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## Direct detection, PTOLEMY and the clustering of relic neutrinos

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# ■ Direct detection - proposed methods - Stodolsky effect

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Stodolsky effect

[Stodolsky, 1974][Duda et al., 2001]

(only if there is  
lepton asymmetry)

energy splitting of  $e^-$  spin states due to  
coherent scattering with relic neutrinos



torque on  $e^-$  in lab rest frame



use a ferromagnet to build detector



measure torque with a torsion balance

$$\text{expected } a_\nu \simeq \mathcal{O}(10^{-26}) \text{ cm/s}^2$$

$$a_{\text{exp}} \simeq \mathcal{O}(10^{-12}) \text{ cm/s}^2$$

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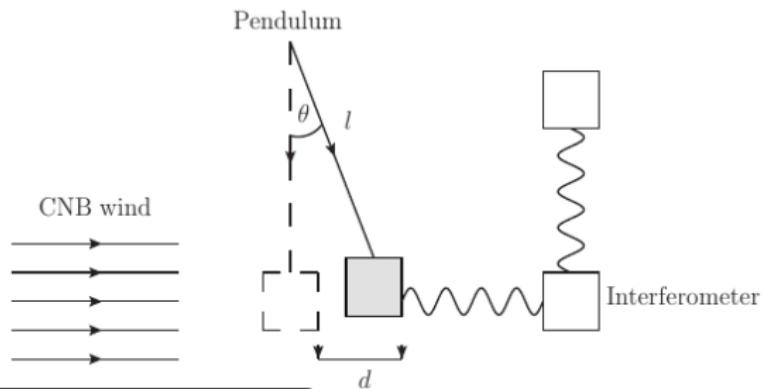
At interferometers

[Domcke et al., 2017]

coherent scattering of  
relic  $\nu$  on a pendulum



measure oscillations  
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expected  
 $10^{-33} \lesssim a_\nu / (\text{cm/s}^2) \lesssim 10^{-27}$

$a_{\text{LIGO/Virgo}} \simeq 10^{-16} \text{ cm/s}^2$

## Direct detection - proposed methods - Capture (I)

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Remember that  $\langle E_\nu \rangle \simeq \mathcal{O}(10^{-4})$  eV today  $\longrightarrow$  a process without energy threshold is necessary

(anti)neutrino capture on electron-capture-decaying nuclei

[Cocco et al., 2009]

electron capture (EC):  $e^- + A^+ \rightarrow \nu_e + B^*$   
( $e^-$  from inner level)



must have very specific  $Q$  value  
in order to avoid EC back-  
ground and have no threshold

specific energy conditions required

but  **$Q$  value depends on ionization fraction!**

process useful only “if specific conditions on the  $Q$ -value are met or significant improvements on ion storage rings are achieved”

## A viable method - Capture (II)

[Long et al., JCAP 08 (2014) 038]

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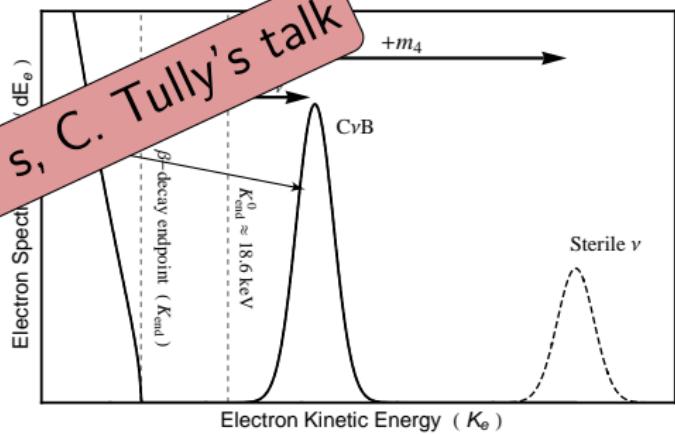
[Weinberg, 1962]: neutrino capture in  $\beta$ -decaying nuclei  $\nu + n \rightarrow p + e^-$

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

only with a lot of material

need a very good energy resolution

see G. Mangano's, C. Tully's talk



Good candidate: tritium

[Cocco et al., 2007]

(low  $Q$ -value) + (good availability of  ${}^3\text{H}$ ) + (high cross section of  $\nu + {}^3\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3\text{He} + e^-$ )

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omic tritium

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## enhancement from $\nu$ clustering in the galaxy?

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

Milky Way (MW) matter attracts neutrinos!

clustering → 
$$\Gamma_{C\nu B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 f_c(m_i) [n_{i,0}(\nu_{h_R}) + n_{i,0}(\nu_{h_L})] N_T \bar{\sigma}$$

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

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

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

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

→ 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"?

→ must sample all possible  $r, p_r, l$

→ must include all possible  $\nu$ s that reach the MW  
 (fastest ones may come from  
 several (up to  $\mathcal{O}(100)$ ) Mpc!)

### given N $\nu$ :

→ weigh each neutrinos

→ reconstruct final density profile with kernel method from [Merritt & Tremblay, 1994]

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Now do one N-one-body simulation, sampling the  $N$   $\nu$ s using  $(r, u_r, u_\theta)$ !

At the end, compute weights and profiles using several  $m_\nu$ !

NFW profile:

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}} \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-3+\gamma} = \rho_{\text{DM}}(r) = \mathcal{N}_{\text{Ein}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{2}{\alpha} \left( \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^\alpha - 1 \right) \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}} = 2^{3-\gamma} \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r_s)$$

normalization

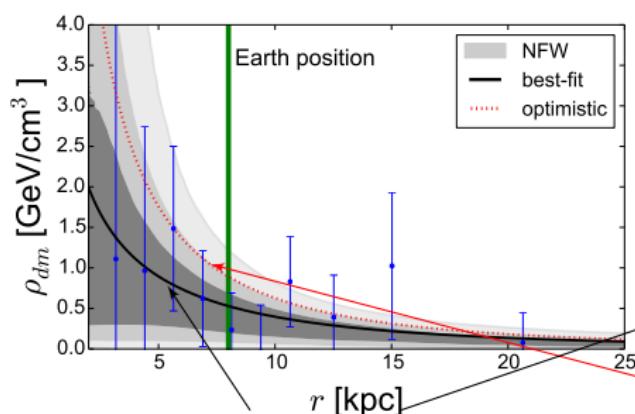
$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{NFW}}, r_s, \gamma$$

parameters

Einasto (EIN) profile:

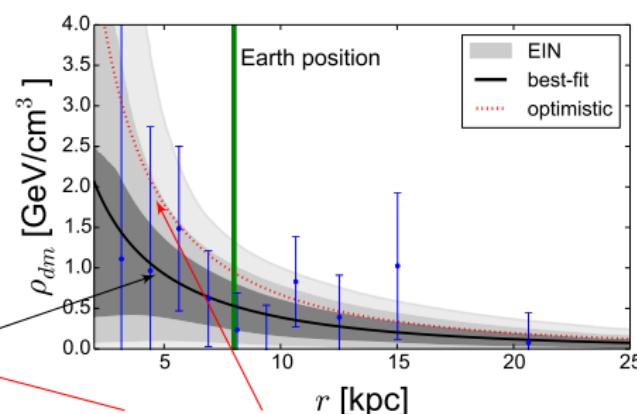
$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{Ein}} = \rho_{\text{Ein}}(r_s)$$

