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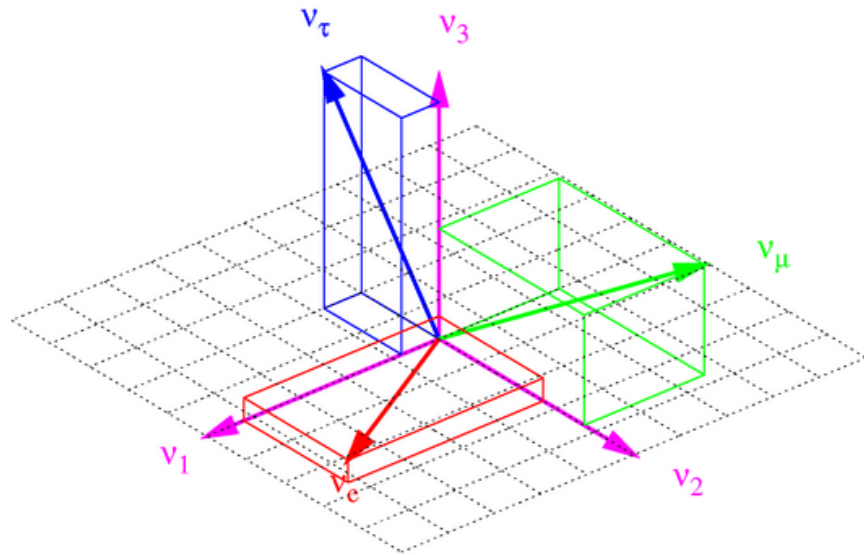
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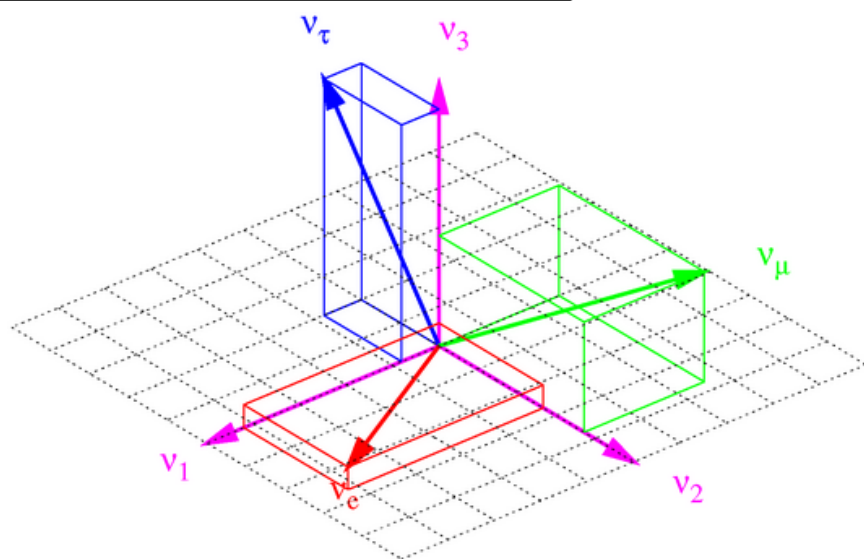
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(<http://brainstunts.blogspot.co.uk/2011/02/angry.html>)

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(<http://imprintrainingcenter.blogspot.co.uk/2010/12/understanding-and-controlling-anger.html>)

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We have to think about solutions!!!

- lepton mixing: flavour symmetries, anarchy, radiative transmission, GUTs,...
- neutrino mass: seesaw(s), loop masses, R-parity violation, broken symmetries, Dark Energy connection,...
- Dark Matter: WIMPs, FIMPs, EWIPs, WIMPzillas, keVins,...
- ...

Ambitious goal:

Try to solve all at once!!!

- ☺ appeal, testability, missing links,...
- ☹ difficult, sometimes complicated,...



(<http://www.duckipedia.de/images/e/e9/Daniel%C3%BCsentrrieb.jpg>)

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What is model building good for?!?

Why all the effort?!?

We try to understand **TWO MAIN PROPERTIES** of neutrinos:

• **Why is the neutrino mass so small (\ll all other fermions)???**

→ *mass suppressions (seesaw, radiative mass generation, smallness enforced by symmetries,...)*

• **Why are the mixing angles so large (one may even be maximal)???**

→ *structure in the mass matrices (symmetries, anarchy, radiative transmission, GUTs,...)*

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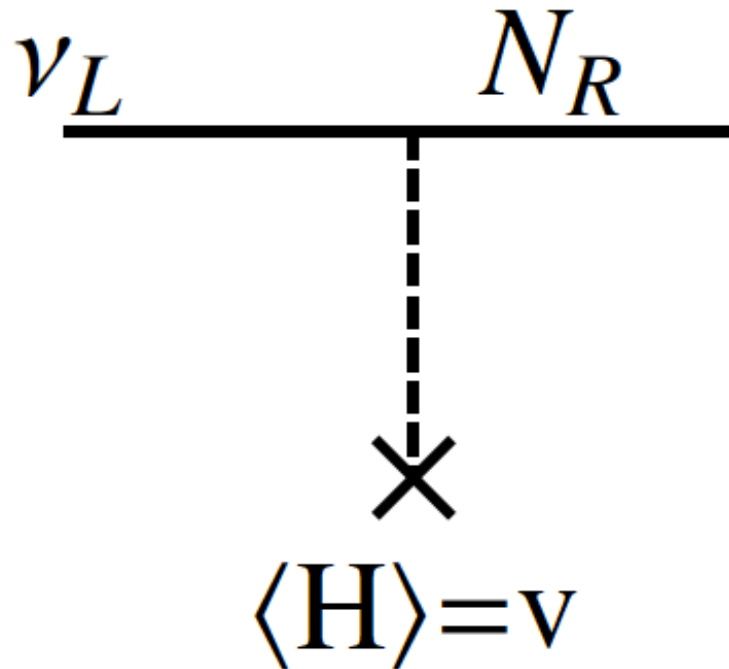
$=y_\nu v=m_D$, with $v=174$ GeV

→ TOO LARGE TO EXPLAIN THE NEUTRINO MASS!!!

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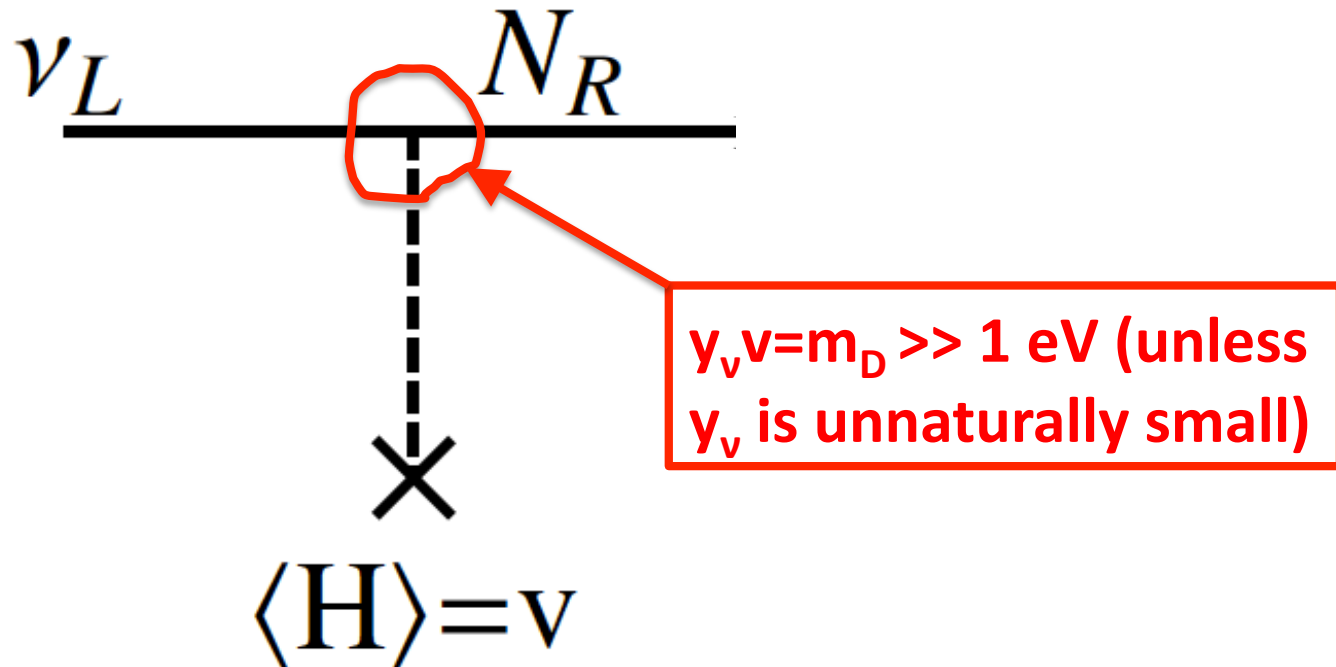
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- light neutrino mass matrix:

$$m_\nu = -m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T$$

- if M_R is large enough, the neutrino mass can be very small:

