

**precision studies of
low-scale leptogenesis and
relation to dark matter¹**

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motivation

explain neutrino properties with the minimal seesaw

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{new-SM}} &\equiv \mathcal{L}_{\text{old-SM}} + \bar{\nu}_R i \not{\partial} \nu_R \\ &- (\bar{\nu}_R \tilde{\phi}^\dagger h_\nu \ell_L + \bar{\ell}_L h_\nu^\dagger \tilde{\phi} \nu_R) \\ &- \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_R^c M_M \nu_R + \bar{\nu}_R M_M^\dagger \nu_R^c)\end{aligned}$$

singular value decomposition & field rotation

$\Rightarrow M_M = \text{diag}(M_1, M_2, M_3)$, where $M_I \geq 0$

we assume that $\{M_I\}$ are set in increasing order

prediction: \exists heavy states **and** lepton numbers are violated

there is a large parameter space

if only one neutrino yukawa contributes to a given mass difference²

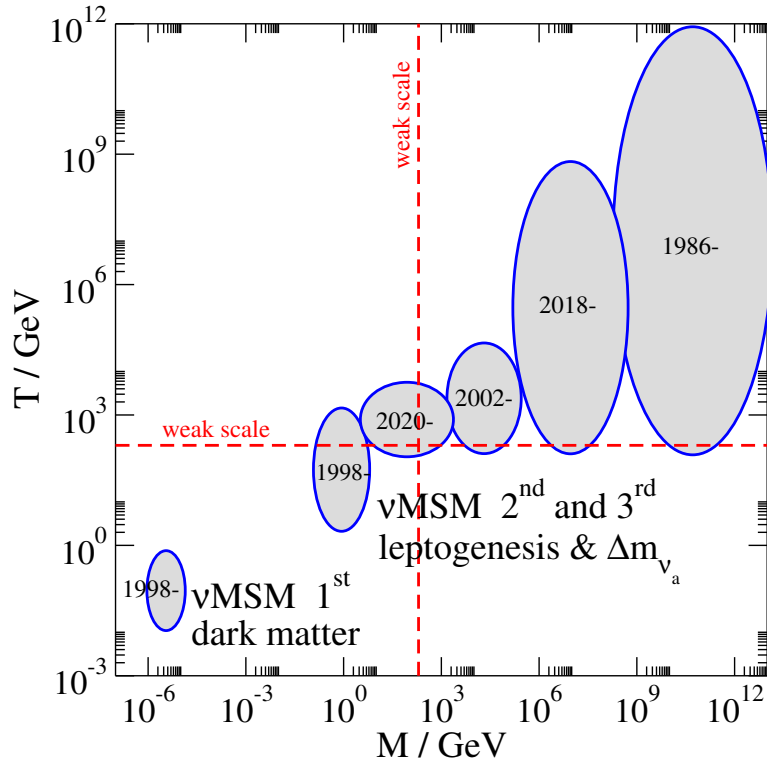
$$|\Delta m_\nu| \simeq \frac{|(h_\nu)_{Ia}|^2 v^2}{M_I}$$

traditionally: $M_I \stackrel{\text{GUT?}}{\sim} 10^{15} \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow h_\nu \sim 1$

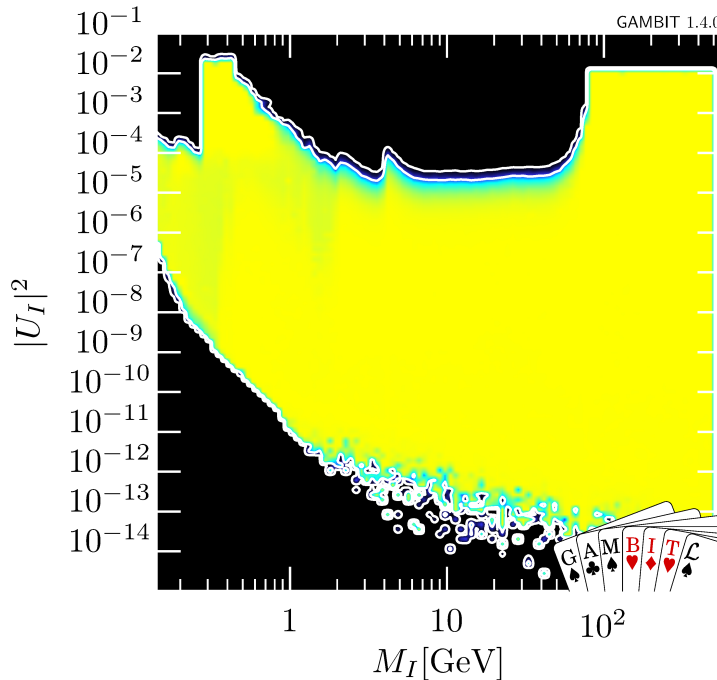
more recently: $M_I \sim 1 \dots 100 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow h_\nu \sim 10^{-7} \dots 10^{-6}$

