

MeV-scale reheating or decaying particles at around MeV

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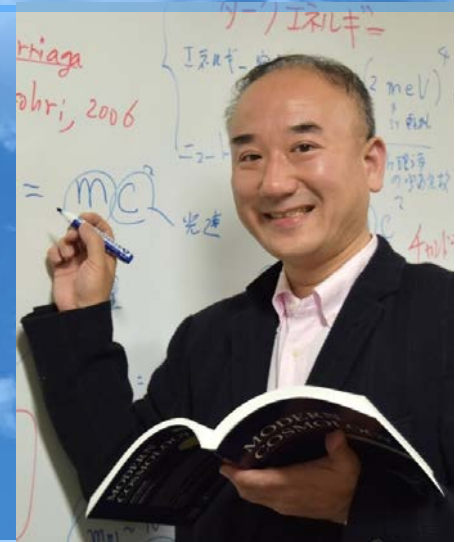
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Abstract

- After Inflation, the **early** matter dominated (MD) epoch follows
- In supergravity, we may expect **MeV**-scale reheating temperature, inducing flavor-dependent **imperfect thermalizations** of neutrinos
- Then, three flavor **neutrino-oscillation** in the early Universe is so important
- From BBN and CMB, we obtain the lower bound on reheating temperature to be **$T_{\text{RH}} > \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$**
- This work of three active-flavors oscillations with hadronic decay scenario is the world's first!

Strong motivations for MeV-scale reheating in supergravity or superstring

- Gravitational decay rate for moduli, dilatons, gravitino, ... with $O(1) - O(10)$ TeV masses

$$\Gamma_{\phi} \sim \frac{m_{\text{heavy}}^3}{m_{\text{Planck}}^2} = H(T_{\text{RH}}) \sim \frac{T_{\text{RH}}^2}{m_{\text{Planck}}}$$

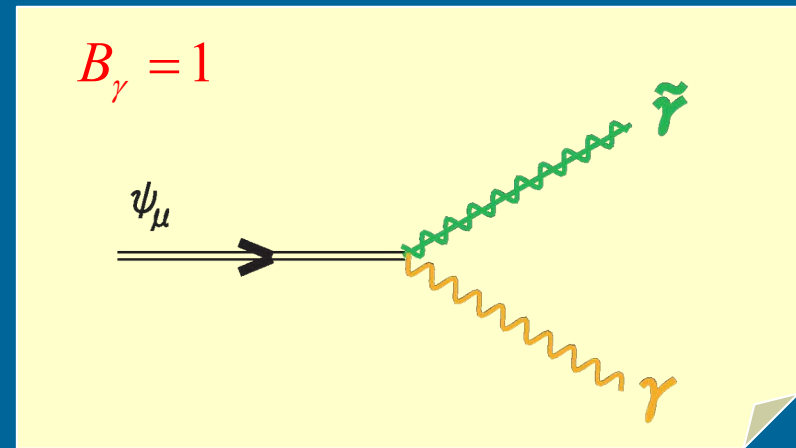
- Reheating temperature
$$T_{\text{RH}} \sim O(1) \text{MeV} \left(\frac{m_{\text{heavy}}}{10 \text{TeV}} \right)^{3/2}$$

Moduli/gravitino Decay and BBN

1. Moduli/gravitinos are unstable in Gravity Mediation ~~SUSY~~

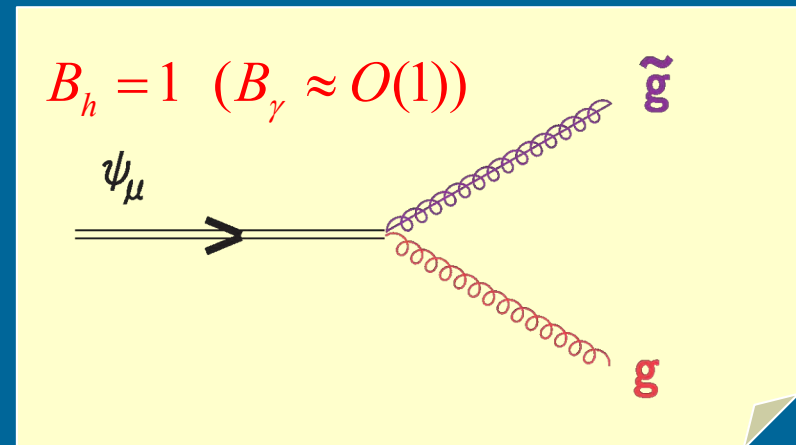
● Radiative decay

$$\tau(\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow \gamma + \tilde{\gamma}) = 4 \times 10^8 \text{ sec} \left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-3}$$

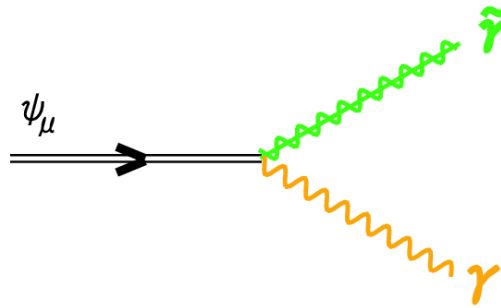


● Hadronic decay

$$\tau(\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow g + \tilde{g}) = 6 \times 10^7 \text{ sec} \left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-3}$$



Radiative decay of gravitino



1) Electro-magnetic cascade

$$\gamma + \gamma_{\text{BG}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

$$\gamma + e_{\text{BG}}^- \rightarrow \gamma + e^-, \quad e^- + \gamma_{\text{BG}} \rightarrow e^- + \gamma$$

$$\gamma + \gamma_{\text{BG}} \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

2) many soft photons are produced

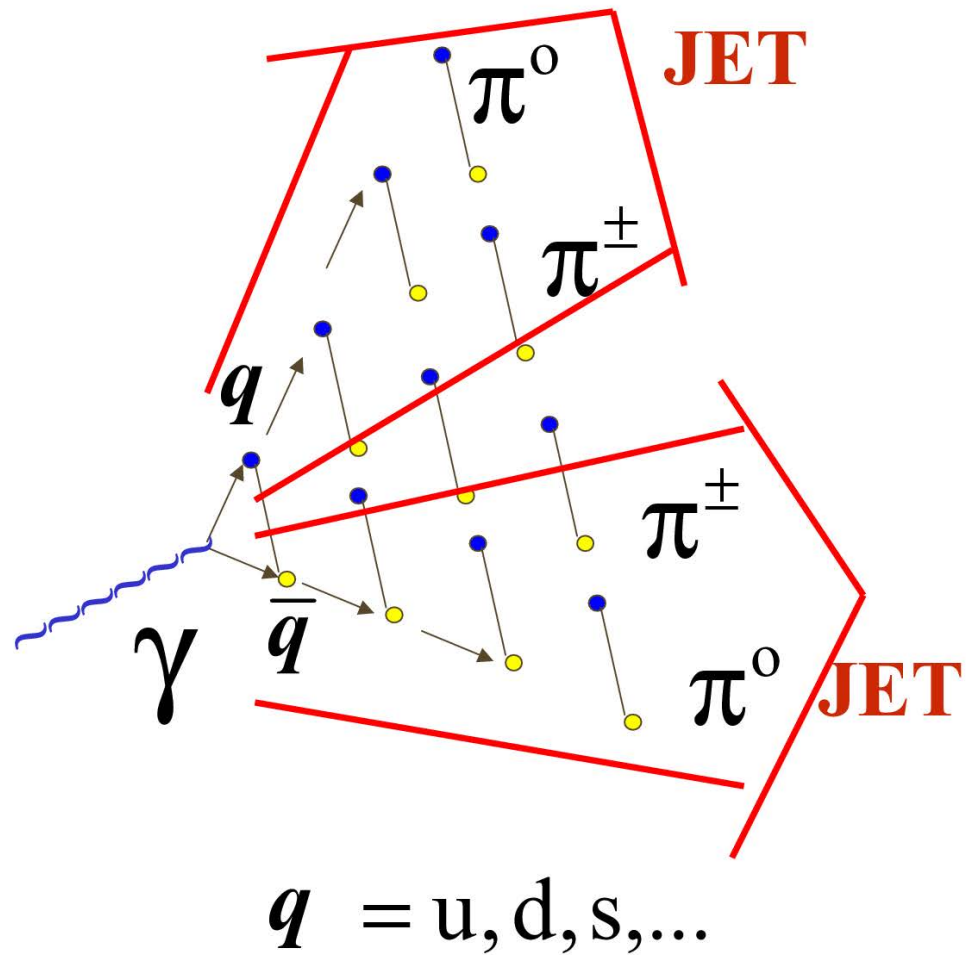
3) Photo-dissociation of light elements

$$\text{D} + \gamma \rightarrow p + n,$$

$${}^4\text{He} + \gamma \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + n, \quad \text{T} + p,$$

$${}^3\text{He} + \gamma \rightarrow \text{D} + p + n, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Quark Emission and Hadron Jets



