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Flavored thermal leptogenesis



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Motivation for thermal leptogenesis

1. A cosmological puzzle :

To avoid the famous „baryon annihilation catastrophe“, a baryon asymmetry must be dynamically generated in the early Universe. Even it contains a priori all necessary elements, our SM provides no solution.

2. A particle physics puzzle:

A fact: neutrinos have masses and mix.

$$\text{Sol.+ Reac. } \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2} \simeq 0.009 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Atm.+ Acc. } \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2} \simeq 0.05 \text{ eV}$$

The absolute neutrino mass scale is still unknown...But there are different ways to probe it!

Motivation for thermal leptogenesis

- Direct measurement (Tritium β -decay)

Mainz exp.

$$m_{ee} \lesssim 2.3 \text{ eV}$$

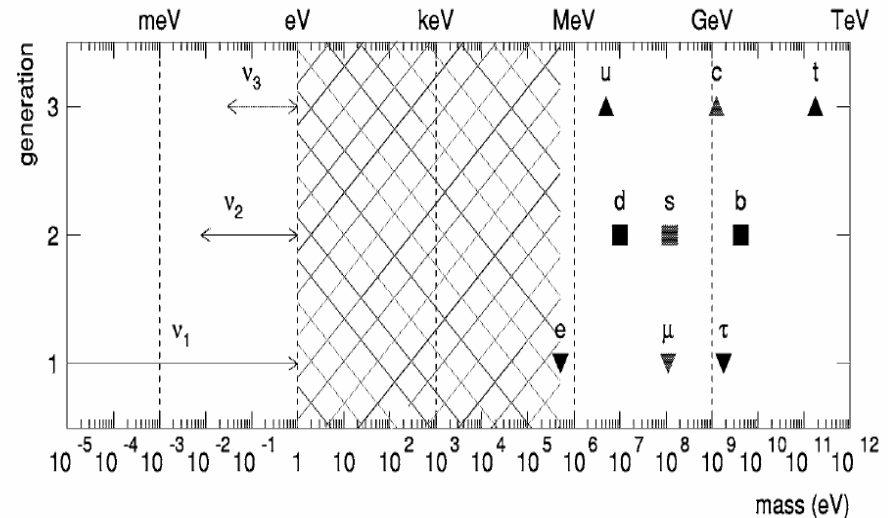
- Neutrinoless Double- β -Decay

Heidelberg-Moscow exp.

$$m_{\beta\beta} \lesssim 0.3 - 1 \text{ eV}$$

- Cosmology (CMB+LSS)

$$\sum_i m_i \lesssim 0.6 \text{ eV}$$



Bottom line: neutrinos involve a scale much smaller than all other mass scales in the SM!

➔ Two seemingly unrelated problems find their solution in the same simple extension of the Standard Model...

The (type-I) see-saw mechanism

- ★ The see-saw mechanism originates from the following extension of the SM Lagrangian:

$$\delta L = \bar{N}_i i \partial_\mu \gamma^\mu N_i - \underbrace{h_{i\alpha} \bar{N}_i \Phi L_\alpha}_{\text{Yukawa coupling}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M_i \bar{N}_i N_i^c}_{\text{Majorana mass term}} + h.c.$$

Yukawa coupling Majorana mass term

where $\Phi = (\phi^0, \phi^+)$ and $L_\alpha = (\nu_{L\alpha}, \alpha_L^-)$, $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$ are the Higgs and left-handed lepton doublets, respectively, and N_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$ are RH neutrinos.

- ★ This extension is clearly acceptable on grounds of **gauge invariance** and **renormalizability**, and is **minimal** in its particle content (here: 3 new particles).

The (type-I) see-saw mechanism

- ★ The masses of the singlet neutrinos are essentially free parameters, and thus can be taken to be very large

→ See-saw! (type I) [Minkowski, 77]

- ★ After spontaneous symmetry breaking, the vev $\langle\Phi\rangle$ of the Higgs leads to a Dirac mass term $m_D = h\langle\Phi\rangle$. The see-saw assumes $M \gg m_D$ so that the neutrino mass term can be block-diagonalized as:

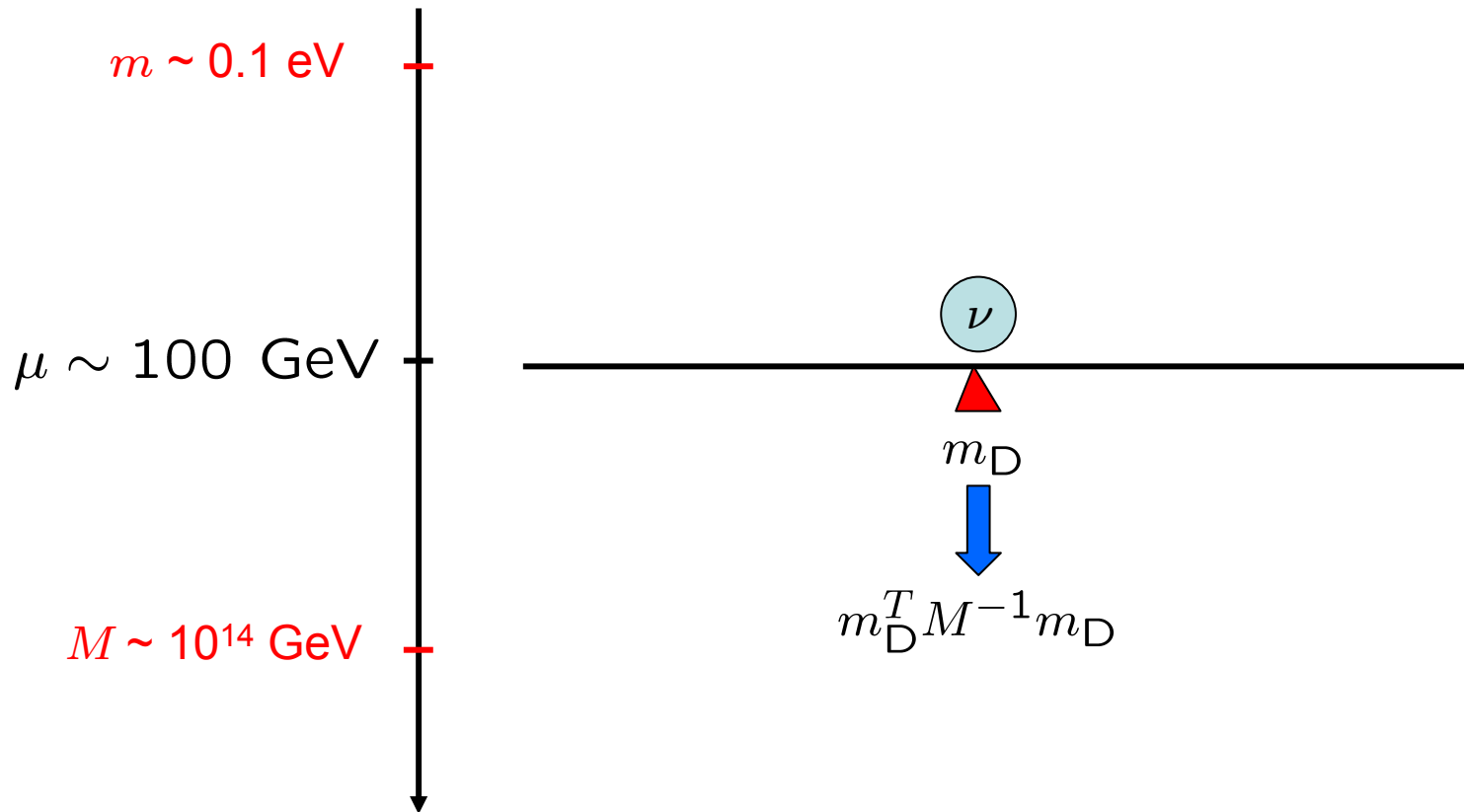
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T \\ m_D & M \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{1st order}} \begin{pmatrix} m_D^T M^{-1} m_D & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix}$$

