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Cosmology Overview



"Area" = (Highest E/Lowest E)X(Largest D/Smallest D) = 10⁵⁰



At early times, electroweak reactions were frequent enough to keep neutrinos in equilibrium with the rest of the cosmic plasma

Fermi-Dirac distribution with temperature *T* equal to the electron/photon temperature.



After the neutrinos decoupled from the rest of the plasma (*kT*<MeV), they still maintained Fermi-Dirac distribution with *T* falling as the Universe expanded

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Calibrate off the well-known photon temperature

$$n_{vv} = 115N_v cm^{-3}$$
Number of species of weakly interacting neutrinos (3)

There are ~ a hundred quadrillion cosmic neutrinos (flux of $115x3c = 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$) passing through this screen (~10⁴ cm²) every second.



Sterile Neutrinos produced in the early universe via oscillations

$$Rate = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(2\overline{\theta}_s)\Gamma_{weak}$$

where the mixing angle needs to be computed in matter

Production peaks at ~100 MeV and can completely thermalize the state so that $N_v \rightarrow 4$



Neutrinos leave a subtle imprint on the sky



Cosmic Microwave Background: Picture of the Universe when it was 380,000 years old



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Spectrum of Musical Note



Power Spectrum of CMB: Acoustic Oscillations and Damping



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$$\frac{\lambda_{acoustic}}{\lambda_{damping}} \propto t_{rec}^{1/2}$$

$$\lambda_D \sim \lambda_{MFP} \sqrt{N_{scatters}} \sim \lambda_{MFP} \sqrt{\frac{ct}{\lambda_{MFP}}} \propto t^{1/2}$$



Neutrinos contribute to energy density of the early Universe



- Einstein's equations

 Expansion Rate
 proportional to energy
 density
- Age of the universe at given Temperature is higher if expansion rate is slower (e.g., if neutrinos did not contribute to the energy budget)





More neutrinos \rightarrow More Damping \rightarrow Less power on small scales



CMB Anisotropies measured for over 20 years

Sky Coverage



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Example: Planck High Frequency Instrument





(Simplified) Model for the time-ordered data:

$$d_t = A_{tp}T_p + n_t$$

Pointing matrix Temperature in pixel *p* Time-stream noise, with mean zero and variance *N*

Minimum variance estimator for map:

$$\mathbf{T}_p = \left(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{N}^{-1} \mathbf{A}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{N}^{-1} \mathbf{d}_{\perp}$$



(Indirect) Detection of Cosmic Neutrino Background!



Light sterile neutrinos Disfavored









UNIFORM TO ONE PART IN 10,000 This evolution was driven by gravity: over-dense regions became more over-dense, eventually forming galaxies and stars

VERY NON-UNIFORM











Neutrinos have large thermal velocities so do not cluster on small scales. This non-clustering component inhibits the formation of small scale structure.

Massless Neutrinos



Massive Neutrinos





Neutrinos Inhibit Small Scale Structure

We quantify this with the power spectrum, or the dimensionless $k^{3}P(k)$.



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Example: CMASS ("Constant Mass") galaxies from Baryon Acoustic Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS)



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- Form a quadratic estimator

$$\hat{P}(k) = \sum_{ij} \Delta_i \Delta_j M_{ij}(k)$$

A simple guess might be $M_{ij}(k) = e^{i\vec{k}\cdot(\vec{x}_i-\vec{x}_j)}$ but there are many other options, many of which account for masks, edge effects more carefully and have better noise properties



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Final Constraints insensitive to theory systematics

This analysis (and recent Planck + other experiments) get

$$\sum m_{v} < 0.2 \, eV$$





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Surveys over the next decade will measure neutrino masses





Complementarity with neutrinoless double beta decay







Neutrinos raise doubts about this iconic "setin-stone" chart

Simple 3-Neutrino Paradigm explains everything, but every time we think we've understood neutrinos, we've been wrong





Exciting "Large Area" Program to test 3-Neutrino Paradigm





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- We think we have a simple cosmological model that fits everything. Maybe we don't ... and a neutrino discovery will lead the way to a better understanding of the evolution of the universe





Recent hints for X-ray excess

Stacked signal from many galaxy clusters

And from Andromeda





Recent hints for X-ray excess

If interpreted as sterile neutrino decay, mixing angle is too small for them to be produced enough in the early universe in the standard scenario, but alternatives abound: resonances, etc.



More importantly, no signal seen in other areas



7-keV vs. r=0.1 vs. Galactic Center DM?



Planck constraints on sterile massive neutrinos





Covariance Matrix and Window Function

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 The power spectrum estimate is sensitive to a range of P(k); W follows from M

$$\left\langle \hat{P}(k) \right\rangle = \int dk' W(k,k') P(k')$$



Power Spectrum, Covariance Matrix, & Window Function



Zhao et al 2013

