



# Constraints on Light Sterile Neutrinos from CMB and Cosmological Measurements



Based on  
[SG et al., JHEP 1311 (2013) 211]  
[SG et al., arxiv:1412.7405]

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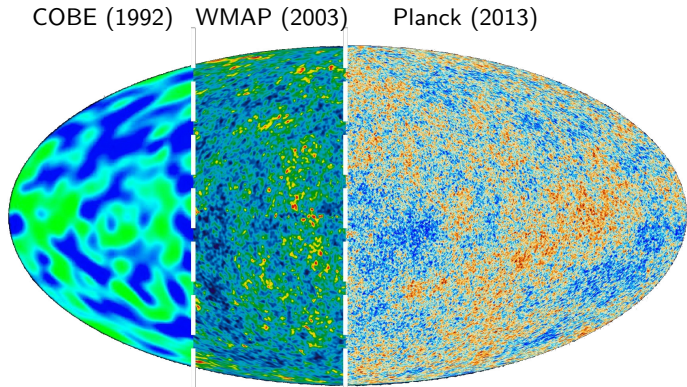
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## Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

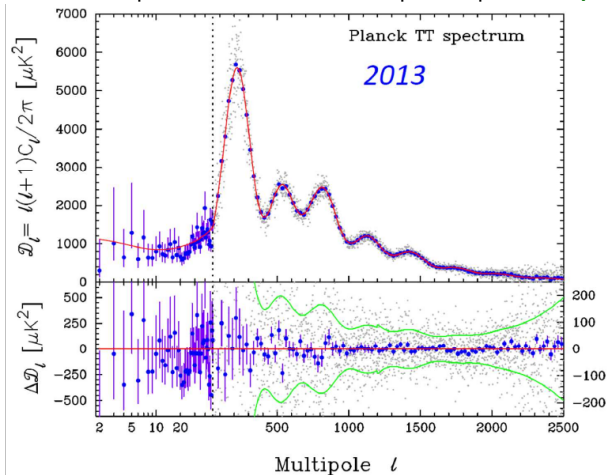
First predicted in 1948 (Alpher, Herman): blackbody background radiation at  $T \simeq 5$  K.  
Discovery (accidental): Penzias, Wilson 1964 → Nobel prize 1978

Observations: perfect black body spectrum at  $T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057$  K [Fixsen, 2009]  
→ CMB is a remnant of the Big Bang.

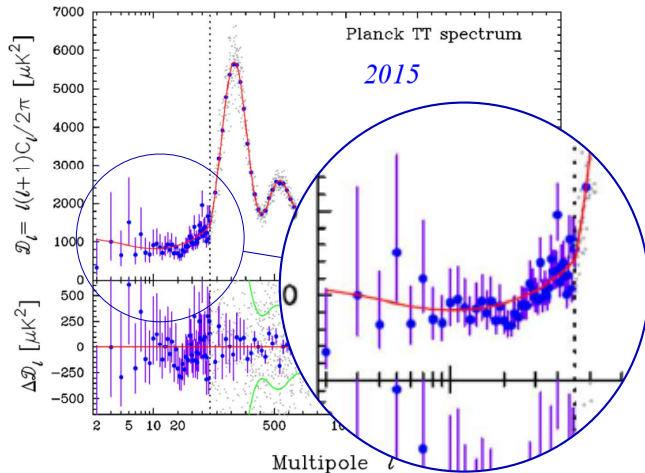
Anisotropies at the level of  $10^{-5}$ : very high precision measurements are needed.  
Improvement of the CMB experiments in 20 years:



Planck DR1 temperature auto-correlation power spectrum: [Planck Collaboration, 2013]



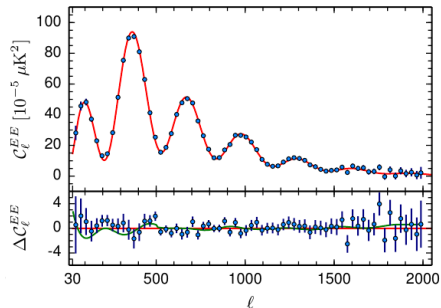
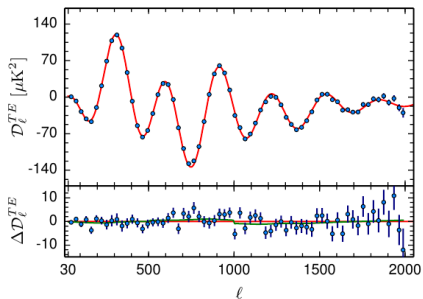
Planck DR2 temperature auto-correlation power spectrum: [Planck Collaboration, 2015]



