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## Introduction on neutrino cosmology

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# Outline

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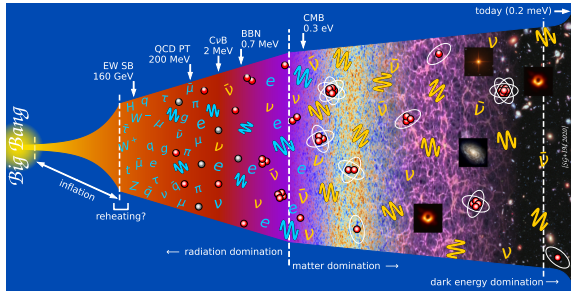
*Direct detection of relic neutrinos*

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given lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(\phi_\alpha) \longrightarrow T_{(\phi_\alpha)}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_\mu \phi_\alpha)} \partial^\nu \phi_\alpha - g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$

$\phi_\alpha$  set of fields

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$$H^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

expansion rate  $H \equiv \dot{a}/a$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3P) + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

expansion depends on **universe content!**

## Background evolution of the universe

conservation of stress-energy tensor:

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$$\text{Consider Friedmann equation: } H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho_{\text{tot}} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{k}{a^2} \quad \rho_{\Lambda} \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{8\pi G} \\ \rho_k \equiv \frac{3k}{8\pi G a^2}$$

If one component dominates ( $\rho_{\text{tot}} \simeq \rho_i$ , with  $i \in [R, M, k, \Lambda, \dots]$ ), we have:

$$a(t) = t^{2/(3(1+w))} \text{ for } w \neq -1$$

$$a(t) = e^{Ht} \text{ for } w = -1$$



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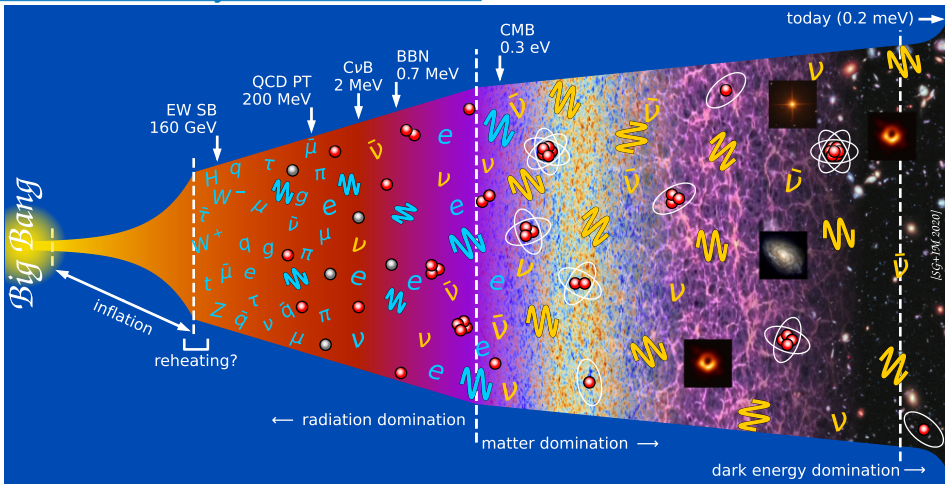
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$$\text{define critical density: } \rho_{\text{cr}} \equiv \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$$

define fractional energy densities:  $\Omega_i = \rho_{i,0}/\rho_{\text{cr},0}$   $0 \rightarrow \text{today}$

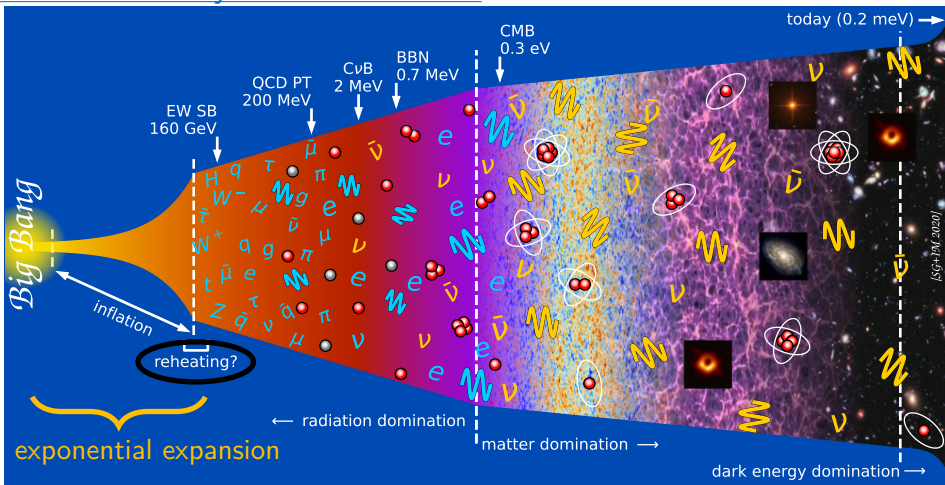
$$\text{Friedmann equation: } H(a)^2/H_0^2 = \Omega_{\text{R}} a^{-4} + \Omega_{\text{M}} a^{-3} + \Omega_{\text{k}} a^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda}$$

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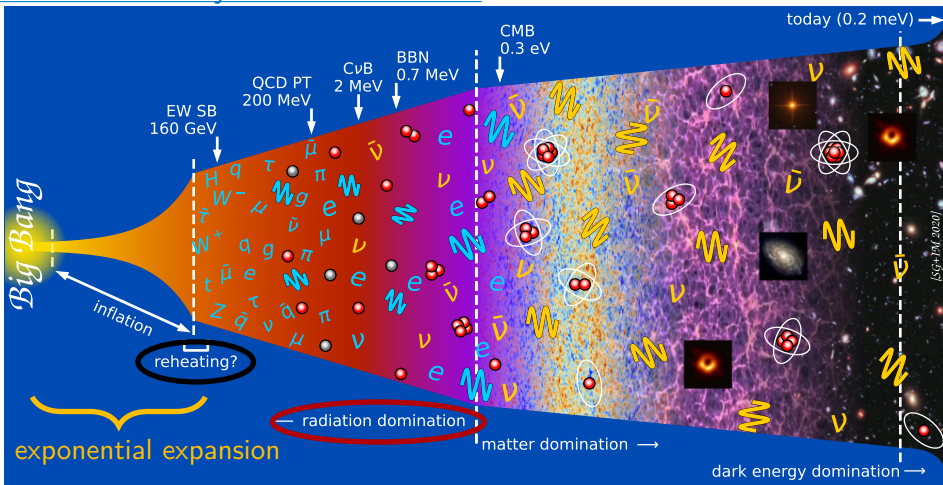


**Reheating:** inflation ends with energy transfer

from inflaton to (relativistic) standard model particles

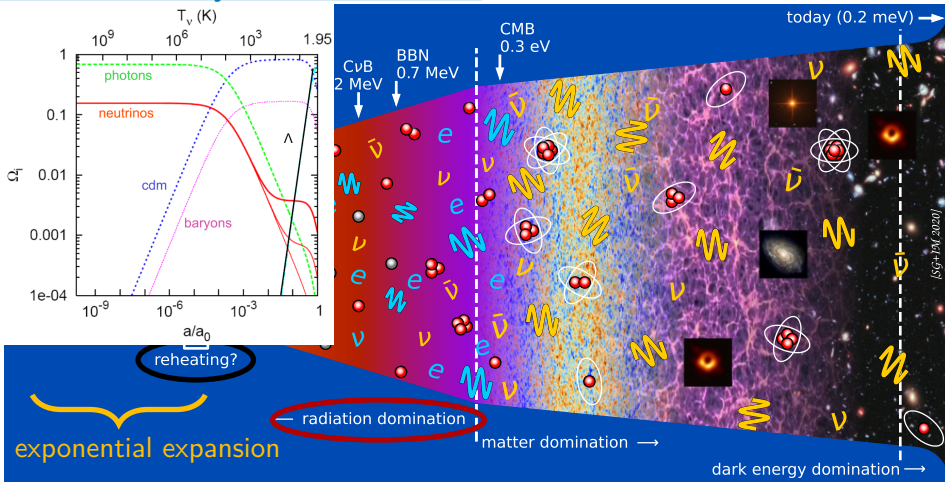
which later reach thermal equilibrium

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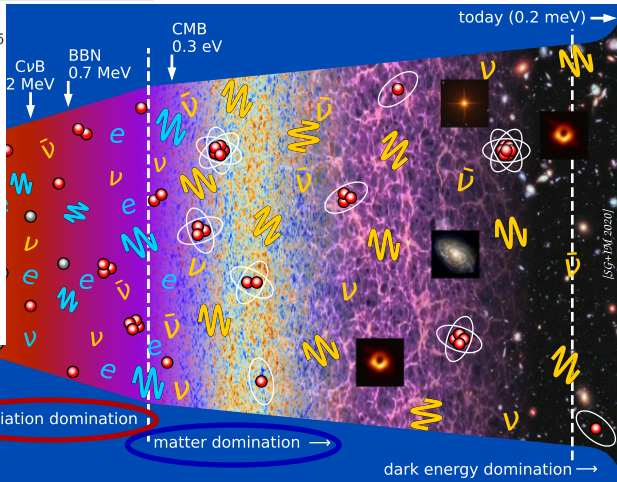
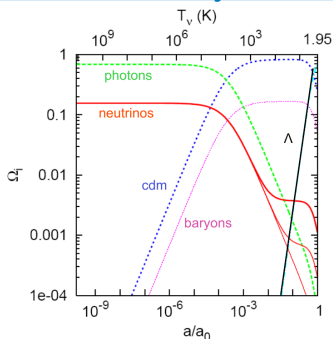
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 last particles to remain in equilibrium are photons, electrons, neutrinos

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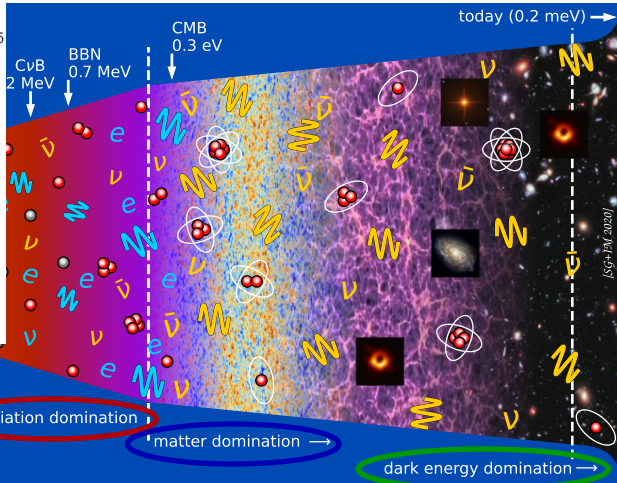
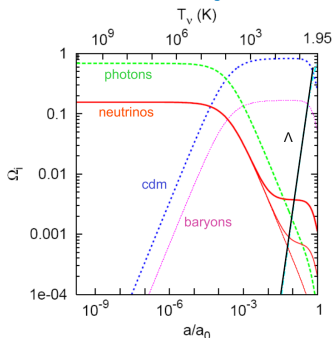
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at some point,  $\Omega_R a^{-4}$  becomes smaller than  $\Omega_M a^{-3}$

matter domination!

gravity start to be stronger than radiation pressure → growth of structures!

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Finally,  $\Omega_M a^{-3}$  becomes smaller than  $\Omega_\Lambda$

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expansion starts to (exponentially) accelerate again

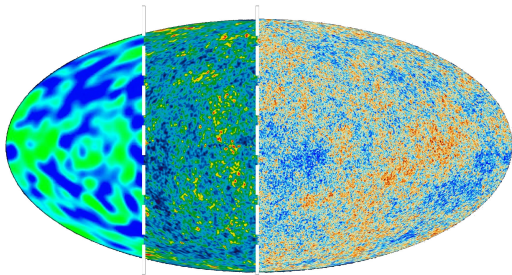


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# Cosmic Microwave Background

Based on:

- Lesgourgues+,  
Neutrino Cosmology
- Planck Collaboration,  
2018



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Notice: this depends on photon momentum distribution!

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generic Saha equation: 
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(chemical equilibrium condition)

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Saha equation applied to  $e + p \leftrightarrow \gamma + H$ :

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$$\frac{X_e^2}{1 - X_e} = \frac{1}{\eta_B(1 - Y_p)} \left(\frac{m_e}{T}\right)^{3/2} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2^{5/2}\zeta(3)} \exp\left(-\frac{B_H}{T}\right)$$

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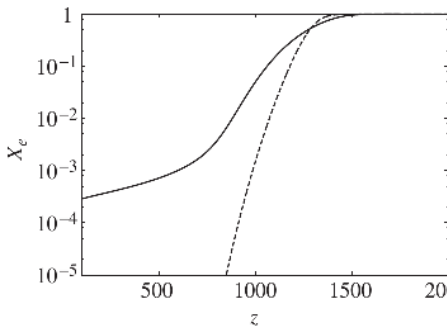
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For  $T \simeq B_H$ ,  $X_e$  is close to 1: too many high- $E$   $\gamma$ s break H!

Fraction of free electrons decreases rapidly at  $T \simeq 0.3$  eV ( $z \sim 1100$ )

At that point (last scattering) photons start to move freely!

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[see also: Ma&Bertschinger, 1995]

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**Newtonian gauge:**  $\psi$  (Newtonian potential),  $\phi$  metric perturbations  
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Perturbed photon distribution:

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$$\Theta'_\gamma + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \Theta_\gamma - \phi' + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi = an_e \sigma_T (\Theta_{\gamma 0} - \Theta_\gamma + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{v}_B)$$

# Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

Predicted in 1948 [Alpher, Herman]: blackbody background radiation at  $T \simeq 5$  K

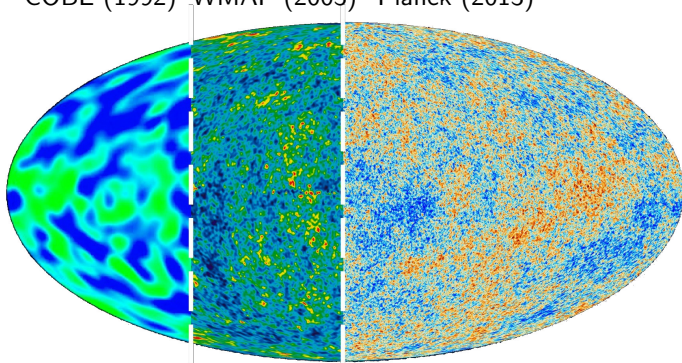
Discovery (accidental): [Penzias, Wilson 1964] —————> Nobel prize 1978

perfect black body spectrum at  $T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.72548 \pm 0.00057$  K [Fixsen, 2009]

Anisotropies at the level of  $10^{-5}$ : very high precision measurements are needed.

Improvement of the CMB experiments in 20 years:

COBE (1992) WMAP (2003) Planck (2013)



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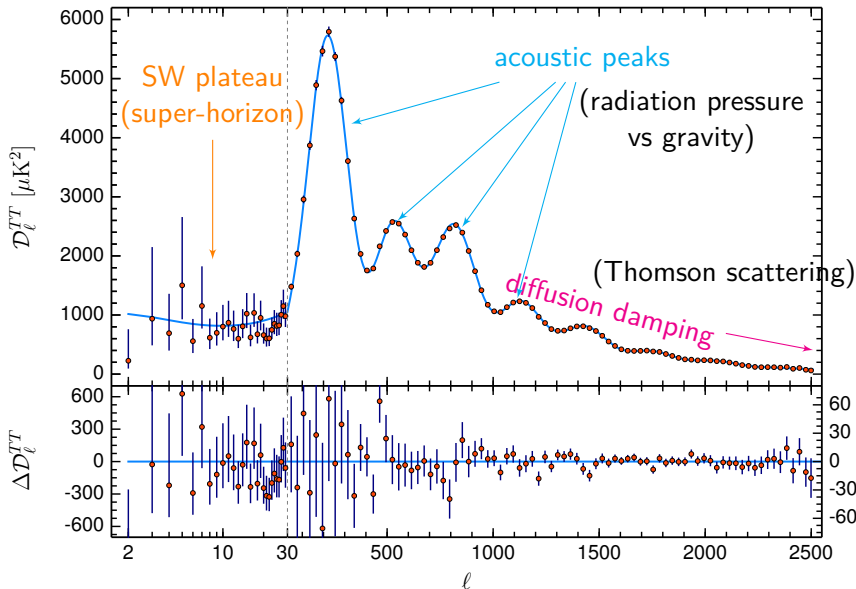
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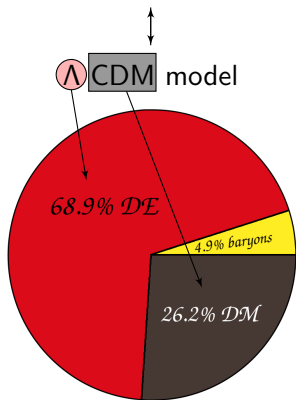
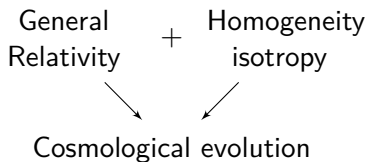
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Planck legacy temperature auto-correlation power spectrum:





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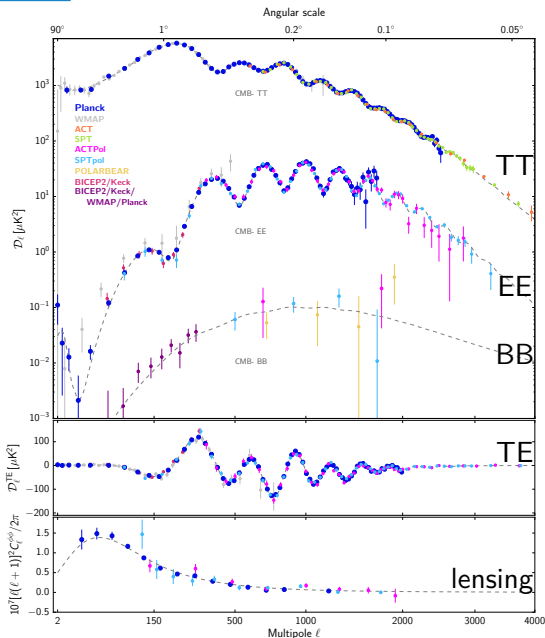
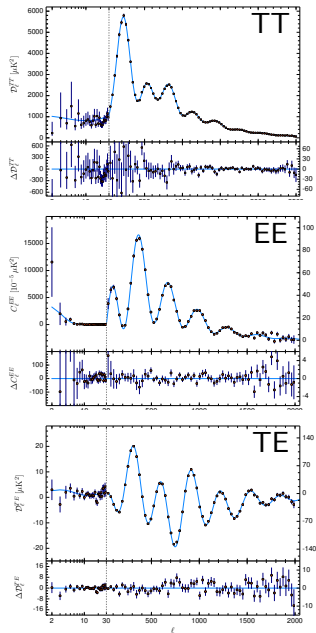
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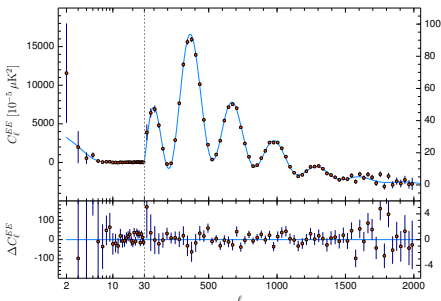
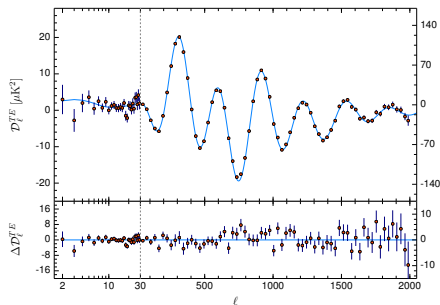
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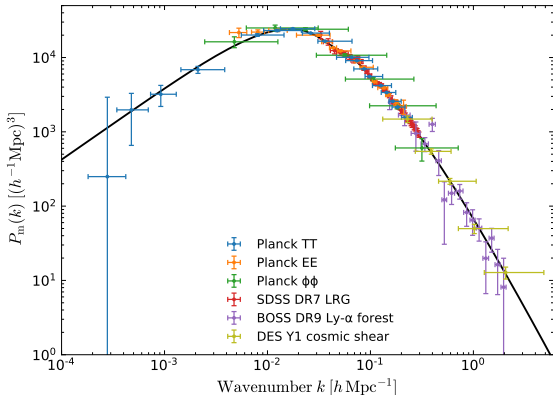
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# Other observables

matter power spectrum,  $H_0$ ,  $\sigma_8$ , BBN

Based on:

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- PDG (BBN review)



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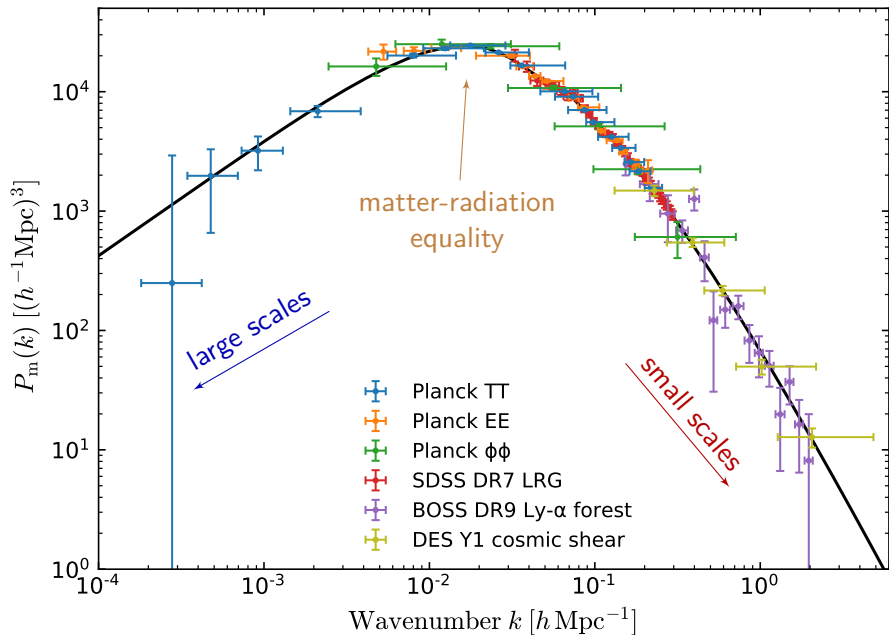
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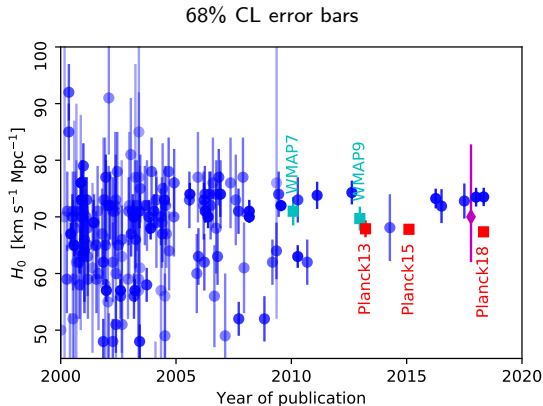
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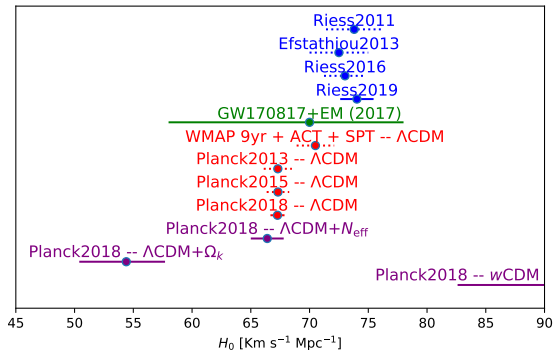
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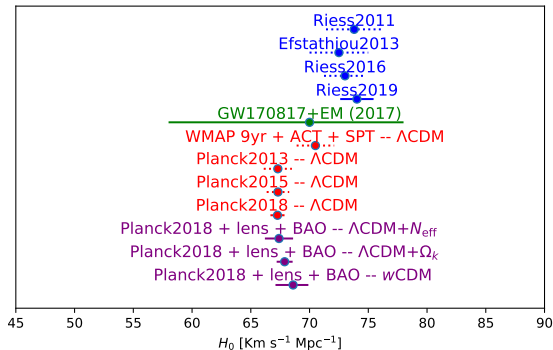
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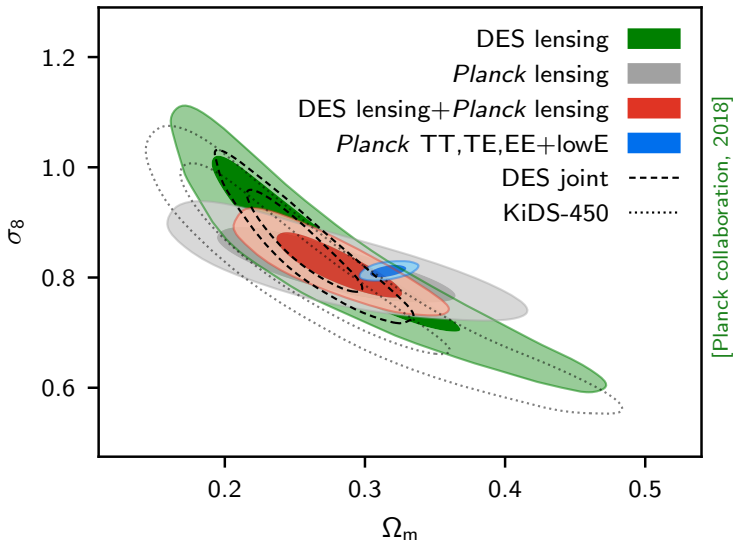
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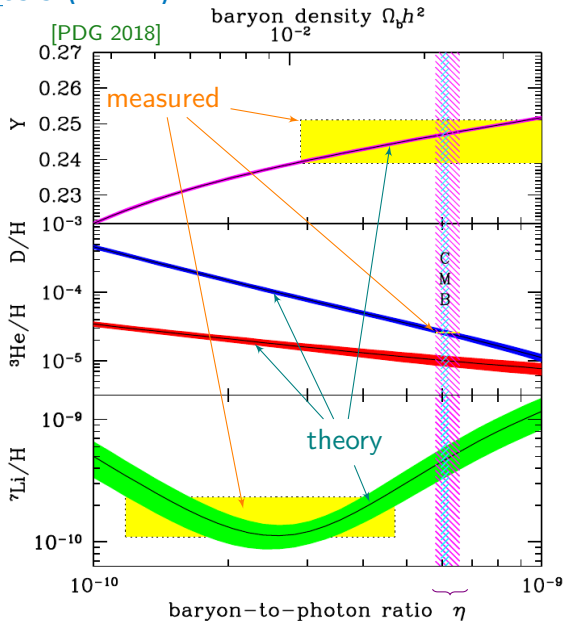
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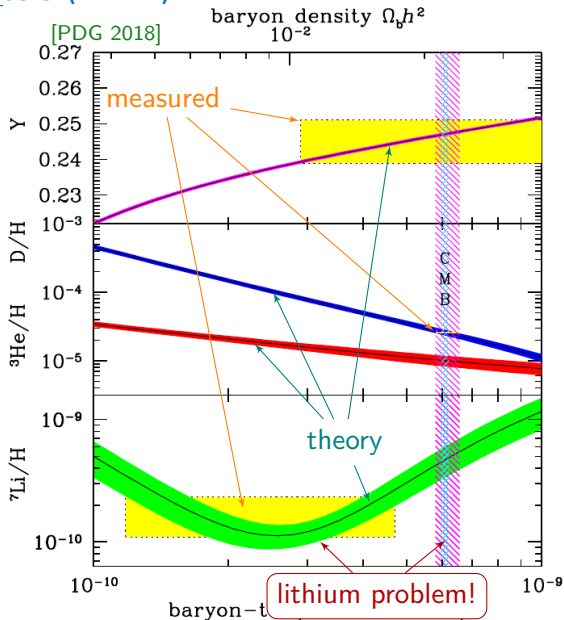
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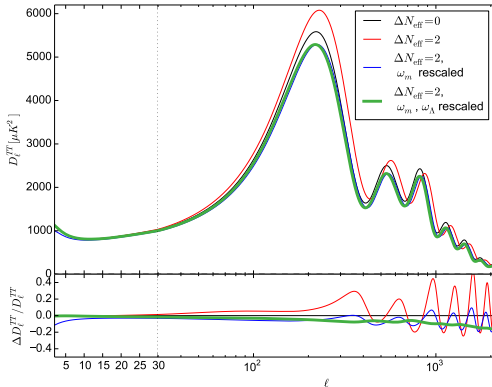
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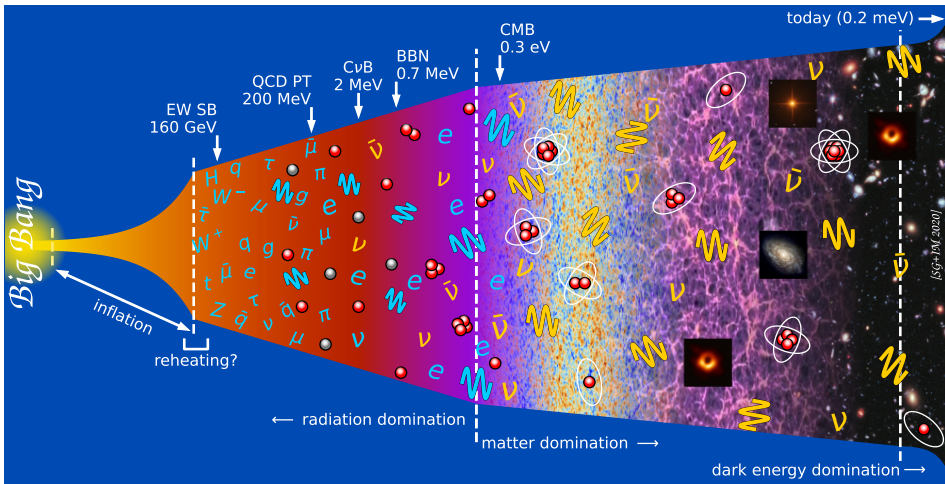
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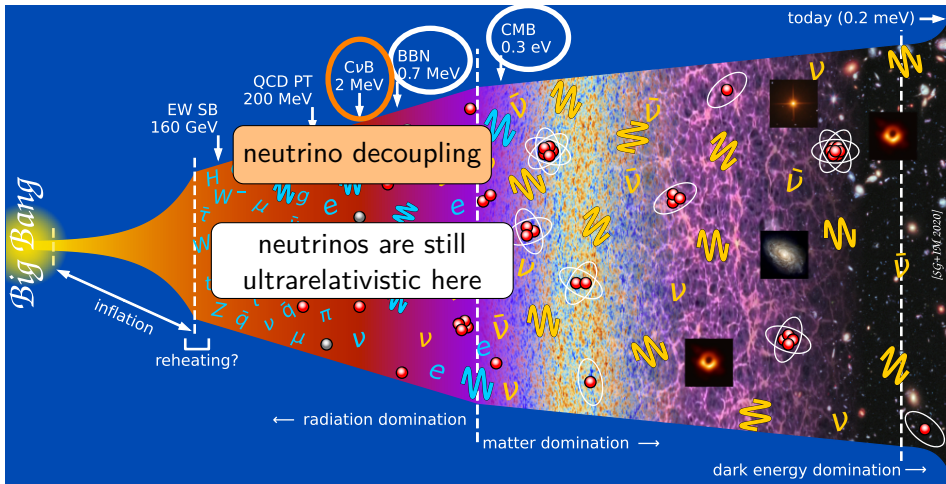
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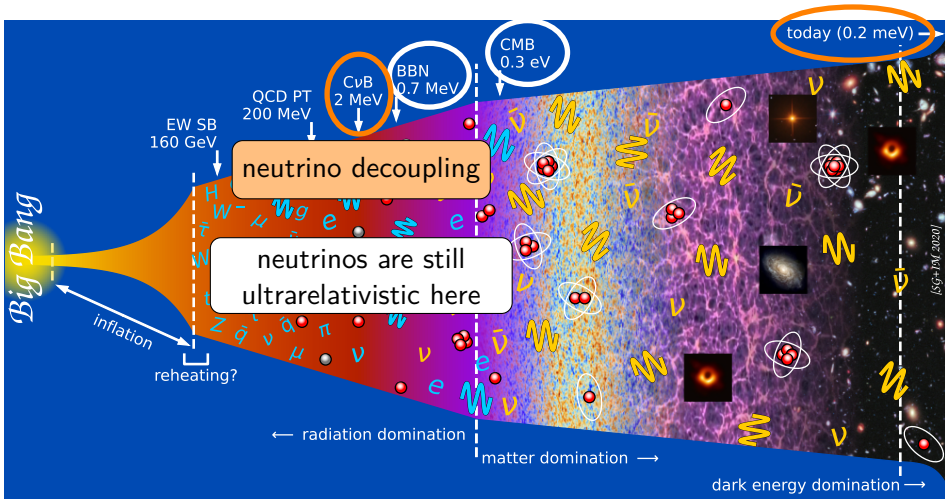
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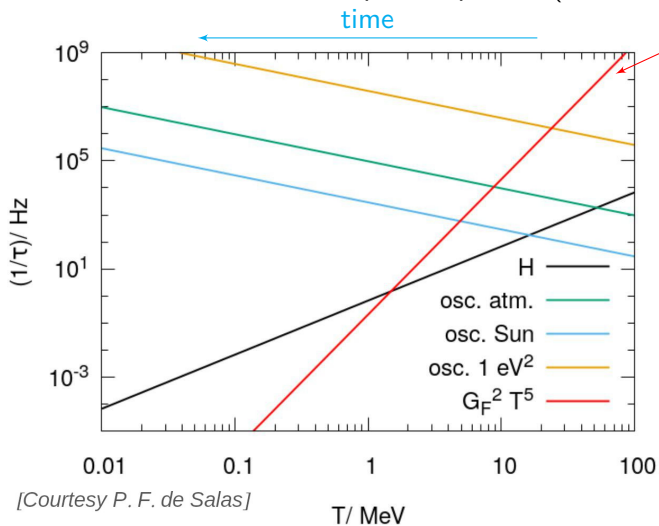


$\exists$  at least 2 mass eigenstates with  $m_i \gtrsim 8 \text{ meV} \left( = \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2} \right) > \langle E_\nu \rangle$

many relic neutrinos are non-relativistic today!

