

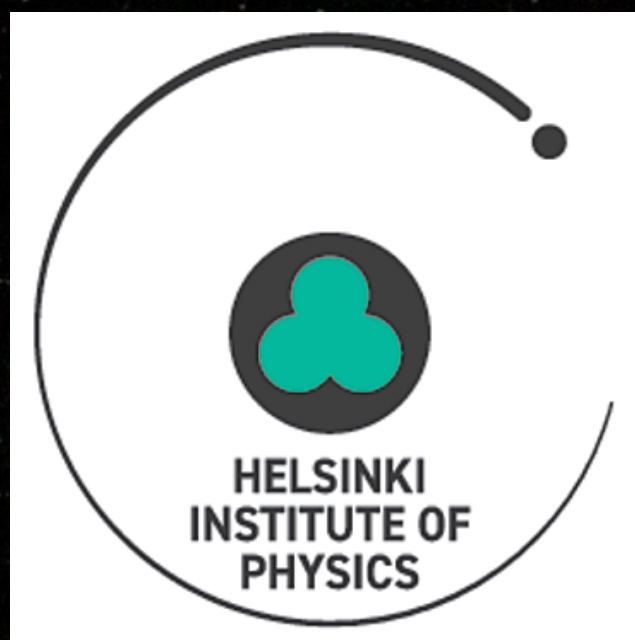
# Boosted dark matter driven by cosmic rays and diffuse supernova neutrinos

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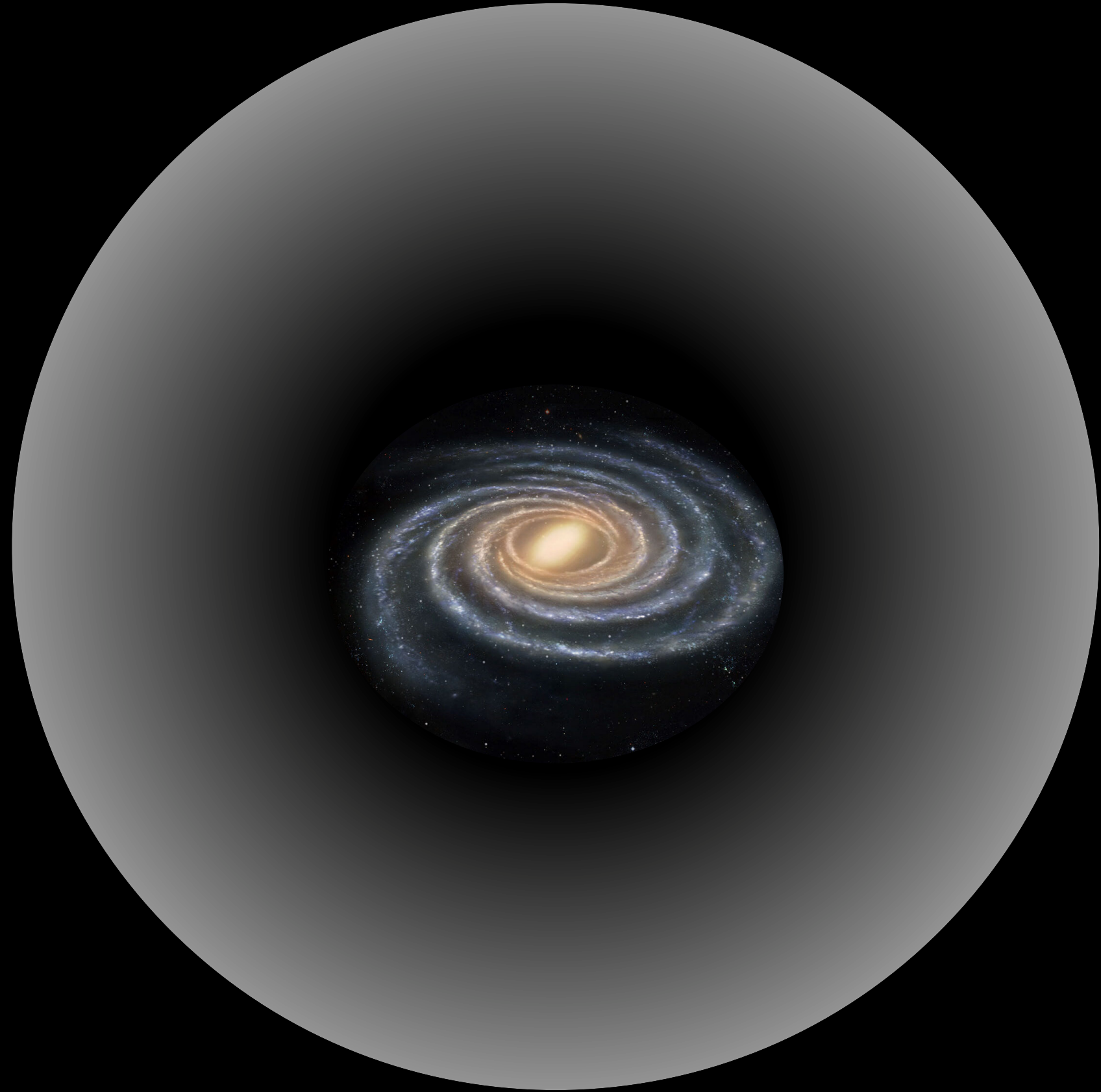
