

Connecting Low scale Seesaw for Neutrino Mass and Inelastic sub-GeV Dark Matter with Abelian Gauge Symmetry

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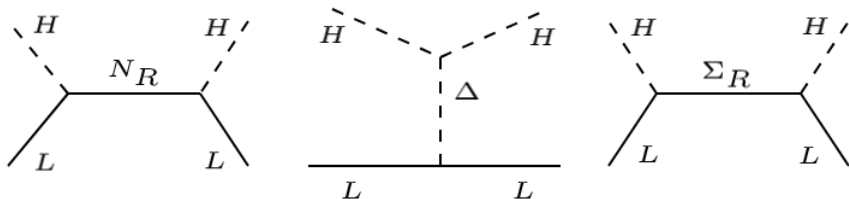
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- A singlet scalar field which effectively gives rise to lepton number violation and hence Majorana light neutrino masses either at tree or radiative level, also splits the dark matter field into two quasi-degenerate particles.

Light Neutrino Mass \longleftrightarrow Inelastic sub-GeV Dark Matter

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For $m_D \sim 10$ GeV, $M \sim 1$ TeV and $\mu \sim 1$ keV, we get sub eV neutrino mass.

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Lagrangian in terms of physical mass eigenstates

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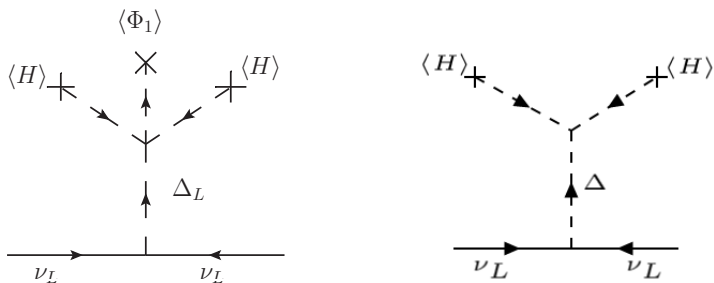


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- Thus, depending upon $\lambda_1 \langle \Phi_1 \rangle \ll \mu_\Delta$ (which can be achieved by suitable tuning of λ_1 and Φ_1 vev), one can bring down the scale of type II seesaw μ_Δ to a much lower scale.
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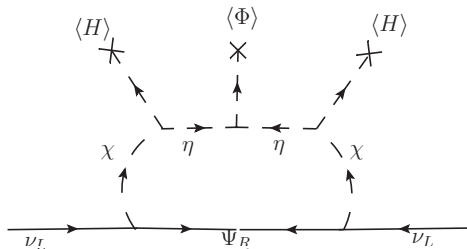


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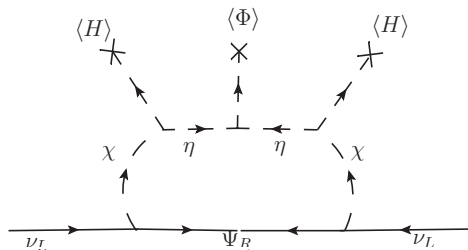


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- The parameters r_i are defined as $r_\chi = m_\chi^2/M_\eta^2$, $r_k = M_k^2/M_\eta^2$

$$l_\nu(r_1, r_2) = \frac{1 + r_1 - 2r_2}{2(1 - r_1)^2(1 - r_2)(r_1 - r_2)} - \frac{1}{2(1 - r_1)^3(r_1 - r_2)^2} \left[r_2 + r_1(r_2 - 2r_1) \ln r_1 + (1 - r_1)^3 r_2 \ln r_2 \right].$$

- Non-zero μ_2 implies non-zero mass splitting between scalar and pseudoscalar components of η . That is, $m_{\eta_2}^2 - m_{\eta_1}^2 = \sqrt{2}\mu_2 v_\phi$.

$$(m_\nu)_{ij} \simeq \frac{\mu_1^2 v^2 (m_{\eta_2}^2 - m_{\eta_1}^2)}{(8\sqrt{2})16\pi^2} \frac{(Y_\nu)_{ik}(M)_k(Y_\nu^T)_{kj}}{m_\chi^6} l_\nu(r_\chi, r_k)$$