## Planck DR2 results - II

- TE cross-correlation and EE auto-correlation measured with high precision;
- $\Lambda$ CDM explains very well the data;
- Note: in the plots, the red curve is the **prediction based on the TT only best-fit** for  $\Lambda$ CDM model  $\rightarrow$  very good consistency between temperature and polarization spectra.

[Planck Collaboration, 2015]

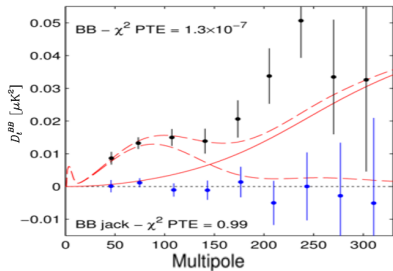


# The BICEP2 experiment

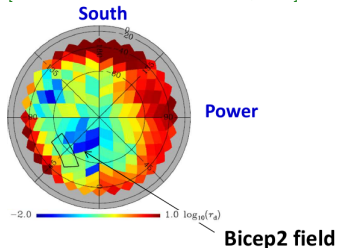
[BICEP2, 2014]: claim for detection of primordial tensor modes.

Non-zero value for tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r$ .

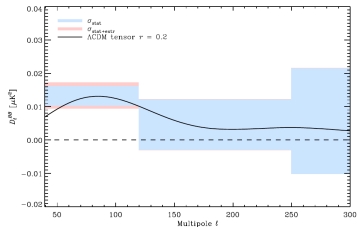
March 2014:  $r = A_t(k_*)/A_s(k_*) = 0.2^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$



[Planck Intermediate Results XXX, 2014]



Estimated dust emission:



[BICEP2/Keck and Planck Collaborations, 2015]

Conclusion, from the joint analysis:  $r_{0.05} < 0.12$  at 95% CL.



## Tension I: Hubble parameter

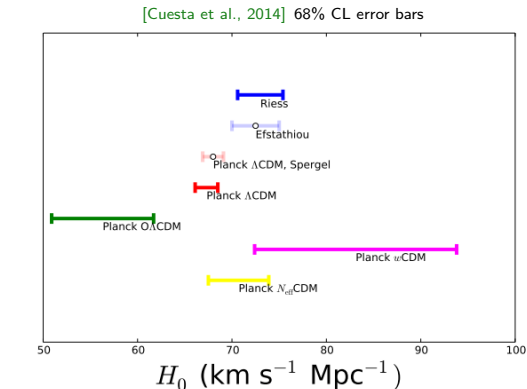
Hubble parameter today:  $v = H_0 d$ ,  
with  $H_0 = H(z = 0)$

**Local measurements:**  $H(z = 0)$ ,  
local and independent on evolution  
(model independent, systematics?)

### CMB measurements

(probe  $z \simeq 1100$ ):

$H_0$  from the cosmological evolution  
(model dependent, well controlled  
systematics)



(HST Cepheids)

[Riess et al., 2011] (SNe Ia calibrated distance):

$$H_0 = 73.8 \pm 2.4 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

[Efstathiou 2013] (NGC 4258 calibrated distance):

$$H_0 = 70.6 \pm 3.3 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

( $\Lambda$ CDM - CMB data only)

[Planck 2013]:  $H_0 = 67.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

[Planck 2015]:  $H_0 = 67.27 \pm 0.66 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

## Tension II: Cosmic Shear measurements

Cosmic shear: distortion of distant galaxy images by gravitational lensing of large scale structures  $\Rightarrow$  sensitive to non-linear matter density along the line of sight, amplitude of matter power spectrum.