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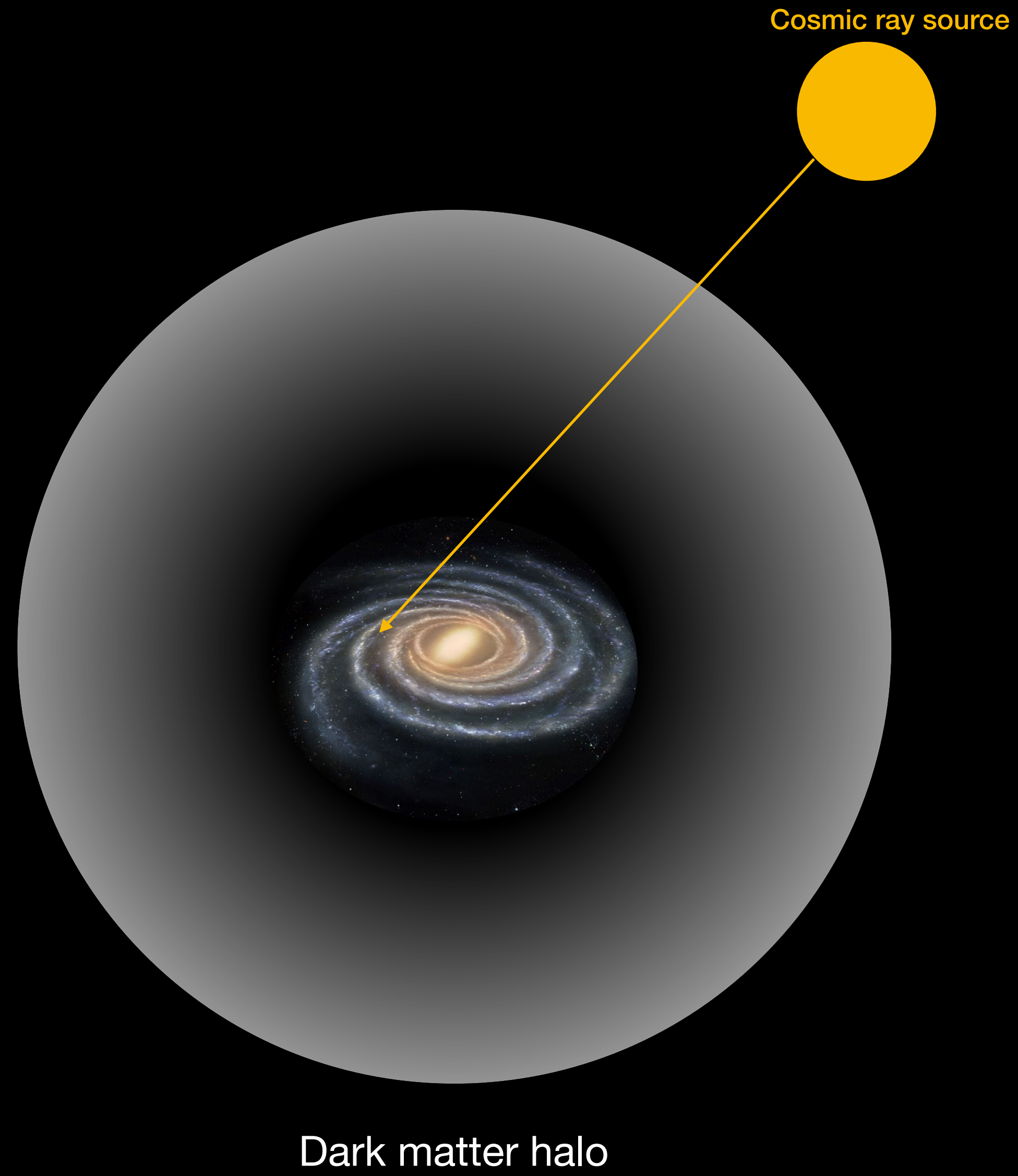
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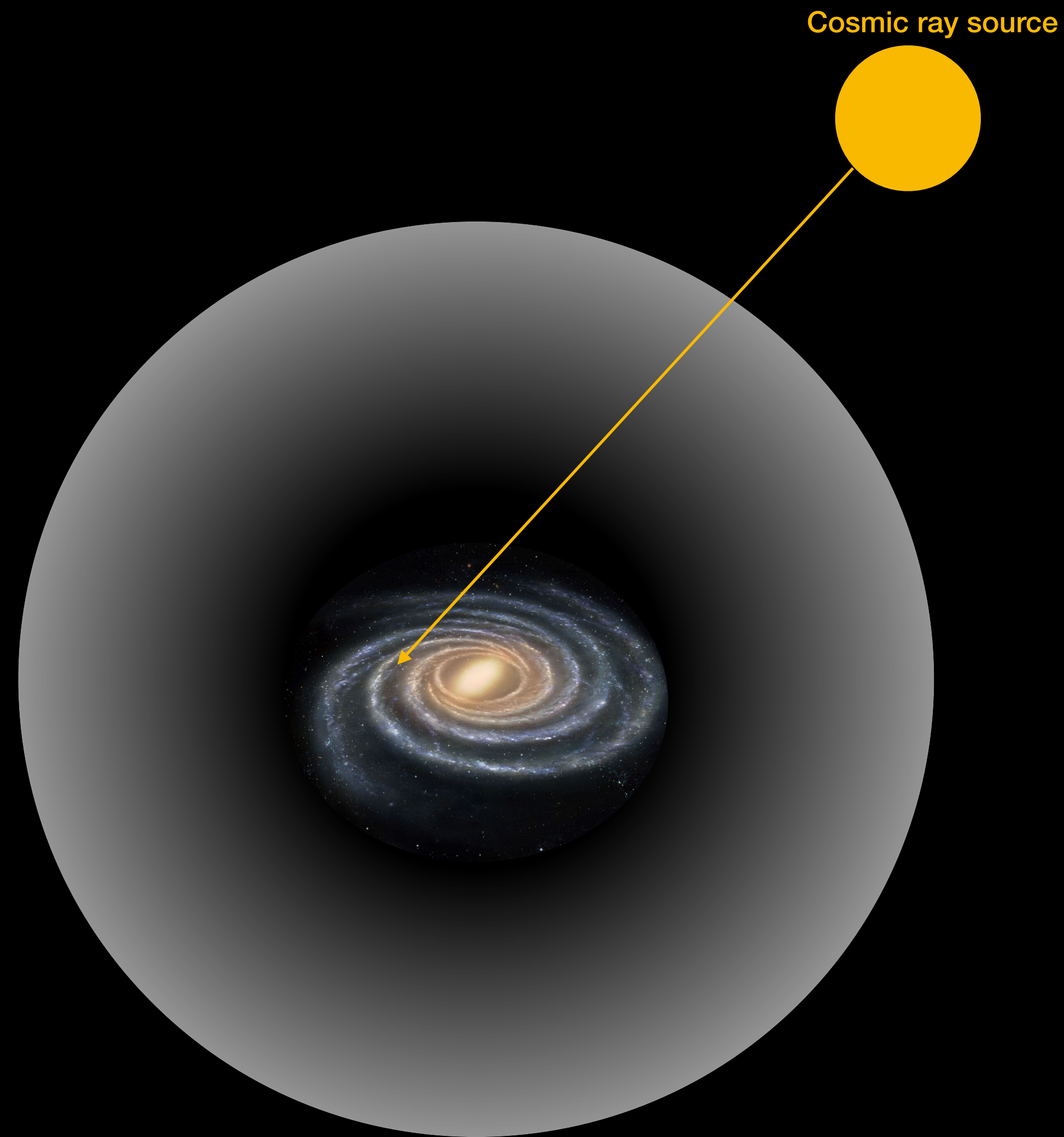
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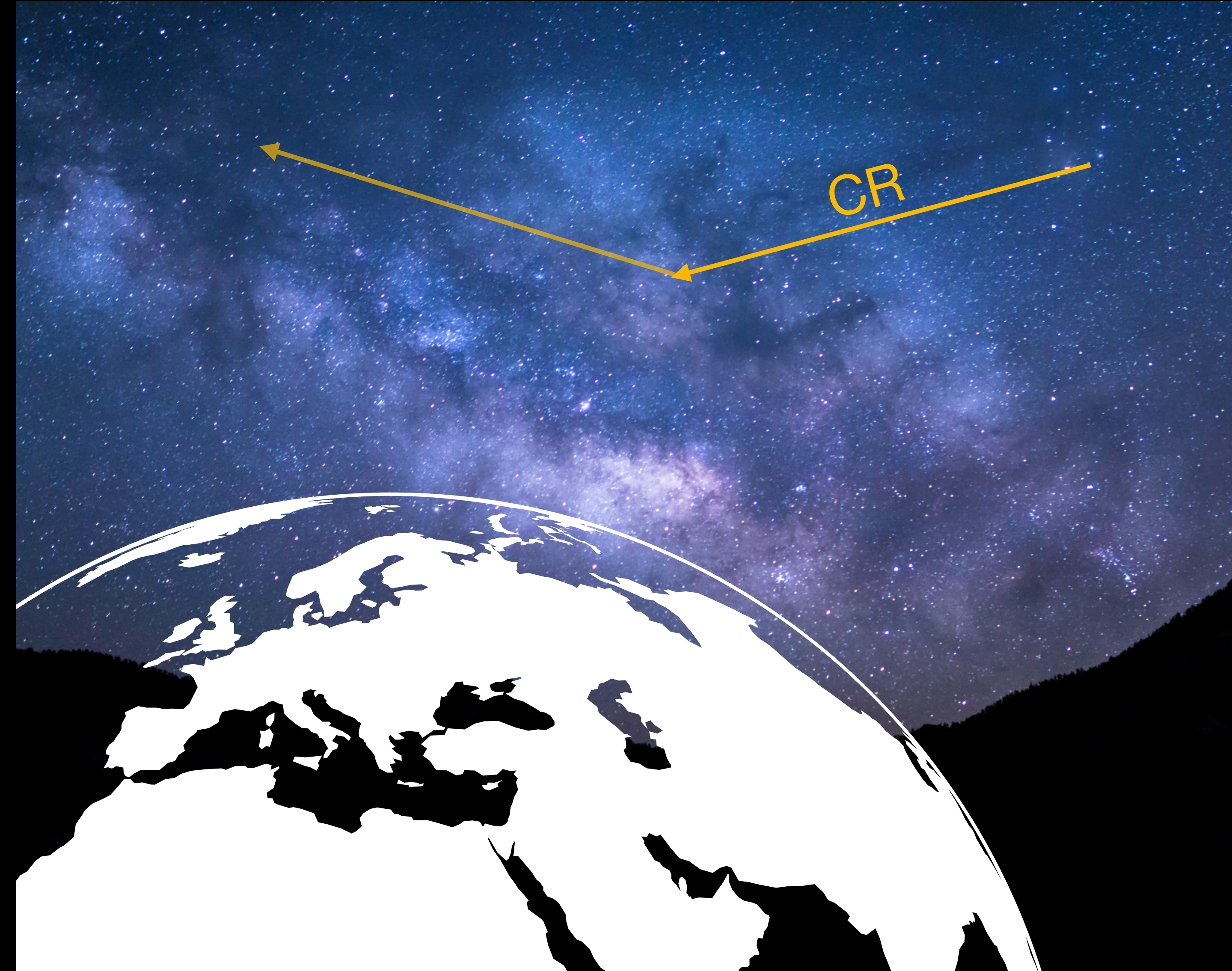


