

DARK MATTER accretion in NEUTRON STARS

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Outline

- I- Overview and motivations
- II- New formalism for the capture rate
- III- Revisiting Dark Matter thermalisation
- IV- Results and conclusion

Symmetric Dark Matter

Boltzmann equation:

$$\frac{dN_\chi}{dt} = C_\odot - A_\odot N_\chi^2 - E_\odot N_\chi$$

Indirect DM signature!

e. g. Solar Neutrino flux: $\frac{d\Phi}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi d_\odot^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}$

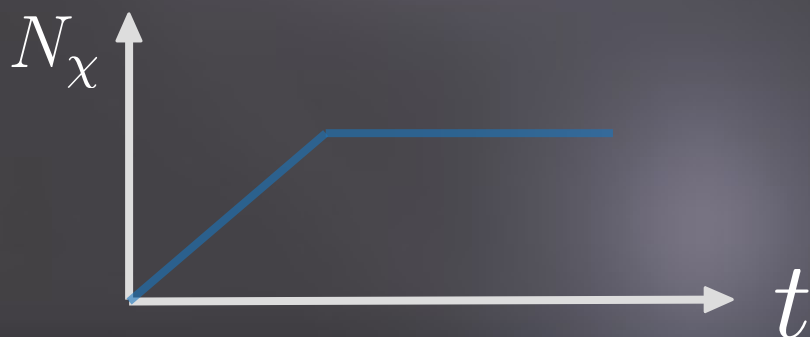
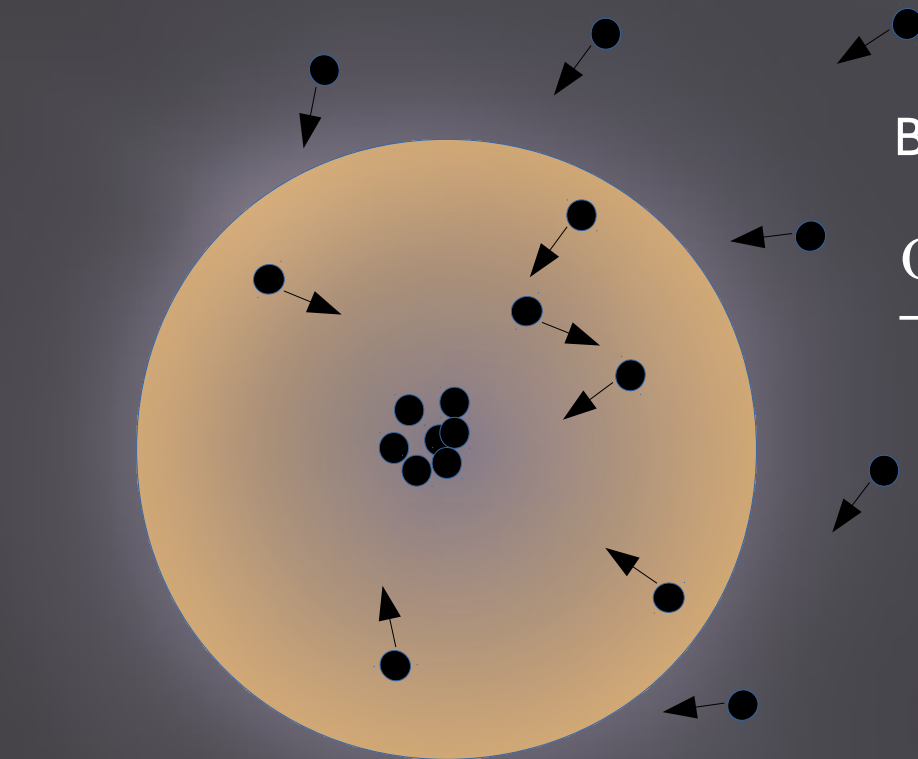
W. H. Press and D. N. Spergel 1985, A. Gould 1987, J. Silk, et al 1985...

e. g. Reheating NS surface:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{-\epsilon_\gamma - \epsilon_\nu + \epsilon_{DM}}{C_V}$$

de Lavallaz, Fairbairn 2010, Kouvaris Tinyakov 2010...

Extensively studied!



Asymmetric Dark Matter

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Accumulate more DM particles!

Helioseismology constraints on DM properties:

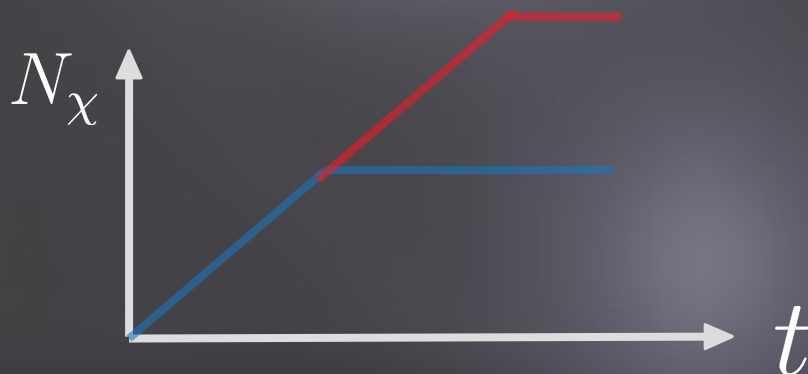
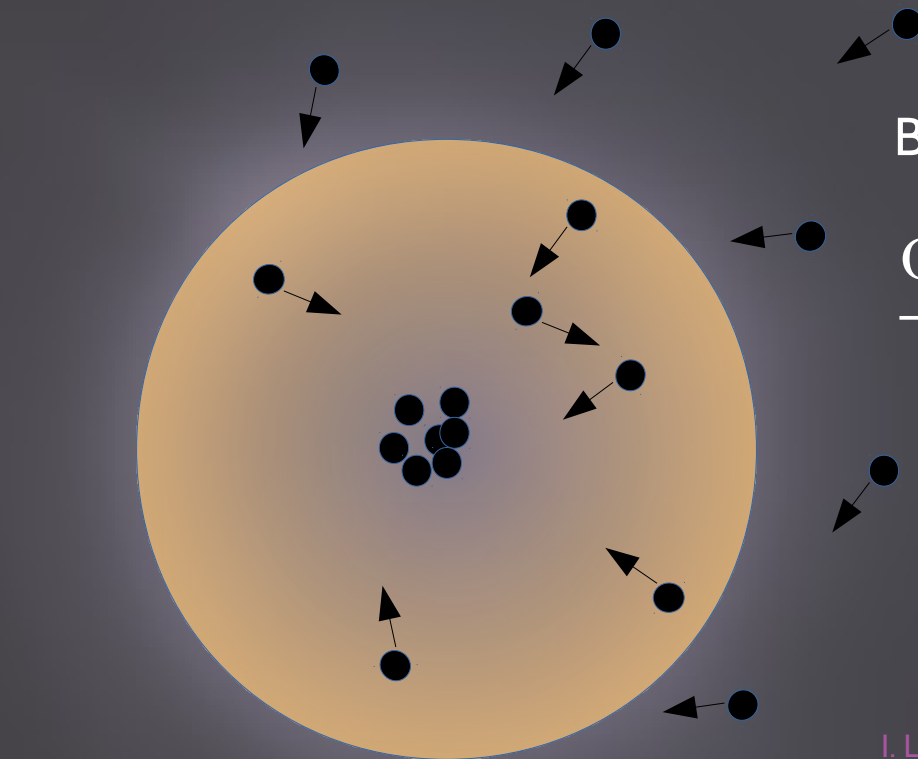
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Black hole formation and collapse of the star:

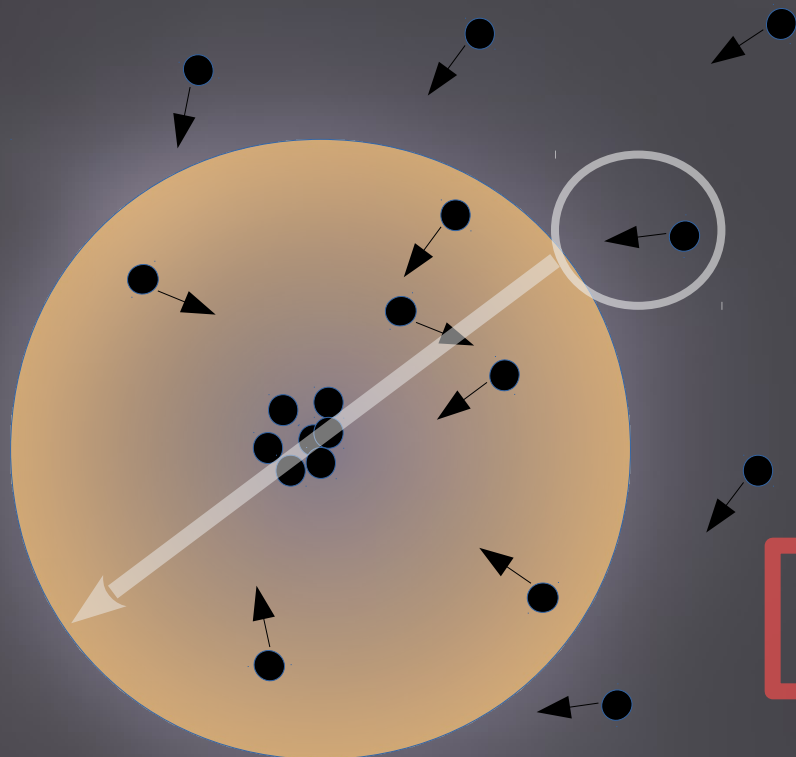
Goldman et al. PRD 1989, Kouvaris 2008, Bertone et al PRD 2008,
McCullough PRD 2010, Kouvaris and Tinyakov PRD & PRL 2011.,
McDermott et al 2012, ...

Extensively studied too!...

But accretion rate **never properly computed**



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Orders of magnitude for capture

Best case scenario for capture: $\sigma_\chi \geq \sigma_{\text{geom}}$

$$\sigma_{\text{geom}}^{\text{sun}} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-35} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{R_\star}{R_\odot} \right)^2 \left(\frac{M_\odot}{M_\star} \right).$$

$$\sigma_{\text{geom}}^{\text{wd}} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-39} \text{ cm}^2.$$

$$\sigma_{\text{geom}}^{\text{NS}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2.$$

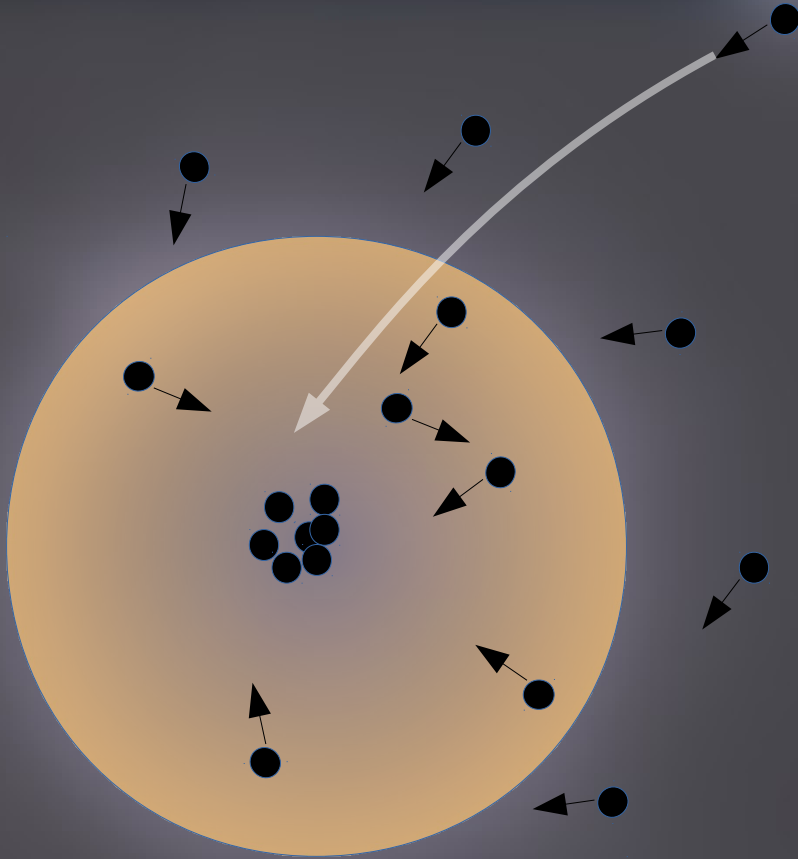
Geometrical cross-section:

$$\sigma_{\text{geom}} n_b R_\star \approx 1$$

The capture rate is proportional to the interaction probability:

$$C_\odot \propto \frac{\sigma_\chi}{\sigma_{\text{geom}}}.$$

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Gravitational cross-section:

$$\pi b^2 = \pi \left(1 + \frac{2GM}{R_{\star} v_{\infty}^2} \right) R_{\star}^2$$

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For : $\sigma_{\chi} \leq \sigma_{\text{geom}}$:

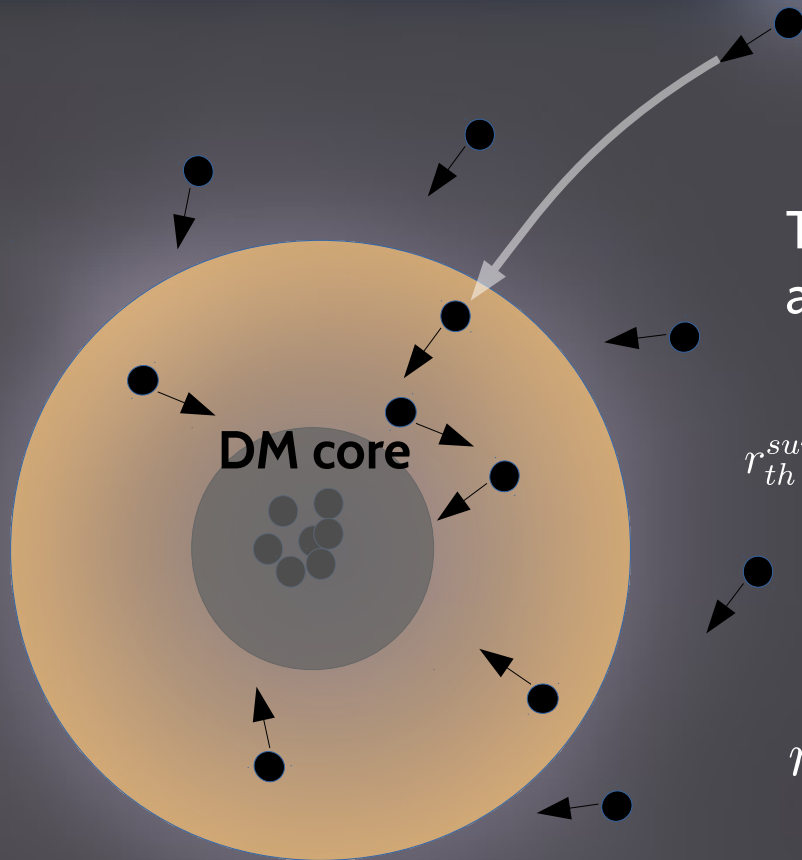
$$C_{\text{sun}} \approx 3.6 \times 10^{-21} M_{\odot} \cdot \text{Gyr}^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\star}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_{\chi}}{\sigma_{\text{geom}}^{NS}} \cdot \frac{\rho_{DM}}{0.3 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}} \cdot \frac{R_{\odot}}{R_{\star}} \right)$$

$$C_{wd} \approx 3.6 \times 10^{-19} M_{\odot} \cdot \text{Gyr}^{-1}$$

$$C_{NS} \approx 5.7 \times 10^{-16} M_{\odot} \cdot \text{Gyr}^{-1}$$

Compact objects accrete DM more efficiently !

