

# Probing pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone dark matter evading direct detection bounds

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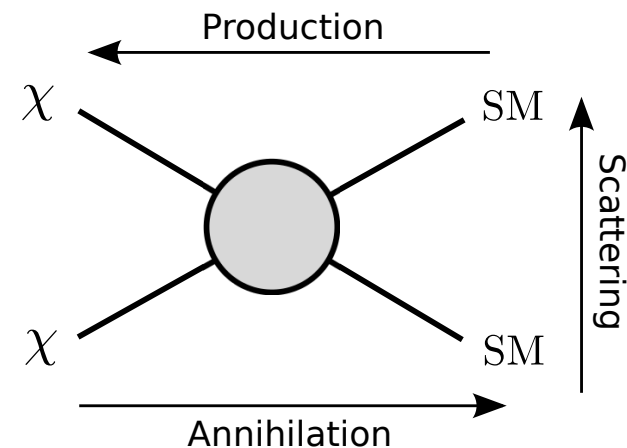
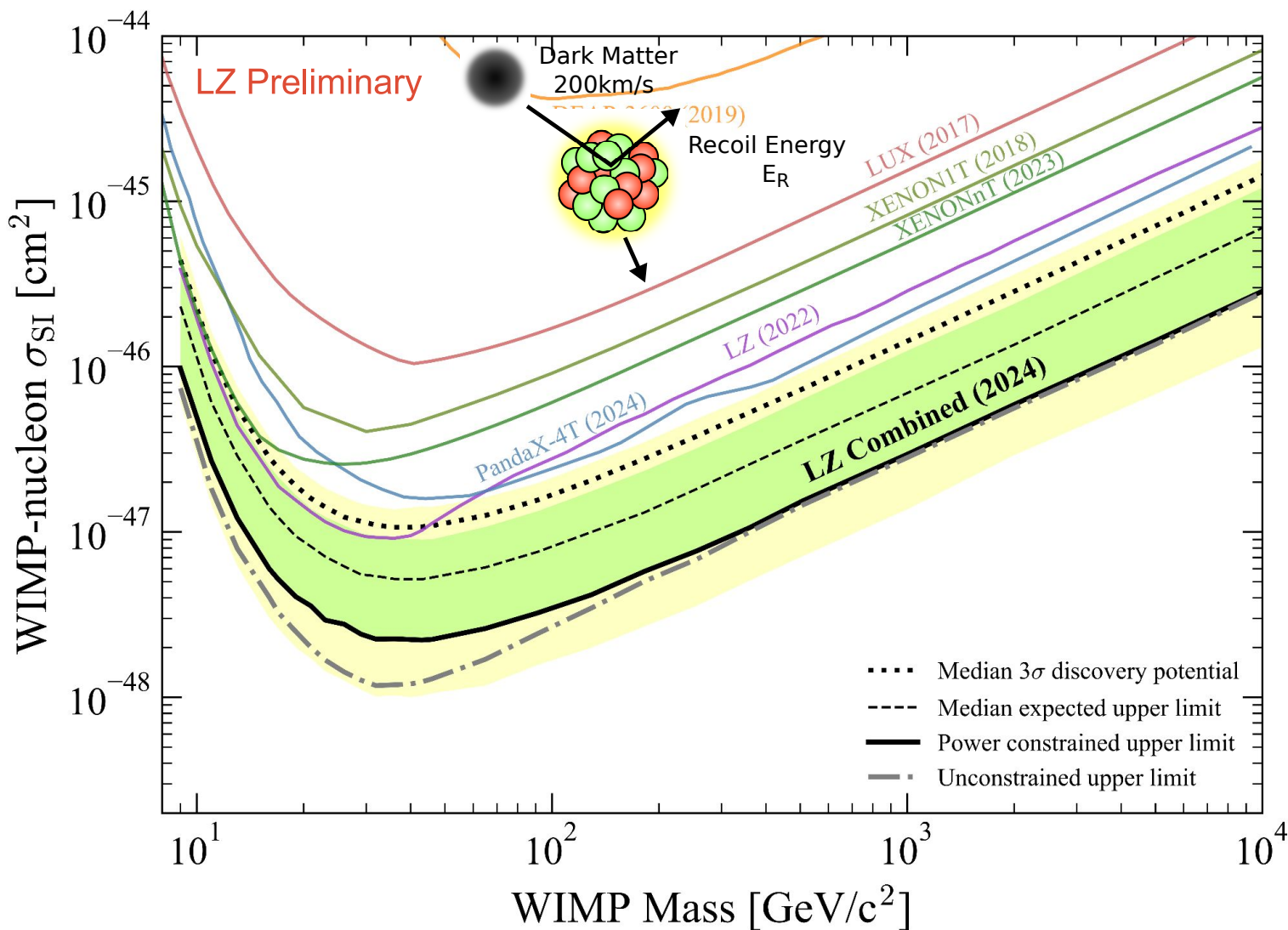
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Collaborators: Gross, Lebedev, Ishiwata, Abe, Tsumura, Yamatsu