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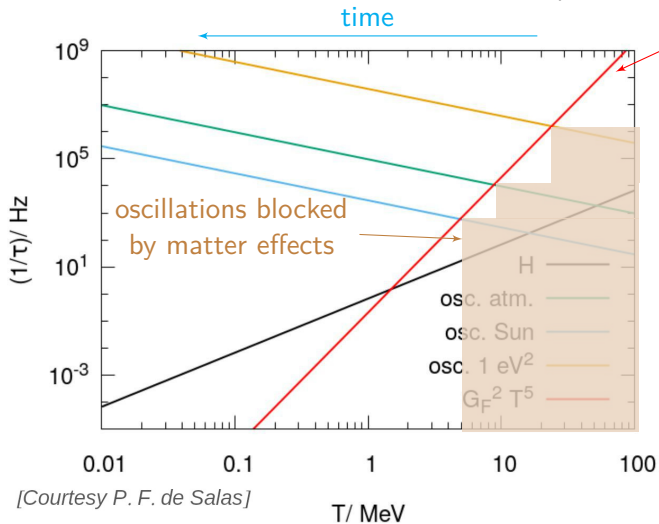
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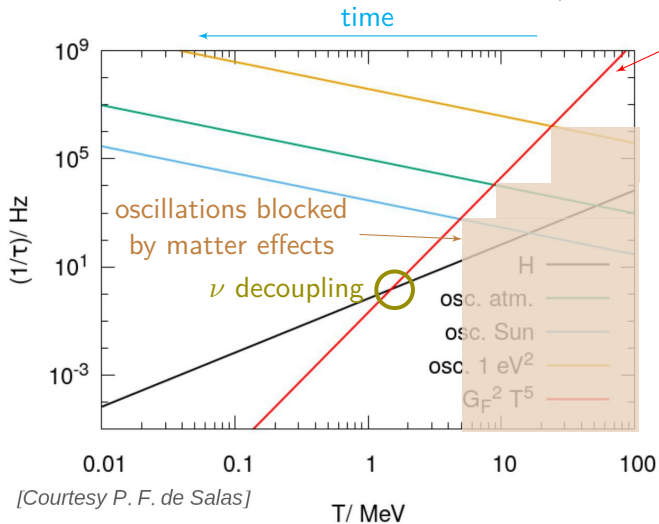
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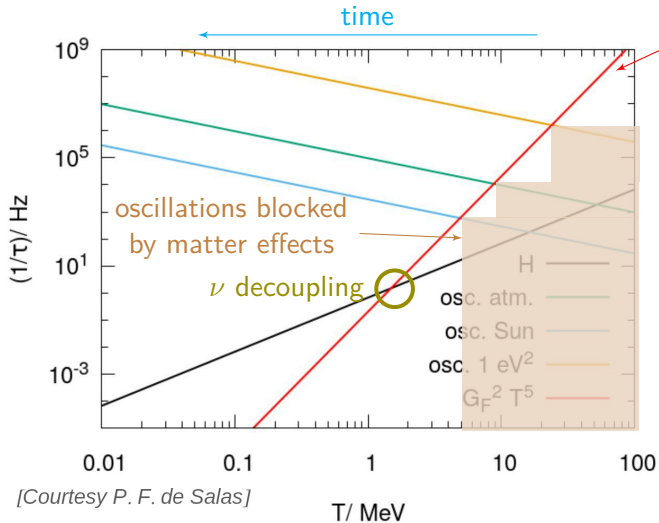


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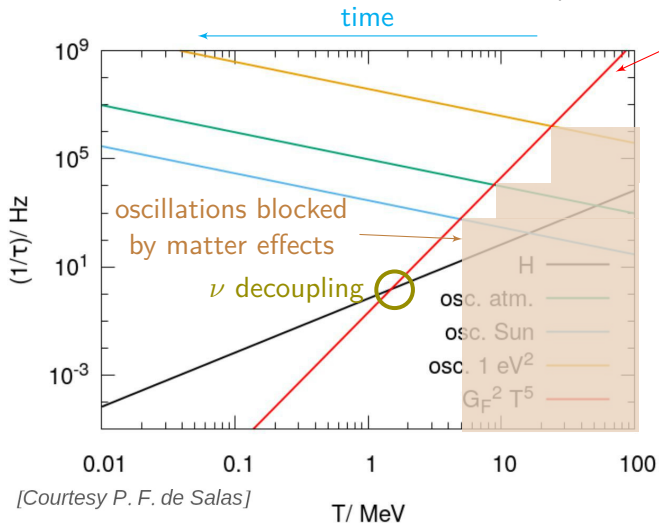
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$H$  Hubble factor  $\rightarrow$  expansion (depends on universe content)

$$\text{effective Hamiltonian } \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{M_F}{2y} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}G_F y m_e^6}{x^6} \left( \frac{E_\ell + P_\ell}{m_W^2} + \frac{4}{3} \frac{E_\nu}{m_Z^2} \right)$$

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FORTRAN-Evolved Primordial Neutrino Oscillations  
(FortEPiano)

[https://bitbucket.org/ahep\\_cosmo/fortepiano\\_public](https://bitbucket.org/ahep_cosmo/fortepiano_public)

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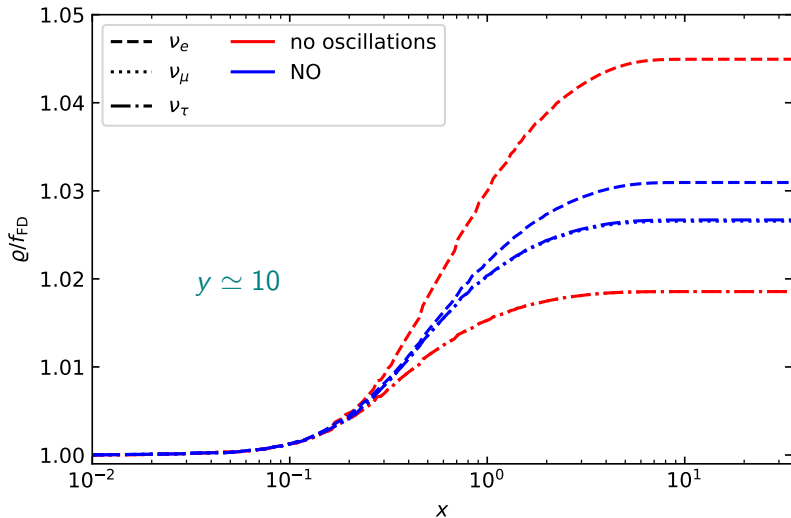
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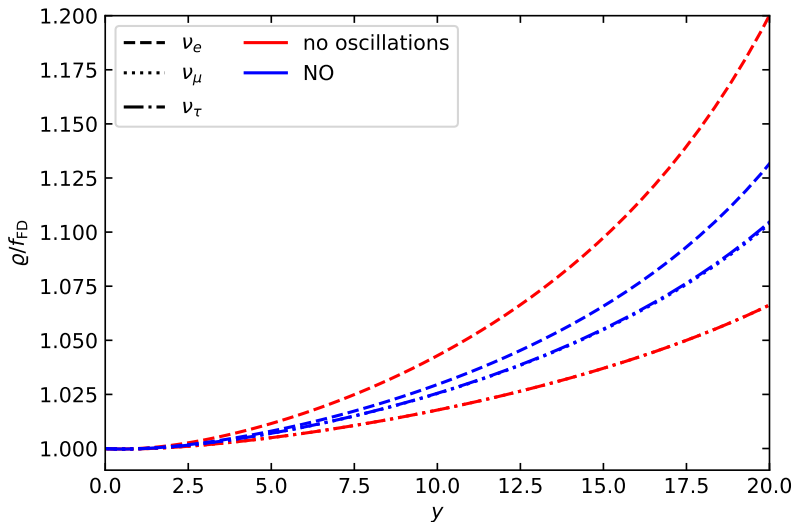
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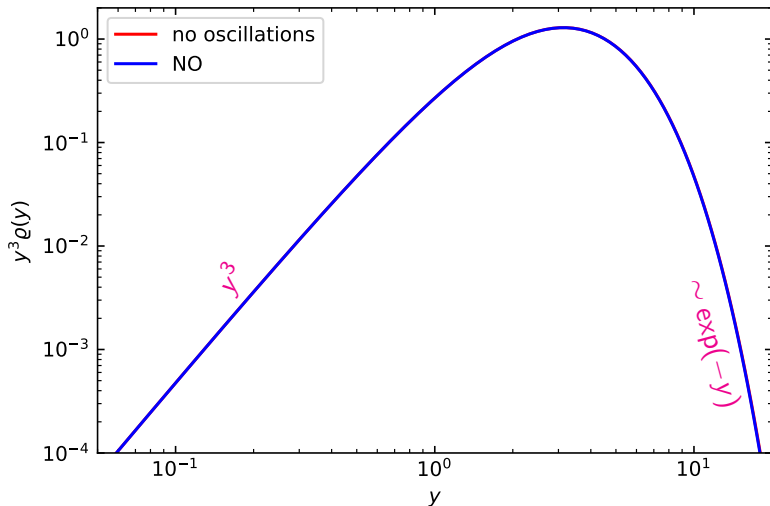


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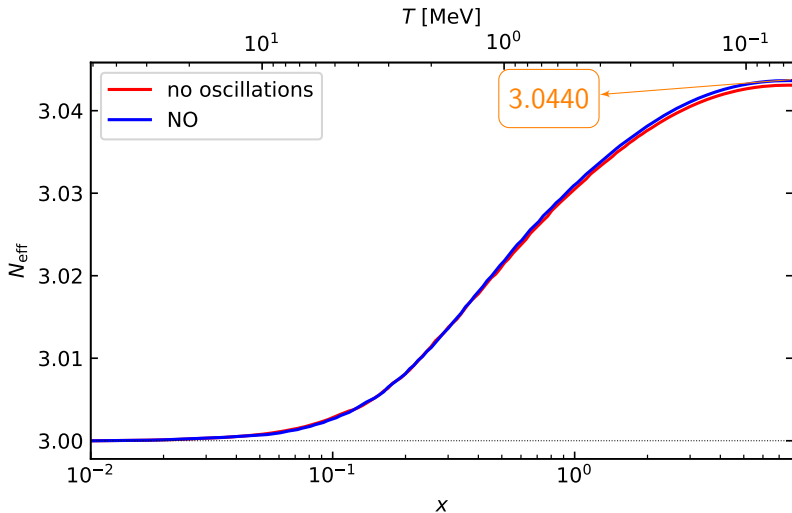


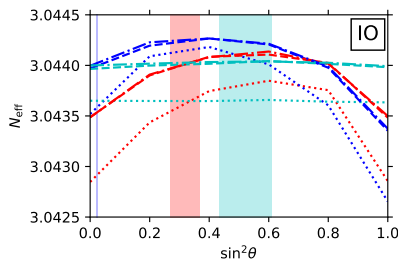
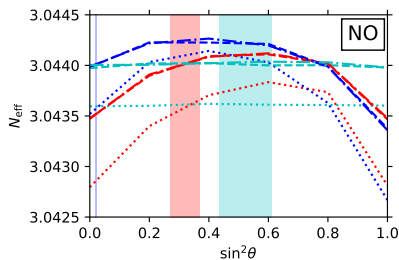
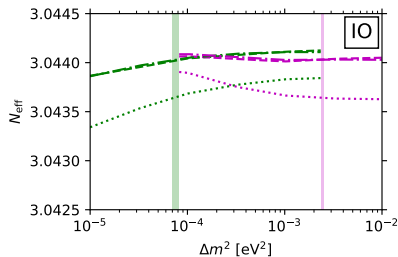
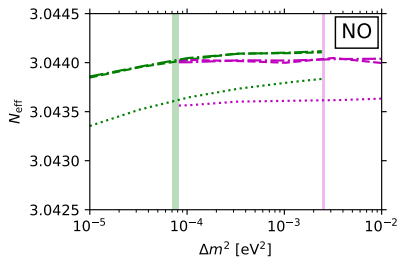
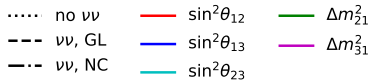
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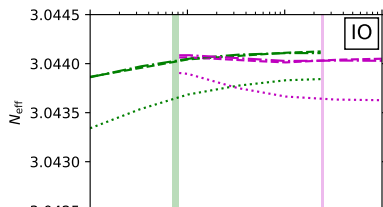
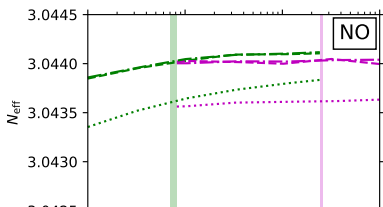
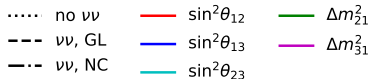


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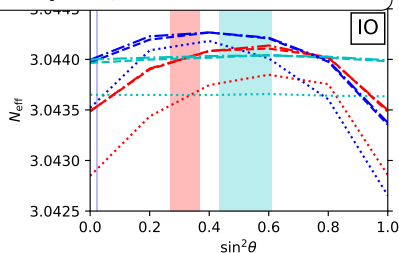
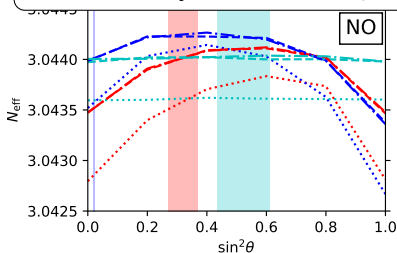








within  $3\sigma$  ranges allowed by global fits [deSalas, SG+, JHEP 2021]  
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# Additional Radiation in the Early Universe

$$\rho_r = [1 + 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}}] \rho_\gamma$$

$$H^2 = 8\pi G \rho_T / 3$$

$N_{\text{eff}}$  controls the expansion rate  $H$  in the early Universe, during radiation dominated phase

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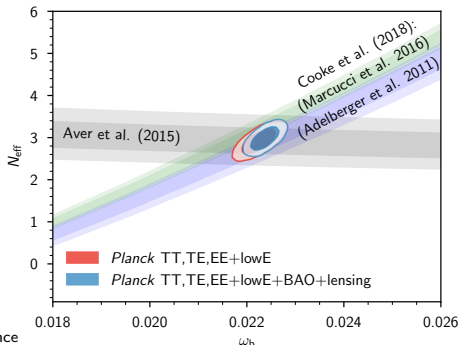
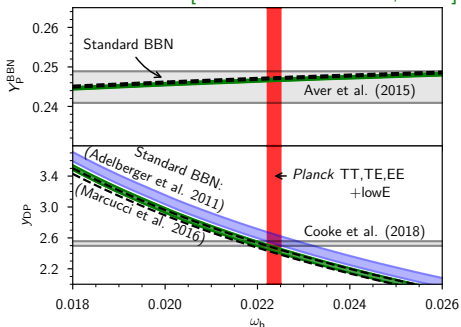
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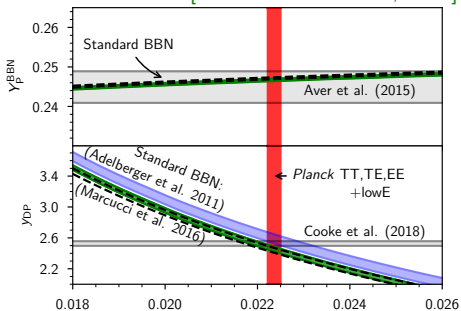
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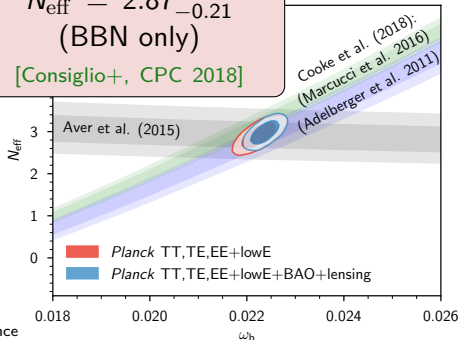
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(BBN only)

[Consiglio+, CPC 2018]



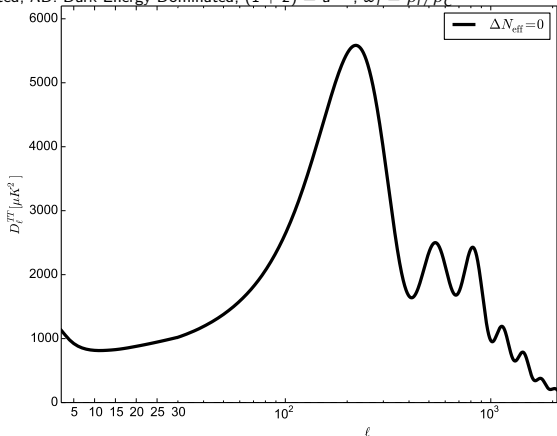
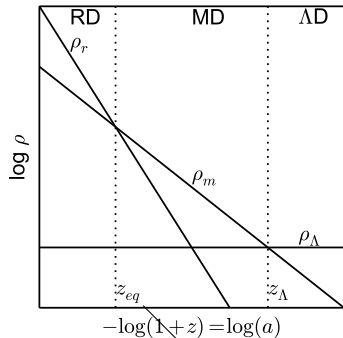
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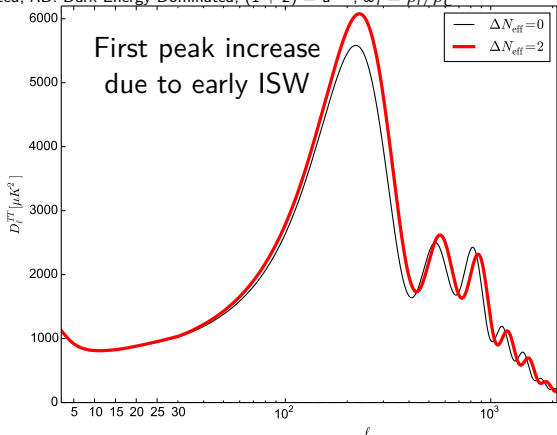
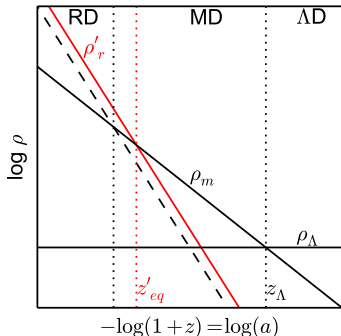


$$1 + z_{eq} = \frac{\omega_m}{\omega_r} = \frac{\omega_m}{\omega_\gamma} \frac{1}{1 + 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}}}$$

