
Gravitino, dark matter candidate and BBN

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Composition of the Universe :

- Dark energy : 74%
- Matter
 - Dark matter : 22%
 - Ordinary matter : 4%

Problems in the matter sector

- Nature of dark matter and relic density
- Lithium problems in big bang nucleosynthesis

Solutions studied in the framework of supersymmetric models beyond the standard model with R-parity conservation

- Gravitino lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP)
- Stau next-to-lightest supersymmetric particle

Beyond the standard model : supersymmetry

- Symmetry between fermions and bosons
- Each standard model particle has a superpartner
 - lepton tau \rightarrow stau $\tilde{\tau}$
 - no superpartner observed \rightarrow broken symmetry
- R-parity conservation

Supersymmetry breaking



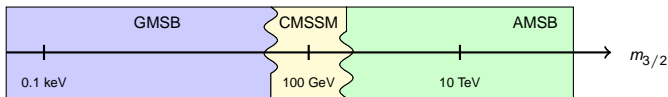
- Gravity mediated supersymmetry breaking : CMSSM
- Gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking : GMSB

Local symmetry : supergravity

- Gravitational sector : graviton and superpartner gravitino (spin 3/2)
- Broken supersymmetry \rightarrow massive gravitino

$$m_{3/2} = \frac{F}{\sqrt{3}M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

where \sqrt{F} is the scale of supersymmetry breaking



Hybrid models \Rightarrow Gravitino mass free parameter

Many observations can be explained by dark matter :

- Galaxy profiles
- Clusters
- Large scale structure formation
- CMB power spectrum

Relic density measured by [WMAP](#), [Komatsu et al.](#), [arXiv:0803.0547](#)

$$\Omega_{DM} h^2 = 0.105^{+0.021}_{-0.030}$$

But... what is dark matter ?

SUSY candidates : neutralino, sneutrino, **gravitino**, ...

Gravitino relic density

- Non-thermal production : decay of supersymmetric particle
- Thermal production : scattering processes during reheating

$$\Omega_{3/2} h^2 = \Omega_{3/2}^{\text{NTP}} h^2 + \Omega_{3/2}^{\text{TP}} h^2$$

Non-thermal relic density

- All SUSY particle decay to stau NLSP
- Decay of stau to gravitino

$$\Omega_{3/2}^{\text{NTP}} h^2 = \frac{m_{3/2}}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}} \Omega_{\tilde{\tau}} h^2$$

Relic density of stau

$$\Omega_{\tilde{\tau}} h^2 = (2.2 - 4.4) \times 10^{-1} \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}}}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2$$

- After inflation : reheating T_R
- Scattering processes with gravitino production
- Examples :

$$g + g \rightarrow \tilde{g} + \tilde{G}$$

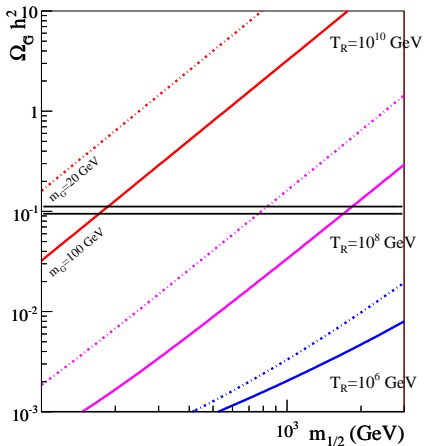
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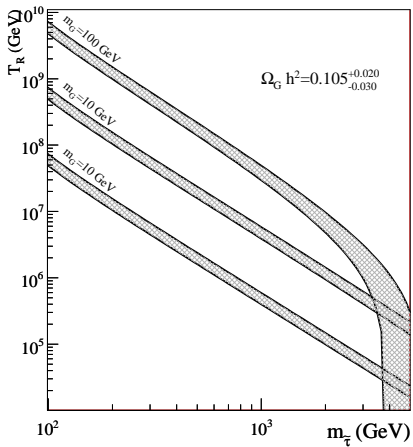
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- Gravitino thermal relic density : [Pradler, Steffen, hep-ph/0608344](#)

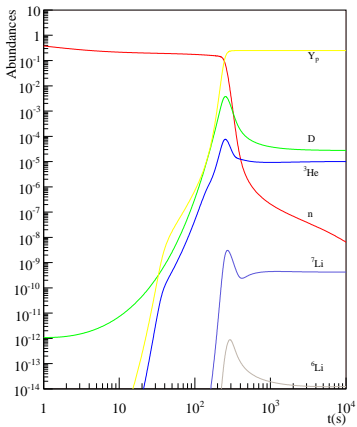
$$\Omega_{3/2}^{\text{TP}} h^2 \simeq 0.32 \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{3/2}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{1/2}}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{T_R}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

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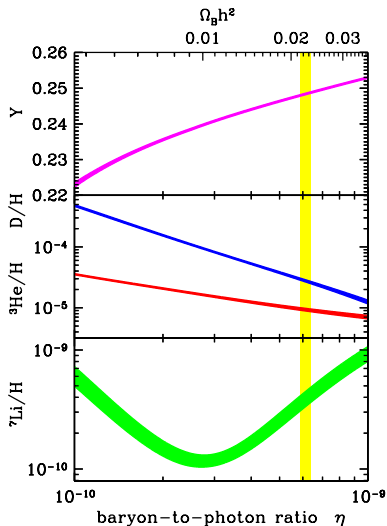
Big bang nucleosynthesis : SBBN (1/2)



