

Low Scale Minimal Seesaw Models

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Outline

- Motivations
- Minimal seesaw models vs N_{eff}
 - General Bounds on 3+2 models
 - General Bounds on 3+3 models (work in progress)
P. Hernandez, M. Kekic, JLP
[arXiv:11311.2614](#) (PRD ... (2014)) + **Work in progress**
- Minimal seesaw models vs oscillation anomalies
A. Donini, P. Hernandez, JLP, M. Maltoni, T. Schwetz
[arXiv:1205.5230](#) (JHEP **1207** (2012) 161)
- Conclusions

Motivation

- The recent LHC results seem to indicate that the **Higgs mechanism**, with $m_H \sim 125$ GeV, is the **responsible** of the mass generation of the **SM particles**.
ATLAS, CMS 2012
- However, the **origin of light neutrino masses**, which existence is supported by neutrino oscillation experiments, **still** remains **unknown**.
- Although the light neutrino masses could also be generated through the Higgs mechanism, **their smallness** in comparison with the SM particles **might be calling for a different explanation**

A different point of view...

...which is the simplest extension of the SM that can account for neutrino masses?

A different point of view...

As simple as just adding singlet fermions (sterile neutrinos) to the SM field content.

If lepton number conservation is not imposed, the *most general Lagrangian* is given by

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Standard Type-I
seesaw limit

Minkowski 77; Yanagida 79;
Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky 79
Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80.

A New Physics scale

- It is often assumed that the scale M is much higher than the electroweak scale. But it is also worth to explore other possibilities:

$M \sim eV$ Could provide an explanation to neutrino anomalies pointed out mainly by LSND and reactor experiments.

$M \sim KeV$ Could still be a valid candidate for warm DM. Moreover, after the recent X-ray signal/hint. [Bulbul et al \(arXiv:1402.2301\)](#)

[Dodelson and Widrow 1994](#)

[Shi and Fuller 1999](#)

$M \sim GeV$ Could account for baryon asymmetry in the Universe.

[Akhmedov, Rubakov, Smirnov 1998](#)

[Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov 2005](#)

A New Physics scale

- **Small M technically natural** since in the limit $M \rightarrow 0$ a global lepton number symmetry is recovered.
- A low Majorana scale **does not worsen the Higgs mass hierarchy problem.**

$$[\delta m_H^2]_{\nu_R} \propto M^2$$

Vissani 1998
hep-ph/9709409

A different point of view...

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3+2 Minimal Seesaw Model
vs
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ArXiv:1311.2614

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$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_{45} + i\gamma_{45}) & \sin(\theta_{45} + i\gamma_{45}) \\ -\sin(\theta_{45} + i\gamma_{45}) & \cos(\theta_{45} + i\gamma_{45}) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Casas-Ibarra complex orthogonal matrix}$$

$$H^{-2} = I + m^{1/2} R^\dagger M^{-1/2} R m^{1/2}$$

Gives deviations from
3x3 unitarity

Parameters of the
model

$$\theta_{23}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, m_2, m_3, M_1, M_2, \delta, \alpha, \theta_{45}, \gamma_{45}$$

Advantages of our parameterization

- EXACT. No expansion made.
- It does not explode for large values of the imaginary part of the complex angle. No necessary to introduce any extra theoretical constraint.
- Transparent. Easy to recover the Casas-Ibarra parameterization (at leading order in the seesaw expansion, $\mathcal{O}(m/M)$, $H = \overline{H} = 1$)
- Corrections are important for very low Majorana mass scales, $\mathcal{O}(eV)$
- An alternative general parameterization was found by Blennow and Fernández-Martínez.
Blennow, Fernández-Martínez 2011
arXiv:1107.3992

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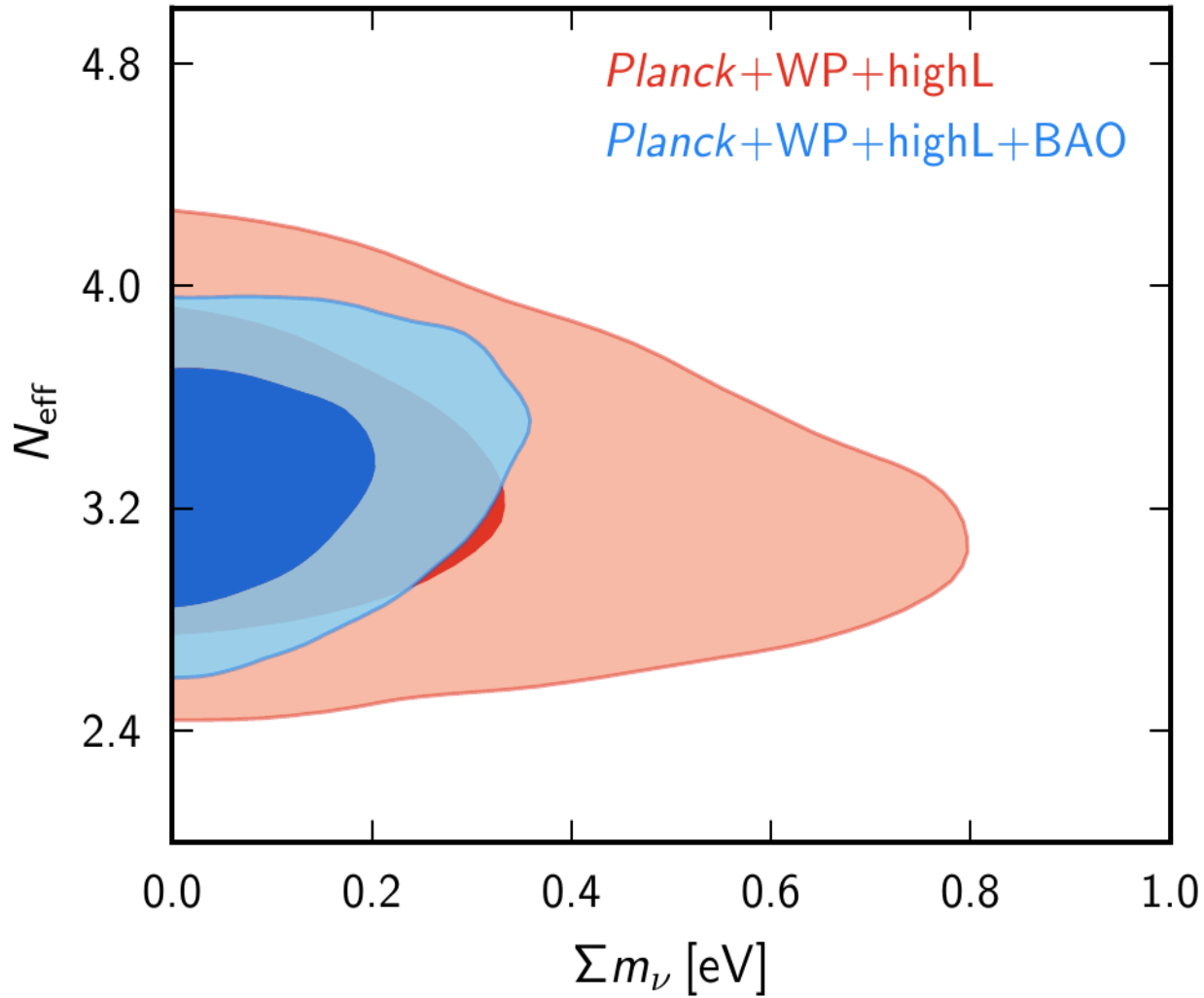
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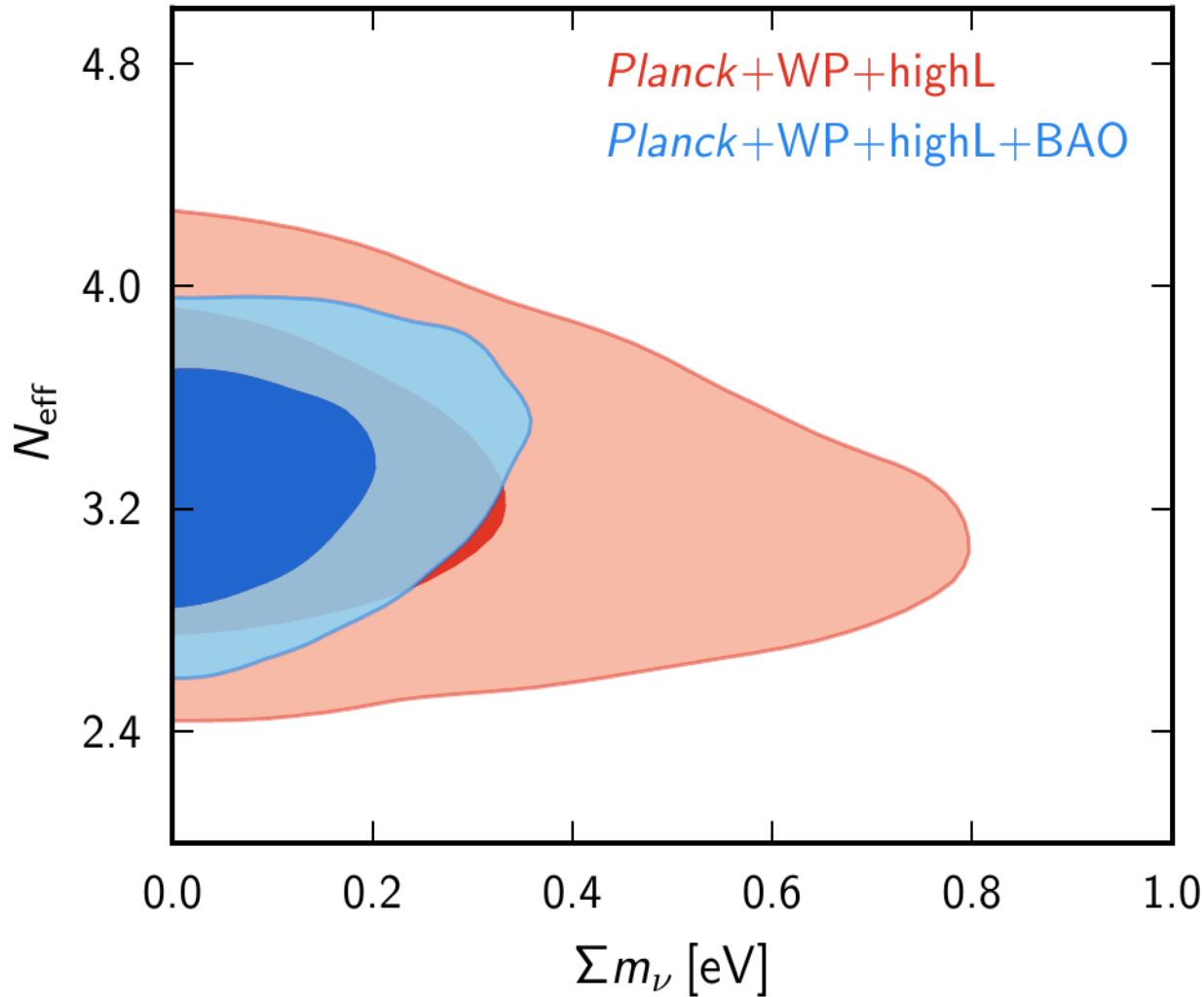
CMB



Planck Collaboration 2013 (arXiv:1303.076)

Extra radiation, N_{eff}

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Including **BICEP2** can relax the CMB bound. Giusarma, Di Valentino, Lattanzi, Melchiorri, Mena 2014; arXiv:1403.4852

See also:

Archidiacono, Fornengo, Gariazzo, Giunti, Hannestad, Laveder. ArXiv:1404.17942.

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Extra radiation, N_{eff}

- The 3 active neutrinos contribute with $N_{eff}^{SM} \approx 3$
- One fully thermal extra sterile state that decouples being relativistic contributes $\Delta N_{eff} \approx 1$ when decouples.

Can sterile neutrinos
escape from thermalization
in the
3+2 Minimal Seesaw Models?