- Can have Fermion as well as Scalar inelastic DM in the model.
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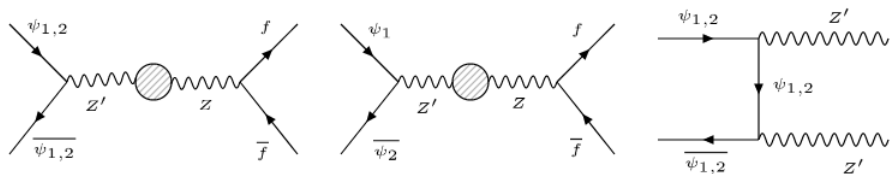
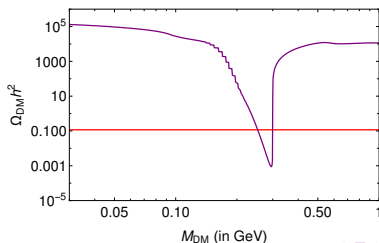


Figure: Dominant channels for relic abundance of fermionic DM



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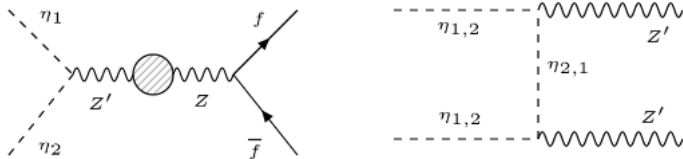
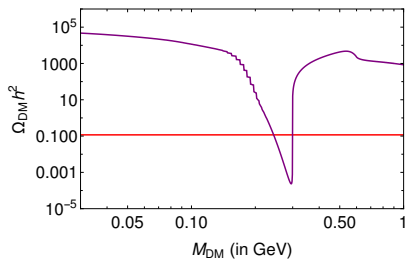


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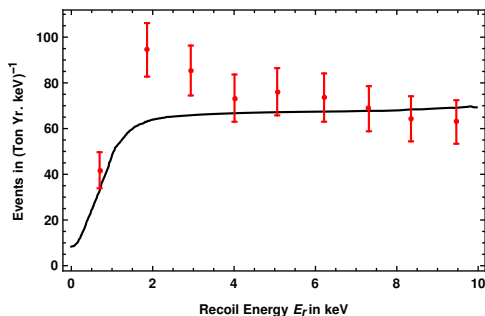
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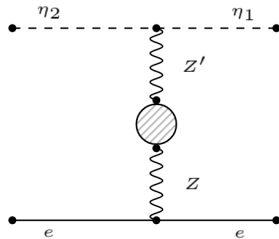
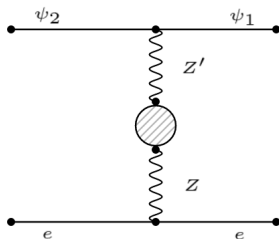
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Many possible interpretations : Solar Axions, Neutrino magnetic moment, Beta decay from Tritium and New Physics(DM and other).

Inelastic DM-Electron scattering at XENON1T

- We consider the down-scattering of heavier DM component $\chi_2 e \rightarrow \chi_1 e$ as the process responsible for XENON1T excess of electron recoil events near 1-3 keV energy.



- For a fixed DM velocity v , the differential cross section is given by

$$\frac{d\sigma v}{dE_r} = \frac{\sigma_e}{2m_e v} \int_{q_-}^{q_+} a_0^2 q dq |F(q)|^2 K(E_r, q) \quad (1)$$

$K(E_r, q)$ Atomic excitation factor, and σ_e is the free electron cross section.

We assume the DM form factor to be unity.

- The limits of integration in Eq. (1) are determined depending on the relative values of E_r and $\delta = M_2 - M_1$.
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- The differential event rate for the inelastic DM scattering with electrons in xenon is given by

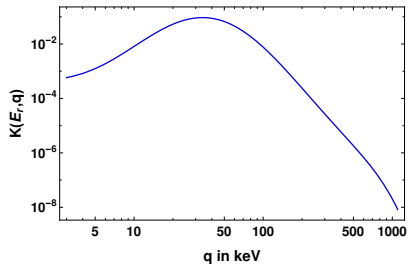
$$\frac{dR}{dE_r} = n_T n_{\chi_2} \frac{d\sigma v}{dE_r} \quad (4)$$

where $n_T = 4 \times 10^{27} \text{ Ton}^{-1}$ = number density of xenon atoms.
 n_{χ_2} = number density of the dark matter $\chi_2 = n_{\chi_2} \approx n_{\chi_1} \approx n_{\text{DM}}/2$.