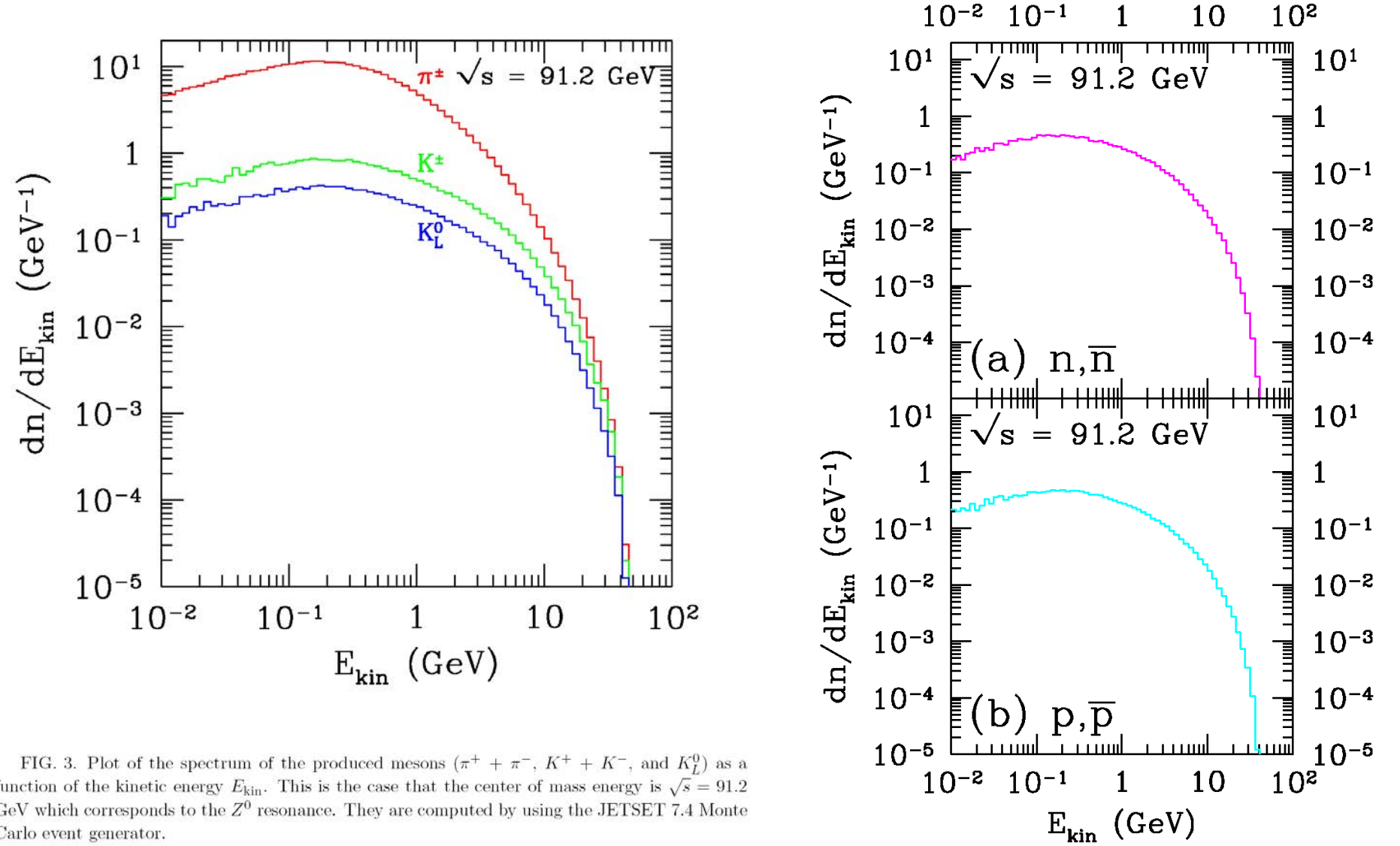
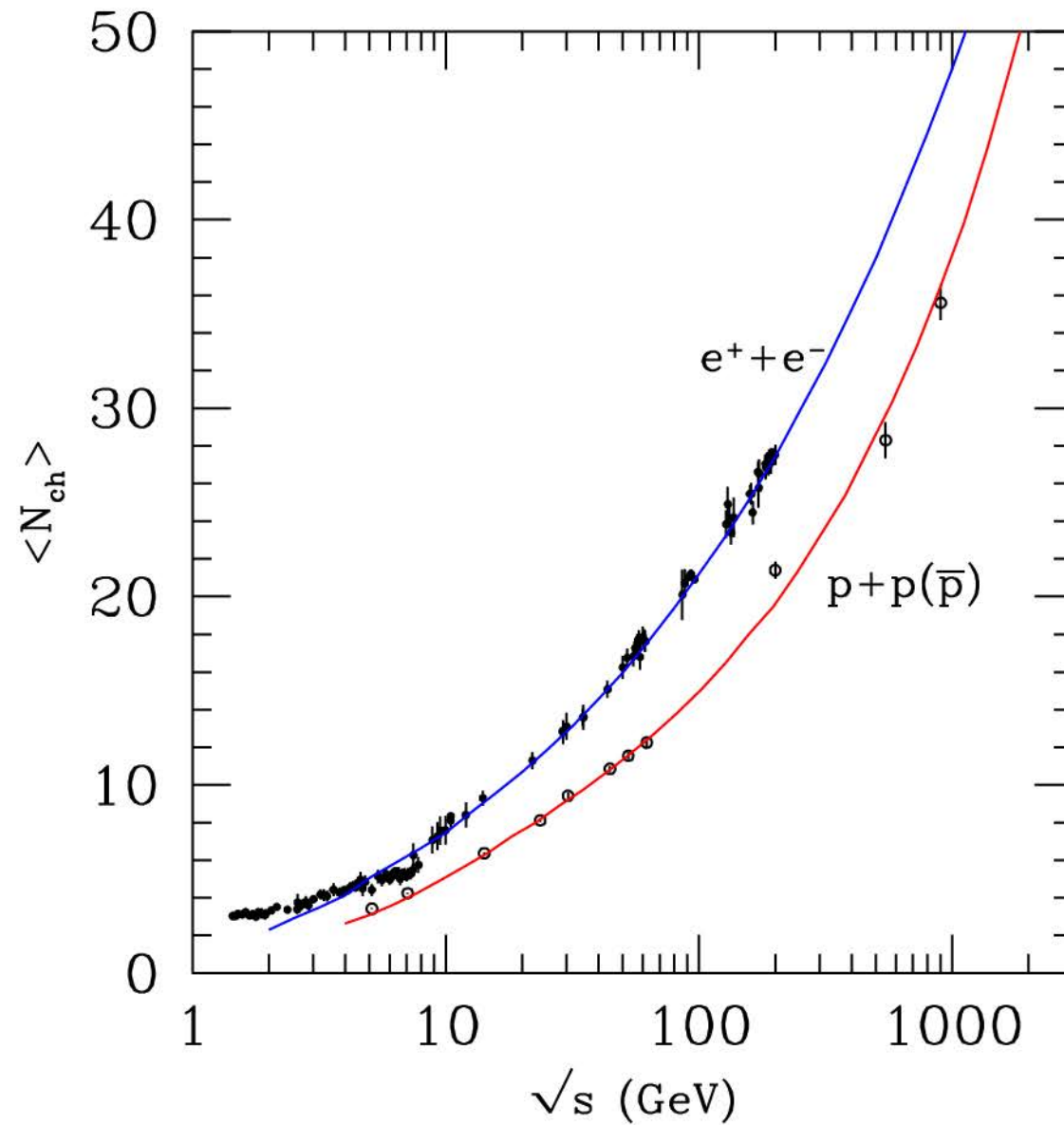
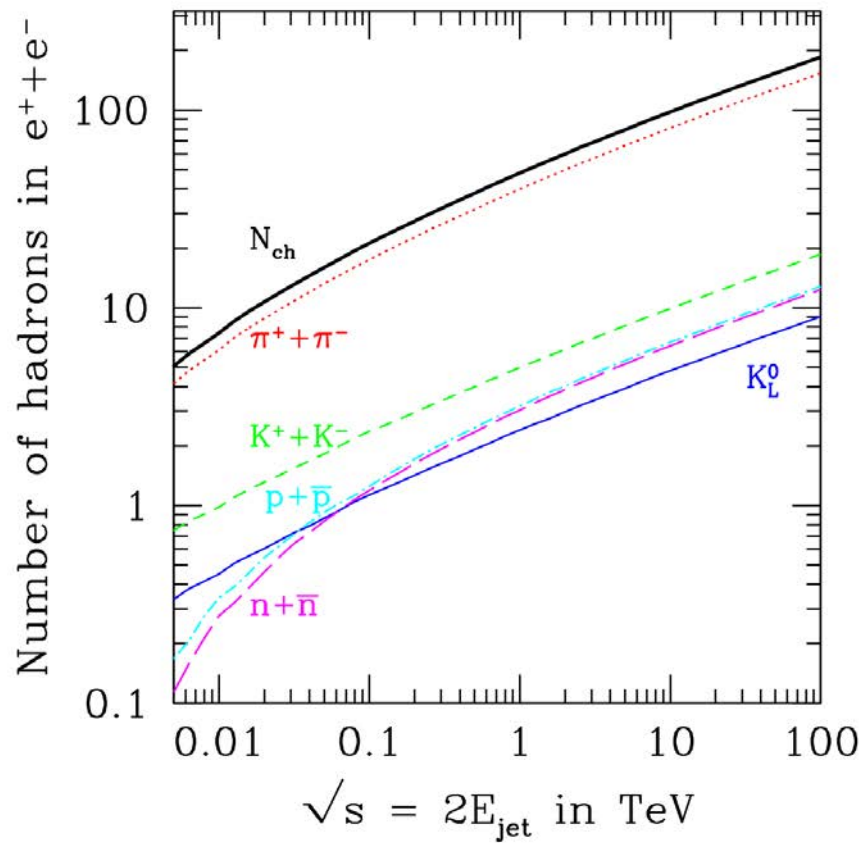


FIG. 3. Plot of the spectrum of the produced mesons ($\pi^+ + \pi^-$, $K^+ + K^-$, and K_L^0) as a function of the kinetic energy E_{kin} . This is the case that the center of mass energy is $\sqrt{s} = 91.2$ GeV which corresponds to the Z^0 resonance. They are computed by using the JETSET 7.4 Monte Carlo event generator.

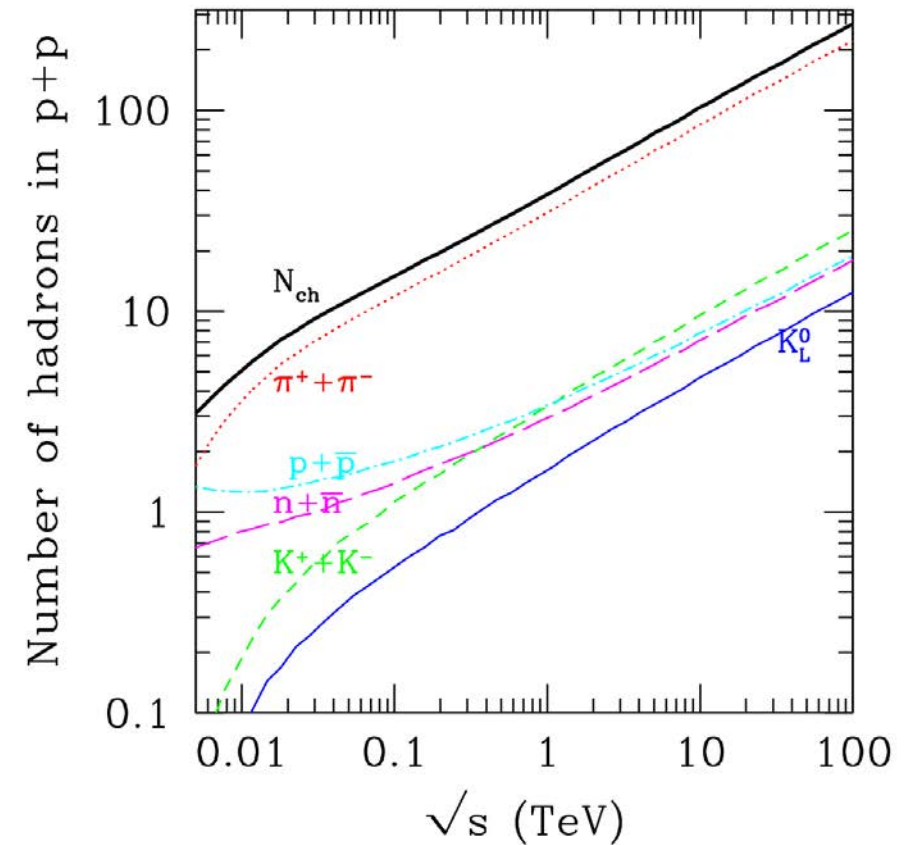
Charged particle multiplicity



Number of hadrons in e^+e^- scattering



Number of hadrons in pp scattering



Stopping of energetic hadrons

In the electromagnetic plasma of $e^\pm$ and γ , high energy hadrons are stopped until they scatter off the ambient nuclei?

$$R_{\text{stop}}(E_i, T, Yp) \equiv n_N \int_{E_i}^{E_{\text{th}}} \langle \sigma \beta \rangle \left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right)^{-1} dE$$

where,

(I) If $R_{\text{stop}}(E_i, T, Yp) \ll 1$,

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right) = \left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{Coulomb}} + \left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{Compton}} + \dots$$

