

Beyond the Standard Model with $Sp(2N)$ Gauge Theory: Meson Spectroscopy and Scattering



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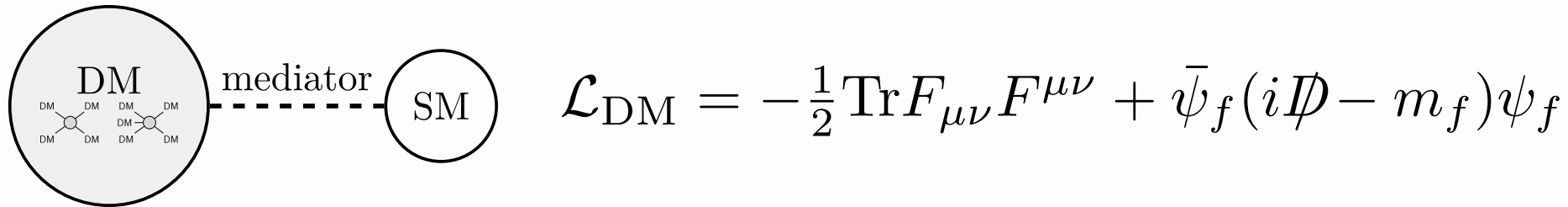


QCD-like gauge theories

- New non-SM gauge force with fermions
 - Composite Higgs Models: hyper-gluons and hyperquarks
 - Dark Matter Models: dark gluons and dark quarks
- Depending on the BSM model they can carry SM charges or not
- I will use the QCD nomenclature:
 - e.g. π : 0^- nonsinglet, ρ : 1^- nonsinglet, ...
 - these states are **not** the QCD hadrons
 - but they are similar in terms of their fermion structure

QCD-like Gauge Theories in Dark Matter Models

- With fermions: Global symmetries make Dark Matter stable
- With mediator: Dark sector coupled to SM
- Lightest dark Hadrons (here pions) are DM candidates



- Non-vanishing self-scattering cross-section arise

$$\langle v \sigma_{\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi} \rangle \neq 0$$

- Dark Matter Relic density driven by strong processes
 - Scattering cross-sections are required input

Theories With Multiple Fermion Representations

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_i (i\not{D} - m_i) \psi_i + \bar{\Psi}_j (i\not{D} - m_j) \Psi_j$$

- Gauge theory of group G with field strength tensor $F_{\mu\nu}$
- Two species of fermions ψ and Ψ under different irreps of G
- **Composite Higgs Models with partial top compositeness**
 - Composite Higgs from one Goldstone sector
 - Composite Top partner from $\psi\psi\Psi$ or $\psi\Psi\Psi$
 - Global Symmetries must contain $SU(3)$ and $SU(2) \times U(1)^4$

Chiral Symmetry and Goldstone Bosons

- One breaking pattern for every fermion representation
 - complex: $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f) \rightarrow SU(N_f)$
 - pseudoreal: $SU(2N_f) \times Sp(2N_f)$
 - real: $Sp(2N_f) \times SO(2N_f)$
- And one axial $U(1)$ for every representation
 - one linear combination broken by axial anomaly!
 - **Additional $U(1)$ Goldstone at finite N_c for multirep!**

Why Symplectic Gauge Theories?

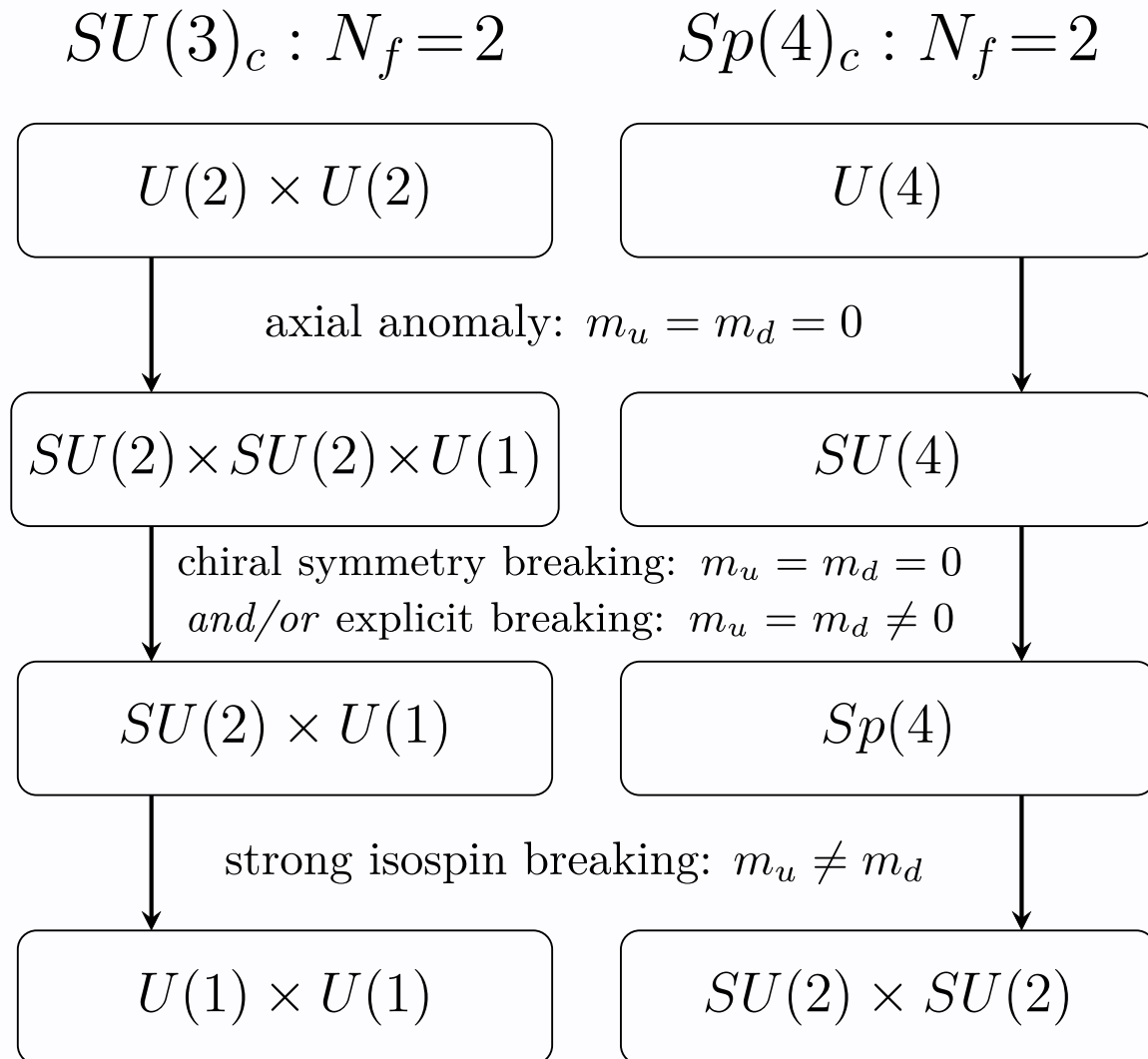
- Fermions in real or pseudo-real representations
- **Dark Matter: *Strongly Interactive Massive Particles***
 - Semi-annihilation process: $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ sets DM relic density
 - $Sp(2N)$ groups with $N_f > 2$ favoured by χ PT over $SU(N)$, $SO(N)$
- **Composite Higgs Models:** with partial top compositeness
 - two fundamental fermions: allow pseudo-Goldstone Higgs
 - three anti-symmetric fermions: top composite partner

BSM wishlist from the lattice

1. Masses and decay constants of dark hadrons
 - Non-singlet and singlet mesons, glueballs
2. Scattering of pions
 - $2\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ for self-interaction crosssection
 - $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ for SIMP semi-annihilation
3. Applicability of χ PT and related EFTs

Meson Spectrum of two-flavour $Sp(4)$

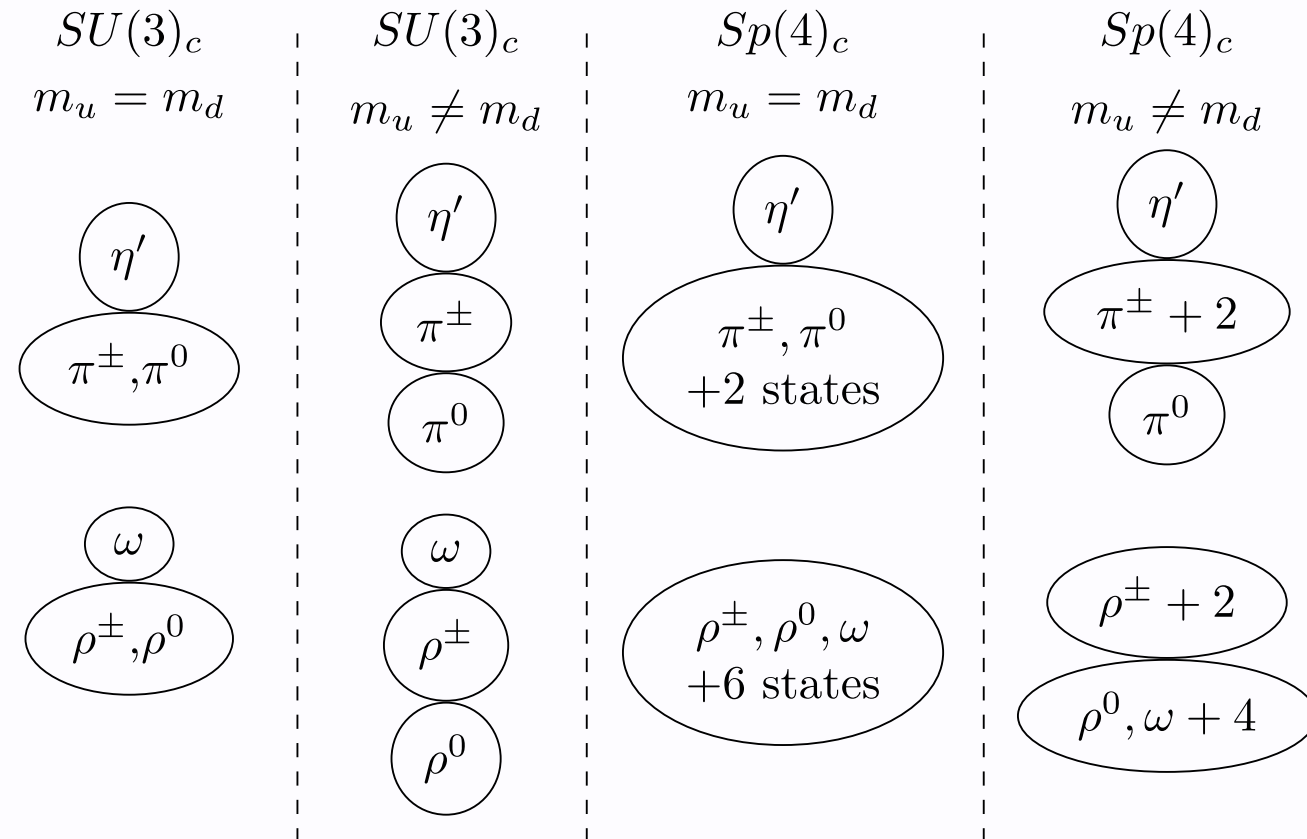
SIMPs from $Sp(4)$ gauge theory



- Pseudo-real representation: ^[1]
 \Rightarrow more pseudo-Goldstones
 \Rightarrow no fermionic bound states
- $N_f = 2$: exactly 5 Goldstones
 - Allows $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ ^[2] DM semi-annihilation

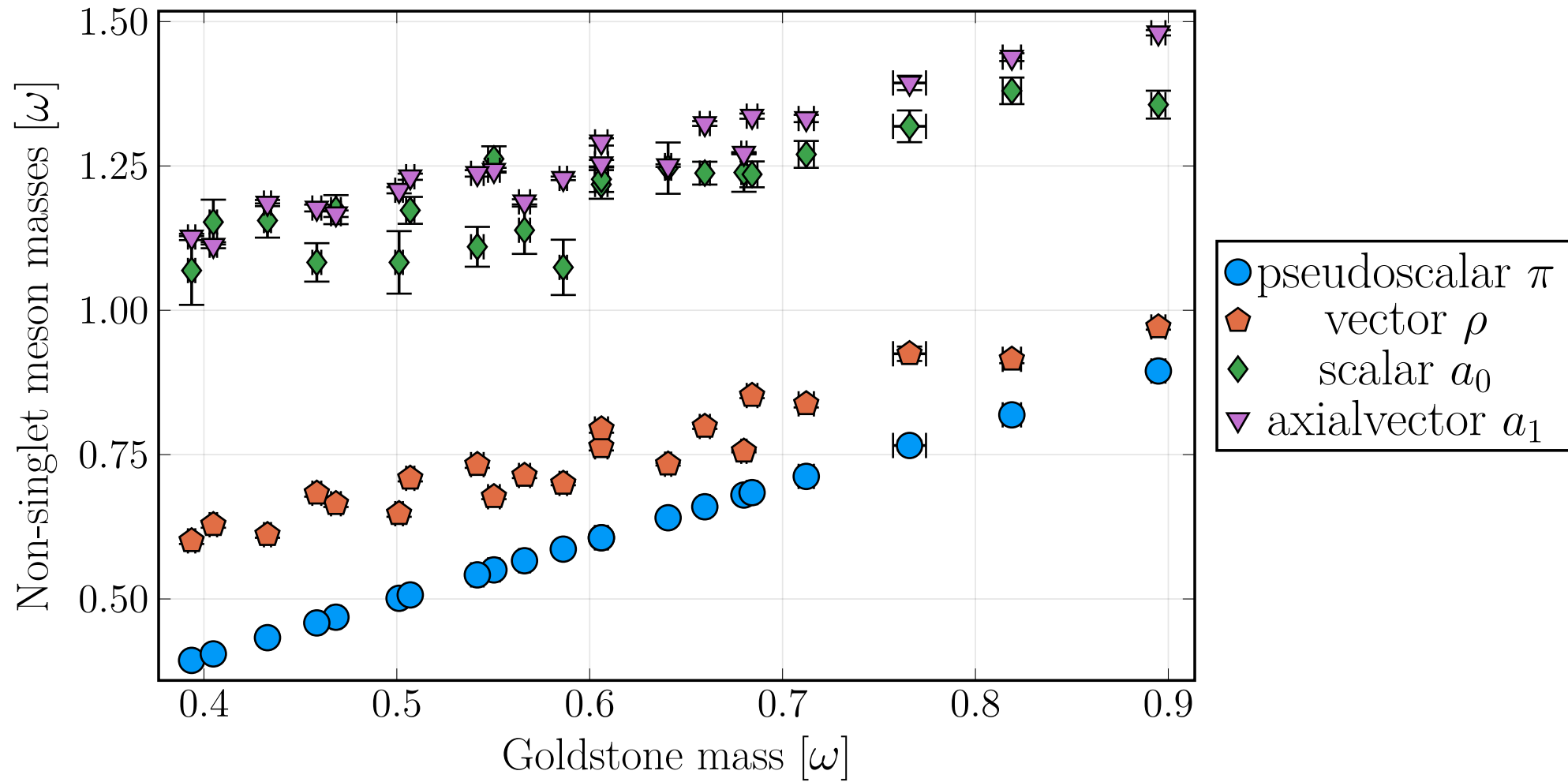
$Sp(4)$ with two fermions is a minimal SIMP DM realisation