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Thermalisation of DM

Through successive collisions, DM lose energy and accumulate in the star center.

$$r_{th}^{sun} = 0.15 R_{\odot} \left(\frac{T_{core}}{10^7 \text{K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{GeV}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{10^2 \text{g.cm}^{-3}}{\rho_{core}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$r_{th}^{wd} = 80 \text{ km} \left(\frac{T_{core}}{10^5 \text{K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{GeV}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Thermal radius r_{th} of the core:

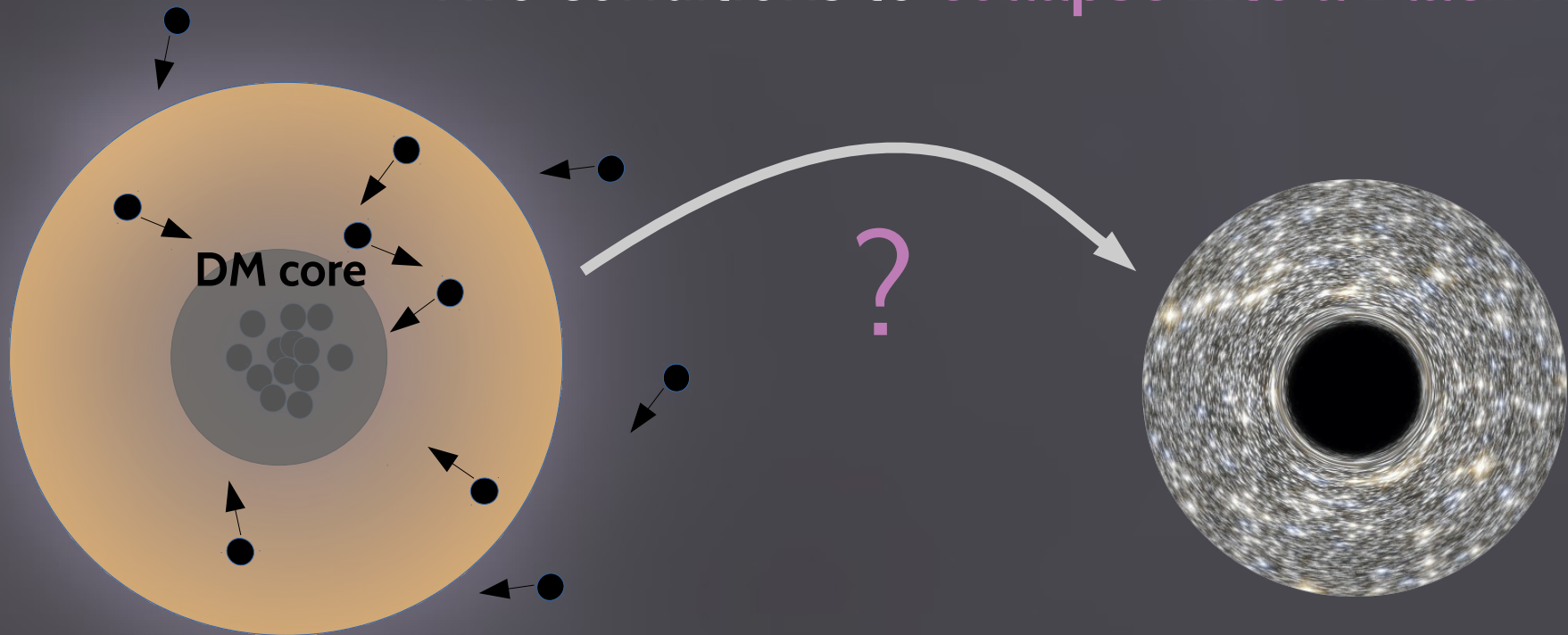
$$\frac{3}{2} k_b T_{core} = \frac{GM_{\star}(r_{th}) m_{\chi}}{r_{th}}$$

$$r_{th}^{NS} = 4.3 \text{ m} \left(\frac{T_{core}}{10^5 \text{K}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1 \text{GeV}}{m_{\chi}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Small DM core!

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Two conditions to collapse into a Black Hole



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Two conditions to collapse into a Black Hole :

1- Self gravitation

$$\rho_{DM} \gtrsim \rho_{core}$$

Assuming DM particles thermalize:

$$\frac{M_\chi}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r_{th}^3} \gtrsim \rho_{core}$$

Critical number for DM to self gravitate:

$$N_{self} \simeq 4.8 \times 10^{41} \left(\frac{100\text{GeV}}{m_\chi} \right)^{5/2} \left(\frac{T_{core}}{10^5 \text{K}} \right)^{3/2}$$

2- Chandrasekhar limit

$$E_{tot} = -\frac{GN_\chi m_\chi^2}{R} + E_k .$$

When bosons become relativistic:

$$E_k = \frac{3}{2} k_b T_{core} \rightarrow \frac{1}{R} .$$

Critical number for gravity to dominate against kinetic energy:

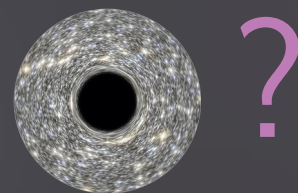
$$N_{Cha}^{boson} \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{34} \left(\frac{100\text{GeV}}{m_\chi} \right)^2 .$$

DM constraints from black hole formation

For a given σ_χ and m_χ

- 1 – Compute the **total number of DM particles accreted**.
- 2 – Assume DM particles have **thermalized**.
- 3 – Compare with **black hole formation conditions**.

Accretion time τ_{acc} to



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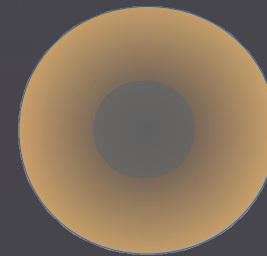
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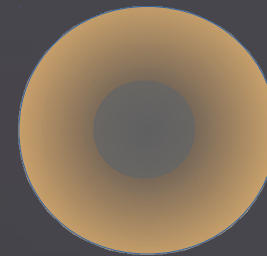
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II- New formalism for capture

Capture rate formalism:

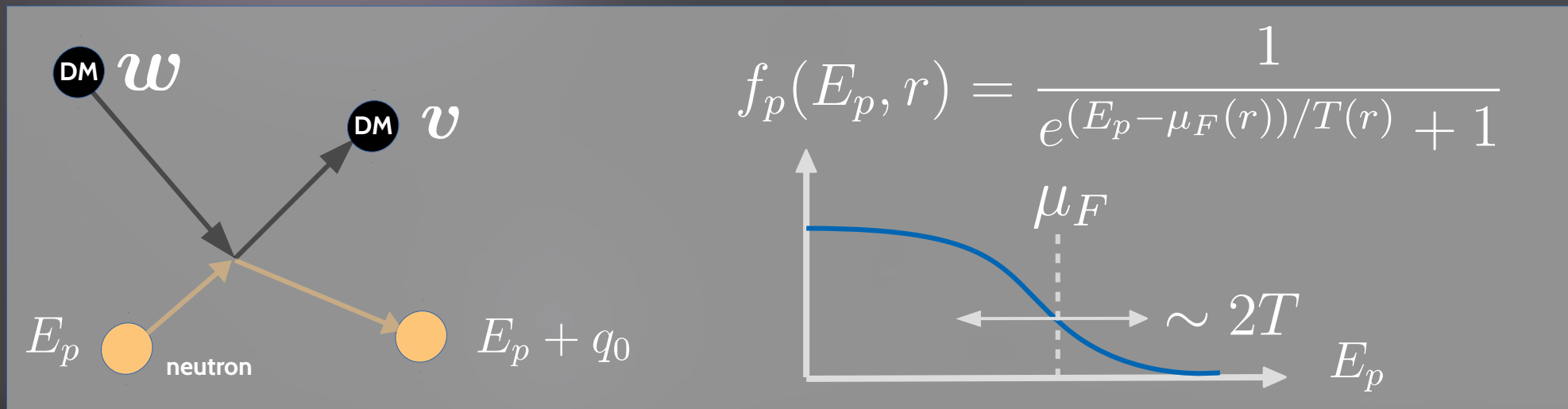
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A. Gould 1987

