Interacting neutrinos in cosmology: exact description and constraints

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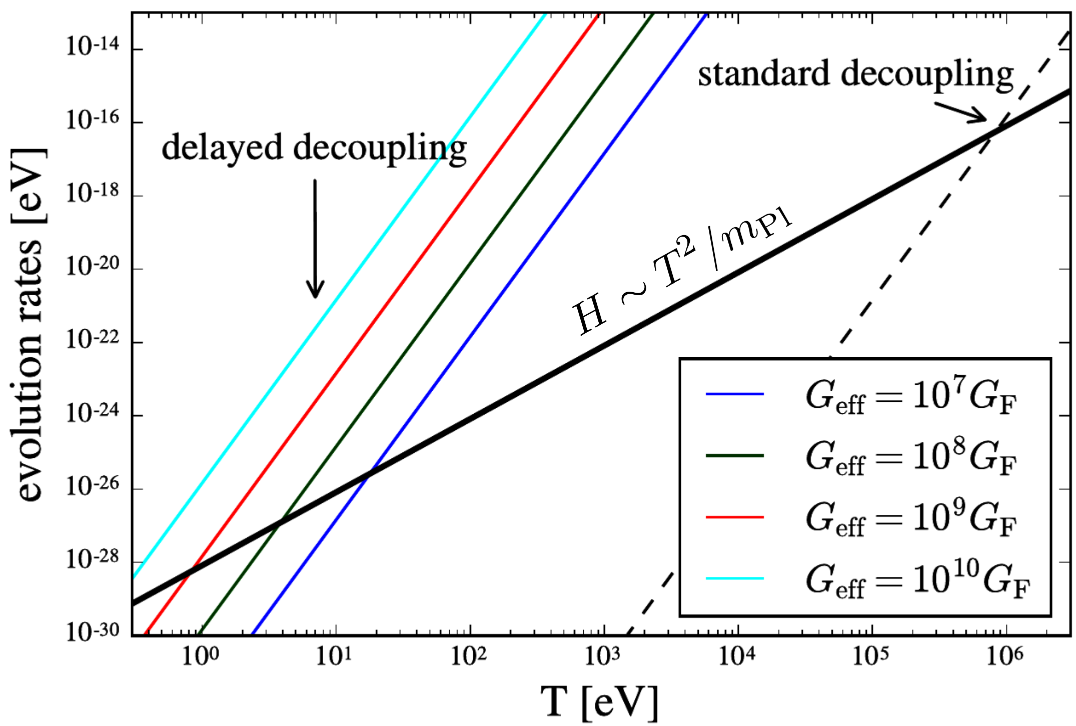
massless neutrinos ↯ observation of neutrino oscillations

→ Models of neutrino mass generation, "Majoron models"

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \mathfrak{g}_{ij}\bar{\nu}_i\nu_j\phi + \mathfrak{h}_{ij}\bar{\nu}_i\gamma_5\nu_j\phi$$

→ **non-standard neutrino interactions** $\Gamma_{\text{new}} \sim G_{\text{eff}}^2 T^5$ (massive scalar limit)



→ **cosmological signature?**

Impact on the CMB described by **Boltzmann hierarchy for interacting neutrinos**

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… What's that...???

→ Cosmic perturbation theory

Small fluctuations from inflation are the seeds for the structures observed today

1.) Perturbed Einstein equation: $\bar{G}_{\mu\nu} + \delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G(\bar{T}_{\mu\nu} + \delta T_{\mu\nu})$ *Lifshitz, 1946*

2.) Perturbed Boltzmann equations: *Peebles & Yu 1970*

Perturbed phase-space density: $f(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \eta) = \bar{f}(q)\,(1 + \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \eta))$

$$\dot{\Psi}_i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \eta) + \mathrm{i}\frac{|\mathbf{q}||\mathbf{k}|}{\epsilon}(\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})\,\Psi_i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \eta) + \frac{\partial \ln \bar{f}_i(|\mathbf{q}|, \eta)}{\partial \ln |\mathbf{q}|}\left[\dot{\tilde{\eta}} - (\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})^2\,\frac{\dot{h} + 6\dot{\tilde{\eta}}}{2}\right] = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \eta}\right)^{(1)}_{\mathrm{coll}}$$

Apply on all relevant particle species:

	interacting	non-interacting
relativistic	photons	**neutrinos?**
non-relativistic	baryons	CDM

Decompose phase-space perturbation into Legendre polynomials:

$$\Psi(|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{q}|, \hat{k}\cdot\hat{q}) = \sum_{\ell=0}(-i)^{\ell}(2\ell+1)\Psi_{\ell}(|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{q}|)P_{\ell}(\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})$$

→ Taking moments: $\int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}(\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})P_{\ell}(\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})\,[\text{Boltzmann eq.}]$

→ Neutrino Boltzmann hierarchy: *Stewart 1970*

$$\dot{\delta}_{\nu} = -\frac{4}{3}\theta - \frac{2}{3}\dot{h},$$

$$\dot{\theta} = k^2\left(\frac{1}{4}\delta - \sigma\right),$$

$$\dot{F}_2 = 2\dot{\sigma} = \frac{8}{15}\theta - \frac{3}{5}kF_3 + \frac{4}{15}\dot{h} + \frac{8}{5}\dot{\eta},$$

$$\dot{F}_{\ell\geq 3} = \frac{k}{2\ell+1}\left[lF_{\ell-1} - (\ell+1)F_{\ell+1}\right]$$

→ analogously for all other particle species

How to include neutrino interactions?