Assuming  $\Lambda$ CDM model:

$\sigma_8$ : rms fluctuation in total matter (baryons + CDM + neutrinos) in  $8h^{-1}$  Mpc spheres, today;  
 $\Omega_m$ : total matter density today divided by the critical density

CFHTLenS weak lensing data alone  
[Heymans et al., 2013] (68% CL):

$$\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.27)^{0.46 \pm 0.02} = 0.774 \pm 0.04$$

Planck + WMAP polarization + ACT/SPT  
[Planck 2013 Results XVI] (68% CL):

$$\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.27)^{0.46} = 0.89 \pm 0.03$$

2 $\sigma$  discrepancy!

Similar results from cluster counts:

Planck SZ Cluster Counts  
[Planck 2013 Results XX] (68% CL):

$$\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.27)^{0.3} = 0.76 \pm 0.03$$

Planck + WMAP polarization + ACT/SPT  
[Planck 2013 Results XVI] (68% CL):

$$\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.27)^{0.3} = 0.87 \pm 0.02$$

3 $\sigma$  discrepancy!

Qualitatively similar results from *SPT* clusters, *Chandra Cluster Cosmology Project*.

Unexplained discrepancies! Solutions?

# Solving the Tensions

## Possible solution

Non-zero neutrino masses can help reconciling local Universe with CMB measurements.

Reasons:

- neutrino are relativistic in the primordial Universe  
⇒ free-streaming reduces the perturbations at small scales ⇒ lower  $\sigma_8$ ;
- additional content in the early Universe  
⇒ shift in the matter-radiation equality  $\Leftrightarrow$  perturbation evolution is delayed.

Aim: to study if the neutrinos can help reconciling the different measurements.

Method:

- assume a cosmological model ( $\Lambda$ CDM + neutrinos);
- integrate Boltzmann equations to generate predictions;
- compare predictions with observations;
- put constraints on the theoretical model.

Framework: Bayesian analysis, Markov Chain Monte Carlo approach.

## Datasets for the analysis

CAMB for Boltzmann equation integration  
+  
CosmoMC for Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC),

with different cosmological data:

- *Planck*: Planck 2013 TT spectra.
- *WP*: WMAP 9-year polarization data.
- *high- $\ell$*  spectra from Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT) and South Pole Telescope (SPT).
- *Barionic Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)*: values obtained from the SDSS-DR7, the SDSS BOSS-DR9 and the 6dFGS.
- *LSS*: WiggleZ Dark Energy Survey matter power spectrum at 4 different redshifts.
- *$H_0/HST$* :  $H_0 = 73.8 \pm 2.4 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ , using *Cepheids* and *SN Ia calibration*.
- *LGC*: Local Galaxy Cluster data from the Chandra Cluster Cosmology Project.
- *CFHTLens*: the CFHTLens 2D cosmic shear correlation function (from redshifts and shapes of 4.2 million galaxies with  $0.2 < z < 1.3$ ).
- *PSZ*: 189 galaxy clusters identified through the Sunayev Zel'Dovich (SZ) effect from Planck SZ (2013) catalogue.

In the following: *CMB* = Planck 2013 TT + WMAP 9-year polarization + ACT + SPT.

## Neutrino Oscillations

Analogous to CKM mixing for quarks:

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^3 U_{\alpha k} \nu_k \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

$\nu_\alpha$  flavour eigenstates,  $U_{\alpha k}$  PMNS mixing matrix,  $\nu_k$  mass eigenstates.

Oscillations sensitive only to mass differences, not to absolute mass scale!

Two neutrino mixing ( $\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$ ,  $\theta_{12}$  mixing angle):

$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \alpha \neq \beta} = \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

Current knowledge of the 3 active neutrino mixing: [PDG - Olive et al. (2014)]

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.53 \pm 0.18) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$|\Delta m_{32}^2| = (2.44 \pm 0.06) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \rightarrow \text{hierarchy unknown}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.846 \pm 0.021$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 0.999_{-0.018}^{+0.001}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.093 \pm 0.008$$

CP violating phase  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$  still unknown

2 Majorana phases? only if  $\nu$  is Majorana particle

}  $U_{\alpha k}$

## Short Baseline (SBL) anomaly

Neutrino oscillations  $\Rightarrow \theta_{ij}, \Delta m_{ij}^2$  (and  $\delta_{\text{CP}}$ ).

