

# Composite Inelastic Dark Matter

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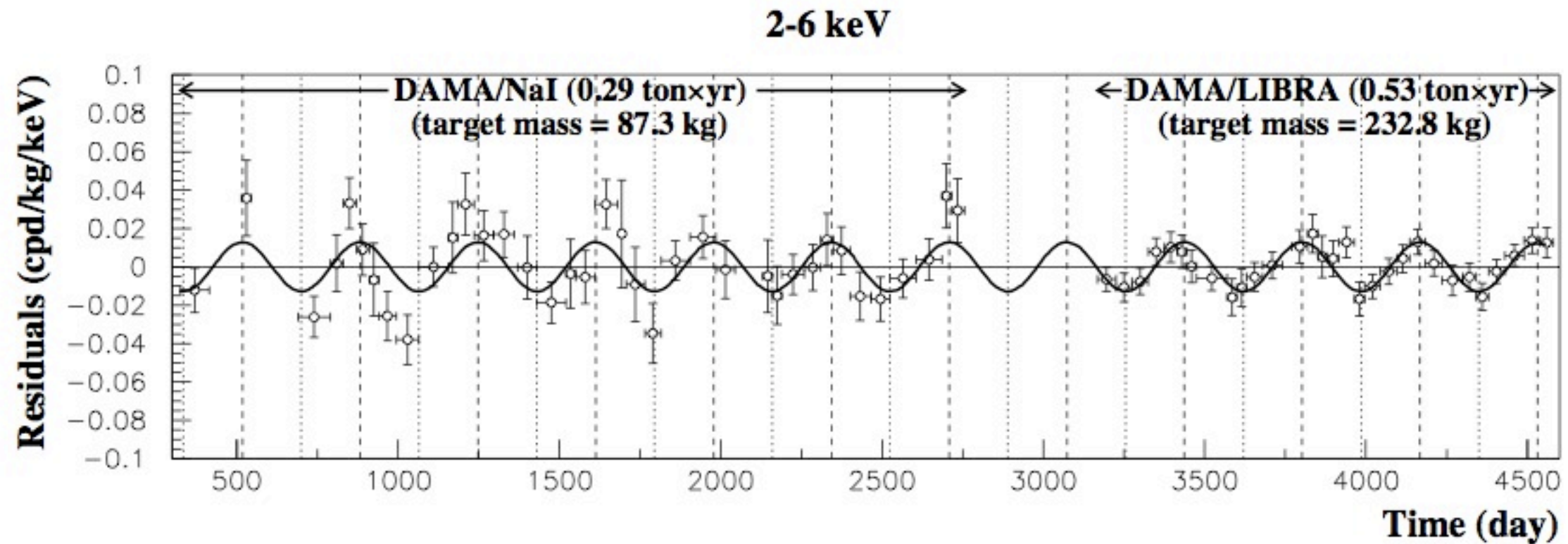
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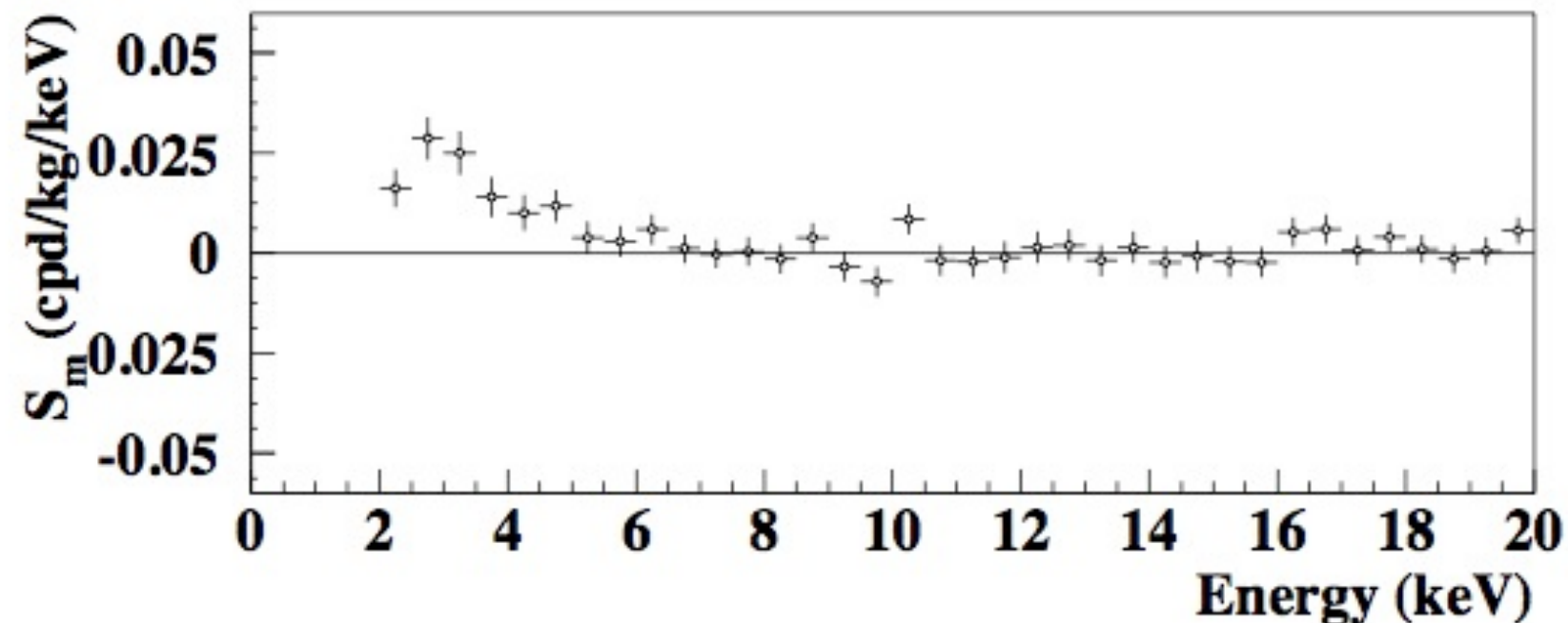
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# 11 Years of Oscillation



