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# Constraining dark matter annihilation with cosmic-ray antiprotons using neural networks

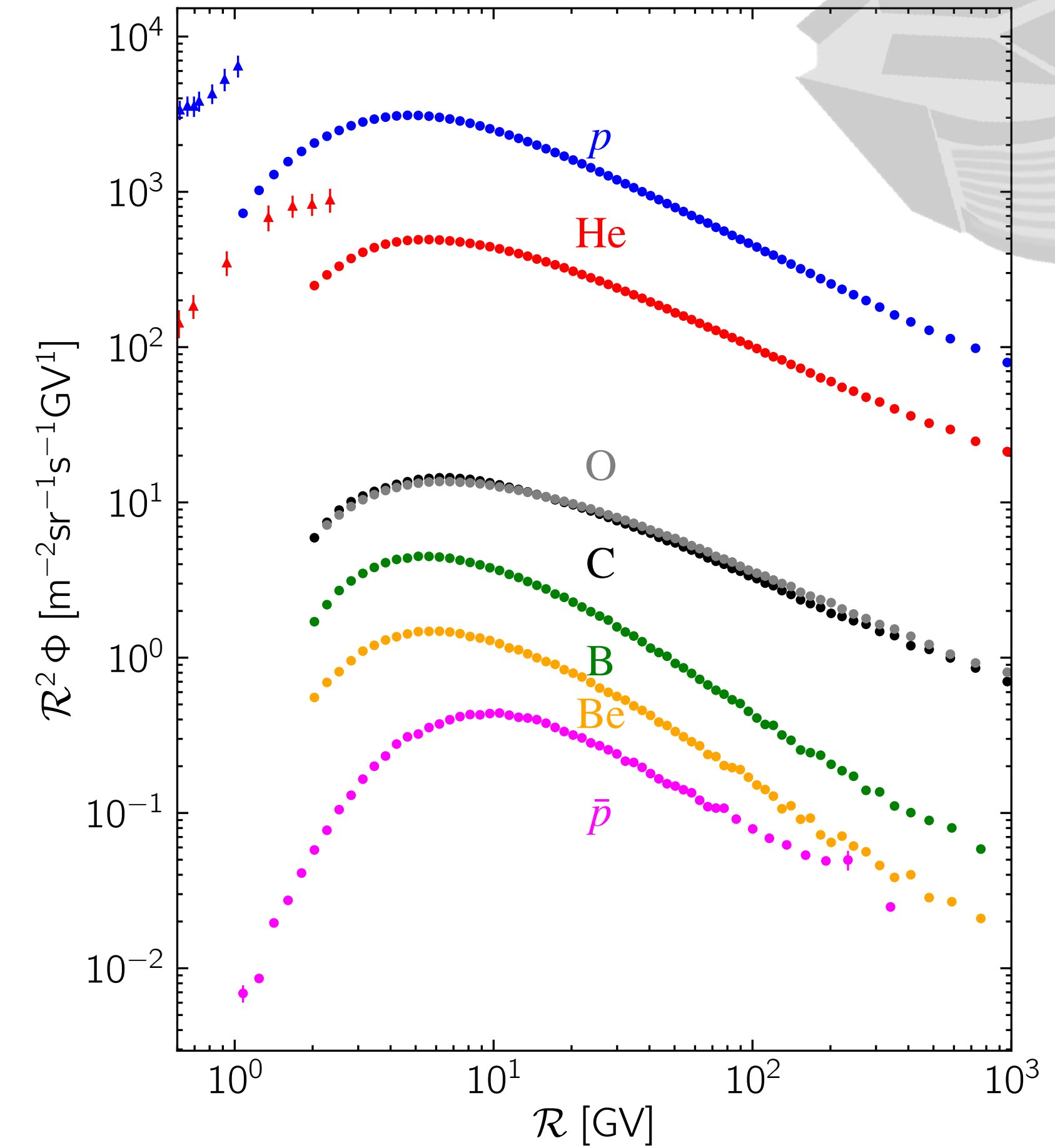
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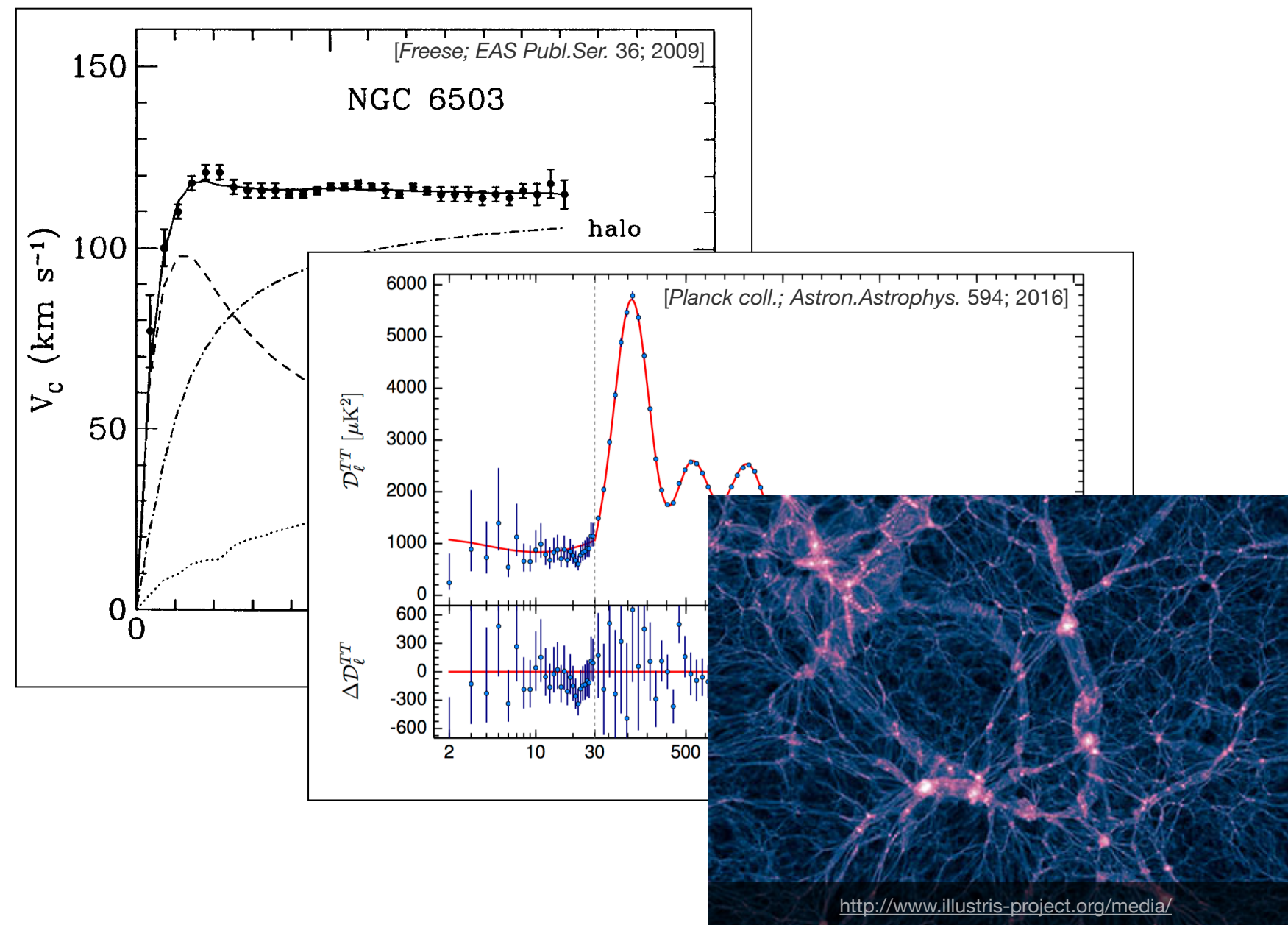
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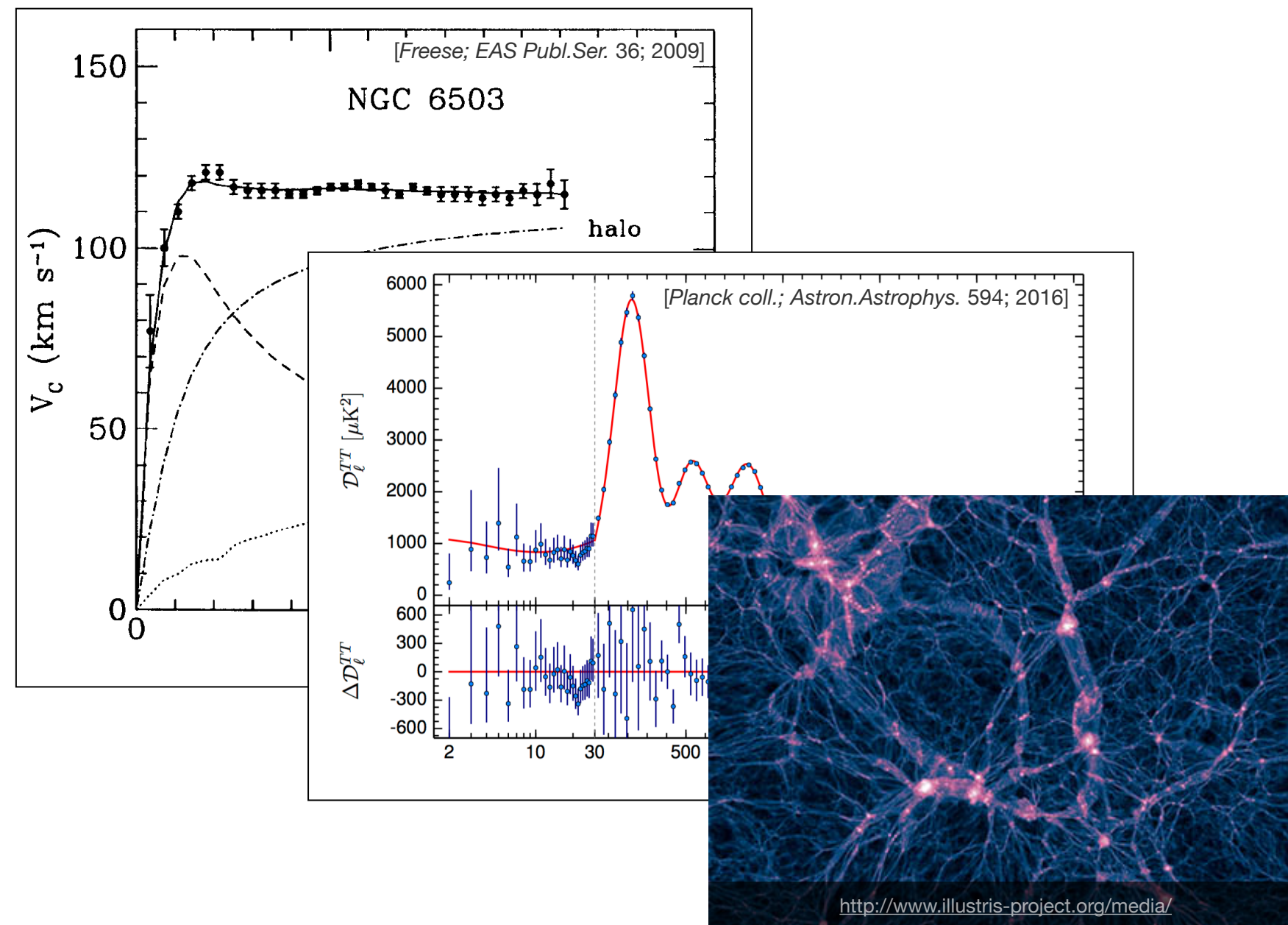


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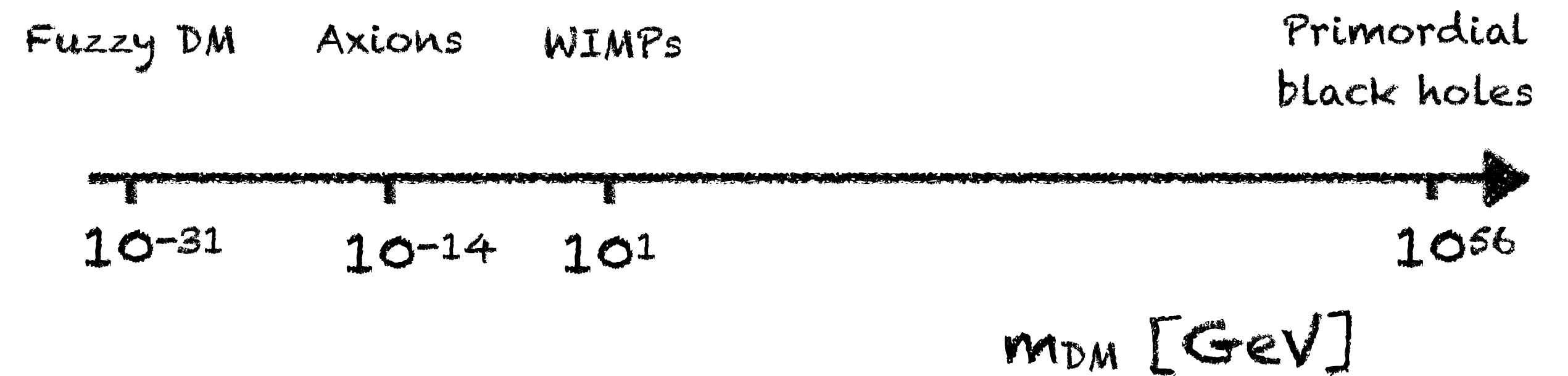


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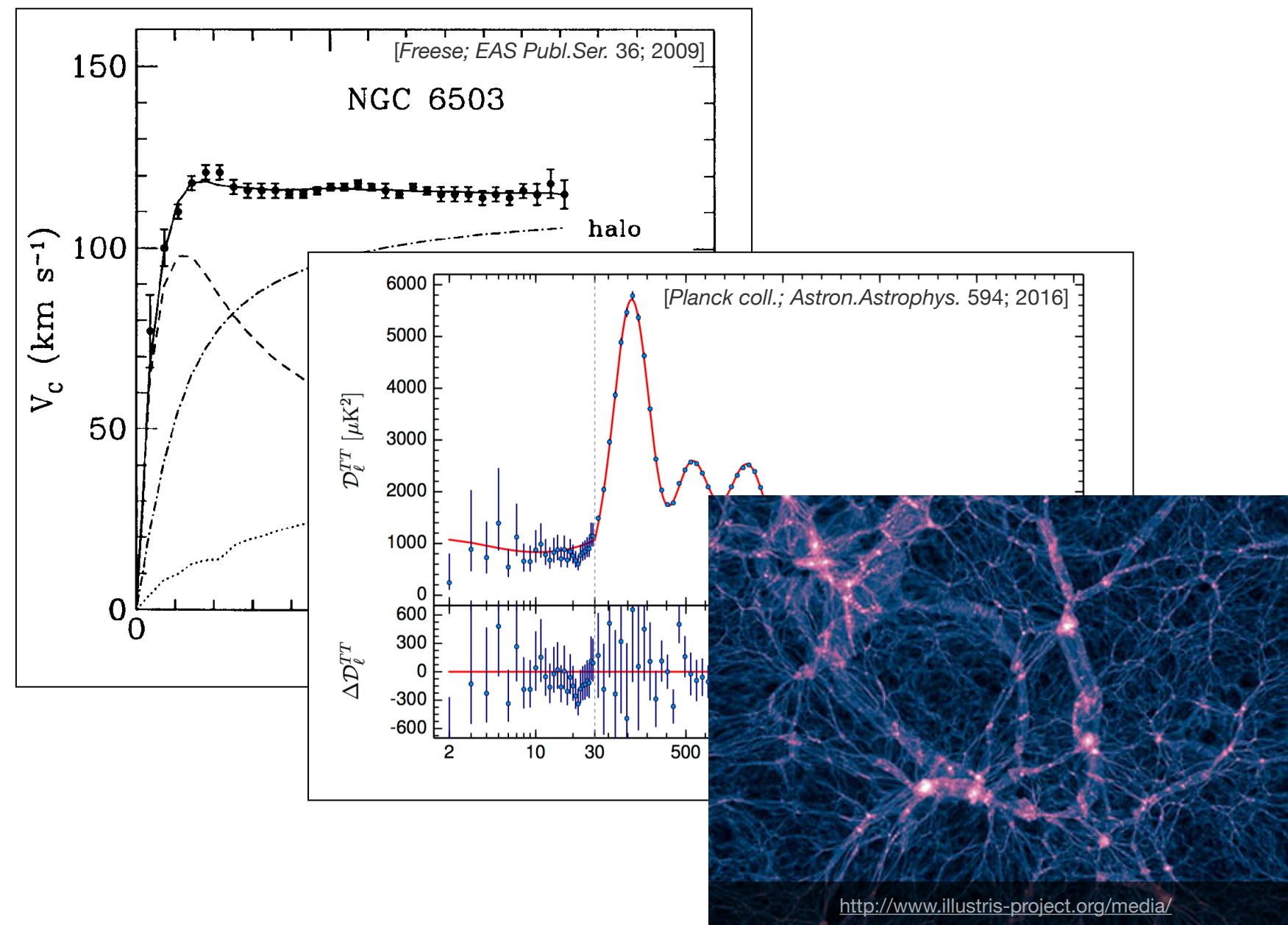


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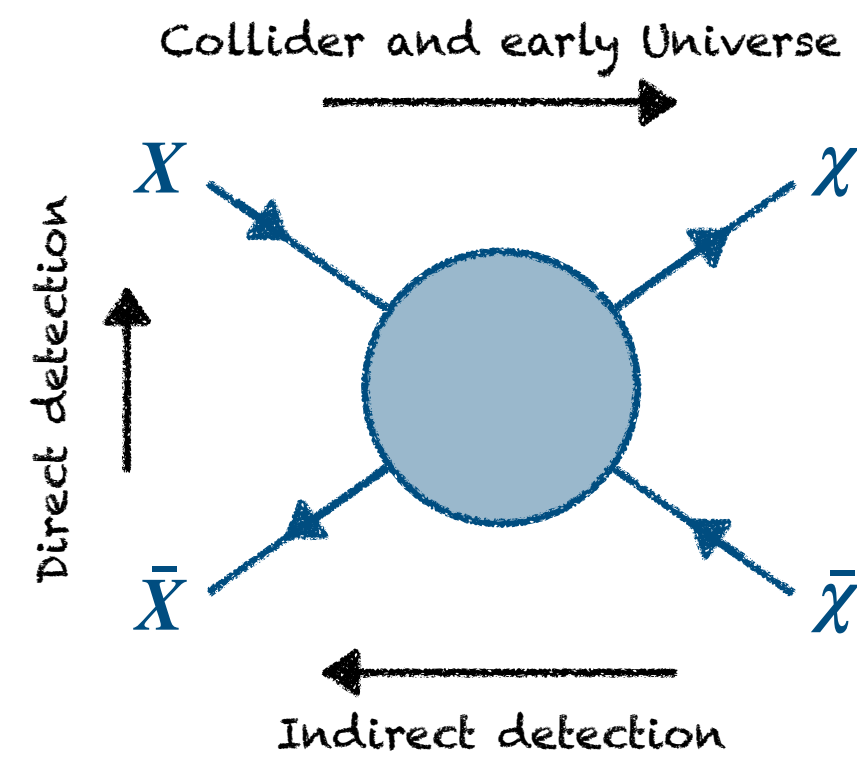


