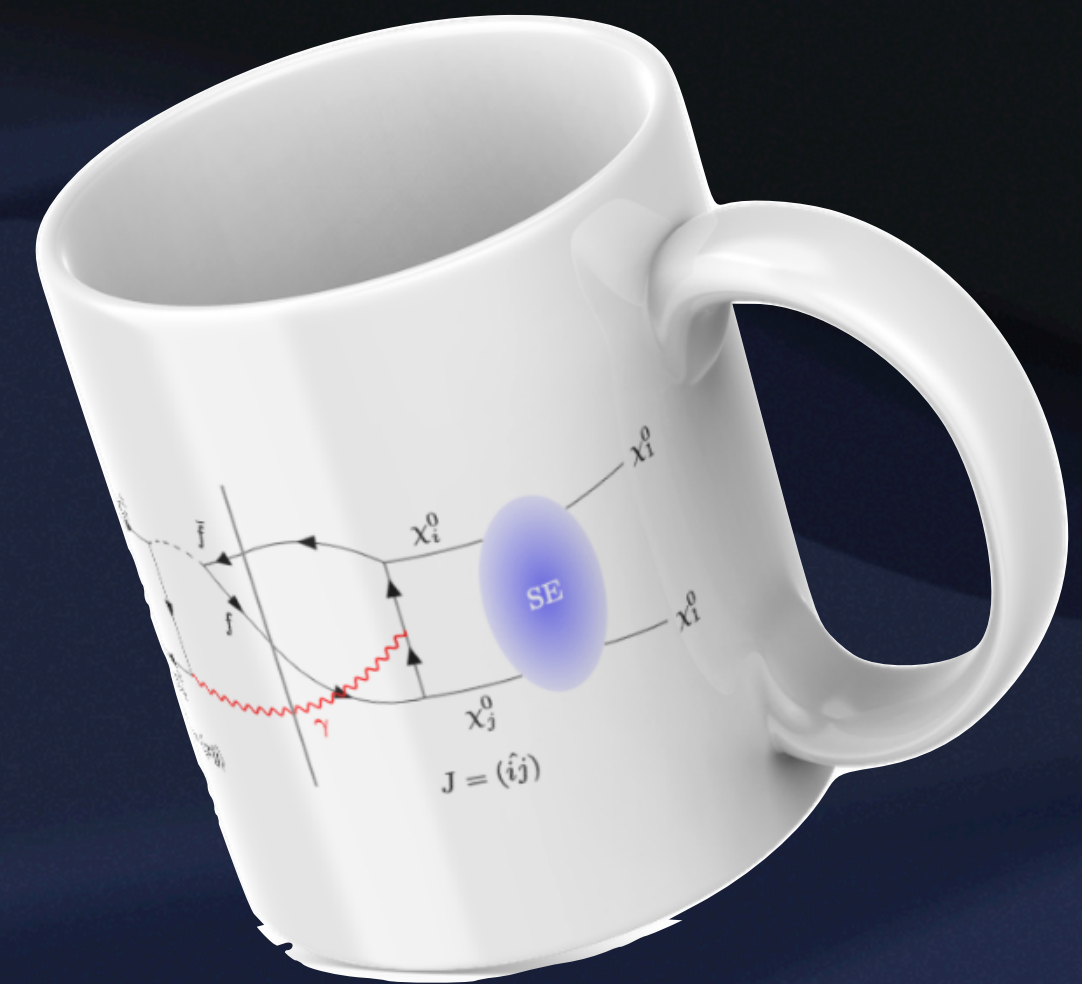


# Gamma rays from Neutralino annihilation in the 2020s

SUSY 2024



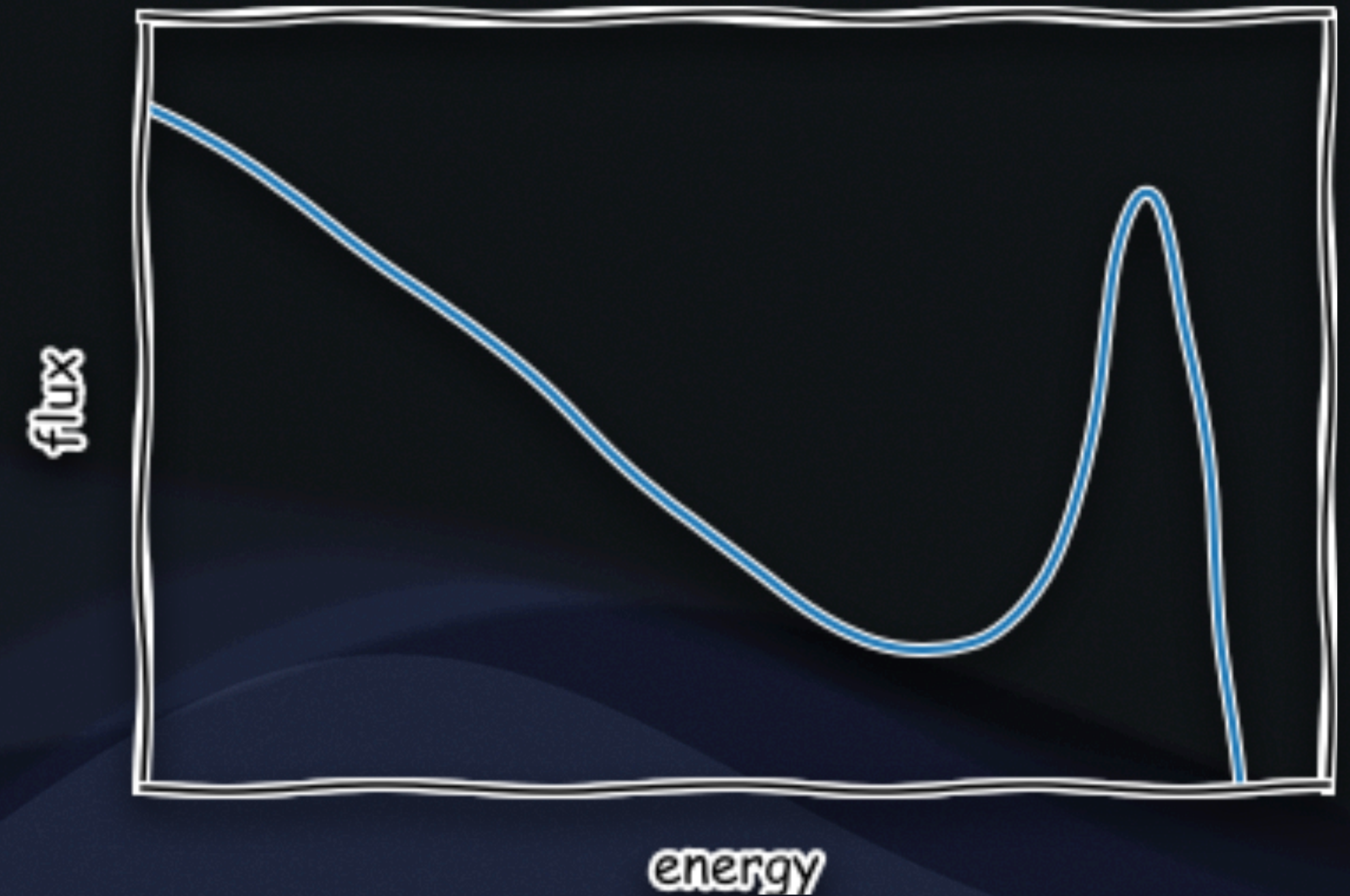
If Dark Matter is WIMPs (e.g. MSSM neutralinos)

→ Signal in the gamma-ray sky (from Dark Matter Annihilation)

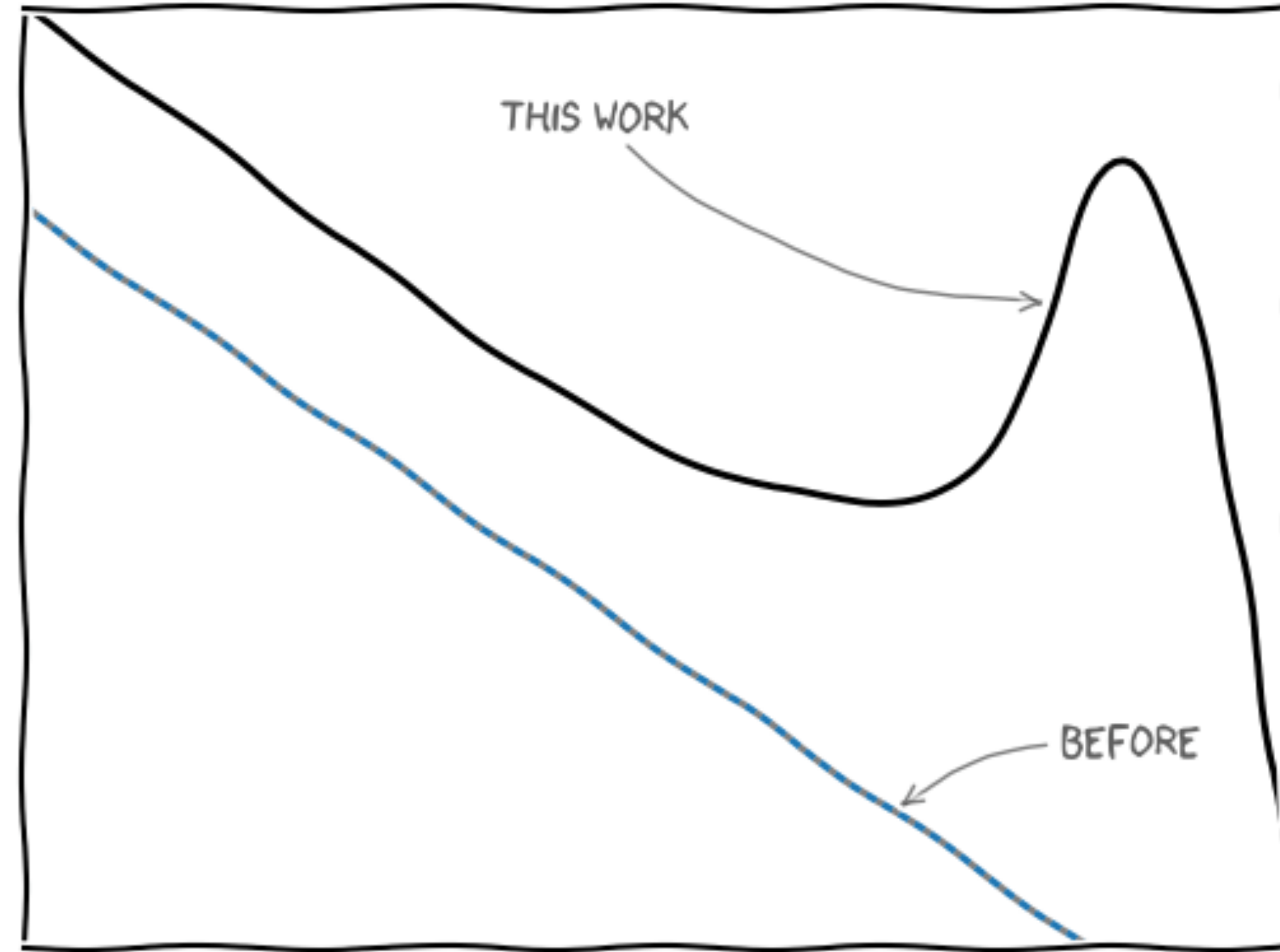
Theoretical prediction is complicated  
(Sommerfeld effect, radiative effects, ...)

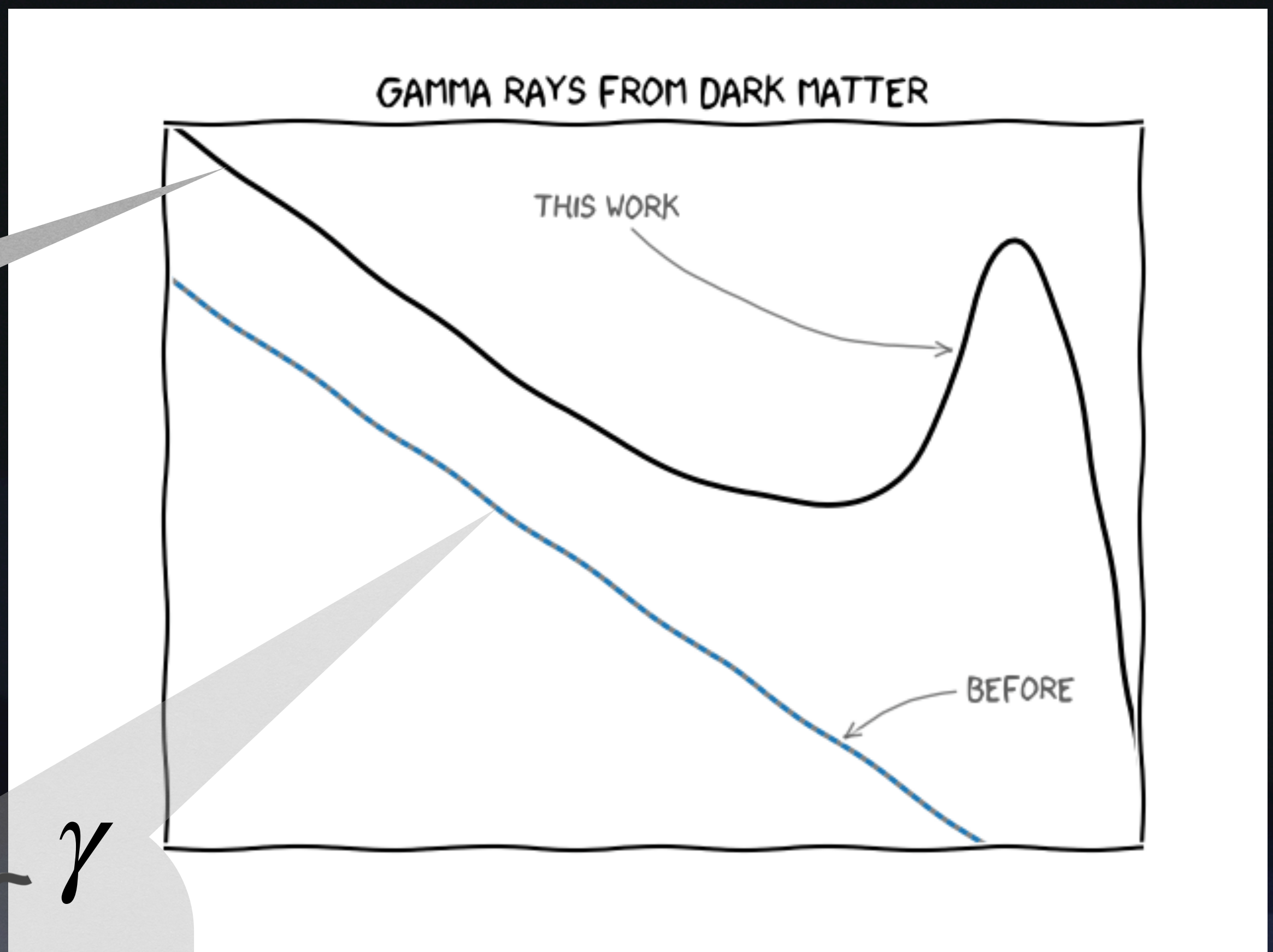
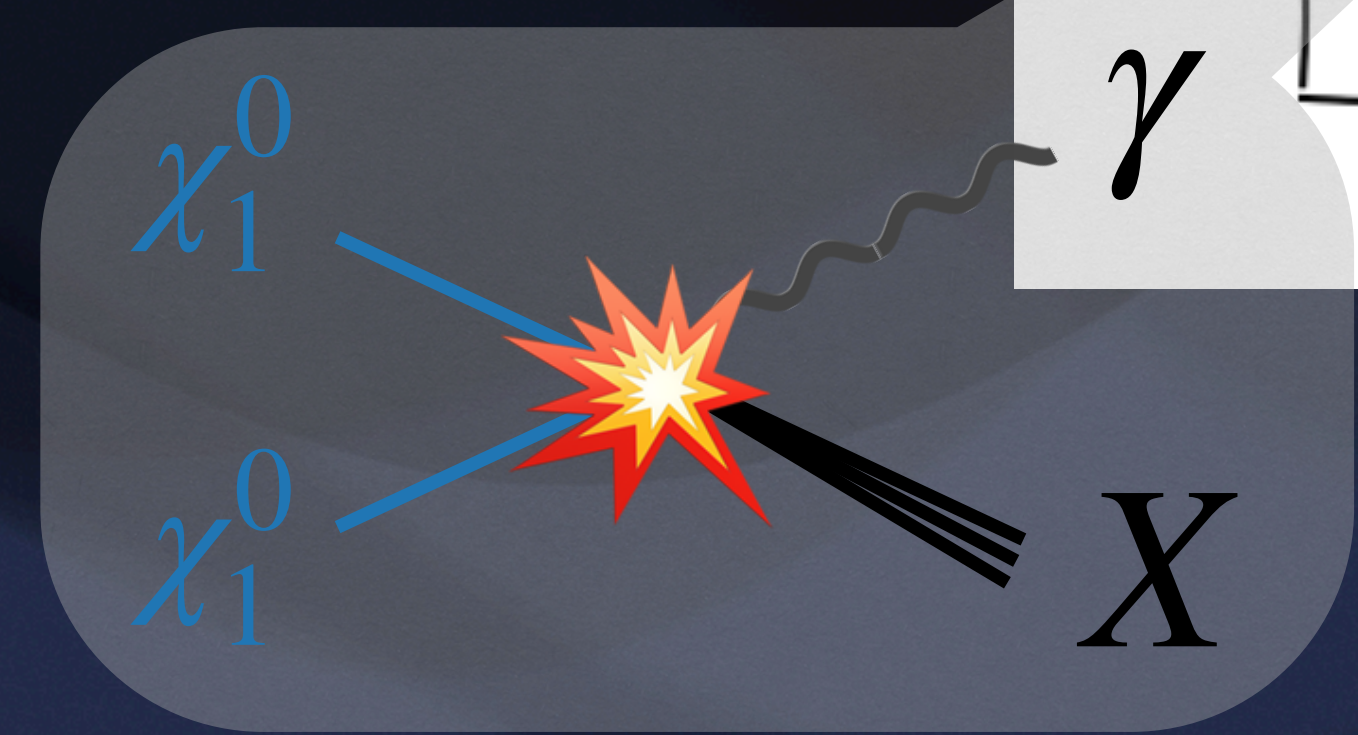
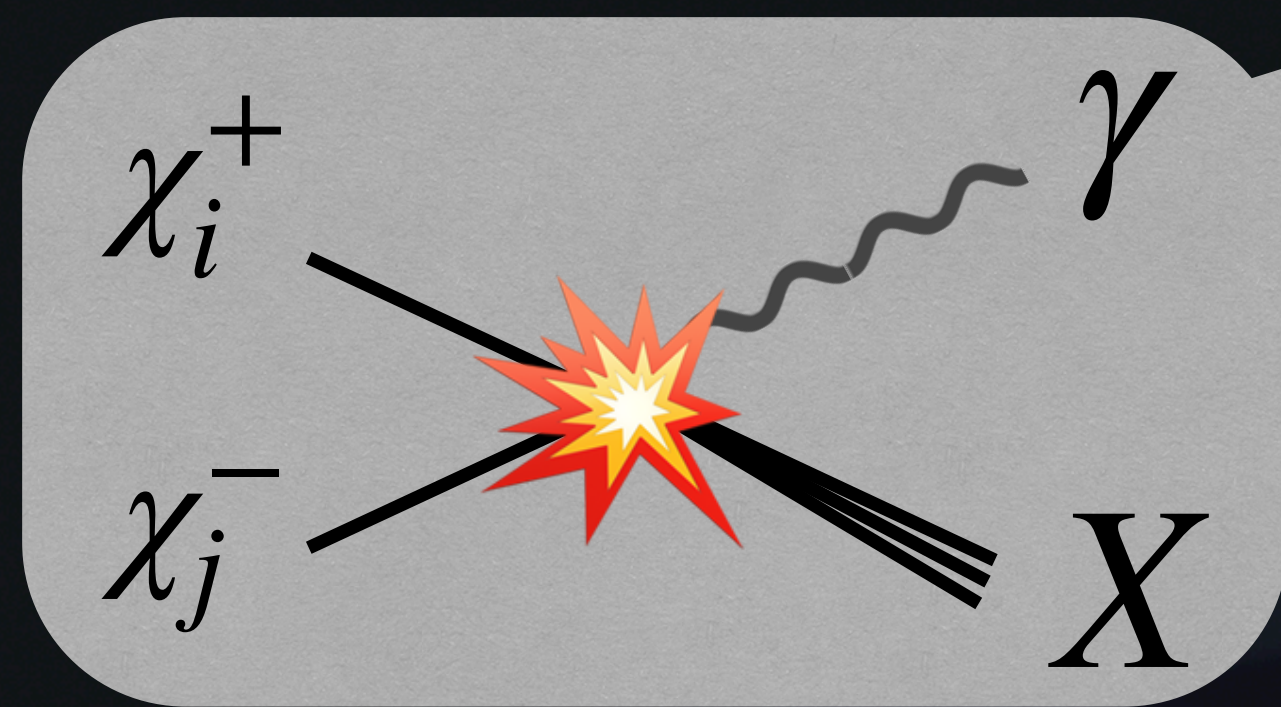
This talk:

**Most accurate calculation to date**



# GAMMA RAYS FROM DARK MATTER





arXiv:2310.11067

# Sommerfeld effect for continuum gamma-ray spectra from Dark Matter annihilation

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# Why SUSY Dark Matter?

DARK MATTER



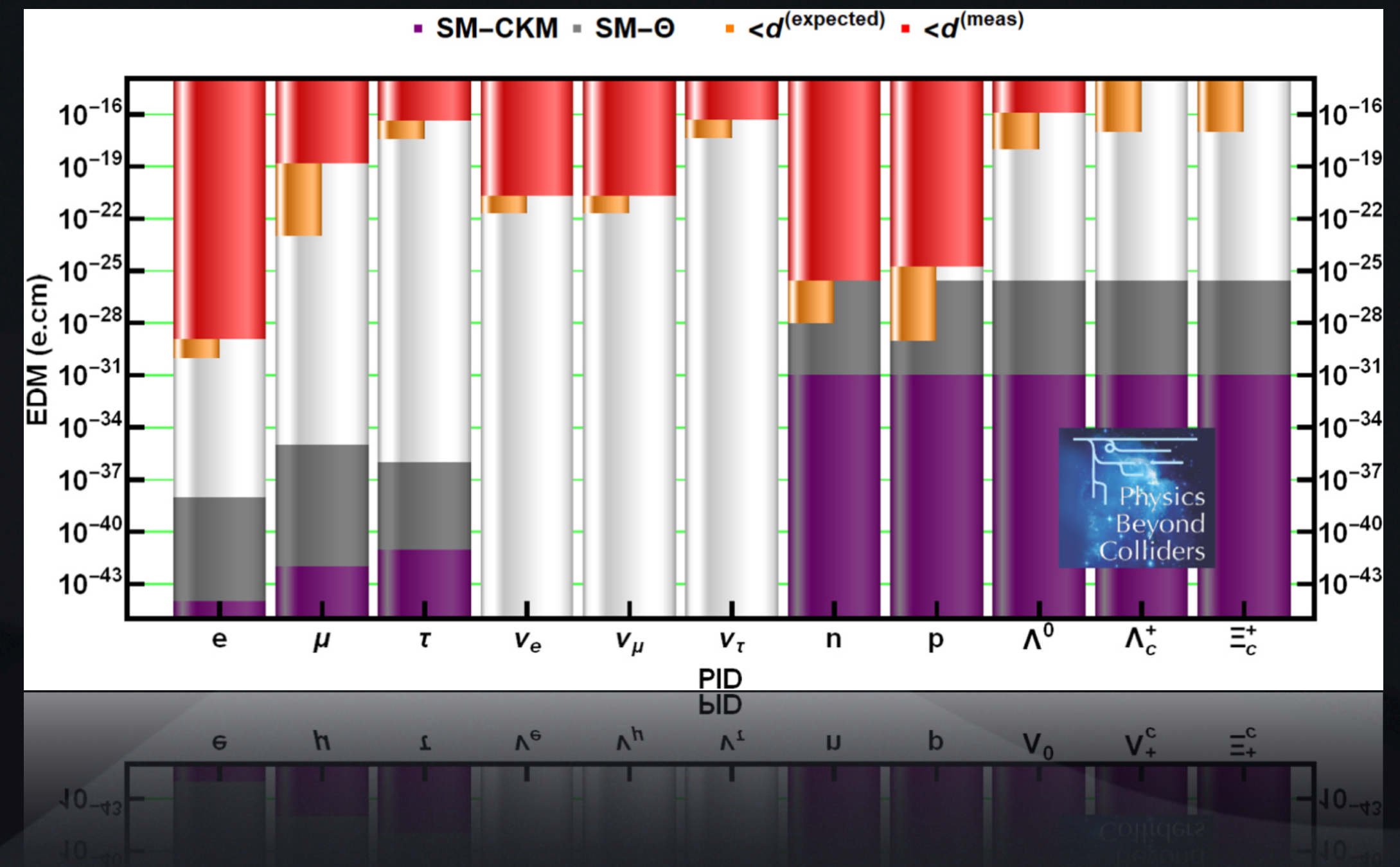
ELECTROWEAK  
interactions

SUPERSYMMETRY



# Split (high-scale) SUSY

- 125GeV Higgs favoured
- Unification of gauge couplings
- CP SUSY problems (EDMs)
- TeV-scale WIMP  $\rightarrow$  Cherenkov telescopes!