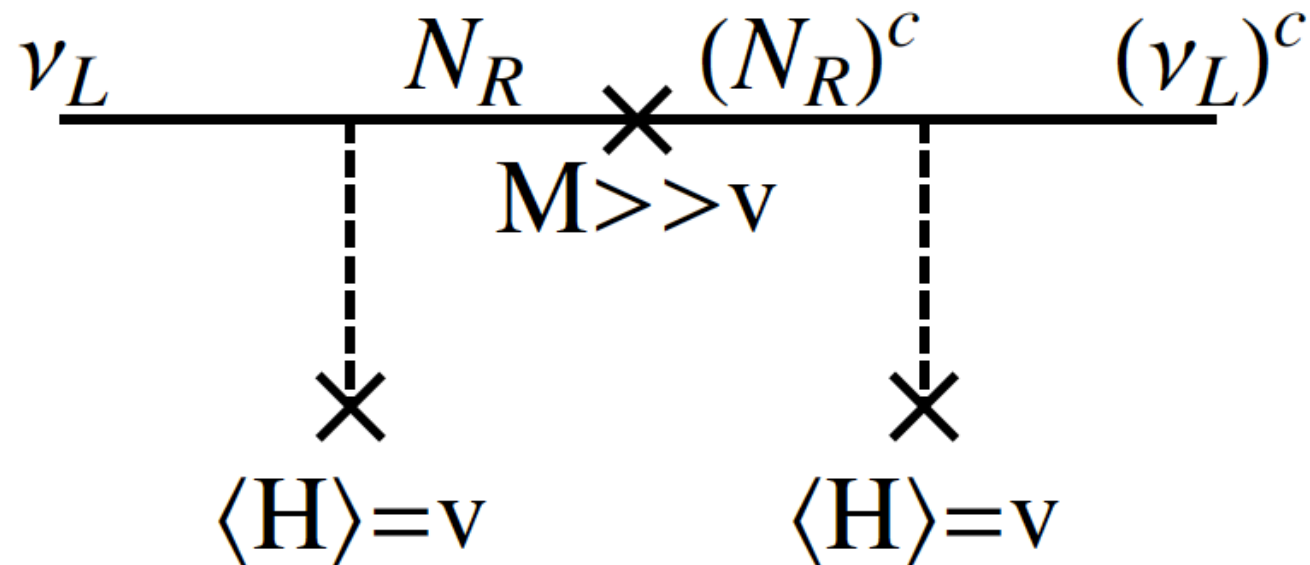
$$m_\nu \sim \frac{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}{10^{14} \text{ GeV}} = 10^{-10} \text{ GeV} = 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

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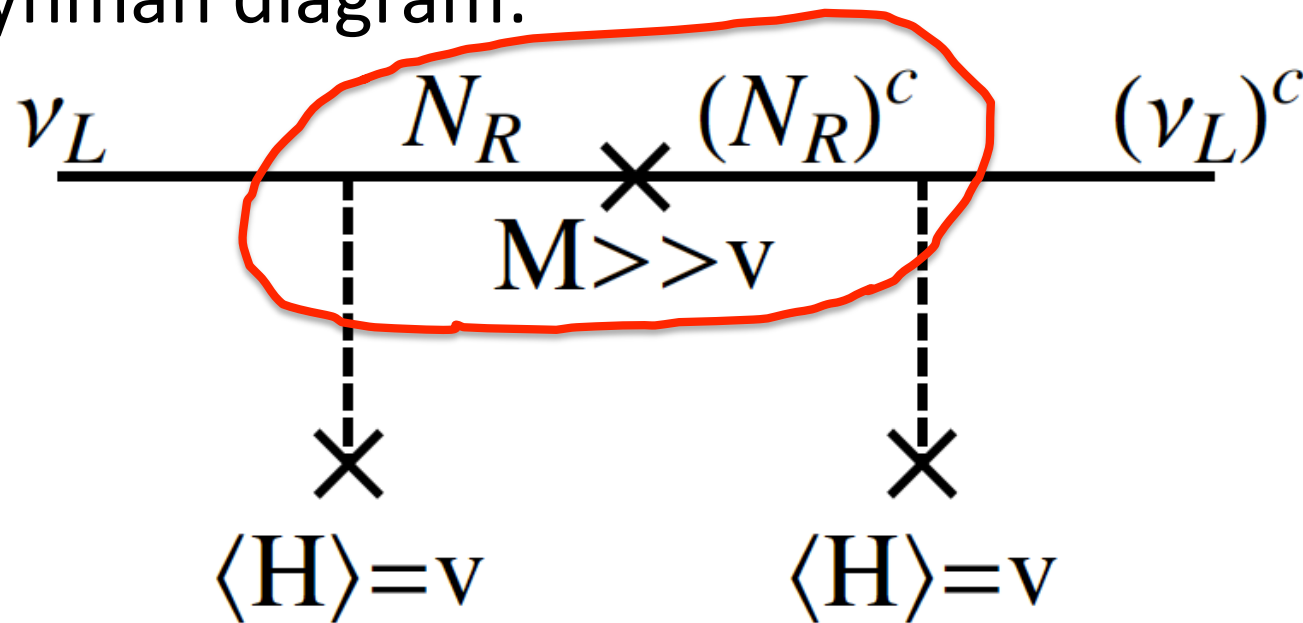


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heavy right-handed neutrinos suppress the masses of the ordinary neutrinos → explanation for small m_ν found!!!

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- **Diagonal mass matrices: NO MIXING!!!**
 - the leptonic mixing matrix parametrizes the **mismatch** between the charged lepton and the neutrino mass bases:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = U_e^\dagger U_\nu$$

- if both are diagonal, the basis rotations are unit matrices:

$$M_e = \text{diag}(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau) \Rightarrow U_e = \mathbf{1}$$

$$m_\nu = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3) \Rightarrow U_\nu = \mathbf{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\text{PMNS}} = \mathbf{1} \Rightarrow \theta_{ij} = 0!!$$

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- **Non-diagonal matrices: MIXING SWITCHED ON!!!**

- e.g. a model based on an A_4 -symmetry:

$$M_e = v\alpha_S \begin{pmatrix} k_e & k_\mu & k_\tau \\ k_e & k_\mu & k_\tau \\ k_e & k_\mu & k_\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad m_\nu = \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 + 2\alpha_S & -\alpha_S & -\alpha_S \\ -\alpha_S & 2\alpha_S & \alpha_0 - \alpha_S \\ -\alpha_S & \alpha_0 - \alpha_S & 2\alpha_S \end{pmatrix}$$

- this yields a “tri-bimaximal” mixing matrix:

$$U_{\text{TBM}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

→ $\theta_{12}=35.3^\circ$, $\theta_{13}=0^\circ$, $\theta_{23}=45^\circ$: non-trivial mixing angles