Pseudoscalar (PS) and vector (V) multiplets



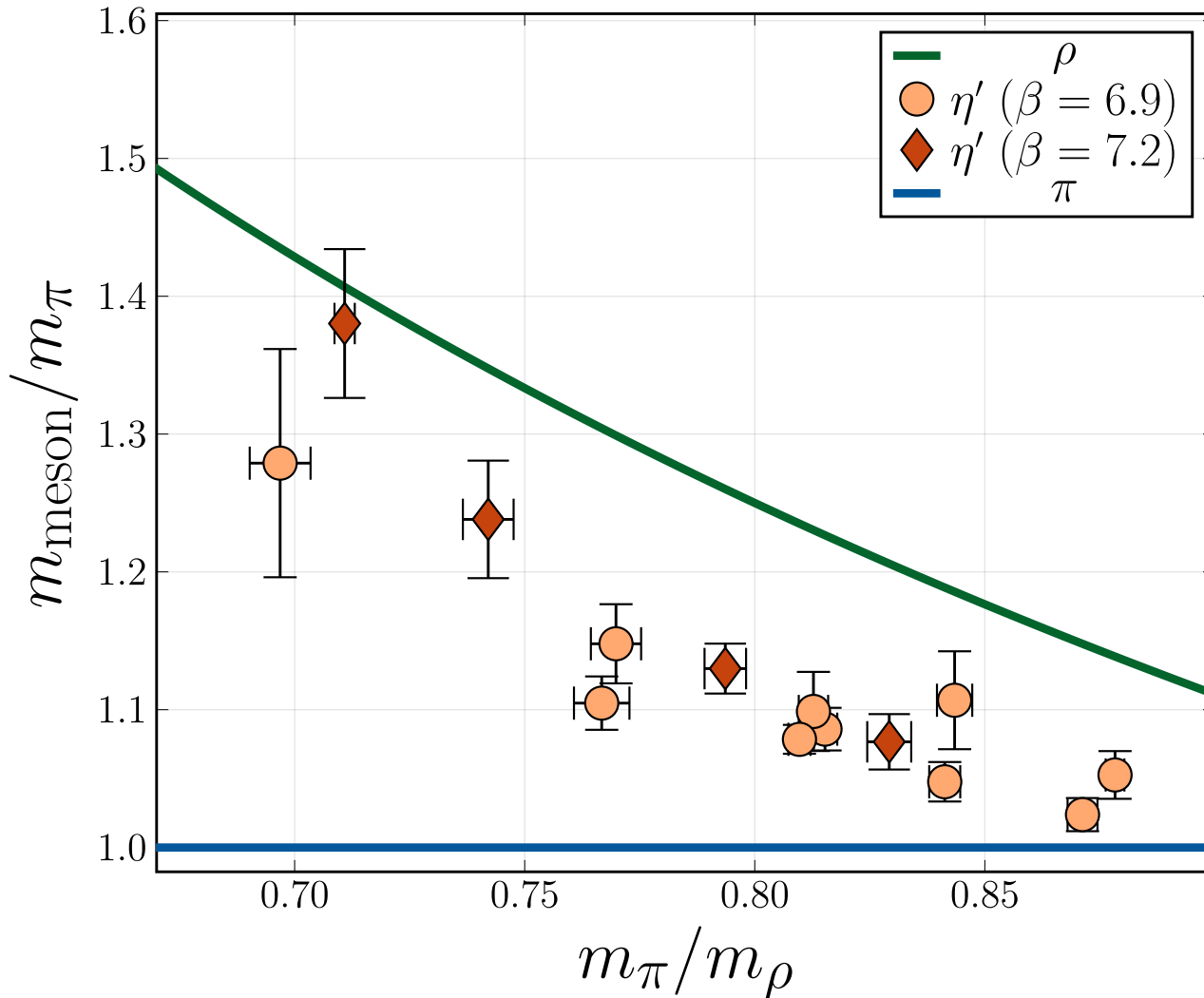
The same patterns persist for other channels.
Similar for anti-symmetric fermions

Non-singlet spectrum



The pseudoscalar and vector mesons are the lightest non-singlets.¹¹

The pseudoscalar singlet η' is surprisingly light!



- Phenomenologically relevant:
 - $m_\rho > m_{\eta'}$ different from QCD
 - relevant low-energy dof
 - η' relevant for $\pi\pi$ scattering
 - more accessible channels for decays into SM

Interesting! Is this surprising?

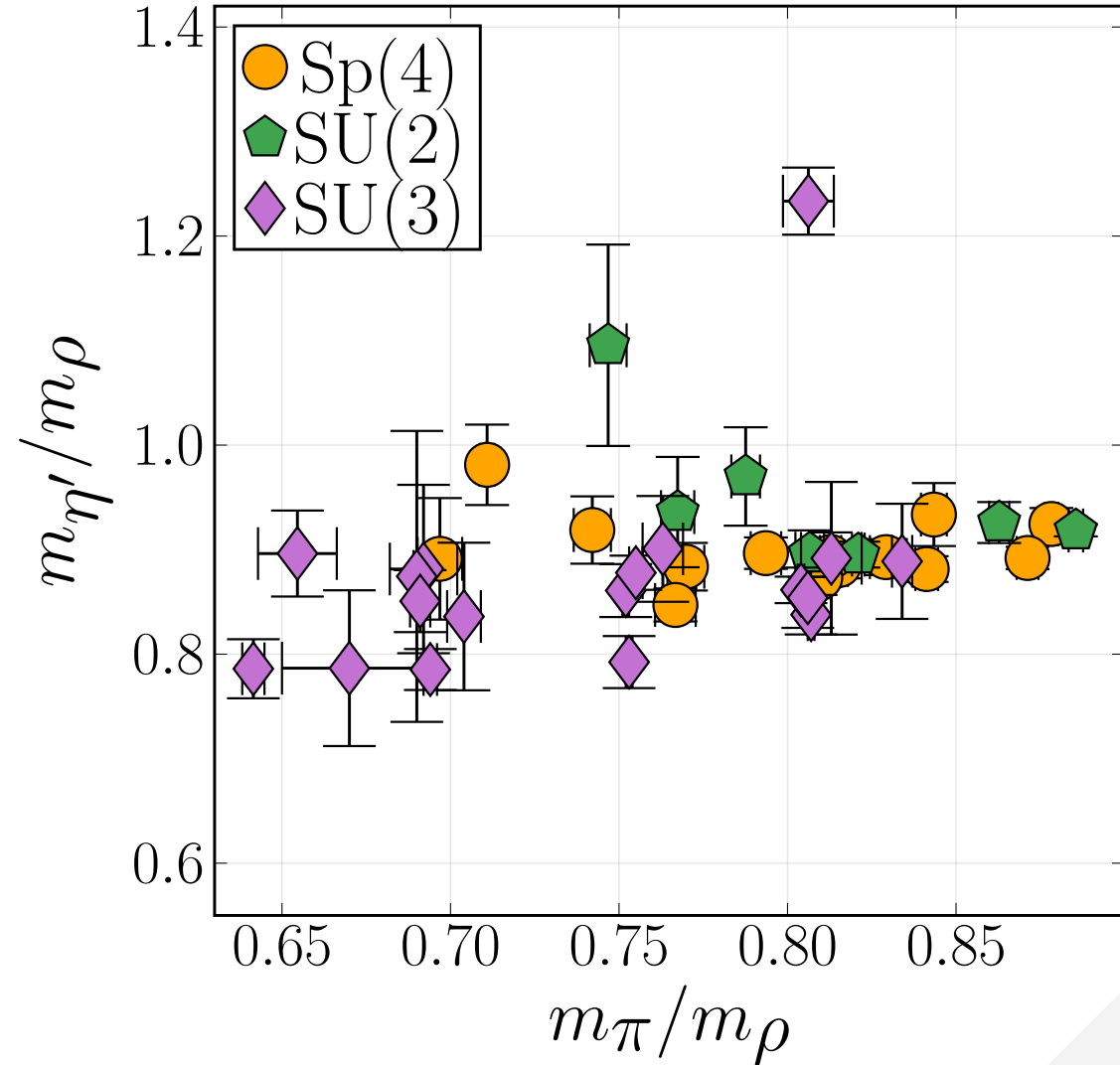
Consider different theories:

- Large N_c : $m_{\eta'} - m_\pi \propto N_f / N_c$
 - $N_f = 2$ could be "small"
 - $N_c = 4$ could be "large"

SU(2) and SU(3) comparison:

- Similarities: generic $N_f = 2$ feature?
- QCD: strong N_f dependence
- Differences may arise $m_\pi / m_\rho \rightarrow 0$

mass driven by flavour content!



Consequences for Dark Matter

- Mass hierarchies: limit χ PT validity
 - inclusion of other states than π required, e.g. η' and ρ
 - additional tests needed (fermions are fairly heavy)
- Light unprotected states such as η' allow decays into SM
 - no protection from symmetry
 - could become relevant in thermal history of DM

Isospin-2 $\pi\pi$ scattering in two-flavour $Sp(4)$

Dark Matter Scattering on the Lattice

- Pions are in the 5-dimensional representations
- A two pion scattering is in one of three irreps

$$5 \times 5 = 14 \oplus 10 \oplus 1$$

- Corresponds to the usual QCD channels
 - $14 \Leftrightarrow$ isospin $I = 2$ in QCD, e.g. $\pi^+ \pi^+$
 - $10 \Leftrightarrow$ isospin $I = 1$ in QCD, e.g. $\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi$
 - $0 \Leftrightarrow$ isospin $I = 0$ in QCD, e.g. $\sigma / f_0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$

Scattering information from the lattice

- Scattering phase shift $\delta_0(p)$ from finite volume energy

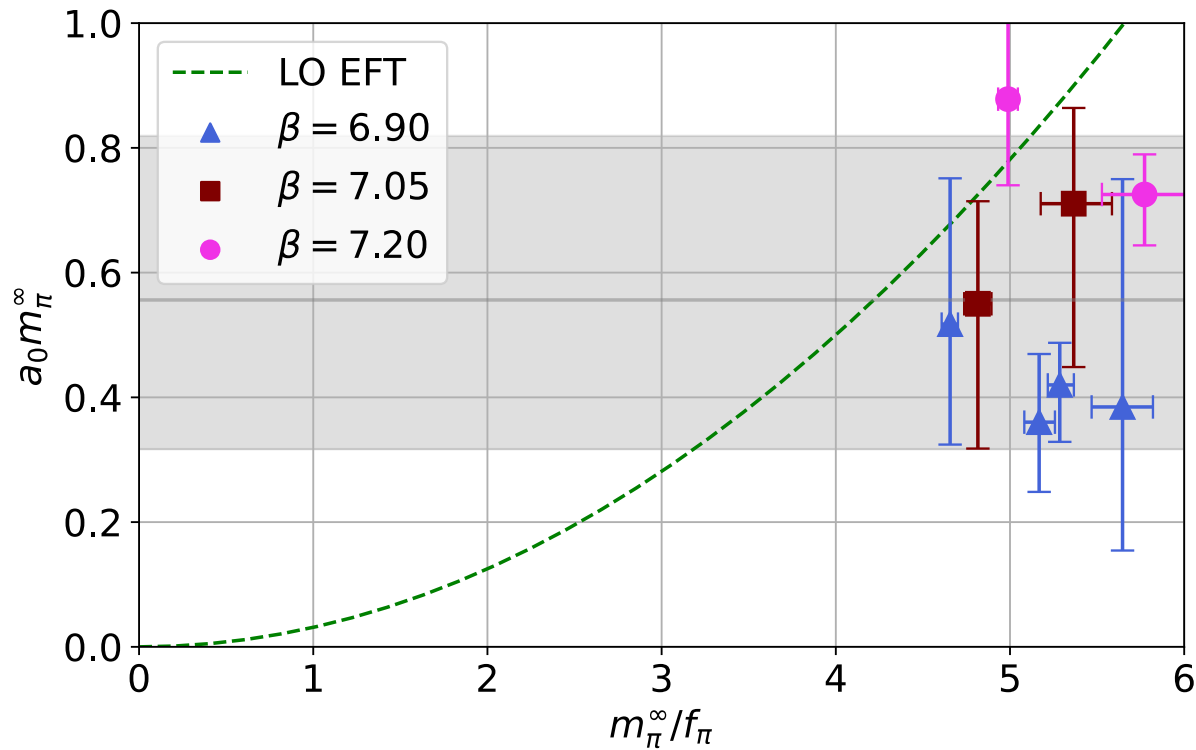
$$\tan(\delta_0(q)) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{3}{2}} q}{\mathcal{Z}_{00}^{\vec{0}}(1, q^2)}, \quad q = p^* \frac{L}{2\pi}$$

$$\cosh\left(\frac{E_{\pi\pi}}{2}\right) = \cosh(m_{\pi\pi}) + 2 \sin\left(\frac{p^*}{2}\right)^2$$

