

A flavour of dark flavours

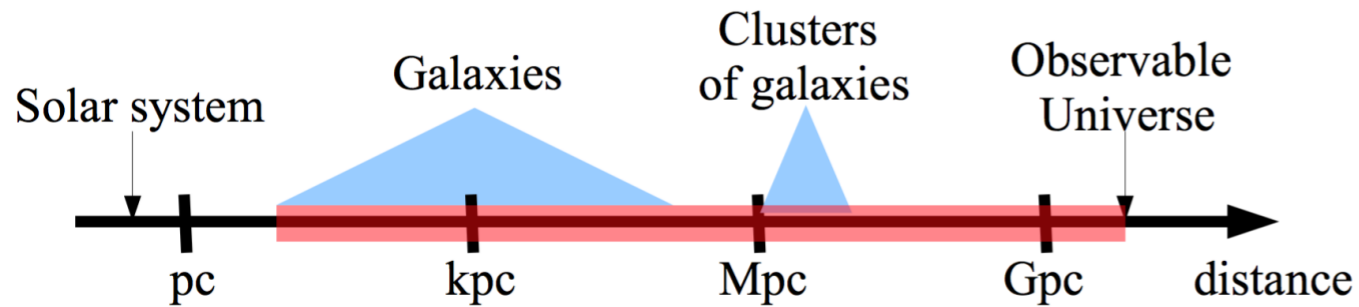
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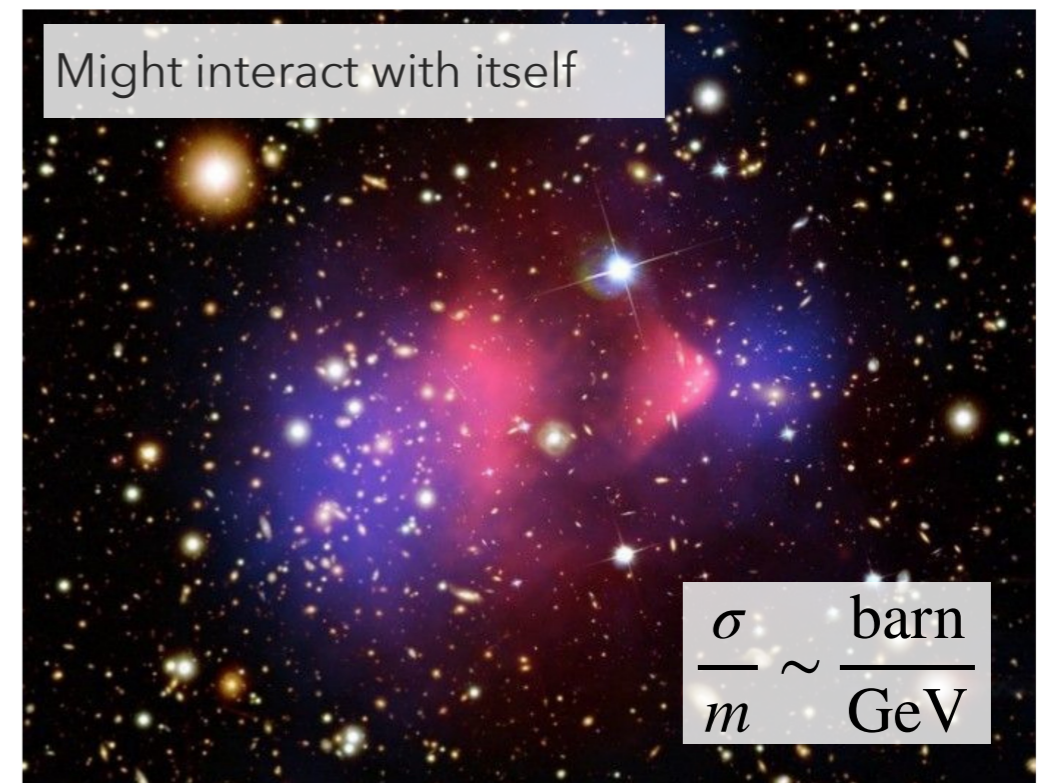
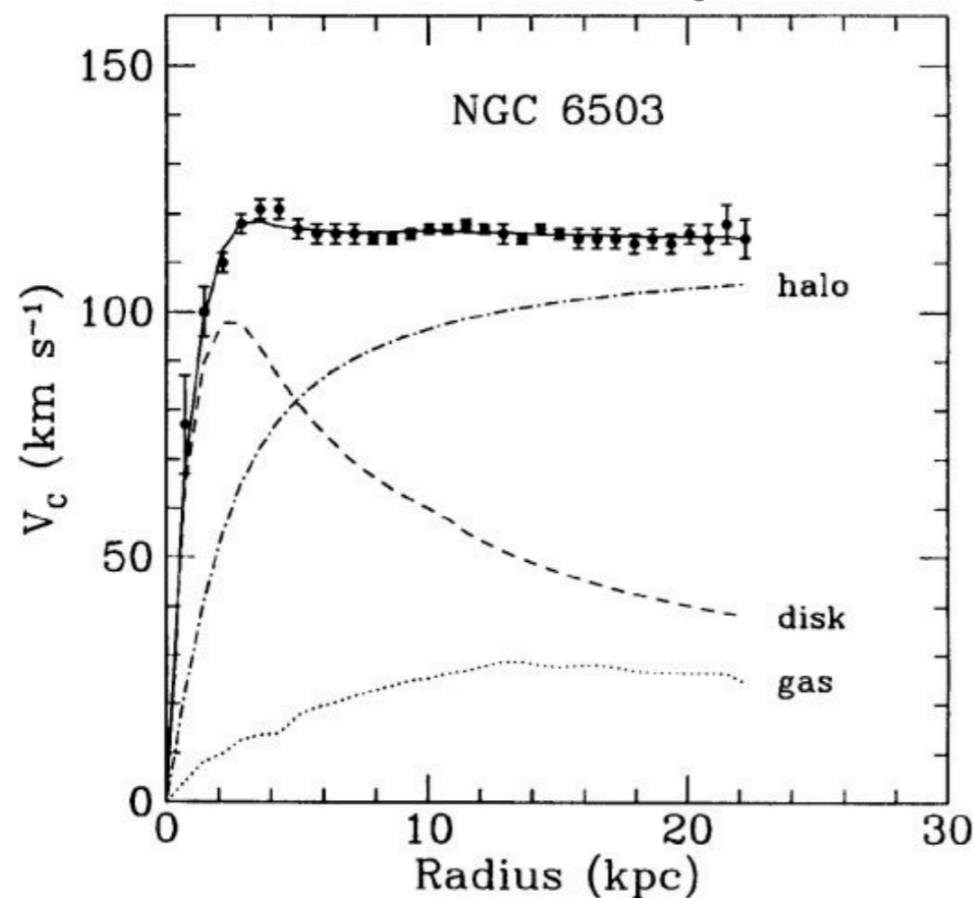
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$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx 0.11$$

- Four times more abundant than visible matter
- Does not directly interact with photons
- Mostly non-relativistic, charge neutral, very long lived/stable
- No such particle in the Standard Model
- No evidence at experiments so far

Diagram from [here](#)



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Solar system

Galaxies

Clusters of galaxies

Observable Universe

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$J = ?$

Mass = ?

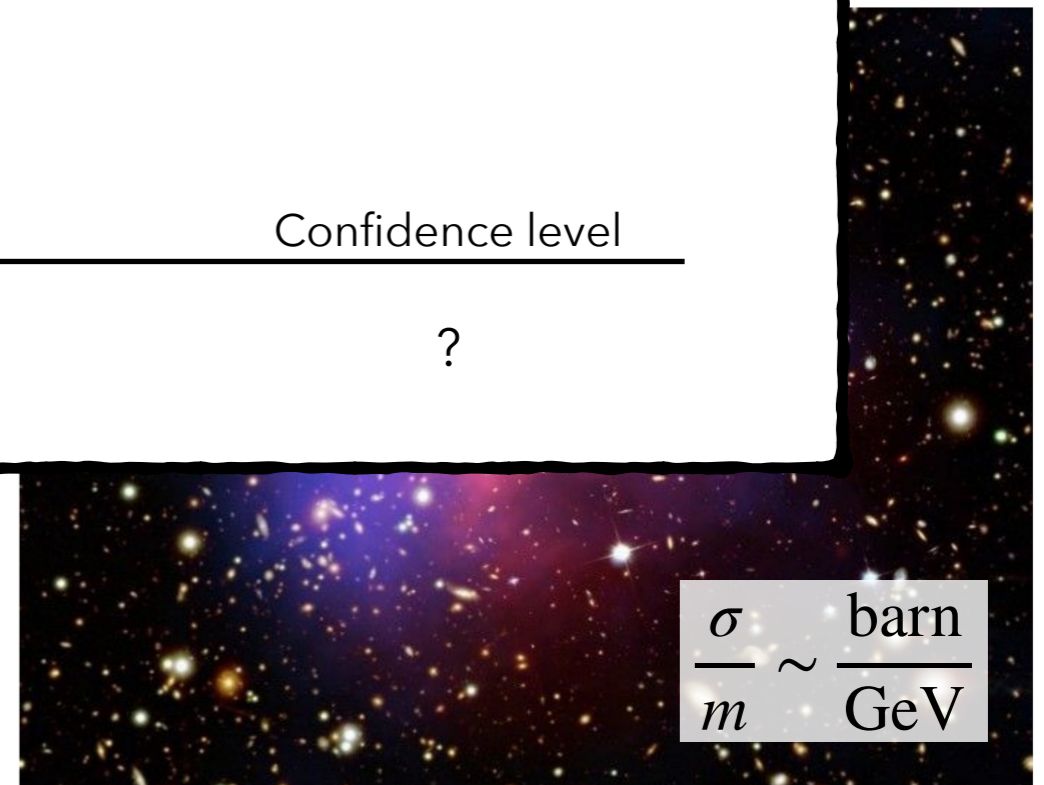
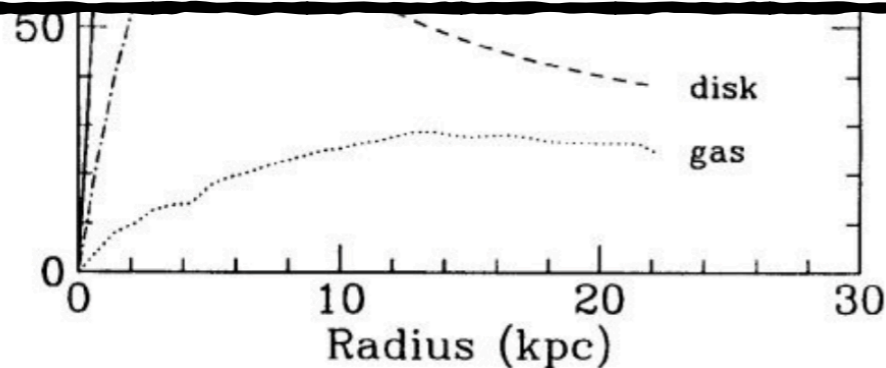
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Mean lifetime = ?

Decay modes

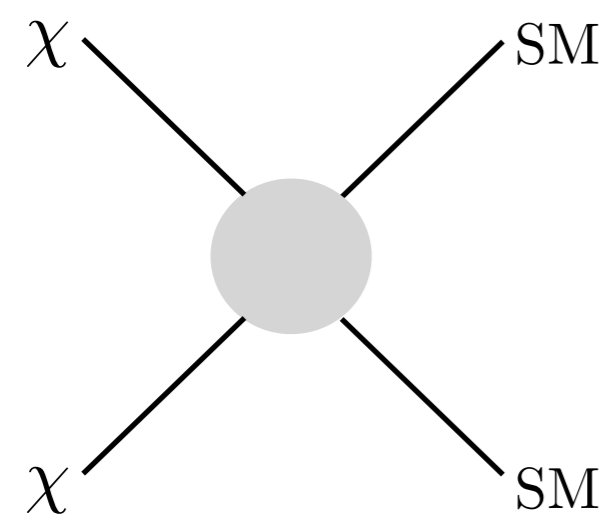
Mode	Fraction	Confidence level
?	?	?

v_c (km s⁻¹)



$$\frac{\sigma}{m} \sim \frac{\text{barn}}{\text{GeV}}$$

Dark matter: connecting to particle physics

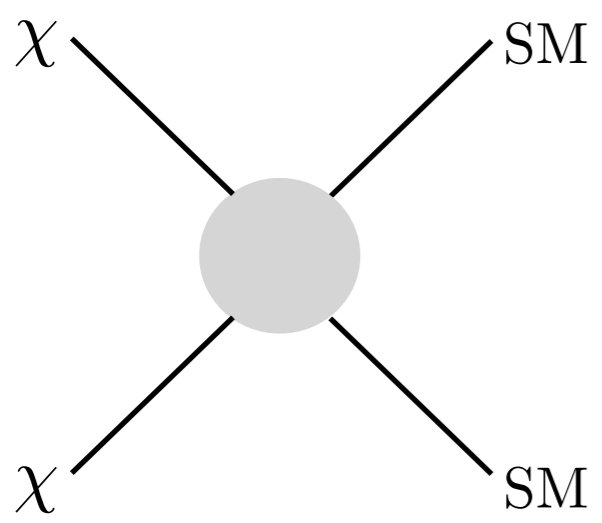


$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim \frac{10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \simeq 0.1 \left(\frac{0.01}{\alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m}{100 \text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$

Weak scale coupling
Weak scale mass

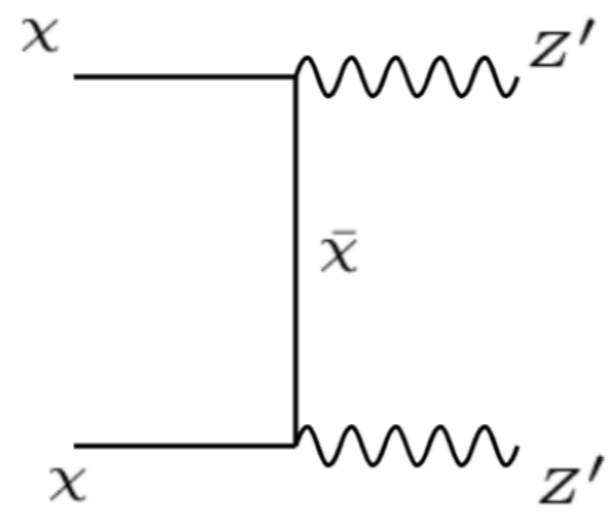
DM relic density mechanism needs a number changing interaction

Too many to add



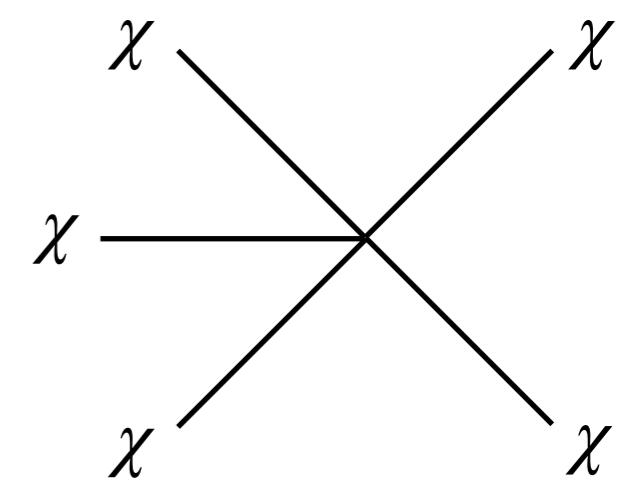
WIMP
 $\mathcal{O}(100) \text{ GeV}$

Refer to original forbidden DM paper
Fitzpatrick et al. arXiv:2011.01240



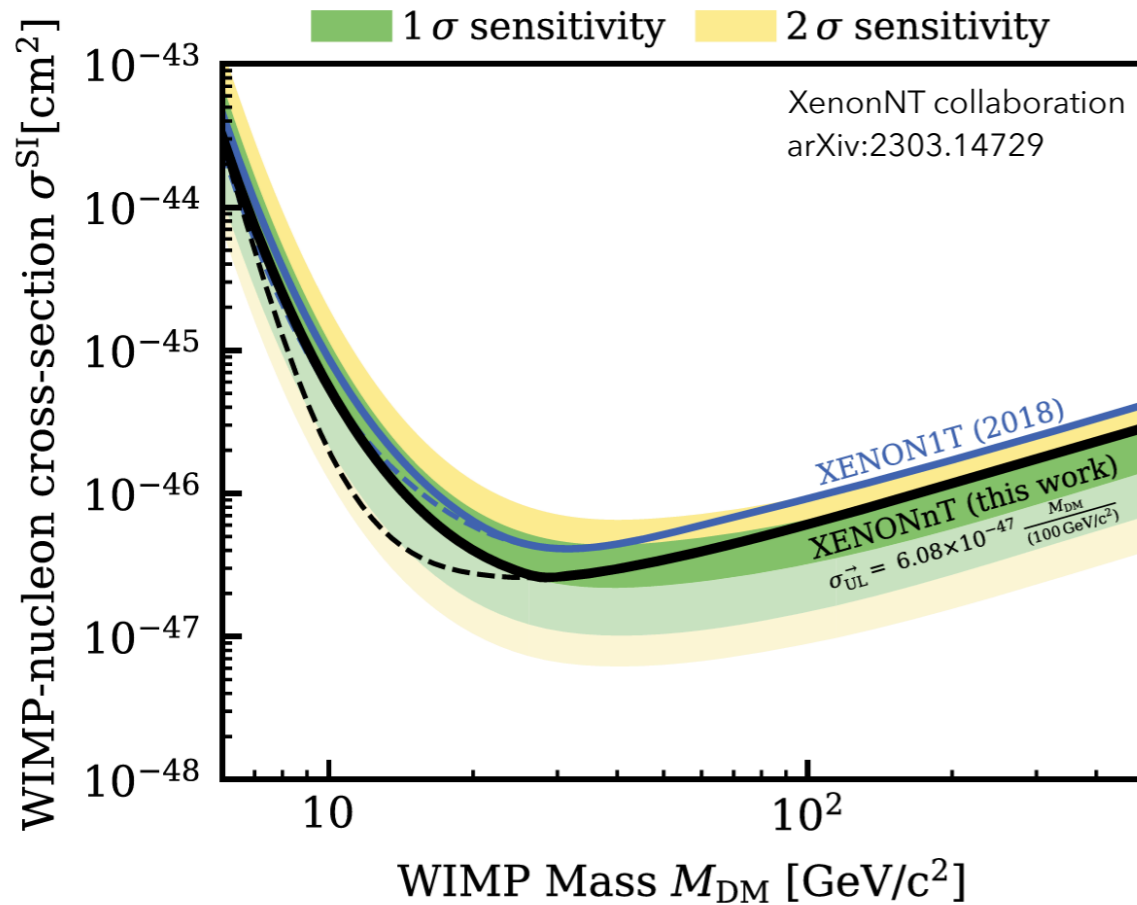
Light mediators
 $\mathcal{O}(1) - \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ GeV}$

