

Neutrino cosmology: measuring the extremely tiny by observing the extremely huge

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What's in a name?

Let's go back in time...

“Nomen [est]
omen”

What's in a ν name?

| Language | Word tree | ...Some branches | Meaning |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Physics (Fermi 1934) | NEUTR-INO | | Little neutral one |
| Italian | NEUTRO | | Neutral |
| Latin | NE-UTER | | Not either; neutral |
| Latin | UTER | | Either |
| Greek | ↑ | OUDETEROS | Neutral |
| Old High German | ↗ | HWEDAR | Which of two; whether |
| Phonetic change/loss | [K]UOTER[US] | | Which of the two? |
| Ionic Greek | KOTEROS | | Which of the two? |
| Sanskrit | KATARAS | | Which of the two? |
| Latin | ↑ | QUANTUS | How much? |
| Sanskrit | | KATAMAS | Which out of many? |
| Sanskrit | | KATHA | How? |
| Sanskrit | ↗ | KAS | Who? |
| Indo-European root | KA or KWA | | Interrogative base |

Answer: ν 's destiny is to raise **kw**astions!

Courtesy of Eligio Lisi, Summary Talk (Theory) at Neutrino 2010, Athens

Preliminary Q: why care about neutrinos?

*Neutrinos are the only **direct evidence** for physics beyond the Standard Model*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi + |D_{\mu}\Phi|^2 - V(\Phi) - Y^{ij}\bar{\psi}_i\Phi\psi_j$$

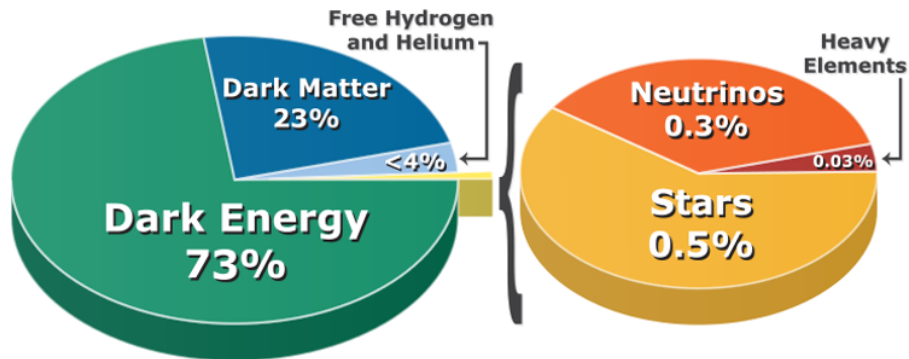
$$-Y^{ij}\bar{\psi}_i\Phi\psi_j = -Y_e^{ij}\bar{E}_L^i\Phi e_R^j - Y_d^{ij}\bar{Q}_L^i\Phi d_R^j - Y_u^{ij}\epsilon^{ab}\bar{Q}_{La}^i\Phi_b^*u_R^j + \text{h.c.}$$

No right-handed neutrino field ν_R in the Standard Model

Overview: Qs (& As)

- Q: What can cosmology tell us about massive neutrinos?
A: **Quite a lot!**
- Q: Can you elaborate a bit more?
A: **Cosmology is sensitive to the sum of the three neutrino masses M_ν and gives the tightest upper bounds on this quantity.**
- Q: Is that all? Can it tell us something about the mass hierarchy?
A: **Yes, if one is careful...**
- Q: I heard there's some connection between ν s and dark energy...?
A: **Yes, ν s could shed light on what is (not) driving cosmic acceleration!**
- Q: How does the future of neutrino cosmology look?
A: **VERY EXCITING!!!**

The Standard Cosmological Model



The Cosmic Neutrino Background ($C\nu B$)

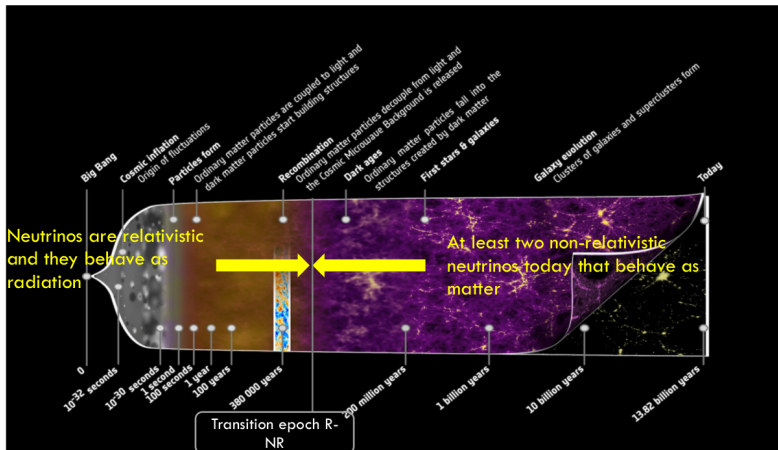
- The presence of a background of relic neutrinos ($C\nu B$) is a basic prediction of the standard cosmological model
- Weak interactions maintain ν s in thermal equilibrium with the primeval cosmological plasma until $T \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ ($z \sim 10^{10}$)
- Below $T \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ ν s free-stream keeping an equilibrium spectrum:

$$f_\nu(p, T) = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{p-\mu}{T}} + 1}$$

- When the temperature drops below their mass, neutrinos turn non-relativistic, and their free-streaming suppresses the growth of structure on small scales (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Today $T_\nu \simeq 1.9 \text{ K}$, $n_\nu \simeq 113 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046$

The Cosmic Neutrino Background ($C\nu B$)