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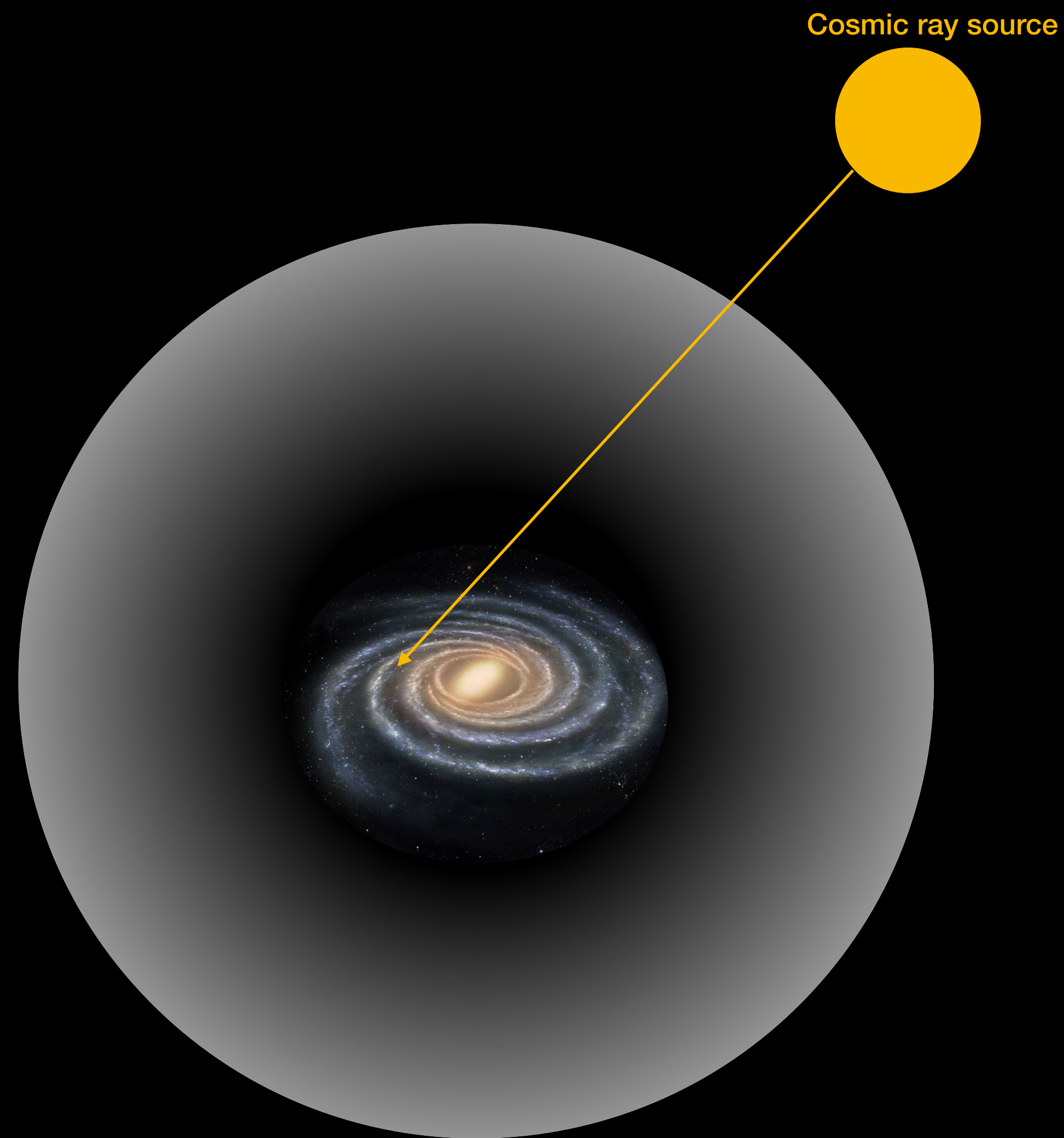




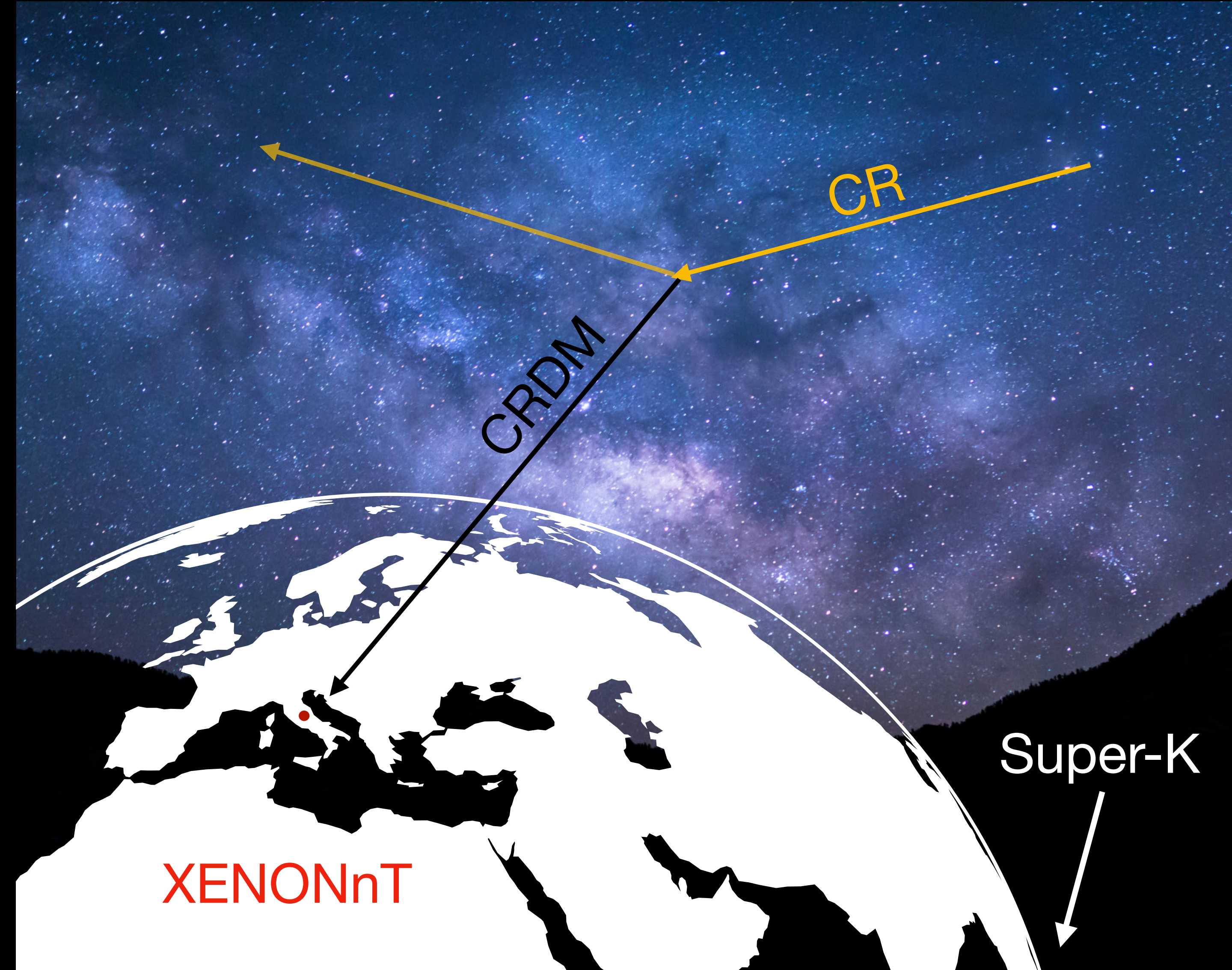
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