

# Light neutrinos in Cosmology

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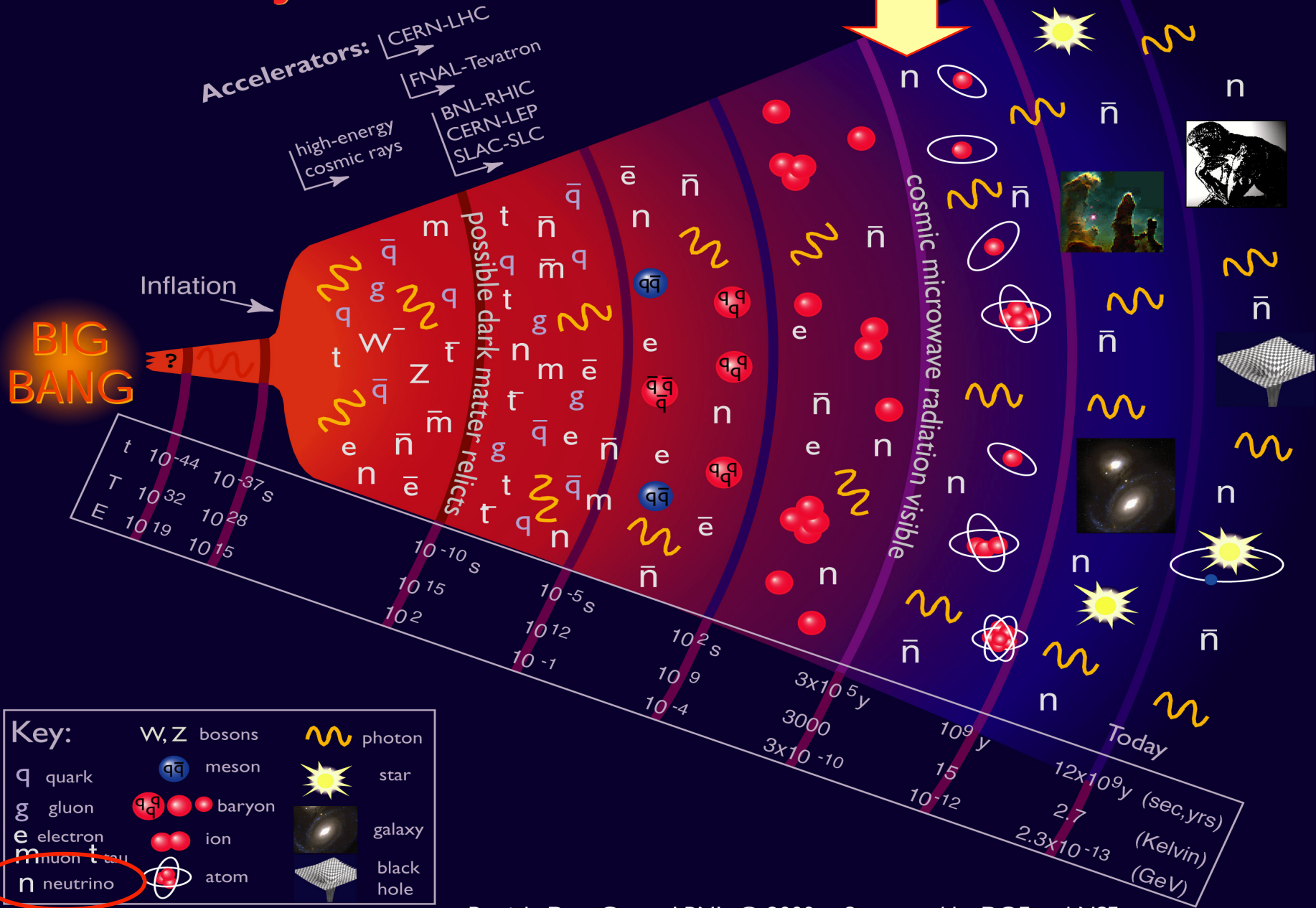
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## 1st lecture

Introduction: neutrinos and the History of the Universe

# History of the Universe

This is a neutrino!

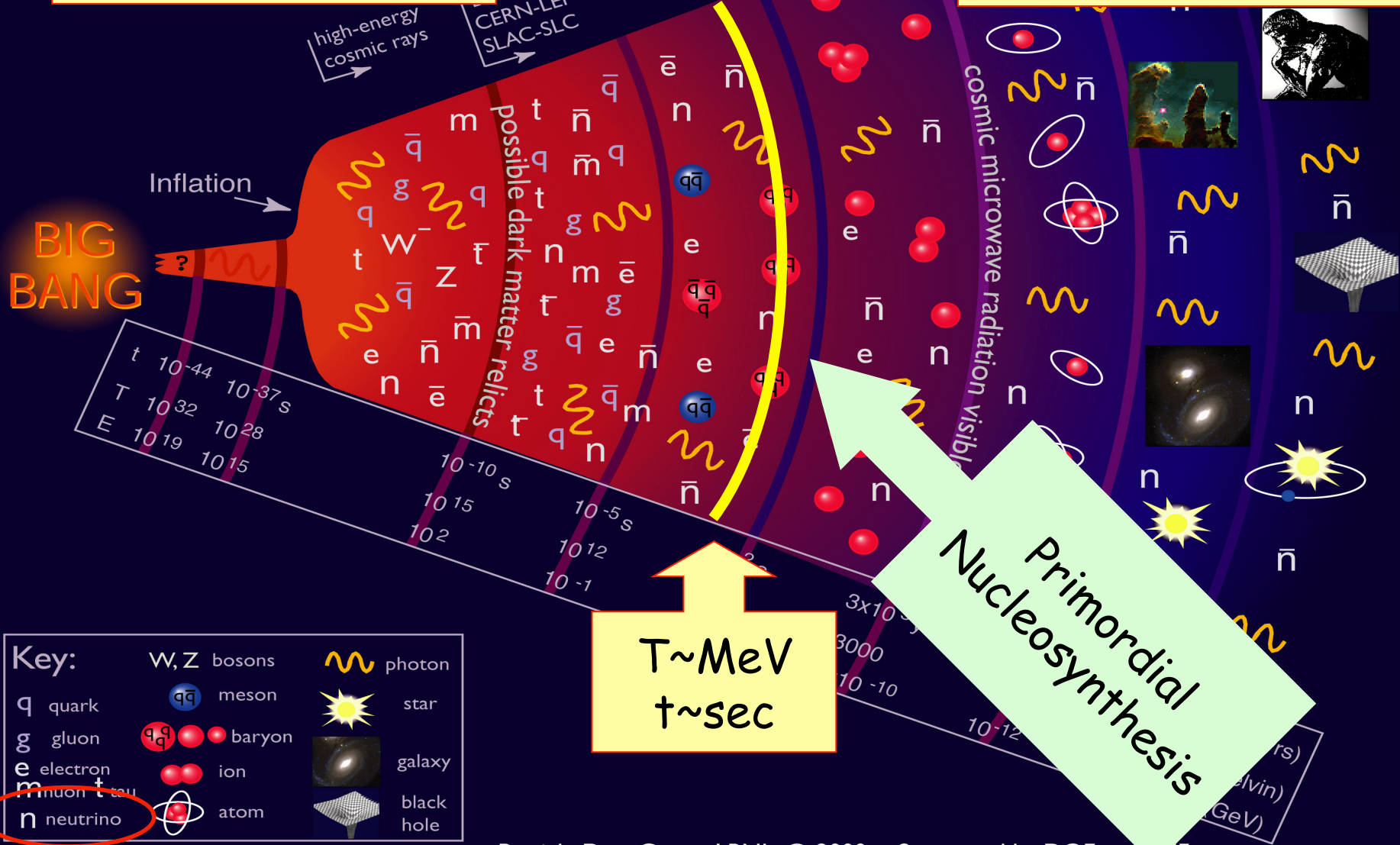




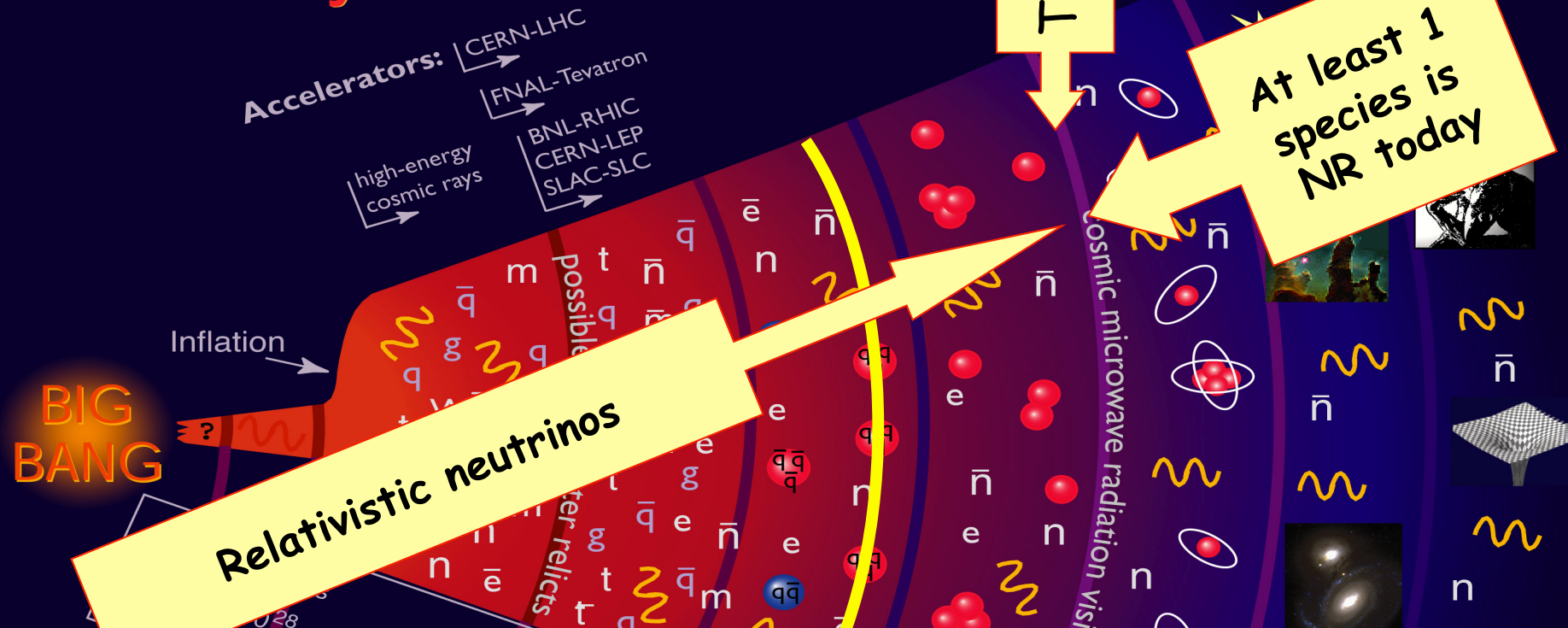
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Neutrinos coupled  
by weak interactions

Decoupled neutrinos  
(Cosmic Neutrino  
Background or CNB)



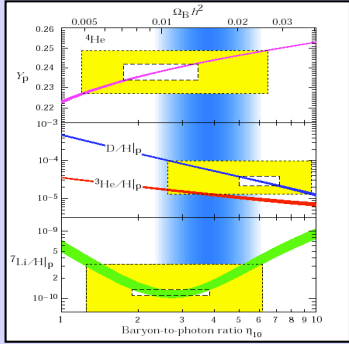
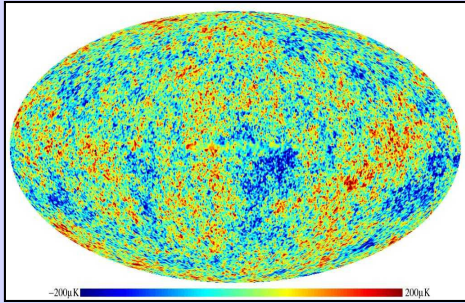
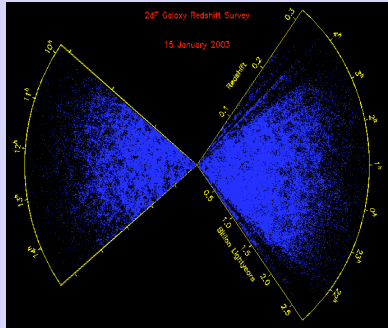
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Neutrino cosmology is interesting because **Relic neutrinos are very abundant:**

