Searching for dark matter signals in the left-right symmetric gauge model with *CP* symmetry

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We investigate the singlet scalar dark matter (DM) candidate in a left-right symmetric gauge model with two Higgs bidoublets in which the stabilization of the DM particle is induced by the discrete symmetries *P* and *CP*. According to the observed DM abundance, we predict the DM direct and indirect detection cross sections for the DM mass range from 10 to 500 GeV. We show that the DM indirect detection cross section is not sensitive to the light Higgs mixing and Yukawa couplings except for the resonance regions. The predicted spin-independent DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross section is found to be significantly dependent on the above two factors. Our results show that the future DM direct search experiments can cover the most parts of the allowed parameter space. The PAMELA antiproton data can only exclude two very narrow regions in the two Higgs bidoublets model. It is very difficult to detect the DM direct or indirect signals in the resonance regions due to the Breit-Wigner resonance effect.

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model with only one Higgs bidoublet (1HBDM) [5,7]. This

I. INTRODUCTION

The existence of dark matter (DM) is by now well established from astrophysical observations [1]. Together with the recent WMAP results, the cosmological observations have shown that the present Universe consists of about 73% dark energy, 23% dark matter, and 4% baryonic matter [2]. In the standard model (SM) of particle physics, there is no cold DM candidate. Therefore, one has to extend the SM to account for the existence of DM. The DM candidate is often accompanied by some discrete symmetries to keep it stable, such as the *R* parity in supersymmetric models and Kaluza-Klein parity in universal extra dimension models. Although the discrete symmetries are necessary for the DM stability, they may be introduced from different motivations [1].

In the left-right (*LR*) symmetric gauge model [3–5] with spontaneous *CP* violation (SCPV), the *P* and *CP* symmetries are exact before the spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB). In this case, it is possible that the discrete symmetries *P* and *CP* strongly constrain the scalar sector of the model and naturally give stable DM candidates. This possibility has not been emphasized in the literature, due to the fact that most of the popular models such as SM and supersymmetry violate *P* maximally. In Ref. [6], we have shown that the *P* and *CP* symmetries can give a stable DM candidate in an extension of a left-right symmetric gauge model with a singlet scalar field $S = (S_{\sigma} + iS_D)/\sqrt{2}$. In this model, the *CP* odd particle S_D is stable even after the SSB, provided that it does not develop vacuum expectation value (VEV).

Without large fine-tuning, it is difficult to have a successful SCPV in the minimal left-right symmetric gauge is because in the decoupling limit the predicted CP violating quantity $\sin 2\beta \sim 0.1$ with β being a CP phase angle in the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix is far below the experimentally measured value of $\sin 2\beta = 0.671 \pm 0.024$ from the two B factories [8]. In addition, the 1HBDM is also subject to strong phenomenological constraints from low energy flavor changing neutral current processes, especially the neutral kaon mixing which pushes the masses of the right-handed gauge bosons and some neutral Higgs bosons much above the TeV scale [9]. Motivated by the requirement of both spontaneous P and CP violations, we have considered the left-right symmetric gauge model with two Higgs bidoublets (2HBDM) [10]. In the 2HBDM, the additional Higgs bidoublet modifies the Higgs potential so that the fine-tuning problem in the SCPV can be avoided, and the bounds from the flavor changing neutral current processes can be relaxed. The extra Higgs bidoublet may also change the interferences among different contributions in the neutral meson mixings, and lower the bounds for the right-handed gauge boson masses not to be much higher than the TeV scale [10]. Such a right-handed gauge boson can be searched at the LHC using the angular distributions of top quarks and the leptons from top quark decays [11].

In Ref. [6], we have shown that the discrete symmetries P and CP can be used to stabilize the DM candidate S_D in the 1HBDM and 2HBDM with the SCPV. Using the observed DM abundance, we can constrain the parameter space and predict the spin-independent (SI) DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross section. For simplicity, we have only considered the case with no mixing among light neutral Higgs bosons in the 2HBDM and where the dark matter is heavy. In this paper, we shall demonstrate in detail the mixing effect on the DM direct detection. Notice that several new DM annihilation channels can be

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derived, namely, two DM particles may annihilate into a gauge boson and a Higgs boson. On the other hand, we are going to extend the DM mass range from 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV to 10 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV. As a consequence, one will meet several resonances in the 2HBDM. Therefore we shall consider the Breit-Wigner resonance effect for the determination of the DM relic density [12]. In addition, we will also consider the DM indirect search in the 1HBDM and 2HBDM. The paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II, we outline the main features of the 1HBDM and 2HBDM with a singlet scalar. In Secs. III and IV, we discuss the parameter space, the DM direct search, and the DM indirect search in the 1HBDM and 2HBDM, respectively. Some conclusions are given in Sec. V.

II. THE LEFT-RIGHT SYMMETRIC GAUGE MODEL WITH A SINGLET SCALAR

We begin with a brief review of the 2HBDM described in Ref. [10]. The model is a simple extension to the 1HBDM, which is based on the gauge group $SU(2)_L \otimes$ $SU(2)_R \otimes U(1)_{B-L}$. The left- and right-handed fermions belong to $SU(2)_L$ and $SU(2)_R$ doublets, respectively. The Higgs sector contains two Higgs bidoublets ϕ (2, 2^{*}, 0), χ (2, 2^{*}, 0), and a left(right)-handed Higgs triplet $\Delta_{L(R)}$ [3(1), 1(3), 2] with the following flavor contents:

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1^0 & \chi_2^+ \\ \chi_1^- & \chi_2^0 \end{pmatrix},
\Delta_{L,R} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{L,R}^+ / \sqrt{2} & \delta_{L,R}^+ \\ \delta_{L,R}^0 & -\delta_{L,R}^+ / \sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(1)

The introduction of Higgs bidoublets ϕ and χ can account for the electroweak symmetry breaking and overcome the fine-tuning problem in generating the SCPV in the 1HBDM. Meanwhile it also relaxes the severe low energy phenomenological constraints [10]. Motivated by the spontaneous *P* and *CP* violations, we require *P* and *CP* invariance of the Lagrangian, which strongly restricts the structure of the Higgs potential. The most general potential containing only the ϕ and $\Delta_{L,R}$ fields is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_{\phi\Delta} &= -\mu_1^2 \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi) - \mu_2^2 [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi) + \mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}\phi^{\dagger})] - \mu_3^2 [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \lambda_1 [\mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)]^2 + \lambda_2 \{ [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi)]^2 \\ &+ [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}\phi^{\dagger})]^2 \} + \lambda_3 [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi)\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}\phi^{\dagger})] + \lambda_4 \{ \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi) [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi) + \mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}\phi^{\dagger})] \} + \rho_1 \{ [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger})]^2 \\ &+ [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})]^2 \} + \rho_2 [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L) \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L^{\dagger}\Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R) \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R^{\dagger}\Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \rho_3 [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger})\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})] \\ &+ \rho_4 [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L) \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R^{\dagger}\Delta_R^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L^{\dagger}\Delta_L^{\dagger})\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R)] + \alpha_1 \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi) [\mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \alpha_2 Tr[(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi) \\ &+ (\tilde{\phi}\phi^{\dagger})]Tr[(\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger}) + (\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \alpha_3 [\mathrm{Tr}(\phi\phi^{\dagger}\Delta_L \Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi\Delta_R \Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \beta_1 [\mathrm{Tr}(\phi\Delta_R\phi^{\dagger}\Delta_L^{\dagger}) \\ &+ \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\Delta_L\phi\Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \beta_2 [\mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}\Delta_R\phi^{\dagger}\Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\Delta_L\phi\Delta_R^{\dagger})] + \beta_3 [\mathrm{Tr}(\phi\Delta_R\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\Delta_L^{\dagger}) + \mathrm{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\Delta_L\tilde{\phi}\Delta_R^{\dagger})], \quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

where the coefficients μ_i , λ_i , ρ_i , α_i , and β_i in the potential are all real as all the terms are self-Hermitian. The Higgs potential $\mathcal{V}_{\chi\Delta}$ involving the χ field can be obtained by the replacement $\chi \leftrightarrow \phi$ in Eq. (2). The mixing term $\mathcal{V}_{\chi\phi\Delta}$ can be obtained by replacing one of ϕ by χ in all the possible ways in Eq. (2). In order to simplify the discussion, we shall first consider the 1HBDM which already contains the main features of the complete model. Then we postpone the discussions on the χ contributions to Sec. IV.

