

# The Hubble Tension: A Particle Physics Perspective

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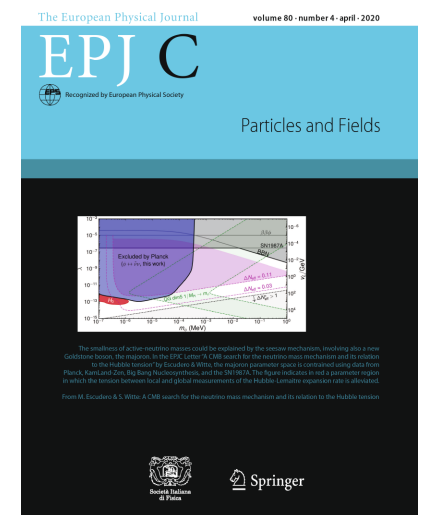
**short review + original work based on:**

**ArXiv:1909.04044, EPJC 80 (2020) 4, 294**

**ArXiv:2004.01470, NuPhys19 Proceedings**

**ArXiv:2103.03249, EPJC 81 (2021) 6, 515**

**with Sam Witte**

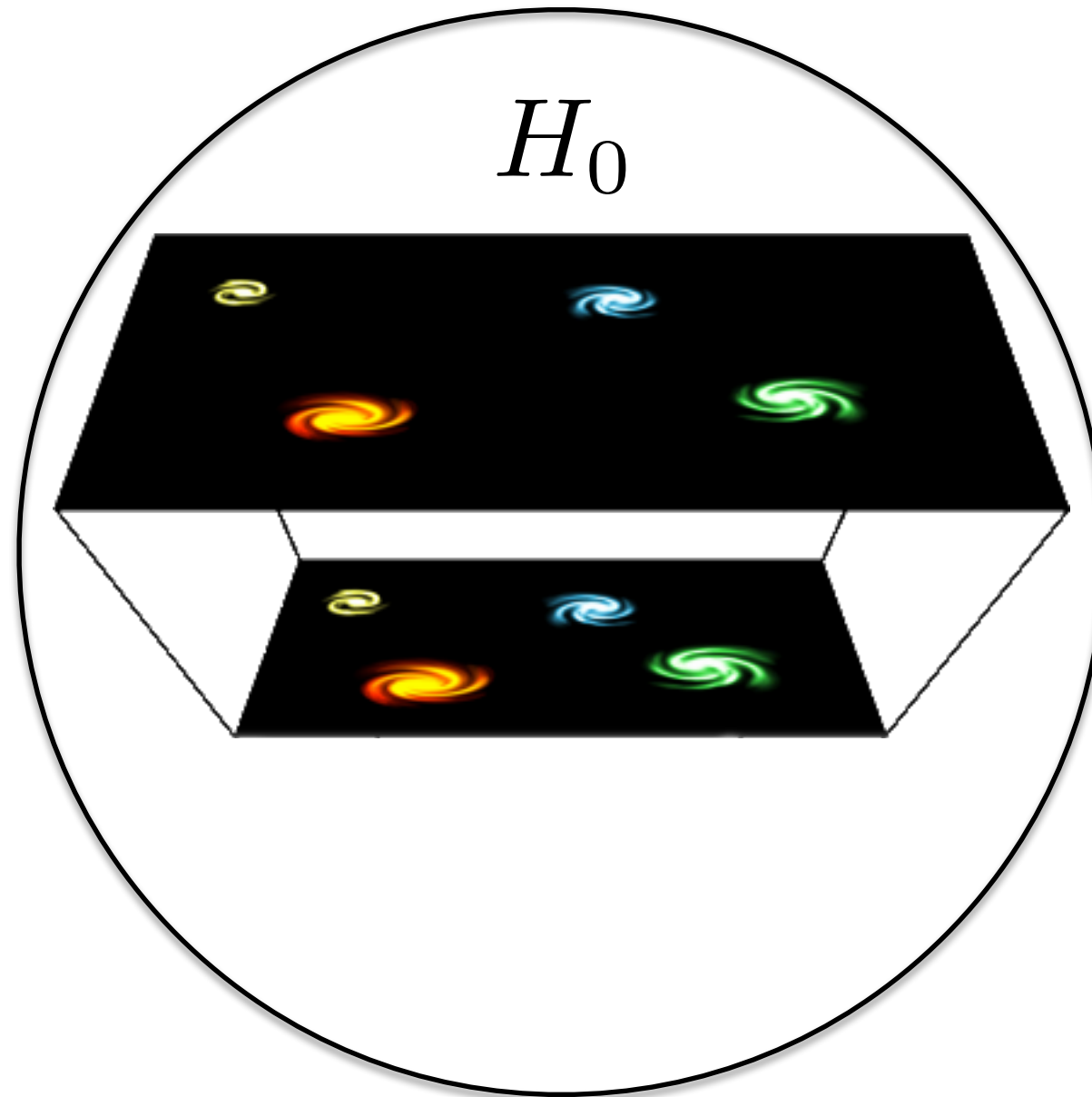


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**Local Measurements**

**Riess *et al.* 2012.08534**

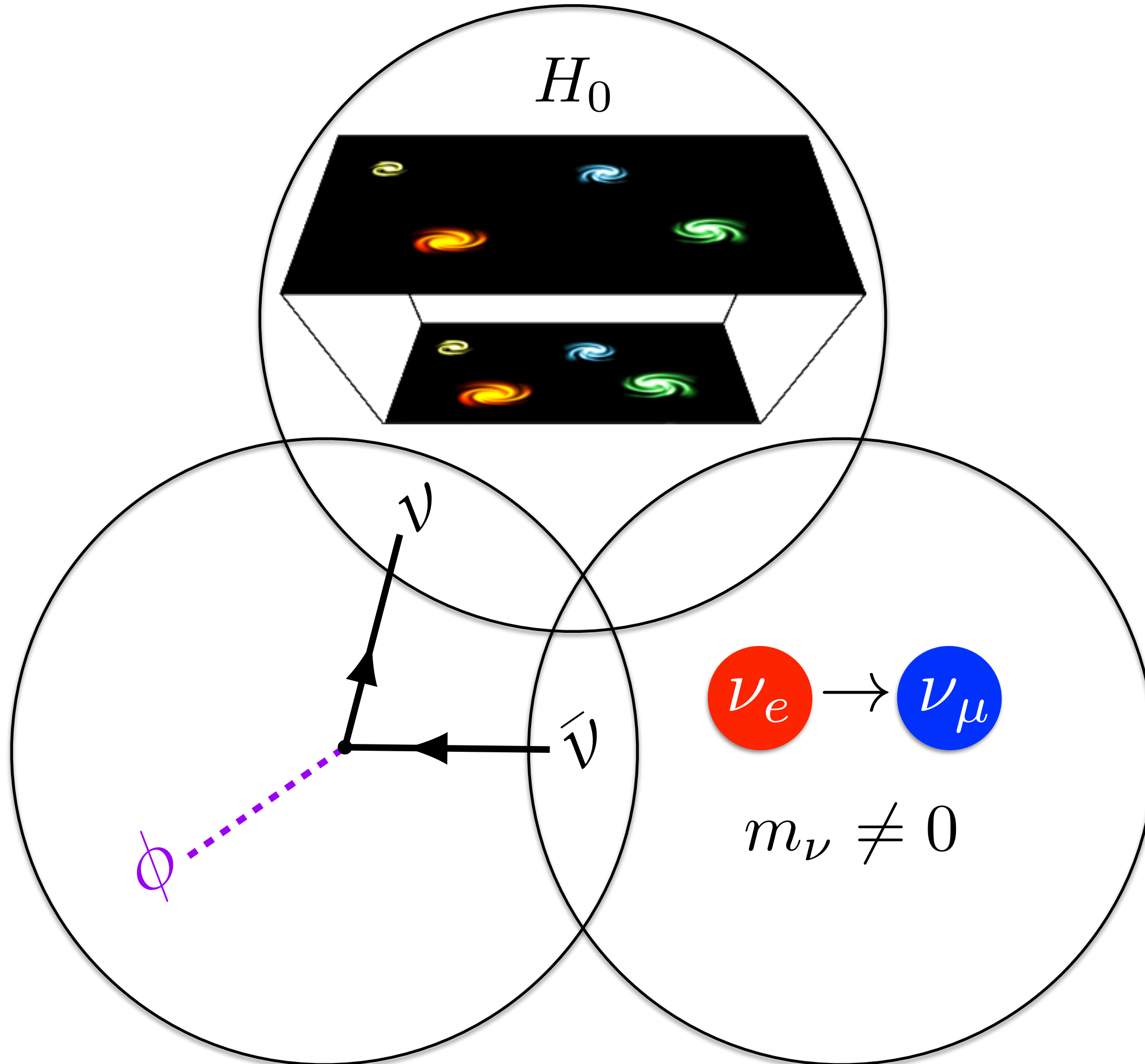
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**$\Lambda$ CDM Prediction**

**Planck 2018 1807.06209**

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**4.2  $\sigma$  tension  
within  $\Lambda$ CDM!**



# Outline

## 1) The Hubble Tension

Observational Evidence

Brief review of Models

## 2) The Majoron as a solution to the $H_0$ tension

The singlet Majoron model

Majoron Cosmology

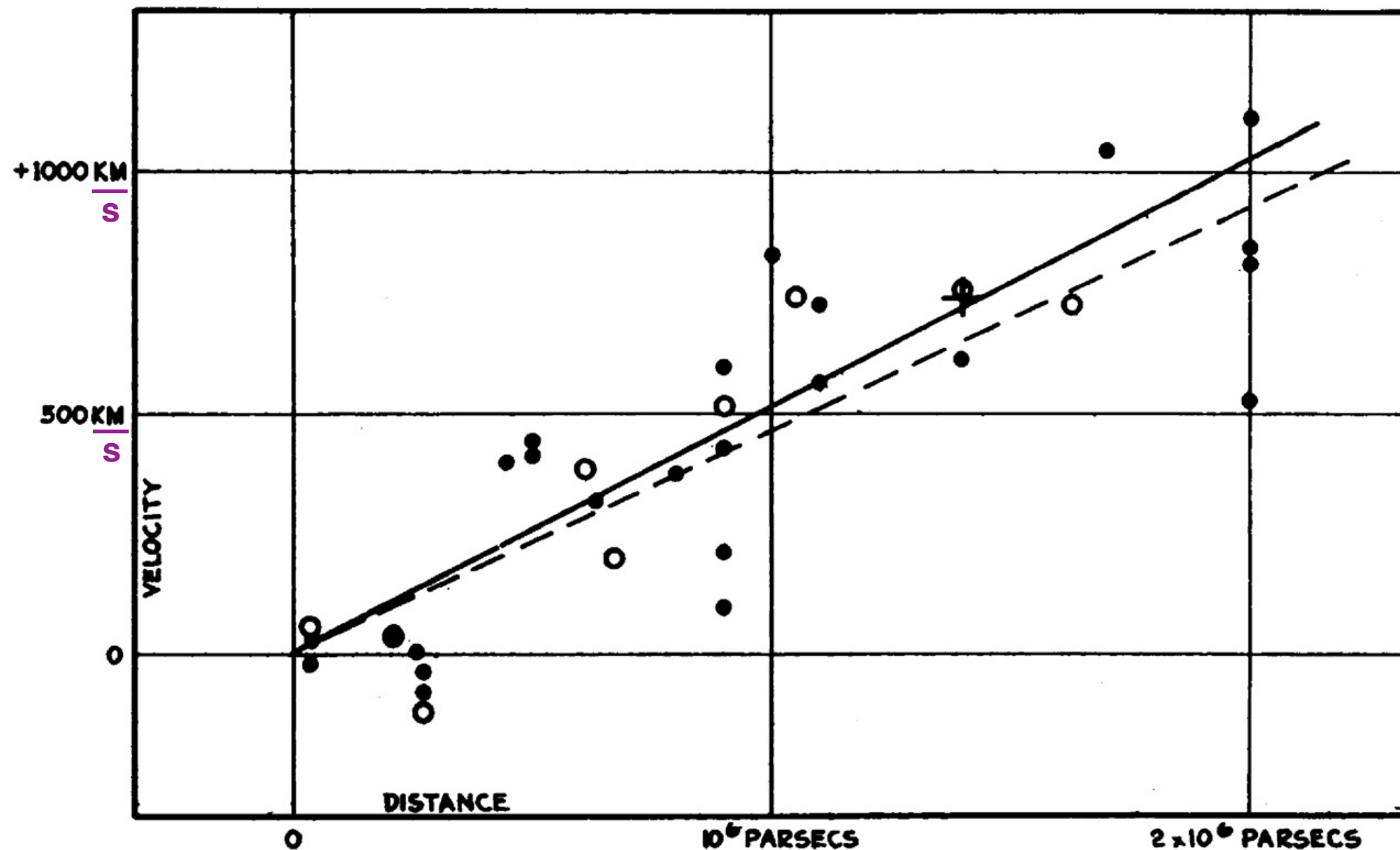
## 3) Conclusions and Outlook



# The Hubble Law

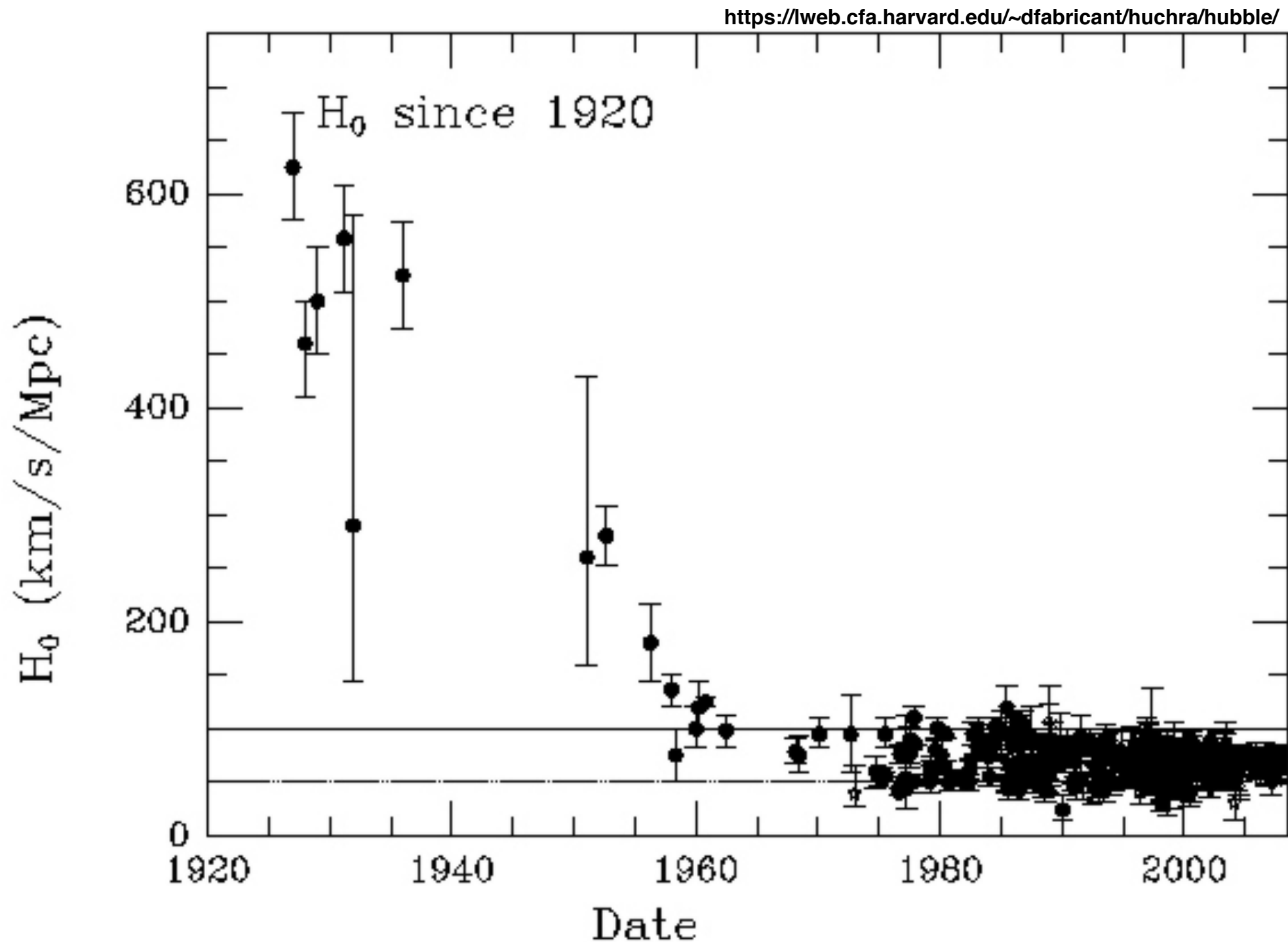
The Universe is expanding!

