

# WARM DARK MATTER AND LOW SCALE LEFT-RIGHT SYMMETRY?

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# Parity restoration and Seesaw

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- Motivations of Left-Right Symmetric Model (LRSM).

*Pati, Salam, 74', 75'; Mohapatra, Pati, 75'; Senjanovic, Mohapatra, 75'*

- Parity symmetry restoration at high scale.

- Broken spontaneously and Maximally -- break the degeneracy between left- and right-handed neutrinos -- Seesaw mechanism.

- Predict the Majorana nature of neutrinos -- lepton number violation processes.

- Nuclear physics energy scale, neutrino-less double beta decay.

*Senjanovic, Mohapatra, 75'*

- High-energy collider, like-sign di-lepton processes.

*Keung, Senjanovic, 83'*

# Left-Right Symmetric Model

$$\underline{SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}}$$

- Gauge symmetry:  $\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}$
- SM fermions form LH or RH doublets.
- Yukawa coupling need Higgs bi-doublet  $\Phi = (H_1, H_2) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^- & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$   
$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{F}_L Y \Phi F_R + \bar{F}_L \tilde{Y} (i\sigma_2) \Phi^* (i\sigma_2) F_R \quad (F = Q, L)$$
- Higgs triplet charged under B-L gauge symmetry:
  - break the new gauge symmetry
  - give neutrino masses
- Majorana-like Yukawa coupling  $\mathcal{L} = Y_\Delta (L_L^T \Delta_L L_L + L_R^T \Delta_R L_R)$

# Symmetry Breaking

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- Maximal parity symmetry breaking

$$\langle \Delta_R \rangle \gg \langle \Delta_L \rangle$$

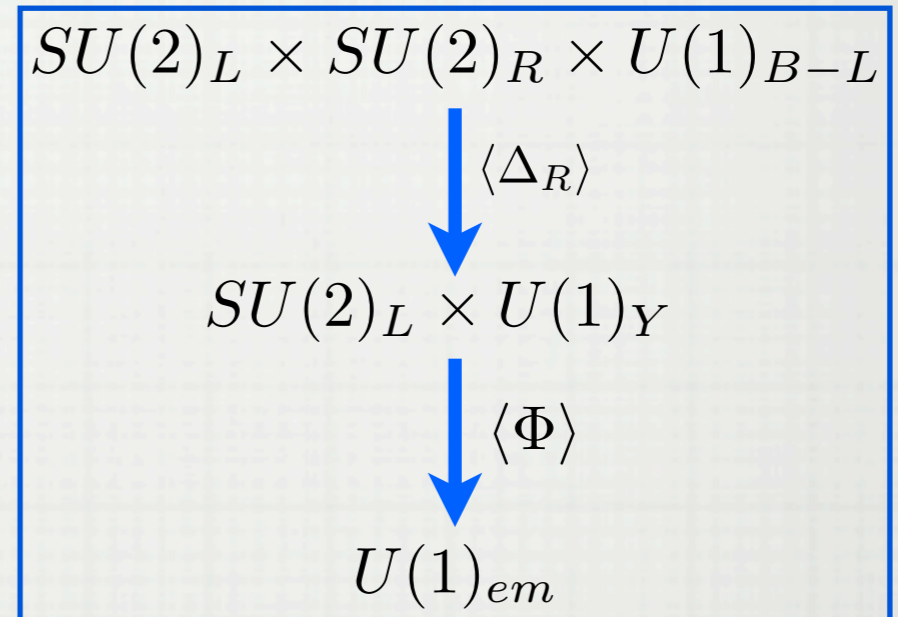
- Different Majorana mass for LH and RH neutrinos -- Seesaw.

- Interpretation of electric charge

$$Q = T_{3L} + T_{3R} + \frac{B - L}{2}$$

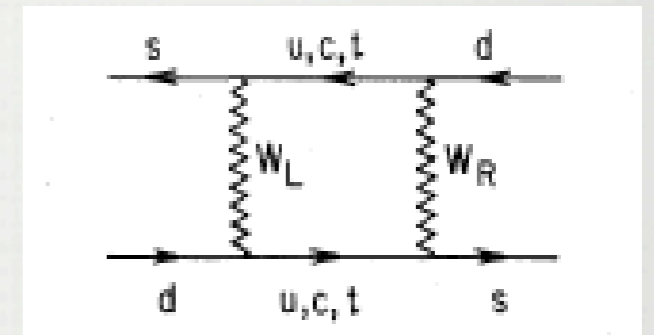
- New gauge boson masses relation:

$$M_{Z'} \approx \sqrt{3} M_{W_R}, \quad \text{for } g_L = g_R$$



# Neutral Currents

- RH gauge interaction leads to neutral currents at one-loop level.
- A generic constraint: box diagram contribution to Kaon mixing.
  - No GIM suppression in Wilson coefficients
  - Chiral enhancement in the hadronic matrix element



$$M_{W_R} > 2.5 \text{ TeV}$$

[YZ, An, Ji, Mohapatra, 0704.1662, 0712.4218](#)

- CP violation constraints could be evaded.

[Maiezza, Nemevsek, Nesti, Senjanovic, 1105.5160](#)
- Two Higgs doublets, couple to both u and d type quarks,
  - Tree-level flavor-changing neutral current -- require second Higgs doublet heavier than 10 TeV -- only one Higgs doublet near EW scale.

# Why TeV scale?

- Seesaw mechanism is no better than simple Weinberg operator,  $(LH)^2/\Lambda$  if the RH neutrinos are too heavy.
- Need to correlate the seesaw scale with other phenomena.

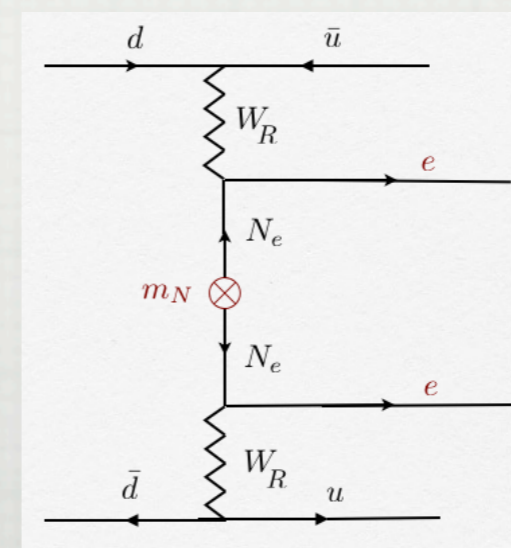
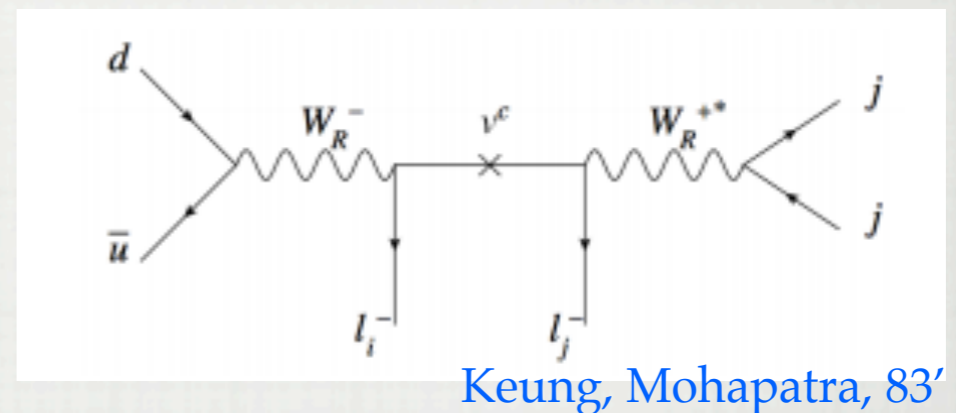
- Same-sign di-lepton signal at LHC

- ATLAS:  $M_{W_R} > 2.5 \text{ TeV}$  with  $2.1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

- Neutrino-less double beta decay

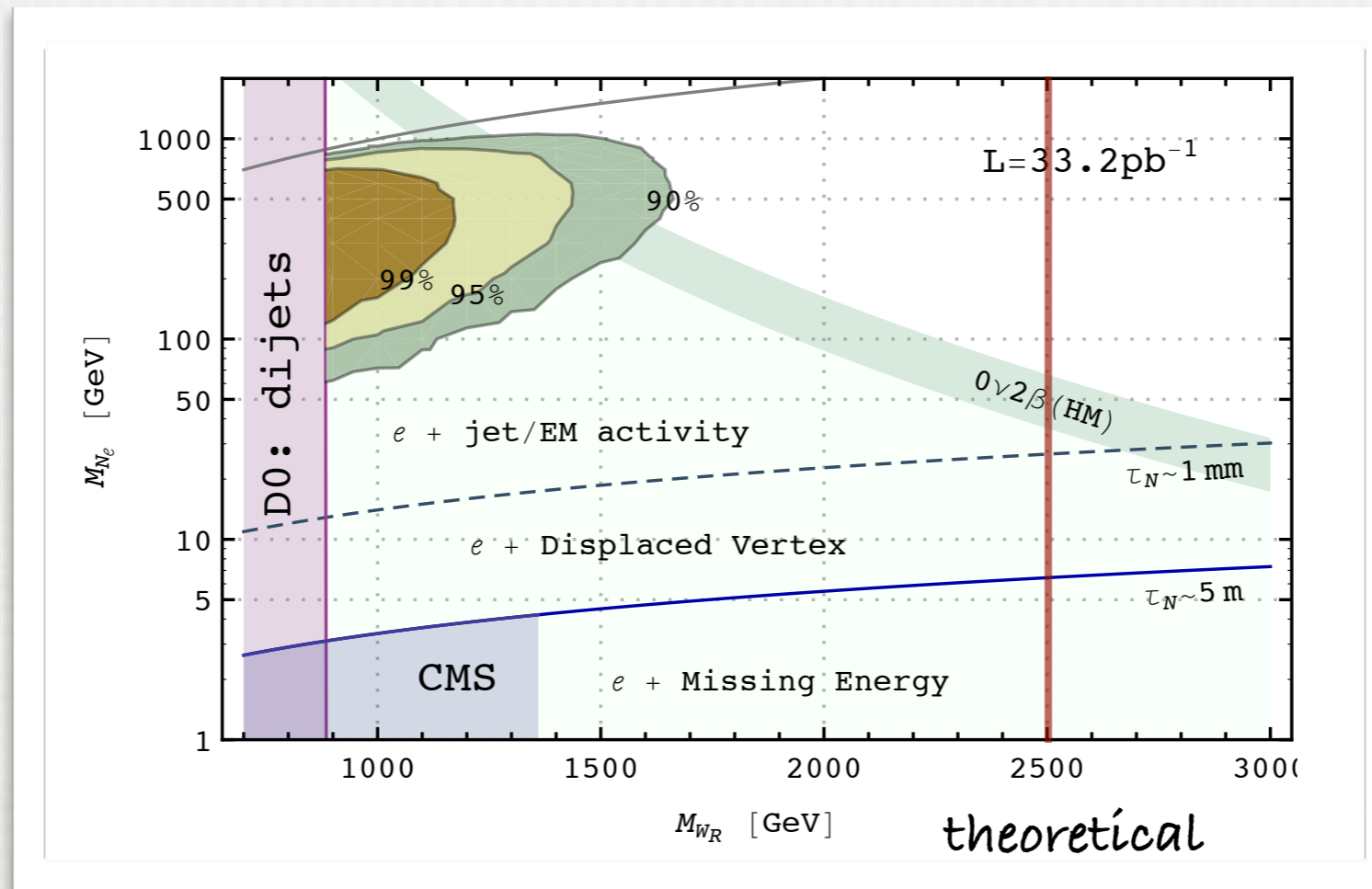
$$\mathcal{M}_{0\nu 2\beta} \sim \frac{1}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu}{p^2} + \frac{1}{M_{W_R}^4} \frac{1}{m_N}$$

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100 MeV
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TeV



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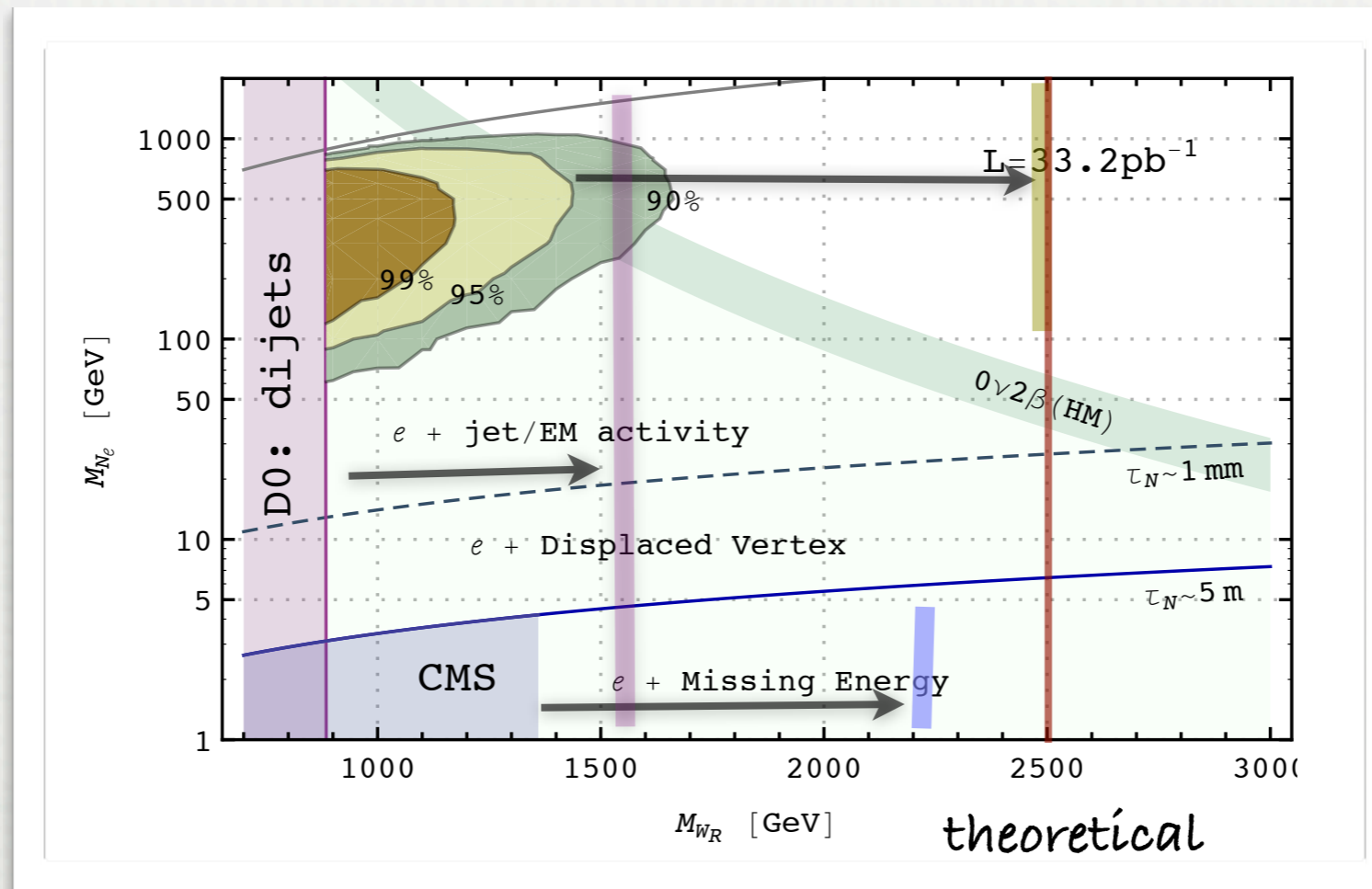


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# Dark Matter in the universe

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- Evidences of DM: flat rotational curves, gravitational lensing, bullet cluster, large scale structure, etc.
- Desired Properties of DM: cosmologically stable, cold/warm, at most weakly interacting.
- Standard Model cannot accommodate such a candidate.
- Can TeV scale LRSM? -- **Main motivation of this work.**
- If there is such candidate, need to examine how it is generated in the early universe.