- Naturalness

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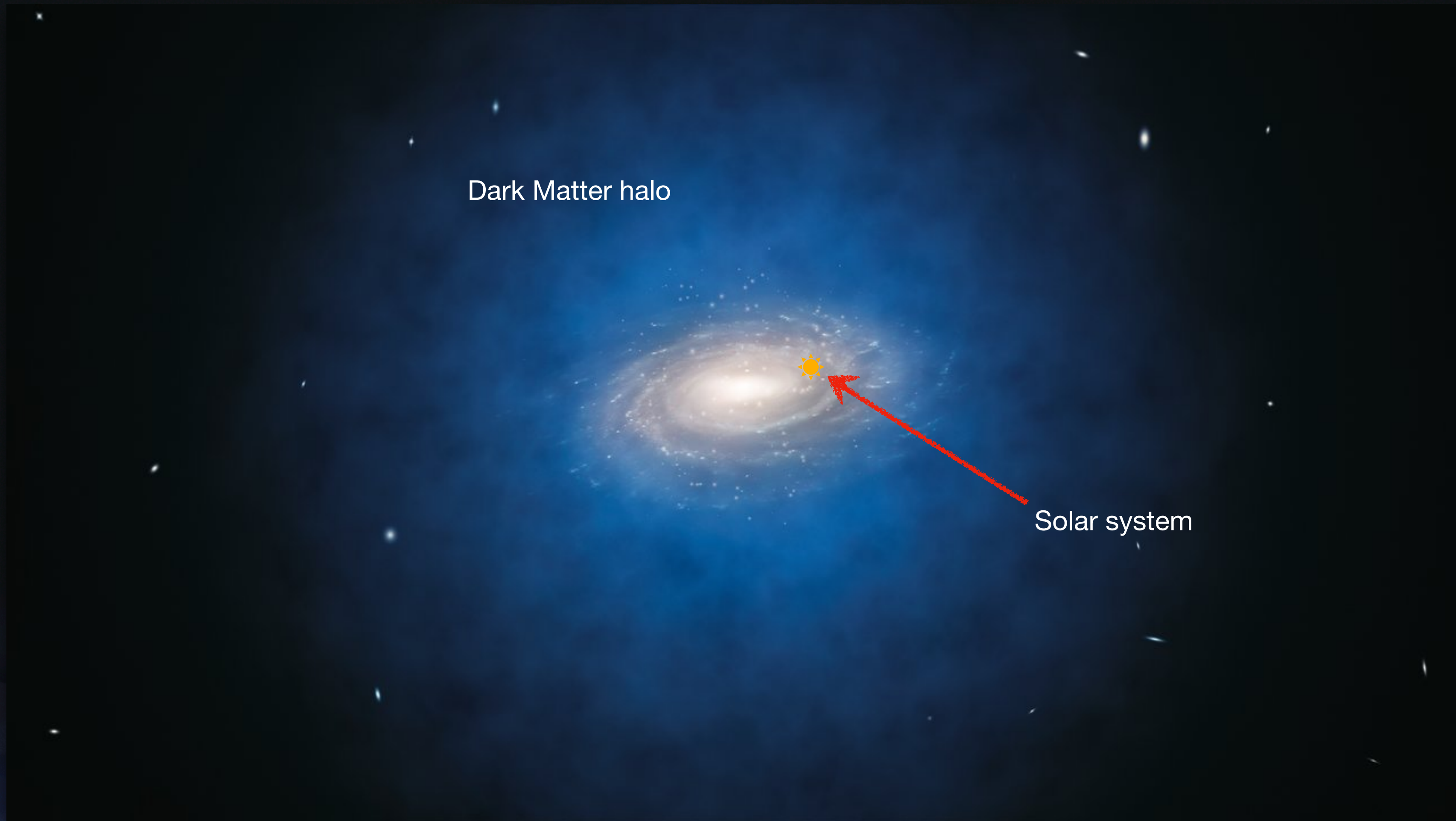
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Dark Matter halo

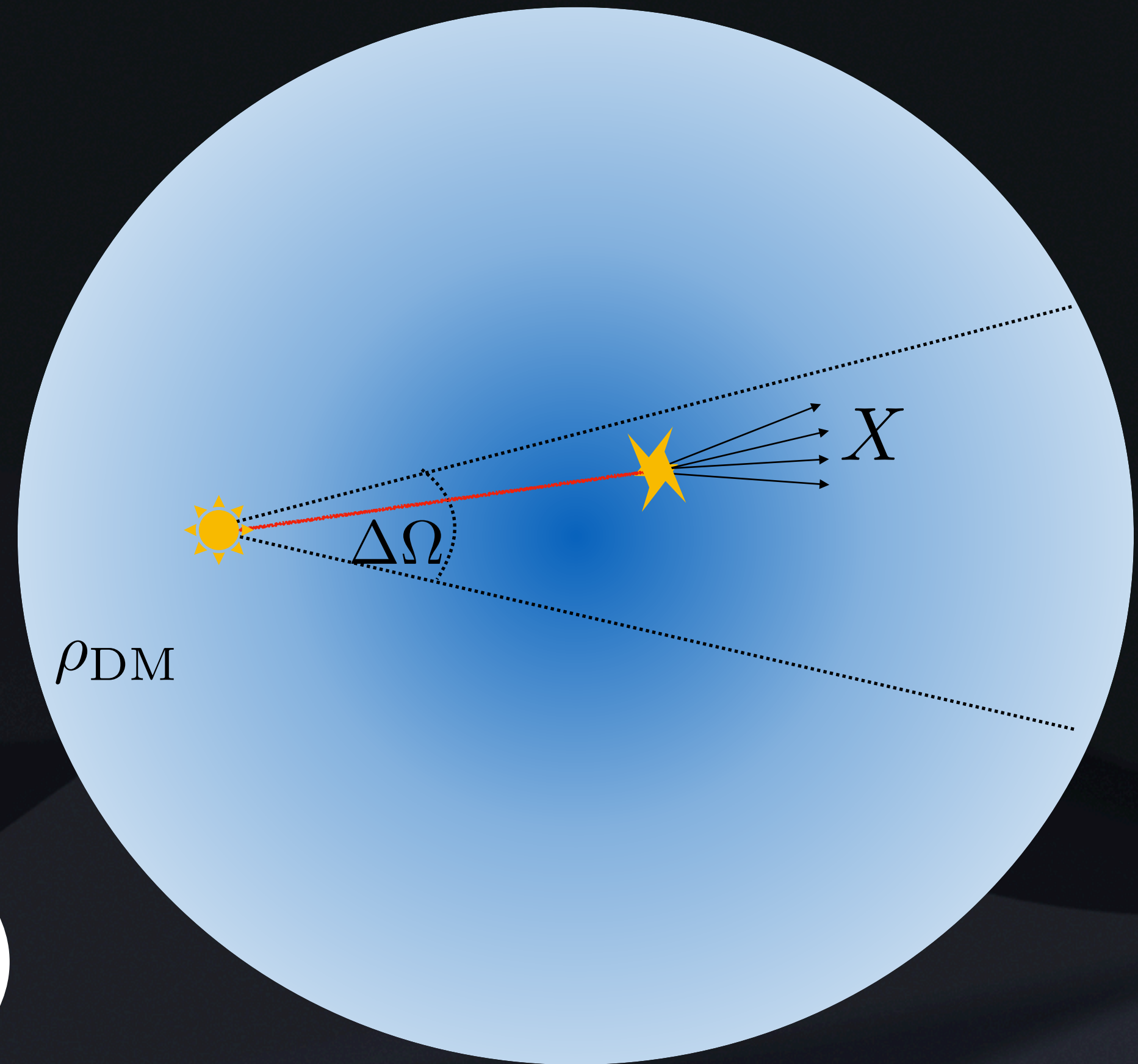
Solar system

Credit: ESO/L. Calçada

# Gamma-ray flux formula

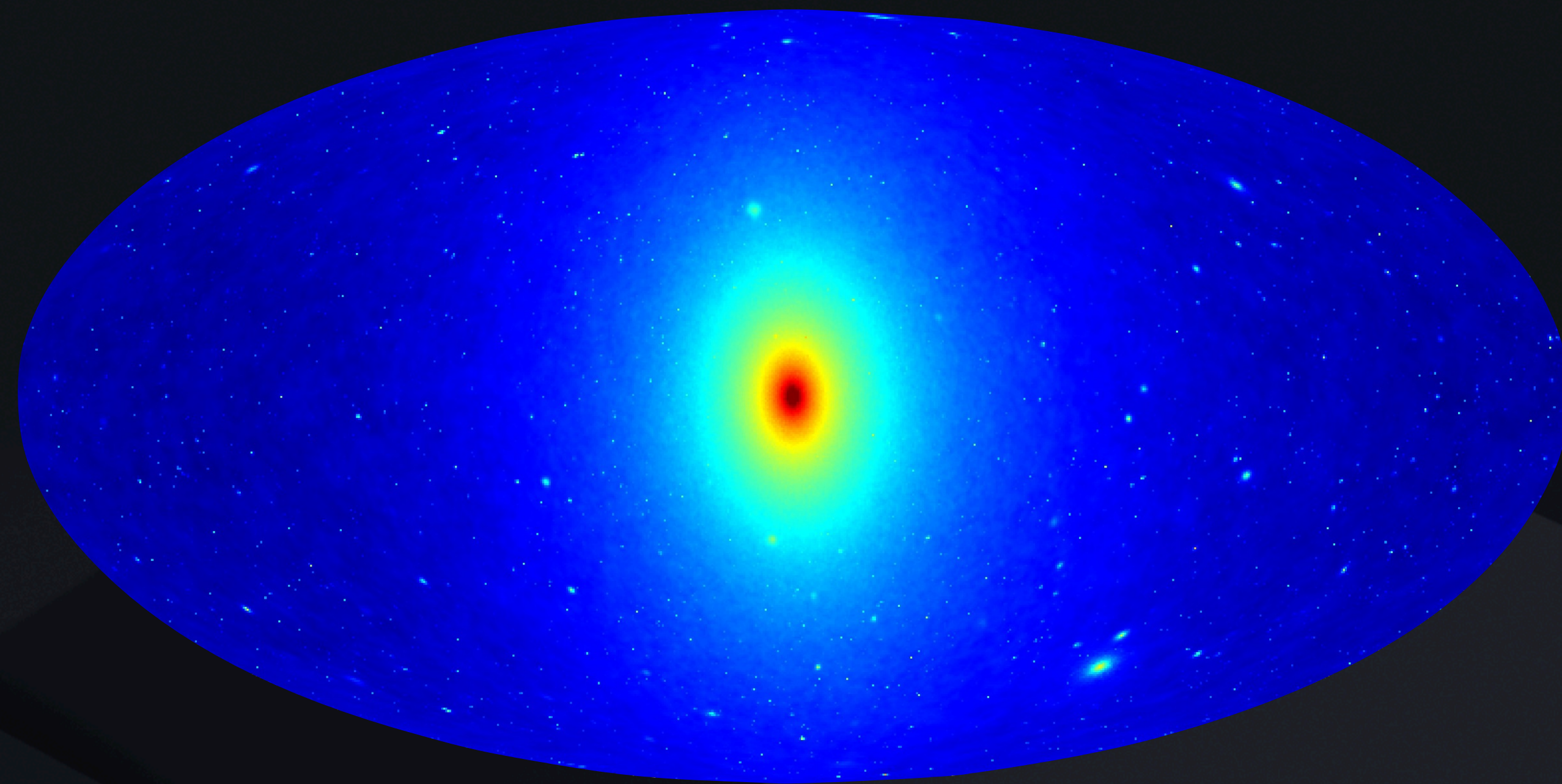
$$\Phi_\gamma = \frac{1}{8\pi m_\chi^2} \times J \times \frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma}$$

$$J = \int d\Omega \int_{l.o.s.} ds \rho_{\text{DM}}^2$$



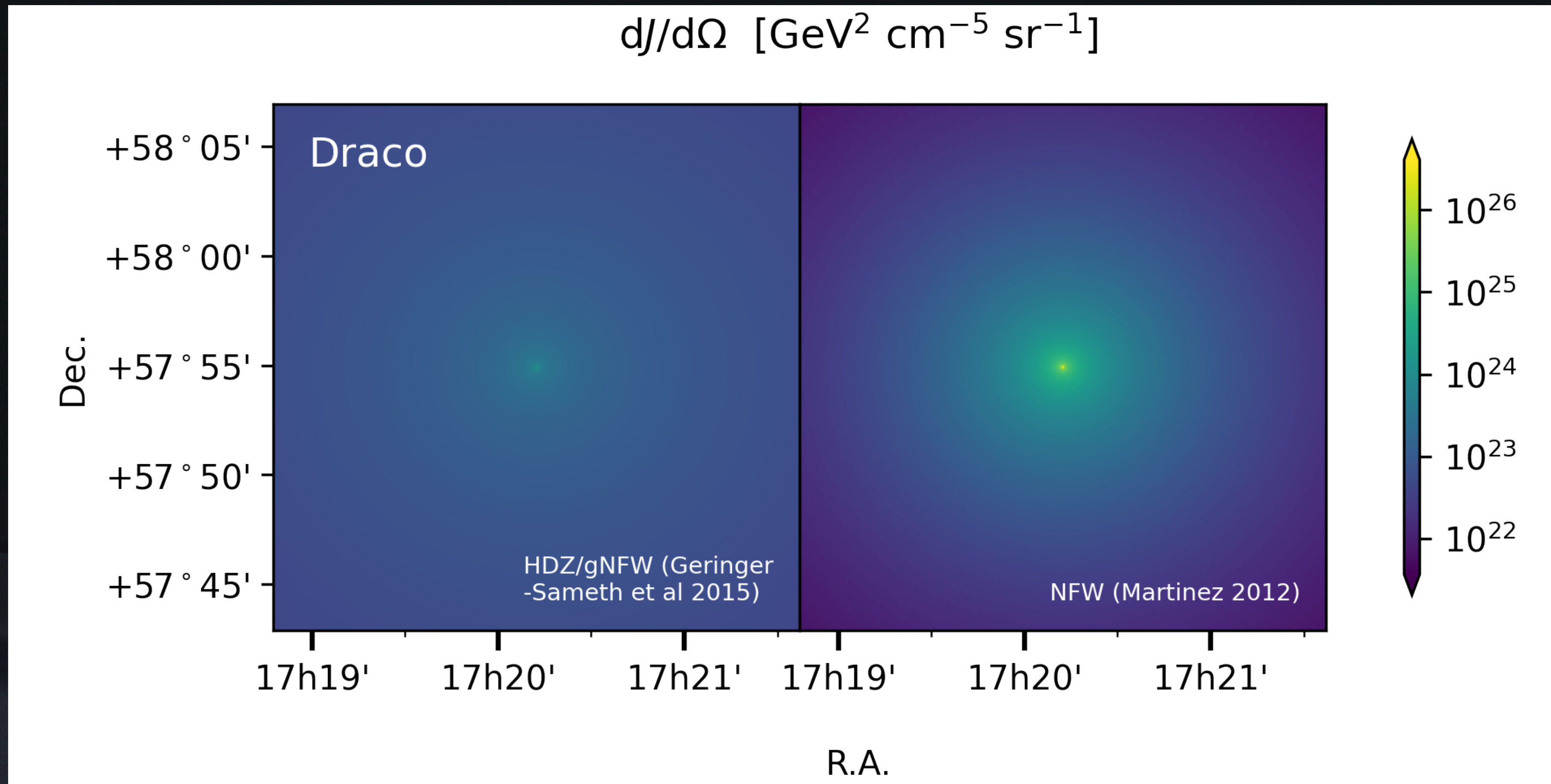
# Example

Milky Way-like galaxy from Aquarius (Aq-A-1) N-body simulation

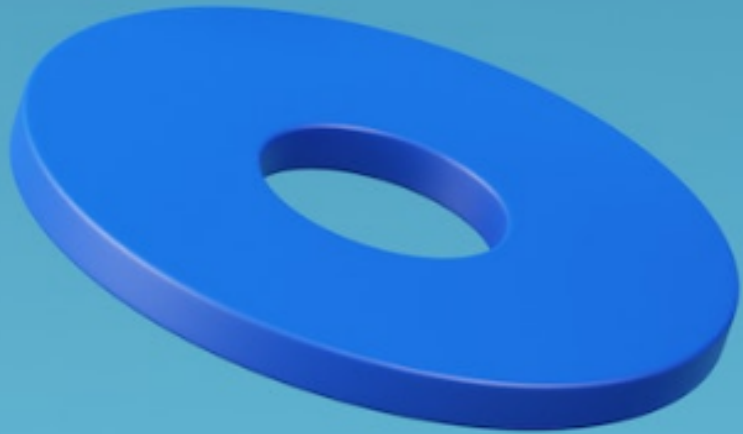
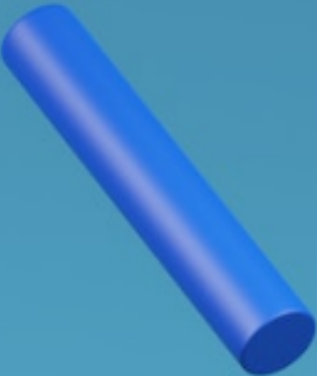


# Example (Ad break)

Draco dwarf galaxy with diffSph [2401.05255]



# diffSph (2401.05255)



Finn



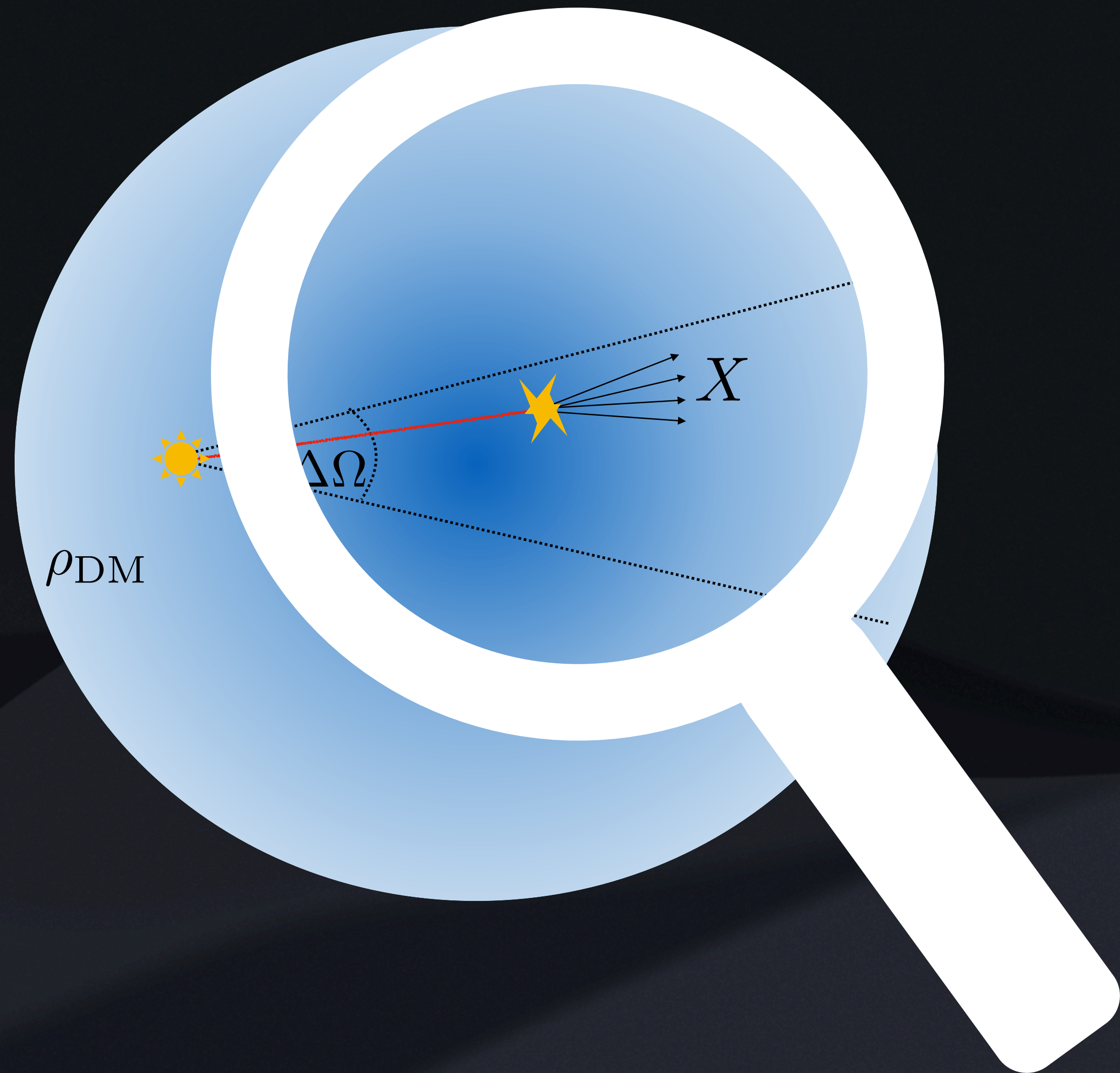
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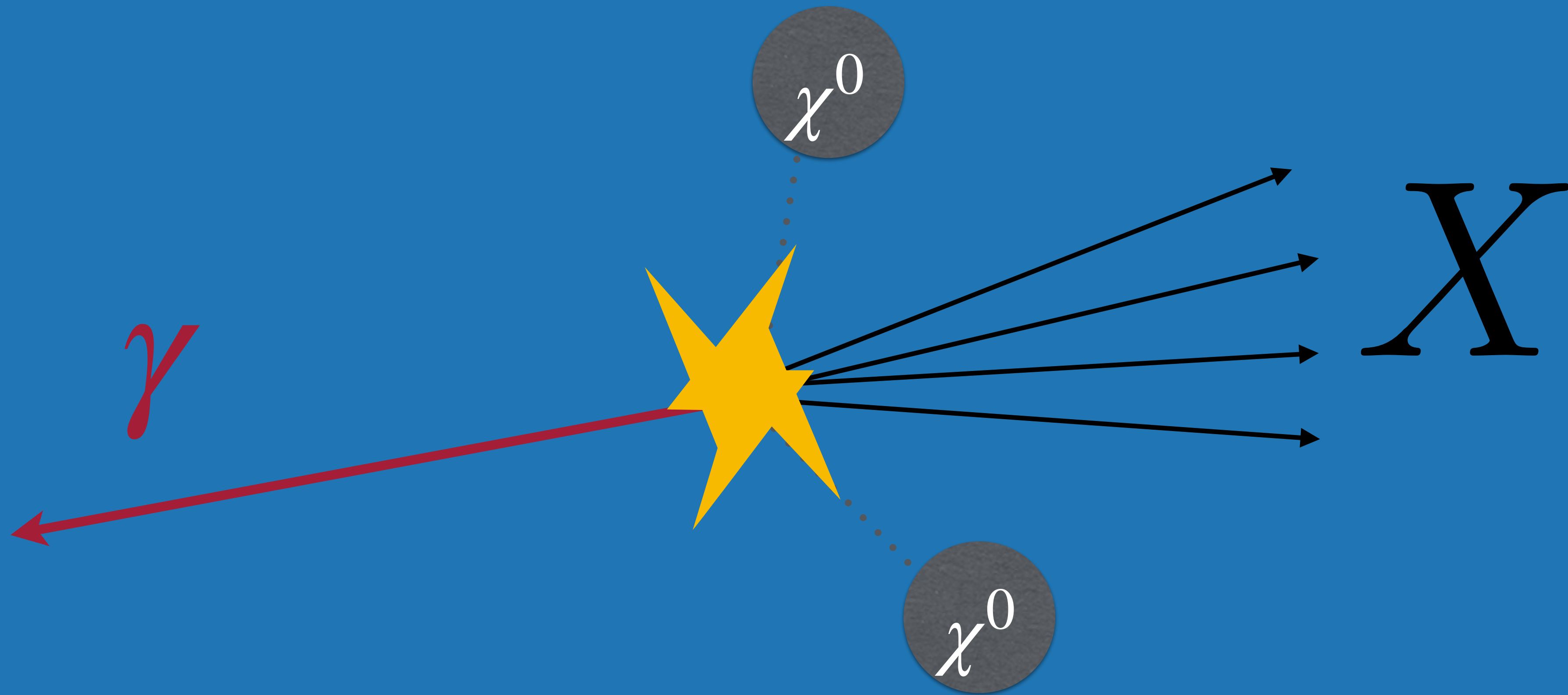




