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Neutrino properties from cosmology

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outline

- Background and mass limits
- Lesgourgues and Verde, *Neutrinos in cosmology* new section in Review of Particle physics out in early 2018
- *Neutrino mass limits: robust information from the power spectrum of galaxy surveys;* <u>Cuesta</u>, <u>Niro</u>, Verde, 2016
- *Neutrino footprint in Large Scale Structure;* Jimenez, Penya-Garay, Verde, **2016**
- Strong Bayesian Evidence for the Normal Neutrino Hierarchy; <u>Simpson</u>, Jimenez, Penya-Garay, Verde, arXiv:1703.03425
- Biases from neutrino bias: to worry or not to worry?; <u>Raccanelli</u>, Verde, Villaescusa-Navarro, arXiv:1704.07837

Cosmic Neutrino Background

A relict of the big bang, similar to the CMB except that the CvB decouples from matter after 2s (~ MeV) not 380,000 years

At decoupling they are still relativistic ($mv \ll Tv$) \rightarrow large velocity dispersions (1eV ~ 100 Km/s)

Recall: T~1eV Matter-radiation equality, T=0.26eV Recombination

60Billion nu/s/cm² from the sun ~100nu/cm³ from CvB



What is a neutrino? (for cosmology)



- Behaves like radiation at T~ eV (recombination/decoupling)
- Eventually (possibly) becomes non-relativistic, behaves like matter
- Small interactions (not perfect fluid)
- Has a high velocity dispersion (is "HOT")



For aficionados

- Neutrinos are in equilibrium with the primeval plasma through weak interaction reactions. They decouple from the plasma at a temperature 1MeV
- We then have today a Cosmological Neutrino Background at a temperature

$$T_{\nu} = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T_{\gamma} \approx 1.945 K \rightarrow k T_{\nu} \approx 1.68 \cdot 10^{-4} eV$$

at least two neutrino mass eigenstates are non-relativistic today

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With a density of:

$$n_f = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\varsigma(3)}{\pi^2} g_f T_f^3 \rightarrow n_{\nu_k, \overline{\nu}_k} \approx 0.1827 \cdot T_\nu^3 \approx 112 cm$$

That, for a massive neutrino translates in:

$$\Omega_v h^2 = \frac{\sum_v m_v}{93.14eV}$$

Neutrinos affect the growth of cosmic clustering so they can leave key imprints on the cosmological observables

Relict neutrinos influence in cosmology

Primordial nucleosynthesis



T~ MeV N_{eff}



What do we know and what would we like to know?

How many "neutrinos"?

Have we really seen the cosmic neutrino background? (i.e. Are we really sure it's neutrinos?)

Their total mass Mv or Σ (and are we really sure??)

The individual masses (hierarchy)

Cosmology is key in determining the absolute mass scale



In principle measurable The problem is systematic errors

This means that neutrinos contribute at least to ~0.5% of the total matter density

The KATRIN Experiment



Ambitious terrestrial experiment

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Beware of systematics!!!!!

It would be of great value to have internal consistency check(s) (more later)

Neff and the CMB

Naively: changes matter radiation equality but other physics can do that

Increase Silk damping

Keep zeq fixed (and matter to Λ fixed, and wb) so play with Neff and H₀



Keep zeq fixed (and matter to Λ fixed, and wb) so play with Neff and H0

But then you've changed





N_{eff} status in a nutshell

 N_{eff} is 3 ± 0.3

Degeneracy with h

CMB polarization really helps reducing the error-bars

Planck people, we are eagerly waiting...



(for otherwhise standard LCDM)

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Move along CMB parameters degeneracy

keep fixed $\omega_c \omega_b$, θ_s i.e. play with h again...



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Including large-scale structure clustering

Pros: see the "signature" scale-dependent clustering suppression

Cons: astrophysics, bias, non-linearities

Possible approach & useful exercise : use completely different tracers and see if there is agreement

Cuesta, Niro, LV, 2016 *Neutrino mass limits: robust information from the power spectrum of galaxy surveys*

Use galaxy clustering (red and blue galaxies)

Ly α from BOSS survey

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2015



Limits on the sum of the masses

 $M_{
u} < 0.14\,eV\,(95\%{
m C.L.})$ Robust to choice of galaxies

CMB+BAO+LRG limit $M_{\nu} < 0.13 \, eV \, (95\% {
m C.L.})$

Competitive with CMB+BAO+Lyman alpha $M_{\nu} < 0.12 \text{ eV}(95\% \text{C.L.})$ Completelty different tracers

Confirmed see also other works: e.g., Giusarma et al 2016, Vagnozzi et al 2017

NB in the past: various claims of detection 0.3-0.4eV mass....not with solely AAA ratings data sets

The Cosmology limits



Implications I



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Implications II



 $\Sigma m_{\nu} \; [eV]$

Fig. adapted* from M. Lattanzi

* Taken from google

Implications III



Of course $< T v \partial \beta \beta$ experiments could see something, that would be interesting

Implications II

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The pessimist: The inverted hierarchy is under pressure

The optimist: If IH then a measurement of Mv is just around the corner!