After the SSB, the Higgs multiplets obtain nonzero VEVs

$$\langle \phi_{1,2}^0 \rangle = \frac{\kappa_{1,2}}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \delta_{L,R}^0 \rangle = \frac{\nu_{L,R}}{\sqrt{2}},$$
(3)

where κ_1 , κ_2 , v_L , and v_R are in general complex, and $\kappa \equiv \sqrt{|\kappa_1|^2 + |\kappa_2|^2} \approx 246 \text{ GeV}$ represents the electroweak symmetry breaking scale. Because of the freedom of gauge symmetry transformation, one can take κ_1 and v_R to be real. To avoid the fine-tuning problem of fermion masses, we require $v_L \simeq 0$ and $\kappa_2 \ll \kappa_1$. The value of v_R sets the scale of left-right symmetry breaking which is directly linked to the right-handed gauge boson masses. v_R is

subjected to strong constraints from the *K*, *B* meson mixings [4,8,9] as well as low energy electroweak interactions [13,14]. The kaon mass difference and the indirect *CP* violation quantity ϵ_K set a bound for v_R around 10 TeV [13,15].

In our model, the P and CP symmetries have been required to be exactly conserved before the SSB; thus the discrete symmetries P and CP can be used to stabilize the DM candidate. In the framework of the 2HBDM with a complex singlet scalar $S = (S_{\alpha} + iS_{D})/\sqrt{2}$, we have considered this possibility in Ref. [6]. The P and CP transformation properties of the Higgs particles and their gaugeinvariant combinations have been shown in Table I. It is clear that the odd powers of $(S - S^*)$ are forbidden by the P and CP symmetries. Therefore S_D is a stable particle and can be the DM candidate when the VEV $v_{\alpha}/\sqrt{2}$ of S is real. Although P and CP are both broken after the SSB, there is a *CP* type Z_2 discrete symmetry on S_D remaining in the singlet sector. This discrete symmetry is induced from the original CP symmetry. We have checked that the P and CP transformation rules for S defined in Table I are actually the only possible way for the implementation of the DM candidate.

TABLE I. The *P* and *CP* transformation properties of the Higgs particles and their gauge-invariant combinations. The "+" and "-" denote even and odd, respectively.

	Р	СР		Р	CP		Р	СР
$\overline{\phi}$	ϕ^{\dagger}	ϕ^*	$S + S^*$	+	+	$S - S^*$	+	-
X	χ^{\dagger}	χ^*	SS^*	+	+	$\operatorname{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)$	+	+
$\Delta_{L(R)}$	$\Delta_{R(L)}$	$\Delta^*_{L(R)}$	$\operatorname{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\tilde{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi)$	+	+	$\operatorname{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\tilde{\phi}-\tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi)$	-	-
S	S	\bar{S}^{*}	$\operatorname{Tr}(\Delta_L^{\dagger}\Delta_L + \Delta_R^{\dagger}\Delta_R)$	+	+	$\operatorname{Tr}(\Delta_L^{\dagger}\Delta_L - \Delta_R^{\dagger}\Delta_R)$	-	+

For the annihilation cross section of approximately weak strength, we expect that the DM mass is in the range of a few GeV and a few hundred GeV. However, the mass m_D of S_D is related to the *LR* symmetry breaking scale $v_R \sim 10$ TeV. To have a possible light DM mass, we may consider an approximate global U(1) symmetry on *S*, i.e., $S \rightarrow e^{i\delta}S$. Then the *P* and *CP* invariant Higgs potential involving the singlet *S* is given by

$$\mathcal{V}_{S} = -\mu_{D}^{2}SS^{*} + \lambda_{D}(SS^{*})^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{3}\lambda_{i,D}SS^{*}O_{i} - \frac{m_{D}^{2}}{4}(S-S^{*})^{2},$$
(4)

where $O_1 = \text{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\phi)$, $O_2 = \text{Tr}(\phi^{\dagger}\tilde{\phi} + \tilde{\phi}^{\dagger}\phi)$, and $O_3 = \text{Tr}(\Delta_L^{\dagger}\Delta_L + \Delta_R^{\dagger}\Delta_R)$. Only the last term explicitly violates U(1) symmetry. After the SSB, *S* obtains a real VEV $v_{\alpha}/\sqrt{2}$. Then one can straightly derive

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}_{S} &= \frac{\lambda_{D}}{4} [(S_{\sigma}^{2} + 2\upsilon_{\sigma}S_{\sigma} + S_{D}^{2})^{2} - \upsilon_{\sigma}^{4}] \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\lambda_{i,D}}{2} (S_{\sigma}^{2} + 2\upsilon_{\sigma}S_{\sigma} + \upsilon_{\sigma}^{2} + S_{D}^{2}) (O_{i} - \langle O_{i} \rangle) \\ &+ \frac{m_{D}^{2}}{2} S_{D}^{2}, \end{aligned}$$
(5)

where we have used the minimization condition $\mu_D^2 = \lambda_D v_\sigma^2 + \sum_i \lambda_{i,D} \langle O_i \rangle$ from the singlet S_σ to eliminate the parameter μ_D . The terms proportional to odd powers of S_D are absent in Eq. (5), which implies S_D can only be

produced by pairs. Notice that the mass term of S_D should be absent with an exact global U(1) symmetry. As discussed in Ref. [6], the explicit breaking of this U(1)symmetry can explain the naturalness of a light DM mass m_D , but it does not destroy the stability of the DM candidate S_D .

The terms $2v_{\sigma}S_{\sigma}O_i$ in Eq. (5) indicate that S_{σ} will mix with the Higgs bosons ϕ_1^{0r} , ϕ_2^{0r} , δ_L^{0r} , and δ_R^{0r} . The relevant mass matrix elements are given by

$$M_{\sigma}^{2} = 2\lambda_{D}v_{\sigma}^{2}, \qquad M_{\sigma\phi_{1}^{0r}}^{2} = \lambda_{1,D}\kappa v_{\sigma},$$

$$M_{\sigma\phi_{2}^{0r}}^{2} = 2\lambda_{2,D}\kappa v_{\sigma}, \qquad M_{\sigma\delta_{L}^{0r}}^{2} = \lambda_{3,D}v_{\sigma}v_{L}, \qquad (6)$$

$$M_{\sigma\delta_{R}^{0r}}^{2} = \lambda_{3,D}v_{\sigma}v_{R}.$$

For simplicity here we require $v_{\sigma} > v_R \sim 10 \text{ TeV} \gg \kappa$, which means the mixing angles between S_{σ} and the above four neutral Higgs bosons are small. The terms $v_{\sigma}^2 O_i$ in Eq. (5) do not change the minimization condition forms for ϕ and $\Delta_{L(R)}$. This is because these terms only change the overall coefficients μ_1 , μ_2 , and μ_3 in Eq. (2). Hence the mass matrices of the Higgs multiplets ϕ and $\Delta_{L,R}$ remain the same as those in the 1HBDM in Refs. [5,16], which also indicates that the additional potential term \mathcal{V}_S in Eq. (5) does not help in resolving the fine-tuning problem. Because of $v_L \simeq 0$ and $\kappa_2 \ll \kappa_1$, the mass eigenstates for the Higgs bidoublet and triplets approximately coincide with the corresponding flavor eigenstates. The mass spectrum for the Higgs and gauge bosons is listed in Table II.

TABLE II. The mass spectrum for the Higgs and gauge bosons in the left-right symmetric gauge model with one Higgs bidoublet in the limit $v_L \simeq 0$ and $\kappa_2 \ll \kappa_1$. ϕ_i^{0r} and ϕ_i^{0i} stand for real and imaginary components of $\phi_i^0 = (\phi_i^{0r} + i\phi_i^{0i})/\sqrt{2}$, respectively. The gauge boson $Z_1(W_1)$ corresponds to the Z(W) boson in the SM.