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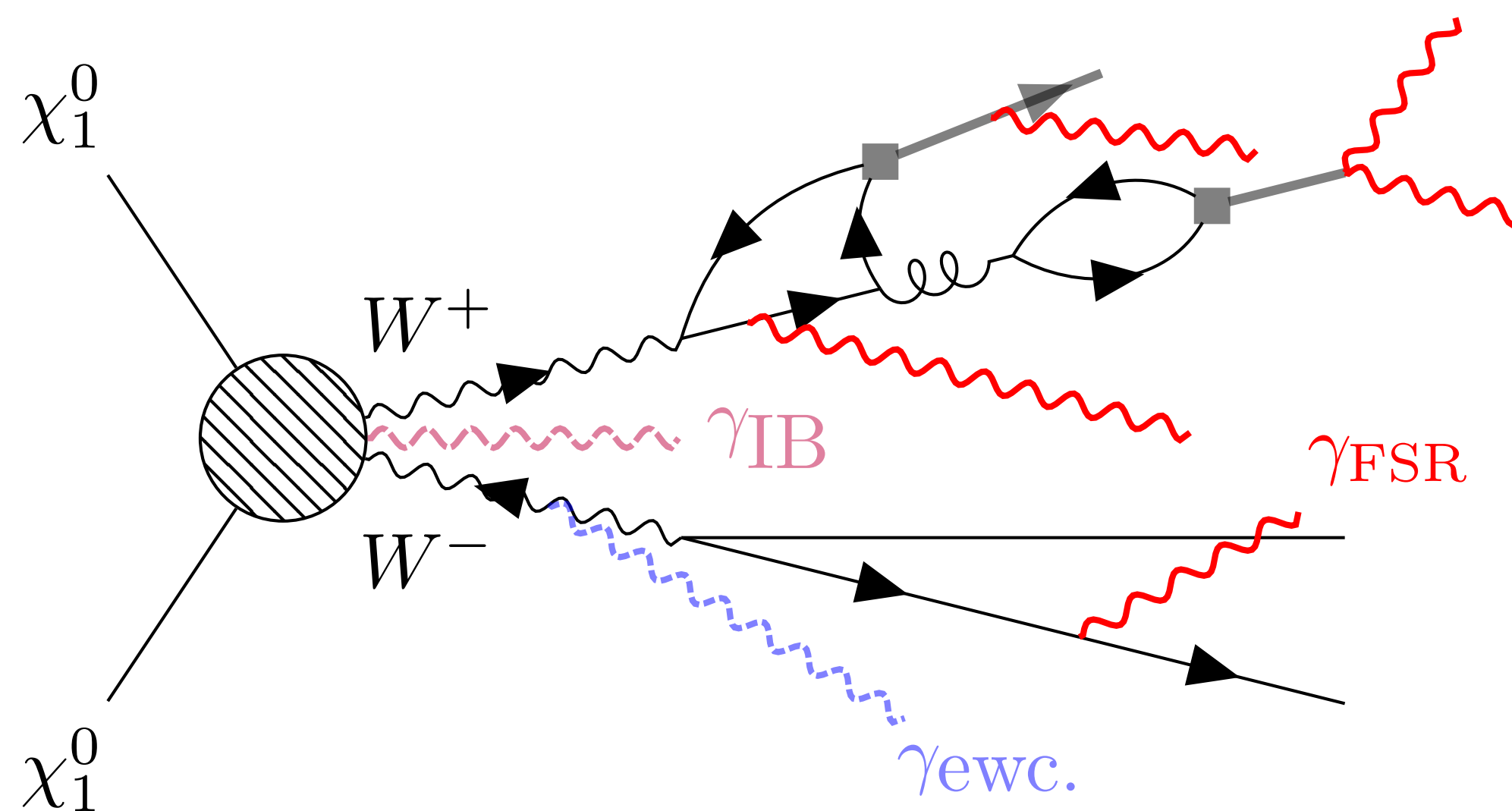
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# The problem:

Obtain the annihilation spectrum

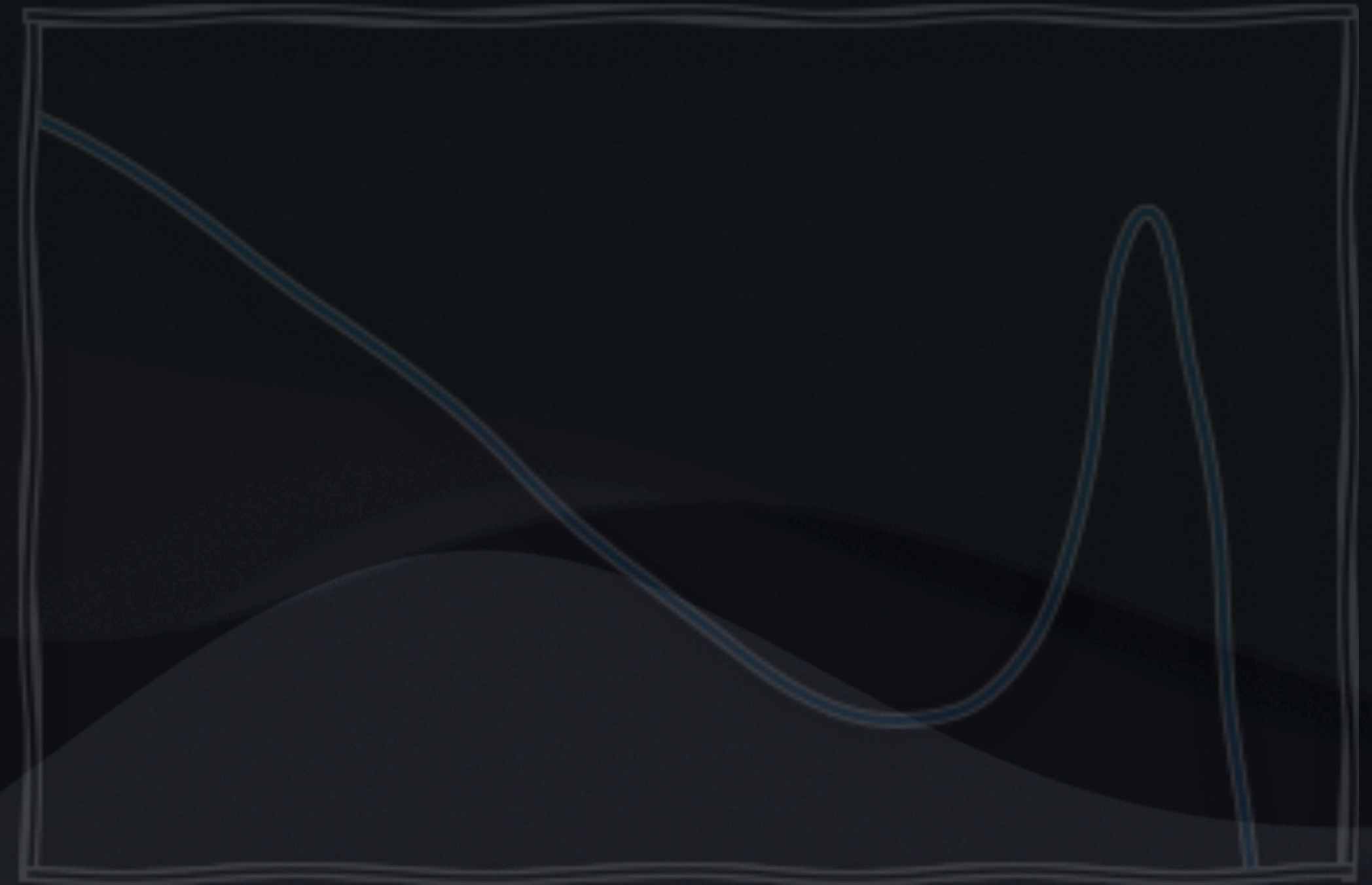


$$\frac{d\sigma_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}$$

# Possible approaches

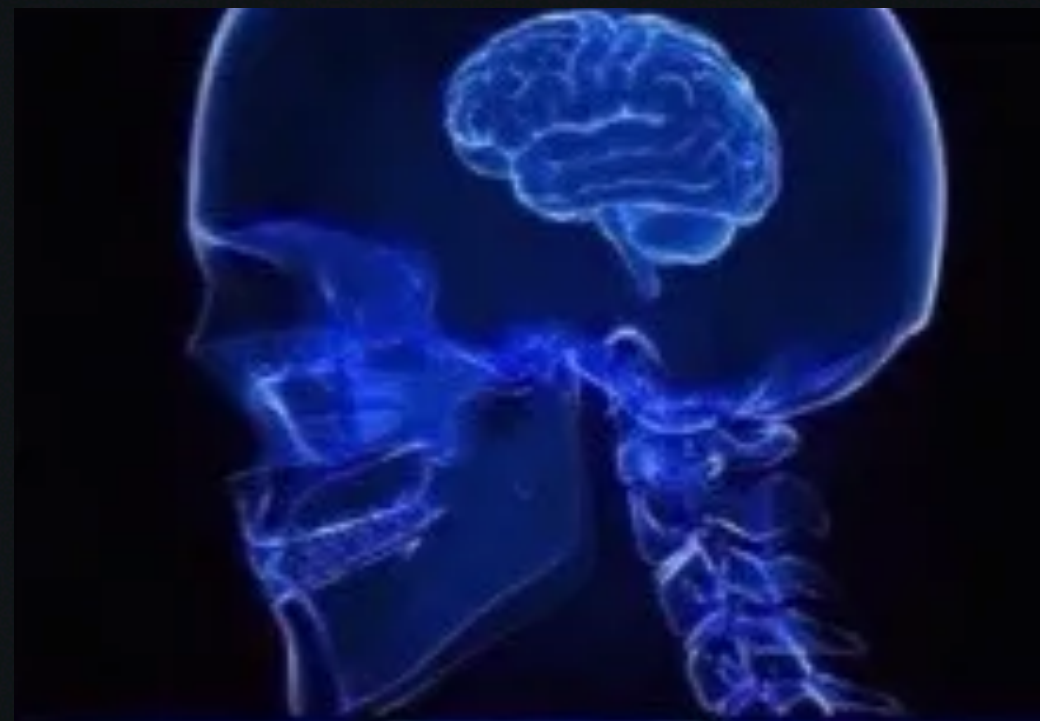
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flux

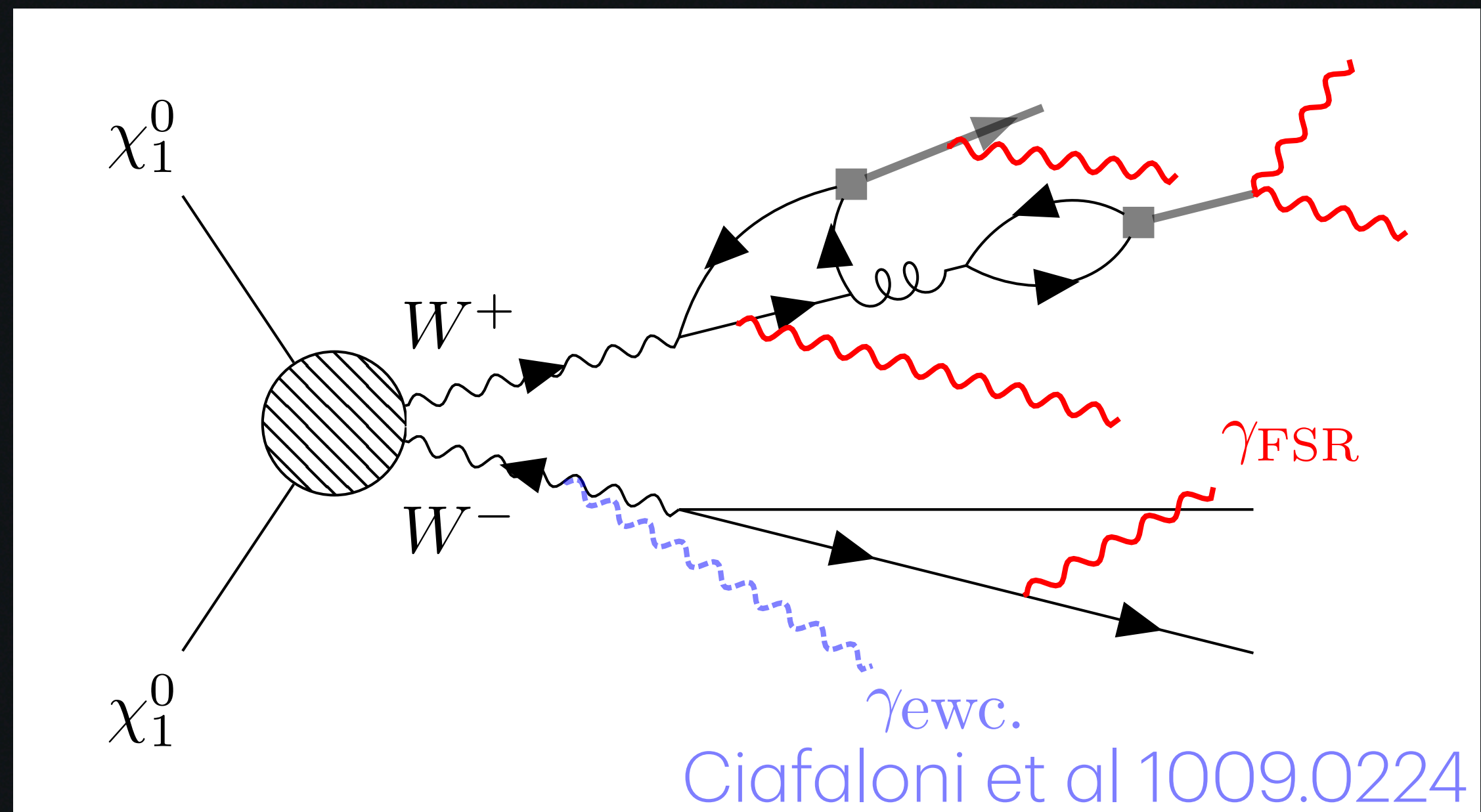


energy

# 2000-2010s



Fixed-order 2 → 2 (tree)  
+ Parton Shower



$$\frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma} = (\sigma\nu)_{\bar{b}b} \frac{dN_{\bar{b}b}^{\text{MC}}}{dE_\gamma} + (\sigma\nu)_{\tau^+\tau^-} \frac{dN_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{\text{MC}}}{dE_\gamma} + \dots$$

# 2000-2010s

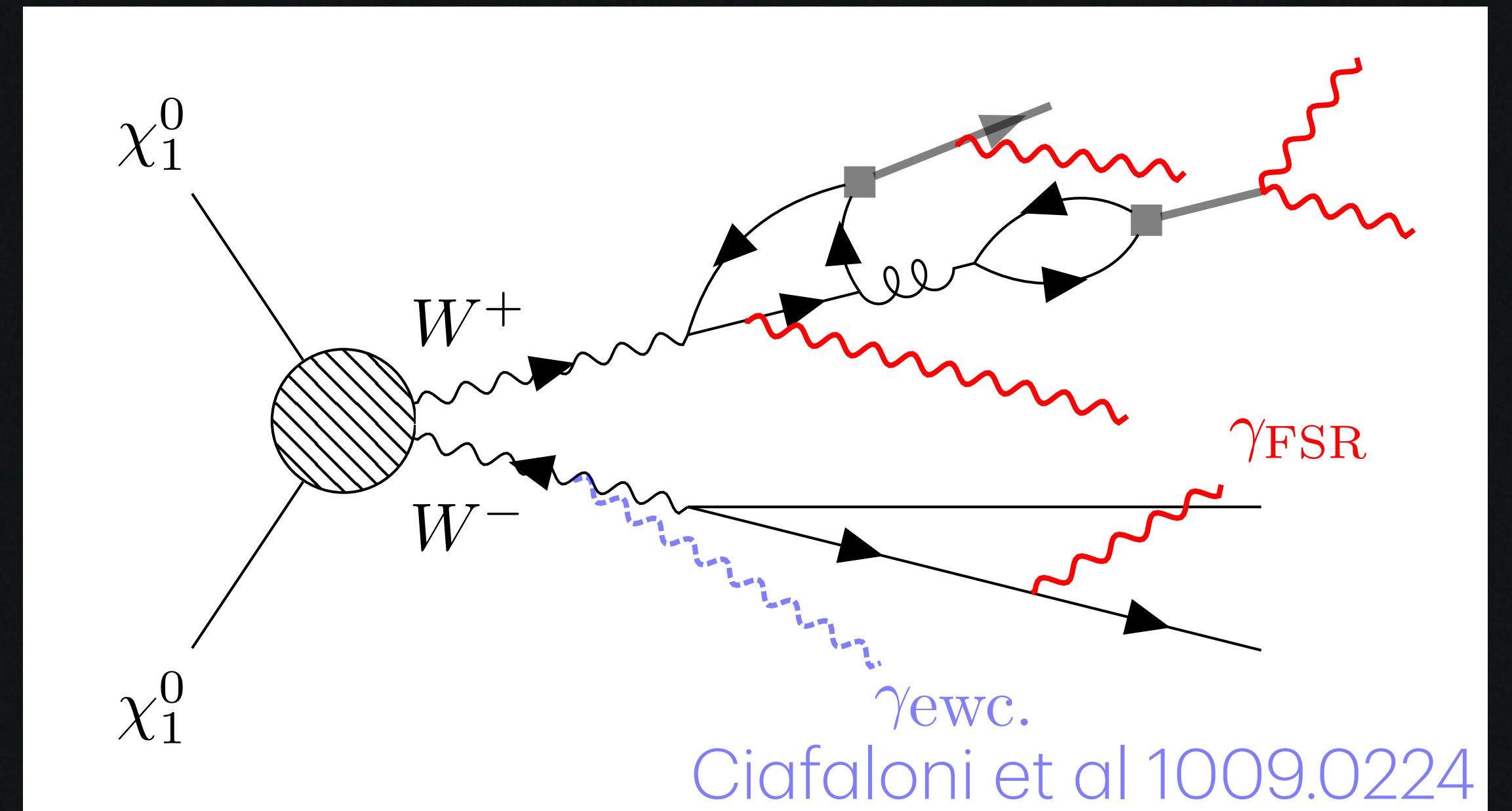


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## Helicity suppression

If  $m_{DM} \gg m_b, m_\tau$  (and  $v \ll c$ ):

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{b\bar{b}} \propto \frac{m_b^2}{m_{DM}^2} \rightarrow 0$$



$$\frac{d\sigma v}{dE_\gamma} = \cancel{(\sigma v)_{b\bar{b}}} \frac{dN_{b\bar{b}}^{MC}}{dE_\gamma} + \cancel{(\sigma v)_{\tau^+\tau^-}} \frac{dN_{\tau^+\tau^-}^{MC}}{dE_\gamma} + \dots$$

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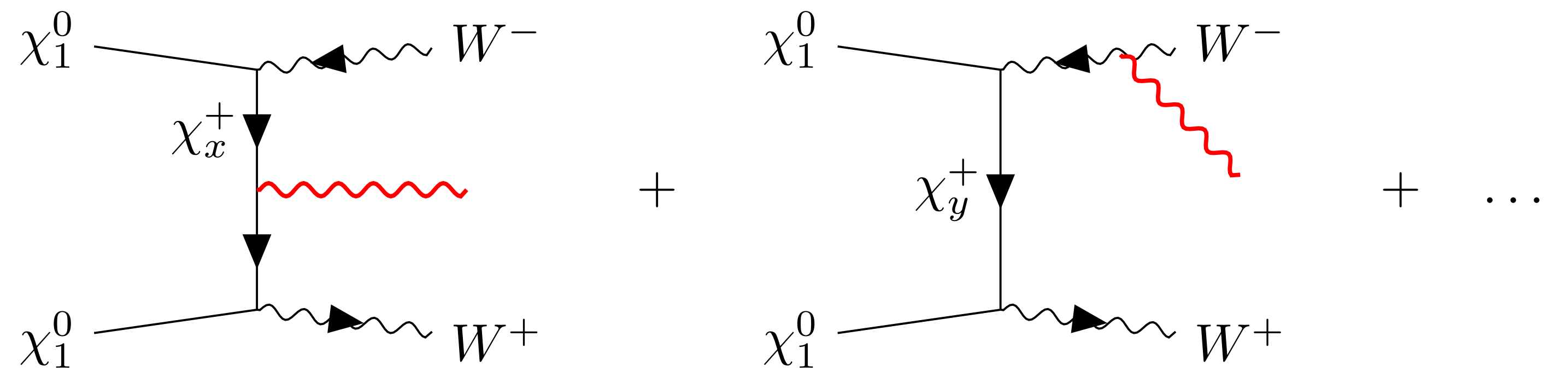


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# 2000-2010s



Fixed-order 2 → 3 (tree)  
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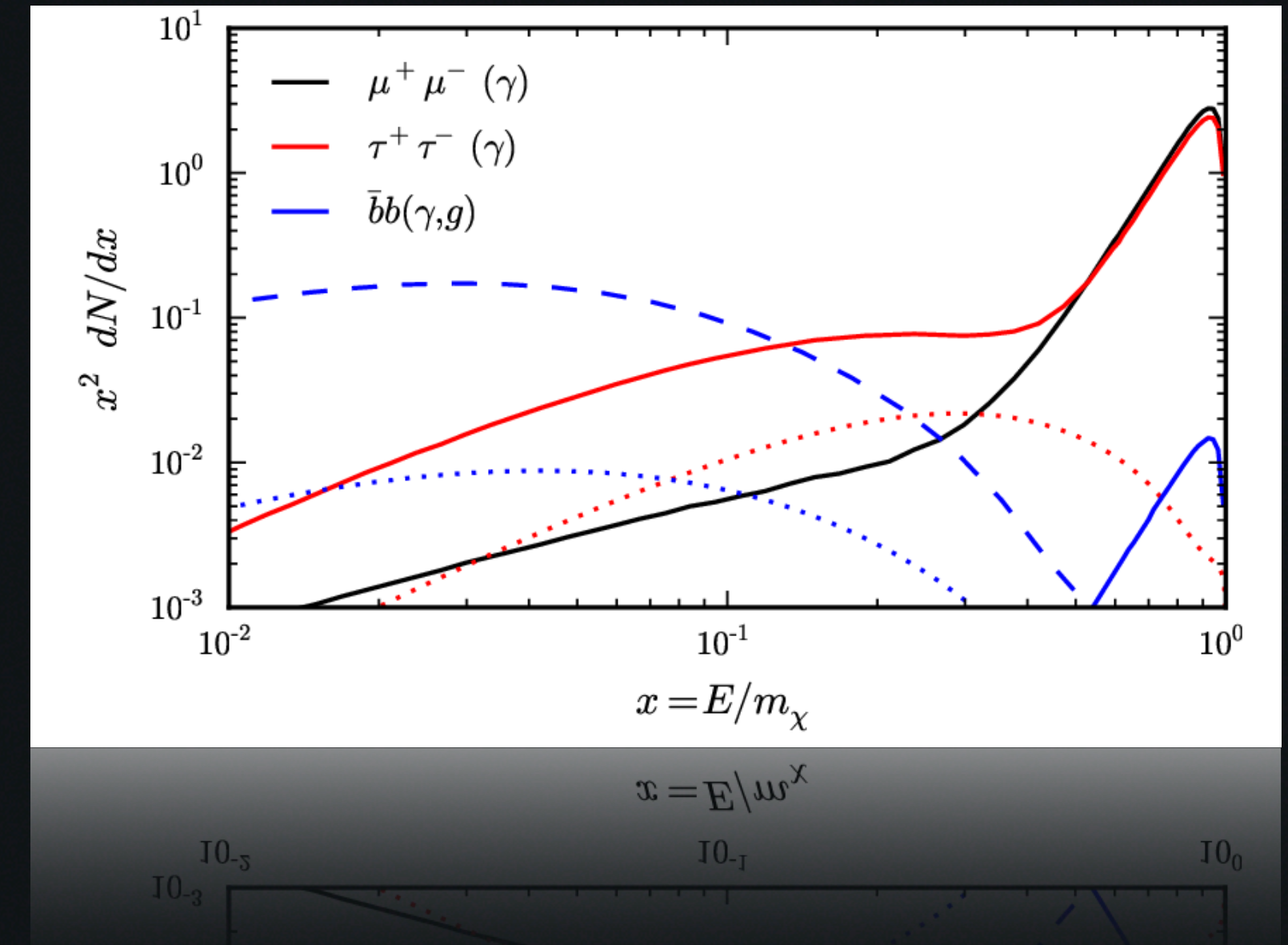




