

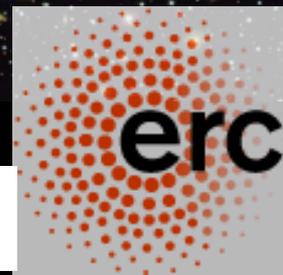
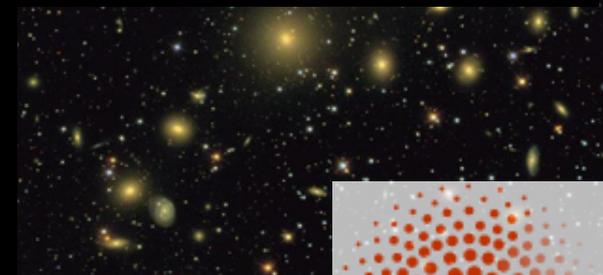
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## Neutrino properties from cosmology

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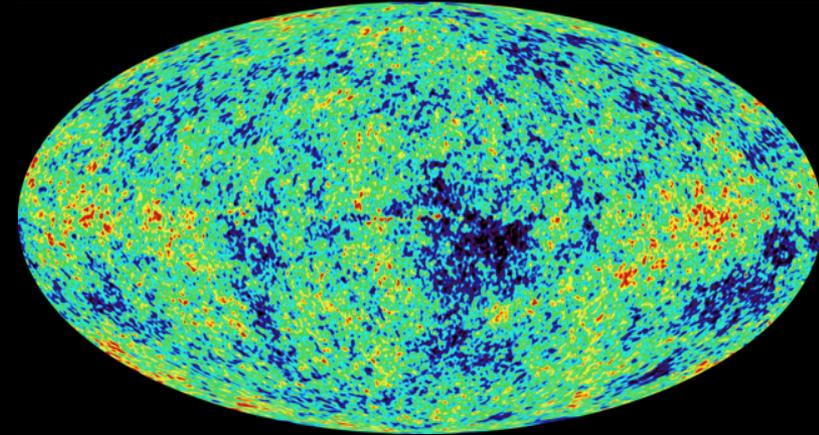
# In case one gets zoomed out

Particle data group, Neutrinos in Cosmology, Lesgourgues & Verde  
<https://pdg.lbl.gov/2020/reviews/rpp2020-rev-neutrinos-in-cosmology.pdf>  
(fully updated every 2 years, revised every year)

# Cosmic Neutrino Background

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A relict of the big bang, similar to the CMB except that the CvB decouples from matter after 2s ( $\sim$  MeV) not 380,000 years



At decoupling they are still relativistic ( $mv \ll T\nu$ )  $\rightarrow$  large velocity dispersions ( $1\text{eV} \sim 100 \text{ Km/s}$ )

Recall:

$T \sim 1\text{eV}$  Matter-radiation equality,

$T = 0.26\text{eV}$  Recombination

60 Billion  $\nu/\text{s}/\text{cm}^2$  from the sun  
 $\sim 100 \nu/\text{cm}^3$  from CvB

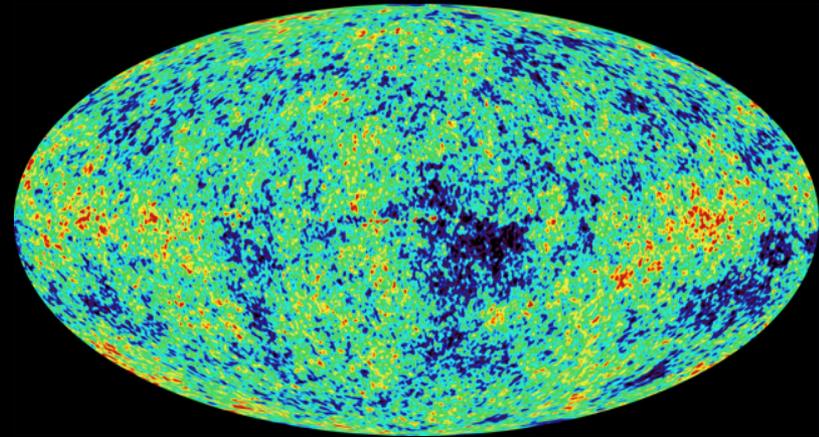


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Compare that with  $1. \text{d-}7$  baryons



A relict neutrino background pervading the Universe is a **generic prediction** of the standard hot big bang model. While it has not yet been detected directly, it has been indirectly confirmed by the accurate **agreement of predictions and observations** of

- a) the primordial abundance of light elements
- b) the power spectrum of CMB anisotropies
- c) the large scale clustering of cosmological structures.

Within the hot big bang model such good agreement would fail dramatically without a CvB with properties matching closely those predicted by the standard neutrino decoupling model.

# What is a neutrino? (for cosmology)

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- Behaves like radiation at  $T \sim eV$  (recombination/decoupling)
- Eventually (possibly) becomes non-relativistic, behaves like matter
- Small interactions (not perfect fluid)
- Has a high velocity dispersion (is “HOT”)



# Neutrinos

The only known particle behaving  
as radiation at early time (during the CMB acoustic oscillations)  
and as dark matter (not cold) at late time (during structure formation)  
This has consequences for the background evolution and the structure growth.

# For aficionados

- Neutrinos are in equilibrium with the primeval plasma through weak interaction reactions. They decouple from the plasma at a temperature 1MeV
- We then have today a Cosmological Neutrino Background at a temperature

$$T_\nu = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{1/3} T_\gamma \approx 1.945K \rightarrow kT_\nu \approx 1.68 \cdot 10^{-4} eV$$

at least two neutrino mass eigenstates are non-relativistic today

With a density of:

$$n_f = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_f T_f^3 \rightarrow n_{\nu_k, \bar{\nu}_k} \approx 0.1827 \cdot T_\nu^3 \approx 112 cm^{-3}$$

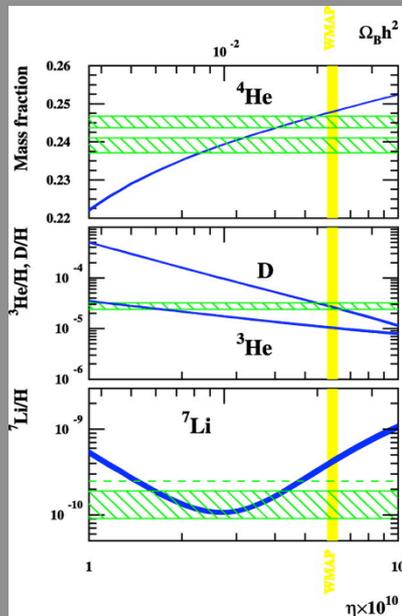
That, for a massive neutrino translates in:

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_\nu m_\nu}{93.14 eV}$$

Neutrinos affect the growth of cosmic clustering and (indirectly) the expansion history so they can leave key imprints on the cosmological observables

# Relict neutrinos influence in cosmology

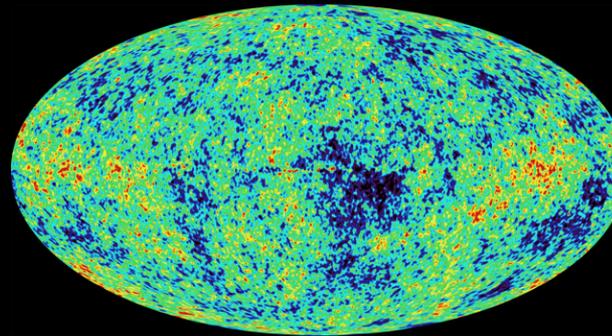
## Primordial nucleosynthesis



$T \sim \text{MeV}$

$N_{\text{eff}}$

## CMB

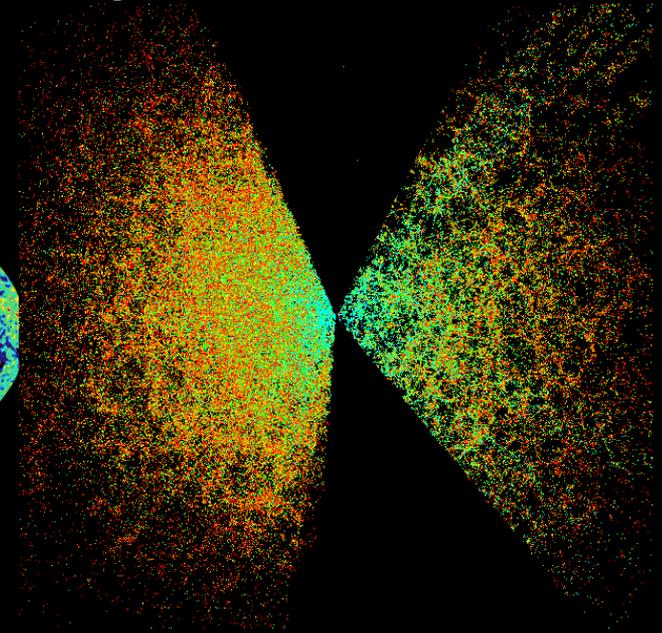


$T < \text{eV}$

$N_{\text{eff}}$

mass

## Large-scale structure



# What do we know and what would we like to know?

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How many “neutrinos”? (dark radiation)

Have we really seen the cosmic neutrino background?  
(i.e. Are we really sure it's neutrinos?)

Their total mass  $M_\nu$  or  $\Sigma$   
(and are we really sure??)