After diagonalization: 3 light **Majorana** neutrinos, mass $m_1 \leq m_2 \leq m_3$

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The (type-I) see-saw mechanism

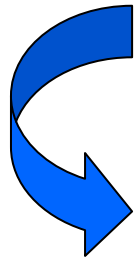
★ Conventional picture



Unflavored thermal leptogenesis

★ In order to produce a baryon asymmetry in the Early Universe, one needs to fulfill three conditions [Sakharov, 1967]

- Baryon number violation
- C and CP violation
- Departure from thermal equilibrium



In thermal leptogenesis [Fukugita, Yanagida, 86] :

- Baryon number is violated in sphaleron processes
- CP is violated in the decay of heavy neutrinos

$$\varepsilon_i = -\frac{\Gamma(N_i \rightarrow L_i \Phi^\dagger) - \Gamma(N_i \rightarrow \bar{L}_i \Phi)}{\Gamma(N_i \rightarrow L_i \Phi^\dagger) + \Gamma(N_i \rightarrow \bar{L}_i \Phi)} \equiv -\frac{\Gamma_i - \bar{\Gamma}_i}{\Gamma_i + \bar{\Gamma}_i} \quad \text{CP asymmetry parameter}$$

- Decays are out of equilibrium at some point, parametrized by

$$K_i \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N_i \rightarrow L_i \Phi^\dagger)|_{T \rightarrow 0}}{H(T=M_i)} = \frac{(m_D^\dagger m_D)_{ii}}{M_i} \quad \text{``decay parameter''}$$

Unflavored thermal leptogenesis

★ The (classical) Boltzmann equations are

$$z = \frac{M_1}{T}$$

$$\frac{dN_{N_i}}{dz} = -D_i(N_{N_i} - N_{N_i}^{\text{eq}})$$

$$\frac{dN_{B-L}}{dz} = \sum_i \epsilon_i D_i (N_{N_i} - N_{N_i}^{\text{eq}}) - W N_{B-L}$$

CP violation

Out-of-equilibrium condition

Sphalerons conserve B-L!

- The crucial dependence on K_i enters in D_i and W .
- **Strong washout** when $K_i \gtrsim 1$. **Weak washout** when $K_i \lesssim 1$
- Assuming $M_1 \ll M_2 \ll M_3$ one typically has a **N_1 -dominated scenario**.

Unflavored thermal leptogenesis

★ It is convenient to write the solution in the form

$$N_{B-L}^{\text{fin}} = \varepsilon_1 \kappa_1^{\text{fin}}$$

where κ_1^{fin} is the **final efficiency factor**.

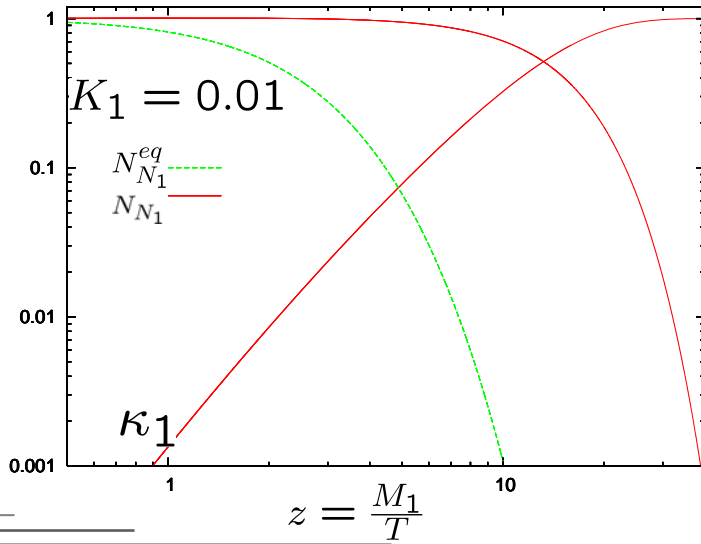
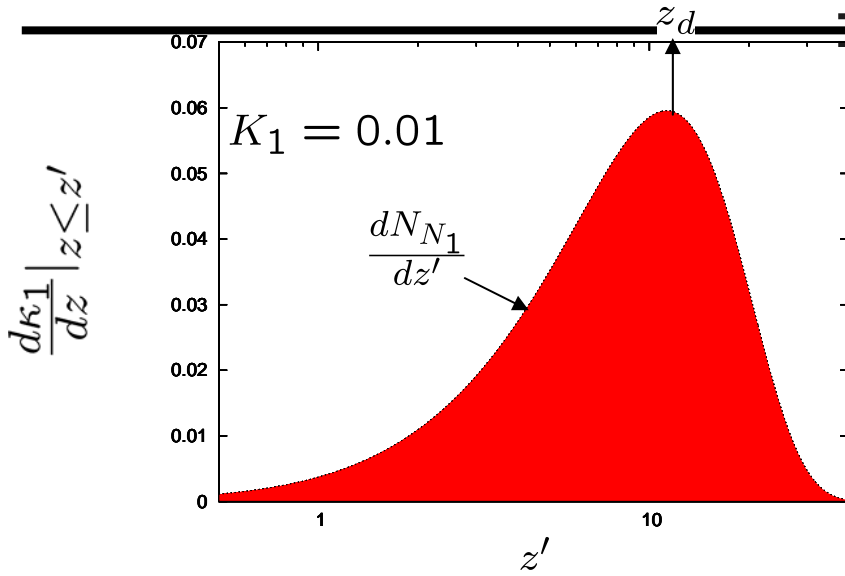
★ The final baryon asymmetry is given by

$$\eta_B = a_{\text{sph}} \frac{N_{B-L}^{\text{fin}}}{N_{\gamma}^{\text{rec}}} \simeq 0.01 \sum_i \varepsilon_i \kappa_i^{\text{fin}}$$

