

Composite Dark Matter with Forbidden Annihilation

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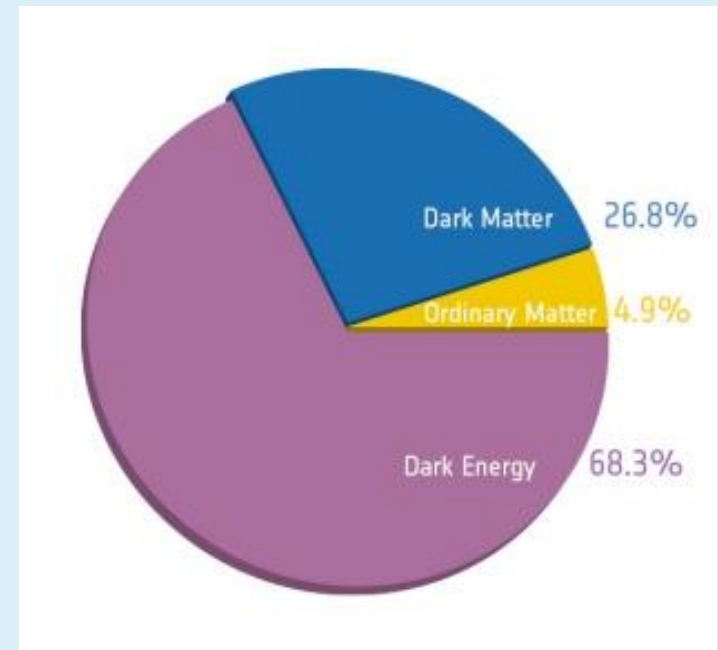
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Introduction

Dark Matter (DM)

observed energy density : $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \simeq 0.12$

Planck Collaboration (2018)

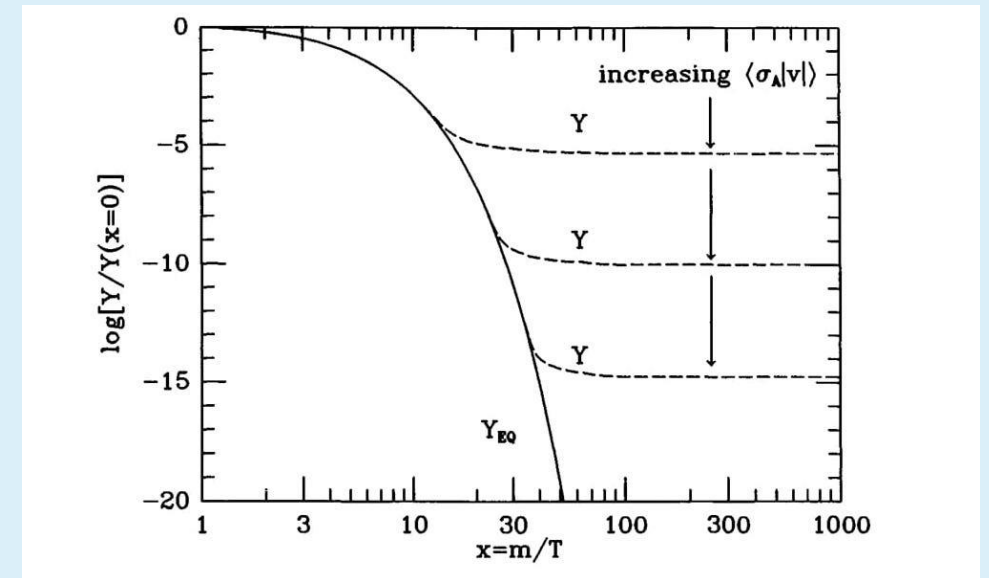


<https://sci.esa.int/web/planck/-/51557-planck-new-cosmic-recipe>

Thermal Freeze-out Scenario

Thermally produced DM decouples from thermal bath.

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \sim 0.12 \frac{2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{ann}}}$$



Kolb, Turner "The Early Universe"

Motivation

Indirect Detection

Improving sensitivity to heavy DM

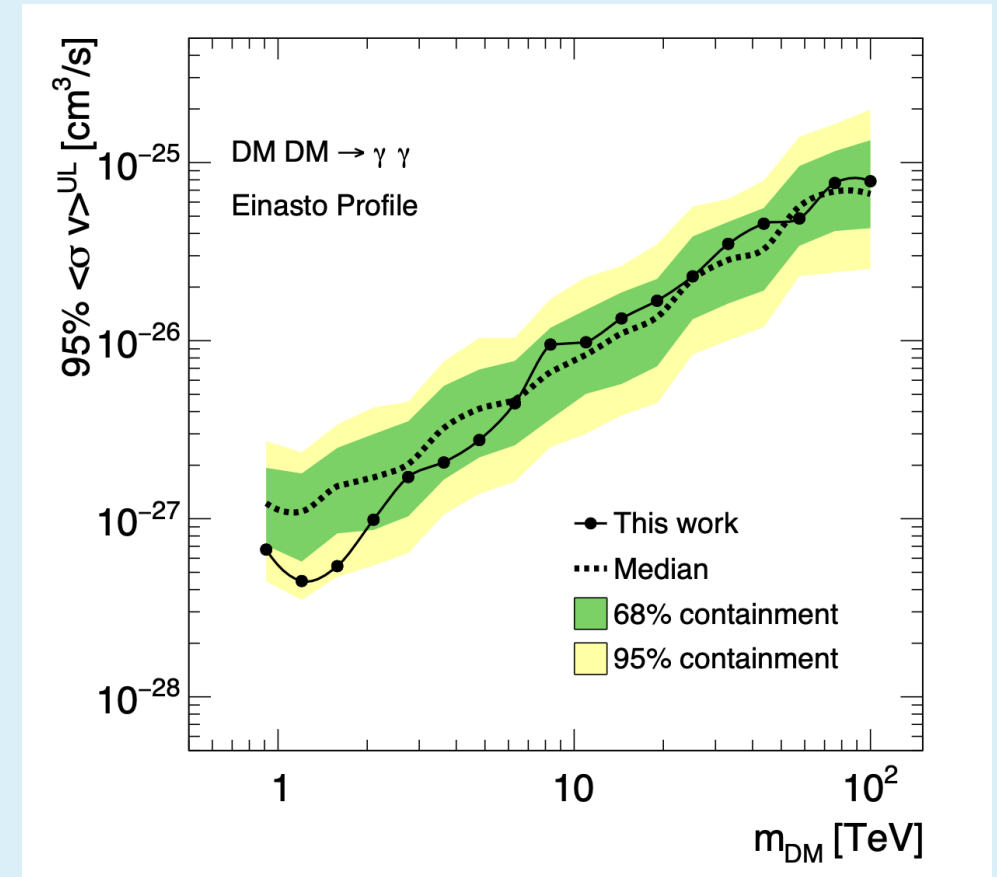


Heavy thermal relic DM

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{ann}} \sim \frac{\alpha_{\text{DM}}^2}{m_{\text{DM}}^2}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{DM}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ for } m_{\text{DM}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10) \text{ TeV}$$