The individual masses (hierarchy)

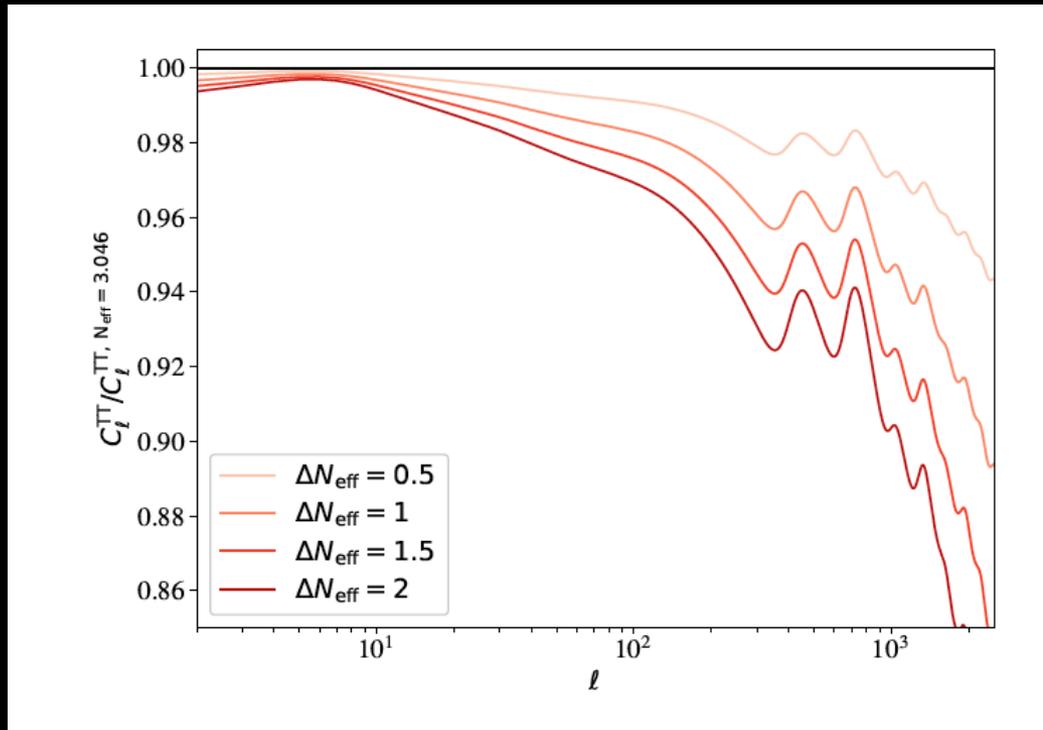
Mostly model-dependent statements: measuring cosmological parameters values\*\*

# Neutrinos Neff: Physical effects

Neff and the CMB

Naively: changes matter radiation equality but other physics can do that

Keep  $z_{eq}$  fixed (and matter to  $\Lambda$  fixed, and  $w_b$ ) so play with Neff and  $H_0$



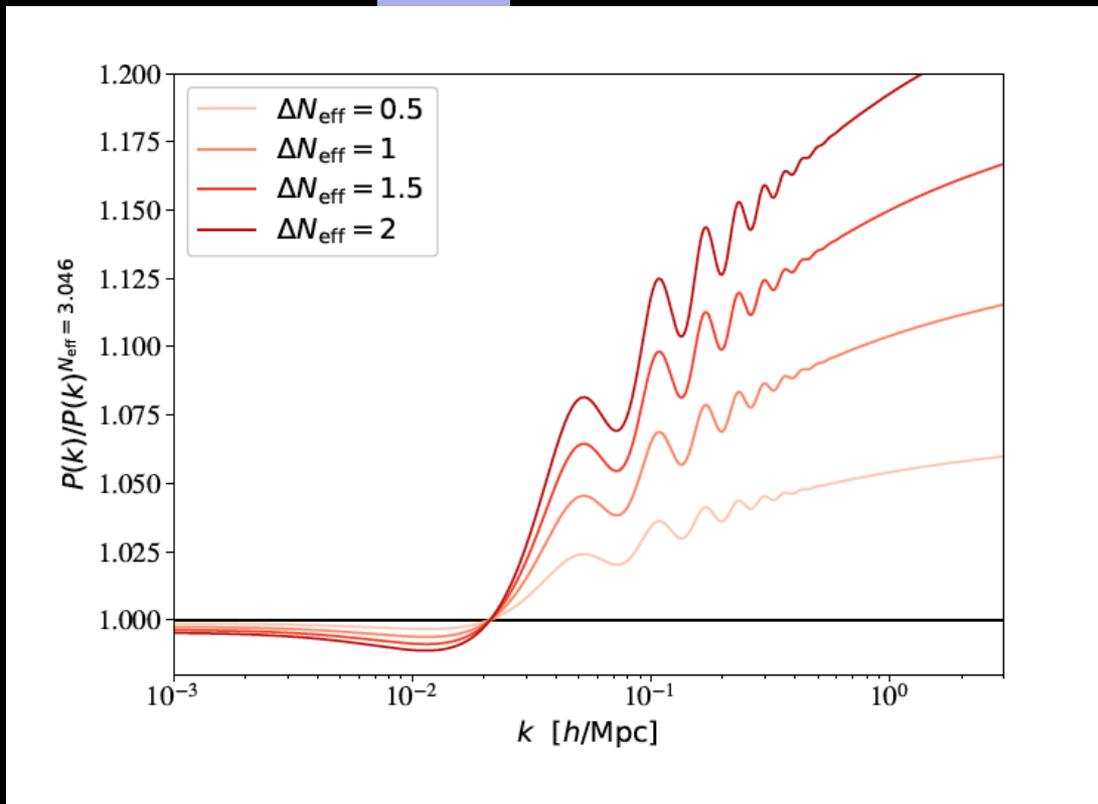
Increase Silk damping

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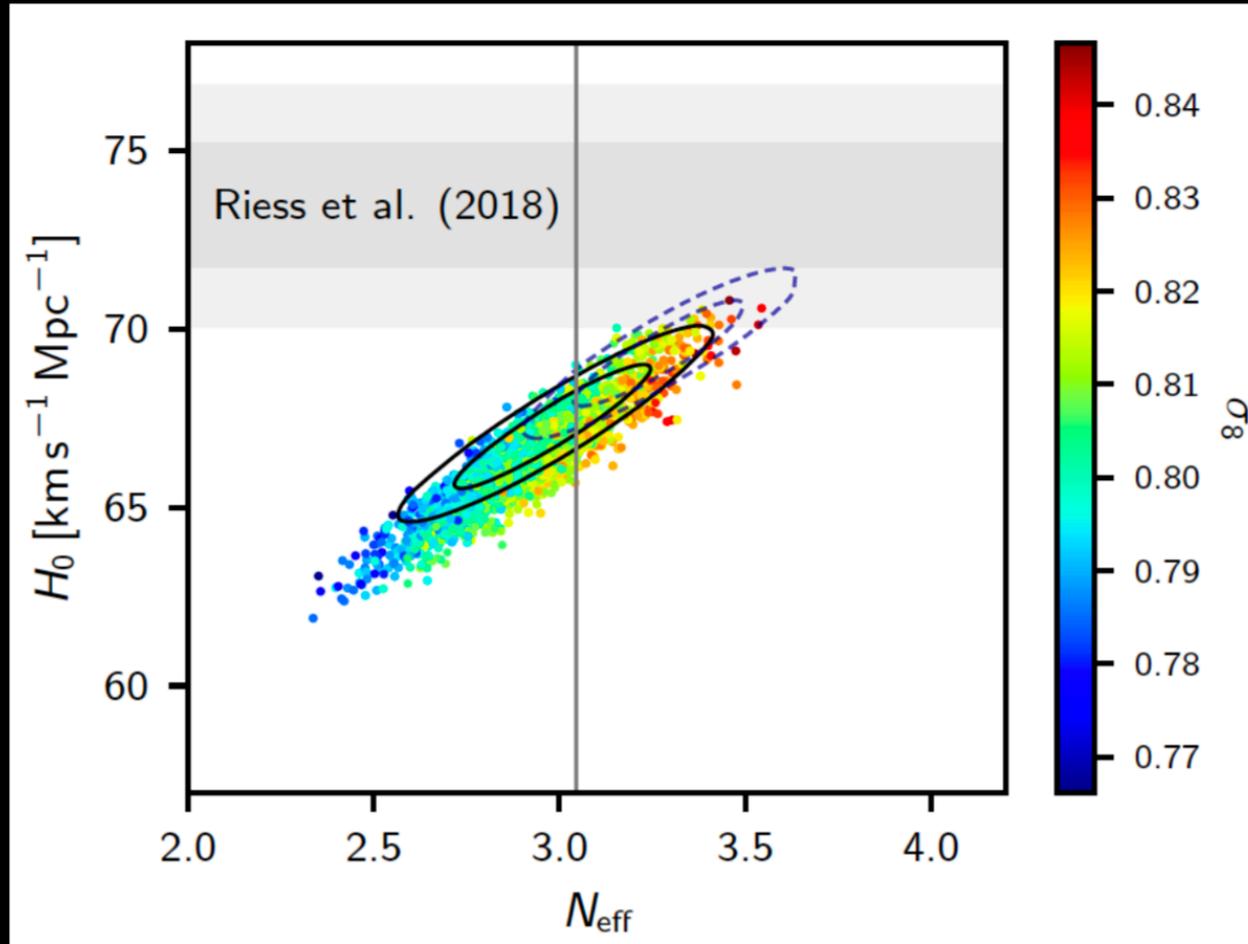
But then you've changed

