

# Recent developments in neutrino cosmology for the layperson

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# D'où venons-nous? Que sommes-nous ? Où allons-nous?



Courtesy of Paul Gauguin

# The oldest questions...

- *Where do we come from?*
- *What are we made of?*
- *Where are we going?*



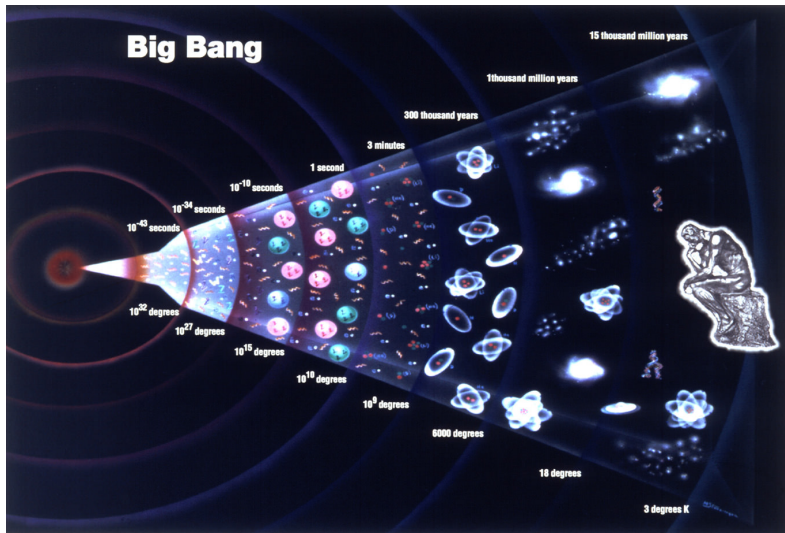
## ...and the modern versions of these questions

- *Where do we come from?* →
- *What are we made of?* →
- *Where are we going?* →

- *What were the Universe's initial conditions?*
- *What is the Universe made of?*
- *How will the Universe evolve?*

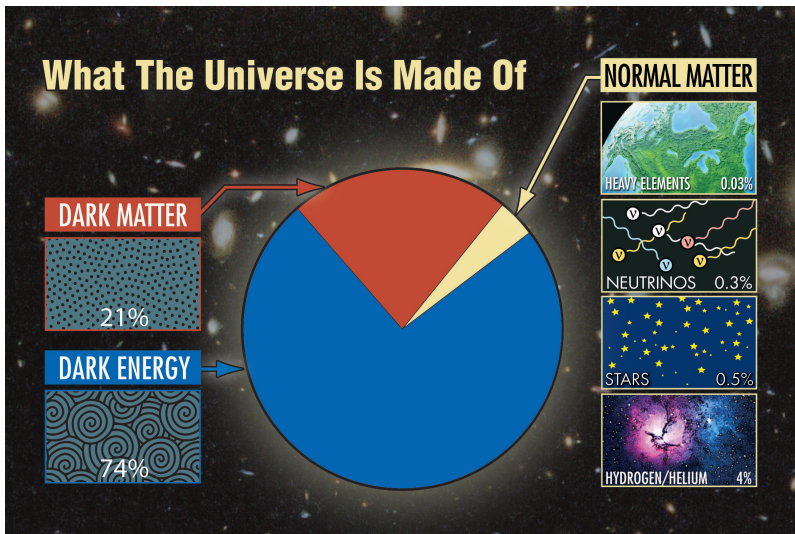
# Where do we come from?

