

Neutrino kinetic equations

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Overview

- **Right-handed neutrinos** might play a role over a very wide temperature range in the early universe
- **Leptogenesis** can happen either through decays of very heavy RHNs or through oscillations (**ARS...**) of lighter ones ($T > 130 \text{ GeV}$, $T_{EW} \sim 160 \text{ GeV}$)
- $O(\text{keV})$ RHNs may be **DM**. If a lepton asymmetry survives to $T \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ then resonant production possible **Shi Fuller**
- Important to have **rates** (**equilibration, washout, ...**) and **kinetic equations** from $T \gg T_{EW}$ to $T \lesssim \text{GeV}$

Outline

- Brief introduction
- Evolution equations to order h^2
- Computing the rates entering those eqs. at LO in the SM
 - In the symmetric phase
 - In the broken phase
- Not in this talk: resonant production of keV RHNs
Asaka Laine Shaposhnikov (2006), Laine Shaposhnikov (2008), JG Laine (2015), Venumadhav Cyr-Racine Abazajian Hirata (2015)

General approach

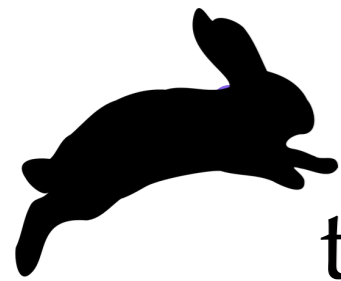
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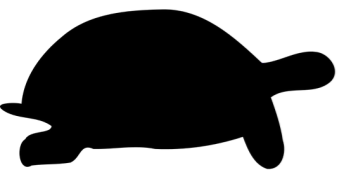
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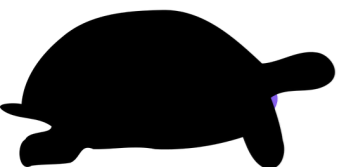
- For instance



for $130 \text{ GeV} \lesssim T \lesssim 10^5 \text{ GeV}$, all SM interactions are in thermal equilibrium



$O(\text{GeV})$ RHNs have $\sim 10^{-7}$ Yukawas: non-eq. ensemble



Lepton (and baryon) densities also evolve slowly

Constructing the equations

- From this a coupled set of evolution eqs can be obtained rigorously, as in [JG Laine 1703.06087](#), following the evolutions of these slow variables and keeping track of flavour and helicity effects, as well as backreactions
- Previous results can be obtained in the appropriate limits ([Hernandez et al 1606.06719](#), [Bödeker Sangel Wörmann 1510.06742](#), [Bödeker Laine 1403.2755](#))
- Similar approach at lower T (broken phase) in [Eijima Shaposhnikov 1703.06085](#)
- CTP-based approach (with similar equations) [Drewes Garbrecht Gueter Klaric 1606.06690](#)

Constructing the equations

- The starting point is

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_I \bar{N}_I (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - M_I) N_I - \sum_{I,a} (\bar{N}_I h_{Ia} j_a + \bar{j}_a h_{Ia}^* N_I)$$

$$j_a = \tilde{\phi}^\dagger a_L l_a$$

- We want to follow the evolution of $n_a - n_B/3$ (because sphalerons) and of the **sterile neutrino density matrix** (keeping track of **helicity** and **flavor**)

$$\hat{\rho}_{\tau I; \sigma J} \equiv \frac{a_{\vec{k}\tau I}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}\sigma J}}{V}$$

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- The two sectors talk through H_{int} , linear in h (Yukawa).

$$H_{\text{int}}(t) = \int_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{I,a} [\bar{j}_a(\mathcal{X}) h_{Ia}^* N_I(\mathcal{X}) + \bar{N}_I(\mathcal{X}) h_{Ia} j_a(\mathcal{X})], \quad \mathcal{X} = (t, \mathbf{x})$$

Since \dot{O} is linear in h and

$$\rho_{\text{full}}(t) = \rho_{\text{full}}(0) - i \int_0^t dt' [H_{\text{int}}(t'), \rho_{\text{full}}(0)] + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

then

$$\langle \dot{O}(t) \rangle = \text{Tr} \left\{ \left[\dot{O}(t), -i \int_0^t dt' H_{\text{int}}(t') \right] \rho_{\text{full}}(0) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

Constructing the equations

- Thanks to the factorization between slow and hard modes, the latter only enter in the spectral function of the SM current $j_a = \tilde{\phi}^\dagger a_L l_a$

$$\langle j_a(\mathcal{X}) \bar{j}_b(\mathcal{Y}) \rangle = \delta_{ab} \int_{\mathcal{P}} e^{-i\mathcal{P} \cdot (\mathcal{X} - \mathcal{Y})} \Pi_a^>(\mathcal{P}) ,$$

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Intermediate summary

- These equations are valid to order h^2 in the Yukawas and in principle to all orders in the SM couplings. In practice ρ_a known to leading order in the SM

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- It is sensible to expand to first order in the chemical potentials. ρ_a is also a function of the chemical potentials μ_a and μ_Y

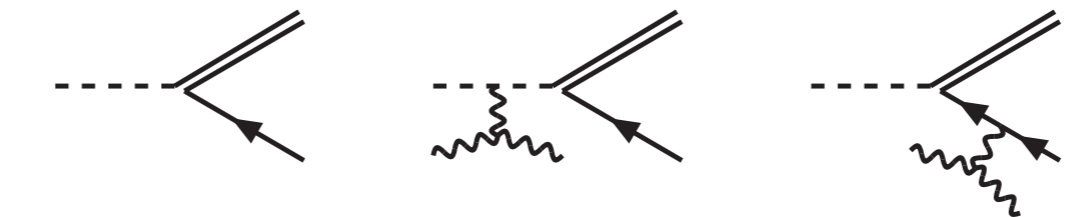

$$\Gamma_{(a\tau)IJ}^+ = h_{Ia}^* h_{Ja} [Q_{(\tau)IJ} + \bar{\mu}_a R_{(\tau)IJ} + \bar{\mu}_Y S_{(\tau)IJ}] + \mathcal{O}(\bar{\mu}^2),$$