# Dark matter candidate?

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- In the minimal LRSM, there is no completely stable candidate.
- There are two types singlets under SM symmetry: right-handed (RH) neutrinos and the “Higgs” for  $SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow U(1)_Y$  symmetry breaking.
- $\text{Re}\Delta_R^0$  as dark matter: only compatible with high scale LR, connection to GUT?  
$$\Gamma_{\Delta_R^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma} \simeq 10^{-50} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{m_\Delta}{\text{keV}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1.86 \times 10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{M_{W_R}}\right)^2$$
- RH neutrino could be a viable candidate, which we will focus on below.
- SM + 3 RH neutrino WDM scenario has been widely studied.

Dodelson, Widrow, 93'; Abazajian, Fuller, Tucker, 01'; Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov, 05'; Asaka, Kusenko, Shaposhnikov, 06'; Viel, Lesgourgues, Haehnelt, Matarrese, Riotto, 05'; Seljak, Makarov, McDonald, Trac, 06;

# Stability of RH neutrino

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- There is no  $Z_2$  symmetry, broken by
  - RH charge-current interactions
  - Yukawa couplings -- can be made small.
- For low scale  $M_{W_R}$ , close to the current lower limit, a few TeV, freeze out temperature  $T_f \sim$  a few hundred MeV.
- Usual WIMP picture does not work,  $m_{\text{WIMP}} \simeq 20 T_f$  -- a RH neutrino heavier than GeV decays too fast due to RH gauge interaction.
- To be cosmologically stable, a RH neutrino ( $N_1$ ) must satisfy

$$m_{N_1} \ll 100 \text{ MeV}$$

# Thermal (over) production

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- Gauge interactions in LRSM can keep RH neutrinos in thermal equilibrium, decouple like SM neutrinos.

$$T_f \simeq 400 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{g_*(T_f)}{70} \right)^{1/6} \left( \frac{M_{WR}}{5 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{4/3}$$

- Certainly over-produced if as populated as SM neutrinos,  
Olive, Turner, 82'
- Cosmological lower bound on DM mass, 0.1-1 KeV -- still over-close the universe.

$$\Omega_{N_1} \simeq 3.3 \times \left( \frac{m_{N_1}}{1 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{70}{g_*(T_{f1})} \right)$$

- WMAP fit at 3-sigma:  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} = 0.228 \pm 0.039$  Need to dilute by factor of  $12.5 \times (m_{N_1}/1 \text{ keV})$
- Bottom line: point to keV-scale dark matter -- Warm.

# Entropy production & Dilution

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- How to dilute? Produce more photons/neutrinos but not DM after freeze out -- “heavy” particle decay.

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- If some particle FO when relativistic  $Y_N \simeq \frac{135 \zeta(3)}{4\pi^4 g_*(T_f)}$  and later become heavy, and dominates the universe over a period.

- Dilution factor  $S$ : 
$$S \simeq 1.8 (g_*(T_r))^{1/4} \frac{Y_{N_2} m_{N_2}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{N_2} M_p}}$$

- The other RH neutrino  $N_2$  can be such a candidate.

- naively the heavier and more long-lived the better.

- BBN constraints lifetime less than around 1 second, or “reheating” temperature  $T_r \gtrsim 1 \text{ MeV}$

$$T_r \simeq 0.78 (g_*(T_r))^{-1/4} \sqrt{\Gamma_{N_2} M_p} \simeq 1.22 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{1 \text{ sec}}{\tau_{N_2}} \right)^{1/2}$$

# Constraints in LRSM

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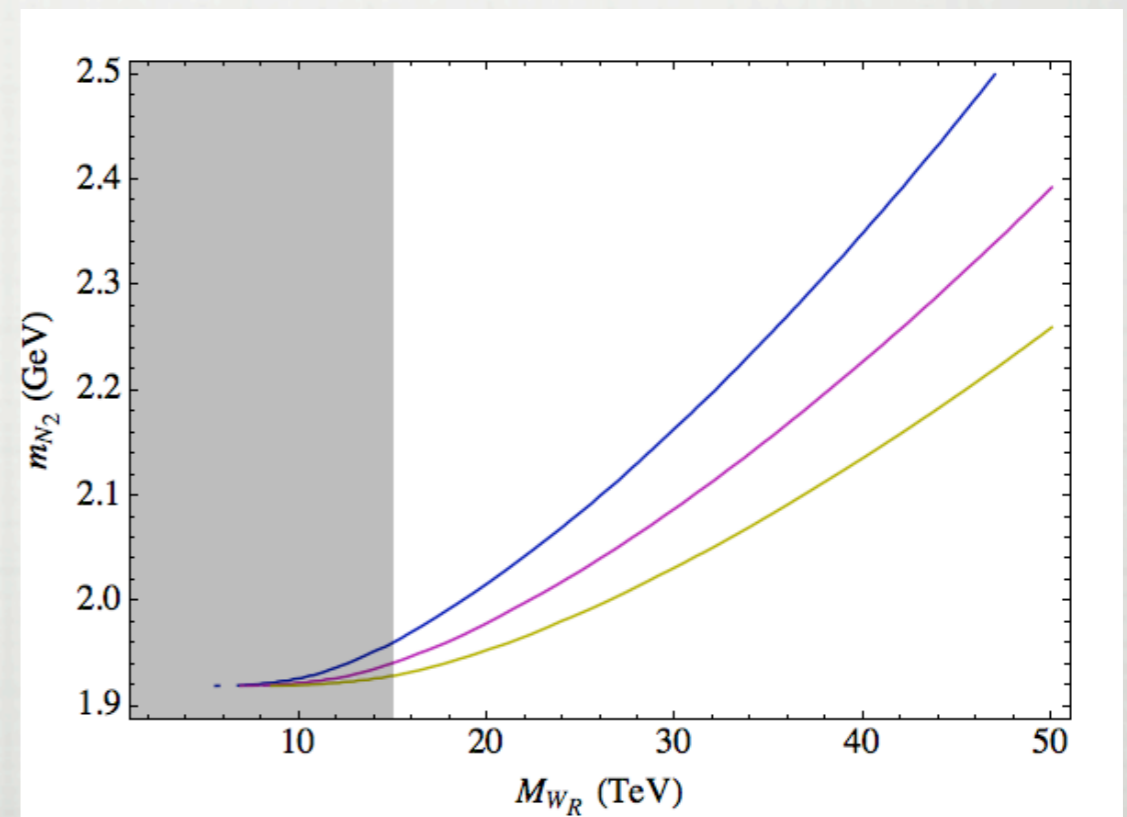
- The constraint from LRSM: RH neutrinos share common gauge interactions, freeze out at similar temperatures
- The diluter  $N_2$  must be also relativistic during FO, otherwise its number density gets Boltzmann suppressed.
- After dilution, relic density of ( $N_1$ ) DM candidate

$$\hat{\Omega}_{N_1} \simeq (0.228 + 0.039) \times \left( \frac{m_{N_1}}{1 \text{ keV}} \right) \left( \frac{1.85 \text{ GeV}}{m_{N_2}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ sec}}{\tau_{N_2}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{g_*(T_{f2})}{g_*(T_{f1})} \right)$$

- Questions need to answer:
  - Options: stick to heavy ( $>2\text{GeV}$ )  $N_2$  or find large difference in  $g_*(T_{f1,2})$ ?
  - Can  $N_2$  with such mass be long-lived enough (lifetime~one second)

# Late decay

- Decay channels: If enough heavy  $N_2 \rightarrow \ell jj, \ell \ell' N_1$
- If close to the threshold, phase space suppression  $N_2 \rightarrow \ell \pi$
- Light  $W_R$  possible if pionic decay channel dominates.
- If  $N_2$  couples only to  $\tau$ , and lives right above threshold  $\tau + \pi$ , two main decay channels:
  - $$N_2 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \pi^\mp$$
  - $$N_2 \rightarrow \tau^\pm \mu^\mp N_1$$
- Possibly appreciable branching ratio to  $N_1$ .



# Two drawbacks for $m_{N_2} > \text{GeV}$

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- Consider the free-streaming length of  $N_1$

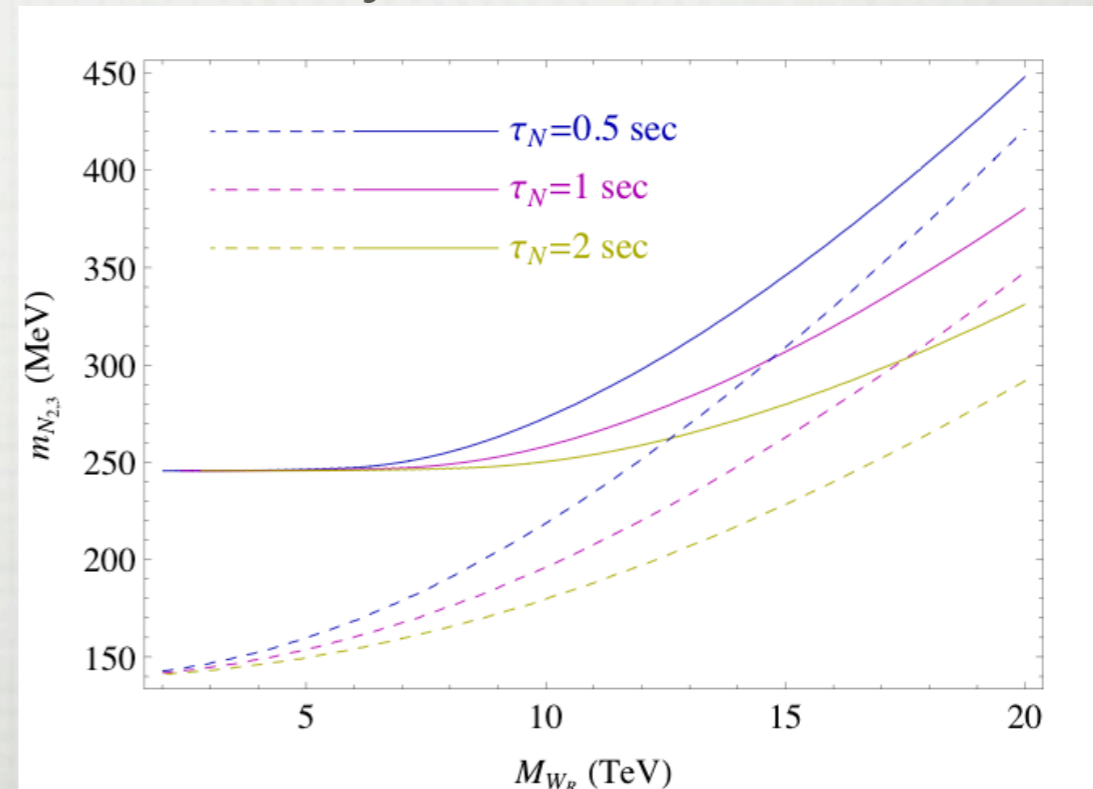
$$\lambda_{fs} = R_0 \int_{1 \text{ sec}}^{t_{eq}} dt' \frac{v(t')}{R(t')} \simeq 1 \text{ Mpc} \frac{\langle p_{N_1} \rangle}{\langle p_\nu \rangle} \left( \frac{\text{keV}}{m_{N_1}} \right) \mathcal{S}^{-1/3}$$

- Large scale structure: cannot suppress too much structures  $> \text{Mpc}$ .
  - For  $N_1$  from  $N_2$  decay, average momentum  $\gg \text{MeV}$ :  $\langle p_{N_1} \rangle \gg \langle p_\nu \rangle$
  - With appreciable BR: erase too much structures unless  $N_1$  is heavier than keV, which is a disaster for relic density.
- For  $m_{N_2} \approx 2 \text{ GeV}$ , freeze out when relativistic implies  $M_{WR} > 15 \text{ TeV}$   
[Bezrukov, Hettmansperger, Lindner, 0912.4415](#)
  - Disfavored by our motivation to have low scale LR symmetry.



# Flavor Structure & spectrum

- Must couple  $N_1$  to  $\tau$  lepton, structure formation safe, light  $W_R$ .
- Have to shift  $N_2$  mass to the next threshold,  $\mu^\pm + \pi^\mp$ , much lighter, 250-300 MeV.
- $N_2$  decaying into  $\tau + \mu + N_1$  is kinematically forbidden.
- Notice for  $M_{W_R} \lesssim 5 - 6 \text{ TeV}$ , the decay momentum is less than 5 MeV.