Particles	Mass ²	Particles	Mass ²		
$h^0 = \phi_1^{0r}$	$m_{h^0}^2=2\lambda_1\kappa^2$	$H_2^{\pm} = \phi_2^{\pm}$	$m_{H_2^\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_3 v_R^2$		
$H_1^0 = \phi_2^{0r}$	$m_{H_1^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3 v_R^2$	$H_R^{\pm\pm} = \delta_R^{\pm\pm}$	$m_{H_R^{\pm\pm}}^2 = 2\rho_2 v_R^2$		
$A_1^0 = -\phi_2^{0i}$	$m_{A_1^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3 v_R^2$	$H_L^{\pm} = \delta_L^{\pm}$	$m_{H_L^{\pm}}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_3 - 2\rho_1)v_R^2$		
$H_2^0 = \delta_R^{0r}$	$m_{H_2^0}^2 = 2 ho_1 v_R^2$	$H_L^{\pm\pm} = \delta_L^{\pm\pm}$	$m_{H_L^{\pm\pm}}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_3 - 2\rho_1)v_R^2$		
$H_3^0 = \delta_L^{0r}$	$m_{H_3^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_3 - 2\rho_1)v_R^2$	$A^0_L = \delta^{0i}_L$	$m_{A_L^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\rho_3 - 2\rho_1)v_R^2$		
Z_1	$m_{Z_1}^2 = m_{W_1}^2 \sec^2 \theta_W$	$W_1^{\pm} = W_L^{\pm}$	$m_{W_1}^2 = g^2 \kappa^2 / 4$		
<i>Z</i> ₂	$m_{Z_2}^2 = rac{g^2 v_R^2 \cos^2 heta_W}{\cos 2 heta_W}$	$W_2^{\pm} = W_R^{\pm}$	$m_{W_2}^2 = g^2 v_R^2 / 2$		

TABLE III. The cubic and quartic scalar vertices among Higgs singlets and multiplets, where HH^* stands for any states of $(h^0h^0, H_1^0H_1^0, A_1^0A_1^0, H_2^+H_2^-)$ and $\Delta\Delta^*$ stands for any states of $(H_L^0H_L^0, A_L^0A_L^0, H_L^+H_L^-, H_L^{0++}H_L^{--}, H_2^0H_2^0, H_R^{++}H_R^{--})$.

Interaction	Vertex	Interaction	Vertex	Interaction	Vertex	Interaction	Vertex
$\frac{S_D S_D S_\sigma S_\sigma}{S_D S_D H H^*}$ $\frac{S_D S_D h^0 H_1^0}{S_D S_D \Delta \Delta^*}$	$-i2\lambda_D -i\lambda_{1,D} -i2\lambda_{2,D} -i\lambda_{3,D}$	$\frac{S_D S_D h^0}{S_\sigma S_\sigma h^0}$ $\frac{S_D S_D H^0_1}{S_\sigma S_\sigma H^0_1}$	$-i\lambda_{1,D}\kappa$ $-i\lambda_{1,D}\kappa$ $-i2\lambda_{2,D}\kappa$ $-i2\lambda_{2,D}\kappa$	$\begin{array}{c} S_D S_D S_\sigma \\ H H^* S_\sigma \\ h^0 H^0_1 S_\sigma \\ \Delta \Delta^* S_\sigma \end{array}$	$-i2\lambda_D v_\sigma$ $-i\lambda_{1,D}v_\sigma$ $-i2\lambda_{2,D}v_\sigma$ $-i\lambda_{3,D}v_\sigma$	$\begin{array}{c} S_D S_D H_2^0 \\ S_\sigma S_\sigma S_\sigma H_2^0 \\ S_\sigma S_\sigma S_\sigma S_\sigma \\ h^0 h^0 H_2^0 \end{array}$	$-i\lambda_{3,D}v_R$ $-i\lambda_{3,D}v_R$ $-i6\lambda_Dv_\sigma$ $-i\alpha_1v_R$

There is only one light SM-like Higgs h^0 from the real part of ϕ_1^0 . The masses of all the other scalars are set by v_R , which can be very heavy. From the Lagrangian in Eq. (5) one can easily obtain the interaction terms among the scalars. Some of the relevant cubic and quartic scalar interaction vertices are listed in Table III.

III. DARK MATTER SIGNAL IN THE 1HBDM

As discussed in Sec. II, an approximate global U(1)symmetry on S can naturally lead to a light DM mass m_D . Here we focus on 10 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV. Considering the case $v_{\sigma} > v_R \sim 10 \text{ TeV} \gg \kappa$, one may find that most of the scalar bosons in Table II are very heavy except for the SM-like one h^0 . In this case, the possible annihilation products are $h^0 h^0$, $W_1 W_1 / Z_1 Z_1$, and fermion pairs $f\bar{f}$ as shown in Fig. 1. For s-channel annihilation processes, the intermediate particles may be h^0 , H_1^0 , H_2^0 , and H_3^0 . Because of $v_L \simeq 0$, one may neglect the $H_3^{\hat{0}}$ case. In addition, the H_1^0 contribution is also negligible as $m_{H_1^0} \gg m_{h^0}$. For the $f\bar{f}$ annihilation process, the main contribution comes from the h^0 -exchange diagram. This is because H_2^0 dominantly couples to the very heavy righthanded Majorana neutrinos (the corresponding annihilation process is kinematically forbidden). For the W_1W_1/Z_1Z_1 processes, the diagram involving H_2^0 is suppressed by $m_{H_2^0} \gg m_{h^0}$. Notice that S_{σ} may be the intermediate particle for the $h^0 h^0$ case. It is clear that the dominant annihilation processes in Fig. 1 are the same as those in the minimal extension of the SM with a real gauge singlet scalar when $m_D < m_{h^0}$ [17]. In the 1HBDM, the DM annihilation cross sections $\hat{\sigma} = 4E_1E_2\sigma v$ (E_1 and E_2 are the energies of two incoming DM particles) for different annihilation channels have the following forms:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{f\bar{f}} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2 m_f^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{(s - m_{h^0}^2)^2 + m_{h^0}^2 \Gamma_{h^0}^2} \frac{(s - 4m_f^2)^{1.5}}{\sqrt{s}}, \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{Z_1 Z_1} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{16\pi} \frac{s^2}{(s - m_{h^0}^2)^2 + m_{h^0}^2 \Gamma_{h^0}^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{Z_1}^2}{s}} \times \left(1 - \frac{4m_{Z_1}^2}{s} + \frac{12m_{Z_1}^4}{s^2}\right), \tag{8}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{W_1W_1} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{8\pi} \frac{s^2}{(s - m_{h^0}^2)^2 + m_{h^0}^2 \Gamma_{h^0}^2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{W_1}^2}{s}} \times \left(1 - \frac{4m_{W_1}^2}{s} + \frac{12m_{W_1}^4}{s^2}\right), \tag{9}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{h^{0}h^{0}} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{16\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{h^{0}}^{2}}{s}} \Big[G_{1}^{2} - \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}\kappa^{2}}{s - 2m_{h^{0}}^{2}} G_{1}F(\xi_{h^{0}}) \\ + \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}^{2}\kappa^{4}}{(s - 2m_{h^{0}}^{2})^{2}} \Big(\frac{1}{1 - \xi_{h^{0}}^{2}} + F(\xi_{h^{0}}) \Big) \Big],$$
(10)

where *s* is the squared center-of-mass energy [18]. The quantity *F* is defined as $F(\xi_{h^0}) \equiv \arctan(\xi_{h^0})/\xi_{h^0}$ with $\xi_{h^0} = \sqrt{s - 4m_D^2}\sqrt{s - 4m_{h^0}^2}/(s - 2m_{h^0}^2)$. The Higgs decay width Γ_{h^0} and G_1 are given by

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{h^{0}} &= \frac{\sum m_{f}^{2}}{8\pi\kappa^{2}} \frac{(m_{h^{0}}^{2} - 4m_{f}^{2})^{1.5}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}} + \frac{m_{h^{0}}^{3}}{16\pi\kappa^{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{W_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}}} \\ &\times \left(1 - \frac{4m_{W_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}} + \frac{12m_{W_{1}}^{4}}{m_{h^{0}}^{4}}\right) + \frac{m_{h^{0}}^{3}}{32\pi\kappa^{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}}} \\ &\times \left(1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}} + \frac{12m_{Z_{1}}^{4}}{m_{h^{0}}^{4}}\right) + \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}\kappa^{2}}{32\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m_{h^{0}}^{2} - 4m_{D}^{2}}}{m_{h^{0}}^{2}}, \\ G_{1} &= 1 + \frac{3m_{h^{0}}^{2}}{s - m_{h^{0}}^{2}} + \frac{\alpha_{1}\lambda_{3,D}v_{R}^{2}}{s - m_{H^{0}}^{2}} \frac{1}{\lambda_{1,D}} + \frac{m_{\sigma}^{2}}{s - m_{\sigma}^{2}}. \end{split}$$
(11)

From Eqs. (7)–(11) seven unknown parameters enter the expression of the total annihilation cross section, namely,

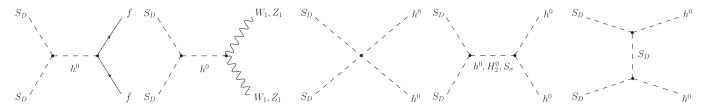


FIG. 1. Feynman diagrams for the DM annihilation in the 1HBDM.

 m_{h^0} , m_D , $\lambda_{1,D}$, $\alpha_1 \lambda_{3,D}$, m_{σ}^2 , $m_{H_2^0}^2$, and v_R . For the mass of SM-like Higgs, we take $m_{h^0} = 120$ GeV in the following parts. In fact, one may neglect the squared center-of-mass energy *s* in the terms $s - m_{H_2^0}^2$ and $s - m_{\sigma}^2$ since the masses of s_{σ} and H_2^0 are around v_R . In a good approximation, we find that only three independent parameters,

$$m_D$$
, $\lambda_{1,D}$, and $\lambda_R \equiv \alpha_1 \lambda_{3,D} / (2\rho_1)$, (12)

are relevant to our numerical analysis. Here we have used $m_{H_2^0}^2 = 2\rho_1 v_R^2$ as it is shown in Table II.

