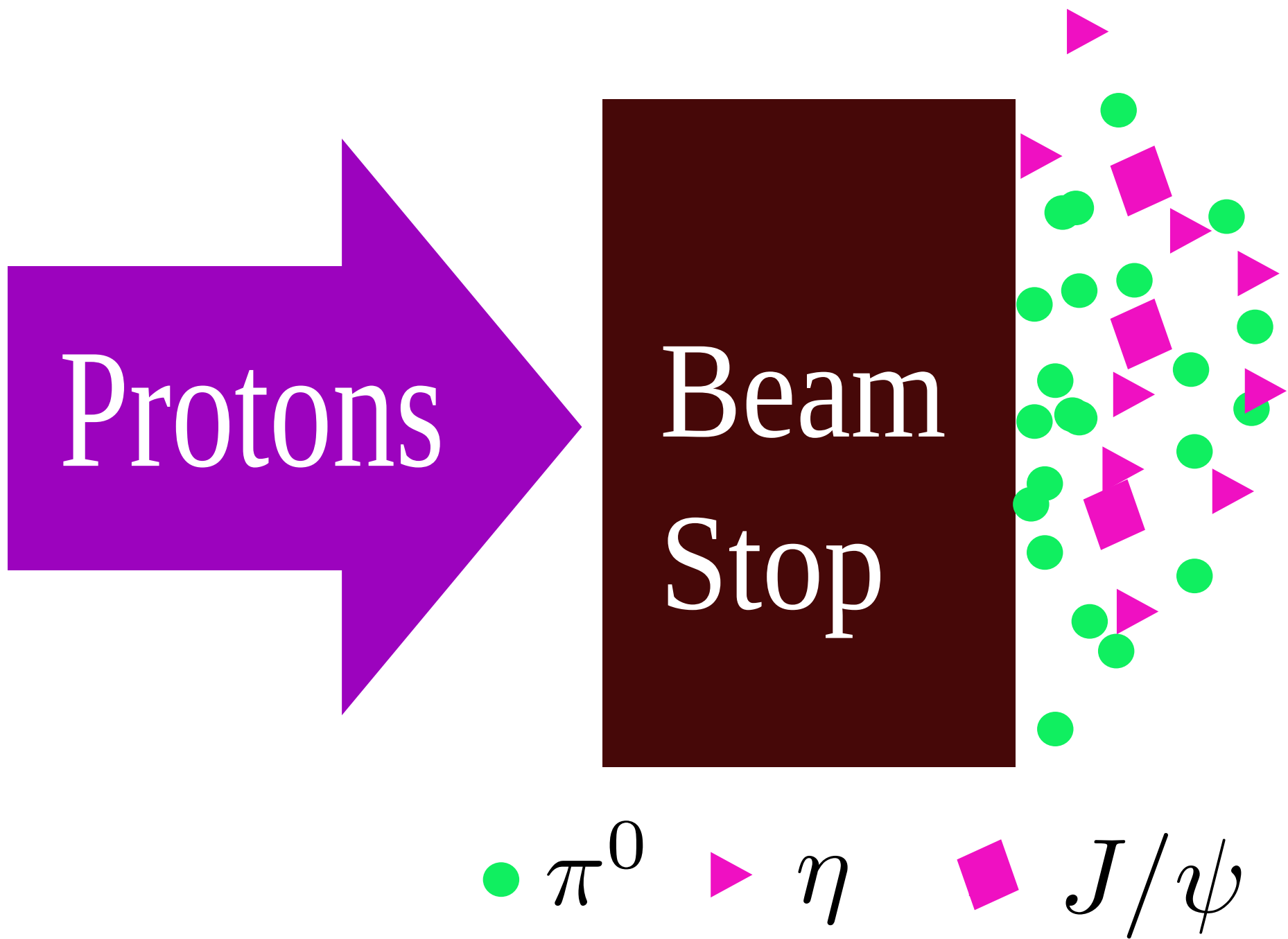
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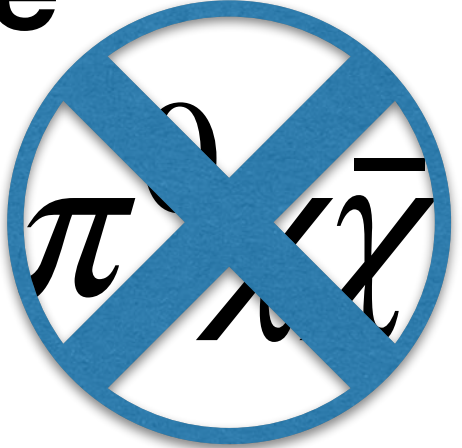
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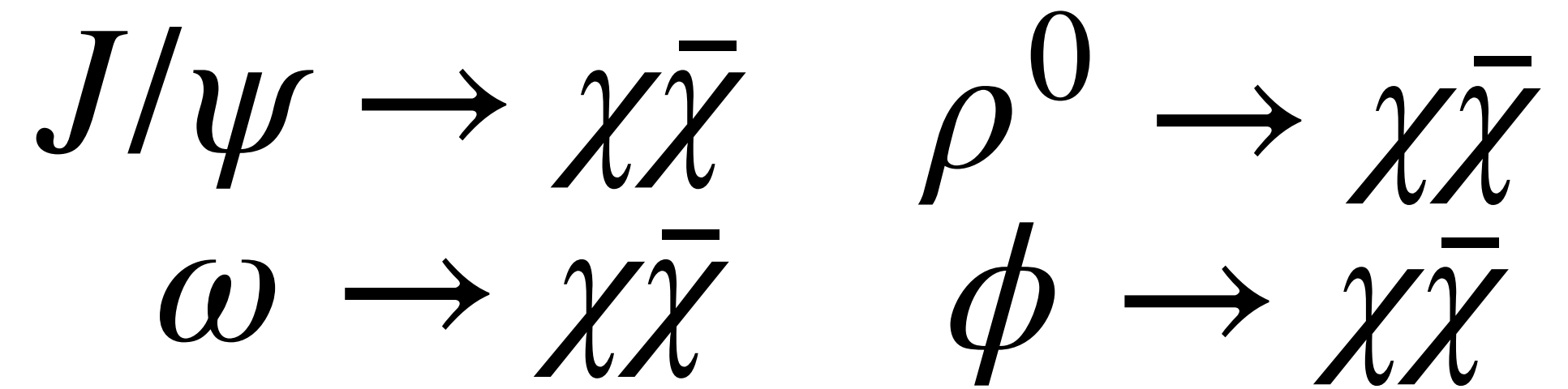