# Can still dilute enough?

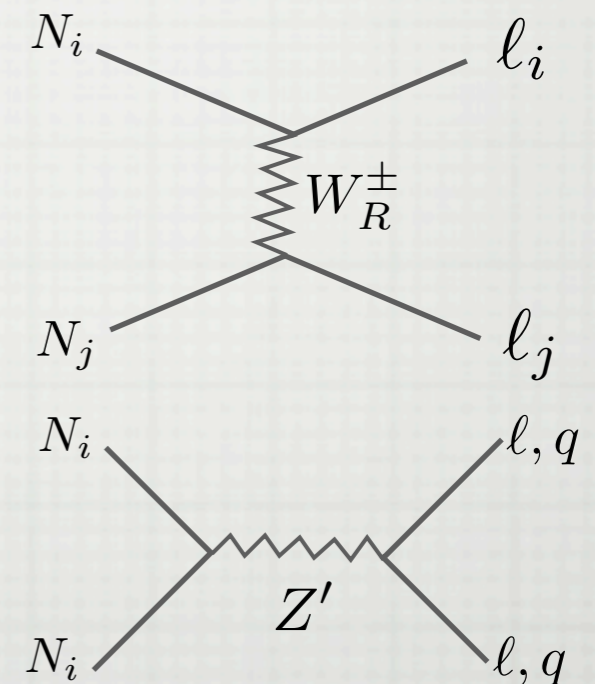
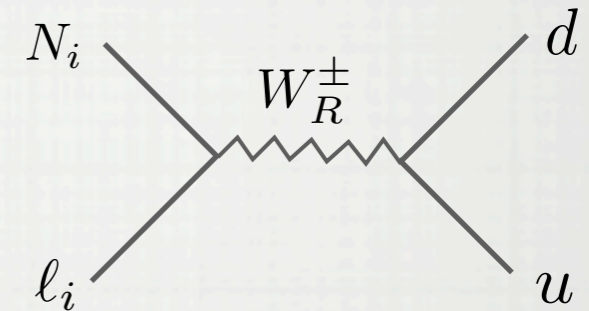
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- Yes, when both below are satisfied:
  - If  $N_3$  also dilutes, sits at electron+pion threshold. Fix the spectrum.
  - If there is large enough different between  $g^*$ :  $g_*(T_{f2}) \ll g_*(T_{f1})$

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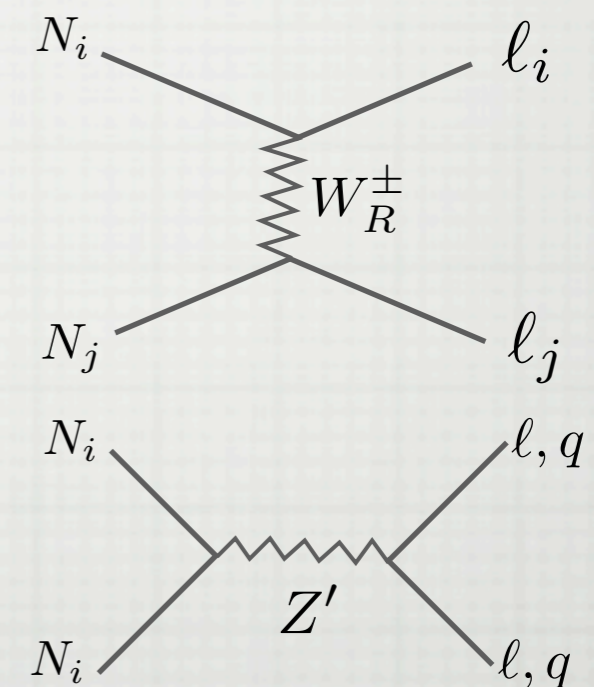
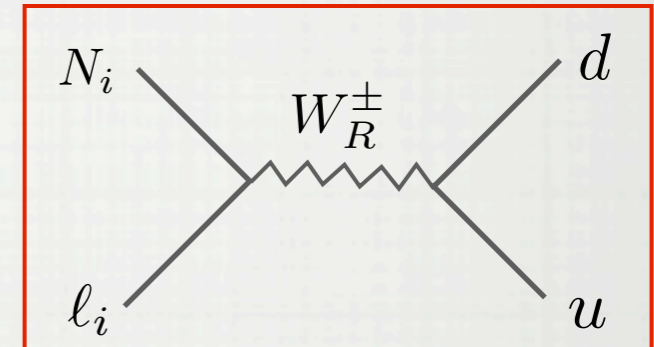
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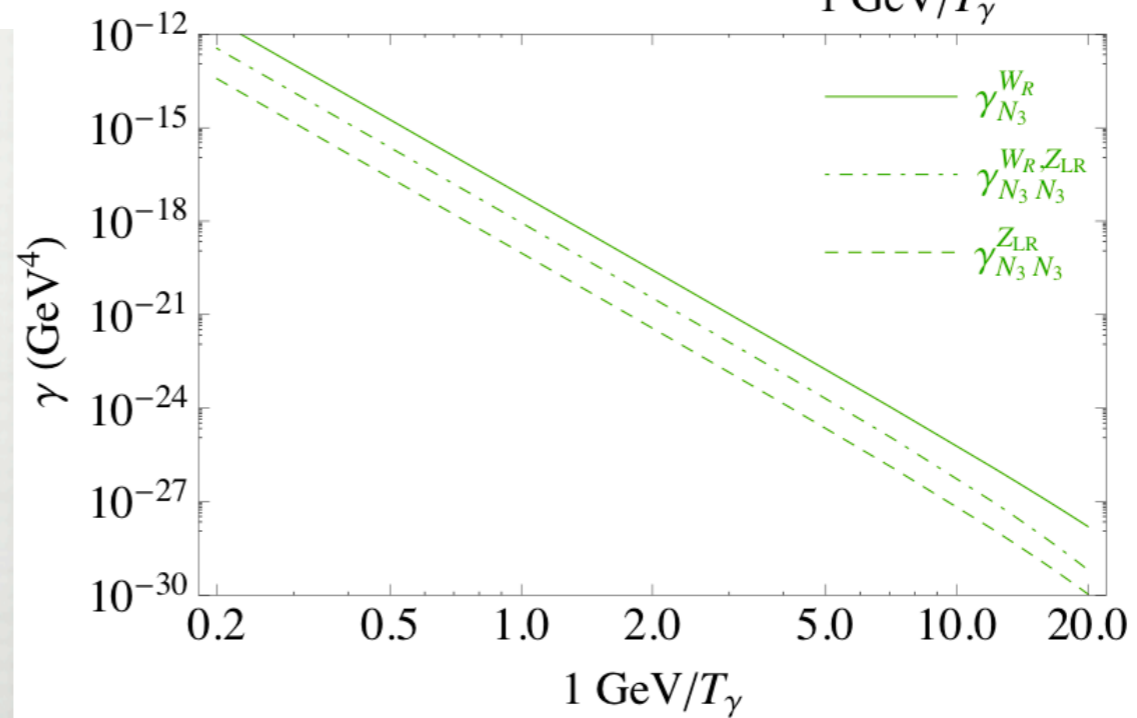
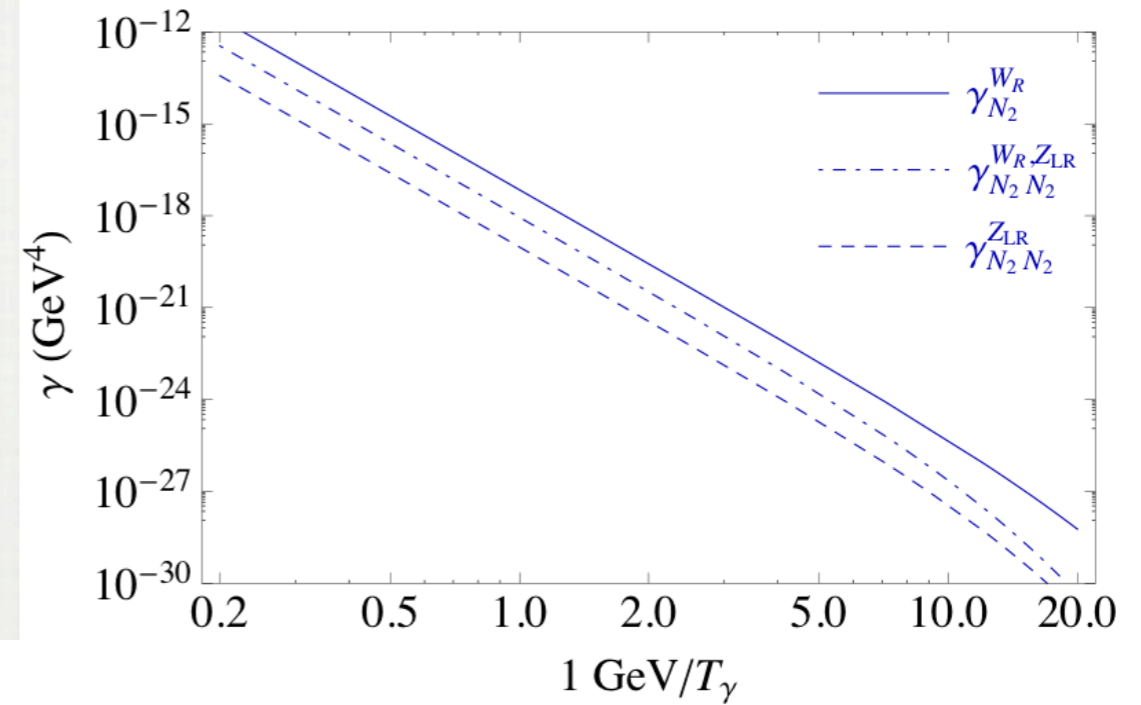
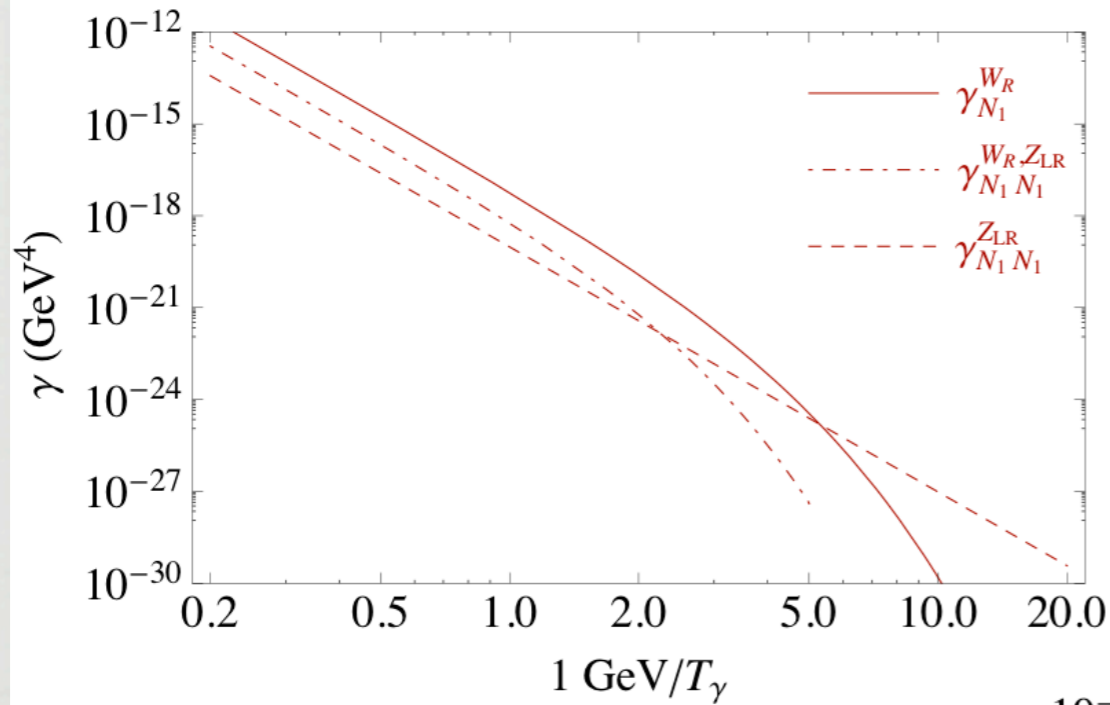


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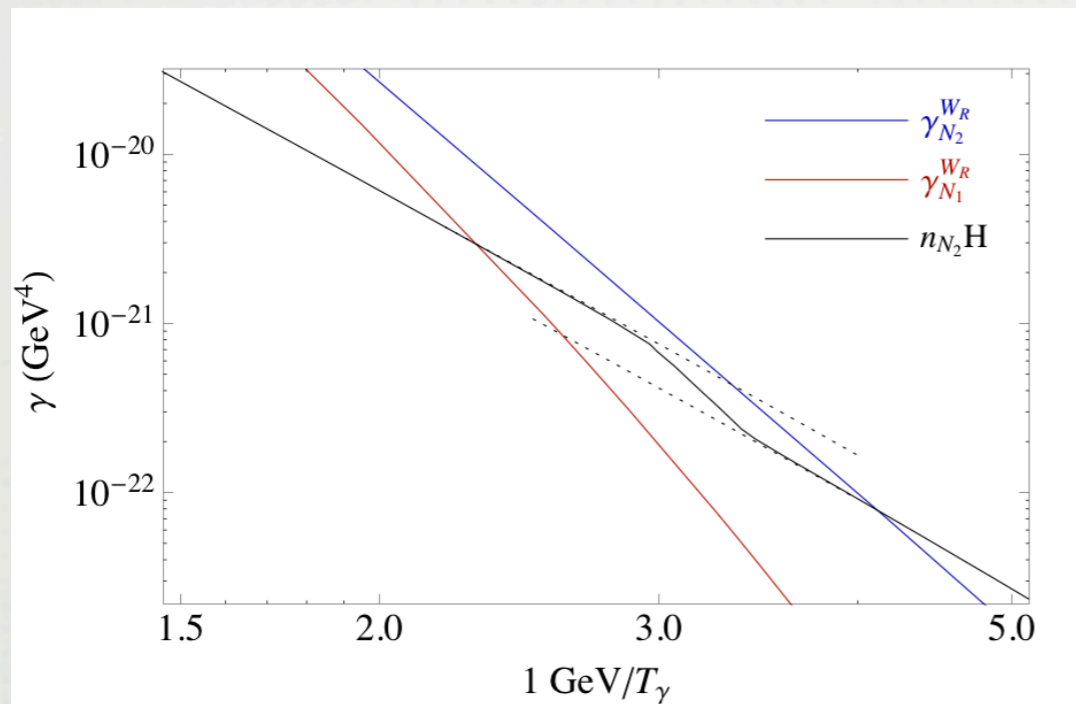
# Reaction rates



- Interactions of  $N_1$  are suppressed when  $\mathcal{T}$  becomes heavy.

