Neutrinos in the early universe

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The grand lecture plan...

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- 2. Signatures of neutrino dark matter and neutrino mass constraints
- 3. Future prospects

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Useful references...

- Lecture notes
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Reviews

- J. Lesgourgues & S. Pastor, *Massive neutrinos and cosmology*, Phys. Rep. **429** (2006) 307 [astro-ph/0603494].
- Y. Y. Y. Wong, Neutrino mass in cosmology: status and prospects, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 61 (2011) 69 [arXiv:1111.1436].

Textbooks

- J. Lesgourgues, G. Mangano, G. Miele & S. Pastor, *Neutrino cosmology*



1. Neutrinos and structure formation...

How structures form...

• The early universe is filled with an almost homogeneous matter density field with tiny **random fluctuations**:

$$\delta \!\equiv\! \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}}$$

- Perturbations "grow" via gravitational instability, and eventually form galaxies and galaxy clusters, etc.
- Leading theory for the origin of small fluctuations is inflation. (Quantum fluctuations on the inflaton field.)



How structures form...

• Primordial fluctuations seeded by, e.g., inflation.



How structures form...



Neutrino dark matter...

- Standard hot big bang predicts a relic neutrino background:
 - Temperature:

$$T_{\nu,0} = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T_{\text{CMB},0} = 1.95 \text{ K}$$

- Number density (per flavour):

$$n_{\nu,0} = \frac{6}{4} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} T_{\nu,0}^3 = 112 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- Energy density (per flavour):

If the relic neutrinos are nonrelativistic today (i.e., $m_v > 0.1 \text{ meV}$)

$$\Omega_{\rm v,0} = \frac{m_{\rm v}}{94 \, h^2 \, \rm eV}$$

Observations indicate

 $\Omega_{\rm DM}\!\sim\!0.25$

Can it be explained by neutrino dark matter?

Neutrino dark matter...

- Answer: No
- Reason:
 - The obvious one: a neutrino mass of ~ 10 eV is needed (not allowed by current tritium β -decay experiments).
 - The deeper one: relic neutrinos come with large thermal motion, with a characteristic thermal speed

$$v_{\text{thermal}} = \frac{T_v}{m_v} \simeq 50.4(1+z) \left(\frac{\text{eV}}{m_v}\right) \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

→ Thermal motion counters the effect of gravitational instability.
 → Neutrino gas does not collapse because neutrinos fly away!



• Collapse time scale:

$$\Delta t_{\text{collapse}} \equiv \left(4 \,\pi \,G \,\overline{\rho} \,a\right)^{-1/2}$$

Escape time scale:

$$\Delta t_{\text{escape}} \equiv \frac{\lambda}{v_{\text{thermal}}}$$

How long does it take for the overdense region to collapse to a point

How long does it take for the neutrinos to fly out of the region



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Limit 1: Erasure Collapse happens **slower** than escape

$$\Delta t_{\text{collapse}} \gg \Delta t_{\text{escape}}$$

 \rightarrow Neutrinos fly away before gravity can capture them.

 \rightarrow Perturbation is erased.



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Limit 2: Growth Collapse happens faster than escape

$$\Delta t_{\text{collapse}} \ll \Delta t_{\text{escape}}$$

 → Density perturbation collapses before neutrinos can fly away.
 → Perturbation grows.

• **Growth or erasure**? Define the free-streaming scale at redshift *z*:

$$\lambda_{\rm FS}(z) \equiv v_{\rm thermal} \Delta t_{\rm collapse}$$

= 0.41 $\Omega_{m,0}^{-1/2} (1+z)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\rm eV}{m_v}\right) h^{-1} \,{\rm Mpc}$
Equivalent to
 $\Delta t_{\rm collapse} = \Delta t_{\rm escape}$

→ Unless density perturbations are regenerated by other means, at any redshift *z*, structures of length scale $\lambda < \lambda_{FS}(z)$ cannot be formed out of relic neutrinos.

• The maximum free-streaming scale is that at the time when neutrinos become nonrelativistic:

$$\lambda_{\rm FS,max} \equiv \lambda_{\rm FS}(z_{\rm nr}) = 31.8 \,\Omega_{m,0}^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\rm eV}{m_{\rm v}}\right)^{1/2} h^{-1} \,\rm Mpc \qquad \qquad Using \\ 1 + z_{\rm nr} \simeq \frac{m_{\rm v}}{T_{\rm v,0}}$$

 $\rightarrow \lambda_{FS,max}$ corresponds to the maximum size of objects that could not have been formed in a neutrino dark matter-only universe.