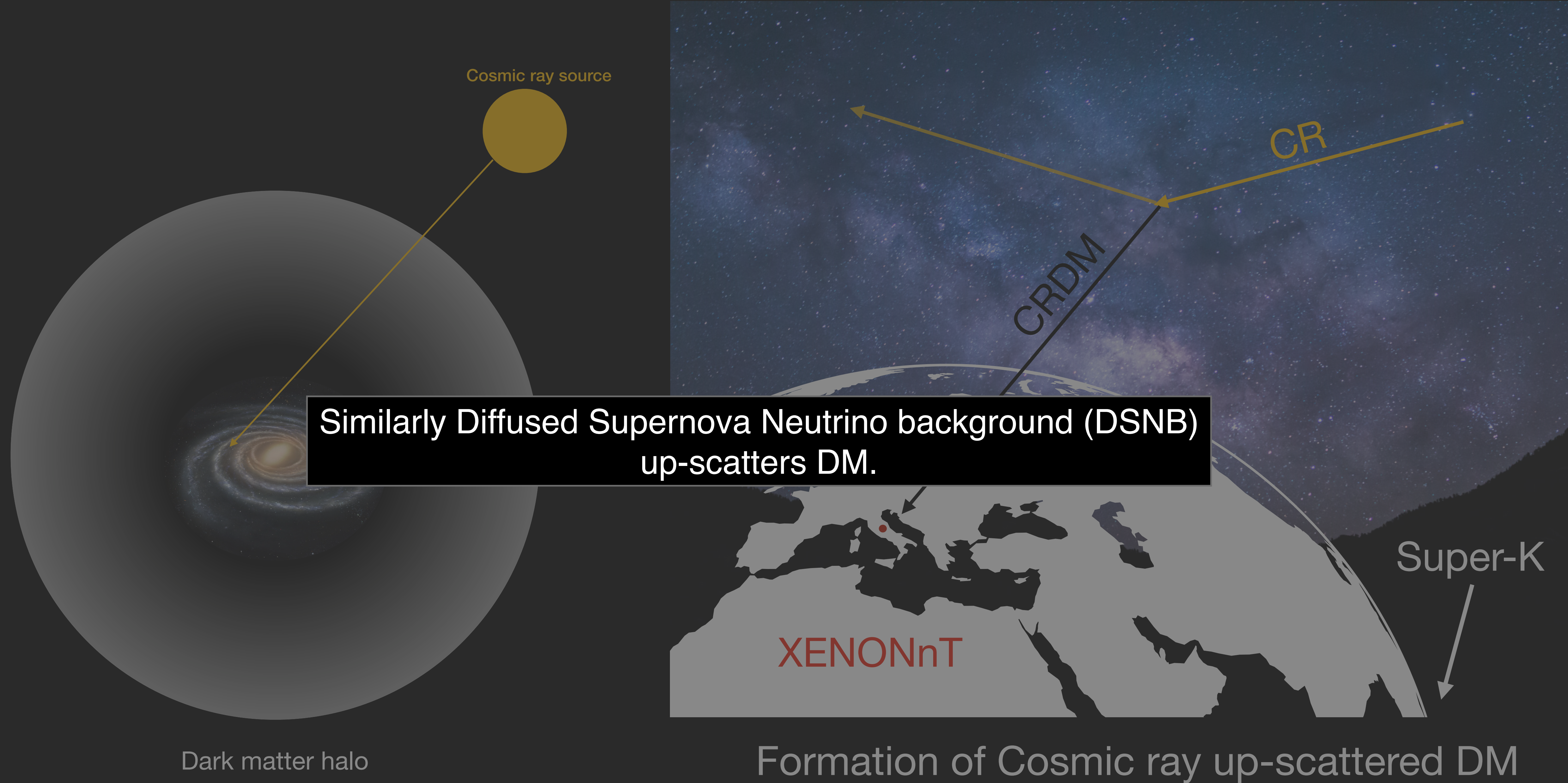
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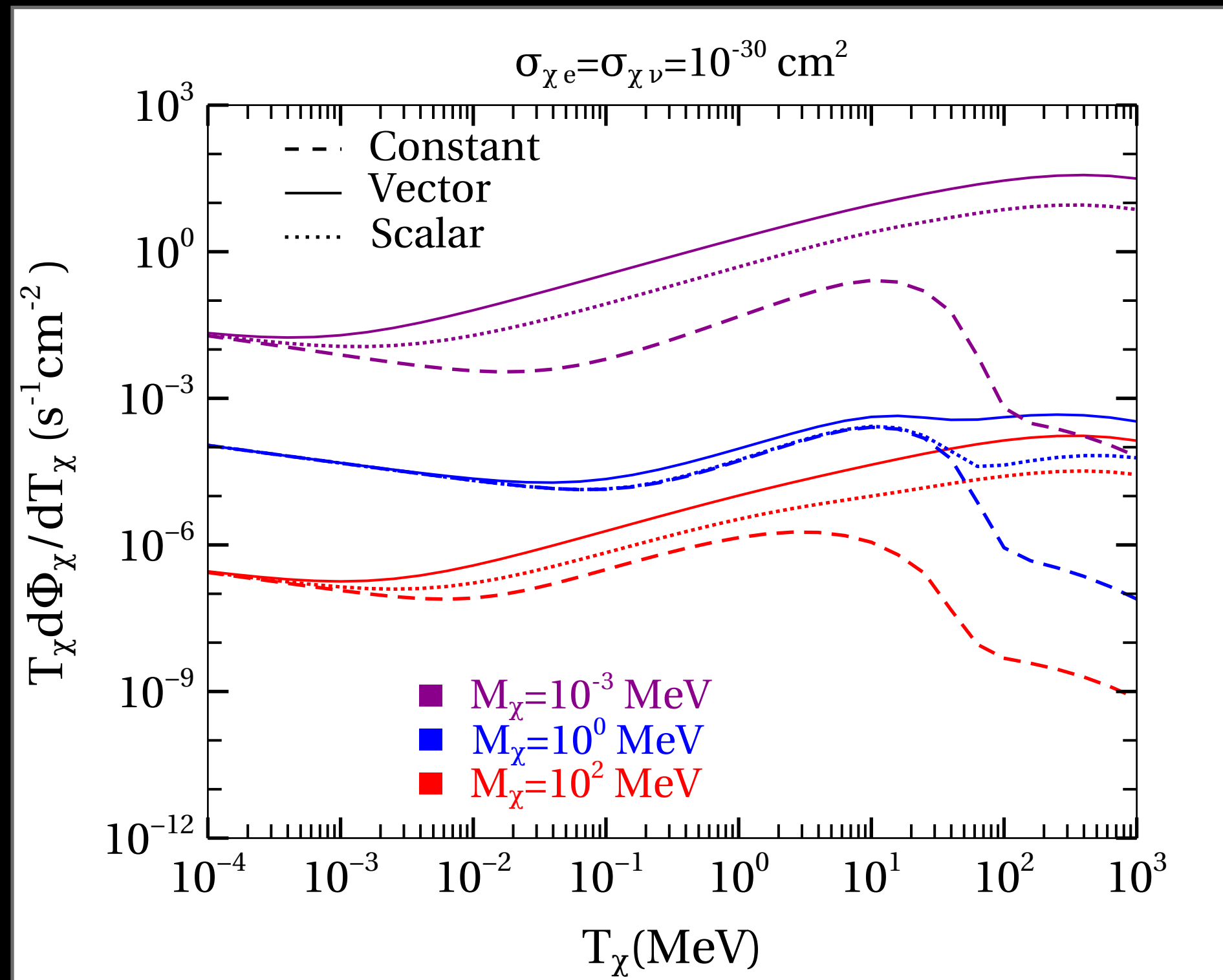
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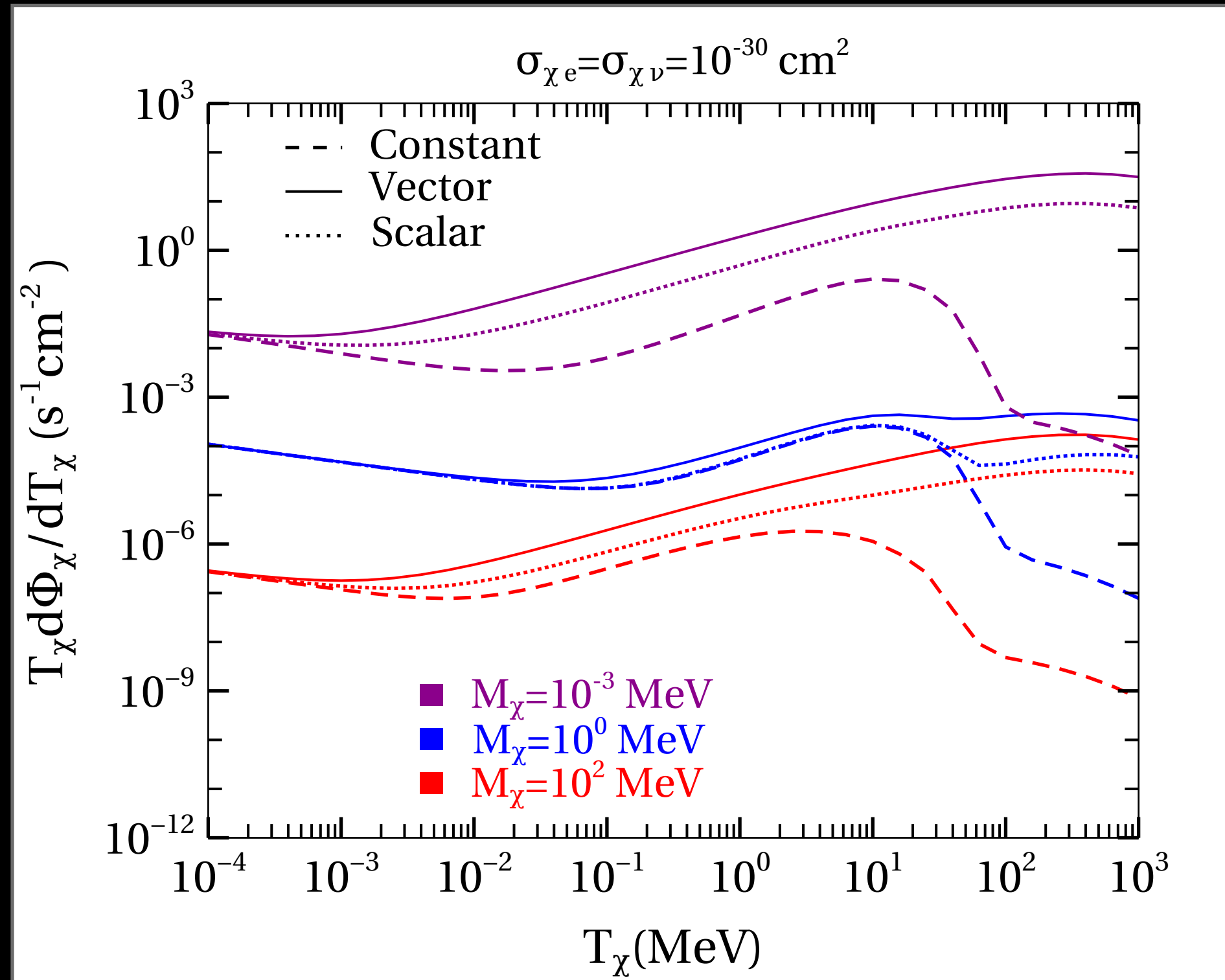


