

Sub-GeV dark matter search at beam dump experiments

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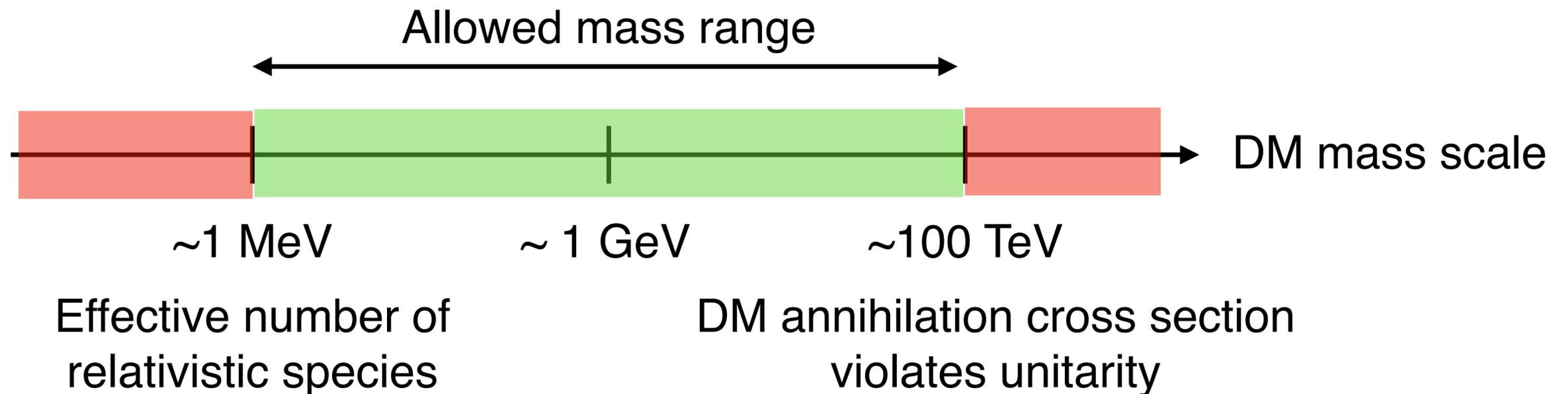
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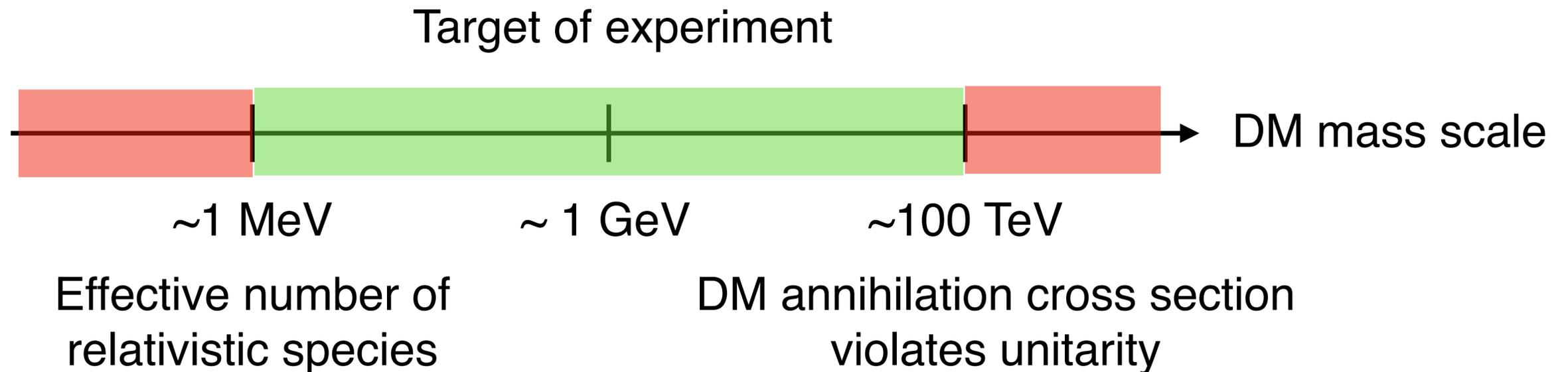


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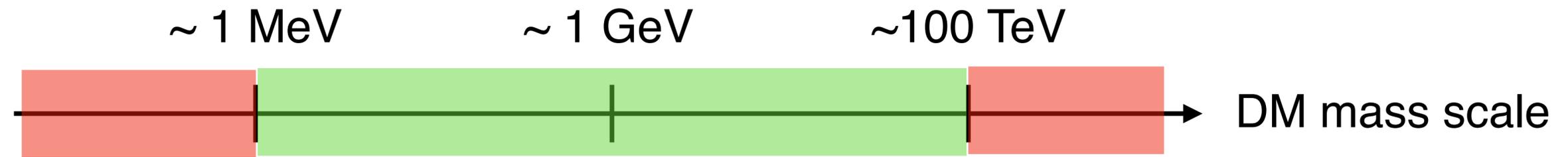
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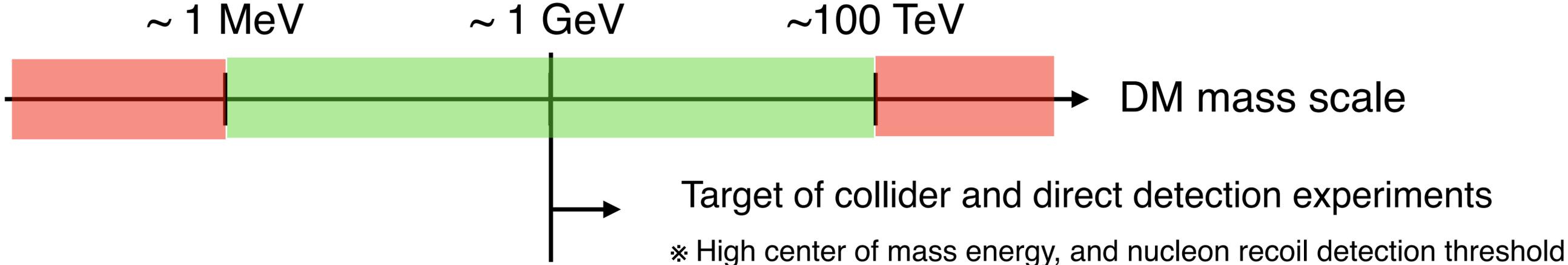


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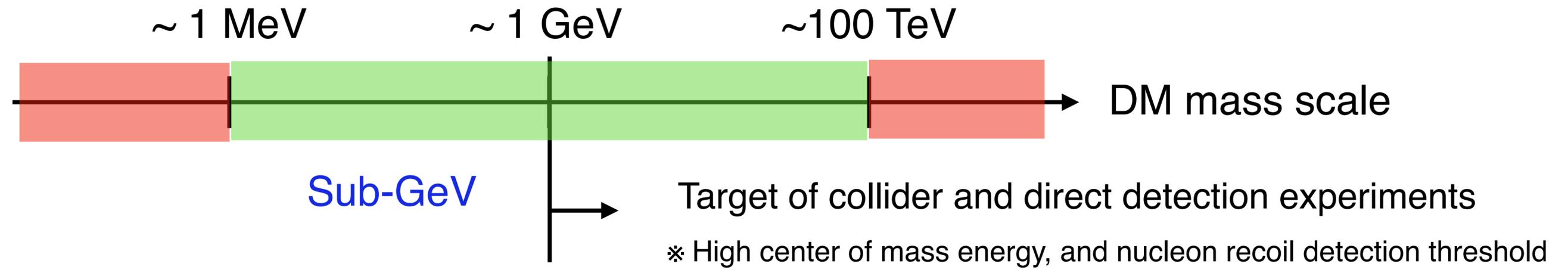
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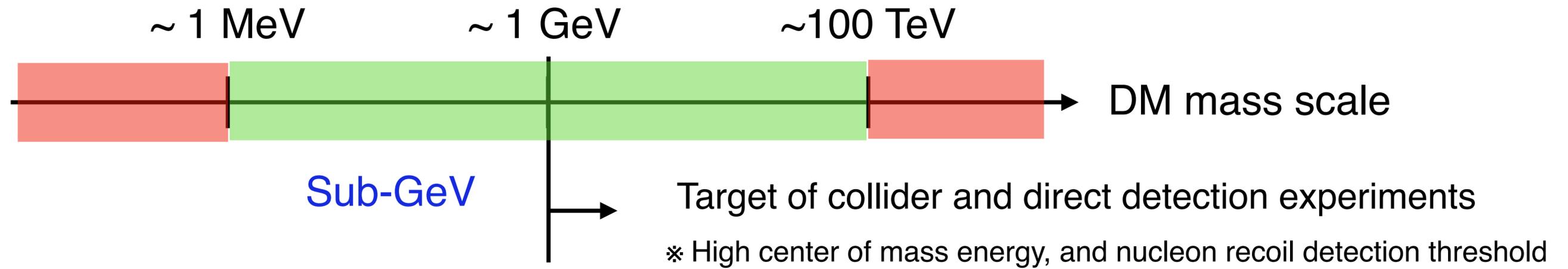


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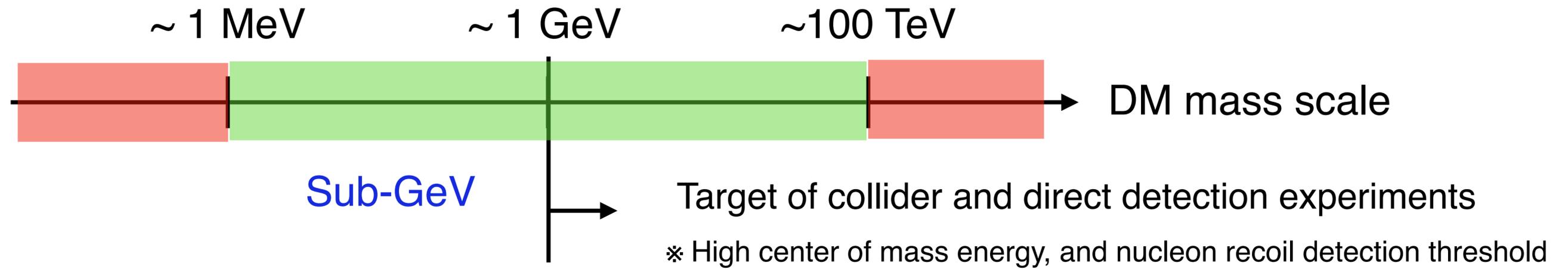
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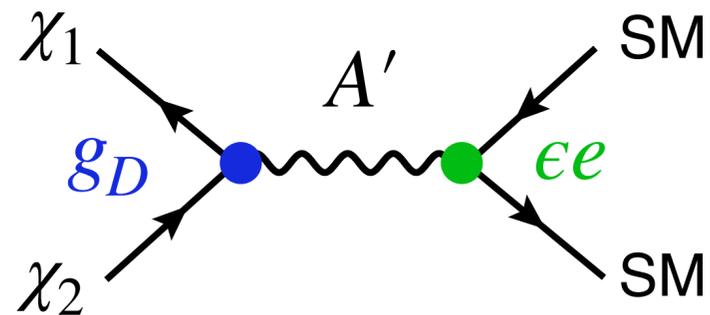
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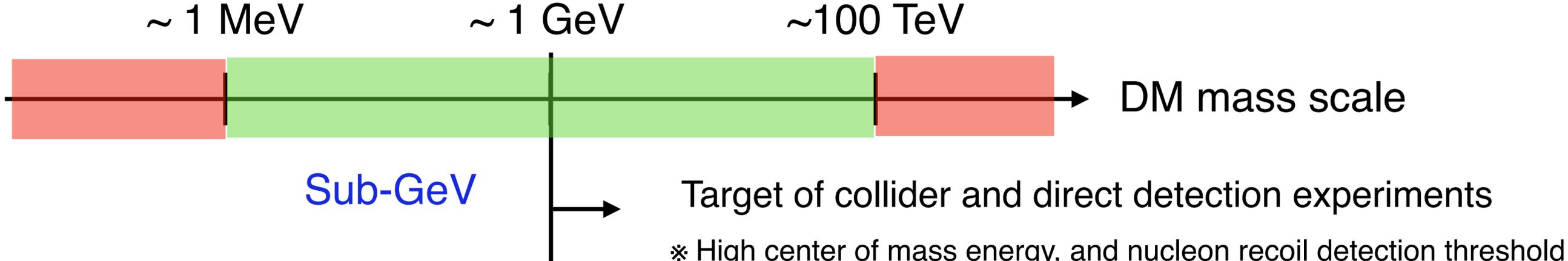
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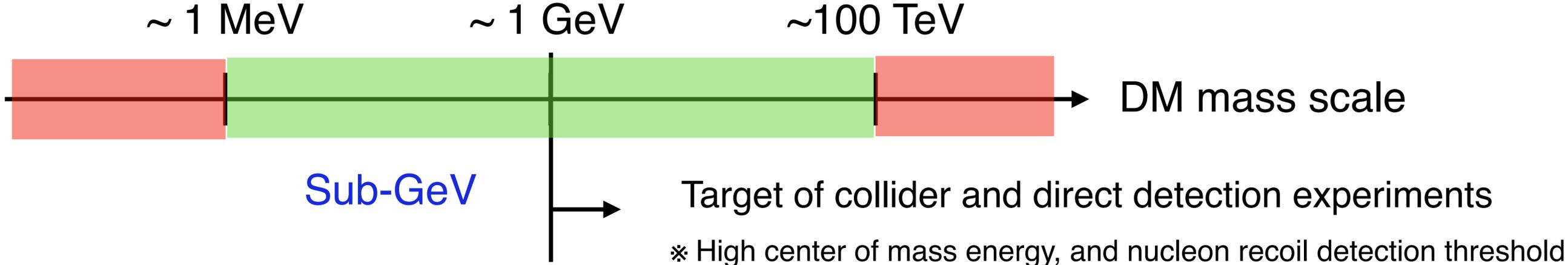


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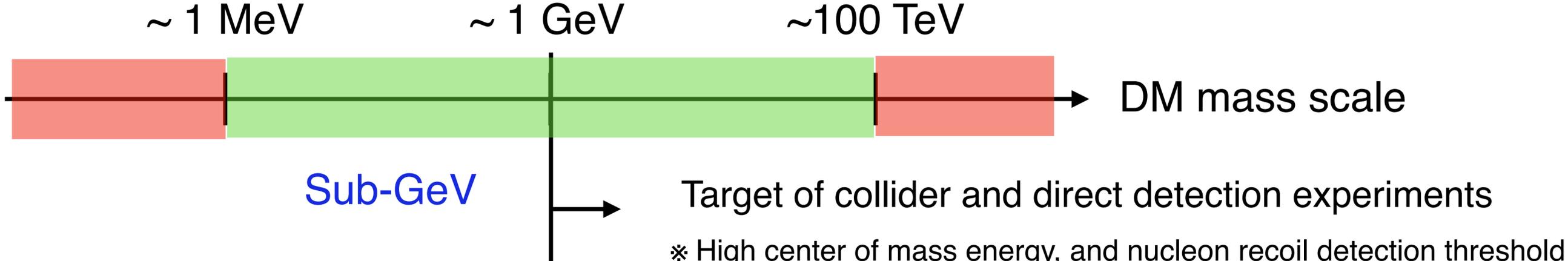
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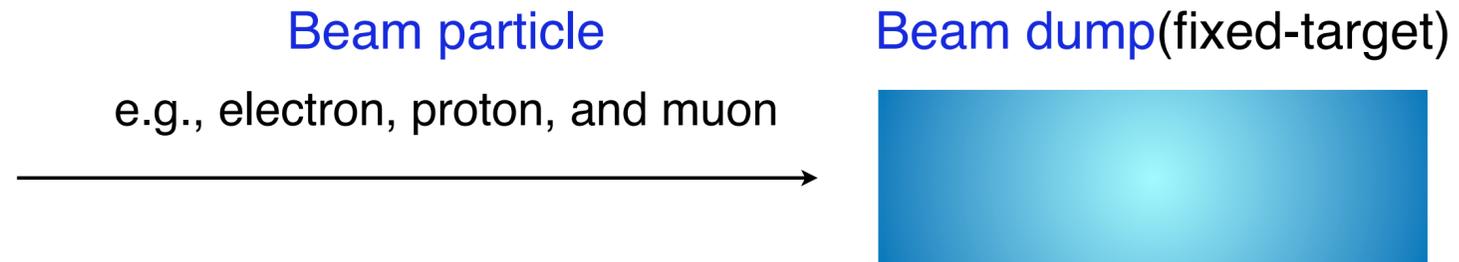
Beam particle

e.g., electron, proton, and muon



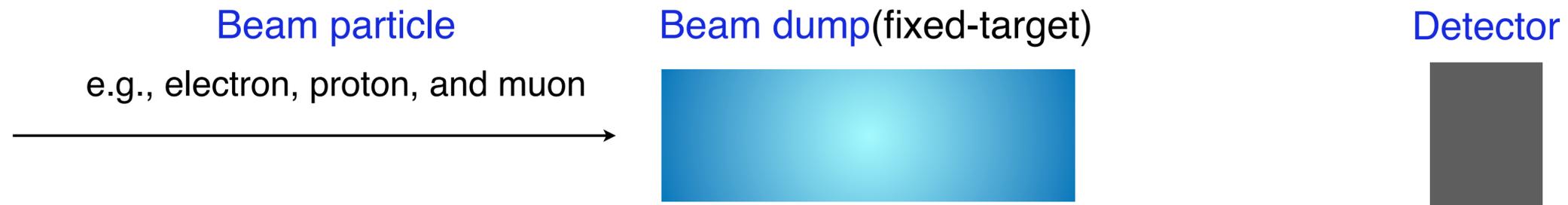
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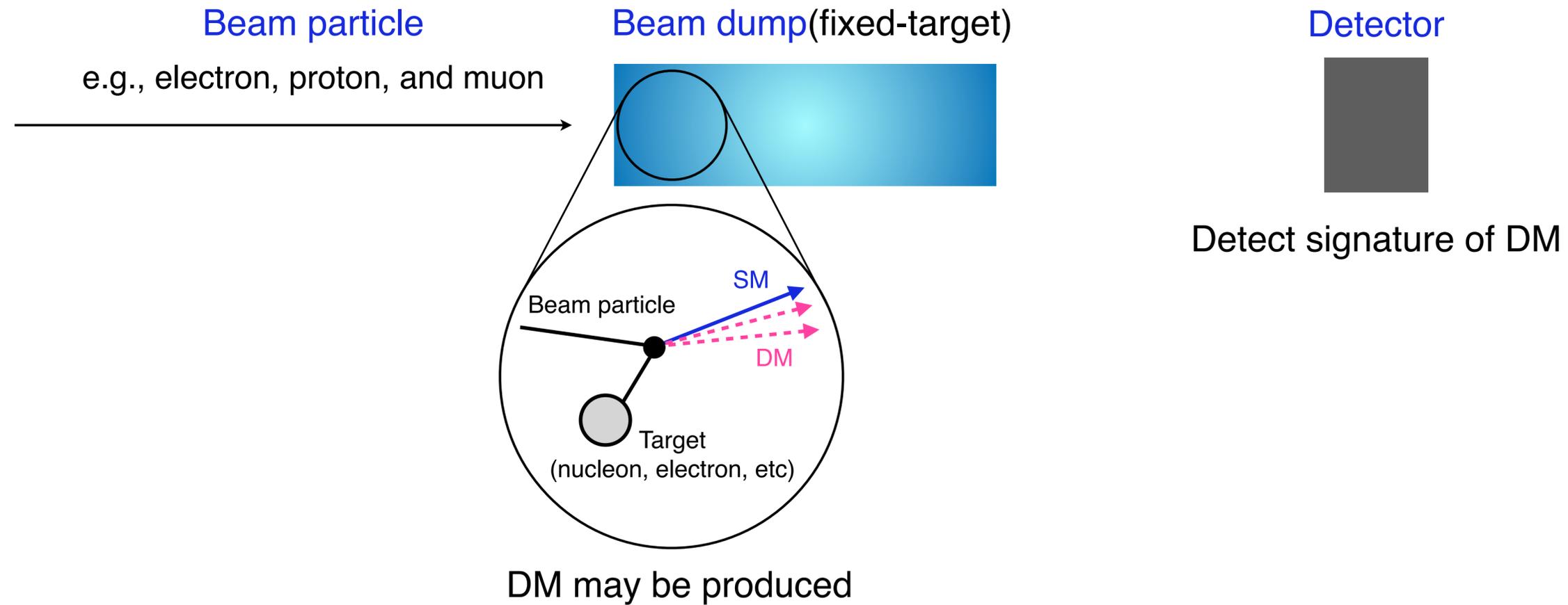
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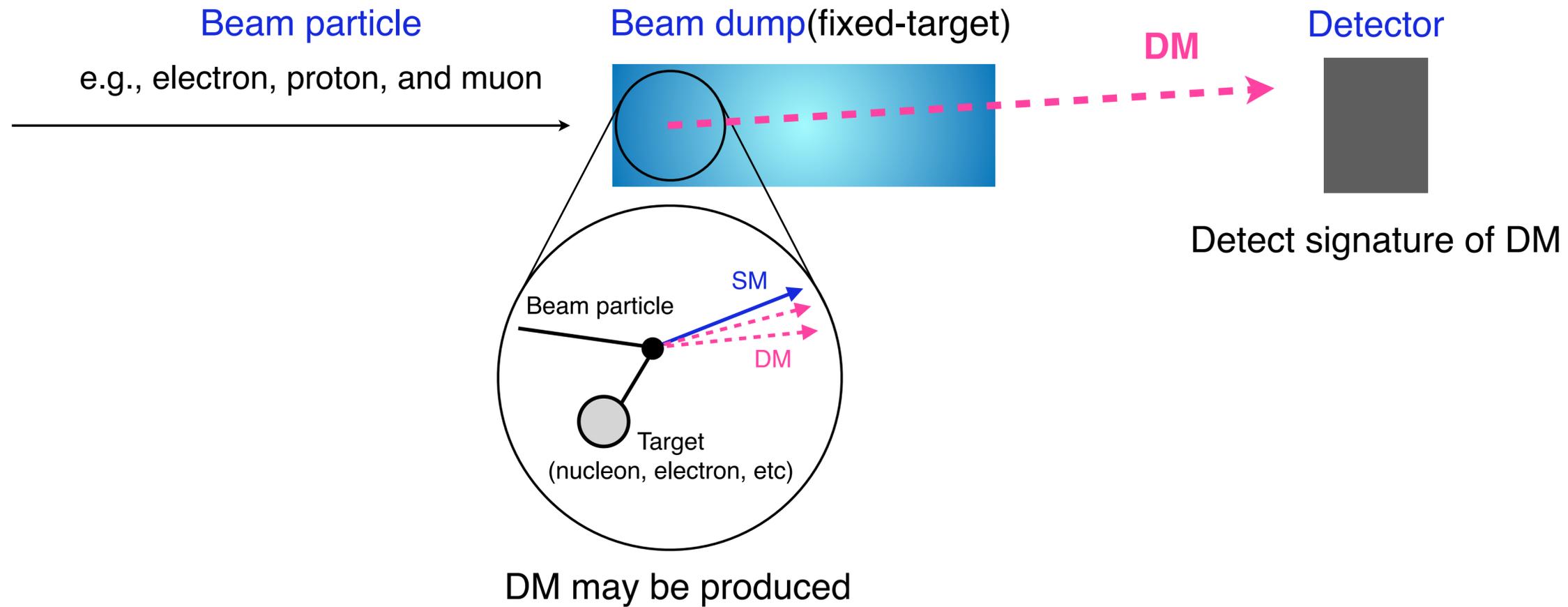
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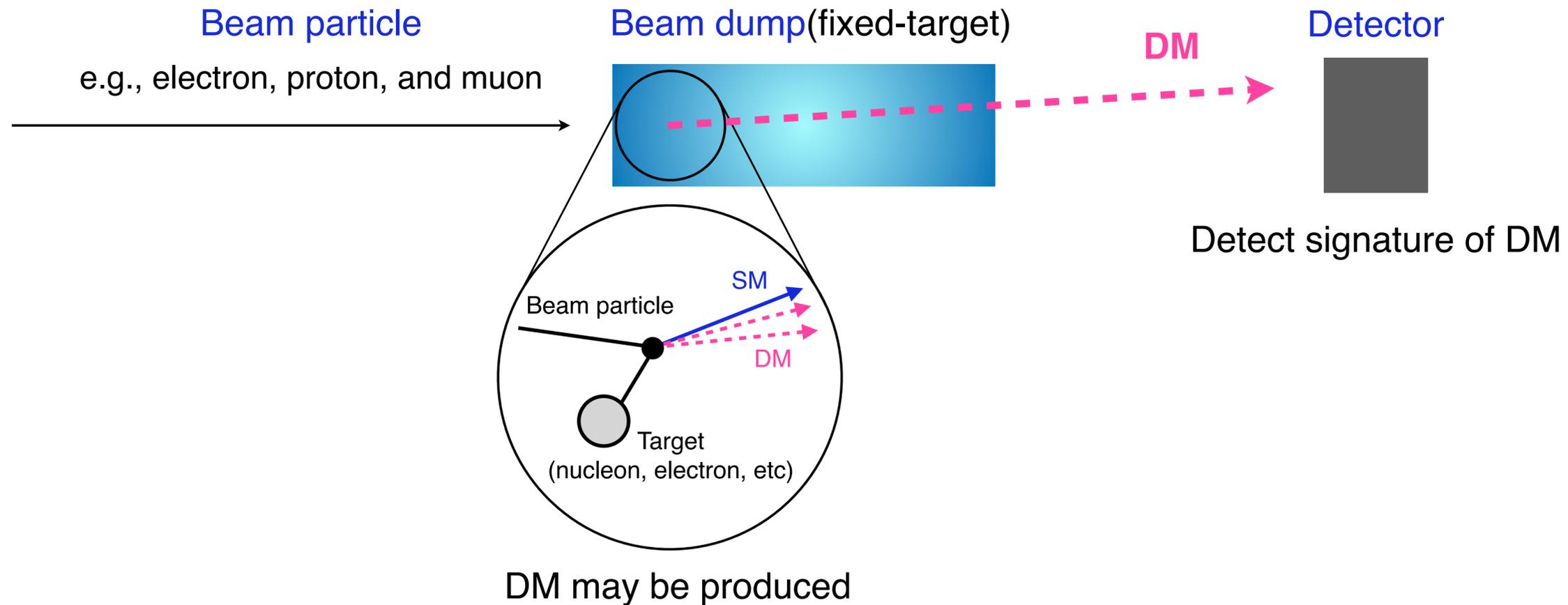
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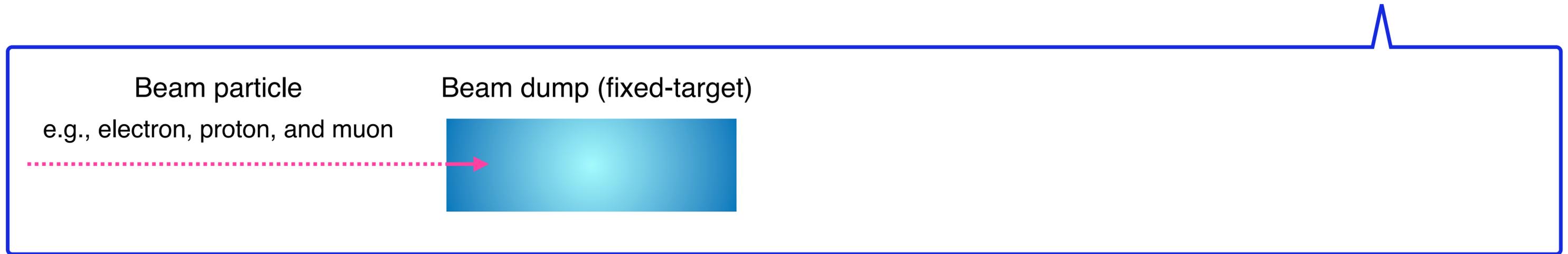
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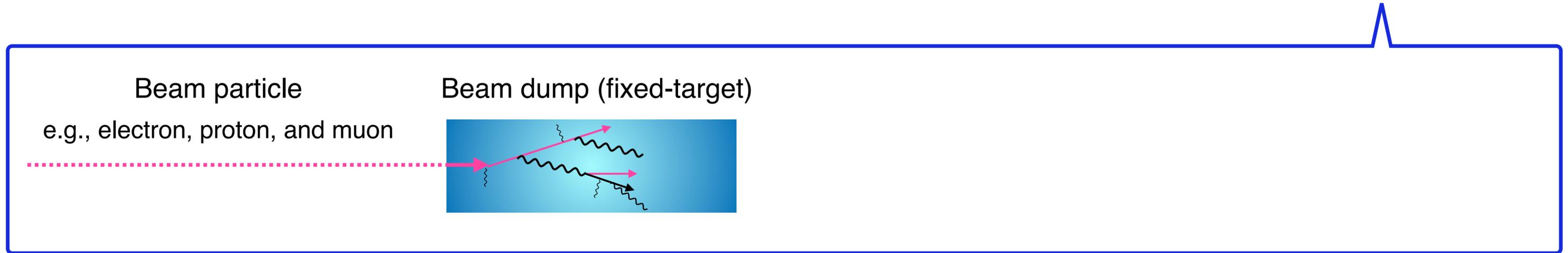
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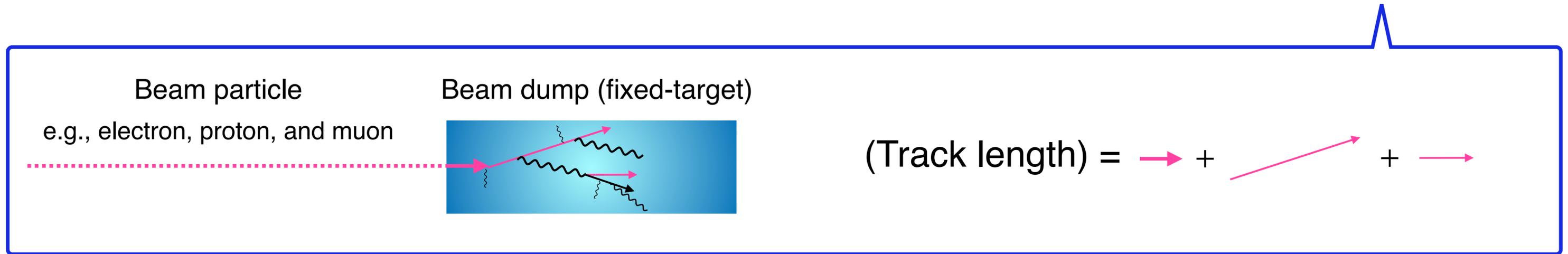
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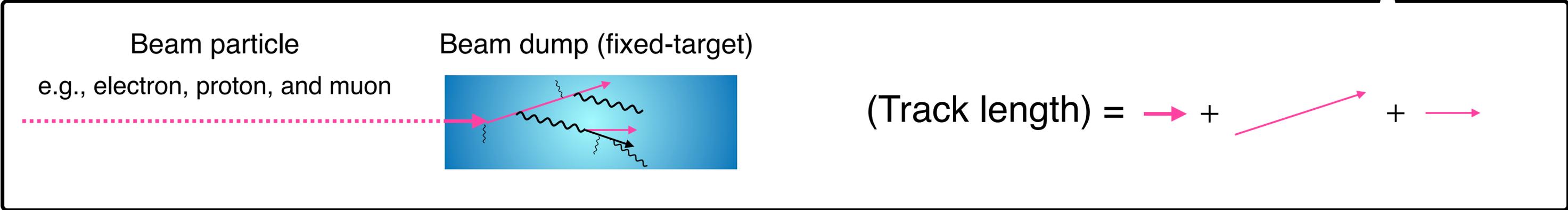
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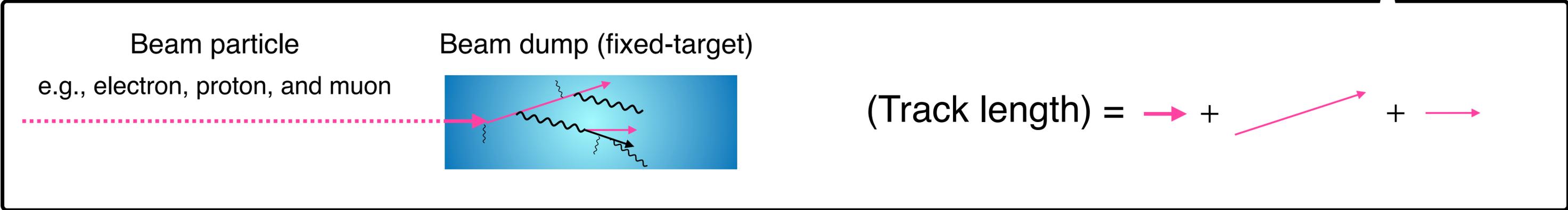
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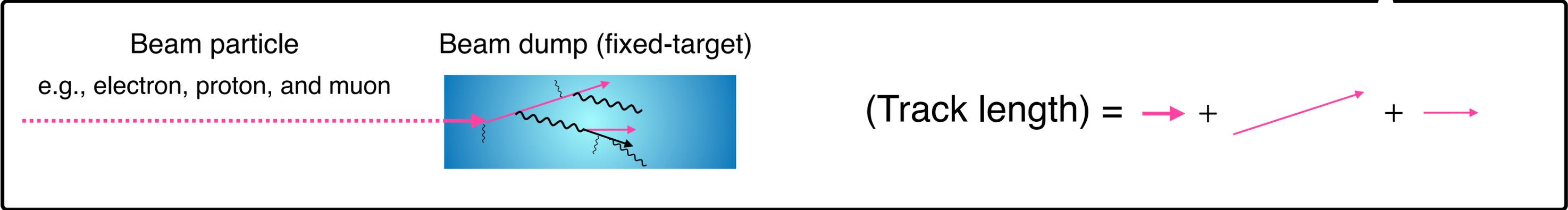
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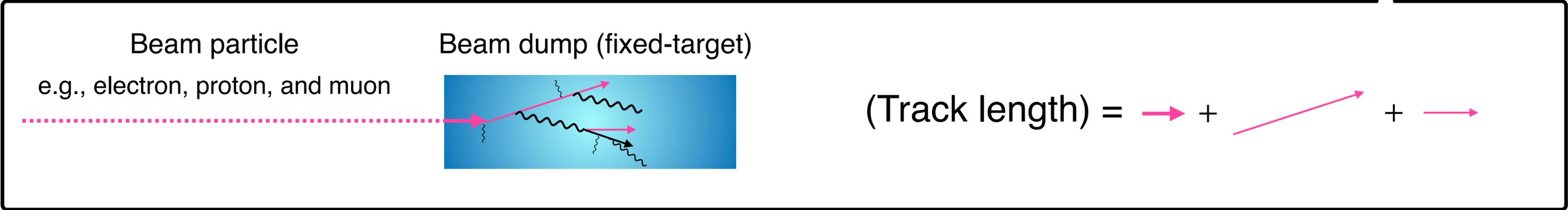
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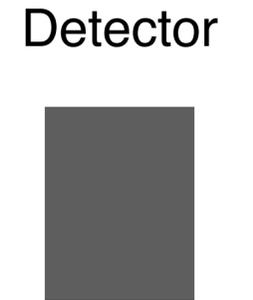
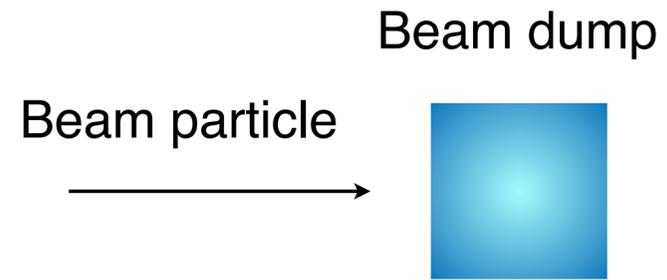
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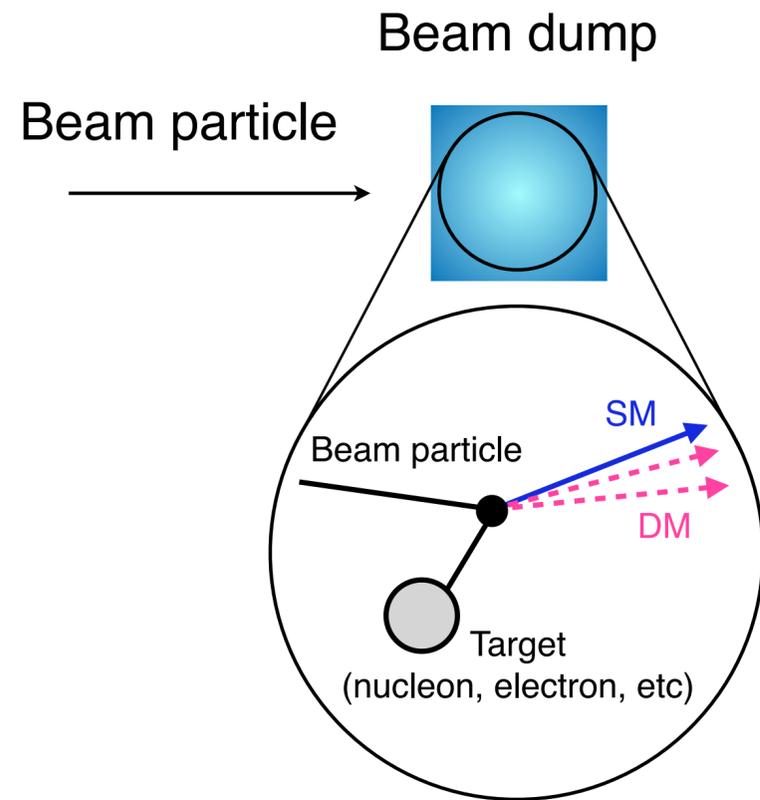
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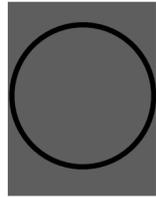


