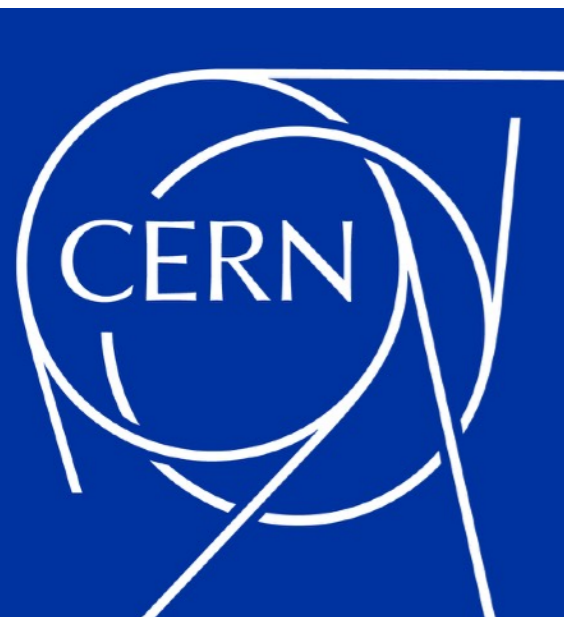


Modern Neutrino Cosmology

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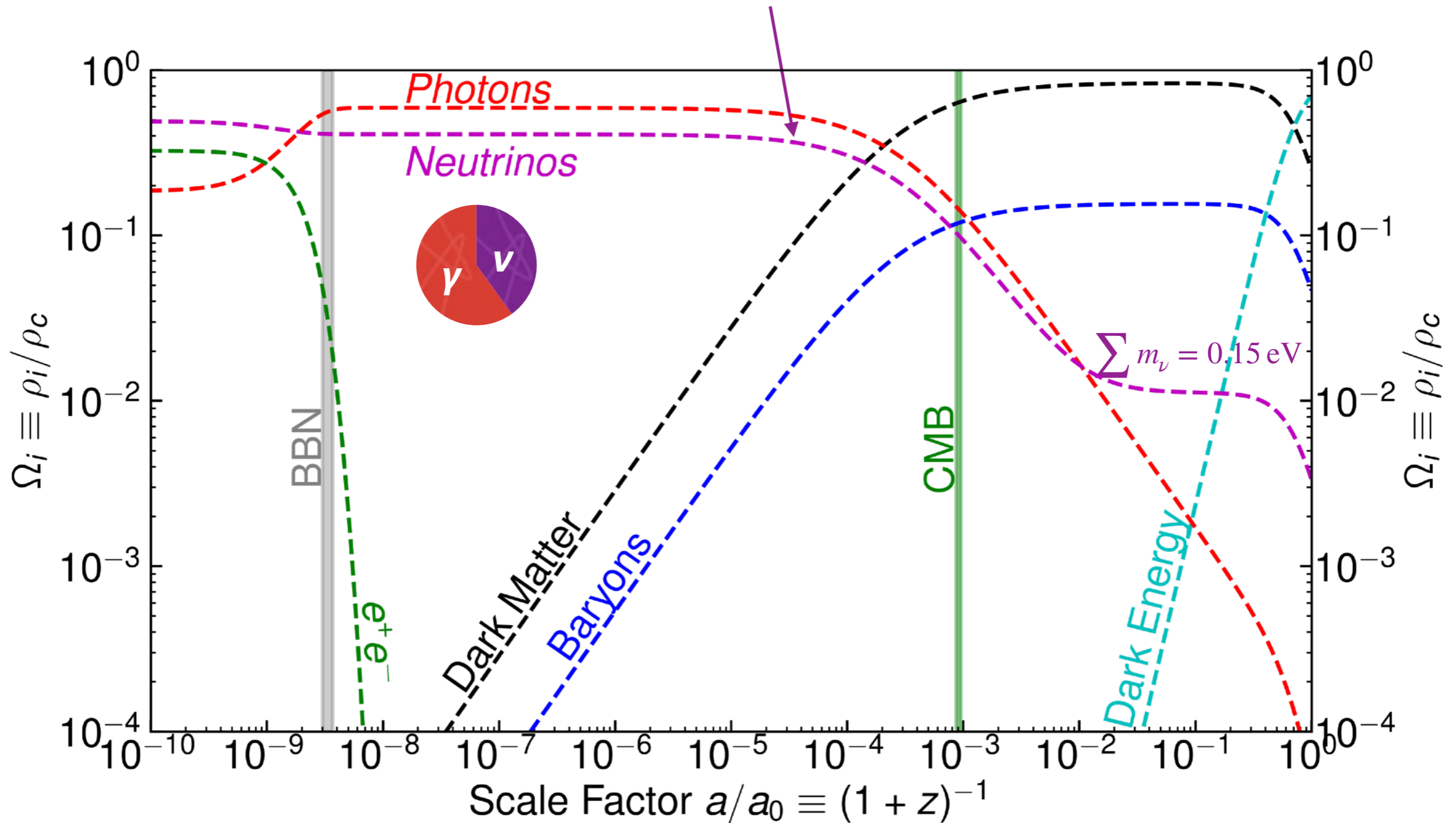


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Neutrino Evolution

Neutrinos are always a relevant species in the Universe's evolution

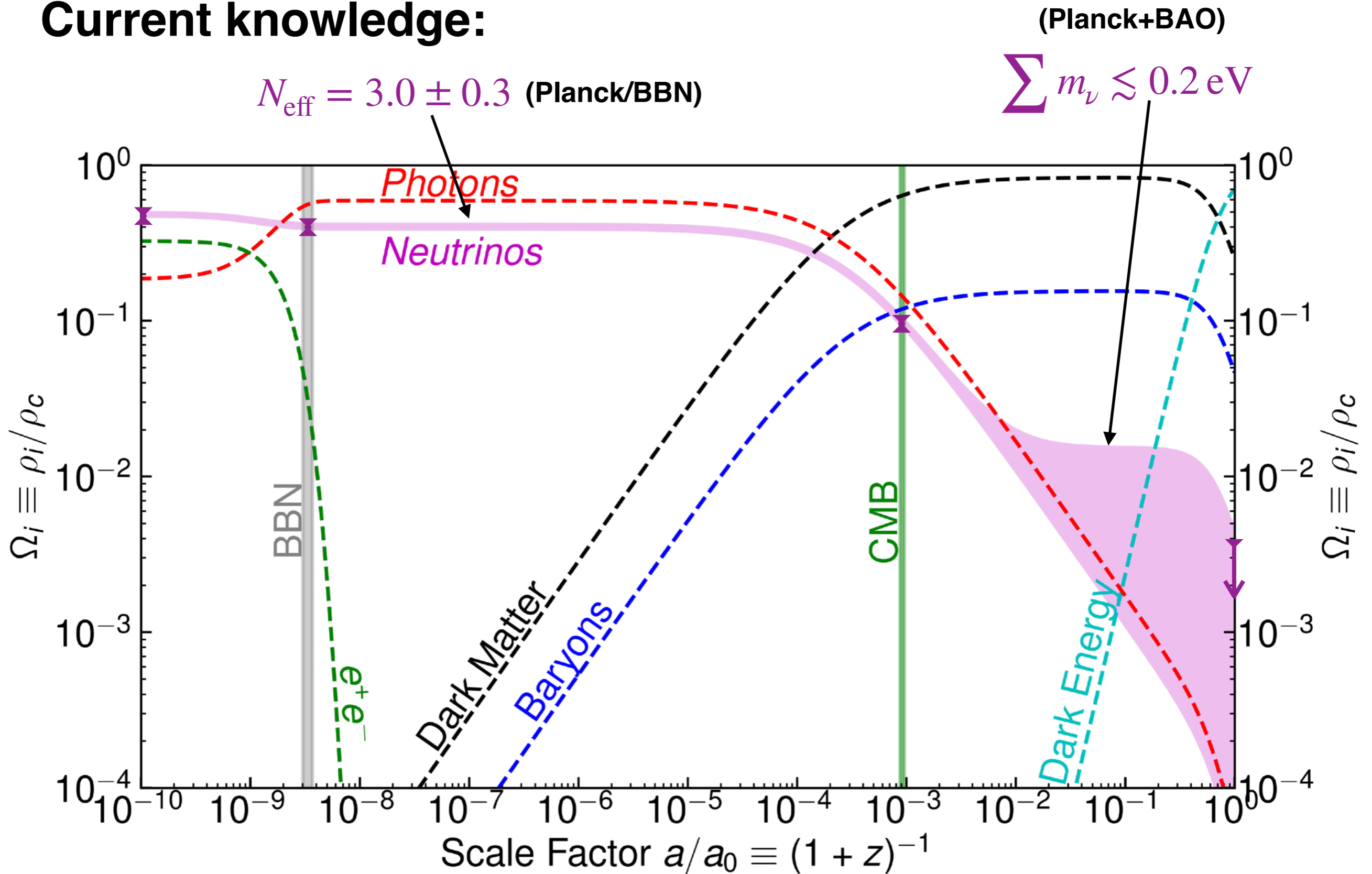


Non-Rel: $z_\nu^{\text{non-rel}} \simeq 110 \frac{m_\nu}{0.06 \text{ eV}}$

Hot DM: $\Omega_\nu h^2 = \sum m_\nu / (93.14 \text{ eV})$

Global Perspective

Current knowledge:



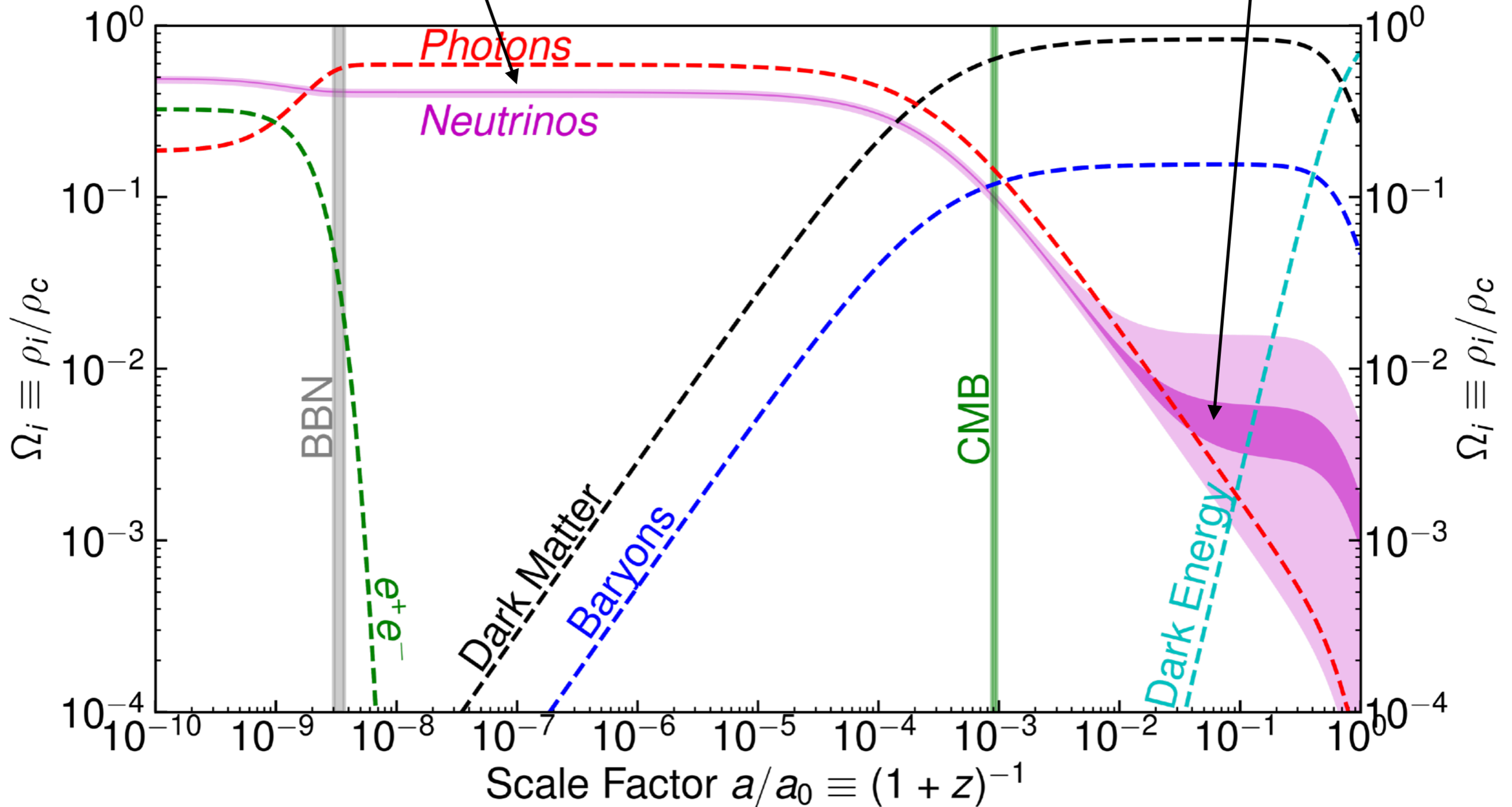
Global Perspective

In the next 5-6 years:

(DESI/Euclid + Planck)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.043 \pm 0.06 \text{ (Simons Observatory)}$$

$$\sum m_\nu = 0.06 \pm 0.02 \text{ eV}$$



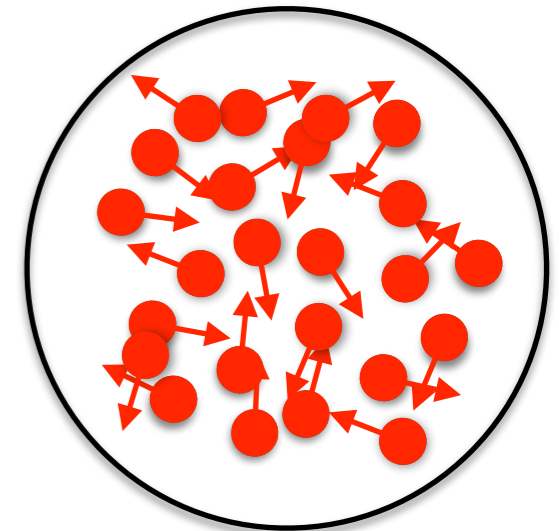
Motivation/Outline

Neutrino Cosmology is about to enter the ultrahigh precision regime

1) Understand with high accuracy N_{eff} in the Standard Model and how to calculate it BSM

M.E.A. [1812.05605](#) & [2001.04466](#) [JCAP]

with Cielo, Mangano & Pisanti [2306.05460](#) [PRD]



2) Understand the robustness of the bounds on $\sum m_\nu$ from Cosmology

with López-Pavón, Rius & Sandner [2007.04994](#) [JHEP]

with Alvey & Sabti [2111.12726](#) [JCAP]

with Schwetz & Terol-Calvo [2211.01729](#) [JHEP]

Particularly given the strong complementarity with laboratory experiments:

Planck: $\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$ 95% CL

KATRIN 2023: $\sum m_\nu < 2.4 \text{ eV}$ 95% CL

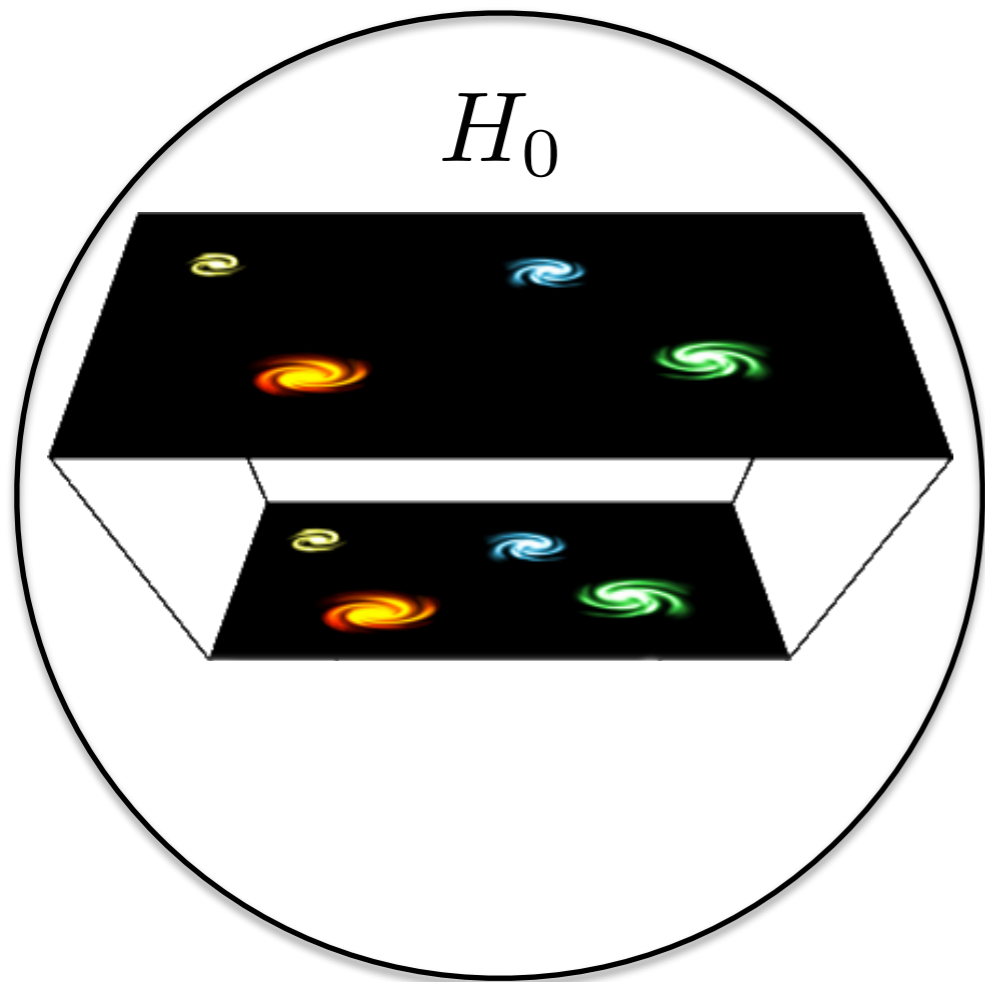
KATRIN 2027: $\sum m_\nu < 0.6 \text{ eV?}$ 90% CL

Exciting $0\nu\beta\beta$ program

$$\sum m_\nu \Big|_{\text{NO}} \geq 0.06 \text{ eV} \quad \sum m_\nu \Big|_{\text{IO}} \geq 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Motivation/Outline

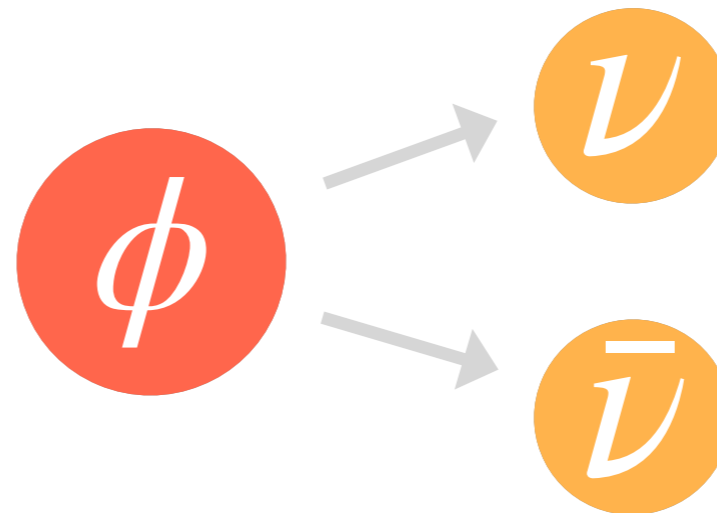
3) Understand to which degree can neutrinos be behind emerging cosmological tensions



$$H_0 = 73.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ km/s/Mpc} \quad \text{Riess et al. [2112.04510]}$$

$$H_0 = 67.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc} \quad \text{Planck [1807.06209]}$$

$> 5\sigma$ discrepancy!