$$\frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_c}$$



# Neutrinos, $N_{\text{eff}}$ : Physical effects

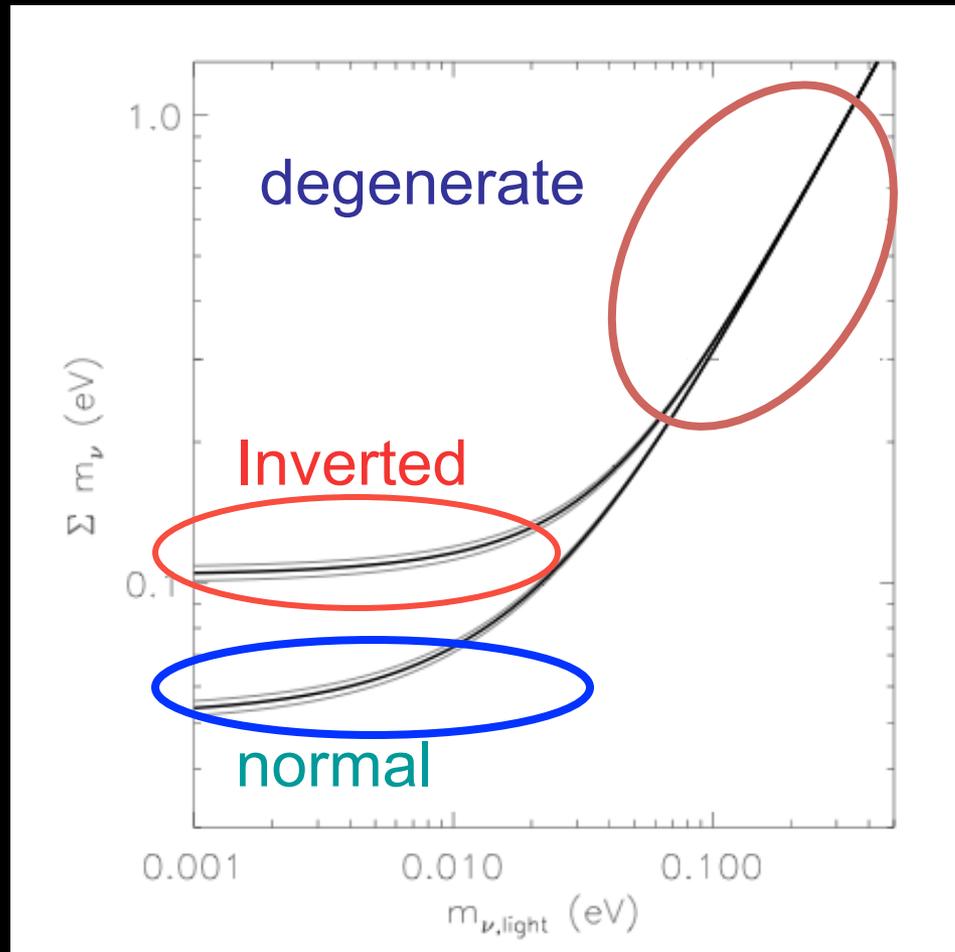
Planck 2018 has spoken



$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.92^{+0.36}_{-0.37} \quad (95\%, \text{Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE}),$$

# Cosmology is key in determining the absolute mass scale

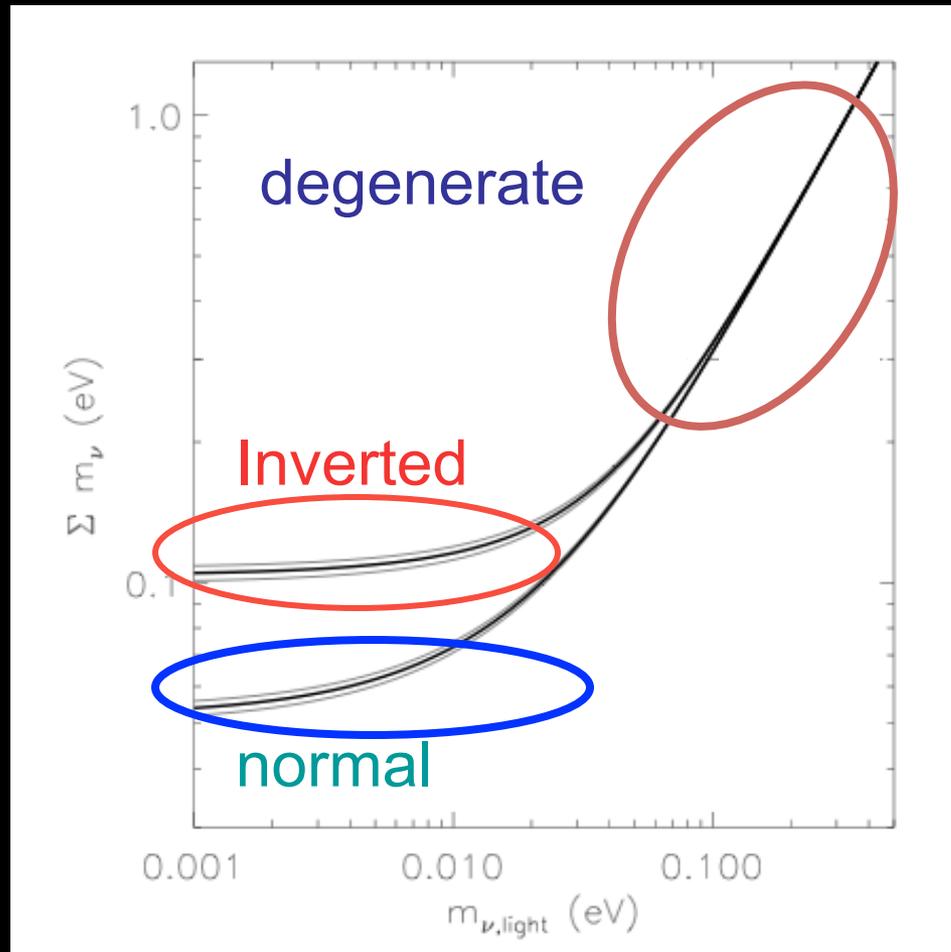
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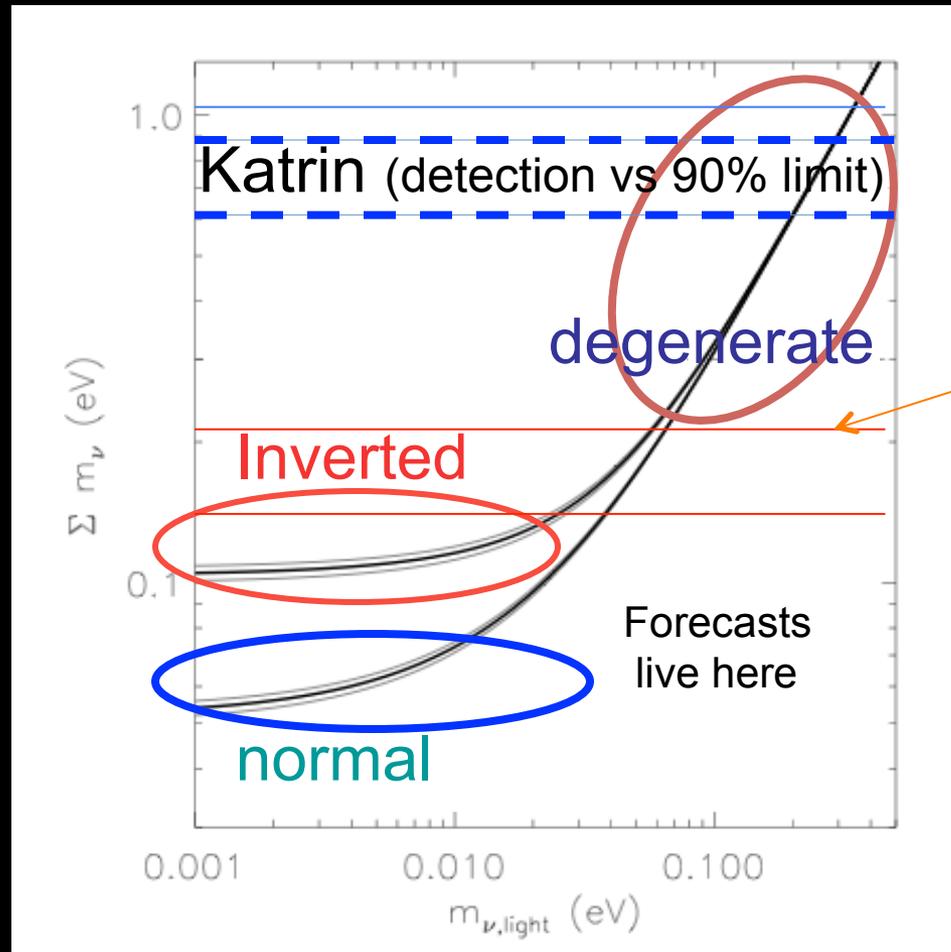
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# The KATRIN Experiment



Ambitious terrestrial experiment

# Cosmology is key in determining the absolute mass scale



Katrin limit (Aker et al Sept '19)

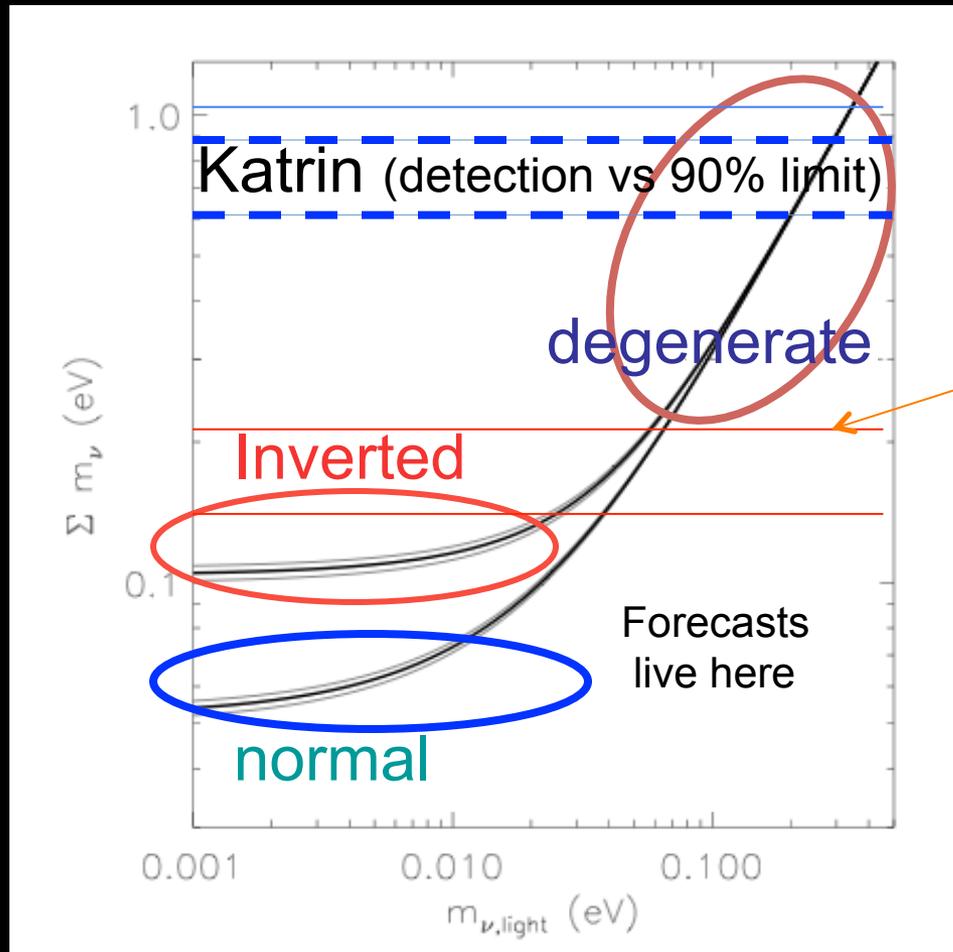
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CMB(Planck) +BAO  
95% limit