Cosmic inflation aka *(Hot) Big Bang?*



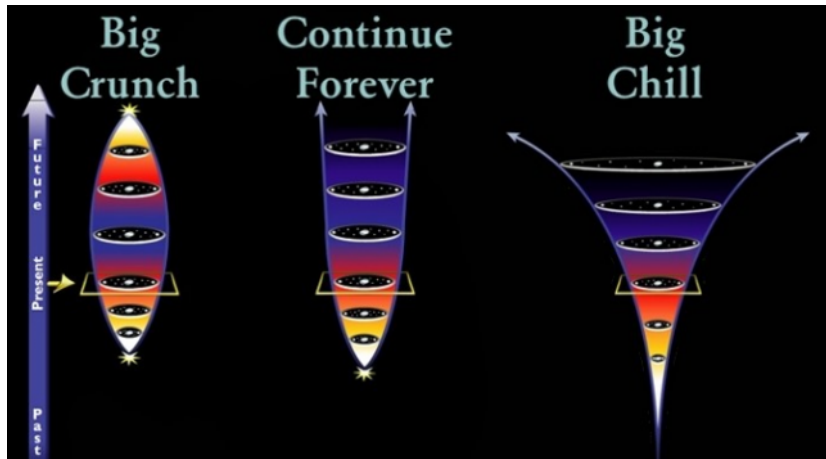
# What are we made of?

Mostly dark stuff (and a bit of neutrinos)

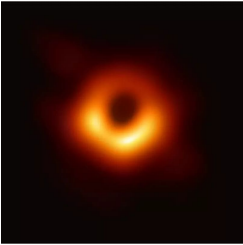
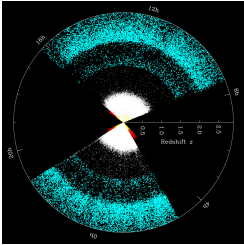
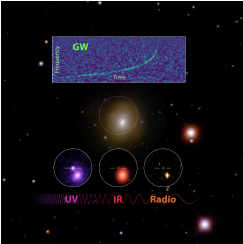
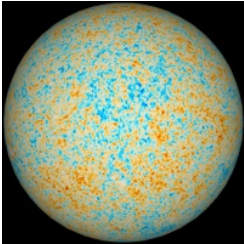


# Where are we going?

Depends on what dark energy is?

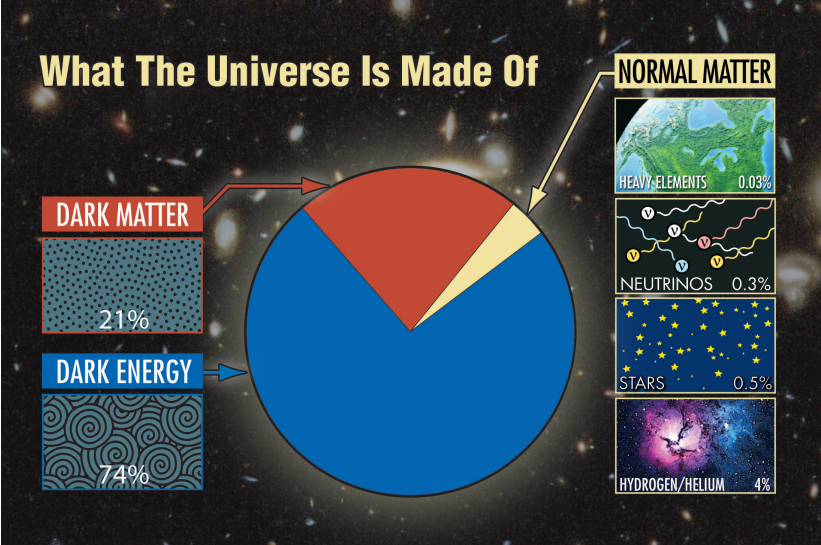


Lots of astrophysical and cosmological data to test theories for the origin/composition/fate of the Universe:

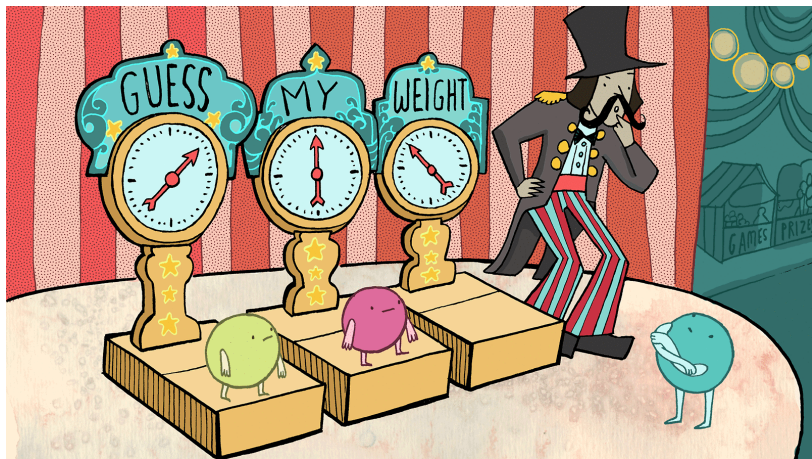




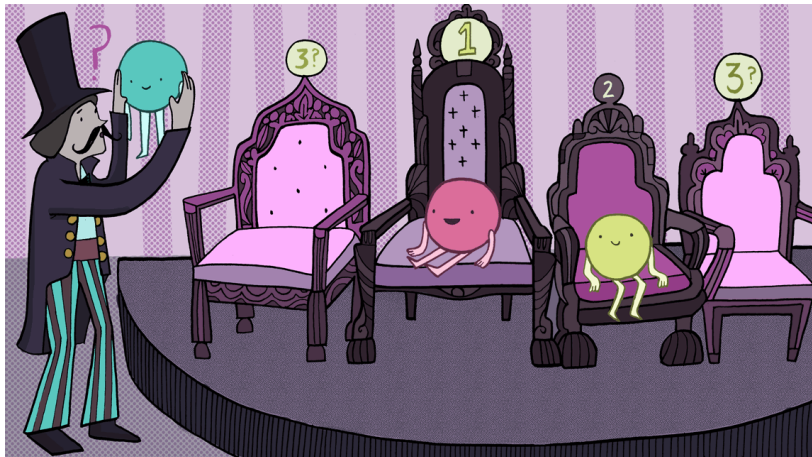
# Neutrinos



# Neutrino masses



# Neutrino mass ordering



# Paper I

Sunny Vagnozzi, Elena Giusarma, Olga Mena, Katie Freese, Martina Gerbino, Shirley Ho, Massimiliano Lattanzi, *Phys. Rev. D* **96** (2017) 123503 [[arXiv:1701.08172](#)]

What does current data tell us about the neutrino mass scale and mass ordering? How to quantify how much the normal ordering is favoured?

## Unveiling $\nu$ secrets with cosmological data: Neutrino masses and mass hierarchy

Sunny Vagnozzi, Elena Giusarma, Olga Mena, Katherine Freese, Martina Gerbino, Shirley Ho, and Massimiliano Lattanzi

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### ABSTRACT

Using some of the latest cosmological data sets publicly available, we derive the strongest bounds in the literature on the sum of the three active neutrino masses,  $M_\nu$ , within the assumption of a background flat  $\Lambda$  CDM cosmology. In the most conservative scheme, combining Planck cosmic microwave background temperature anisotropies and baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) data, as well as the up-to-date constraint on the optical depth to reionization ( $\tau$ ), the tightest 95% confidence level upper bound we find is  $M_\nu < 0.151$  eV. The addition of Planck high- $\ell$  polarization data, which, however, might still be contaminated by systematics, further tightens the bound to  $M_\nu < 0.118$  eV. A proper model comparison treatment shows that the two aforementioned combinations disfavor the inverted hierarchy at 84% C.L. and 51% C.L., respectively. In addition, we compare the constraints

