



Heavy sterile ν 's

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Standard Model: Major Problems

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- Describes

- ▶ all experiments dealing with electroweak and strong interactions

- Does not describe (PHENO)

- ▶ Neutrino oscillations
 - ▶ Dark matter (Ω_{DM})
 - ▶ Baryon asymmetry (Ω_B)
 - ▶ Inflationary stage

- (THEORY)

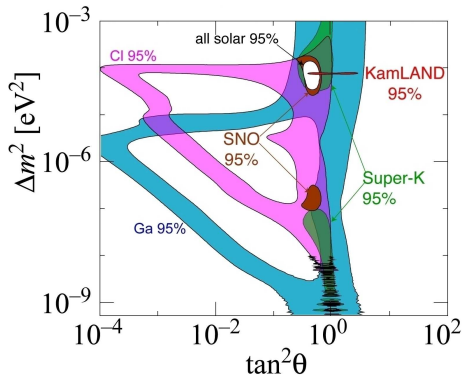
- ▶ Dark energy (Ω_Λ)
 - ▶ Strong CP-problem
 - ▶ Gauge hierarchy
 - ▶ Quantum gravity

Only direct evidence for New Physics

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Neutrino oscillations: masses and mixing angles

Solar 2×2 “subsector”

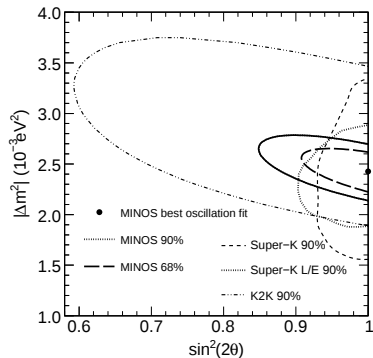


<http://hitoshi.berkeley.edu/neutrino/>

$$m_1 > 0.008 \text{ eV}$$

DAYA-BAY, RENO, T2K: $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.08$

Atmospheric 2×2 “subsector”



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$$m_2 > 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

Physics behind the neutrino oscillations is still elusive

- nature of neutrino mass (Dirac vs Majorana)
- neutrino mass hierarchy
- CP -violation
- relevance for the matter-antimatter asymmetry
- neutrino anomalies
 - ▶ LSND $\rightarrow$ MiniBooNE
 - ▶ SAGE & GALLEX (gallium anomaly)
 - ▶ reactor antineutrinos $\rightarrow$ DANSS, NEUTRINO-4

do not fit to 3ν

These issues must be fixed before suggesting ν as a tool

- Explore entire structures of Earth and Sun
- Investigate the SN explosion mechanism
- Monitor nuclear reactors (nuclear power plants, etc)
- ...

see Lecture by A.Hayes

New Physics can interfere if its scale is low

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Sterile neutrinos: NEW ingredients

One of the optional physics beyond the SM:

sterile: new fermions uncharged under the SM gauge group
neutrino: explain observed oscillations by mixing with SM (active) neutrinos

Attractive features:

- possible to achieve within **renormalizable** theory
- only $N = 2$ **Majorana** neutrinos needed
- **baryon asymmetry** via leptogenesis
- **dark matter** (with $N \geq 3$ at least)
- **light(?) sterile neutrinos might be responsible for neutrino anomalies... ?**

Disappointing feature:

Major part of parameter space is **UNTESTABLE**

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions) spin $\frac{1}{2}$

	I	II	III
mass →	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV
charge →	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
name →	Left u Right up	Left c Right charm	Left t Right top
Quarks	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$
	Left d Right down	Left s Right strange	Left b Right bottom
Leptons	<0.0001 eV ~ 10 keV	~ 0.01 eV $\sim$ GeV	~ 0.04 eV $\sim$ GeV
	Left ν_e Right N_1	Left ν_μ Right N_2	Left ν_τ Right N_3
	electron neutrino sterile neutrino	muon neutrino sterile neutrino	tau neutrino sterile neutrino
	0.511 MeV	105.7 MeV	1.777 GeV
	-1	-1	-1
	Left e Right electron	Left μ Right muon	Left τ Right tau

0	0	g	gluon
0	0	γ	photon
0	0	Z^0	weak force
91.2 GeV	0	$W^\pm$	weak force

>114 GeV	0	0	H	Higgs boson
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spin 0

Bosons (Forces) spin 1

Seesaw mechanism: $M_N \gg 1 \text{ eV}$

With $m_{\text{active}} \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$ we work in the seesaw (type I) regime:

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{N} i \not{\partial} N - f \bar{L}_e^c \tilde{H} N - \frac{M_N}{2} \bar{N}^c N + \text{h.c.}$$

Higgs gains $\langle H \rangle = v/\sqrt{2}$ and then see Lecture by S.Bilenky and Lectures by A.Smirnov

$$\mathcal{V}_N = \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{N}^c \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}} \\ v \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}} & M_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ N \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

For a hierarchy $M_N \gg M^D \equiv v \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}}$ we have

flavor state $\nu_e = U \nu_1 + \theta N$ with $U \approx 1$ and

active-sterile mixing: $\theta = \frac{M^D}{M_N} = \frac{v f}{2 M_N} \ll 1$

and mass eigenvalues

$$\approx M_N \quad \text{and} \quad -m_{\text{active}} = \theta^2 M_N \lll M_N$$

Violation of L , C and CP symmetries

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{N} i \not{\partial} N - f \bar{L}_e^c \tilde{H} N - \frac{M_N}{2} \bar{N}^c N + \text{h.c.}$$

- $f = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$ free fermion, no need to call 'sterile'
- $M_N = 0 \quad \longrightarrow$ N and ν form pure Dirac neutrino,
the most boring case, worse than we have with the Higgs boson
one may refuse to call it 'new physics'
- $f \neq 0, \quad M_N \neq 0 \quad \longrightarrow$ introduces new massive parameter,
violates lepton symmetry L see Lecture by G.Mitselmakher
(and C - and CP -symmetry with several N 's)

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When Higgs gains $\langle H \rangle = v/\sqrt{2}$ we get in neutrino sector

$$\mathcal{V}_N = \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{N}_1^c \dots \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & v \frac{\hat{f}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ v \frac{\hat{f}^T}{\sqrt{2}} & \hat{M}_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1, \dots, N_1 \dots \end{pmatrix}^T + \text{h.c.}$$

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Mixings: flavor state $v_\alpha = U_{\alpha i} v_i + \theta_{\alpha I} N_I$ neither $U_{\alpha i}$ nor $\theta_{\alpha I}$ is unitary

active-active mixing: $U^\dagger \hat{M}^\nu U = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3)$

active-sterile mixing: $\theta_{\alpha I} = \frac{(M^D)_{\alpha I}^T}{M_I} \propto \hat{f}^T \frac{v}{M_N} \ll 1$

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Active neutrino masses without new fields

Dimension-5 operator

$\Delta L = 2$

appeared at energy scale Λ

$$\mathcal{L}^{(5)} = \frac{F_{\alpha\beta}}{4\Lambda} \bar{L}_\alpha \tilde{H} H^\dagger L_\beta^c + \text{h.c.}$$

L_α are SM leptonic doublets, $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$, $\tilde{H}_a = \epsilon_{ab} H_b^*$, $a, b = 1, 2$;
in a unitary gauge $H^T = (0, (v+h)/\sqrt{2})$

see Lecture by S.Bilenky

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\nu}^{(5)} = \frac{v^2 F_{\alpha\beta}}{4\Lambda} \times \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_\alpha \nu_\beta^c + \text{h.c.} = m_{\alpha\beta} \times \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nu}_\alpha \nu_\beta^c + \text{h.c.}$$

where

Λ is the scale of new dynamics

only their ratio is fixed

$F_{\alpha\beta}$ is the strength of new dynamics

by the scale of active neutrino masses

Perturbative regime for model parameters

$$\frac{v^2 F_{\alpha\beta}}{4\Lambda} = m_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$F_{\alpha\beta} \lesssim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Lambda \lesssim 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \times \left(\frac{3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

The model has to be UV-completed at the scale $\Lambda \rightarrow$

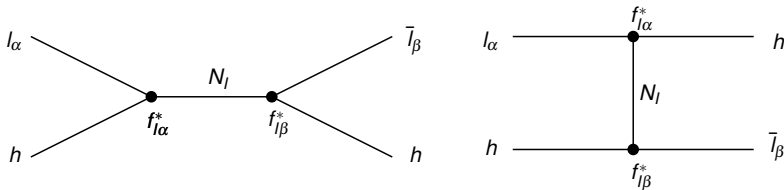
New physics

What is above Λ ?

Producing the effective dim-5 operator below M_N

integrating out the Heavy sterile neutrinos

see Lecture by S.Bilenky



thus we obtain

$$\propto \frac{f^2}{M_N} l h l h \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{F(LH)(LH)}{\Lambda}$$

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see Lectures by A.Smirnov

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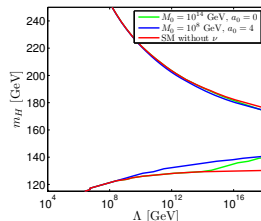
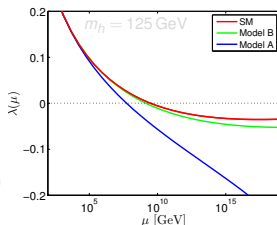
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and change the Higgs mass window

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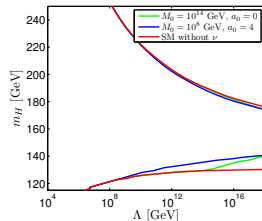
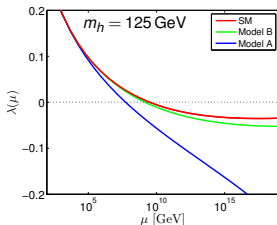
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Where is sterile neutrino scale?

eigenvalues: $\simeq \hat{M}_N$ and $\hat{M}^v = -\hat{M}^{D\dagger} \frac{1}{\hat{M}_N} \hat{M}^D \propto f^2 \frac{v^2}{M_N} \lll M_N$

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Integrating out sterile neutrinos get dim-5 operator $-f_{\alpha I} \bar{L}_\alpha \tilde{H} N_I - \frac{M_{N_I}}{2} \bar{N}_I^c N_I \rightarrow f^2 (LH)^2 / M_N$

SM Higgs without NP at EW-scale favors sterile neutrinos at EW-scale (or below) !