2018+ lensing +BAO+pol

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**Beware of systematics!!!!**

It would be of great value to have internal consistency check(s)  
(more later)

# Neutrino mass: Physical effects

Total mass  $> \sim 1$  eV become non relativistic before recombination

CMB

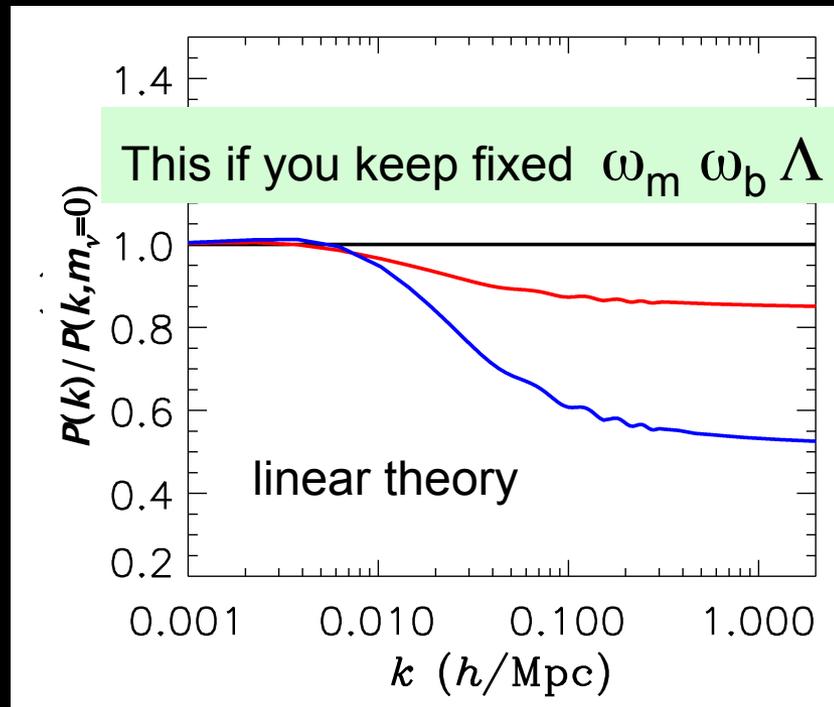
Total mass  $< \sim 1$  eV become non relativistic after recombination:  
alters matter-radiation equality,  $d_a$ , but effect can be “cancelled”  
by other parameters

CMB

Degeneracy

After recombination

FINITE NEUTRINO MASSES  
SUPPRESS THE MATTER POWER  
SPECTRUM ON SCALES SMALLER  
THAN THE FREE-STREAMING  
LENGTH



$\Sigma m = 0$  eV

$\Sigma m = 0.3$  eV

$\Sigma m = 1$  eV

Different masses become non-relativistic a slightly different times  
Cosmology can\*\* yield information about neutrino mass hierarchy

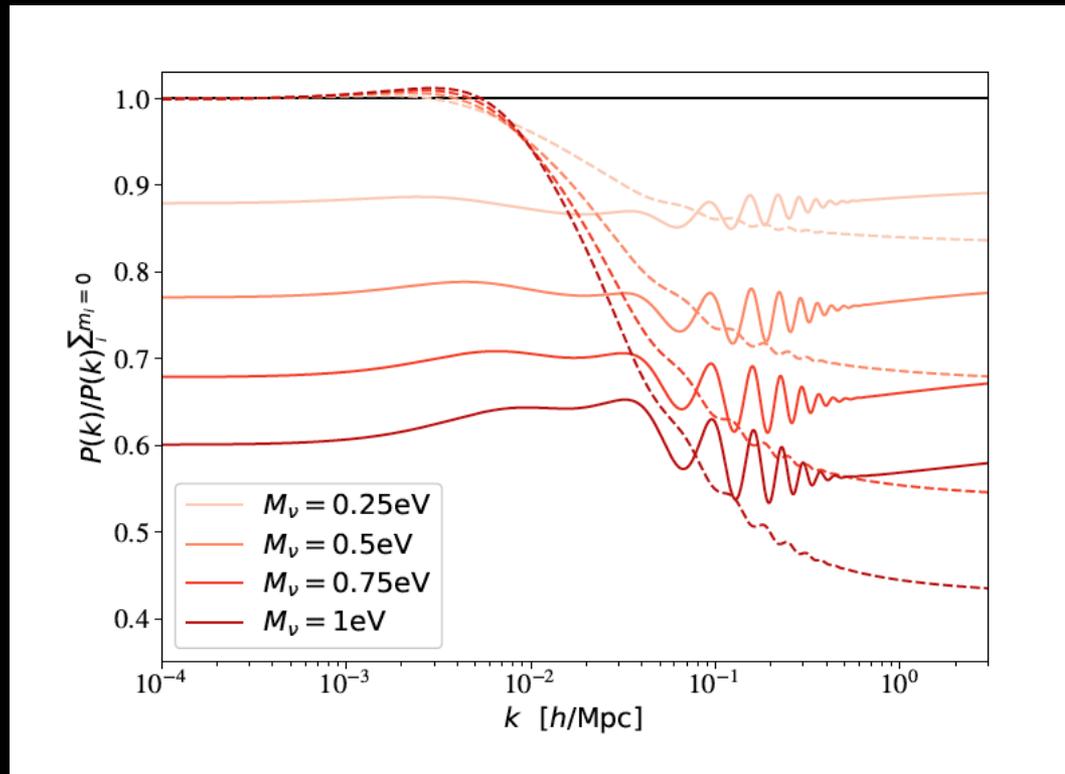
# Neutrino mass: Physical effects

Move along CMB parameters degeneracy

H0 is everywhere!

keep fixed  $\omega_c$   $\omega_b$ ,  $\theta_s$

i.e. play with h ...



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# Including large-scale structure clustering

Pros: see the “signature” scale-dependent clustering suppression

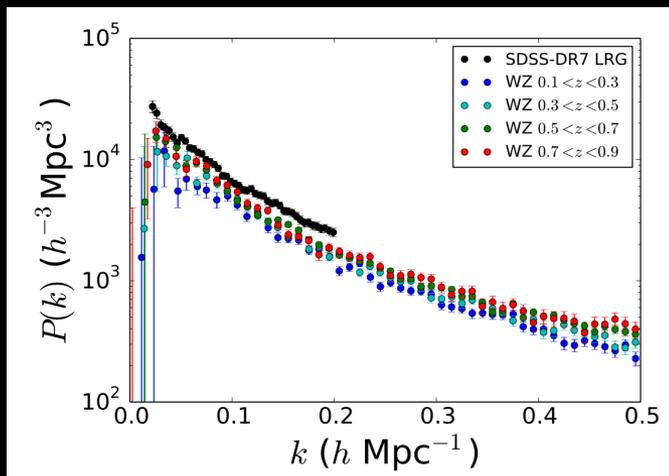
Cons: astrophysics, bias, non-linearities

Possible approach & useful exercise: use completely different tracers and see if there is agreement

Cuesta, Niro, LV, 2016

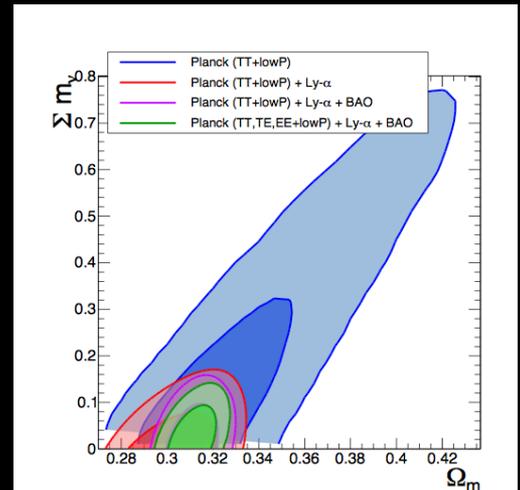
*Neutrino mass limits: robust information from the power spectrum of galaxy surveys*

Use galaxy clustering (red and blue galaxies)



Ly  $\alpha$  from BOSS survey

Palanque-Delabrouille et al. 2015



# Limits on the sum of the masses

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$$M_\nu < 0.14 \text{ eV} \text{ (95\% C.L.)} \quad \text{Robust to choice of galaxies}$$

$$\text{CMB+BAO+LRG limit} \quad M_\nu < 0.13 \text{ eV} \text{ (95\% C.L.)} \quad \text{0.11 eV (eBOSS hot off the press)}$$