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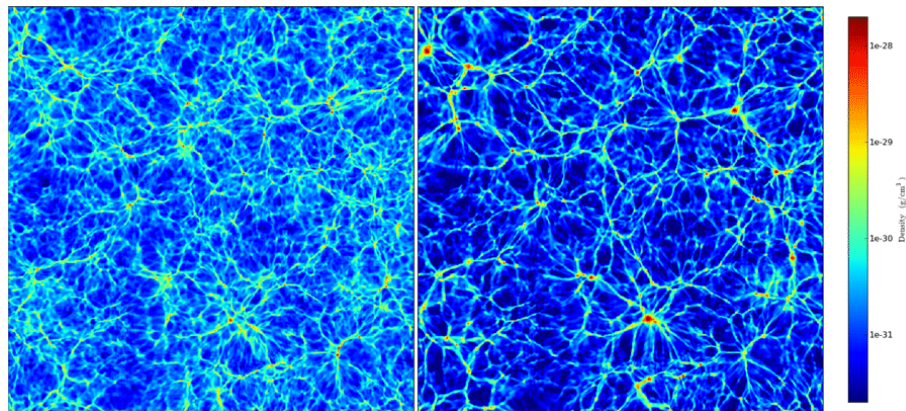
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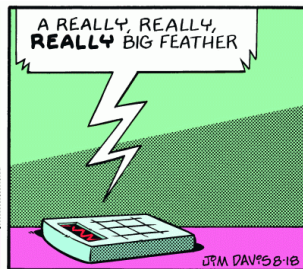
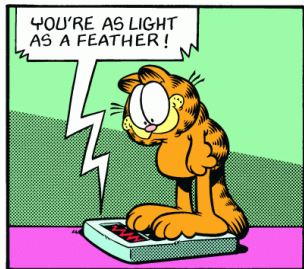
# Paper I

Even a small amount of massive neutrinos leaves a huge trace in the distribution of galaxies on the largest observables scales



# Paper I

$$M_\nu < \frac{1}{100000000000000000000000000000000000000} \text{ kg}$$



# Paper II

Elena Giusarma, **Sunny Vagnozzi**, Shirley Ho, Simone Ferraro, Katie Freese, Rocky Kamen-Rubio, Kam-Biu Luk, *Phys. Rev. D* **98** (2018) 123526 [[arXiv:1802.08694](https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.08694)]  
[Scale-dependent galaxy bias: can we nail it through CMB lensing-galaxy cross-correlations and learn more about neutrinos?](#)

## Scale-dependent galaxy bias, CMB lensing-galaxy cross-correlation, and neutrino masses

Elena Giusarma, Sunny Vagnozzi, Shirley Ho, Simone Ferraro, Katherine Freese, Rocky Kamen-Rubio, and Kam-Biu Luk  
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### ABSTRACT

One of the most powerful cosmological data sets when it comes to constraining neutrino masses is represented by galaxy power spectrum measurements,  $P_{gg}(k)$ . The constraining power of  $P_{gg}(k)$  is however severely limited by uncertainties in the modeling of the scale-dependent galaxy bias  $b(k)$ . In this work we present a new proof-of-principle for a method to constrain  $b(k)$  by using the cross-correlation between the cosmic microwave background (CMB) lensing signal and galaxy maps ( $C_{\ell}^{K\ell G}$ ) using a simple but theoretically well-motivated parametrization for  $b(k)$ . We apply the method using  $C_{\ell}^{K\ell G}$  measured by cross-correlating

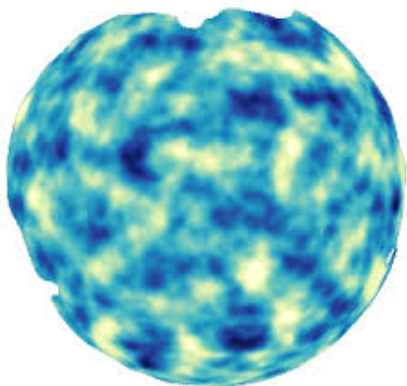
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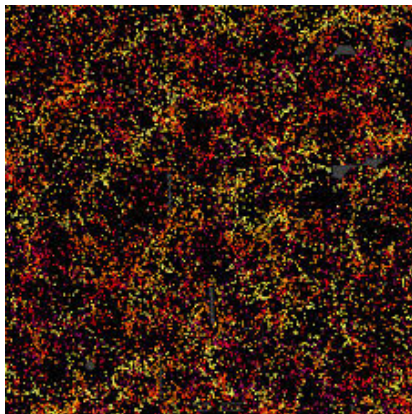