Hadrons are stopped electromagnetically

(II) If $R_{\text{stop}}(E_i, T, Yp) \gg 1$,

Hadrons scatter off the background nuclei with the energy

E_f which is obtained by

$$n_N \int_{E_i}^{E_f} \langle \sigma \beta \rangle \left(\frac{dE}{dt} \right)^{-1} dE = 1$$

Coulomb Energy-Loss rate

1. Non-relativistic charged nucleon ($\beta < 1$)

i) $\beta_e < \beta$ (Bethe's formula, ionization loss rate, or plasma excitation, ...)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{4\pi\alpha^2 Z^2 \Lambda n_e}{m_e \beta}, \quad \Lambda \sim O(1)$$

ii) $\beta < \beta_e$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{4\pi\alpha^2 Z^2 \Lambda n_e \beta^2}{3m_e \beta_e}, \quad \Lambda \sim O(1)$$

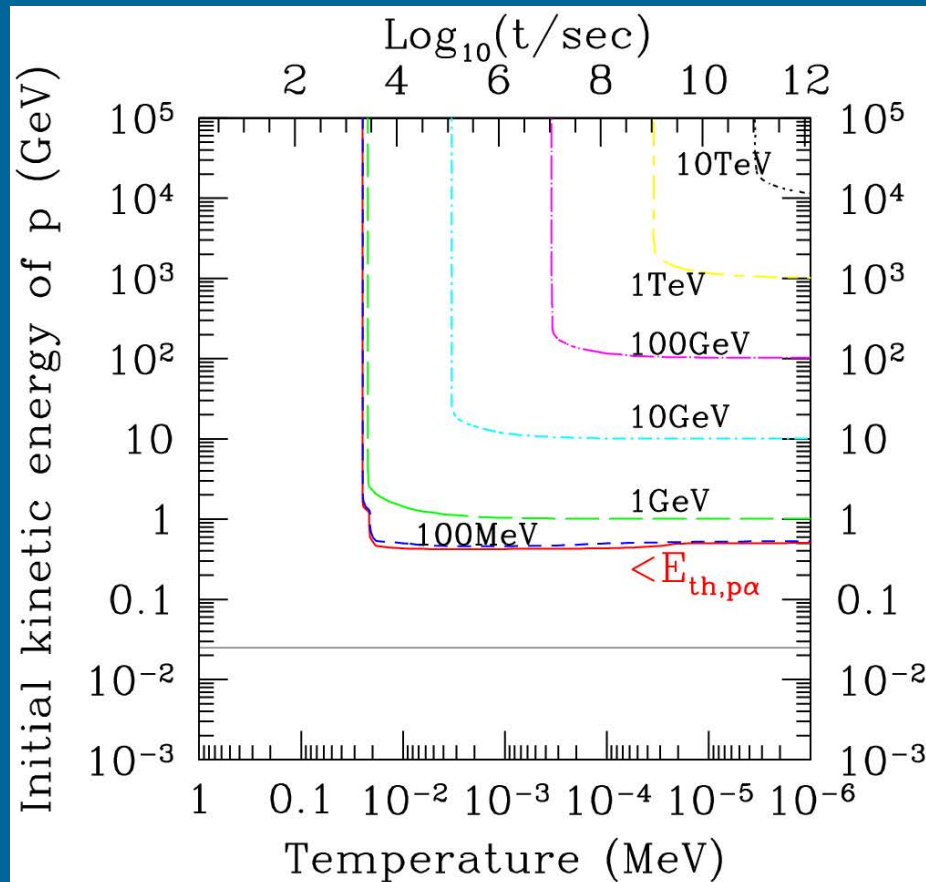
velocity dependence

$$\left\langle \frac{dE}{dt} \right\rangle = \int \frac{dE}{dt} f_e(\beta_e) d\beta_e \quad f_e(\beta_e): \text{Maxwell-Boltzmann dist. func. of electrons}$$

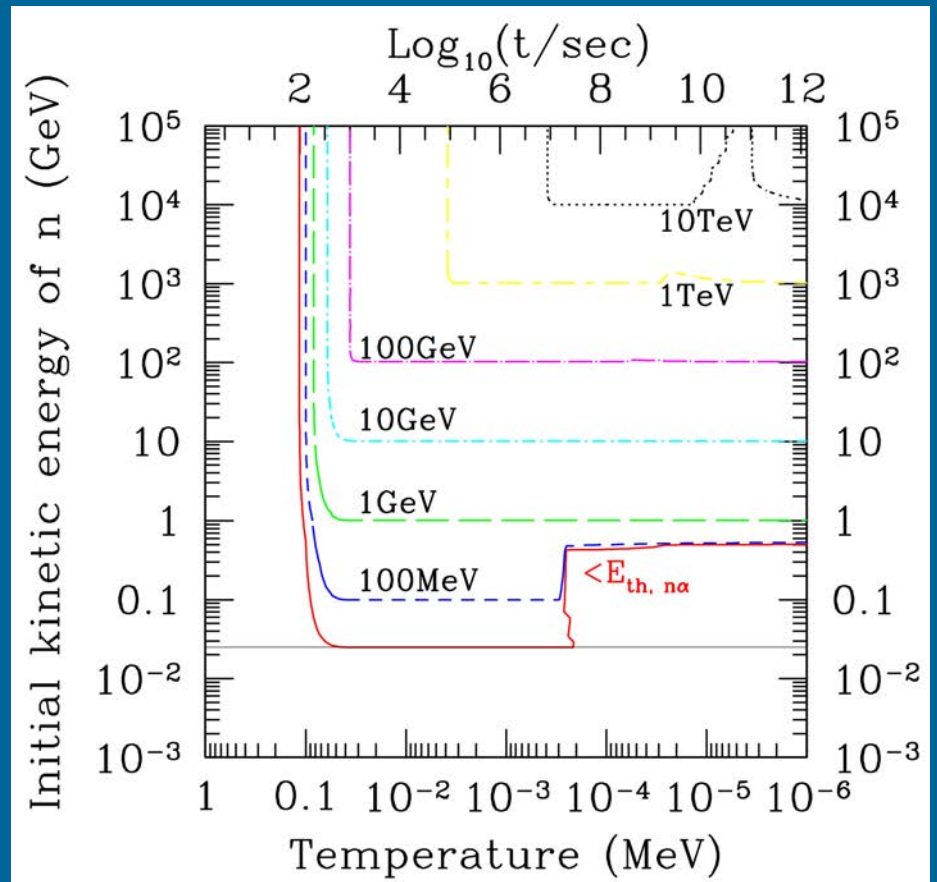
$$= \int_0^\beta \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{\beta_e < \beta} f_e(\beta_e) d\beta_e + \int_\beta^\infty \frac{dE}{dt} \Big|_{\beta < \beta_e} f_e(\beta_e) d\beta_e$$

Small!

Contours of final energy of energetic proton



Contours of final energy of energetic neutron



(I) If $R_{\text{stop}}(E_i, T, Yp) \ll 1$, K. Kohri, arXiv:astro-ph/0103411

Only inter-conversion reactions between neutrons and protons by mainly mesons occur

Reno and Seckel (1988)

Kohri (2001)

(II) If $R_{\text{stop}}(E_i, T, Yp) \gg 1$,

Both inter-conversions between p and n, and destruction of Helium4 by energetic nucleons occur

Dimopoulos, Esmailzadeh, Hall, Starkman (1989)

(I) Early stage of BBN (before/during BBN)

Interaction between hadrons and nucleons

Pion

- $\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma$ ($\tau_{\pi^0} \cong 10^{-16}$ sec) Unimportant !

- $\pi^+ + n \rightarrow \begin{cases} p + \pi^0 \\ p + \gamma \end{cases}$

- $\pi^- + p \rightarrow \begin{cases} n + \pi^0 \\ n + \gamma \end{cases}$

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- $K^- + p \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Sigma^- + \pi^+ \\ \Sigma^+ + \pi^- \\ \Sigma^0 + \pi^0 \end{cases}$

- $K^- + p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + \pi^0$

- $K^- + n \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Sigma^- + \pi^0 \\ \Sigma^0 + \pi^- \\ \Lambda^0 + \pi^- \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow p + \pi^0$

- $K_L + N \rightarrow N' + \dots$

Nucleon, Anti-nucleon

- $p\bar{p} + n(p) \rightarrow p + \dots$

- $n\bar{n} + p(n) \rightarrow n + \dots$

Inter-conversion between neutron and protons by mesons

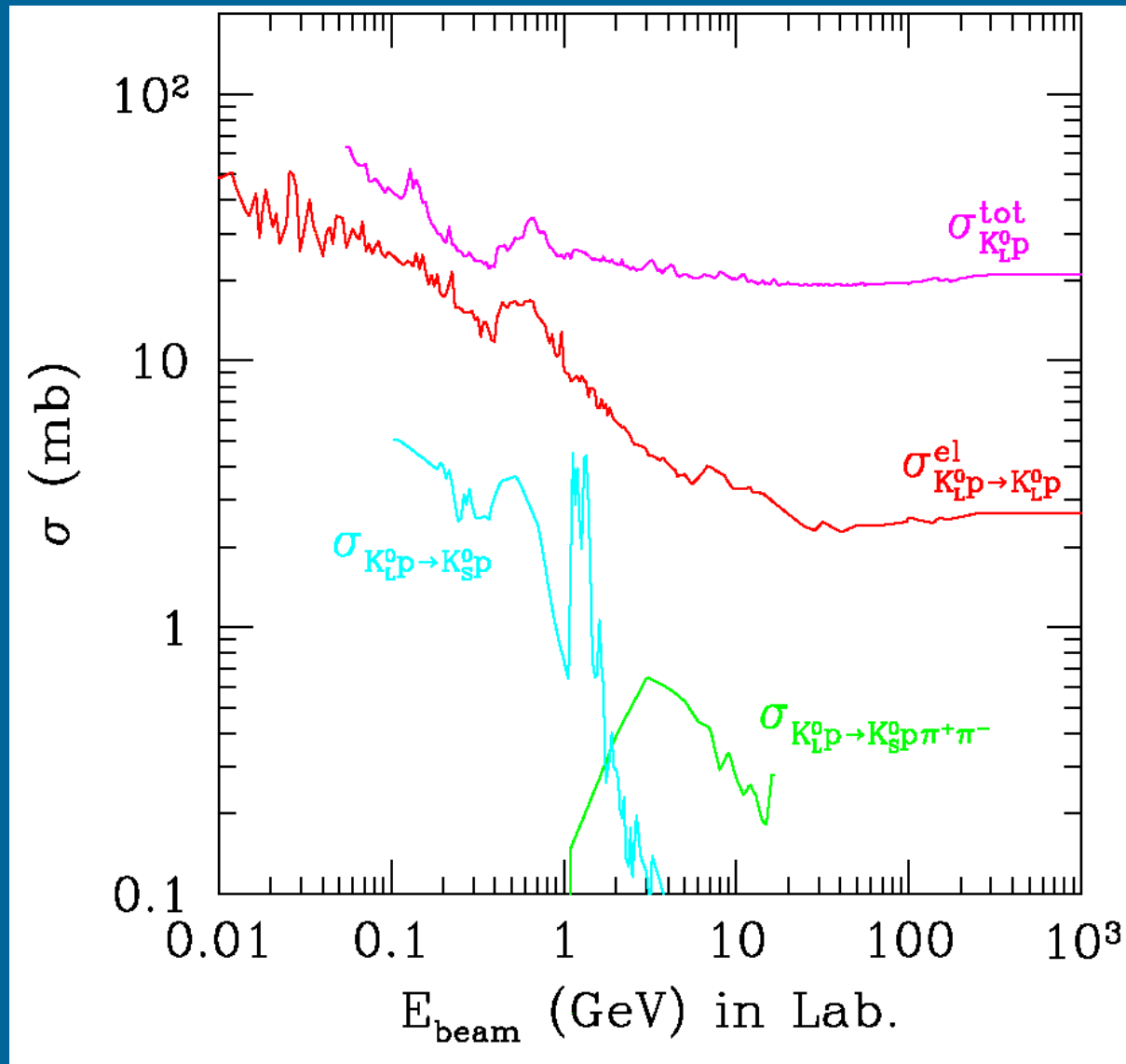
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Here, conservatively we did not include anti-nucleon processes