- Majorana mass violates scale-invariance $\implies$ finite corrections $\delta m_h^2 \propto f^2 M_N^2$
- Scale invariance helps to abandon infinite corrections $\delta m_h^2 \propto f^2 \Lambda^2$
- In SM scale invariance is broken by the Higgs mass and running of coupling constants
 $T_\mu^\mu \propto \beta(\alpha) \times \hat{O} + (m_h^2 + \alpha \Lambda^2) \times h^2 \implies$ quadratic divergences are irrelevant

$\delta m_h^2 \lesssim m_h^2$ then $M_N \lesssim 10^7 \text{ GeV}$

see Lectures by A.Smirnov

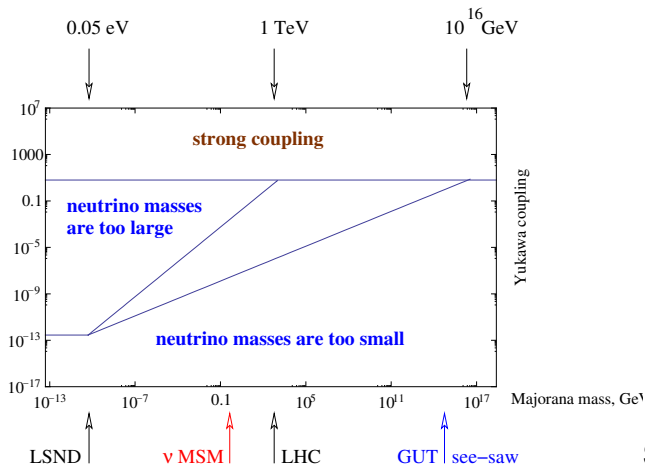
W.Bardeen (1995)

Sterile neutrino mass scale: $\hat{M}_V = -v^2 \hat{f}^T \hat{M}_N^{-1} \hat{f}$

NB: With fine tuning in $\hat{M}_N$ and $\hat{f}$ we can get a hierarchy in sterile neutrino masses, and 1 keV and even 1 eV sterile neutrinos

$L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau$ or discrete symmetries
Froggatt-Nielsen mechanism

Extended seesaw



Seesaw diagram

Sterile neutrino lagrangian

Most general renormalizable with 2(3...) right-handed neutrinos N_I

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \bar{N}_I i \not{\partial} N_I - f_{\alpha I} \bar{L}_\alpha \tilde{H} N_I - \frac{M_{N_I}}{2} \bar{N}_I^c N_I + \text{h.c.}$$

Parameters to be determined from experiments

9(7): **active neutrino sector**

2 Δm_{ij}^2 : oscillation experiments

3 θ_{ij} : oscillation experiments

1 CP-phase: oscillation experiments

2(1) Majorana phases: $0 \nu e e$,

$0 \nu \mu \mu$

1(0) m_ν : $^3\text{H} \rightarrow ^3\text{He} + e + \bar{\nu}_e$, cosmology, ...

11: $N = 2$ sterile neutrinos

(works if $m_\nu = 0$!!!)

2: Majorana masses M_{N_I}

9: New Yukawa couplings $f_{\alpha I}$

which form

2: Dirac masses $M^D = f \langle H \rangle$

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Profit: can suggest why neutrinos are so light, $m_\nu \sim 0.1 - 0.01$ eV

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Baryogenesis

- Need BAU $\eta_B \equiv n_B/n_\gamma \approx 6 \times 10^{-10}$ starting from BBN epoch, $T \lesssim 1$ MeV
- The same number at recombination and later

Sakharov conditions of successful baryogenesis

- **B**-violation $(\Delta B \neq 0) \quad XY \dots \rightarrow X' Y' \dots B$
- **C**- & **CP**-violation $(\Delta C \neq 0, \Delta CP \neq 0) \quad \bar{X} \bar{Y} \dots \rightarrow \bar{X}' \bar{Y}' \dots \bar{B}$
- processes above are out of equilibrium $X' Y' \dots B \rightarrow XY \dots$

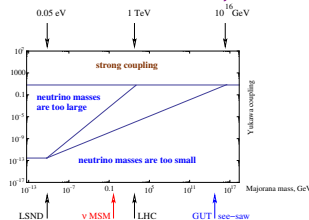
At $100 \text{ GeV} \lesssim T \lesssim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ nonperturbative processes (EW-sphalerons) violate B , L_α , so that only three charges are conserved out of four, e.g.

$$B - L, \quad L_e - L_\mu, \quad L_e - L_\tau$$

Leptogenesis: Baryogenesis from lepton asymmetry of the Universe ... due to sterile neutrinos

Bonus: depends on the sterile neutrino mass range

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There are different regions:

$M_N \sim 1 \text{ eV} - 100 \text{ GeV}$

- keV-scale dark matter
- BAU via leptogenesis
- Neutrino anomalies (1 eV sterile neutrinos?)

direct searches!

$M_N \sim 100 \text{ GeV} - 5 \text{ TeV}$

- BAU via leptogenesis

$$f \sim 10^{-6} \simeq Y_e$$

but with fine tuning or new global or gauge symmetries (e.g. $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$)

direct searches at colliders

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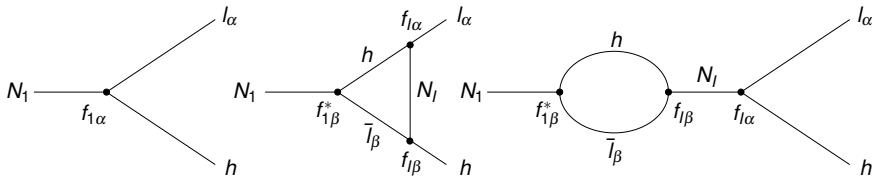
$$f \simeq 0.01 - 1$$

Untestable...?
or already confirmed?

preferred by many, see Lectures by S.Bilenky, A.Smirnov

Lepton asymmetry δ at 1-loop level

$$f_{l\alpha} \bar{L}_\alpha N_l \tilde{H}$$



$$\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow lh) = \frac{M_1}{8\pi} \cdot \sum_\alpha \left| f_{1\alpha} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{\beta,l} F\left(\frac{M_1}{M_l}\right) \cdot f_{1\beta}^* f_{l\alpha} f_{l\beta} \right|^2, \quad m_\nu \ll M_l$$

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow lh) - \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow \bar{l}h)}{\Gamma_{tot}} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{l=2,3} \text{Im} \left[F\left(\frac{M_1}{M_l}\right) \right] \cdot \frac{\text{Im}(\sum_\alpha f_{1\alpha} f_{l\alpha}^*)^2}{\sum_\gamma |f_{1\gamma}|^2}.$$

$$\text{for } M_{2,3} \gg M_1, f\left(\frac{M_1}{M_l}\right) = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{M_1}{M_l}, \quad \delta = \frac{3M_1}{16\pi} \frac{1}{\sum_\gamma |y_{1\gamma}|^2} \sum_{\alpha\beta l} \text{Im} \left[y_{1\alpha} y_{1\beta} \left(y_{l\alpha}^* \frac{1}{M_l} y_{l\beta}^* \right) \right].$$

Superheavy sterile neutrinos: $M_N \simeq 10^{12}-10^{14}$ GeV

- **Motivation:** close to GUT scales, e.g. $SO(10)$
- **Bad fact:** huge finite quantum corrections $\delta m_H^2 \propto f^2 M_N^2 \gg m_H^2 (\Rightarrow M_N < 10^7 \text{ GeV})$
SUSY solution? (New fields...new problems: e.g. gravitino overproduction with high T_{reh} for leptogenesis)
- **Good fact:** If $T > M_N$ decays of thermal sterile neutrino yield the lepton asymmetry in the early Universe: M.Fukugita, T.Yanagita (1986)

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow lh) - \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow \bar{l}h)}{\Gamma_{tot}} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_{l=2,3} f \left(\frac{M_{N_l}}{M_{N_1}} \right) \cdot \frac{\text{Im}(\sum_{\alpha} f_{1\alpha} f_{l\alpha}^*)^2}{\sum_{\gamma} |f_{1\gamma}|^2}.$$

Needs $M_{N_1} \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$ or $M_{N_1} \gtrsim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ without fine tuning in $\hat{f}$

- **Exciting fact:** to avoid washing out of Δ_L in $hl_{\alpha} \leftrightarrow h\bar{l}_{\beta}$ we need ...
 $M^{\nu} < 0.1 - 0.3 \text{ eV} !!!$
- **Cooling down:** No way to test further. Can get $\Delta_B \sim 10^{-10}$ even with
 $\theta_{13} = \delta_{CP} = 0!$

NB: can work for nonthermal case as well

production by inflaton decay G.Lazaridies, Q.Shafi (1991)

e.g. in R^2 -inflation D.G., A.Panin (2010)

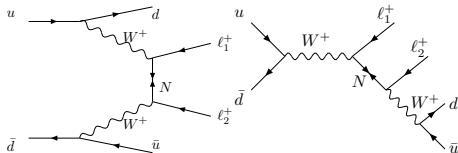
Very heavy sterile neutrinos: $M_N \simeq 100 \text{ GeV} - 5 \text{ TeV}$

- **Good fact:** small finite quantum corrections $\delta m_H^2 \propto f^2 M_N^2 \ll m_H^2$
No hierarchy between Λ_ν and Λ_{EW}
- **Bad fact:** Without extra symmetries, fine tuning or new interactions generation of lepton asymmetry and hence No BAU
- **Way out:** fine tuning can help: e.g. resonant enhancement of CP-violation in out-of-equilibrium sterile neutrino decays:
leptogenesis for $M_N \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ if $\Delta M_N \sim \Gamma_N$ Pilaftsis (1997,...)
- **Further cooling down:**
can be directly produced but at a tiny amount only: as small as $f \sim 10^{-6}$!
- **Conclusion:** Seesaw type I is generally untestable in direct searches:
Yukawa couplings are too small, while sterile neutrinos are quite heavy.

To make interesting either NEW fields or fine tuning (larger f)
or symmetries, e.g. $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ are required!!!

Very heavy sterile neutrinos: $M_N \simeq 50 \text{ GeV} - 5 \text{ TeV}$

- Without fine tuning or extra symmetries:
can be directly produced but @ tiny amount: $f \sim 10^{-6}$!
- With extra symmetries and/or interactions, e.g. $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
can be studied at LHC $pp \rightarrow W_R \rightarrow \mu N$
- Indirect searches ... $\Delta L = 2$ processes $pp \rightarrow \dots \mu^+ \mu^+ \dots$, $t \rightarrow b \mu^+ \mu^+ W^-$
 $D^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ K^-$, $K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^+ \pi^-$
see Lectures by B.Kayser



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^{\pm*} W^{\pm*} \rightarrow \ell_1^{\pm} \ell_2^{\pm} X) = (2 - \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}) \left| \theta_{\ell_1 N} \theta_{\ell_2 N} \right|^2 \sigma_0(WW)$$

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow W^{\pm*} \rightarrow \ell_1^{\pm} \ell_2^{\pm} W^{\mp}) \approx (2 - \delta_{\ell_1 \ell_2}) \sigma(pp \rightarrow \ell_1^{\pm} N) Br(N \rightarrow \ell_2^{\pm} W^{\mp})$$

- Conclusion:** Seesaw type I is testable only indirectly for this range of masses. To make interesting NEW fields (symmetries) are required!!!

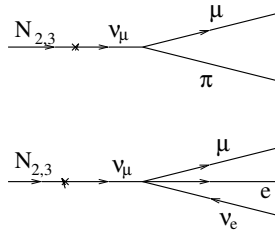
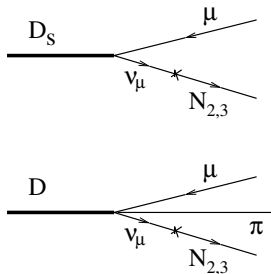
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Heavy sterile neutrinos: $M_N \simeq 1 \text{ keV}-100 \text{ GeV}$

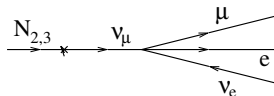
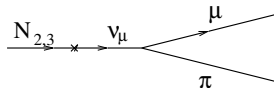
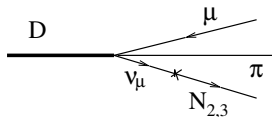
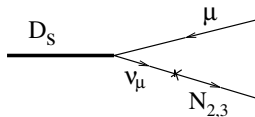
- Good fact: small finite quantum corrections $\delta m_H^2 \propto f^2 M_N^2 \ll m_H^2$
True low-energy scale modification of the SM
- Good fact: At $T > 100 \text{ GeV}$ active-sterile neutrino oscillations produce lepton asymmetry in the early Universe, if $\Delta M_N \ll M_N$
E.Akhmedov, V.Rubakov, A.Smirnov (1998)
- can be directly produced !!

