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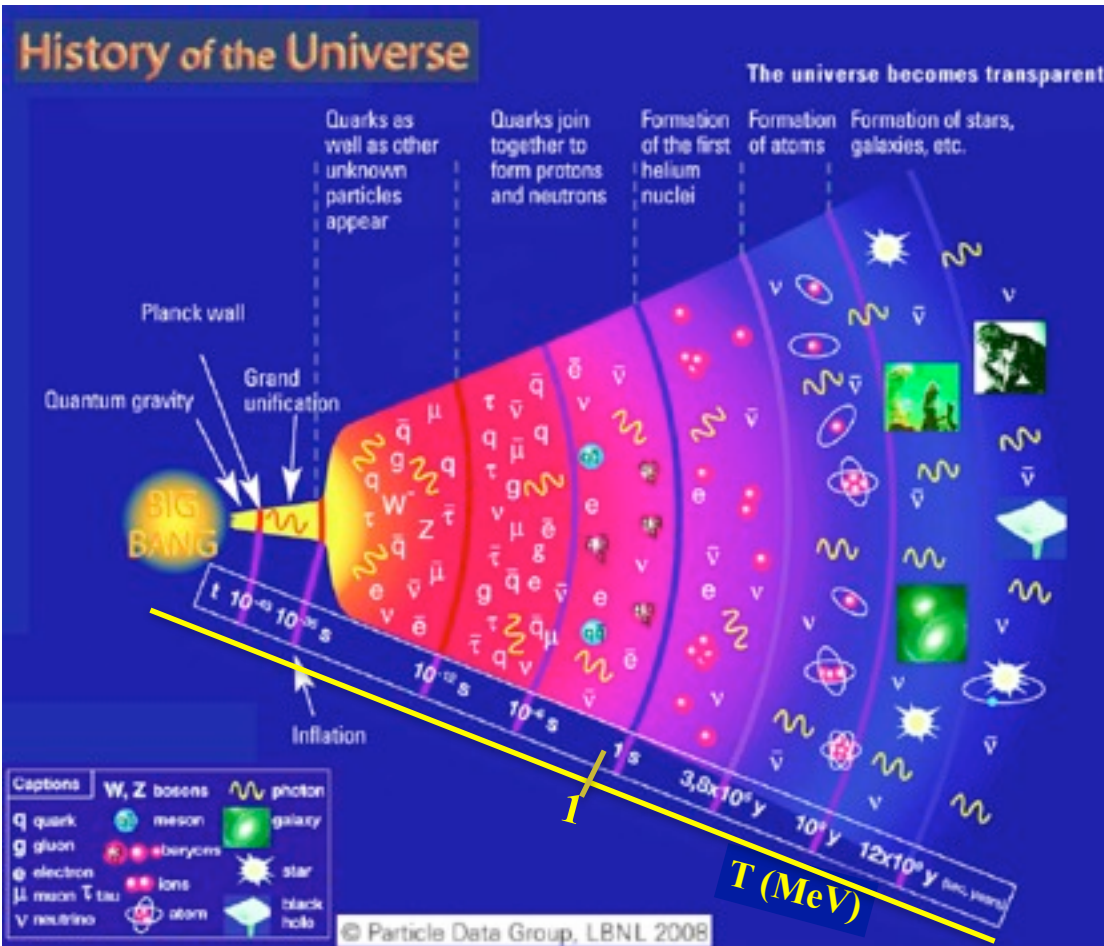
Neutrinos in Cosmology after Planck



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ν in the Early Universe



- $T \gg 1 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow \nu$'s are populated (and reach a thermal distribution) by weak interactions

• $T_d \sim 1 \text{ MeV} (1 \text{ sec}): \Gamma_{\text{wk}}(T_d) = H(T_d)$

ν decoupling by weak interactions with the primordial plasma \rightarrow CNB
(Cosmic Neutrino Background)

Relic ν are very abundant, not detected yet but established by cosmological observables at different epochs:

the CNB contributes to radiation at early times and to matter at late times

- * Thermal distribution: $T_\nu = 1.95 \text{ K}$
- * Number density ($\nu + \bar{\nu}$): $112 \text{ cm}^{-3}/\text{flavor}$
- * Mean kinetic energy: $\ll \text{meV}$
- * Energy density ($m > T$): $\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_i m_i}{94.1 \text{ eV}}$

BBN	CMB	LSS
$T \sim 0.8 \text{ MeV}$	$T < \text{eV}$	
ν flavor sensitivity	ν mass sensitivity	
N_{eff}	N_{eff}	

Radiation Content in the Universe

At $T < m_e$, the radiation content of the Universe is

$$\varepsilon_R = \varepsilon_\gamma + \varepsilon_\nu + \varepsilon_x$$

The **non-e.m.** energy density is parameterized by the effective numbers of neutrino species N_{eff}

$$\varepsilon_\nu + \varepsilon_x = \frac{7}{8} \frac{\pi^2}{15} T_\nu^4 N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{7}{8} \frac{\pi^2}{15} T_\nu^4 (N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} + \Delta N)$$

$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.046 \quad \text{due to non-instantaneous neutrino decoupling}$$

(+ oscillations)

At $T \sim m_e$, e^+e^- pairs annihilate heating photons.

Since $T_{\text{dec}}(\nu)$ is close to m_e , neutrinos share a small part of the entropy release

Mangano et al. 2005

ΔN = Extra Radiation: axions and axion-like particles, **sterile neutrinos** (totally or partially thermalized), neutrinos in very low-energy reheating scenarios, relativistic decay products of heavy particles...

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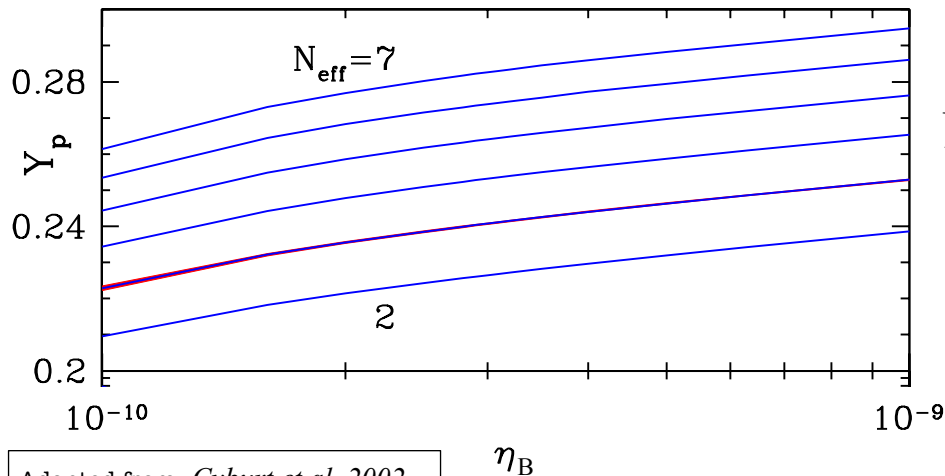
2) ν_α contribute to the radiation energy density that governs H before and during BBN

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G_N \epsilon_R}{3}} \propto N_{\text{eff}}$$

Changing the H would alter the n/p ratio at the onset of BBN and hence the light element abundances

Extra radiation impact on BBN and constraints

Light element abundances are sensitive to extra radiation:



$N_{\text{eff}} \uparrow \Rightarrow H \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{early freeze out } (T_d \uparrow) \Rightarrow n/p \uparrow \Rightarrow {}^4\text{He} \uparrow$

Upper limit on N_{eff} from constraints on primordial yields of D and ${}^4\text{He}$:

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \leq 1$$

(at 95% C.L.)

Mangano and Serpico. 2012

Same results from analysis on **sterile neutrino**:
no strong indication for $N_s > 0$ from BBN alone

Hamann et al, 2011

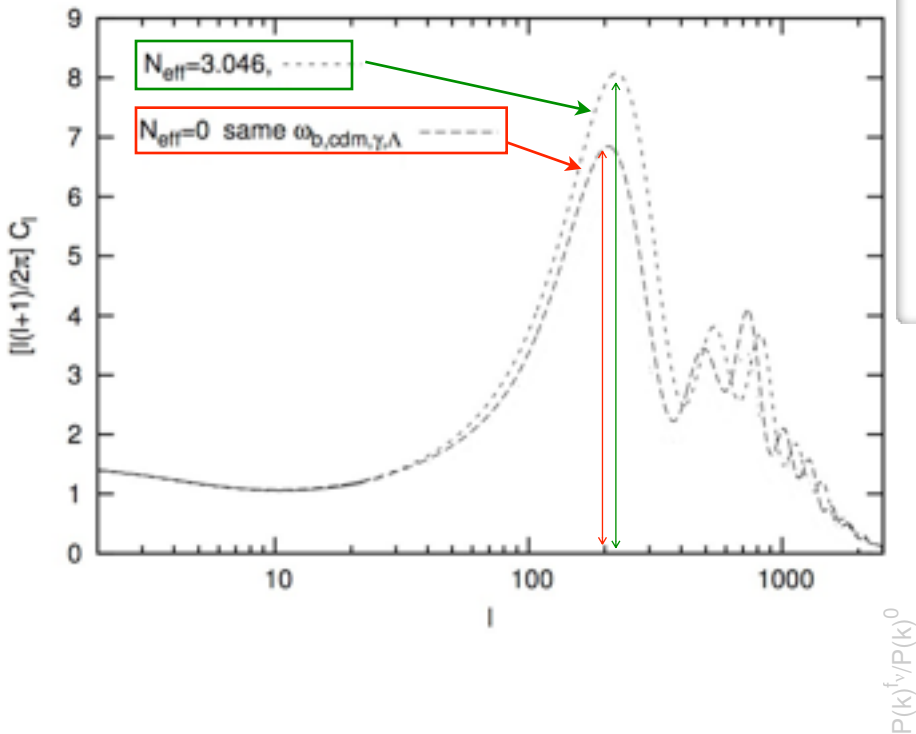
From a measurement of D in a particle astrophysical system:

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.0 \pm 0.5$$

Pettini and Cooke, 2013

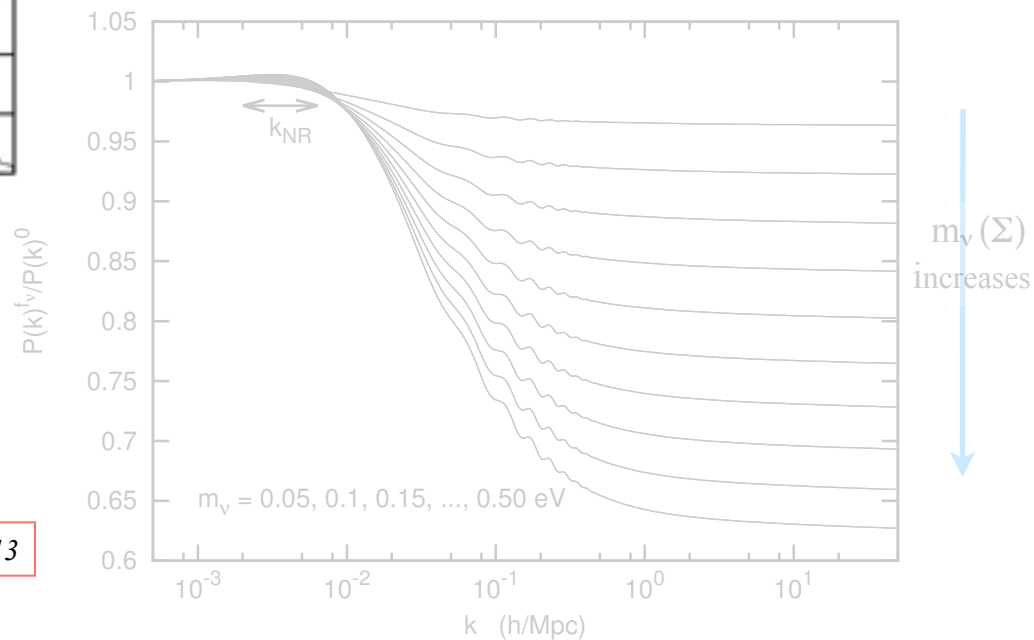
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N_{eff} and m_ν affect the time of *matter-radiation equality*
 → consequences on the amplitude of the first peak and on the peak locations

$$1 + z_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\omega_m}{\omega_\gamma} \frac{1}{1 + 0.227 N_{\text{eff}}}$$