Cross section of $K^0 + p$ scattering

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Time scales

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❖ Lifetime of Hadrons

- $\tau_{\pi^\pm} = 2.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$
- $\tau_{K^\pm} = 1.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$
- $\tau_{K_L} = 5.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$
- $\tau_n = 887 \text{ sec}$

❖ Hadron-Nucleon interaction rate

$$\Gamma_{N \rightarrow N'}^{H_i} = n_N \sigma_{N \rightarrow N'}^{H_i} \beta \simeq \frac{1}{10^{-8} \text{ sec}} \left(\frac{T}{\text{MeV}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\eta}{10^{-9}} \right) \left(\frac{\sigma_{N \rightarrow N'}^{H_i} \beta}{10 \text{ mb}} \right)$$

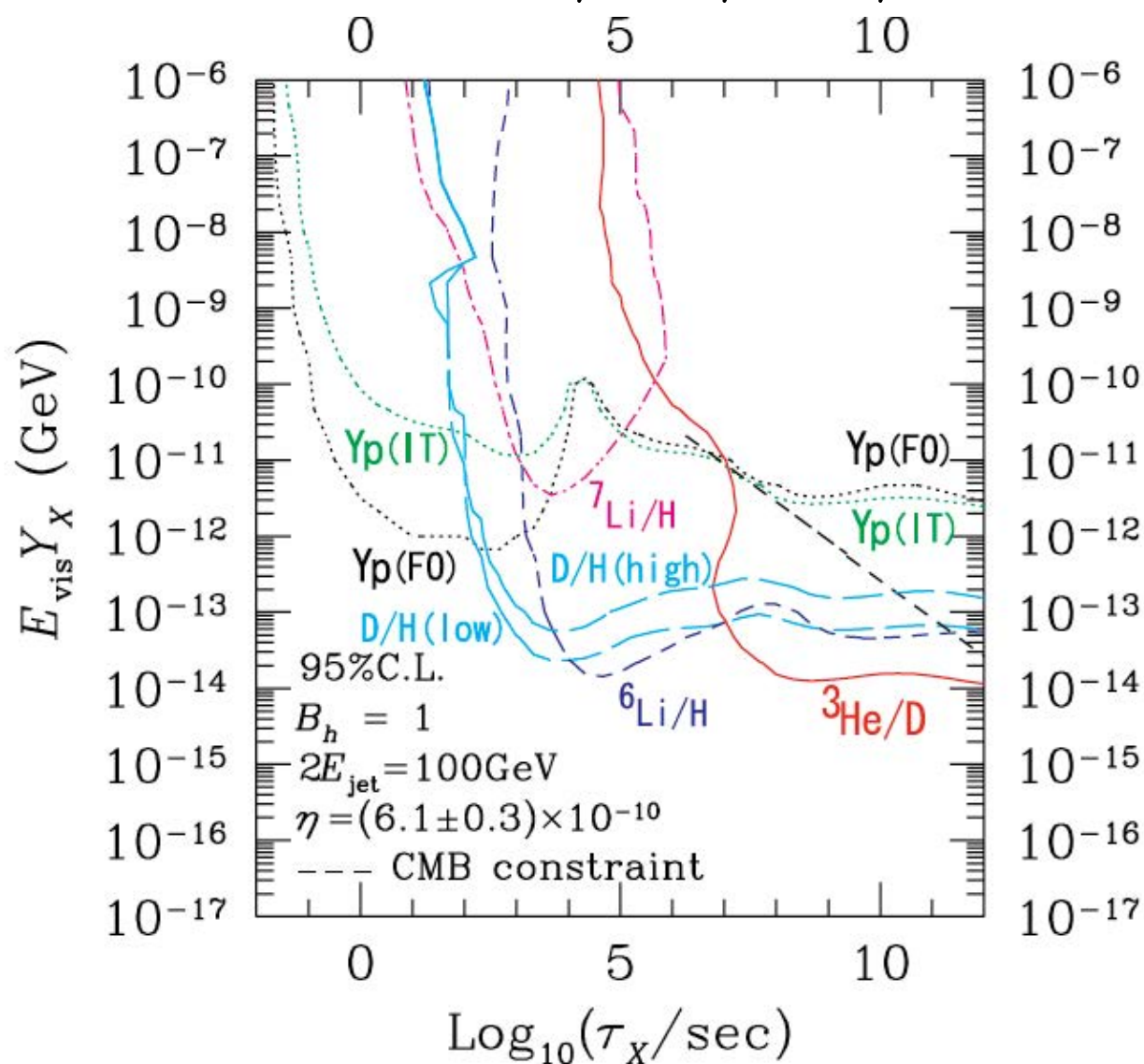
$$\frac{1}{\Gamma_{N \rightarrow N'}^{H_i}} \simeq 10^{-8} \text{ sec} \left(\frac{T}{\text{MeV}} \right)^{-3}$$

Sub-dominant case

$$\rho_{\phi} \ll \rho_{\text{radiation}}$$

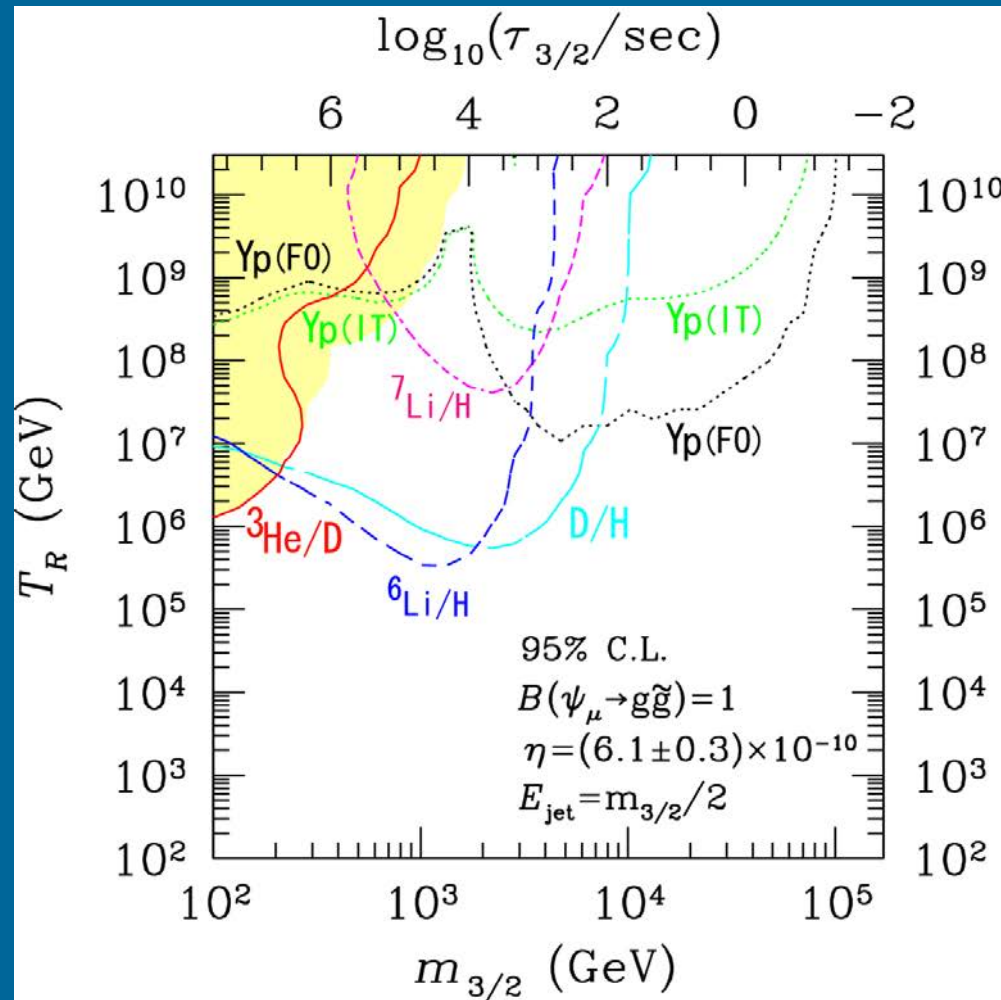
Bounds on hadronic injection

Kawasaki, Kohri, Moroi, arXiv: astro-ph/0408426



Upper bound on reheating temperature

Kawasaki, Kohri, Moroi, 2004



$$B_h(\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow g + \tilde{g}) = 1$$

