Neutrinos in Cosmology (II)



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Outline

Introduction: neutrinos and the history of the Universe



Basics of Cosmology

Production and decoupling of relic neutrinos **-1st**

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The radiation content of the Universe (N_{eff})

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Neutrinos and Primordial Nucleosynthesis

Neutrino oscillations in the Early Universe

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Effects of neutrino masses on cosmological observables

Present bounds on neutrino properties from cosmology

Future sensitivities on neutrino physics from cosmology



Massive neutrinos as Dark Matter

Neutrinos and Primordial Nucleosynthesis





Produced elements: D, ³He, ⁴He, ⁷Li and small abundances of others

Theoretical inputs:

- G_N , the Newton gravitational constant;
- η , the baryon to photon number density ratio;
- the nuclear rates.

• τ_n , the neutron lifetime;

$$\eta_{10} = \frac{n_B/n_\gamma}{10^{-10}} \simeq 274 \,\Omega_B h^2$$

Range of temperatures: from 0.8 to 0.01 MeV

$$t \simeq 0,74 \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{T}\right)^2 \text{ sec}$$



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BBN: Measurement of Primordial abundances

Difficult task: search in astrophysical systems with chemical evolution as small as possible

Deuterium: destroyed in stars. Any observed abundance of D is a *lower* limit to the primordial abundance. Data from high-z, low metallicity QSO absorption line systems

Helium-3: produced and destroyed in stars (complicated evolution) Data from solar system and galaxies but not used in BBN analysis

Helium-4: primordial abundance increased by H burning in stars. Data from low metallicity, extragalatic HII regions

Lithium-7: destroyed in stars, produced in cosmic ray reactions. Data from oldest, most metal-poor stars in the Galaxy

BBN: Predictions vs Observations



Planck 2015, arXiv:1502.01589

Effect of neutrinos on BBN

1. N_{eff} fixes the expansion rate during BBN



2. Direct effect of electron neutrinos and antineutrinos on the n-p reactions

 $\nu_e + n \leftrightarrow p + e^- \quad e^+ + n \leftrightarrow p + \bar{\nu}_e$

BBN: allowed ranges for N_{eff}



Neutrino oscillations in the Early Universe

Flavour neutrino oscillations in the Early Universe

Standard case: all neutrino flavours equally populated oscillations are effective below a few MeV, but have no effect (except for mixing the small distortions δf_ν)
Cosmology is insensitive to neutrino flavour after decoupling!

Non-zero neutrino asymmetries: flavour oscillations lead to (approximate) global flavour equilibrium

the restrictive BBN bound on the $\nu_e \bar{\nu}_e$ asymmetry applies to all flavors, but fine-tuned initial asymmetries always allow for a large surviving neutrino excess radiation that may show up in precision cosmological data (value depends on θ_{13})

Active-sterile neutrino oscillations

What if additional, light *sterile* neutrino species are mixed with the flavour neutrinos?

If oscillations are effective <u>before decoupling</u>: the additional species can be brought into equilibrium: N_{eff}=4

♣ If oscillations are effective <u>after decoupling</u>: N_{eff} =3 but the spectrum of active neutrinos is distorted (direct effect of v_e and anti- v_e on BBN)

Results depend on the sign of Δm^2 (resonant vs non-resonant case)

N_{eff} & Active-sterile neutrino oscillations



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Hannestad, Tamborra & Tram, JCAP 07 (2012) 025

Neutrinos as Dark Matter

The Cosmic Neutrino Background

Neutrinos decoupled at T~MeV, keeping a spectrum as that of a relativistic species

$$f_{\nu}(p,T) = \frac{1}{\exp(p/T_{\nu}) + 1}$$

• Number density

At present 112 $(\nu+\bar{
u})$ cm⁻³ per flavour

• Energy density

Contribution to the energy density of the Universe
$$\Omega_{\nu}h^2 \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Massless}$$

$$\Omega_{\nu}h^2 = \frac{\sum_i m_{\nu_i}}{94.1 \text{ eV}} \text{ Massive } m_{\text{v}} > \text{T}$$



