

GOLDSTONE FERMION DARK MATTER

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& work in progress

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The WIMP Miracle

Contains factors of M_{Pl} , s_0 , \dots

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx 0.1 \left(\frac{x_f}{20} \right) \left(\frac{g_*}{80} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_0}{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}} \right)$$

$\sim \left\langle \frac{\alpha^2 v}{(100 \text{ GeV})^2} \right\rangle$

Miracle: Within orders of magnitude!

Ωh^2 vs direct detection

$$\sigma_{\text{ann.}} \sim 0.1 \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} \sim 7.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ pb}$$

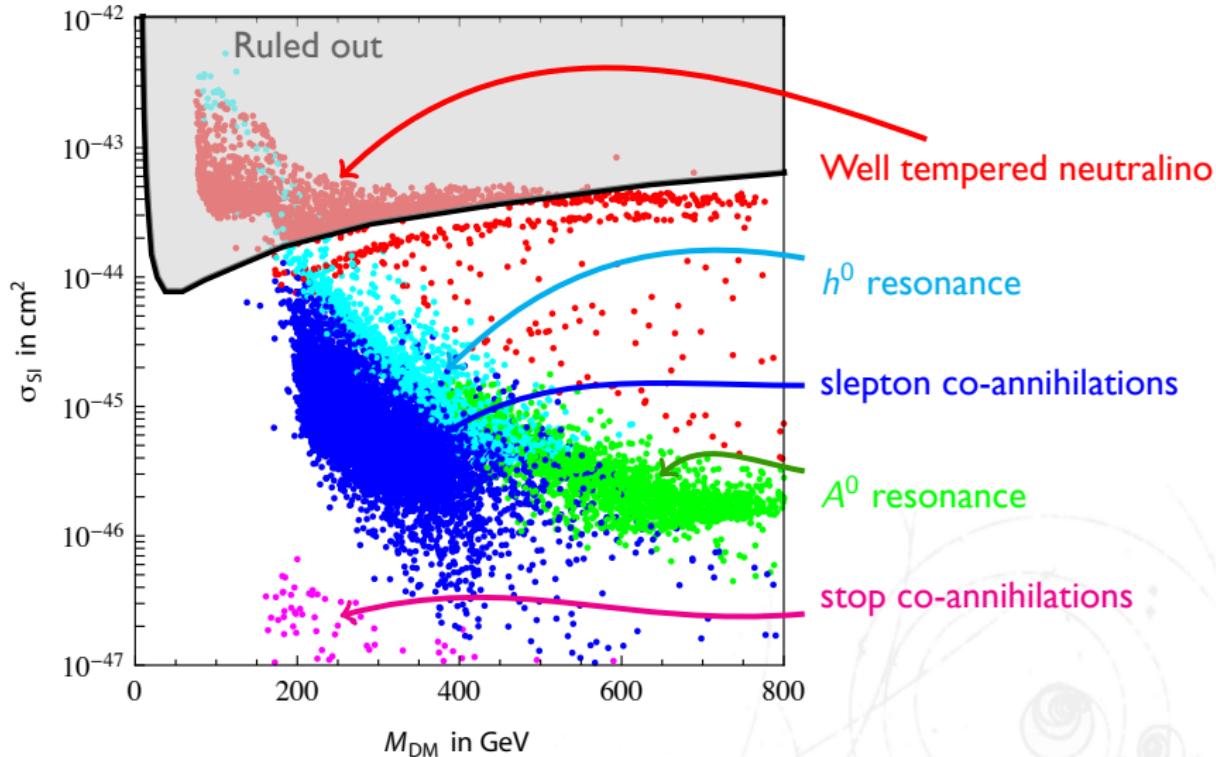
50 GeV WIMP

Typical strategy: pick parameters such that σ_{SI} is suppressed, then use tricks to enhance $\sigma_{\text{ann.}}$.

- Tune the neutralino composition (\tilde{B} vs. \tilde{W}, \tilde{H})
- Coannihilations (accidental slepton degeneracy)
- Resonant annihilation

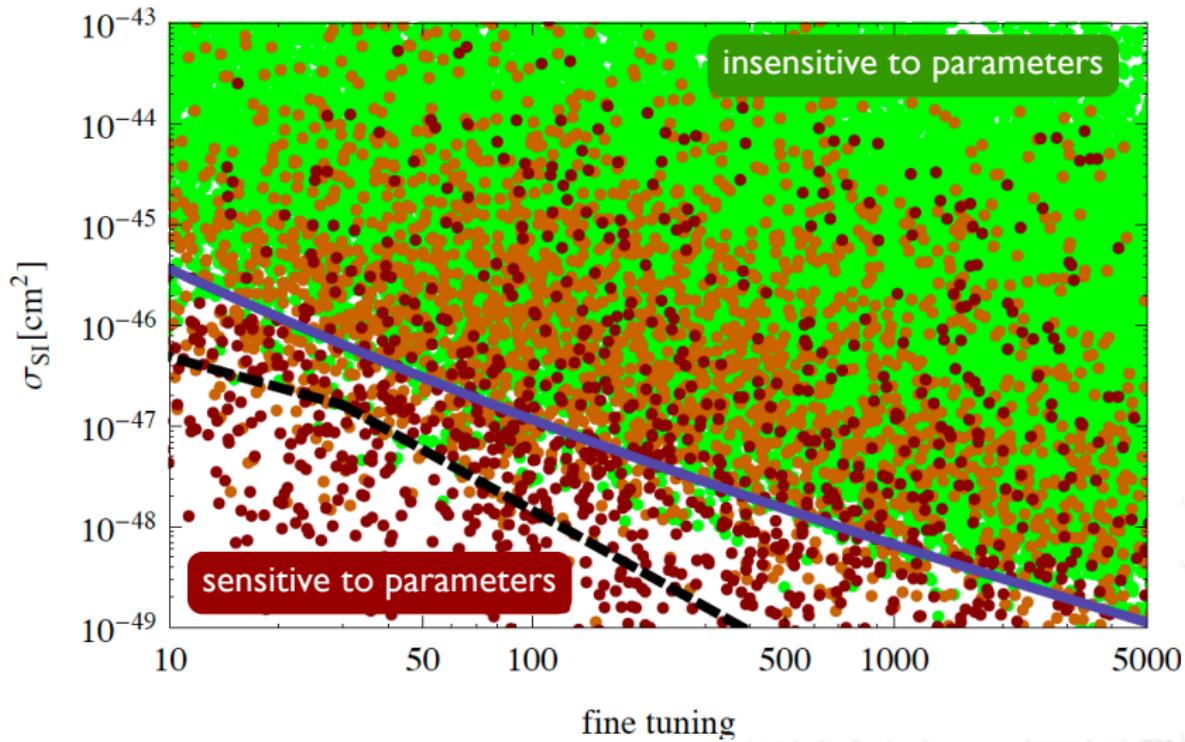
Ωh^2 vs direct detection

CMSSM



Farina, Kadastik, Raidal, Pappadopulo, Pata, Strumia [1104.3572]

MSSM Dark Matter and Tuning



Perelstein and Shakya [1107.5048]

Motivation I: a natural WIMP

Typical MSSM WIMP: σ_{SI} **too large**

Want to naturally suppress direct detection while maintaining ‘miracle’ of successful abundance.