- The CNB contributes to radiation at early times and to matter at late times (info on the number of neutrinos and their masses)
- Cosmological observables can be used to test standard or non-standard neutrino properties

# Relic neutrinos influence several cosmological epochs

		
<p>Primordial Nucleosynthesis BBN</p>	<p>Cosmic Microwave Background CMB</p>	<p>Formation of Large Scale Structures LSS</p>
<p><math>T \sim \text{MeV}</math></p>	<p><math>T &lt; \text{eV}</math></p>	
<p><math>\nu_e</math> vs <math>\nu_{\mu,\tau}</math>    <math>N_{\text{eff}}</math></p>	<p>No flavour sensitivity    <math>N_{\text{eff}}</math> &amp; <math>m_\nu</math></p>	

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## 1st lecture

Introduction: neutrinos and the History of the Universe

Basics of cosmology: background evolution

Relic neutrino production and decoupling

Neutrinos and Primordial Nucleosynthesis

Neutrino oscillations in the Early Universe

# Light neutrinos in Cosmology

## 2nd lecture

Massive neutrinos as Dark Matter

Effects of neutrino masses on cosmological observables

Bounds on  $m_\nu$  from CMB, LSS and other data

Future sensitivities on  $m_\nu$  and  $N_\nu$  from cosmology



# Suggested References

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*Phys. Rep.* 370 (2002) 333-535 [[hep-ph/0202122](#)]

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*Phys. Rep.* 429 (2006) 307-379 [[astro-ph/0603494](#)]

*Neutrino physics from precision cosmology*, S. Hannestad  
[arXiv:1007.0658](#)

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*Phys. Rep.* 472 (2009) 1-76 [[arXiv:0809.0631](#)]

# Background evolution

# Eqs in the SM of Cosmology

**The FLRW Model describes the evolution of the isotropic and homogeneous expanding Universe**

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 \right)$$

**$a(t)$  is the scale factor and  $k=-1,0,+1$  the curvature**

**Einstein eqs**



$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$$

**Energy-momentum  
tensor of a  
perfect fluid**



$$T_{\mu\nu} = (p + \rho) u_\mu u_\nu - p g_{\mu\nu}$$

**Pressure**

**Energy density**

# Eqs in the SM of Cosmology

**00 component  
(Friedmann eq)**



$$H(t)^2 = \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

$$\rho = \rho_M + \rho_R + \rho_\Lambda$$

**$H(t)$  is the Hubble parameter**

$$\frac{k}{H(t)^2 a^2} = \Omega - 1 \quad \Omega = \rho / \rho_{\text{crit}}$$

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{d\rho}{dt} = -3H(\rho + p)$$

**$\rho_{\text{crit}} = 3H^2/8\pi G$  is the critical density**

**Eq of state  $p = \alpha\rho$**



$$\rho = \text{const } a^{-3(1+\alpha)}$$

Radiation  $\alpha = 1/3$

$$\rho_R \sim 1/a^4$$

Matter  $\alpha = 0$

$$\rho_M \sim 1/a^3$$

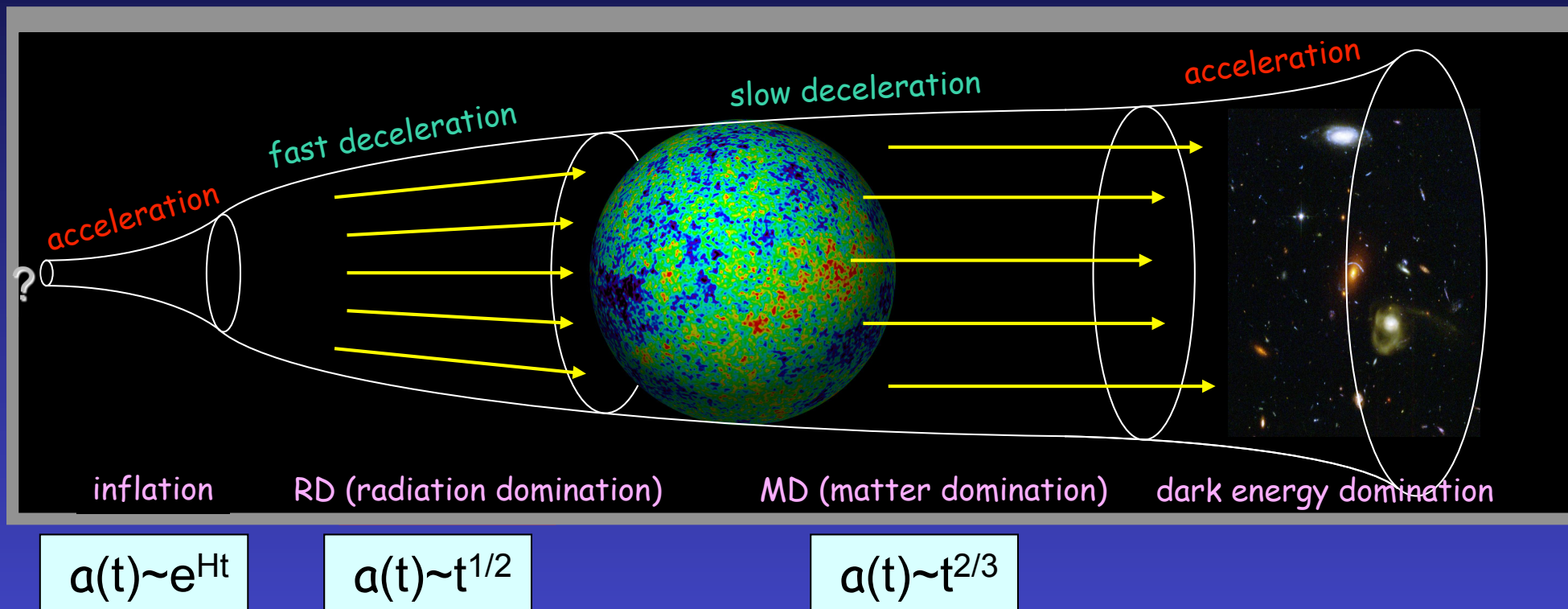
Cosmological constant  $\alpha = -1$

$$\rho_\Lambda \sim \text{const}$$

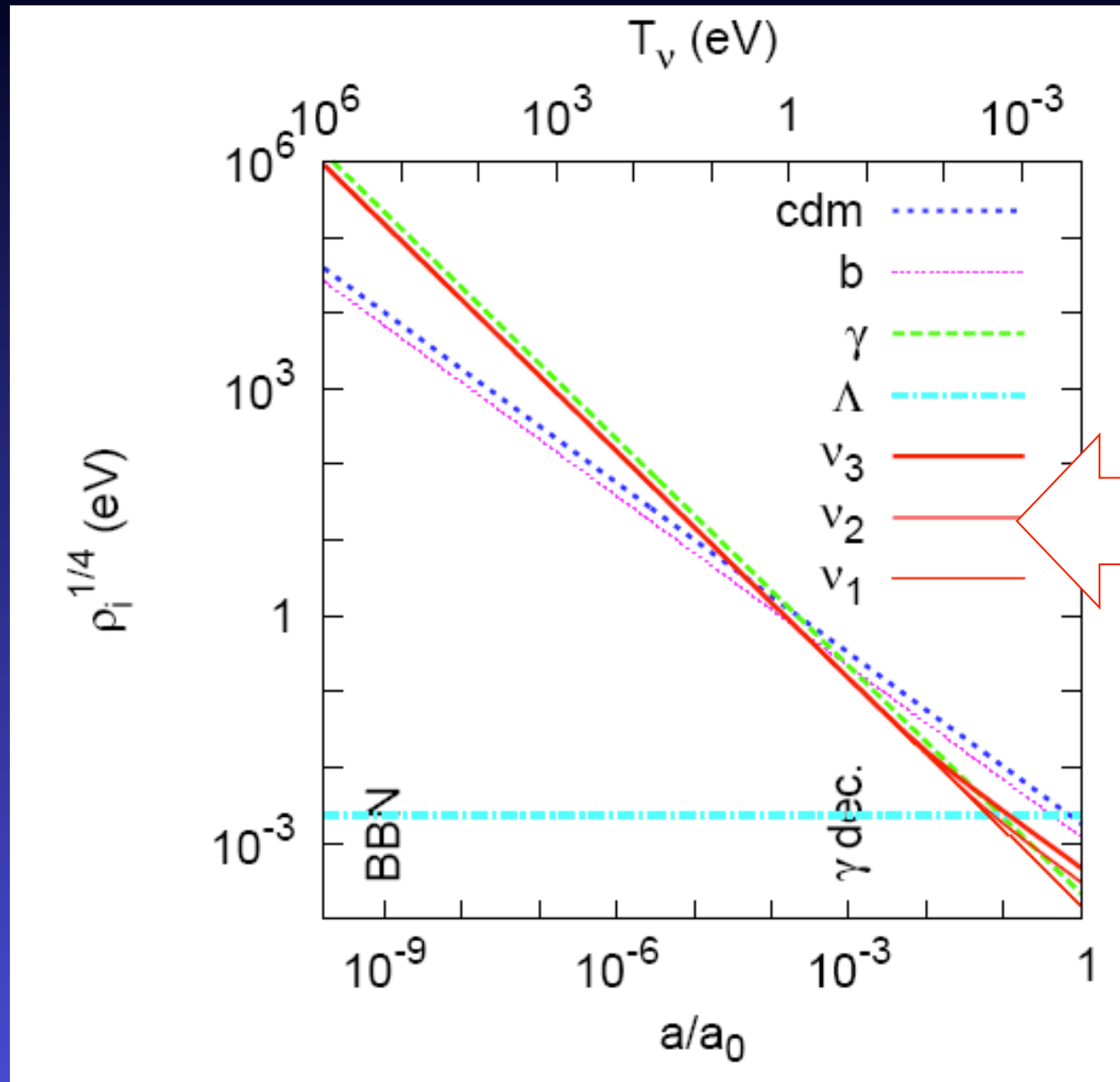


# Evolution of the Universe

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p)$$

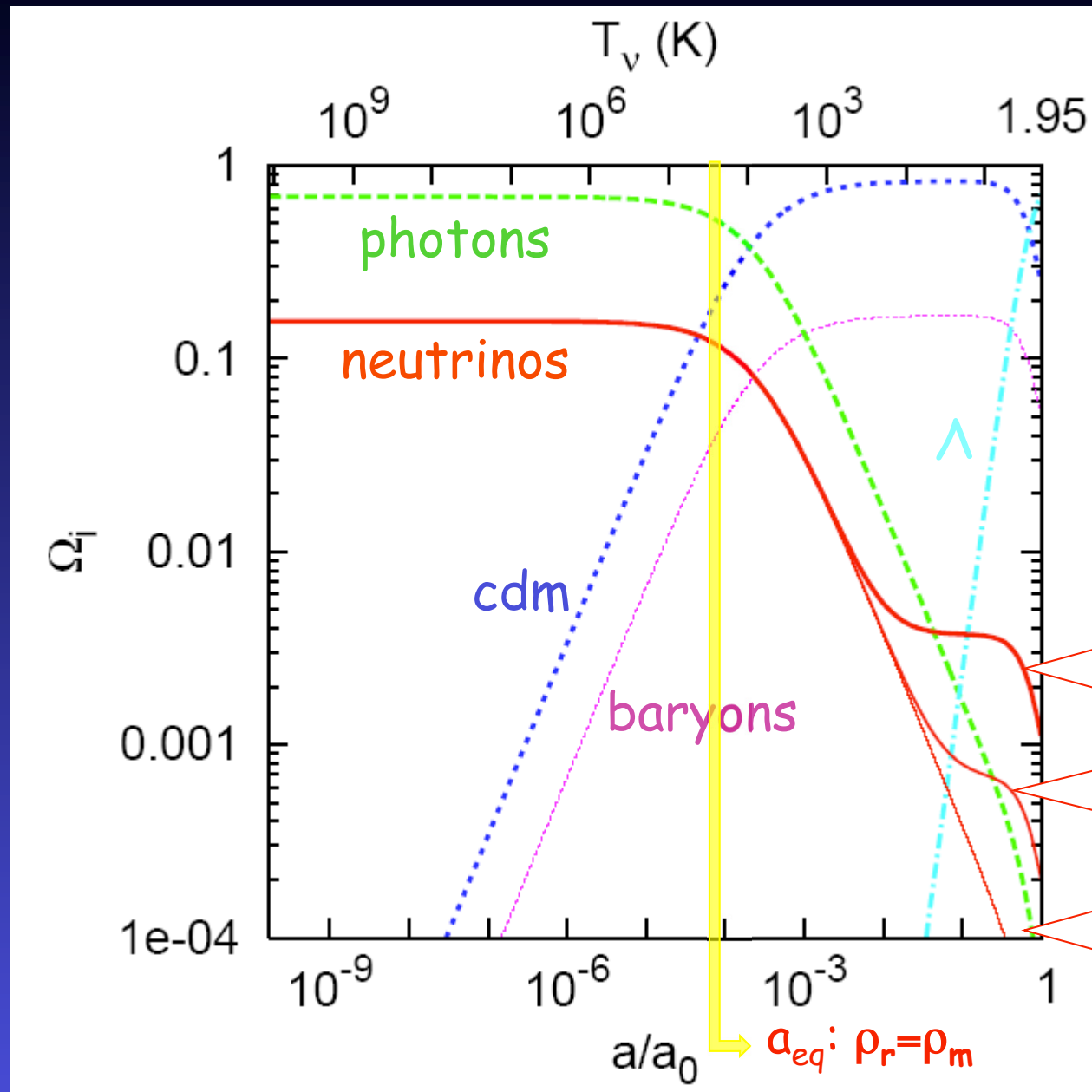


# Evolution of the background densities: 1 MeV $\rightarrow$ now



3 neutrino  
species  
with  
different  
masses

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# Relic neutrino production and decoupling