² P. Minkowski, $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ at a Rate of One Out of 10^9 Muon Decays?, PLB 67 (1977) 421; M. Gell-Mann, P. Ramond and R. Slansky, *Complex Spinors and Unified Theories*, 1306.4669; T. Yanagida, *Horizontal Symmetry and Masses of Neutrinos*, PTP 64 (1980) 1103

many domains have been looked into



low-mass range is motivated at least by falsifiability³



⇒ a large region to explore

³ for a review of current status see e.g. M. Chrzaszcz *et al*, *A frequentist analysis of three right-handed neutrinos with GAMBIT*, 1908.02302

general theoretical framework

classic leptogenesis: non-equilibrium in two variables⁴

consider $Y_R \simeq e_R/(Ms)$ and lepton asymmetry $Y_L \equiv n_L/s$

defining $\hat{\Gamma} \equiv \Gamma/(3c_s^2 H)$, $x \equiv \ln(T_{\max}/T)$, $Y' \equiv dY/dx$:

$$Y'_L = -\hat{\Gamma}_L Y_L - \hat{\Gamma}_{L,R} (Y_R - Y_{\text{eq}})$$

$$Y'_R = -\hat{\Gamma}_R (Y_R - Y_{\text{eq}}) - \hat{\Gamma}_{R,L} Y_L$$

$\Rightarrow Y_L \neq 0$ possible if $\hat{\Gamma}_L, \hat{\Gamma}_R$ “small” and $\hat{\Gamma}_{L,R}$ “large”

\Rightarrow “sphaleron equilibrium”, $Y_B + Y_L \simeq 0$, then produces Y_B

⁴M. Fukugita, T. Yanagida, *Baryogenesis Without Grand Unification*, PLB 174 (1986) 45; for current status, see D. Bödeker and M. Wörmann, *Non-relativistic leptogenesis*, 1311.2593; D. Bödeker and M. Sangel, *Lepton asymmetry rate from quantum field theory: NLO in the hierarchical limit*, 1702.02155

low-scale leptogenesis involves more “slow” variables⁵

- $Y_L \rightarrow$ flavour asymmetries $Y_a - \frac{1}{3} Y_B$, $a \in \{e, \mu, \tau\}$
- $Y_R \rightarrow$ density matrices $\rho_{IJ}(k, \pm)$, $\pm \equiv$ helicity

it is convenient to employ helicity symmetries and asymmetries

$$\rho^\pm \equiv \frac{\rho(k, +) \pm \rho(k, -)}{2}$$

redshift $k_T \equiv \frac{k(T_{\min}) a(T_{\min})}{a(T)}$, energies $\omega_T \equiv \sqrt{k_T^2 + M_I^2}$

⁵ original ideas were put forward by E.K. Akhmedov, V.A. Rubakov and A.Y. Smirnov, *Baryogenesis via neutrino oscillations*, hep-ph/9803255, and T. Asaka and M. Shaposhnikov, *The ν MSM, dark matter and baryon asymmetry of the universe*, hep-ph/0505013; general formalism is similar to G. Sigl and G. Raffelt, *General kinetic description of relativistic mixed neutrinos*, NPB 406 (1993) 423

evolution equation for lepton asymmetries

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y'_a - \frac{Y'_B}{3} &= \frac{4}{s} \int_{\mathbf{k}_T} \text{Tr} \left\{ n'_F(\omega_T) \underbrace{\widehat{A}_{(a)}^+}_{\propto \{\mu_a\}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + [\rho^+ - n_F(\omega_T)] \underbrace{\widehat{B}_{(a)}^+}_{\text{C-odd}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \rho^- \underbrace{\widehat{B}_{(a)}^-}_{\text{C-even}} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

1st term: washout term (“equilibration” *viz.* $\widehat{\Gamma}_L$)

