
Gravitino, dark matter candidate and BBN

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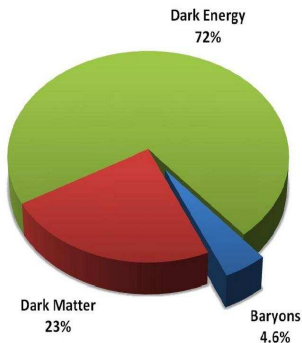
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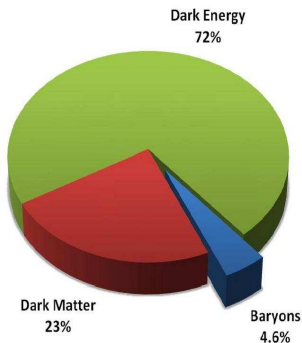
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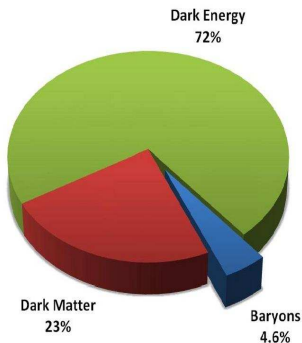
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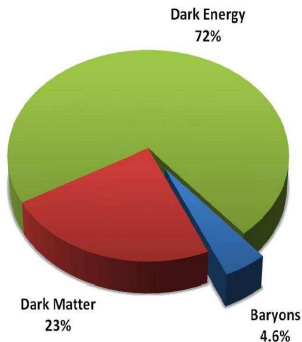
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A simple framework

- Extension of the Standard Model: Supersymmetry
- Constrained Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (CMSSM)
- Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP): gravitino
- Conservation of R-parity

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

- The constraints require low reheating temperature and heavy mass spectrum
- Non-standard cosmology with a modified Hubble parameter

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Symmetry between bosons and fermions

$$Q |\text{fermion}\rangle = |\text{boson}\rangle \quad Q |\text{boson}\rangle = |\text{fermion}\rangle$$

New particles with same mass as SM partners

Broken symmetry

- No observation of superpartners
- SUSY breaking mechanism is unknown
- Explicit breaking terms included in effective SUSY lagrangian

CMSSM: $m_{1/2}, \quad m_0, \quad A_0, \quad \tan\beta, \quad \text{sgn}\,\mu$

R-parity conservation

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

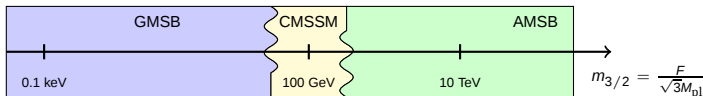
The lightest SUSY particle is stable

Supergravity

- If supersymmetry is a broken local symmetry: supergravity
- Graviton and its superpartner, the gravitino $\tilde{G}$ (3/2-spin particle)
- Super-Higgs mechanism: $\tilde{G}$ becomes massive

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

where $\sqrt{F}$ is the SUSY breaking scale



But here we will take the **gravitino mass as a free parameter**.

Gravitino interactions

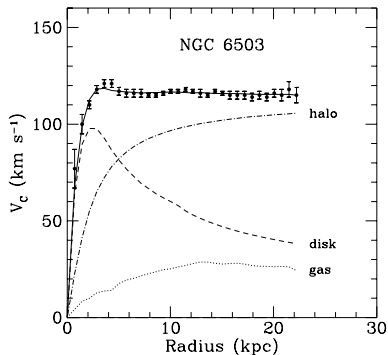
$$\text{Gravitational interactions} \propto \frac{m_{\text{soft}}^2}{F} \propto \frac{m_{\text{soft}}^2}{\textcolor{red}{m}_{3/2} \textcolor{blue}{M}_{\text{Pl}}}$$

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- First observations: F. Zwicky (1933)
- Study of galactic rotation curves: V. Rubin (1970's)

Other observations

- Large scale structure formation
- Gravitational lensing
- CMB
- Bullet Cluster
- ...