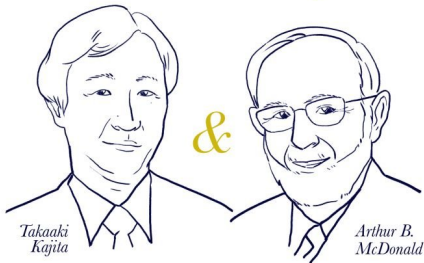
Neutrinos behave as radiation at early times, as matter at late times



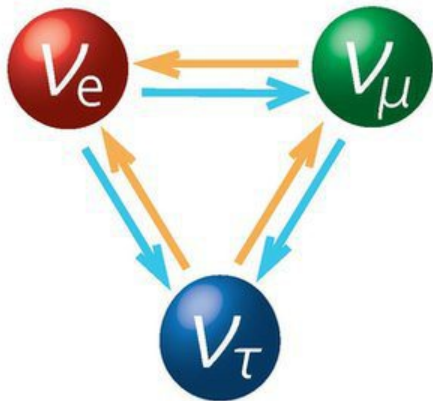
Neutrino masses

Nobel Prize 2015: “*för upptäckten av neutrinooscillationer, som visar att neutriner har massa*” (“for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass”)

2015 NOBEL PRIZE
in Physics



NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS
The discovery of these oscillations shows that neutrinos have mass.



Neutrinos from the lab

Flavour transition probability:

$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} \propto \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

So we have two non-zero $\Delta m^2 \rightarrow$ at least 2 out of 3 mass eigenstates have non-zero mass.

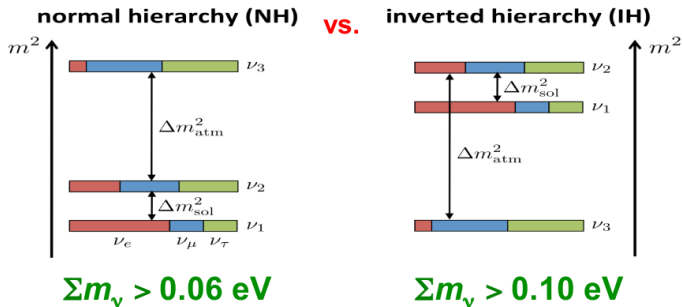
From oscillation experiments accurate measurements of two mass-squared differences:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{21}^2 &\equiv m_2^2 - m_1^2 = (7.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \\ |\Delta m_{31}^2| &\equiv |m_3^2 - m_1^2| = (2.48 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2. \end{aligned}$$

Note uncertainty in sign of Δm_{31}^2 !!!.

Neutrino mass hierarchy

Oscillation data put a lower limit on the absolute mass scale depending on the mass hierarchy:



$$M_{\nu, \min} = \sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2} \simeq 0.06 \text{ eV (NH)}$$

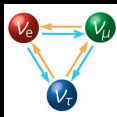
$$M_{\nu, \min} = \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2} \simeq 0.1 \text{ eV (IH)}$$

Neutrino unknowns

- Absolute mass scale $M_\nu \equiv \sum_i m_{\nu_i}$
- Mass hierarchy
- θ_{23} octant
- Dirac vs Majorana nature
- CP violation
- Sterile eigenstates

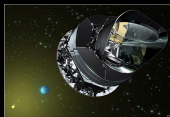
Neutrino oscillations

- Sensitive to mass-squared differences
 $\Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_j^2 - m_i^2$
- Exploits quantum-mechanical effects
- Currently not sensitive to the mass hierarchy



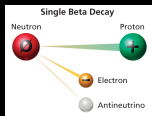
Cosmology

- Sensitive to sum of neutrino masses
 $M_\nu \equiv \sum_i m_i$
- Exploits GR+Boltzmann equations
- Tightest limits, but somewhat model-dependent



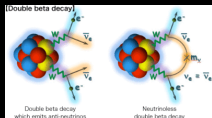
Beta decay

- Sensitive to effective electron neutrino mass
 $m_\beta^2 \equiv \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$
- Exploits conservation of energy
- Model-independent, but less tight bounds