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- $Q_{(+)}, R_{(+)}, S_{(+)}$ are helicity-flipping (for instance $\nu_L \rightarrow \phi N_+$) and thus they survive for vanishing Majorana masses, whereas $Q_{(-)}, R_{(-)}, S_{(-)}$ are helicity conserving (fermion number violating) and thus require M insertion

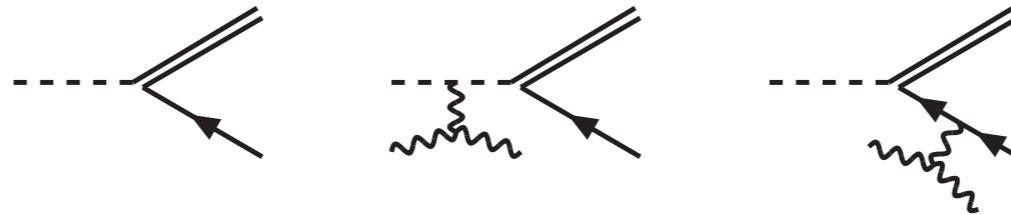
Computing ρ_a

- In the **symmetric phase** $T > 160$ GeV, with $g = (g_1, g_2, h_t, \lambda^{1/2})$ parametrically equivalent and for $M \sim gT \ll T$, there exist **two kinds of processes** at leading order

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Besak Bödeker [1202.1288](#), Ghisoiu Laine [1411.1765](#), Garbrecht
 Glowna Schwaller [1303.5498](#), Hernandez et al [1606.06719](#), JG
 Laine [1703.06087](#)

1 \leftrightarrow 2 processes



- Since all masses are $O(gT)$, tree level processes (if possible) are $\sim M^2 \sim g^2 T^2$ and collinear
- Long formation times $O(1/g^2 T)$ imply that soft scatterings, at rate $g^2 T$, need to be resummed to all orders \Rightarrow Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal (LPM) effect
Long QCD history (BDMPS, AMY). Introduced for RHNs in the *symmetric phase* in Anisimov Besak Bödeker **JCAP03** (2011),
- Helicity-conserving contributions are suppressed for $M \sim \text{GeV}$

2 ↔ 2 processes



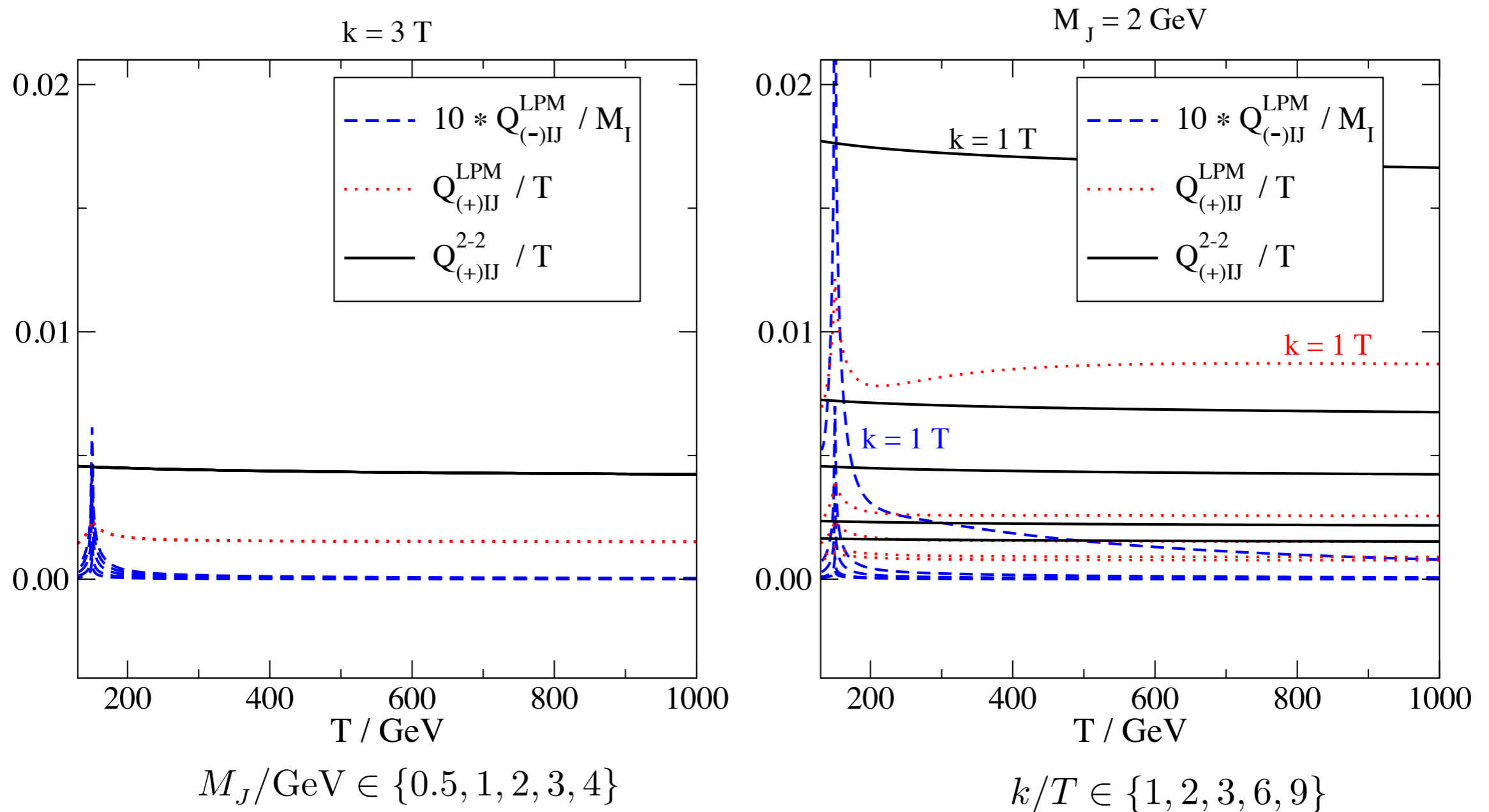
- As long as all external state masses are $O(gT)$ they can be neglected at leading order ($O(g^2T^2)$). Helicity-conserving amplitudes absent at this order

Besak Bödeker [JCAP03 \(2012\)](#)

$$\int_{\text{ph. space}} f(p) f(p') (1 \pm f(k')) |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta^4(P + P' - K - K')$$

- Phase space convolution of **statistical functions** (with chemical potentials) and **matrix elements**. HTL resummation needed for soft fermion exchange.