WMAP five-year data giving at 3σ Komatsu et al. (2008)

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.1099 \pm 0.0124$$

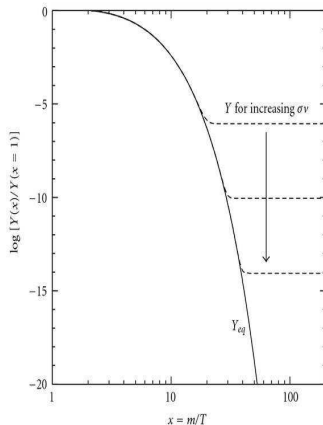
The Boltzmann equation

$$\dot{n}_X + 3Hn_X = -\langle\sigma v\rangle\left(n_X^2 - n_X^{eq^2}\right)$$

In a radiation dominated universe

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{45G}} \frac{g_*^{1/2} m_X}{x^2} <\sigma v> \left(Y^2 - Y_{eq}^2\right)$$

with $x = m_X/T$ and $Y = n_X/s$



The relic density reads:

$$\Omega_X h^2 = 2.742 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{m_X}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right) Y(T_0)$$

Good candidate

- No charges
- Super Weakly Interacting Massive Particle
- SUSY LSP with R-parity conservation: stable

Gravitino production

- Non-thermal production
- Thermal production

Non-thermal production from NLSP decay

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

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

Gravitino dark matter: thermal production

During reheating, gravitinos can be produced in scattering processes

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

$$\begin{aligned}g + g &\rightarrow \tilde{g} + \tilde{G} \\q + g &\rightarrow \tilde{q} + \tilde{G} \\q + q &\rightarrow \tilde{g} + \tilde{G} \\&\dots\end{aligned}$$

$$Y_{\text{PS}}(T_{\text{BBN}}) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \left(1 + \frac{M_{\alpha}^2}{3m_{3/2}^2} \right) y_{\alpha} g_{\alpha}^2 \ln \left(\frac{k_{\alpha}}{g_{\alpha}} \right) \left(\frac{T_R}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

Thermal contribution to relic density

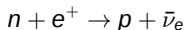
$$\Omega_{3/2}^{\text{TP}} h^2 \simeq 0.32 \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{3/2}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{1/2}}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{T_R}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

Gravitino relic density

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

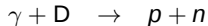
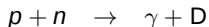
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- Before 1 s : weak interactions



- Weak interaction freeze-out
 $n/p = e^{-Q/T_f} \sim 1/6 \rightarrow 1/7$

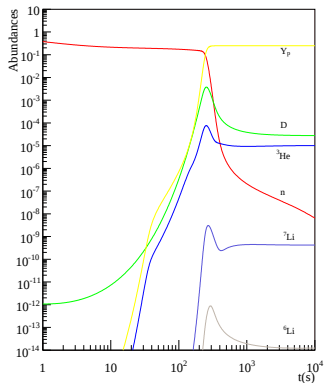
- Deuterium bottleneck



- Deuterium production starts at 200 s
- $D + p \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + \gamma$, $D + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + p$

- ${}^4\text{He}$: most stable element, absorbs all neutrons

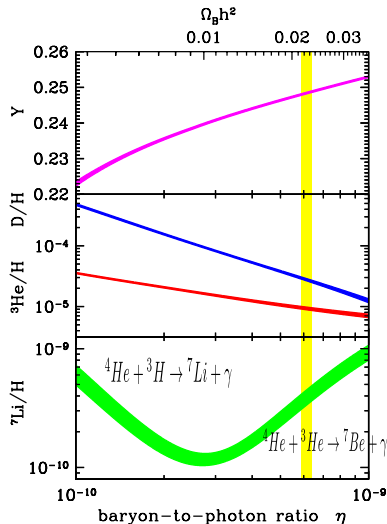
$$Y_p = \frac{2n}{p+n} \simeq 0.25$$



- No stable element at $A = 5$ and $A = 8$
- Small abundances of ${}^6\text{Li}$, ${}^7\text{Li}$

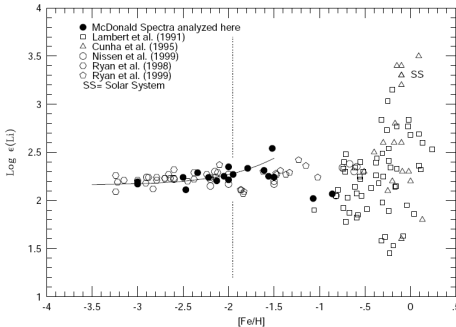
- SBBN has only one free parameter
- Measurement by WMAP