Weak decays due to mixing



More on direct searches

Weak decays due to mixing



$$\Gamma(A \rightarrow N + \dots) \propto \theta^2$$

$$\Gamma(N \rightarrow B + \dots) \propto \theta^2$$

- Searches for production of N : $S \propto \theta^2$
- Searches for decays of N :

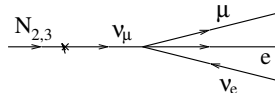
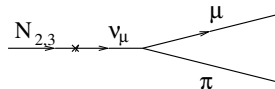
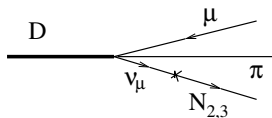
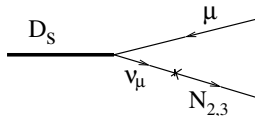
e.g. peaks in p_μ

If the decay length is shorter than the detector size,
but with $\theta^2 \rightarrow 0$ arrive at

$$S \propto \theta^2$$

$$S \propto \theta^2 \times \theta^2$$

And More...



- Amplification of production in $1 \rightarrow 2$ (chirality)

$$\Gamma(M \rightarrow N + l) \propto \theta^2 M_N^2$$

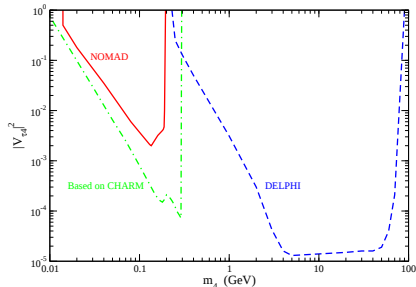
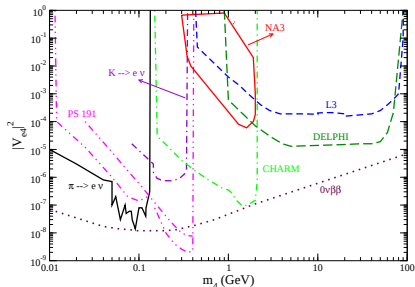
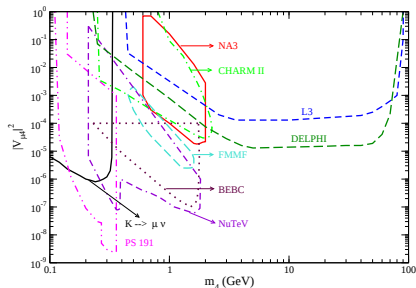
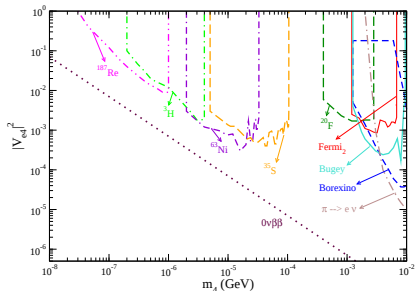
- heavy N decay is fast

$$\tau = \frac{\tau_\mu}{\theta^2} \times \left(\frac{m_\mu}{M_N} \right)^5 = 10^{-10} \text{ s} \times \frac{10^{-6}}{\theta^2} \times \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{M_N} \right)^5$$

tends to decay inside the detector

Limits 10 years ago...

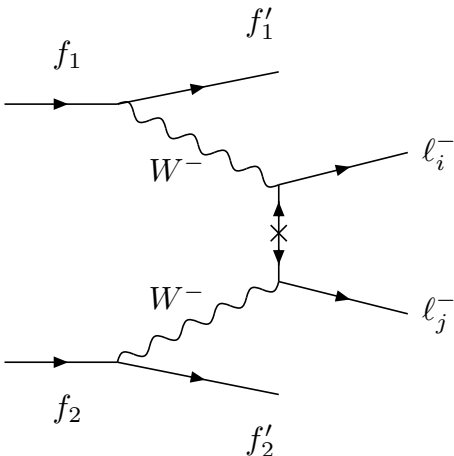
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Indirect searches: $\Delta L = 2$ processes

 $0\nu\beta\beta$

limits are only for one sterile neutrino...



for light sterile neutrinos

$$\langle m \rangle_{\ell_i \ell_j}^2 = \left| \sum_I U_{\ell_i I} U_{\ell_j I} M_{N_I} \right|^2$$

for heavy sterile neutrinos

$$\left| \sum_I \frac{V_{\ell_i I} V_{\ell_j I}}{M_{N_I}} \right|^2,$$

How far we should go?

ν MSM

T.Asaka, S.Blanchet, M.Shaposhnikov (2005)

see Lectures by A.Smirnov

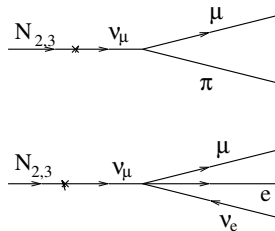
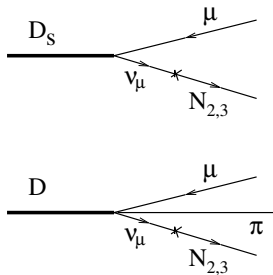
- Seesaw mechanism is provided mostly by two 'heavy' sterile neutrinos
lightest active is almost massless
- They are (highly) degenerate in mass, $\Delta M_N \ll M_N$ producing matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe via leptogenesis in primordial plasma at $T > 100 \text{ GeV}$
E.Akhmedov, V.Rubakov, A.Smirnov (1998)
mixing is constrained from above and from below !!
- The third 'light' sterile neutrino, $M_N \simeq 1\text{-}10 \text{ keV}$, is almost decoupled and serve as dark matter
mixing is constrained from above and from below !!

the model explain while the previous experiments fail. . .

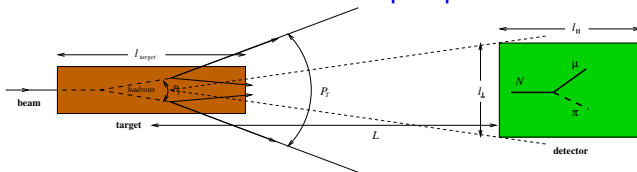
the model can be fully explored

Heavy sterile neutrinos: direct searches

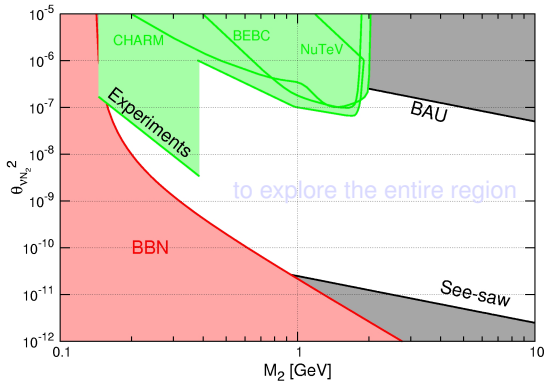
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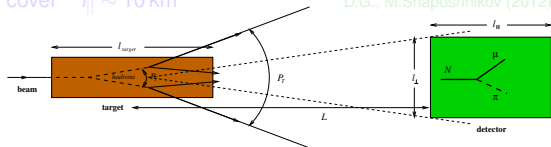
Production in beam-dump experiments



Heavy sterile neutrinos on example of ν MSM



For 10^{20} PoT at 450 GeV (SPS) detectors have to cover $l_{||} \sim 10$ km



D.G., M.Shaposhnikov (2012)

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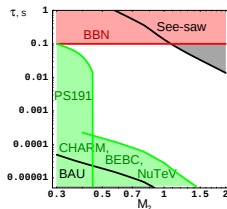
$$\text{Br}(D_s \rightarrow \eta IN) \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$\text{Br}(D \rightarrow K^* IN) \lesssim 7 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

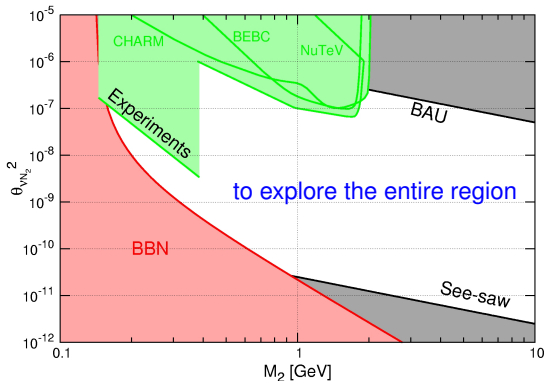
$$\text{Br}(B \rightarrow DIN) \lesssim 7 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$\text{Br}(B \rightarrow D^* IN) \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

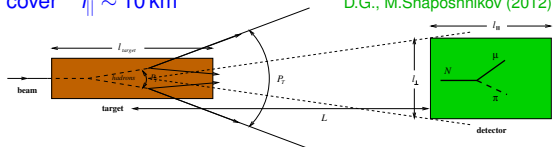
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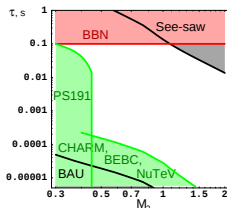
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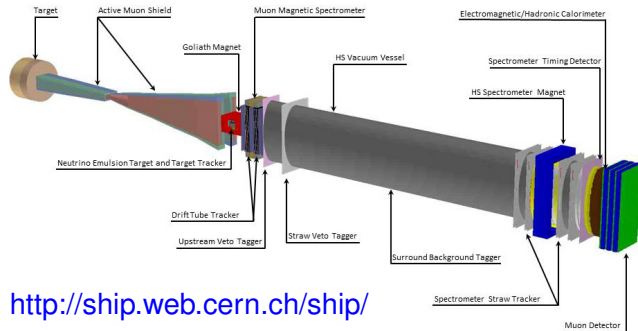
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Towards a dedicated experiment