A. Constraints from the DM relic density

In order to obtain the correct DM abundance, one should resolve the following Boltzmann equation [19]:

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\frac{xs(x)}{H} \langle \sigma v \rangle (Y^2 - Y_{EQ}^2), \qquad (13)$$

where $Y \equiv n/s(x)$ denotes the DM number density. The entropy density s(x) and the Hubble parameter *H* evaluated at x = 1 are given by

$$s(x) = \frac{2\pi^2 g_*}{45} \frac{m_D^3}{x^3}, \qquad H = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^3 g_*}{45}} \frac{m_D^2}{M_{\rm PL}}, \qquad (14)$$

where $M_{\rm PL} \simeq 1.22 \times 10^{19}$ GeV is the Planck energy. g_* is the total number of effectively relativistic degrees of freedom. The numerical results of g_* have been presented in Ref. [20]. Here we take the QCD phase transition temperature to be 150 MeV. The thermal average of the annihilation cross section times the relative velocity $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ is a key quantity in the determination of the DM cosmic relic abundance. We adopt the usual single-integral formula for $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ [21]:

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \frac{1}{n_{\rm EQ}^2} \frac{m_D}{64\pi^4 x} \int_{4m_D^2}^{\infty} \hat{\sigma}(s) \sqrt{s} K_1 \left(\frac{x\sqrt{s}}{m_D}\right) ds, \qquad (15)$$

with

$$n_{\rm EQ} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi^2} \frac{m_D^3}{x} K_2(x), \qquad \hat{\sigma}(s) = \hat{\sigma} g_i^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_D^2}{s}}, \quad (16)$$

where $K_1(x)$ and $K_2(x)$ are the modified Bessel functions. $x \equiv m_D/T$ and $g_i = 1$ is the internal degrees of freedom for the scalar dark matter S_D . In terms of the annihilation cross section $\hat{\sigma}$ in Eqs. (7)–(10), one can numerically calculate the thermally averaged annihilation cross section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$. Finally, we may obtain the DM relic density $\Omega_D h^2 =$ 2.74 × 10⁸ $Y_0 m_D$ /GeV by use of the result Y_0 of the integration of Eq. (13).

When the DM mass m_D is larger than the mass of the top quark, one will not meet the resonance [12] and threshold [22] effects in our model. Thus we use the approximate formulas to calculate the DM relic density for 200 GeV \leq $m_D \leq$ 500 GeV. In this case, $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ can be expanded in powers of relative velocity and x^{-1} for nonrelativistic gases. To the first order $\langle \sigma v \rangle \simeq \sigma_0 x^{-n}$, where n = 0(1) for s(p)-wave annihilation process [19]. The approximate formula for $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ is given by [23]

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \sigma_0 x^{-n}$$

= $\frac{1}{m_D^2} \bigg[\omega - \frac{3}{2} (2\omega - \omega') x^{-1} + \dots \bigg]_{s/4m_D^2 = 1}$, (17)

where $\omega = (\hat{\sigma}_{f\bar{f}} + \hat{\sigma}_{Z_1Z_1} + \hat{\sigma}_{W_1W_1} + \hat{\sigma}_{h^0h^0})/4$ and the prime denotes the derivative with respect to $s/4m_D^2$. ω and its derivative are all to be evaluated at $s/4m_D^2 = 1$. Then $\Omega_D h^2$ is given by [19]

$$\Omega_D h^2 = 1.07 \times 10^9 \frac{(n+1)x_f^{n+1}}{g_*^{1/2} M_{\rm PL} \sigma_0} \,\,{\rm GeV^{-1}} \qquad (18)$$

with

$$x_f = \ln[0.038(n+1)(g_i/g_*^{1/2})M_{\rm PL}m_D\sigma_0] - (n+1/2) \\ \times \ln\{\ln[0.038(n+1)(g_i/g_*^{1/2})M_{\rm PL}m_D\sigma_0]\}.$$
(19)

Notice that we take $g_* = 345/4$ for 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq$ 500 GeV.

In terms of the observed DM abundance $0.1088 \leq$ $\Omega_D h^2 \leq 0.1158$ [2], we numerically solve the Boltzmann equation and derive the coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ with different λ_R for 10 GeV $\leq m_D \leq$ 200 GeV. The numerical results are shown in Fig. 2 (upper-left panel). Because of the resonance contribution, a very small value of the coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ can be derived from the observed DM abundance for the resonance region $(0.8m_{h^0} \leq 2m_D < m_{h^0})$. Except for the resonance region, one may find $\lambda_{1,D} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-2}-10^{-1})$. The parameter λ_R plays an important role to determine the DM relic density if $m_D > m_{h^0}$. For illustration, we also plot the $\lambda_R = \pm 0.1$ cases which can significantly change the predicted $\lambda_{1,D}$ as shown in Fig. 2. In fact, $\lambda_{1,D}$ may be very small (even to be zero) for the larger $|\lambda_R|$. In this case, the H_2^0 -exchange annihilation process is dominant. Here we have assumed $\lambda_{1,D}$ is positive. If we simultaneously change the signs of $\lambda_{1,D}$ and λ_R , the negative $\lambda_{1,D}$ case may be approximately induced from the positive case. This feature can be well understood from Eqs. (10) and (11). It should be mentioned that the thermally averaged annihilation cross section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ will significantly change as the evolution of the Universe when the DM particle is nearly one-half the mass of a resonance [12]. This is the Breit-Wigner resonance effect which has been used to explain the recent PAMELA [24], ATIC [25], and Fermi [26] anomalies. Notice that the decaying S_D with a lifetime around $\mathcal{O}(10^{26}s)$ can also account for the electron and positron anomalies [27]. Here we have considered the Breit-Wigner resonance effect for the determination of the coupling λ_{1D} .

For 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq$ 500 GeV, we use the approximate formulas to scan the whole parameter space $\lambda_{1,D}$ and λ_R . The allowed parameter space is shown in Fig. 2 (lower-left panel), which gives an allowed range

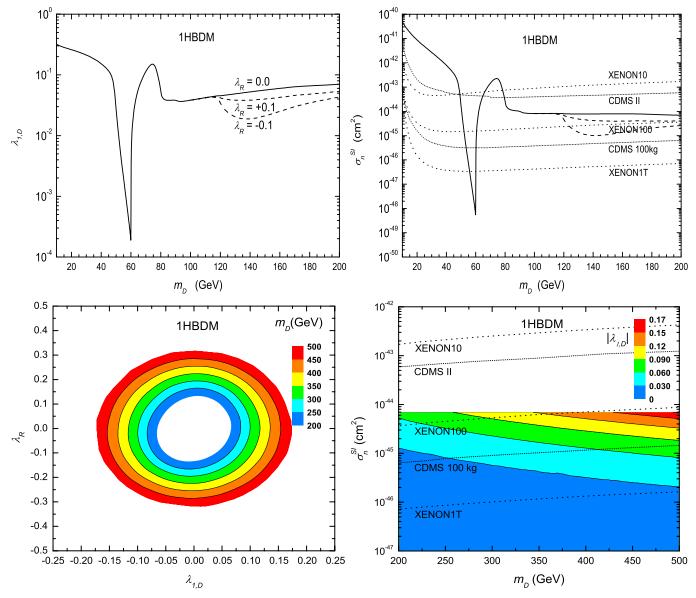


FIG. 2 (color online). Left panels: the predicted coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ as a function of λ_R and the DM mass m_D from the observed DM abundance in the 1HBDM. Right panels: the predicted DM-nucleon scattering cross section σ_n^{SI} in the 1HBDM with current and future experimental upper bounds.

 $-0.17 \leq \lambda_{1,D} \leq 0.17$ and $-0.32 \leq \lambda_R \leq 0.32$. The central region of this figure is excluded since these points cannot provide a large enough annihilation cross section to give the desired DM abundance. Notice that the approximate global symmetry U(1) requires $m_D^2/v_R^2 \ll \lambda_{1,D}$, which means the region near $\lambda_{1,D} = 0$ is disfavored.

