

# Constraining **DARK** Radiation From Recent Observations

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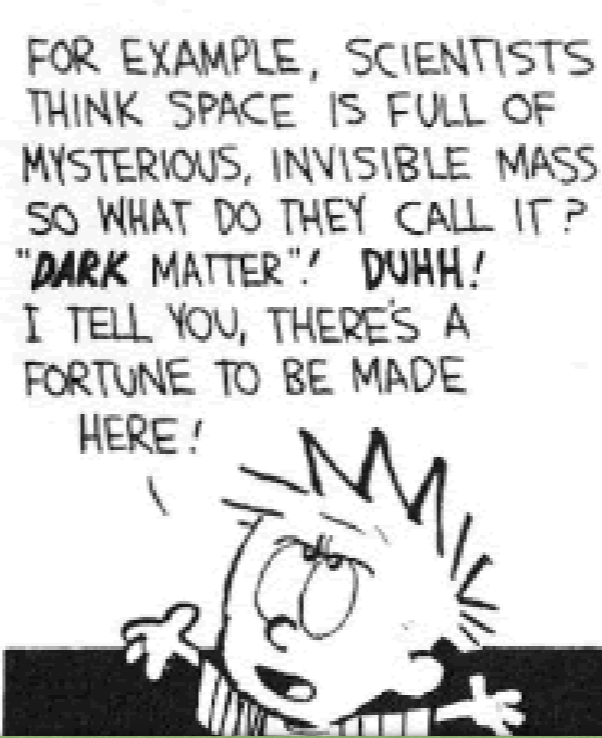
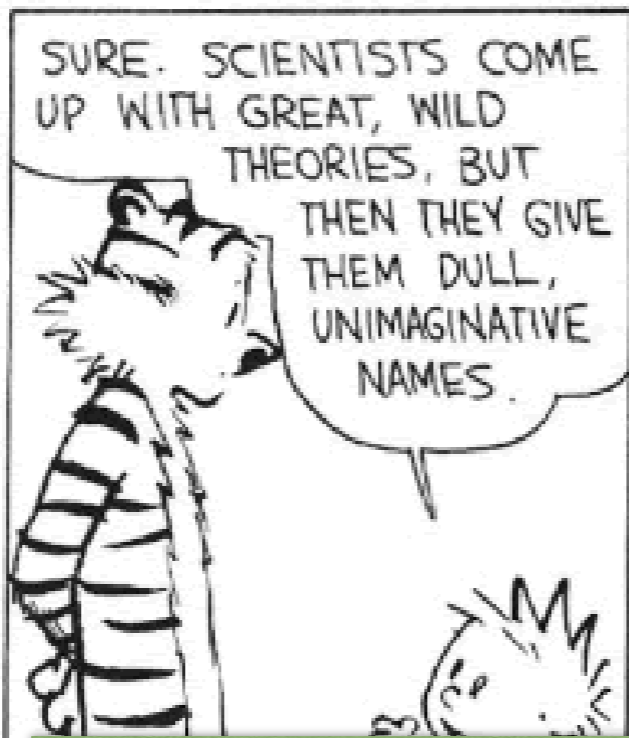
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"Vacuums, black holes, anti-matter — it's the elusive and intangible which appeals to me."

# SCIENTIFIC NAMES!!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT # 0

## The Dark Matter: Race & Racism



Howard Winant  
University of California, Santa Barbara

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Stern Center, Great Room, 7 p.m.

# Things To Discuss :

- > What is Dark Radiation??
- > A Brief Review of DR History
- > Dark Radiation Theories
- > Confronting DR from CMB
- > Confronting DR from BBN
- > Future Directions

# What is Dark Radiation!!

## Dark radiation

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Dark radiation** (also **dark electromagnetism**)<sup>[1]</sup> is a postulated type of radiation that mediates interactions of **dark matter**.

By analogy to the way photons mediate electromagnetic interactions between particles in the **Standard Model** (called *baryonic matter* in cosmology), dark radiation is proposed to mediate interactions between **dark matter** particles.<sup>[1]</sup> Similar to dark matter particles, the hypothetical dark radiation does not interact with Standard Model particles.

There has been no notable evidence for the existence of such radiation, but since **baryonic** matter contains multiple interacting particle types, it is reasonable to suppose that **dark matter** does also. Moreover, it has been pointed out recently that the **cosmic microwave background** data seems to suggest that the number of effective neutrino degrees of freedom is more than 3.046, which is slightly more than the standard case for 3 types of **neutrino**.<sup>[2]</sup> This extra degree of freedom could arise from having a non-trivial amount of dark radiation in the universe. One possible candidate for dark radiation is the **sterile neutrino**.

**NOT TRUE!!**

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dark\\_radiation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dark_radiation)

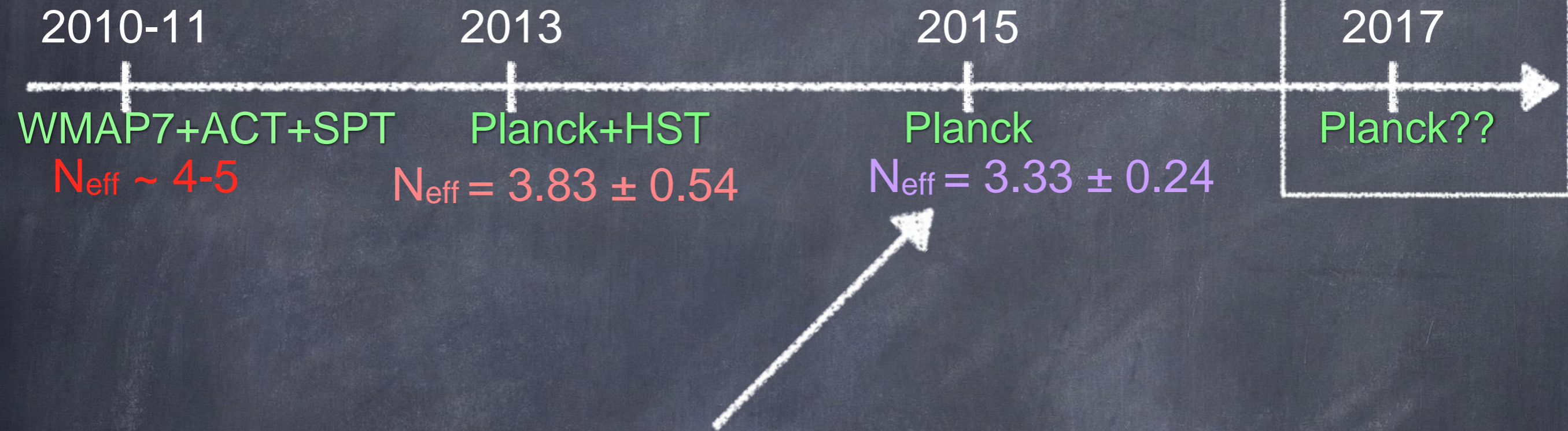
Current energy density of the relativistic energy component:

$$\rho_{\text{rad}} = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{7}{8} \right) \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_{\gamma}$$

Free parameter (IMP!!)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046 \text{ (SM + NIND)}$$

# Then Why The Fuss!!



If  $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.12$  hard to explain from standard scenario

Scope for New Physics!!

# Future ??



=> Either we find  $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 3$   
(SM).

Ok, we have lots  
of models!!

=> Or We find  $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.15$   
(BSM)

Now what??

=> Or We find  $N_{\text{eff}} < 3$  (!!!)