Hubble (1929):  $v = H_0 d$

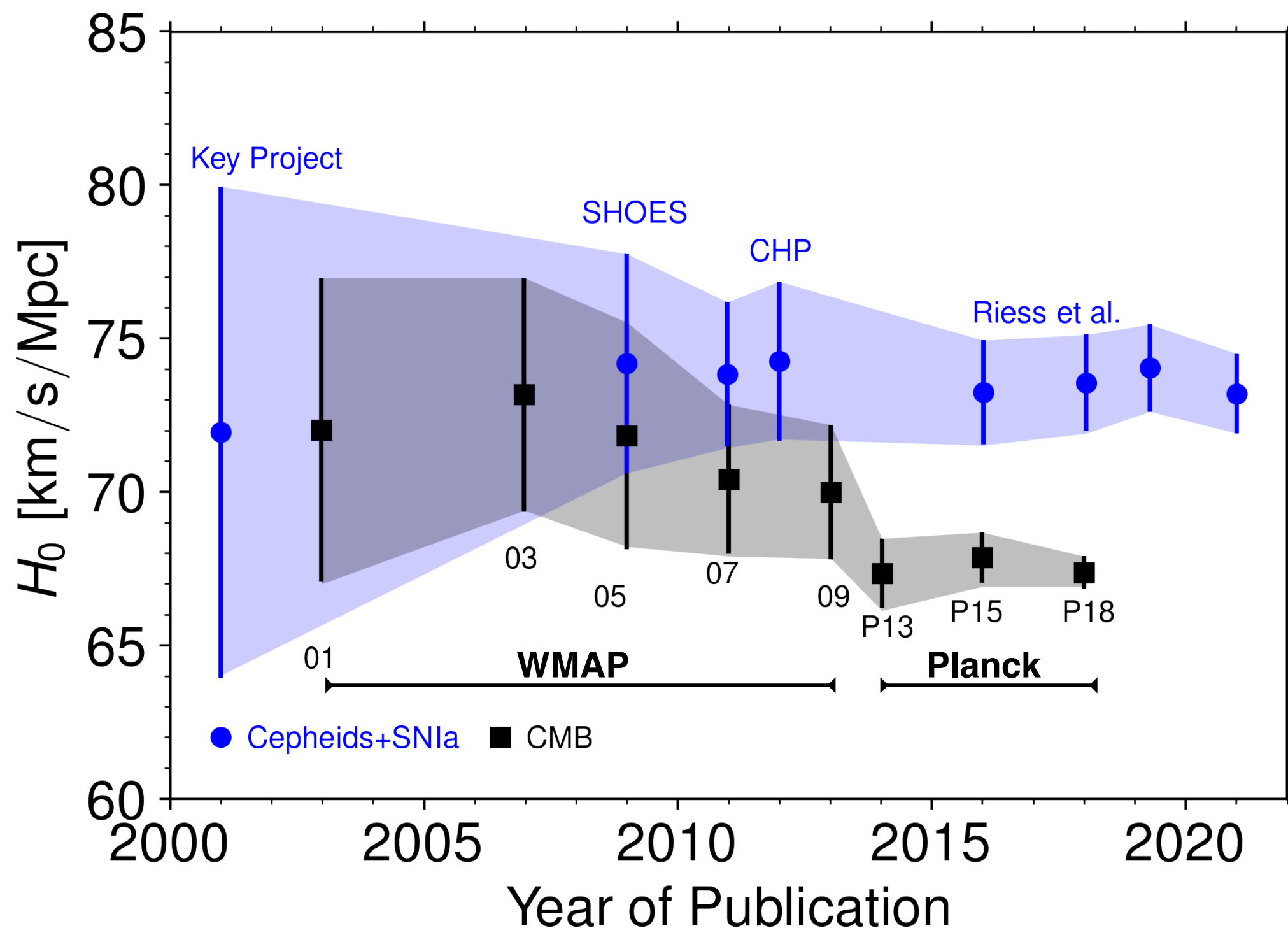


# The Hubble Tension in Perspective

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# The Hubble Tension in Perspective



# The Hubble Tension

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- **A pattern has clearly emerged:**

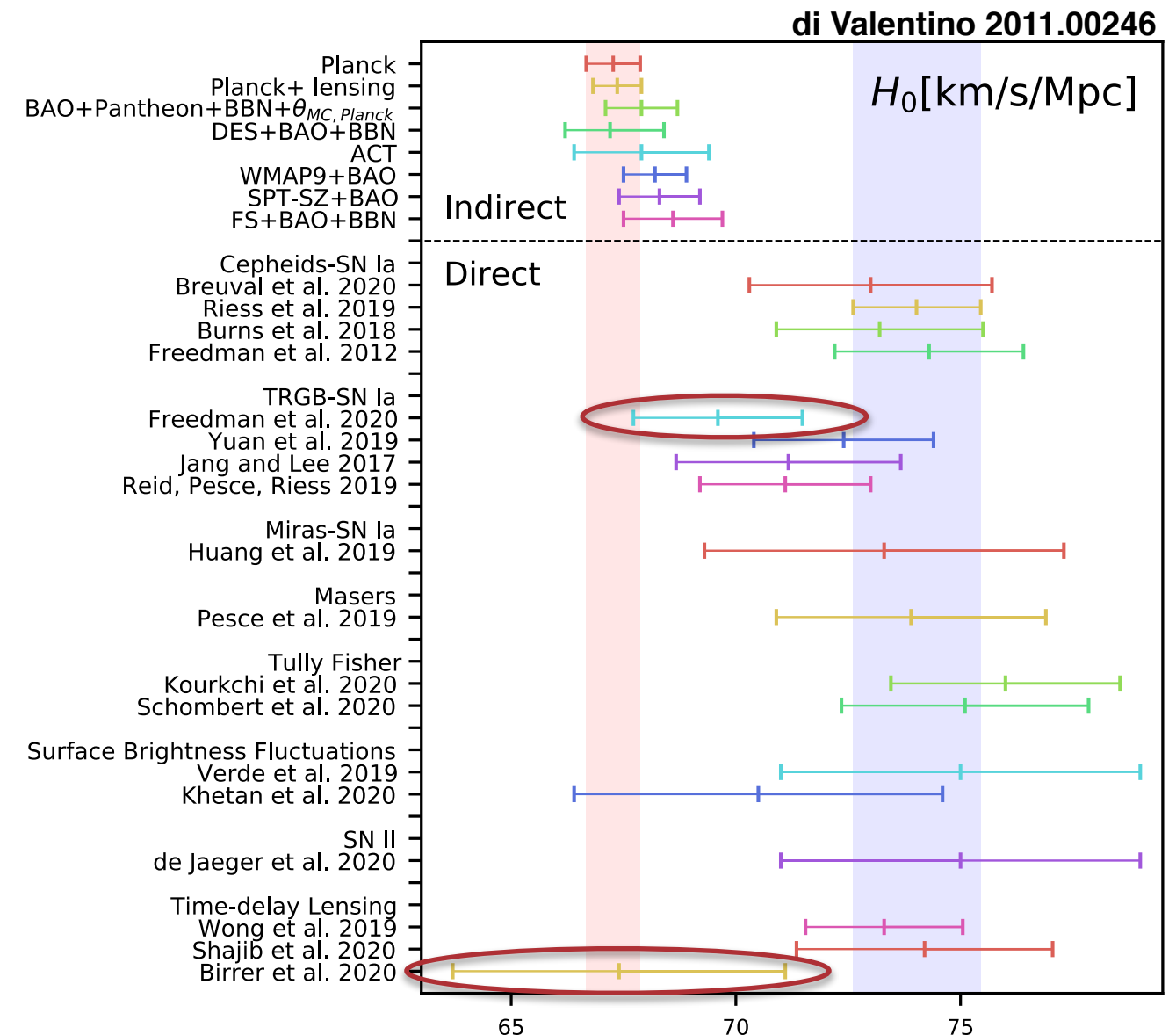
- **4-6  $\sigma$  tension depending upon the datasets included**

see Verde, Treu, Riess 1907.10625 for a review

- **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations point to small  $H_0$**

- **Cepheids+Type-Ia SN are among the most precise and they point to  $H_0 \sim (73 \pm 2) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$**

- **Some analyses do point to smaller values, Freedman et al. 20' and Birrer et al. 20'**



# The Hubble Tension

- **Possible resolutions:**

- 1) **Systematics in the CMB data** **very unlikely**
- 2) **Systematics in local measurements** **none so far\***
- 3) **New feature of  $\Lambda$ CDM**

- **Possibilities beyond  $\Lambda$ CDM:** See 2103.01183 by di Valentino et al. for a review (over 1000 references ...)

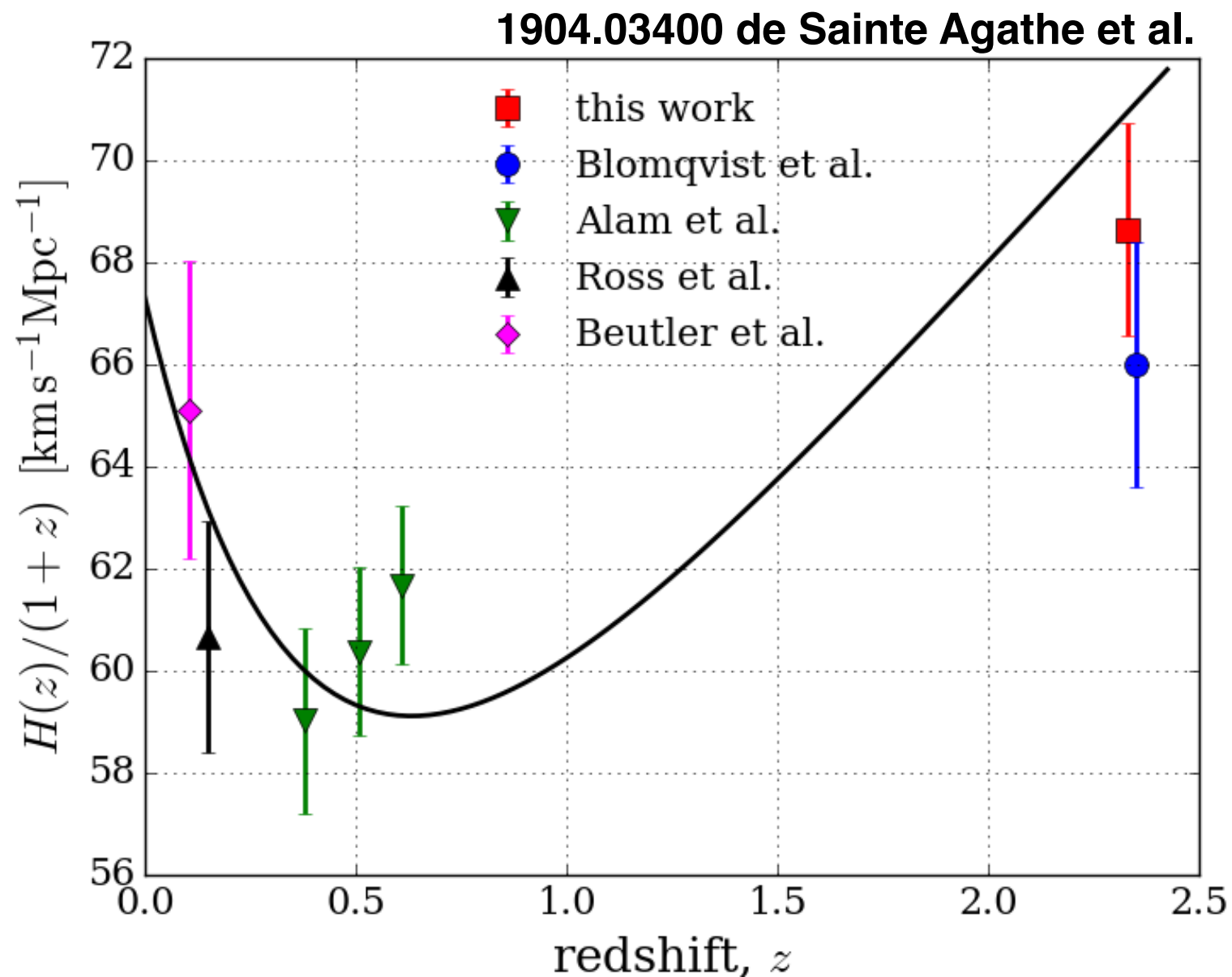
- 1) **Late Universe Modifications** **very unlikely**
- 2) **Early Universe Modifications** **hard but doable**

\*After 8 years of intense scrutiny, it has been pointed out recently that perhaps dust could play a relevant role Mortsell et al. 2105.11461

# The Hubble Tension: Theory

**Why late Universe modifications do not work?** see e.g. 2103.08723 by Efstathiou

Because type Ia SN and Baryon Acoustic Oscillations constrain the expansion history of the Universe at  $z < 2.5$  and they agree with the predictions of  $\Lambda$ CDM



( $H_0$  is measured locally, at  $z < 0.15$ )

# The Hubble Tension: Theory

- Why Early Universe modifications could work?

Because the CMB does not measure  $H_0$  directly!