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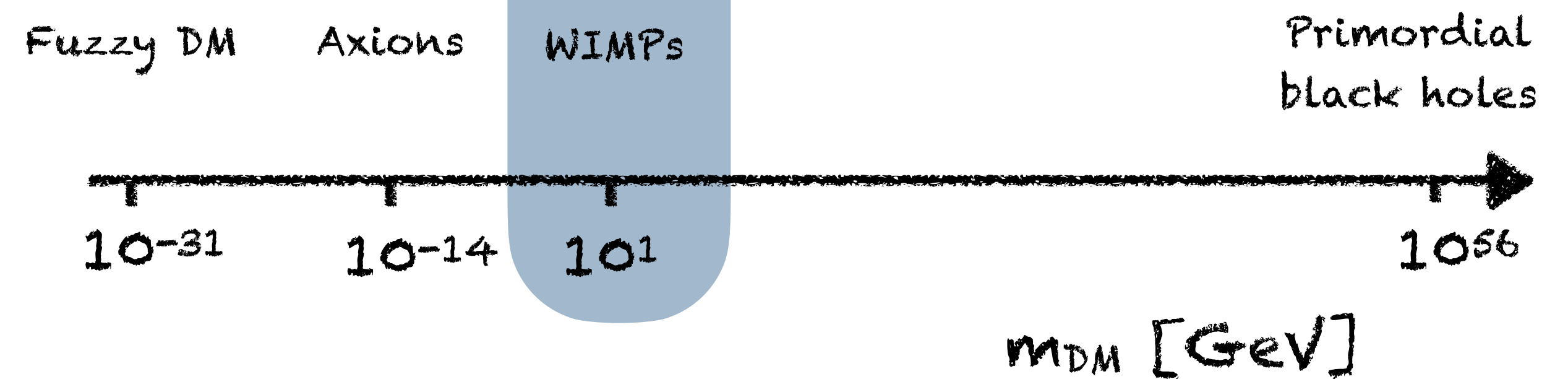
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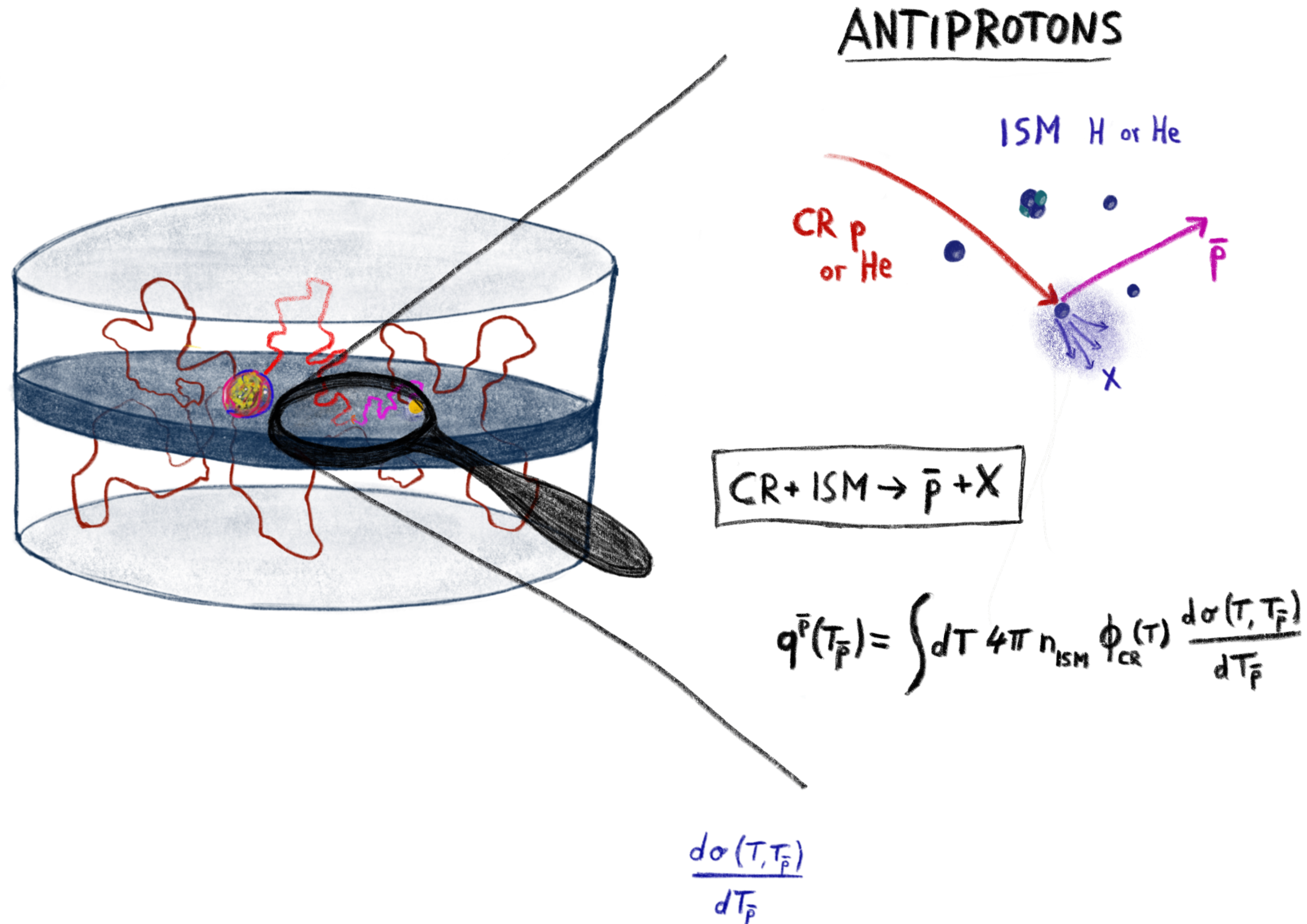


- Mass range 1 GeV to 100 TeV
- Various search strategies
- We focus on indirect detection with **cosmic rays** and  $\gamma$ -rays

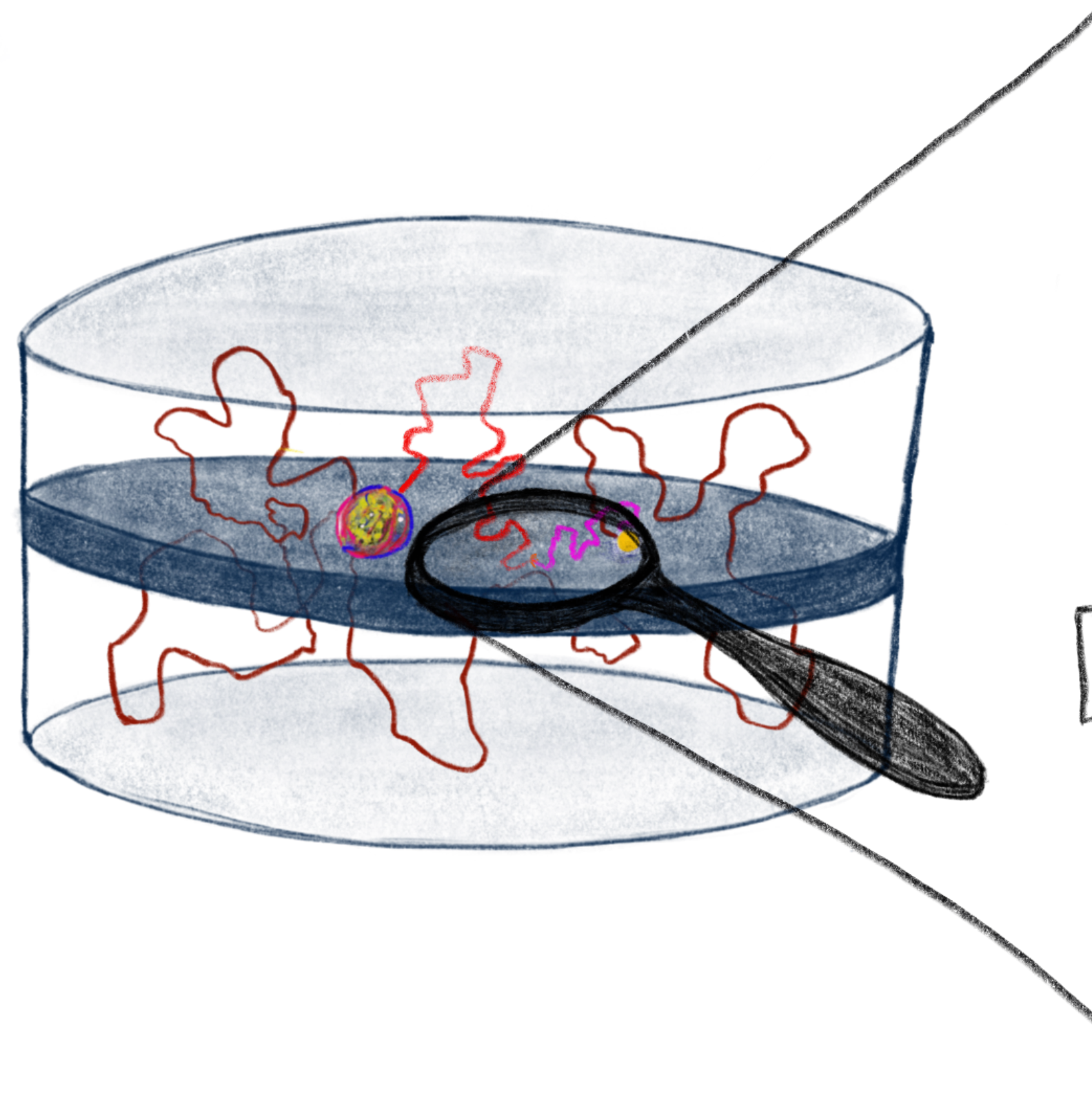


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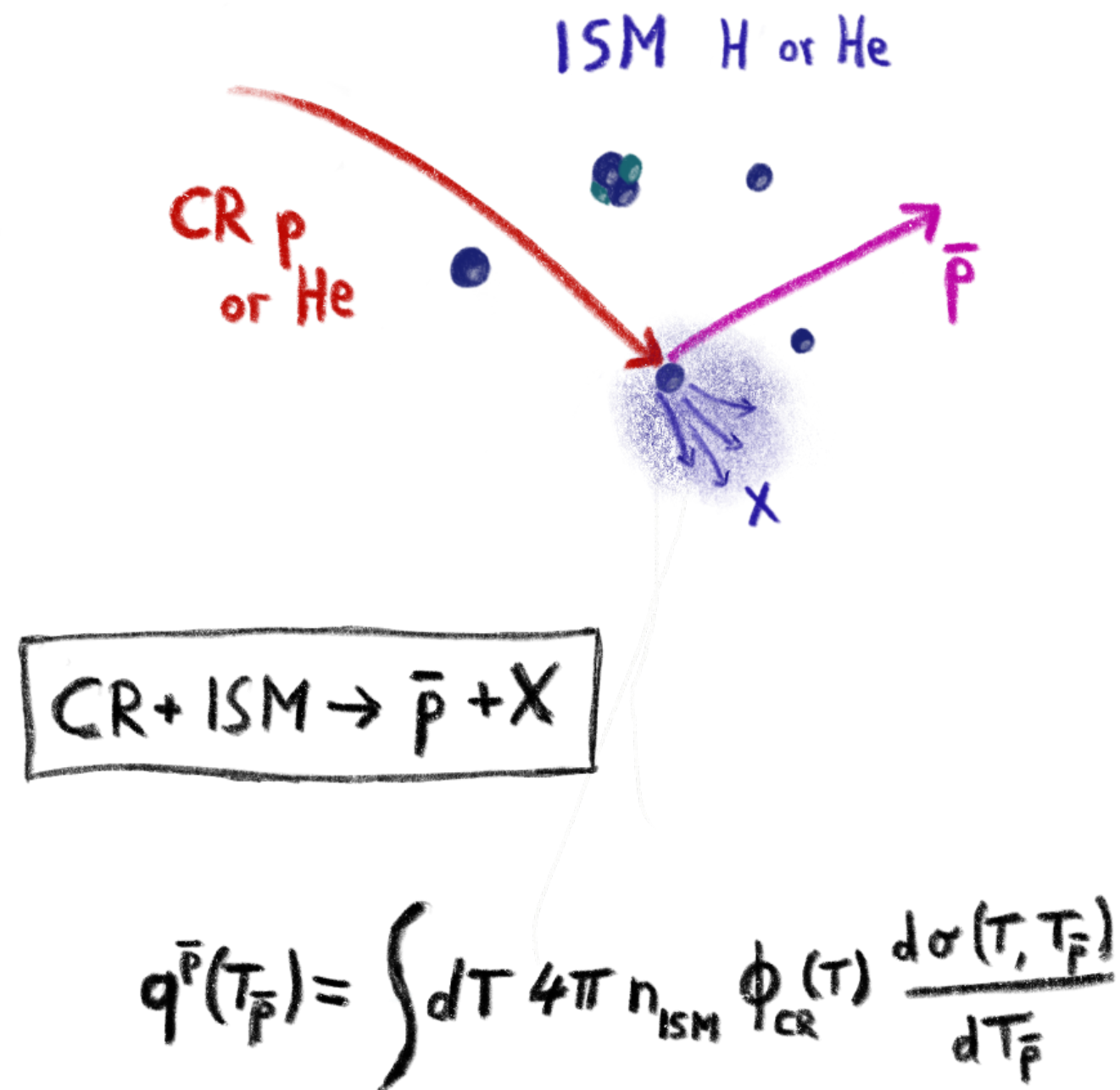
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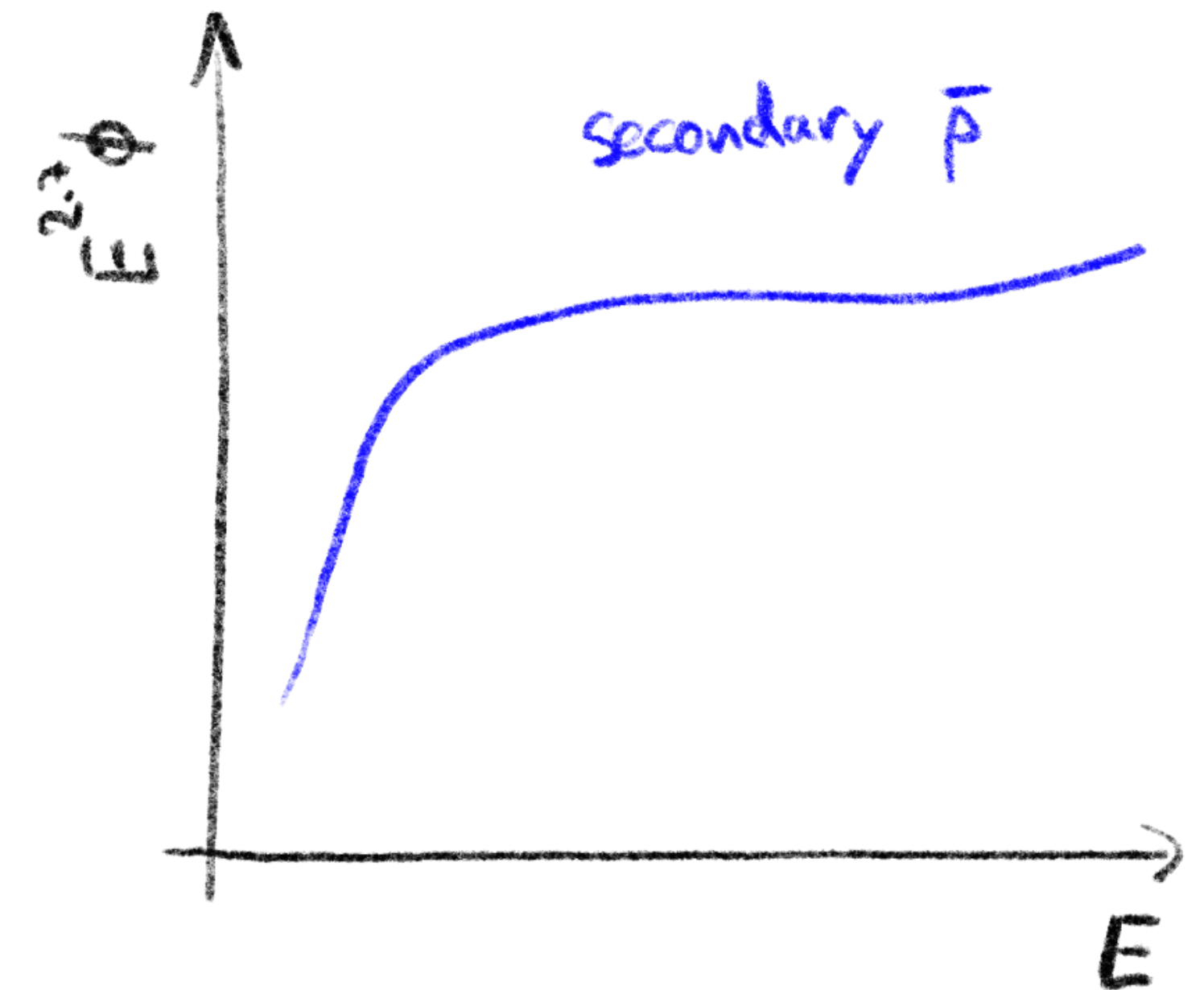
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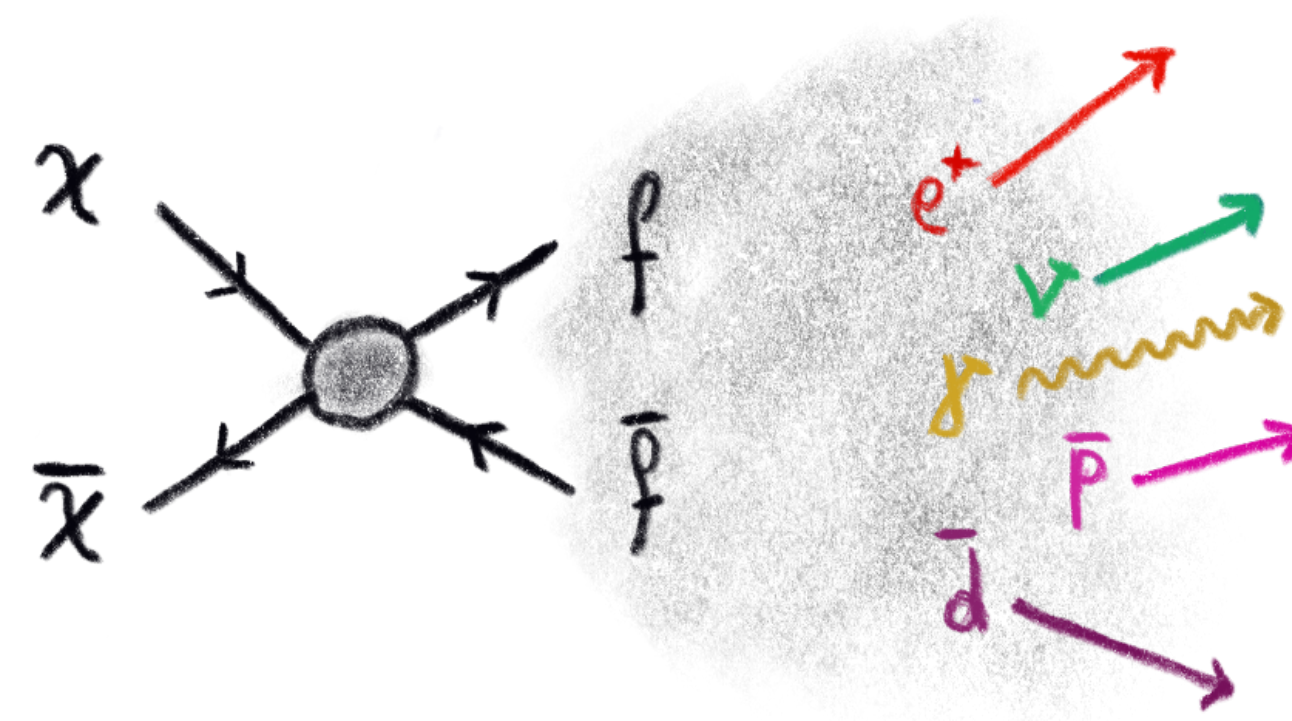
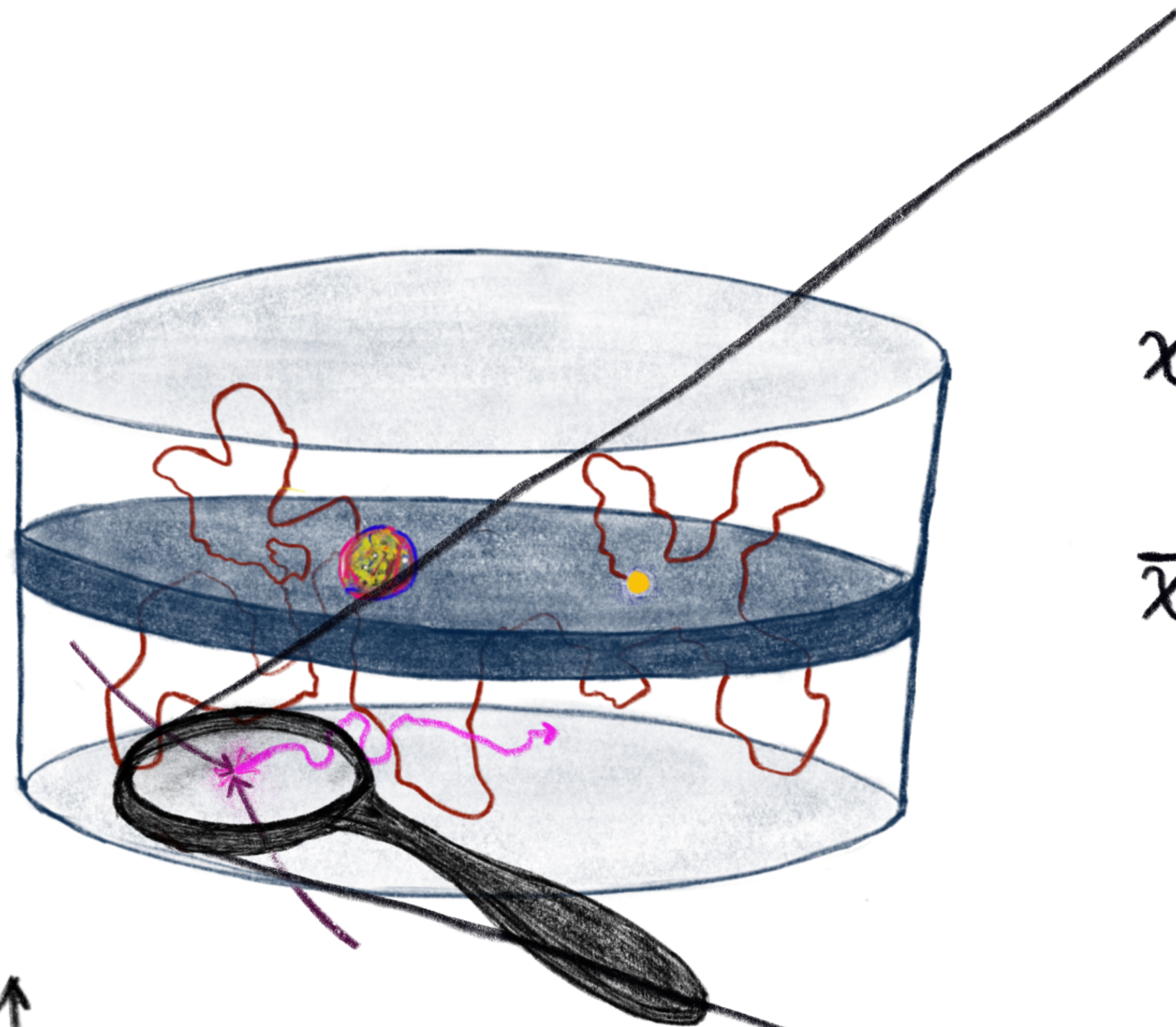