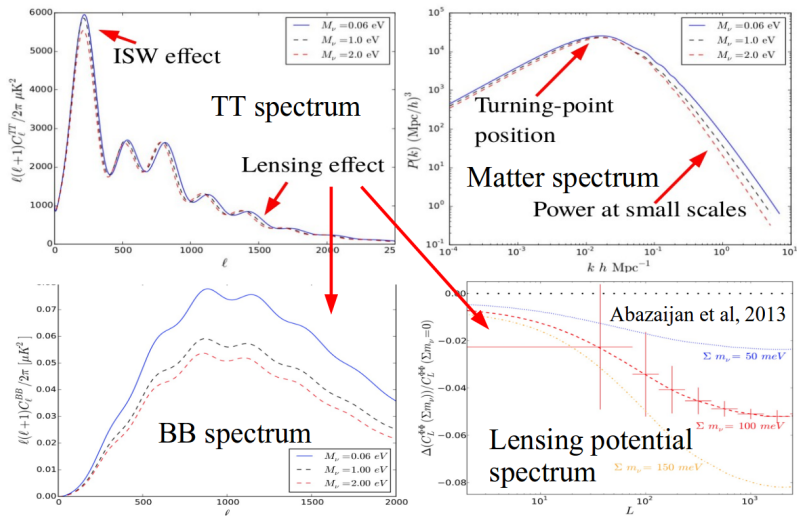


Neutrinoless double-beta decay

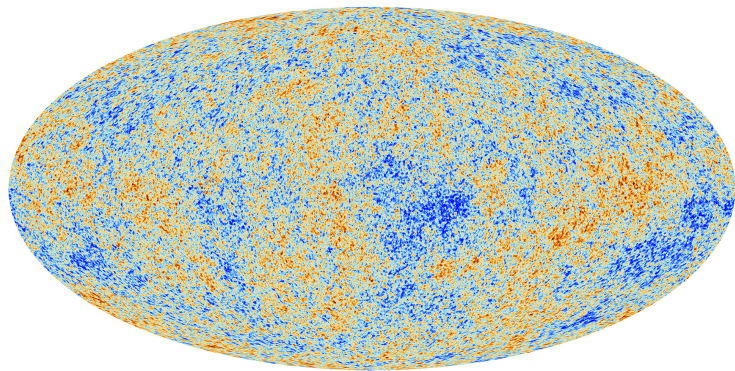
- Sensitive to effective Majorana mass
 $m_{\beta\beta} \equiv \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i$
- Exploits $0\nu 2\beta$ decay (if ν s are Majorana)
- Limited by NME uncertainties and ν nature



How can cosmology measure neutrino masses?



Cosmological datasets: Cosmic Microwave Background

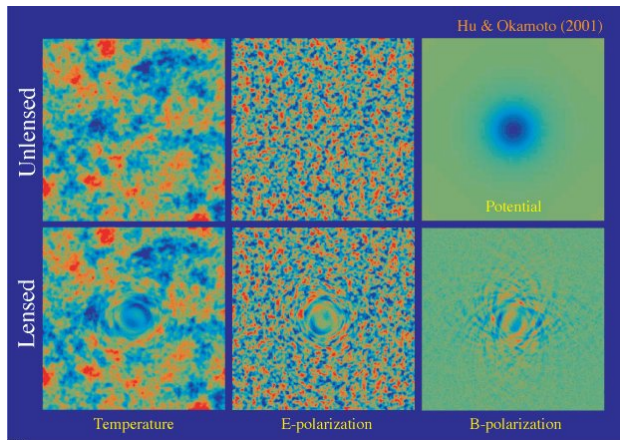


Credits: Planck collaboration

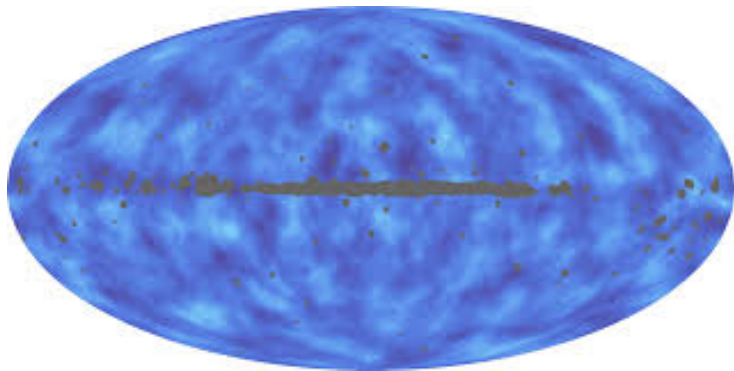
Cosmological datasets: CMB lensing

CMB photons deflected according to the deflection field $\vec{d} = \vec{\nabla}\phi$, with lensing potential ϕ given by:

$$\phi = - \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \frac{\chi^* - \chi}{\chi^* \chi} (\Phi + \Psi)$$

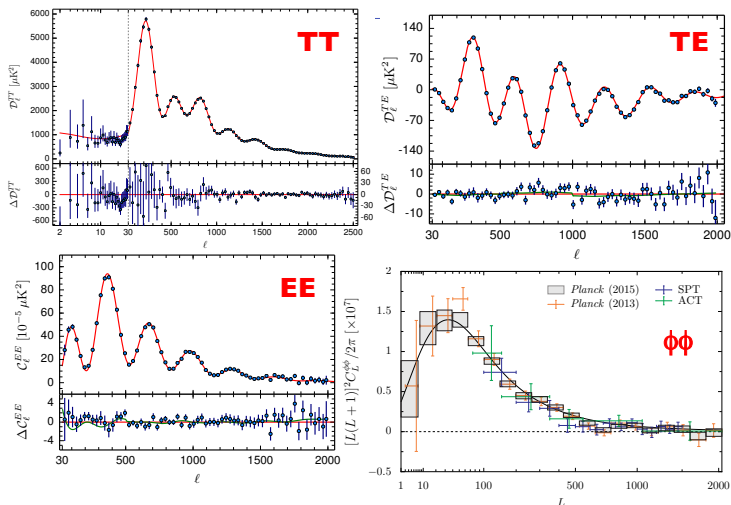


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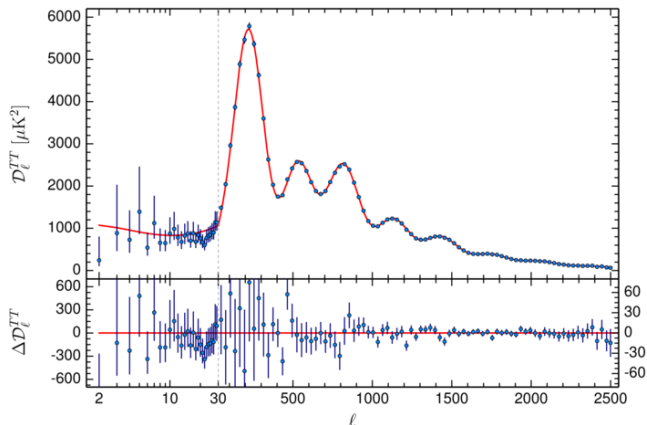
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Cosmological datasets: CMB spectra



