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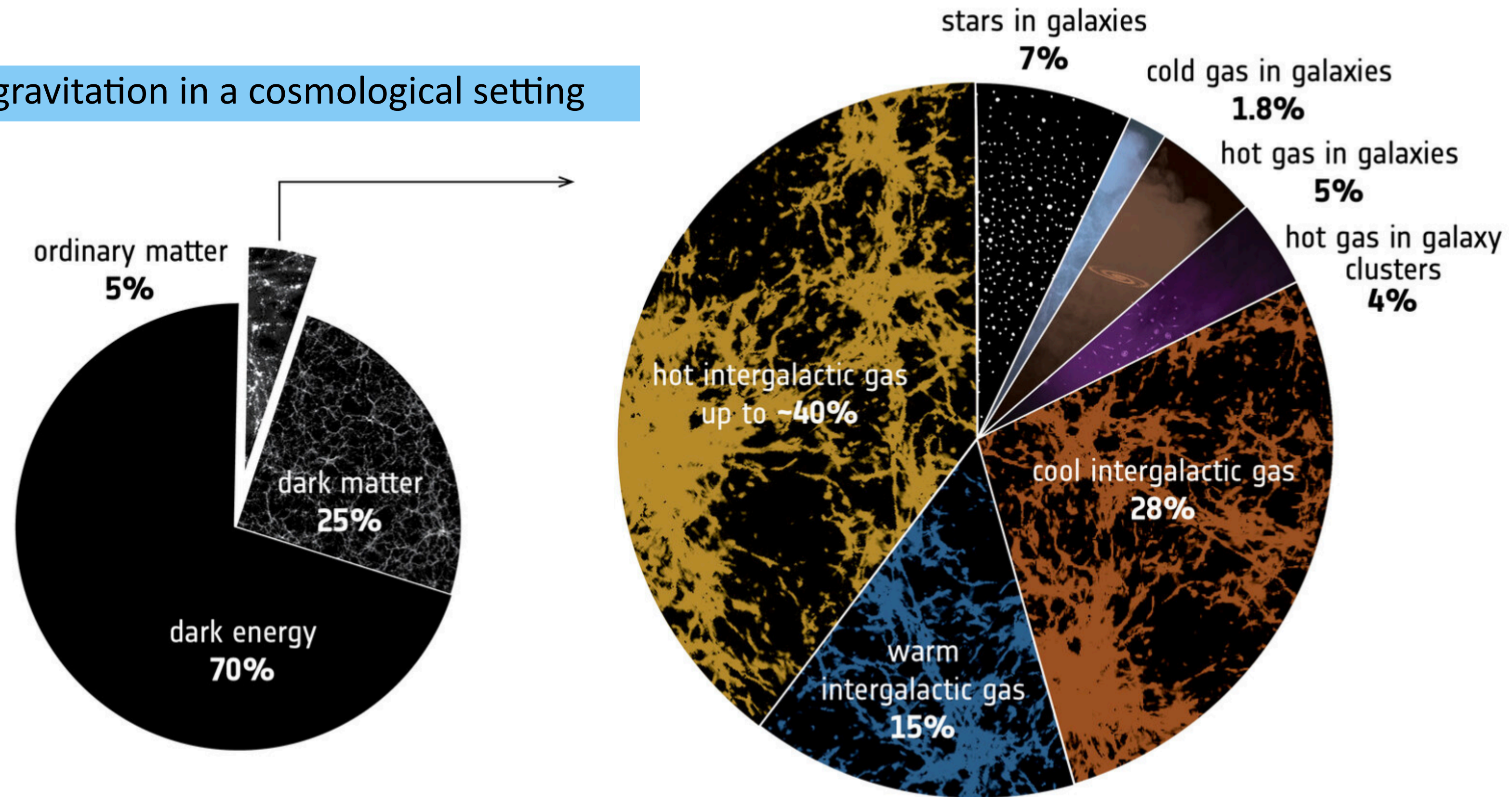
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From gravitation in a cosmological setting

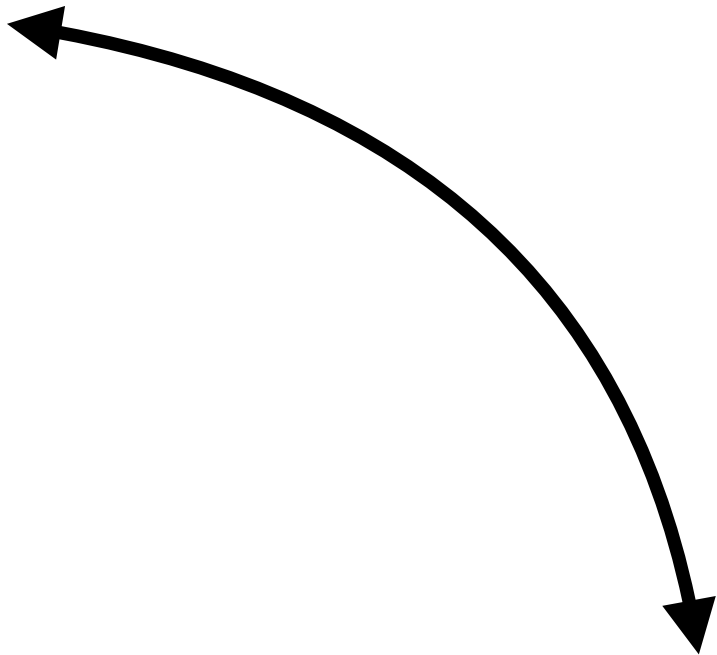
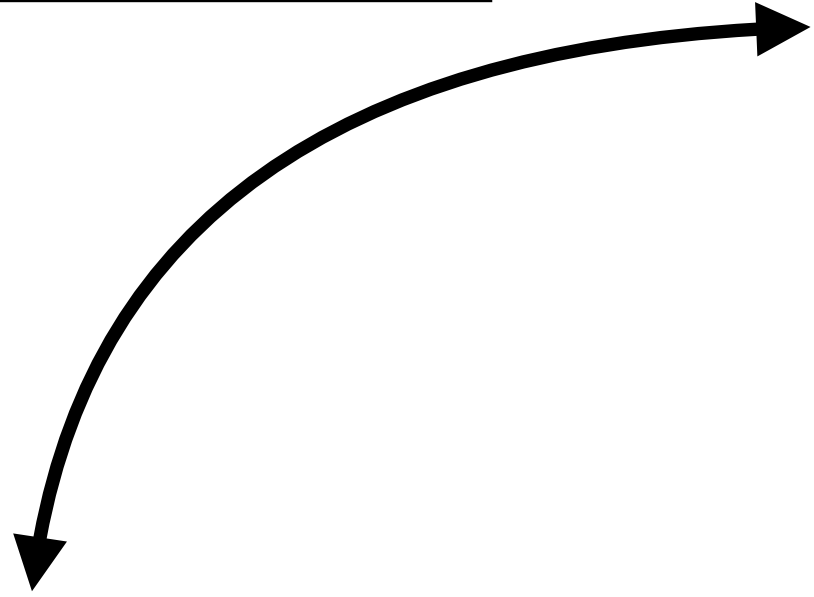