Hochberg et al. arXiv:1402.5143



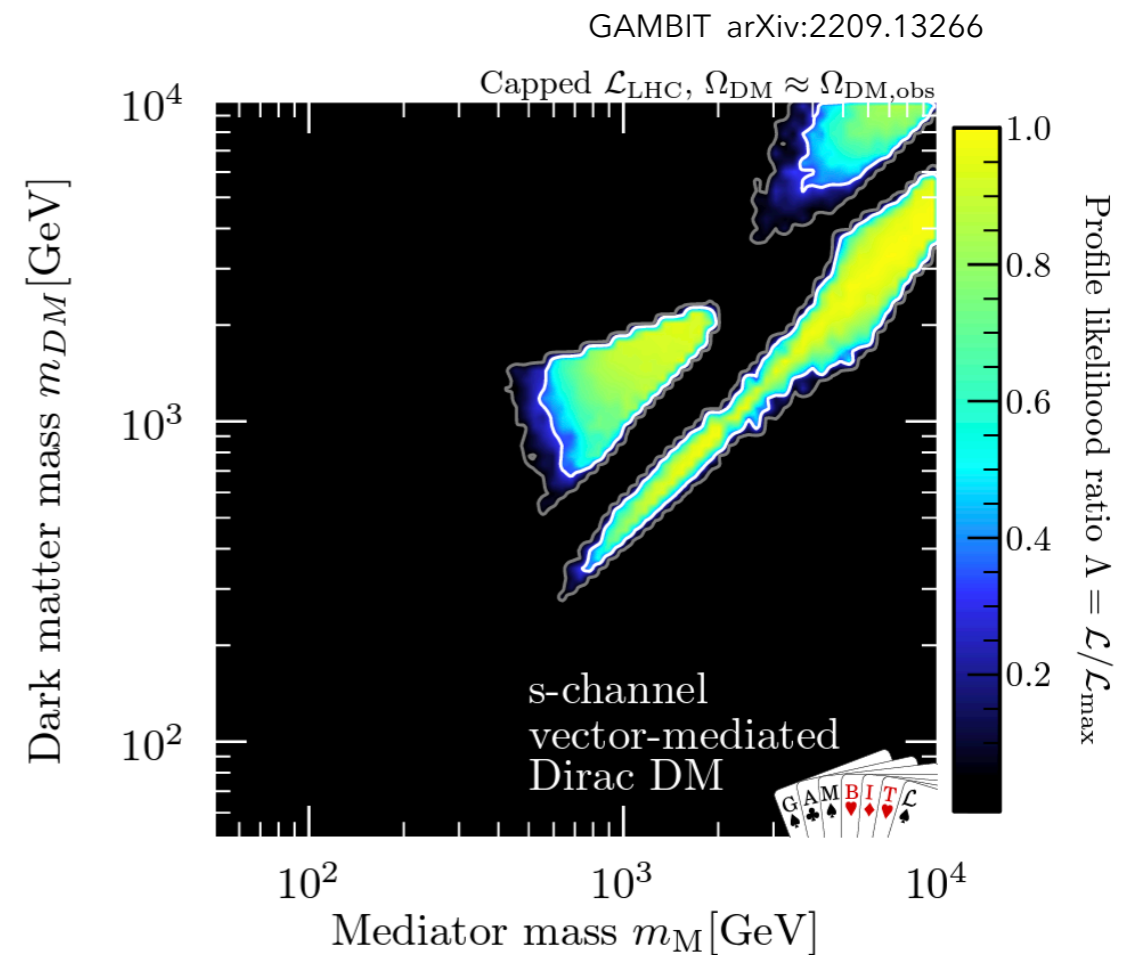
3 \rightarrow 2 annihilations
 $\mathcal{O}(100) \text{ MeV}$

WIMP dark matter

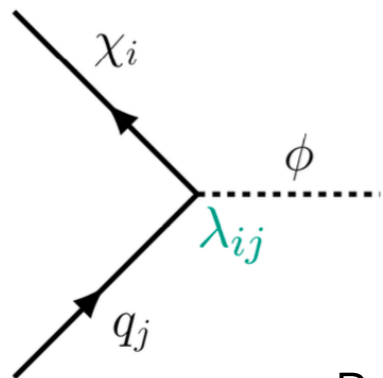
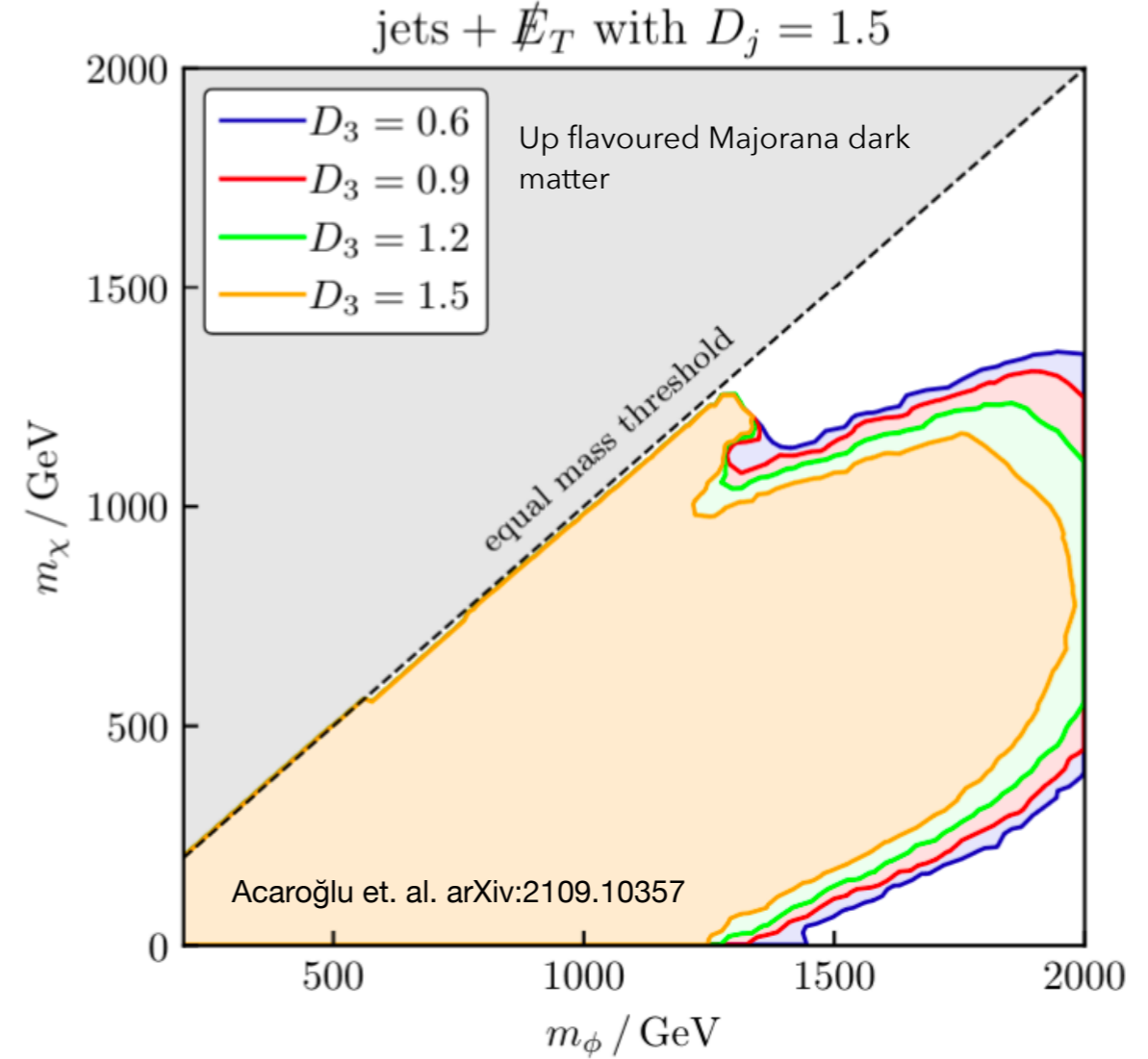
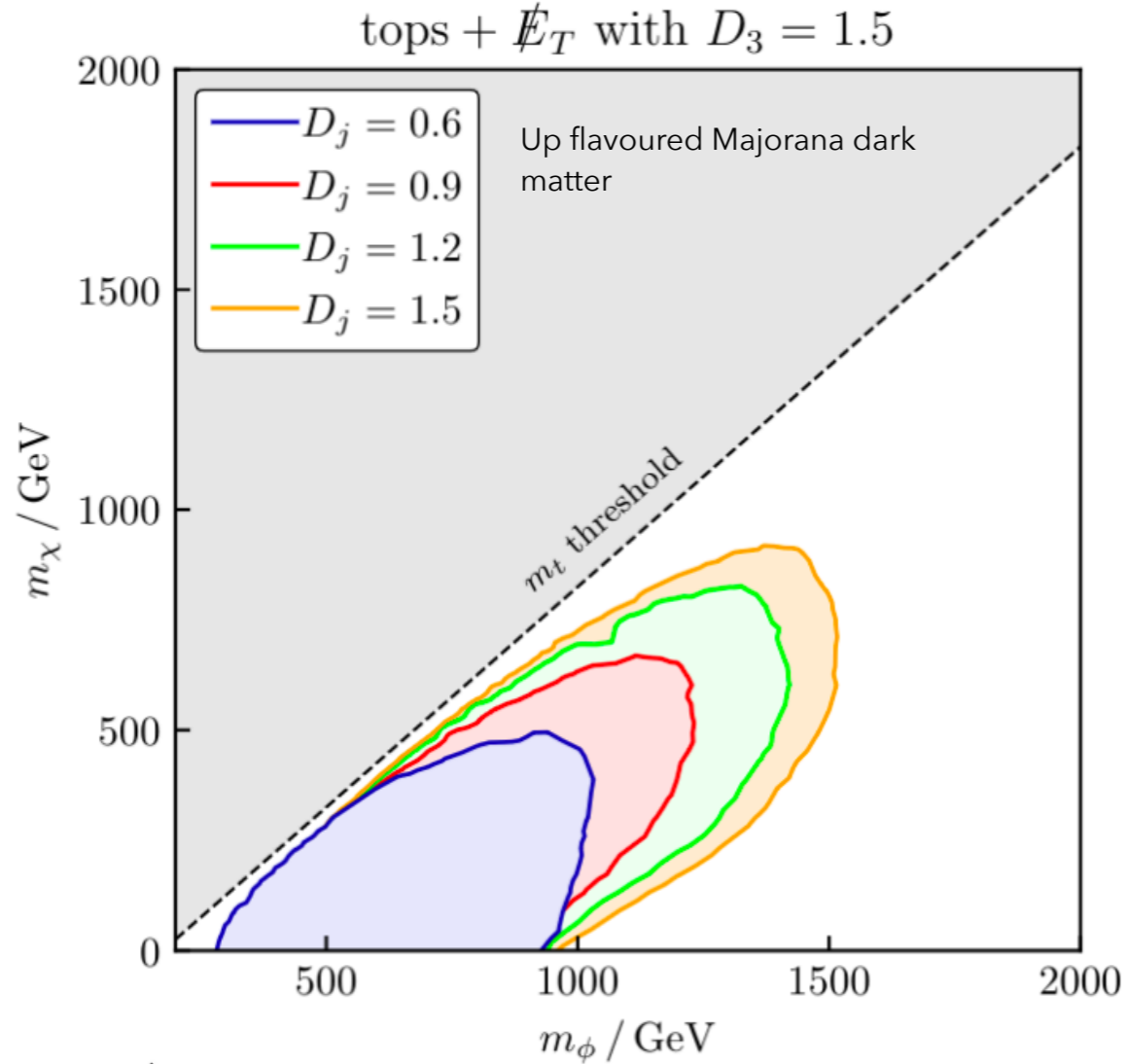


- Global fits performed by taking into account collider, direct detection and indirect detection constraints
- For simplest WIMP DM, the scales are pushed higher

- Limits on Spin-Independent DM - nucleus scattering are being pushed to neutrino floor



Flavoured DM



χ_3 DM candidate, λ_{ij} new CP and flavour violation

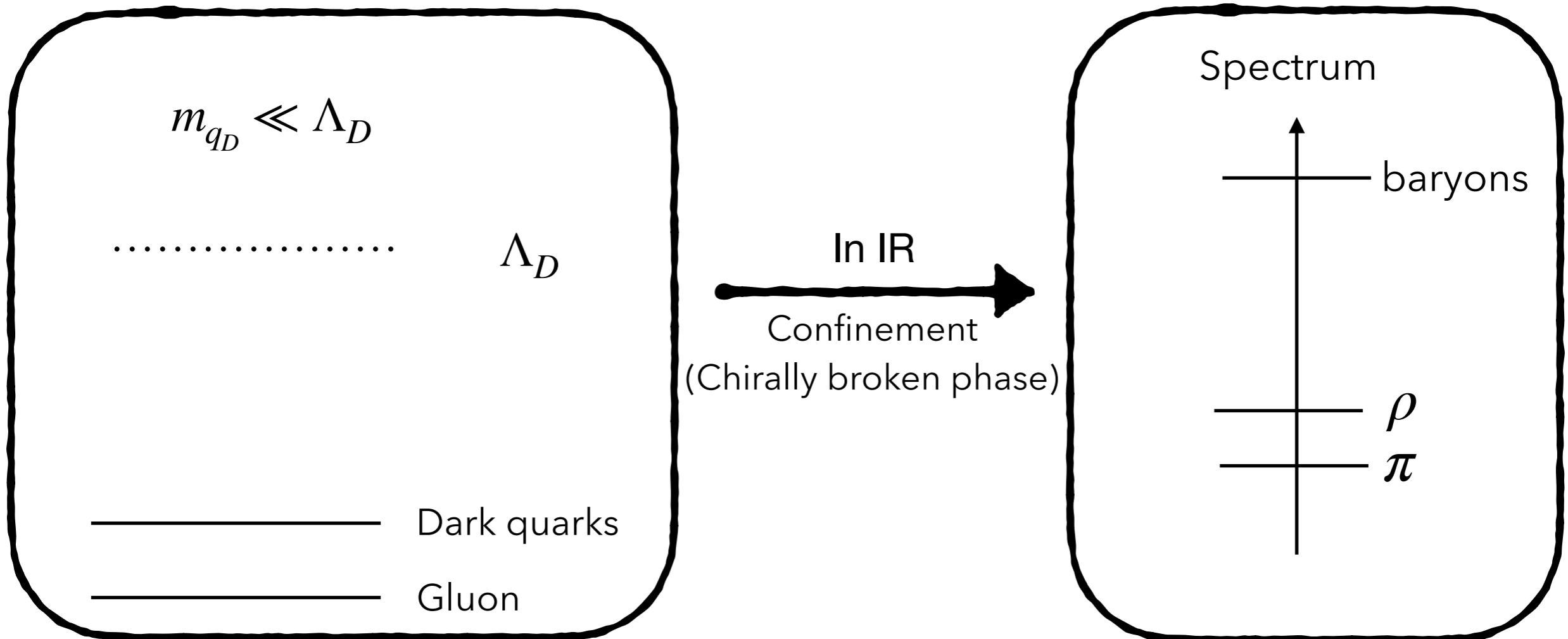
- Relic density generation mechanisms depend on mass scales of χ_i
- Unexplored signatures include same-sign tops from Majorana DM