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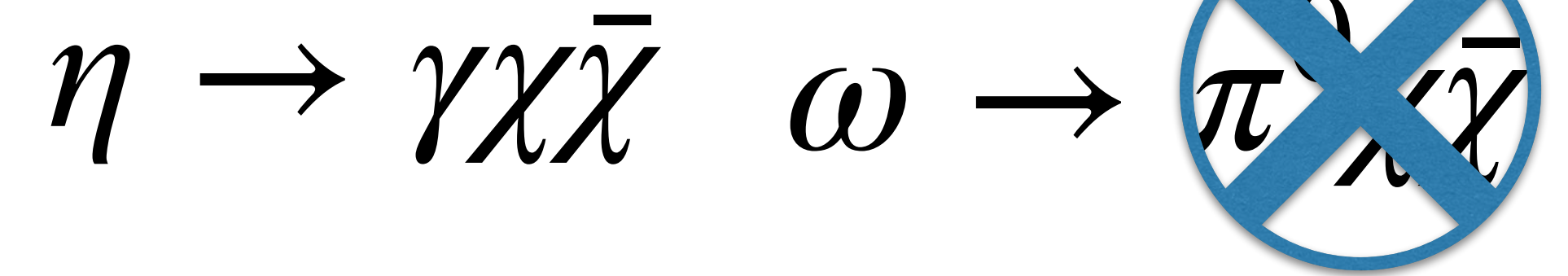
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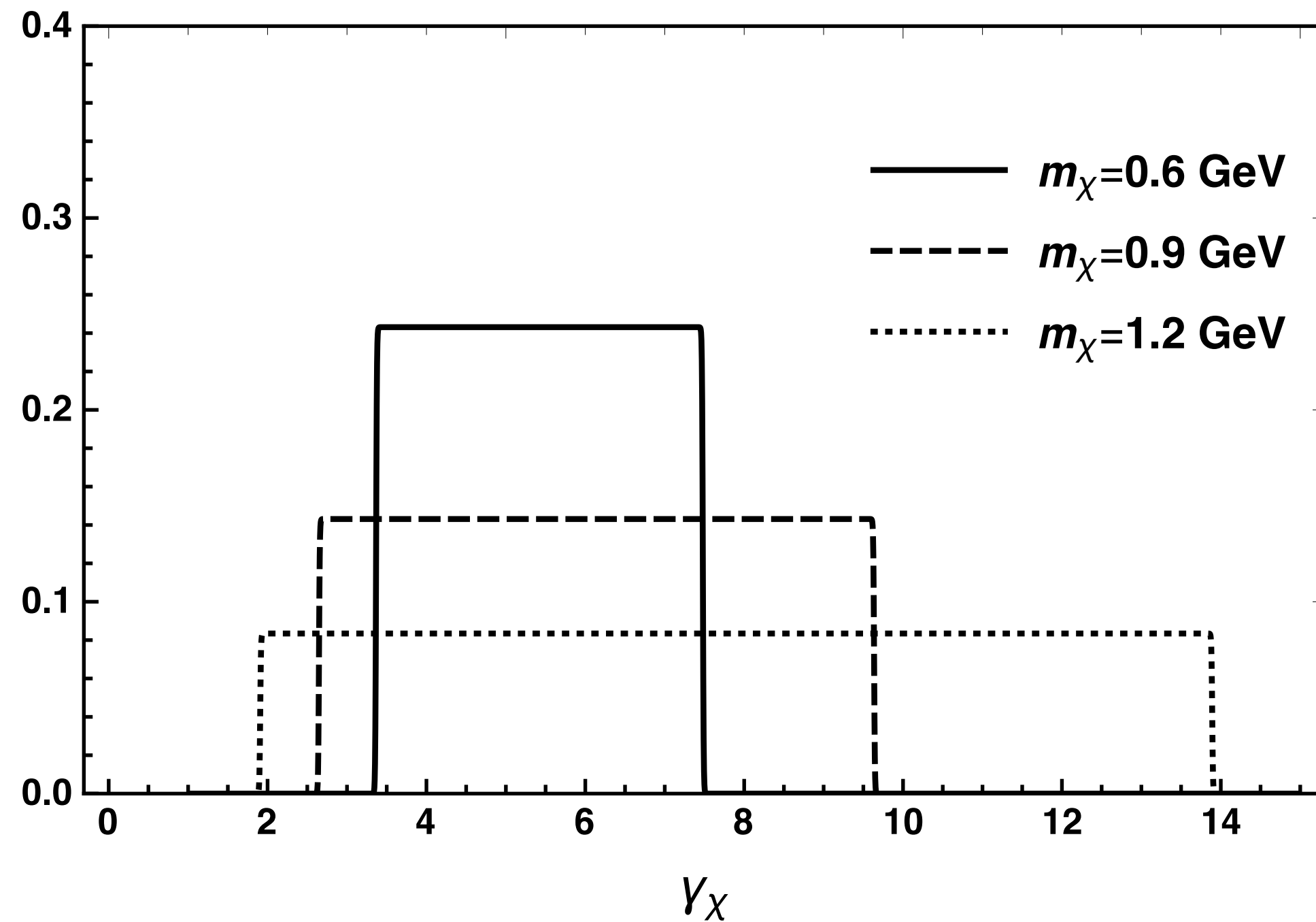