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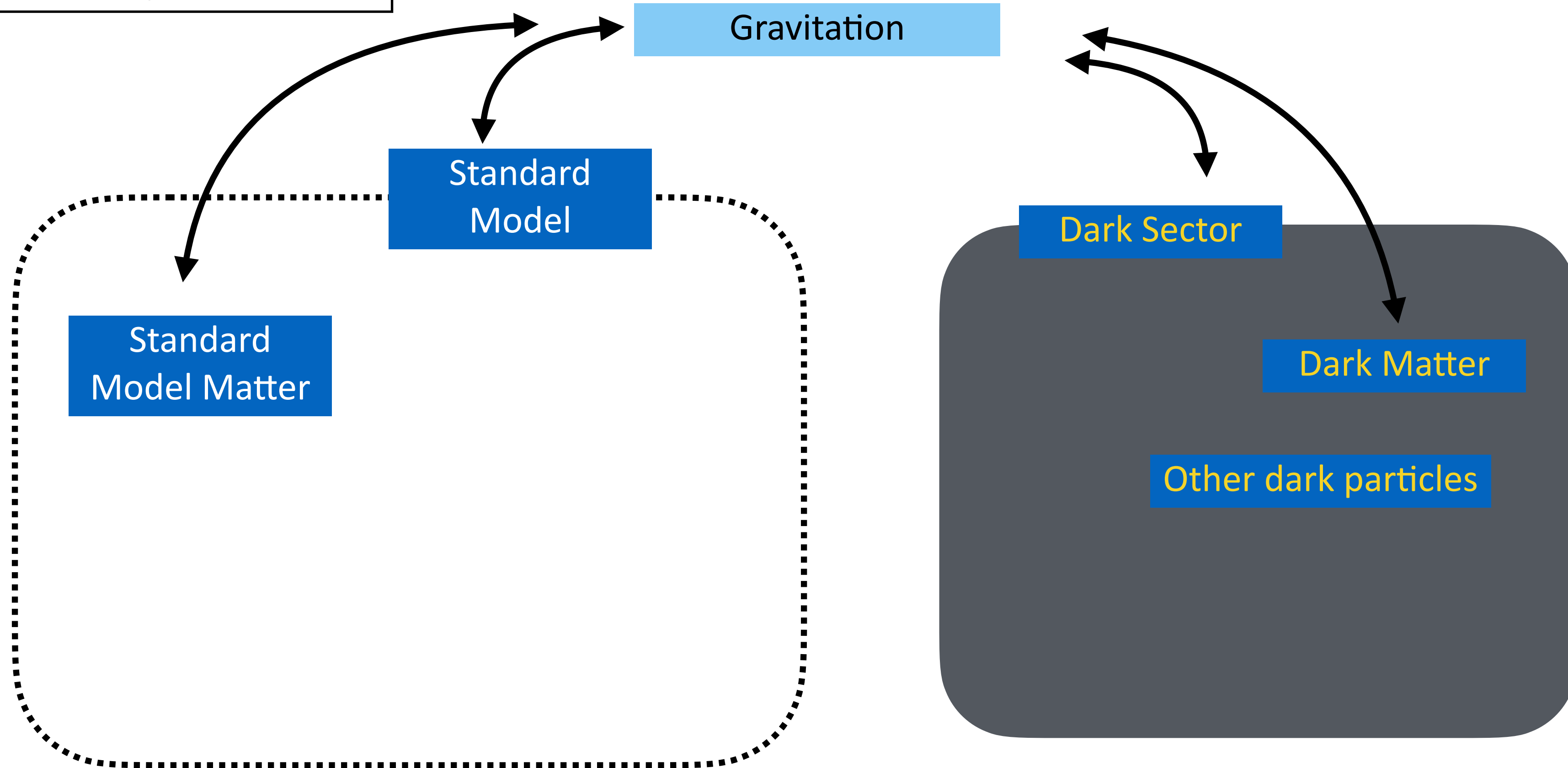
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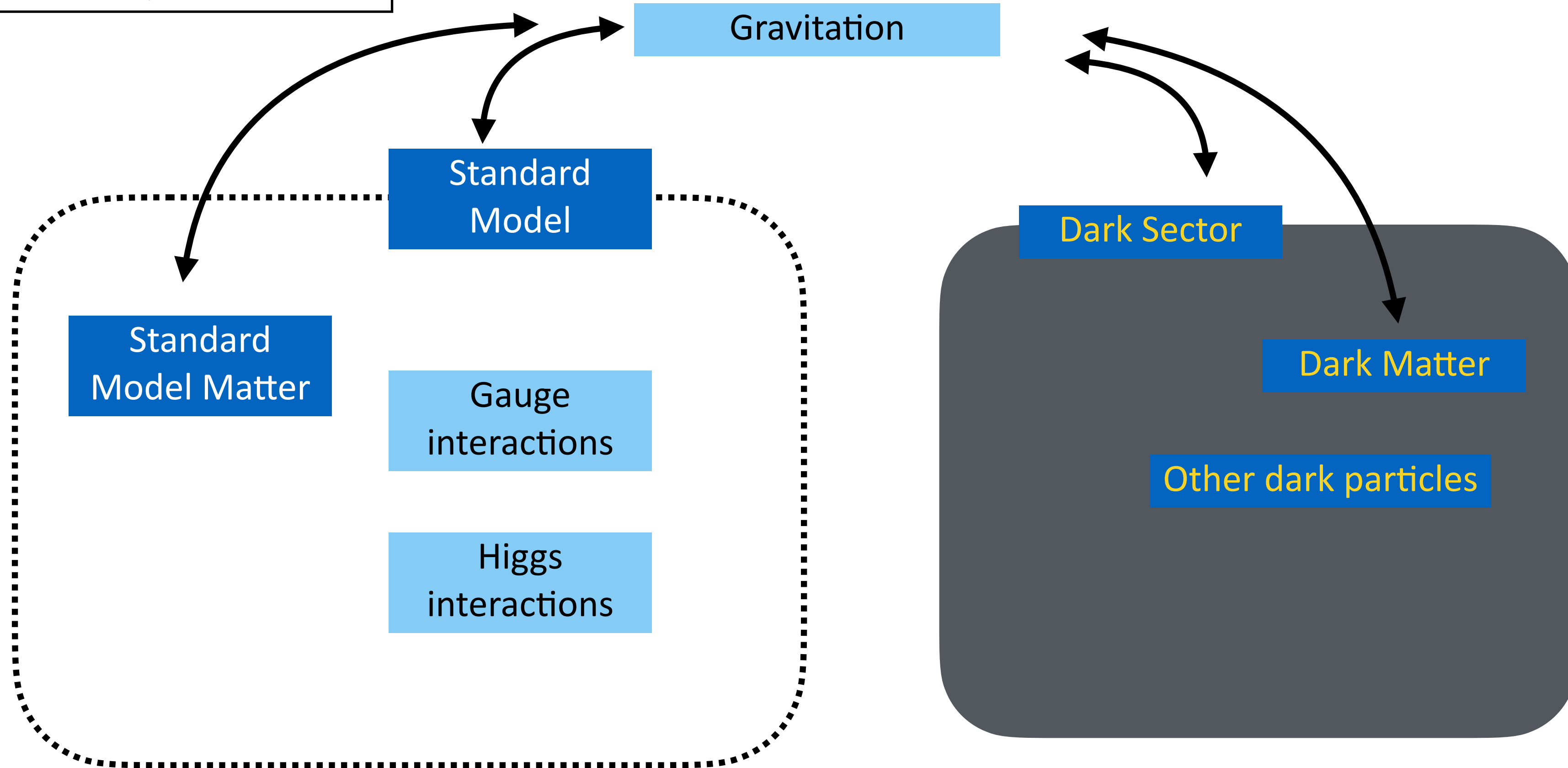
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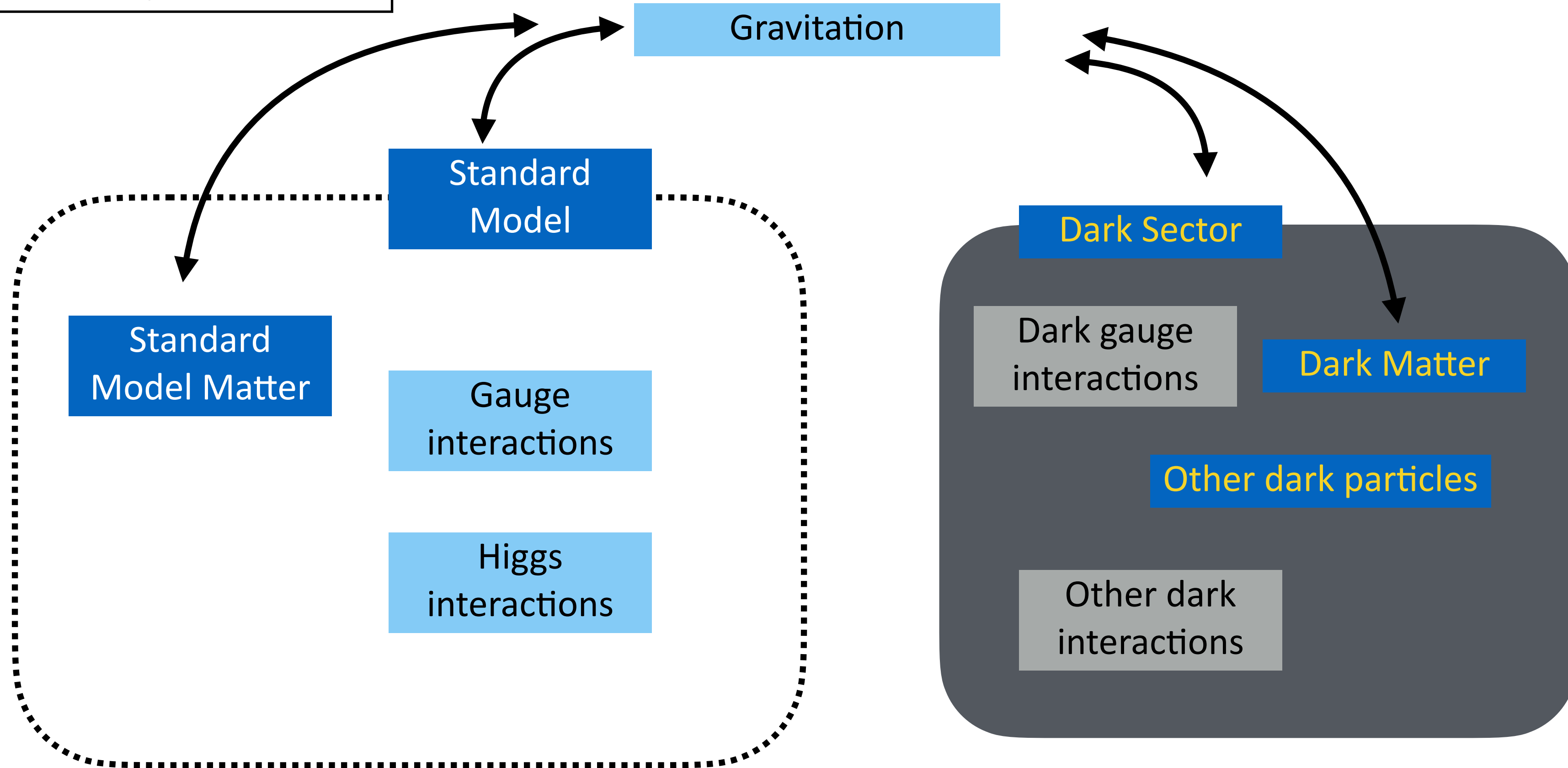
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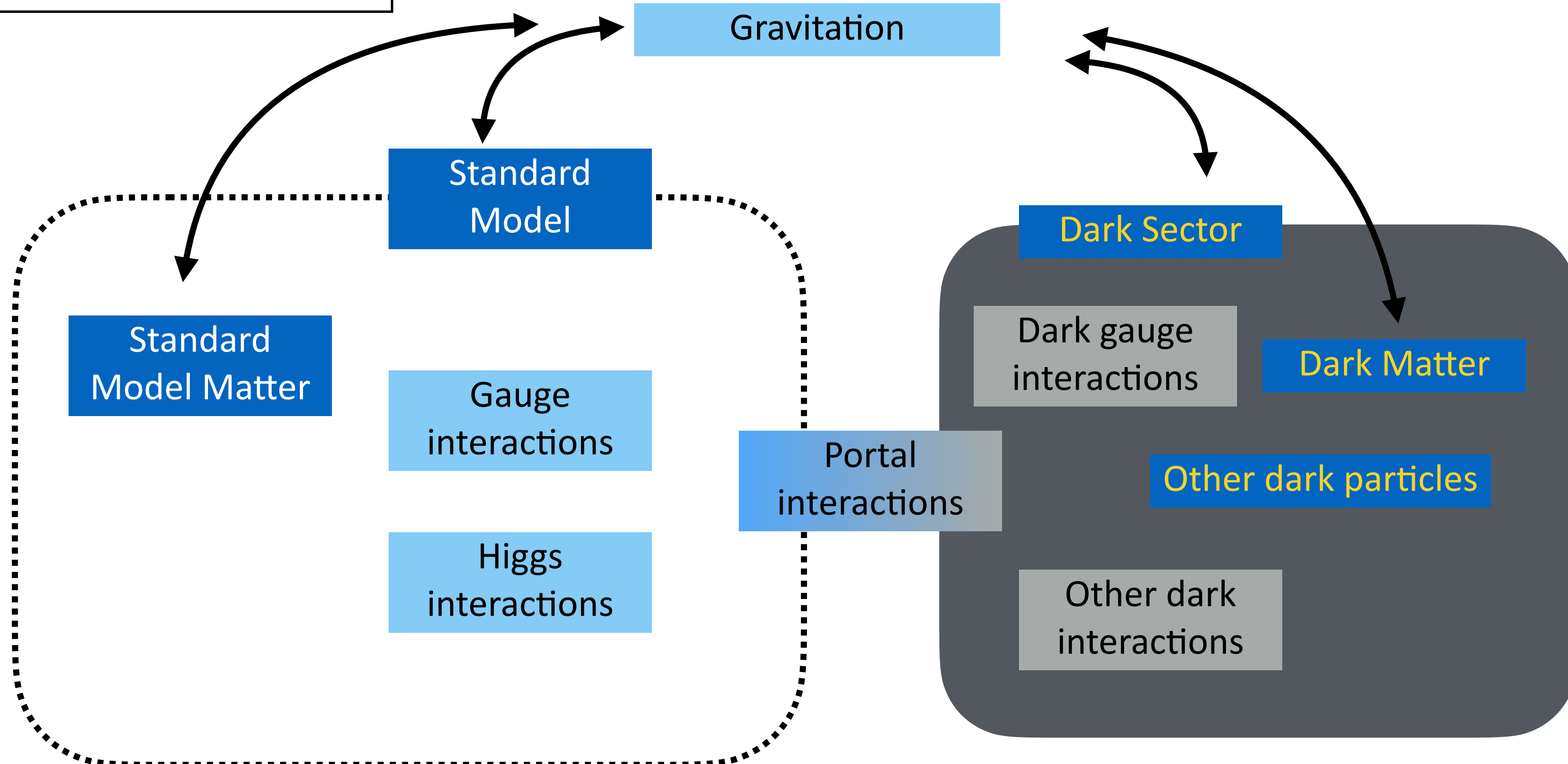
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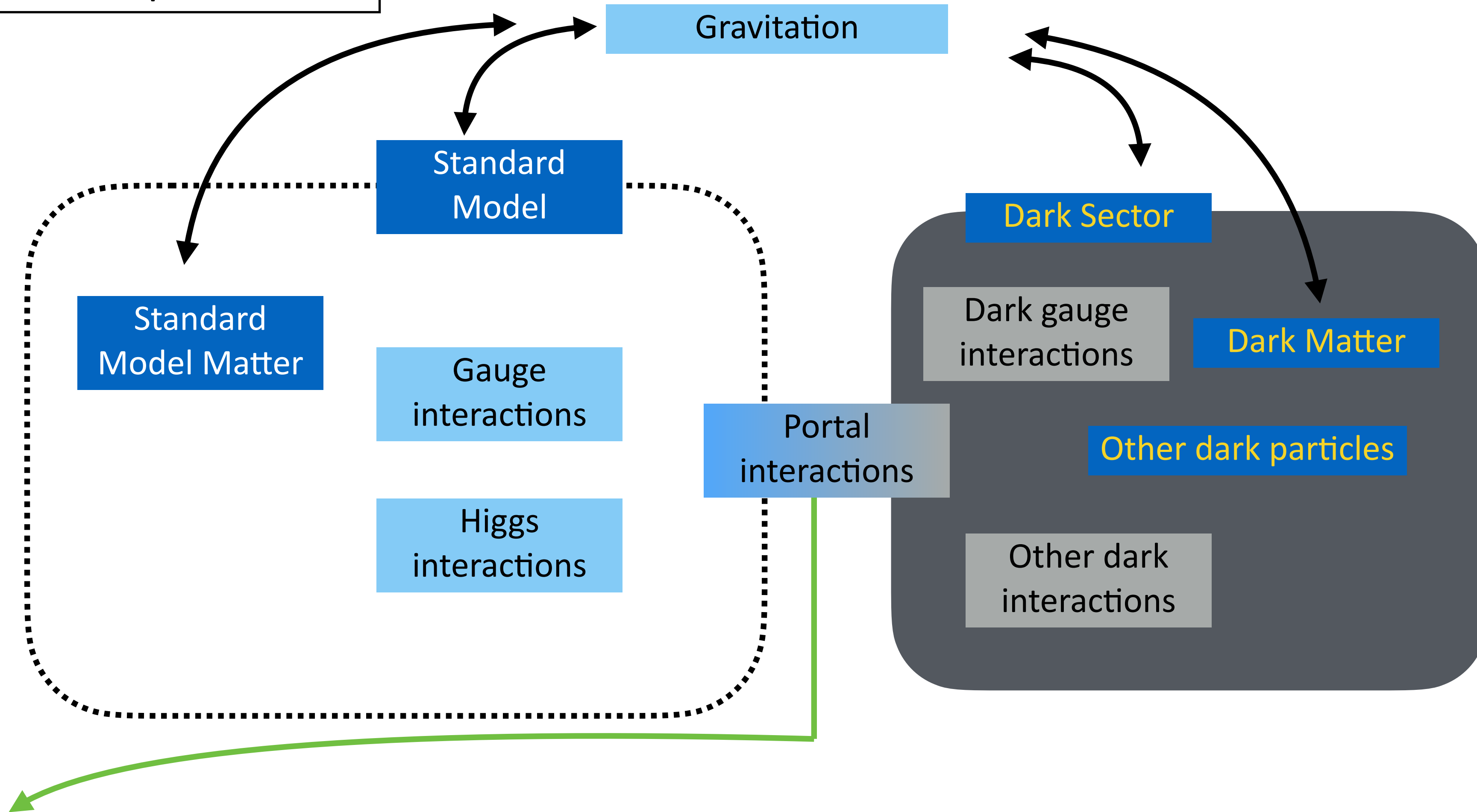