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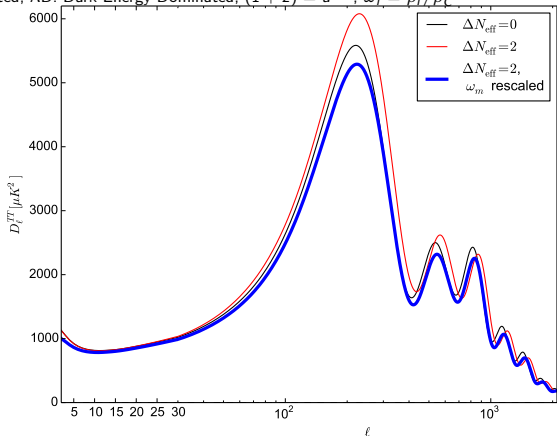
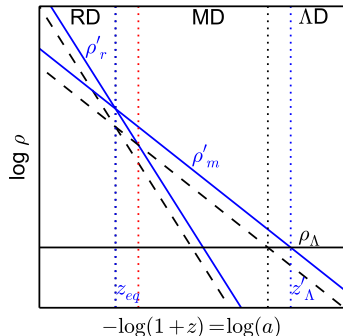


At  $z_{\text{CMB}}$ : higher  $H \propto \rho_r \Rightarrow$  smaller comoving sound horizon  $r_s \propto H^{-1}$   
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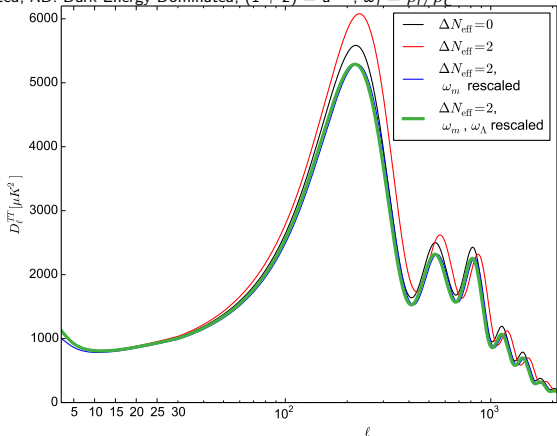
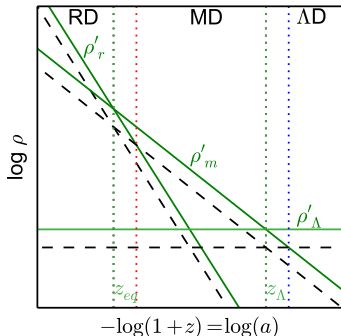


- Contribution from early ISW effect restored (first peak)
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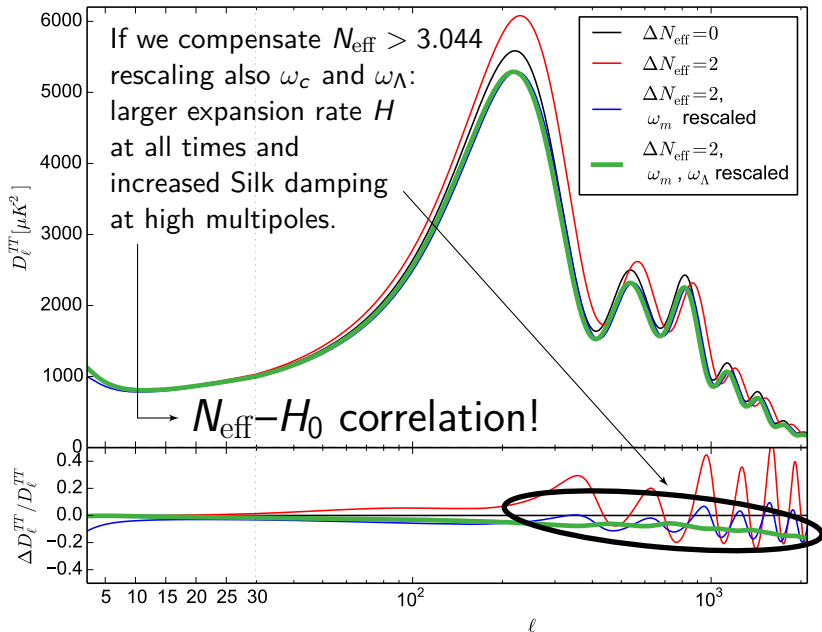
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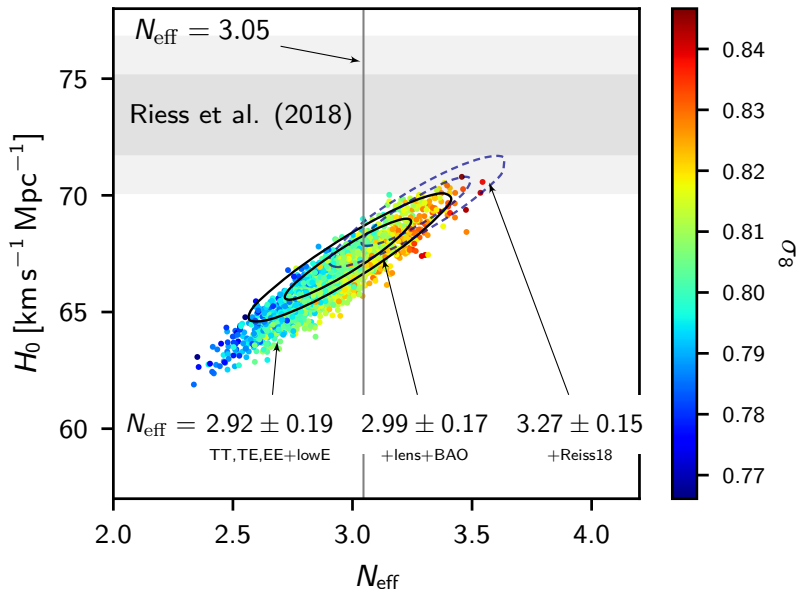


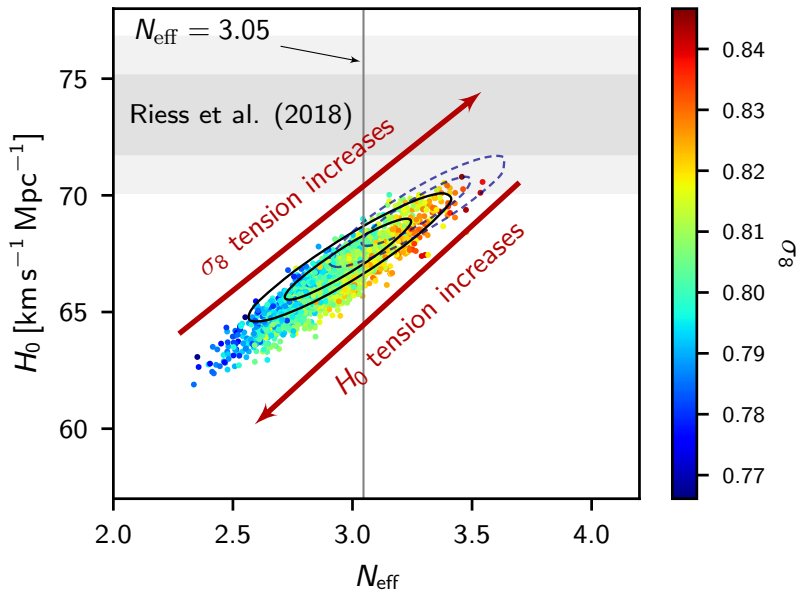
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- slope of the Sachs-Wolfe plateau recovered;
- peak amplitude not recovered!



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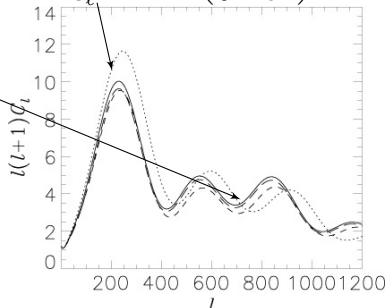
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[Lesgourgues+, Neutrino Cosmology]

# Free-streaming - I

Non-cold relics  $\implies$  damping in the perturbations due to free-streaming

$$\text{Growth equation: } \ddot{\delta} + \underbrace{2H\dot{\delta}}_{\text{Hubble drag}} + \underbrace{c_s^2 k^2 \frac{\delta}{a^2}}_{\text{pressure}} = \underbrace{4\pi G_N \rho \delta}_{\text{gravity}}$$

Jeans scale: **pressure=gravity**

$$k_J \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G_N \rho}{c_s^2 (1+z)^2}}$$

$$k < k_J$$

growth of density perturbations

$$k > k_J$$

no growth can occur

neutrino free-streaming scale

$$k_{fs}(z) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{H(z)}{(1+z)\sigma_{\nu,\nu}(z)}} \simeq 0.7 \left( \frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_M}{1+z}} h/\text{Mpc}$$

$\rho$  energy density of a given fluid  
 $\delta = \delta\rho/\rho$  perturbation (single fluid)  
 $c_s$  sound speed of the fluid

$\sigma_{\nu,\nu}(z)$   $\nu$  velocity dispersion  
 $H = H(z)$  Hubble factor at redshift  $z$   
 $h$  reduced Hubble factor today

# Free-streaming - II

Damping occurs for all  $k \gtrsim k_{nr}$

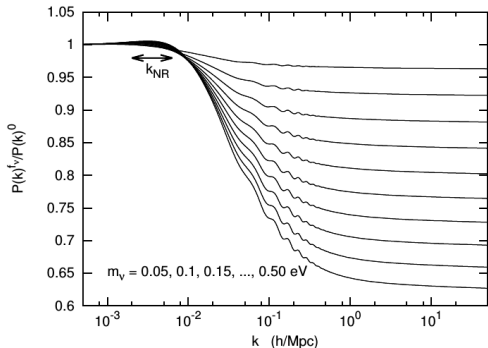
$k_{nr}$ : corresponding  
to  $\nu$  non-relativistic transition

[Lesgourgues+, Neutrino Cosmology]  
(fixed  $h, \omega_m, \omega_b, \omega_\Lambda$ )

Plot:  $\frac{P_{m_\nu > 0}(k)}{P_{m_\nu = 0}(k)}$

- top to bottom:  $m_\nu = 0.05$  eV  
to  $m_\nu = 0.5$  eV

- $\frac{\Delta P}{P} \simeq -\frac{8\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_M} \simeq -\frac{\sum m_\nu}{0.01 \text{ eV}} \%$

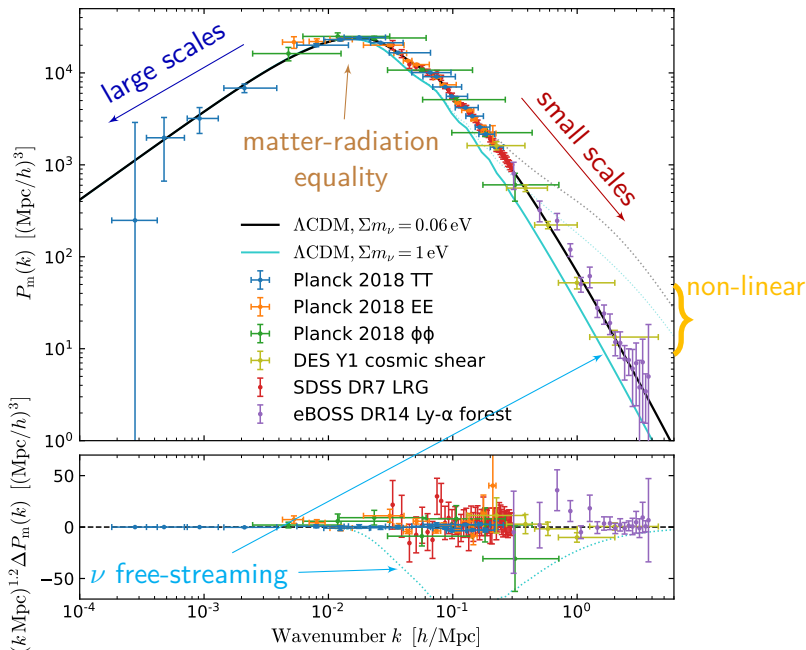


Expected constraints from future surveys:

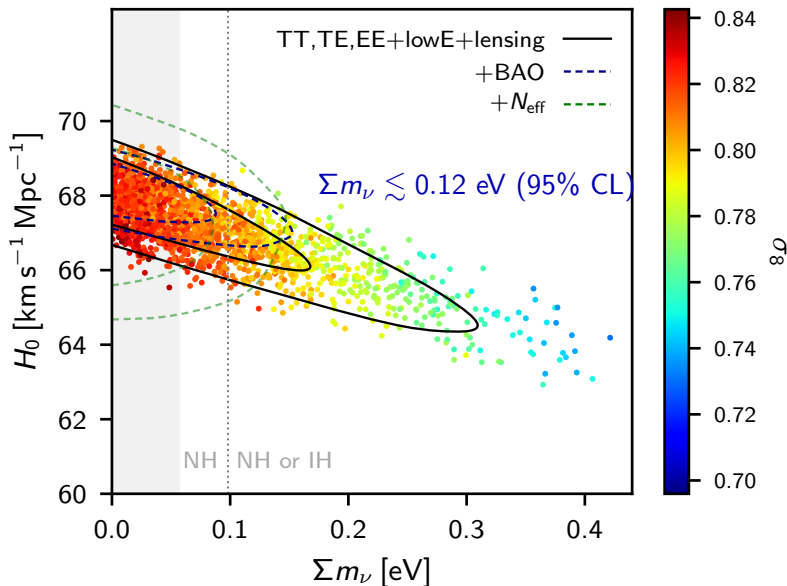
- Planck CMB + DES:  $\sigma(m_\nu) \simeq 0.04\text{--}0.06$  eV [Font-Ribera+, 2014]
- Planck CMB + Euclid:  $\sigma(m_\nu) \simeq 0.03$  eV [Audren+, 2013]

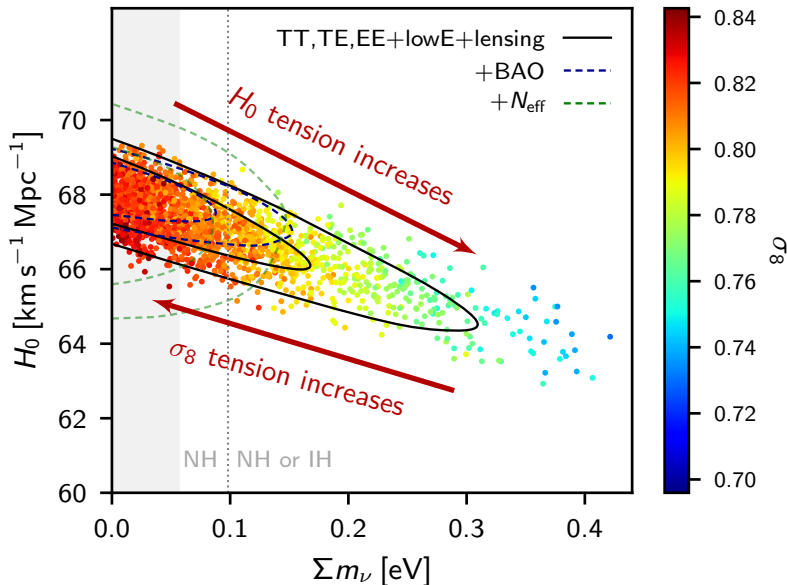
# (Linear) matter power spectrum with $\nu$ s

[Chabanier+, 2019]



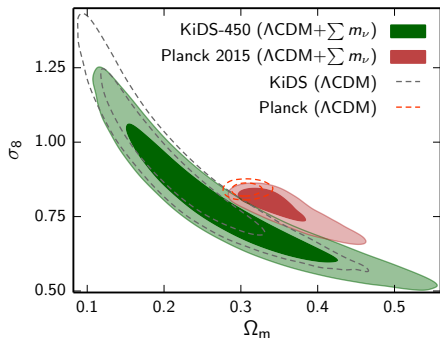




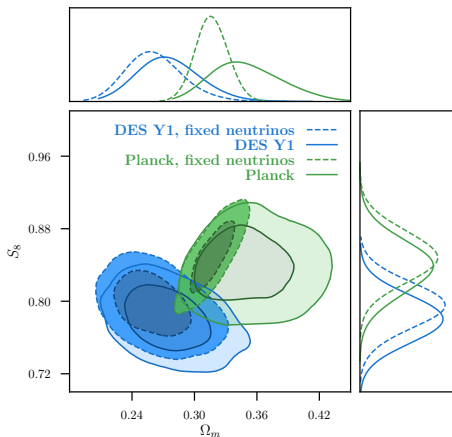


# $\Sigma m_\nu$ and the local tensions - II

[KiDS collaboration, MNRAS 471 (2017) 1259]