If LSP is part of a *Goldstone multiplet*, $(s + ia, \chi)$, additional suppression from derivative coupling.

- Like a weak scale axino, but unrelated to CP
- Like singlino DM, but global symmetry broken in SUSY limit

Motivation I: a natural WIMP

Annihilation: *p*-wave decay to Goldstones

$$\frac{1}{f} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \partial_\mu a \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle \sigma v \rangle \approx \left(\frac{m_\chi^2}{f^4} \right) \left(\frac{T_f}{m_\chi} \right) \approx 1 \text{ pb}$$

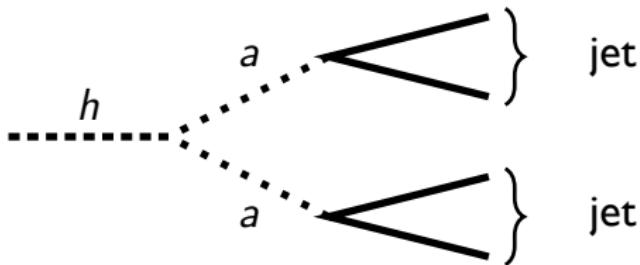
Direct detection: CP-even Goldstone mixing with Higgs

$$\frac{m_\chi v}{f^2} \sim 0.01 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_{\text{SI}} = \left(\frac{m_\chi v}{f^2} \right)^2 \sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{MSSM}} \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2)$$

Motivation II: Buried Higgs

Idea: Light Higgs buried in QCD background

Global symmetry at $f \sim 500$ GeV with coupling $\frac{1}{f^2} h^2 (\partial a)^2$

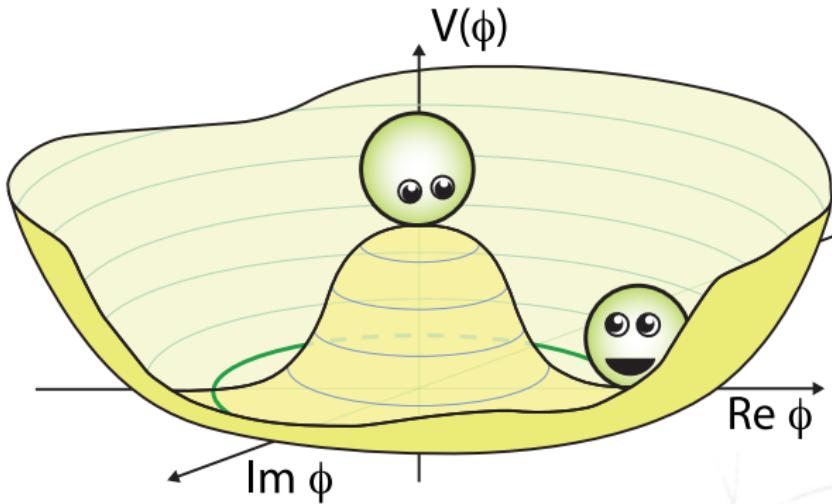


Bellazzini, Csáki, Falkowski, Hubisz, Luty, Phalen, Pierce,
Shao, Weiler; 0906.3026, 1012.1316, 1012.1347

Can we **bury** the Higgs through a decays,
but **dig up** dark matter in χ ?



Goldstone Boson Review



Global ~~U(1)~~ \Rightarrow massless pseudoscalar
Shift symmetry \Rightarrow derivative coupling

Nonlinear Σ Model (NL Σ M)

e.g. chiral perturbation theory

QCD is a theory of $\begin{cases} \text{quarks, gluons} & (E \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \\ \text{pseudoscalar mesons } (\pi\text{s}) & (E \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \end{cases}$

$$\langle \bar{q}q \rangle : SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V$$

Nonlinear realization:

$$U(x) = \exp(2i\pi^a(x)T^a/f) \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{f^2}{4}\text{Tr}|\partial U|^2$$

- Includes π kinetic terms and interactions
- Does not include heavy modes, irrelevant to low E physics
- m_q s explicitly break flavor symmetry, $m_\pi \neq 0$

The Goldstone Supermultiplet

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (s + i a) + \sqrt{2} \theta \chi + \theta^2 F$$

Carries the low-energy degrees of freedom of the UV fields,

$$\Phi_i = f_i e^{q_i A/f} \quad f^2 = \sum_i q_i^2 f_i^2$$

SUSY \Rightarrow explicit s mass, $m_\chi \approx q_i \langle F_i \rangle / f$, a massless
a mass through small supersymmetric explicit $U(1)$ terms

A simple example of a ~~$U(1)$~~ sector

$$W = S \left(\bar{N}N - \mu^2 \right)$$

Breaking on the order of $f^2 = q^2|f_1|^2 + q^2|f_2|^2$

$$A = \frac{qf_1}{f}N - \frac{qf_2}{f}\bar{N}$$

$$R = \frac{qf_2}{f}N + \frac{qf_1}{f}\bar{N}$$

SUSY Breaking and the χ mass

Tamvakis-Wyler Thm. Phys. Lett B 112 (1982) 451; Phys. Rev. D 33 (1986) 1762

Global symmetry: $W[\Phi_i] = W[e^{i\alpha q_i} \Phi_i]$ so that

$$0 = \frac{\partial W[e^{i\alpha q_i} \Phi_i]}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_j W_j q_j \Phi_j,$$

Taking a derivative $\partial/\partial\Phi_i$ gives:

$$0 = \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial \Phi_i} \left(\sum_j W_j q_j \Phi_j \right) \right|_{\langle \Phi \rangle} = \sum_j W_{ij} q_j f_j + W_i q_i$$

$\chi = \sum_i q_i f_i \psi_i / f$ mass depends on the vevs of U(1)-charged F -terms in the presence of soft SUSY terms

Assuming no D -term mixing with gauginos

SUSY Breaking and the χ mass

If R symmetry unbroken: $R[\chi] = -1$ & no Majorana mass

- Soft scalar masses preserve R
- **A -terms** are holomorphic and generally break R symmetry

Assuming $A_i, m_i < f_i$, generic size is $|F_i| \approx A_i f_i$

$$m_\chi \sim A_i q_i$$

Often the A -terms are suppressed relative to other soft terms, so it's reasonable to expect χ to be the LSP.

