

Sterile neutrinos and Planck results

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Neutrino anomalies

Experiment	What do they measure?	Estimate of significance
Nuclear reactors (ILL, Bugey, Gösgen)	A small deficit in the $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux from ²³⁵ U, ²³⁸ U, ²³⁹ Pu and ²⁴¹ Pu fission.	2.5 1101.2755
Galium detectors (SAGE and GALLEX)	A small deficit in the v_e -flux from ⁵¹ Cr and ³⁷ Ar decay.	3.0 σ 1006.3244
Short baseline oscillation experiments (LSND and MiniBooNE)	$\bar{\nu}_{\mu} - \bar{\nu}_{e}$ and $\nu_{\mu} - \nu_{e}$ oscillations.	3.8σ + 0σ + 3.0σ (1007.1150 +)

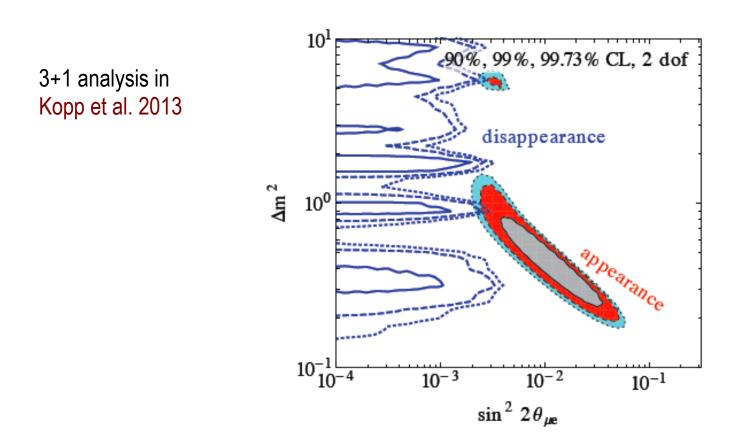


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Neutrino anomalies



Appearance: LSND, MiniBoone, NOMAD, KARMEN, ICARUS, E776 Disappearance: reactor, Gallium, MiniBoone, CDHS, Minos, KARMEN



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Light sterile Neutrino production

... through active-sterile neutrino oscillations

Large mixing angle leads to same number density as one active neutrino species (thermalisation)

Density can be suppressed by:

- Small mixing angle (then, no explanation of short baseline oscillations)
- Resonant oscillations related to lepton asymmetry
- Non-standard interactions with dark particles
- Low-temperature reheating (if BICEP)

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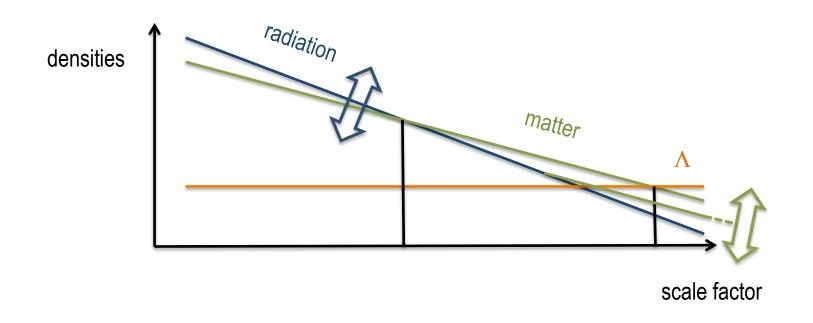
Hannestad et al. 1204.5861 Mirizzi et al. 1303.5368 Hannestad et al. 1310.5926



Point of view of cosmological observations

TWO independent questions:

- Is there extra radiation on top of photons and standard neutrinos?
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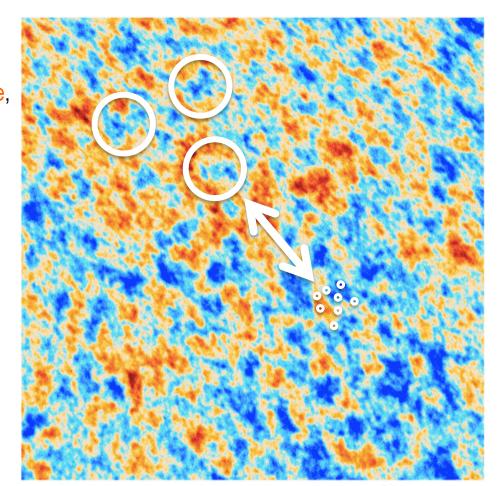
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 - CMB: peak scale relative to diffusion scale, peak amplitude patterns

