

# Triplet-quadruplet fermionic dark matter

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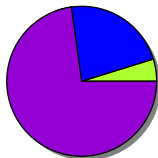
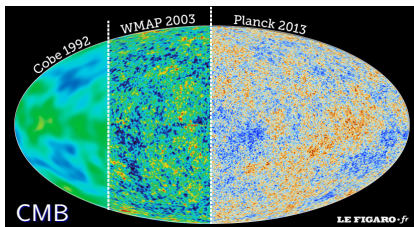
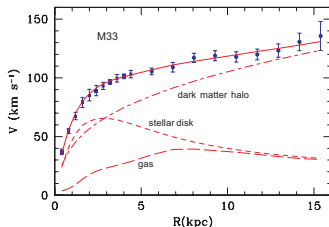
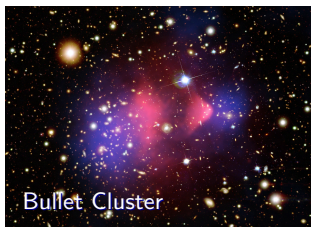
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# Dark matter in the Universe

**Dark matter (DM)** makes up most of the matter component in the Universe, as suggested by astrophysical and cosmological observations.



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[1502.01589]

**Cold DM (25.8%)**  
 $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.1186 \pm 0.0020$

**Baryons (4.8%)**  
 $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02226 \pm 0.00023$

**Dark energy (69.3%)**  
 $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.692 \pm 0.012$

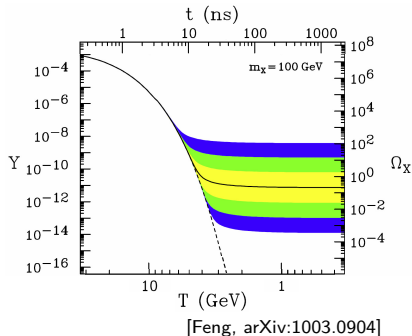
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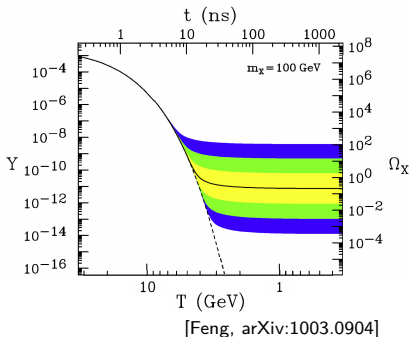
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Assuming the annihilation process consists of two weak interaction vertices with the  $SU(2)_L$  gauge coupling  $g \simeq 0.64$ , for  $m_\chi \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$  we have

$$\langle\sigma_{\text{ann}}v\rangle \sim \frac{g^4}{16\pi^2 m_\chi^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-26}) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$\Rightarrow$  A very attractive class of DM candidates:

**Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs)**



# WIMP models

WIMPs are typically introduced in the extensions of the Standard Model (SM) aiming at solving the **gauge hierarchy problem**

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For DM phenomenology, it is quite natural to construct WIMP models by extending the SM with a dark sector consisting of  $SU(2)_L$  **multiplets**, whose neutral components could provide a viable DM candidate

- 1 multiplet in a high dim rep.: **minimal DM model** [Cirelli *et al.*, hep-ph/0512090]  
(DM stability is explained by an accidental symmetry)
- 2 types of multiplets: **an artificial  $Z_2$  symmetry is usually needed**
  - **Singlet-doublet DM model** [Mahbubani & Senatore, hep-ph/0510064; D'Eramo, 0705.4493; Cohen *et al.*, 1109.2604]
  - **Doublet-triplet DM model** [Dedes & Karamitros, 1403.7744]
  - ... ..

## Triplet-quadruplet DM model

Dark sector Weyl fermions:

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} T^+ \\ T^0 \\ T^- \end{pmatrix} : (\mathbf{3}, 0), \quad Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^+ \\ Q_1^0 \\ Q_1^- \\ Q_1^- \end{pmatrix} : \left( \mathbf{4}, -\frac{1}{2} \right), \quad Q_2 = \begin{pmatrix} Q_2^{++} \\ Q_2^+ \\ Q_2^0 \\ Q_2^- \end{pmatrix} : \left( \mathbf{4}, +\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Covariant kinetic and mass terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_T = iT^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu T - \frac{1}{2}(m_T TT + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Q = iQ_1^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu Q_1 + iQ_2^\dagger \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu Q_2 - (m_Q Q_1 Q_2 + \text{h.c.})$$

Yukawa couplings:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{HTQ}} = y_1 \varepsilon_{jl} (Q_1)_i^{jk} T_k^i H^l - y_2 (Q_2)_i^{jk} T_k^i H_j^\dagger + \text{h.c.}$

$Z_2$  symmetry: odd for dark sector fermions, even for SM particles

$\Rightarrow$  forbids operators like  $TLH$ ,  $Te^c H^\dagger H^\dagger$ ,  $Q_1 L^\dagger H H^\dagger$ ,  $Q_2 L H H^\dagger$ , ...