Note: red curve obtained from 6-parameter Λ CDM model fit to TT **only**

CMB temperature power spectrum



- Small ℓ (large angular scales): late ISW plateau
- $\ell \approx 200$: first acoustic peak carries a lot of cosmological information
- $\ell \gtrsim 500$: damped acoustic peaks (*Silk damping*), but damping is smeared by gravitational lensing

Effect of neutrino masses on the CMB: background level

- Shift in matter-radiation equality redshift:

$$1 + z_{\text{eq}} = \frac{\Omega_b + \Omega_{\text{cdm}}}{\Omega_\gamma \left[1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} N_{\text{eff}} \right]}$$

Affects height of first peak through early ISW effect

- Shift in distance to the CMB:

$$d_A(z_{\text{CMB}}) \propto \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^{z_{\text{CMB}}} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(\Omega_b + \Omega_{\text{cdm}})(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\nu(z)}}$$

Affects position of first peak, since:

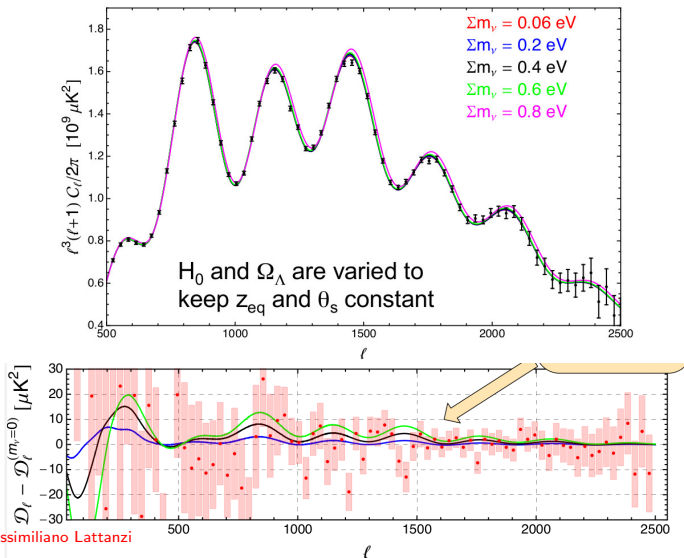
$$\ell_{\text{peak}} \simeq \frac{\pi}{\theta_{\text{peak}}}, \quad \theta_{\text{peak}} \approx \frac{r_s(z_{\text{CMB}})}{d_A(z_{\text{CMB}})}$$

These effects were the ones mainly driving the WMAP bound ($M_\nu < 0.1 \text{ eV}$ @95% C.L.)

Effect of neutrino masses on the CMB: perturbation level

- Massive neutrinos free-streaming damps small-scale perturbations...
- ...less structure=**less lensing**=less smearing of the small-scale power spectrum of the CMB (Planck: $M_\nu < 0.72 \text{ eV}$ @95% C.L.)
- Small effect on the late ISW plateau (but large error bars)
- Small changes around the first peak
- Small effect on the damping tail

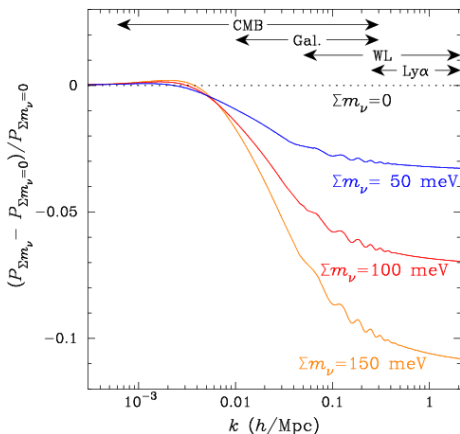
Effect of neutrino masses on the CMB



Courtesy of Massimiliano Lattanzi

Neutrino masses and the large-scale structure

Free-streaming of neutrinos suppresses growth of structure on small scales and hence **matter** power spectrum

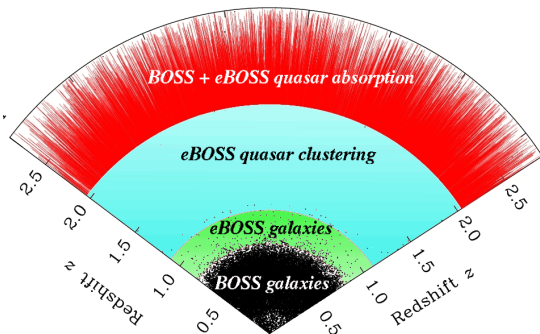


On small scales (large k), where the suppression is maximal:

$$\frac{\Delta P_m(k)}{P_m(k)} \sim -8f_\nu, \quad f_\nu \equiv \frac{\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_m}$$

Cosmological data: galaxy redshift surveys

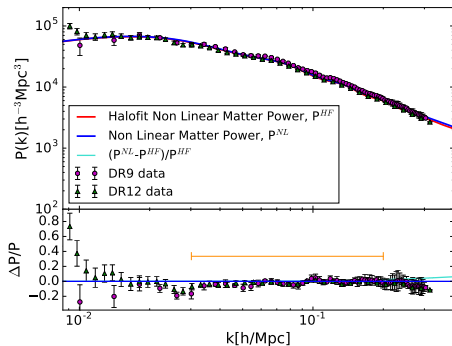
Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) - Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS)



Essentially get two types of measurements out:

- Galaxy power spectrum $P(k)$: measurement of amount of clustering
- Baryon Acoustic Oscillation (BAO): distance measurement

Galaxy power spectrum



Issues:

- (Scale-dependent) bias

$$P_g(k) = b^2(k)P_m(k)$$

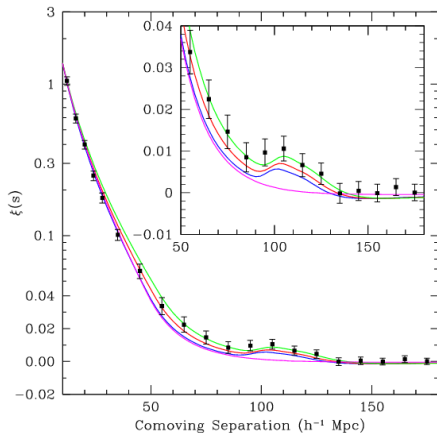
$P_m(k)$: what we would like to measure

$P_{gg}(k)$: what we measure

$b^2(k)$: what makes life hard

- Non-linearities
- Redshift-space distortions
- Systematics

Baryon Acoustic Oscillations



Approximately constrain the quantity $D_V(z_{\text{eff}})/r_s(z_{\text{drag}})$, where:

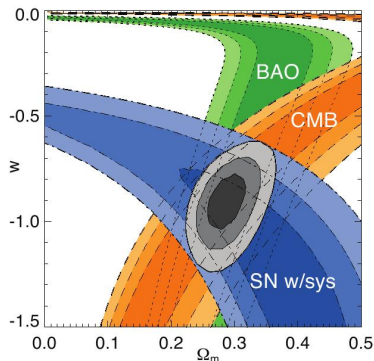
$$D_V(z) = \left[(1+z)^2 D_A(z)^2 \frac{cz}{H(z)} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

- Standard ruler
- Substantially less affected by bias, non-linear evolution, than $P(k)$

Cosmological data: other types of data

- Measurement of optical depth to reionization $\tau = 0.055 \pm 0.009$ (proxy for *Planck* 2018 final data release)
- Direct measurements of H_0 from *HST*
- Sunyaev-Zel'dovich cluster counts
- Redshift-space distortions measurements from galaxy redshift surveys
- Weak lensing measurements (*CFHTLenS*, *KiDS*, *Euclid*)
- Supernovae Ia luminosity distance measurements (*JLA*, *Pantheon*)
- Cosmic chronometers
- Lyman- α forest power spectrum (*BOSS*, *eBOSS*)
- In the future: 21-cm intensity mapping (*SKA*)

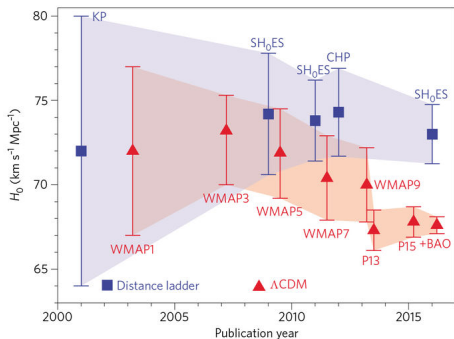
Things to be aware about: degeneracies



Example: geometrical degeneracy

$$d_{\text{CMB}} \propto \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^{z_{\text{CMB}}} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(\Omega_b + \Omega_{\text{cdm}})(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda + \Omega_\nu(z, M_\nu) + \Omega_k(1+z)^2}}$$

Things to be aware about: tensions



- H_0 CMB vs local measurements
- $\sigma_8 \sqrt{\Omega_m}$ CMB vs weak lensing
- Lyman- α with pretty much everything else
- ...



Analysis method

Bayes' theorem (datasets= \mathbf{x} , cosmological parameters= θ):

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \propto \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\mathcal{P}(\theta)$$

$p(\theta)$: posterior (what you want to get)

$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$: likelihood (easy to model, hard to code up)

$\mathcal{P}(\theta)$: prior (what you have to choose)

Vary 6 basic cosmological parameters $\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_c h^2, \Theta_s, \tau, n_s, \log(10^{10} A_s) + M_\nu$ + many other nuisance parameters, sample posterior using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) techniques

Note: cosmology is only sensitive to the sum of the neutrino masses M_ν , not to the masses of the individual eigenstates

Report 95% C.L. upper limit on M_ν , M_{95} , such that:

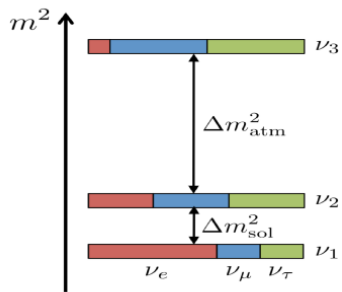
$$\frac{\int_{M_0}^{M_{95}} dM_\nu p(M_\nu|\mathbf{x})}{\int_{M_0}^{\infty} dM_\nu p(M_\nu|\mathbf{x})} = 0.95$$

Recap: neutrino mass hierarchy

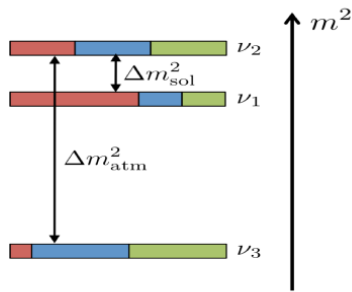
normal hierarchy (NH)

vs.

inverted hierarchy (IH)



$$\Sigma m_\nu > 0.06 \text{ eV}$$



$$\Sigma m_\nu > 0.10 \text{ eV}$$

Results: overview

SV et al., arXiv: 1701.08172

Planck temperature

$M_\nu < \mathbf{0.72}$ eV @95% C.L.