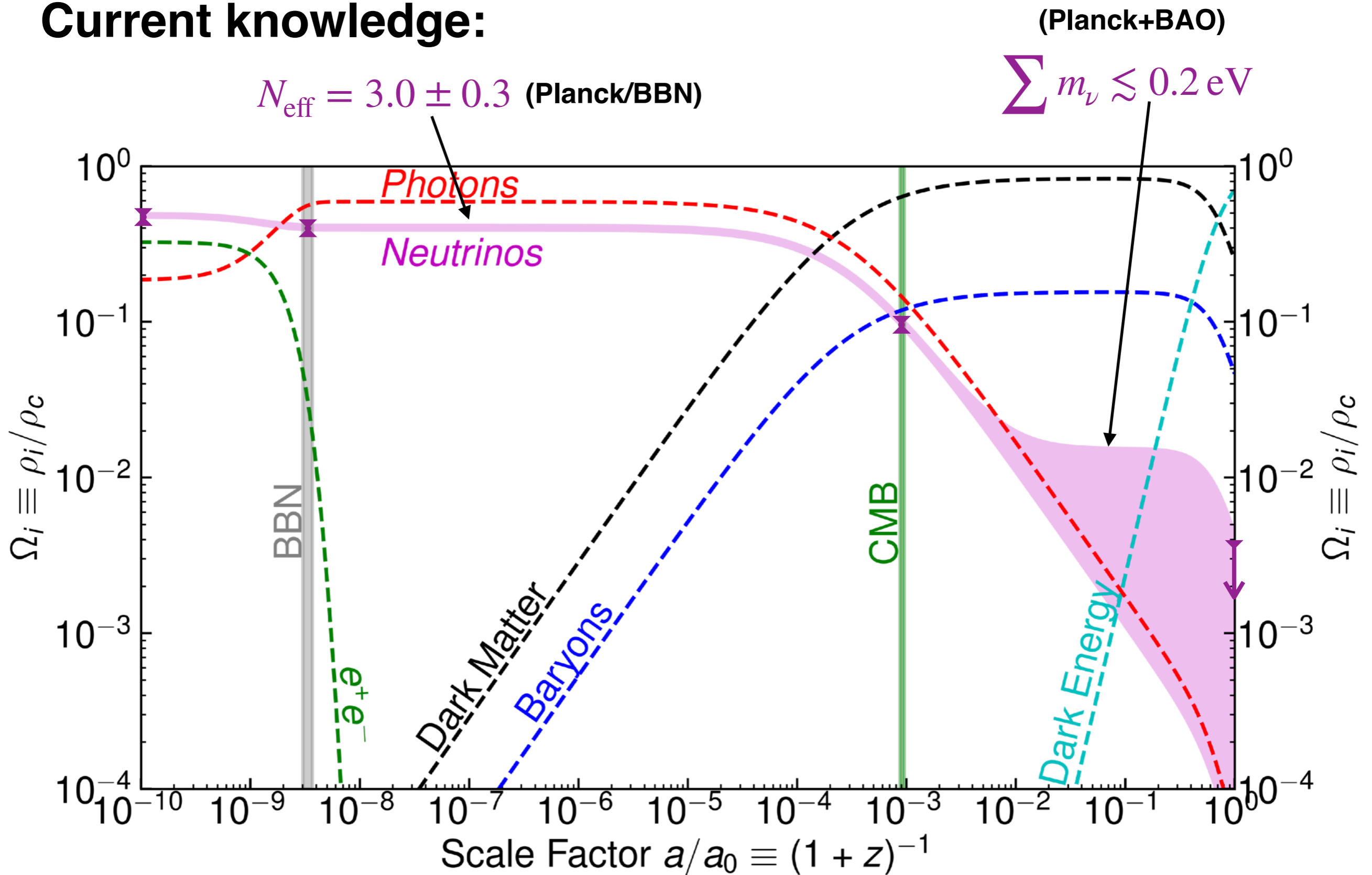
with Witte
1909.04044 [EPJC]
2103.03249 [EPJC]

Understand to which degree can neutrinos have BSM interactions

with Sandner & Witte 2305.01692 [EPJC]
with Taule & Garny 2207.04062 [PRD]

Outline

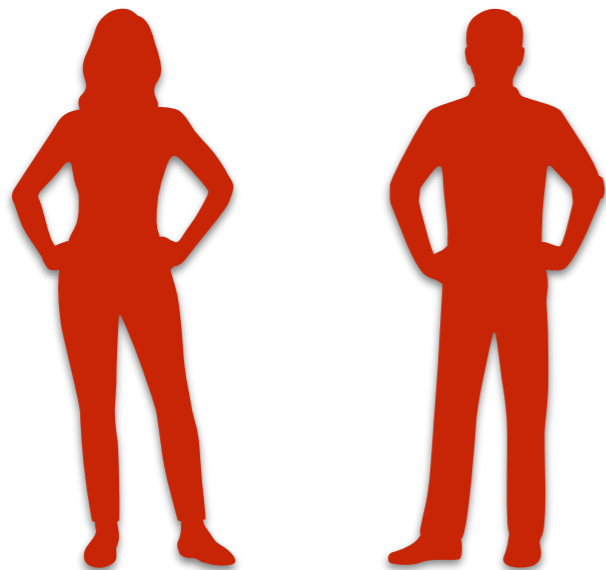
Current knowledge:



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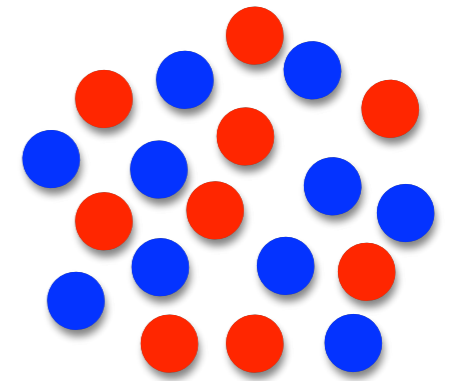
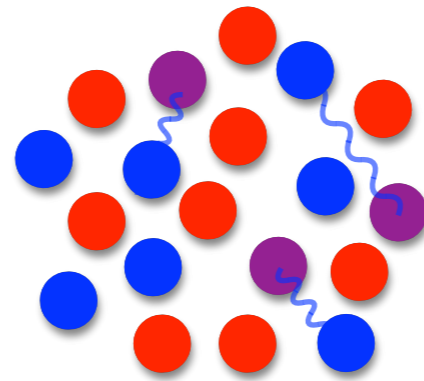
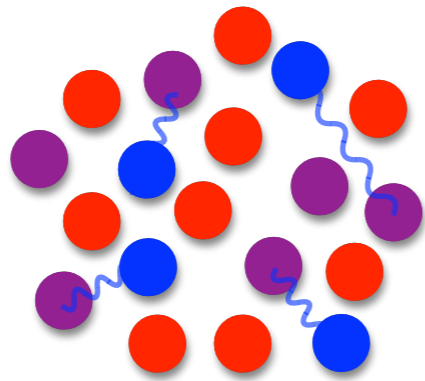
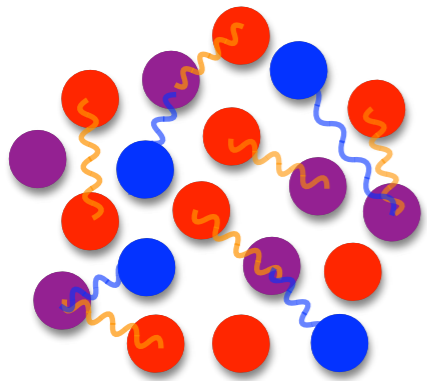
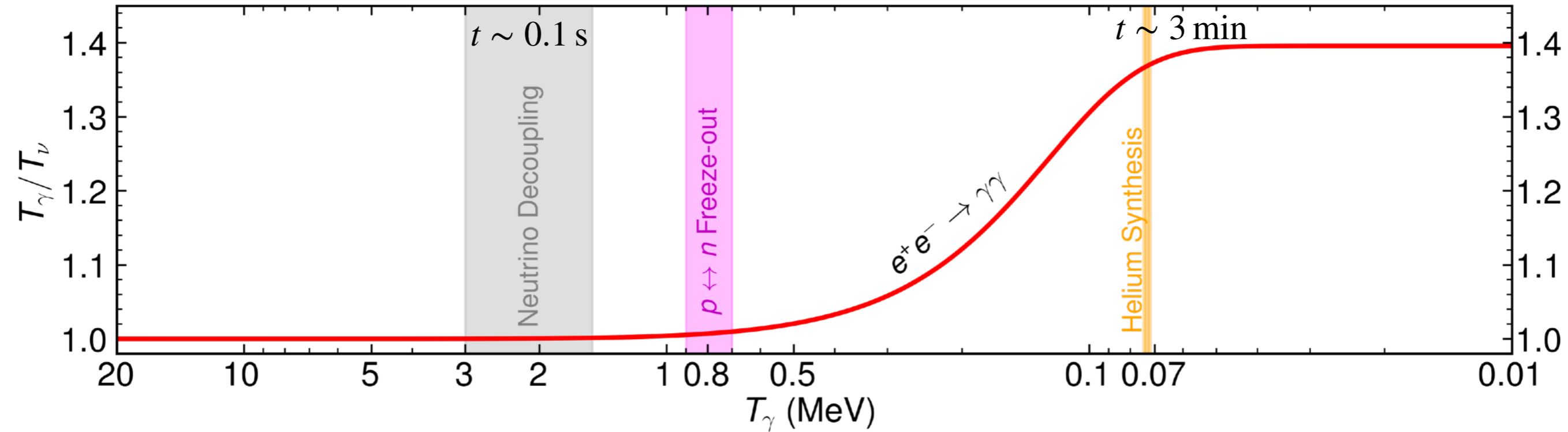
Unlike neutrinos, I do like to interact 😊

**Questions, Comments and
Criticism are most
welcome, at any time!!!!**



Starting Point: Neutrino Decoupling

Evolution in the Standard Model



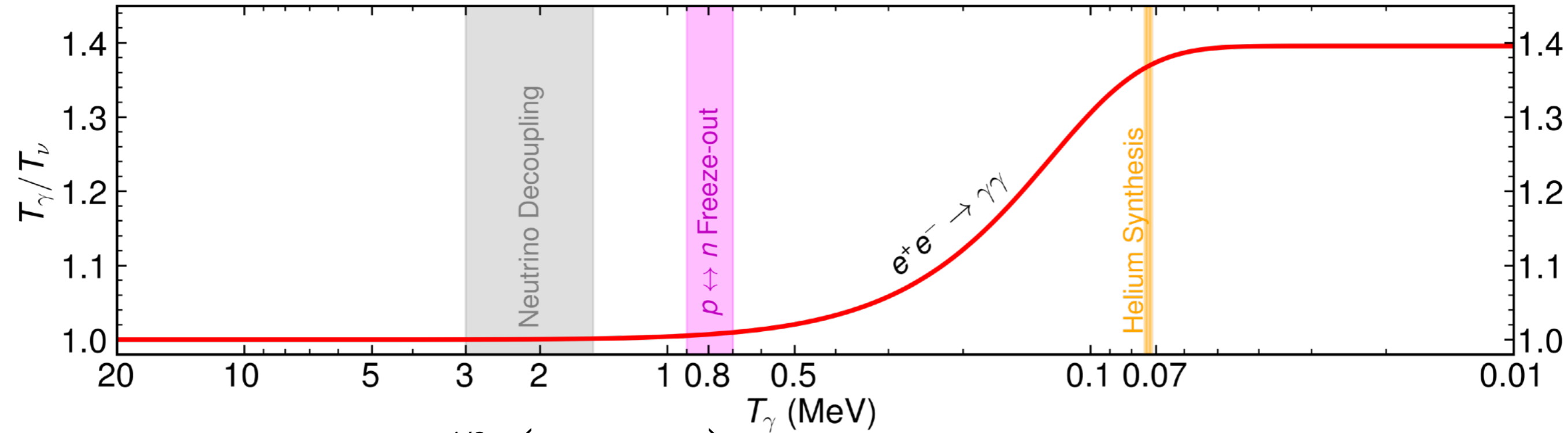
$$e^+e^- \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_i\nu_i$$

$$e^\pm\nu_i \leftrightarrow e^\pm\nu_i$$

- **Neutrinos**
- **Electrons**
- **Photons**
- ~ **Z-W (off-shell)**

Cosmic Neutrino Background

Evolution in the Standard Model



- $$N_{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{11}{4} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{rad}} - \rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} \right)$$

$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = \frac{8}{7} \left(\frac{11}{4} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\rho_\nu}{\rho_\gamma} \right) = 3 \left(\frac{1.4 T_\nu}{T_\gamma} \right)^4$$

- $$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.044(1)$$

Mangano et al. hep-ph/0506164

de Salas & Pastor 1606.06986

Bennett, Buldgen, Drewes & Wong 1911.04504

Escudero Abenza 2001.04466

Akita & Yamaguchi 2005.07047

Froustey, Pitrou & Volpe 2008.01074

Gariazzo, de Salas, Pastor et al. 2012.02726

Hansen, Shalgar & Tamborra 2012.03948

Why is N_{eff} in the SM not 3?

Recently reviewed by Akita & Yamaguchi [2210.10307], see also the nice review by Dolgov [hep-ph/0202122]

Relic Neutrino Decoupling $t \sim 0.1 \text{ s}$ $T_\nu \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$

- 1) Some $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\nu$ heating because $T_\nu^{\text{dec}} \sim 4 \times m_e$ $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq +0.03$ Kolb et al. '82
Dolgov et al. '97
- 2) Finite temperature corrections to $\delta m_\gamma^2(T)$ and $\delta m_e^2(T)$ $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq +0.01$ Heckler '94
Bennet et al. '21
- 3) Neutrino oscillations $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq +0.0007$ Mangano et al. '05
de Salas & Pastor '16

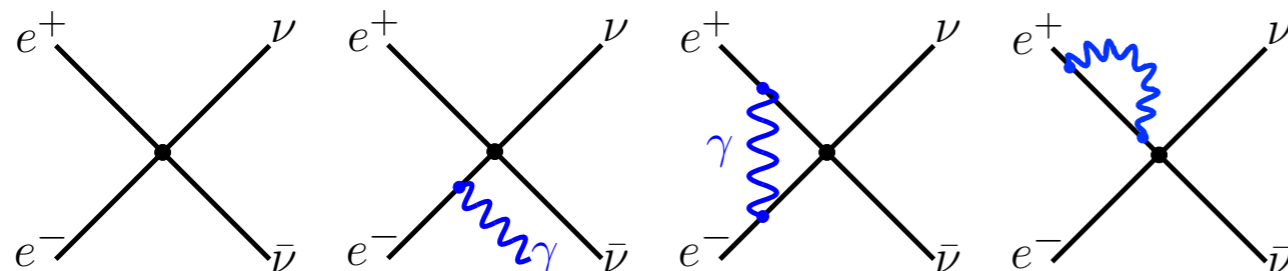
Standard Model prediction as of 2022: $N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.0440(2)$ Akita & Yamaguchi 2005.07047
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4) QED corrections to $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\nu$ processes

QED corrections are well known to be sizable ($\sim 5\%$) for $\nu e \rightarrow \nu e$ scatterings for solar neutrinos, see e.g. Bahcall, Kamionkowski & Sirlin [astro-ph/9502003]

Estimate of this effect was made in Escudero Abenza [2001.04466] using an extrapolation of the NLO rates from Esposito et al. [astro-ph/0301438]

Together with Gianpiero Mangano, Ofelia Pisanti and Mattia Cielo we have actually accounted for the correction to the energy transfer rates which is $\sim -4\%$ at $T = 1 \text{ MeV}$



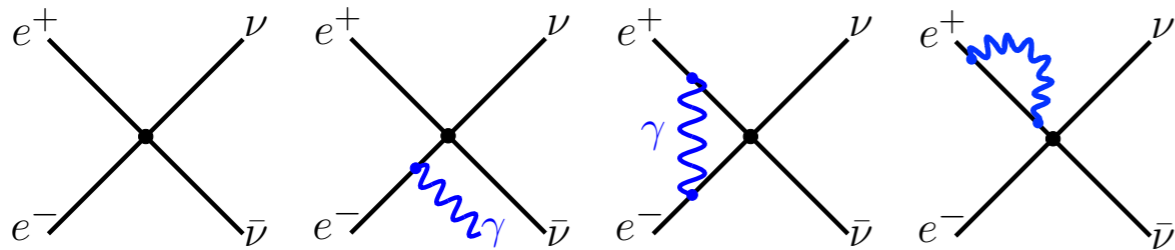
At NLO: $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq -0.0007$

$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.0432(2) = 3.043$$

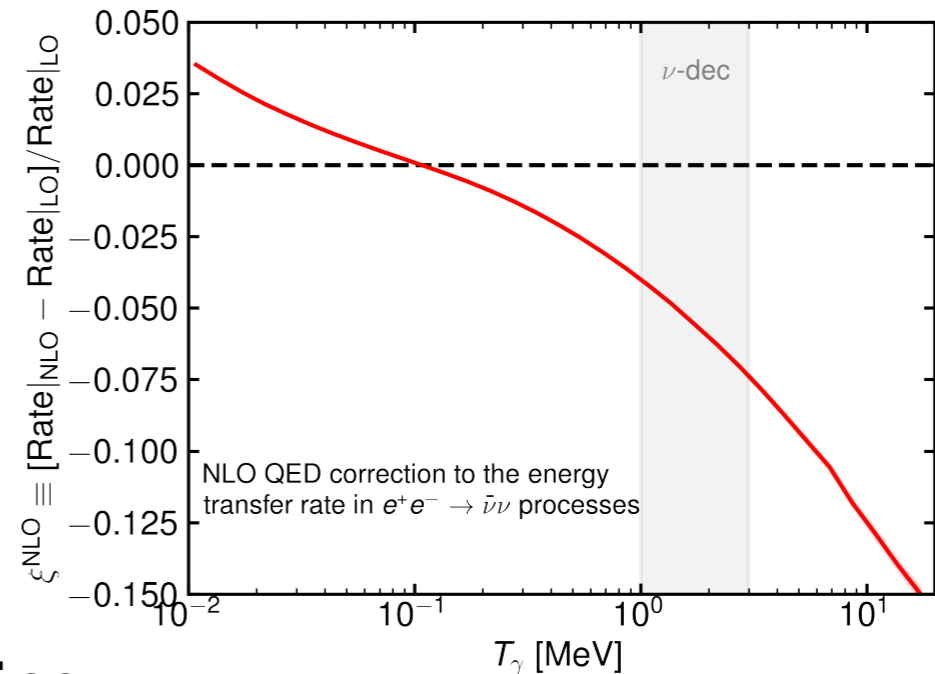
Cielo, Escudero, Mangano & Pisanti PRD [2306.05460]

The essence in 1 slide

1) Calculation performed following the real time formalism in thermal field theory



See Esposito, Mangano, Miele, Picard & Pisanti astro-ph/0301438 & astro-ph/0112384 for the thermal corrections and Passera for the radiative corrections in vacuum [hep-ph/0011190]



2) Solve for the process of neutrino decoupling:

exact:
$$\frac{\partial f_\nu}{\partial t} - Hp \frac{\partial f_\nu}{\partial p} = C[f_\nu]$$

approximate but very accurate and fast:
$$\frac{dT_\nu}{dt} = -HT_\nu + \frac{\delta\rho_{\nu e}}{\delta t} + 2 \frac{\delta\rho_{\nu\mu}}{\delta t} \bigg/ 3 \frac{\partial\rho_\nu}{\partial T_\nu}$$

stiff system of $O(100)$ integro-differential equations

Escudero Abenza
1812.05605 & 2001.04466
https://github.com/MiguelEA/nudec_BSM

works because the Cosmic Neutrino Background is a very good black body $\delta\rho/\rho < 10^{-5}$

3) Result at NLO: $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq -0.00007$ $N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.0432(2) = 3.043$

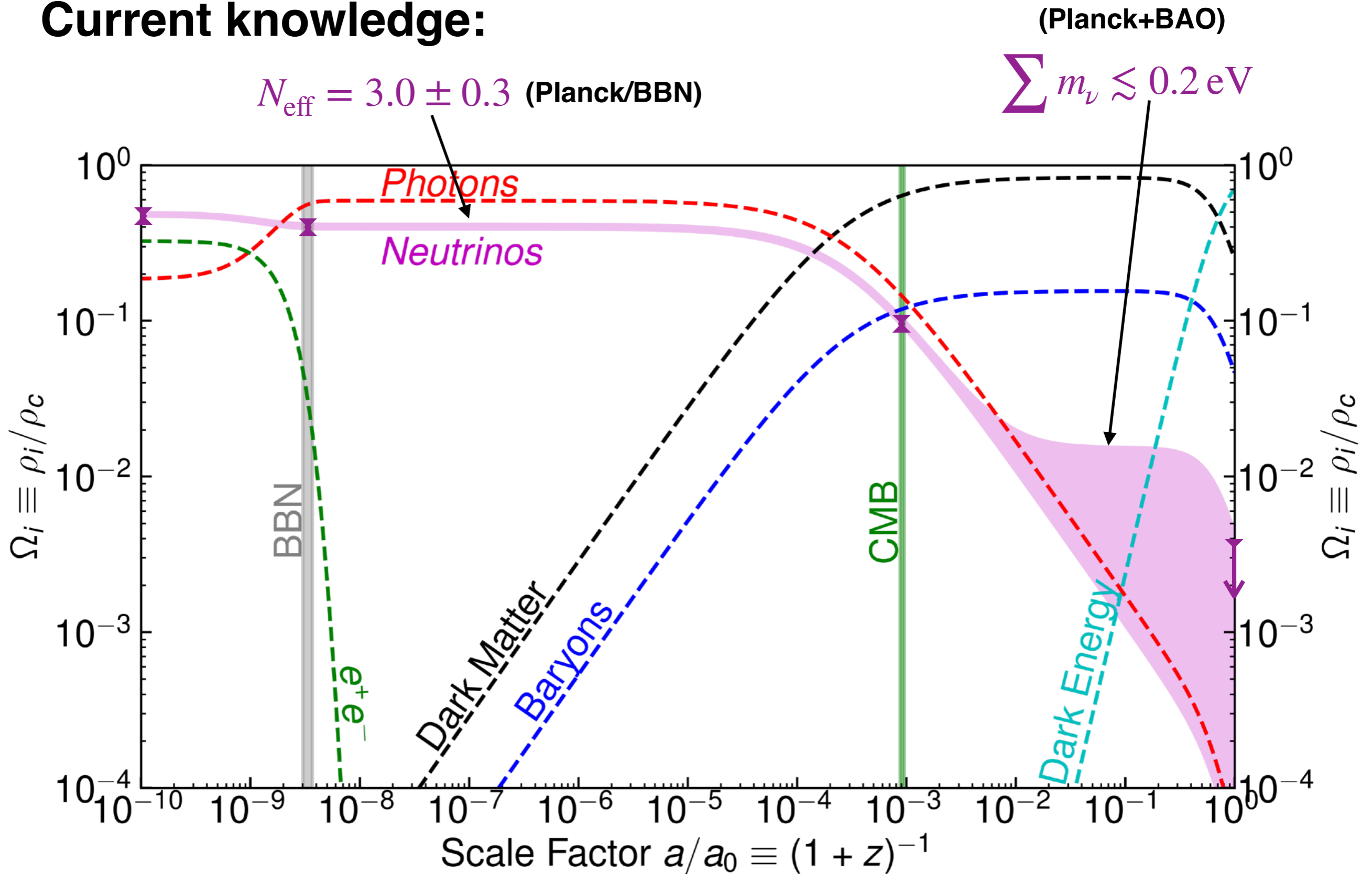
Cielo, Escudero, Mangano & Pisanti 2306.05460

But, Jackson and Laine [2312.07015] have recently calculated this rate at NLO and found smaller corrections with different sign. Also Drewes et al. [2402.18481] have performed a partial calculation.