# Equilibrium thermodynamics

Particles in equilibrium when  $T$  are high and interactions effective

$$T \sim 1/a(t)$$

Distribution function of particle momenta in equilibrium

$$f_i^{eq}(p, T) = \left[ \exp \left( \frac{E_i - \mu_i}{T} \right) \mp 1 \right]^{-1}$$

Thermodynamical variables

VARIABLE	RELATIVISTIC		NON REL.
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$n$	$\frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g T^3$	$\frac{3 \zeta(3)}{4 \pi^2} g T^3$	$g \left( \frac{mT}{2\pi} \right)^{3/2} e^{-m/T}$
$\rho$	$\frac{\pi^2}{30} g T^4$	$\frac{7 \pi^2}{830} g T^4$	$mn$
$p$	$\frac{\rho}{3}$		$nT \ll \rho$
$\langle E \rangle$	$2,701T$	$3,151T$	$m + \frac{3}{2}T$

$$n = g_i \int \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} f_i(p, T) \quad \rho = g_i \int \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} E_i f_i(p, T)$$

$$p = g_i \int \frac{d^2 \vec{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^2}{3E_i} f_i(p, T) \quad \langle E \rangle = \rho/n$$

# History of the Universe

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by weak interactions  
(in equilibrium)

$$f_v(p, T) = \frac{1}{e^{p/T} + 1}$$

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t 10<sup>-44</sup> 10<sup>-37</sup>s  
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# Neutrinos in Equilibrium

$$1 \text{ MeV} \leq T \leq m_\mu$$

$$T_\nu = T_e = T_\gamma$$

$$\nu_\alpha \nu_\beta \leftrightarrow \nu_\alpha \nu_\beta$$

$$\nu_\alpha \bar{\nu}_\beta \leftrightarrow \nu_\alpha \bar{\nu}_\beta$$

$$\nu_\alpha e^- \leftrightarrow \nu_\alpha e^-$$

$$\nu_\alpha \bar{\nu}_\alpha \leftrightarrow e^+ e^-$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \left\{ (\bar{\nu}_e \gamma^\mu L \nu_e)(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu L e) + \sum_{P,\alpha} g_P (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu L \nu_\alpha)(\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P e) \right\}$$

$$P = L, R = (1 \mp \gamma_5)/2$$

$$g_L = -\frac{1}{2} + \sin^2 \theta_W \text{ and } g_R = \sin^2 \theta_W$$

# Neutrino decoupling

As the Universe expands, particle densities are diluted and temperatures fall. Weak interactions become **ineffective** to keep neutrinos in good thermal contact with the e.m. plasma

Rough, but quite accurate estimate of the decoupling temperature

Rate of weak processes  $\sim$  Hubble expansion rate

$$\Gamma_w \approx \sigma_w |v| n, \quad H^2 = \frac{8\pi\rho_R}{3M_p^2} \rightarrow G_F^2 T^5 \approx \sqrt{\frac{8\pi\rho_R}{3M_p^2}} \rightarrow T_{dec}^v \approx 1 \text{ MeV}$$

Since  $\nu_e$  have both CC and NC interactions with  $e^\pm$

$$T_{dec}(\nu_e) \sim 2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$T_{dec}(\nu_{\mu,\tau}) \sim 3 \text{ MeV}$$



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Free-streaming  
neutrinos (decoupled)  
Cosmic Neutrino  
Background

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Neutrinos keep the energy  
spectrum of a relativistic  
fermion with eq form

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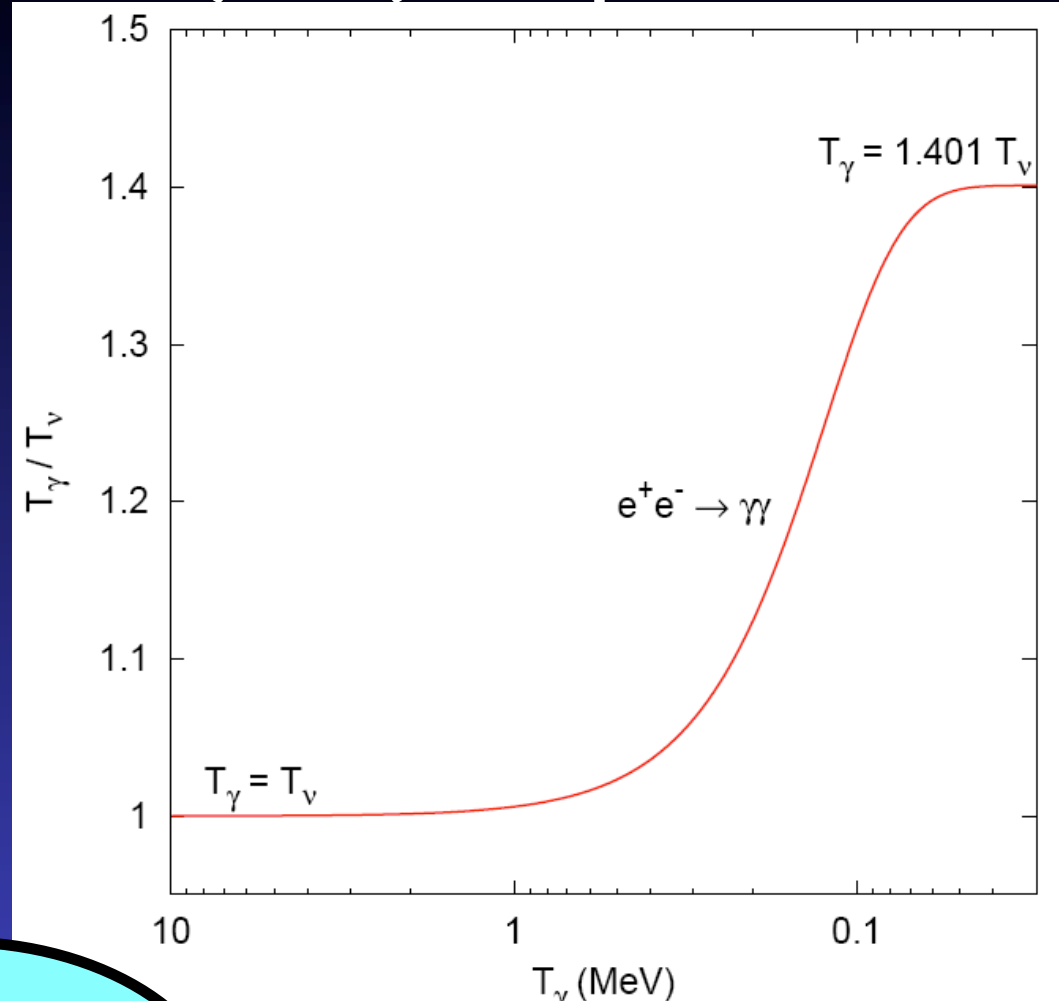
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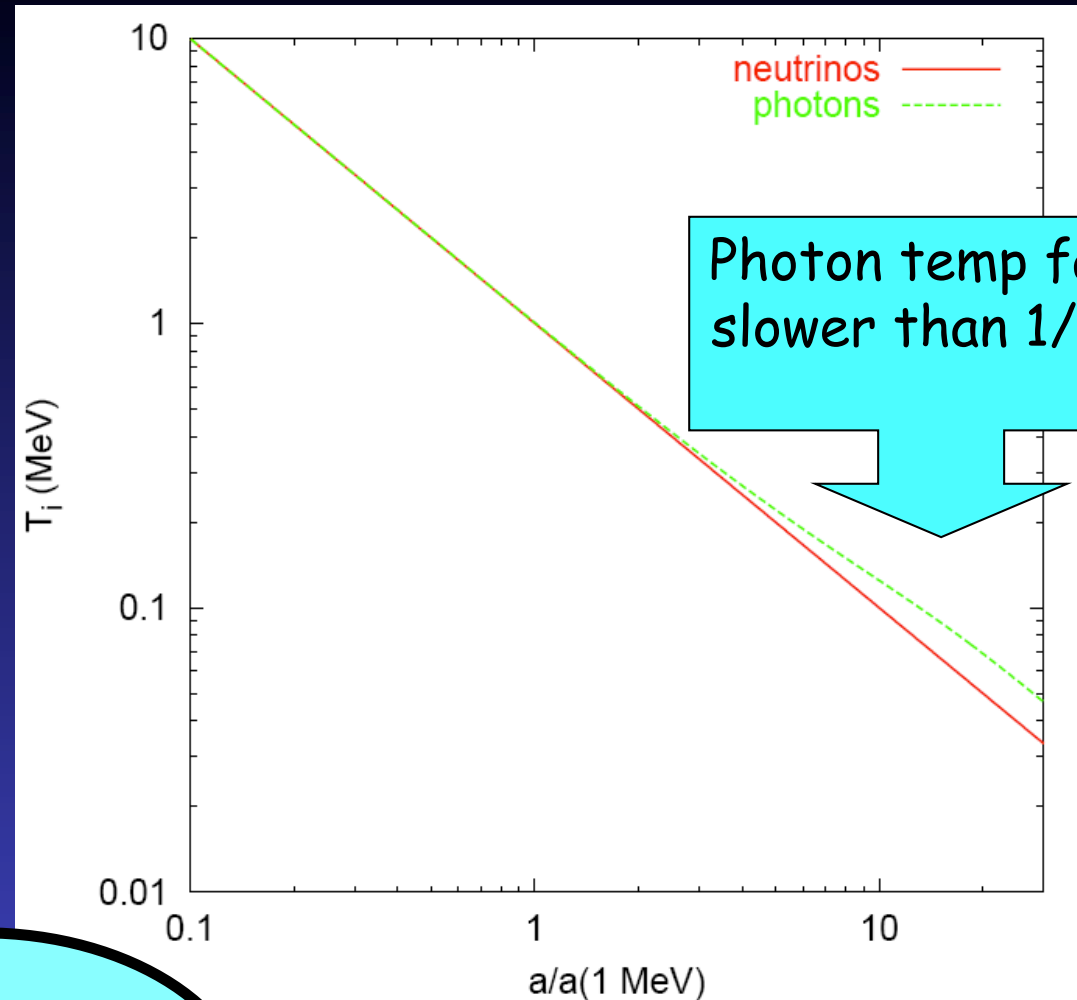
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Neutrinos decoupled at  $T \sim \text{MeV}$ , keeping a spectrum as that of a relativistic species

$$f_v(p, T) = \frac{1}{e^{p/T_v} + 1}$$

- Number density

$$n_v = \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} f_v(p, T_v) = \frac{3}{11} n_\gamma = \frac{6\zeta(3)}{11\pi^2} T_{CMB}^3$$

- Energy density

$$\rho_{v_i} = \int \sqrt{p^2 + m_{v_i}^2} \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} f_v(p, T_v) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{7\pi^2}{120} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} T_{CMB}^4 & \text{Massless} \\ m_{v_i} n_v & \text{Massive } m_v \gg T \end{cases}$$