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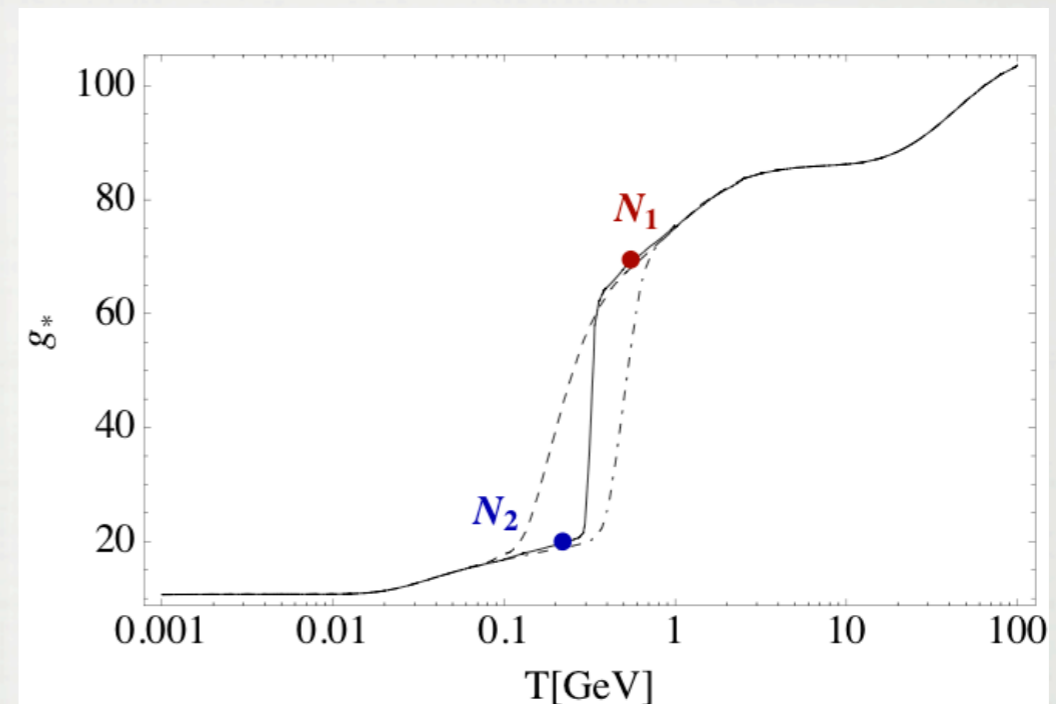
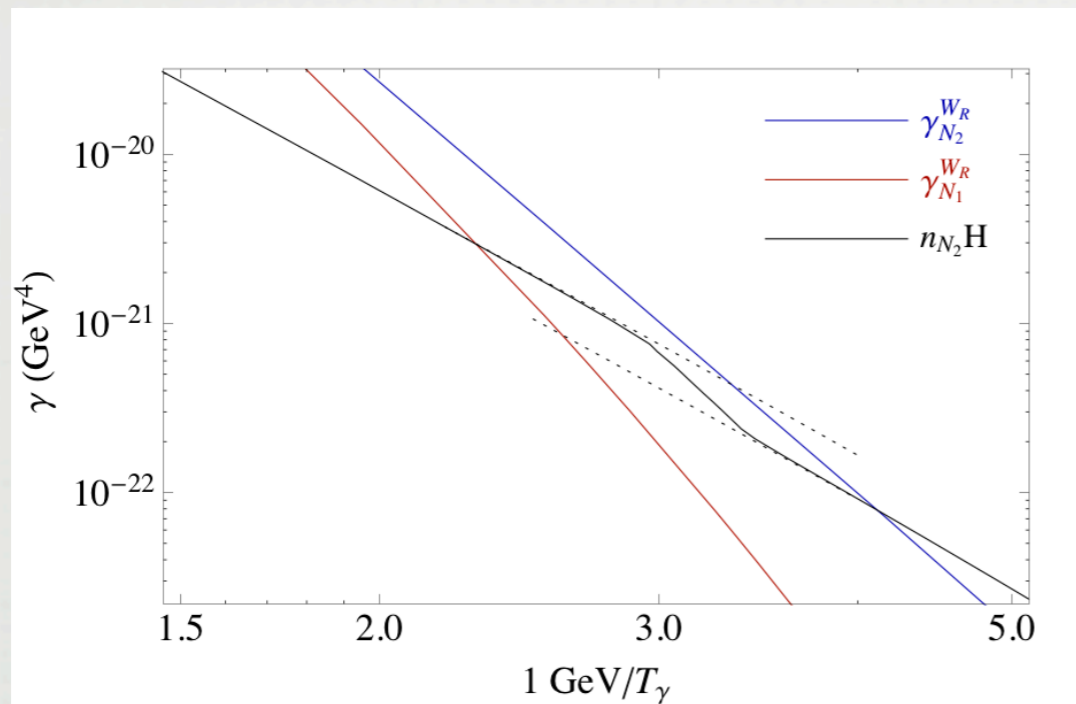


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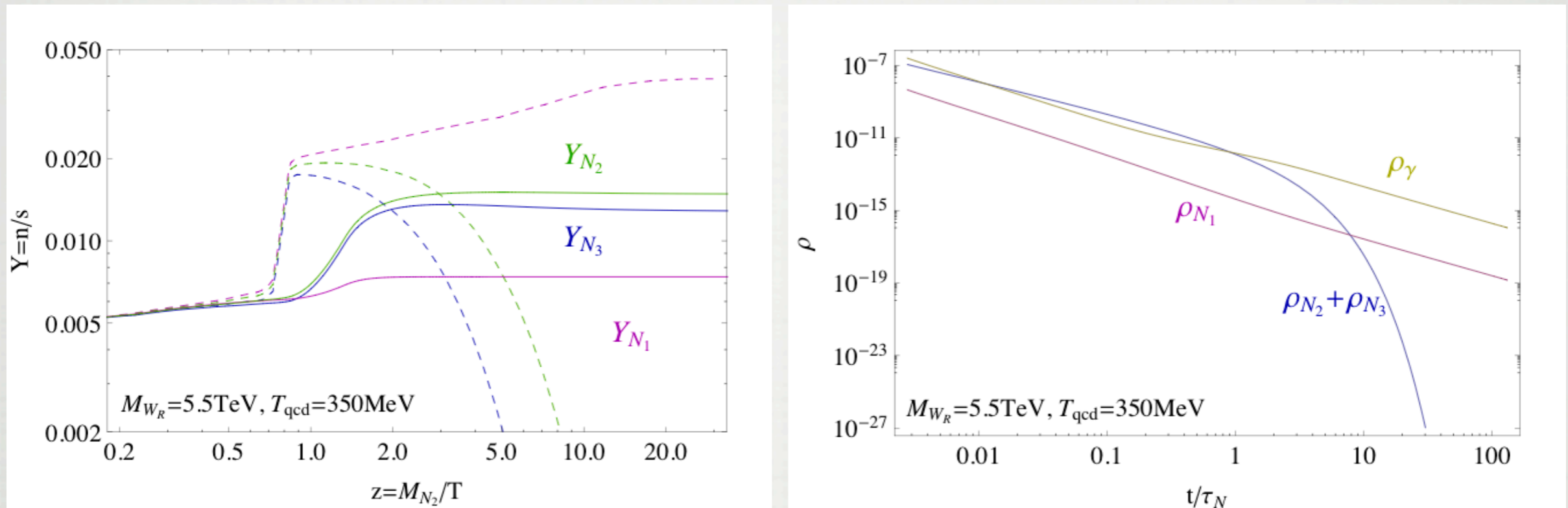
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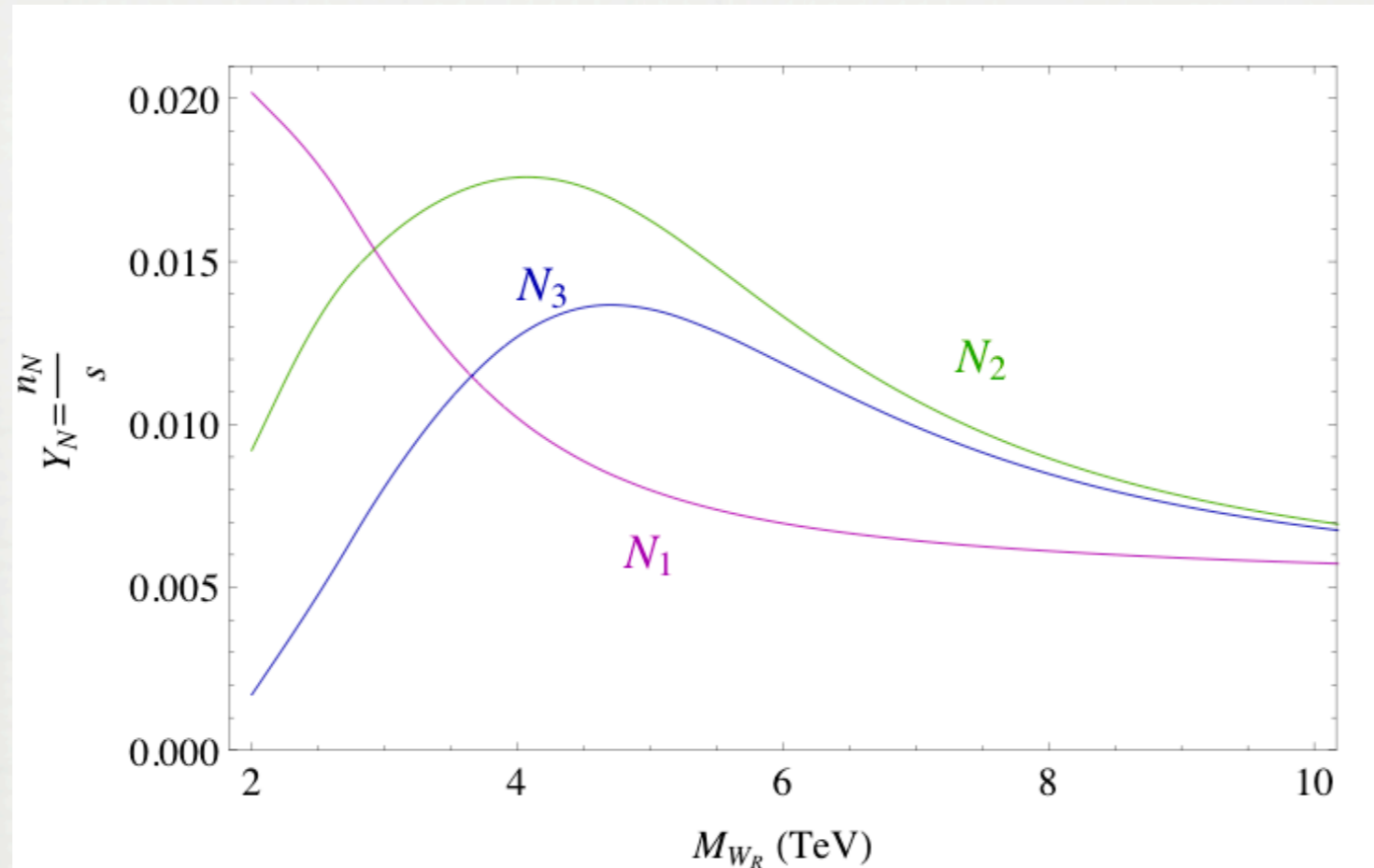
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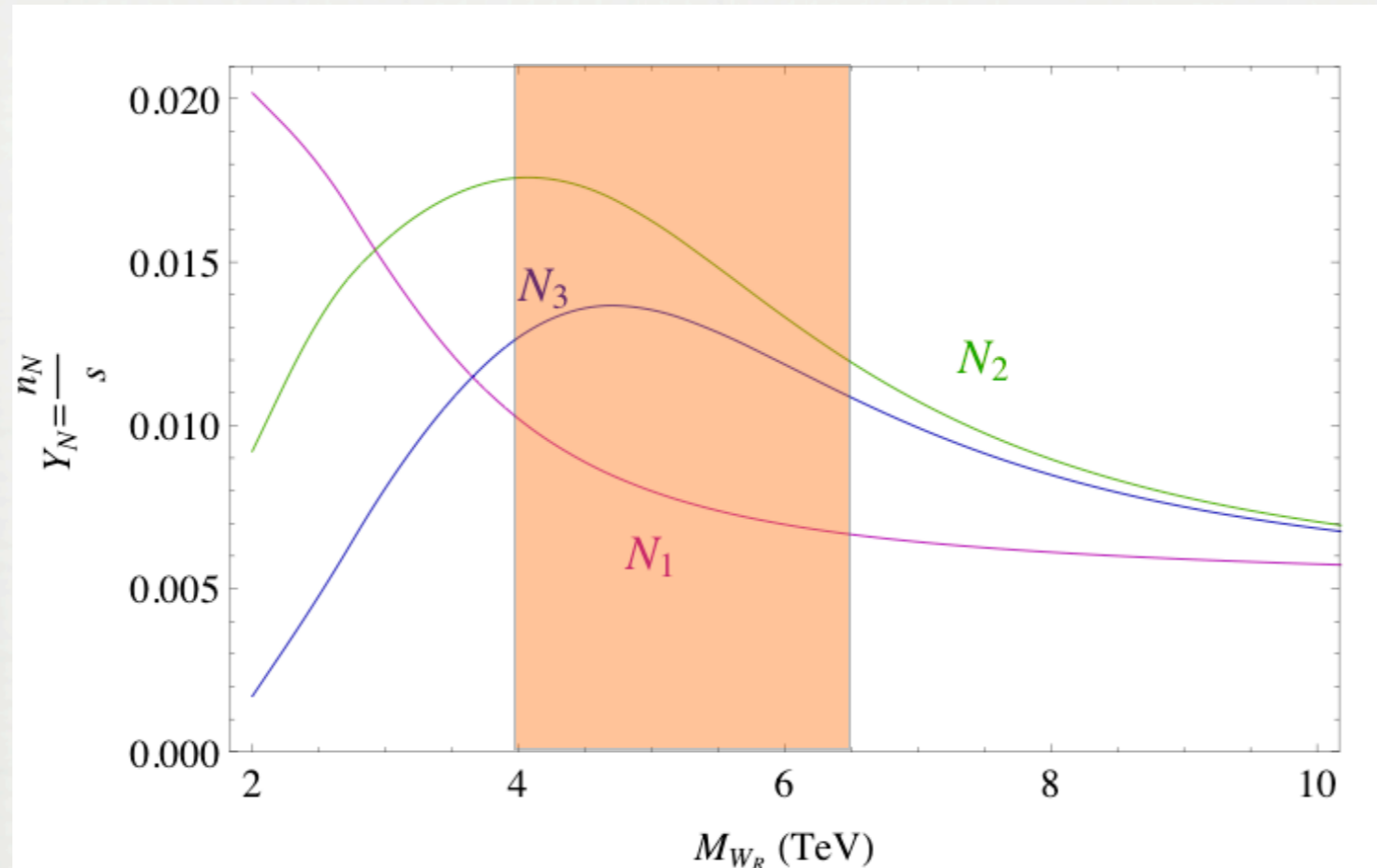
- Fix the flavor structure  $V_{\tau 1} = V_{\mu 2} = V_{e 3} = 1$  fix the masses so that  $\tau_{N_2} = \tau_{N_3} = 1.5 \text{ sec}$
- Match the solution to Boltzmann Eqns for FO and late decay
- Obtain:  $\mathcal{S} = 7.2$  and  $T_r = 0.7 \text{ MeV}$