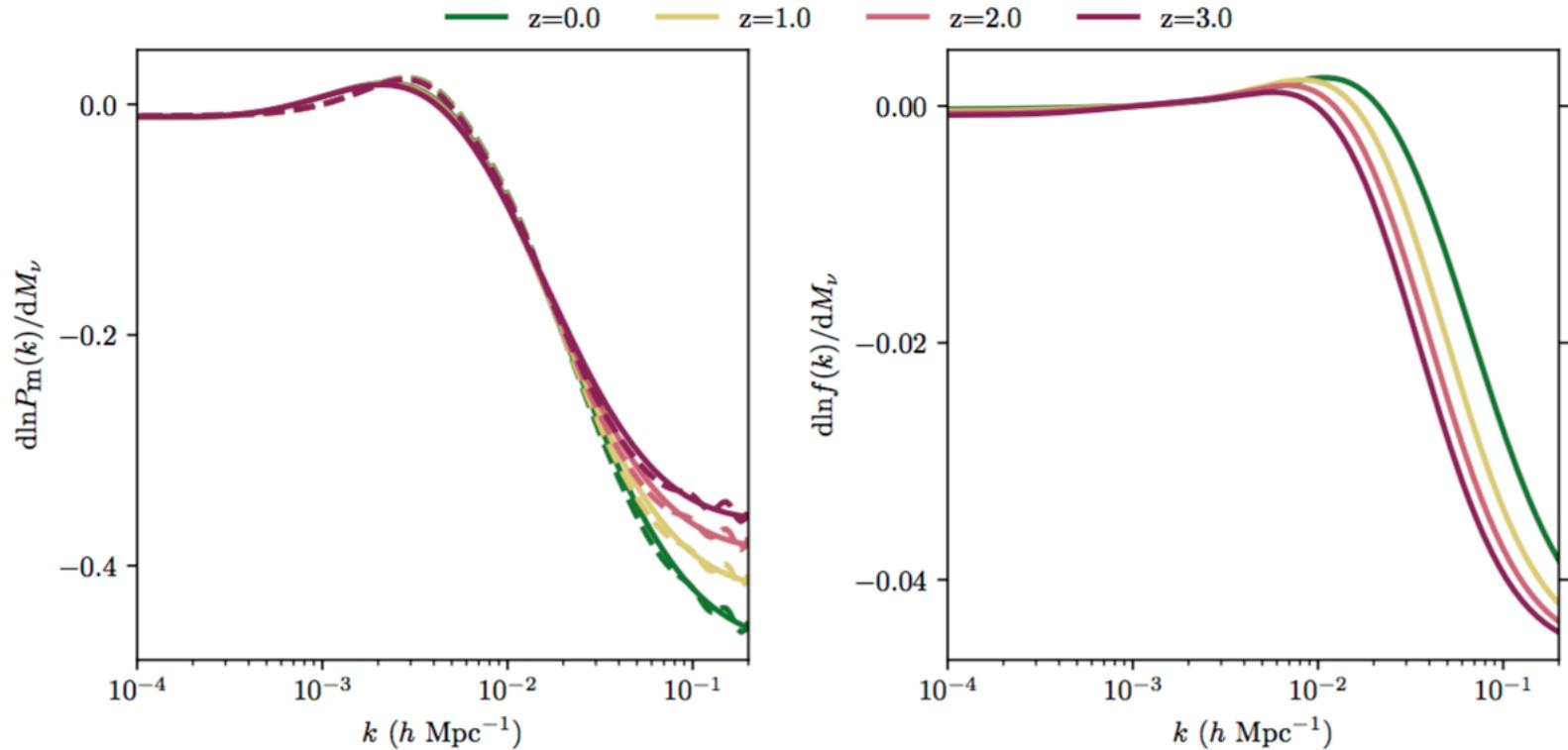
$$\text{Competitive with CMB+BAO+Lyman alpha} \quad M_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV (95\% C.L.)}$$

$$\text{Planck 2018 full incl. Lensing and BAO} \quad M_\nu < 0.12 \text{ eV (95\% C.L.)}$$