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



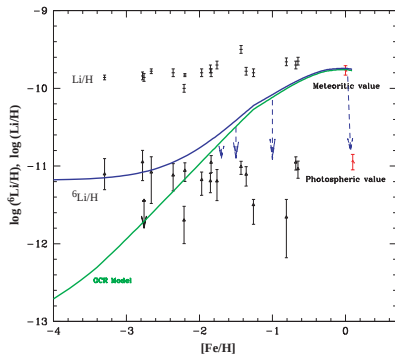
Element	SBBN	Observations
$\left(\frac{\text{D}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$(2.60 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-5}$	$(2.68^{+0.27}_{-0.25}) \times 10^{-5}$
$\left(\frac{{}^3\text{He}}{\text{H}}\right)$	$(1.05 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5}$
Y_p	0.2487 ± 0.0006	0.242 ± 0.002
$\left(\frac{{}^6\text{Li}}{\text{H}}\right)$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

Spite plateau points to a primordial abundance which disagrees with SBBN



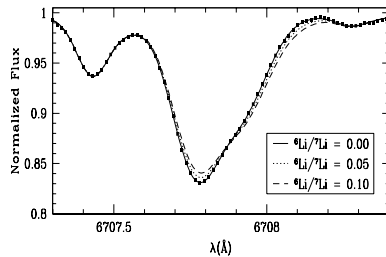
Possible origin of discrepancy

- Nuclear rates (re-examined and restricted by solar neutrino flux [Coc et al. \(2003\)](#), [Cyburt et al. \(2003\)](#))
- Stellar depletion [Richard et al. \(2004\)](#), [Korn et al. \(2006\)](#)
- Star temperature scale [Melendez & Ramirez \(2004\)](#)
- Particle decay during BBN [Moroi et al. \(1993\)](#), [Feng et al. \(2003\)](#), [Cerdeno et al. \(2005\)](#)



Rollinde et al. (2006)

Debate on the existence of plateau ?

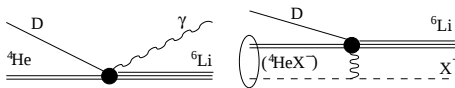


Origin

- Cosmic rays in the galactic formation Suzuki & Inoue (2002)
- Cosmic rays from Pop III stars Rollinde et al. (2006)
- Particle decay during BBN

- Massive unstable particle X with lifetime $\tau_X \sim 10^2 - 10^6$ s
- Decay to Standard Model particles
- Injection of photons and nucleons: photodisintegration, ^4He spallation. . .
- ^6Li production: $n(^4\text{He}, pn)^3\text{H}(\alpha, n)^6\text{Li}$
- ^7Li destruction: $^7\text{Be}(n, p)^7\text{Li}(p, \alpha)^4\text{He}$
- Abundance change is constrained by observations

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



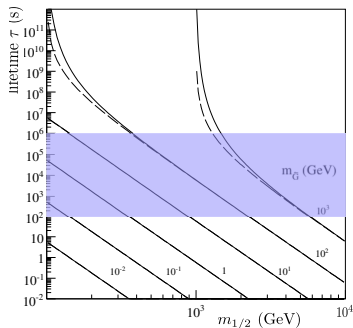
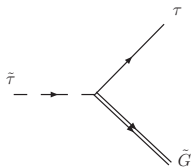
- $\sigma_{\text{CBBN}} \simeq 10^8 \times \sigma_{\text{SBBN}}$
- Important production of lithium-6 for $\tau \gtrsim 3000$ s

The BBN code developed by [K. Jedamzik \(2006\)](#) takes all CBBN effects into account (CBBN reaction rates [Kamimura et al. \(2008\)](#))

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The two-body decay dominates

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



The lepton τ decay processes:

- mesons : $\tau \rightarrow \pi^- \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow \pi^- \pi^0 \nu_\tau$
- leptons : $\tau \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau, \tau \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$

For stau lifetimes < 100 s, the mesons interact hadronically inducing charge [exchange reactions](#) $n \leftrightarrow p$ with an increasing ratio n/p . The impact on BBN is an increased ^4He abundance strongly constrained by observations.

For stau lifetimes > 100 s, the mesons [decay electromagnetically](#). In a good approximation, the two body decay of the stau induces dominantly an electromagnetic cascade.

