

# COSMOLOGY AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

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# Three lectures on Cosmology and Particle Physics

Lecture I: Dynamics of the average Universe

Lecture II: Distances and thermal history

→ Lecture III: Neutrinos in cosmology

## **Plan for Lecture III:**

**III.1 – Preliminaries from Particle Physics**

**III.2 – Neutrino decoupling and temperature**

**III.3 – Neutrino abundance and  $N_{\text{eff}}$**

**III.4 – Neutrinos and the growth of structure**

**III.5 – BSM neutrino physics and the Hubble tension**

**CONCLUSIONS**

## III.1 – Preliminaries from Particle Physics

In the Standard Model (SM) there are 3 massless neutrinos,  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$

Only the left-handed neutrinos have weak interactions and are included in SM.

Neutrino oscillations experiments have determined that neutrinos are NOT massless – **SM is incomplete!**

Mass eigenstates are denoted by  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$  and  $m_3$  (superposition of flavor eigenstates)

We still do not know whether neutrinos are Dirac or Majorana particles (neutrinoless double beta decay experiments)

Right-handed neutrinos (if they exist) are singlet under SM interactions – no interactions – also called sterile neutrinos.



Oscillation experiments are sensitive only to the squared-mass differences:

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

Data shows a hierarchy in the mass differences:

$$\Delta m_{21} \ll |\Delta m_{31}| \sim |\Delta m_{32}|$$

It is still an open question the ordering (or hierarchy) of the neutrino mass eigenstates:

$m_3$  —————

$m_2$  —————

$m_1$  —————

Normal  
ordering

$m_2$  —————

$m_1$  —————

$m_3$  —————

Inverted  
ordering

Global analysis of oscillation data (1811.05487) in  $\text{eV}^2$  :

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.39_{-0.20}^{+0.21} \times 10^{-5}; \quad \Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.525_{-0.032}^{+0.033} \times 10^{-3} (\text{NH}); \quad \Delta m_{32}^2 = -2.512_{-0.032}^{+0.034} \times 10^{-3} (\text{IH})$$

Cosmology is sensitive to the sum of neutrino masses:

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i$$

Easy to show that:

$$\sum m_\nu = m_0 + \sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2 + m_0^2} \quad (\text{NH}),$$

$$\sum m_\nu = m_0 + \sqrt{|\Delta m_{32}^2| + m_0^2} + \sqrt{|\Delta m_{32}^2| - \Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2} \quad (\text{IH}).$$

where  $m_0$  is the lightest mass state ( $m_0 = m_1$  for NH and  $m_0 = m_3$  for IH)

Taking the lightest mass state to be zero one obtains a **lower bound** on the sum of neutrino masses (1907.12598):

$$\Sigma > 58.85^{+0.45}_{-0.44} \text{ meV}$$

Normal ordering

$$\Sigma > 100^{+0.70}_{-0.67} \text{ meV}$$

Inverse ordering

Hence, oscillation experiments gives a **firm lower bound** on the sum of neutrino masses:

$$\Sigma > 0.06 \text{ eV}$$

Cosmology can determine the mass ordering of neutrinos if it can determine that  $\Sigma < 0.1 \text{ eV}$ ! More later...





# KATRIN

Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino Experiment

Study of the end of the electron energy spectra in tritium beta decay:

“scale of neutrino mass”  $m_\nu < 1.1$  eV (90%CL) - 1909.06048

## III.2 – Neutrino decoupling and temperature

Different particles are in thermal equilibrium when they can interact efficiently. There are 2 typical rates that can be compared:

- rate of particle interactions:

$$\Gamma(T) = n \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

Number density

Thermal averaged  
cross section x velocity

- expansion rate of the Universe:

$$H(T)$$

When

$$\Gamma(T) \gg H(T)$$

particles are in thermal equilibrium.

As a first estimate particles decouple when  $\Gamma(T) \sim H(T)$

More precise estimate requires solving a Boltzmann equation .

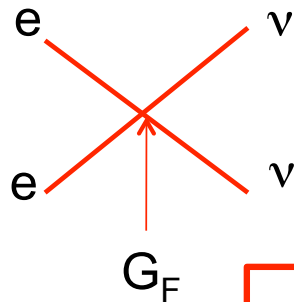
## Decoupling of neutrinos from the thermal bath

Weak interactions:

$$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

$$e^- + \bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

Low energy cross section (4-Fermi interaction):



$G_F = 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ : Fermi constant

$$\sigma \sim G_F^2 T^2; \quad n_\nu \sim T^3 \Rightarrow \Gamma_\nu(T) \sim G_F^2 T^5$$

$$H(T) \sim T^2/M_{\text{Pl}}$$

$$T_{\nu, \text{dec}} = \left( \frac{1}{G_F^2 M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{1/3} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$



Neutrinos produced in the early universe decouple when the universe had a temperature of around 1 MeV and was only around 1 second old!

Neutrinos decouple while relativistic and are stable neutral particles –  
hot dark matter

After decoupling the number of neutrinos does not change anymore –  
their density decreases as  $a^3$ .

After decoupling from the thermal bath they cool down as the universe expands ( $T \propto 1/a$ ) but do not need to share the same temperature with photons.

In fact, when the threshold for the electron mass is crossed at around  $m_e = 0.5 \text{ MeV}$  the photons get heated up (see previous lecture).

Temperature of cosmic neutrino background is then smaller than cosmic photon background today.

It can be computed from entropy conservation:

$$T_\nu = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T_\gamma \simeq 1.95 \text{ K} = 1.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

From neutrino oscillation data at least 2 neutrinos are nonrelativistic today. They transition from relativistic to nonrelativistic during the history of the universe.

### III.3 – Neutrino abundance after decoupling and $N_{\text{eff}}$

If neutrinos are relativistic (see previous lecture), after  $e^+e^-$  annihilation:

$$\rho_\nu = \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \rho_\gamma$$

$N_{\text{eff}}$  is used to describe extra (beyond photons) relativistic degrees of freedom.

In the SM, with 3 relativistic neutrinos:  $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.045$  (arXiv:1606.06986)

(neutrinos were not completely decoupled at  $e^+e^-$  annihilation)

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99^{+0.34}_{-0.33} \quad (95\%, \text{TT, TE, EE+lowE+lensing+BAO}) \quad \text{Planck 2018}$$

Additional relativistic degrees of freedom are called **dark radiation**.

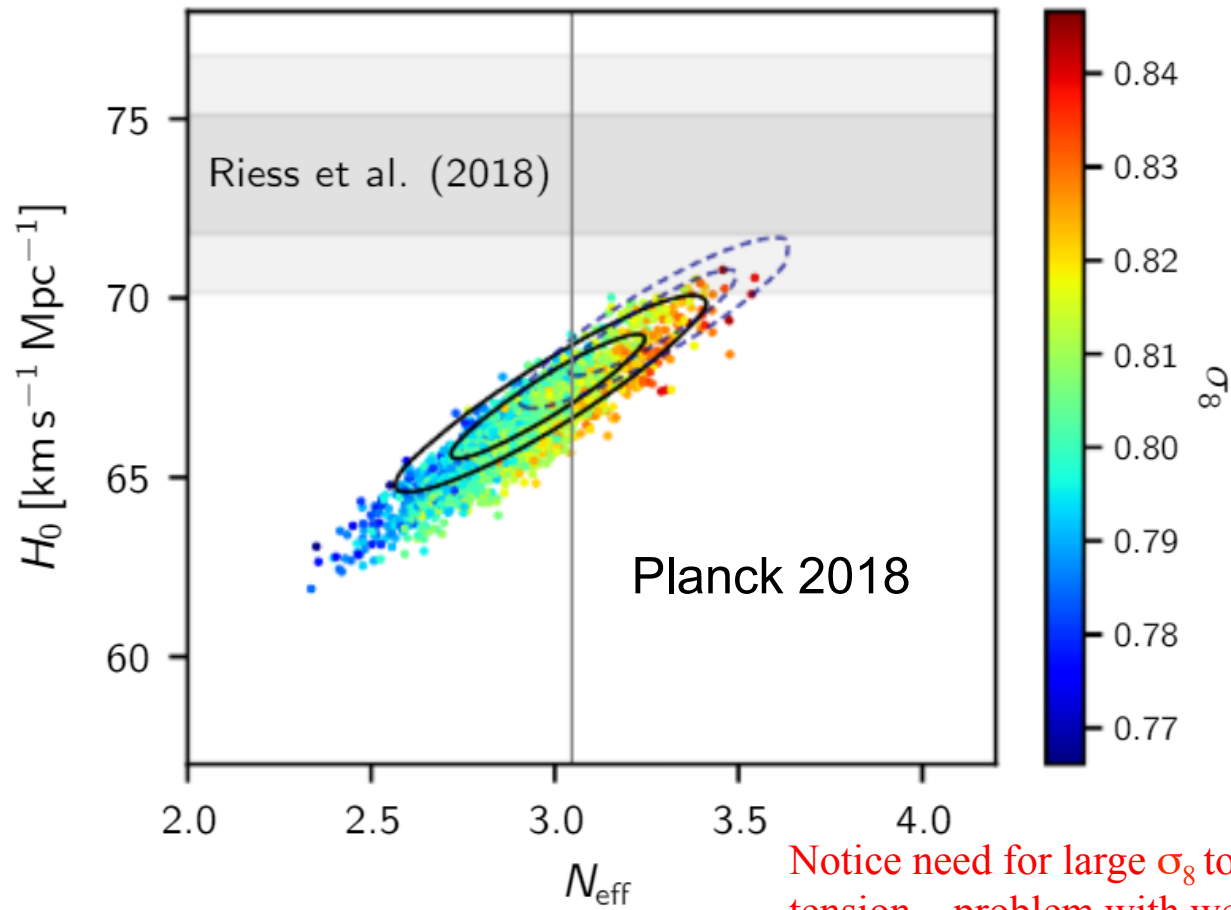
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**Number of Neutrino Types**

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Number  $N = 2.996 \pm 0.007$  (Standard Model fits to LEP-SLC data)

Degeneracy between  $H_0$  and  $N_{\text{eff}}$  (see previous lecture)



Notice need for large  $\sigma_8$  to alleviate Hubble tension – problem with weak lensing



Number density of neutrinos is comparable to photons:

$$n_\nu = \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{T_\nu}{T_\gamma} \right)^3 n_\gamma = \frac{3}{11} n_\gamma$$

Number density of relic neutrinos today:

$$n_\gamma^{(0)} = 422 \text{ cm}^{-3} \rightarrow n_\nu^{(0)} = 115 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

If relic neutrinos are non-relativistic today:

$$\rho_\nu^{(0)} = \sum_i m_{\nu,i} n_{\nu,i}^{(0)} \rightarrow \Omega_\nu^{(0)} = \frac{\sum_i m_{\nu,i}}{45 \text{ eV}}$$

Gerstein-Zeldovich (1967)  
Cowsik-McClelland (1972)

$$\sum_i m_{\nu,i} < 45 \text{ eV}$$

We will see next that there are stronger upper bounds from the effects of neutrinos on the growth of structure.