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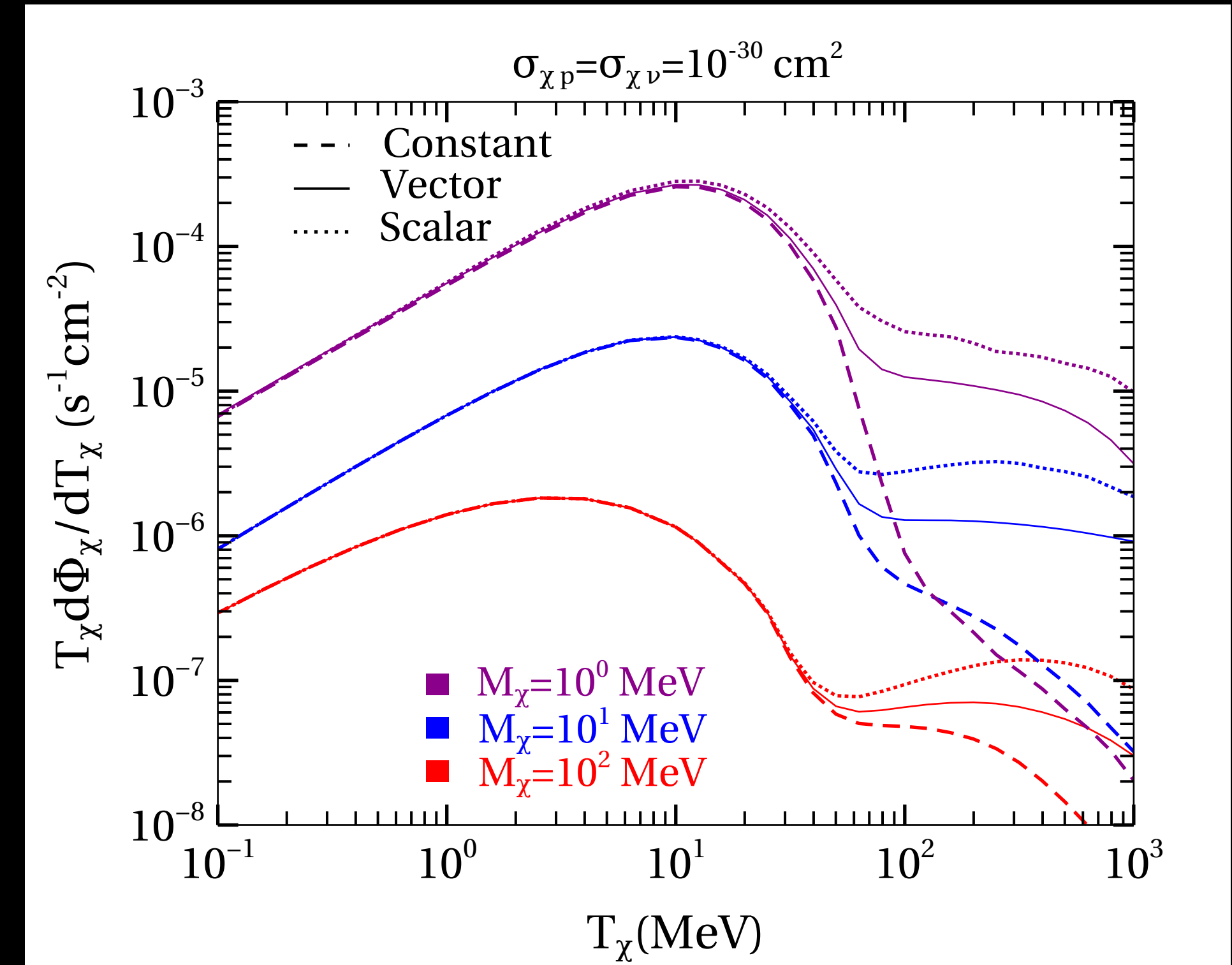
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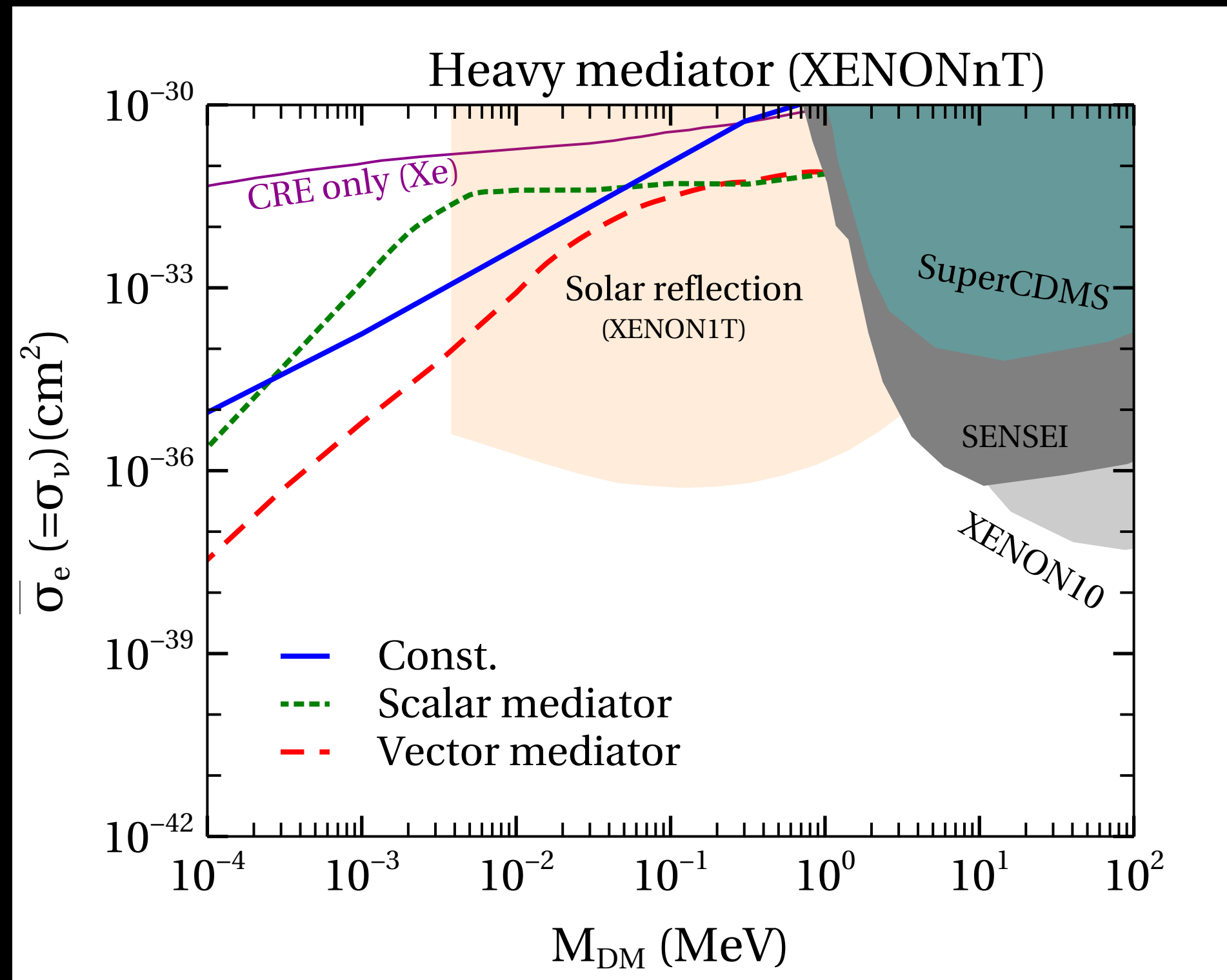
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- For