 LSS: BAO peak patterns

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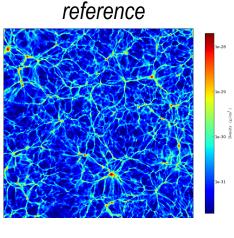
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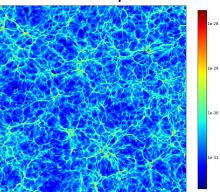
- Is part of the radiation content becoming non-relativistic at late times (HDM)?
 - LSS
 less dark matter fluctuations on small scales
 Probed by:
 - galaxy correlation
 - galaxy cosmic shear
 - cluster abundance
 - CMB lensing

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- Ly α forests in quasar spectra
- Primary CMB depletion from eISW



with hot component





First effect...

 \ldots parametrised by $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{eff}}$:

energy density of radiation, besides photons, in early universe, in units of the density of one standard neutrino family (omitting technical details)

 N_{eff} > 3 could be due to:

- Neutrino-antineutrino asymmetry
- Extra production of neutrinos after decoupling (e.g. from decay of exotic particle)
- Light sterile neutrinos (not seen by LEP since not weakly coupled)
- Any other massless or light relic (thermal axion, gravitinos, dark hidden sector ...)
- Unusually large background of gravity waves
- Effective dark radiation from modified gravity

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• Etc.

Second effect...

... parametrised by $M_{\rm veff}\,$ (eV):

Energy density of matter behaving as "hot" instead of "cold", in late universe, divided by appropriate factor so that M_{veff} = physical mass if all hot particles have the number density as standard neutrinos

 M_{veff} > 0 could be due to:

- Neutrino masses, contributing to at least $M_{veff} > 0.06 \text{ eV}$ (NH) or 0.11 eV (IH)
- Light sterile neutrinos with masses of $O(10^{-1})$ eV at least (otherwise, undetectable)
- Any other light relic (thermal axion, gravitinos, dark hidden sector ...)

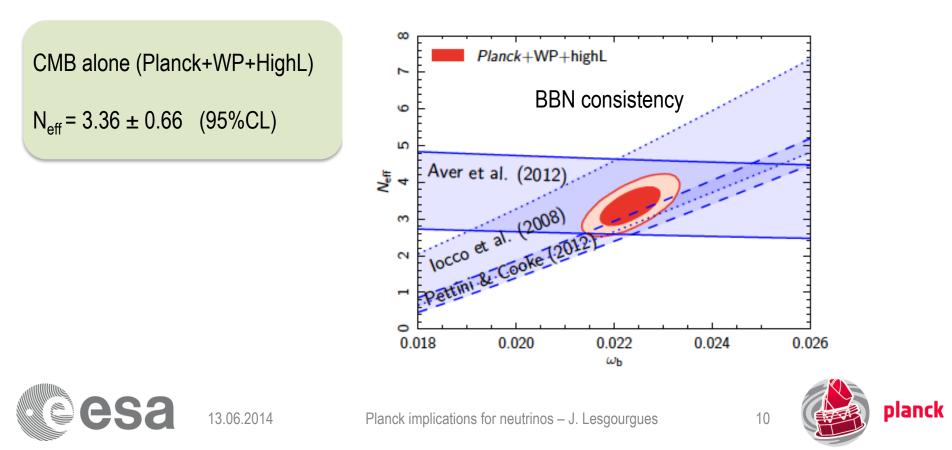
Bounds on $M_{\rm veff}$ are model-dependent

(e.g. depends on N_{eff} ; on different ways to split total mass between species with same number density; either more freedom if species have different number densities...)