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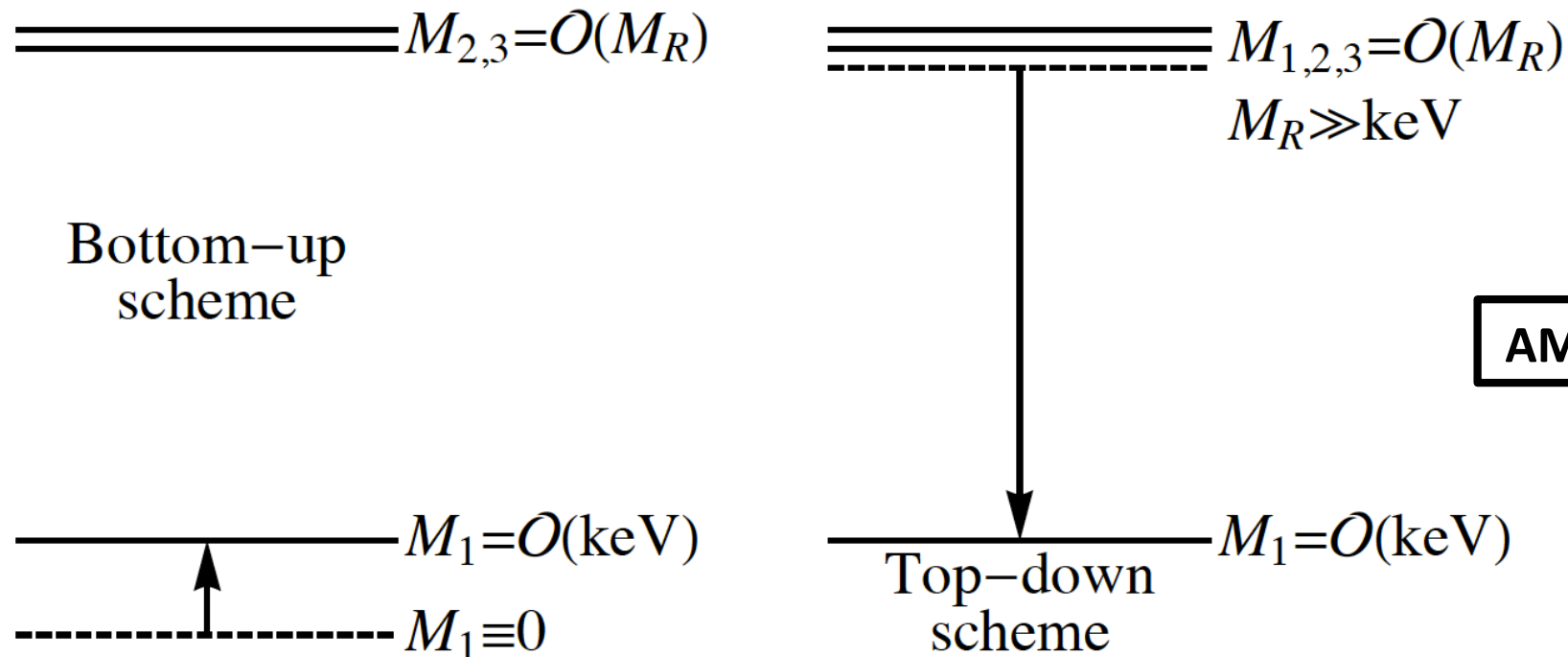
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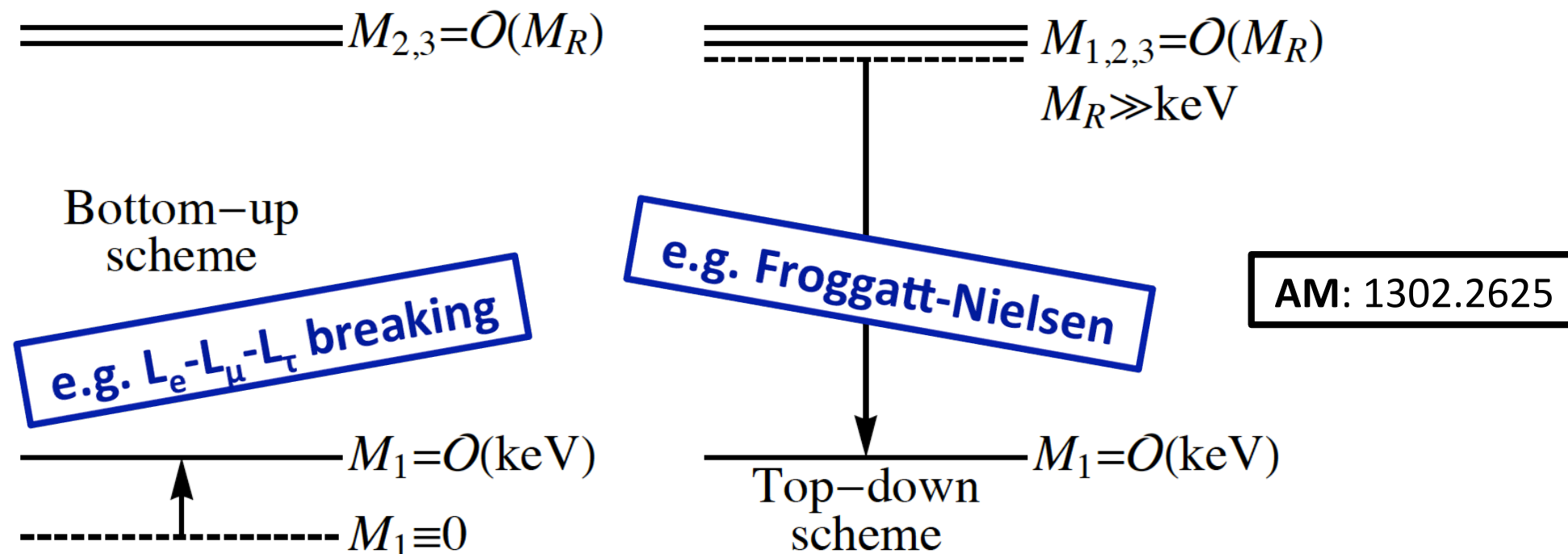


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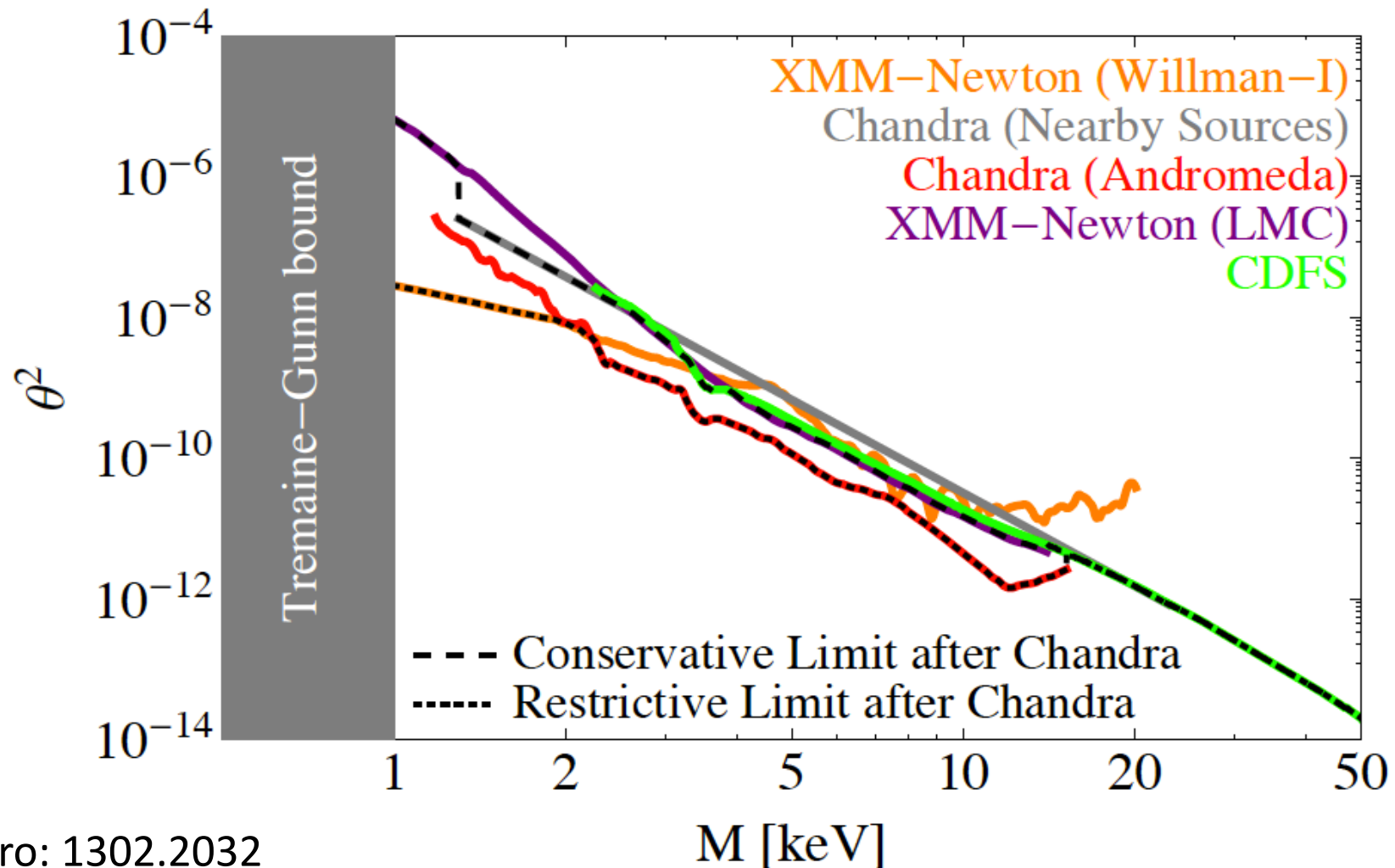


→ Most models are in one or the other category!

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- we need to respect the X-ray bound: $N_1 \rightarrow \nu\gamma$



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- reminder: seesaw mechanism for eV neutrinos:

The diagram illustrates the seesaw mechanism for eV neutrinos. It features a horizontal line representing the neutrino mass insertion. On the left, a solid line labeled ν_L enters a vertex. On the right, a solid line labeled $(\nu_L)^c$ enters another vertex. Between these two vertices, a horizontal line segment is labeled N_R above and $(N_R)^c$ below. A large 'X' is placed over this segment, with the text $M \gg v$ below it. From each vertex, a dashed line extends downwards, each ending in a vertex labeled $\langle H \rangle = v$. A large 'X' is placed over each dashed line. To the left of the diagram, a red-bordered box contains the equation $m_\nu = -m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T$.

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Inventors in alphabetical order:

Gell-Mann, Glashow, Minkowski, Ramond, Senjanovic, Slansky, Yanagida

→ Does that also work when “dividing by keV mass“?!?