$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.043(1)$ Under investigation!

Global Perspective

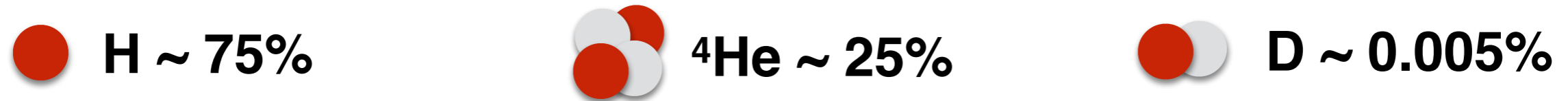
Current knowledge:



Evidence for Cosmic Neutrinos

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

Current measurements are consistent with the SM picture



This implies that neutrinos should have been present:

1) It is impossible to have successful BBN without neutrinos. They participate in $p \leftrightarrow n$ conversions up to $T \gtrsim 0.7 \text{ MeV}$

$n \leftrightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
 $n + e^+ \leftrightarrow p + \bar{\nu}_e$
 $n + \nu_e \leftrightarrow p + e^-$

2) Neutrinos contribute to the expansion rate $H \propto \sqrt{\rho}$

By comparing predictions against observations, we know:

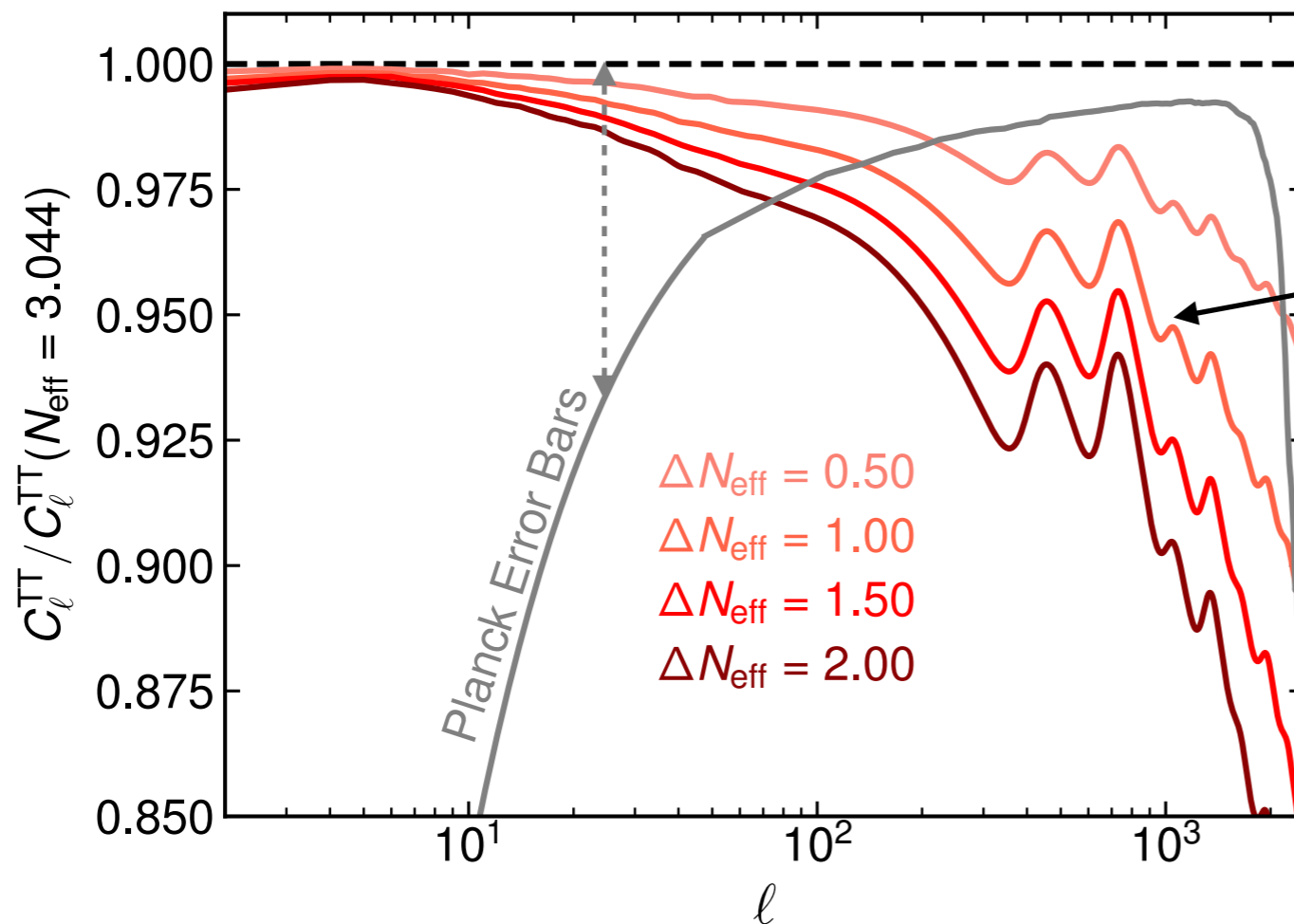
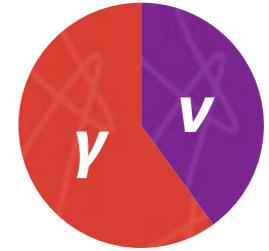
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see e.g., Pisanti et al. 2011.11537
and Yeh et al. 2207.13133

Evidence for Cosmic Neutrinos

Cosmic Microwave Background Why?

Ultra-relativistic neutrinos represent a large fraction of the energy density of the Universe, $H \propto \sqrt{\rho}$



N_{eff} is constrained by the high- ℓ multipoles, i.e. Silk damping

$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{CMB+BAO}} = 2.99 \pm 0.17$$

Planck 2018 1807.06209

Evidence for Cosmic Neutrinos

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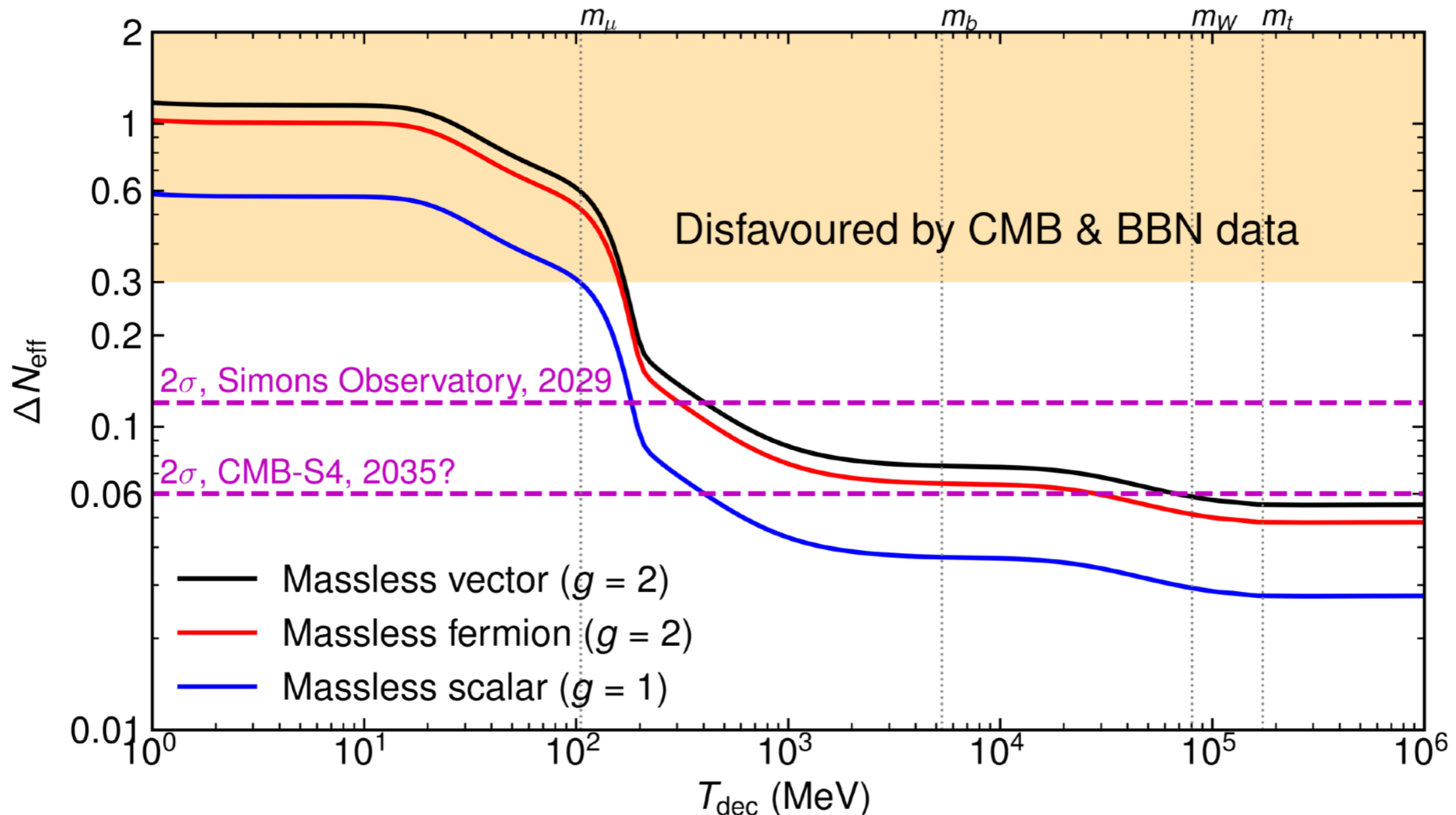
Implications:

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Constraints on N_{eff}

- **Sterile Neutrino** $m_{\nu_s} \sim \text{eV}$ $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 1$ (see e.g. Gariazzo, de Salas & Pastor 1905.11290)
- **Goldstone Bosons** see e.g. Weinberg 1305.1971
- **Other sterile long-lived particles** Axion, gravitino, axino, hidden sector particles ...



Stringent constraint on BSM physics

Constraints are relevant in many other BSM settings:

- **WIMPs**

$$m_{\text{WIMP}} > (4 - 10) \text{ MeV}$$

Sabti et al. 1910.01649
Boehm et al. 1303.6270

- **GeV-Sterile Neutrinos**

$$\tau_N \lesssim 0.05 \text{ s}$$

Sabti et al. 2006.07387
Dolgov et al. hep-ph/0008138

- **Vector Bosons**

$$g \lesssim 10^{-10} \quad m \lesssim 10 \text{ MeV}$$

Escudero et al. 1901.02010
Kamada & Yu 1504.00711

- **Axions**

Raffelt et al. 1011.3694
Blum et al. 1401.6460

- **Low Reheating**

$$T_{\text{RH}} > (2 - 5) \text{ MeV}$$

de Salas et al. 1511.00672
Hasegawa et al. 1908.10189

- **Variations of GN**

$$G_{\text{BBN}}/G_0 = 0.98 \pm 0.03$$

Alvey et al. 1910.10730
Copi et al. astro-ph/0311334

- **PBHs**

$$6 \times 10^8 \text{ g} < M_{\text{PBH}} < 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ g}$$

Carr et al. 0912.5297
Keith et al. 2006.03608

Check out a review on non-standard expansion histories:

[2006.16182](#) Vaskonen et al. (Escudero & Poulin)

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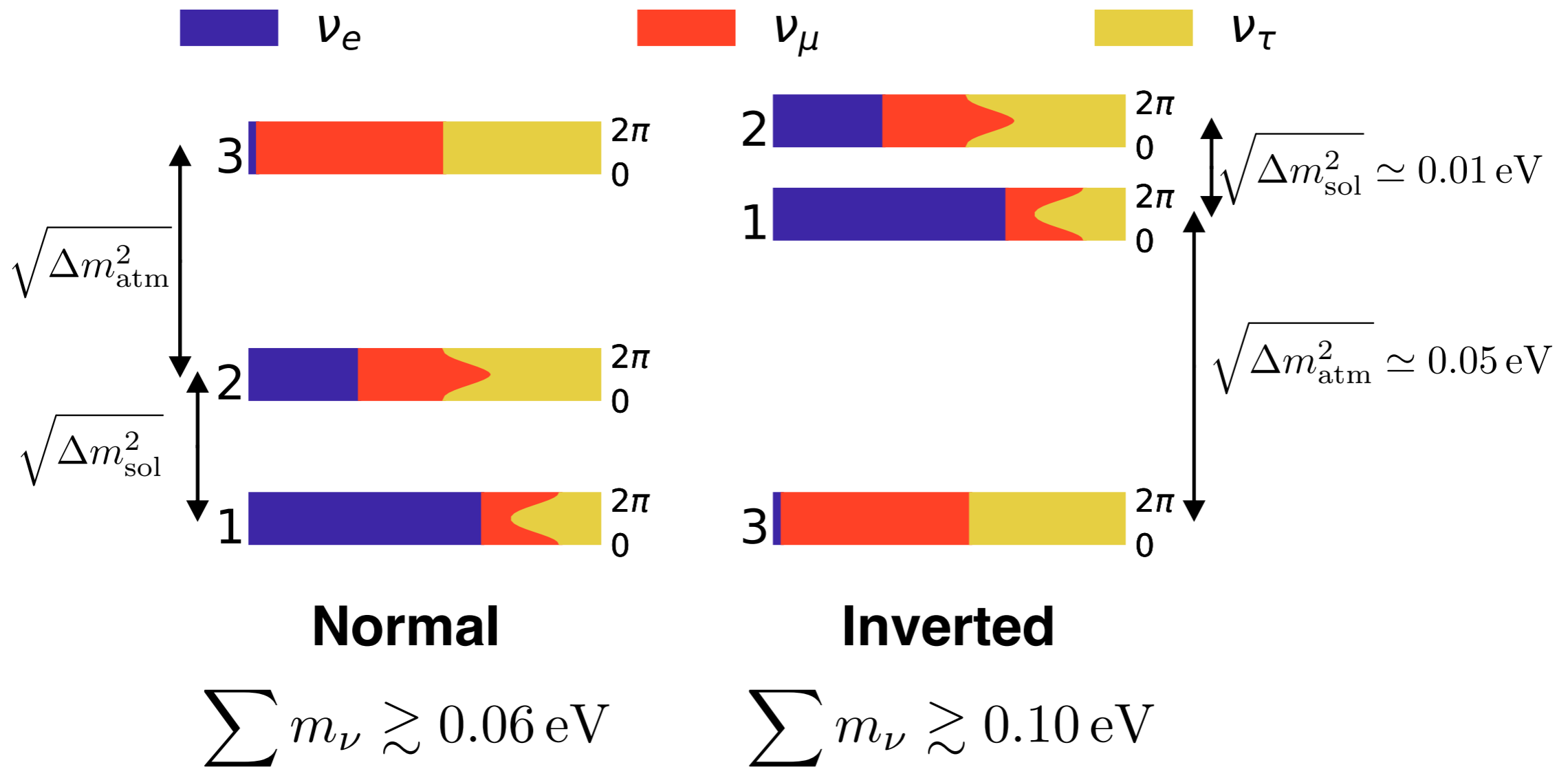
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Neutrino Properties

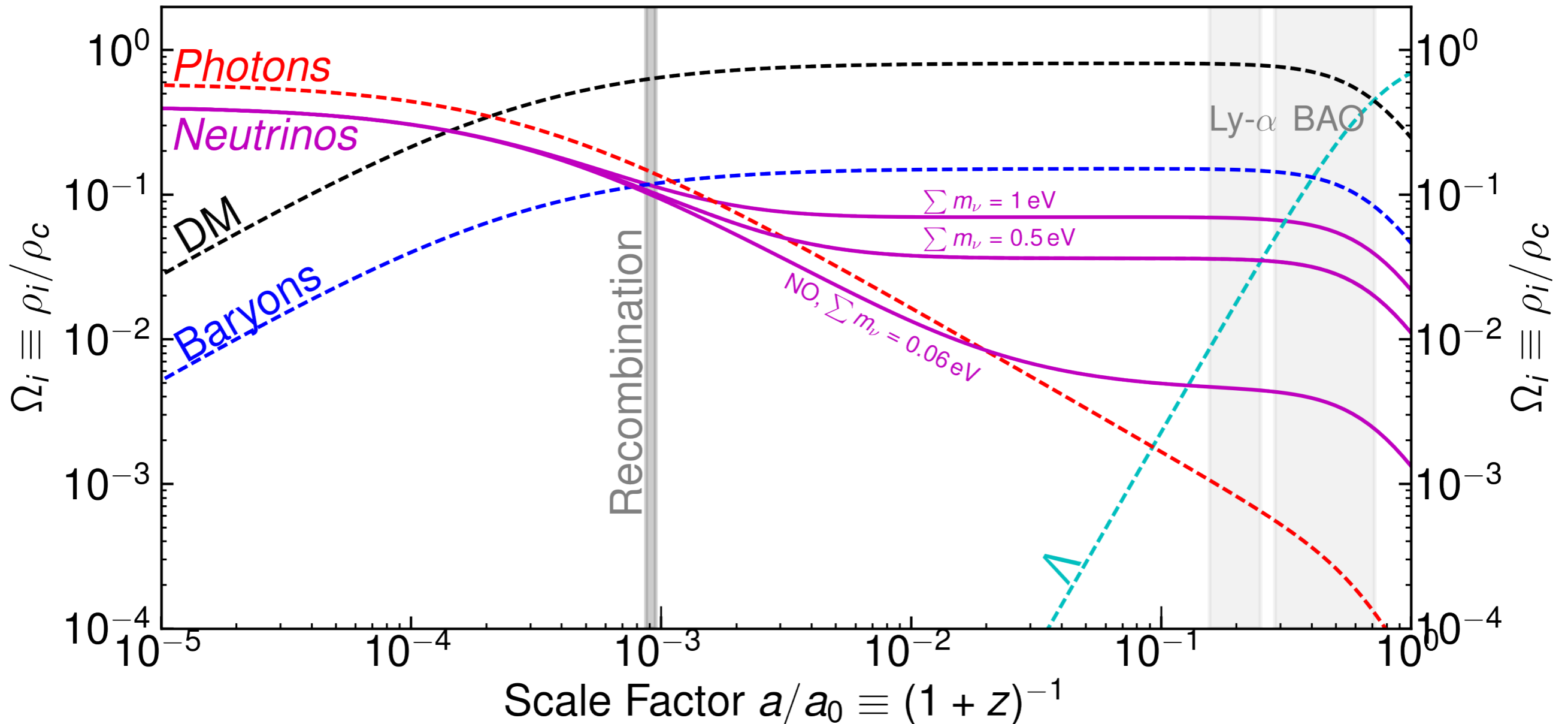
Figure from de Salas et al. 1806.11051



- Mass differences and mixing angles measured with high precision
- What is δ_{CP} and what is the mass ordering? [Neutrino Oscillations](#)
- Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana particles? [\$0\nu 2\beta\$ Experiments](#)
- What is the neutrino mass scale? i.e. $\sum m_\nu$? i.e. m_{lightest} ? [Cosmology](#)

Neutrino Masses in Cosmology

- 1) Massive neutrinos modify the expansion history



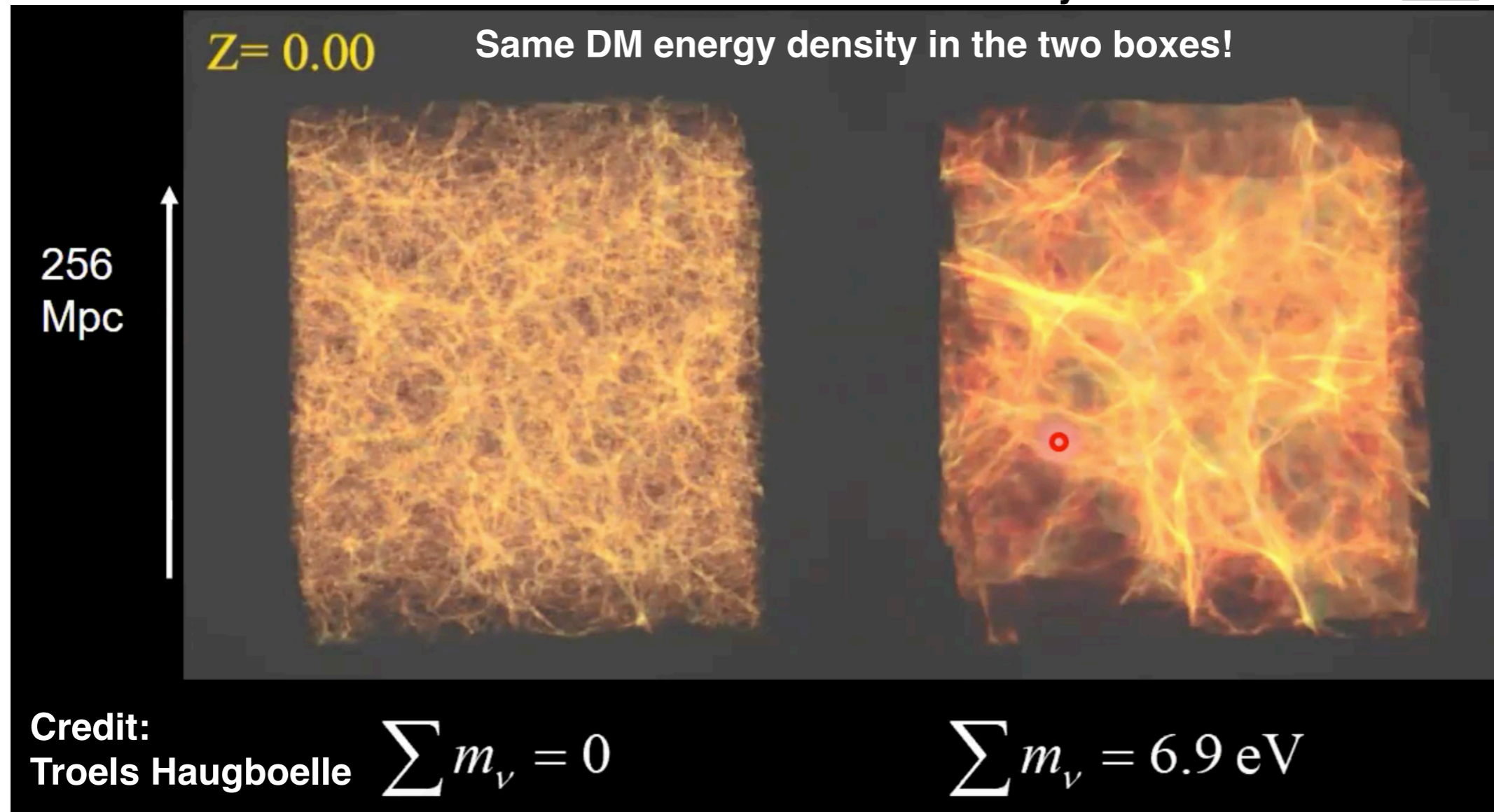
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Neutrino Masses in Cosmology

- 2) Massive neutrinos suppress the growth of structure

taken from a talk by Steen Hannestad [Link](#).