- Low-velocity behaviour: Scattering length a_0

$$p \cot \delta_0 = -\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{p^2}{2r_0^{-1}} + \mathcal{O}(p^4)$$

First investigation of isospin-2 scattering



- few lattice energy levels available \Rightarrow systematics
- repulsive, roughly matches χ PT
- first step towards other channels and resonances

Isosinglet Mesons in Mixed Representation $Sp(4)$

The axial $U(1)$ states: Isosinglet Pseudoscalars

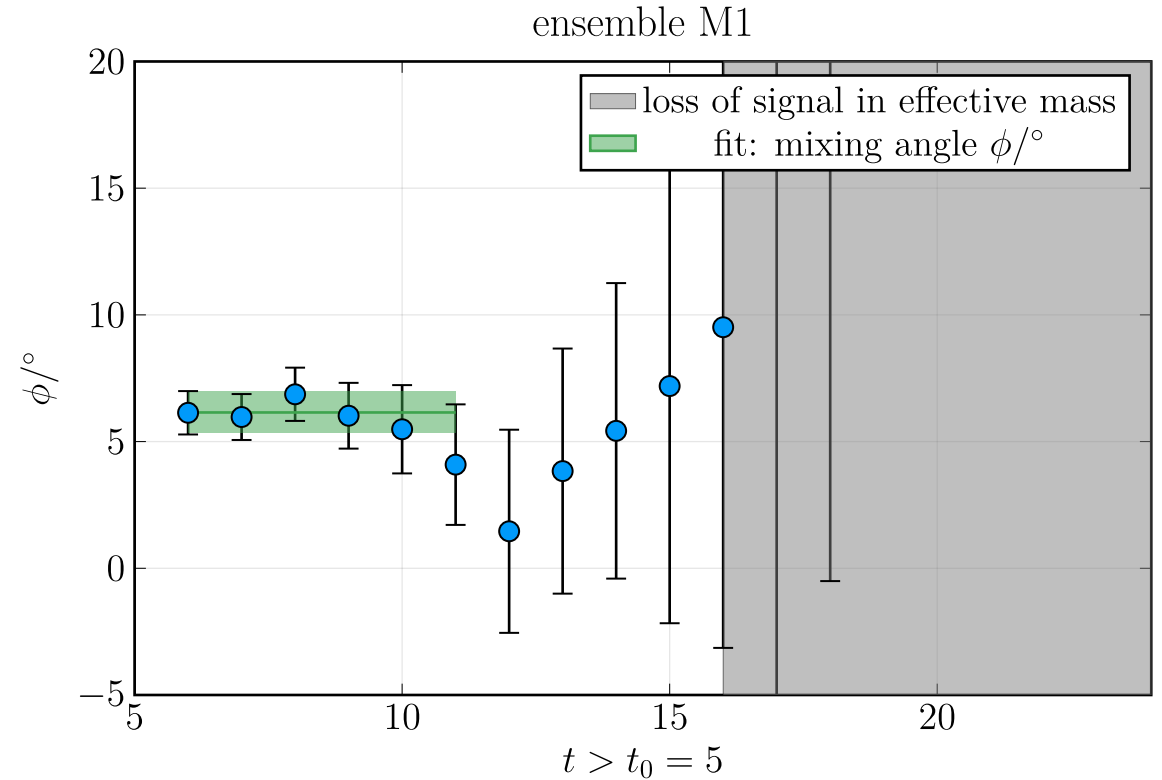
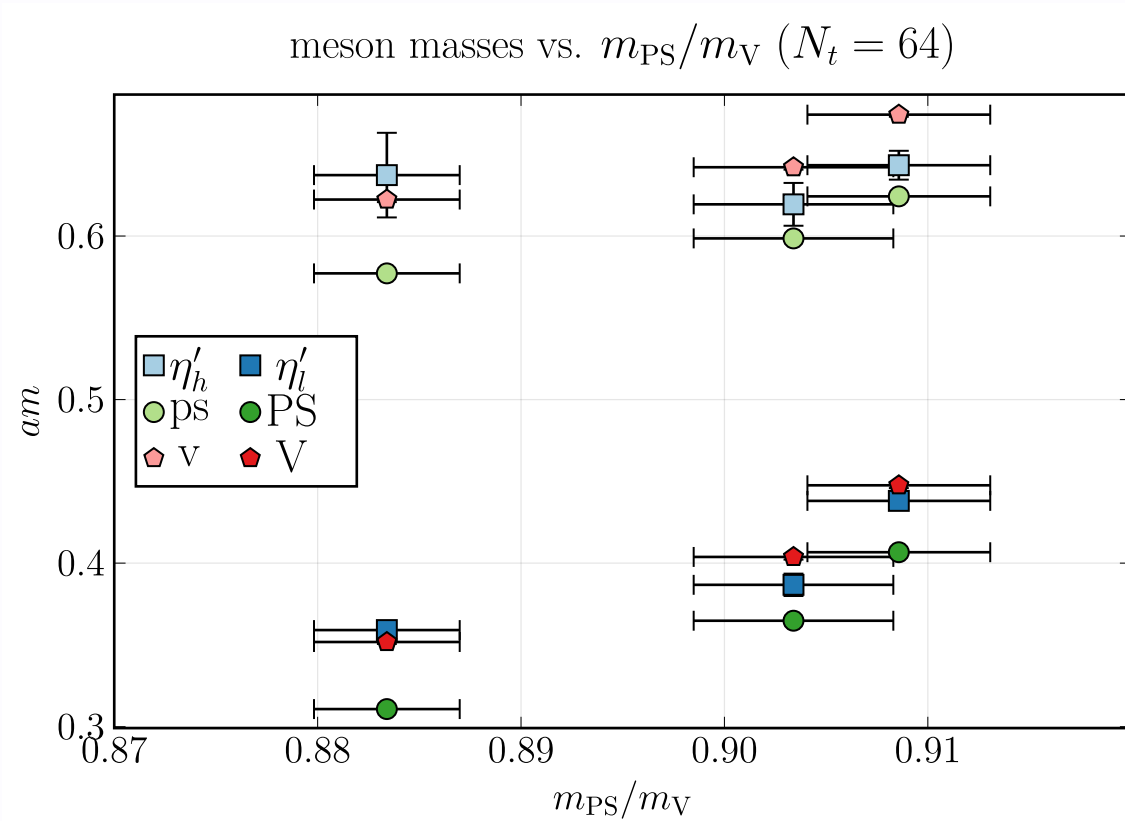
- Two fundamental, three anti-symmetric fermions
- pseudoscalar flavour-singlets: similar to η and η' of QCD
- probed by the following operators

$$O_{\eta^f} = (\bar{\psi}_1 \gamma_5 \psi_1 + \bar{\psi}_2 \gamma_5 \psi_2) / \sqrt{2}$$

$$O_{\eta^{\text{as}}} = (\bar{\Psi}_1 \gamma_5 \Psi_1 + \bar{\Psi}_2 \gamma_5 \Psi_2 + \bar{\Psi}_3 \gamma_5 \Psi_3) / \sqrt{3}$$

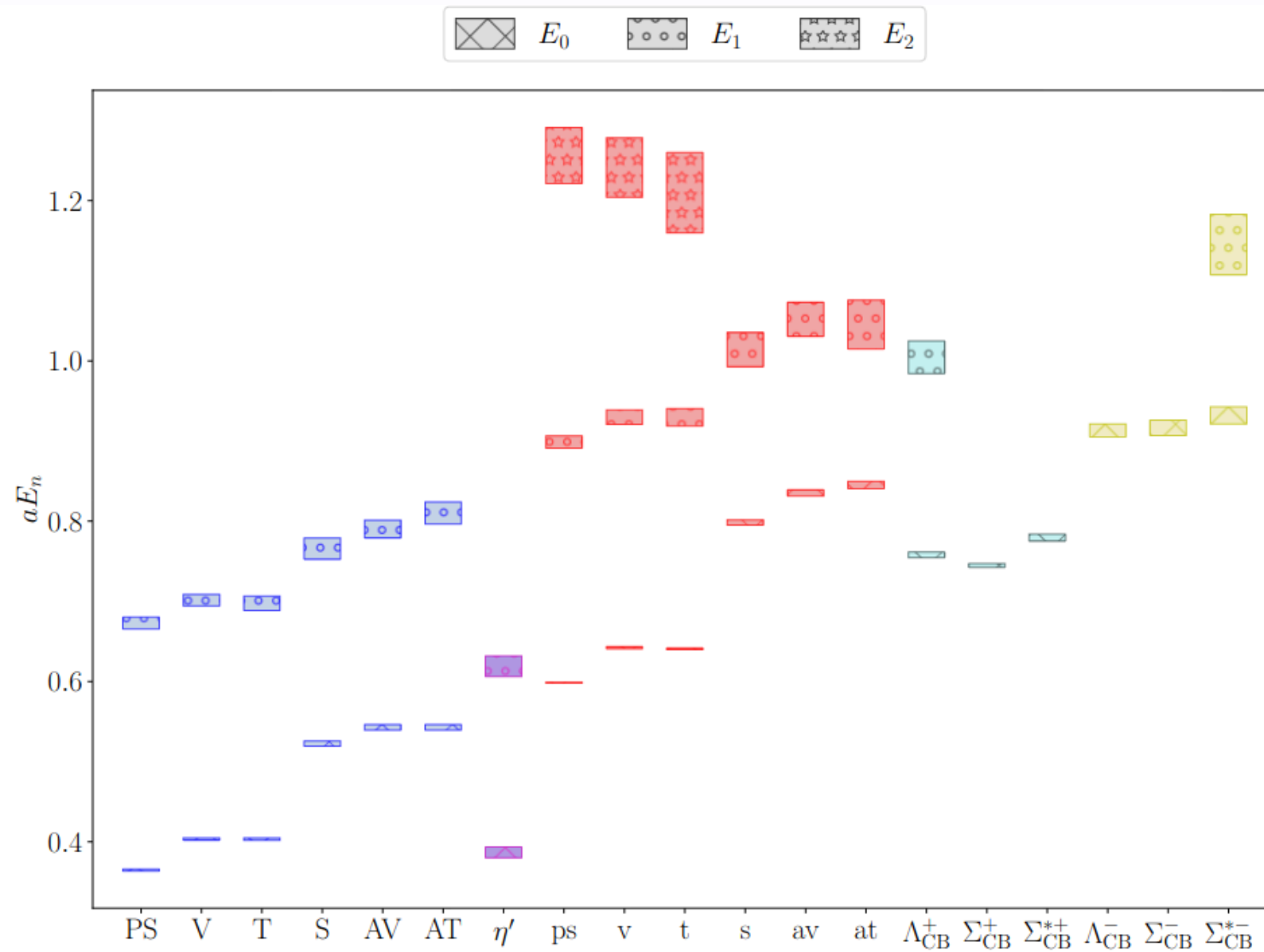
- These two states will mix: Light PNGB state η'_l + heavier state η'_h
 - mixing angle $\phi \neq 0$
 - Effective field theory in chiral limit is known

We are able to determine their masses and mixing angle!



- Encouraging proof of principle
- Caveat: Only heavy fermion masses accessible for now!

Example: Hadrons on a selected ensemble



Mesons and Baryons are accessible with our lattice methods

Summary

- Full light hadron spectrum of two-flavour $Sp(4)$
 - surprisingly light η' for moderately heavy fermions
 - first determination of isospin-2 $\pi\pi$ scattering
- Exploratory hadron spectrum of $Sp(4)$ with $N_f = 2^{(f)} + 3^{(as)}$

Outlook

- Full scattering analysis of $2\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ and $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ and resonances
- Better understanding of singlets and scattering states:
- Singlet spectroscopy closer to the chiral limit
- Lighter fermions for mixed-representation

Thank you

Back-up slides

Flavour symmetry

- Higher symmetry than QCD-like theories
- Mixing of left- and right-handed Weyl components