# Status of direct detection experiments



- $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$
- $\Leftrightarrow \sigma v \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
- $\Leftrightarrow \sigma_{\text{el}} \sim 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$
- $(\sigma_{\text{el}} \lesssim 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2)$
- (loop)

LZ talk @ TeVPA2024

- LZ gives the strongest bound  $2.2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$  at 43 GeV.

- Need a mechanism to evade for thermal DM

# The pNG DM model

C. Gross, O. Lebedev, TT, PRL (2017) [arXiv:1708.02253]

- Introduce a complex scalar field  $S = (s + i\chi)/\sqrt{2}$  (DM:  $\chi$ )
- Global  $U(1)$  symmetry is assumed (invariant under  $S \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} S$ )

$$\mathcal{V} = -\frac{\mu_H^2}{2}|H|^2 - \frac{\mu_S^2}{2}|S|^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2}|H|^4 + \lambda_{HS}|H|^2|S|^2 + \frac{\lambda_S}{2}|S|^4$$

$$- \left( \frac{\mu_S'^2}{4} S^2 + \text{H.c.} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{soft breaking mass term}$$

- After  $H$  and  $S$  get VEVs,  $\phi$  and  $s$  mix

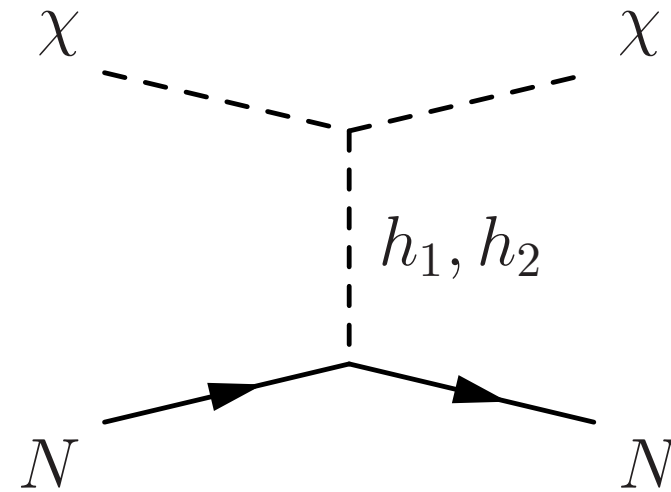
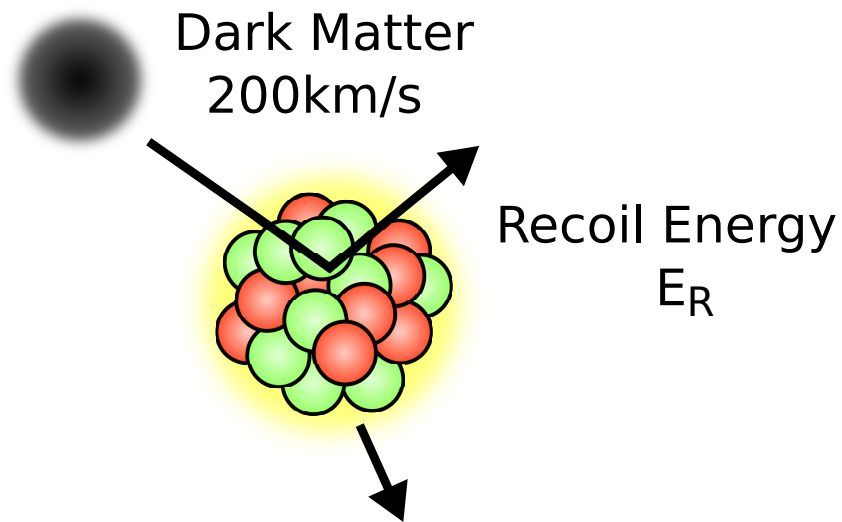
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (v + \phi)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \frac{v_s + s + i\chi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\sin \theta \lesssim 0.3$   $\leftarrow$  Constrained by EWPT,  $h_2$  direct search at LHC

