
Gravitino, dark matter candidate and BBN

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Two problems

- Dark matter relic density
- Lithium production in Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

A simple framework

- Extension of the Standard Model: Supersymmetry
- Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP): gravitino

In this scenario

- The gravitino is a good candidate for **dark matter**
- The decay of the Next-to-LSP to the LSP during BBN can solve the **lithium problem**

However

- Requirements: low reheating temperature and heavy mass spectrum
- Non-standard cosmology with a modified Hubble parameter

Broken symmetry and supergravity

- Explicit breaking terms included in effective SUSY lagrangian
- CMSSM: $m_{1/2}, m_0, A_0, \tan \beta, \text{sgn } \mu$
- If supersymmetry is a broken local symmetry: supergravity
- Super-Higgs mechanism: \tilde{G} becomes massive

R-parity conservation

$$P_R = (-1)^{3B+L+2S}$$

The gravitino LSP is stable

We focus on a scenario \tilde{r} NLSP

Non-thermal production from $\tilde{\tau}$ NLSP decay

- All SUSY particles decay to NLSP
- NLSP freeze-out
- NLSP decays to LSP

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

Thermal production from scattering processes during reheating

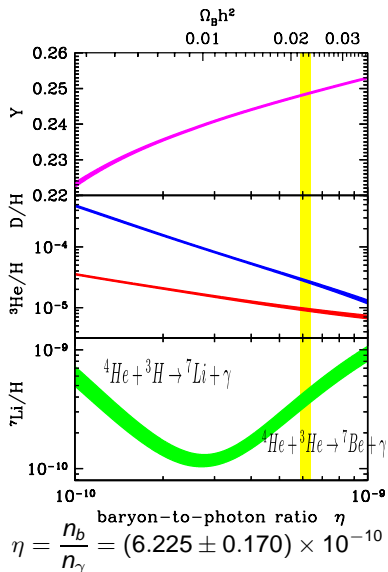
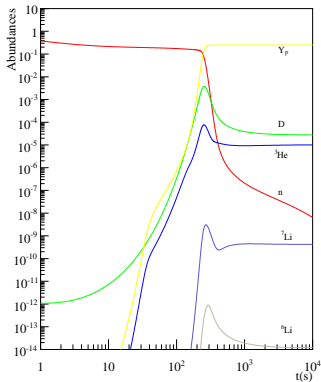
Bolz et al. (2001), Pradler & Steffen (2007)

$$g + g \rightarrow \tilde{g} + \tilde{G}, \quad q + g \rightarrow \tilde{q} + \tilde{G} \quad q + q \rightarrow \tilde{g} + \tilde{G} \dots$$

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

Gravitino relic density

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



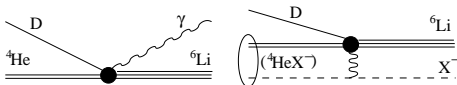
Element	SBBN	Observations
$\left(\frac{\text{D}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$(2.60 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.68^{+0.27}_{-0.25}) \times 10^{-5}$
$\left(\frac{{}^3\text{He}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$(1.05 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$
Y_p	0.2487 ± 0.0006	0.242 ± 0.002
$\left(\frac{{}^6\text{Li}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$10^{-14} - 10^{-15}$	$(3 - 5) \times 10^{-12}$
$\left(\frac{{}^7\text{Li}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$(4.26^{+0.91}_{-0.86}) \times 10^{-10}$	$(1.2 - 1.9) \times 10^{-10}$

Decay of massive particles during BBN

- Injection of non-thermal photons and nucleons
- ${}^6\text{Li}$ production: $n({}^4\text{He}, pn){}^3\text{H}(\alpha, n){}^6\text{Li}$
- ${}^7\text{Li}$ destruction: ${}^7\text{Be}(n, p){}^7\text{Li}(p, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$
- Abundance change is constrained by observations

Catalyzed BBN

- Negatively charged X particles: bound state formation
- Reactions catalyzed [Pospelov \(2006\)](#)



- $\sigma_{\text{CBBN}} \simeq 10^8 \times \sigma_{\text{SBBN}}$

Requirements

- Mass spectrum: SuSpect
- Stau NLSP relic density: micrOMEGAs
- Stau lifetime: dominated by two-body decay
- Description of decay: electromagnetic and hadronic cascades

Electromagnetic cascade: two-body decay

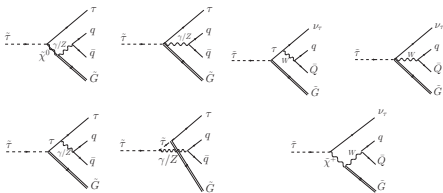
$$\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G}) = \frac{1}{48\pi} \frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^5}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_{3/2}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_{3/2}^2}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^2}\right)^4$$

$$B_{\text{em}} = 1 - B_{\text{had}} \simeq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad E_{\text{em}} = \alpha \left(\frac{m_{\text{NLSP}}^2 - m_{3/2}^2}{2m_{\text{NLSP}}} \right) \quad \alpha \simeq \frac{1}{2}$$