2nd term: source from helicity-symmetric non-equilibrium

3rd term: source from helicity-asymmetric non-equilibrium

coefficients contain the physics of fast (equilibrium) modes

$$A_{(a)II}^+ = \mu_a \operatorname{Re}(h_{Ia} h_{Ia}^*) Q_{(a)I}^+$$

where $Q_{(a)}^\pm \equiv [Q_{(a+)} \pm Q_{(a-)}]/2$ and

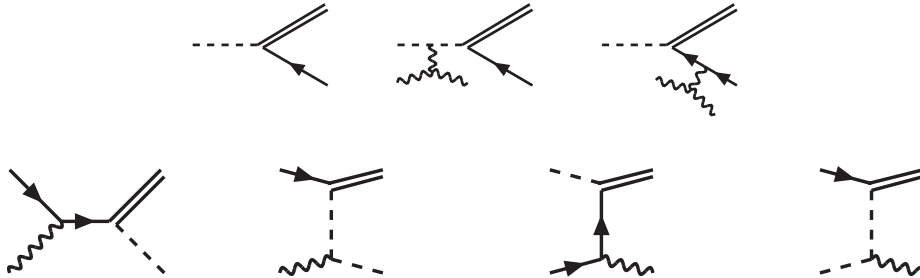
$$\underbrace{Q_{(a\tau)I}}_{\text{C-even}} + \underbrace{\bar{Q}_{(a\tau)I}}_{\text{C-odd}} \equiv \frac{\bar{u}_{\mathbf{k}\tau I} \operatorname{Im} \Pi_a^{\text{R}}(\mathcal{K}_I) u_{\mathbf{k}\tau I}}{\omega_I}$$

here $u_{\mathbf{k}\tau I}$ denotes an on-shell spinor of helicity $\tau = \pm$, and

$$\Pi_a^{\text{R}}(\mathcal{K}) \equiv \int_X e^{i\tilde{K}\cdot X} \langle (\tilde{\phi}^\dagger \ell_a)(X) (\bar{\ell}_a \tilde{\phi})(0) \rangle \Big|_{k_n - i\mu_a \rightarrow -i[\omega + i0^+]}$$

examples of processes contributing to $\text{Im } \Pi_a^{\text{R}}$

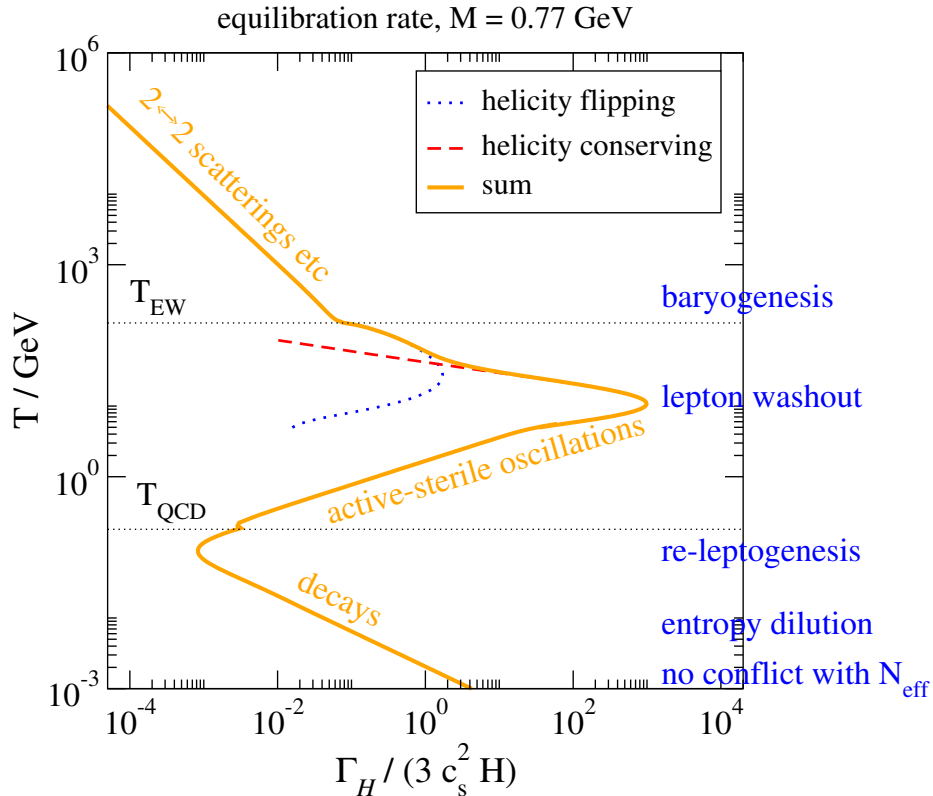
by optical theorem $\text{Im } \mathcal{A} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}^* \mathcal{A}$, e.g.