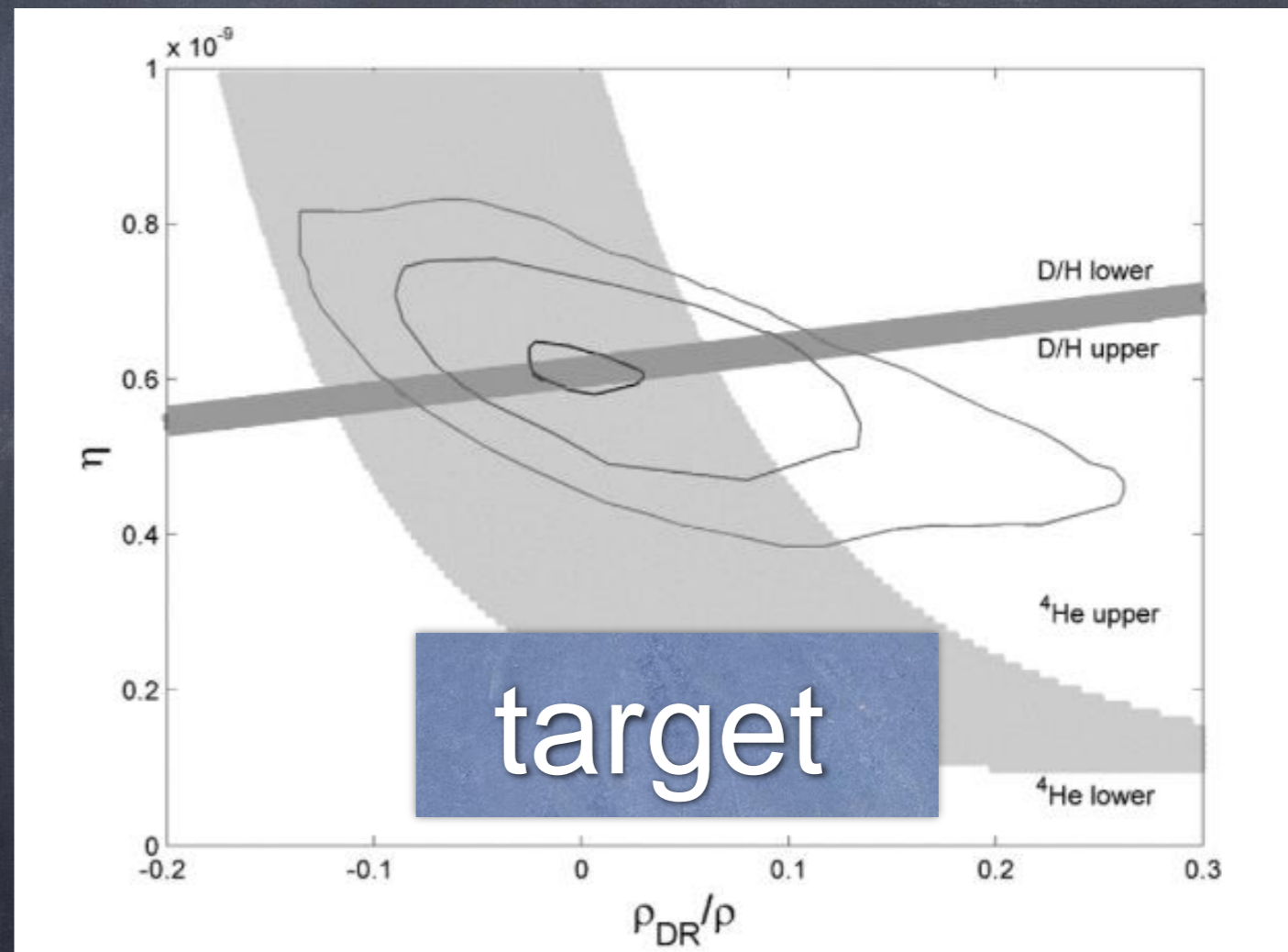
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# Definition of Dark Radiation

Anything scales as  $a^{-4} \Rightarrow$  **RADIATION**

Any presence of radiation beyond  $N_{\text{eff}}]_{\text{sm}} \Rightarrow$  **DARK RADIATION**

Constrain DR from data



# Possible Theoretical Avenues

\* Sterile Neutrino

Hanmann et al arXiv: 1006.5276

\* Axions

Hannested et al arXiv: 1004.0696

\* Extra Dimensions

Ichiki et al PRD66, 043521 (2002)

\* String Motivated LVS

Cicoli et al arXiv: 1308.3562

\* and So on.....

Need a Possible way to discriminate the theories!!

Apparatus : CMB + BBN



# Effect of DR on CMB

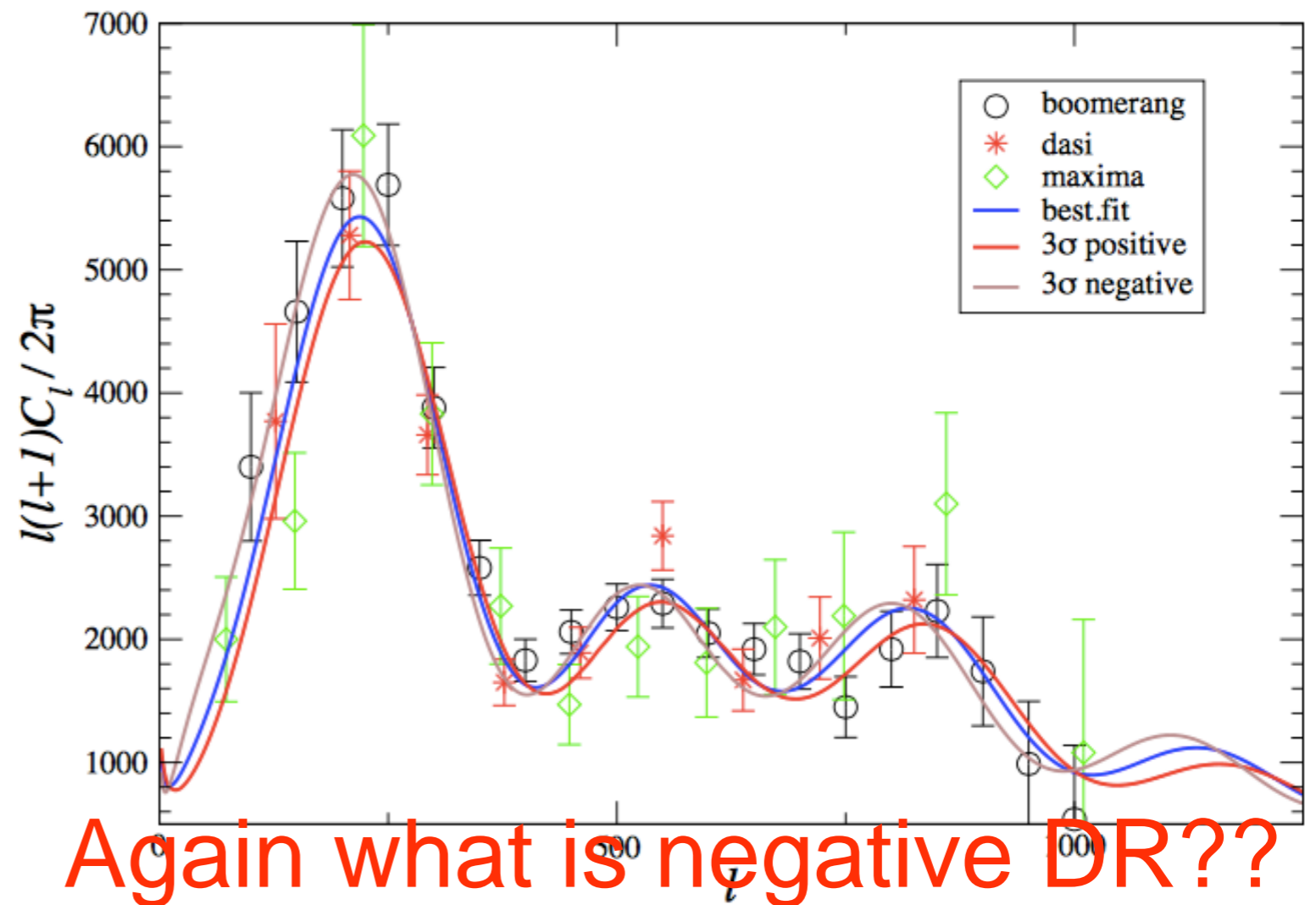
The CMB spectrum is affected by the presence of extra relativistic d.o.f.

DR is their influence on the location and amplitude of the acoustic peaks

Dark radiation moves the epoch of matter radiation equality to a later time

Prevents the growth of the perturbation inside the horizon and leads to a decay in the gravitational potential

The net result of adding positive dark radiation is therefore an enhanced CMB anisotropy.