SUSY Breaking and the χ mass

Contribution from Planck ‘slooperators’

But one might worry (1104.0692) about Planck-scale operators giving an irreducible contribution to m_χ ,

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{(A + A^\dagger)^2(X + X^\dagger)}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \sim m_{3/2}\chi\chi$$

However...

The A -term contribution to m_χ is equivalent to F -term mixing between U(1) charged fields and the SUSY spurion, X .

SUSY Breaking and the χ mass

Contribution from Planck 'slooperators'

For concreteness, consider gravity mediation with $m_{\text{soft}} \sim F/M_{\text{Pl}}$.

$$K = \sum_i Z(X, X^\dagger) \Phi_i^\dagger \Phi_i$$

Analytically continue into superspace hep-ph/9706540

$$\Phi \rightarrow \Phi' \equiv Z^{1/2} \left(1 + \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial X} F \theta^2 \right) \Phi$$

Canonical normalization generates A -terms:

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = \left. \frac{\partial W}{\partial \Phi} \right|_{\Phi=\phi} Z^{-1/2} \left(-\frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \ln X} \frac{F}{M} \right)$$

SUSY Breaking and χ mass

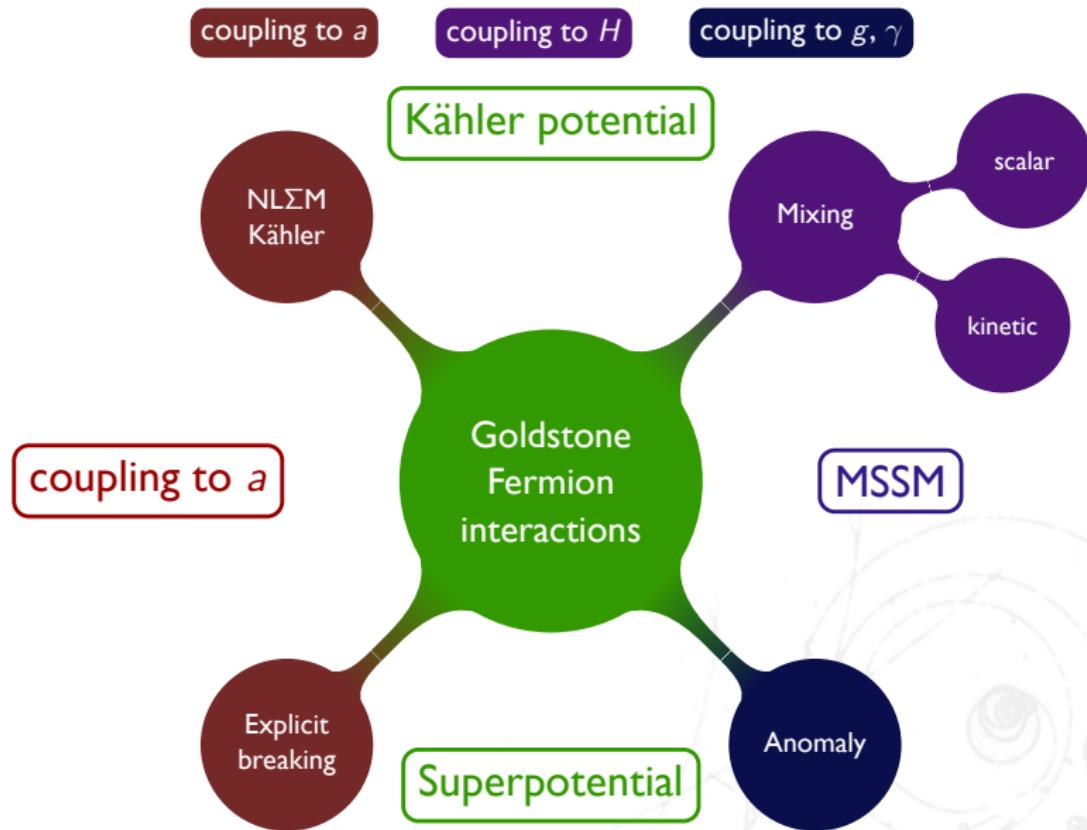
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Completely incorporates F -term mixing of the form $FF_i^\dagger \Phi_i$. The χ mass is determined by the induced F_i obtained by minimizing

$$V = \left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial \phi_i} \right|^2 + A_i \frac{\partial W}{\partial \phi_i} \phi_i + \text{h.c.} + m_i^2 |\phi_i|^2$$

Contributions from soft scalar masses are on the order of m_i^2/f_i which can easily be suppressed.

Interactions: Overview



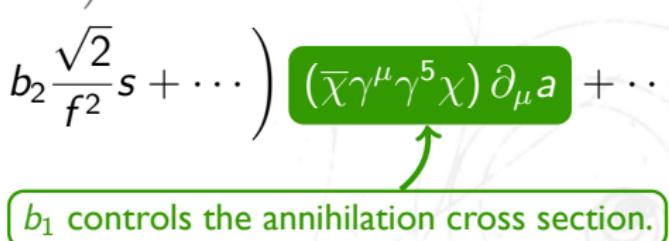
Interactions: NLΣM Kähler potential

Non-linearly realized global U(1) leads to interactions of the Goldstone fields in through the Kähler terms:

$$\frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial A \partial A^\dagger} = 1 + \textcolor{blue}{b}_1 \frac{q}{f} (A + A^\dagger) + \dots \quad b_1 = \frac{1}{q f^2} \sum_i q_i^3 f_i^2$$

Note the manifest shift-invariance. This leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \left(1 + b_1 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{f} s + \dots \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} (\partial s)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial a)^2 + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \chi \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(b_1 \frac{1}{f} + b_2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{f^2} s + \dots \right) (\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi) \partial_\mu a + \dots \end{aligned}$$


b₁ controls the annihilation cross section.