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Garami, YG, Hambye, 2018

Scattering on a degenerate Fermi gaz



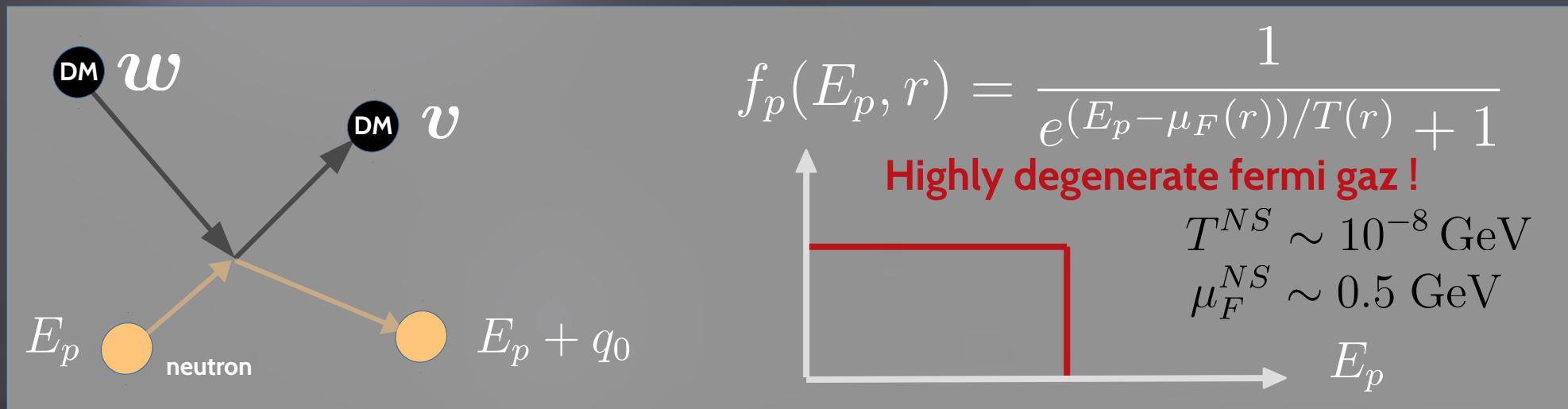
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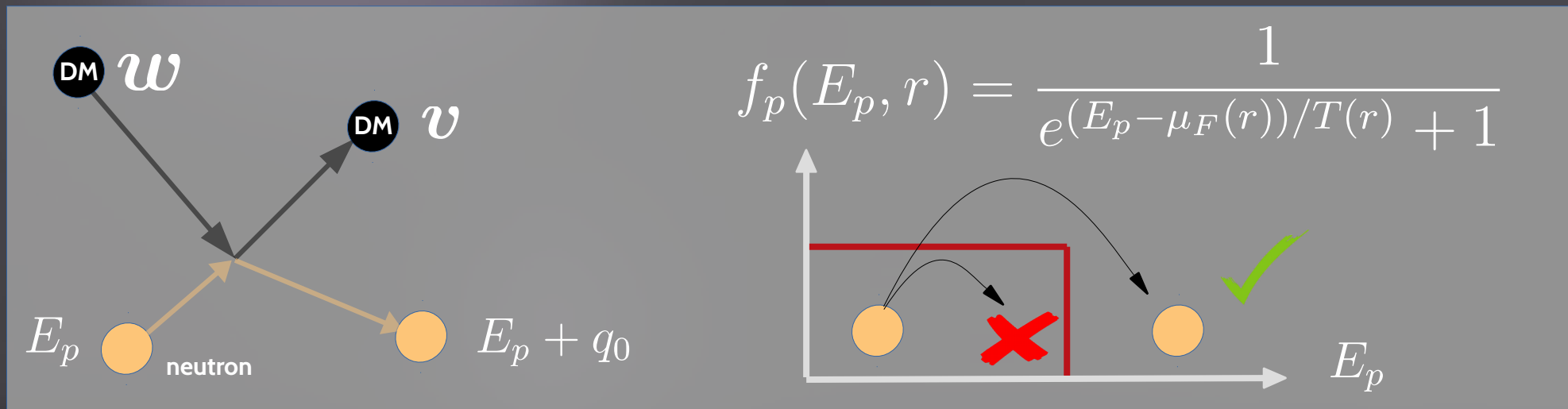
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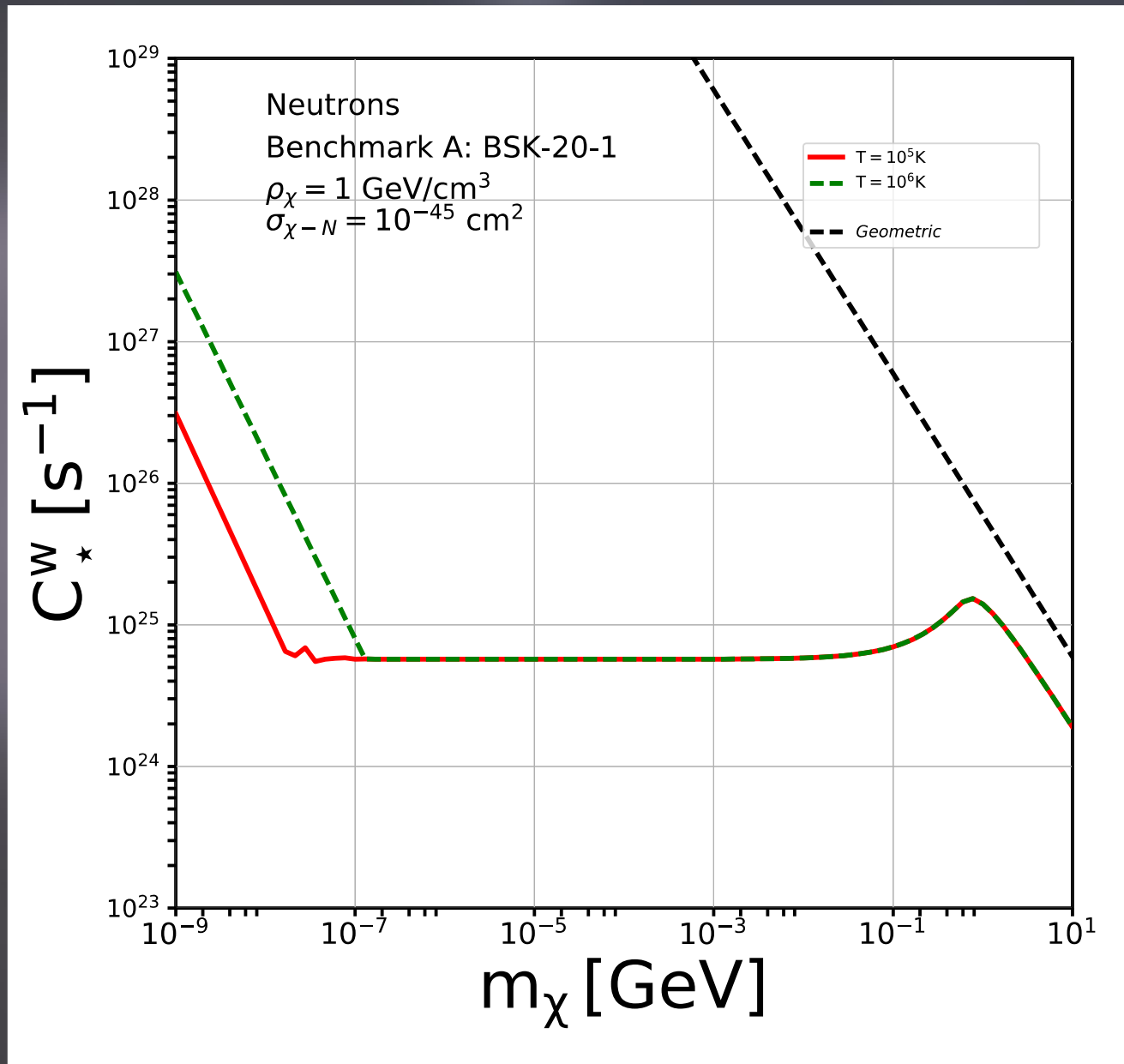
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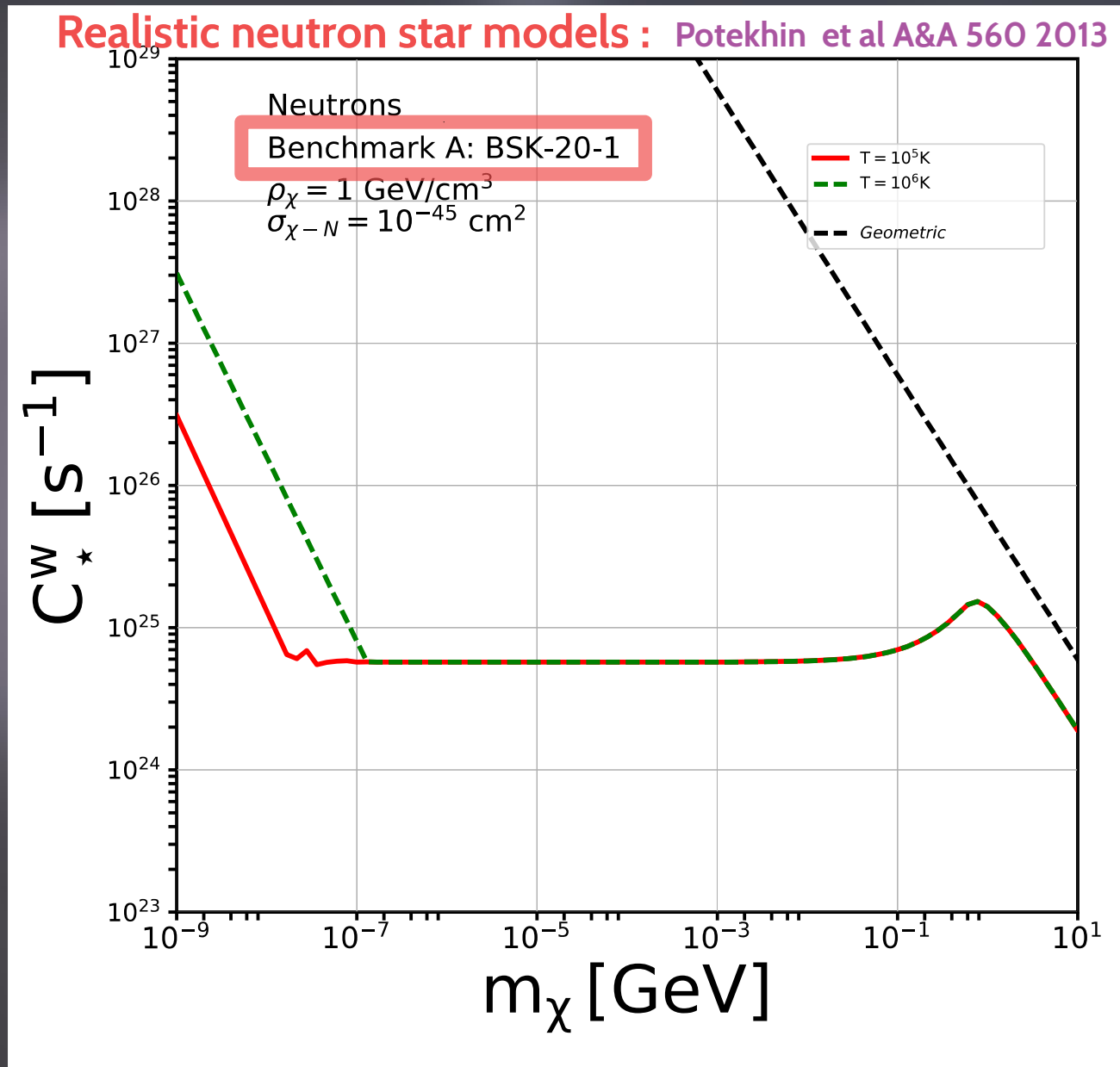
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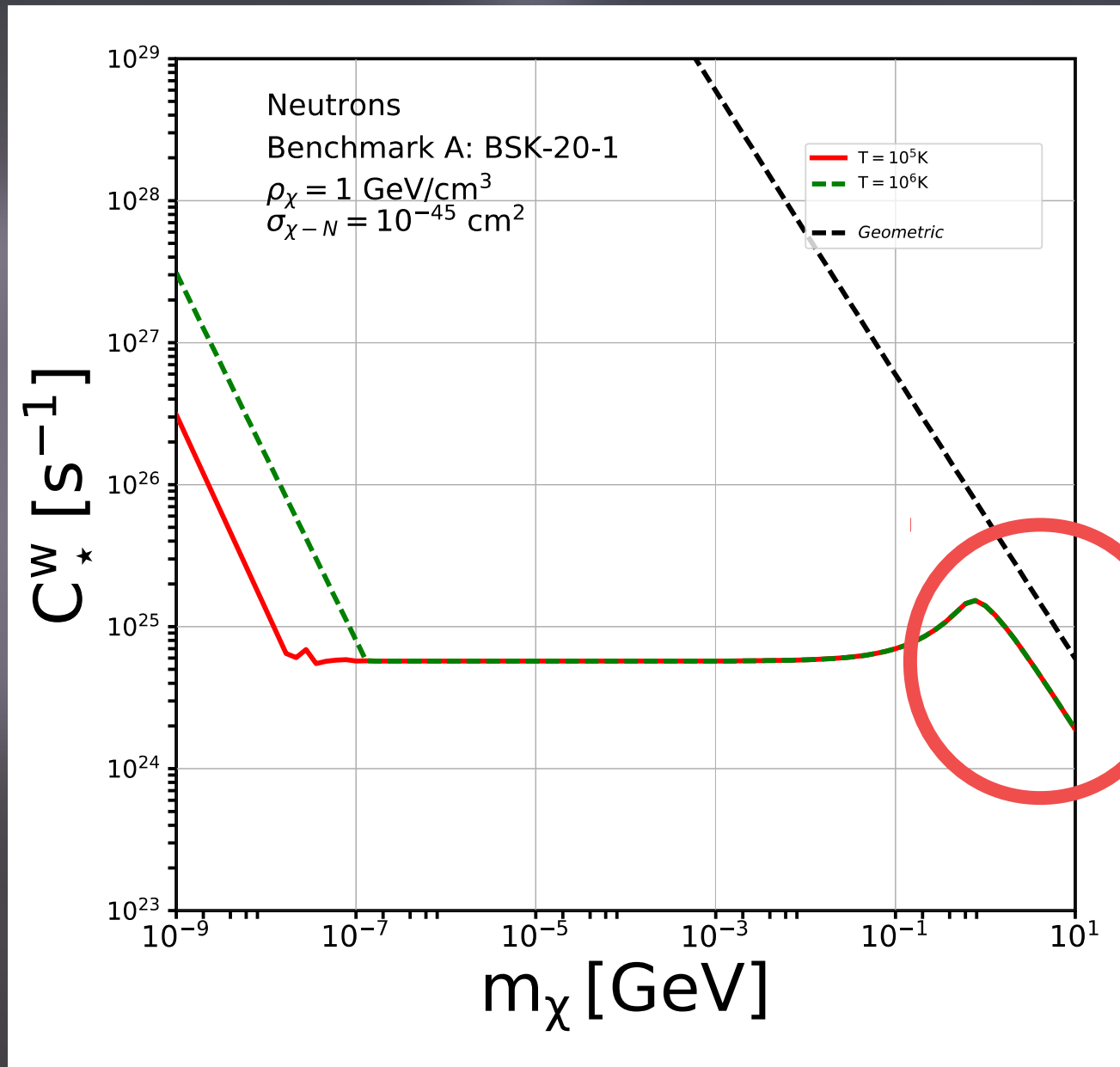
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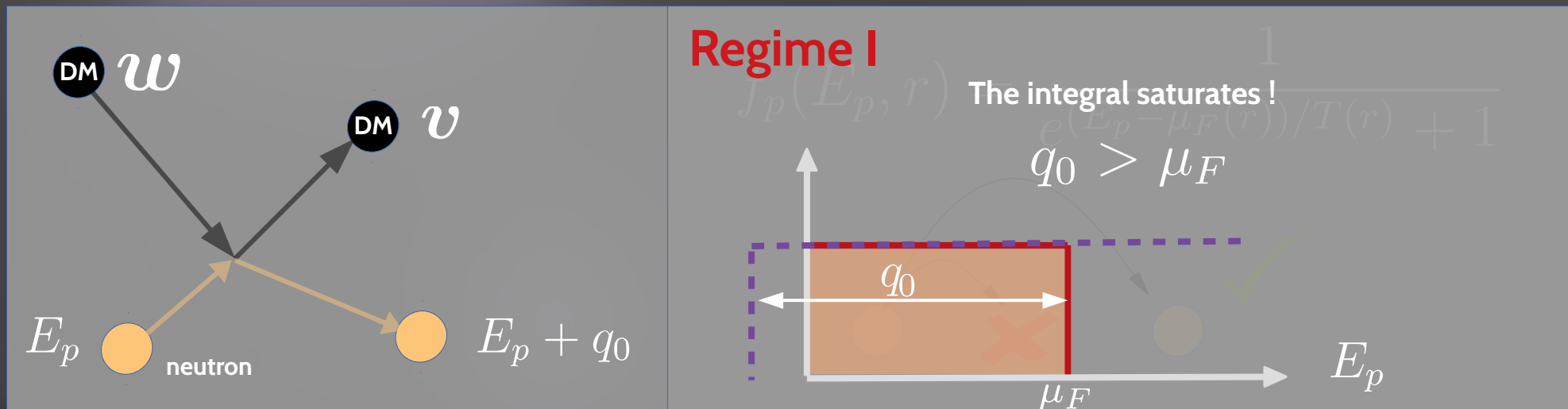
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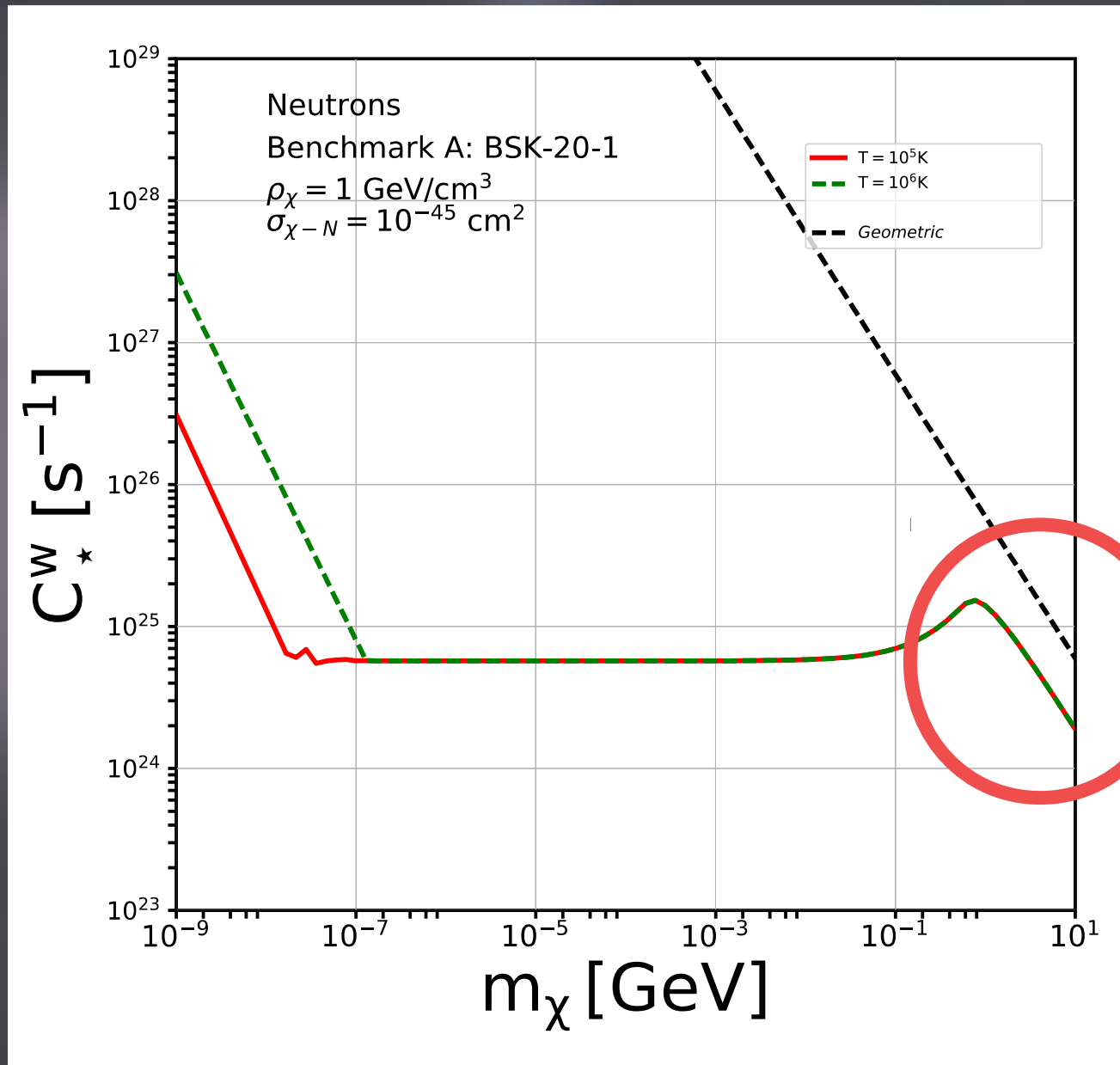
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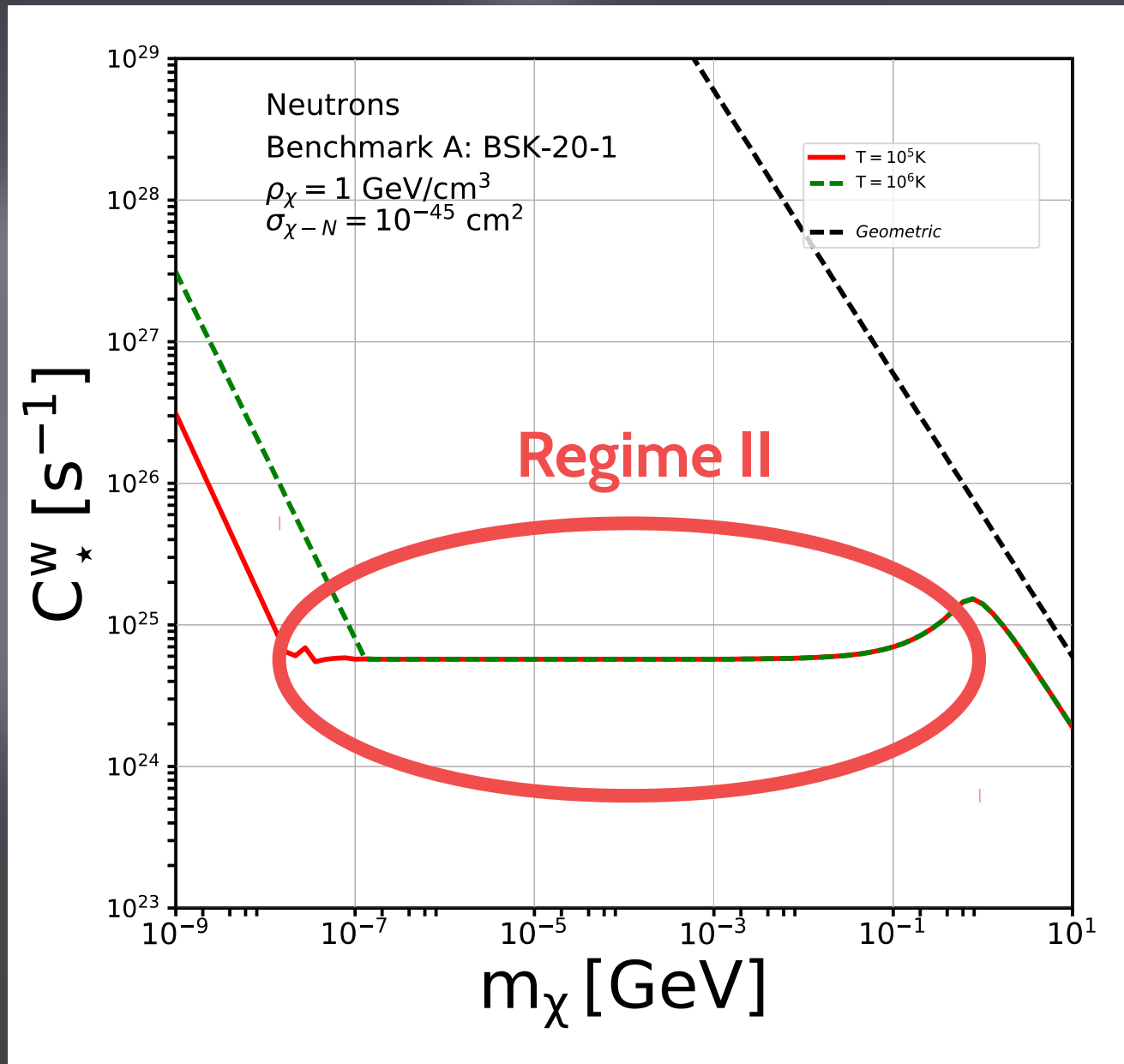
