

towards precision studies of low-scale leptogenesis¹

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motivation

explain known neutrino properties with 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 to explore

if only one neutrino yukawa contributes to a given mass difference²

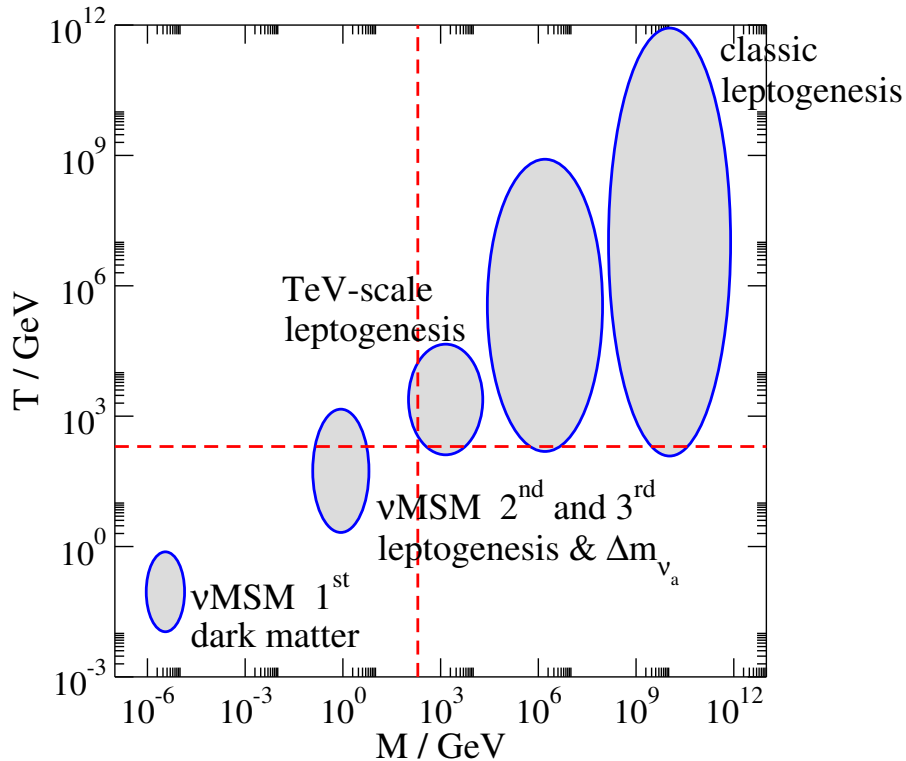
$$|\Delta m_\nu| \simeq \frac{|(h_\nu)_{Ia}|^2 v^2}{M_I}$$

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

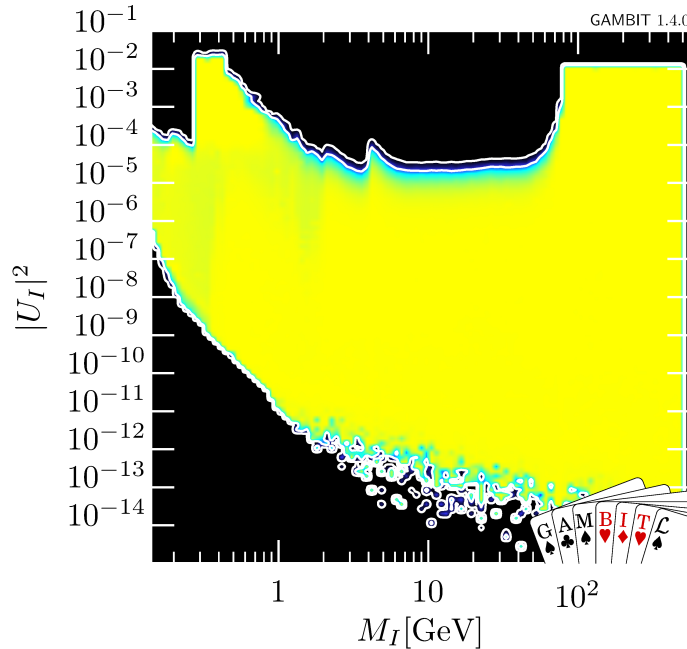
more recently: $M_I \sim 1 \dots 100 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow h_\nu \sim 10^{-7} \dots 10^{-6}$

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 (if not all) domains have been looked into



the low mass range is motivated at least by falsifiability³



⇒ a large fraction can be explored in future (see other talks)