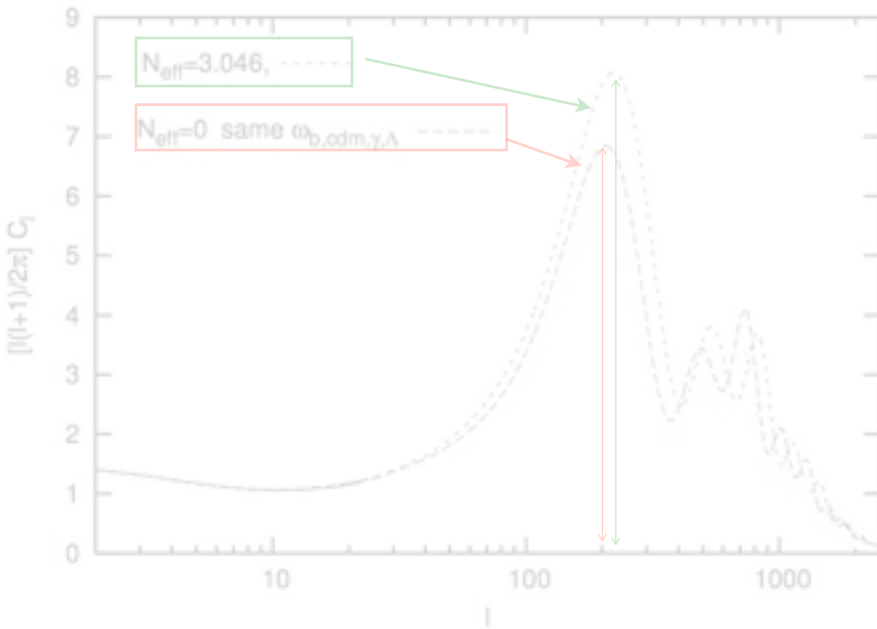


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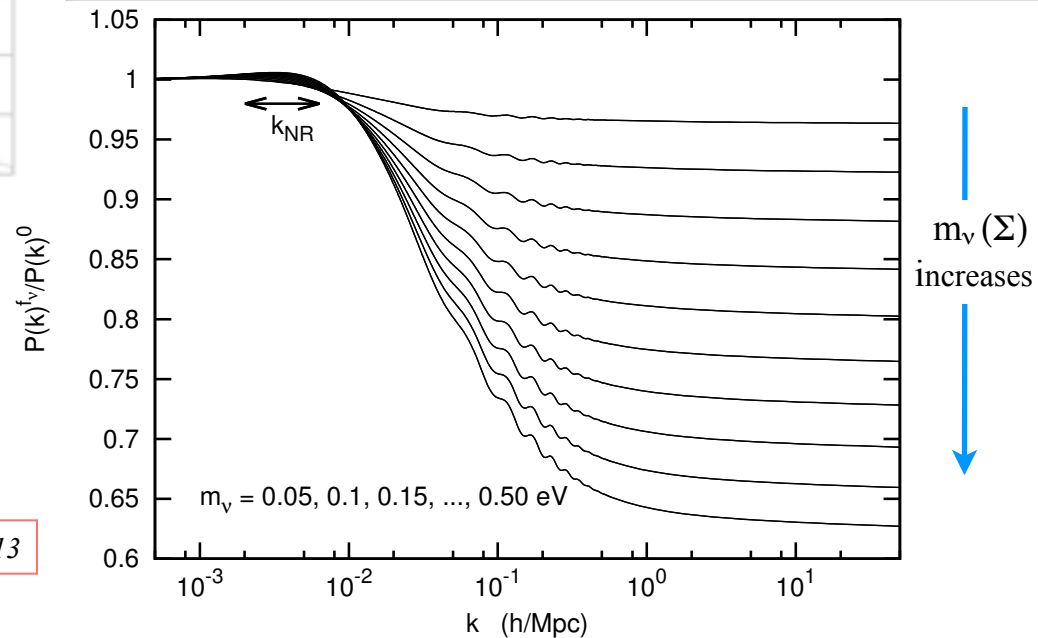
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The small-scale matter power spectrum $P(k > k_{\text{nr}})$ is reduced in presence of massive ν :

- ✓ free-streaming neutrinos do not cluster
- ✓ slower growth rate of CDM (baryon) perturbations



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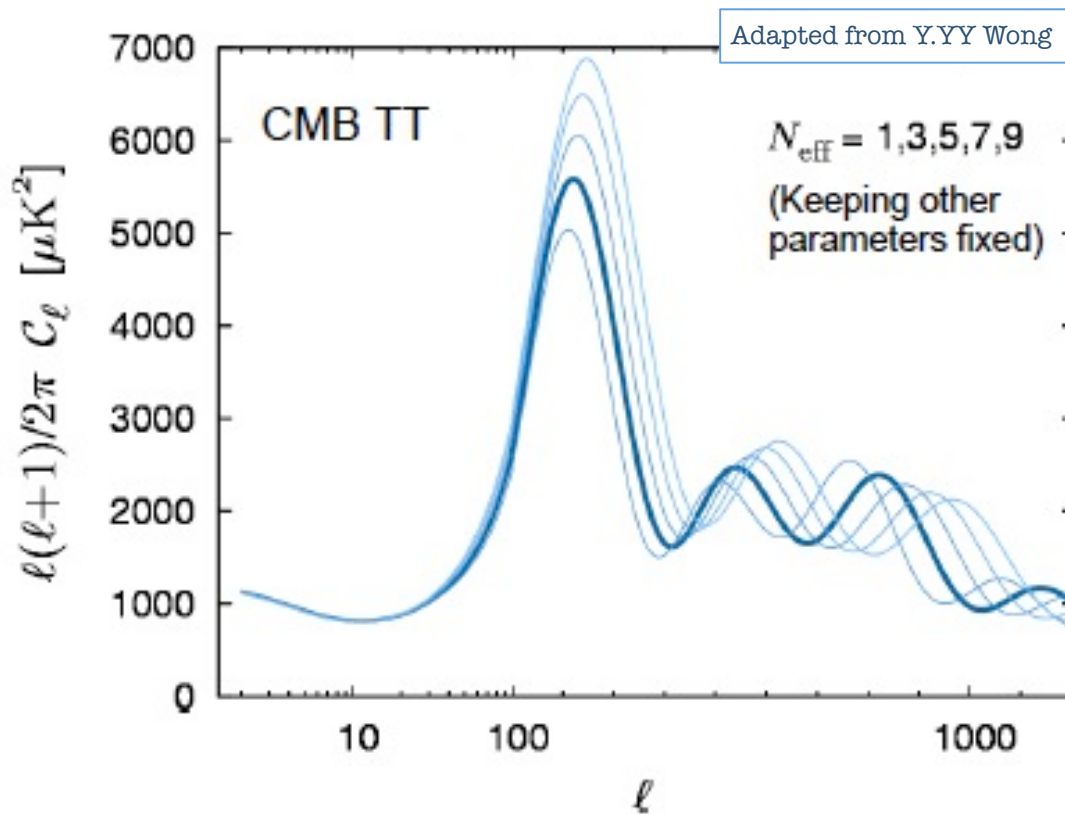
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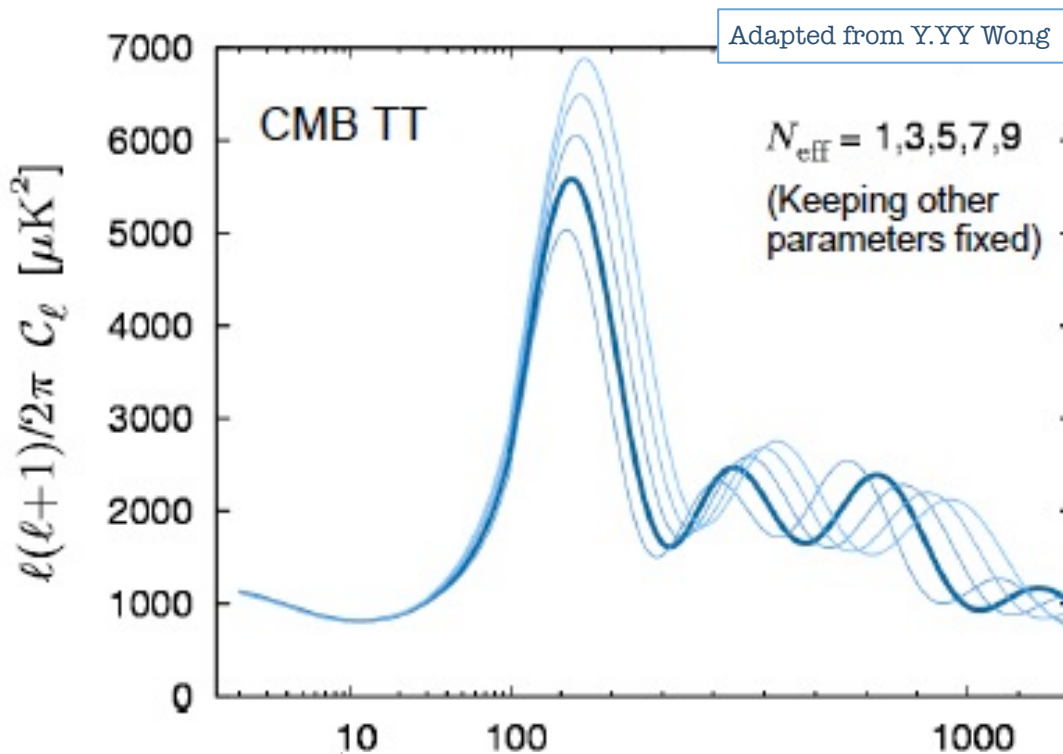


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Same data used to measure other cosmological parameters

basic parameters of Λ CDM:

$$(\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_c h^2, 100\theta_{MC}, n_s, A_s, \tau)$$

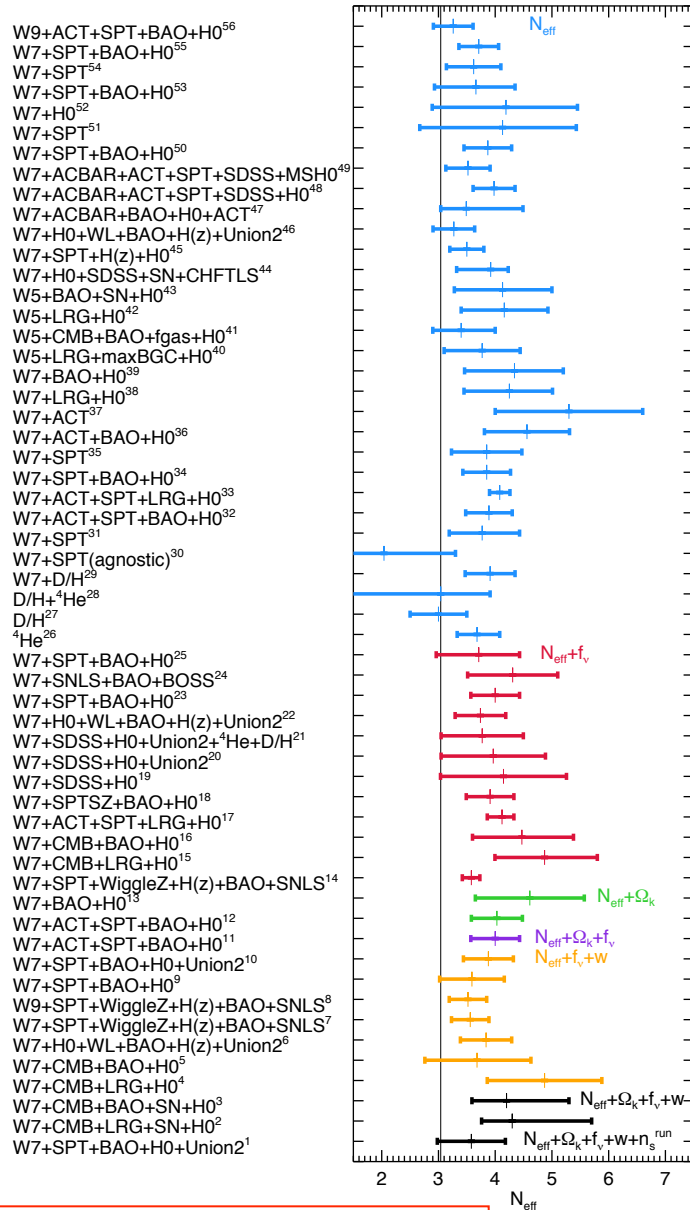
+ derived parameters

$$(H_0, \Omega_k, \Omega_\Lambda, N_{\text{eff}}, \sigma_8, \sum m_\nu, z_{re}, Y_p, w, \Omega_m z_{LS} \dots)$$

→ *degeneracies*

→ *necessary to combine with other cosmological probes*

CMB & LSS hints for extra radiation before Planck



Summarizing:

CMB (combined)	N_{eff}
WMAP5+ BAO+ H0+SN	4.4 ± 1.5 (68% C.L.)
WMAP7+ BAO+ H0	4.4 ± 0.84 (68% C.L.)
WMAP9+ BAO+ H0+ ACT+ SPT (Y _p fixed)	3.84 ± 0.40 (68% C.L.)

Komatsu et al., 2008,2010

G. Hinshaw, et al.2013

J.L.Sievers et al. 2013

Hints for extra radiation reduce over the years

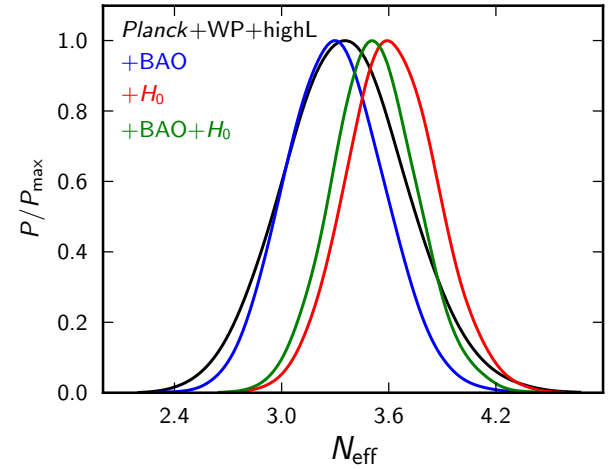
Slight preference for $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.046$

Riemer-Sørensen, Parkinson & Davis, 2013

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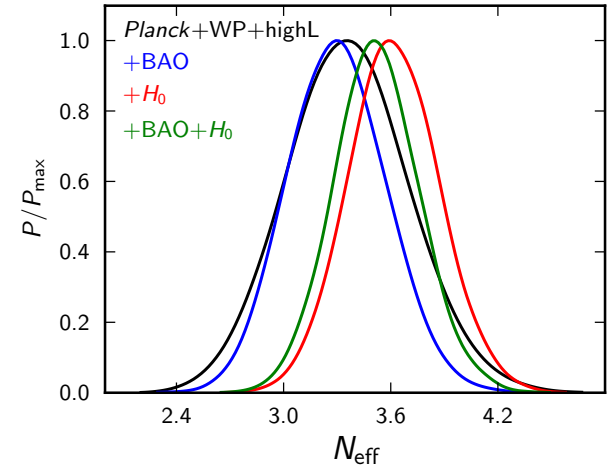
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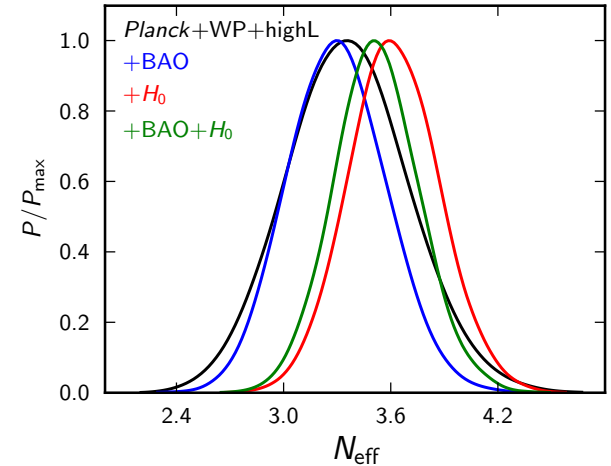
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*Light sterile neutrino
interpretation of extra
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Experimental anomalies & sterile ν interpretation

Some experimental data in tension with the standard 3 ν scenario:

(...and sometimes in tension among themselves....)