QCD-like DM model



MAGIC Collaboration [PRL 130 (2023)]

Composite DM Model

QCD-like $SU(N)_d$ gauge theory
w/ $SU(2)_W$ triplet dark quark (3-flavor)

Bai and Hill [PRD 82 (2010)]

	$SU(N)_d$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$
ψ	N	1	3	0
$\bar{\psi}$	\bar{N}	1	3	0

Dark quark mass $m_q < \Lambda_d$

Chiral symmetry breaking: $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V \supset SU(2)_W$ by $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \sim v_d^3$

Dark pion $SU(3)$ octet $\rightarrow SU(2)_W$ 3-plet $\chi \oplus SU(2)_W$ 5-plet π

Chiral Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{f_d^2}{4} \text{tr}[D_\mu U D^\mu U^\dagger] + v_d^3 \text{tr}[MU + M^\dagger U^\dagger] + \mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}}$$

$$U = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}i}{f_d}(\Pi_3 + \Pi_5)\right)$$

$$M = \text{diag}(m_q, m_q, m_q)$$

Parameters of the model

dark pion decay const. f_d

dark quark mass m_q

Accidental Symmetry & Stability of DM

G-Parity

$$\Psi_i \rightarrow \exp(i\pi I_2) \Psi_i^c$$

[Lee & Yang *Nuovo. Cim.* **10** (1956)]

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$SU(2)_W$ 3-plet (anti-symmetric)

$$\Pi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\chi^0 & \frac{\chi^- - \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i\chi^0 & 0 & -i\frac{\chi^- + \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{\chi^- - \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & i\frac{\chi^- + \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$SU(2)_W$ 5-plet (symmetric)

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G-parity

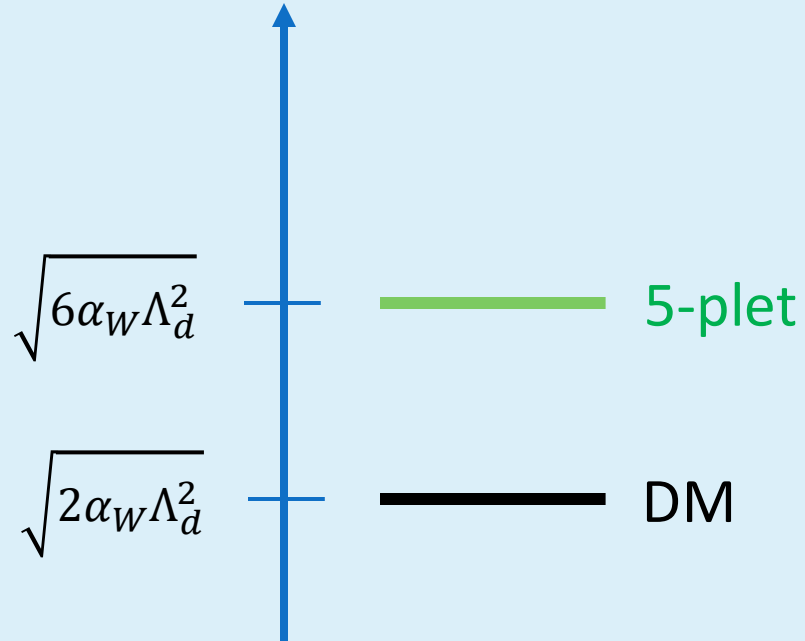
$$\Pi_3 \rightarrow -\Pi_3 \text{ (odd)}$$

$$\Pi_5 \rightarrow \Pi_5 \text{ (even)}$$

DM Candidate : χ^0

Decay to EW gauge bosons via WZW

Mass Spectrum & Annihilation Processes

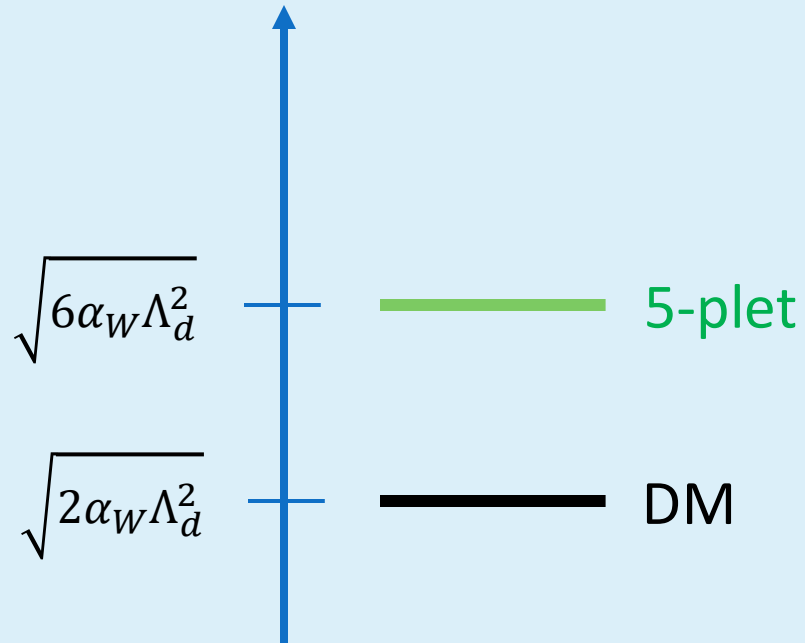


① large mass splitting : $\text{DM}+\text{DM}\rightarrow \text{EW gauge bosons}$

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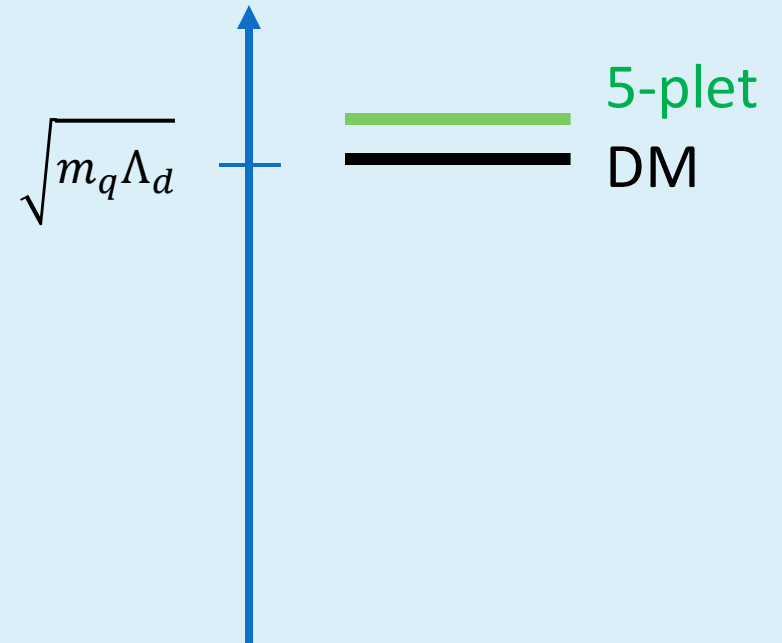
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② small mass splitting: DM+DM → 5-plet