Zumino, Phys. Lett. B 87 (1979) 203

Interactions: scalar mixing

MSSM fields are uncharged under the global U(1), but may mix with the Goldstone multiplet through higher-order terms in K :

$$K = \frac{1}{f} (A + A^\dagger) (c_1 H_u H_d + \dots) + \frac{1}{2f^2} (A + A^\dagger)^2 (c_2 H_u H_d + \dots)$$

The new scalar interactions take the form

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial a)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\chi} \not{D} \chi \right] \left(1 + c_h \frac{v}{f} h + \dots \right)$$

c_h depends on c_i and the Higgs mixing angles.

c_h controls direct detection

$c_h \rightarrow (m_h/m_s)^2$ in the large m_s limit.

We neglect mixing with the heavy higgses.

Interactions: kinetic mixing

The higher order terms in K also induce kinetic \tilde{H} - χ mixing.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset i\epsilon_u [\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \tilde{H}_u^0] + i\epsilon_d [\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \tilde{H}_d^0] + \text{h.c.}$$

where $\epsilon \sim v/f$. For large μ : χ has a small \tilde{H} component of $\mathcal{O}(vm_\chi/f\mu)$.

Mixing with other MSSM fields is suppressed. Assuming MFV,

$$K = \frac{1}{f} (A + A^\dagger) \left(\frac{Y_u}{M_u} \bar{Q} H_u U + \dots \right)$$

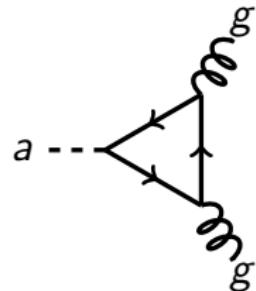
where the scalars $M_{u,d,\ell}$ are unrelated to f or v and can be large and dependent on the UV completion

Interactions: anomaly

Fermions Ψ charged under global U(1) and Standard Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{an}} \supset \frac{c_{\text{an}}}{f\sqrt{2}} \left(a G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a + 2 \bar{\chi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \lambda^a \right)$$

$$c_{\text{an}} = \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \sqrt{2} \sum_i^{N_\Psi} \left(\frac{y_i f}{m_{\Psi_i}} \right) = \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} q_\Psi N_\Psi$$



Assumed degenerate m_Ψ and $y = m_\Psi q_\Psi / f \sqrt{2}$

$U(1) SU(3)_c^2$
 $U(1) U(1)_{\text{QED}}^2$

Integrating out λ^a generates χ couplings to gluons

$$\mathcal{L} \supset - \left(\frac{c_{\text{an}}^2}{2M_\lambda f^2} \right) \bar{\chi} \chi G G - i \left(\frac{c_{\text{an}}^2}{2M_\lambda f^2} \right) \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi G \tilde{G}$$

These contribute to collider and astro operators.

Interactions: explicit breaking

Include explicit ~~$U(1)$~~ spurion $R_\alpha = \lambda_\alpha f$ with $\lambda_\alpha \ll 1$

$$W_{\cancel{U(1)}} = f^2 \sum_\alpha R_{-\alpha} e^{aA/f}$$

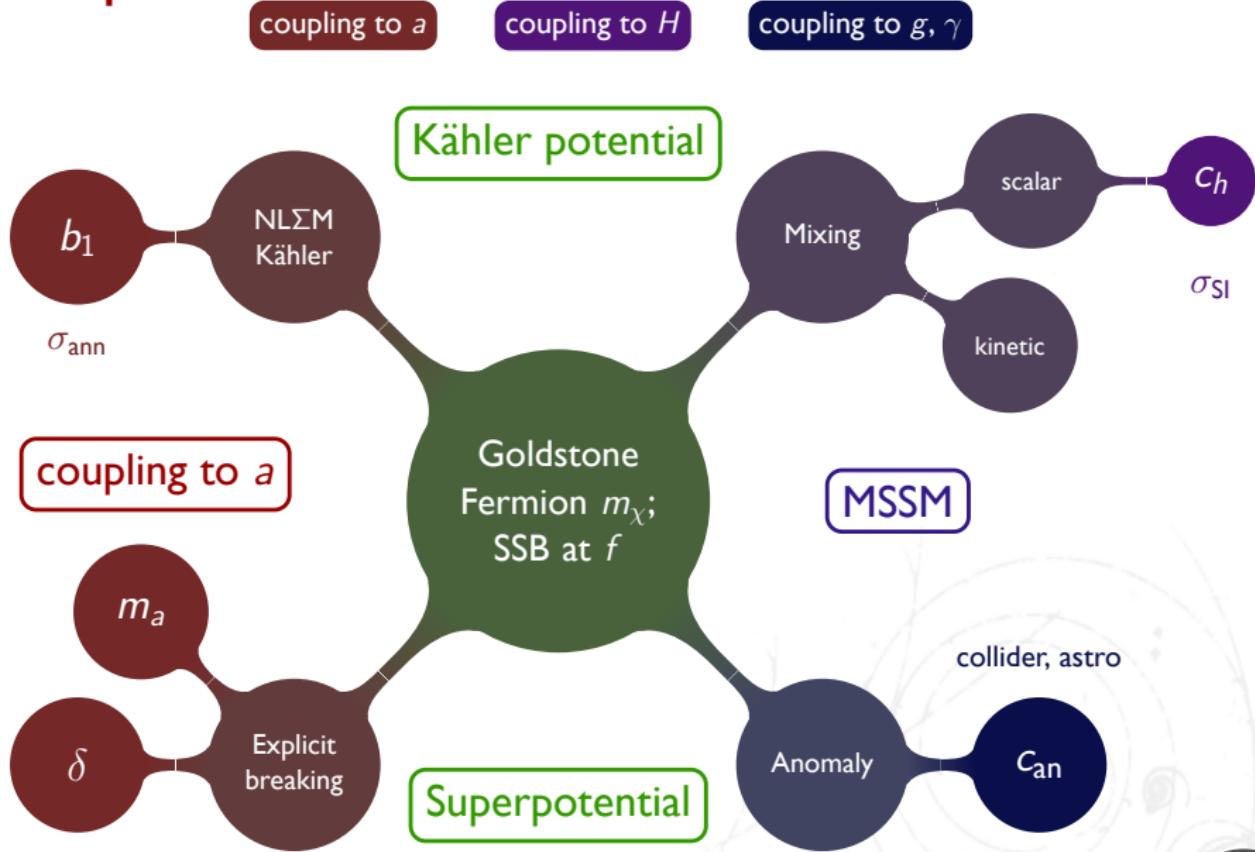
Perserve SUSY \Rightarrow at least two spurions with opposite charge.