- $+P(k)$: **0.30** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}$: **0.19** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+\tau$: **0.15** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+H_0$: **0.15** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+H_0+\tau$: **0.12** eV

Planck temperature+polarization

$M_\nu < \mathbf{0.49}$ eV @95% C.L.

- $+P(k)$: **0.28** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}$: **0.15** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+\tau$: **0.12** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+H_0$: **0.11** eV
- $+P(k)+\text{BAO}+H_0+\tau$: **0.09** eV

These are the tightest bounds on M_ν ever derived in the literature!

Constraints on M_ν : take home messages

- Bounds on M_ν from cosmology are **VERY** strong (compare to $M_\nu \lesssim 2 \text{ eV}$ from β -decay)
- A robust 95% C.L. upper bound is about $M_\nu \lesssim 0.15 \text{ eV}$
- We are approaching the region of parameter space where the inverted hierarchy is **disfavored**



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How to improve from here? Measuring the scale-dependent bias

What we measure $\rightarrow P_g(k) = b^2(k)P_m(k) \leftarrow$ What we would like to measure

Idea: [Giusarma, SV, et al., arXiv: 1802.08694](#)

- **cross-correlate** CMB lensing with galaxy survey!

$$C_{\ell}^{\kappa g} = \frac{3H_0^2\Omega_m}{2c^2} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} dz \frac{\chi^* - \chi(z)}{\chi(z)\chi^*} (1+z)b\left(k = \frac{\ell}{\chi(z)}\right) P_m\left(\frac{\ell}{\chi(z)}, z\right) \propto b^1$$

- Use a well-motivated form for the bias: $b(k) = a + ck^2$ [Desjacques et al., arXiv: 1611.09787](#)

Results:

- Factor of ≈ 2 improvement in constraints! Upper limit with *Planck* temperature+ $P(k)$ improves from 0.3 eV to 0.15 eV
- Better treatment of non-linearities

A complication: neutrino-induced scale-dependent bias

Neutrinos induce an additional scale-dependence in the bias (always neglected) [Castorina et al., arXiv: 1311.1212](#)

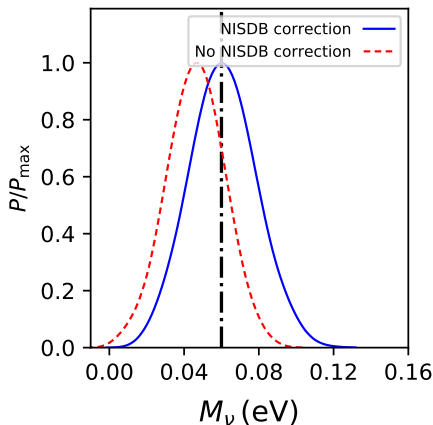
$$P_g(k) = b^2(k, M_\nu) P_m(k)$$

Problem: $b^2(k, M_\nu)$ hard to model

Solution: define the bias with respect to CDM+baryons **only**

$$P_g(k) = b_{cb}^2(k) P_{cb}(k)$$

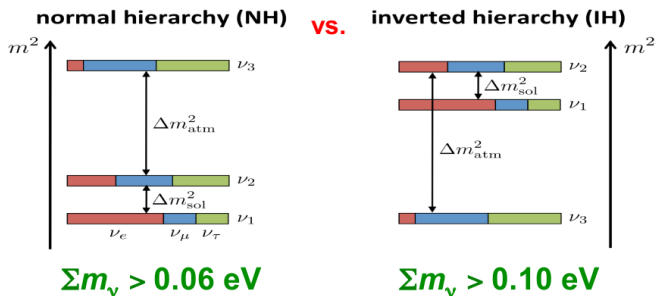
The bias $b_{cb}(k)$ no longer depends on M_ν !



[Brinckmann, SV, et al., paper in preparation \(2018\)](#)

What can cosmology say about the mass hierarchy?

- Cosmology is sensitive to $M_\nu = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$, not to the m_i s...
- For each mass hierarchy, there exists a minimal allowed value for M_ν ...
- ...so naïvely you would say that if we set a limit $M_\nu < 0.1 \text{ eV}$ we know the neutrino hierarchy is normal! (and have a paper in *Nature/Science/PRL*)



What can cosmology say about the mass hierarchy?

- What we really have to solve is a **Bayesian model selection** problem between two models: normal hierarchy (NH) and inverted hierarchy (IH)
- In other words, compute **posterior odds** for normal vs inverted hierarchy, *after having observed cosmological data*:

$$\frac{p_{\text{NH}}}{p_{\text{IH}}} \approx \frac{\int_{0.06 \text{ eV}}^{\infty} dM_{\nu} p(M_{\nu}|\mathbf{x})\mathcal{P}(M_{\nu})}{\int_{0.10 \text{ eV}}^{\infty} dM_{\nu} p(M_{\nu}|\mathbf{x})\mathcal{P}(M_{\nu})}$$

where $p(M_{\nu}|\mathbf{x})$ is your posterior distribution and $\mathcal{P}(M_{\nu})$ your prior distribution SV et al., arXiv: 1701.08172, different formulation leading to approximately same answer in Hannestad & Schwetz, arXiv: 1606.04691

- Note that $\mathcal{P}(M_{\nu})$ appears: dependence on how you weigh your prior volume \rightarrow preference for normal hierarchy driven not by physical effects but **volume effects**

What can cosmology say about the mass hierarchy?

