# Astrophysical Bounds on Secret Neutrino Interactions

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### **New Physics beyond the Standard Model**

#### Neutrinos are Massive!



#### • Most of the Matter is Dark!!







Gravitational Lens Galaxy Cluster 0024+1654 Hubble Space Telescope • WFPC2



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#### Supernova 1987A and the secret interactions of neutrinos

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By using SN1987A as a "source" of neutrinos with energy ~10 MeV we place limits on the couplings of neutrinos with cosmic background particles. Specifically, we find that the Majoron-electron-neutrino coupling must be less than about  $10^{-3}$ ; if neutrinos couple to a massless vector particle, its dimensionless coupling must be less than about  $10^{-3}$ ; and if neutrinos couple with strength g to a massive boson of mass M, then g/M must be less than 12 MeV<sup>-1</sup>.

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#### Example 1: Neutrinophilic Two-Higgs-Doublet Models (v2HDM)

Introduce a Higgs doublet Φ exclusively for tiny Dirac neutrino masses
 Keep the v Yukawa couplings of order one through a small VEV of Φ

$$-\mathcal{L} = \overline{\ell_{L}} Y_{l} H E_{R} + \overline{\ell_{L}} Y_{\nu} \Phi \nu_{R} + \text{h.c.} \qquad Z_{2}:+1 \text{ SM particles } Z_{2}:-1 \text{ Others}$$

$$M_{\nu} = Y_{\nu} \langle \Phi \rangle$$

Exists an eV-mass scalar particle η
 Excluded by SN energy-loss arguments

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{Y}} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta=e}^{\tau} (Y_{\nu})_{\alpha\beta} \,\overline{\nu_{\alpha}} \nu_{\beta} \eta = \sum_{i=1}^{3} y_i \overline{\nu_i} \nu_i \eta$$

Wang, Wang & Yang, EPL, 06 Gariel & Nandi, PLB, 07 Sher & Triola, PRD, 2011

$$y_i \lesssim 3.5 \times 10^{-5}$$

Zhou, PRD, 2011



# Galactic SN 1054

Distance: 6500 light years (2 kpc) Center: Neutron Star (R~30 km) Progenitor: M ~ 10 solar masses

Red: Optical (Hubble) Blue: X-Ray (Chandra)









Gravitational binding energy

$$E_b \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} \approx 17\% \text{ M}_{SUN} \text{ c}^2$$

This shows up as

99% Neutrinos

1% Kinetic energy of explosion (1% of this into cosmic rays)

0.01% Photons, outshine host galaxy

**Neutrino luminosity** 

$$L_{v} \approx 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg / 3 sec} \\ \approx 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ L}_{SUN}$$

While it lasts, outshines the entire visible universe

### Supernova Neutrinos: Theoretical Predictions



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### Supernova 1987A 23 February 1987

# Large Magellanic Cloud SN 1987A

Distance: 165 000 light yrs (50 kpc) Center: Neutron Star (expected, but not found) Progenitor: M ~ 18 solar masses

### Supernova Neutrinos: SN 1987A



### Supernova Neutrinos: SN 1987A

Kamiokande-II (Japan):
Water Cherenkov (2,140 ton)
Clock Uncertainty ± 1 min

Irvine-Michigan-Brookhaven (US):
■ Water Cherenkov (6,800 ton)
■ Clock Uncertainty ±50 ms

Baksan LST (Soviet Union):
Liquid Scintillator (200 ton)
Clock Uncertainty +2/-54 s

Mont Blanc: 5 events, 5 h earlier



# Supernova Neutrinos: SN 1987A



### **Core-collapse Supernova Explosions: Status**

#### Explosion Mechanism: Neutrino-driven Explosion

The prompt shock halted at 150 km,
 by disintegrating heavy nuclei

 Neutrinos deposit their energies via interaction with matter; 1 % neutrino energy leads to successful explosion

Simulations in 1D & 2D for different progenitor masses observe explosions

3D simulation has just begun; but no clear picture (resolution, progenitors)