## CMB lensing-galaxy cross-correlation



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**Sunny Vagnozzi**, Thejs Brinckmann, Maria Archidiacono, Katie Freese, Martina Gerbino, Julien Lesgourgues, Tim Sprenger, *JCAP* **1809** (2018) 001 [[arXiv:1807.04672](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.04672)]  
**Scale-dependent galaxy bias induced by neutrinos: why we should worry, and a simple correction implemented in CLASS**

## Bias due to neutrinos must not uncorrect'd go

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### Abstract

It is a well known fact that galaxies are biased tracers of the distribution of matter in the Universe. The galaxy bias is usually factored as a function of redshift and scale, and approximated as being scale-independent on large, linear scales. In cosmologies with massive neutrinos, the galaxy bias defined with respect to the total matter field (cold dark matter, baryons, and non-relativistic neutrinos) also depends on the sum of the neutrino masses  $M_\nu$ , and becomes scale-dependent even on large scales. This effect has been usually neglected given the sensitivity of current surveys. However, it becomes a severe systematic

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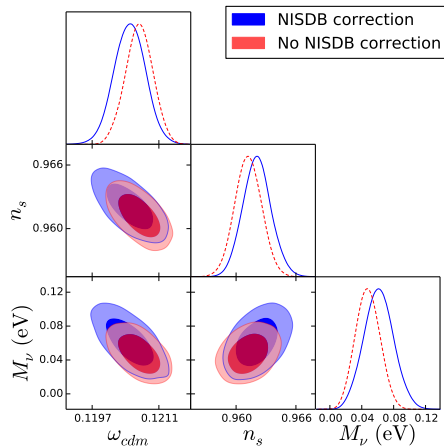
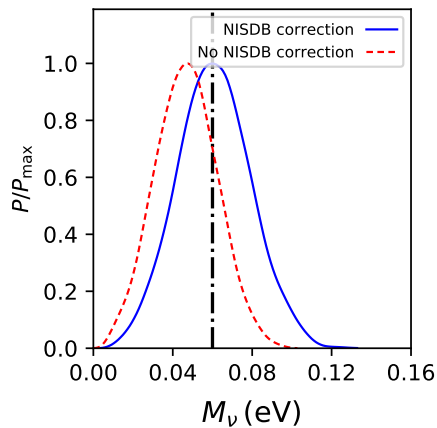


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## Paper III



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# Paper IV

Sunny Vagnozzi, Suhail Dhawan, Martina Gerbino, Katie Freese, Ariel Goobar, Olga Mena, *Phys. Rev. D* **98** (2018) 083501 [[arXiv:1801.08553](https://arxiv.org/abs/1801.08553)]

Can the neutrino mass ordering and laboratory experiments tell us something about dark energy and the fate of the Universe (“Where are we going?”)?

Constraints on the sum of the neutrino masses in dynamical dark energy models with  $w(z) \geq -1$  are tighter than those obtained in  $\Lambda$  CDM

Sunny Vagnozzi, Suhail Dhawan, Martina Gerbino, Katherine Freese, Ariel Goobar, and Olga Mena  
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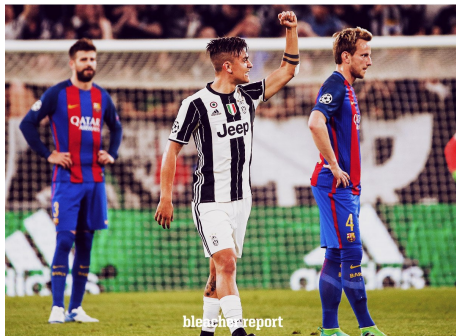
## ABSTRACT