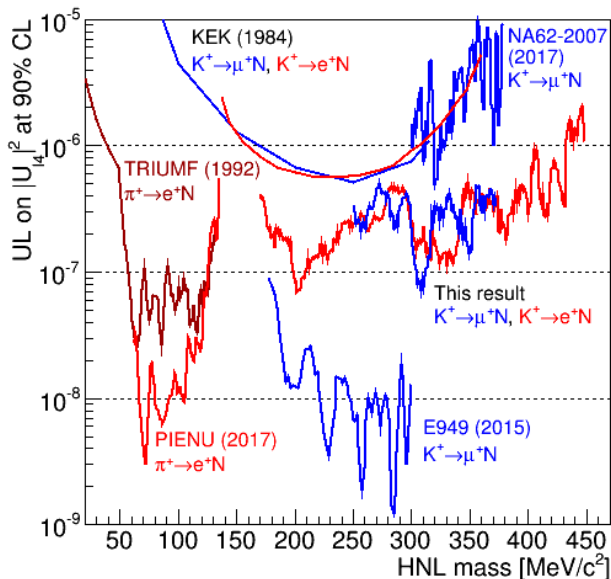
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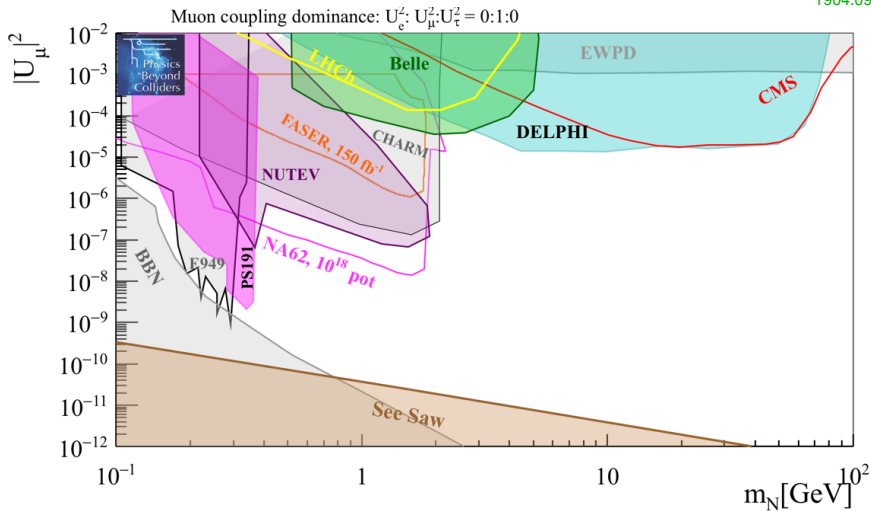
Present limits from production

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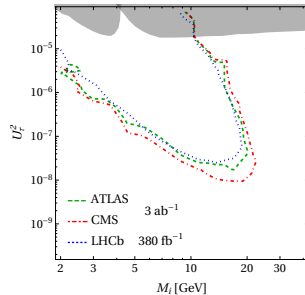
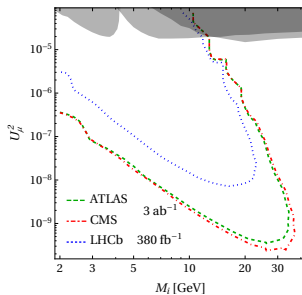
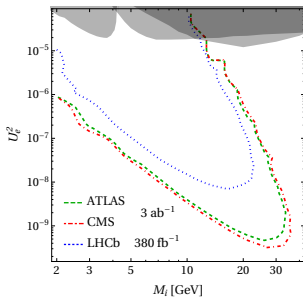
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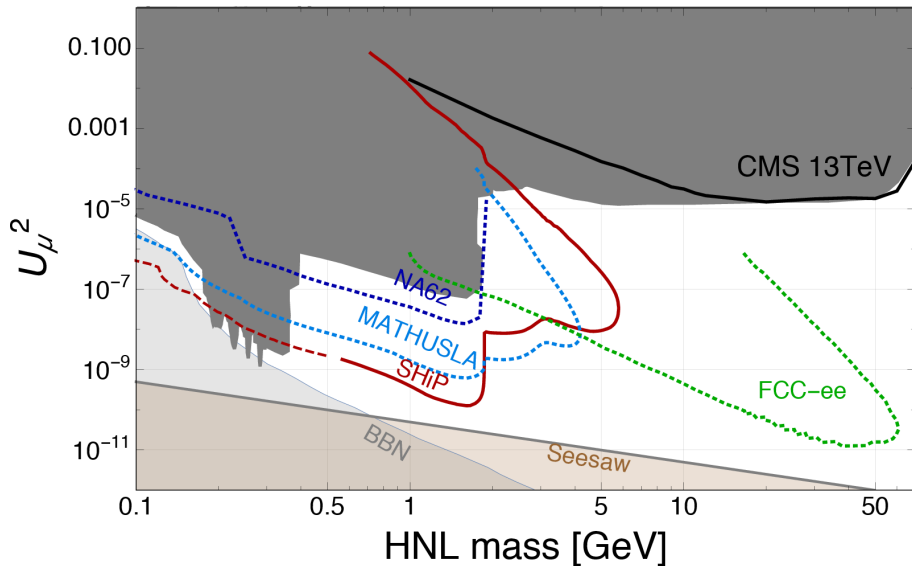
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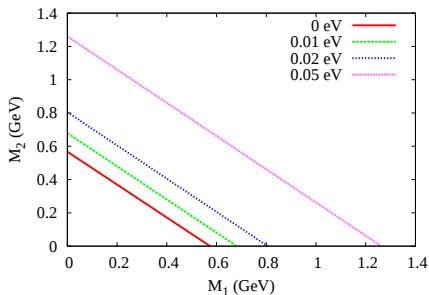
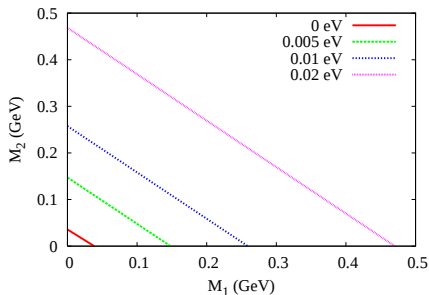
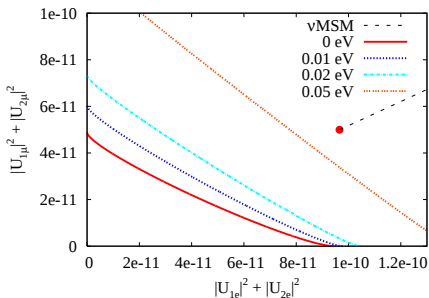
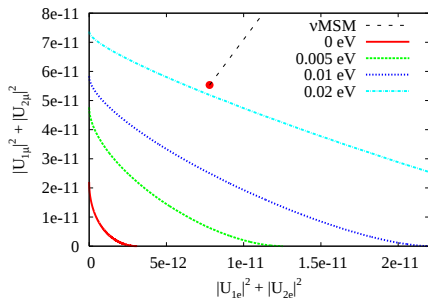
New projects. . .

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Lowest mixing to falsify Seesaw type I

D.G., A.Panin (2013)



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Sterile neutrino: a vast region of mass

Within the seesaw paradigm, as far as

$$m_a \sim \frac{f^2 v^2}{M_N^2} M_N \sim \theta^2 M_N$$

Any set

(mass scale M_N , Yukawa coupling f)

is viable

And with special tuning or symmetry larger (but not smaller) mixing

is viable

$$\hat{m}_a \sim \hat{f}^T \frac{1}{\hat{M}_N} \hat{f} v^2$$

Dark Matter properties from cosmology: $p = 0$

(If) particles:

- 1 **stable** on cosmological time-scale
requires new (almost) **conserved quantum number**
 - 2 **produced in the early Universe** at $T > 100 \text{ eV}$
 - 3 **nonrelativistic** particles long before RD/MD-transition ($T = 0.8 \text{ eV}$)
(either **Cold** or **Warm**, $v_{RD/MD} \lesssim 10^{-3}$)
Otherwise no small-size structures, like dwarf galaxies:
smoothed out by free streaming
- If were in **thermal equilibrium**: $M_X \gtrsim 1 \text{ keV}$
- 4 (almost) **collisionless** $p = 0$, $v_{\text{sound}} = 0$
 - 5 (almost) electrically **neutral** CMB distortion
 - 6 **all matter inhomogeneities (perturbations) are adiabatic**:

$$\delta \left(\frac{n_B}{n_{DM}} \right) = \delta \left(\frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \right) = \delta \left(\frac{n_\nu}{n_\gamma} \right) = 0$$

Sterile neutrino: well-motivated keV-mass Dark Matter

- massive fermions giving mass to active neutrino through mixing (seesaw)

$$m_a \sim \frac{f^2 v^2}{M_N^2} M_N \sim \theta^2 M_N$$

- unstable, $N \rightarrow \nu \nu \nu$ is always open
but exceeding the age of the Universe if

(applicable for $M_N < M_W$)

$$\tau_{N \rightarrow 3\nu} \sim 1 / \left(G_F^2 M_N^5 \theta_{\alpha N}^2 \right) \implies \theta^2 < 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{50 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^5$$

- with seesaw constraint $m_a \sim \theta^2 M_N$

$$\tau_{N \rightarrow 3\nu} \sim 1 / \left(G_F^2 M_N^4 m_\nu \right) \sim 10^{11} \text{ yr} (10 \text{ keV} / M_N)^4$$

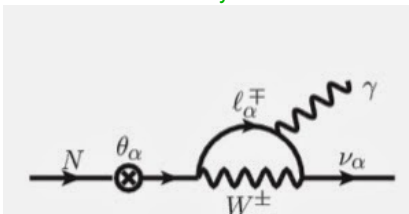
Sterile neutrino: indirect searches

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- **unstable**, but exceeding the age of the Universe if

$$\frac{\theta^2}{3 \times 10^{-3}} < \left(\frac{10 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^5$$

- **DM sterile neutrinos can be searched at X-ray telescopes because of two-body radiative decay**
give limits in absence of the feature



a narrow line ($\delta E_\gamma / E_\gamma \sim \nu \sim 10^{-3}$)
at photon frequency $E_\gamma = M_N/2$

$$\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-11}} \lesssim \left(\frac{10 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^4$$

$$F_\gamma \propto \Gamma_N \rho_N / M_N \dots$$

Can seesaw neutrino serve as DM ?

$$\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-11}} \lesssim \left(\frac{10 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^4$$

one order down

$$\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-5}} \sim \left(\frac{m_a}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)$$

$$\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-7}} \lesssim \left(\frac{1 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^4$$

$$\frac{\theta^2}{10^{-4}} \sim \left(\frac{m_a}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)$$

...

How light can be this dark matter ?

Dark Matter Particle Properties

$$p = 0$$

- 1 **stable** on cosmological time-scale
- 2 **nonrelativistic** long before RD/MD-transition (either **Cold** or **Warm**, $v_{RD/MD} \lesssim 10^{-3}$, $\rightarrow M_X \gtrsim 1\text{keV}$ for thermal production)
- 3 (almost) **collisionless**
- 4 (almost) electrically **neutral**

Pauli blocking for fermions in a galaxy:

$$M_X \gtrsim 750 \text{ eV}$$

$$f(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\rho_X(\mathbf{x})}{M_X} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{2\pi} M_X v_X\right)^3} \cdot e^{-\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2M_X^2 v_X^2}} \bigg|_{\mathbf{p}=0} \leq \frac{g_X}{(2\pi)^3}$$

Decoupling of relativistic Dark Matter

Assumptions

- 1 DM particles are in equilibrium in plasma
- 2 DM decouple from plasma at temperature $T_d \gtrsim M_X$,
so they are **relativistic** (e.g. neutrino)

Later on

$$n_X(T_d) = g_X \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} T_d^3$$

$$n_X a^3 = \text{const}, \quad sa^3 = \text{const} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{n_X}{s} = \text{const} = \# \frac{g_X}{g_*(T_d)} \quad \text{useful}$$

DM particle mass M_X fixes Ω_X :

$$\Omega_X = \frac{M_X \cdot n_{X,0}}{\rho_c} = \frac{M_X \cdot s_0}{\rho_c} \frac{n}{s} \approx 0.2 \times \frac{M_X}{100 \text{ eV}} \left(\frac{g_X}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{100}{g_*(T_d)}\right)$$

– NO thermal sterile neutrino DM !!