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Best-fit profiles

fit of data points from [Pato &amp; Iocco, 2015]

optimistic: close to  $2\sigma$  upper limits

# DM: Time evolution of the profiles

profile evolution from universe expansion

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_{\text{cr}}(z) = \frac{3}{8\pi G} H^2(z) \\ F_{\text{cr}}(z) = \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \\ H^2(z) = H_0^2 F_{\text{cr}}(z) \\ \rho_{\text{cr}}(z) = F_{\text{cr}}(z) \times \rho_{\text{cr}}(z=0) \end{array} \right.$$

$$M_{\text{vir}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) \rho_{\text{cr}}(z) a^3 r_{\text{vir}}^3(z)$$

constant in time

virial radius  $r_{\text{vir}}$

radius of sphere containing  $M_{\text{vir}}$ ,  
average density  $\Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) \times \rho_{\text{cr}}(z)$

but  $\rho_{\text{DM}} = \rho_{\text{DM}}(r; r_s, \mathcal{N}, [\gamma|\alpha])$

relation between  $r_s$  and  $r_{\text{vir}}$ ?



from N-body [Dutton et al., 2014]

$$r_{\text{vir}}(M_{\text{vir}}, z) = \left( \frac{3M_{\text{vir}}}{4\pi \rho_{\text{cr},0} \Omega_{m,0}} \right)^{1/3} \left( \frac{\Omega_m(z)}{\Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) F_{\text{cr}}(z)} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{vir}}(z) = \begin{cases} 200 & \text{for EIN,} \\ 18\pi^2 + 82\lambda(z) - 39\lambda(z)^2 & \text{for NFW.} \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda(z) = \Omega_m(z) - 1$$

final expression  $\Rightarrow \rho_{\text{DM}}(r, z) = \mathcal{N}(z) \tilde{\rho}_{\text{DM}}(r, r_s(z))$

$\tilde{\rho}_{\text{DM}}$  depends on redshift  
only through  $r_s$

$$a = 1/(1+z), h = H_0/(100 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}) \quad - \quad h = 0.6727, \Omega_{m,0} = 0.3156, \Omega_{\Lambda,0} = 0.6844 \quad [\text{Planck Collaboration, 2015}]$$

# Baryons: the complexity of a structure

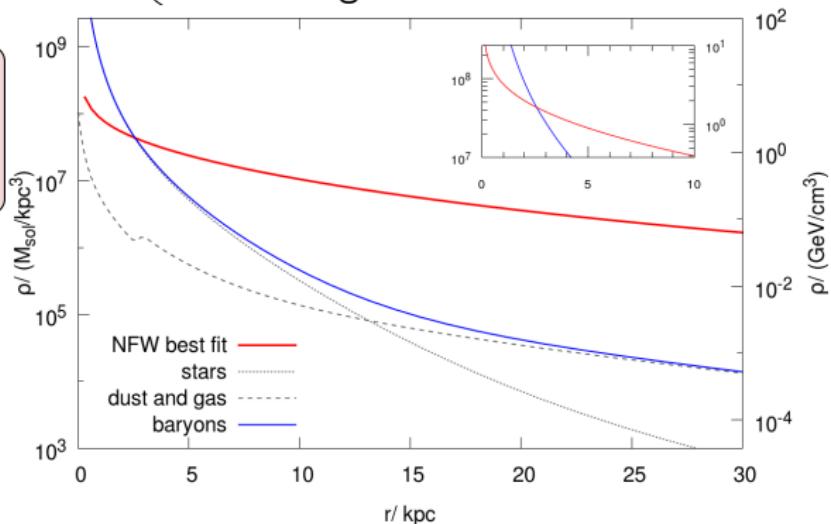
Complex problem: how to model baryon content of a galaxy?

e.g. [Pato et al., 2015]:  
70 different baryonic models

{ 7 models for the bulge  
x  
5 for the disc  
x  
2 for the gas

[Misiriotis et al., 2006]:  
5 independent components

{ warm dust  
cold dust  
stars  
atomic  $H$  gas  
molecular  $H$  gas



our case: [Misiriotis et al., 2006], spherically symmetrized

# Baryons: redshift evolution

baryon evolution with redshift?

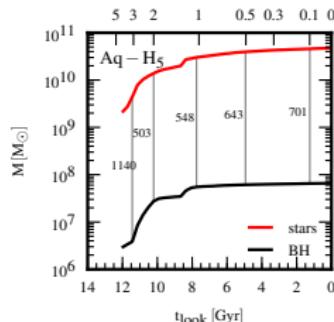
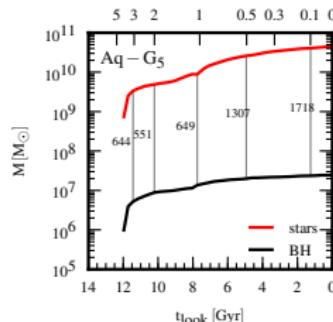
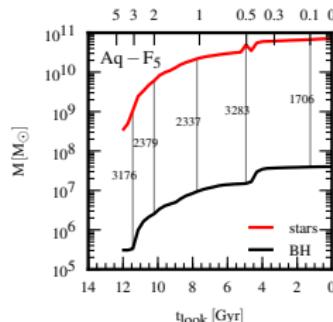
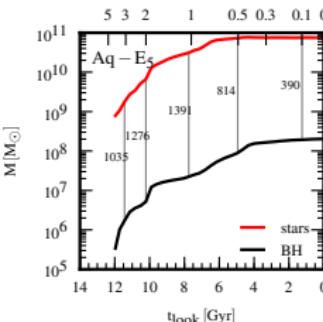
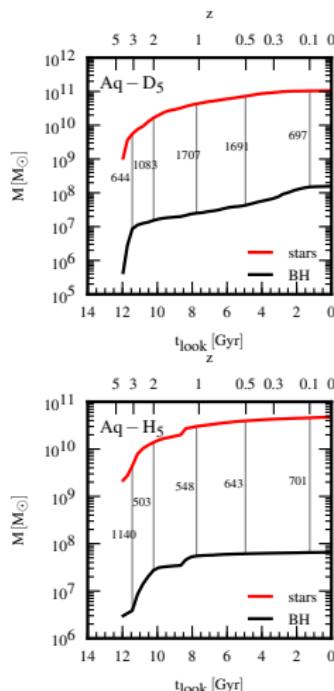
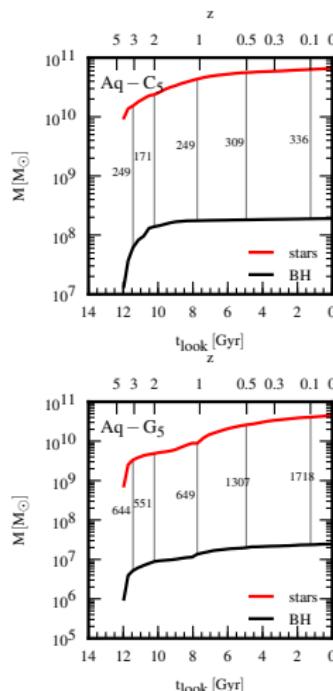
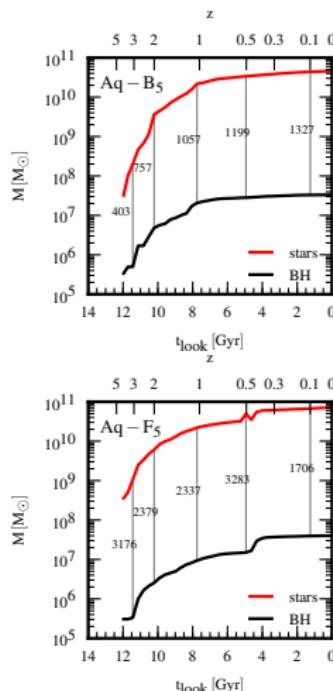
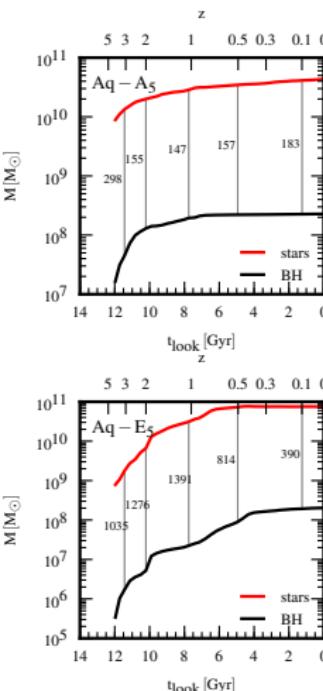
from [Marinacci et al., 2013]