A distinctive recoil spectrum

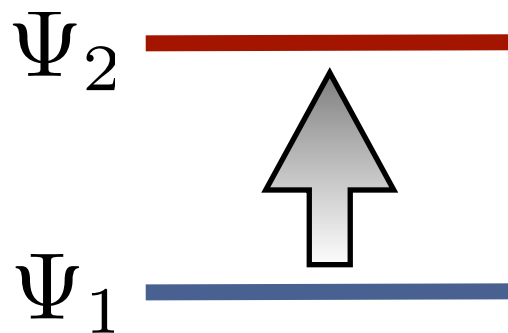


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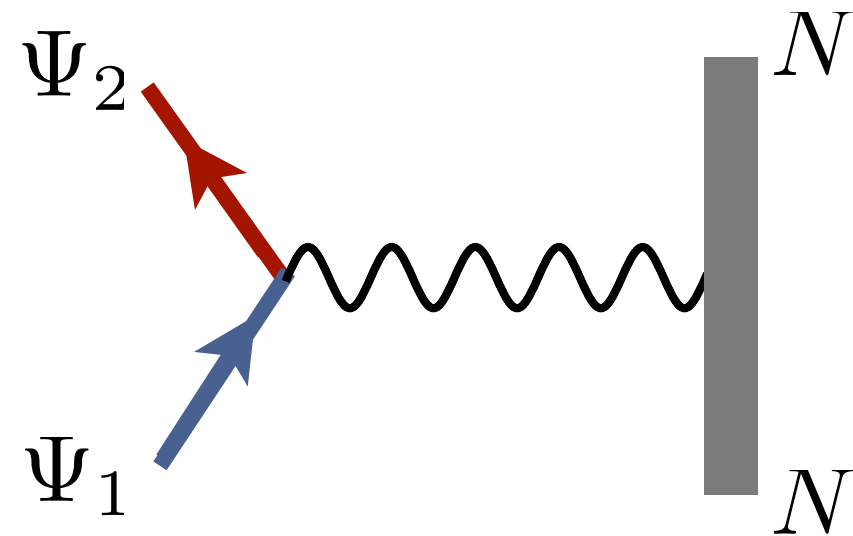
Tucker-Smith & Weiner (2001)

