

Cosmological Constraints on Gaugino Mediation

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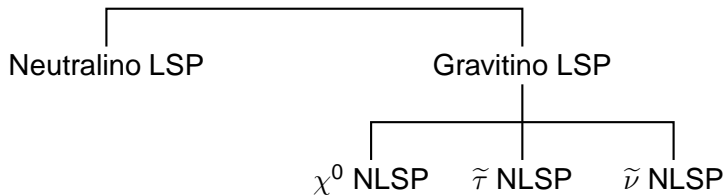
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↪ Constraints on particle **abundances** $Y \equiv \frac{n}{s}$

Standard assumption:

Long-lived $\chi^0, \tilde{\tau}, \tilde{\nu}$ freeze out with **thermal relic density**

Calculated using microMEGAS

Belanger, Boudjema, Pukhov, Semenov, Comput. Phys. Commun. **149** (2002),
Comput. Phys. Commun. **174** (2006)

Gravitinos: $Y_{3/2} \propto T_R$ (reheating temperature) \Rightarrow free parameter

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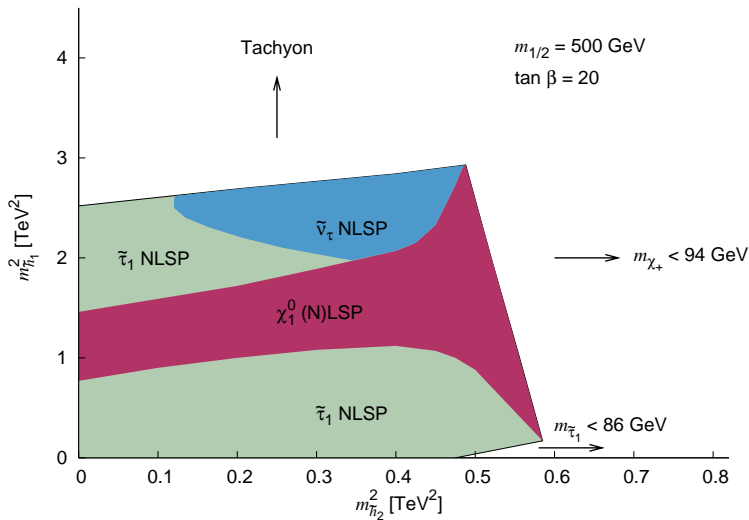
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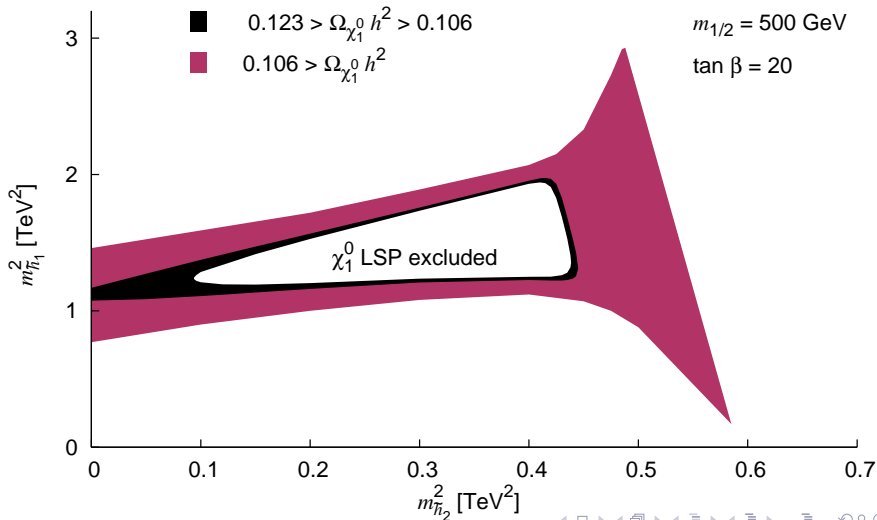
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Direct detection:

- χ_1^0 usually bino-like ⇒ impossible
- Sizable gaugino-higgsino mixing for large $m_{\tilde{h}_2}^2$
⇒ maybe possible in next generation of experiments

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Gravitino LSP

- For $m_{1/2} = 500$ GeV, 10 GeV $\lesssim m_{3/2} \lesssim 100$ GeV:
Correct **dark matter density** for

$$10^8 \text{ GeV} \lesssim T_R \lesssim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

- Non-thermal production negligible here
- **CMB** less constraining than BBN

Lamon, Durrer, Phys. Rev. **D73** (2006), Steffen, JCAP **09** (2006)

- **BBN** constraints satisfied?