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- The sterile neutrinos thermalize if $f_s(T) \geq 1$

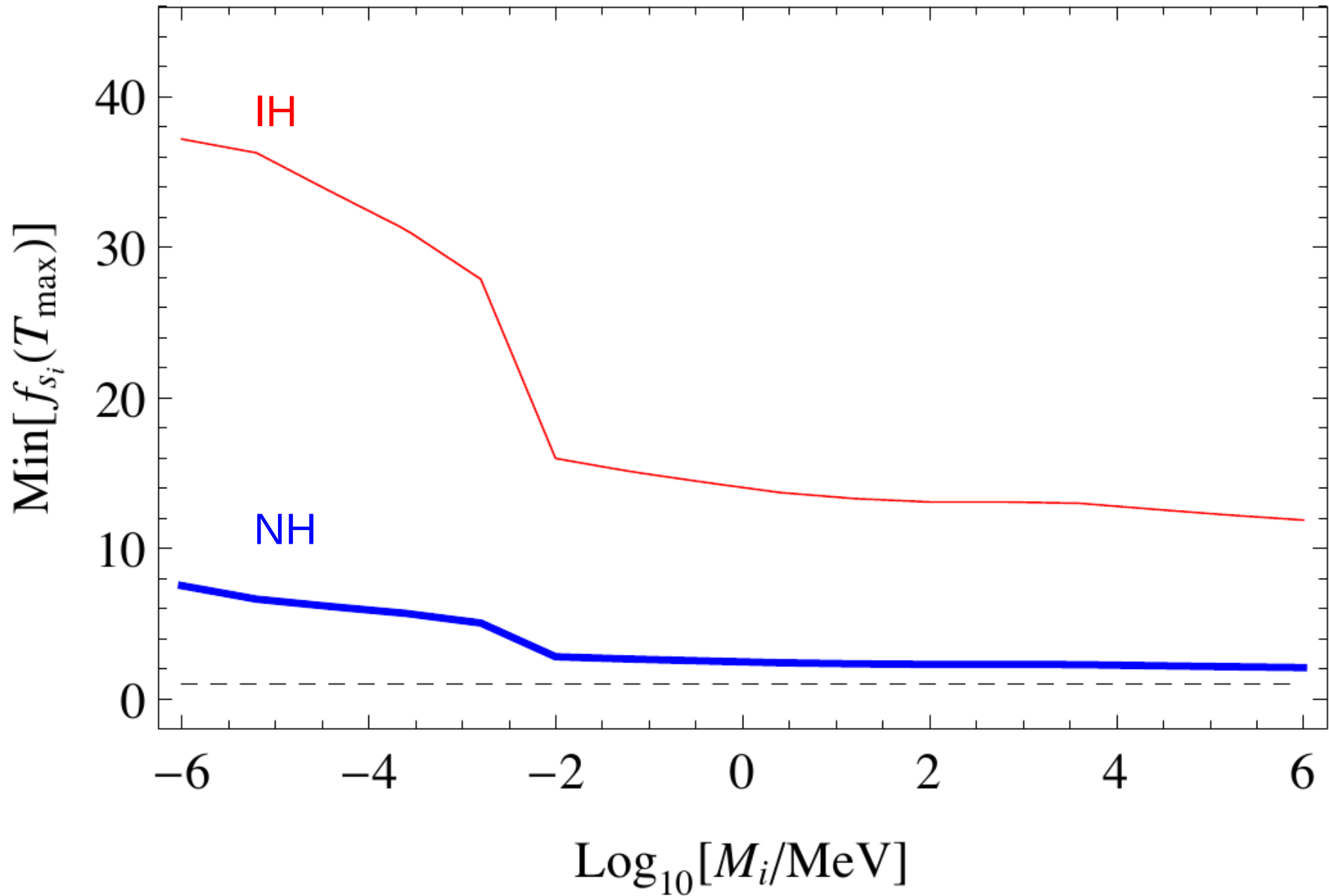
Sterile Neutrino Thermalization

- $f_s(T)$ reaches a maximum at some temperature T_{max} and if the maximum is larger than one, thermalization will be achieved. At decoupling we can estimate:

$$N_{eff} \approx N_{eff}^{SM} + \sum_j (1 - \exp(-\alpha f_{s_j}(T_{max})))$$


$$\Delta N_{eff}$$

sterile Neutrino Thermalization



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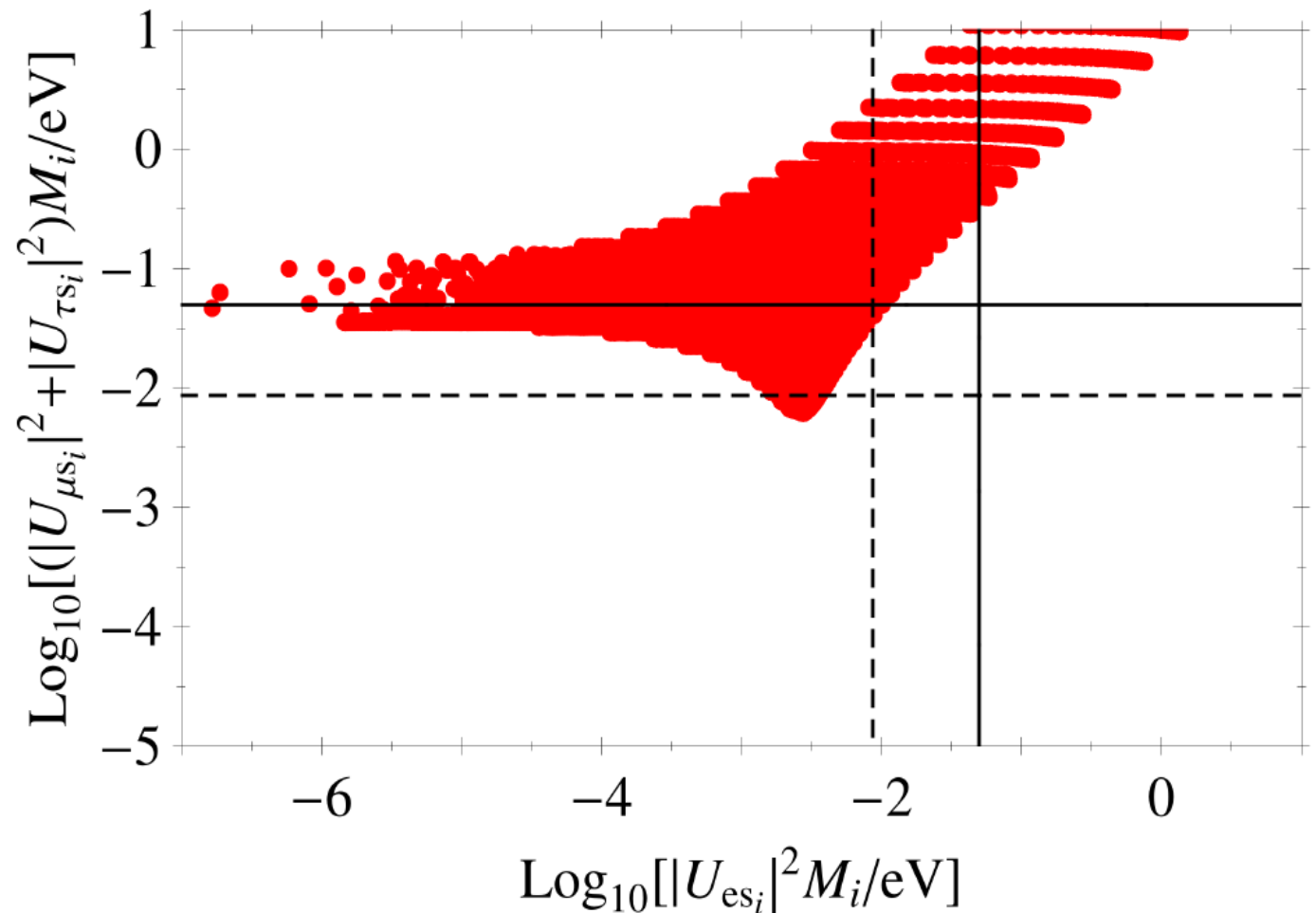
- Same result for both sterile neutrinos, N_1 and N_2
- Thermalization rate basically independent of the seesaw scale. The small dependence is modulated by $g_*(M)$

$$f_{s_j}(T_{max}) \sim \frac{\sum_{\alpha} |U_{\alpha s_j}|^2 M_j}{\sqrt{g_*(T_{max})}} \quad |U_{\alpha s_j}|^2 \sim m/M_j$$

- In the 3+2 MM, for the whole parameter space, the sterile neutrinos always thermalize at some point of the thermal history.

Sterile Neutrino Thermalization

- This is because all flavours participate in oscillations. The mixing with the three different flavours can not be small enough at the same time due to the correlation.



Sterile Neutrino Thermalization

- In the 3+2 Minimal Seesaw Model sterile neutrinos always thermalize.
- Each sterile neutrino contributes with $\Delta N_{eff} \approx 1$ when they decouple from the thermal bath. Therefore,

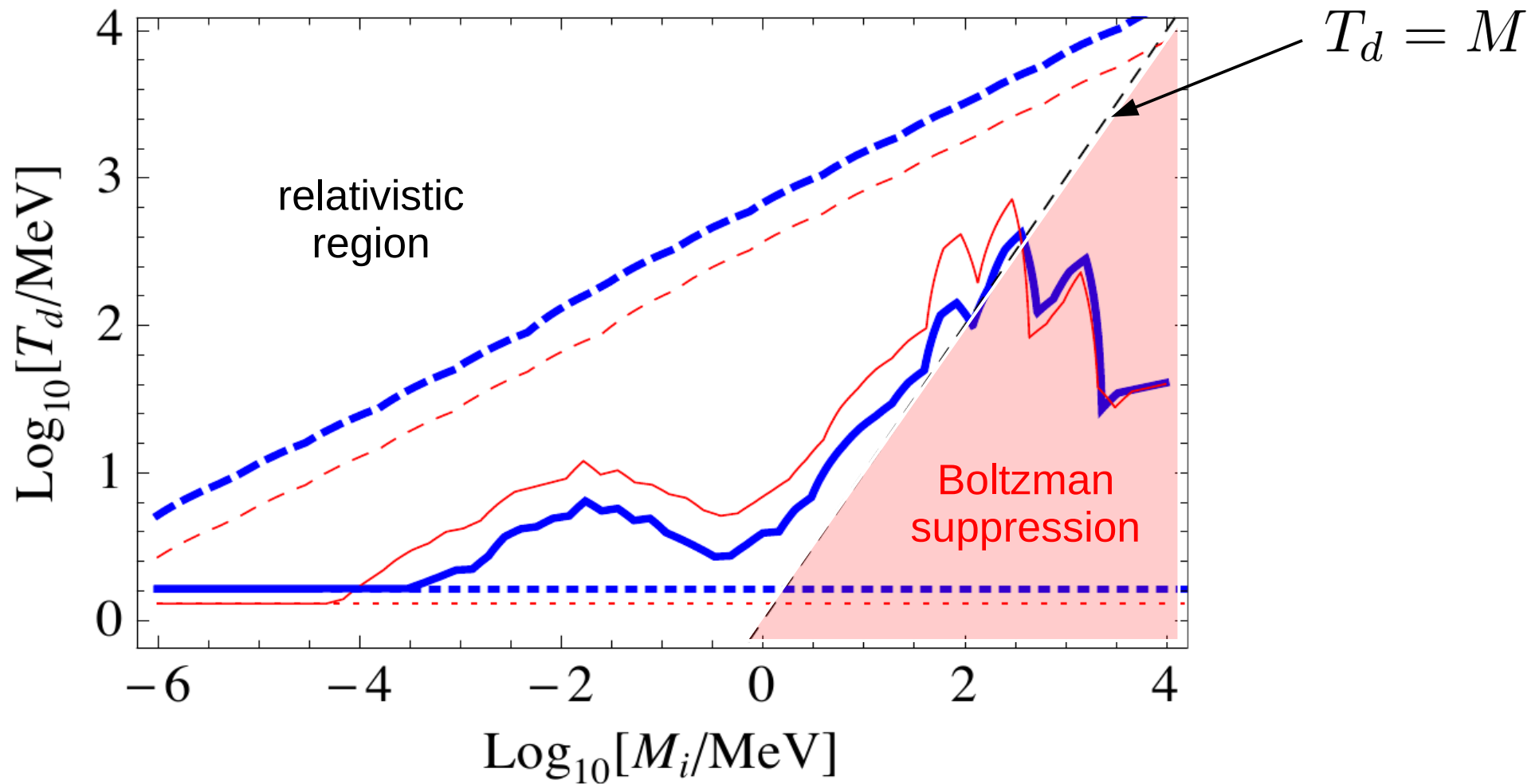
$$\Delta N_{eff} \approx 2 \text{ @ decoupling (sterile neutrino freeze out)}$$