Planck measures the positions of the peaks:  $\theta_s \equiv r_s / D_M(z_\star)$   
(0.03% precision)

$$r_s = \int_{z_\star}^{\infty} \frac{c_s}{H(z')} dz'$$

Comoving sound horizon  
(Early Universe)

$$D_M(z) = \int_0^z \frac{1}{H(z')} dz'$$

Comoving angular diameter distance  
(Late Universe)

$H_0$

**Model Building task:** The game is to make  $r_s$  smaller by  $\sim 8\%$  so that  $H_0$  can be the one reported by Riess. But, not spoiling the fit to ultra precise CMB data from Planck!

simplest:

Knox and Millea  
1908.03663

**Enhance the expansion history of the  
Universe prior and close to recombination!**

# Dark Radiation as a solution?

😊 By far the simplest possibility, we have  $\mathcal{O}(10^3)$  models that can do it:

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = N_{\text{eff}} - N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} > 0 \quad N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}} \simeq 3.04$$

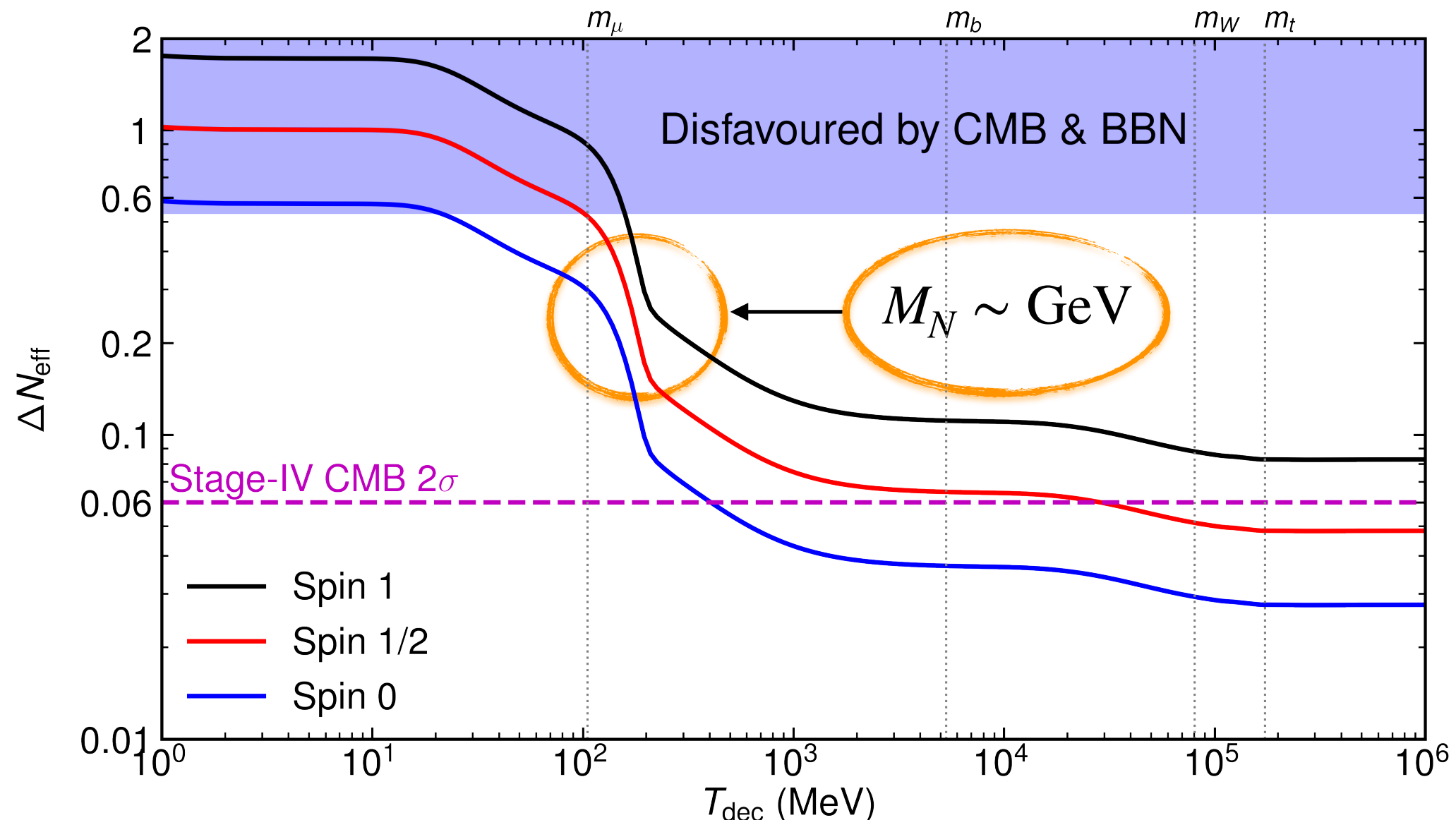
Editors' Suggestion

Goldstone Bosons as Fractional Cosmic Neutrinos

Steven Weinberg

Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 241301 – Published 10 June 2013

Typically interpreted as additional massless dark radiation as a relic from the Big Bang





# Neff as a solution to the $H_0$ Tension?

- How large would  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  need to be to solve the tension?

$$H_0 \simeq [67.4 + 6.2 \Delta N_{\text{eff}}] \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

Vagnozzi 1907.07569

- 😊  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$  would yield the value of  $H_0$  reported by Riess

- 😐 **Problem 1) BBN constraints indicate that:**  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}} < 0.5$  Pisanti et al. 2011.11537

- Constraints are dominated by Helium measurements (that could suffer from systematics)
- In many models  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{CMB}} \neq \Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}}$

- 😞 **Problem 2) Within the framework of  $\Lambda$ CDM Planck is compatible with  $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 3$**

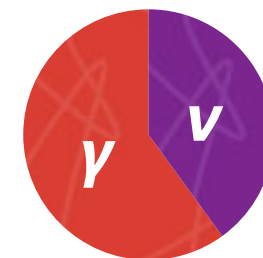
$$N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{CMB+BAO}} = 2.99 \pm 0.17 \quad \text{Planck 2018}$$

Maybe there is an effect that can compensate a large  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at the level of the CMB fit?

- 😊 **Neutrinos interactions can lead to a relevant impact on the CMB spectra**

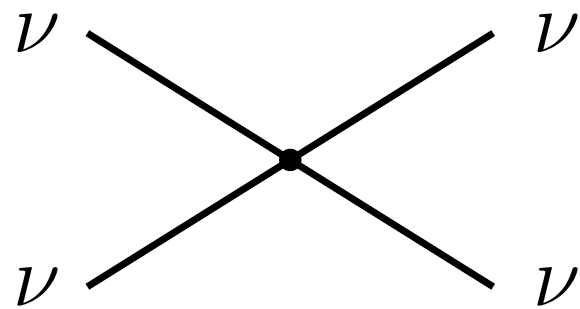
Bashinsky and Seljak astro-ph/0310198

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}$$



# Neutrinos and the Hubble Tension

## ● Strong Neutrino Scattering + Extra Radiation Kreisch, Cyr-Racine, Doré 1902.00543

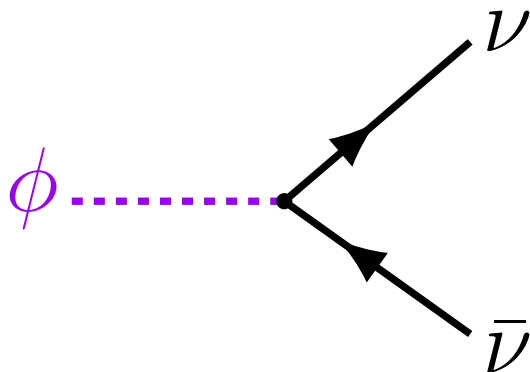


$H_0$  tension solved if TEEE data is ignored 😊

If pol data is included no solution for  $H_0$  😞

Almost excluded by Lab data (Blinov++1905.02727) 😞

## ● Light Neutrinophilic Scalar + Dark Radiation Escudero & Witte 1909.04044



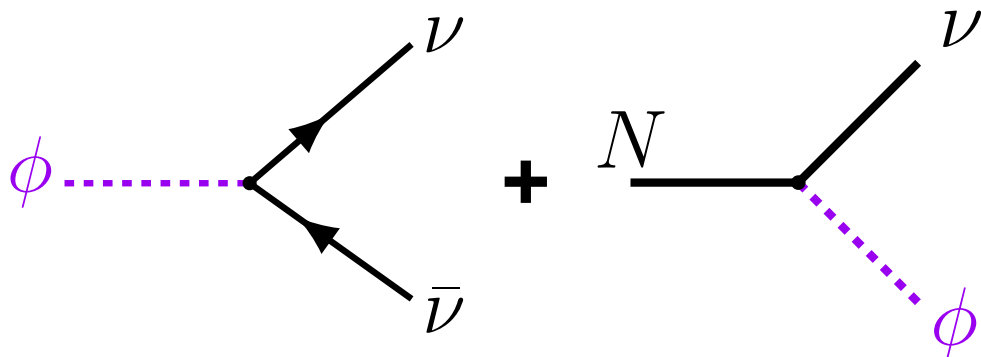
$H_0$  tension from  $4.4\sigma$  to  $2.5\sigma$  😐

CMB fit is not degraded 😊

Direct connection with Seesaw 😊

Ad hoc  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.5$  😐

## ● Primordial population of light scalars Escudero & Witte 2103.03249



Sterile neutrinos can source  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.4$

Sterile neutrinos can lead to Leptogenesis

$H_0$  tension from  $4.2\sigma$  to  $2\sigma$

# The Hubble Tension: Theory

## ● Hundreds of Models in the market See 2103.01183 by di Valentino et al.

Most of them do not actually work. They either lead to a bad CMB fit or do not shift  $H_0$  enough

Schöneberg et al. 2107.10291: *The  $H_0$  Olympics: A fair ranking of proposed models*

Model	$\Delta N_{\text{param}}$	$M_B$	Gaussian Tension	$Q_{\text{DMAP}}$ Tension		$\Delta\chi^2$	$\Delta\text{AIC}$		Finalist
$\Lambda\text{CDM}$	0	$-19.416 \pm 0.012$	$4.4\sigma$	$4.5\sigma$	<i>X</i>	0.00	0.00	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>

↑  
How large is the Hubble tension?

small values here are better!

↑  
How good is the CMB fit?







negative values are good here!

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best performance:	Model	$\Delta N_{\text{param}}$	$M_B$	Gaussian Tension	$Q_{\text{DMAP}}$ Tension		$\Delta\chi^2$	$\Delta\text{AIC}$		Finalist
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	$\Delta N_{\text{ur}}$	1	$-19.395 \pm 0.019$	$3.6\sigma$	$3.9\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-4.60	-2.60	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$
	SIDR	1	$-19.385 \pm 0.024$	$3.2\sigma$	$3.6\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-3.77	-1.77	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$
	DR-DM	2	$-19.413 \pm 0.036$	$3.3\sigma$	$3.4\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-7.82	-3.82	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$
	mixed DR	2	$-19.388 \pm 0.026$	$3.2\sigma$	$3.7\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-6.40	-2.40	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$
	$\text{SI}\nu\text{+DR}$	3	$-19.440 \pm 0.038$	$3.7\sigma$	$3.9\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-3.56	2.44	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$
	Majoron	3	$-19.380 \pm 0.027$	$3.0\sigma$	$2.9\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-13.74	-7.74	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 
	primordial B	1	$-19.390 \pm 0.018$	$3.5\sigma$	$3.5\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-10.83	-8.83	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 
	varying $m_e$	1	$-19.391 \pm 0.034$	$2.9\sigma$	$3.2\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-9.87	-7.87	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 
varying $m_e\text{+}\Omega_k$	2	$-19.368 \pm 0.048$	$2.0\sigma$	$1.7\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-16.11	-12.11	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 	
EDE	3	$-19.390 \pm 0.016$	$3.6\sigma$	$1.6\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-20.80	-14.80	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 	
NEDE	3	$-19.380 \pm 0.021$	$3.2\sigma$	$2.0\sigma$	$\checkmark$	-17.70	-11.70	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$ 	
CPL	2	$-19.400 \pm 0.016$	$3.9\sigma$	$4.1\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-4.23	-0.23	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	
PEDE	0	$-19.349 \pm 0.013$	$2.7\sigma$	$2.0\sigma$	$\checkmark$	4.76	4.76	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	
MPEDE	1	$-19.400 \pm 0.022$	$3.6\sigma$	$4.0\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-2.21	-0.21	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	
$\text{DM} \rightarrow \text{DR}\text{+WDM}$	2	$-19.410 \pm 0.013$	$4.2\sigma$	$4.4\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	-4.18	-0.18	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	
$\text{DM} \rightarrow \text{DR}$	2	$-19.410 \pm 0.011$	$4.3\sigma$	$4.2\sigma$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	0.11	4.11	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	$\textcolor{red}{X}$	

- **None of them fully solves the Hubble tension!**
- **Most of those that can ameliorate the tension are not theoretically well motivated**

# The Hubble Tension: Theory

## ● A critical review of the best performing models

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## ● Primordial magnetic fields & $m_e(t) + \Omega_k$

The idea here is that recombination happens earlier than in  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  by either

- using primordial magnetic fields of  $\sim 1$  nGauss on kpc scales [Jedamzik & Pogosian 2004.09487]
- enhancing  $m_e(t)$  at recombination by  $\sim 2\%$  [Hart & Chluba 1912.03986]

😐 Good exercises, but not much theoretical motivation for either of the two settings ...

## ● Early Dark Energy Poulin, Smith, Karwal, Kamionkowski 1811.04083 Agrawal, Cyr-Racine, Pinner, Randall 1904.01016

The idea is that there is an early dark energy component just acting right before recombination

This can be done with a very light scalar field with  $m_\phi \sim 10^{-27}$  eV and  $f \lesssim M_{\text{Pl}}$  that yields  $f_{\text{EDE}} \sim 10\%$  but with a very particular potential:  $V_\phi \sim m^2 f^2 [1 - \cos \phi/f]^3 \sim m^2 \phi^6 / f^4$

😐 Highly unclear where such potential could come from and there is a coincidence problem ...