1 \leftrightarrow 2 require “lpm” resummation, a nice field-theory problem⁶

⁶ originally: A. Anisimov, D. Besak and D. Bödeker, *Thermal production of relativistic Majorana neutrinos: Strong enhancement by multiple soft scattering*, 1012.3784; D. Besak and D. Bödeker, *Thermal production of ultrarelativistic right-handed neutrinos: Complete leading-order results*, 1202.1288; resolved into helicity channels and generalized to broken phase and finite chemical potentials: J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Neutrino dynamics below the electroweak crossover*, 1605.07720; *GeV-scale hot sterile neutrino oscillations: a derivation of evolution equations*, 1703.06087

example of a rate: $\Gamma_H \equiv \sum_{a,I=2,3} |h_{Ia}|^2 \langle Q_{(a)I}^+ \rangle_{\mathbf{k}_T}$



sample results for baryogenesis

parametrization⁷

$$h_\nu = -i\sqrt{M} R(z) P_H(\phi_1) \underbrace{\sqrt{m_\nu} V^\dagger}_{\text{data}} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v}$$

two-flavour benchmark (*) from a previous scan:⁸

$$M_2 = 0.7688 \text{ GeV} , \quad M_3 = 0.7776 \text{ GeV} ,$$

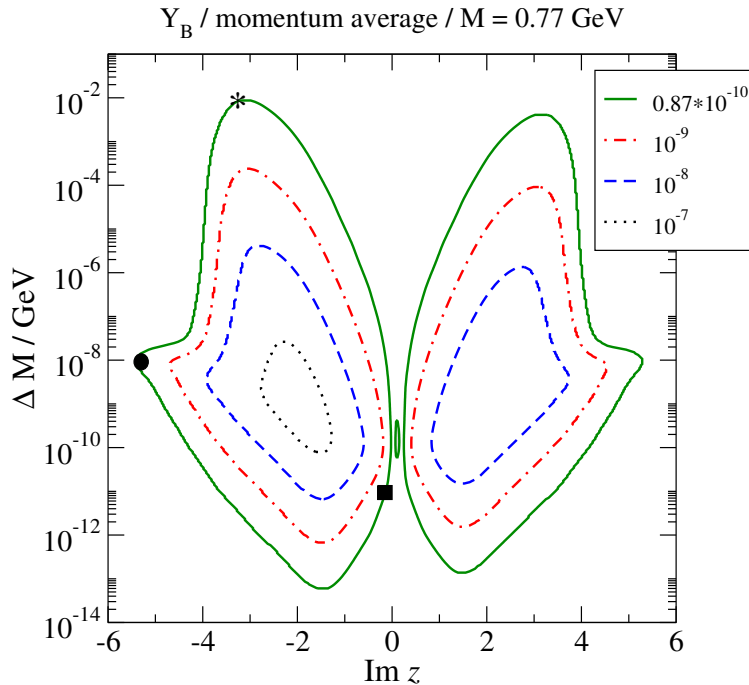
$$z = 2.444 - i3.285 ,$$

$$\phi_1 = -1.857 , \quad \delta = -2.199 , \quad H = \text{inverted}$$

⁷ J.A. Casas and A. Ibarra, *Oscillating neutrinos and $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$* , hep-ph/0103065; generalization beyond seesaw limit: A. Donini, P. Hernández, J. López-Pavón, M. Maltoni and T. Schwetz, *The minimal 3+2 neutrino model versus oscillation anomalies*, 1205.5230

⁸ P. Hernández, M. Kekic, J. López-Pavón, J. Racker and J. Salvado, *Testable Baryogenesis in Seesaw Models*, 1606.06719; another extensive scan in S. Eijima, M. Shaposhnikov and I. Timiryasov, *Parameter space of baryogenesis in the ν MSM*, 1808.10833