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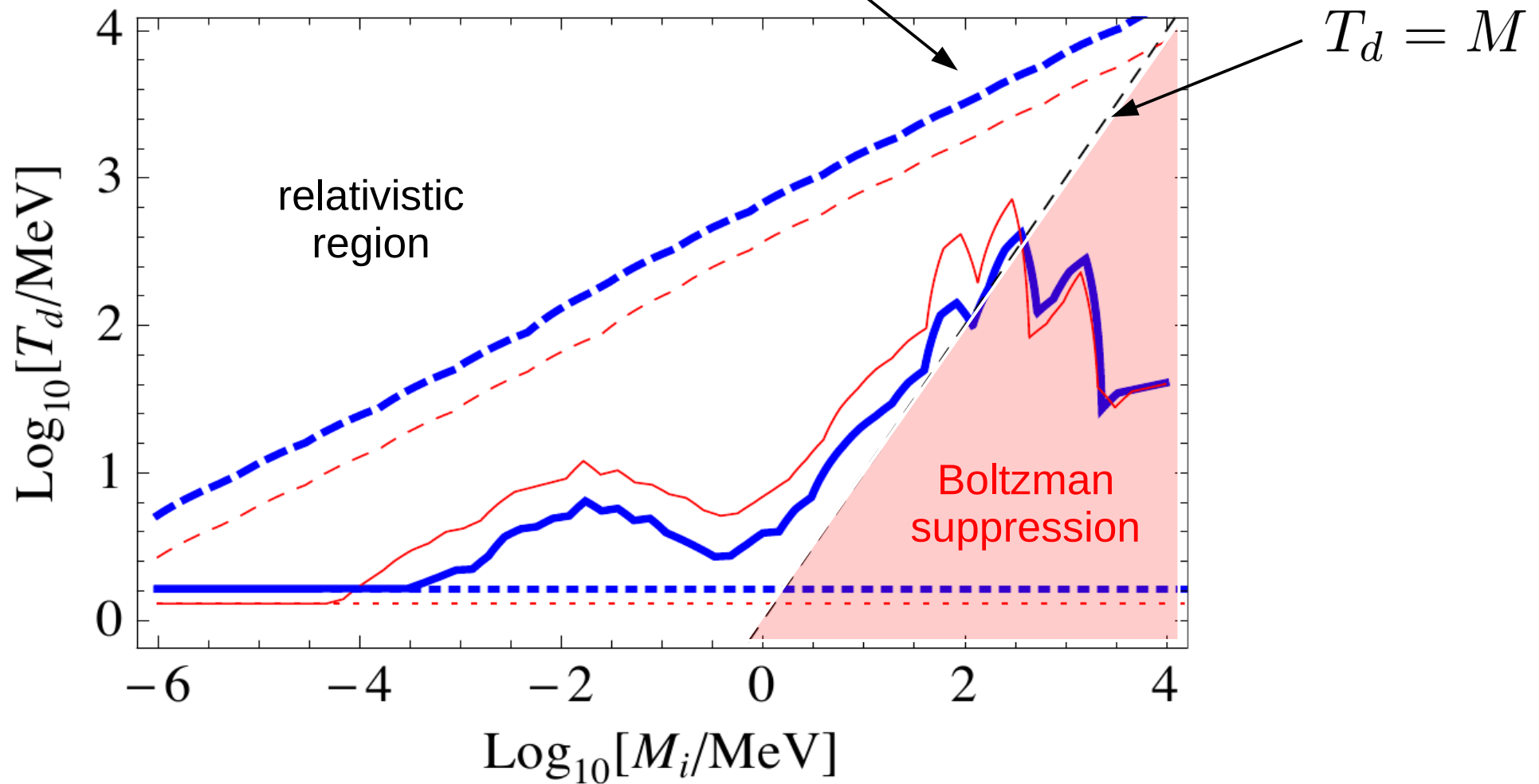
No! But a huge portion of the seesaw scale
(8 orders of magnitude) is excluded!!!

sterile Neutrino Decoupling



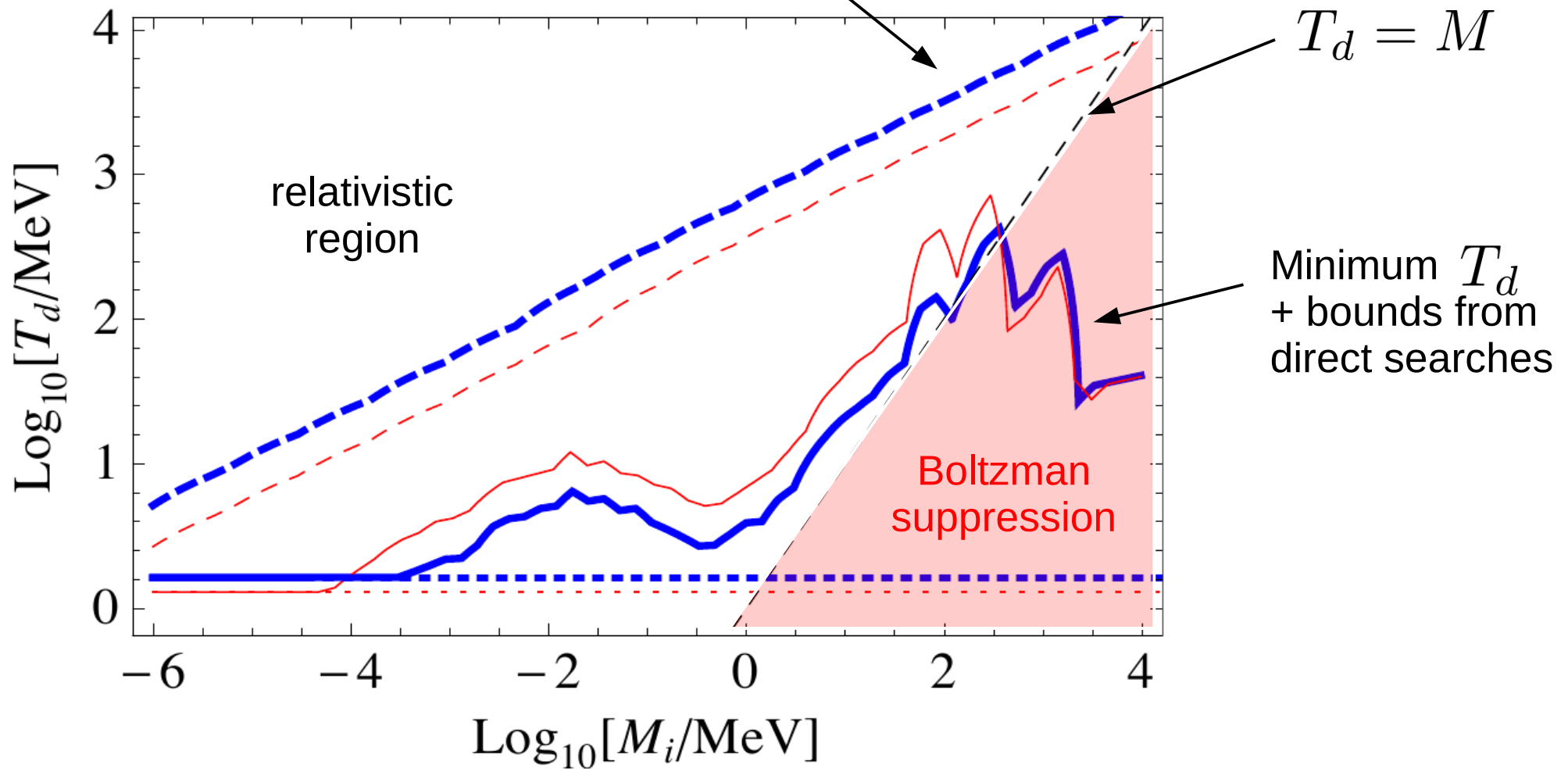
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- Above $\sim 1\text{GeV}$, there is Boltzman suppression. The bounds do not apply for

$$M \gtrsim 1\text{GeV}$$

- Moreover, after sterile neutrino decoupling two effects could modify ΔN_{eff} , before BBN:

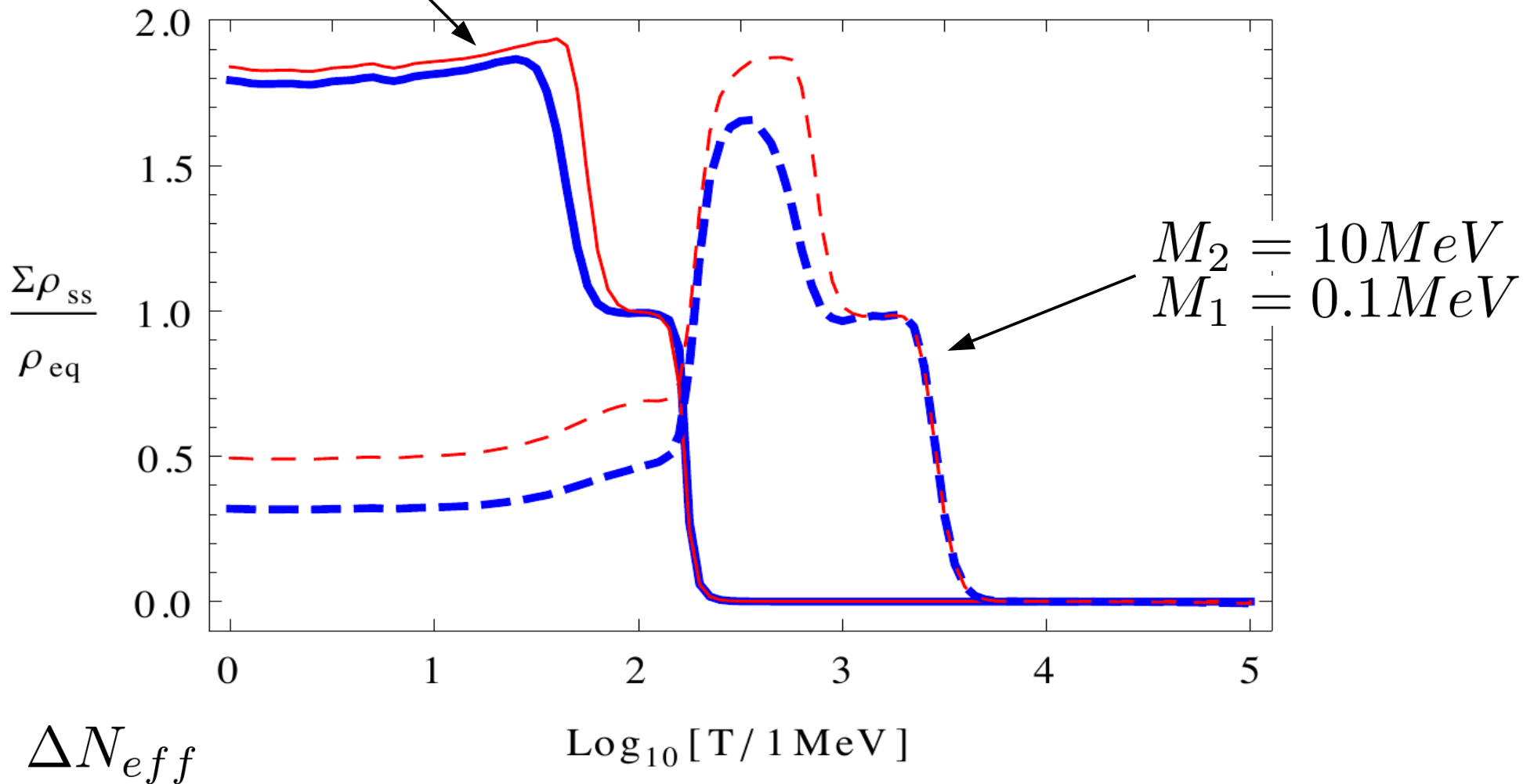
(i) Dilution

(ii) Decay

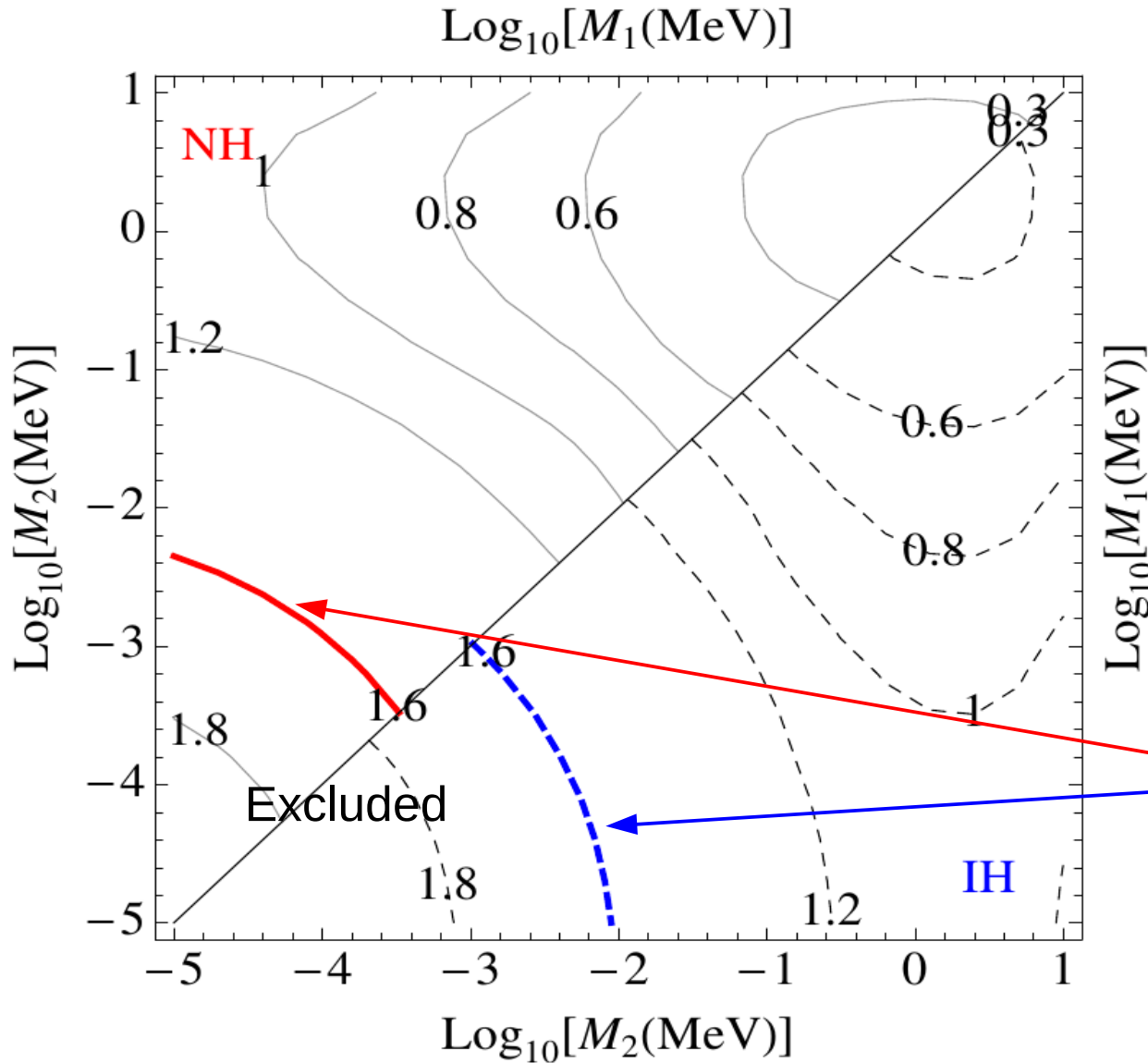
Entropy dilution

$$M_2 = 1\text{KeV}$$
$$M_1 = 20\text{eV}$$

Dilution could be relevant
for $M \gtrsim 1\text{KeV}$



Entropy dilution



Dilution allows to relax BBN bound for $M \gtrsim 10\text{KeV}$

2σ BBN bound
Izotov, Thuan 2010
arXiv:1303.076

$$\Delta N_{eff}(T_{BBN})$$

Entropy dilution

- Dilution effects allow to relax the bounds for the range of masses

$$10\text{KeV} \lesssim M \lesssim 1\text{GeV}$$

- However, those sterile neutrinos would give a huge contribution to the energy density when they become non-relativistic later, modifying in a drastic way CMB and structure formation.
- The only way CMB and BBN bounds can be evaded for this range of masses is if the sterile neutrinos decay before BBN.

sterile neutrino decay

- For sufficiently large M the sterile neutrino could decay before BBN and our analysis does not apply to this case.

$$\tau \sim 6 \times 10^{11} s \left(\frac{MeV}{M} \right)^4 \frac{0.05eV}{|U_{\alpha s}|^2 M}$$

- For natural choices of the mixing decay takes place after BBN. However, for extreme mixings of $\mathcal{O}(1)$, sterile neutrinos as light as 10 MeV could decay before BBN.

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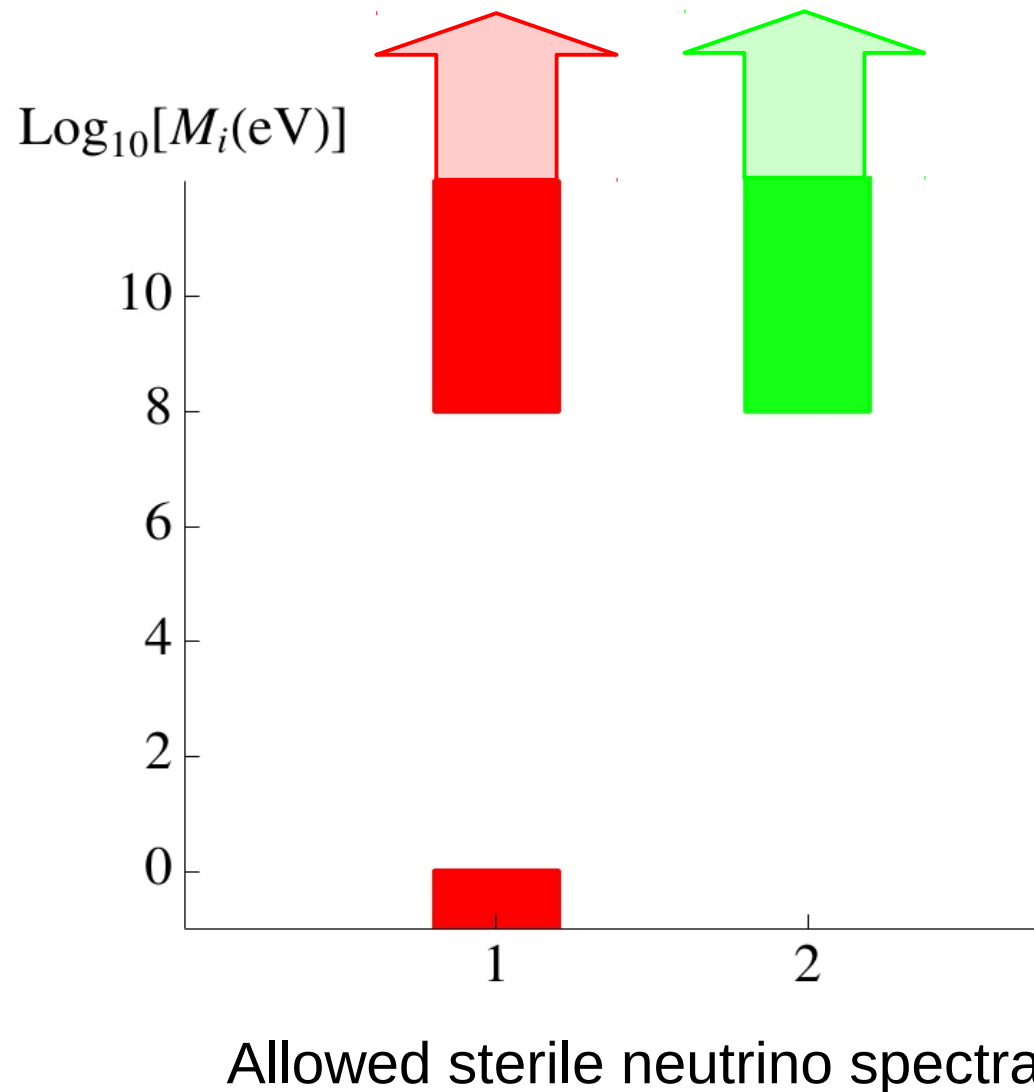
- Bounds on short-lived sterile neutrinos with masses on the range $[10MeV, 140MeV]$ have been studied by

Dolgov, Hansen, Raffelt, Semikoz 2000
Fuller, Kishimoto, Kusenko, 2011
Ruchayskiy, Ivashko, 2012

- Very **strong bounds** found combining BBN and direct accelerator searches, **excluding the sterile neutrino decay before BBN in the minimal model for $M \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100MeV)$**
Ruchayskiy, Ivashko, 2012

Summary 3+2 vs cosmology

- In summary, cosmology allow us to **exclude** a huge part of the parameter space and the seesaw scale (**8 orders of magnitude!**) of the 3+2 MM.



3+3 Minimal Seesaw Model

VS

Cosmology

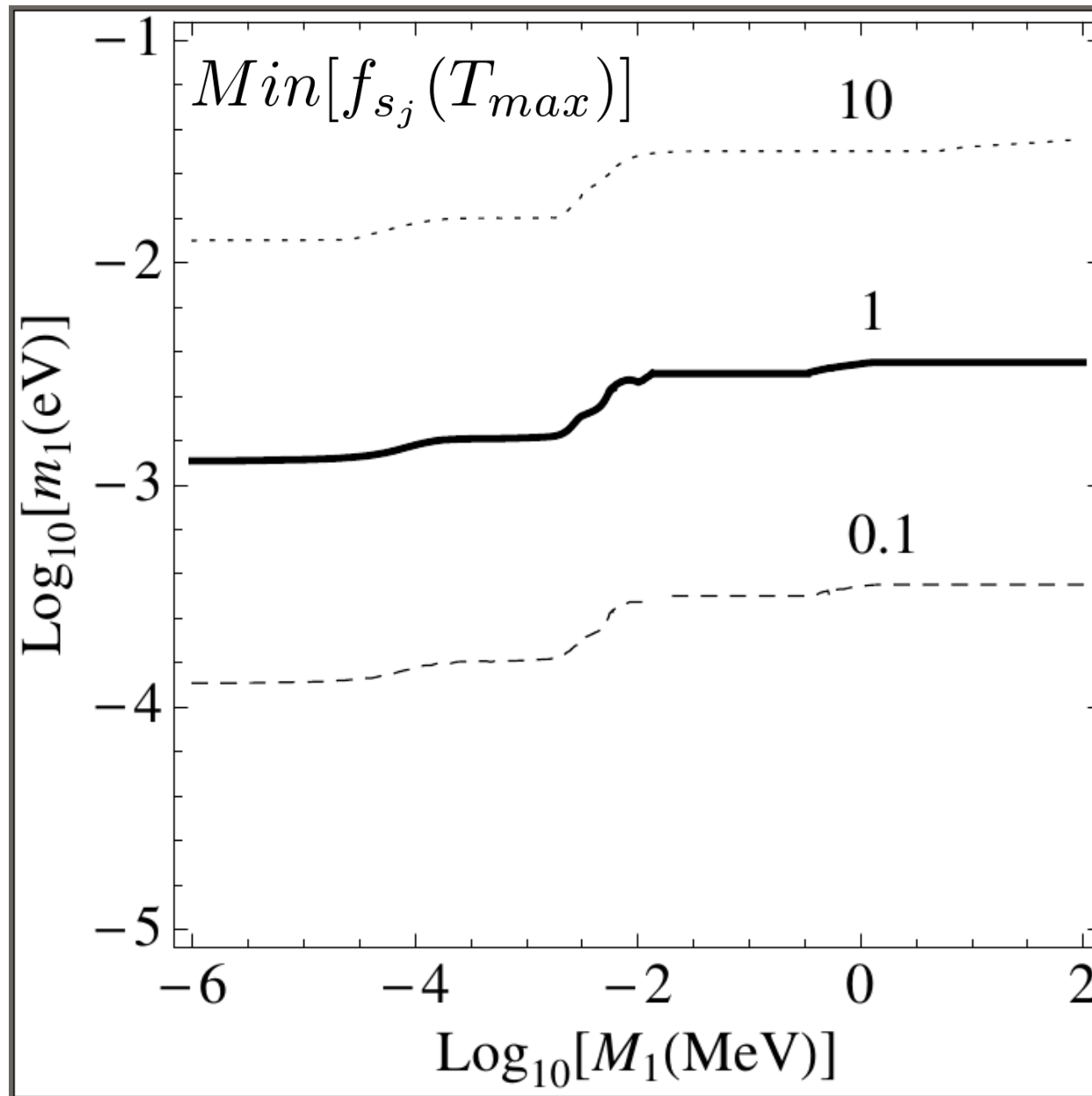
(work in progress)

In collaboration with P. Hernandez and M. Kikic

3+3 Minimal Seesaw Model

- Larger parameter space: 3 light masses + 3 heavy masses +6 angles + 6 CP-phases.
- We have explored the whole parameter space allowed by neutrino oscillation data.
- In spite of the larger parameter space, **only one sterile neutrino can escape from thermalization.** The thermalization being basically controlled by the lightest neutrino mass.