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2.) Parameterisation used to fit cosmological data:

$$\left(c_{\rm eff}^2, c_{\rm vis}^2\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

→ standard case

$$\left(c_{\rm eff}^2, c_{\rm vis}^2\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0\right)$$

→ tightly coupled limit

$$\dot{\delta}_\nu = -\frac{4}{3}\theta_\nu - \frac{2}{3}\dot{h} + \frac{\dot{a}}{a}(1 - 3c_{\rm eff}^2)\left(\delta_\nu + 4\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\frac{\theta_\nu}{k^2}\right),$$

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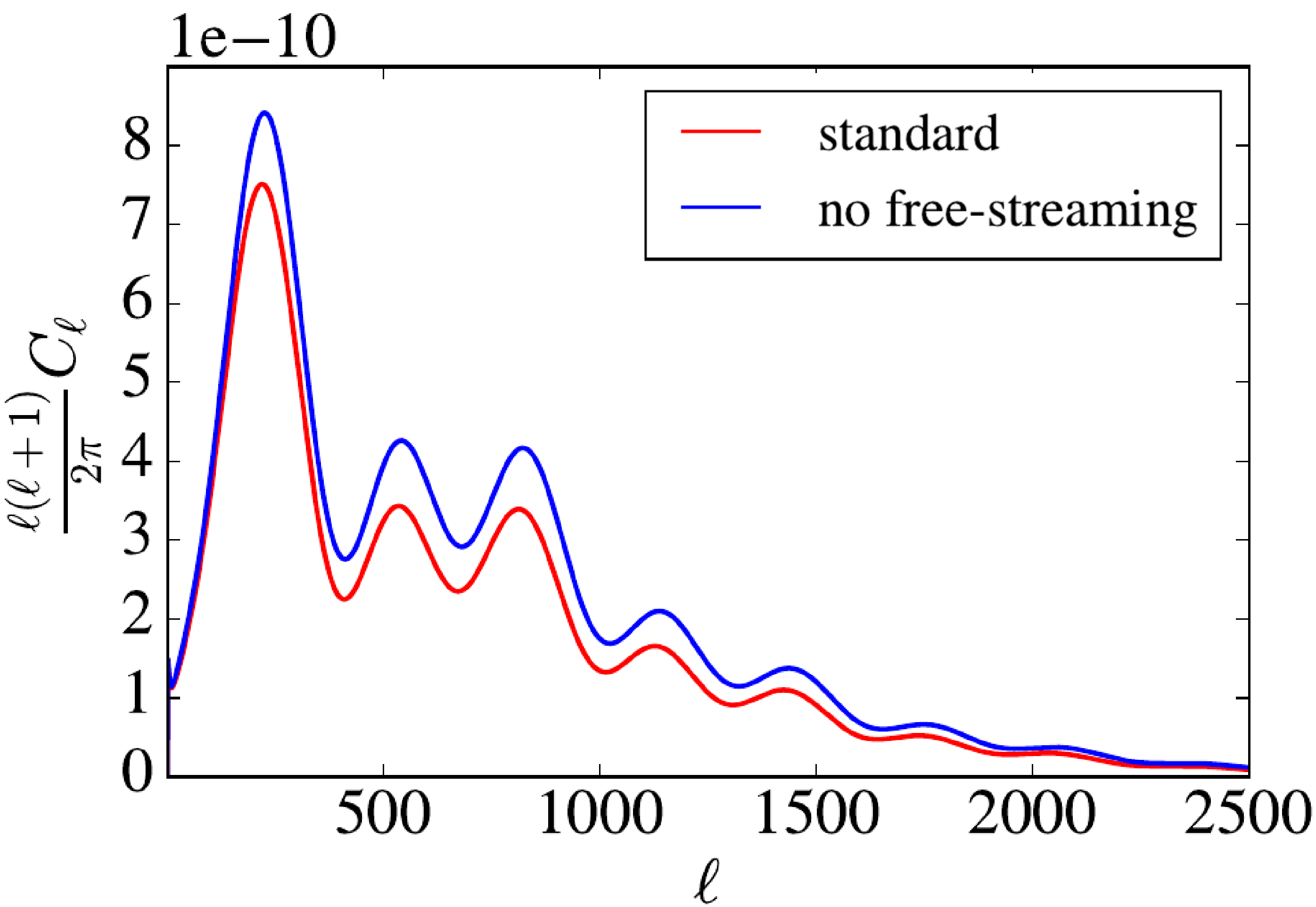
e.g. A. Melchiorri, arXiv:1109.2767, ...

General expected signal

suppression of free-streaming

→ enhancement of neutrino monopole/energy density

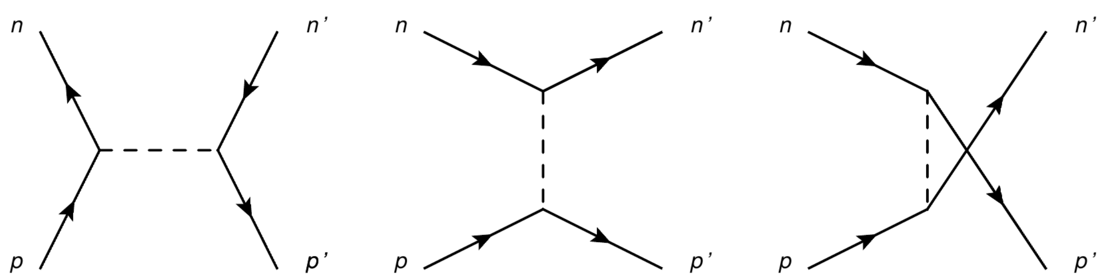
→ enhancement of temperature anisotropies



Exact description of interacting neutrinos needs calculation of the

collision integral.