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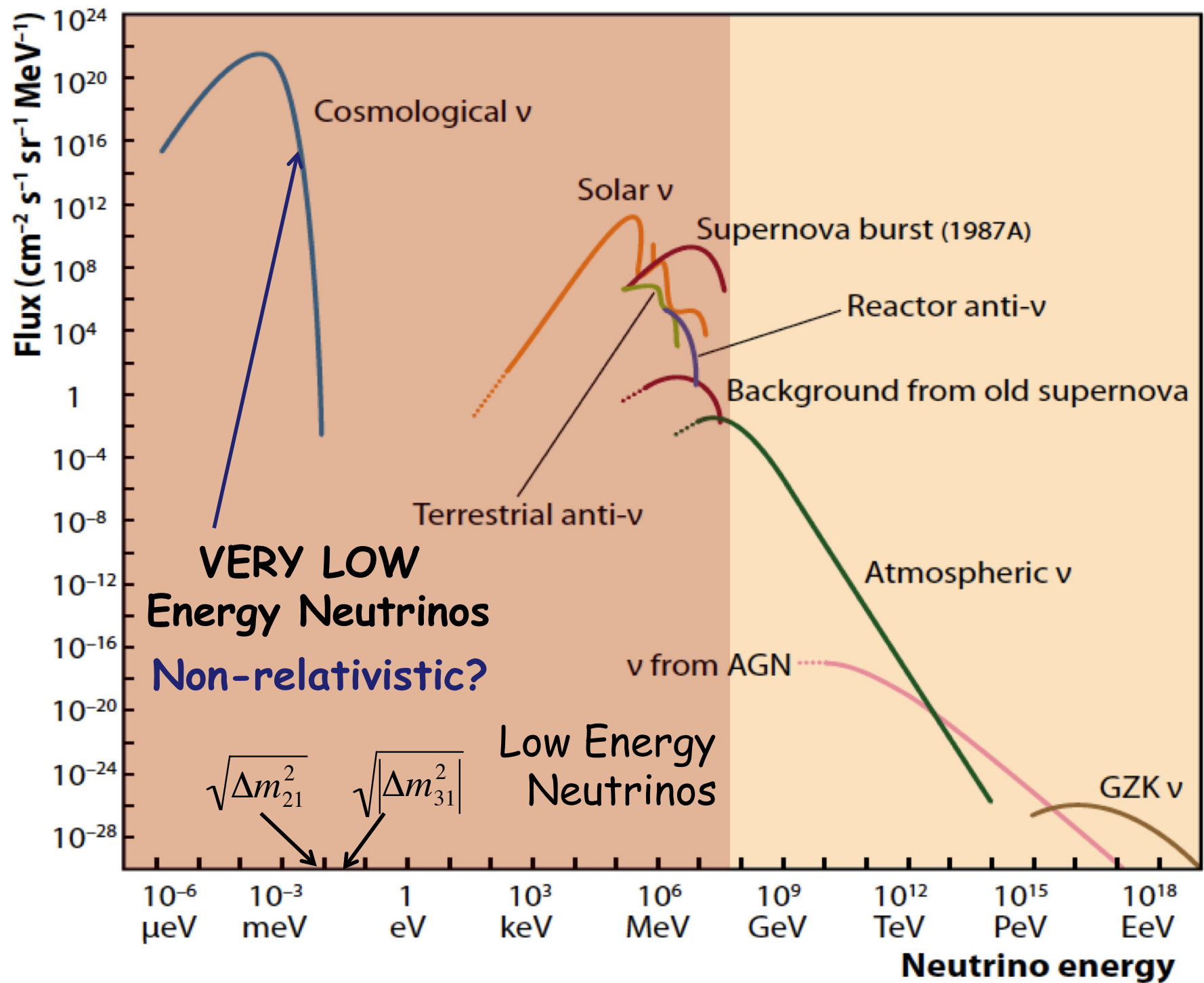
At present  $112 (\nu + \bar{\nu}) \text{ cm}^{-3}$  per flavour

- Energy density

Contribution to the energy density of the Universe

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{Massless}$$

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_i m_{\nu_i}}{94.1 \text{ eV}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Massive} \\ m_\nu \gg T \end{array}$$



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- Direct detection?

Very difficult, if not impossible in the near future...

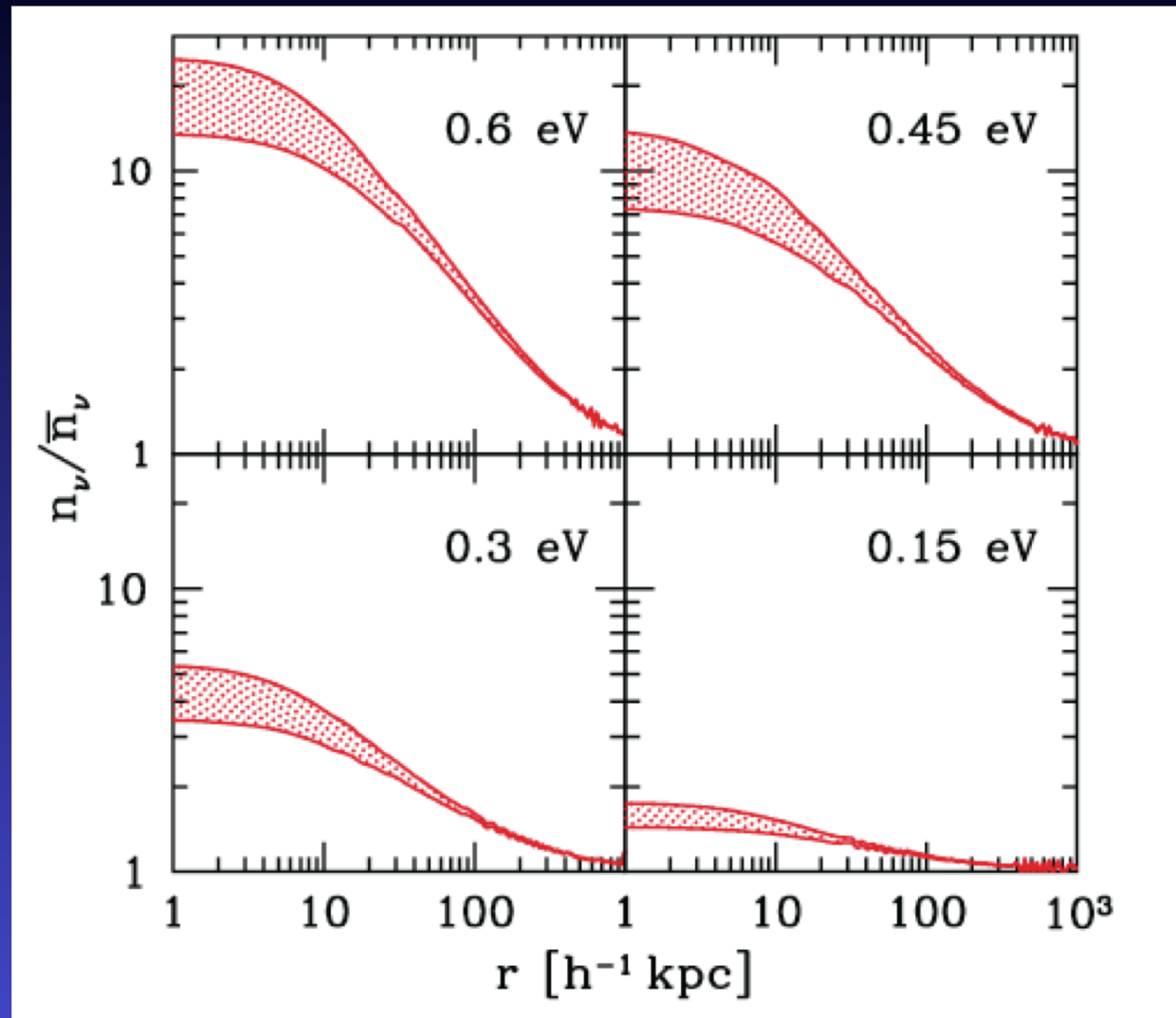
Most promising technique:

peak in  $\beta$ -decay spectra related to neutrino absorption from the CNB

Problem: would need a **huge** local overdensity of  $n_\nu$

Cocco et al, JCAP 06 (2007) 015; Blennow, PRD 77 (2008) 113014; Kaboth et al, arXiv:1006.1886

# Overdensity of the CNB in the Milky Way



Ringwald & Wong, JCAP 12 (2004) 005  
Brandbyge et al, JCAP 09 (2010) 014

# The radiation content of the Universe ( $N_{\text{eff}}$ )

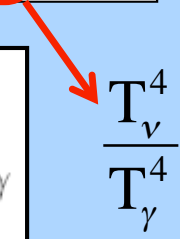
# Relativistic particles in the Universe

At  $T \gg m_e$ , the radiation content of the Universe is

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At  $T < m_e$ , the radiation content of the Universe is

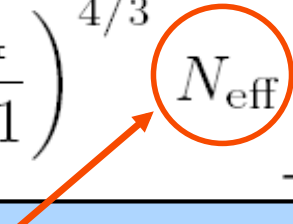
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$$\frac{T_\nu^4}{T_\gamma^4}$$

# Relativistic particles in the Universe

At  $T \ll m_e$ , the radiation content of the Universe is

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


**Effective number of relativistic neutrino species**

Traditional parametrization of the energy density stored in relativistic particles

**# of flavour neutrinos:**  $N_\nu = 2.984 \pm 0.008$  (LEP data)



# Extra relativistic particles

- Extra radiation: How to get  $N_{\text{eff}} > 3$ ?

Neutrinos in non-standard scenarios: NS Interactions, sterile neutrinos (totally or partially thermalized), relic neutrino asymmetries

Other relativistic particles: scalars, pseudoscalars, relativistic decay products of heavy particles...

Constraints on  $N_{\text{eff}}$  from Primordial Nucleosynthesis and other cosmological observables (CMB+LSS)

# Neutrinos and Primordial Nucleosynthesis

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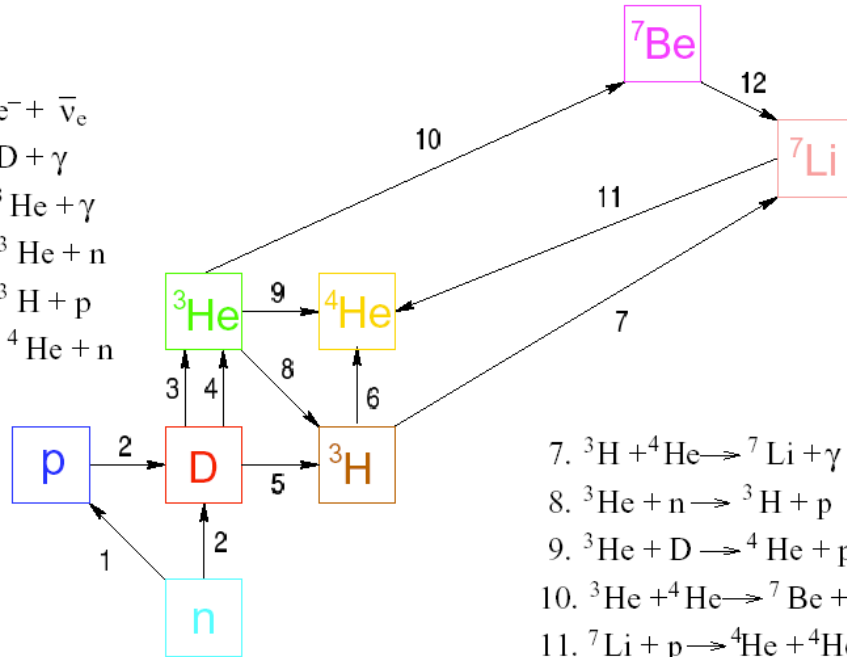
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# BBN: Creation of light elements

Produced elements: D,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^7\text{Li}$  and small abundances of others

