Neutrino cosmology

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The concordance flat ACDM model...

The simplest model consistent with present observations.



Plus flat spatial geometry+initial conditions from single-field inflation

The neutrino sector beyond $\Lambda CDM...$





Mainly an update on cosmological constraints on neutrino physics based on the final data release of the Planck CMB mission in July 2018 (official + independent analyses).

- Neutrino mass sum
- Effective number of neutrinos
- Tension with other astrophysical data sets (of potential interest to neutrino physics)

1. Neutrino masses and cosmology...

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Large-scale power spectrum measurements circa 2018















Types and degrees of nonlinearity...

	Nonlinear DM (collisionless)	Baryons @ k < O(1) Mpc ⁻¹	Nonlinear tracer bias	Empirical proxy
BAO	Mild	No	Mild	No
Cosmic shear	Yes	No	No	No
Galaxy power spectrum	Yes	No	Yes	No
Cluster abundance	Yes	No	No	Cluster mass vs X-ray temp or richness
Lyman alpha	Yes	Yes	No	No
Calculable from 1 st principles?	Fairly easy	No	No	No

1a. Neutrino masses and Planck 2018

Three CMB observables...



Temperature:

- Neutrino mass signatures.
- Cosmic-variance-limited to l ~ 2000 since 2013 (i.e., nothing more to be done here)

Polarisation:

- No independent neutrino mass signature.
- Low multipoles lifts A_s - τ degeneracy, which helps to tighten other parameter constraints.

Lensing potential:

- Secondary observable reconstructed from temperature (present) and/or polarisation (future) maps.
- Contains independent neutrino mass signatures.

Weak lensing of the CMB: Lensing potential...

CMB photons are deflected by the intervening matter distribution, by an amount proportional to the projected matter density in a direction.



From Blake Sherwin

Weak lensing of the CMB: Lensing potential...

Projected matter density (or, equivalently, the lensing potential) reconstructed from the CMB temperature 4-point correlation function.



Constraints on the neutrino mass sum...

Λ CDM+neutrino mass 7-parameter fit; 95% C.L. on $\sum m_{y}$ in [eV].

Low-*l* polarisation only

Two different high-*l* likelihood functions

		+Lensing	+BAO (non-CMB)	+Lensing+BAO	
Planck2018 TT+lowE	0.54	0.44	0.16	0.13	
2015 numbers	0.72	0.68	0.21	n/a	
Plus high-{ polarisation					
Planck2018 TT +lowE+TE+EE	0.26	0.24	0.13	0.12	
Planck2018 TT +lowE+TE+EE [CamSpec]	0.38	0.27	n/a	0.13	
2015 numbers	0.49	0.59	0.17	n/a	

Planck2015 TT+lowP+Lya $\sum m_{\nu} < 0.13$ eV

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2015

Aghanim et al. [Planck] 2018 Ade et al. [Planck] 2015

Caveat 1 of 2 : which mass hierarchy...

Bounds on the mass sum do depend to an extent on the neutrino mass hierarchy assumed in the fit.

- Using different mass orderings in the fit actually changes the bounds by up to ~40%.
- Λ CDM+neutrino mass 7-parameter fit; 95% C.L. on $\sum m_y$ in [eV]:



Roy Choudhury & Hannestad 2019

Caveat 2 of 2: model dependence...

All bounds so far have been derived from a Λ CDM+neutrino mass 7 parameter fits.

- Can make the fit model more complicated in order to "relax" the bounds.

	Model	Degenerate	Normal	Inverted	
	Baseline $\Lambda CDM + \Sigma m_{u}$	0.121	0.146	0.172	
Primordial tensors	+ <i>r</i>	0.115	0.142	0.167	
	+ w	0.186	0.215	0.230	
Dynamical dark energy	+ $W_0 W_a$	0.249	0.256	0.276	
	$+ w_0 w_a, w(z) > -1$	0.096	0.129	0.157	Roy Choudhury
Spatial curvature	$+ \Omega_k$	0.150	0.173	0.198	& Hannestad 2019

- However, this sort of game doesn't gain you that much. (Some relaxation, but it's not like you can squeeze in a 1 eV neutrino.)
- It doesn't always work in the desired direction.

Take home message...

- The tightest post-Planck 2018 cosmological bound on the neutrino mass sum from a 7-parameter fit remains at around 0.13-0.17 eV (95% C.L.), depending on the mass ordering used in the fit.
- It is however arguably far more robust than the existing Lyman-alpha bound formally of the same value.
 - Quasi-linear observables calculable from linear theory.

2. Effective number of neutrinos...

It doesn't even have to be a real neutrino...

Any particle species that

- decouples while ultra-relativistic and before z ~ 10⁶
- does not interact with itself or anything else after decoupling

will behave (more or less) like a neutrino as far as the CMB and LSS are concerned.

Smallest relevant

scale enters the horizon

N_{eff} signatures in the CMB...

- Matter-radiation equality (odd peak height ratios)
- Angular acoustic scale (acoustic peak locations)
- Anisotropic stress (3rd peak shift)
- Angular diffusion scale (damping tail)
 - Measured by ACT since 2010; SPT since 2011; Planck since 2013
 - Primary signature in the Planck era.



Hou, Keisler, Knox et al. 2011

Constraints on N_{eff} ...

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Planck-inferred $N_{\rm eff}$ compatible with 3.044 at better than 2σ .

ΛCDM+Neff 7-parameter fit	Planck 2018 (95%)	Planck2015 (95%)
TT+lowE	3.00 ^{+0.57} -0.53	3.13±0.64
+lensing+BAO	3.11 ^{+0.44} -0.43	n/a
TT+lowE+TE+EE	2.92 ^{+0.36} -0.37	2.99±0.40
+lensing+BAO	2.99 ^{+0.34} -0.33	n/a

ACDM+Neff+neutrino mass 8-parameter fit

 $N_{\rm eff} = 2.96_{-0.33}^{+0.34}$ $\sum m_{\nu} < 0.12 \text{ eV}$ 95% C. L. Planck TT+TE+EE+lowE +lensing+BAO

3. Flies in the ointment...

Small fly: the $\sigma_{_8}$ - $\Omega_{_m}$ discrepancy...



Big fly: the H₀ discrepancy...

4.4 σ discrepancy between the Planck-inferred H₀ and local measurements:

- **TT+TE+EE+lowE+lensing** $H_0 = 67.36 \pm 0.54 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1} \, Mpc^{-1}}$
- Local measurement:

 $H_0 = 74.03 \pm 1.42 \,\mathrm{km \, s}^{-1} \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$

Riess et al. 2019

Joint Planck+Riess 2018 fit varying N_{eff}:

$$N_{\rm eff} = 3.27 \pm 0.15$$

 $H_0 = 69.32 \pm 0.97 \,\rm km \, s^{-1} \, Mpc^{-1}$



See also talk of I. Oldengott

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Summary...

- **Precision cosmological data** provide strong constraints on the neutrino mass sum.
 - The tightest post-Planck 2018 cosmological bound on the neutrino mass sum from a 7-parameter fit remains at around 0.13-0.17 eV (95% C.L.).
 - It is however far more robust than the existing Lyman-alpha bound (formally of the same value) because of issues of nonlinearity.
- Extra neutrino species?
 - No evidence at all.
 - But a 4.4 σ discrepancy between Planck and local measurements of H₀ remains in Λ CDM, which cannot be resolved with N_{eff}>3 alone.
- **Strongly-interacting neutrinos** as a solution to the H₀ tension?