## State mixing

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= -m_Q Q_1^- Q_2^{++} - \frac{1}{2} (T^0, Q_1^0, Q_2^0) \mathcal{M}_N \begin{pmatrix} T^0 \\ Q_1^0 \\ Q_2^0 \end{pmatrix} - (T^-, Q_1^-, Q_2^-) \mathcal{M}_C \begin{pmatrix} T^+ \\ Q_1^+ \\ Q_2^+ \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} \\ &= -m_Q \chi^- \chi^{++} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 m_{\chi_i^0} \chi_i^0 \chi_i^0 - \sum_{i=1}^3 m_{\chi_i^\pm} \chi_i^- \chi_i^+ + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_N = \begin{pmatrix} m_T & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y_1 v & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y_2 v \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y_1 v & 0 & m_Q \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} y_2 v & m_Q & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{M}_C = \begin{pmatrix} m_T & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_1 v & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} y_2 v \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} y_1 v & 0 & -m_Q \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_2 v & -m_Q & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} T^0 \\ Q_1^0 \\ Q_2^0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{N} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^0 \\ \chi_2^0 \\ \chi_3^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} T^+ \\ Q_1^+ \\ Q_2^+ \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{C}_L \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^+ \\ \chi_2^+ \\ \chi_3^+ \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} T^- \\ Q_1^- \\ Q_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{C}_R \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^- \\ \chi_2^- \\ \chi_3^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi^{--} \equiv Q_1^-, \quad \chi^{++} \equiv Q_2^{++}$$

3 Majorana fermions, 3 singly charged fermions, 1 doubly charged fermion  
 $\chi_1^0$  can be an excellent DM candidate if it is the lightest dark sector fermion



## $y_1 = y_2$ : A custodial $SU(2)_R$ global symmetry

When the two Yukawa couplings are equal ( $y = y_1 = y_2$ ), the Lagrangians have **an  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$  invariant form:**

$$\mathcal{L}_Q + \mathcal{L}_{\text{HTQ}} = i(\mathbf{Q}^{\dagger A})_{ij}^k \bar{\sigma}^\mu D_\mu (\mathbf{Q}_A)_k^{ij} - \frac{1}{2} [m_Q \varepsilon^{AB} \varepsilon_{il} (\mathbf{Q}_A)_k^{ij} (\mathbf{Q}_B)_j^{lk} + \text{h.c.}] \\ + [y \varepsilon^{AB} (\mathbf{Q}_A)_i^{jk} T_k^i (\mathbf{H}_B)_j + \text{h.c.}]$$

$$SU(2)_R \text{ doublets: } (\mathbf{Q}_A)_k^{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} (Q_1)_k^{ij} \\ (Q_2)_k^{ij} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\mathbf{H}_A)_i = \begin{pmatrix} H_i^\dagger \\ H_i \end{pmatrix}$$

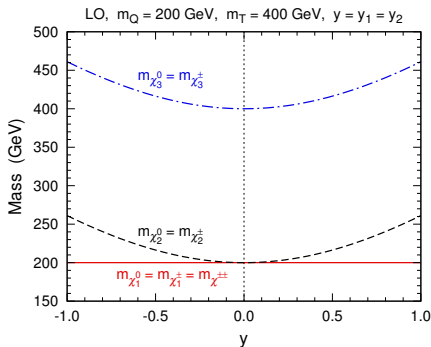
This symmetry is explicitly broken by the  $U(1)_Y$  gauge symmetry

There are still some important properties under this approximate symmetry

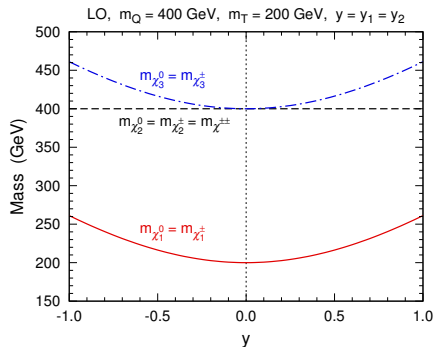
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In the custodial symmetry limit, each of the dark sector neutral fermions is **exactly degenerate in mass** with a singly charged fermion at the LO.