We know that  $m_\nu < 1 \text{ eV}$  (KATRIN) and hence:  $\Omega_\nu < 0.07$   
Probably much smaller as we will see later from cosmology.

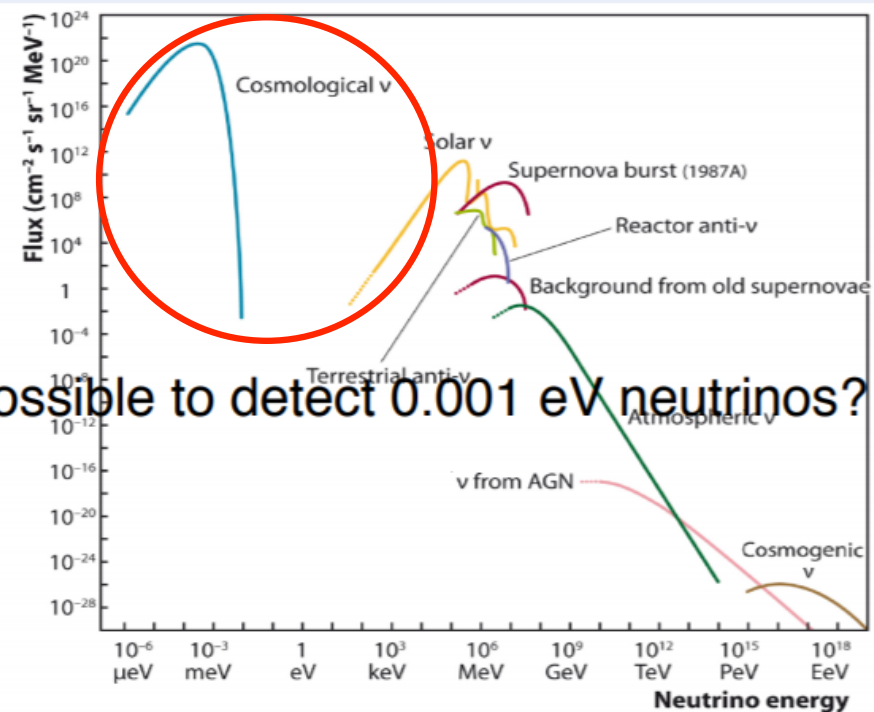
# Princeton Tritium Observatory for Light, Early-universe, Massive-neutrino Yield PTOLOMY

## Neutrino flow

$$T \approx 1.9 \text{ K} \Rightarrow p_\nu \approx 0.001 \text{ eV}$$

$$n \approx 56 \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 6$$

Is it possible to detect 0.001 eV neutrinos?



Marcello Messina, ICHEP-2020

## III.4 – Neutrinos and the growth of structure

Structure in the universe (such as galaxies) arise from the growth of the small perturbations generated by quantum fluctuations of the inflaton field.

The growth is due to action of gravity and has to be studied in the context of GR taking into account EM interactions when necessary (baryons).

A linearization of GR can be used to study the growth of perturbations when they are small - this is done in codes such as:

**CAMB - Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background**

<https://camb.info/>

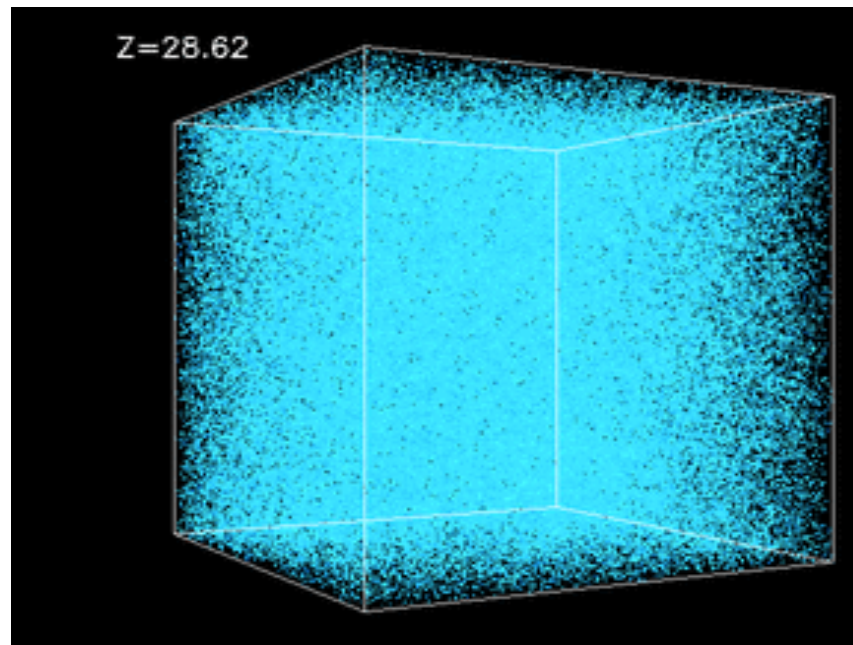
**CLASS – Cosmic Linear Anisotropy Solving System**

[https://lesgourg.github.io/class\\_public/class.html](https://lesgourg.github.io/class_public/class.html)



# Nonlinear growth of large scale structure: N-body simulations

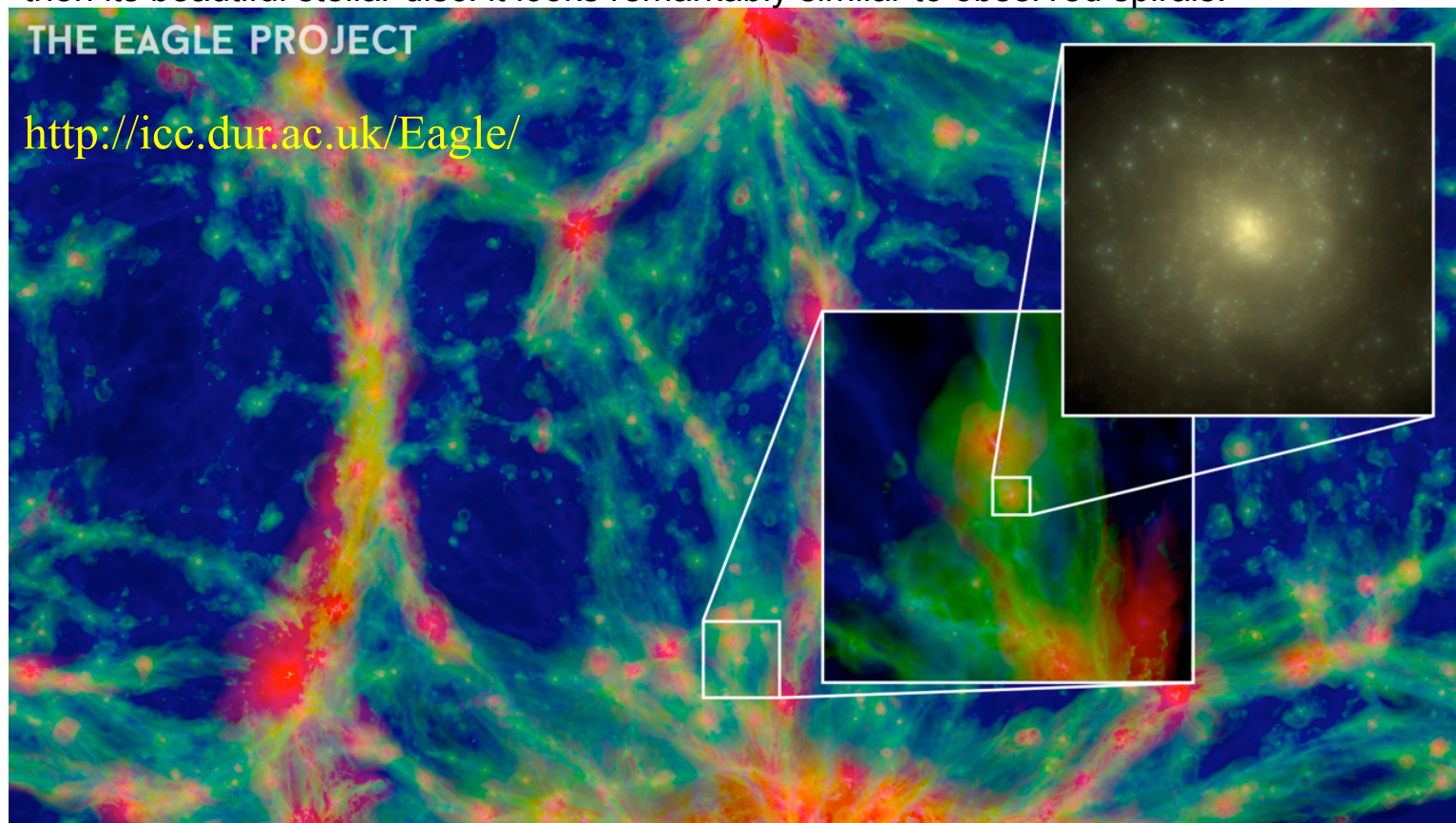
## Universe in a box (A. Kravtsov)



<http://cosmicweb.uchicago.edu/filaments.html>

The movie illustrates the formation of clusters and large-scale filaments in the Cold Dark Matter model with dark energy. Evolution of structures in a 43 Mpc box from redshift of 30 to the present epoch. At the initial epoch ( $z=30$ ), when the age of the Universe was less than 1% of its current age, distribution of matter appears to be uniform. As time goes on, the fluctuations grow resulting in a wealth of structures from the smallest bright clumps which have sizes and masses similar to those of galaxies to the dark large filaments.

The EAGLE simulation is one of the largest cosmological hydrodynamical simulations ever, using nearly 7 billion particles to model the physics. The image below is a slice through the simulation volume, with the intergalactic hot gas with  $T > 100,000\text{K}$ , and is contained within dark matter structures that host galaxies. Such hot gas can be detected in X-rays. The insets zoom into a galaxy like the Milky Way, showing first its gas, and then its beautiful stellar disc: it looks remarkably similar to observed spirals.



There are two main effects of neutrinos on the growth of structure:

- Neutrinos do contribute to nonrelativistic dark matter density today:

$$\Omega_m = \Omega_{\text{cdm}} + \Omega_b + \Omega_\nu$$

Can affect recent expansion rate.

- Free-streaming

Neutrinos decouple while relativistic. They **free-stream** until becoming non-relativistic. They affect structure formation by smoothing out density perturbations.