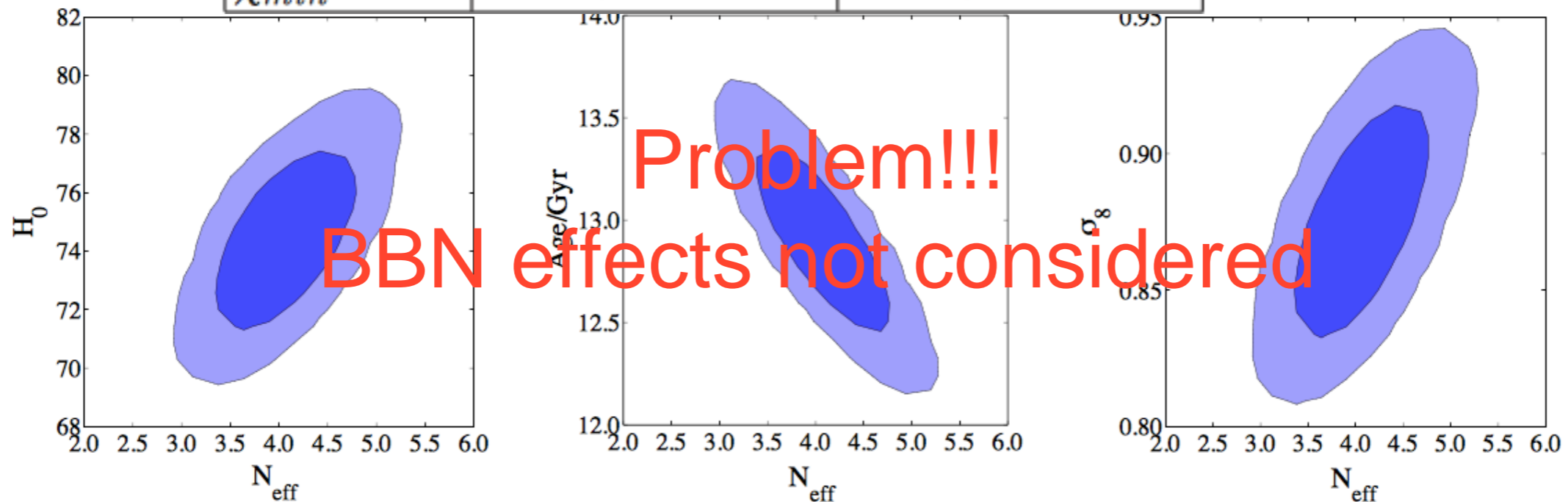


# The Case For Dark Radiation

$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02229 \pm 0.00038$	$0.02206 \pm 0.00081$
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.1333 \pm 0.0086$	$0.1313 \pm 0.0094$
$\tau$	$0.082 \pm 0.012$	$0.083 \pm 0.014$
$H_0$	$74.3 \pm 2.2$	$74.2 \pm 2.1$
$n_s$	$0.977 \pm 0.011$	$0.972 \pm 0.021$
$\log(10^{10} A_s)$	$3.195 \pm 0.035$	$3.196 \pm 0.035$
$A_{SZ}$	$< 1.2$	$< 1.4$
$A_C [\mu K^2]$	$< 14.3$	$< 14.6$
$A_P [\mu K^2]$	$< 25.2$	$< 24.7$
$N_{\text{eff}}$	$4.08^{+0.18+0.71}_{-0.18-0.68}$	$3.89^{+0.19+0.70}_{-0.19-0.70}$
$c_{\text{eff}}^2$	$1/3$	$0.312^{+0.008+0.026}_{-0.007-0.026}$
$c_{\text{vis}}^2$	$1/3$	$0.29^{+0.04+0.21}_{-0.06-0.16}$
$\chi_{\text{min}}^2$	7594.2	7591.5

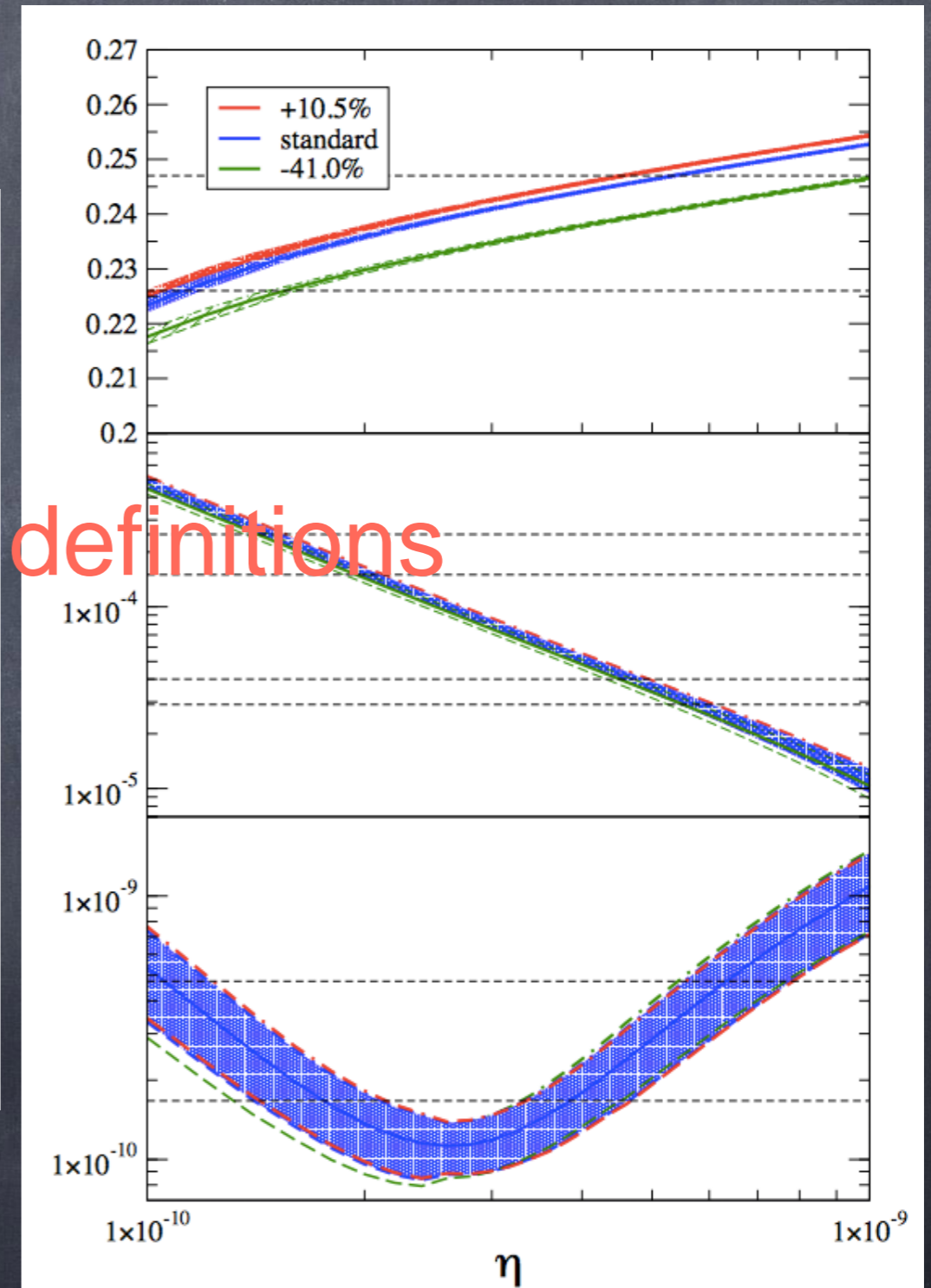
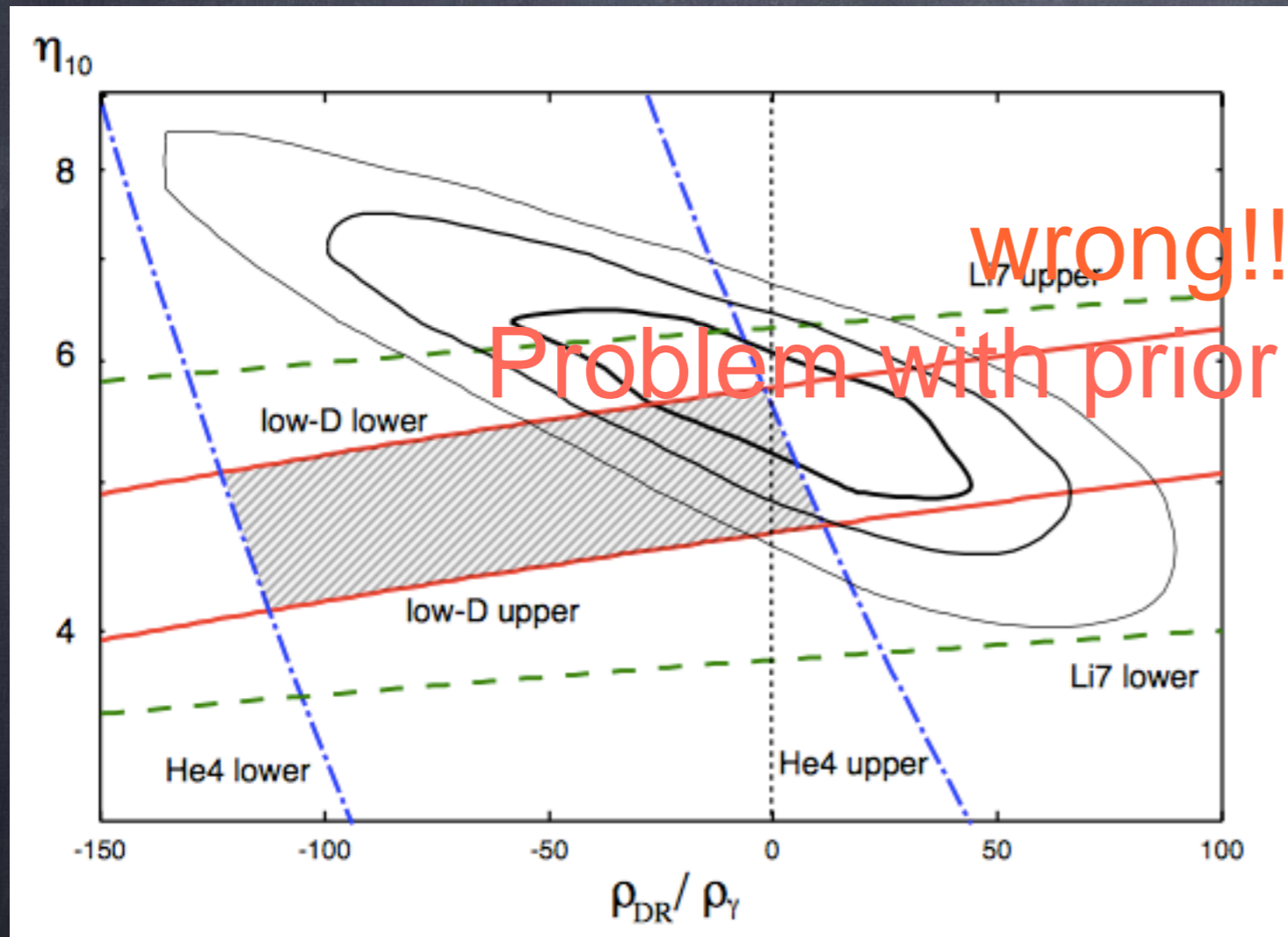
WMAP7+ACT+SPT