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- *Differences to “ordinary” model building:*

- seesaw mechanism for keV neutrinos:

- guaranteed to work for models based on the split seesaw or Froggatt-Nielsen mechanisms

- [Kusenko,Takahashi,Yanagida: Phys. Lett. **B693** (2010) 144]

- [AM,Niro: JCAP **1107** (2011) 023]

- all models that respect the X-ray bound have no problems with the seesaw mechanism

- [AM: Phys. Rev. D86 (2012) 121701(R)]

→ *Actually okay in most of the cases!*

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Production Mechanisms for keV ν 's (ordinary thermal production would lead to overclosure of the Universe):

- **thermal production by mixing** (“Dodelson-Widrow”)
[Dodelson, Widrow: Phys. Rev. Lett. **72** (1994) 17]
→ excluded if no lepton asymmetry present
- **non-thermal resonant production** (“Shi-Fuller”)
[Shi, Fuller: Phys. Rev. Lett. **82** (1999) 2832]
→ needs larger enough asymmetry to be efficient
- **primordial abundance by scalar (e.g. inflaton) decays**
[Asaka, Shaposhnikov, Kusenko: Phys. Lett. **B638** (2006) 401]
[Anisimov, Bartocci, Bezrukov: Phys. Lett. **B671** (2009) 211]
[Bezrukov, Gorbunov: JHEP **1005** (2010) 010] [AM, Niro, Schmidt: 1306.xxxx]
- **thermal overproduction with entropy dilution**
[Bezrukov, Hettmansperger, Lindner: Phys. Rev. **D81** (2010) 085032]
[Nemevsek, Senjanovic, Zhang: JCAP **1207** (2012) 006]

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New Production Mechanism:

- known: freeze-out of a singlet scalar (via a Higgs portal $\lambda \geq 10^{-6}$) which decays to keV ν 's

[Kusenko, Petraki: Phys. Rev. **D77** (2008) 065014]

- variant: use freeze-in instead (for $\lambda \approx 10^{-8}$)

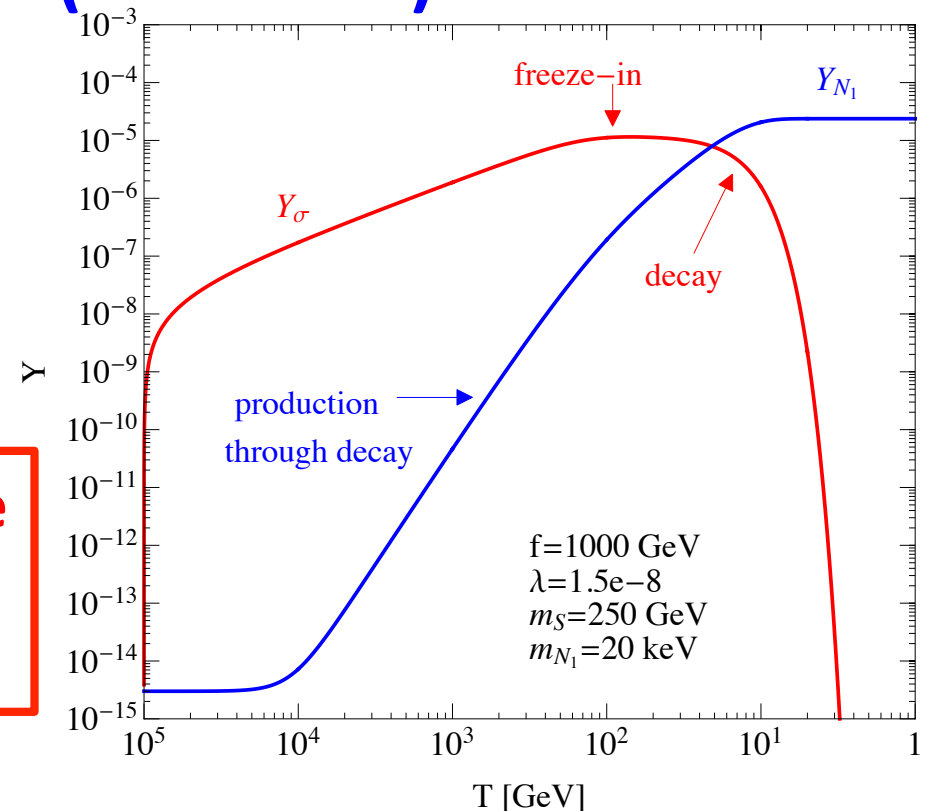
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Opens up a new window in the parameter space (for small λ)!

Production in the very early Universe



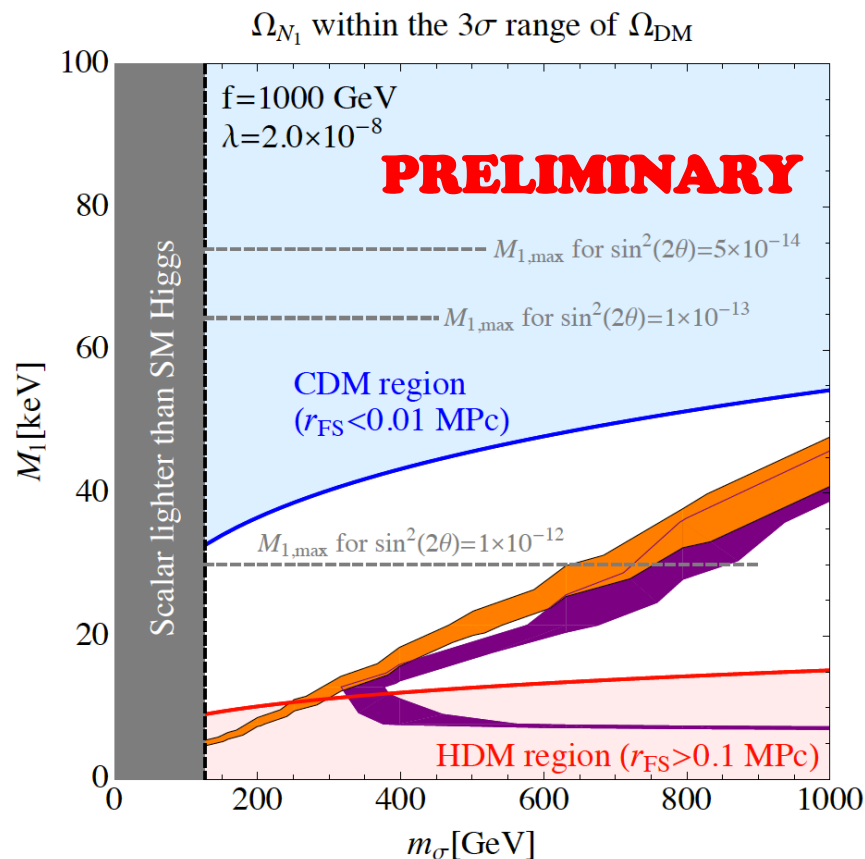
Dark Matter has time to cool down



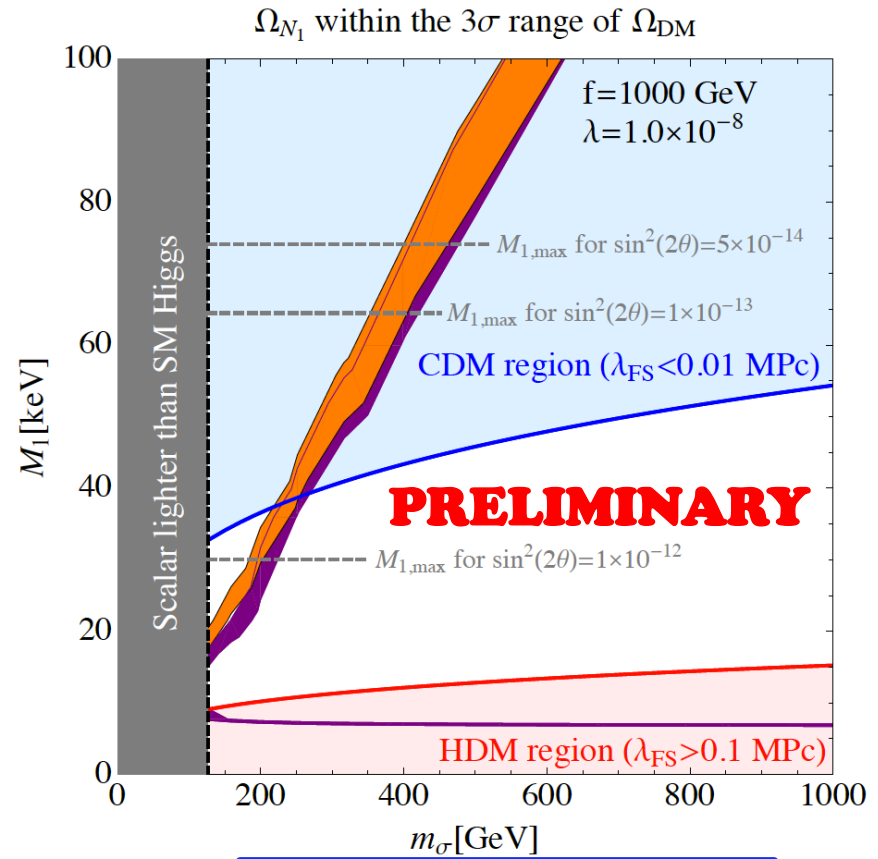
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New Production Mechanism:

- depending on the parameters, we could have warm or cold Dark Matter of keV-scale mass:



WARM: $\lambda=2.0 \times 10^{-8}$



COLD: $\lambda=1.0 \times 10^{-8}$

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- **Pick your poison**: most probably, I will by now have run a bit late... **Which model do you wanna hear about?**
 - flavour symmetry: $\mathcal{F} = L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau$ (AM)
 - heavy sector: Froggatt-Nielsen mechanism (AM)
 - extra singlets: extended seesaw mechanism
 - extra dimensions: split seesaw mechanism

certainly covered by Alex Kusenko

We have time for one or two... Make your choice!!