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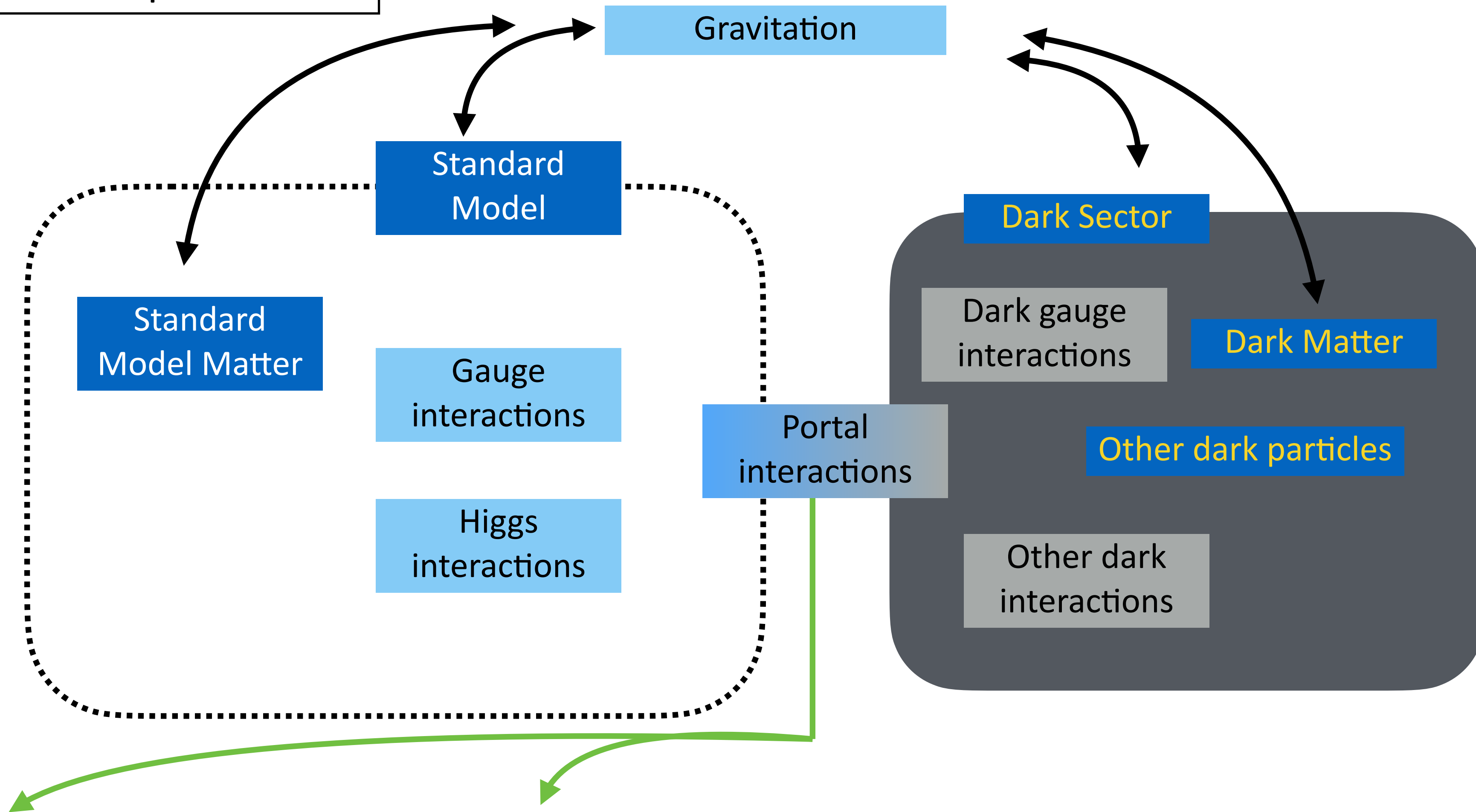
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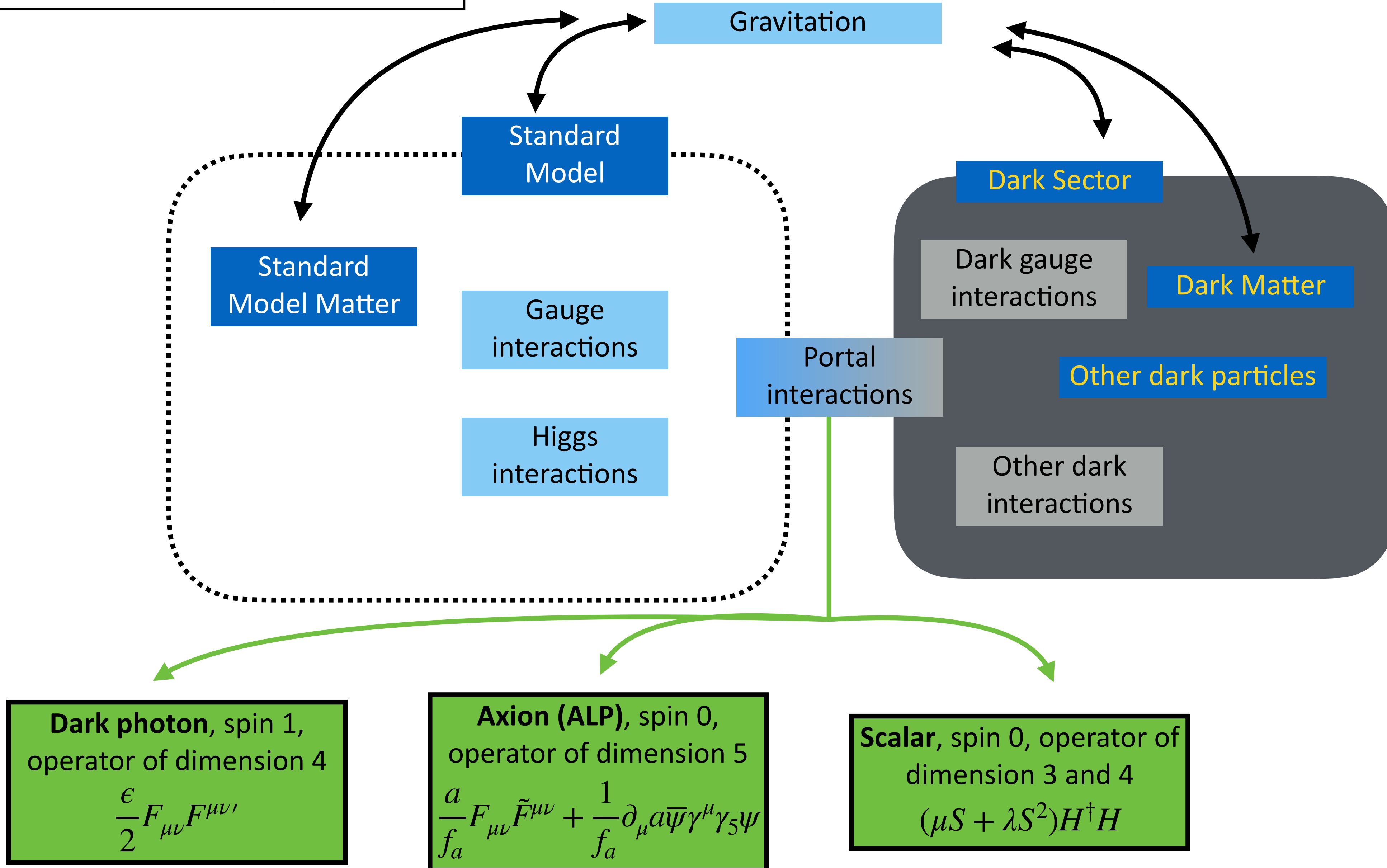
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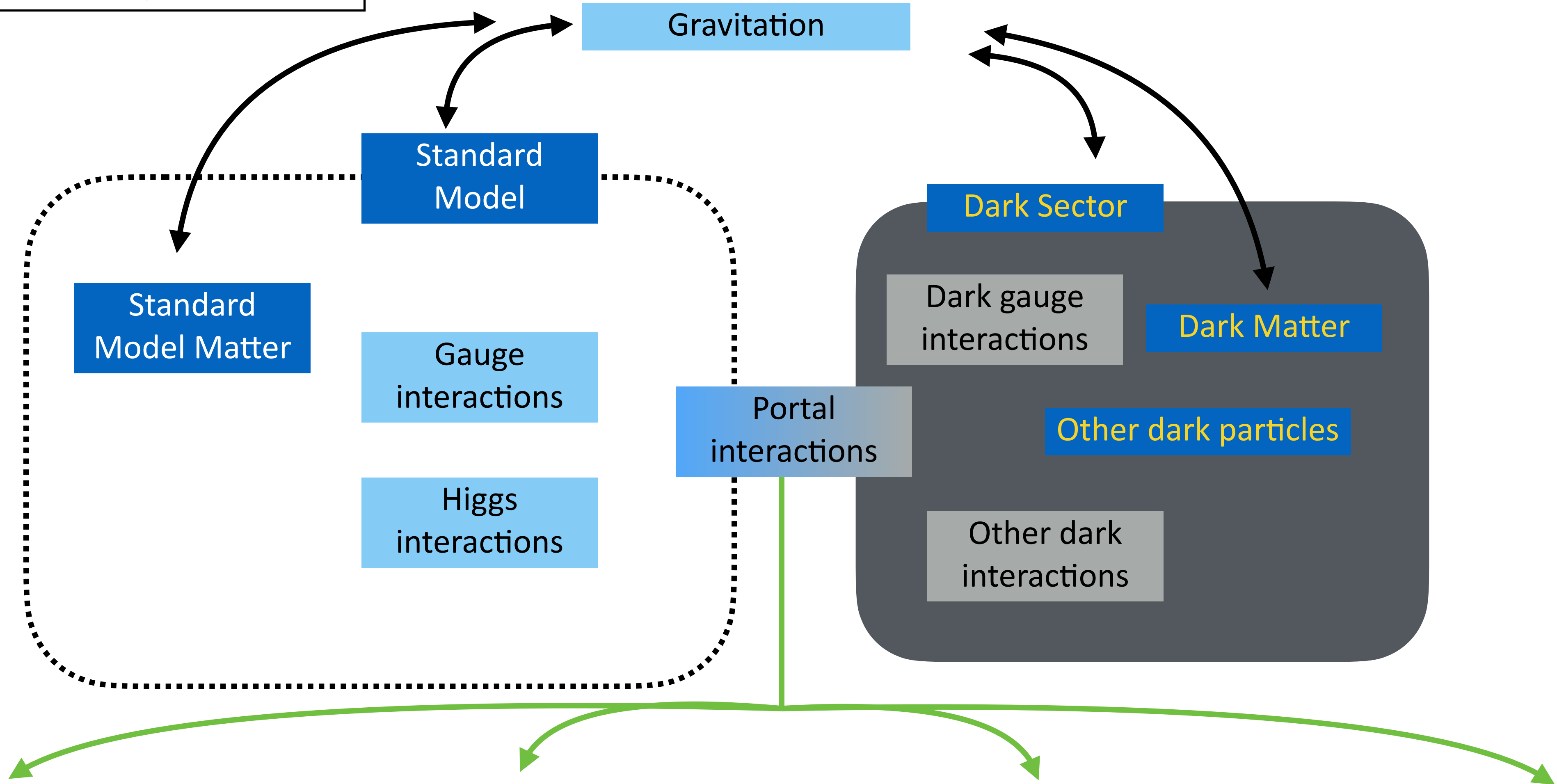
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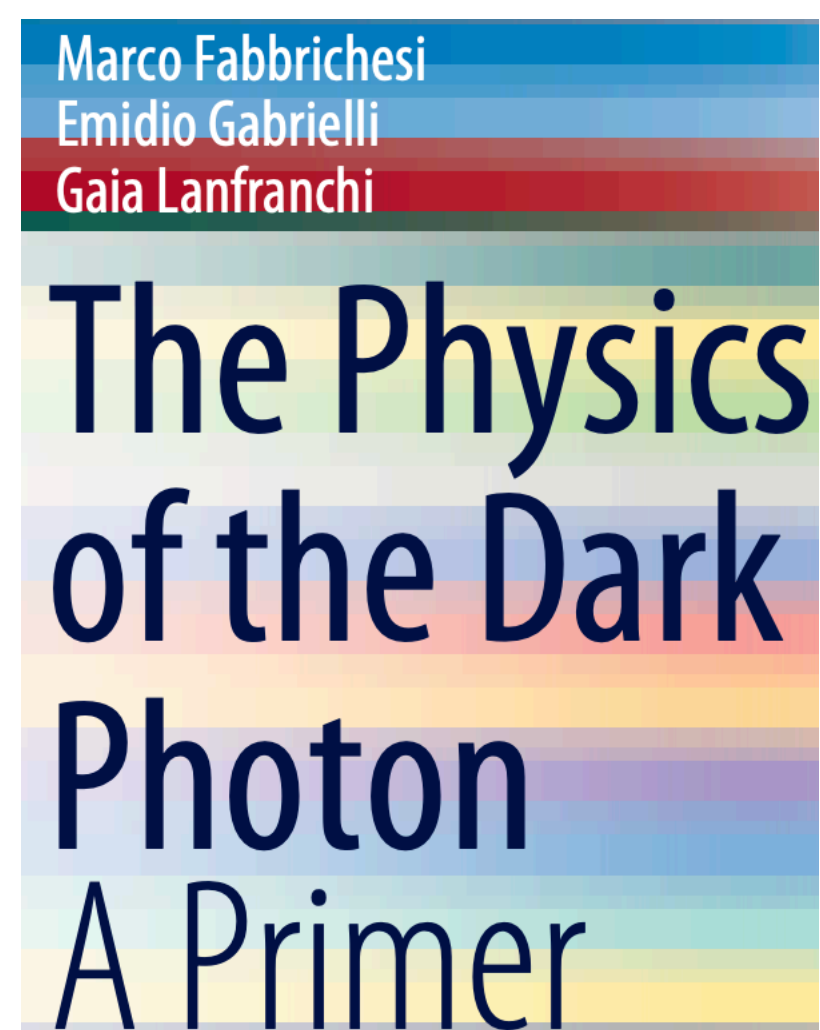
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Scalar, spin 0, operator of
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 $(\mu S + \lambda S^2) H^\dagger H$