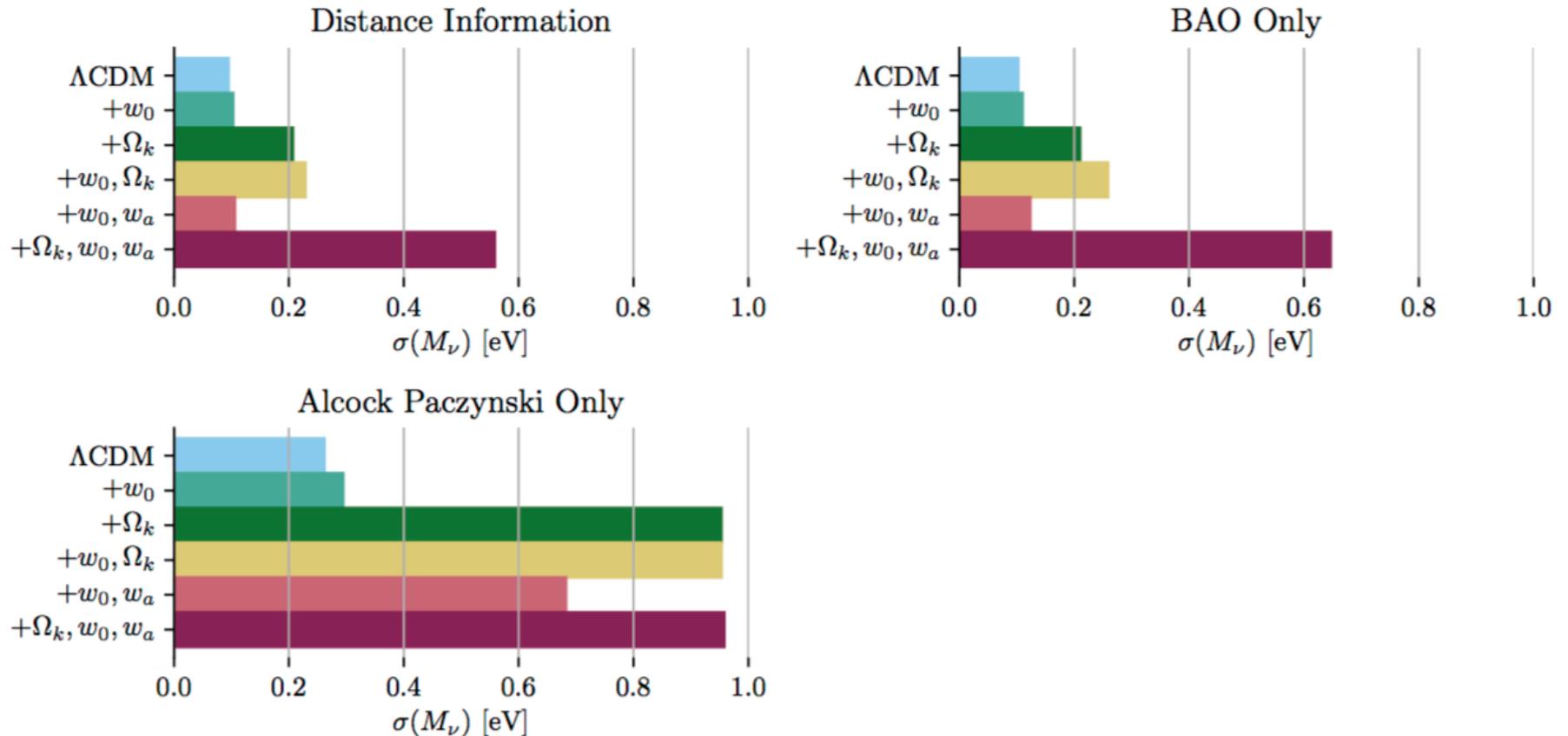
Completely different tracers

Confirmed see also other works: e.g., Giusarma et al 2016, Vagnozzi et al 2017

# Expansion history vs growth

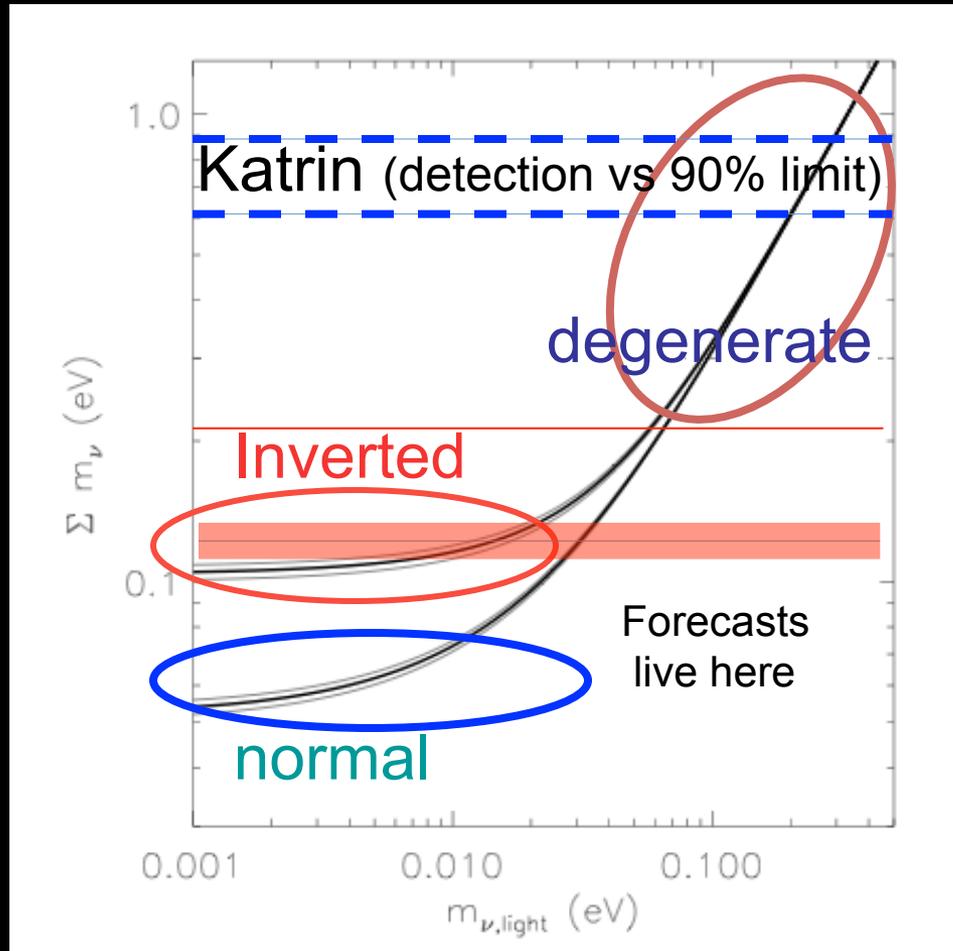


# Expansion history vs growth



Forecast for Euclid

# Neutrino mass limits

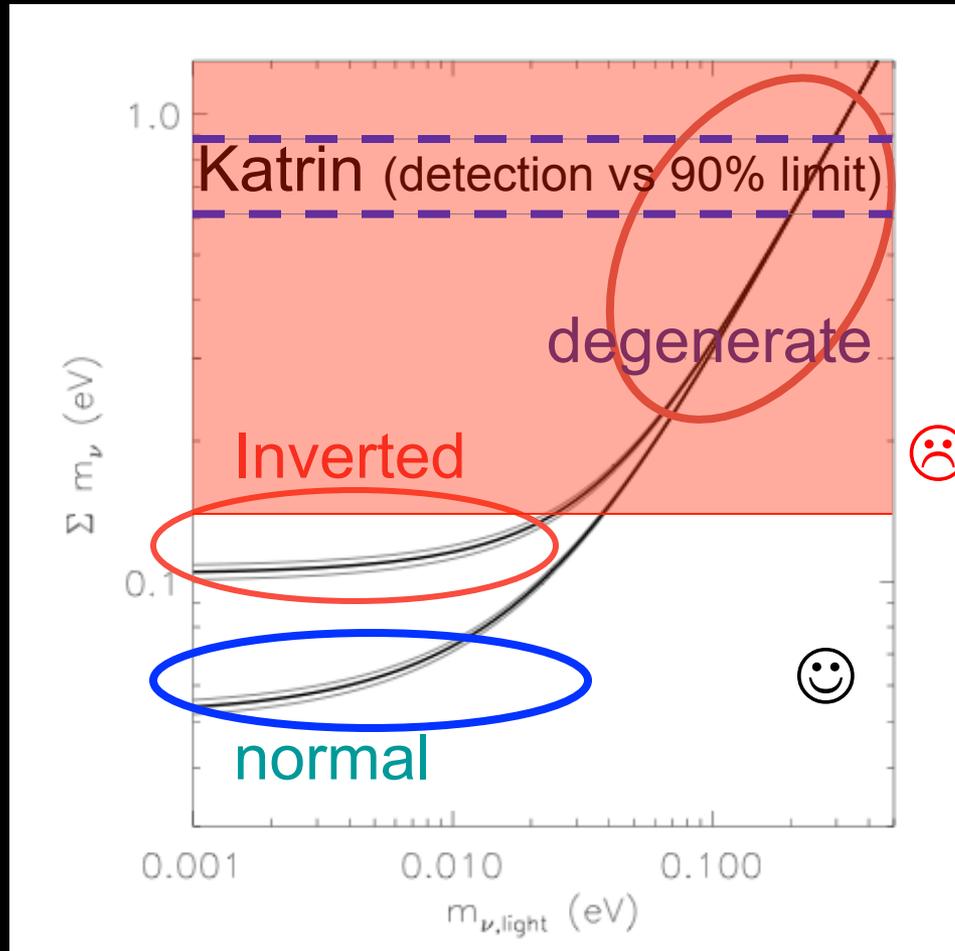


CMB(Planck) +BAO

+LSS

5% or less effects on  $P(k)$

# Implications I



If we add H0 or eBOSS  
then HI ☹️  
 $\Sigma < 0.11 \text{ eV @ 95\%}$

This means that neutrinos contribute at least to  $\sim 0.5\%$  of the total matter density

# Implications II

CMB+BAO+LSS limit

0.11 eV

Tritium  $\beta$  decay

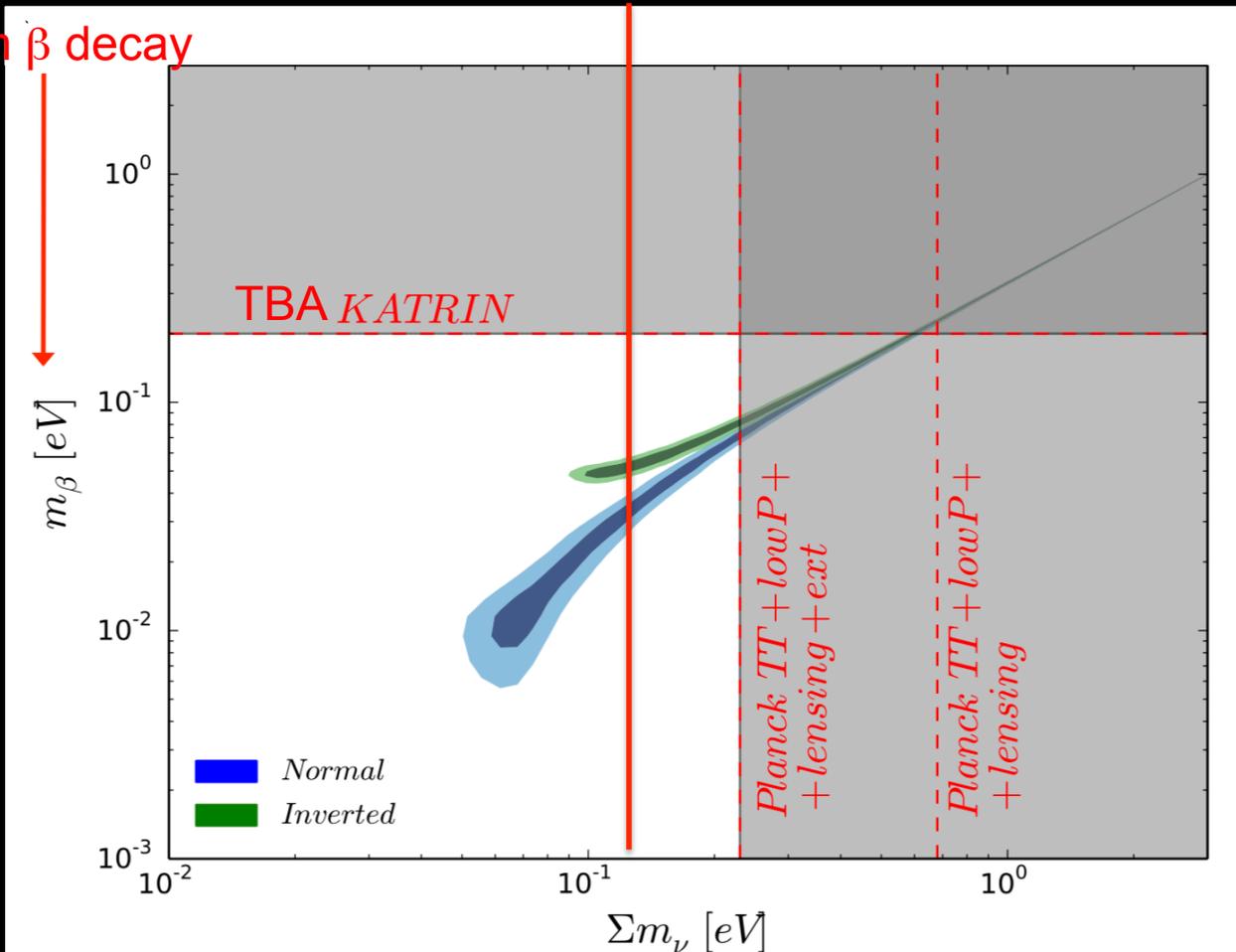


Fig. adapted\*  
from M. Lattanzi

\* Taken from google



# Implications: tldnr

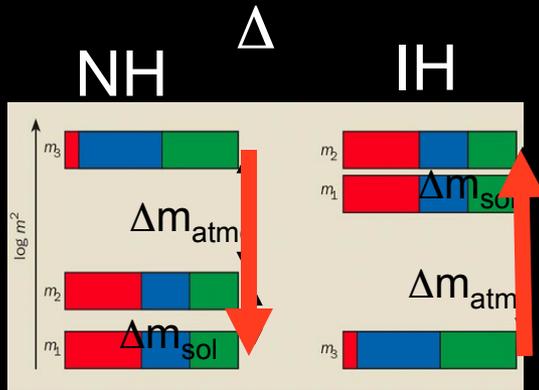
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Cosmology is key to determine neutrino masses

The pessimist: The inverted hierarchy is under pressure

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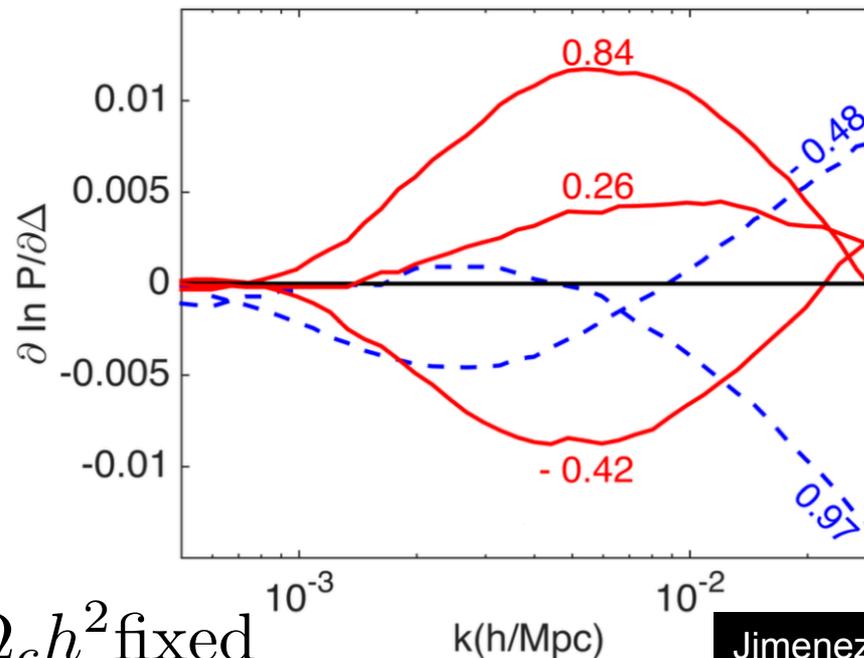
# Hierarchy effect on the shape of the linear matter power spectrum



Neutrinos of different masses have different transition redshifts from relativistic to non-relativistic behavior, and their individual masses and their mass splitting change the details of the radiation-dominance to matter-dominance regime.

approx

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NH : } \quad & \Sigma = 2m + M \quad \Delta = (M - m)/\Sigma \\ \text{IH : } \quad & \Sigma = m + 2M \quad \Delta = (m - M)/\Sigma \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= 0.1 eV \\ \Sigma &= 0.06 eV \end{aligned}$$

# How about hierarchy?

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In principle there is a signal in LSS, but it is small and at large scales

see also Archidiacono et al 2020

Use model-selection techniques  
(cosmologists do inference so tend to be Bayesian)

Simpson et al. 2017 (advocates log priors, controversial, but , I think, right)

# Implications

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Strong Bayesian Evidence for NH, when using the stated priors  
(Normal family in log  $m$  AND cosmological bounds\*)

Double beta decay experiments: favours experimental techniques  
reaching multi-ton active mass detectors and very low background

Experiments more sensitive to normal mass hierarchy are much  
more likely to be successful

Conclusions could be evaded by drastically changing the prior,  
but you will have to convince me (and Jeffreys and Clarke and Barron...)