$$T_R = 10^9 \text{ GeV} (Y_{3/2} / 10^{-12})$$

$$m_{3/2} = 500 \text{ GeV} (\tau_{3/2} / 4 \times 10^5 \text{ sec})^{-1/3}$$

Neutrino injection

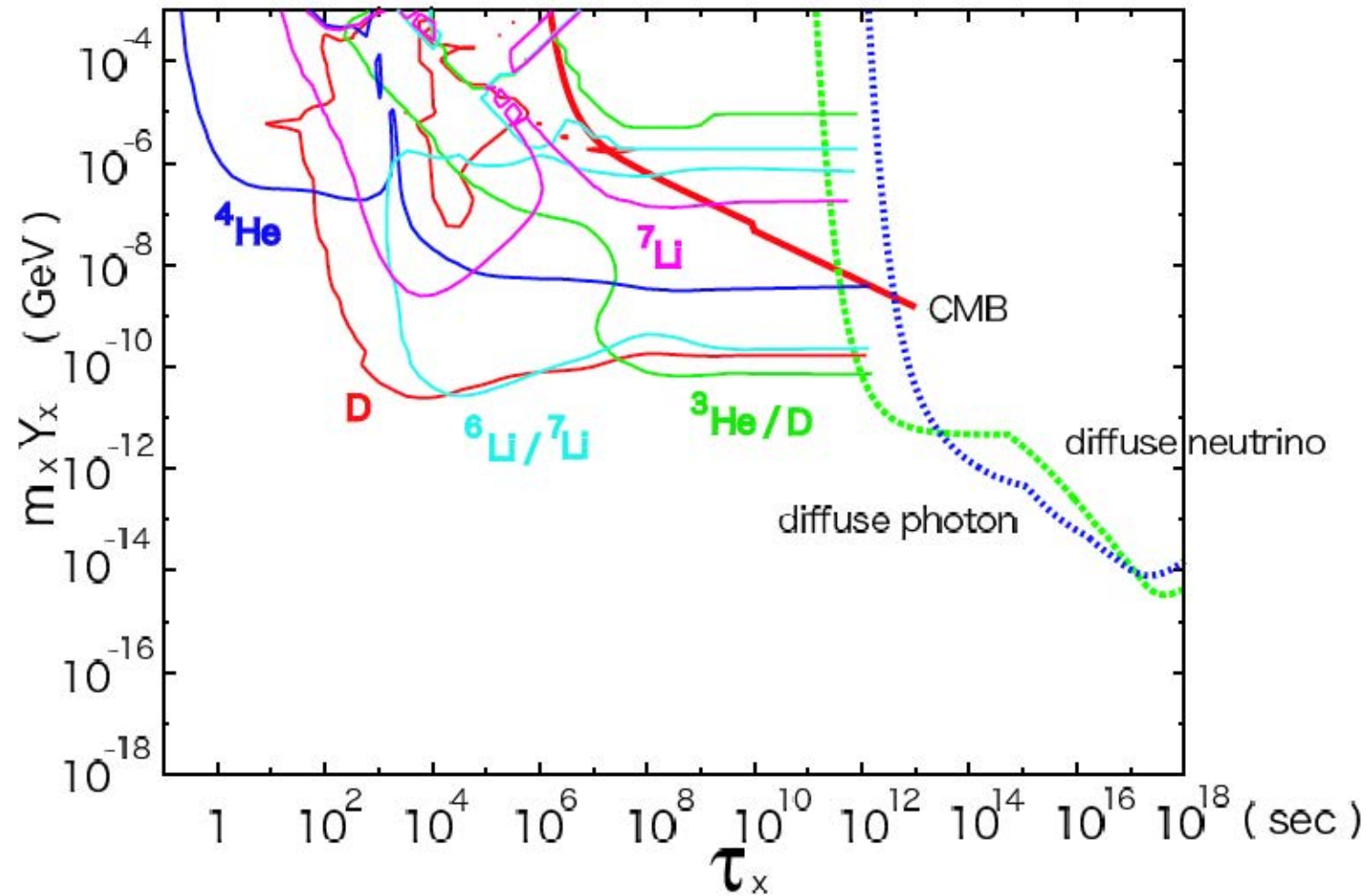
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- $\nu^* + \nu_{BG} \rightarrow e^* + e^*$: electromagnetic injection
- $\nu^* + e_{BG} \rightarrow \nu^* + e^*$: electromagnetic injection
- $\nu^* + \nu_{BG} \rightarrow q^* + q^*$: hadronic injection
- $\nu^* + \nu_{BG} \rightarrow \nu^* + \nu^*$: Self-interaction (so slow)

Bounds on neutrino injections

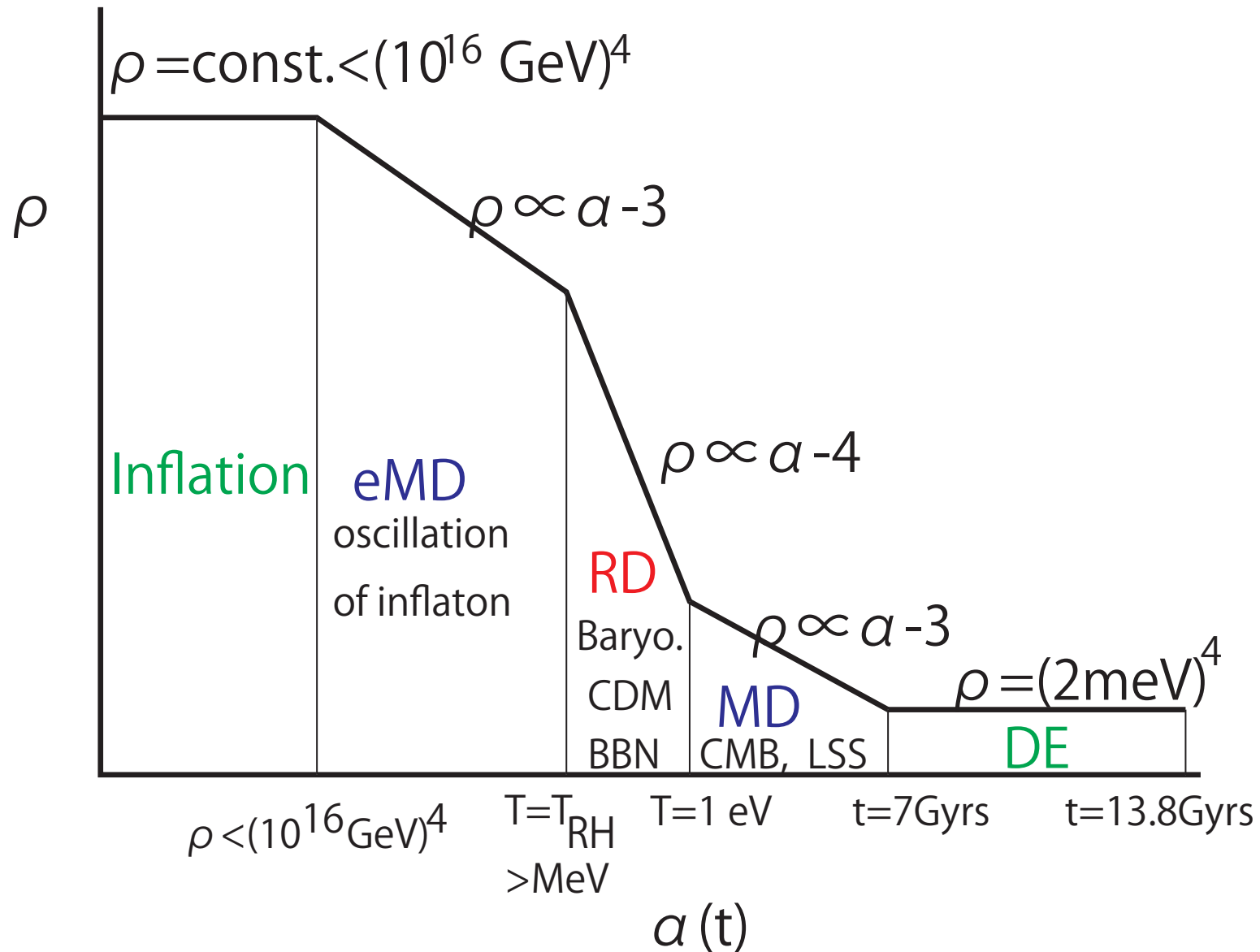
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Dominant case
(MeV-scale reheating)

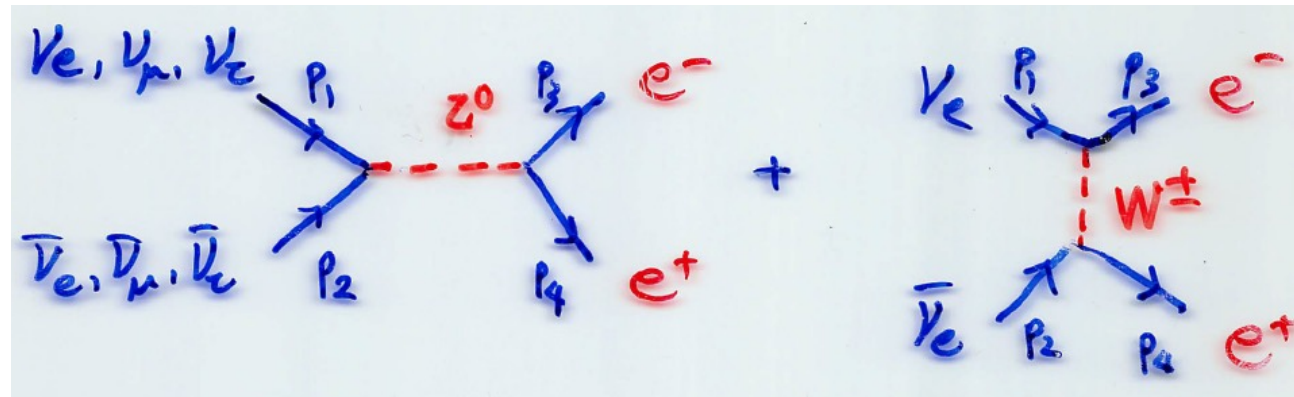
$$\rho_\phi \gg \rho_{\text{radiation}}$$

Thermal History

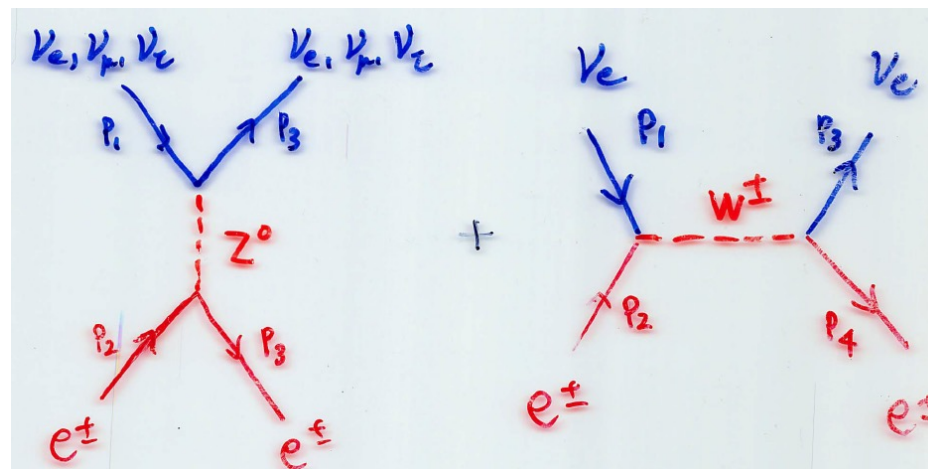


Time evolution of $f_{vi}(p)$

- Production and Annihilation



- Scattering



ν_e has a stronger interaction with plasma through $W^\pm$

Freezeout of weak interaction

- Weak interaction rate

$$\Gamma \sim \sigma_{n \leftrightarrow p} n_e \sim T^5 / m_W^4$$

- Expansion rate

$$H = \frac{\sqrt{\rho}}{3m_{\text{planck}}} \sim \sqrt{g_*} \frac{T^2}{m_{\text{planck}}}$$

$$g_* \sim 3.36 [1 + 0.14(N_{\text{v,eff}} - 3)]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma}{H} \sim \frac{T^3 m_{\text{planck}}}{\sqrt{g_*} m_W^4} \sim \left(\frac{T}{0.8 \text{ MeV}} \right)^3 [1 + 0.14(N_{\text{v,eff}} - 3)]^{-1/2}$$

Helium 4 mass fraction Y

- Analytically we obtain the primordial value

$$Y_p \sim \frac{1}{4} + 0.01\Delta N_\nu + 0.01\ln(\eta_{10} / 6) + 0.1\left(\frac{\tau_n - 880\text{sec}}{880\text{sec}}\right)$$