# Direct detection (tree level)

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- Scattering amplitude cancels between  $h_1, h_2$  mediated diagrams

$$i\mathcal{M} \sim i \left( \frac{m_{h_1}^2}{q^2 - m_{h_1}^2} - \frac{m_{h_2}^2}{q^2 - m_{h_2}^2} \right) \sim i \frac{q^2(m_{h_1}^2 - m_{h_2}^2)}{m_{h_1}^2 m_{h_2}^2} \rightarrow 0$$

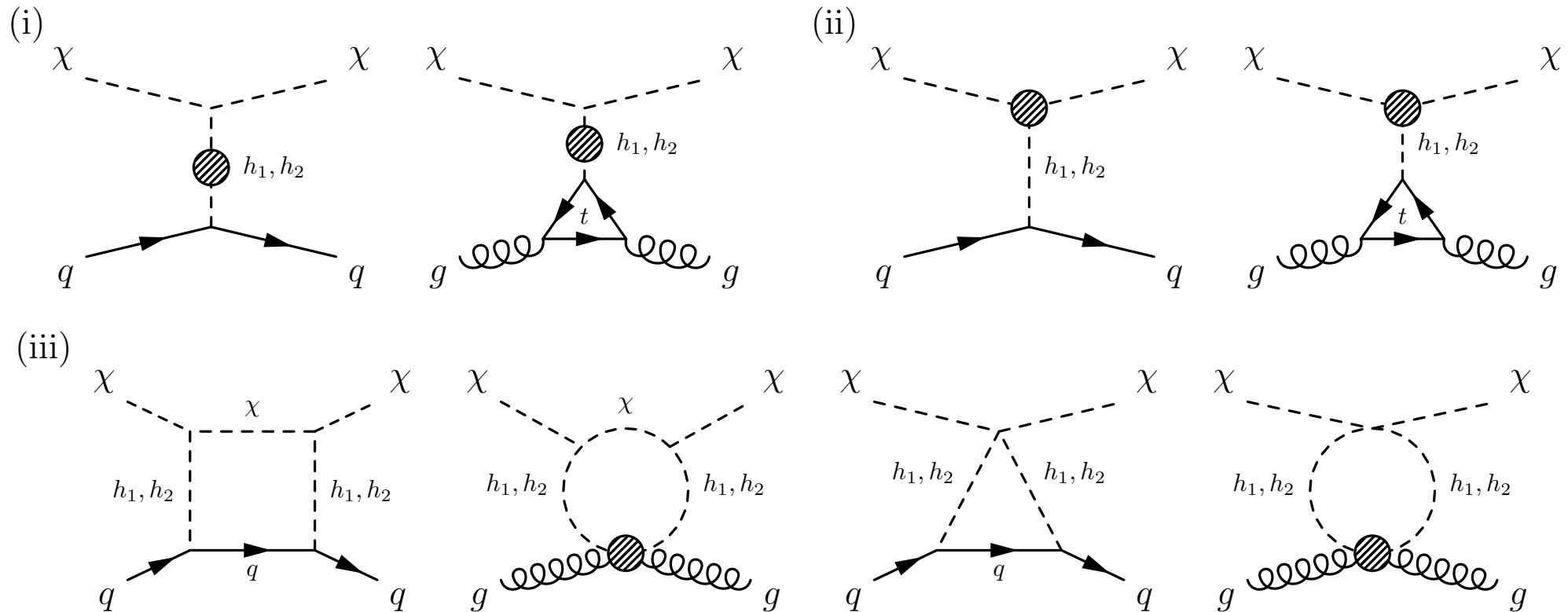
⇒ **Naturally evade the direct detection bounds**

- The cancellation is due to nature of Goldstone boson

# Direct detection (1-loop level)

D. Azevedo et al., JHEP [arXiv:1810.06105]  
 K. Ishiwata, TT, JHEP [arXiv:1810.08139]  
 S. Glaus et al., JHEP [arXiv:2008.12985]