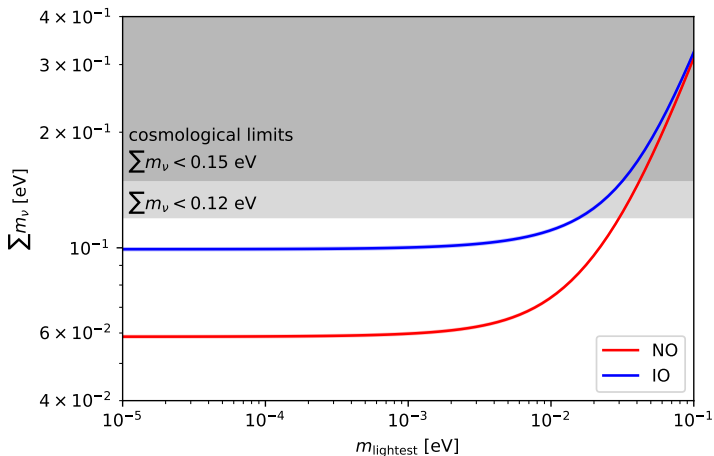
[DES collaboration, arxiv:1708.01530]



Overlapping of regions does not improve so much with massive neutrinos

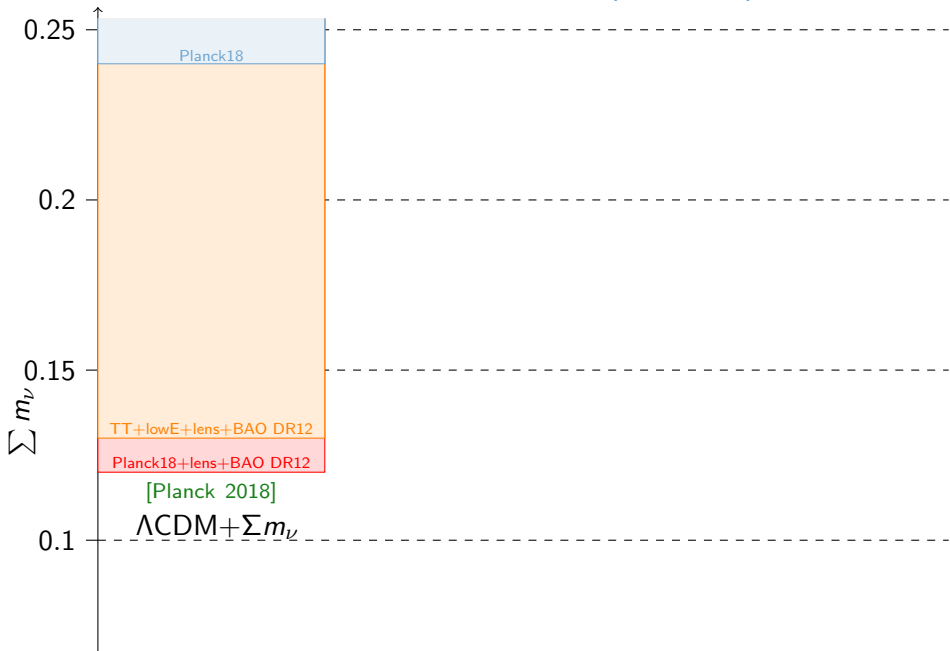
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How the limit change when considering extensions of the  $\Lambda$ CDM model?

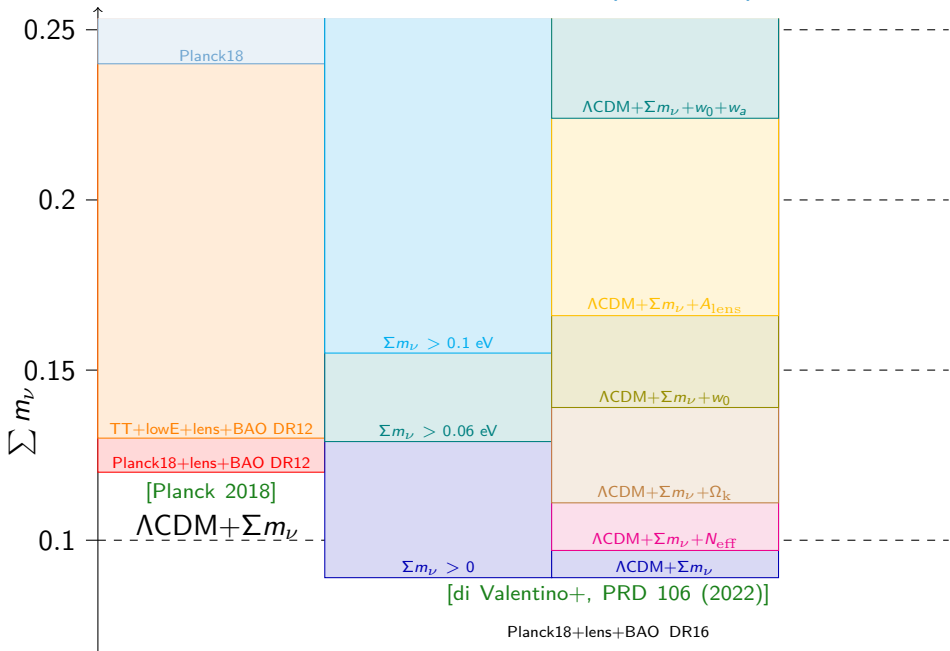


Warning:  $\Sigma m_\nu \lesssim 0.1$  eV at 95% CL  
**does not mean IO disfavored at 95% CL!**

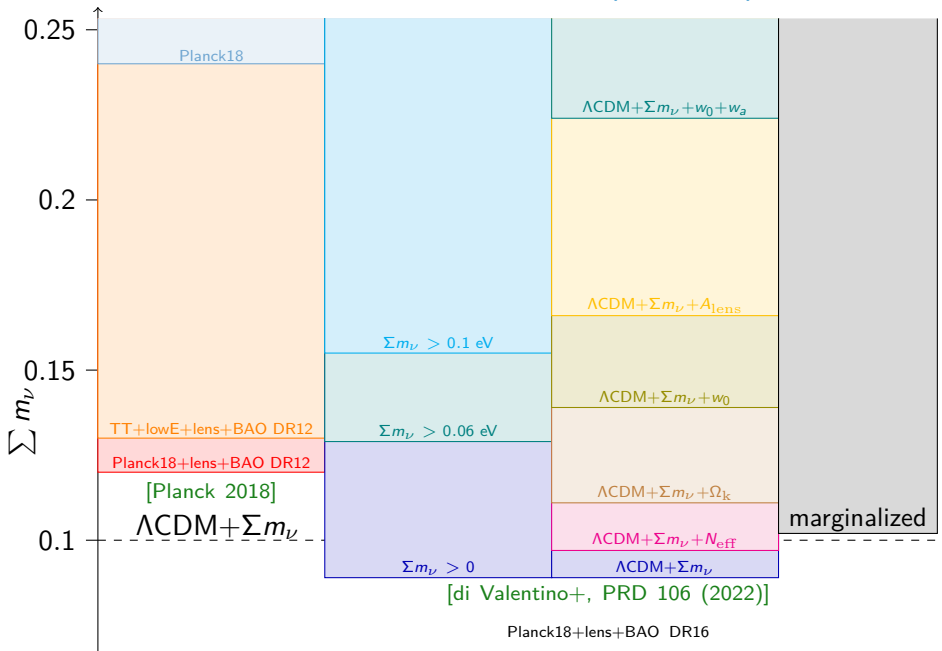
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# Mass ordering results

Bayes theorem for models:

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Bayesian evidence:

$$Z_{\mathcal{M}} = \int_{\Omega_{\mathcal{M}}} \mathcal{L}(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Bayes factor NO vs IO:

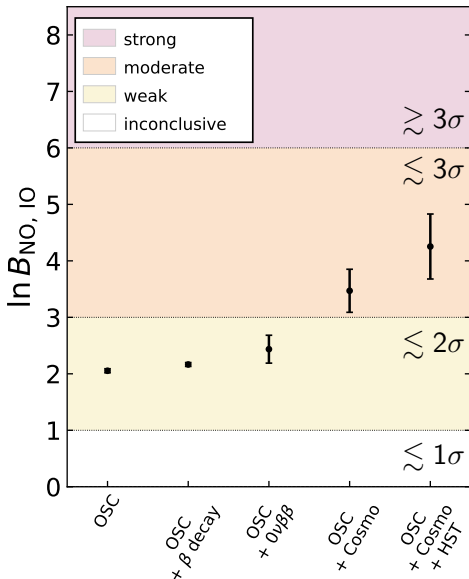
$$B_{\text{NO,IO}} = Z_{\text{NO}}/Z_{\text{IO}}$$

Posterior probability:

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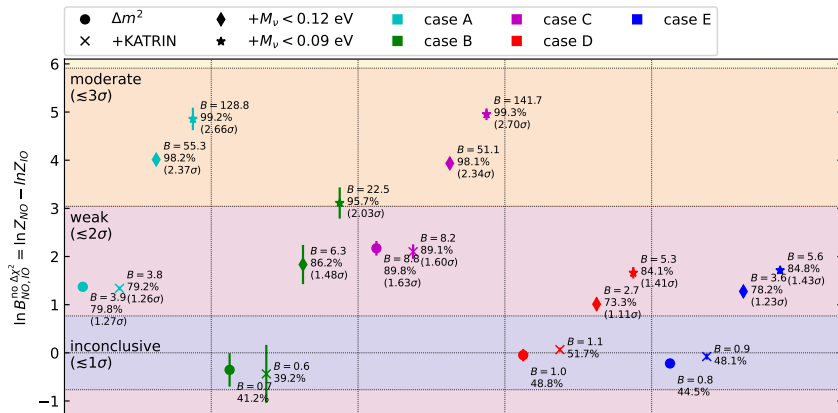
$$P_{\text{IO}} = 1 / (B_{\text{NO,IO}} + 1)$$

$$N\sigma \text{ from } P_{\text{NO}} = \text{erf}(N/\sqrt{2})$$





oscillation  $\Delta m^2$  alone should not generate a difference



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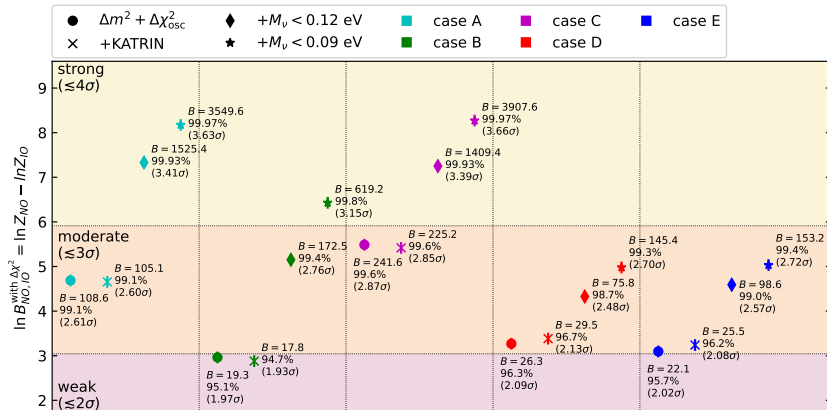
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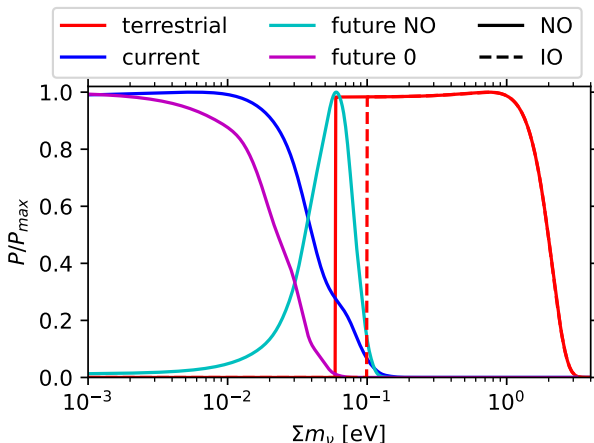
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Future sensitivity:  $\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu) \simeq 0.02 \text{ eV}$

Still preferring  $\Sigma m_\nu = 0$ ?

Will measure e.g.  $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.06 \text{ eV}$ ?

tension ever  
with NO!



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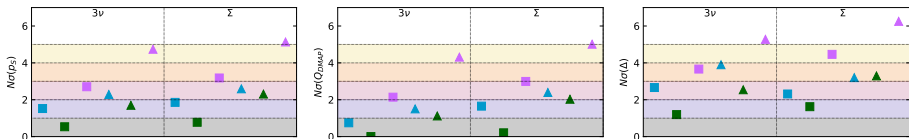
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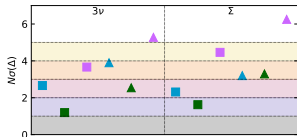
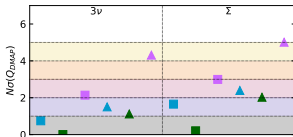
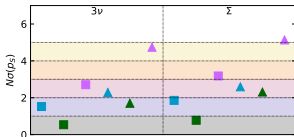
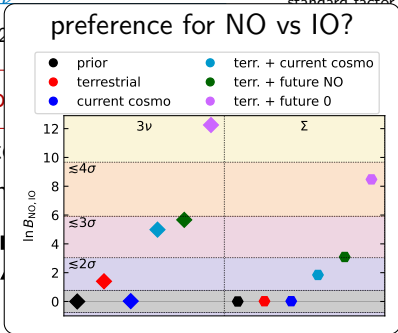
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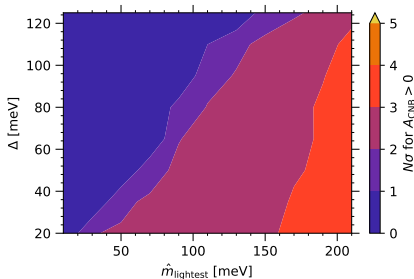
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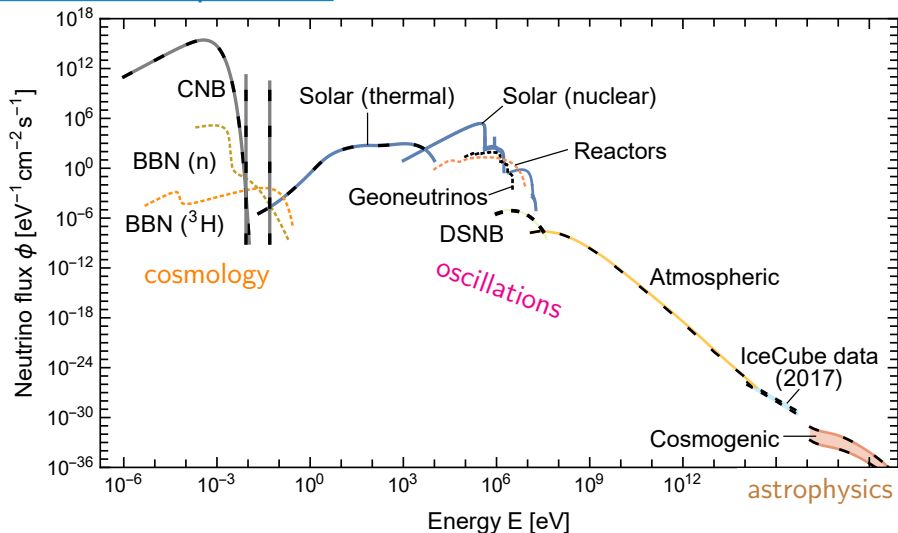
## Direct detection of relic neutrinos

## Proposed methods and their pros/cons

Based on:

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JCAP 06 (2007) 015
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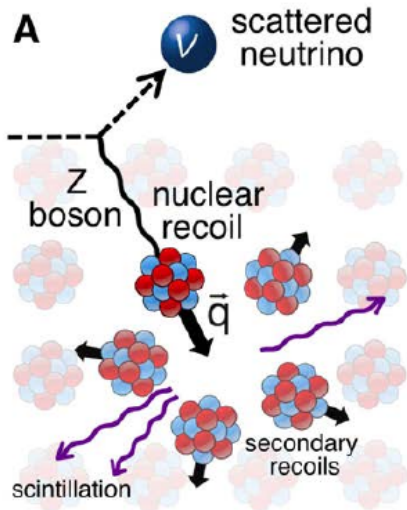




CNB neutrinos have extremely small energy!