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\Psi}_i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\tau) + \mathrm{i}\frac{|\mathbf{q}||\mathbf{k}|}{\epsilon}(\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})\,\Psi_i(\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\tau) + \frac{\partial \ln \bar{f}_i(|\mathbf{q}|)}{\partial \ln |\mathbf{q}|}\left[\dot{\eta} - (\hat{k}\cdot\hat{q})^2\,\frac{\dot{h}+6\dot{\eta}}{2}\right] = \left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \tau}\right)^{(1)}_{\mathrm{coll}}$$



difference to photon case: Thomson scattering = low energy transfer

$$\left(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \tau}\right)^{(1)}_{ij\leftrightarrow kl}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{q},\tau) = \frac{g_j g_k g_l}{2|\boldsymbol{q}|(2\pi)^5}\int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{q}'}{2|\boldsymbol{q}'|}\int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{l}}{2|\boldsymbol{l}|}\int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3\boldsymbol{l}'}{2|\boldsymbol{l}'|}\,\delta^4_{\mathrm{D}}(q+l-q'-l')$$
$$\times |\mathcal{M}_{ij\leftrightarrow kl}|^2\Big(\bar{f}_k(|\boldsymbol{q}'|)\,\bar{f}_k(|\boldsymbol{l}'|)\,\Psi_l(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{l}') + \bar{f}_l(|\boldsymbol{l}'|)\,\bar{f}_l(|\boldsymbol{q}'|)\,\Psi_k(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{q}')$$
$$- \bar{f}_i(|\boldsymbol{q}|)\,\bar{f}_i(|\boldsymbol{l}|)\,\Psi_j(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{l}) - \bar{f}_j(|\boldsymbol{l}|)\,\bar{f}_j(|\boldsymbol{q}|)\,\Psi_i(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{q})\Big)$$

$$\dot{\Psi}_0(q) = -\,k\Psi_1(q) + \frac{1}{6}\frac{\partial \ln \bar{f}}{\partial \ln q}\dot{h} - \frac{40}{3}G^{\rm m} q\, T_{\nu,0}^4\, \Psi_0(q)$$
$$+\, G^{\rm m}\int {\rm d}q'\, \frac{q'}{q\bar{f}(q)}\left[2K_0^{\rm m}(q,q') - \frac{20}{9}q^2\, {q'}^2 e^{-q/T_{\nu,0}}\right]\, \bar{f}_\nu(q')\,\Psi_0(q')\,,$$
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$$+\, G^{\rm m}\int {\rm d}q'\, 2\frac{q'}{q\bar{f}(q)}K_\ell^{\rm m}(q,q')\,\bar{f}(q')\,\Psi_\ell(q')$$

- **momentum-dependence reflects non-negligible energy transfer**
- formally very different from other approaches

  → implement in Boltzmann code CLASS *(J. Lesgourgues, et al.)*

Comparison with other approaches

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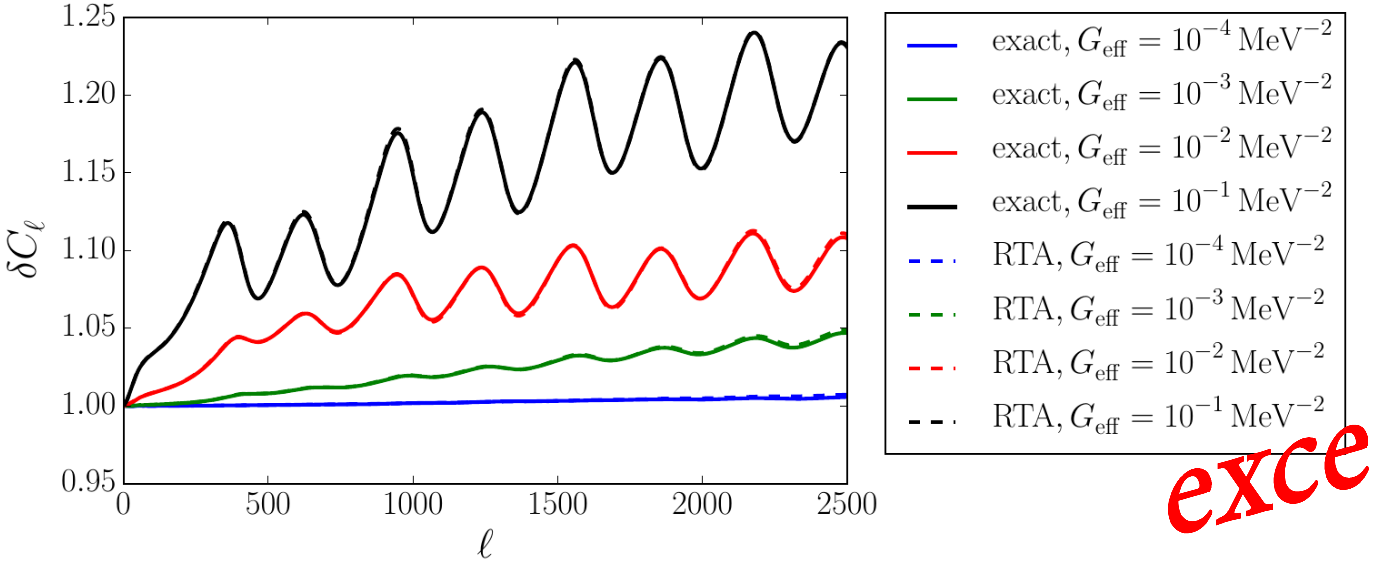