The scale below which this smoothing occurs is called free-streaming length:

$$\lambda_{fs} \approx 350 (\Omega_m h^2)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \text{ Mpc}$$

The growth of matter perturbations **is suppressed** at scales smaller than  $\lambda_{fs}$  due to the effect of the time neutrinos were relativistic particles.

This is the reason neutrinos can not be the total dark matter. Only very large structures could have formed (“pancakes”) that would later break down into smaller structures – top-down models.

Simulations later showed that structure formation is a bottom-up process. Hot dark matter was discarded...

OBS: sterile neutrinos with mass in the keV range, a prototype of warm dark matter, are still allowed.

### III.4.1 – Bounds on neutrino mass from CMB

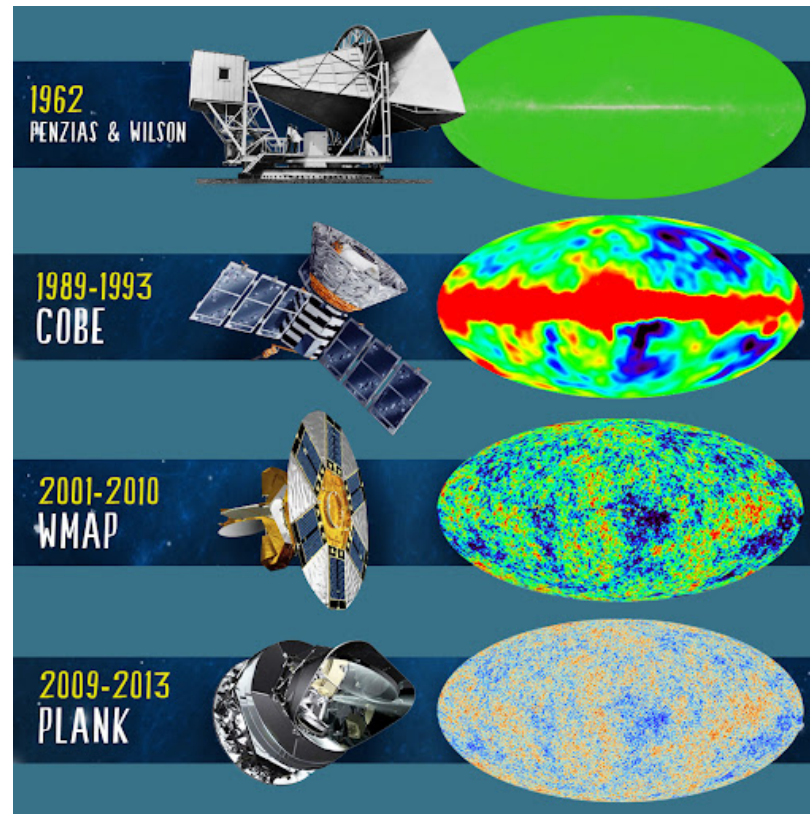
Fluctuations in the CMB are generated during inflation and evolved until photon decoupling. One measures the angular power spectrum  $C_l$  defined as:

$$\frac{\delta T}{T}(\hat{\theta}) = \sum_{lm} a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{\theta})$$

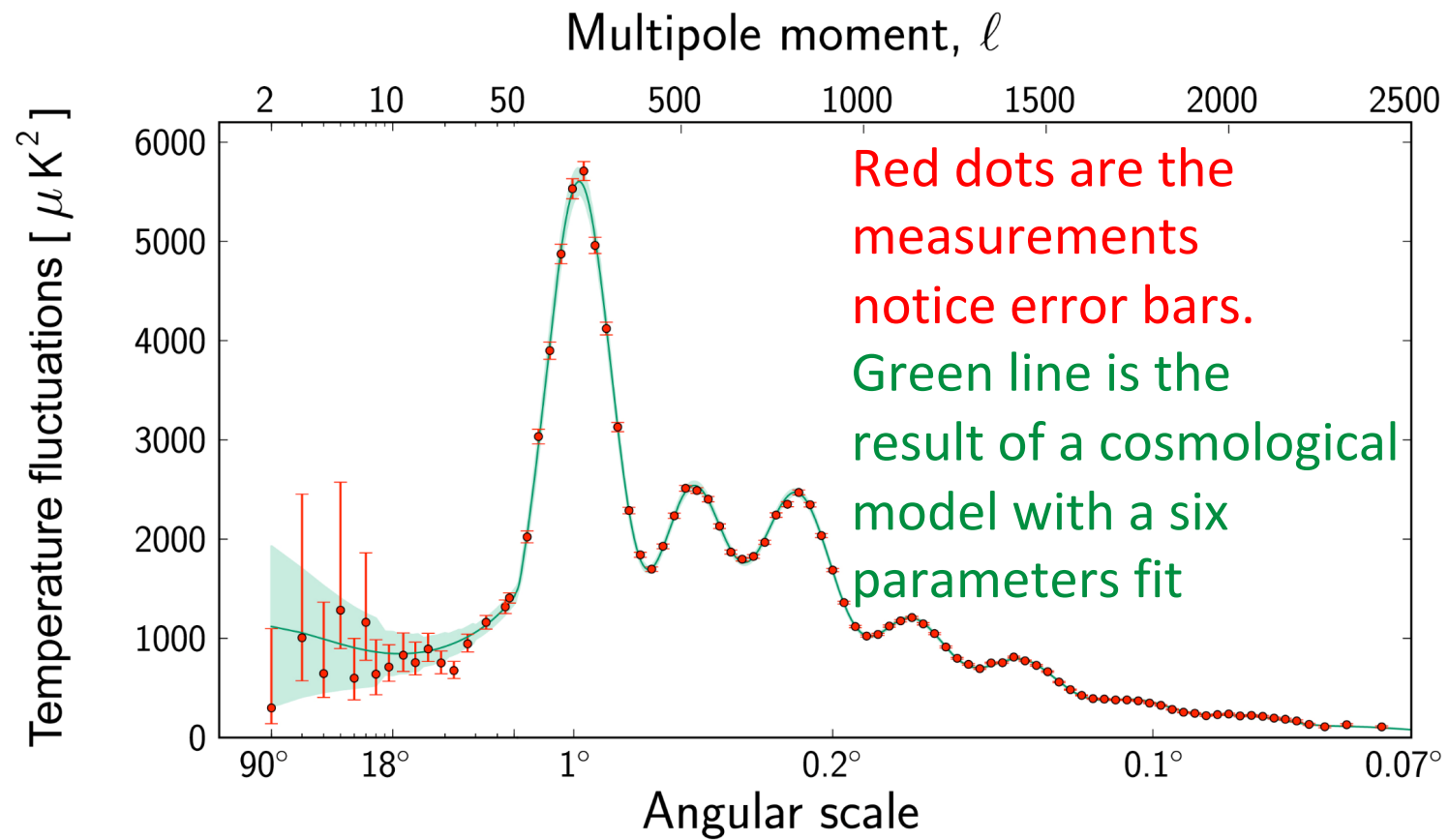
$$\langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} C_l$$

$$C_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_m |a_{lm}|^2$$

Measured with ever increasing precision: COBE, WMAP, PLANCK



# Planck 2018





# Precision cosmology

	Parameter	Plik best fit	Plik [1]
6 parameters in Planck base $\Lambda$ CDM fit	$\Omega_b h^2$ .....	0.022383	$0.02237 \pm 0.00015$
	$\Omega_c h^2$ .....	0.12011	$0.1200 \pm 0.0012$
	$100\theta_{MC}$ .....	1.040909	$1.04092 \pm 0.00031$
	$\tau$ .....	0.0543	$0.0544 \pm 0.0073$
	$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ .....	3.0448	$3.044 \pm 0.014$
	$n_s$ .....	0.96605	$0.9649 \pm 0.0042$
Derived parameters	$\Omega_m h^2$ .....	0.14314	$0.1430 \pm 0.0011$
	$H_0$ [ km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ] ...	67.32	$67.36 \pm 0.54$
	$\Omega_m$ .....	0.3158	$0.3153 \pm 0.0073$
	Age [Gyr] .....	13.7971	$13.797 \pm 0.023$
	$\sigma_8$ .....	0.8120	$0.8111 \pm 0.0060$
	$S_8 \equiv \sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.3)^{0.5}$ ..	0.8331	$0.832 \pm 0.013$
	$z_{re}$ .....	7.68	$7.67 \pm 0.73$
	$100\theta_*$ .....	1.041085	$1.04110 \pm 0.00031$
	$r_{drag}$ [Mpc] .....	147.049	$147.09 \pm 0.26$

The Planck base- $\Lambda$ CDM model assumes  $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.06$  eV with only one massive neutrino.

## Neutrino mass bounds from CMB:

(from Planck 2018 - 1807.06209)

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.24 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \%, \text{ TT, TE, EE+lowE+lensing}). \quad \text{Planck-only}$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV} \quad (95 \%, \text{ Planck TT, TE, EE+lowE+lensing+BAO}). \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Planck + BAO} \\ \text{BAO breaks degeneracies} \end{array}$$

$$\Sigma m_\nu < 0.11 \text{ eV} \quad (95\%, \text{ Planck TT, TE, EE+lowE+lensing+BAO+Supernovas})$$