We know that flavour neutrino oscillations exist

From present evidences of oscillations from experiments measuring atmospheric, solar, reactor and accelerator neutrinos



Neutrino masses



Possible neutrino mass hierarchy patterns

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Evolution of the background densities: 1 MeV \rightarrow now



Neutrinos as Dark Matter

• Neutrinos are natural DM candidates

$$\Omega_{\nu}h^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i} m_{i}}{93.2 \text{ eV}} \qquad \Omega_{\nu} < 1 \rightarrow \sum_{i} m_{i} \lesssim 46 \text{ eV}$$
$$\Omega_{\nu} < \Omega_{m} \simeq 0.3 \rightarrow \sum_{i} m_{i} \lesssim 15 \text{ eV}$$

- They stream freely until non-relativistic (collisionless phase mixing)
 Neutrinos are HOT Dark Matter (large thermal motion)
- First structures to be formed when Universe became matter –dominated are very large
- Ruled out by structure formation CDM

Massive Neutrinos can still be subdominant DM: limits on m_v from Structure Formation (combined with other cosmological data)



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growth of $\delta \rho / \rho$ (k,t) fixed by gravity vs expansion balance

 $\Rightarrow \delta
ho /
ho$ a a

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neutrinos cannot cluster below a diffusion length

 $\lambda = \int v dt \prec \int c dt$

Structure formation after equality



for $(2\pi/k) < \lambda$, free-streaming supresses growth of structures during MD $\Rightarrow \delta \rho / \rho \propto a^{1-3/5 fv}$ with $f_v = \rho_v / \rho_m \approx (\Sigma m_v) / (15 eV)$

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Effects of neutrino masses on cosmological observables



from J. Lesgourgues

Power Spectrum of density fluctuations



Neutrinos as Hot Dark Matter: effect on P(k)

Massive Neutrinos can still be subdominant DM: limits on m_v from Structure Formation (combined with other cosmological data)

• Effect of Massive Neutrinos: suppression of Power at small scales



Effect of massive neutrinos on P(k)

Observable signature of the total mass on P(k):





from J. Lesgourgues

CMB data from Planck



P.A.R. Ade et al, arXiv:1502.01589

Present CMB data



Effects of m_v on the CMB

- Neutrinos contribute to radiation at early times and non-relativistic matter at late times
- If $m_v < 0.6 \text{ eV}$, neutrinos are relativistic at photon decoupling. In principle the primary CMB TT spectrum sensitive to $\Sigma m_v > 1.5 \text{ eV}$
- "effect of m_v " depends on what combination of parameters is kept fixed
- Leave both "early cosmology" and angular diameter dist. to decoupling invariant:
 - Possible by fixing photon, cdm and baryon densities, while tuning H_0 , Ω_Λ
 - then increase in $m^{}_{\nu}$ goes with decrease in $\rm H^{}_{0}$: negative correlation between the two
 - "base model" in Planck has (0.06, 0, 0) eV masses: shifts best-fitting H₀ by -0.6 h/km/Mpc with respect to massless case

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Effects of N_{eff} on cosmological observables

Effects of N_{eff} on the CMB

- N_{eff} is a parameter for the relativistic density in general
- "background effects" (change in expansion history) versus "perturbation effects" (gravitational interactions between photons and relativistic species)
- "effect of N_{eff}" depends on what is kept fixed.
- Fixing quantities best probed by CMB (angular peak scale, redshift of equality, ...):
 - possible with simultaneous enhancement of radiation, matter, Λ densities, with fixed photon and baryon densities
 - then increase in N_{eff} goes with increase in H₀: positive correlation between the two

Evolution of the background densities: 1 MeV \rightarrow now



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Present bounds on neutrino properties from cosmology

Neutrino masses

Data on flavour oscillations do not fix the absolute scale of neutrino masses



How to get a bound (measurement) of neutrino masses from Cosmology

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Fiducial cosmological model: $(\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_m h^2, h, n_s, \tau, \Sigma m_v)$









from J. Lesgourgues

Cosmological Data

• CMB Temperature: Planck plus data from other experiments at large multipoles (ACT, SPT...)