Problem: **anomalies** in SBL experiments  $\Rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{error in flux calculations?} \\ \text{deviations from 3-}\nu \text{ description?} \end{array} \right.$

A short review: [Abazajian et al., 2012]

- *LSND*: search for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ , with  $L/E = 0.4 \div 1.5$  m/MeV. Observed a  $3.8\sigma$  excess of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events [Aguilar et al., 2001]
- *MiniBooNE*: search for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ , with  $L/E = 0.2 \div 2.6$  m/MeV. No  $\nu_e$  excess detected, but  $\bar{\nu}_e$  excess observed at  $2.8\sigma$  [MiniBooNE Collaboration, 2013]
- *Reactor anomaly*: re-evaluation of the expected anti-neutrino flux  $\Rightarrow$  excess of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events compared to predictions ( $\sim 3\sigma$ ) with  $L < 100$  m [Azabajian et al, 2012]
- *Gallium anomaly*: GALLEX and SAGE Gallium solar neutrino experiments give a  $2.7\sigma$  anomaly (disappearance of  $\nu_e$ ) [Giunti, Laveder, 2011]

Possible explanation: oscillations between active  $\nu$  and a sterile  $\nu$  at eV scale, driven by

$$\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 \simeq 1 \text{ eV}^2$$

Possible commonly used models: [Giunti et al., 2013]

- 3 active ( $m_i \ll 1$  eV) + 1 sterile ( $m_s \simeq 1$  eV)  $\rightarrow$  minimal extension
- 3 active ( $m_i \ll 1$  eV) + 2 sterile ( $m_s \simeq 1$  eV)  $\rightarrow$  CP violation in SBL experiments

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## Cosmological Model: Neutrino Sector

Additional neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  effects on Universe evolution!

3 active + 1 sterile  $\nu$  scenario, we assume:  $m_1 \simeq 0 \rightarrow \Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 = \Delta m_{41}^2 \simeq m_4^2$ .

Furthermore, sterile  $\nu_s$  is weakly mixed with active  $\nu$ :  $m_s \simeq m_4 \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2}$

Sterile  $\nu$  contribution in cosmology parametrized with: [Acero, Lesgourgues, 2009]

- energy density in the early universe, described by  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = N_{\text{eff}} - 3.046$ :

$$\nu_s \text{ contribution to } \rho_R = \left[ 1 + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} \right)^4 N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_\gamma;$$

- energy density today, described by  $m_s^{\text{eff}} = (94.1 \text{ eV}) \omega_s = \rho_s / \rho_c^0$ .

[Non relativistic:  $\rho_s = m_s n_s$ ]

Constant is given by  $\sum m_i = (94.1 \text{ eV}) \omega_\nu$  for SM neutrinos.

Problem: not independent observables ( $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $m_s^{\text{eff}}$  in cosmology,  $m_s$  from oscillations)!

Two different possibilities:

[Dodelson, Widrow, 1994] (DW) model:

$$m_{\text{DW}}^{\text{eff}} = m_s \Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{DW}}$$

Thermal (TH) distribution for  $\nu_s$ :

$$m_{\text{TH}}^{\text{eff}} = m_s (\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{TH}})^{3/4}$$

SBL data included as a prior on  $m_s$ .



Cosmological Model:  $\Lambda$ CDM sector

In the following we will study the Universe evolution considering a

$\Lambda$ CDM +  $\nu_s$  model

with 8 free parameters:

$$\{\omega_{\text{CDM}}, \omega_b, \theta_s, \tau, \ln(10^{10} A_s), n_s\} + \{N_{\text{eff}}, m_{\text{DW, TH}}^{\text{eff}}\}$$

$\omega_{\text{CDM}}$  - CDM density today

$\omega_b$  - baryon density today

$\theta_s$  - angular sound horizon

$\tau$  - optical depth to reionization

$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$  - amplitude and

$n_s$  tilt of the primordial power spectrum

$N_{\text{eff}}$  effective number of  $\nu_s$

$m_{\text{DW, TH}}^{\text{eff}}$  physical mass of  $\nu_s$  (DW or TH scenarios)

Primordial Power Spectrum (PPS) of scalar perturbations:

$$P_s(k) = A_s (k/k_0)^{n_s-1}$$

with  $k_0$  pivot scale,  $n_s$  and  $A_s$  as above.