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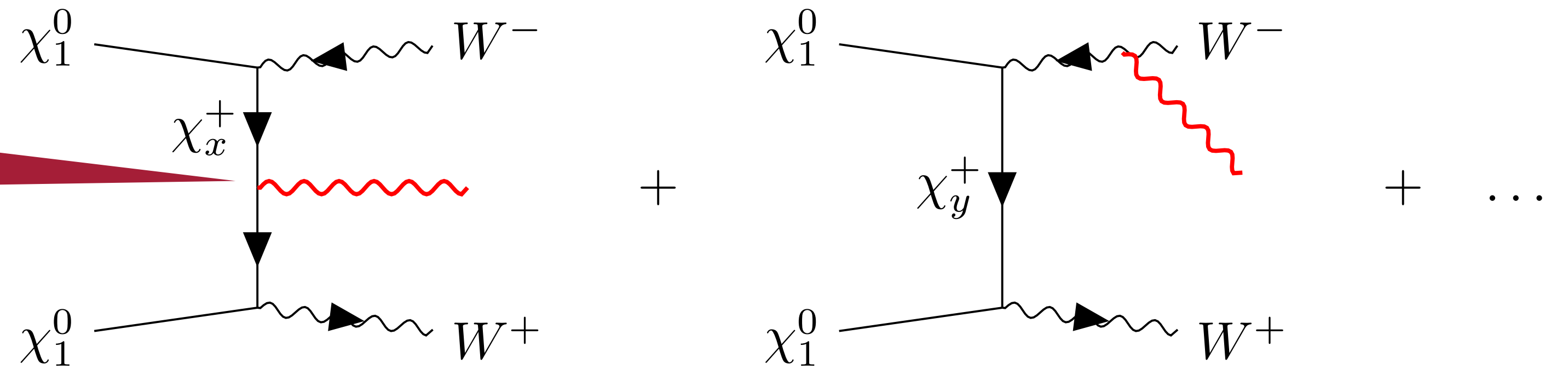
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## Internal bremsstrahlung

Lift helicity suppression

- 2→2 process  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{b\bar{b}} \propto \frac{m_b^2}{m_{DM}^2} \rightarrow 0$
- 2→3 process  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{b\bar{b}\gamma} \neq 0$



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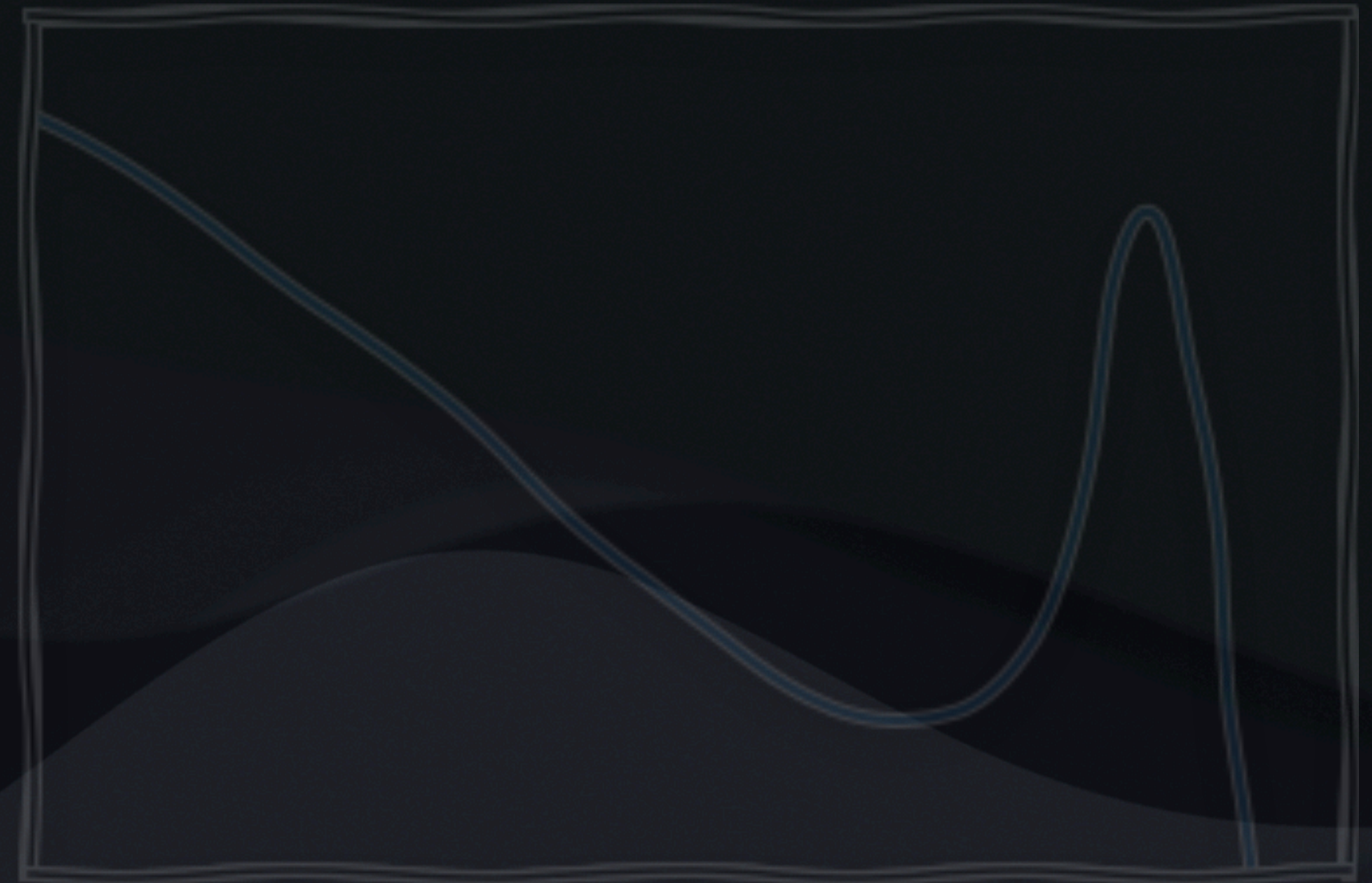


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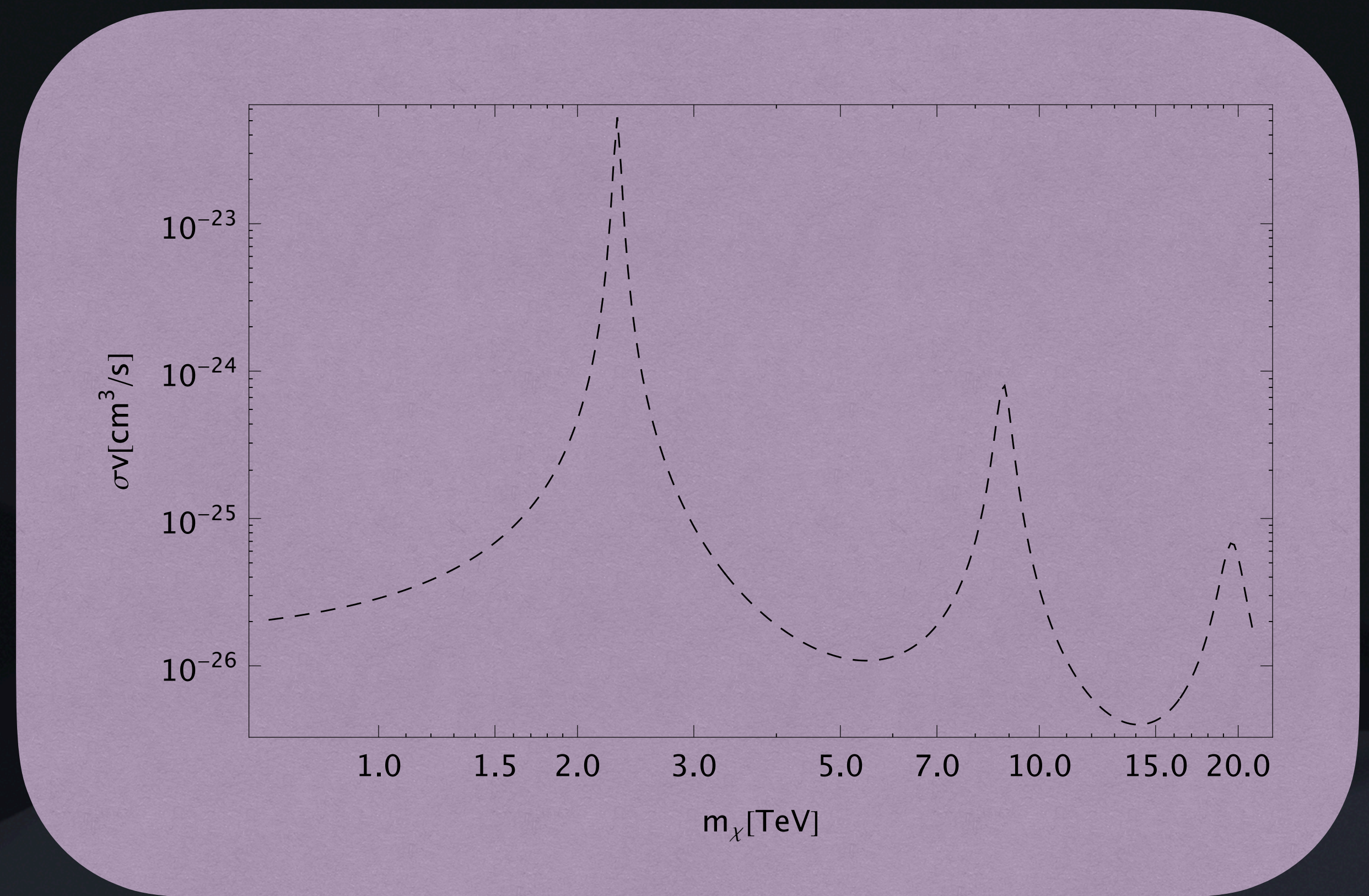
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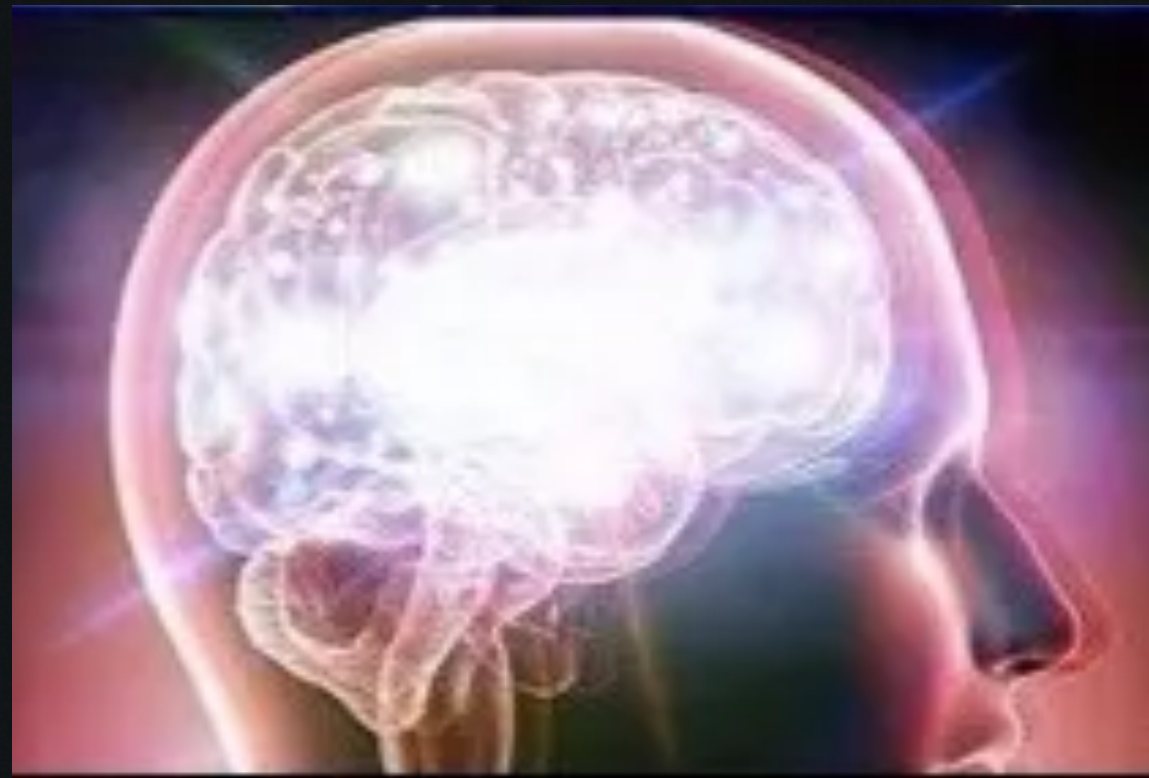
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# 2020s (before 2310.11067 came out)



Fixed-order 2  $\rightarrow$  2  
+ Parton Shower +  
**Sommerfeld factor**

- Incomplete (missing shower for e.g.  $\chi^0 \chi^0 \rightarrow H^\pm W^\mp$ )
- Helicity-suppressed cross sections still suppressed
- ...



Fixed-order 2  $\rightarrow$  3  
+ Parton Shower +  
**Sommerfeld factor**

- Only extrapolations from our endpoint factorization formulas available and for pure wino/higgsino

Goal: Account for  
Internal bremsstrahlung +  
Sommerfeld effect in the MSSM

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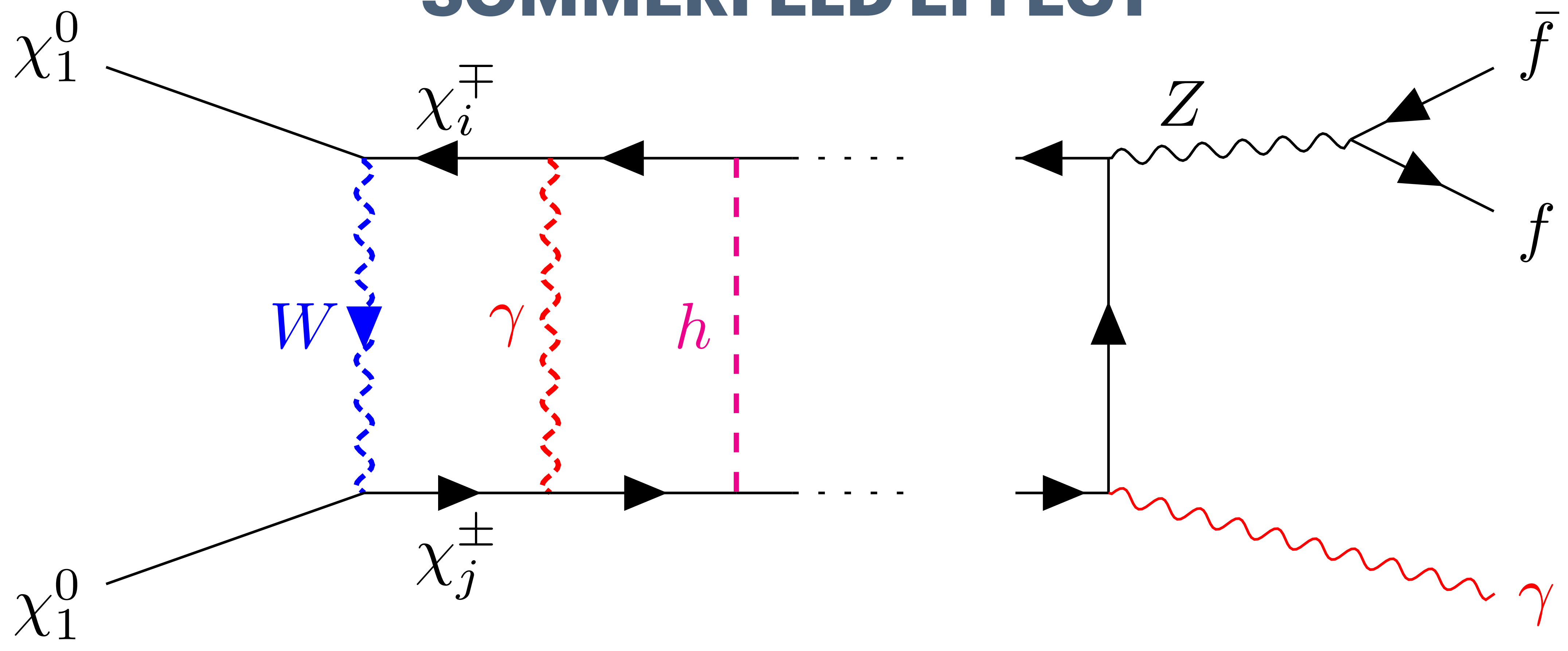
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# SOMMERFELD EFFECT



# Resummation

Breakdown of perturbative expansion when  $m_\chi \gg m_W$

$$\frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma} \sim \# \alpha_{ew}^3 + \alpha_{ew}^4 \left( \# \times \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_W^2} + \dots \right) + \alpha_{ew}^5 \left( \# \times \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_W^4} + \dots \right) + \dots$$

Tree (LO)

1-loop (NLO)

2-loop (NNLO)

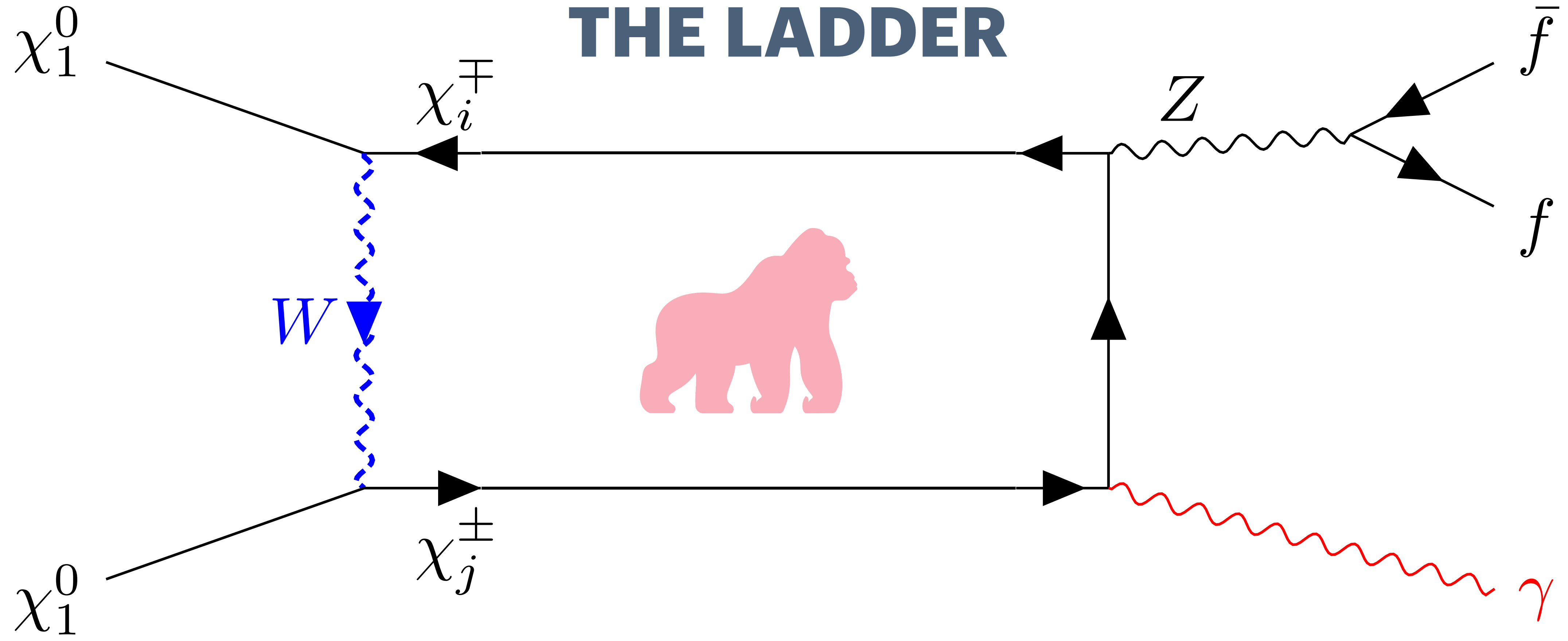
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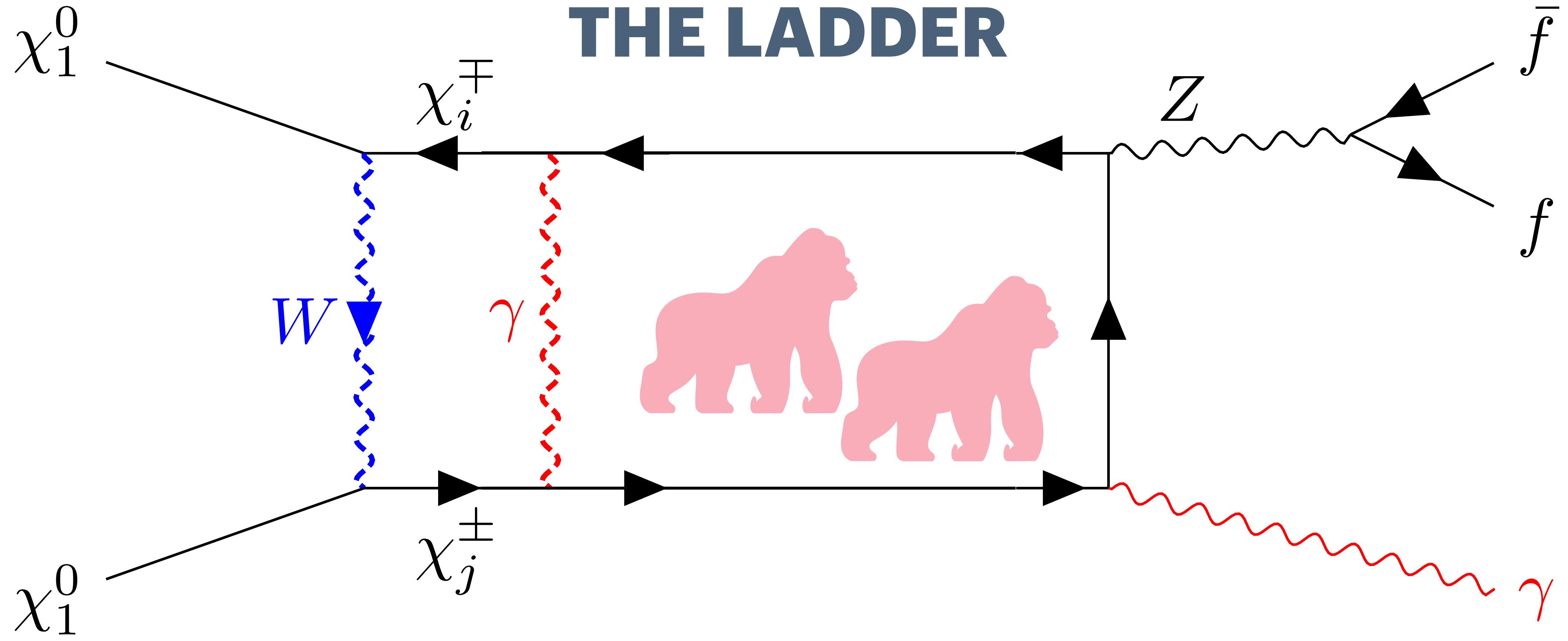
$$\frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma} \sim \# \alpha_{ew}^3 + \alpha_{ew}^4 \left( \text{Gorilla} + \dots \right) + \alpha_{ew}^5 \left( \text{Gorilla} \# \times \text{Lion} + \dots \right) + \dots$$

Tree (LO)                      1-loop (NLO)                      2-loop (NNLO)