results of full N-body simulations

$\mathcal{N}_{\text{bar}}(z)$  from  $M(z)$

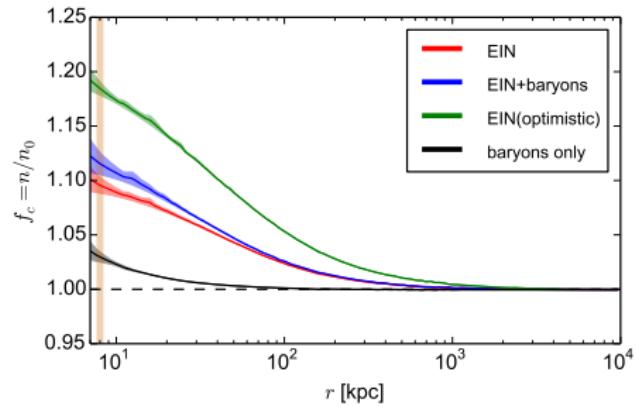
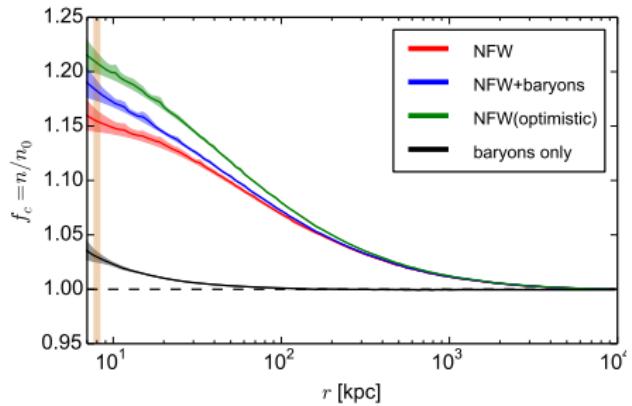
mean of 8 simulations

based on Aquarius simulation:  $M_{\text{Aq}} \simeq M_{\text{MW}}$



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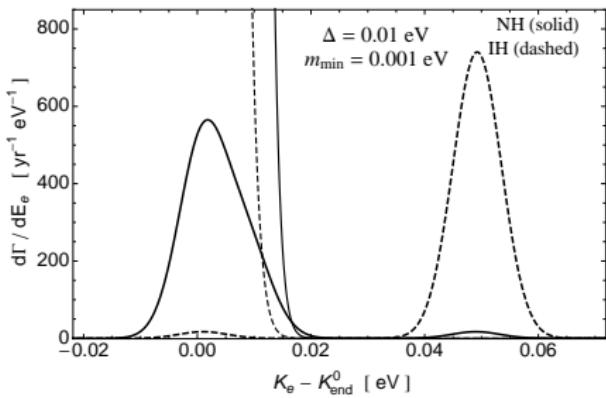
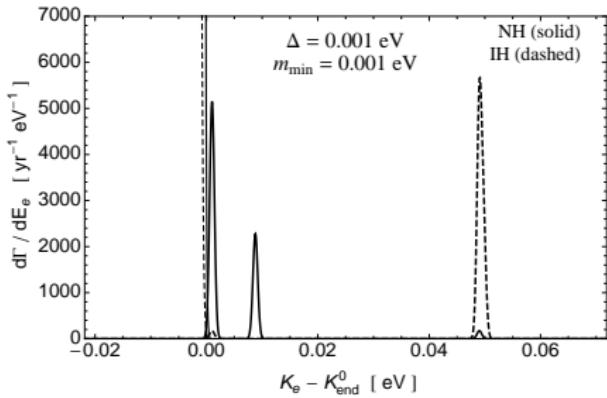
# Overdensity when $m_{\text{heaviest}} \simeq 60$ meV



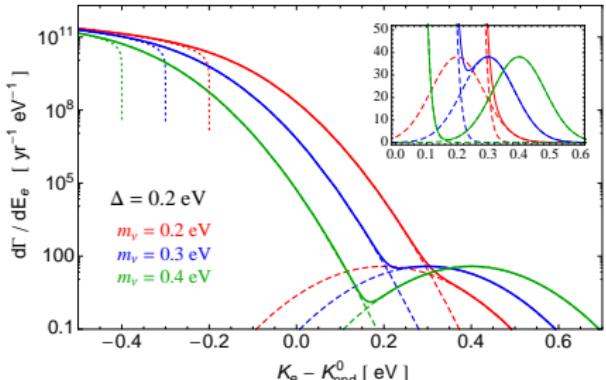
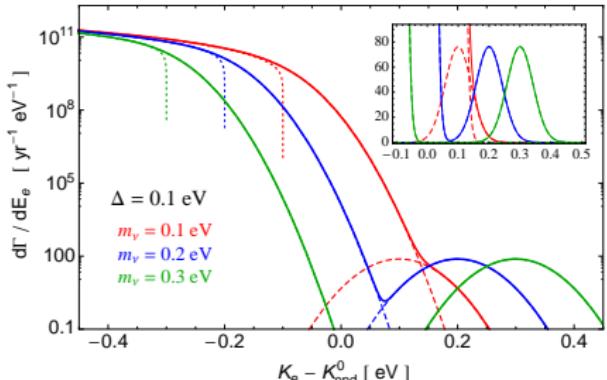
masses	ordering	matter halo	overdensity $f_c$	$f_1 \simeq f_2$	$f_3$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^D (\text{yr}^{-1})$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^M (\text{yr}^{-1})$
any	any	any	no clustering			4.06	8.12
$m_3 = 60$ meV	NO	NFW(+bar)	$\sim 1$	1.15 (1.18)	1.15 (1.18)	4.07 (4.08)	8.15 (8.15)
		NFW optimistic		1.21	1.21	4.08	8.16
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ordering dependence from  $\Gamma_{C\nu B} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2 f_i [n_i(\nu_{hR}) + n_i(\nu_{hL})] N_T \bar{\sigma}$