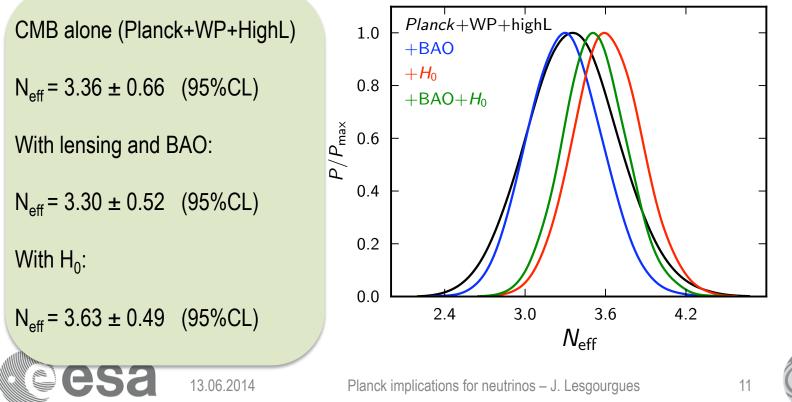
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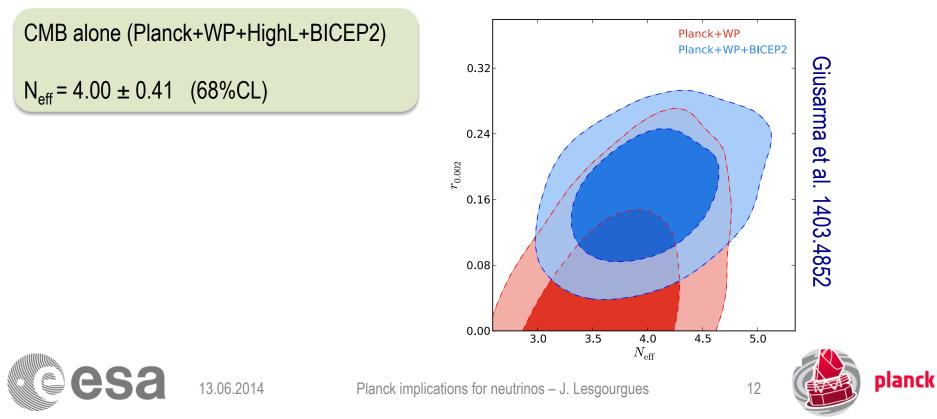
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 - Planck + BICEP2 : to decrease r tension, also higher N_{eff}



Measuring $M_{\nu\text{eff}}$

CMB:

- Not observed by Planck (within error bars)!
- Planck + WP alone: $M_v < 0.66 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)
- adding BAO: $M_v < 0.23 \text{ eV}$

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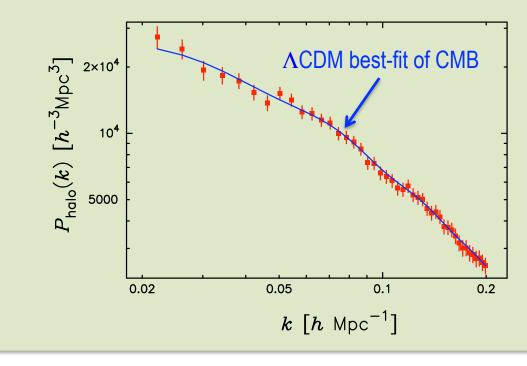
Planck XVI paper, 2013

CMB + LSS:

• Contradictions: compatible with $M_v < 0.23 \text{ eV}$ or pointing at ~0.3-0.4 eV



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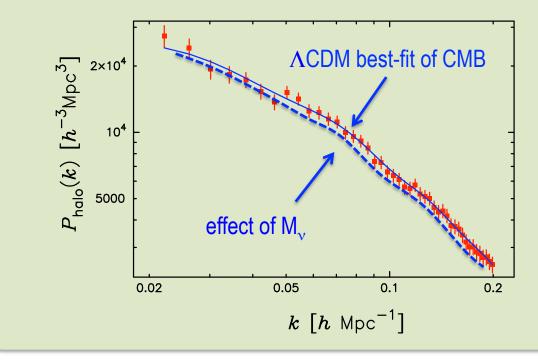


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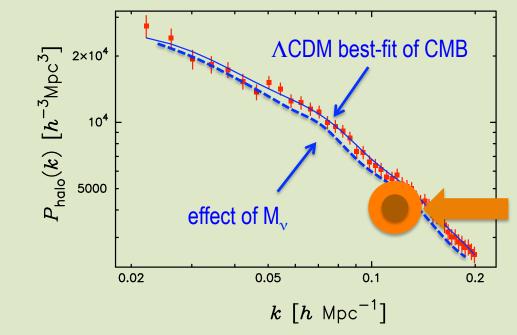


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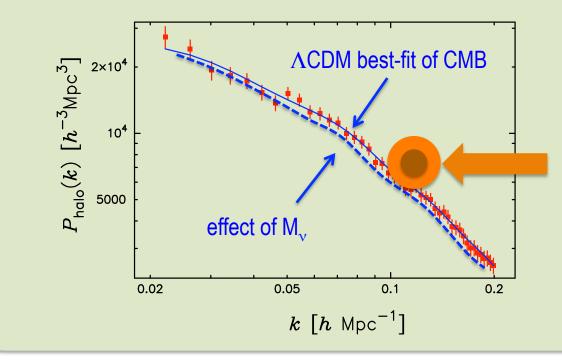
- CMB lensing,
- (SZ) clusters,
- CFHTLens weak lensing,
- BOSS red.-space dist.