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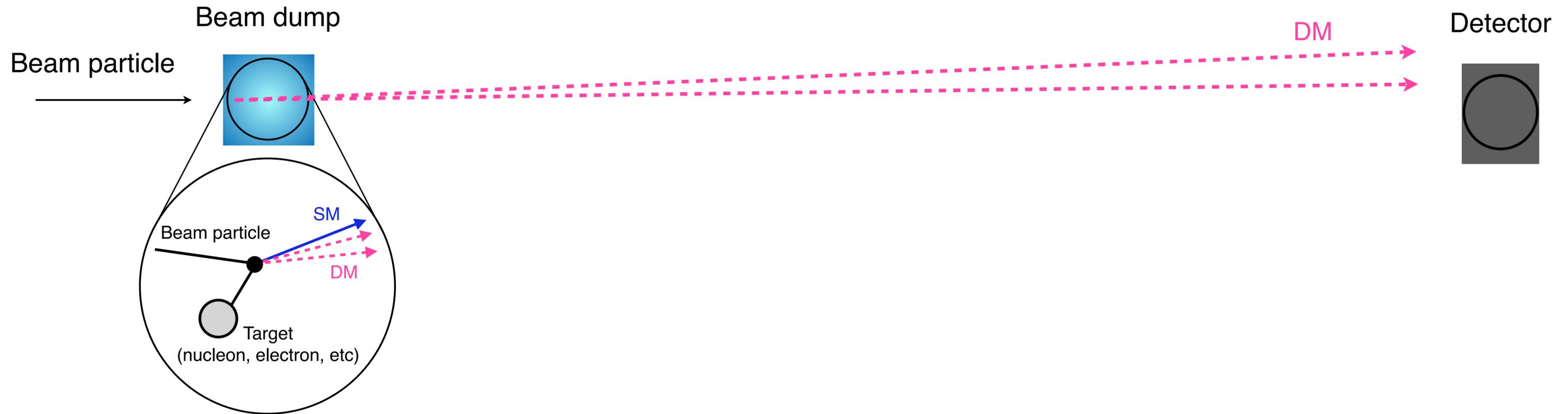


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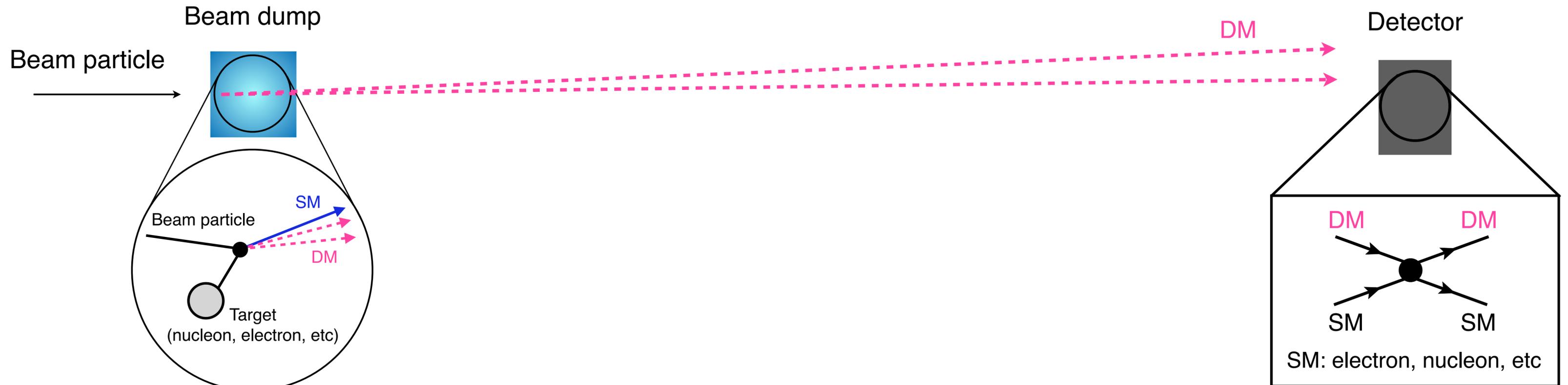
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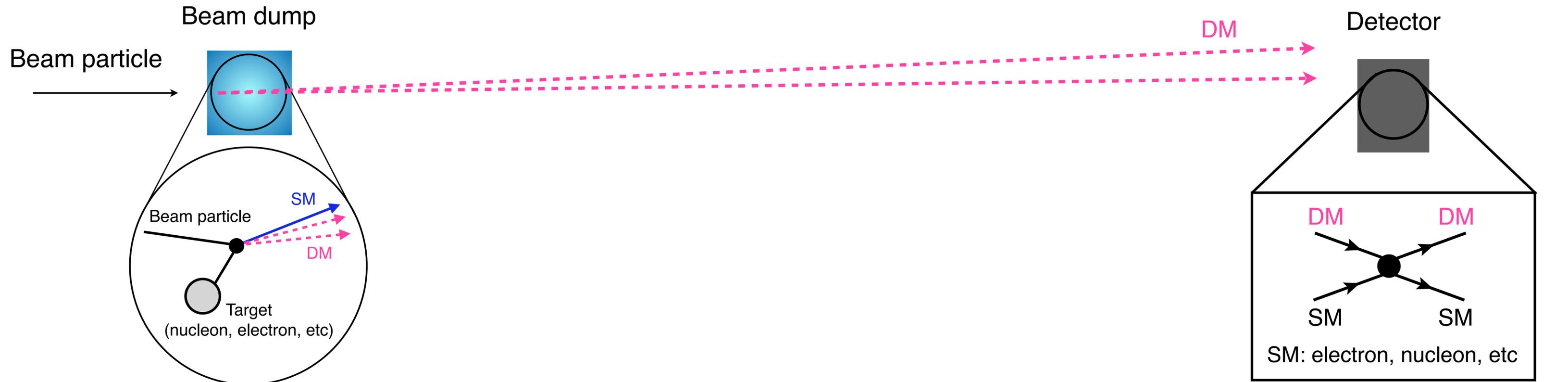
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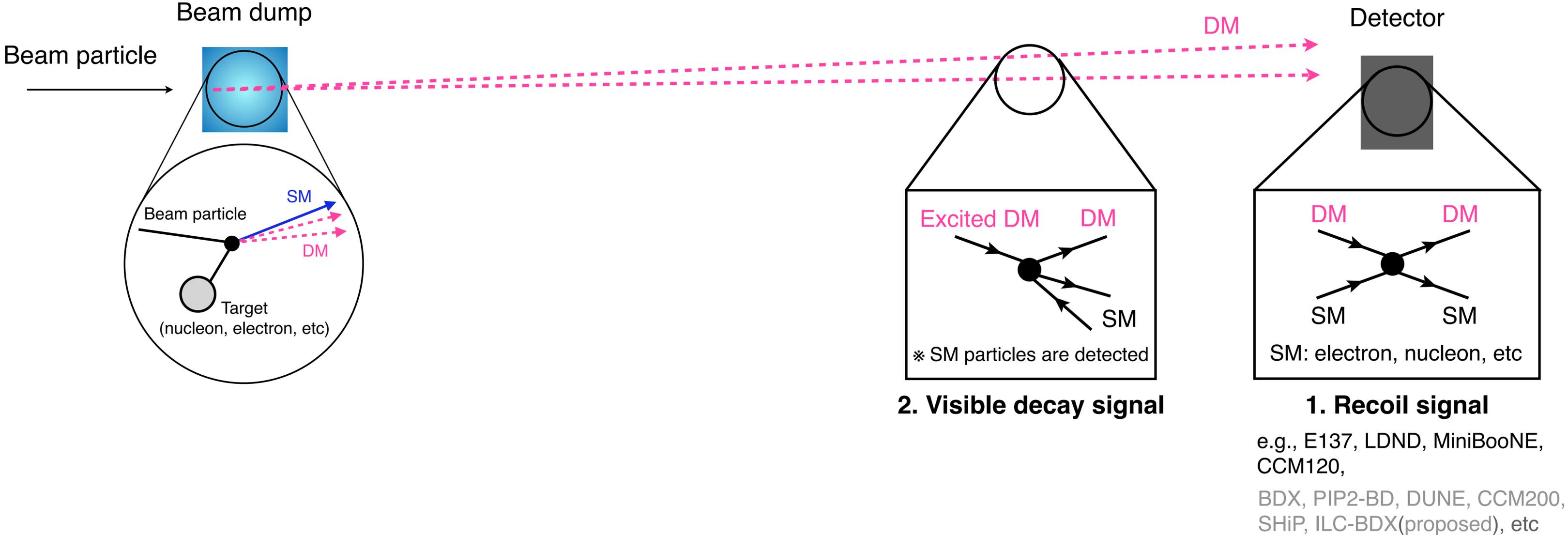
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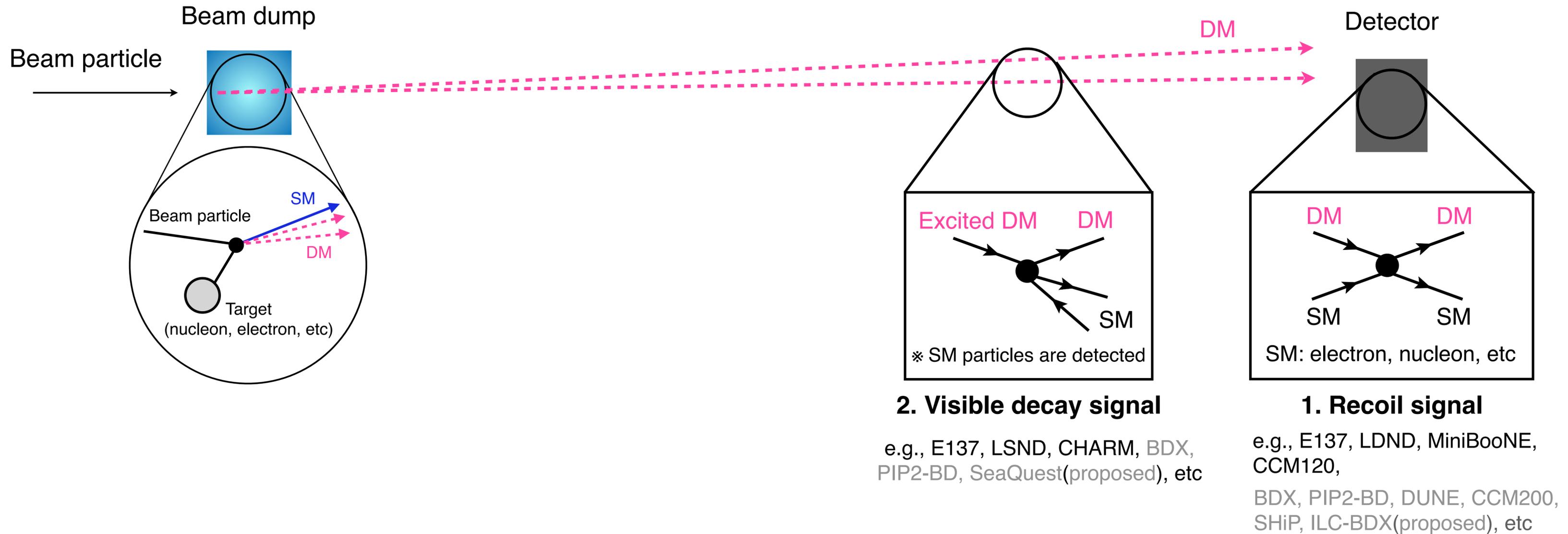
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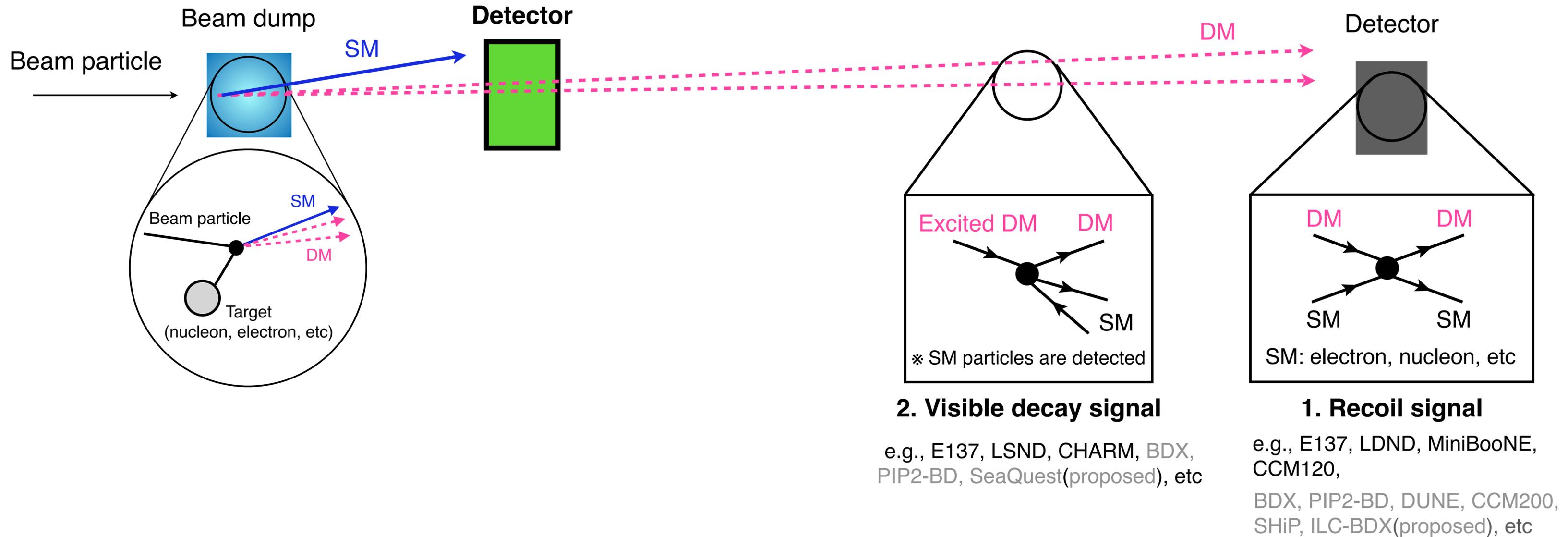
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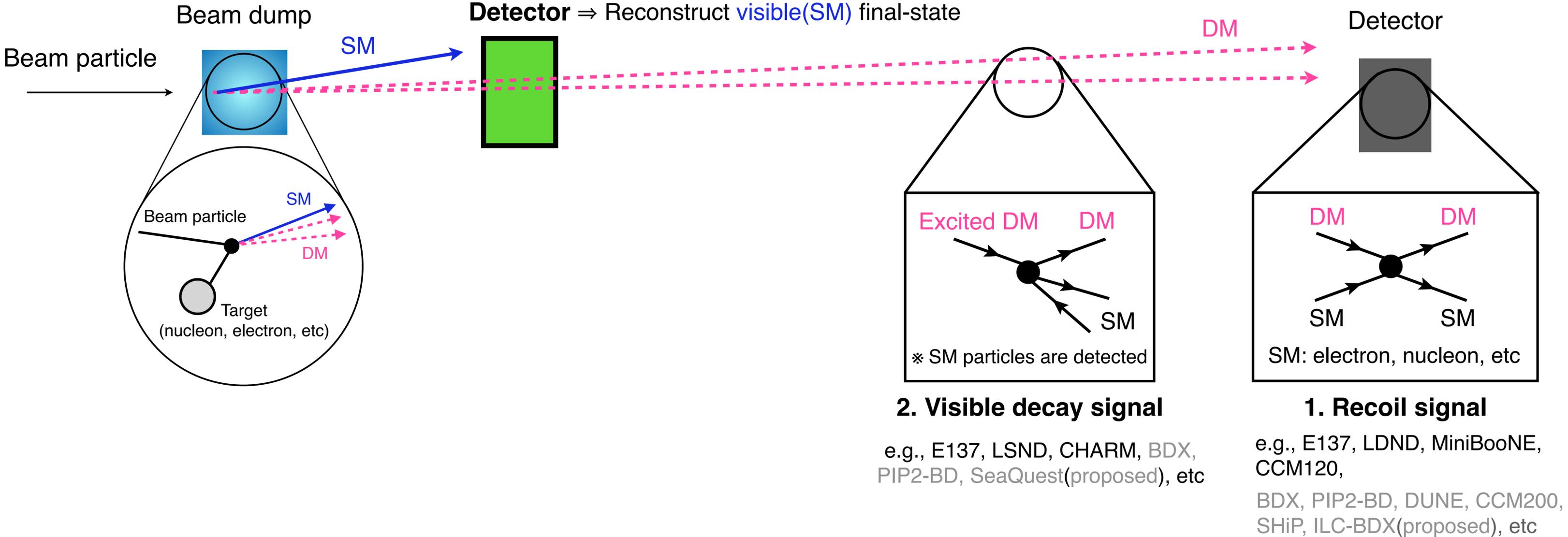
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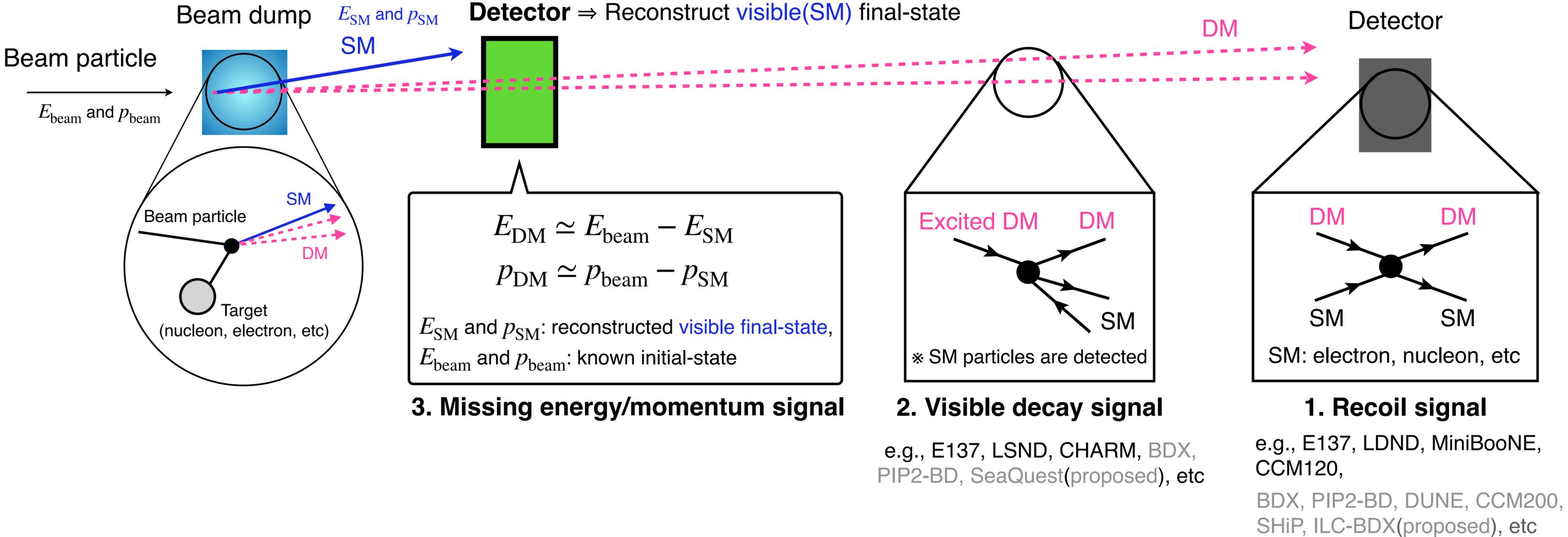
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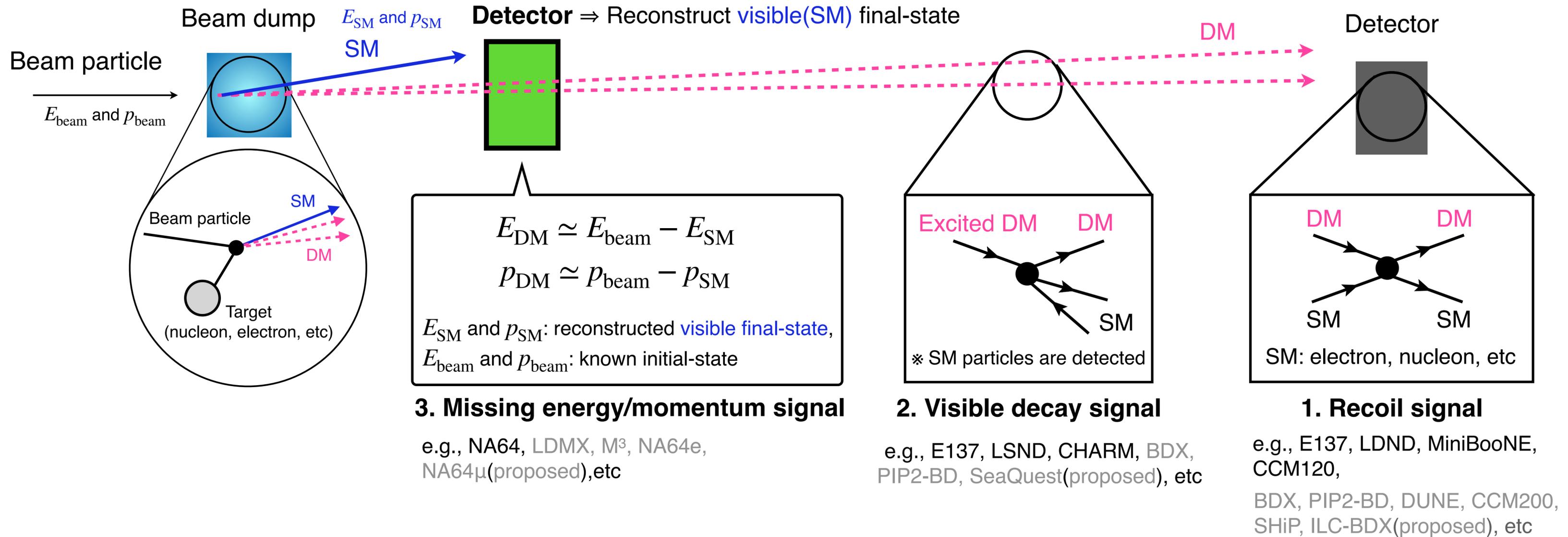
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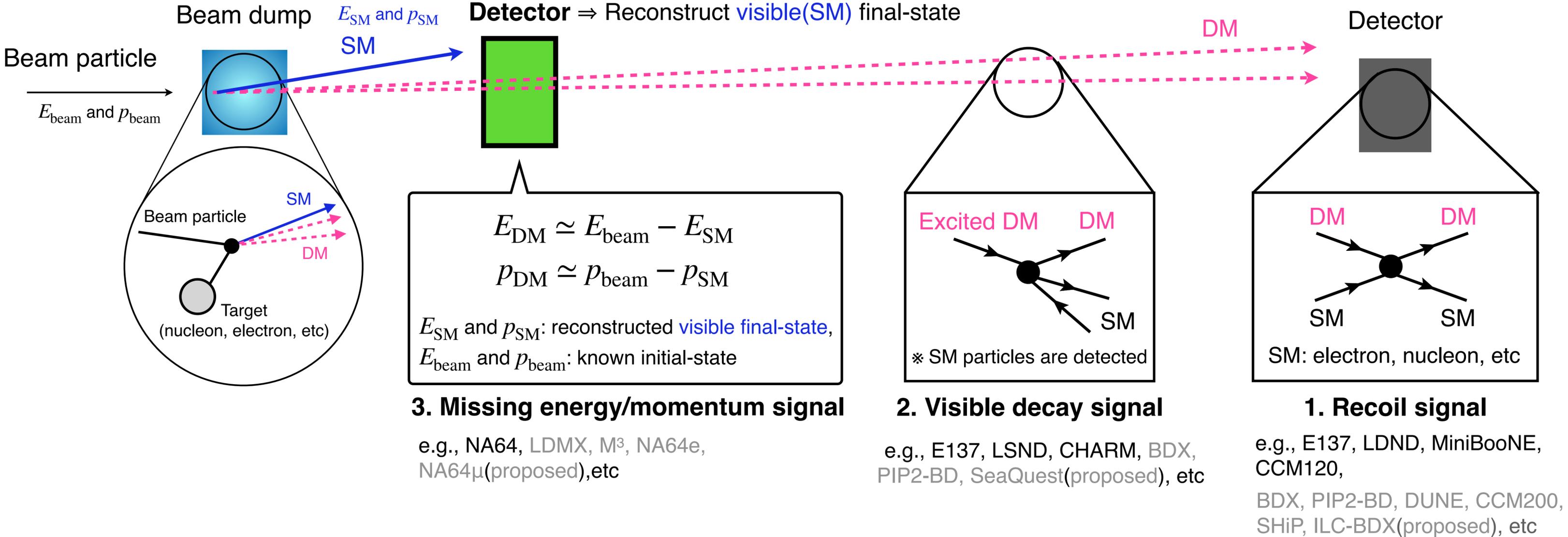
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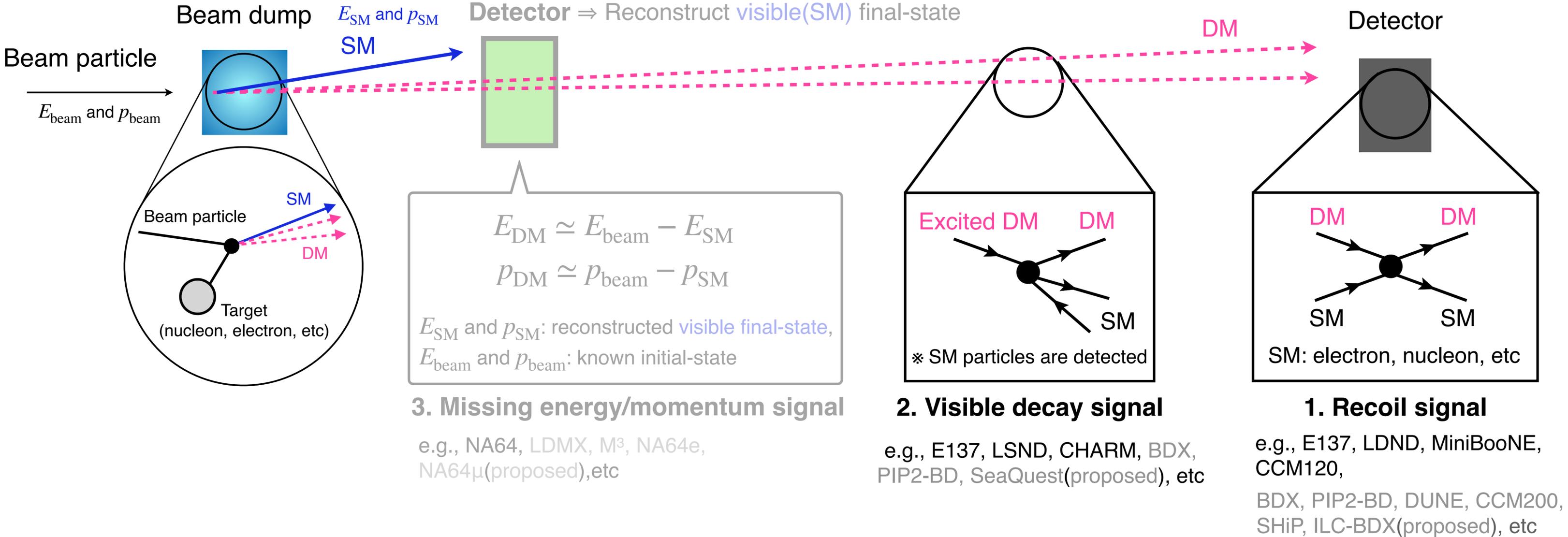
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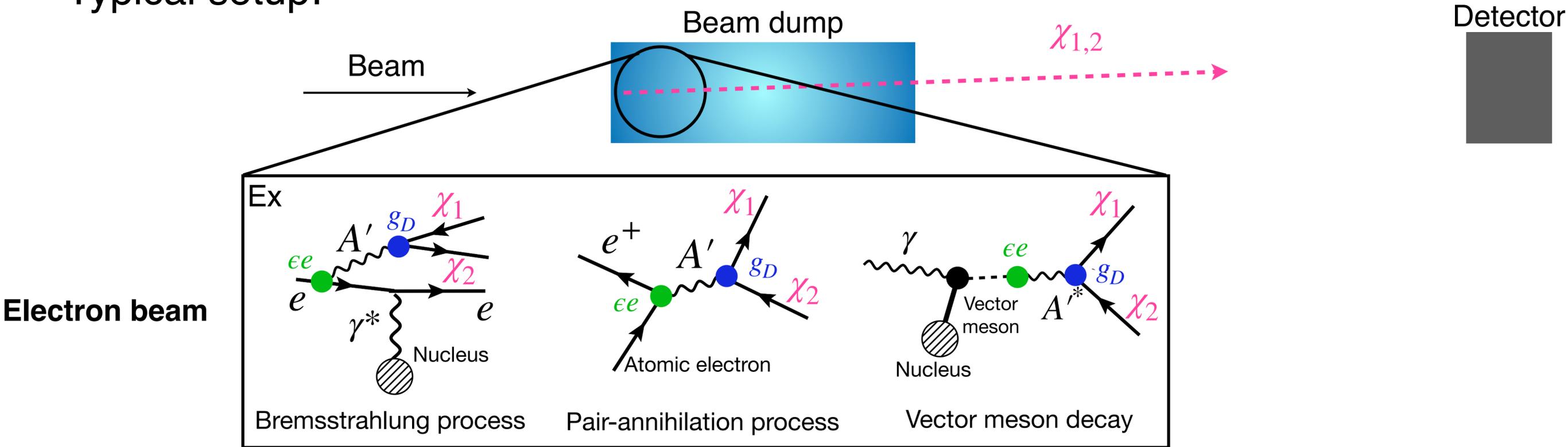
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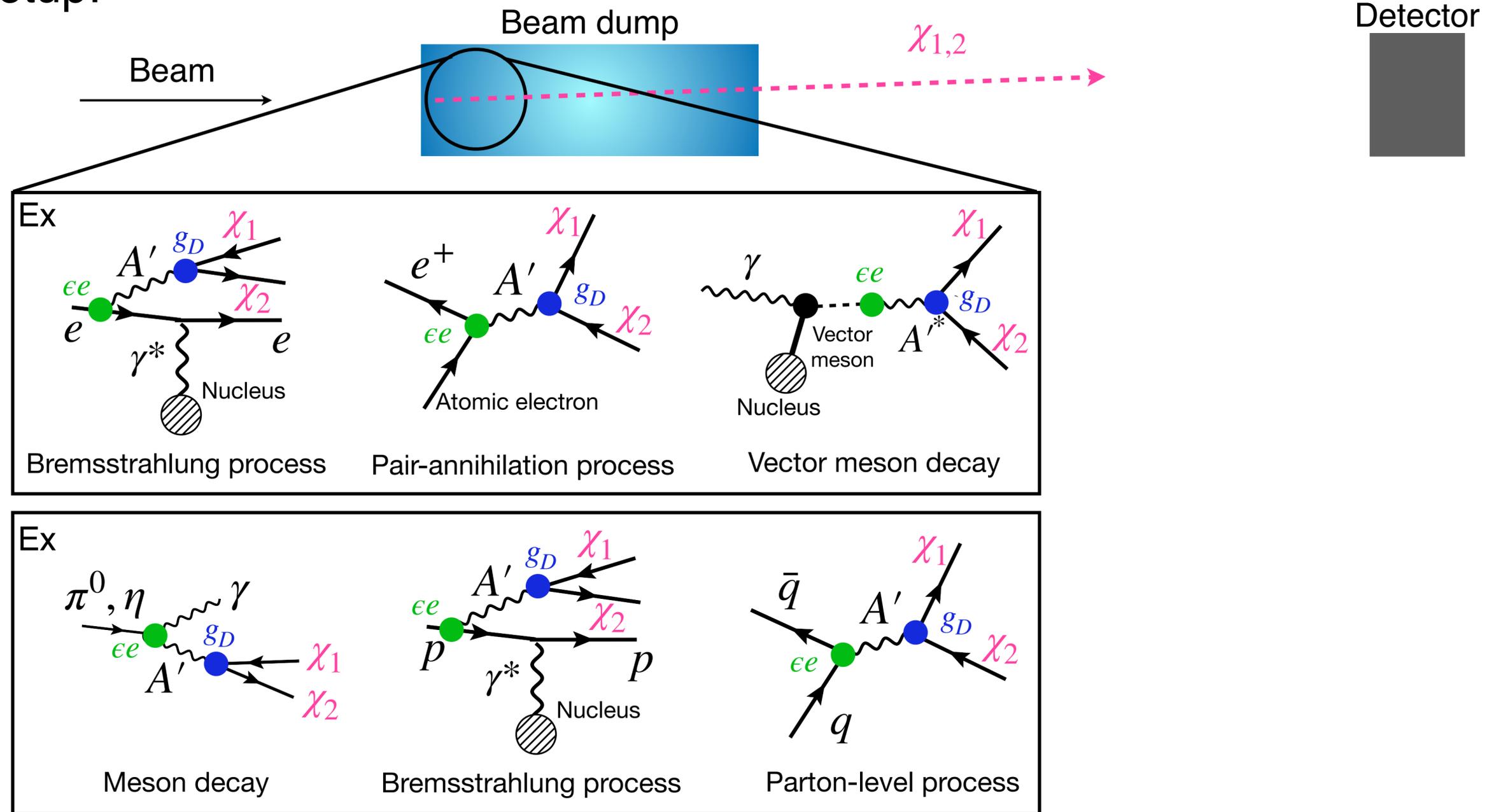
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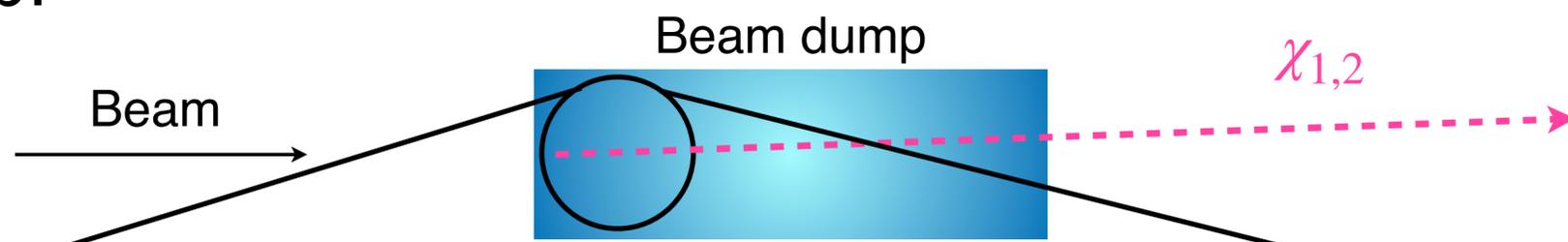
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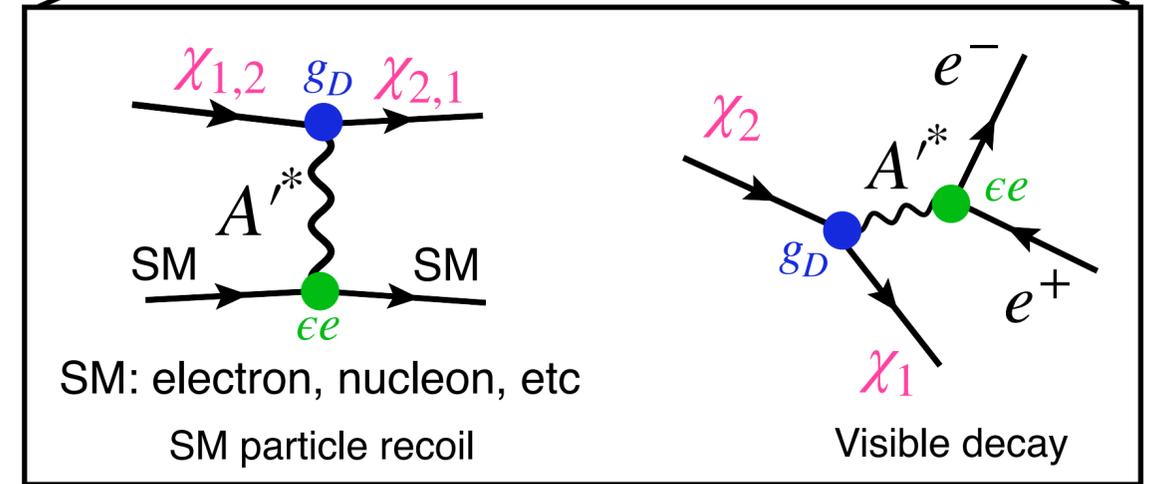
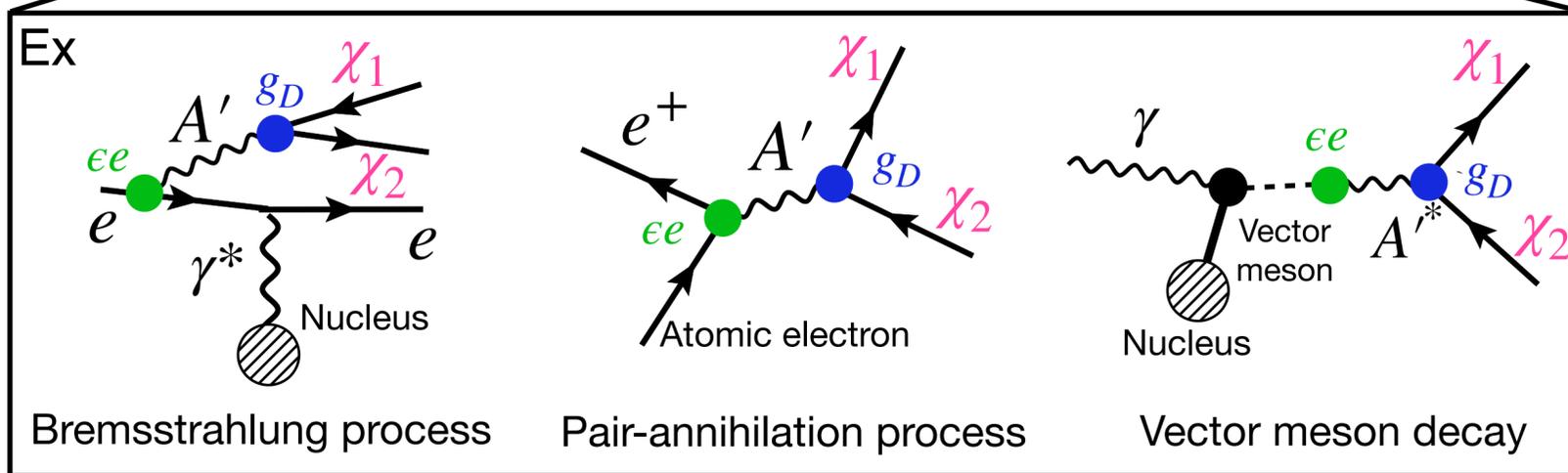
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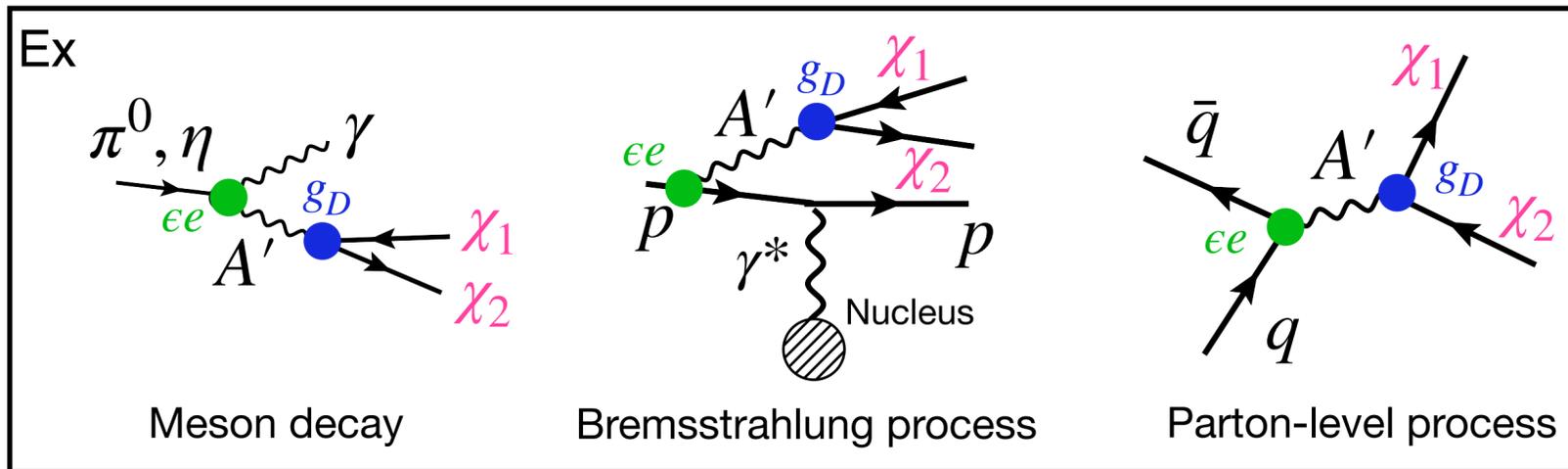
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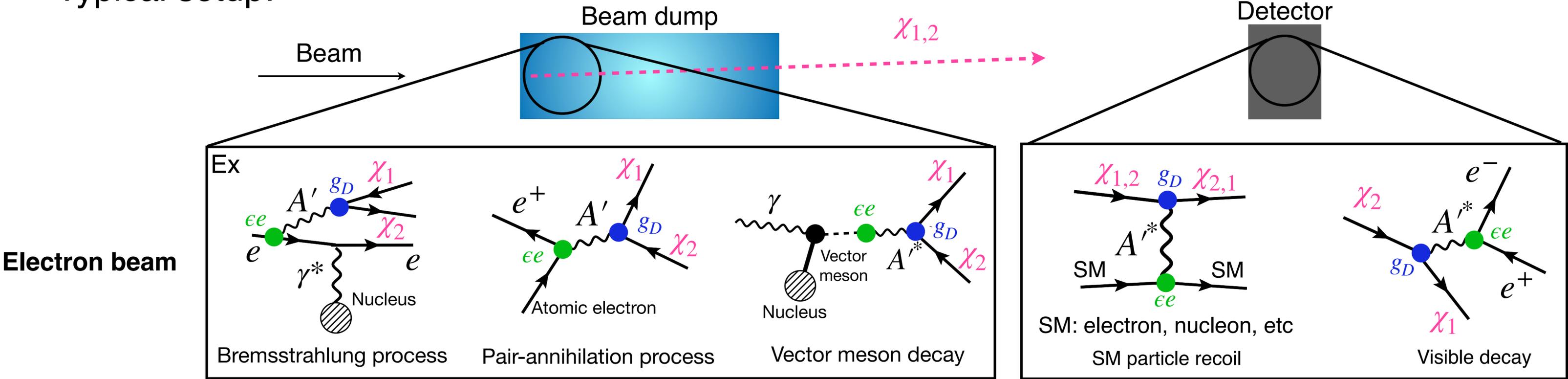
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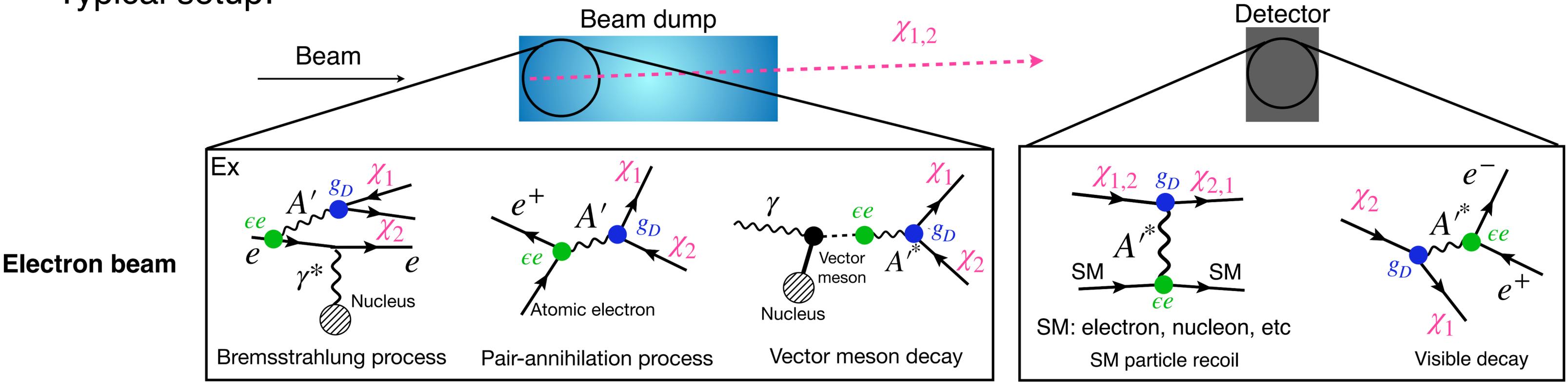
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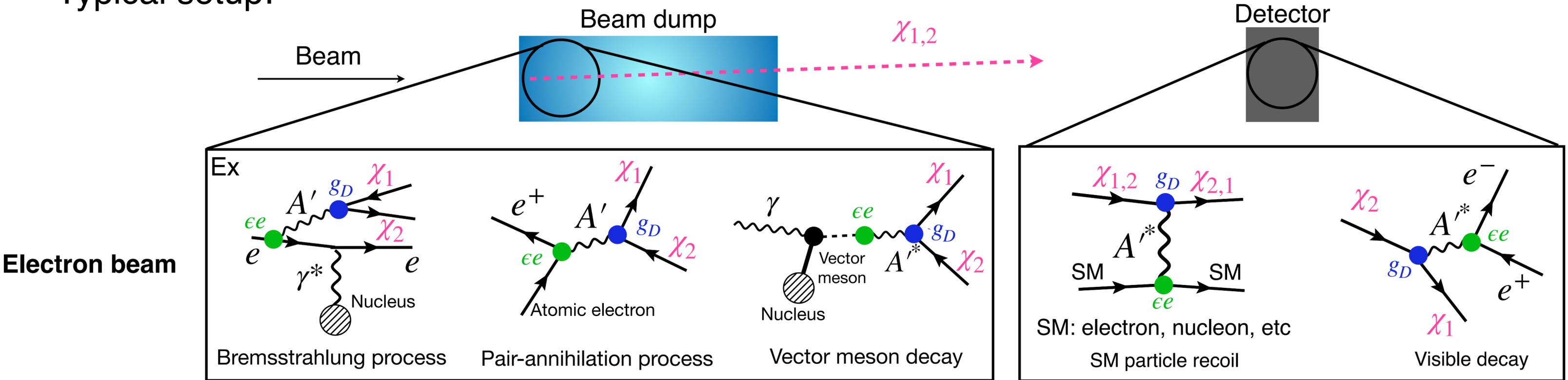


