

The Primordial Abundance of Stau NLSPs

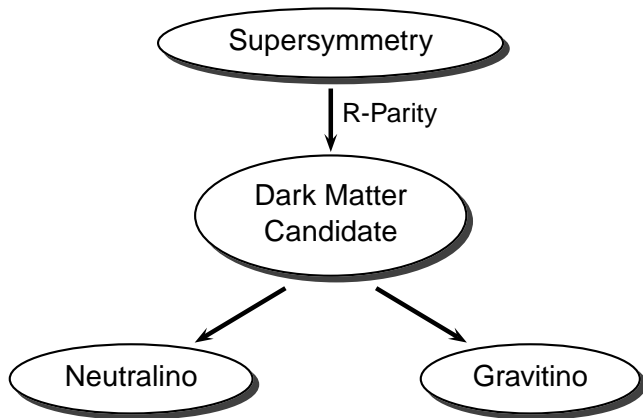
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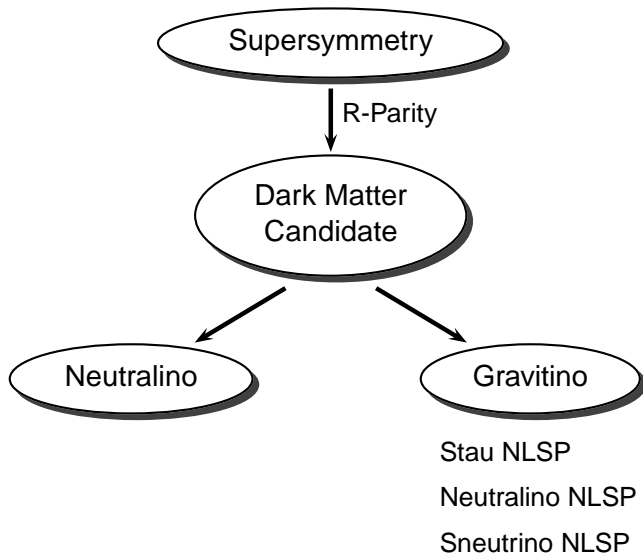
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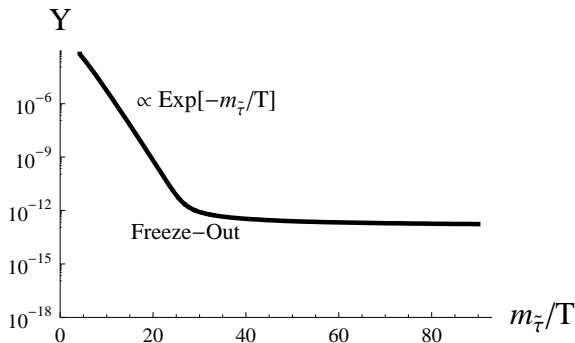
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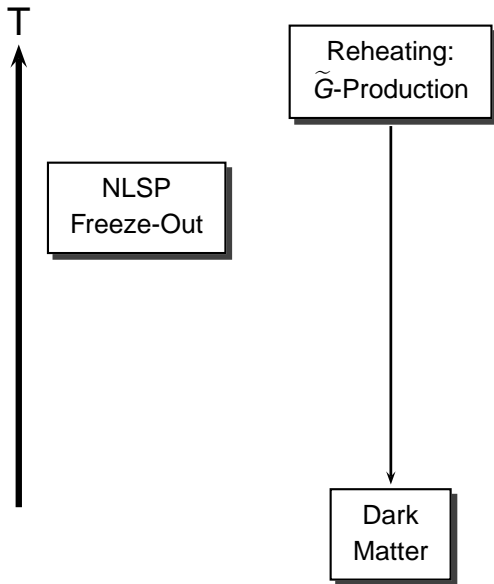
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Early Universe

- Gravitinos produced at the end of inflation \Rightarrow Dark Matter
Bolz, Brandenburg, Buchmüller, Nucl. Phys. **B606** (2001)
- SM superpartners cascade into stau NLSPs
- Stau abundance decreases till freeze-out