Claims for $M_{\rm v}{\sim}0.3eV-0.8eV$





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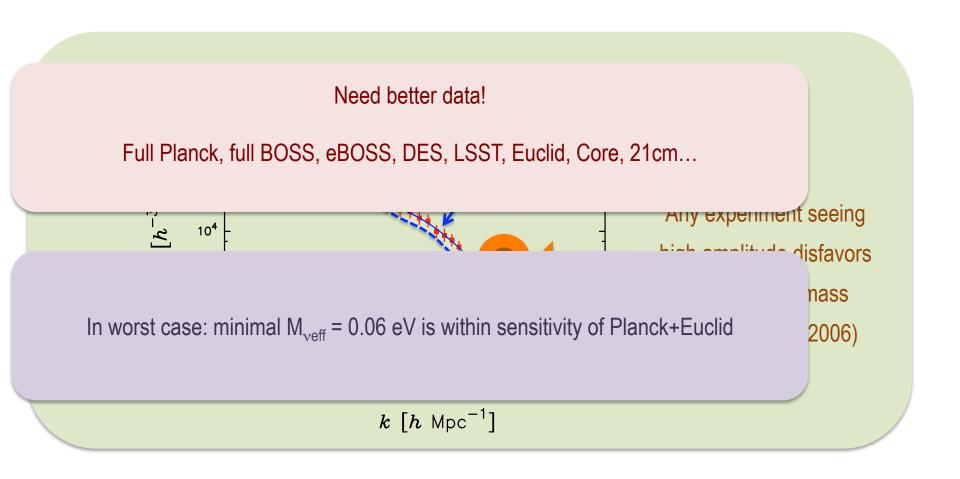
Any experiment seeing high amplitude disfavors high neutrino mass:

• SDSS Ly- α of 2006

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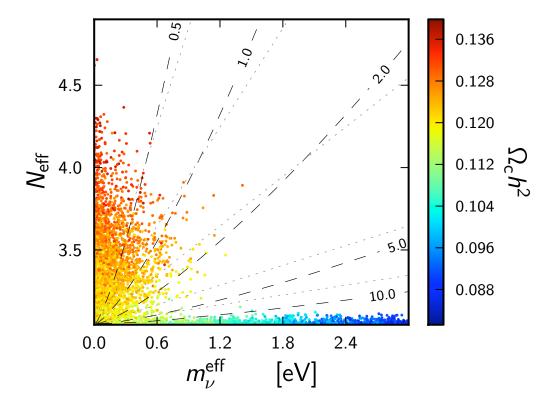






Joint constraints

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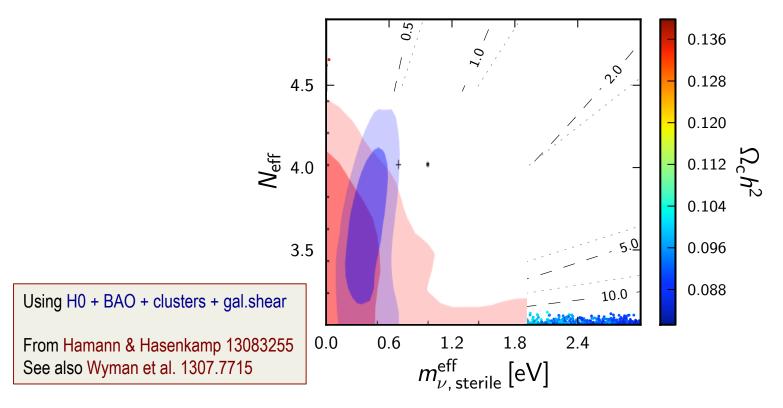
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Conclusions

- No conclusive evidence yet for hot dark matter component or enhanced radiation density, although a few tensions need to be understood: H₀ measurements, lensing spectrum, SZ cluster count
- Full Planck: statement on BICEP2, $\sigma(N_{eff}) \sim 0.3$, full BOSS BAO measurements
- precise answer expected from cosmic shear surveys: DES, LSST, Euclid...
 - Safest output of these experiments
 - Importance of tomography
- ... not talking of next CMB satellite, 21cm surveys, ...