Acaroğlu et. al. arXiv:2312.09274

Towards dark flavours



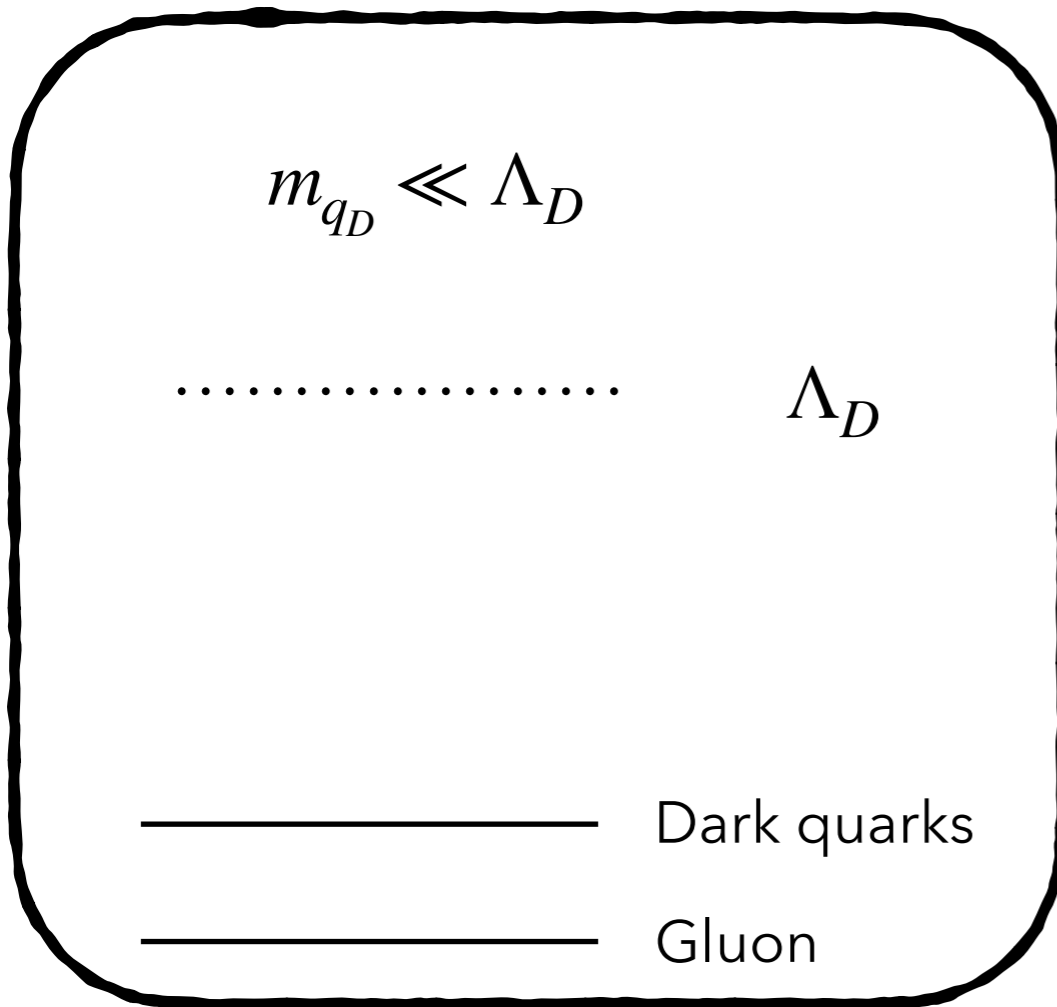
Dark flavoured dark matter



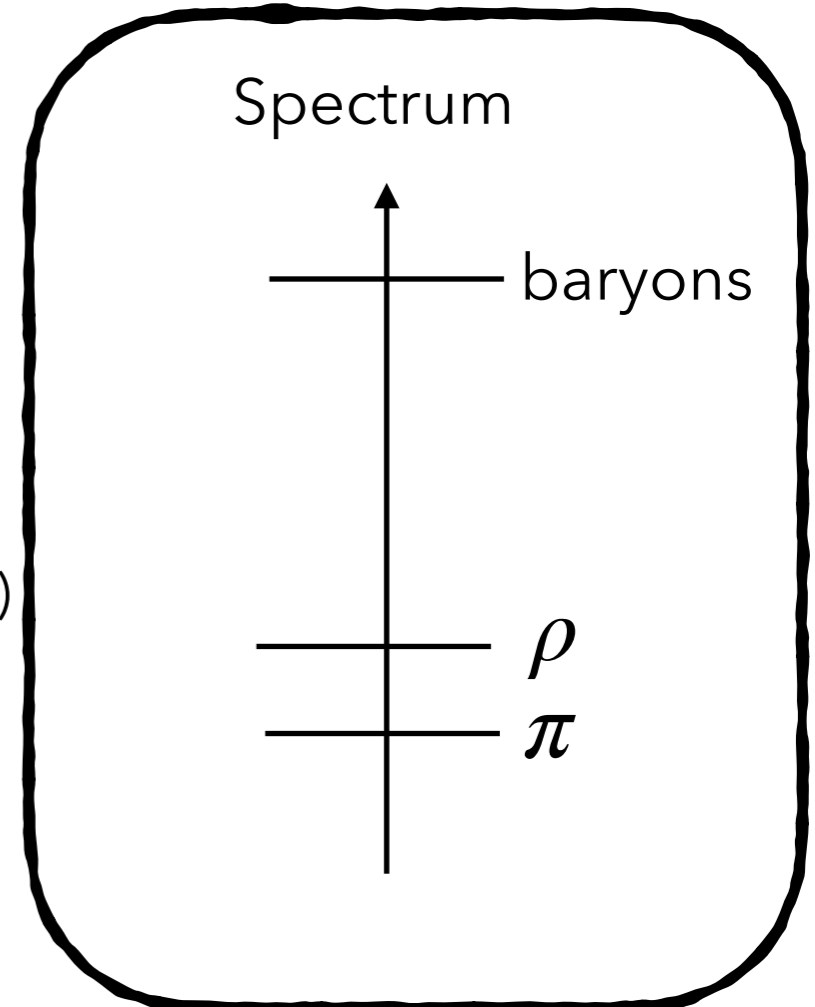
- If this is the reality of nature how do we look for it?
- Interesting scenarios due to possibility to obtain dark matter
- Generically known as (confining) Hidden Valleys or darkshowers/darkjets or SIMPs (for DM)

Strassler hep-ph/0607160

Dark flavoured dark matter



In IR
 Confinement
 (Chirally broken phase)



UV physics contains

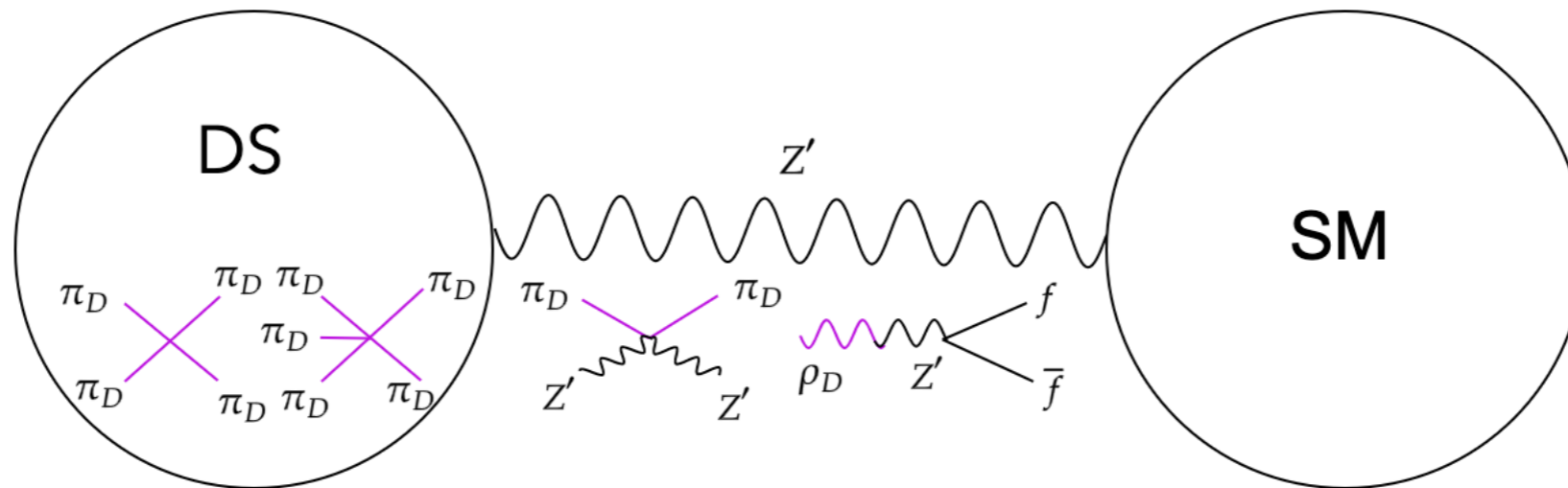
- Gauge fields (gluons)
- Matter fields i.e. Dirac/Majorana fermions, Scalars (in representation N_r)
- This talk: **mass degenerate** Dirac fermions in fundamental representation

- Two discrete parameters N_{c_D}, N_{f_D}
- Two continuous parameters $m_{q_D}, \alpha_D(\mu)$ (UV)
 - $\Lambda_D, m_{\pi_D}/\Lambda_D$ or $m_{\pi_D}, m_{\pi_D}/m_{\rho_D}$ (IR)
- $N_{c_D} = 2$ and/or $N_{f_D} = 1$ for $SU(N_{c_D})$ special cases
- $N_{f_D} < 3 N_{c_D}$ to be chirally broken

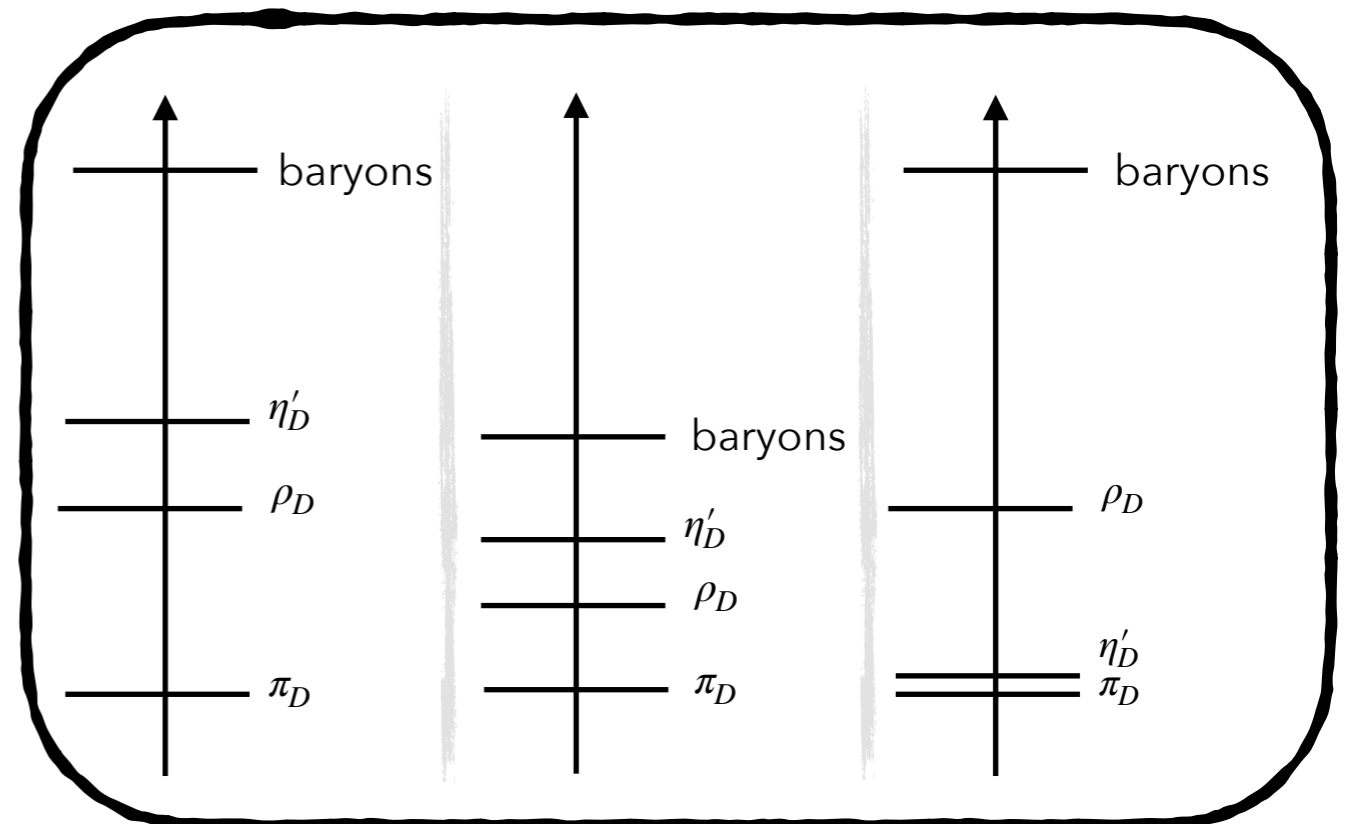
Francis et. al. arXiv:1809.09117,

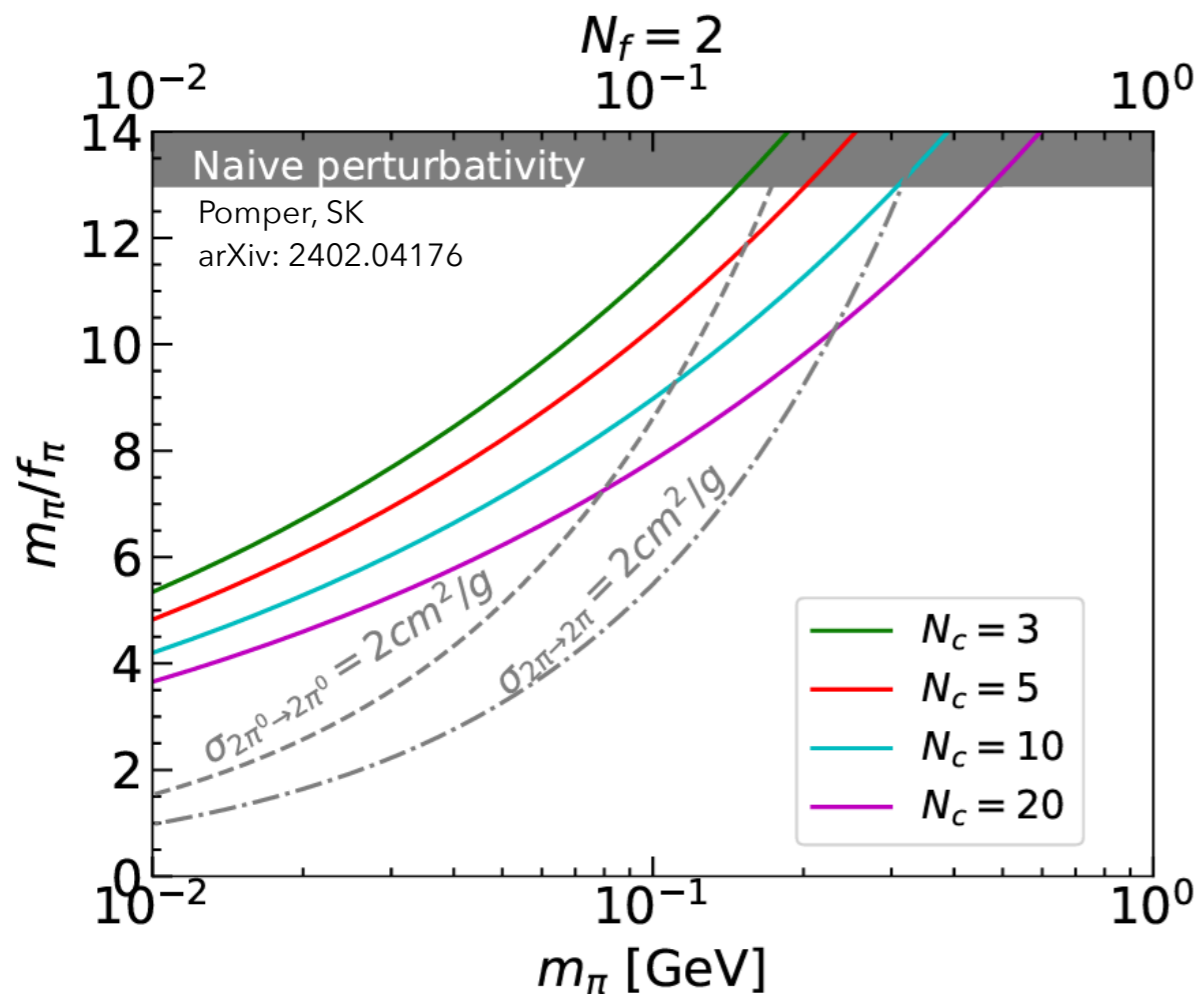
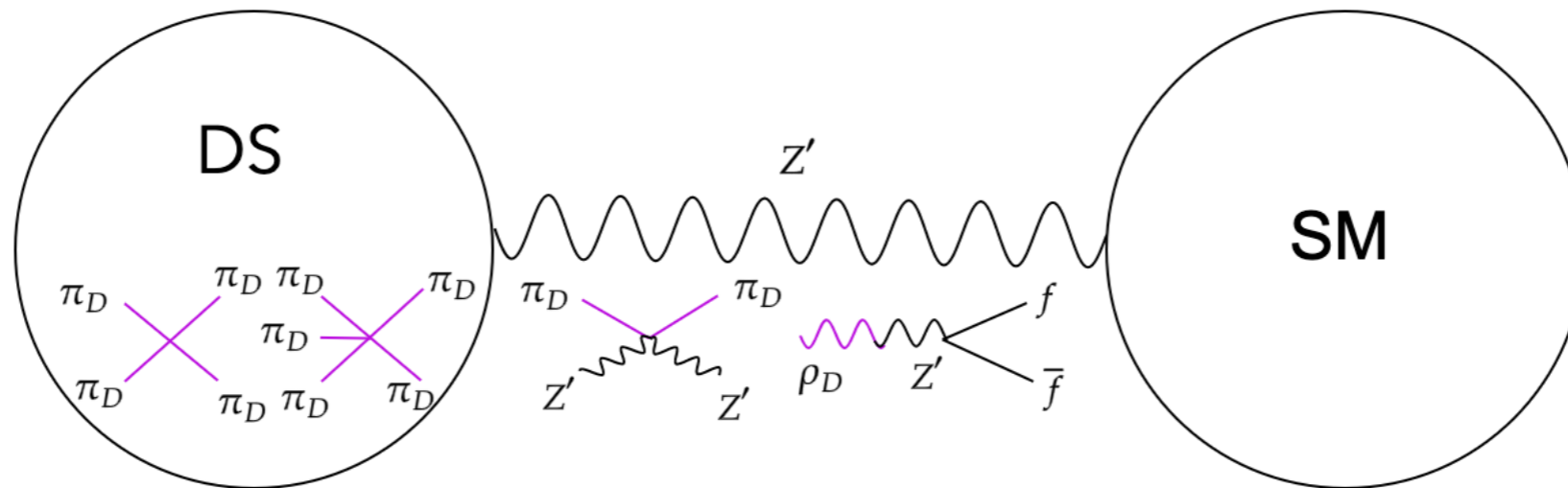
Towards dark flavoured dark matter

Diagram modified from Hochberg et al arXiv:1402.5143



- Novel scenarios
- Cosmologically viable dark matter theories
- New experimental signatures; potential discovery at hand
- Necessitates careful analysis





- Relic density

$$n_{\pi_D} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{3 \rightarrow 2} \sim H \implies \frac{m_{\pi_D}}{f_{\pi_D}} \propto m_{\pi_D}^{3/10}$$

- Self-scattering

$$\frac{\sigma_{\pi_D \pi_D \rightarrow \pi_D \pi_D}}{m_{\pi_D}} \propto \left(\frac{m_{\pi_D}}{f_{\pi_D}} \right)^4 \times \frac{1}{m_{\pi_D}^3}$$