This generates $m_a = m_\chi = m_s$ and couplings

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\underbrace{\frac{m_a}{2\sqrt{2}f}(\alpha + \beta) i a \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi}_{\delta} + \underbrace{\frac{m_a}{8f^2}(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta + \beta^2) a^2 \bar{\chi} \chi}_{\rho}$$

By integration by parts this is equivalent to a shift in the b_1 coefficient from the Kähler potential

Main parameters



Parameter space scan

Abundance: $\langle \sigma v \rangle \approx \frac{b_1^4}{8\pi} \frac{T_f}{m_\chi} \frac{m_\chi^2}{f^4} \approx 1 \text{ pb}$

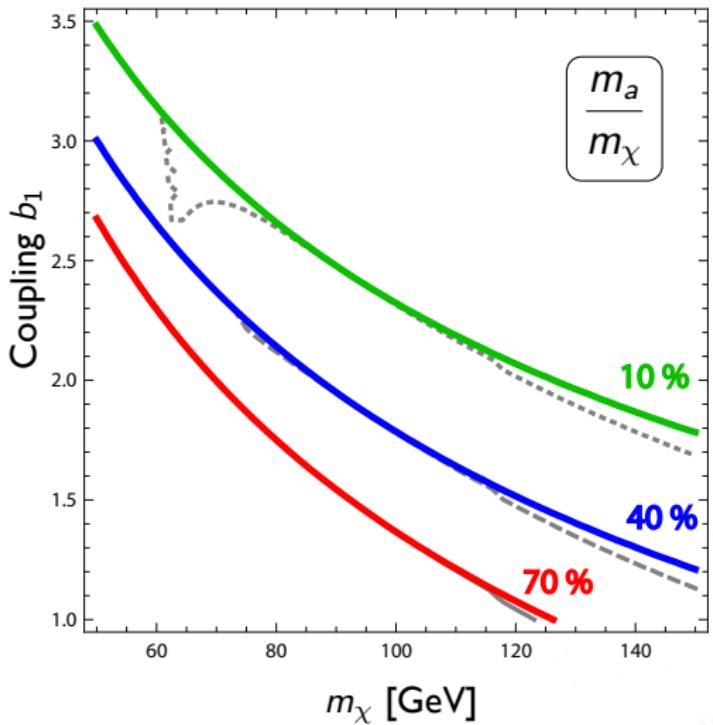
p-wave: $b_1 \gtrsim 1$, all other parameters take natural values

Parameter	Description	Scan Range
f	Global symmetry breaking scale	500 GeV – 1.2 TeV
m_χ	Goldstone fermion mass	50 – 150 GeV
m_a	Goldstone boson mass	8 GeV – $f/10$
b_1	$\chi\chi a$ coupling	[0, 2]
c_{an}	Anomaly coefficient	0.06
c_h	Higgs coupling	[-1, 1]
δ	Explicit breaking $ia\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi$ coupling	3/2

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \left[\frac{1}{2}(\partial a)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\chi}\not{\partial}\chi \right] \textcolor{green}{c}_h \frac{v}{f} h + \frac{\textcolor{green}{b}_1}{2\sqrt{2}f} (\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi) \partial_\mu a + \frac{\textcolor{green}{c}_{an}}{f\sqrt{2}} a G \tilde{G} + i\delta a \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi$$

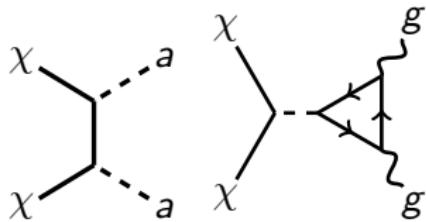
Contours of fixed Ω

$$\Omega h^2 = 0.11$$



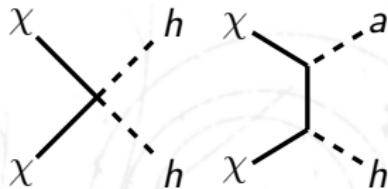
Dominant contribution

Kähler, anomaly, $U(1)$



Subleading

Mixing with Higgs



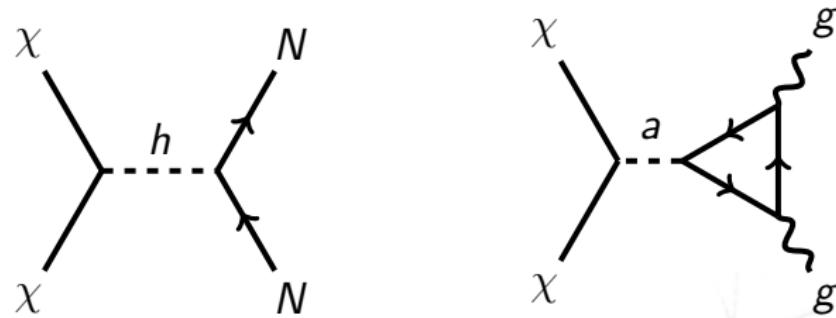
Negligible

$\chi\chi \rightarrow s \rightarrow aa$, $\chi\chi \xrightarrow{t,u} hh$

Direct Detection

Relevant couplings from EWSB and anomaly:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{c_h v}{2f} \bar{\chi} \not{d} \chi h - \frac{c_{an}}{2M_\lambda f^2} \bar{\chi} \chi G G - \frac{i c_{an}}{2M_\lambda f^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi G \tilde{G}$$



Effective coupling to nucleons: $\mathcal{L} = G_{\text{nuc}} \bar{N} N \bar{\chi} \chi$,

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Direct Detection

Higgs exchange typically dominates by a factor of $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$.

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{H}} \approx [3 \cdot 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2] c_h^2 \left(\frac{115 \text{ GeV}}{m_h} \cdot \frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{f} \right)^4 \left(\frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}} \cdot \frac{\mu_\chi}{\text{GeV}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_N}{0.5} \right)^2$$

Compare this to the MSSM Higgs with $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} c g \bar{\chi} \chi h$:

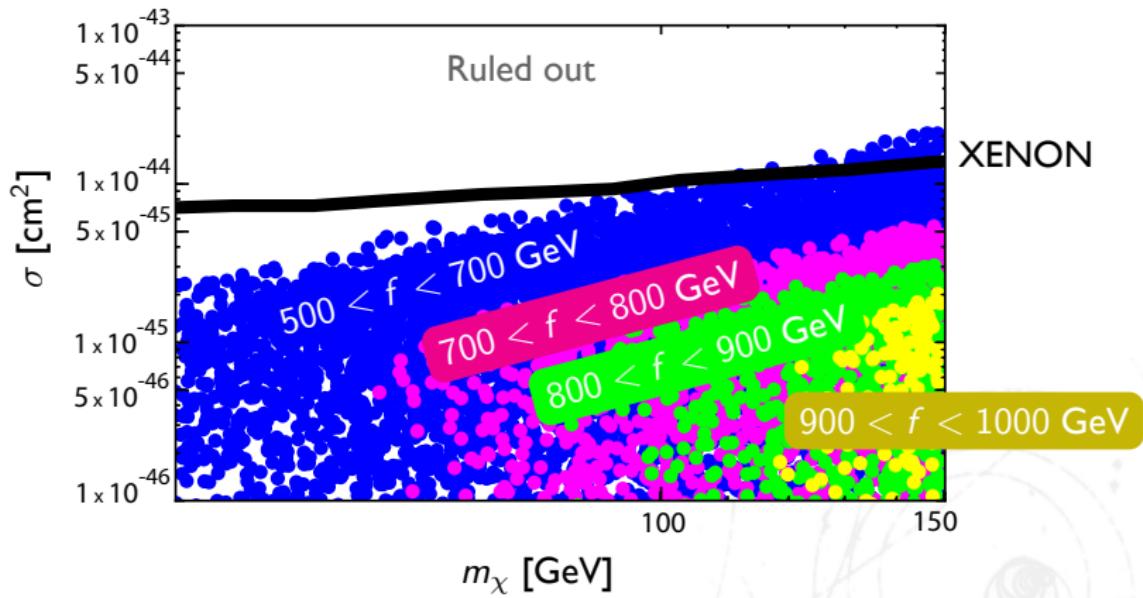
$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{MSSM}} \sim \frac{c^2 g^2}{2\pi} \frac{\lambda_N^2 \mu^2 m_N^2}{m_h^2 v^2} \approx c^2 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$$

Natural suppression: $(m_\chi v/f^2)^2$ due to Goldstone nature

Is it enough to avoid current direct detection bounds?

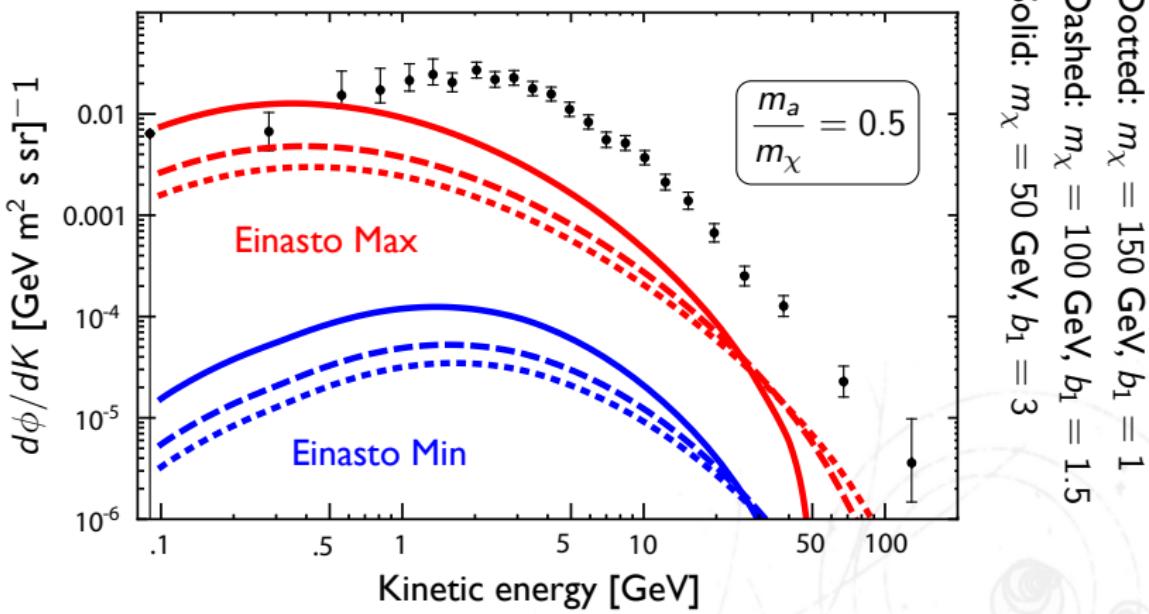
Parameter space scan

Direct Detection



Indirect detection: \bar{p} flux vs. PAMELA

$$f = 700 \text{ GeV}, Q_\Psi = 2, \delta = \frac{3}{2}, N_\Psi = 5$$



Using Einasto DM Halo profile in 1012.4515, 1009.0224

Indirect detection: Fermi-LAT

γ-ray line search: 30 – 200 GeV

- Upper bound $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\gamma\gamma} < 2.5 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
- $\chi\chi \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ via anomaly
- For SU(5) fundamentals, $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 2 \times 10^{-3} \langle \sigma v \rangle_{gg}$
- $\mathcal{O}(10)$ smaller than bound even for extreme parameters

Diffuse γ-ray spectrum: 20 – 100 GeV

- Bounds $\chi\chi$ to charged particles, π^0 s
- $\chi\chi \rightarrow a \rightarrow gg$ via anomaly
- $\mathcal{O}(10)$ smaller than bound

Photo-production from DM annihilation: spheroidal galaxies

- Low mass DM $m_\chi \lesssim 60$ GeV, constrains bb decays
- GF: annihilation σ always at least a factor of 3 lower

<http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/symposium/2011/program>

Goldstone fermions at the LHC

Collider production through gluons.

ISR monojets: sensitive to $\sigma_{\text{SI}}^N \sim 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$ with 100 fb^{-1} .