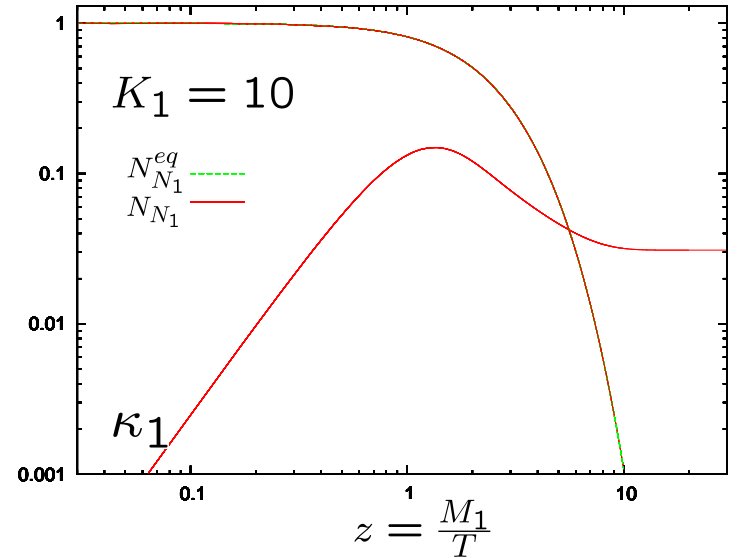
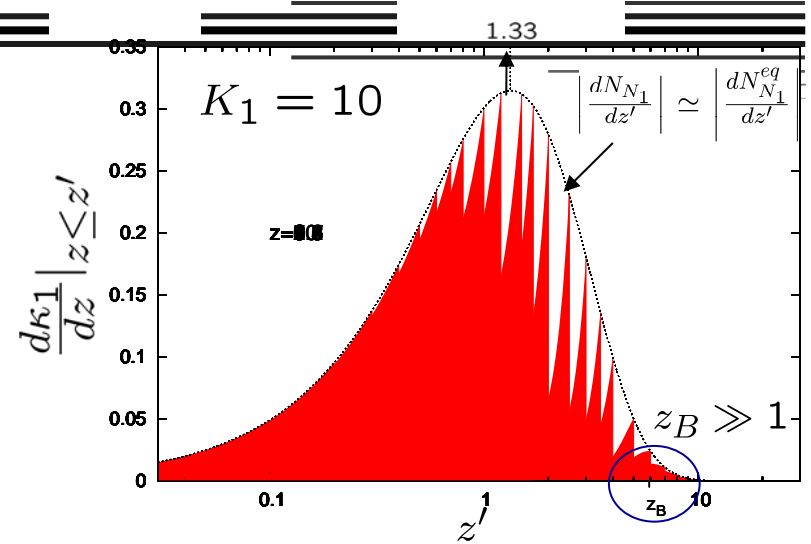
and should be compared to the measured value [WMAP,06]

$$\eta_B^{\text{CMB}} = (6.11 \pm 0.22) \times 10^{-10}$$

WEAK WASHOUT



STRONG WASHOUT



Implications of unflavored Th. Lep.

- ★ From the upper bound on the CP asymmetry [Asaka et al., 01; Davidson, Ibarra, 02]

$$\varepsilon_1 \leq \bar{\varepsilon}(M_1) \simeq 10^{-6} \left(\frac{M_1}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

one obtains a **lower bound on M_1 and on the reheating temperature** independent of the initial conditions [Davidson, Ibarra, 02; Buchmüller, Di Bari, Plümacher, 02] :

$$M_1(T_{\text{reh}}) \gtrsim 3(1.5) \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

- ★ The suppression of the CP asymmetry for growing absolute neutrino mass scale leads to a stringent **upper bound** [Buchmüller, Di Bari, Plümacher, 02] :

$$m_1 \leq 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

Flavor actually matters in Th. Lep.

- ★ When $T \lesssim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$, the τ -lepton Yukawa interaction $f_{\tau\tau} \bar{L}_\tau \Phi E_\tau$ is **in equilibrium**, i.e. $\Gamma_\tau \gtrsim H$.
 - ★ These interactions are then fast enough to ‘measure’ if the flavor of the state produced in the decay of the heavy neutrino is τ or not; a **2-flavor basis** (‘ τ ’ and ‘ $e\mu$ ’ in the following) is defined. [Barbieri, Creminelli, Strumia, Tetradis, 99 ; Abada, Davidson, Josse-Michaux, Losada, Riotto, 06 ; Nardi, Nir, Racker, Roulet, 06]
 - ★ The latter condition is necessary, however it **may not be sufficient** in the strong washout, i.e. when $\Gamma_{\text{ID}} \gtrsim H$ because this interaction wants to preserve the direction in flavor space given by the decays (**quantum Zeno effect**) [SB, Di Bari, Raffelt, 06]
 - ★ Let us assume for the moment that the conditions for a fully-flavored picture to hold are met.
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Fully-flavored leptogenesis

- ★ The (classical) Boltzmann equations are

$$\frac{dN_{N_i}}{dz} = -D_i(N_{N_i} - N_{N_i}^{\text{eq}}) \quad \text{Same as before!}$$

$$\frac{dN_{\Delta_\alpha}}{dz} = \sum_i \varepsilon_{i\alpha} D_i(N_{N_i} - N_{N_i}^{\text{eq}}) - N_{\Delta_\alpha} \sum_i P_{i\alpha}^0 W_i^{\text{ID}}$$

$$\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$$

$$\Delta_\alpha = \frac{1}{3}B - L_\alpha$$

- ★ First type of effect: the rates of decay and inverse decay in each flavor are suppressed by the projectors [Barbieri et al. 99; Nardi et al., 06]

$$\Gamma_{i\alpha} \equiv \Gamma(N_i \rightarrow L_\alpha \Phi^\dagger) = P_{i\alpha} \Gamma_i \quad P_{i\alpha} = P_{i\alpha}^0 + \Delta P_{i\alpha}/2$$

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{i\alpha} \equiv \Gamma(N_i \rightarrow \bar{L}_\alpha \Phi) = \bar{P}_{i\alpha} \bar{\Gamma}_i \quad \bar{P}_{i\alpha} = P_{i\alpha}^0 - \Delta P_{i\alpha}/2$$

- ★ Second type of effect: additional contribution to the individual CP asymmetries: [Barbieri et al., 99; Nardi et al., 06]

$$\varepsilon_{i\alpha} \equiv -\frac{\Gamma_{i\alpha} - \bar{\Gamma}_{i\alpha}}{\Gamma_i + \bar{\Gamma}_i} = \varepsilon_i P_{i\alpha}^0 + \frac{\Delta P_{i\alpha}}{2} \quad \Delta P_{i\alpha} \equiv P_{i\alpha} - \bar{P}_{i\alpha}$$

General implications of flavor

★ Main scenarios in fully-flavored leptogenesis for a N_1 -dominated scenario:

- Alignment case [Nardi et al., 05]

$$P_{1\tau(e\mu)} = \bar{P}_{1\tau(e\mu)} = 1 \text{ and } P_{1e\mu(\tau)} = \bar{P}_{1e\mu(\tau)} = 0 \text{ like unflavored case}$$