Mass corrections at the NLO are required to check if  $m_{\chi_1^0} < m_{\chi_1^\pm}, m_{\chi^{\pm\pm}}$ .



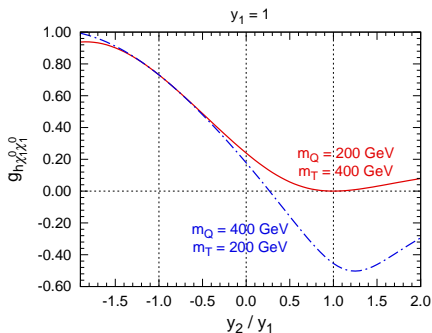
$m_Q < m_T$  case



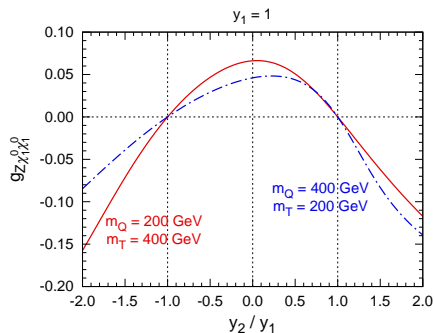
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## $y_1 = y_2$ : A custodial $SU(2)_R$ global symmetry

In the custodial symmetry limit, when  $m_Q < m_T$ , we have  $\chi_1^0 = (Q_1^0 + Q_2^0)/\sqrt{2}$ , which leads to **vanishing  $\chi_1^0$  couplings to  $h$  and  $Z$**  at the tree level. As a result,  $\chi_1^0$  cannot interact with nuclei at the LO and could easily escape from current DM direct detection bounds.

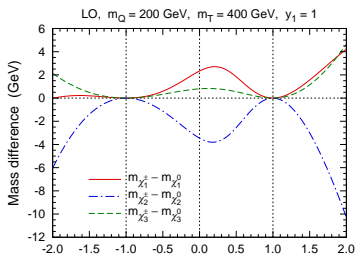
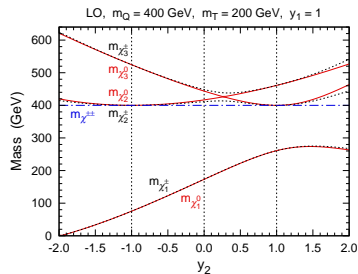
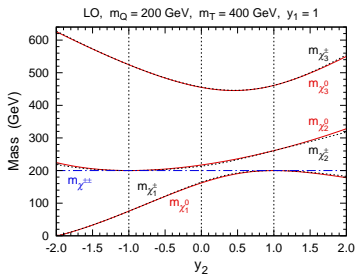


$h\chi_1^0\chi_1^0$  coupling

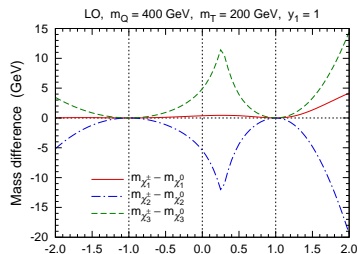


$Z\chi_1^0\chi_1^0$  coupling

# LO mass spectrum: $m_{\chi_i^0} \simeq m_{\chi_i^\pm}$ in any cases



( $m_Q < m_T$  case)

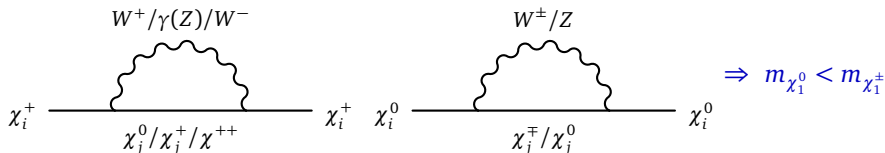


( $m_T < m_Q$  case)

## Mass corrections at the NLO

One-loop corrections to an  $SU(2)_L$  multiplet from **electroweak gauge boson loops** usually drive a charged component **heavier** than the neutral component (by  $\sim Q^2 \cdot 170 \text{ MeV}$  for a multiplet much heavier than  $Z$  with  $Y = 0$ ).