3+3 Minimal Seesaw Model



Analytical lower bound

- Analytical lower bound on thermalization rate

$$f_{s_j}(T_{max}) \geq g(M_j) h_j \geq g(M_j) m_1$$

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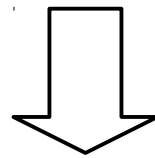
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$$m_1 \geq g(M_j)^{-1} \approx 1(4) \times 10^{-3} eV \text{ for } M_1 = eV(1GeV)$$



$$f_{s_j}(T_{max}) \geq 1$$

Lower bound almost independent of M
Mainly controlled by lightest neutrino mass

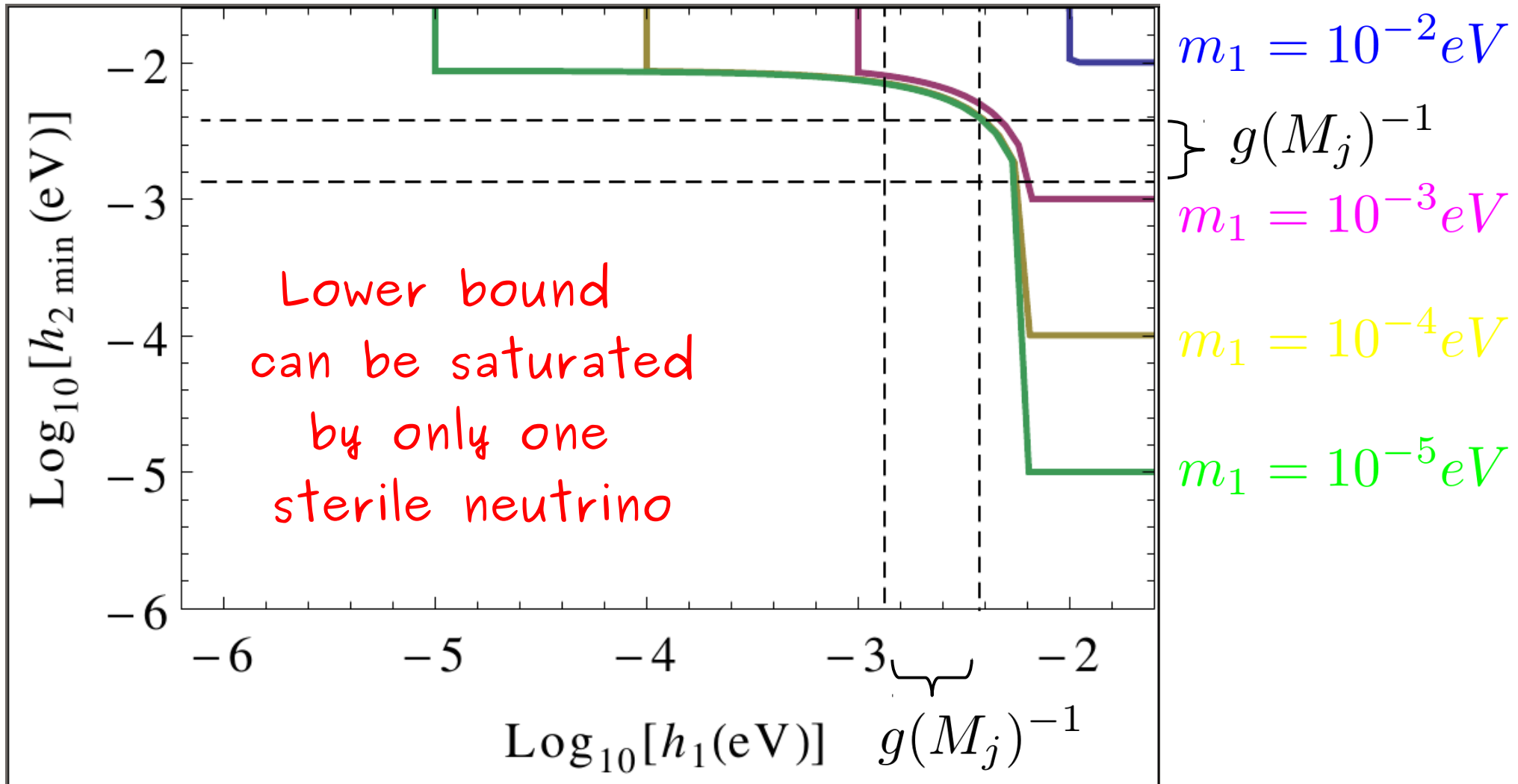
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$$h_j \leq g (M_j)^{-1} \approx \mathcal{O}(10^{-3} eV) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_{s_j}(T_{max}) \leq 1$$

N_j does NOT thermalizes

How many sterile neutrinos can simultaneously satisfy this thermalization bound?

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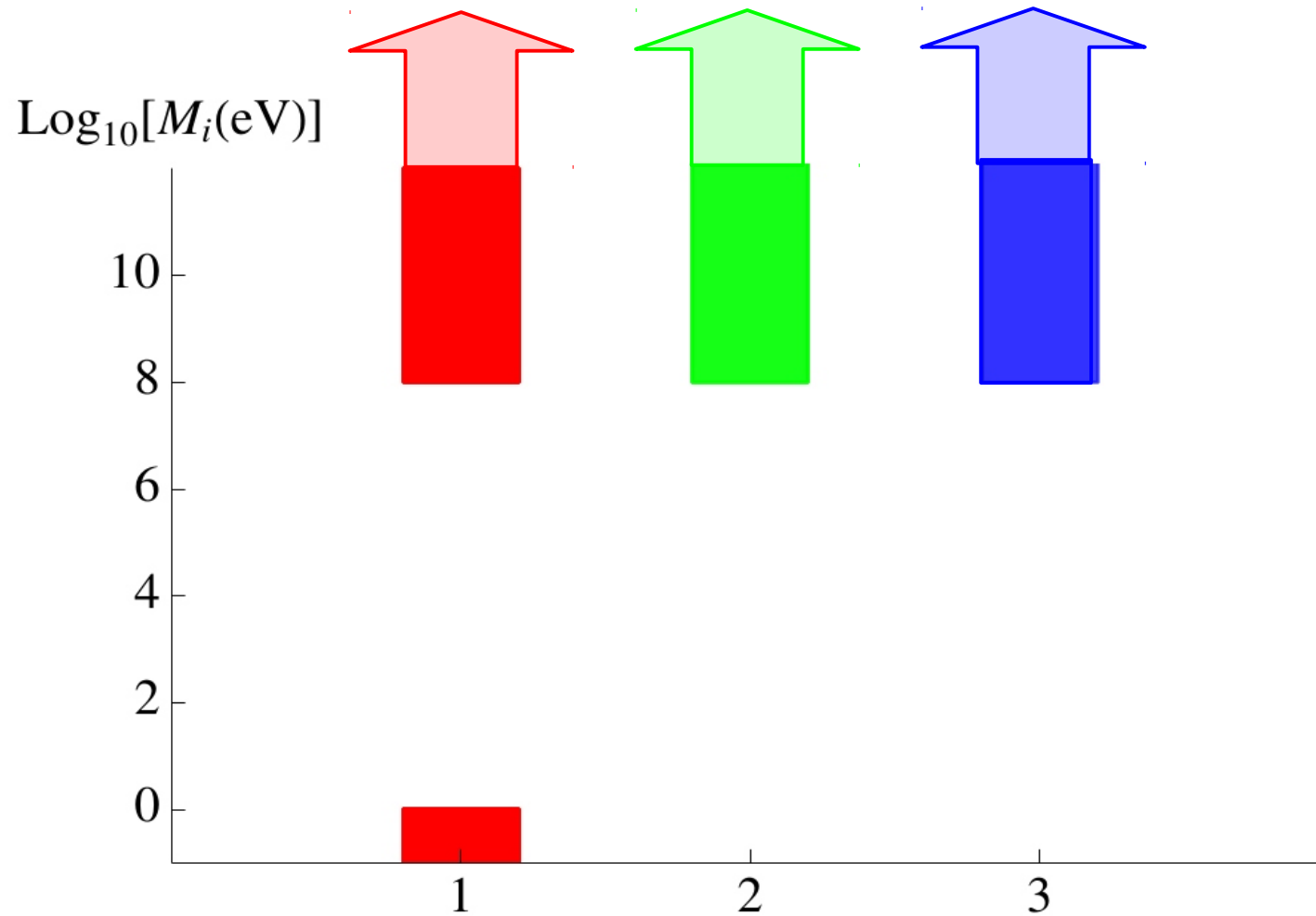


Analytical lower bound

- Only one sterile neutrino can escape from thermalization.
- The thermalization is controlled by the lightest neutrino mass.
- If $m_1 \geq \mathcal{O}(10^{-3}eV)$ the three sterile neutrinos thermalize!

Possible scenarios

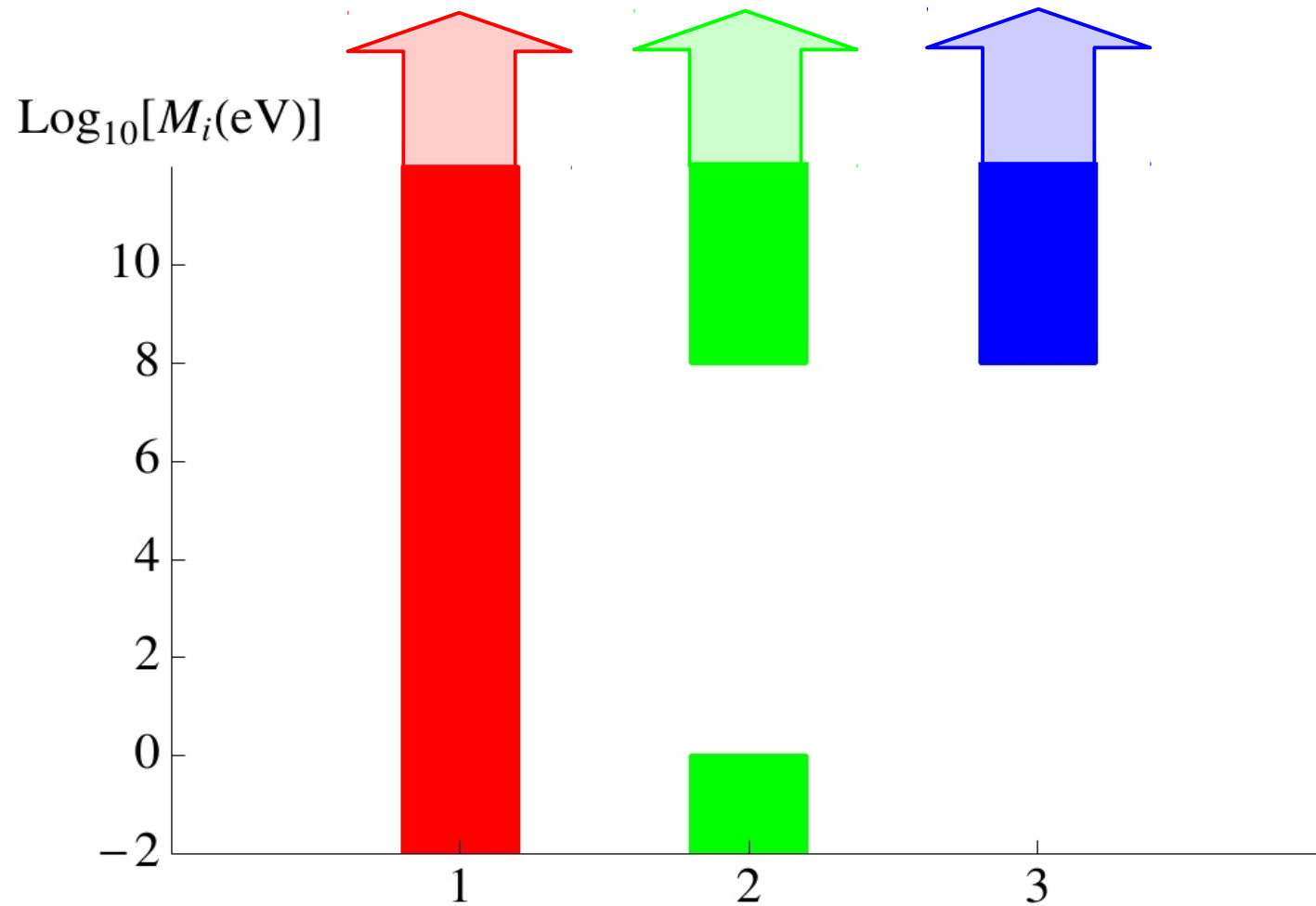
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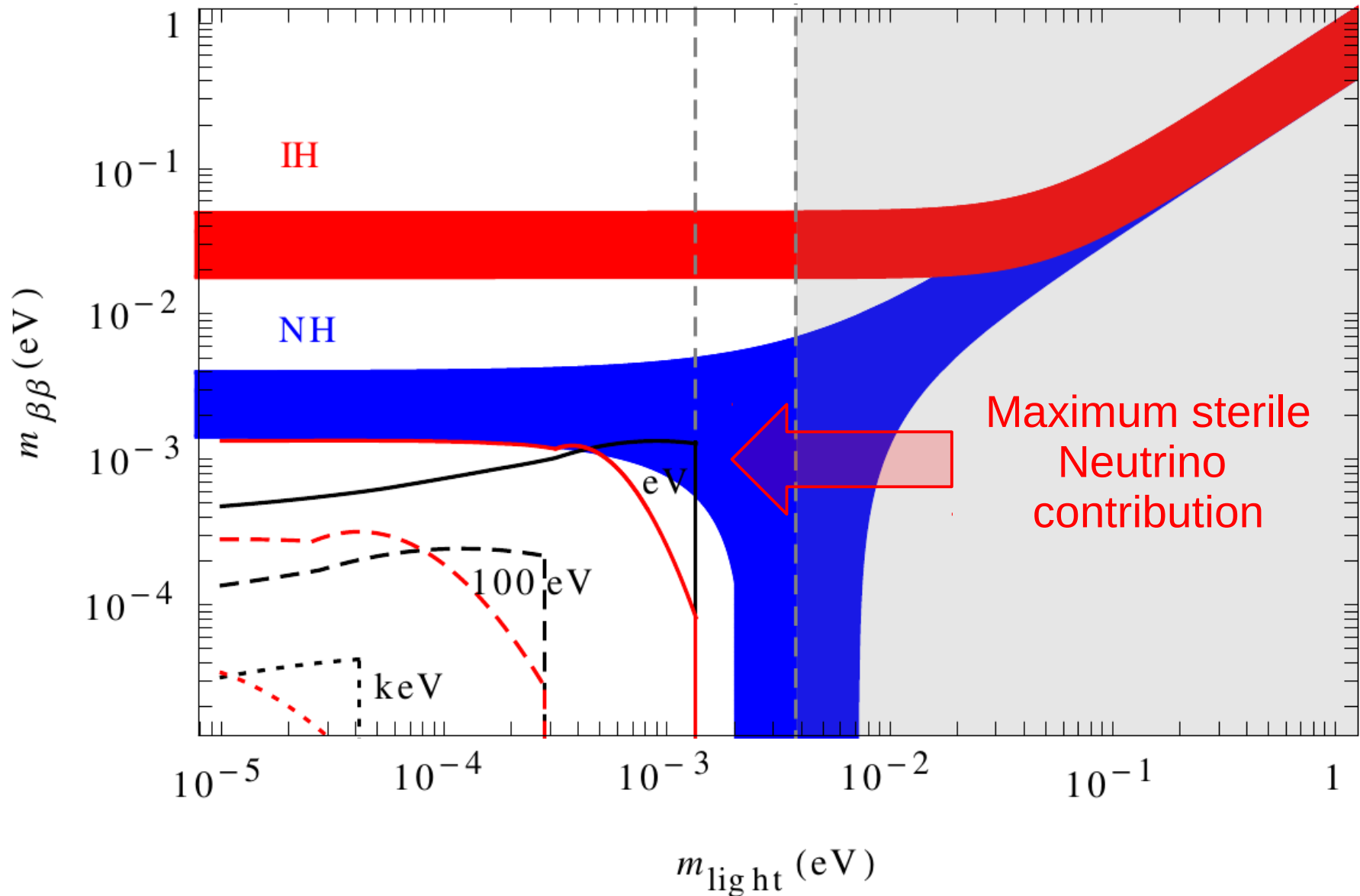
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- $m_1 \leq \mathcal{O}(10^{-3} eV)$: one sterile neutrino does not thermalize. The other two contribute as in the 3+2 model.



