

Coannihilation and Scotogenic Fermionic Dark Matter

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Motivation

- **Neutrino mass generation** and **Dark matter** are two important unsolved issues in Particle Physics.
- **Cosmological bound** of $\sum_i m_{\nu_i} < 0.09$ eV [Di Valentino et al. 2106.15267] makes usual **seesaw schemes (I & III)** hardly accessible to collider experiments.
- In the case of **scotogenic models** neutrino masses are generated **radiatively** and hence loop-suppressed; additionally, neutrino masses are **symmetry-protected**.
- **Dark mediated neutrino mass generation** is a very interesting idea. Imposition of Z_2 symmetry stabilizes the DM. [Ma hep-ph/0601225, Tao hep-ph/9603309]
- **Singlet-triplet scotogenic model** is one such model. [Hirsch et al. 1307.8134]
- The DM in this model can be **bosonic** as well as **fermionic**.
- The scalar DM for this model has been studied in great detail. It resembles the inert-2HDM scenario. [Diaz et al. 1612.06569, Avila et al. 1910.08422]
- Triplet-like fermionic DM in this model is phenomenologically not very interesting; one can go up to mass of 2.5 TeV only.
- **Singlet-like fermionic DM** is more rich in phenomenology.

Valle, Rojas, Hirsch, Vicente, Restrepo, De Romari, ...

1307.8134, 1603.05685, 1605.01915, 1612.06569, 1907.11938, 1910.08422 ...

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Scalar Potential:

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 & + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\Omega^\phi (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \text{Tr}(\Omega^\dagger \Omega) + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_\Omega^\Omega [\text{Tr}(\Omega^\dagger \Omega)]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\Omega^\eta (\eta^\dagger \eta) \text{Tr}(\Omega^\dagger \Omega)
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$$\lim \lambda_5 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\eta_R^0} = m_{\eta_I^0}$$

Fermion mixing & Neutrino mass

Fermion mixing:

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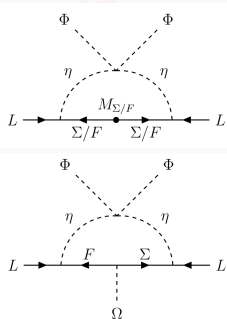
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Constraints

Bounded below: i) $\lambda_1 \geq 0$, ii) $\lambda_2 \geq 0$, iii) $\lambda_\Omega^\Omega \geq 0$, iv) $\lambda_3 + \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \geq 0$,
v) $\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - |\lambda_5| + \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \geq 0$, vi) $\lambda_\Omega^\phi + \sqrt{2\lambda_1 \lambda_\Omega^\Omega} \geq 0$, vii) $\lambda_\Omega^\eta + \sqrt{2\lambda_2 \lambda_\Omega^\Omega} \geq 0$,
viii) $\sqrt{2\lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_\Omega^\Omega} + \lambda_3 \sqrt{2\lambda_\Omega^\Omega} + \lambda_\Omega^\phi \sqrt{\lambda_2} + \lambda_\Omega^\eta \sqrt{\lambda_1}$
 $+ \sqrt{\left(\lambda_3 + \sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}\right) \left(\lambda_\Omega^\phi + \sqrt{2\lambda_1 \lambda_\Omega^\Omega}\right) \left(\lambda_\Omega^\eta + \sqrt{2\lambda_2 \lambda_\Omega^\Omega}\right)} \geq 0$

[Merle et al. 1603.05685, Kannike 1205.3781]

Perturbativity: $\lambda_i \leq 4\pi$ and $Y_j \leq \sqrt{4\pi}$

Z_2 symmetry: $\mu_\Omega^\eta \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ TeV})$ [Merle et al. 1603.05685]

EWPO: $S = -0.02 \pm 0.10$, $T = 0.03 \pm 0.12$, $U = 0.01 \pm 0.11$ [PDG]

$\rho_{exp} = 1.00038 \pm 0.00020 \rightarrow \rho = 1 + (4 v_\Omega^2 / v_\phi^2) \Rightarrow v_\Omega \lesssim 4 \text{ GeV} (3\sigma)$

Neutrino oscillation:

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.304_{-0.012}^{+0.012}, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.537_{-0.020}^{+0.016}, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0022_{-0.00063}^{+0.00062}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.42_{-0.21}^{+0.20} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \quad m_{31}^2 = 2.517_{-0.028}^{+0.026} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \delta_{CP} = 197_{-24}^{+27} \text{ }^\circ$$

[de Salas et al. 2006.11237]

Constraints

Direct searches: $m_H > 150$ GeV [LEP & LHC], $M_\Sigma > 100$ GeV (from Σ^+) [LEP], $m_{\eta^+} > 70$ GeV [OPAL, hep-ph/0703056].