- Democratic case

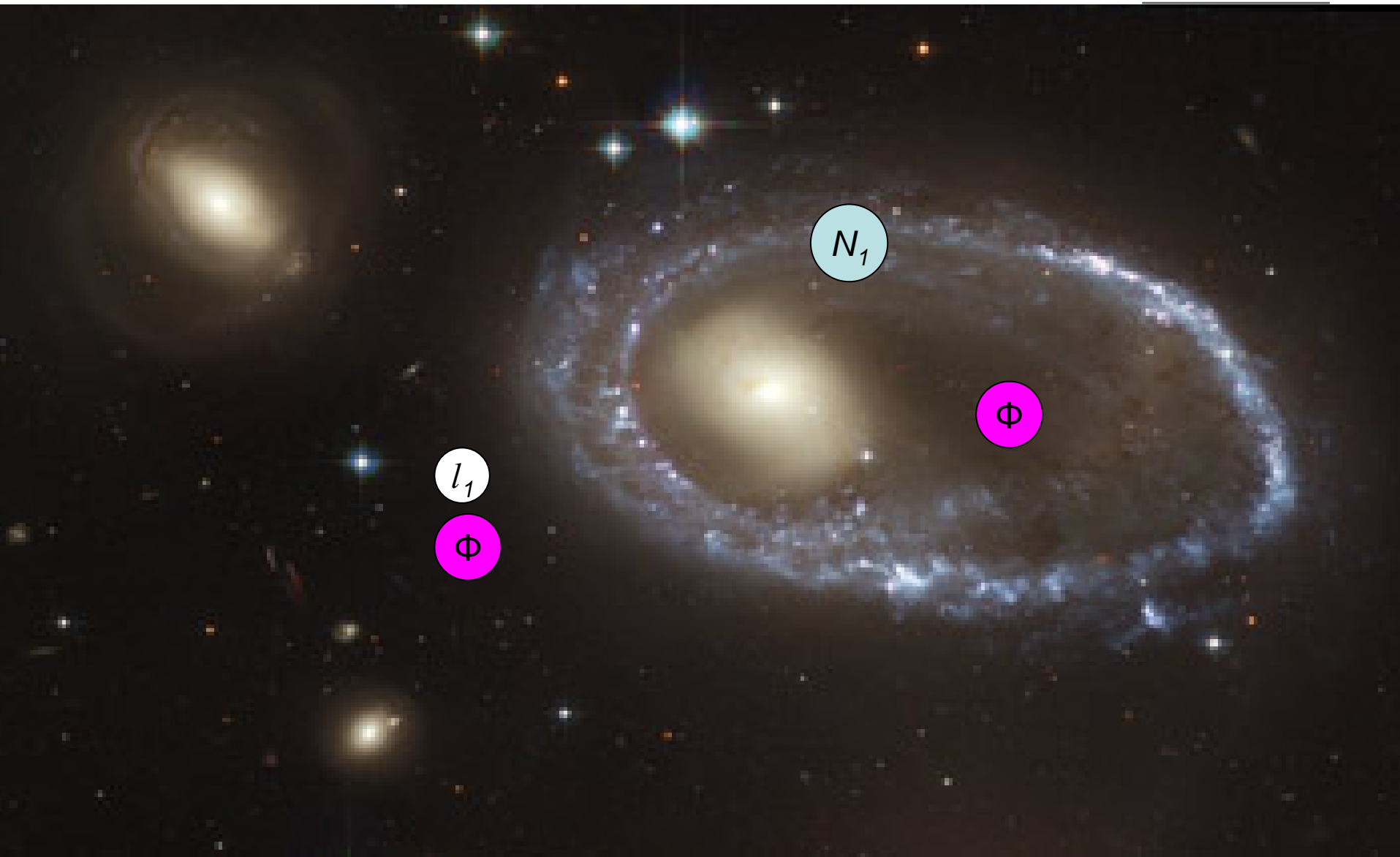
$$P_{1\tau} = P_{1e\mu} = 1/2 \quad (\Rightarrow \Delta P_{1\tau} = \Delta P_{1e\mu} = 0) \quad \text{factor } \sim 2 \text{ effect}$$

- One-flavor dominance [SB, Di Bari, 06]

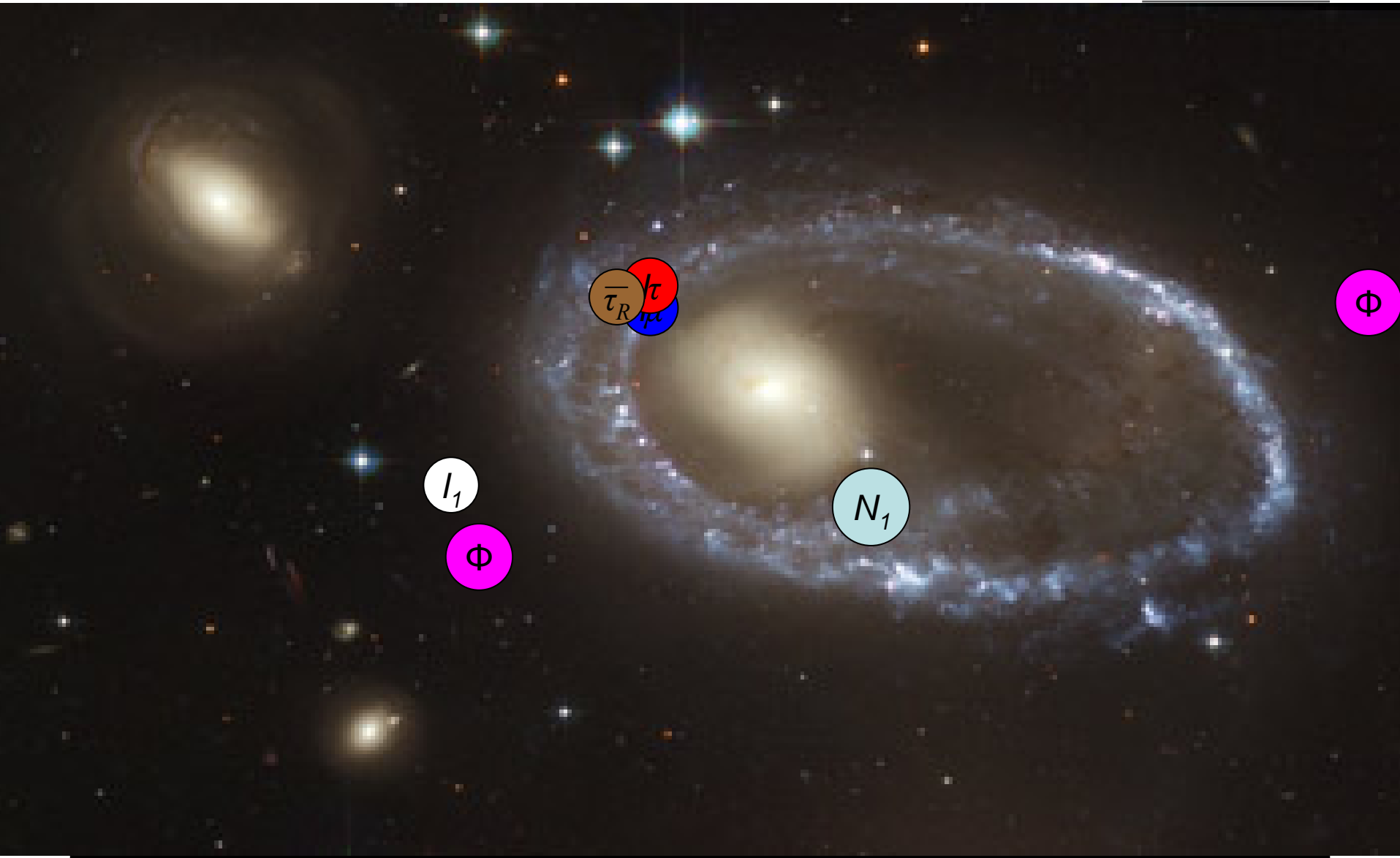
$$P_{1\tau(e\mu)} \ll P_{1e\mu(\tau)} \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ and } \varepsilon_{1e\mu} \simeq \varepsilon_{1\tau}$$