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

Hadronic cascade: four-body decay (1/3)

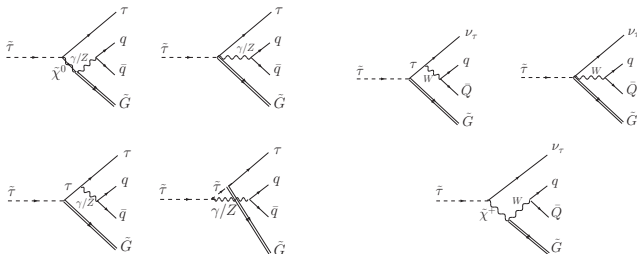
First approach : $B_{\text{had}}(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q}) = B_{\text{had}}(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} Z) B(Z \rightarrow q \bar{q})$ Feng (2003)

A more general calculation Steffen (2006)

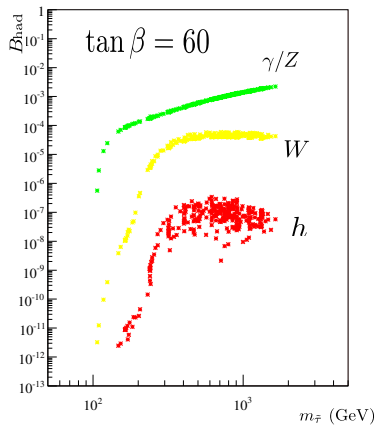
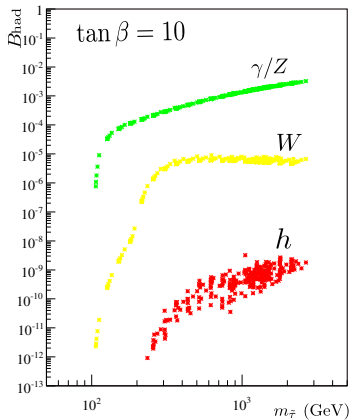
$$B_{\text{had}}(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q}; m_{q\bar{q}}^{\text{cut}}) = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q})}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}}$$

with the 4-body decay width

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



Hadronic cascade: four-body decay (2/3)

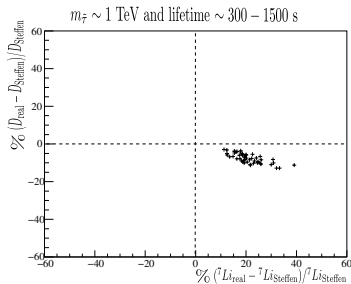
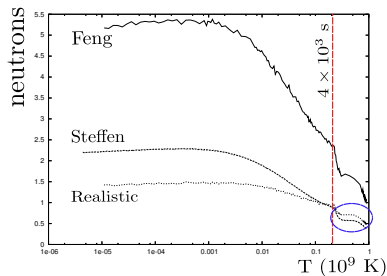


Hadronic energy Steffen (2006)

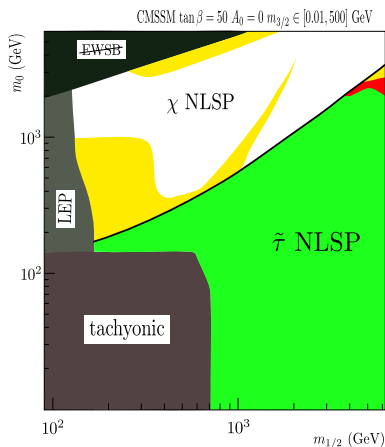
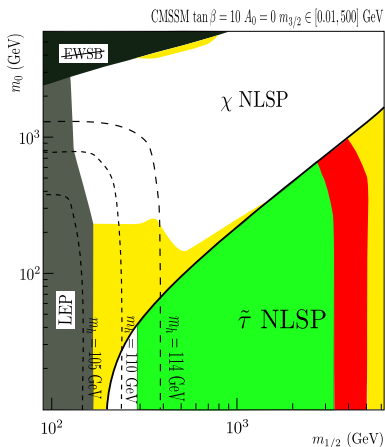
$$E_{\text{had}} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q})} \int_{m_{q\bar{q}}}^{m_{\tilde{\tau}} - m_{3/2} - m_{\tau}} dm_{q\bar{q}} m_{q\bar{q}} \frac{d\Gamma(\tilde{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \tilde{G} q \bar{q})}{dm_{q\bar{q}}}$$