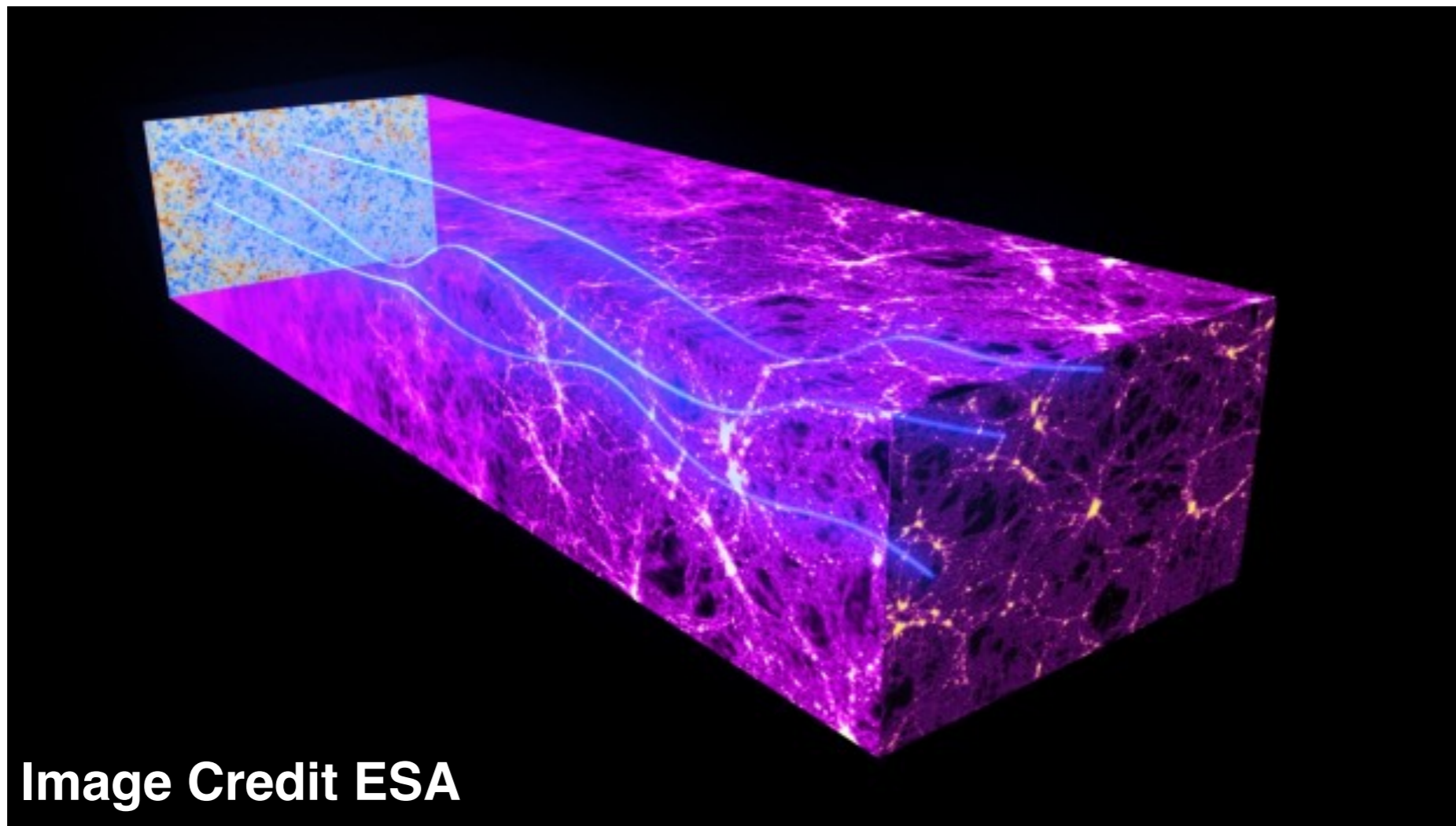
This happens because neutrinos travel very fast and therefore cannot fall in gravitational potentials. The effect of this smoothing is proportional to Ω_ν

Neutrino Masses in Cosmology

Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropies

Neutrinos of $m_\nu < 0.5 \text{ eV}$ become non-relativistic after recombination. That means that their effect on the anisotropies is somewhat small!

The most relevant impact is through the effect of gravitational lensing:

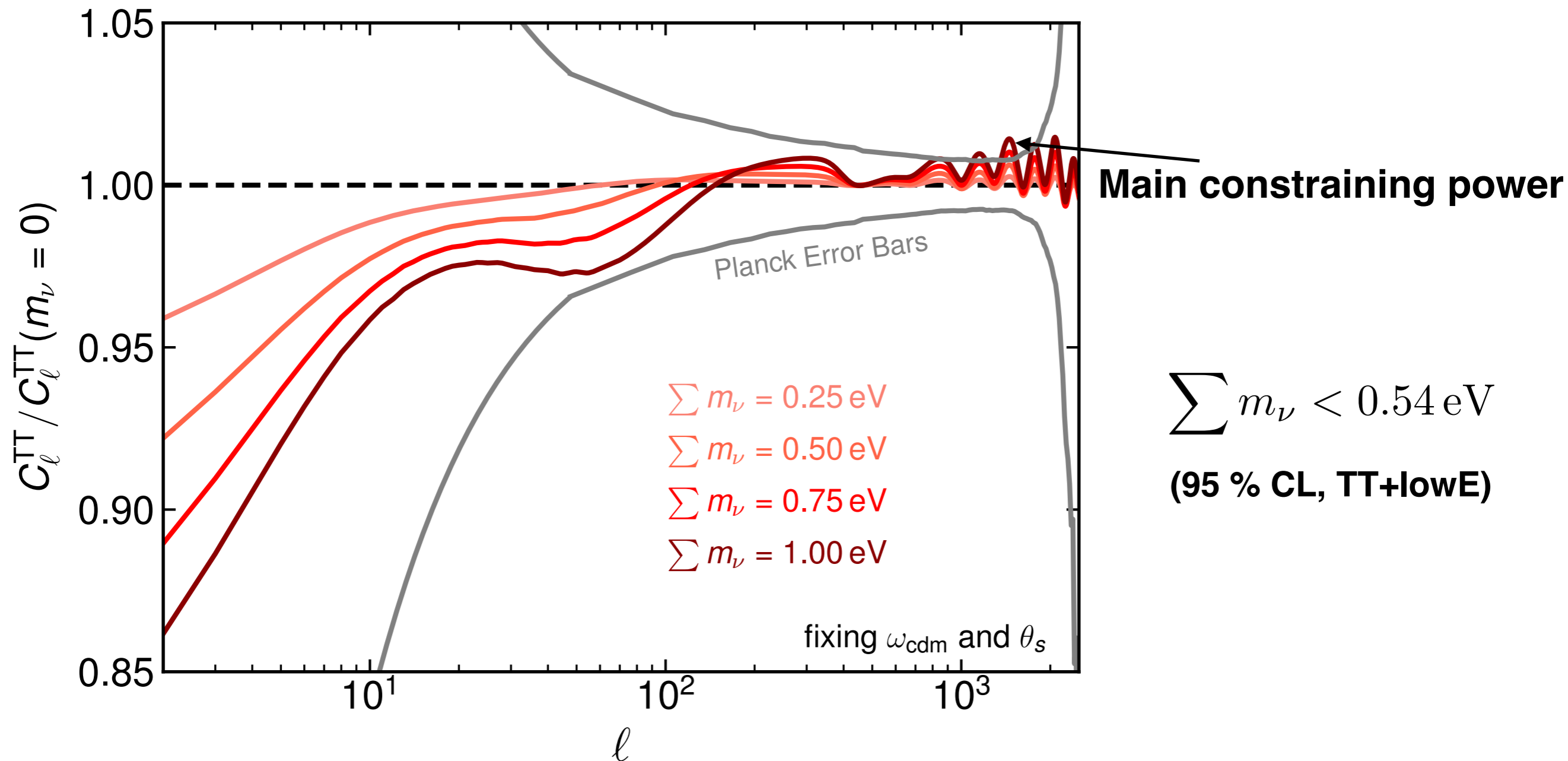


The larger the neutrino mass the less is the CMB light lensed!

Neutrino Masses in Cosmology

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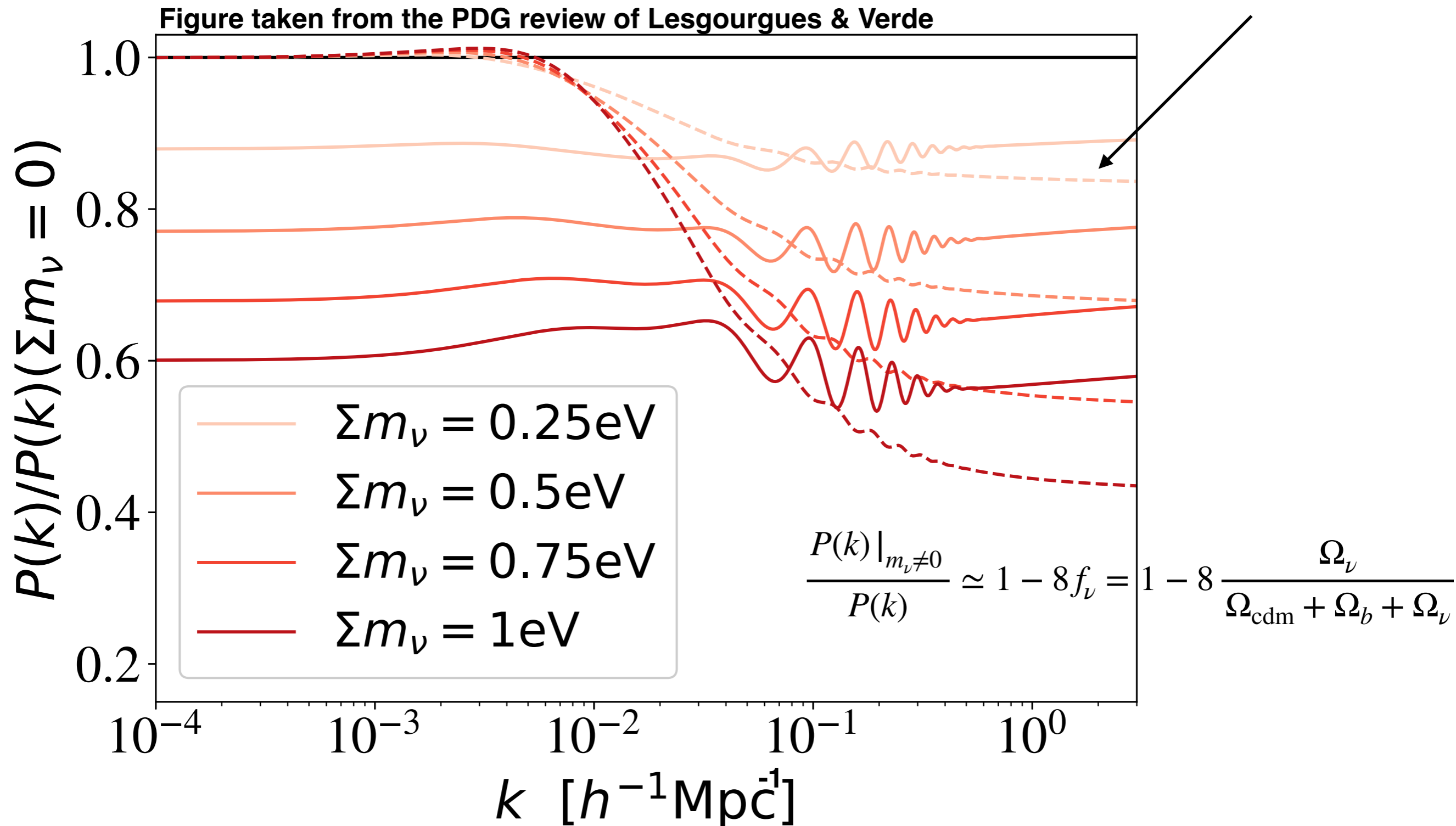
The effect of neutrino masses in the CMB:



Neutrino Masses in Cosmology

Galaxy Surveys

Suppression from $\Omega_\nu h^2$



Neutrino Masses from Cosmology

Planck 2018 for Λ CDM (1807.06209)

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.54 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \% \text{ CL, TT+lowE})$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.26 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \% \text{ CL, TTTEEE+lowE})$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.24 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \% \text{ CL, TTTEEE+lowE+lensing})$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \% \text{ CL, TTTEEE+lowE+lensing+BAO})$$

To be compared to the KATRIN bound: $\sum m_\nu < 2.4 \text{ eV}$

Very robust bounds from linear Cosmology $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$

What about other non-linear cosmological data?

Importantly, all cosmological bounds are cosmological model dependent

What is the dependence upon the assumed Cosmological Model?

Neutrino Masses from Cosmology

Data beyond Planck and BAO within Λ CDM

$\sum m_\nu < 0.26 \text{ eV}$	Planck	Planck 1807.06209
$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$	Planck+BAO	Planck 1807.06209
$\sum m_\nu < 0.86 \text{ eV}$	BOSS P(k)	Ivanov, Simonovic & Zaldarriaga 1909.05277
$\sum m_\nu < 0.16 \text{ eV}$	Planck+BOSS P(k)	Ivanov, Simonovic & Zaldarriaga 1912.08208
$\sum m_\nu < 0.58 \text{ eV}$	Lyman-α+H₀prior	Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 1911.09073
$\sum m_\nu < 0.10 \text{ eV}$	Planck+Lyman-α	
$\sum m_\nu < 0.08 \text{ eV}$	Planck+BAO+H₀	Choudhury & Hannestad 1907.12598
$\sum m_\nu < 0.09 \text{ eV}$	Planck+BAO+SN+RSD	di Valentino, Gariazzo & Mena 2106.15267

- **Planck is driving current cosmological constraints**
- **Non-linear or mildly non-linear data sets break degeneracies in the fit**
- **The larger H₀ is, the stronger the constraint on $\sum m_\nu$ is** (However, this comes from combining two data sets in strong tension!)

Neutrino Masses from Cosmology

Cosmological Model Dependence

Planck+BAO and 3 degenerate neutrinos

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV}$$

Standard Case

Planck 1807.06209

Λ CDM+m_ν

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.25 \text{ eV}$$

Dark Energy dynamics

Choudhury & Hannestad 19'

CDM+m_ν+ω_a+ω

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.15 \text{ eV}$$

Varying Curvature

Choudhury & Hannestad 19'

Λ CDM+m_ν+Ω_k

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.13 \text{ eV}$$

Varying N_{eff}

Planck 1807.06209

Λ CDM+m_ν+N_{eff}

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.17 \text{ eV}$$

Varying N_{eff}+ω+a_s+m_ν

di Valentino et al. 1908.01391

CDM+m_ν+N_{eff}+ω+a_s+m_ν

- **Constraints are robust upon standard modifications of Λ CDM**

Neutrino Masses from Cosmology

Cosmological Model Dependence

Non-standard Neutrino Cosmologies:

Invisible Neutrino Decay

$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j \phi$$
$$\sum m_\nu \lesssim 0.2 \text{ eV}$$

Oldengott et al. 2203.09075 & 2011.01502
Escudero & Fairbairn 1907.05425

$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_4 \phi$$

at least: $\sum m_\nu \lesssim 0.42 \text{ eV}$

Abellán, Poulin et al. 1909.05275, 2112.13862
Escudero, López-Pavón, Rius & Sandner 2007.04994

Time Dependent Neutrino Masses

Late phase transition

$$\sum m_\nu < 1.4 \text{ eV}$$

Dvali & Funcke 1602.03191
Lorenz et al. 1811.01991 & 2102.13618

Ultralight scalar field screening

$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Esteban & Salvadó 2101.05804
Wetterich et al. 1009.2461

Non-standard Neutrino Populations

$$T_\nu < T_\nu^{\text{SM}} + \text{DR}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Farzan & Hannestad 1510.02201
Escudero, Schwetz & Terol-Calvo 2211.01729

$$\langle p_\nu \rangle > 3.15 T_\nu^{\text{SM}}$$

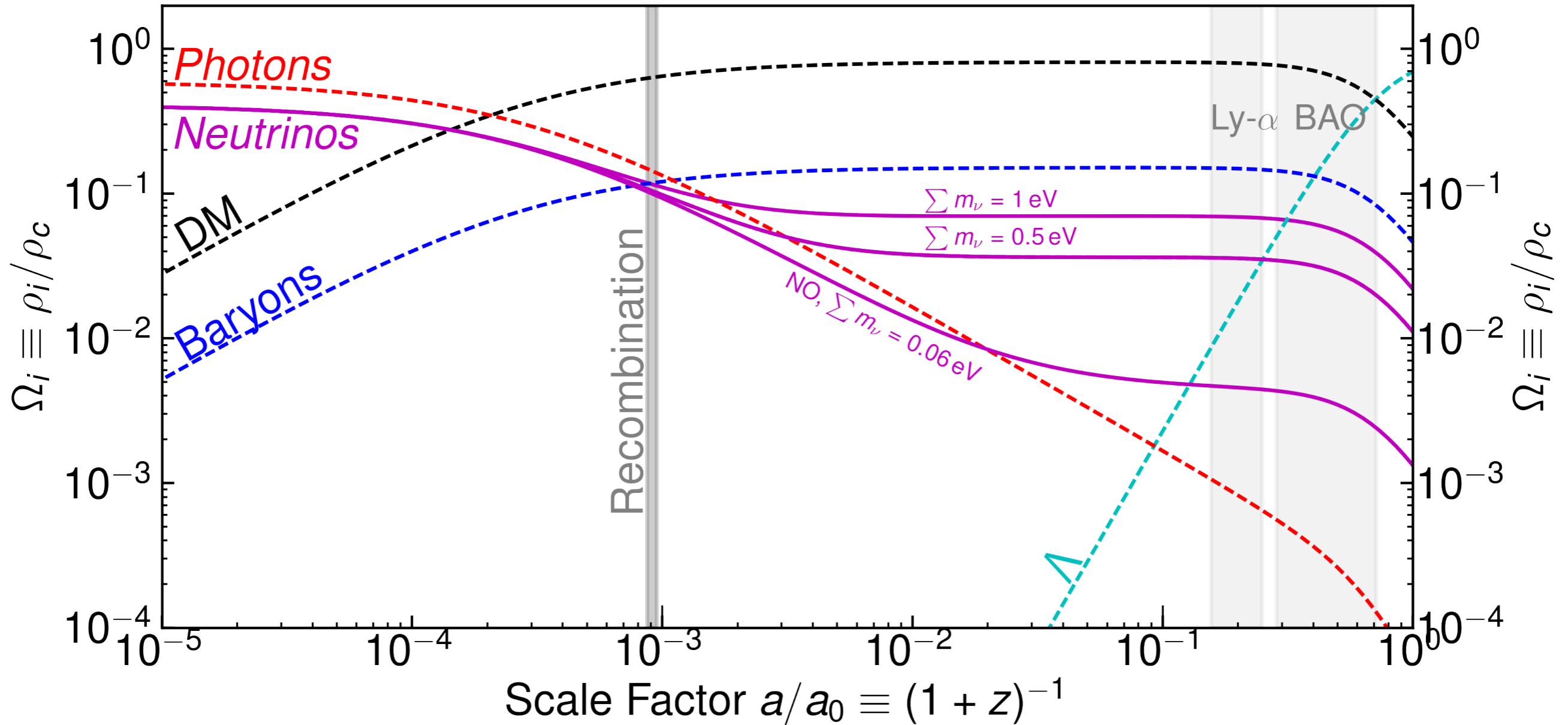
$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Oldengott et al. 1901.04352
Alvey, Escudero & Sabti 2111.12726

- **Bounds can be significantly relaxed in some extensions of Λ CDM. They require modifications to the neutrino sector.**

But Why? and How?