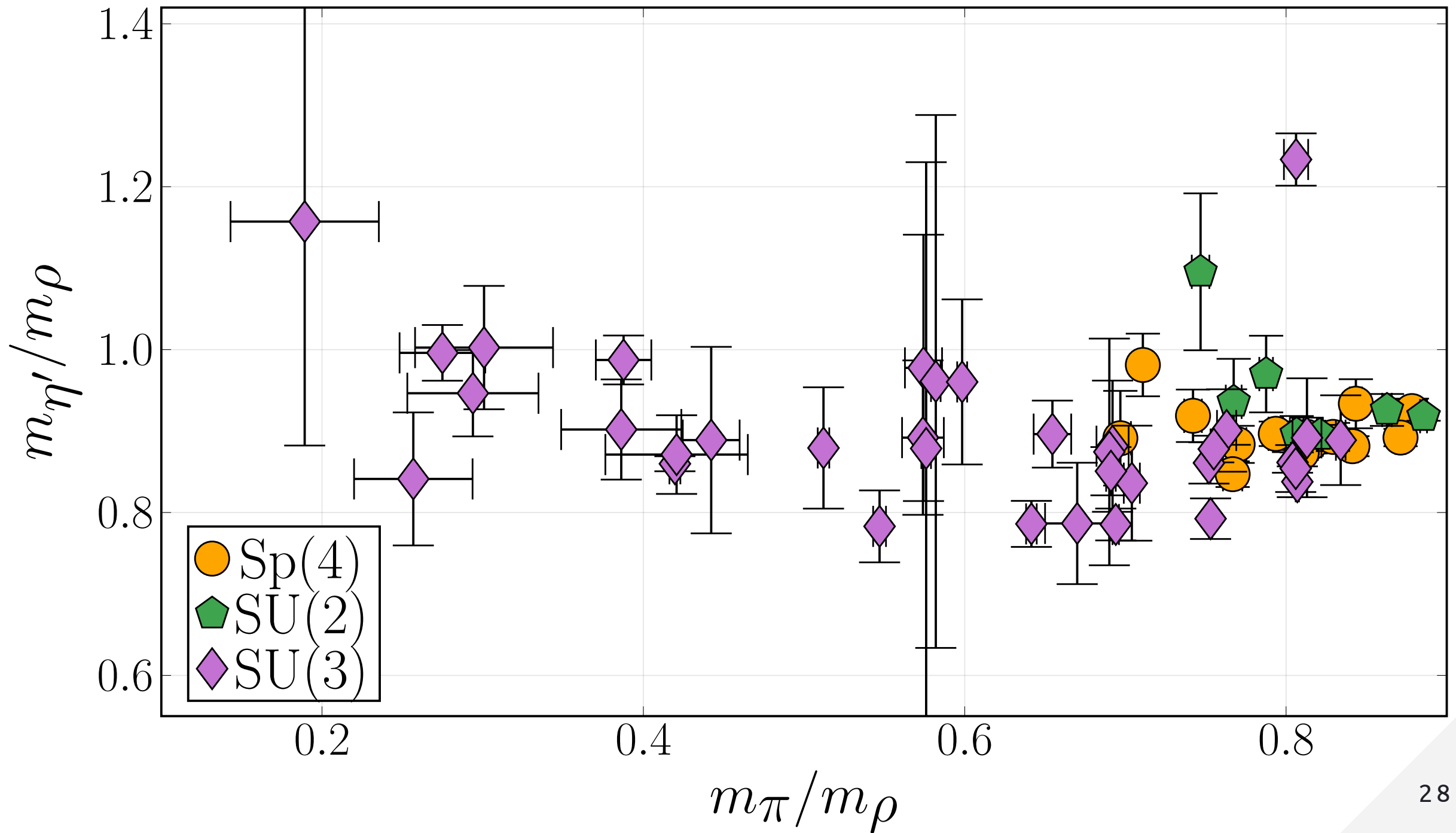
$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ -SC u_R^* \\ -SC d_R^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ \tilde{u}_R \\ \tilde{d}_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} C \dots \text{charge conj.} \\ S \dots \text{colour matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} = i \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi - \frac{1}{2} (\Psi^T S C M \Psi + h.c.)$$

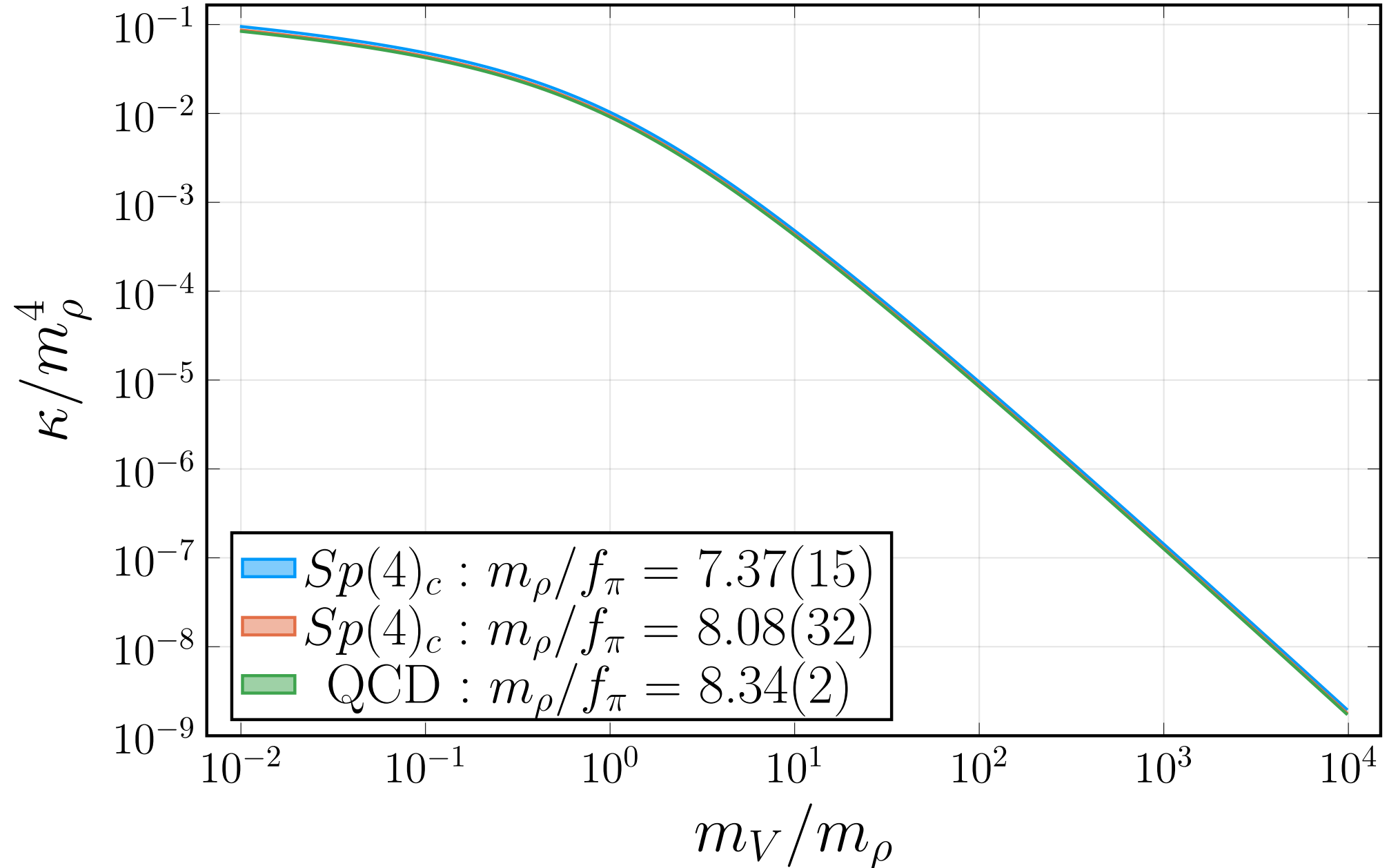
- Mass matrix M proportional to symplectic invariant tensor
- generators τ_a in fundamental : $S \tau_a S = -\tau_a^T$

Dark Matter interaction with SM: Freeze out

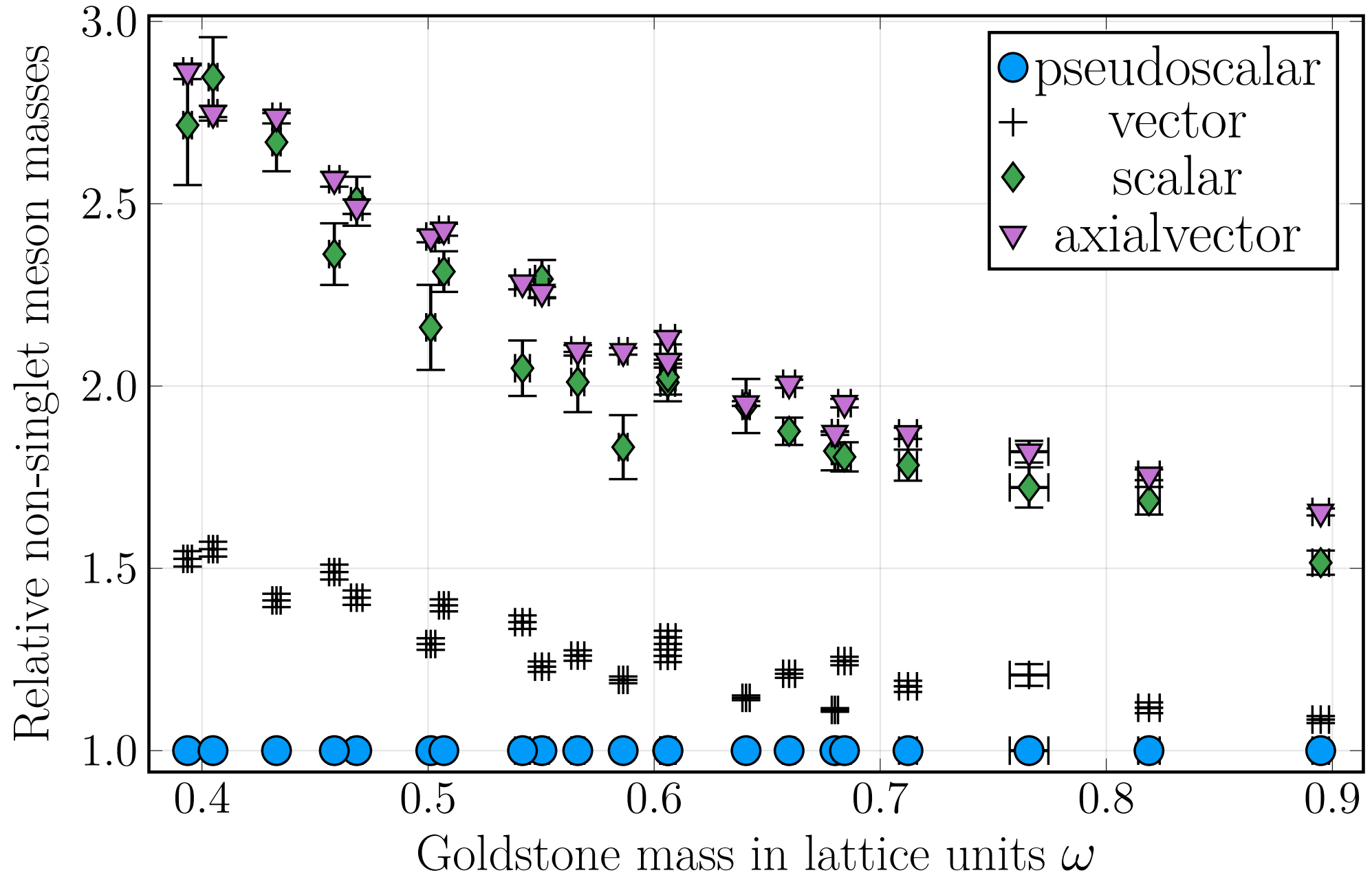
- Thermal interactions in early universe
- Assume $SM \rightleftharpoons DM$
 1. Early universe: equilibrium
 2. $SM \rightarrow DM$ kinematically suppressed
DM number drops*
 3. Not enough DM for more annihilation
DM number stays constant \Rightarrow *freeze-out* ^[1]



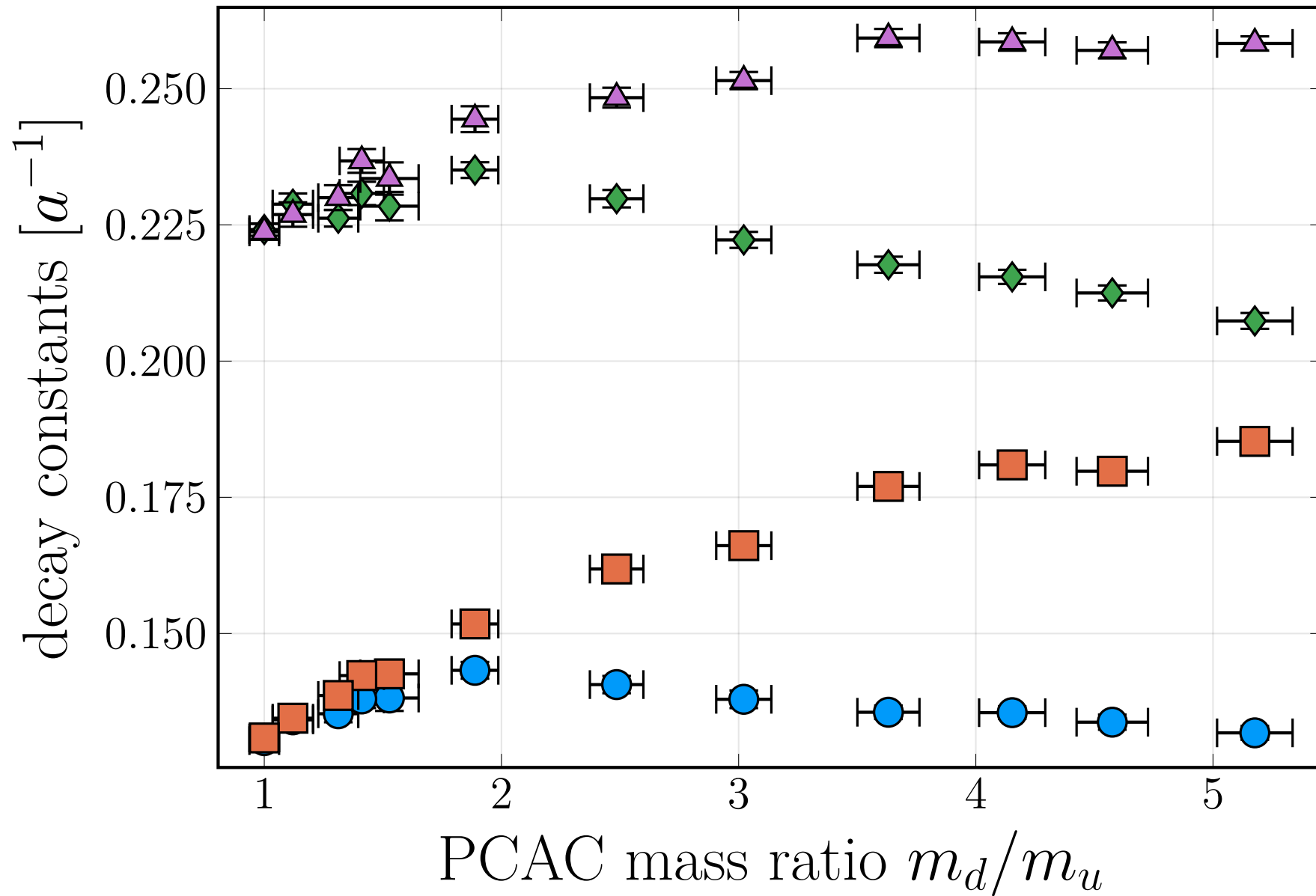
$U(1)'$ breaking parameter κ against dark photon mass m_V