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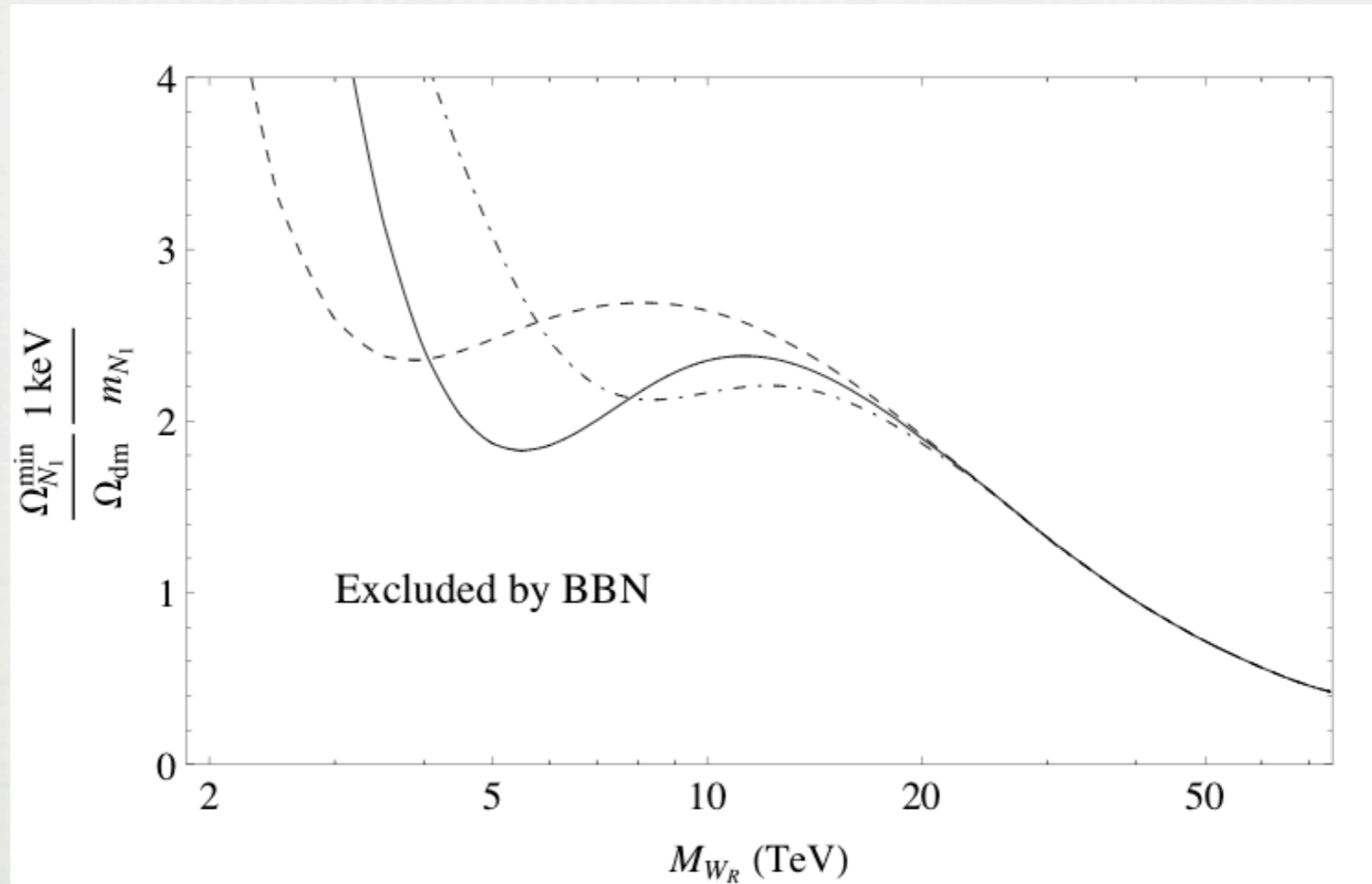
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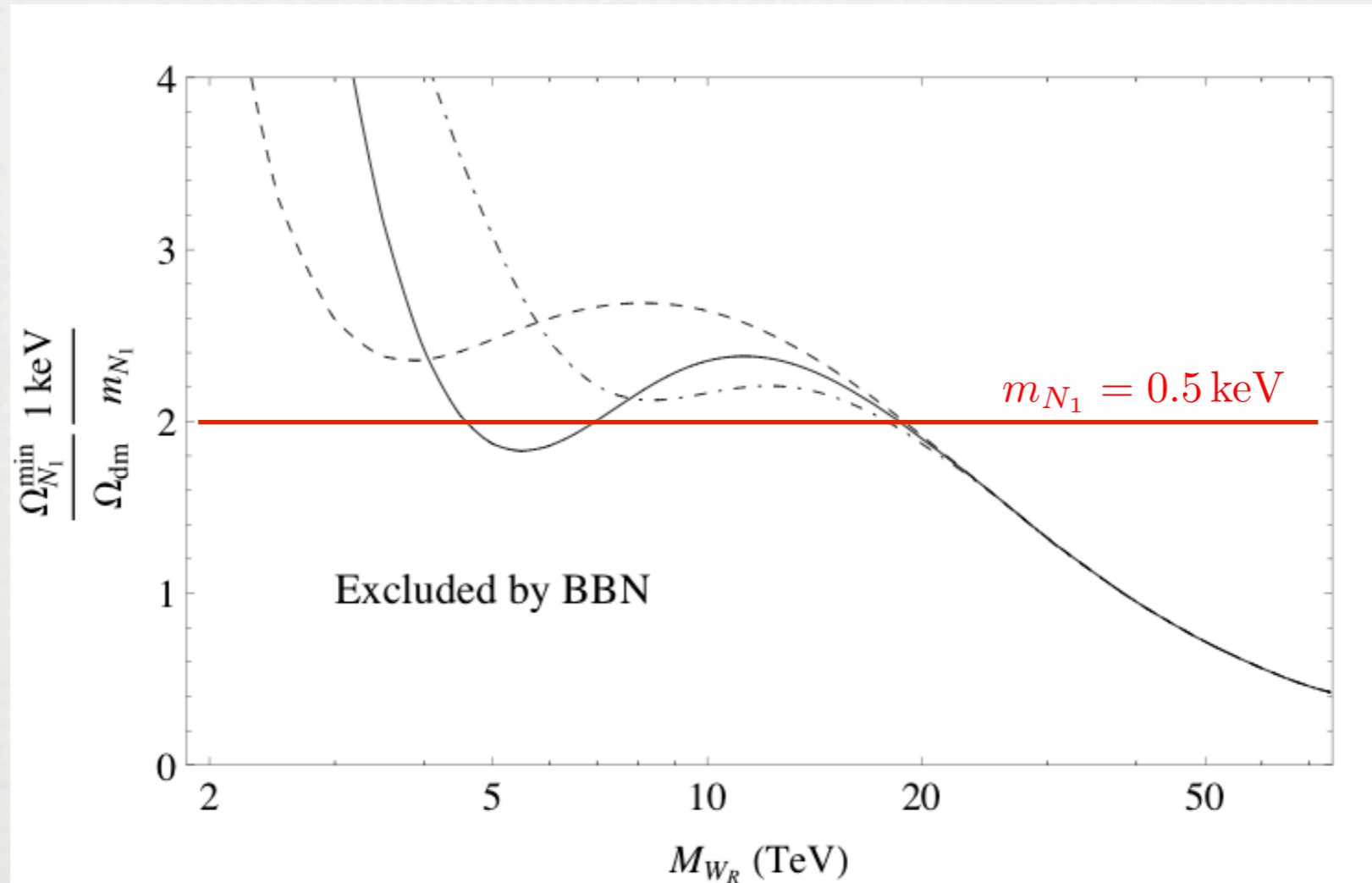
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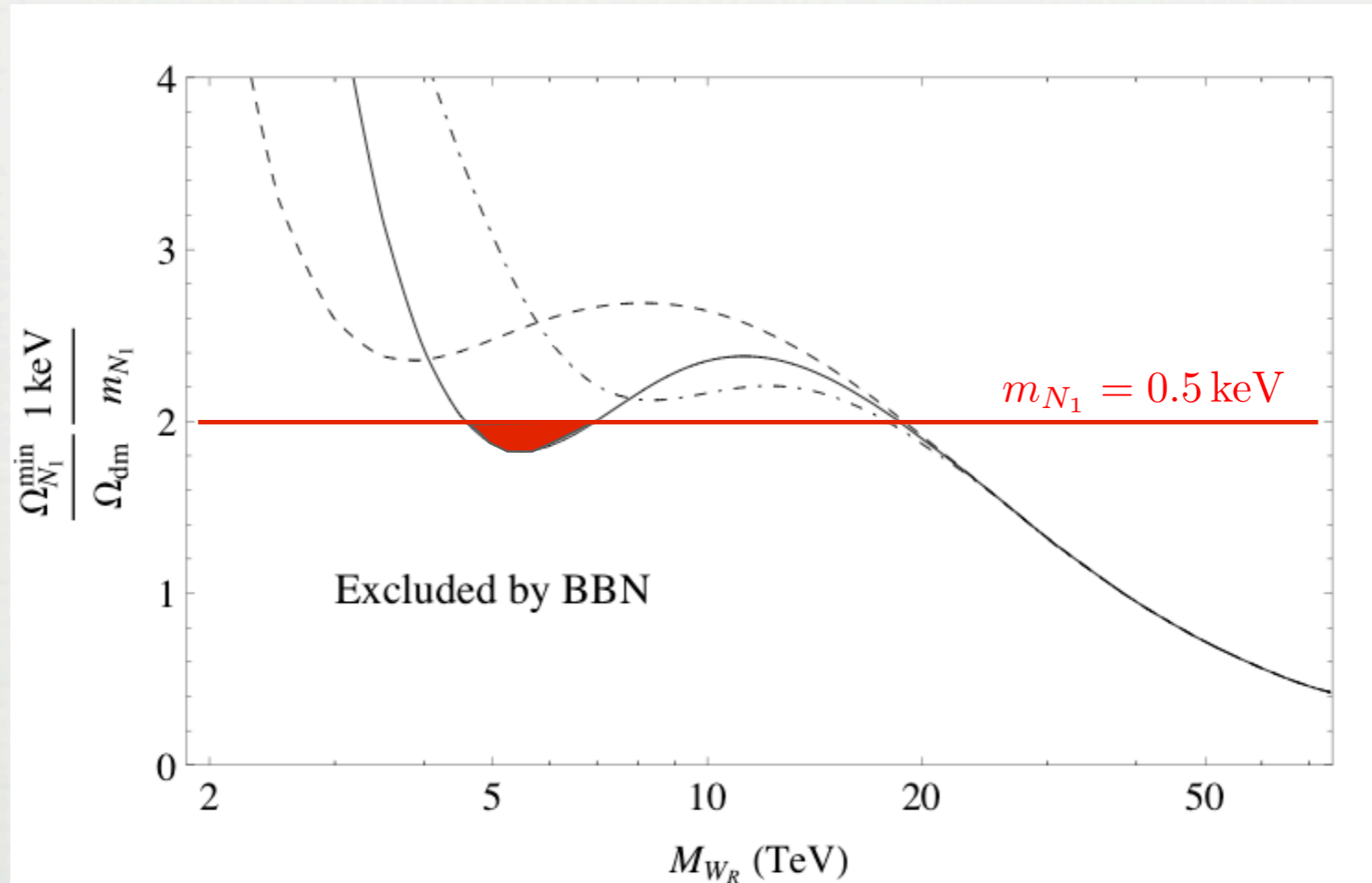
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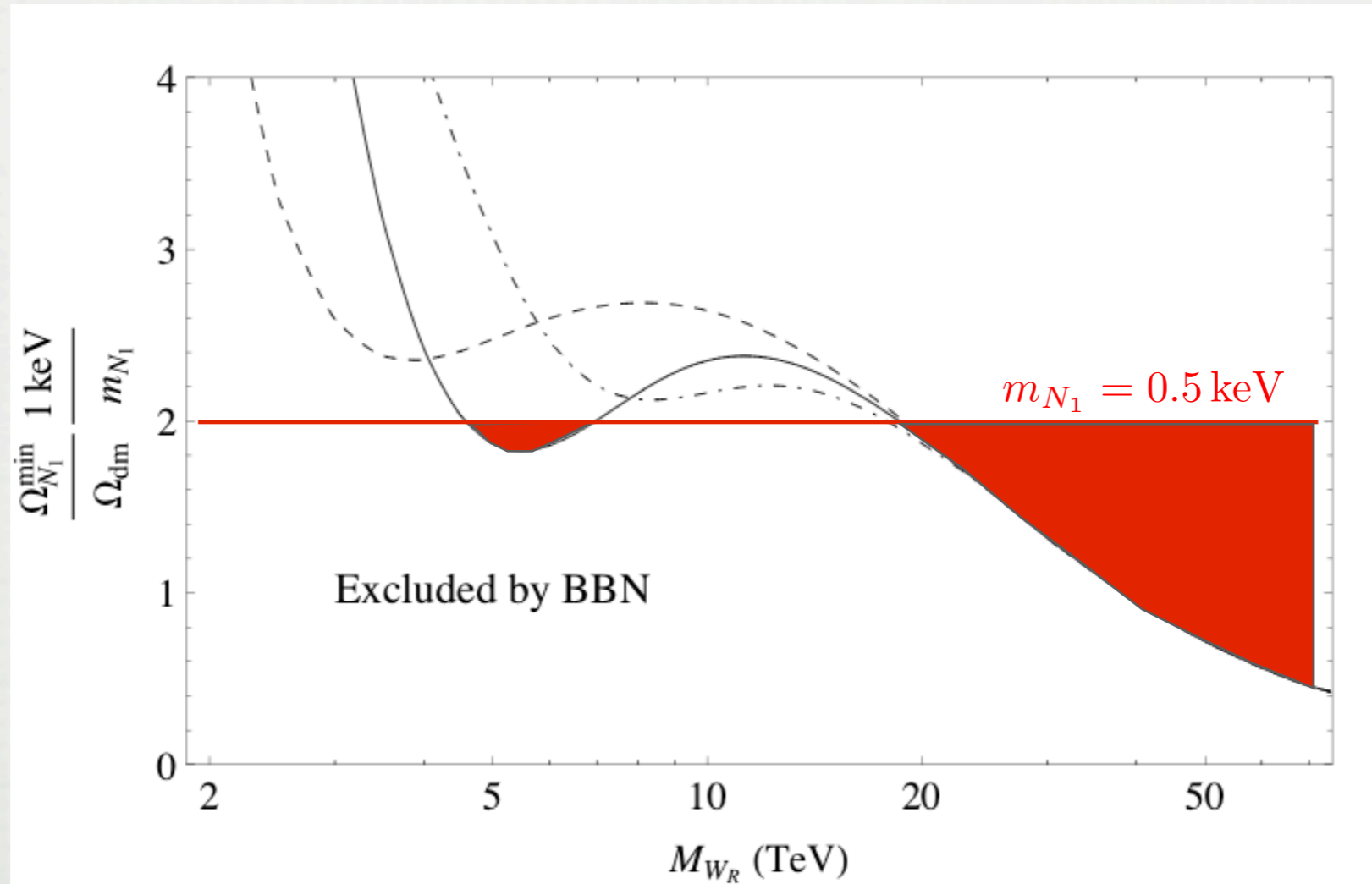
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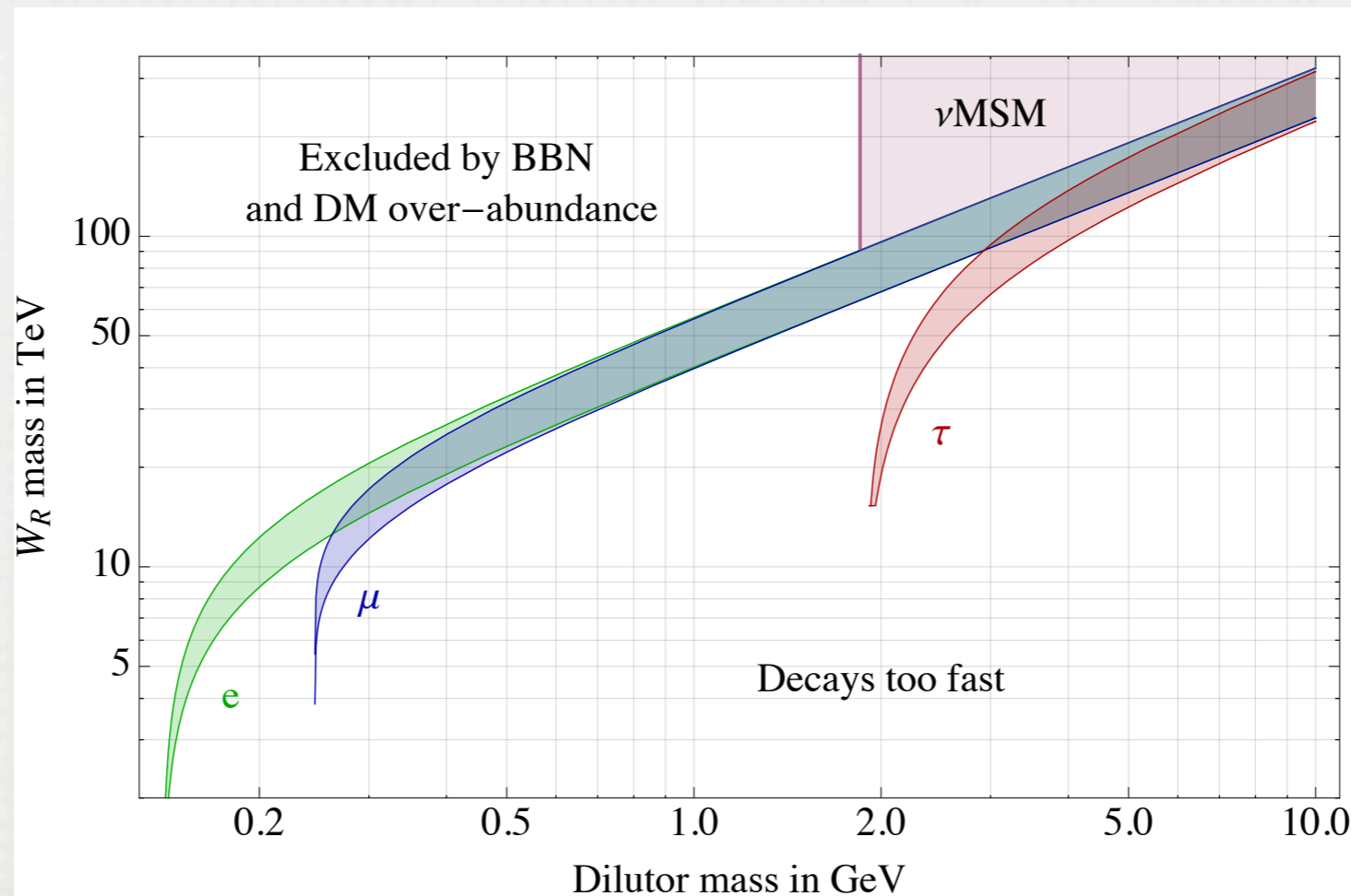
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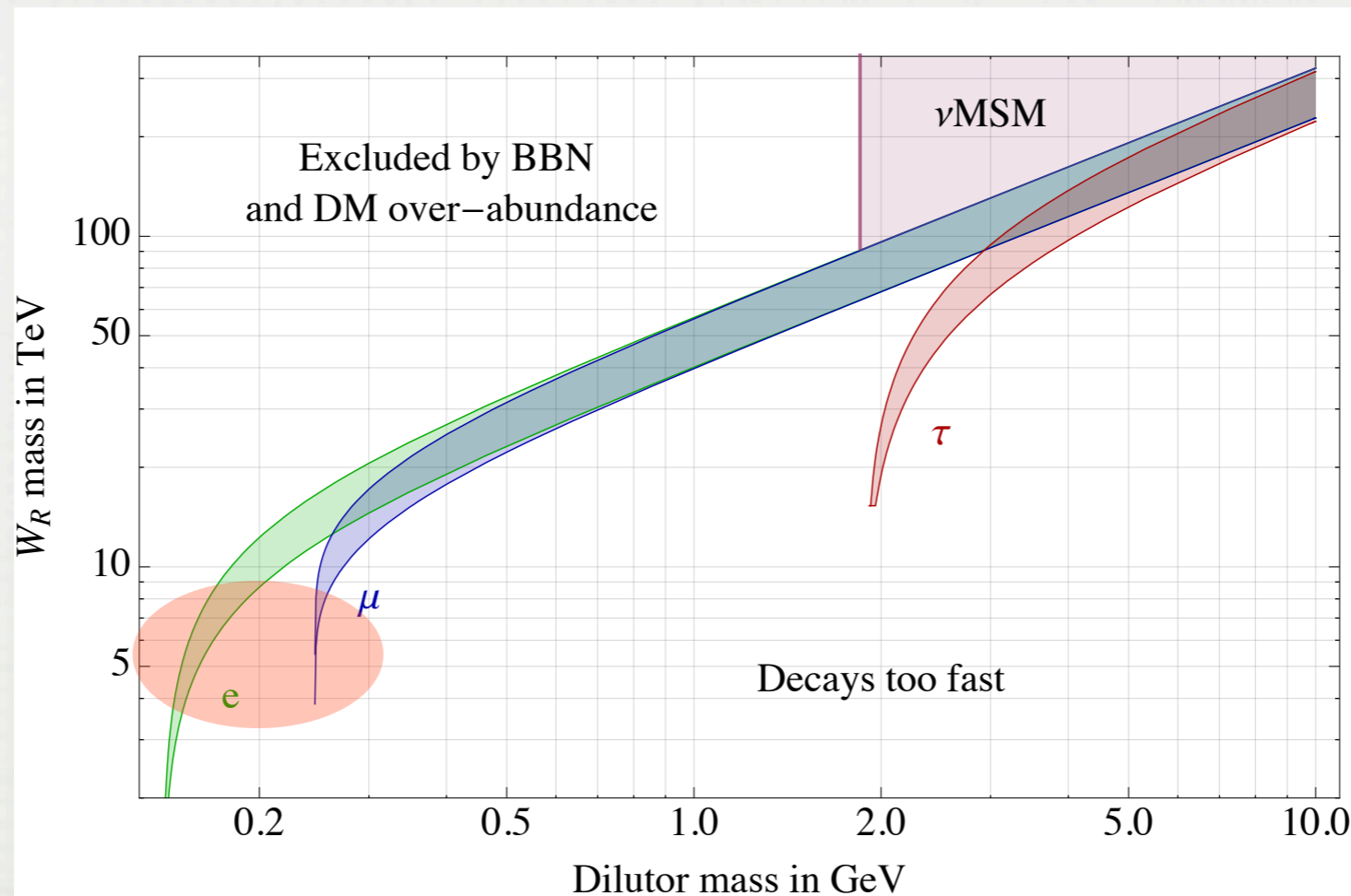