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 - **original**: [Petcov: Phys. Lett. **B110** (1982) 245]
 - **2 RH neutrinos**: [Grimus, Lavoura: JHEP **0009** (2000) 007]
 - **3 RH neutrinos**:
 - [Barbieri, Hall, Tucker-Smith, Strumia, Weiner: JHEP **9812** (1998) 017]
 - [Mohapatra: Phys. Rev. **D64** (2001) 091301]
 - **application to keV sterile neutrinos**:
 - [Shaposhnikov: Nucl. Phys. **B763** (2007) 49]
 - [Lindner, **AM**, Niro: JCAP **1101** (2011) 034]
 - **general features**:
 - **symmetry** \rightarrow patterns: **(0,m,m)** & **(0,M,M)**
 - **broken** \rightarrow **small mass, degeneracy lifted**

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 - charge assignment under global U(1) [or: Z_4]:

	L_{eL}	$L_{\mu L}$	$L_{\tau L}$	e_R	μ_R	τ_R	N_{1R}	N_{2R}	N_{3R}	ϕ	Δ
\mathcal{F}	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	0	0

- then, only symmetry preserving terms are allowed:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\frac{1}{2} \overline{\Psi^C} \mathcal{M}_\nu \Psi + h.c.$$

with: $\Psi \equiv ((\nu_{eL})^C, (\nu_{\mu L})^C, (\nu_{\tau L})^C, N_{1R}, N_{2R}, N_{3R})^T$

→ mass matrix:

$$\mathcal{M}_\nu = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & m_L^{e\mu} & m_L^{e\tau} & m_D^{e1} & 0 & 0 \\ m_L^{e\mu} & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_D^{\mu2} & m_D^{\mu3} \\ m_L^{e\tau} & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_D^{\tau2} & m_D^{\tau3} \\ \hline m_D^{e1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_R^{12} & M_R^{13} \\ 0 & m_D^{\mu2} & m_D^{\tau2} & M_R^{12} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_D^{\mu3} & m_D^{\tau3} & M_R^{13} & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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- probably the most intuitive: $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{L}_e - \mathbf{L}_\mu - \mathbf{L}_\tau$
 - eigenvalues of \mathcal{M}_ν (with μ - τ symmetry):
 - light neutrinos: $(\lambda_+, \lambda_-, 0)$
 - heavy neutrinos: $(\Lambda_+, \Lambda_-, 0)$
 - with: $\lambda_\pm = \pm \sqrt{2} \left[m_L - \frac{m_D^2}{M_R} \right] \quad \Lambda_\pm = \pm \sqrt{2} M_R$
 - mass patterns:
 - light ν 's: $(0, \lambda_+, \lambda_-) \rightarrow$ okay up to degeneracy
 - heavy N 's: $(0, \Lambda_+, \Lambda_-) \rightarrow 0 \ll M$, but still $0 \neq \text{keV}$
 - WAY OUT: **broken symmetry**
 - \rightarrow will remedy the above issues
 - \rightarrow important: no matter how the breaking is achieved, the results will always look similar

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 - we assumed ***small*** breaking terms and worked out their consequences:

→ new mass matrix:

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→ new mass matrix:

keV neutrino

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_L^{ee} & m_L^{e\mu} & m_L^{e\tau} & m_D^{e1} & 0 & 0 \\ m_L^{\mu e} & s_L^{\mu\mu} & 0 & 0 & m_D^{\mu 2} & m_D^{\mu 3} \\ m_L^{\tau e} & 0 & s_L^{\tau\tau} & 0 & m_D^{\tau 2} & m_D^{\tau 3} \\ \hline m_D^{e1} & 0 & 0 & S_R^{11} & M_R^{12} & M_R^{13} \\ 0 & m_D^{\mu 2} & m_D^{\tau 2} & M_R^{12} & S_R^{22} & 0 \\ 0 & m_D^{\mu 3} & m_D^{\tau 3} & M_R^{13} & 0 & S_R^{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

→ new eigenvalues: $\Lambda_s = S$ $\Lambda'_\pm = S \pm \sqrt{2}M_R$

$$\lambda_s = s \quad \lambda'_\pm = s \pm \sqrt{2} \left[m_L - \frac{m_D^2}{M_R} \right] + \frac{5m_D^2 S}{4M_R^2}$$