- Even for the most constraining data combination ($M_\nu < 0.09$ eV), $p_{\text{NH}} : p_{\text{IH}} \sim 3.3 : 1$, inverted hierarchy excluded at 77% C.L.
- All sensitivity to the mass hierarchy is entirely due to **volume effects**, i.e. the possibility of excluding the region above 0.1 eV at increasing confidence level
- Recent claims of huge preference (42:1, 95:1, >100:1) for normal hierarchy... [Simpson et al., arXiv: 1703.03425](#)
- ...result of “weird” (unphysical) choice of prior $\mathcal{P}(M_\nu)$ [See rebuttal paper, Schwetz et al. \(incl. SV\), arXiv: 1703.04585](#)
- Other papers have explored other physical priors/methodologies, but preference for normal hierarchy is never $> 5 : 1$

Constraints on mass hierarchy: take home messages

- There is a weak preference ($\sim 2 : 1$) for the NH from cosmology
- Even with the least conservative datasets at most $\sim 3 : 1$ preference
- All preference for the NH is driven by volume effects (i.e. at what significance I can exclude the region > 0.1 eV)
- Corollary of the above: be careful how you weigh your prior volume!



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Model-dependency of cosmology bounds

The bounds so far assumed a background Λ CDM model, i.e. only 6 parameters. Introducing other parameters **degrades** the bound on M_ν

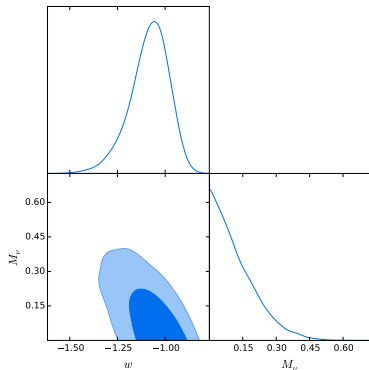
Planck temperature + BAO assuming Λ CDM: $M_\nu < \mathbf{0.25}$ eV

- $< \mathbf{0.37}$ eV if allow curvature Ω_k to vary ($\Omega_k = 0$ in Λ CDM)
- $< \mathbf{0.37}$ eV if allow dark energy EoS w to vary ($w = -1$ in Λ CDM)
- In modified gravity models you can get a **detection** of non-zero M_ν instead of an upper bound (e.g. cubic/quartic/quintic Galileon gravity, $M_\nu \simeq (0.51 \pm 0.19)$ eV) [Renk et al., arXiv: 1707.02263](#)
- ...several other possible examples including evolving dark energy, effective number of neutrino species, tensor-to-scalar ratio, running of scalar spectral index, primordial Helium fraction, lensing amplitude

Although most of these extensions are *statistically disfavoured* from a Bayesian evidence point of view (**Occam's razor**) [Heavens et al., arXiv: 1704.03467](#)

Model-dependency of cosmology bounds

Why do the bounds degrade? **Degeneracies**, again! M_ν - w example:



$$d_{\text{CMB}} \propto \int \frac{dz}{\sqrt{(\Omega_b + \Omega_{\text{cdm}})(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\text{DE}}(z, w) + \Omega_\nu(z, M_\nu)}}, \quad \frac{d\Omega_{\text{DE}}}{dw} < 0, \quad \frac{d\Omega_\nu}{dM_\nu} > 0$$

A remarkable counterintuitive exception: quintessence

Single, minimally-coupled scalar ϕ , with **canonical kinetic term**

Ratra & Peebles 1988; Wetterich 1988; Caldwell, Dave & Steinhardt 1998

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = -\frac{1}{2}\partial^\mu\phi\partial_\mu\phi - V(\phi)$$

Pressure and energy density:

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi), \quad P_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

Equation of state is **non-phantom**:

$$w_\phi = \frac{P_\phi}{\rho_\phi} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)}{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)} \geq -1$$

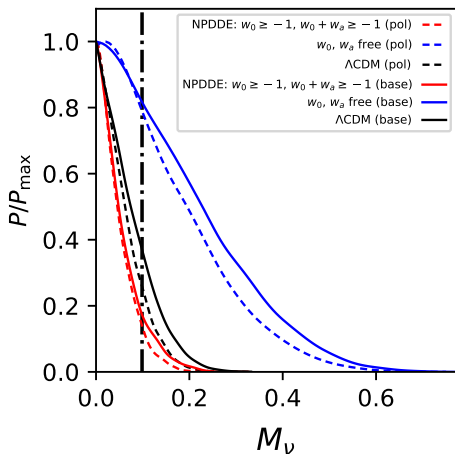
At the cosmological level well modelled as [Linder, arXiv: 0704.2064](#), [SV et al., arXiv: 1801.08553](#)

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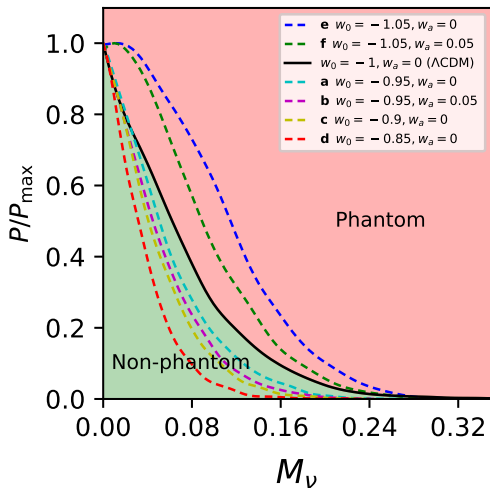
$$w(z) = w_0 + w_a \frac{z}{1+z}, \quad \mathbf{w_0} \geq -1, \quad \mathbf{w_0} + \mathbf{w_a} \geq -1 \rightarrow w(z) \geq -1 \forall z$$