1. $\bar{\nu}_e$ appearance signals

- excess of $\bar{\nu}_e$ originated by initial $\bar{\nu}_\mu$: LSND/ MiniBooNE

A. Aguilar et al., 2001

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2. $\bar{\nu}_e$ and ν_e disappearance signals

- deficit in the ν_e fluxes from nuclear reactors (at short distance)

Mention et al. 2011

Acero, Giunti and Lavder, 2008

- reduced solar $\bar{\nu}_e$ event rate in Gallium experiments

Giunti and Lavder, 2011

Kopp, et al. 2011

These anomalies, if interpreted as oscillation signals, point towards the possible existence of *1* (or more) *sterile neutrino* with $\Delta m^2 \sim O(\text{eV}^2)$ and $\theta_s \sim O(\theta_{13})$

Many analysis have been performed \rightarrow 3+1, 3+2 schemes

Kopp et al., 2013

Giunti et al., 2013

Sterile neutrino : does not have weak interactions and does not contribute to the number of active neutrinos determined by LEP

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MSW effect with background medium
(refractive effect)

charged lepton asymmetry subleading ($O(10^{-9})$) ➔

➔ 2th order term: “symmetric” matter effect

sum of e^- - e^+ energy densities ε

$$E_\ell \equiv \text{diag}(\varepsilon_e, 0, 0, 0)$$

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refractive ν - ν term

self-interactions of ν with the ν background:
off-diagonal potentials \Rightarrow non-linear EoM

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symmetric term

$$\propto (\varrho + \bar{\varrho})$$

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asymmetric term

$$\propto (\varrho - \bar{\varrho}) \leftrightarrow L$$

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$$i \frac{d\varrho}{dx} = + \frac{x^2}{2m^2 y \bar{H}} [M^2, \varrho] + \frac{\sqrt{2} G_F m^2}{x^2 \bar{H}} \times \left[-\frac{8 y m^2}{3 x^2} \left(\frac{E_\ell}{m_W^2} - \frac{E_\nu}{m_Z^2} \right) + N_\nu, \varrho \right] + \underbrace{\frac{x \hat{C}[\varrho(y)]}{m \bar{H}}}_{\text{Collisional term}} \downarrow$$

Collisional term $\propto G_F^2$

creation, annihilation and all the momentum exchanging processes

Sigl and Raffelt 1993;

McKellar & Thomson, 1994

Dolgov et al., 2002.

Dolgov and Villante, 2003

Bounds on active-sterile mixing parameters after Planck

- ✓ sterile abundance by flavor evolution of the active-sterile system for 3+1 scenario (to be compared with the Planck constraints)

see also Cirelli, Marandella, Strumia and Vissani, 2004

- ✓ 2 sterile mixing angles (+ 3 active) $10^{-5} \leq \sin^2 \theta_{i4} \leq 10^{-1}$ (i= 1,2)

- ✓ sterile mass-square difference $\Delta m_{\text{st}}^2 = \Delta m_{41}^2$ (+ 2 active) $10^{-5} \leq \Delta m_{41}^2 / \text{eV}^2 \leq 10^2$

- ✓ *average-momentum* approximation (single momentum): $\varrho_{\mathbf{p}}(T) = f_{FD}(p)\rho(T)$ ($\langle p \rangle = 3.15 T$)

- ✓ conservative scenario: vanishing primordial neutrino asymmetry

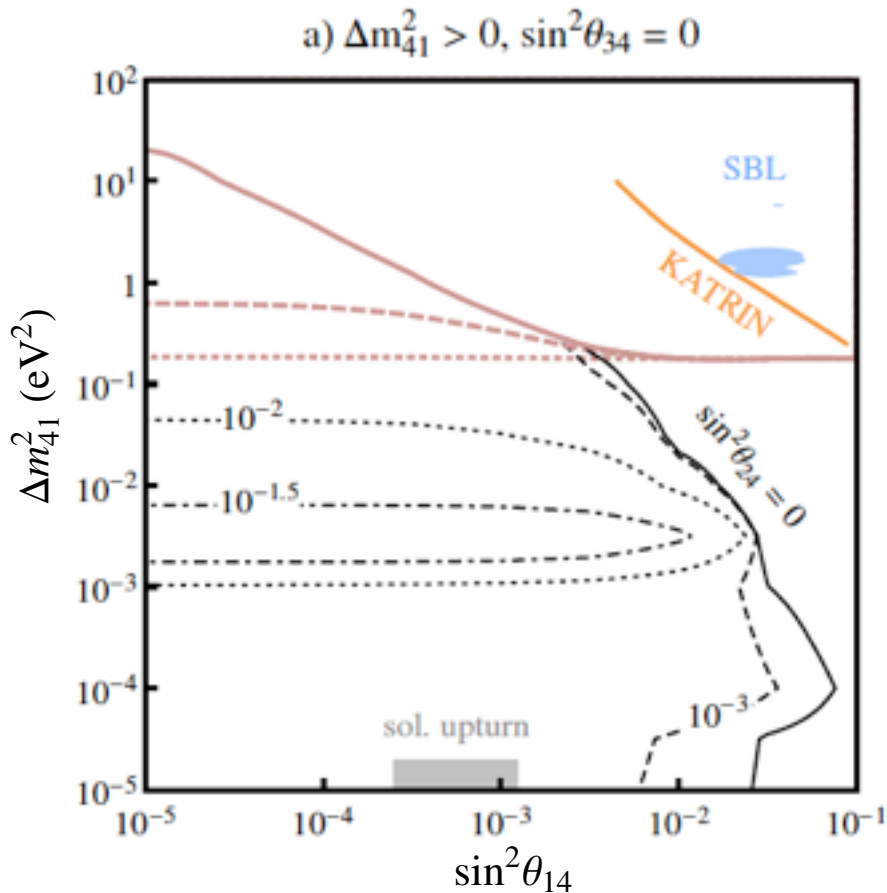
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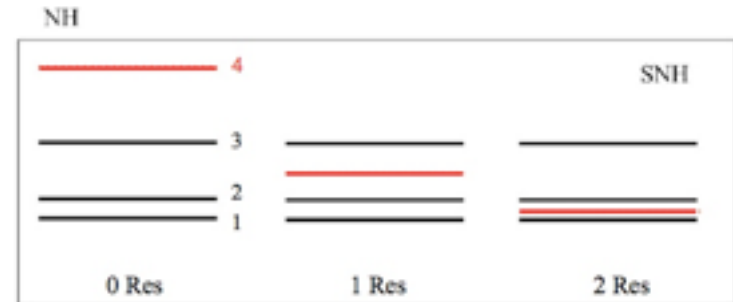
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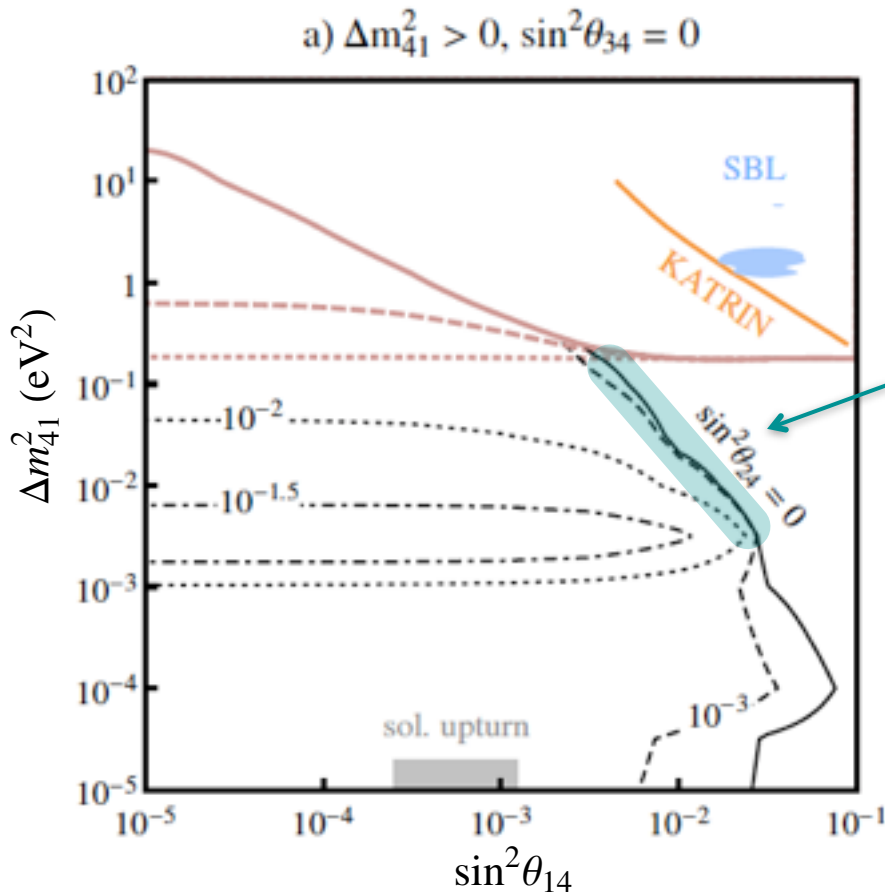


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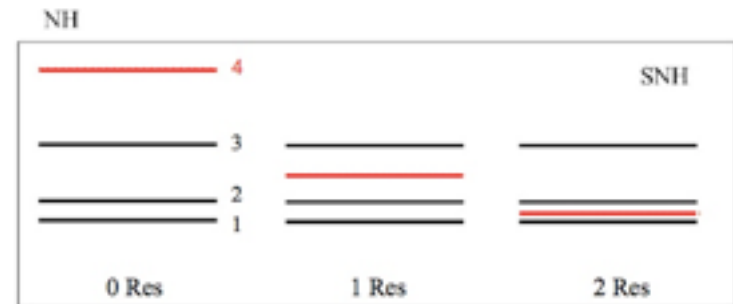
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simple behavior for $\theta_{24} \approx 0$ and for large sterile mass

see also Hannestad, Tamborra and Tram 2012



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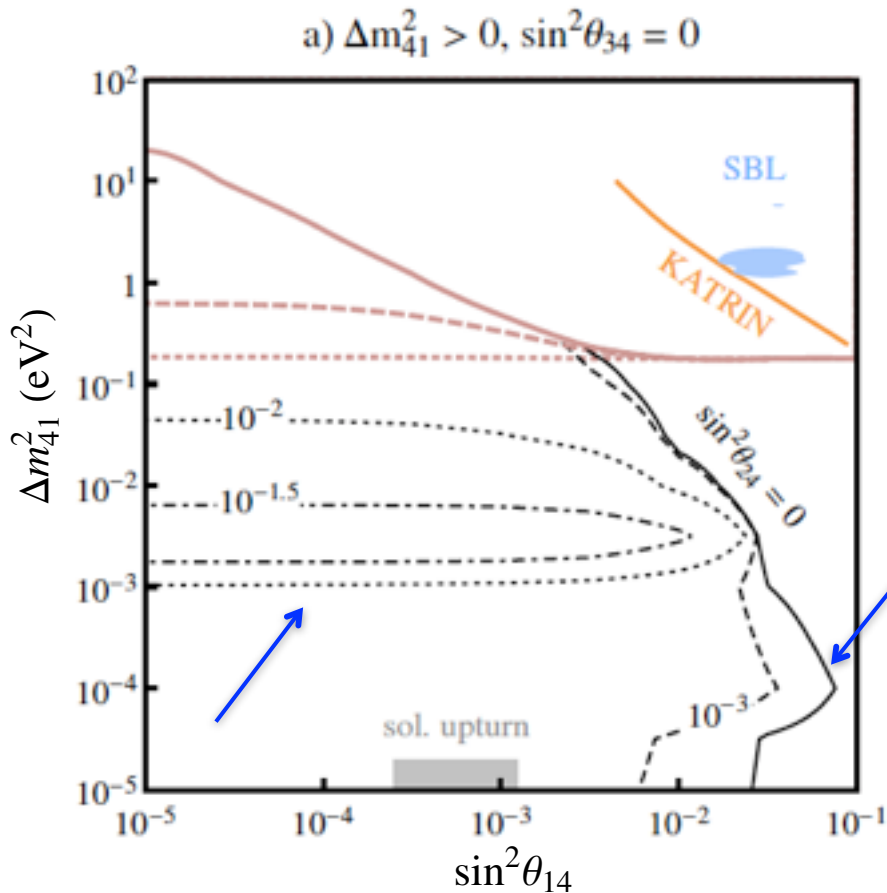
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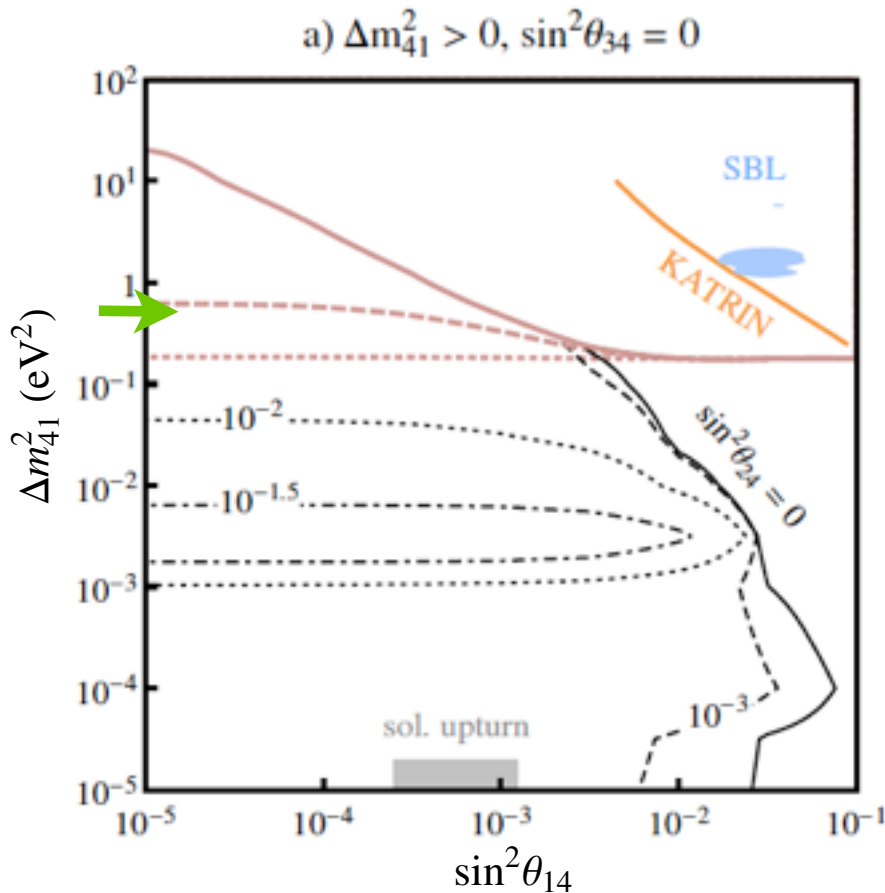
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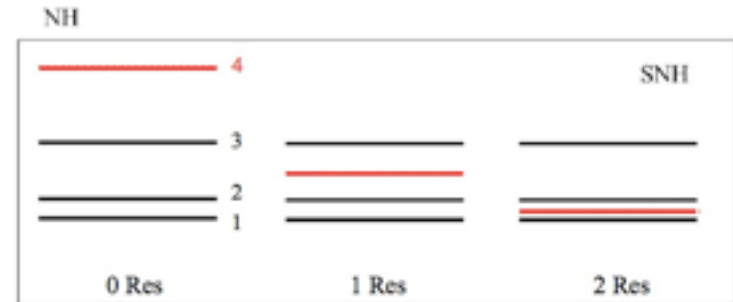
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Note: above $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ eV})$, sterile ν are not relativistic anymore at CMB \rightarrow **NO radiation constraint**