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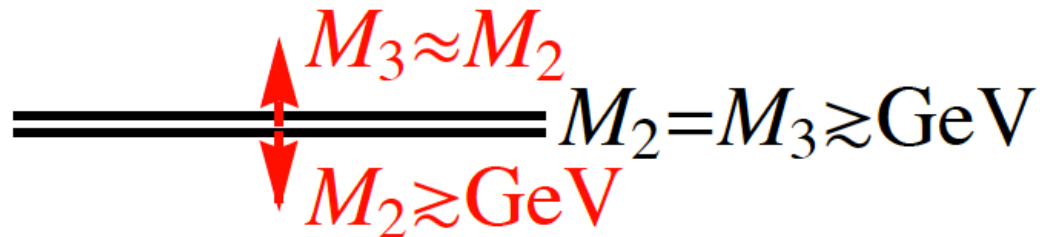
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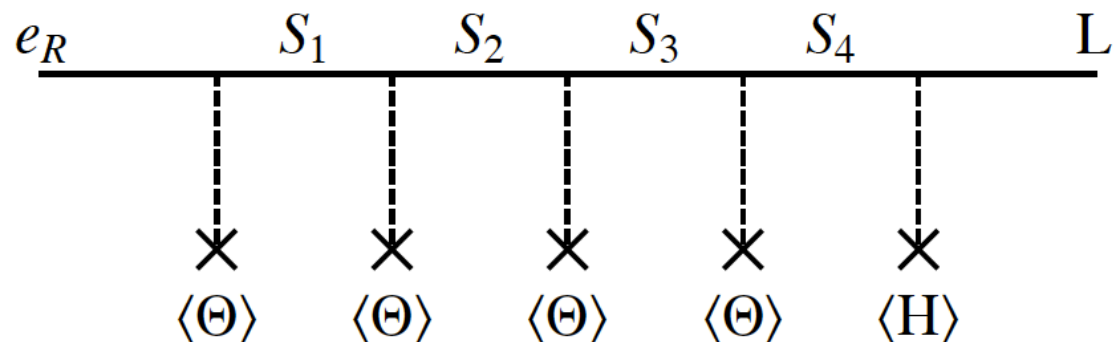
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 - **application to keV sterile neutrinos**:
 - pure FN models [AM,Niro: JCAP **1107** (2011) 023]
 - mixed with flavour symmetry
[Barry,Rodejohann,Zhang: JHEP **1107** (2011) 091, JCAP **1201** (2012) 052]
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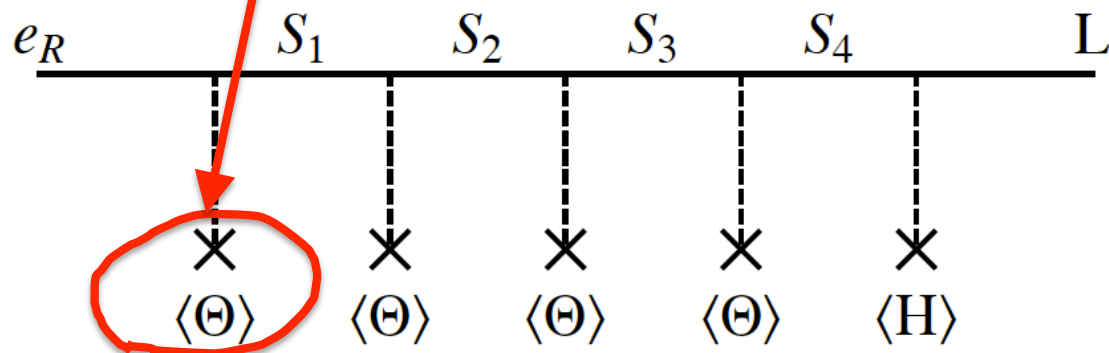
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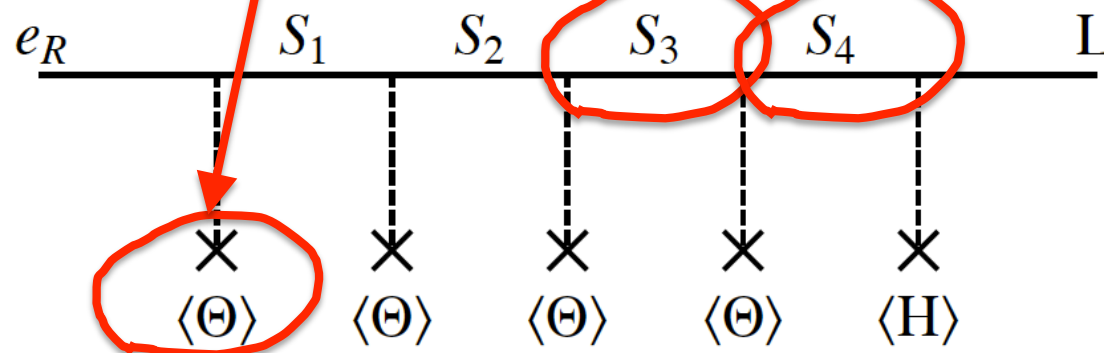
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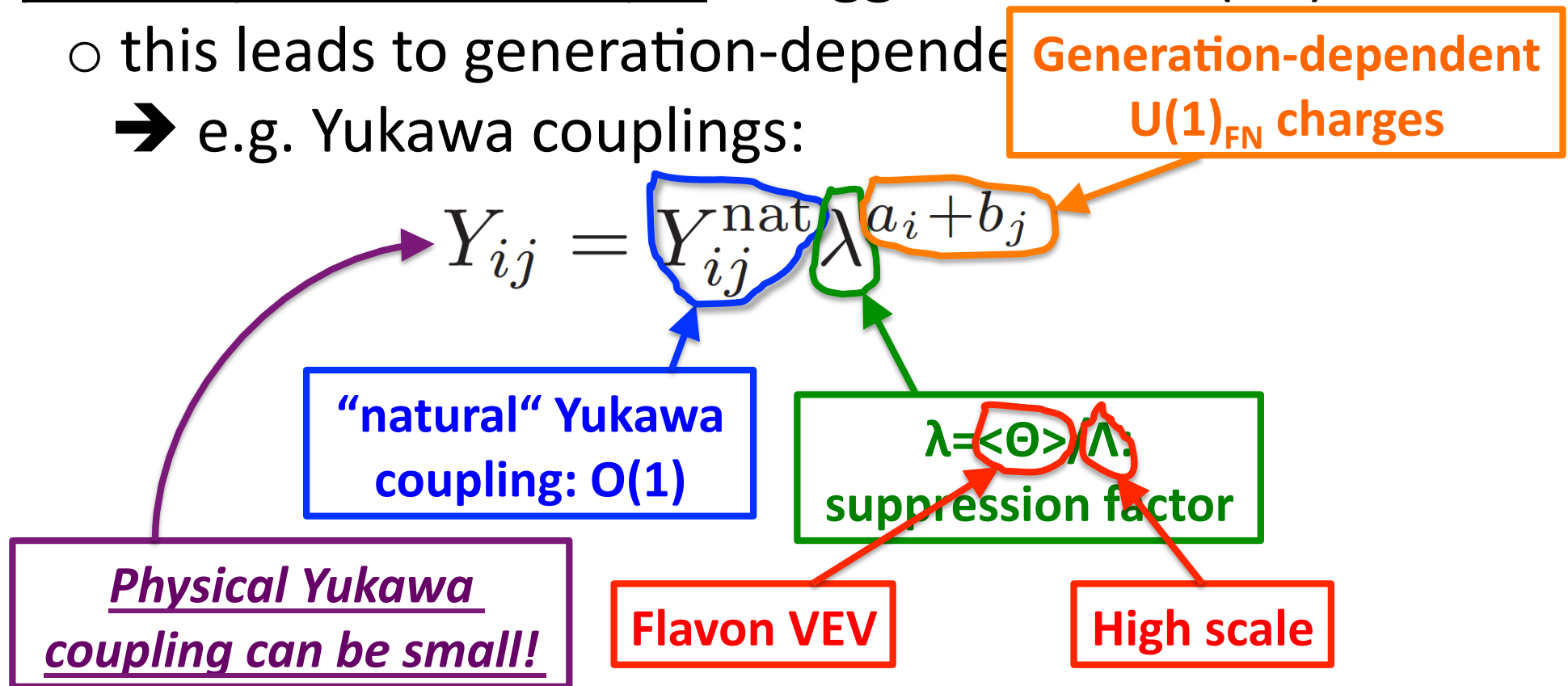
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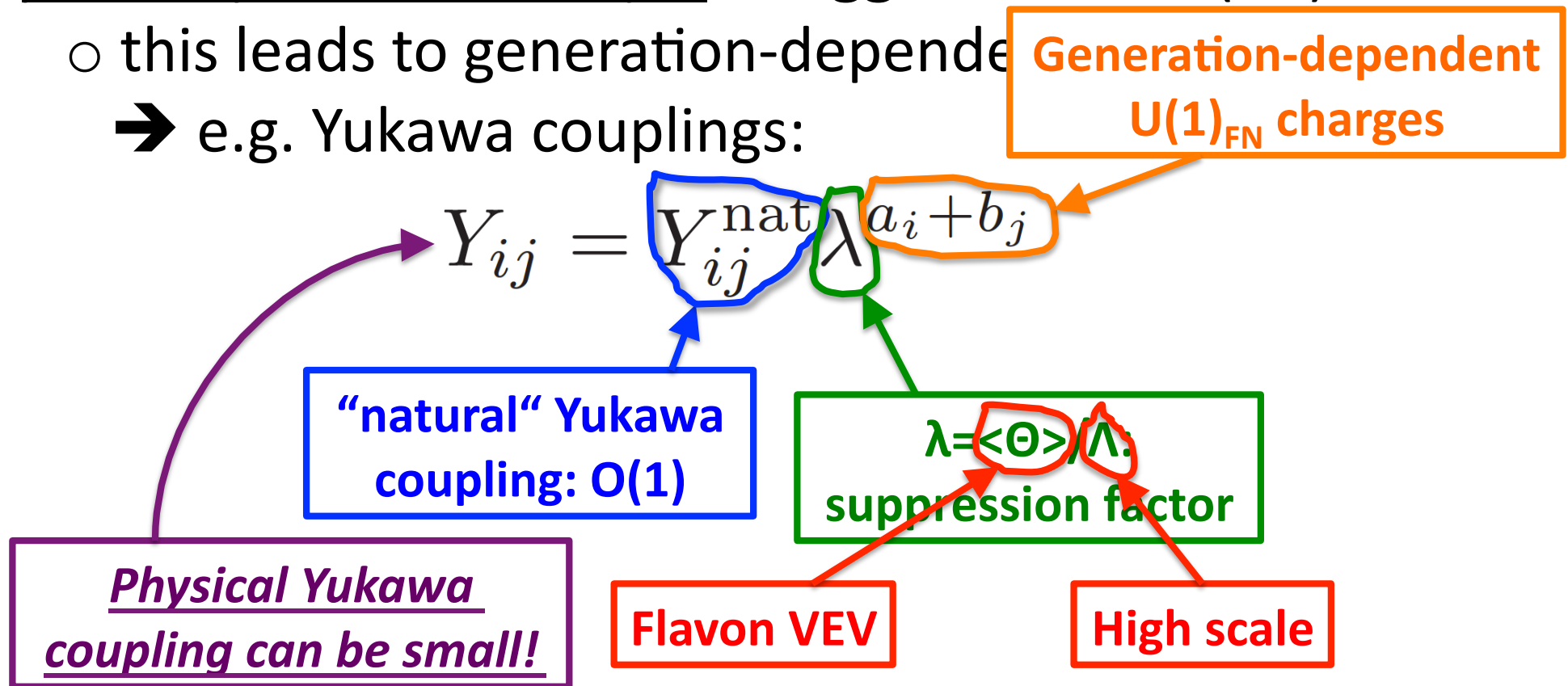