Pauli blocking prevents fermionic DM

Matter perturbations

- CMB is isotropic, but “up to corrections, of course...”

- 1 Earth movement with respect to CMB

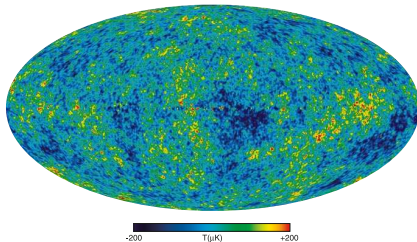
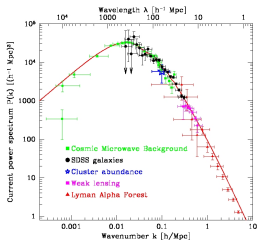
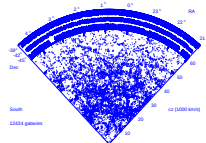
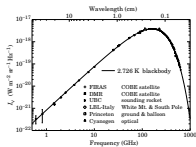
$$\frac{\Delta T_{\text{dipole}}}{T} \sim 10^{-3}$$

- 2 More complex anisotropy: $\frac{\Delta T}{T} \sim 10^{-4}$

- There were matter inhomogeneities $\Delta \rho / \rho \sim \Delta T / T$ at the stage of recombination ($e + p \rightarrow \gamma + H^+$) $\Rightarrow$ Jeans instability in the system of gravitating particles at rest $\Rightarrow \Delta \rho / \rho \nearrow$ galaxies (CDM halos)

- $\Delta \rho_{DM} / \rho_{DM} \propto a \propto 1/T$ from $T = 0.8 \text{ eV}$, while $\Delta \rho_B / \rho_B \propto a \propto 1/T$ only after recombination $T = 0.25 \text{ eV}$

without DM total growth factor would be 1100
not enough to explain structures!



Sterile neutrinos produced in plasma...

$$\Omega_N < \Omega_X = \frac{M_X \cdot n_{X,0}}{\rho_c} = \frac{M_X \cdot s_0}{\rho_c} \frac{n}{s} \approx 0.2 \times \frac{M_X}{100 \text{ eV}} \left(\frac{g_X}{2} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{100}{g_*(T_d)} \right)$$

typical momenta are

$$\frac{p_X}{M_X} \propto \frac{a_d}{a} \sim \frac{3T}{M_X} \left(\frac{g_*(T)}{g_*(T_d)} \right)^{1/3}$$

at RD/MD transition (equality) their velocities are

$$v \sim \frac{T}{1 \text{ eV}} \frac{1 \text{ keV}}{M_X} \sim 10^{-3}$$

Warm Dark Matter:

all inhomogeneities of sizes smaller than (roughly)

$$l = v \times t_{\text{Universe}}$$

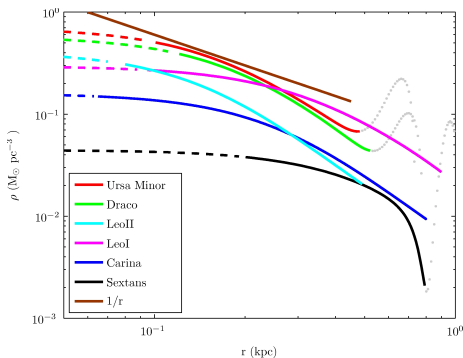
are smoothed out due to free streaming

it allows to test the model, but also...

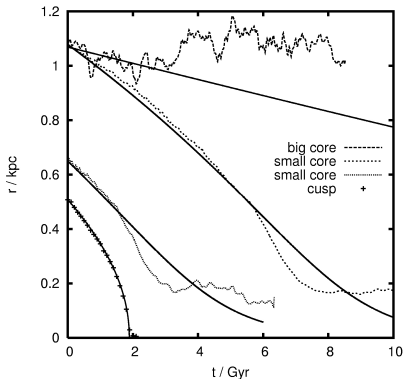
CDM Problems at small-scales ... ?

- NFW profile fits nicely DM in galaxy clusters $\rho \propto r^{-1}(r+r_c)^{-2}$
- Dwarf galaxy density profiles: $\rho_M(r) \propto r^{-(0.5-1.5)}$ cusp
most DM-dominated objects

Cores observed (?)

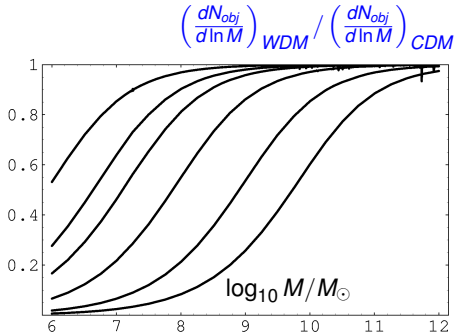
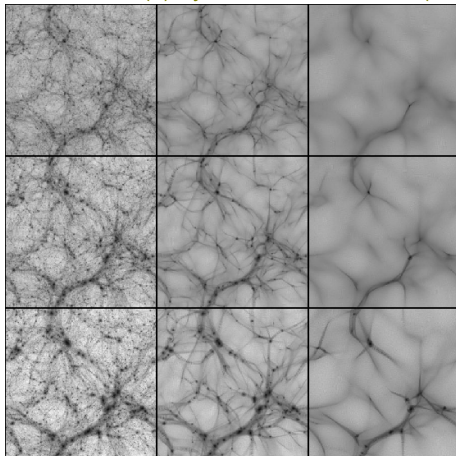


5 Clusters in the Fornax dSph



CDM Problems with small structures ... ?

- Missing satellites: $\frac{dN_{obj}}{d\ln M} \propto \frac{1}{M}$ no-scale 100 instead of 1000
- “Too big to fail” problem
- Solved (?) by Warm Dark Matter (sterile neutrino, gravitino) free-streaming



Refined constraint for DM: phase space density

after decoupling $f_i = f_i(\kappa) = \text{const}$ and defines **psd**, which remains intact due to the Liouville theorem even in galaxies with inhomogeneous distribution in space

coarse grained phase space density:

$$f(\kappa, \mathbf{x}, t) \leq \max_{\kappa} f_i(\kappa)$$

observation:

$$Q = \frac{\rho}{\langle v_{\parallel}^2 \rangle^{3/2}} \equiv \mathcal{Q} \cdot 1 \frac{M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3}{(\text{km/s})^3} = \left(5 \cdot 10^{-3} - 2 \cdot 10^{-2} \right) \frac{M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3}{(\text{km/s})^3}.$$

$$Q \simeq 3^{3/2} \frac{\rho_{DM}}{\langle v_{DM}^2 \rangle^{3/2}} = 3^{3/2} m^4 \frac{n}{\langle P^2 \rangle^{3/2}} = 3^{3/2} m^4 f(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{x}).$$

$$m^4 \gtrsim \frac{Q}{3^{3/2} \max f_i}$$

Sterile neutrino production in the early Universe

- before the EW transition, $T > T_{EW}$

$$H \rightarrow L + N, \quad \frac{\Gamma_{H \rightarrow \nu_a N}}{H} \simeq \frac{f_v^2}{16\pi} \frac{T}{H} \ll 1,$$

- after the EW transition, $T < T_{EW}$

- 1 r.h. neutrino production in scatterings

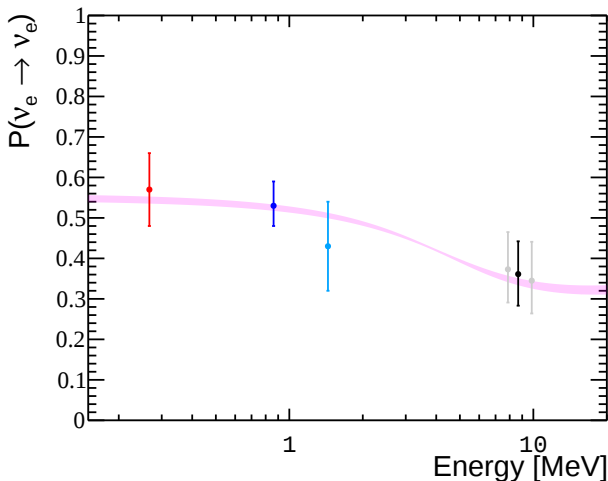
$$\nu_L + X \rightarrow N_R + Y, \quad \Gamma \propto \frac{M_D^2}{T^2}$$

- 2 sterile neutrino production in oscillations

Neutrino matter effect:

asymmetry

Mikheev–Smirnov–Wolfenstein effect



(BOREXINO)

see Lectures by B.Kayser

Fermi charged currents

$$\mathcal{L} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \bar{\nu}_e \gamma^\mu e \cdot \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \nu_e$$

only matter, no currents

$$\langle \langle \bar{e}_k \gamma_{kl}^0 e_l \rangle \rangle = \langle \langle e^\dagger e \rangle \rangle = n_e,$$

$$\langle \langle \bar{e}_k \gamma_{kl}^j e_l \rangle \rangle = 0.$$

$$\langle \langle e_k \bar{e}_l \rangle \rangle = -\frac{1}{4} \gamma_{kl}^0 \cdot n_e$$

Fermi interaction gives

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\sqrt{2}G_F n_e \bar{\nu}_e \gamma^0 \nu_e.$$

$$i\gamma^0 \partial_0 \rightarrow i\gamma^0 \partial_0 - \sqrt{2}G_F n_e \gamma^0,$$

effective potential

$$i\partial_0 - V, \text{ with } V = \sqrt{2}G_F n_e$$

competes with

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \Delta m^2 / 2E$$

Production in oscillations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f_s(t, \mathbf{p}) - H \mathbf{p} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} f_s(t, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_\alpha P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_s) f_\alpha(t, \mathbf{p}).$$

$\Gamma_\alpha \propto G_F^2 T^4 E$ is the **weak interaction** rate in plasma

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_s) = \sin^2 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} \cdot \sin^2 \left(\frac{t}{2t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}} \right),$$

$$t_\alpha^{\text{mat}} = \frac{t_\alpha^{\text{vac}}}{\sqrt{\sin^2 2\theta_\alpha + (\cos 2\theta_\alpha - V_{\alpha\alpha} \cdot t_\alpha^{\text{vac}})^2}},$$

$$\sin 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} = \frac{t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}}{t_\alpha^{\text{vac}}} \cdot \sin 2\theta_\alpha, \quad t_\alpha^{\text{vac}} = \frac{2E}{M_N^2}$$

sign of the **effective plasma potential** matters:

$$V_{\alpha\alpha} < 0 \implies \text{mixing gets suppressed}$$

$$V_{\alpha\alpha} > 0 \implies \text{amplification via resonance}$$

DM from oscillations:

(DW & ShF)

$$(\cos 2\theta_\alpha - V_{\alpha\alpha} \cdot t_\alpha^{\text{vac}})^2$$

non-resonant:

$$V_{\alpha\alpha} \sim -\# G_F^2 T^4 E$$

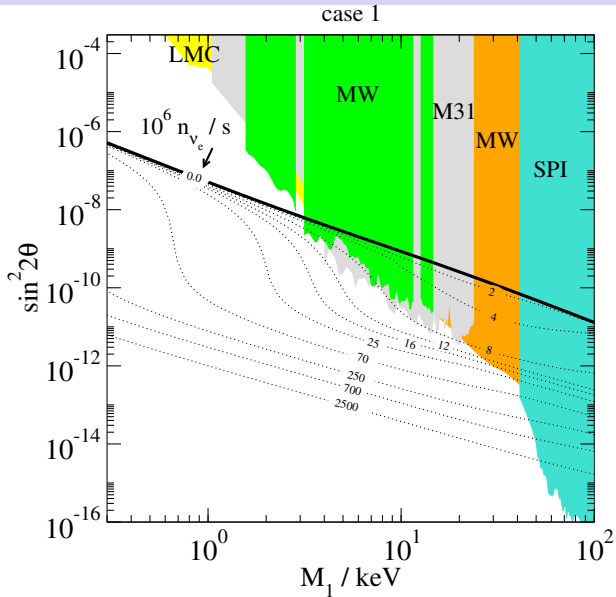
resonant production in
the lepton asymmetric
plasma

$$V_{\alpha\alpha} \sim +\# G_F T^2 \mu_{L_\alpha}$$

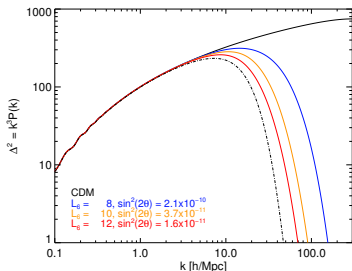
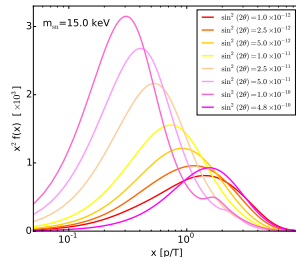
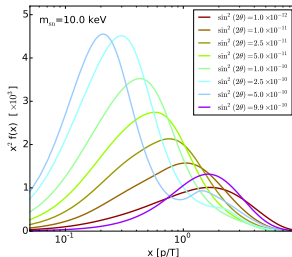
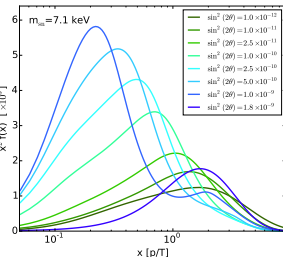
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BAU-DM relation?

$$\dots \Omega_B \sim \Omega_{DM}$$



Sterile neutrino spectra from oscillations



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non-resonant production:

thermal-shape spectrum

both models imply Warm DM, $v_{EQ} \sim 10^{-3}$,
Free Streaming at scales $L \lesssim v_{EQ}/H_{EQ} \rightarrow$

no such structures

1611.00005

$$v = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{m} = 3.15 \frac{T}{m} \left(\frac{g_*, 0}{g_*} \right)^{1/3}$$

Refined constraint for DM: phase space density

for non-resonance production

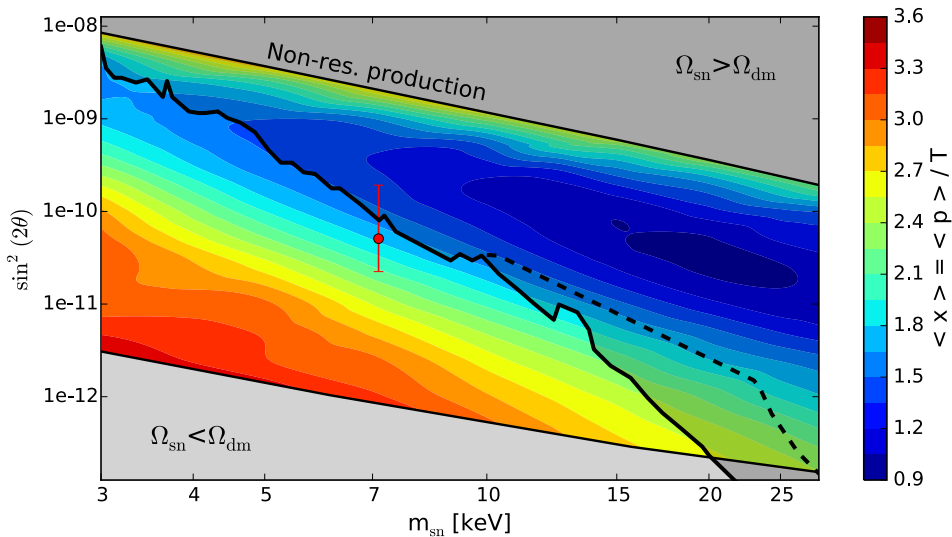
D.G., A.Khmelitsky, V.Rubakov (2008)

$$m \gtrsim 6 \text{ keV} \cdot \left(\frac{0.2}{\Omega_{DM}} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{2}{5 \cdot 10^{-3}} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{g_*(T_d)}{43/4} \right)^{1/3},$$

and about 3-6 keV for resonant one

F.Bezrukov, D.G. (work in progress)

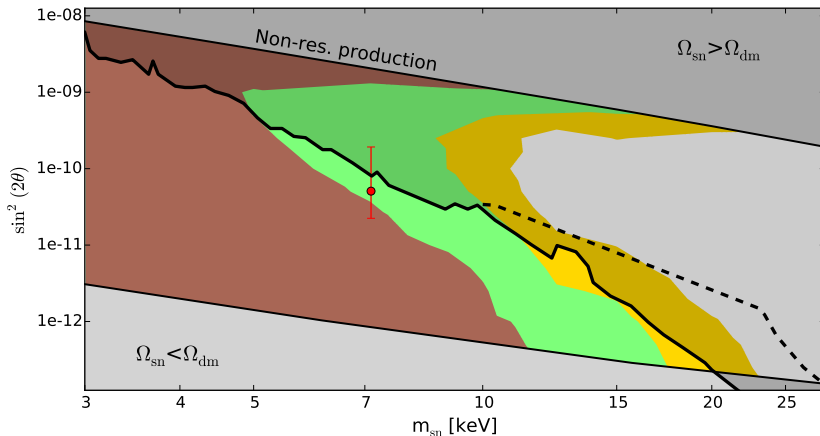
Sterile neutrino Dark Matter



A.Schneider (2016)

Sterile neutrino Dark Matter: ... gone?

A. Schneider (2016)



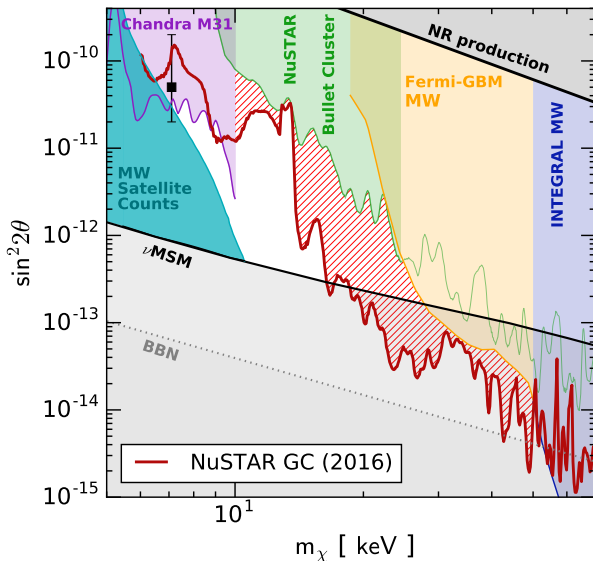
brown: MW satellite counts

green and yellow: Lyman- α

production by inflaton

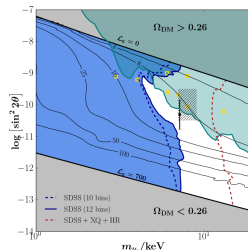
... present searches

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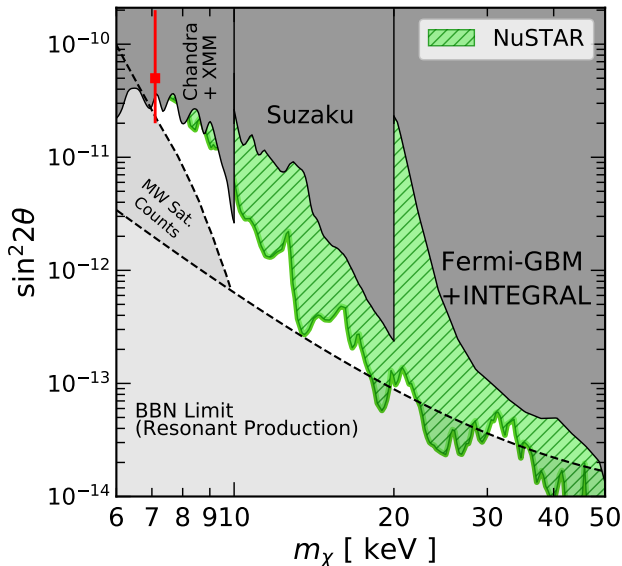
- (not a seesaw $\theta^2 \sim 10^{-5}(10\text{keV}/M_N)$)
- upper limits on mixing: from X-ray searches
- lower limits on mass: from structure formation

$$\lambda_{FS} \sim 1 \text{ Mpc} \times \frac{\text{keV}}{M_N} \frac{\langle \rho_N \rangle}{\langle \rho_V \rangle}$$



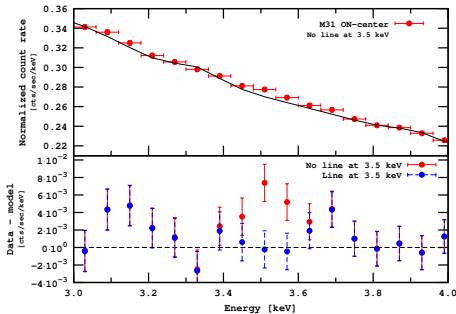
Most recent result of NuSTAR

1908.09037, see Lectures by A.Smirnov



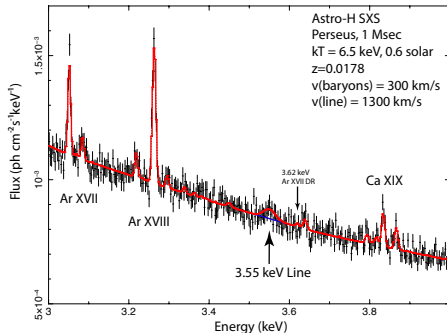
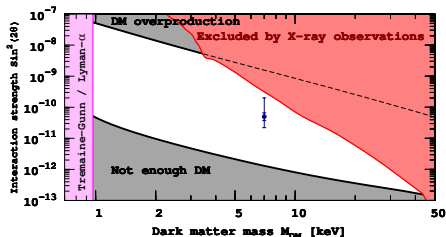
... 5 years ago: Dark Matter decay observed in X-ray?

see Lecture by S.Kulkarni



Stacking signals from many galaxies, especially Perseus cluster, then Andromeda

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Closing sterile neutrino DM? ... in a minimal variant

situation changes with just 1 new d.o.f.