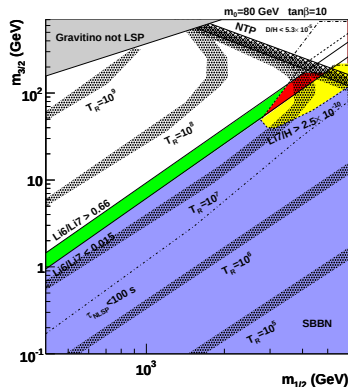
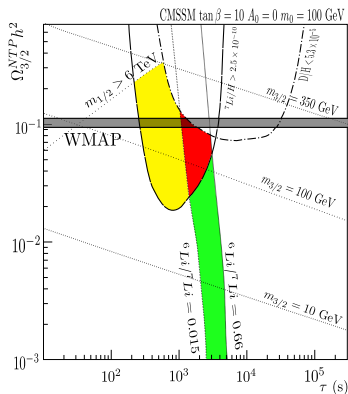
Realistic calculation

Use of CalCHEP (event generation) + PYTHIA (realistic neutron distribution)



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





The red region solves both problems simultaneously for $m_{1/2} = [3 - 5]$ TeV corresponding to stau masses $m_{\tilde{\tau}} = [1 - 1.8]$ TeV and gravitino masses $m_{3/2} = 60 - 120$ GeV

Matter-antimatter asymmetry

To explain

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

A possible scenario is the **thermal leptogenesis**

A requirement for this model is $T_R > 2 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$

Our scenario:

- requires lower reheating temperature $T_R \lesssim 10^7 \text{ GeV}$
- has quite heavy masses (above LHC range)

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Addition of a dark component in the early 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 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 $\rho_{\text{rad}}(T) = g_{\text{eff}}(T) \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$

Modified Hubble parameter

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

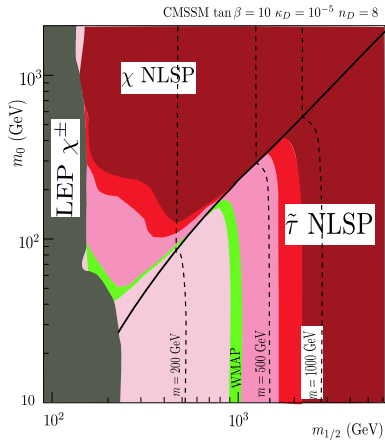
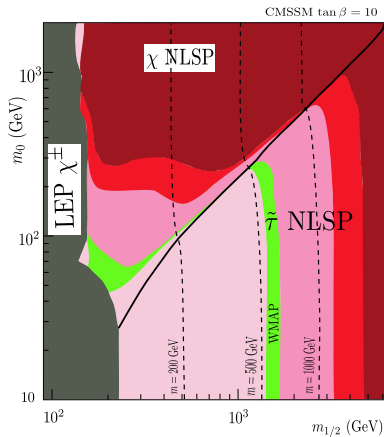
Since the Hubble parameter is larger as in the standard scenario, the NLSP freeze-out occurs earlier

Boltzmann equation

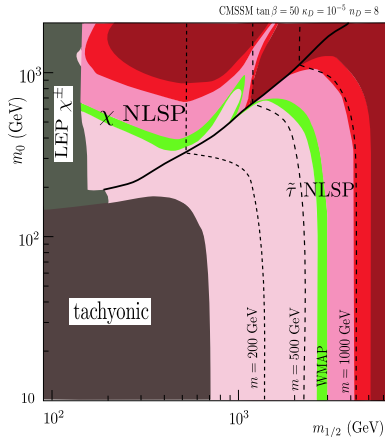
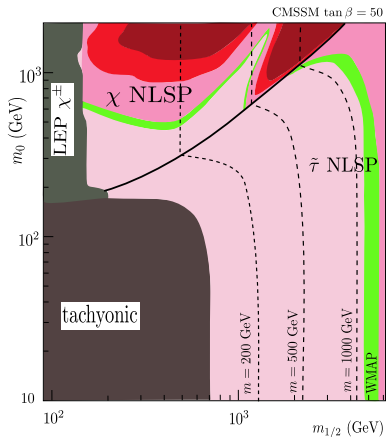
$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{45}} \frac{g_*^{1/2} m_{\text{NLSP}}}{x^2} \left(1 + \frac{\rho_D(T)}{\rho_{\text{rad}} \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4} \right)^{-1/2} \langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle (Y^2 - Y_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