Sterile neutrino, spin 1/2,
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 $y_N \bar{L} H N$

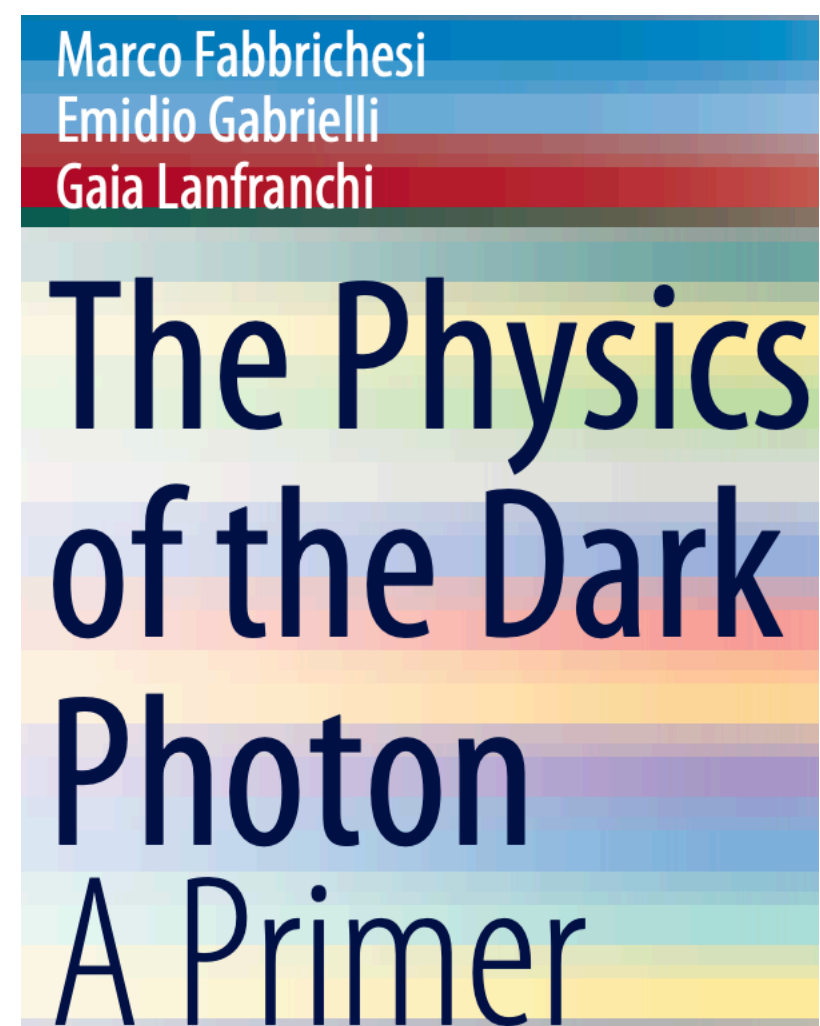
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Dark photon can be massless or massive

$$\mathcal{L}' = \left[\frac{e' \cos\theta}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} J'_\mu + e \left(\sin\theta - \frac{\varepsilon \cos\theta}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} \right) J_\mu \right] A'^\mu + \left[-\frac{e' \sin\theta}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} J'_\mu + e \left(\cos\theta + \frac{\varepsilon \sin\theta}{\sqrt{1-\varepsilon^2}} \right) J_\mu \right] A^\mu$$

If massive, the angle θ is fixed.
Mass can be obtained by the Higgs or the Stueckelberg mechanisms

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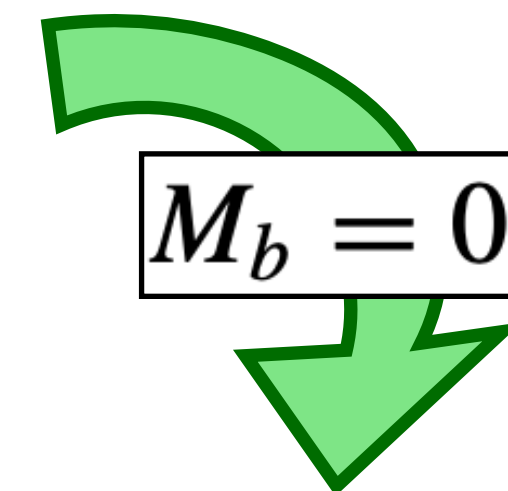
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$$M_b = 0$$

SM photon couples to SM matter,
dark photon couples to both, dark and SM matter

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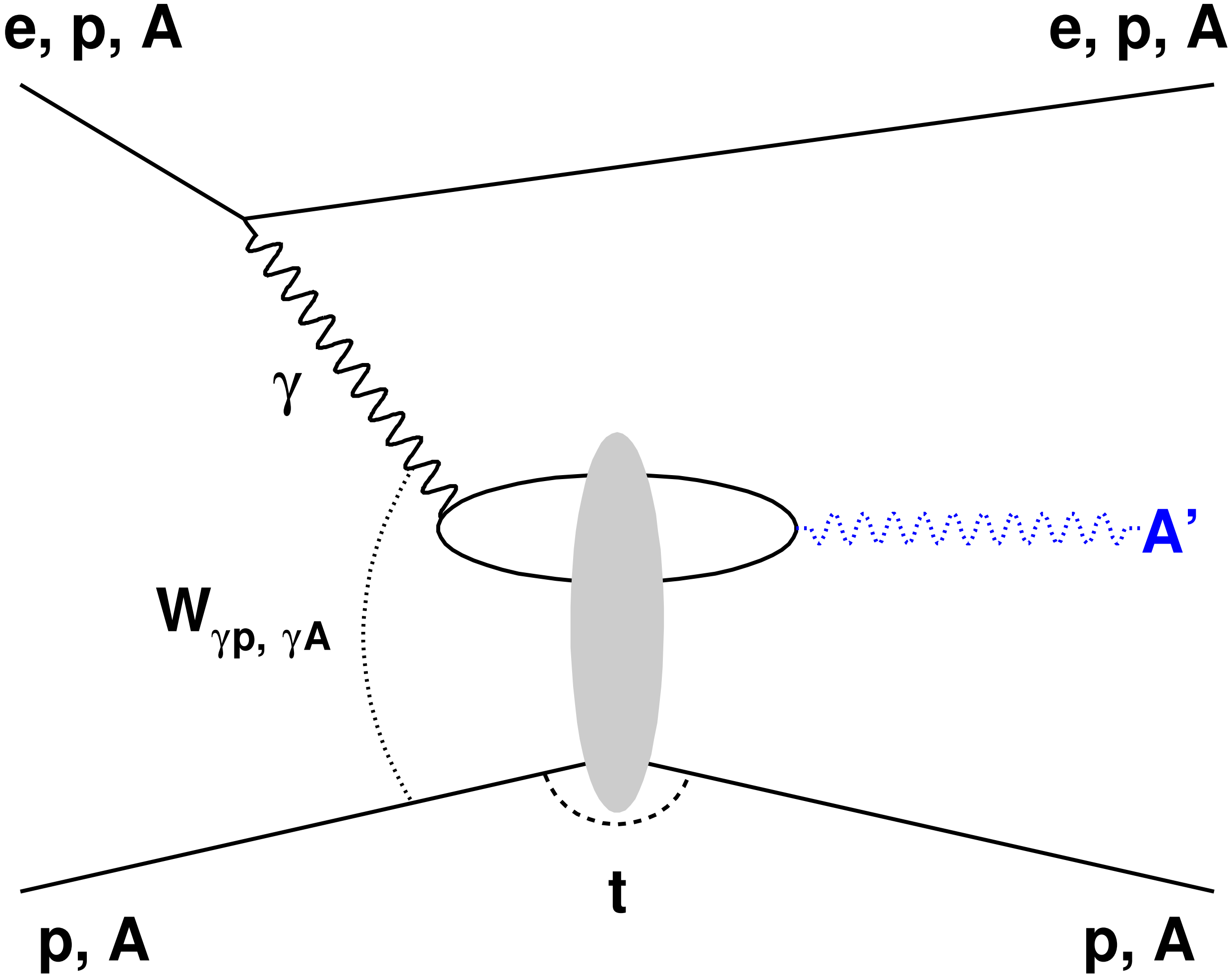
Massive dark photon: bottom line

In this case the interaction of the dark photon with electrically charged SM particles is the **same** as for the normal photon, but scaled by a factor of ε

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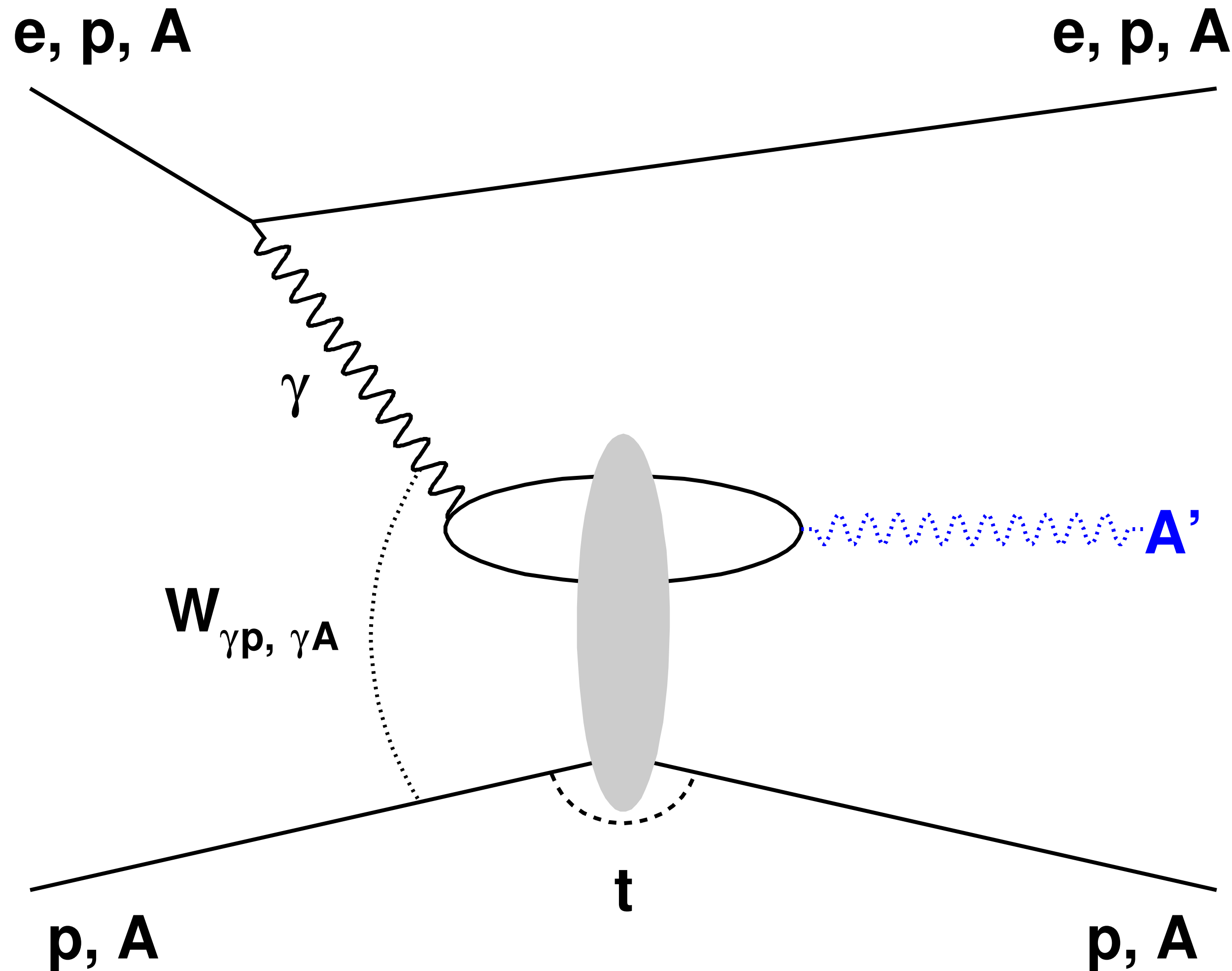
In the simplest model there are thus **two** parameters:
the dark photon mass and ε
(In addition, one needs to consider the branching ratios ...)