- CMB Polarization and lensing: Planck,...
- Large Scale Structure:
 - * Galaxy Clustering
 - * Bias (Galaxy, ...): Amplitude of the Matter P(k)
 - * Lyman- α forest: independent measurement of power on small scales
 - * Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO)

Bounds on parameters from other data: SNIa (Ω_m), HST (h), ...

Cosmological Parameters: example

Parameter	Meaning	Status
τ	Reionization optical depth	Not optional
ω_b	Baryon density	Not optional
ω_d	Dark matter density	Not optional
f_{ν}	Dark matter neutrino fraction	Well motivated
Ω_{Λ}	Dark energy density	Not optional
W	Dark energy equation of state	Worth testing
Ω_k	Spatial curvature	Worth testing
A_{s}	Scalar fluctuation amplitude	Not optional
n_s	Scalar spectral index	Well motivated
α	Running of spectral index	Worth testing
r	Tensor-to-scalar ratio	Well motivated
n _t	Tensor spectral index	Well motivated
Ь	Galaxy bias factor	Not optional

SDSS Coll, PRD 69 (2004) 103501

Cosmological bounds on neutrino mass(es)

A unique cosmological bound on m_v DOES NOT exist !

Different analyses have found upper bounds on neutrino masses, since they depend on

• The combination of cosmological data used

• The assumed cosmological model: number of parameters (problem of parameter degeneracies)

• The properties of relic neutrinos

The minimal Λ CDM model fits very well Planck data

Parameter	TT+lowP 68 % limits	TT+lowP+lensing 68 % limits	TT+lowP+lensing+ext 68 % limits
$\Omega_{\rm b}h^2$. 0.02222 ± 0.00023	0.02226 ± 0.00023	0.02227 ± 0.00020
$\Omega_{\rm c}h^2$. 0.1197 ± 0.0022	0.1186 ± 0.0020	0.1184 ± 0.0012
100 <i>θ</i> _{MC}	. 1.04085 ± 0.00047	1.04103 ± 0.00046	1.04106 ± 0.00041
τ	. 0.078 ± 0.019	0.066 ± 0.016	0.067 ± 0.013
$\ln(10^{10}A_{\rm s})$. 3.089 ± 0.036	3.062 ± 0.029	3.064 ± 0.024
<i>n</i> _s	. 0.9655 ± 0.0062	0.9677 ± 0.0060	0.9681 ± 0.0044
$\overline{H_0}$. 67.31 ± 0.96	67.81 ± 0.92	67.90 ± 0.55
$\Omega_{\Lambda} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 0.685 ± 0.013	0.692 ± 0.012	0.6935 ± 0.0072
$\Omega_m \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$	0.315 ± 0.013	0.308 ± 0.012	0.3065 ± 0.0072
Parameter	TT,TE,EE+lowP TT 68 % limits	r,TE,EE+lowP+lensing 68 % limits	TT,TE,EE+lowP+lensing+ext 68 % limits
$\Omega_{\rm b}h^2$	0.02225 ± 0.00016	0.02226 ± 0.00016	0.02230 ± 0.00014
$\Omega_{\rm c}h^2$	0.1198 ± 0.0015	0.1193 ± 0.0014	0.1188 ± 0.0010
100 <i>θ</i> _{MC}	1.04077 ± 0.00032	1.04087 ± 0.00032	1.04093 ± 0.00030
τ	0.079 ± 0.017	0.063 ± 0.014	0.066 ± 0.012
$\ln(10^{10}A_s)$	3.094 ± 0.034	3.059 ± 0.025	3.064 ± 0.023
<i>n</i> _s	0.9645 ± 0.0049	0.9653 ± 0.0048	0.9667 ± 0.0040
H_0	67.27 ± 0.66	67.51 ± 0.64	67.74 ± 0.46
$\Omega_{\Lambda} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$	0.6844 ± 0.0091	0.6879 ± 0.0087	0.6911 ± 0.0062
Ω _m	0.3156 ± 0.0091	0.3121 ± 0.0087	0.3089 ± 0.0062