Neutrino Masses from Cosmology



CMB peaks fix:
 $\theta_s \equiv r_s / D_M(z_*)$

$$r_s = \int_{z_*}^{\infty} \frac{c_s}{H(z')} dz'$$

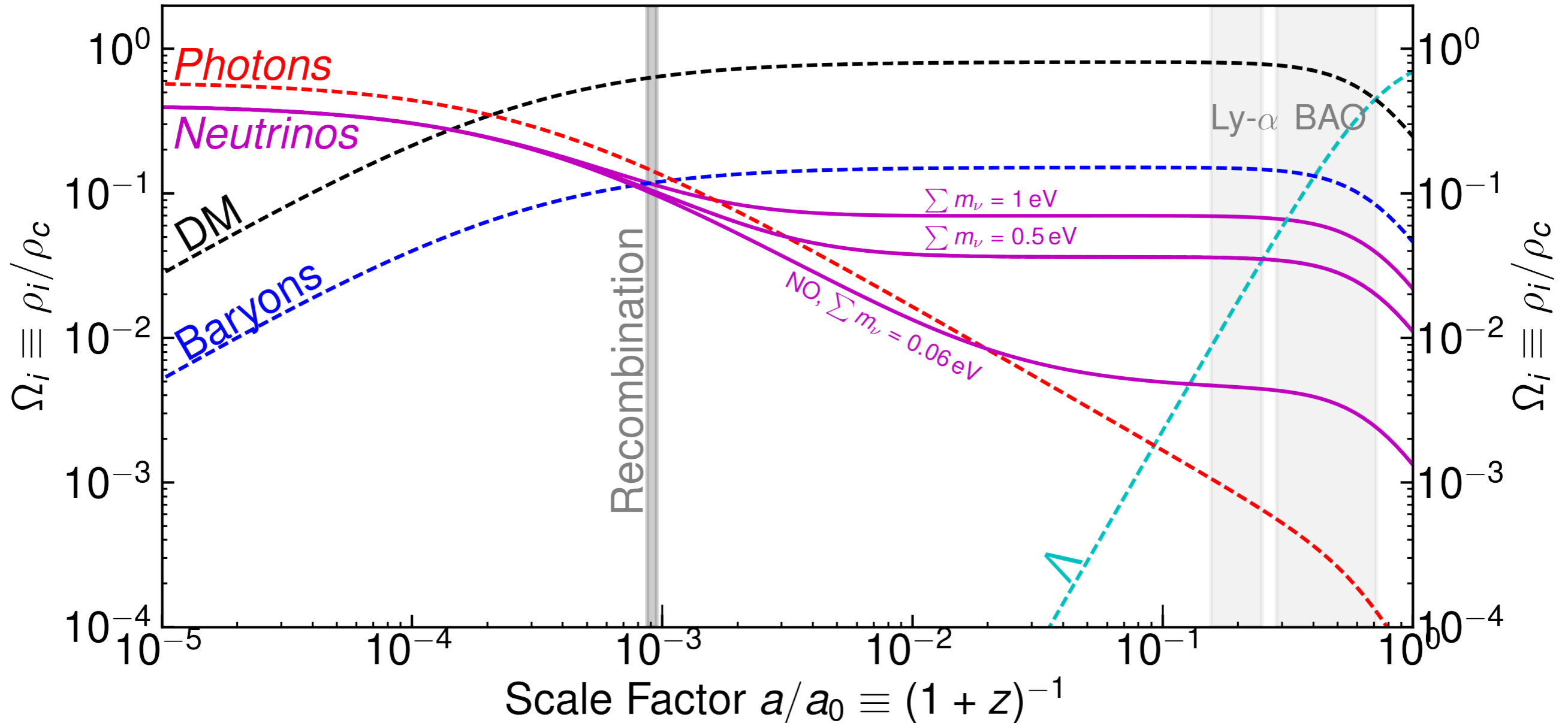
**Comoving sound horizon
(Early Universe)**

$$D_M(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{H(z')} dz'$$

**Comoving angular diameter distance
(Late Universe)**

Massive neutrinos \rightarrow

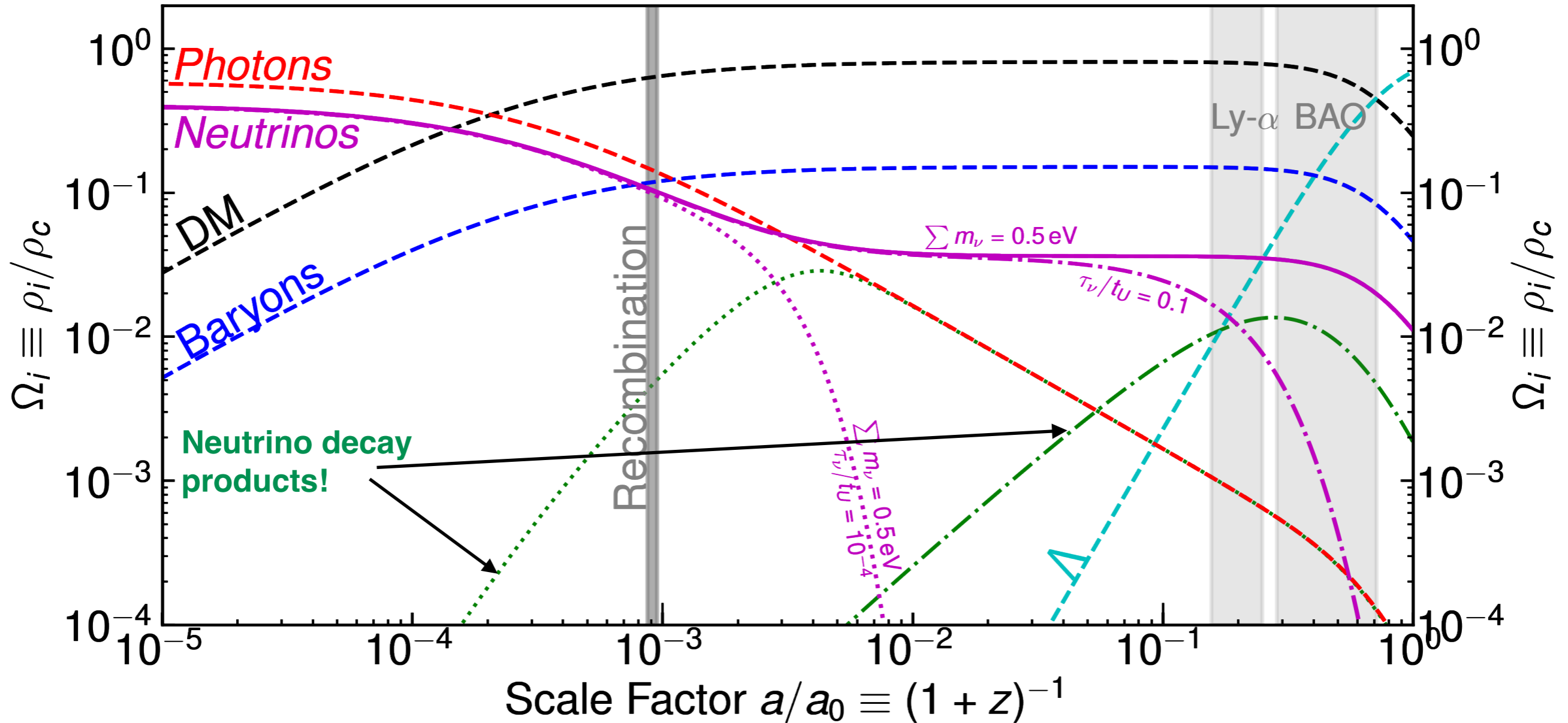
Neutrino Masses from Cosmology



Not only a background effect:

Massive neutrinos also affect CMB lensing $\propto \Omega_\nu$

Neutrino Decays



Neutrinos decaying with $\tau_\nu \lesssim t_U/10$ do not impact $D_M(z_{CMB})$

Effect of induced neutrino Lensing is substantially reduced

Unstable Neutrinos can relax the bounds on Σm_ν !

Neutrino Masses from Cosmology

Cosmological Model Dependence

Non-standard Neutrino Cosmologies:

Invisible Neutrino Decay

$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j \phi$$
$$\sum m_\nu < 0.2 \text{ eV}$$

Oldengott et al. 2203.09075 & 2011.01502
Escudero & Fairbairn 1907.05425

$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_4 \phi$$

at least: $\sum m_\nu \lesssim 0.42 \text{ eV}$

Abellán, Poulin et al. 1909.05275, 2112.13862
Escudero, López-Pavón, Rius & Sandner 2007.04994

Time Dependent Neutrino Masses

Late phase transition

$$\sum m_\nu < 1.4 \text{ eV}$$

Dvali & Funcke 1602.03191
Lorenz et al. 1811.01991 & 2102.13618

Ultralight scalar field screening

$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Esteban & Salvadó 2101.05804
Esteban, Mena & Salvadó 2202.04656

Non-standard Neutrino Populations

$$T_\nu < T_\nu^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Farzan & Hannestad 1510.02201
Renk et al. 2009.03286

$$\langle p_\nu \rangle > 3.15 T_\nu^{\text{SM}}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 3 \text{ eV}$$

Oldengott et al. 1901.04352
Alvey, Escudero & Sabti 2111.14870

Take Away Message:

Cosmology can only constrain $\Omega_\nu(z)$ and not directly m_ν

All these models reduce $\Omega_\nu(z)$ with respect to the one in Λ CDM and are in excellent agreement with all known cosmological data

Neutrino Decay Landscape

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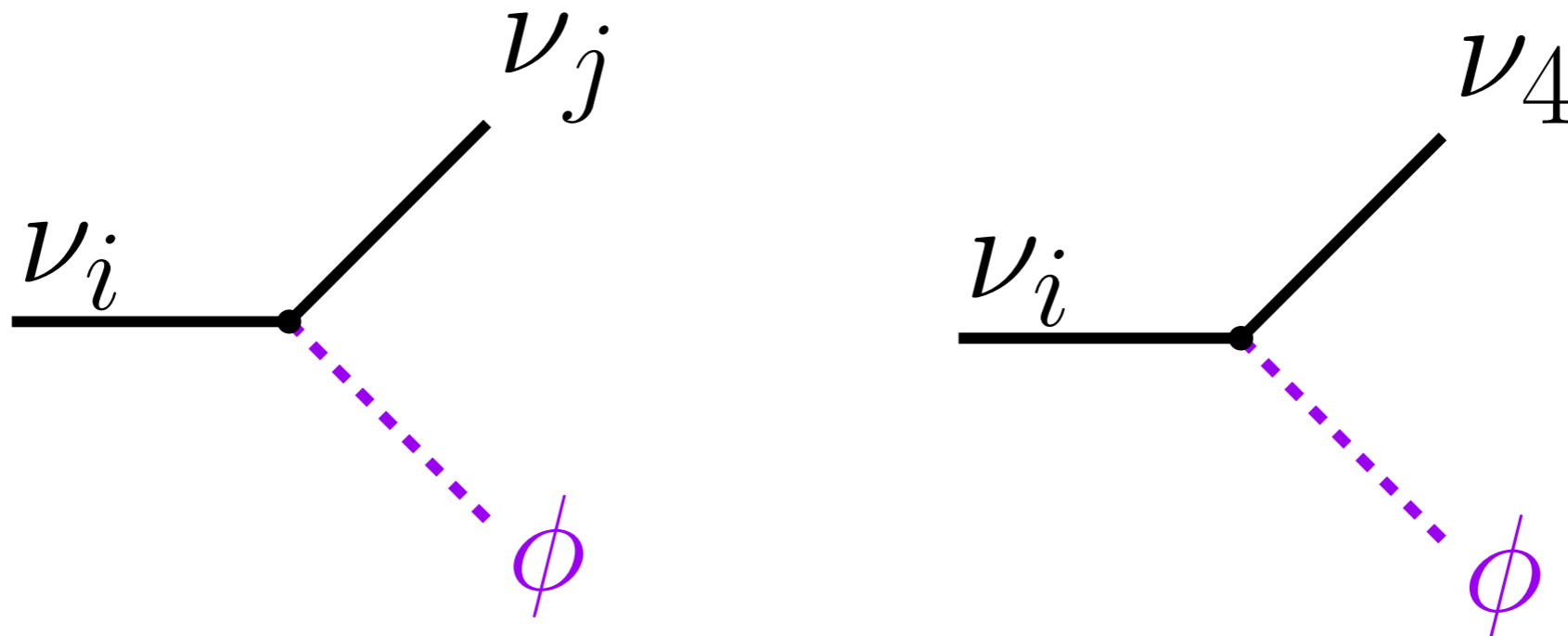
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Are Neutrinos Stable Particles?*

John N. Bahcall, Nicola Cabibbo,[†] and Amos Yahil[‡]
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey 08540

- **2 Neutrinos decay in the SM but with $\tau_\nu \sim (G_F^2 m_\nu^5)^{-1} > 10^{33} \text{ yr} \gg t_U$**
- **Radiative decays are strongly constrained: $\tau_\nu > 10^2 - 10^{10} t_U$**
- **Invisible neutrino decays are substantially less constrained:**



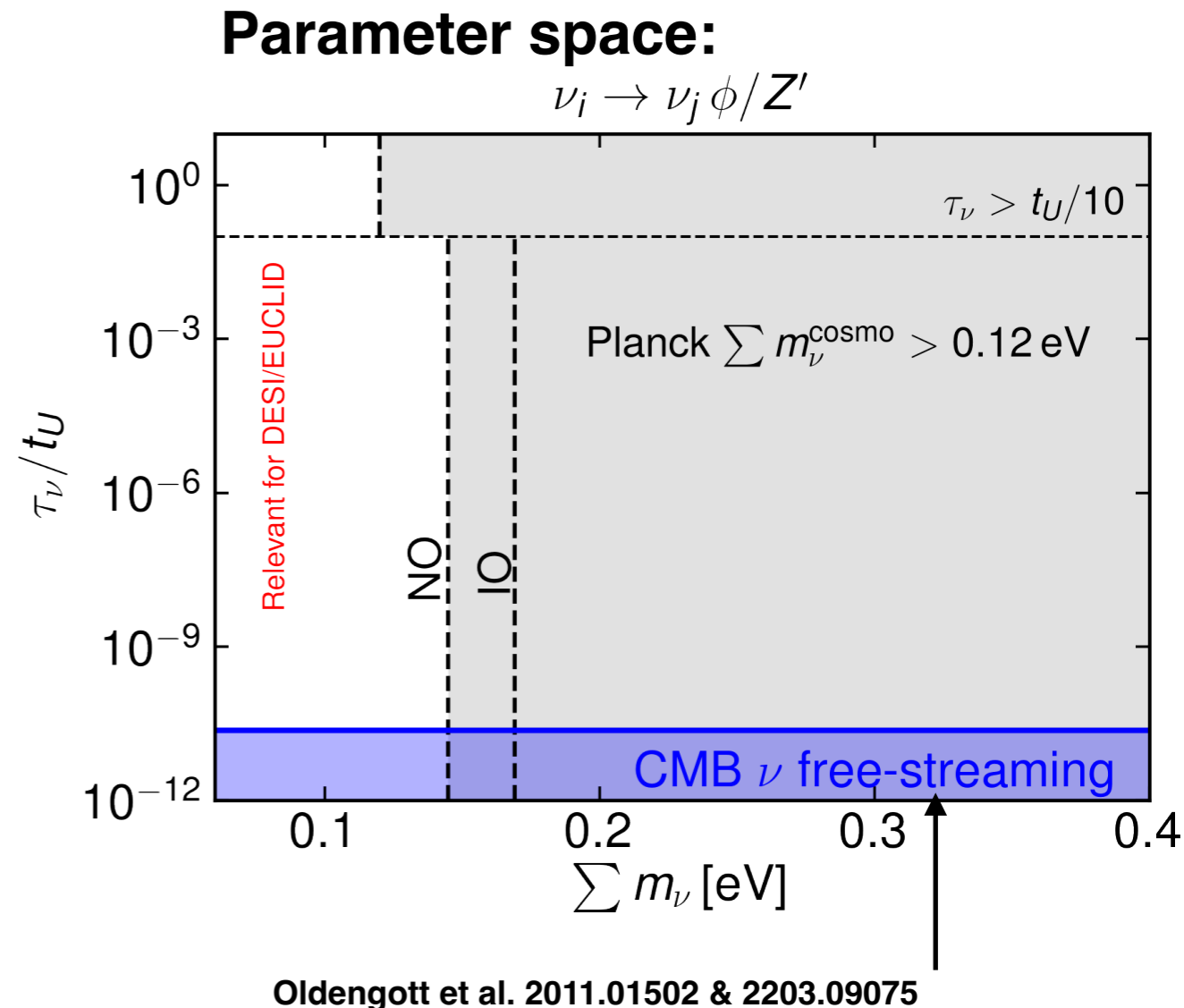
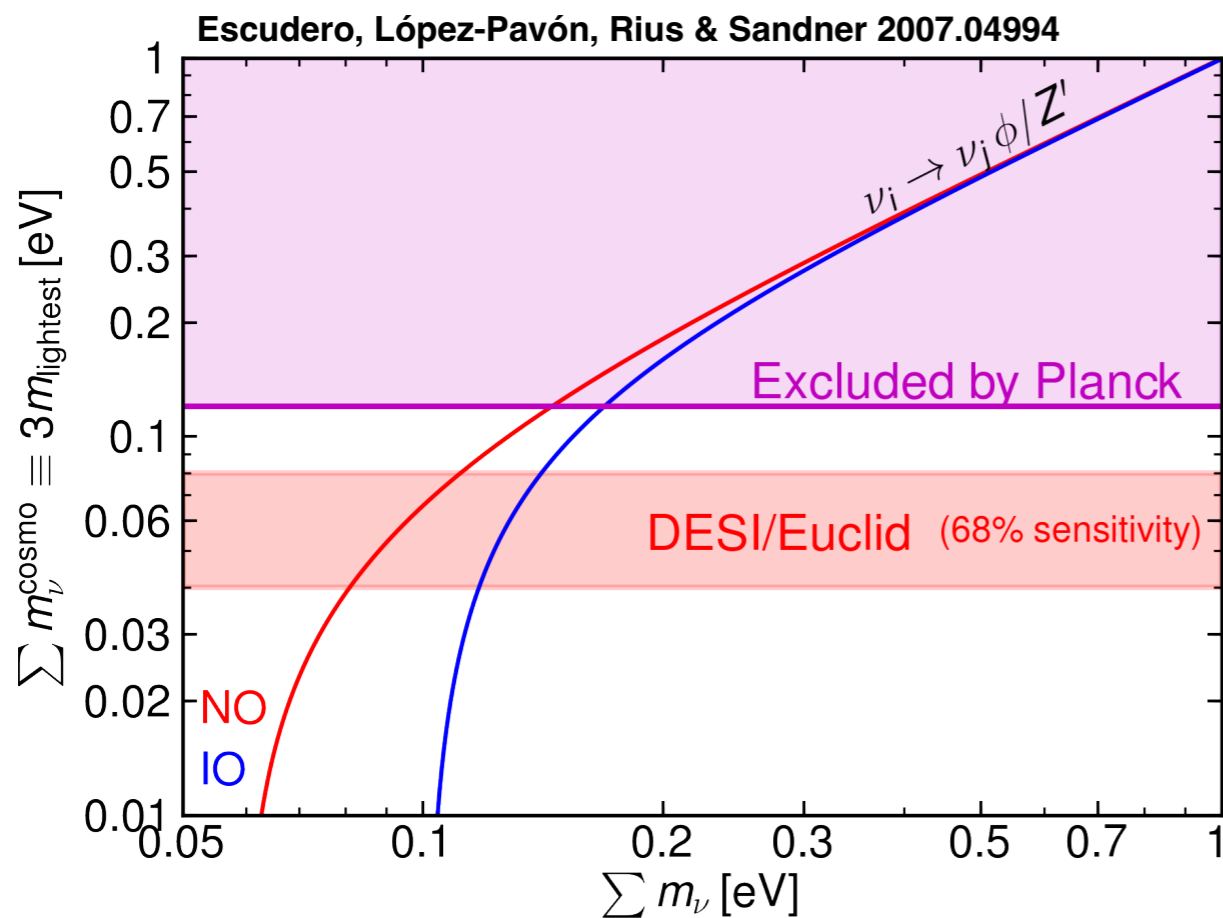
Neutrino Decays into lighter neutrinos

$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j \phi$ Decays

Theory: These happen naturally in scenarios with light mediators charged under horizontal flavor symmetries, e.g. $L_\mu - L_\tau$ see e.g. Gelmini & Valle PLB 142 (1984) 181 for a model

Couplings: $\tau_\nu < t_U$ taking the $L_\mu - L_\tau$ case means $v_{\mu-\tau} < 30$ TeV for both global and gauge U(1)
However, because there is a neutrino in the final state the mass bounds are expected to only be relaxed mildly:

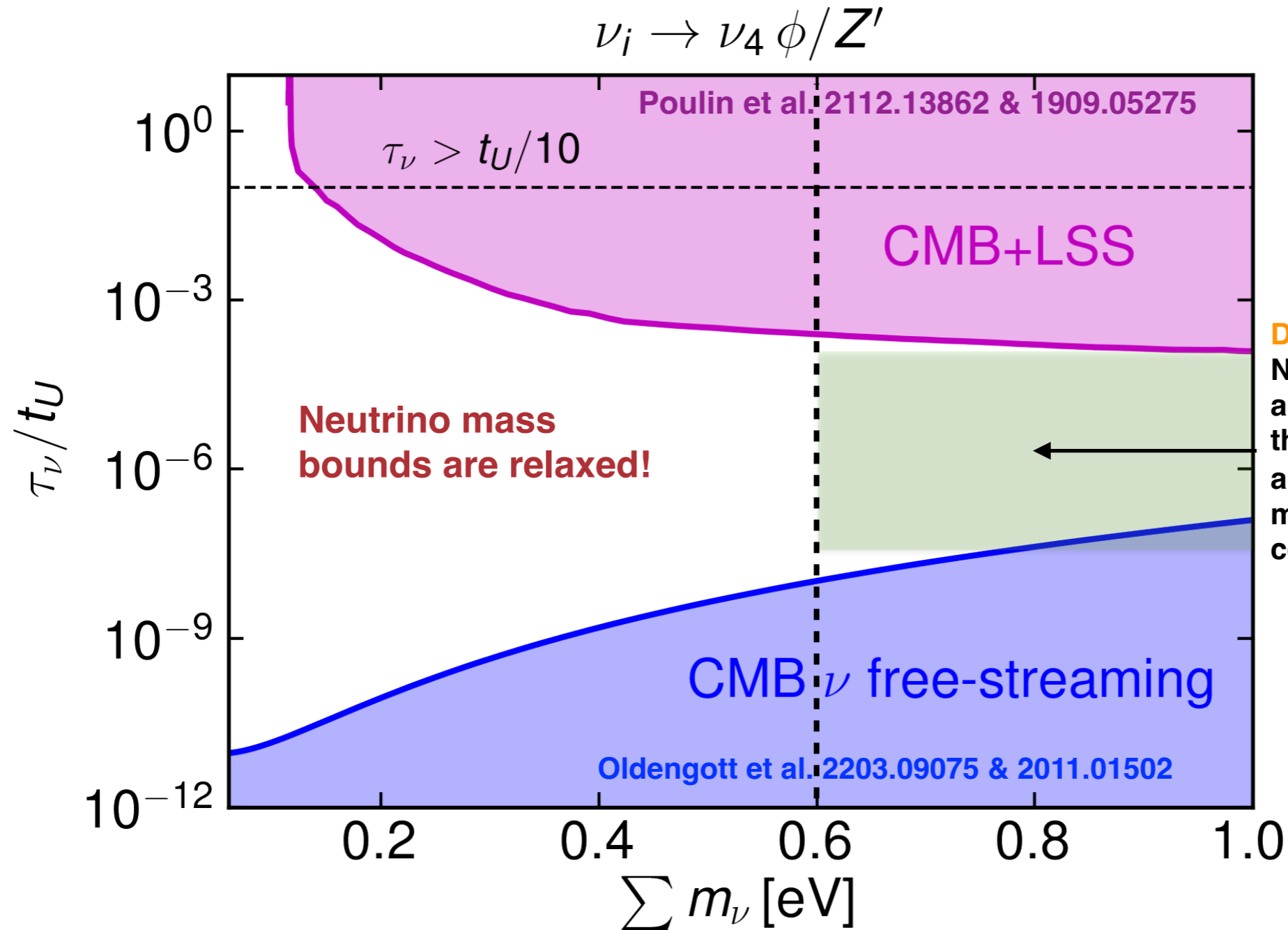
$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{3 \times m_\nu^{\text{lightest}}}{93.14 \text{ eV}}$$



Neutrino Decays into Massless States

$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_4 \phi$ Decays

Parameter space:



Disclaimer!
No full realistic cosmological analysis has been performed in the literature for $m_\nu > 0.2$ eV and these lifetimes. This region may or may not be excluded by cosmological data

Neutrino Decays into Massless States

$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_4 \phi$ **Decays** Can relax the bounds significantly

- **Have an almost massless sterile state but that:**

- 1) Does not spoil the neutrino mass mechanism

- 2) Is weakly coupled so that evades constraints on $U_{\alpha 4}$

- 3) But not so weakly coupled so that $\tau_\nu < 0.1 t_U$

- **Simple solution:** Escudero, López-Pavón, Rius & Sandner [2007.04994](#)

Add global $U(1)_X$ symmetry with a scalar field and a singlet left-handed state S_L

$$\mathcal{L} = y\Phi\bar{N}_R S_L \quad M_\nu|^{7\times 7} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D^t & M_R & y_\alpha v_\Phi \\ 0 & (y_\alpha v_\Phi)^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Provided $y_\alpha v_\Phi \ll m_D$

- **Seesaw mechanism at play** $m_\nu \simeq m_D^2/M_R$

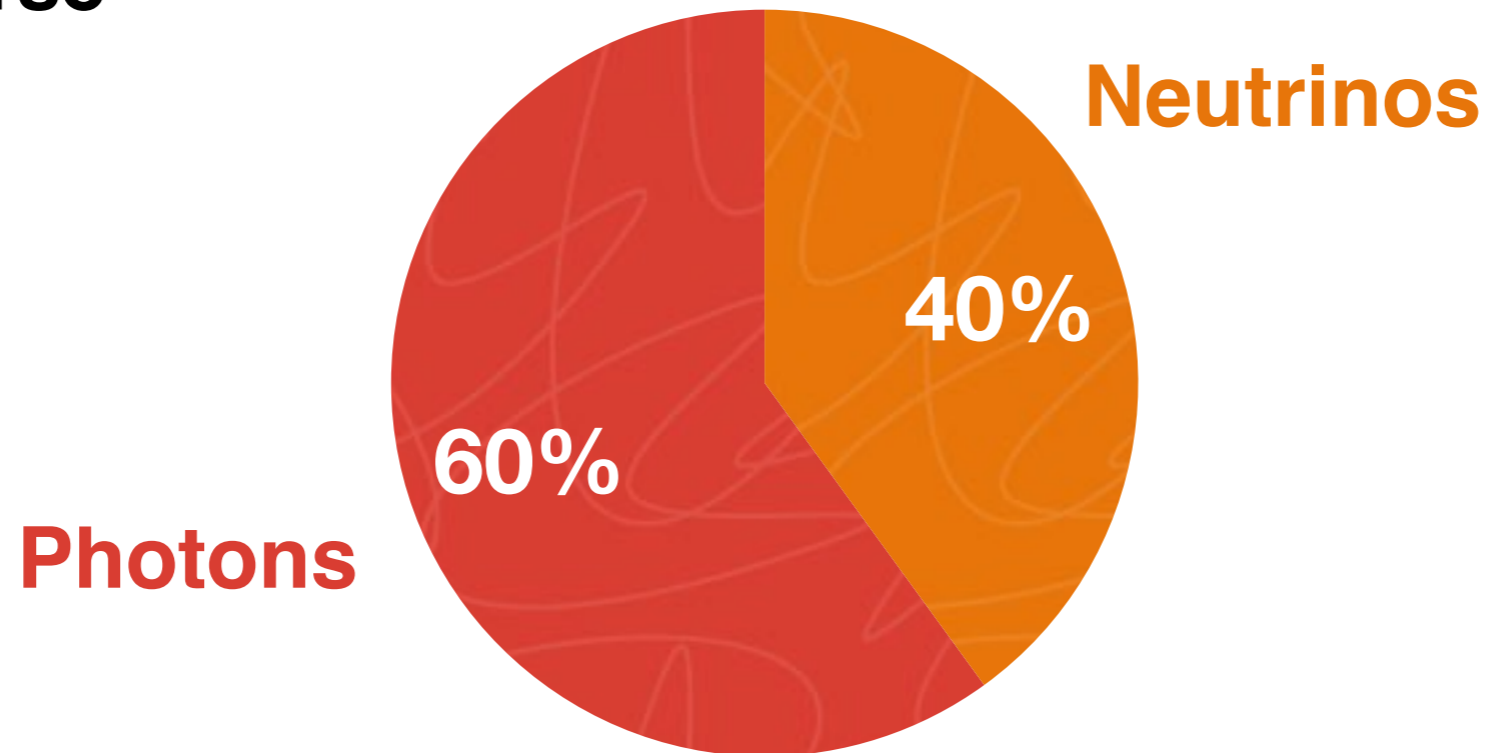
- **Right ν_4 properties:** $m_{\nu_4} \simeq 0 \quad U_{\alpha 4} \sim \frac{y_\alpha v_\Phi}{m_D} \ll 1$

Cosmological decays: $\Gamma(\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_4 \phi) \sim 10^6 t_U^{-1} y_\alpha^2 \left(\frac{m_\nu}{0.3\text{eV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{14}\text{GeV}}{M_R}\right)$

Neutrinos with a large mass can decay on cosmological timescales while being in agreement with all known laboratory and cosmological data!

Neutrino Interactions

- Neutrinos represent a large component of the energy density of the Universe



- Neutrinos have very special cosmological perturbations
 - 1) They are ultrarelativistic until $z \sim 200 m_\nu / 0.1 \text{ eV}$
 - 2) In the SM: since $t_U \sim 0.1 \text{ s}$ ($T \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$), they are free streaming i.e. do not interact with anything

These together actually mean that CMB observations can probe potential neutrino interactions!

Why?

First discussed by Bashinsky & Seljak in [astro-ph/0310198] and applied by Chacko, Hall, Okui & Oliver [hep-ph/0312267] & Hannestad [astro-ph/0411475]

- The key is in Einstein's equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Background expansion: } N_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{Perturbations: can tell about interactions}$$

Neutrino anisotropic stress

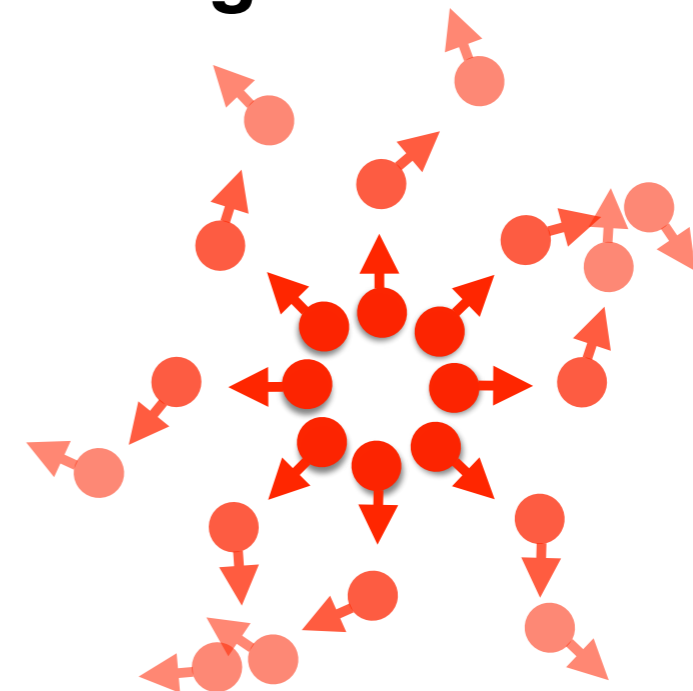
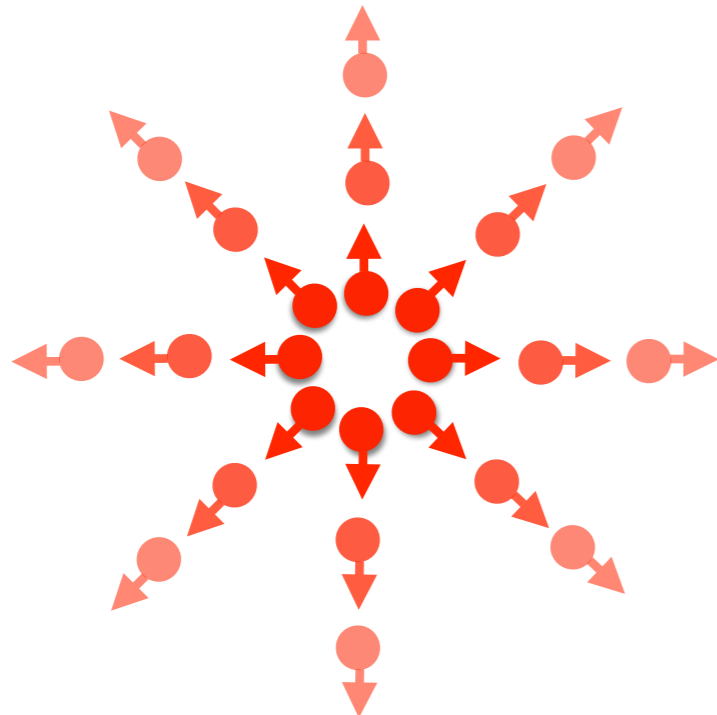
Metric

CMB spectra

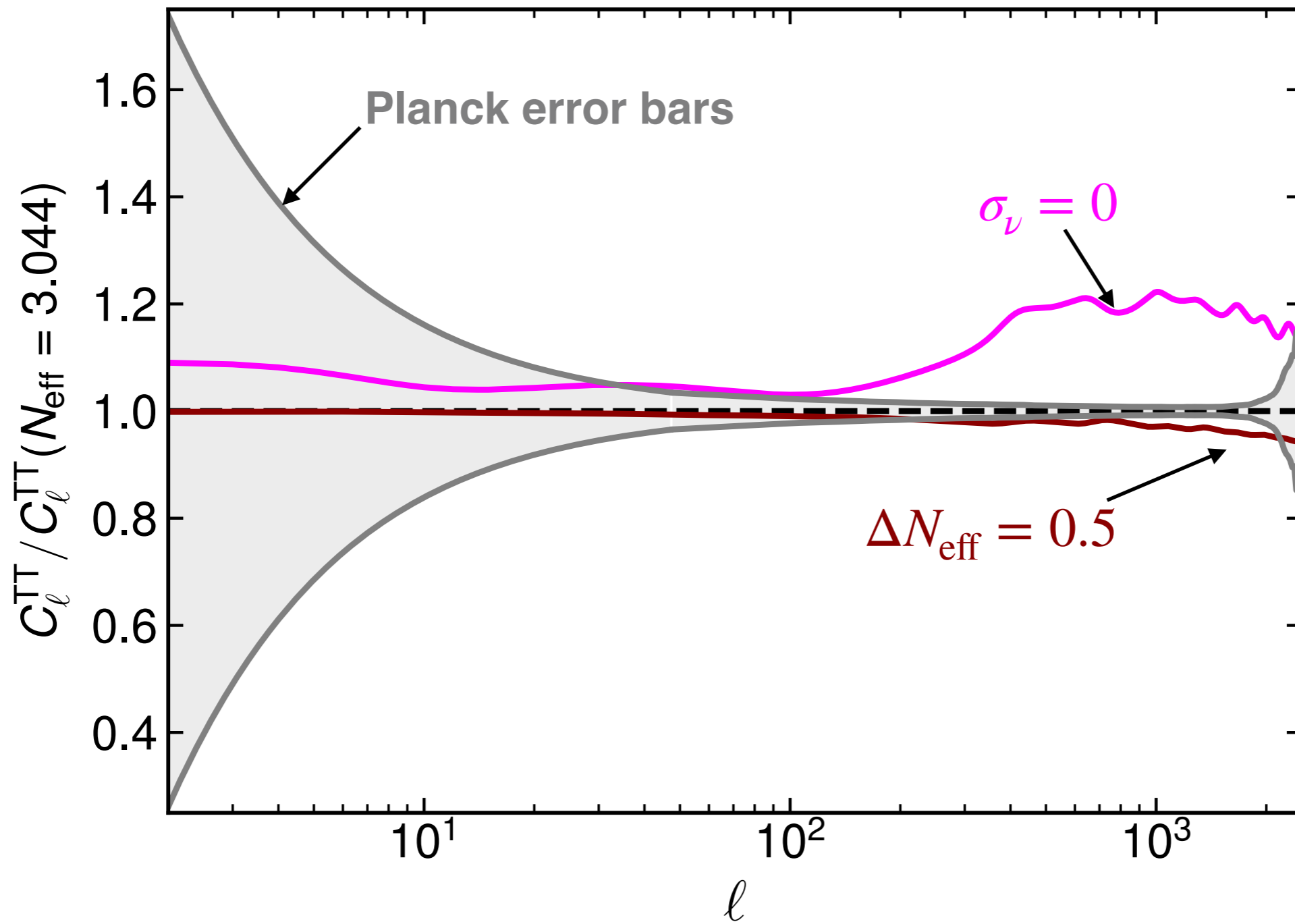
$$\sigma_\nu \longrightarrow \delta g_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow \Delta T_\gamma$$

Free Streaming Neutrinos $\sigma_\nu \neq 0$

Interacting Neutrinos $\sigma_\nu \rightarrow 0$



Effect of Neutrino Free-streaming in the CMB



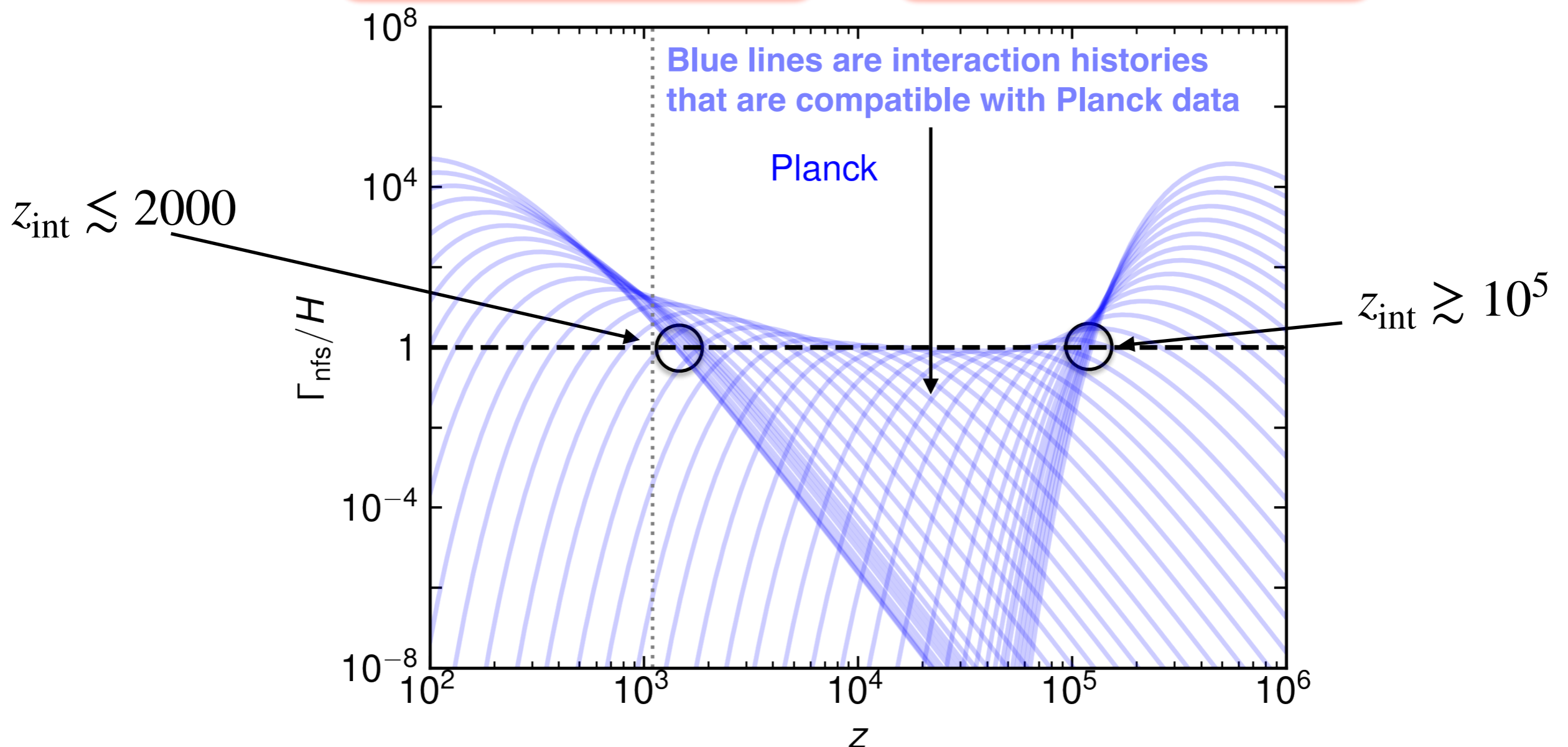
The Neutrino Freestreaming window

Together with Petter Taule and Mathias Garny in 2207.04062 we have established the presence of a neutrino free streaming window.