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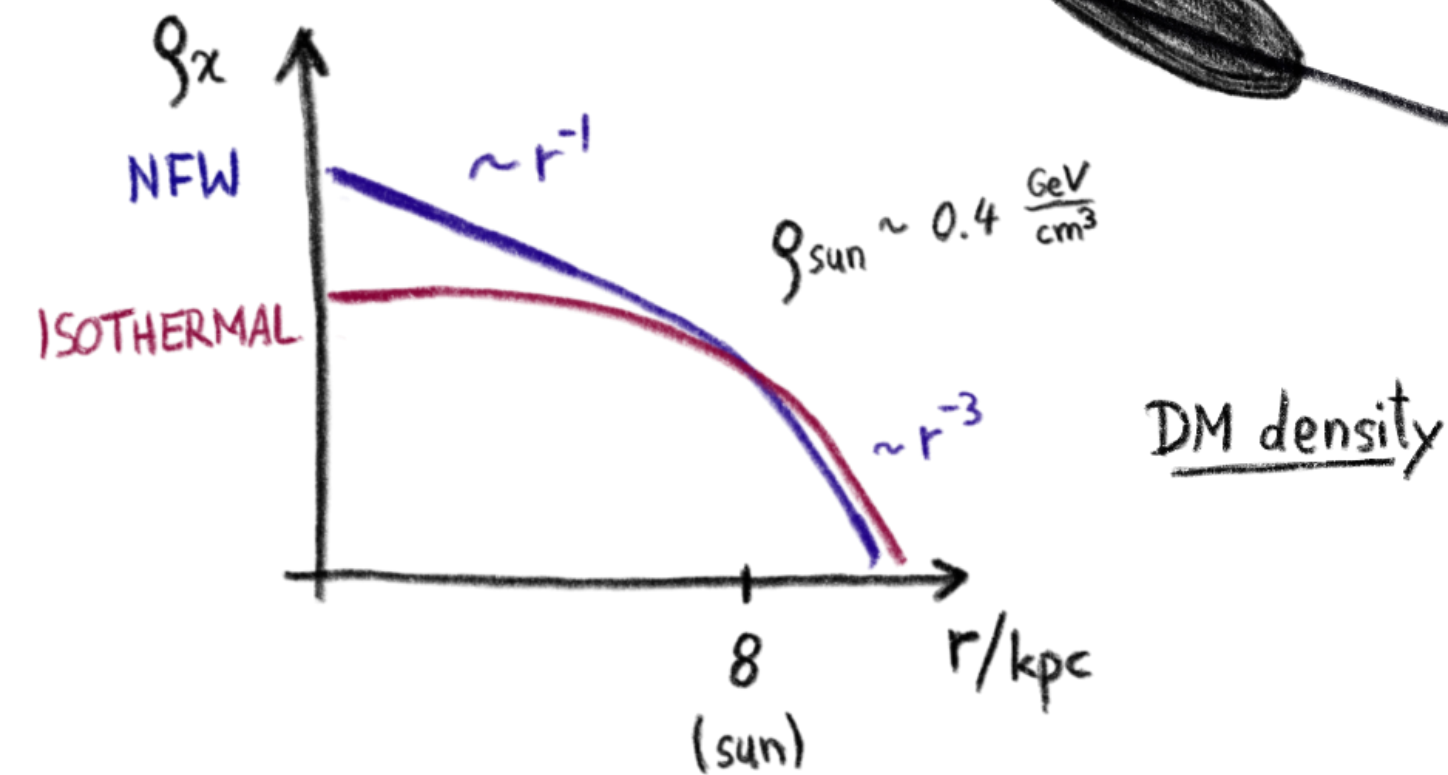
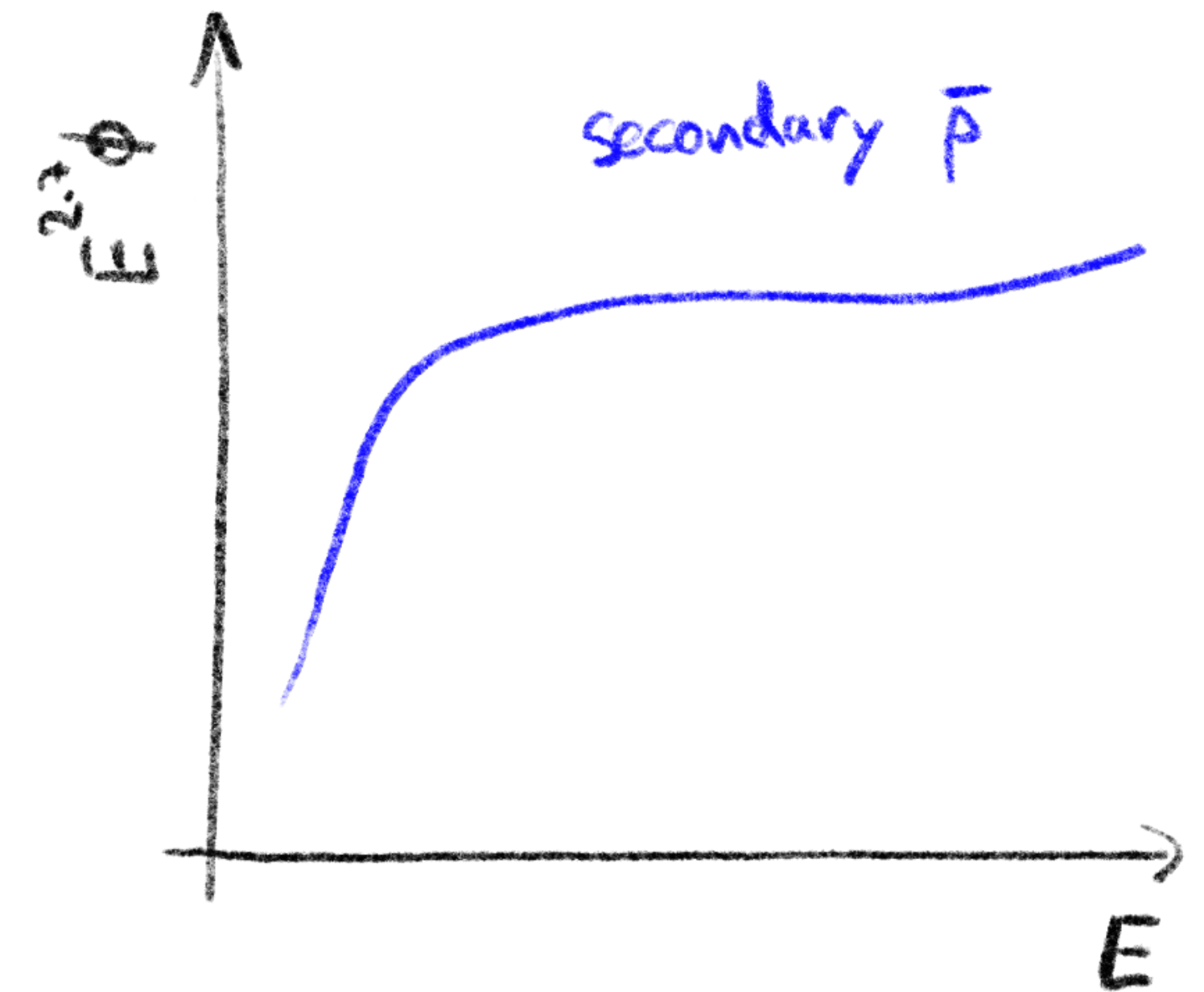