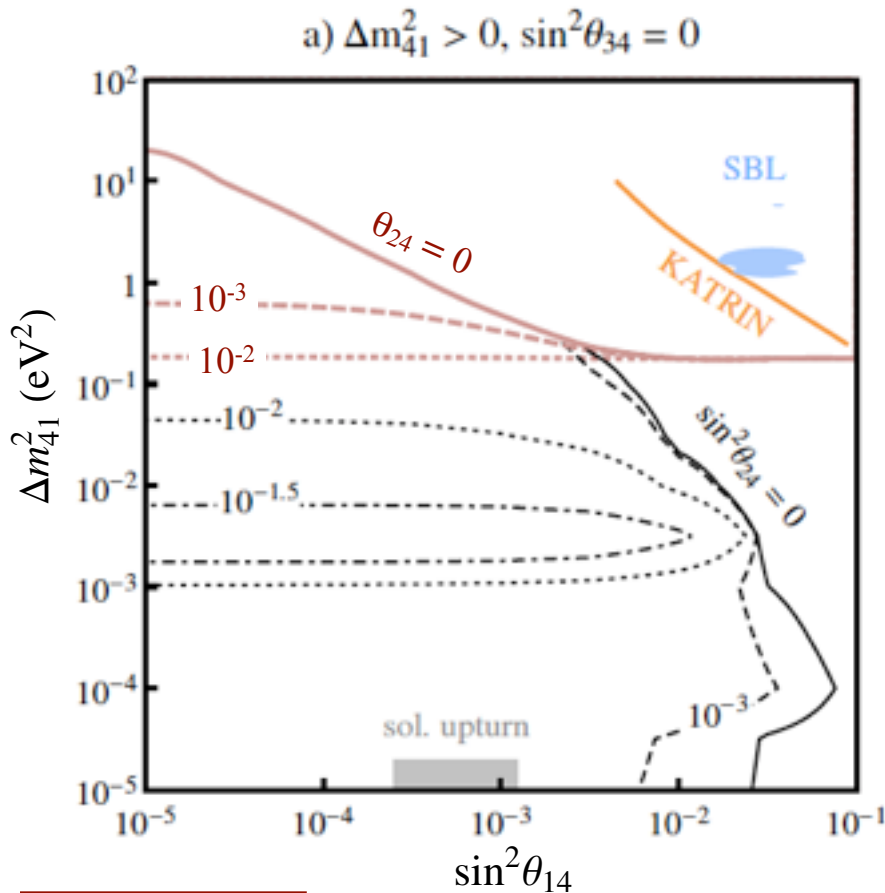
BUT mass constraints become important



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$\sin^2 \theta_{24} = 10^{-2}$, 95% C.L.
allowed region from
global analysis of SBL
(Giunti et al.)

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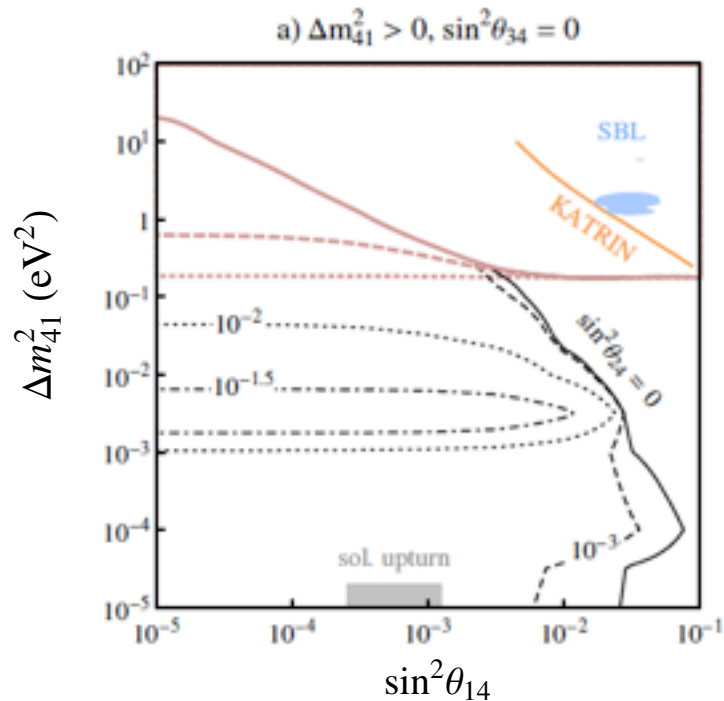
Mass bounds

- Red curves imposing the 95% C.L. Planck constraint $m_{\nu s}^{\text{eff}} < 0.42 \Leftrightarrow \Omega_{\nu} h^2 < 4.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$ on ours

$$\Omega_{\nu} h^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{[\sqrt{\Delta m_{41}^2} (\rho_{ss} + \bar{\rho}_{ss})]}{94.1 \text{ eV}}$$

The excluded regions are those above the red contours.

Bounds on active-sterile mixing: CONCLUSIONS



Mirizzi et al 2013,
arXiv:1303.5368

- *The sterile neutrino parameter space is severely constrained.*
- *Excluded area from the **mass bound** covers the region accessible by current and future laboratory experiments.*
- ***Sterile ν with $m \sim \mathcal{O}(1 \text{ eV})$ strongly disfavored***

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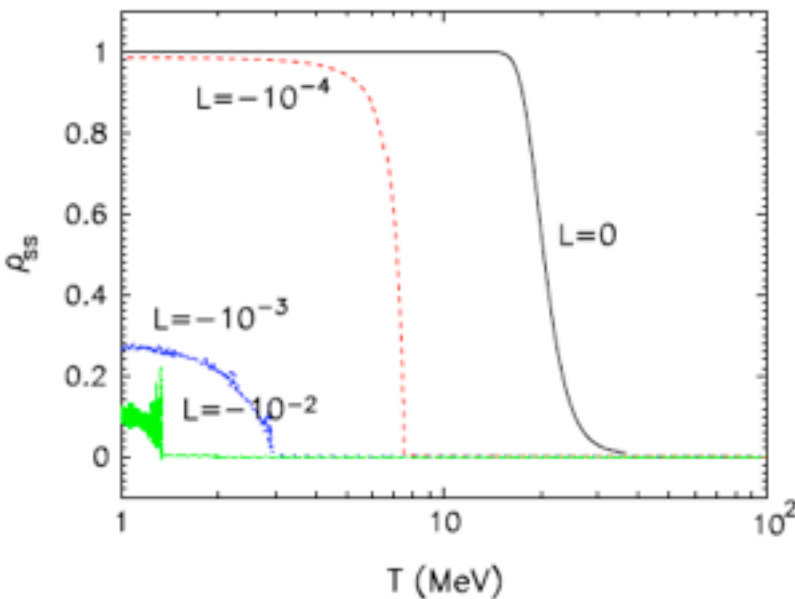
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Mirizzi, N.S., Miele, Serpico 2012

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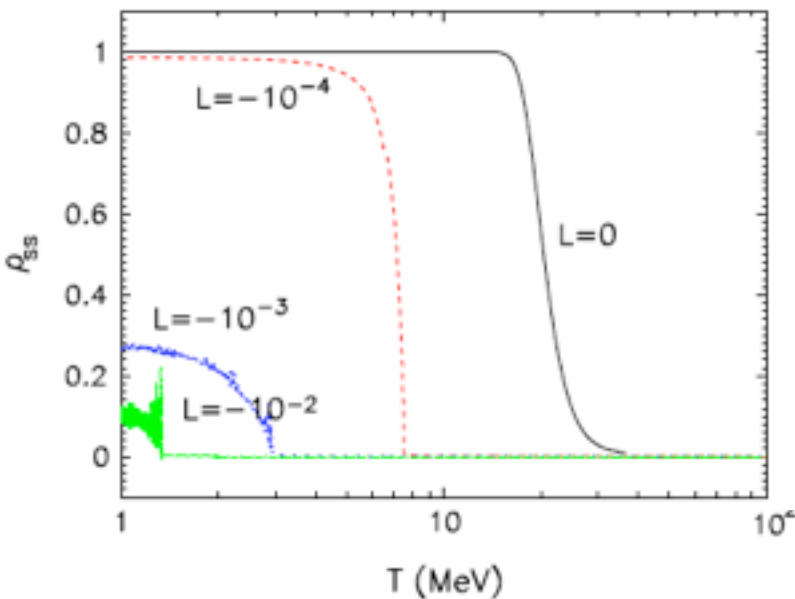
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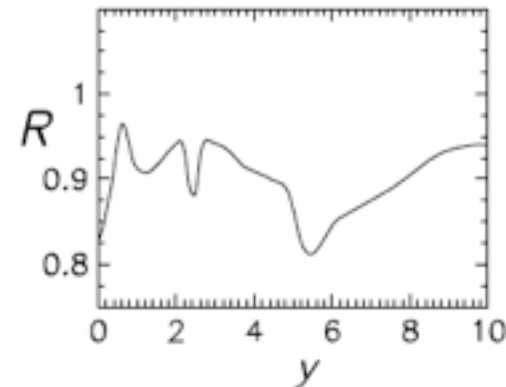
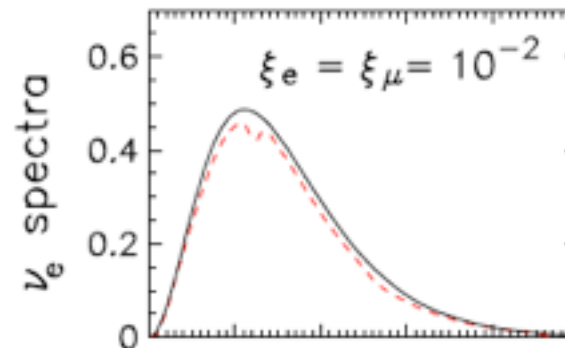
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*Neutrinos in Cosmology
~~after Planck~~
after Planck and BICEP 2*

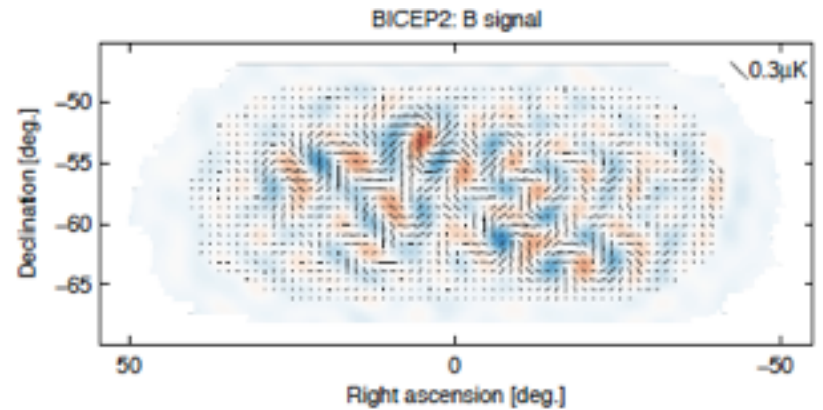
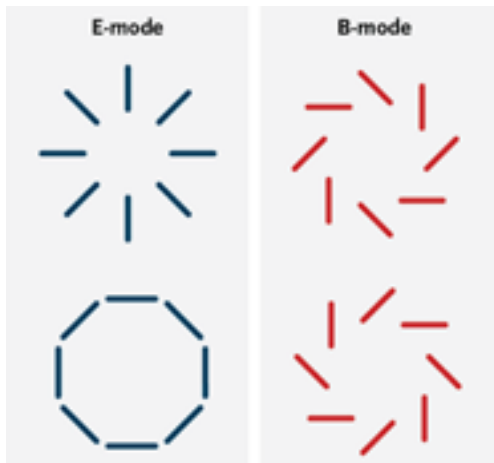


