

## **Probing "hidden" MSSM neutralino DM**



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## **MSSM neutralino DM**









 $M_h \leq \min(M_A, M_Z) \cdot |\cos 2\beta| \leq M_Z$ 

#### (tree level)

$$\Delta M_h^2 = \frac{3G_\mu}{\sqrt{2}\pi^2} m_t^4 \log \frac{M_S^2}{m_t^2}$$

(loop level)

$$M_h^{\rm max} \sim 140 {
m ~GeV}$$

### **Dark Matter--- WIMP miracle**





In the R-parity conserving MSSM, the lightest neutralino can play the role of DM,

$$\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{1} & 0 & -m_{Z}s_{W}c_{\beta} & m_{Z}s_{W}s_{\beta} \\ 0 & M_{2} & m_{Z}c_{W}c_{\beta} & -m_{Z}c_{W}s_{\beta} \\ -m_{Z}s_{W}c_{\beta} & m_{Z}c_{W}c_{\beta} & 0 & -\mu \\ m_{Z}s_{W}s_{\beta} & -m_{Z}c_{W}s_{\beta} & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

This mass matrix can be diagonalized by a unitary  $4 \times 4$  matrices N,

$$\chi = N_{11}\tilde{B}^0 + N_{12}\tilde{W}^0 + N_{13}\tilde{H}_1^0 + N_{14}\tilde{H}_2^0$$







## Can we escape direct detection bound?

#### 1. Coannihilation,

[1804.05238, Duan, Ren, Hikasa, Wu, Yang]



#### 2. Cancelation (blind spot),

[1705.09164, Abdughani, Wu, Yang]

$$C_{h\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}} \approx -\sqrt{2}g_{1}N_{11}^{2}\frac{M_{Z}s_{W}}{\mu}\frac{M_{1}/\mu + \sin 2\beta}{1 - (M_{1}/\mu)^{2}}$$

#### 3. Light DM Limit (dark Higgs),

[1711.03893, Duan, Wang, Wu, Yang, Zhao]

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \left(egin{array}{cc} Z_1 v^2 & Z_6 v^2 \ Z_6 v^2 & M_A^2 + Z_5 v^2 \end{array}
ight)$$

Alignment limit without decoupling,  $|Z_6| \ll 1$ 



# (1). Bino-Wino coannihilation



B-W coannihilation can appear in e.g. Split SUSY, SUSY GUT models with NUGM, pMSSM11 w g-2.

We scan over the relevant parameter space for the B-W coannihilation:

100 GeV <  $|M_{1,2}| < 1$  TeV,  $1 < \tan \beta < 60$ .

and impose the constraints:

- (1) The light CP-even Higgs boson mass should be within the range of  $125 \pm 3$  GeV.
- (2) The DM relic density should satisfy the observed value  $0.1186 \pm 0.0020$  within  $2\sigma$  range.







For small-splitting region, visible particles are soft and LSPs are back-to-back causing small MET. ISR jet can boost the electrowinos X, making MET become larger as LSPs align.



![](_page_15_Picture_0.jpeg)

- 1. There is no upper limit on the number of jets in our analysis. Instead jet veto, a cut on  $m_T(\ell_i, \not\!\!\!E_T) < 70 \text{ GeV}$  can also remove  $t\bar{t}$  background events efficiently but do not hurt the signal too much.
- 2. A soft lepton pair in the final states can help to suppress Dell-Yan and V+jets backgrounds.