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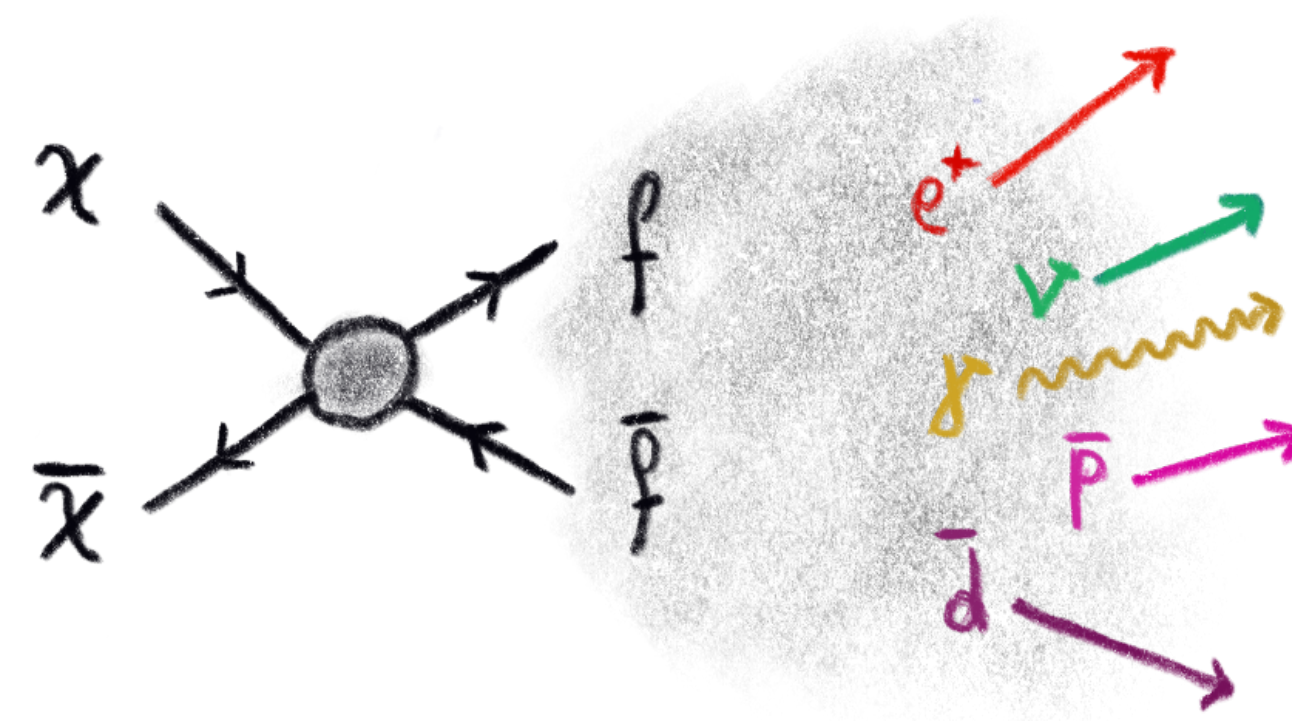
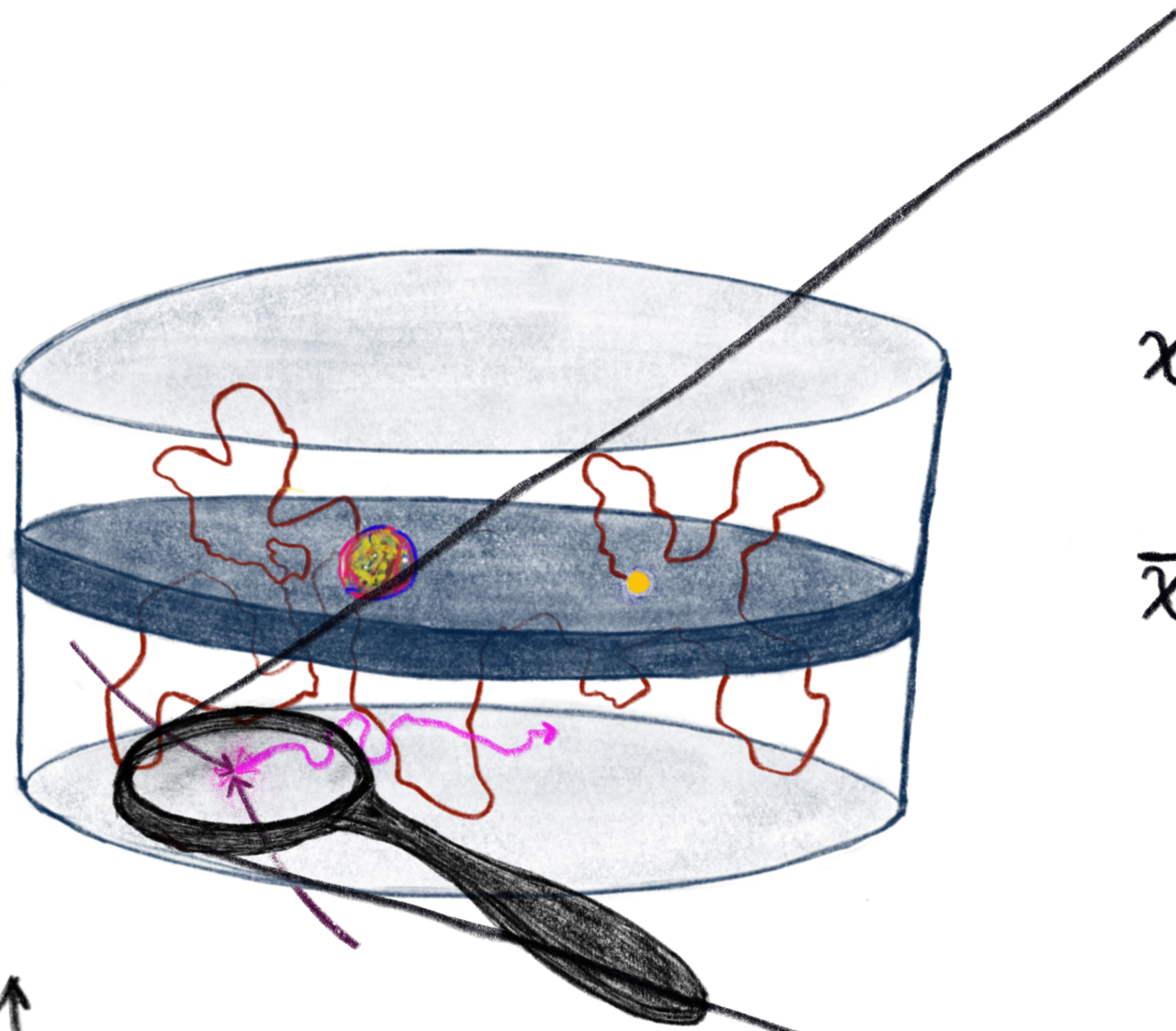
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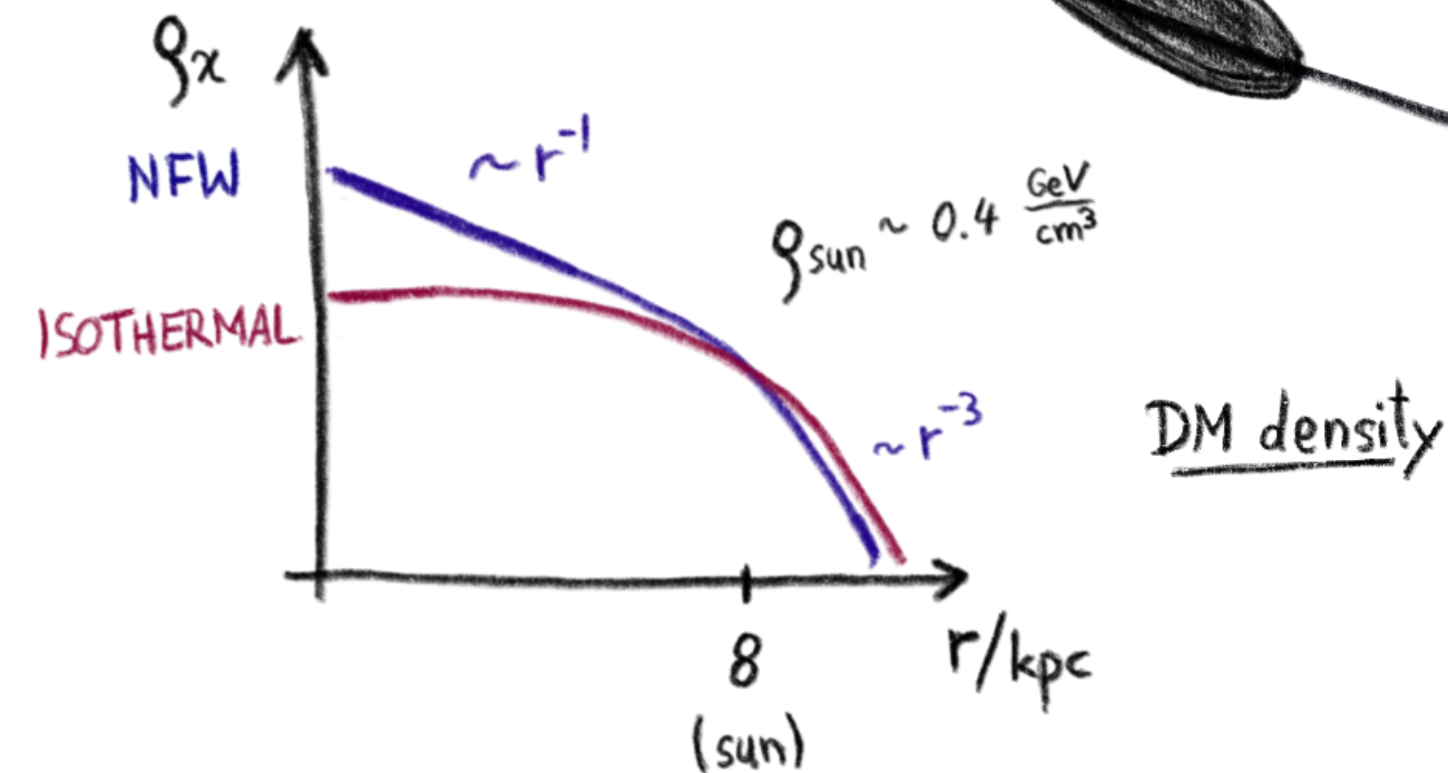
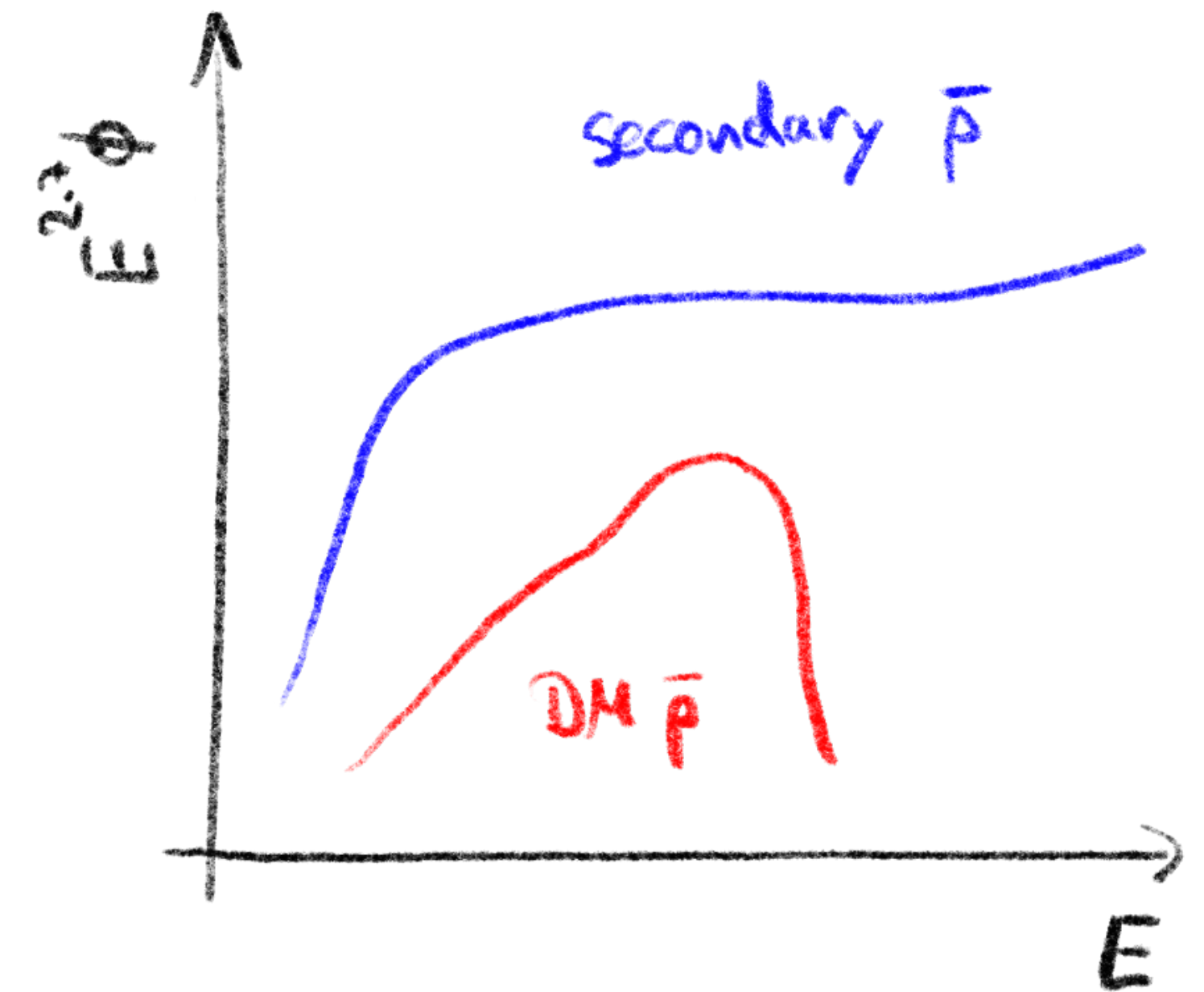


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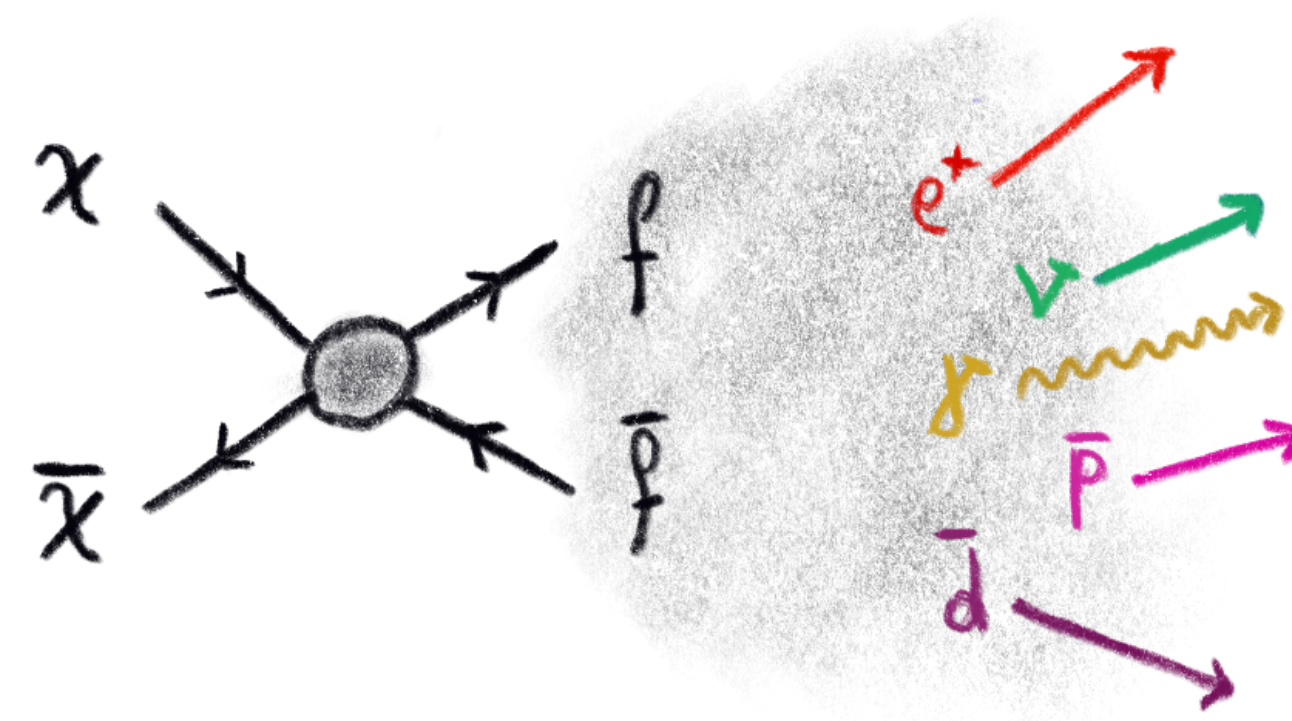
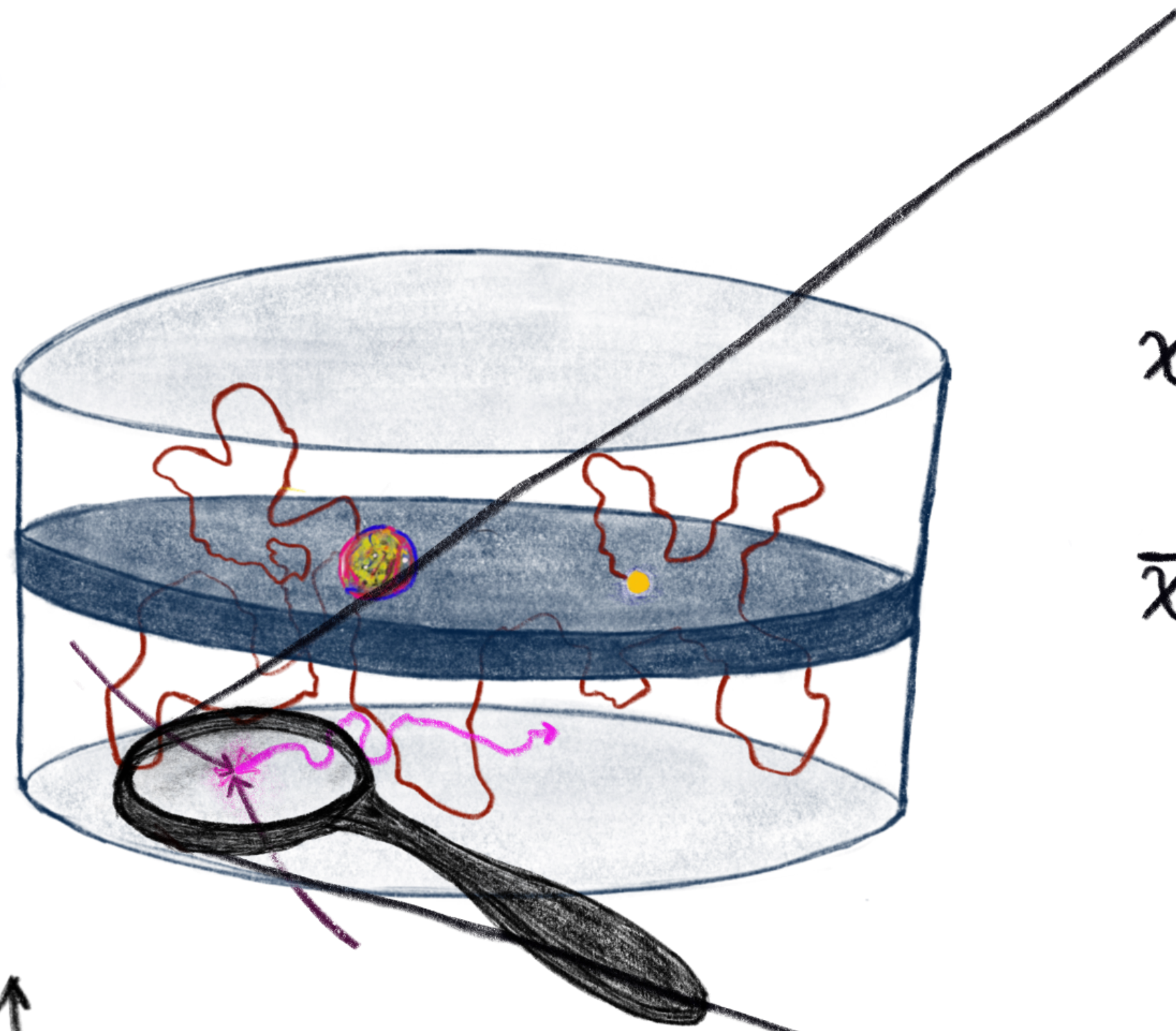