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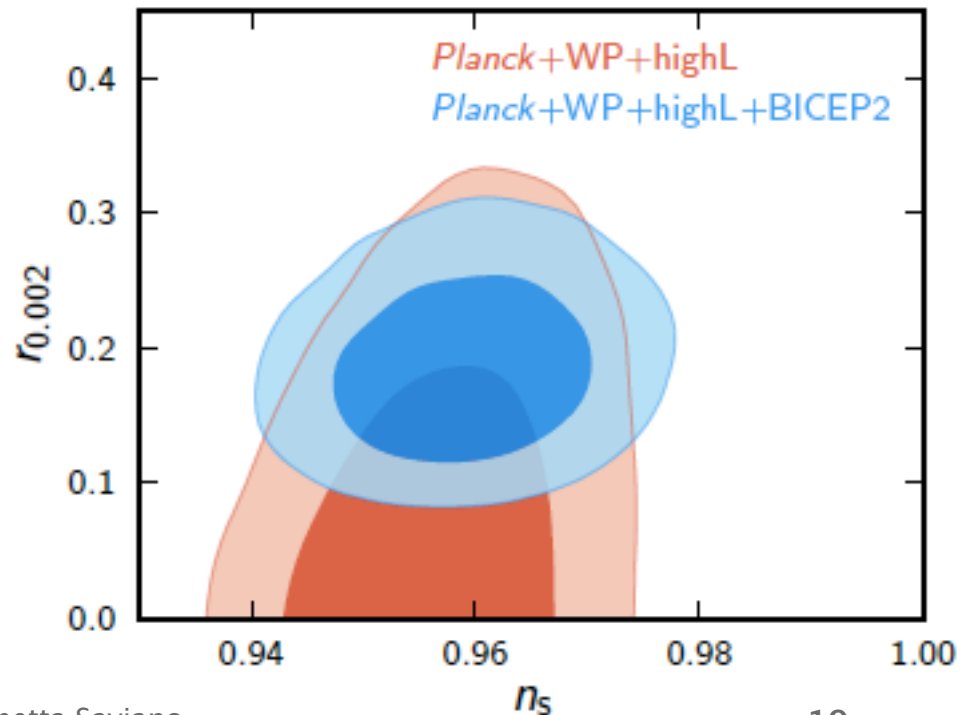
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B-mode by BICEP2



Detection at about 5.9σ for B-mode polarization on large angular scales, compatible with the presence of a tensor component with amplitude $r_{0.002} = 0.2 \pm 0.06$ at 68 % c.l.

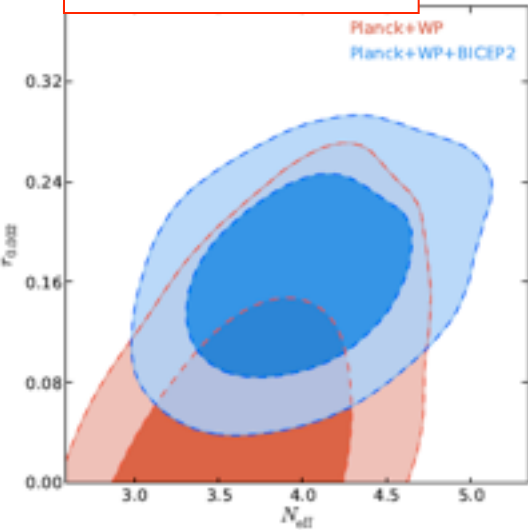


Special Edition



New possibility for sterile neutrinos?

E. Giusarma et al, 2014

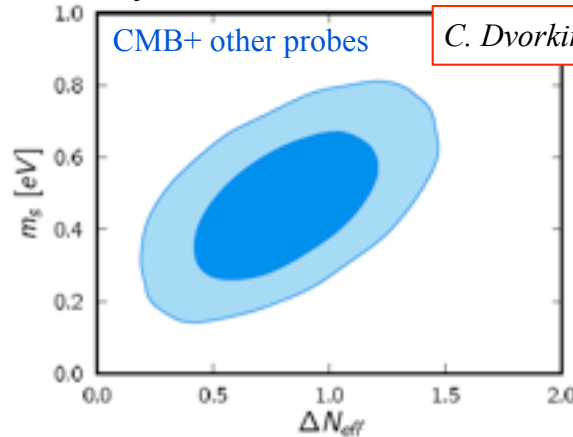


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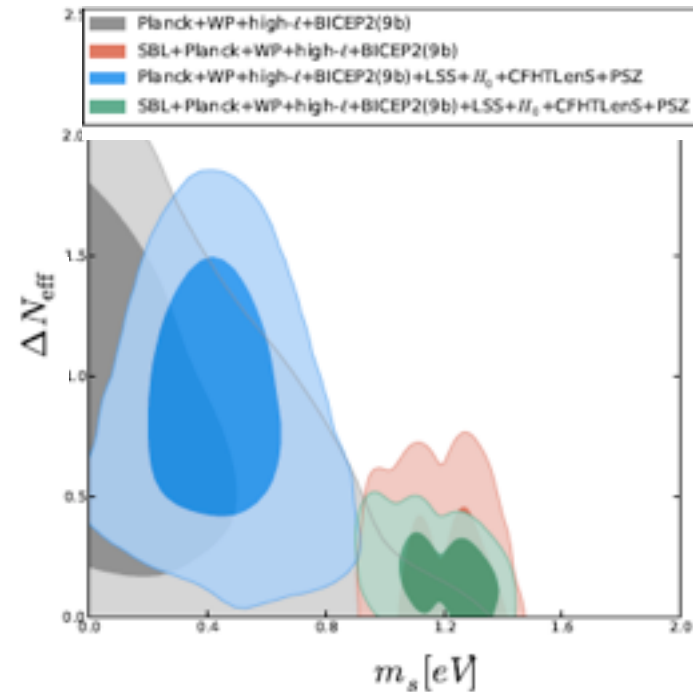


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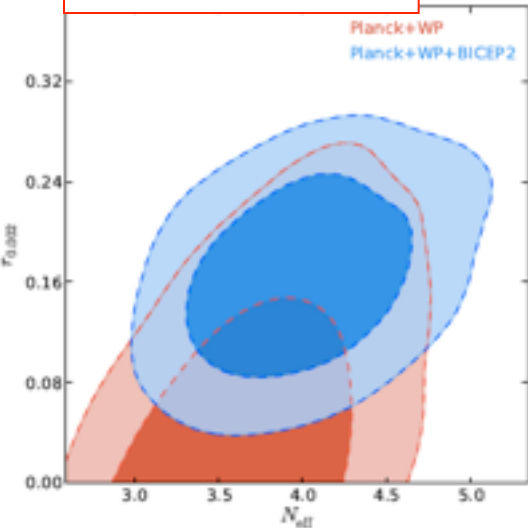
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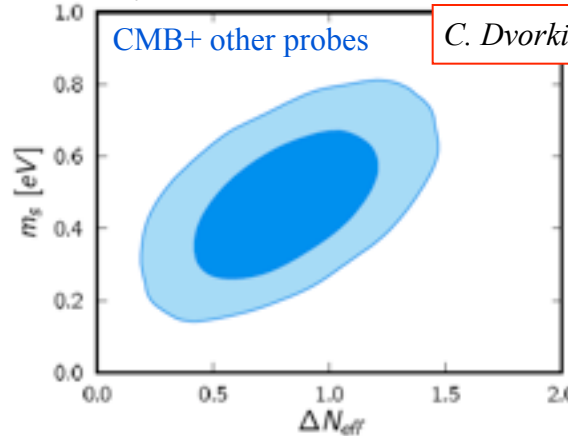


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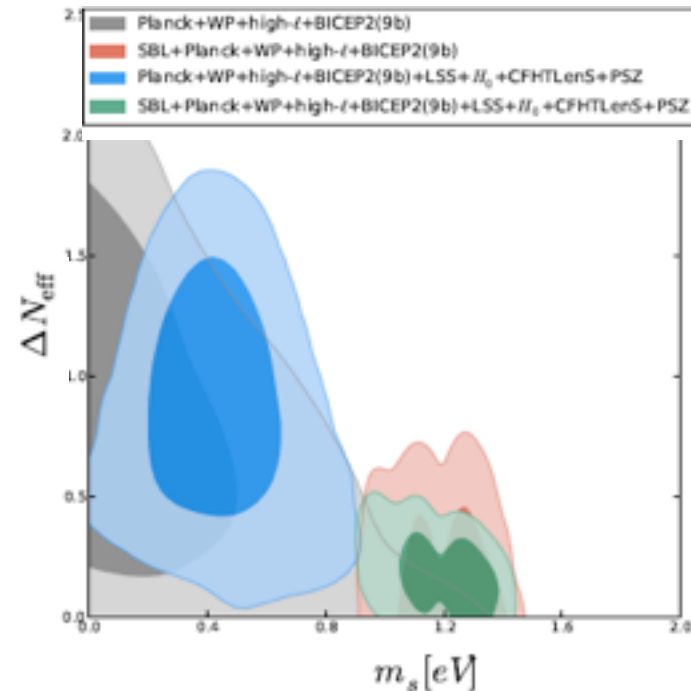


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Caution: whatever N_{eff} , fully thermalized eV sterile neutrinos are too heavy for the LSS

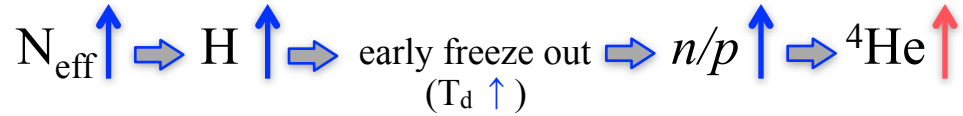
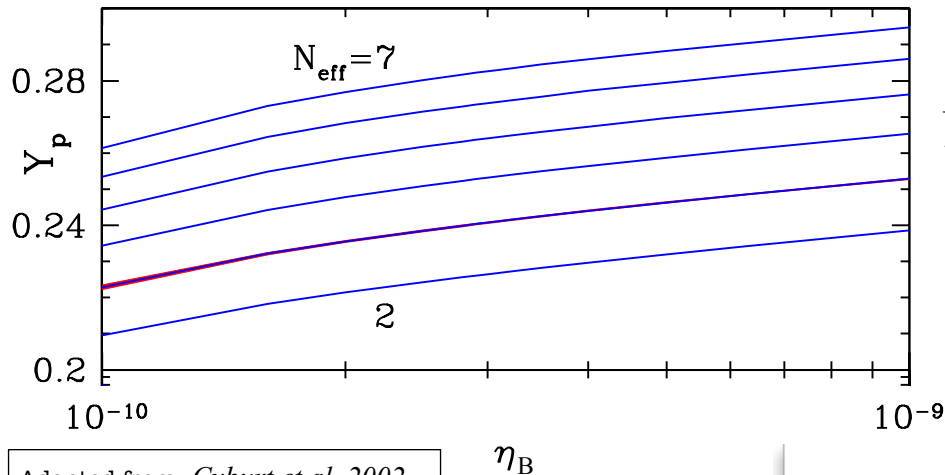
A serious theoretical consideration for possible candidates is necessary



Grazie

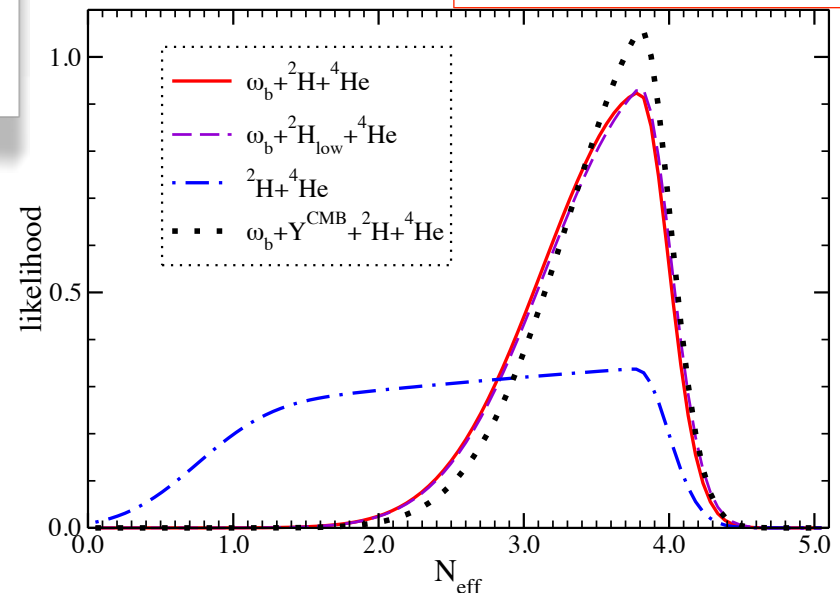
Extra radiation impact on BBN and constraints

Light element abundances are sensitive to extra radiation:



Upper limit on N_{eff} from constraints on primordial yields of D and ^4He

Mangano and Serpico, 2012



$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \leq 1$$

(at 95% C.L.)