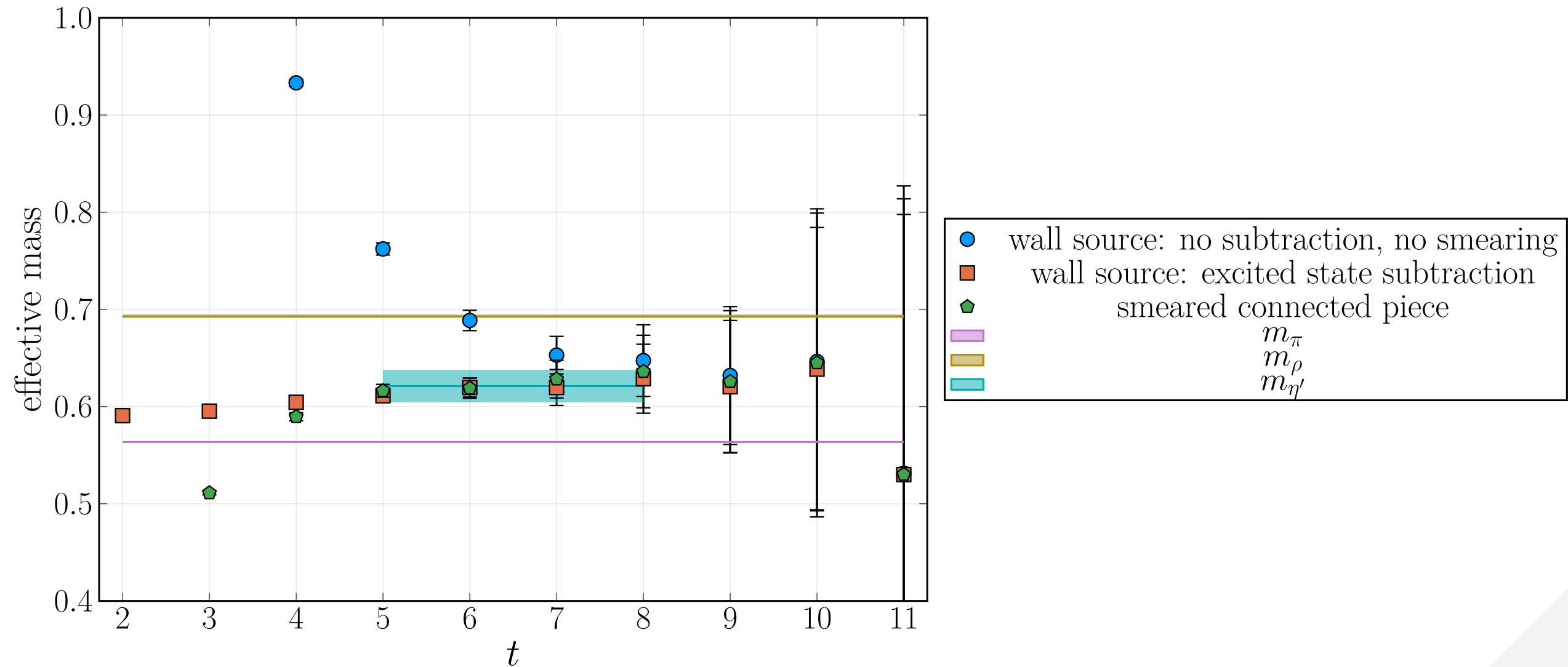
$Sp(4)$ with degenerate fermions - data from 1909.12662



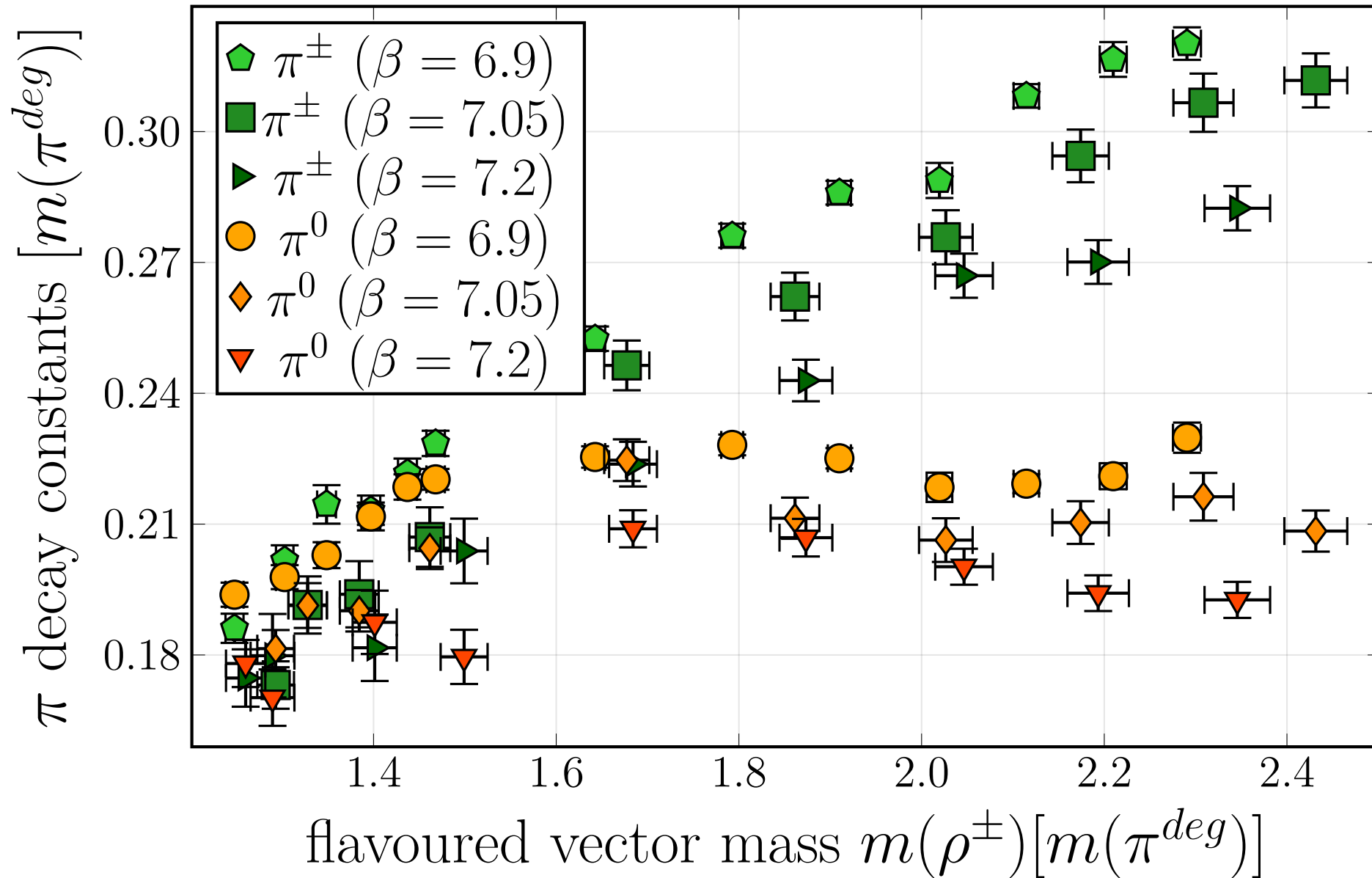
$$\beta=6.9 \quad \left(\frac{m(\rho)}{m(\pi)}\right)_{deg} = 1.143(5)$$



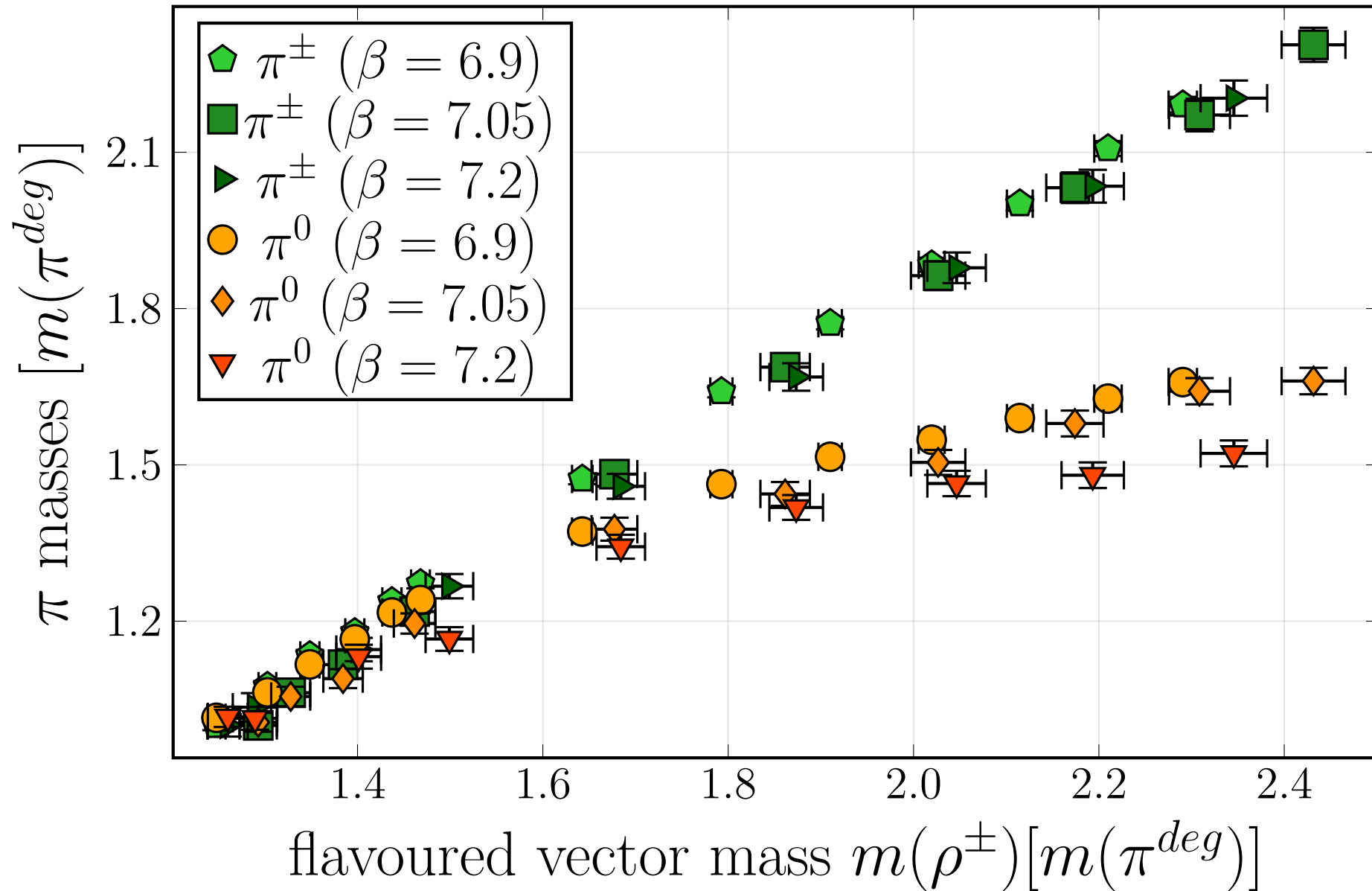
$32 \times 16^3, \beta = 6.9, m_q = -0.9$



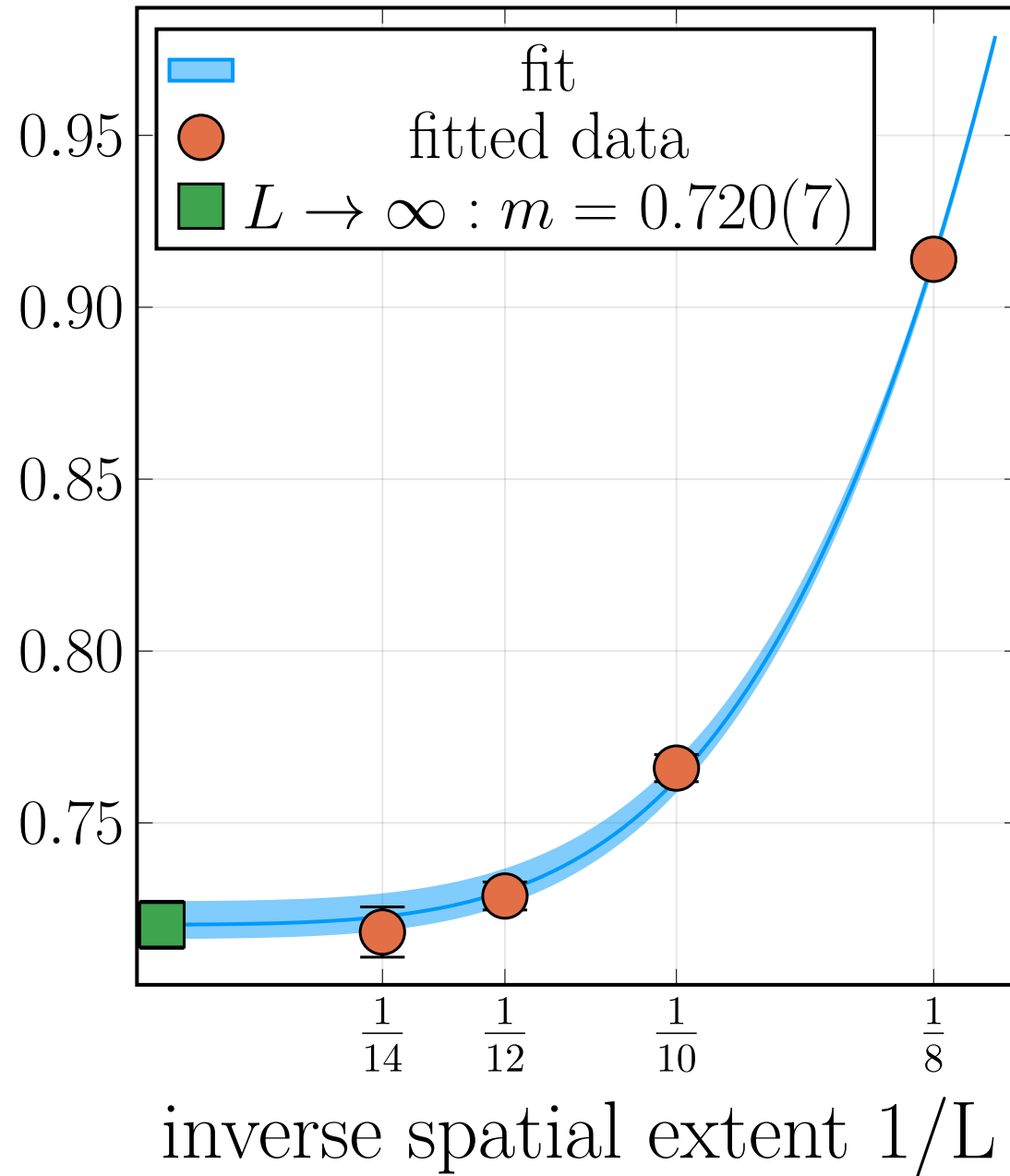
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$\text{am}(\rho^N)$: $\beta=6.9$ ($\text{am}_u^0, \text{am}_d^0$) = (-0.90, -0.89)