Forbidden channel Abe, Sato, TY [JHEP 09 (2024)]

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\pi\pi} \propto \frac{m_\chi^2}{f_d^4} \exp\left(-\frac{m_\pi - m_\chi}{T}\right)$$

$$m_\chi \sim \mathcal{O}(1 - 10) \text{ TeV (tree level calc.)}$$

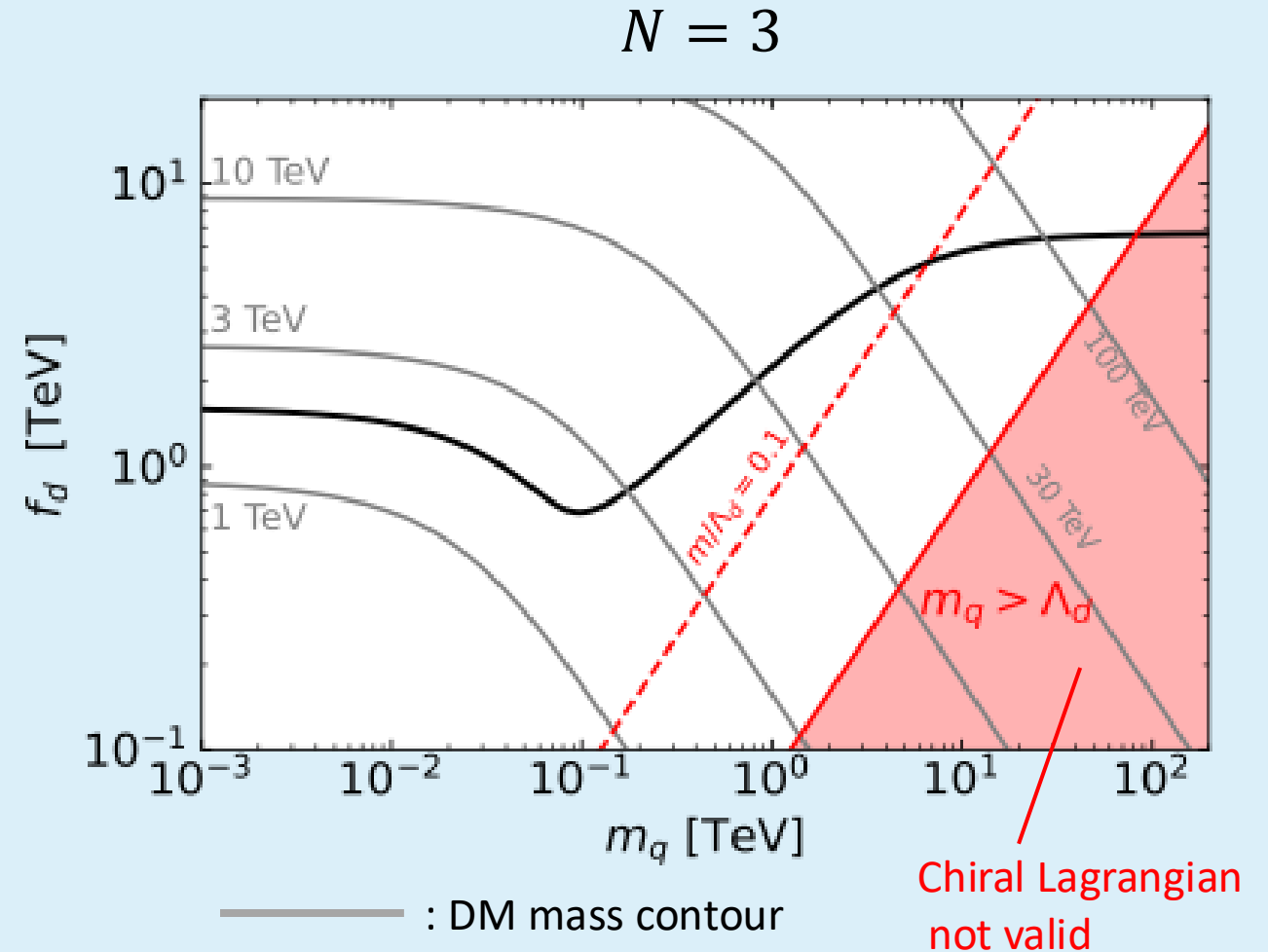
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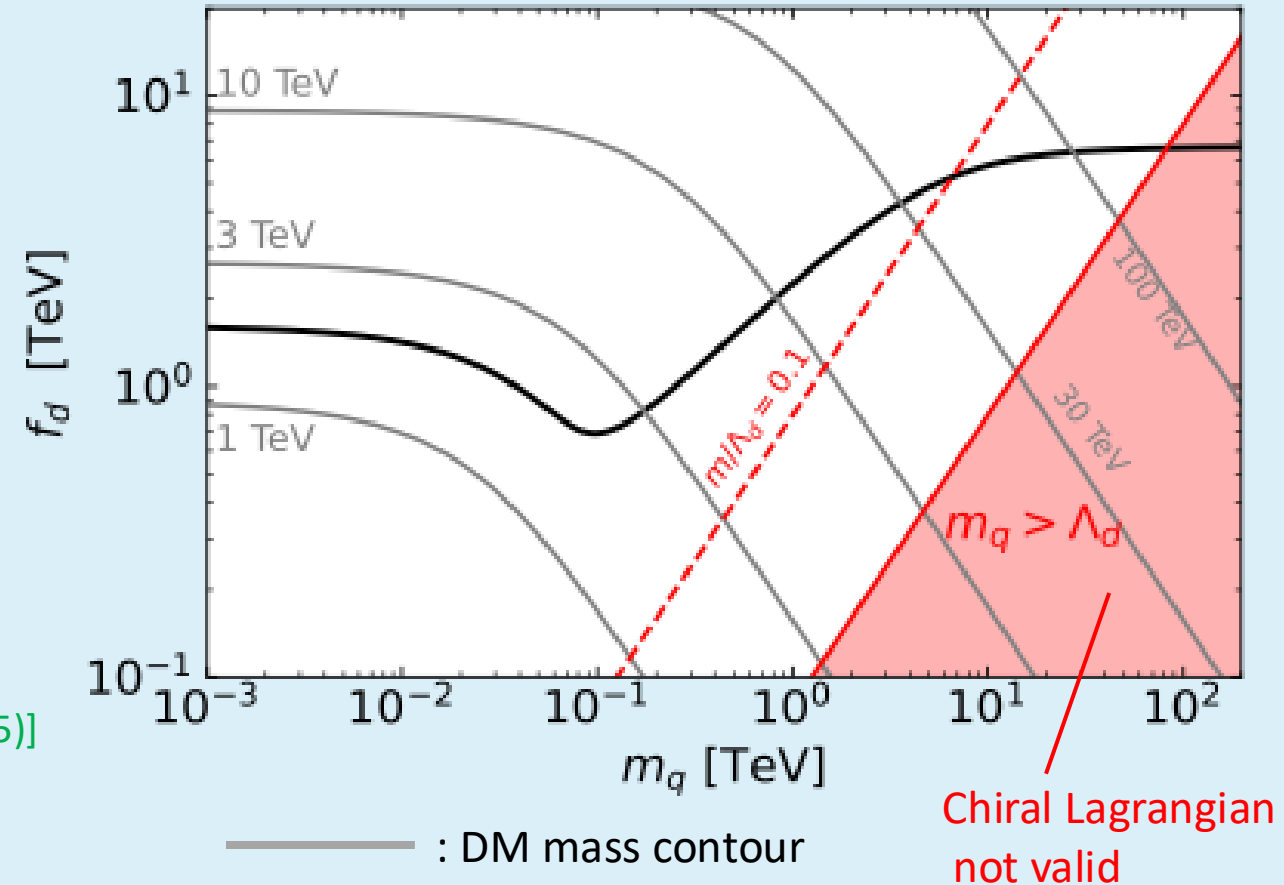
Next step...