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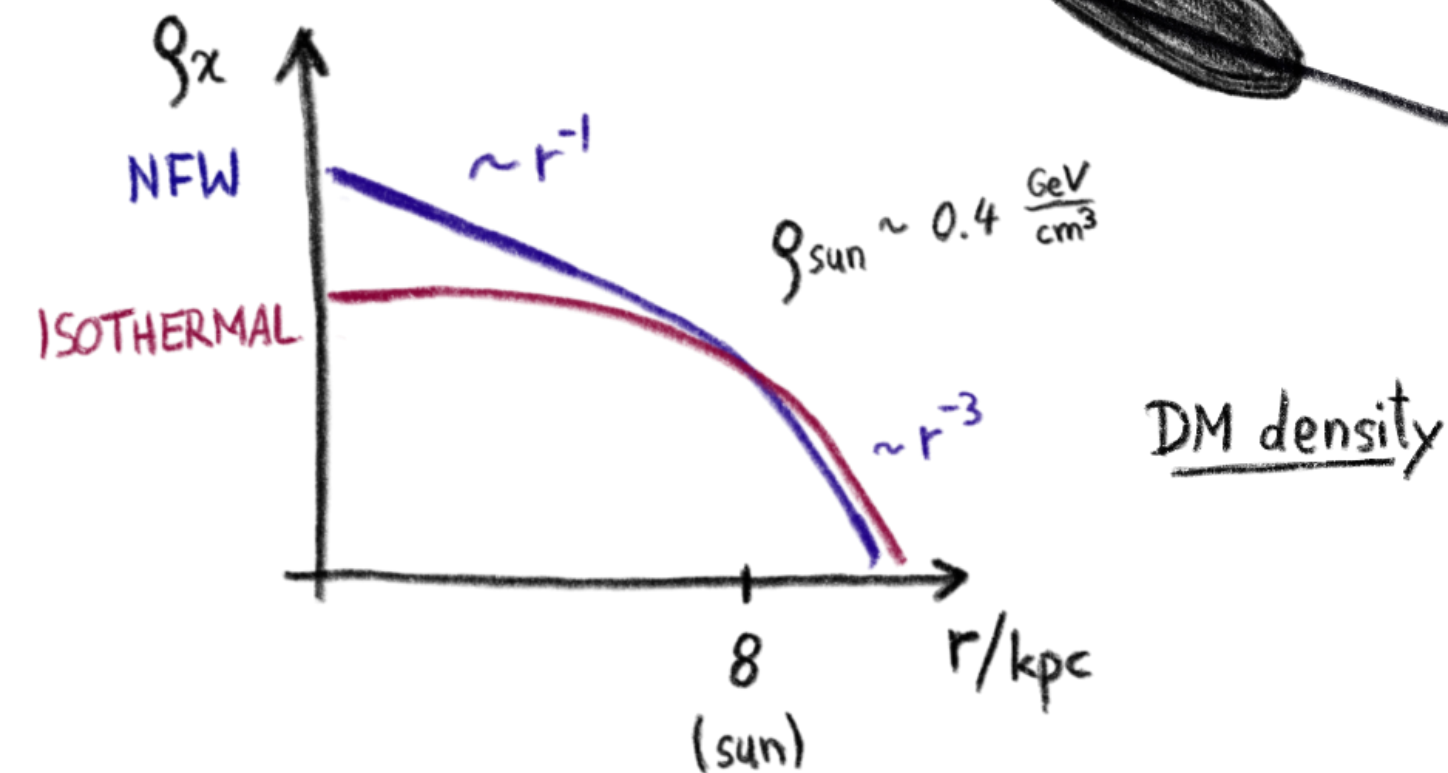
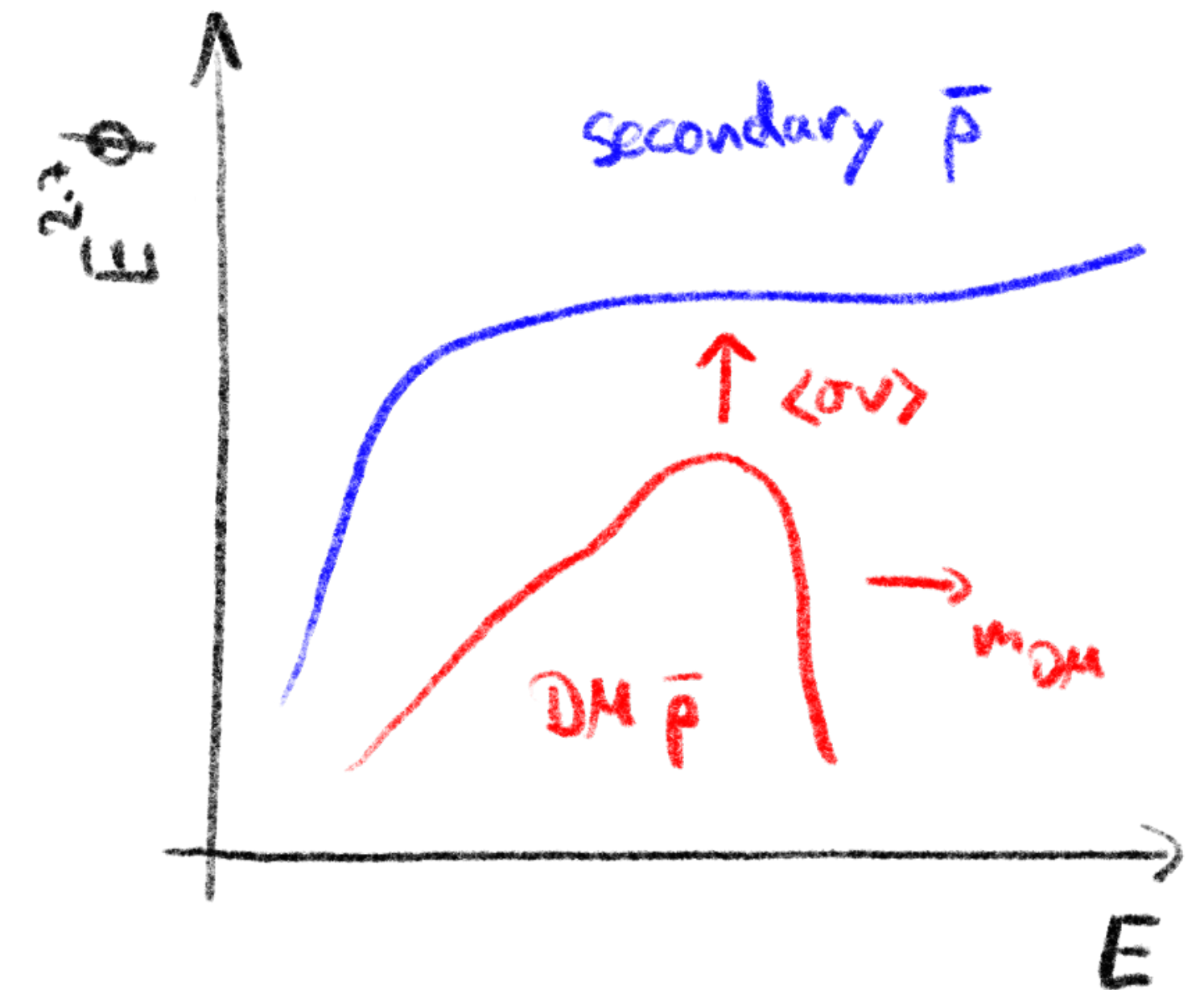
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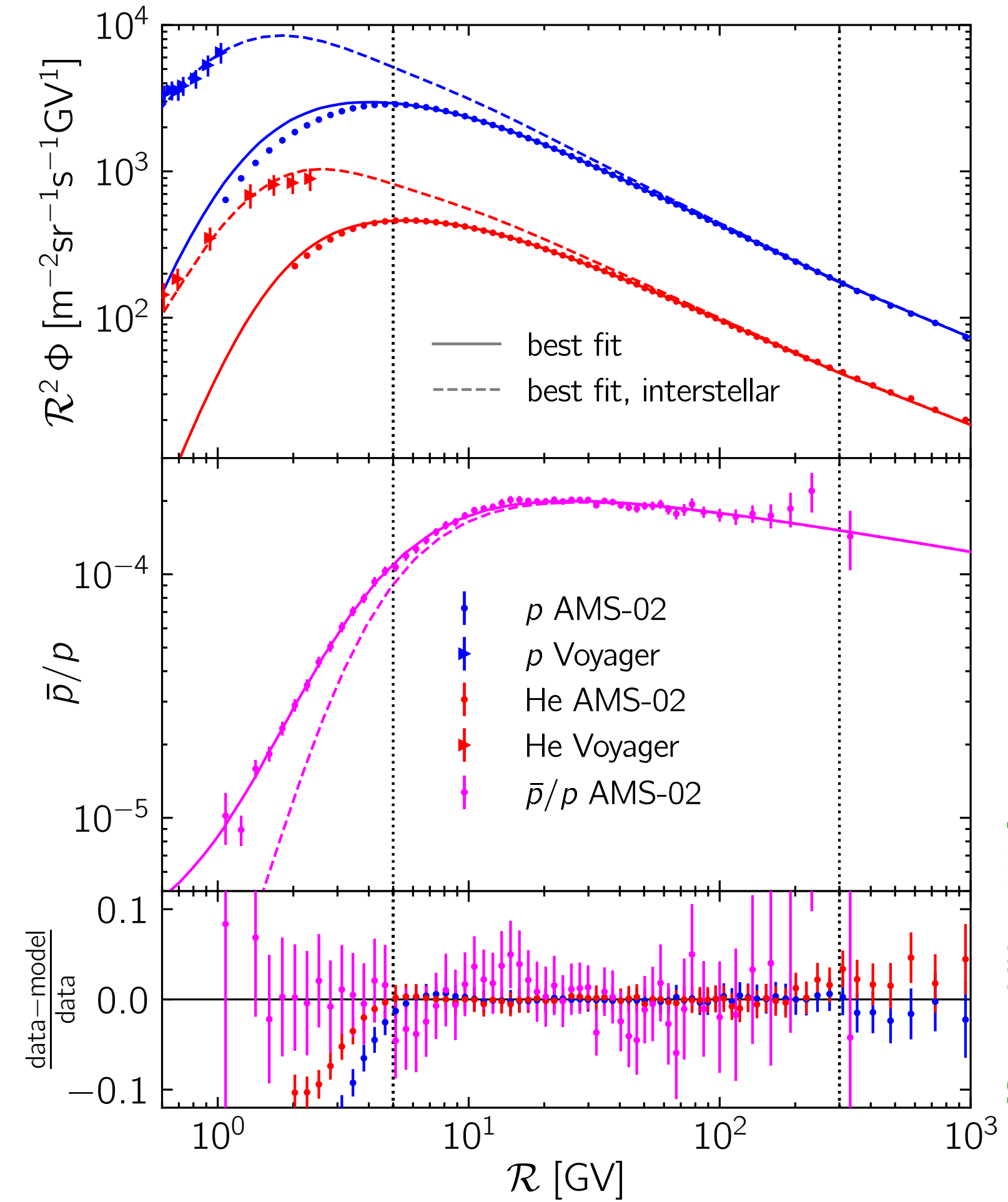
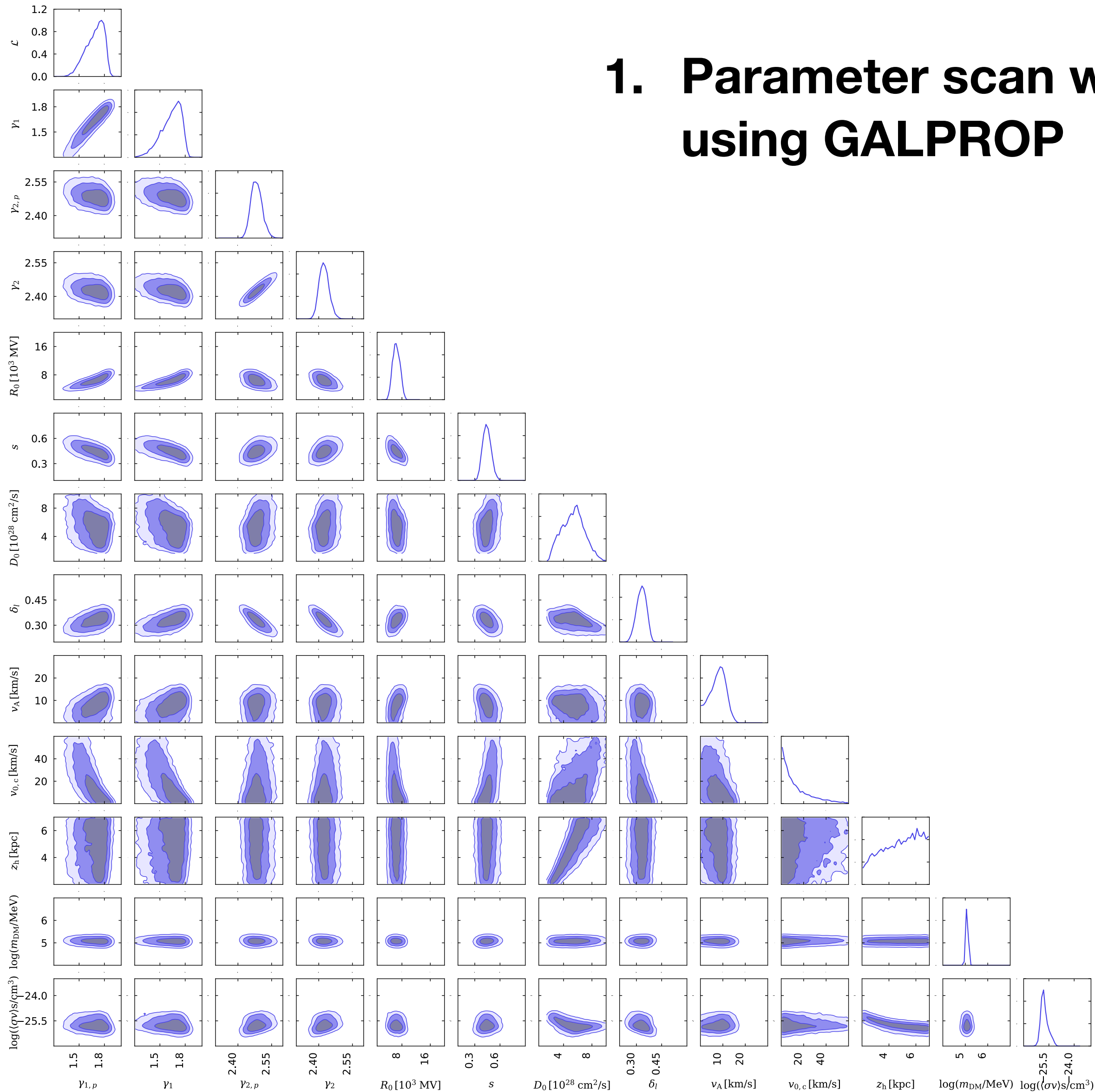
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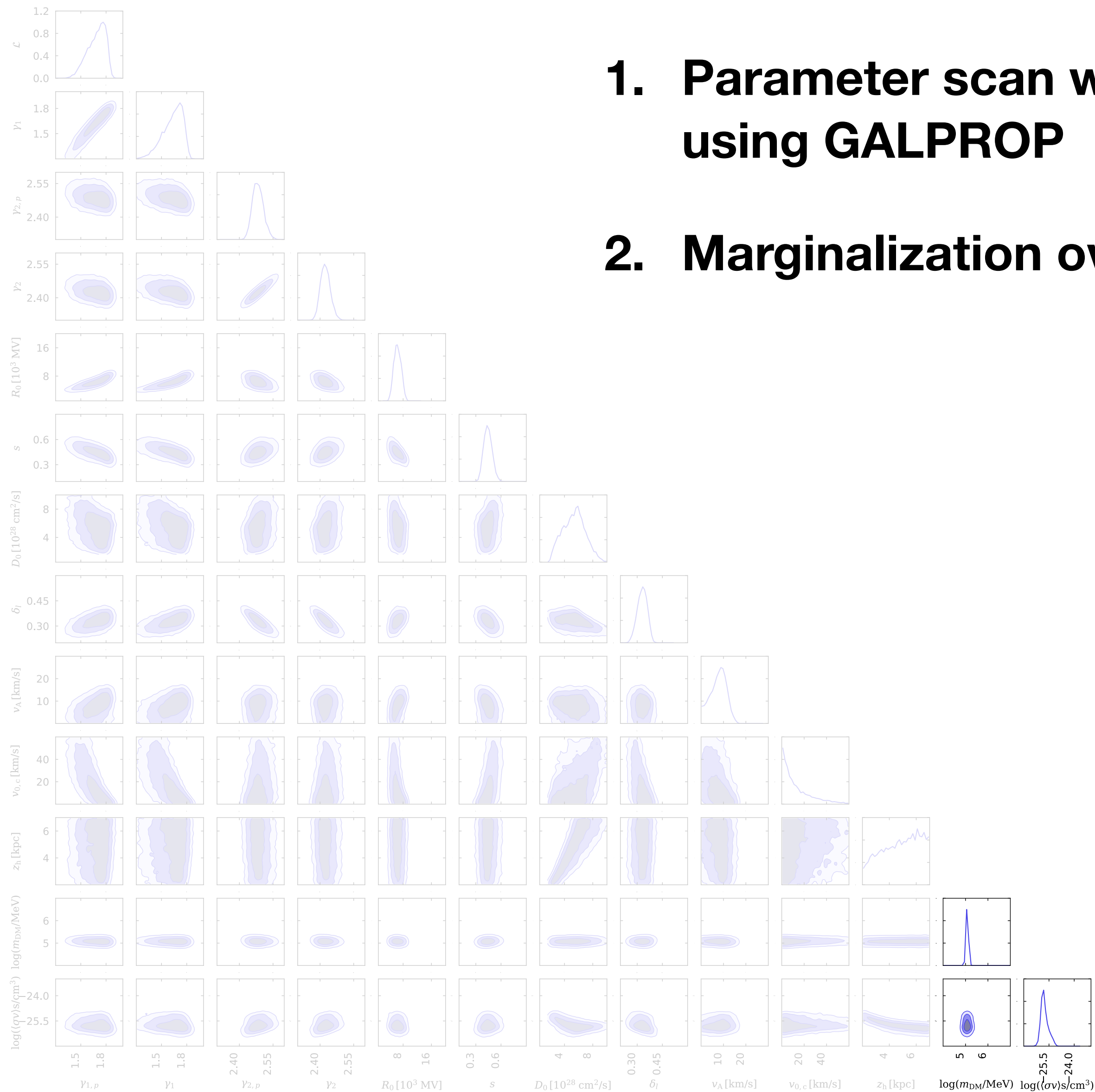
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[Cuoco, MK, +; 2019]  
(replotted results of the default setup w/o DM)