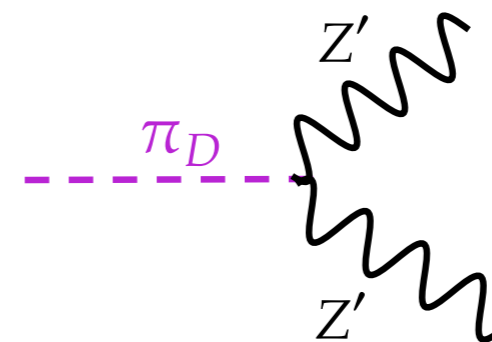
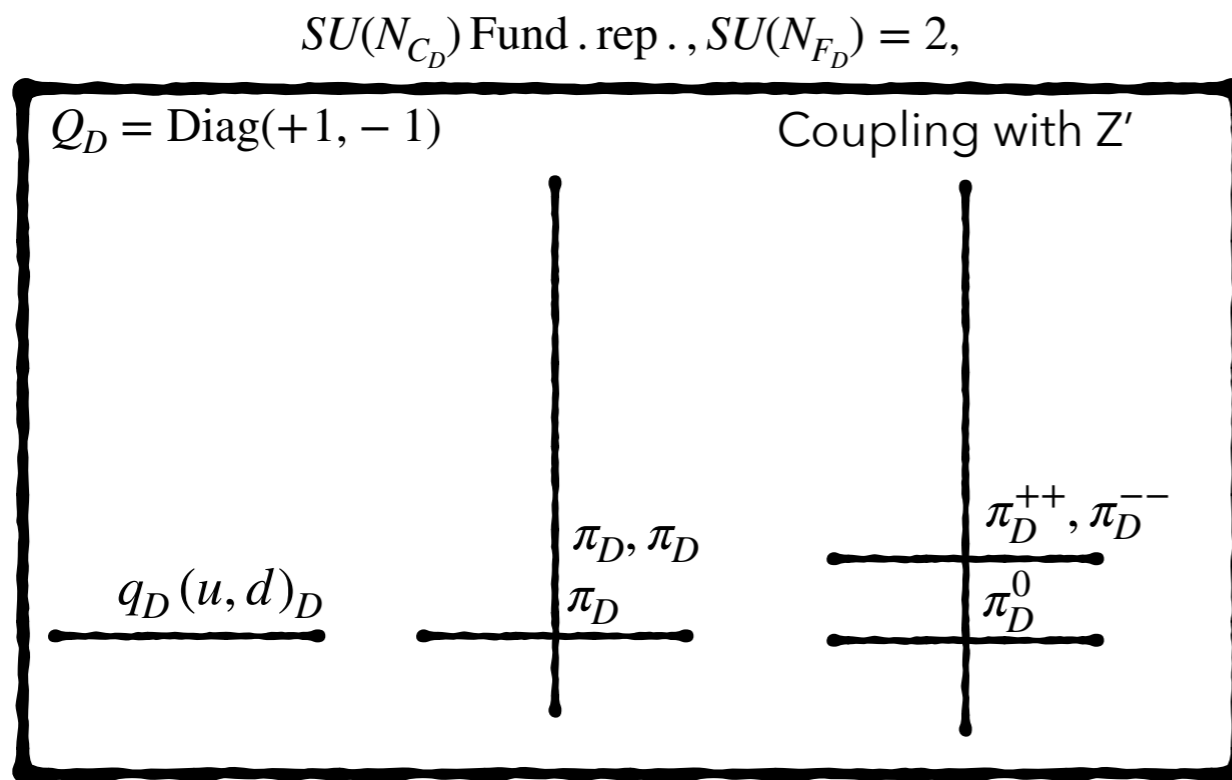
- Needs m_{π_D}/f_{π_D} near perturbative unitarity: uncomfortable for validity of underlying effective theory
- Typically needs large N_{c_D}

Primary obstacles in theory constructions

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- Use accidental symmetries e.g. lightest baryon (proton) is stable in the SM due to baryon number conservation (needs asymmetry in dark sector)
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Cline and Perron arXiv:2204.00033



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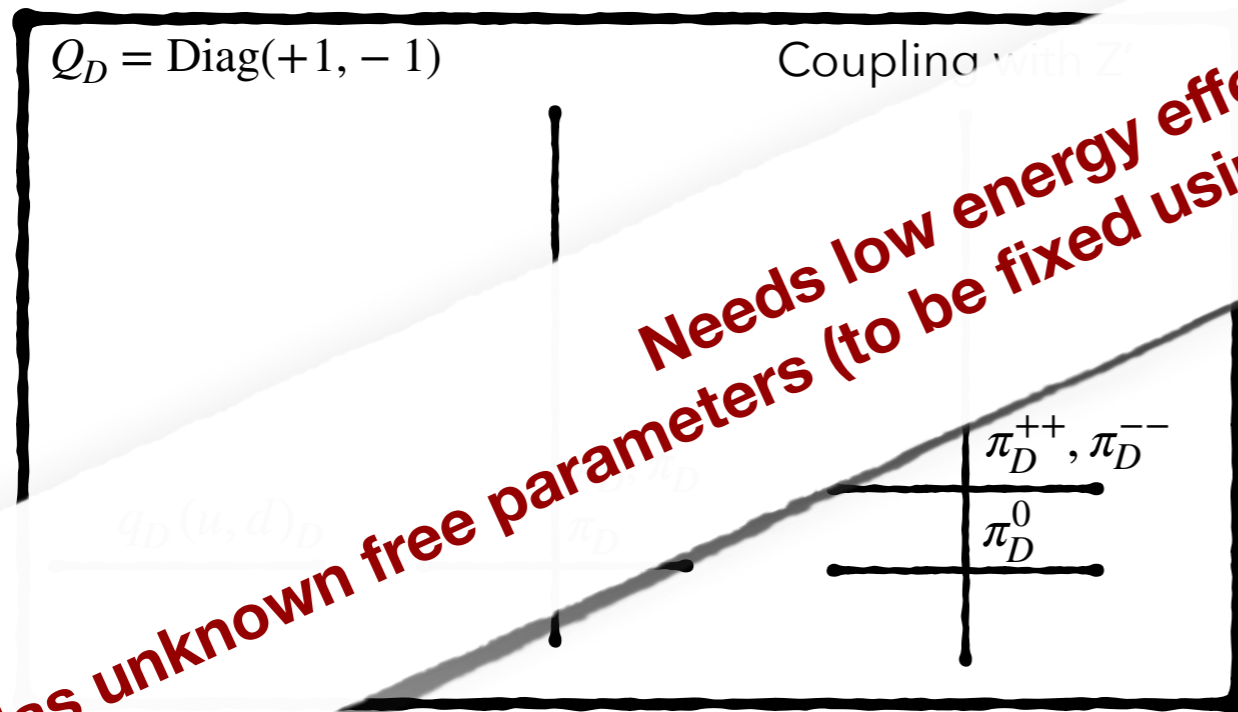
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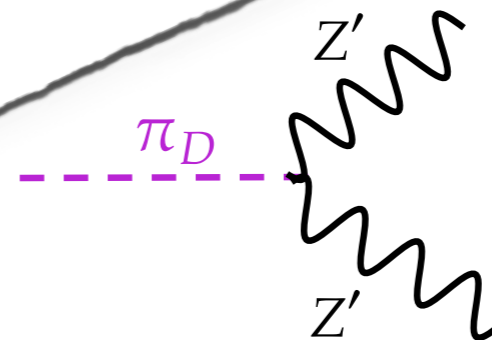
$$SU(N_{C_D}) \text{ Fund. rep.}, SU(N_{F_D}) = 2,$$

$$Q_D = \text{Diag}(+1, -1)$$

Coupling with Z'



Needs low energy effective Lagrangian
Has unknown free parameters (to be fixed using non-perturbative calculations e.g. lattice)



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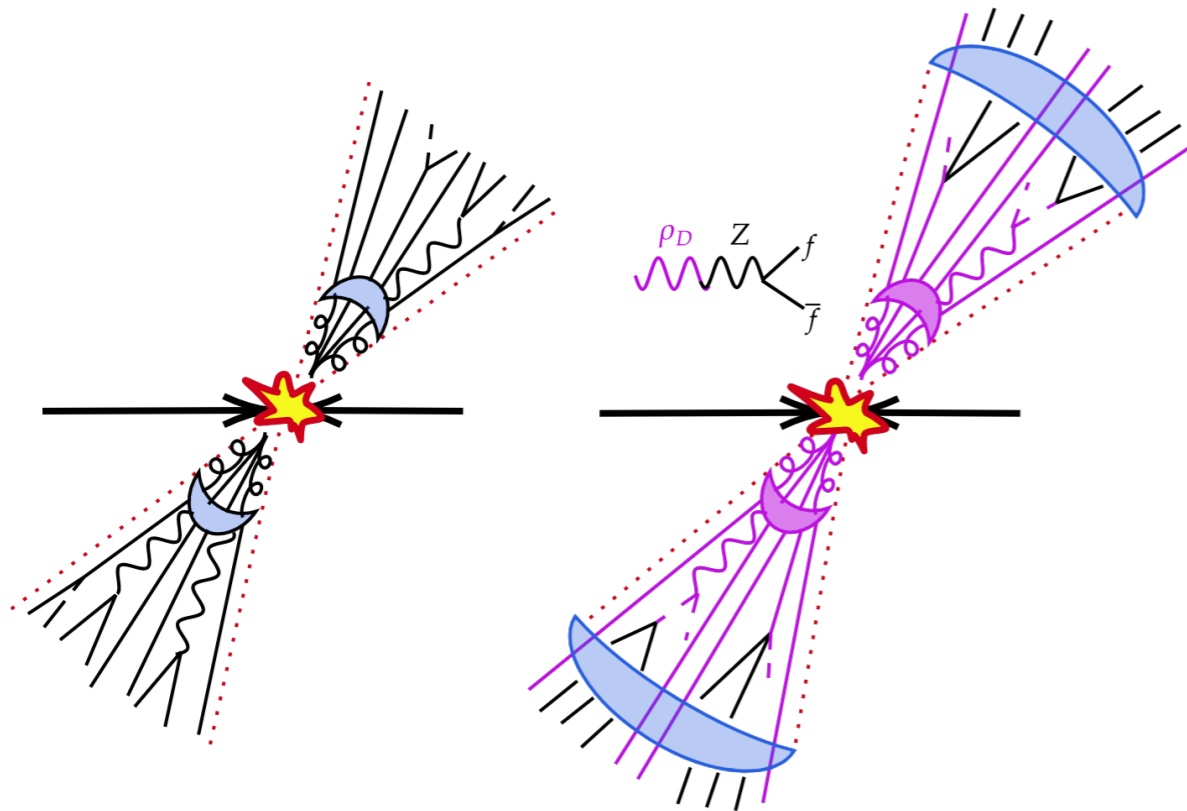
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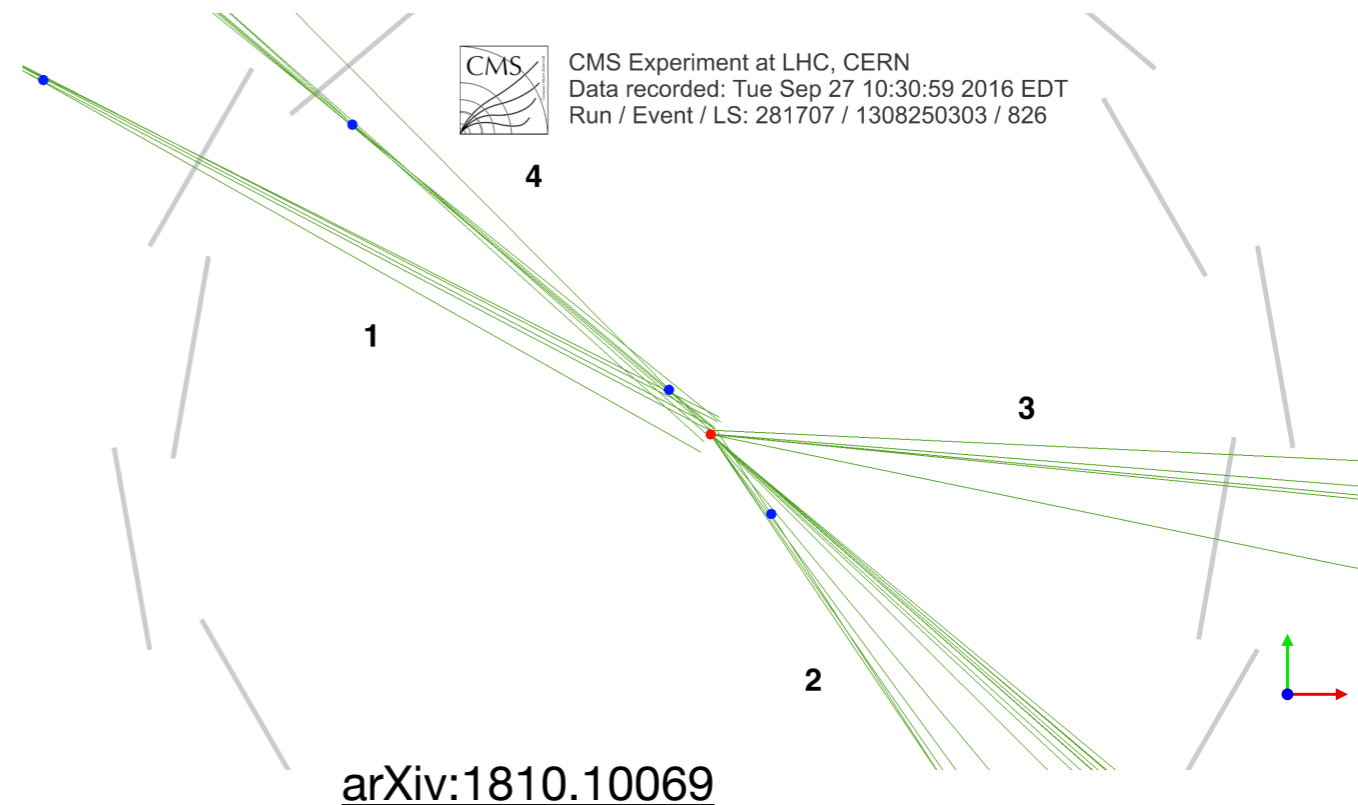
- Lead to new experimental signatures

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- Jets containing displaced vertices
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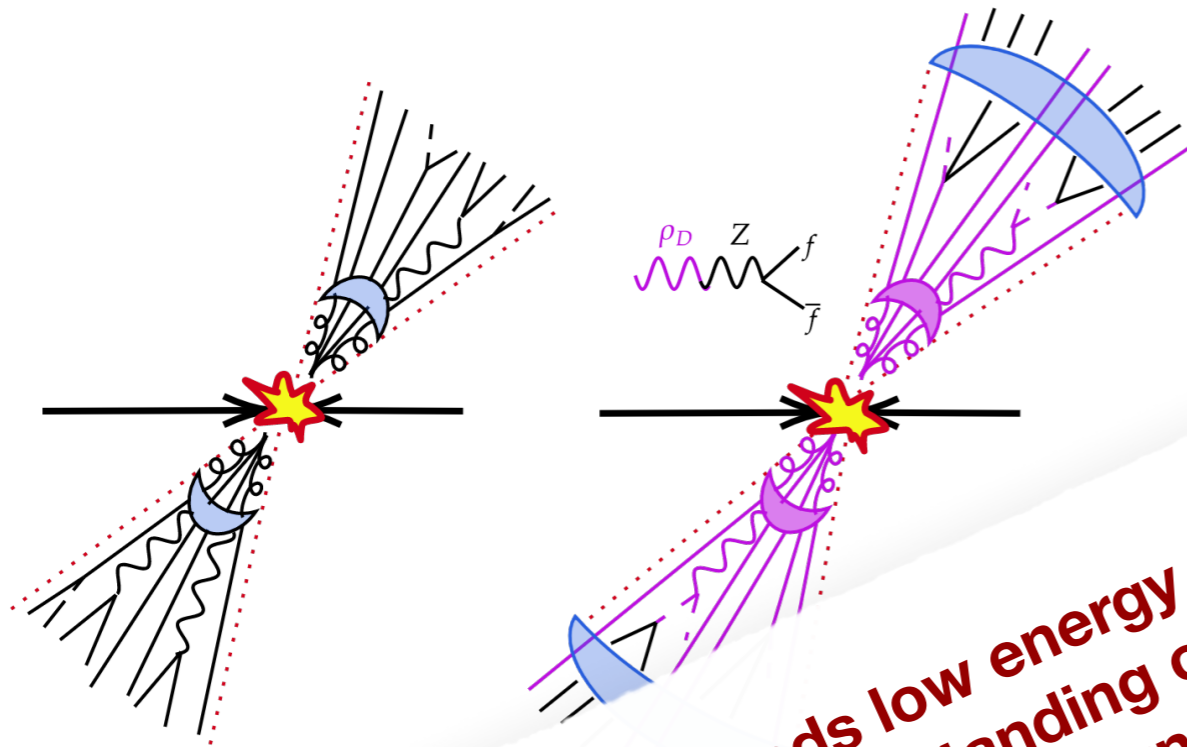
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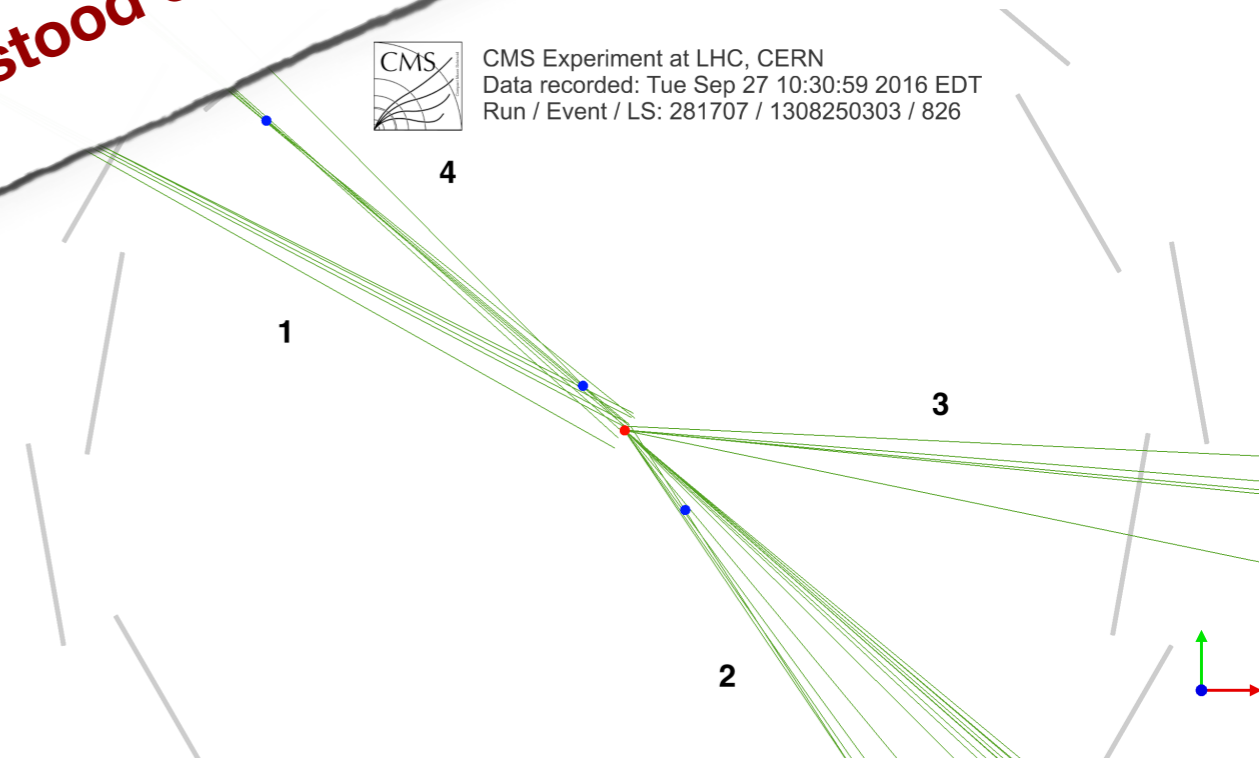
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Understanding of dark hadronization
Existence of well understood event generators

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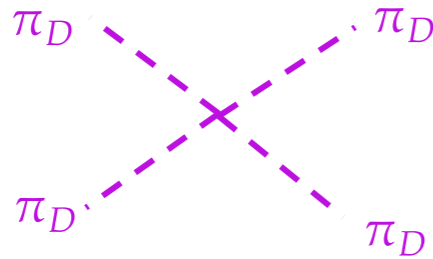