 \rightarrow If a 10 eV-mass neutrino was the dark matter, $\lambda_{FS,max} \sim 25$ Mpc, we would not have galaxies ($\lambda \sim 10$ kpc) and galaxies clusters ($\lambda \sim 1$ Mpc)!



Simulations by Troels Haugbølle

Why study neutrino dark matter then?

- Because it must be there.
- Neutrino oscillations indicate that at least one neutrino mass eigenstate has a mass of > 0.05 eV.

 \rightarrow Predictions for cosmology:

$$\Omega_{\rm v} = \sum \frac{m_{\rm v}}{94 \, h^2 \,{\rm eV}} > 0.1\%$$

 \rightarrow Although only a subdominant DM component, the free-streaming behaviour of neutrino DM still leaves an **imprint** on large-scale structures.

 \rightarrow Can be used to establish Ω_{y} and hence the neutrino mass.

The concordance framework...

- We work within the **ACDM** framework extended with a subdominant component of massive neutrino dark matter.
 - Flat geometry.
 - Initial conditions from standard single-field slowroll inflation.



2. Signatures of subdominant neutrino DM and neutrino mass constraints...

Subdominant neutrino DM and large-scale structure...

• The presence of CDM acts as a source of density perturbations.

 \rightarrow Density perturbations on length scales smaller than the neutrino free-streaming scale $\lambda_{_{FS}}$ are **not completely erased**.

• However, thermal motion of the relic neutrinos still makes neutrino clustering difficult.

 \rightarrow Expect a suppression in the abundance of structures on scales below $\lambda_{_{FS}}$ through free-streaming-induced potential decay.

Free-streaming-induced potential decay...



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 \rightarrow Cosmological neutrino mass measurement is based on observing this freestreaming induced potential decay at $\lambda \ll \lambda_{FS}$.



The presence of neutrino dark matter induces a step-like feature in the spectrum of gravitational potential wells



Power spectra normalised to $f_v = 0$ power spectrum







Change in the total matter power spectrum relative to the massless case:

$$\frac{\Delta P_{m}}{P_{m}} \equiv \frac{P_{f_{v}\neq 0}(k) - P_{f_{v}=0}(k)}{P_{f_{v}=0}(k)}$$



Semi-analytical: Loops and beyond...

Saito et al. 2008; Y³W 2008; Shoji & Komatsu 2009 Lesgourgues, Matarrese, Pietroni & Riotto 2009



The CMB contains information on m_y too...









Potential decay happens anyway, even in ACDM, whenever the universe is not completely by nonrelativistic matter.

 It is good for probing neutrino masses because O(0.1–1) eV-mass neutrinos become nonrelativistic around recombination.

 \rightarrow Changes the "matter" content, and hence the scale and time dependence of the potential decay.



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Wavenumber, k [h Mpc⁻¹]

Current neutrino mass constraints...

Lattanzi & Gerbino, arXiv:1712.07109

7-parameter fits

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Planck TT+lowP+BAO	< 0.19	Vagnozzi et al. 2017
Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+BAO	< 0.15	Vagnozzi et al. 2017
Planck TT+lowP+FS	< 0.30	Vagnozzi et al. 2017
Planck TT+lowP+BAO+JLA	< 0.25	Abbott et al. [DES] 2017
Planck TT+lowP+BAO+JLA+WL	< 0.29	Abbott et al. [DES] 2017
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Lattanzi & Gerbino, arXiv:1712.07109 Current neutrino mass constraints... 7-parameter fits **Caution: Spectral index!** 2.3σ discrepancy between Lya and Planck: $n_{\rm s} = 0.939 \pm 0.010$ Lya $n_{\rm s} = 0.9645 \pm 0.0049$ Planck Vagnozzi et al. 2017 < 0.29< 0Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2015 🛶 +baryonic Planck TT+lowP+Ly α -FS < 0.13

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Planck TT, TE, EE+lowP+JAO+ (Planck only $H_0 = 67.5 \pm 0.64$; 3 σ discrepancy)			
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Moral of the story here...