nucleon recoil rate, we express it in terms of electron equivalent energy as

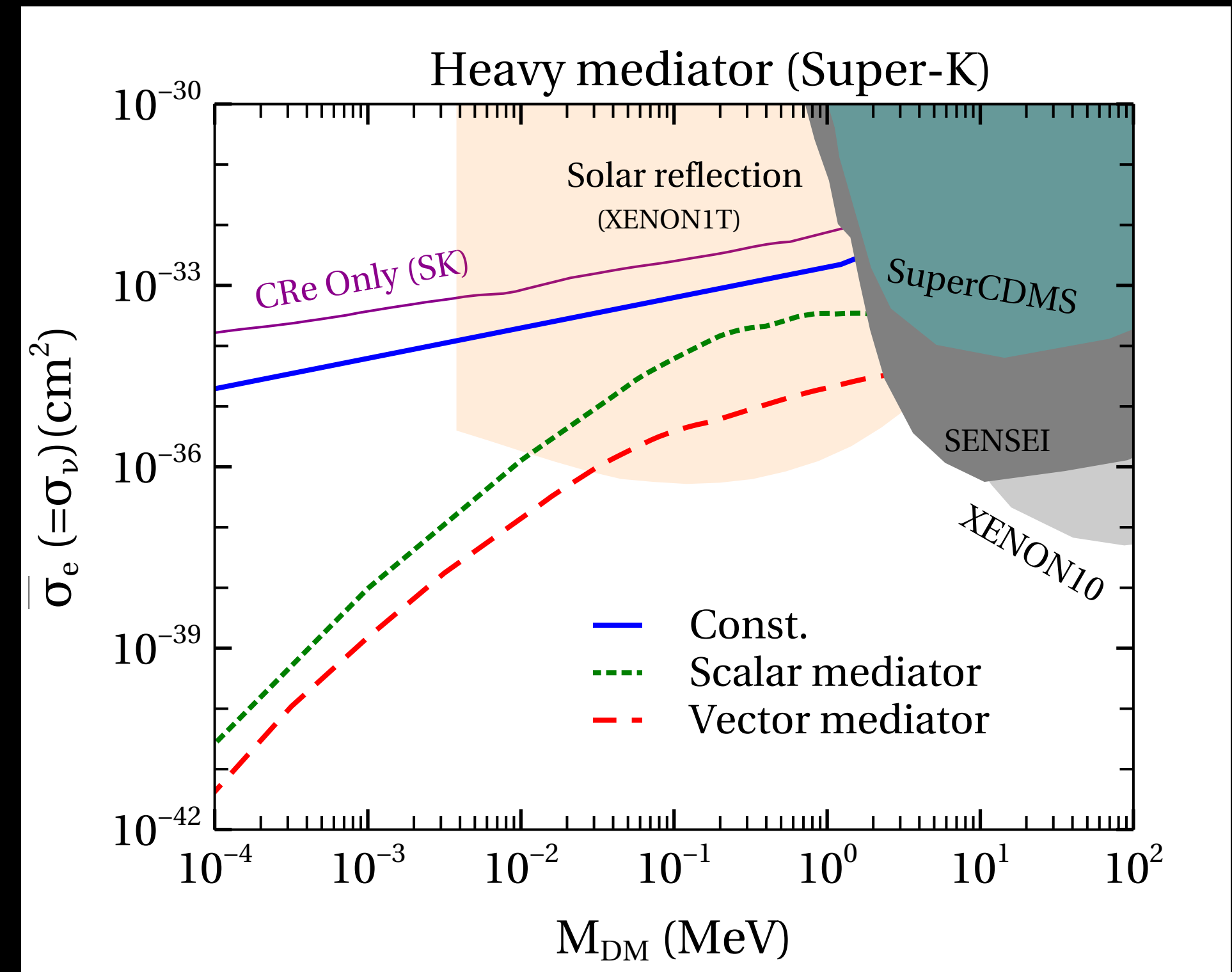
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Lindhard quenching factor