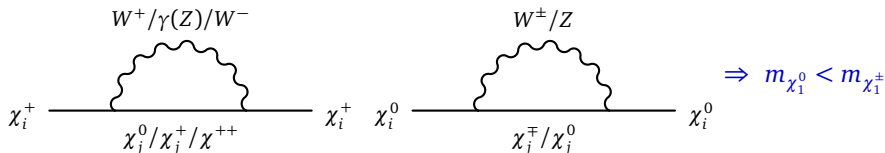
[Feng *et al.*, hep-ph/9904250; Cirelli *et al.*, hep-ph/0512090; Hill & Solon, 1111.0016]



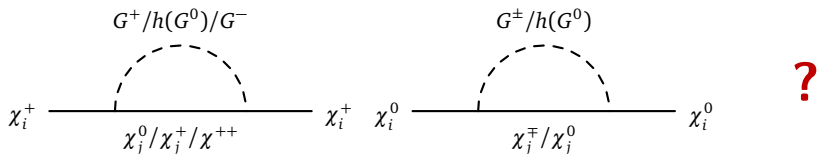
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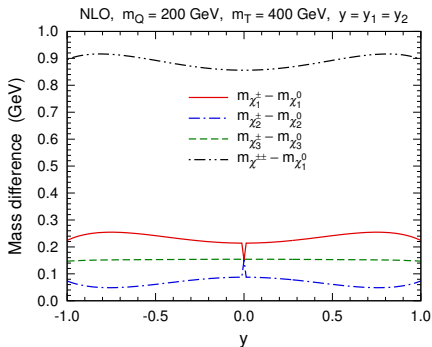


There are **mixings** among  $T$ ,  $Q_1$ , and  $Q_2$ , and corrections from the Higgs sector due to the **HTQ Yukawa couplings**. The situation is more complicated.

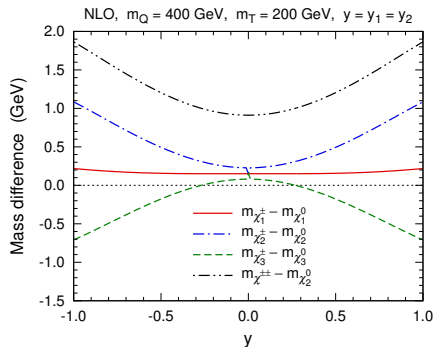


# Mass corrections at the NLO

In the **custodial symmetry limit**, we always have  $m_{\chi_1^0} < m_{\chi_1^\pm}$  at the NLO and hence  $\chi_1^0$  is stable as required for a DM candidate.



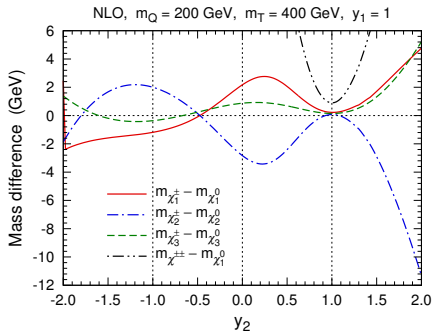
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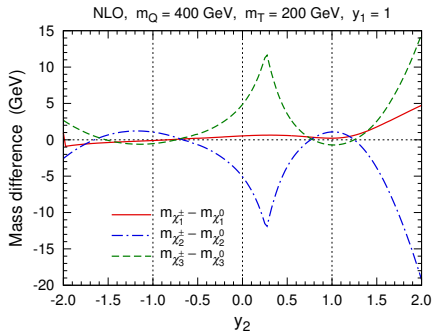
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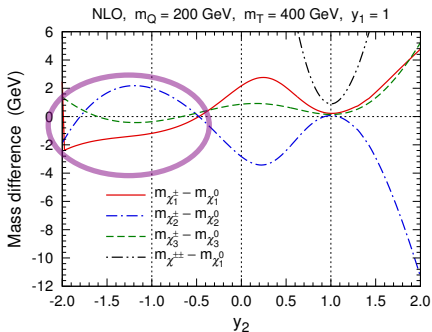


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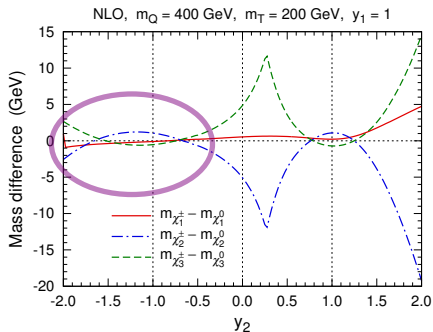


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When  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  have opposite signs, we may have  $m_{\chi_1^\pm} < m_{\chi_1^0}$  at the NLO and  $\chi_1^0$  is no longer a viable DM candidate because it can decay.