Dark matter has 2 nearly degenerate states

$$\delta m \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ keV})$$



Scattering off the SM is  
 $\Psi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_2$



## 3 Consequences:

Scatters off of heavier nuclei (CDMS ineffective)

Large recoil energy (Xenon10 didn't look)

Large modulation fraction

# Inelastic Dark Matter

A new number to explain:

$$\frac{\delta m}{m} \sim 10^{-6}$$

Breaking of an approximate global symmetry

Like Yukawas

Radiatively stable

Hard to discover origin

Sign of dark sector dynamics

First of many splittings

New interactions to discover

Changes what questions are interesting

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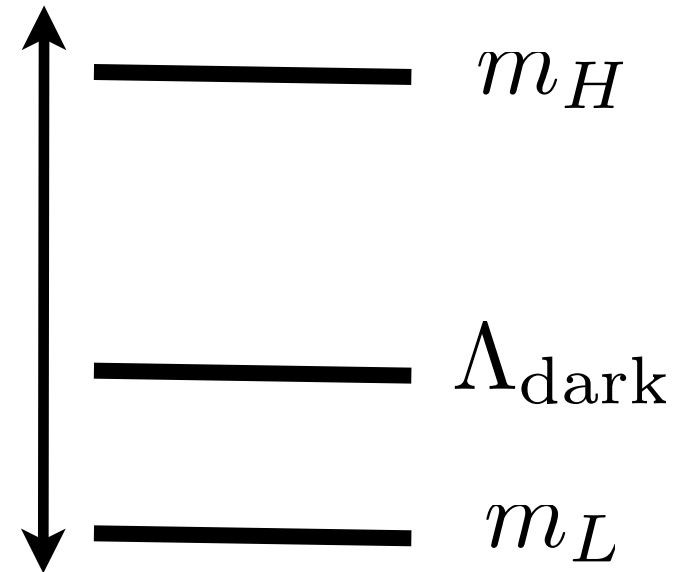
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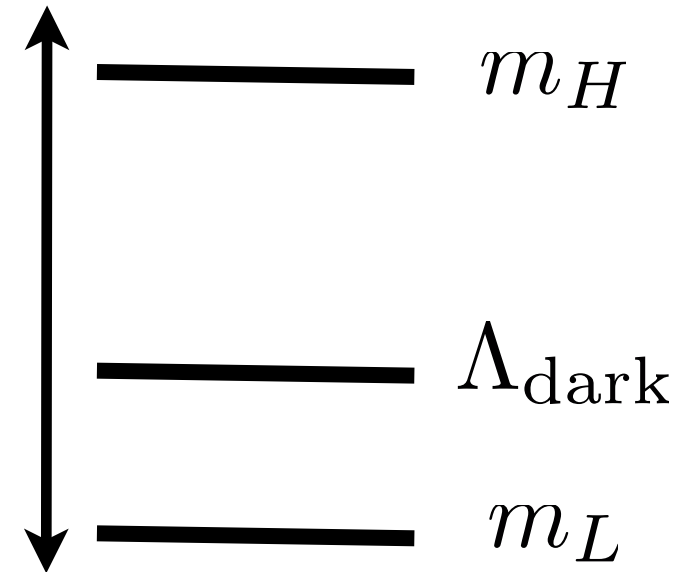
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A cosmological asymmetry