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Predicted for  $|\vec{q}|R \lesssim 1$   
by [Freedman, PRD 1974]

small recoil energies!  $\lesssim 10$  keV...  
difficult to measure

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT}(E_\nu, T) \sim \frac{G_F^2 M}{4\pi} N^2$$

[Drukier, Stodolsky, PRD 1984]

**enhancement  $N^2$**  because  
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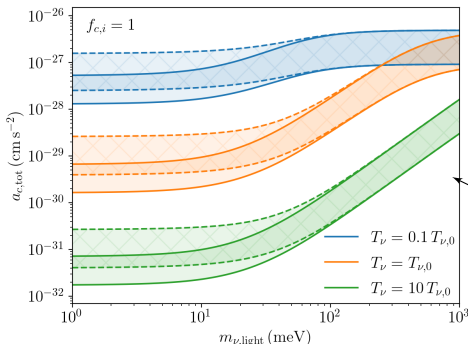
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relic neutrinos have **de Broglie length**  $\lambda \sim 2\pi/p_\nu$



**enhancement** in interactions due to **coherence** with nuclei in volume  $\lambda^3$



**Acceleration** induced by CE $\nu$ NS of relic  $\nu$  on test mass  $M$ :

$$a^N \propto ((A - Z)/A)^2 E_\nu / p_\nu^2 \Delta p_\nu n_\nu \rho$$

- $A, Z$  mass, atomic numbers
- $p_\nu, E_\nu$  neutrino momentum and energy
- $\Delta p_\nu$  net momentum transfer
- $n_\nu$  neutrino number density
- $\rho$  target mass density

unclustered relic  $\nu$ s,  $n_\nu = n_0$   
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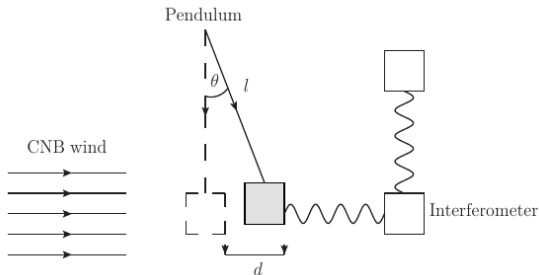
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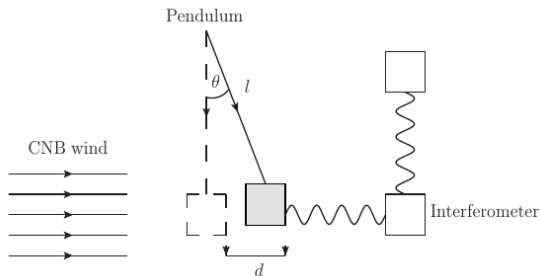
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measure oscillations at interferometers



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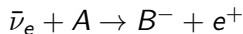


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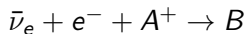
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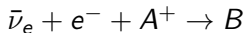
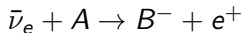


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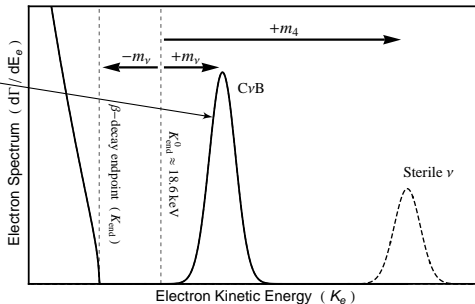
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[Weinberg, 1962]: neutrino capture in  $\beta$ -decaying nuclei  $\nu + n \rightarrow p + e^-$

Main background:  $\beta$  decay  $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$ !

signal is a peak at  $2m_\nu$  above  $\beta$ -decay endpoint

only with a lot of material  
need a very good energy resolution





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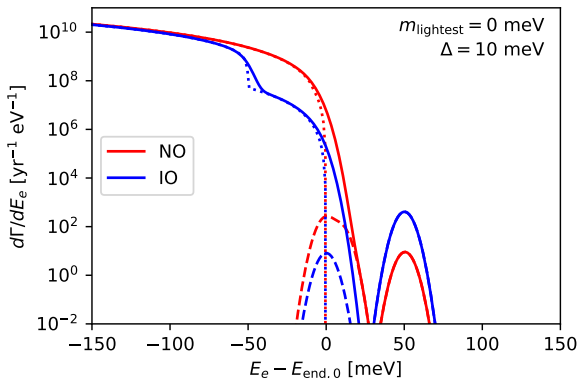
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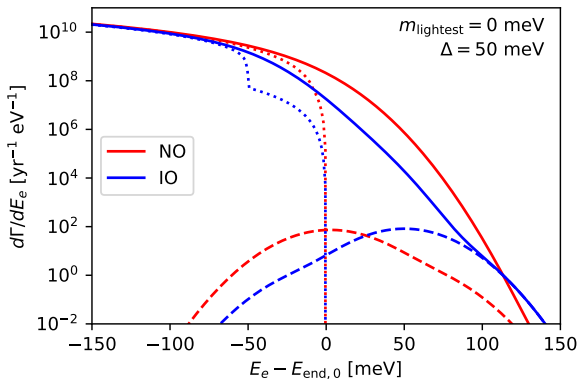


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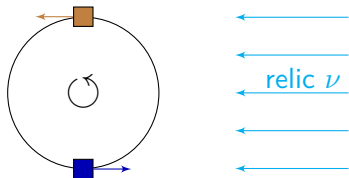
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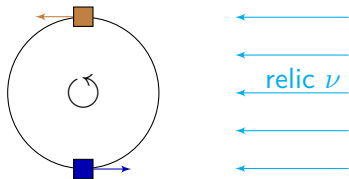


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**Problem:**

Expected **daily modulation**  
is  $\sim 1\%$  of the signal!!

Must use powerful technique  
for signal/noise separation

**Fourier analysis and frequency  
filtering may be sufficient**

no  $m_{\nu}$  information in this way!

# $\nu$ clustering with N-one-body simulations

Milky Way (MW) matter attracts neutrinos!

clustering  $\rightarrow$  
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$f_c(m_i) = n_i/n_{i,0}$  clustering factor  $\rightarrow$  How to compute it?

Idea from [Ringwald & Wong, 2004]  $\rightarrow$  **N-one-body** =  $N \times$  single  $\nu$  simulations

$\rightarrow$  each  $\nu$  evolved from initial conditions at  $z = 3$

$\rightarrow$  spherical symmetry, coordinates  $(r, \theta, p_r, l)$

$\rightarrow$  need  $\rho_{\text{matter}}(z) = \rho_{\text{DM}}(z) + \rho_{\text{baryon}}(z)$

Assumptions:

$\nu$ s are independent

only gravitational interactions

$\nu$ s do not influence matter evolution

$(\rho_\nu \ll \rho_{\text{DM}})$

how many  $\nu$ s is "N"?

$\rightarrow$  must sample all possible  $r, p_r, l$

$\rightarrow$  must include all possible  $\nu$ s that reach the MW

(fastest ones may come from  
several (up to  $\mathcal{O}(100)$ ) Mpc!)

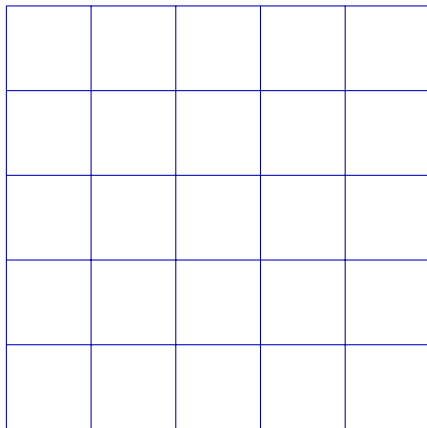
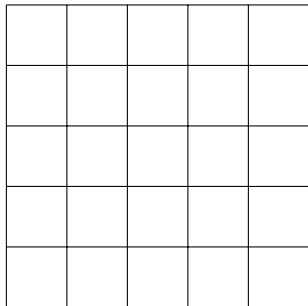
given N  $\nu$ :

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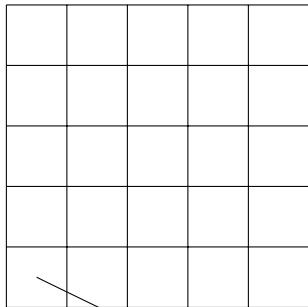
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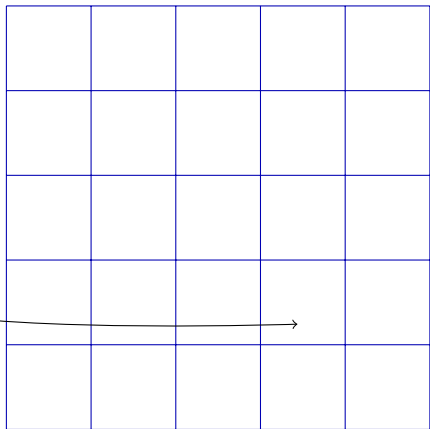
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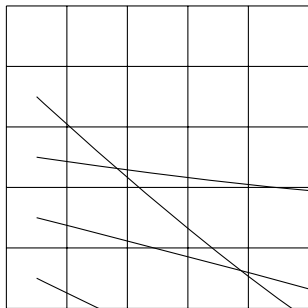
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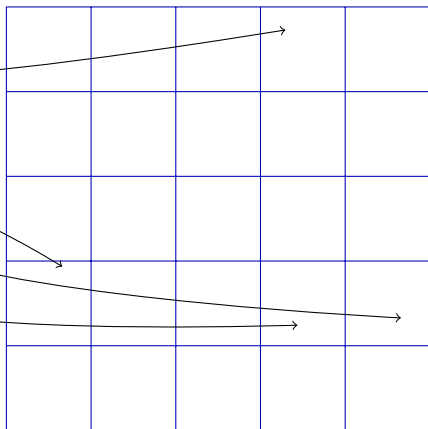
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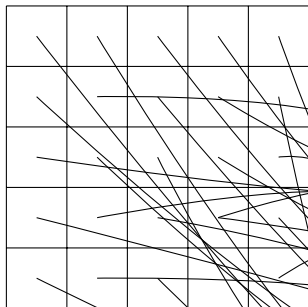
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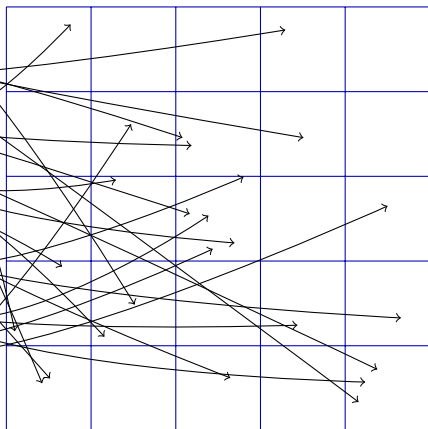
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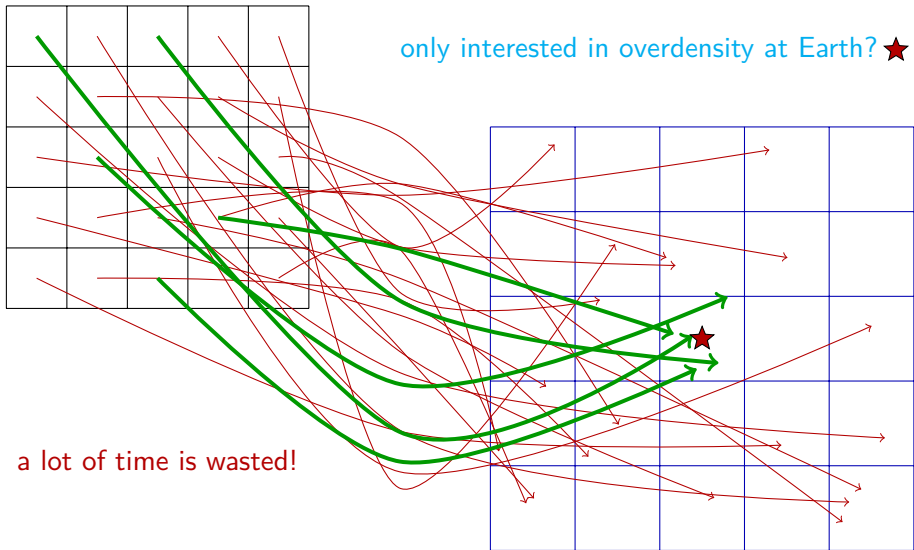


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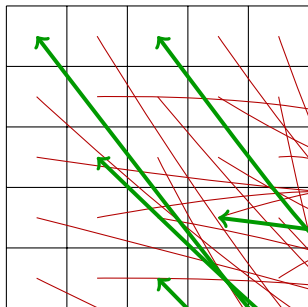


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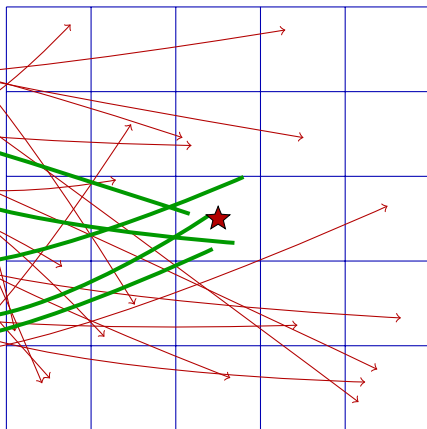
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with full grid would re-  
quire 3+3 dimensions!

Impossible to relax  
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“Initial” conditions only described  
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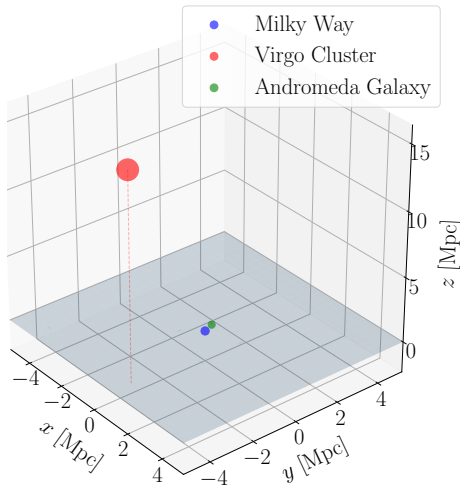
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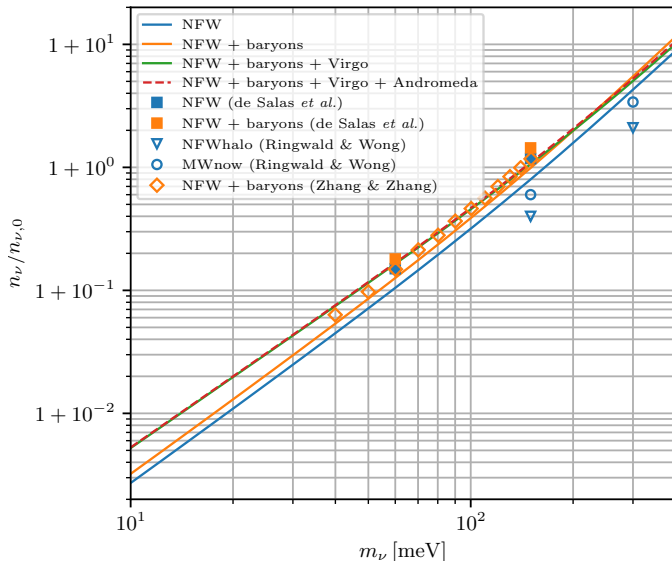
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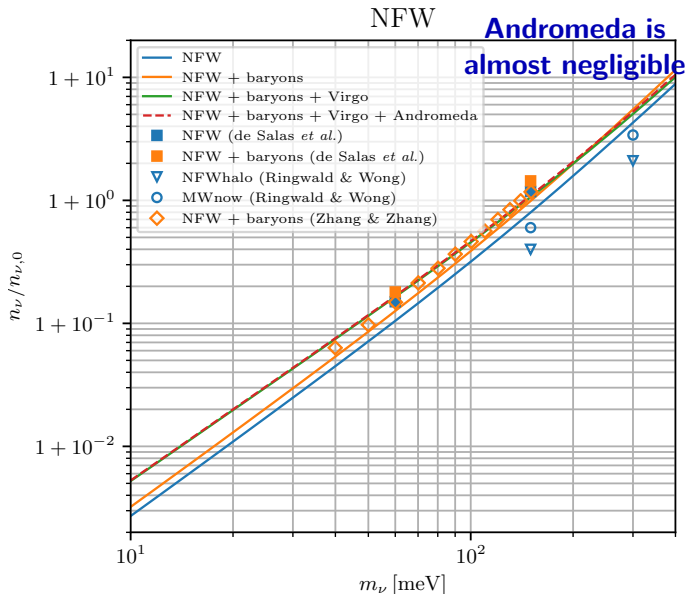
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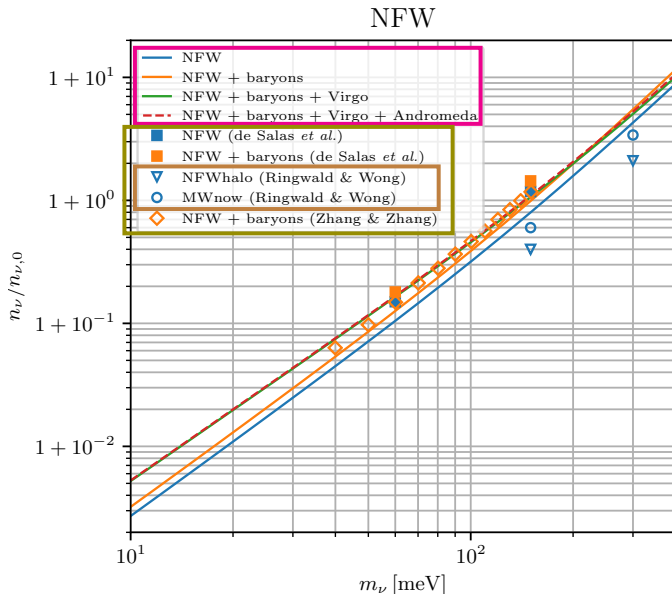
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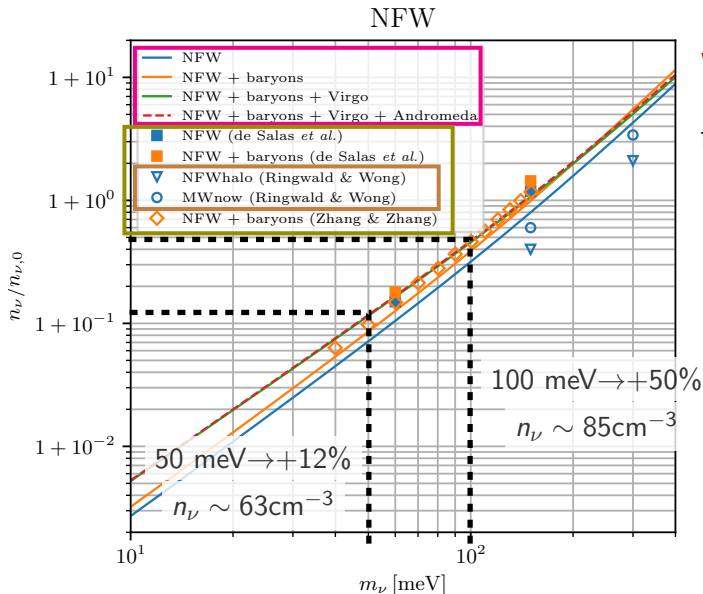
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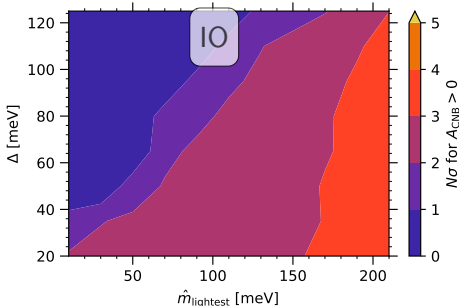
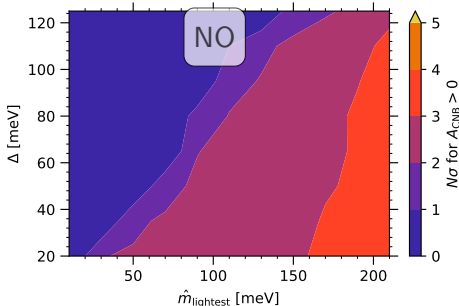
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if  $\mathbf{A}_{\text{CNB}} > 0$  at  $N\sigma$ , direct detection of CNB accomplished at  $N\sigma$