Archidiacono et al. [arXiv: 1109.2767]



# BBN + CMB Constraints

First Idea:

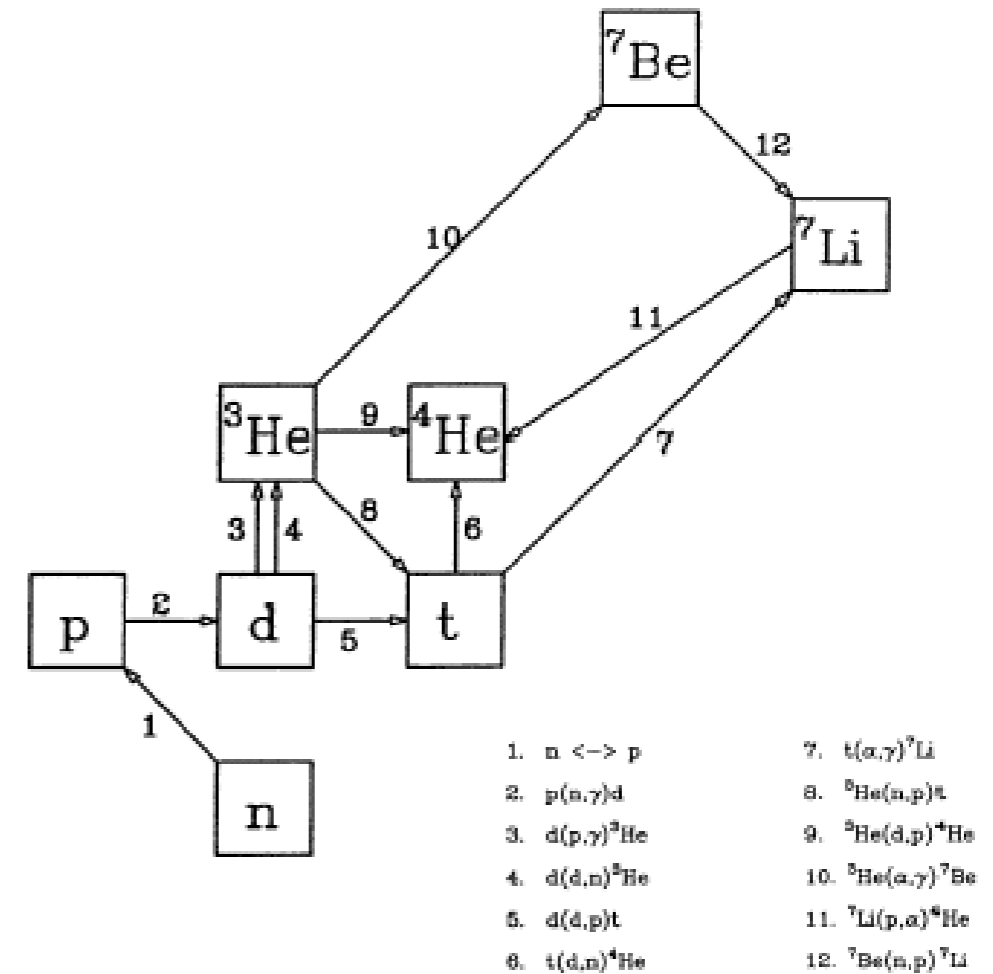


For RS Dark Radiation

# Effect of DR on BBN

Altering the expansion rate changes the temperature at which various nuclear reactions freeze out.

F. Hoyle and R. J. Taylor, Nature 203, 1108 (1964)



Symbol	Reaction	Symbol	Reaction
$R_0$	$\tau_n$	$R_8$	${}^3\text{He}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Be}$
$R_1$	$p(n, \gamma)d$	$R_9$	${}^3\text{H}(\alpha, \gamma){}^7\text{Li}$
$R_2$	${}^2\text{H}(p, \gamma){}^3\text{He}$	$R_{10}$	${}^7\text{Be}(n, p){}^7\text{Li}$
$R_3$	${}^2\text{H}(d, n){}^3\text{He}$	$R_{11}$	${}^7\text{Li}(p, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$
$R_4$	${}^2\text{H}(d, p){}^3\text{H}$	$R_{12}$	${}^4\text{He}(d, \gamma){}^6\text{Li}$
$R_5$	${}^3\text{He}(n, p){}^3\text{H}$	$R_{13}$	${}^6\text{Li}(p, \alpha){}^3\text{He}$
$R_6$	${}^3\text{H}(d, n){}^4\text{He}$	$R_{14}$	${}^7\text{Be}(n, \alpha){}^4\text{He}$
$R_7$	${}^3\text{He}(d, p){}^4\text{He}$	$R_{15}$	${}^7\text{Be}(d, p)2\ {}^4\text{He}$

nuclide $i$	central value	$\sigma_{\omega_b}$	$\sigma_{ii}$	rate	$\delta\sigma^2/\sigma^2(\%)$
${}^2\text{H}/\text{H} \times 10^5$	2.53	$\pm 0.11$	$\pm 0.04$	$R_2$	49
				$R_3$	37
				$R_4$	14
				$R_7$	80.7
${}^3\text{He}/\text{H} \times 10^5$	1.02	$\begin{smallmatrix} +0.01 \\ -0.02 \end{smallmatrix}$	$\pm 0.03$	$R_2$	16.8
				$R_0$	98.5
$Y_p$	0.2480	$\begin{smallmatrix} +0.0002 \\ -0.0003 \end{smallmatrix}$	$\pm 0.0002$	$R_0$	98.5
${}^6\text{Li}/\text{H} \times 10^{14}$	1.1	$\pm 0.1$	$\begin{smallmatrix} +1.7 \\ -1.1 \end{smallmatrix}$	$R_{13}$	$\sim 100$
${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H} \times 10^{10}$	4.7	$\pm 0.3$	$\pm 0.4$	$R_{14}$	40.9
				$R_8$	25.1
				$R_{15}$	16.2
				$R_7$	8.6
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# Effect of DR on BBN

of the dark radiation to the total energy density in relativistic particles at

$$\left( \sum_{i=e,\mu,\tau} \rho_{\nu_i} \right) + \rho_{DR} \equiv (3 + \Delta N_{\nu}) \rho_{\nu_e} \equiv N_{eff} \rho_{\nu_e}$$

$$\rho_{\nu_i} = 2 \frac{7}{8} \frac{\pi^2}{30} T_{\nu_i}^4$$

$$n/p = \exp(-\Delta m/T)$$

the neutron to proton  
ratio

neutron-proton mass  
difference

Photon  
temperature

# Effect of DR on BBN

The increased neutron mass fraction from a positive dark radiation term increases the  $D/H$  and  $Y_p$  abundances.