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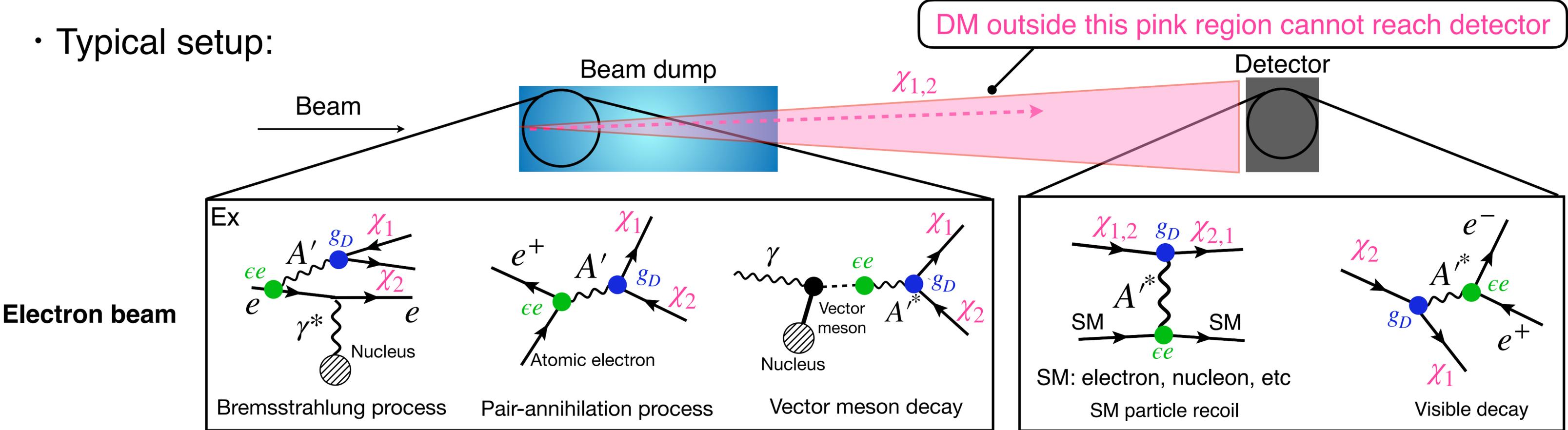


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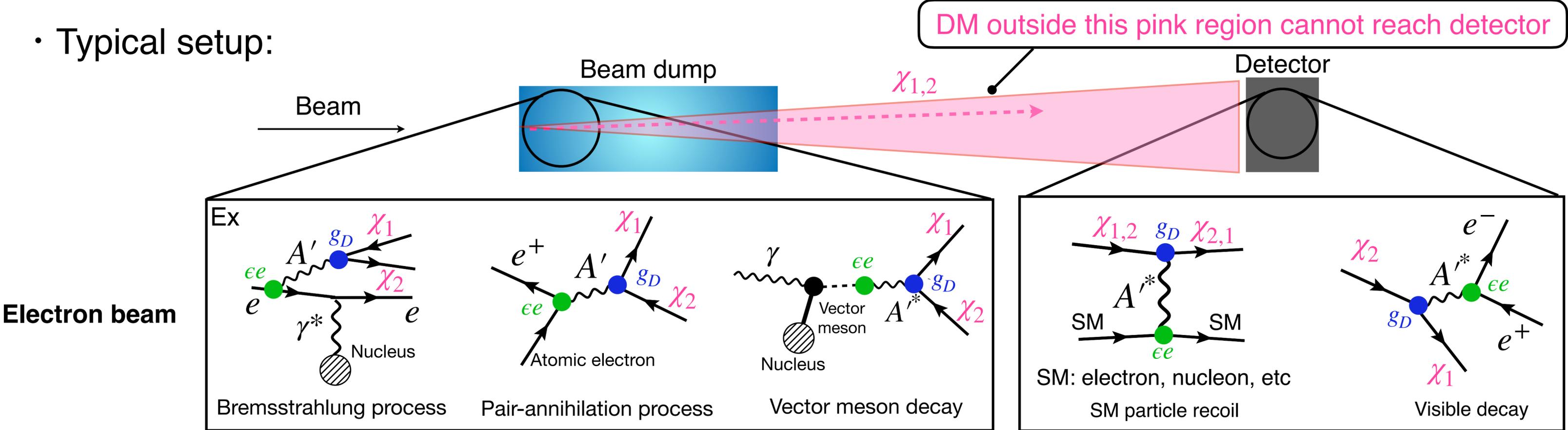


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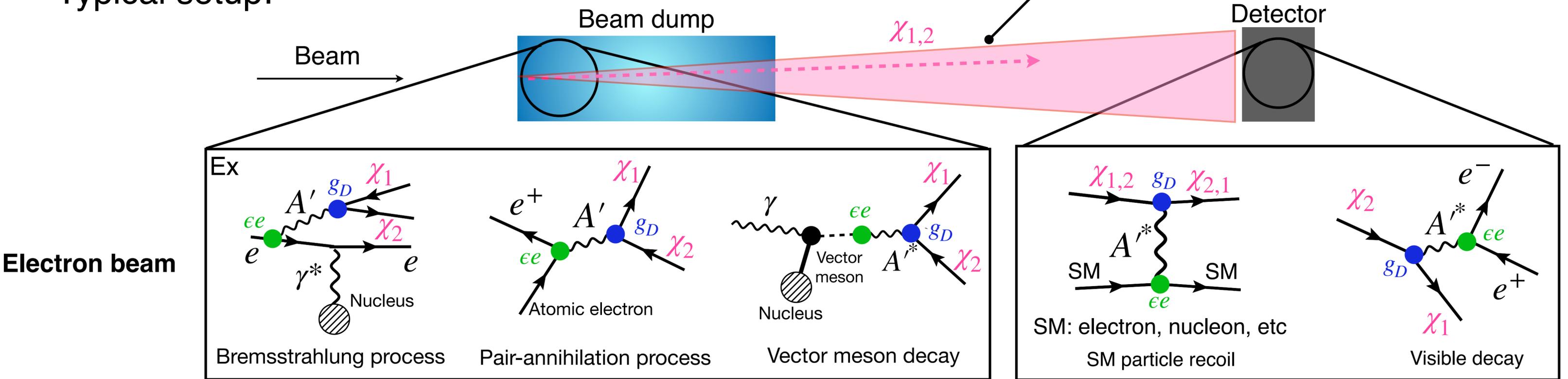


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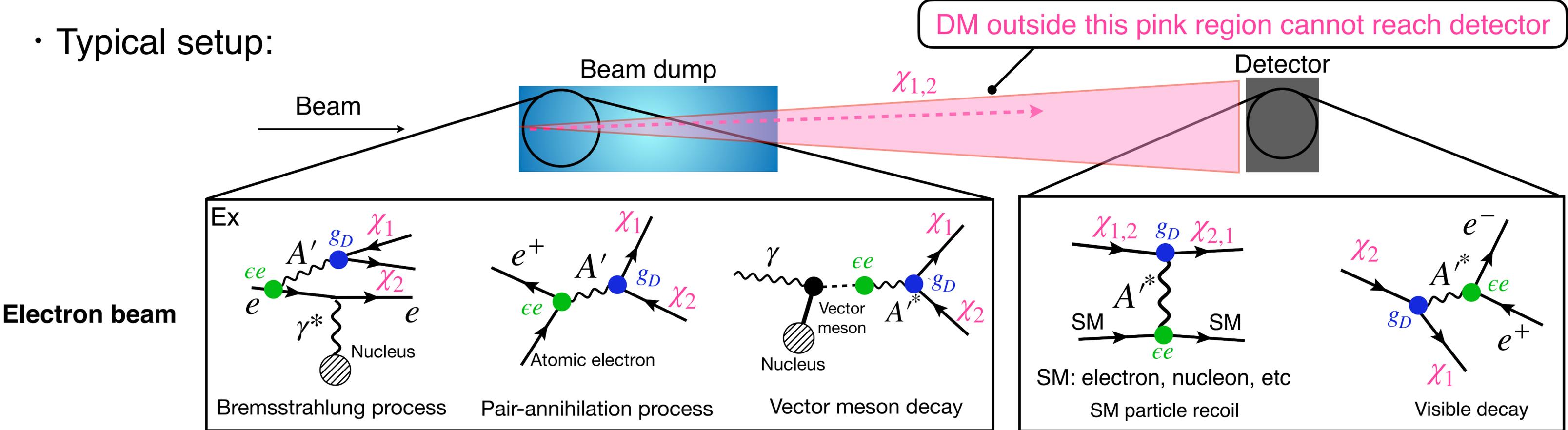
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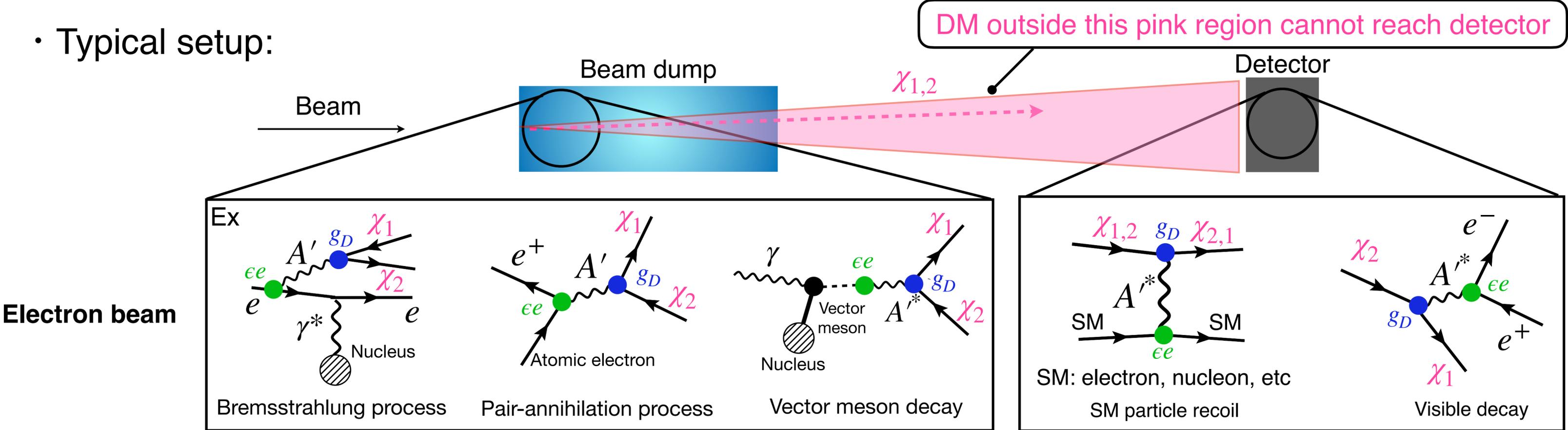
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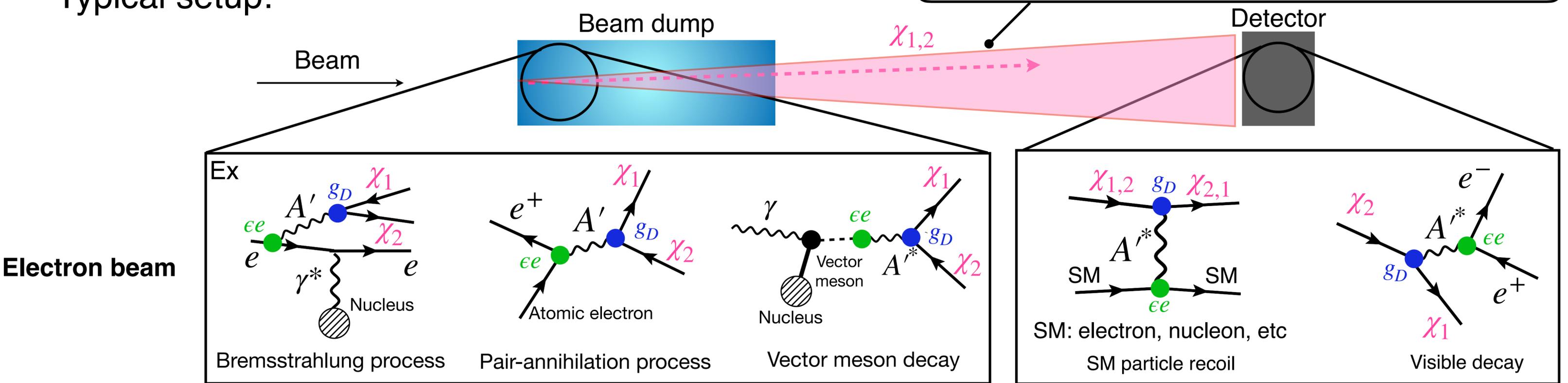
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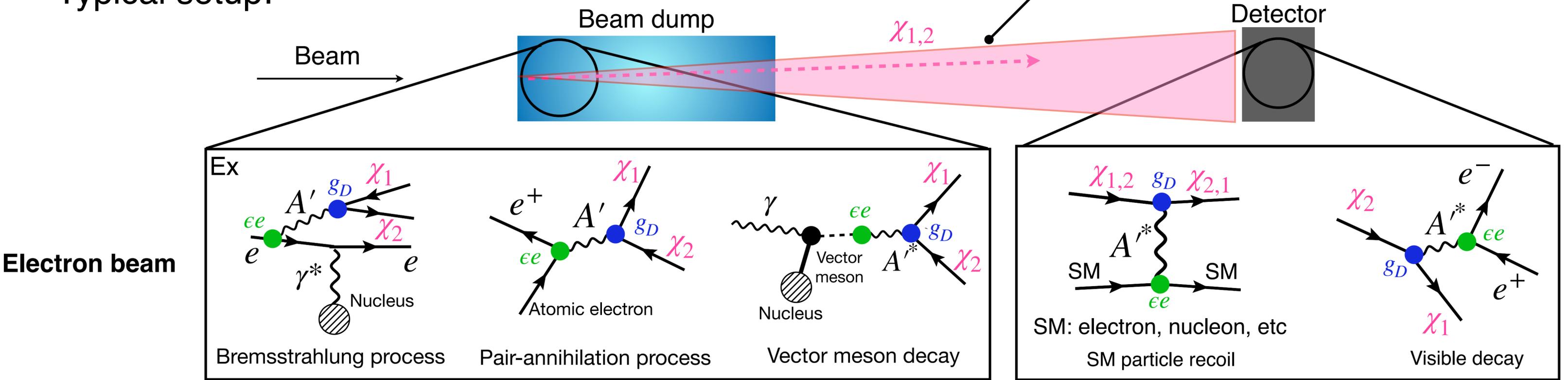
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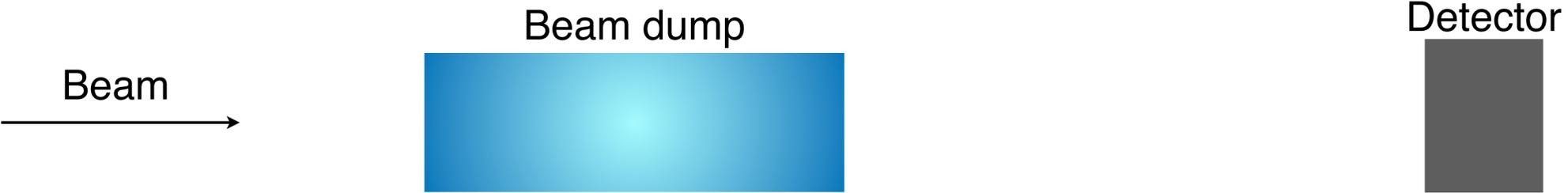
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High flux beam, near* and large detectors are suited for recoil and visible decay search

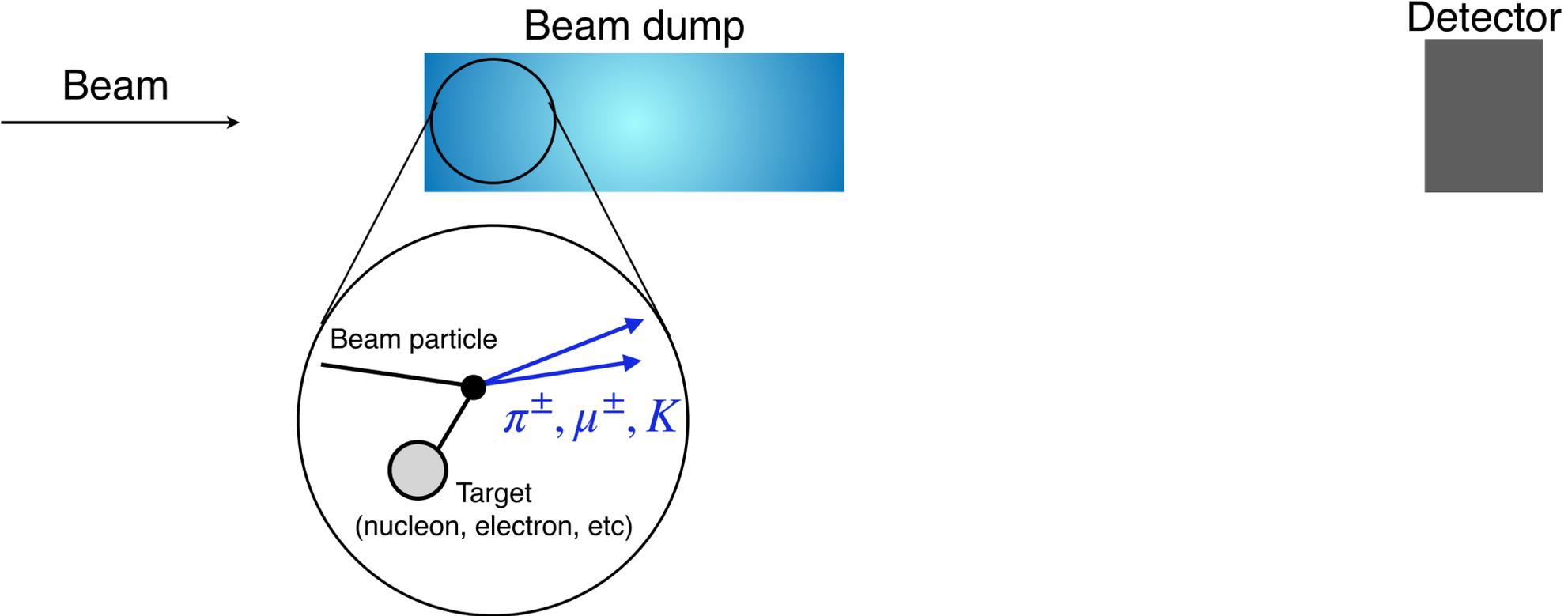
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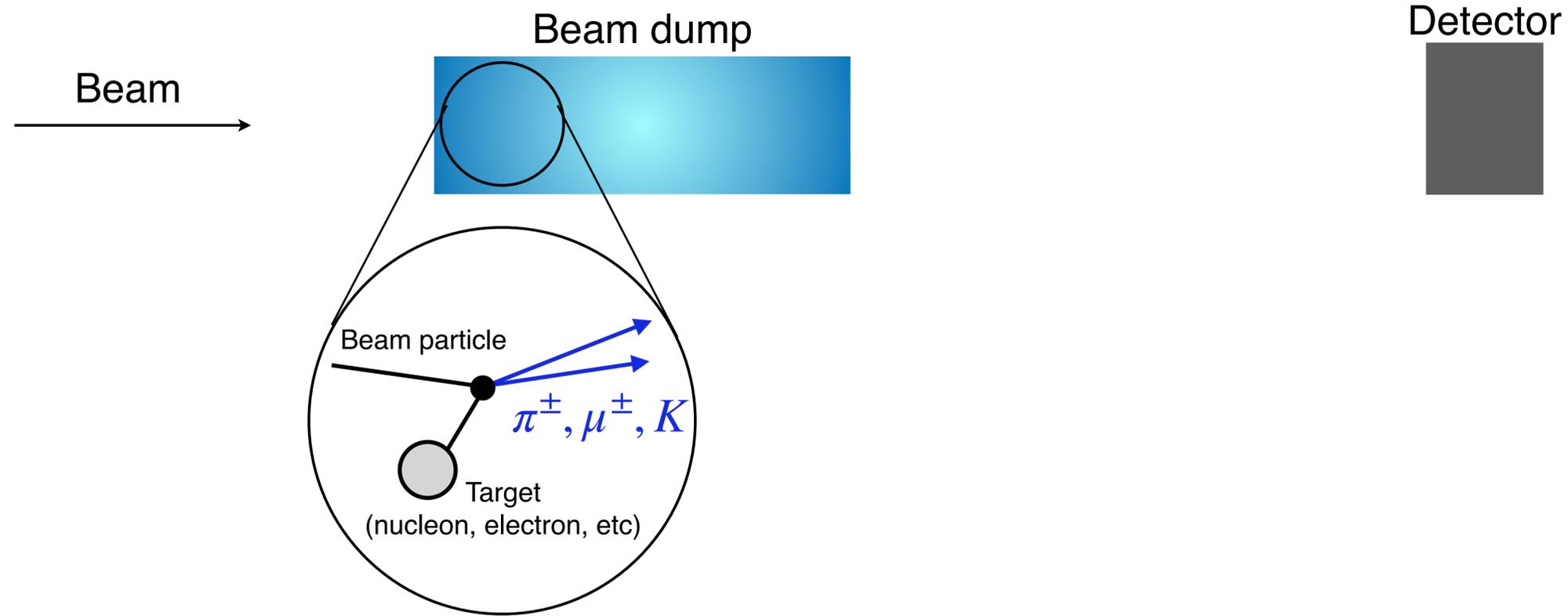
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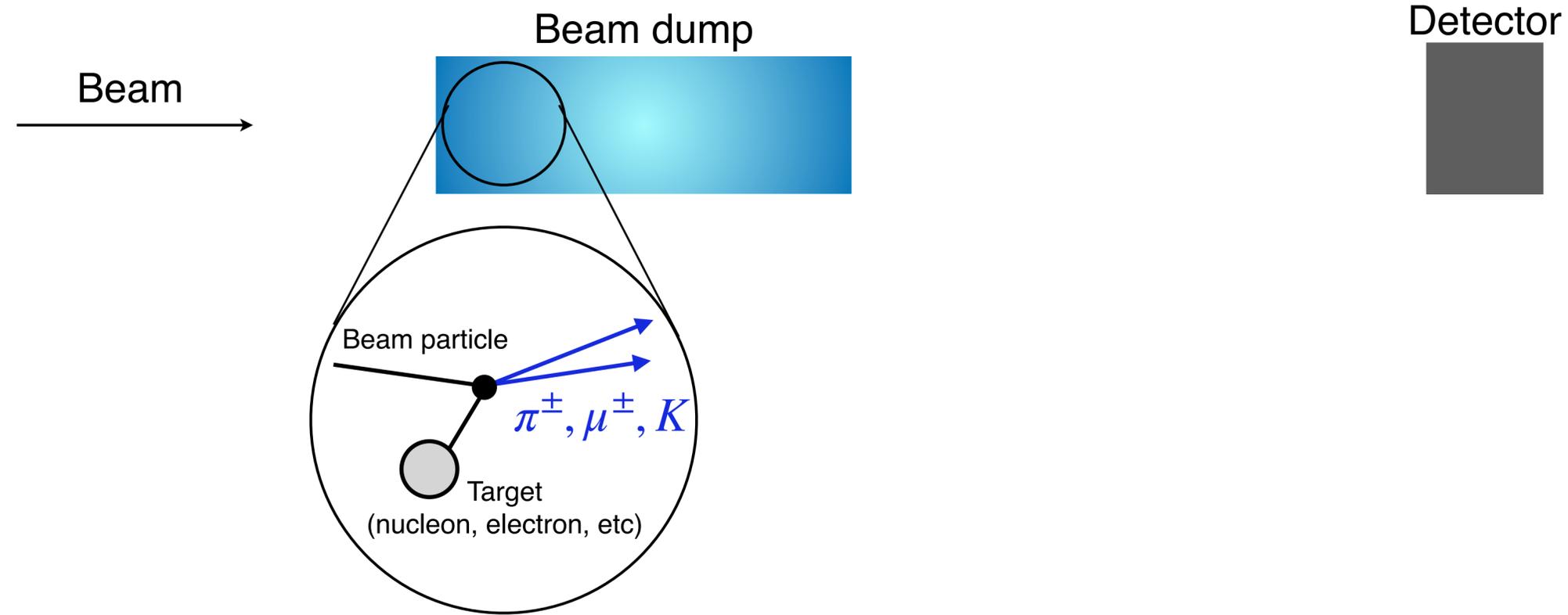