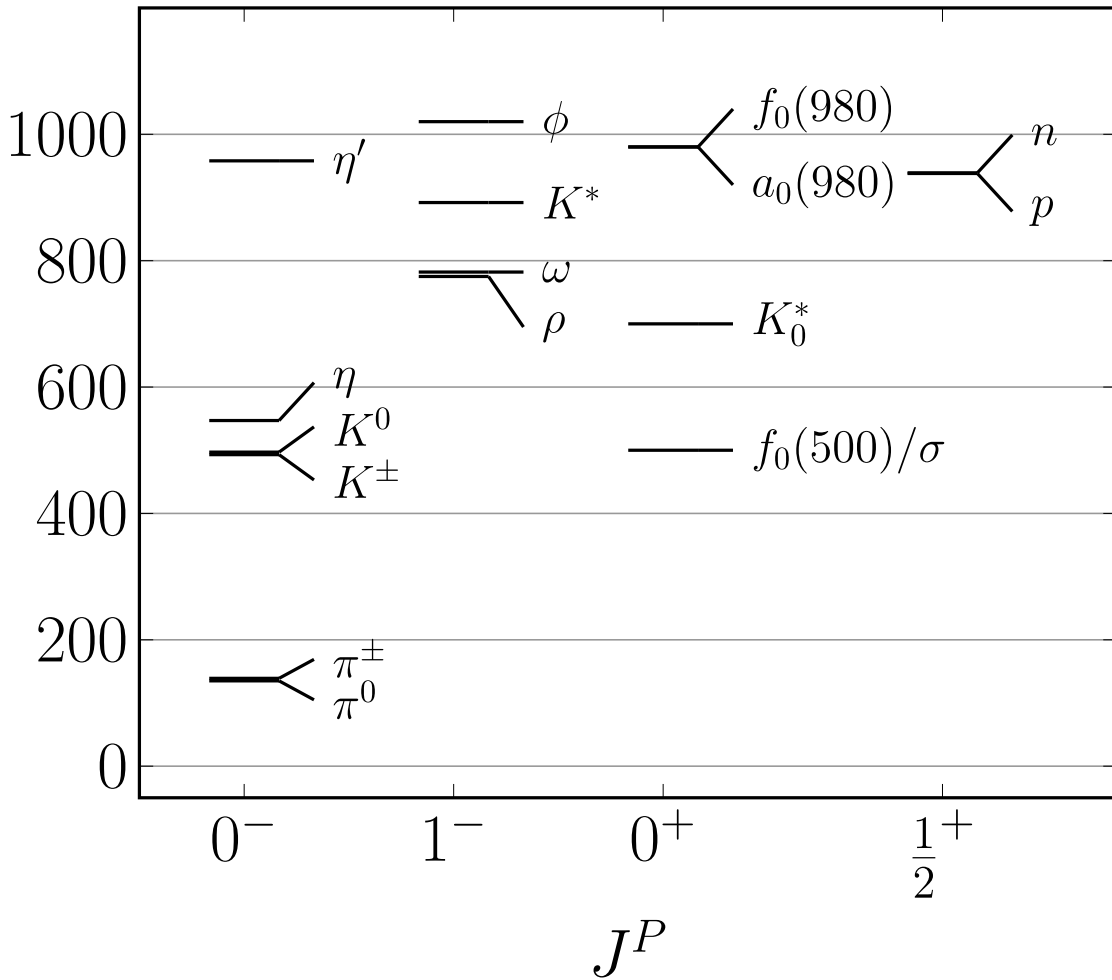


Hadronic multiplets of $Sp(4)_c : N_f = 1 + 1$

- Global flavour symmetry breaks: $Sp(4)_F \rightarrow SU(2) \times SU(2)$ ^[1]
 - $10 \rightarrow 6$ (unflavoured) + 4 (flavoured)
 - $5 \rightarrow 1$ (unflavoured) + 4 (flavoured)
- *Phenomenological consequences*
 - \Rightarrow one π is a singlet \rightarrow not protected by symmetry
 - \Rightarrow no vector singlets: no mixing of vector mediators (without further symmetry breaking)

Singlets are particularly interesting for BSM phenomenology!

Experimental light hadron masses [MeV]

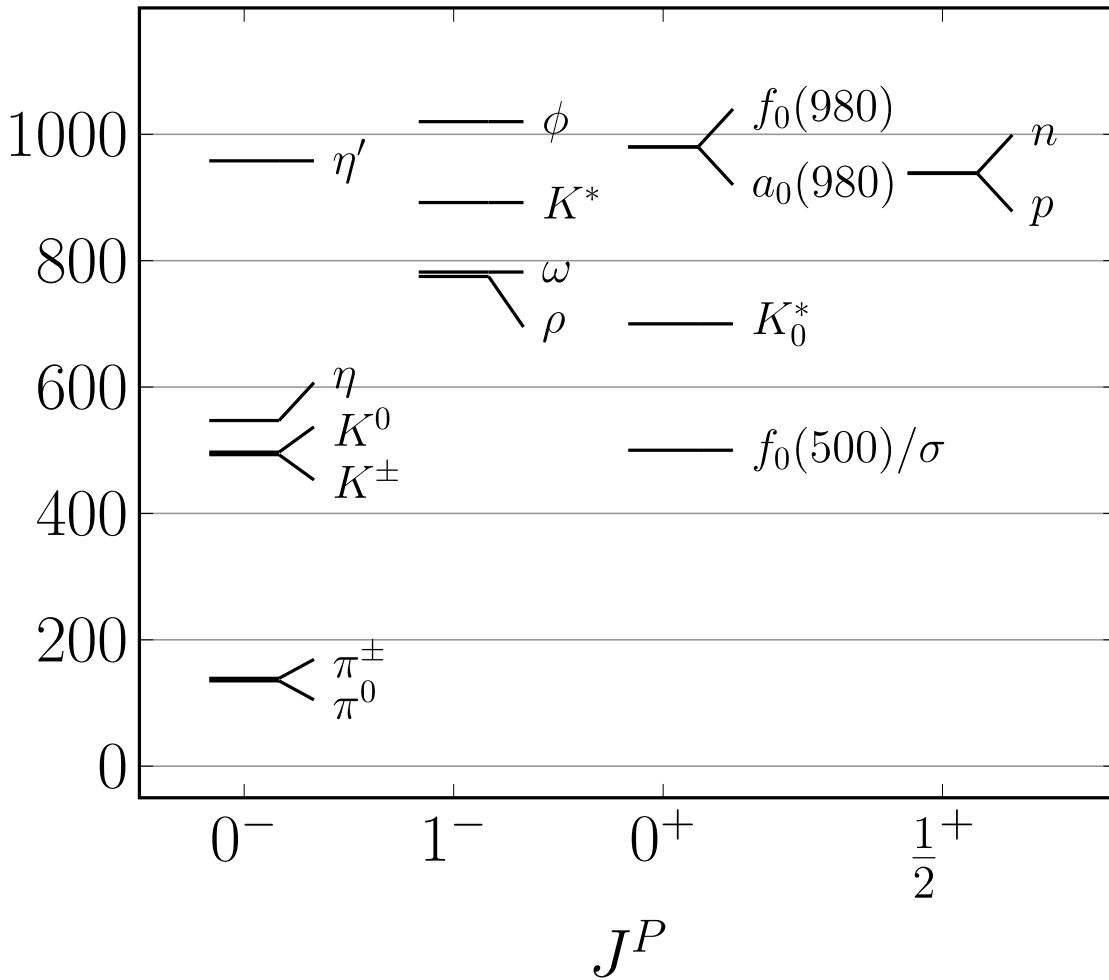


QCD Spectrum

- π, K, η light: pseudo-Goldstones
 - Vectors and scalars light
 - Light and broad 0^+ singlet f_0/σ
 - Heavy 0^- singlet η'
- $\Rightarrow U(1)_A$ anomalously broken

Mesonic multiplets in QCD

Experimental light hadron masses [MeV]



- Approximate $SU(2)_F$, $SU(3)_F$
- Mesons in irreps:
 - $SU(2)_F$: triplets and singlets
 - $SU(3)_F$: octets and singlets

$$2 \otimes 2 = 3 \oplus 1$$

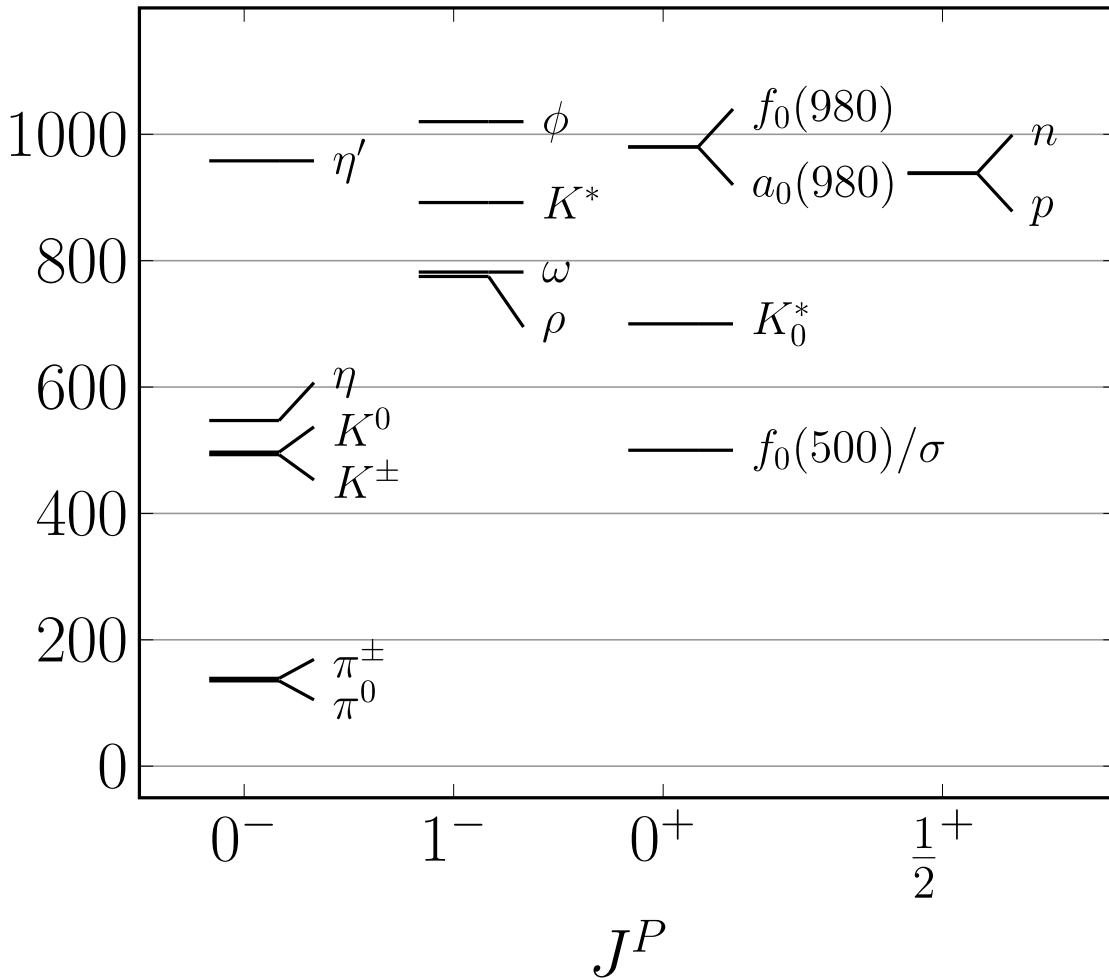
$$\bar{3} \otimes 3 = 8 \oplus 1$$

octets : $(\pi, K, \eta), (\rho, K^*, \omega), \dots$

triplets : $(\pi^\pm, \pi^0), (\rho^\pm, \rho^0), \dots$

singlets : $\eta', f_0/\sigma, \phi, \dots$

Experimental light hadron masses [MeV]



Hadronic naming scheme

- dark fermions/quarks: u and d
- mesons named after equivalent QCD state: e.g. dark pions:

$$\pi^+ = \bar{d}\gamma_5 u \quad \pi^- = \bar{u}\gamma_5 d$$

$$\pi^0 = \bar{d}\gamma_5 d - \bar{u}\gamma_5 u$$

$$\eta' = \bar{d}\gamma_5 d + \bar{u}\gamma_5 u$$

The minimal $Sp(4)$ SIMP model

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{Sp(4)} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mediator}}$$