Or by measuring  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay.

# Conclusions

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Cosmic neutrino background, wonderful end-to-end test (indirect)

CMB+BAO+LRG limit  $M_\nu < 0.11 \text{ eV}$

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IH under pressure, but how much depends on choice of priors

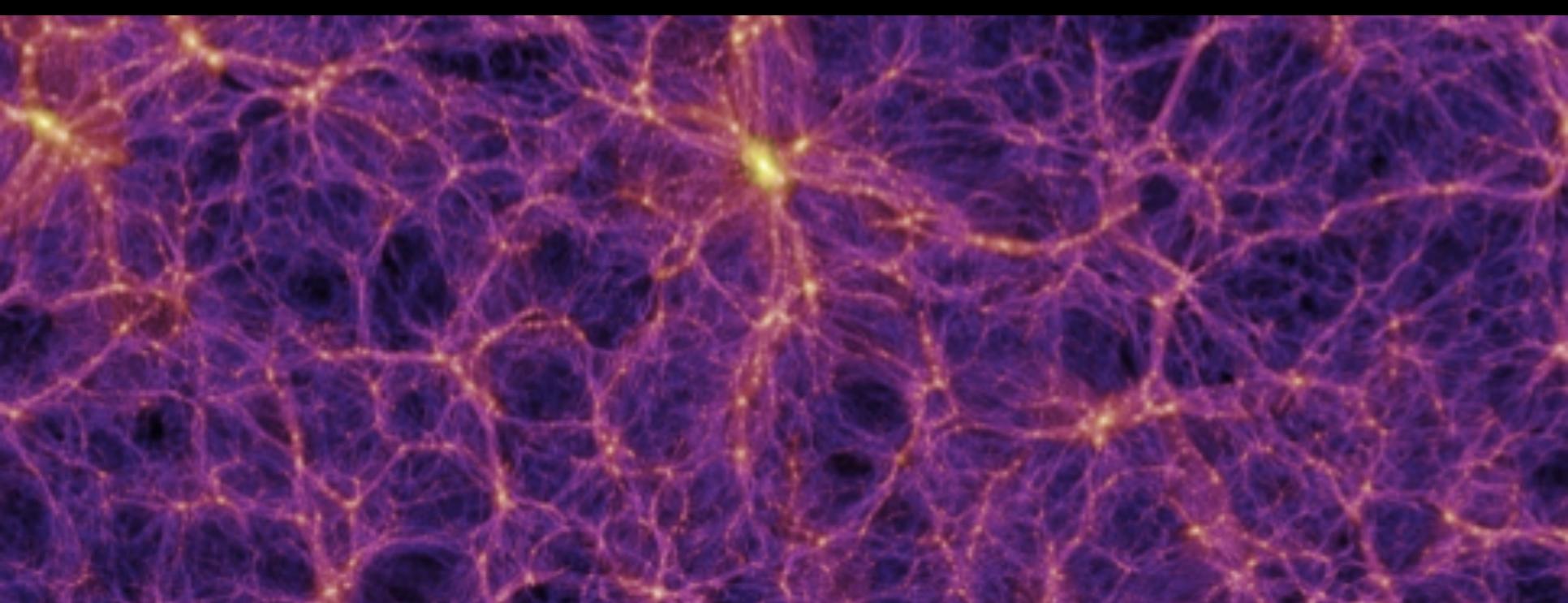
Cosmology is the key to determine neutrino mass scale

It's challenging: galaxies can be messy, but it's what we've got.

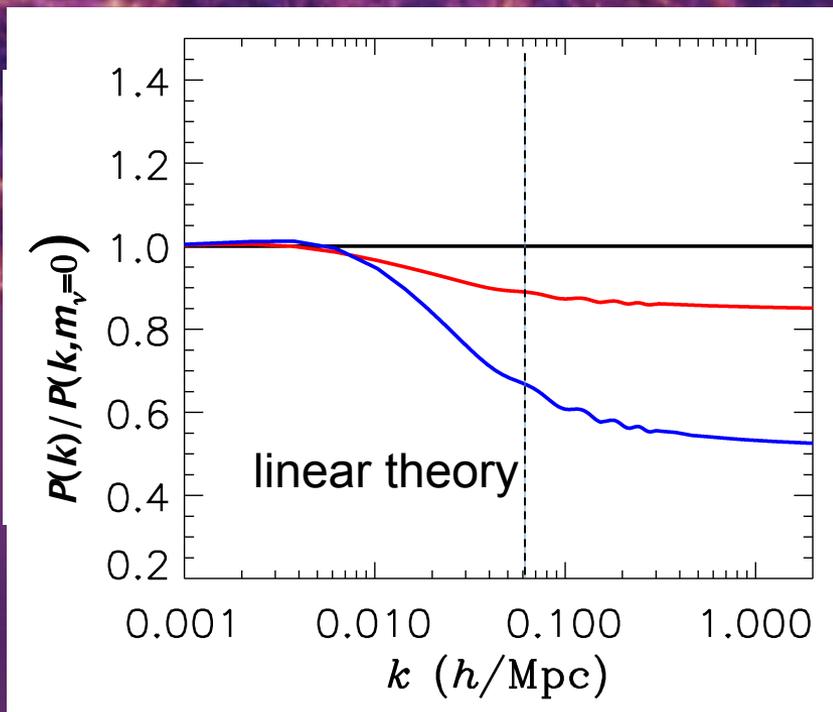
Model dependent statement.

However, a wonderful end-to-end test.

Back up slides



Courtesy of B.Wandelt



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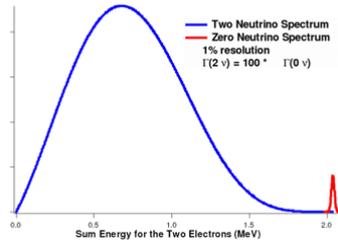
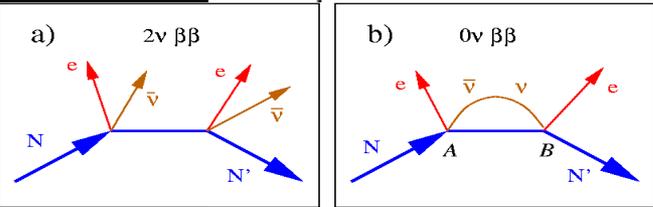
Are neutrinos their own anti-particle?(are they Majorana or Dirac?)

$0\nu\beta\beta$  (next generation)

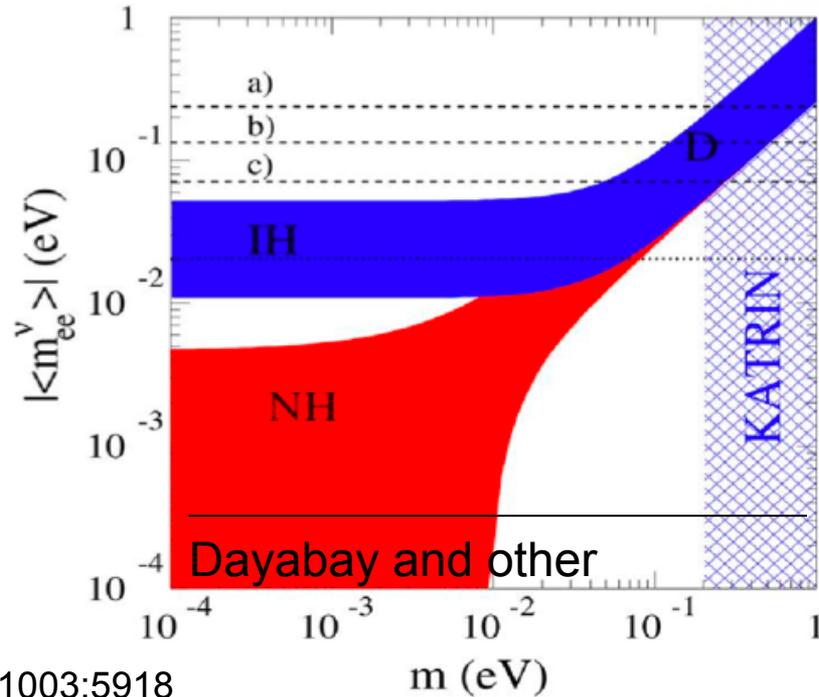
Yes

No

Because Dirac OR because below threshold (still unknown)?



Majorana



# What is hierarchy?

- There are three masses  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$  and therefore only two square mass splitting (measurable quantity). One will be smaller than the other one.
- $m_1, m_2$  refer to the smaller splitting
- $m_3$  can be above (NH) or below (IH) this pair.
- Hierarchy is given by the ***sign*** of the larger mass splitting.

Only **after the oscillations measurements are in** and we find that one mass splitting is much smaller than the other one we can say

One large two small is NH two large one small is IH

# Better calculation: Hierarchical Model

Hyperprior: a family of priors and marginalize over them.

Normal distribution for each of the masses with  $\mu$ , mean and  $\sigma$ , width

Use oscillations measurements + cosmological limits (assume Gaussian likelihood)

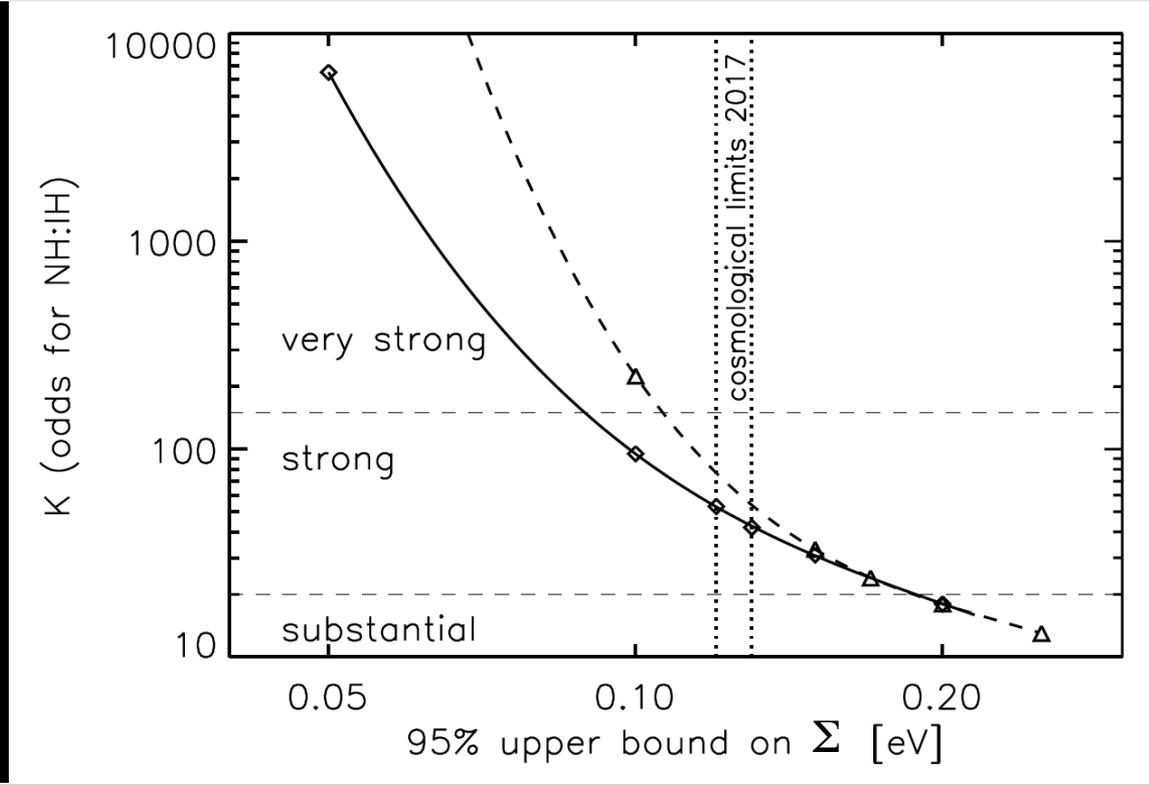
Then marginalize over  $\mu, \sigma$

Compute Evidence

# Evidence (Jeffrey's scale modified)

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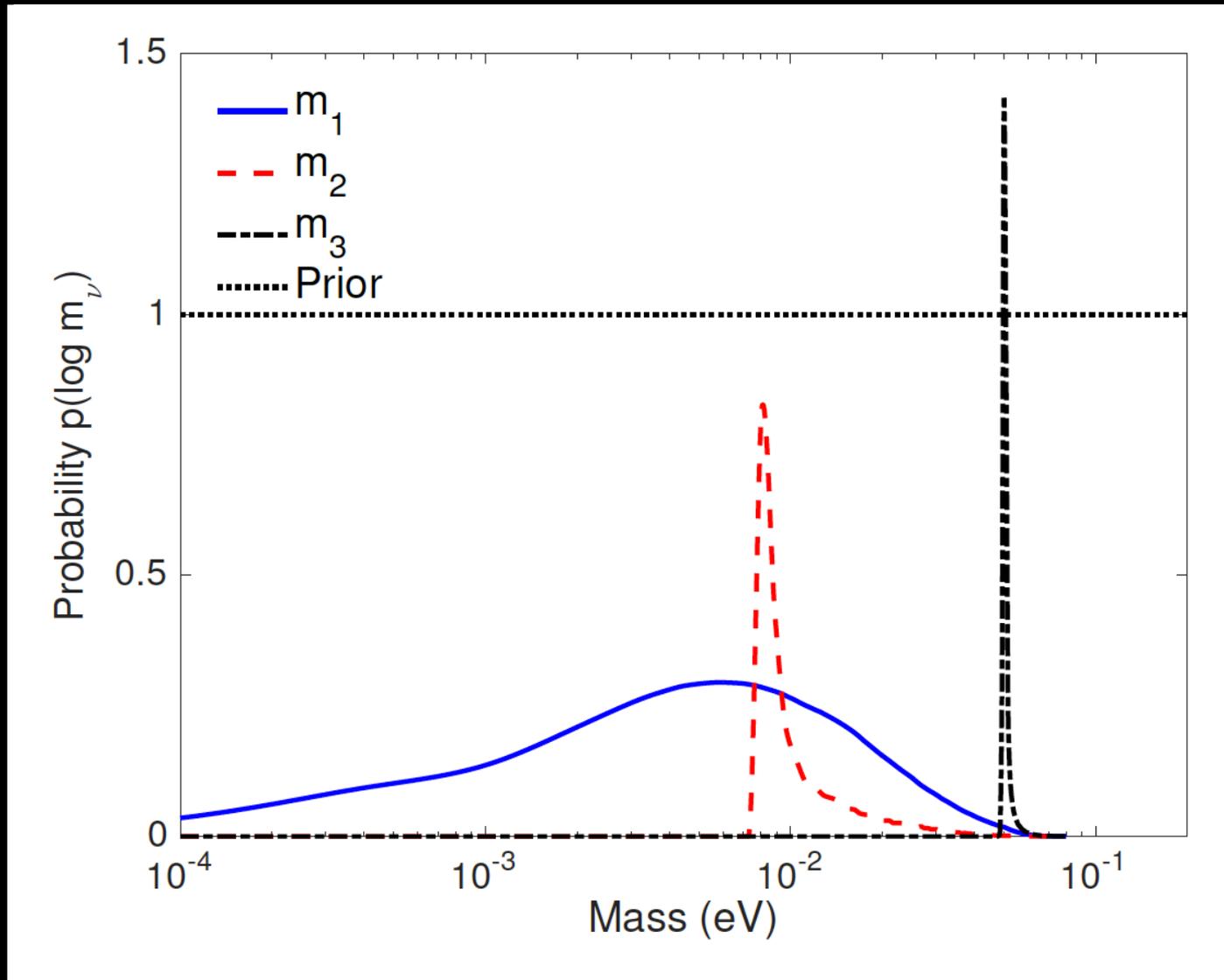
$\Sigma$ (eV) 95%	< 0.05	< 0.1	< 0.12	< 0.13	< 0.15	< 0.2	< 0.5	< 6.9
Odds (NH/IH)	6500:1	95:1	53:1	42:1	31:1	18:1	7:1	2.6:1
$\log K$	9	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.4	2.9	1.9	1.0
Classification	Very Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	Positive	Positive	Weak



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$\log K$	5.4	3.5	3.2	2.9	2.5	1.8	1.0
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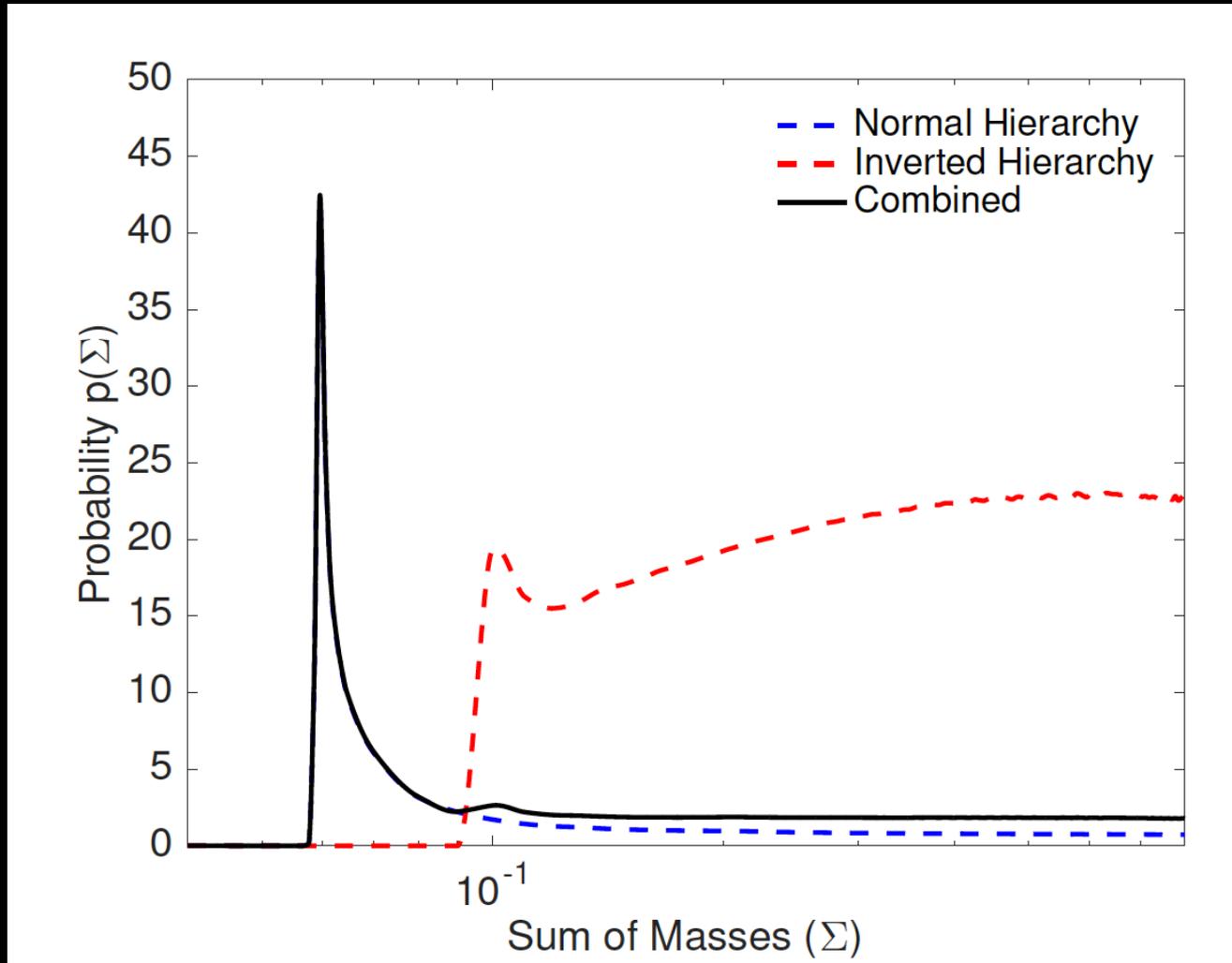
@0.05eV

# Posteriors for the masses, NH



$\Sigma < 0.12 \text{ eV}$

# Posterior for the sum of the masses...



Without cosmological information