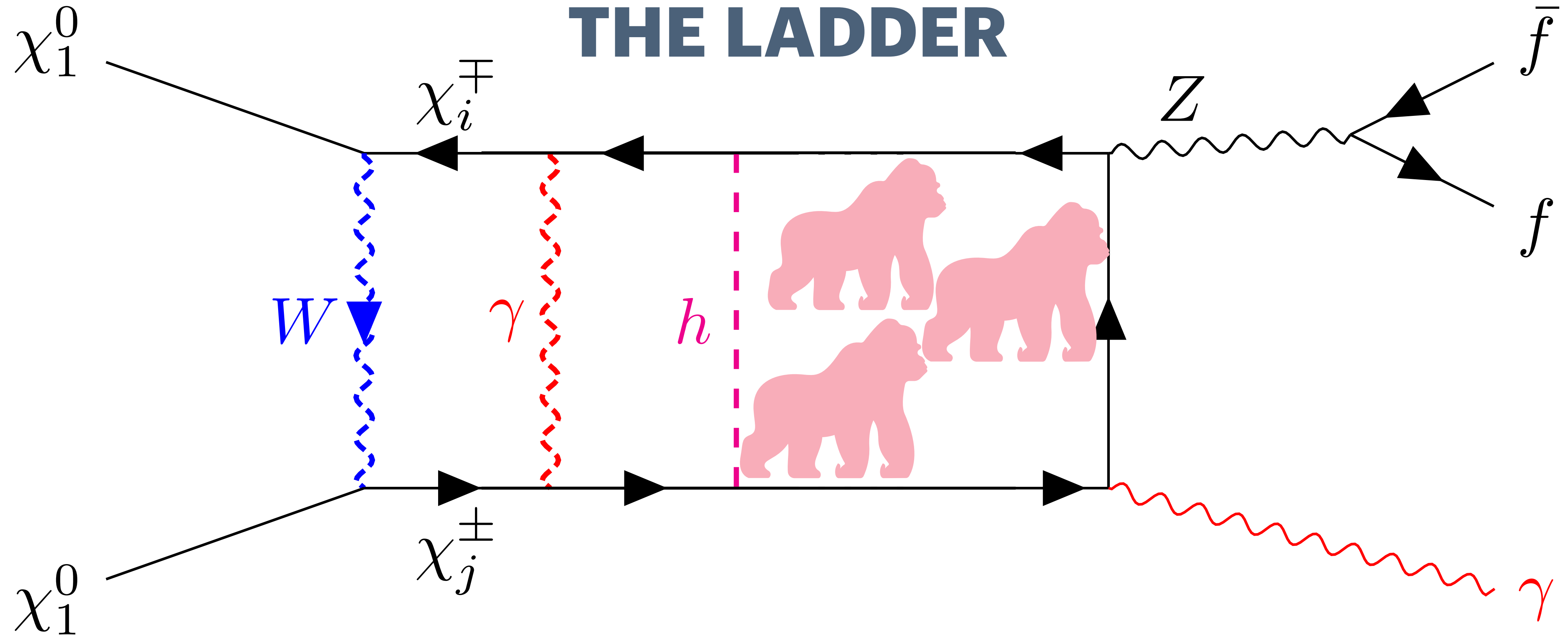
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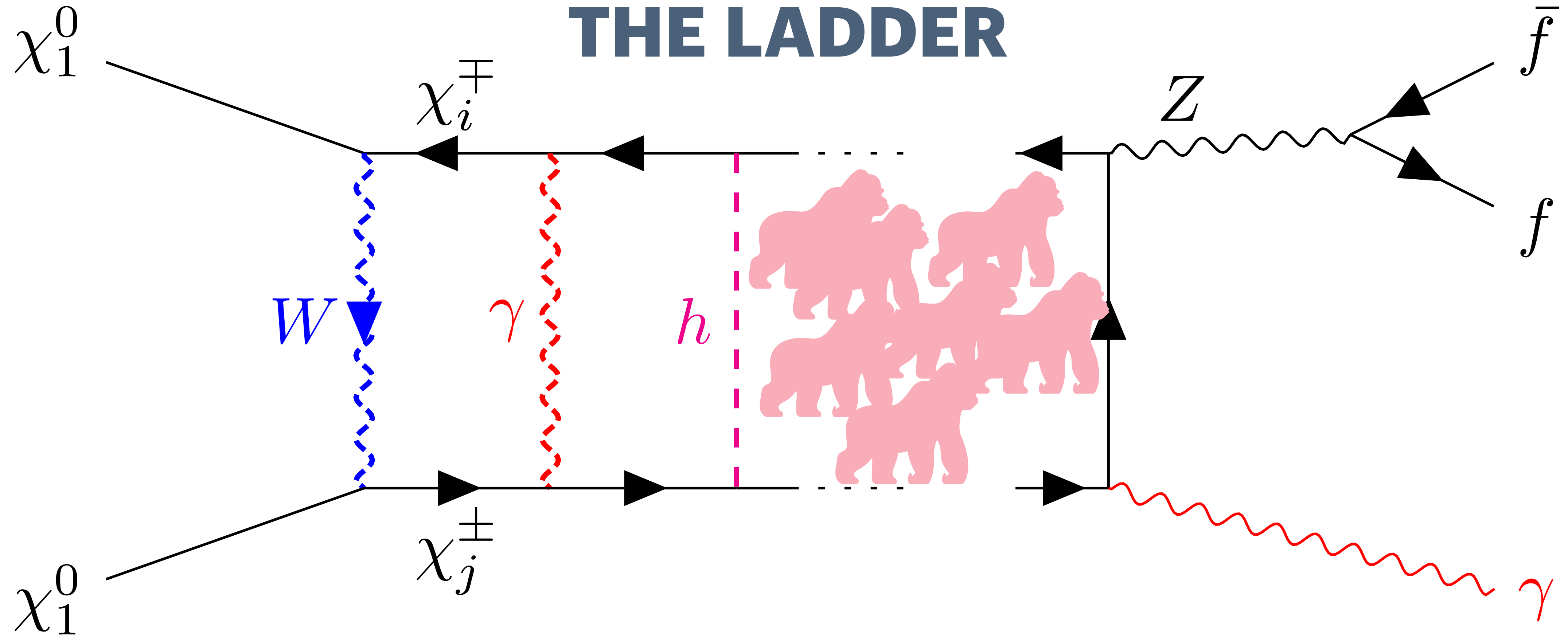
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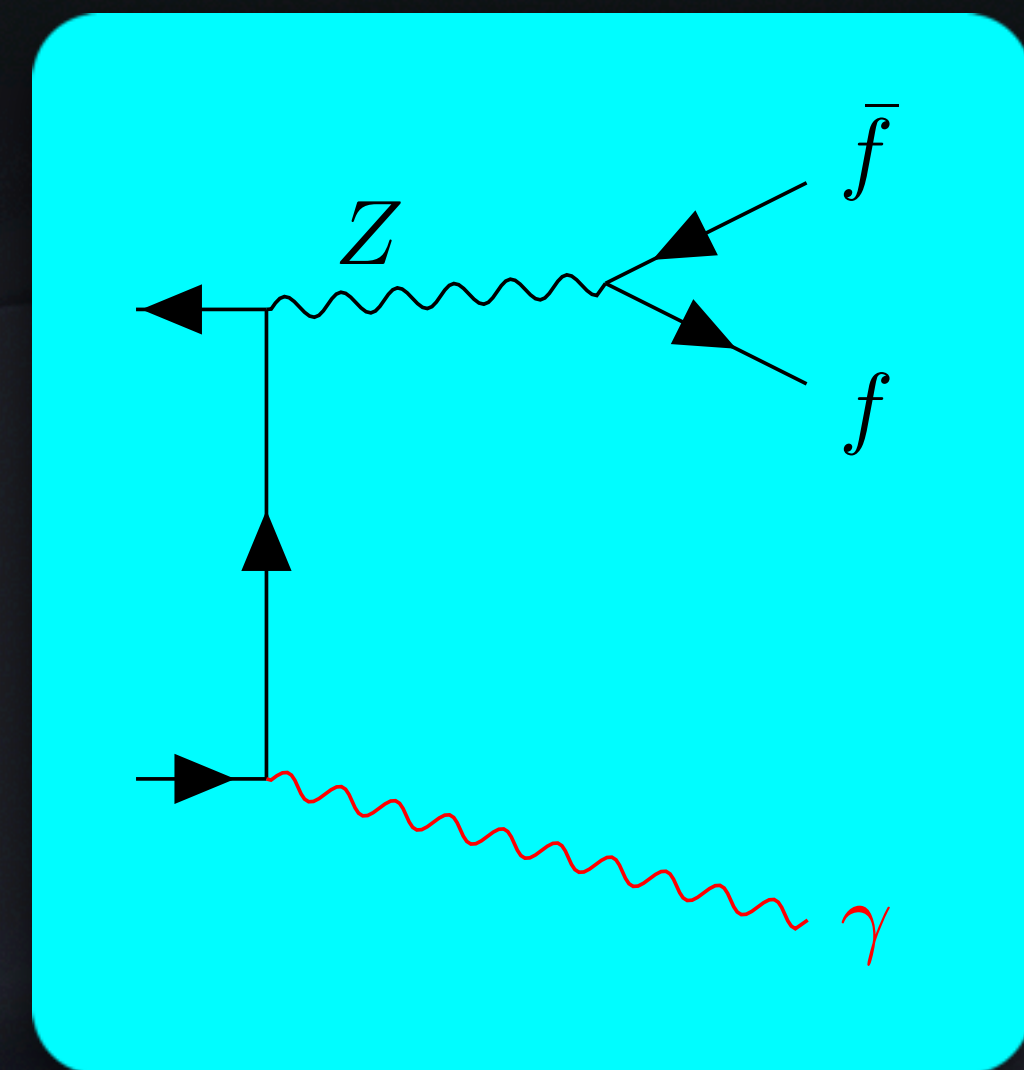
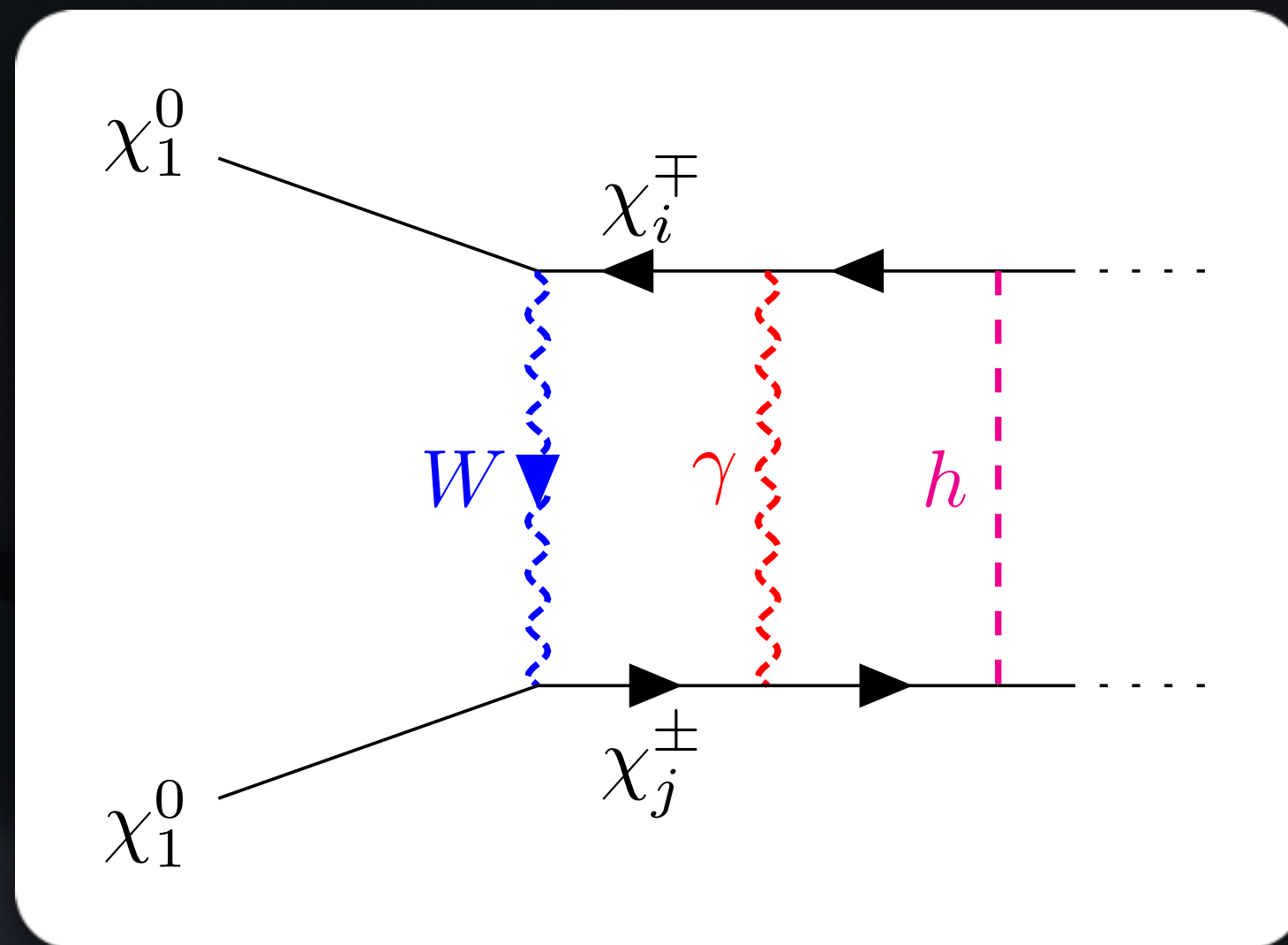
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# Resummation

Goal: factor out the “gorillas”

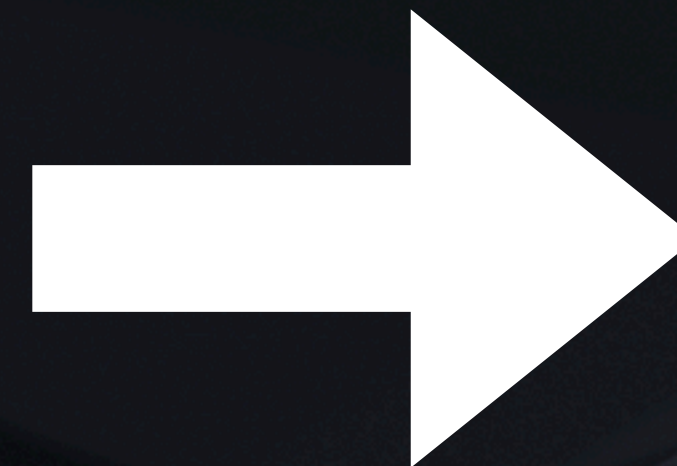
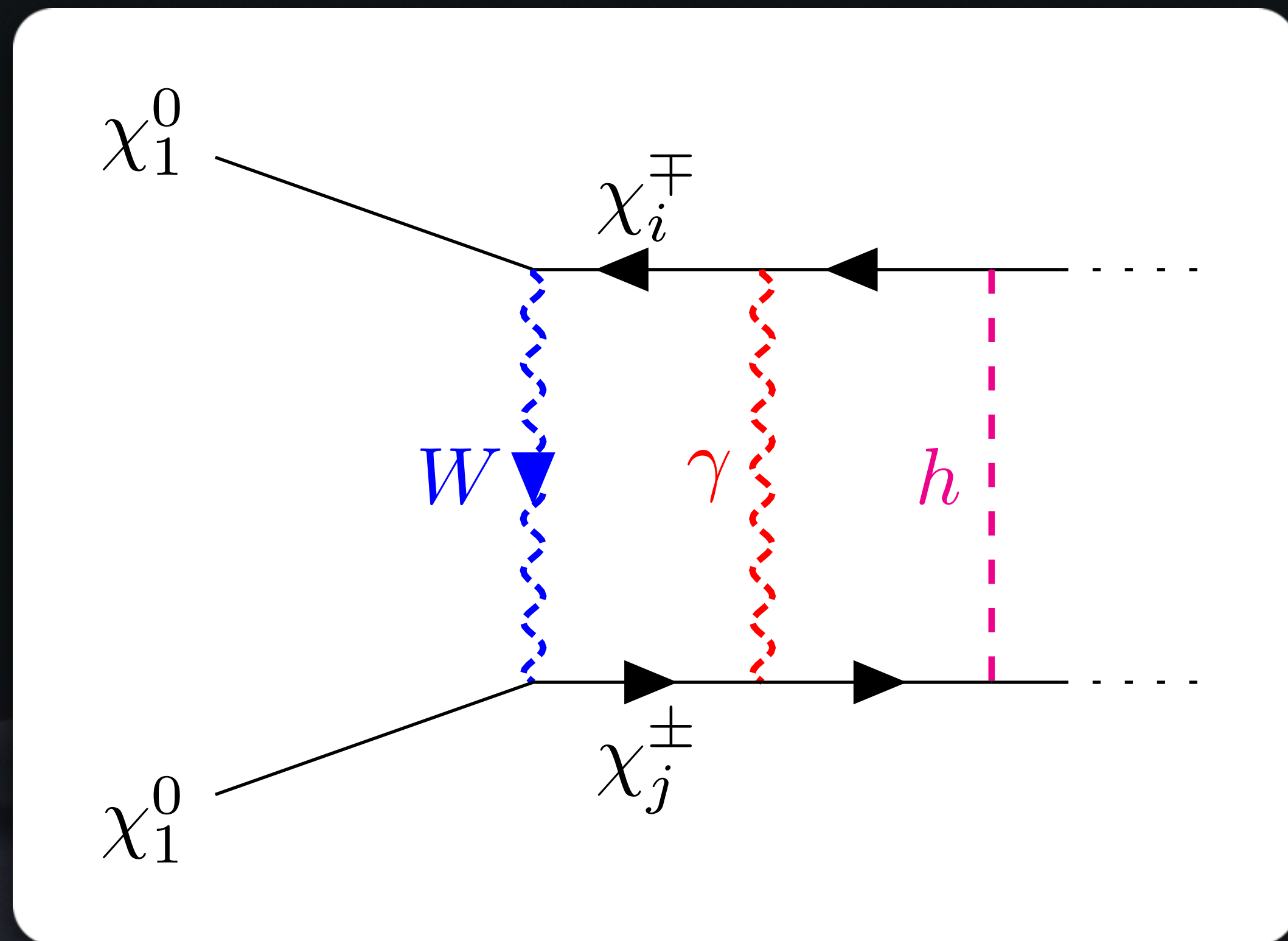
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_\gamma} = f\left(\alpha_{ew} \times \text{gorilla}\right) \times \left(\# \alpha_{ew}^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{ew}^4)\right)$$





# Sommerfeld factor

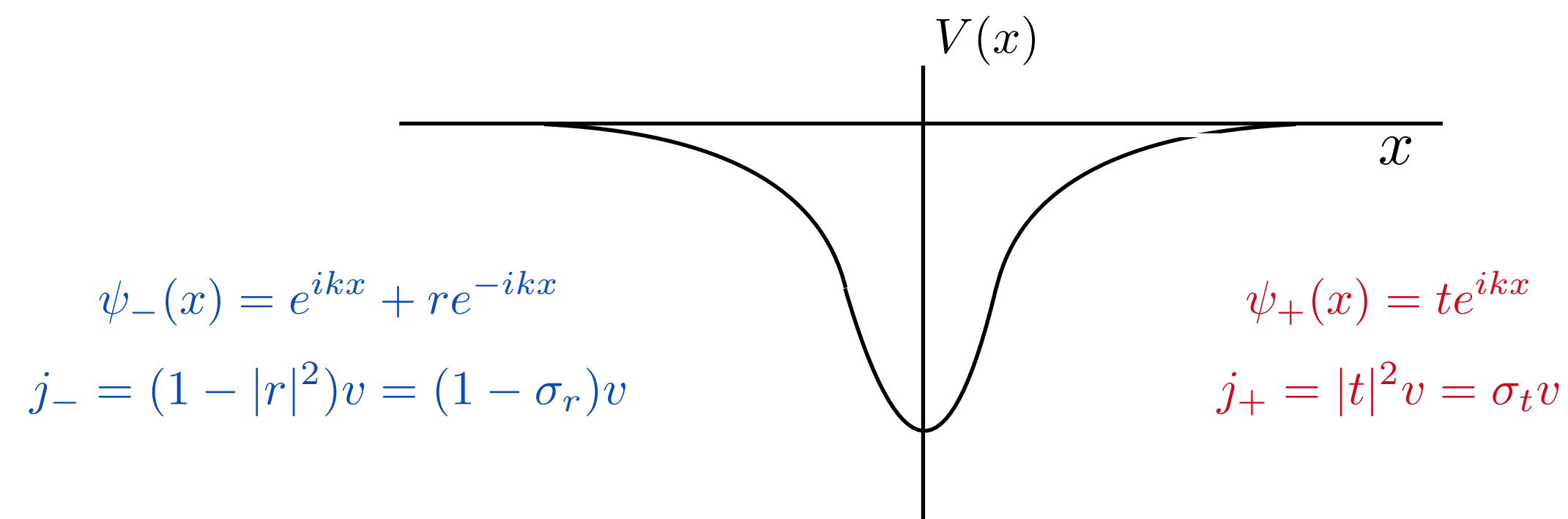
Reframe the question: QFT  $\rightarrow$  Quantum Mechanics



# Sommerfeld factor

How to compute it? Illustrative example

$$\left( -\frac{1}{m_\chi} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) \right) \psi(x) = E\psi(x)$$
$$j(x) = \frac{i}{m_\chi} [\psi(x)\psi'^*(x) - \psi^*(x)\psi'(x)] = \text{const.}$$



Unitarity:  $j_- = j_+ \rightarrow \sigma_r + \sigma_t = 1$  (only scattering)

# Sommerfeld factor

How to compute it? Illustrative example

$$\left( -\frac{1}{m_\chi} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x) + \frac{i}{2} \sigma_a^{(0)} v \delta(x) \right) \psi(x) = E \psi(x)$$

Unitarity-violating term  $\rightarrow j_+ = j_- + |\psi(0)|^2 \sigma_a v$

$$\sigma_r + \sigma_t + \sigma_a = 1$$

$$\sigma_a = |\psi(0)|^2 \sigma_a^{(0)}$$

# Sommerfeld factor

Putting all things together

$$\frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma} = 2 \sum_{I,J} S_{IJ} \left[ \frac{d(\tilde{\sigma}\nu)}{dE_\gamma} \right]_{IJ}$$

Quantum mechanics  
(ladder) ↓

↑ Particle pairs

↑ QFT perturbation theory

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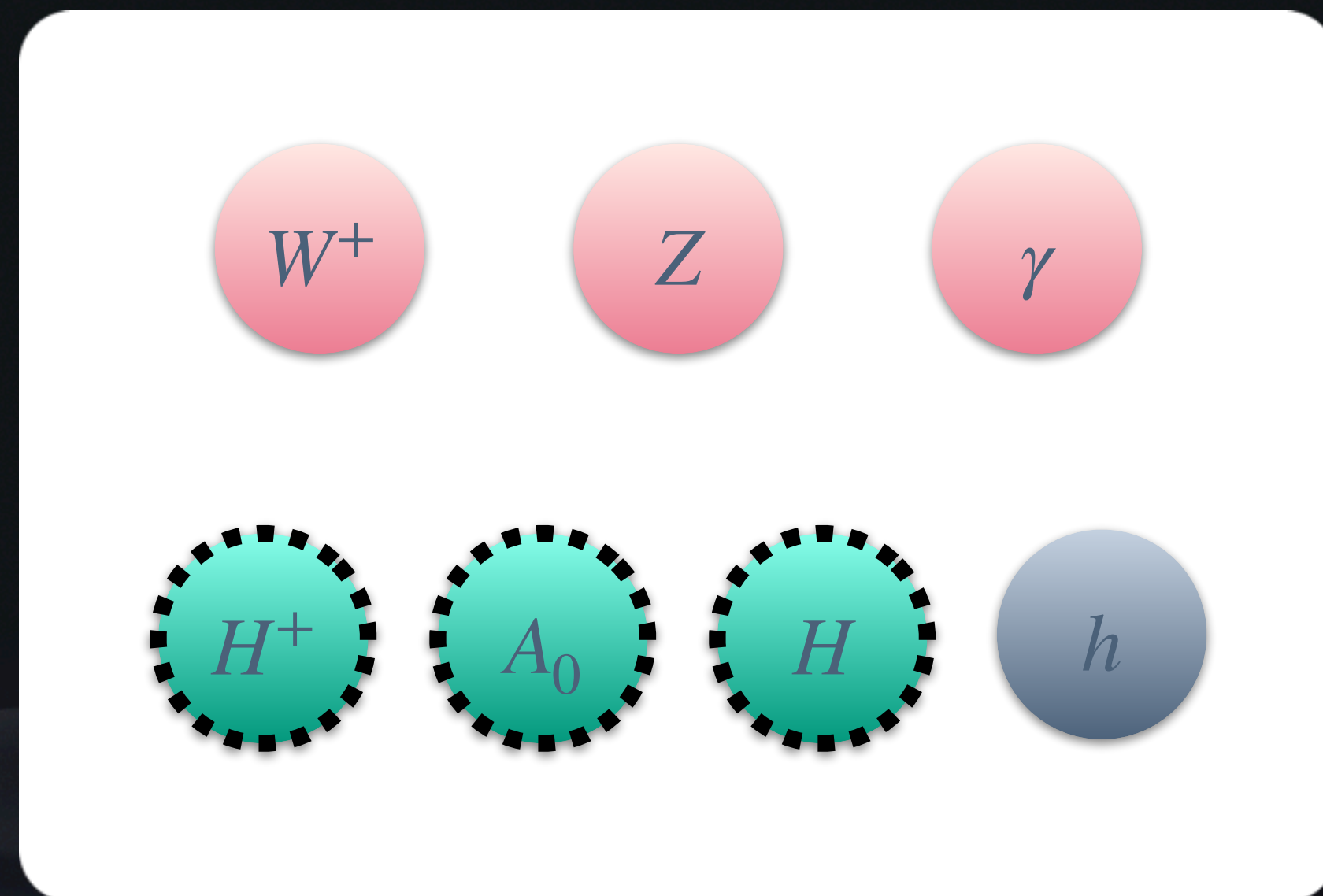
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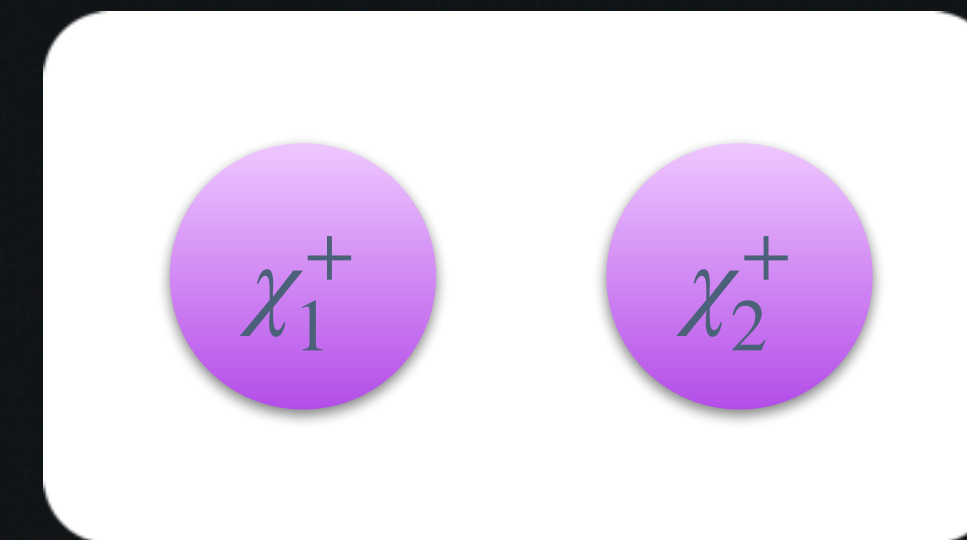
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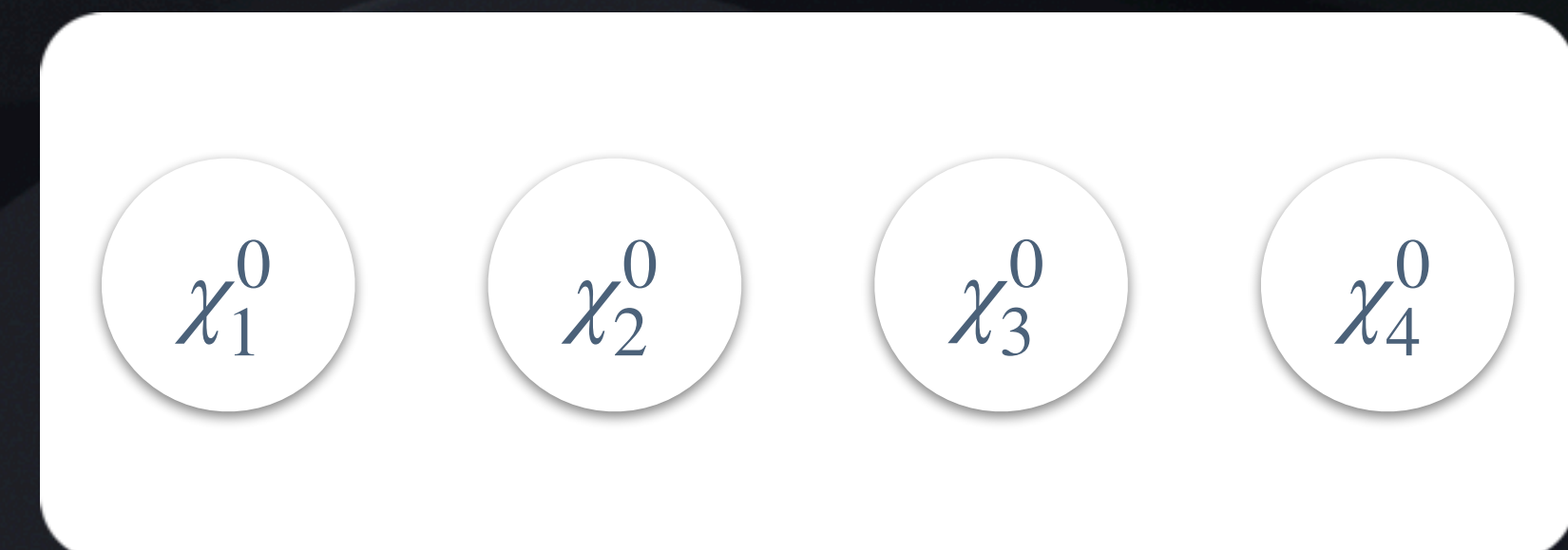
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Charginos