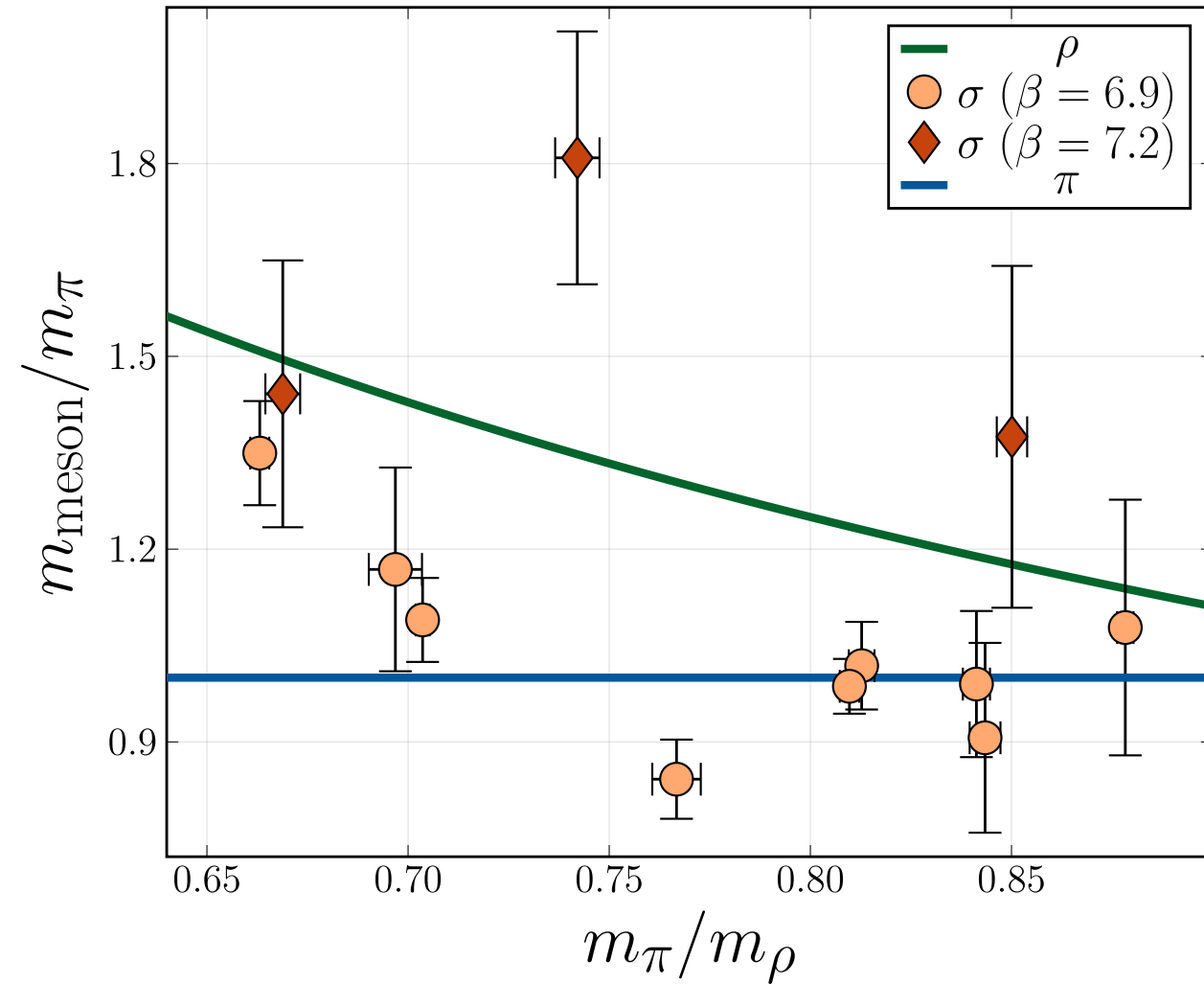
- $Sp(4)$ with $N_f = 2$ has exactly 5 Goldstones
- Dark hadrons DM candidates \rightarrow non-perturbative
- Low energy effective theory (EFT) needed
- **Combine the methods with lattice field theory**
 - Derive low energy EFT for dark sector + mediator
 - Low energy constants (LECs) from lattice
 - Use EFT for astro/collider/direct detection pheno

Calculating the meson correlator

- Evaluate diagrams in terms of fermion propagator D^{-1}

$$C(t - t') = \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{y}} \left(\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right) + \underbrace{\text{const.}}_{=|\langle 0|O|0\rangle|^2}$$

- Disconnected diagram (left) particularly challenging
 - only appears for singlets (gluonic propagation)
- Constant term arises for singlets
 - vacuum term for σ , fixed topological charge for η'



The scalar singlet σ

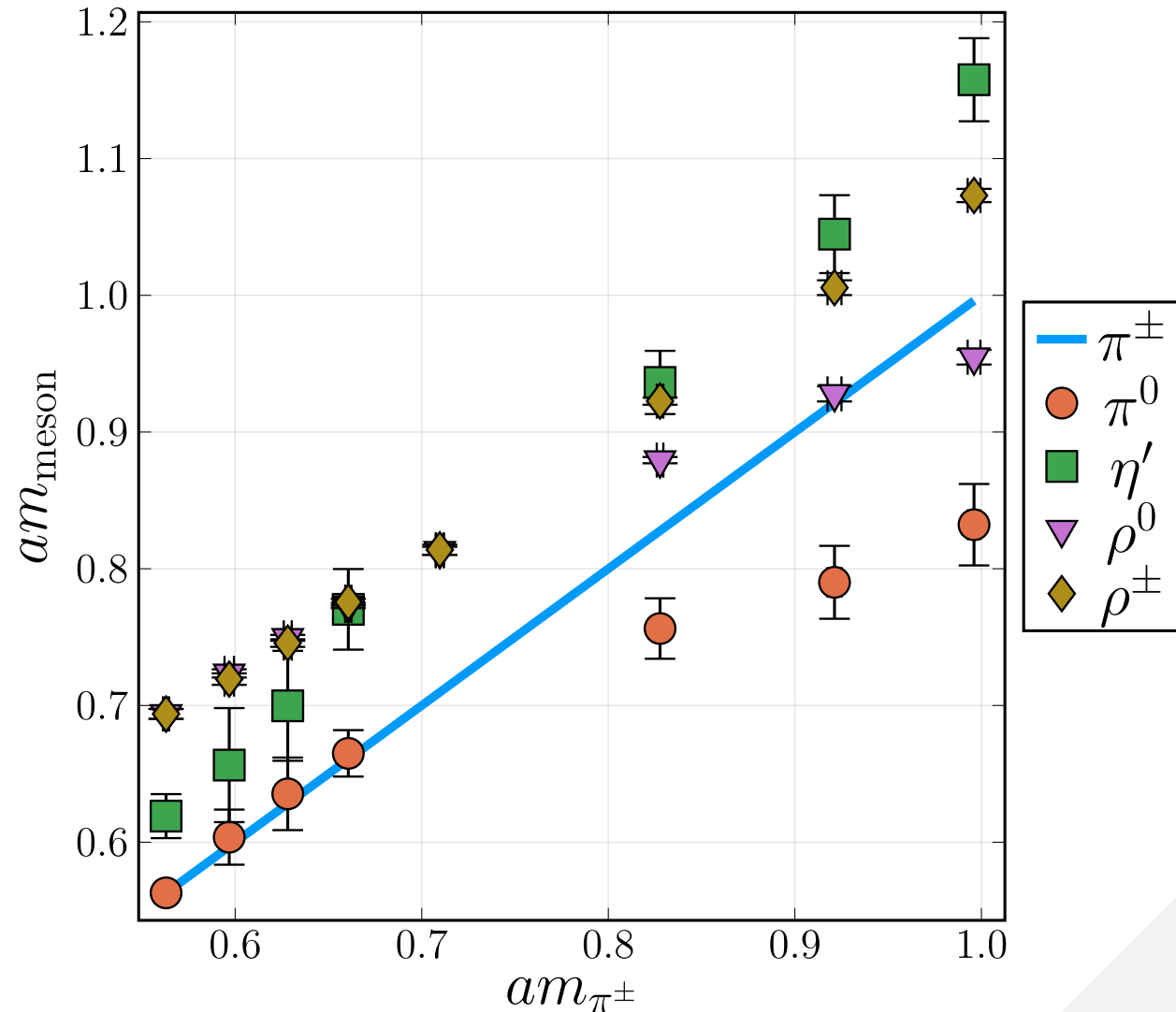
- Strong finite spacing effects!
- Potentially light state below $2m_{\pi}$ threshold
- Unclear systematics

Overall, inconclusive results.

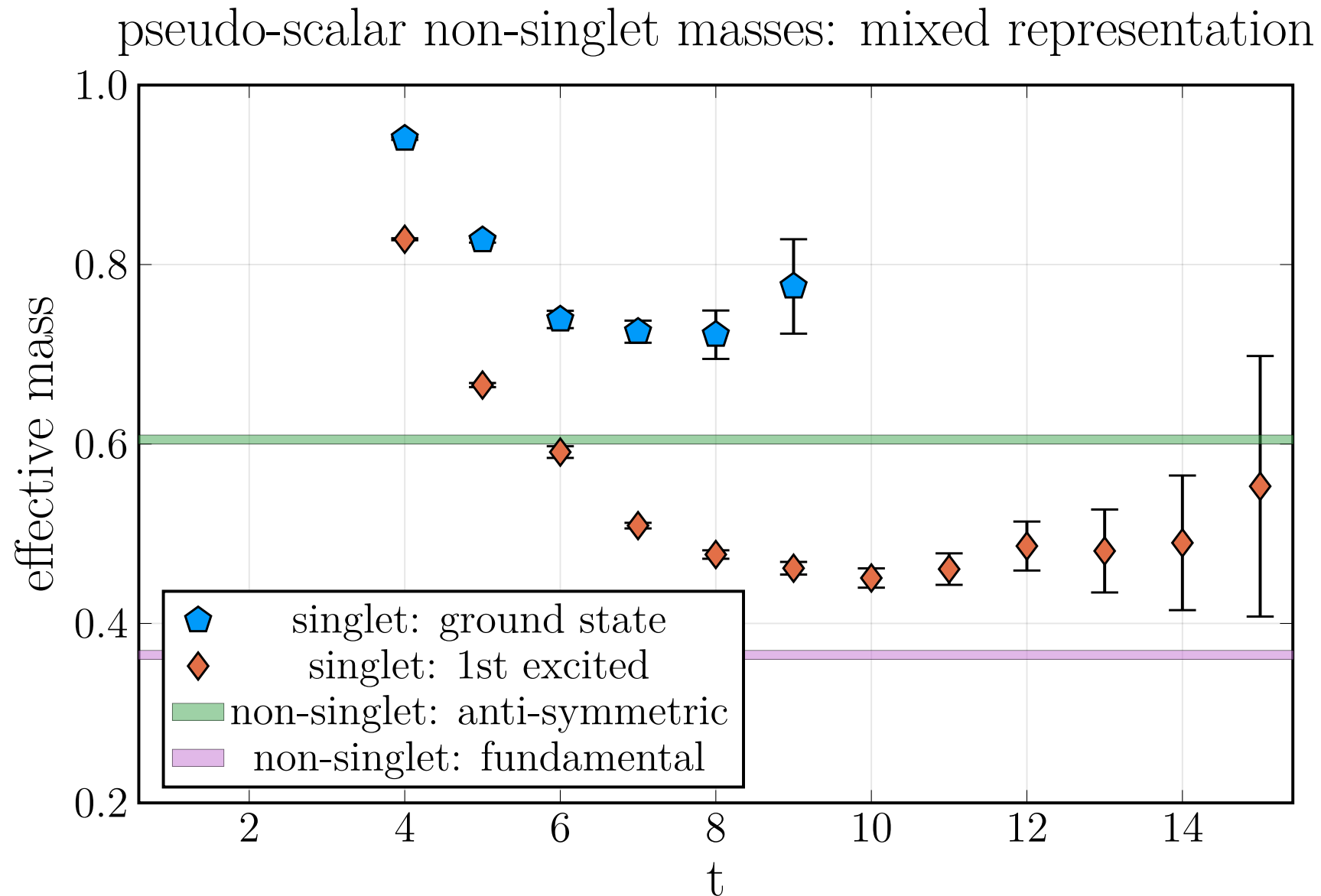
Non-degenerate fermions

- Different mass hierarchies
- Transition from a flavour-symmetric theory to a heavy-light system
- One light and one heavy pseudoscalar flavour-singlet

$$Sp(4), m_u \neq m_d$$

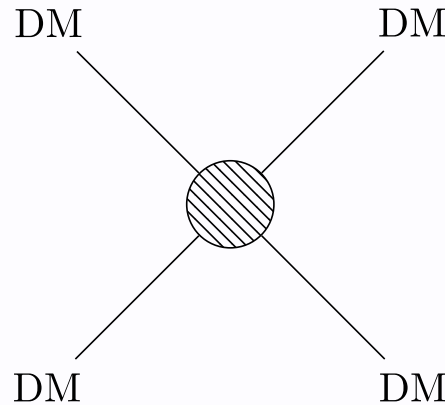


Pseudoscalar (non-)singlets: mixed representation



Dark Matter properties

- DM self-interaction phenomenologically allowed^[1] and potentially relevant for small-scale structure problems
 - non-vanishing scattering cross-sections $\sigma_{2\text{DM}\rightarrow 2\text{DM}}$
 - velocity dependence of $\sigma_{2\text{DM}\rightarrow 2\text{DM}}$ preferred



QCD-like Dark Matter can those provide self-interactions!