[arXiv:1810.10069](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.10069)

Chiral Lagrangian in isolation

- Chiral Lagrangian contains non-anomalous and anomalous interactions (if $n_{\pi_D} > 4$)

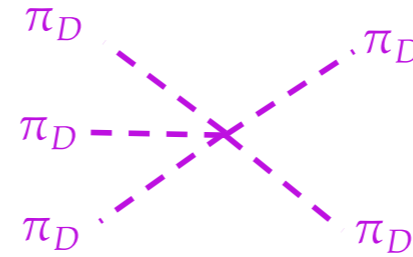
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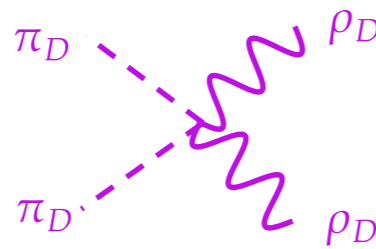
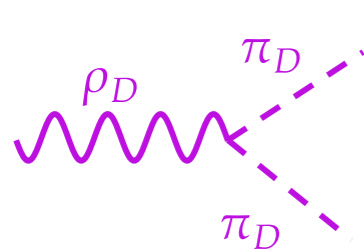


Construction a la Witten

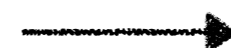


- $SU(N_{c_D})$ with $N_{f_D} = 2$ and $SO(N_{c_D})$ with $N_{f_D} = 1$ exhibit chiral symmetry breaking but no anomaly
- Witten construction needs certain homotopy conditions e.g. $\pi_4(SU(4)/SO(4)) = 0$

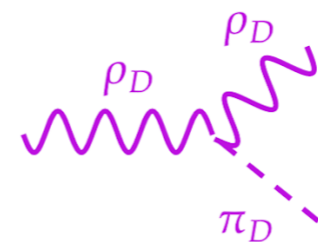
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e.g. Hidden Local Symmetry

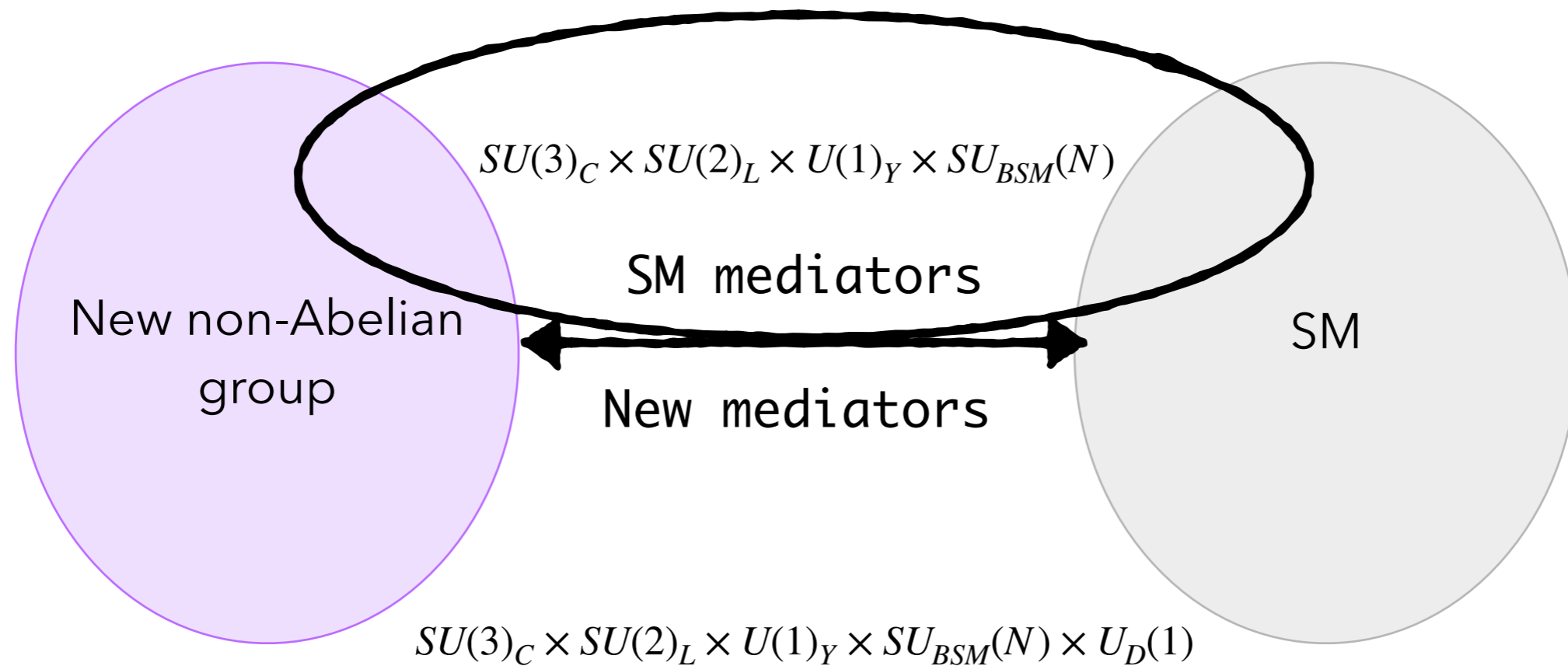


See **S.K.**, S. Mee, et al arXiv:2202.05191 for $Sp(2N)$
 J. Pomper, **S.K.**, arXiv: 2402.04176 for $SO(N)$

- Heavier states introduce new interesting dark matter and collider phenomenology

New non-Abelian
group

Portal phenomenology - I

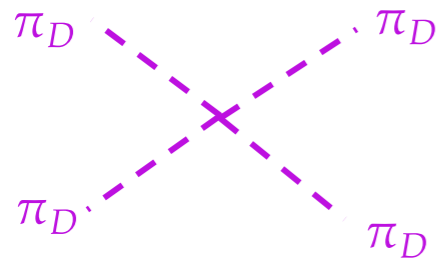


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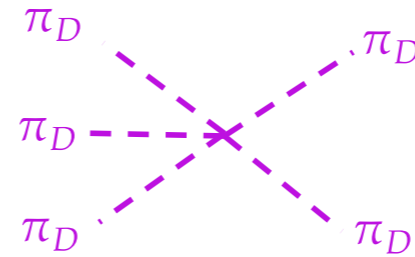
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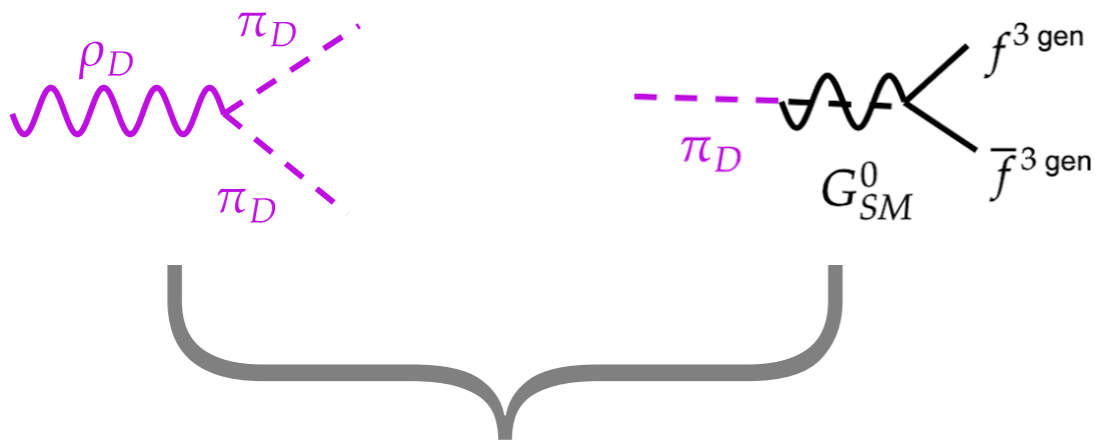
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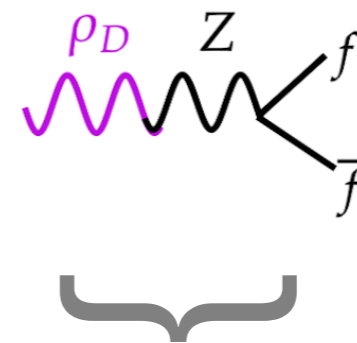
$$+ \mathcal{L}_{\text{anom}} \longrightarrow \text{Construction a la Witten}$$



$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{gauged}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-anom}}^{\text{gauged}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-anom}}^{\text{SM gauged}}$$



Heavy flavour dominated final states



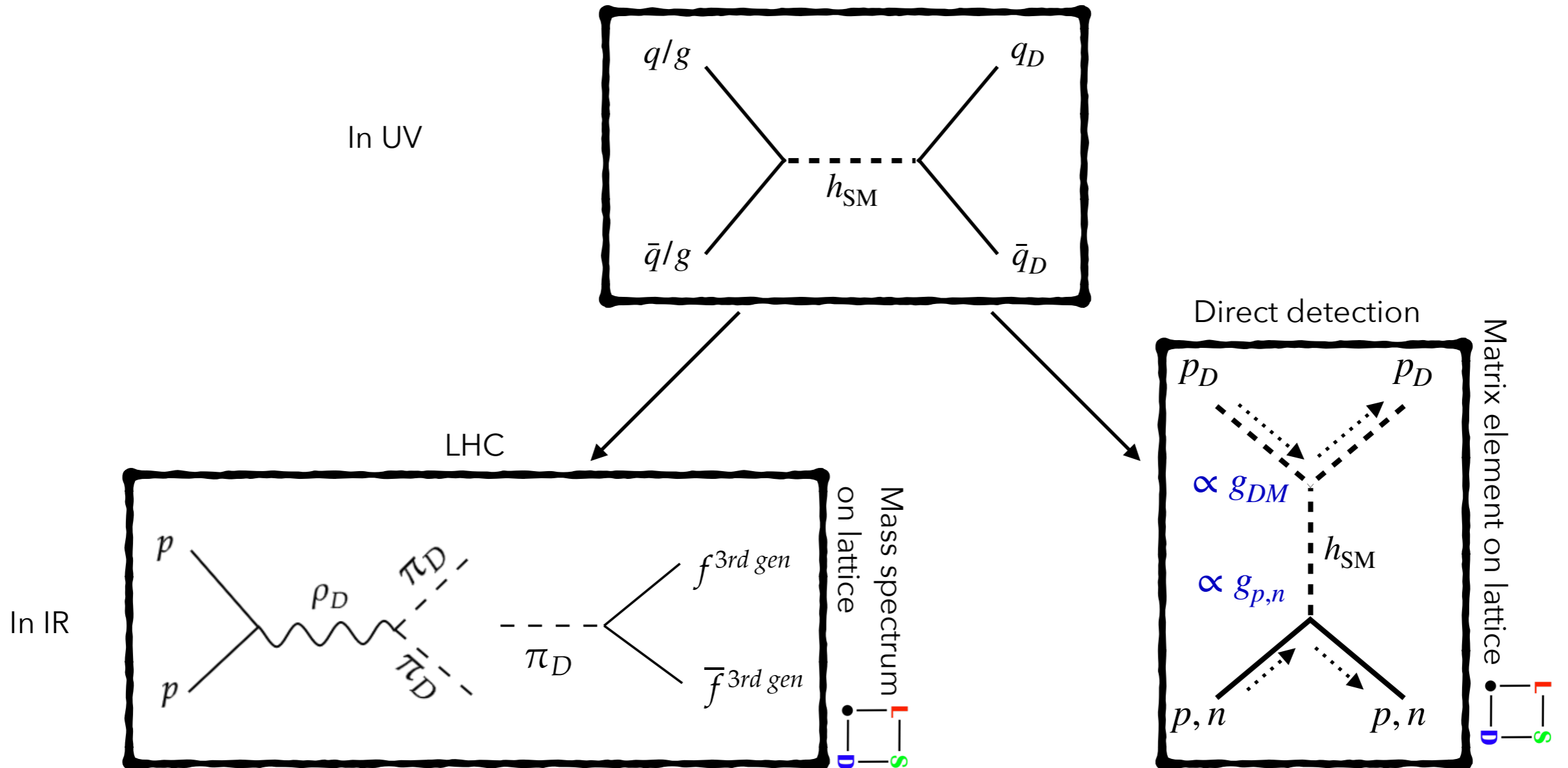
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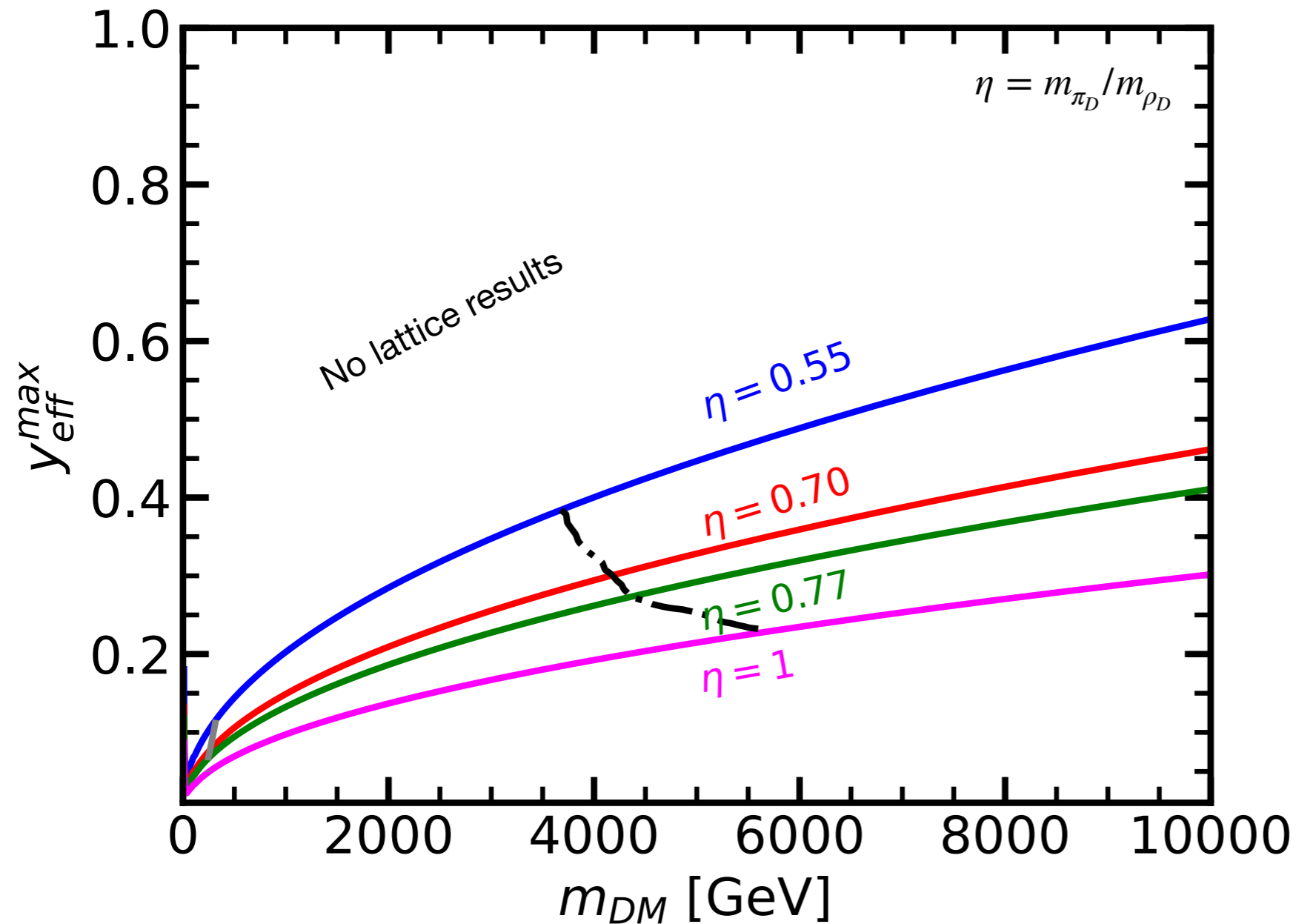
SM mediators

Appelquist et al arXiv:1402.6656

Bagnasco et. al. hep-ph/9310290

- $N_{c_D} = N_{f_D} = 4$, in fundamental representation of $SU(N_{c_D})$; Lightest scalar baryon (dark proton) is dark matter
- In isolation, dark quarks are vector like; Higgs Yukawa breaks flavour symmetry