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significance on  $A_{\text{CNB}} > 0$   
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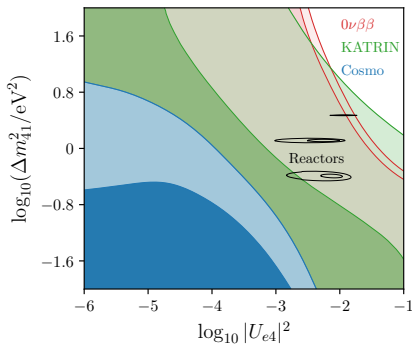
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Assuming they exist...

Based on:

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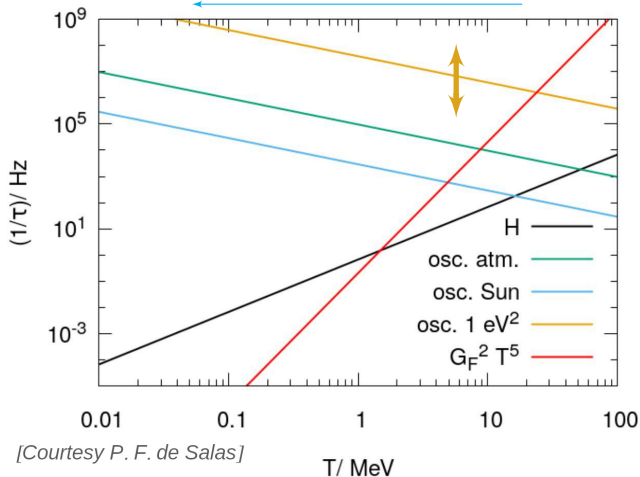
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[Courtesy P. F. de Salas]

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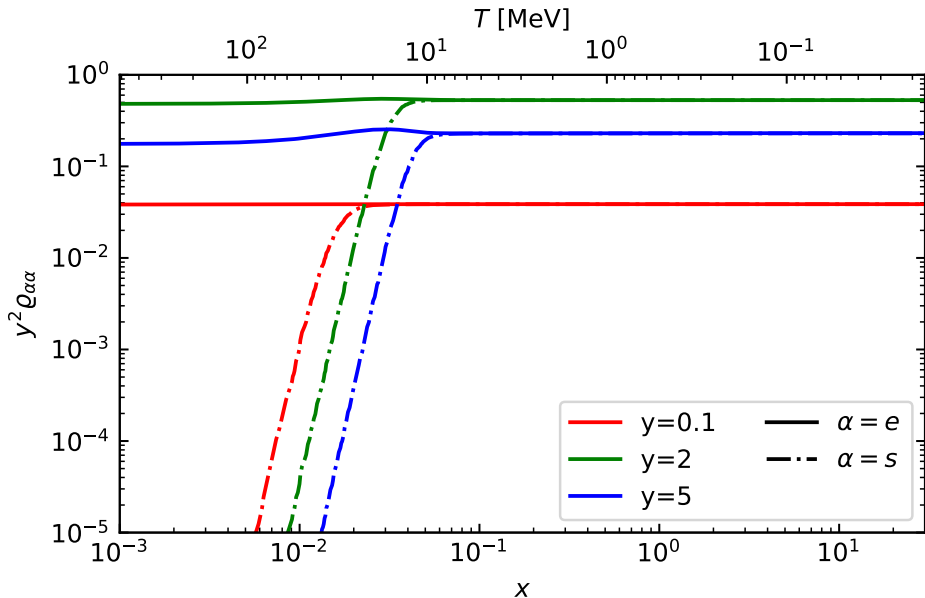
$$\text{e.g.: } \Delta m_{as}^2 = 1 \text{ eV}^2, \sin^2(2\vartheta_{as}) \simeq 10^{-3} \implies \Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$$

Full calculation: use numerical code!

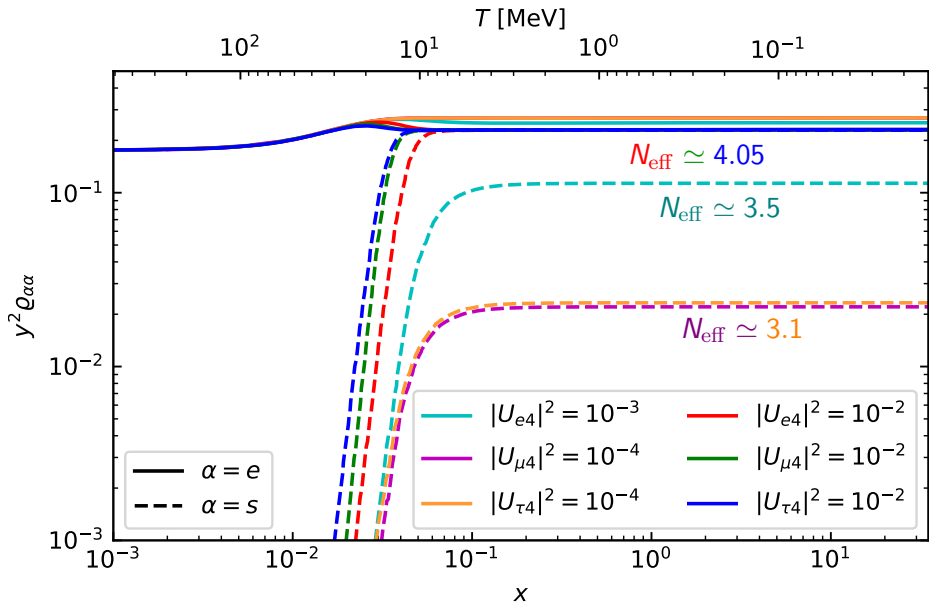
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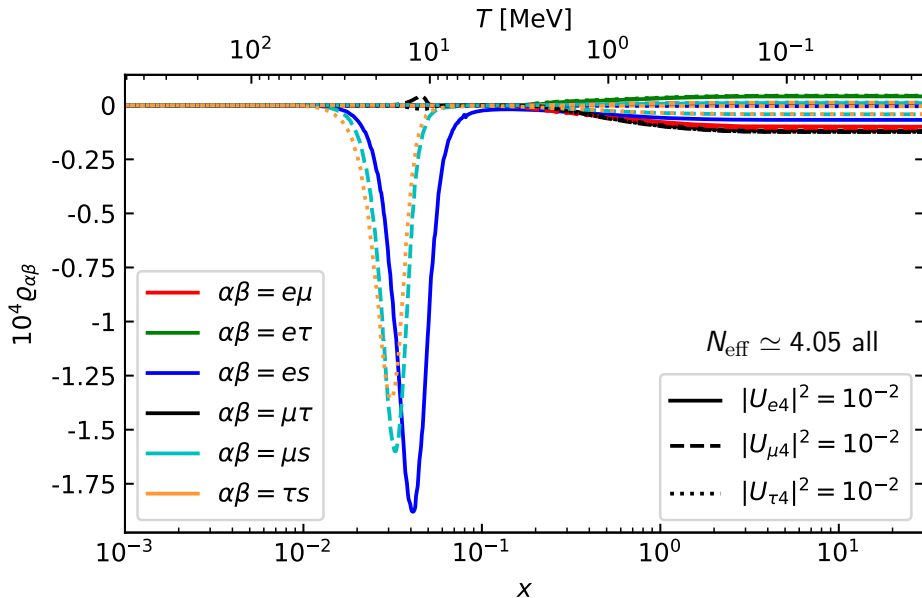
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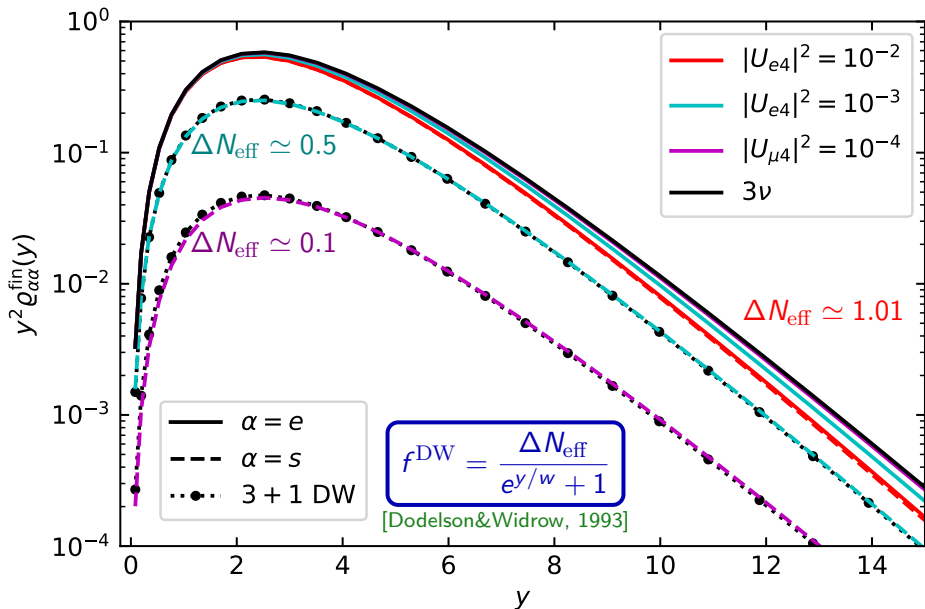


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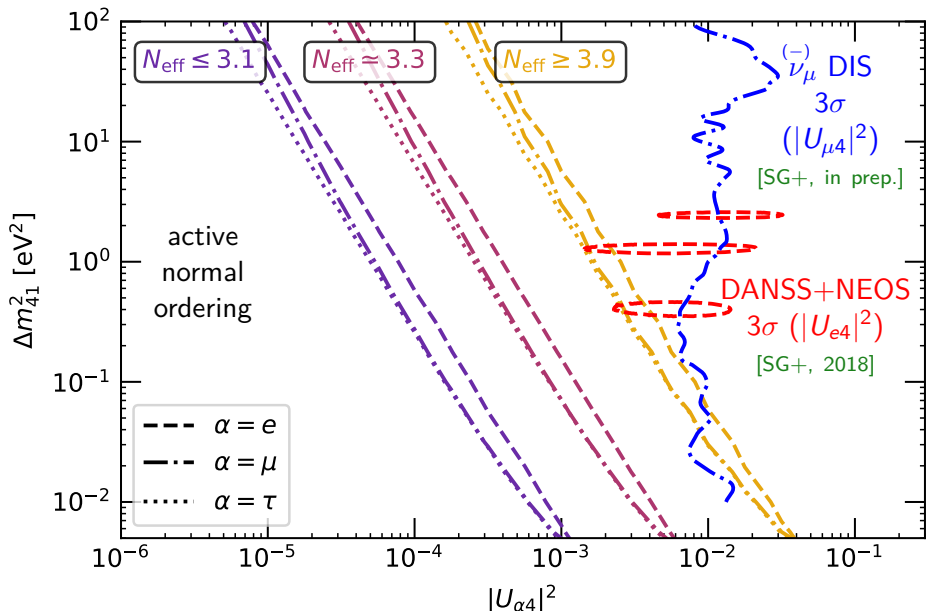


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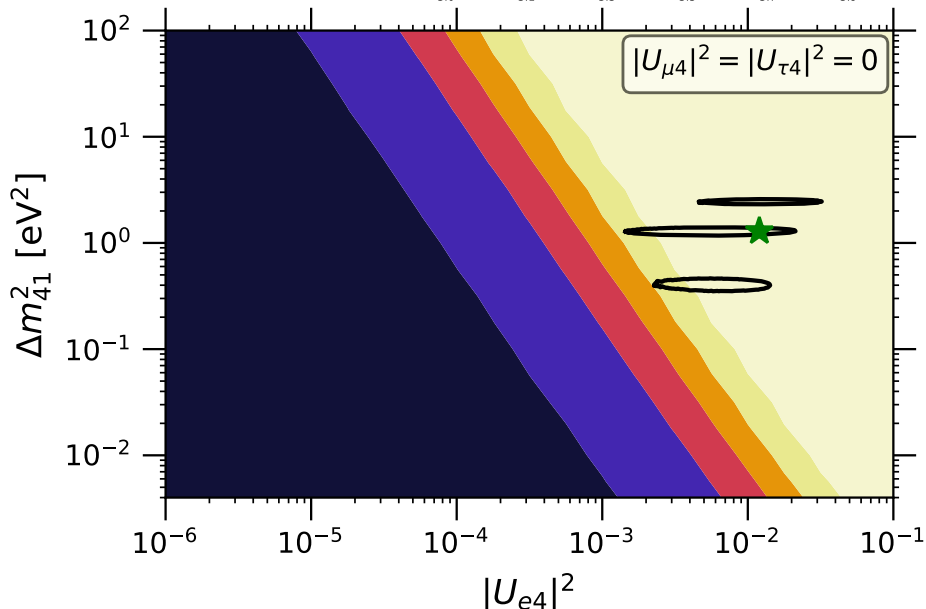
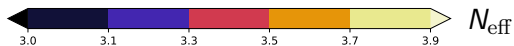
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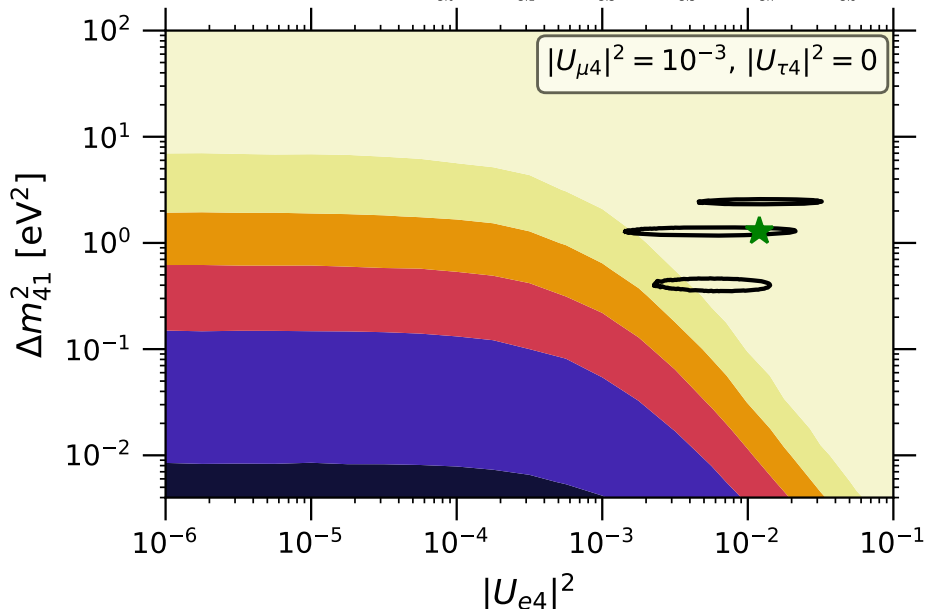
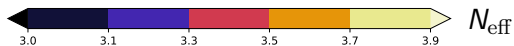
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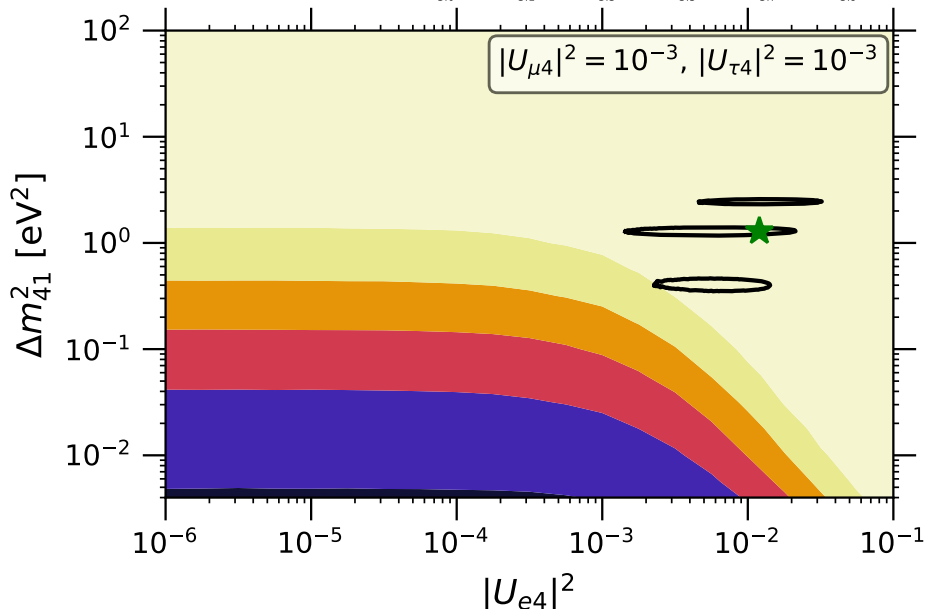
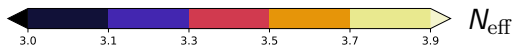