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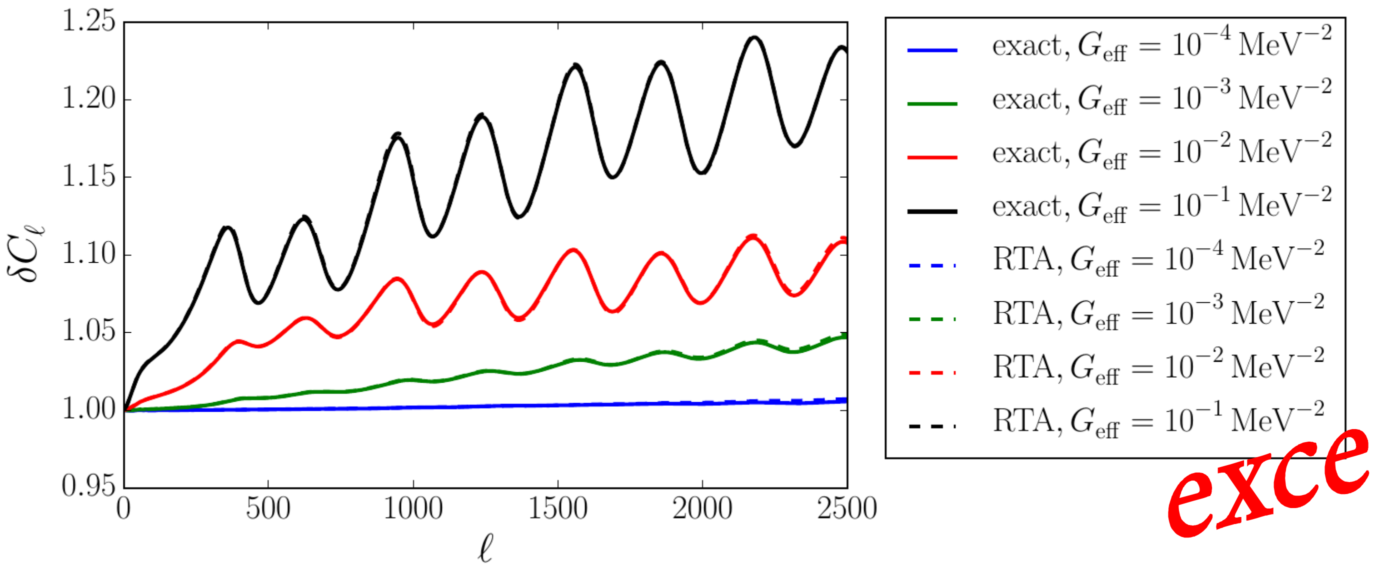

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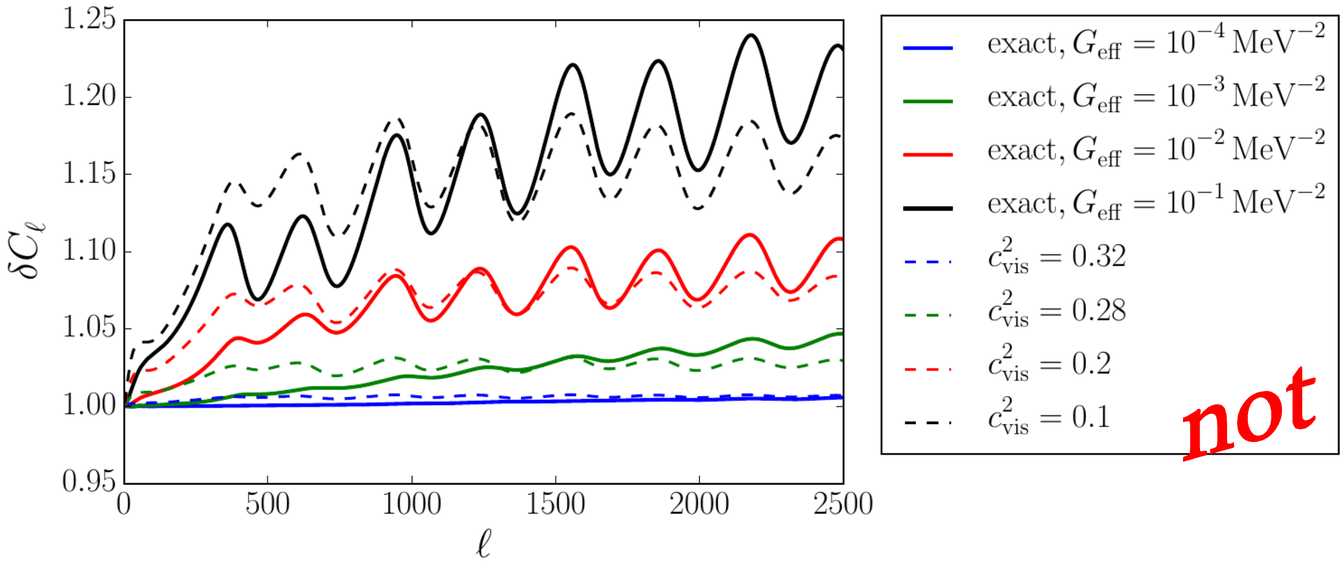
2.) $(c^2_{\rm eff}, c^2_{\rm vis})$

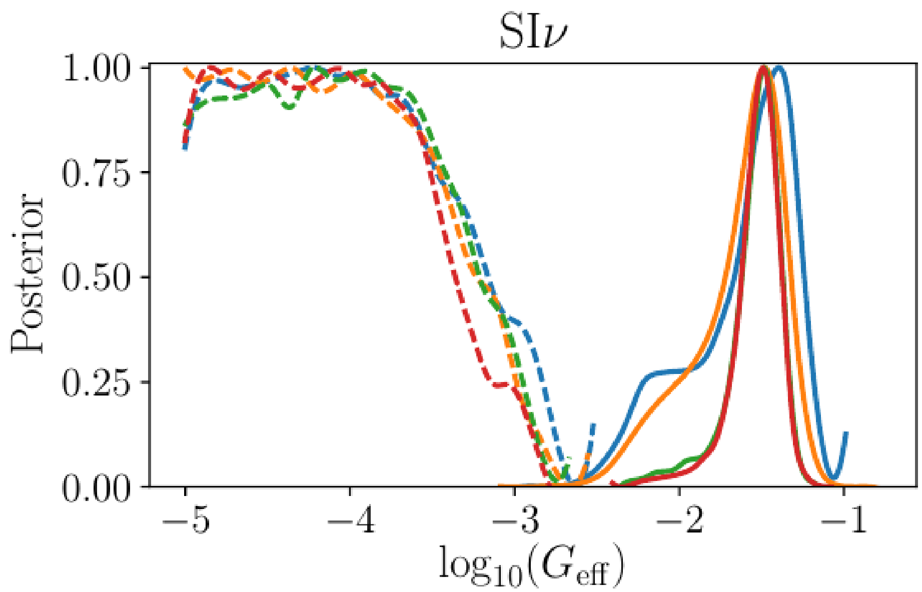


not really...