$$(n_H - n_{\bar{H}}) = -(n_L - n_{\bar{L}}) \neq 0$$

At  $T \ll \Lambda_{\text{Dark}}$  DM is in

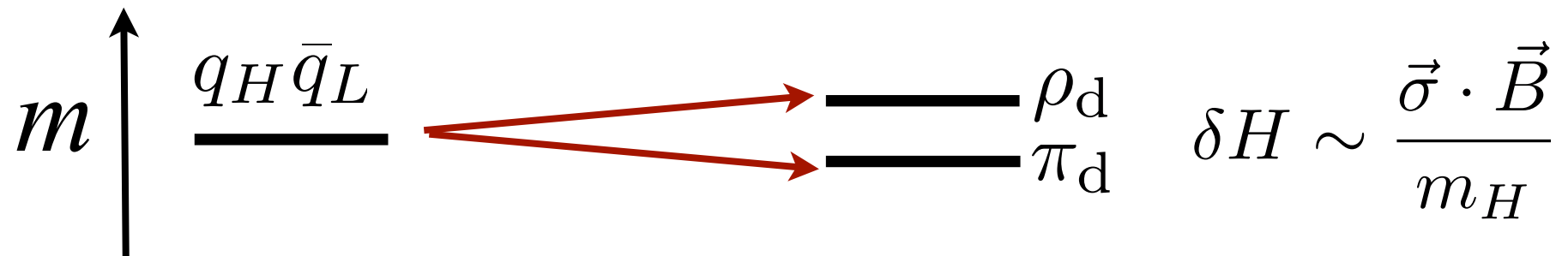
$q_H \bar{q}_L$  bound states

Dark Mesons

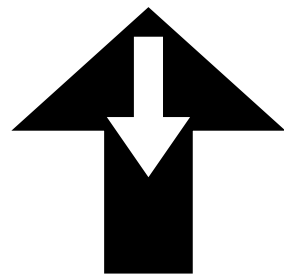
# Degeneracy of the Ground State

Heavy quark spin preserved in electric interactions

Dark Chromomagnetic interaction breaks spin symmetry



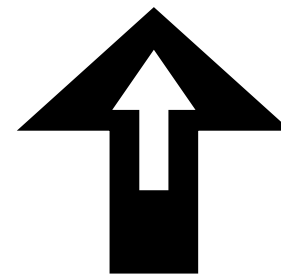
Spin 0



Dark Pion

$\pi_d$

Spin 1



Dark Rho

$\rho_d$

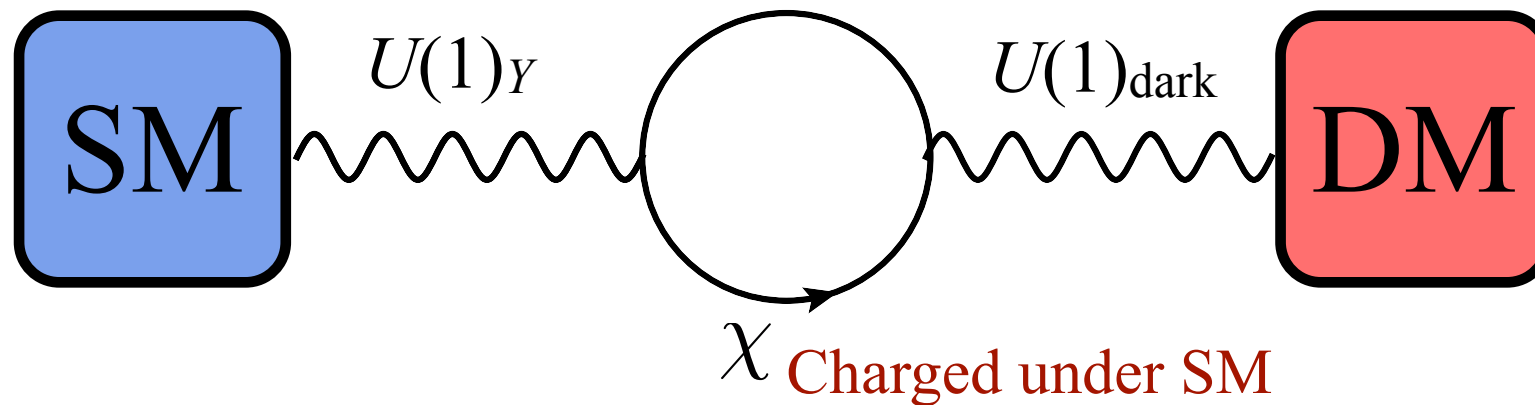
$$m_{\rho_d} - m_{\pi_d} \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{Dark}}^2}{m_H}$$