B. Dark matter direct search

For the scalar dark matter, the DM elastic scattering cross section on a nucleon is spin-independent, which is given by [1]

$$\sigma_n^{\rm SI} \approx \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{m_D m_n}{m_D + m_n} \right)^2 \frac{(Z f_p + (A - Z) f_n)^2}{A^2}, \qquad (20)$$

where m_n is the nucleon mass. Z and A - Z are the numbers of protons and neutrons in the nucleus. $f_{p,n}$ is the coupling between DM and protons or neutrons, given by

$$f_{p,n} = \sum_{q=u,d,s} f_{Tq}^{(p,n)} a_q \frac{m_{p,n}}{m_q} + \frac{2}{27} f_{TG}^{(p,n)} \sum_{q=c,b,t} a_q \frac{m_{p,n}}{m_q}, \quad (21)$$

where $f_{Tu}^{(p)} = 0.020 \pm 0.004$, $f_{Td}^{(p)} = 0.026 \pm 0.005$, $f_{Ts}^{(p)} = 0.118 \pm 0.062$, $f_{Tu}^{(n)} = 0.014 \pm 0.003$, $f_{Td}^{(n)} = 0.036 \pm 0.008$, and $f_{Ts}^{(n)} = 0.118 \pm 0.062$ [28]. The coupling $f_{TG}^{(p,n)}$ between DM and gluons from heavy quark loops is obtained from $f_{TG}^{(p,n)} = 1 - \sum_{q=u,d,s} f_{Tq}^{(p,n)}$, which leads to $f_{TG}^{(p)} \approx 0.84$ and $f_{TG}^{(n)} \approx 0.83$. In our model, the DM-quark coupling a_q in Eq. (21) is given by

$$a_q = \frac{\lambda_{1,D} m_q}{2m_D m_{\mu^0}^2}.$$
 (22)

Because of $f_n \approx f_p$, we can derive

$$\sigma_n^{\rm SI} \approx \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{m_D m_n}{m_D + m_n} \right)^2 f_n^2. \tag{23}$$

It is worthwhile to stress that σ_n^{SI} is independent of λ_R .

Using the predicted λ_{1D} from the observed DM abundance, we straightly calculate the spin-independent DMnucleon elastic scattering cross section σ_n^{SI} . The numerical results are shown in Fig. 2 (right panels). For 10 GeV \leq $m_D \leq 200$ GeV, we find that two DM mass ranges can be excluded by the current DM direct detection experiments CDMS II [29] and XENON10 [30]. Because of the existence of λ_R , we can obtain different values of σ_n^{SI} for a given DM mass m_D when the annihilation channel $S_D S_D \rightarrow h^0 h^0$ is open. In this case, one can obtain $\sigma_n^{\text{SI}} \leq$ 7×10^{-45} cm² for 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV as shown in Fig. 2 (lower-right panel), which is below the current experimental upper bounds. Nevertheless the future experiments XENON100 [31], CDMS 100 kg [32], and XENON1T [33] can cover most parts of the allowed parameter space. For the region near the resonance point, the predicted σ_n^{SI} is far below the current and future experimental upper bounds.

C. Dark matter indirect search

As shown in Sec. III A, $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ is a key quantity in the determination of the DM cosmic relic abundance. On the other hand, $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ also determines the DM annihilation rate in the galactic halo. It should be mentioned that the DM annihilation in the galactic halo occurs at $v \approx 10^{-3}$ ($x \approx$ $3/v^2 = 3 \times 10^6$). Thus we calculate the thermally averaged annihilation cross section at $x \approx 3 \times 10^6$, namely, $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$. The numerical results are shown in Fig. 3 for 10 GeV $\leq m_D \leq$ 200 GeV. Notice that we can derive similar results for different values of λ_R . One may find $1 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1} \le \langle \sigma v \rangle_0 \le 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ for most parts of the parameter space. The enhanced and suppressed $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ on the two sides of the resonance point originate from the Breit-Wigner resonance effect [12]. When m_D is slightly less than the W_1 boson mass, the channel $S_D S_D \rightarrow W_1^+ W_1^-$ is open at high temperature, which dominates the total thermally averaged annihilation cross section and determines the DM relic density. However, this channel is forbidden in the galactic halo. Thus the threshold effect leads to a dip around the W_1 threshold [22]. When 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV, one can obtain $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0 \approx 2.3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$, which is consistent with the usual s-wave annihilation cross section $\langle \sigma v \rangle \approx 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at the freeze-out temperature $x_f \approx 20$.

In our model, the DM annihilation can generate primary antiprotons which can be detected by the DM indirect

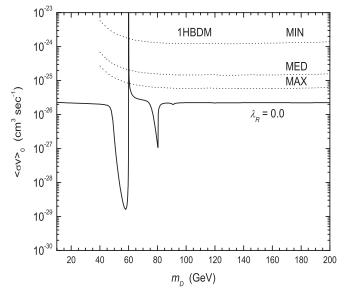


FIG. 3. The predicted thermally averaged DM annihilation cross section $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ in the 1HBDM.

search experiments. Recently, the PAMELA Collaboration reports that the observed antiproton data are consistent with the usual estimation value of the secondary antiproton [24]. Therefore one can use the PAMELA antiproton measurements to constrain $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$. In Fig. 3, we have also shown the maximum allowed $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ for the MIN, MED, and MAX antiproton propagation models given in Ref. [34]. Then we can find that a very narrow region can be excluded by the PAMELA antiproton data in our model. In fact, the width of this excluded region is about 0.4 GeV for the MED and MAX cases. When double DM mass $2m_D$ is slightly less than the Higgs mass m_{h^0} , the predicted σ_n^{SI} and $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ are very small, which means that it is very difficult to detect the DM signals.

IV. DARK MATTER SIGNAL IN THE 2HBDM

We have discussed the Higgs singlet S_D as the cold DM candidate in the 1HBDM. In this section, we generalize the previous discussions to the 2HBDM in which the other bidoublet χ mixes significantly with ϕ and $\Delta_{L,R}$. In this case the SCPV can be easily realized [10]. Compared with the previous case, the main differences are that there could be more scalar particles entering the DM annihilation and scattering processes. Furthermore, the new contributions from these particles may modify the correlation between the DM annihilation and DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross sections, which leads to significantly different predictions from the other singlet scalar DM models and the previous discussions.

As shown in Eq. (1), the second Higgs bidoublet χ contains two neutral Higgs contents $\chi_{1,2}^0$. After the SSB, $\chi_{1,2}^0$ may obtain the VEVs $w_{1,2}/\sqrt{2}$. The squared sum of all

the VEVs including $\kappa_{1,2}$ should still lead to $v_{\rm EW} = \sqrt{|\kappa_1|^2 + |\kappa_1|^2 + |w_1|^2 + |w_2|^2} \approx 246$ GeV. In general, the 2HBDM includes three light neutral Higgs bosons and a pair of charged light Higgs particles, whose masses are an order of the electroweak energy scale. For simplicity, we consider $\kappa_2 \sim w_2 \sim 0$. In this case, it is convenient for us to rotate Higgs bidoublets ϕ and χ into

$$\phi' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h_1 + v_{\text{EW}}}{\sqrt{2}} & \phi_2'^+ \\ 0 & \phi_2'^0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \chi' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{h_2 + ih_3}{\sqrt{2}} & \chi_2'^+ \\ H^- & \chi_2'^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

where H^{\pm} are a pair of light charged Higgs bosons. Then one can diagonalize the mass matrix of three light neutral Higgs $h_{1,2,3}$ and derive three light neutral Higgs mass eigenstates. The relation between $h_{1,2,3}$ and three mass eigenstates can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_x c_z & s_x c_z & s_z \\ -c_x s_y s_z - s_x c_y & -s_x s_y s_z + c_x c_y & s_y c_z \\ -c_x c_y s_z + s_x s_y & -s_x c_y s_z - c_x s_y & c_y c_z \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \\ A \end{pmatrix},$$
(25)

where $s_x \equiv \sin\theta_x$, $c_x \equiv \cos\theta_x$, and so on. Because of many unknown parameters in the Higgs potential of the 2HBDM, we cannot explicitly calculate three mixing angles θ_x , θ_y and θ_z . For illustration, we consider three representative cases: (I) $\theta_x = 60^\circ$, $\theta_y = 60^\circ$, and $\theta_z = 150^\circ$; (II) $\theta_x = 30^\circ$, $\theta_y = 0^\circ$, and $\theta_z = 0^\circ$; (III) $\theta_x = 0^\circ$, $\theta_y = 90^\circ$, and $\theta_z = 75^\circ$. Case I means that there is significant mixing among three light neutral Higgs. If all *CP* violation phases are absent, we can obtain $\theta_y = 0^\circ$ and $\theta_z = 0^\circ$. In case II, the light Higgs *A* is *CP* odd, which does not mix with *h* and *H*. For case III, we only consider the scalar and pseudoscalar mixing, namely, $\theta_x = 0^\circ$.