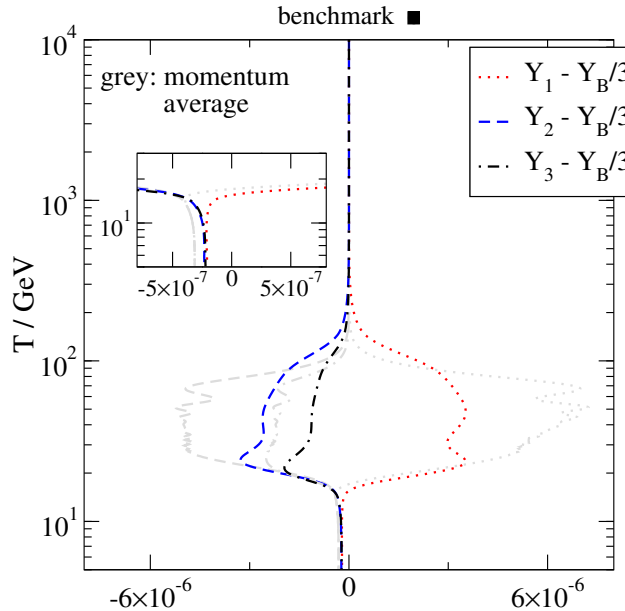
a partial scan of Y_B at $T \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ ⁹



\Rightarrow it works!

⁹ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Precision study of GeV-scale resonant leptogenesis*, 1811.01971

$Y_a - \frac{1}{3} Y_B$ could be much larger than Y_B^{10}

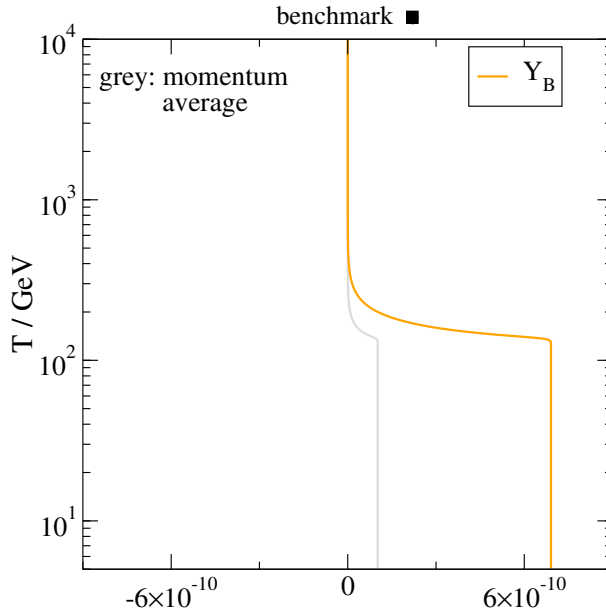


⇒ relation to resonant sterile neutrino dark matter production?

¹⁰ see also S. Eijima and M. Shaposhnikov, *Fermion number violating effects in low scale leptogenesis*, 1703.06085

how precise are such results?

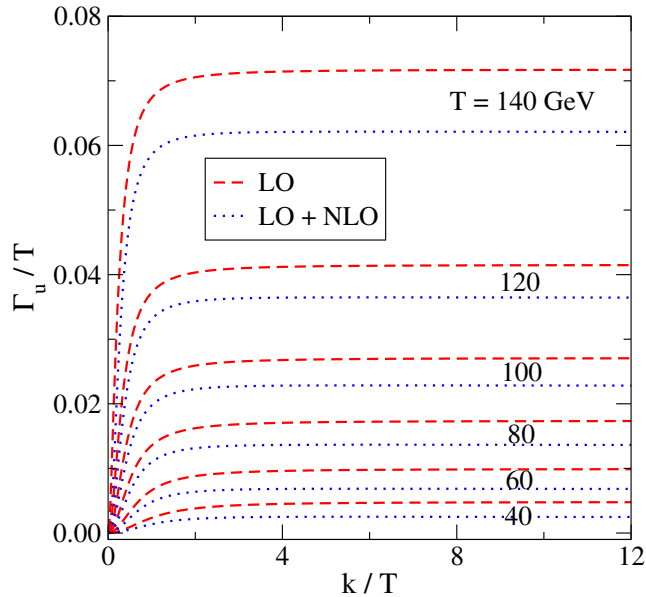
effect of kinetic non-equilibrium



⇒ uncertainties of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ but normally much less

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computing coefficients at NLO¹¹