Caveats: model dependence ( $\Lambda$ CDM), degeneracies among parameters

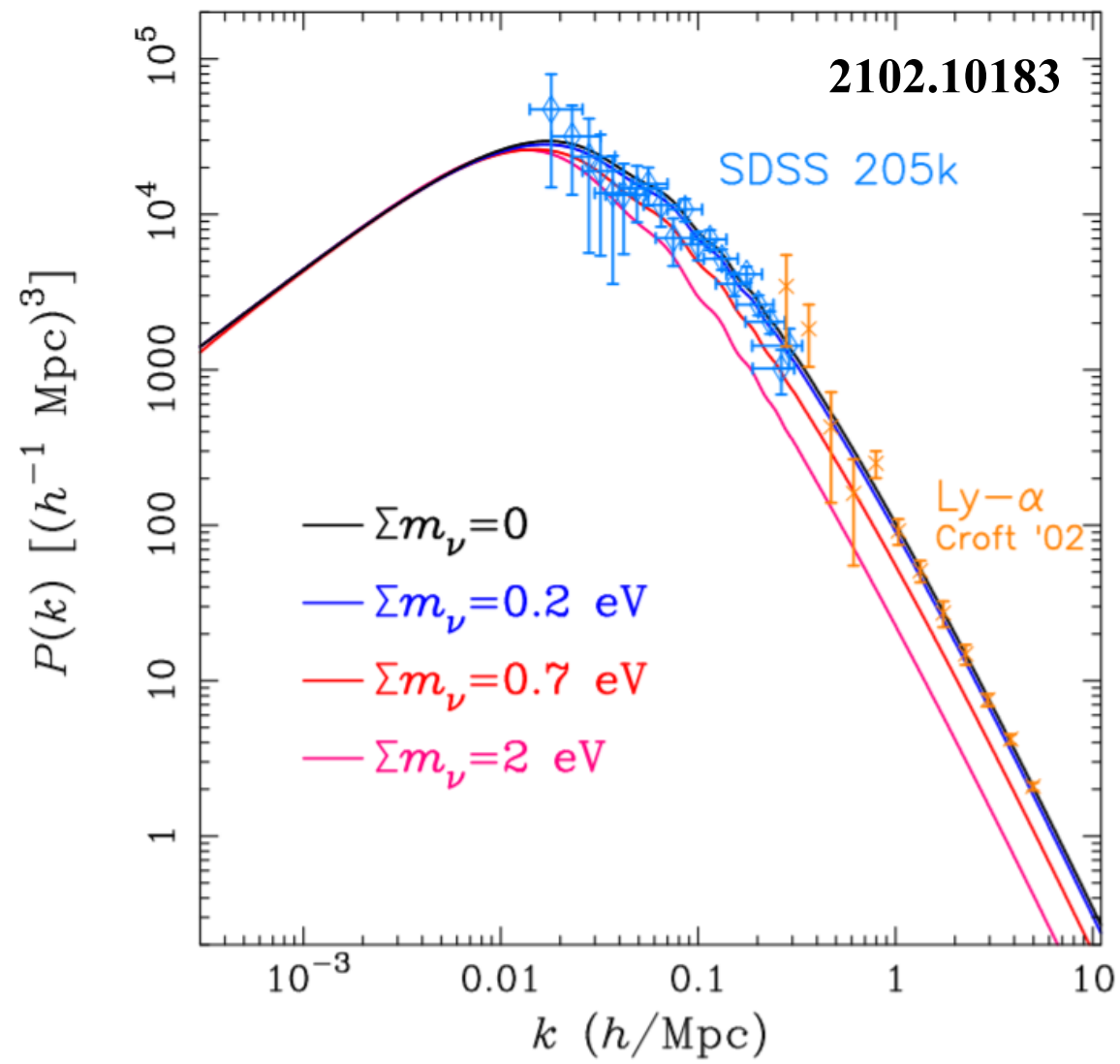
## III.4.2 – Bounds on neutrino mass from galaxy surveys

Two main types of galaxy surveys:

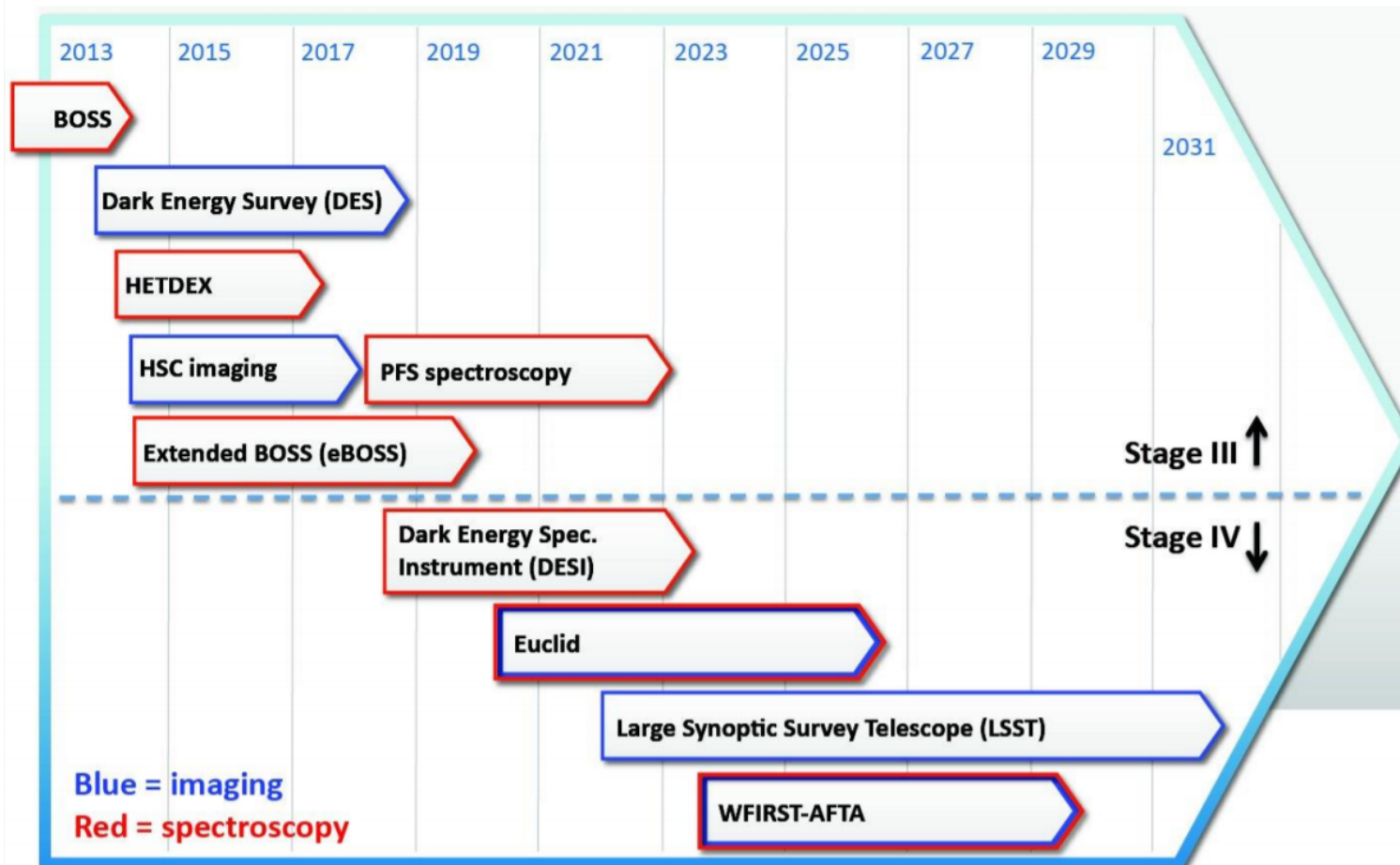
- Spectroscopic: take spectra of galaxies
- Photometric: take pictures of galaxies with different color filters

The growth of matter perturbations **is suppressed** at scales smaller than  $\lambda_{\text{fs}}$  due  
The suppression is proportional to  $\Omega_{\nu}$

The larger  $\Sigma m_{\nu}$  the larger the suppression of the power spectrum.



## A somewhat outdated schedule of surveys



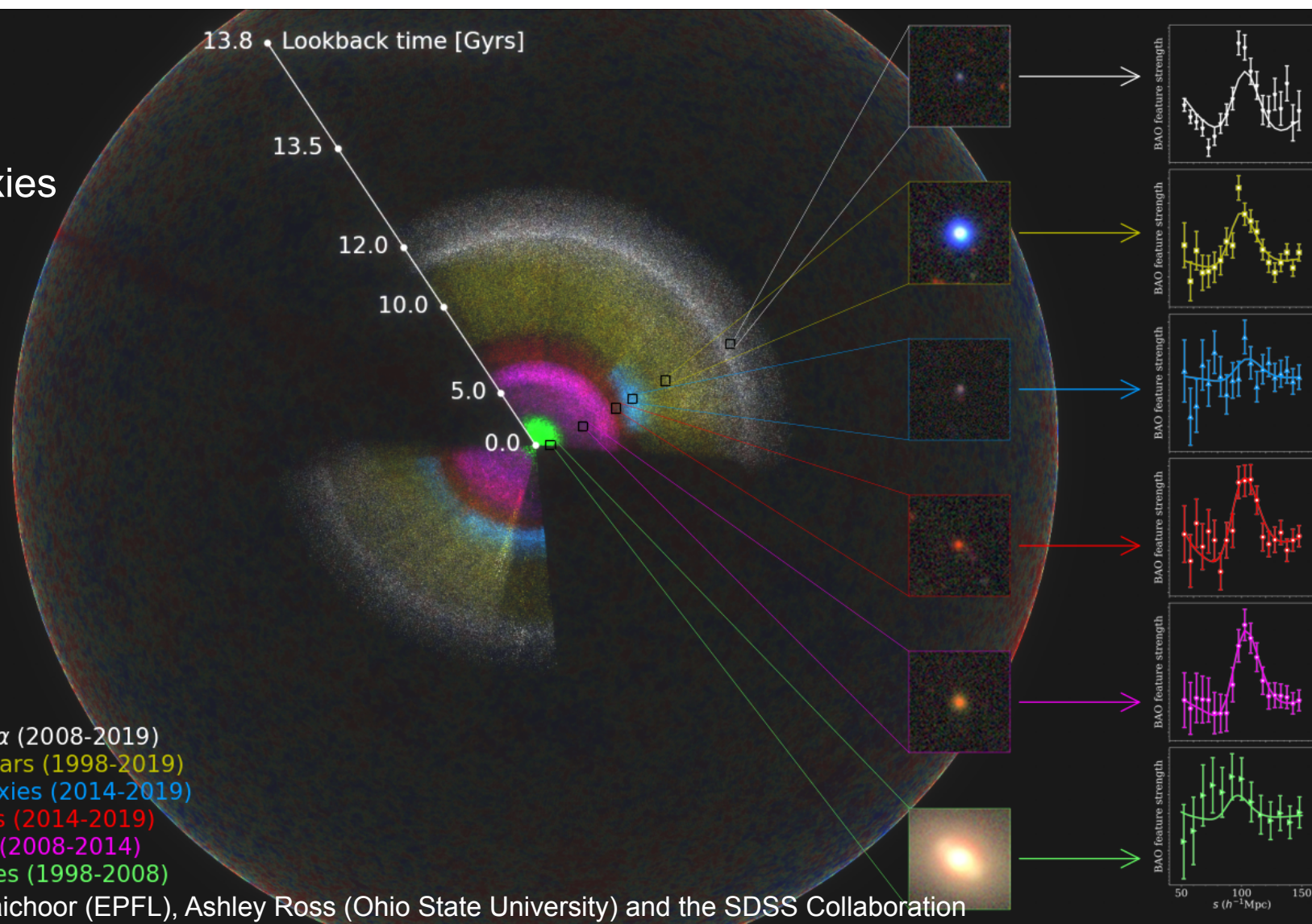
arXiv: 1401.6085

## Accelerators $\leftrightarrow$ Large scale galaxy surveys analogy:

- Energy  $\leftrightarrow$  redshift
- Luminosity  $\leftrightarrow$  area & observation time
- Energy resolution  $\leftrightarrow$  redshift errors
- Energy calibration  $\leftrightarrow$  objects with known redshifts
- $p_T$  cuts, etc  $\leftrightarrow$  magnitude cuts, mask, etc
- Final data set  $\leftrightarrow$  value added catalogs
- Higgs bump hunting  $\leftrightarrow$  BAO bump hunting
- PT ok at high E  $\leftrightarrow$  PT ok at high z