By considering a very general collision term in the neutrino perturbations, we have demonstrated in a model independent way that neutrinos cannot interact efficiently between themselves or other light particles in the range:

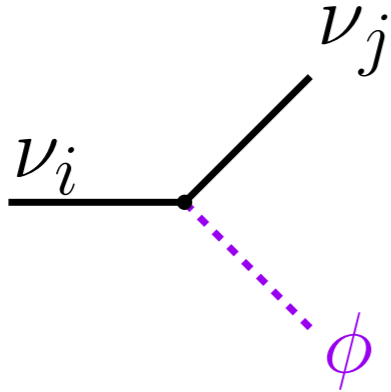
$$2000 \lesssim z_{\text{int}} \lesssim 10^5$$

$$0.3 \text{ eV} \lesssim T_\nu \lesssim 15 \text{ eV}$$



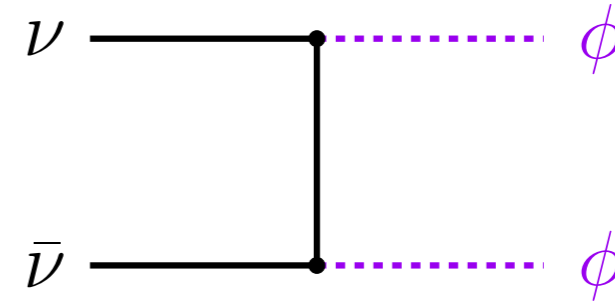
Models

Neutrino Decays



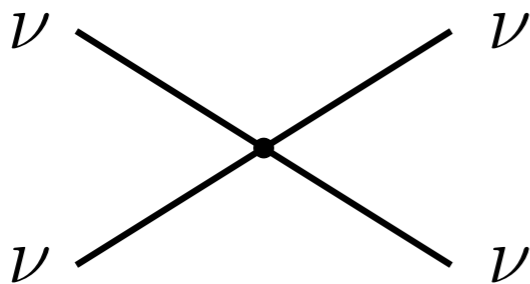
Hannestad & Raffelt [hep-ph/0509278]
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Barenboim, Chen, Hannestad, Oldengott, Tram & Wong [2011.01502]
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Chen, Oldengott, Pierobon & Wong [2203.09075]

Neutrino Annihilations



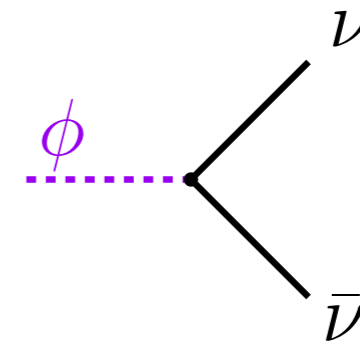
Beacom, Bell & Dodelson [astro-ph/0404585]
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Neutrino Scatterings



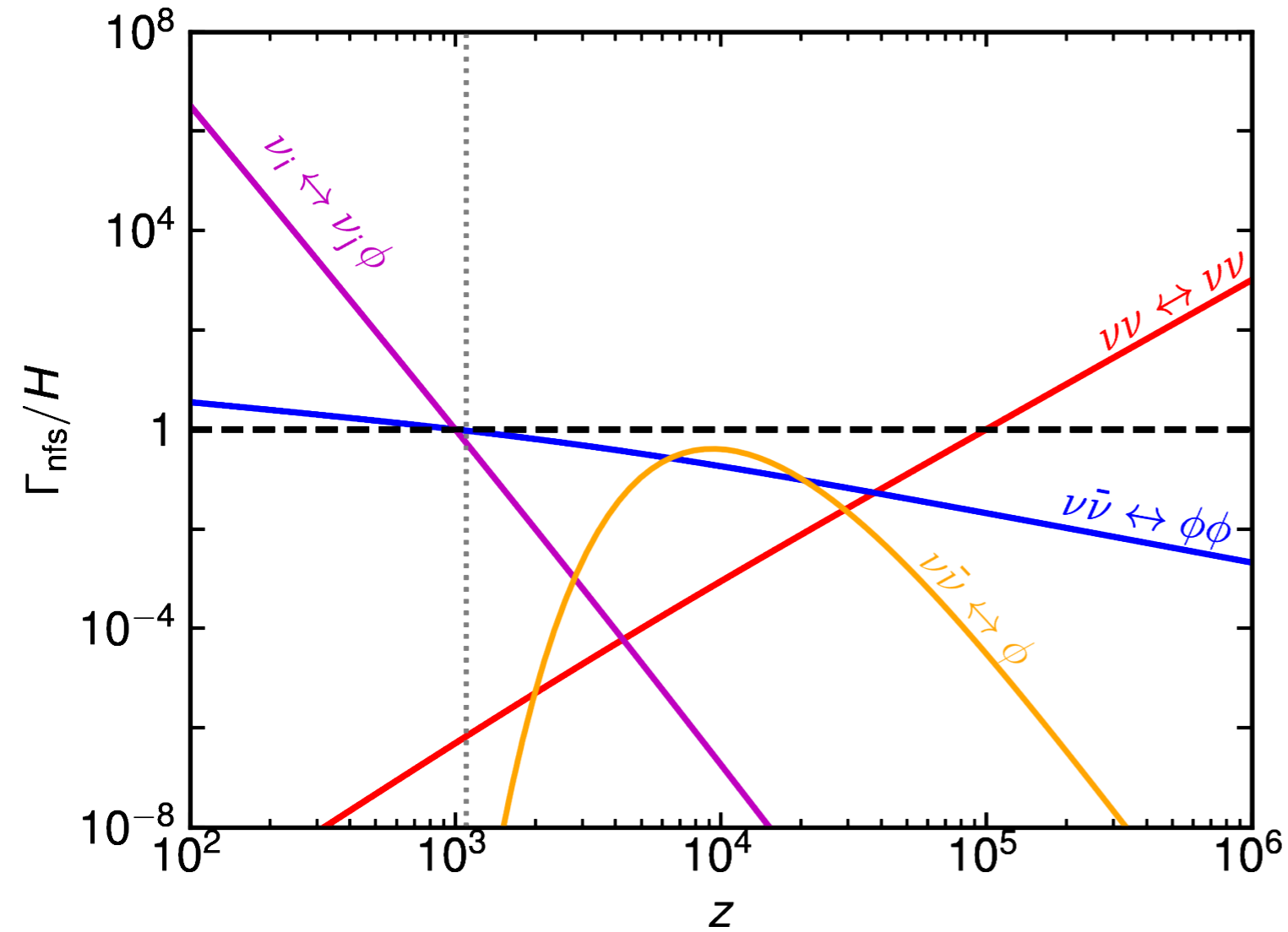
Cyr-Racine & Sigurdson [1306.1536]
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Kreisch, Cyr-Racine & Doré [1902.00534]
Das & Ghosh [2011.12315]
Choudhury, Hannestad & Tram [2012.07519]
Brinckmann, Chang & LoVerde [2012.11830]
Camarena & Cyr-Racine [2403.05496]

eV-scale neutrinophilic bosons

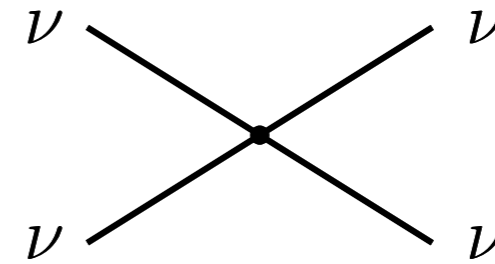


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Rates for various models

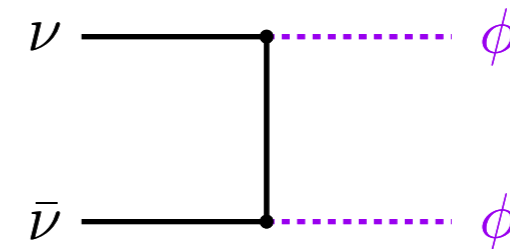


Neutrino scatterings



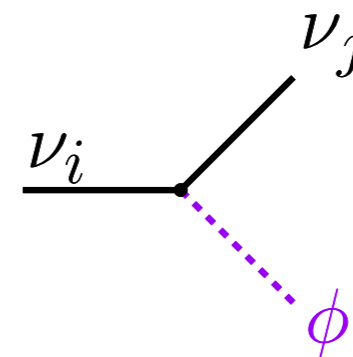
$$\Gamma_{nfs} \sim T^5$$

Neutrino annihilations



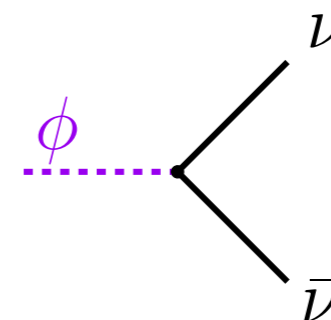
$$\Gamma_{nfs} \sim T$$

Neutrino decays



$$\Gamma_{nfs} \sim T^{-5}$$

eV-scale Neutrinophilic Bosons

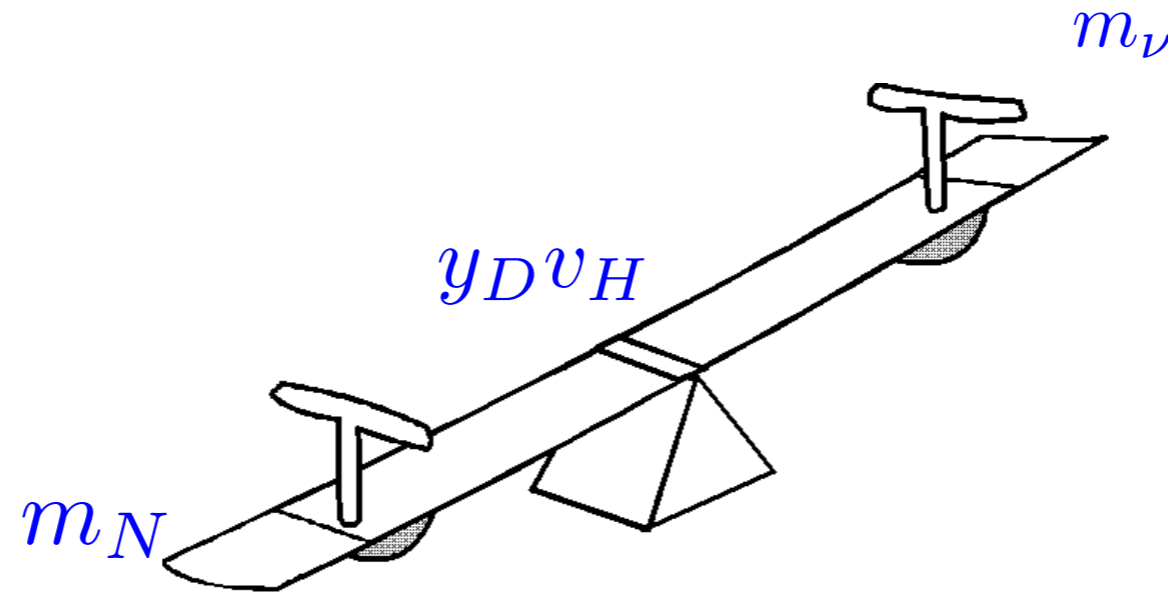


$$\Gamma_{nfs} \sim T^{-5} \quad (T > m_\phi)$$

$$\Gamma_{nfs} \sim e^{-m_\phi/T} \quad (T < m_\phi)$$

The case of the Majoron

Type-I seesaw



Neutrinos are very light Majorana particles: $m_\nu \simeq 0.03 \text{ eV} \left(\frac{y_D}{10^{-6}} \right)^2 \frac{\text{TeV}}{M_N}$

Are There Real Goldstone Bosons Associated with Broken Lepton Number?

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Peccei (Munich, Max Planck Inst.) (Sep, 1980)

Published in: *Phys.Lett.B* 98 (1981) 265-268

The Majoron is the pseudo-Goldstone boson associated with the spontaneous breaking of global $U(1)_L$

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda \phi \bar{\nu} \gamma_5 \nu$$

$$\lambda = m_\nu / v_\phi$$

Mass?

$$\Delta V = \beta (\Phi^* \Phi)^2 \frac{\Phi^* + \Phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \longrightarrow$$

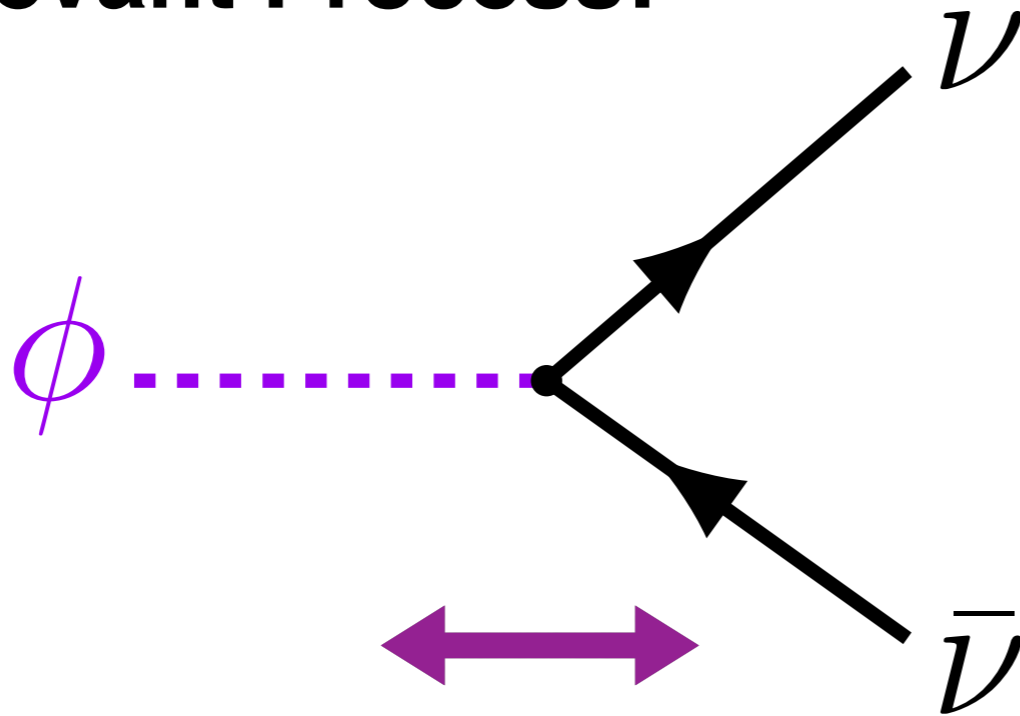
$$m_\phi \sim v_L \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{M_{\text{Pl}}}} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ keV}$$

Rothstein, Babu, Seckel hep-ph/9301213

Akhmedov, Berezhiani, Mohapatra, Senjanovic hep-ph/9209285

Cosmological Analysis

Only Relevant Process:



Sandner, Escudero & Witte [2305.01692]
Escudero & Witte [1909.04044]
Escudero & Witte [2103.03249]

Two main effects:

- Non-standard expansion history
- Erase the neutrino anisotropic stress

Chacko, Hall, Okui, Oliver
hep-ph/0312267

- We solve the Boltzmann equation for the background

Escudero Abenza 1812.05605, 2001.04466

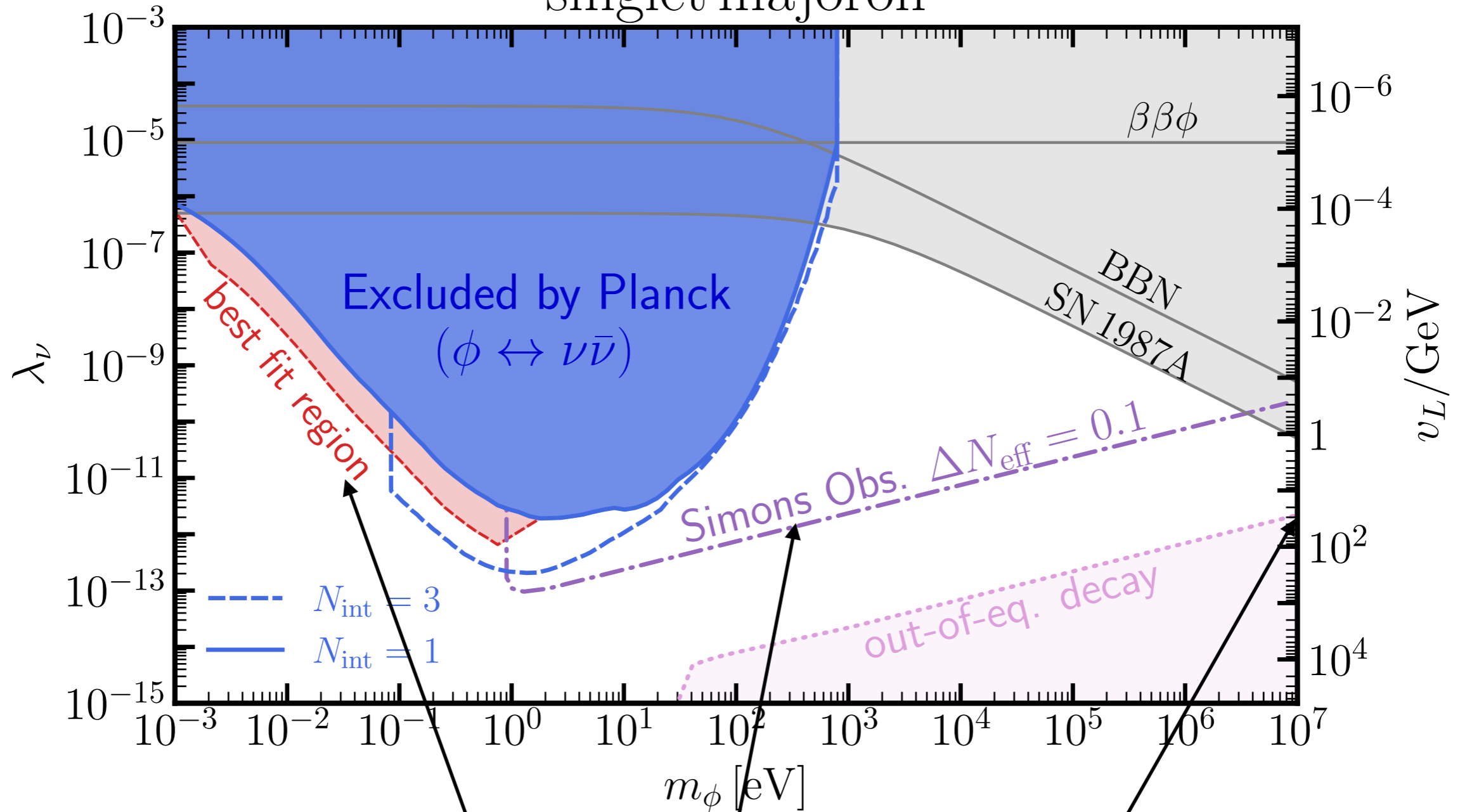
- We include the neutrino-majoron Boltzmann hierarchy in CLASS

including the updated collision term from Oldengott et al. 2203.09075 & 2011.01502
and considering simultaneously the ϕ and ν perturbations

Stefan Sandner: https://github.com/stefanmarinus/CLASS_neutrinophilic

The case of the Majoron

Sandner, Escudero & Witte [2305.01692] singlet majoron

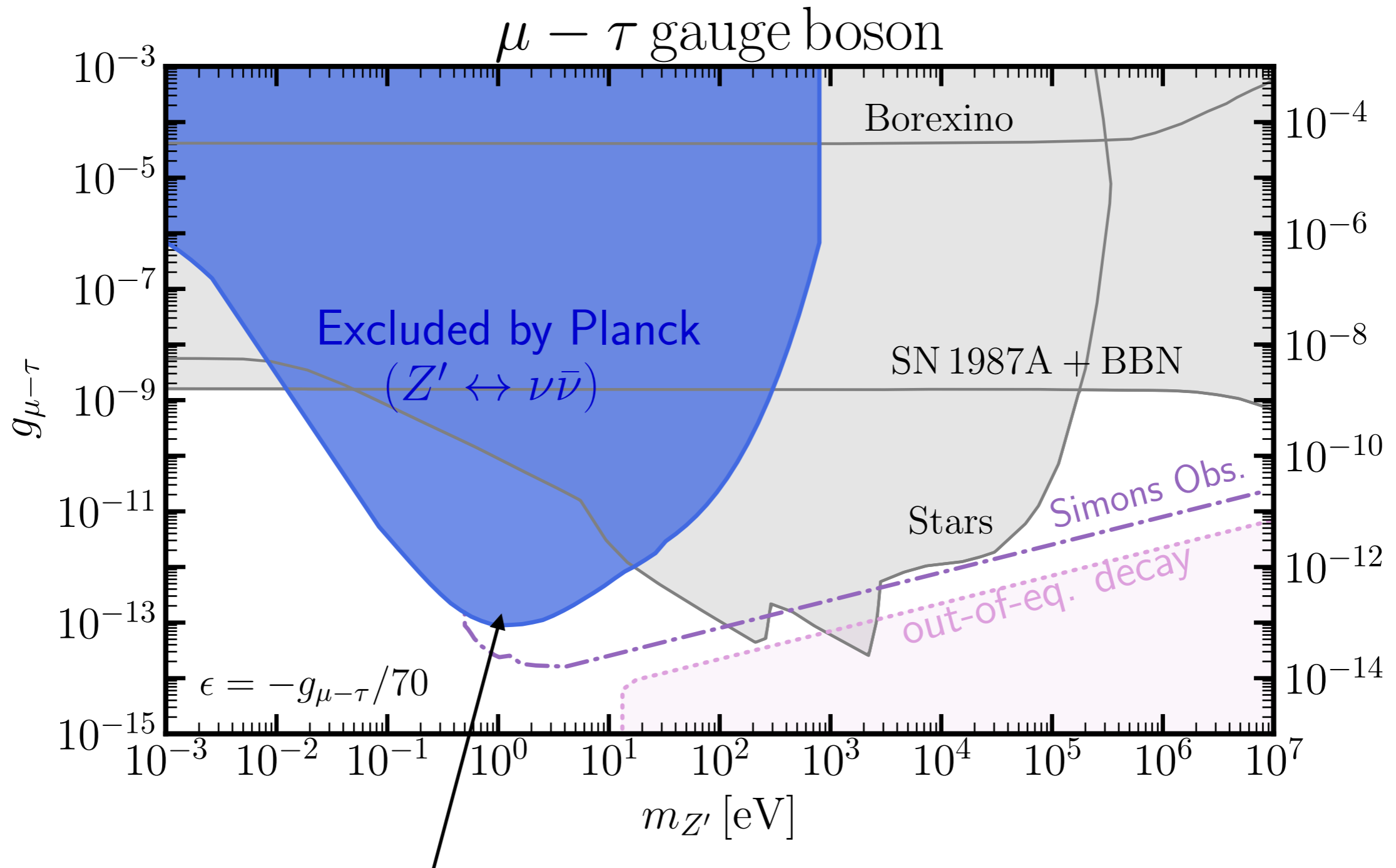


- CMB observations can test a well motivated neutrino mass model up to $\nu_L \sim \nu_H$
- There is a region preferred at $\sim 1\sigma$. We show that together with a primordial ΔN_{eff} the model can lower the H_0 tension to the $\sim 3.5\sigma$ level. This is $0.5-1\sigma$ worse than what we found in Escudero & Witte 1909.04044 and 2103.03249
- The Simons Observatory will test in the next ~ 5 years wide regions of parameter space!

A light $\mu - \tau$ gauge boson

Sandner, Escudero & Witte [2305.01692]

see also Escudero, Hooper, Krnjaic & Pierre [1901.02010]



- Planck rules out couplings as small as $g_{\mu-\tau} \sim 10^{-13}$ for $m_{Z'} \sim \text{eV}$

Conclusions

N_{eff}: Number of relativistic neutrino species

BBN $N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}} = 2.86 \pm 0.28$

Planck+BAO $N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{CMB}} = 2.99 \pm 0.17$

Standard Model $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.043(1)$

CMB and BBN measurements give strong evidence that the Cosmic Neutrino background should be there.