Allowed sterile neutrino spectra

Impact on neutrinoless double beta decay



Only a sub-eV sterile neutrino can give a significant contribution!

3+2 Minimal Seesaw Model

VS

Neutrino Anomaly

A. Donini, P. Hernandez, JLP, M. Maltoni, T. Schwetz 2012
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Neutrino anomaly & sterile neutrinos

- LSND/reactors anomaly requires at least an extra $\Delta m_{LSND}^2 \sim 1eV^2$
- Tension between appearance and disappearance experiments. Difficult to accommodate all data.

See for instance: Kopp, Machado, Maltoni and Schwetz 2013,
arXiv:1303.3011

See light Sterile Neutrinos White Paper, Abazajian et al arXiv: 1204.5379 and refs. therein

Neutrino anomaly & sterile neutrinos

- Tension between appearance and disappearance experiments

$$P_{\mu e} \sim |U_{se}|^2 |U_{s\mu}|^2 \quad \text{☺ LSND/MB signal}$$

$$P_{ee} \sim |U_{se}|^2 \quad \text{☺ reactor anomaly}$$

$$P_{\mu\mu} \sim |U_{s\mu}|^2 \quad \text{✗ no signal...}$$

- Difficult to accommodate all data. Convincing signal should appear in all these channels.

3+2 Phenomenological Models (PM)

- Best fits in the **3+2 phenomenological model (PM)**. Number of free parameters: 9 angles + 5 phases + 4 neutrino mass differences.

3 + 2 PM	$ \Delta m_{41}^2 (\text{eV}^2)$	$ \Delta m_{51}^2 (\text{eV}^2)$	$ U_{e4} $	$ U_{e5} $	$ U_{\mu 4} $	$ U_{\mu 5} $	ϕ_{45}
KMS[13]	0.47	0.87	0.128	0.138	0.165	0.148	1.64 π
GL[14]	0.9	1.61	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.078	1.51 π

Kopp, Maltoni, Schwetz (KMS) arXiv:1103.4570

Giunti, Laveder, (GL) arXiv:1107.1452

See also more recent analysis by Kopp, Machado, Maltoni and Schwetz 2013, arXiv:1303.3011

- Phenomenological models are model independent. Realistic models are much more constrained.

3+2 Mini Seesaw Model

- Mini-seesaw model (MM). Minimal model accounting for neutrino masses.

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- More predictive than the phenomenological models (PM).

Mini-Seesaw have 7 parameters less than the PM !

Model	# Δm^2	# Angles	# Phases	Total
3 ν	2	3	1	6
3+2 MM	4	4	3	11
3+2 PM	4	9	5	18

...and, in the Mini-Seesaw, active-sterile mixing and mass parameters are strongly correlated!!

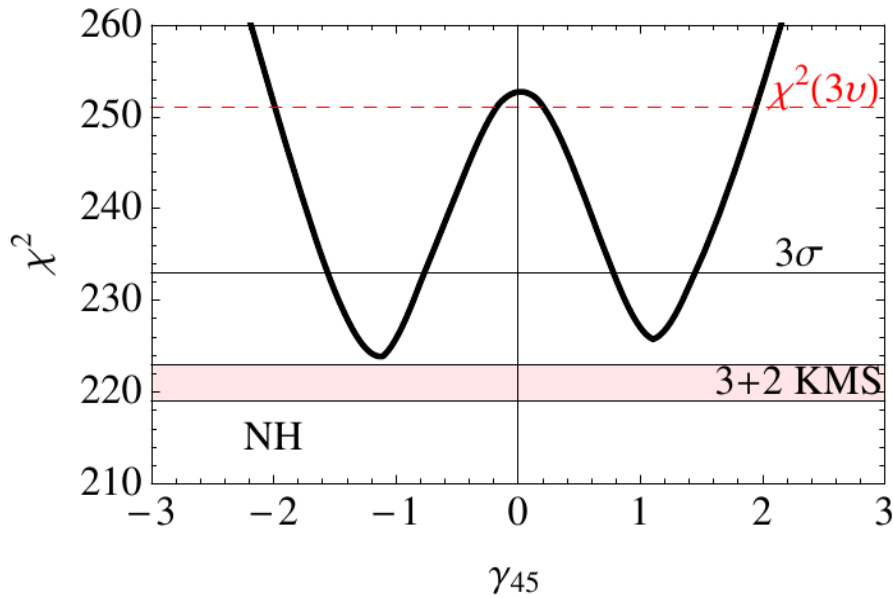
3+2 Mini Seesaw Model

- We performed a global fit in the context of the 3+2 mini-seesaw model.
- LBL and SBL can not be decoupled. Correlation between active and sterile mixing is not negligible. Active-sterile mixing and heavy squared mass differences strongly correlated.
- In the analysis we fix the values of M_1 and M_2 to the results of the above PM best fits.
- We use a general parameterization which generalizes Casas-Ibarra to the case in which corrections are important (as in this case)

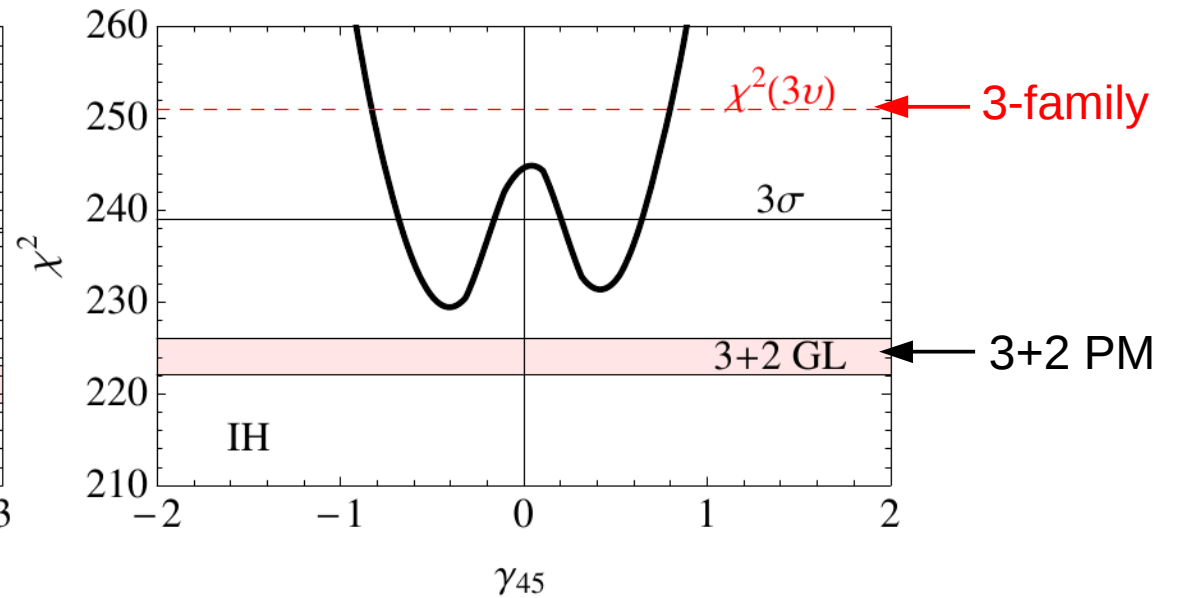
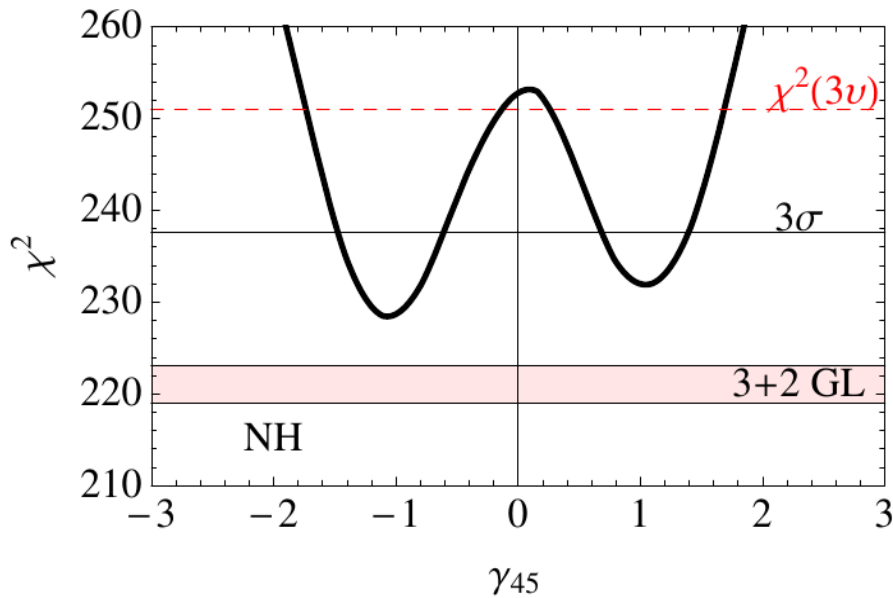
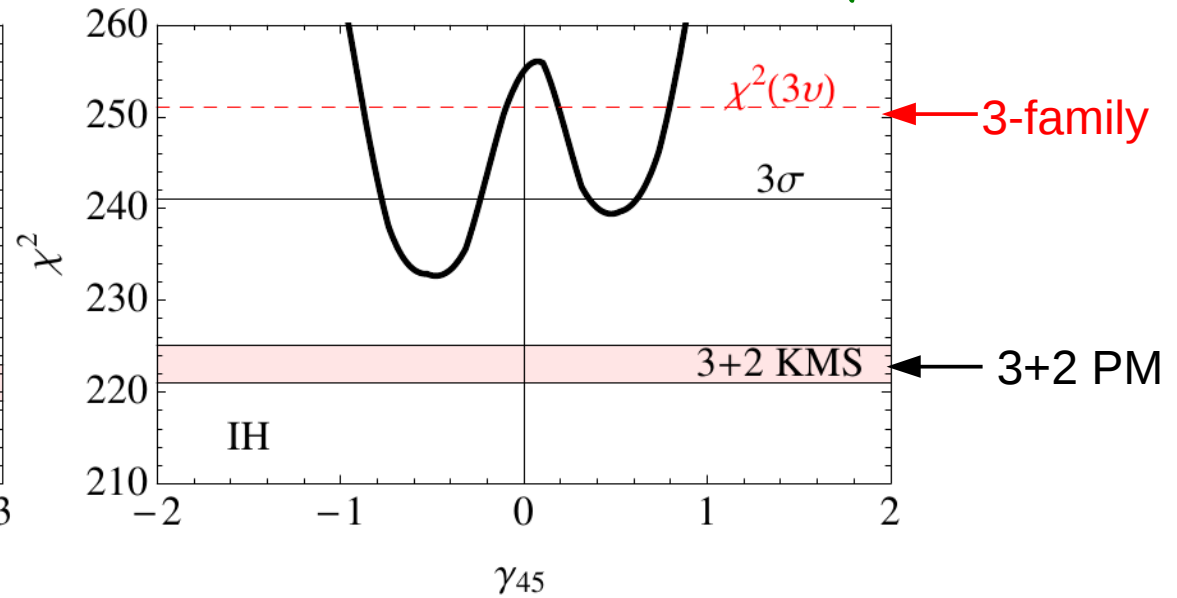
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Global fit