Features of inelastic scattering

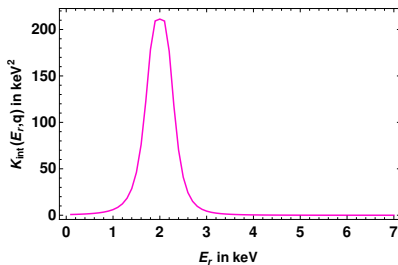
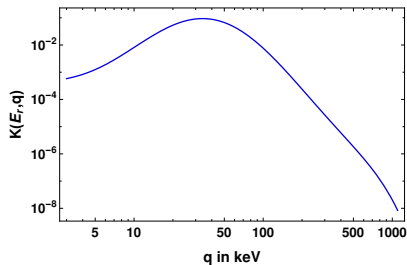
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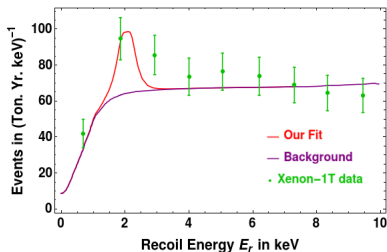
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Left: Dependence of Atomic excitation factor on momentum transferred.
Right: The atomic excitation factor, after the q integration, is plotted as a function of the transferred recoil energy E_r .

Inelastic DM-Electron scattering at XENON1T



Fit to XENON1T data with inelastic DM in our model

- Relevant Parameters used : $\Delta m = 2$ keV , $m_{\chi_2} = 0.3$ GeV ,
 $v \approx 5 \times 10^{-3}$, $g_x = 7 \times 10^{-4}$, $M_{Z'}$ = 0.6 GeV , $\epsilon = 5 \times 10^{-3}$
which corresponds cross section $\sigma_e = 1.78 \times 10^{-17}$ GeV⁻².

Summary for Inelastic Fermionic DM

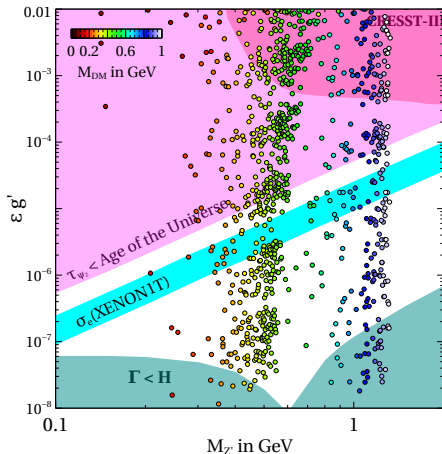


Figure: Summary plot for fermionic inelastic DM showing the final parameter space from various relevant constraints.

Summary for Inelastic Scalar DM

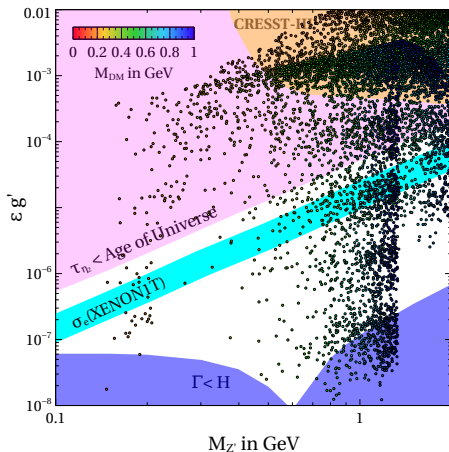
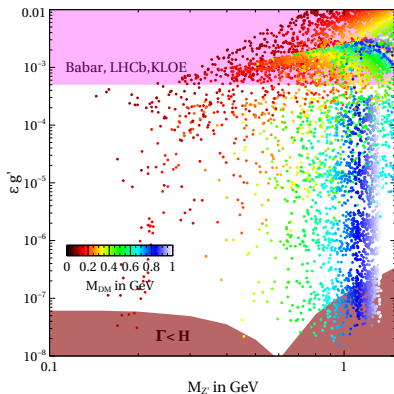
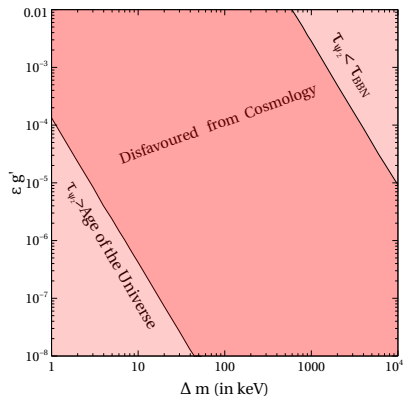


Figure: Summary plot for inelastic scalar DM showing the final parameter space from various relevant constraints.

Summary



Left: DM mass splitting versus $U(1)_X$ portal coupling showing the bounds on lifetime on heavier DM component.

Right: Summary plot for fermion DM with mass splitting of 1 MeV with next to lightest dark sector particle.

Thank You