Same results from analysis on **sterile neutrino**:
no strong indication for $N_s > 0$ from BBN alone

Hamann et al, 2011

From a measurement of D in a single astrophysical system:

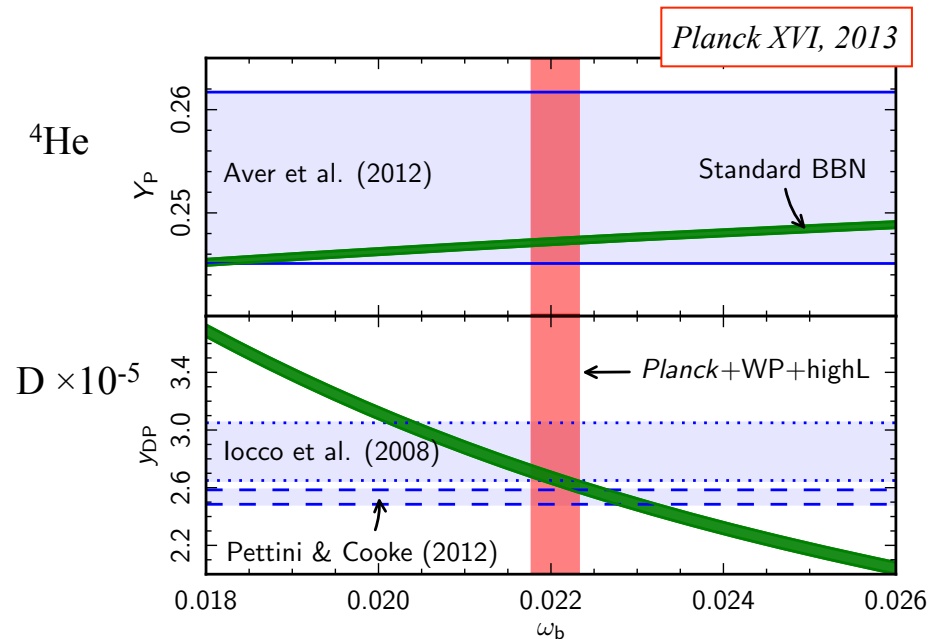
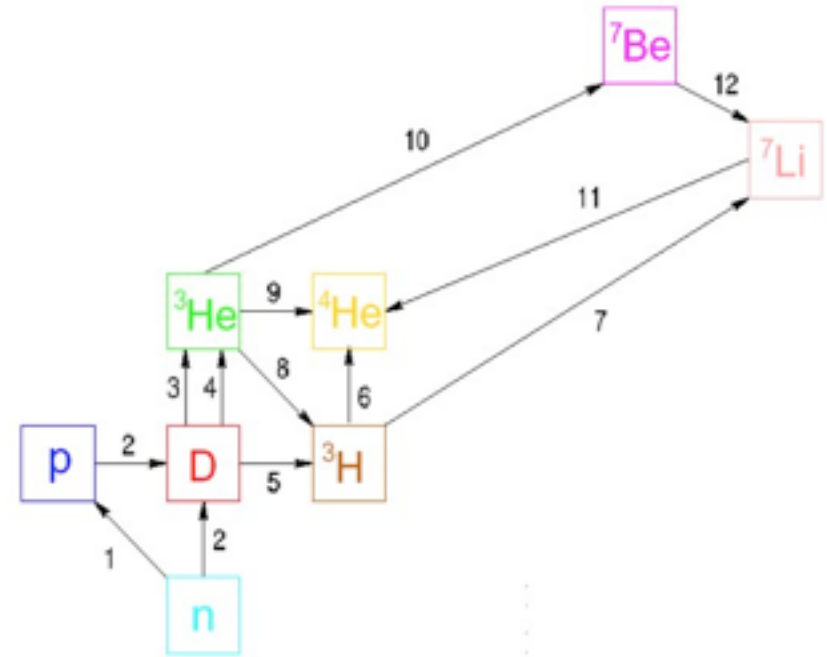
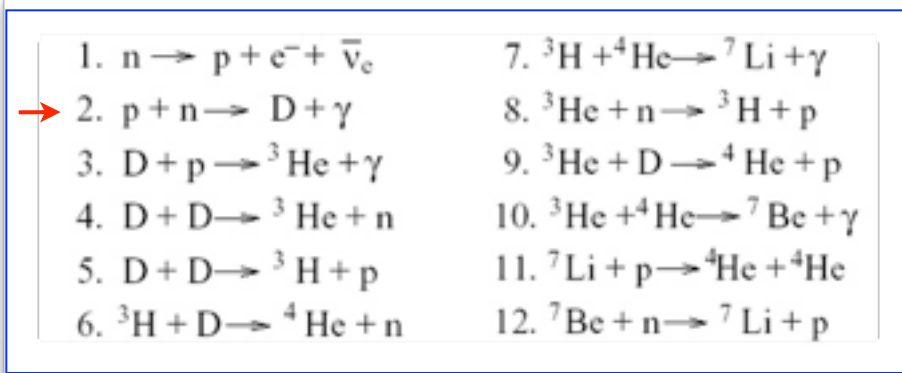
$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.0 \pm 0.5$$

Pettini and Cooke, 2012

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (II)

* 0.1-0.01 MeV

Formation of light nuclei starting from D



Prediction for ${}^4\text{He}$ and D in a **standard** BBN obtained by Planck collaboration using **PARthENoPE**

Blue regions: primordial yields from measurements performed in different astrophysical environments

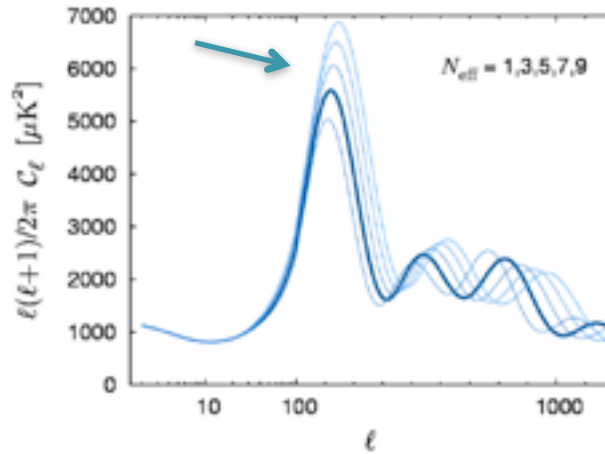
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Extra radiation impact on CMB...

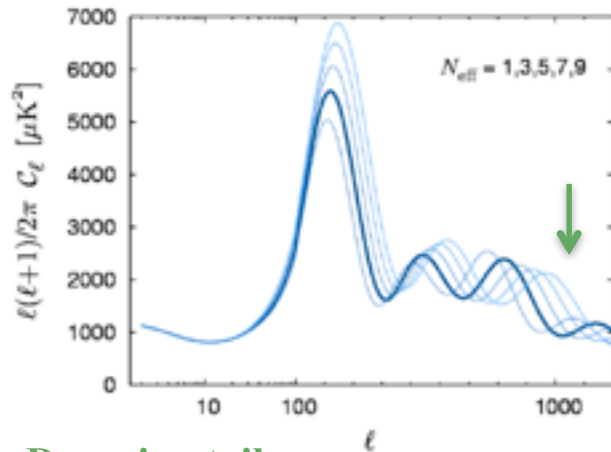
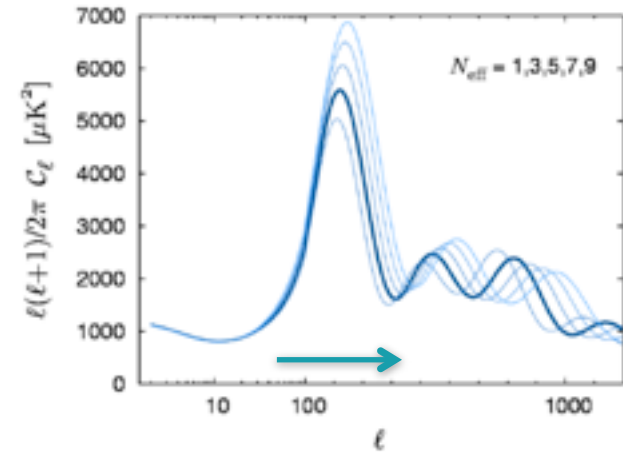
... and degeneracies

Matter-radiation equality

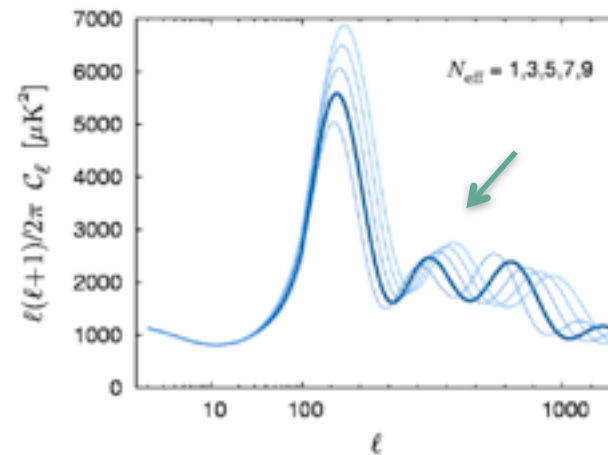
degenerate with Ω_m



Sound horizon/angular positions of the peaks
degenerate with H_0 and Ω_m

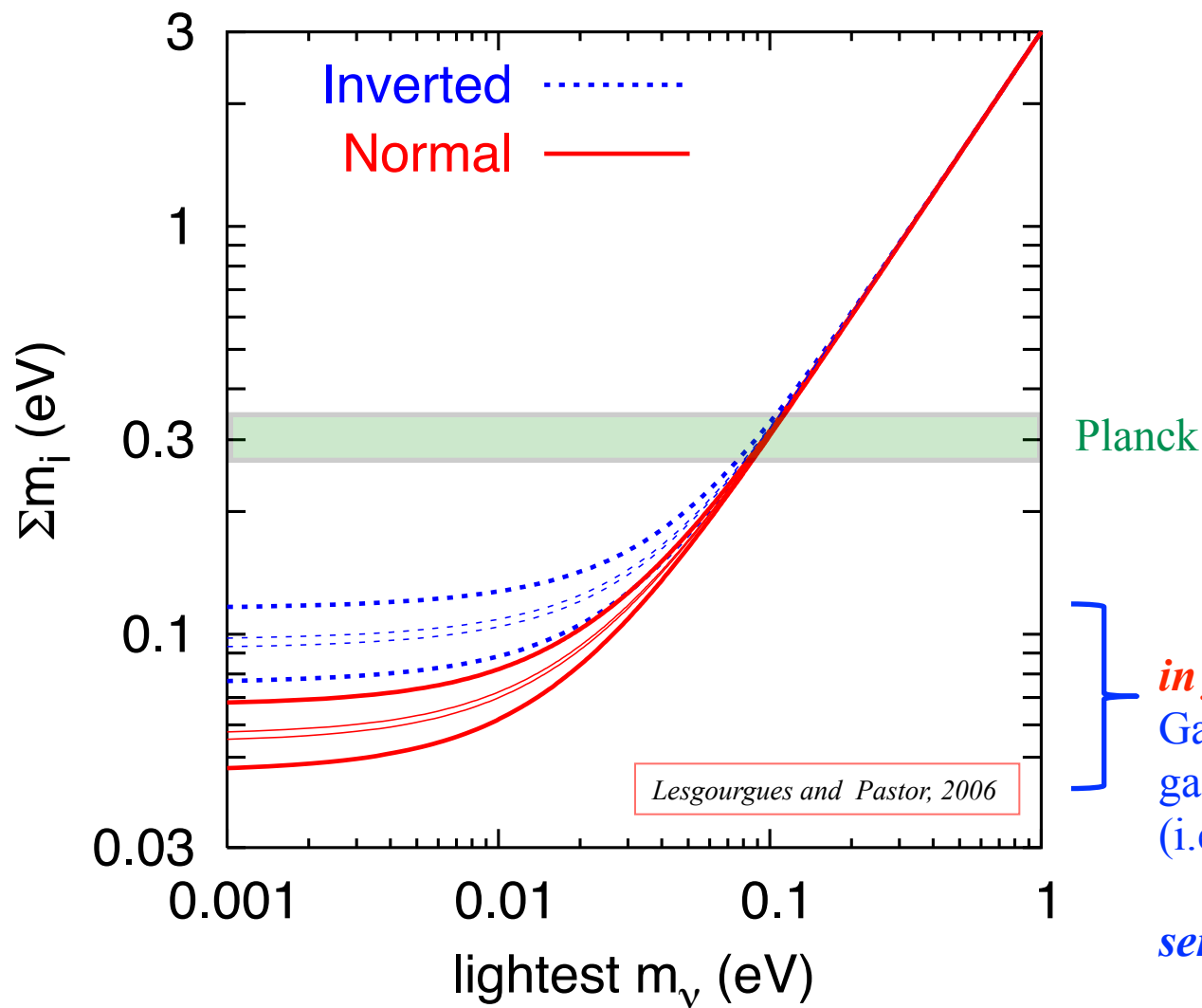


Damping tail
degenerate with Y_p



Anisotropic stress

(partially) degenerate
with A_s and n_s



in future...
Galaxy distribution, lensing of
galaxies, galaxy cluster....
(i.e. Euclid)

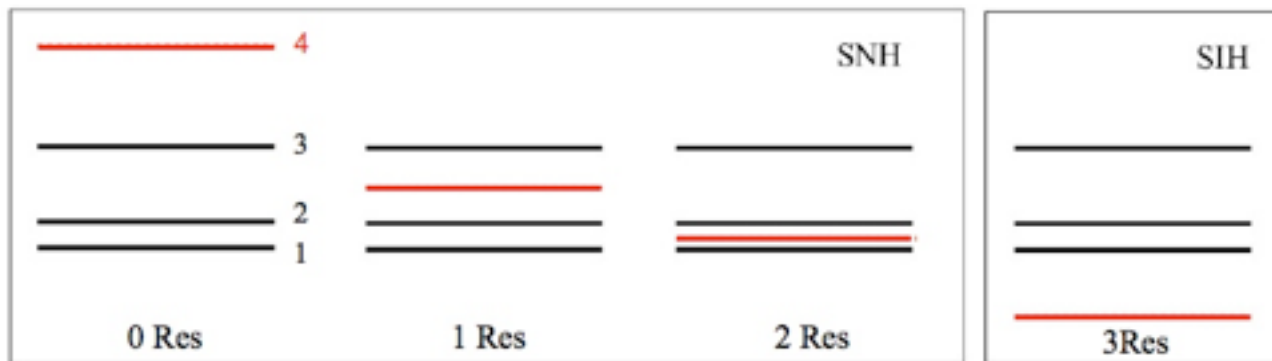
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Mirizzi et al 2013, arXiv1303.5368