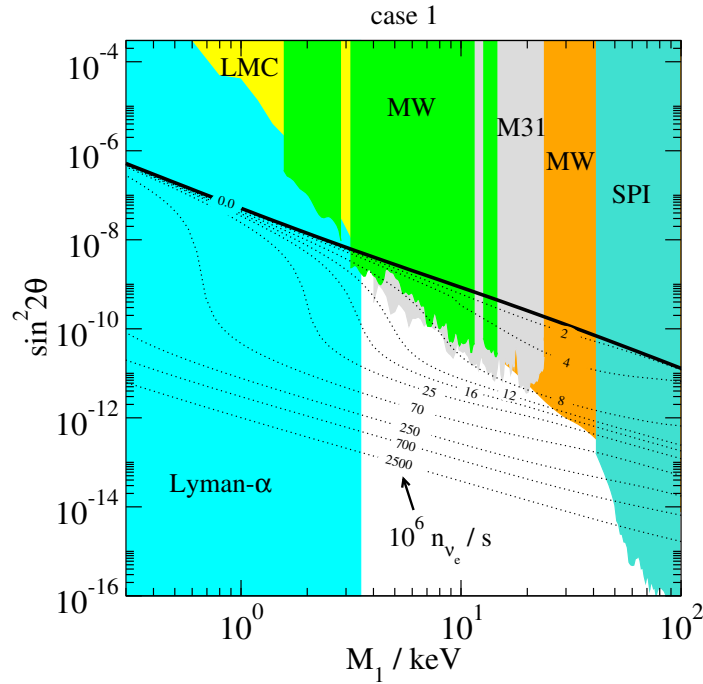


⇒ uncertainties of $\mathcal{O}(15\%)$

¹¹ G. Jackson and ML, *A thermal neutrino interaction rate at NLO*, 1910.12880

resonant dark matter production

large Y_a permits for resonant sterile neutrino production¹²



¹² X.-D. Shi and G.M. Fuller, *A New dark matter candidate: Nonthermal sterile neutrinos*, astro-ph/9810076; ML and M. Shaposhnikov, *Sterile neutrino dark matter as a consequence of ν MSM-induced lepton asymmetry*, 0804.4543; ... ; D. Bödeker and A. Klaus, *Sterile neutrino dark matter: Impact of active-neutrino opacities*, 2005.03039

inspired by supposed detection,¹³ consider modern setup¹⁴

1 light flavour ($\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} dm$), 2 heavy flavours ($\stackrel{!}{\Rightarrow} \Delta m_\nu, n_B$),
three lepton asymmetries, helicities, momentum dependence

obtain $|Y_\alpha|$ from dynamics, **not** by hand

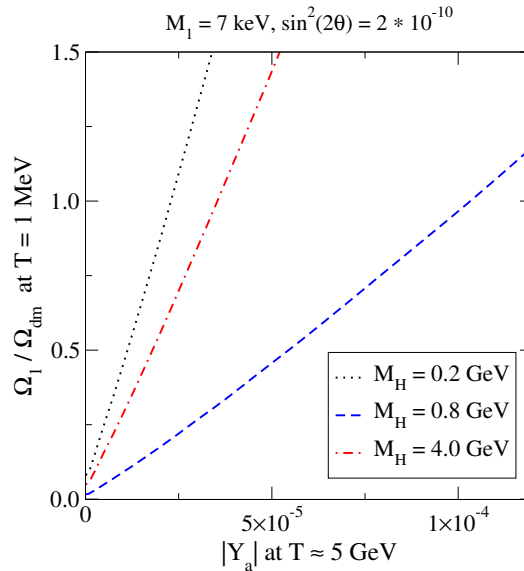
parameters of light flavour: $M_1 = 7 \text{ keV}$, $\sin^2(2\theta) = 2 \times 10^{-10}$

maximal effect: all light yukawas equal $|h_{1\alpha}| \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-13}$

¹³ E. Bulbul *et al*, *Detection of An Unidentified Emission Line in the Stacked X-ray spectrum of Galaxy Clusters*, 1402.2301; A. Boyarsky *et al*, *An unidentified line in X-ray spectra of the Andromeda galaxy and Perseus galaxy cluster*, 1402.4119

¹⁴ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Sterile neutrino dark matter via GeV-scale leptogenesis?*, 1905.08814