Symmetric phase results



Symmetric phase results

- Outlook:
 - solve the evolution equations with these rates and the full effects of helicity and chemical potentials, in the cosmological background, as in [Hernandez et al 1606.06719](#)
 - Get to the physically interesting $O(h^4)$ (and higher) effects from the coupled dynamics of slow modes [Shuve Yavin 1401.2459](#)

Computing ρ_a

- In the **broken phase** the Higgs e.v. $v > 0$. We consider the parametric range $T \gtrsim v$, so that **thermal masses** ($O(gT)$) and **Higgs mechanism masses** ($O(gv)$) are of the same order. In practice

$$30 \text{ GeV} \lesssim T \lesssim 160 \text{ GeV}$$

where $g = (g_1, g_2, h_t, \lambda^{1/2})$ (parametrically equivalent)

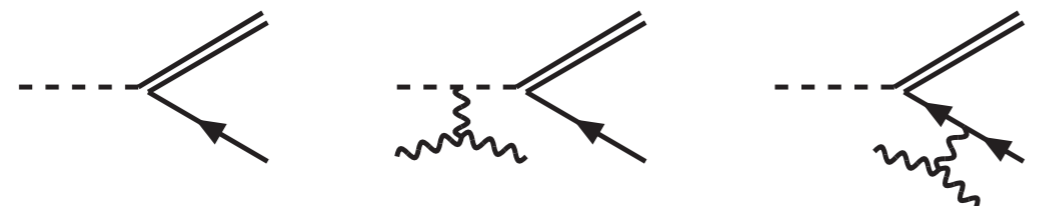
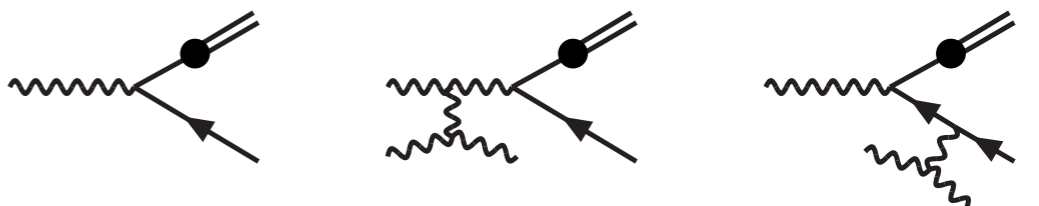

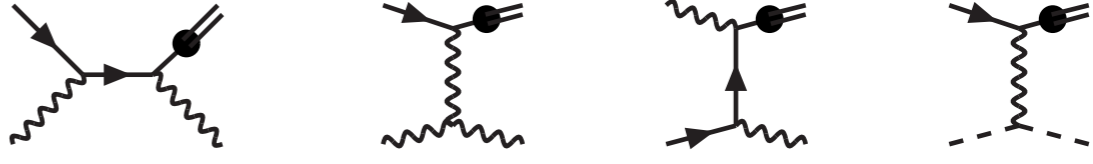
- In this region $M_I \approx gT$
- We also consider $m_W \gtrsim \pi T$ to cover the low-temperature region down to 5 GeV
- Chemical potentials and helicity effects not included

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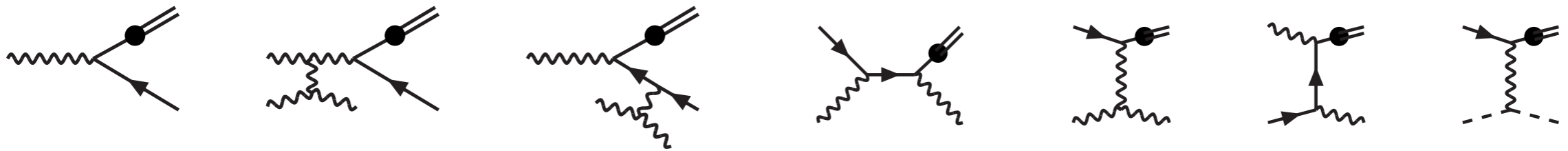
- The Higgs doublet can be a **propagating d.o.f.** (Higgs or Goldstone) or an **expectation value insertion**.

Distinction into **direct** and **indirect** processes

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- The direct $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ and $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ processes can be extended into the broken phase (more complicated LPM)
- Direct processes give $\rho \sim g^2 T^2$. Indirect processes can have a near-resonant enhancement (hold on)

Indirect processes

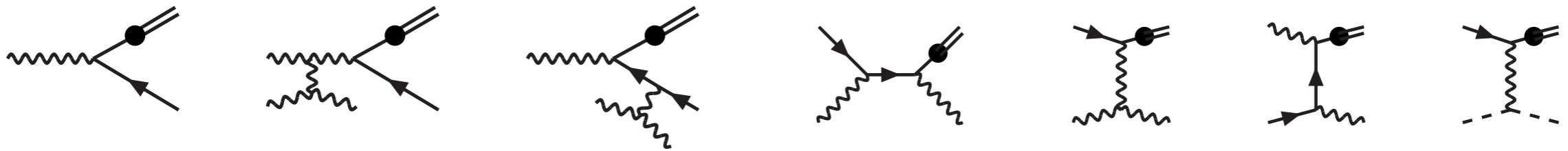


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- M^2 dependence: this is an helicity conserving contribution. As temperature drops, this becomes very relevant, also because of resonant-like behavior

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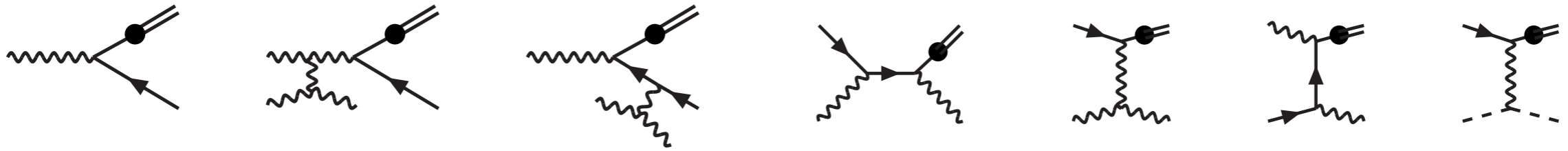
- Real part of the active neutrino self- energy