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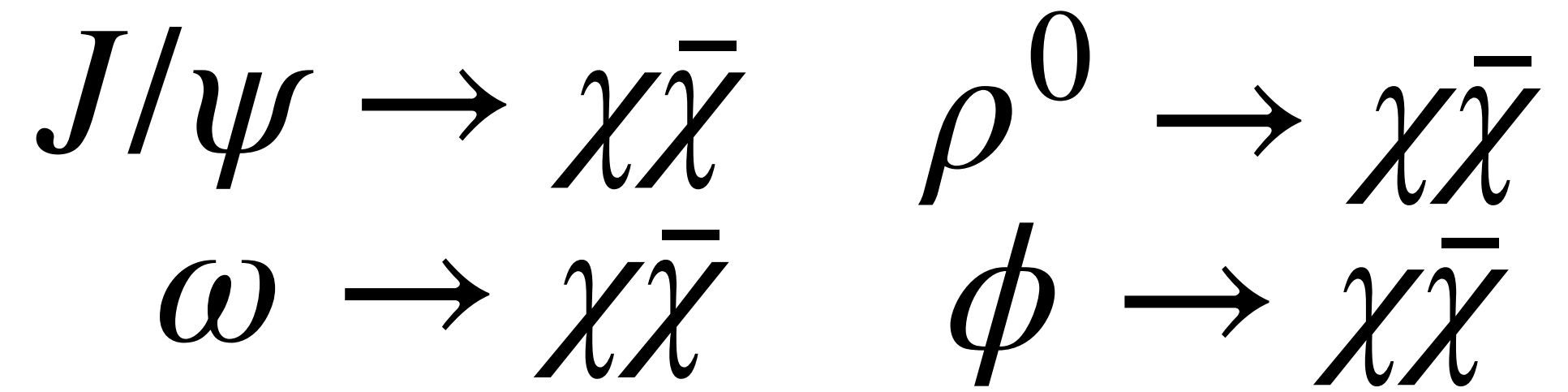
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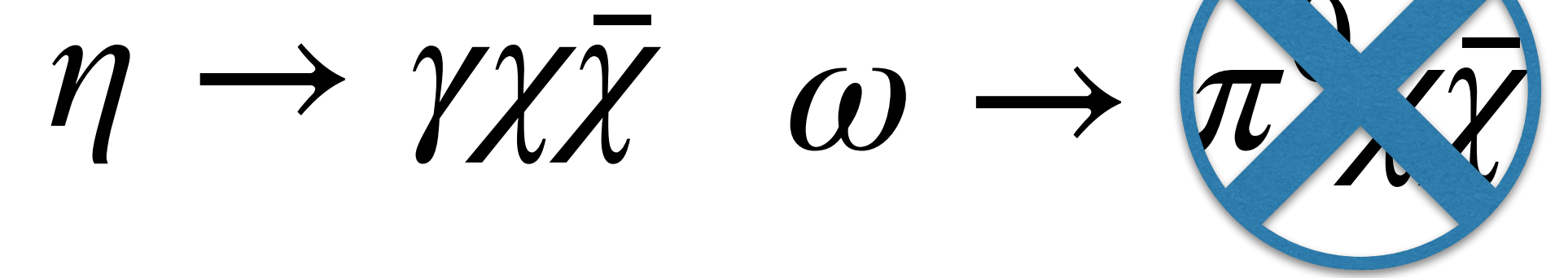