## ■ Constant amplitude at 1-loop level

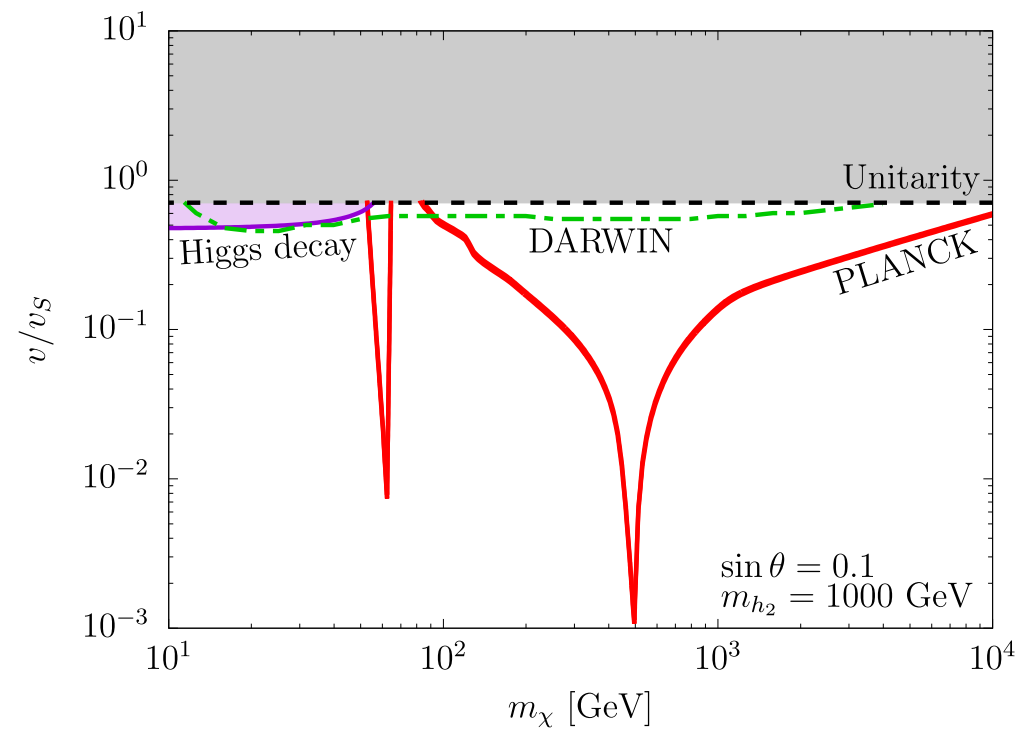
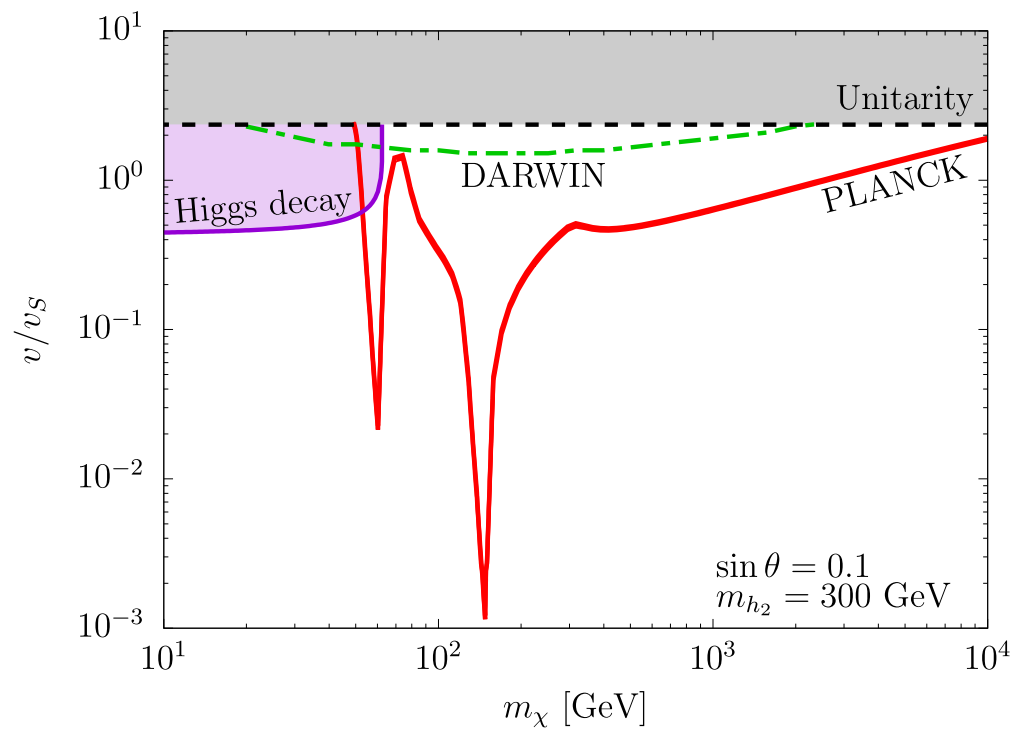