In the 2HBDM, the possible DM annihilation products are $f\bar{f}$, W_1W_1/Z_1Z_1 , $W_1^{\pm}H^{\mp}/Z_1(h, H, A)$, H^+H^- , and any two of the three neutral states (h, H, A) as shown in Fig. 4.

For a concrete numerical illustration, we choose all the masses m_H , m_A , $m_{H^{\pm}} = 180 \text{ GeV}$ and $m_h = 120 \text{ GeV}$. For cubic and quartic scalar vertices, we assume they are the same as those in the 1HBDM. Namely, the vertices of $S_D S_D(h, H, A)$ and $S_D S_D(h, H, A/H^+)(h, H, A/H^-)$ are set equal to $-i\lambda_{1,D}v_{\rm EW}$ and $-i\lambda_{1,D}$, respectively. Similarly, the cubic scalar vertices among the light Higgs particles h, H, A, and H^{\pm} are set equal to $-i3m_h^2/v_{\rm EW}$, and the cubic scalar vertices between S_{σ} and two light Higgs particles are assumed to be $-i\lambda_{1,D}v_{\sigma}$. It is worthwhile to stress that the heavy Higgs particles from χ' may be as the intermediate particles when two DM candidates annihilate into two light Higgs bosons. Nevertheless we still can use a coupling λ_R to describe the contributions of all possible heavy Higgs bosons. All annihilation cross sections $\hat{\sigma}$ have been presented in the Appendix.

In the basis of Eq. (24), the Yukawa interactions for quarks are given by

$$-\mathcal{L}_{Y} = \bar{Q}_{L}(Y^{\phi}\phi' + \tilde{Y}^{\phi}\tilde{\phi}' + Y^{\chi}\chi' + \tilde{Y}^{\chi}\tilde{\chi}')Q_{R} + \text{H.c.},$$
(26)

where $Q_{L,R} = (u_{L,R}, d_{L,R})^T$. When both *P* and *CP* are required to be broken down spontaneously, the Yukawa coupling matrices Y^{ϕ} , \tilde{Y}^{ϕ} , Y^{χ} , and \tilde{Y}^{χ} are complex symmetric. Then one may rotate the quark fields and derive the following Yukawa interactions relevant to light neutral Higgs particles:

$$-\mathcal{L}_{LH} = \frac{h_1 + v_{\rm EW}}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}'_L Y^{\phi'} u'_R + \bar{d}'_L \tilde{Y}^{\phi'} d'_R) + \frac{h_2 + ih_3}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}'_L Y^{\chi'} u'_R + \frac{h_2 - ih_3}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}'_L \tilde{Y}^{\chi'} d'_R + \text{H.c.},$$
(27)

where $Y^{\phi'}$ and $\tilde{Y}^{\phi'}$ are diagonal matrices. According to the up and down quark masses, we can obtain $Y_{qq}^{\phi'} = \sqrt{2}m_q/v_{\rm EW}$ and $\tilde{Y}_{qq}^{\phi'} = \sqrt{2}m_q/v_{\rm EW}$, respectively. In order to avoid the flavor changing neutral current processes, we assume $Y^{\chi'}$ and $\tilde{Y}^{\chi'}$ are approximate diagonal matrices due

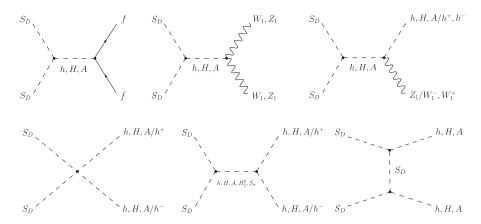


FIG. 4. Feynman diagrams for the DM annihilation in the 2HBDM.

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to approximate U(1) family symmetries [35] and require

$$Y_{qq}^{\chi'} = R_q Y_{qq}^{\phi'} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Y}_{qq}^{\chi'} = R_q \tilde{Y}_{qq}^{\phi'}. \tag{28}$$

Since Yx' and $\tilde{Y}x'$ do not contribute the quark masses, the parameter R_q may be very large except for the top quark case.

In the 2HBDM, the parameter R_q in Eq. (28) controls the Yukawa couplings $Y_{qq}^{\chi'}$ and $\tilde{Y}_{qq}^{\chi'}$. Furthermore, the parameter R_q will affect the total annihilation cross section and change the predicted coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$. For illustration, we choose the following two scenarios

$$R_q \equiv R = 1$$
 and $R_q \equiv R = 5$
 $(q \neq t \text{ and } R_t = 1 \text{ for the top quark})$ (29)

to calculate the allowed coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ from the observed DM abundance. Considering three kinds of mixing cases and two *R* scenarios, we plot the allowed coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ for 10 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 200$ GeV in Fig. 5 (left panels). It is clear that $\lambda_{1,D}$ is dependent on the light Higgs mixing and the parameter *R* if $m_D < 120$ GeV. When the DM candidate can annihilate into two light Higgs bosons $(m_D \geq 120 \text{ GeV})$, one can derive almost the same $\lambda_{1,D}$ for three kinds of mixing cases and two *R* scenarios, which means that the light Higgs mixing and the parameter *R* do not significantly affect the total annihilation cross section. This conclusion can also be applied to 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV as shown in Figs. 7 and 8 (left panels).

For the DM indirect search, the 2HBDM has two enhanced regions for $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ as shown in Fig. 6. Therefore the

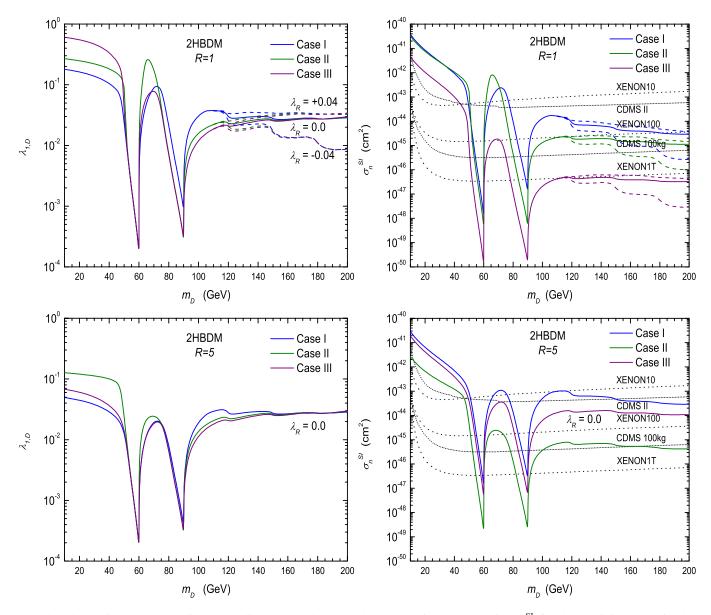


FIG. 5 (color online). The predicted coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ and DM-nucleon scattering cross section σ_n^{SI} for three mixing cases in the 2HBDM with R = 1 and R = 5.

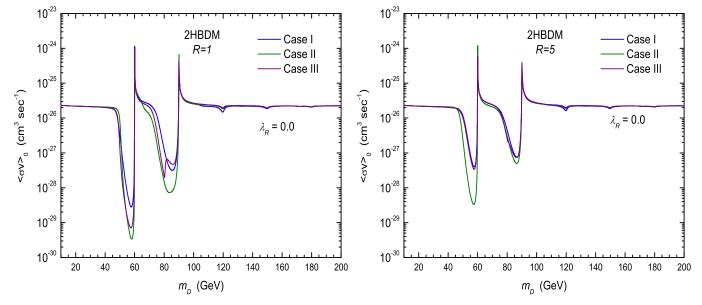


FIG. 6 (color online). The predicted thermally averaged DM annihilation cross section $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ in the 2HBDM.

PAMELA antiproton measurements can exclude two very narrow regions. The predicted $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ is the same as that in the 1HBDM for most parts of the parameter space. When 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV, one can still obtain $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0 \approx$ 2.3 × 10⁻²⁶ cm³ sec⁻¹. It is clear that different mixing cases and *R* scenarios lead to the same $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ except for the resonance regions.