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## Constraints on DM mass

# Dwarf Galaxies

- Consider degenerate Fermi gas, for a non-relativistic particle.

$$v_F = \frac{\pi \hbar}{m} \left( \frac{6N}{g\pi V} \right)^{1/3} = \hbar \left( \frac{9\pi M}{2gR^3 m} \right)^{1/3}$$

- Apply the bound to observed dwarf spheroidal satellites, with mass  $M$  and radius  $R$ .
- Lighter DM (small  $m$ ) leads to larger  $N$ , higher velocity at Fermi surface -- but should be less than the escape velocity.

- Lower bound on DM mass, derived from “Canes Venatici II”,

$$m_{DM} \gtrsim 0.468^{+0.137}_{-0.082}$$

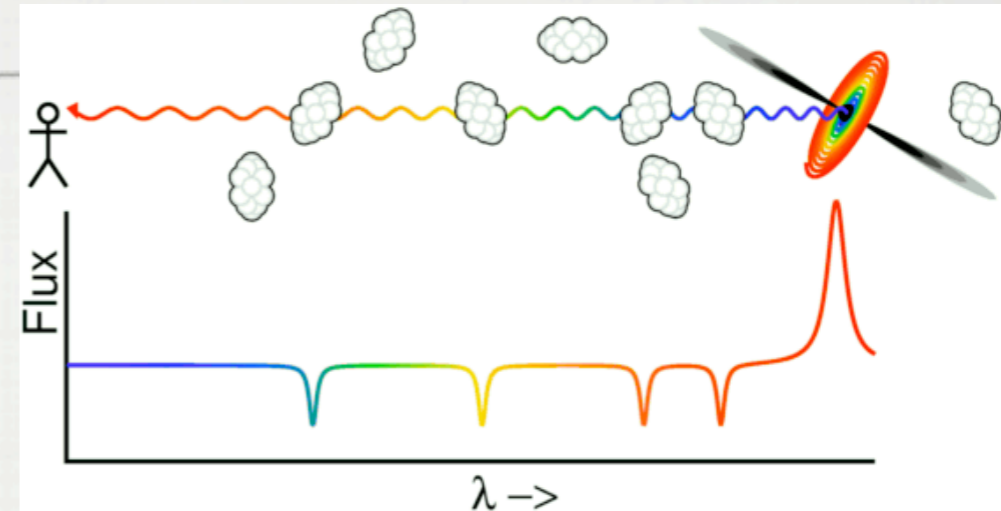
- More sophisticated method using maximal phase space density, gives similar lower bounds.

$$m_{DM} \gtrsim 0.557^{+0.163}_{-0.097}$$

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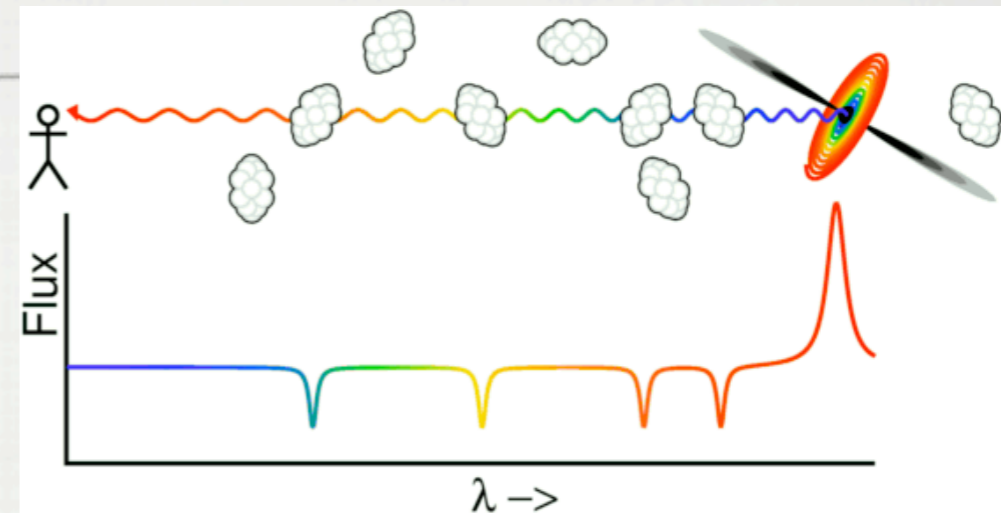
# Lyman-alpha forest

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WMAP 7 :  $N_{\text{eff}} = 4.34_{-0.88}^{+0.86} @ 68\% \text{CL}$
- For low reheating temperature, weak interactions already fell out of equilibrium.
- SM neutrinos may not be completely thermalized -- reduce  $N_{\text{eff}}$ .
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$$N_3 \rightarrow e^+ \pi^- \rightarrow e^+ + \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu e \bar{\nu}_e$$

- Average energy about 20-30 MeV. What will these energetic neutrinos do?