potentially big effect!

NO FLAVOR EFFECTS

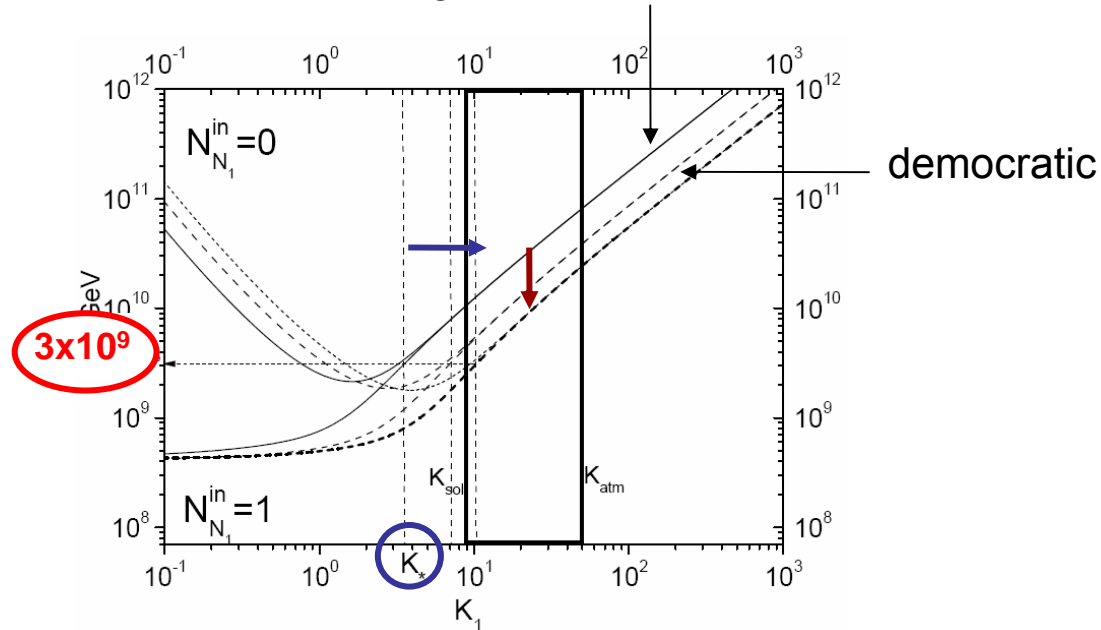


WITH FLAVOR EFFECTS (democratic case)



General implications of flavor

★ Lower bounds on M_1 (or T_{reh}) alignment



➡ The lowest bounds **do not change!** [SB, Di Bari, 06]

➡ The lower bound at fixed K_1 are relaxed.

➡ The region of independence of initial conditions shrinks.

General implications of flavor

- ★ There exists an upper bound on the individual CP asymmetries [Abada, et al., 06] :

$$|\varepsilon_{1\alpha}| < \bar{\varepsilon}(M_1) \sqrt{P_{1\alpha}^0} \frac{m_3}{m_{\text{atm}}} \max_j (|U_{\alpha j}|)$$

It does not decrease when the active neutrino mass scale increases!

- ★ This upper bound, in combination with the fact that a one-flavor dominance is easily obtained for a quasi-degenerate light neutrino spectrum, can lead to the conclusion that the upper bound on the absolute neutrino mass scale **disappears** in fully-flavored leptogenesis [Abada, et al., 06] .



BUT... Is fully-flavored leptogenesis the whole story?

From unflavored to fully-flavored lep.

★ The ‘old’ unflavored leptogenesis and the ‘new’ fully-flavored one rely both on **classical Boltzmann equations**. One expects, however, that in the transition regime a more correct quantum kinetic treatment (**density matrix**) should be used [Abada et al., 06].

★ Such a density-matrix equation should contain the two asymptotic limits we know: unflavored and fully flavored.

Q: Under which condition does one expect to recover one or the other?

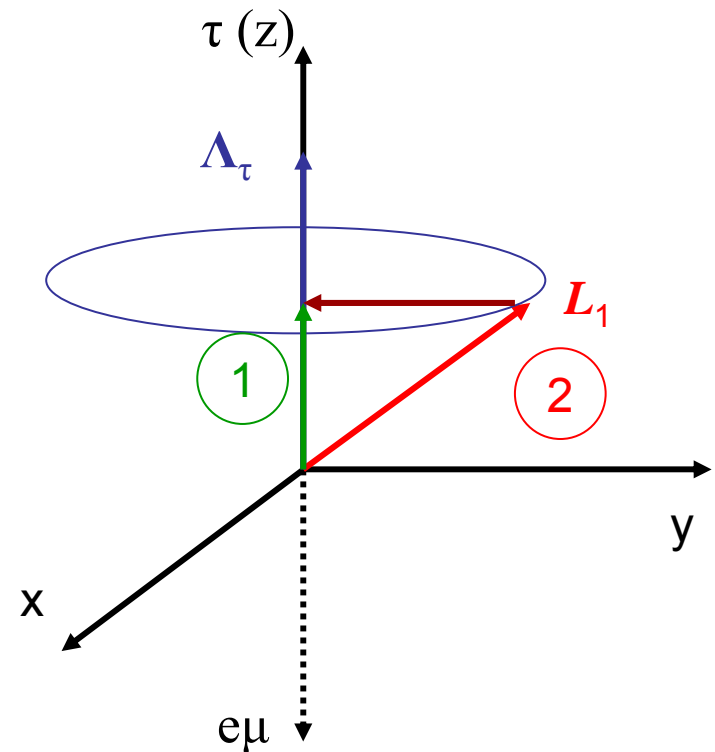
From unflavored to fully-flavored lep.