Doesn't require adding new symmetry and breaking it  
Accidental global symmetry from Lorentz Invariance

# Coupling to the SM

Kinetically Mix  $U(1)_Y$  with  $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} = \epsilon F_{\text{dark}}^{\mu\nu} F_{Y\ \mu\nu}$$



At low energy  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \epsilon A_{\text{dark}}^{\mu} j_{\text{EM}\ \mu}$

Higgs  $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$  near EW scale

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = |D_{\mu}\phi_{\text{d}}|^2 - V(\phi_{\text{d}}) \longrightarrow m_{\text{d}}^2 A_{\text{d}}^2$$



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Forbids dark quark masses until  $U(1)_{\text{dark}}$  Higgsing

Only inelastic scattering channels

# Inelastic Axial Transitions

Must compute couplings to dark mesons

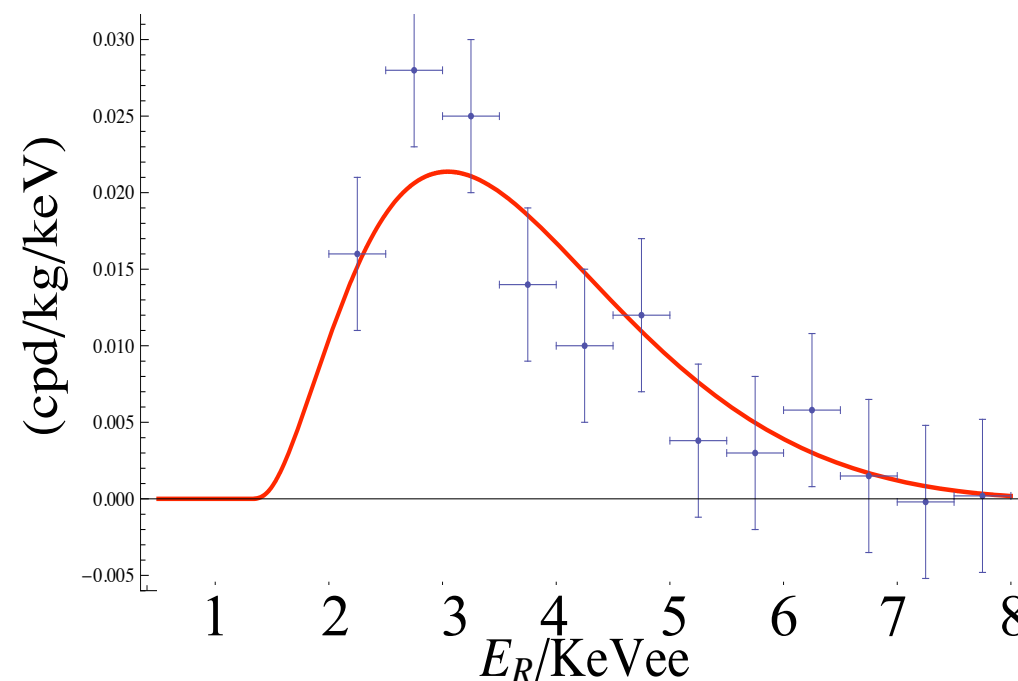
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_d}{\Lambda_{\text{dark}}} F_{\text{dark}}^{\mu\nu} \rho_{d\nu}^\dagger \partial_\mu \pi_d$$