## Relic abundance

In this model, we always have the mass degeneracy  $m_{\chi_1^\pm} \simeq m_{\chi_1^0}$ . Besides,

$$m_Q < m_T \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{maybe } m_{\chi^{\pm\pm}} \simeq m_{\chi_1^0}$$

$$|y_{1,2}v| \ll m_Q < m_T \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\chi_2^0} \simeq m_{\chi_2^\pm} \simeq m_{\chi_1^0}$$

These dark sector fermions, with close masses and comparable interaction strengths, basically decoupled at the same time in the early Universe.

**Coannihilation processes** among them significantly affected their abundances.

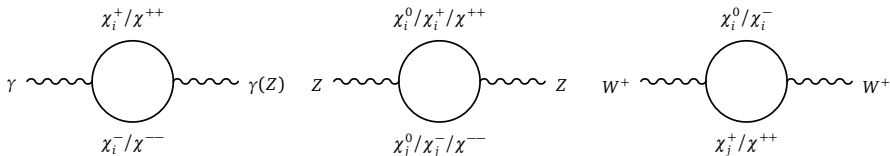
After freeze-out,  $\chi_1^\pm$ ,  $\chi^{\pm\pm}$ ,  $\chi_2^0$ , and  $\chi_2^\pm$  decayed into  $\chi_1^0$  and contributed to the DM relic abundance.

**FeynRules** → **MadGraph** → **MadDM**:

includes all annihilation and coannihilation channels

$$\text{Observed DM abundance } \Omega h^2 = 0.1186 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad m_{\chi_1^0} \sim 2.4 \text{ TeV}$$

## Electroweak oblique parameters



Gauge interactions of the triplet and quadruplets would affect the **electroweak oblique parameters** [Peskin & Takeuchi, '90, '92]

$$S = \frac{16\pi c_W^2 s_W^2}{e^2} \left[ \Pi'_{ZZ}(0) - \frac{c_W^2 - s_W^2}{c_W s_W} \Pi'_{ZA}(0) - \Pi'_{AA}(0) \right]$$

$$T = \frac{4\pi}{e^2} \left[ \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{m_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(0)}{m_Z^2} \right]$$

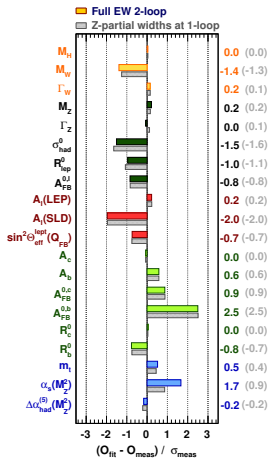
$$U = \frac{16\pi s_W^2}{e^2} \left[ \Pi'_{WW}(0) - c_W^2 \Pi'_{ZZ}(0) - 2c_W s_W \Pi'_{ZA}(0) - s_W^2 \Pi'_{AA}(0) \right]$$

The Standard Model predicts  $S = T = U = 0$ .

# Electroweak oblique parameters

A global fit based on the measurements of **electroweak precision observables**:

[Gfitter Group, 1407.3792]



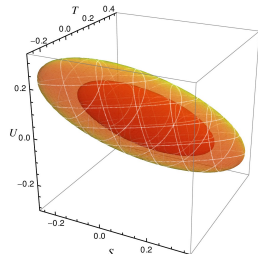
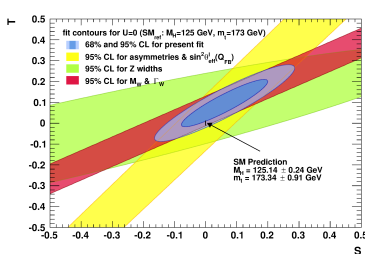
Fixed  $U = 0 \rightarrow$