Assume:

- $\sum m_{\nu, \text{active}} = 0.06 \text{ eV}$  (minimal value for Normal Hierarchy)
- $0 \leq m_{\text{DW, TH}}^{\text{eff}} \leq 5$
- $3.046 \leq N_{\text{eff}} \leq 6$

## Neutrino Constraints with Planck DR1

CMB:

(no SBL)

+SBL (DW)

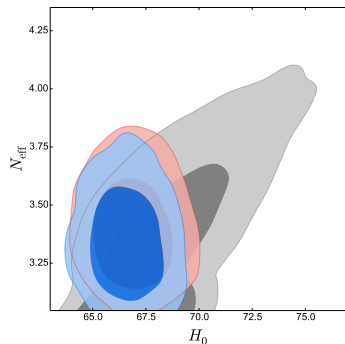
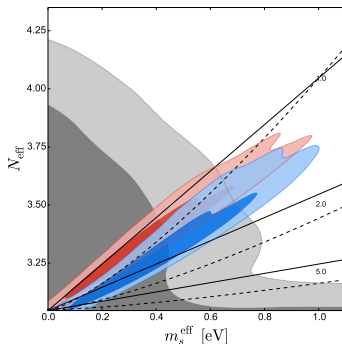
+SBL (TH)

solid lines: (DW)

$$m_s^{\text{eff}} = m_s \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$$

dashed lines: (TH)

$$m_s^{\text{eff}} = m_s (\Delta N_{\text{eff}})^{3/4}$$



- $\nu_s$  as Warm Dark Matter (WDM):  $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 3.046$ , large  $m_s^{\text{eff}}$  (large  $m_s$ );
- SBL prior:  $m_s \simeq 1.2$  eV, but  $N_{\text{eff}} = 4$  ( $\nu_s$  thermalized as  $\nu_{\text{SM}}$ ) disfavoured;
- (DW), (TH) models give similar results ( $N_{\text{eff}}$  slightly higher in (DW));
- only without SBL prior: positive correlation among  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and  $H_0 \rightarrow$  tension with local measurements partially solved at large  $N_{\text{eff}}$ .

CMB+ $H_0$ +BAO:

(no SBL)

+SBL (DW)

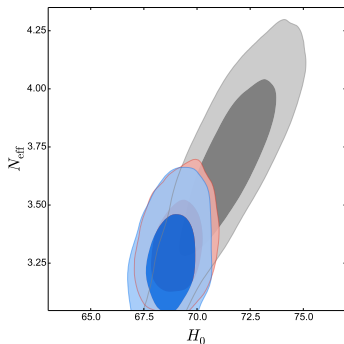
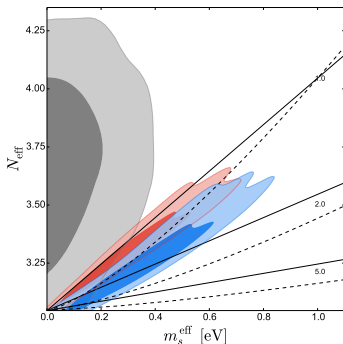
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- stronger limits on  $m_s^{\text{eff}}$ , no  $\nu_s$  WDM tail at small  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ;
- no SBL prior: higher  $N_{\text{eff}}$  admitted  $\rightarrow$  higher  $H_0$  (correlation with  $N_{\text{eff}}$  holds);
- with SBL prior: slightly smaller  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ;
- with SBL prior: improvement in solving  $H_0$  tension (driven by  $H_0$  prior), but still low values. Due to direction in  $m_s^{\text{eff}}$ ,  $N_{\text{eff}}$  plane forced by SBL prior on  $m_s$ .