$\phi \bar{N}^c N$

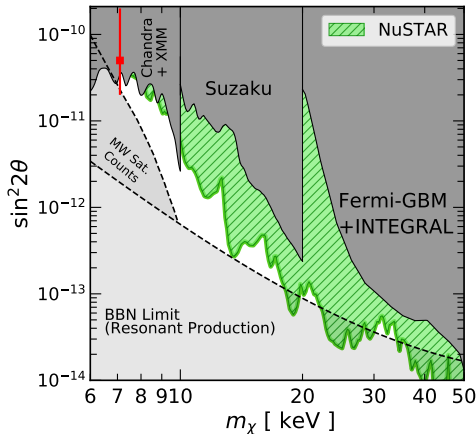
- reopen large mixings with $\Omega_N < \Omega_{DM}$ (part of DM)

to avoid X-ray bounds:

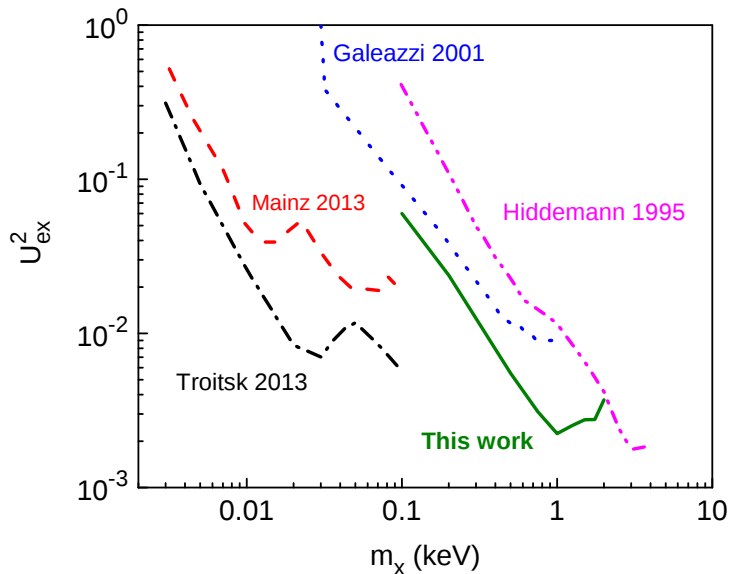
$$\theta_{X-ray}^2 = \theta_{\alpha I}^2 \frac{\Omega_N}{\Omega_{DM}}$$

direct searches: Troitsk, KATRIN
can be seesaw neutrino

- small mixing: dominant DM
testing with future telescopes
- reopen small masses with $\nu_N \ll \nu_{WDM}$,
e.g. cold sterile neutrino



Searches for DM are deep inside the forbidden region



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Larger mixing: Suppression of production

Form only a fraction of DM !!

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_s) = \sin^2 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} \cdot \sin^2 \left(\frac{t}{2t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}} \right), \quad \sin 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} = \frac{t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}}{t_\alpha^{\text{vac}}} \cdot \sin 2\theta_\alpha,$$

$$t_\alpha^{\text{mat}} = \frac{t_\alpha^{\text{vac}}}{\sqrt{\sin^2 2\theta_\alpha + (\cos 2\theta_\alpha - V_{\alpha\alpha} \cdot t_\alpha^{\text{vac}})^2}}, \quad t_\alpha^{\text{vac}} = \frac{2E}{M_N^2}$$

Most efficient production occurs at

(DW)

$$T_{\text{max}} \approx 133 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{1 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^{1/3}$$

It is suppressed if $T_{\text{reh}} \ll T_{\text{max}}$

G.Gelmini, S.Palomares-Ruiz, S.Pascoli (2004)

Suppression of cosmological production

Add more ingredients e.g.

$$\bar{L}\tilde{H}N + M_N\bar{N}^cN \rightarrow \bar{L}\tilde{H}N + \phi\bar{N}^cN$$

Scalar? Majoron?

(lepton symmetry)

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_s) = \sin^2 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} \cdot \sin^2 \left(\frac{t}{2t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}} \right), \quad \sin 2\theta_\alpha^{\text{mat}} = \frac{t_\alpha^{\text{mat}}}{t_\alpha^{\text{vac}}} \cdot \sin 2\theta_\alpha,$$

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Coupling to scalar can change
the effective neutrino Hamiltonian in the primordial plasma

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{\alpha\alpha} & M_D \\ M_D & V_{NN} + M_N \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppression of production with $\phi \bar{N}^c N$

- strong coupling to scalar or Majoron, which decreases the active-sterile mixing in primordial plasma

e.g. L.Bento, Z.Berezhiani (2001)

$$\phi NN \rightarrow G \bar{N} N \bar{N} N \rightarrow V_{NN}$$

- homogeneous $\phi = \phi(t)$ makes sterile neutrino mass changing in cosmology, which suppresses the early-time oscillations

F.Bezrukov, A.Chudaykin, D.G. (2017)

$$\phi(t) NN \rightarrow M_N = M_N(t) = M_N(T)$$

- sterile neutrinos are massless in the early Universe
- sterile neutrinos are superheavy in the early Universe

Massless in the early Universe

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) + \frac{f}{2} \phi \bar{N}^c N + \text{h.c.}$$

with a hidden sector... to make the phase transition:

$$T > T_c \implies \langle \phi \rangle = 0, \quad M_N = 0$$

$$T < T_c \implies \langle \phi \rangle = v_\phi, \quad M_N = f v_\phi$$

So the neutrino is pure Dirac fermion at the beginning...

The production in oscillations will be suppressed, if

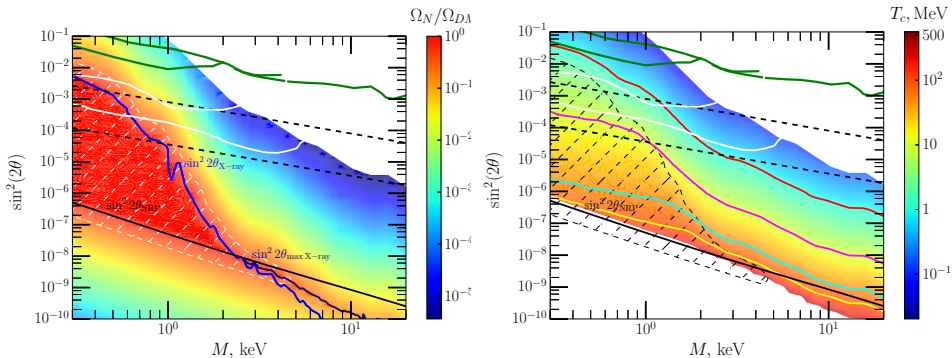
$$T_c < T_{\max} \approx 133 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{1 \text{ keV}}{M_N} \right)^{1/3}$$

there is always a chirality flip contribution $\propto M_D^2/E^2$

similar for $\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$ disappearing later...

Results: large mixing is allowed

for details see [1705.02184](#)



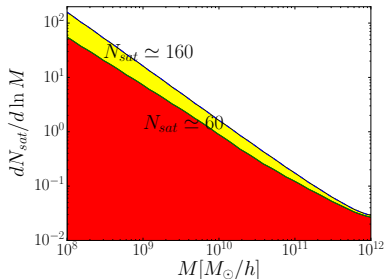
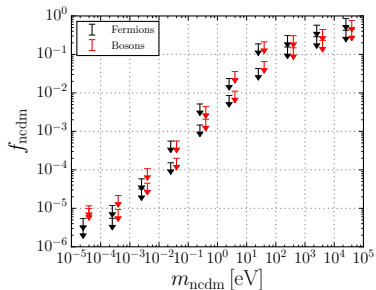
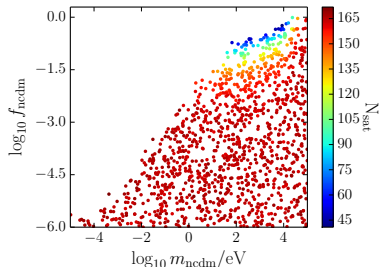
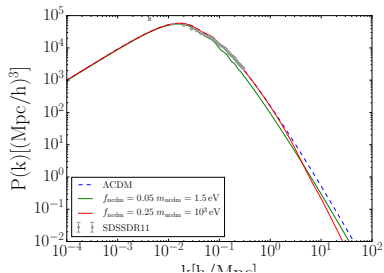
Important:

$$m_a \sim \theta^2 M_N$$

- ① seesaw light sterile neutrino (dashed lines: $m_a \sim 0.008 - 0.2$ eV)
- ② can be directly tested !! (between green and white lines)
- ③ Warm, so most probably only a part of DM

Sterile neutrinos: a part of dark matter

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The oscillating scalar field

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \frac{f}{2} \phi \bar{N}^c N + \text{h.c.}$$

homogeneous scalar field in FLRW expanding Universe

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + m_\phi^2 \phi = 0$$

two-stage evolution:

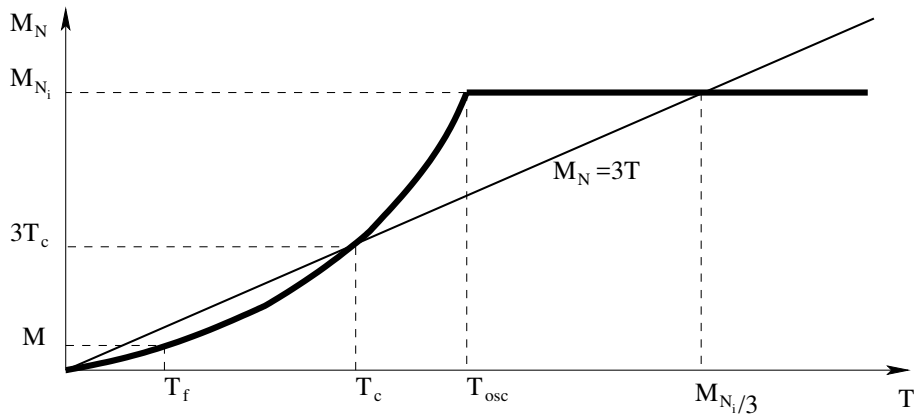
$$m_\phi < H(t) \implies \phi = \phi_i = \text{const}$$

$$m_\phi > H(t) \implies p = \langle E_k \rangle - \langle E_p \rangle = 0, \quad \rho \sim m_\phi^2 \phi^2 \propto 1/a^3$$

- At $m_\phi < H(t)$ sterile neutrino mass is $M = M_N + f\phi_i \gg M_N$
- At present sterile neutrino mass is $M_N \sim 1 \text{ keV}$
- If at $m_\phi > H(t)$ sterile neutrinos are nonrelativistic most time, $m_\phi = H_{osc} = \frac{T_{osc}^2}{M_{Pl}}$

$$M(t) = M_N + f\phi_i \frac{T^3}{T_{osc}^3} > T$$

Subtleties with Effective neutrino mass



– $\rho_\phi > \rho_N$, so the scalar is DM

or, in case of rapid production, must account for the backreaction

– Yukawas induce $\lambda \phi^4 \sim f^4/(16\pi^2)\phi^4$ which may dominate instead

– Both L_{osc} and θ_{eff} change with $M(t)$, which oscillates !!