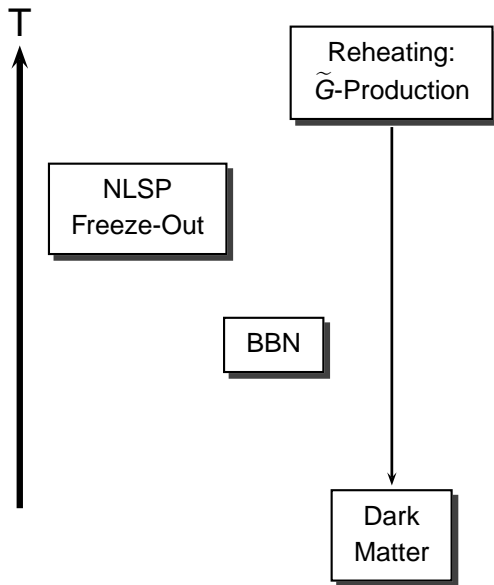


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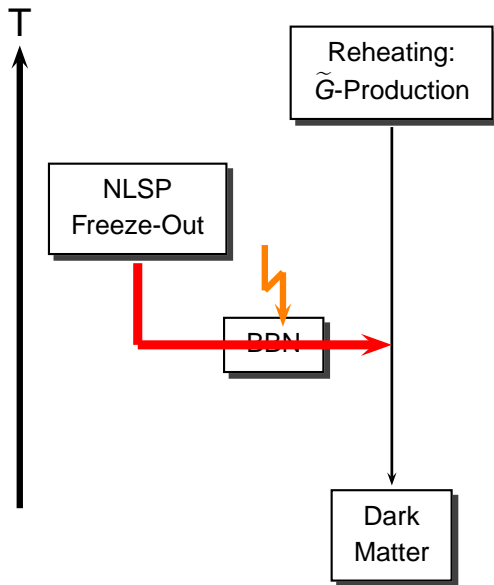
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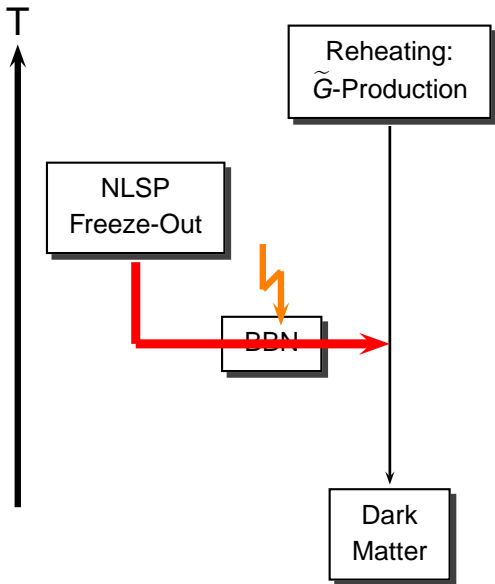
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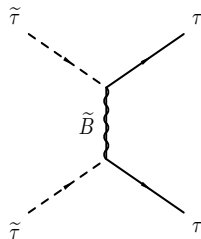
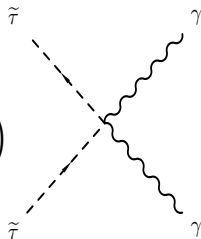
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Right-handed $\tilde{\tau}$

\Rightarrow Small couplings

$$Y_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim 10^{-13} \times \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{\tau}}}{140 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

Asaka, Hamaguchi, Suzuki,
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- Coupling between h and $\tilde{\tau}_1$ (decoupling limit):

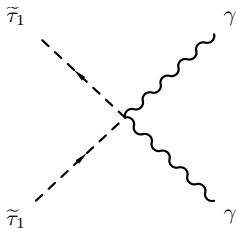
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{y^\tau \mu}{\sqrt{2}} \sin 2\theta_{\tilde{\tau}} h \tilde{\tau}_1 \tilde{\tau}_1^*$$

Can be very strong!

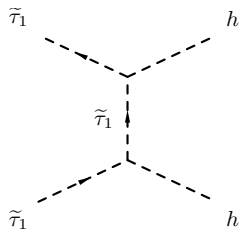
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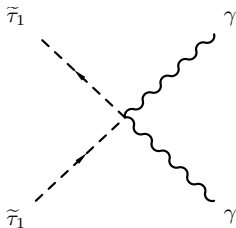
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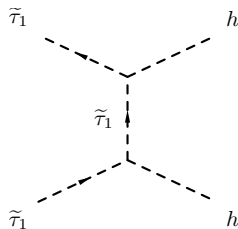
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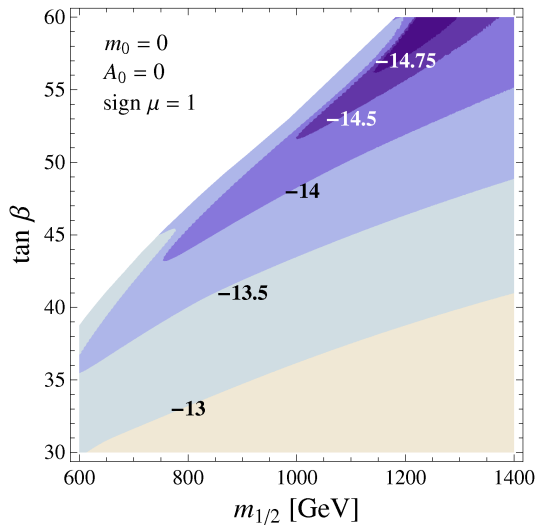
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$$Y \sim 10^{-15}$$

(Cosmological bound: 2×10^{-15})

Relic Abundance in the CMSSM



- Lower Limit: $Y_{\tilde{\tau}} \sim 10^{-15}$ (Vacuum Stability)

- Production of long-lived staus
 - Decay chains of colored superpartners
 - Drell-Yan production: $q + \bar{q} \rightarrow \tilde{\tau} + \tilde{\tau}^*$
- Measure stau-Higgs-coupling
- Trapping of staus in extra detector
 - Hamaguchi, Kuno, Nakaya, Nojiri, Phys. Rev. **D70** (2004)
 - Decay of staus: gravitino = LSP
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- All ingredients of this scenario will be tested at LHC