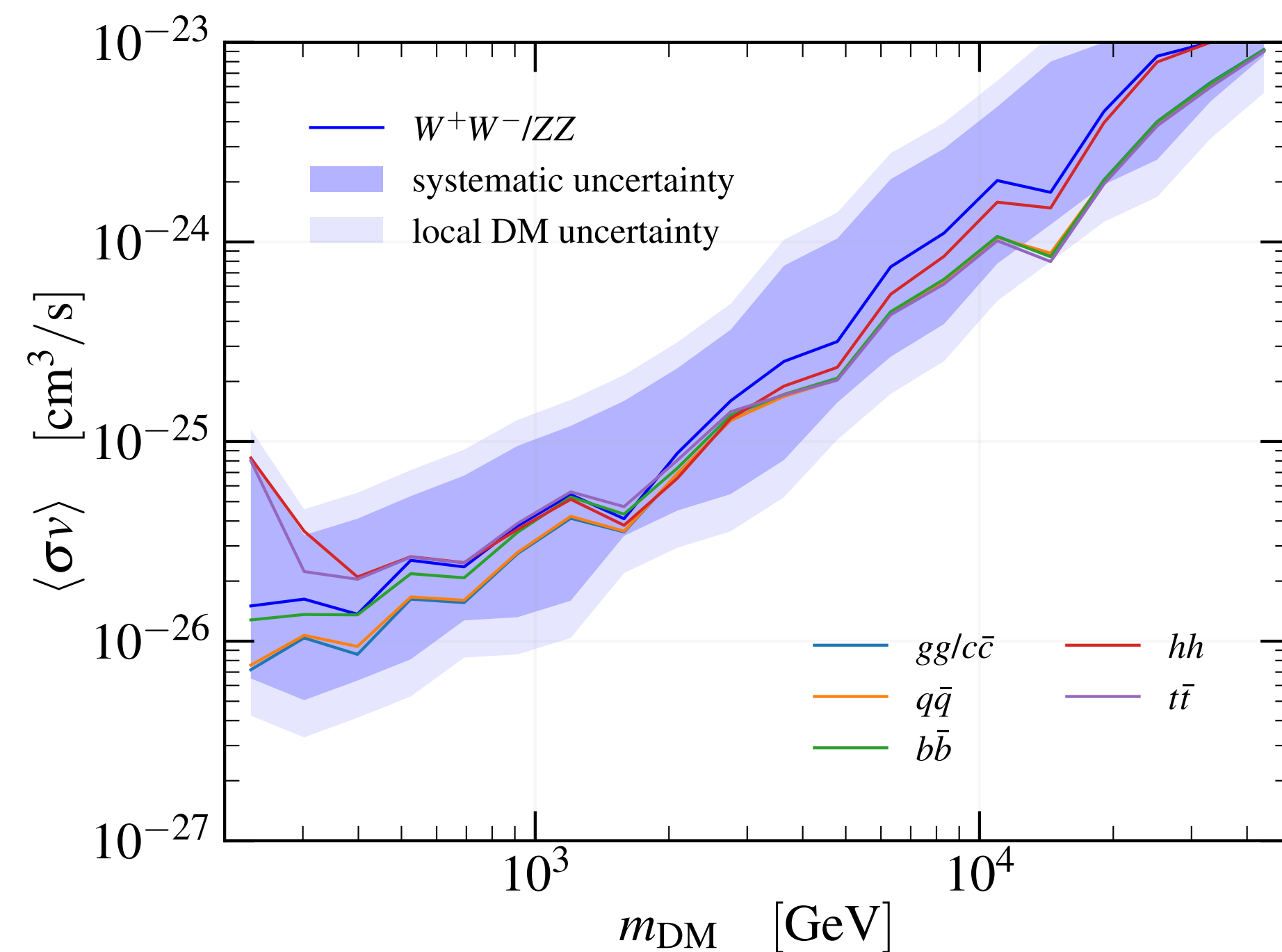
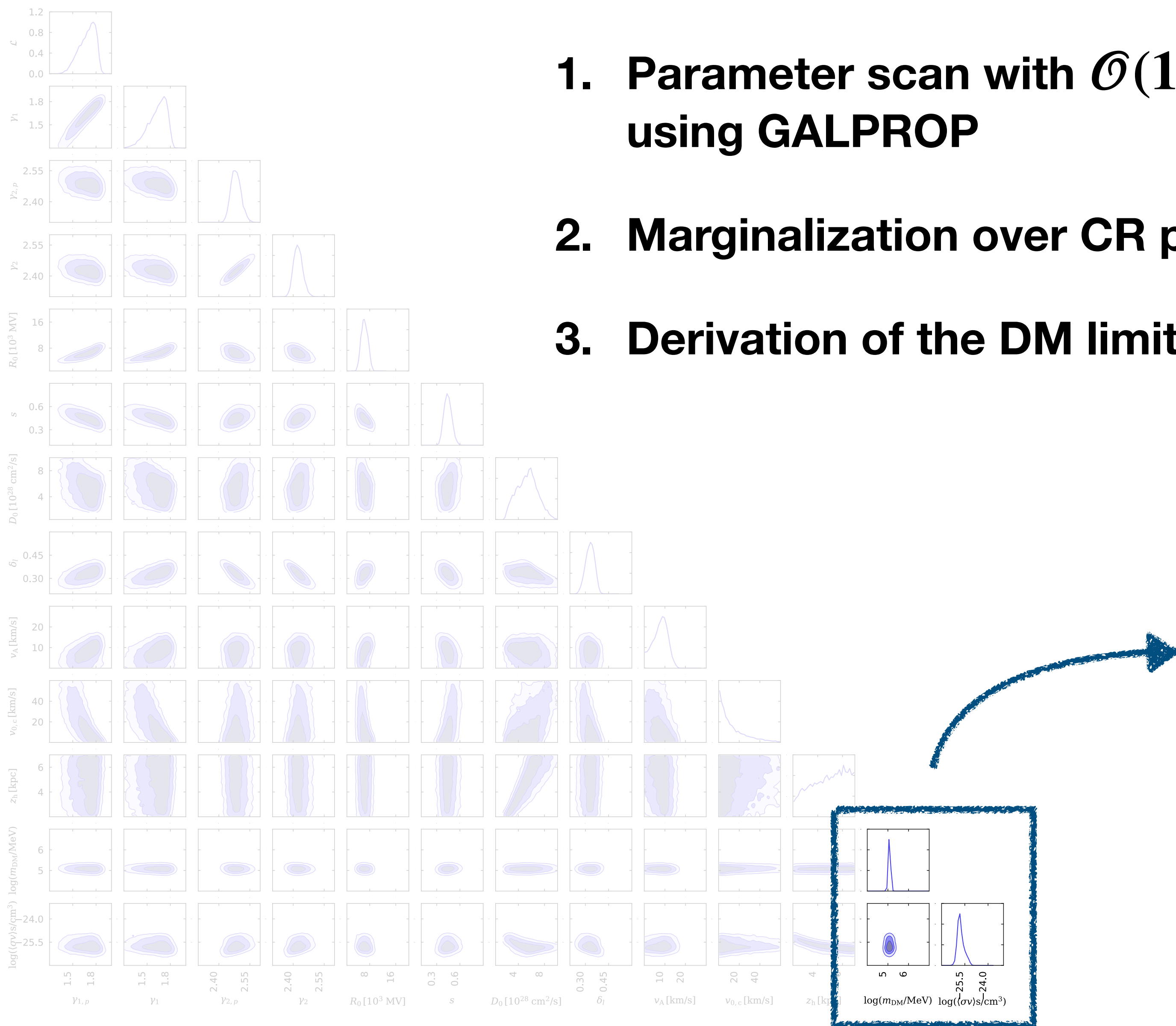
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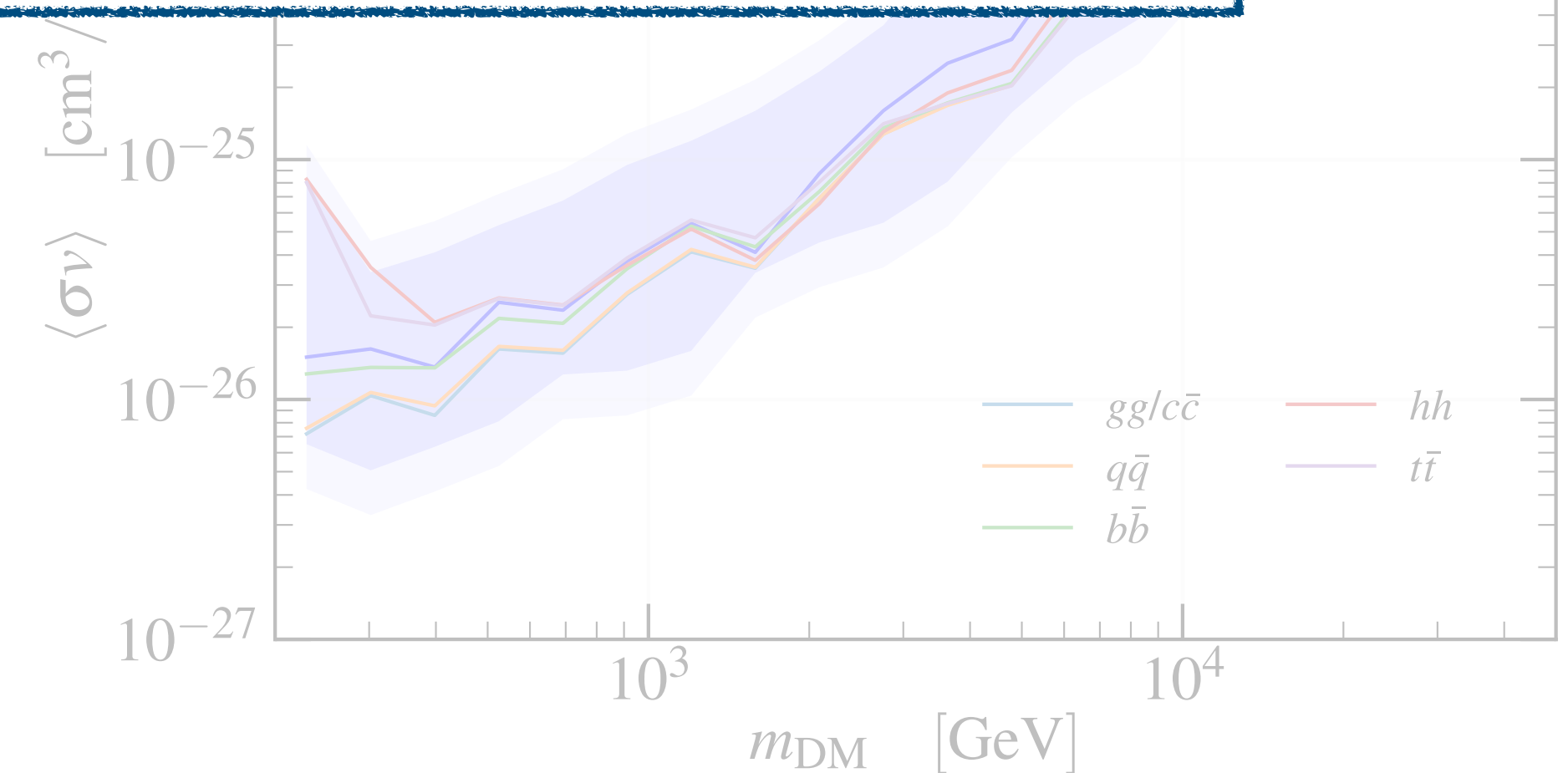


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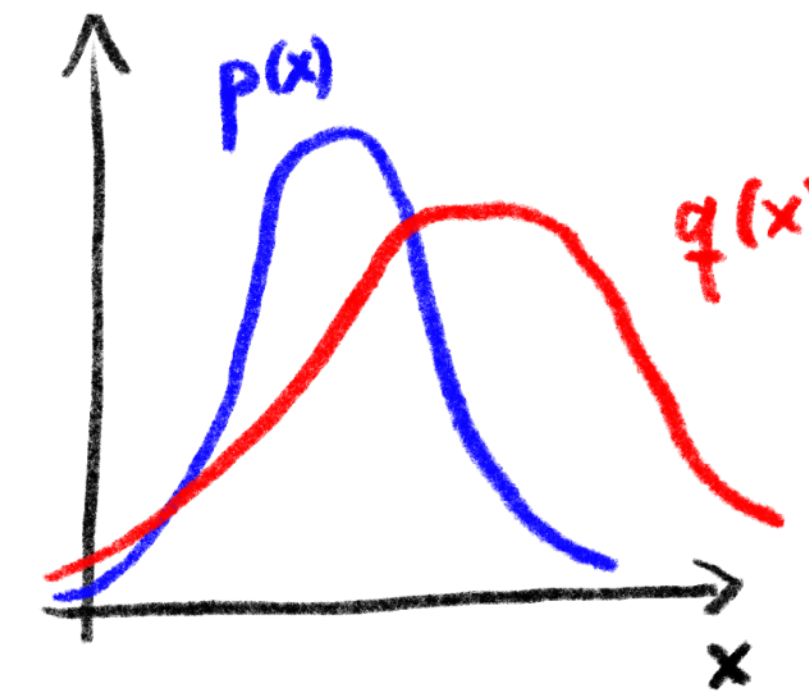
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Deriving the limit for one standard model final state takes  $\sim 50\,000$  cpu-hours.



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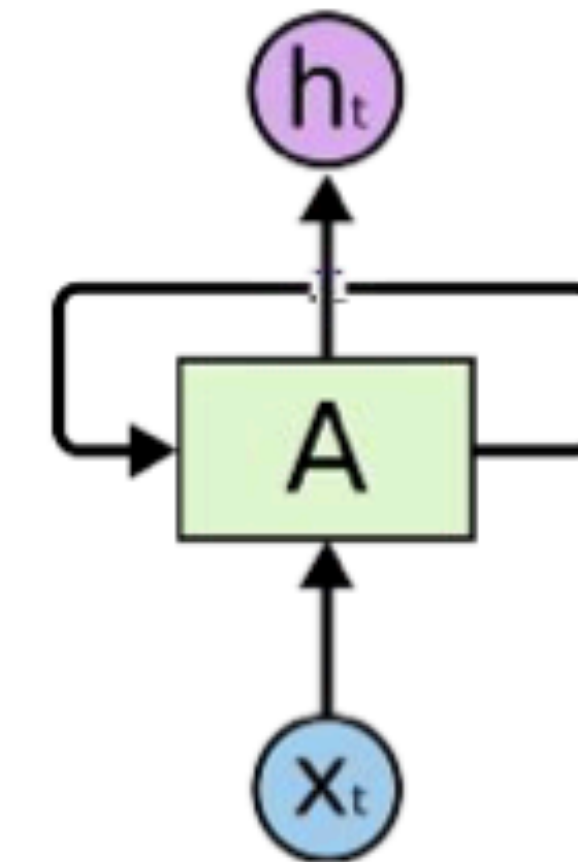
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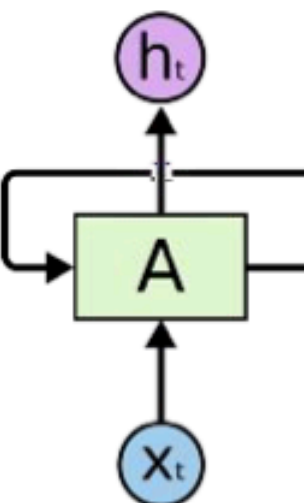


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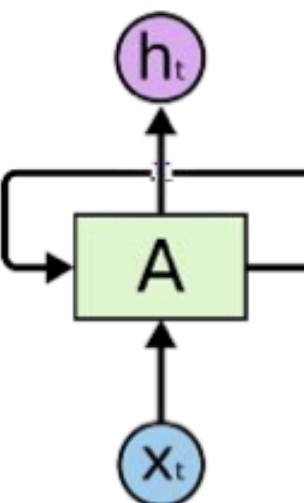
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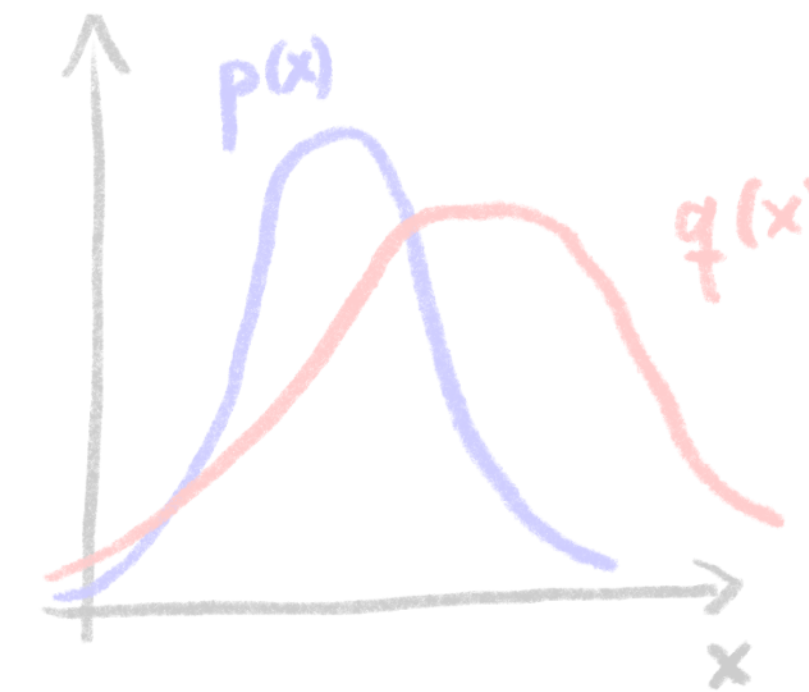