→ **Sommerfeld Effect (SE)**

affects abundance of EW interacting heavy DM

Hisano, Matsumoto, Nojiri, Saito [PRD 71 (2005)]

$N = 3$



Sommerfeld Effect

$m_\chi \gg m_{W,Z} \rightarrow$ EW interaction behaves as a long-range force.

EW interaction affects non-relativistic two-body states

annihilation cross section

$$\sigma_{\text{ann}} = |\psi(0)|^2 \sigma_{\text{LO}}$$

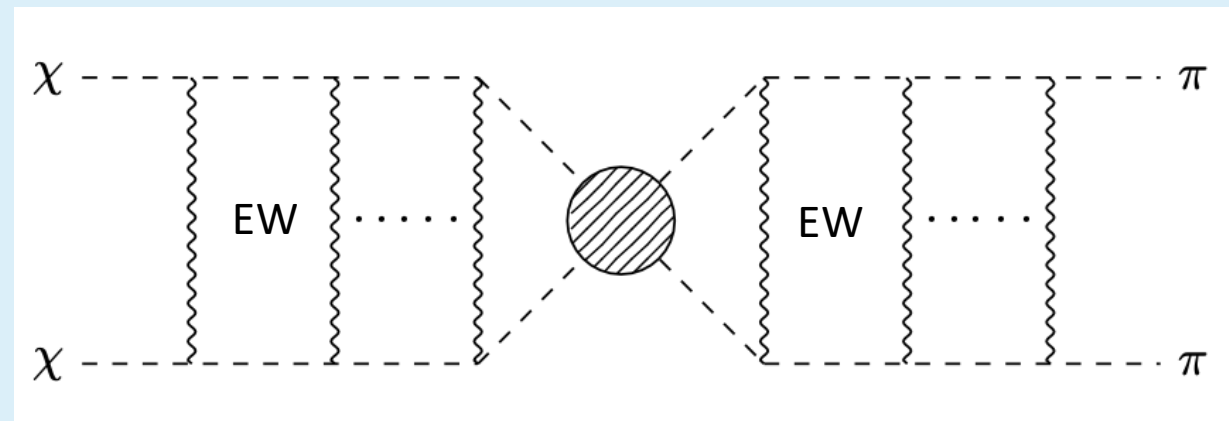
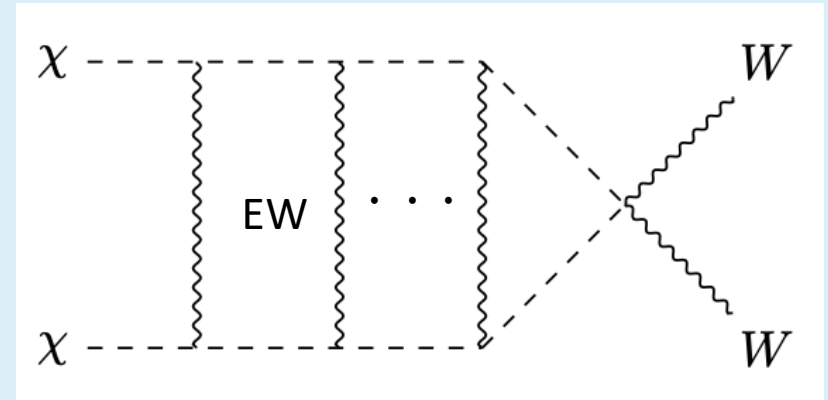
↑ obtained by solving Schroedinger eq.

Forbidden channel $\chi\chi \rightarrow 5\text{-plet}$

$$m_\pi \simeq m_\chi \gg m_{W,Z}$$

SE in the final state ?

Cui, Luo [JHEP 01 (2021)]



Toy Model

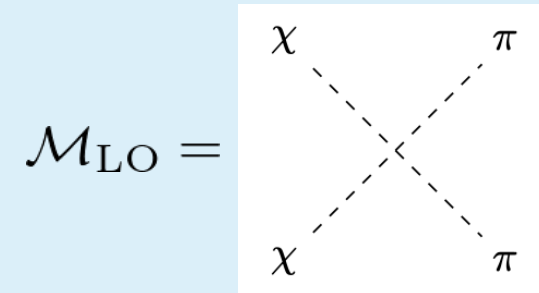
Annihilation process $\chi\chi \rightarrow \pi\pi$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset v_d^3 \text{tr}[MU + \text{h.c.}] \supset \frac{4mv_d^3}{3f_d^4} \left(\frac{1}{2}(\chi^0)^2 + \chi^+\chi^- \right) \left(\frac{1}{2}(\pi^0)^2 + \pi^+\pi^- + \pi^{++}\pi^{--} \right).$$