The dim-7 anomaly operators are too small:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\textcolor{green}{c}_{\text{an}}^2}{2M_\lambda f^2} \bar{\chi}\chi GG - \frac{i\textcolor{green}{c}_{\text{an}}^2}{2M_\lambda f^2} \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G\tilde{G}$$

$gg \rightarrow a^* \rightarrow \chi\chi$ may be within 5σ reach with 100 fb^{-1}

Yuhsin and friends: 1005.1286, 1005.3797, 1008.1783, 1103.0240, 1108.1196

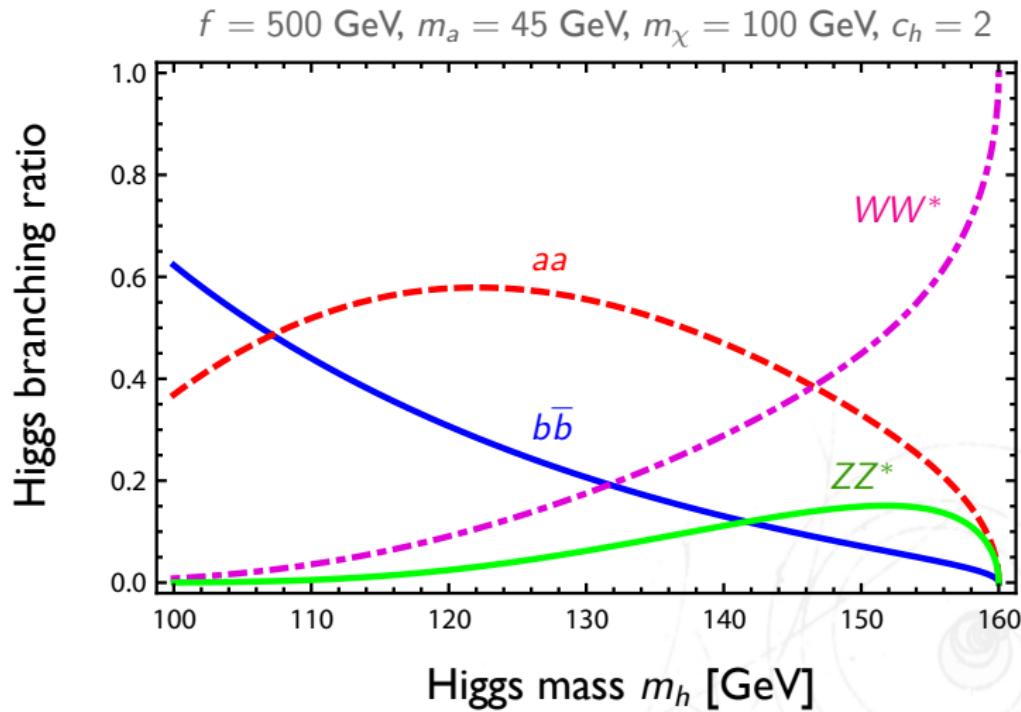
Cascade decays, LOSP $\rightarrow \chi$: $\bar{\chi}G\lambda$ anomaly and $\chi-\tilde{H}$ kinetic mixing

Decays typically prompt, a reconstruction is difficult for light masses.

Heavy fermions Ψ in anomaly may appear as “fourth generation” quarks

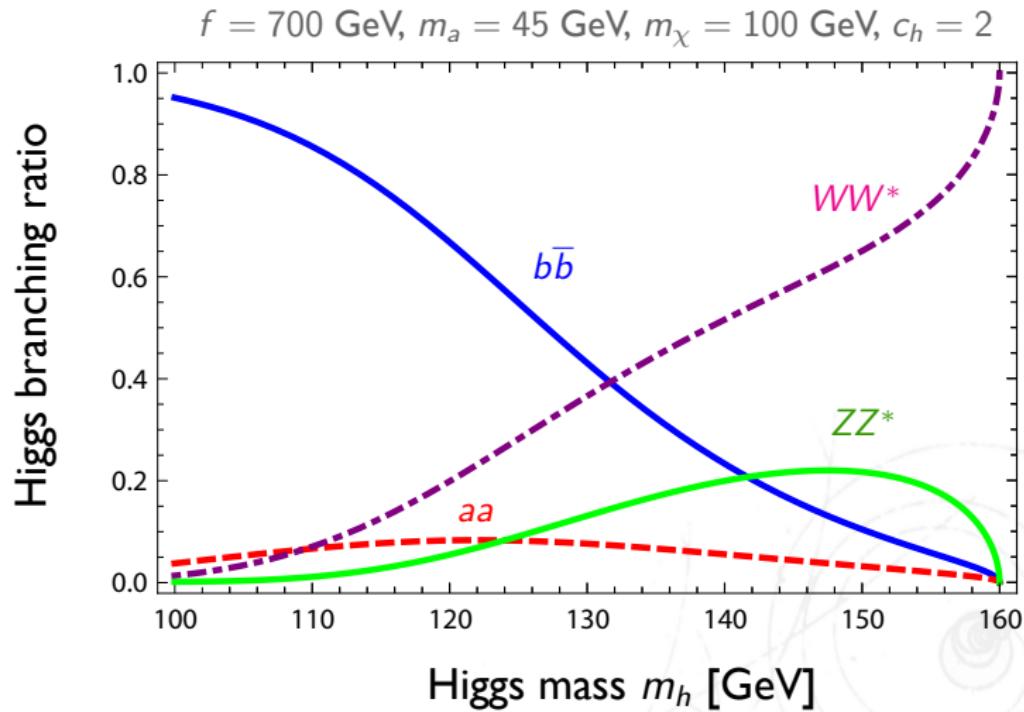
Non-standard Higgs decays

Hard to completely bury the Higgs. LEP: $\text{Br}(\text{SM}) \gtrsim 20\% \Rightarrow m_h \gtrsim 110 \text{ GeV}$