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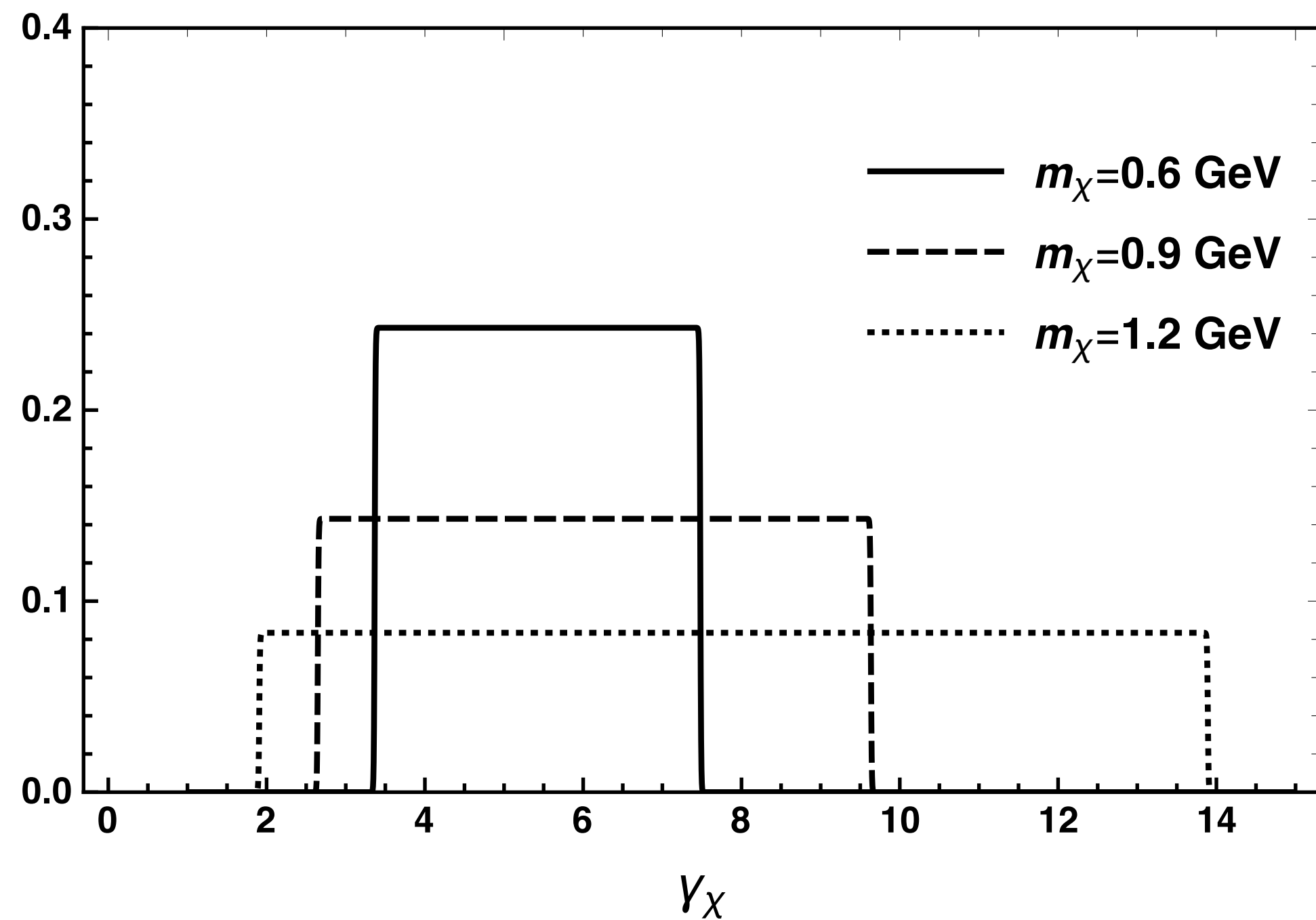
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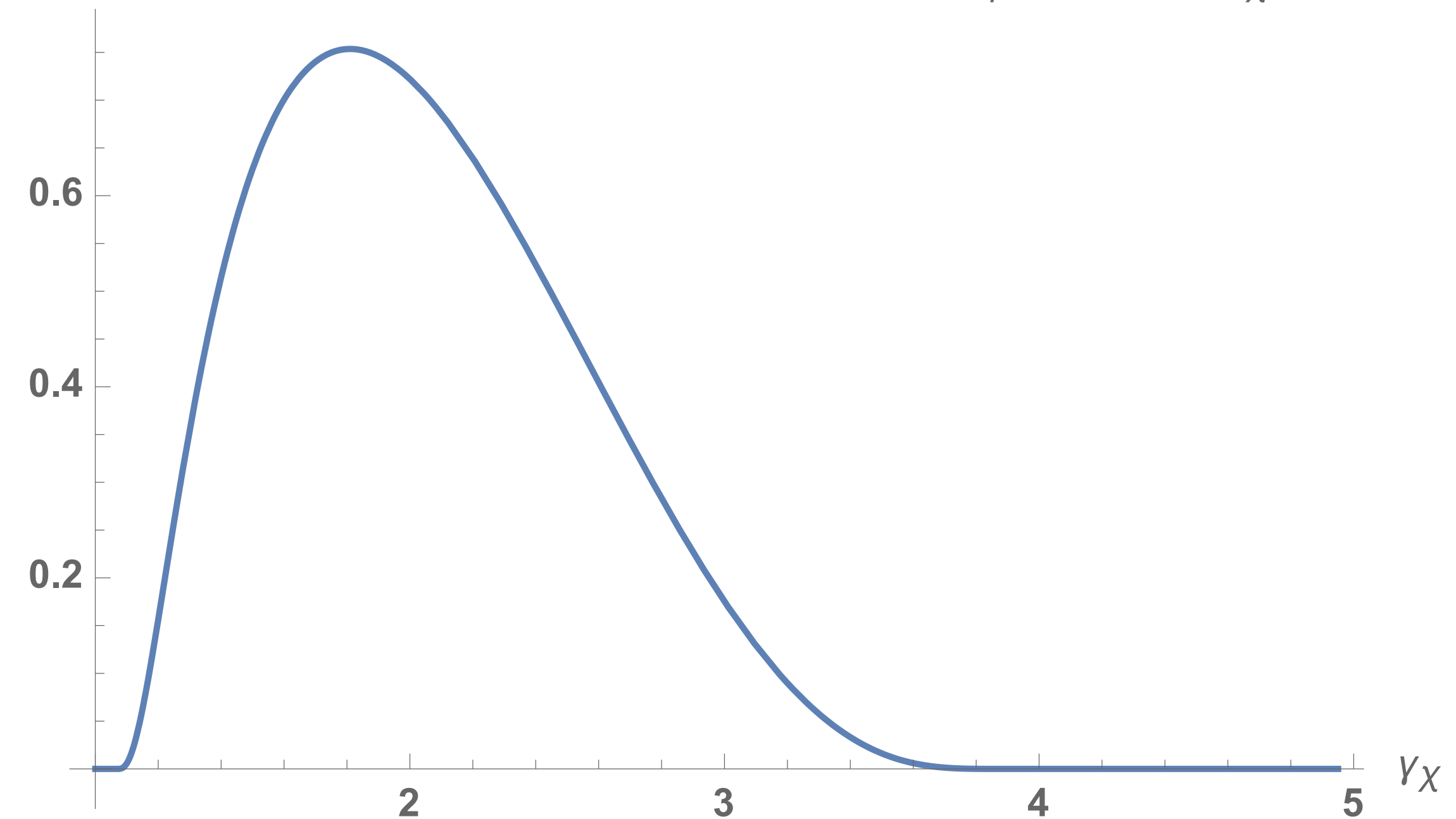