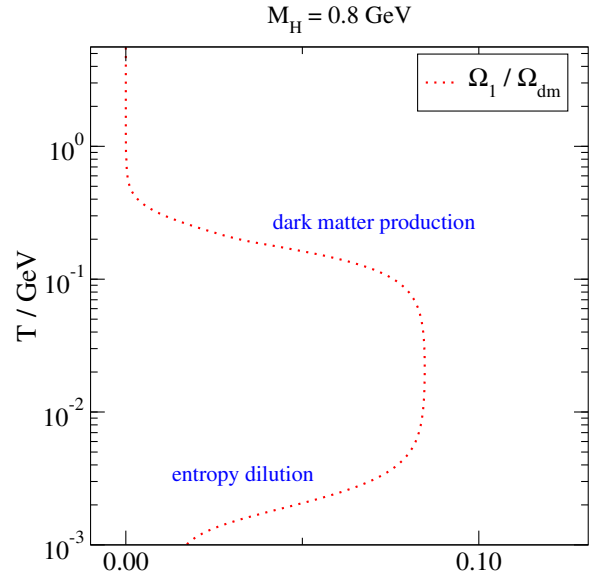
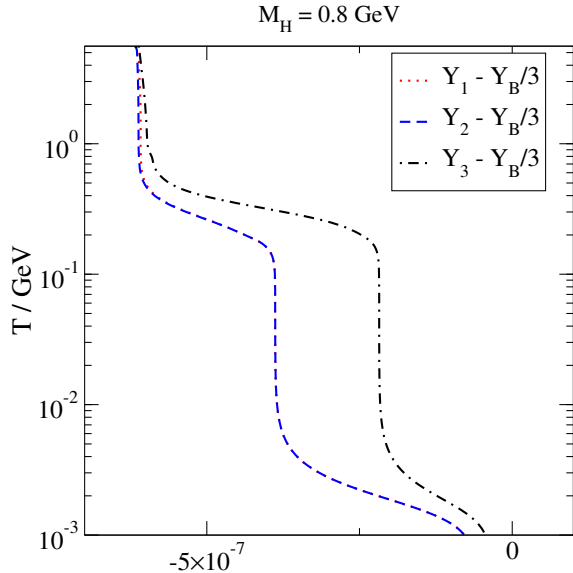
$\Omega_1 \approx \Omega_{\text{dm}}$ can be obtained only if $|Y_a| \sim 10^{-5 \dots -4}$



\Rightarrow differences between M_H are due to entropy release

\Rightarrow where could the factor $|Y_a|/|Y_B| \sim 10^5$ come from?

generic $|Y_a|$: only partial conversion to dark matter



\Rightarrow entropy dilution is substantial for these parameters

\Rightarrow final abundance remains below 10%

to do better need a “coincidence”¹⁵

at dm production, oscillation rate should be \sim Hubble rate

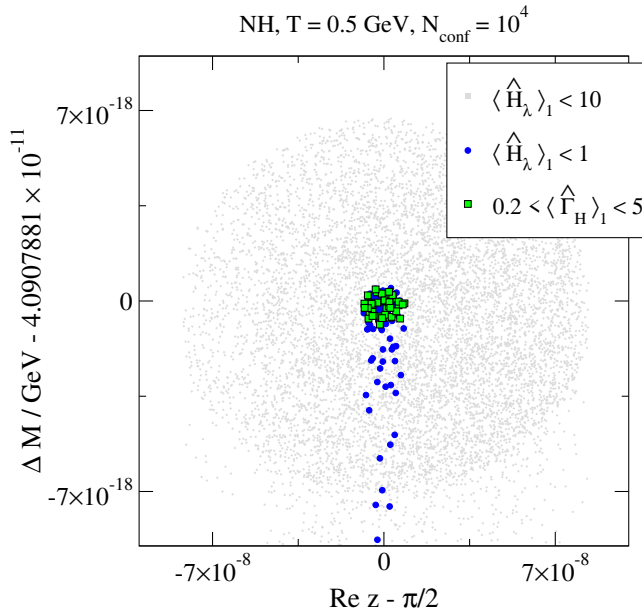
$$\langle \hat{H}_\lambda \rangle \equiv |\text{eigenvalue}(\langle \text{diag}(\hat{\omega}_2, \hat{\omega}_3) - \hat{H}_H^+ \rangle_1 - \frac{1}{2}(\text{trace}))|$$

at dm production, interaction rate should be \sim Hubble rate

$$\langle \hat{\Gamma}_H \rangle \equiv \sum_a \sum_{I=2,3} |h_{Ia}|^2 \langle \hat{Q}_{(a)I}^+ \rangle$$