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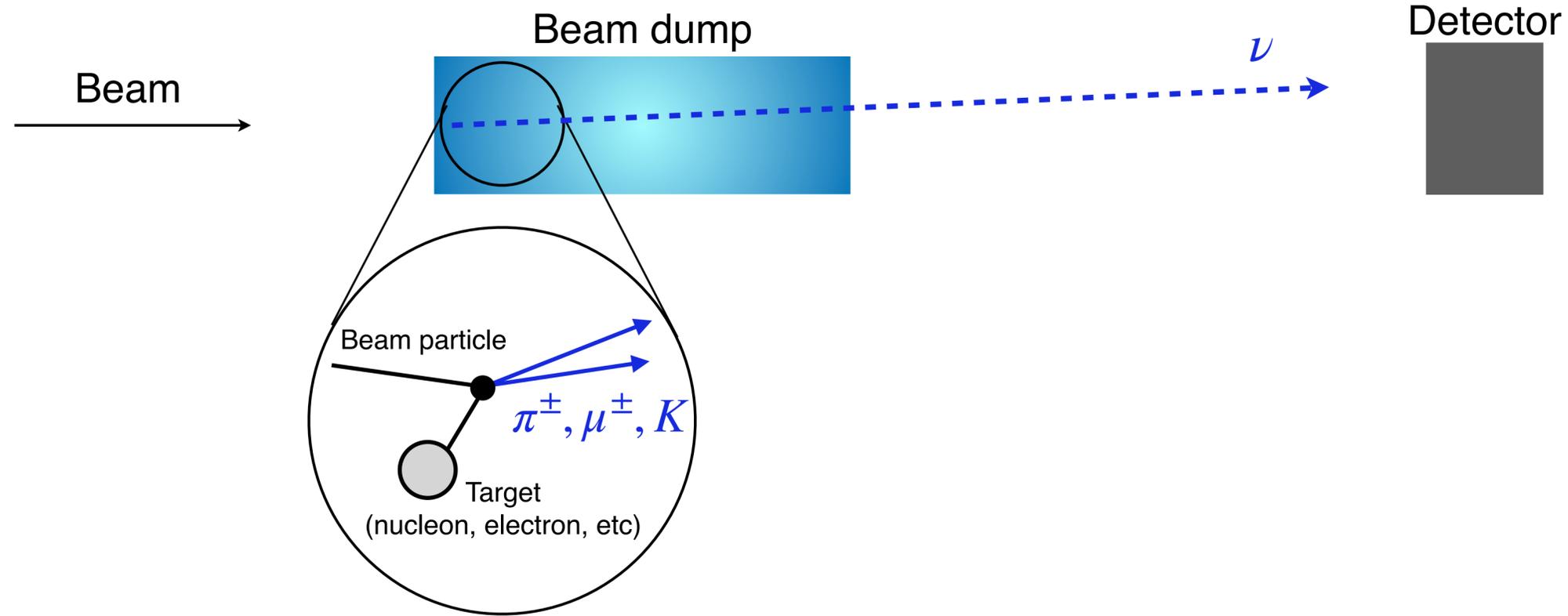
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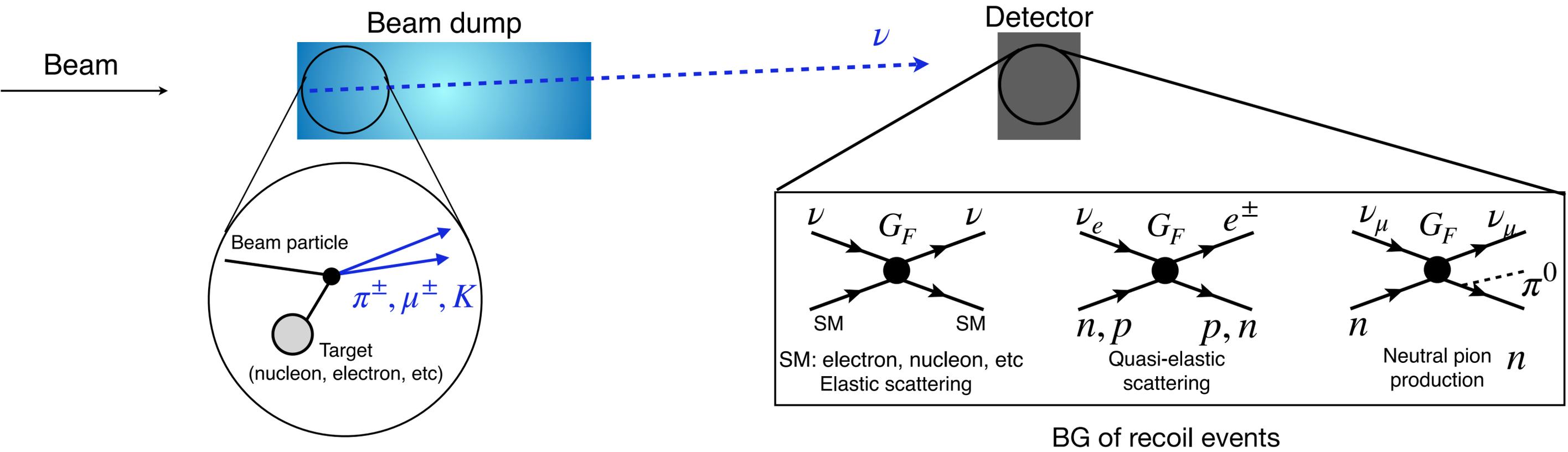
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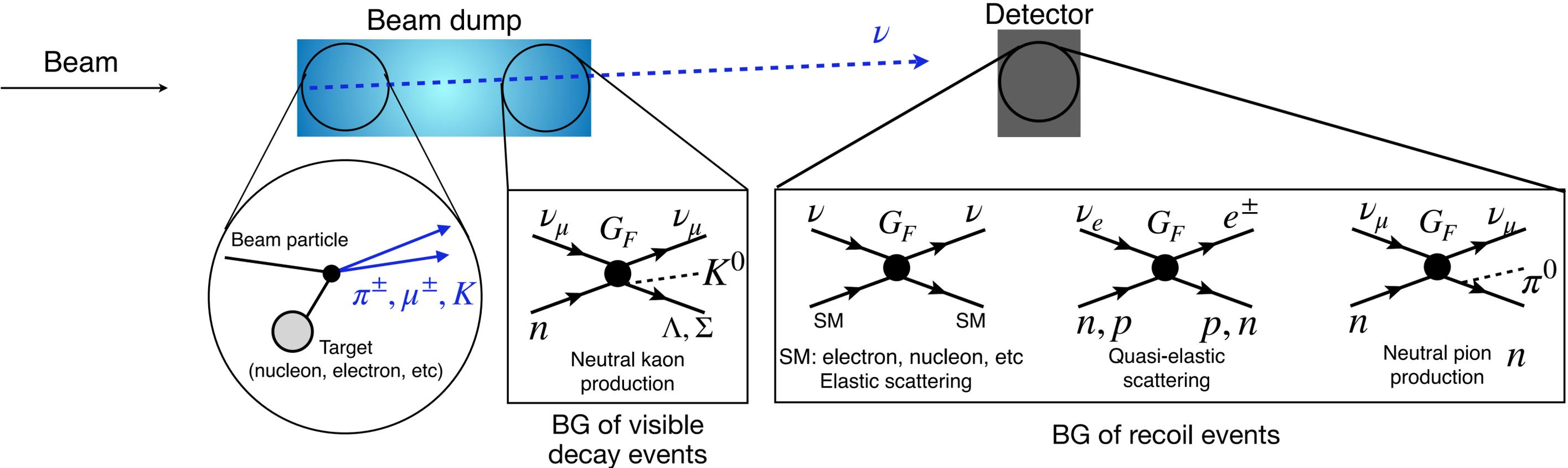
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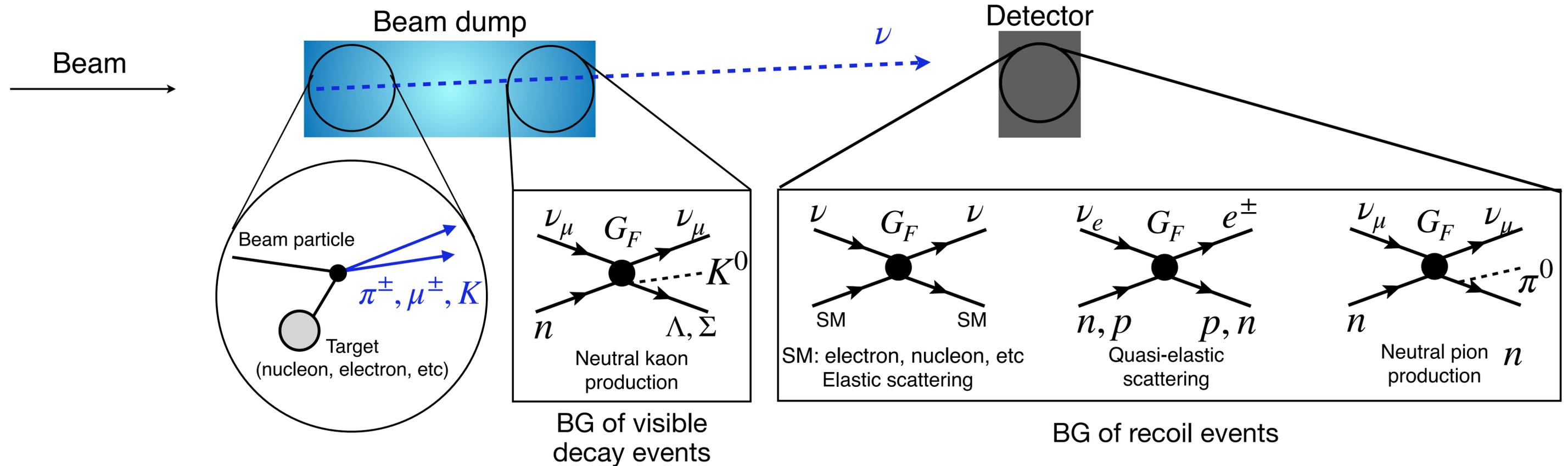
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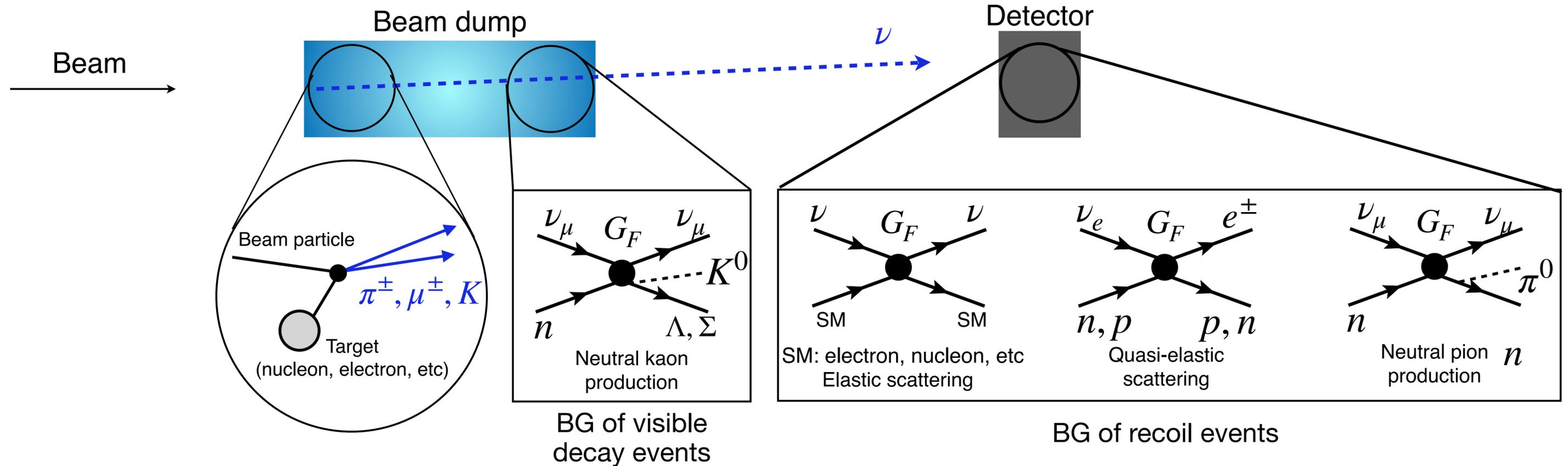


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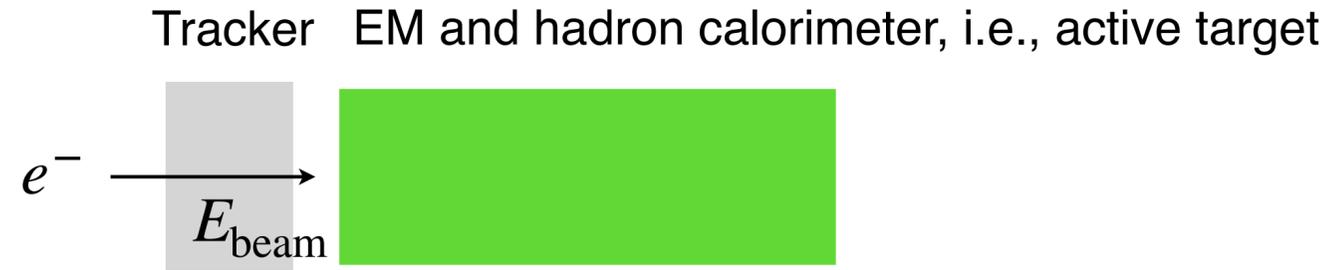
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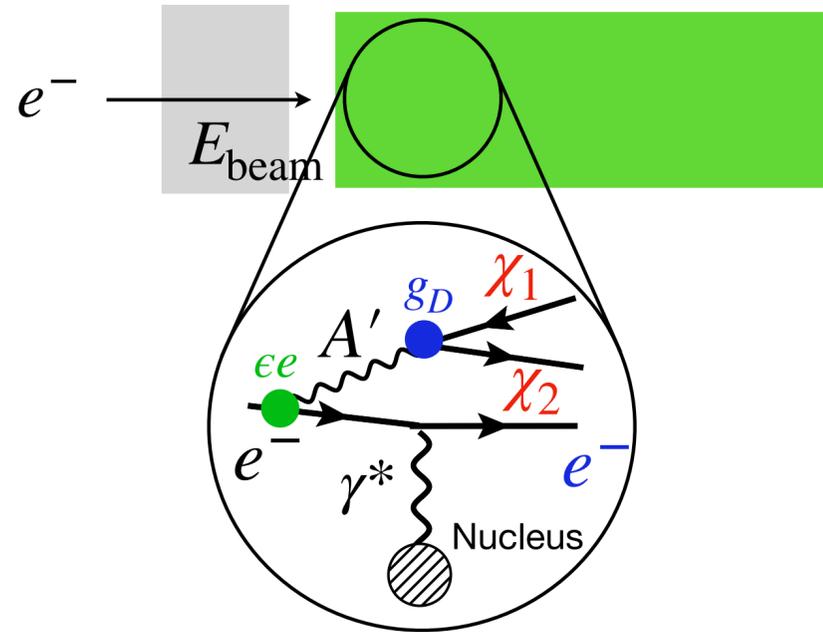


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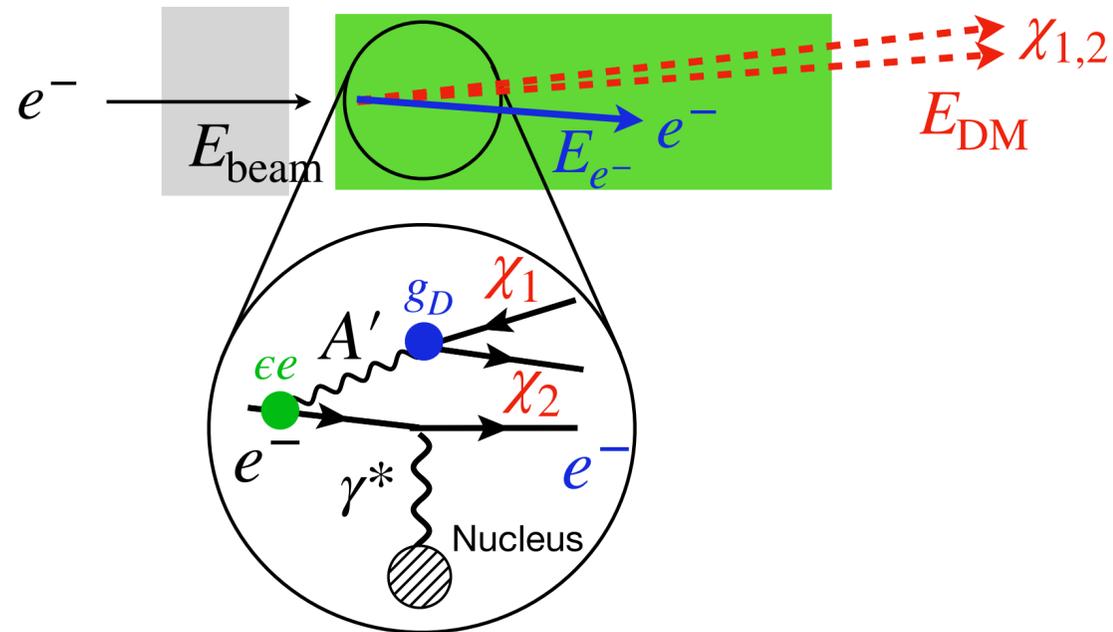
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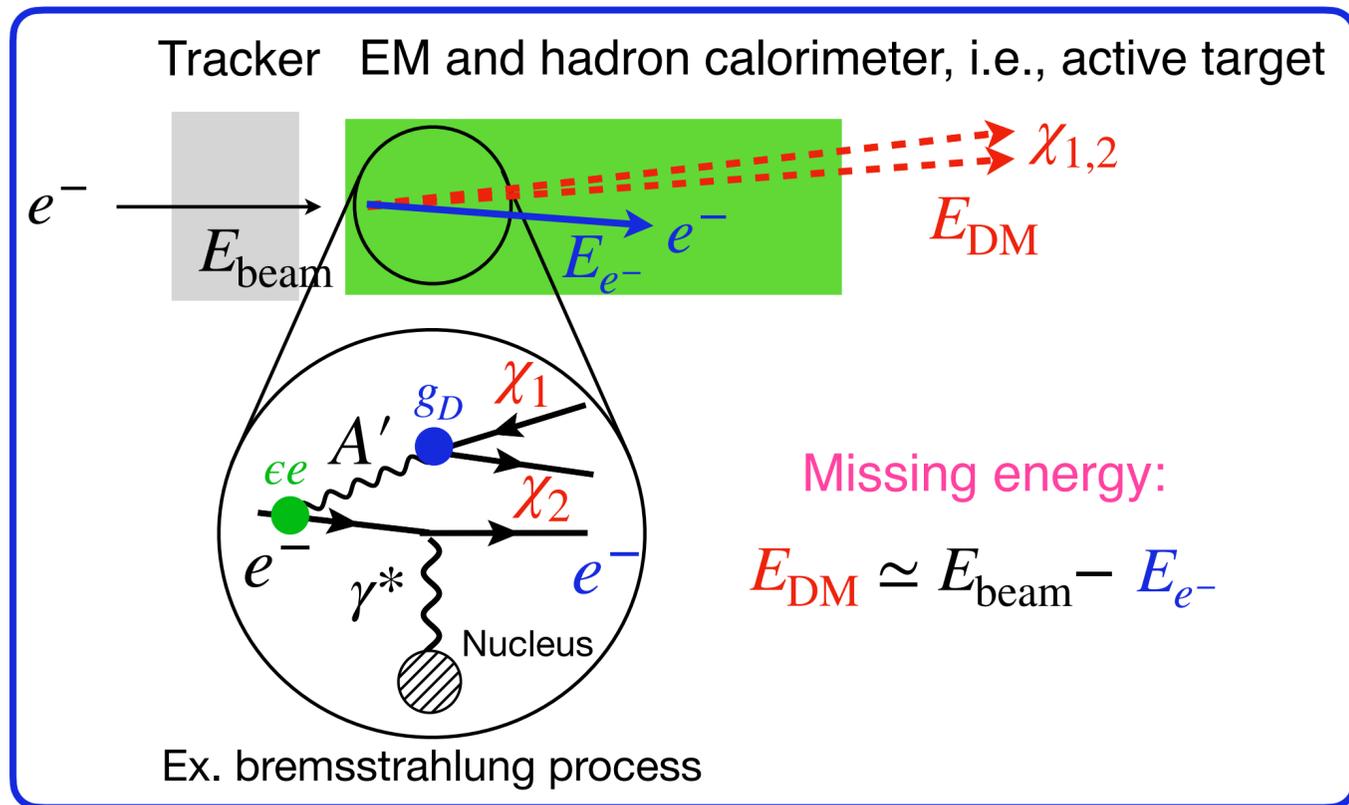


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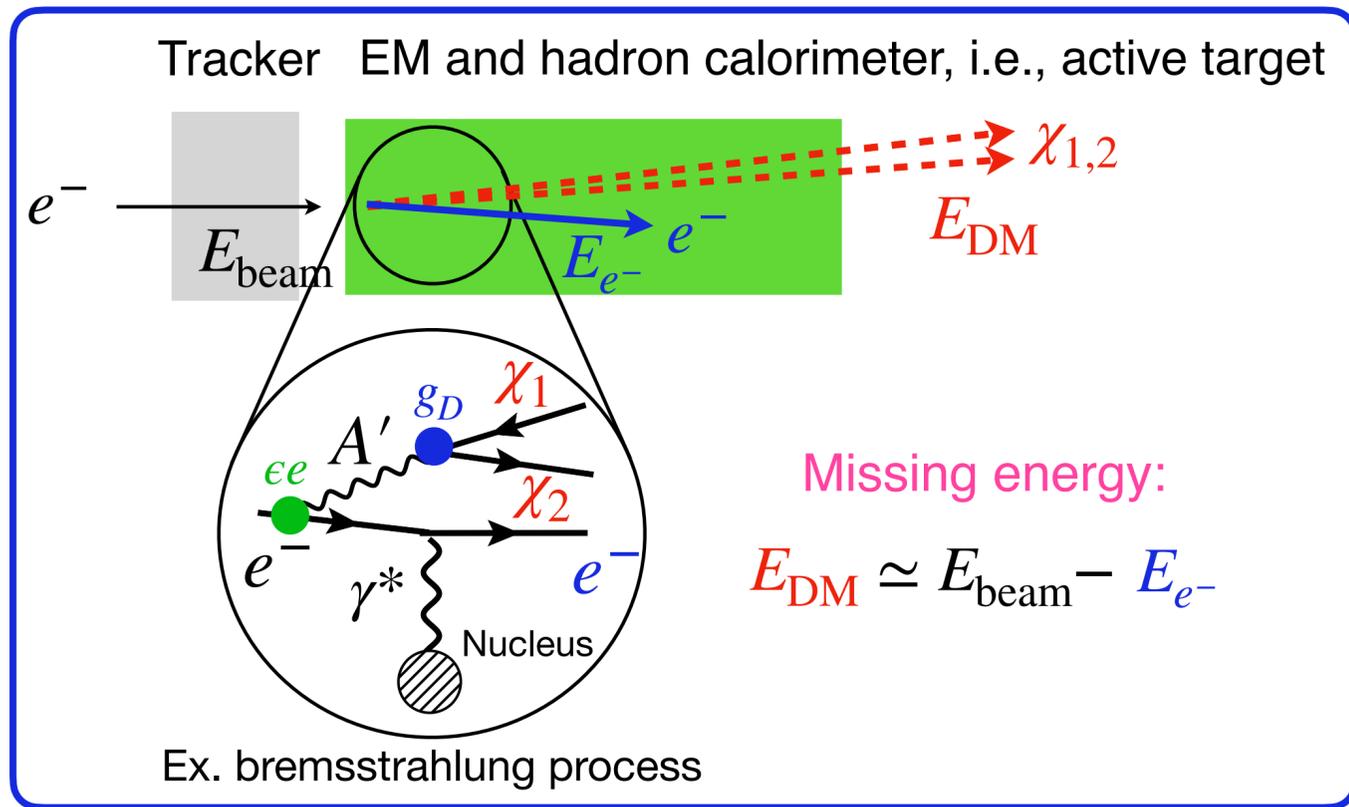
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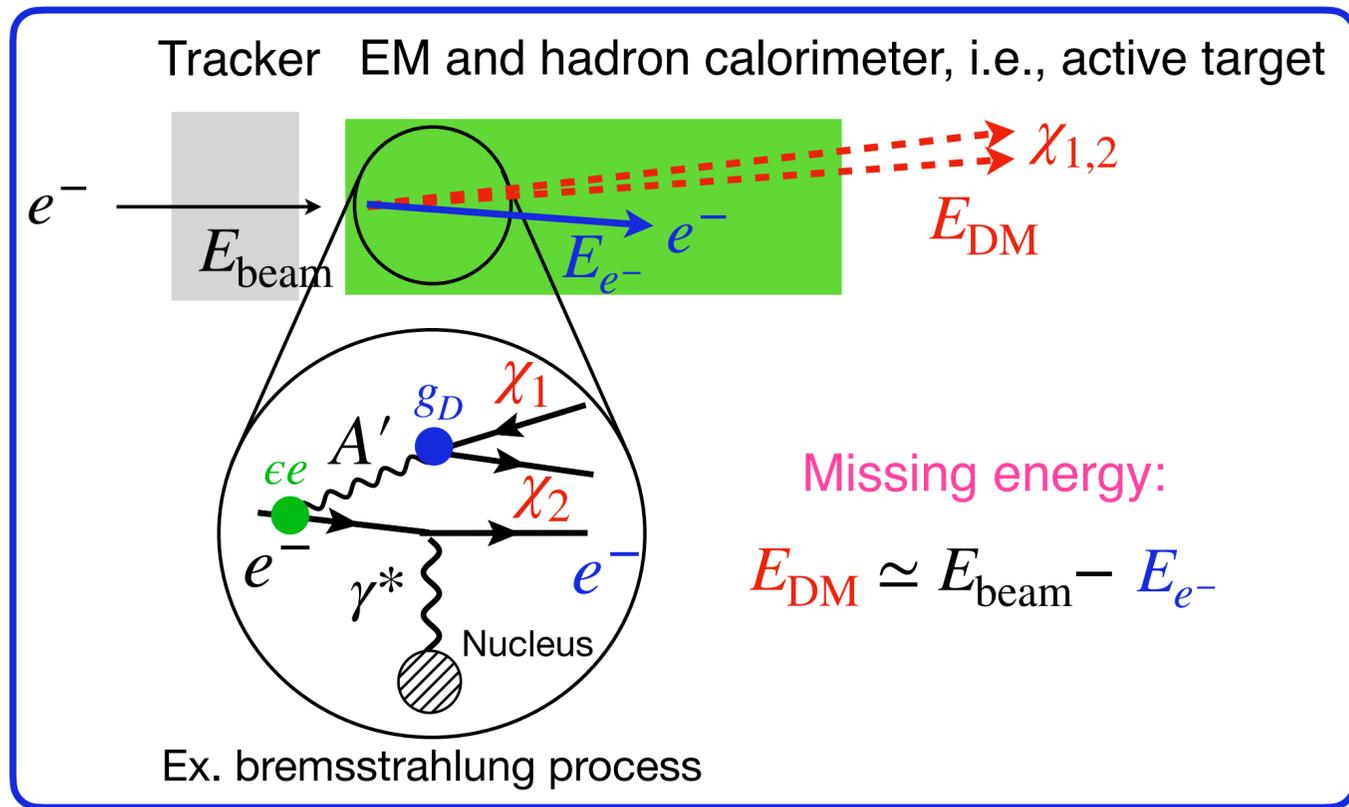