1-parameter extensions of the Λ CDM model

Parameter	TT	TT+lensing	TT+lensing+ext	-
Ω_{κ}	$-0.052^{+0.049}_{-0.055}$	$-0.005^{+0.016}_{-0.017}$	$-0.0001^{+0.0054}_{-0.0052}$	-
Σm_{ν} [eV]	< 0.715	< 0.675	< 0.234	95% CI
<i>N</i> _{eff}	$3.13^{+0.64}_{-0.63}$	$3.13^{+0.62}_{-0.61}$	$3.15^{+0.41}_{-0.40}$	limits
<i>Y</i> _p	$0.252^{+0.041}_{-0.042}$	$0.251_{-0.039}^{+0.040}$	$0.251_{-0.036}^{+0.035}$	mmes
$dn_s/d\ln k$	$-0.008^{+0.016}_{-0.016}$	$-0.003^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$	$-0.003^{+0.015}_{-0.014}$	
<i>r</i> _{0.002}	< 0.103	< 0.114	< 0.114	
<i>w</i>	$-1.54^{+0.62}_{-0.50}$	$-1.41^{+0.64}_{-0.56}$	$-1.006^{+0.085}_{-0.091}$	_

Parameter	TT, TE, EE	TT, TE, EE+lensing	TT, TE, EE+lensing+ext
$\overline{\Omega_K}$	$-0.040^{+0.038}_{-0.041}$	$-0.004^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$	$0.0008^{+0.0040}_{-0.0039}$
Σm_{ν} [eV]	< 0.492	< 0.589	< 0.194
<i>N</i> _{eff}	$2.99^{+0.41}_{-0.39}$	$2.94^{+0.38}_{-0.38}$	$3.04^{+0.33}_{-0.33}$
<i>Y</i> _p	$0.250^{+0.026}_{-0.027}$	$0.247^{+0.026}_{-0.027}$	$0.249_{-0.025}^{+0.025}$
$dn_s/d\ln k$	$-0.006^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$	$-0.002^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$	$-0.002^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$
<i>r</i> _{0.002}	< 0.0987	< 0.112	< 0.113
<i>w</i>	$-1.55^{+0.58}_{-0.48}$	$-1.42^{+0.62}_{-0.56}$	$-1.019^{+0.075}_{-0.080}$

 $Ext = BAO + JLA + H_0$

1-parameter extensions of the Λ CDM model

68+95% Conf regions



Planck TT + lowP Planck TT, TE, EE + lowP Planck TT, TE, EE + lowP + BAO



Measuring m_v with Planck (+other cosmo data)

Cosmological upper limits on the sum of neutrino masses



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Probing the absolute neutrino mass scale

Searching for non-zero neutrino mass in laboratory experiments

• Tritium beta decay: measurements of endpoint energy

$$^{3}H \rightarrow ~^{3}He + e^{-} + \bar{\nu}_{e}$$

 m_{β} < 2.2 eV (95% CL) Mainz

Current experiment (KATRIN) $m(v_e) \sim 200-300 \text{ meV}$

• Neutrinoless double beta decay: if Majorana neutrinos

$$(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + 2e^{-}$$

experiments with ⁷⁶Ge, ¹³⁰Te, ¹³⁶Xe and other isotopes: $m_{\beta\beta} < 60-800$ meV, depending on NME

Probing the absolute neutrino mass scale

Tritium
$$\beta$$
 decay $m_{\beta} = \left(\sum_{i} |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2\right)^{1/2}$ 2.2 eV

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1^2 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2^2 + s_{13}^2 m_3^2 \end{bmatrix}^{1/2}$$
Neutrinoless
double beta
decay $m_{\beta\beta} = \left|\sum_{i} U_{ei}^2 m_i\right|$ < 60-330 meV
 $|c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 m_1 + c_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 m_2 e^{i\phi_2} + s_{13}^2 m_3 e^{i\phi_3}|$

Cosmology	$\sim \sum_i m_i$	< 110-590 meV
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Tritium β decay, $0\nu 2\beta$ and Cosmology



Future sensitivities on neutrino physics from cosmology



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