Though there exist some bounds on $\eta_{R,I}^0$ [0810.3924] from neutralino search at LEP, they are not very constraining.

Bounds from LEP and LHC on charged scalar and neutral leptons are not directly applicable to H^+ , η^+ and $\chi_{1,2}^0$.

LHC bound on triplet fermion is not directly applicable to Σ .

LHC searches on slepton decaying to lepton and massless neutralino might put some bound on m_{H^+} . So, we choose $m_{H^+} > 400$ GeV (conservatively [1908.08215]).

Decay width: $\mathcal{B}(h \rightarrow inv) < 13\%$, $\delta\Gamma_Z < 5$ MeV (2σ), $\delta\Gamma_W < 90$ MeV (2σ) [PDG]

cLFV: $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 4.2 \times 10^{-13}$ [MEG], $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) < 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$ [SINDRUM]

$C(\mu, Au \rightarrow e, Au) < 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$ [SINDRUMII]

DM Constraints

Relic density: $\Omega h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.001$ [Planck]

DM direct detection (Strongest):

0.1 GeV - 4 GeV: **DarkSide-50** [2302.01830]

4 GeV - 10 GeV: **XENON1T** ⁸B [2012.02846] and **PandaX-4T** ⁸B [2207.04883]

10 GeV - 10 TeV: **LZ** [2207.03764]

XENON1T [1805.12562], **XENONnT** [2303.14729], **PandaX-4T** [2107.13438] .

Coherent neutrino-nucleon scattering → **Neutrino floor** [Billard et al. 2104.07634]

Parameters

Parameters from Lagrangian:

Complex Yukawa couplings	Real Yukawa couplings	Scalar mass terms and trilinear couplings	Scalar quartic couplings	Fermionic masses
$Y_F^1, Y_F^2, Y_F^3,$ $Y_\Sigma^1, Y_\Sigma^2, Y_\Sigma^3$	Y_Ω	$\mu_\phi, \mu_\eta, \mu_\Omega, \mu_\Omega^\phi, \mu_\Omega^\eta$	$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4, \lambda_5,$ $\lambda_\Omega^\phi, \lambda_\Omega^\eta, \lambda_\Omega^\Omega$	M_F, M_Σ

Define: $\Delta m_{\Sigma F} = M_\Sigma - M_F$, $\Delta m_{\eta+F} = m_{\eta^+} - M_F$ and $\Delta m_{\eta_1^0 \eta^+}^2 = m_{\eta_1^0}^2 - m_{\eta^+}^2$

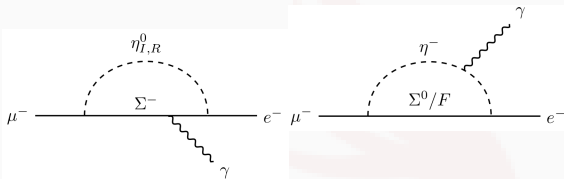
After Reduction:

There remain 16 independent parameters (No Majorana phase).

BP0:

M_F (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\Sigma F}$ (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\eta^+ F}$ (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\eta_1^0 \eta^+}^2$ (GeV ²)	μ_Ω^η (GeV)	v_Ω (GeV)	Y_Ω	Re(ω)	Im(ω)	λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	λ_5	λ_Ω^ϕ	λ_Ω^Ω	λ_Ω^η
[1, 1000]	200	500	1000	400	4.0	2.0	$\pi/4$	$\pi/4$	0.2626	0.5	0.5	10^{-8}	0.5	0.5	0.5