$$S = 0.06 \pm 0.09, T = 0.10 \pm 0.07, \rho_{ST} = +0.91$$

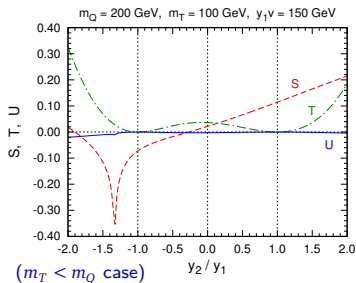
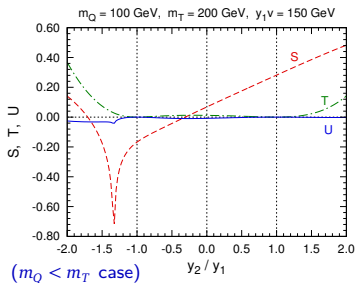
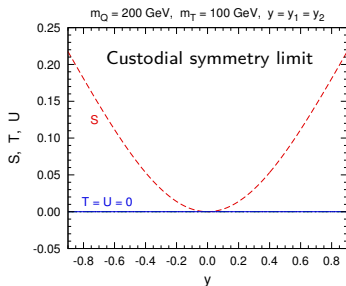
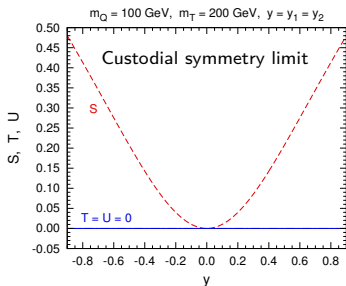
Free  $U \rightarrow$

$$S = 0.05 \pm 0.11, T = 0.09 \pm 0.13, U = 0.01 \pm 0.11$$

$$\rho_{ST} = +0.90, \rho_{SU} = -0.59, \rho_{TU} = -0.83$$



# Electroweak oblique parameters



## Direct detection

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} g_{h\chi_1^0\chi_1^0} h \bar{\chi}_1^0 \chi_1^0 + \frac{1}{2} g_{Z\chi_1^0\chi_1^0} Z_\mu \bar{\chi}_1^0 \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi_1^0$$

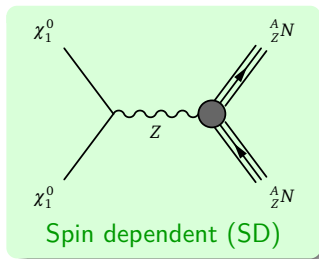
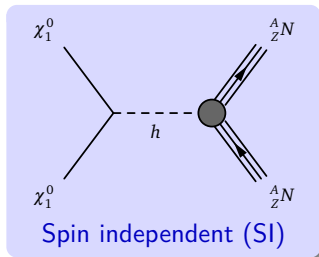
$$g_{h\chi_1^0\chi_1^0} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (y_1 \mathcal{N}_{21} - y_2 \mathcal{N}_{31}) \mathcal{N}_{11}$$

$$g_{Z\chi_1^0\chi_1^0} = \frac{g}{2c_W} (|\mathcal{N}_{31}|^2 - |\mathcal{N}_{21}|^2)$$

For  $m_Q < m_T$  in the custodial symmetry limit, we have  $\mathcal{N}_{11} = 0$  and  $|\mathcal{N}_{31}| = |\mathcal{N}_{21}|$ , and both  $g_{h\chi_1^0\chi_1^0}$  and  $g_{Z\chi_1^0\chi_1^0}$  vanish

Current direct detection experiments are much more sensitive to the SI DM-nucleus scatterings than the SD scatterings

The exclusion limit on the SI cross section from the **LUX experiment** [1310.8214] is used to constrain the model



## Indirect detection

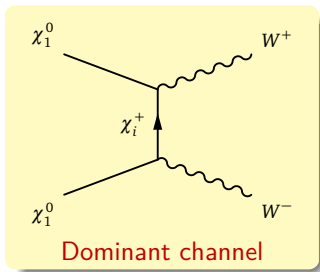
Indirect detection searches for products from **nonrelativistic DM annihilations**