### **Constraining Secret Neutrino Interactions**

- How to test secret neutrino interactions: Astrophysics and Cosmology
- Core-collapse Supernovae: 10 sec neutrino signals from SN 1987A
- Successful theory of Cosmology: BBN, CMB and Structure Formation



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### SN Bounds on v2HDM

Ideal parameters

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Zhou, PRD, 2011  $m_i = 0.1 \, \mathrm{eV}$  $M_{\nu} = Y_{\nu} \langle \boldsymbol{\Phi} \rangle$  $\langle \boldsymbol{\Phi} \rangle = 0.1 \text{ eV}$  $y_i = 0(1)$ 

Kolb-Turner Bound: The mean free path of neutrinos in the background of  $\eta$  should be larger than the distance between the SN and the earth so that the observation of SN neutrinos in Kamiokande-II and IMB is not affected

$$y_i < 10^{-3}$$
  $\langle \Phi 
angle = 100 \ {
m eV}$   $m_\eta = 100 \ {
m eV}$ 

Free-streaming Bound: The CMB observation shows that neutrinos must be freely streaming during the decoupling era of photons, indicating the rate of  $\eta$ -mediated neutrino self-interactions should be smaller than the Hubble expansion rate

$$y_i < 10^{-4}$$
 and  $\langle \Phi 
angle = 1 \ {
m keV}$   $m_\eta = 1 \ {
m keV}$ 

**Energy-loss SN Bound:** The *n* particles copiously produced in the SN core escape from the core, carrying away a large amount of energies, which should not exceed the total neutrino energy (volume emission rate  $Q_n < 3 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )

No longer natural as expected

 $y_i < 10^{-5}$ 

### Why Secret Neutrino Interactions?

#### Example 2: Solving the Small-Scale Structure Problems of Cold DM

• Introduce a vector boson V of MeV mass, mediating the  $\nu - \chi$  interaction • Self-interacting CDM and retain the kinetic equilibrium between  $\nu$  and  $\chi$ 



$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm int} \supset -g_{\chi} \bar{\chi} V \chi - g_{\nu} \bar{\nu} V \nu$$

van den Aarssen et al., PRL, 2012 Ahlgren, Ohlsson, Zhou, PRL, 2013



### **Evidence for an Expanding Universe**



Edwin P. Hubble (1889 – 1953, USA)

E.P. Hubble, Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA 15, 168–173 (1929)

#### A RELATION BETWEEN DISTANCE AND RADIAL VELOCITY AMONG EXTRA-GALACTIC NEBULAE

BY EDWIN HUBBLE

MOUNT WILSON OBSERVATORY, CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON

Communicated January 17, 1929



Velocity-Distance Relation among Extra-Galactic Nebulae.

### **Origin of Modern Cosmology**



Georges Lemaître (1894 – 1966, Belgium)



Willen de Sitter (1872 – 1934, Holland)

Arthur Eddington (1882 – 1944, England)



Alexander Friedmann (1888 – 1925, Russia)

Howard Robertson (1903 – 1961, <u>USA)</u>





### **Origin of Modern Cosmology**

#### Physics Today 65 (2012) 38

Friedmann 1922/24: nonstatic solutions, including an expanding Universe

### G. Lemaître, Annales de la Société Scientifique de Bruxelles, A47, 49-59, (1927)

Georges Lemaître giving a lecture at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

# Mystery of the missing text solved

A discovered letter explains the loss of key paragraphs during the transl of Georges Lemaître's papers about the expanding Universe, shows **M** 

#### Nature 479 (2011) 171

Lemaître 1927: based on rough data, first estimated the expansion rate

#### Alexander Friedmann and the origins of modern

Friedmann, who died young in 1925, deserves to be called the father of Big Bang cosmology. But his seminal contributions have been widely misrepresented and undervalued.

inety years ago, Russian physicist Alexander Friedmann (1888–1925) demonstrated for the first time that Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity (GR) admits nonstatic solutions. It can, he found, describe a cosmos that expands, contracts, collapses, and might even have been born in a singularity.