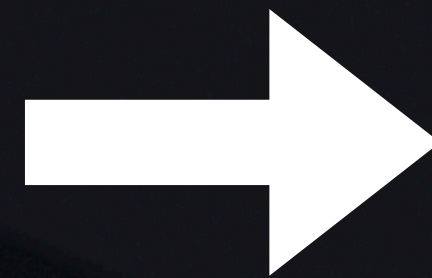
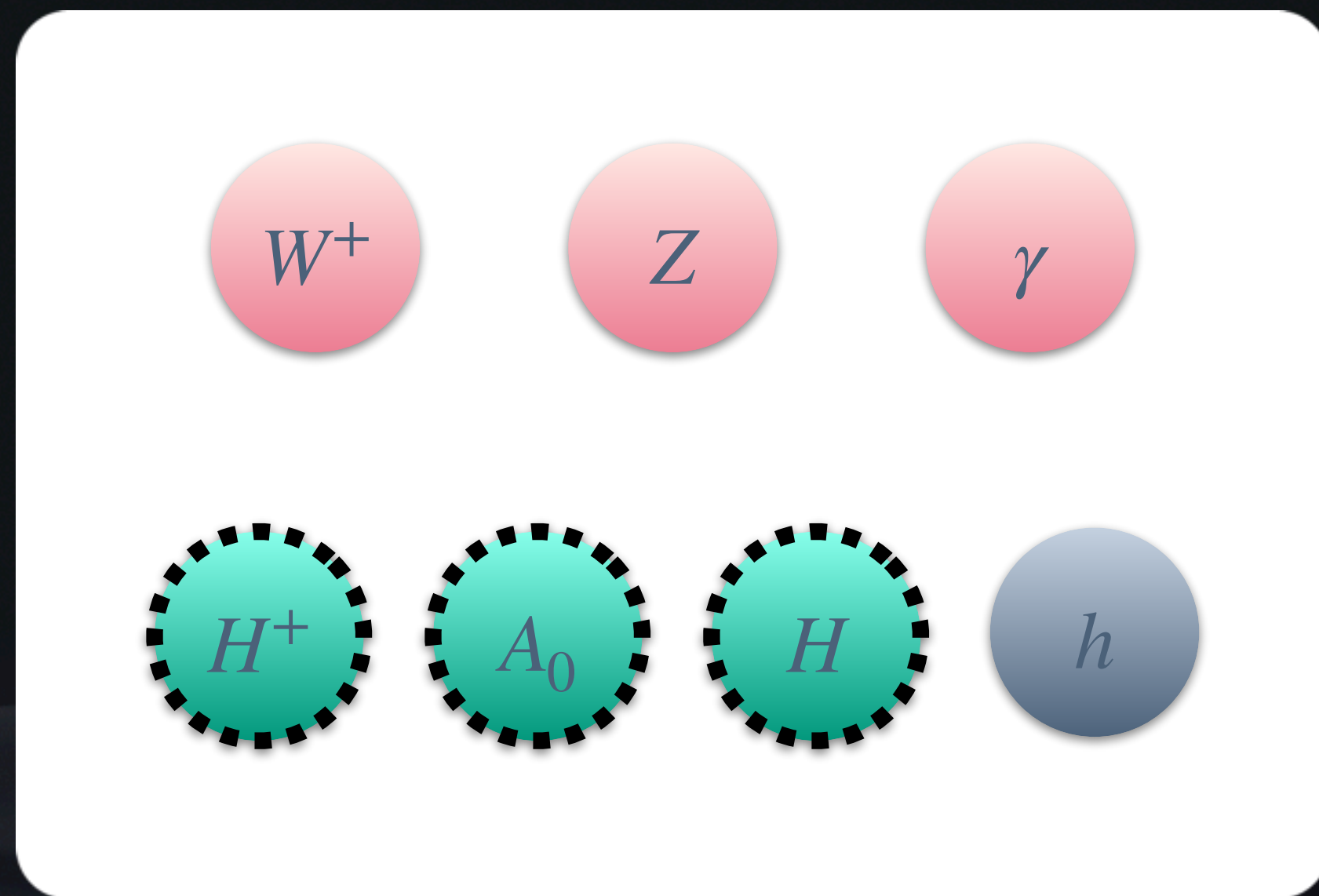
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# Sommerfeld effect in the MSSM

Dark Matter NR potential

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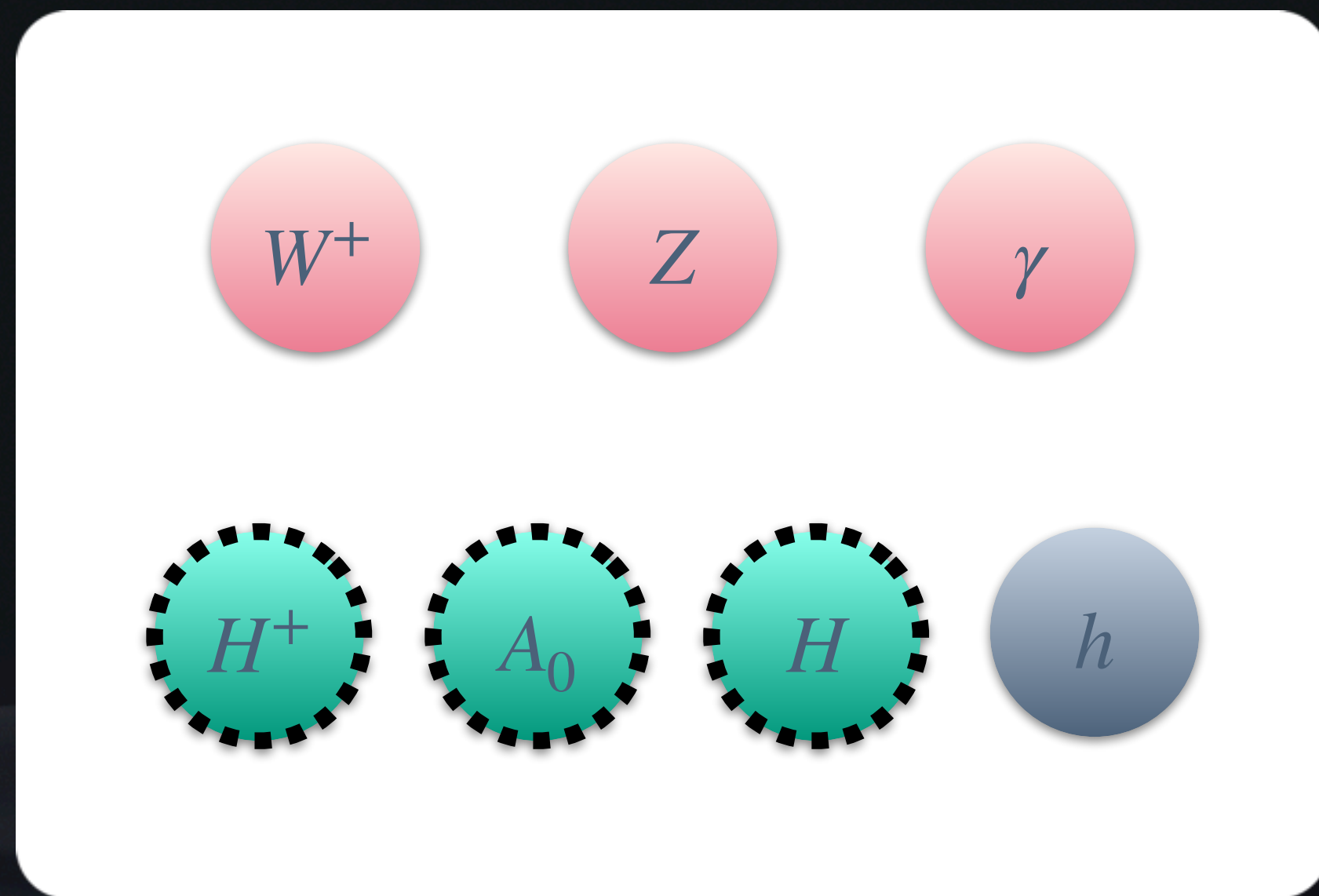
$$V(r) \sim \frac{\alpha}{r} + \frac{\alpha_{ew} e^{-m_W r}}{r} + \frac{\alpha_{ew} e^{-m_Z r}}{r} + \dots$$



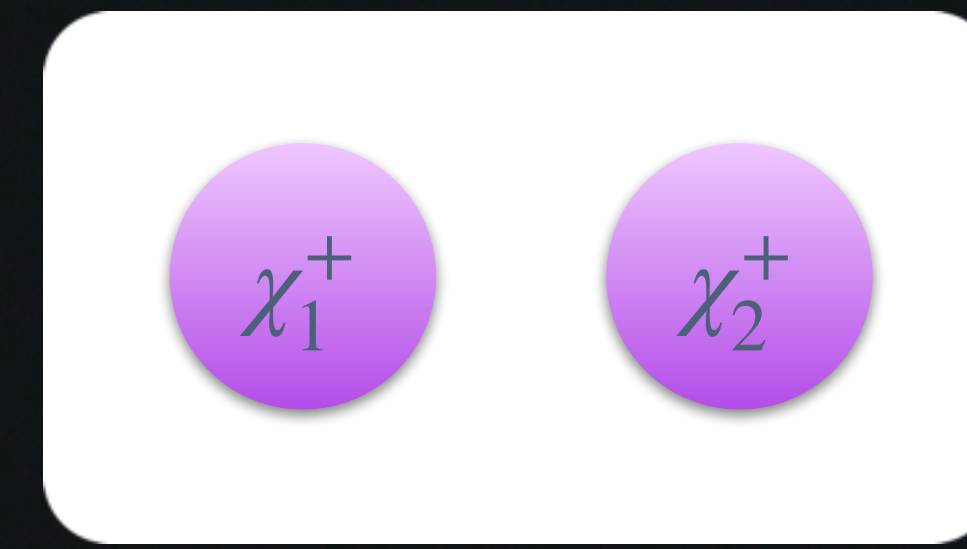
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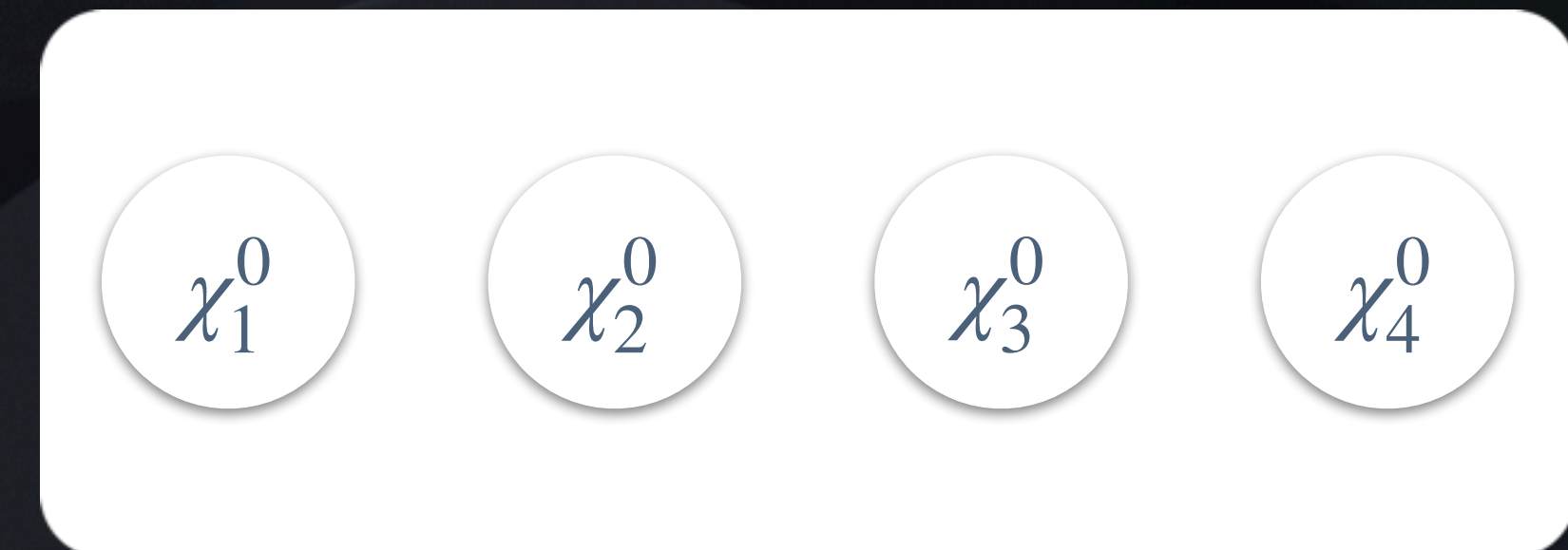
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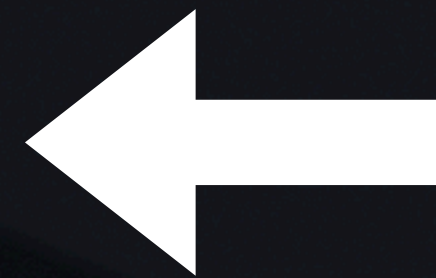
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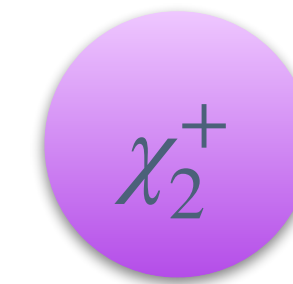
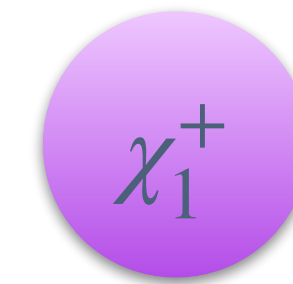
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Dark Matter NR potential

$$V(r) \rightarrow V_{IJ}(r)$$



**Charginos**



**Neutralinos**





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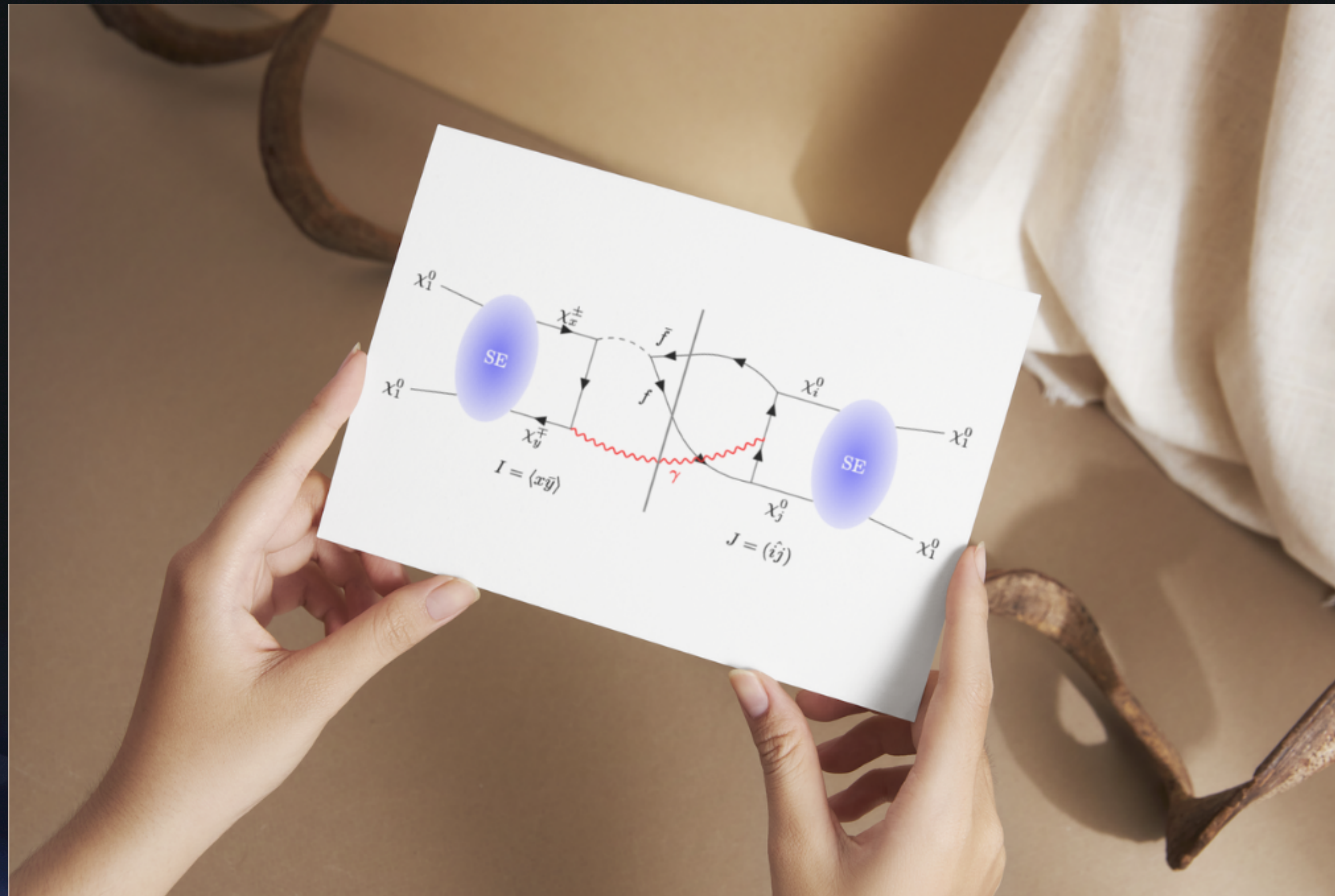
14×14 matrix

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**105** independent terms

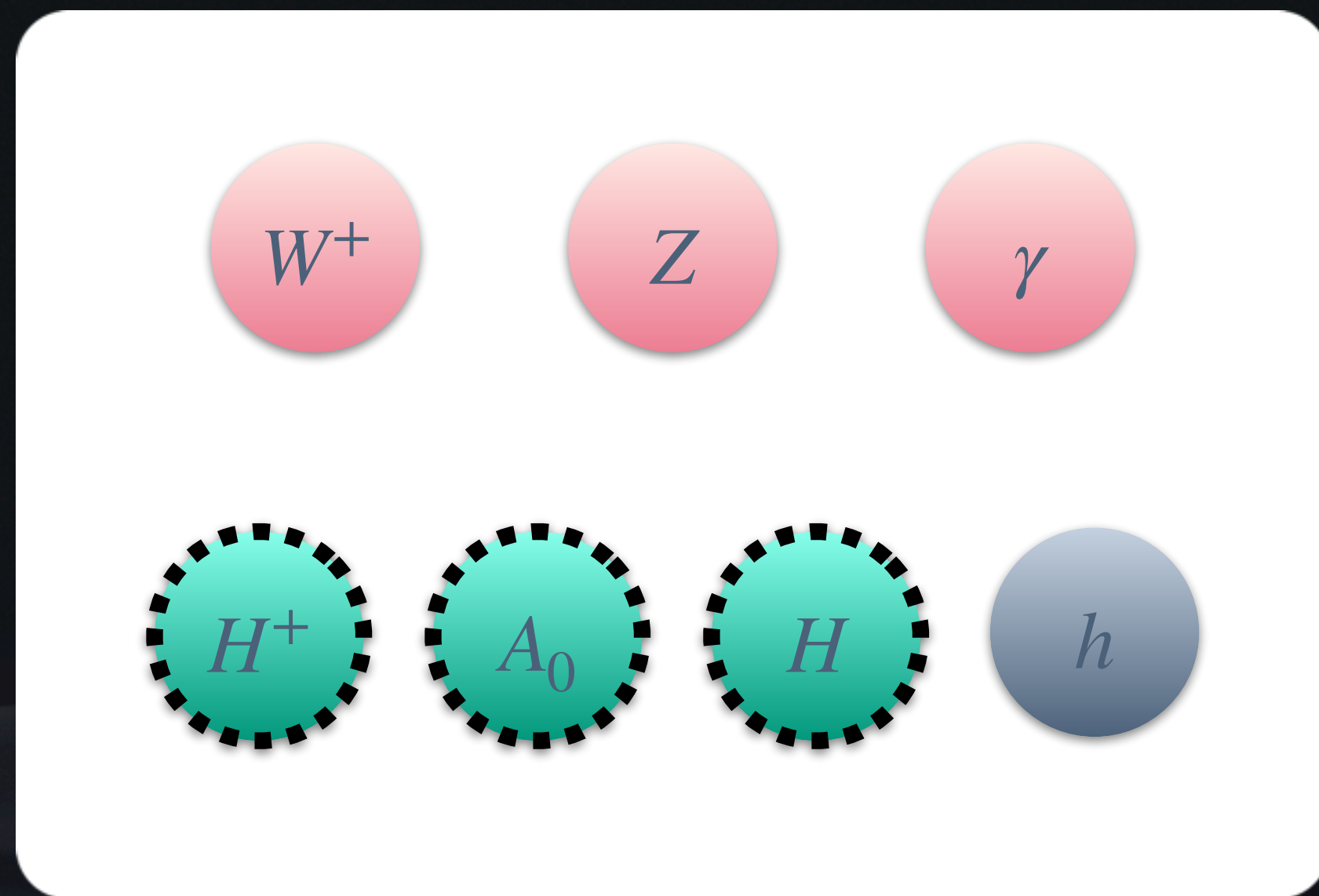
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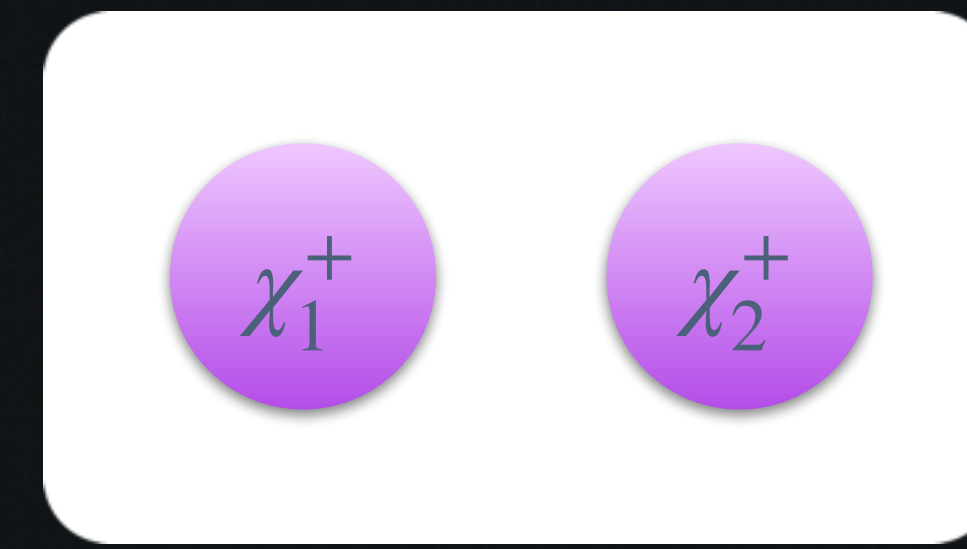
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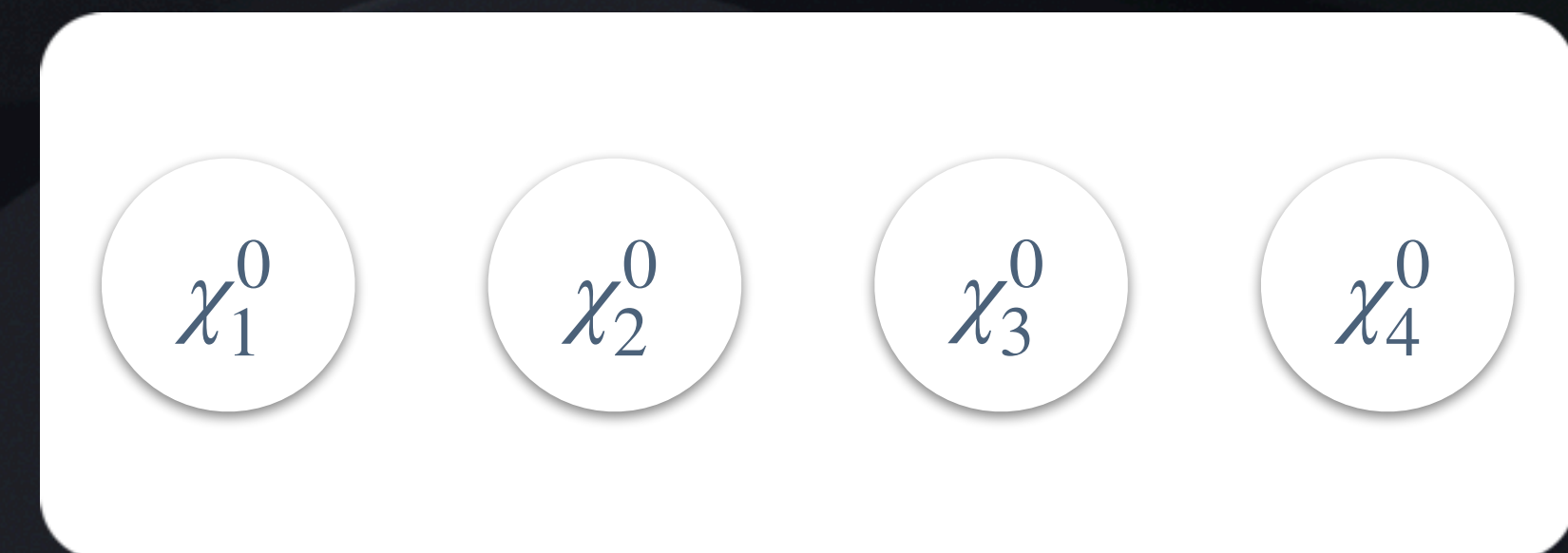
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# Pure wino