Amplitude w/ SE $\mathcal{M} \propto \psi_i(0)\psi_f(0)\mathcal{M}_{\text{LO}}$

$\psi_{i,f}$: initial /final two-body states

SE factor $S \sim |\psi_i(0)|^2 |\psi_f(0)|^2$



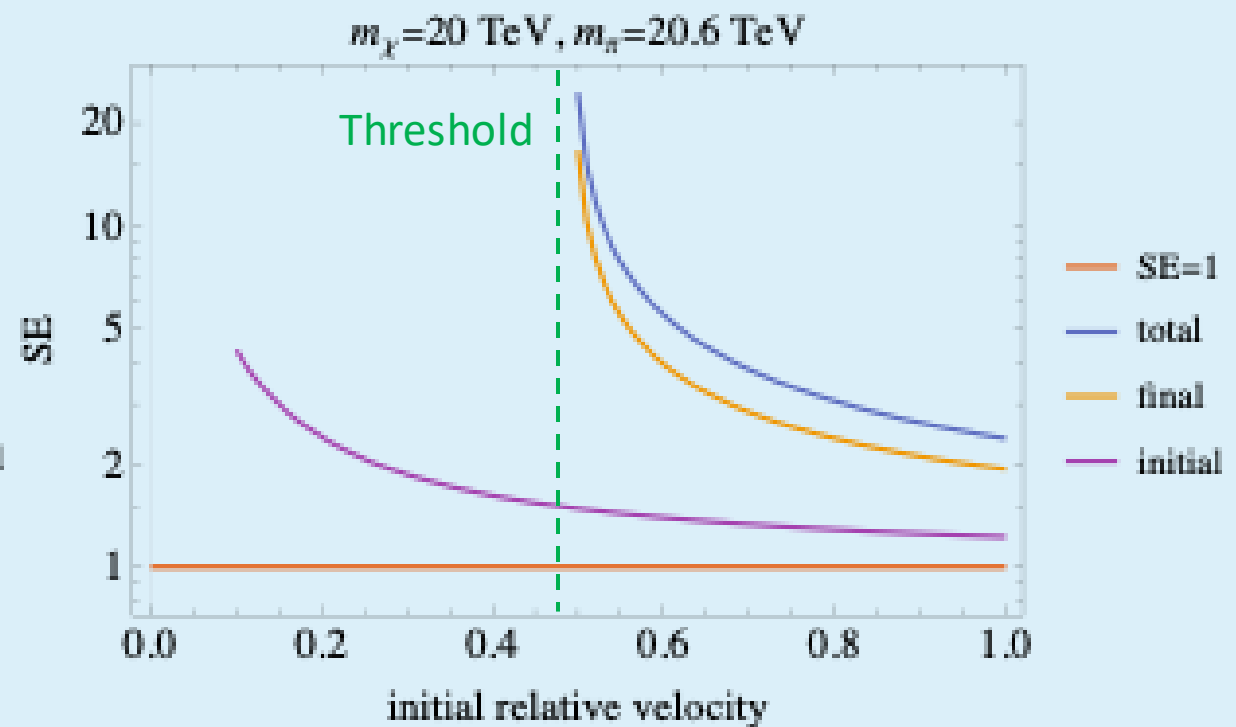
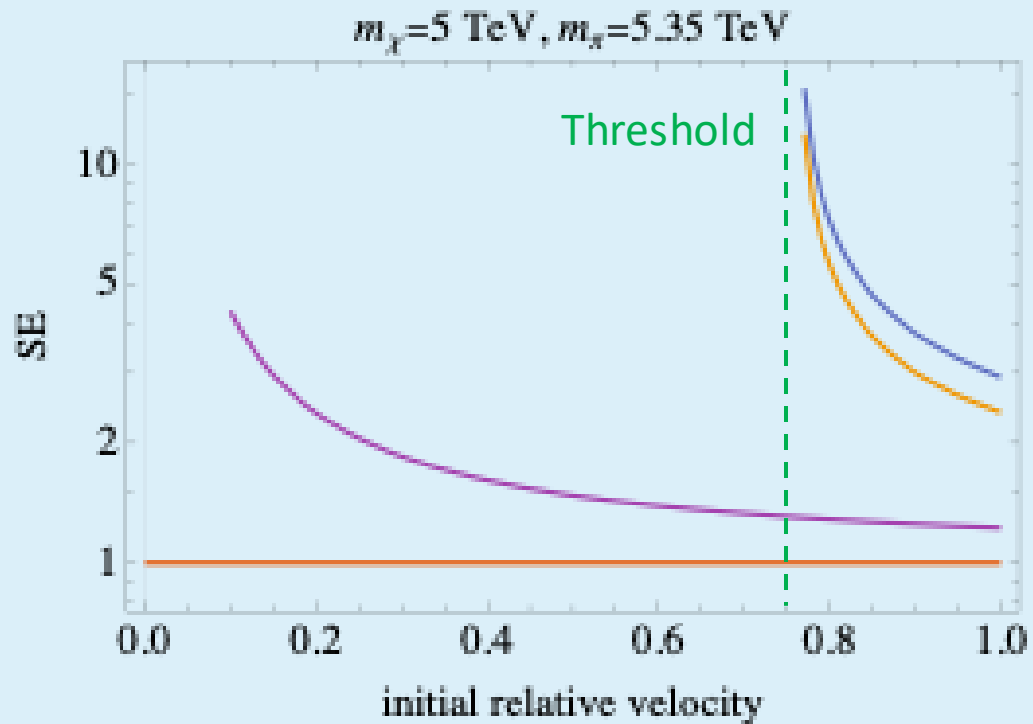
W^\pm exchange : $\chi^0\chi^0 \leftrightarrow \chi^+\chi^-$, $\pi^0\pi^0 \leftrightarrow \pi^+\pi^- \leftrightarrow \pi^{++}\pi^{--}$

initial $\left[-\frac{1}{m_\chi} \nabla^2 + V_\chi(r) - \frac{p^2}{m_\chi} \right] \Psi_\chi(r) = 0$ $\Psi_\chi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\chi^0\chi^0}(r) \\ \psi_{\chi^+\chi^-}(r) \end{pmatrix}$ V_χ : 2×2 matrix

final $\left[-\frac{1}{m_\pi} \nabla^2 + V_\pi(r) - \frac{p^2}{m_\pi} \right] \Psi_\pi(r) = 0$ $\Psi_\pi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\pi^0\pi^0}(r) \\ \psi_{\pi^+\pi^-}(r) \\ \psi_{\pi^{++}\pi^{--}}(r) \end{pmatrix}$ V_π : 3×3 matrix

Results

Threshold of relative velocity of initial state : $v_{rel} \geq 2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{m_\pi}{m_\chi}\right)^2 - 1}$



SE in final states mainly contribute to the total SE factor

Summary & Future Prospect

Summary

- Composite DM model \rightarrow DM with $O(1 - 10)$ TeV mass
- DM candidate : $SU(2)_W$ triplet dark pion χ

Forbidden channel $\chi\chi \rightarrow \pi\pi$ contributes to relic abundance

- EW interacting Heavy DM \rightarrow **Sommerfeld Effect (SE)**

SE in final states also affect the relic abundance

Future prospect

Including all interaction terms

\rightarrow Compare with current constraints from indirect detection experiments

Back Up

SU(N) Composite DM Model

Bai, Hill [Phys. Rev. D **82** (2010)], Antipin, Redi, Strumia, Vigianni [JHEP **07**(2015)]

$SU(N)_d$ gauge symmetry

$$\Psi_i \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \psi_i \\ \bar{\psi}_i^\dagger \end{pmatrix} \quad \psi, \bar{\psi}: \text{dark quark, anti-dark quark} \\ \text{(3-flavor)}$$

Renormalizable Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \bar{\Psi}_i (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \Psi_i - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} + \frac{g_d^2 \theta}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^A \tilde{G}^{A\mu\nu}$$

Dark quark confines at the scale $\Lambda_d \rightarrow$ dark baryons, dark pions

Accidental symmetries

U(1) global symmetry: $\Psi_i \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \Psi_i$ Stability of dark baryons