20-year Project  
~2 million galaxies



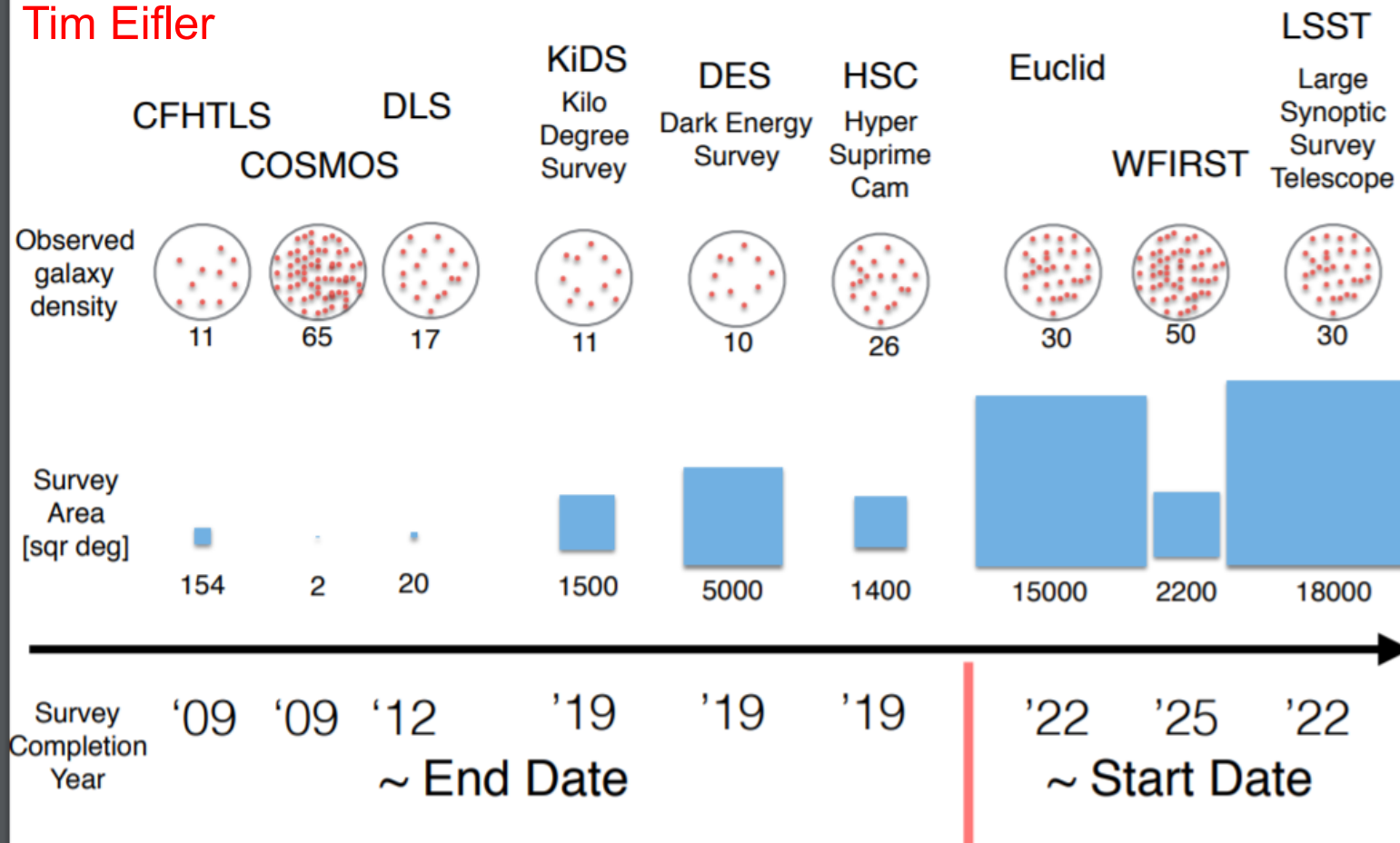
eBOSS + BOSS Lyman- $\alpha$  (2008-2019)  
eBOSS + SDSS I-II Quasars (1998-2019)  
eBOSS Young Blue Galaxies (2014-2019)  
eBOSS Old Red Galaxies (2014-2019)  
BOSS Old Red Galaxies (2008-2014)  
SDSS I-II Nearby Galaxies (1998-2008)

**Image credit:** Anand Raichoor (EPFL), Ashley Ross (Ohio State University) and the SDSS Collaboration



# Photometric Dark Energy Surveys

Tim Eifler

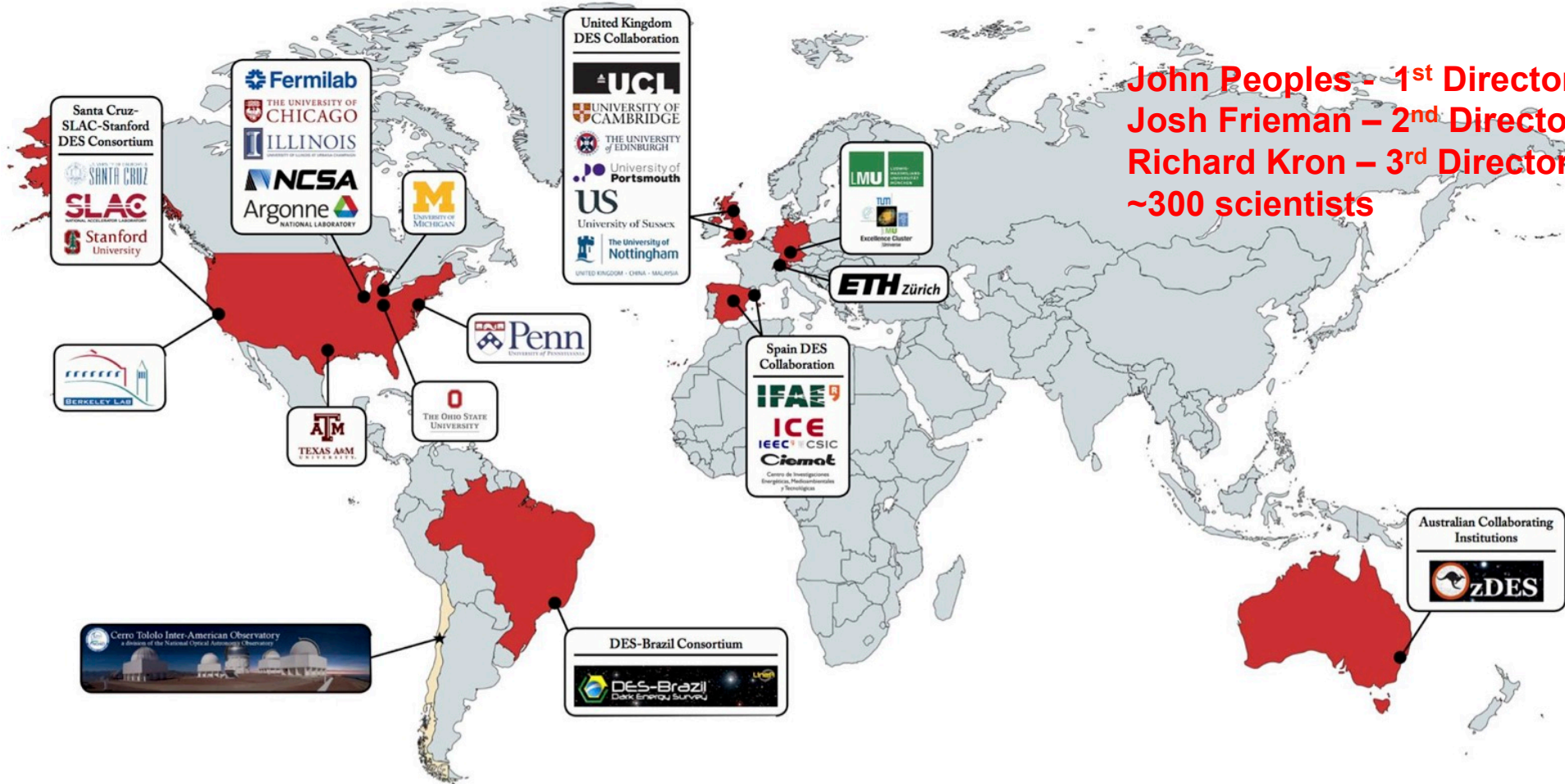




# The Dark Energy Survey Collaboration

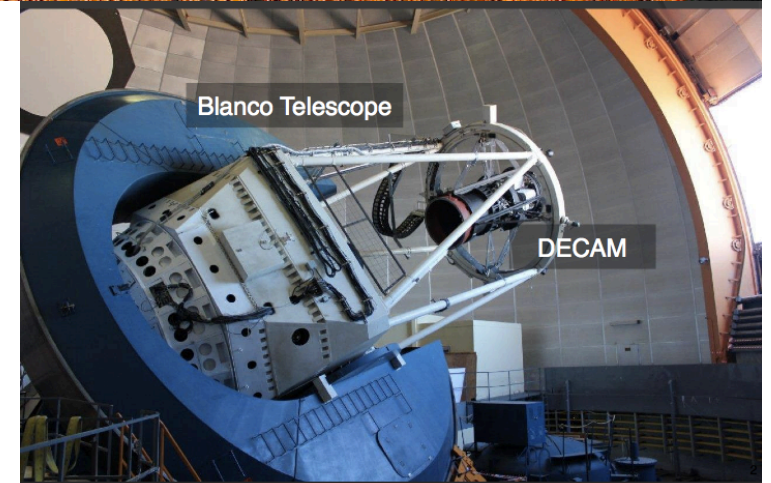
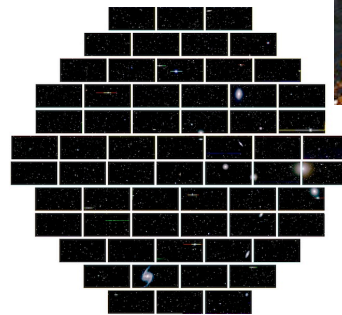
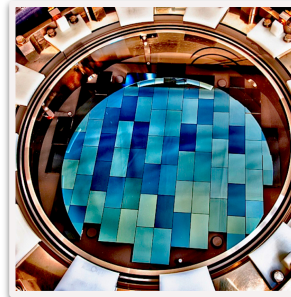


**John Peoples – 1<sup>st</sup> Director**  
**Josh Frieman – 2<sup>nd</sup> Director**  
**Richard Kron – 3<sup>rd</sup> Director**  
**~300 scientists**