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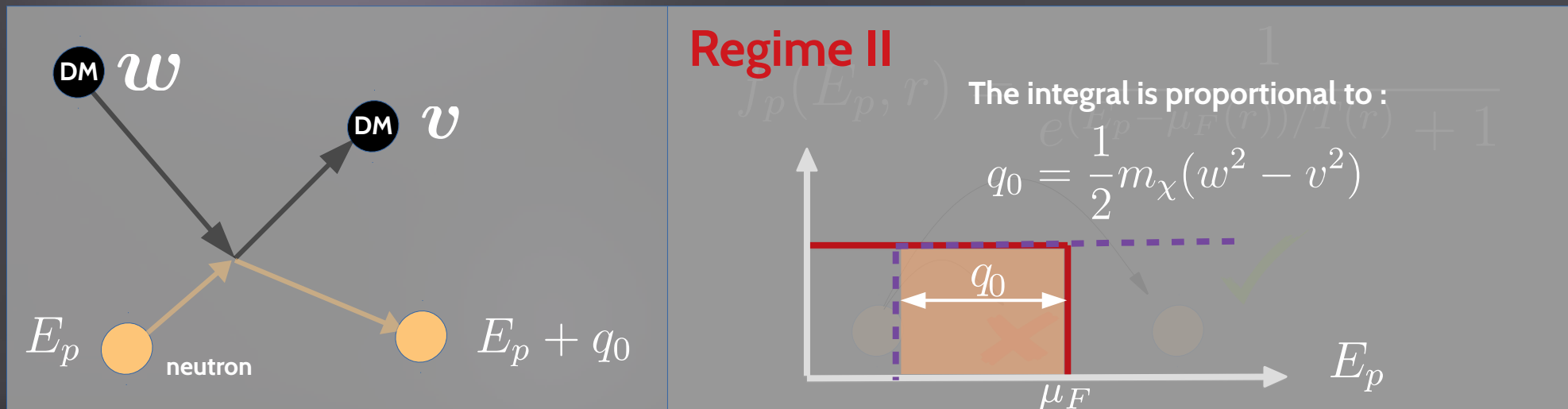
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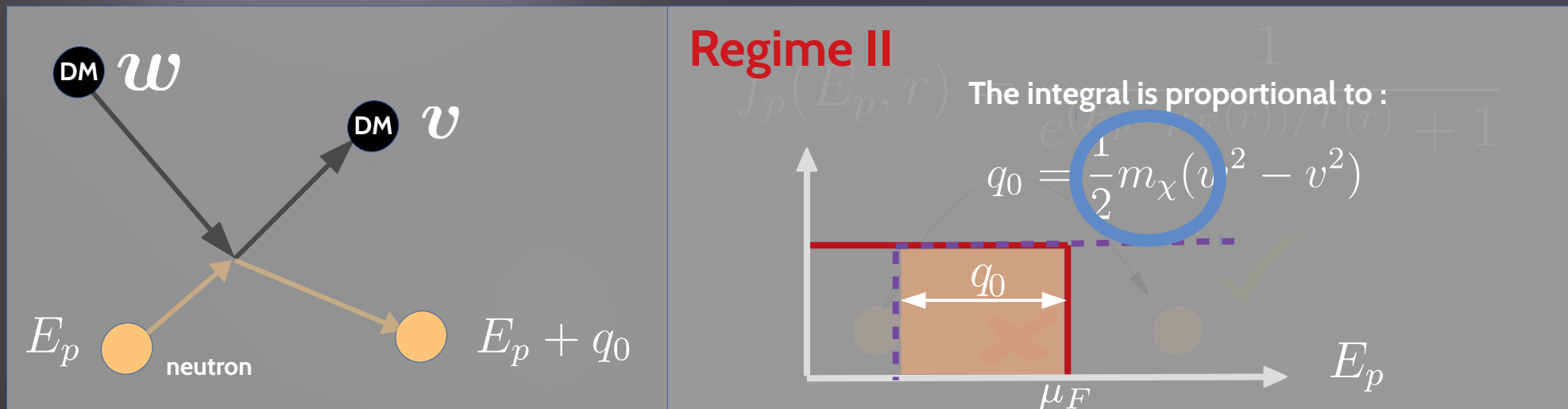
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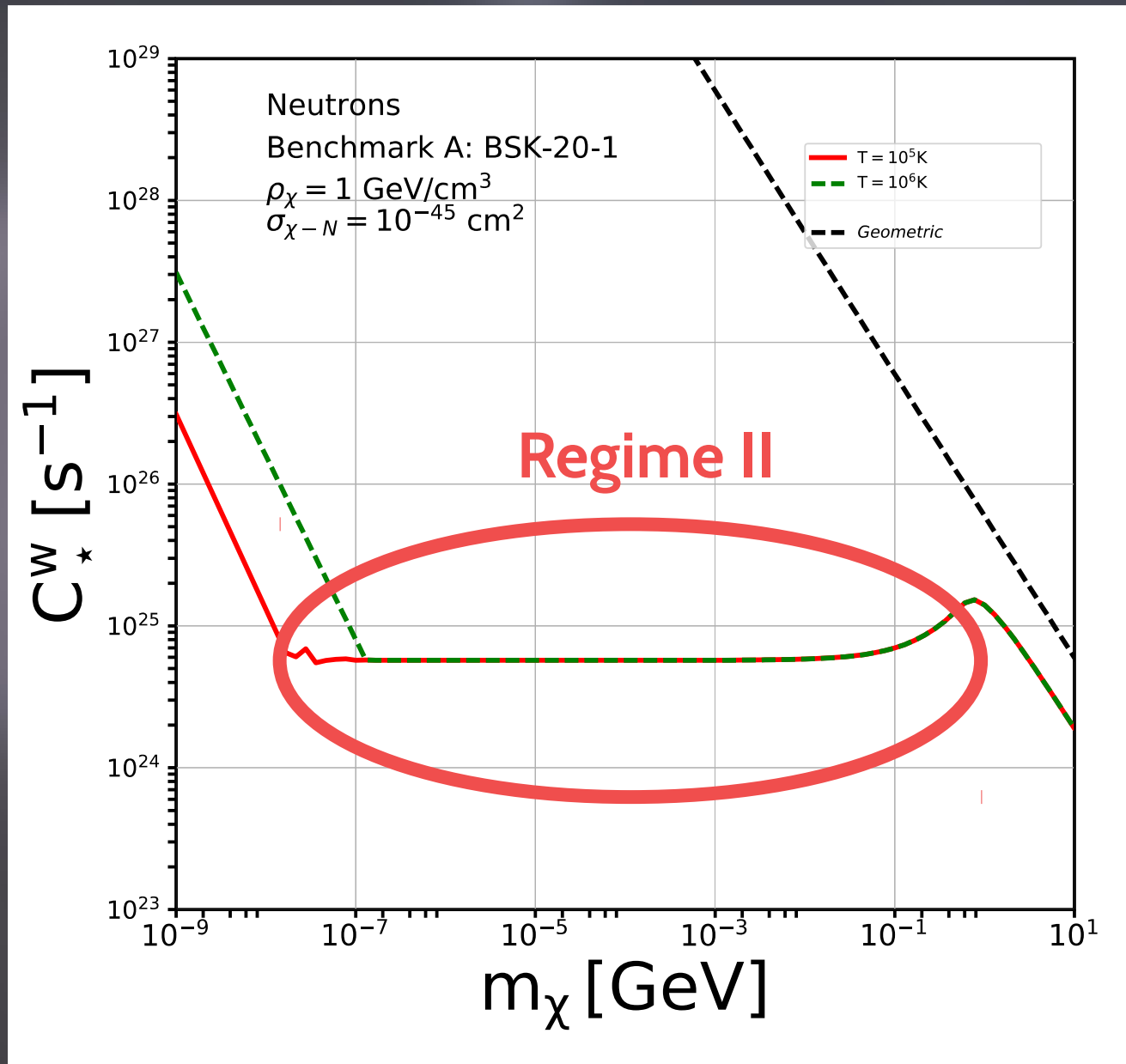
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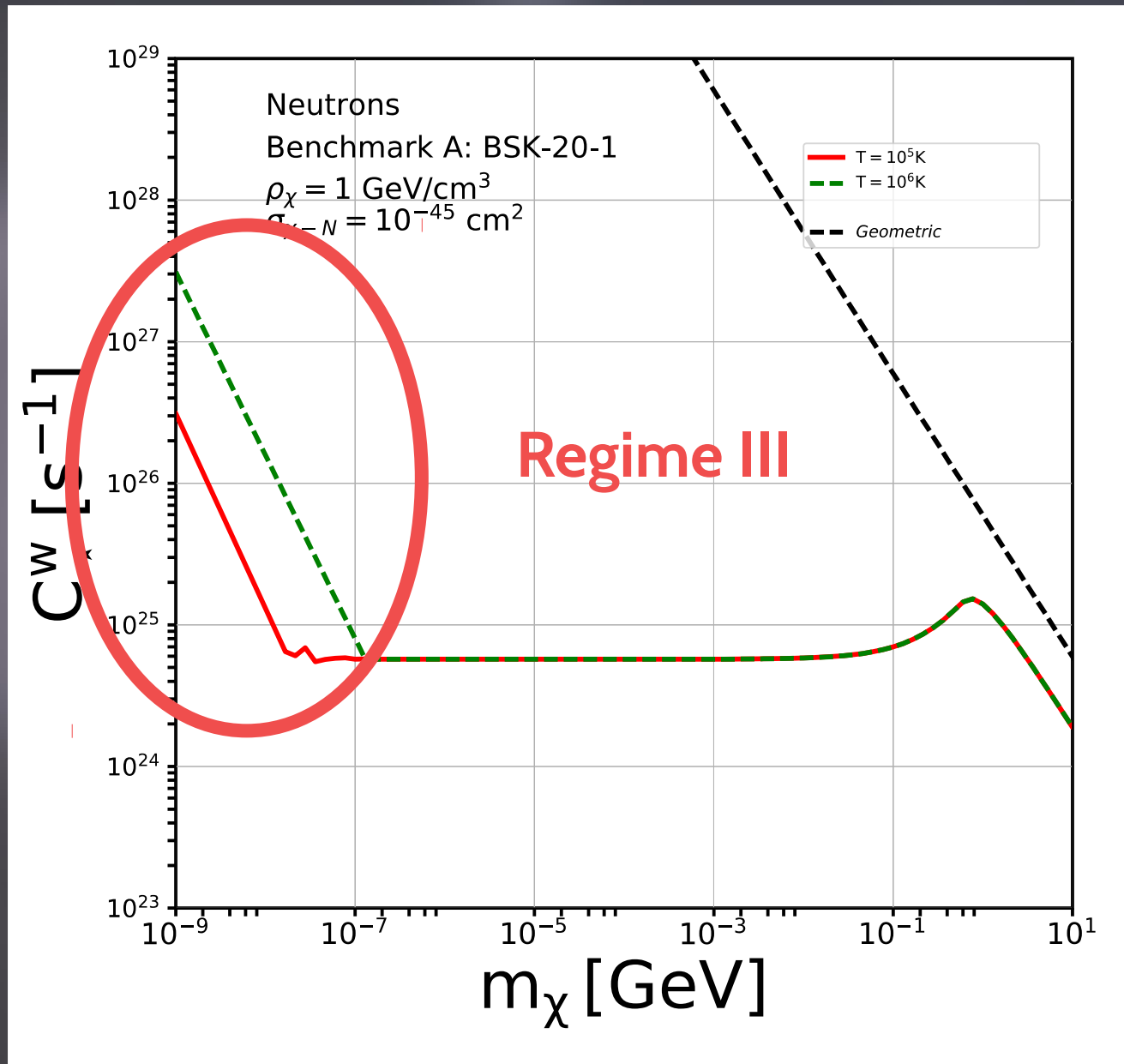
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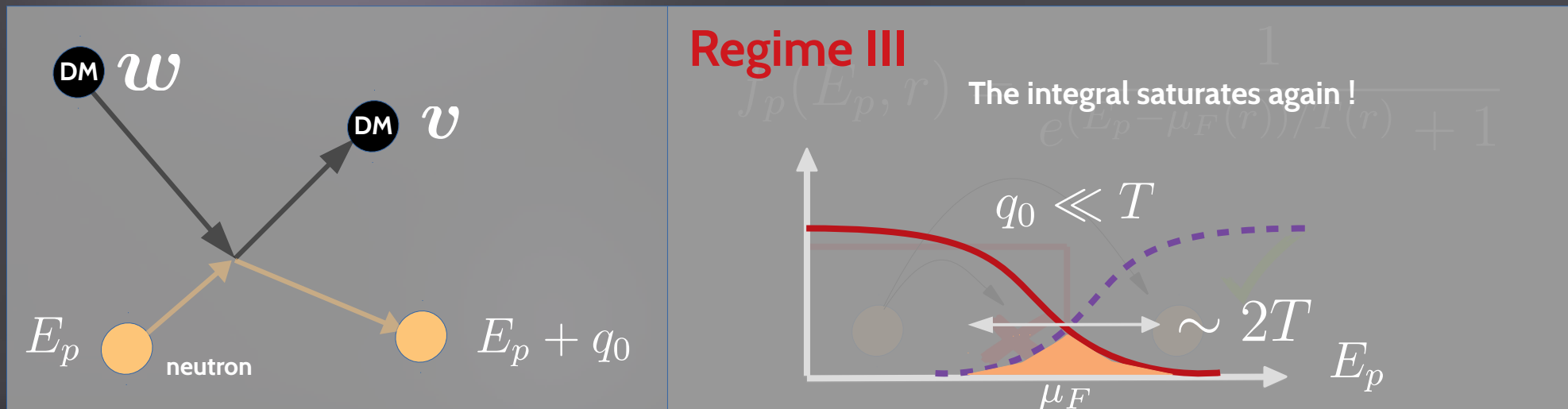
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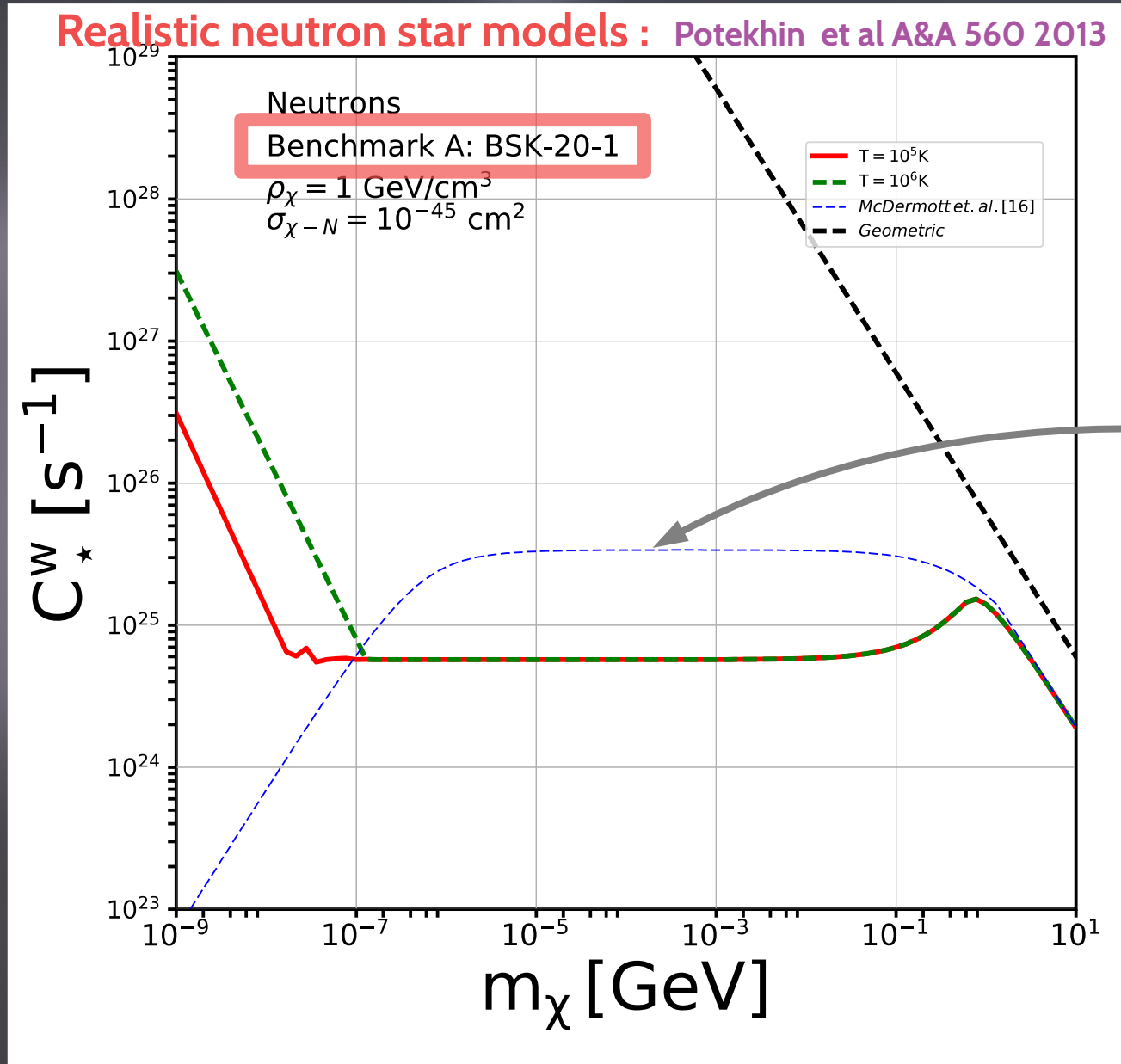
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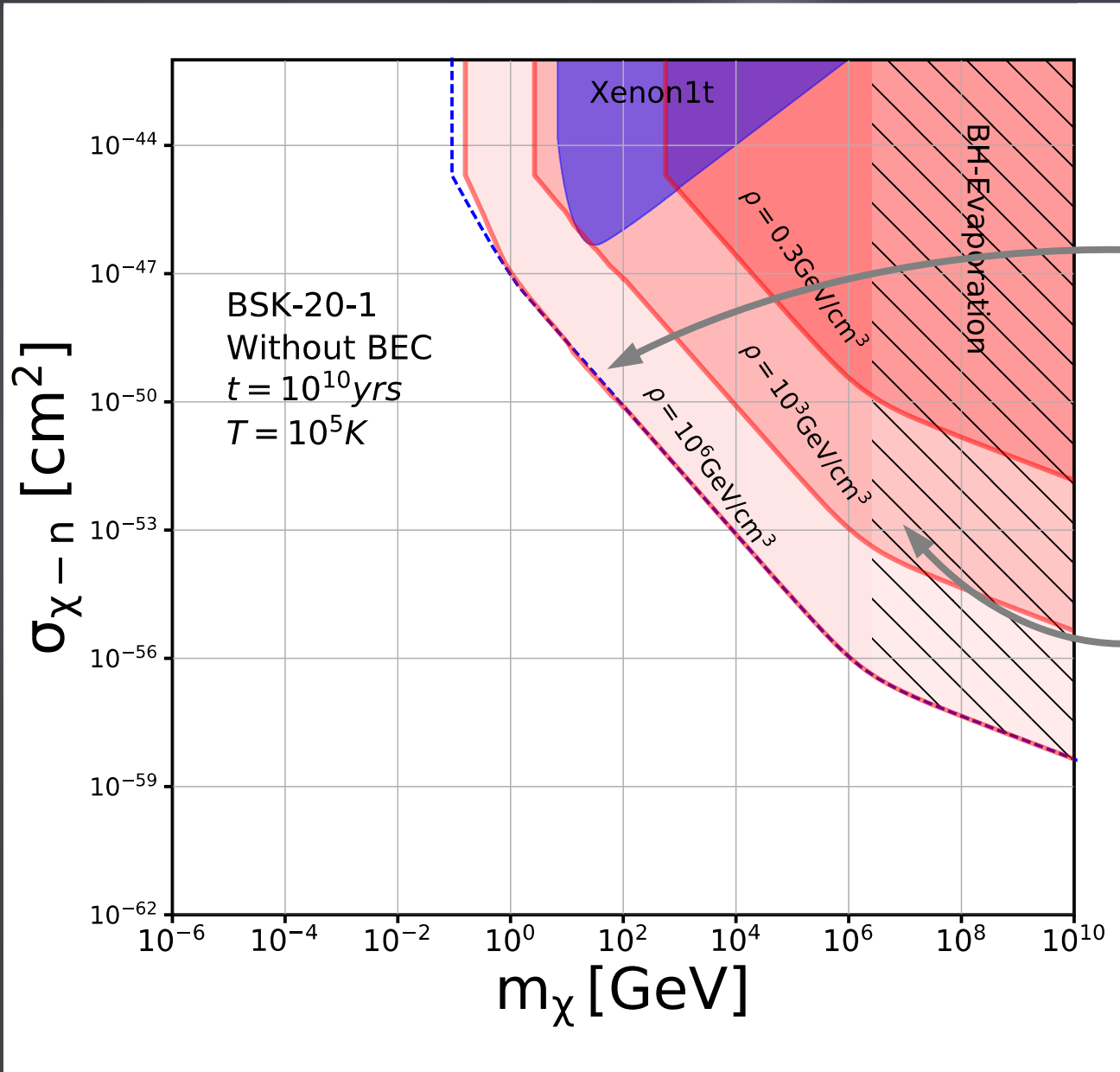
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Using heuristic argument