We explore cosmological constraints on the sum of the three active neutrino masses  $M_\nu$  in the context of dynamical dark energy (DDE) models with equation of state (EoS) parametrized as a function of redshift  $z$  by  $w(z) = w_0 + w_a z / (1 + z)$ , and satisfying  $w(z) \geq -1$  for all  $z$ . We make use of cosmic microwave background data from the Planck satellite, baryon acoustic oscillation measurements, and supernovae Ia luminosity distance measurements, and perform a Bayesian analysis. We show that, within these models, the bounds on  $M_\nu$  do not degrade with respect to those obtained in the  $\Lambda$  CDM case; in fact, the bounds are slightly tighter, despite the enlarged parameter space. We explain our

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## Paper IV

Rules of the game:

- Choose your favourite dark energy model (Goliath).
- Compute upper limit on  $M_\nu$  using *only* cosmological information (David).
- If limit does not contract lower limit from oscillations ( $0.06 \text{ eV}$ ), your model is not ruled out (yet), else you have a problem!



# Paper V

Martina Gerbino, Katie Freese, **Sunny Vagnozzi**, Massimiliano Lattanzi, Olga Mena, Elena Giusarma, Shirley Ho, *Phys. Rev. D* **95** (2017) 043512 [[arXiv:1610.08830](https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.08830)]  
Neutrinos as a nuisance: can they mess up our conclusions about inflation and the initial conditions of the Universe (“Where do we come from?”)?

## Impact of neutrino properties on the estimation of inflationary parameters from current and future observations

Martina Gerbino, Katherine Freese, Sunny Vagnozzi, Massimiliano Lattanzi, Olga Mena, Elena Giusarma, and Shirley Ho  
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### ABSTRACT

We study the impact of assumptions about neutrino properties on the estimation of inflationary parameters from cosmological data, with a specific focus on the allowed contours in the  $n_s/r$  plane, where  $n_s$  is the scalar spectral index and  $r$  is the tensor-to-scalar ratio. We study the following neutrino properties: (i) the total neutrino mass  $M_\nu = \sum_i m_i$  (where the index  $i = 1, 2, 3$  runs over the three neutrino mass eigenstates); (ii) the number of relativistic degrees of freedom  $N_{\text{eff}}$  at the time of recombination; and (iii) the neutrino hierarchy. Whereas previous literature assumed three degenerate neutrino masses or two massless neutrino species (approximations that clearly do not match

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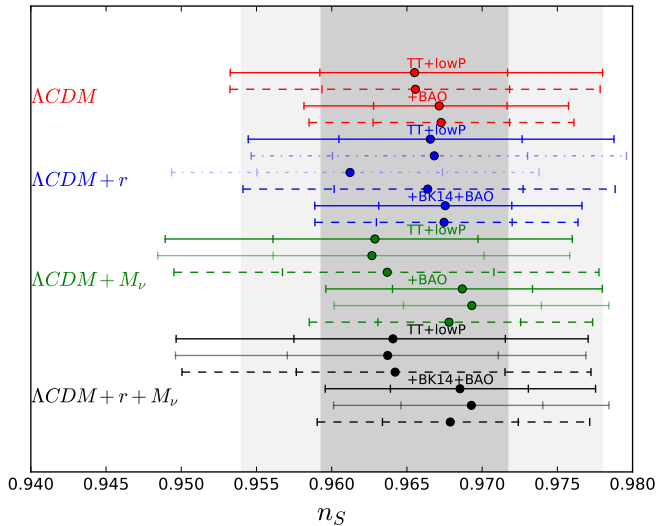
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Big Bang sets initial conditions for the Universe...



...something (apparently) messes them up?

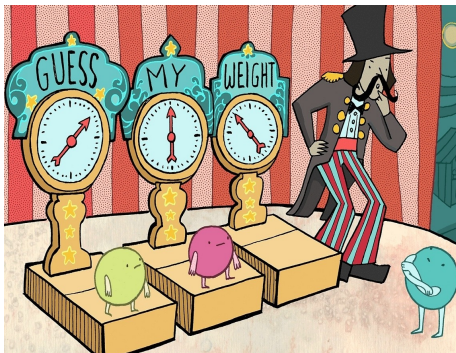




## Weigh them all!

Cosmological searches for the neutrino mass scale and mass ordering

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Thank you!