- At high T $\mathbf{2K} \cdot \text{Re} \Sigma = -m_l^2 \sim g^2 T^2$

- At low T (positive) matter potential

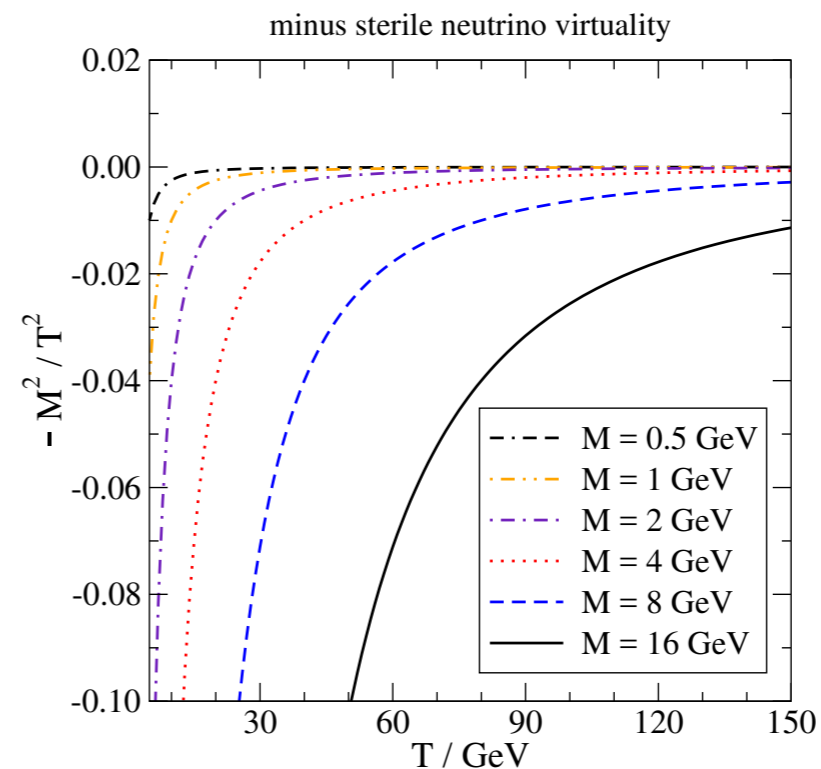
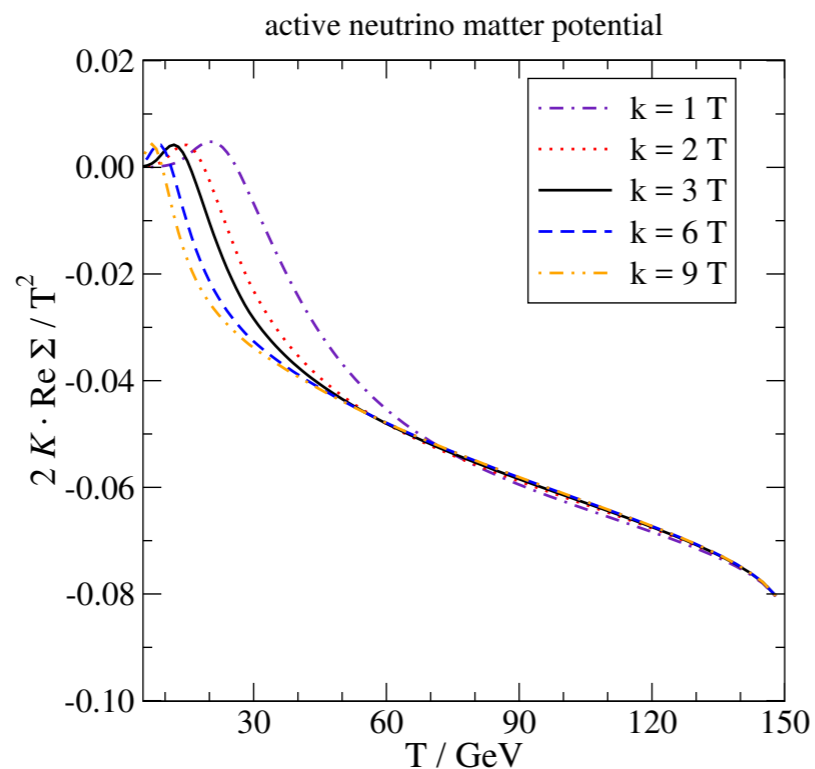
- (Broad) resonance

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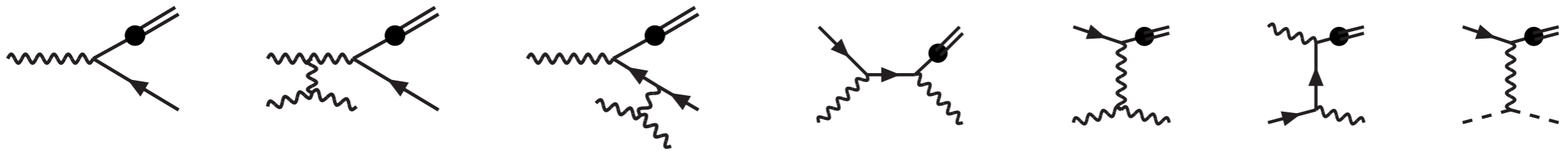