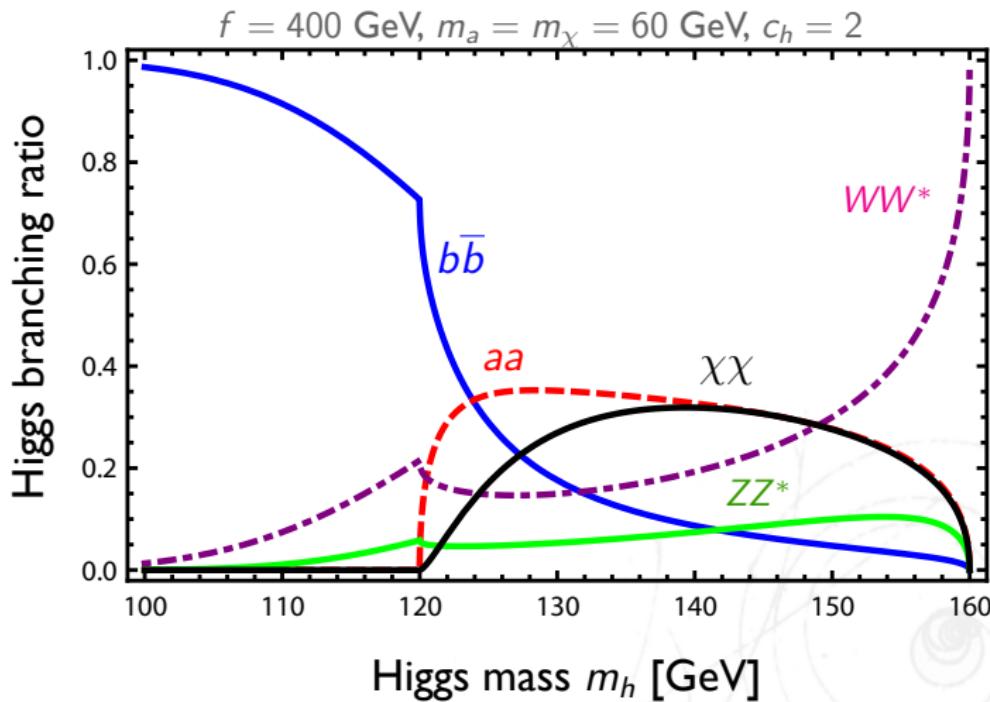
Non-standard Higgs decays

For larger f , can suppress $h \rightarrow aa$



Non-standard Higgs decays

Partially buried & invisible: Suppressed SM channels, MET, $\Gamma_{\text{tot}} < 1$



Conclusions

Executive summary: Goldstone Fermion dark matter

- SSB: global $U(1) \Rightarrow$ Goldstone boson a and fermion χ
- χ is LSP and DM, a gives ‘buried’ Higgs channel

Simple extension of MSSM with natural WIMP dark matter

- Kähler $\chi\chi a$ interaction controls abundance
- Higgs mixing, anomaly controls direct detection
- Novel collider signature: partially buried/invisible Higgs

Further directions: (with Brando, Mathieu, and Bibhushan)

- p -wave Sommerfeld enhancement (can push m_a, m_χ to 10 GeV)
- Non-abelian generalization

Extra Slides

Examples of Linear Models

Simplest example:

$$W = yS (\bar{N}N - \mu^2) + \underbrace{N\bar{\phi}\phi}_{\text{anomaly}} + \underbrace{SH_uH_d}_{\text{mixing}} + \underbrace{W_{\text{explicit}}}_{\text{explicit } U(1)}$$

Example with $|b_1| \geq 1$:

$$W = \lambda XYZ - \mu^2 Z + \frac{\tilde{\lambda}}{2} Y^2 N - \tilde{\mu} \bar{N}N$$

$q_Z = 0$, $q_N = -q_{\bar{N}} = -2q_Y = 2q_X$. Goldstone multiplet:

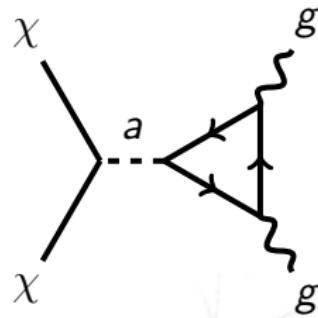
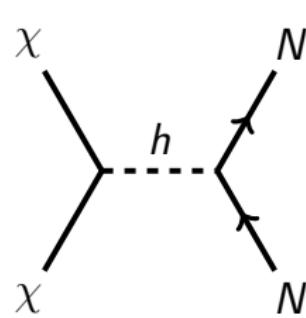
$$A = \sum_i \frac{q_i f_i \psi_i}{f} = \frac{q_Y}{f} (Y f_Y - X f_X + 2 \bar{N} f_{\bar{N}})$$

$$b_1 = \frac{-f_X^2 + f_Y^2 + 8f_{\bar{N}}^2}{f_X^2 + f_Y^2 + 4f_{\bar{N}}^2}$$

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Direct Detection

Some details:

$$G_{\chi N} = \textcolor{green}{c_h} \frac{\lambda_N}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{m_\chi m_N}{m_h^2 f^2} \right) + \frac{4\pi \textcolor{green}{c_{an}}^2}{9\alpha_s} \frac{m_N}{M_\lambda f} \left(1 - \sum_{i=u,d,s} f_i^{(N)} \right)$$

For reduced mass $\mu_\chi = (m_\chi^{-1} + m_N^{-1})^{-1}$,

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{4\mu_\chi^2}{A^2 \pi} [G_{\chi p} Z + G_{\chi n} (A - Z)]$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{H}} \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2 c_h^2 \left(\frac{115 \text{ GeV}}{m_h} \right)^4 \left(\frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{f} \right)^4 \left(\frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\mu_\chi}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_N}{0.5} \right)^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}}^{\text{glue}} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{M_\lambda} \right)^2 \left(\frac{700 \text{ GeV}}{f} \right)^4 \left(\frac{N_\Psi}{5} \right)^4 \left(\frac{q_\Psi}{2} \right)^4 \left(\frac{\mu}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

using $c_{an} = \alpha_s q_\Psi N_\Psi / 8\pi$

Why are the $\chi\chi \rightarrow aa$ annihilations *p*-wave?

If the initial state is a particle-antiparticle pair with zero total angular momentum and the final state is CP even, then the process must vanish when $v = 0$.

Under CP a particle/antiparticle pair picks up a phase $(-)^{L+1}$. When $v = 0$ momenta are invariant and thus the initial state gets an overall minus sign. Since final state is CP even, the amplitude must vanish in this limit. For Dirac particles P is sufficient, but for Majorana particles CP is the well-defined operation.

This is why $\chi\chi \rightarrow G\tilde{G}$ is *s*-wave while $\chi\chi \rightarrow aa$ is *p*-wave.

Nuclear matrix element and matching

The nucleon matrix element at vanishing momentum transfer:

$$M_N = \langle \Theta_\mu^\mu \rangle = \langle N | \sum_{i=u,d,s} m_i \bar{q}_i q_i + \frac{\beta(\alpha)}{4\alpha} G_{\alpha\beta}^a G_{\alpha\beta}^a | N \rangle$$

from: Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov. Phys. Lett 78B (1978)

$\beta = -9\alpha^2/2\pi + \dots$ contains only the light quark contribution,
 M_N is the nucleon mass. The GG matches onto the nucleon operator $\bar{N}N$.

$$M_N f_{i=u,d,s}^{(N)} = \langle N | m_i \bar{q}_i q_i | N \rangle \quad f_g^{(N)} = 1 - \sum_{i=u,d,s} f_i^{(N)}$$

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$$\frac{\beta(\alpha)}{4\alpha} G_{\alpha\beta}^a G_{\alpha\beta}^a \longrightarrow M_N \left(1 - \sum_{i=u,d,s} f_i^{(N)} \right) \bar{N}N$$

Where $f_{u,d}^{(N)} \ll f_s^{(N)} \approx 0.25$. For a detailed discussion, see
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