■ (i) self-energy correction

■ (ii) vertex correction

■ (iii) box and triangle → two Yukawa couplings  
(sub-dominant)

# Numerical calculations K. Ishiwata, TT, JHEP [arXiv:1810.08139]



- $\sin \theta = 0.1$
- Unitarity bound:  $\lambda_S \leq 8\pi/3$
- Higgs Invisible decay  $\text{Br}(h_1 \rightarrow \text{inv}) \lesssim 20\%$  at LHC
- $\sigma_{\text{SI}}^p = \mathcal{O}(10^{-48})$  cm<sup>2</sup> at most

# Possible extension of the pNG DM model

Y. Abe, TT, K. Tsumura, JHEP (2020),

Y. Abe, TT, K. Tsumura, N. Yamatsu, PRD (2021)

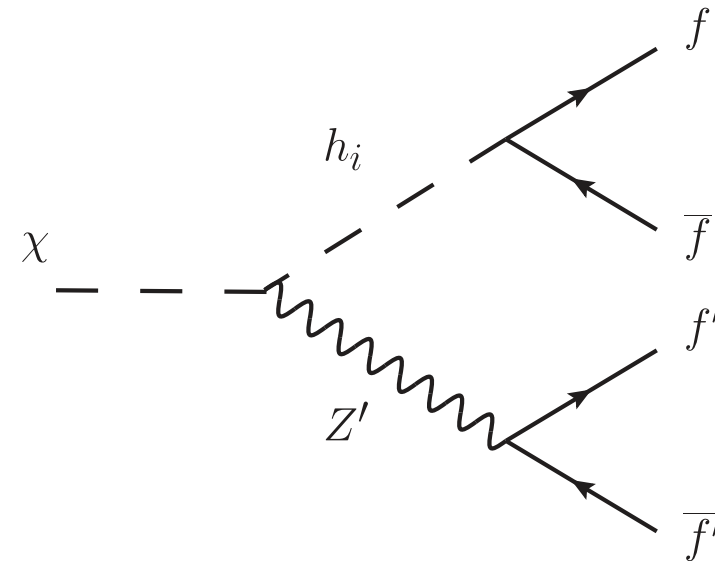
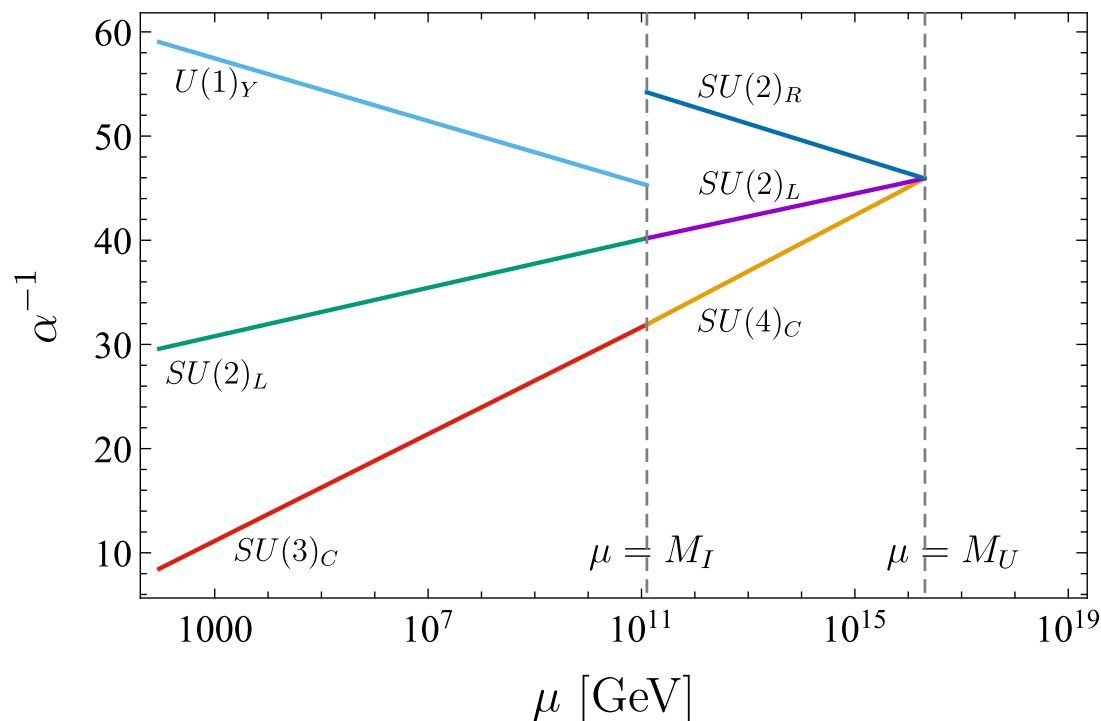
## ■ Gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ extension