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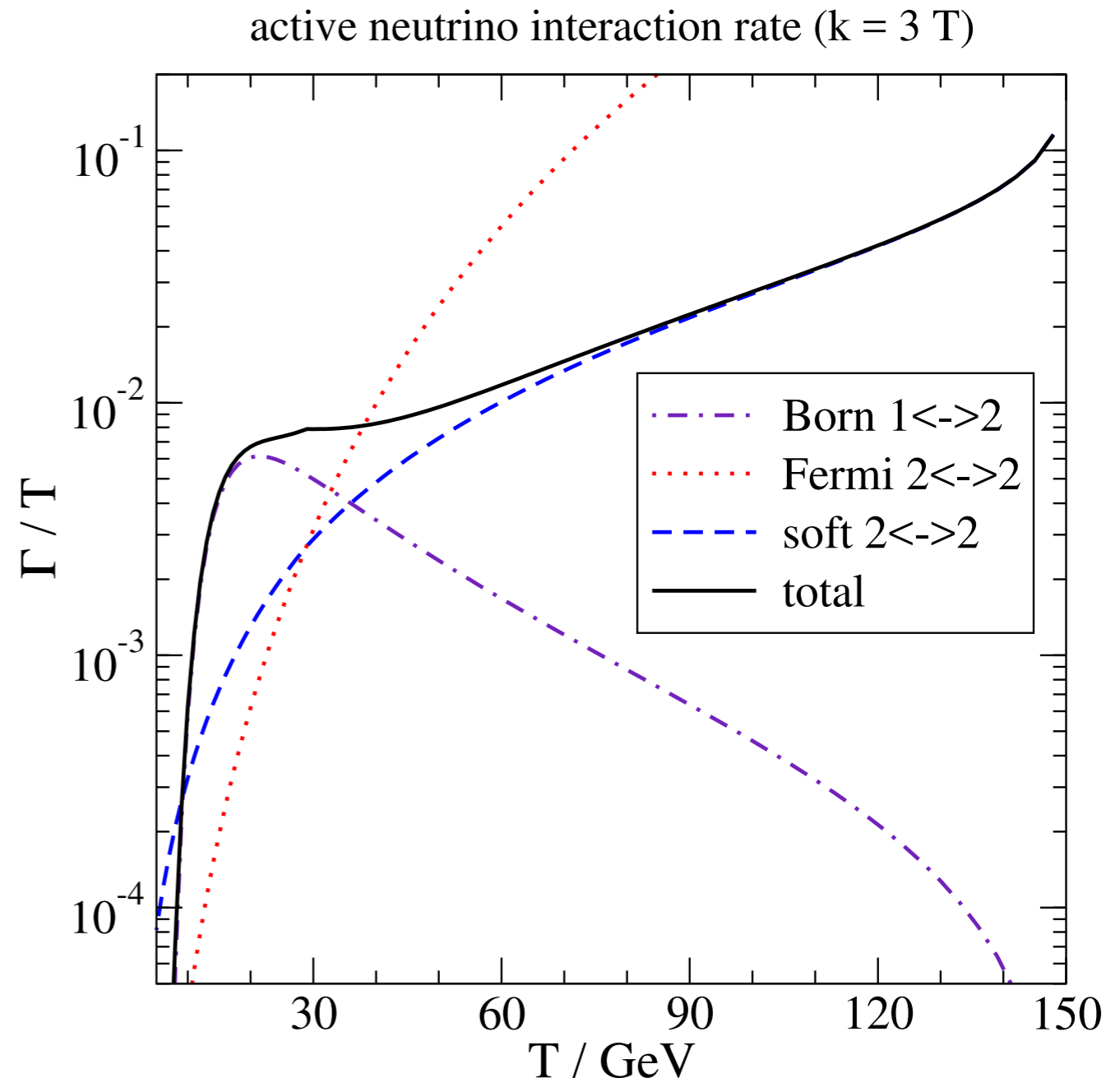
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- Imaginary part of the active neutrino self-energy: active neutrino width $\mathbf{2K} \cdot \text{Im} \Sigma = k_0 \Gamma$
- At high T dominated by soft $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ scatterings. $\Gamma \sim g^2 T$ and thus (for $M \sim gT$) $\rho \sim v^2$
- At low T dominated by $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ decays of gauge bosons

Indirect processes

- Soft $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ scatterings, leading at high T
- $2 \leftrightarrow 2$ scatterings in the Fermi limit, accurate but subleading at low T
- $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ decay of gauge bosons, leading at low T , inaccurate but negligible at high T
- **Total:** $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ + the appropriate (smallest) $2 \leftrightarrow 2$



Cosmological implications

- Compare the equilibration and washout rates to the Hubble rate

$$\dot{f}_{I\mathbf{k}} = \gamma_{I\mathbf{k}} (n_{\text{F}}(E_I) - f_{I\mathbf{k}}) + \mathcal{O}[(n_{\text{F}} - f_{I\mathbf{k}})^2, n_a^2]$$