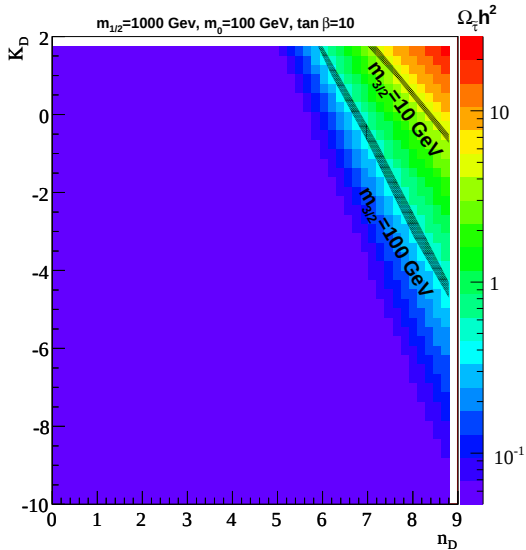
The NLSP abundance is higher, same for the gravitino relic density

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



Non-thermal production (3/4)





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

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

- $n_D = 4$

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

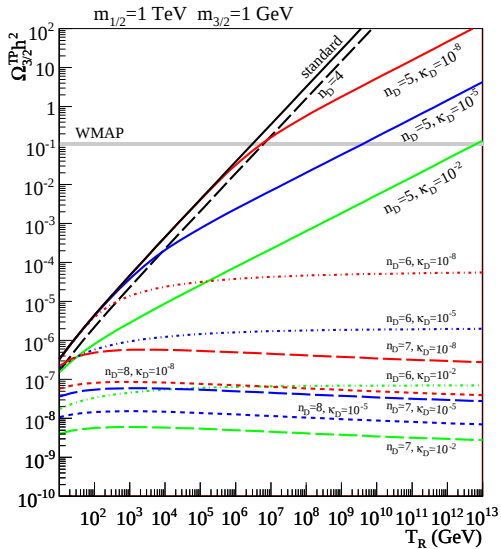
- $n_D > 4$

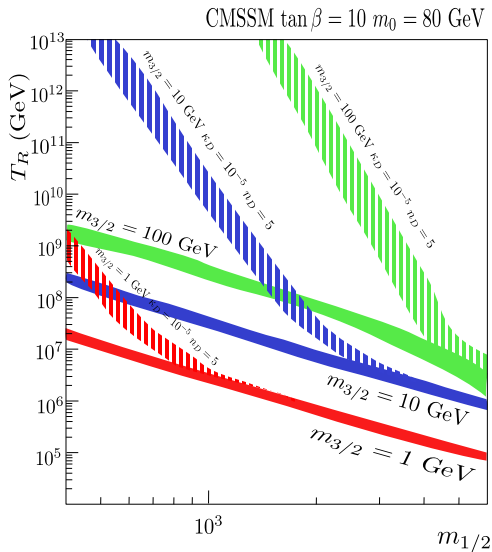
$$Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}}) = Y_{\text{PS}}(T_{\text{BBN}}) \times {}_2F_1 \left(1/N, 1/2; 1 + 1/N; -\kappa_D \left(\frac{T_R}{T_{\text{BBN}}} \right)^N \right)$$

Relic density

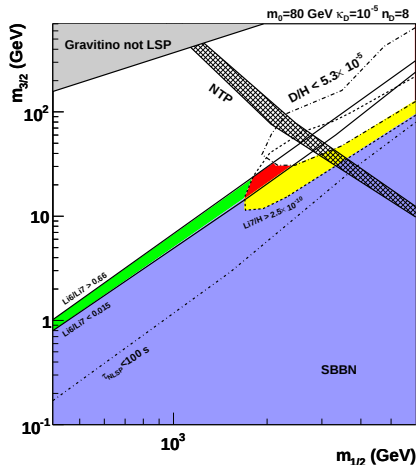
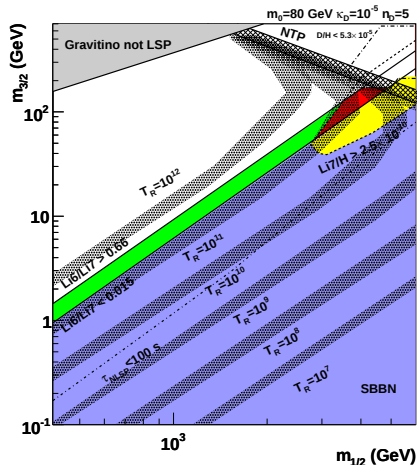
$$\Omega_{3/2}^{\text{TP}} h^2 = 2.742 \times 10^8 \left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right) Y_{3/2}(T_{\text{BBN}})$$

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





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