G-parity: $\Psi_i \rightarrow \exp(i\pi I_2) \Psi_i^c$ Stability of dark pions

Dark Pion Matrices

$SU(2)_W$ triplet χ

$$\Pi_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i\chi^0 & \frac{\chi^- - \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ i\chi^0 & 0 & -i\frac{\chi^- + \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{\chi^- - \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & i\frac{\chi^- + \chi^+}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Dark pion fields $U = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}i}{f_d}(\Pi_3 + \Pi_5)\right)$

$SU(2)_W$ quintuplet π

$$\Pi_5 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{\pi^{++} + \pi^{--}}{2} & -i\frac{\pi^{++} - \pi^{--}}{2} & \frac{\pi^+ + \pi^-}{2} \\ -i\frac{\pi^{++} - \pi^{--}}{2} & \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\pi^{++} + \pi^{--}}{2} & i\frac{\pi^+ - \pi^-}{2} \\ \frac{\pi^+ + \pi^-}{2} & i\frac{\pi^+ - \pi^-}{2} & -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\pi^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$U \in SU(3)_V$

G-parity

$$W_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow W_{\mu\nu}, \quad U \rightarrow U^T$$

$$\Pi_3 \rightarrow -\Pi_3, \quad \Pi_5 \rightarrow \Pi_5$$

π decay process $\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}} \supset -\frac{g^2 N}{16\sqrt{2}\pi^2 f_d} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr}[\Pi_5 W_{\mu\nu} W_{\rho\sigma}]$

Charge Assignment for Dark Quarks

	$SU(N)_d$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$
ψ	N	1	3	0
$\bar{\psi}$	\bar{N}	1	3	0

Vector-like : Anomaly cancelation

$Y = 0$: Escape from direct detection constraints & obtain G-parity

Minimal setup w/ forbidden channel

Dark Pion Mass

Bai, Hill [Phys. Rev. D **82** (2010)], Antipin, Redi, Strumia, Vigiani [JHEP **07**(2015)]

Explicit breaking of chiral symmetry → Dark pion mass

① Dark quark mass term $m_\chi^2 = m_\pi^2 = \frac{4mv_d^3}{f_d^2}$

② $SU(2)_W$ radiative corrections

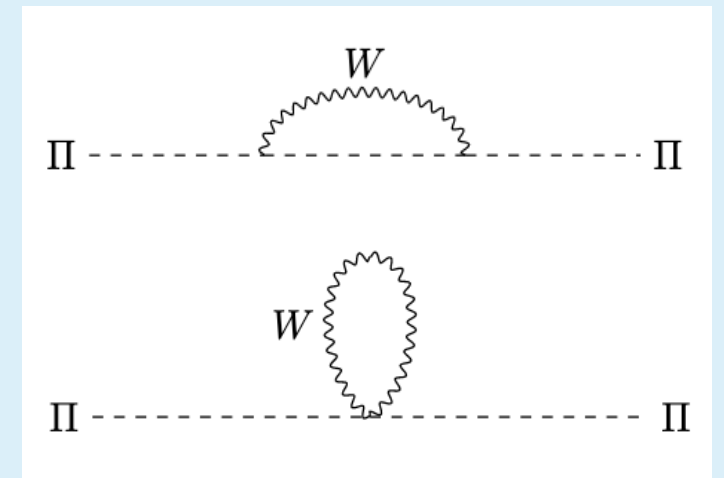
$$\delta m^2 \sim C^2(R) \alpha_2 (\Lambda_d) \Lambda_d^2$$

$$C^2(R): \text{Casimir op. of rep. } R \quad C^2(\mathbf{3}) = 2, C^2(\mathbf{5}) = 6$$

mass splitting among multiplet

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia [Nucl. Phys. B **753** (2005)]

$$m_Q - m_0 \simeq \alpha_2 Q^2 m_W \sin^2 \frac{\theta_W}{2} \quad (\text{for } m \gg m_W)$$
$$\simeq 166 \times Q^2 \text{ MeV}$$



Dark baryon

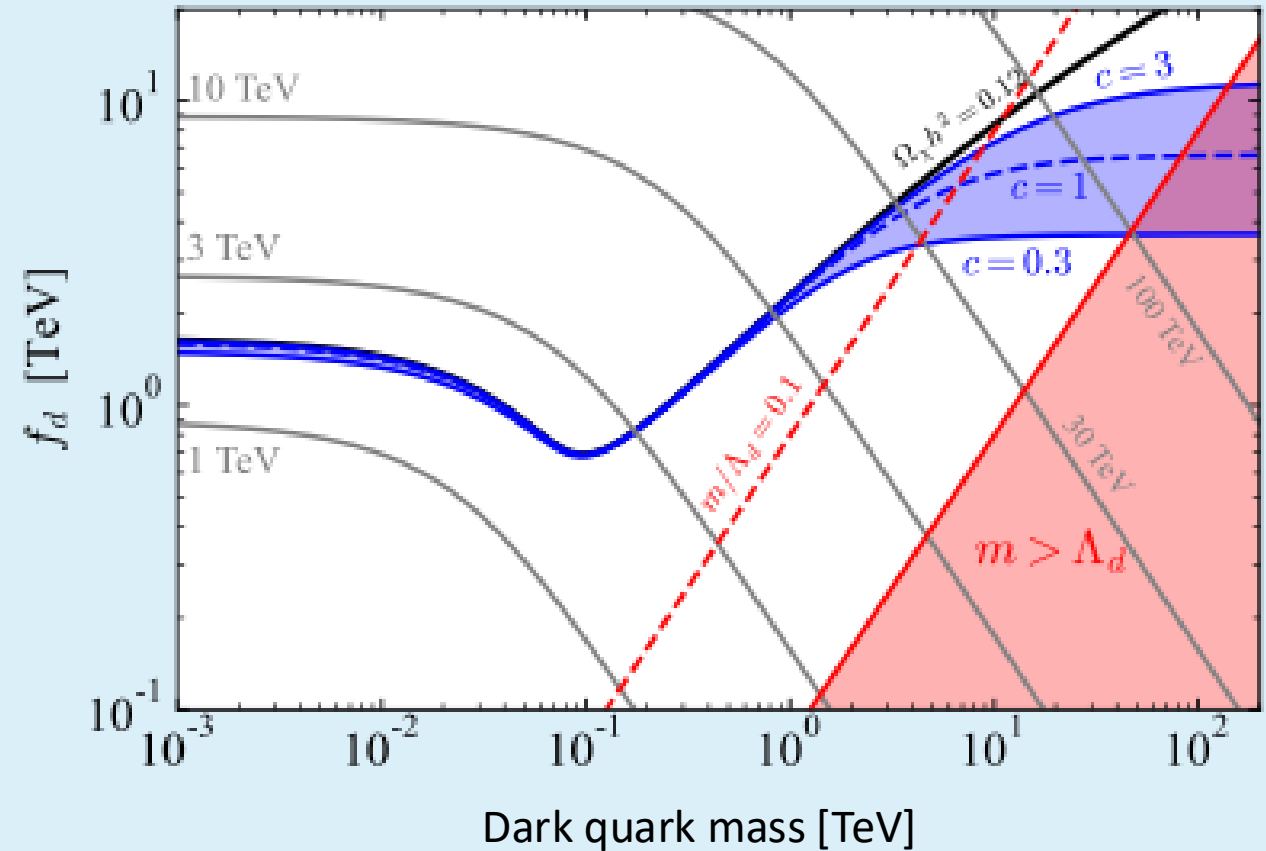
DM components $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = \Omega_{\chi} h^2 + \Omega_B h^2$

energy density of dark baryon

annihilation cross section (s-wave)

$$\langle \sigma_B v \rangle \simeq c \frac{4\pi}{m_B^2}, \quad c \sim O(1) \quad m_B \sim \Lambda_d \sim 4\pi f_d$$

$$\Omega_B h^2 \simeq 0.12 \left(\frac{f_d}{6.66 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1.0}{c} \right)$$



