Cosmology as a search for neutrinos and new light particles

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Neutrinos affect overall structure growth, hence constraints on the dark matter and dark energy.







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The Cosmic Web



The Cosmic Web has been observed



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First-order terms give the growth factor (upwards shift). Second-order terms give smaller higher-order corrections.

How accurate is perturbation theory?

Linear Perturbation Theory



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Power spectrum with massive neutrinos



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Redshift-Space Distortions (RSD)



Redshift-space position: $\vec{s} =$

 $\frac{dz'}{H(z')}$ î

 $+\underbrace{\frac{\hat{r}\cdot\hat{v}_{\text{pec}}}{aH}}_{\text{distortion}}$

homogeneous-universe distance

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RSD in massive neutrino models (z = 1)



AU, et al., PRD **93**:063515(2016)[1506.07526]; AU, JCAP 1905:041 (2019)[1707.09354] github.com/upadhye/redTime

Application of redTime to BOSS DR11 and DR12 galaxy redshift data plus Planck data for the ν ACDM model: $\sum m_{\nu} < 0.18 \text{ eV}$ (95%CL)



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Application of redTime to BOSS DR11 galaxy redshift data, Planck, and SN Ia for the νw CDM model: $\sum m_{\nu} < 0.54 \text{ eV} (95\% \text{CL})$



AU, JCAP 1905:041 (2019)[1707.09354]

Next step: Neutrinos as multiple fluids



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Future work

My goal is a fast, efficient multi-fluid perturbation theory for massive neutrinos and other light particles. This work sits at the intersection of several important advances in theoretical cosmology:

- Perturbation theory for DM in presence of massive v: Pietroni, JCAP 0810:036(2008); AU, et al., PRD 93:063515(2016)[1506.07526]
- 2 many-fluid perturbation theory for large velocity dispersion: Dupuy and Bernardeau, JCAP 1401:030(2014)
- Sast Fourier Transform acceleration of perturbation theory: McEwen, Fang, Hirata, Blazek, JCAP 1609:015(2016)[1603.04826]; AU, JCAP 1905:041 (2019)[1707.09354]
- Combination of perturbation theory and N-body simulations: Lawrence, Heitmann, Kwan, AU, et al., Ap. J. 847:50(2017)[1705.03388]
- Perturbation theory applied to data analysis: AU, JCAP 1905:041 (2019)[1707.09354]
- future: higher-redshift data!

- The cosmological power spectrum represents the interplay between pressure and gravity for density fluctuations on a range of wavelengths.
- Massive neutrinos, which alter the pressure and suppress matter clustering, have unique signatures in the redshift-space power spectrum.
- Ourrent data impose powerful constraints on the sum of neutrino masses. Over the next several years we will measure, and not just bound, their masses.
- A convergence of modern theoretical tools allows us to address major challenges to power spectrum prediction in massive neutrino models.