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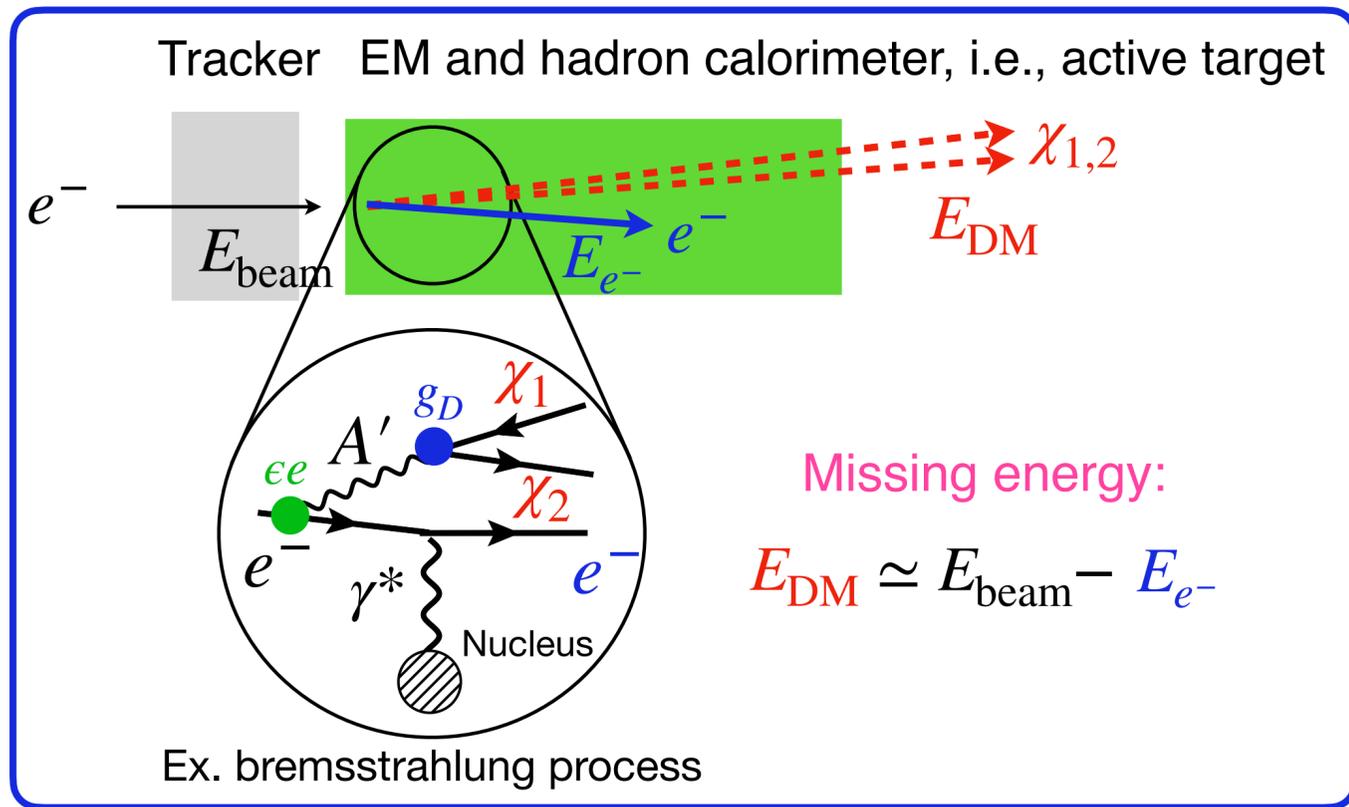
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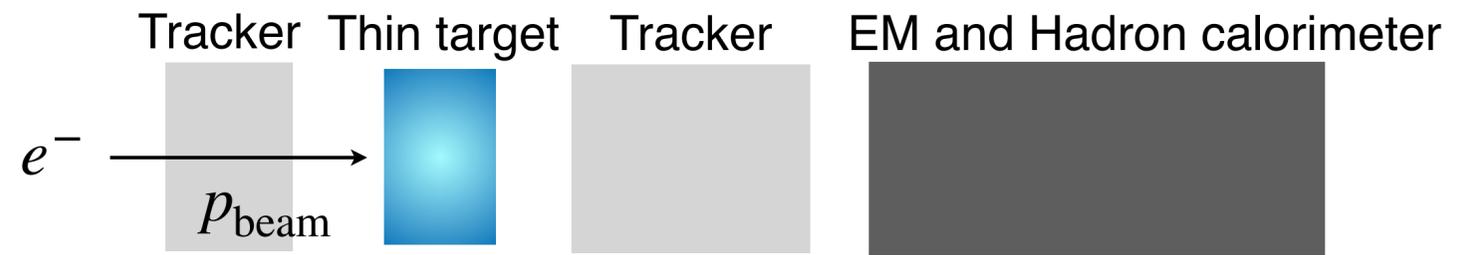
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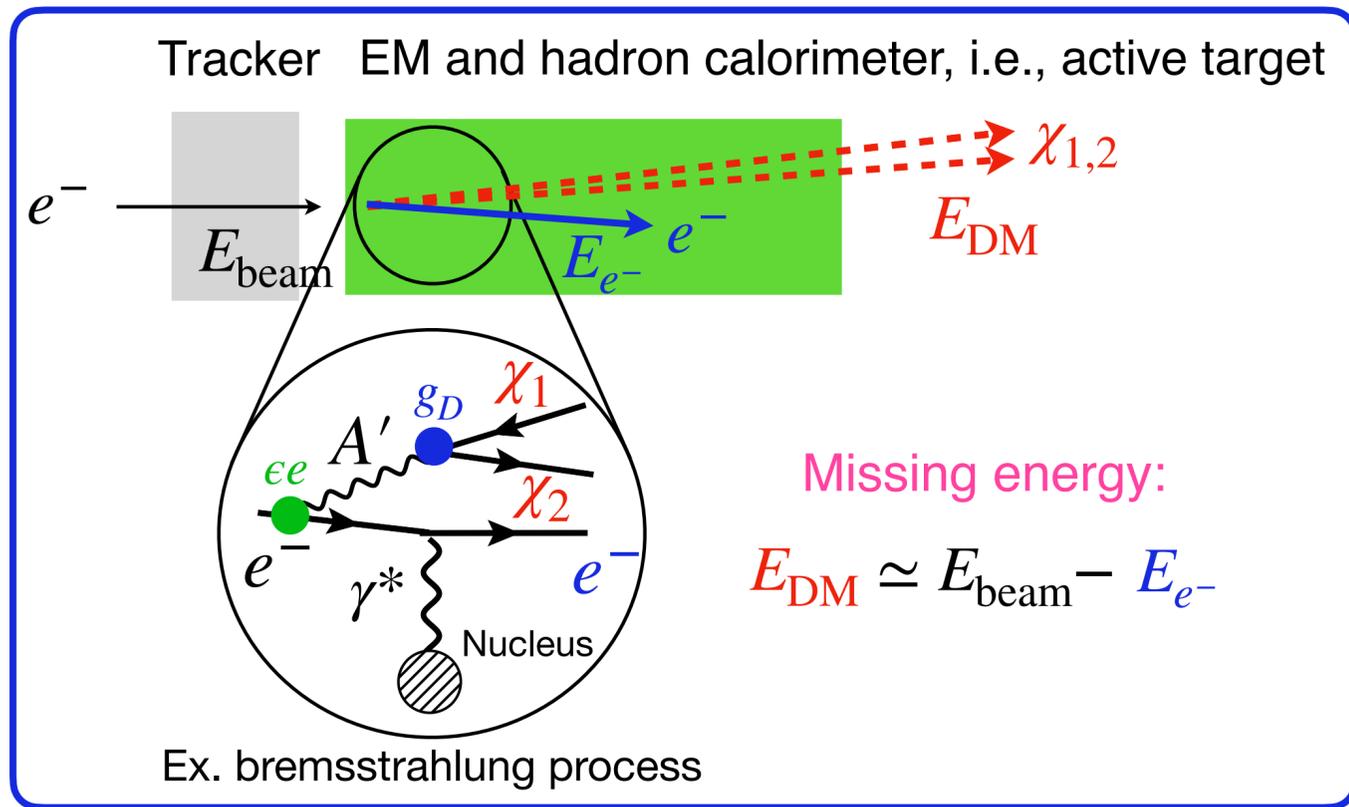
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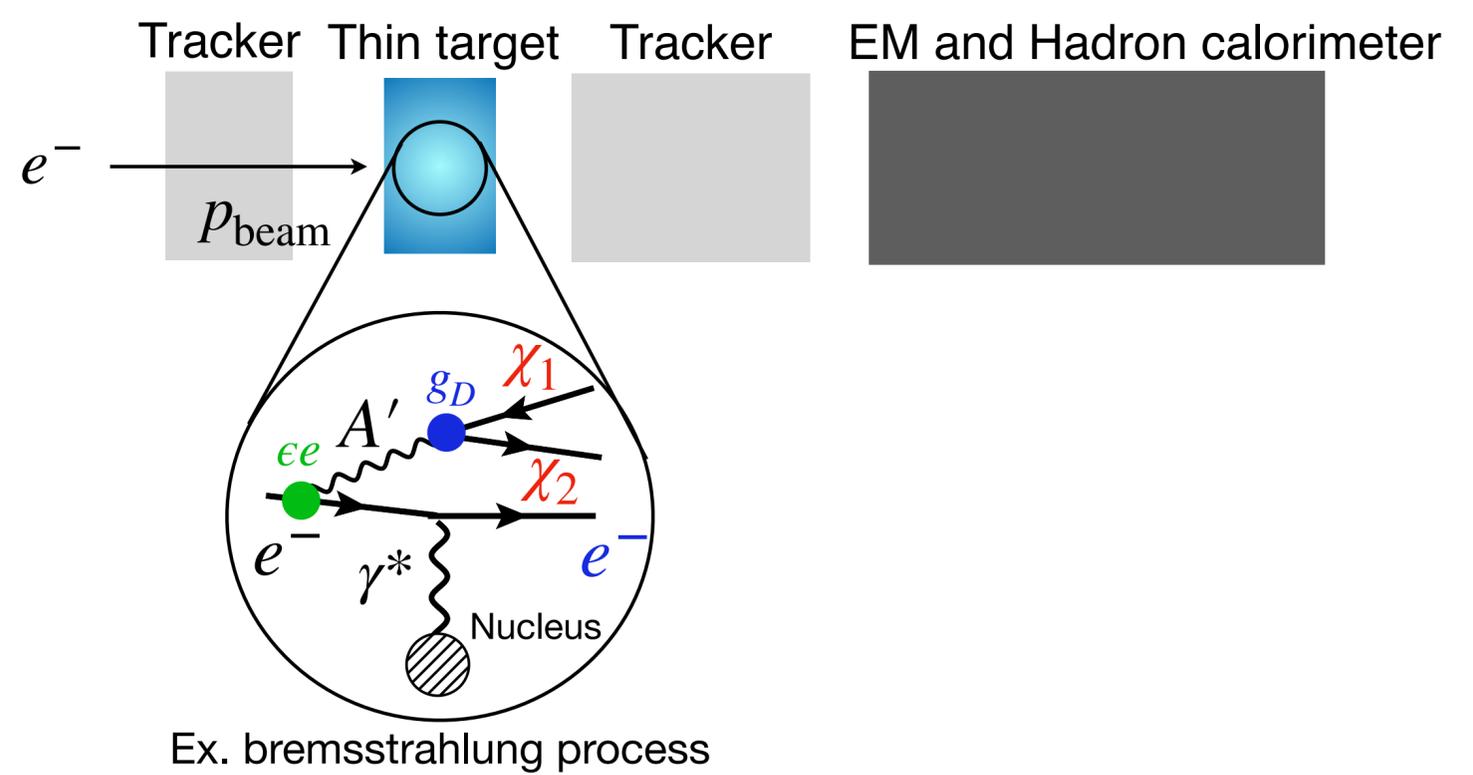
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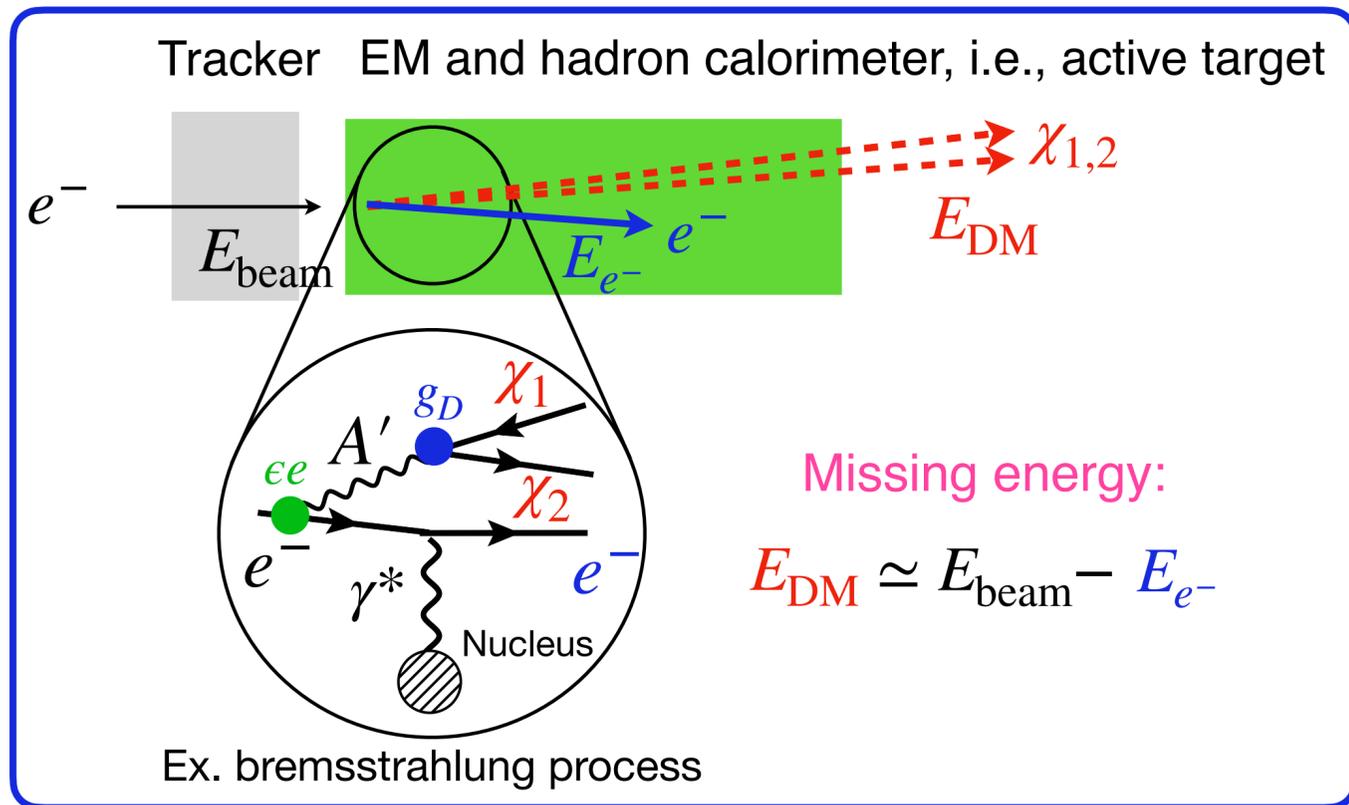
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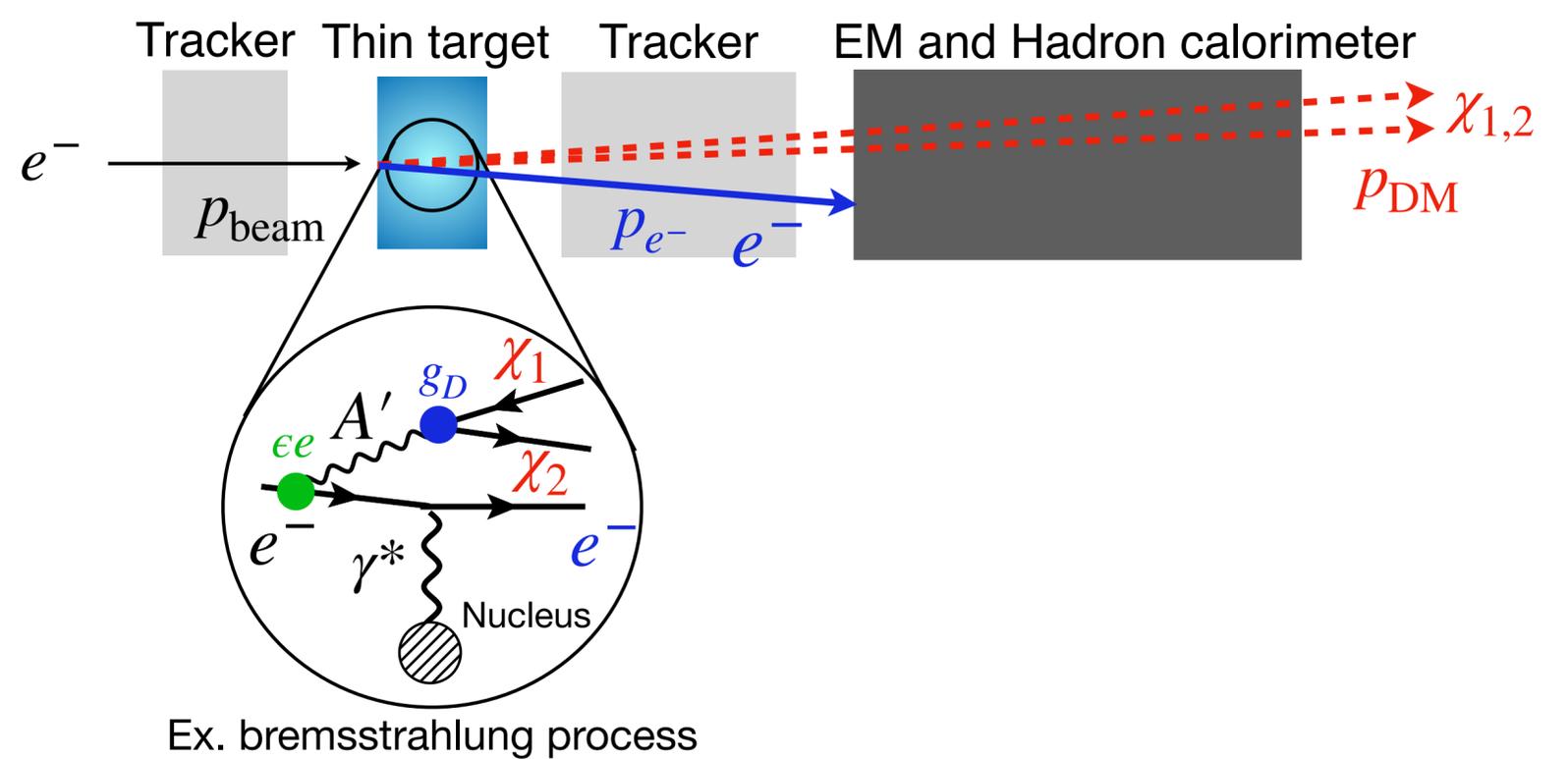
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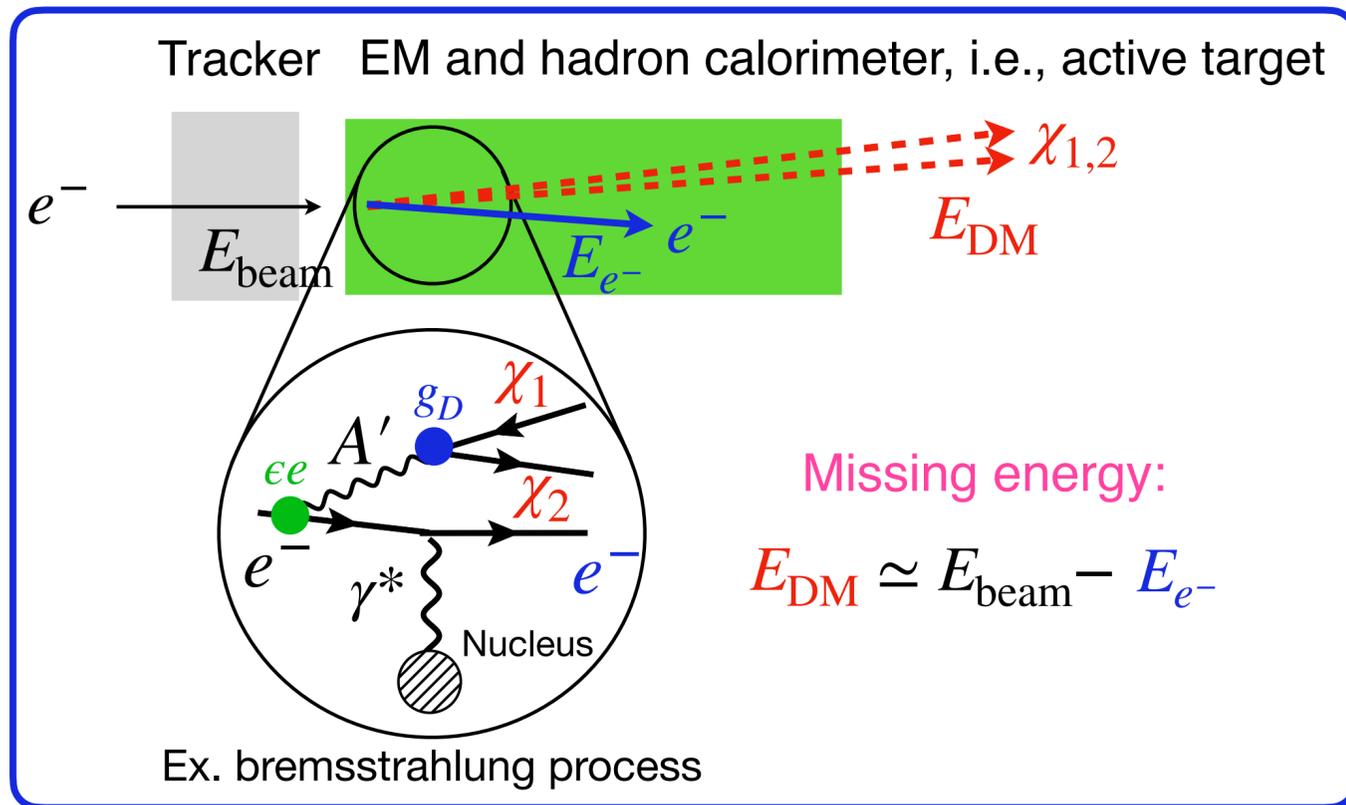
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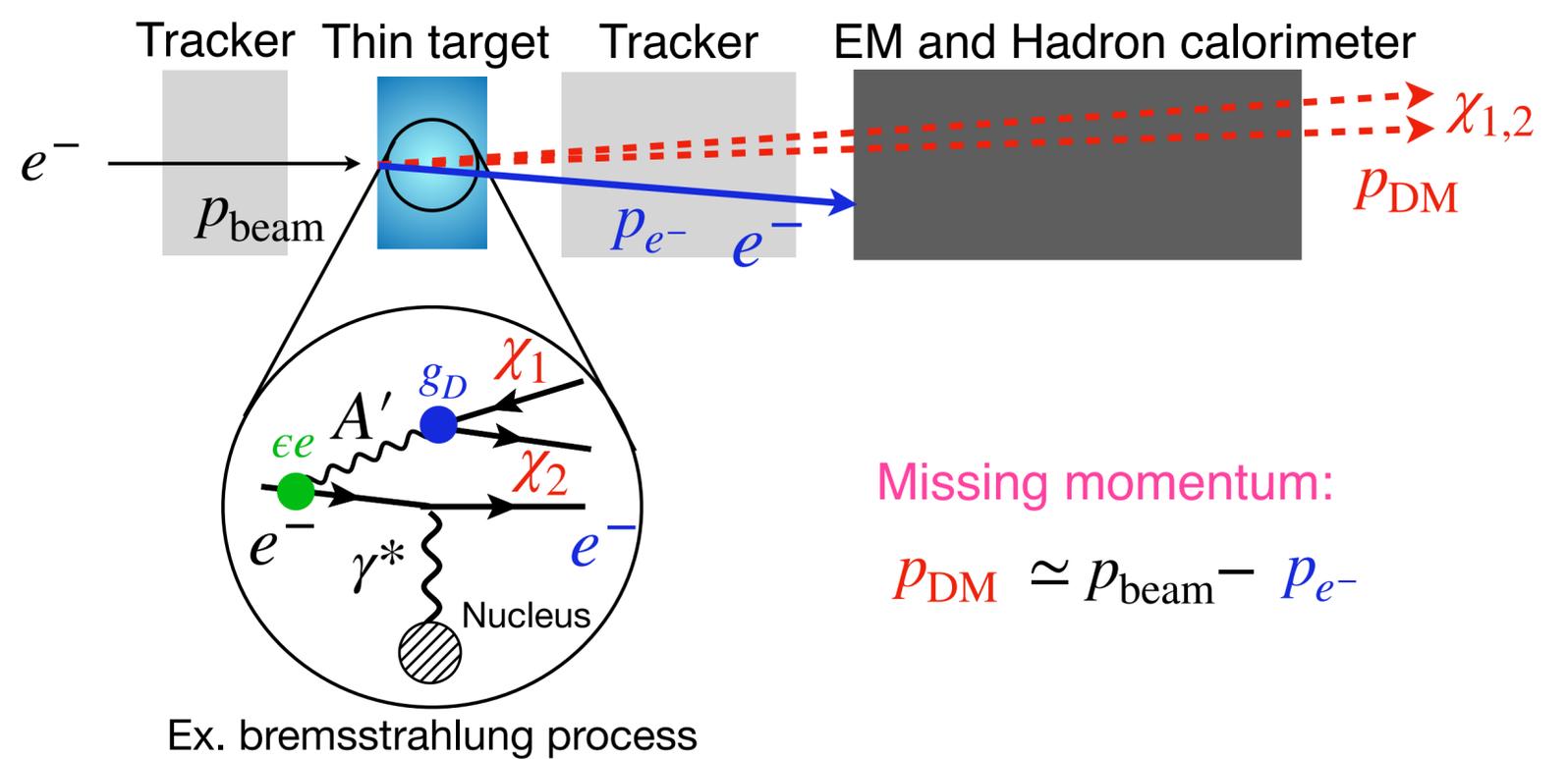
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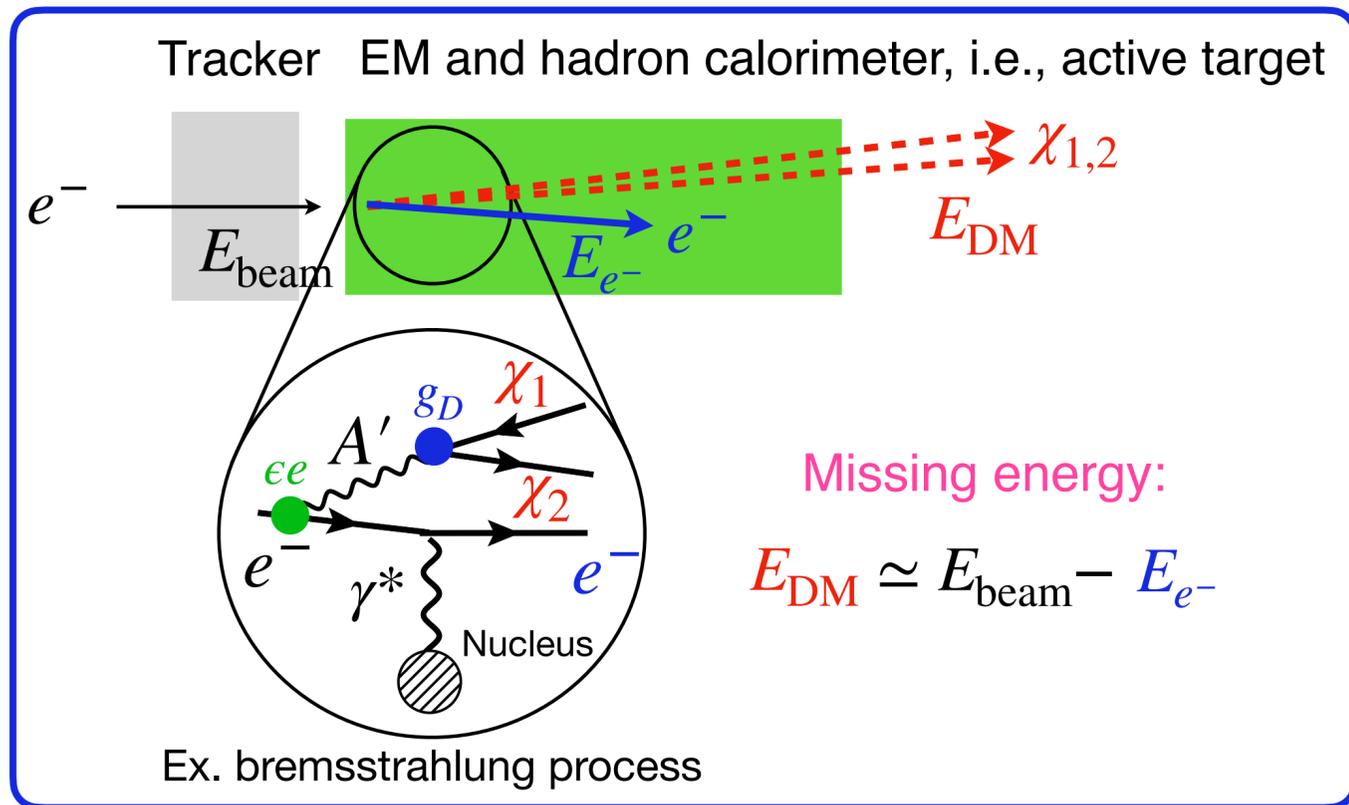
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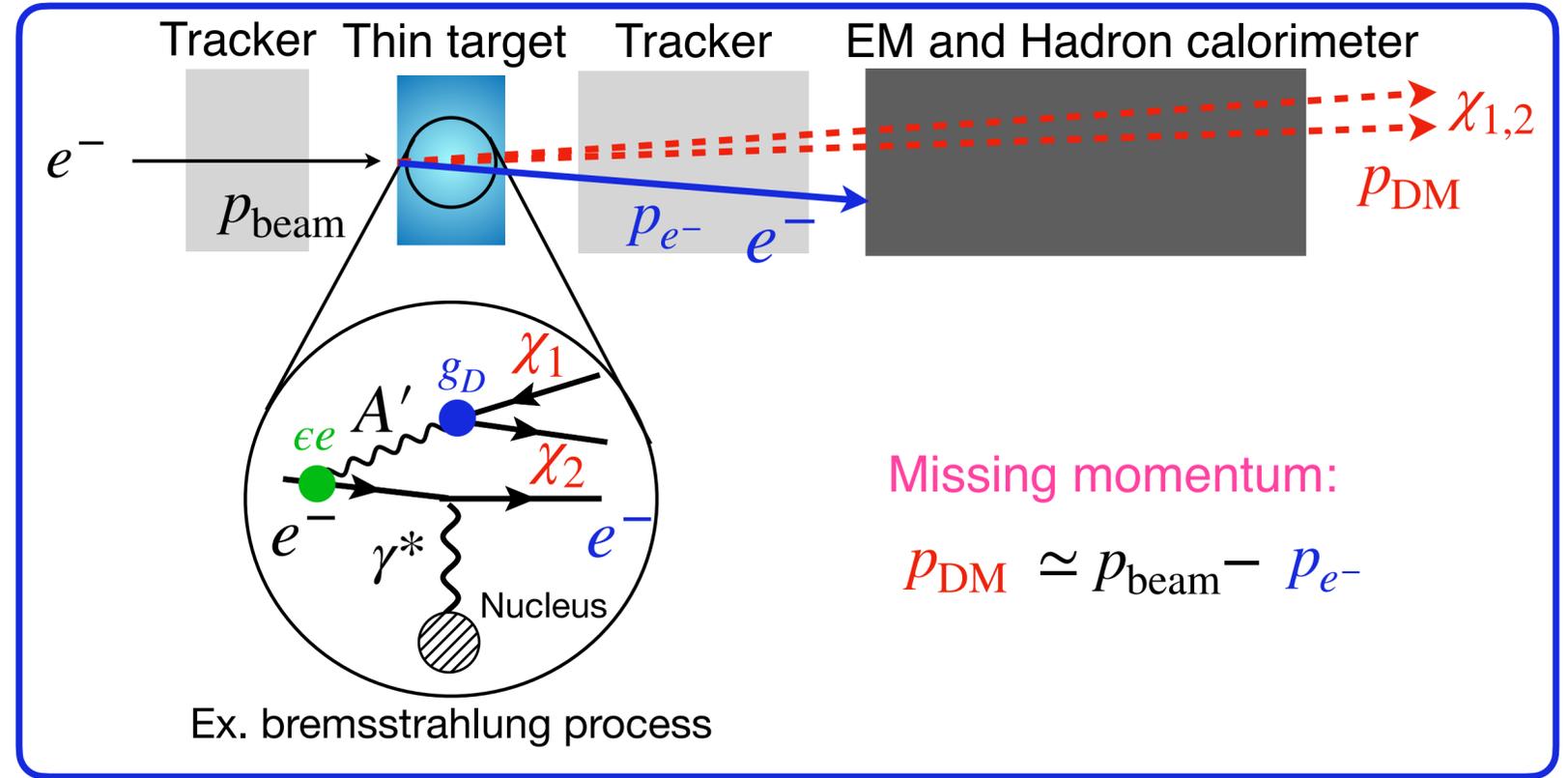
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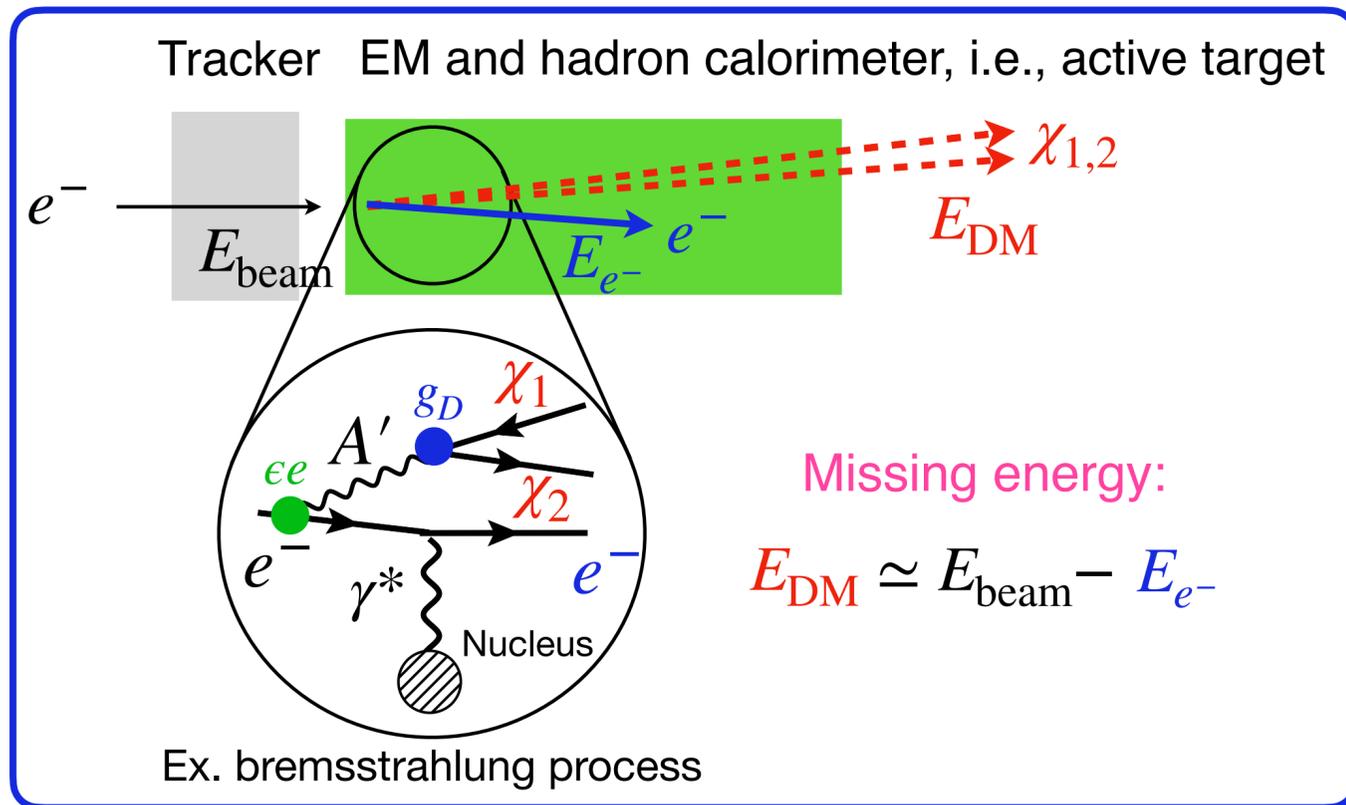