## ● New Early Dark Energy

Another possibility is to trigger a 1st order phase transition at  $T \sim \text{eV}$  [Niedermann & Sloth 1910.10739]

😊 This seems theoretically more plausible, although requires some idea for why  $T \sim \text{eV}$  but  $m_\phi \sim 10^{-27}$  eV

# The Hubble Tension

## 1) Observational evidence

**There is strong observational evidence from Cepheids+SN Ia**

**However, it is still just a tension. It needs to be confirmed by other methods**

**We expect significant improvements in  $\sim 3-4$  years, particularly with upcoming data from Gaia & the James Webb telescope**

## 2) Theoretical modeling

**Despite the strong efforts, we have no perfect model so far**

**Most of the models lack theoretical motivation**

**My personal view as a particle physicist:**

**Exciting opportunity to try to learn about fundamental physics**

# Mid Seminar Pause =)

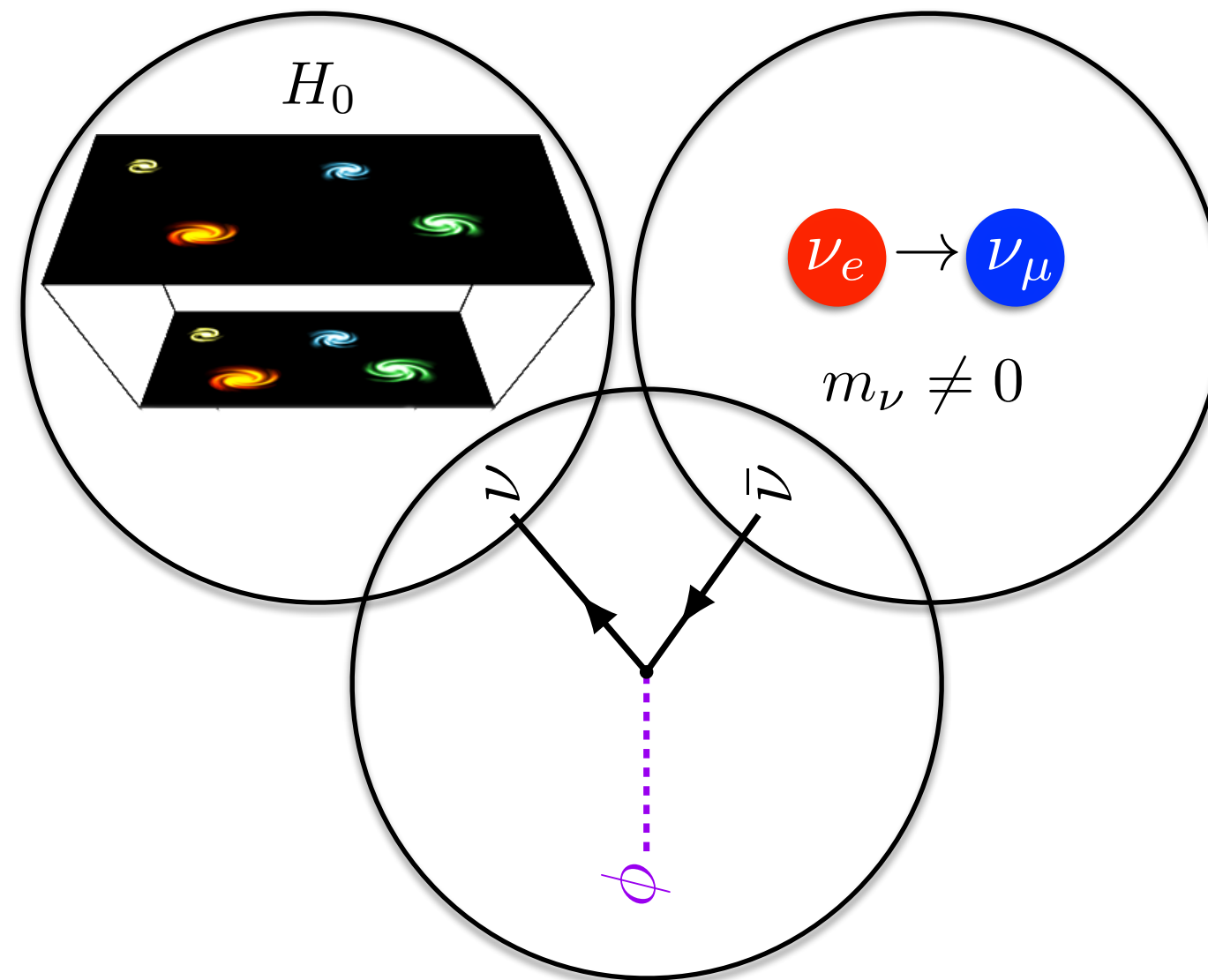
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**Comments?**

**Criticism?**

**All are most welcome!**

# The Idea



**What is the Majoron?**

**What are its properties and its cosmology?**

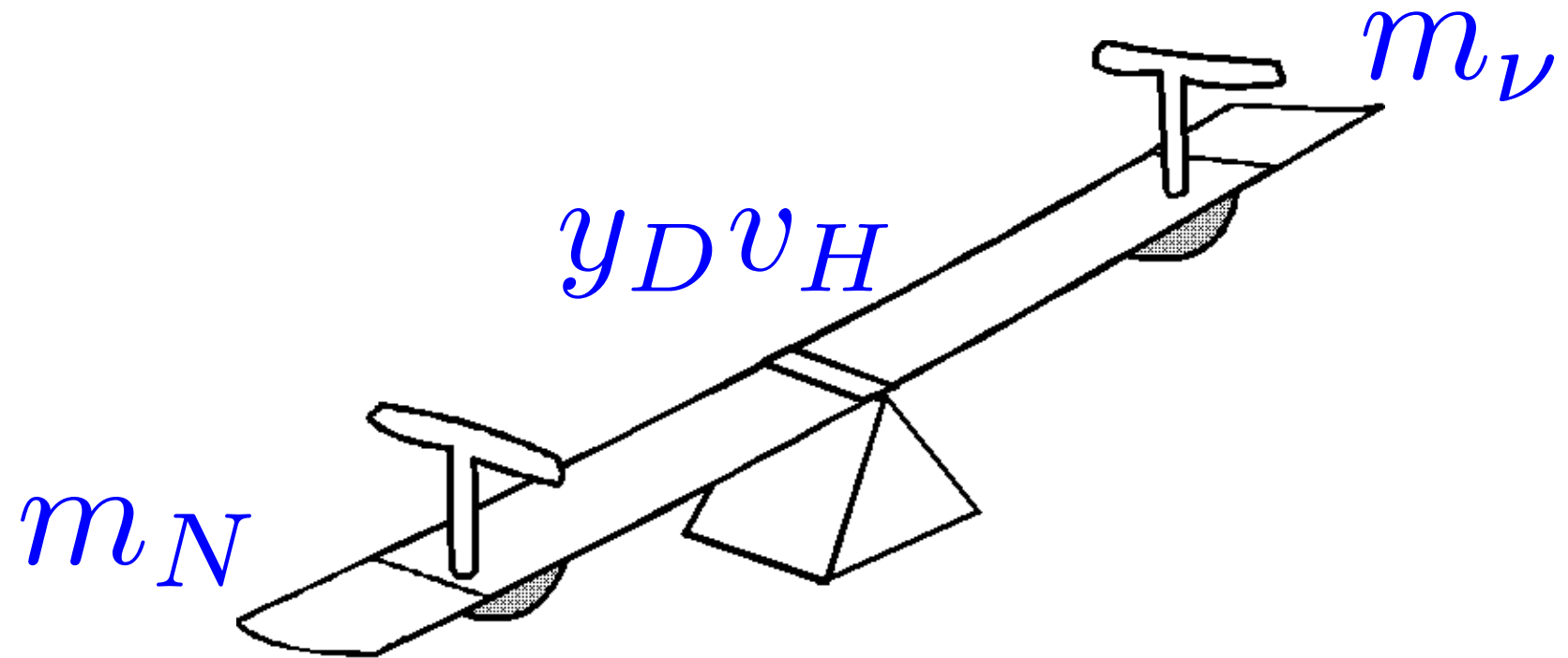
**Why can it address the Hubble tension?**



# The Seesaw Mechanism

Minkowski, Yanagida, Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky, Glashow, Mohapatra, Senjanovic, Schechter, Valle

Type-I seesaw



Neutrinos are very light Majorana particles:

$$m_\nu \simeq 0.03 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{y_D}{10^{-6}} \right)^2 \frac{\text{TeV}}{M_N}$$

# The Scenario

## Spontaneously Broken Symmetry Global $U(1)_L$

Chikashige, Mohapatra, Peccei (1981)

**Sterile Neutrinos**  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{\lambda_{N_{ij}}}{\sqrt{2}} \Phi \bar{N}_{R,i} N_{R,j}^c - h_{\alpha i} \bar{L}_L^\alpha H N_{Ri} + \text{h.c.}, \quad \begin{array}{l} L[\Phi] = 2 \\ L[N] = 1 \end{array}$

**SSB:**  $\Phi \rightarrow v_L/\sqrt{2} \longrightarrow M_N = \lambda_N v_L \xrightarrow{\text{seesaw}} m_\nu \simeq h^2 v_H^2 / (2M_N)$

**Scalar Sector**  $V_\Phi = -\mu_\Phi^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda_\Phi (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 - \lambda_{\Phi H} (H^\dagger H) (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$

$\Phi = \frac{v_L + \rho}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\phi/v_L} \quad \rho \equiv \text{CP-even scalar} \quad m_\rho^2 = 2\lambda_\Phi v_L^2$

$\phi \equiv \text{Majoron}$

**pseudo-Goldstone:**  $m_\phi \simeq 0$

**Interactions**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{\lambda_N}{2} [\rho \bar{N} N - i\phi \bar{N} \gamma_5 N] - \frac{\lambda_{N\nu}}{2} [\rho \bar{N} \nu - i\phi \bar{N} \gamma_5 \nu] + \text{h.c.} - \frac{\lambda_\nu}{2} [\rho \bar{\nu} \nu - i\phi \bar{\nu} \gamma_5 \nu]$

$\lambda_\nu \ll \lambda_{N\nu} \ll \lambda_N$

$\lambda_\nu \simeq |\theta| \lambda_{N\nu} \simeq |\theta|^2 \lambda_N$

$|\theta|^2 \simeq 5 \times 10^{-11} \frac{m_\nu}{0.05 \text{ eV}} \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{M_N}$

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Chikashige, Mohapatra, Peccei (1981)

The Majoron:  $\phi$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = i\lambda \phi \bar{\nu} \gamma_5 \nu$$

Very weakly interacting:

$$\lambda \simeq 10^{-13} \frac{m_\nu}{0.05 \text{ eV}} \frac{\text{TeV}}{v_L} \quad (\text{seesaw})$$

Extremely feebly interacting with matter:

$$\lambda_{\phi ee} \sim 10^{-20}$$

Dimension-5 Planck suppressed operators:

$$m_\phi \sim v_L \sqrt{\frac{v_L}{M_{\text{Pl}}}} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Delta V = \beta (\Phi^\star \Phi)^2 \frac{\Phi^\star + \Phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

Rothstein, Babu, Seckel hep-ph/9301213  
Akhmedov, Berezhiani, Mohapatra, Senjanovic hep-ph/9209285

Relaxation parameter space

$$10^{-15} \leq \lambda \leq 10^{-3} \quad \tau_\phi \sim t_{\text{rec}}/10$$

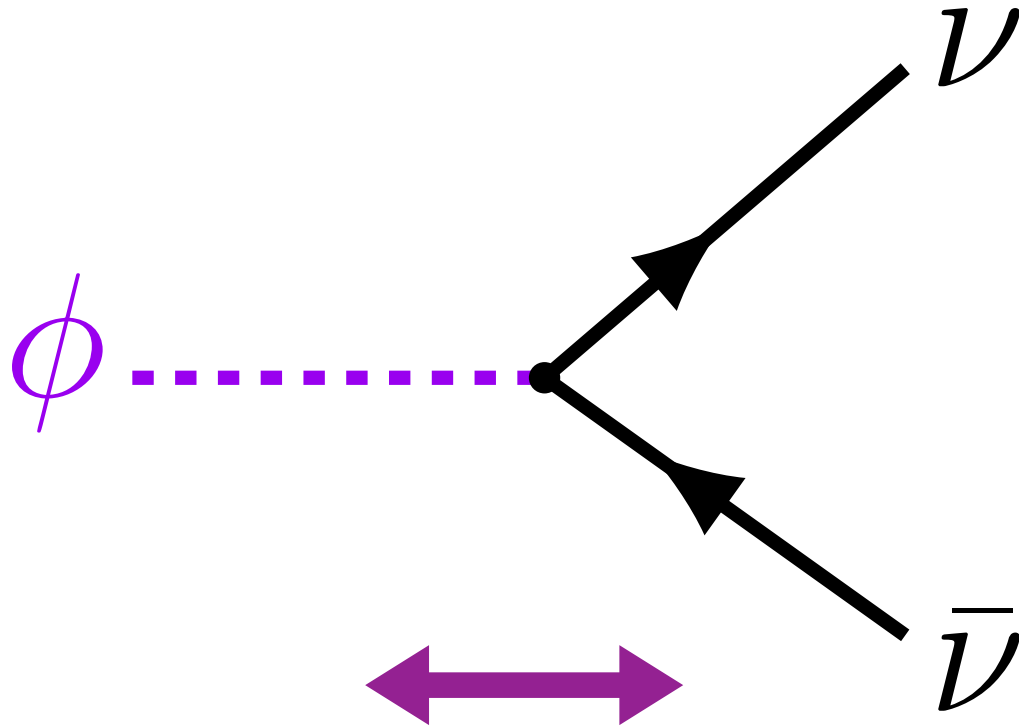
And assume that  $n_\phi = 0$  at BBN

$$0.1 \text{ eV} < m_\phi < \text{MeV} \quad m_\phi \sim \text{eV}, v_L \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

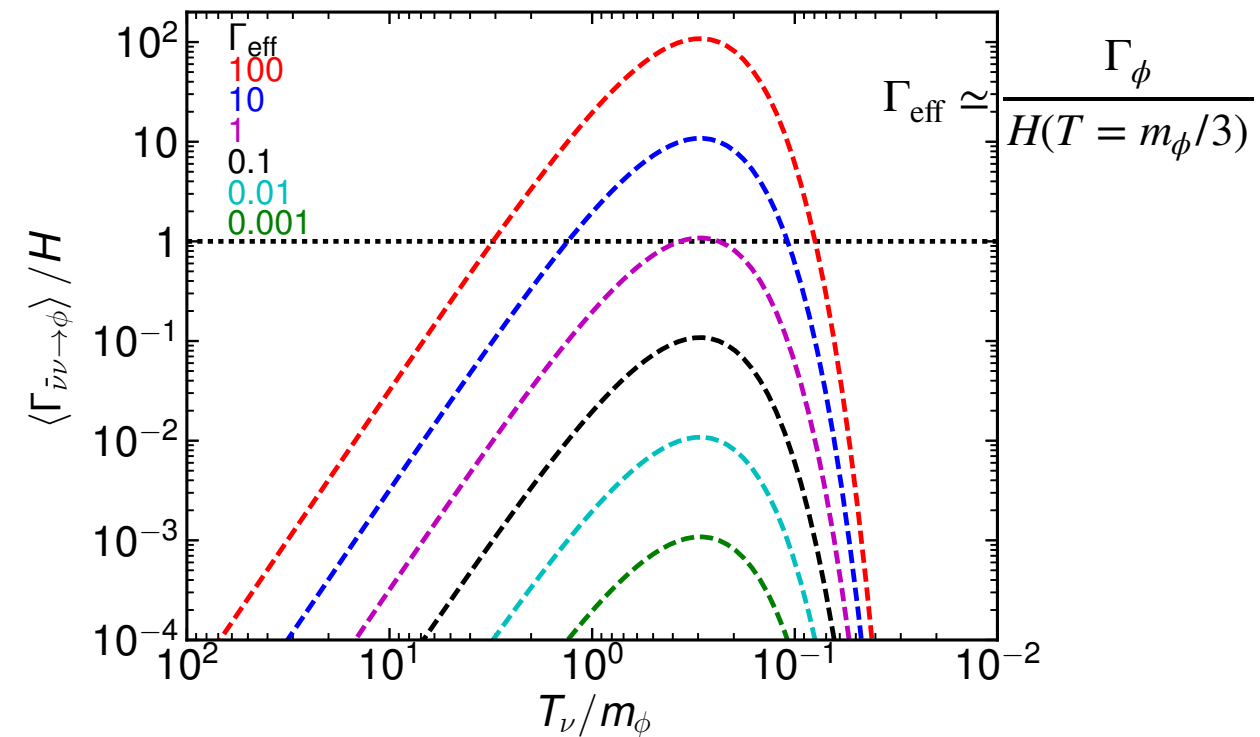
Key coincidence!!