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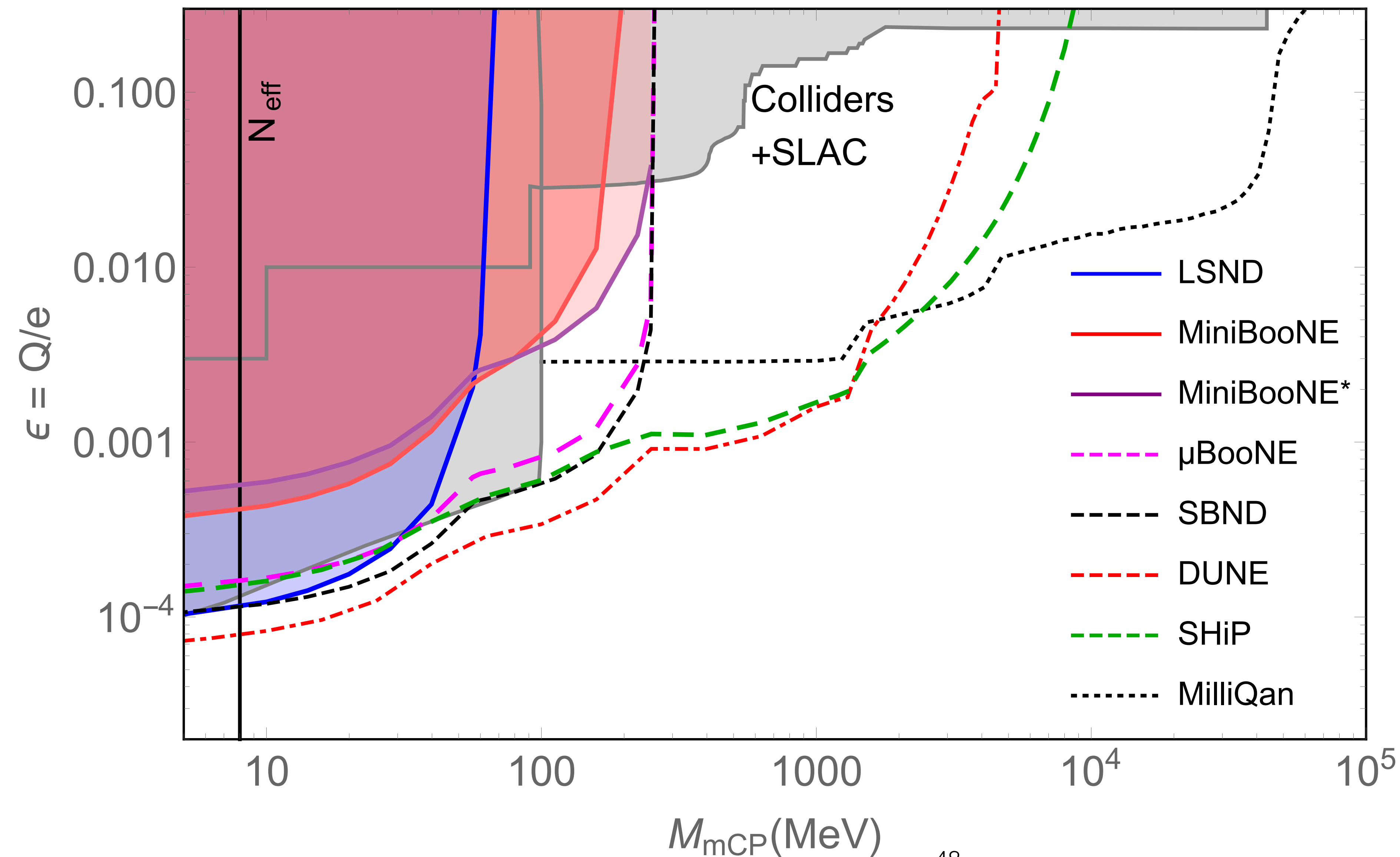


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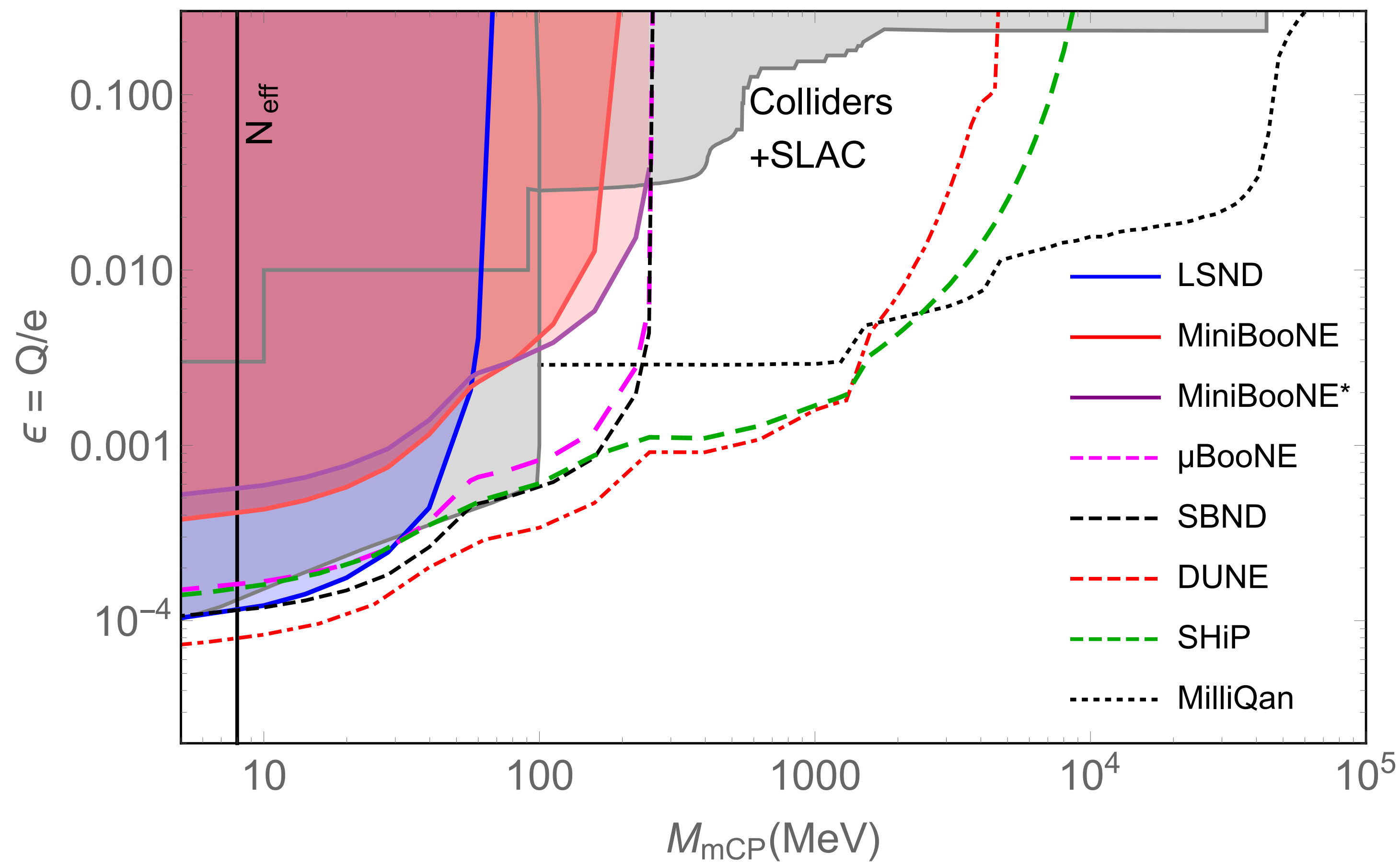