## MPK constraints and mass evidence

CMB+ $H_0$ +BAO+LGC:

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+SBL (DW)

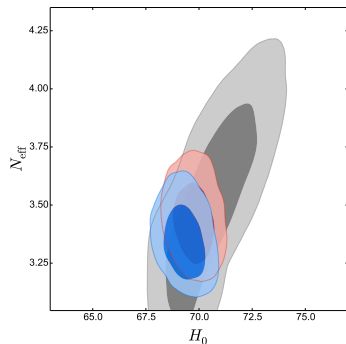
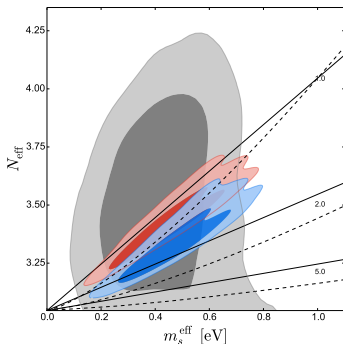
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- LGC results give preference towards non-zero  $m_s^{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$  non-zero  $m_s$ : smaller  $\sigma_8$  from LGC can be addressed with massive  $\nu_s$  (due to free streaming);
- no SBL prior:  $N_{\text{eff}}$  constraints almost unchanged;
- with SBL prior: preference for  $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.046$  at more than  $2\sigma$ ;
- with SBL prior:  $N_{\text{eff}} = 4$  still hardly disfavoured.

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## Why Inflation?

**Inflation** developed in the 1980s to solve several shortcomings in the Big Bang model:

- *Horizon problem*: why is the Universe homogeneous and isotropic? widely separated regions cannot equilibrate during gravitational expansion, since there is no causal contact during the Universe evolution.

Solution: parts of the Universe in casual contact before inflation were widely separated during inflation, while today they are re-entering the expanding causal horizon.

- *Flatness problem*: is the Universe flat? Planck DR2:  $\Omega_K = 0.000 \pm 0.005$  today, but this corresponds to exponentially small values in the early Universe ( $|\Omega_{\text{tot}} - 1| < 10^{-18}$  at nucleosynthesis, even smaller at earlier times). Fine-tuning?

Solution:  $|\Omega_{\text{tot}}(t) - 1| \propto \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{4\Lambda}{3}} t\right)$ . If inflation lasts enough (at least 60 e-folds, namely  $a_{\text{end}}/a_{\text{begin}} \simeq e^{60}$ ),  $\Omega_{\text{tot}}$  is very small still today.

Inflation:  $H^2 \simeq \frac{\Lambda}{3} \implies \dot{a} = \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} a \implies a(t) \propto \exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t\right) = \exp(Ht)$   
 $H$  Hubble parameter and  $\Lambda$  cosmological constant during inflation,  $a$  a scale factor

# Primordial Power Spectrum from Slow Roll Inflation

Slow roll inflation [Linde, 1982]:

inflation occurred by a scalar field (Inflaton) rolling down a potential energy hill.

End of inflation depends on

- the shape of the inflaton potential  $V(\phi)$ ;
- the spatially varying perturbation of the inflaton field  $\delta\phi(t, \vec{x})$ .

Fluctuations in the inflaton modulate the end of inflation:  
in different regions, inflation ends at different times.

$\delta\phi(t, \vec{x})$  converted into energy density fluctuations  $\delta\rho$  after inflation.

⇒ small scale dependence of the PPS:

$$\text{we define } (n_s - 1) \equiv \frac{d \ln P_s(k)}{d \ln k} = 2 \frac{V''}{V} - 3 \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2,$$

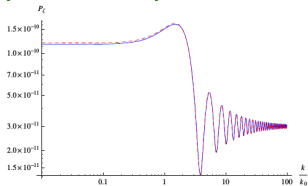
more general than  $P_s(k) = A_s(k/k_*)^{n_s-1}$ .

Is  $n_s$  constant? Can the PPS deviate from a power-law?