The main SM backgrounds for our signal are events from,

- Drell-Yan (DY) processes with subsequent decays  $\gamma/Z^* \to \tau^+ \tau^- \to \ell^+ \ell^- \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\ell \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau$ ;
- Leptonic  $t\bar{t}$  decays;
- Diboson (VV) processes like  $W^+W^-$  and single top production like tW;
- Non-prompt leptons can also mimic our signal, which mainly arise from W + j events. fake rate is quoted as  $\mathcal{O}((0.6-3) \times 10^{-5})$

The following cuts are applied to differentiate signal from backgrounds:

- A large missing transverse energy  $\not\!\!\!E_T > 125$  GeV is required.
- At least one jet but a veto on events with  $p_T(b) > 25$  GeV is imposed to reduce the  $t\bar{t}$  background.
- A pair of opposite-sign same-flavor (OSSF) leptons are required. Two leptons should have a small transverse momentum 5 GeV  $< p_T(\ell_{1,2}) < 30$  GeV.
- The invariant mass of the two leptons is required in the range 4 GeV  $< m_{\ell\ell} < 50$  GeV but  $m_{\ell\ell} \notin [9, 10.5]$  GeV, which can reduce the diboson background and the potential soft lepton events from Drell-Yan and  $J/\psi$  and  $\Upsilon$  decays.
- The transverse mass  $m_T(\ell_i, \not\!\!\!E_T) < 70 \text{ GeV}$  is used to further suppress  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds.

- The invariant mass  $m_{\tau\tau} \notin [0, 160]$  GeV. The  $\gamma^*/Z \to \tau^+\tau^-$  backgrounds will have a narrow peak around  $m_Z$  in  $m_{\tau\tau}$  distribution, while the signal will be featureless.
- The transverse hadronic energy  $H_T > 100$  GeV, which is defined as the scalar sum of the transverse momenta of the selected jets.
- The QCD multijet background can be efficiently suppressed by the requirement of large  $\not\!\!\!E_T$  and two leptons. Besides, we apply a cut  $0.6 < \not\!\!\!\!E_T/H_T < 1.4$  to reject the residual QCD multijet events.

		Backgrounds		Signal
Cuts	$t \bar{t}$	Drell-Yan	diboson	$\chi^0_2\chi^\pm_1$
$E_T > 125 \text{ GeV}$	45108.12	1636.39	2664.94	662.84
N(j) > 0, N(b) = 0	8776.16	1309.35	1903.41	528.24
$N(\ell) = 2, \text{ OSSF}, p_T(\ell_{1,2}) \in [5, 30] \text{ GeV}$	57.45	31.45	5.77	5.45
$m_{\ell\ell} \in [4, 50] \text{ GeV}, m_{\ell\ell} \notin [9, 10.5] \text{ GeV}$	44.62	29.34	4.43	4.35
$H_T > 100 \text{ GeV}, \not\!\!\!E_T / H_T \in [0.6, 1.4]$	28.14	23.47	3.32	3.59
$M_T(l, \not\!\! E_T) < 70  {\rm GeV}$	8.83	21.57	0.98	2.77
$M_{\tau\tau} \notin [0, 160] \text{ GeV}$	6.12	7.21	0.75	2.123

TABLE I. The cut flow for the cross sections of the signal and backgrounds at the 13 TeV LHC before using the signal regions. The benchmark point is  $m_{\chi_1^0} = 137.1 \text{ GeV}, m_{\chi_2^0} = m_{\chi_1^{\pm}} = 153.3 \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta = 34$ . The cross sections are in unit of fb.

After the above selections, we seperate the signal events into three regions:  $\not\!\!\!E_T \in [125, 200] \text{ GeV}, \not\!\!\!\!E_T \in [200, 250] \text{ GeV}, \not\!\!\!\!E_T > 250 \text{ GeV}$ . In each  $\not\!\!\!\!E_T$  bin, we further define four signal regions  $m_{\ell\ell} = [4, 10], [10, 20], [20, 30], [30, 50]$  GeV to enhance the sensitivity.

![](_page_20_Figure_0.jpeg)

# (2). Bino-Higgsino blind spot

• Naturalness: minimization condition from Higgs scalar potential, which determines the **Z-boson mass**. (Alternatively, one may examine **Higgs boson mass** and arrive at similar conclusions.)

$$\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = \frac{(m_{H_d}^2 + \Sigma_d^d) - (m_{H_u}^2 + \Sigma_u^u) \tan^2 \beta}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} - \mu^2$$

To obtain a natural value of  $M_Z$  on the left-hand side, one would like each term  $C_i$  (with  $i = H_u, H_d, \mu, \Sigma_u^u(k), \Sigma_d^d(k)$ ) on the right-hand side to have an absolute value of order  $M_Z^2/2$ .