# Neutrino Thermalization

- Simply counting number of neutrinos from decay gives  $N_{\text{eff}} \approx 3 - 4$
- Energetic neutrinos have stronger weak interactions.

Fuller, Kishimoto, Kusenko, 1110.6479

- Down scatter with electron in the plasma  $\sigma \sim E_\nu$

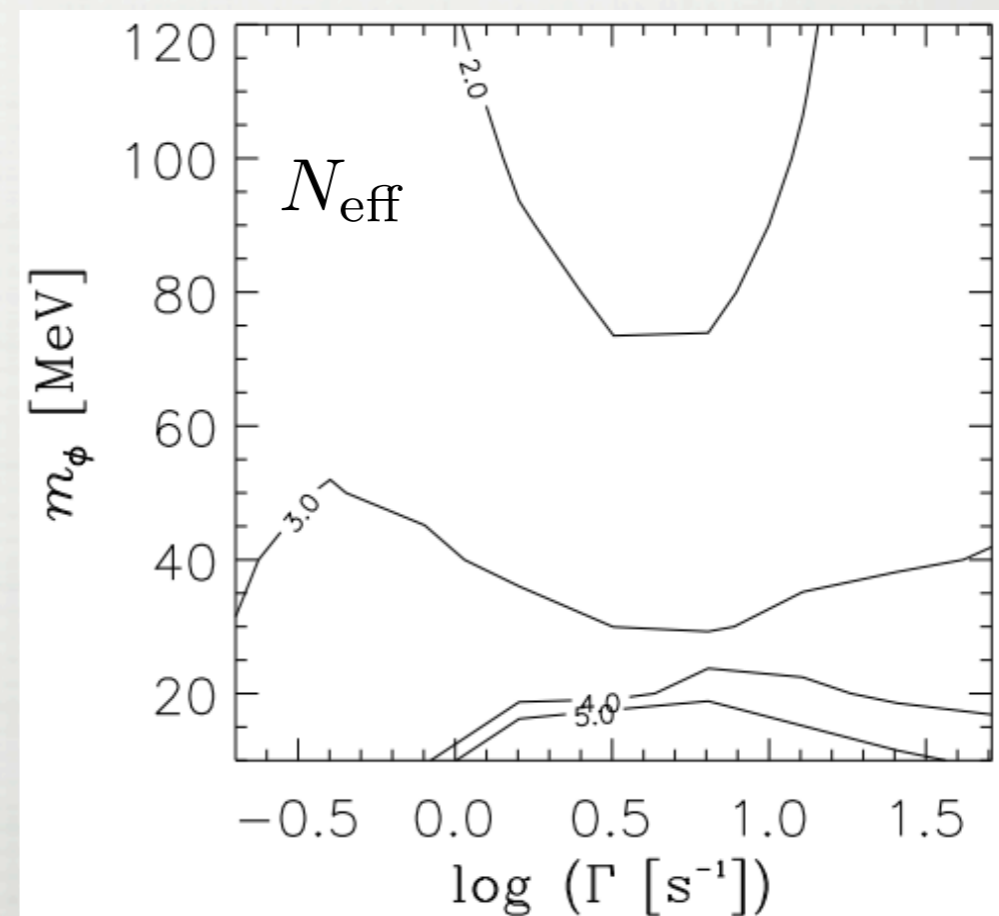
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- Self annihilation dominates  $\sigma \sim E_\nu^2$

- Effective neutrino number is likely

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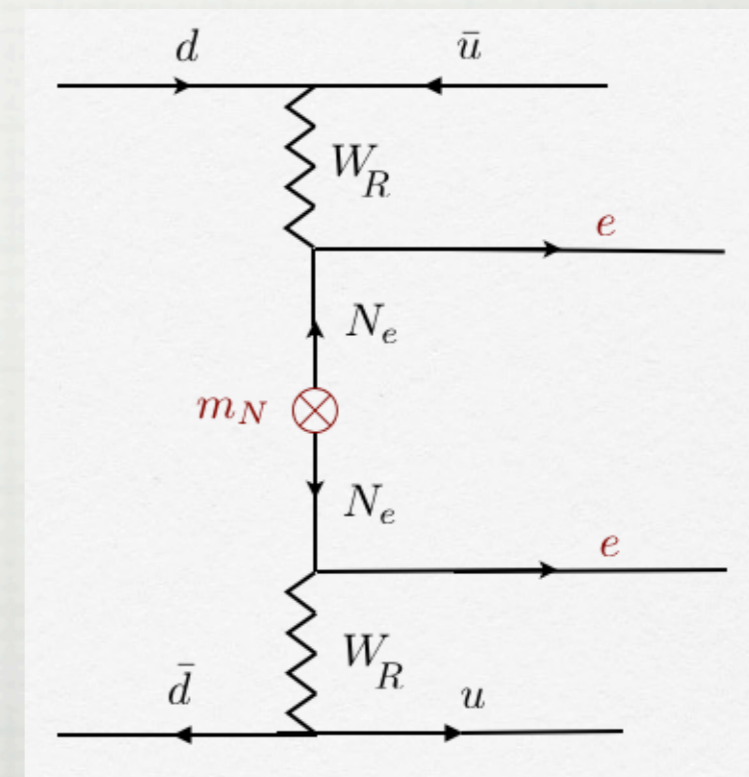
# Nu-less Double Beta Decay

- In LRSM with WDM,  $N_3$  with mass 140-150 MeV couples dominantly to electron.
- Typical nuclear momentum transfer:  $p \sim 100 - 200 \text{ MeV}$ .
- In the intermediate regime between

$$\mathcal{M}_{0\nu 2\beta} \sim \frac{1}{M_W^4} \frac{m_\nu}{p^2} + \frac{1}{M_{W_R}^4} \frac{1}{m_N}$$