- Relaxation time approximation entirely sufficient.
- $(c^2_{\rm eff}, c^2_{\rm vis})$ -parameterisation should not be used!

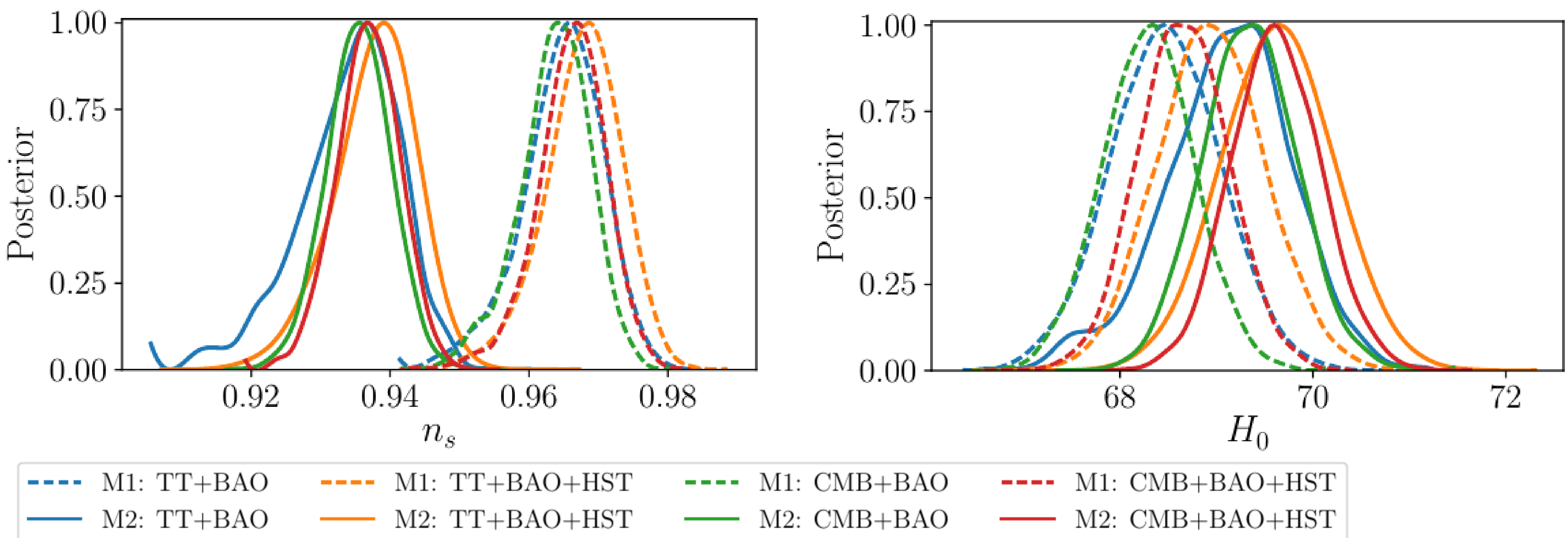
<u>MCMC results</u> (using the relaxation time approximation)

Compare with
arXiv: 1704.06657 (Lancaster, Cyr-Racine et al.) & arXiv:1306.1536 (Cyr-Racine, Sigurdson)



Interacting neutrino mode!

$G_{\rm eff} = 3 \times 10^9 G_{\rm F}$



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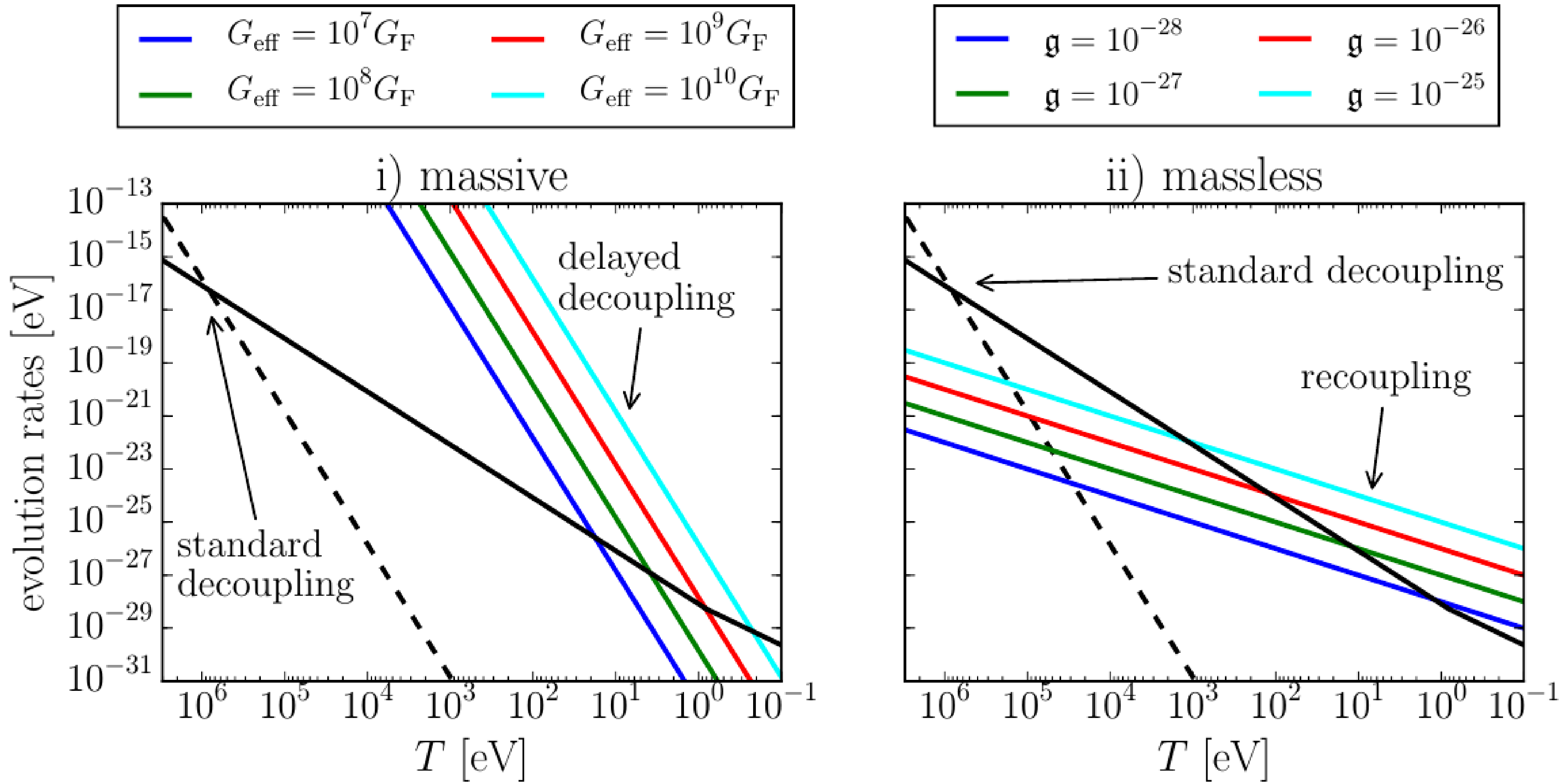