This implies:

- 1) a stringent constraint on many BSM models**
- 2) gives us confidence to test neutrino properties with cosmology**

Current efforts are focused on getting <0.1% precision on this number. The game now are NLO QED corrections

$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} = 3.043(1)$$

Conclusions

Neutrino Masses:

Cosmological bounds are very stringent within Λ CDM:

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV} \quad \text{at 95\% CL}$$

In addition, they are robust upon standard modifications of the model.

There are several non-standard neutrino cosmologies where this bound can be evaded

Invisible neutrino decays are a plausible particle physics avenue to relax them

Developed a simple model compatible with type-I seesaw mechanism

As of now a fun model building exercise but could get more relevance if we were to detect something in the lab or nothing in cosmology!

Conclusions

Neutrino Interactions:

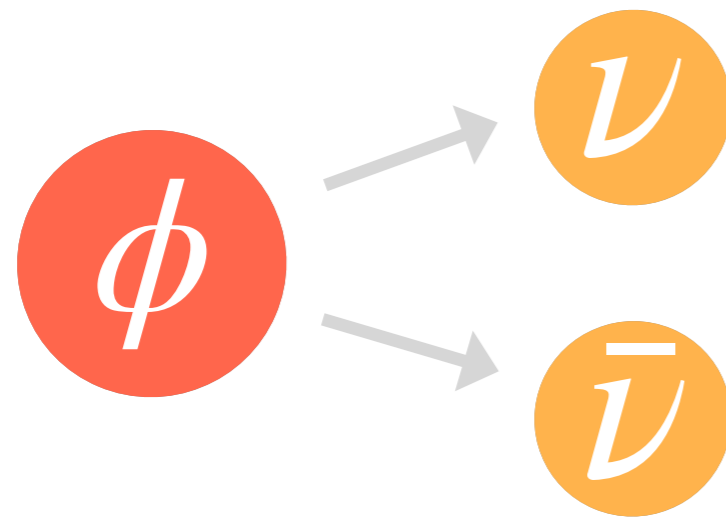
The CMB is a powerful probe of neutrino interactions

We have shown that there is a well defined epoch where neutrinos must free stream

$$2 \times 10^3 \lesssim z \lesssim 10^5$$

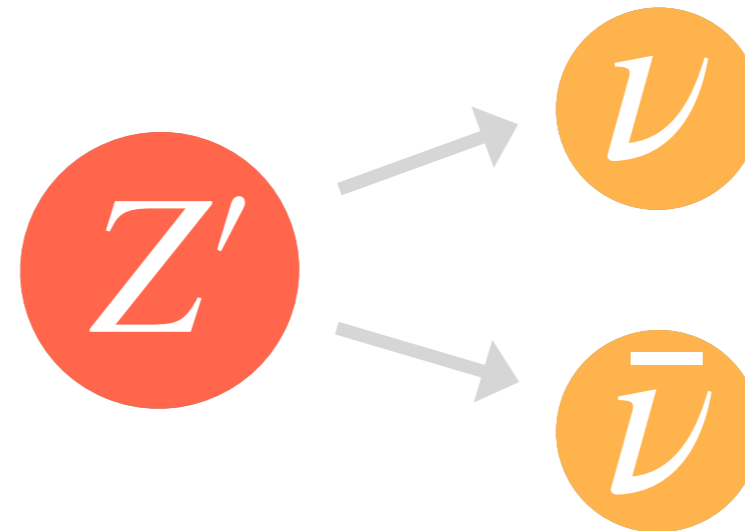
These bounds are relevant for many particle physics scenarios

Singlet majoron model

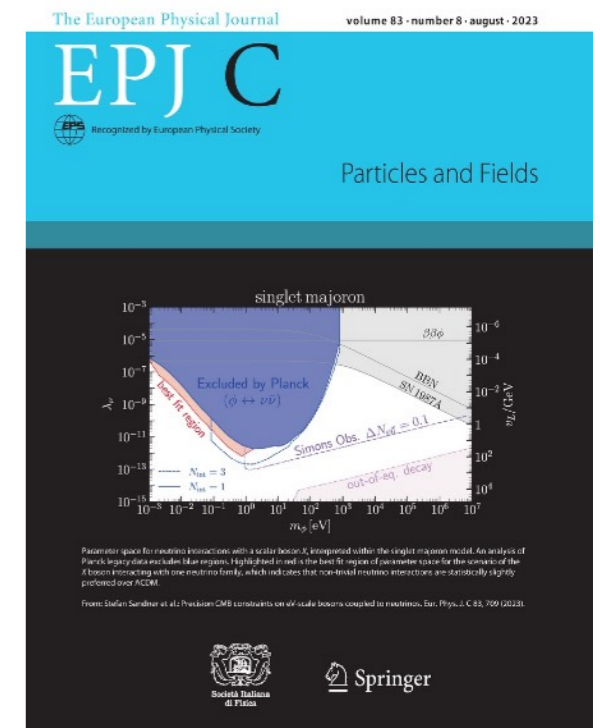


$$v_\phi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

Light mu-tau Z'



$$g_{\mu-\tau} \sim 10^{-13}$$



Outlook: Number of Neutrinos

The next generation of CMB experiments are expected to significantly improve the sensitivity to N_{eff}

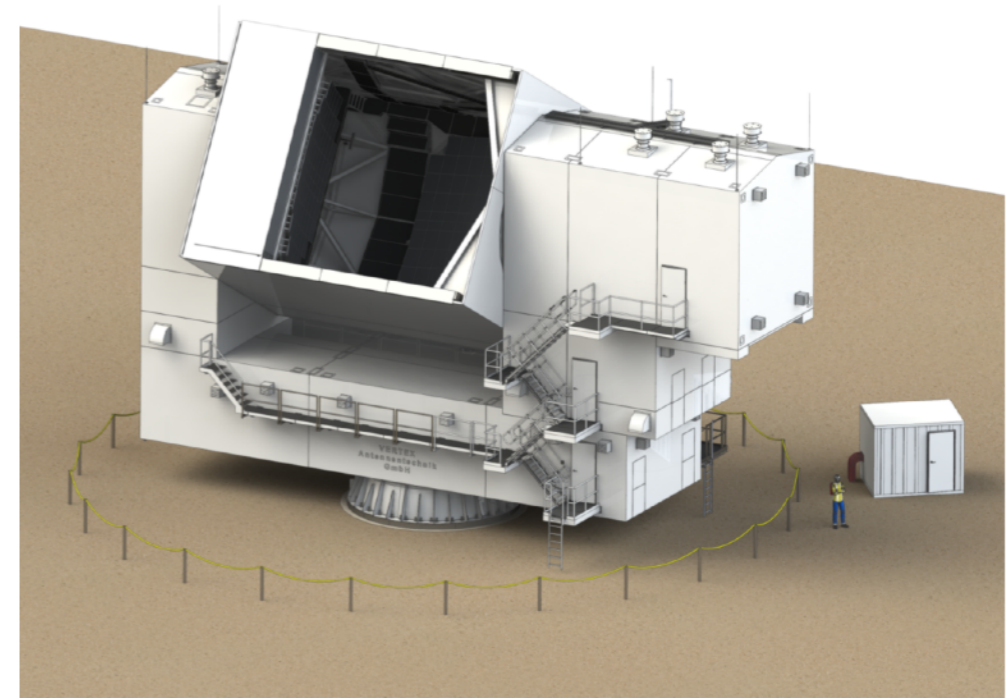
Simons Observatory



$$\sigma(N_{\text{eff}}) = 0.05 \sim \mathbf{2029}$$

under construction and fully funded

CMB-S4



$$\sigma(N_{\text{eff}}) = 0.03 \sim \mathbf{2035?}$$

one of the main recommendations of the US P5 report

These measurements will represent an important test of the CNB and the thermal history of the SM and may perhaps yield a BSM signal!

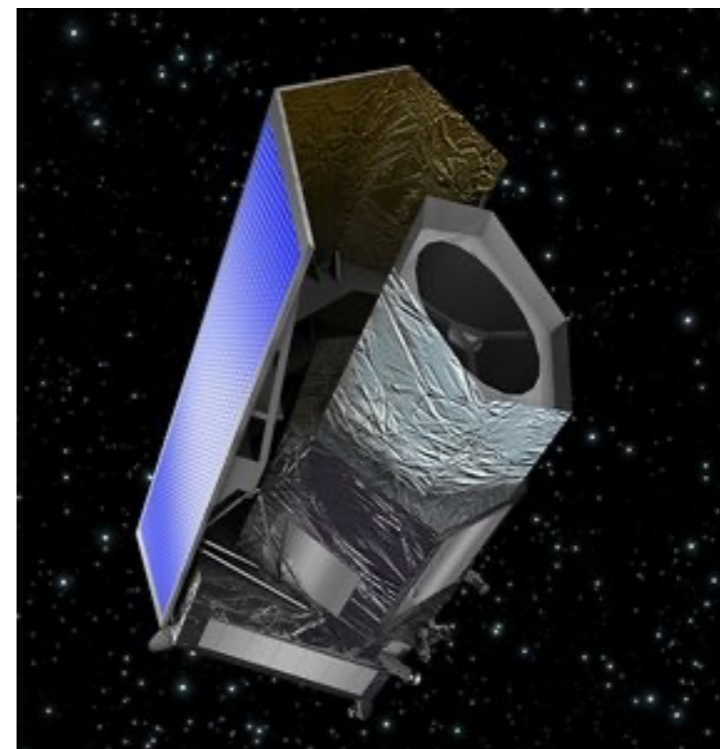
Outlook: Neutrino Masses

The next generation of galaxy surveys in combination with CMB data are expected to measure the neutrino mass if the Universe is governed by a Λ CDM cosmology

DESI 1611.00036



EUCLID 1110.3193



Why? DESI: 30M galaxies and EUCLID: 50M galaxies, but BOSS 1.5M galaxies

This is expected to happen in the next 4-5 years: $\sigma(\sum m_\nu) = 0.02 \text{ eV}$

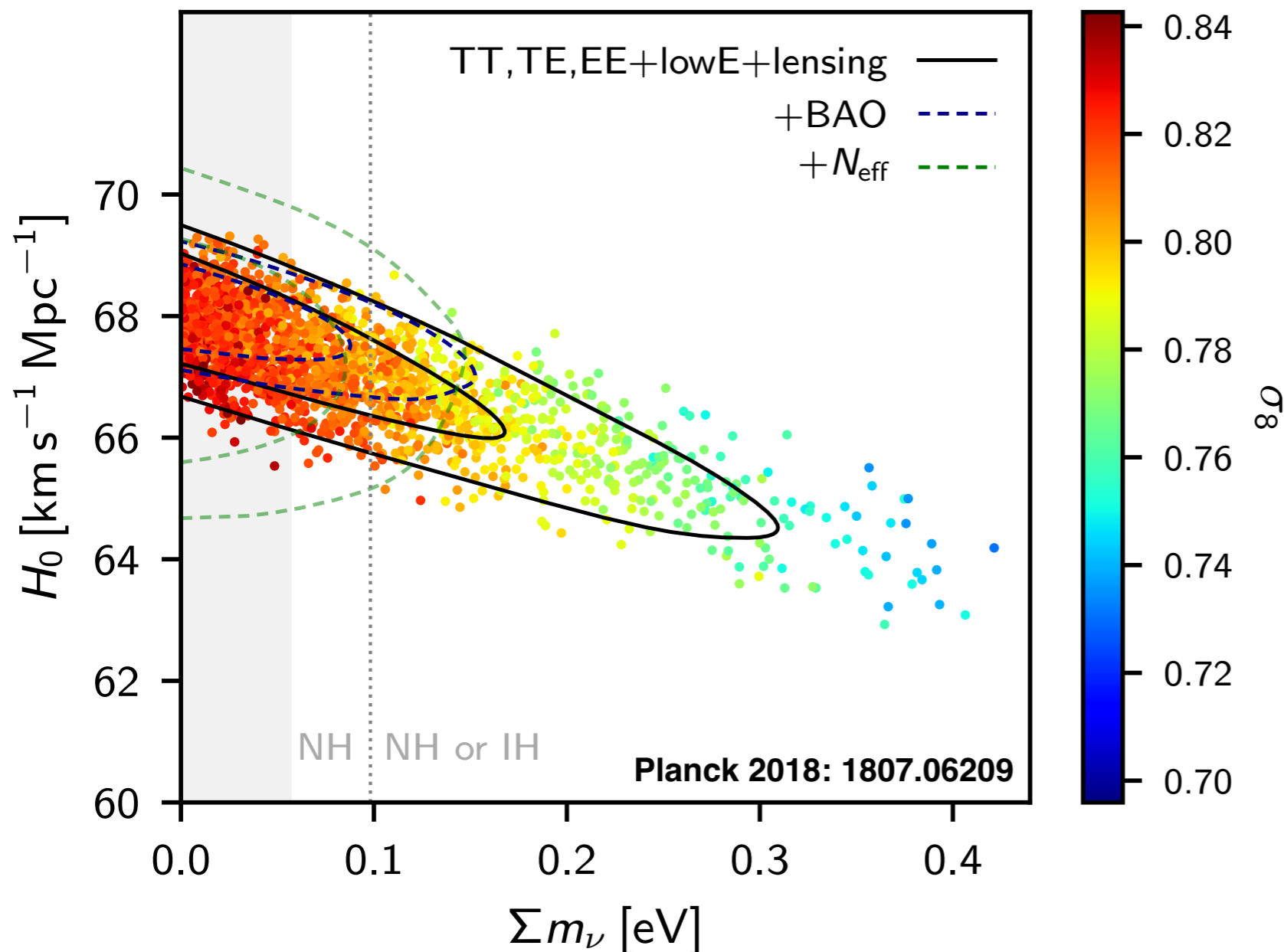
In parallel, the KATRIN experiment is taking data and should reach a sensitivity of $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} \lesssim 0.2 \text{ eV}$ at 90% CL in $\sim 3\text{-}4$ years.

Outlook: Hubble tension?

Cepheids+SN typela: $H_0 = 73.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ Riess et al. [2112.04510]

Planck+BAO: $H_0 = 67.7 \pm 0.4 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ Planck [1807.06209]

> 5 σ discrepancy!

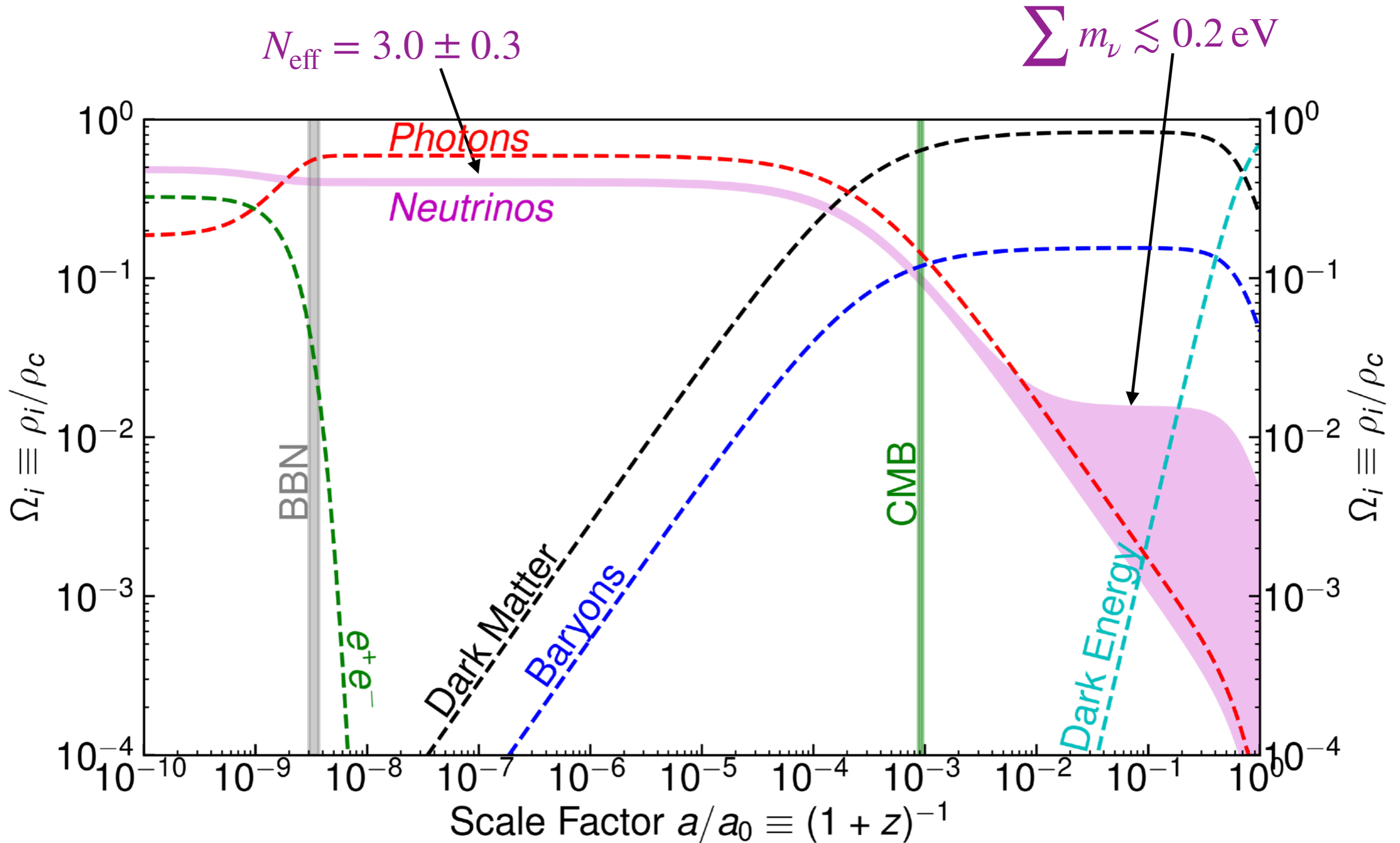


1) Will alter our inferences about neutrinos

2) If true, can neutrinos or particles related to them be at its origin?

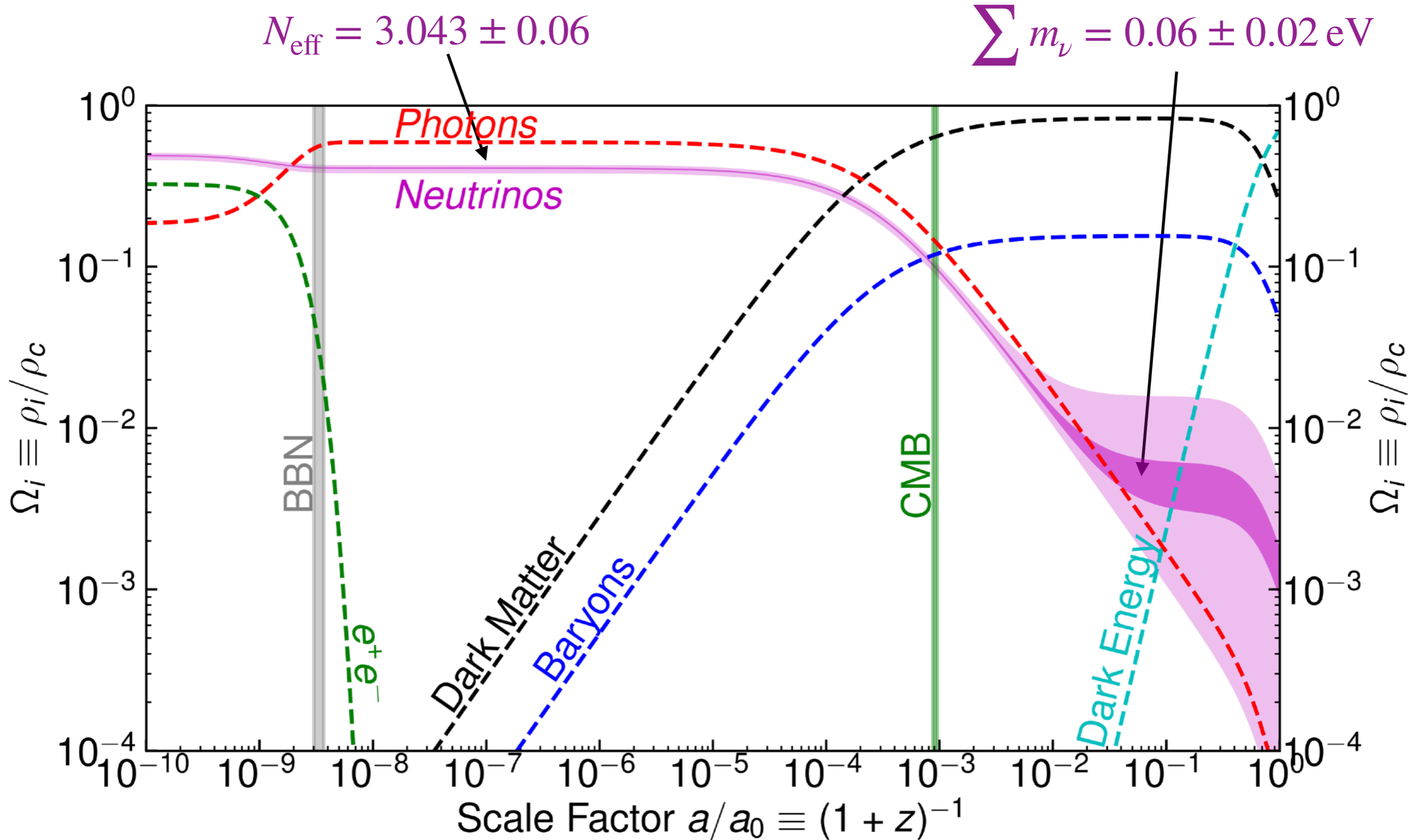
Global Perspective

Current knowledge:



Global Perspective

In the next 5-6 years:



Upcoming years are going to be exciting!



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Thank you for generating this amazing atmosphere!

Thank you for your attention!

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