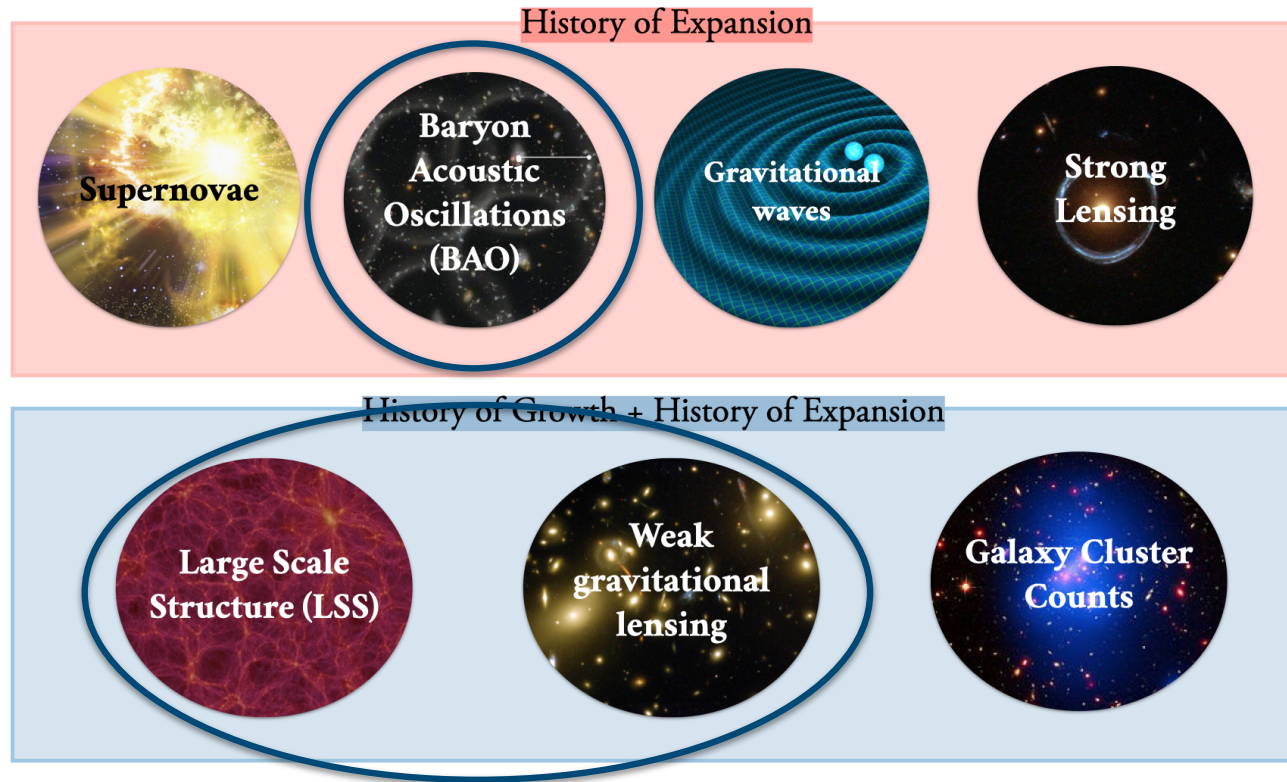
# The Dark Energy Survey (DES)

- >400 members, 25 institutions, 7 countries
- 570 Megapixel camera for the Blanco 4m telescope in Chile.
- Full survey, ~5.5Y. 2013-2019 (Y3 2013-16).
- **Wide field:** 5000 sq. deg. in 5 bands grizY. ~23 magnitude.
- DES Y3: Positions and shapes of > **100M galaxies**.






## Cosmic probes within DES



# Dark Energy Survey Year 3 results – more than 30 papers



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[www.darkenergysurvey.org/des-year-3-cosmology-results-papers/](http://www.darkenergysurvey.org/des-year-3-cosmology-results-papers/)

# 3x2pt cosmology main result

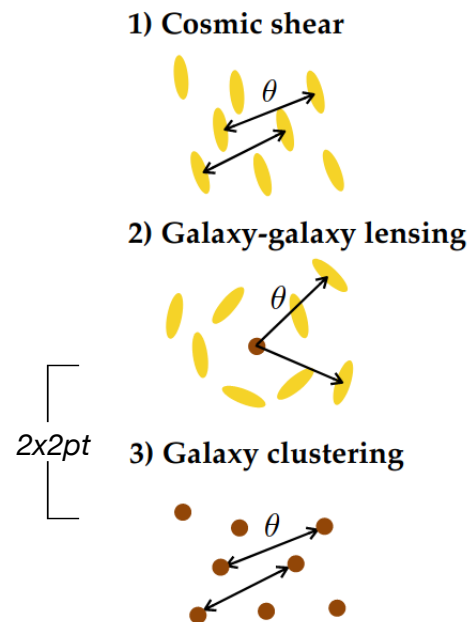


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- Cosmic shear most sensitive to clustering amplitude.
- Galaxy clustering and tangential shear more sensitive to total matter density.

A factor of 2.1 improvement in signal-to-noise from DES Year 1.

	$S_8 = 0.776^{+0.017}_{-0.017}$ (0.776)
$\Lambda$ CDM	$\Omega_m = 0.339^{+0.032}_{-0.031}$ (0.372)
	$\sigma_8 = 0.733^{+0.039}_{-0.049}$ (0.696)

$\omega$ CDM	$\Omega_m = 0.352^{+0.035}_{-0.041}$ (0.339)
	$w = -0.98^{+0.32}_{-0.20}$ (-1.03)

## Key result: DES + External low z (SNe Ia, BAO, RSD) + CMB

$$S_8 = 0.812^{+0.008}_{-0.008} \quad (0.815)$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.306^{+0.004}_{-0.005} \quad (0.306)$$

$$\text{In } \Lambda\text{CDM: } \sigma_8 = 0.804^{+0.008}_{-0.008} \quad (0.807)$$

$$h = 0.680^{+0.004}_{-0.003} \quad (0.681)$$

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.13 \text{ eV (95\% CL)}$$

$$\sigma_8 = 0.810^{+0.010}_{-0.009} \quad (0.804),$$

$$\text{In } w\text{CDM: } \Omega_m = 0.302^{+0.006}_{-0.006} \quad (0.298),$$

$$w = -1.03^{+0.03}_{-0.03} \quad (-1.00)$$

### III.4.3 – Bounds on neutrino mass from joint LSS, SNIa, CMB analysis

Using data from eBOSS (BAO + RSD from emission line galaxies and quasars), Pantheon sample of SNIa and Planck a recent analysis obtains (2106.15267):

$$\Sigma < 90 \text{ meV @ } 95\%CL$$

“highly compromises the viability of the inverted mass ordering as the underlying neutrino mass pattern in nature”

Caveats: model-dependence, degeneracies among parameters, prior dependence in Bayesian analysis

Intriguing question: what if from cosmological data one finds that

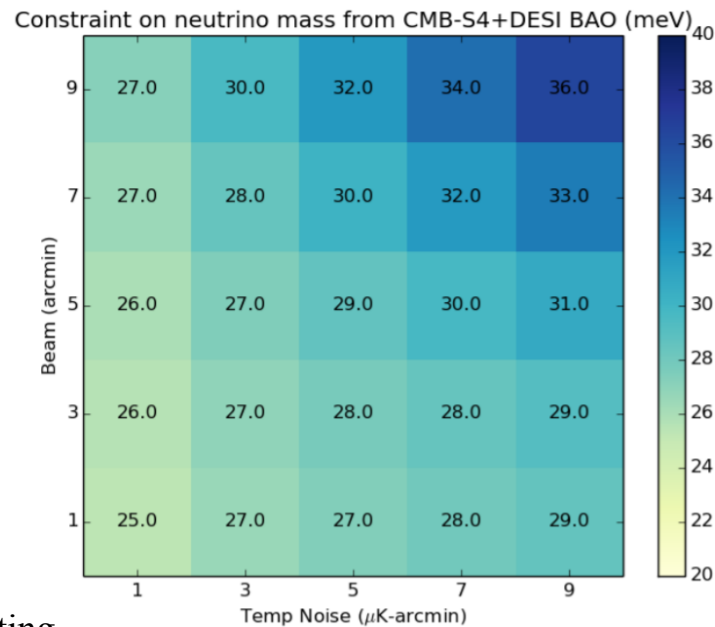
$$\Sigma < 60 \text{ meV @ } 95\%CL ??$$

This would imply a serious tension between cosmology and neutrino oscillation experiments!



### III.4.4 – Future bounds on neutrino mass

CMB-S4 + DESI BAO (similar to Simons Observatory + DESI BAO):  
sensitivity to  $\Sigma m_\nu < 0.04$  eV



[cmb-s4.uchicago.edu/wiki/index.php/Forecasting](http://cmb-s4.uchicago.edu/wiki/index.php/Forecasting)

The Simons Observatory: Science goals and forecasts - 1808.07445

# Astro2020 Science White Paper

## Neutrino Mass from Cosmology: Probing Physics Beyond the Standard Model

optimal combination of next-generation CMB and LSS surveys has the potential to reach a sensitivity of  $\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu) \sim 14 \text{ meV}$ , corresponding to a nearly- $4\sigma$  detection of the minimal mass scenario.

1903.03689

Cosmology can probe  $\Sigma m_\nu$  but it will not be possible to directly measure the **individual neutrino masses** in the foreseeable future (2003.03354, 2006.09395)

## III.5 – BSM neutrino physics and the Hubble tension

New interactions in the neutrino sector can ameliorate the Hubble tension. I'll briefly discuss 2 examples.

## III.5.1 – The case of “secret” neutrino interactions

1704.06657, 1902.00534, 1905.02727, 2012.07519, 2012.11830 and many more

Main idea: non-standard neutrino scenarios can delay the onset of neutrino free-streaming until close to the epoch of matter-radiation equality and naturally accommodate a larger value for the Hubble constant.

Simple model: new four-fermion interaction.

$$\mathcal{L} = G_{eff}(\bar{\nu}\nu)(\bar{\nu}\nu)$$

$G_{eff}$  has dimensions of  $[E]^{-2}$  just like Fermi's constant.

Increasing  $G_{eff}$  would further delay the neutrino free-streaming.

Change Boltzmann code to include extra interaction.

Extension of  $\Lambda$ CDM model to include variations of the parameters:

$$\Lambda\text{CDM} + \log_{10} [G_{\text{eff}} \text{MeV}^2] + N_{\text{eff}} + \sum m_\nu$$

A bi-modal posterior distribution was found in the parameter  $G_{\text{eff}}$ :

“strongly” and “moderately” interacting neutrinos.