CP phase

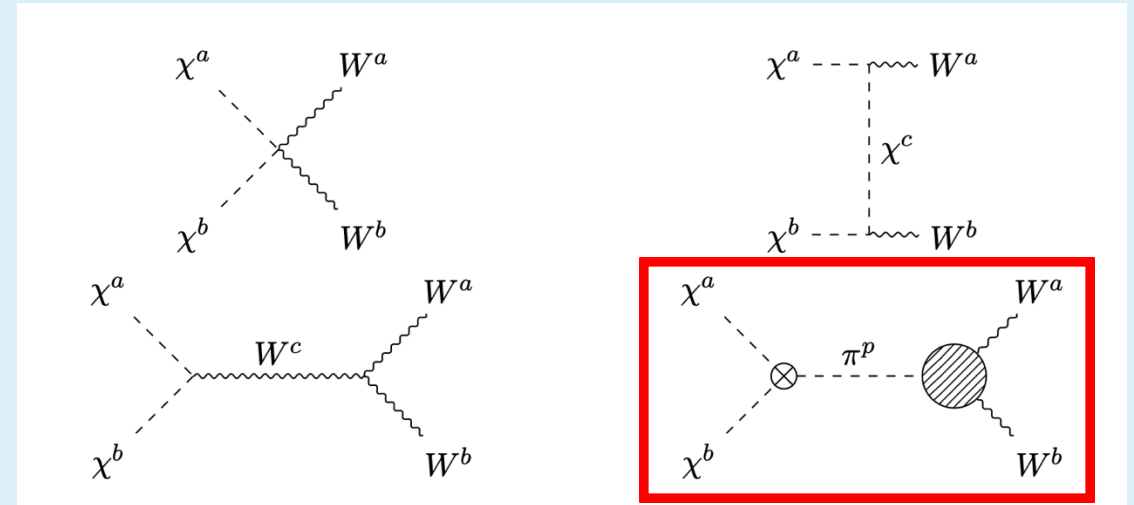
$$\theta \neq 0$$

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow WW$$

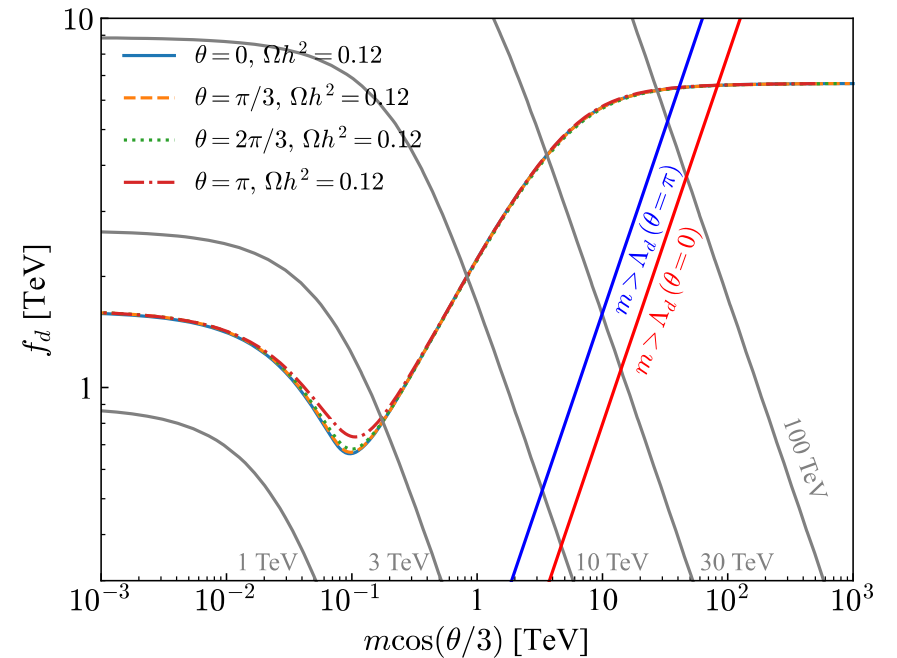
annihilation cross section

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{WW} = \langle\sigma v\rangle_{WW}^{\text{MDM}} + \langle\sigma v\rangle_{WW}^{\text{WZW}}$$

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{WW}^{\text{MDM}} \simeq \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{m_\chi^2} \quad \langle\sigma v\rangle_{WW}^{\text{WZW}} \propto \frac{g^4}{m_\chi^2} \left(\frac{m_q \sin\frac{\theta}{3}}{m_\chi}\right)^2 \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_\pi^4}$$



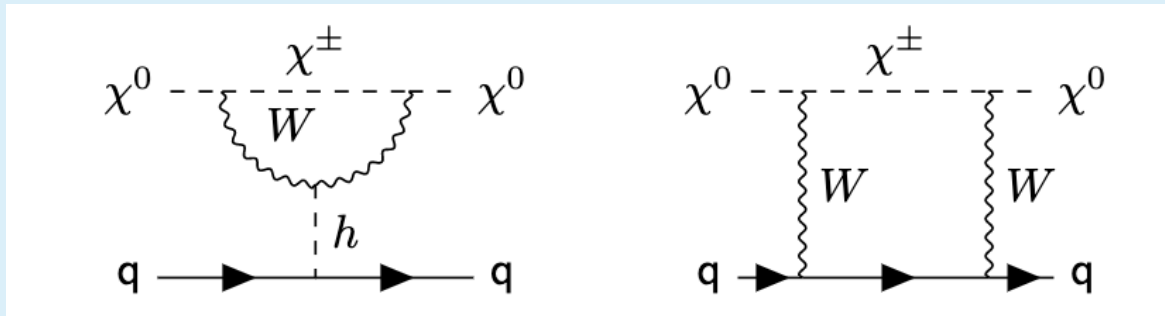
CP violation



Direct Detection

Elastic scattering suppressed at one-loop level

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia [Nucl. Phys. B **753** (2005)]