1.  $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
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5.  $D + D \rightarrow ^3\text{H} + p$
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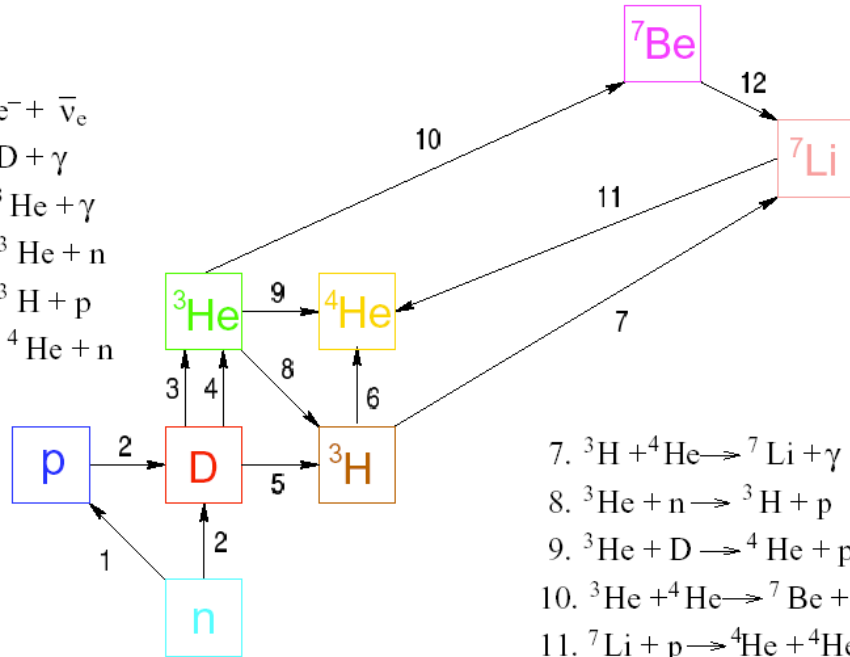
Theoretical inputs:

1) n	7) $^6\text{Li}$	13) $^{10}\text{B}$	19) $^{13}\text{C}$	25) $^{15}\text{O}$
2) p	8) $^7\text{Li}$	14) $^{11}\text{B}$	20) $^{13}\text{N}$	26) $^{16}\text{O}$
3) $^2\text{H}$	9) $^7\text{Be}$	15) $^{11}\text{C}$	21) $^{14}\text{C}$	
4) $^3\text{H}$	10) $^8\text{Li}$	16) $^{12}\text{B}$	22) $^{14}\text{N}$	
5) $^3\text{He}$	11) $^8\text{B}$	17) $^{12}\text{C}$	23) $^{14}\text{O}$	
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Theoretical inputs:

- $\tau_n$ , the neutron lifetime;
- $G_N$ , the Newton gravitational constant;
- $\eta$ , the baryon to photon number density ratio;
- the nuclear rates.

The first two parameters are now known with a satisfactory accuracy

$$\tau_n = 885.7 \pm 0.8 \text{ s} ,$$

$$G_N = 6.7087 \pm 0.0010 \cdot 10^{-39} \text{ GeV}^{-2} .$$

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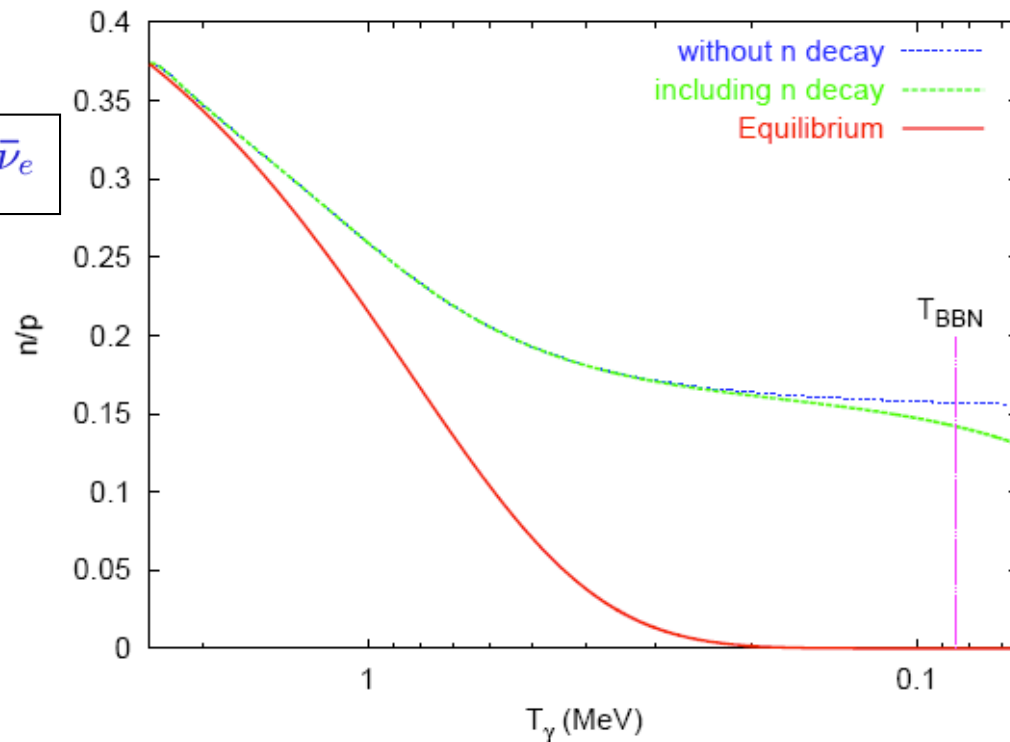
Range of temperatures: from 0.8 to 0.01 MeV

$$t \simeq 0,74 \left( \frac{\text{MeV}}{T} \right)^2 \text{ sec}$$

Phase I: 0.8-0.1 MeV  
n-p reactions



n/p freezing and  
neutron decay

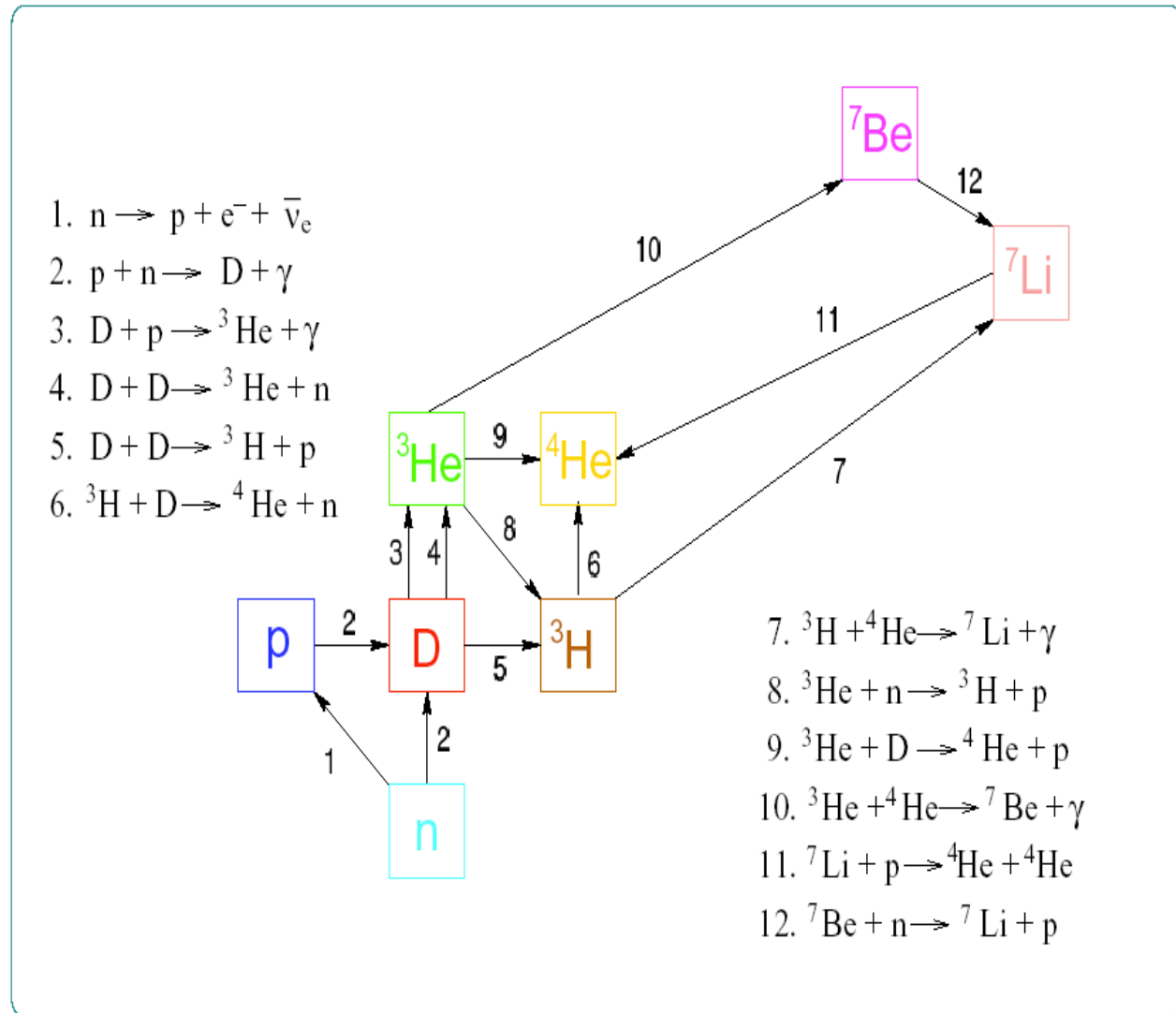


$$\left( \frac{n}{p} \right)_{eq} \simeq \exp \left( -\frac{m_n - m_p}{T_\gamma} \right) = \exp \left( -\frac{1,293 \text{ MeV}}{T_\gamma} \right)$$

# BBN: Creation of light elements

Phase II: 0.1-0.01 MeV  
Formation of light nuclei  
starting from D

Photodesintegration  
prevents earlier  
formation for  
temperatures closer  
to nuclear binding  
energies





# BBN: Measurement of Primordial abundances

Difficult task: search in astrophysical systems with chemical evolution as small as possible

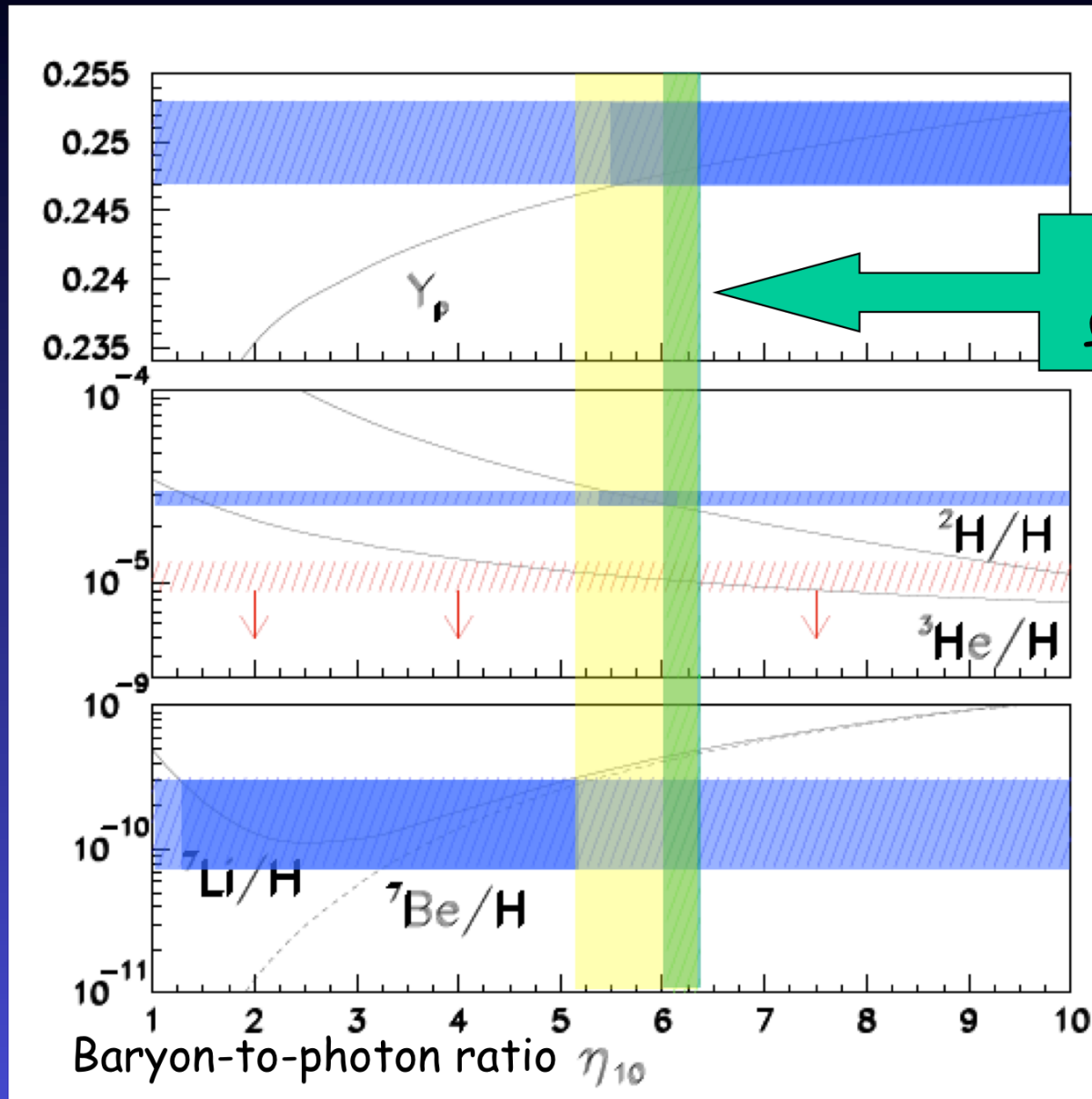
**Deuterium**: destroyed in stars. Any observed abundance of D is a *lower* limit to the primordial abundance. Data from high- $z$ , low metallicity QSO absorption line systems