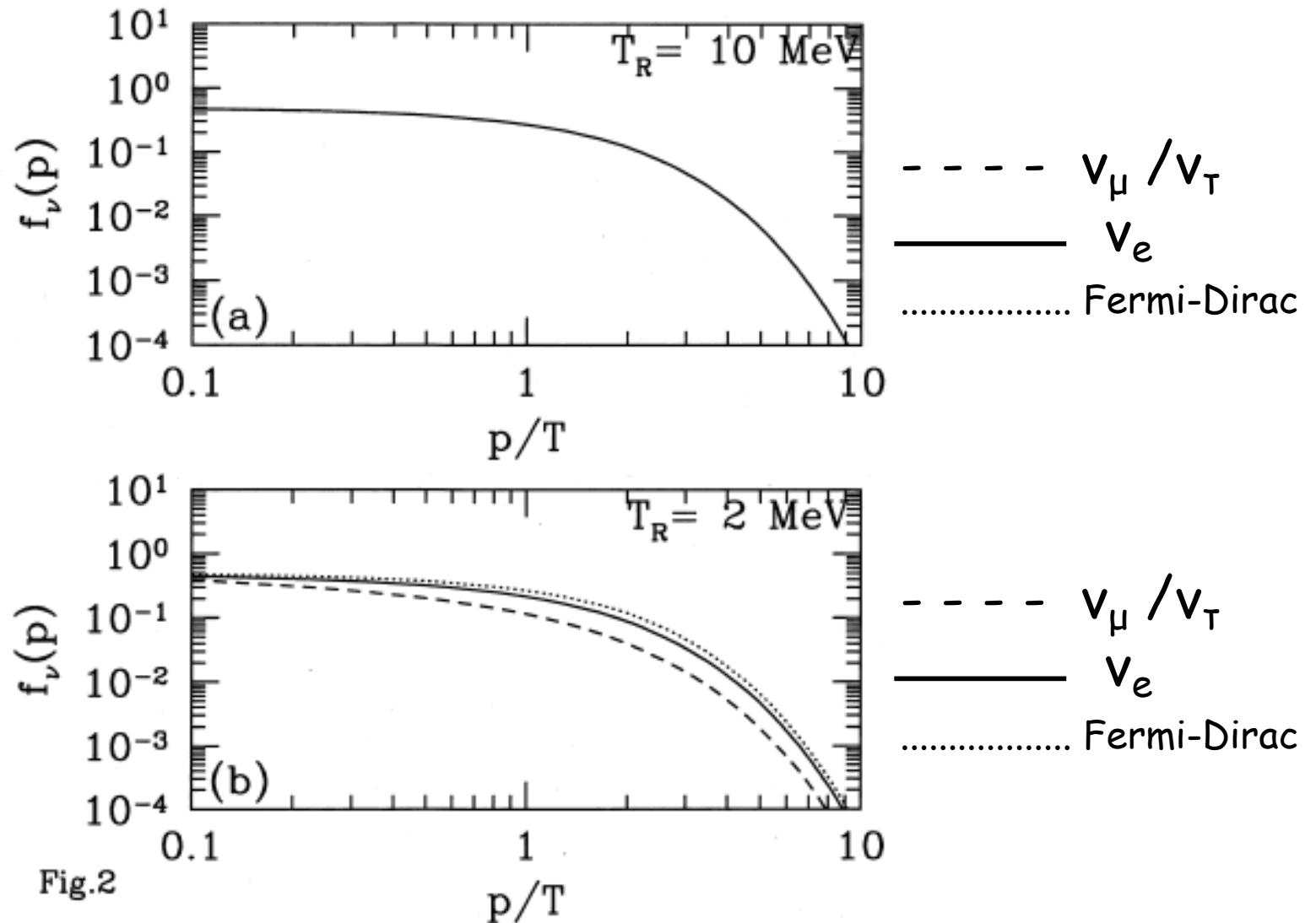
N_ν : effective number of neutrino species

$\eta = \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} = \eta_{10} \times 10^{-10}$: baryon to photon ratio

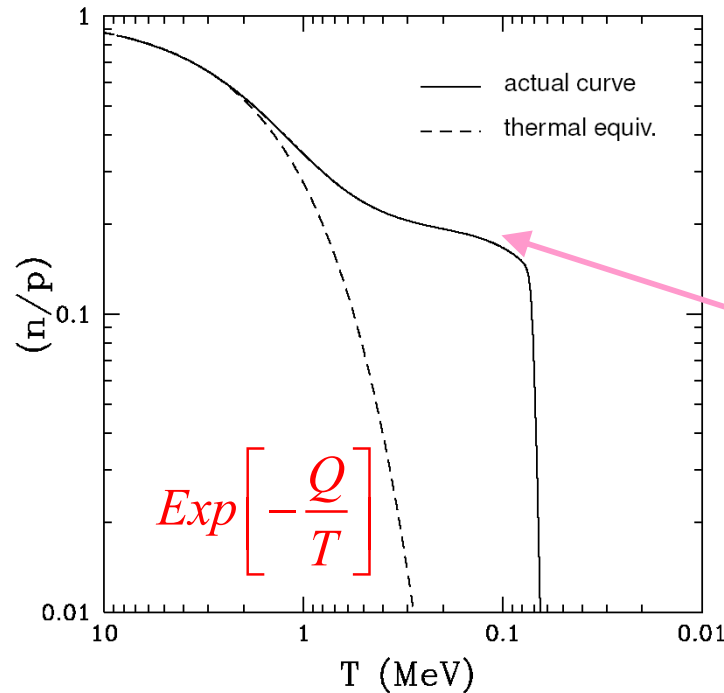
τ_n : neutron life time

Imperfect thermalization of neutrinos by MeV-scale reheating

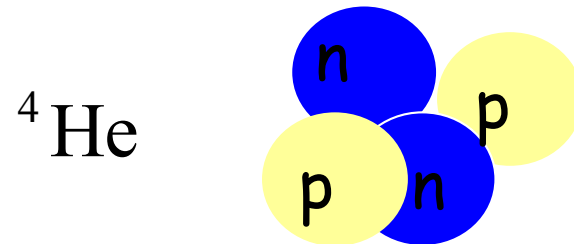
Kawasaki, Kohri, and Sugiyama, 1998; 2000



He4 mass fraction Y



$$\left(\frac{n_n}{n_p}\right)_{\text{freezeout}} \approx \frac{1}{7}$$



$$n_{{}^4\text{He}} = n_n / 2$$

$$Y_p \equiv \frac{\rho_{{}^4\text{He}}}{\rho_B} \approx \frac{4 \times \cancel{m_N} \times n_{{}^4\text{He}}}{\cancel{m_N} \times (n_n + n_p)} \approx \frac{2(n_n / n_p)_{\text{freezeout}}}{(n_n / n_p)_{\text{freezeout}} + 1} \approx 0.25$$

Neutrino **IMPERFECT** thermalisation and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

- Modifications on interaction rates due to MeV reheating and oscillations among $\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu$ and/or ν_τ

$$\Gamma_{n\nu_e \rightarrow pe^-} = K \int_0^\infty dp_{\nu_e} \left[\sqrt{(p_{\nu_e} + Q)^2 - m_e^2} (p_{\nu_e} + Q) \frac{p_{\nu_e}^2}{1 + e^{-(p_{\nu_e} + Q)/T_\gamma}} f_{\nu_e}(p_{\nu_e}) \right]$$

$$\Delta Y \simeq +0.19(-\Delta\Gamma_{n\leftrightarrow p}/\Gamma_{n\leftrightarrow p})$$

- Modifications on energy density

$$N_\nu^{\text{eff}} \equiv \frac{\rho_{\nu_e} + \rho_{\nu_\mu} + \rho_{\nu_\tau}}{\rho_{\text{std}}} \ll 3?$$

$$\Delta Y \simeq -0.1(-\Delta\rho_{\text{tot}}/\rho_{\text{tot}})$$

Neutrino oscillation in the early Universe

Quantum Kinetic Equation

$$\frac{d\varrho_p}{dt} = \frac{\partial \varrho_p}{\partial t} - H p \frac{\partial \varrho_p}{\partial p} = \underbrace{-i [\mathcal{H}_p, \varrho_p]}_{\nu \text{ oscillation}} + \underbrace{C(\varrho_p)}_{\nu \text{ production/collision}}$$

density matrix for ν (2 flavor) $\nu_e - \nu_x$ $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \nu_\alpha + \nu_\alpha$

$$\varrho_p = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{ee} & \rho_{ex} \\ \rho_{ex}^* & \rho_{xx} \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonal: ν distribution
off-diagonal: flavor coherence

$$\mathcal{H}_p = \underbrace{\frac{M^2}{2p}}_{\text{matter effect}} - \frac{8\sqrt{2}G_F p}{3} \left[\frac{\mathbf{E}_l}{m_W^2} + \frac{\mathbf{E}_\nu}{m_Z^2} \right]$$

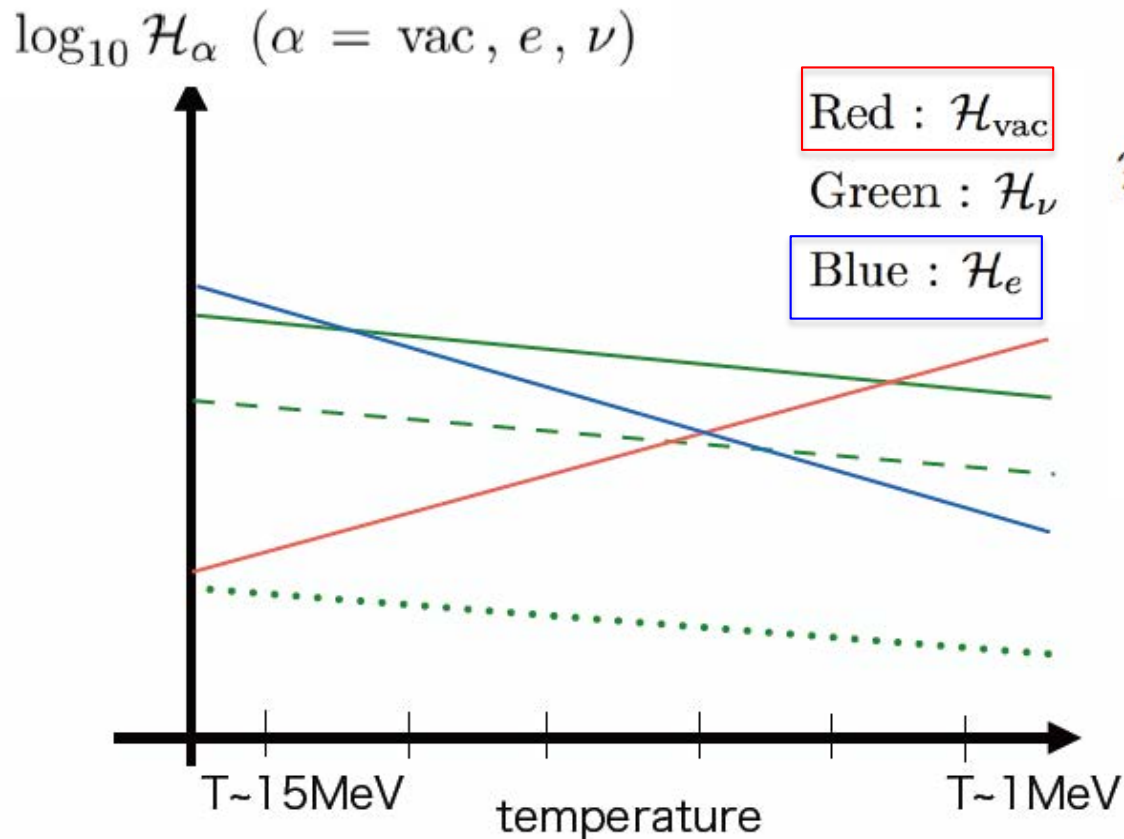
$$M^2 = U \mathcal{M}^2 U^\dagger \quad \mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{E}_l \sim \text{diag}(\rho_e, 0) \quad \mathbf{E}_\nu \sim \text{diag}(\rho_{\nu_e}, \rho_{\nu_x})$$