- WMAP measurement

$$\eta = \frac{n_b}{n_\gamma} = (6.225 \pm 0.170) \times 10^{-10}$$

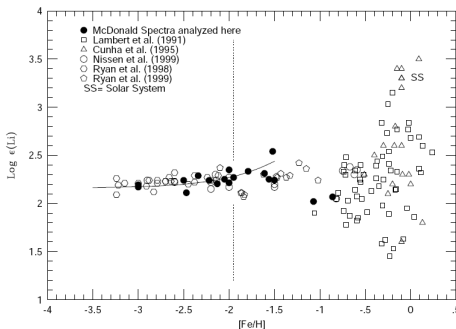
Good agreement for D, ^4He



Big bang nucleosynthesis : lithium problems

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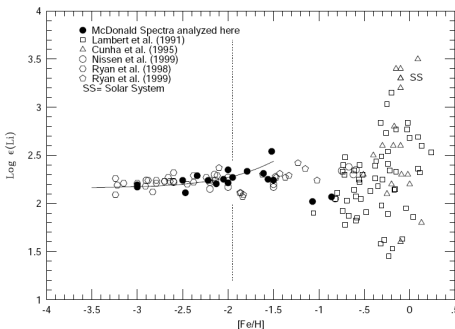
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- Spite plateau : primordial abundance

- Unstable massive stau decay with a lifetime $\tau_X \sim 10^2 - 10^6$ s
- Decay to standard model particles
- Injection of photons and nucleons
 - photodisintegration : ${}^7\text{Li} + \gamma \rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + n$
 - spallation : ${}^4\text{He} + n \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + 2n$ followed by ${}^3\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}^6\text{Li} + n$
- Modification of abundances

Required calculations :

- Relic density
- Hadronic branching ratio and energy
- Electromagnetic branching ratio and energy

- Stau decay dominated by two-body decay : $\tau \simeq 1/\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G})$

$$\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}) = \frac{1}{48\pi} \frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^5}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_{3/2}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_{3/2}^2}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^2}\right)^4$$

- Lepton tau decay \rightarrow electromagnetic decay

$$B_{\text{em}} = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G})}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}} \simeq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\text{em}} = \frac{1}{2}E_{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^2 - m_{3/2}^2}{2m_{\tilde{\tau}}} \right)$$

- Hadronic decay : four-body decay

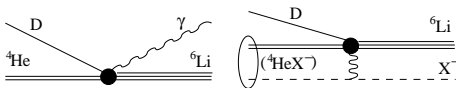
$$\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}Z/\gamma \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}q\bar{q}$$

$$\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}h \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}q\bar{q}$$

$$\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}W \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}\tilde{G}q\bar{Q}$$

$$\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}q\bar{q}; m_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{cut}}) = \int_{m_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{cut}}}^{m_{\tilde{\tau}} - m_{3/2} - m_{\tau}} dm_{q\bar{q}} \frac{d\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau\tilde{G}q\bar{q})}{dm_{q\bar{q}}}$$

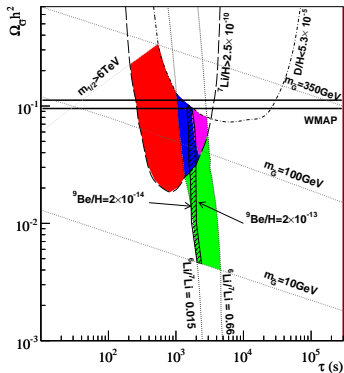
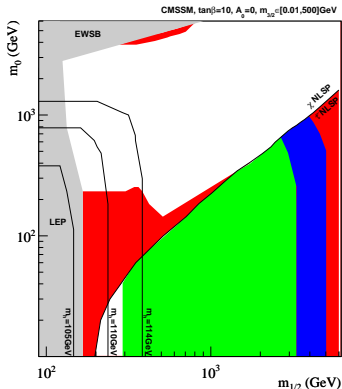
- Negatively charged particle : bound state formation
- Reaction catalysis [Pospelov, hep-ph/0605215](#)

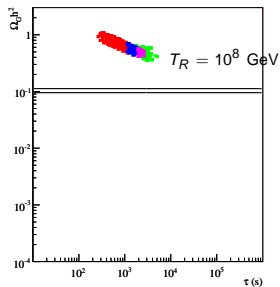
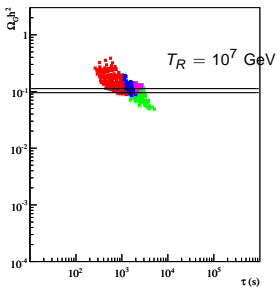
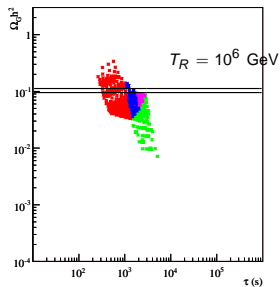
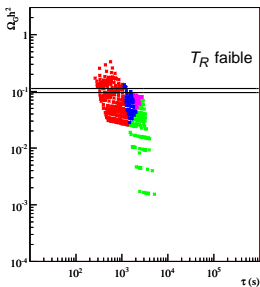


- $\sigma_{\text{CBBN}} \simeq 10^8 \times \sigma_{\text{SBBN}}$: forte contrainte sur l'abondance de lithium-6

BBN code ([Jedamzik, hep-ph/0604251](#)) taking into account all bound states (cross-sections in [Kamimura et al., arXiv:0809.4772](#)) effects and decay effects

■ : ${}^6\text{Li}$ solution
 ■ : ${}^7\text{Li}$ solution
 ■ : ${}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^7\text{Li}$ solution





- Supersymmetry with gravitino LSP and stau NLSP
 - Gravitino candidate for dark matter : thermal and non-thermal production
 - Decay of stau during BBN : solutions for lithium problems
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- $m_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$
 - $m_{\tilde{G}} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
 - $T_R \lesssim 10^7 \text{ GeV}$