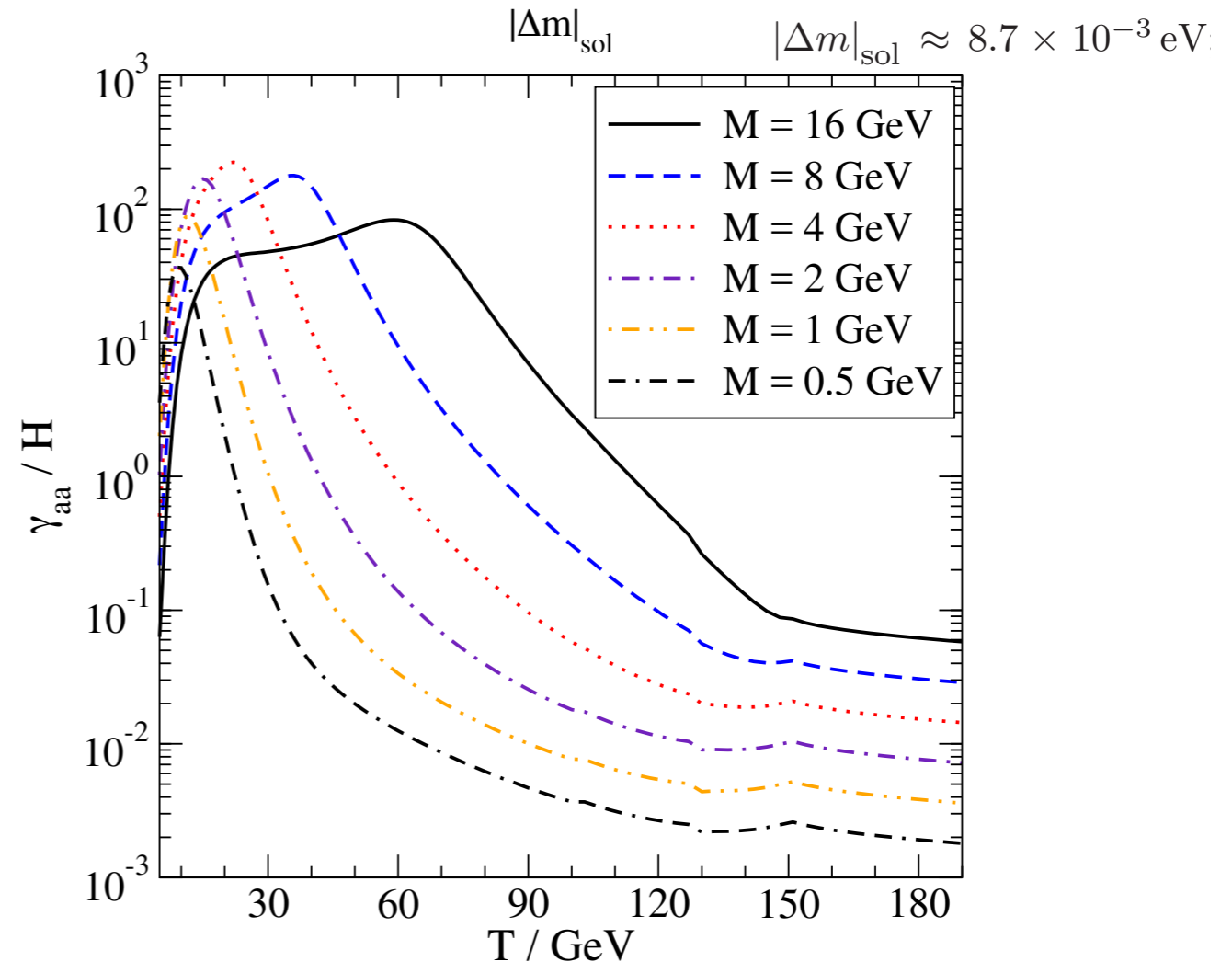
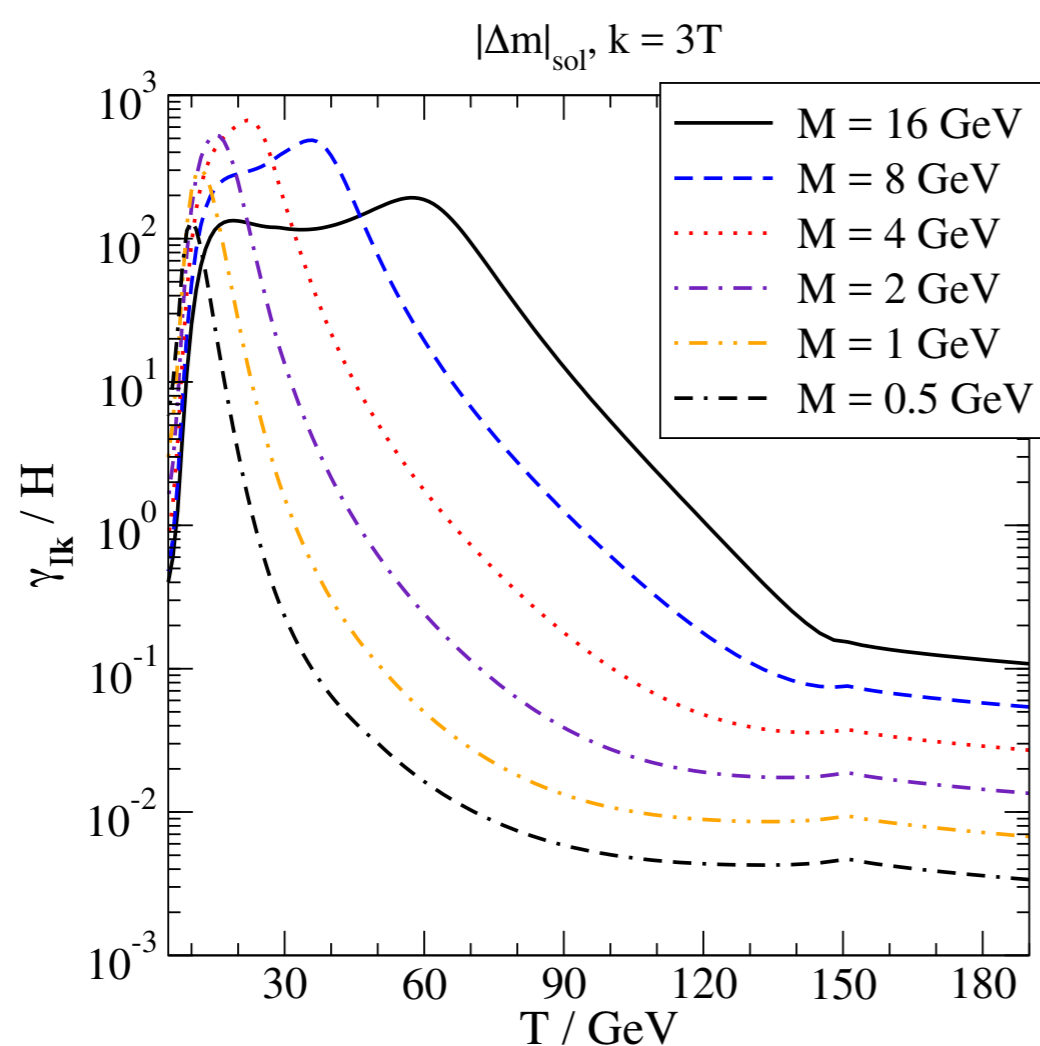
$$\gamma_{I\mathbf{k}} = \sum_a \frac{|h_{Ia}|^2 \text{Tr}[K \rho_a(K)]}{E_I} + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

$$\dot{n}_a = -\gamma_{ab} n_b + \mathcal{O}[n_a(n_{\text{F}} - f_{I\mathbf{k}}), n_a^3] \quad \Xi_{ab} = \partial n_a / \partial \mu_b |_{\mu_b=0}$$

$$\gamma_{ab} = - \sum_I \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{2n'_{\text{F}}(E_I) |h_{Ia}|^2 \text{Tr}[K \rho_a(K)]}{E_I} \Xi_{ab}^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