Dark meson scattering: Determine DM relic density

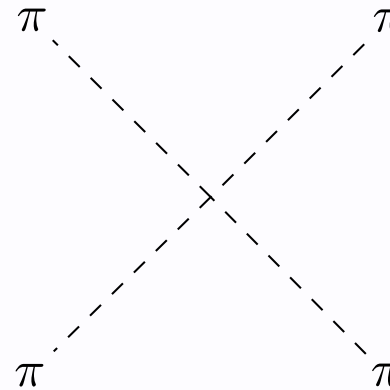
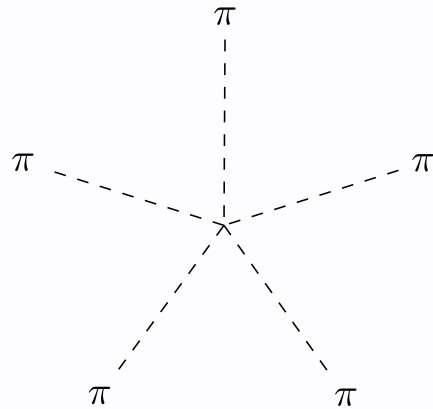
- Any model must predict the current density of DM correctly
 - number density n can be calculated using Boltzmann equations

$$\partial_t n + 3Hn = f(\langle v\sigma_{\text{number changing}} \rangle)$$

- Cross-sections $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ are input for Boltzmann equations
 - describe non-equilibrium dynamics
 - H is the Hubble rate

Relevant pion scattering channels

- $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ (semi-annihilation) [1]
- $2\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ (self-scattering)
 - self-scattering among DM [2]
 - resonant enhancements [3]
- $2n\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$ (multi-hadron bound states) [4]



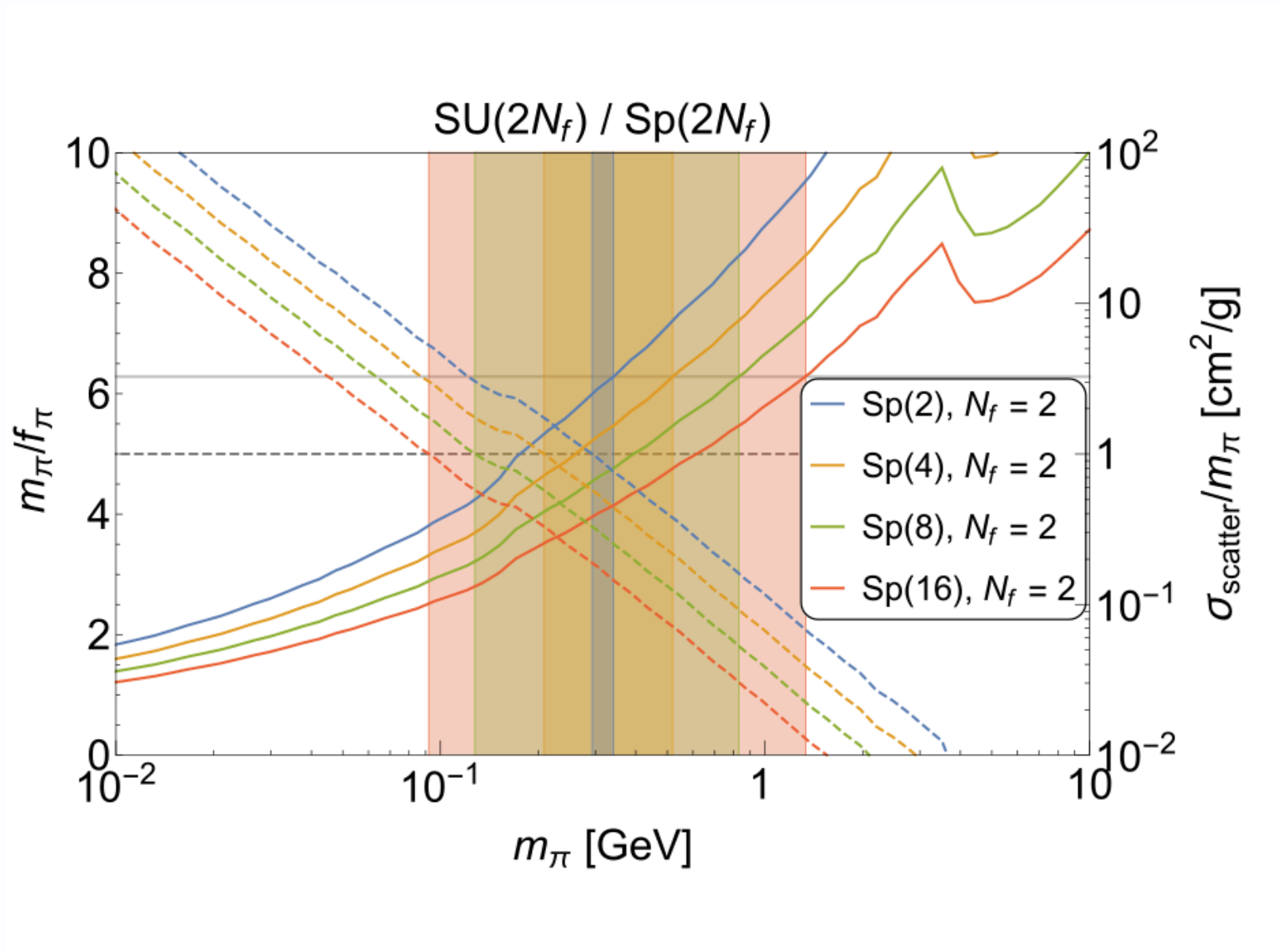
Strongly Interacting Massive Particles (SIMPs)

- Depletion via $3\text{DM} \rightarrow 2\text{DM}$ ^[1], i.e. $3\pi \rightarrow 2\pi$
 - same as $KK \rightarrow 3\pi$ in QCD ^[2]
 - Early universe: $\text{SM} \rightleftharpoons \text{DM}$ equilibrium
 - Dark matter depletion process: **freeze-out**
- LO ChiPT matches relic density at

$$m_\pi \approx \mathcal{O}(100)\text{MeV} - \mathcal{O}(1)\text{GeV}$$

Dark Matter with $3\text{DM} \rightarrow 2\text{DM}$ depletion and self-interactions

SIMP model at leading order in ChiPT



Relevant channels and EFT descriptions

- decay to Standard Model: $2\pi \rightarrow SM$ [1]
- involvement of vector mesons: $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\rho, 3\pi \rightarrow \pi\rho$ [2]
- influence of light singlets: $\eta'\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi, \pi\pi \rightarrow \eta'\pi, \dots$ [3]
- The relevance depends on the spectrum
 - investigation of the meson spectrum important
 - lattice investigations inform EFT construction

Lagrangian of $Sp(4)_c$ with fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{Sp(4)} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=u,d} \bar{\psi}_f (i\not{D} + m_f)\psi_f$$

- Higher symmetry than QCD-like theories

$$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ -SCu_R^* \\ -SCd_R^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ \tilde{u}_R \\ \tilde{d}_R \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} C \dots \text{charge conj.} \\ S \dots \text{colour matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Sp(4)} = i\bar{\Psi}\not{D}\Psi - \frac{1}{2}(\Psi^T SCM\Psi + h.c.) - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

- generators τ_a in fundamental repr. : $S\tau_a S = -\tau_a^T$
- mass matrix M proportional to symplectic invariant

Meson multiplets of $Sp(4)_c$ with $N_f = 2$

- $Sp(2N_f)$ flavour symmetry between $2N_f$ Weyl components
- Extra gauge invariant states: $q^T \dots q$ and $\bar{q} \dots \bar{q}^T$

$$Sp(4)_F : \quad 4 \otimes 4 = 1 \oplus 5 \oplus 10$$

The global symmetries lead to a richer meson multiplet structure!

Extra meson states:

Diquarks and Anti-Diquarks

$$\pi_1 : \quad \bar{u} \gamma_5 d$$

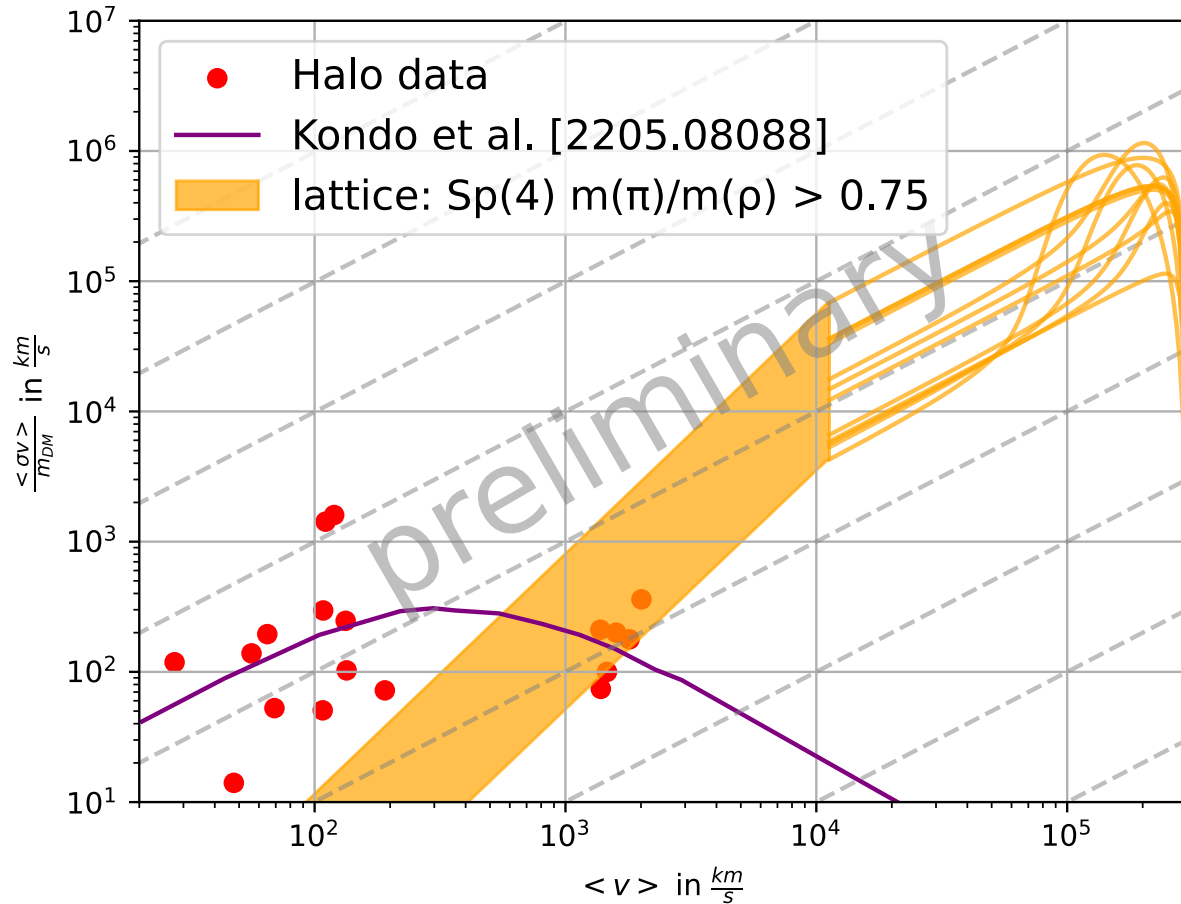
$$\pi_2 : \quad \bar{d} \gamma_5 u$$

$$\pi_3 : \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u} \gamma_5 u - \bar{d} \gamma_5 d)$$

$$\pi_4 : \quad \bar{d} \gamma_5 S C \bar{u}^T$$

$$\pi_5 : \quad d^T S C \gamma_5 u$$

First investigation of isospin-2 scattering



- phase shift $\delta(p)$ gives velocity dependence $\langle \sigma v \rangle$
- compare with best fits to experimental halo data
- No velocity dependence in this channel!

Other mass scales than QCD are relevant!

- Lagrangian has two free parameters: g^2 and m_f
 - one overall energy scale
 - one scale for explicit chiral symmetry breaking
- Overall scale should allow sufficiently heavy DM
- m_f should lead to parametrically light m_π
 - both scales can deviate strongly from QCD!

Lattice investigations of a larger parameter space are useful!

Composite Higgs + Top Realisations

G_{HC}	ψ	χ	Restrictions	G/H
$\text{SO}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$5 \times \mathbf{F}$	$6 \times \mathbf{Spin}$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 7, 9$	$\frac{\text{SU}(5)}{\text{SO}(5)} \frac{\text{SU}(6)}{\text{SO}(6)} \text{U}(1)$
$\text{SO}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$5 \times \mathbf{Spin}$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 7, 9$	
$\text{Sp}(2N_{\text{HC}})$	$5 \times \mathbf{A}_2$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$2N_{\text{HC}} = 4$	$\frac{\text{SU}(5)}{\text{SO}(5)} \frac{\text{SU}(6)}{\text{Sp}(6)} \text{U}(1)$
$\text{SU}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$5 \times \mathbf{A}_2$	$3 \times (\mathbf{F}, \overline{\mathbf{F}})$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 4$	$\frac{\text{SU}(5)}{\text{SO}(5)} \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3)'}{\text{SU}(3)_D} \text{U}(1)$
$\text{SO}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$5 \times \mathbf{F}$	$3 \times (\mathbf{Spin}, \overline{\mathbf{Spin}})$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 10$	
$\text{Sp}(2N_{\text{HC}})$	$4 \times \mathbf{F}$	$6 \times \mathbf{A}_2$	$2N_{\text{HC}} = 4$	$\frac{\text{SU}(4)}{\text{Sp}(4)} \frac{\text{SU}(6)}{\text{SO}(6)} \text{U}(1)$
$\text{SO}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$4 \times \mathbf{Spin}$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 11$	
$\text{SO}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$4 \times (\mathbf{Spin}, \overline{\mathbf{Spin}})$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 10$	$\frac{\text{SU}(4) \times \text{SU}(4)'}{\text{SU}(4)_D} \frac{\text{SU}(6)}{\text{SO}(6)} \text{U}(1)$
$\text{SU}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$4 \times (\mathbf{F}, \overline{\mathbf{F}})$	$6 \times \mathbf{A}_2$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 4$	
$\text{SU}(N_{\text{HC}})$	$4 \times (\mathbf{F}, \overline{\mathbf{F}})$	$3 \times (\mathbf{A}_2, \overline{\mathbf{A}}_2)$	$N_{\text{HC}} = 5, 6$	$\frac{\text{SU}(4) \times \text{SU}(4)'}{\text{SU}(4)_D} \frac{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3)'}{\text{SU}(3)_D} \text{U}(1)$

Table 6. Subclass of models that is likely to be outside of the conformal window, together with the coset they give rise to after spontaneous symmetry breaking.