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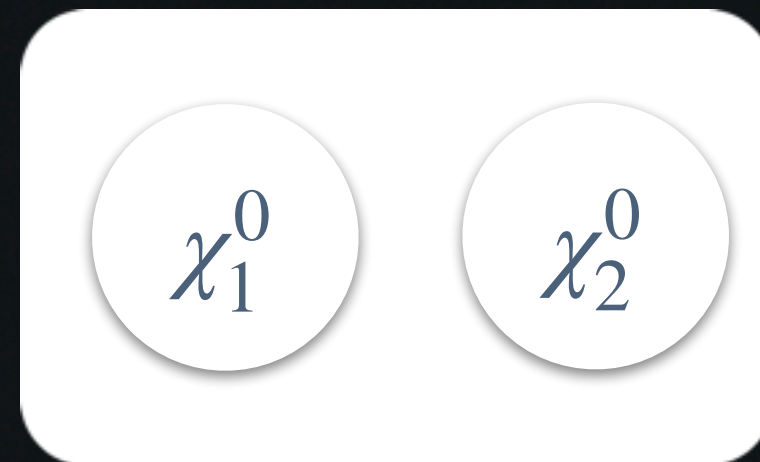
$$V(r) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{2}\alpha_2 \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} \\ -\sqrt{2}\alpha_2 \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} & -\frac{\alpha}{r} - \alpha_2 c_W^2 \frac{e^{-m_Z r}}{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

Further properties:

- $m_{\chi_1^0}^{\text{wimp}} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV}$
- $\frac{m_{\chi_1^+} - m_{\chi_1^0}}{m_{\chi_1^0}} \simeq 5.5 \times 10^{-5}$
- No couplings to quarks or gluons

# Pure higgsino

Neutralinos



Charginos



Mediators



$$V(r) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\alpha_2}{4c_W^2} \frac{e^{-m_Z r}}{r} & -\frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} \\ -\frac{\alpha_2}{4c_W^2} \frac{e^{-m_Z r}}{r} & 0 & -\frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} \\ -\frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} & -\frac{\alpha_2}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-m_W r}}{r} & -\frac{\alpha}{r} - \frac{\alpha_2 (s_W^2 - c_W^2)^2}{4c_W^2} \frac{e^{-m_Z r}}{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

Further properties:

- $m_{\chi_1^0}^{\text{wimp}} \simeq 1 \text{ TeV}$
- $\frac{m_{\chi_1^+} - m_{\chi_1^0}}{m_{\chi_1^0}} \simeq 3.5 \times 10^{-4}$
- No couplings to quarks or gluons
  - Small admixture with wino/bino required in order to avoid direct-detection constraints



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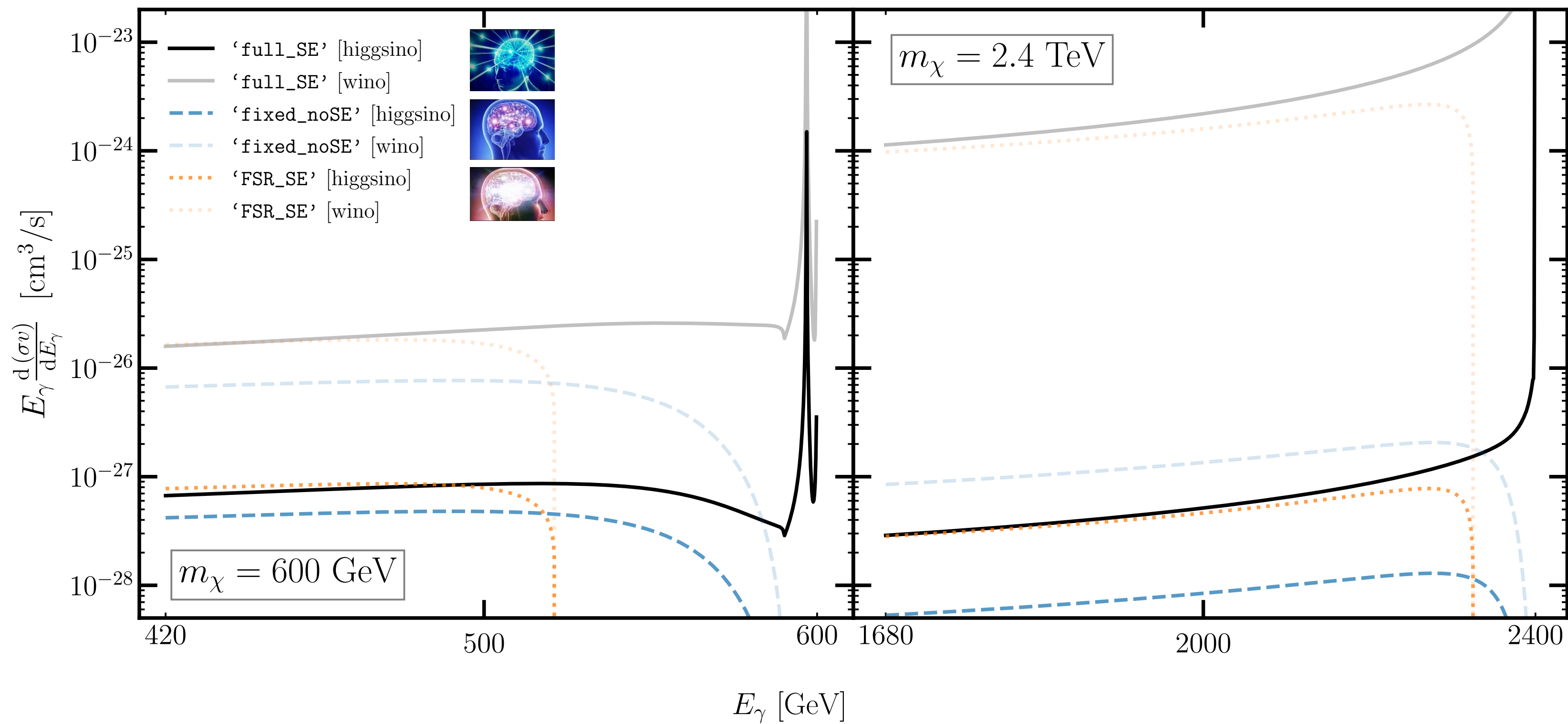
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# Without further due...



# Meme legend



Fixed-order 2  $\rightarrow$  3  
(tree)  
+ Parton Shower

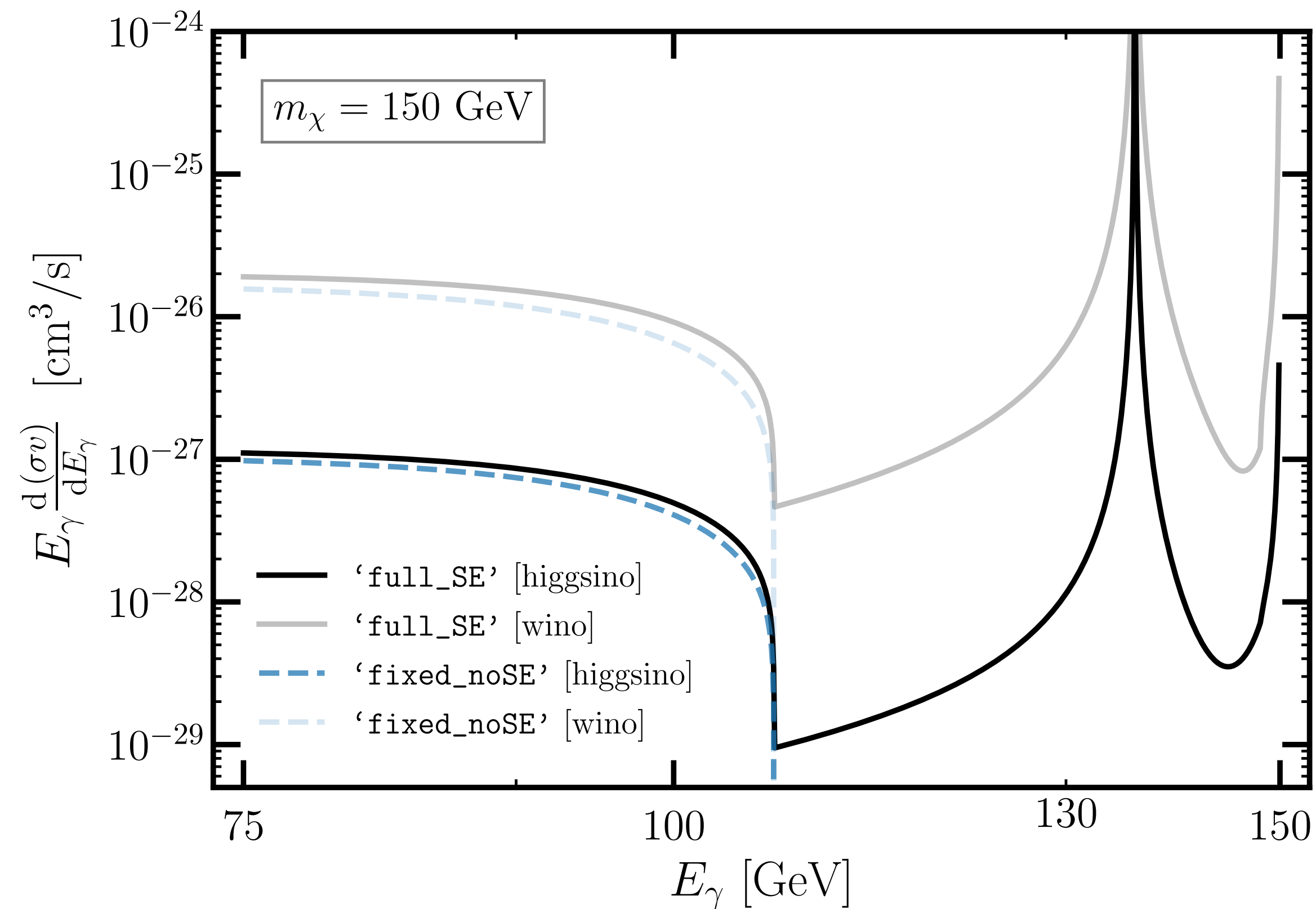
Fixed-order 2  $\rightarrow$  2  
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**Sommerfeld  
factor**

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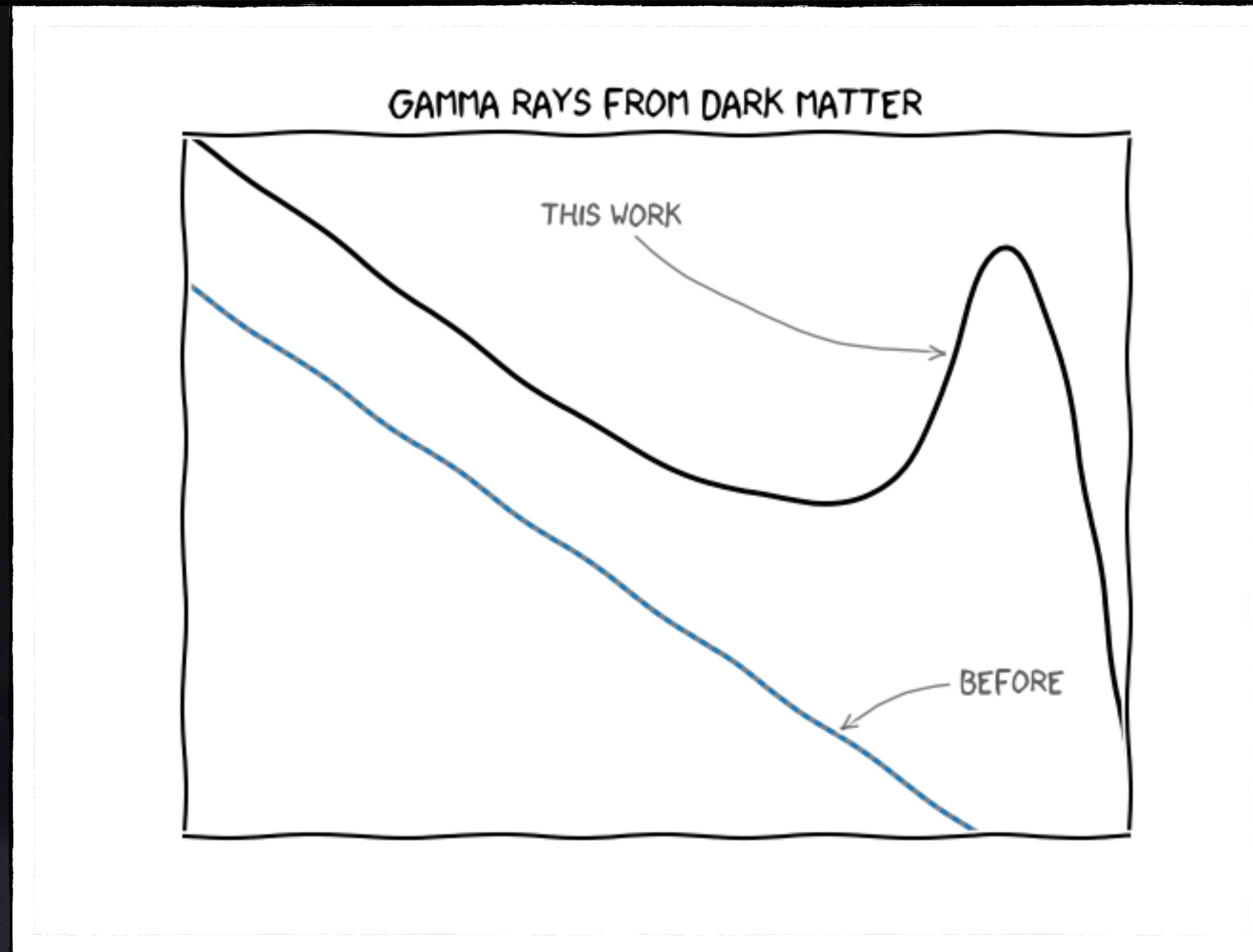
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# Lighter winos/higgsinos

Kinematic  $W^+W^-\gamma$  threshold “lifted” by the Sommerfeld effect

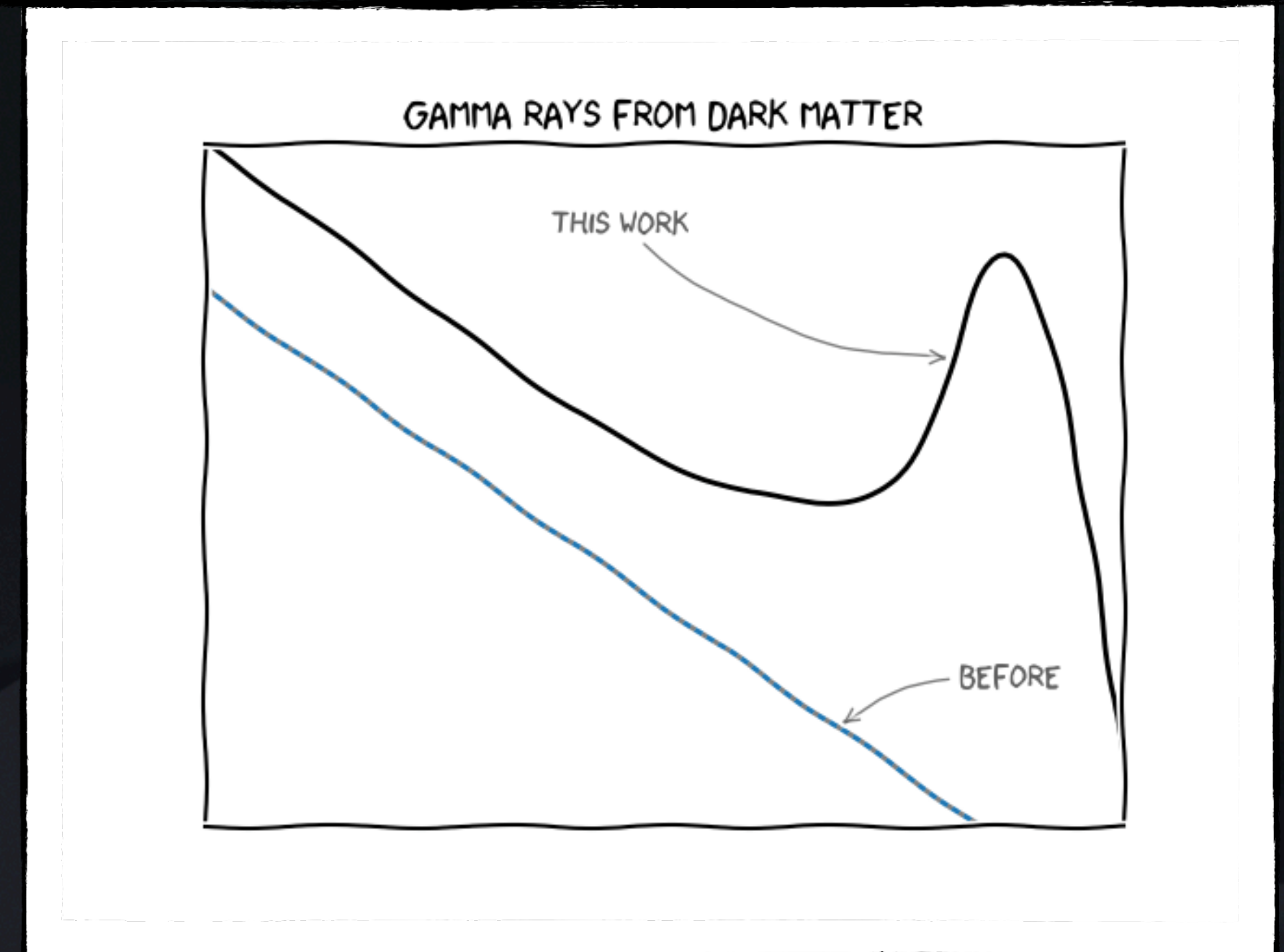
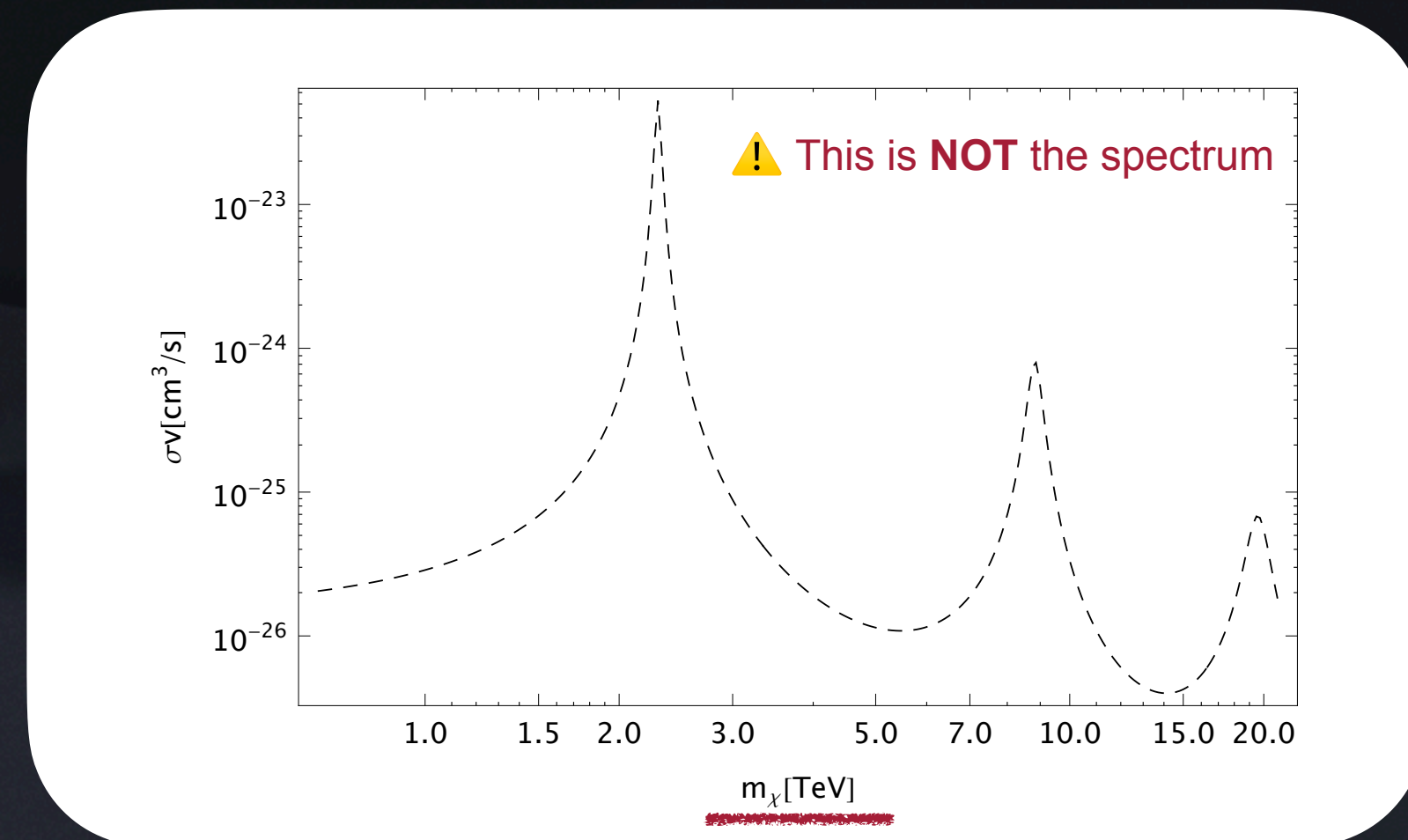
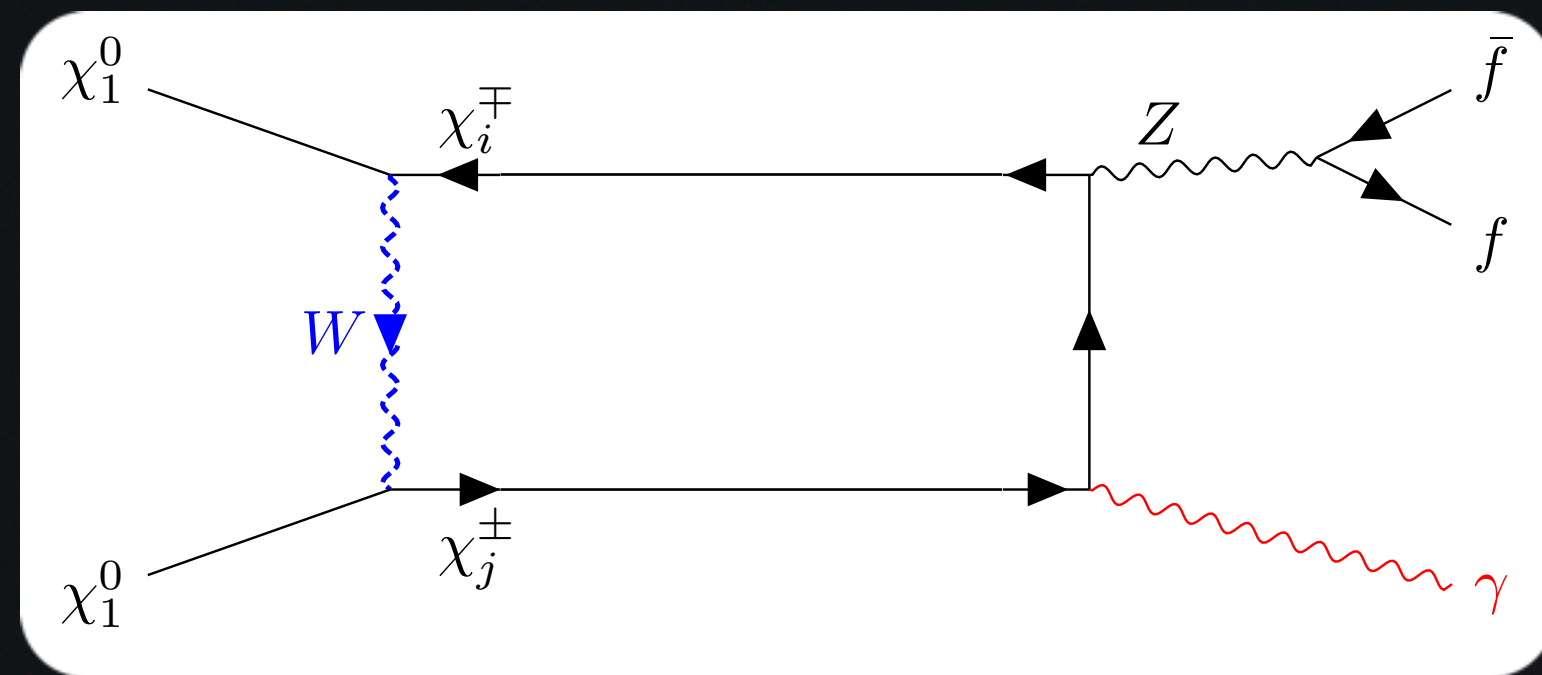