Friedmann's fundamental equations describing those possible scenarios of cosmic evolution provide the basis for our current view of the Big Bang and the accelerating universe. But his achievement initially met with strong resistance, and it has since then been widely misrepresented. In this article, I hope to clarify some persistent confusions regarding Friedmann's cosmological theory in the context of related work by contemporaries such as Einstein, Willem de Sitter, Arthur Eddington, and Georges Lemaître.

Last year's Nobel Prize in Physics was shared by three cosmological observers who discovered



Ari Belenkiy



Figure 1. Alexander Friedmann in Petrograd, Soviet Union, in the early 1920s.

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Following a period of consultation with the astronomical community, the resolution to suggest renaming the Hubble law was presented and discussed at the XXX General Assembly of the IAU, held in Vienna (Austria) in August 2018. All Individual and Junior Members of the IAU (11072 individuals) were invited to participate in an electronic vote, which concluded at midnight UT on 26 October 2018. 4060 cast a vote by the deadline (37%).

The proposed resolution has been accepted with 78% of the votes in favour and 20% against (and 2% abstaining).

### **Progress in Observational Cosmology**



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#### **Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)**

Large Scale Structure (LSS) from Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

### **Progress in Observational Cosmology**



### **Standard Model of Cosmology**

	Planck+WP	Planck+WP	WMAP9+eCMB
PDG 2016	+ highL	+highL+BAO	+BAO
$\Omega_{ m b}h^2$	$0.02207 \pm 0.00027$	$0.02214 \pm 0.00024$	$0.02211 \pm 0.00034$
$\Omega_{ m c}h^2$	$0.1198 \pm 0.0026$	$0.1187 \pm 0.0017$	$0.1162 \pm 0.0020$
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$n_{\mathbf{s}}$	$0.958 \pm 0.007$	$0.961 \pm 0.005$	$0.958 \pm 0.008$
au	$0.091\substack{+0.013 \\ -0.014}$	$0.092\pm0.013$	$0.079\substack{+0.011\\-0.012}$
$\ln(10^{10}\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2)$	$3.090\pm0.025$	$3.091 \pm 0.025$	$3.212\pm0.029$
h	$0.673 \pm 0.012$	$0.678 \pm 0.008$	$0.688 \pm 0.008$
$\sigma_8$	$0.828 \pm 0.012$	$0.826 \pm 0.012$	$0.822\substack{+0.013\\-0.014}$
$\overline{\Omega}_{ m m}$	$0.315^{+0.016}_{-0.017}$	$0.308 \pm 0.010$	$0.293 \pm 0.010$
$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	$0.685^{+0.017}_{-0.016}$	$0.692\pm0.010$	$0.707 \pm 0.010$

**Cosmic Neutrino Background (CNB)** 

Indirect evidence from BBN, CMB and LSS
How to detect CNB in terrestrial experiments?
PTOLEMY: V capture on beta-decaying nuclei





### **Standard Theory of BBN**

#### See Cyburt et al., RMP, 16, for a review



- 1. Weak interactions freeze out at  $T \sim 1$  MeV
- 2. Deuterium forms via p n  $\rightarrow$  D  $\gamma$  at  $T \sim 0.1$  MeV
- 3. Nuclear chain



 $\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)_{eq} \simeq \exp\left(-\frac{m_n - m_p}{T_{\gamma}}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1,293 \text{ MeV}}{T_{\gamma}}\right)$ 

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### **BBN: Theory vs. Observations**



Y<sub>p</sub> mass fraction of <sup>4</sup>He: emission lines from the low-metallicity extragalactic H II (ionized H) regions
Abundance ratio D/H: absorption lines by high-z and low-Z neutral gases from distant quasars
Abundance ratio Li/H: emission lines from the metal-poor halo stars in our Galaxy