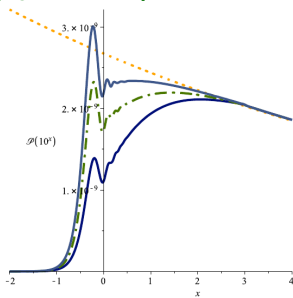
# Beyond Power-Law PPS

## Theory

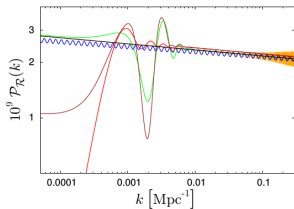
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[Sagnotti et al, 2014]

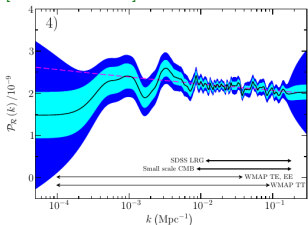


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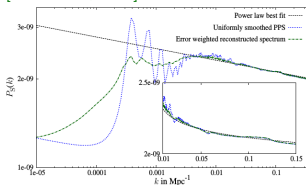


## Reconstructions

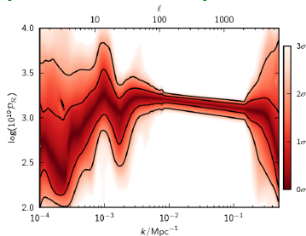
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## PCHIP Parametrization

Fix the PPS form leads to possible bias:

⇒ analysis with free, non-parametric form for the PPS.

*Proposal:* fix a series of nodes and use an interpolating function among them,

$$P_s(k) = P_0 \times f(k; P_{s,1}, \dots, P_{s,12})$$

$$P_0 = 2.36 \times 10^{-9}$$

### PCHIP

In our case:

“piecewise cubic Hermite interpolating polynomial”

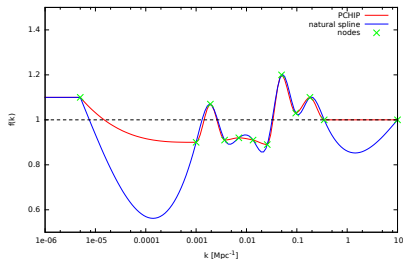
$$f(k; P_{s,1}, \dots, P_{s,12}) = \text{PCHIP}(k; P_{s,1}, \dots, P_{s,12})$$

Interpolate piecewise a series of nodes

$P_{s,j} = P_s(k_j)$  with  $j \in [1, 12]$ :

- continue and derivable;
- preserve monotonicity of the nodes:
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> derivative in the node fixed using the secants between consequent nodes;
  - ▶ if the monotonicity changes, the node is a local extremum;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative not continue in the nodes.

Advantage over *natural cubic splines*:  
no spurious oscillations.



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Change in the parametrization:  $\Lambda$ CDM(PL PPS) +  $\nu_s$  model with

$$\{\omega_{\text{CDM}}, \omega_b, \theta_s, \tau, \ln(10^{10} A_s), n_s\} + \{N_{\text{eff}}, m_s^{\text{eff}}\}.$$

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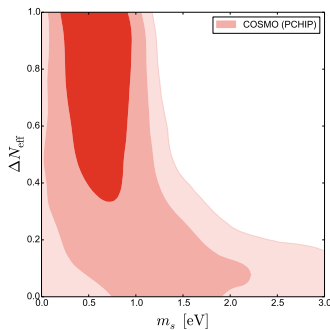
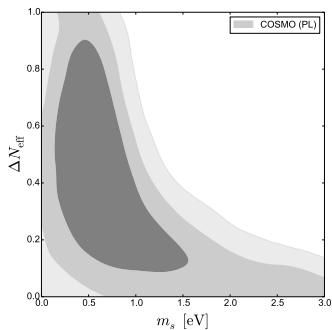
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We consider only **thermal** sterile neutrinos, physical mass  $m_s$ .

Results in  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  sector almost unchanged (variations well inside  $1\sigma$  range).

Changes in the **Sterile neutrino** sector:

COSMO = CMB(Planck13+WMAP Polarization+ACT/SPT)+LSS(WiggleZ)+HST(Riess2011)+CFHTLenS+PlanckSZ



no SBL prior:

- higher  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  admitted;
- change on  $m_s$  constraints due to  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  change;
- fully thermalized sterile neutrino preferred.

