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Neutrino masses in cosmology

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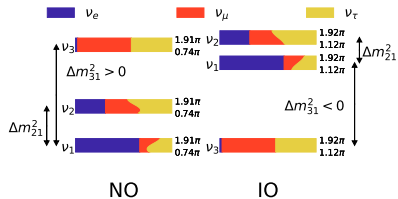
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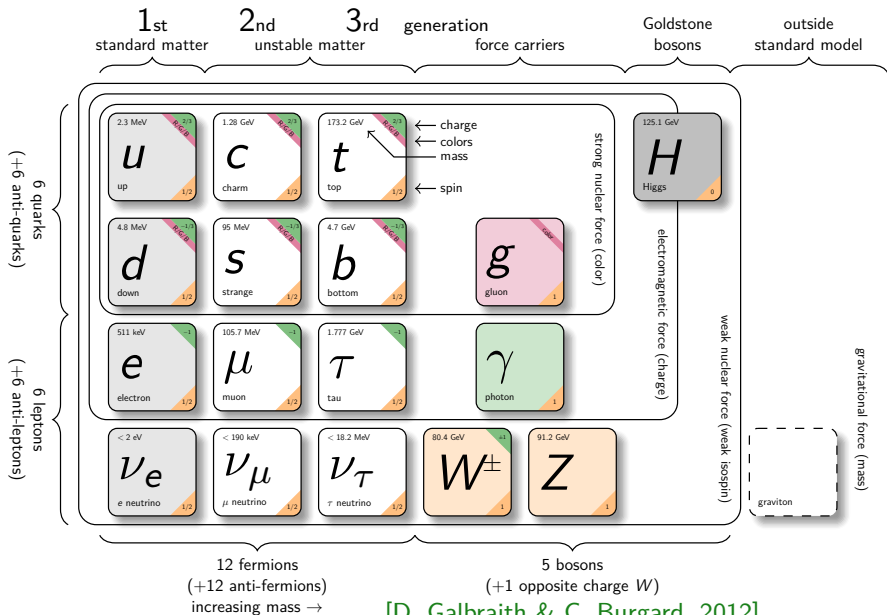
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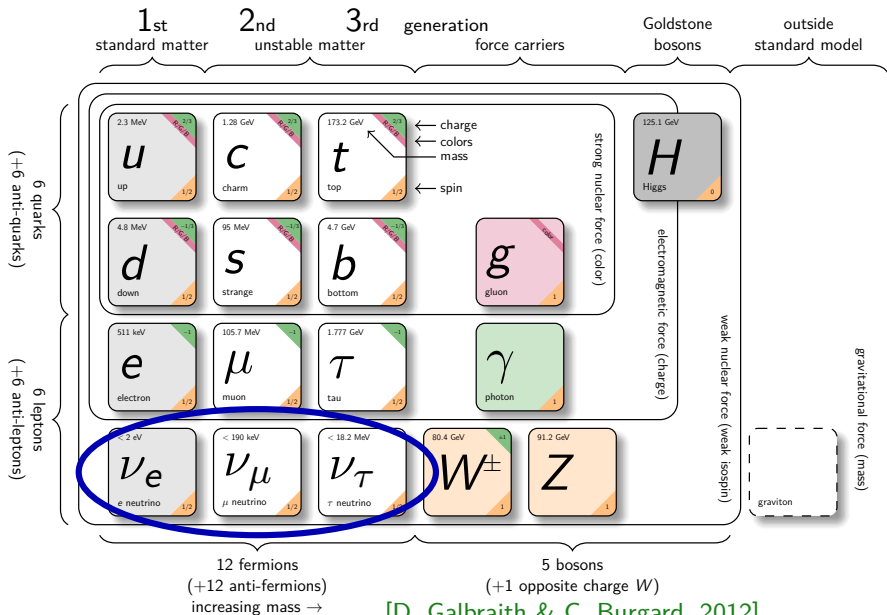
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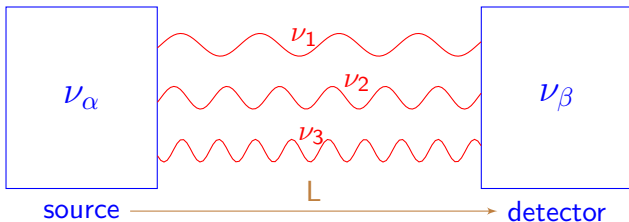
Two neutrino bases

flavor neutrinos ν_α

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\nu_k\rangle$$

massive neutrinos ν_k

$$|\nu(t=0)\rangle = |\nu_\alpha\rangle = U_{\alpha 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} |\nu_3\rangle$$



$$|\nu(t > 0)\rangle = |\nu_\beta\rangle = U_{\alpha 1} e^{-iE_1 t} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} e^{-iE_2 t} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} e^{-iE_3 t} |\nu_3\rangle \neq |\nu_\alpha\rangle$$

$$E_k^2 = p^2 + m_k^2 \longleftarrow \text{define} \longrightarrow t = L$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L) = |\langle \nu_\beta | \nu(L) \rangle|^2 = \sum_{k,j} U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta j}^* U_{\alpha j} \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