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

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow Y_L \neq 0$ can be generated if $Y_R \neq Y_{\text{eq}}$ and $\hat{\Gamma}_L$ is not huge

\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

like in EFT, coefficients contain the physics of fast modes

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

denoting by $u_{\mathbf{k}\tau I}$ an on-shell spinor of helicity $\tau = \pm$, we need

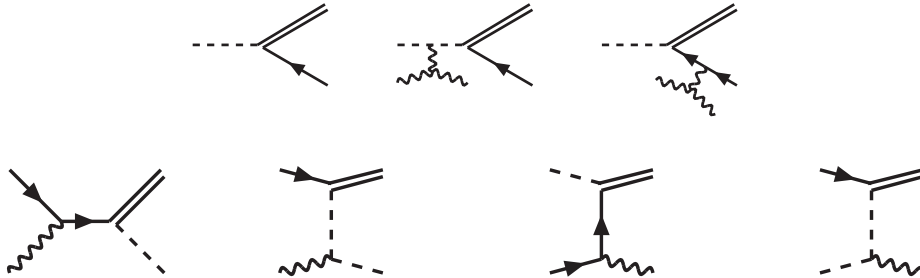
$$\frac{\bar{u}_{\mathbf{k}\tau I} \text{Im} \Pi_a^{\text{R}}(\mathcal{K}_I) u_{\mathbf{k}\tau I}}{\omega_I} \equiv \underbrace{Q_{(a\tau)I}}_{\text{C-even}} + \underbrace{\bar{Q}_{(a\tau)I}}_{\text{C-odd}}$$

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

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

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

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

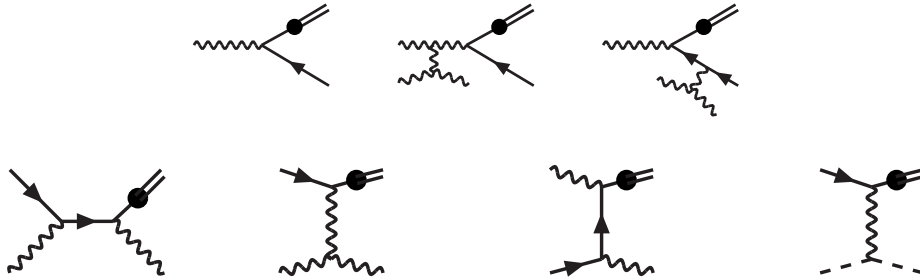


1 \leftrightarrow 2 require “lpm” resummation, a nice field-theory problem⁶

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

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

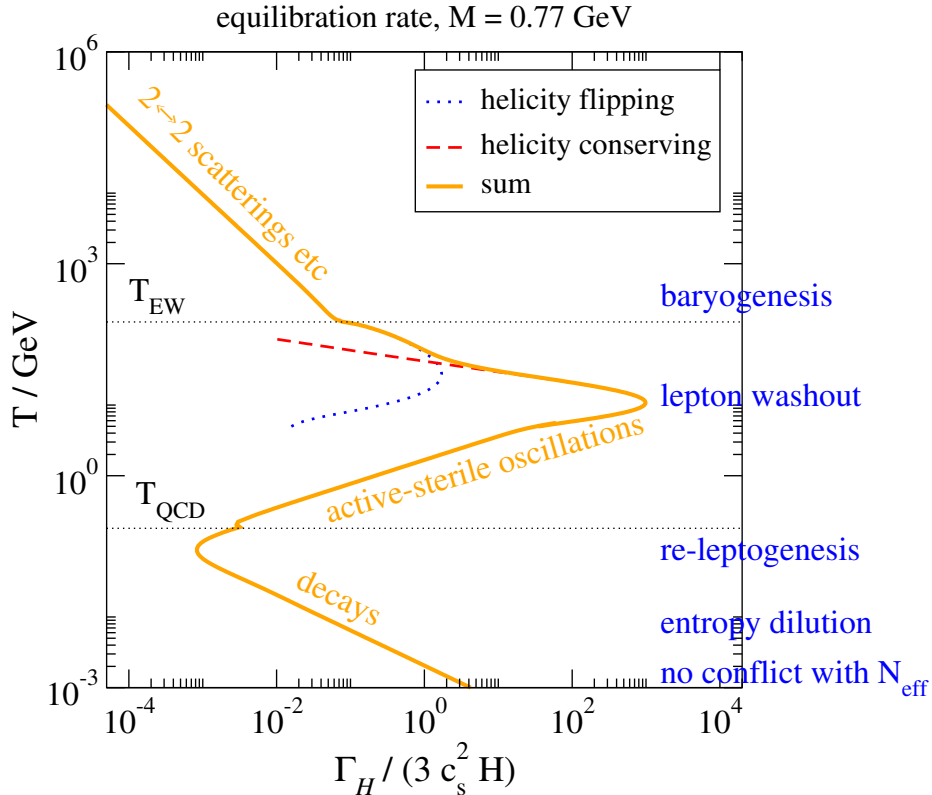
here ● indicates a higgs vev, i.e. active-sterile oscillation