# Cosmological Implications

**Only Relevant Process:**



**provided**  $\Gamma_\phi \geq H(T_\nu = m_\phi/3)$

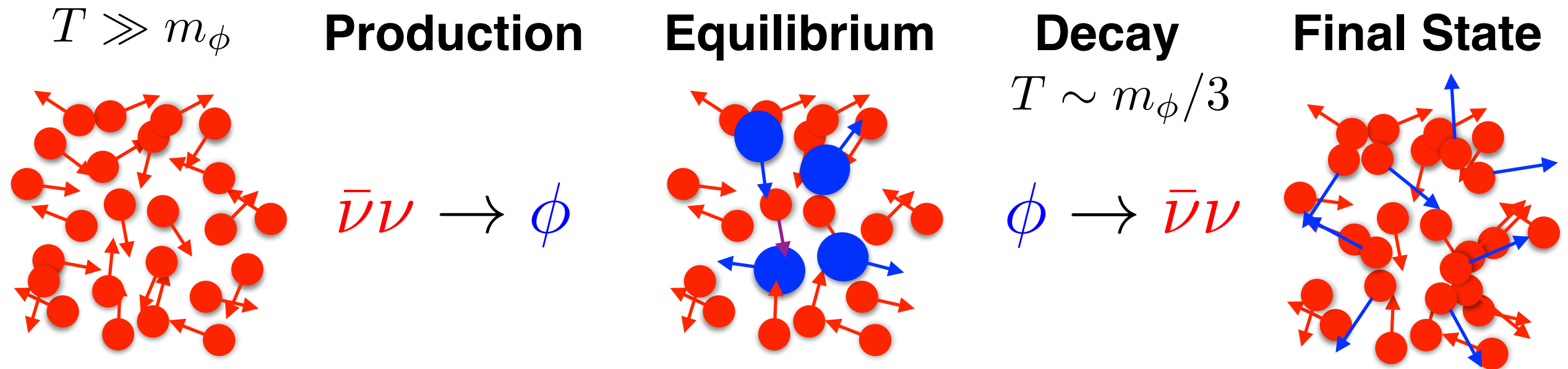


**Two main effects:**

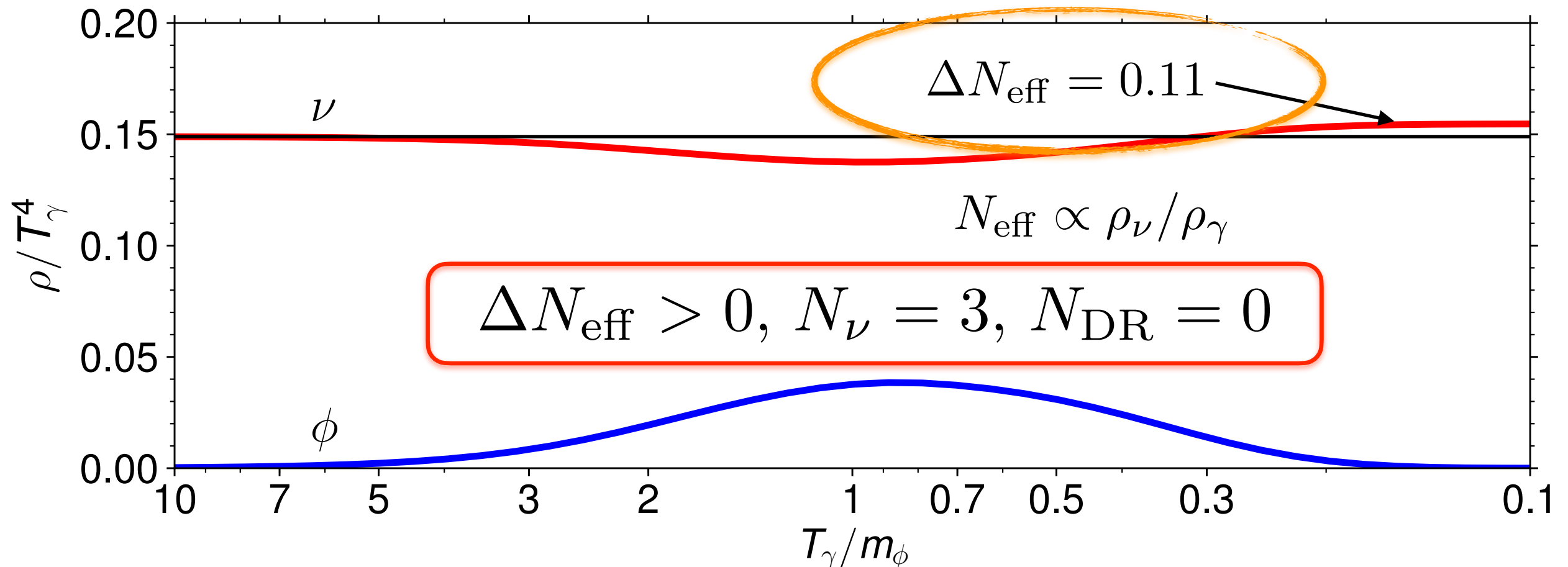
Chacko, Hall, Okui, Oliver  
hep-ph/0312267

- **Non-standard expansion history**
- **Erase the neutrino anisotropic stress**
- **We solve the Boltzmann equation for the background**  
Escudero 1812.05605 & 2001.04466
- **We include the neutrino-majoron Boltzmann hierarchy in CLASS**

# Cosmological Implications

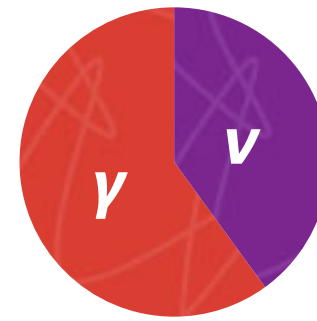


$$\Gamma_\phi \simeq H(T_\nu = m_\phi/3)$$



# Neutrino Perturbations

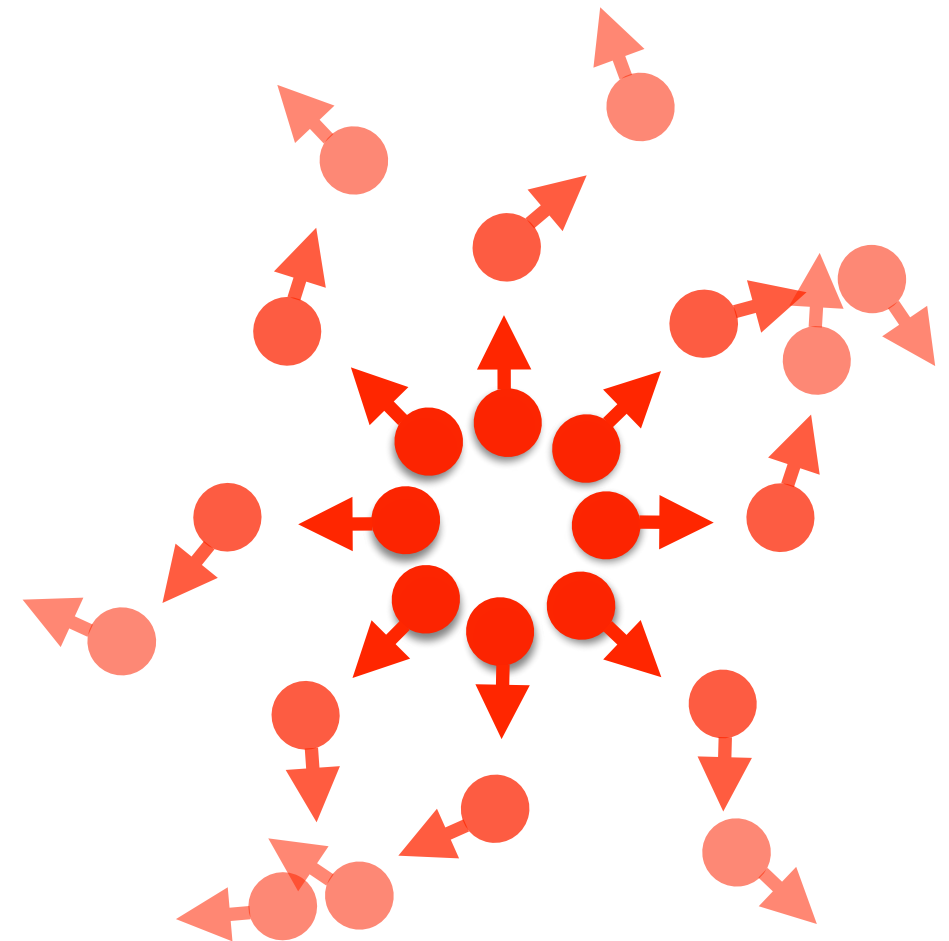
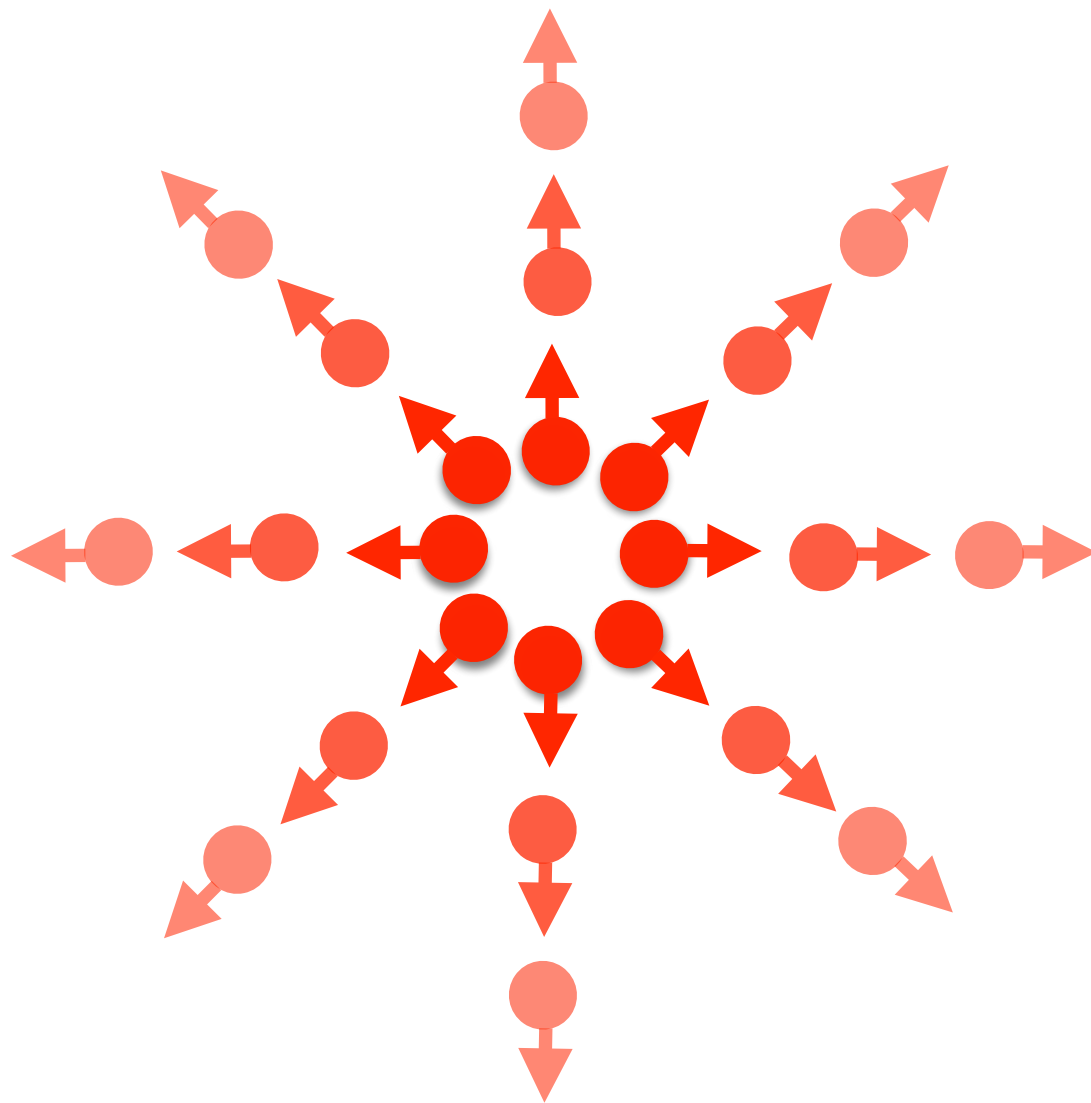
Neutrino perturbations are key:



$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}$$

Free Streaming Neutrinos  $\sigma_\nu \neq 0$

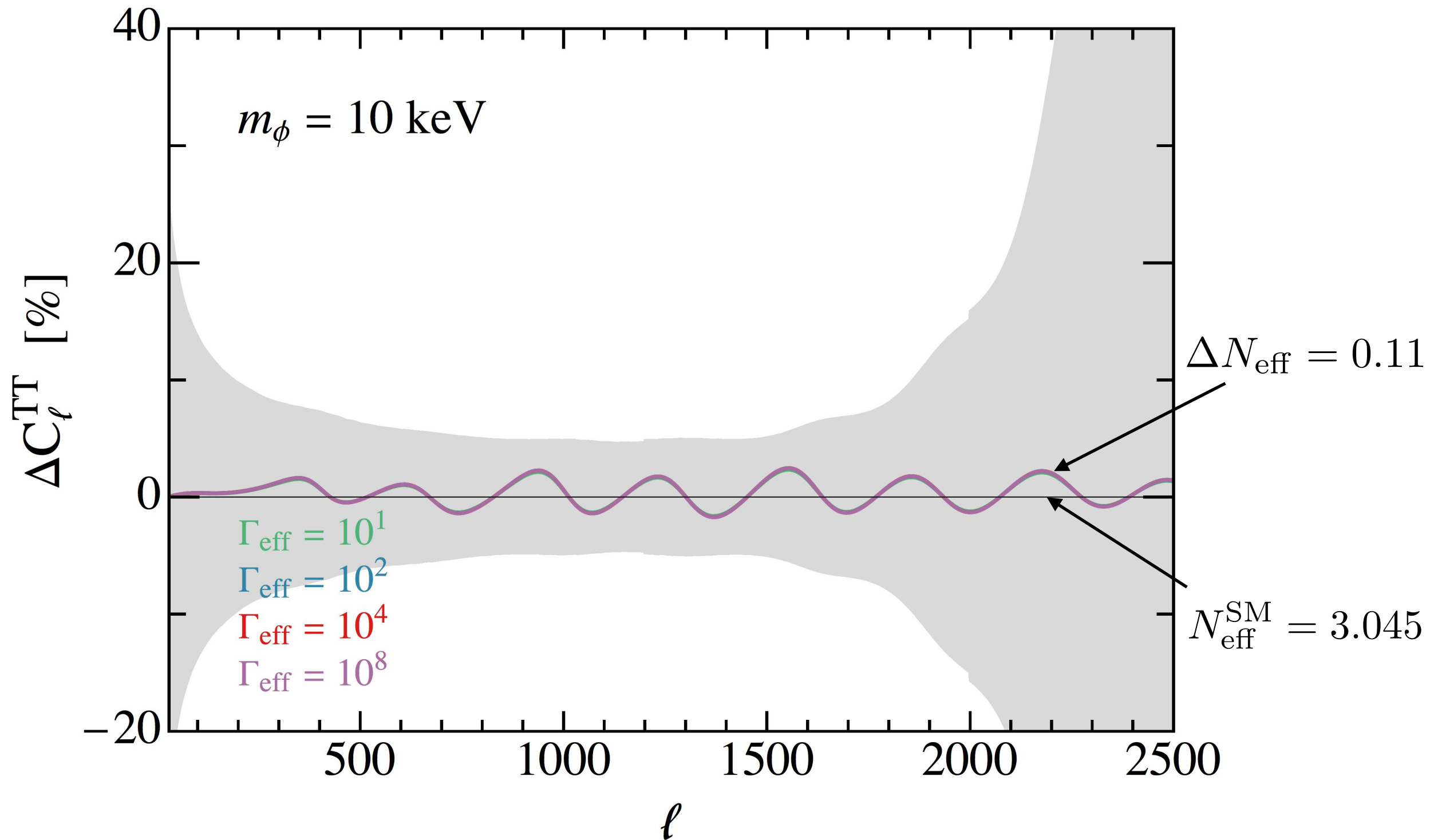
Interacting Neutrinos  $\sigma_\nu \rightarrow 0$



**Effect on the CMB is to shift the positions of the peaks!** Bashinsky and Seljak  
astro-ph/0310198

# Effects on the CMB

$$\Gamma_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{\lambda}{4 \times 10^{-14}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{0.1 \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right)$$



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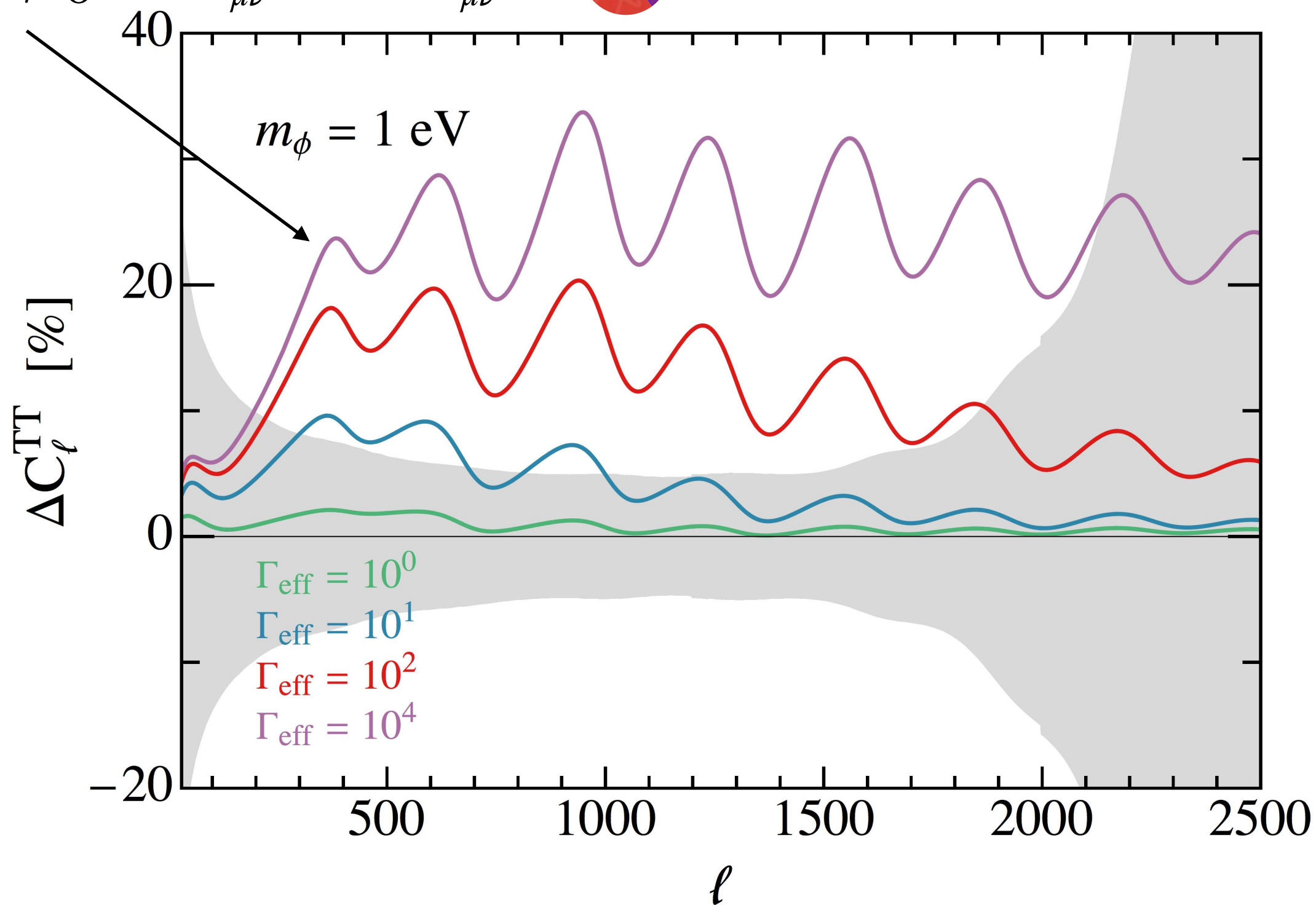
see Bashinsky and Seljak astro-ph/0310198

$$\sigma_\nu \rightarrow 0$$

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}$$

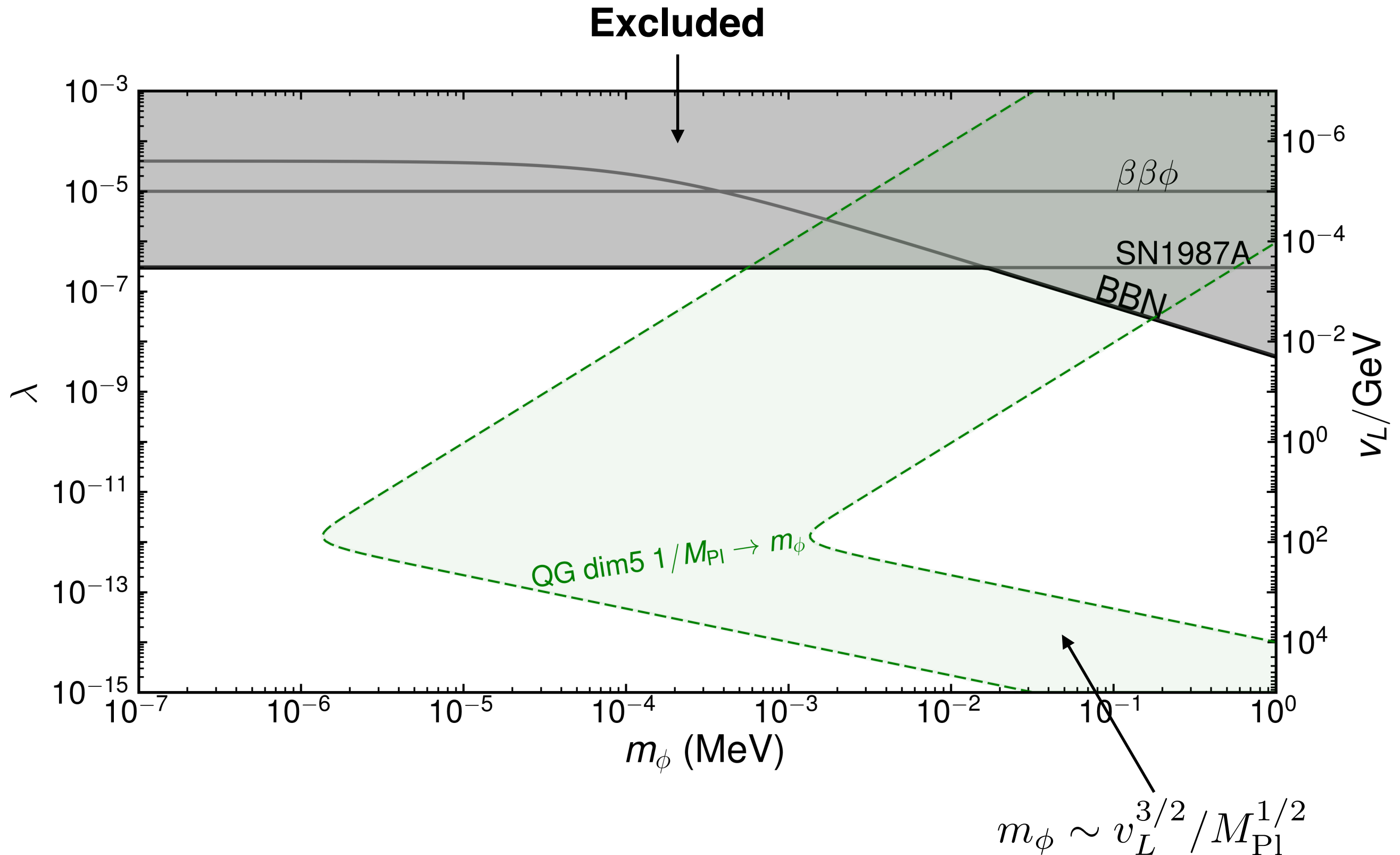


$$\Gamma_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{\lambda}{4 \times 10^{-14}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{0.1 \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right)$$