McDermott et al 2012



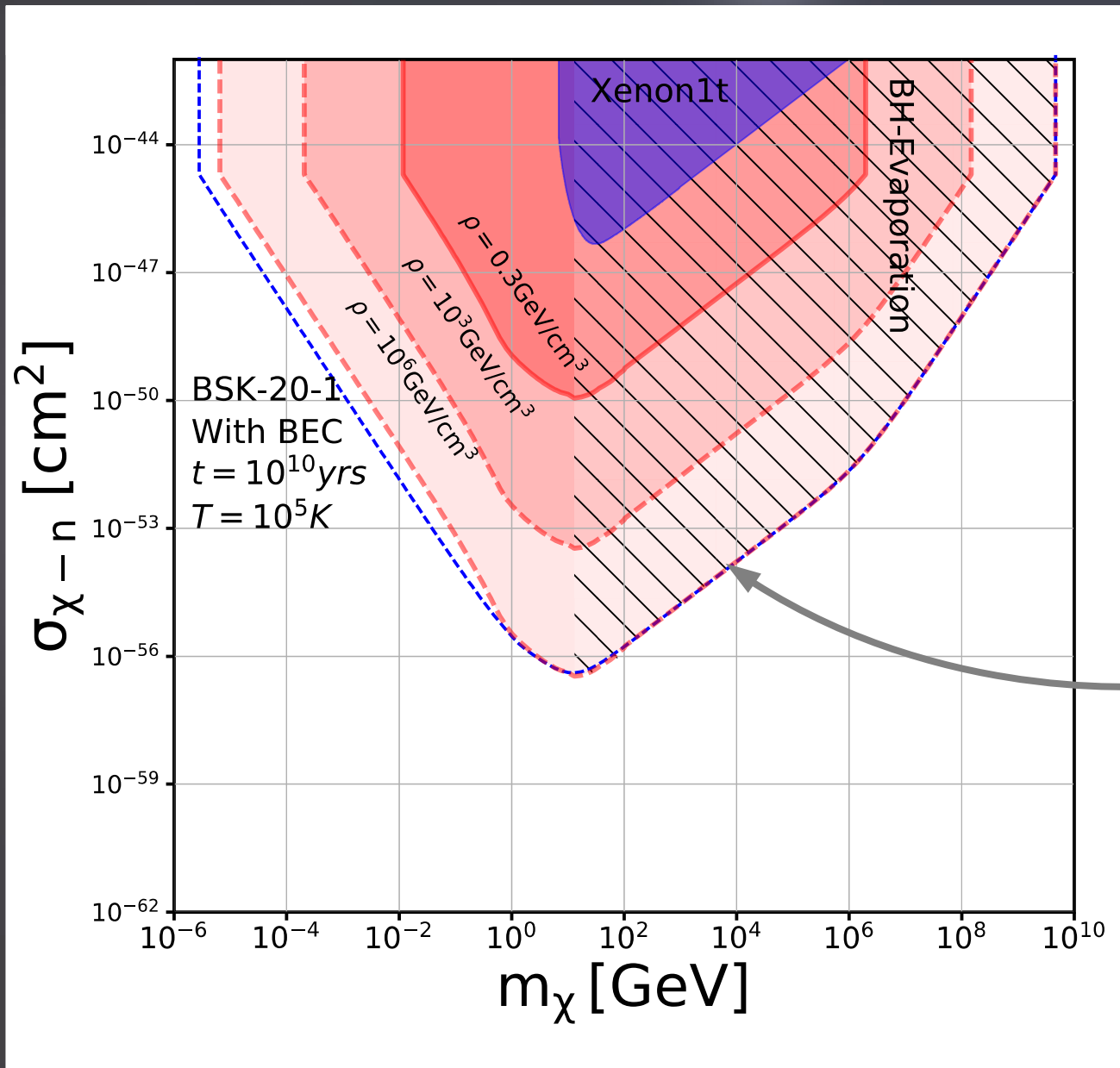
Novel DM constraints

Self-gravitation condition

$$C_{\star}^W \times \tau_{old}^{NS} = N_{self}$$

BH evaporates too fast

Confirmation of previous results using heuristic arguments



Novel DM constraints

Bose Einstein Condensate

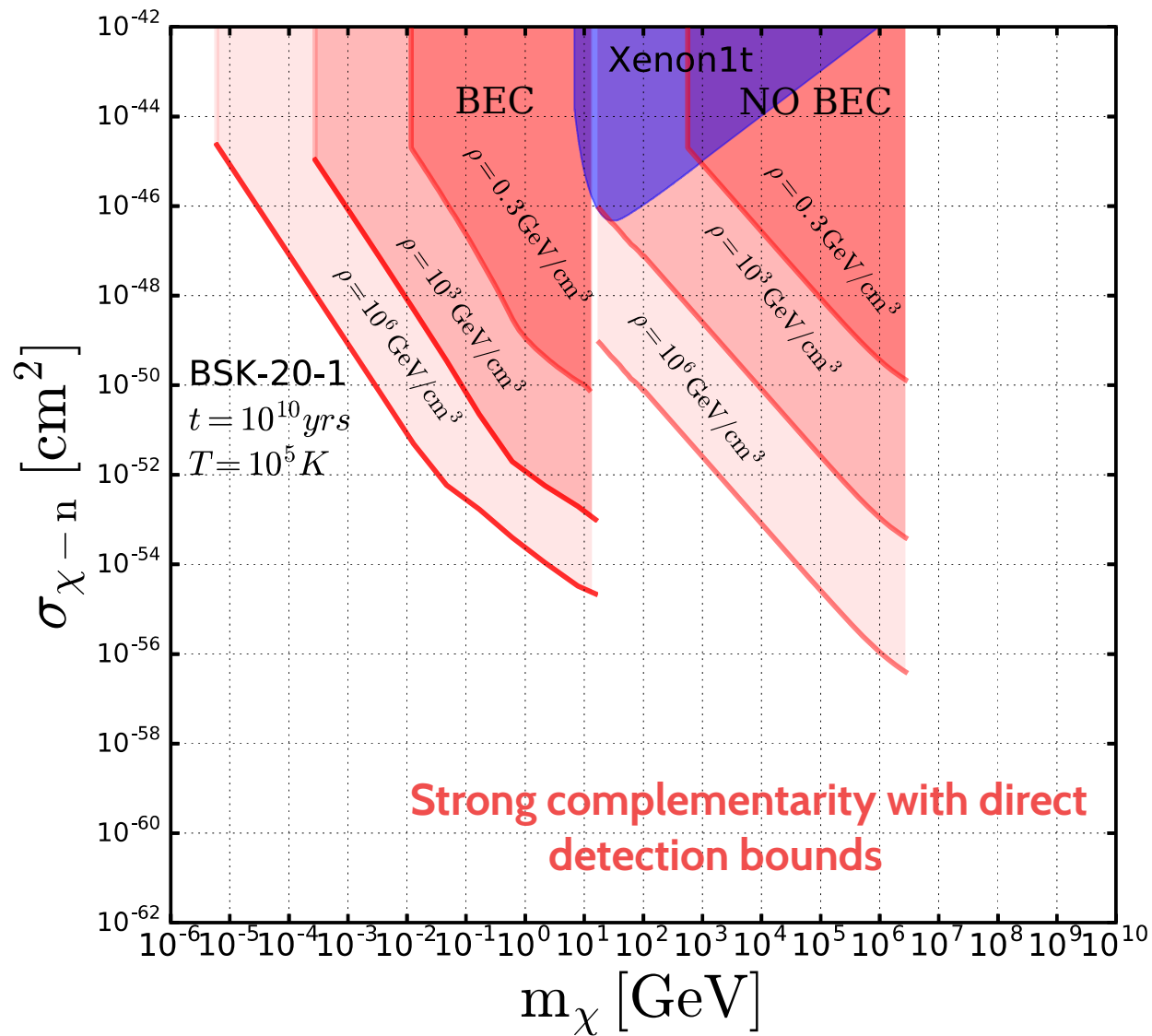


$$N_{self}^{BEC} \ll N_{Chan}^{bosc}$$

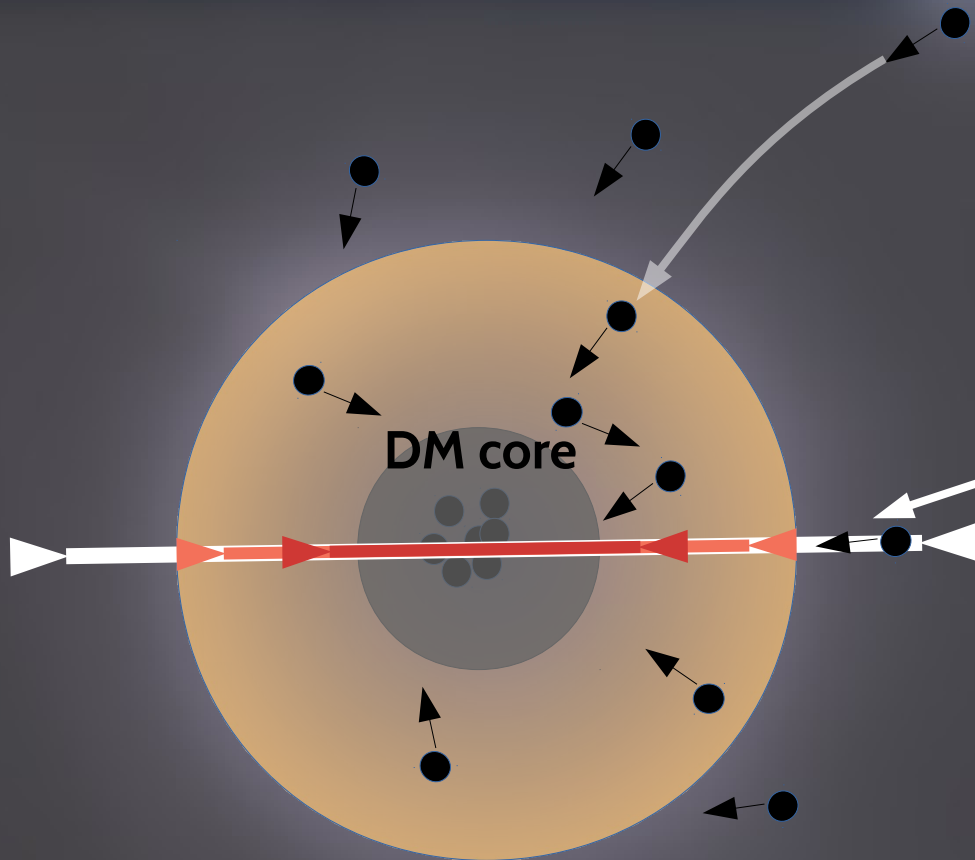
NEW limiting condition

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III- Revisiting Dark Matter thermalisation



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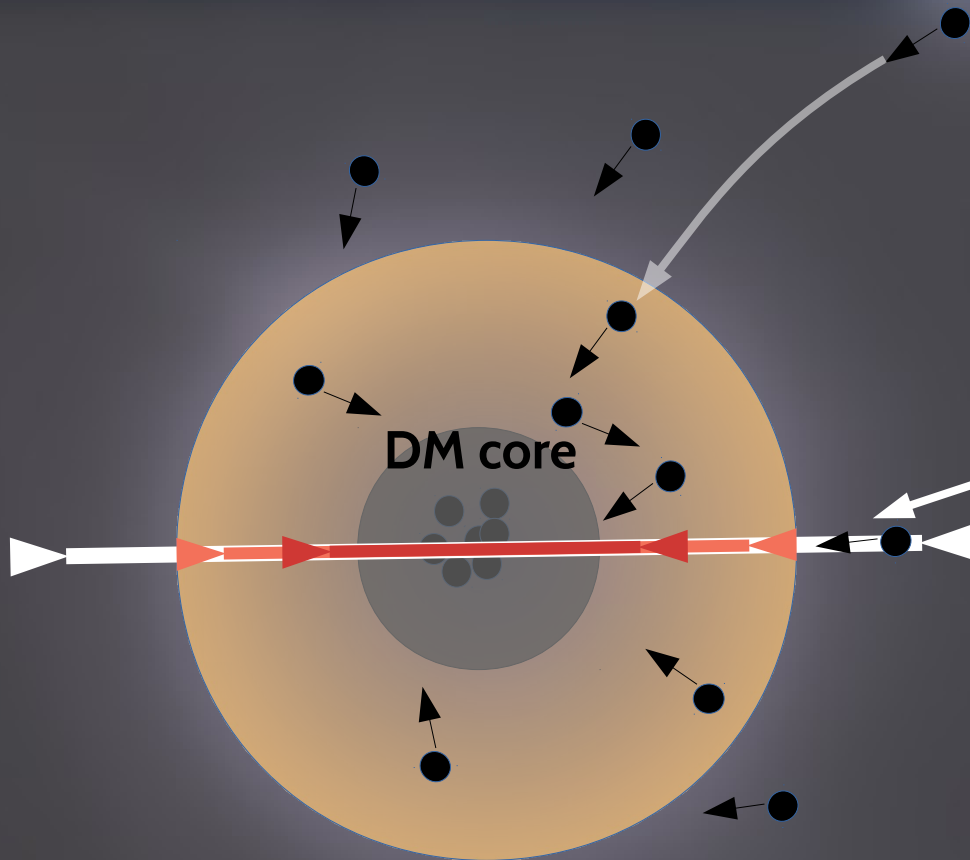
The orbits are shrinking and reach :