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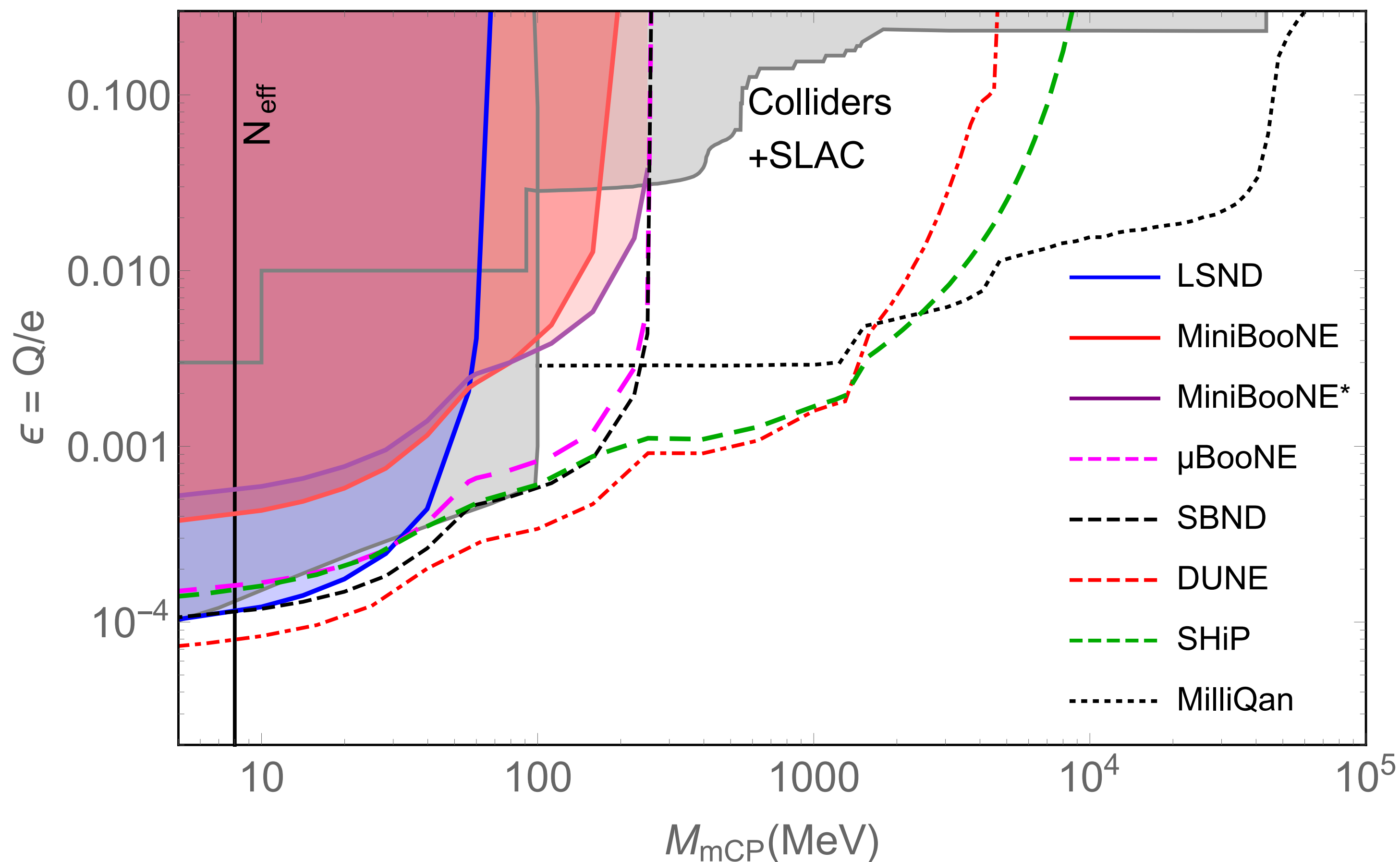
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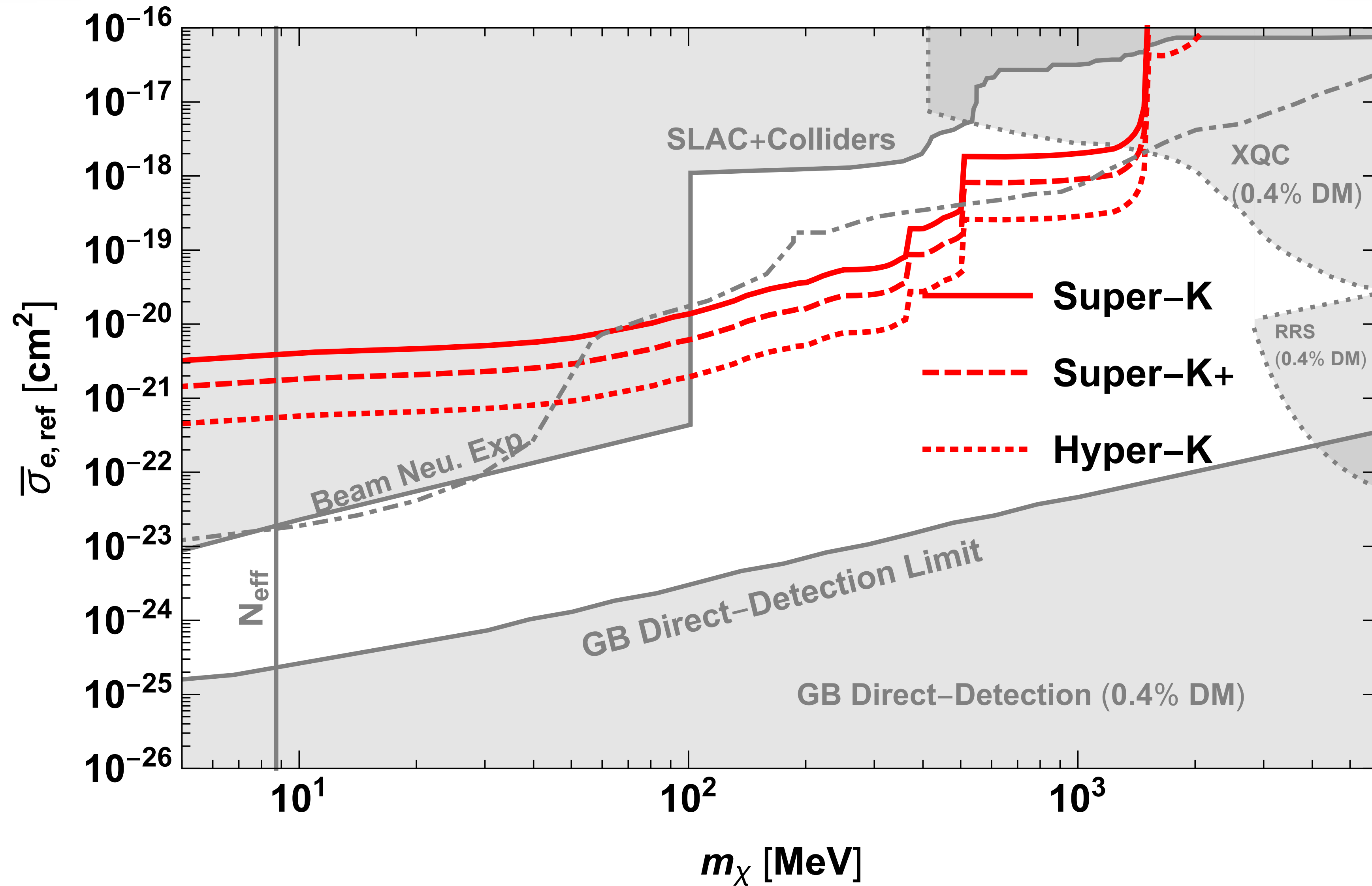