### **The Lithium Problem**

#### Fields, 1203.3551

#### Solutions: (a) Astrophysics; (b) Nuclear Physics; (c) Particle Physics (NP)



PDG 2016

PDG 2006

### **Simple BBN Constraints**

Huang, Ohlsson, Zhou, 1712.04792

#### Working Example:

 $N_{\rm eff} \equiv (\rho_{\rm r} - \rho_{\gamma})/(\rho_{\nu}/3)$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm SNI} = g_{\phi}^{\alpha\beta} \overline{\nu_{\alpha \rm L}} \nu_{\beta \rm L}^{\rm C} \phi + g_V^{\alpha\beta} \overline{\nu_{\alpha \rm L}} \gamma^{\mu} \nu_{\beta \rm L} V_{\mu} + \text{h.c.}$$

- Either scalar or vector boson & flavor-diagonal and universal couplings
- Assume no right-handed neutrinos, otherwise more severely constrained
- Require  $\Delta N_{eff} < 1$  on the extra radiation at the temperature T = 1 MeV



**Scalar Boson** 

- Decays and inverse decays dominate for a relatively large mass
- For small masses, the annihilation of neutrino pairs is more efficient
- For m < 1 MeV, one can just count the relativistic degrees of freedom

#### Vector Boson

Extra Radiation  $\Delta N_{
m eff} = 1/2 \cdot 8/7 \approx 0.57$   $\Delta N_{
m eff} = 3/2 \cdot 8/7 \approx 1.71$ 

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#### **Boltzman Equations**

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial f_i(|\mathbf{p}_i|,t)}{\partial t} - H|\mathbf{p}_i| \frac{\partial f_i(|\mathbf{p}_i|,t)}{\partial |\mathbf{p}_i|} &= C_{\mathrm{D}}^i(f_{\nu},f_{\phi/V}) + C_{\mathrm{A}}^i(f_{\nu},f_{\phi/V}) + C_{\mathrm{E}}^i(f_{\nu},f_{\phi/V}) \\ C_{\mathrm{D}}^{\phi} &= \frac{1}{2E_{\phi}} \int \mathrm{d}\tilde{p}_{\nu} \mathrm{d}\tilde{p}_{\overline{\nu}} \tilde{\delta}^4(p) \left[ f_{\nu}f_{\overline{\nu}}(1+f_{\phi}) - f_{\phi}(1-f_{\nu})(1-f_{\overline{\nu}}) \right] |\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathrm{D}}|^2 , \\ C_{\mathrm{A}}^{\phi} &= \frac{1}{2E_{\phi}} \int \mathrm{d}\tilde{p}_{\nu} \mathrm{d}\tilde{p}_{\overline{\nu}} \mathrm{d}\tilde{p}_{\phi}' \tilde{\delta}^4(p) \left[ f_{\nu}f_{\overline{\nu}}(1+f_{\phi}')(1+f_{\phi}) - f_{\phi}f_{\phi}'(1-f_{\nu})(1-f_{\overline{\nu}}) \right] |\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{\mathrm{A}}|^2 \end{split}$$

#### with collision terms



### **Light Element Abundances**

- Note: expansion rate dominated by radiation during the whole BBN era
- Calculate the energy density of extra radiation by using Boltzmann Eqs
- Compute the light element abundances via the public code AlterBBN

**Case I:** reaches thermal equilibrium above T = 10 MeV





The vector boson V thermalized far above T = 10 MeV or a = 0.1 MeV<sup>-1</sup>
 Weak interactions for n-p freeze out earlier, so a larger n/p & Y<sub>p</sub> by 8.5%

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**Case III:** not in thermal equilibrium at T = 1 MeV



The vector boson V not be fully thermalized at  $T = 1 \text{ MeV} (\Delta N_{eff} = 0.5)$ But neutrino temperature is greatly reduced, so a larger n/p & Y<sub>p</sub> by 10%

#### **Final Constraints**

#### Huang, Ohlsson, Zhou, 1712.04792



Almost understood, only a different region along the slant contours (right)

### **Summary & Outlook**



**Thanks for your attention!**