A remarkable counterintuitive exception: quintessence

In quintessence (and more generally non-phantom dark energy) models the bounds on M_ν become $\approx 25\%$ **tighter** than in Λ CDM despite having **more parameters** SV et al., arXiv: 1801.08553



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Implications: [SV et al., arXiv: 1801.08553](#)

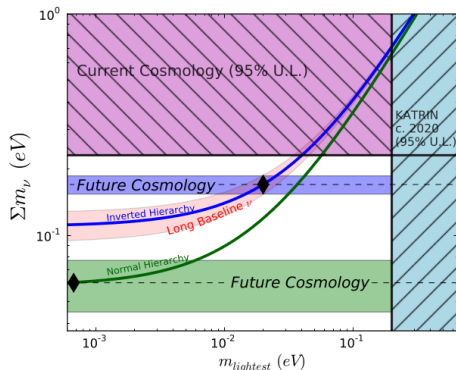
- In non-phantom dark energy models the preference for the normal neutrino hierarchy is significantly stronger ($\approx 3 - 4 : 1$) than in Λ CDM ($\approx 2 : 1$)
- If independent laboratory experiments measure the hierarchy to be inverted, we can be **almost sure** dark energy is phantom (\rightarrow Big Rip?) \rightarrow **insight into the nature of dark energy/cosmic acceleration from neutrino laboratory measurements**
- Similar considerations might apply to certain modified gravity models
- Similar exception happens in other extended models (e.g. negative curvature, low-scale reheating, negative running), currently being examined \rightarrow **insight into extremely early Universe physics from neutrino laboratory measurements** [SV et al., paper in preparation \(2018\)](#)

The future of neutrino cosmology

- Future CMB experiments (improvements especially in lensing): e.g. Advanced ACTPol, SPT-3G, **Simons Observatory**, **CMB-S4**
- Future cluster surveys
- Future galaxy surveys: e.g. **eBOSS**, DESI, LSST, WFIRST
- Galaxy weak lensing (cosmic shear): e.g. Euclid
- Lyman α power spectrum: can probe very small scales
- 21-cm intensity mapping: e.g. SKA

The future of neutrino cosmology

Q: what do future cosmological surveys have in store for ν s?



CMB Lensing (current galaxy clustering):

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|-------------------------|----|
| Stage-IV CMB | 45 |
| Stage-IV CMB + BOSS BAO | 25 |

CMB Lensing + Galaxy clustering:

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| Stage-IV CMB + eBOSS BAO | 23 |
| Stage-IV CMB + DESI BAO | 16 |
| Stage-IV CMB no lensing + DESI galaxy clustering | 15/20 |

Galaxy Weak Lensing:

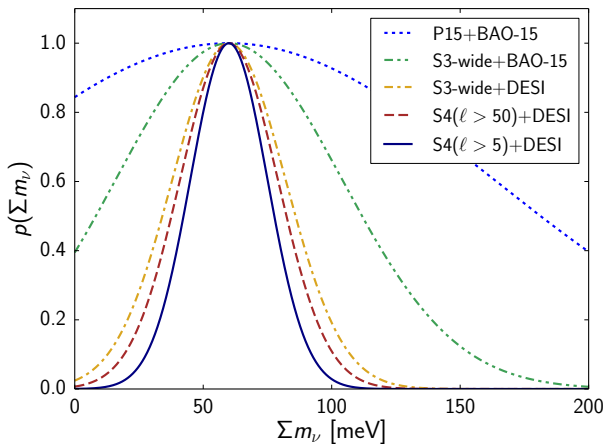
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| Planck + LSST [51] | 23 |
| Planck + Euclid [48] | 25 |

Credits: K. Abazajian et al., arXiv:1309.5383

A: a sure detection of M_ν and possibly of the mass hierarchy (but only if the detected M_ν is substantially smaller than 0.1 eV)!

P.S.: optimists suggest we could measure the individual masses m_i

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Allison et al., arXiv: 1509.7471

...and wide time and scale coverage from future data will help breaking degeneracies (e.g. with w , distinguish effects of ν vs dark energy)

Conclusions

- Cosmology provides **tightest** constraints on sum of ν masses, $M_\nu \lesssim 0.15 \text{ eV}$ (assuming ΛCDM)
- Lots of room for **improvement** (use cross-correlations?), but beware **systematic** effects (neutrino-induced scale-dependent bias)
- **Mild preference** for normal hierarchy due to volume effects \rightarrow beware your choice of prior!
- Upper limits on M_ν usually degrade when relaxing assumptions on underlying cosmology \rightarrow **model-dependence**
- An important exception: **non-phantom dark energy** (quintessence) $\rightarrow \nu$ lab experiments illuminate the nature of dark energy?
- The future of ν cosmology is very bright, with a **detection** of M_ν and possibly the hierarchy expected within the next years: stay tuned!

What's in a name?

| Language | Word tree | ...Some branches | Meaning |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Physics (Fermi 1934) | NEUTR-INO | | Little neutral one |
| Italian | NEUTRO | | Neutral |
| Latin | NE-UTER | | Not either; neutral |
| Latin | UTER | | Either |
| Greek | ↑ | OUDETEROS | Neutral |
| Old High German | ↑ | HWEDAR | Which of two; whether |
| Phonetic change/loss | [K]UOTER[US] | | Which of the two? |
| Ionic Greek | KOTEROS | | Which of the two? |
| Sanskrit | KATARAS | | Which of the two? |
| Latin | ↑ | QUANTUS | How much? |
| Sanskrit | | KATAMAS | Which out of many? |
| Sanskrit | | KATHA | How? |
| Sanskrit | ↑ | KAS | Who? |
| Indo-European root | KA or KWA | | Interrogative base |