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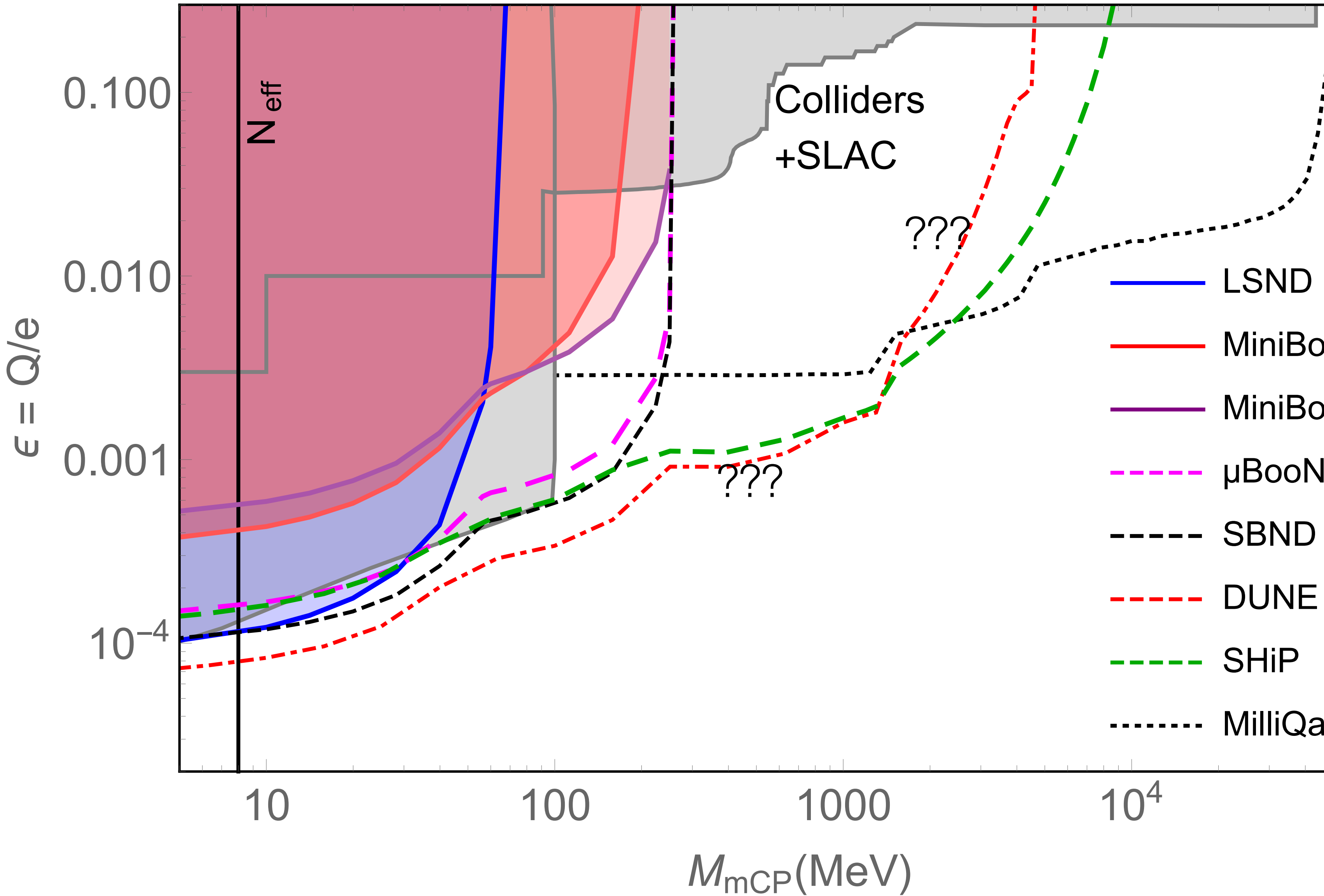
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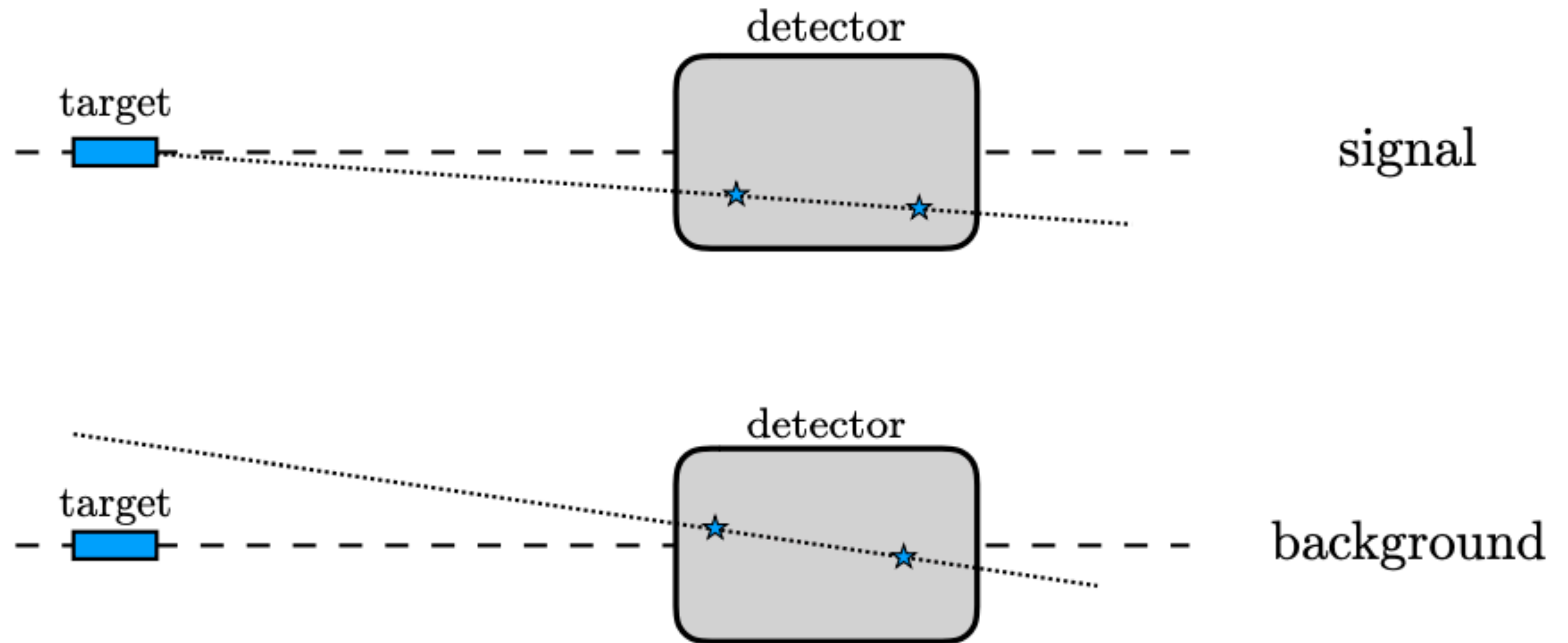
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