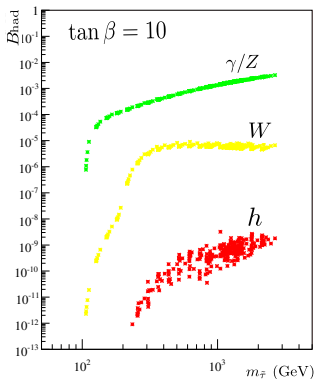
Hadronic cascade: four-body decay using CalcHEP [Steffen \(2006\)](#)

$$B_{\text{had}}(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q}; m_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{cut}}) = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q})}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}}$$

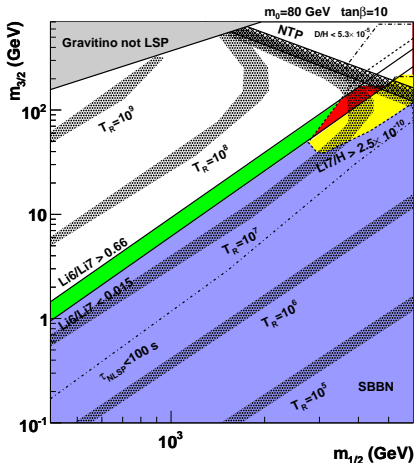
$$\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q}; m_{q\bar{q}}) = \int_{m_{q\bar{q}}}^{m_{\tilde{\tau}} - m_{3/2} - m_{\tau}} dm_{q\bar{q}} \frac{d\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q})}{dm_{q\bar{q}}}$$



E_{had} calculated using a similar procedure



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



Red region: $m_{1/2} = [3 - 5] \text{ TeV}$ corresponding to stau masses
 $m_{\tilde{\tau}} = [1 - 1.8] \text{ TeV}$ and gravitino masses $m_{3/2} = 60 - 120 \text{ GeV}$

Modified Hubble parameter

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} (\rho_m + \rho_{\text{rad}} + \rho_D)$$

Addition of a dark component in the pre-BBN Universe [Arbey & Mahmoudi \(2008\)](#)

$$\rho_D(T) = \rho_D(T_{\text{BBN}}) \left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{BBN}}} \right)^{n_D}$$

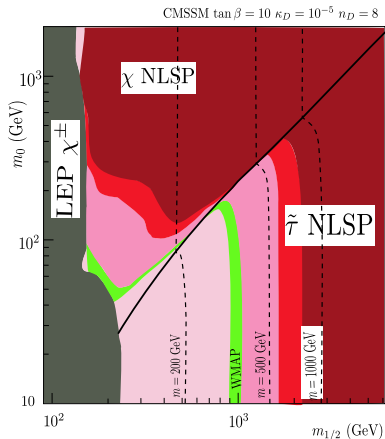
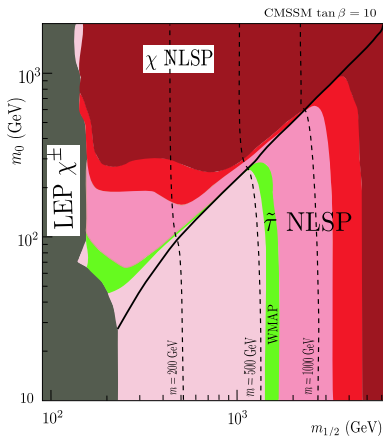
with $T_{\text{BBN}} = 10 \text{ MeV}$

As we require a radiation dominated era for the beginning of BBN, we introduce the parameter

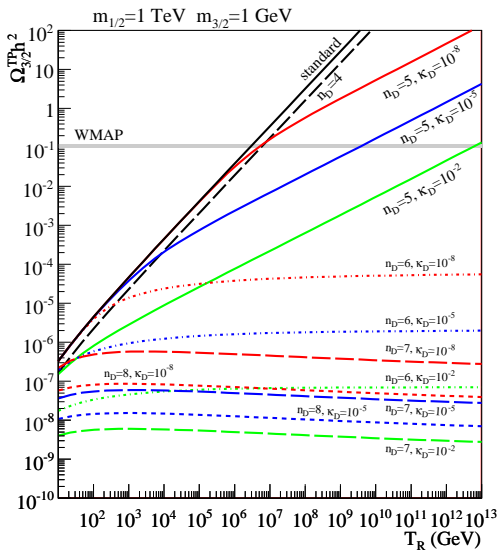
$$\kappa_D = \frac{\rho_D(T_{\text{BBN}})}{\rho_{\text{rad}}(T_{\text{BBN}})} \ll 1$$

where the radiation density $\rho_{\text{rad}}(T) = g_{\text{eff}}(T) \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$