Dim 5  $\pi_d \longleftrightarrow \rho_d$

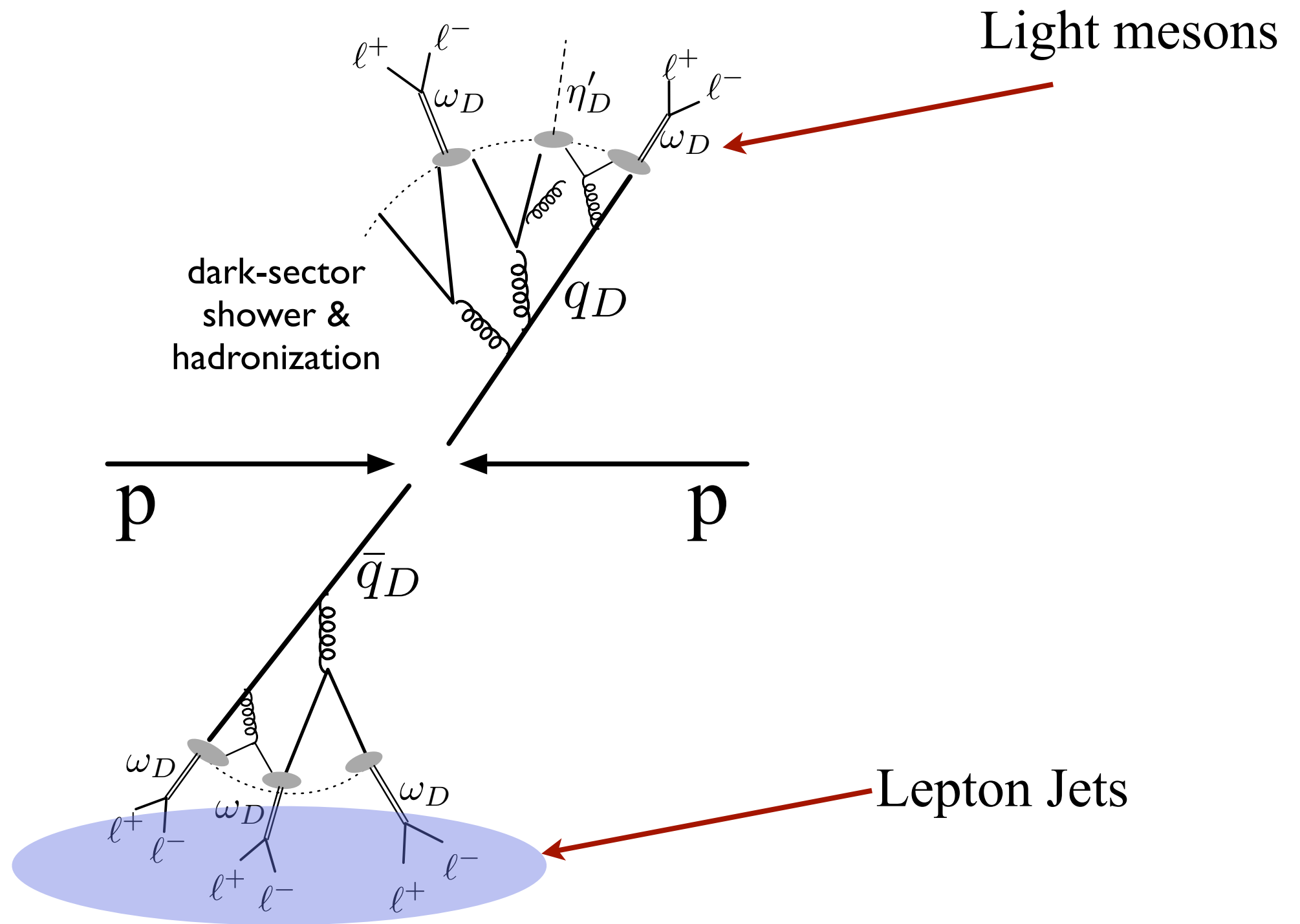
use  $\mu = 0$   $\nu = i$

All  $\pi_d \longleftrightarrow \pi_d$   
 $\rho_d \longleftrightarrow \rho_d$  transitions forbidden

Recoil  
Spectrum



# Collider Signatures



# New fixed target experiments

Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro