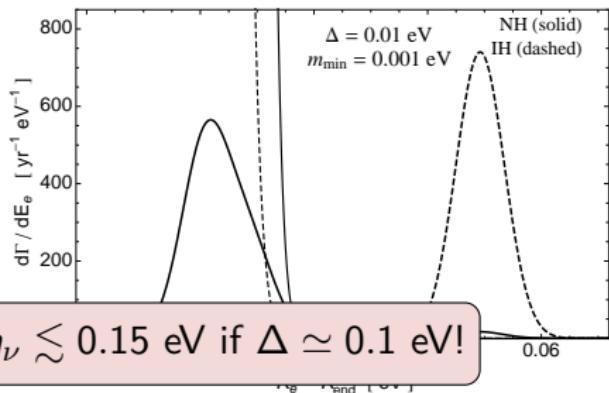
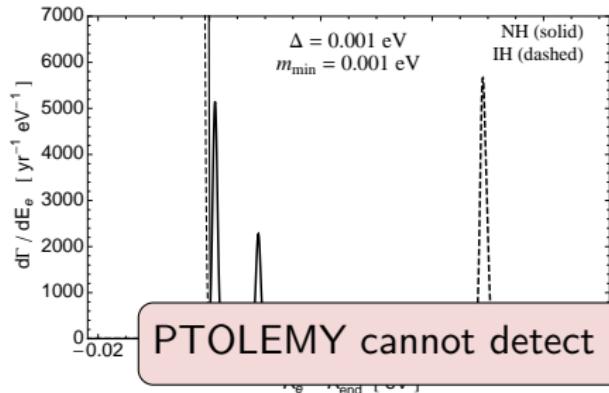
Hierarchical:



Degenerate: (solid: measured, dotted: ideal with  $\Delta = 0$ )

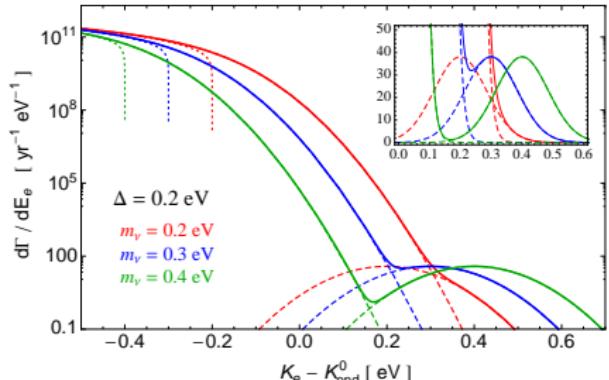
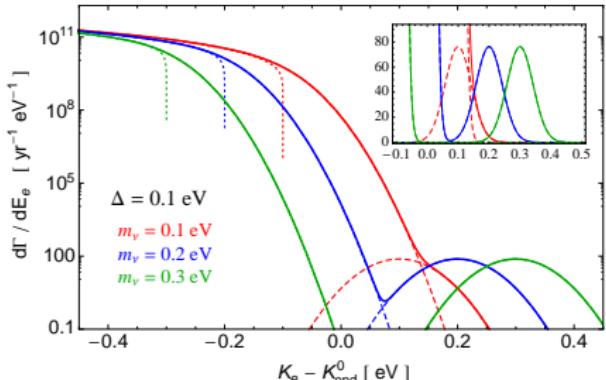


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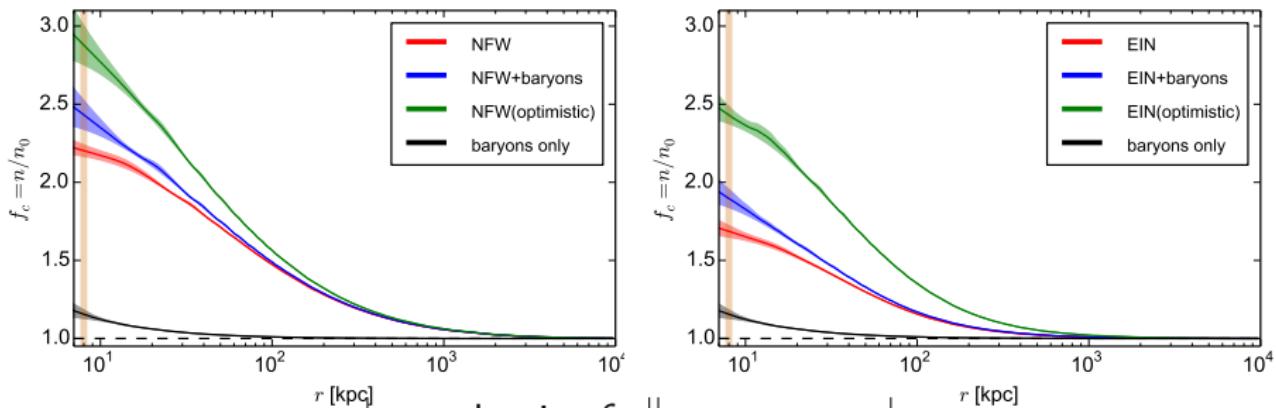
PTOLEMY cannot detect  $m_\nu \lesssim 0.15$  eV if  $\Delta \simeq 0.1$  eV!

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# Overdensity when $m_\nu \simeq 150$ meV

$\implies$  minimal mass detectable by PTOLEMY if  $\Delta \simeq 100\text{--}150$  meV



matter halo	overdensity $f_c$ $f_1 \simeq f_2 \simeq f_3$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^D (\text{yr}^{-1})$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^M (\text{yr}^{-1})$
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EIN(+bar)	1.68 (1.87)	6.8 (7.6)	13.6 (15.1)
EIN optimistic	2.43	9.9	19.7

no ordering dependence:  $m_1 \simeq m_2 \simeq m_3 \implies f_1 \simeq f_2 \simeq f_3$

# Additional clustering due to other galaxies

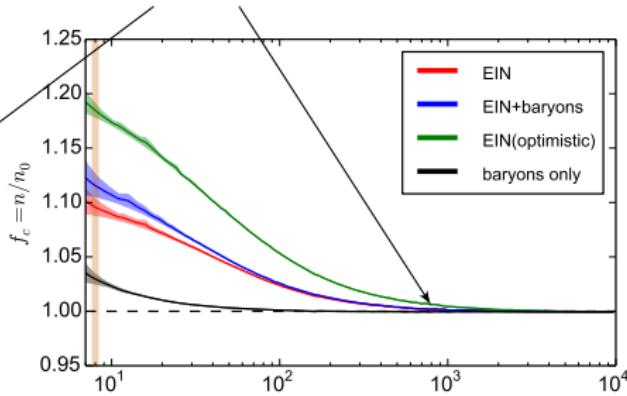
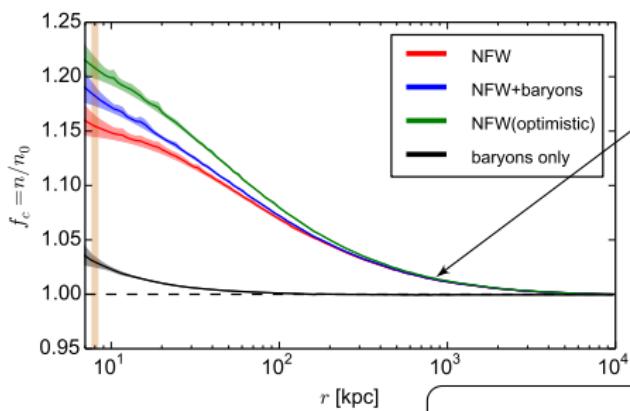
nearest galaxies: various MW satellites

with  $M_{\text{sat}} \ll M_{\text{MW}}$  → negligibly small  $\nu$  halo

nearest big galaxy:

Andromeda

$$M_{\text{Andromeda}} = M_{\text{MW}} \times \mathcal{O}(1) - d_{\text{Andromeda}} \simeq 800 \text{ kpc}$$



$m_{\text{heaviest}} \simeq 60 \text{ meV}$

$f_c$  increased of  $\lesssim 0.03$

# Additional clustering due to other galaxies

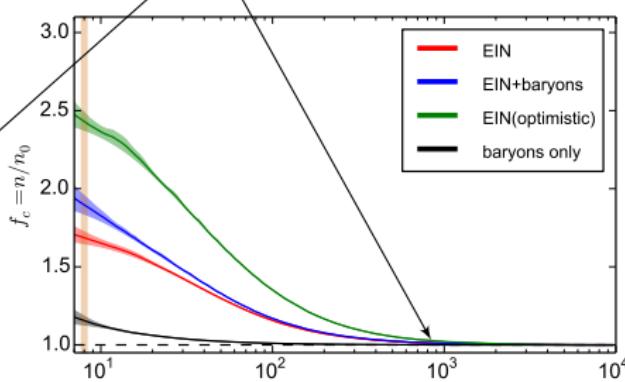
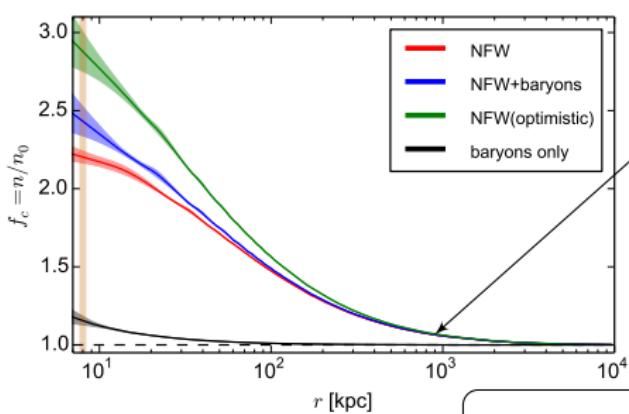
nearest galaxies: various MW satellites

with  $M_{\text{sat}} \ll M_{\text{MW}}$  → negligibly small  $\nu$  halo

nearest big galaxy:

Andromeda

$$M_{\text{Andromeda}} = M_{\text{MW}} \times \mathcal{O}(1) - d_{\text{Andromeda}} \simeq 800 \text{ kpc}$$



$$m_\nu \simeq 150 \text{ meV}$$

$f_c$  increased of  $\lesssim 0.1$

(halo is less diffuse for higher  $\nu$  masses)

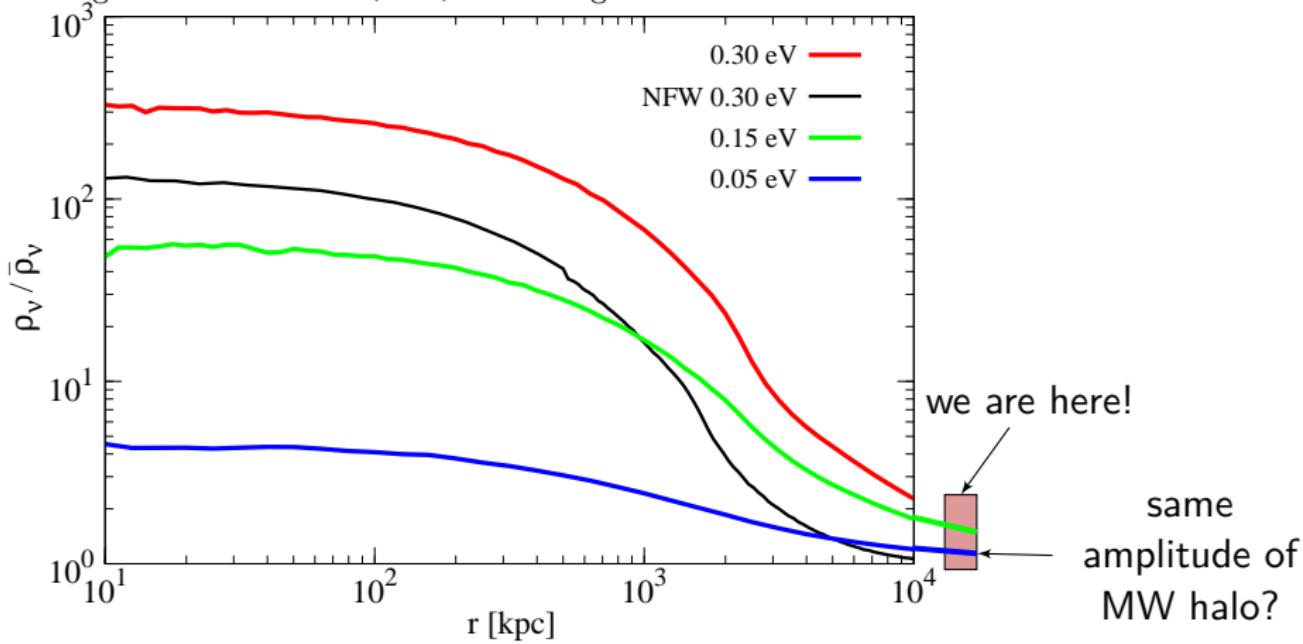
## Additional clustering due to Virgo cluster

nearest galaxy cluster:

Virgo cluster

very wide  $\nu$  halo, may reach Earth

$$M_{\text{Virgo}} = M_{\text{MW}} \times \mathcal{O}(10^3) — d_{\text{Virgo}} \simeq 16 \text{ Mpc}$$



[Villaescusa-Navarro et al., JCAP 1106 (2011) 027]

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## Short Baseline (SBL) anomaly

[SG et al., JPG 43 (2016) 033001]

Problem: **anomalies** in SBL experiments  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{errors in flux calculations?} \\ \text{deviations from } 3\nu \text{ description?} \end{cases}$

A short review:

**LSND** search for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ , with  $L/E = 0.4 \div 1.5 \text{ m/MeV}$ . Observed a  $3.8\sigma$  excess of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events [Aguilar et al., 2001]

**Reactor** re-evaluation of the expected anti-neutrino flux  $\Rightarrow$  disappearance of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  events compared to predictions ( $\sim 3\sigma$ ) with  $L < 100 \text{ m}$  [Azabajan et al., 2012]

**Gallium** calibration of GALLEX and SAGE Gallium solar neutrino experiments give a  $2.7\sigma$  anomaly (disappearance of  $\nu_e$ ) [Giunti, Laveder, 2011]

**MiniBooNE** (**inconclusive**) search for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ , with  $L/E = 0.2 \div 2.6 \text{ m/MeV}$ . No  $\nu_e$  excess detected, but  $\bar{\nu}_e$  excess observed at  $2.8\sigma$  [MiniBooNE Collaboration, 2013]

Possible explanation:

Additional squared mass difference  
 $\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 \simeq 1 \text{ eV}^2$

See also  
[SG et al., 2017]

## 3+1 Neutrino Model

new  $\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 \Rightarrow 4$  neutrinos!



$\nu_4$  with  $m_4 \simeq 1$  eV,  
no weak interactions



light sterile neutrino (LS $\nu$ )

3 (active) + 1 (sterile) mixing:

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

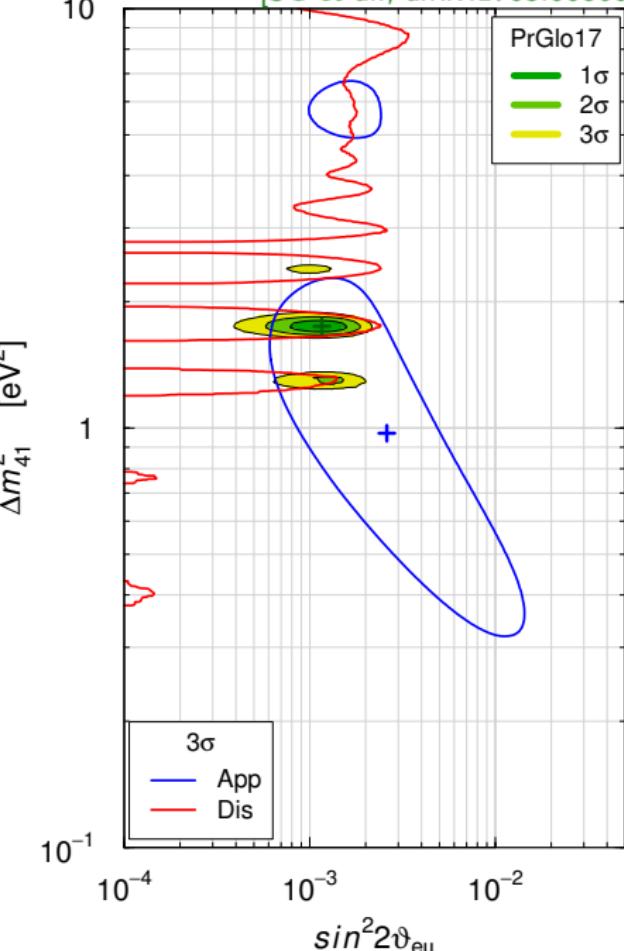
$\nu_s$  is mainly  $\nu_4$ :

$$m_s \simeq m_4 \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_{41}^2} \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2}$$

assuming  $m_4 \gg m_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ )

can  $\nu_4$  thermalize in the early  
Universe through oscillations?

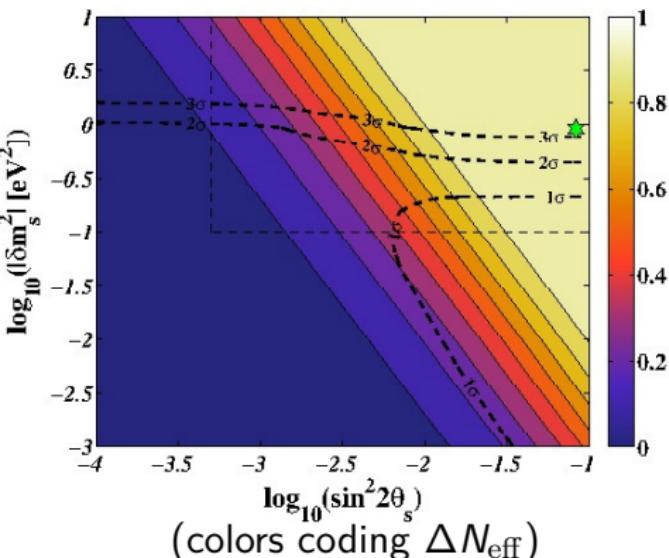
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# LS $\nu$ thermalization

Using SBL best-fit parameters for the LS $\nu$  ( $\Delta m_{41}^2$ ,  $\theta_s$ ):

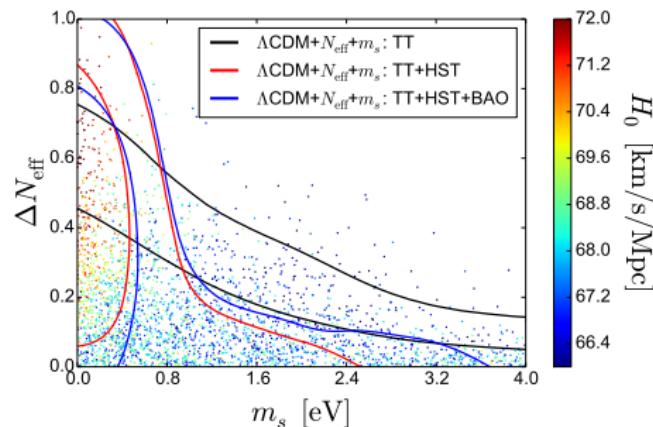
[Hannestad et al., JCAP 1207 (2012) 025]



(colors coding  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ )

[Archidiacono, SG et al., JCAP 08 (2016) 067]

but cosmological fits give:



$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = 1$  disfavoured!

$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  should be  $\simeq 1$ , but it is disfavoured! (new physics?)

[to be precise:  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  is slightly smaller at CMB decoupling, when the LS $\nu$  starts to be non-relativistic]

## Assumptions and useful equations

We assume possible incomplete thermalization

(due to some unknown new physics)

$$f_4(p) = \frac{\Delta N_{\text{eff}}}{e^{p/T_\nu} + 1} = \Delta N_{\text{eff}} f_{\text{active}}(p)$$

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \left[ \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int dp p^3 f_4(p) \right] / \left[ \frac{7}{8} \frac{\pi^2}{15} T_\nu^4 \right]$$

$$\bar{n}_4 = \frac{g_4}{(2\pi)^3} \int f_4(p) p^2 dp = n_0 \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$$

$$n_4 = n_0 \Delta N_{\text{eff}} f_c(m_4)$$

$(f_c(m_4)$  is independent of  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ )

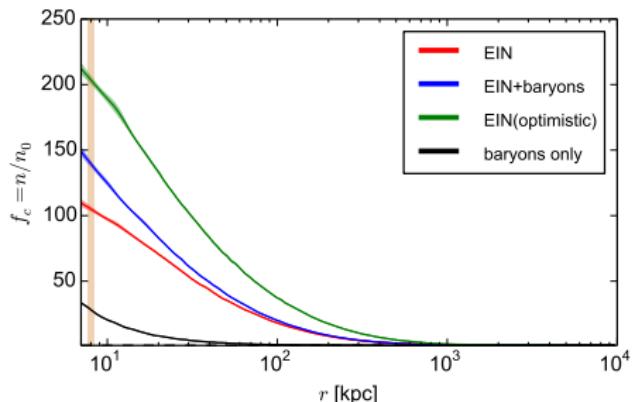
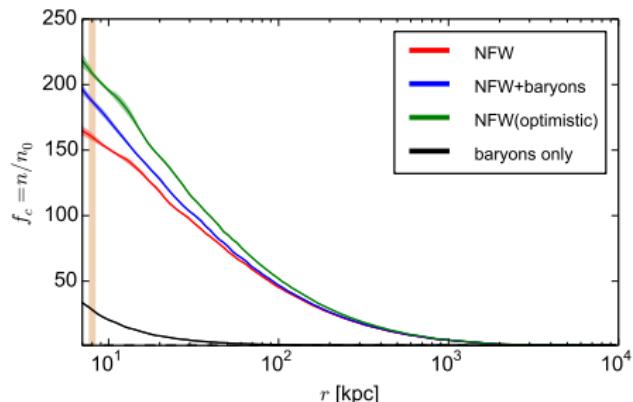
$$\Gamma_4^{M(D)} \simeq |U_{e4}|^2 \Delta N_{\text{eff}} f_c(m_4) \Gamma_{\text{C}\nu\text{B}}^{M(D)}$$

(from global fit [SG et al., 2017]:  $m_4 \simeq 1.3$  eV,  $|U_{e4}|^2 \simeq 0.02$ )