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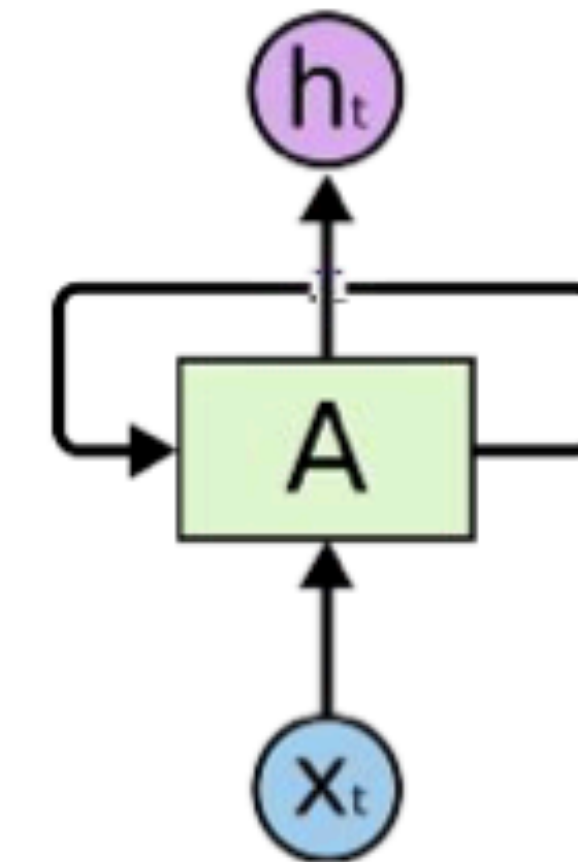
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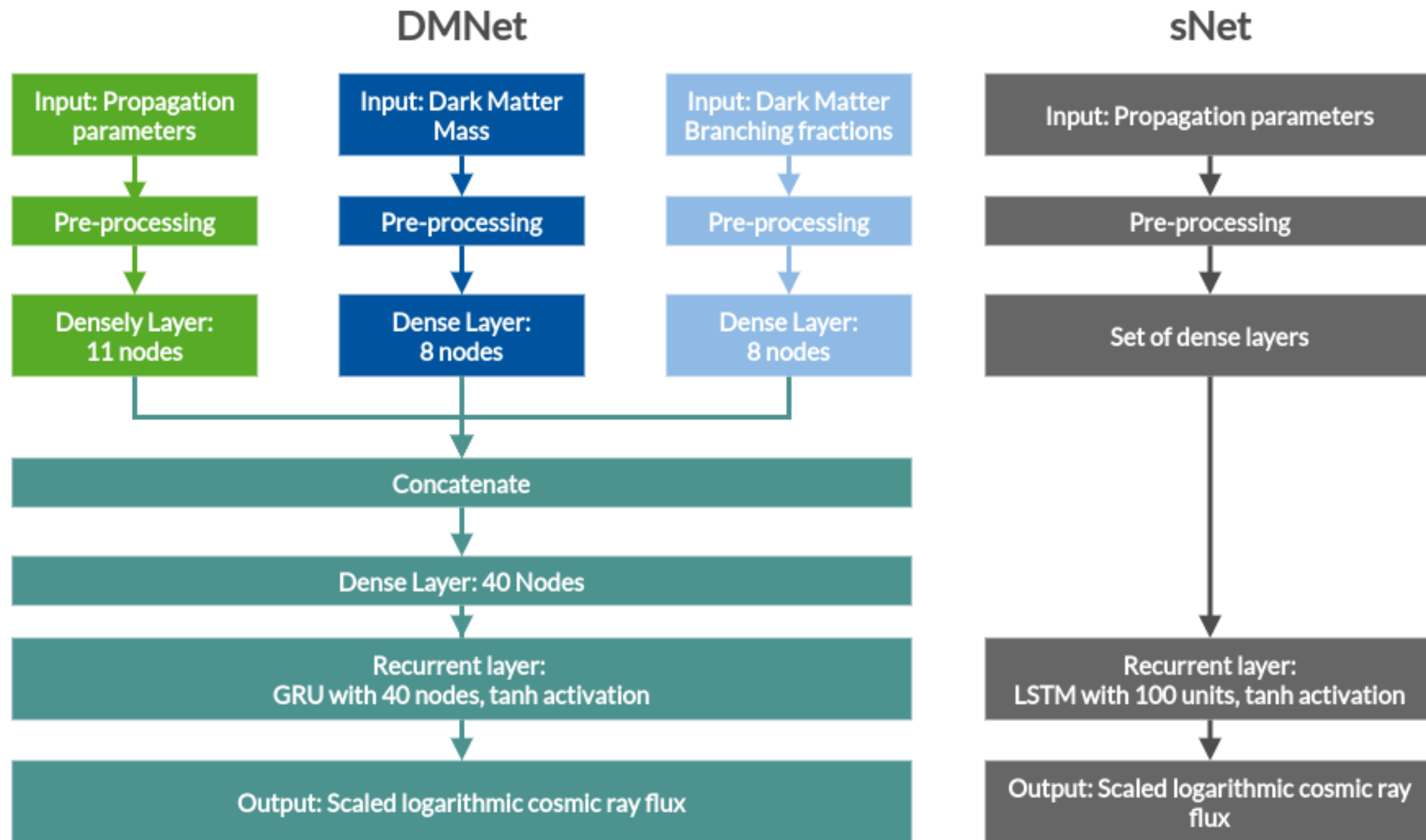
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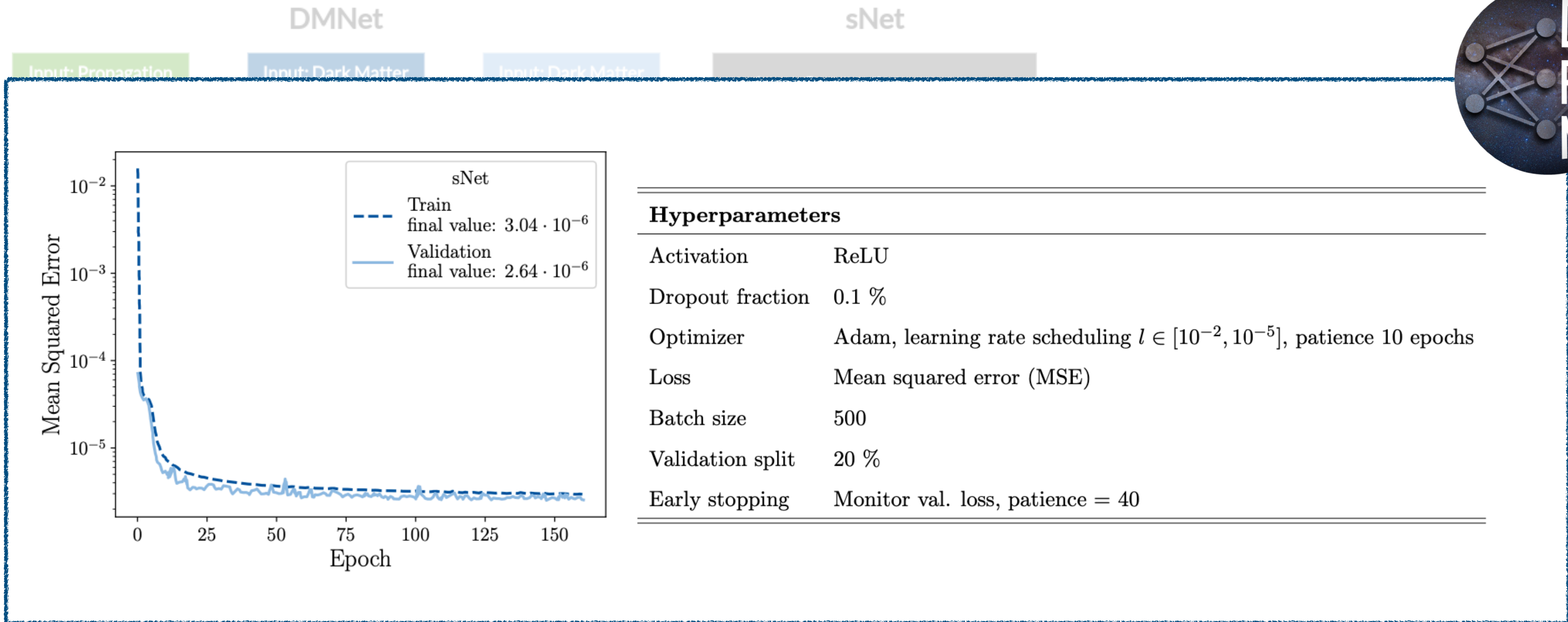
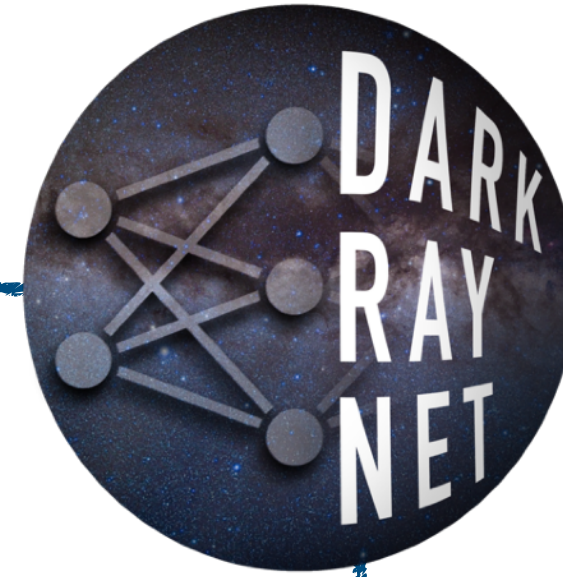
**Training Data:  
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**RNNs efficiently learn  
smooth spectra**

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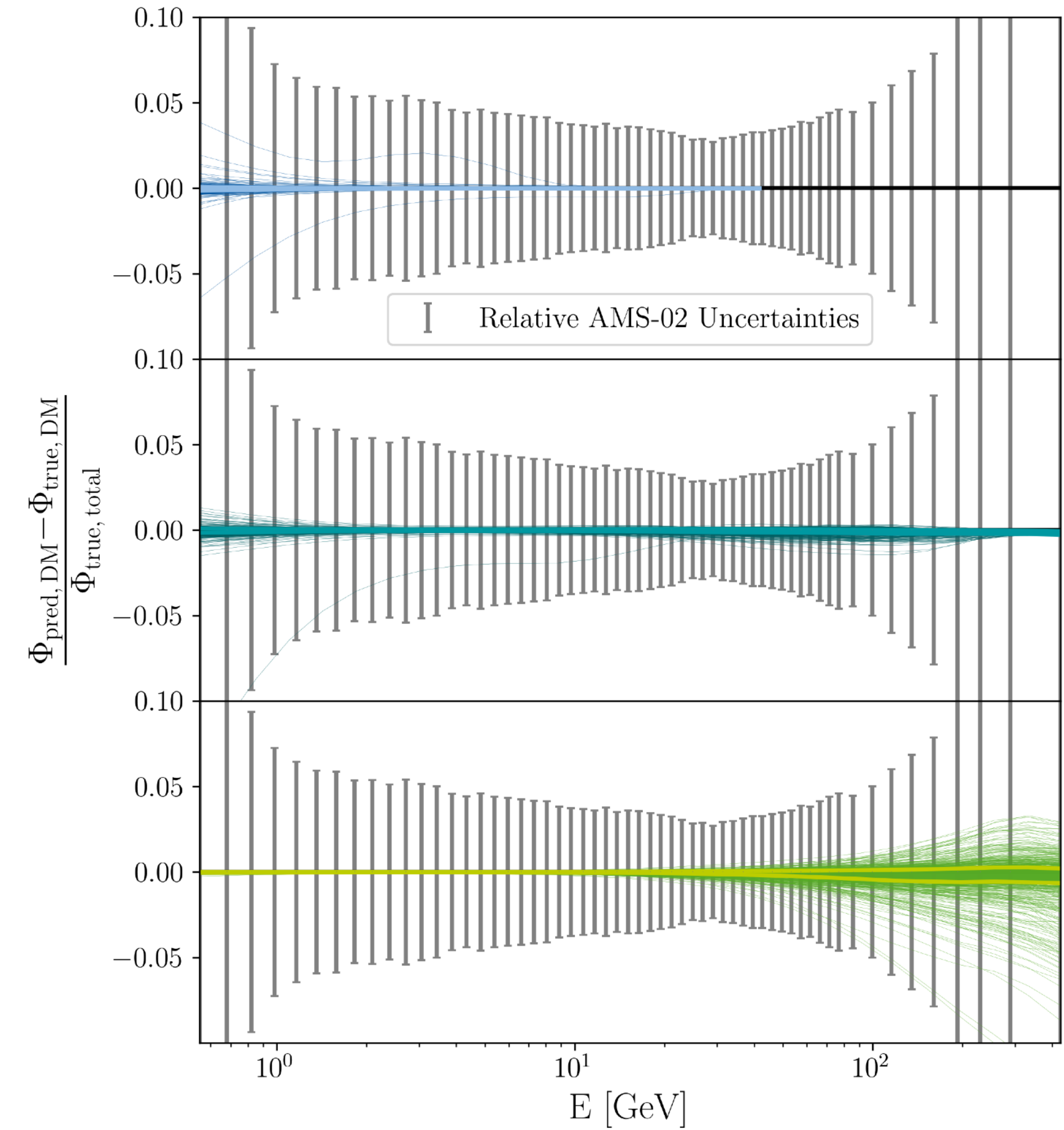
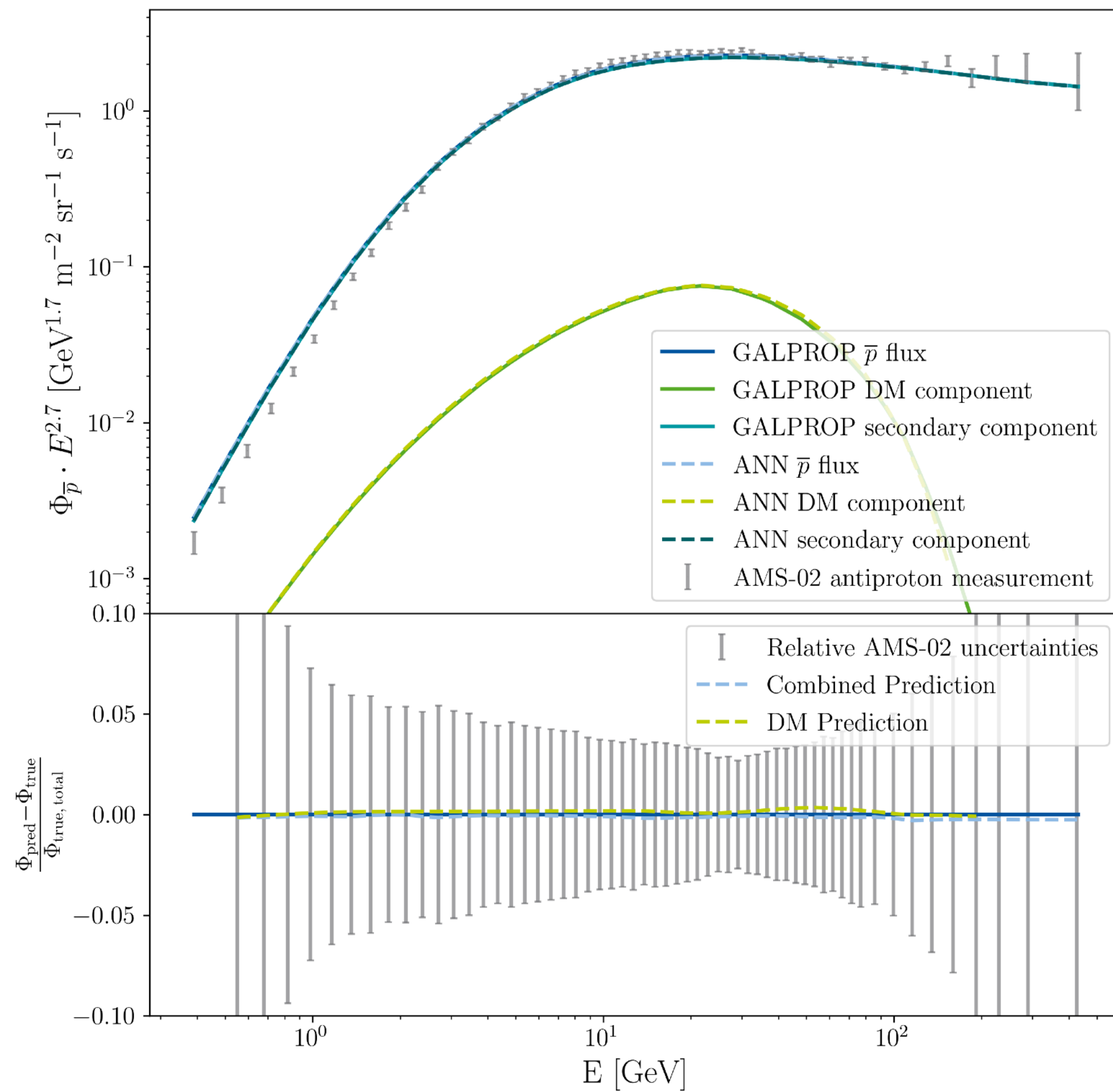


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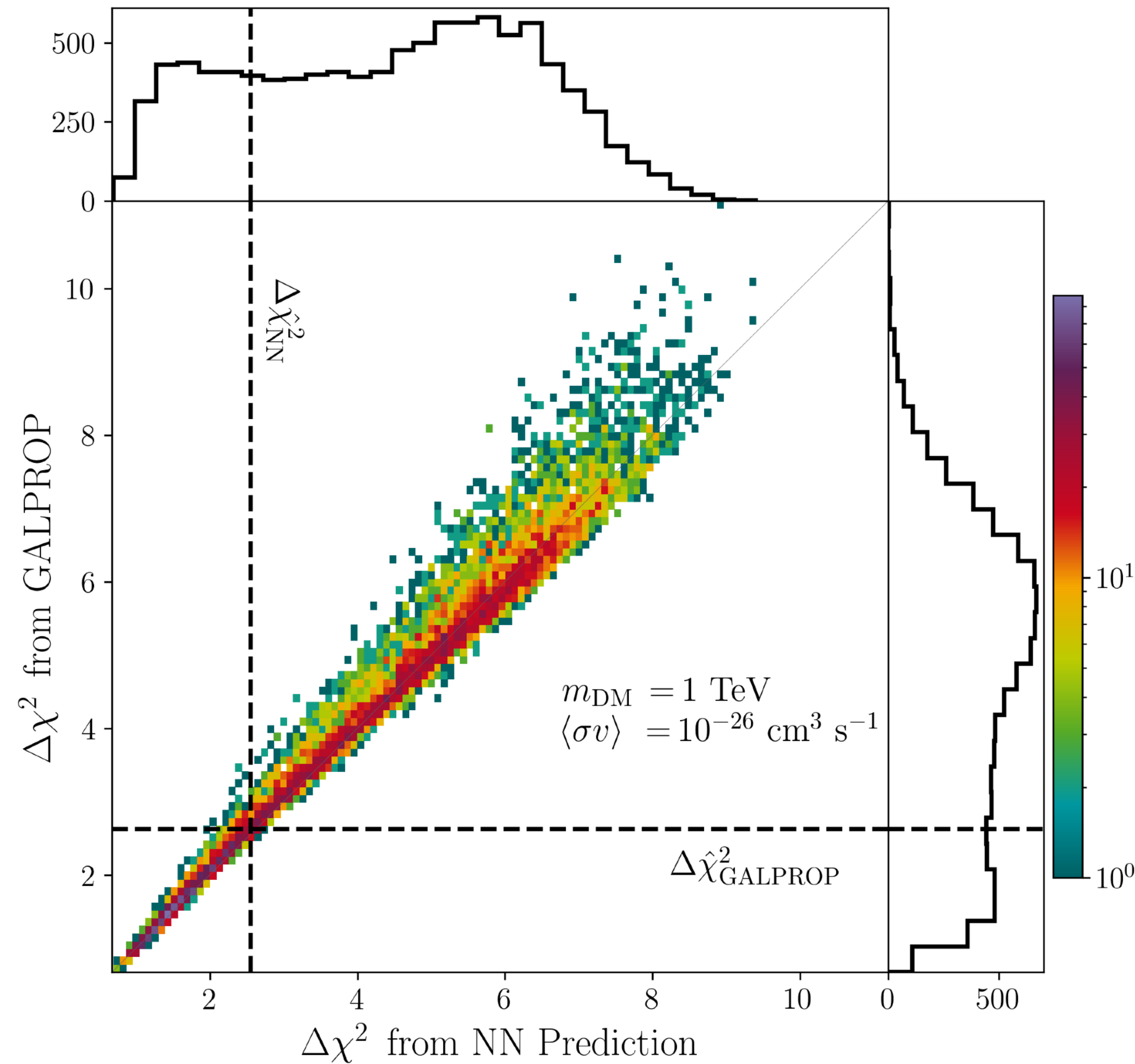