In the 2HBDM, the DM-quark coupling a_q in Eq. (21) is given by

$$a_q = \frac{\lambda_{1,D} m_q}{2m_D} \left(\frac{f_1}{m_h^2} + \frac{f_3}{m_H^2} + \frac{f_5}{m_A^2} \right), \tag{30}$$

where f_i have been presented in Eq. (A3). Notice that we have neglected the parameters f_2 , f_4 , and f_6 since their contributions to σ_n^{SI} are velocity-dependent. Using the predicted $\lambda_{1,D}$ in Fig. 5 (left panels), we calculate the spin-independent DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross section σ_n^{SI} for three mixing cases and two R scenarios. Different from $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$, the predicted σ_n^{SI} obviously depends on the mixing and R as shown in Fig. 5 (right panels). Although three kinds of mixing cases have almost the same coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$ for $m_D \gtrsim 120$ GeV in the R = 1 scenario, the predicted σ_n^{SI} in case III is far less than that in case I and case II. This is because there is a cancellation between f_1/m_h^2 and f_5/m_A^2 in Eq. (30) for case III. When the DM candidate can annihilate into two light Higgs bosons, a large R does not obviously affect the predicted coupling $\lambda_{1,D}$. However, the parameters f_1 , f_3 , and f_5 in Eq. (30) will be significantly enlarged. Therefore σ_n^{SI} usually increases as R increases. Case I clearly demonstrates this feature. The enlarged σ_n^{SI} in the R = 5 scenario may approach the CDMS II upper bound, which can be used to explain the two possible events observed by the CDMS II [29]. It is worthwhile to stress that case II in the R = 5 scenario gives a smaller σ_n^{SI} than that in the R = 1 scenario due to the cancellation from the different Higgs boson contributions. We conclude that the predicted σ_n^{SI} is significantly dependent on the light Higgs mixing and the parameter R. For 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV, the same conclusion can also be derived as shown in Figs. 7 and 8 (right panels).

As shown in Figs. 5, 7, and 8, (right panels), the CDMS II [29] and XENON10 [30] experiments can exclude the region $m_D \leq 50$ GeV. For 200 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 500$ GeV, our results show an upper bound for σ_n^{SI} which is still below the current experiment upper bounds. The future experiments XENON100 [31], CDMS 100 kg [32], and XENON1T [33] can cover most parts of the allowed parameter space except the extreme cancellation cases. Nevertheless, it is still difficult to detect the DM direct or indirect signals for the resonance regions 50 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 60$ GeV and 80 GeV $\leq m_D \leq 90$ GeV.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, we have investigated a scalar boson S_D as the DM candidate in the left-right symmetric gauge model with two Higgs bidoublets, in which the SCPV can be easily realized. The stability of DM candidate S_D is ensured by the fundamental symmetries P and CP of quantum field theory. In order to well understand the DM properties in the 2HBDM, we have first analyzed the 1HBDM and shown that the predicted DM direct and indirect detection cross sections $(\sigma_n^{SI} \text{ and } \langle \sigma v \rangle_0)$ are the same as those in the minimal extension of the SM with a real singlet scalar if $m_D < m_{h^0}$. When the annihilation channel $S_D S_D \rightarrow h^0 h^0$ is open $(m_D > m_{h^0})$, SEARCHING FOR DARK MATTER SIGNALS IN THE ...

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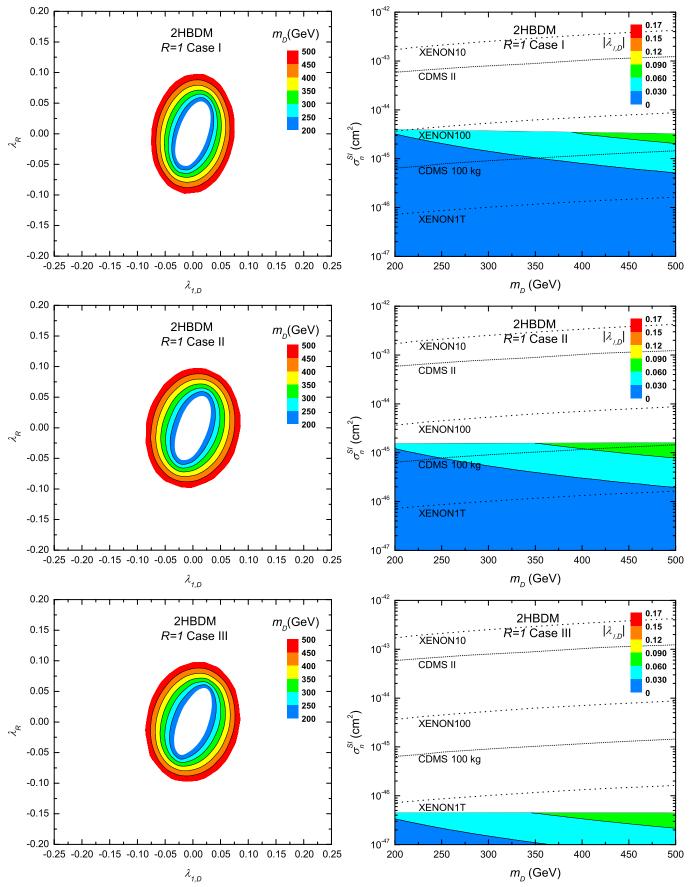


FIG. 7 (color online). The allowed parameter space and the predicted σ_n^{SI} for three mixing cases in the 2HBDM with R = 1.

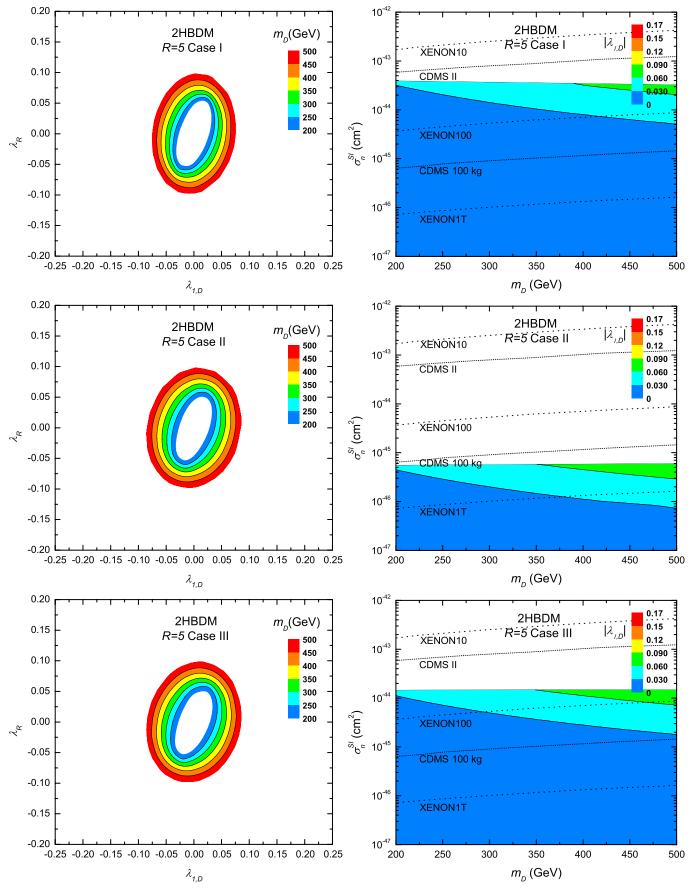


FIG. 8 (color online). The allowed parameter space and the predicted σ_n^{SI} for three mixing cases in the 2HBDM with R = 5.

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the H_2^0 -exchange diagram relevant to λ_R leads to continuous DM-nucleon elastic scattering cross sections σ_n^{SI} . Compared with the 1HBDM, there are more scalar particles entering the DM annihilation and scattering processes in the 2HBDM. In the explicit calculations, we have considered three typical mixing cases and two Yukawa coupling scenarios (R = 1 and R = 5) to analyze the 2HBDM. It has been shown that $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$ is not sensitive to the light Higgs mixing and Yukawa couplings except for the resonance regions. However, σ_n^{SI} is significantly dependent on the above two factors. In general, σ_n^{SI} can be enhanced by large Yukawa couplings and approach the CDMS II upper bound, which can be used to explain the two possible events observed by CDMS II. It should be mentioned that a large Yukawa coupling may lead to a very small σ_n^{SI} in the extreme mixing case. Our results show that the future DM direct search experiments can cover most parts of the allowed parameter space. The PAMELA antiproton data can exclude two very narrow regions in the 2HBDM. In addition, we have shown that it is very difficult to detect the DM direct or indirect signals for the resonance regions since the Breit-Wigner resonance effect simultaneously suppresses σ_n^{SI} and $\langle \sigma v \rangle_0$.