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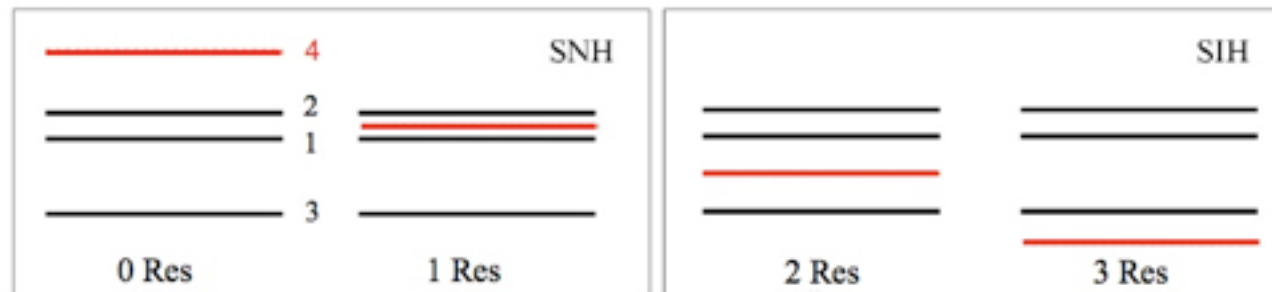


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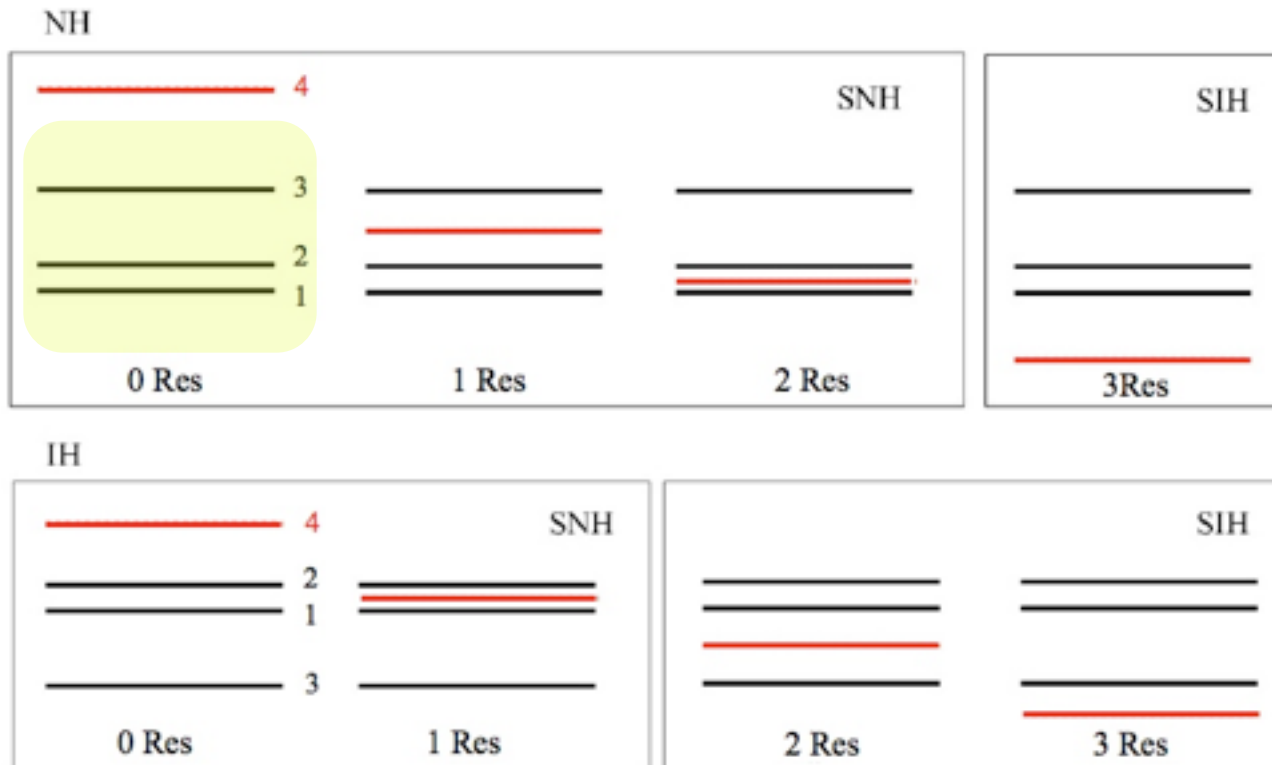
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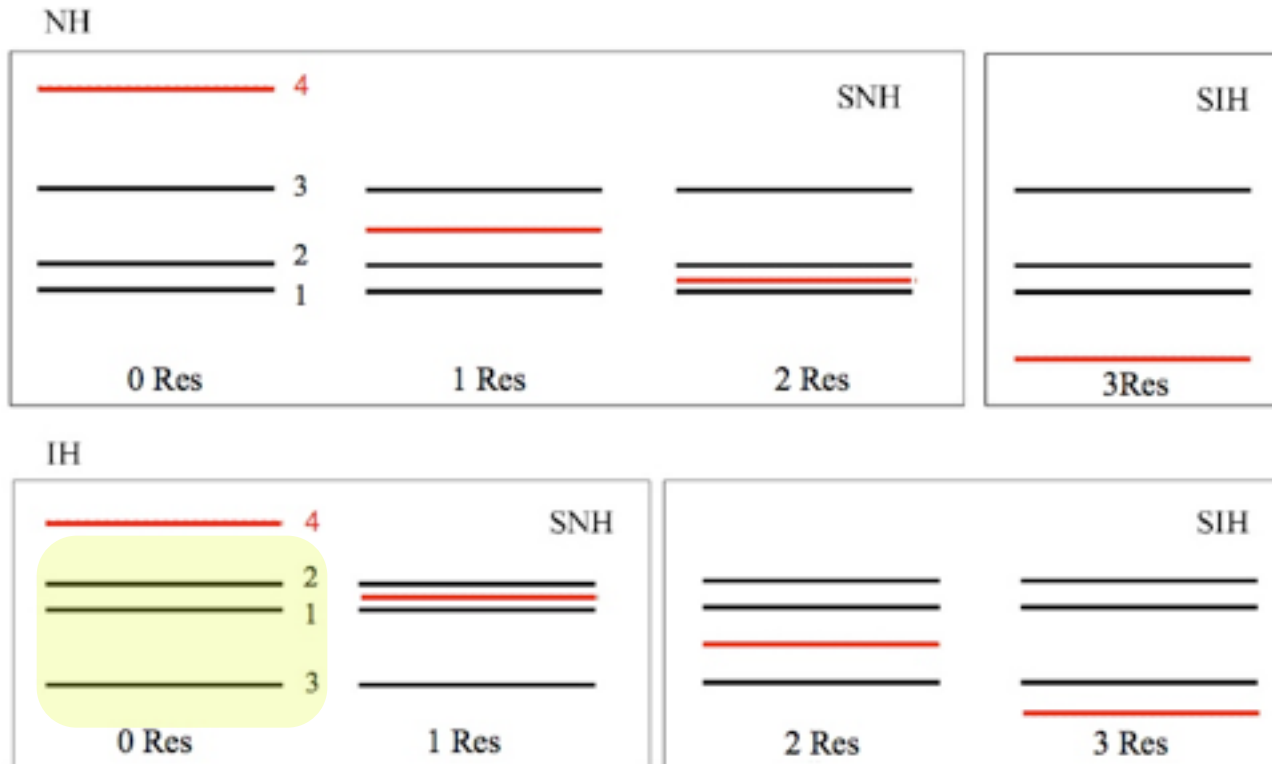
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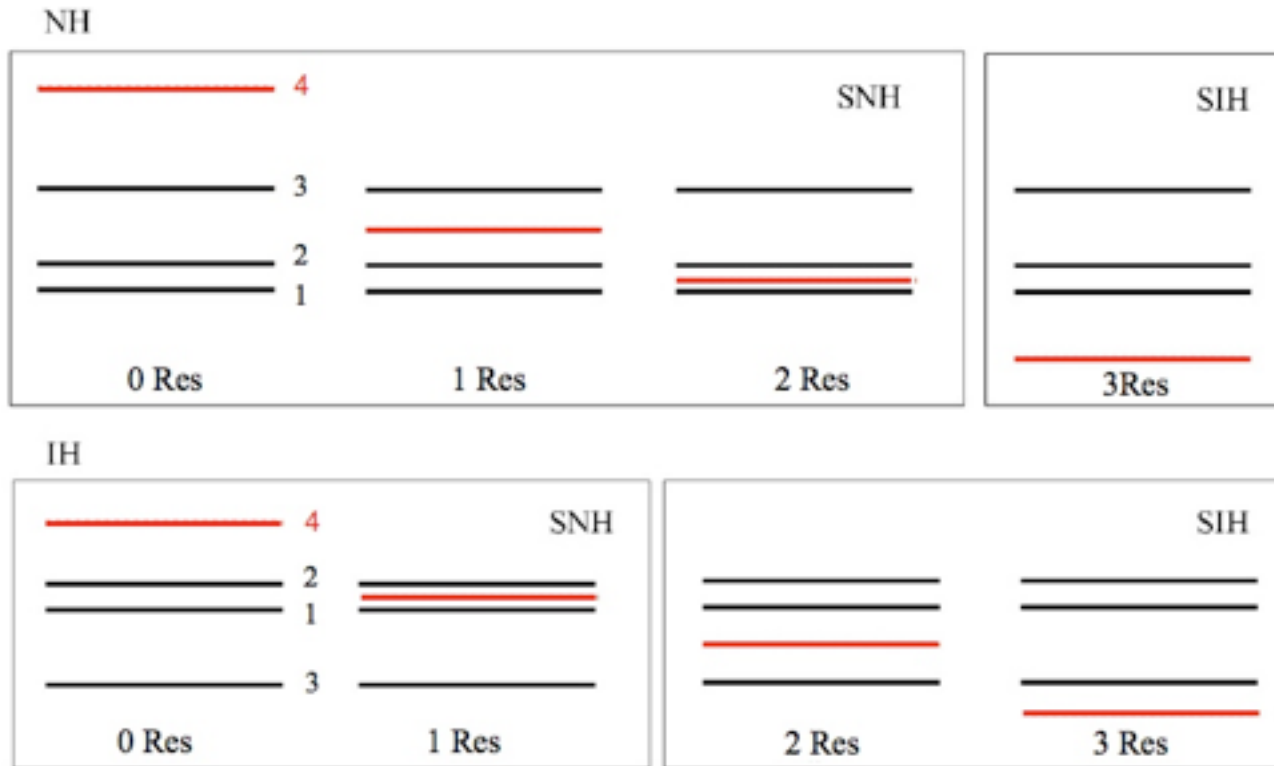
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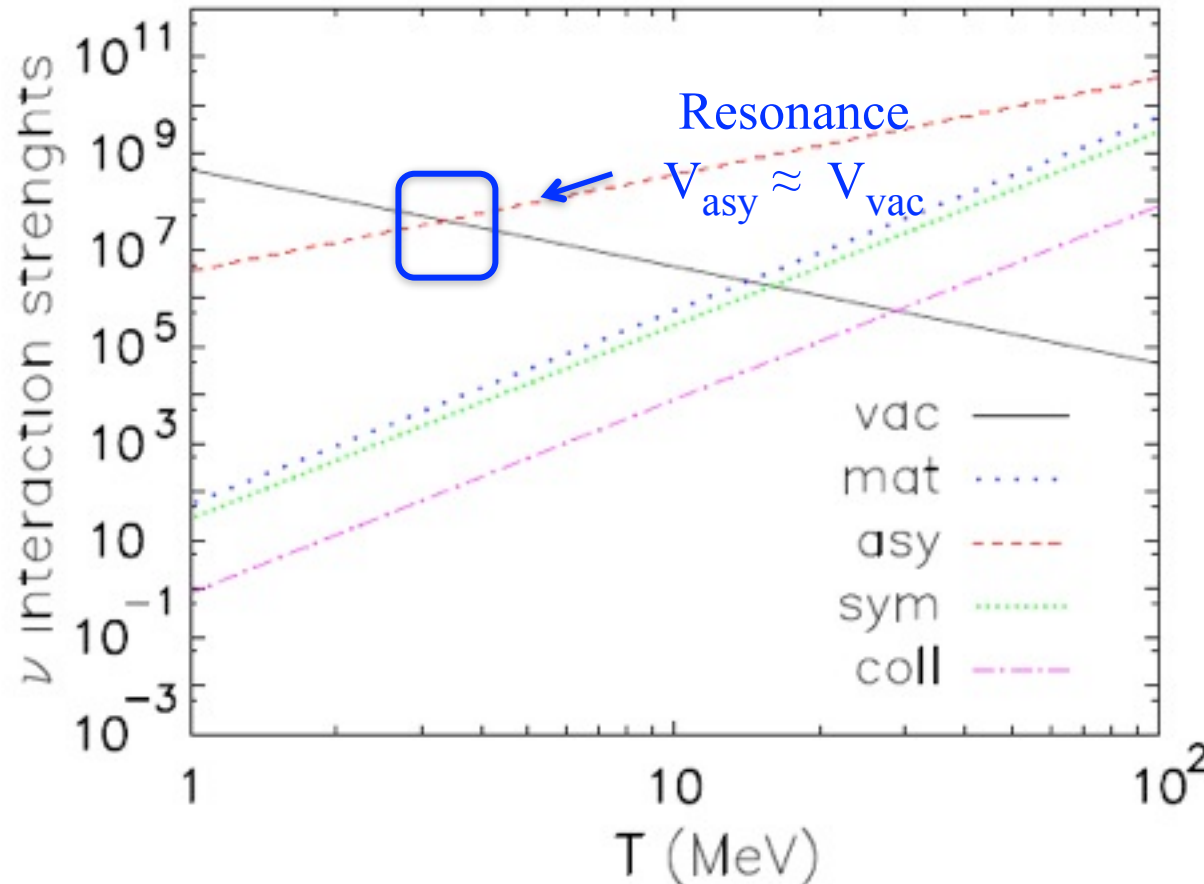
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Sterile
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SIH, $\Delta m_{41}^2 < 0$

Strength of the different interactions

Mirizzi, N.S., Miele, Serpico 2012
Phys. Rev. D 86, 053009



$L = -10^{-4}$
(kept constant)

MSW effect on ν - ν asymmetric interaction term (V_{asy})

- For $L < 0 \rightarrow$ resonance occurs in the anti- ν channel
- For $L > 0 \rightarrow$ resonance occurs in the ν channel