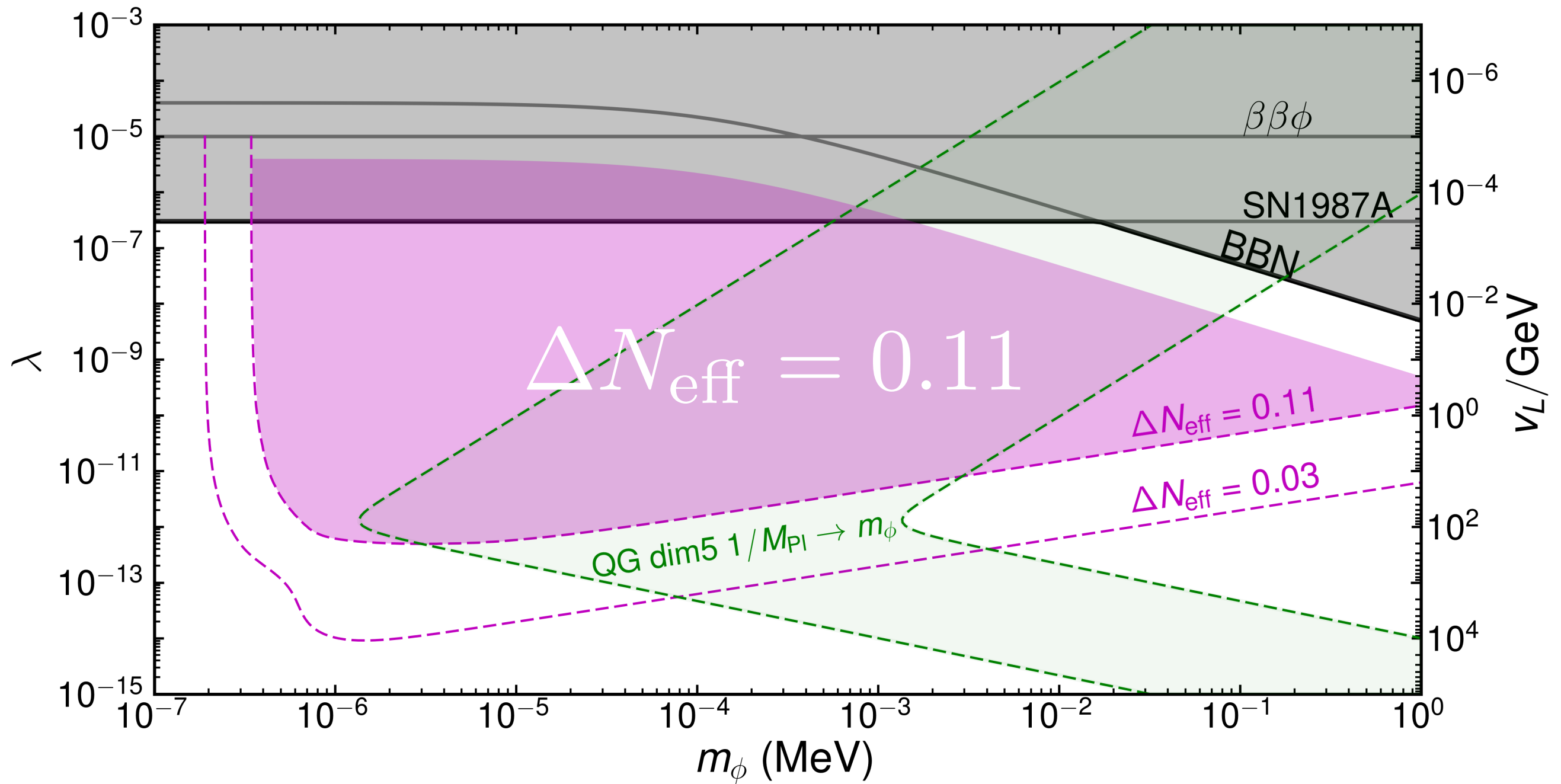




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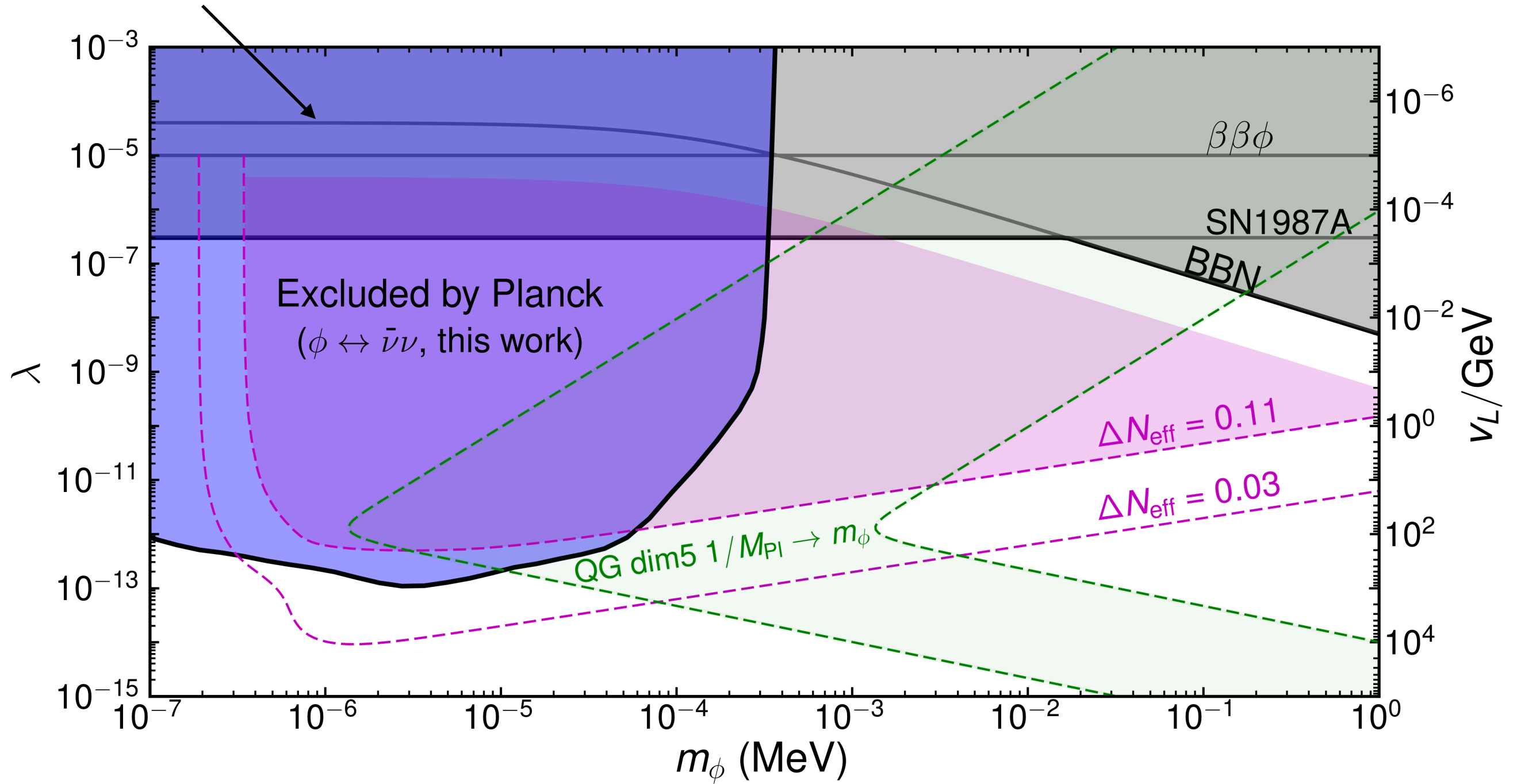


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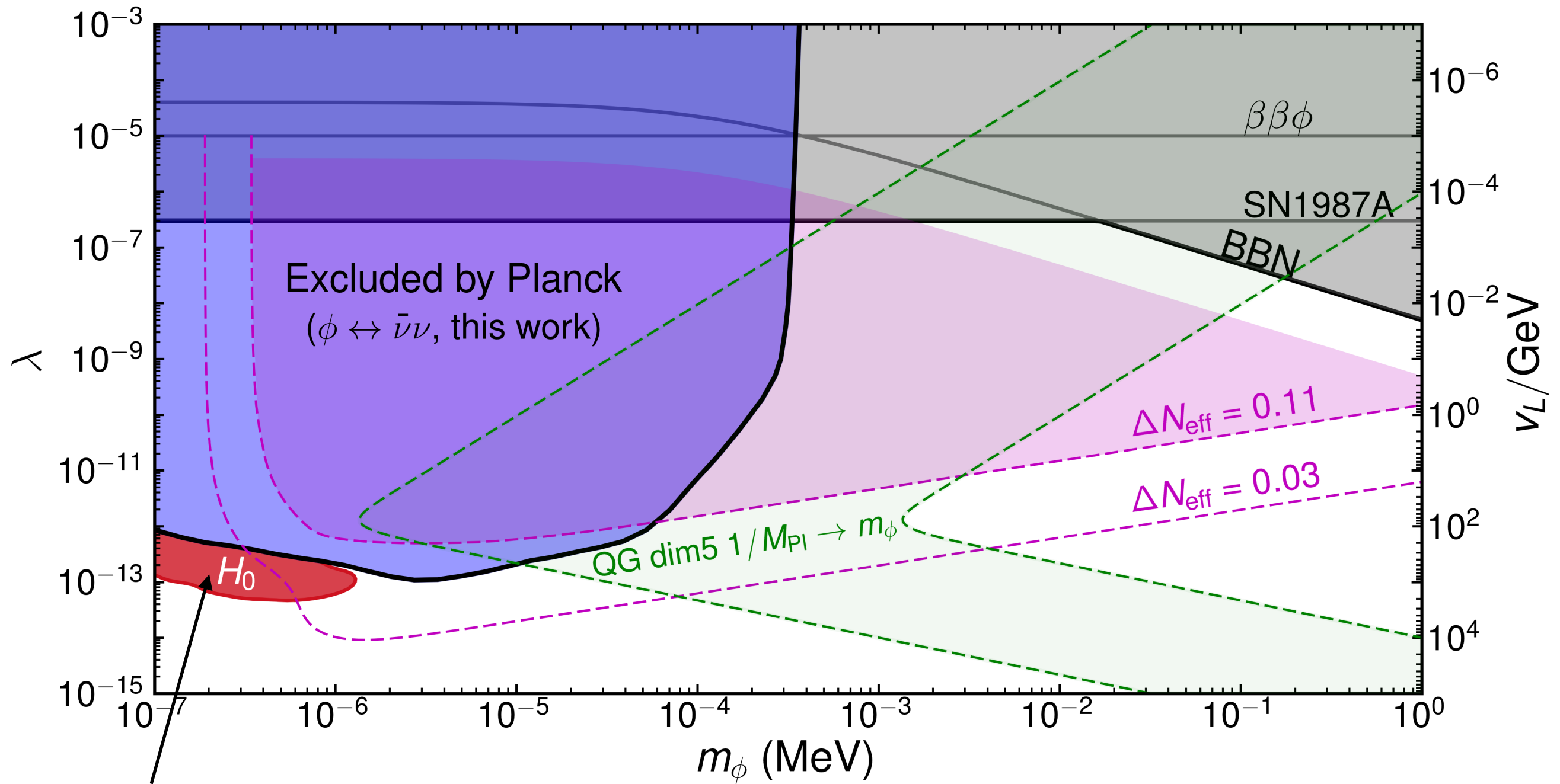


# Parameter Space

## Full MCMC to Planck 2018 data

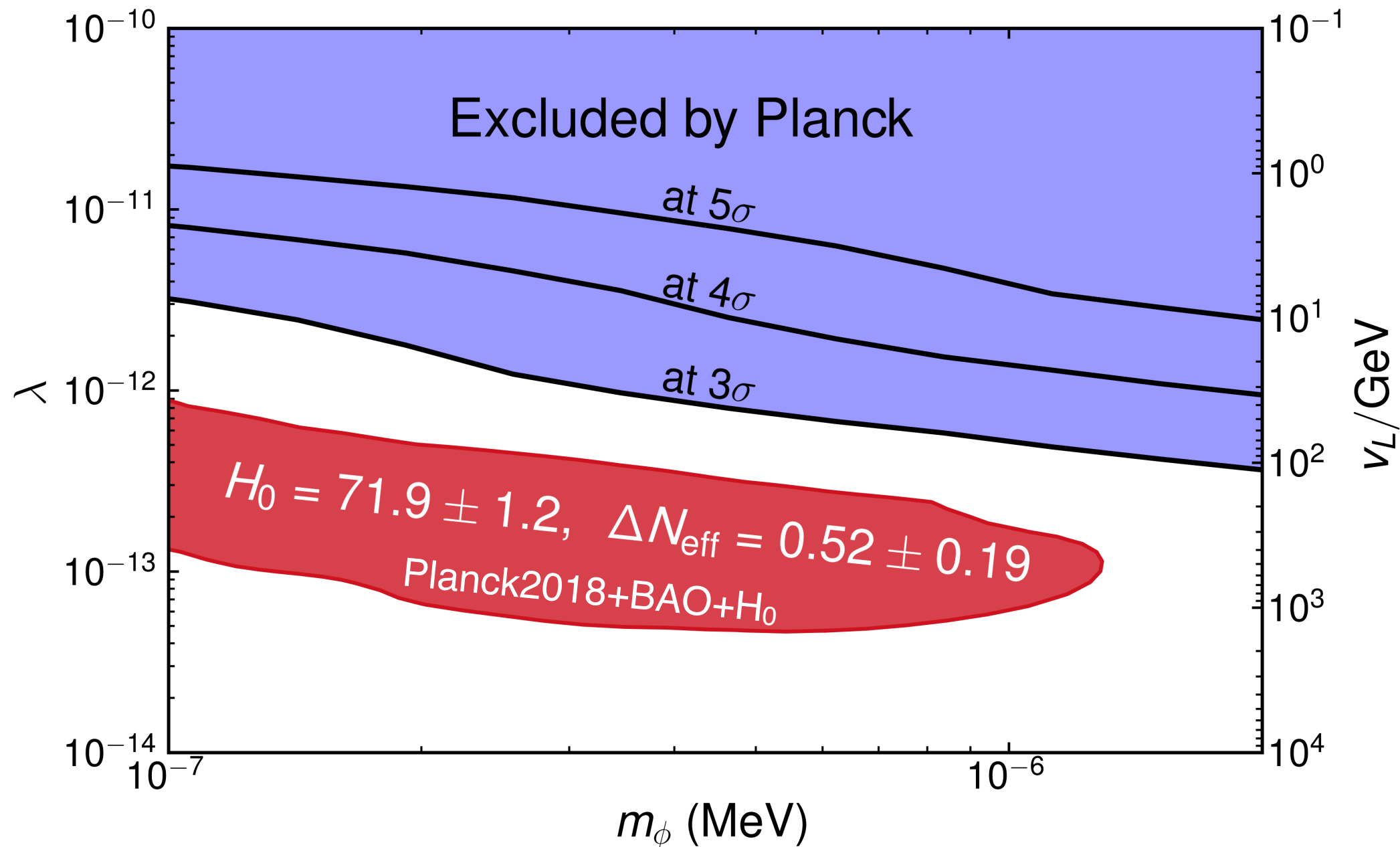


# Parameter Space



**$1\sigma$  preference when including  $H_0$  in the fit and an additional  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$**

# Parameter Space for $H_0$



- Requires a positive  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.5$
- Thanks to the  $\nu - \phi$  interactions Planck 2018 fit is not degraded wrt  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$
- Very close to the electroweak scale  $v_L \sim (0.1 - 1) \text{ TeV}$

# Summary of Escudero & Witte 19'

- **The Majoron and the Hubble tension**

- **Planck sets very stringent constraints**

- **CMB S4 experiments will test large regions of parameter space since  $\sigma(N_{\text{eff}}) \simeq 0.03$**

- **Can significantly reduce the tension if:**  
 $m_\phi \sim (0.1 - 1) \text{ eV}$   
 $\nu_L \sim (0.1 - 1) \text{ TeV}$   
 $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.5$

- 😐  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.5$  is somewhat ad hoc

- 😊 **Now we have a very good reason for it!**

# Primordial Majorons

- **There are sterile neutrinos in the model**

**since  $\nu_L \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$  then we can expect  $M_N \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$**

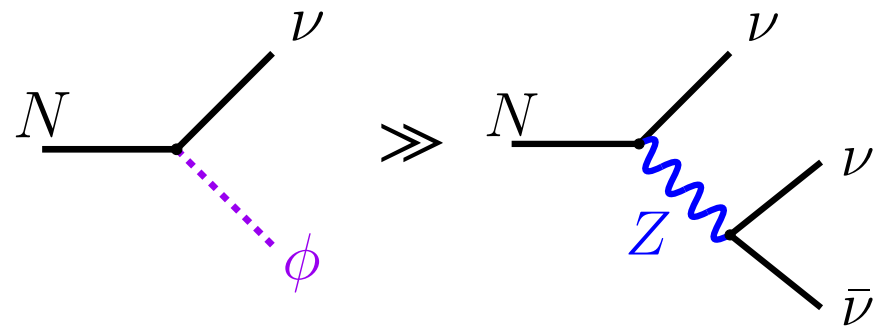
- **The decays of GeV-scale sterile neutrinos in the early Universe can lead to  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}} \sim 0.3$  since  $T_d \sim M_N/10$**
- **Neutrino-Majoron interactions can rise it to  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{CMB}} \sim 0.6$**
- **These sterile neutrinos can do ARS Leptogenesis!**

# Production of Majoron population

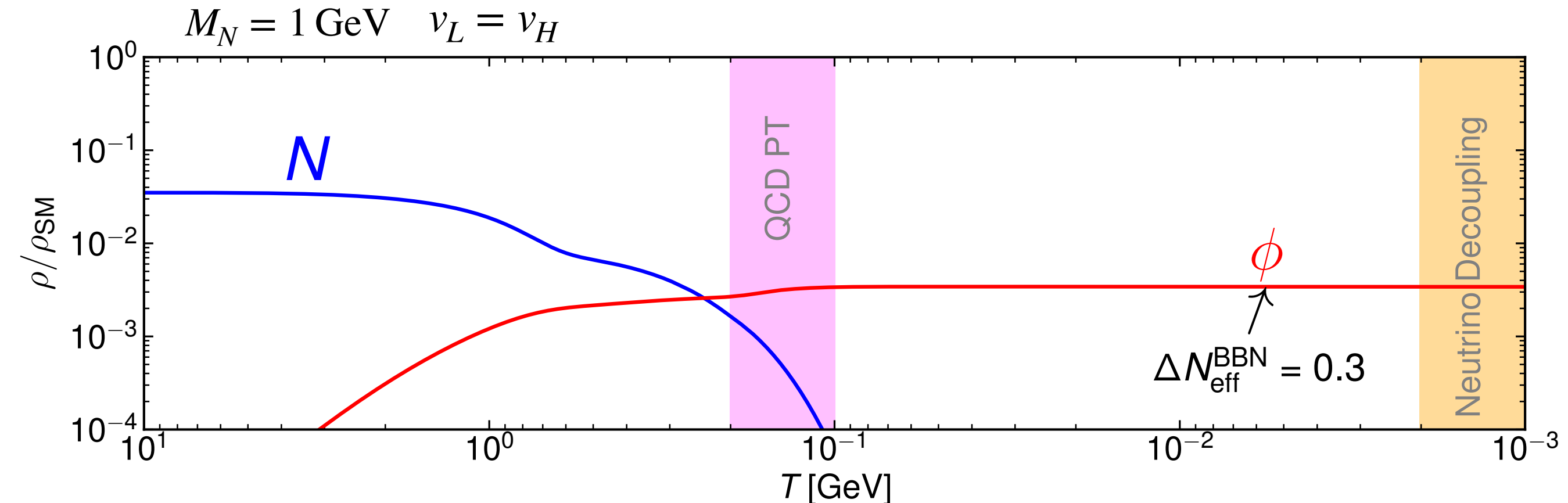
- Sterile neutrinos have masses  $\sim \text{GeV}$  and interact with the majoron