NH

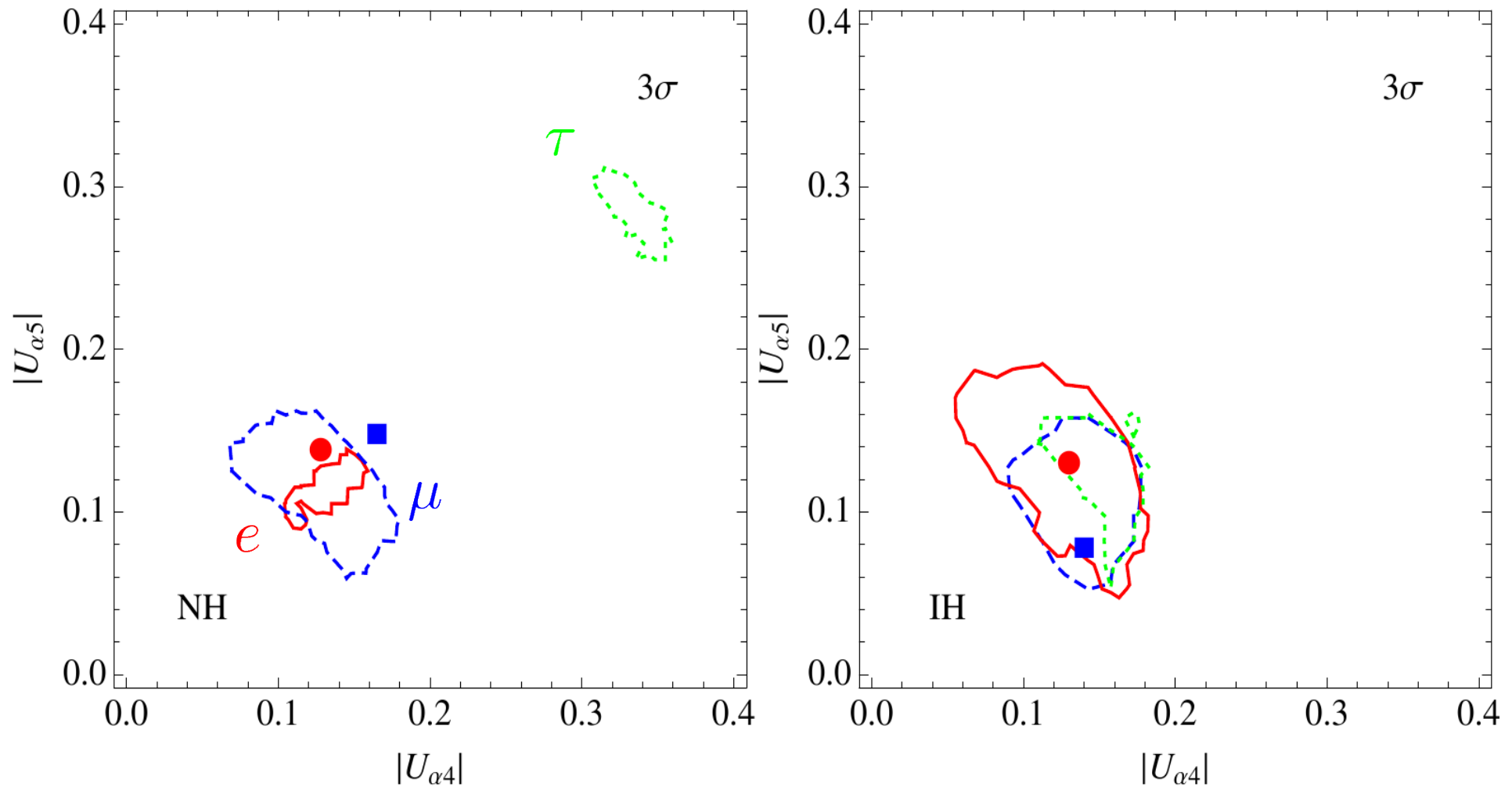


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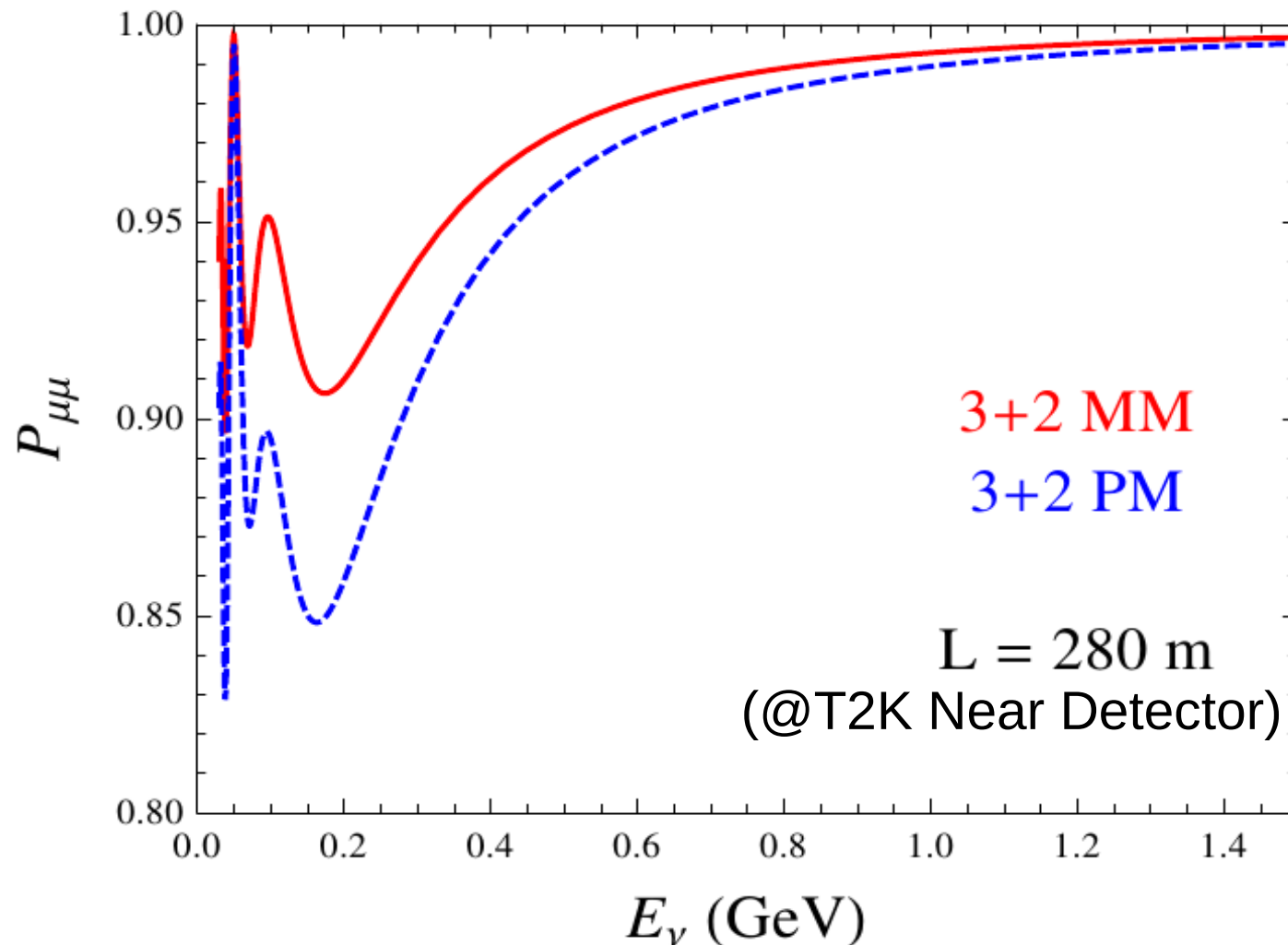
Best fit: active-sterile mixing

Prediction: **large tau-mixing** with extra states for NH!



Minimal Sterile Neutrino Model

- But large tension appearance/disappearance in μ sector remains.



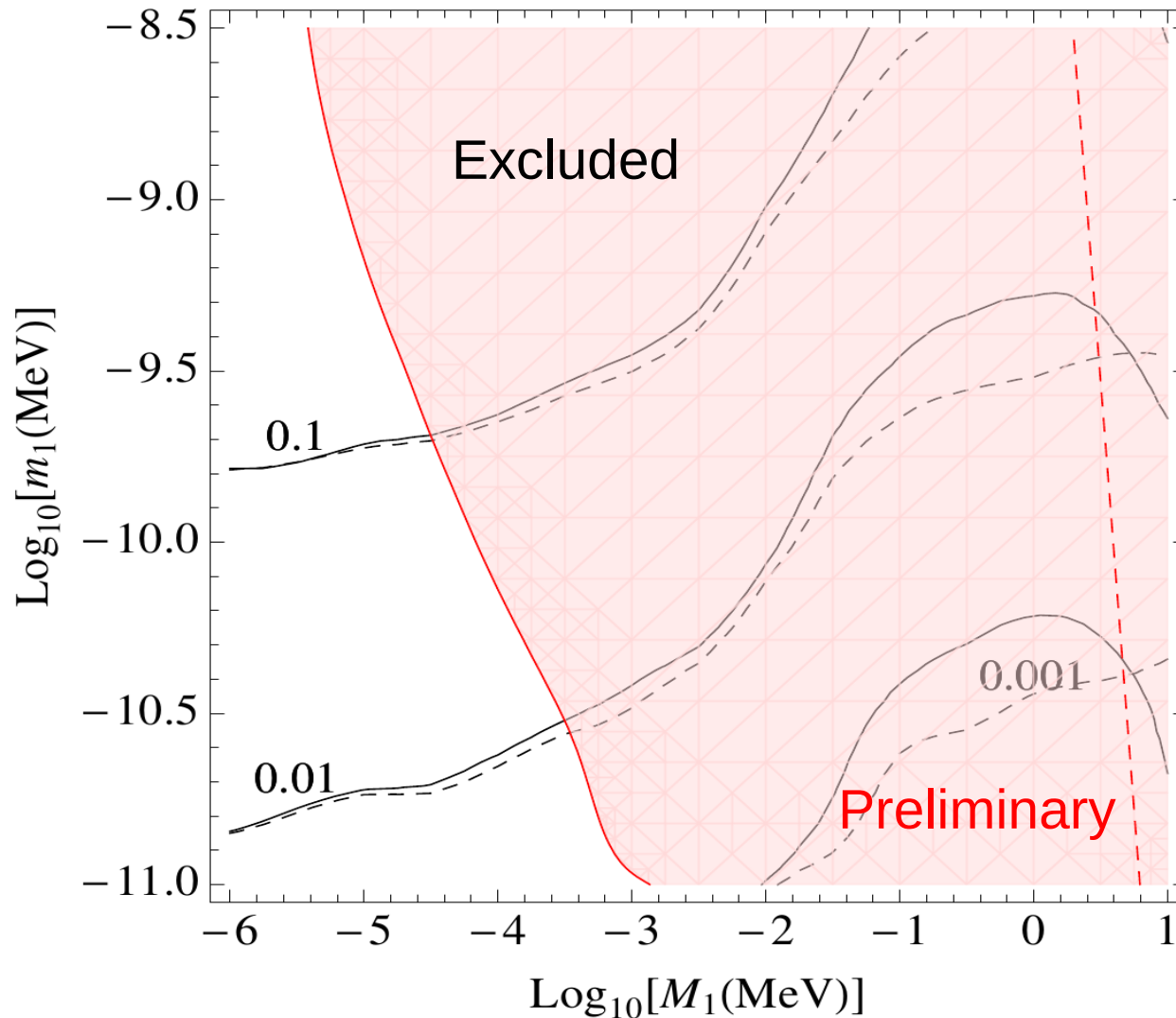
Conclusions

- We have studied in detail the simplest low scale models that can accommodate light neutrino masses: just **adding singlet fermions (sterile neutrinos) to the SM**.
- The **minimal model** requires two sterile neutrinos and is **able to explain the neutrino anomaly** at the same level as the phenomenological models.
- However, low scale 3+2 minimal seesaw models are strongly constrained by cosmology since the sterile neutrinos can not escape from thermalization.
- A huge part of the parameter space and the seesaw scale **(8 orders of magnitude)** of the 3+2 MM can be excluded thanks to cosmology.
- Low scale 3+3 minimal seesaw models are also very constrained by cosmology. **Only one sterile neutrino might escape from thermalization. Thermalization is controlled by the lightest neutrino mass, being the threshold: $m_1 = \mathcal{O}(10^{-3} eV)$**
- **Strong impact of the cosmological bounds on neutrinoless double beta decay.**

Tack!