in terms of active neutrino matter potential b and width Γ_u :

$$Q_{(a-)I} + \bar{Q}_{(a-)I} \Big|_{\text{indirect}} \approx \frac{v^2 M_I^2 \Gamma_u}{2[(M_I^2 + 2\omega_I b)^2 + (\omega_I \Gamma_u)^2]}$$

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

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

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

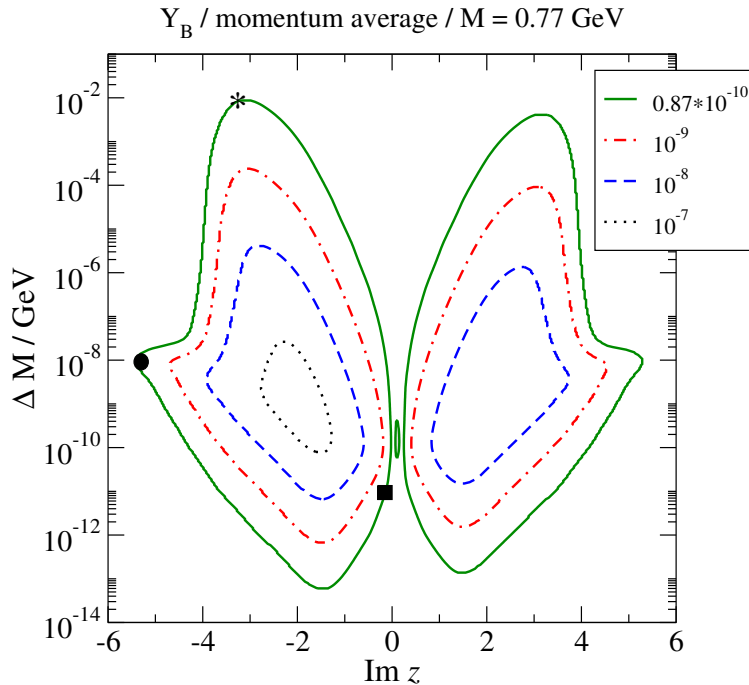
$$z = 2.444 - i3.285 ,$$

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

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

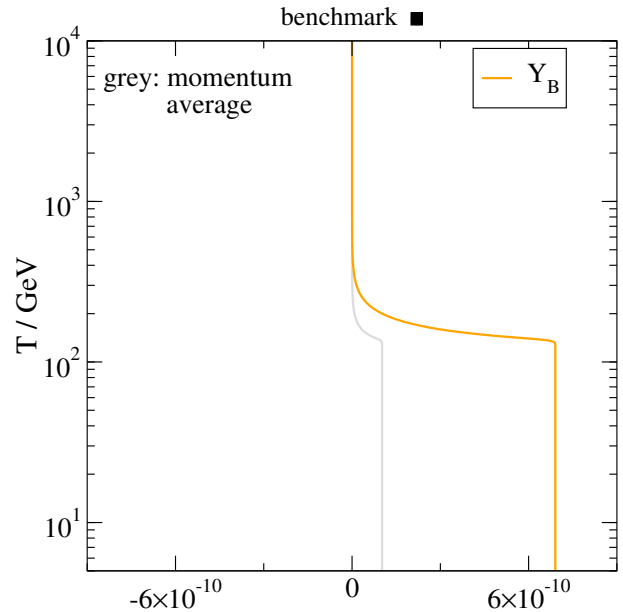
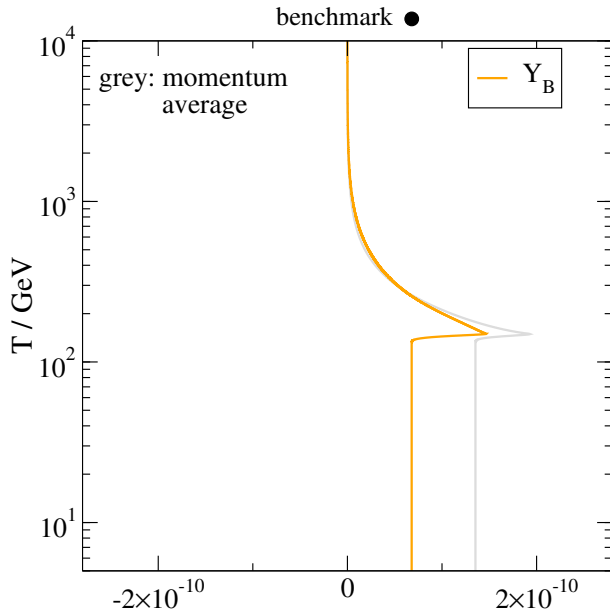
a partial scan of Y_B at $T \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ ⁹