In spite of initial positive results, recent analysis claim this is no longer a solution.

Initial results from 1902.00534

TABLE II: TT + lens + BAO +  $H_0$  Constraints: Parameter 68% Confidence Limits

Parameter	Strongly Interacting Neutrino Mode	Moderately Interacting Neutrino Mode
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02245^{+0.00029}_{-0.00033}$	$0.02282 \pm 0.00030$
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.1348^{+0.0056}_{-0.0049}$	$0.1256^{+0.0035}_{-0.0039}$
$100\theta_{MC}$	$1.04637 \pm 0.00056$	$1.04062^{+0.00049}_{-0.00056}$
$\tau$	$0.080 \pm 0.031$	$0.127^{+0.034}_{-0.029}$
$\sum m_\nu$ [eV]	$0.42^{+0.17}_{-0.20}$	$0.40^{+0.17}_{-0.23}$
$N_{eff}$ Problematic	$4.02 \pm 0.29$	$3.79 \pm 0.28$
$\log_{10}(G_{eff} \text{MeV}^2)$	$-1.35^{+0.12}_{-0.066}$	$-3.90^{+1.0}_{-0.93}$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	$3.035 \pm 0.060$	$3.194^{+0.068}_{-0.056}$
$n_s$	$0.9499 \pm 0.0098$	$0.993^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$
$H_0$ [km/s/Mpc]	$72.3 \pm 1.4$	$71.2 \pm 1.3$
$\Omega_m$	$0.3094 \pm 0.0083$	$0.3010 \pm 0.0080$
$\sigma_8$	$0.786 \pm 0.020$	$0.813^{+0.023}_{-0.020}$
$10^9 A_s$	$2.08^{+0.11}_{-0.13}$	$2.44 \pm 0.15$
$10^9 A_s e^{-2\tau}$	$1.771 \pm 0.016$	$1.892^{+0.019}_{-0.017}$
$r_*$ [Mpc]	$136.3 \pm 2.4$	$139.1 \pm 2.3$
$100\theta_*$	$1.04604 \pm 0.00056$	$1.04041^{+0.00058}_{-0.00064}$
$D_A$ [Gpc]	$13.03 \pm 0.23$	$13.37 \pm 0.21$
$r_{drag}$ [Mpc]	$138.8 \pm 2.5$	$141.6 \pm 2.3$

## Updated constraints - 2012.07519

		TT+lowE	CMB	CMB+EXT	CMB+R19
$\Omega_b h^2$	NI $\nu$	$0.02194^{+0.00072}_{-0.00078}$	$0.02223^{+0.00044}_{-0.00043}$	$0.02235^{+0.00037}_{-0.00037}$	$0.02276^{+0.00035}_{-0.00035}$
	MI $\nu$	$0.02191^{+0.00070}_{-0.00078}$	$0.02222^{+0.00043}_{-0.00043}$	$0.02236^{+0.00035}_{-0.00035}$	$0.02278^{+0.00035}_{-0.00033}$
	SI $\nu$	$0.02226^{+0.00074}_{-0.00081}$	$0.02232^{+0.00046}_{-0.00045}$	$0.02236^{+0.00035}_{-0.00035}$	$0.02287^{+0.00033}_{-0.00034}$
$\Omega_c h^2$	NI $\nu$	$0.1200^{+0.0078}_{-0.0079}$	$0.1183^{+0.0060}_{-0.0057}$	$0.1179^{+0.0055}_{-0.0056}$	$0.1234^{+0.0057}_{-0.0056}$
	MI $\nu$	$0.1201^{+0.0086}_{-0.0080}$	$0.1184^{+0.0061}_{-0.0059}$	$0.1182^{+0.0055}_{-0.0055}$	$0.1238^{+0.0057}_{-0.0055}$
	SI $\nu$	$> 0.126$	$0.1161^{+0.0061}_{-0.0057}$	$0.1156^{+0.0060}_{-0.0052}$	$0.1220^{+0.0065}_{-0.0060}$
$\Sigma m_\nu$	NI $\nu$	$< 0.705$	$< 0.297$	$< 0.122$	$< 0.105$
	MI $\nu$	$< 0.771$	$< 0.290$	$< 0.117$	$< 0.0917$
	SI $\nu$	$< 0.848$	$< 0.325$	$< 0.152$	$< 0.105$
$N_{\text{eff}}$	NI $\nu$	$2.95^{+0.59}_{-0.59}$	$2.91^{+0.39}_{-0.37}$	$2.96^{+0.33}_{-0.35}$	$3.38^{+0.30}_{-0.30}$
	MI $\nu$	$2.96^{+0.61}_{-0.59}$	$2.91^{+0.38}_{-0.38}$	$2.97^{+0.34}_{-0.33}$	$3.41^{+0.31}_{-0.30}$
	SI $\nu$	$4.00^{+0.80}_{-0.82}$	$2.74^{+0.38}_{-0.35}$	$2.73^{+0.34}_{-0.31}$	$3.22^{+0.32}_{-0.30}$
$\log_{10} G_{\text{eff}}$	NI $\nu$				
	MI $\nu$	$< -3.04$	$< -3.47$	$< -3.37$	$< -3.27$
	SI $\nu$	$-1.13^{+0.20}_{-0.21}$	$-1.69^{+0.27}_{-0.31}$	$-1.71^{+0.27}_{-0.31}$	$-1.58^{+0.29}_{-0.37}$
$n_s$	NI $\nu$	$0.957^{+0.029}_{-0.030}$	$0.959^{+0.017}_{-0.017}$	$0.963^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$	$0.981^{+0.012}_{-0.013}$
	MI $\nu$	$0.954^{+0.028}_{-0.031}$	$0.958^{+0.017}_{-0.017}$	$0.963^{+0.014}_{-0.014}$	$0.981^{+0.013}_{-0.013}$
	SI $\nu$	$0.944^{+0.028}_{-0.029}$	$0.928^{+0.015}_{-0.015}$	$0.929^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$	$0.947^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$
$H_0$	NI $\nu$	$64.6^{+6.3}_{-8.2}$	$65.9^{+3.3}_{-3.8}$	$67.3^{+2.2}_{-2.2}$	$70.5^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$
	MI $\nu$	$64.6^{+7.0}_{-8.1}$	$66.0^{+3.5}_{-3.6}$	$67.4^{+2.2}_{-2.1}$	$70.7^{+2.2}_{-2.1}$
	SI $\nu$	$73^{+9}_{-10}$	$66.4^{+3.7}_{-3.7}$	$66.7^{+2.2}_{-2.1}$	$71.0^{+2.2}_{-2.1}$

No evidence that significantly higher  $H_0$  values can be allowed by adding neutrino self-interactions.

In addition, there are problems with the UV completion of the model. Interactions of the necessary size imply the existence of a force-carrier particle with a large neutrino coupling and mass in the keV – 100 MeV range. This mediator is subject to stringent cosmological and laboratory bounds, and nearly all realizations of such a particle are excluded by existing data – see 1905.02727



## III.5.2 – The case of neutrino-assisted early dark energy

Coupling between neutrinos and the dark energy field (quintessence field) can lead to mass-varying neutrinos (eg astro-ph/0309800, 0803.3142).

More recently, there has been an interesting suggestion that the transition from relativistic to non-relativistic regime of neutrinos (which is tantalizing close to the scale of CMB at around 0.3 eV) can give a “quick” to a dark energy field through a coupling to the trace of the energy-momentum tensor (1911.11760, 2011.09895):

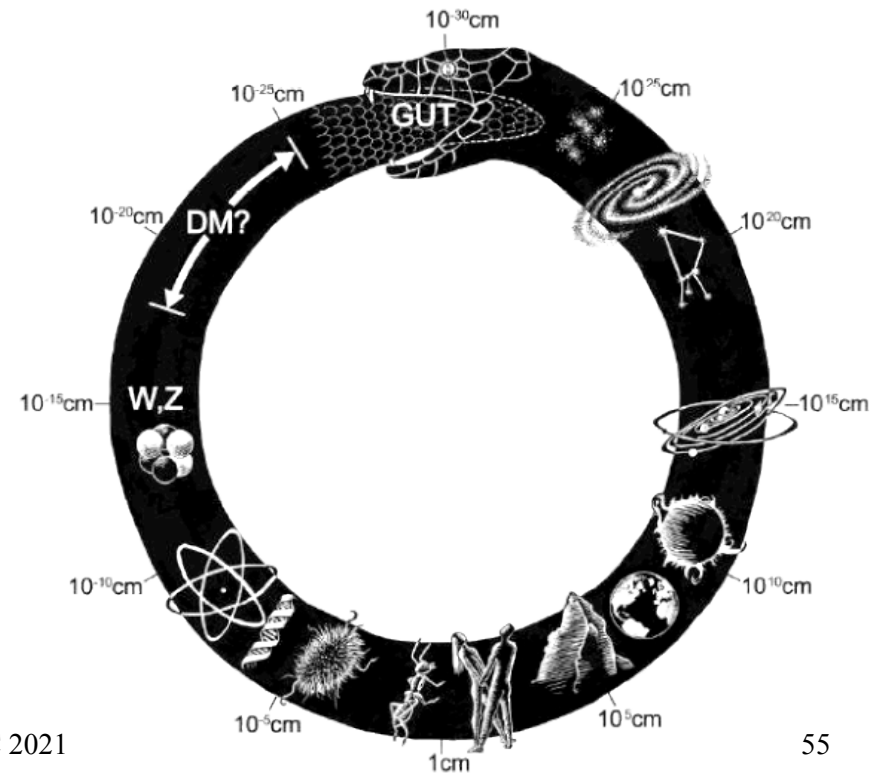
$$\frac{\phi}{f} T^\mu_\mu$$

More detailed investigations are necessary to determined if this model passes all observational tests.

# End of third lecture

# Conclusions

- Properties of elementary particles affect the Universe: particle physics and cosmology are intertwined



- This “marriage” has a long history: Lemaître, Gamow, ...

## **The Beginning of the World from the Point of View of Quantum Theory.**

Lemaître – Nature 1931 – The primeval atom hypothesis

First attempt to use the then recently created quantum mechanics in cosmology.

Quantum origin of the universe!!

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### The Origin of Chemical Elements

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AS pointed out by one of us,<sup>1</sup> various nuclear species must have originated not as the result of an equilibrium corresponding to a certain temperature and density, but rather as a consequence of a continuous building-up process arrested by a rapid expansion and cooling of the primordial matter. According to this picture, we must imagine the early stage of matter as a highly compressed neutron gas (overheated neutral nuclear fluid) which started decaying into protons and electrons when the gas pressure fell down as the result of universal expansion. The radiative capture of the still remaining neutrons by the newly formed protons must have led first to the formation of deuterium nuclei, and the subsequent neutron captures resulted in the building up of heavier and heavier nuclei. It must be remembered that, due to the comparatively short time allowed for this process,<sup>1</sup> the building up of heavier nuclei must have proceeded just above the upper fringe of the stable elements (short-lived Fermi elements), and the present frequency distribution of various atomic species was attained only somewhat later as the result of adjustment of their electric charges by  $\beta$ -decay.