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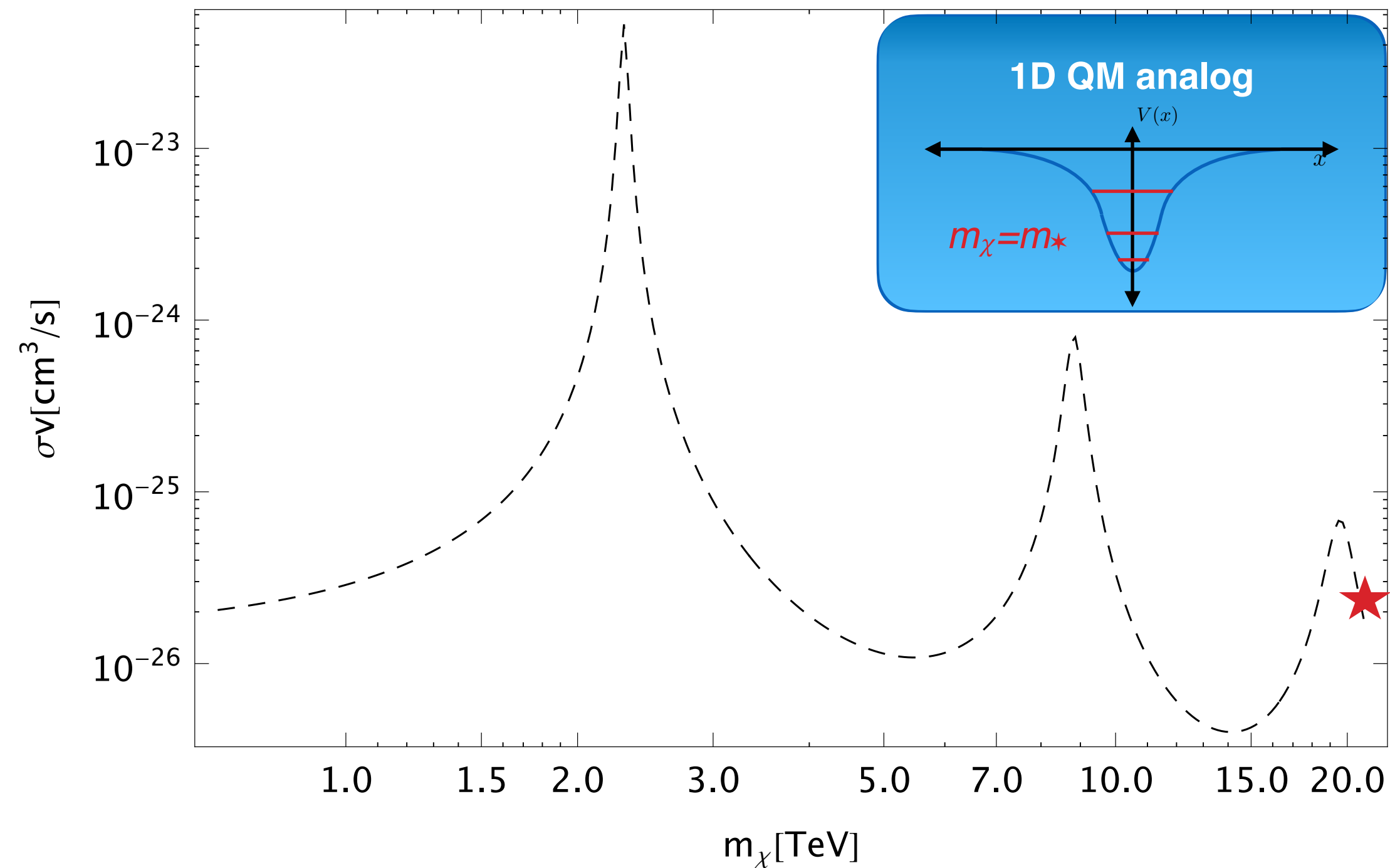
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Charginos are electrically charged / Sommerfeld resonances



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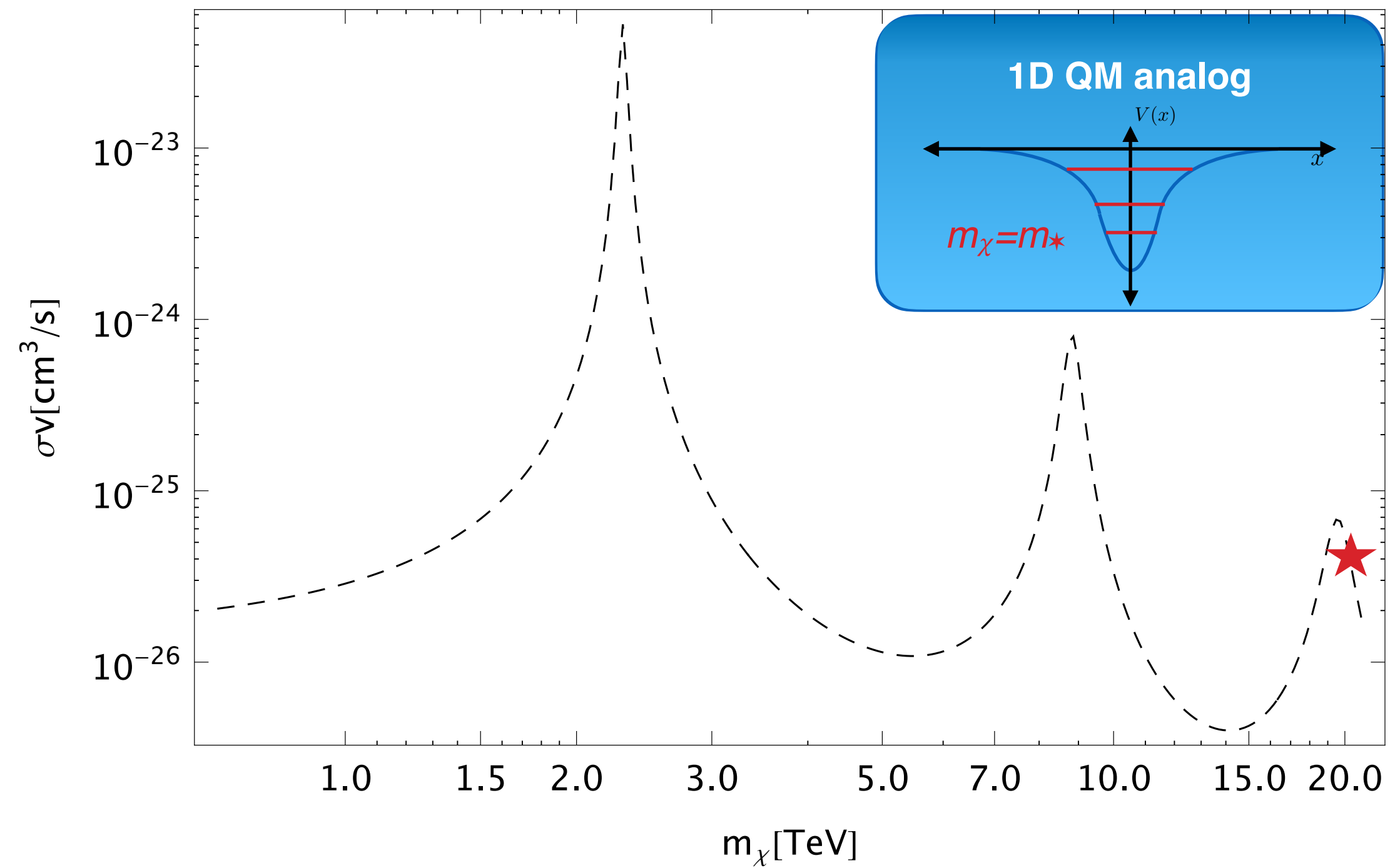
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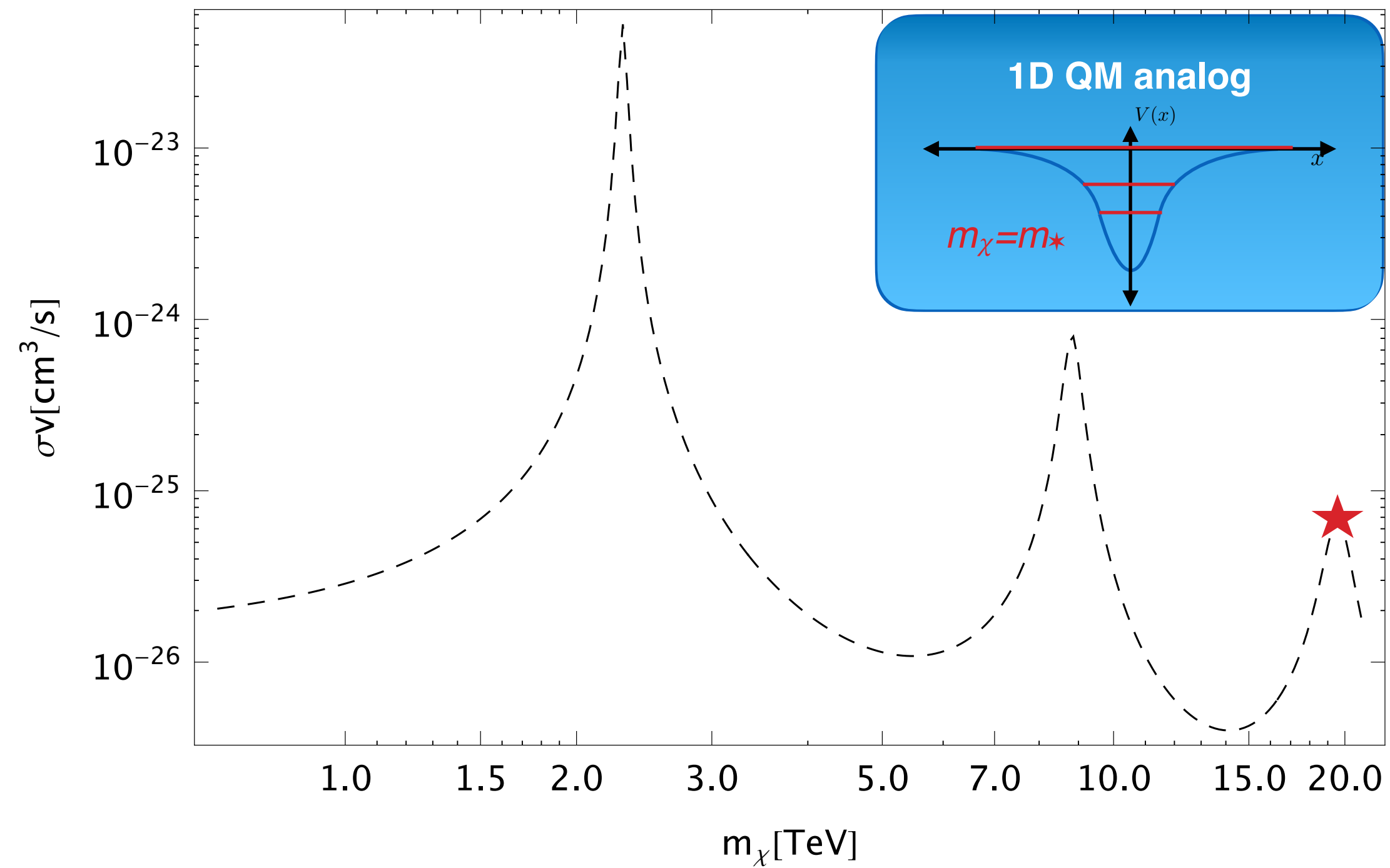
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flux



energy

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## Electroweak resummation of neutralino dark-matter annihilation into high-energy photons

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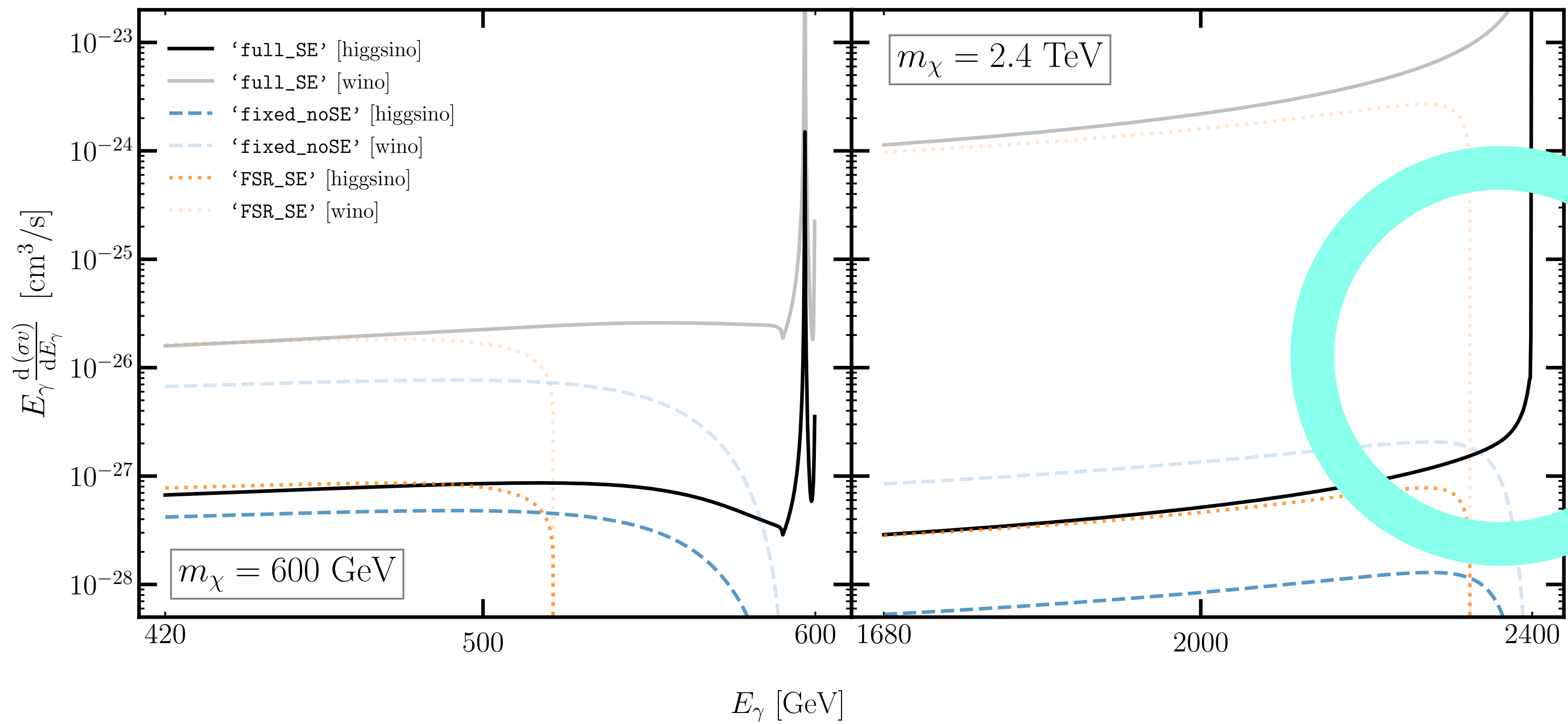
# Resummation

Goal: factor out the “gorillas”

$$\frac{d\sigma\nu}{dE_\gamma} = f\left(\alpha_{ew} \times \text{gorilla}\right) \times \left(\# \alpha_{ew}^3 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{ew}^4)\right)$$

“safe” to use perturbation theory

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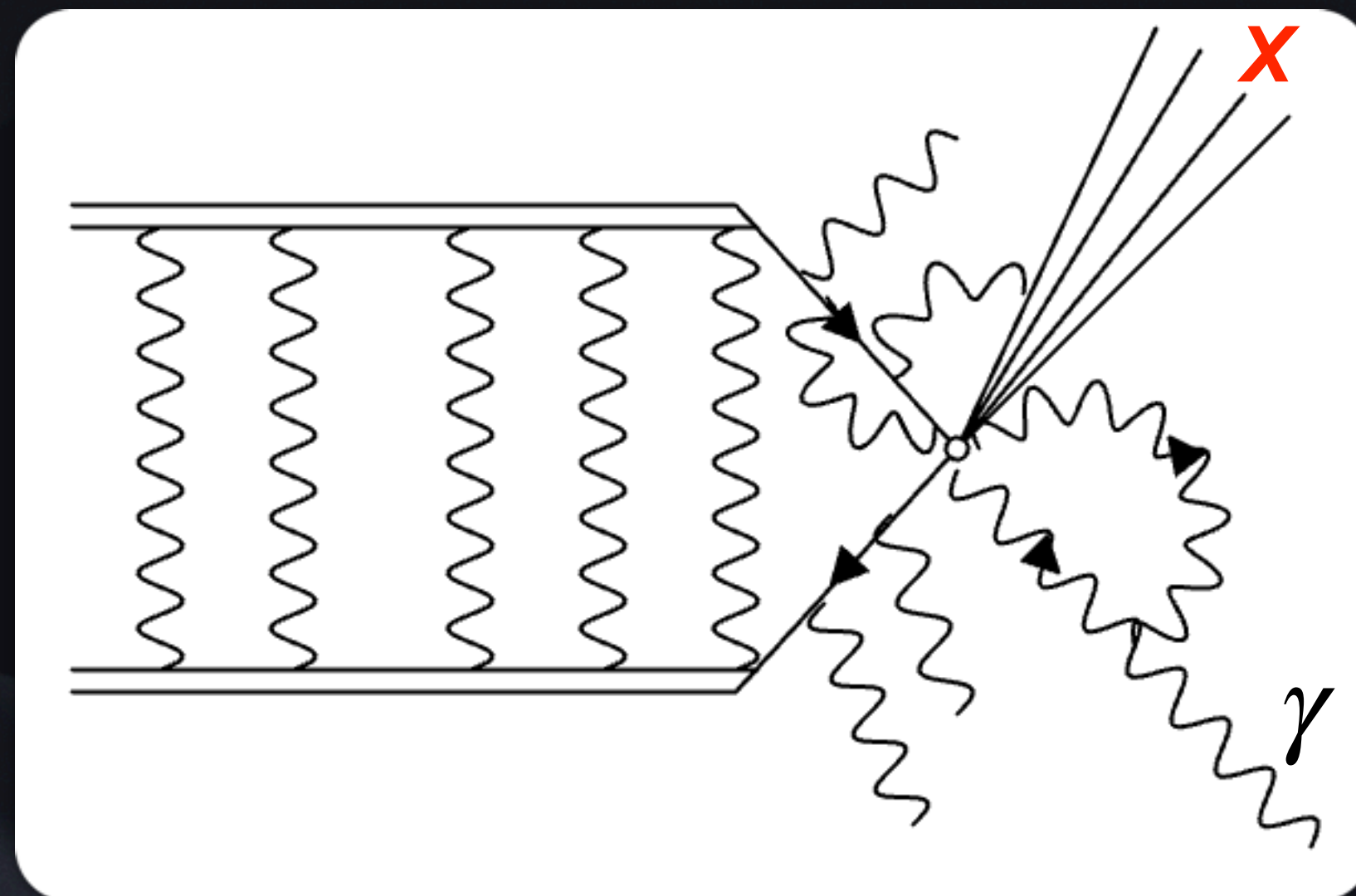


# Sudakov double-log resummation

Soft-collinear effective field theory approach

$$\left[ \frac{d(\tilde{\sigma}v)}{dE_\gamma} \right]_{IJ} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^{n_{id}}} \frac{1}{4} \frac{2}{\pi m_\chi} \sum_{i,j} C_i(\mu) C_j^*(\mu) \times Z_\gamma^{33}(\mu, \nu) \times \int d\omega J^{\text{SU}(2)}(4m_\chi(m_\chi - E_\gamma - \omega/2), \mu) \tilde{W}_{IJ}^{ij}(\omega, \mu, \nu)$$

Endpoint  $\rightarrow m_X^2 \ll 4m_\chi^2$





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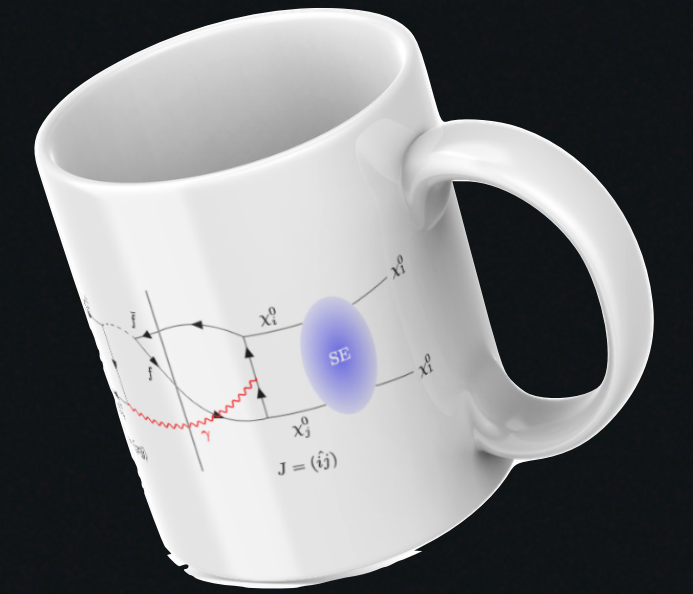
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- Cherenkov telescopes are excellent instruments to search for TeV-scale SUSY
- Beautiful and complex phenomenology for indirect detection: Sommerfeld effect, internal bremsstrahlung, resonances, spectral lines, radiative electroweak effects, ...
- Incorporated all these effects (consistently) for the first time!
  - Most complete theoretical prediction for the continuum gamma-ray spectrum from MSSM neutralinos
    - See **2310.11067**
- Effects can lead to qualitative differences with respect to previous calculations
  - Thorough explorations in the remaining 2020s are thus **crucial**