Diffractive dark photon production

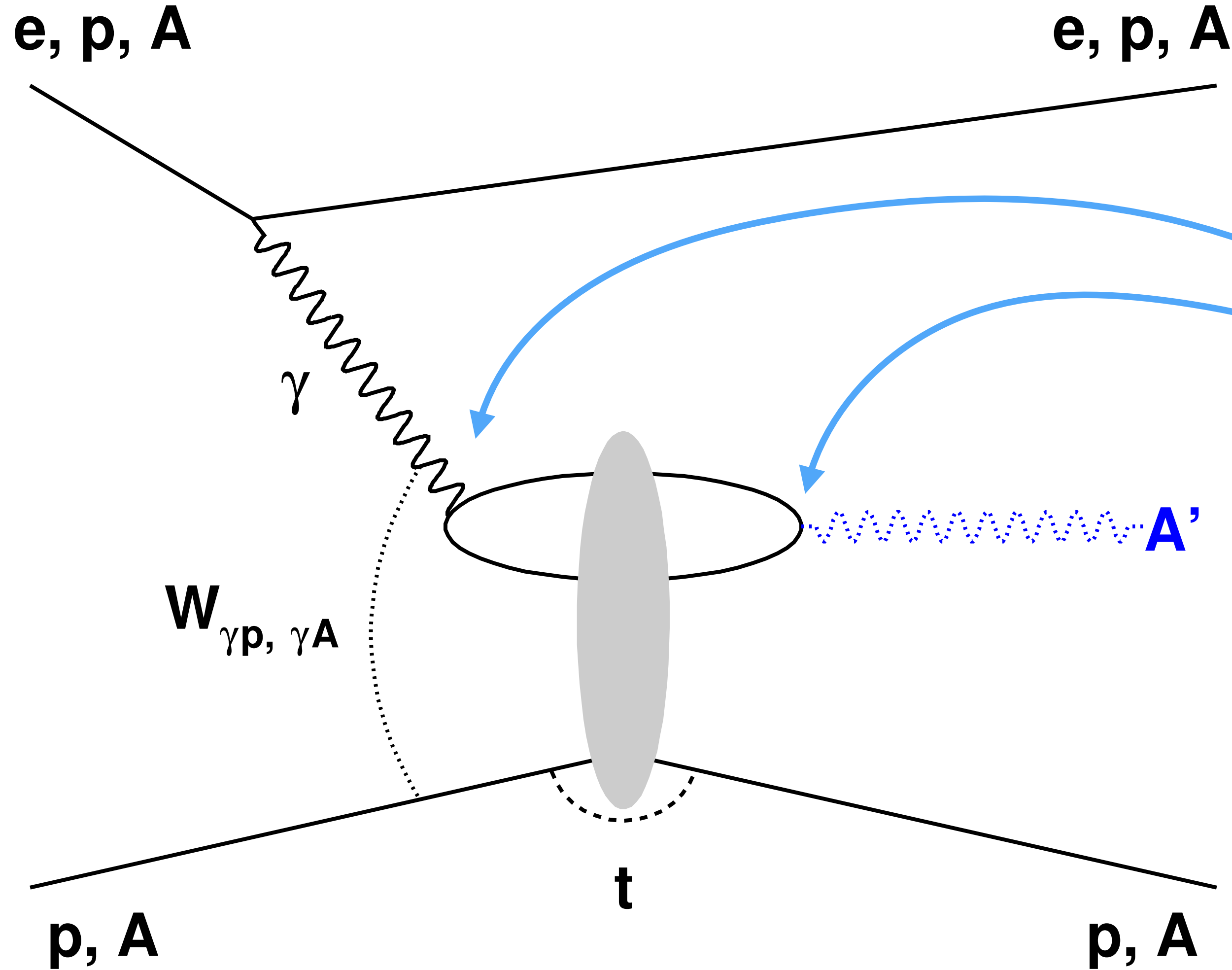


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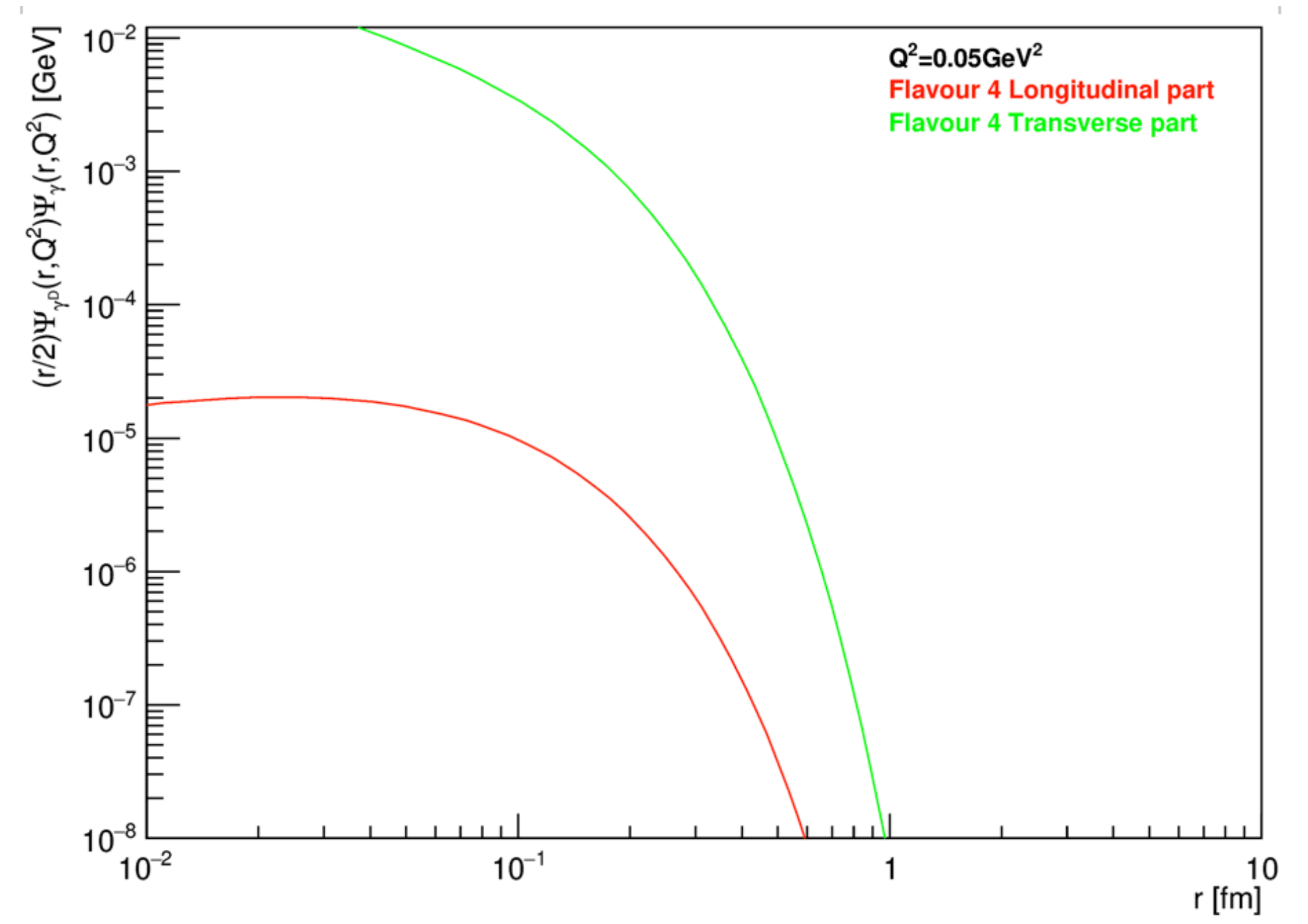
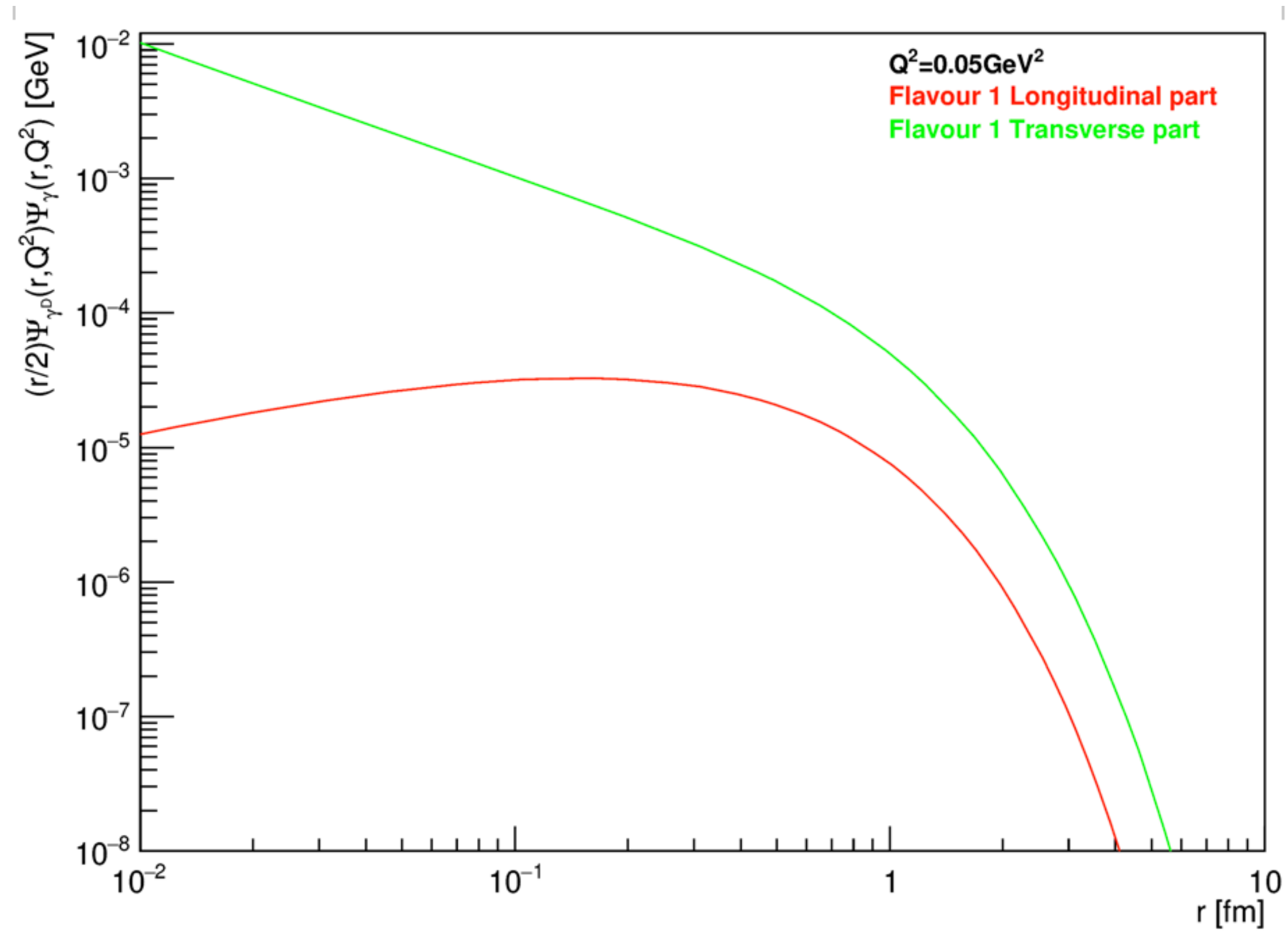
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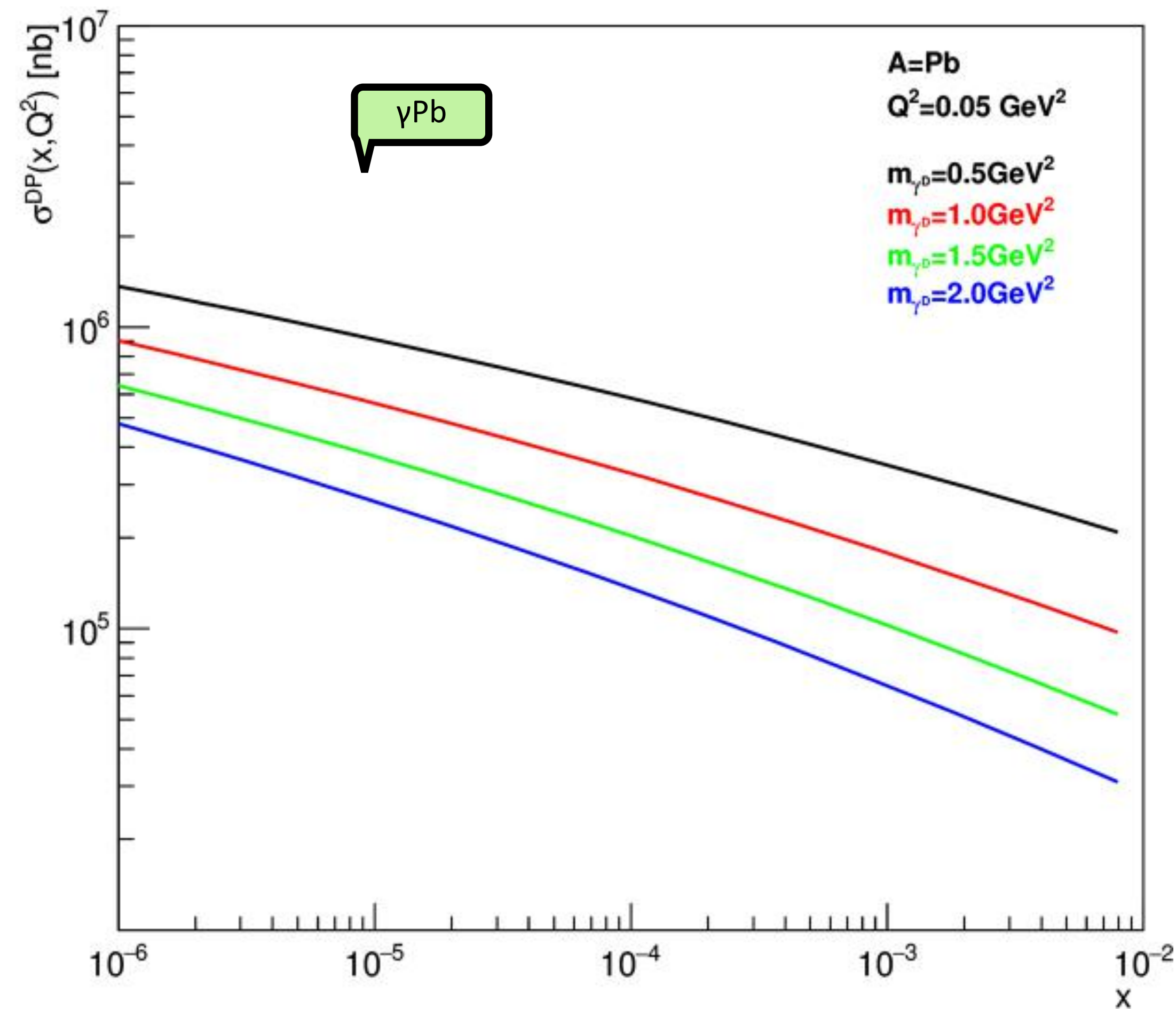
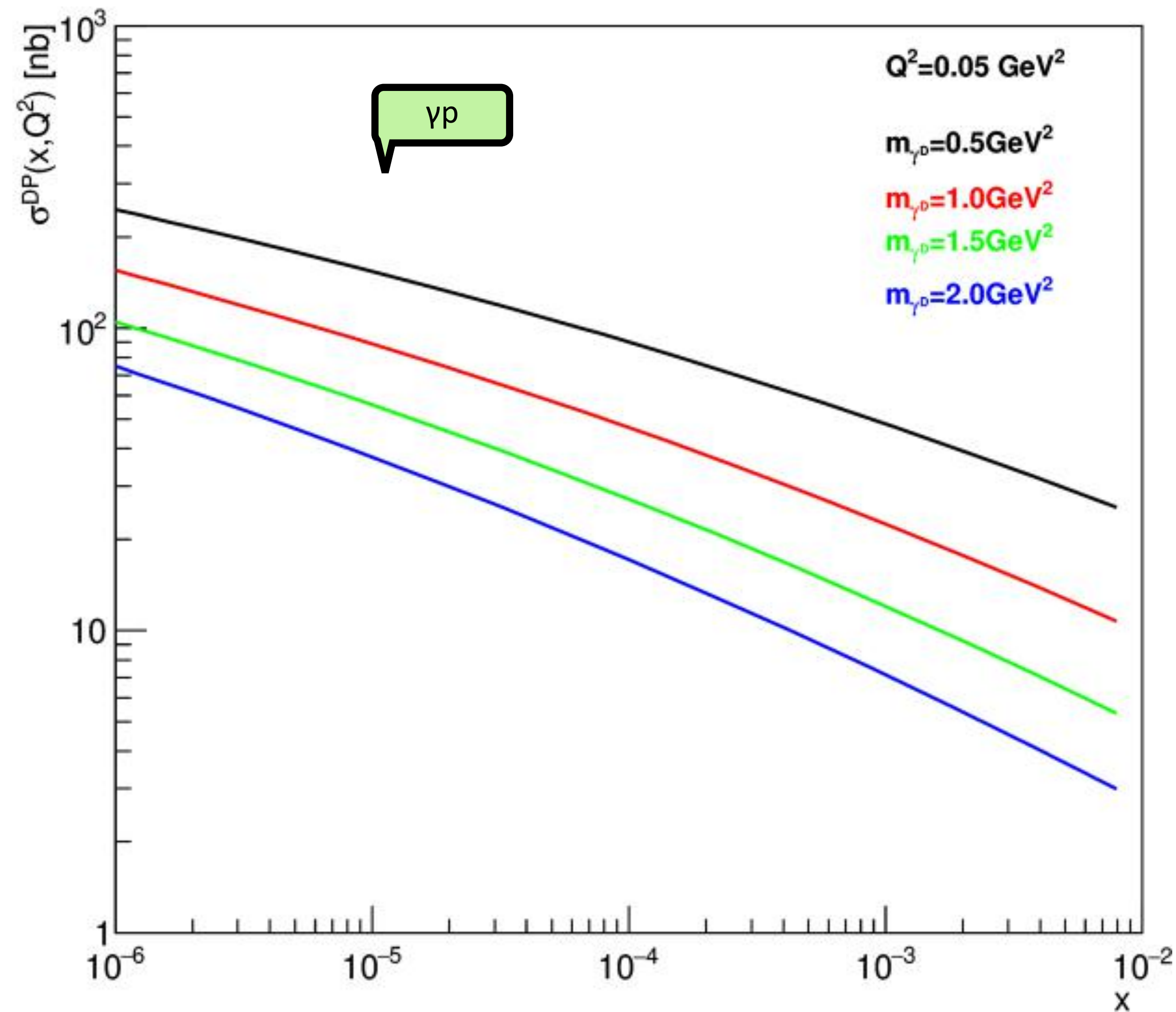
Wave function convolution

