DECAYING NEUTRINOS IN COSMOLOGY

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Here: Effective Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{int}} = \mathfrak{g}_{ij} \bar{\nu}_i \nu_j \phi$ \blacktriangleleft here: assume massless ϕ Universal coupling: $\mathfrak{g}_{ij} = \mathfrak{g} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ \rightarrow recoupling evolution rates [eV] e^{-01} $g=10^{-5}, \Gamma_{2} \rightarrow 2$ -- $g=10^{-5}$, Γ_{dec} $g=10^{-10}, \Gamma_{2\to 2}$ New interactions: g=10⁻¹⁰, Γ_{dec} • <u>Invisible neutrino decay</u> Hubblerate $\nu_H \rightarrow \nu_l + \phi$ 10-41 • 2 ↔ 2 processes 10-4 0.01 106 100 104 T [eV] for small couplings -> invisible decay dominant process

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Neutrino mass:

 $m_{\nu} < \mathcal{O}(1 \,\mathrm{eV})$

$$\Gamma_{\rm dec} = \frac{1}{\gamma \tau_0} \\ = \frac{\mathfrak{g}^2}{4\pi} m_{\nu H} \left(\frac{m_{\nu H}}{E_{\nu H}} \right)$$

Life time gets time dilated, decay rate contracted

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Decompose phase-space perturbation into Legendre polynomials:

$$\Psi(|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{q}|, \hat{k} \cdot \hat{q}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\ell} (-i)^{\ell} (2\ell+1) \Psi_{\ell}(|\mathbf{k}|, |\mathbf{q}|) P_{\ell}(\hat{k} \cdot \hat{q})$$

→ Neutrino Boltzmann hierarchy:

$$\begin{split} \dot{\Psi}_{0} &= -\frac{qk}{\epsilon} \Psi_{1} + \frac{1}{6} \dot{h} \frac{d\ln f_{0}}{d\ln q} + \mathcal{O}_{\bullet} \phi_{0}], \quad \text{free-streaming} \\ \dot{\Psi}_{1} &= \frac{qk}{3\epsilon} (\Psi_{0} - 2\Psi_{2}) + \mathcal{O}_{\bullet} \phi_{1}], \\ \dot{\Psi}_{2} &= \frac{qk}{5\epsilon} (2\Psi_{1} - 3\Psi_{3}) - \left(\frac{1}{15}\dot{h} + \frac{2}{5}\dot{\eta}\right) \frac{d\ln f_{0}}{d\ln q} + \mathcal{O}_{\bullet} \phi_{2}], \\ \dot{\Psi}_{\ell \geq 3} &= \frac{qk}{(2\ell+1)\epsilon} \left[\ell\Psi_{\ell-1} - (\ell+1)\Psi_{\ell+1}\right] + \mathcal{O}_{\bullet} \phi_{\ell}] \end{split}$$

Neutrino decay \rightarrow Calculate collision integral

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Background Boltzmann:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \bar{f}_{\nu H}}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{a^2(m_{\nu H} + m_{\nu l})}{\tau_0 \epsilon_1 q_1} \left[-\underbrace{q_1 \underbrace{(m_{\nu H}^2 - m_{\nu l}^2)}{m_{\nu H}^2} \bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1)}_{\text{dec}} + \underbrace{\int_{q_{2,-}}^{q_{2,+}} \mathrm{d}q_2 \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_2} \bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2) \bar{f}_{\phi}(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2)}_{\text{inv}} + \underbrace{\bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \left(\int_{q_{2,-}}^{q_{2,+}} \mathrm{d}q_2 \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_2} \bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2) - \int_{q_{3,-}}^{q_{3,+}} \mathrm{d}q_3 \bar{f}_{\phi}(q_3)\right)}_{q_8} \right] \\ \frac{\partial \bar{f}_{\nu l}}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{a^2(m_{\nu H} + m_{\nu l})}{\tau_0 \epsilon_2 q_2} \left[\underbrace{\int_{q_{1,-}}^{q_{1,+}} \mathrm{d}q_1 \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_1} \bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1)}_{\text{dec}} - \underbrace{\bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2) \int_{q_{3,-}}^{q_{3,+}} \mathrm{d}q_3 \bar{f}_{\phi}(q_3)}_{\text{inv}} + \underbrace{\int_{q_{1,-}}^{q_{1,+}} \mathrm{d}q_1 \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_1} \left(\bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \bar{f}_{\phi}(\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2) - \bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2) \right)}_{q_8} \right] \\ \frac{\partial \bar{f}_{\phi}}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{2a^2(m_{\nu H} + m_{\nu l})}{\tau_0 q_3^2} \left[\underbrace{\int_{q_1}}_{\text{dec}} \mathrm{d}q_1 \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{\bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1)}{\epsilon_2} - \underbrace{\bar{f}_{\phi}(q_3) \int_{\bar{q}_2}}_{\text{inv}} \mathrm{d}q_2 \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2)}{\epsilon_2} + \underbrace{\int_{\bar{q}_1}}_{q_1} \mathrm{d}q_1 \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_1} \left(\bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \bar{f}_{\phi}(q_3) - \bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \bar{f}_{\nu l} \left(\sqrt{(\epsilon_1 - q_3)^2 - a^2 m_{\nu l}^2} \right) \right)}_{q_8} \right] \\ \frac{\partial \bar{f}_{\phi}}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{2a^2(m_{\nu H} + m_{\nu l})}{\epsilon_0 q_3^2} \left[\underbrace{\int_{\bar{q}_1}}_{\mathrm{dec}} \mathrm{d}q_1 \frac{q_1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{\bar{f}_{\nu H}(q_1)}{\epsilon_0 q_2} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\phi}(q_3)}{\epsilon_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{q_2}}{\epsilon_2} \frac{q_2}{\epsilon_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2)}{\epsilon_2} + \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1) \frac{\bar{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}{\epsilon_1} \left(\underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \frac{\bar{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}{\epsilon_1} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\nu H}(q_1) \frac{\bar{f}_{\nu l}(q_2)}{\epsilon_2} \right)}_{q_8} \right] \right] \\ \frac{\partial \bar{f}_{\phi}}{\partial \tau} &= \frac{2a^2(m_{\nu H} + m_{\nu l})}{\epsilon_0 q_3^2} \left[\underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{dec}} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{\mu l}(q_2)}{\epsilon_2} + \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{\mu l}(q_2)}{\epsilon_2} + \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} \frac{\bar{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}{\epsilon_1} \left(\underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} + \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{\mu l}(q_1)}_{\mathrm{d}q_2} - \underbrace{\tilde{f}_{$$

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• However, the main effect comes from the background equations: G. F. Abellán et al, arXiv: 2112.13862 \rightarrow missing term in perturbation eqs. not that important

→ Former findings remain valid: Transfer of energy from matter to radiation sector → strong degeneracy between τ_0 and m_v

 $\rightarrow\,$ relaxation of cosmological neutrino mass bound

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Our critique: Γ_{T} motivated from heuristic arguments, seems ad hoc (doubts also in A. Basboll, O. E. Bjaelde et al. arXiv:0806.1735)





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• Uniform coupling (\rightarrow 2-state approximation):



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