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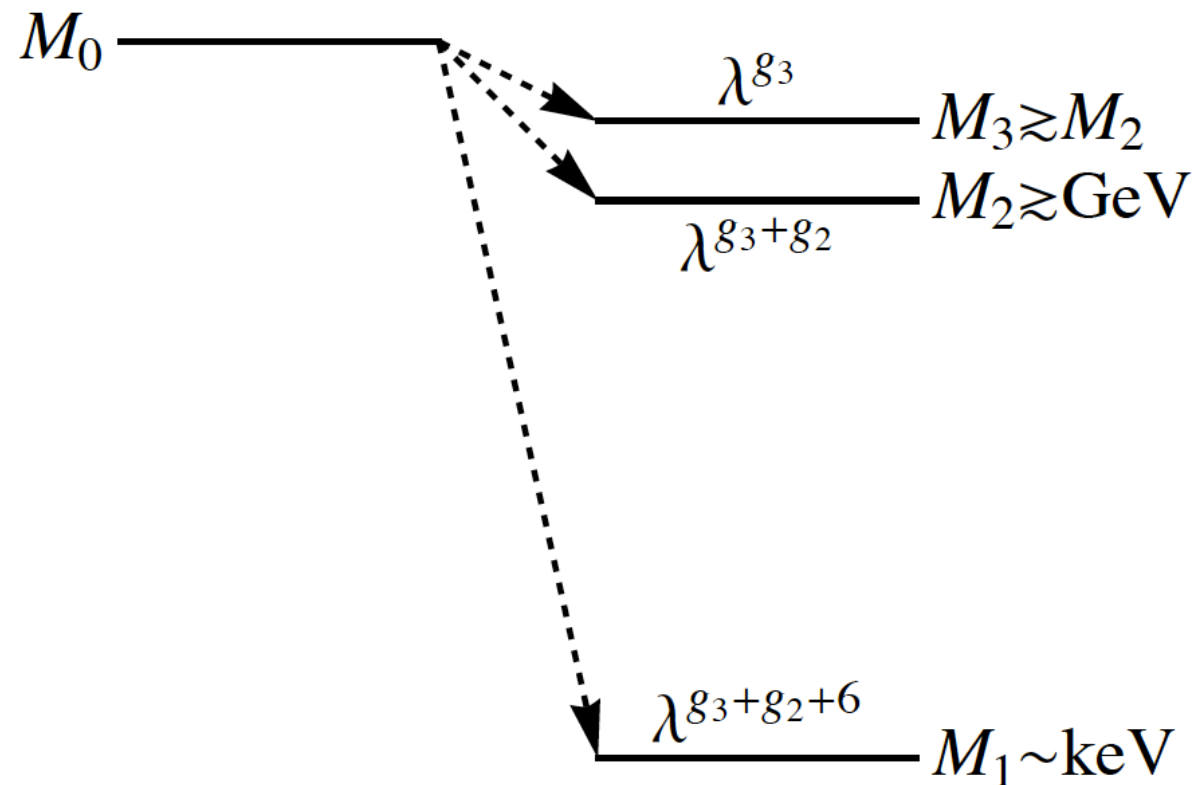
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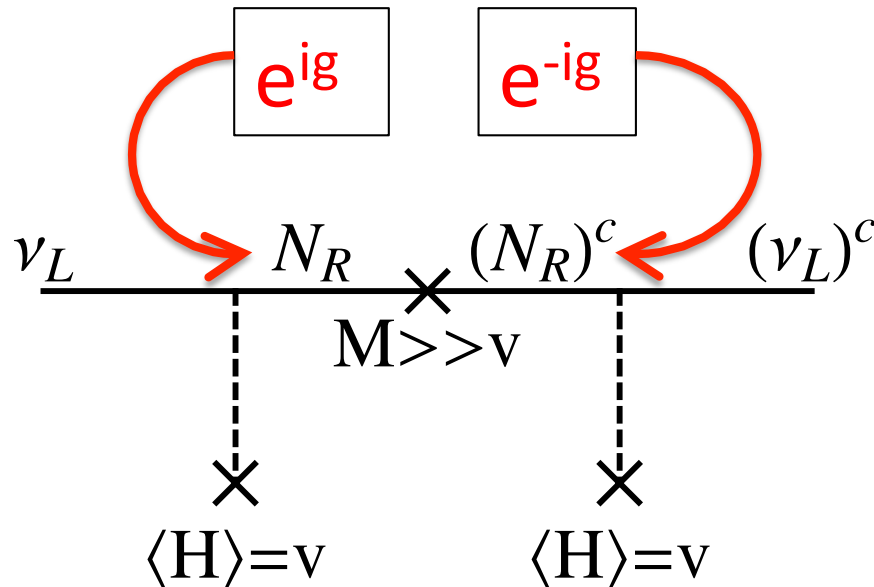


→ large mass scale gets suppressed

→ *top-down*

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 - important point: seesaw guaranteed to work



- ➔ $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$ is a global $U(1)$, just like lepton number, which gets broken by the seesaw-diagram!
- ➔ the charges (g_1, g_2, g_3) drop out of the light neutrino mass matrix ✓

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 - **interesting to note**: FN not as arbitrary as it looks!
 - does not work with Left-Right symmetry
 - ➔ disfavours one production mechanism
 - favours SU(5) compared to SO(10)
 - ➔ reason: g_i unconstrained for singlet N_i
 - ➔ BUT: associated problems with p^+ decay...
 - Renormalization Group Running negligible
 - excludes bimaximal *neutrino* mixing (for the diagonalization of the light neutrino mass matrix)
 - disfavours democratic Yukawa couplings
 - no anomalies within SU(5)

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[Chun, Joshipura, Smirnov: Phys. Lett. **B357** (1995) 608]
 - later on mentioned in the context of keV neutrinos
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 - more detailed investigation + A4-extension
[Zhang: Phys. Lett. **B714** (2012) 262]
 - anomaly-free U(1)-extension
[Heeck, Zhang: 1211.0538]
 - important features:
 - necessarily goes beyond 3 sterile neutrinos
 - not justified by itself \rightarrow needs framework
 - structural implications (one massless ν , only possible for certain numbers of sterile ν 's)

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- idea: introduce another singlet fermion S_R and assume the following Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ES}} = -\overline{\nu}_L m_D N_R - \overline{(S_R)^c} M_S^T N_R - \frac{1}{2} \overline{(N_R)^c} M_R N_R + h.c.$$

➔ problem: Majorana mass term for S_R **assumed** not to exist, but for no reason

- we can nevertheless rewrite the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ES}} = -\frac{1}{2} (\overline{\nu}_L, \overline{(S_R)^c}, \overline{(N_R)^c}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D^T & M_R & M_S^T \\ 0 & M_S & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (\nu_L)^c \\ S_R \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} + h.c.$$

- one now assumes a hierarchy: $m_D \ll M_S \ll M_R$

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- the **hierarchy allows to apply the seesaw** formula:

$$M_\nu^{4 \times 4} = \begin{pmatrix} m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T & m_D M_R^{-1} M_S^T \\ M_S (M_R^{-1})^T m_D^T & M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T \end{pmatrix}$$

→ det=0 → one zero eigenvalue → hierarchy!

- applying the **seesaw formula one more time**:

$$M_\nu^{3 \times 3} = m_D M_R^{-1} M_S^T (M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T)^{-1} M_S M_R^{-1} m_D^T - m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T$$

→ this is non-zero (M_S is 1x3 → cannot be inverted)

→ there is an intermediate mass eigenvalue:

$$m_s = M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T$$

→ keV neutrino

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 - problem: there is no reason for the structure of extended seesaw
 - ➔ this can be enforced by a symmetry:
 - A_4 extension [Zhang: Phys. Lett. **B714** (2012) 262]:
 - ➔ yields tri-bimaximal leptonic mixing
 - ➔ excluded by new data!
 - U(1) extension [Heeck,Zhang: 1211.0538]:
 - ➔ more complicated (addition singlets needed)
 - ➔ okay with new data
 - general: although the mechanism cannot stand alone, it may be resembled in more concrete models

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Q_6 symmetry at NLO [Araki,Li: Phys. Rev. **D85** (2012) 065016], *composite Dirac neutrinos* [Grossmann,Robinson: JHEP **1101** (2011) 132; Robinson,Tsai: JHEP **1208** (2012) 161], *type II seesaw in 331-models* [Dias,Peres,Silva: Phys. Lett. **B628** (2005) 85; Cogollo,Diniz,Peres: Phys. Lett. **B677** (2009) 338], $U(1)$ symmetries broken close to M_P [Allison, JHEP **1305** (2013) 009], *Dark GUTs* [Babu,Seidl: Phys. Rev. **D70** (2004) 113014], *many EDs* [Ioannision,Valle: Phys. Rev. **D63** (2001) 073002], *MRISM* [Dev,Pilaftsis: Phys. Rev. **D87** (2013) 053007], *Exotic Loops* [Ma: Phys. Rev. **D80** (2009) 013013], global symmetries [Sayre,Wiesenfeldt,Willenbrock: Phys. Rev. **D72** (2005) 015001], gravitational torsions [Mavromatos,Pilaftsis: Phys. Rev. **D86** (2012) 124038], *type III seesaw* [Dürr, Lindner, Fileviez Perez: 1306.0568]

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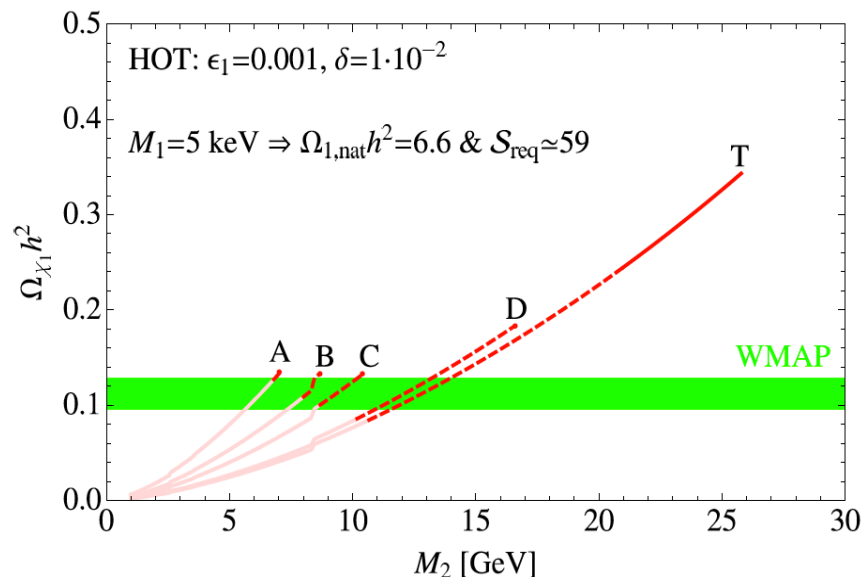
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 - we have many fermions at the keV-scale which could play the role of Dark Matter:
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 - axinos [Jedamzik,Lemoine,Moultaka: JCAP **0607** (2006) 010]
 - singlinos [McDonald,Sahu: Phys. Rev. **D79** (2009) 103523]
 - modulino [Dvali,Nir: JHEP **9810** (1998) 014; Benakli,Smirnov: Phys. Rev. Lett. **79** (1997) 3669]
 - idea: just like WIMPs (Weakly Interacting Massive Particles) do, the keV inert fermions form a general class of Dark Matter → **keVins** [AM,King: JCAP 1208 (2012) 016]

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 - setting: χ_1 at O(keV) to be Dark Matter, χ_2 at O(GeV)
 - proposed mechanism: **thermal overproduction of χ_1 plus subsequent dilution by entropy production**
 - can produce the correct abundance:



- other production mechanisms and **more or less model-independent studies possible**

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We review the model building aspects for keV sterile neutrinos as Dark Matter candidates. After giving a brief discussion of some cosmological and astrophysical aspects, we first discuss the currently known neutrino data and observables. We then explain the purpose and goal of neutrino model building, and review some generic methods used. Afterwards certain aspects specific for keV neutrino model building are discussed, before reviewing the bulk of models in the literature. We try to keep the discussion on a pedagogical level, while nevertheless pointing out some finer details where necessary and useful. Ideally, this review should enable a grad student or an interested colleague from cosmology or astrophysics with some prior experience to start working on the field.