- Solution for domain wall problem
- Origin of soft breaking term

$$\mu\Phi S^2 \Rightarrow \mu\langle\Phi\rangle S^2 = \mu_S'^2 S^2$$

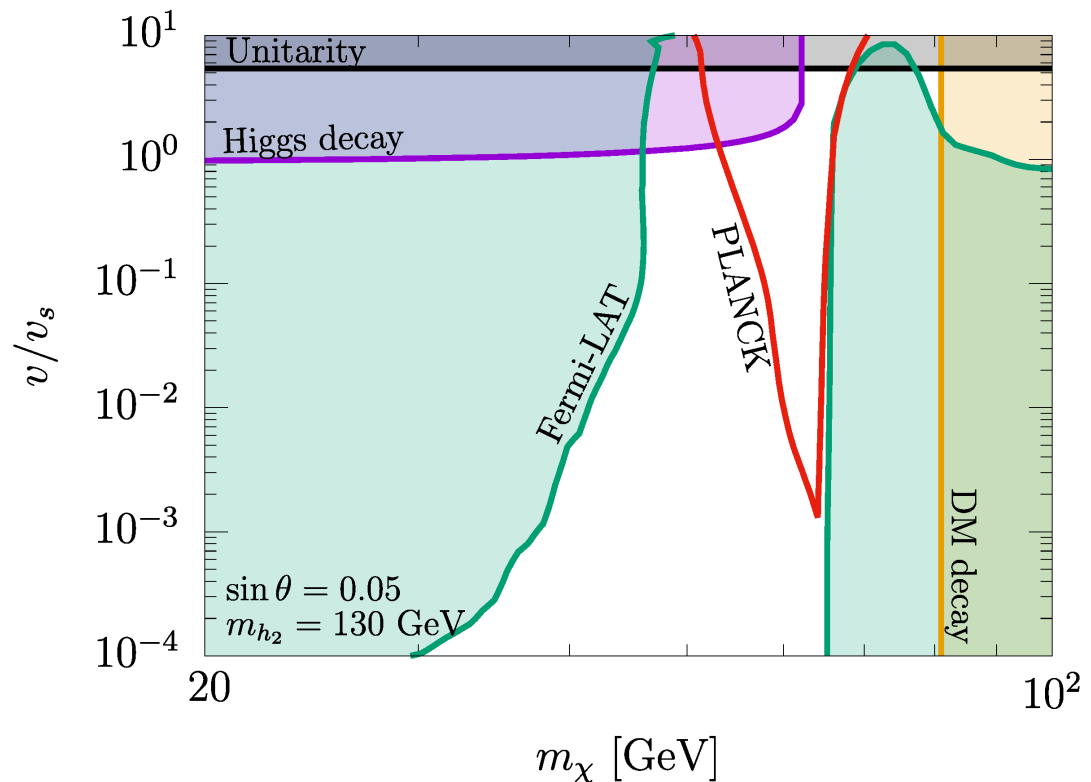
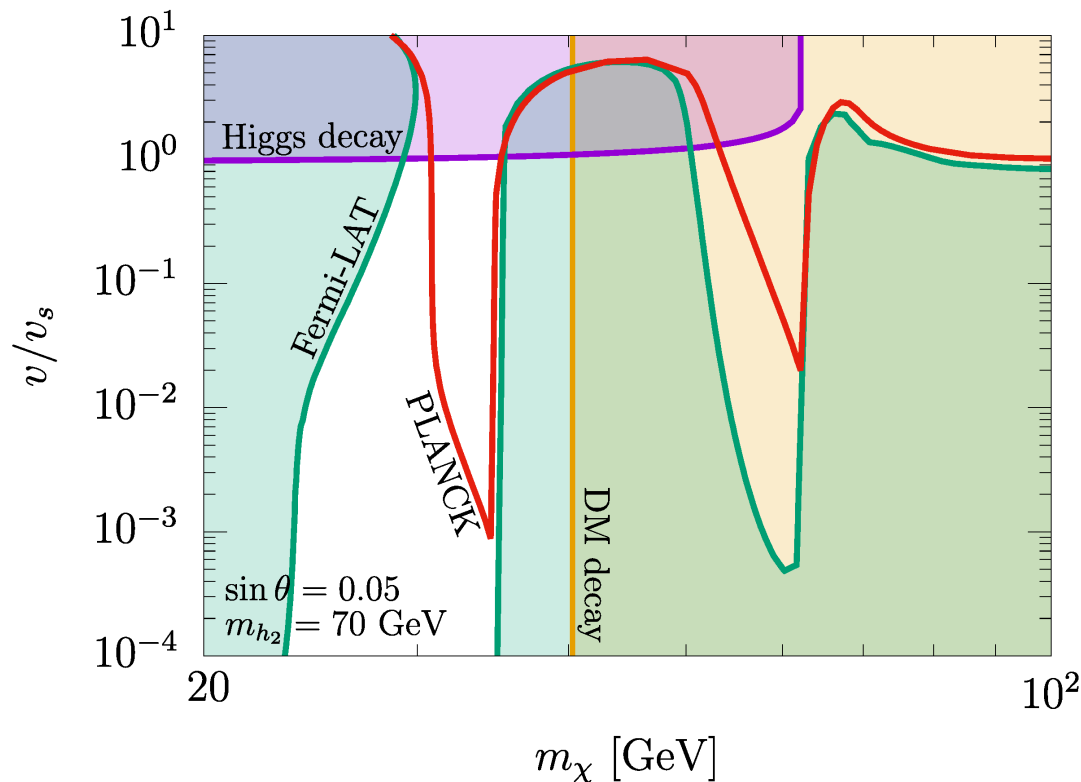
- Neutrino masses
- Gauge coupling unification