- Treat aggressive cosmological neutrino mass bounds from **combining multiple data sets** with **extreme caution**.
 - Significant discrepancies in the estimates of other cosmological parameters likely mean that the analysis (theory, data, etc.) is not as well understood as the proponents would like to think.

3. Future prospects...

Weak lensing of galaxies/Cosmic shear...

Distortion (magnification or stretching) of distant galaxy images by **foreground matter**.

• Sensitive to both luminous and dark matter (no bias problem).





Lensed



Shear map



Weak lensing theory predicts:



Shear map \rightarrow Convergence map (projected mass)



Weak lensing theory predicts:



Convergence (or shear) power spectrum:



(Limber limit)

Tomography = bin galaxy images by redshift

• Photometric redshifts for ~ 1 billion galaxies in Euclid survey.



DES is happening right now...

DARK ENERGY SURVEY

DES – The Dark Energy Survey

The discovery

that the expansion of the universe is accelerating was the surprise that set the initial research program of 21st century cosmology.

The DES is the survey

that drives the construction of DECam, the new 3 sq-degree camera on the Blanco 4m telescope at CTIO. The 5000 square degree area of DES will be surveyed twice per year per filter over 525 nights. The galaxy catalog will reach ~24th magnitude in griz, and have photometric redshifts with a dispersion of oz ~ 0.12 for all galaxies and oz ~ 0.02 for clusters out to z~1.3.

The survey overlaps the Sunyaev-Zeldovich cluster survey of the South Pole Telescope and the Infrared survey of the Vista Hemisphere Survey.

DES combines 4 probes of Dark Energy

- Weak Gravitational Lensing using a ~300M galaxy shear catalog
- Galaxy cluster counts as a function of redshift and mass out to to z ~1.5
- Baryon Acoustic Oscillations using a ~300M galaxy photometric redshift catalog
- Type 1a Supernova luminosity measurements of ~1000 SN at z<1

The DES survey area outlined on an extinction map of the South Galactic Cap. Credit: J. Annis (Fermilab)

www.DarkEnergySurvey.org

ESA Euclid mission selected for implementation...

Launch planned for 2020.

- 6-year lifetime
- 15000 deg² (>1/3 of the sky)
- Galaxies and clusters out to z~2
 - Photo-z for 1 billion galaxies
 - Spectro-z for 50 million galaxies
- Optimised for weak gravitational lensing (cosmic shear)



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Cosmic shear

(weak gravitational lensing of galaxies)

Cosmic shear with Euclid...

A 7-parameter forecast:

Data	$10^3 imes \sigma(\omega_{ m dm})$	$100 imes \sigma(h)$	$\sigma(\sum m_{ u})/\mathrm{eV}$
с	2.02	1.427	0.143
cs	0.423	0.295	0.025
\mathbf{cg}	0.583	0.317	0.016
$\mathbf{cg}_{\mathbf{l}}$	0.828	0.448	0.019
cg_b	0.723	0.488	0.039
cg_{bl}	1.165	0.780	0.059
\mathbf{csg}	0.201	0.083	0.011
csgx	0.181	0.071	0.011
csg_b	0.385	0.268	0.023
$\mathrm{csg}_{\mathrm{b}}\mathbf{x}$	0.354	0.244	0.022

Hamann, Hannestad & Y³W 2012

c = CMB (Planck); g = galaxy clustering s = cosmic shear; x = shear-galaxy cross

Lensing of the CMB polarisation...

Weak gravitational lensing leads to a small **transfer of power** from the E-mode polarisation to the B-mode.



A hugely exaggerated example

Lensing of the CMB polarisation...

Lensing signal = dominant B-mode signal at large multipoles especially in the absence of primordial gravitational waves

- Noise for primordial gravitational wave detection
- Great for neutrino cosmology



Lensing of the CMB polarisation...



CMB S4 science book

Lensing of the CMB polarisation with CMB-S4...

- Ground-based CMB probe planned for the 2020s.
- Potential 1σ sensitivity to neutrino masses:

$$\sigma(\sum m_{\nu}) = 0.015 \text{ eV}$$

CMB S4 science book



Take-home message...

• The cosmic microwave background anisotropies and the large-scale structure distribution can be used to probe neutrino physics.

• Existing data already place strong constraints on the neutrino mass.

• **Future probes** exploiting weak gravitational lensing of CMB polarisation (e.g., CMB S4) and cosmic shear (e.g., Euclid) can potentially tighter the bound 10-fold.