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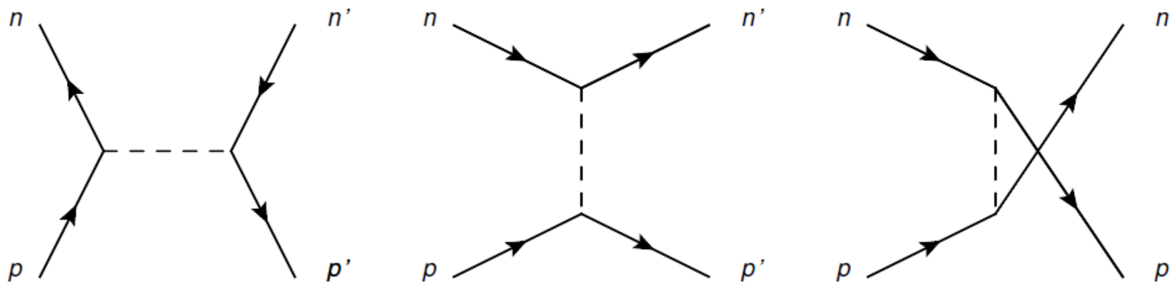
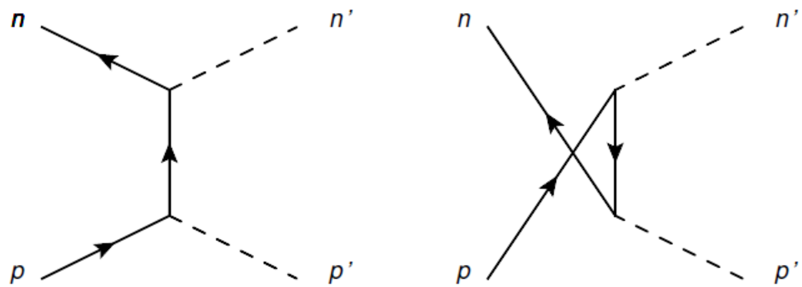


massive case:

only neutrino self-interactions

$\nu\nu \leftrightarrow \phi\phi$:



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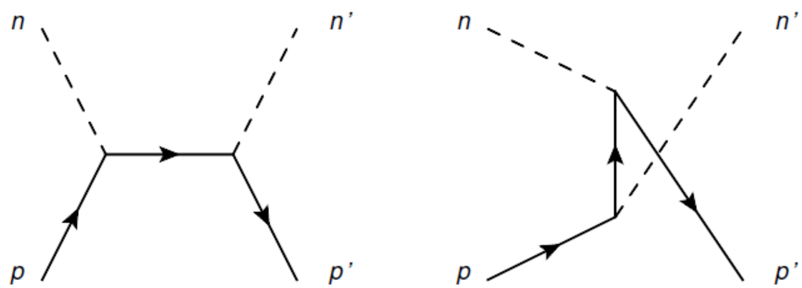

massless case:

need to include new hierarchy for scalar particle as well

recoupling → already at background level out of equilibrium

Ugly integral kernels...: $K^{\mathrm{m}}_{\ell}(|q|,|q'|) = \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}\cos\theta \, K^{\mathrm{m}}(|q|,|q'|,\cos\theta) \, P_\ell(\cos\theta)$

where $K^{\mathrm{m}}(q,q',\cos\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{16P^5}{}^{-(Q_-+P)/(2T_{\nu,0})} \, T_{\nu,0} \left(Q_-^2 - P^2\right)^2$

$$\times \left[P^2 \left(3P^2 - 2PT_{\nu,0} - 4T_{\nu,0}^2\right) + Q_+^2 \left(P^2 + 6PT_{\nu,0} + 12T_{\nu,0}^2\right) \right]$$

and $\mathrm{P} \equiv |q - q'|, \; Q_\pm \equiv q \pm q'$

Number, energy and momentum conservation

Number: $\int \mathrm{d}q \, q^2 \left(\frac{\partial f_\nu}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\mathrm{coll},\ell=0} (k,q) \overset{!}{=} 0$

Energy: $\int \mathrm{d}q \, q^3 \left(\frac{\partial f_\nu}{\partial \eta}\right)_{\mathrm{coll},\ell=0} (k,q) \overset{!}{=} 0$

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Numerical problems...