★ Precession formula [Stodolsky, 87]

$$\frac{\partial \vec{L}_1}{\partial t} = \vec{\Lambda}_\tau \times \vec{L}_1 - D_\tau \vec{L}_1^\perp$$

Refractive index Damping rate

- 1 When the lepton state is (on average or effectively) fully projected on the z-axis, the fully-flavored Boltzmann equations can be used.
- 2 When the lepton state remains in its original direction (L_1), then the unflavored Boltzmann equations can be used.



Condition of validity for each picture

- ★ For the **unflavored** picture to hold, one needs that the lepton Yukawa interactions is slower than the inverse-decay washout at the time when the asymmetry is produced **in the unflavored case** [Barbieri et al., 99].

$$\Gamma_{\tau}(z_B) \lesssim \Gamma_{\text{ID}}(z_B) \sim H \Rightarrow M_1 \gtrsim 5 \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$$

- ★ For the **fully-flavored** picture to hold, one needs that the lepton Yukawa interactions is faster than the inverse-decay washout at the time when the asymmetry is produced **in the fully-flavored case** [SB, Di Bari, Raffelt, 06].

$$\Gamma_{\tau}(z_{B\alpha}) \gtrsim \Gamma_{\text{ID}}(z_{B\alpha})$$

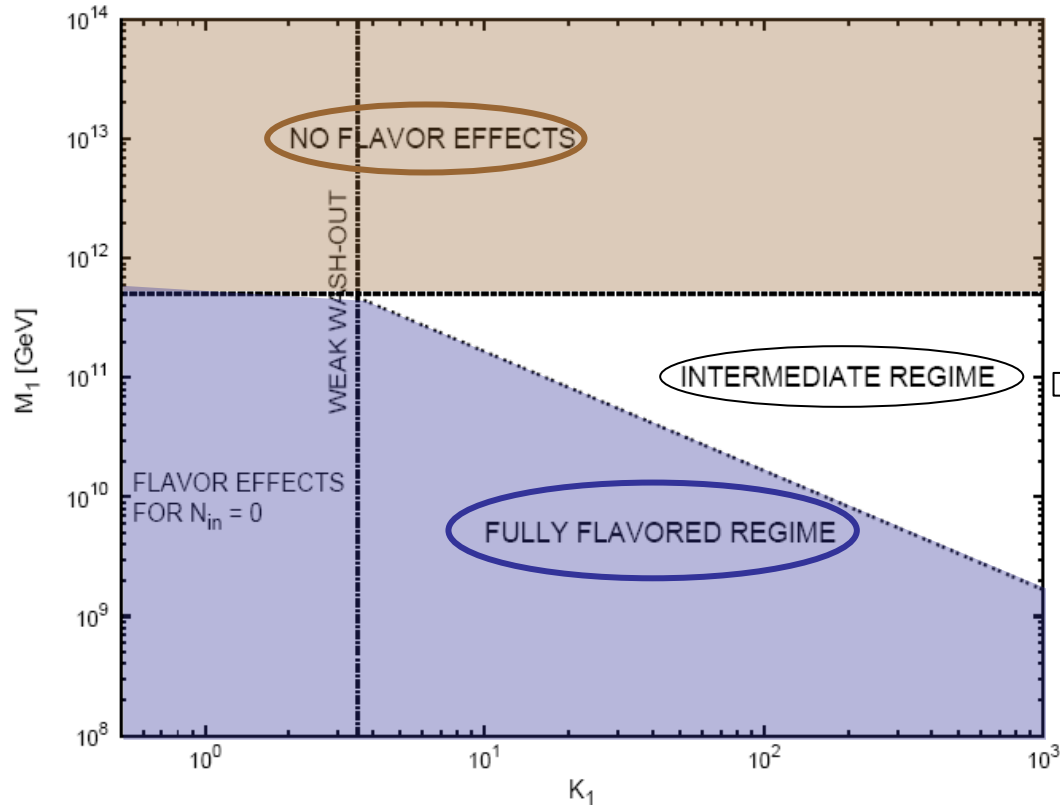
Condition of validity for each picture

- ★ The important point here is that the asymmetry in the fully-flavored regime is produced **before**, i.e. $z_{B\alpha} \leq z_B$, and at this z , the inverse-decay rate can be much larger than H .
- ★ Assuming an extreme one-flavor dominance, the fully-flavored regime is valid for:

$$M_1 \lesssim \frac{2 \times 10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{K_1}$$

Condition of validity for each picture

[SB, Di Bari, Raffelt, 06]

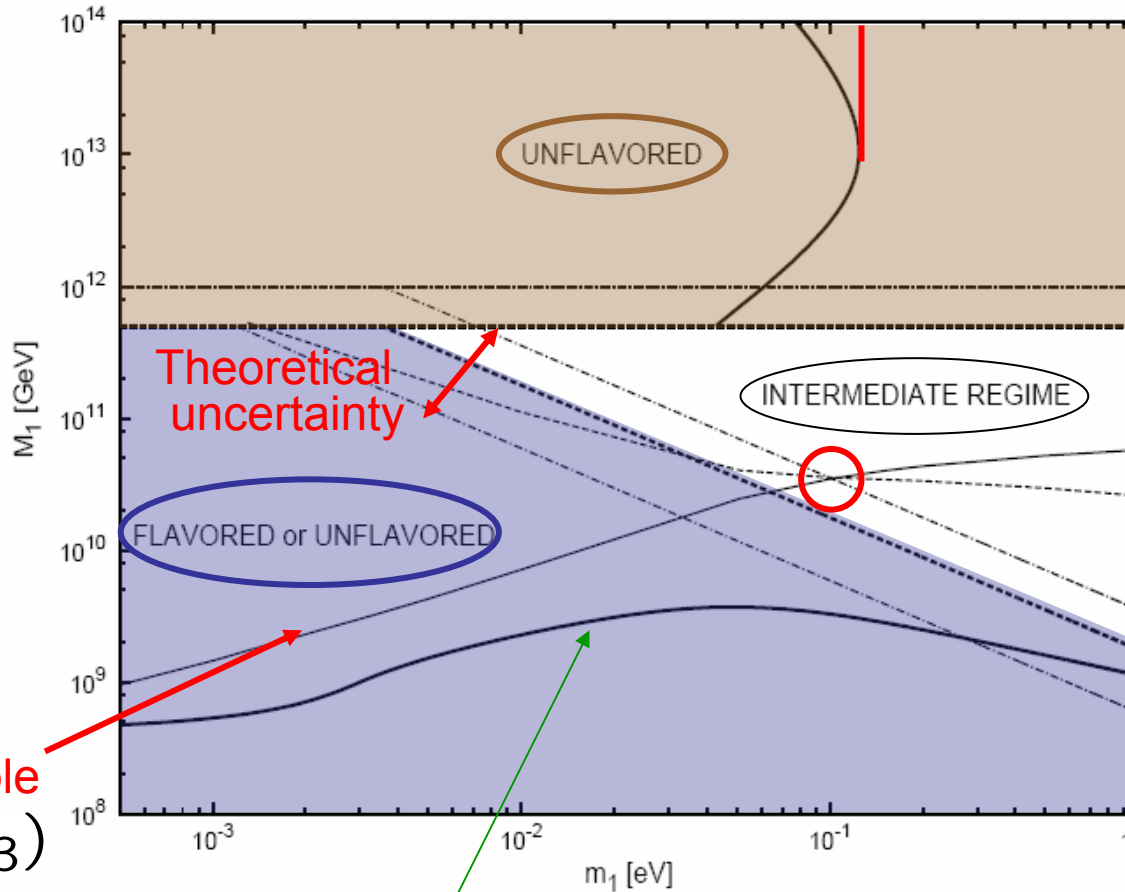


Full density matrix calculation required...