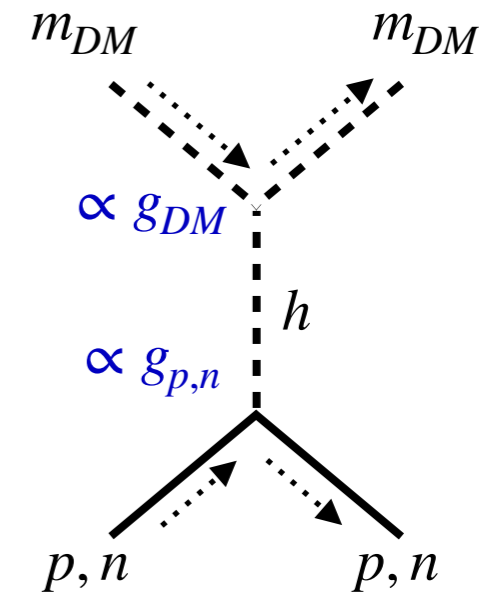
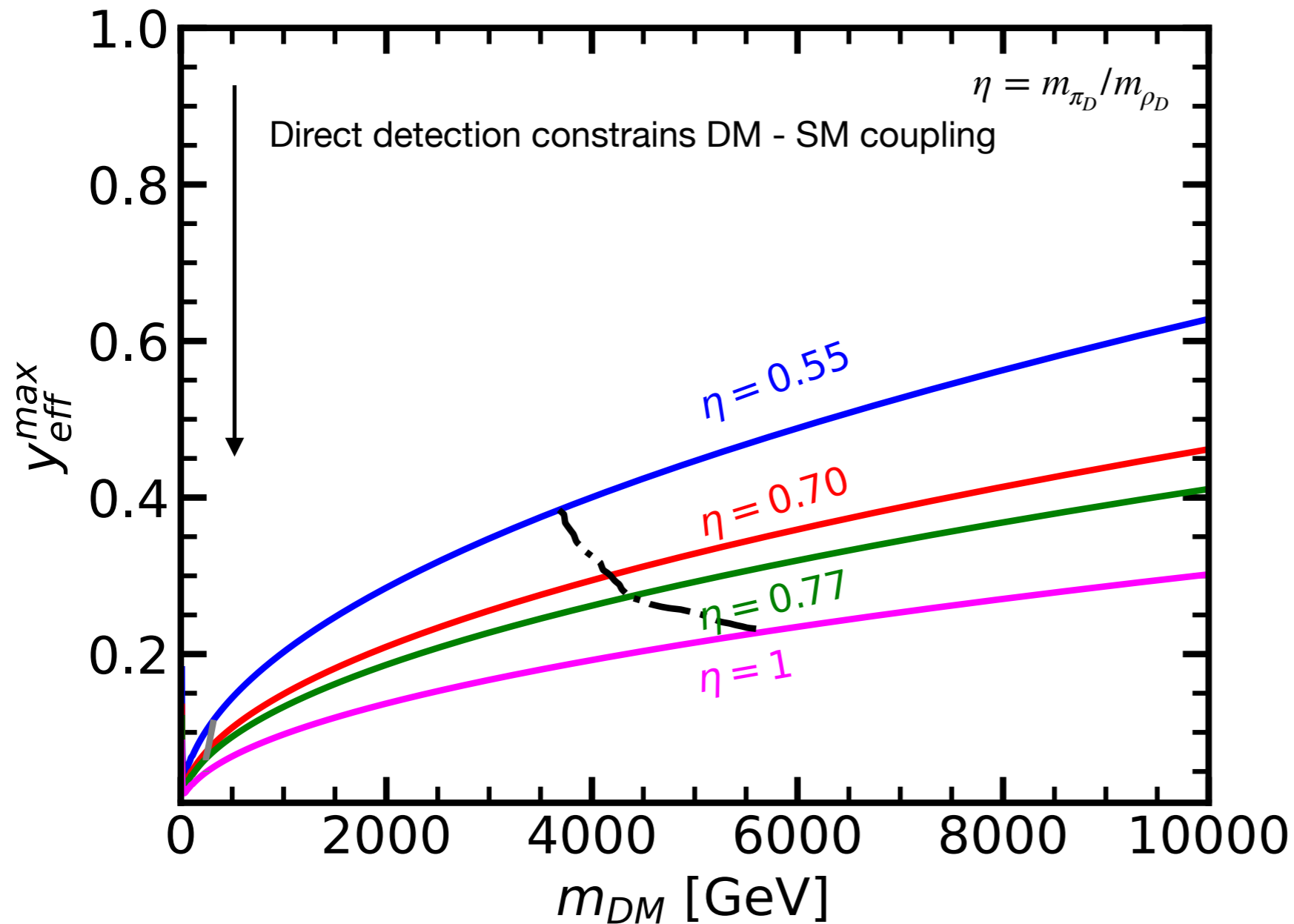




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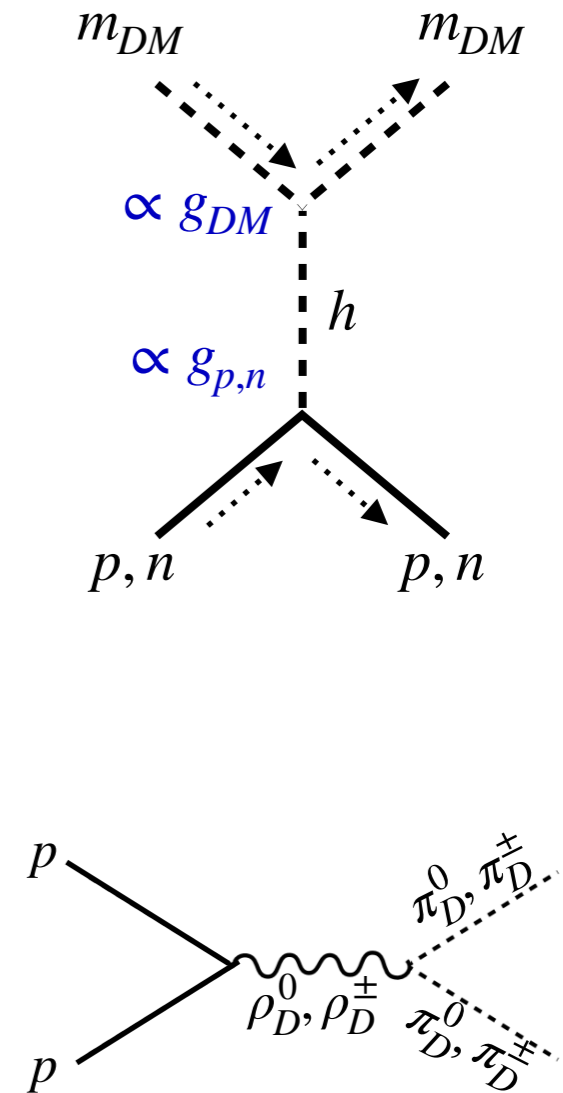
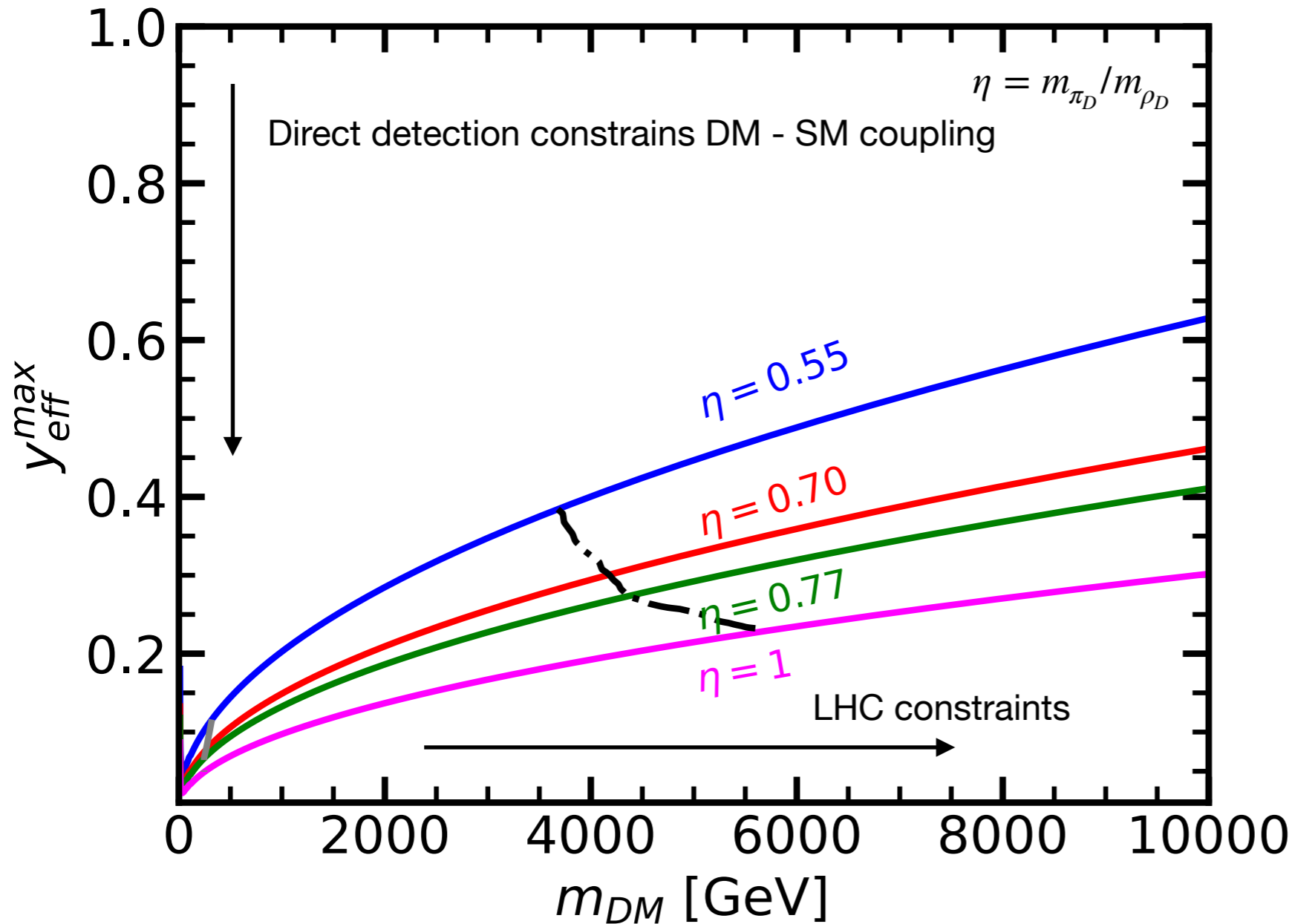
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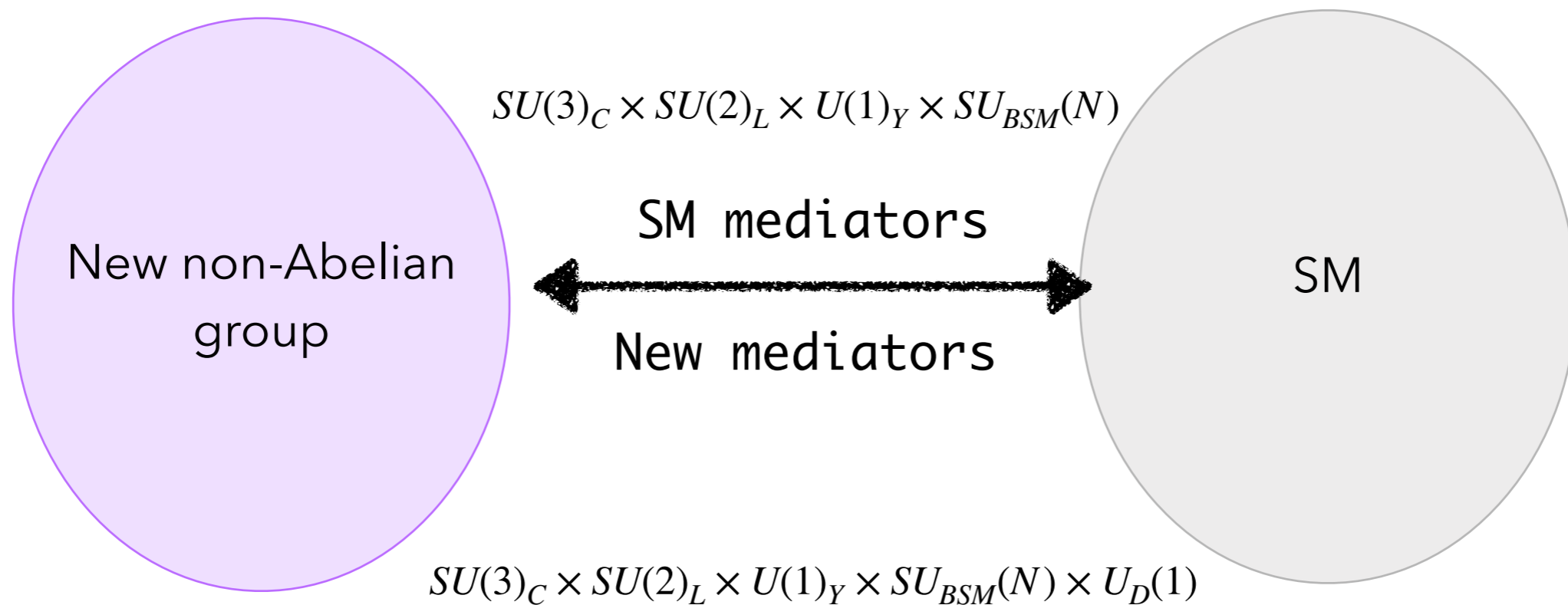
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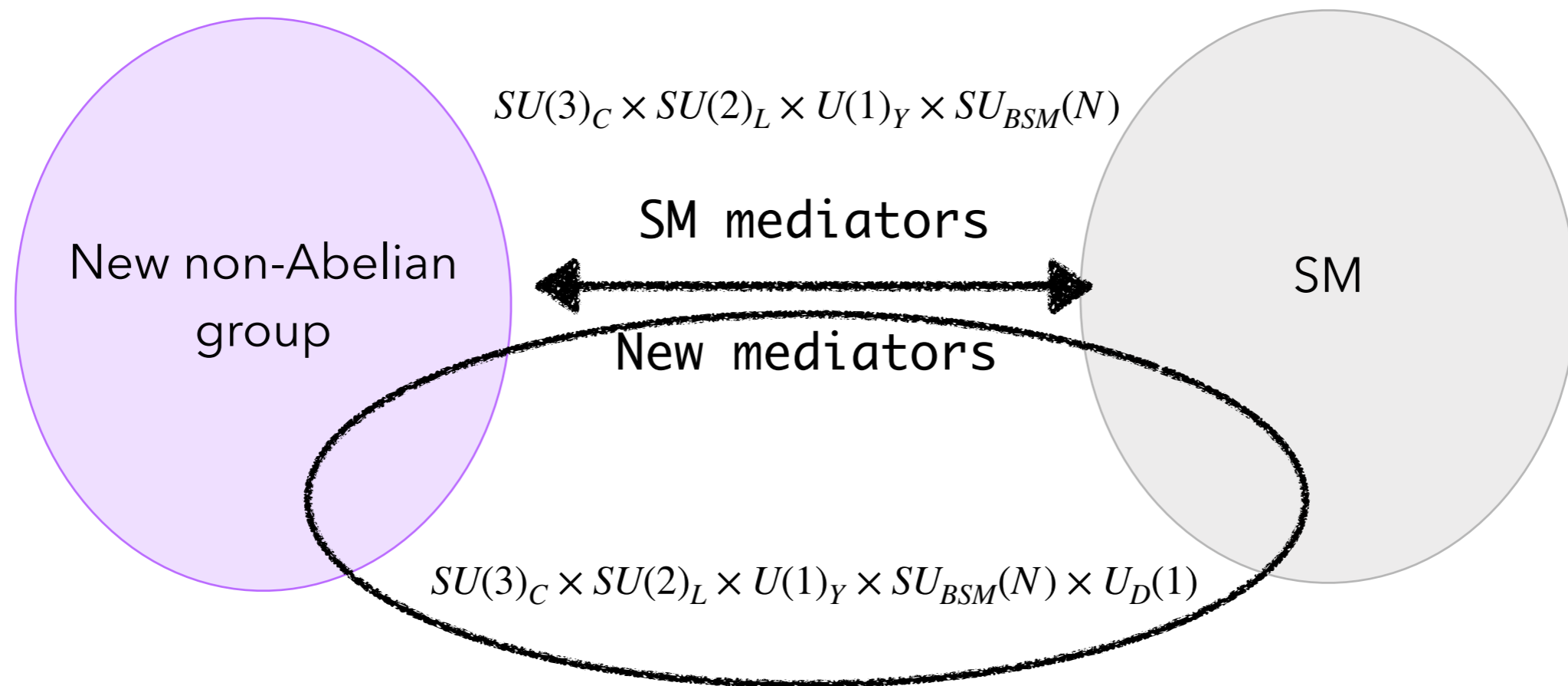


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$U(1)_D$ embedding well understood

See also Hochberg et al. arXiv:1512.07917

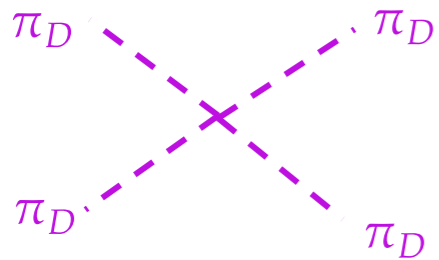
	$U(1)_D \subset H$ embedding	π representations
$Sp(N_c)$	$SU(N_f) \times U(1)_D$ $\subset Sp(2N_f)$	$(\square, +2) \oplus (\bar{\square}, -2) \oplus (\text{adj}, 0)$
$SO(N_c)$	$SU(N_f/2) \times U(1)_D$ $\subset SO(N_f)$	$(\square\square, +2) \oplus (\bar{\square}\bar{\square}, -2) \oplus (\text{adj}, 0)$
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- Introducing external mediator with non-trivial charges necessarily breaks multiples
 → unstable dark mesons → experimental signatures
- Rho mesons don't always share representation space with pions
 Pions → broken generators; Rho → unbroken generators
 $Sp(4)_c$ theories, pions 5-plet, rhos 10-plet representation