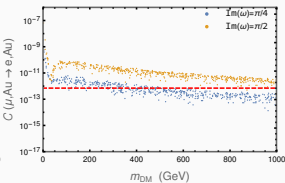
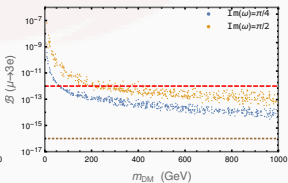
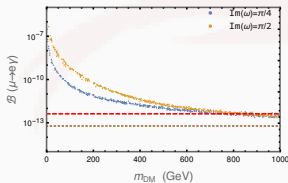
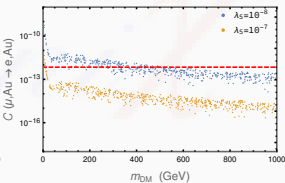
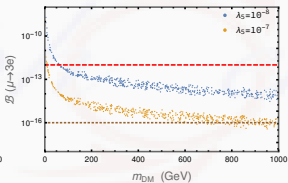
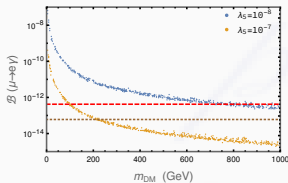
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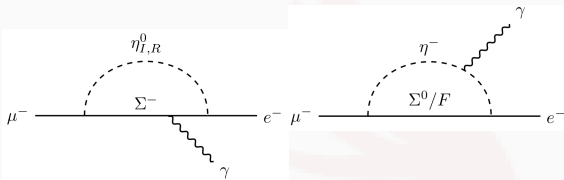
$$\{Y_{F,\Sigma} \text{ \& } Y_{F,\Sigma}^\dagger\}$$

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$$\{m_{\chi_1^0}, \lambda_5, \text{Im}(\omega)\}$$

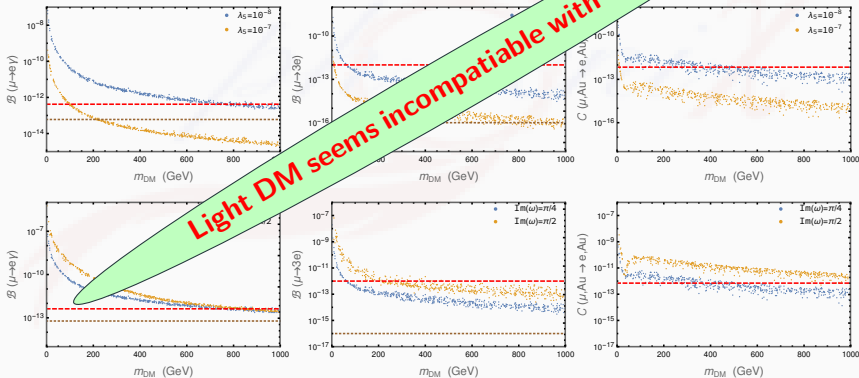


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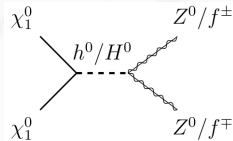
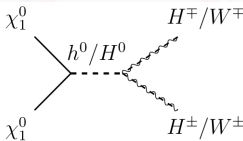
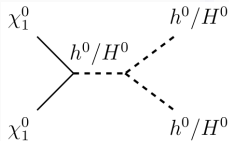
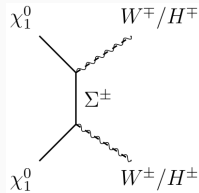
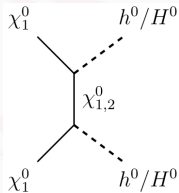
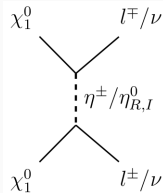
$$\{Y_{F,\Sigma} \text{ \& } Y_{F,\Sigma}^\dagger\}$$

$$\{m_{\Sigma^0} \text{ \& } m(\omega)\}$$



DM annihilation (No coannihilation)

Processes:



Dependencies:

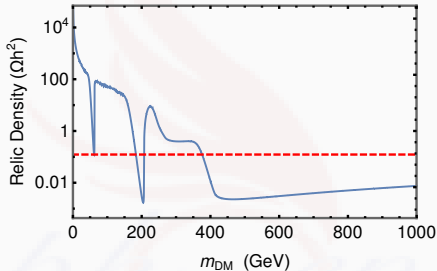
Scalar mixing and m_{H^0} : $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_\Omega^\phi, v_\Omega\}$