**Helium-3**: produced and destroyed in stars (complicated evolution) Data from solar system and galaxies but not used in BBN analysis

**Helium-4**: primordial abundance increased by H burning in stars. Data from low metallicity, extragalactic HII regions

**Lithium-7**: destroyed in stars, produced in cosmic ray reactions. Data from oldest, most metal-poor stars in the Galaxy

# BBN: Predictions vs Observations



$$\eta_{10} = \frac{n_B / n_\gamma}{10^{-10}} \cong 274 \Omega_B h^2$$

after WMAP  
 $\Omega_B h^2 = 0.02273 \pm 0.00062$

F. Iocco et al,  
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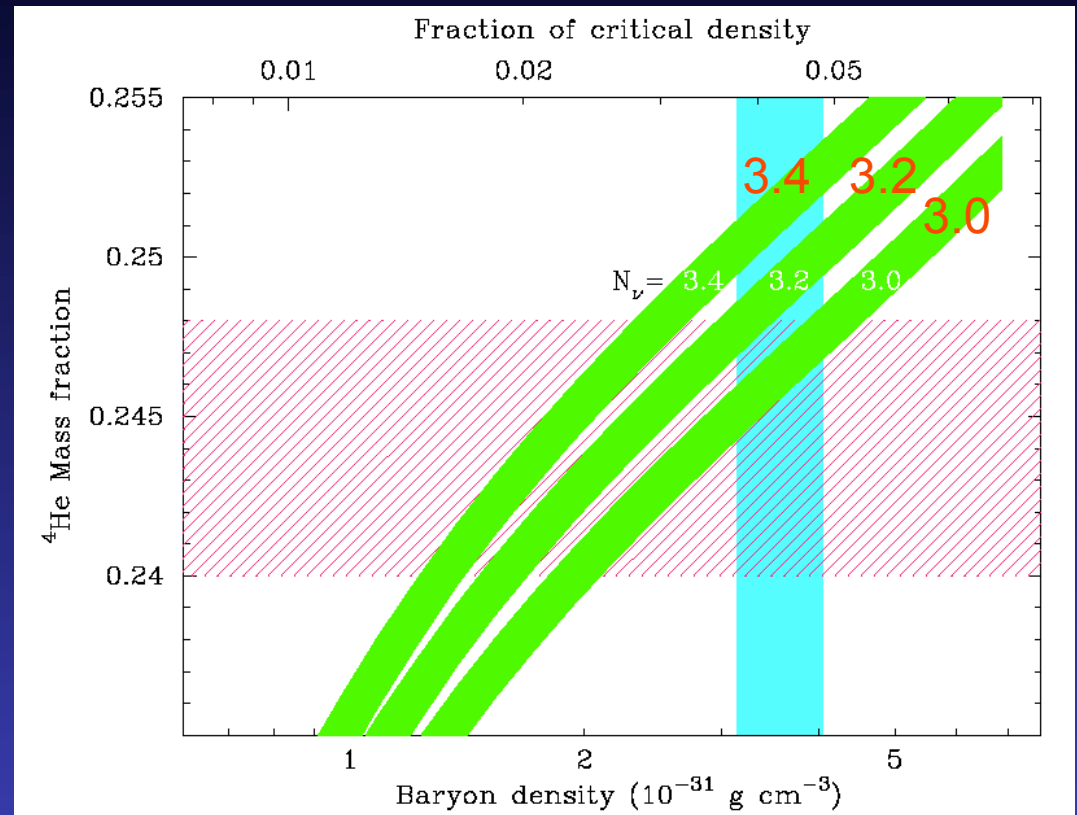
# Effect of neutrinos on BBN

## 1. $N_{\text{eff}}$ fixes the expansion rate during BBN

$$H = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi\rho}{3M_p^2}}$$

$$\rho(N_{\text{eff}}) > \rho_0 \rightarrow \uparrow {}^4\text{He}$$

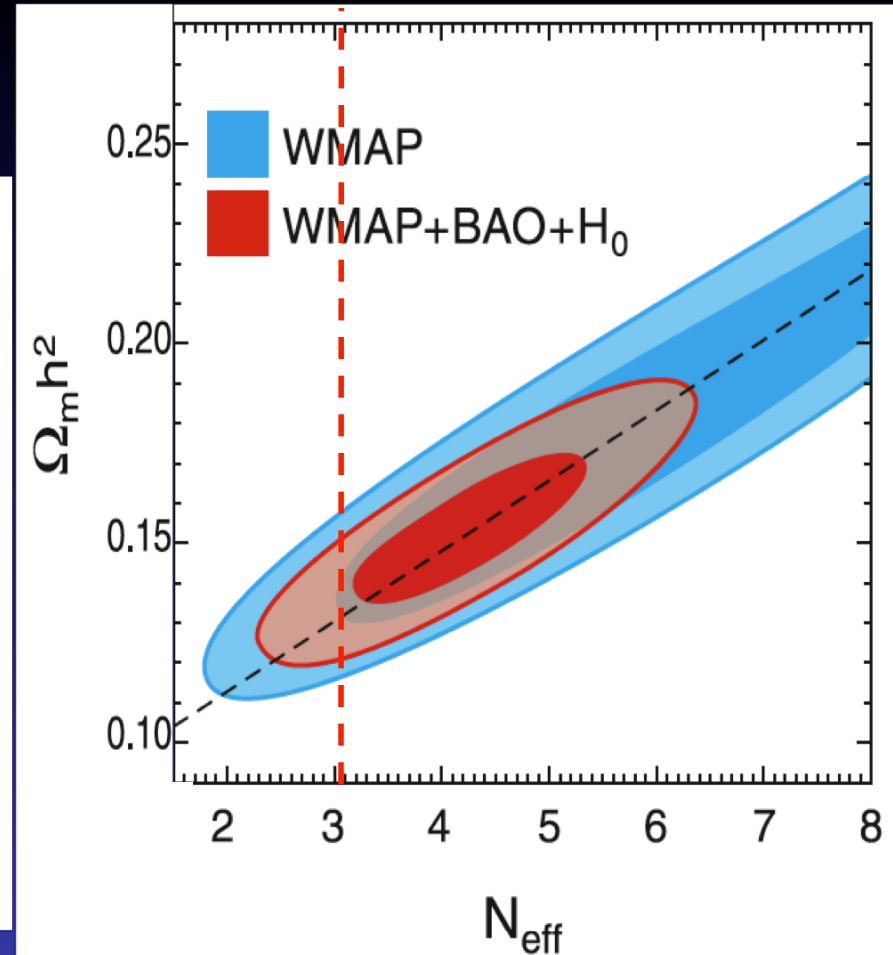
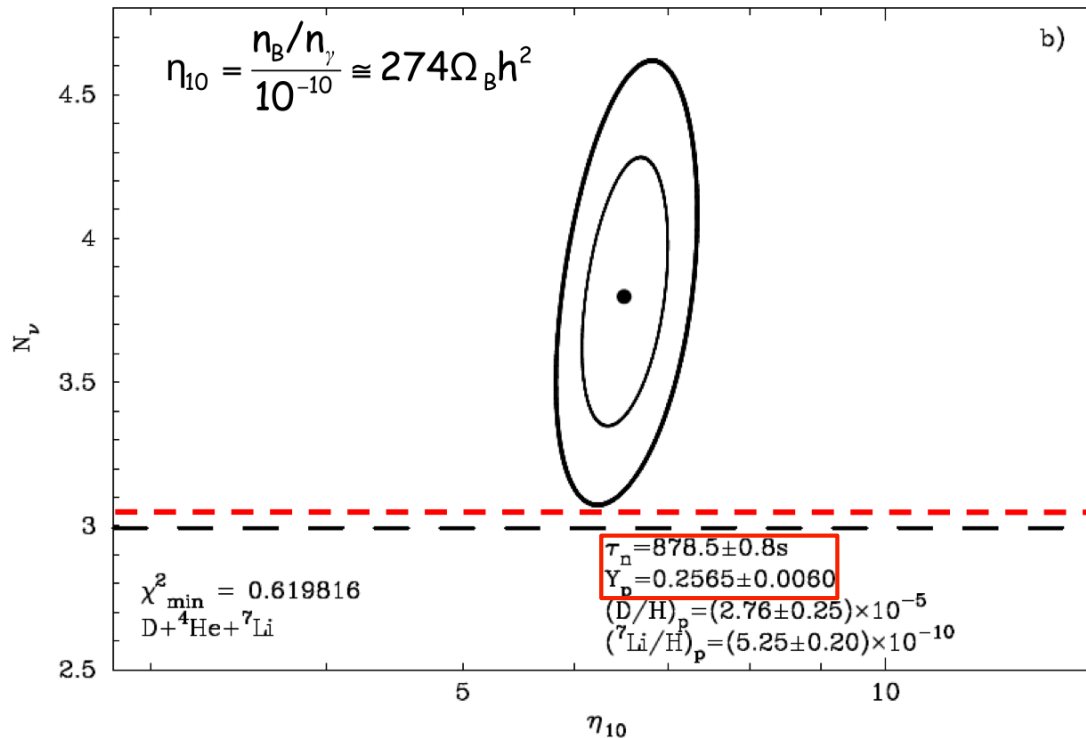
Burles, Nollett & Turner 1999



## 2. Direct effect of electron neutrinos and antineutrinos on the n-p reactions



# allowed ranges for $N_{\text{eff}}$



## Recent ${}^4\text{He}$ data

Izotov & Thuan, ApJ 710 (2010) L67

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.80^{+0.80}_{-0.70}$$

(95% CL)

## from non-BBN data

WMAP [7-year], arXiv:1001.4538

$$2.7 < N_{\text{eff}} < 6.2 \text{ (WMAP+BAO+} H_0 \text{)}$$

Larger errors: Aver et al, JCAP 05 (2010) 003

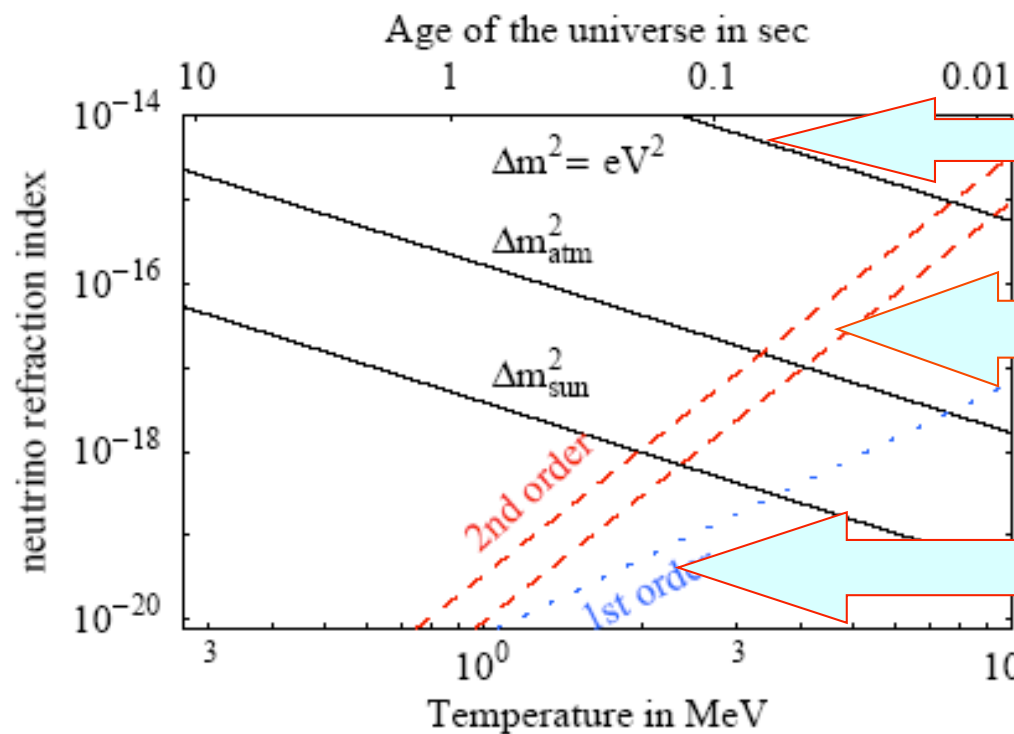
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Neutrino oscillations are **effective** when medium effects get small enough

Coupled neutrinos

Compare oscillation term with effective potentials



Oscillation terms prop. to  $\Delta m^2/2E$

Second order matter effects prop. to  $G_F(E/M_Z^2)[\rho(e^-)+\rho(e^+)]$

First order matter effects prop. to  $G_F[n(e^-)-n(e^+)]$

Expansion of the universe

Strumia & Vissani,  
hep-ph/0606054

# Flavour neutrino oscillations in the Early Universe

Standard case: **all neutrino flavours equally populated**

→ oscillations are effective below a few MeV, but have no effect (except for mixing the small distortions  $\delta f_\nu$ )

Cosmology is insensitive to neutrino flavour after decoupling!