$SO(10)$  pNGB model



- Prediction: DM decay  
 $\Rightarrow$  indirect detection signals

# Parameter space



- $v/v_s \sim \sqrt{\lambda_S}$
- $\tau_\chi \gtrsim 10^{27} \text{ sec}$
- Fermi-LAT:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}, WW \rightarrow \text{gamma production}$
- close to the  $h_2$  resonance

# Other variations of pNG DM models

- THDM + S with global U(1) [Zhang, Cai, Jiang, Tang, Yu, Zhang, JHEP 05 \(2021\) 160](#)  
 $\Rightarrow$  Gravitational waves from strong 1st order phase transition

- Various pNG DM models

	DW problem	stable/decaying	real/complex	Landau pole
Global U(1)	×	stable	real	✓
Gauged U(1) <sub>B-L</sub>	✓	decaying	real	✓
SO(10) GUT	✓	decaying	real	✓
Hidden gauged U(1)	✓	decaying	real	✓
Global SU(2) with gauged U(1)	✓	stable	complex	×
Gauged SU(2)	✓	stable	complex	✓
Gauged U(1) with 2 scalars	✓	stable	real	✓

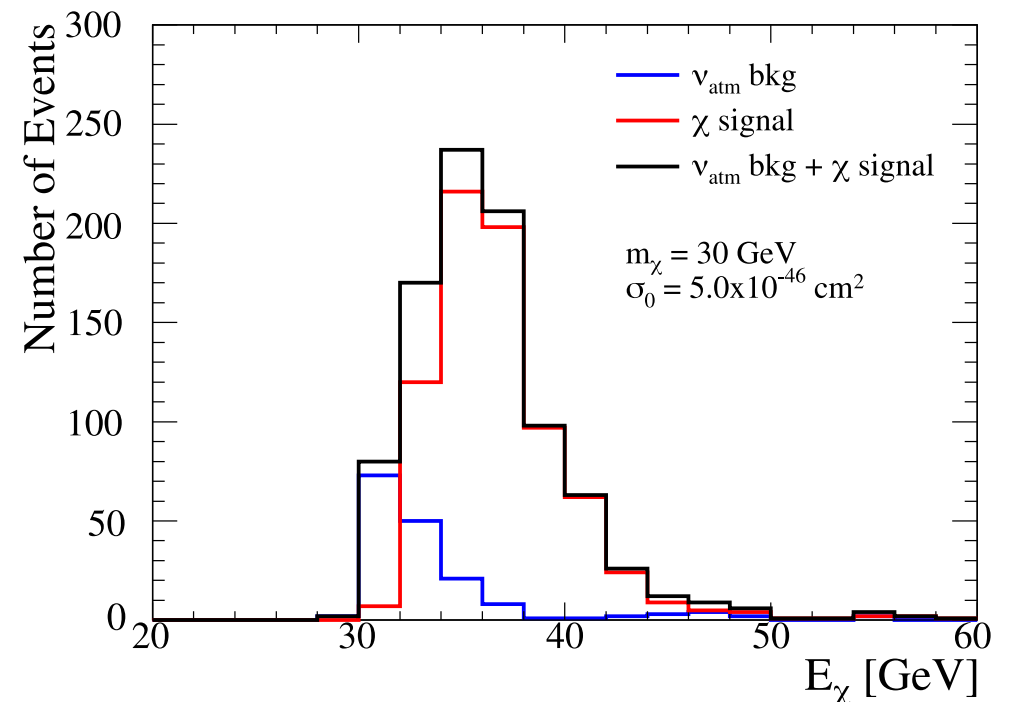
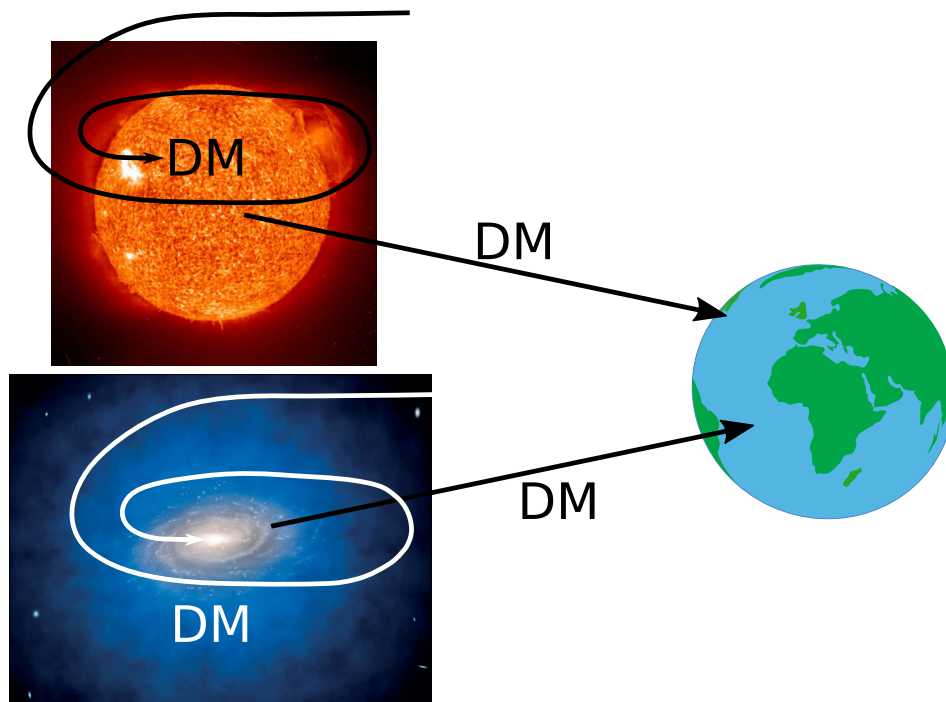
[Abe, Hamada, Tsumura, JHEP 05 076 \(2024\)](#)

- No domain wall

Two component DM  $\Rightarrow$  production of boosted DM

# How to probe pNG DM

- PNG DM can be detectable if boosted by some mechanism.  
 $\sigma_{\text{el}} \propto q^4 \Rightarrow$  strong enhancement of signals  $\Rightarrow \nu$  detectors
- Boosting mechanisms
  - Semi-annihilations
  - Decay or annihilations of heavy particles
  - Up-scattering with high energy cosmic-rays



# Summary

- 1 Dark matter direct detection experiments impose the strong bounds on the scattering cross section.  
Wayout: suppression of scattering  $\Rightarrow$  pNG DM
- 2 Further extensions of the pNG DM model have been proposed.
- 3 Strong pNG DM signals are expected if DM is boosted.