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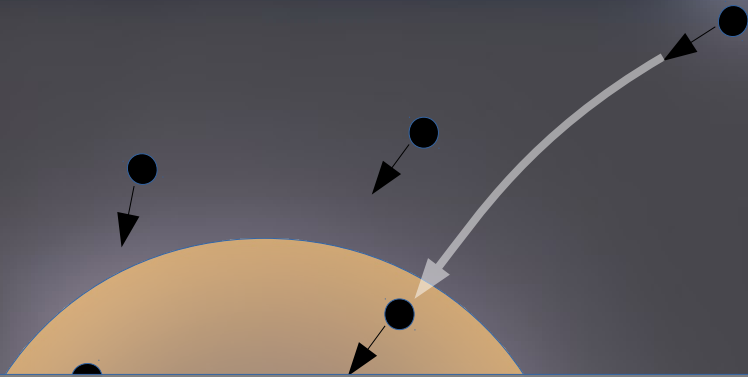
Two **novelties**:

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$$t_2 = \int_{E_{\text{surf}}}^{E_{\text{th}}} \frac{dE}{b_2(E)}$$

$$t_2 \approx \frac{21\pi^2 m_r^2}{\sigma_\chi m_n^2 m_\chi} \frac{1}{E_{th}^2} \approx 10700 \text{ yrs} \frac{\gamma}{(1 + \gamma)^2} \left(\frac{10^5 \text{ K}}{T}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2}{\sigma_\chi}\right)$$

For a given time, we define an upper bound below which

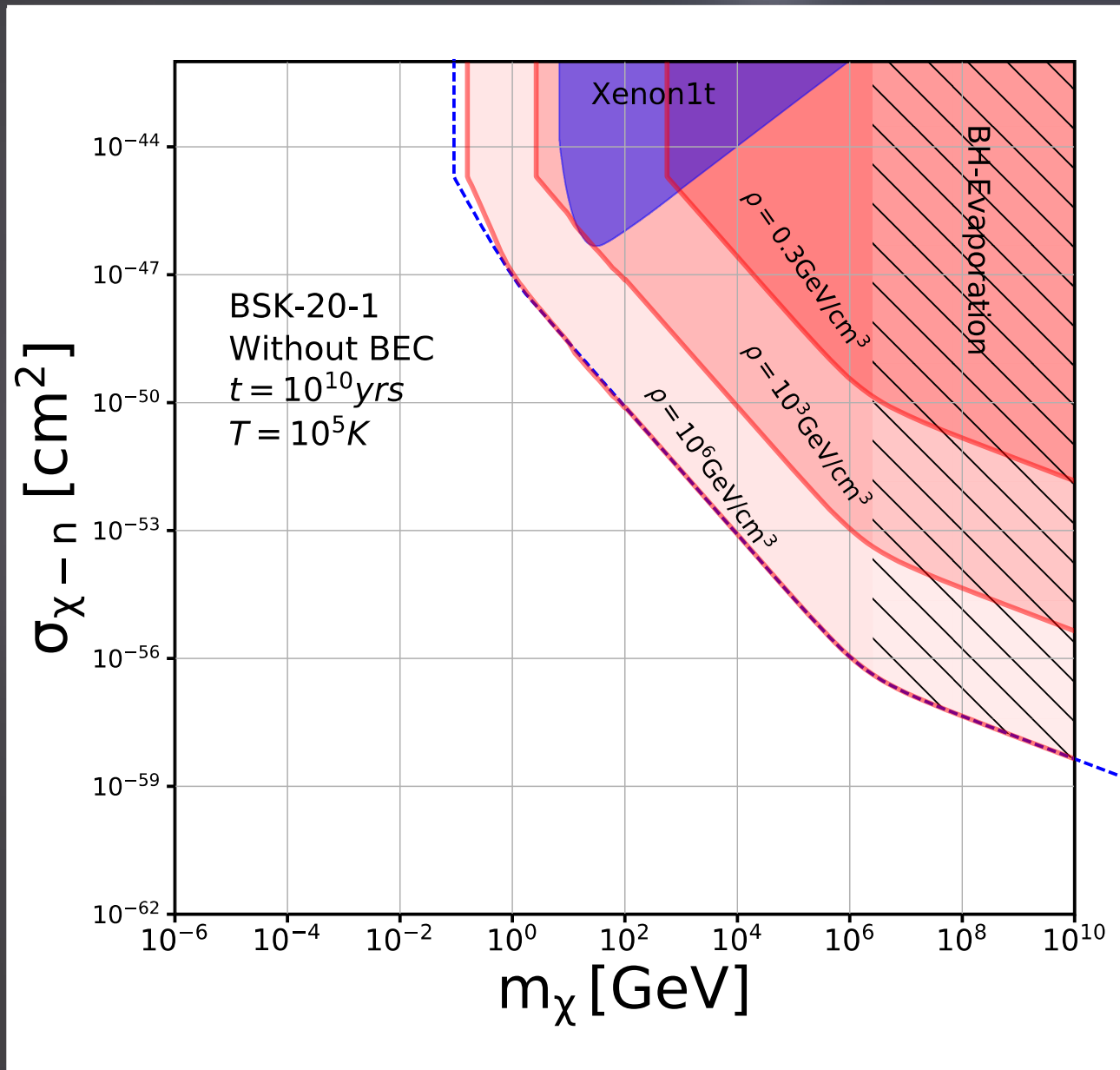
DM particles « do not thermalize »

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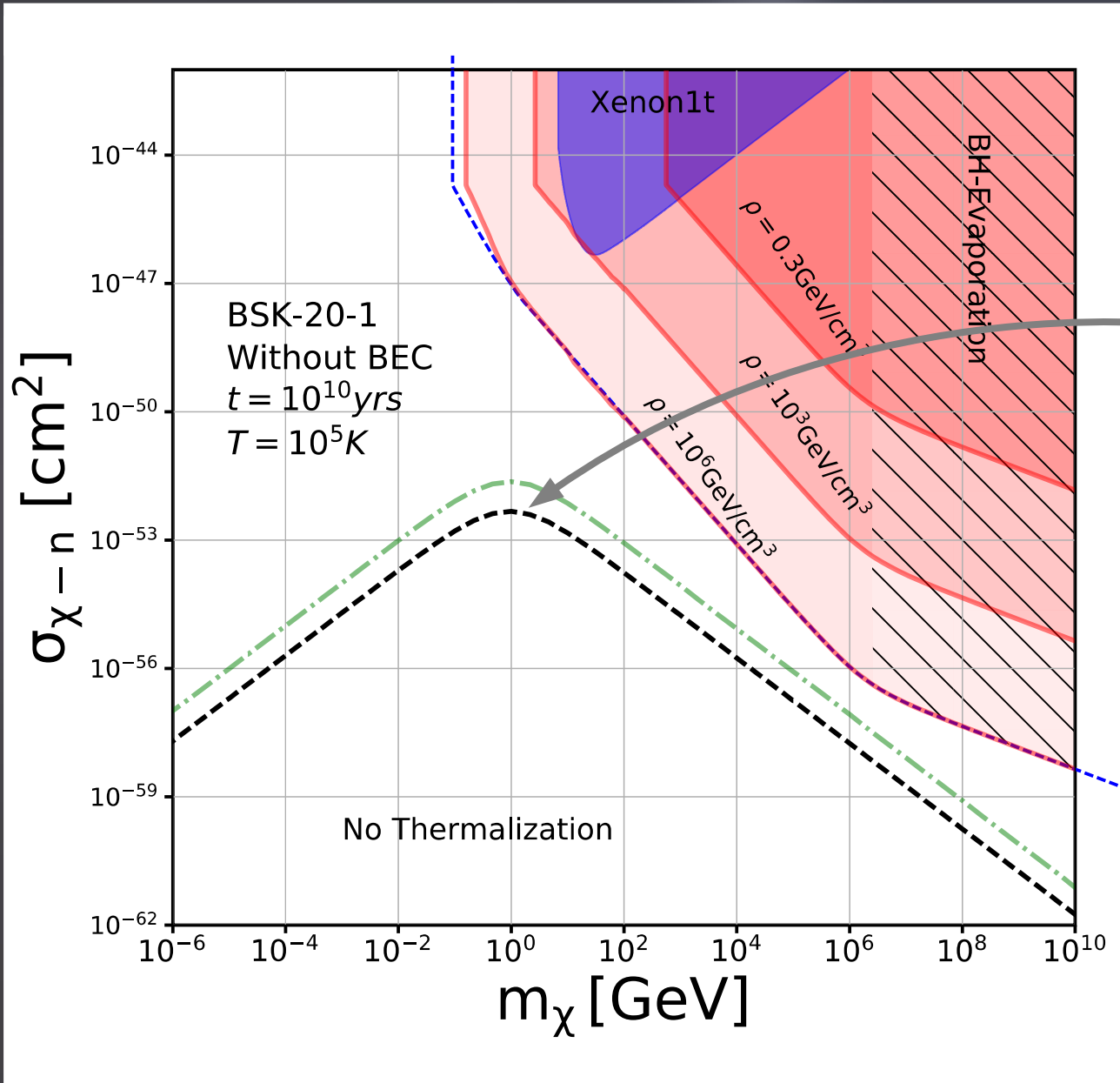
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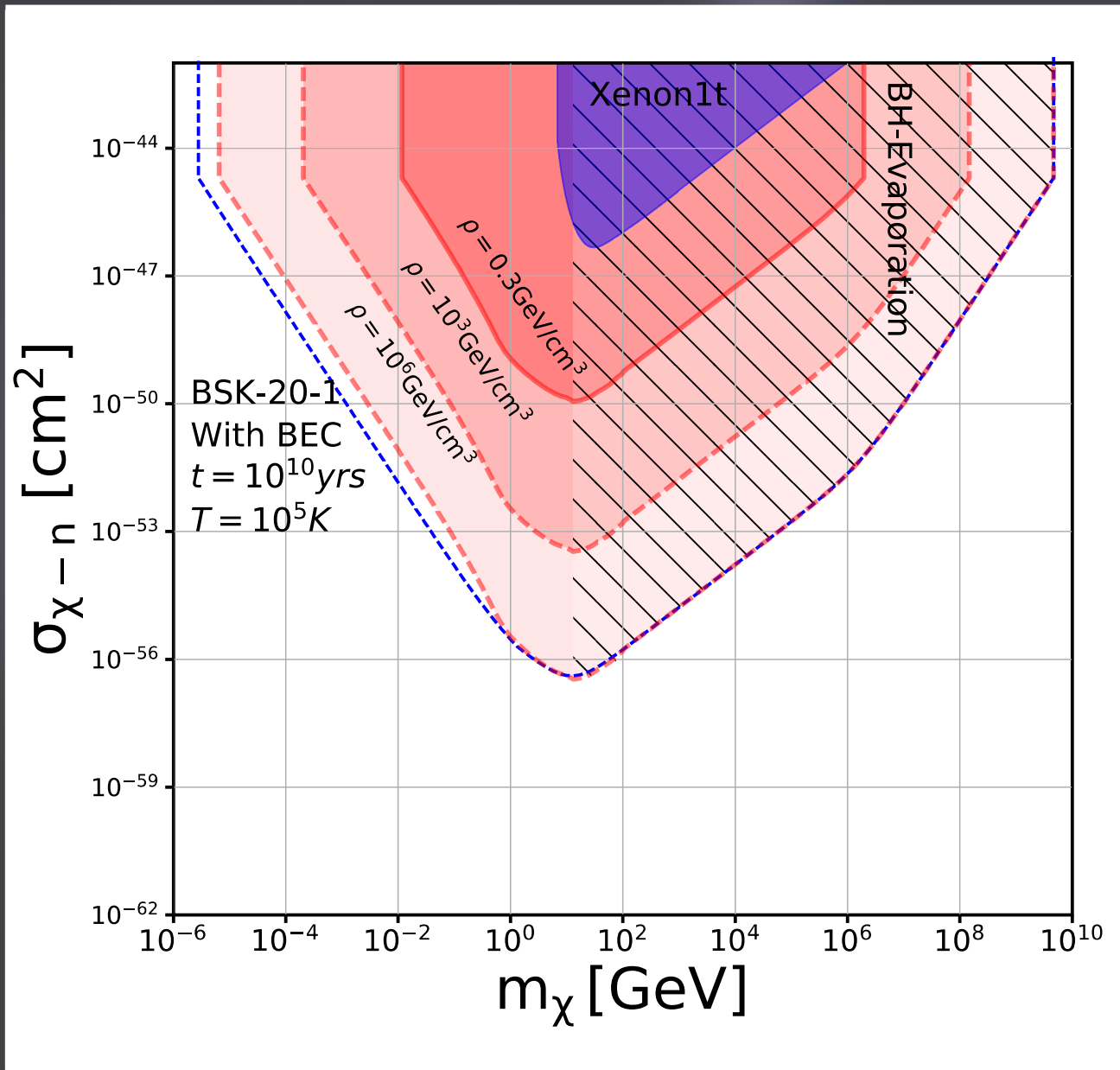