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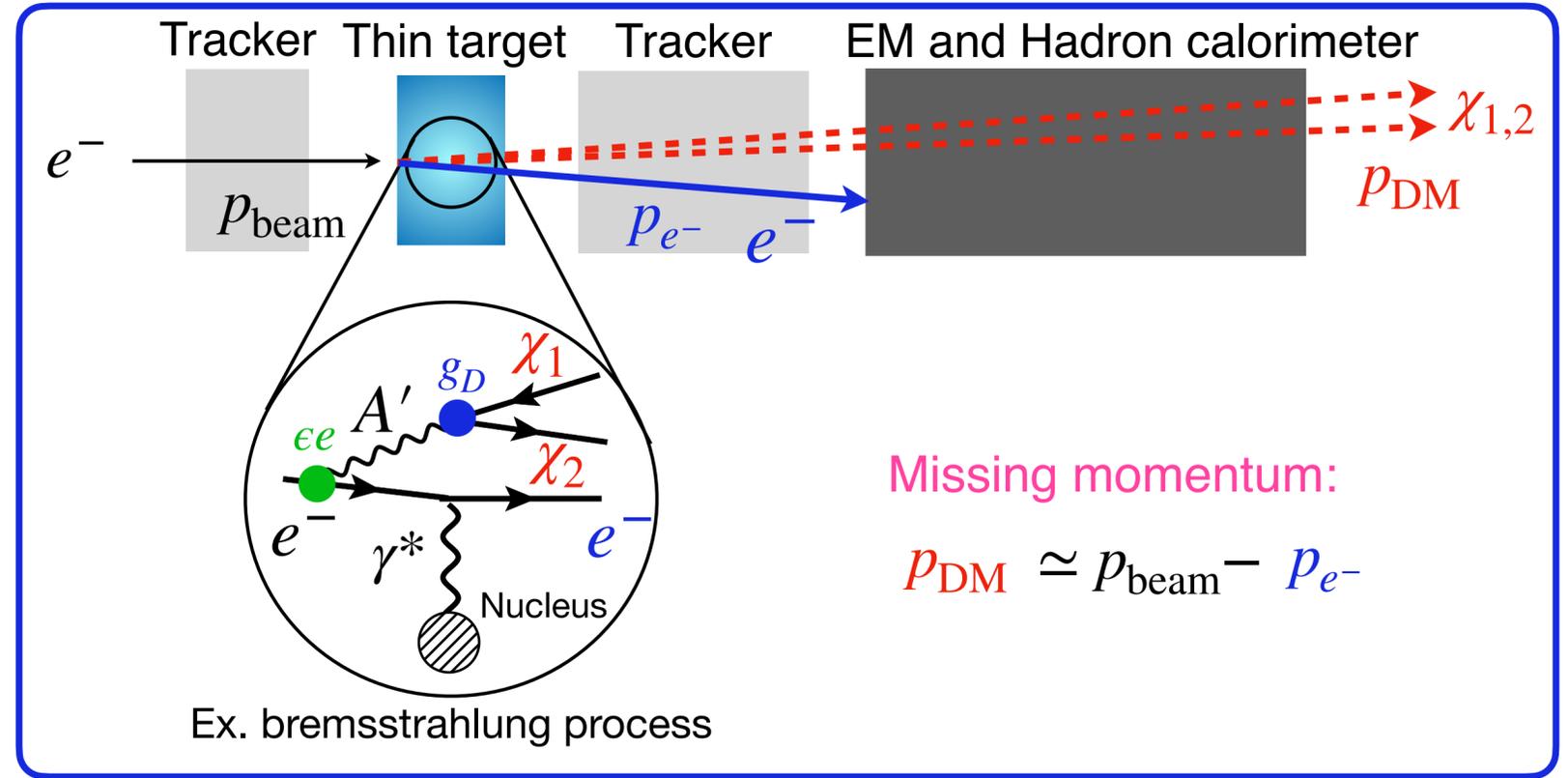
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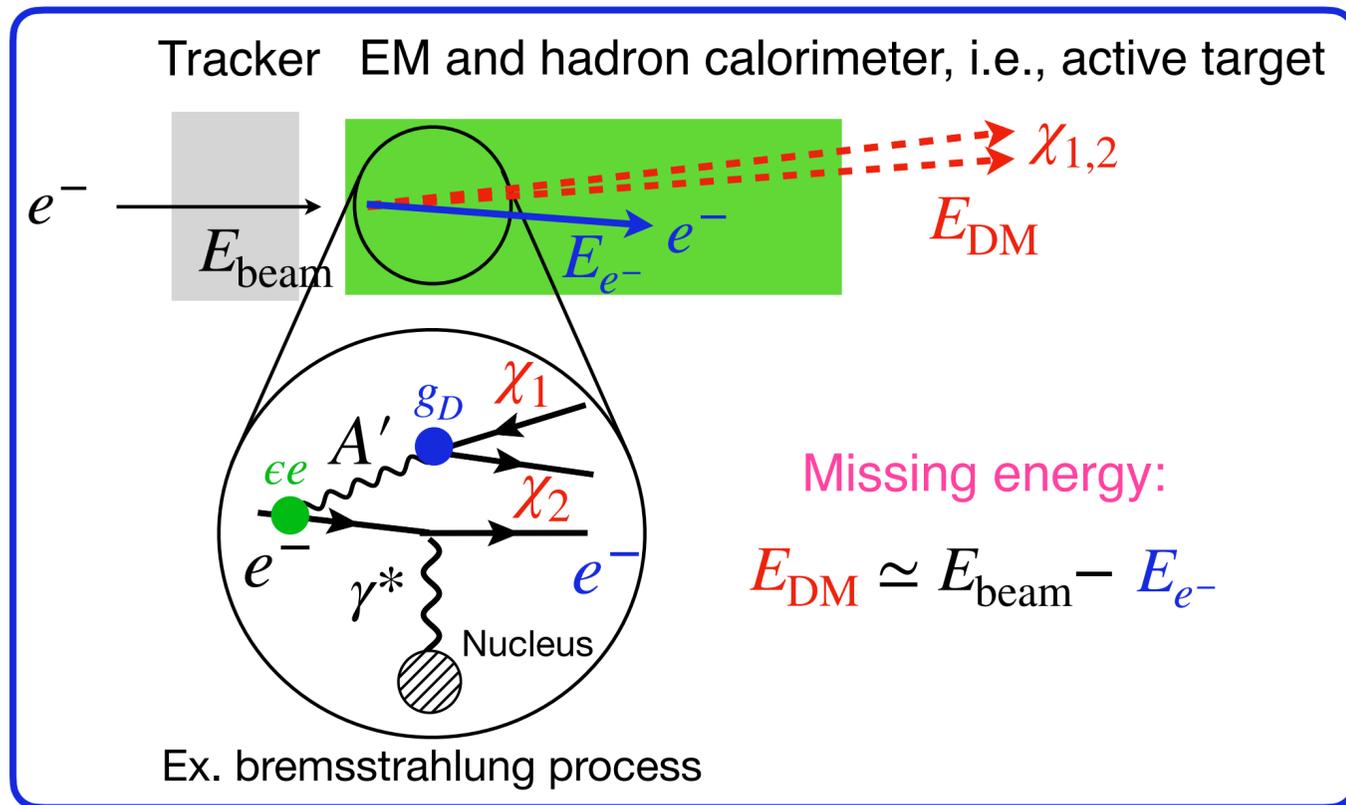
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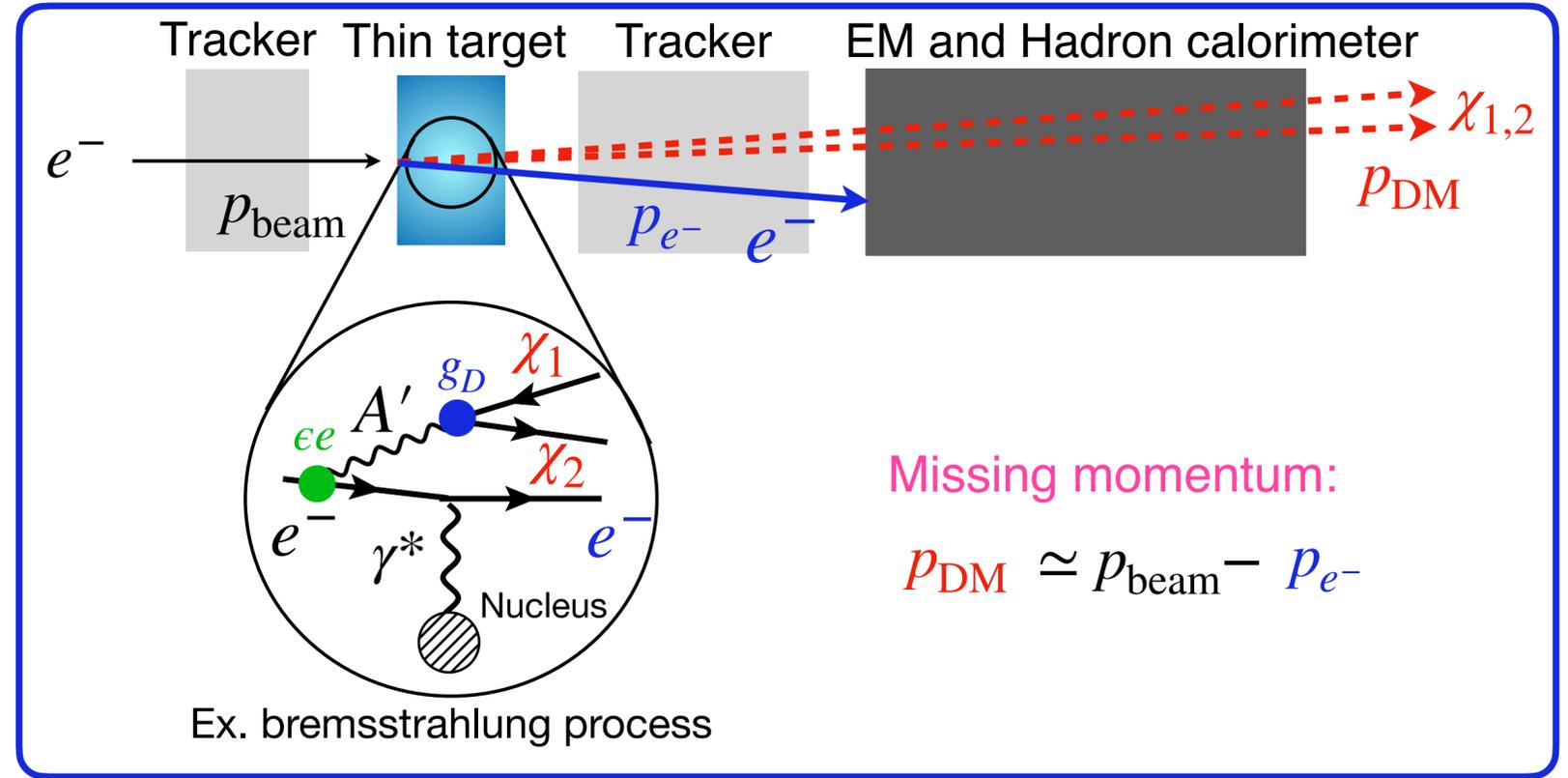
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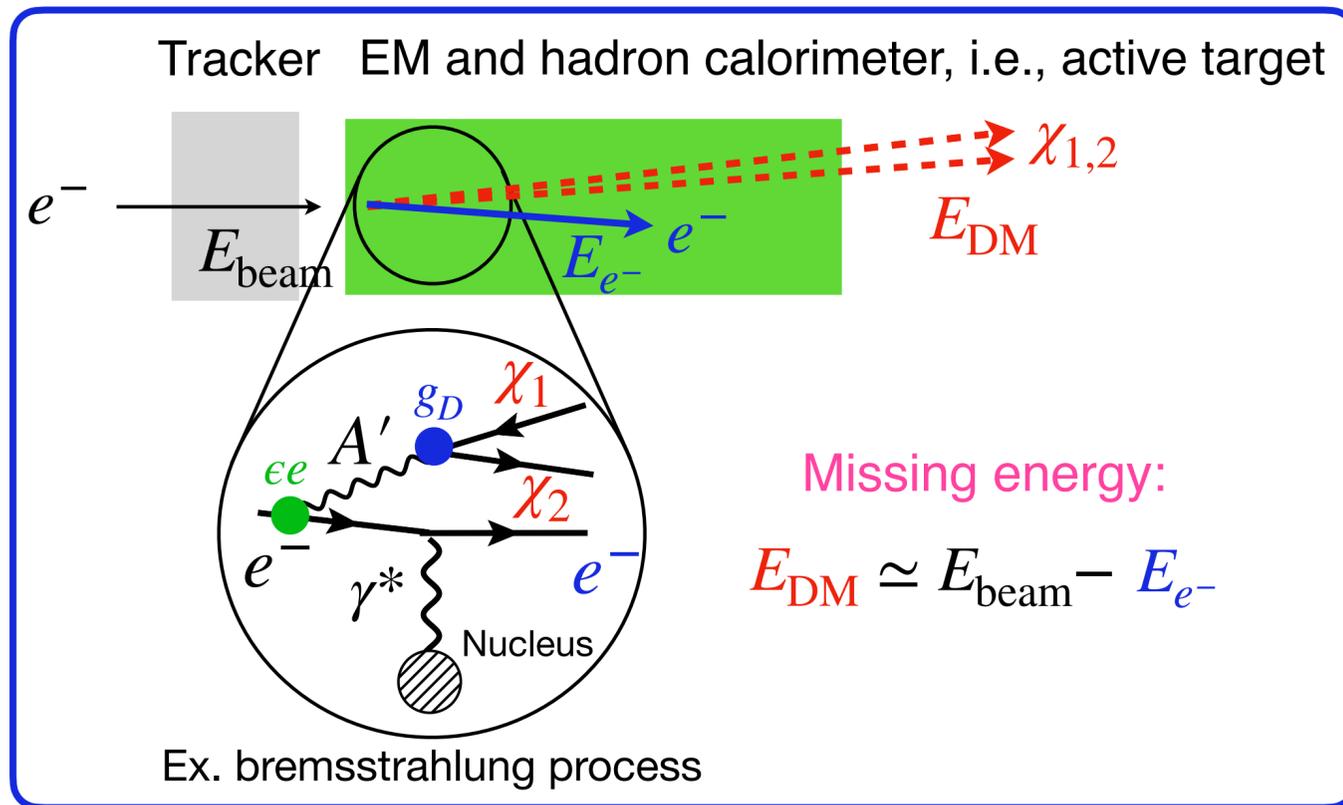
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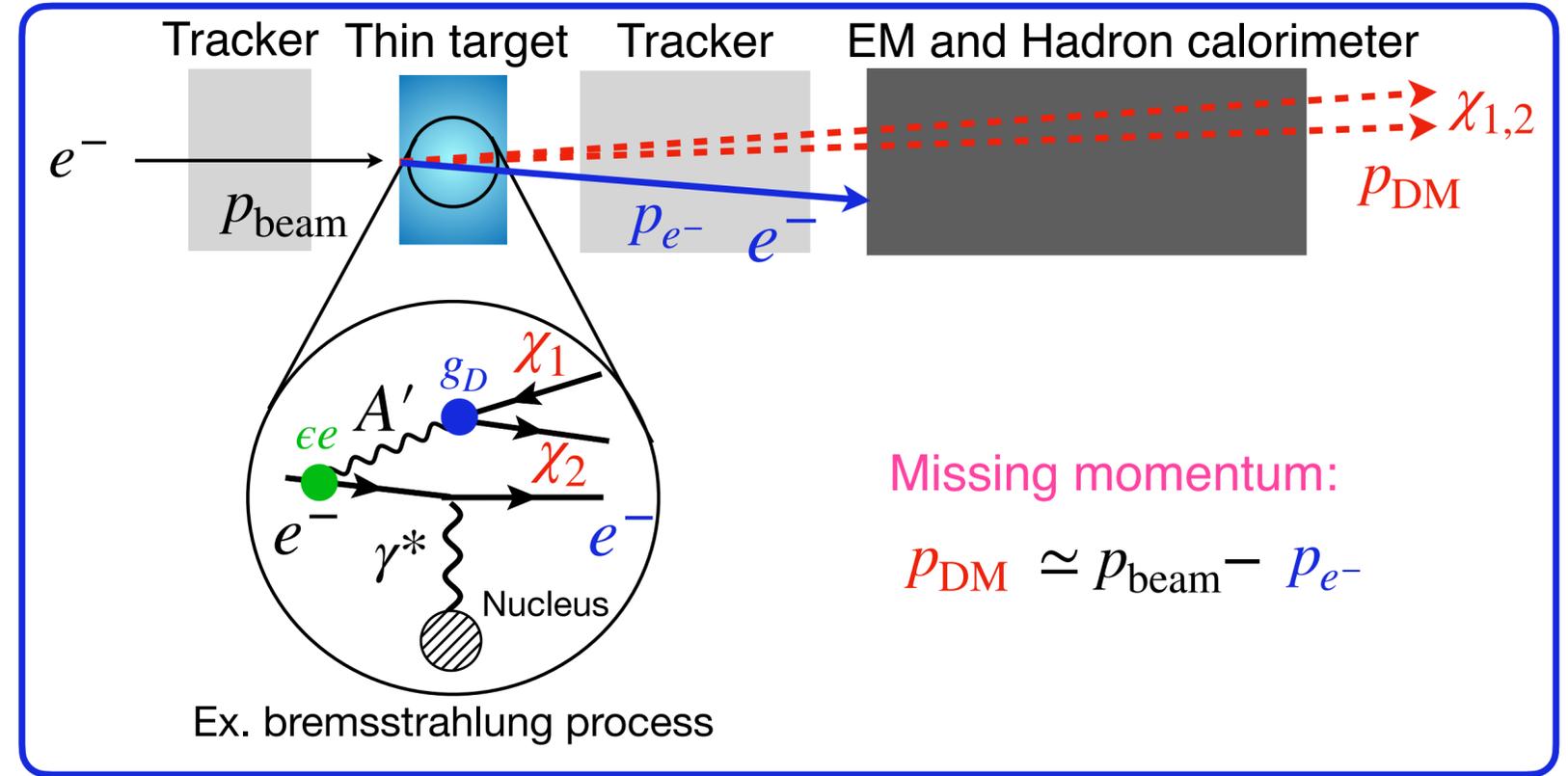
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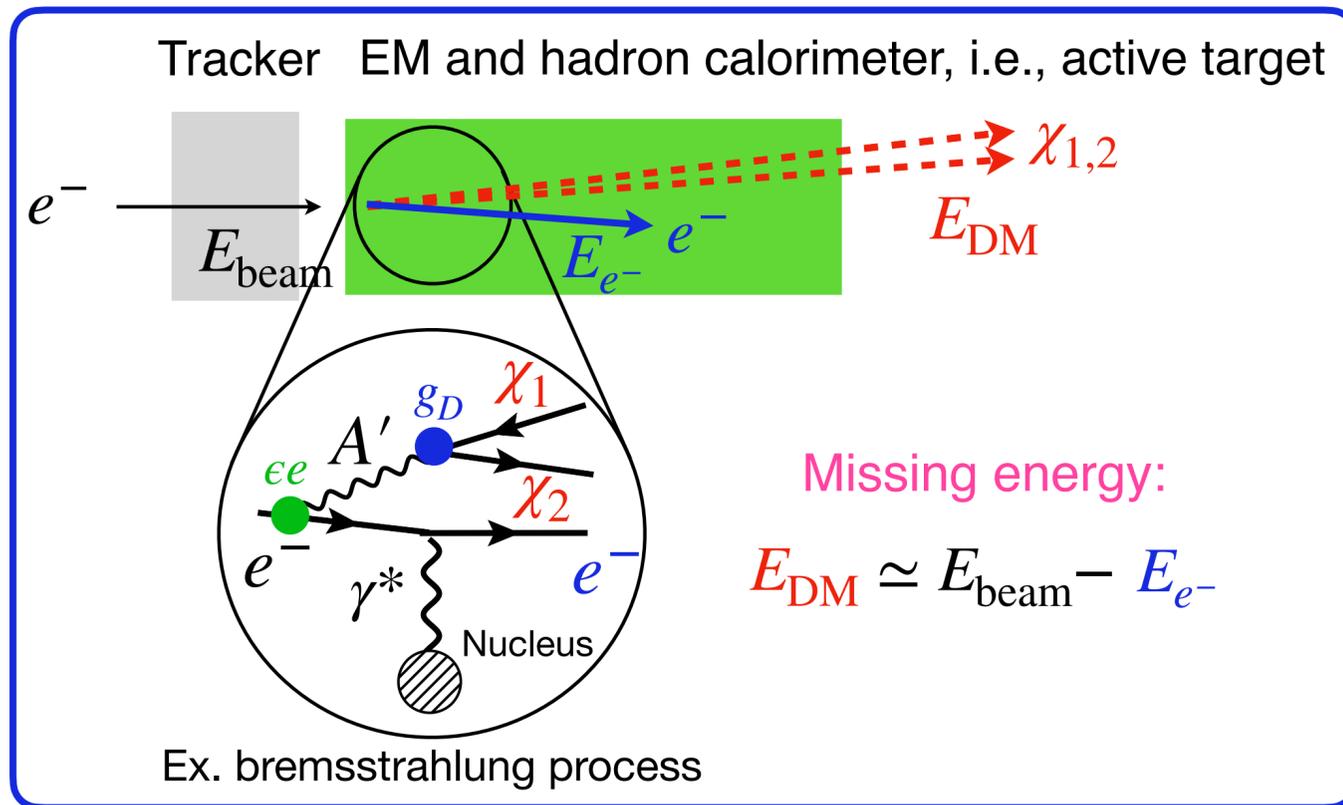
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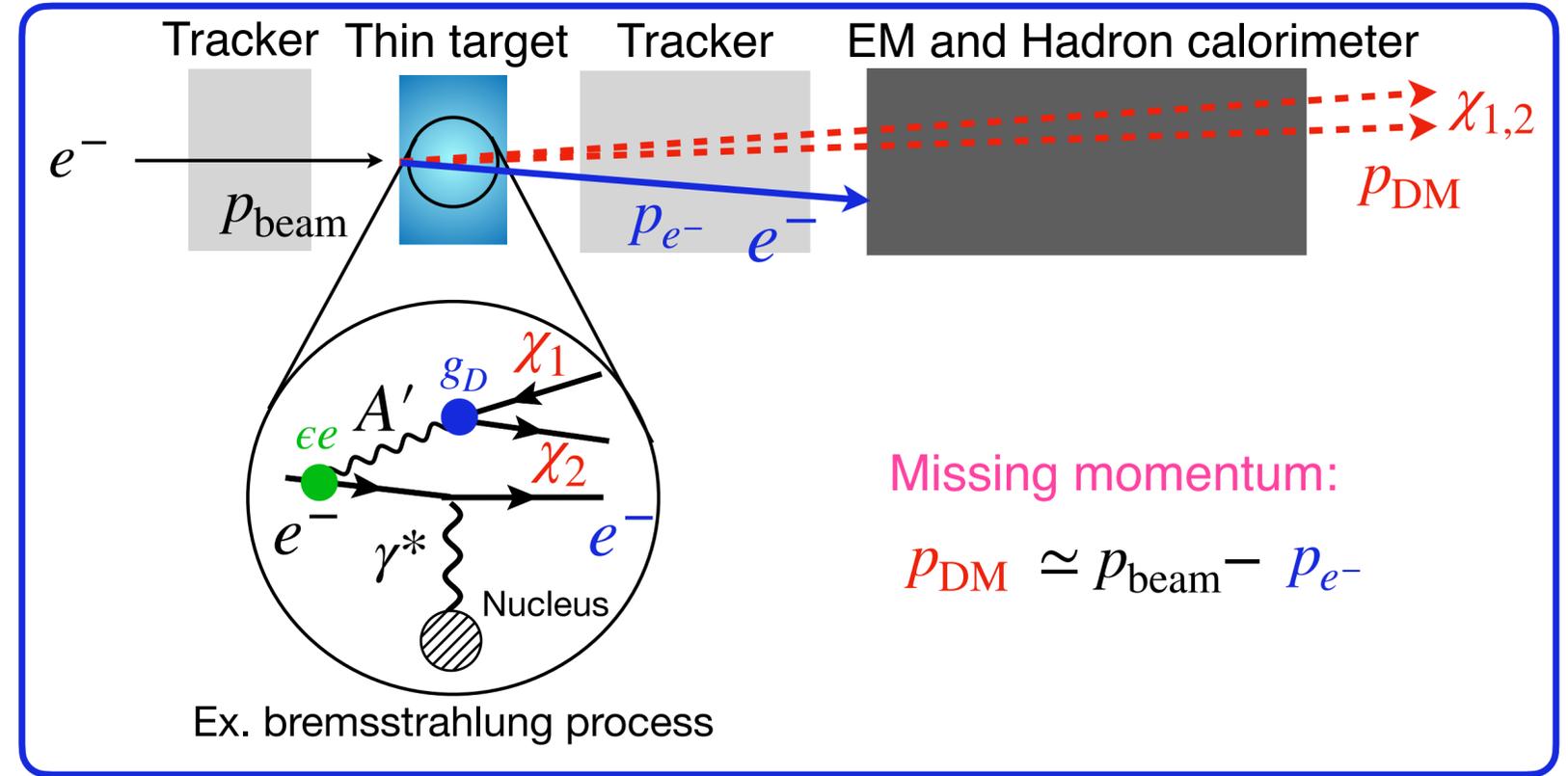
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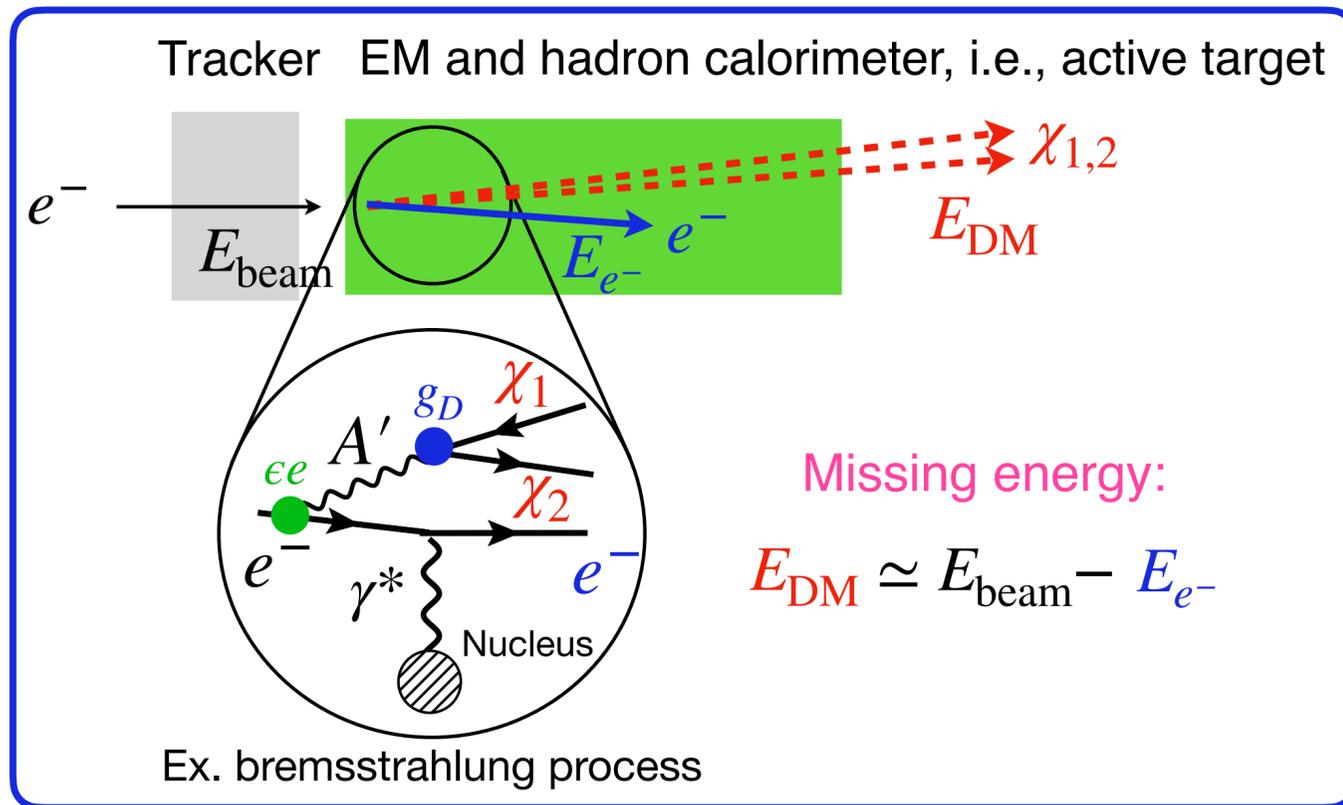
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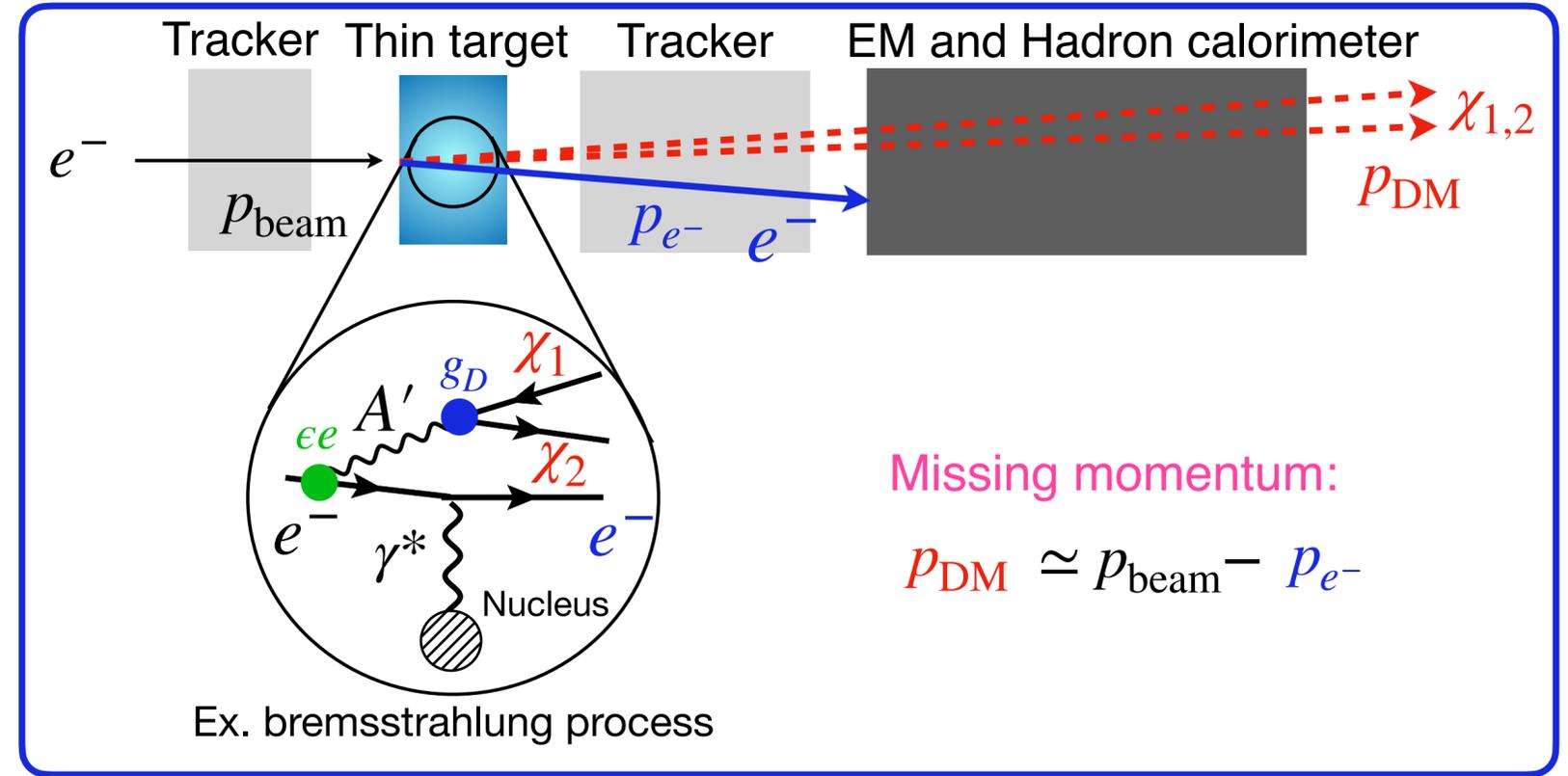
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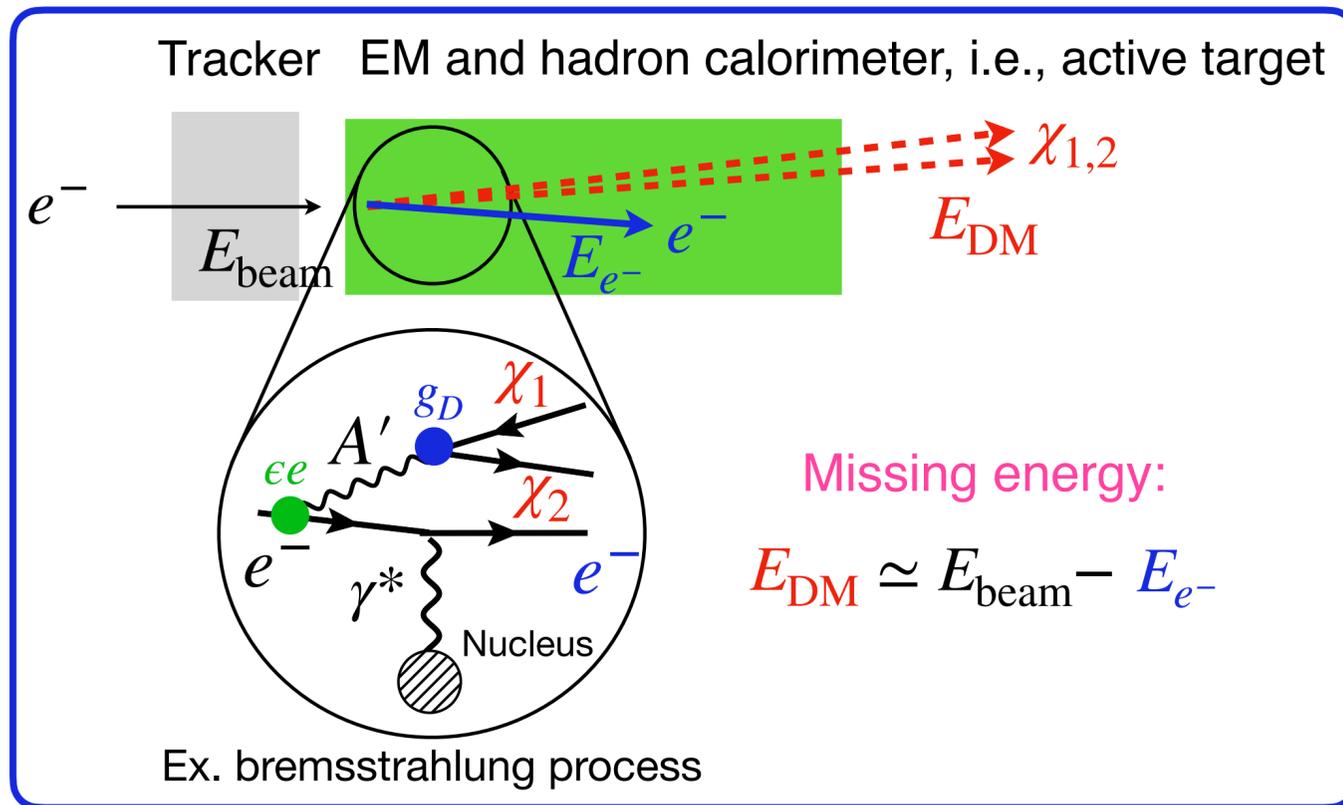
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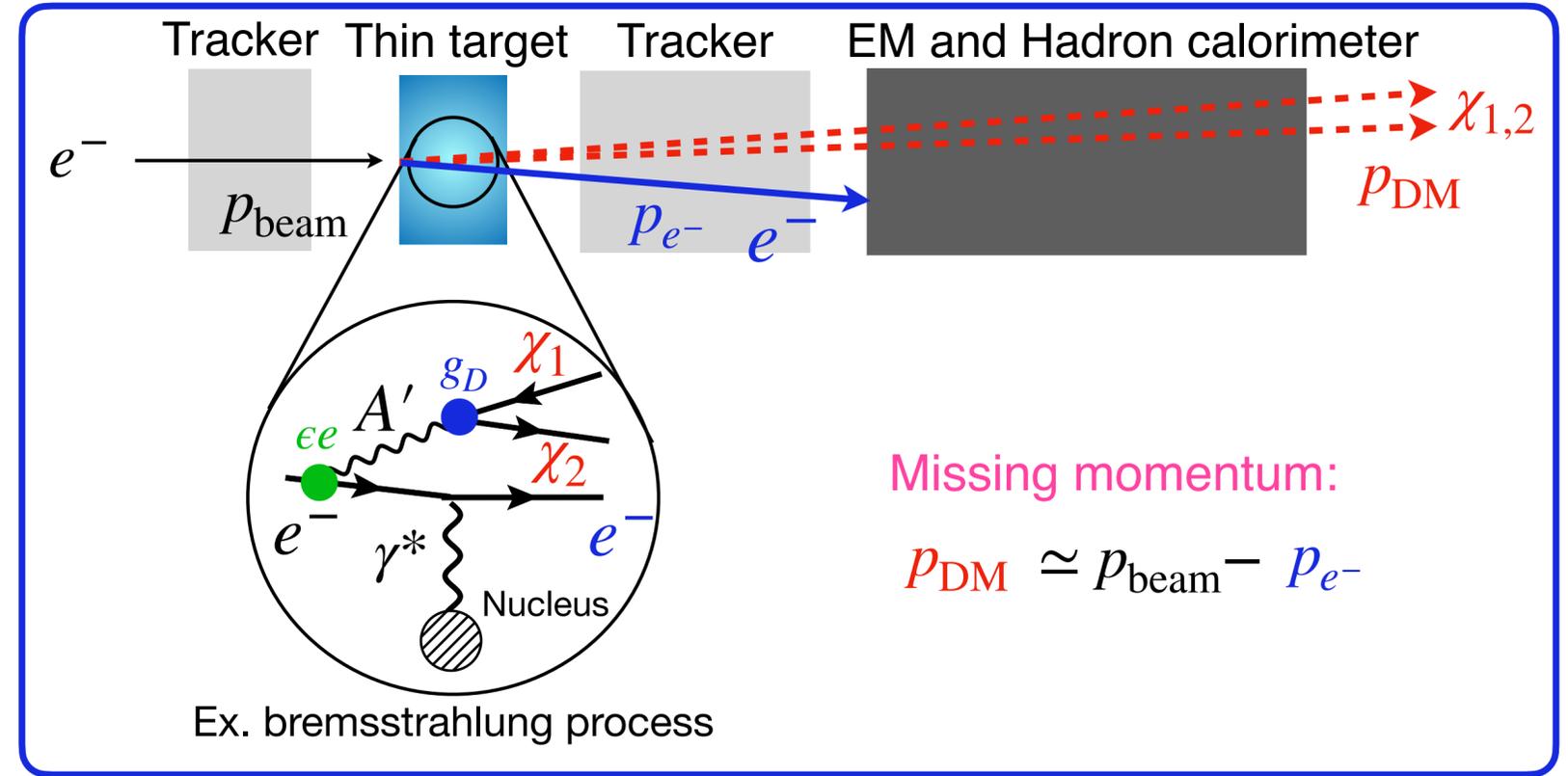
Missing energy/momentum signal processes

Missing energy search, e.g., NA64:



* Energy transfer to nucleus is modest in Bremsstrahlung process

Missing momentum search, e.g., LDMX:



* Target is thin to reconstruct final state electron

• # of missing events:

$$\sim (\# \text{ of produced DM}) \times (\text{Probability DM reaches detector}) \times (\text{Probability DM is detected})$$

$$\propto (\text{Beam flux}) \times (\epsilon e)^2$$

$$\sim 1$$

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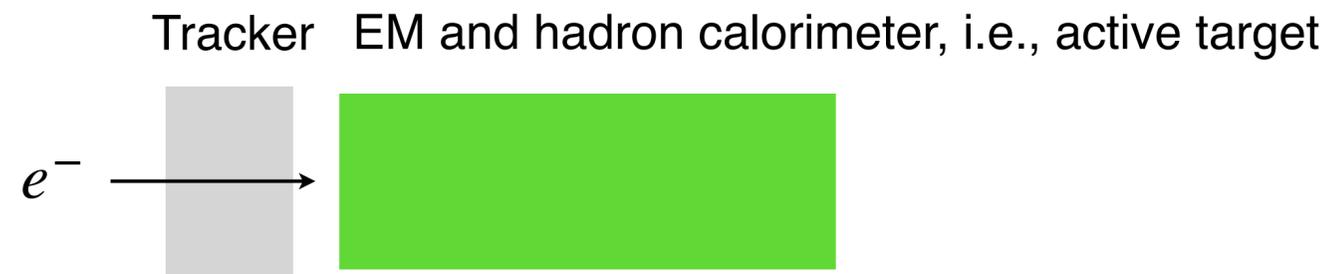
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Acceptance is good, but the continuous beam (small flux) is needed to reconstruct SM

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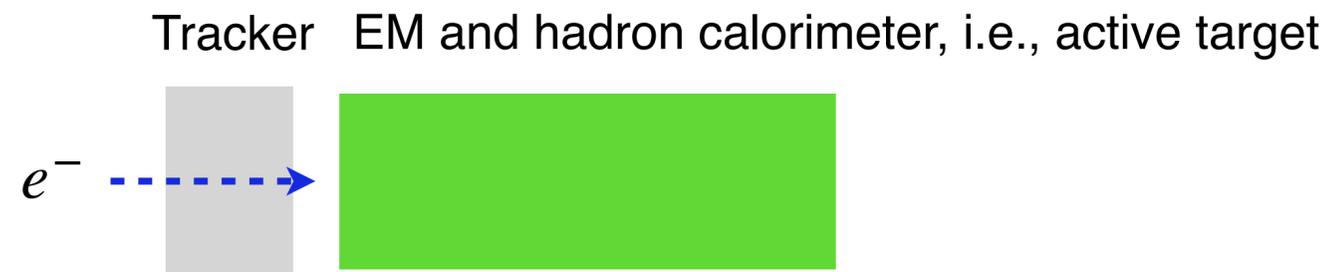


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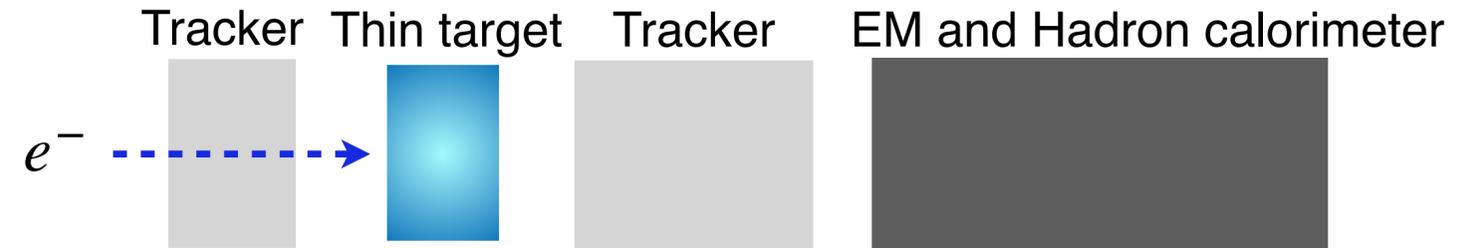


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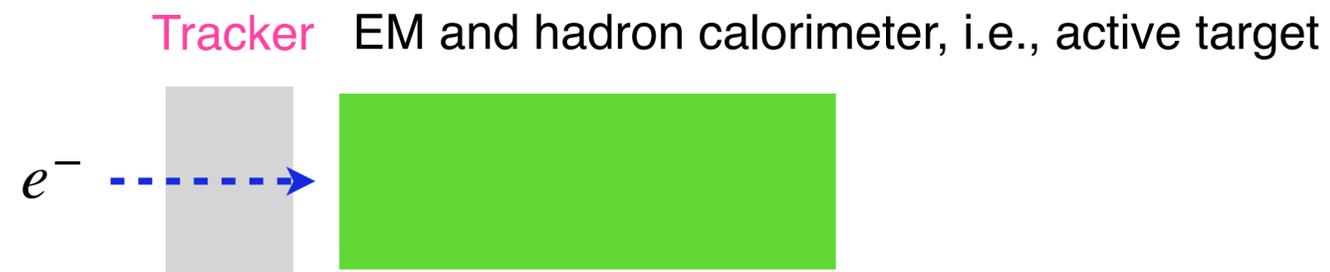


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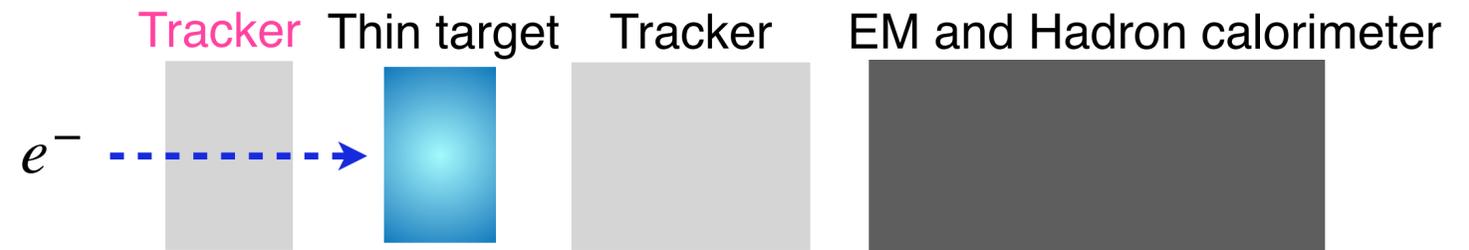
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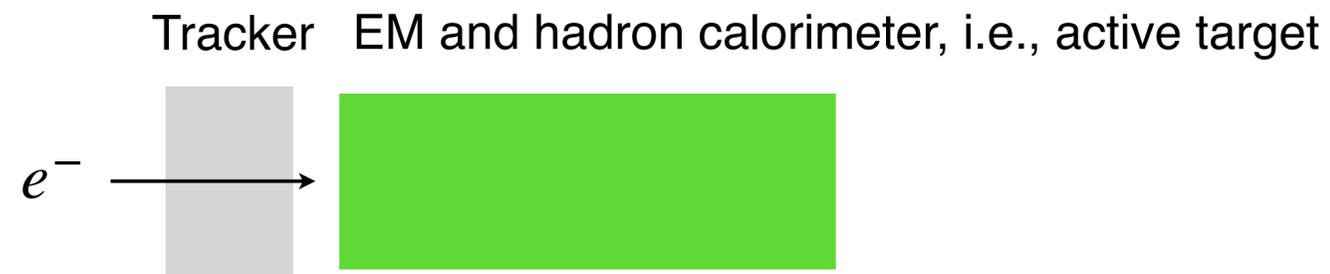


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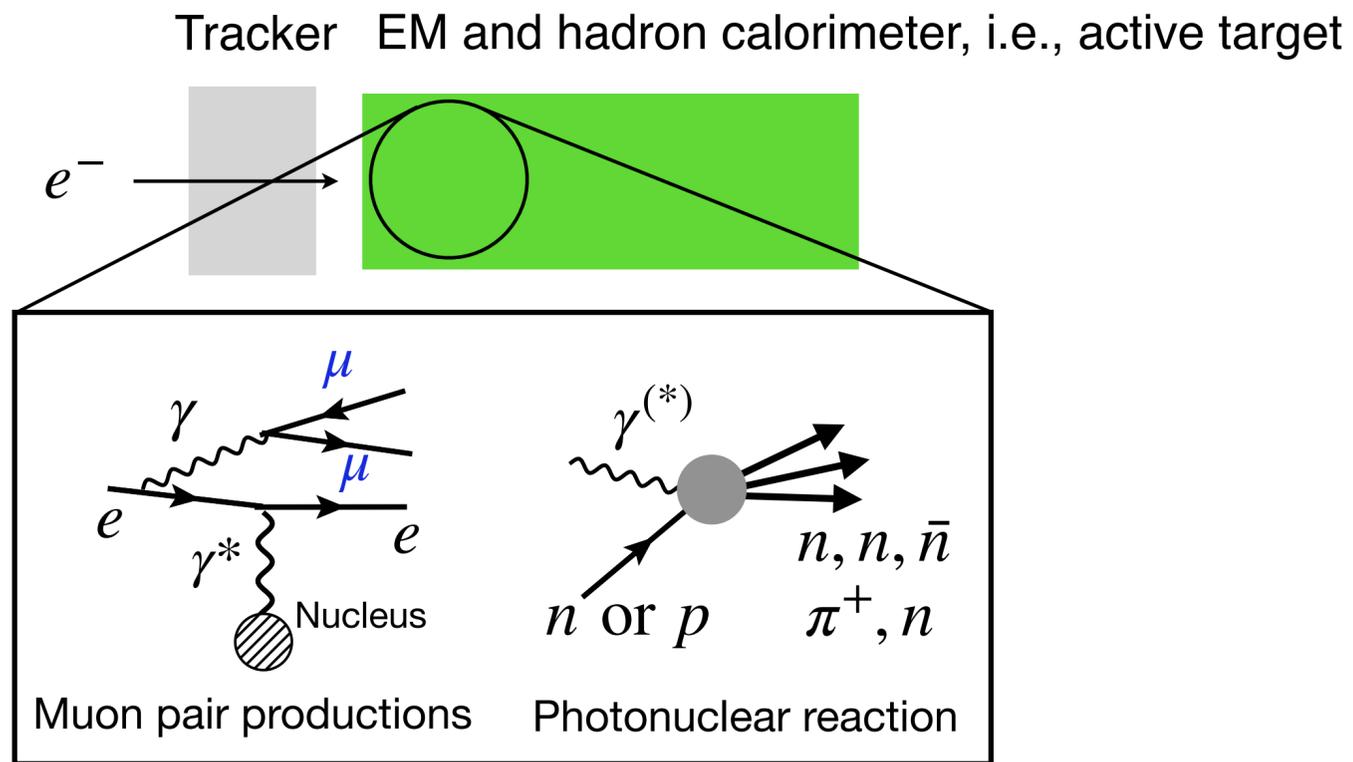


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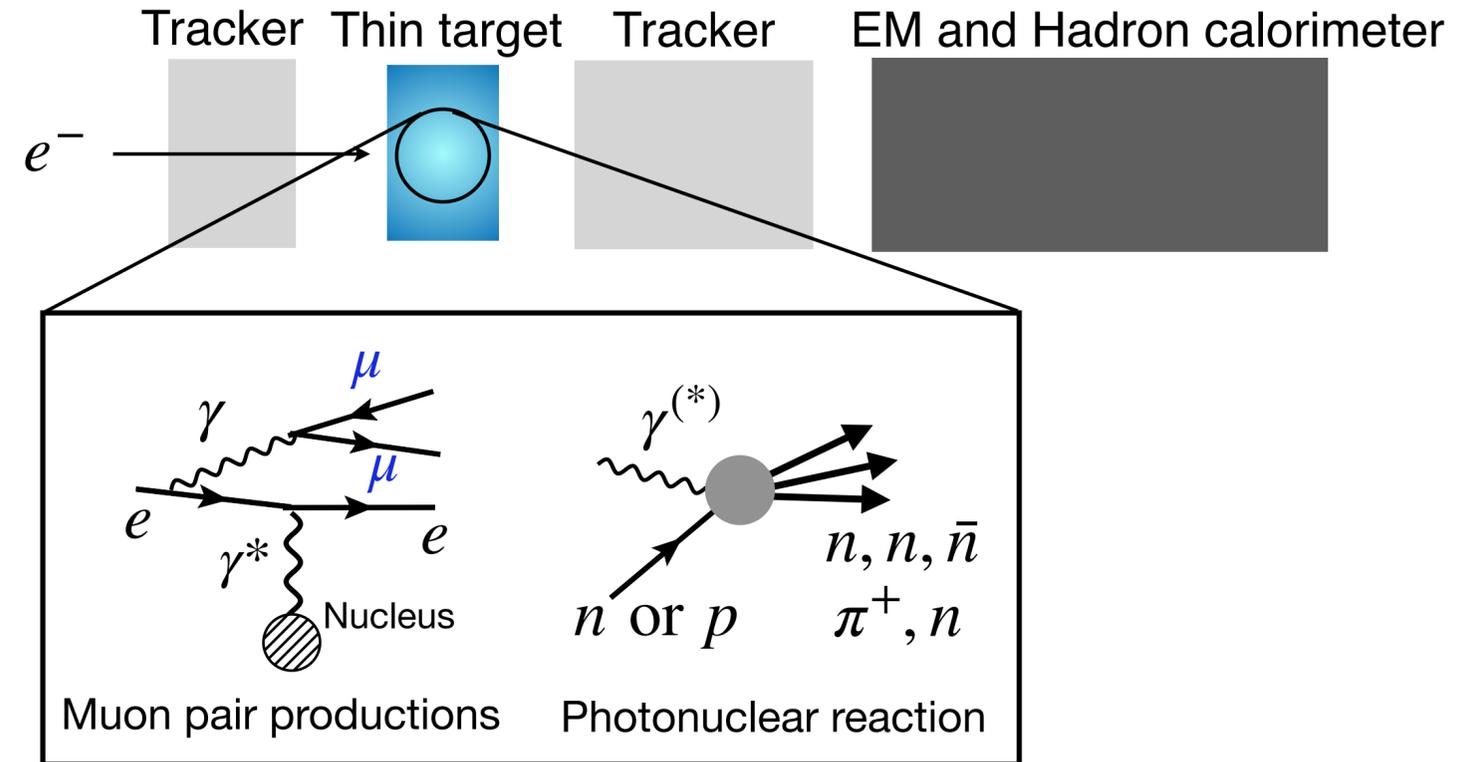
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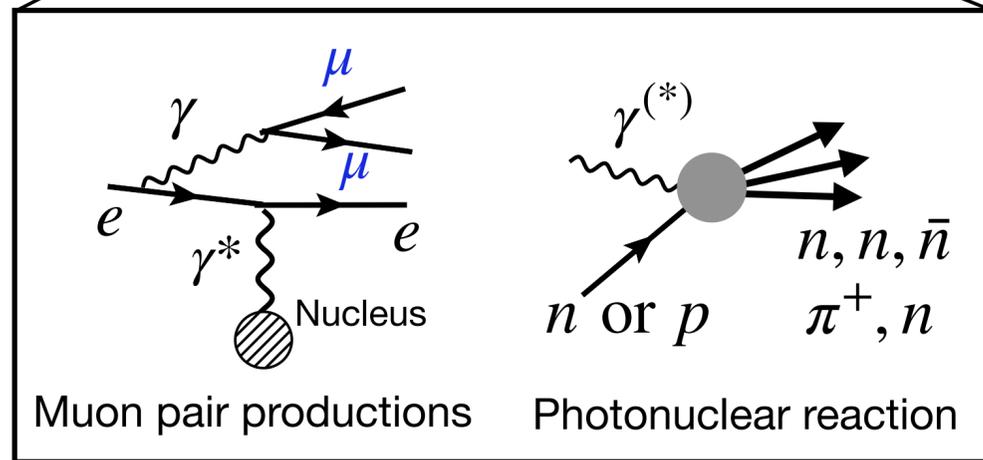
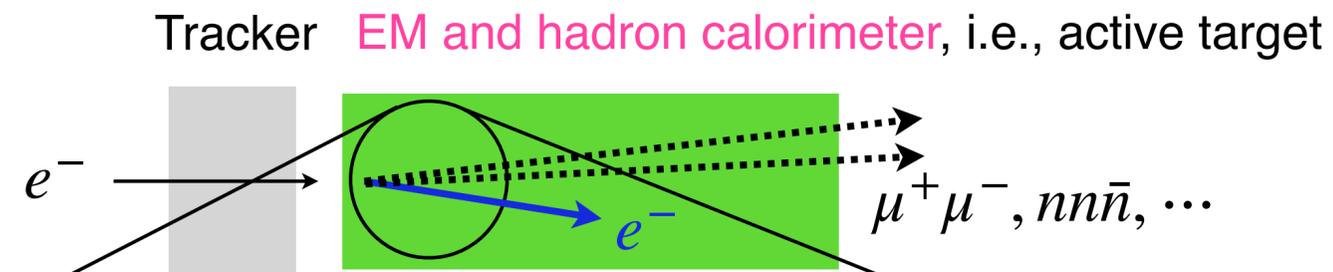


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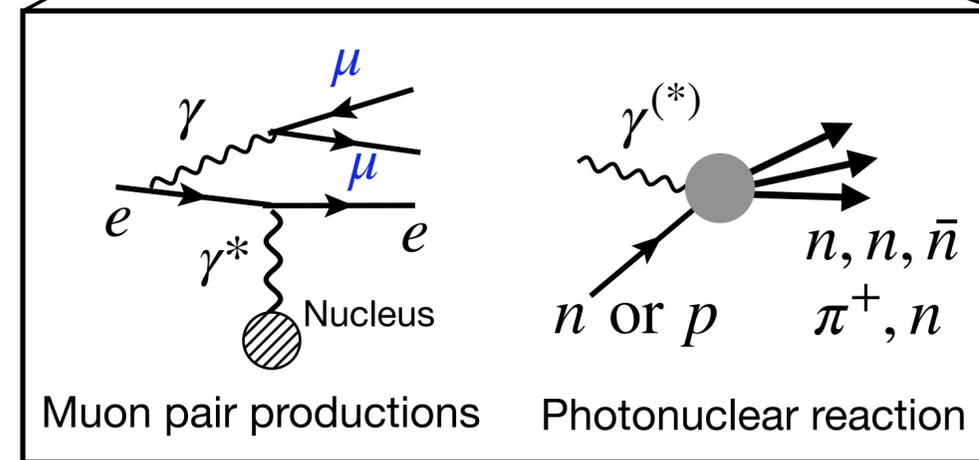
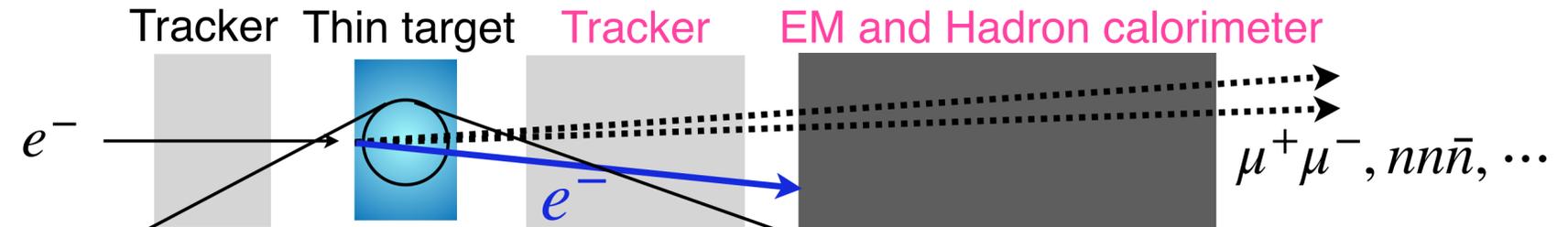
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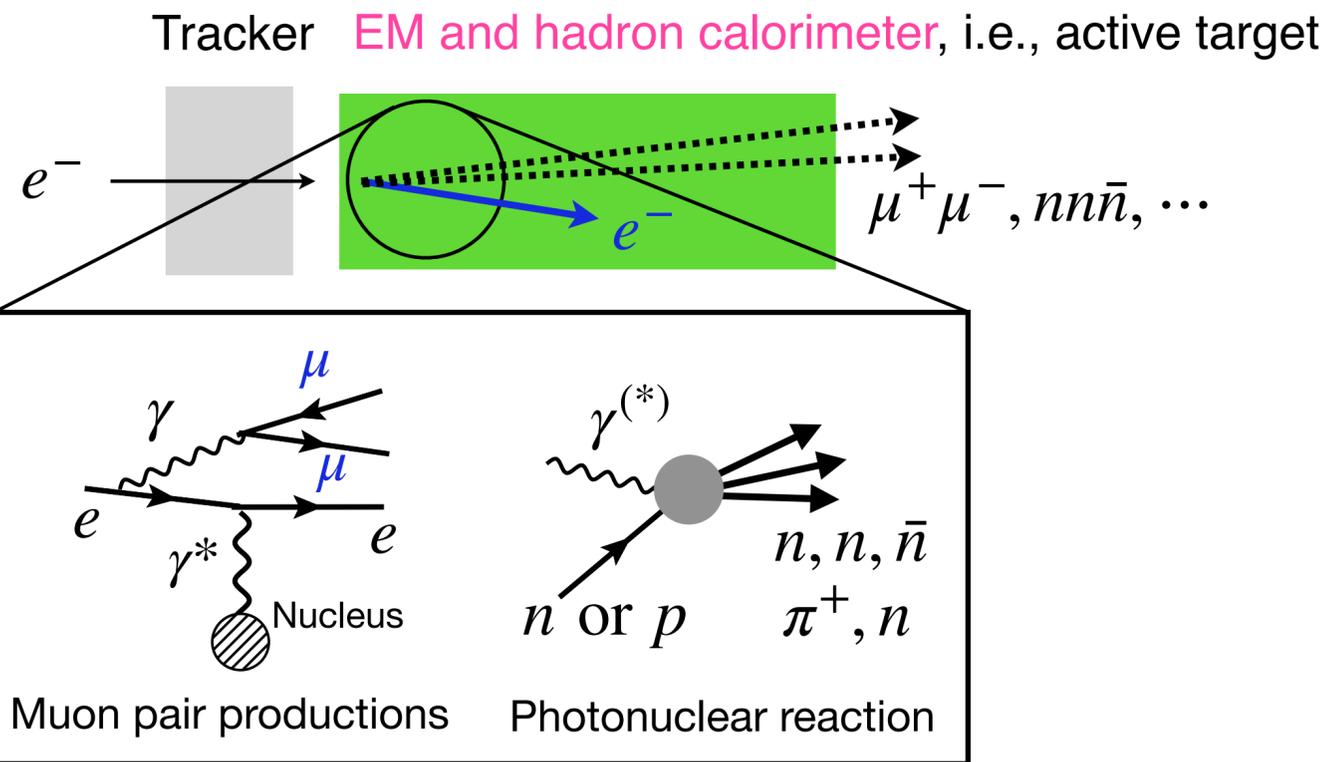
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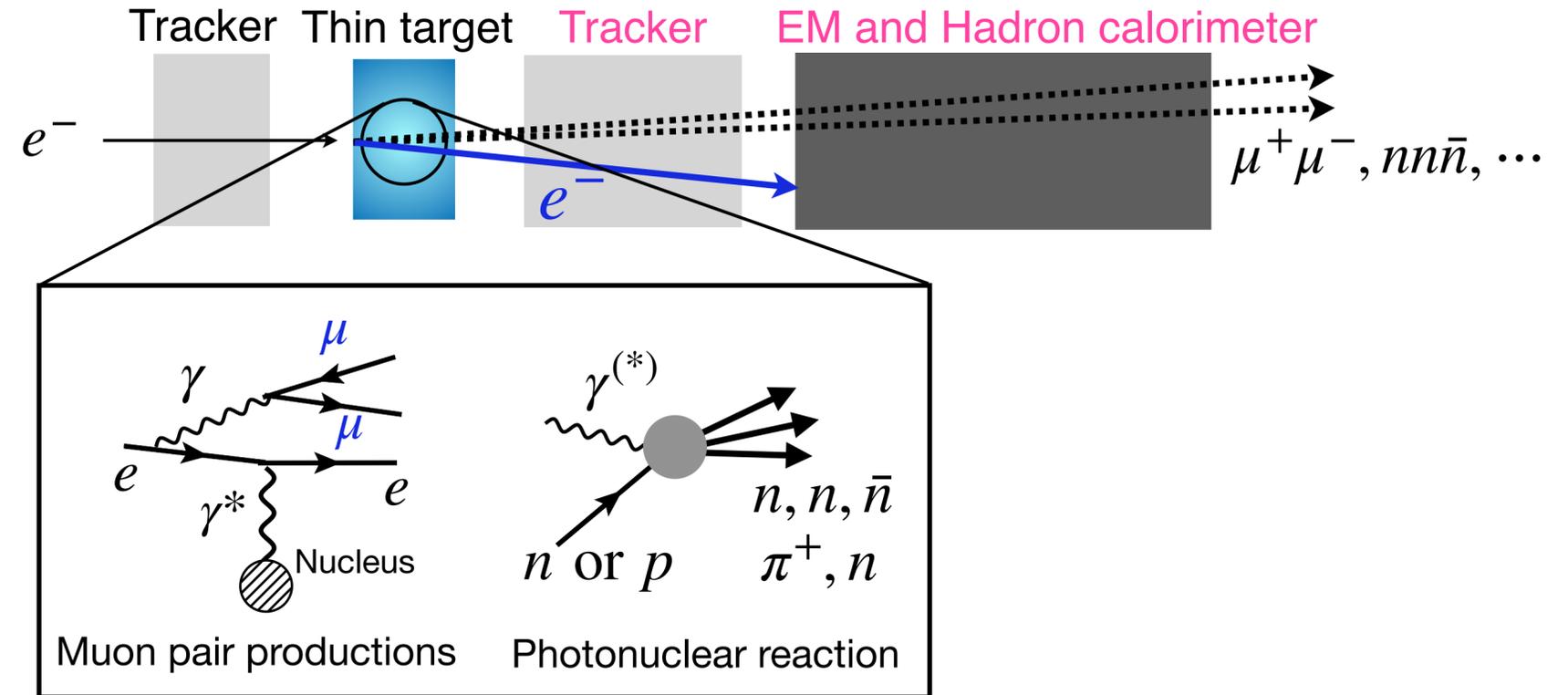
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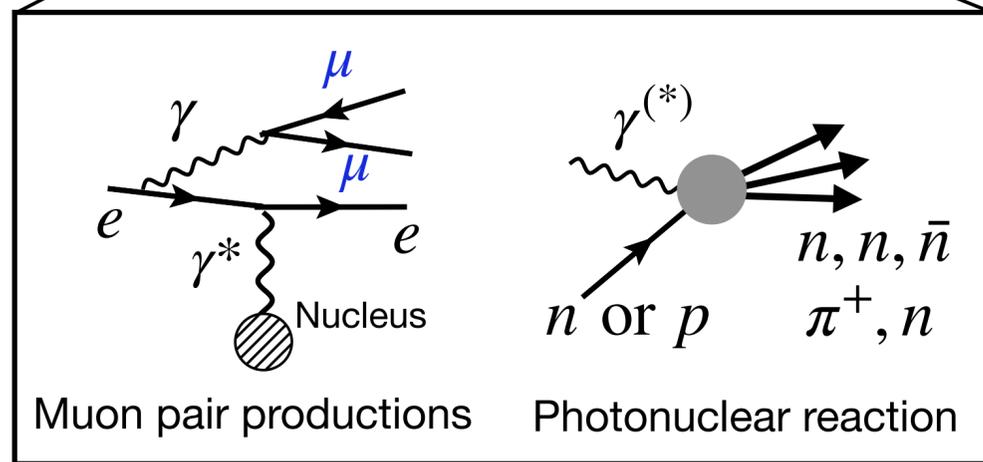
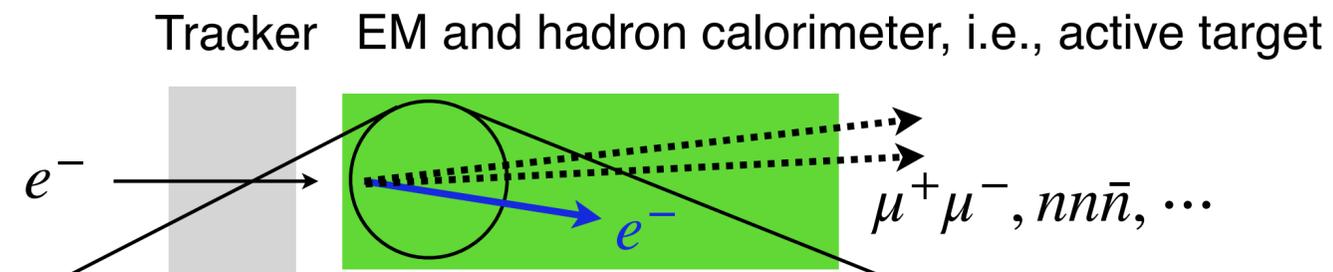
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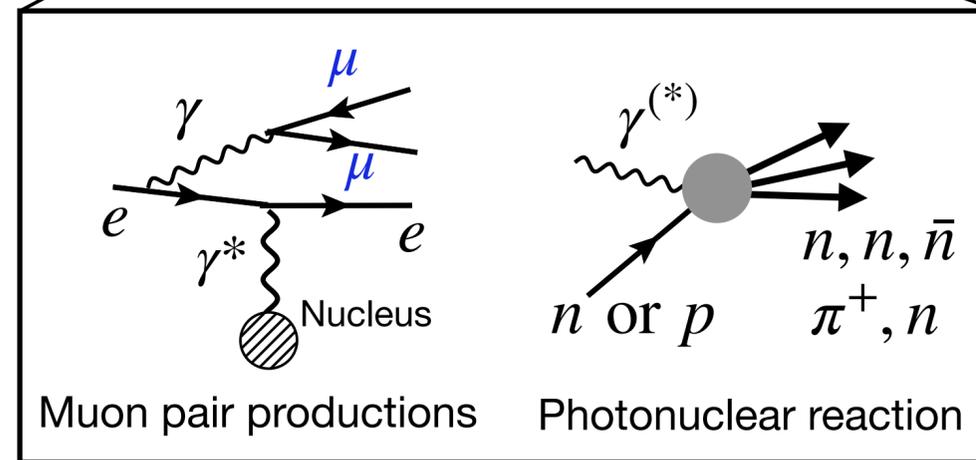
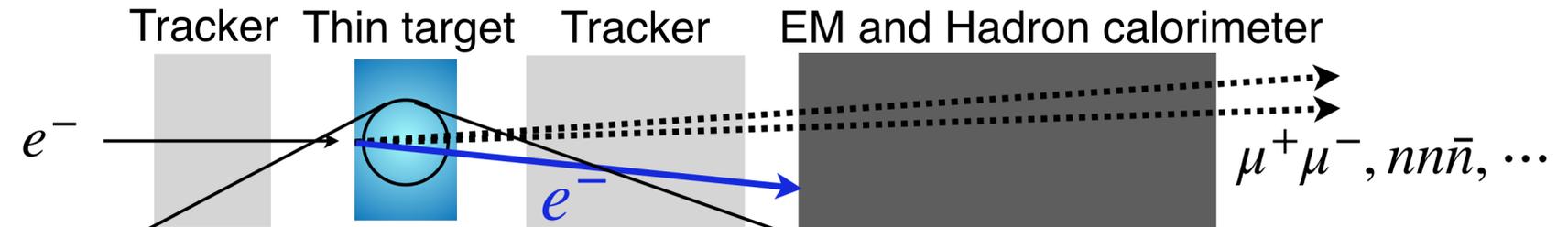
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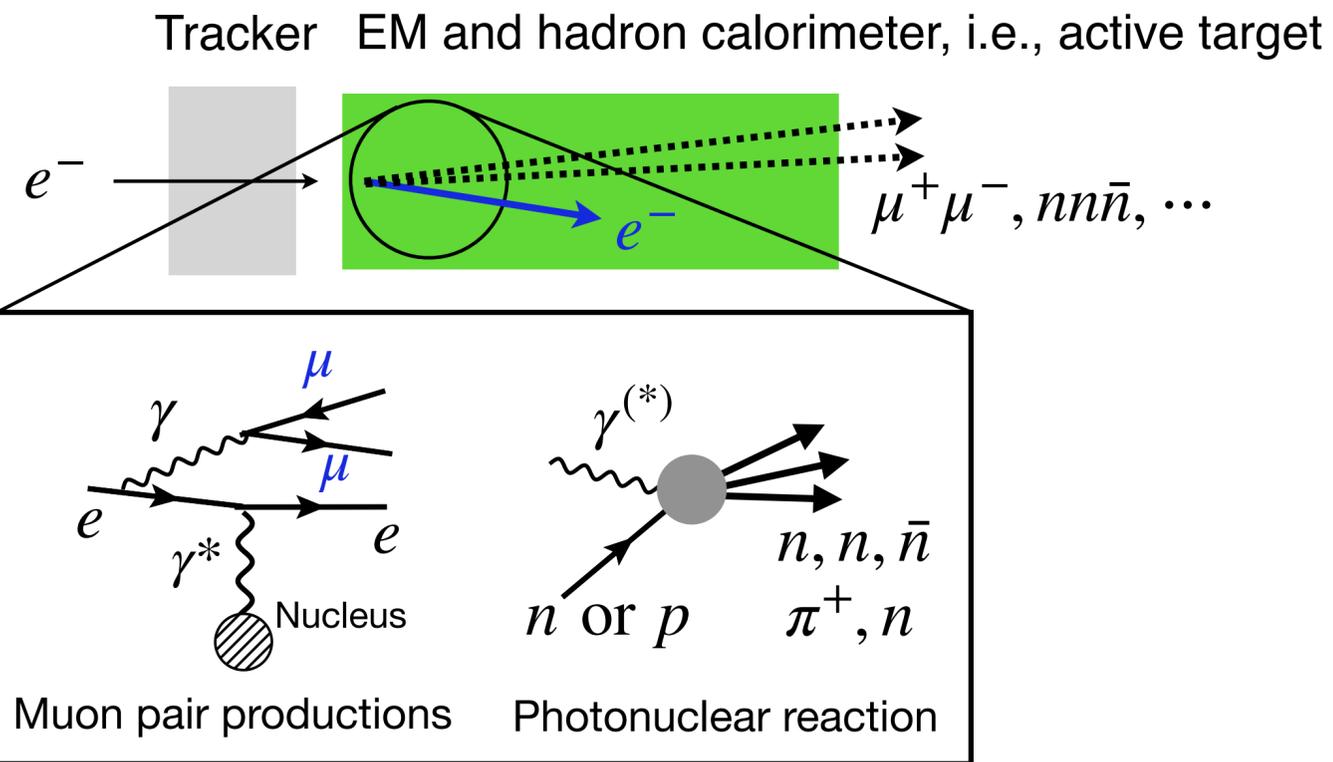
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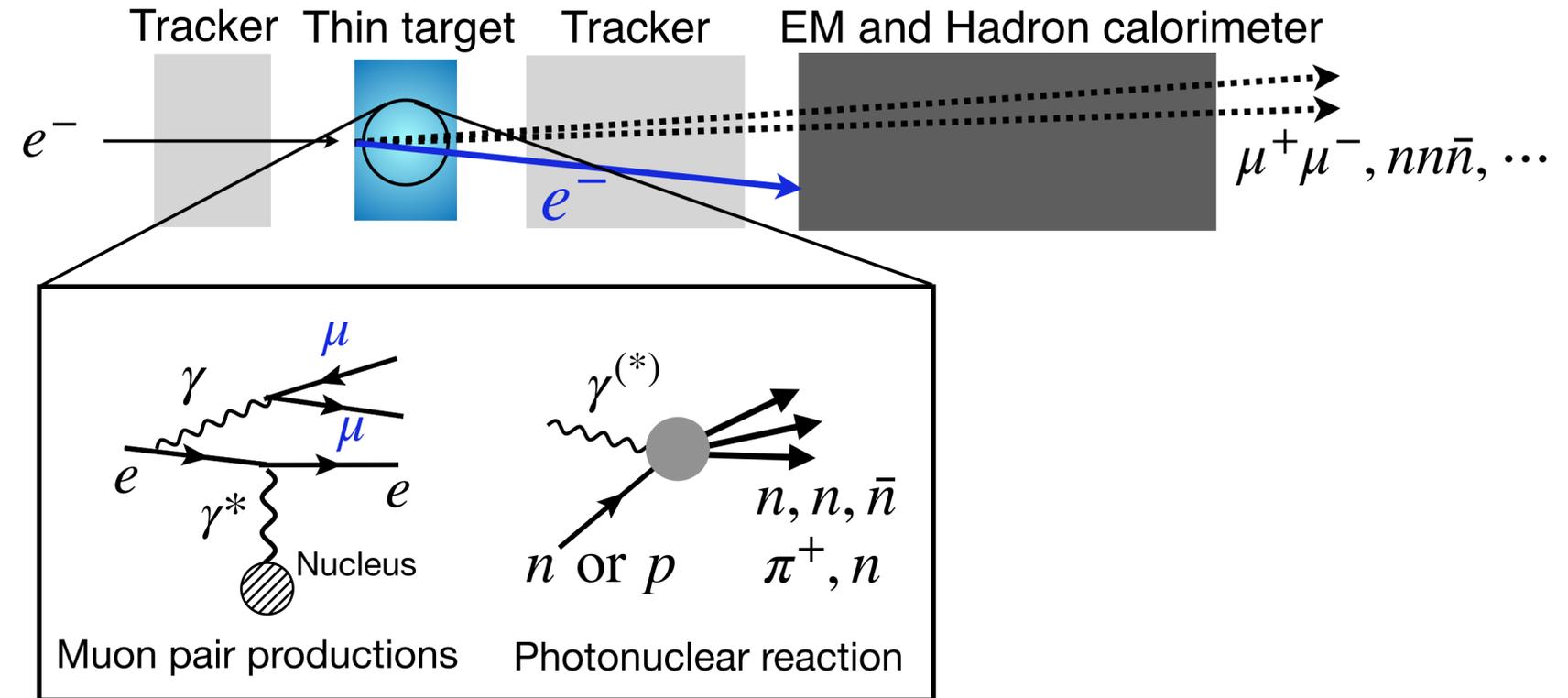
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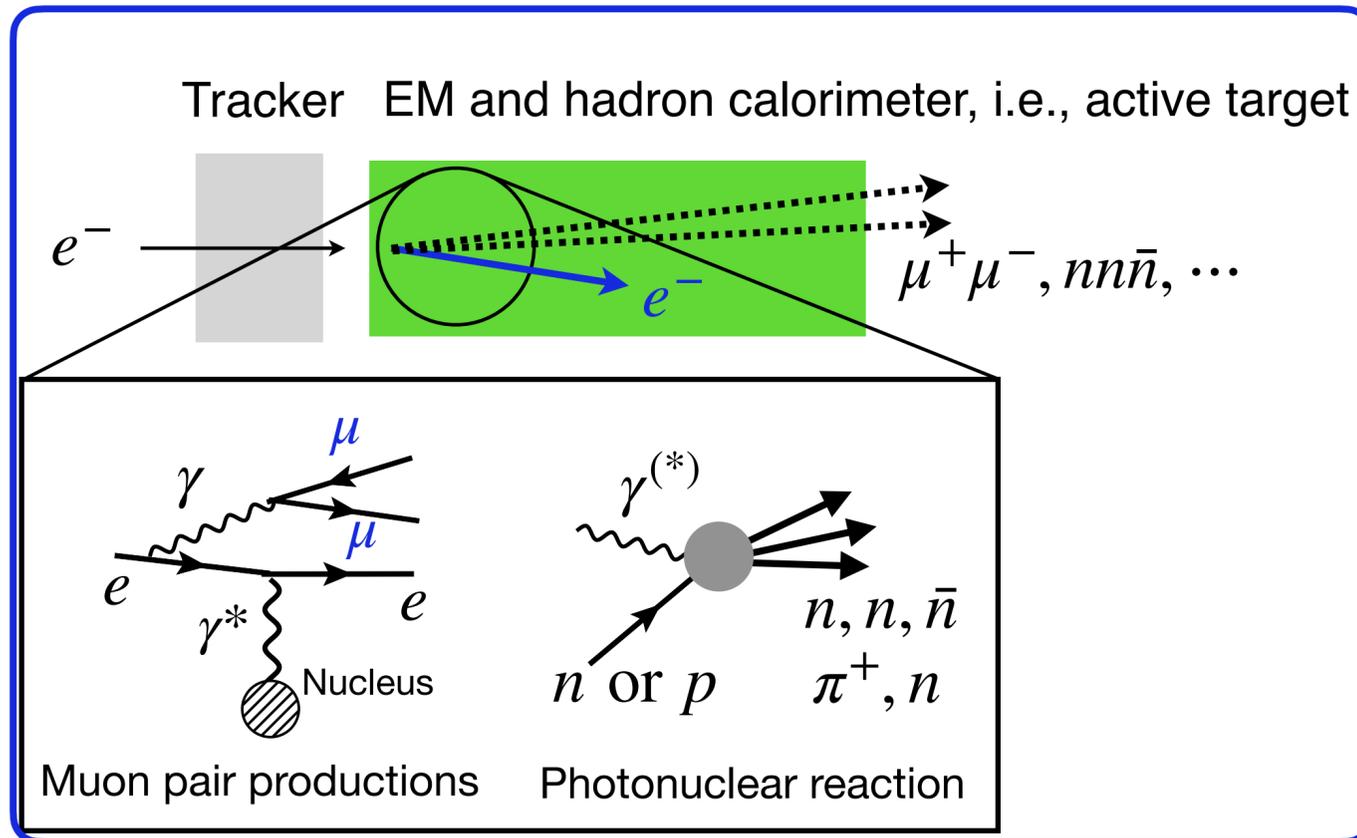
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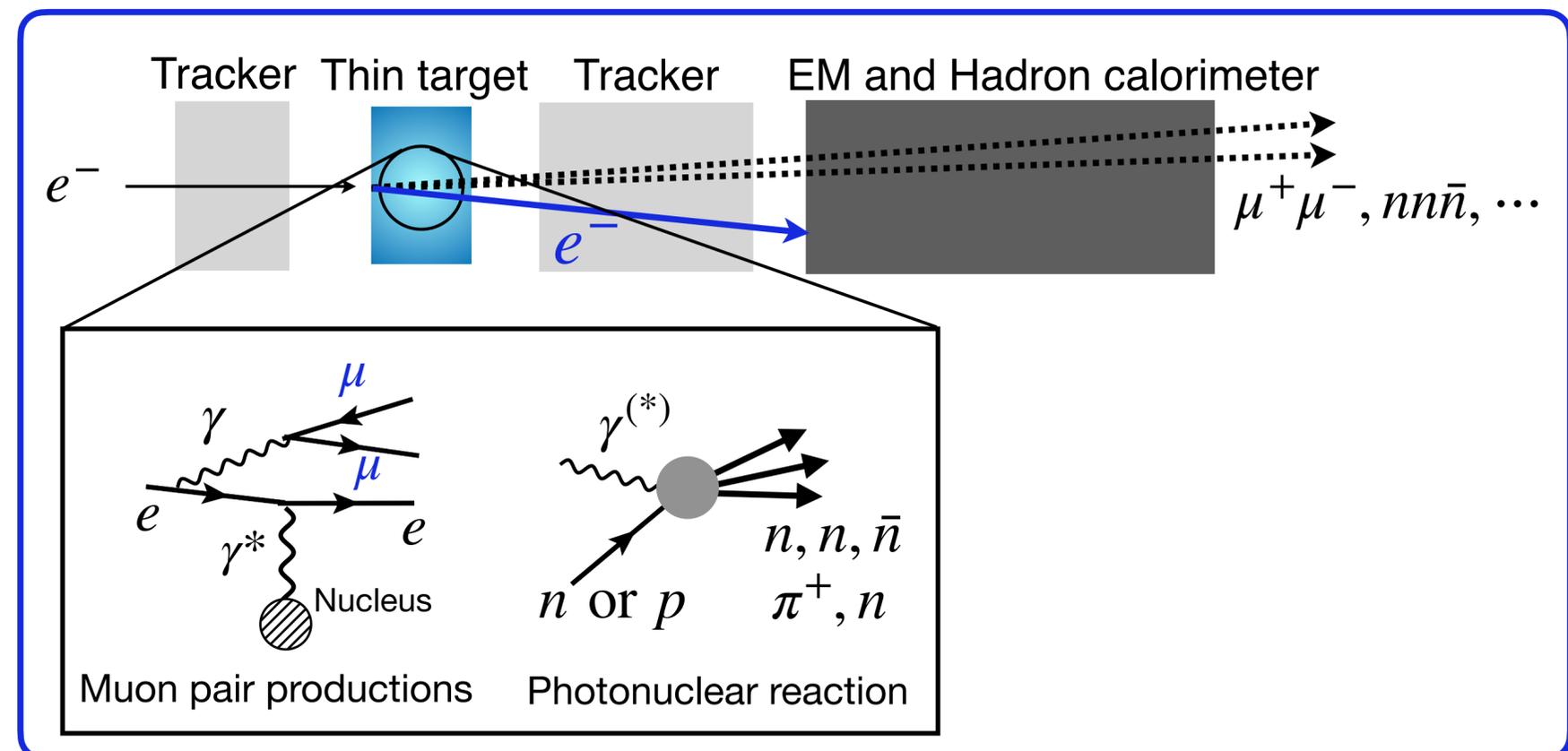
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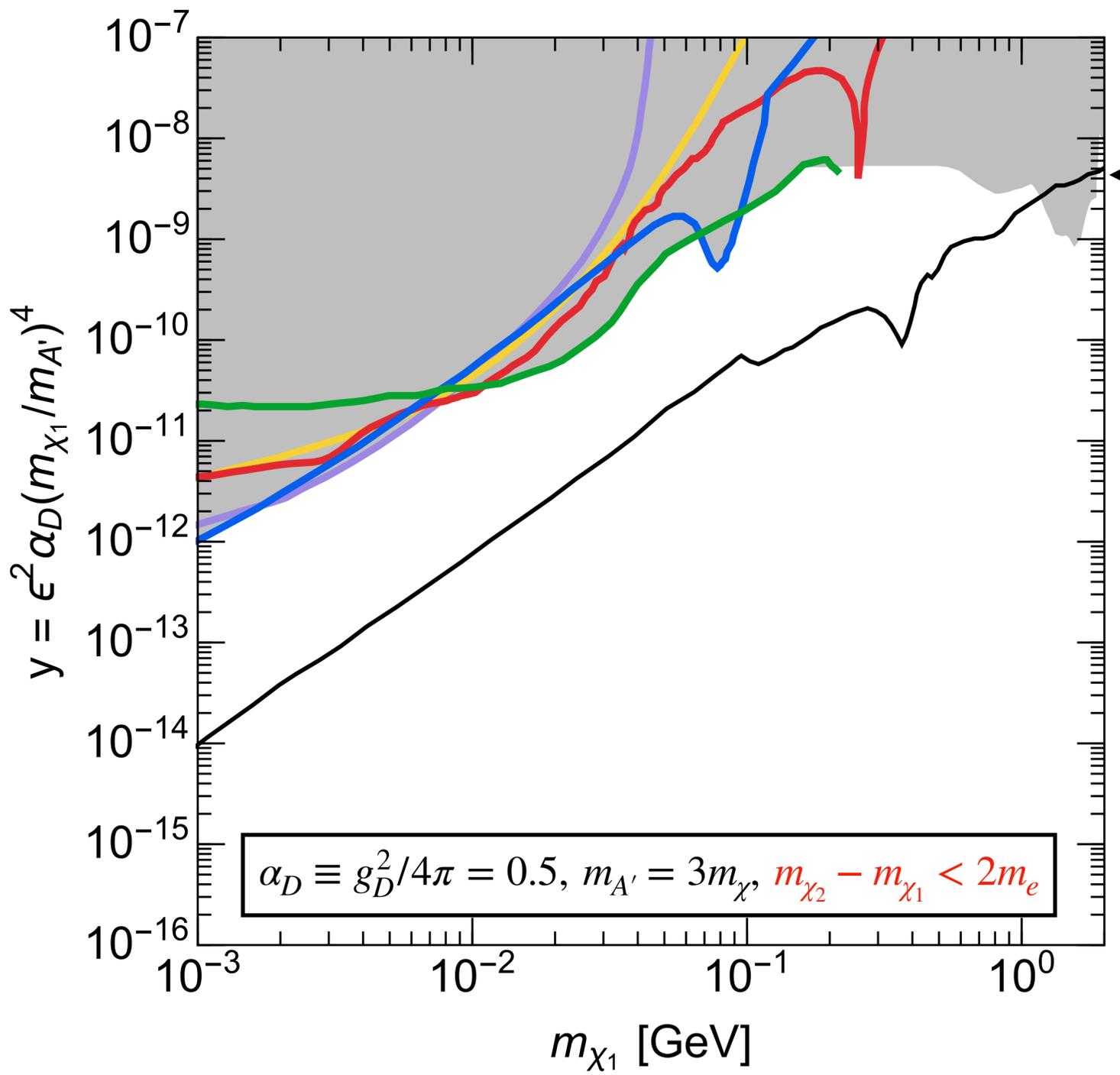
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Less than one predicted BG event in both NA64 and LDMX