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→ Discretized Boltzmann hierarchy

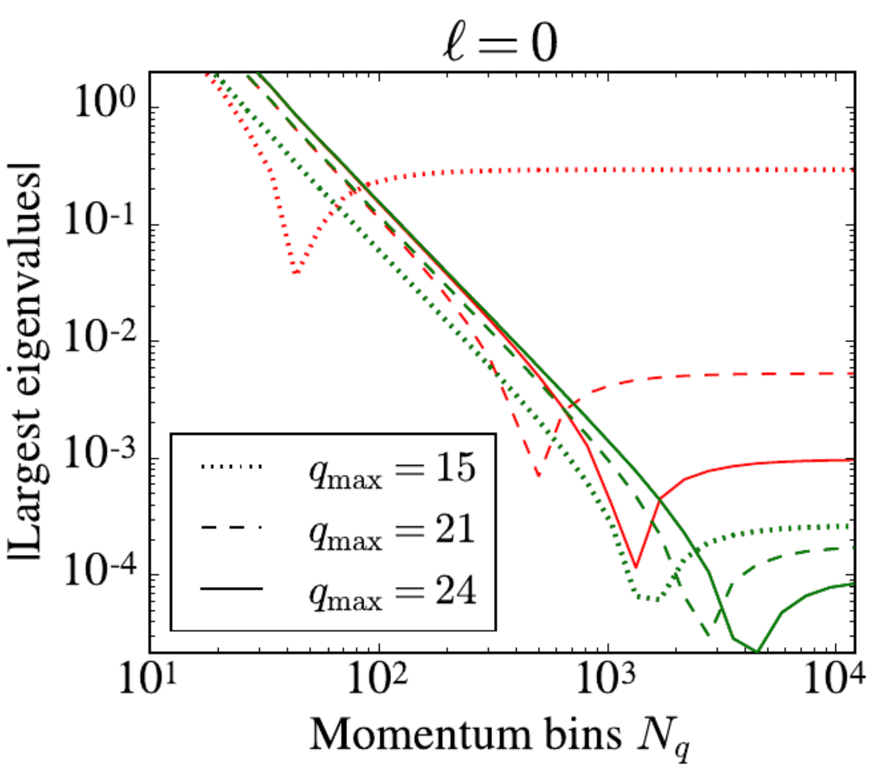
$$\dot{\Psi}_{\ell,i} = G_{\ell,i} + \sum_j M_{\ell,ij}\Psi_{\ell,j}$$

Homogenous solution:

$$\boldsymbol{\Psi}_\ell^h = \sum_k c_k\, \mathbf{v}_k e^{\lambda_k \tau}$$

Exponential growth for positive eigenvalues!

Finite momentum-grid size → (small) positive eigenvalues...



Solution:

1) Calculate eigenvalues

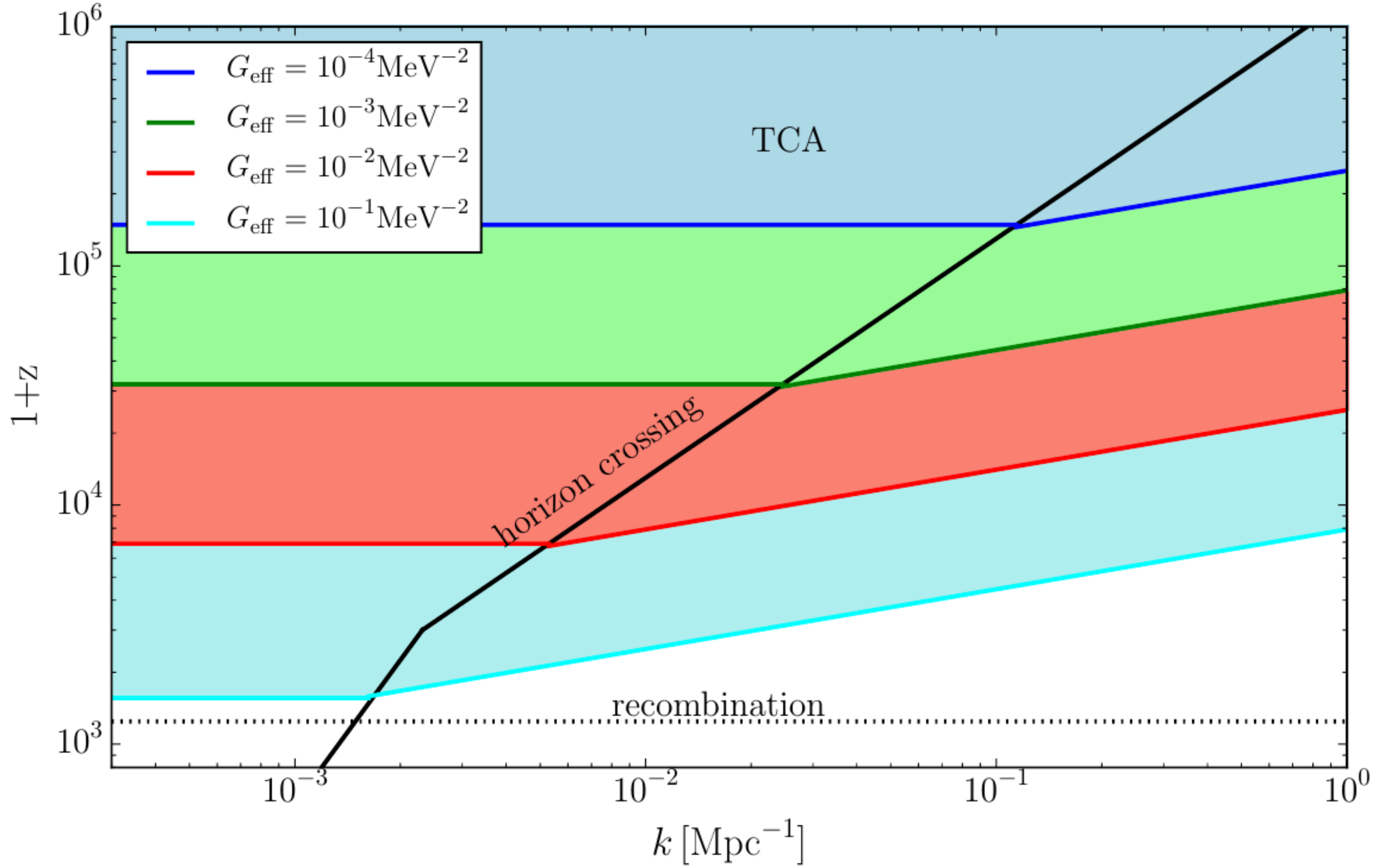
2) Set positive eigenvalues to zero

3) Obtain corrected scattering matrix

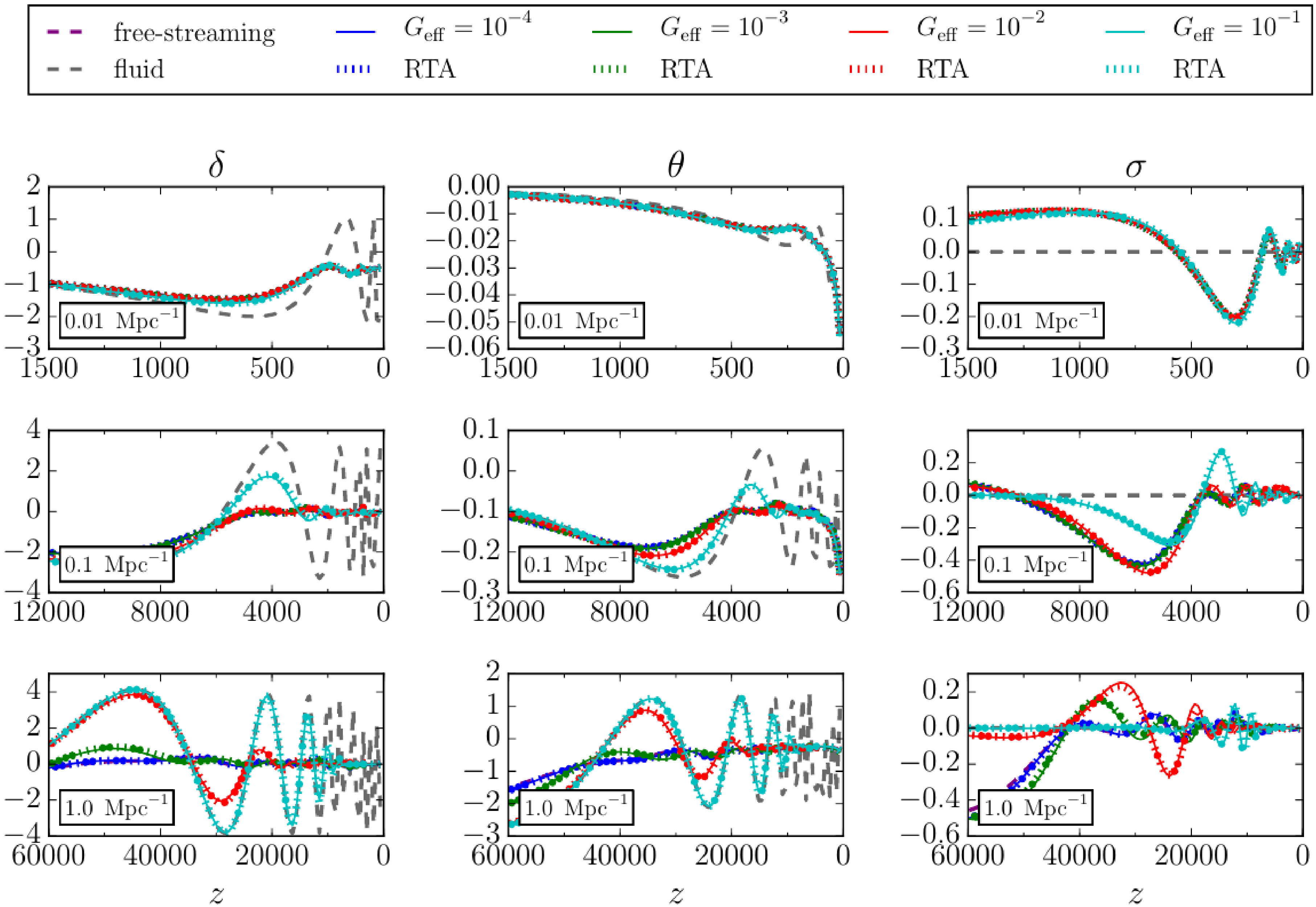
4) Run code only for sufficiently large $q_{\max}$

Tightly coupled limit:

$$\dot{\delta}_\nu = -\tfrac{4}{3}\theta_\nu - \tfrac{2}{3}\dot{h}$$
$$\dot{\theta}_\nu = \tfrac{1}{4}k^2\delta_\nu$$



$$T_{\rm dec} \simeq 7.66\times10^{-2}\left(\frac{{\rm MeV}^{-2}}{G_{\rm eff}}\right)^{2/3}\,{\rm eV} = 0.2\left(\frac{2.03\times10^{10}\,G_{\rm F}}{G_{\rm eff}}\right)^{2/3}\,{\rm eV}, \quad ({\rm RD})$$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