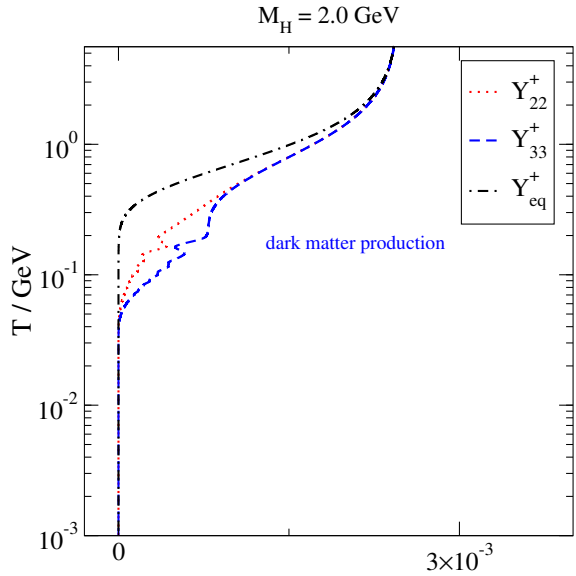
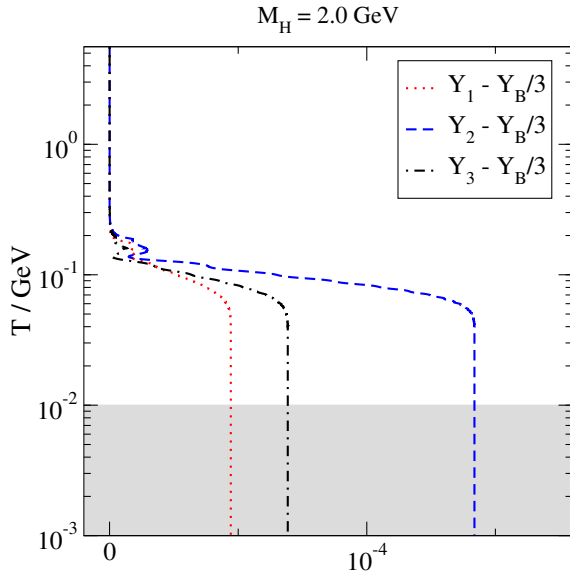
¹⁵ L. Canetti *et al*, *Dark Matter, Baryogenesis and Neutrino Oscillations from Right Handed Neutrinos*, 1208.4607.

having such a coincidence requires fine-tuning¹⁶

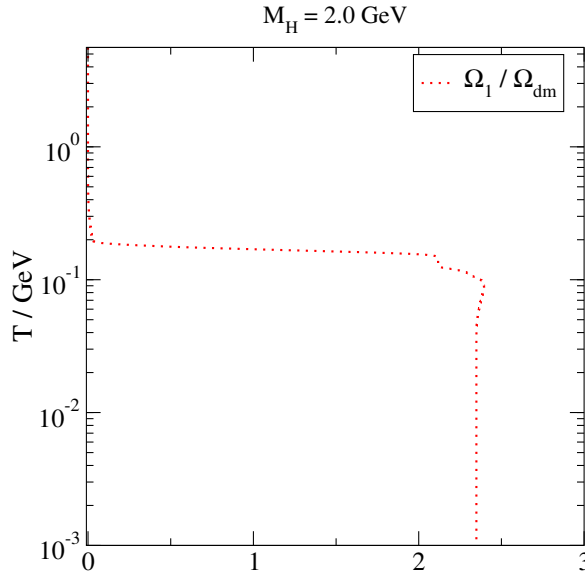


¹⁶ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Sterile neutrino dark matter via coinciding resonances*, 2004.10766

picking a point from the center, large $|Y_a|$ is possible



proof of existence: this gives more than enough of dm



code for spectra:¹⁷ <https://zenodo.org/record/3938597>

¹⁷ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Improved determination of sterile neutrino dark matter spectrum*, 1506.06752

summary

- ⇒ baryogenesis is possible with $\gtrsim 0.1$ GeV sterile neutrinos
- ⇒ model building \sim not much (?), thermal physics \sim fun
- ⇒ theoretical uncertainties $\lesssim 50\%$ by now
- ⇒ lepton asymmetries may be larger than baryon asymmetry
- ⇒ connection to dark matter exists but strongly constrained
- ⇒ experimental search could/should become an active field