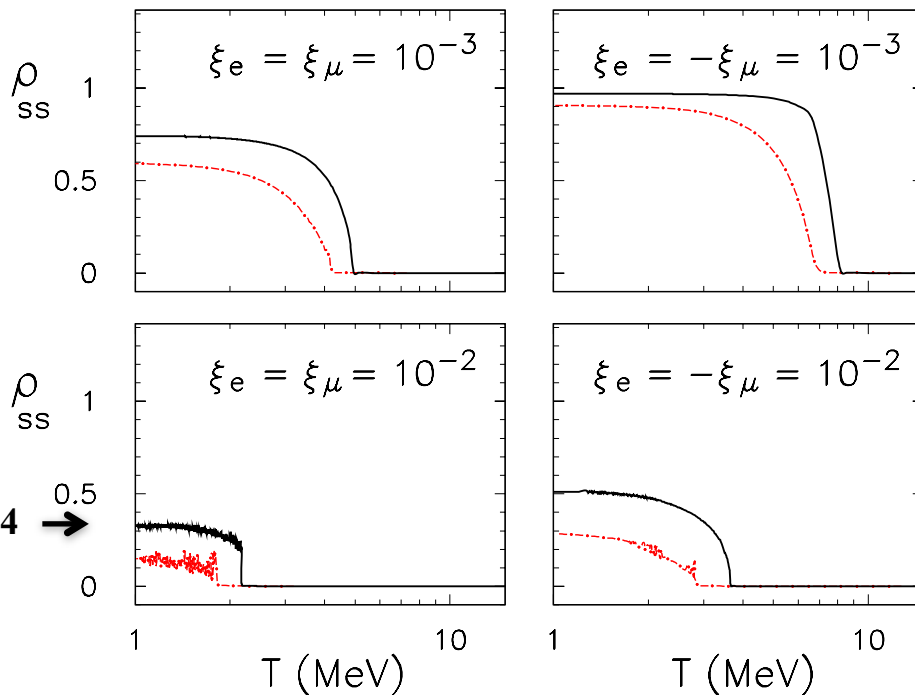
Due to its dynamical nature, L changes sign \rightarrow resonances in both ν and $\bar{\nu}$ channels

Multi-momentum treatment

- ✓ Compute N_{eff} and possible distortions of ν_e spectra as function of the ν *asymmetry parameter* \rightarrow evaluation of the cosmological consequences
- ✗ Very challenging task, involving time consuming numerical calculations \rightarrow study in (2+1) scenario and for few representative cases

Results:

Saviano et al, 2013



— multi-momentum $\rho_{ss}(x) = \frac{\int dy y^2 \varrho_{ss}(x, y)}{\int dy y^2 f_{\text{eq}}(y, 0)}$
 — single-momentum

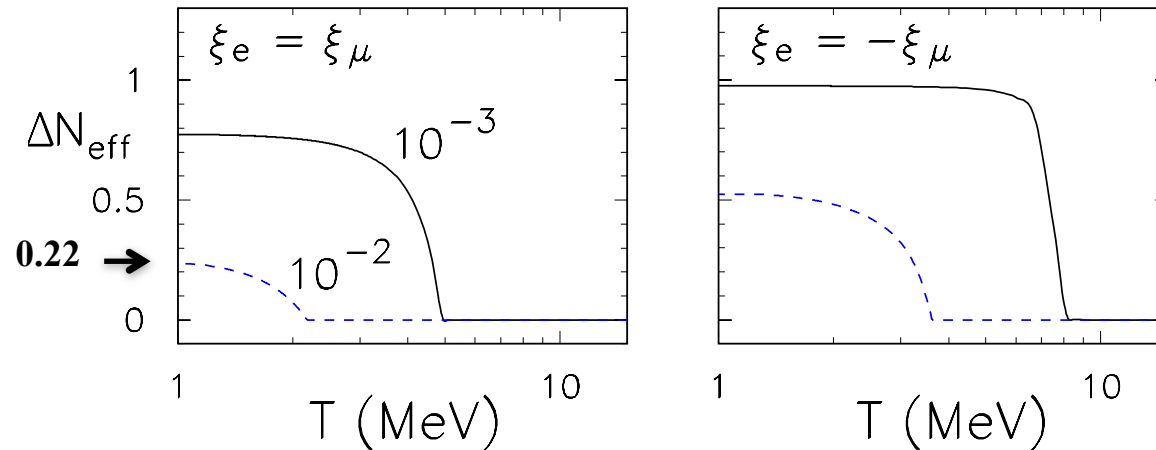
Enhancement of the sterile production with respect to the single-momentum approx.

$$L_\alpha = \frac{1}{12\zeta(3)} \left(\frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} \right)^3 (\pi^2 \xi_\alpha + \xi_\alpha^3) \simeq 0.68 \xi_\alpha \left(\frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} \right)^3$$

N_{eff} from multi-momentum treatment

- ✓ Compute N_{eff} as function of the ν *asymmetry parameter*

looking at the extra contribution $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{60}{7\pi^4} \int dy y^3 \text{Tr}[\varrho(x, y) + \bar{\varrho}(x, y)] - 2$



Case	ΔN_{eff}	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{(y)}$
$ \xi \ll 10^{-3}$	1.0	1.0
$\xi_e = -\xi_\mu = 10^{-3}$	0.98	0.89
$\xi_e = \xi_\mu = 10^{-3}$	0.77	0.51
$\xi_e = -\xi_\mu = 10^{-2}$	0.52	0.44
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Enhancement at most of 0.2 of unity for ΔN with respect to the single-momentum approx.

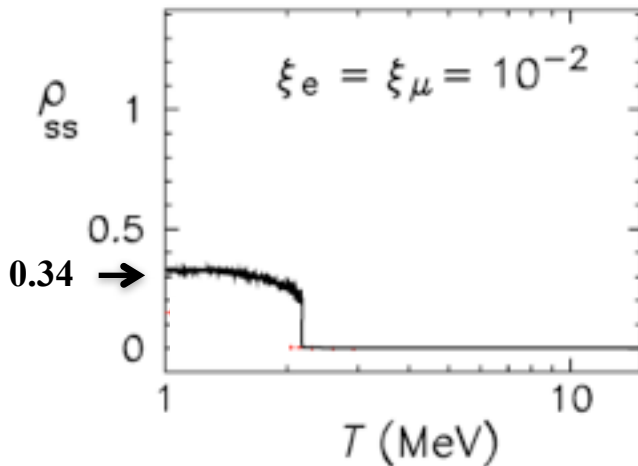
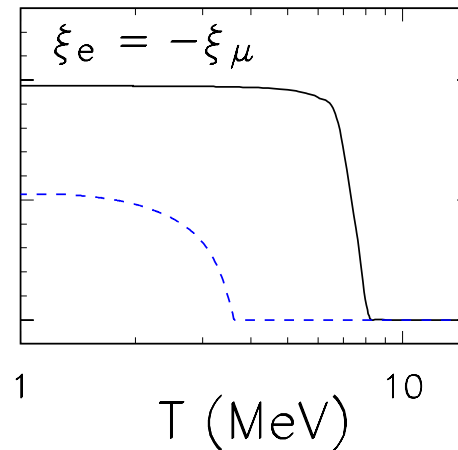
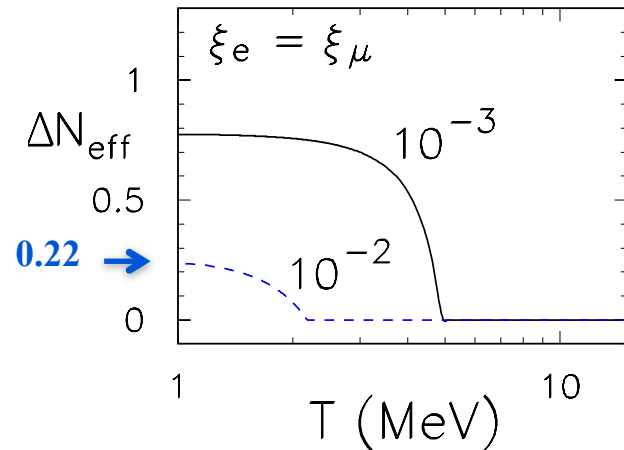
One needs to consider very large asymmetries in order to significantly suppress the production of sterile neutrinos.

see also Hannestad, Tamborra and Tram, 2012

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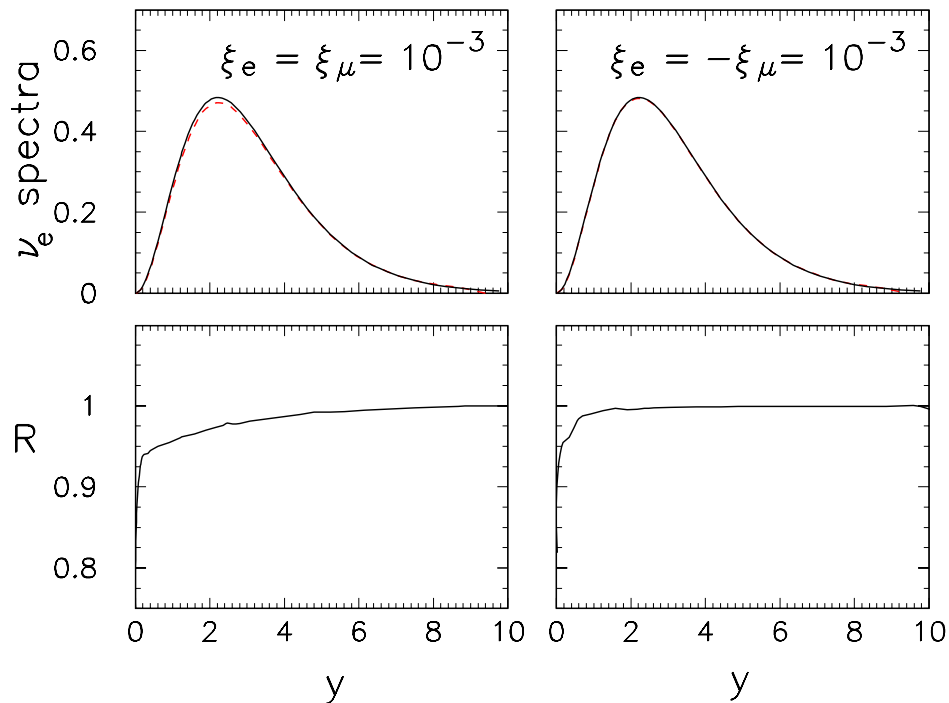


Clear indication that active are depleted since they are not fully repopulated by collisions near the temperature of neutrino decoupling



possible distortion in the active neutrino spectra

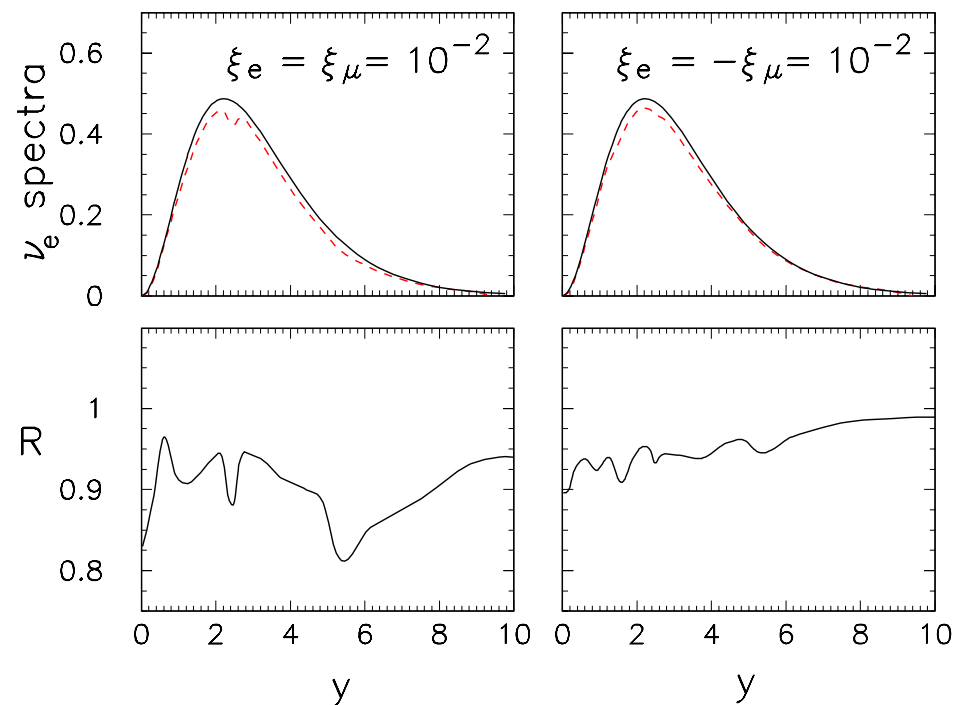
Spectral distortions at $T = 1 \text{ MeV}$



— $y^2 \rho_{ee}(y)$
 — $y^2 f_{eq}(y, \xi_e)$

$$\xi_v = \mu_v / T$$

$$R = \frac{\rho_{ee}(y)}{f_{eq}(y, \xi_e)}$$



Sizable distortions (especially for $\xi = 10^{-2}$)
 → consequences on primordial yields

Saviano et al, 2013

Non-trivial implications on BBN

Saviano et al, 2013

Case	ΔN_{eff}	Y_p	$^2\text{H}/\text{H} (\times 10^5)$
$ \xi \ll 10^{-3}$	1.0	0.259	2.90
$\xi_e = -\xi_\mu = 10^{-3}$	0.98	0.257	2.87
$\xi_e = \xi_\mu = 10^{-3}$	0.77	0.256	2.81
$\xi_e = -\xi_\mu = 10^{-2}$	0.52	0.255	2.74
$\xi_e = \xi_\mu = 10^{-2}$	0.22	0.251	2.64
$\xi_e = \xi_\mu = 10^{-3}, \text{ no } \nu_s$	~ 0	0.246	2.56
$\xi_e = \xi_\mu = 10^{-2}, \text{ no } \nu_s$	~ 0	0.244	2.55
standard BBN	0	0.247	2.56

asymmetry + ν_s

$Y_p \uparrow$

asymmetry

$Y_p \downarrow$

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