- ★ For a quasi-degenerate light neutrino spectrum, $m_1 \propto K_1 \dots$
So what about the upper bound on m_1 ?

Upper bound on m_1 ?

Well-known bound: 0.12 eV



Density matrix...

Real example
($\Omega = R_{13}$)

↳ Bound: 0.1 eV

'Academic' lower bound (never saturated!)

Bound: ~2 eV

CP violation and leptogenesis

- ★ The projectors [Barbieri, Creminelli, Strumia, Tetradis, 99] are given by

$$P_{1\alpha} \equiv |\langle l_\alpha | l_1 \rangle|^2 = P_{1\alpha}^0 + \Delta P_{1\alpha}/2$$
$$\bar{P}_{1\alpha} \equiv |\langle \bar{l}_\alpha | \bar{l}_1 \rangle|^2 = P_{1\alpha}^0 - \Delta P_{1\alpha}/2$$

New source of CP violation!

- ★ The flavored CP asymmetries can indeed be written as

$$\varepsilon_{1\alpha} = \cancel{\varepsilon_1 P_{1\alpha}^0} + \frac{\Delta P_{1\alpha}}{2}$$

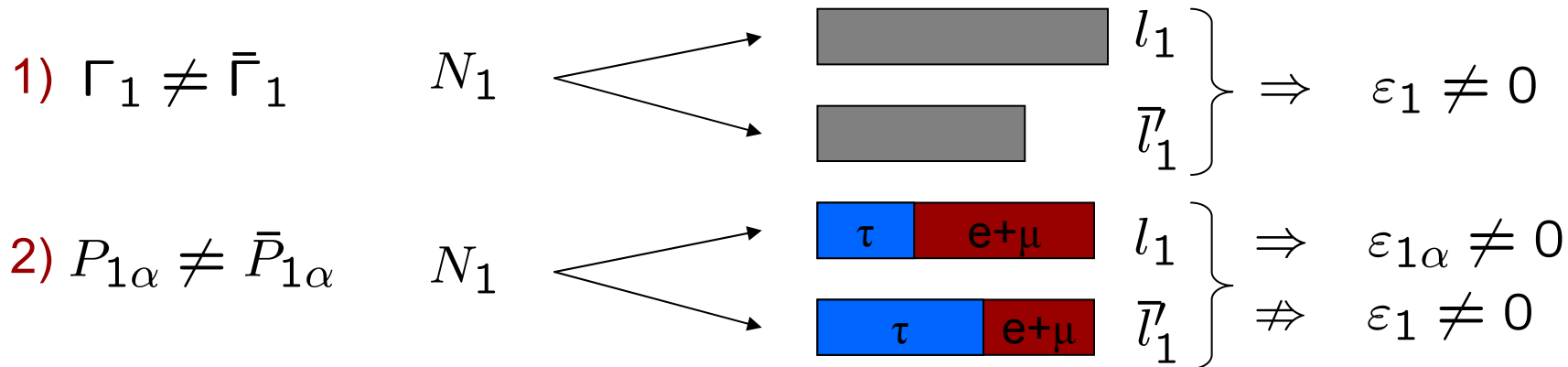
- ➔ Even when the total CP asymmetry, ε_1 , is 0, the flavored ones can be non-zero.
- ➔ This new source of CP violation depends on the lepton mixing matrix, contrary to ε_1 !

CP violation and leptogenesis

- ★ Very interestingly, in fully-flavored leptogenesis, the *CP* phases in the PMNS matrix can be uniquely responsible for the generation of the BAU!

[SB, Di Bari, 06; Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto, 06; Branco, Gonzalez Felipe, Joaquim, 06]

- ★ Pictorially, the two sources of *CP* violation can be seen as follows



CP violation and leptogenesis

★ The see-saw has many new parameters (18!) compared to the Standard Model, among which **6 are CP-violating phases**.

★ A useful parametrization is given by [Casas,Ibarra, 01]

$$h = U_{\text{PMNS}} \sqrt{D_m} \Omega \sqrt{D_M} / v$$

3 low-energy (measurable)
phases: 2 Majorana phases
and 1 Dirac phase δ

3 high-energy
(unmeasurable)
phases

★ The Ω matrix can be parametrized by three complex rotations:

$$\Omega = R_{13}(\omega_{31}) R_{12}(\omega_{21}) R_{23}(\omega_{32})$$

δ -leptogenesis [Anisimov, SB, Di Bari, arXiv:0707.3024]

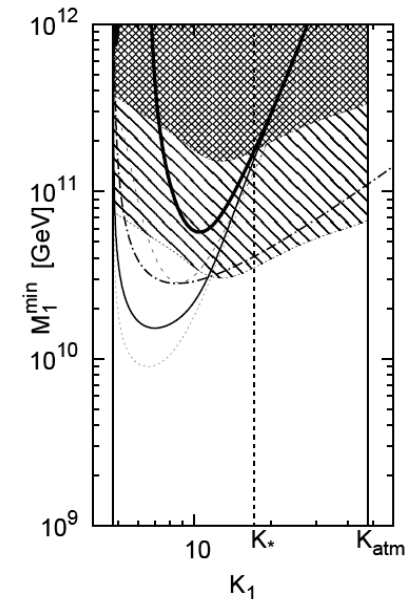
★ Assume from now on that **only the Dirac phase δ** is turned on. This is a minimal condition on the necessary CP violation for successful leptogenesis because this phase appears only in combination with the small θ_{13} angle (<0.2 at 3σ).