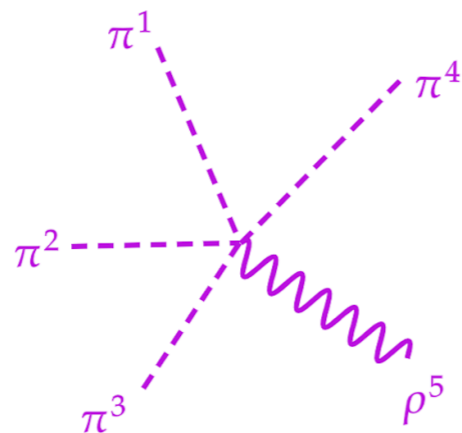
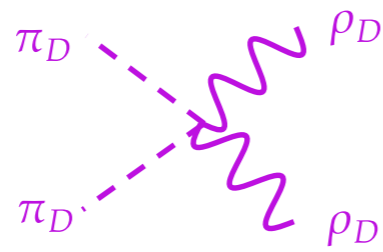
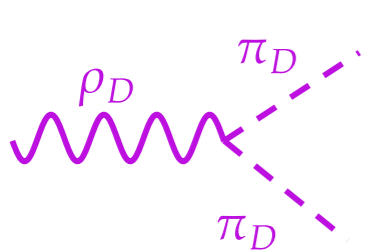
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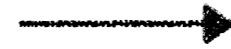
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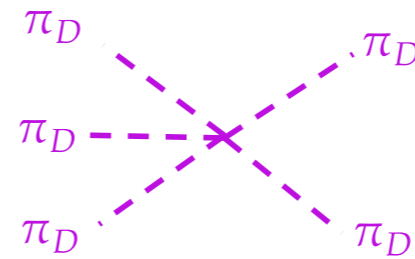
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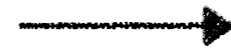
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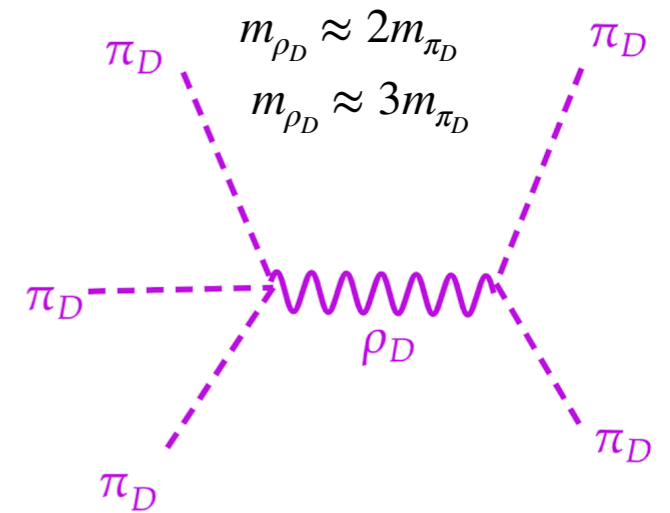
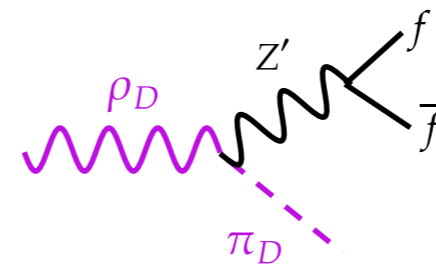
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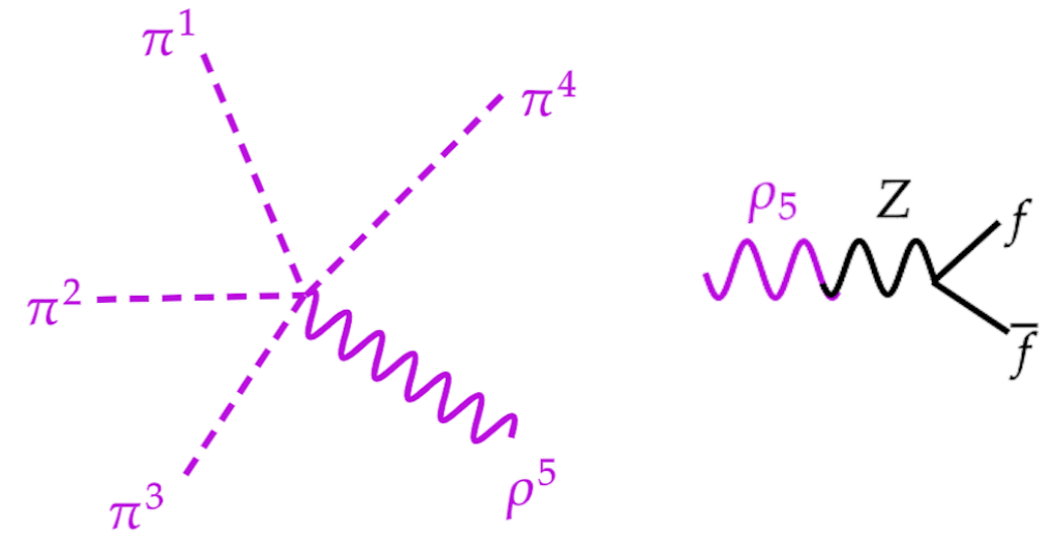
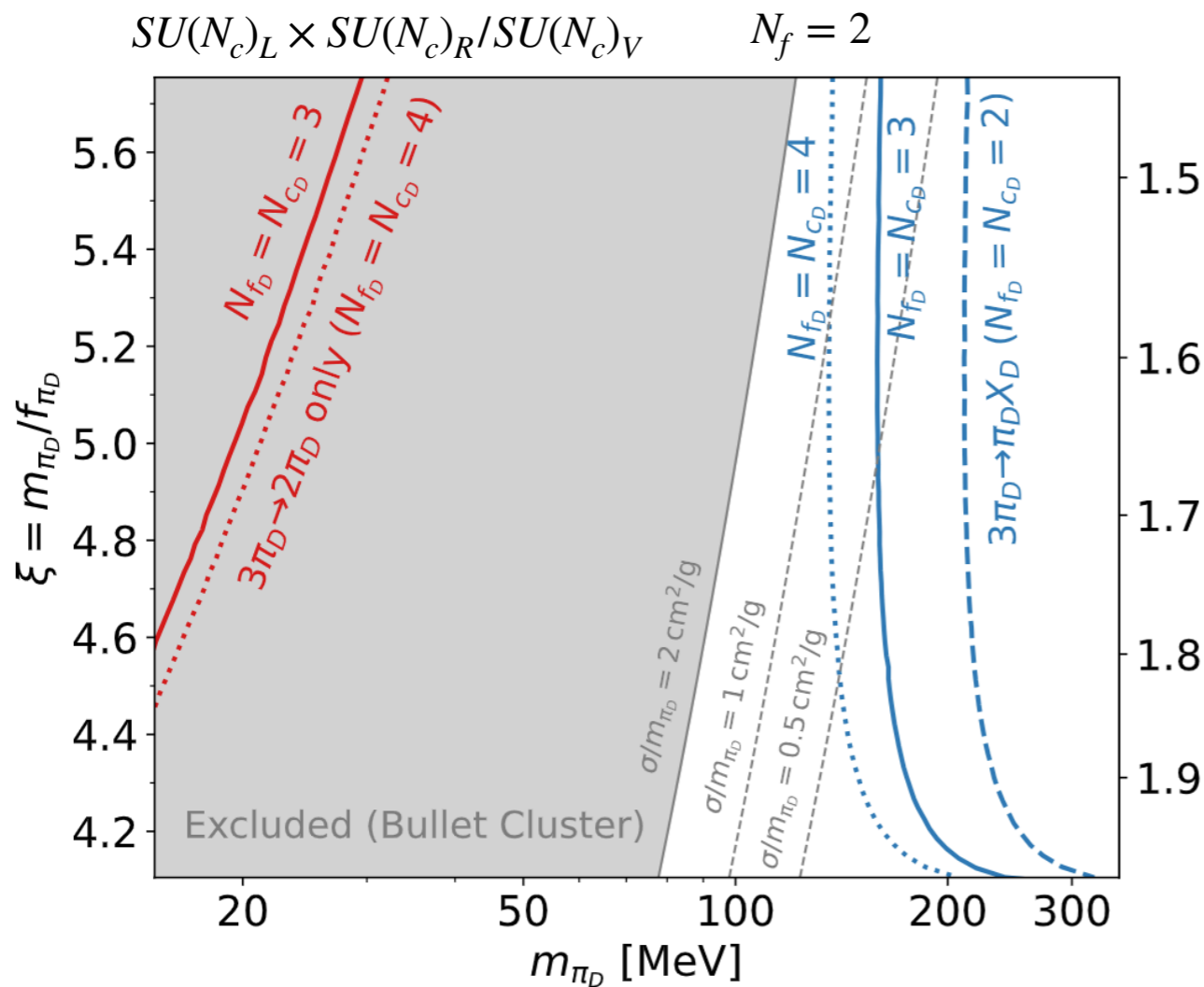
Choi et al., arXiv:1801.07726

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Dark flavoured DM: relic density

- Large self interactions consistent with relic density

Bernreuther, Hemme, Kahlhoefer, SK arXiv:2311.17157



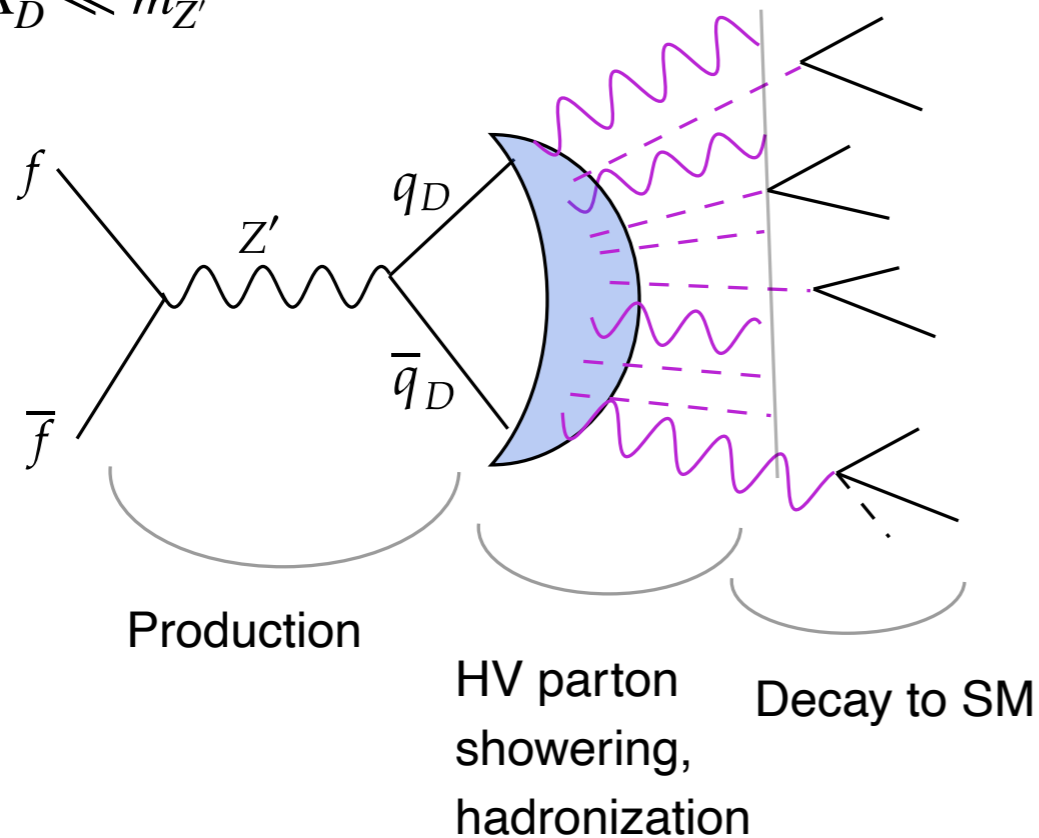
$$R \equiv \frac{\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle_{3\pi_D \rightarrow \pi_D \rho_D}}{\langle \sigma v^2 \rangle_{3\pi_D \rightarrow 2\pi_D}} = \frac{\alpha_{3\pi_D \rightarrow \pi_D \rho_D}^{\text{eff}}}{\alpha_{3\pi_D \rightarrow 2\pi_D}^{\text{eff}}}$$

$$\approx (1800 - 8500) \times \frac{1}{N_{c_D}^2} \frac{x^2}{\xi^4 \sqrt{1-y}}$$

- Inputs from non perturbative calculations in terms of prediction of dark rho mass as a function of dark pion mass
- Delayed freeze out allows for larger masses thus Bullet cluster constraints can be evaded

- Anomalous jet production at the LHC
- Specific example for $SU(N_{cD})$: coset $SU(N_{fD})_L \times SU(N_{fD})_R / SU(N_{fD})$

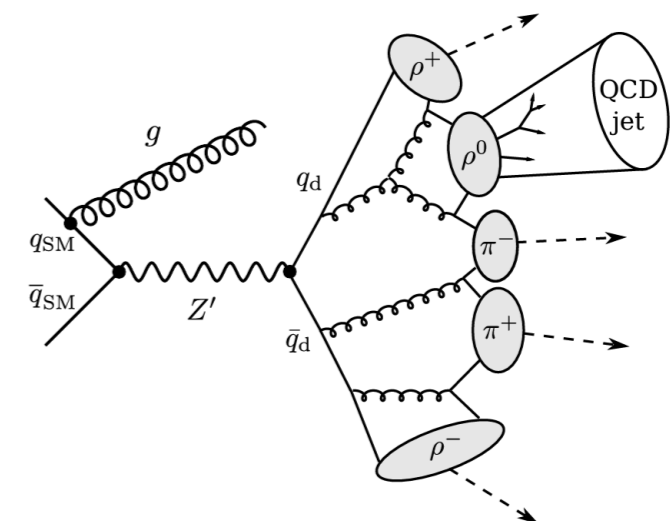
$$m_{qD} \ll \Lambda_D \ll m_{Z'}$$



Strassler et al hep-ph/0604261
 Cohen et al arXiv:1503.00009
 Schwaller et al arXiv:1502.05409
 LLP community report arXiv:1903.04497
 Kahlhoefer et.al. arXiv:1907.04346
 Hofman et al arXiv:0803.1467
 Strassler arXiv:0801.0629
 Knapen et al arXiv:1612.00850

- Jets with large MET inside
- Jets with displaced vertices
- Jets with too many or too few tracks

Fig. From Kahlhoefer et.al. arXiv:1907.04346



- Example: $N_{fD} = 2; n_{\pi_D} = n_{\rho_D} = 3;$
 Doublet $(\pi_D^{++}, \pi_D^{--}); (\rho_D^{++}, \rho_D^{--})$
 Singlets $(\pi_D^0); (\rho_D^0)$
 $\rho_D^0 - Z'$ mixing leads to visible decays

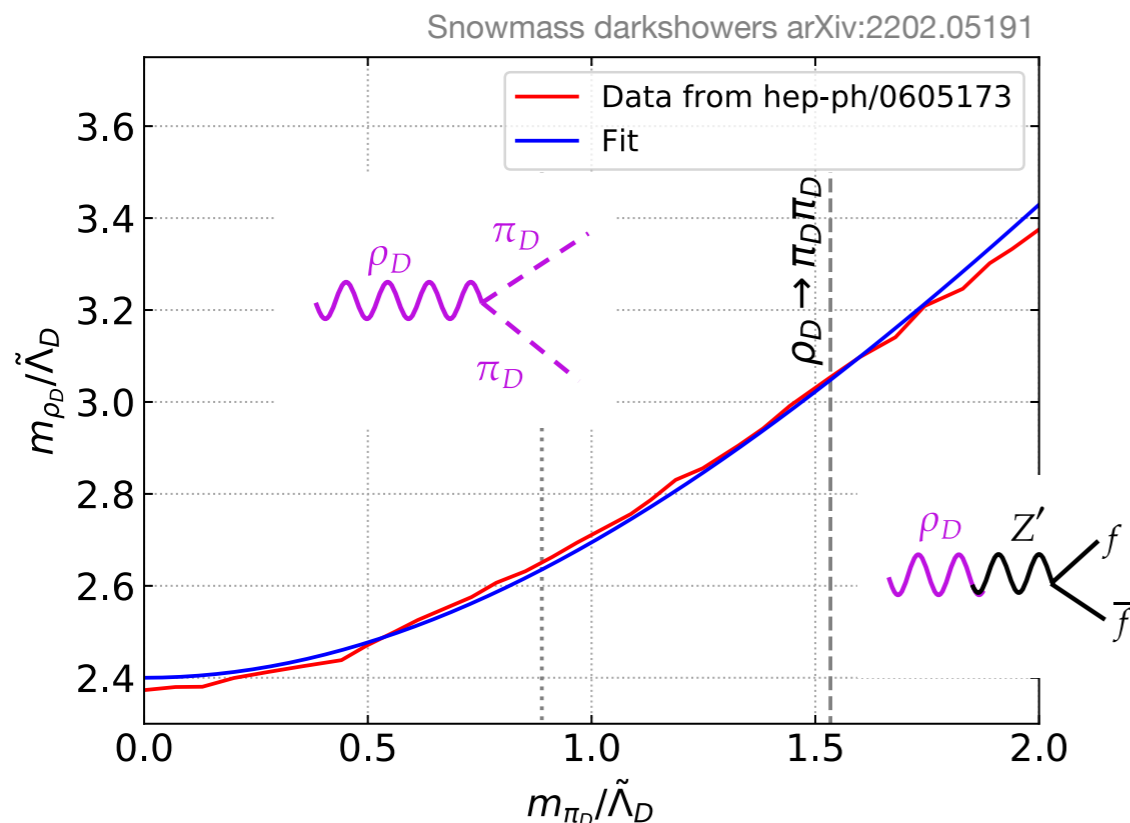
Lattice inputs and effects on (dark)jets

- First guidelines for collider simulations of strongly interacting theories
- Effects due to N_{c_D}, N_{f_D} ignored for now
- Dark meson mass fits from lattice results

$N_{f_D} = 1$ and/or $N_{c_D} = 2$
special cases

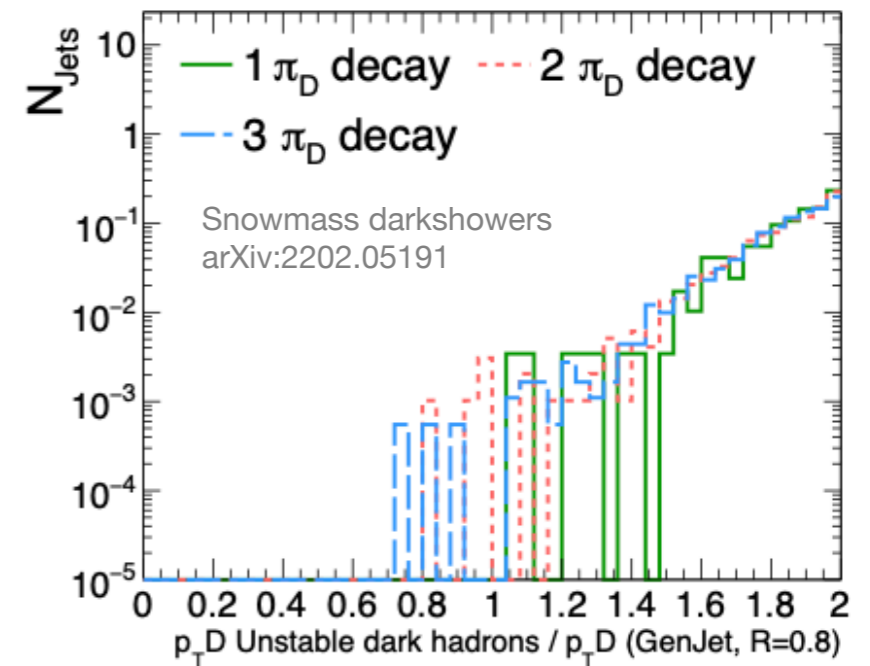
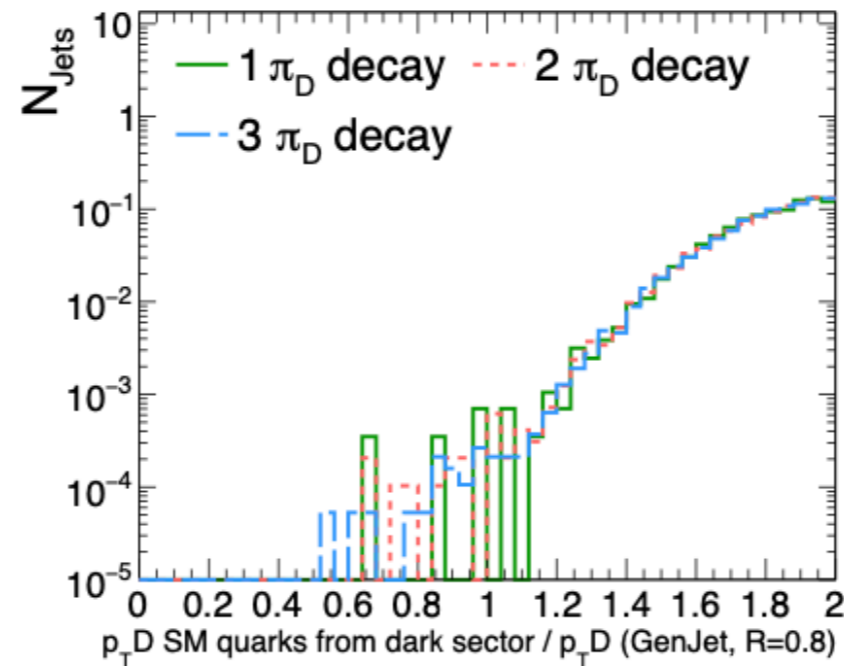
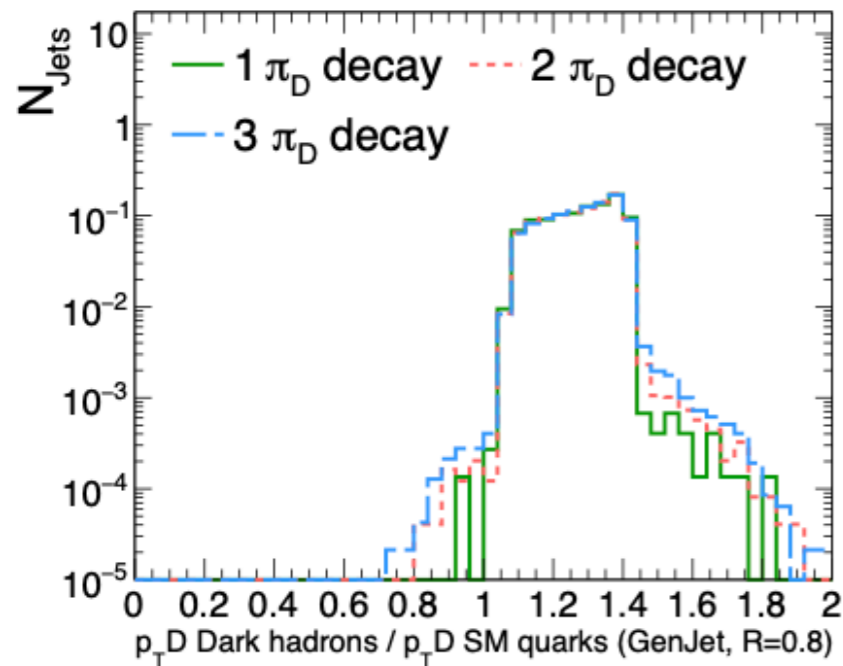
$$\frac{m_{\pi_D}}{\tilde{\Lambda}_D} = 5.5 \sqrt{\frac{m_{q_D}}{\tilde{\Lambda}_D}}$$

$$\frac{m_{\rho_D}}{\tilde{\Lambda}_D} = \sqrt{5.76 + 1.5 \frac{m_{\pi_D}^2}{\tilde{\Lambda}_D^2}}$$