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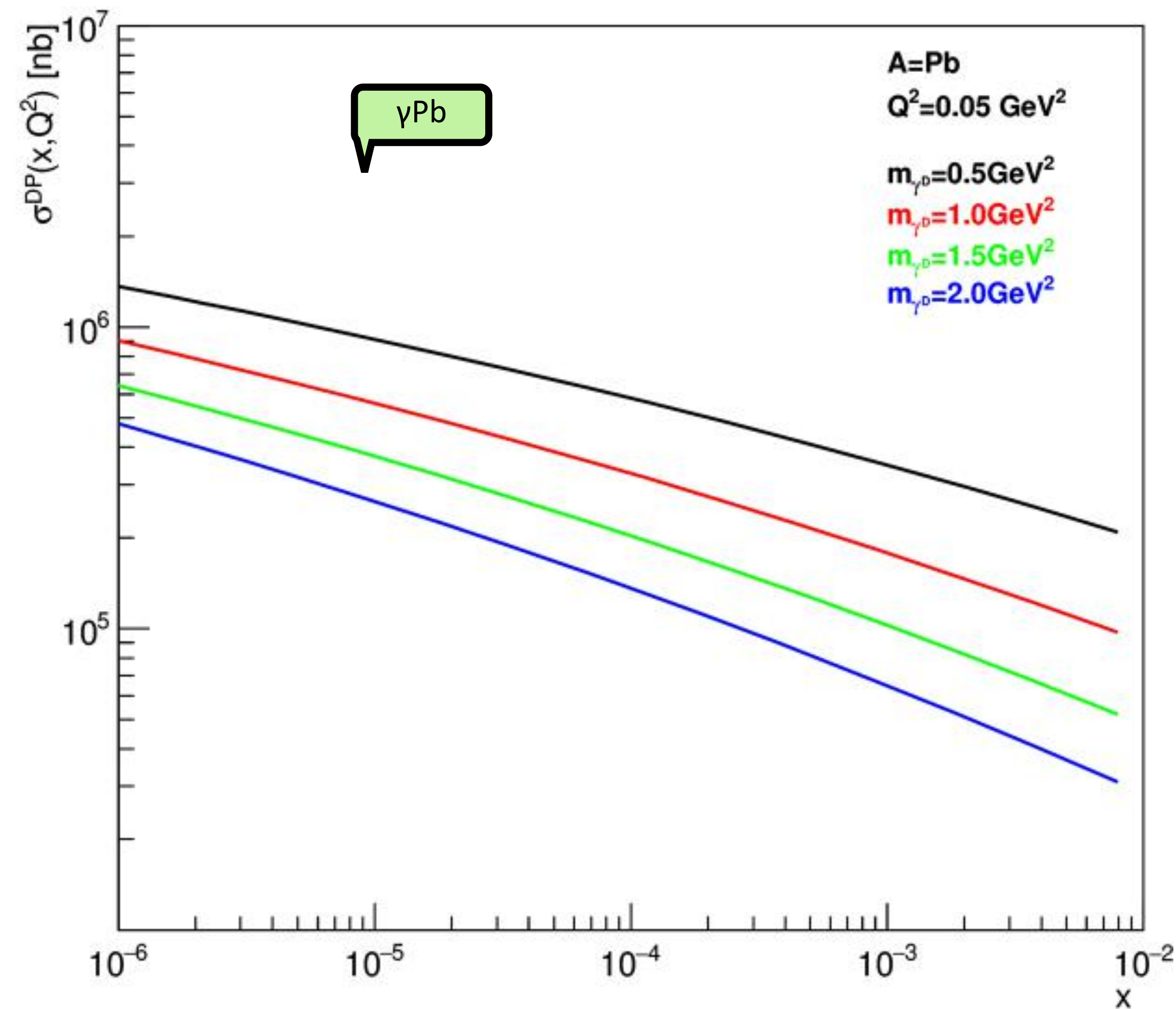
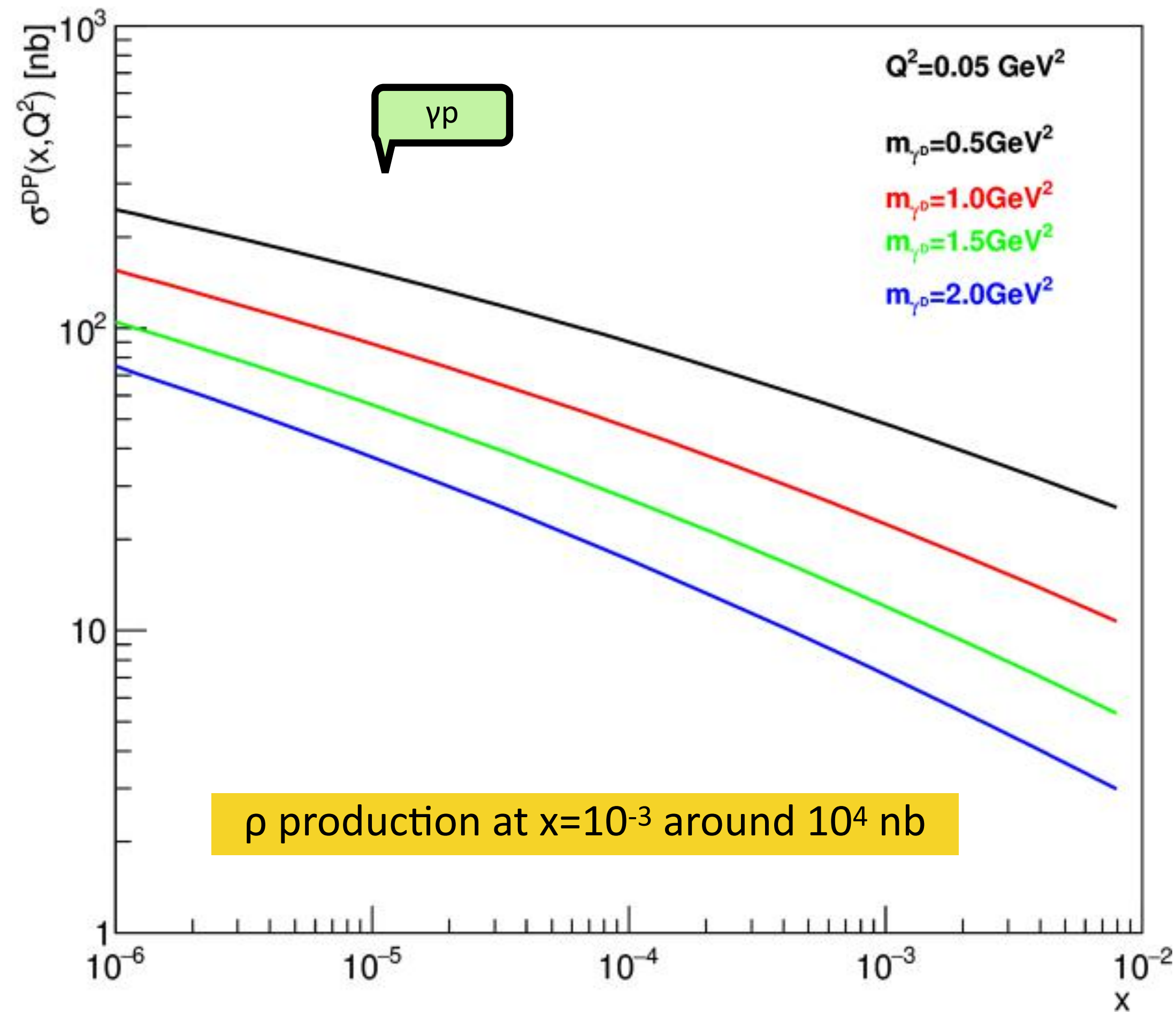
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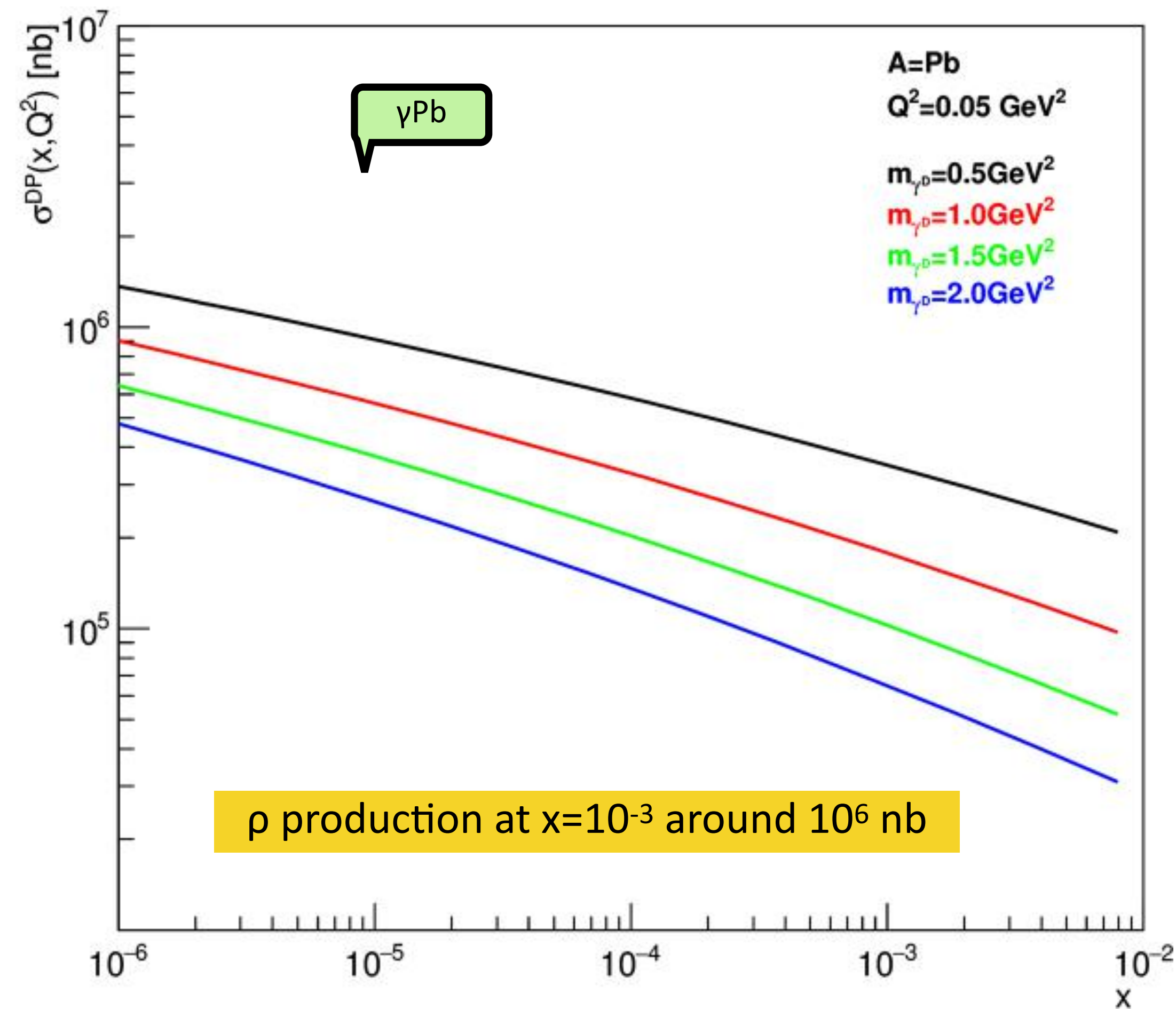
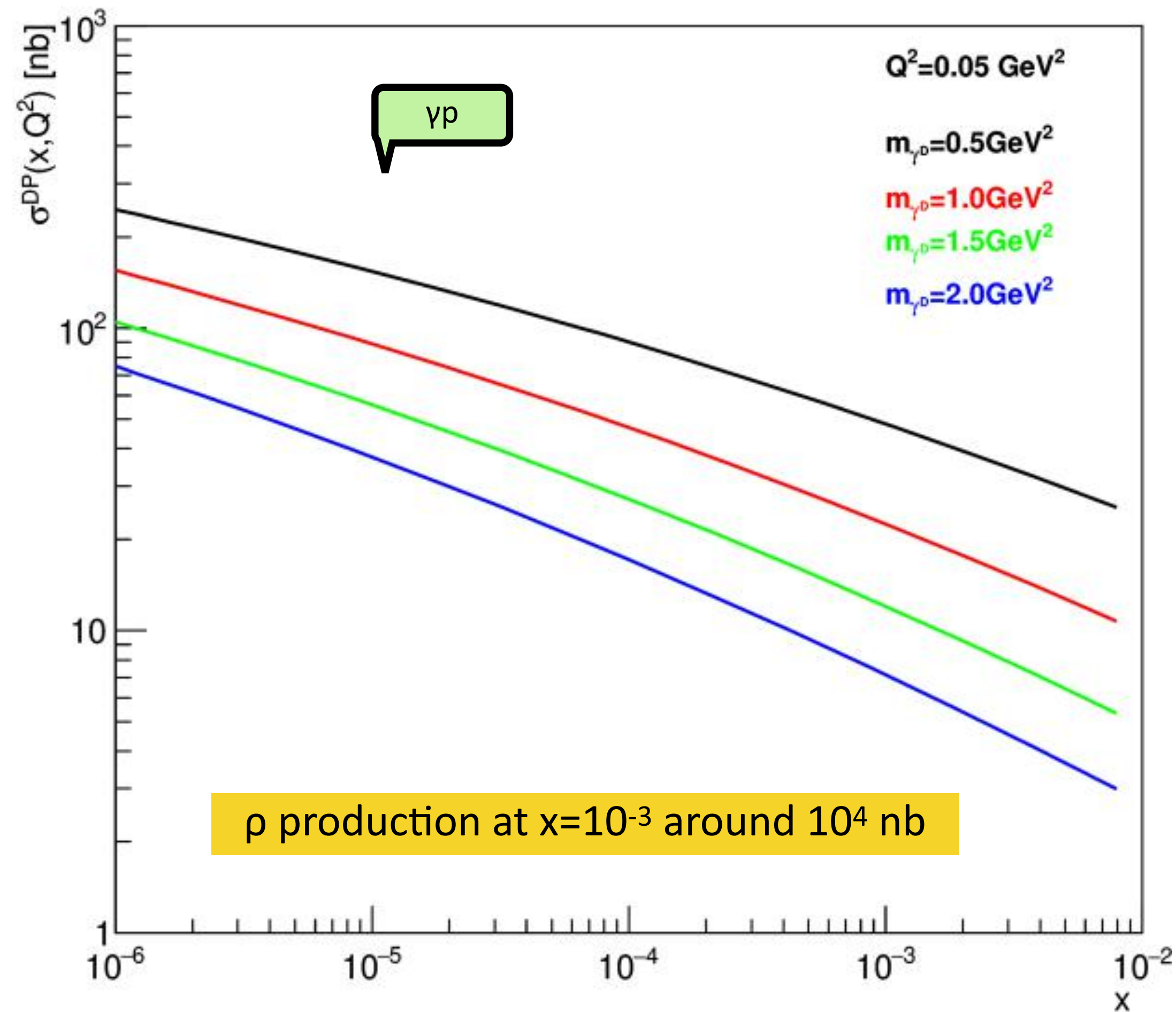
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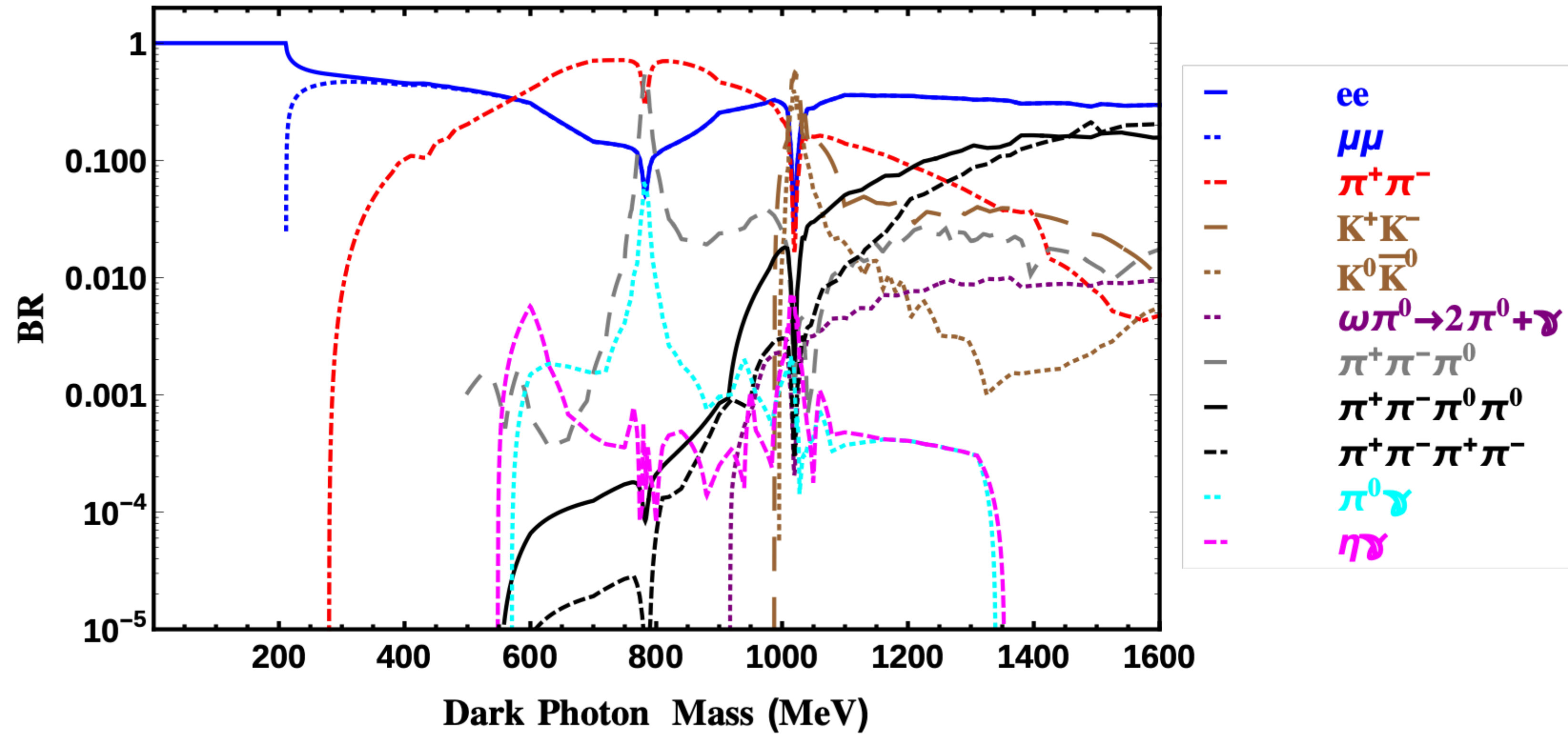