**Non-zero neutrino asymmetries:** flavour oscillations lead to (approximate) global flavour equilibrium

↓  
the restrictive **BBN bound** on the  $\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$  asymmetry applies to all flavors, but **fine-tuned initial asymmetries always allow for a large surviving neutrino excess radiation** that may show up in precision cosmological data (**value depends on  $\theta_{13}$** )



# Active-sterile neutrino oscillations

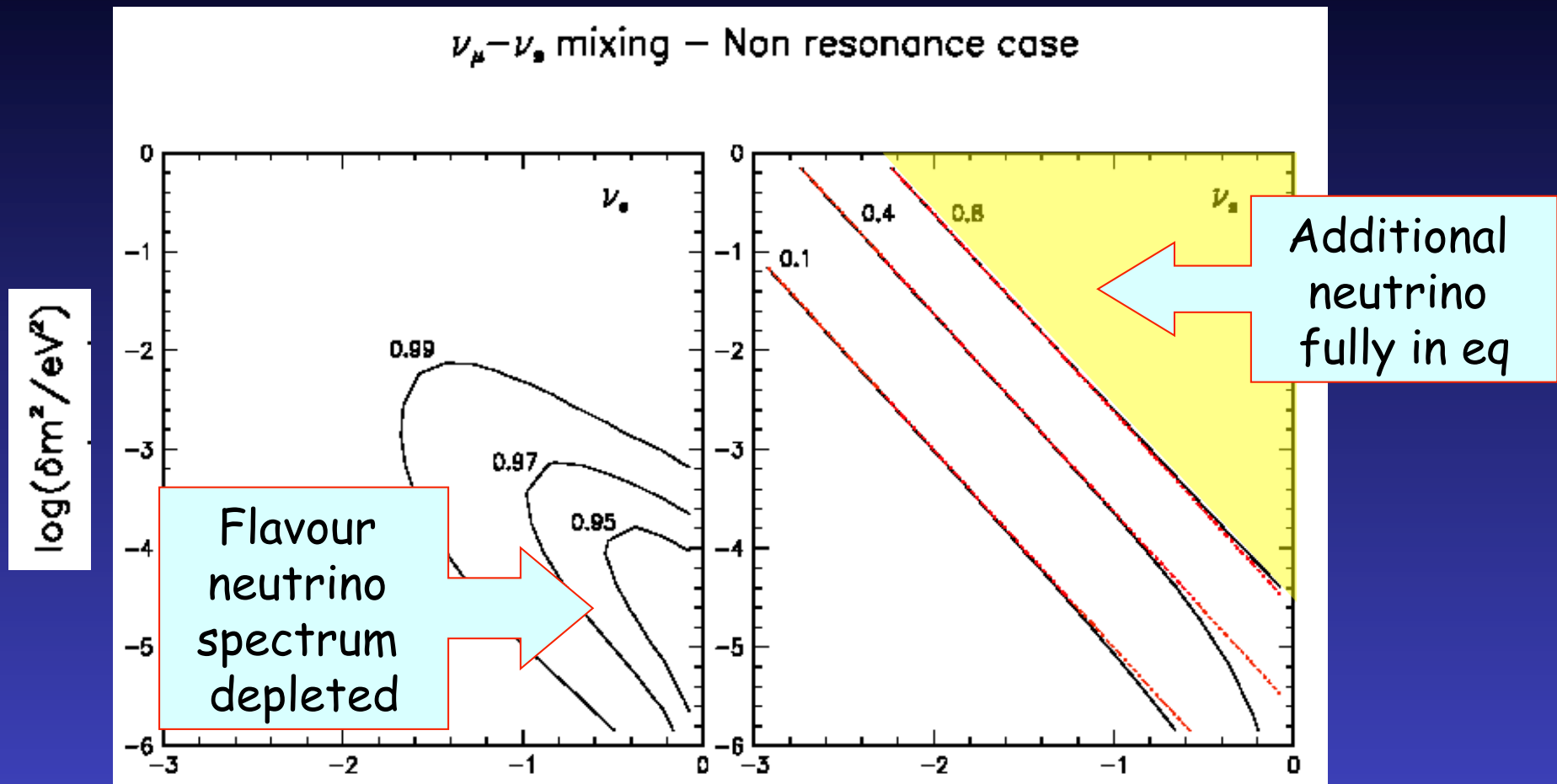
What if additional, *light sterile* neutrino species are mixed with the flavour neutrinos?

♣ If oscillations are effective before decoupling: the additional species can be brought into equilibrium:  $N_{\text{eff}}=4$

♣ If oscillations are effective after decoupling:  $N_{\text{eff}}=3$  but the spectrum of active neutrinos is distorted (direct effect of  $\nu_e$  and anti- $\nu_e$  on BBN)

Results depend on the sign of  $\Delta m^2$   
(resonant vs non-resonant case)

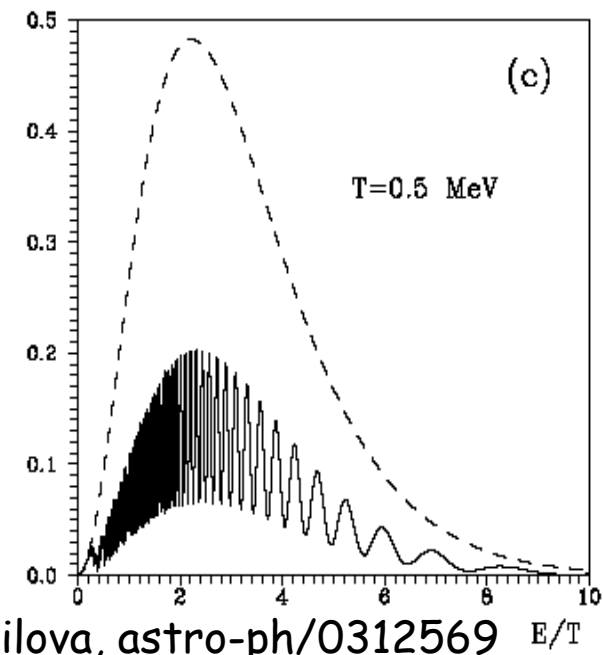
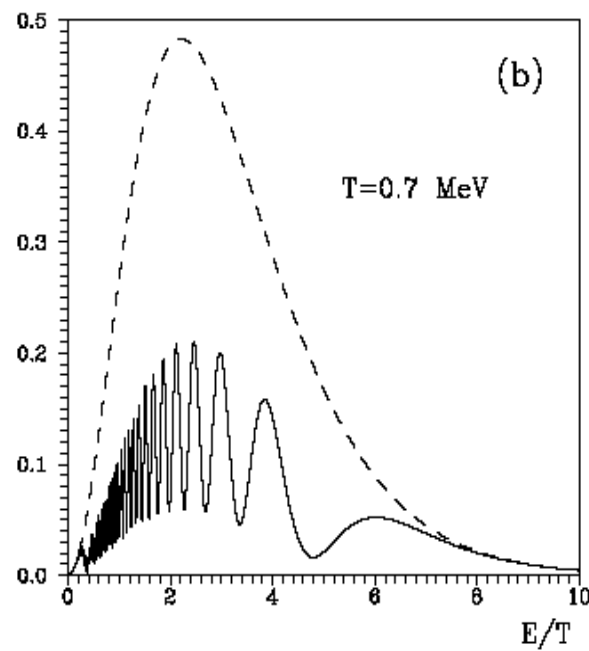
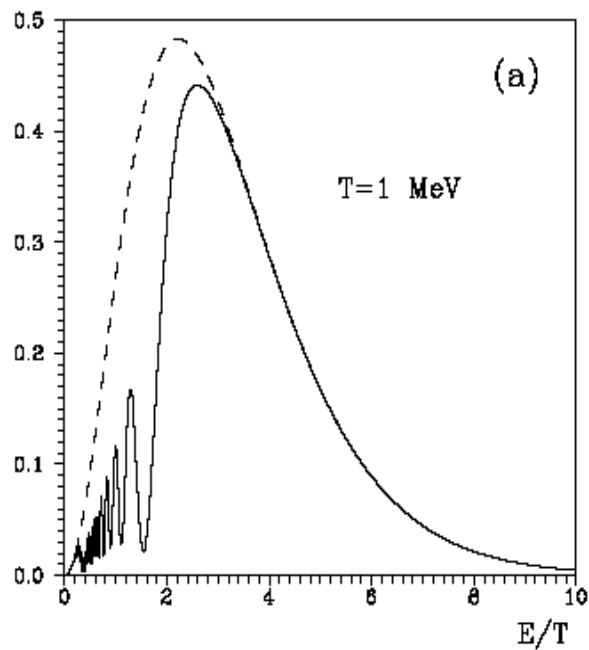
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Dolgov & Villante,  
NPB 679 (2004) 261

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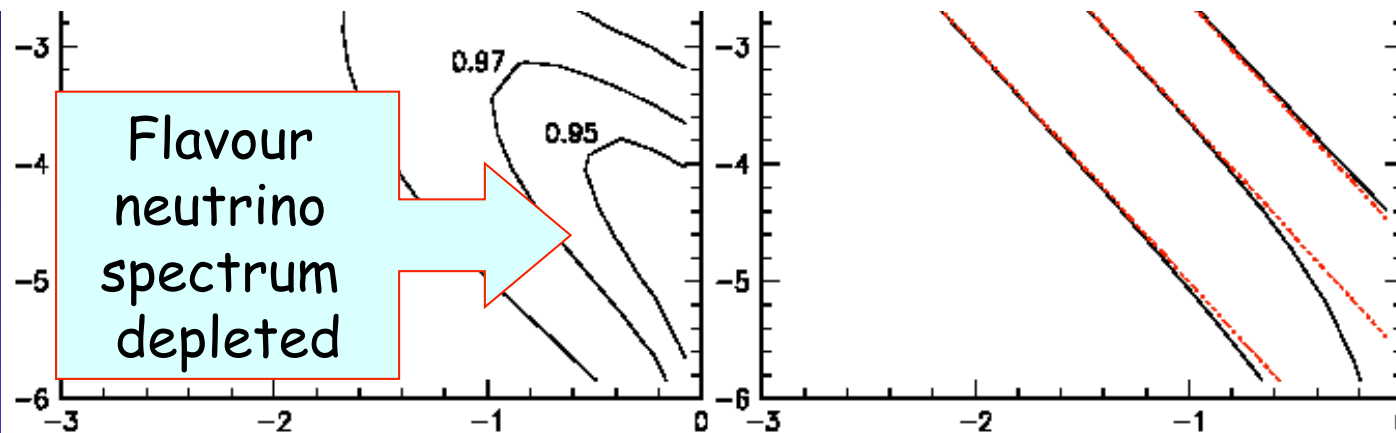
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Kirilova, astro-ph/0312569