- Clear definitions for simulating semi-visible jets
- Possible light glueballs for $m_{\pi_D} / \tilde{\Lambda}_D > 2$
- Extensively tested and extended Pythia Hidden Valley module

Effects on jets



- $p_T D$: jet transverse momentum dispersion $p_T D \approx \sqrt{2p_T^2}/(2p_T)$
- The details of jet substructure depend on the details of the decay modes and number of stable/unstable particles
- Careful analysis design is necessary to circumvent too much dependence on jet properties

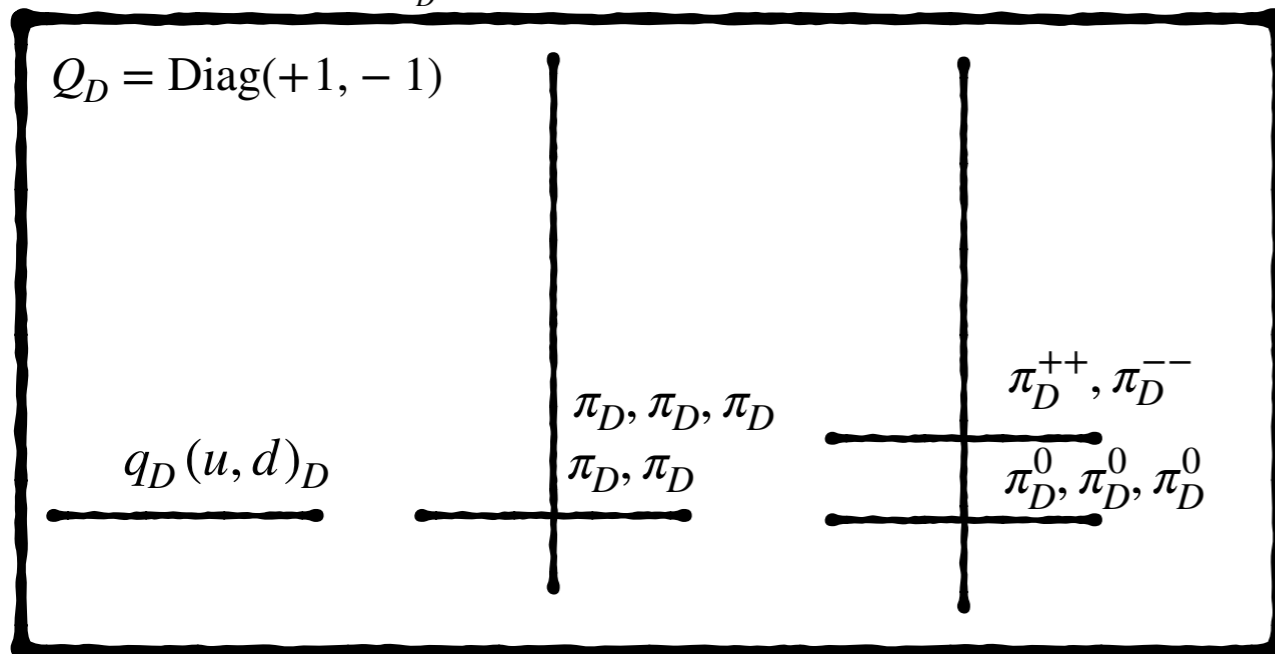
- $SU(N_{c_D})$: coset $SU(N_{f_D})_L \times SU(N_{f_D})_R / SU(N_{f_D})$;

$$n_{\pi_D} = N_{f_D}^2 - 1 \rightarrow N_{f_D} = 3 \Rightarrow n_{\pi_D} = 8$$

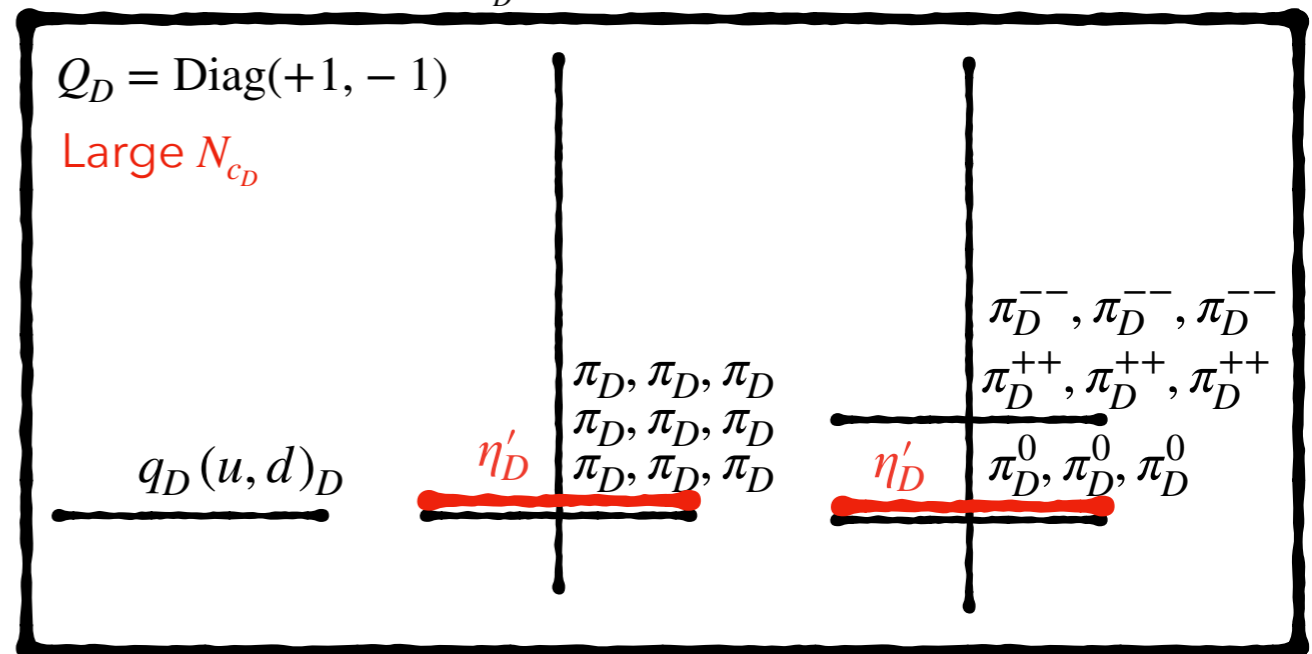
- $SO(N_{c_D})$: coset $SU(N_{f_D}) / SO(N_{f_D})$;

$$n_{\pi_D} = \frac{1}{2}(N_{f_D} + 2)(N_{f_D} - 1) \rightarrow N_{f_D} = 2 \Rightarrow n_{\pi_D} = 9$$

$Sp(N_{c_D})$: 2 fermions in fundamental



$SO(N_{c_D})$: 2 fermions in vector



- Can not fix WZW by considering IR dynamics alone $\pi_4(SU(4)/SO(4)) \neq 0$
- WZW can be written by considering detailed UV to IR anomaly relations (if anomaly is present in IR, it must be present in the UV \rightarrow anomaly equation \rightarrow solution is WZW term)

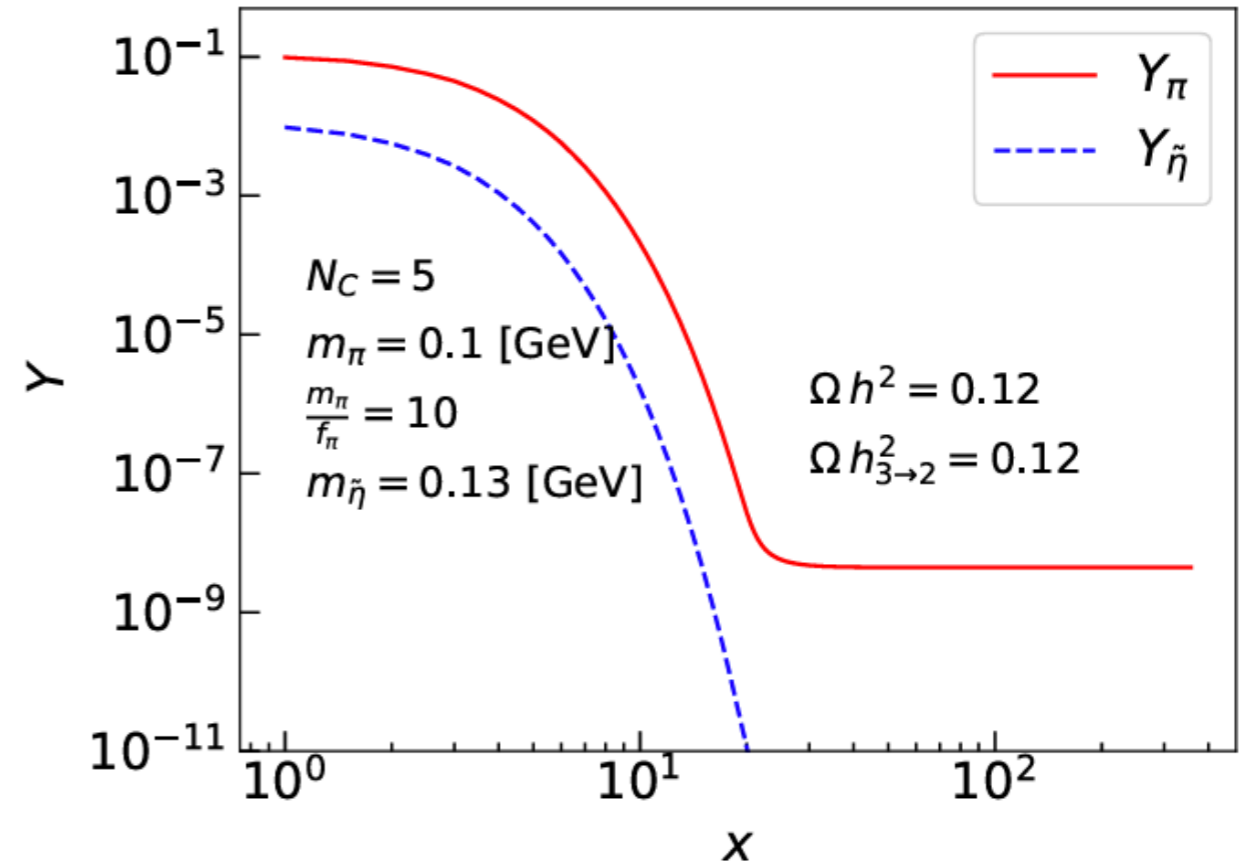
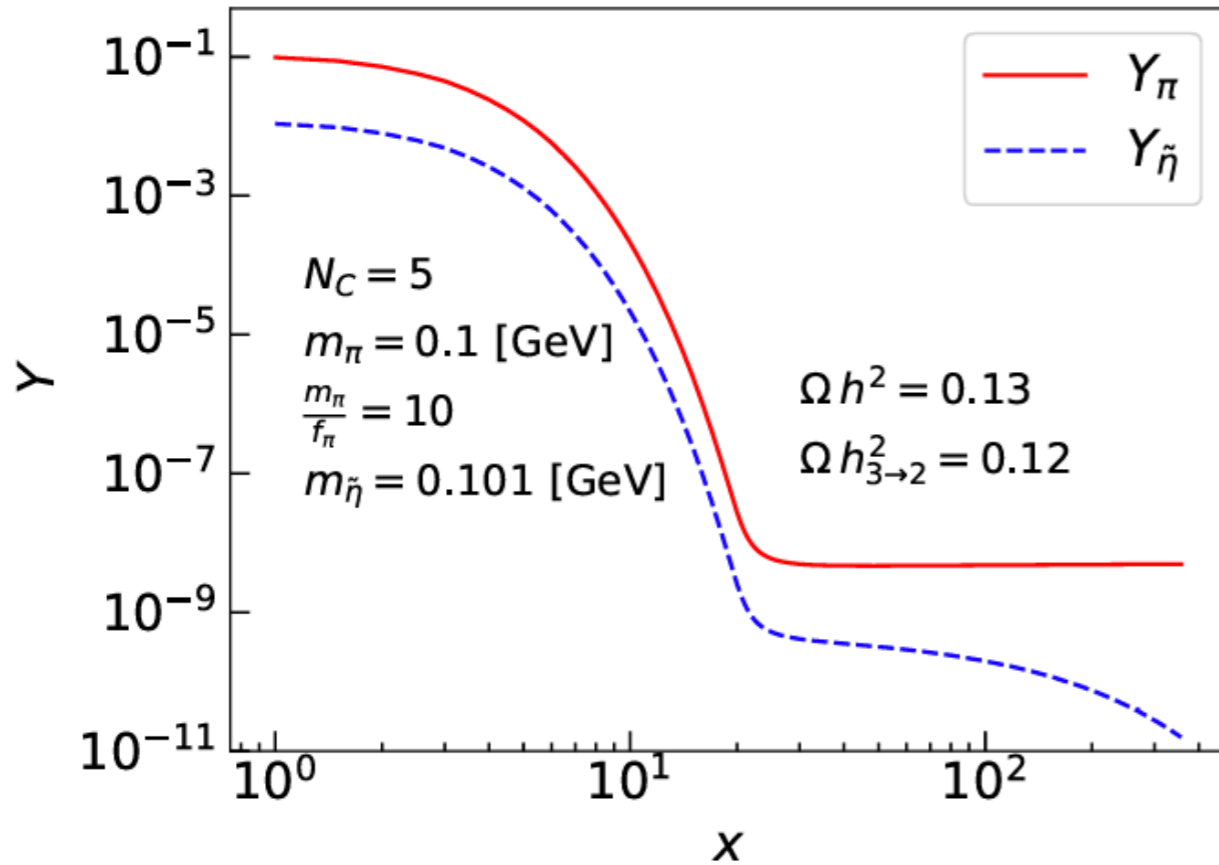
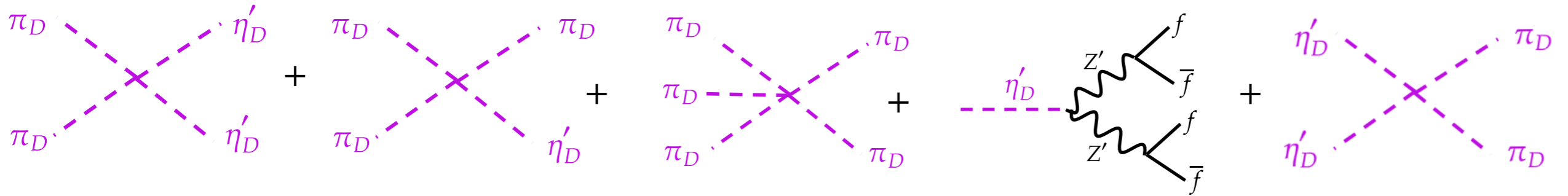
Wess-Zumino effective action

$$S_{WZ}[\xi = (\eta', \pi)] = \frac{D_C}{3\pi^2 f_\pi} \int_0^1 dt \int_{S^4} \text{Tr} \left\{ \xi \left((U[t\xi])^{-1} dU[t\xi] \right)^4 \right\}$$

$$\approx \frac{D_C}{15f_\pi \pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} \int_{S^4} d^4x \text{Tr} \left\{ \pi \partial_\mu \pi \partial_\nu \pi \partial_\sigma \pi \partial_\rho \pi \right\}$$

Effects on relic density

S.K., J. Pomper (arXiv: 2402.04176)



- Dark matter relic abundance can be affected if η'_D is very close to π_D

See also Choi et al arXiv:1801.07726,
 Hochberg et al arXiv:1805.09345,
 Toro et al. arXiv:1801.05805

Conclusions

- A systematic analysis of strongly interacting theories is possible using
 - Connections to non-perturbative calculations
 - Analysis of underlying symmetries and underlying effective Lagrangians
- Presented several examples containing dark baryon and dark pion dark matter candidates
 - Typically matter content charged under the SM gauge group leads to heavy dark matter
 - Multiple relic density generation mechanisms can be engineered
- Portals lead to new interesting phenomenology, in particular in terms of dark-jets are colliders
 - Development of reliable event generators is important
 - Needs some understanding of hadronization in the dark sector



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