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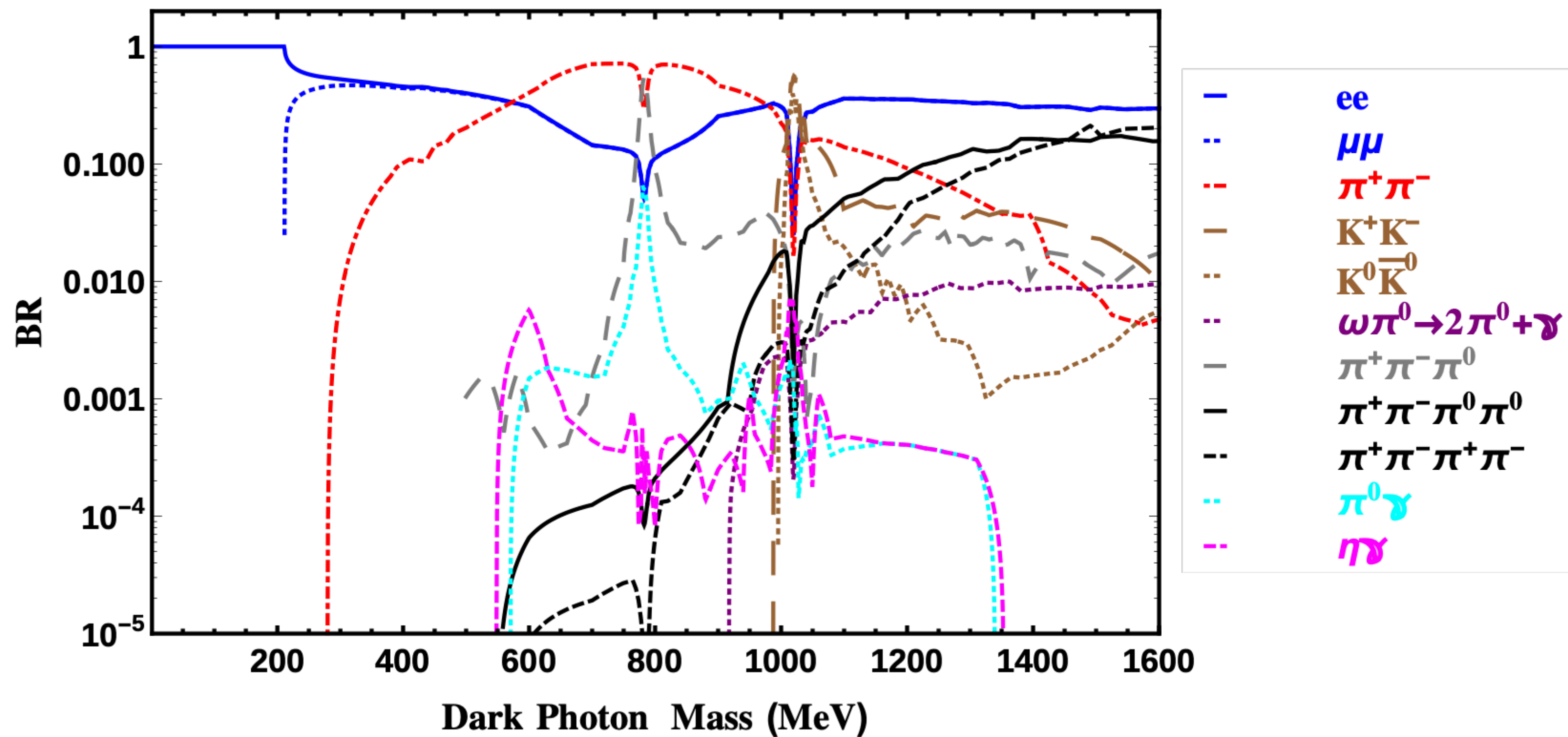
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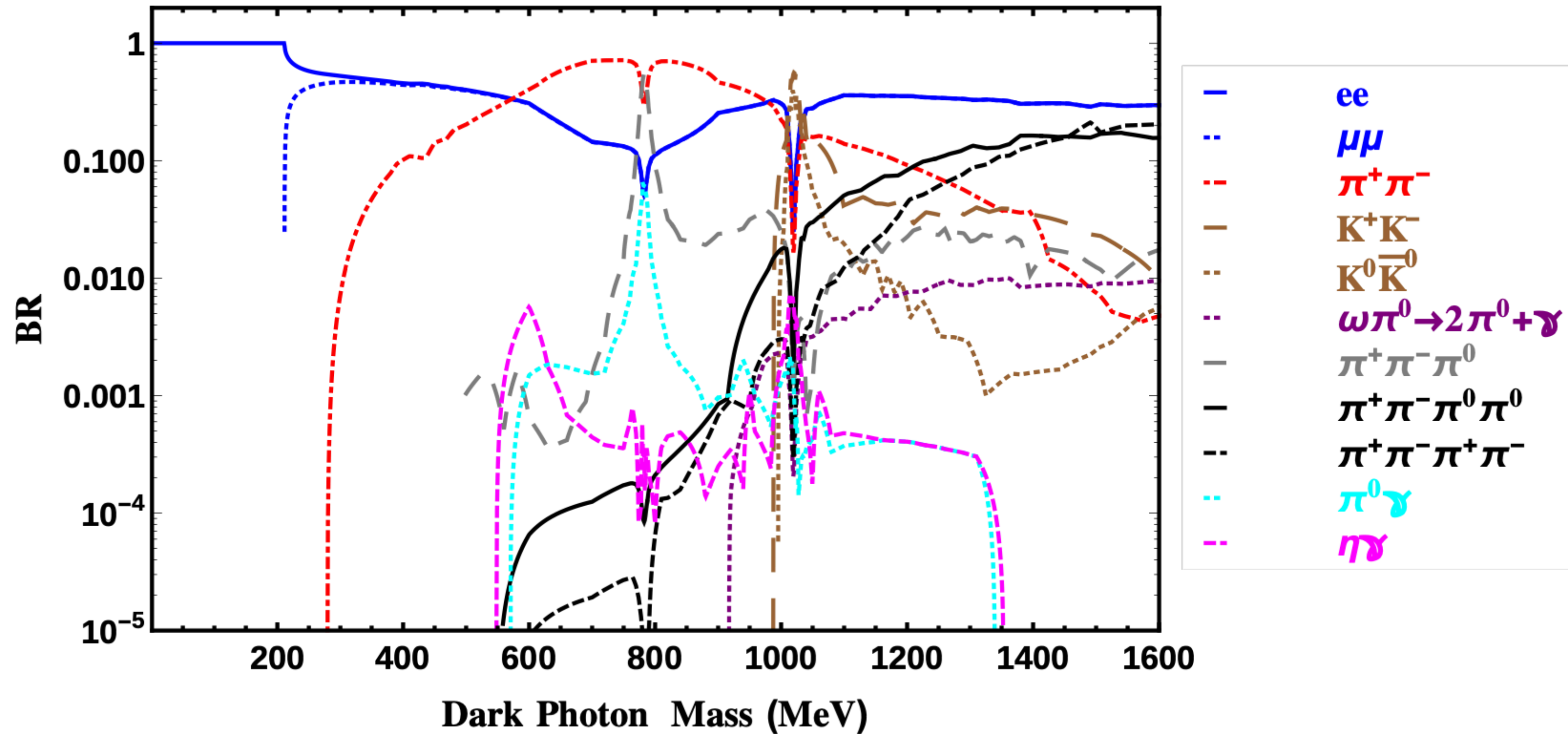
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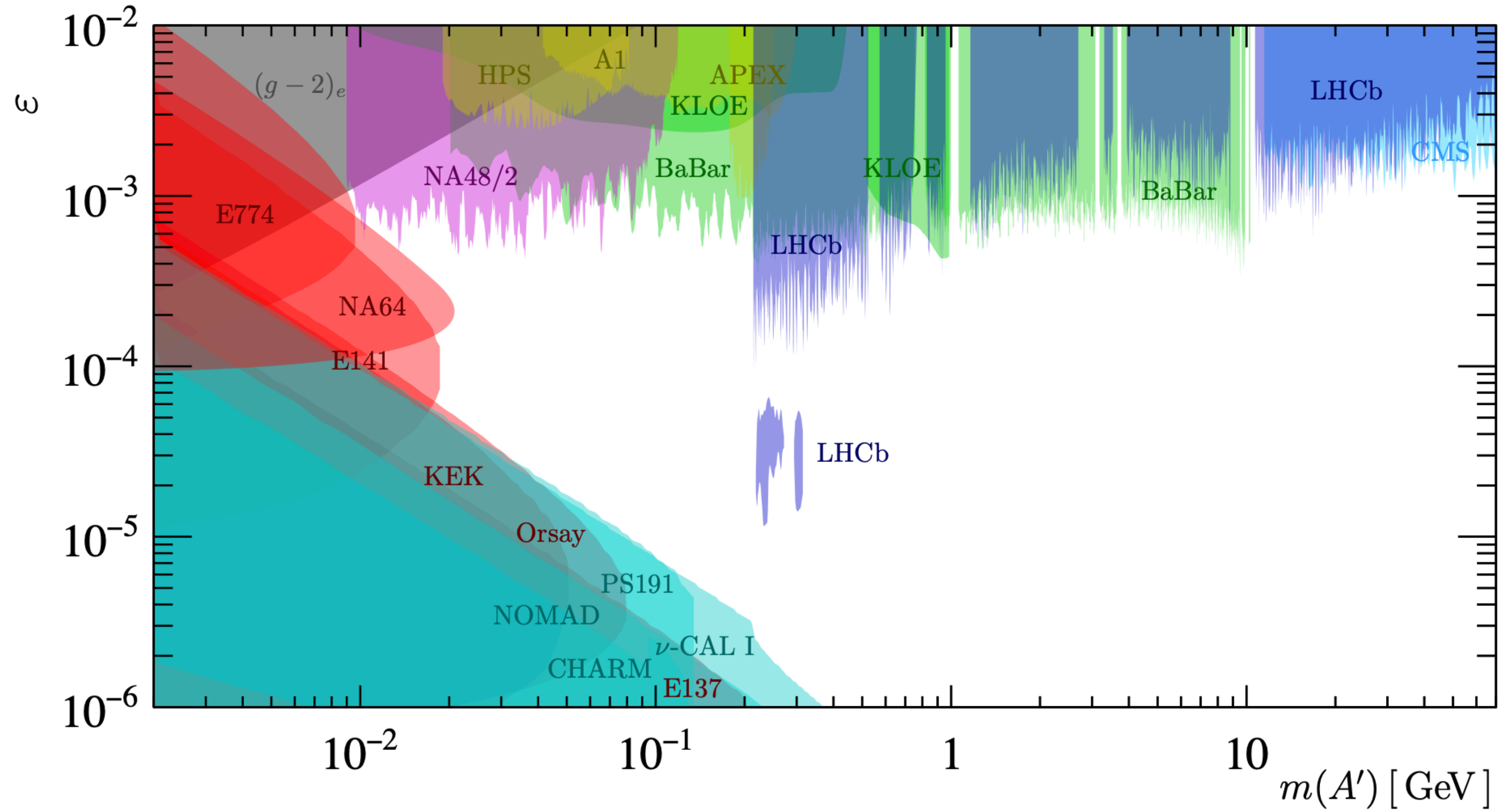
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All these channels have been considered to search for vector mesons at previous, current and future colliders