Thus the observed slope of the abundance curve must not be related to the temperature of the original neutron gas, but rather to the time period permitted by the expansion process. Also, the individual abundances of various nuclear species must depend not so much on their intrinsic stabilities (mass defects) as on the values of their neutron capture cross sections. The equations governing such a building-up process apparently can be written in the form:

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = f(t)(\sigma_{i-1}n_{i-1} - \sigma_i n_i) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 238, \quad (1)$$

where  $n_i$  and  $\sigma_i$  are the relative numbers and capture cross sections for the nuclei of atomic weight  $i$ , and where  $f(t)$  is a factor characterizing the decrease of the density with time.

We may remark at first that the building-up process was apparently completed when the temperature of the neutron gas was still rather high, since otherwise the observed abundances would have been strongly affected by the resonances in the region of the slow neutrons. According to Hughes,<sup>2</sup> the neutron capture cross sections of various elements (for neutron energies of about 1 Mev) increase exponentially with atomic number halfway up the periodic system, remaining approximately constant for heavier elements.

Using these cross sections, one finds by integrating Eqs. (1) as shown in Fig. 1 that the relative abundances of various nuclear species decrease rapidly for the lighter elements and remain approximately constant for the elements heavier than silver. In order to fit the calculated curve with the observed abundances<sup>3</sup> it is necessary to assume the integral of  $\rho dt$  during the building-up period is equal to  $5 \times 10^4$  g sec./cm<sup>3</sup>.

On the other hand, according to the relativistic theory of the expanding universe<sup>4</sup> the density dependence on time is given by  $\rho \propto 10^9/t^3$ . Since the integral of this expression diverges at  $t = 0$ , it is necessary to assume that the building-up process began at a certain time  $t_0$ , satisfying the relation:

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} (10^9/t^3) dt \leq 5 \times 10^4, \quad (2)$$

which gives us  $t_0 \leq 20$  sec. and  $\rho_0 \leq 2.5 \times 10^8$  g sec./cm<sup>3</sup>. This result may have two meanings: (a) for the higher densities existing prior to that time the temperature of the neutron gas was so high that no aggregation was taking place, (b) the density of the universe never exceeded the value  $2.5 \times 10^8$  g sec./cm<sup>3</sup> which can possibly be understood if we

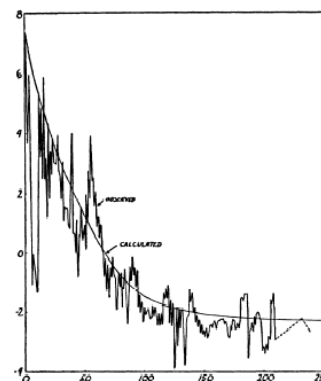
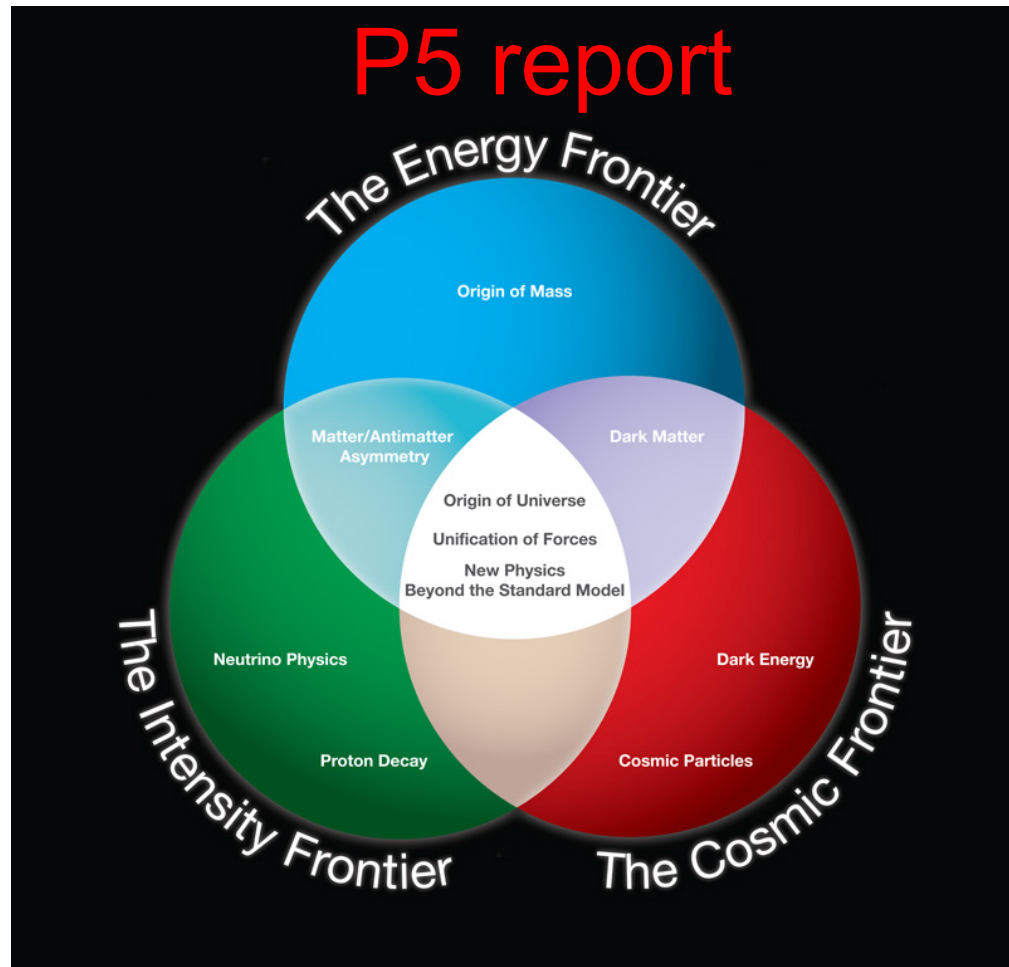


FIG. 1.  
Log of relative abundance  
Atomic weight

- This “marriage” must be considered in Strategic Planning



- Cosmology has become a precision Science in the past ~20 years

Nobel prizes for CMB discovery (1978), detection of its fluctuations (2006), discovery of the accelerated expansion (2011) and

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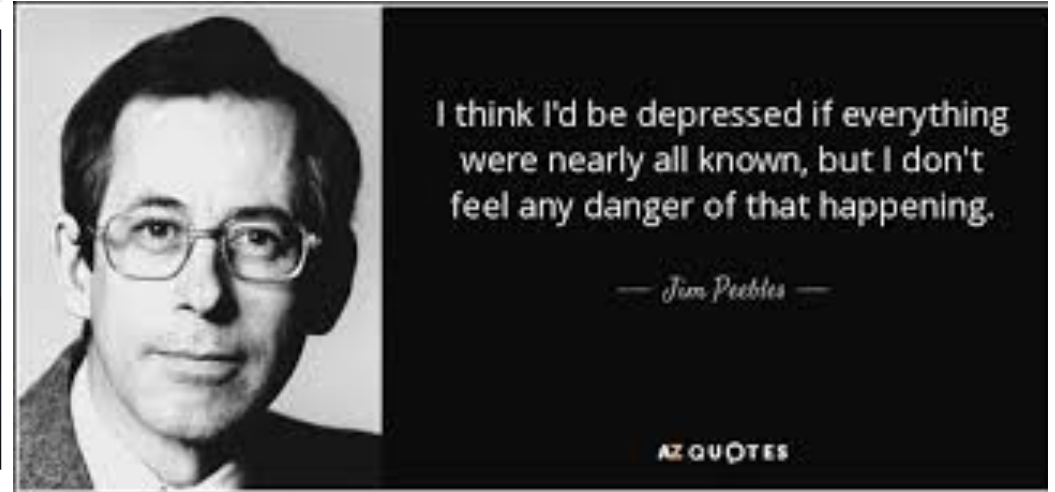
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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2019 was awarded "for contributions to our understanding of the evolution of the universe and Earth's place in the cosmos" with one half to James Peebles "for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology", the other half jointly to Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz "for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star."



- High precision measurements reveal tensions in standard  $\Lambda$ CDM

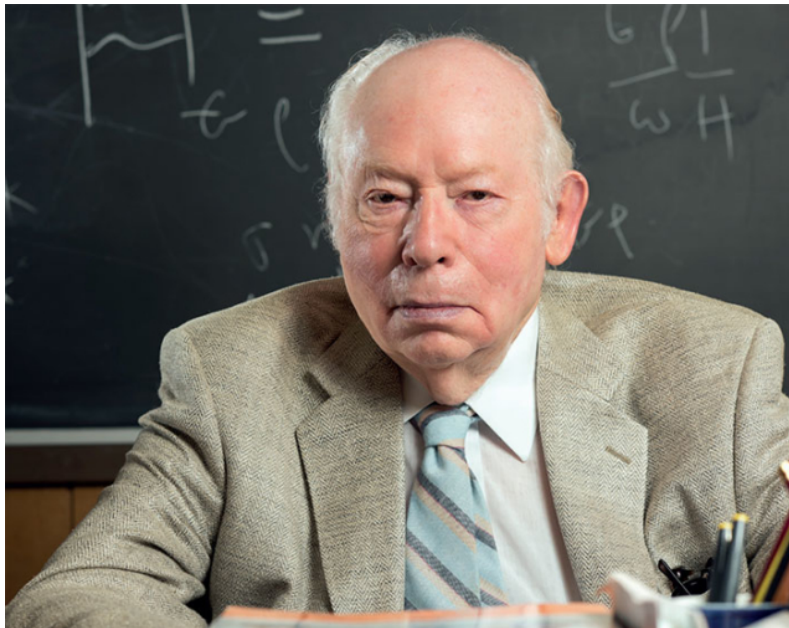
New physics vs systematic errors: jury is still out

- BSM models have to pass cosmological tests
- Exciting times with new cosmological experiments:  
DESI, LSST, Euclid, Simons Observatory, CMB-S4 ...

“The effort to understand the universe is one of the very few things that lifts human life a little above the level of farce, and gives it some of the grace of tragedy. ”

— **Steven Weinberg (1933-2021)**

(last sentence in “The first three minutes”)



Steven Weinberg is among the very few individuals who, during the course of the history of civilisation, have radically changed the way we look at the universe.

**Gian Giudice** *CERN*.

# Hope to meet you in-person someday! Thank you!

Cosmology

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