Novel Thermalisation bound

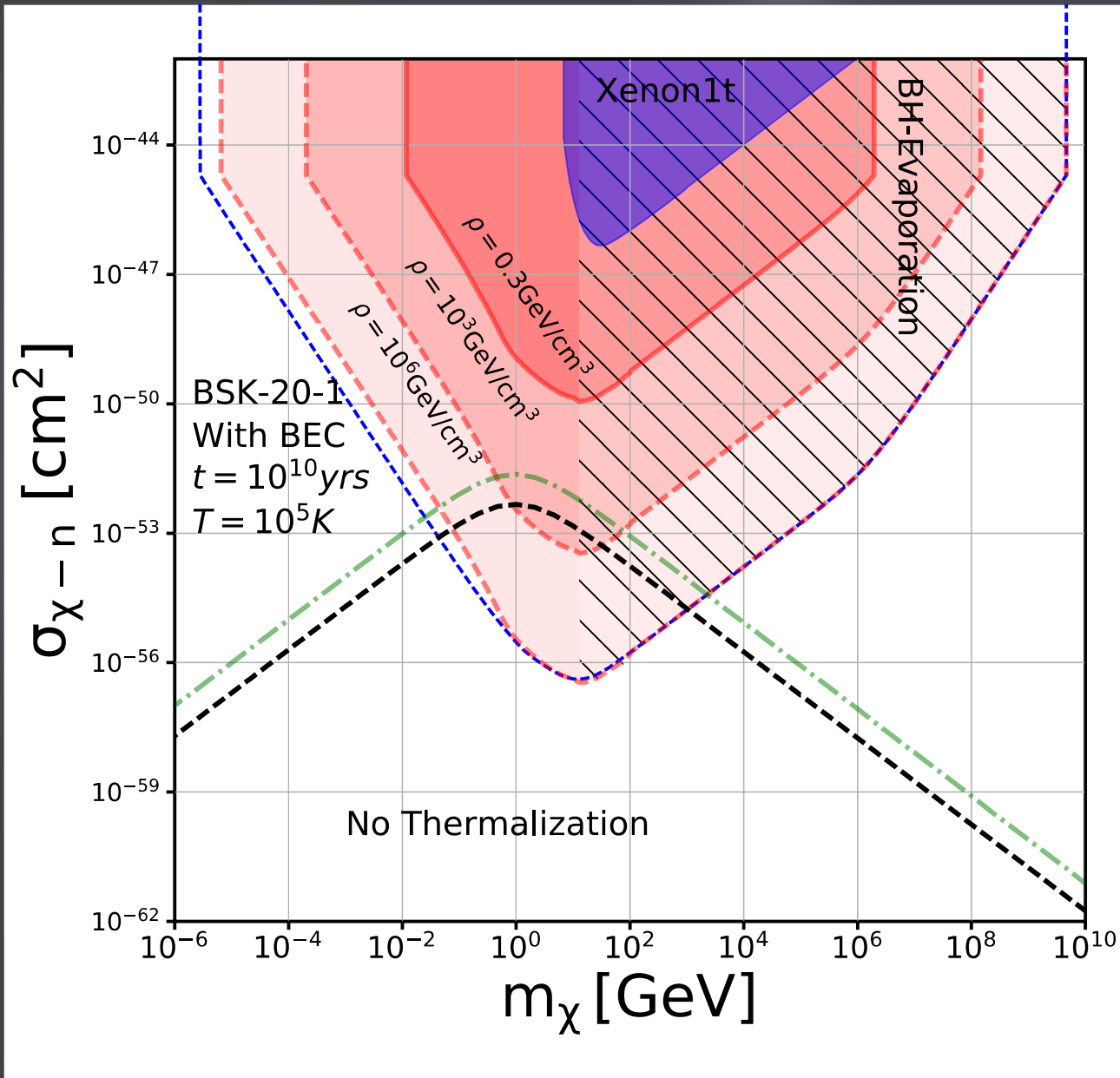


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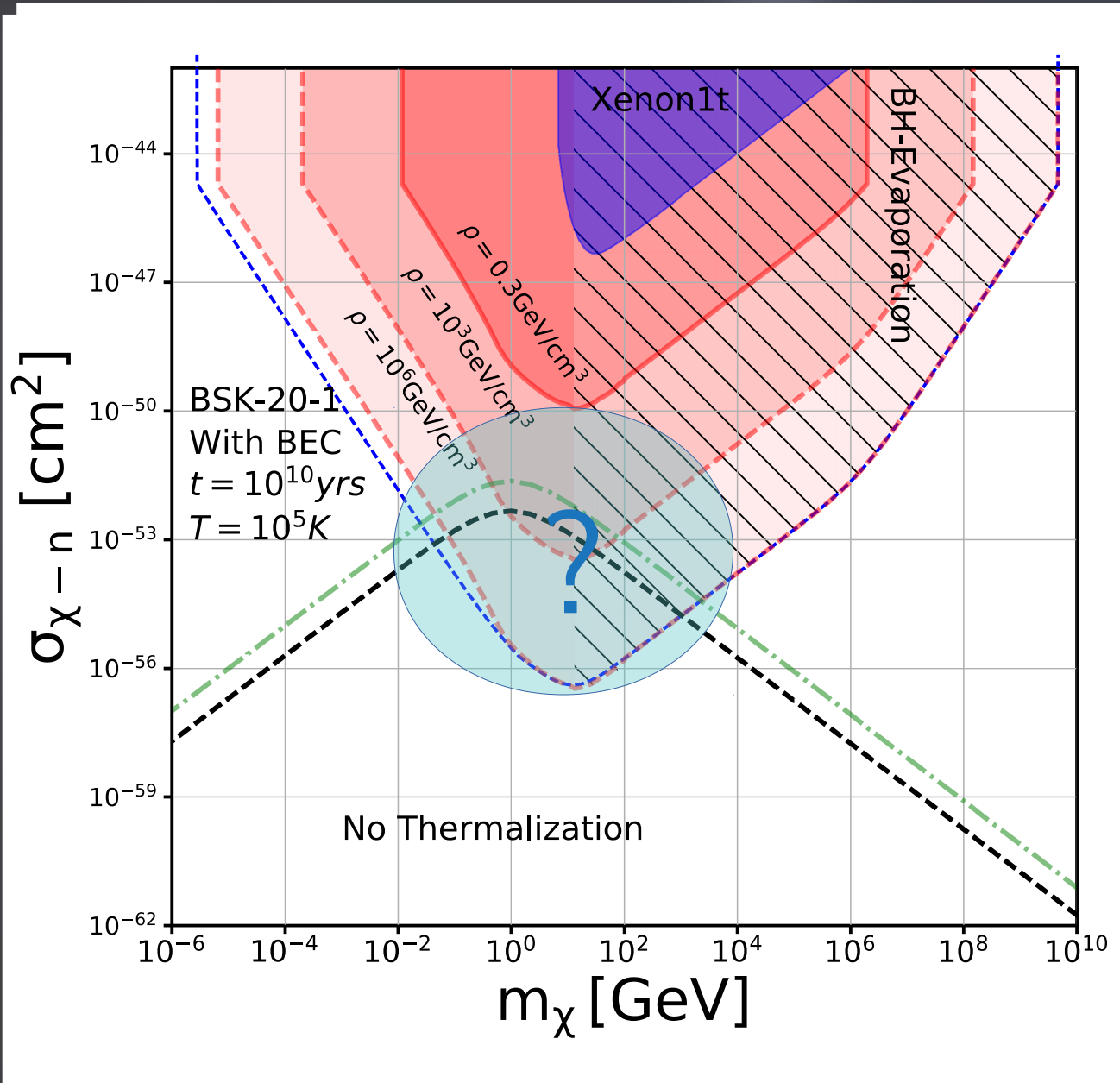
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The limits do not hold in the « No thermalisation » region



For larger cross-sections, a larger amount of DM is accreted and a sufficient amount of DM might have thermalized

To go beyond..second **novelty**:

2- Solve the time dependent equation
of DM **energy distribution**.

$$\frac{\partial f_x}{\partial t}(E, t) = \int_E^{+\infty} dE' \frac{d\Gamma}{dE'}(E' \rightarrow E) f_x(E', t) - \Gamma(E) f_x(E, t) + q(E, t)$$

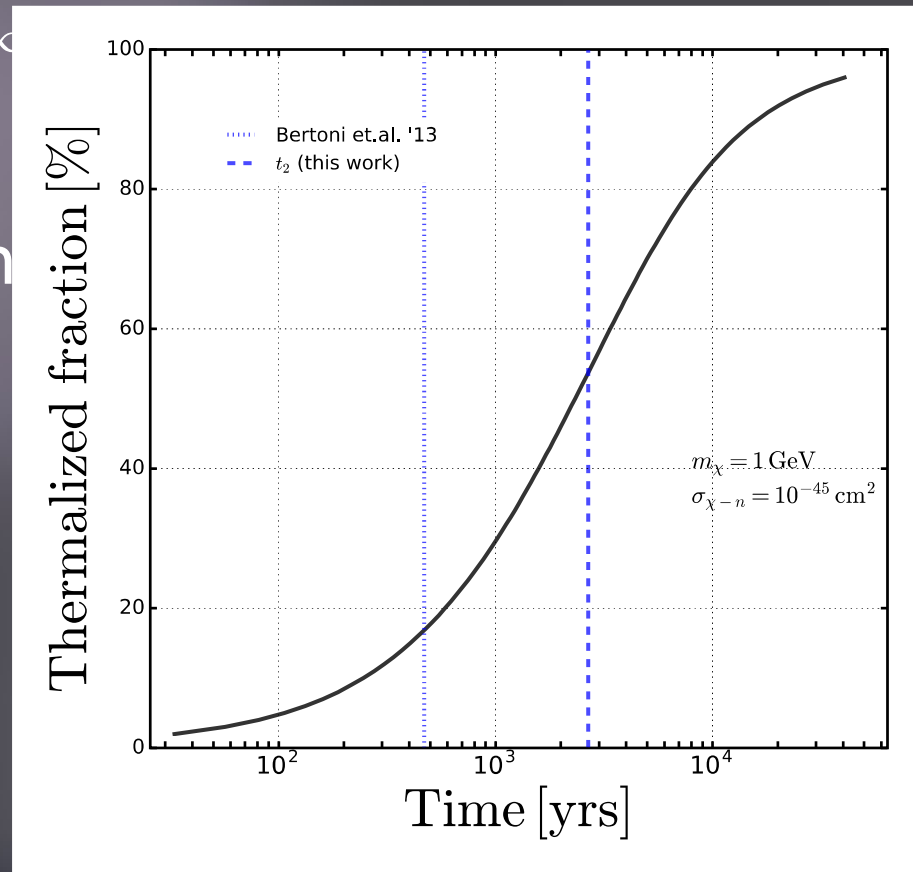
➔ The number of DM particles which have thermalized.

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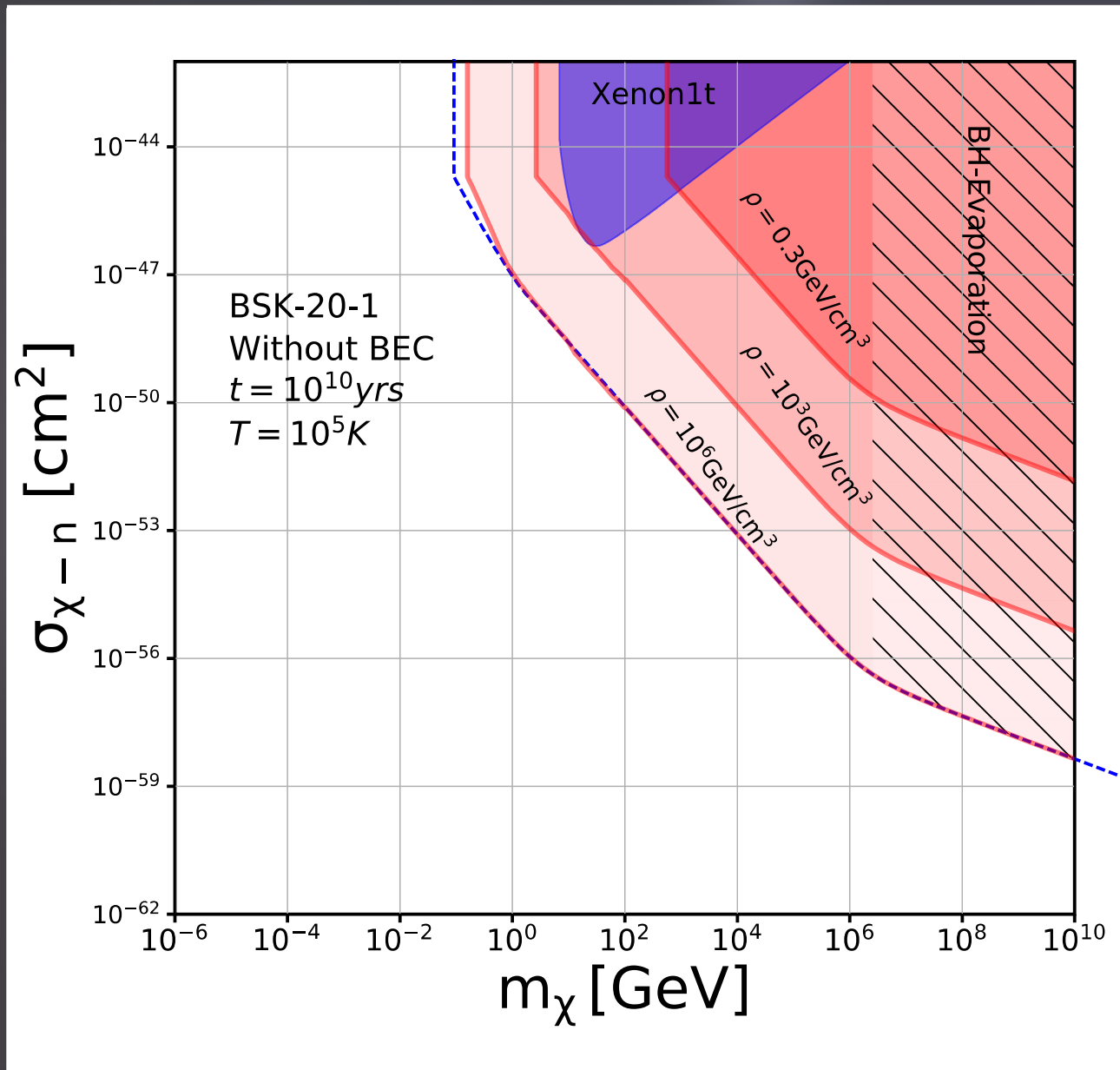
$$\frac{\partial f_\chi(E, t)}{\partial t} = \int_E^{+\infty} \dots$$

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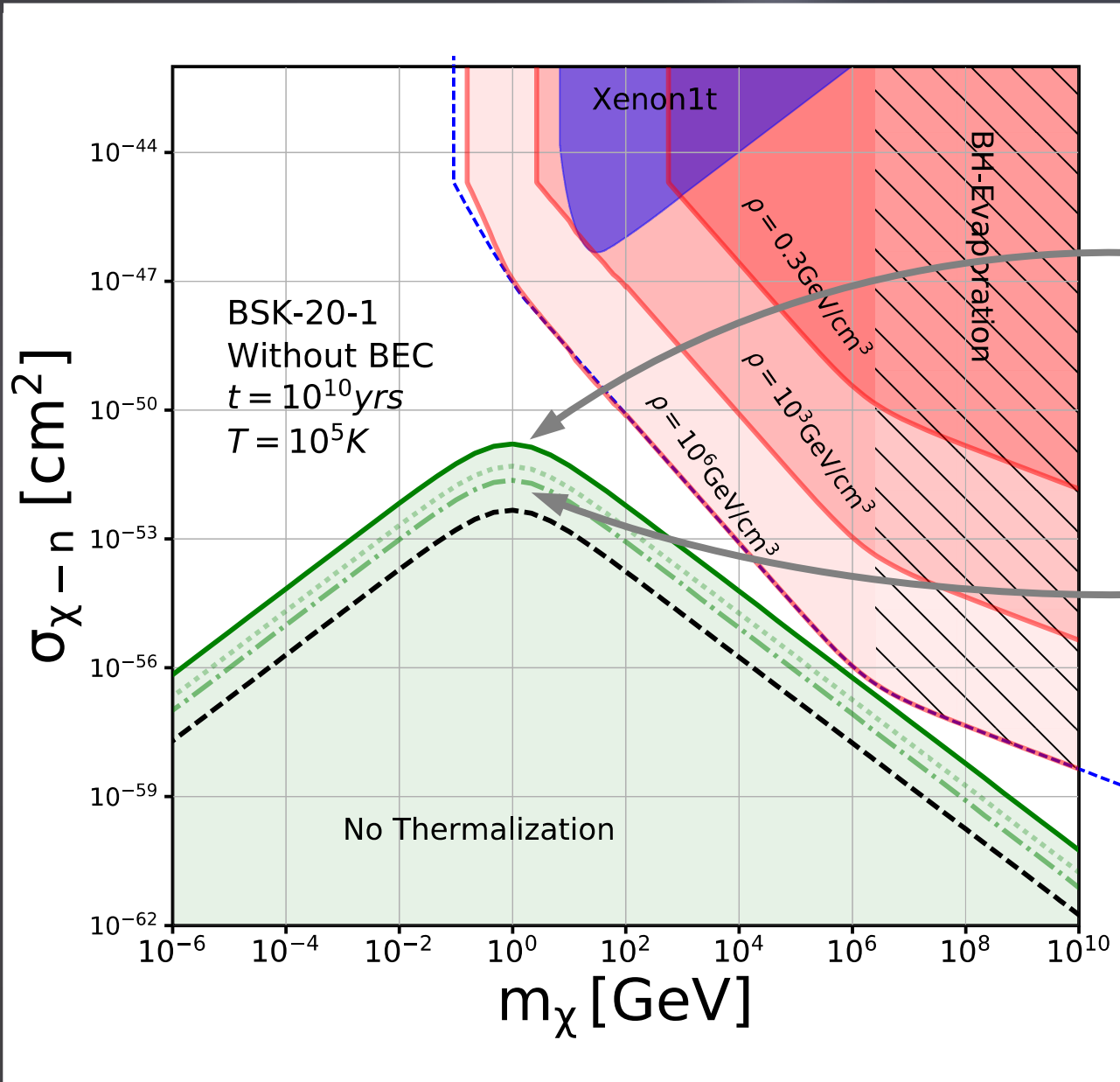


$f_\chi(E, t) + q(E, t)$

are thermalized.