The faster cosmic expansion results in the freeze-out of the deuterium destruction via the reactions  ${}^2\text{H}(d, n){}^3\text{He}$  and  ${}^2\text{H}(d, p){}^3\text{H}$  at a higher temperature.

What about Lithium Problem??

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# Some Theoretical Models

- RS Dark Radiation
- Light Sterile Neutrino Models
- Thermal Axion Models
- DR in LVS



# RS Dark Radiation

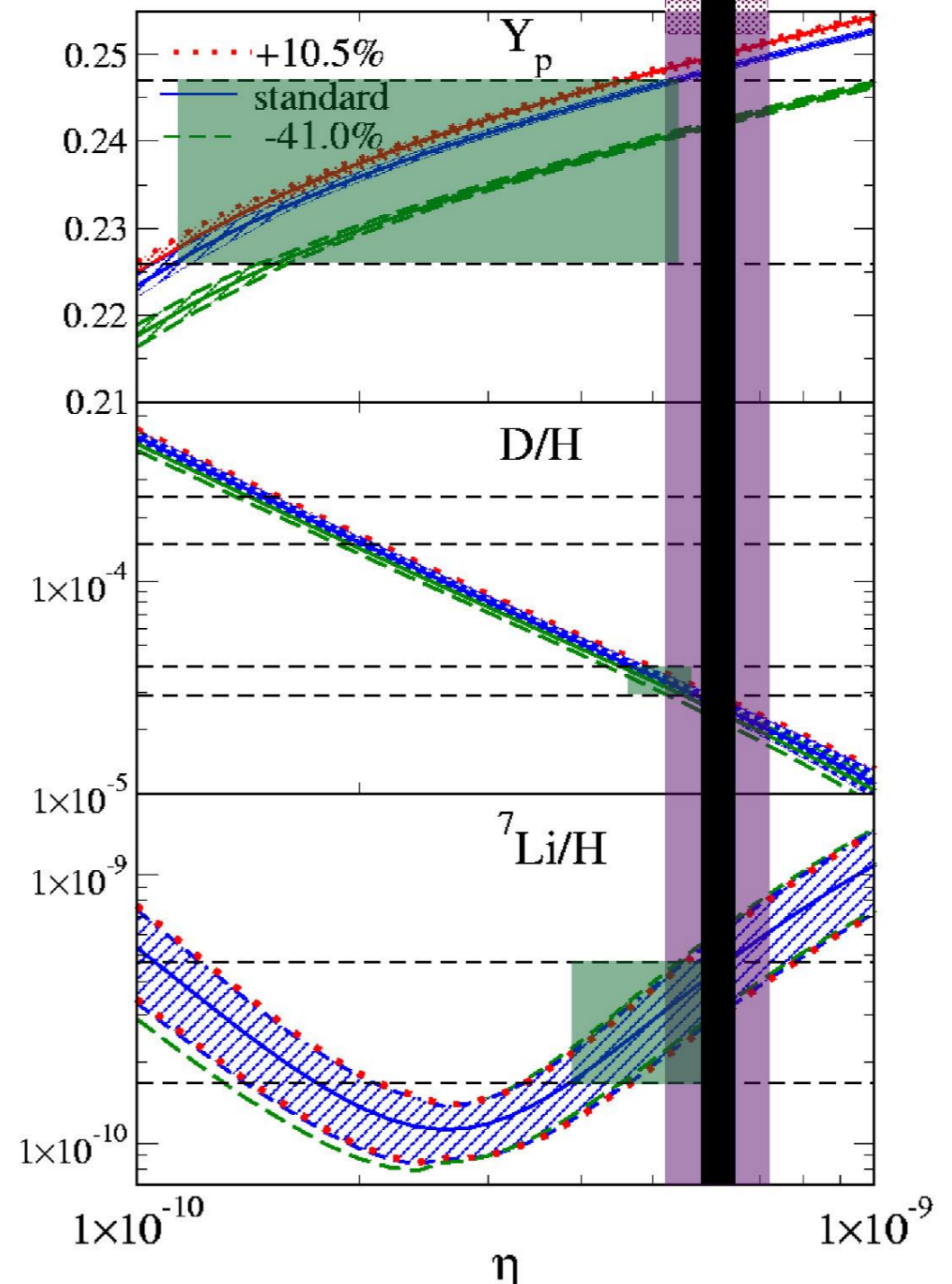
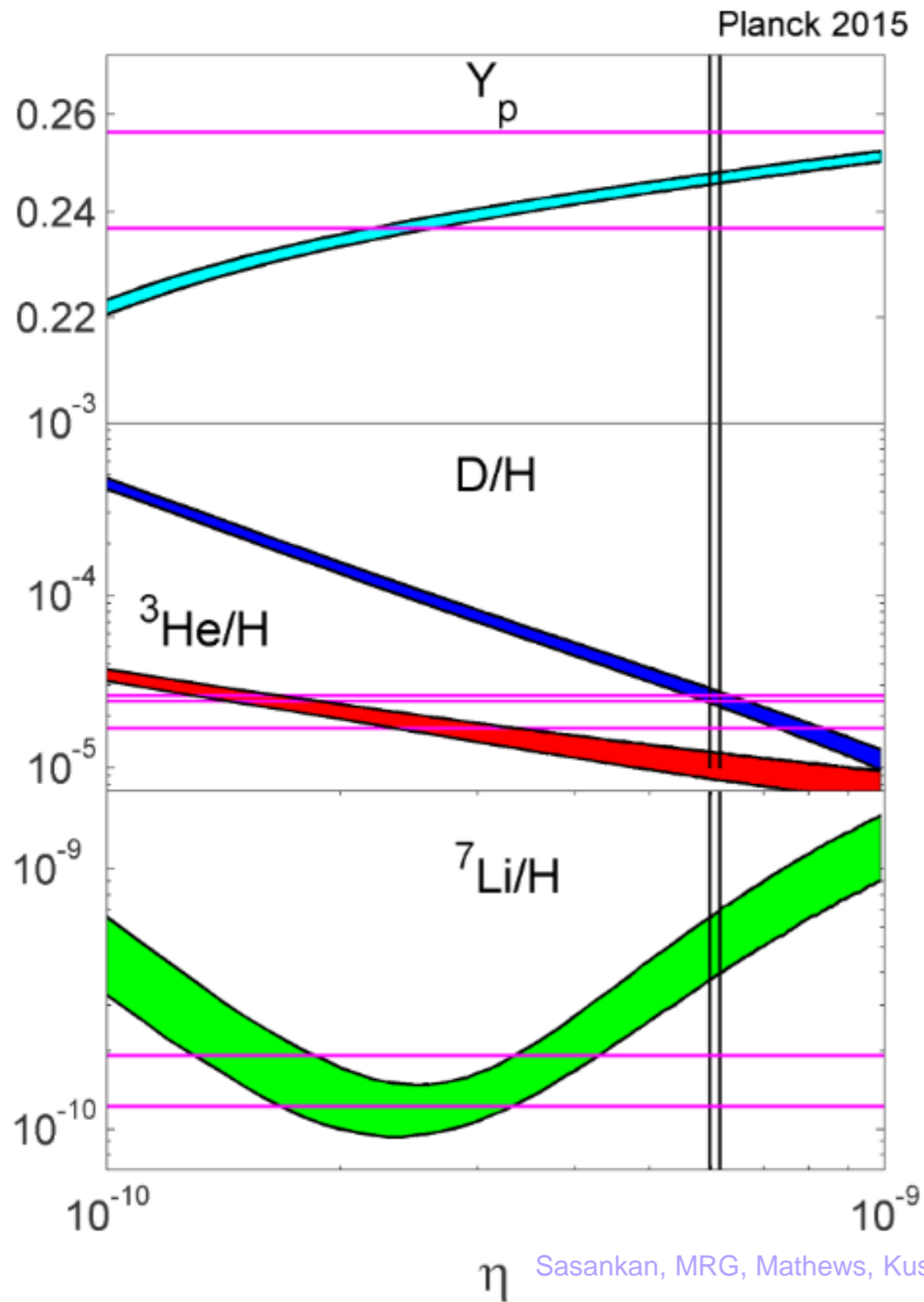
$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3}\rho - \frac{K}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda_4}{3} + \frac{\kappa_5^4}{36}\rho^2 - \frac{\mu}{a^4}$$