Possible scenarios

- $m_1 \leq \mathcal{O}(10^{-3} eV)$: one sterile neutrino does not thermalize. The other two contribute as in the 3+2 model.



$$\dot{\rho} = -i[H, \rho] - \frac{1}{2}\{\Gamma, \rho - \rho_{eq}I_A\};$$

$$\dot{\rho}_A = -i(H_A\rho_A - \rho_A H_A + H_{AS}\rho_{AS}^\dagger - \rho_{AS}H_{AS}^\dagger) - \frac{1}{2}\{\Gamma_A, \rho_A - \rho_{eq}I_A\}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_{AS} = -i(H_A\rho_{AS} + H_{AS}\rho_S - \rho_{AS}H_S) - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_A\rho_{AS},$$

$$\dot{\rho}_S = -i(H_{AS}^\dagger\rho_{AS} - \rho_{AS}^\dagger H_{AS} + H_S\rho_S - \rho_S H_S).$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu_\alpha} \gg H \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\rho}_A = \dot{\rho}_{AS} = 0$$

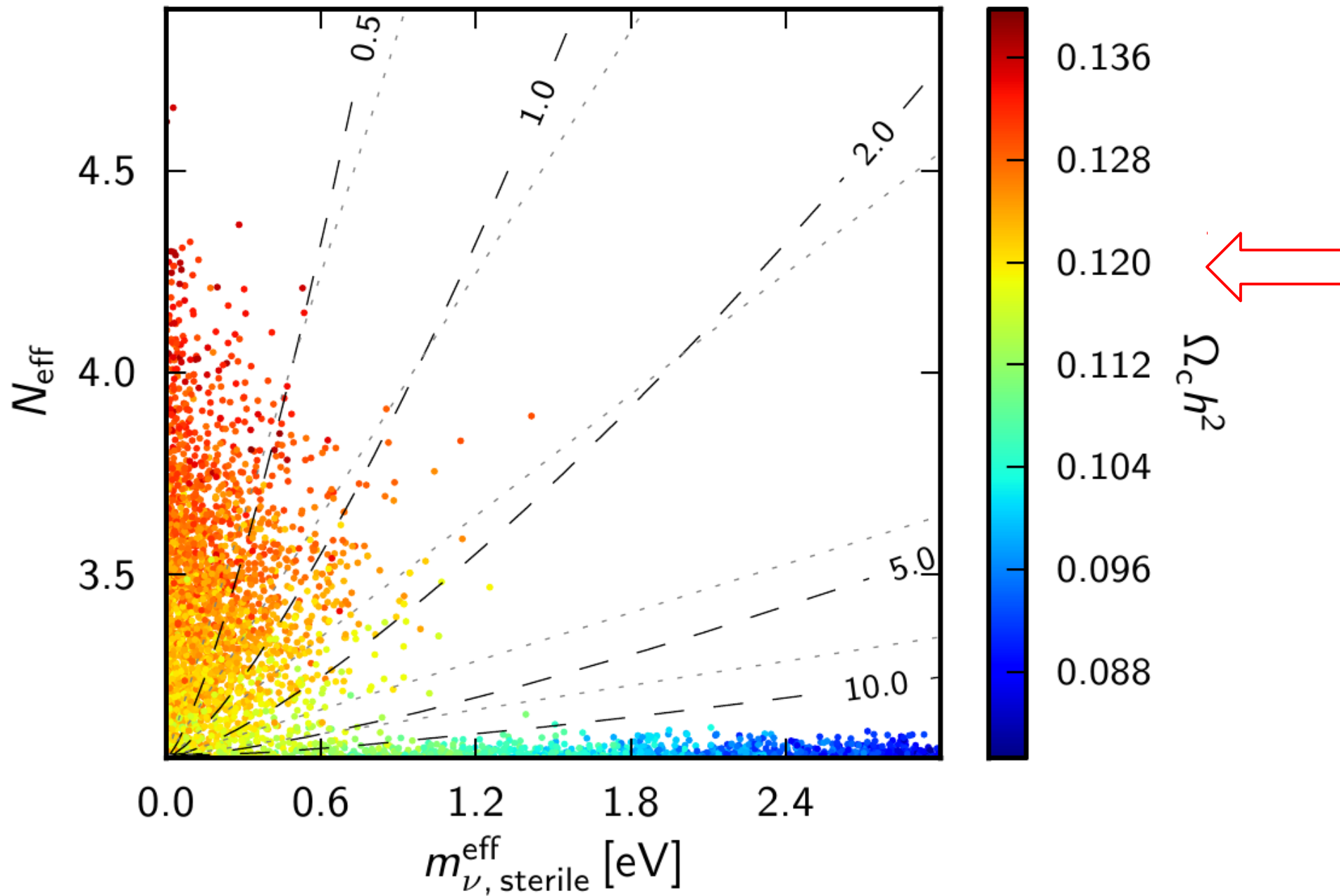
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\rho}_{ss} &= - \left(H_{AS}^\dagger \left\{ \frac{\Gamma_{AA}}{(H_{AA} - H_{ss})^2 + \Gamma_{AA}^2/4} \right\} H_{AS} \right)_{ss} \tilde{\rho}_{ss} \\ &\simeq -\frac{1}{2} \sum_a \langle P(\nu_s \rightarrow \nu_a) \rangle \Gamma_a \tilde{\rho}_{ss}, \end{aligned} \quad \tilde{\rho}_S \equiv \rho_S - \rho_{eq}I_S$$

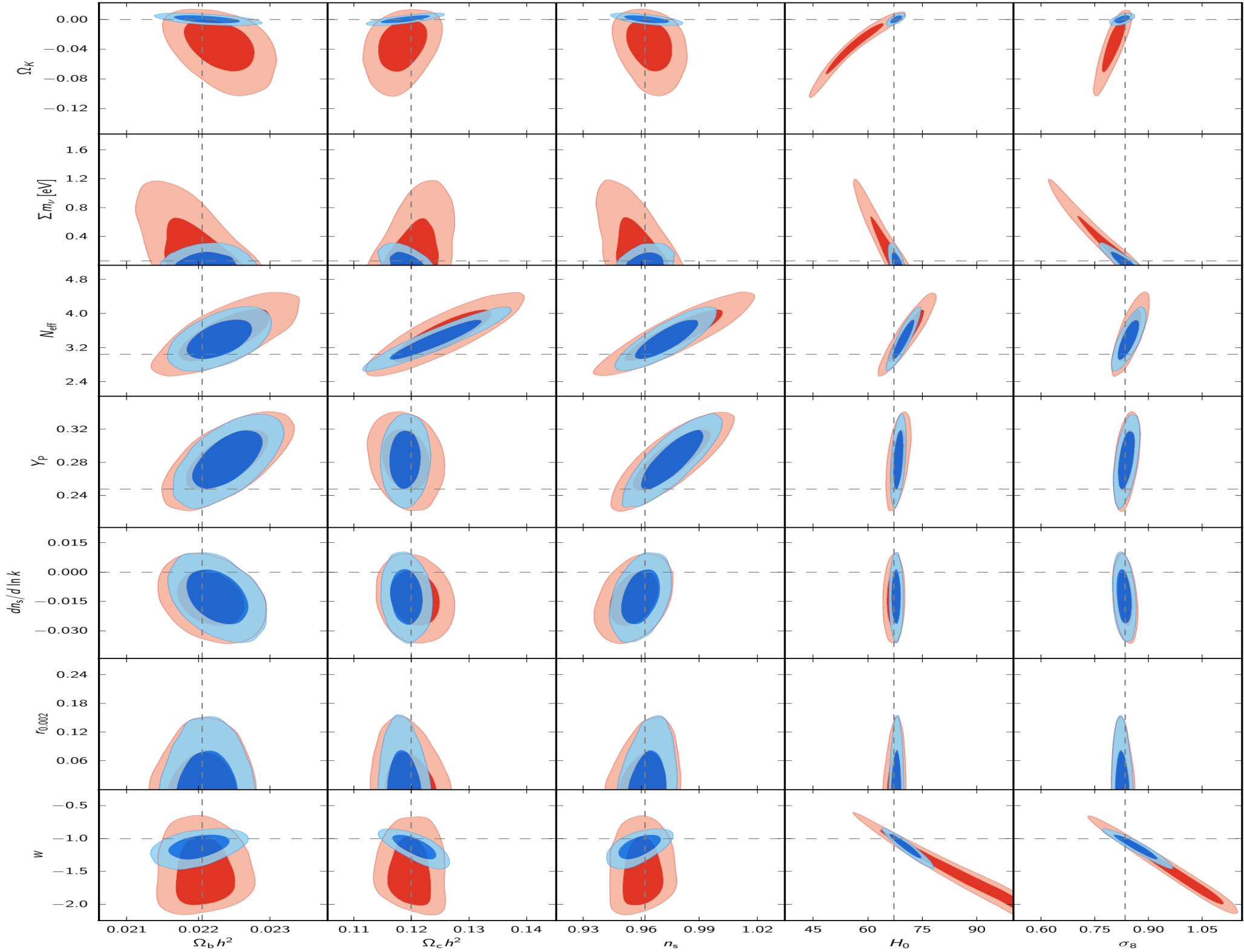
sterile Neutrino Thermalization

- Necessary to go beyond the two family approximation. Expanding over m/M we have computed the time-averaged probability:

$$f_{s_j}(T) = \frac{\Gamma_{\nu_e}(T)}{H(T)} \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} n_\alpha \left(\frac{M_j^2}{2pV_\alpha - M_j^2} \right)^2 |(U_{as})_{\alpha j}|^2$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\tau) \ T \gtrsim 180 \text{ MeV}: n_\alpha = 1 \text{ and } V_\alpha = AT^4p, \\ (\mu) \ 20 \text{ MeV} \lesssim T \lesssim 180 \text{ MeV}: n_e = n_\mu = 1, n_\tau = 9/13, V_e = V_\mu = AT^4p \text{ and } \\ \quad V_\tau = BT^4p, \\ (e) \ T \lesssim 20 \text{ MeV}: n_e = 1, n_\mu = n_\tau = 9/13, V_e = AT^4p \text{ and } V_\mu = V_\tau = BT^4p. \end{array} \right.$$





Global fit

- DATA

LBL: KamLAND, MINOS, T2K

SBL: LSND, MiniBooNE, KARMEN, NOMAD, CDHS, Bugey, ROVNO, Krasnoyarsk, Gösgen, CHOOZ, Palo Verde, Double CHOOZ, Daya Bay, RENO.

$$\chi^2 = \chi_{LBL}^2 + \chi_{SBL}^2$$

$\theta_{23}, \theta_{12}, m_2, m_3$

M_1, M_2

$\theta_{13}, \theta_{45}, \gamma_{45}, \delta, \alpha$

Analytical lower bound

- Analytical lower bound on thermalization rate!

$$f_{s_j}(T) \geq \frac{9}{16} \frac{\Gamma_{\nu_e}(T_{max}^\tau)}{H(T_{max}^\tau)} \sum_i |U_{\alpha s_j}|^2 \propto \frac{\sum_\alpha |U_{\alpha s_j}|^2 M_j}{\sqrt{g_*(T_{max}^\tau)}}$$

$$h_j \equiv \sum_\alpha |U_{\alpha s_j}|^2 M_j = \underbrace{\sum_i |R_{ij}|^2 m_i}_{\text{Independent of PMNS parameters}} \geq m_1$$

Independent of PMNS
parameters

Extending Casas-Ibarra parameterization

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{aa} & U_{as} \\ U_{sa} & U_{ss} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U_{aa} = U_{PMNS} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{as} = i \left(0 \quad \bar{H} M^{-1/2} R m^{-1/2} \right),$$

$$U_{sa} = i U_{PMNS} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ H m^{1/2} R^\dagger M^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_{ss} = \bar{H}$$