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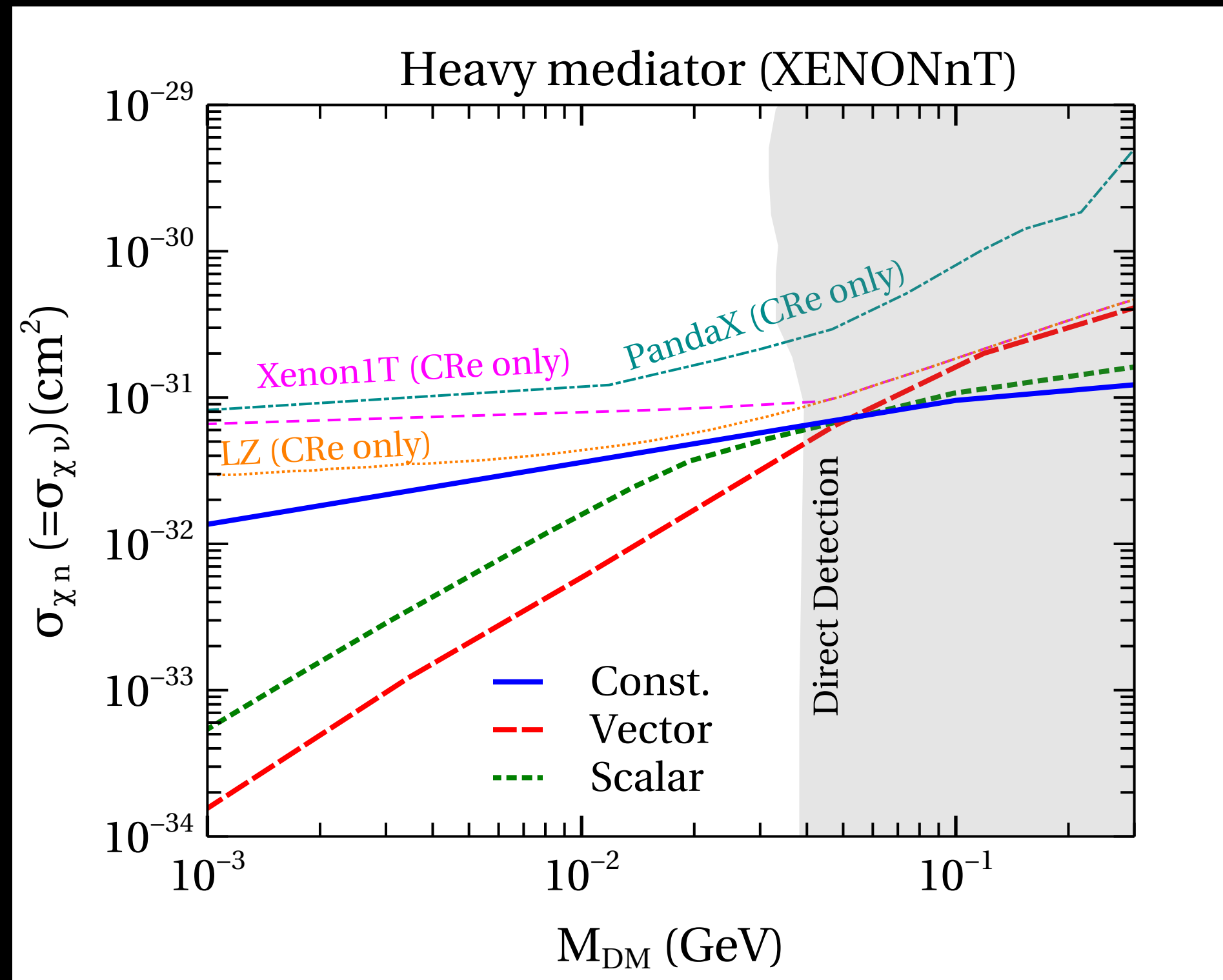


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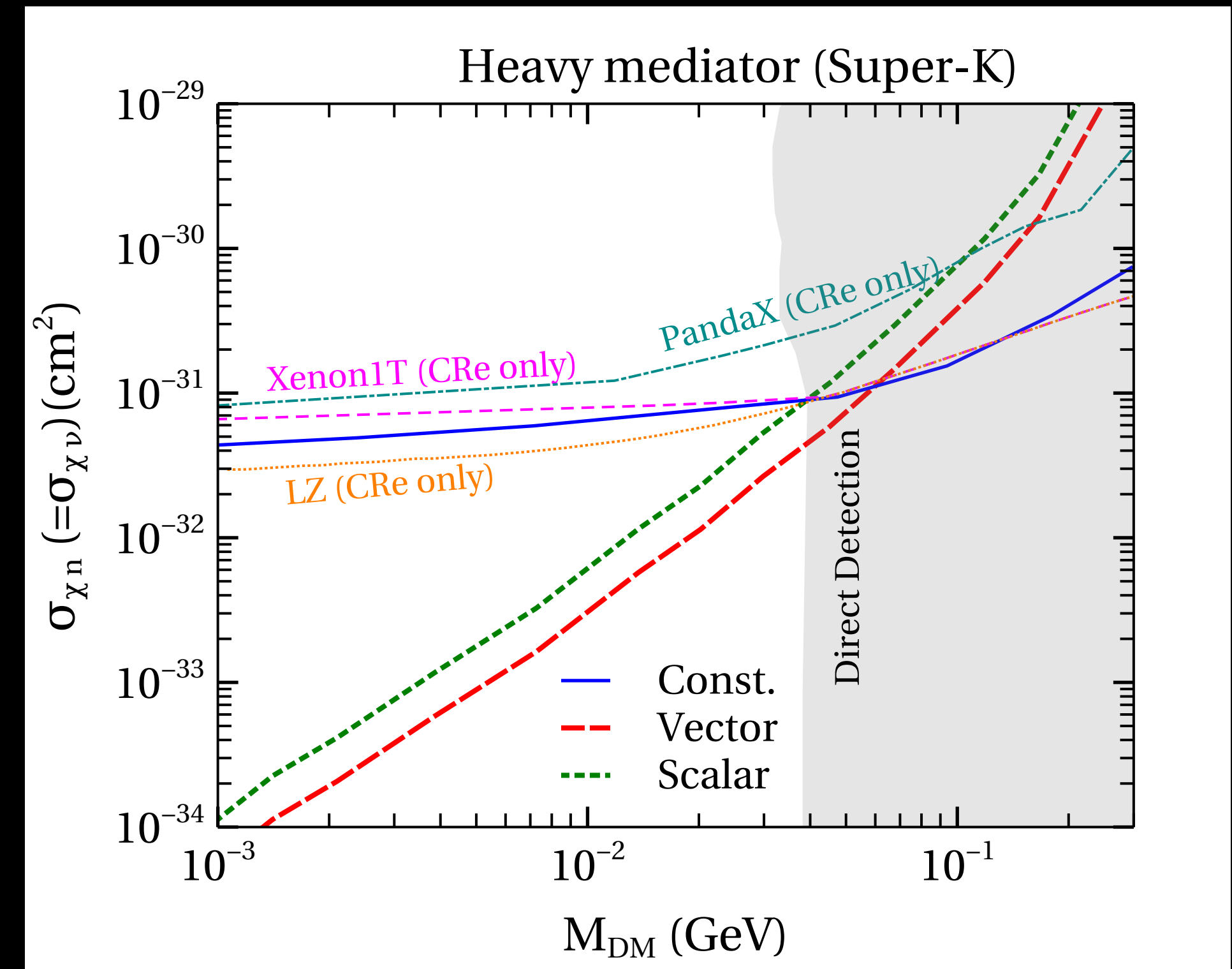


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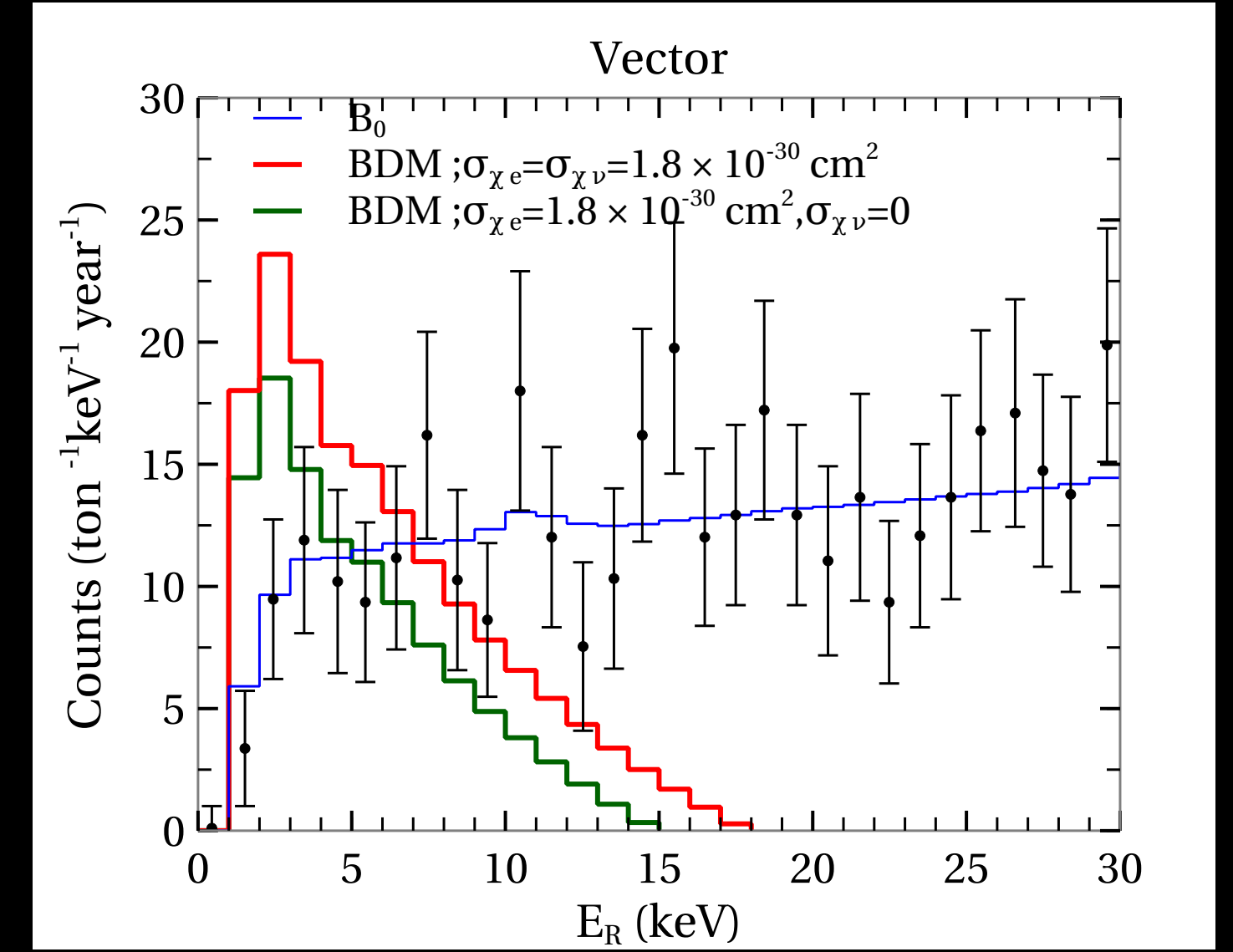