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APPENDIX: ANNIHILATION CROSS SECTION

For the annihilation processes $S_D S_D \rightarrow f\bar{f}$, the annihilation cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{f\bar{f}}$ is given by

$$\hat{\sigma}_{f\bar{f}} = \sum_{f} m_f^2 \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{4\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{s}} [(s - 4m_f^2)P_1 + sP_2], \quad (A1)$$

where

$$P_{1,2} = \left| \frac{f_{1,2}}{s - m_h^2 + im_h \Gamma_h} + \frac{f_{3,4}}{s - m_H^2 + im_H \Gamma_H} + \frac{f_{5,6}}{s - m_A^2 + im_A \Gamma_A} \right|^2,$$
(A2)

with

$$f_{1} = c_{x}c_{z} - Rc_{y}s_{x} - Rc_{x}s_{y}s_{z},$$

$$f_{2} = Rs_{x}s_{y} - Rc_{x}c_{y}s_{z},$$

$$f_{3} = Rc_{x}c_{y} + c_{z}s_{x} - Rs_{x}s_{y}s_{z},$$

$$f_{4} = -Rs_{x}s_{z}c_{y} - Rc_{x}s_{y},$$

$$f_{5} = Rs_{y}c_{z} + s_{z},$$

$$f_{6} = Rc_{y}c_{z}.$$
(A3)

The parameter R has been defined in Eq. (29). The decay widths of three light neutral Higgs are given by

$$\Gamma_{h,H,A} = \frac{\sum m_f^2}{8\pi v_{\rm EW}^2} m_{h,H,A} (f_{1,3,5}^2 + f_{2,4,6}^2) + \Gamma_{h,H,A}^{Z_1} \gamma_{h,H,A} + \Gamma_{h,H,A}^{W_1} \gamma_{h,H,A} + \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2 v_{\rm EW}^2}{32\pi} \frac{\sqrt{m_{h,H,A}^2 - 4m_D^2}}{m_{h,H,A}^2}, \quad (A4)$$

where $\gamma_h = c_x^2 c_z^2$, $\gamma_H = s_x^2 c_z^2$, and $\gamma_A = s_z^2$. $\Gamma_{h,H,A}^{Z_1}$ and $\Gamma_{h,H,A}^{W_1}$ have the following forms:

$$\Gamma_{h,H,A}^{Z_{1}} = \frac{m_{h,H,A}^{3}}{32\pi v_{\rm EW}^{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h,H,A}^{2}}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h,H,A}^{2}} + \frac{12m_{Z_{1}}^{4}}{m_{h,H,A}^{4}}\right),$$

$$\Gamma_{h,H,A}^{W_{1}} = \frac{m_{h,H,A}^{3}}{16\pi v_{\rm EW}^{2}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{W_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h,H,A}^{2}}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_{W_{1}}^{2}}{m_{h,H,A}^{2}} + \frac{12m_{W_{1}}^{4}}{m_{h,H,A}^{4}}\right).$$
(A5)

For the annihilation processes $S_D S_D \rightarrow Z_1 Z_1$ and $S_D S_D \rightarrow W_1 W_1$, we have

$$\hat{\sigma}_{Z_{1}Z_{1}} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{16\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{s}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_{Z_{1}}^{2}}{s} + \frac{12m_{Z_{1}}^{4}}{s^{2}}\right) \\ \times \frac{s^{2}}{4} \left|\frac{2c_{x}c_{z}}{s - m_{h}^{2} + im_{h}\Gamma_{h}} + \frac{2s_{x}c_{z}}{s - m_{H}^{2} + im_{H}\Gamma_{H}} + \frac{2s_{z}}{s - m_{A}^{2} + im_{A}\Gamma_{A}}\right|^{2},$$
(A6)

$$\hat{\sigma}_{W_1W_1} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{8\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{W_1}^2}{s}} \left(1 - \frac{4m_{W_1}^2}{s} + \frac{12m_{W_1}^4}{s^2}\right) \\ \times \frac{s^2}{4} \left|\frac{2c_xc_z}{s - m_h^2 + im_h\Gamma_h} + \frac{2s_xc_z}{s - m_H^2 + im_H\Gamma_H} + \frac{2s_z}{s - m_A^2 + im_A\Gamma_A}\right|^2.$$
(A7)

If the annihilation productions are a Higgs and a gauge boson, we can derive

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{Z_{1}A} &= \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{32\pi} \frac{\left[(s - m_{A}^{2} - m_{Z_{1}}^{2})^{2} - 4m_{A}^{2}m_{Z_{1}}^{2} \right]^{1.5}}{s} \left[\frac{2c_{z}s_{x}}{s - m_{h}^{2}} - \frac{2c_{x}c_{z}}{s - m_{H}^{2}} \right]^{2}, \\ \hat{\sigma}_{Z_{1}H} &= \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{32\pi} \frac{\left[(s - m_{H}^{2} - m_{Z_{1}}^{2})^{2} - 4m_{H}^{2}m_{Z_{1}}^{2} \right]^{1.5}}{s} \left[\frac{2c_{x}c_{z}}{s - m_{A}^{2}} - \frac{2s_{z}}{s - m_{h}^{2}} \right]^{2}, \\ \hat{\sigma}_{Z_{1}h} &= \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{32\pi} \frac{\left[(s - m_{h}^{2} - m_{Z_{1}}^{2})^{2} - 4m_{h}^{2}m_{Z_{1}}^{2} \right]^{1.5}}{s} \left[\frac{2s_{z}}{s - m_{H}^{2}} - \frac{2c_{z}s_{x}}{s - m_{H}^{2}} \right]^{2}, \\ \hat{\sigma}_{W^{\pm}H^{\mp}} &= \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^{2}}{4\pi} \frac{\left[(s - m_{H}^{2} - m_{W_{1}}^{2})^{2} - 4m_{H^{\pm}}^{2}m_{W_{1}}^{2} \right]^{1.5}}{s} \left[\frac{a_{1}}{s - m_{A}^{2}} + \frac{a_{2}}{s - m_{H}^{2}} + \frac{a_{3}}{s - m_{h}^{2}} \right]^{2}, \end{aligned}$$
(A8)

where

$$a_1 = c_y c_z - i c_z s_y, \qquad a_2 = -c_x (i c_y + s_y) - c_y s_x s_z + i s_x s_y s_z, \qquad a_3 = i c_y s_x + s_y s_x - c_x (c_y s_z - i s_y s_z).$$
(A9)

When two DM candidates annihilate into two Higgs particles, we can obtain

$$\hat{\sigma}_{kk} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{16\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_k^2}{s}} \Big[G_2^2 - \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}v_{\rm EW}^2}{s - 2m_k^2} G_2 F(\xi_{kk}) + \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}^2 v_{\rm EW}^4}{(s - 2m_k^2)^2} \Big(\frac{1}{1 - \xi_{kk}^2} + F(\xi_{kk}) \Big) \Big],$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{ij} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{8\pi} \beta_{ij} \Big[G_2^2 - \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}v_{\rm EW}^2}{s - m_i^2 - m_j^2} G_2 F(\xi_{ij}) + \frac{8\lambda_{1,D}^2 v_{\rm EW}^4}{(s - m_i^2 - m_j^2)^2} \Big(\frac{1}{1 - \xi_{ij}^2} + F(\xi_{ij}) \Big) \Big],$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{H^\pm H^\mp} = \frac{\lambda_{1,D}^2}{8\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{H^\pm}^2}{s}} G_2^2,$$
(A10)

with

$$G_2 = 1 + \frac{3m_h^2}{s - m_h^2} + \frac{3m_h^2}{s - m_H^2} + \frac{3m_h^2}{s - m_A^2} + \frac{\alpha_1 \lambda_{3,D} v_R^2}{s - m_{H^0}^2} \frac{1}{\lambda_{1,D}} + \frac{m_\sigma^2}{s - m_\sigma^2}.$$
 (A11)

The subscripts k and ij run over (h, H, A) and (hH, hA, HA), respectively. The quantity F is defined as $F(\xi) \equiv \arctan(\xi)/\xi$ with $\xi_{ij} = \sqrt{1 - 4m_D^2/s}\sqrt{(s - m_i^2 - m_j^2)^2 - 4m_i^2m_j^2}/(s - m_i^2 - m_j^2)$. The parameter β_{ij} is given by $\beta_{ij} = \sqrt{(s - m_i^2 - m_j^2)^2 - 4m_i^2m_j^2}/s$.

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