## RS Dark Radiation

$$G_N = \kappa_5^4 \lambda / 48\pi$$

$$\Lambda_4 = \kappa_5^4 \lambda^2 / 12 + 3\Lambda_5 / 4$$

# RS Dark Radiation



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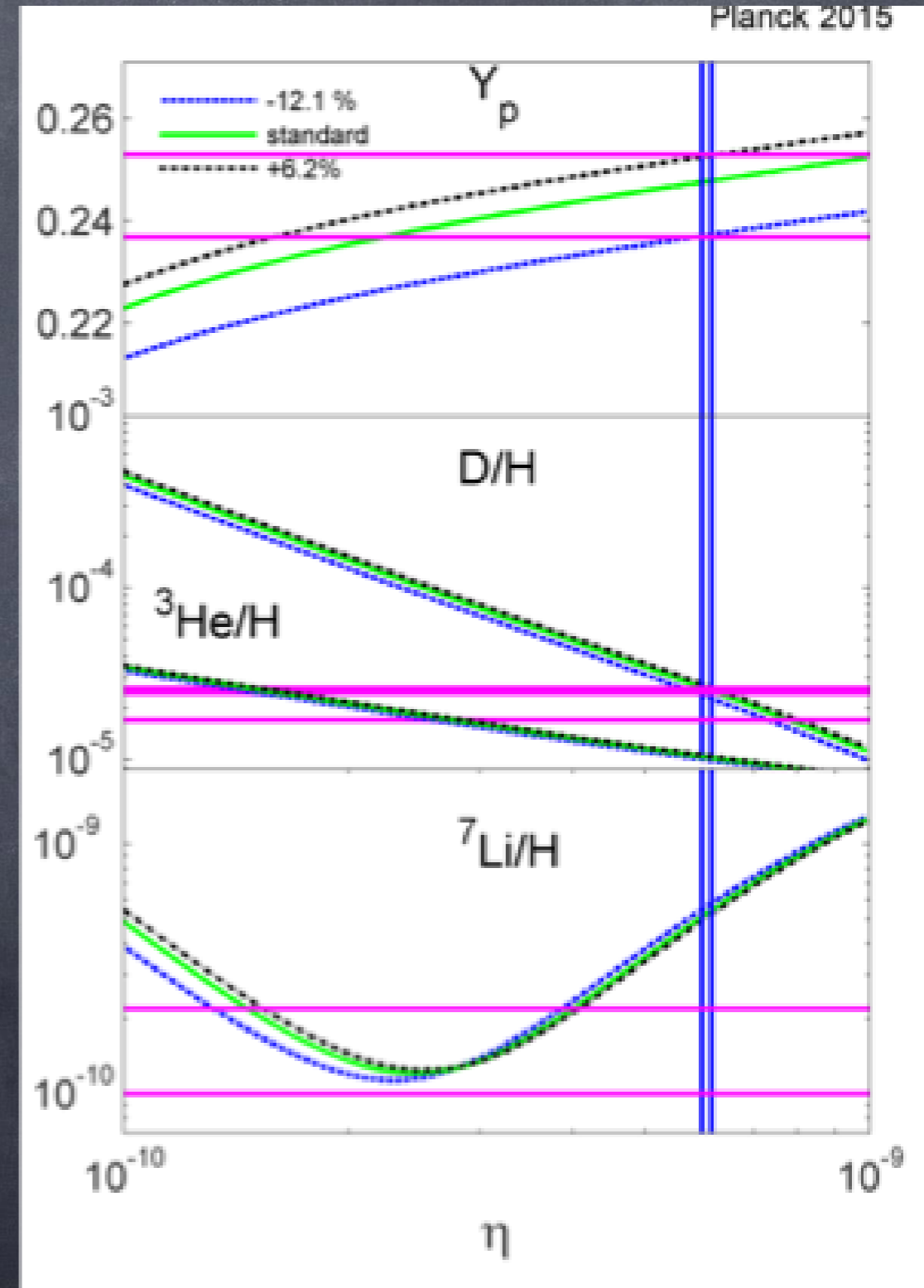
$$Y_p = 0.2449 \pm 0.0040$$

$$2.45 \times 10^{-5} \leq D/H \leq 2.61 \times 10^{-5}$$

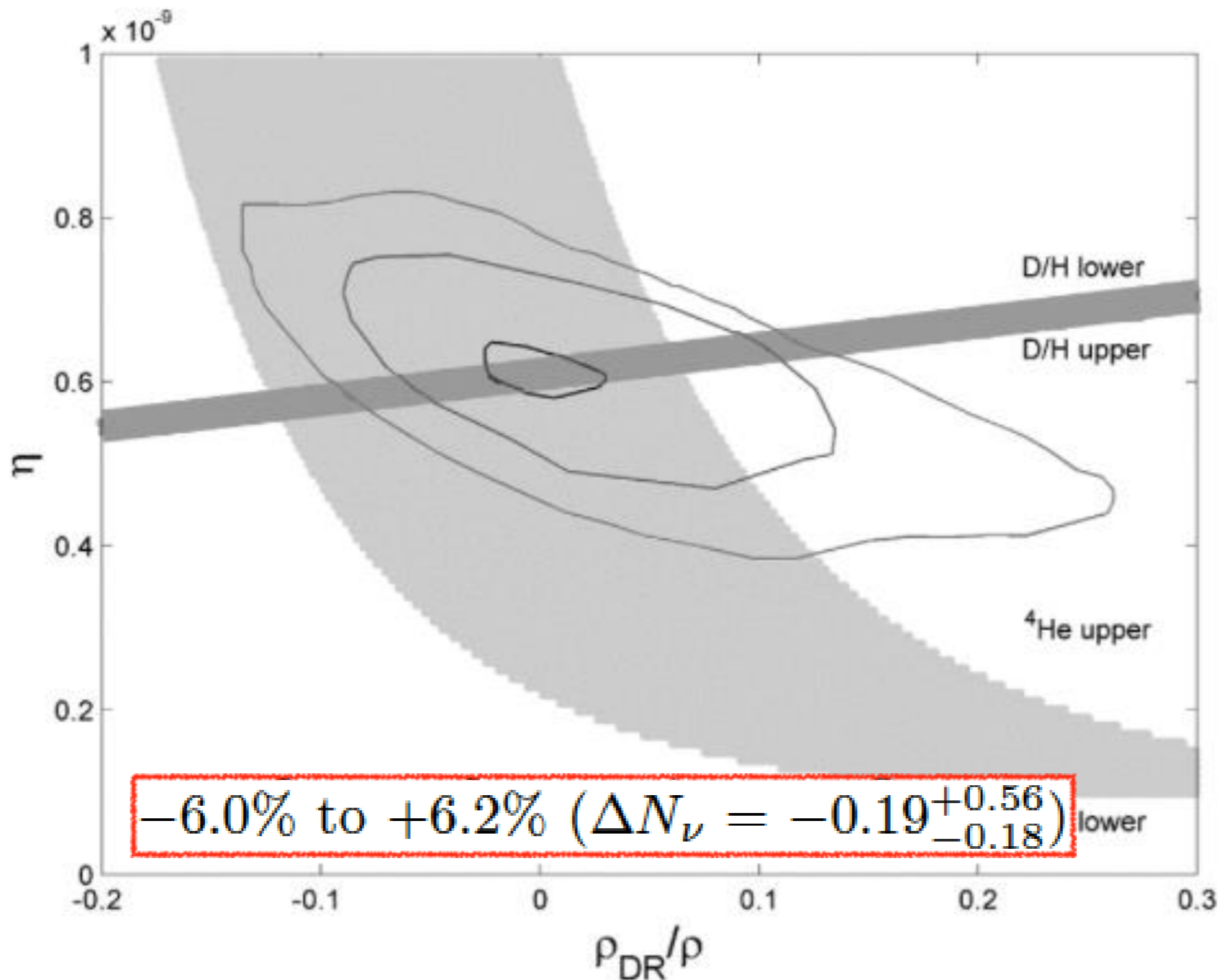
$$1.01 \times 10^{-10} \leq {}^7\text{Li}/H \leq 2.20 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$L(\rho_{DR}/\rho) = \int_{\eta} L_{D/H} L_{Y_p} d\eta$$

$$L_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp \left\{ -\frac{[Y_{i,\text{BBN}}(\rho_{DR}/\rho, \eta) - Y_{i,\text{obs}}]^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right\}$$