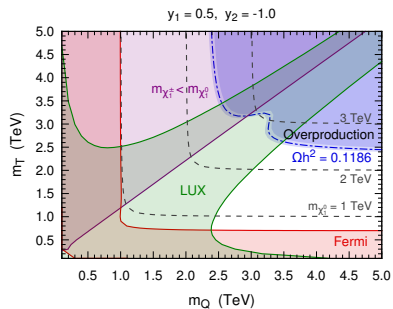
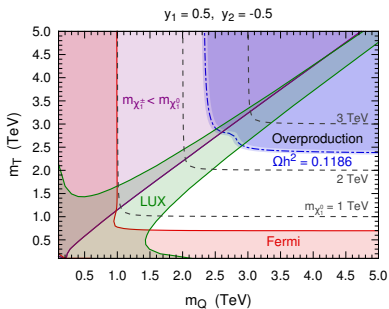
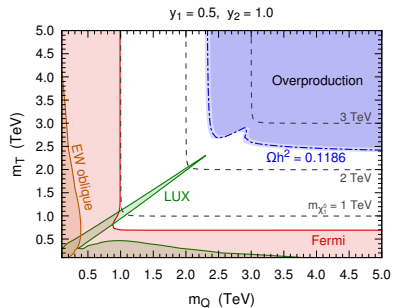
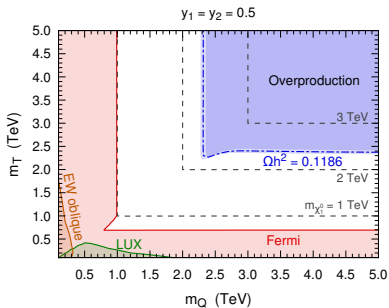
Suppressions on  $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0$  annihilations into SM particles

- $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow Z^* \rightarrow f \bar{f}$ : helicity suppression in  $s$  wave ( $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto m_f^2 / m_{\chi_1^0}^2$ )
- $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow h^* \rightarrow f \bar{f}$ :  $p$ -wave suppression ( $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto v^2$ )
- $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow hh$ :  $p$ -wave suppression ( $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto v^2$ )

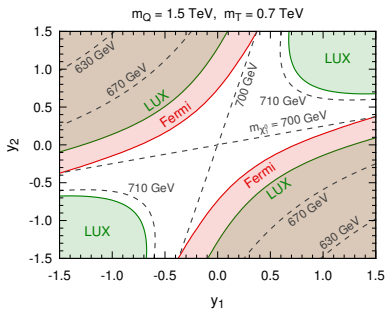
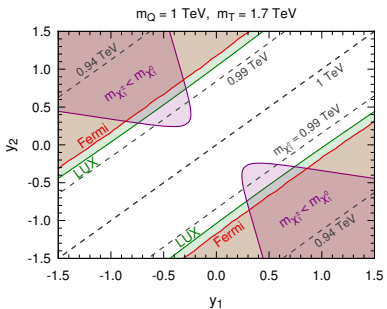
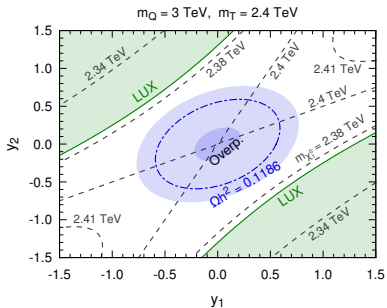
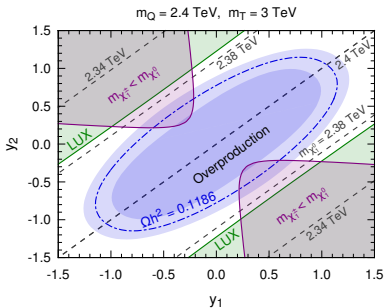
The cross section of  $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow W^+ W^-$  usually larger than those of  $\chi_1^0 \chi_1^0 \rightarrow ZZ, Zh, t\bar{t}$  by at least 1 to 2 orders of magnitude

The upper limit on the annihilation cross section into  $W^+ W^-$  given by **Fermi-LAT** 6-year  $\gamma$ -ray observations of dwarf galaxies [1503.02641] is used to constrain the model









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- 1 We investigate a **triplet-quadruplet WIMP model**, whose dark sector involves 3 Majorana fermions, 3 singly charged fermions, and 1 doubly charged fermion.
- 2 The triplet and quadruplets can interact with the SM Higgs doublet through two Yukawa couplings, whose equality leads to **an approximate custodial symmetry** that would make the DM candidate  $\chi_1^0$  easily escaping from direct searches.
- 3 There are mass degeneracies among dark sector fermions. **One-loop mass corrections** are calculated to check if  $\chi_1^0$  can be stable.
- 4 The observed relic abundance suggests  $m_{\chi_1^0} \sim 2.4$  TeV. Phenomenological constraints from EW oblique parameters and direct and indirect detection experiments are also considered.

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