MSW-like effective mass difference in the early Universe

$$\frac{\delta m_M^2}{2p} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\delta m^2}{2p}\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta + (\mathcal{H}_{\text{vac}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{mat}})^2}$$
$$\sin^2 2\theta_M = \frac{\left(\frac{\delta m^2}{2p}\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\left(\frac{\delta m^2}{2p}\right)^2 \sin^2 2\theta + (\mathcal{H}_{\text{vac}} + \mathcal{H}_{\text{mat}})^2}$$

MSW-type resonance (oscillation) in the early Universe



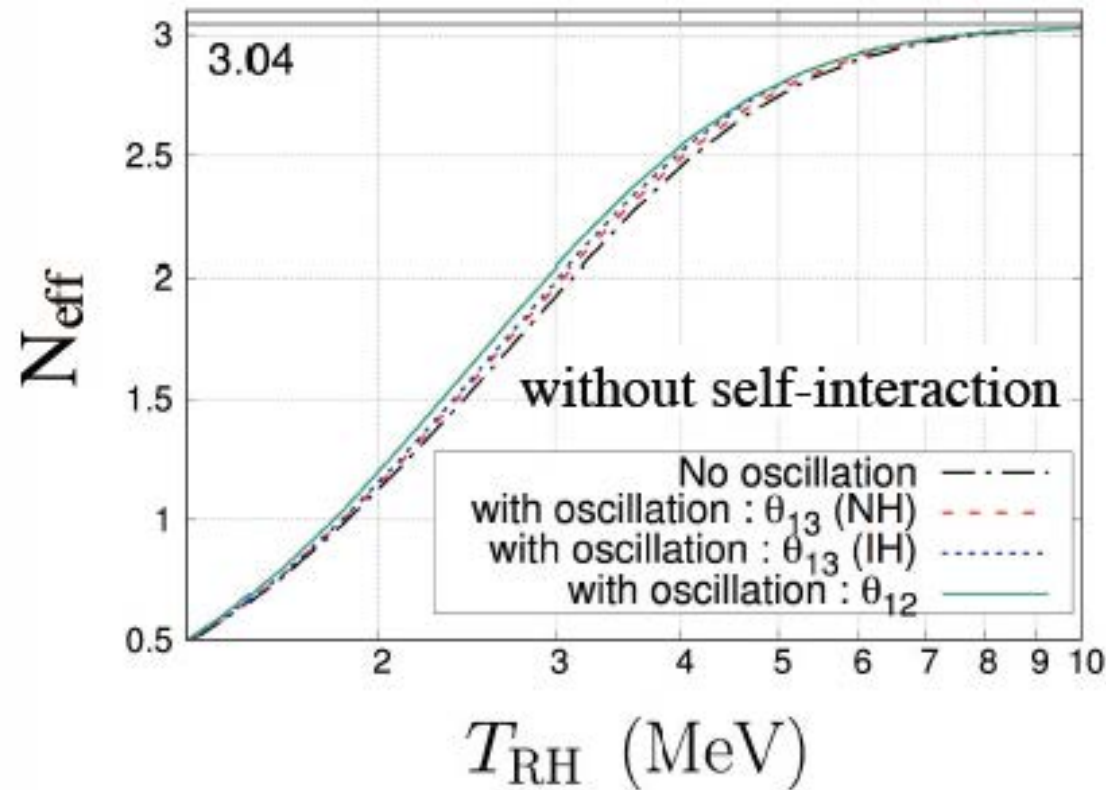
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \mathcal{H}_{\text{vac}} + \mathcal{H}_e + \mathcal{H}_\nu \\ &= \frac{\delta m^2}{2E} B - \frac{8\sqrt{2}G_F E \varrho_{e^\pm} L}{3m_W^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\sqrt{2}G_F}{2\pi^2} \int dE' E'^2 [\rho(E') - \bar{\rho}^*(E')] \end{aligned}$$

$$B = U (\text{diag} [-1/2, 1/2]) U^\dagger, L = \text{diag} [1, 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{H}_{\text{mat}}| &\approx |\mathcal{H}_{\text{vac}}| \Rightarrow \\ T_c &\approx G_F^{-1/3} (\delta m^2 \cos 2\theta)^{1/6} \approx \begin{cases} 3 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{\delta m_{12}^2}{2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2} \right)^{1/6} \\ 5 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{\delta m_{13}^2}{7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2} \right)^{1/6} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thermalization of three active neutrinos

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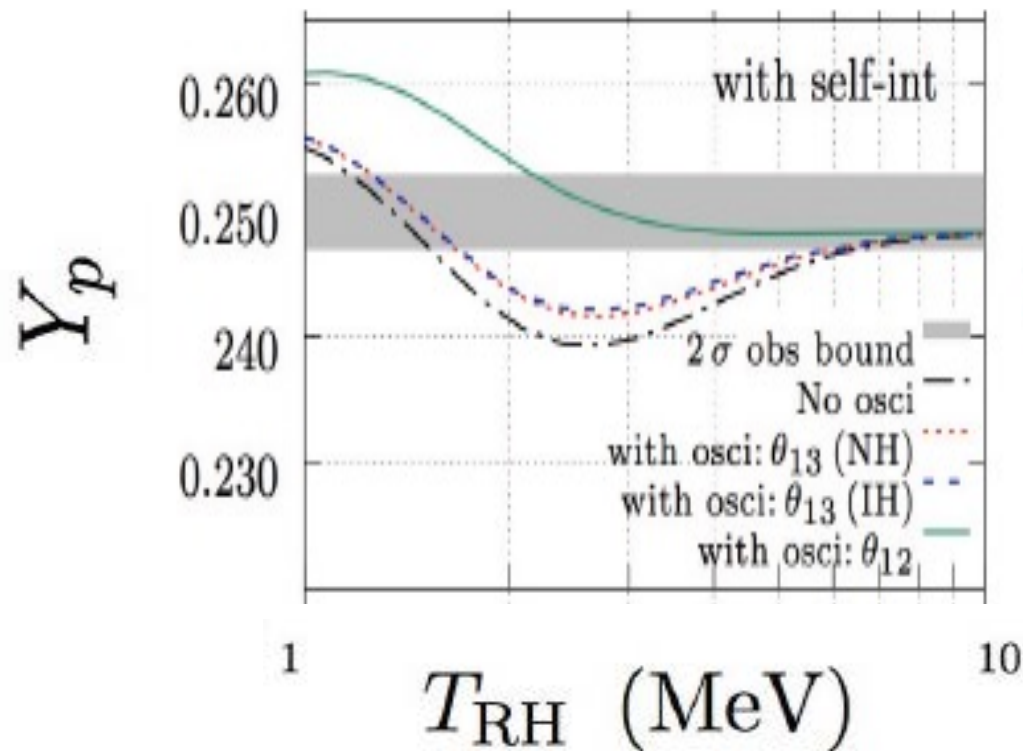
T_{RH} $\rightarrow$ N_{eff}

with ν oscillation or self-int. $\rightarrow$ N_{eff}

Helium 4 abundance Y

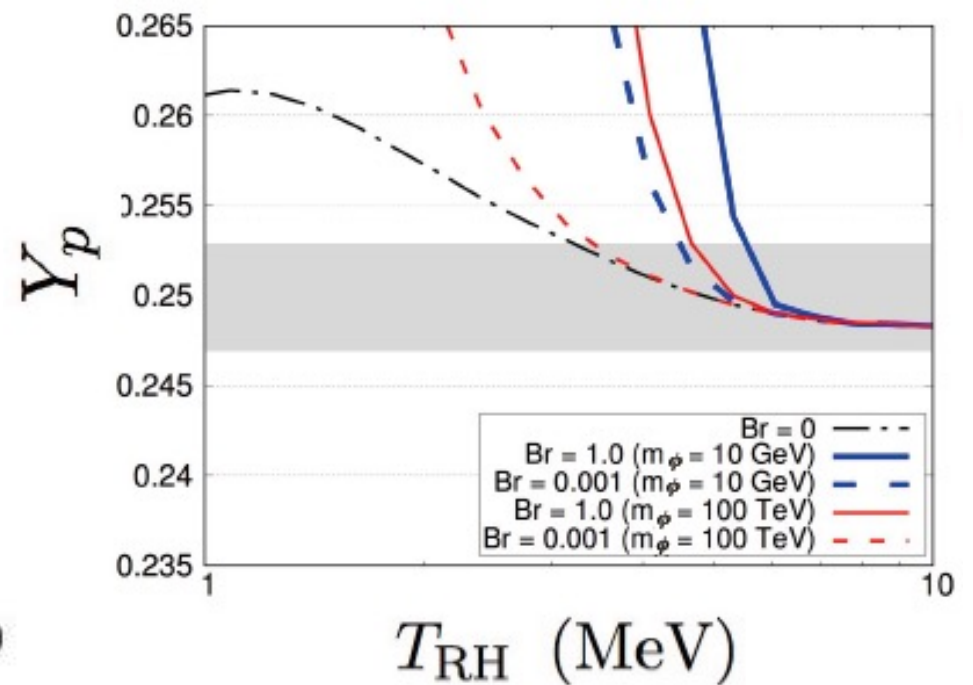
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Radiative decay