# RS Dark Radiation



# Light Sterile Neutrino Models

neutrino masses and abundances arising from short baseline oscillation

$$V_\alpha = U_{\alpha i} V_i$$

$$\Omega_s h^2 \simeq 7 \times 10^{-5} (\Delta m_{41}^2 / \text{eV}^2) \sum_a (U_{a4} / 10^{-2})^2 g_a / \sqrt{C_a}$$

$\Delta m_{41}^2 \Rightarrow$  squared mass of the extra sterile neutrino

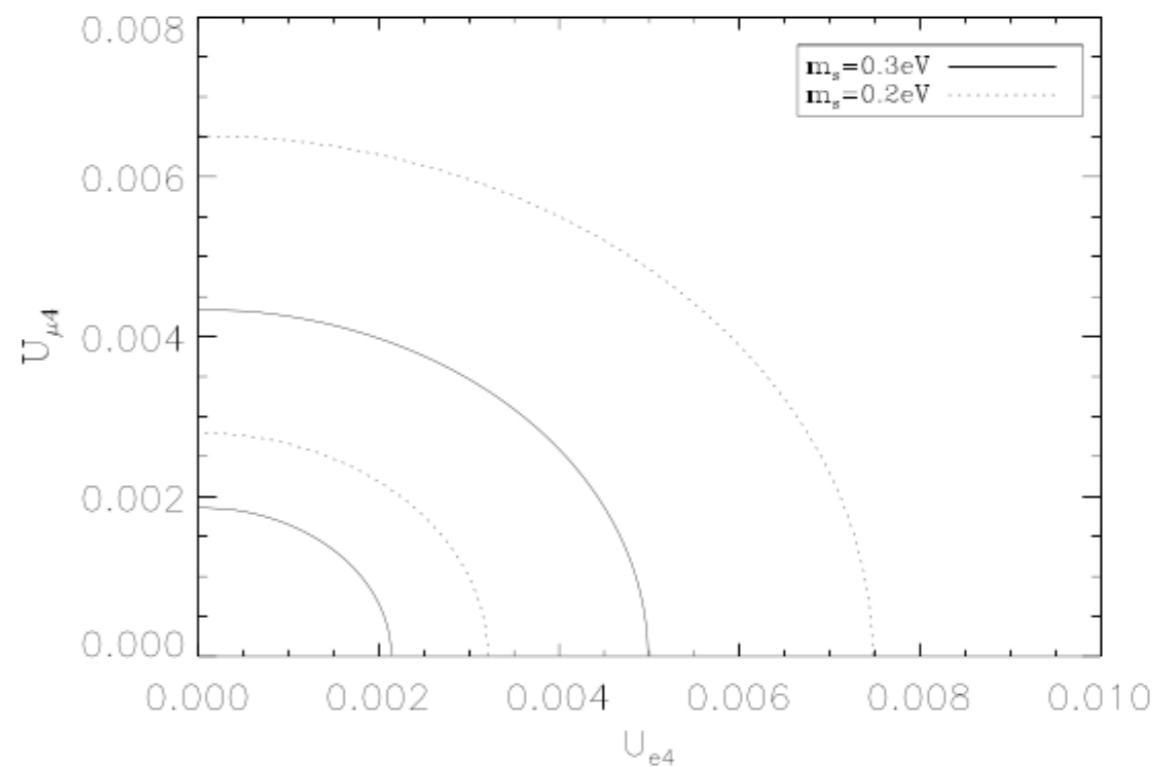
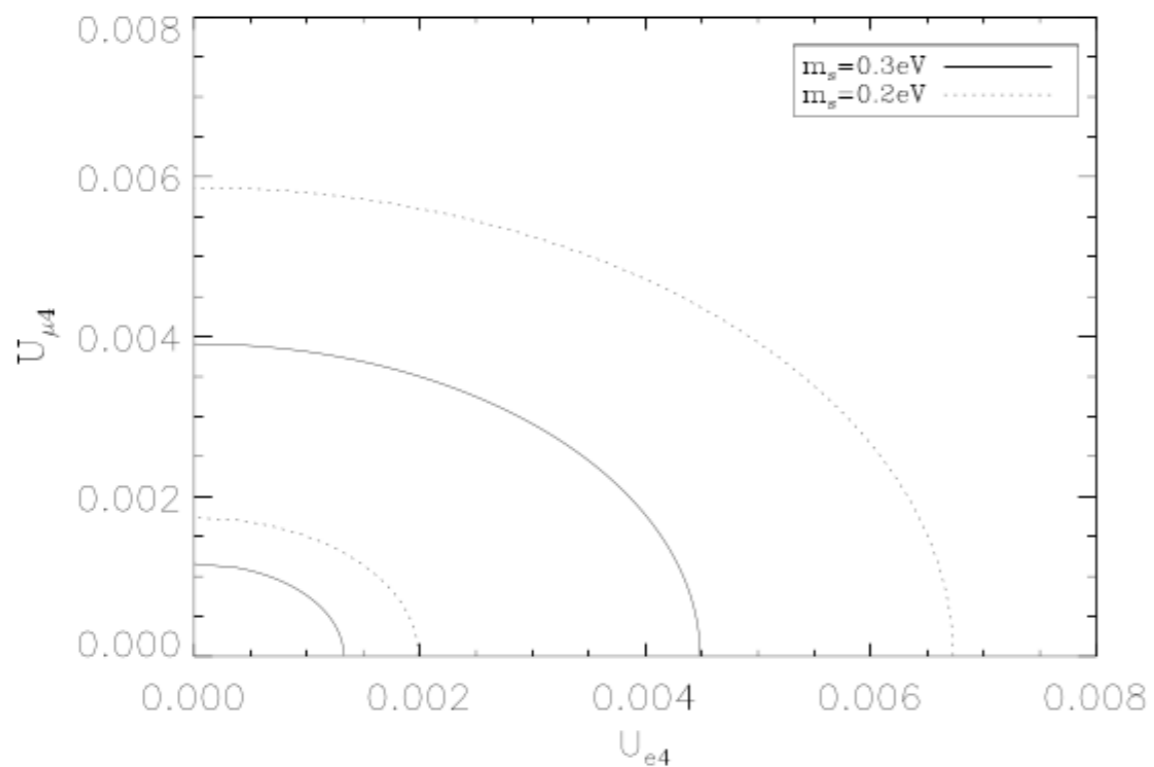
$C_a \Rightarrow$  related to the effective potential describing the interactions of neutrinos with the medium

$g_a \Rightarrow$  Coefficient of the damping factor

# Light Sterile Neutrino Models

neutrino mass it is possible to constrain the sterile neutrino

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\Omega_s h^2}{\frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \Omega_\gamma h^2}$$



# Light Sterile Neutrino Models

neutrino mass will not be relativistic at decoupling and cannot be exploited

relatively large values of the sterile neutrino mixing parameters are excluded

Full MCMC analysis

short baseline data with Planck data most of the parameter space gets d

This is in context of the (3+1) models

(3+2) AND (3+3) models analysis

# Thermal Axion Models

$$m_a = \frac{f_\pi m_\pi}{f_a} \frac{\sqrt{R}}{1+R} = 0.6 \text{ eV} \frac{10^7 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$

Deviation from the SM expected value of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  due to a thermal hadronic

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\rho_a}{\rho_\nu} = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{3 n_a}{2 n_\nu} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}}$$