Fermion mixing: $\{v_\Omega, Y_\Omega, \Delta m_{\Sigma F}\}$

Couplings of SM and \mathcal{Z}_2 -odd leptons through η : $Y_{F,\Sigma} \longrightarrow \{\lambda_5, \text{Im}(\omega), M_F\}$

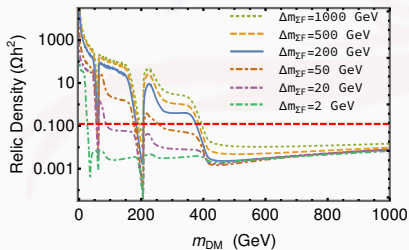
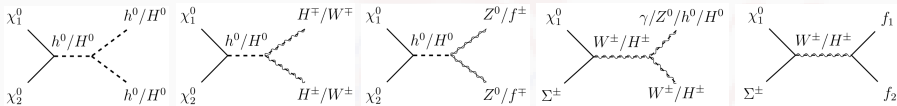
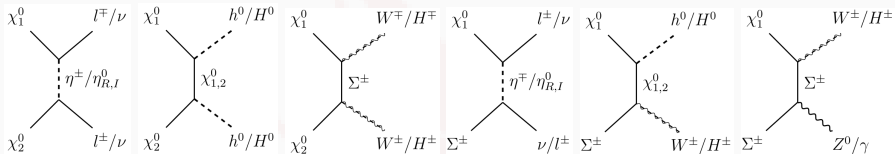
Masses of \mathcal{Z}_2 -odd particles: $\{M_F, \Delta m_{\Sigma F}(\text{slightly}), \Delta m_{\eta^+ F}(\text{slightly})\}$

Relic vs m_{DM} (BP0)



- 1st dip at $m_{DM} = 62.5$ GeV ($m_h/2$): $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow h^0 \rightarrow SM SM$
- 2nd dip at $m_{DM} = 200$ GeV ($m_H/2$): $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow H^0 \rightarrow SM SM$
- 3rd dip near $m_{DM} = 250$ GeV $\{(m_{W^\pm} + m_{H^\pm})/2, (m_{h^0} + m_{H^0})/2\}$:
Opening of $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow W^\pm H^\mp$ and $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow h^0 H^0$
- 4th dip near $m_{DM} = 400$ GeV (m_{H^0}, m_{H^\pm}):
Opening of $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow H^0 H^0$ and $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow H^+ H^-$

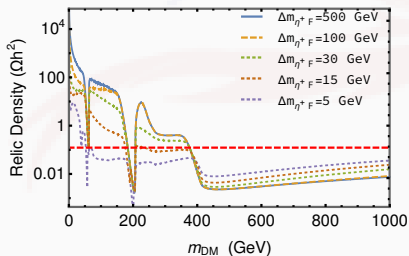
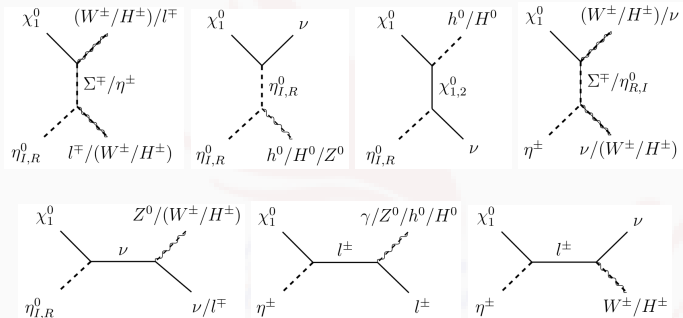
Fermion-fermion coannihilation



$$\langle \sigma_{c\nu} \rangle \propto \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij} e^{-\frac{m_i - m_{\text{DM}}}{T}} e^{-\frac{m_j - m_{\text{DM}}}{T}}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-(m_{\chi_2} - m_{\chi_1})/T}$$

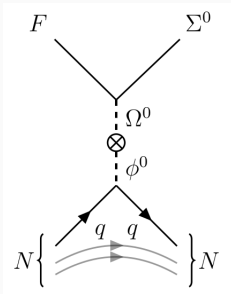
Fermion-scalar coannihilation



$$\langle \sigma_c v \rangle \propto \sum_{i,j} \sigma_{ij} e^{-\frac{m_i - m_{DM}}{T}} e^{-\frac{m_j - m_{DM}}{T}}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-(m_\eta - m_{\chi_1})/T}$$