![](_page_22_Figure_0.jpeg)

# The most robust test of naturalness is to search for light Higgsinos!

$$\Delta_{EW} \equiv max(C_i)/(M_Z^2/2).$$

Note that  $\Delta_{EW}$  depends only on the weak scale parameters of the theory and hence is essentially fixed by the particle spectrum, independent of how superpartner masses arise<sup>5</sup>.

![](_page_23_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_24_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### **Scan ranges of Bino-Higgsino:**

 $100 \text{ GeV} \le |\mu| \le 300 \text{ GeV}, \ 30 \text{ GeV} \le |M_1| \le 100 \text{ GeV}, \ 10 \le tan\beta \le 50.$ 

#### **Constraints:**

- Light CP-even Higgs boson masses should be within the range of 122–128 GeV.
- Samples have to be consistent with the Higgs data from LEP, Tevatron and LHC.
- Relic density of neutralino dark matter  $\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}}h^2$  within  $2\sigma$  range of  $0.1186 \pm 0.0020$ .
- Higgs invisible decay  $Br(h \to \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0) < 24\%$
- Invisible width of the Z boson is required less than 0.5 MeV to satisfy LEP limit.
- LEP upper limit,  $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_{2,3} \times Br(\tilde{\chi}^0_{2,3} \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0_1 Z^*) < 100$  fb.

![](_page_26_Figure_0.jpeg)

exclude the higgsino mass  $|\mu|$  and the LSP mass  $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1}$  up to about 230 GeV and 37 GeV

![](_page_27_Figure_0.jpeg)

Current surviving parameter space will be fully covered by projected XENON1T experiment or the future trilepton searches at the HL-LHC.

# (3). Dark Higgs in alignment limit

- Can Heavy CP-even Higgs (H) be SM-like?
- Can DM be light? LHC and direct detection data (>30 GeV, h~125 GeV) Relic density

![](_page_28_Figure_3.jpeg)

## **Higgs basis**

The tree-level Higgs potential is given by

$$V = (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2)|H_u|^2 + (|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2)|H_d|^2 - B\mu(\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}H_u^{\alpha}H_d^{\beta} + h.c.) + \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{8}(|H_u|^2 - |H_d|^2)^2 + \frac{g^2}{2}|H_u^{\dagger}H_d|^2 ,$$

we use the Higgs basis  $(H_1, H_2)$  defined as

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^+ \\ H_1^0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{v_1 \Phi_1 + v_2 \Phi_2}{v}, \qquad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{-v_2 \Phi_1 + v_1 \Phi_2}{v}$$

with

$$(\Phi_1)^i = \epsilon_{ij} (H_d^*)^j, \qquad (\Phi_2)^i = (H_u)^i,$$

It can be seen that  $\langle H_1^0 \rangle = v/\sqrt{2}$  and  $\langle H_2^0 \rangle = 0$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} H \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\beta-\alpha} & -s_{\beta-\alpha} \\ s_{\beta-\alpha} & c_{\beta-\alpha} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re} H_1^0 - v \\ \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re} H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

SM-like Higgs should align with  $\sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re} H_1^0 - v$ 

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## **Alignment limit**

In terms of the Higgs basis fields, we can rewrite the Higgs potential,

$$V = \dots + \frac{1}{2} Z_1 (H_1^{\dagger} H_1)^2 + \dots + [\frac{1}{2} Z_5 (H_1^{\dagger} H_2)^2 + Z_6 (H_1^{\dagger} H_1) (H_1^{\dagger} H_2) + \text{h.c.}] + \dots ,$$