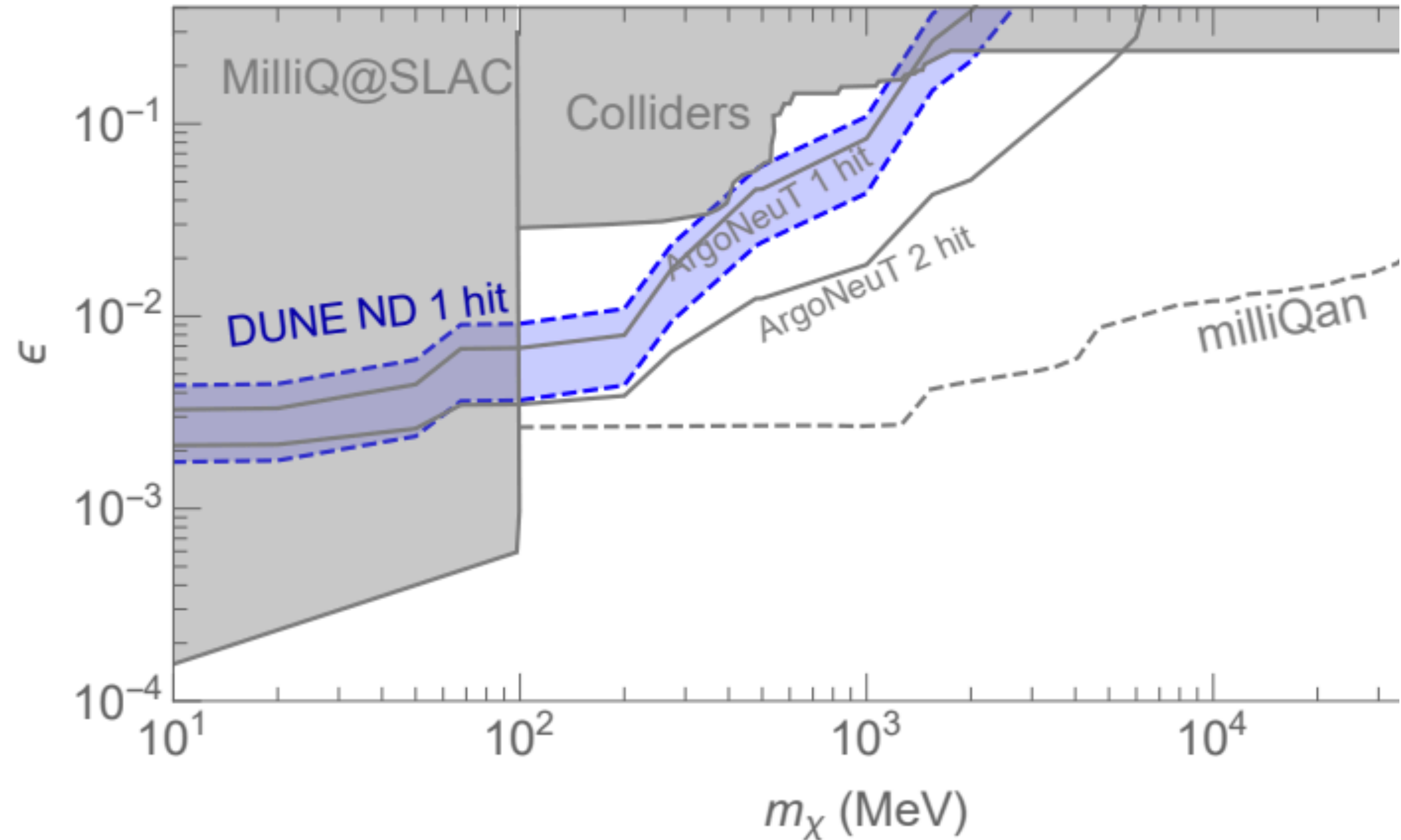
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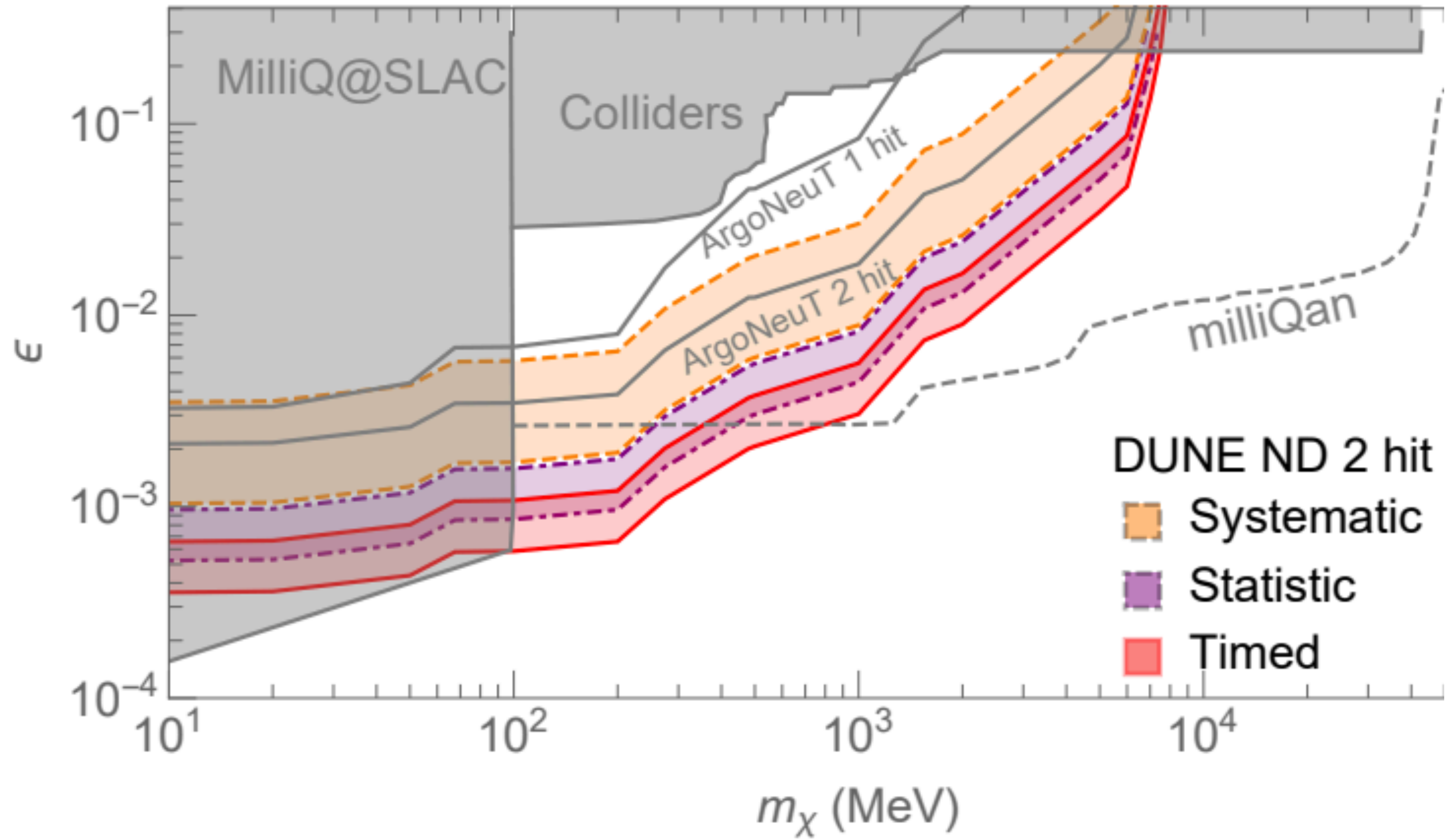
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