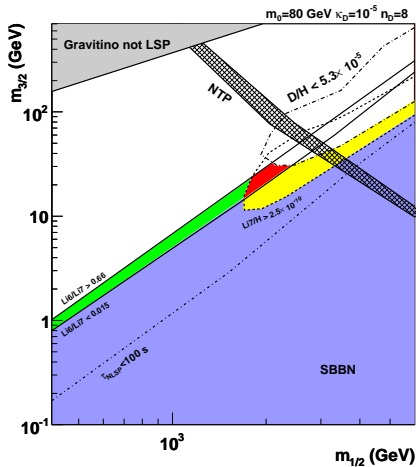
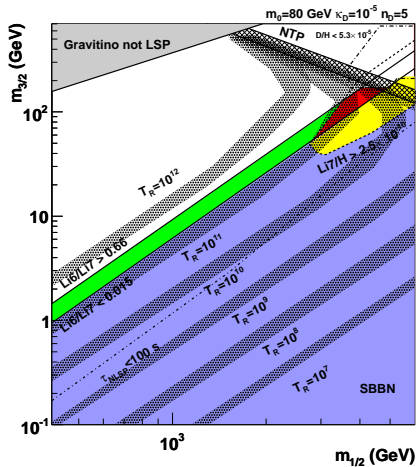
Since the Hubble parameter is larger as in the standard scenario, the NLSP freeze-out occurs earlier



The thermal contribution is suppressed compared to the standard scenario



For a given mass, more NLSP particles decay during BBN



Dark matter

- Gravitino good candidate
- Non-thermal production and thermal production

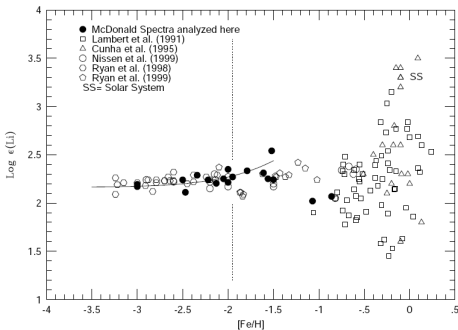
Lithium problems

- Scenario to solve the lithium problems
- SBBN puts constraints on the model

Modified Hubble parameter

- Solution for the reheating temperature
- Lighter mass spectrum
- Constraints on the pre-BBN era

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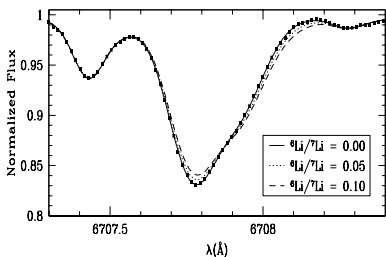


Spite plateau points to a primordial abundance which disagrees with SBBN

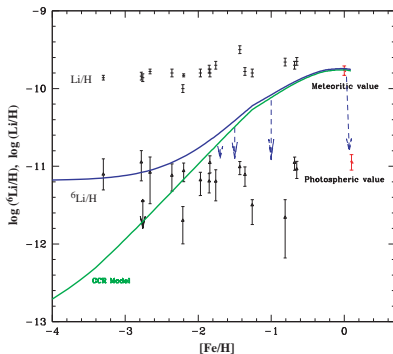
Many possible origin of discrepancy

Particle decay during BBN [Moroi et al. \(1993\)](#), [Feng et al. \(2003\)](#), [Cerdeno et al. \(2005\)](#)

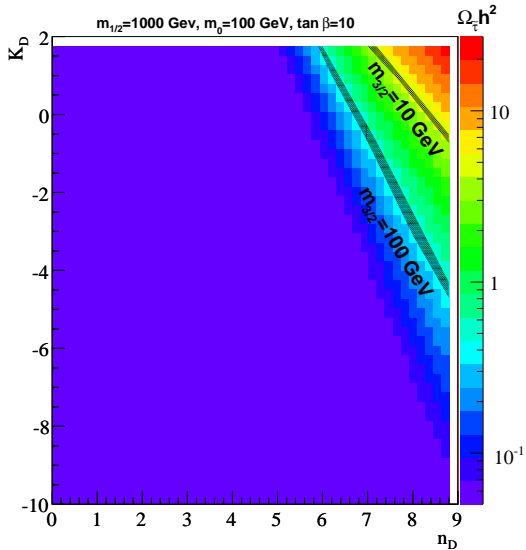
Debate on the existence of plateau ?



Many possible origin of discrepancy
Particle decay during BBN



Rollinde et al. (2006)



$$Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \left(1 + \frac{M_{\alpha}^2}{3m_{3/2}^2} \right) y'_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}^2 \ln \left(\frac{k_{\alpha}}{g_{\alpha}} \right) \int_{T_{\text{BBN}}}^{T_R} \frac{dT}{\left[1 + \kappa_D \left(\frac{T}{T_{\text{BBN}}} \right)^{n_D-4} \right]^{1/2}}$$

For κ_D , we recover the standard value Y_{PS}

- $n_D = 4$

$$Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}}) = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa_D} Y_{\text{PS}}(T_{\text{BBN}})$$

- $n_D > 4$

$$Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}}) = Y_{\text{PS}}(T_{\text{BBN}}) \times {}_2F_1 \left(1/N, 1/2; 1 + 1/N; -\kappa_D \left(\frac{T_R}{T_{\text{BBN}}} \right)^N \right)$$

Relic density

$$\Omega_{3/2}^{\text{TP}} h^2 = 2.742 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right) Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}})$$

The **thermal contribution is suppressed** compared to the standard scenario