Direct detection



$$\sigma_{\text{DM-N}}^{\text{SI}} \approx \frac{\mu_{\text{red}}^2}{\pi} \left[\frac{Y_{\Omega} f_N m_N}{2v} \sin 2\theta \sin 2\beta \left(\frac{1}{m_{h^0}^2} - \frac{1}{m_{H^0}^2} \right) \right]^2$$

m_N : Nucleon mass

f_N : Nucleon form factor ≈ 0.3

μ_{red} : Reduced mass $= (m_{\chi_1^0} m_N) / (m_{\chi_1^0} + m_N)$

θ : Fermion mixing angle $\rightarrow \tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 Y_{\Omega} v_{\Omega}}{M_{\Sigma} - M_F}$

β : Scalar mixing angle $\rightarrow \tan 2\beta = \frac{4v_{\Omega}v_{\phi}(\mu_{\Omega}^{\phi} - \sqrt{2}\lambda_{\phi}^{\Omega}v_{\Omega})}{4\sqrt{2}\lambda_{\Omega}^{\Omega}v_{\Omega}^3 - 2\sqrt{2}\lambda_1 v_{\Omega}v_{\phi}^2 + \mu_{\Omega}^{\phi}v_{\phi}^2}$

Dependencies: $\sigma_{\text{DM-N}}^{\text{SI}} \rightarrow \{\lambda_1, \lambda_{\Omega}^{\phi}, v_{\Omega}, Y_{\Omega}, \Delta m_{\Sigma F}\}$ (but not on $m_{\chi_1^0}$)

Scanning

Cases	v_Ω (GeV)	M_F (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\Sigma F}$ (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\eta^+ F}$ (GeV)	$\Delta m_{\eta^0 \eta^+}^2$ (GeV ²)	$\mu_\Omega^{\eta^0}$ (GeV)	Y_Ω	$\text{Re}(\omega)$	$\text{Im}(\omega)$	λ_1	λ_2	λ_3	λ_5	λ_Ω^{ϕ}	λ_Ω^{Ω}	$\lambda_\Omega^{\eta^0}$
Scenario-I																
BP ₁			[100, 500]	[100, 500]	1000											
BP ₁ ^{FF}	4.0	[3, 10000]	[1, 50]	[100, 500]	1000	400	[0.1, 3.5]	$[-\pi, \pi]$	$[-2\pi, 2\pi]$	0.2626	0.5	0.5	$[10^{-9}, 0.5]$	0.5	0.5	0.5
BP ₁ ^{FS}			[100, 500]	[1, 30]	[1, 1000]											
Scenario-II																
BP ₂			[100, 500]	[100, 500]	1000											
BP ₂ ^{FF}	1.5	[3, 10000]	[1, 50]	[100, 500]	1000	400	[0.1, 3.5]	$[-\pi, \pi]$	$[-2\pi, 2\pi]$	0.2626	0.5	0.5	$[10^{-9}, 0.5]$	0.5	0.5	0.5
BP ₂ ^{FS}			[100, 500]	[1, 30]	[1, 1000]											

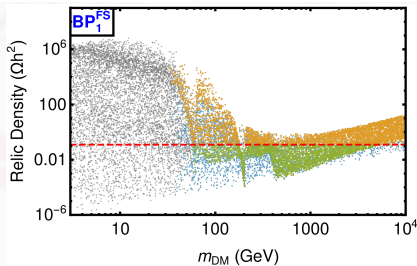
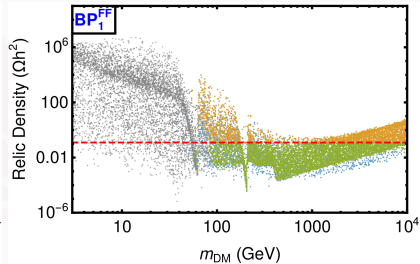
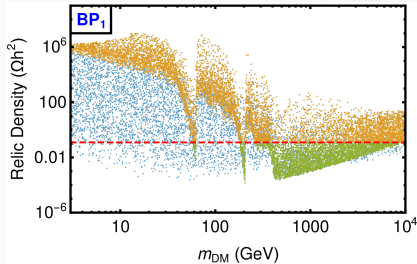
No Superscript: No coannihilation