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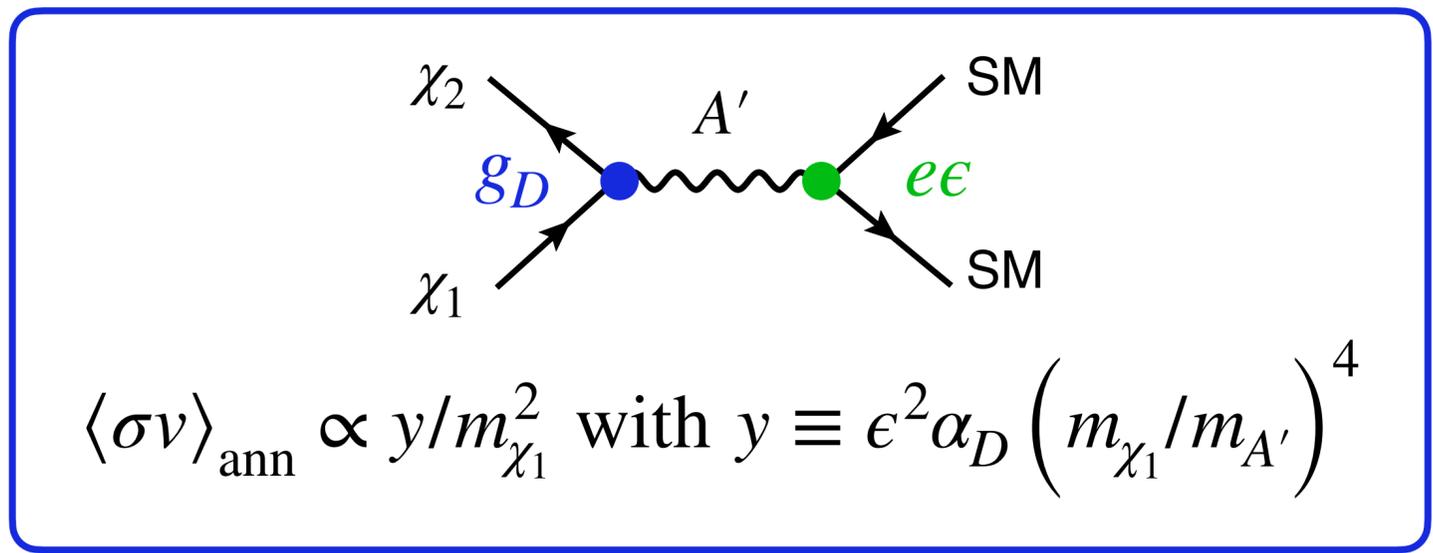
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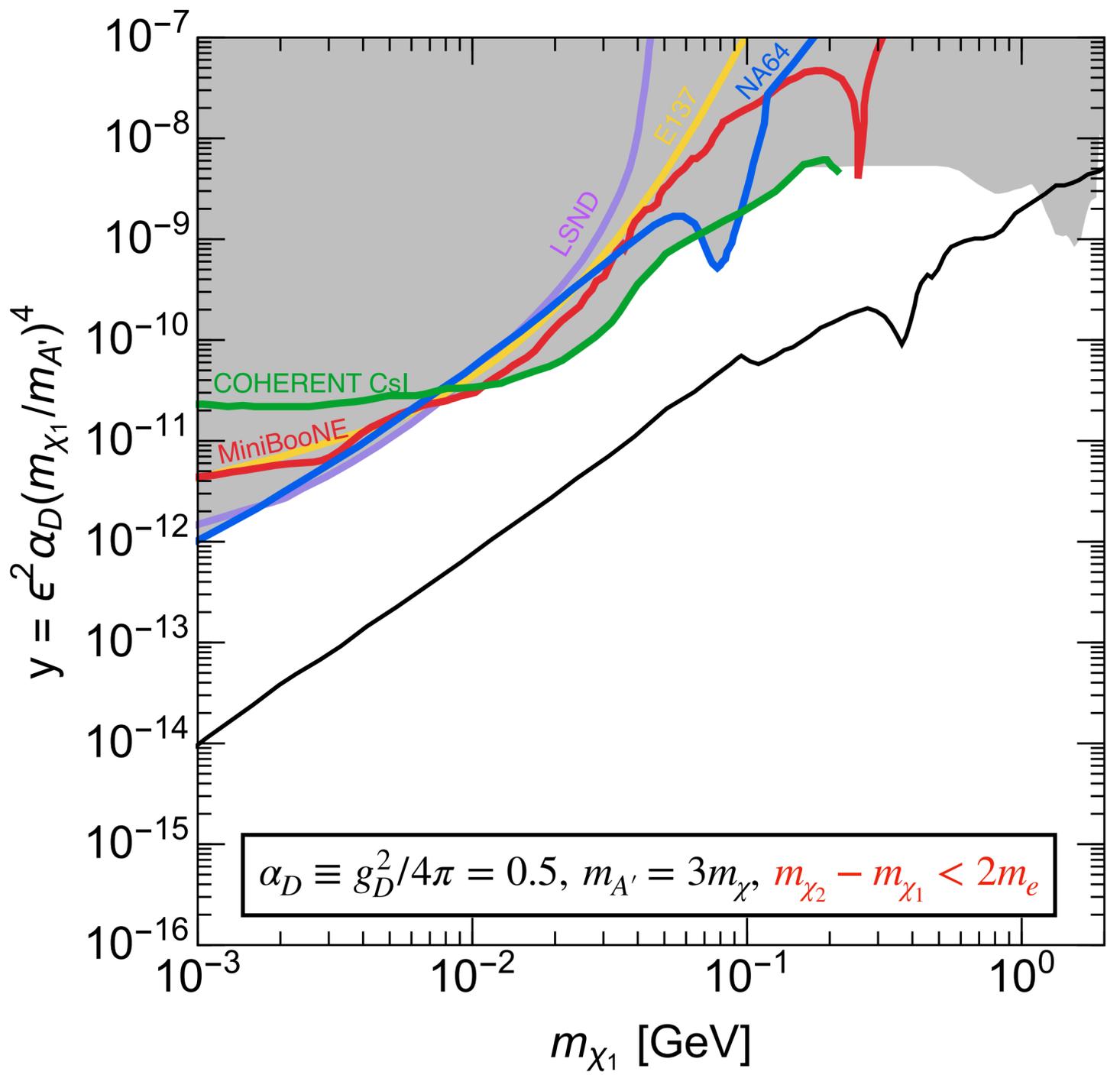
Pseudo-Dirac DM saturates observed DM abundance

DM annihilation cross section



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Rescattering	Missing signal
E137	NA64
LSND MiniBooNE COHERENT CsI	* Limited missing signal experiments are conducted because of the severe beam condition

Electron beam

Proton beam

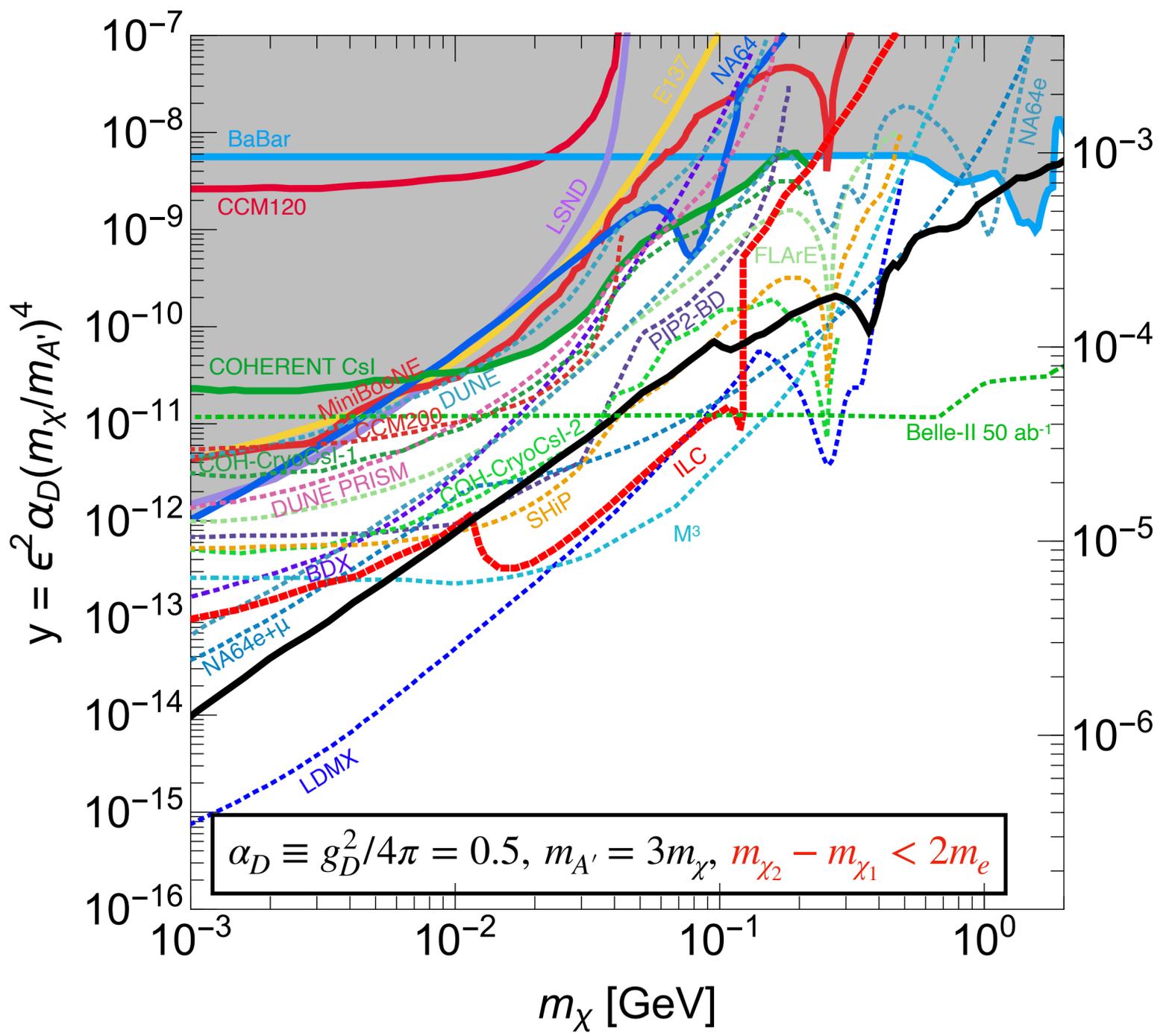
⇒ parasitic running of neutrino experiment

* MiniBooNE is off-target running to reduce neutrino BG

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Sensitivity of future beam dump experiments

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Rescattering	Missing signal	
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COH-CryoCsl-1,2 PIP2-BD DUNE DUNE-PRISM CCM200 SHiP	M ³ NA64 μ etc	Muon beam
	leverage DUNE facilities	Proton beam

- LDMX is highly sensitive because of good acceptance
- LDMX and CCM have been funded
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- NA64e is an improved NA64

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Summary

- The beam dump(fixed target) experiment is **high luminosity** experiment sensitive to **Sub-GeV scale**
- Several factors determine the sensitivity of the beam dump experiment (fixed target), e.g.,
beam flux, beam energy, beam particle, acceptance, detection approach,...
- There are many experiments, but these are not simply competitions to achieve the same physics

Ex. - **Proton beam** dump experiments are suited to **leptophobic** NP search

- **Muon beam** dump experiments are suited to **muon-philic** NP search

- LDMX is highly sensitive to the DM production process, but it is not sensitive to the DM detection process in contrast to recoil and visible decay searches.

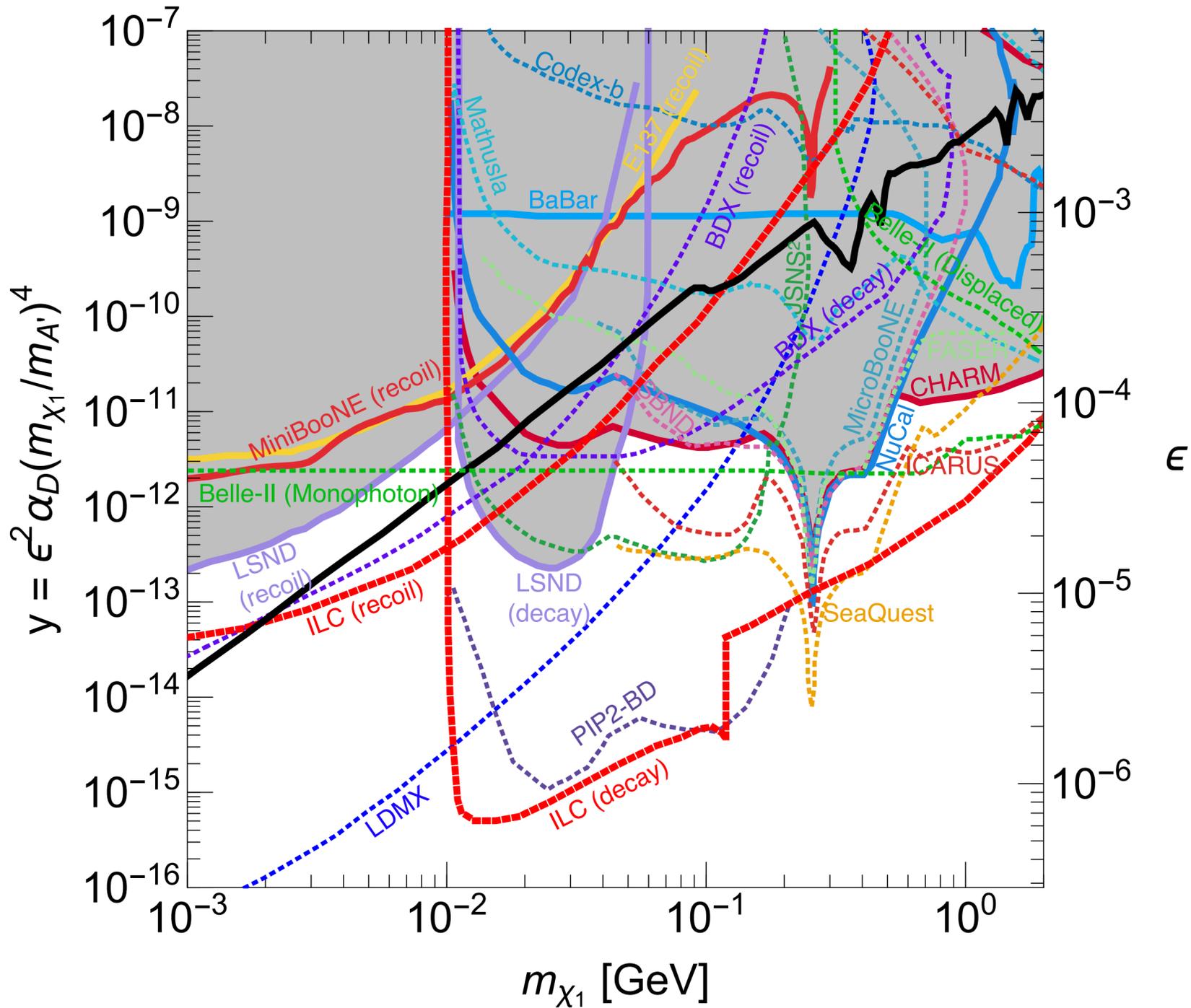
※ LDMX is missing momentum search

⇒ If a positive DM signal is observed, model distinction would be possible

- The beam dump(fixed target) experiment may play a significant role in searching for Sub-GeV DM models involving **recoil, visible decay, and missing signatures**

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Visible decay
CHARM
LSND
NuCal
BDX
ILC-BDX
PIP2-BD
SeaQuest
SBND
JSNS ²

$\alpha_D \equiv g_D^2/4\pi = 0.1, m_{A'} = 3m_\chi, m_{\chi_2} - m_{\chi_1} = 0.1m_{\chi_1}$

Continuous beam

- The continuous beam doesn't have beam bunches, which makes the trigger easier



Continuous beam
i.e., no bunch



e.g. NA64

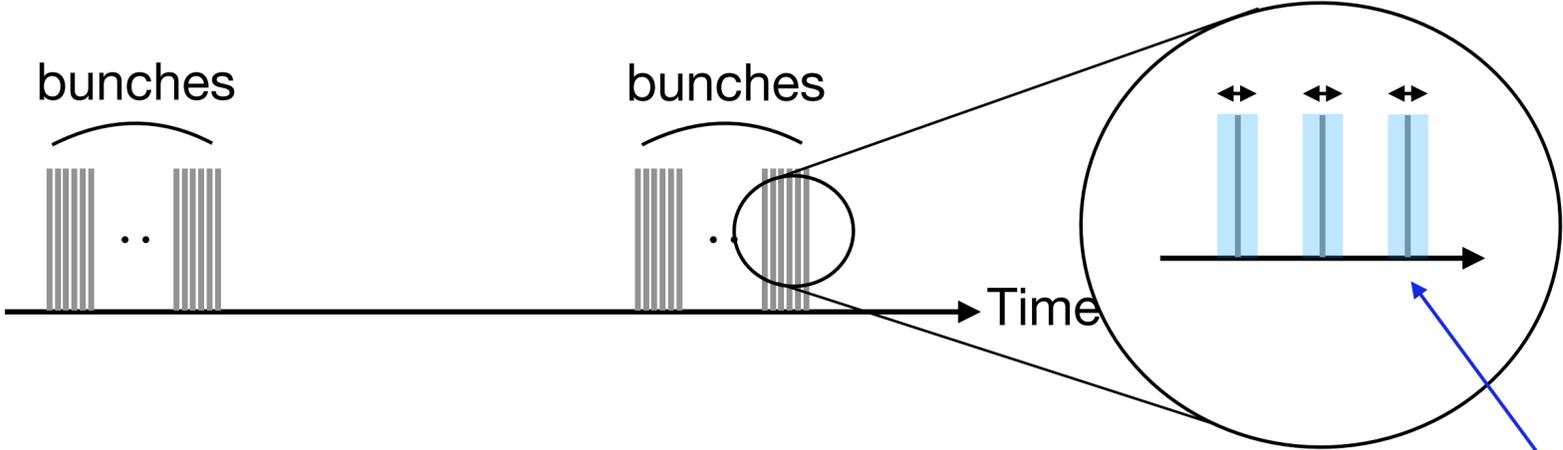
Continuous beam with high flux is needed for the missing signature search

✧ The missing signature search experiments are not conducted much because of this severe beam condition.

Beam unrelated background

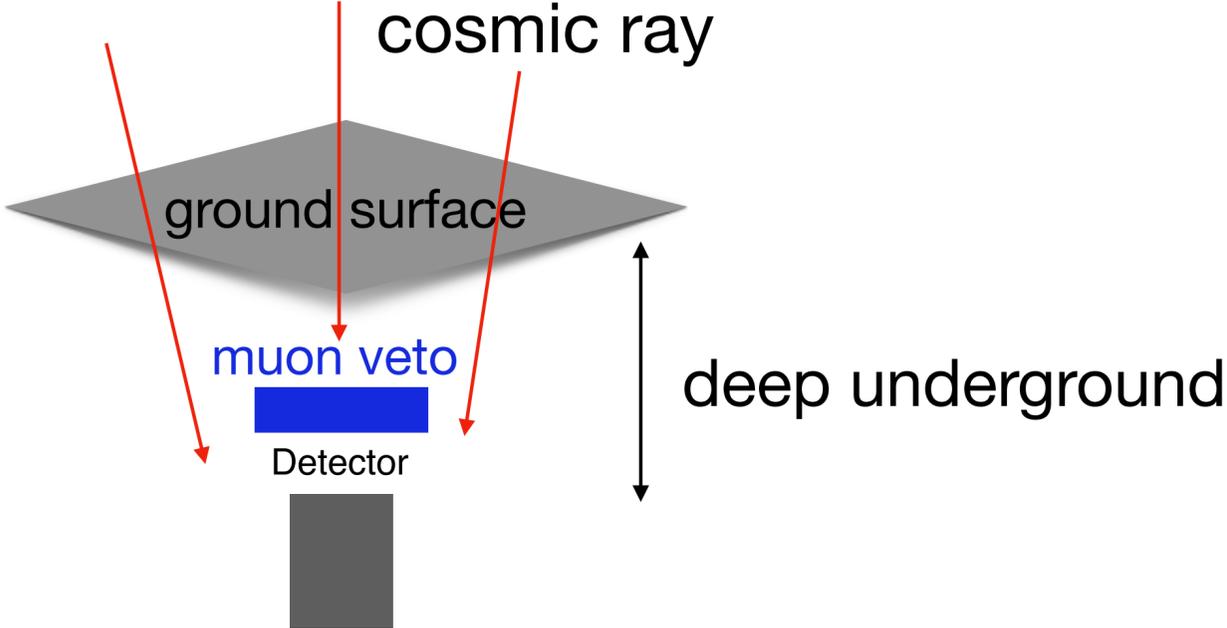
- Beam-unrelated background: cosmic muons

- deep underground location of detector
- time window based on pulsed beam



Signal event arises from this time window

- directionality of signal events
- muon veto



Beam-unrelated background events are reducible

Pseudo-Dirac DM mass eigenstates

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset m_D \eta \xi + \frac{1}{2} m_M (\eta^2 + \xi^2) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\psi = (\eta, \xi^c)^T, \quad \xi^c = i\sigma^2 \xi^*$$

$$= m_D (\xi^c)^\dagger \eta + \frac{m_M}{2} \left((\eta^c)^\dagger \eta + (\xi^c)^\dagger (\xi) \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_2 - i\chi_1), \quad \xi = i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_1 - i\chi_2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (m_D - m_M) (\chi_1^c)^\dagger \chi_1 + \frac{1}{2} (m_D + m_M) (\chi_2^c)^\dagger \chi_2 + \text{h.c.}$$

$$(\chi_1^c)^\dagger \chi_2 = (\chi_2^c)^\dagger \chi_1$$

Pseudo-Dirac DM kinetic term

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \psi = i \left(\psi_L^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu \psi_L + \psi_R^\dagger \sigma^\mu D_\mu \psi_R \right)$$

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$$\bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\vec{\sigma}), \quad \sigma^\mu = (1, \vec{\sigma})$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i g_D A'_\mu$$

$$\sigma_2 \sigma^\mu \sigma_2 = (\bar{\sigma}^\mu)^T$$

$$\supset g_D \cdot \left(\eta^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu A'_\mu \eta + (\xi^c)^\dagger \sigma^\mu A'_\mu \xi^c \right)$$

$$\eta^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \eta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\chi_2^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_2 + \chi_1^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_1 + i \chi_1^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_2 - i \chi_2^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_1 \right)$$

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$$= i g_D \cdot A'_\mu \left(\chi_1^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_2 - \chi_2^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu \chi_1 \right)$$

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$$= i g_D \cdot A'_\mu \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^\mu \chi_2$$

$$\bar{\chi}_1 \equiv \chi_1^\dagger \gamma^0, \quad \chi_1 \equiv (\chi_1, \chi_1^c), \quad \chi_2 \equiv (\chi_2, \chi_2^c)$$