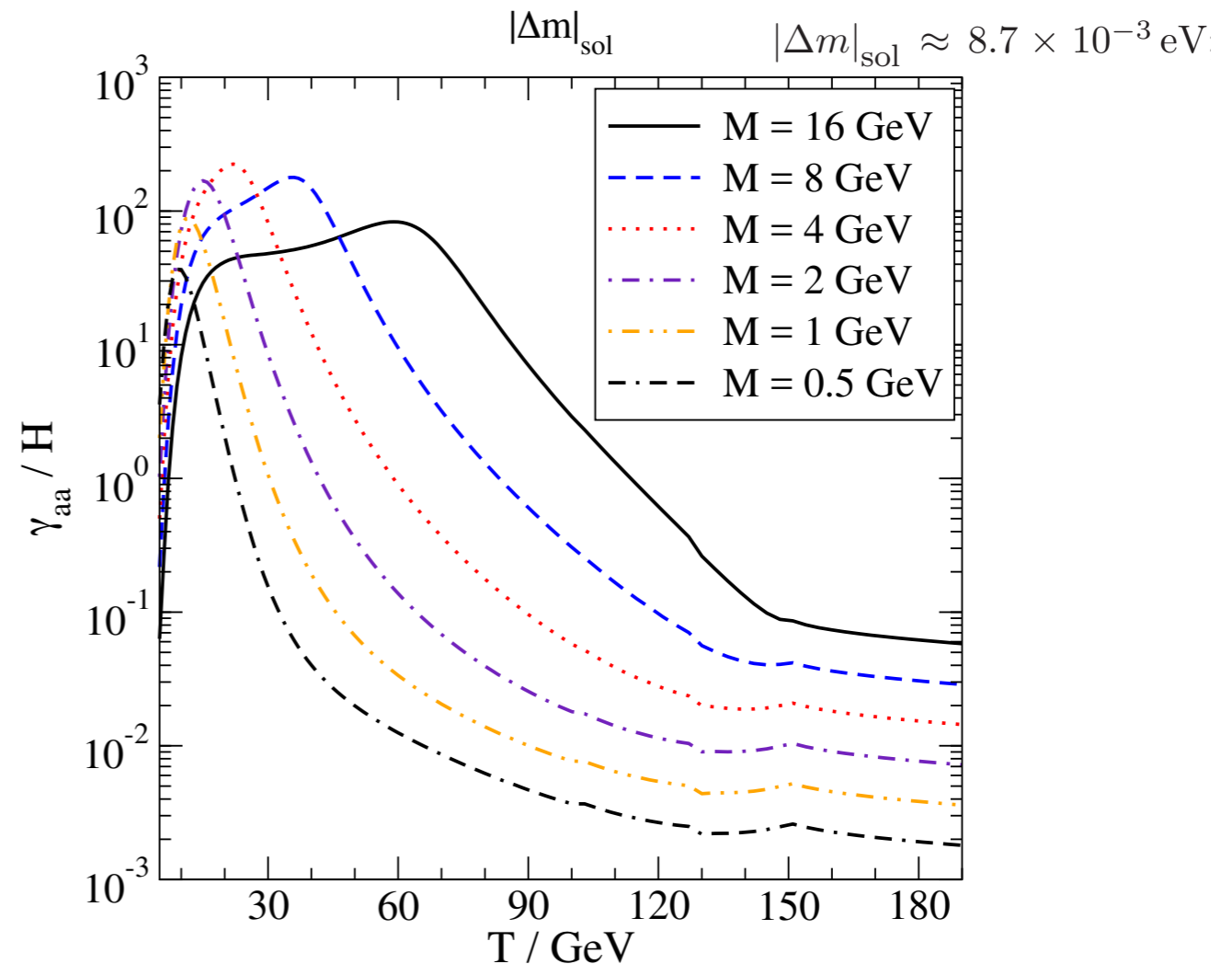
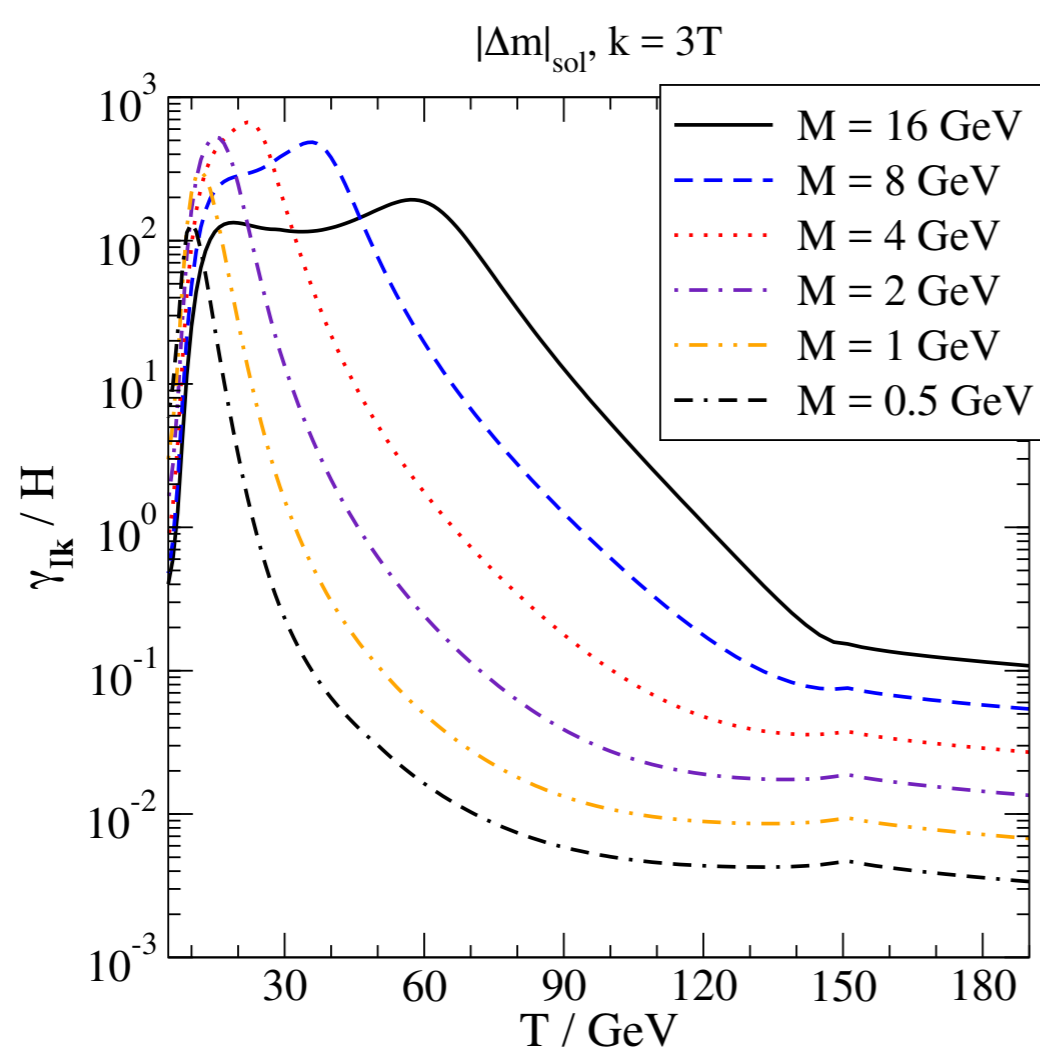
- Fix the RHNs Yukawa couplings in a simple seesaw scenario with hierarchical neutrinos, with only one Yukawa coupling contributing to a given mass difference $|\Delta m| = |h_{Ia}|^2 v^2 / (2M)$.