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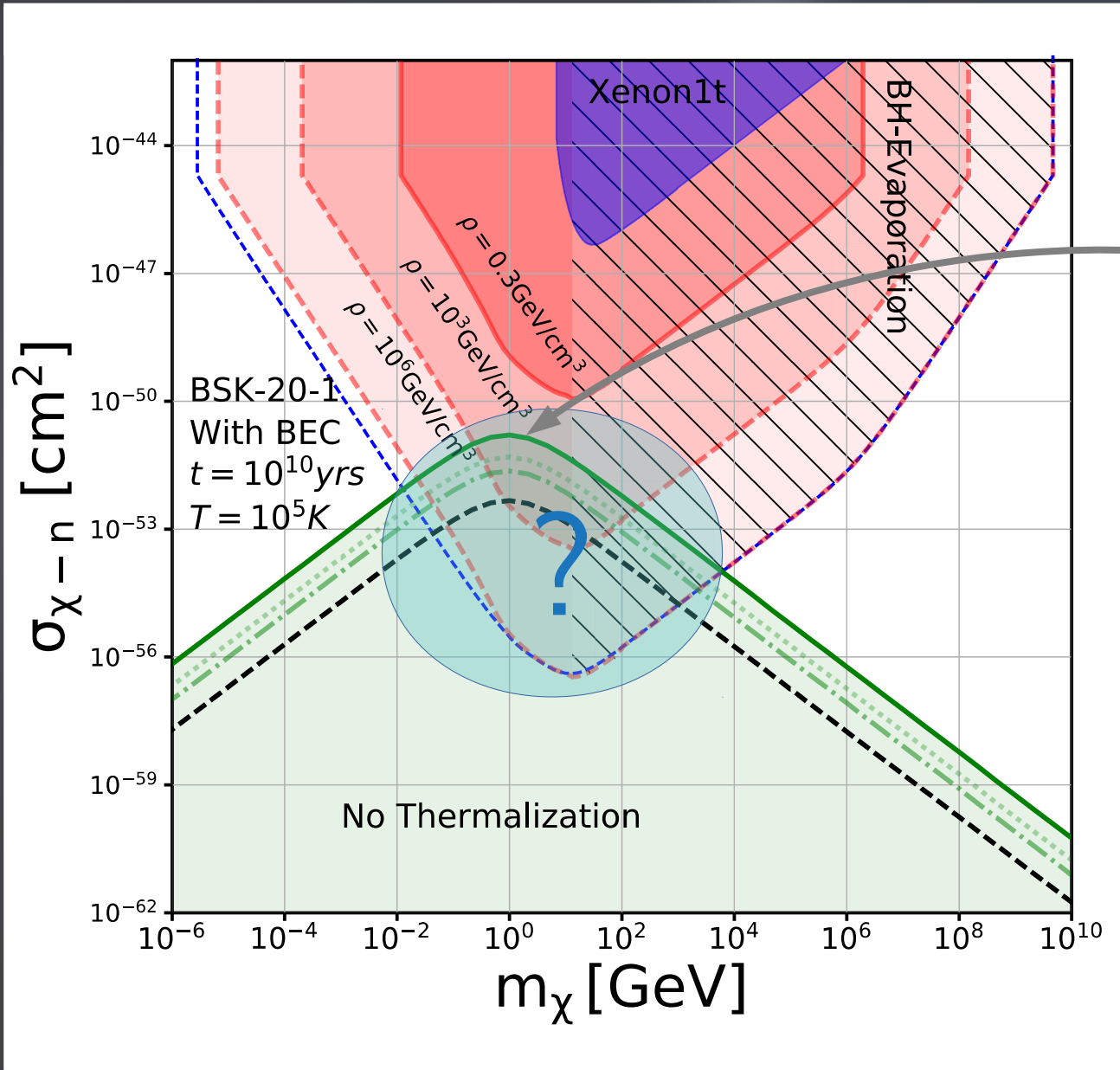


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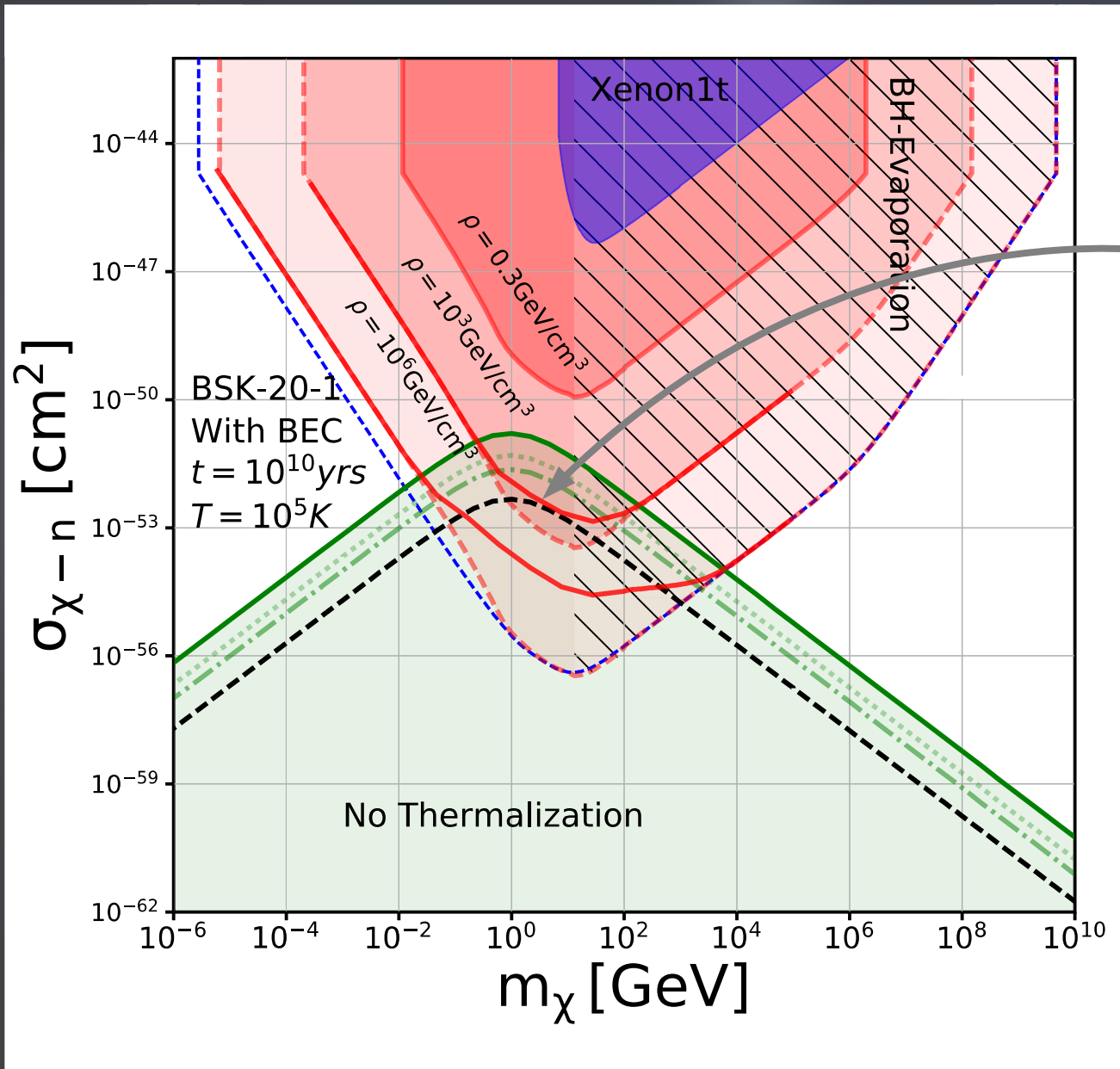
Thermalisation hypothesis OK!

50 % of the particles
In thermal equilibrium



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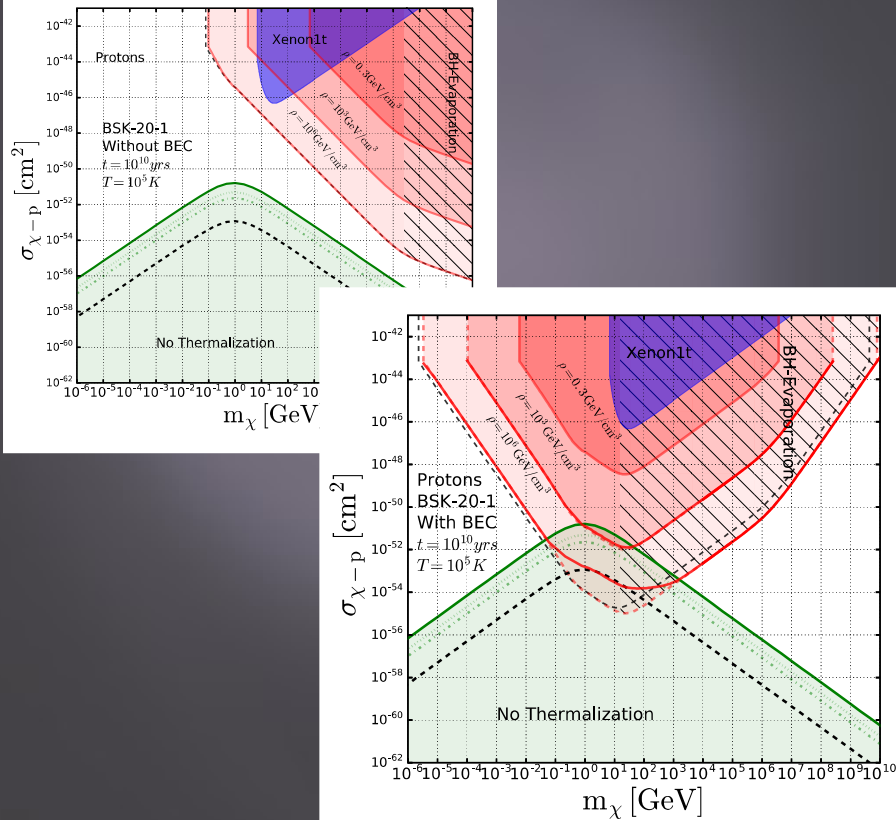
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NEW bounds!

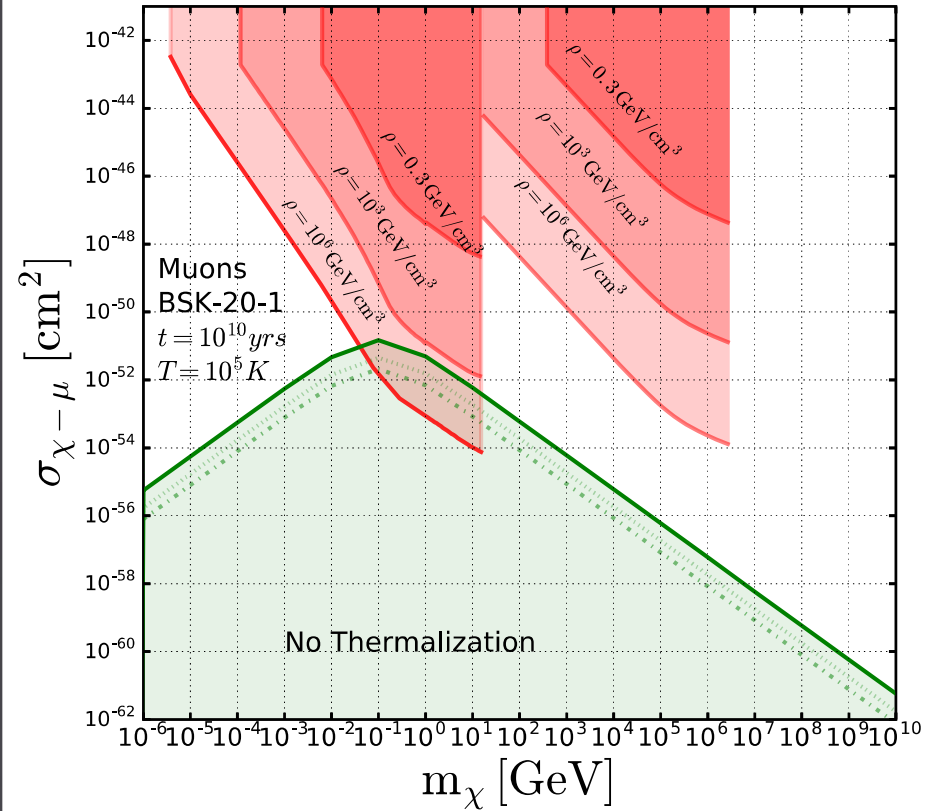
Gain of orders of magnitudes from observations of old NS in dense environment!

IV- More results and conclusion

Consistently with the NS EOS we extend our constraints to the other components ...

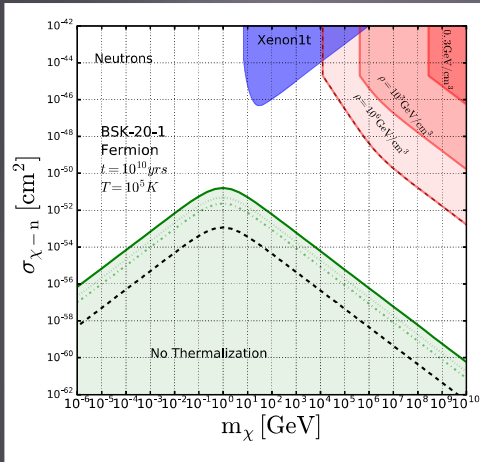


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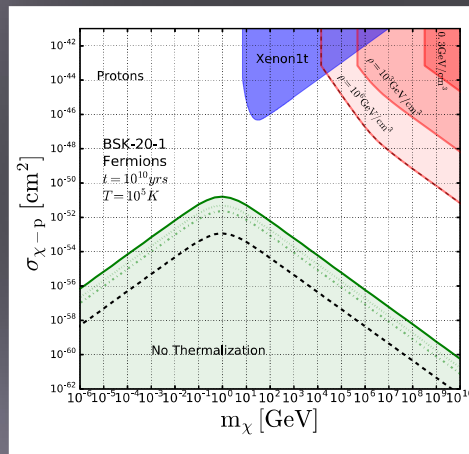


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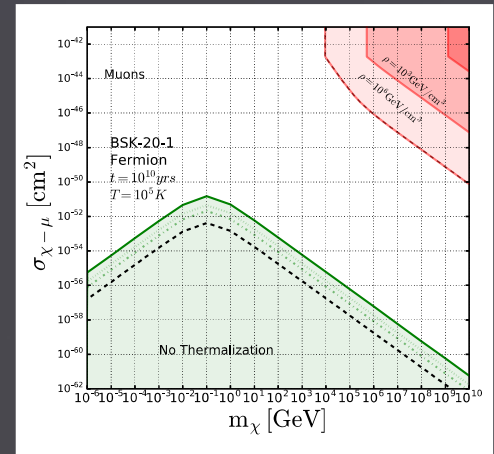
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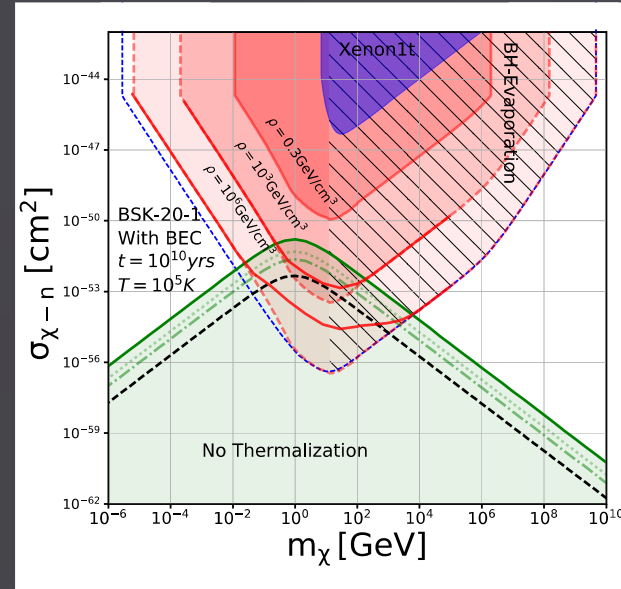
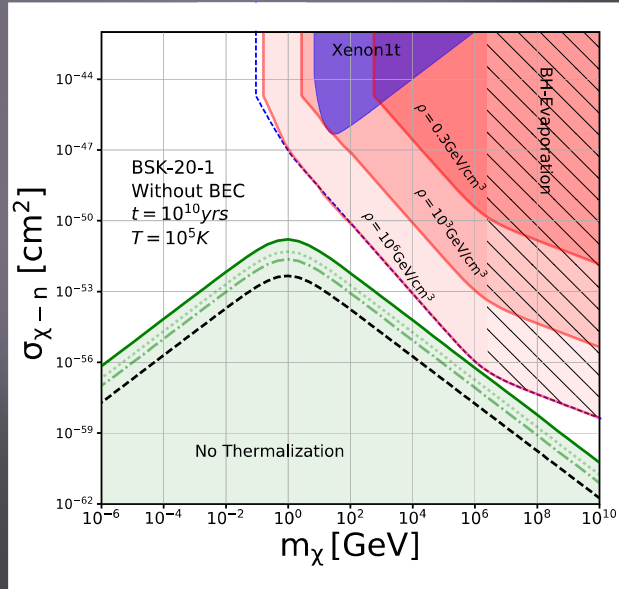
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Conclusion & prospects:

- New formalism for capture, let include realistic NS profiles.
- New Dark Matter constraints, (n, p, mu) & improved treatment of thermalization.
- Robust constraints : tested with several EOS still allowed by data



-Could be a leading mechanism for « Light » black hole formation detected by GW ?