Back to this later







Imagine we measure a non zero Mv



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What is hierarchy?

- There are three masses m1, m2, m3 and therefore only two square mass splitting (measurable quantity).
 One will be smaller than the other one.
- m1,m2 refer to the smaller splitting
- m3 can be above (NH) or below (IH) this pair.
- Hierarchy is given by the *sign* of the larger mass splitting.

Only **after the oscillations measurements are in** and we find that one mass splitting is much smaller than the other one we can say

One large two small is NH two large one small is IH



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When Fisher fails



Still a powerful consistency check

Cosmology is (mostly) sensitive to $|\Delta|$

Still offers a powerful consistency check

What would it take to measure Δ ?

Basically: the ultimate experiment

In combination with $v0\beta\beta$ experiements can help answering: Are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana?

Dirac or Majorana? > hierarchy

Are neutrinos their own anti-particle?(are they Majorana or Dirac?)



What Bayes has to say about mass hierarchy Simpson et al '17

When comparing two models or hypotheses use the Bayesian evidence and the Bayes factor

1.

$$p(D|\mathcal{H}) = \int p(D|\alpha, \mathcal{H}) p(\alpha|\mathcal{H}) d\alpha$$

Evidence Likelihood prior Exp(accuracy-complexity)

Goldilocks 1 D example

M1: too simple, unlikely to generate the data

M3: too complex, can generate many other cases, why this one?

M2: just right



What Bayes has to say about mass hierarchy

2.

When you have a physical quantity which value may span many orders of magnitude (and especially if unbounded) the least informative prior you can use is a log prior (Jeffrey's prior) shown by e.g., Clarke and Barron 94, see also MacKay 2003.

In the case of v's masses:

Uncertainty spans several orders of magnitude, at least one is unbounded from below

Should one's prior belief of the neutrino mass depend on the units which one uses to measure it? Whether we use eV or kg? we ought to assign equivalent probabililties to each.

The three masses share a common origin (mechanism to give massto v's) so they should have the same prior (exchangeability)

The solar mass splitting is small but non-zero. Have to do a 3D analysis.

Simple example



Simple example



Better calculation: Hierarchical Model

Hyperprior: a family of priors and marginalize over them. Normal distribution for each of the (log)masses with μ , mean and σ , width

Use oscillations measurements + cosmological limits (assume Gaussian likelihood)

Then marginalize over μ, σ

Compute Evidence

Hyperpriors



No cosmological bound on Σ , Σ <6.9 eV

Hyperpriors



With a cosmological bound, Σ <0.15 eV

Note the different scale

Evidence (Jeffrey's scale modified)



Posteriors for the masses, NH



Posterior for the sum of the masses...



Normalization rescaled for clarity

Without cosmological information

Implications

Strong Bayesian Evidence for NH, when using the stated priors (Normal family in log m AND cosmological bounds*)

Double beta decay experiments: favours experimental techniques reaching multi-ton active mass detectors and very low background

Experiments more sensitive to normal mass hierarchy are much more likely to be successful

Conclusions could be evaded by drastically changing the prior, but you will have to convince me (and Jeffreys and Clarke and Barron...)

Or by measuring $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay.

Biases from neutrino bias

Raccanelli et al '17

Here, halo bias

Neutrinos' thermal velocities avoid their clustering in DM halos

The bias defined with respect to the total matter,m, (Cold+baryons+neutrinos) has <u>a scale-dependence that depends</u> on neutrino masses.



See e.g., LoVerde 2014, Castorina et al 2015, 2014, Villaescusa-Navarro 2014, Biagetti 2014 etc.

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Should you worry?

Why worry if you can correct for it at very little extra cost?

Get fits for b $_{cc}$ numerically (no need to explore different Σ)

Get b_{mm} analytically from that.

Calibration on N-body simulations done for you. Formulae in the paper .

Conclusions

 $0.058 \text{ eV} < \Sigma < 0.13 \text{ eV}$

Cuesta, Niro, Verde, 2016

For discussion: how can upper bound be evaded? At what cost? E.g. <u>Bellomo</u> et al 2017

Measuring Δ offer a crucial consistency check

Jimenez, Penya-Garay, Verde, 2016

If you are a betting person you should bet for NH. (and Σ ~0.06eV)

Simpson, Jimenez, Penya-Garay, Verde, '17

Do correct for scale dependence neutrino bias, it's easy and can save you from troubles!

Raccanelli, Verde, Villaescusa-Navarro, '17



NB there will be positions available in the group, announced soon. If interested contact me.