Cosmological implications



- Peaks driven by indirect processes
- Leptogenesis possible because no equilibrium at $T \gtrsim 130$ GeV. Resonant generation of keV scale RHNs hindered by washout at $T \lesssim 30$ GeV. Fine-tuned windows still possible

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- Helicity asymmetries might be important to this end, since the peak is driven by large helicity-conserving indirect processes, whereas helicity-flipping ones remain small there
- [Eijima Shaposhnikov 1703.06085](#)

Summary

- I have presented evolution equations for the slow modes, keeping track consistently of flavour and helicity effects, as well as full back-reaction, at order h^2
- The rates entering these evolution equations are known at LO in the SM for small M over a wide temperature range
- In the broken phase **these rates peak at $T \sim 10-30$ GeV**, due to the **efficient, resonance-like indirect processes**, with consequences for leptogenesis and keV scale dark matter
- Spectra and code available for download at
<http://www.laine.itp.unibe.ch/production-{low,mid,high}T/>
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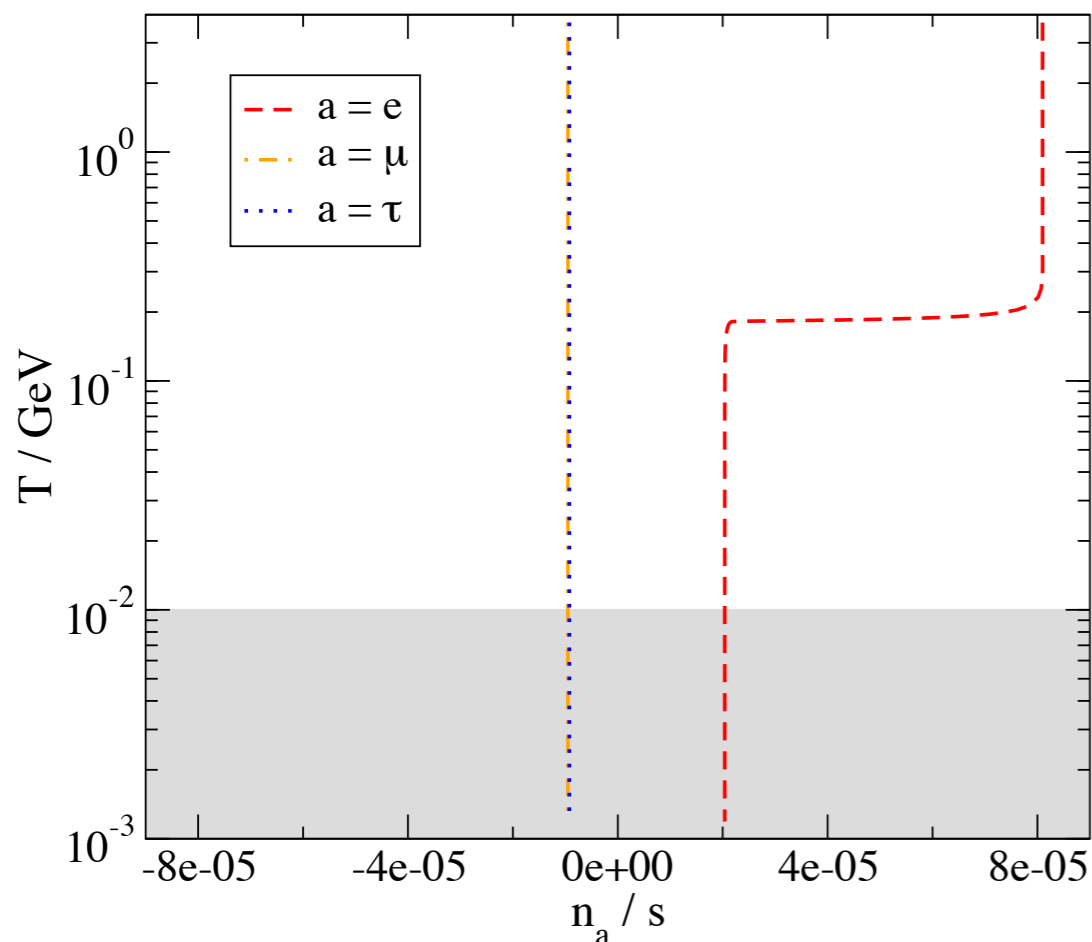
Backup



Resonant sterile neutrino production

- Resonant production of right-handed neutrinos: a **non-zero lepton asymmetry** (left) creates a resonance that efficiently converts it into **right-handed neutrino (DM) abundance** (right)
 JG Laine [JHEP1511](#) (2015)

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