⇒ it works!

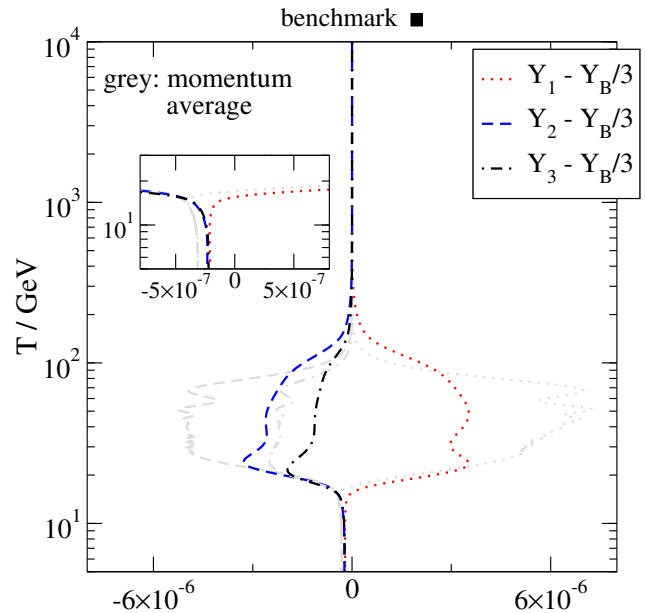
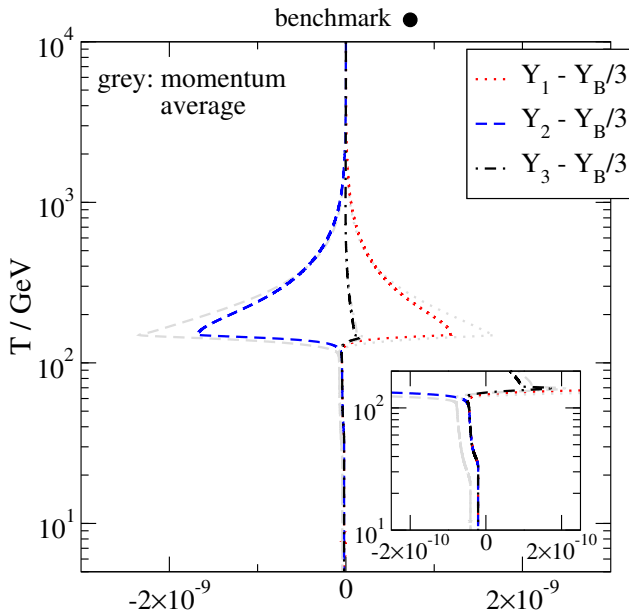
⁹ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Precision study of GeV-scale resonant leptogenesis*, 1811.01971