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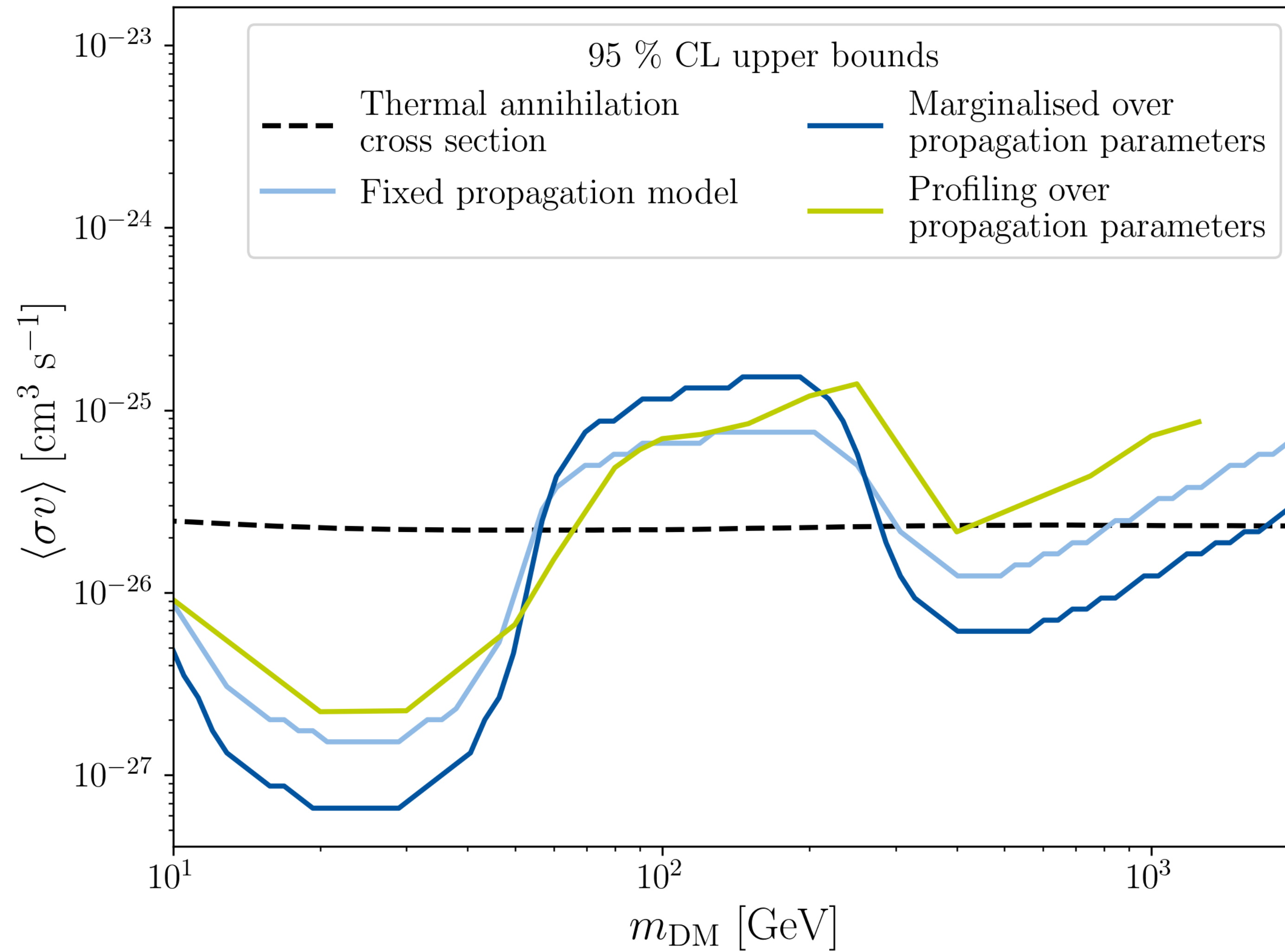
**Uncertainties from the NN prediction are almost negligible compared to AMS-02 measurement uncertainties.**

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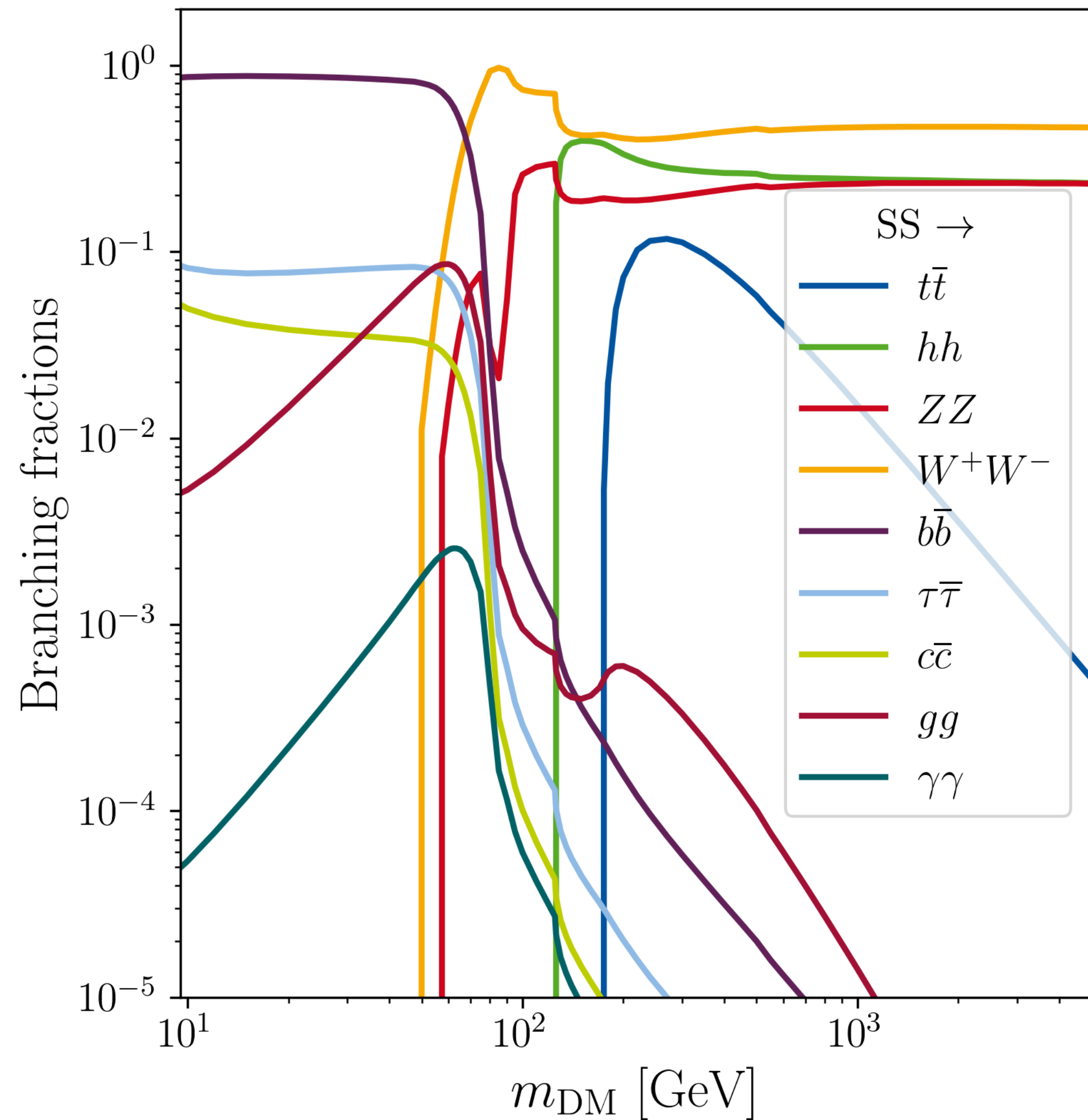


**Comparison of the  $\Delta\chi^2$  evaluation between the RNN and GALPROP for a large validation set shows very good agreement!**

# DM limits (example $b\bar{b}$ )

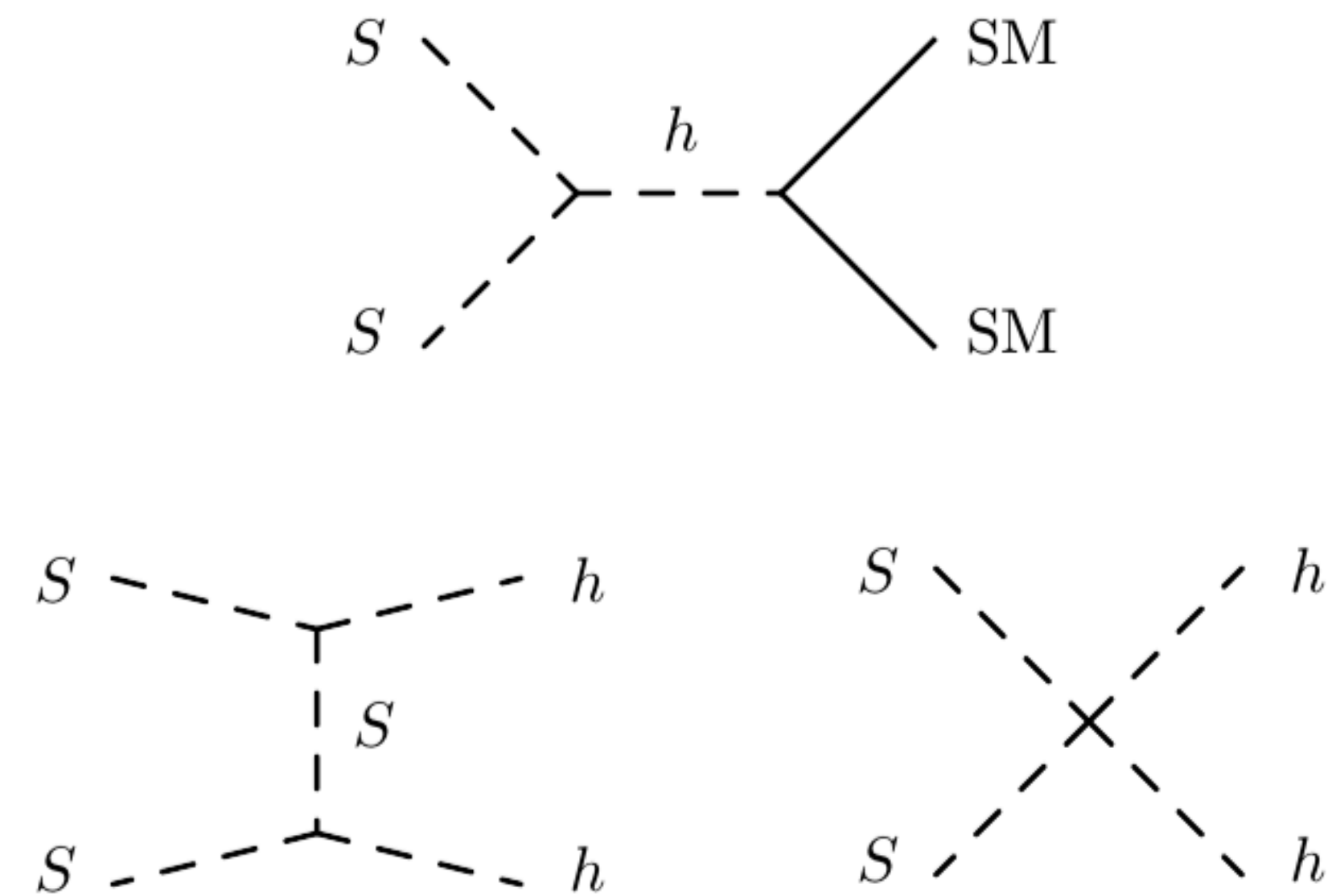


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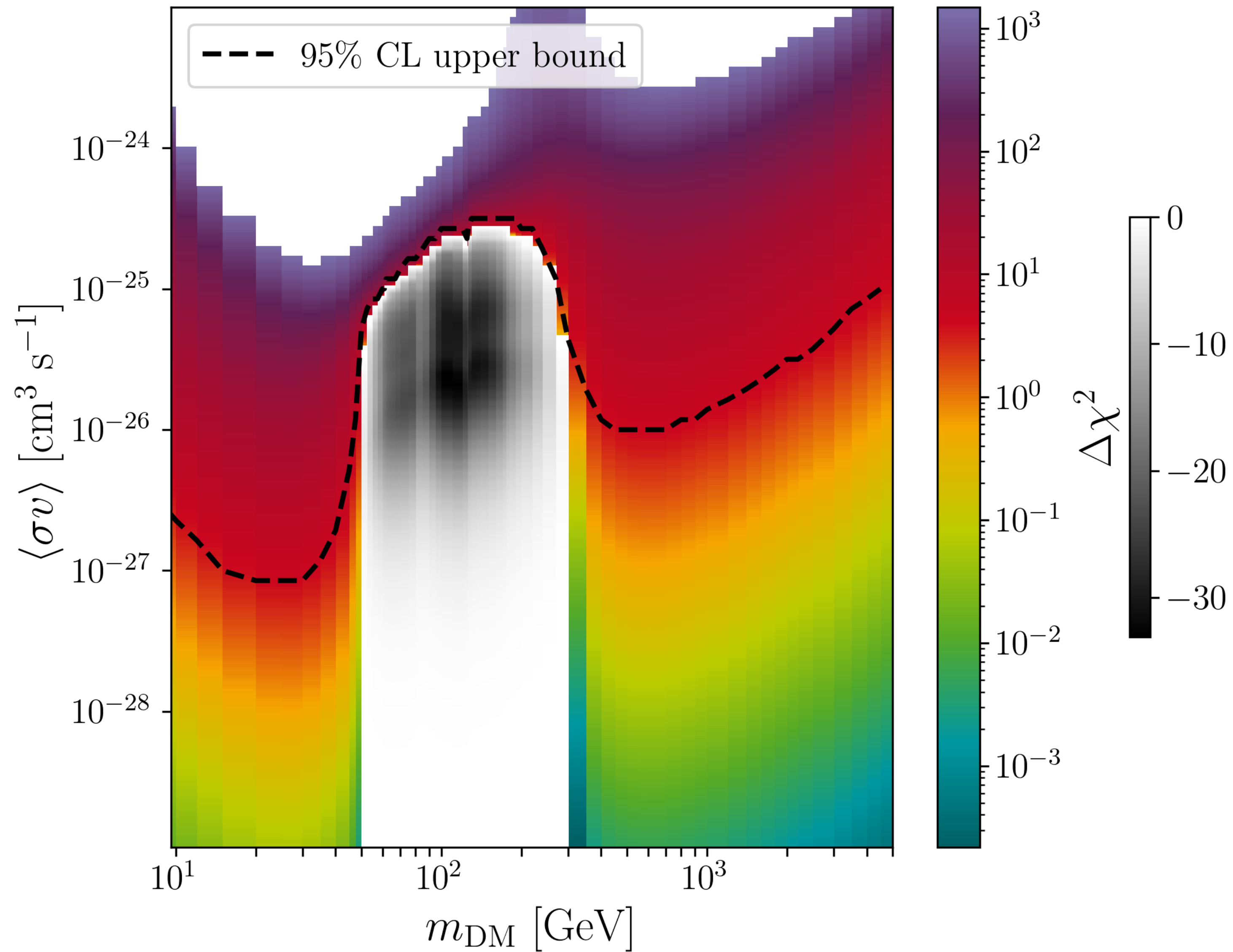


After EW symmetry breaking:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2}m_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{HS} h^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{HS} v h S^2$$



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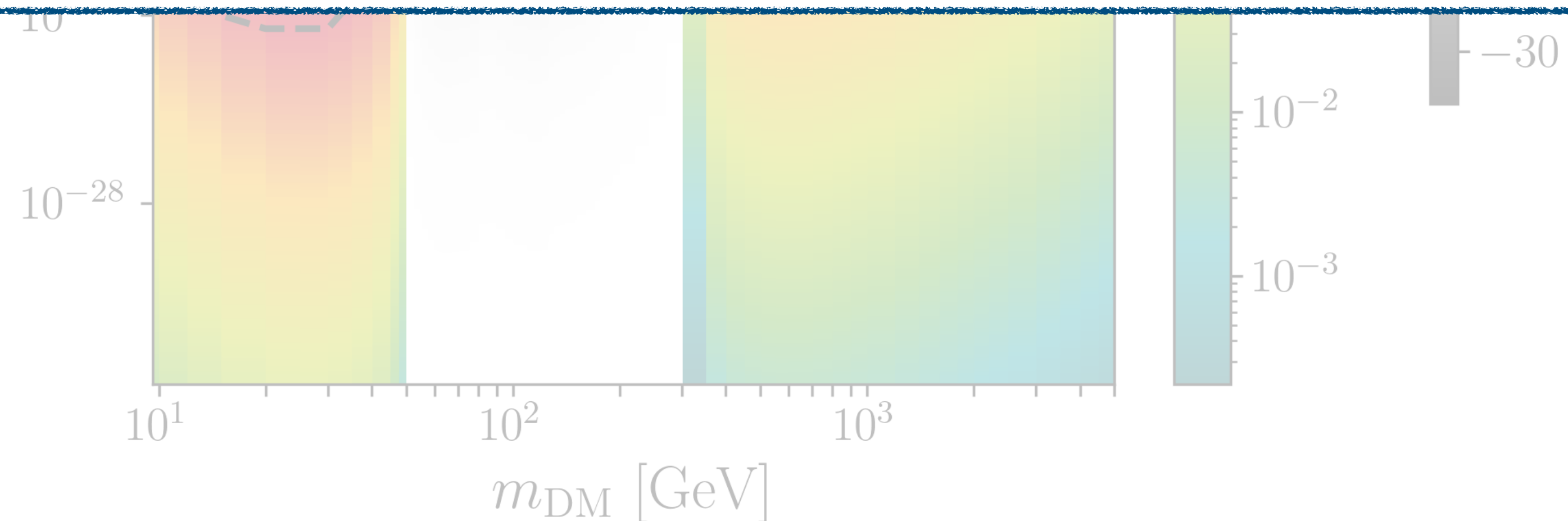


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**Deriving the limit takes  $\sim 60$  cpu-hours.**

**Speed-up of  $\mathcal{O}(100)$ !**



# Conclusions

**We have developed tools to quickly derive DM limits for a large number of DM models**

**RNNs are particularly well suited to predict CR spectra both for DM and the astrophysical background**

**The networks are published.  
Try it yourself on [GitHub](#) !**