At tree-level, the above quartic couplings  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_5$  and  $Z_6$  are given by,

$$Z_1 = \frac{1}{4}(g^2 + g'^2)c_{2\beta}^2, \qquad Z_5 = \frac{1}{4}(g^2 + g'^2)s_{2\beta}^2, \qquad Z_6 = -\frac{1}{4}(g^2 + g'^2)s_{2\beta}c_{2\beta}.$$

where  $c_{2\beta} \equiv \cos 2\beta$  and  $s_{2\beta} \equiv \sin 2\beta$ . Then, we can compute the squared-mass matrix of the neutral CP-even Higgs bosons, with respect to the neutral Higgs states,  $\{\sqrt{2} \text{ Re } H_1^0 - v, \sqrt{2} \text{ Re } H_2^0\}$ 

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} Z_1 v^2 & Z_6 v^2 \\ Z_6 v^2 & M_A^2 + Z_5 v^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Decoupling limit,  $M_A^2 + Z_5 v^2 \gg Z_1 v^2$ . In this case h is SM-like and  $M_A \sim M_H \sim M_{H^{\pm}} \gg M_h$ .

2. Alignment limit without decoupling,  $|Z_6| \ll 1$ . In this case h is SM-like if  $(M_A^2 + Z_5 v^2) > Z_1 v^2$  and H is SM-like if  $M_A^2 + Z_5 v^2 < Z_1 v^2$ . The latter case necessarily corresponds to this alignment limit.

## **Condition: accidental cancellation**

It should be noted that the exact alignment without decoupling,  $\underline{Z_6} = 0$ , trivially occurs when  $\underline{\beta} = 0$  or  $\pi/2$  (corresponding to the vanishing of either  $v_1$  or  $v_2$ ). However, this will lead to a massless *b* quark ( $m_b = y_b v c_\beta / \sqrt{2}$ ) or *t* quark ( $m_t = y_t v s_\beta / \sqrt{2}$ ), respectively, at tree-level. Therefore, the MSSM Higgs alignment  $Z_6 = 0$  can only happen through an accidental cancellation of the tree-level terms with contributions arising at the one-loop level (or higher). In the limit  $M_{Z,A} \ll M_S$ , the leading one-loop correction to  $Z_6$  is given by:

$$Z_6 v^2 = -s_{2\beta} \left\{ M_Z^2 c_{2\beta} - \frac{3m_t^4}{4\pi^2 v^2 s_\beta^2} \left[ \ln\left(\frac{M_S^2}{m_t^2}\right) + \frac{X_t (X_t + Y_t)}{2M_S^2} - \frac{X_t^3 Y_t}{12M_S^4} \right] \right\},$$

Since the Higgs alignment is independent of  $M_A^2$ ,  $Z_1$  and  $Z_5$ , the lighter CP-even Higgs boson h can be light if the heavy Higgs boson H is interpreted as the SM-like Higgs boson. The appearance of light Higgs boson h will enrich MSSM dark matter phenomenology.

#### **Scan ranges and Constraints:**

2 GeV  $\leq M_1 \leq 20$  GeV, 2 TeV  $\leq \mu \leq 10$  TeV, -3 TeV  $\leq A_{t=b} \leq 3$  TeV  $1 \leq \tan \beta \leq 50$ , 1 TeV  $\leq M_{Q_3=U_3=D_3} \leq 5$  TeV, 100GeV  $< M_A < 200$ GeV.

1. 122<mH<129 GeV, including 2-loop corrections and NNLL resummation contributions;

2. 95% C. L. exclusion limits from LEP, Tevatron and LHC in Higgs searches and Higgs data fit;

3. Approximate vacuum meta-stability.

#### Dark Higgs boson: h

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_0.jpeg)

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![](_page_36_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Conclusions

- 1. MSSM Neutralino DM is under siege from direct detection, but still alive.
- 2. It can satisfy the DM relic density and escape direct detection bounds, such as (1-3).
- 3. Digging out neutralino DM under neutrino floor needs the help of colliders.

# Thanks!

# Backup

![](_page_40_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_0.jpeg)

Wino, Higgsino DM and Bino DM mixed with Higgsino (well-tempered) has been tightly constrained by direct detections and will be largely, even completed covered.

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