★ In the hierarchical limit $M_1 \ll M_2 \ll M_3$ it is possible to explain the BAU only with this source of CP violation [Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto, 06]

Example:

$$\Omega = R_{13}$$
$$m_1/m_{\text{atm}} = 0.1$$

➡ **Problem: it is quite constrained and in the weak wash-out!**



δ -leptogenesis in the hierar. limit

- ★ The generation of the BAU from the second RH neutrino, N_2 , is also possible:

$$\underbrace{\Omega = R_{23} \quad m_1 = 0}_{\text{[Di Bari, 05]}}$$

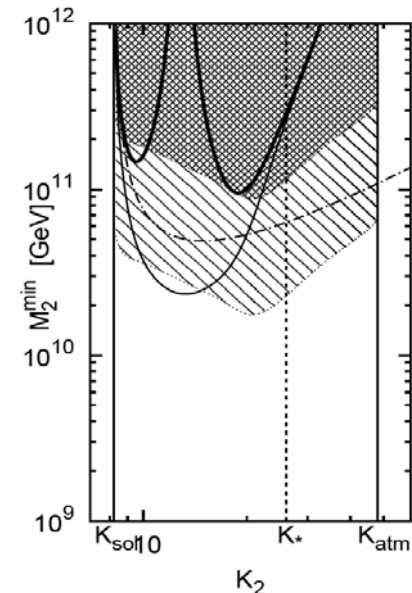
↓ [Di Bari, 05]

$$\varepsilon_1 = 0, \quad K_1 = 0$$

- The asymmetry is given by the second RH neutrino:

$$N_{B-L}^f = \sum_{\alpha} \varepsilon_{2\alpha} \kappa(K_{2\alpha})$$

- ★ The situation is as constrained as in the previous case...



δ -leptogenesis in the deg. limit

- ★ In the **degenerate limit** (DL), $M_1 \simeq M_2 \simeq M_3$, the **CP** asymmetry can be enhanced [Covi, Roulet, Vissani, 96] ,

$$\varepsilon_{i\alpha} = \frac{1}{8\pi(h^\dagger h)_{ii}} \sum_{j \neq i} (h^\dagger h)_{ij} \text{Im}[h_{\alpha i}^* h_{\alpha j}] \delta_{ji}^{-1} \quad \delta_{ji} \equiv \frac{M_j - M_i}{M_i}$$

until one hits a **resonance** [Pilaftsis, 99] (RL) when

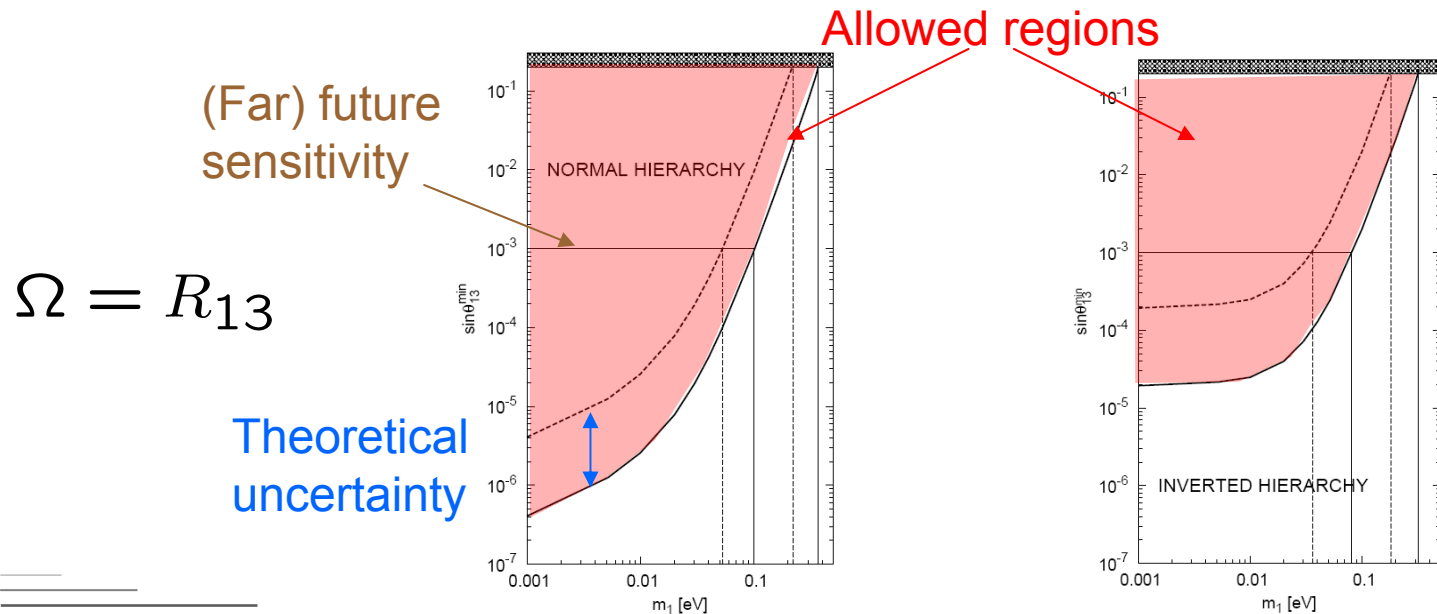
$$\delta_{ji} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{M_1}{10^{10} \text{GeV}} \right)$$

- ★ Note that in the DL, contrary to the HL, **all three** RH neutrinos contribute to the asymmetry and the wash-out from each of them must be taken into account:

$$N_{B-L}^f = \sum_{\alpha} (\varepsilon_{1\alpha} + \varepsilon_{2\alpha} + \varepsilon_{3\alpha}) \kappa \underbrace{(K_{1\alpha} + K_{2\alpha} + K_{3\alpha})}_{\Rightarrow \text{strong wash-out}}$$

δ -leptogenesis in the resonant limit

- ★ In the RL, the final asymmetry is essentially independent of the RH neutrino mass \Rightarrow **TeV scale possible!** [Pilaftsis, 99]
- ★ We found a nice link between low-energy parameters (θ_{13} , mass hierarchy, absolute neutrino mass scale, Dirac phase) and the BAU. [Anisimov, SB, Di Bari, 07]



Flavored vs. Unflavored leptogenesis

	Unflavored	Flavored
Lower bound on M_1 and T_{reh}	$\sim 10^9$ GeV (assuming HL)	Same!
Upper bound on m_1	0.12 eV (assuming HL)	? (QKE needed)
N_2 -dominated scenario	$\Omega = R_{23}$	Domain enlarged
From low-energy phases	Non-viable	Viable (mainly in the DL)

Conclusions

- ★ Thermal leptogenesis is an attractive way to explain the BAU.
 - ★ The latest developments (flavor effects) impose a new description of leptogenesis where **low-energy phases play an important role**.
 - ★ When the Dirac phase acts as the only source of CP violation (**δ -leptogenesis**), the DL is favored, with a large range of viability and independence from the initial conditions.
 - ★ Very interestingly, in the extreme case of resonant lep., in order to produced the BAU, **an upper bound on m_1 which depends on the angle θ_{13} was obtained**.
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Test of see-saw and leptogenesis?

- ★ Reheating temperature larger than 100 GeV.
- ★ Discovery of CP violation in neutrino oscillations.
- ★ Discovery of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay.
- ★ Discovery of lepton flavor violation and electric dipole moment (mainly for the supersymmetric see-saw).
- ★ Discovery of RH neutrinos at colliders.