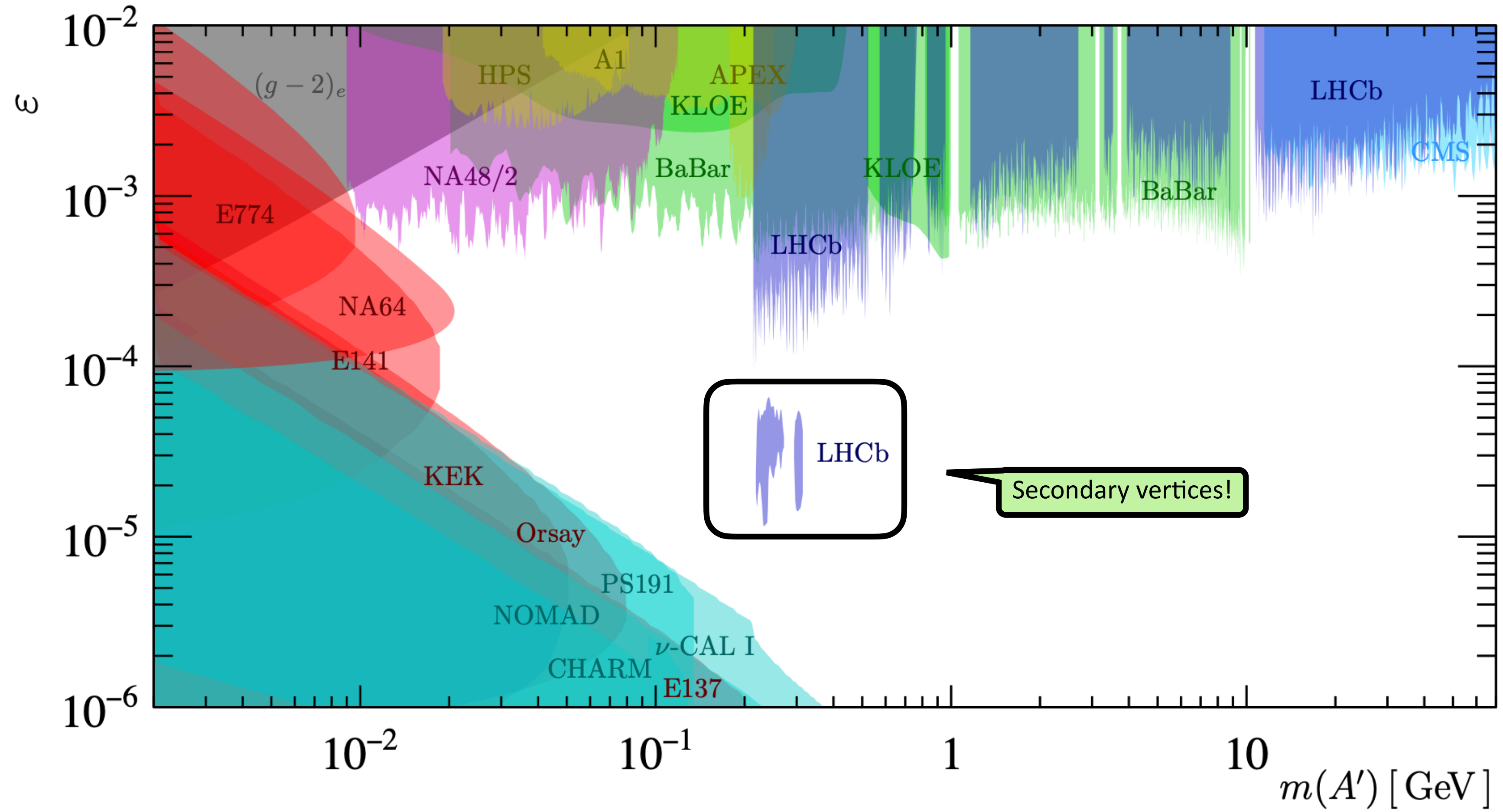
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