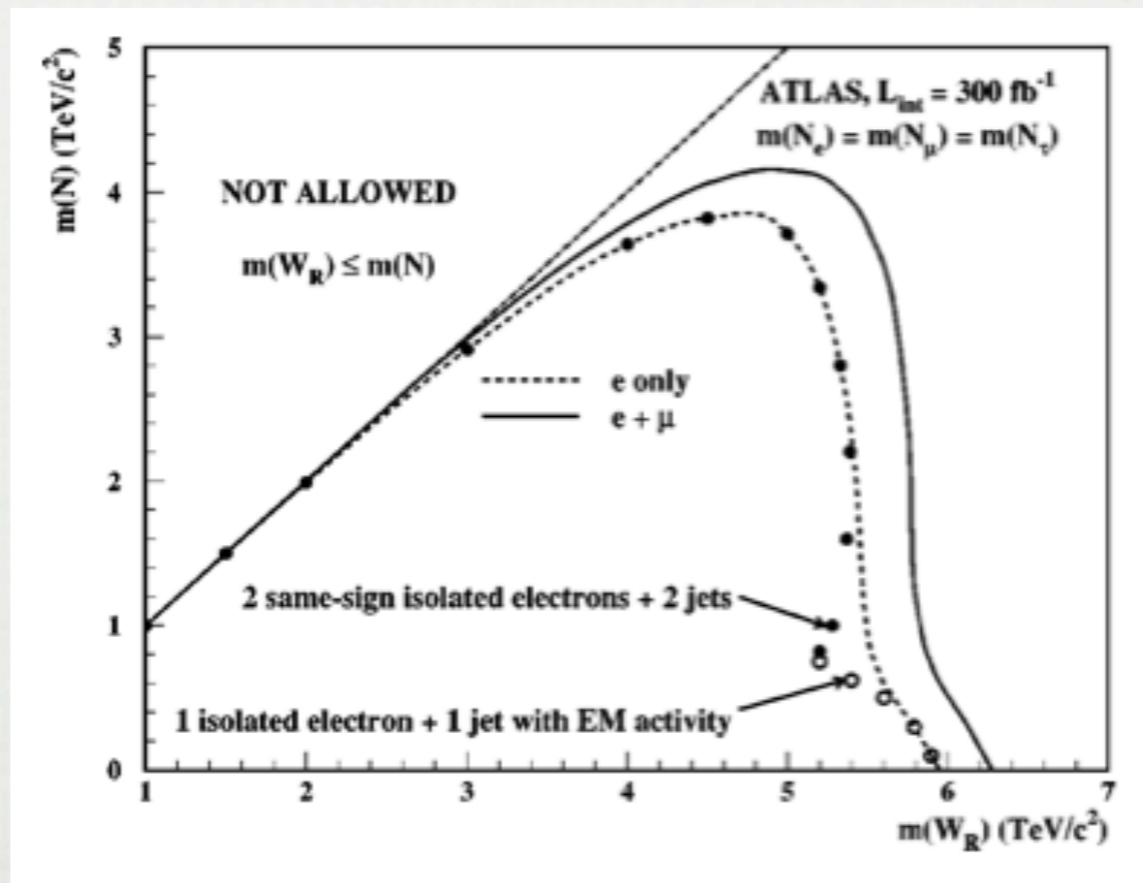
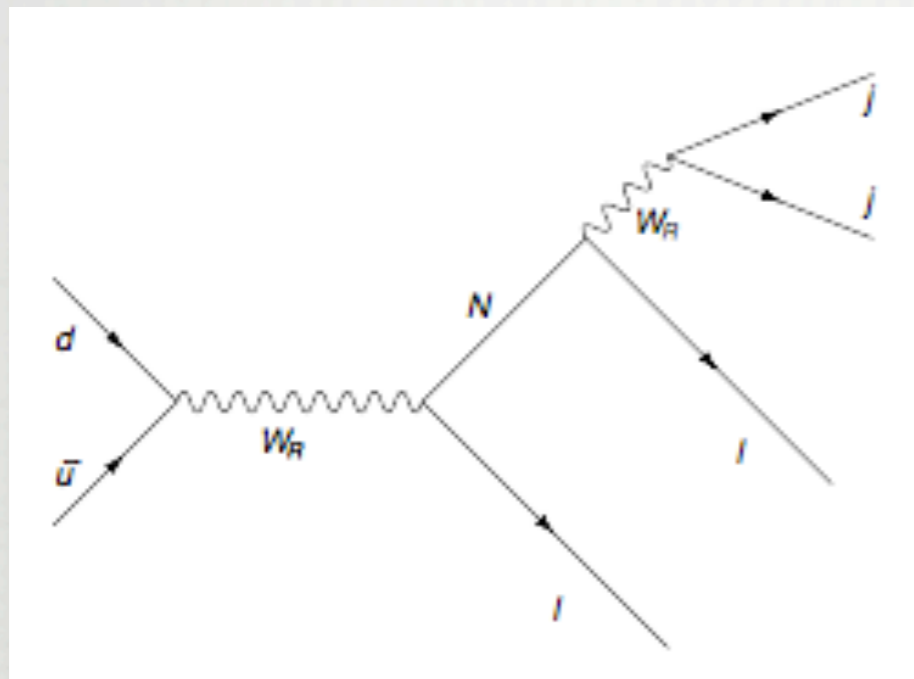
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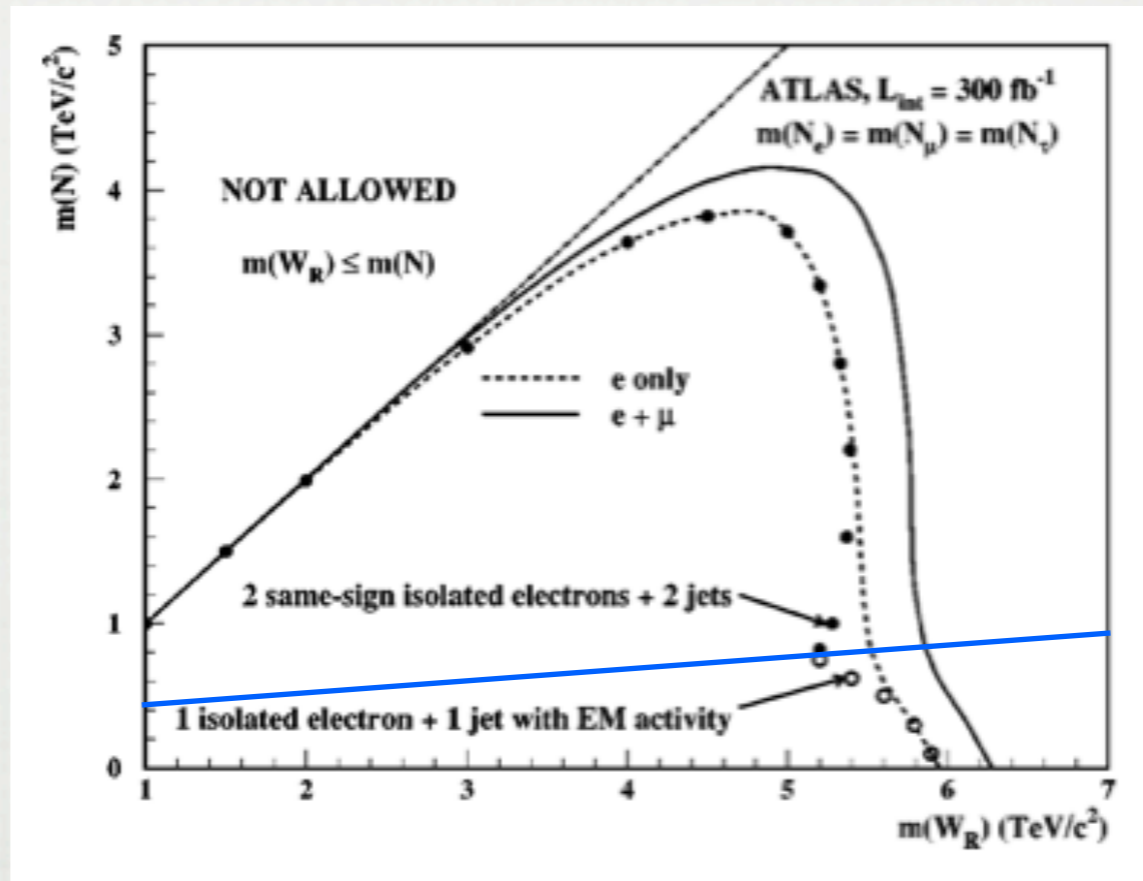
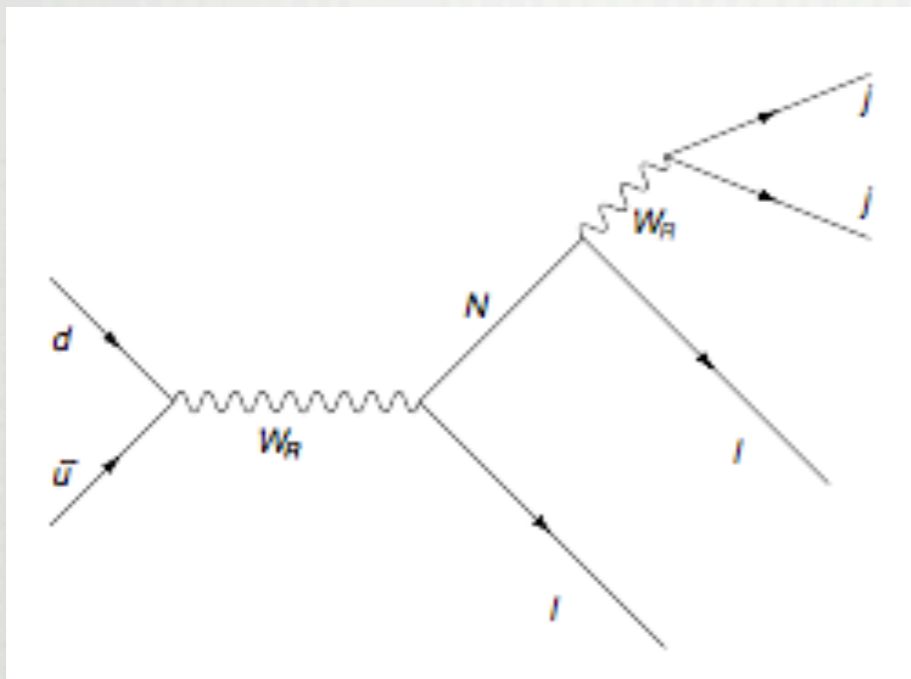
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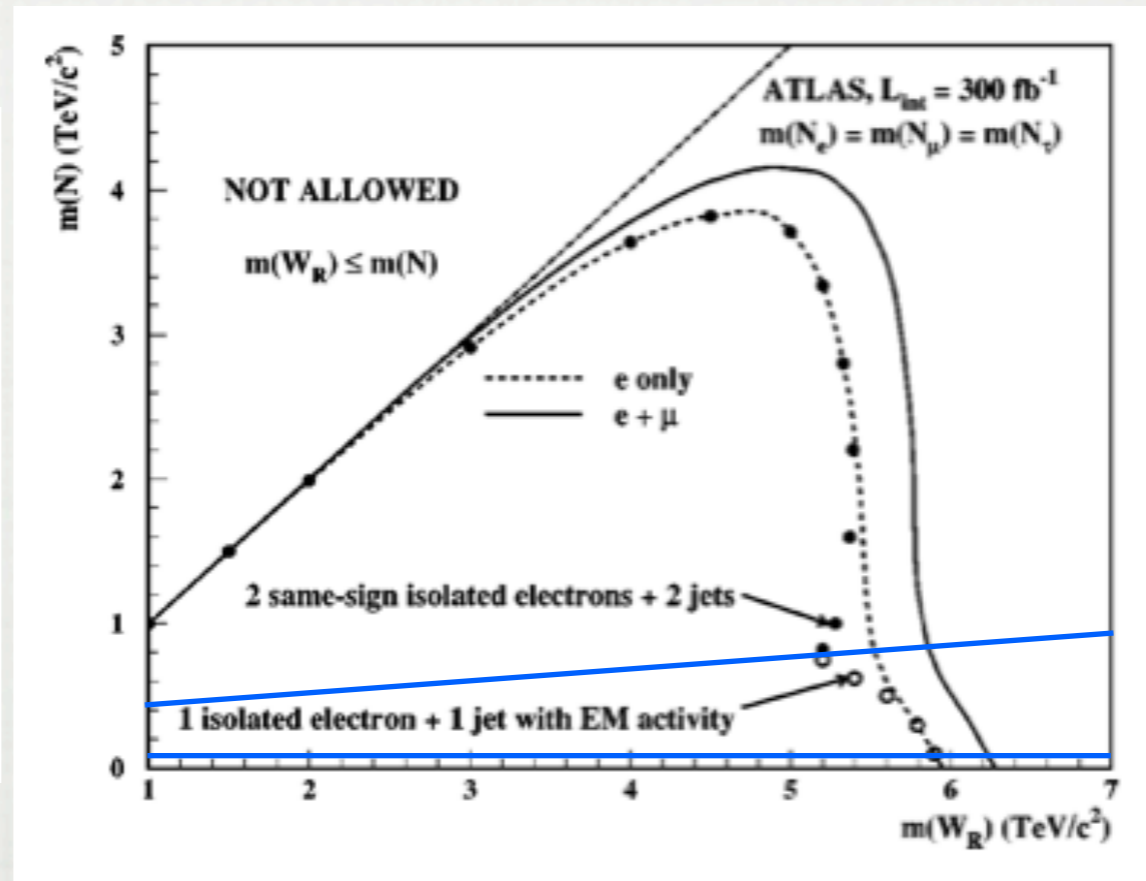
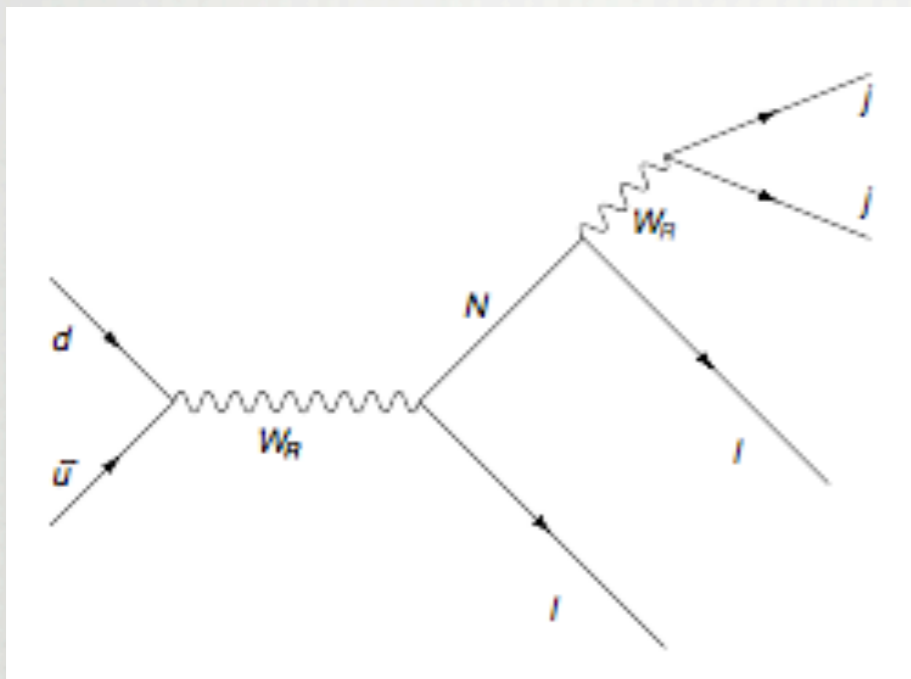
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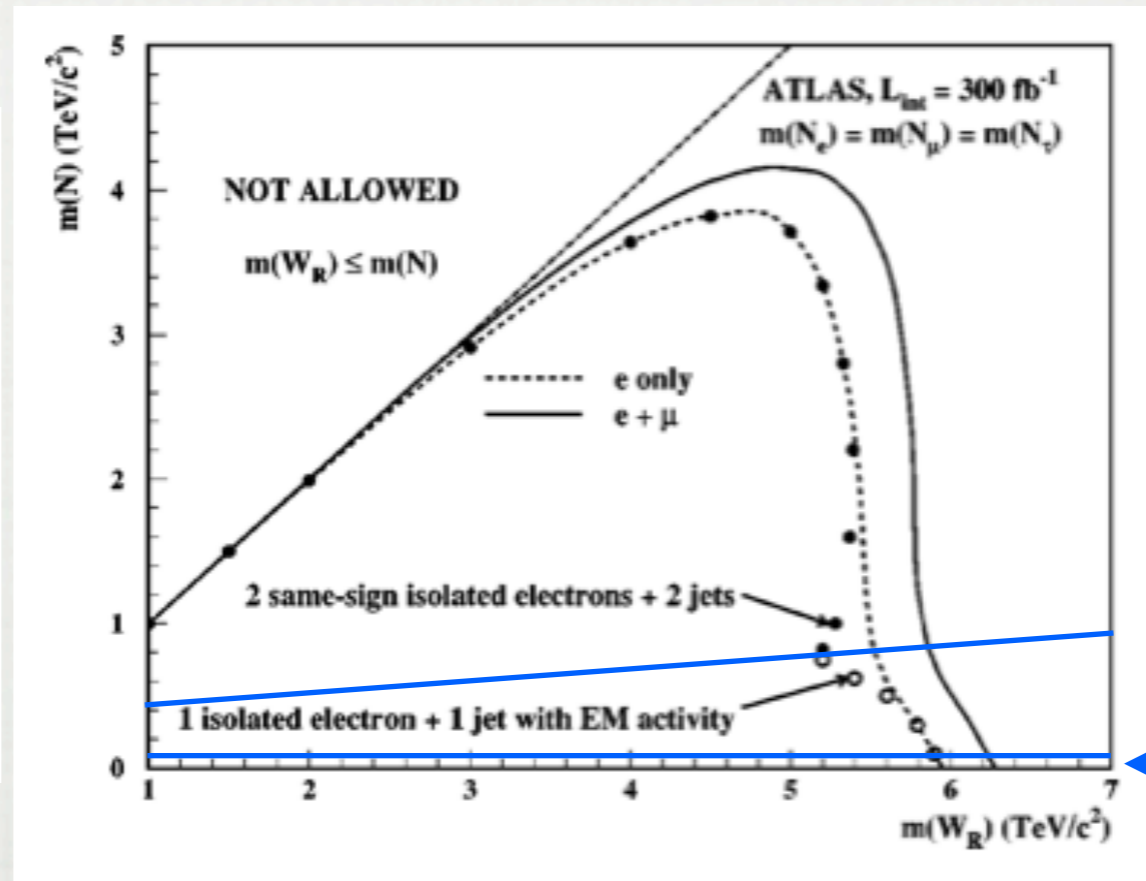
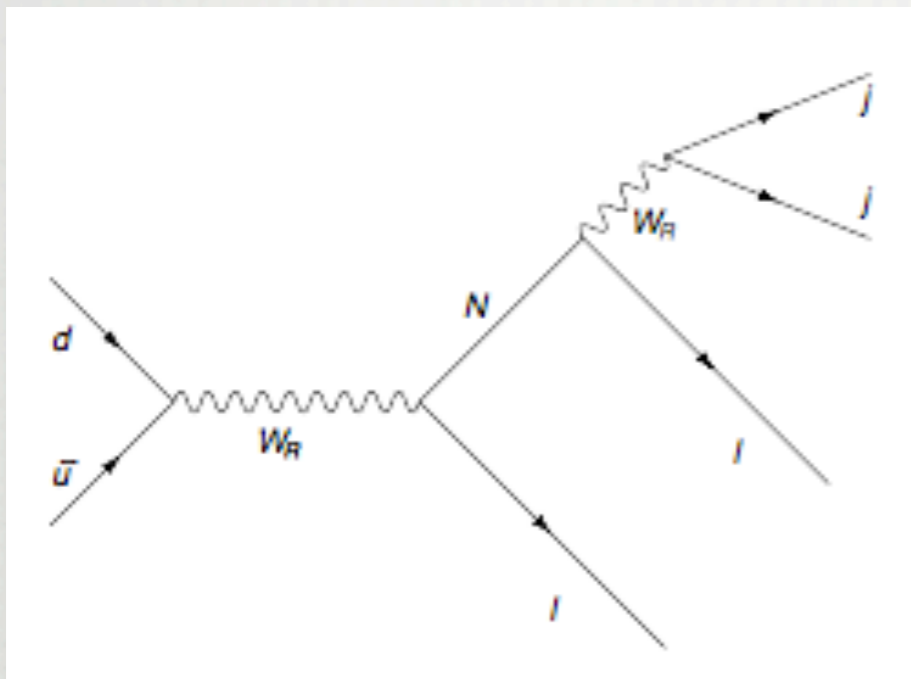
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Our favorite	0.5 keV	1.5 sec	4 - 7 TeV

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