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## Probing Particle Physics Frontiers with CMB S4: Unveiling Cosmic Secrets

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### **Cosmic Evolution**





## **CMB Power Spectra: Planck**



Credit: Planck Collaboration

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## **Possible improvements with CMB-S4**

- Being a groundbased survey, CMB-S4 will not see the full sky like Planck.
- However, error bars will be smaller, along with much improved smallscale resolution.



CMB-S4 Science Book, First Edition, arXiv: 1610.02743

## Inflation and the tensor-to-scalar ratio, r

- Forecast for a fiducial model with r = 0.003.
- If true value of r>0.003, then a 5σ detection is possible.



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## Inflation and the tensor-to-scalar ratio, r

- Forecast for a fiducial model with r = 0.
- If true value is r=0, then a constraint of r<0.001 at 2σ is possible.



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## Effective number of non-photon radiation species, $N_{\rm eff}$



D. Baumann, arXiv: 1807.03098

# Effective number of non-photon radiation species, $N_{\rm eff}$



Contributions of a single massless particle, which decoupled from the Standard Model at a freeze-out temperature  $T_F$ , to the effective number of relativistic species.

## **Neutrino Masses: Effect on CMB**



## Neutrino Masses: Effect on Matter Power Spectrum



## **Neutrino Masses: Oscillations**





Image credit: Hyper-Kamiokande Collaboration

## **Neutrino Masses: Current constraints**





Constraints in a largely extended parameter space with dynamical dark energy.

#### Roy Choudhury and Okumura, arXiv: 2409.13022

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DESI BAO Collaboration, arXiv: 2404.03002

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## Strong degeneracy

**Neutrino Masses: Forecasts** 

- exists between  $\tau_{reio}$ and neutrino masses.
- CMB S4 shall not constrain τ<sub>reio</sub> well as low-ell (large angular scale) measurements will not be there.
- $\sigma(\tau_{reio}) = 0.001$  has been assumed in the  $\tau_{reio}$  prior.



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### **Neutrino Masses: Forecasts**



$$\sigma \left( \sum m_{\nu} \right) = 24 \text{ meV} \quad \text{CMB-S4} + \text{DESI BAO} + \text{Planck } \sigma(\tau)$$
  
$$\sigma \left( \sum m_{\nu} \right) = 14 \text{ meV} \quad \text{CMB-S4} + \text{DESI BAO} + \text{Cosmic Variance } \sigma(\tau)$$

Since minimum mass sum for Normal Ordering is 0.06 eV and for Inverted Ordering is 0.1 eV, a sensitivity of at least 20 meV is needed to rule out Inverted Ordering at  $2\sigma$  if the true value of  $\Sigma m_v = 0.06$  eV.

## **Neutrino Masses: Forecasts**



- Strong degeneracy also exists between the dark energy equation of state, w, and neutrino masses.
- These forecasts (68%) already include primary CMB S4 + DESI BAO and a prior on τ<sub>reio</sub>



CMB S4 Reference Design Report (arXiv:1907.04473)

## **Neutrino Self-Interactions**

- Here we consider neutrino self-interactions with scalar mediator mass of M >1 keV, in the effective 4-fermion interaction limit (CMB temperature at decoupling is 0.26 eV, which is far lower than the keV range).
- Simplified universal interaction:  $\mathcal{L}_{int} \sim g_{ij} \bar{\nu}_i \nu_j \Phi$ , with  $g_{ij} = g \delta_{ij}$
- The effective self-coupling,  $G_{eff} = g^2/M^2$ , with  $G_{eff} > G_F$  (Fermi constant), so that they remain interacting with each other even after decoupling from the photons at T~1 MeV.
- They remain self-interacting until the interaction rate falls below the Hubble expansion rate.
- CMB data can put constraints on G<sub>eff</sub>.

### Neutrino Self-Interactions: Current constraints on G<sub>eff</sub>



Roy Choudhury, Hannestad & Tram, JCAP 10 (2022) 018

## Neutrino Self-Interactions: Forecasts on the strongly interacting mode



CMB S4 can improve the bound by a factor of three compared to Planck.



Das & Ghosh, JCAP 09 (2023) 042







CMB-S4 will be able to probe light relics, axions, warm dark matter, and different dark matter scenarios. The relevant mass to which the CMB is sensitive to is shown for each case. The observable that drives the constraint is shown in different colors.



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