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

Three Neutrino Oscillations

$$\nu_\alpha = \sum_{k=1}^3 U_{\alpha k} \nu_k \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

$U_{\alpha k}$ described by 3 mixing angles θ_{12} , θ_{13} , θ_{23} and one CP phase δ

Current knowledge of the 3 active ν mixing: [JHEP 02 (2021) update]

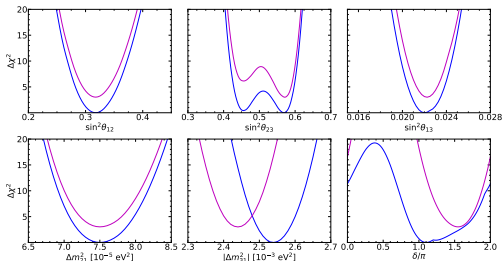
NO/NH: Normal Ordering/Hierarchy, $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$

IO/IH: Inverted O/H, $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{21}^2 &= (7.50^{+0.22}_{-0.20}) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ |\Delta m_{31}^2| &= (2.54 \pm 0.03) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (NO)} \\ &= (2.44 \pm 0.03) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (IO)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \sin^2(\theta_{12}) &= 3.18 \pm 0.16 \\ 10^2 \sin^2(\theta_{13}) &= 2.200^{+0.069}_{-0.062} \text{ (NO)} \\ &= 2.225^{+0.064}_{-0.070} \text{ (IO)} \\ 10 \sin^2(\theta_{23}) &= 4.55 \pm 0.13 \text{ (NO)} \\ &= 5.71^{+0.14}_{-0.17} \text{ (IO)} \end{aligned}$$

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mass ordering
still unknown

δ still unknown

see also: <http://globalfit.astroparticles.es>

Normal ordering (NO)

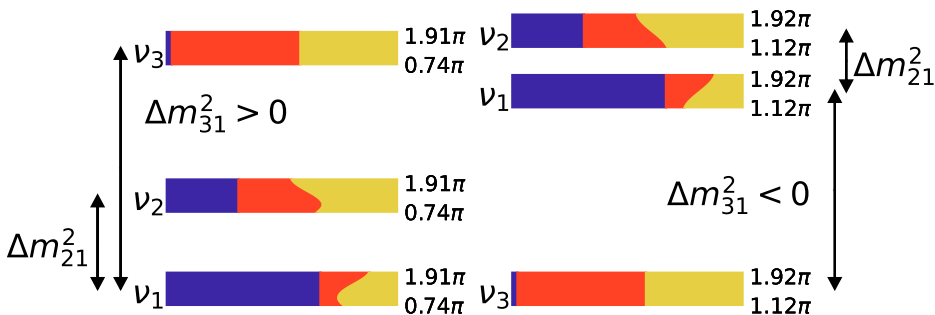
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Inverted ordering (IO)

$$m_3 < m_1 < m_2$$

$$\sum m_k \gtrsim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$



Absolute scale unknown!

Can we constrain the mass ordering using bounds on $\sum m_\nu$?

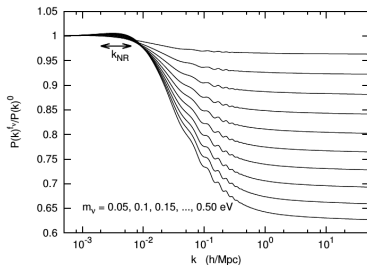
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independent of m_ν

ω_i energy density of species i ,
 $i \in (\text{radiation, matter, baryons, cold dark matter, } \nu)$
 z_{eq} matter-radiation equality redshift

$$\omega_m^0 = \omega_b^0 + \omega_c^0 + \omega_\nu^0 \text{ today}$$

mass of species relativistic at recombination
affects late time evolution only

small effects on the SW plateau
(cosmic variance, degeneracies...)