$\log(\delta m^2)$

Flavour  
neutrino  
spectrum  
depleted

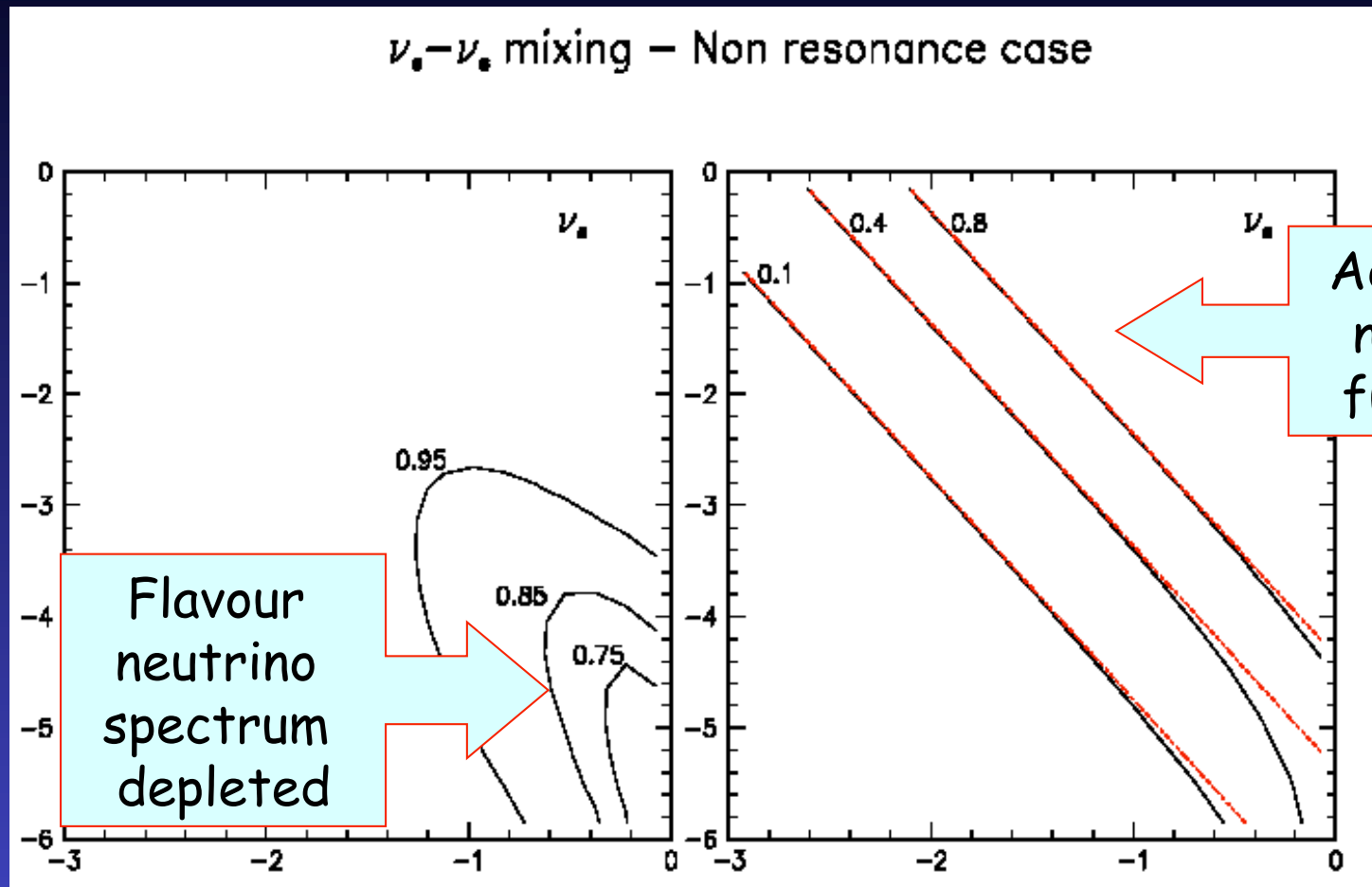


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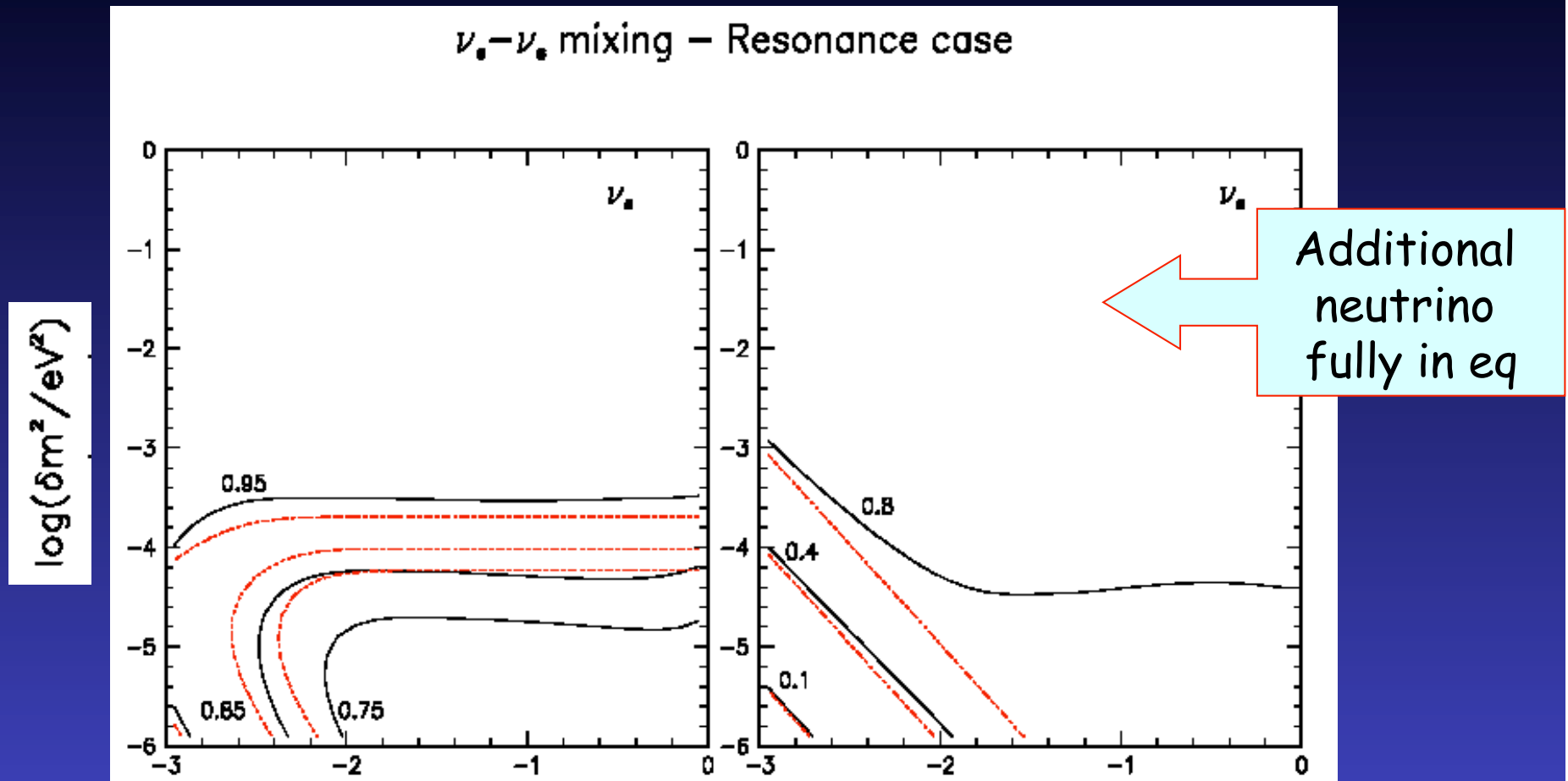


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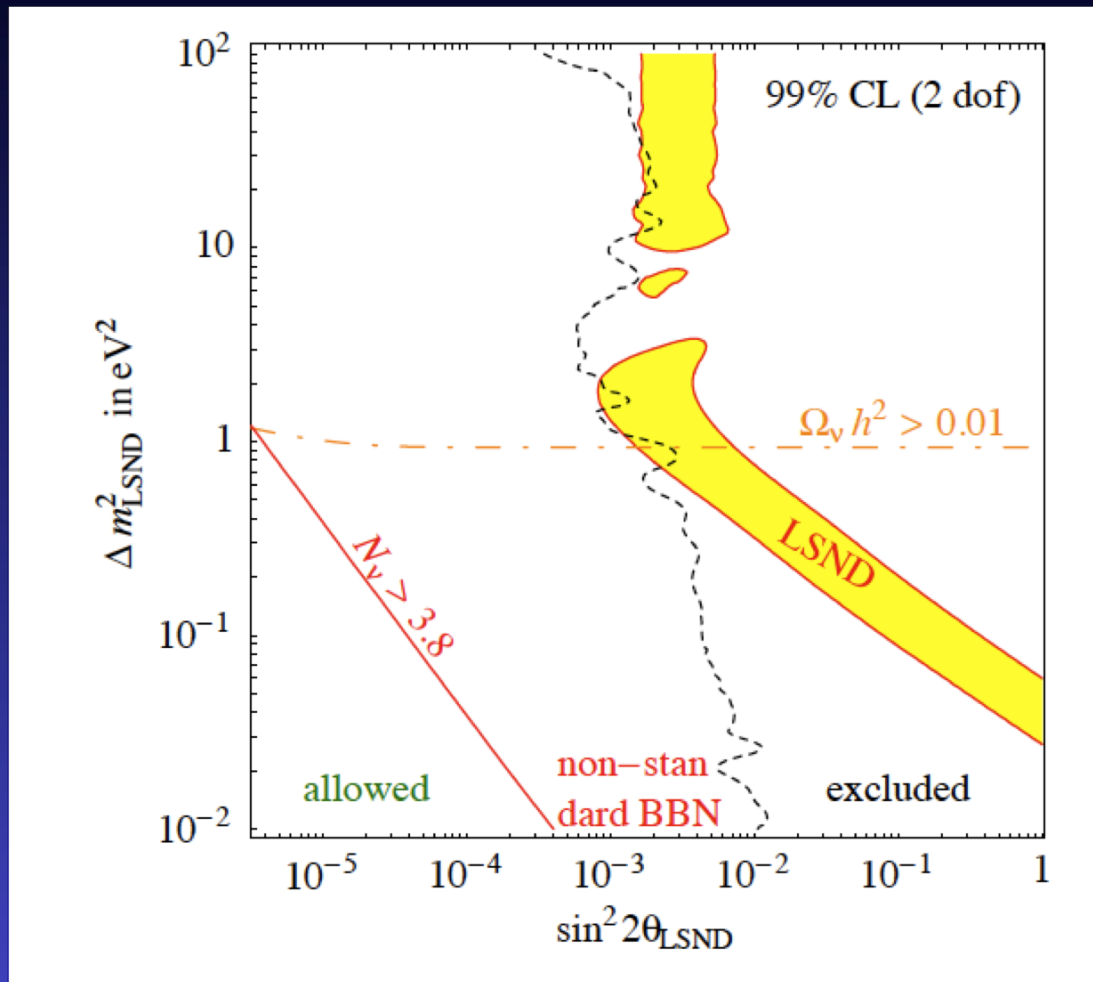


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# Active-sterile neutrino oscillations



Cirelli et al,  
NPB 708 (2005) 215

But not always thermalized if multiple sterile states (3+2 schemes),  
see Melchiorri et al, JCAP 01 (2009) 036

**End of 1st lecture**



## Exercises: try to calculate...

- The present number density of massive/massless neutrinos  $n_\nu^0$  in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$
  - The present energy density of massive/massless neutrinos  $\Omega_\nu^0$  and find the limits on the total neutrino mass from  $\Omega_\nu^0 < 1$  and  $\Omega_\nu^0 < \Omega_m^0$
  - The final ratio  $T_\gamma/T_\nu$  using the conservation of entropy density before/after  $e^\pm$  annihilations
  - The decoupling temperature of relic neutrinos using  $\Gamma \approx H$
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- The evolution of  $\Omega(\nu, \gamma, b, \text{cdm})$  with the expansion for  $(3,0,0)$ ,  $(1,1,1)$  and  $(0.05,0.009,0)$  [masses in eV]
  - The value of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  if neutrinos decouple at  $T_{\text{dec}}$  in  $[5,0.2]$  MeV