Superscript FF: Fermion-fermion coannihilation

Superscript FS: Fermion-Scalar coannihilation

$m_{H^0} = \{400 \text{ GeV (Scenario-I), 1100 GeV (Scenario-II)}\}$

Scanning: Relic



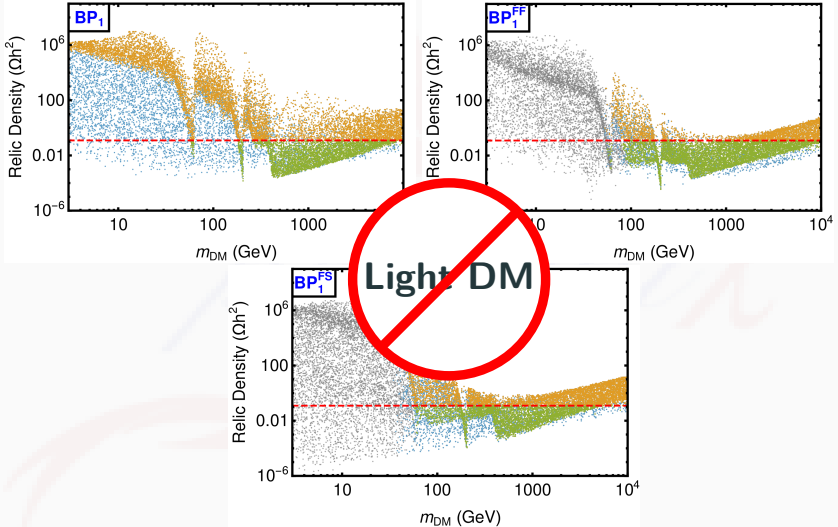
● Excluded by Collider

● Excluded by LFV

● Excluded by Relic

● Allowed by Oscillation,
Collider, LFV & Relic

Scanning: Relic



● Excluded by Collider

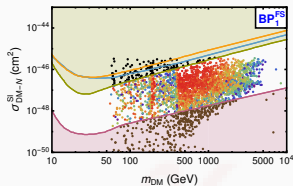
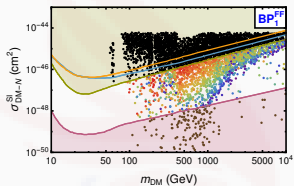
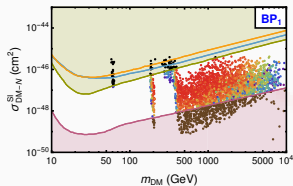
● Excluded by LFV

● Excluded by Relic

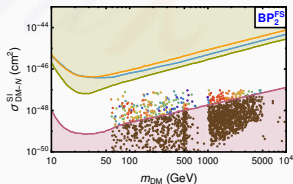
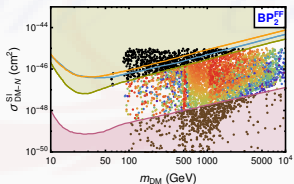
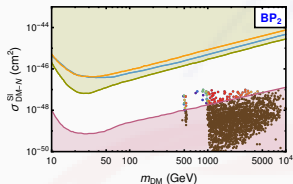
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Scanning: Direct detection

Scenario-I (High v_Ω)



Scenario-II (Low v_Ω)

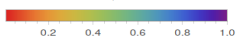


No Coannihilation

**Fermion-Fermion
Coannihilation**

**Fermion-Scalar
Coannihilation**

$$\xi_i = (\Omega h_i^2 / \Omega h^2)$$



Neutrino Floor
 Excluded by LZ(2022)
 PandaX-4T(2021)
 XENON1T(2018)
 Discarded
 Undetectable

Summary

- ✍ This model cannot accommodate light fermionic dark matter (both singlet-like and triplet-like) below 62.5 GeV.
- ✍ Without any coannihilation feasible parameter-space can be obtained only for $m_{DM} > m_H$ (apart from discrete resonance at $m_{DM} = m_H/2$)
- ✍ Fermion-fermion coannihilation provides feasible parameter-space for $m_{DM} > 100$ GeV whereas fermion-scalar coannihilation does the same job from $m_{DM} > 62.5$ GeV.
- ✍ While fermion-scalar coannihilation is the most promising scenario for higher values of ν_Ω , fermion-fermion coannihilation is the most promising case for lower values of ν_Ω .