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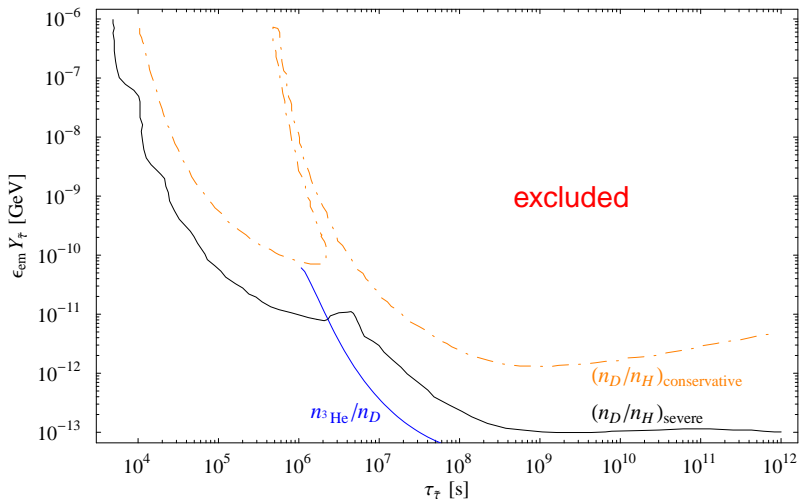
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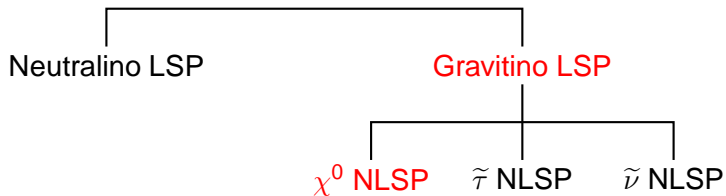
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 Steffen, JCAP **09** (2006) (Based on Cyburt, Ellis, Fields, Olive, Phys. Rev.
D67 (2003), Kawasaki, Kohri, Moroi, Phys. Rev. **D71** (2005))
- To take into account experimental uncertainties:
 Consider conservative and severe constraints
- In addition: Constraint from ratio $n_{^3\text{He}}/n_{\text{D}}$ from
 Jedamzik, Phys. Rev. **D74** (2006)
- ^6Li , ^7Li not used (large systematic uncertainties)

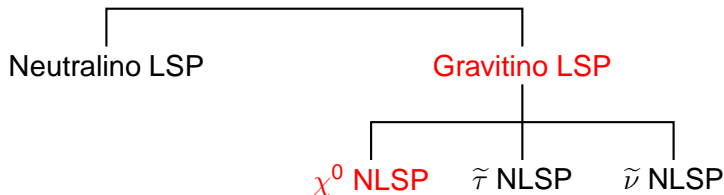
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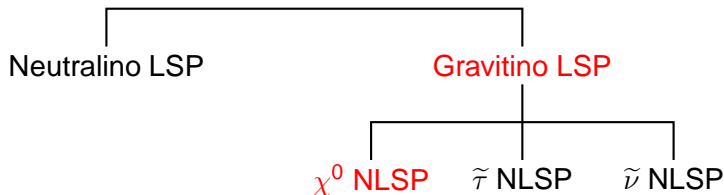


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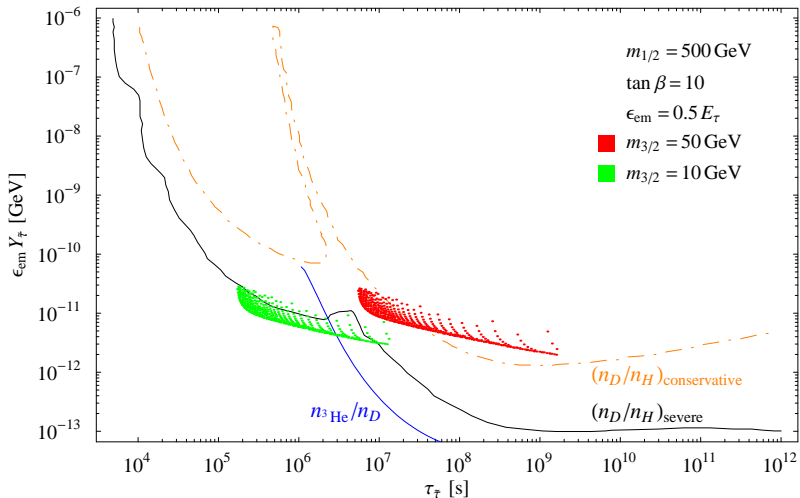
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Catalysed BBN: The Sword of Damocles

- $\tilde{\tau}^-$ form **bound states** with nuclei \Rightarrow Reaction rates change

Pospelov, hep-ph/0605215

- Massive overproduction of Li

- $\tau_{\tilde{\tau}} > 10^4$ s excluded in CMSSM

Cyburt, Ellis, Fields, Olive, Spanos, JCAP 11 (2006)

- If this holds in general: Stau NLSP **excluded**
(Loophole: entropy production after stau decoupling)

Sneutrino NLSP

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