effect of kinetic non-equilibrium



⇒ uncertainties of $\mathcal{O}(1)$

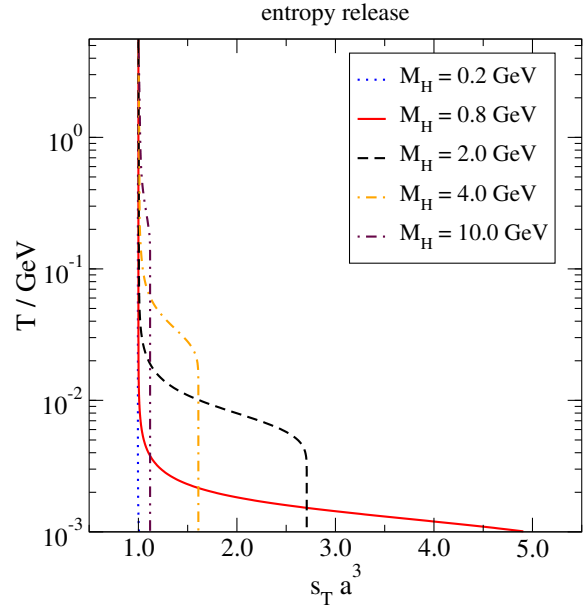
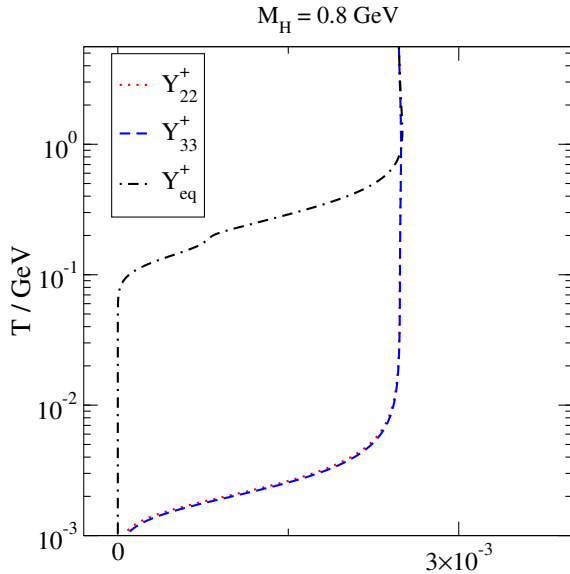
$Y_a - \frac{1}{3} Y_B$ could be much larger than Y_B^{10}



⇒ 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

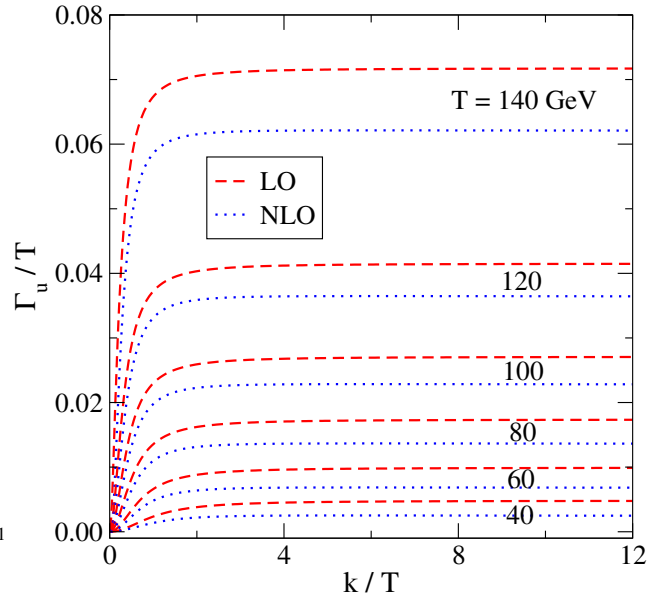
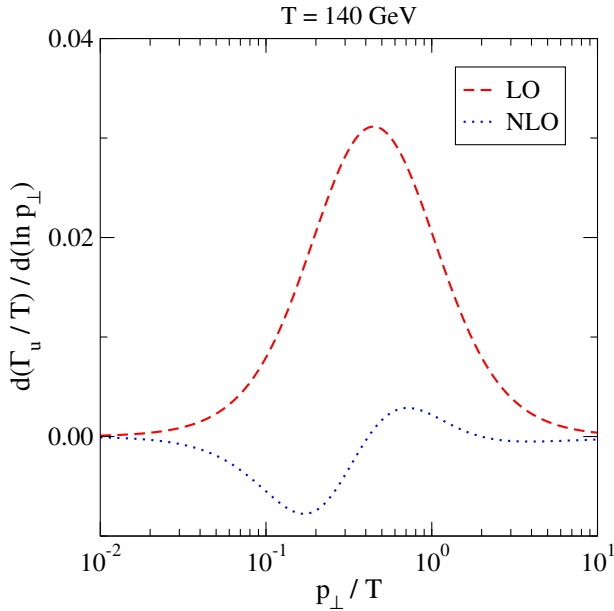
entropy release at low T ¹¹



\Rightarrow asymmetries may be diluted by $\mathcal{O}(1)$ (depends on $|h_\nu|^2$)

¹¹ J. Ghiglieri and ML, *Sterile neutrino dark matter via GeV-scale leptogenesis?*, 1905.08814

test uncertainties by computing coefficients at NLO¹²



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

¹² G. Jackson and ML, *in preparation*

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
- ⇒ experimental search expected to become an active field