$\rightarrow \gamma, e^\pm \rightarrow \nu's$

Hadronic decay



$\rightarrow qq, \text{ gluon} \rightarrow \pi's$

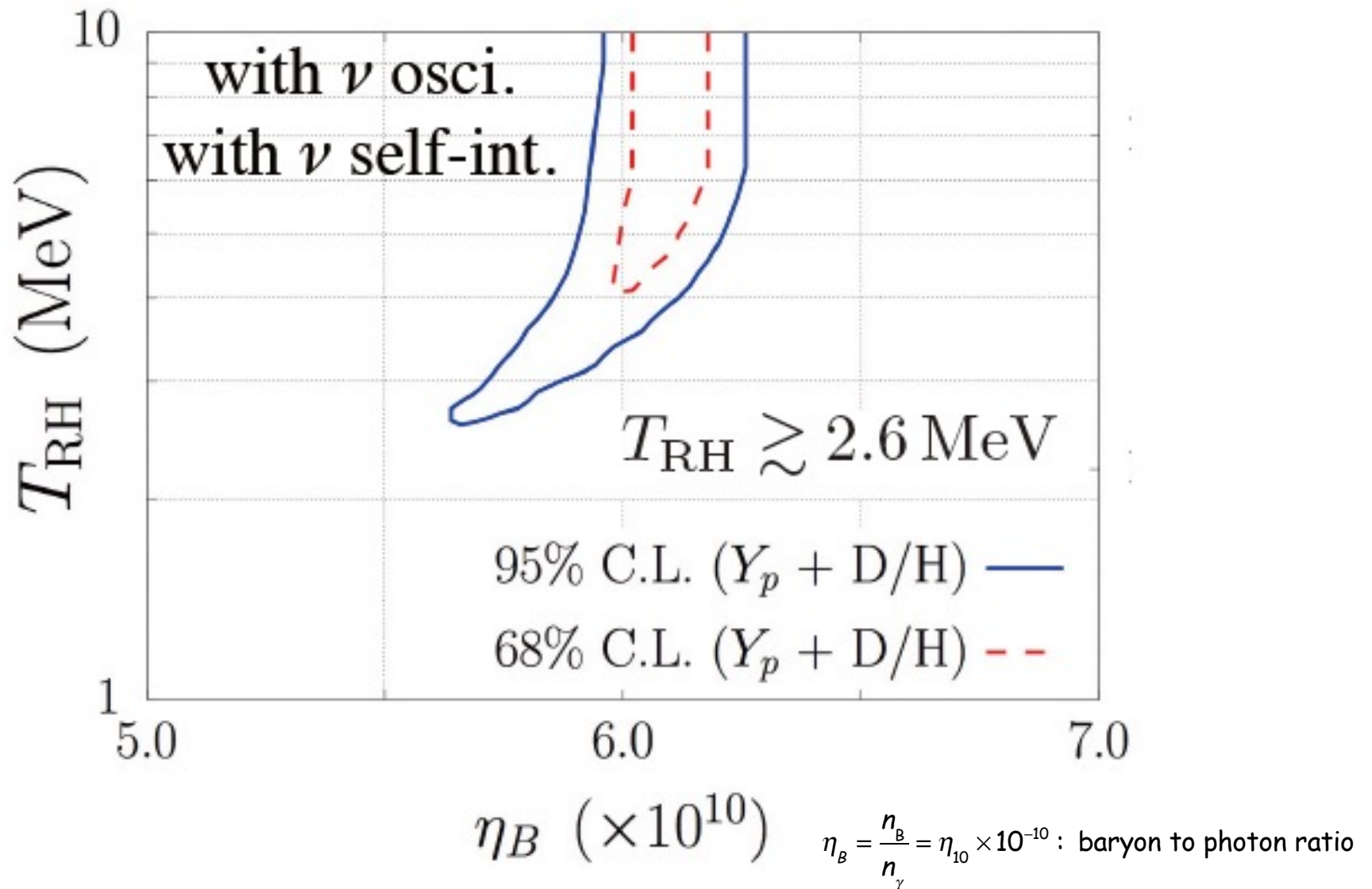
$n + \pi^+ \rightarrow p + \pi^0$

$p + \pi^- \rightarrow n + \pi^0$

$n/p \nearrow$

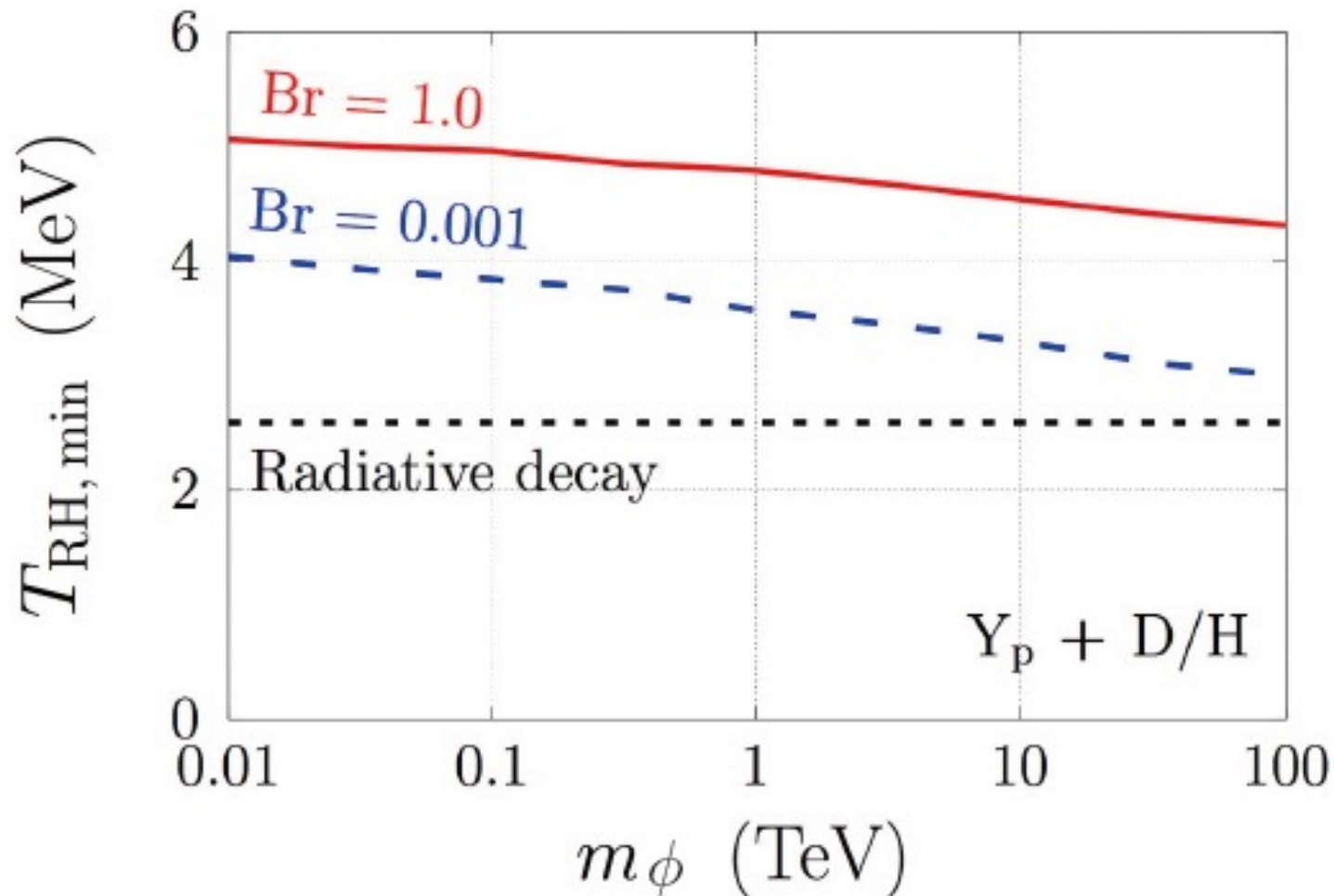
Lower bound on T_{RH} for radiative decay

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Lower bounds on T_{RH} for hadronic decay

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What about thermalization of sterile neutrinos with a MeV-scale reheating?

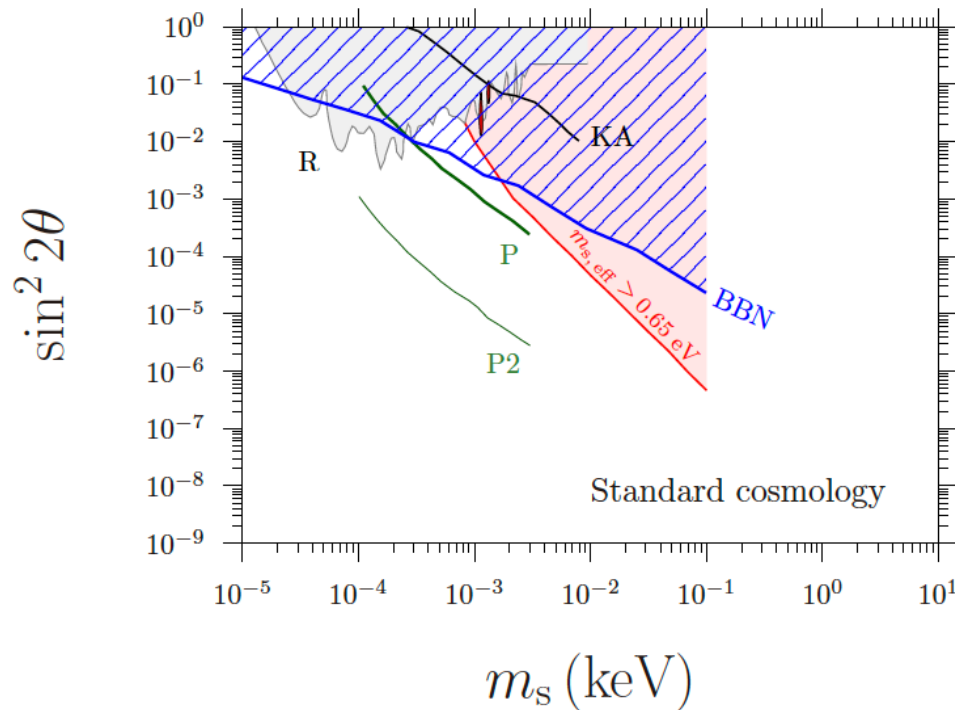
Outstanding Problem!

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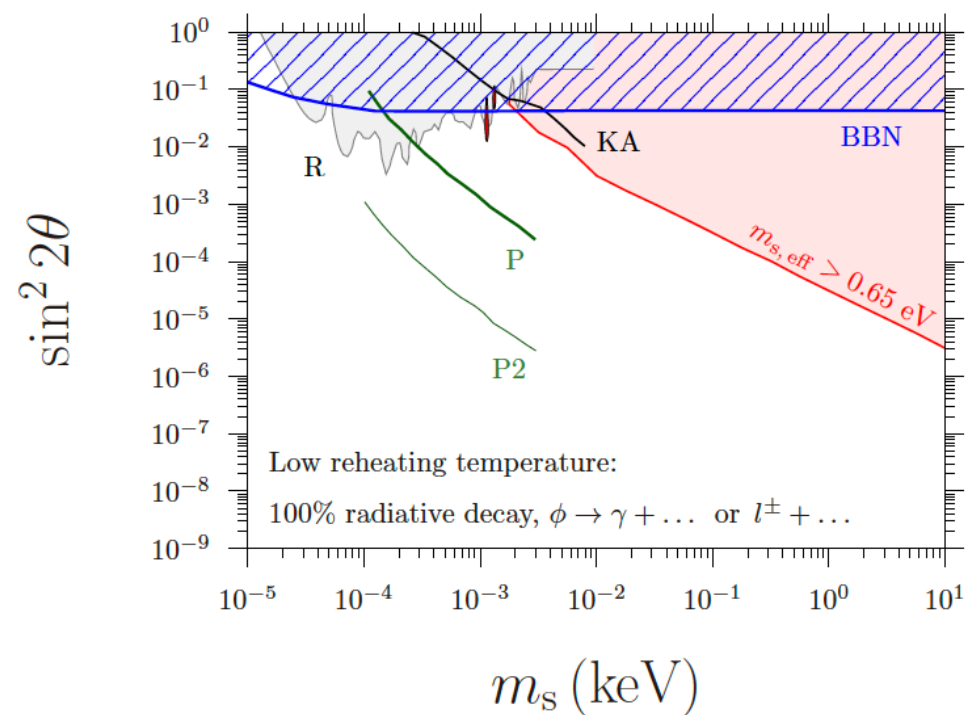
A solution of reactor anomaly

$$T_R \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$$

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$$T_R \gg 5 \text{ MeV}$$



$$T_R \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$$

Conclusion

- In supergravity, we may naturally expect a $O(1)$ MeV scale reheating temperature. then **Neutrino oscillations** in the early Universe are so effective
- From BBN (and CMB), we can constrain the lower bound on T_R to be $T_{RH} > \sim 5$ MeV even for hadronic-decay scenarios
- From observations, we will obtain information of **sterile neutrinos** which couple to active neutrinos
- This work of three active-flavors oscillations with hadronic decay scenario is the world's first!