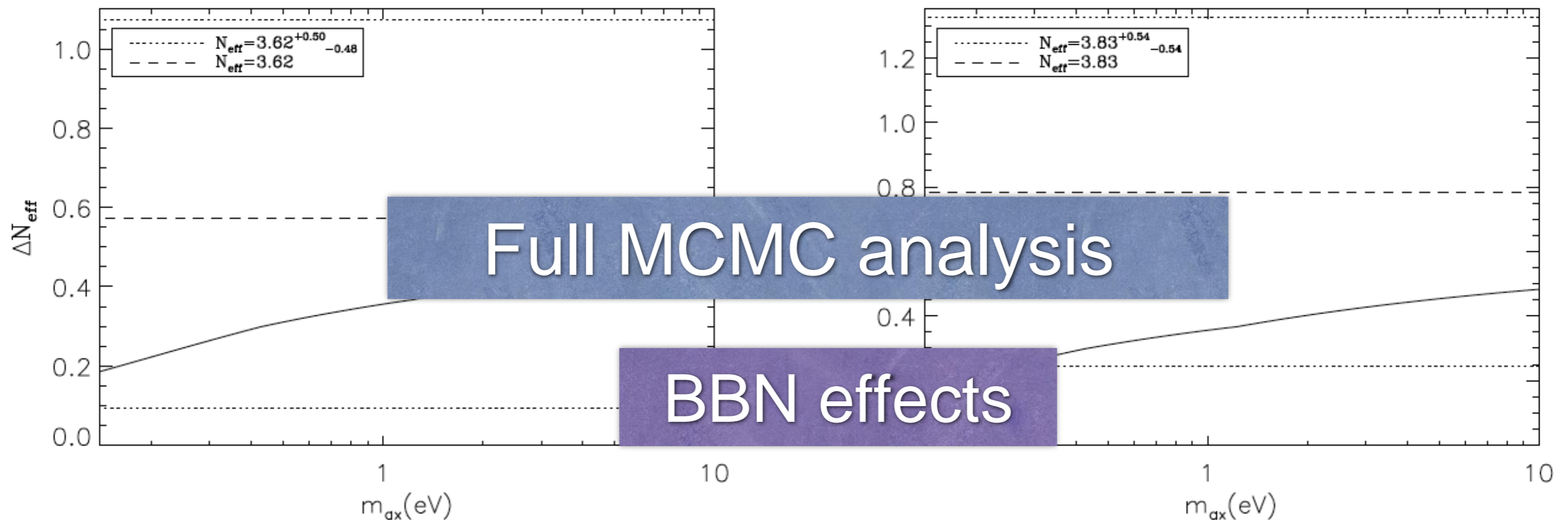
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# Thermal Axion Models

Axion masses larger than 0.4 eV are excluded by cosmology.

Axion masses less than 0.4 eV can barely provide enough DR.



# Dark Radiation in LVS

g theory contains many moduli fields associated with the C-Y geom

Planck coupled fields with decay rate:

$$\Gamma \sim \frac{1}{16\pi} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_P^2}$$

SM sector only needs to be reheated

branching ratios to hidden sector would lead to over production of d

# Dark Radiation in LVS

Reheating is studied under LVS

Volume is stabilized at exponentially large values.

Leading decay channels for the volume modes:

- # Volume Axions
- # Visible sector Higgs
- # Local closed String axions
- # Light gauge bosons
- # Higgs in sequestered hidden sector

# Dark Radiation in LVS

Decay to volume axions:

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow a_b a_b} = \frac{1}{48\pi} \frac{m_\Phi^3}{M_P^2}$$

Decay to visible sector Higgs:

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow H_u H_d} = \frac{2Z^2}{48\pi} \frac{m_\Phi^3}{M_P^2}$$

Relative fraction of the hidden radiation:

$$f_{hidden} = \frac{1}{1 + 2Z^2}$$

The amount of extra radiation

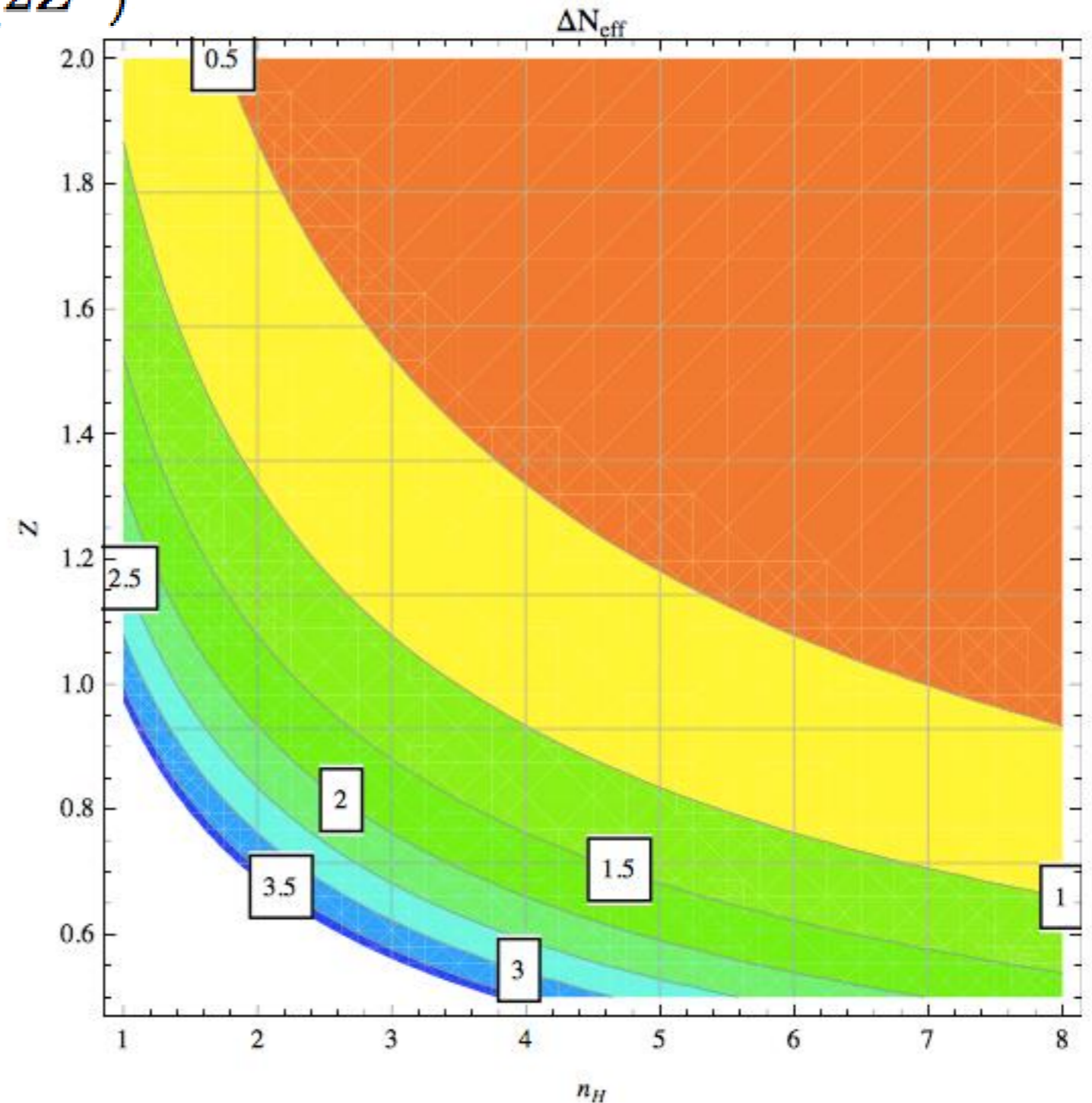
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta N_{eff} &= 3 \frac{\rho_{hidden}}{\rho_{neutrinos}} = \frac{43}{7} \frac{\rho_{hidden}}{\rho_{SM}} \\ &= \frac{43}{7} \frac{f_{hidden}}{1 - f_{hidden}} \left( \frac{g(T_{dec})}{g(T_{reheat})} \right)^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

# Dark Radiation in LVS

Cicoli et al arXiv: 1308.3562

$$\kappa = f_{\text{hidden}} / (1 - f_{\text{hidden}}) = 1 / (2Z^2)$$

$$3.12 \kappa \leq \Delta N_{\text{eff}} \leq 3.48 \kappa$$



# Conclusions

Lots of models of Dark Radiation and not discussed here.

presence of DR, it needs to be precisely constrained from CMB

age lies in the fact that there cannot be a generic constrain on

model has to be dealt differently while using CMB+BBN constr

Lots of work needed in this sector

THANK YOU