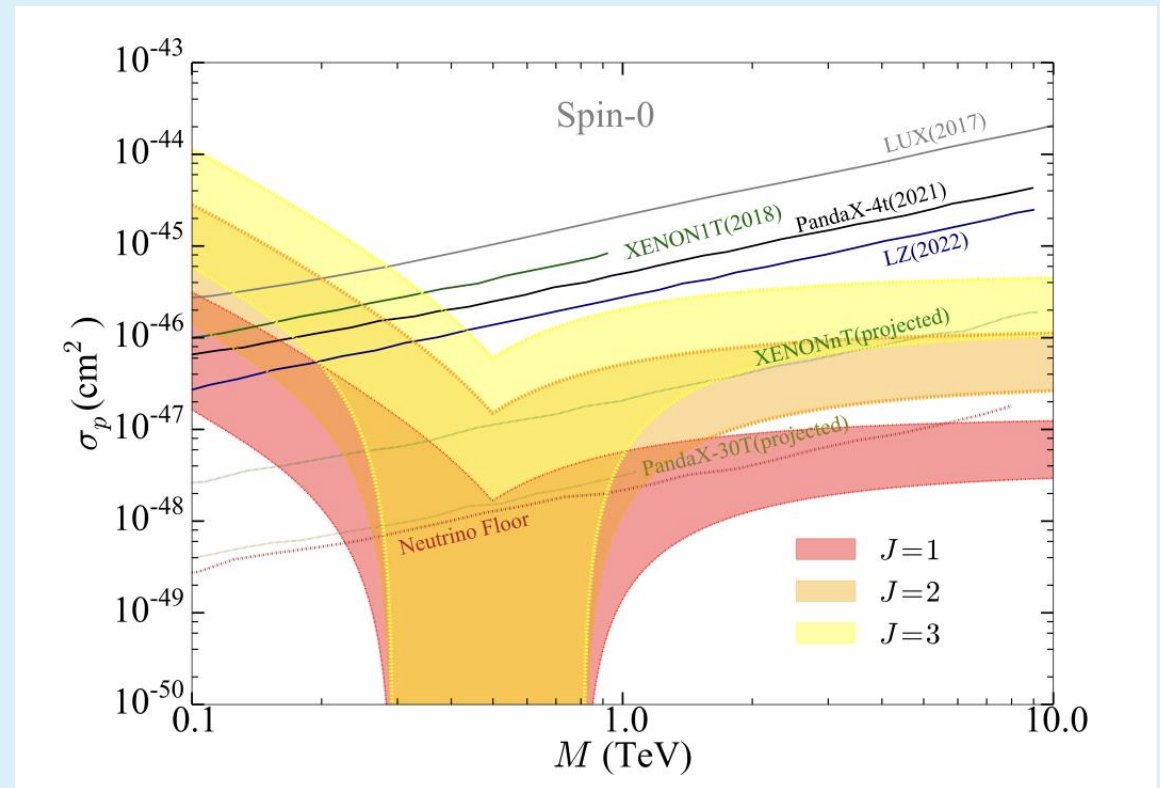


cross section: $\sigma_{SI} \sim O(10^{-47}) \text{ cm}^2$

Hisano, Ishiwata, Nagata [JHEP **06** (2015)]

Cheng, Ding, Hill, [Phys. Rev. D **108** (2023)]

Above the neutrino fog if $m_\chi \lesssim 4 \text{ TeV}$



Leading Order analysis

Cheng, Ding, Hill, [Phys. Rev. D **108** (2023)]

Collider Experiments

① production of χ : $pp \rightarrow W^{\pm*} \rightarrow \chi^{\pm} \chi^0$ [Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia [Nucl. Phys. B **753** (2005)]]

How to detect Charged component decay $\chi^{\pm} \rightarrow \chi^0 \pi_{\text{QCD}}^{\pm}$ π_{QCD}^{\pm} : soft

Disappearing tracks of χ^{\pm} : $c\tau \sim 6$ cm

Might be tested by future 100 TeV pp -collider? [Chiang, Cottin, Du, Fuyuto, Ramsey-Musolf [JHEP **01** (2021) 198]]

② production of π $pp \rightarrow W^* \rightarrow \pi W$
 $pp \rightarrow \rho_d^* \rightarrow \pi\pi$

[Kilic, Okui, Sundrum [JHEP **02** (2010)], Draper, Kozaczuk, Yu [Phys. Rev. D **98** (2018)]]

π decays into EW gauge bosons \rightarrow clean signals

Quintuplet decay

Decay into EW gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WZW}} \supset -\frac{g^2 N}{16\sqrt{2}\pi^2 f_d} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{tr}[\Pi_5 W_{\mu\nu} W_{\rho\sigma}]$$

Decay Width $\Gamma_\pi \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_W}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{m_\pi^3}{f_d^2}$ Lifetime $\tau_\pi = \frac{1}{\Gamma_\pi}$

Range of weak interaction $r_W \sim \frac{1}{m_W}$ $r_W \ll c\tau_\pi$

two-body π affected by SE before its decay

Schroedinger Equations

Cirelli, Fornengo, Strumia [Nucl. Phys. B 753 (2007)]

$$\left[-\frac{1}{m_\chi} \nabla^2 + V_\chi(r) - \frac{p^2}{m_\chi} \right] \Psi_\chi(r) = 0 \quad \left[-\frac{1}{m_\pi} \nabla^2 + V_\pi(r) - \frac{p^2}{m_\pi} \right] \Psi_\pi(r) = 0$$

$$V_\chi(r) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{2}B \\ -\sqrt{2}B & -A + 2\Delta \end{pmatrix} \quad V_\pi(r) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -3\sqrt{2}B & 0 \\ -3\sqrt{2}B & -A + 2\Delta & -2B \\ 0 & -2B & -4A + 8\Delta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A \equiv \frac{\alpha}{r} + \frac{\alpha_W c_W^2}{r} e^{-m_Z r}$$

$$B \equiv \frac{\alpha_W}{r} e^{-m_W r}$$

$$\Delta \equiv 166 \text{ MeV}$$

Boundary conditions [Plain wave outside the potential](#)

$$\frac{\psi_\chi^{i'}(r)}{\psi_\chi^i(r)} = i \sqrt{p^2 - m_\chi V_\chi(\infty)_{ii}}$$

$$\frac{\psi_\pi^{i'}(r)}{\psi_\pi^i(r)} = i \sqrt{p^2 - m_\pi V_\pi(\infty)_{ii}}$$

Derivative Coupling

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{f_d^2}{4} \text{tr}[\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger] \supset \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi \pi \pi, \chi \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \pi \pi, \chi \chi \partial_\mu \pi \partial^\mu \pi$$

terms proportional to 3-momentum is included. $\mathcal{M}_{w/o} \propto \lambda \mathbf{p}^2$

SE factor for ℓ -wave scattering
(prop. to p^ℓ)

$$S_\ell \propto \left| \frac{\partial^\ell \psi(r)}{\partial r^\ell} \Big|_{r=0} \right|^2 \quad \text{Cassel [J. Phys. G 37(2010)]}$$

momentum is replaced by derivatives of the wave func.