## Light Sterile Neutrino Results - II

Change in the parametrization:  $\Lambda\text{CDM}(\text{PCHIP PPS}) + \nu_s$  model with

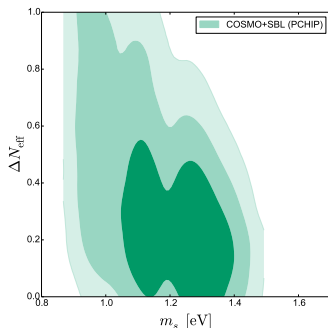
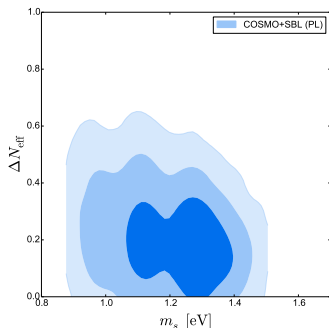
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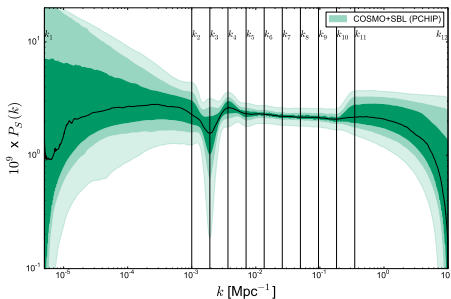
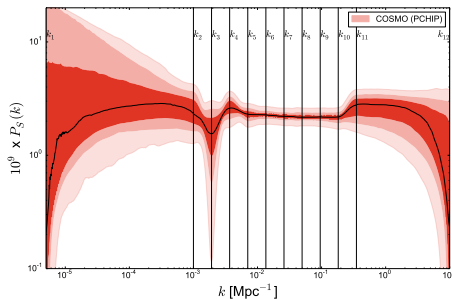
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with SBL prior:

- higher  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  admitted;
- no change on  $m_s$  constraints;
- fully thermalized sterile neutrino admitted (inside  $2\sigma$  region).

## PPS Results



- CMB constraints for  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} (\ell = 2) \leq k \leq 0.3 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} (\ell \simeq 2500)$ ;
- outer  $k$  are not constrained by data;
- power-law is a good approximation in the range  $7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \leq k \leq 0.2 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$ ;
- feature at  $k = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  correspond to dip  $\ell \simeq 22$  in CMB spectrum;
- feature at  $k = 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  correspond to small bump  $\ell \simeq 40$  in CMB spectrum.

## Conclusions

- $\Lambda$ CDM explains very well CMB measurements;
- tension between CMB observations and local observations;
  - ▶ unaccounted systematics?
  - ▶ wrong models for the Universe evolution?
- sterile neutrinos suggested by SBL oscillation anomalies can help solving the tensions,
  - ▶ but problems in producing them with small  $N_{\text{eff}}$  (preferred by cosmology);
- non-standard inflation can help reconciling tensions through sterile neutrino presence in the early Universe.

Thank you for the attention!

# Talks, Posters and Conferences

## Talks

- **ISAPP 2013**, *International Doctoral School*, Canfranc (ES), July 20, 2013.  
“Testing 3+1 Neutrino Mass Models with Cosmology and Short-Baseline Experiments”.
- **New Frontiers in Theoretical Physics**, Cortona (IT), May 29, 2014.  
“Reconciling cosmology and short-baseline experiments with invisible decay of light sterile neutrinos”.

## Posters

- **ISAPP 2013**, *International Doctoral School*, Canfranc (ES), July 14–23, 2013.  
“Testing 3+1 Neutrino Mass Models with Cosmology and Short-Baseline Experiments”.
- **Planck 2014**, Ferrara (IT), December 1–5.  
“Light Sterile Neutrinos and Inflationary Freedom”.
- **The Primordial Universe after Planck**, Paris (FR), December 15–19.  
“Light Sterile Neutrinos and Inflationary Freedom”.

## Other Conferences and Schools

- **ISAPP 2014**, *International Doctoral School*, Belgirate (IT), July 21–30.  
“Multi-Wavelength and Multi-Messenger Investigation of the Visible and Dark Universe”.
- **Neutrino Oscillation Workshop (NOW) 2014**, Conca Specchiulla, Otranto (IT), September 8–14.

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