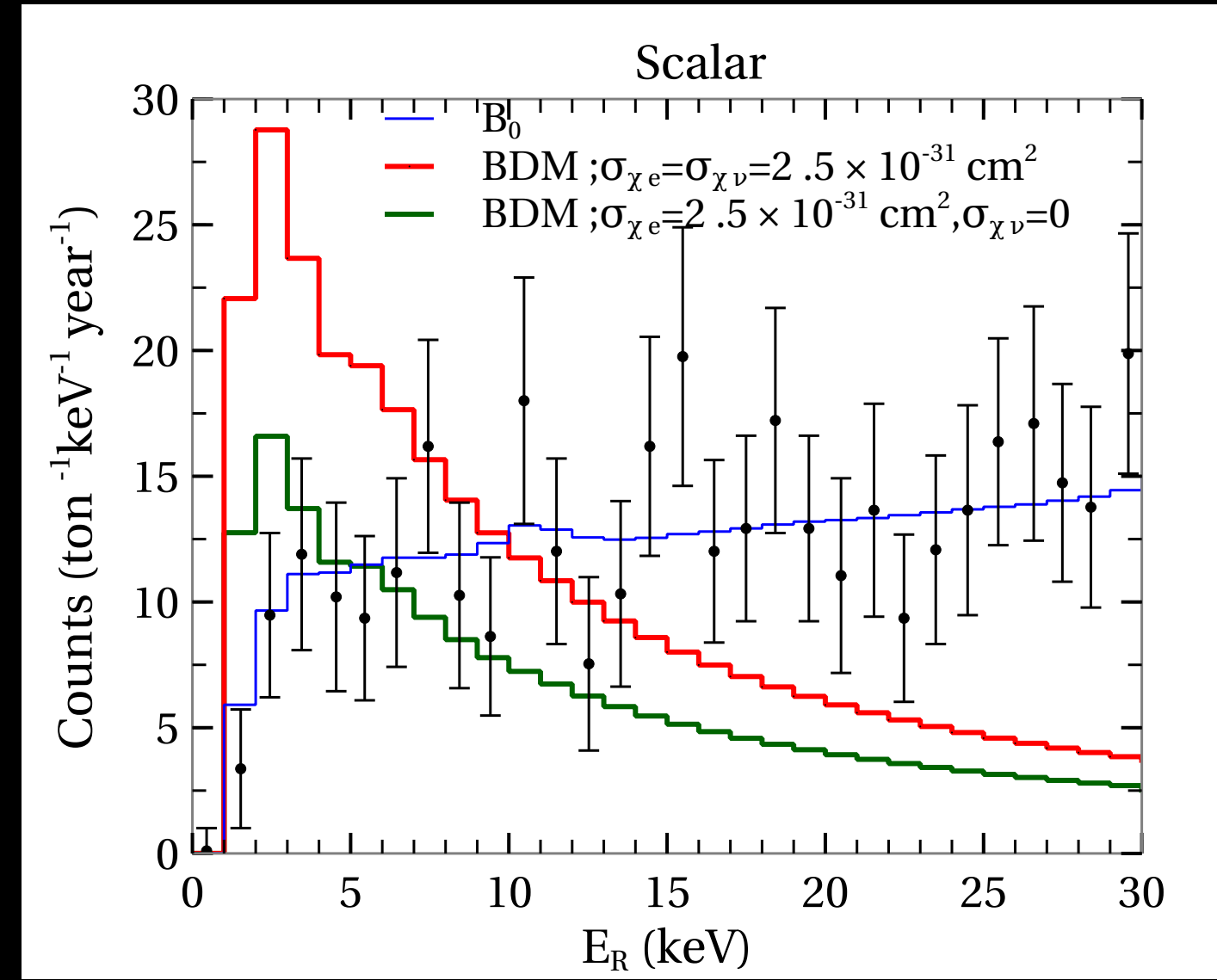
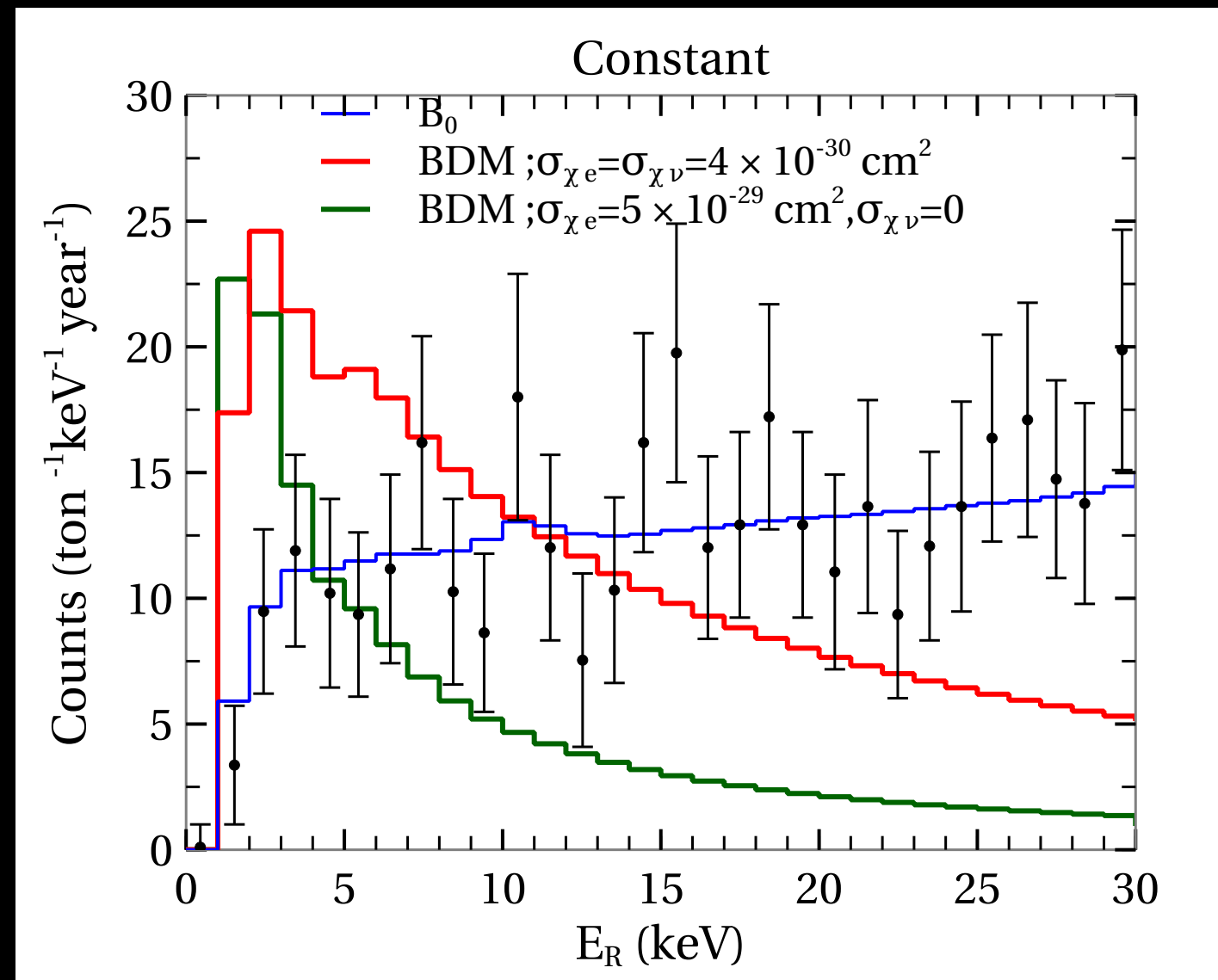
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# Backup 2



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