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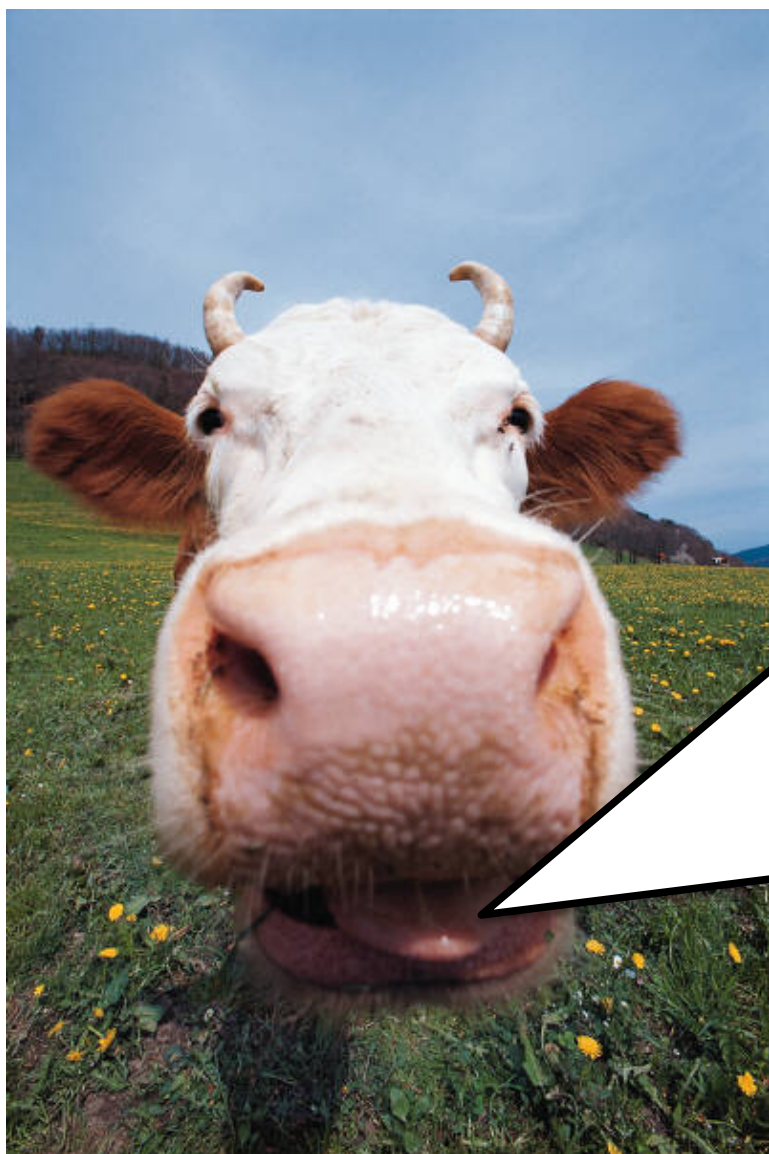
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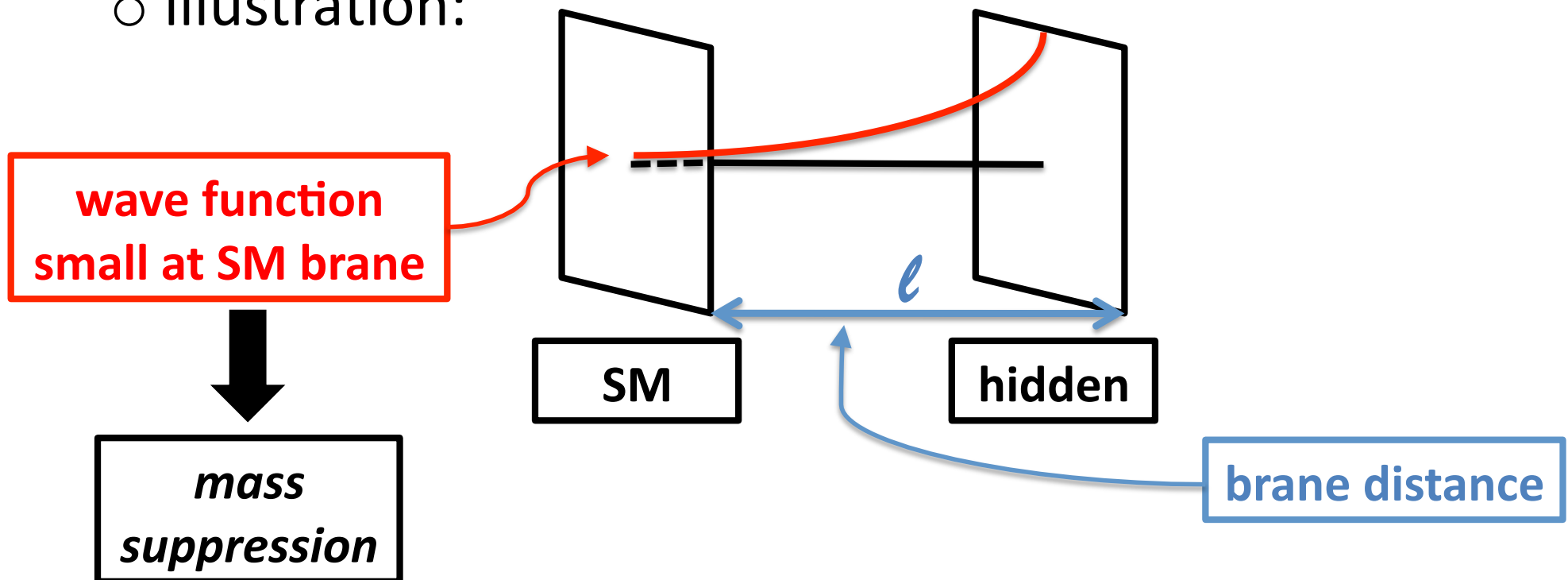
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 - idea: brane-splitting in extra dimensions is known to lead to mass scale suppressions
 - this can be used to get a keV mass

[Kusenko, Takahashi, Yanagida: Phys. Lett. **B693** (2010) 144]

- illustration:



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- starting point: 5D action

$$S = \int d^4x \int_0^l dy M_0 (i\bar{\Psi}\Gamma^A\partial_A\Psi - m\bar{\Psi}\Psi)$$

- Fourier expansion of the field:

$$\Psi_{L,R}(x^\mu, y) = \sum_n \psi_{L,R}^{(n)}(x^\mu) f_{L,R}^{(n)}(y)$$

➔ equation of motion in the Extra Dimension:

$$(\pm\partial_y - m)f_{L,R}^{(n)}(y) = m_n f_{L,R}^{(n)}(y)$$

- solution (“**bulk profile**”) for the zero mode: $m_n=0$

$$\boxed{f_{L,R}^{(0)}(y) = C e^{\mp my}} \quad C = \sqrt{\frac{2m}{e^{2ml} - 1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_0}}$$

4. Example Models

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- for a more complicated action, this leads to strong mass suppression and hierarchy enhancement:

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5D mass of the sterile N_i 's

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STRONG SUPPRESSION!!!

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 - in particular: exponential enhances hierarchies

$$M_i = \kappa_i \frac{v_{B-L}}{M_0} \frac{2m_i}{e^{2m_i l} - 1}$$

$$m_3 < m_2 < m_1 \rightarrow M_3 \gg M_2 \gg M_1!!!$$

→ this mechanism is very well suited to generate strong mass hierarchies!

- additional enhancement: $v_{B-L} \ll M_0$
(M_0 : fundamental Planck scale in 5D)
- bonus: *seesaw guaranteed to work*, due to conspiracy between the suppressions

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- **issue #1**: slight enhancement of active-sterile mixing

$$\theta_1 \propto M_1^{-1/2} \text{ instead of } \theta_1 \sim \frac{m_D}{M_R} \propto M_1^{-1}$$

→ not a very big problem

- **issue #2**: we do not have an explanation for having $m_1 > m_2 > m_3$ in the first place

→ can be cured by A_4 extension:

$$m_1 > m_2 = m_3 \rightarrow M_1 \ll M_2 = M_3$$

[Adulpravitchai, Takahashi: JHEP **1109** (2011) 127]

BUT: $\theta_{13}=0$, $\theta_{23}=\pi/4$, excluded by X-ray bound!

→ needs seesaw type II situation to work