Neutrino mass-scale in the era of precision cosmology

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Roadmap

Introduction

Neutrino physics: which parameters? What experiments?

- Data analysis: the likelihood
- Results
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A little bit of history

Neutrinos are weakly interacting and electrically neutral particles

Postulated by Pauli in 1930 to explain non-monochromatic beta decay Accepted by Fermi's theory of beta decay in 1933 First detected by Cowan and Reines in 1956



More than one neutrino flavor exists:

Cowan and Reines detected electronic neutrinos

Muonic neutrino interactions observed by Lederman, Schwartz and Steinberger in 1962 Tauonic neutrino first detected in 2000



Oscillations

First suggested by Pontecorvo in 1957 Observed in solar, atmospheric and reactor neutrino experiments

Oscillations are transitions in flight between neutrino flavors Due to non zero neutrino mass and neutrino mixing

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}; E, L) \neq 0$$

$$\nu_{lL}(x) = \sum_{j} U_{lj} \nu_{jL}(x), \quad l = e, \mu, \tau$$
Mass
eigenstates

j=1,...,n n=3 light neutrinos with different masses (<1eV) compatible with Z-decay Additional one or two sterile neutrinos (~1eV)

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Parameterized with mixing angles θ_{ij} and phases (one δ if Dirac, two ϕ_2 and ϕ_3 if Majorana)



Oscillation parameters





 $m_{\beta} < 2.12 \,\mathrm{eV} \,(95\% \,\mathrm{CL}) \,Troitsk$

 $m_{\beta} < 2.20 \,\mathrm{eV} \,(95\% \,\mathrm{CL}) \,Mainz$

Aseev V.N. et al, Phys. Rev. D 84, 112003, 2011 Weinheimer C. et al, Phys. Lett. B460 (1999) 219

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Expected sensitivity from future experiments:

$$m_{\beta} < 0.2 \,\mathrm{eV} \,(90\% \,\mathrm{CL})$$

 $m_{\beta} = 0.35 \,\mathrm{eV} \,at \, 5\sigma$

 $m_{\beta} = 0.30 \,\mathrm{eV} \,at \, 3\sigma$

KATRIN experiment: http://www.katrin.kit.edu

Neutrinoless double beta decay



Cosmology

$$\Omega_{\nu} = \frac{\rho_{\nu}}{\rho_c} = \frac{\sum_i m_i}{93.14h^2 \,\mathrm{eV}}$$

Effects on the expansion rate of the Universe Effects on growth of cosmological structures



CMB is only sensitive to the sum of neutrino massesP. A. R. Ade et al, A&A 571 A16 2014Pros: Tightest constraints on the total mass $\sum_i m_i < 0.66 \text{ eV}$ (Planck + WP + highl)come from cosmology $\sum_i m_i < 0.23 \text{ eV}$ (Planck + WP + highl + BAO)

Baryon Acoustic Oscillations



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Acoustic peaks in the CMB spectrum (see previous slide)

Overdensity of galaxies separated by a characteristic scale (sound horizon)



Courtesy of Chris Blake and Sam Moorfield

Several galaxy surveys observed BAO (SDSS, WiggleZ, 6dFGS,...)

Anderson et al, MNRAS 427 4, 2014

Building the likelihood



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Additional datasets

Name	Data $(68\% CL)$	Dataset combination
GERDA	$T_{1/2} > 2.1 \cdot 10^{25} \mathrm{yr}$	Gerda experiment, phase 1 [16]. Mean value from different NME cal-
		culations and marginalization over NME uncertainty [17, 22].
$P + WP + high\ell$	$\Sigma m_{\nu} < 0.33$	Planck[2], ACT[4] and SPT[5] TT power spectra in combination with
		WMAP9 lowl polarization. We refer to the Planck+WMAP9 combina-
		tion as P+WP hereafter.
CMB + LSS1a	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.36 \pm 0.10$	P+WP[2] marginalized over the weak lensing amplitude parameter
		$A_L[3]$, CMASS measurements from (Beutler, 2013), CFHTlens (Kili-
		binger,2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum,2013) and BAO (6dFGS from
		Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).
CMB + LSS2	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.38 \pm 0.11$	P+WP[2] marginalized over the weak lensing amplitude parameter
		$A_L[3]$, CMASS measurements from (Chuang, 2013), CFHTlens (Kili-
		binger,2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum,2013) and BAO (6dFGS from
		Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).
CMB + LSS3	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.324 \pm 0.099$	P+WP[2] marginalized over the weak lensing amplitude parameter
		$A_L[3]$, CMASS measurements from (Samushia, 2013), CFHTlens (Kili-
		binger,2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum,2013) and BAO (6dFGS from
		Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).
CMB + LSS4	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.27 \pm 0.11$	P+WP[2] marginalized over the weak lensing amplitude parameter
		$A_L[3]$, CMASS measurements from (Anderson, 2013b), CFHTlens (Kili-
		binger, 2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum, 2013) and BAO (6dFGS from
		Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).
CMB + LSS1b	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.35 \pm 0.10$	WMAP9[6], CMASS measurements from (Beutler, 2013), CFHTlens
		(Kilibinger, 2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum, 2013) and BAO (6dFGS)
		from Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).
CMB + LSS1c	$\Sigma m_{\nu} = 0.27 \pm 0.12$	P+WP, CMASS measurements from (Beutler, 2013), CFHTlens (Kili-
		binger,2013), GGlensing (Mandelbaum,2013) and BAO (6dFGS from
		Beutler, 2011 and LOWZ from Anderson, 2013b, Tojeiro, 2014).

Agostini M. et al, PRL 111, 122503; P. A. R. Ade et al, A&A 571 A16 2014; Beutler F. et al, MNRAS 444, 3501 2014

The case for GERDA: marginalization over NMEs



Parameter constraints from oscillation data







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Conclusions

• Combinations of CMB and LSS give the tightest constraints on the scale-mass parameters

- CMB+LSS hints for m_{bb} and m_b to be within the region [0-0.2] eV
- Better constraints on Σm_{nu} will result in stronger evidence for $m_{bb} \neq 0$

• Discrimination between hierarchies possible if future achieved sensibility is << 0.1 eV

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