very complicated system: three oscillators with time-dependent couplings

Cool and Cold sterile neutrinos

F.Bezrukov, A.Chudaykin, D.G. (2018)

sterile neutrino mass

$$M(t) = M_N + f\phi(t) = M_N + f\phi_i \frac{T^3}{T_{osc}^3} \cos(m_\phi t)$$

1) sometimes crosses zero, which allows for sterile neutrino production

by a 'slow' oscillator $m_\phi \ll M_N$ with large amplitude

the produced sterile neutrinos are almost at rest

Cold Dark Matter

avoiding limits from structure formation

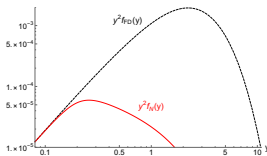
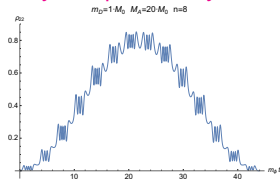
avoiding X-ray limits with tiny mixing angle

2) Both L_{osc} and θ_{eff} change with $M(t)$, which oscillates !!

resonance

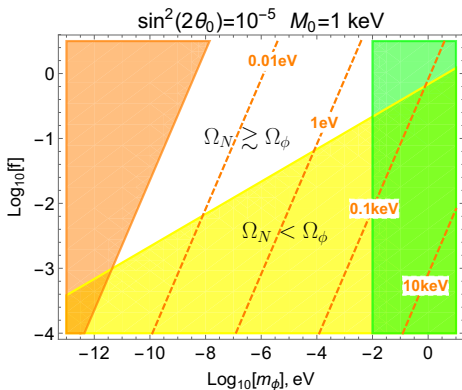
very complicated system: three oscillators with time-dependent couplings

cool



Allowed regions for each mechanism

F.Bezrukov, A.Chudaykin, D.G. (2018)

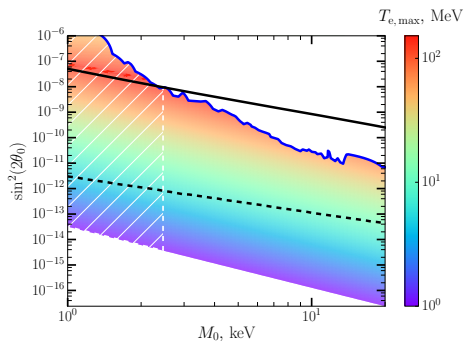


$$- m_\phi < 2M_N$$

$$- \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow \nu\nu} < \dots$$

$$- \rho_\phi + \rho_N \leq \rho_{DM}$$

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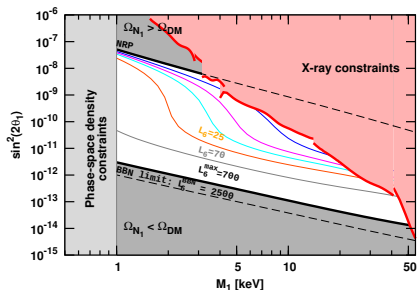


Another option: coupling to light inflaton

Non-resonant production
(active-sterile mixing) is ruled out

Resonant production (lepton
asymmetry) requires
 $\Delta M_{2,3} \lesssim 10^{-16} \text{ GeV}$

arXiv:0804.4542, 0901.0011, 1006.4008



Dark Matter production
from inflaton decays in plasma at $T \sim m_\chi$

Not seesaw neutrino!

M.Shaposhnikov, I.Tkachev (2006)

$$M_{N_I} \bar{N}_I^c N_I \leftrightarrow f_I X \bar{N}_I N_I$$

Can be “naturally” Warm ($250 \text{ MeV} < m_\chi < 1.8 \text{ GeV}$)

F.Bezrukov, D.G. (2009)

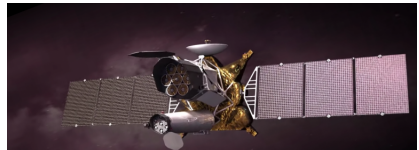
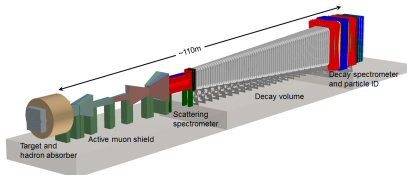
$$M_1 \lesssim 15 \times \left(\frac{m_\chi}{300 \text{ MeV}} \right) \text{ keV}$$

Outline

- 1 Sterile neutrinos: the simplest model
- 2 What is the mass scale of sterile neutrinos ?
- 3 Matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe
- 4 Present: Limits and (future) searches
- 5 Sterile neutrino Dark Matter
- 6 Conclusion**

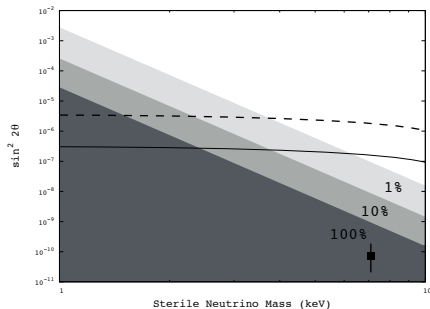
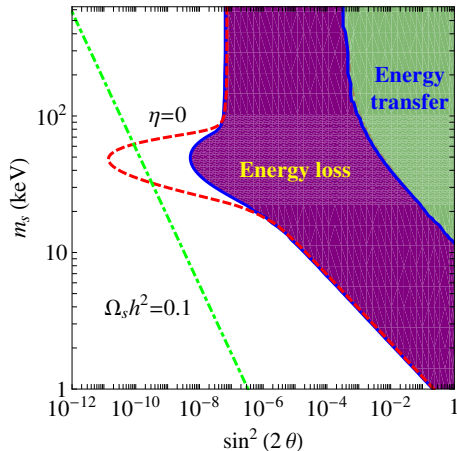
Summary on sterile neutrinos

- Most economic explanation of neutrino oscillations within renormalizable approach: 2-3 Majorana neutrinos enough
- Capable of explaining baryon asymmetry of the Universe even at $\theta_{13} = \delta_{CP} = 0$
- One more neutrino can serve as (naturally Warm) dark matter
this species does not explain oscillations!
there are allowed mechanisms of DM sterile neutrino productions
- 1 eV- sterile neutrino: cosmology vs anomalies (LSND, ...) ...? dark radiation
- The seesaw can be tested, and in some cases (ν MSM) fully explored:
NA62, BelleII, LHCb, ND of HyperK, DUNE, ... SHiP, MATHUSLA, etc
DM searches with X-ray telescopes: ART-X, eROSITA of SRG



Backup slides

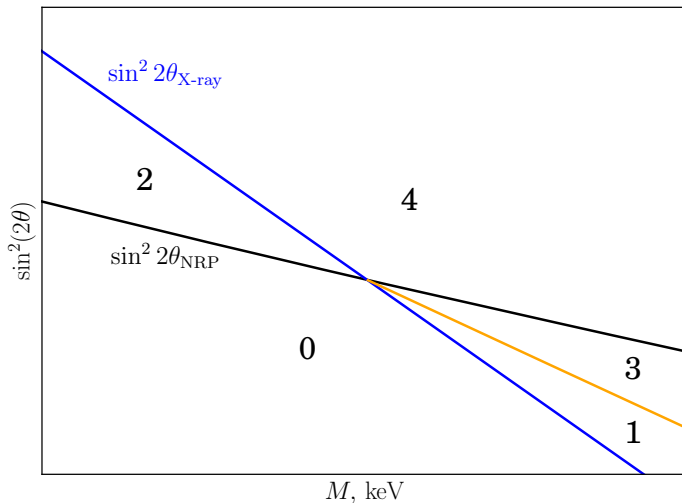
Limits form SN



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A sketch of model parameter space

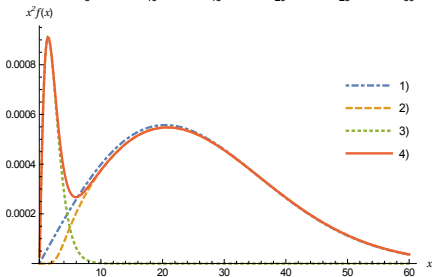
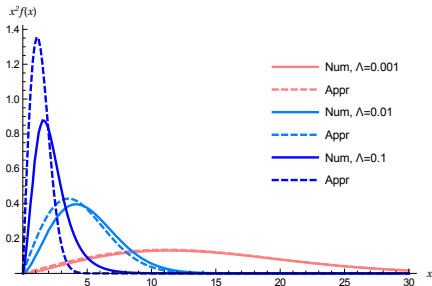


0,1: allowed even
w/o scalar field

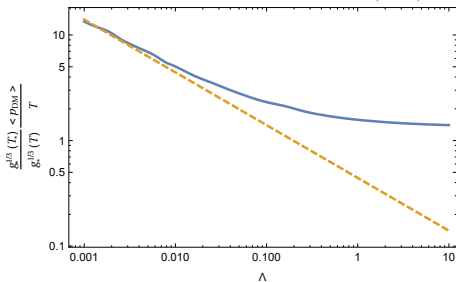
2: scalar helps to
avoid X-ray bound
and make
 $\Omega_N = \Omega_{DM}$, but
free-streaming...

3,4: Ω_N is
determined by
X-ray bound

DM from Heavy scalar (Majoron?) decay



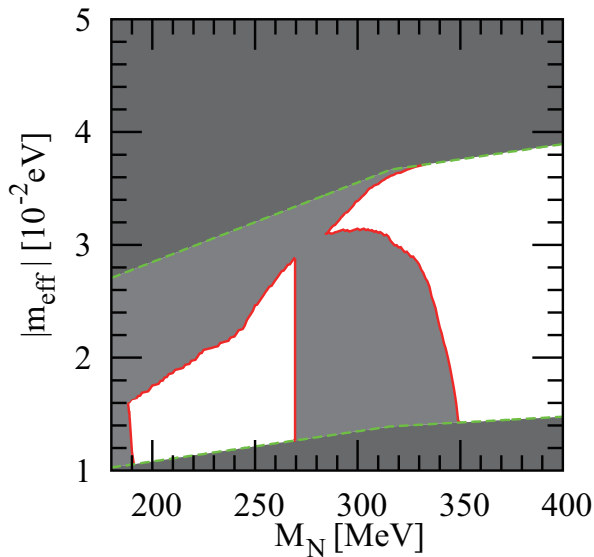
F.Bezrukov, D.G., 2014



$$\tau H(T = M/3) \equiv \frac{1}{18} \frac{1}{\Lambda}$$

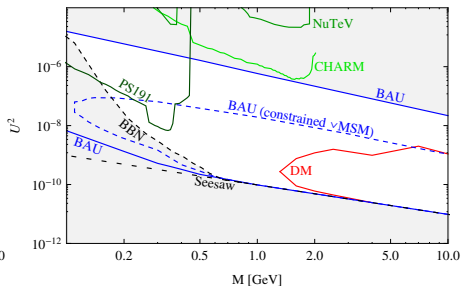
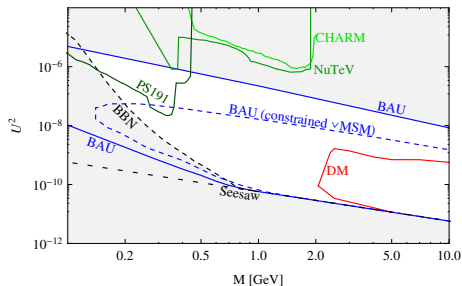
$$x = \frac{p}{T} \left(\frac{g_*(T_*)}{g_*(T)} \right)^{1/3}$$

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ν MSM parameter space with resonant DM



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