# Overdensity of a sterile neutrino

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matter halo	overdensity $f_4$	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^D (\text{yr}^{-1})$	$\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^M (\text{yr}^{-1})$
NFW(+bar)	159.9 (187.3)	0.2	2.6 (3.0)	5.2 (6.1)
		1.0	13.0 (15.2)	26.0 (30.4)
NFW optimistic	208.6	0.2	3.4	6.8
		1.0	16.9	33.9
EIN(+bar)	105.1 (139.5)	0.2	1.7 (2.3)	3.4 (4.5)
		1.0	8.5 (11.3)	17.1 (22.7)
EIN optimistic	203.5	0.2	3.3	6.6
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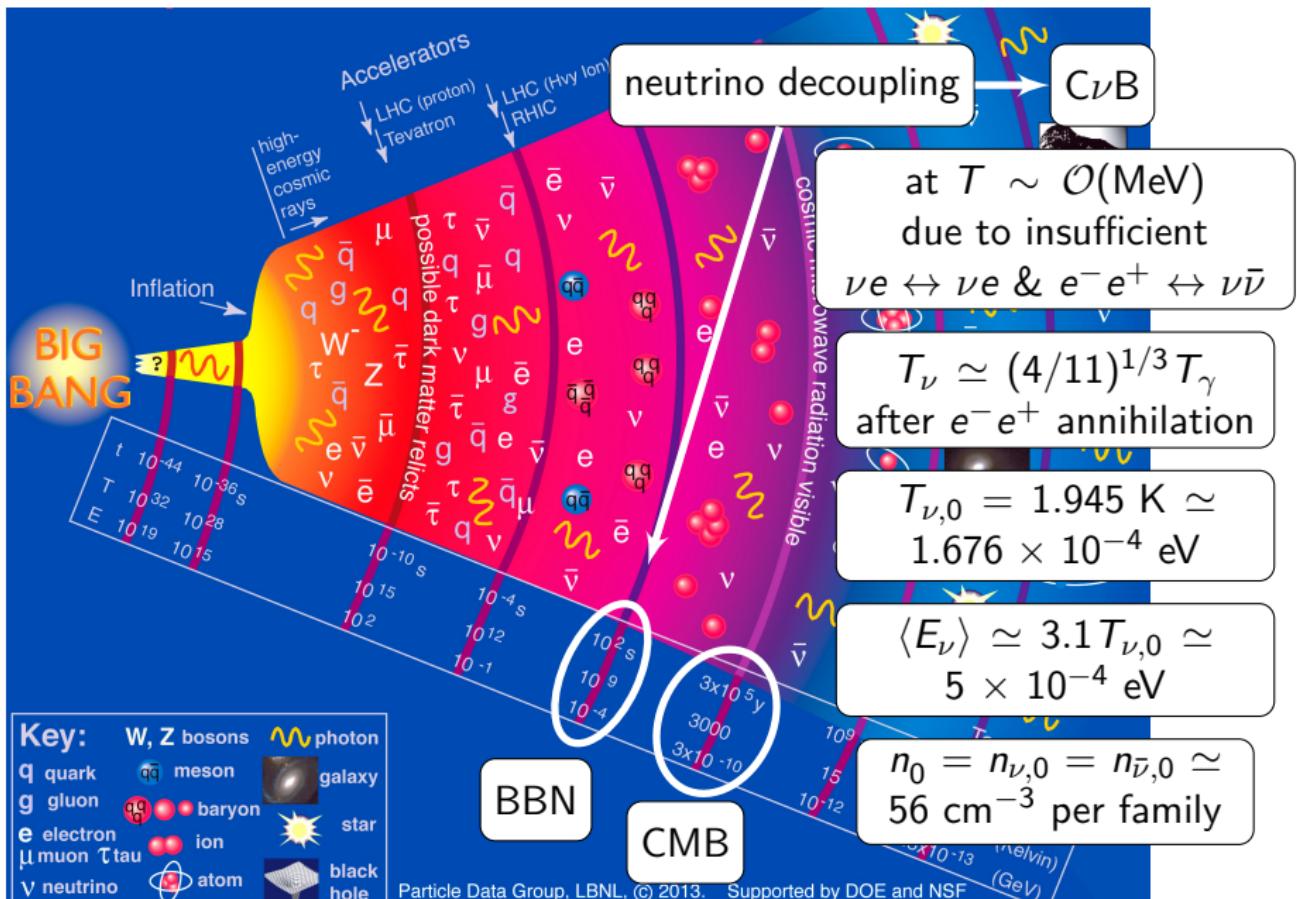
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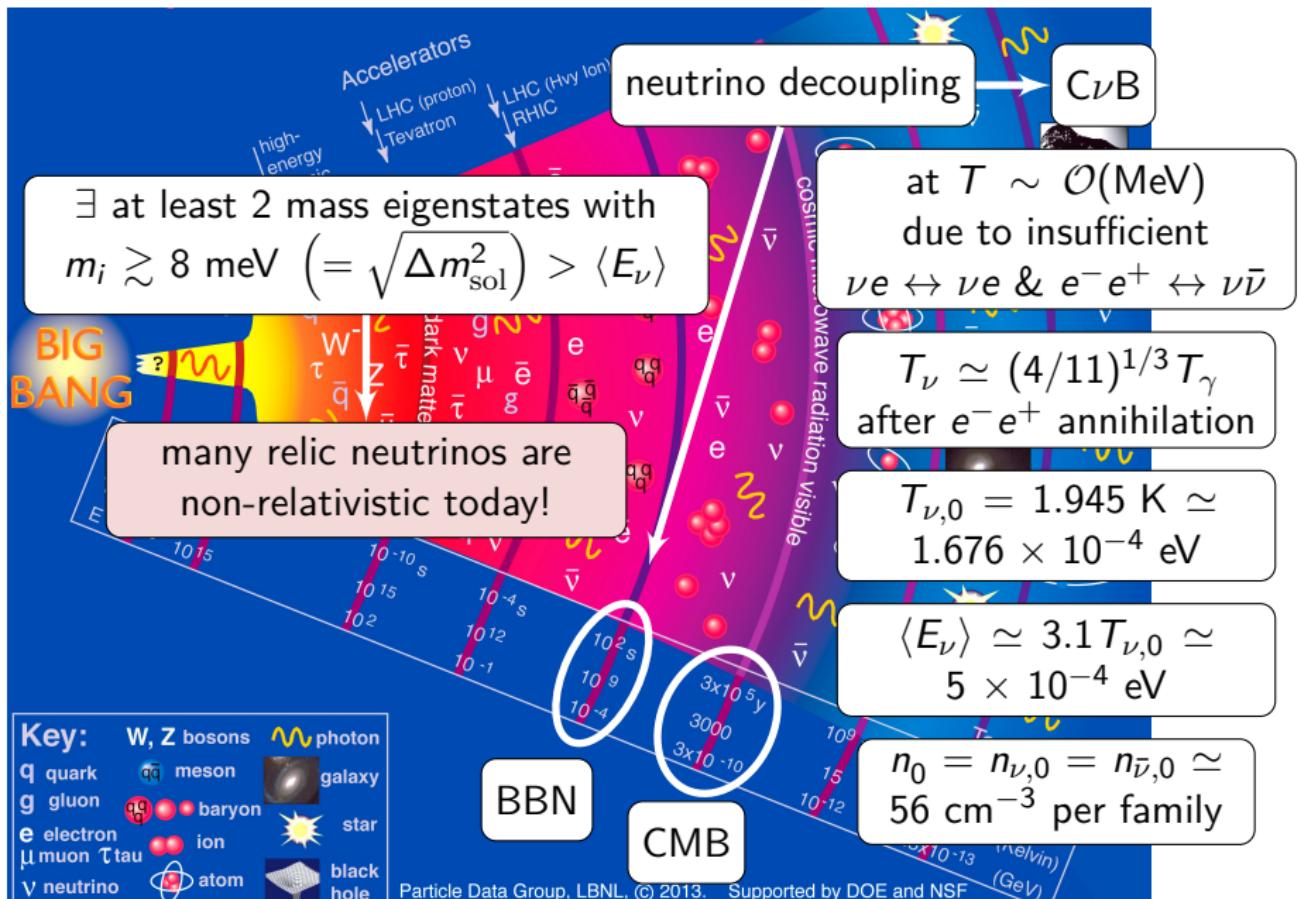
Thank you for the attention!