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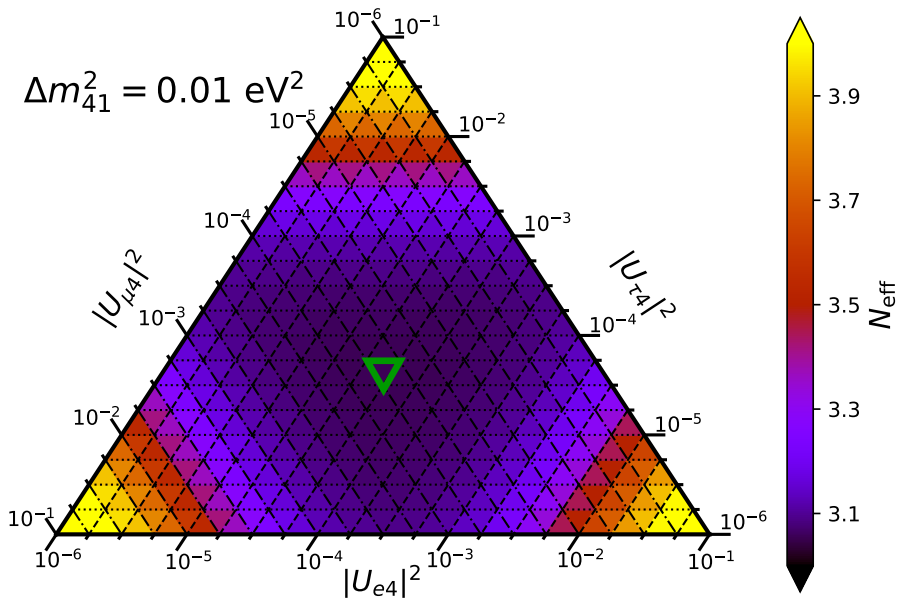


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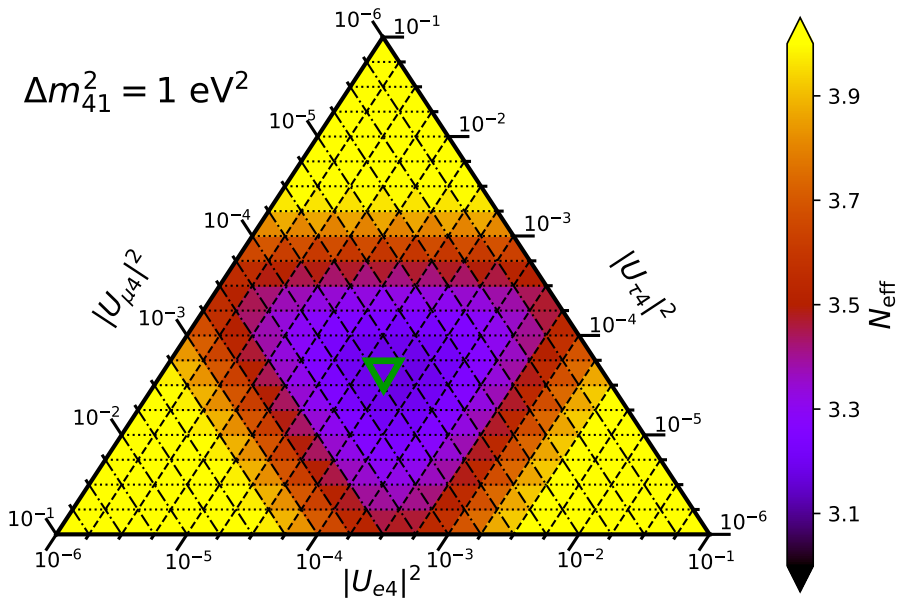


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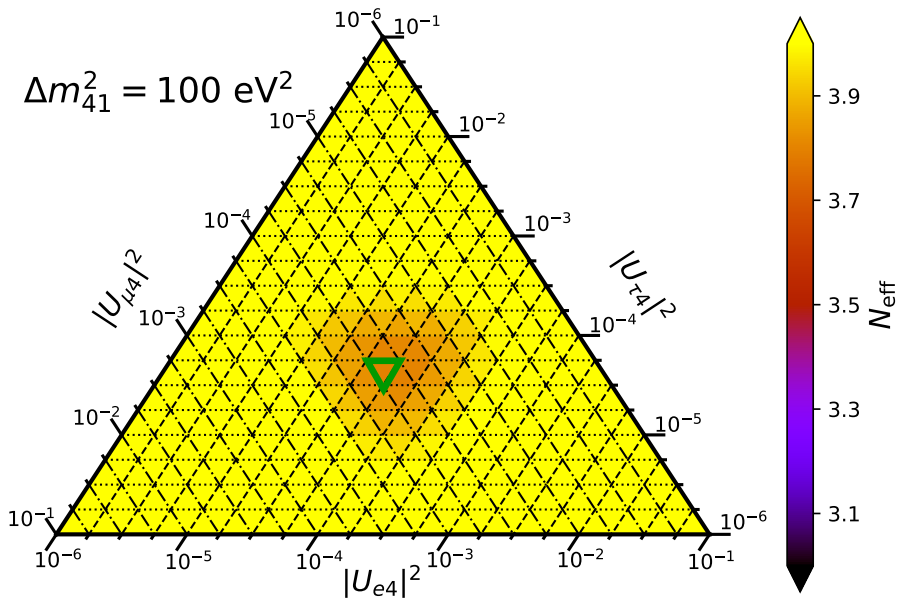
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Dodelson-Widrow distribution function:  $f_s \approx \Delta N_{\text{eff}} f_a$

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

so that

- $\omega_s = m_s^{\text{eff}} / (94.12 \text{ eV})$
- $m_s^{\text{eff}} \simeq m_s$  for thermalized LS $\nu$  ( $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$ )
- if  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 0$ ,  $m_s^{\text{eff}} \simeq 0 \Rightarrow$  cannot constrain  $m_s$

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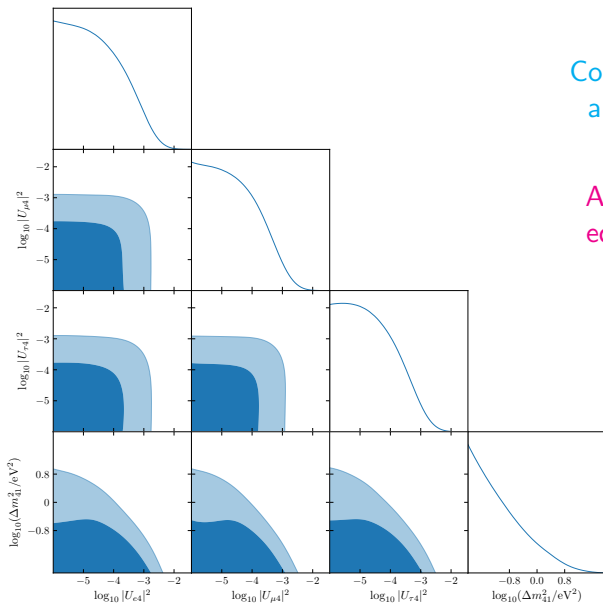
$$\text{thermal distribution function } f_s(p) = \frac{1}{e^{p/T_s} + 1}$$

$$T_s = \Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{1/4} T_a \implies m_s^{\text{eff}} = \Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{3/4} m_s$$

similar behavior as DW case, different dependence on  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$

# Cosmological constraints on $|U_{\alpha 4}|^2$

Use multi-angle results from FortEPiANO to derive constraints on  $|U_{\alpha 4}|^2$ :

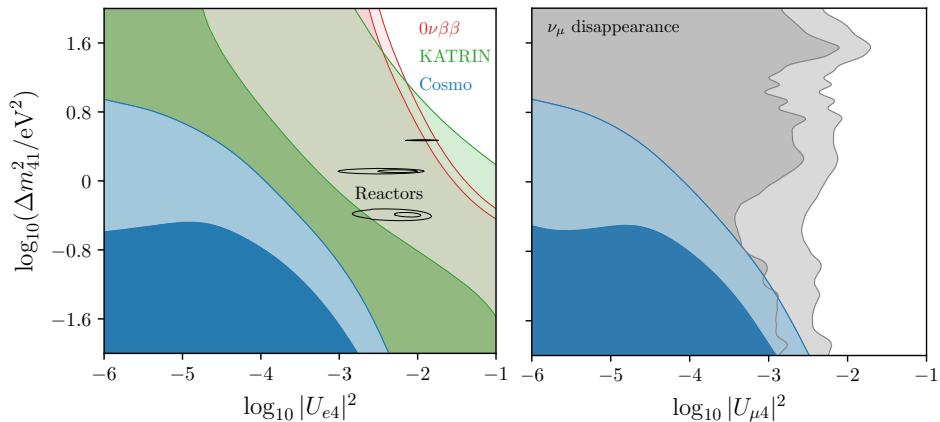


Constraints come from  $N_{\text{eff}}$   
and late-time density  $\Omega_s$

Angles  $|U_{\alpha 4}|^2$  are almost  
equivalent for cosmology

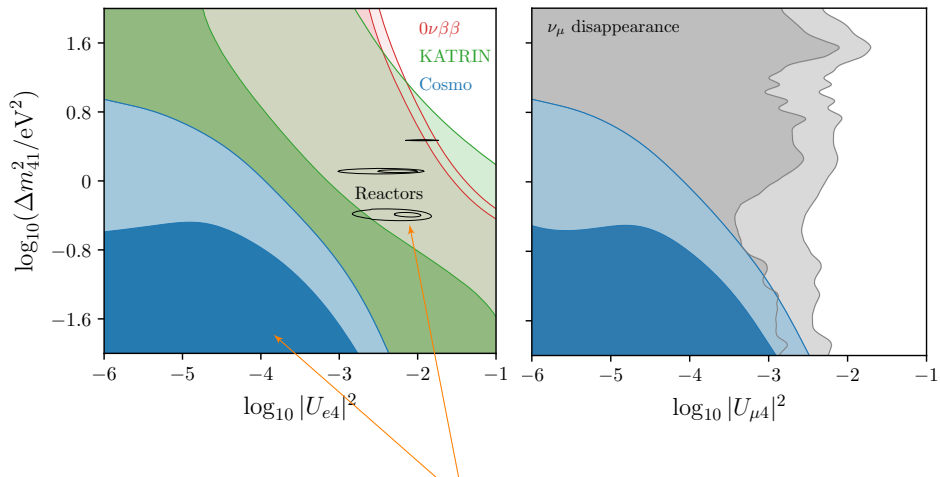
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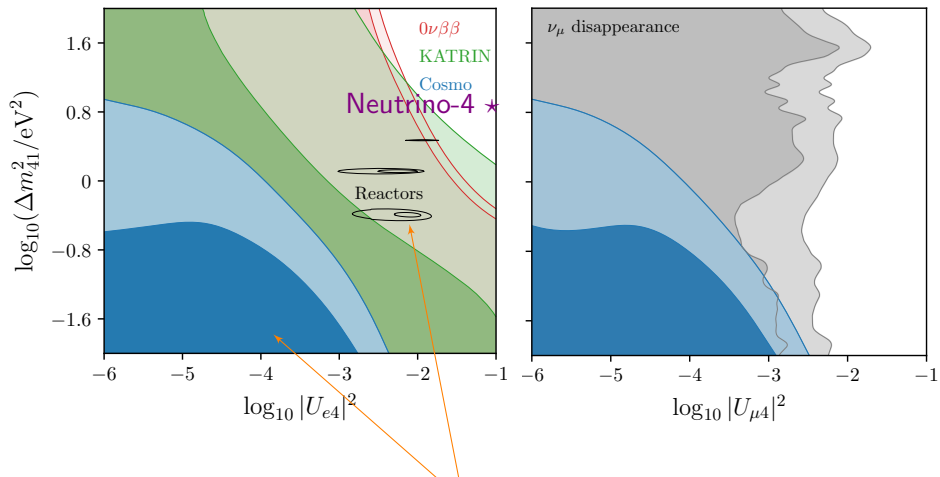


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# Comparing constraints

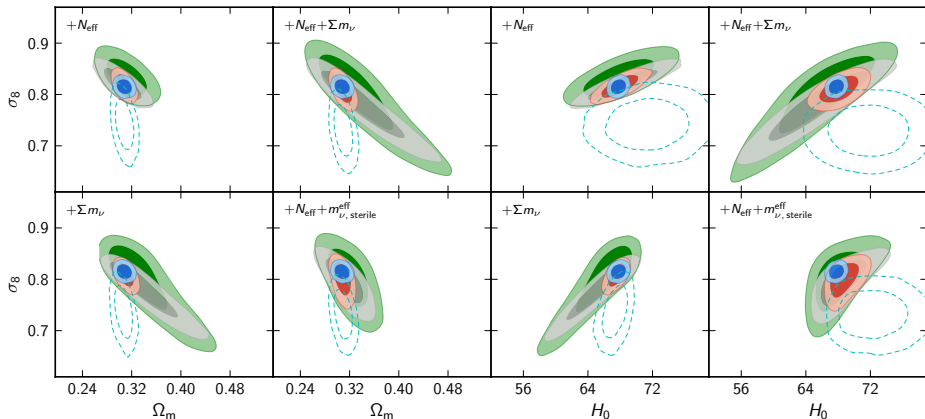
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■ Planck TT+lowP   
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dashed: local measurements    - ■  $\Lambda$ CDM model, ■  $\Lambda$ CDM +  $\nu_{a,s}$  models: full cosmological dataset

$H_0$  increases  $\Rightarrow \sigma_8$  increases (and viceversa)!

The correlations do not help.

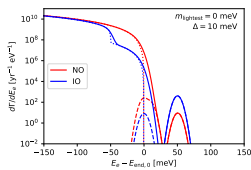
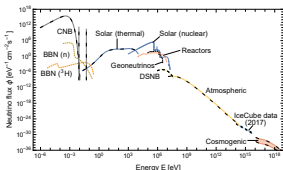
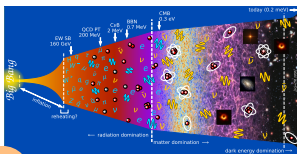
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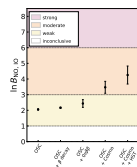
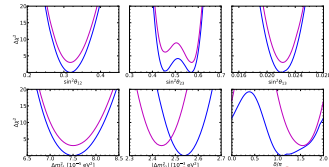
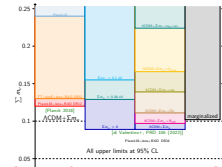
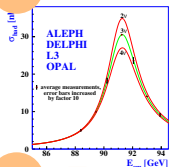


# What did we learn about neutrinos and cosmology?

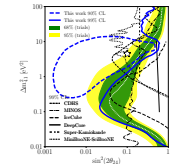
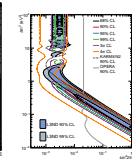
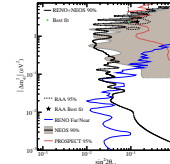
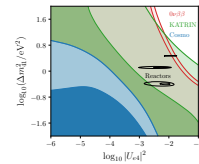
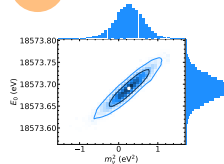
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## C Neutrino physics is reasonably well Constrained

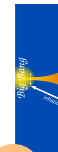


## T Terrestrial probes are our best short-term hope to learn more



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Neutrino physics is like the UCT:  
beautiful, public (open to anybody),  
it takes some efforts

Thanks for your attention!