Sterile neutrinos that give mass to the active ones thermalize (Ghiglieri & Laine 1605.07720)

In the majoron model sterile neutrinos have a new decay mode

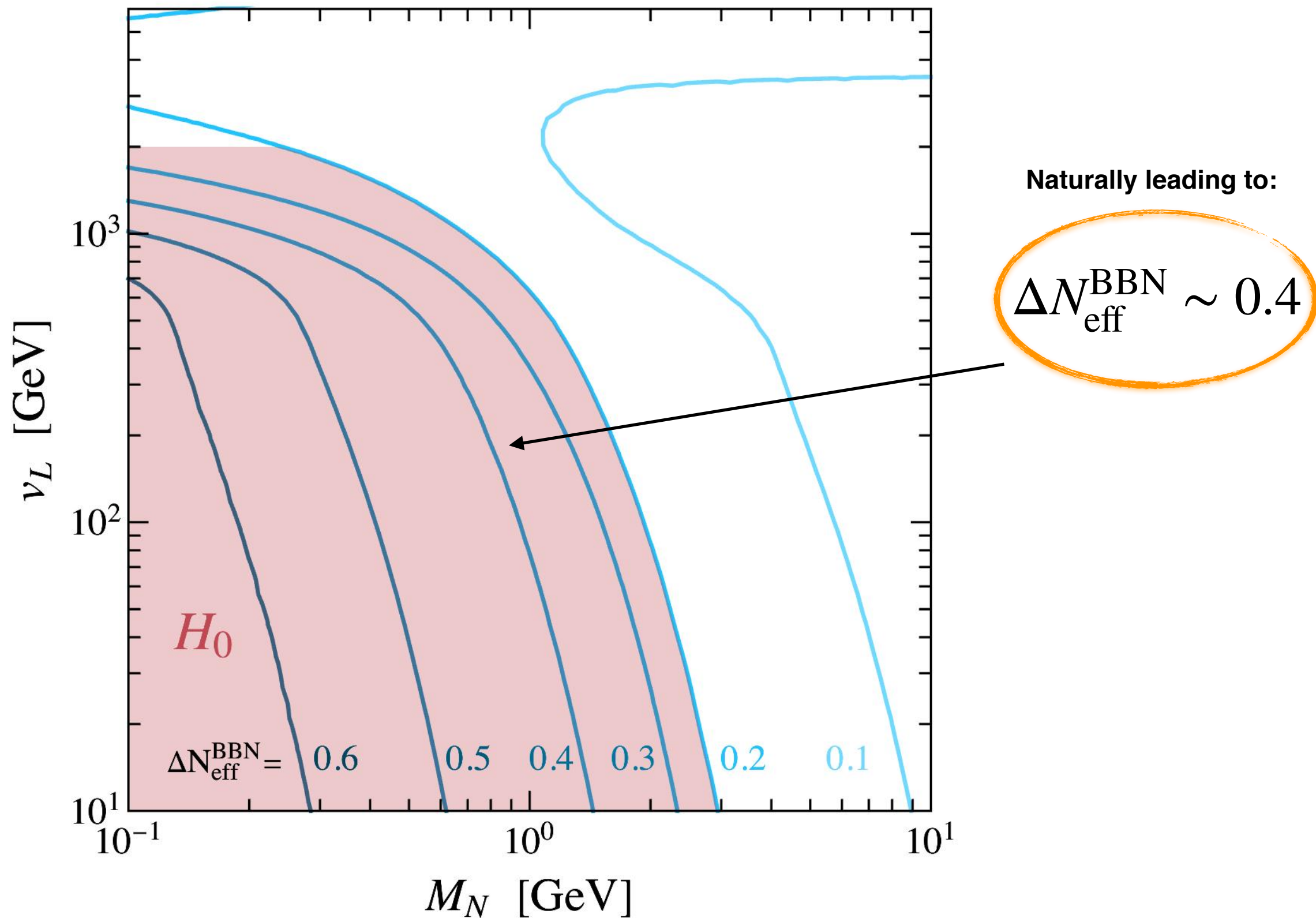


$$\frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \nu\phi)}{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \text{SM})} \simeq 4 \times 10^3 \left( \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{M_N} \right)^2 \left( \frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{v_L} \right)^2$$

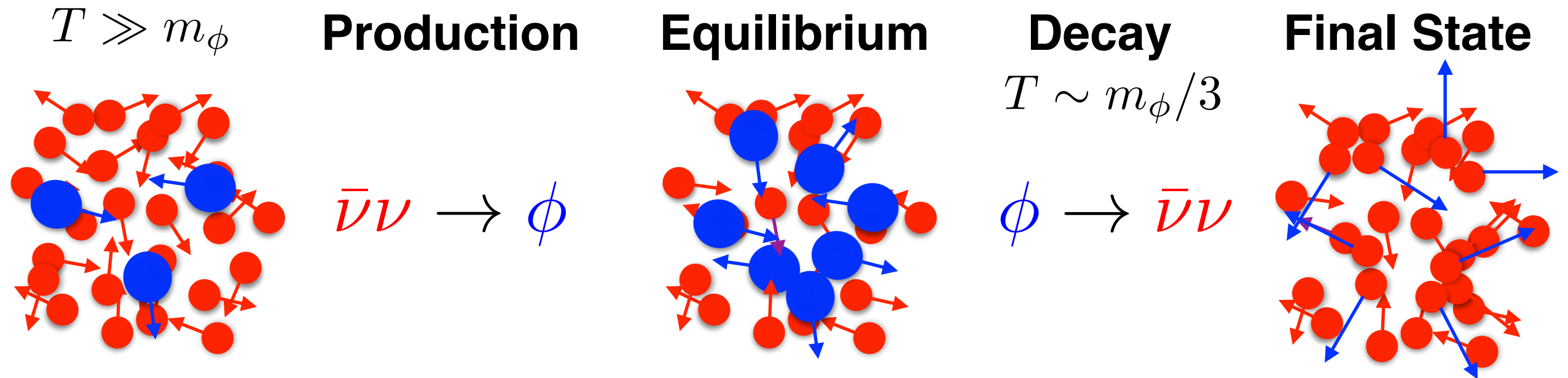




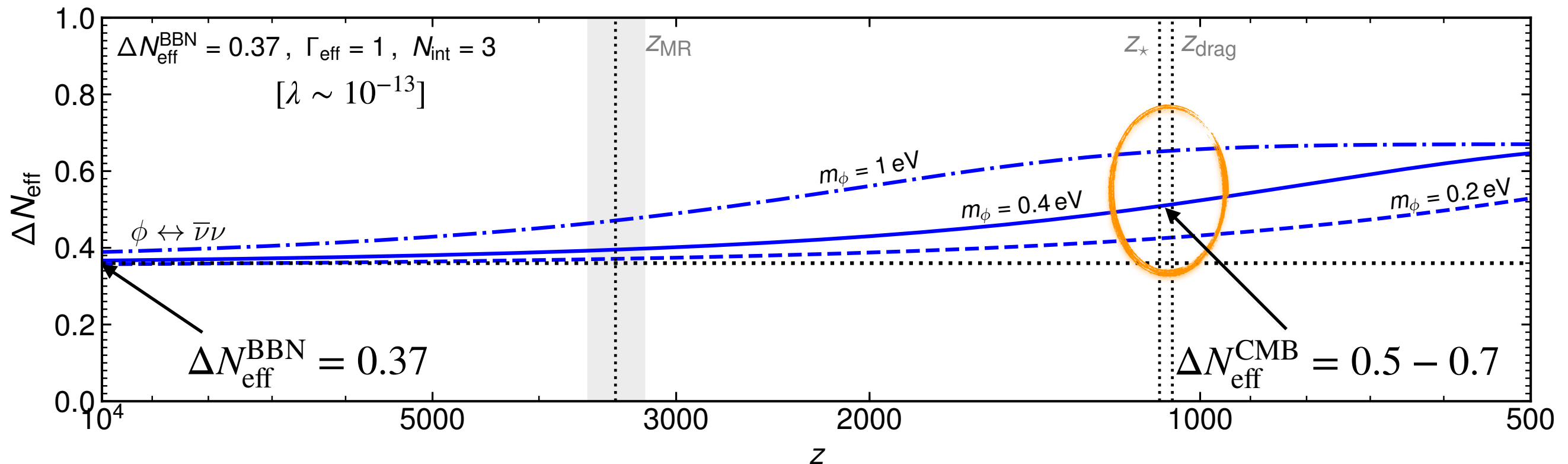
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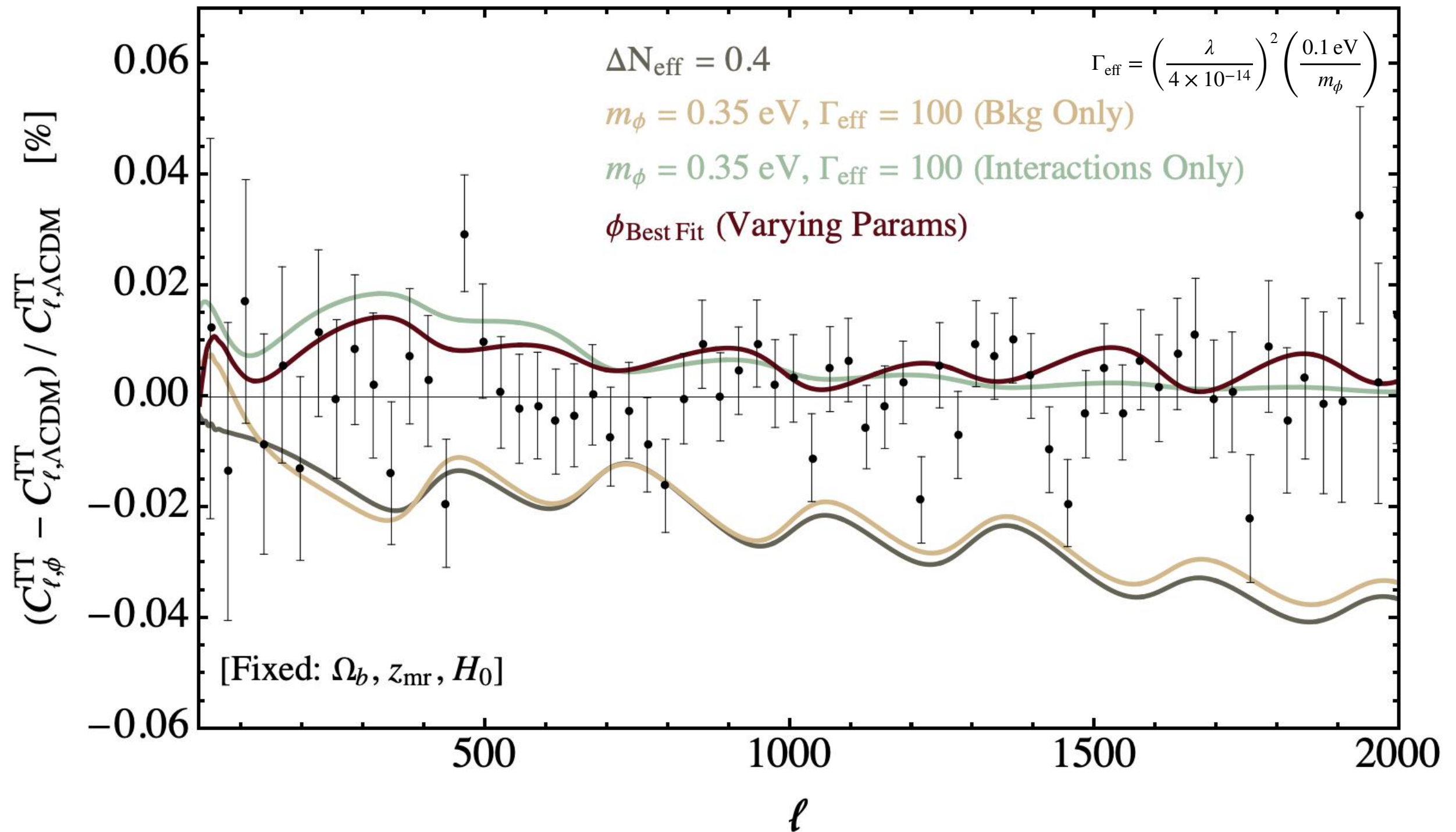
# Cosmological Implications



The effect is enhanced if there is a primordial population:



# Effect on the CMB



**Neutrino-Majoron interactions can compensate the enhanced expansion history!**

# Summary of Escudero & Witte 21'

- Sterile Neutrinos can provide just the right primordial majoron population
- A full Planck Legacy data analysis shows that:

$$\text{for } \Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}} = 0.37$$

$$H_0 = (70.2 \pm 0.6) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$$

$$m_\phi = (0.1 - 0.8) \text{ eV}$$

$$\nu_L = (0.05 - 2) \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_N \sim \text{GeV}$$

This makes the tension  $4.2\sigma \rightarrow 2.0\sigma$  but with a better CMB fit than  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$ !

- We argue that in the parameter space of interest these sterile neutrinos can lead to the baryon asymmetry of the Universe via their CP violating oscillations. **ARS-Leptogenesis** Akhmedov, Rubakov & Smirnov, hep-ph/9803255  
See also Asaka & Shaposhnikov, hep-ph/0505013

provided  $|\lambda_{\phi H}| < 10^{-7} \frac{\nu_L}{1 \text{ TeV}} \sqrt{\frac{10^5 \text{ GeV}}{T_c}}$  which requires some fine tuning but at least is protected under RGE flow

Our expectations have been confirmed by:

2109.10908 Flood, Porto, Schlesinger, Shuve, Thum  
2110.14499 Fischer, Lindner, van der Woude

# Final Summary

## The Majoron as a solution to the Hubble tension

- The Majoron represents can substantially relax the tension and can accommodate  $H_0 \simeq 70 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$  while providing a good CMB fit.
- The Majoron is a well motivated particle:
  - It is predicted within the type-I seesaw with a global Lepton number symmetry
  - Its interaction rate with neutrinos is naturally very feebly
  - The Majoron mass can be understood from Planck-scale Physics and points to  $m_\phi \sim \text{eV}$
- Parameter space to solve the Hubble tension is very well motivated:  $\nu_L \sim \nu_H$
- The sterile neutrinos in the model play a crucial role:
  - By providing by their decays  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{BBN}} \sim 0.3$
  - In addition, they could be responsible for low-scale Leptogenesis

# Outlook

- **Collider tests**      $K \rightarrow \mu N$  (NA62)  
                               $\pi \rightarrow e N$  (PIENU)

- **Cosmological tests**

There are signals for ongoing/upcoming CMB experiments:

ACT, SPT, Simons Observatory and CMB-S4

- **My main conclusion:**

Regardless of what happens with the Hubble tension, we will learn about fundamental physics! Probing a well motivated neutrino mass model with  $\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ !



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# Time for Questions and Comments

**Thank you for your attention!**