6 Backup slides

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## Dirac neutrinos

active:	sterile:
$\nu_L, n(\nu_L) = n_0$	$\nu_R, n(\nu_R) \simeq 0$
$\bar{\nu}_R, n(\bar{\nu}_R) = n_0$	$\bar{\nu}_L, n(\bar{\nu}_L) \simeq 0$

total:  $n_{C\nu B} \simeq 6n_0$

## Majorana neutrinos

active:	sterile:
$\nu_L, n(\nu_L) = n_0$	$N_L, n(N_L) = 0$
$\nu_R, n(\nu_R) = n_0$	$N_R, n(N_R) = 0$

total:  $n_{C\nu B} \simeq 6n_0$

NOTE: free-streaming conserves helicity, not chirality!

because neutrinos are massive and become non-relativistic during expansion

$n(\nu_{h_L}) = n_0$	$n(\nu_{h_R}) \simeq 0$
$n(\bar{\nu}_{h_R}) = n_0$	$n(\bar{\nu}_{h_L}) \simeq 0$

only left-helical!

$n(\nu_{h_L}) = n_0$	$n(N_{h_L}) = 0$
$n(\nu_{h_R}) = n_0$	$n(N_{h_R}) = 0$

both left and right-helical

if not completely free-streaming, helicities can be flipped

$\Rightarrow$  mix of helicities:  $n(\nu_{h_L}) = n(\bar{\nu}_{h_R}) = n(\nu_{h_R}) = n(\bar{\nu}_{h_L}) = n_0/2$

no change for Majorana

## Relic neutrinos in cosmology: $N_{\text{eff}}$

Radiation energy density  $\rho_r$  in the early Universe:

$$\rho_r = \left[ 1 + \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \right] \rho_\gamma = [1 + 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}}] \rho_\gamma$$

$\rho_\gamma$  photon energy density,  $7/8$  is for fermions,  $(4/11)^{4/3}$  due to photon reheating after neutrino decoupling

- $N_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow$  all the radiation contribution not given by photons
- $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 1$  correspond to a single family of active neutrino, in equilibrium in the early Universe
- Active neutrinos:  
 $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046$  [Mangano et al., 2005] (damping factors approximations) ~  
 $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.045$  [de Salas et al., 2016] (full collision terms)  
due to not instantaneous decoupling for the neutrinos
- + Non Standard Interactions:  $3.040 < N_{\text{eff}} < 3.059$  [de Salas et al., 2016]

Observations:  $N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 3.04 \pm 0.2$  [Planck 2015]

Indirect probe of cosmic neutrino background!

## Equations for the neutrino clustering

Lagrangian for a neutrino ( $m_\nu$ ) in a gravitational potential well  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \tau)$ :

$$L(r, \theta, \dot{r}, \dot{\theta}, \tau) = \frac{a}{2} m_\nu (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 - 2\phi(r, \tau))$$

Hamiltonian:  $H(r, \theta, p_r, I, \tau) = \frac{1}{2am_\nu} \left( p_r^2 + \frac{I^2}{r^2} \right) + am_\nu \phi(r, \tau)$

Canonical momenta:  $p_r = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{r}} = am_\nu \dot{r}$ ,  $I = rp_\theta = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} = am_\nu r^2 \dot{\theta}$

Hamilton equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_r} &= \frac{dr}{d\tau} = \frac{p_r}{am_\nu} & \frac{\partial H}{\partial I} &= \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} = \frac{I}{am_\nu r^2} \\ -\frac{\partial H}{\partial r} &= \frac{dp_r}{d\tau} = \frac{I^2}{am_\nu r^3} - am_\nu \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} & -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{dI}{d\tau} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Gravitational potential:  $\phi(r, \tau)$

Known from the Poisson equation  $\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} \right) = 4\pi G a^2 \rho_{\text{matter}}(r, \tau)$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r} = \frac{G}{ar^2} M_{\text{matter}}(r, \tau), \quad M_{\text{matter}}(r, \tau) = 4\pi a^3 \int_0^r \rho_{\text{matter}}(r', \tau) r'^2 dr'$$

## Reconstruction of $n(r)$ from N-one-body neutrinos

[Merritt et al., 1994]

[Ringwald et al., 2004] sample neutrino  $i$  starts in  $(r, p_r, p_T)$

each  $\nu$  is representative of a bin between  $(r_a, p_{r,a}, p_{T,a})$  and  $(r_b, p_{r,b}, p_{T,b})$

→ weight of the neutrino  $i$ :  $w_i = \int_{(r,p_r,p_T)_a}^{(r,p_r,p_T)_b} \int_{\theta,\phi,\varphi} dN =$

→  $w_i = 8\pi^2 T_{\nu,0}^3 \int_{r_a}^{r_b} r^2 dr \int_{y_a}^{y_b} f(y) y^2 dy \int_{\psi_a}^{\psi_b} \sin \psi d\psi$   $f(y)$  Fermi-Dirac

(given that  $p_r = p \cos \psi$ ,  $p_T = p \sin \psi$  and  $y = p/T_{\nu,0}$ )

How to reconstruct the number density?

$\nu_i$  smeared around the surface of a sphere with radius  $r_i$  centered in  $r = 0$ ,

gaussian kernel:  $K(r, r_i, h) = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{h^2}{r \cdot r_i} \left[ e^{-(r-r_i)^2/2h^2} - e^{-(r+r_i)^2/2h^2} \right]$

$$n(r) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{w_i}{h^3} K(r, r_i, h)$$

$h$  window width

## Relating $r_s$ and $r_{vir}$

$$\Delta_{vir}(z) = \begin{cases} 200 & \text{for EIN,} \\ 18\pi^2 + 82\lambda(z) - 39\lambda(z)^2 & \text{for NFW.} \end{cases}$$
$$\lambda(z) = \Omega_m(z) - 1$$

from evolution of top-hat perturbation [Bryan et al., 1998]

$$M_{vir} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \Delta_{vir}(z) \rho_{cr}(z) a^3 r_{vir}^3(z) \longleftrightarrow M_{vir} = 4\pi a^3 \int_0^{r_{vir}(z)} \rho_{DM}(r', z) r'^2 dr'$$

relation between  $M_{vir}$  and  $r_{vir}(0)$

$$c_{vir}(M_{vir}, z) \equiv r_{vir}(z)/r_s(z) \longrightarrow \text{relation between } r_{vir}(z) \text{ and } r_s(z)$$

from N-body simulations [Dutton et al., 2014]:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \log_{10} c_{vir}^{\text{average}}(M_{vir}, z) = a(z) + b(z) \log_{10}(M_{vir}/[10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot]) \\ \quad + \\ c_{vir}(M_{vir}, z) = \beta \times c_{vir}^{\text{average}}(M_{vir}, z) \text{ for each real object} \end{array} \right.$$

$\beta \simeq \mathcal{O}(1)$  from  $M_{vir}$ ,  $r_{vir}(0)$ ,  $r_s(0)$ ,  $c_{vir}^{\text{average}}(M_{vir}, 0)$   
(computed for different the DM profiles)