Effects on the early ISW effect

$$\frac{\Delta C_\ell}{C_\ell} \simeq - \left(\frac{\sum m_\nu}{0.1 \text{ eV}} \right) \%$$

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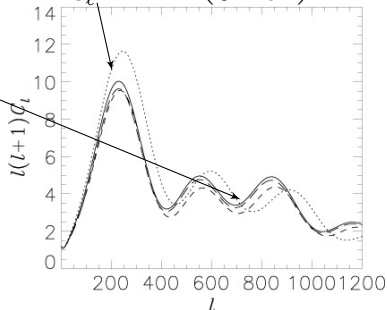
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[Lesgourgues+, Neutrino Cosmology]

Free-streaming - I

Non-cold relics \implies damping in the perturbations due to free-streaming

$$\text{Growth equation: } \ddot{\delta} + \underbrace{2H\dot{\delta}}_{\text{Hubble drag}} + \underbrace{c_s^2 k^2 \frac{\delta}{a^2}}_{\text{pressure}} = \underbrace{4\pi G_N \rho \delta}_{\text{gravity}}$$

Jeans scale: **pressure=gravity**

$$k_J \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G_N \rho}{c_s^2 (1+z)^2}}$$

$$k < k_J$$

growth of density perturbations

$$k > k_J$$

no growth can occur

neutrino free-streaming scale

$$k_{fs}(z) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} \frac{H(z)}{(1+z)\sigma_{\nu,\nu}(z)}} \simeq 0.7 \left(\frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_M}{1+z}} h/\text{Mpc}$$

ρ energy density of a given fluid
 $\delta = \delta\rho/\rho$ perturbation (single fluid)
 c_s sound speed of the fluid

$\sigma_{\nu,\nu}(z)$ ν velocity dispersion
 $H = H(z)$ Hubble factor at redshift z
 h reduced Hubble factor today

Damping occurs for all $k \gtrsim k_{nr}$

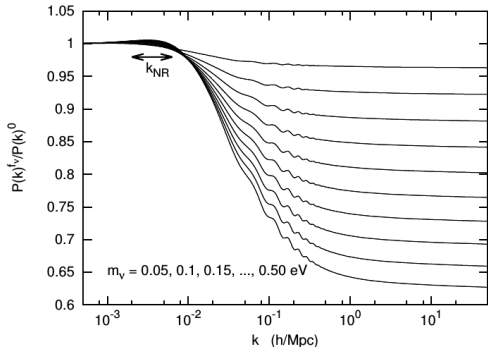
k_{nr} : corresponding
to ν non-relativistic transition

[Lesgourgues+, Neutrino Cosmology]
(fixed $h, \omega_m, \omega_b, \omega_\Lambda$)

Plot: $\frac{P_{m_\nu > 0}(k)}{P_{m_\nu = 0}(k)}$

- top to bottom: $m_\nu = 0.05$ eV
to $m_\nu = 0.5$ eV

- $\frac{\Delta P}{P} \simeq -\frac{8\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_M} \simeq -\frac{\sum m_\nu}{0.01 \text{ eV}} \%$



Expected constraints from future surveys:

- Planck CMB + DES: $\sigma(m_\nu) \simeq 0.04\text{--}0.06$ eV [Font-Ribera+, 2014]
- Planck CMB + Euclid: $\sigma(m_\nu) \simeq 0.03$ eV [Audren+, 2013]

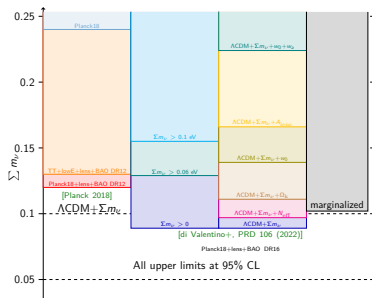
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[Planck 2018]: prior

$$0 < \Sigma m_{\nu} < \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ eV}$$

strongest upper limit (95%):

$$\Sigma m_{\nu} < 113 \text{ meV}$$

(CMB+lens+BAO+SN)

corresponding to

$$\Sigma m_{\nu} < 53.6 \text{ meV (68\%)}$$

below minimum for NO!
does it make sense?

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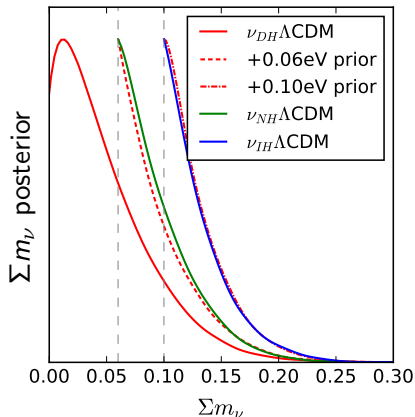
[Wang+, 2017]

degenerate (DH)

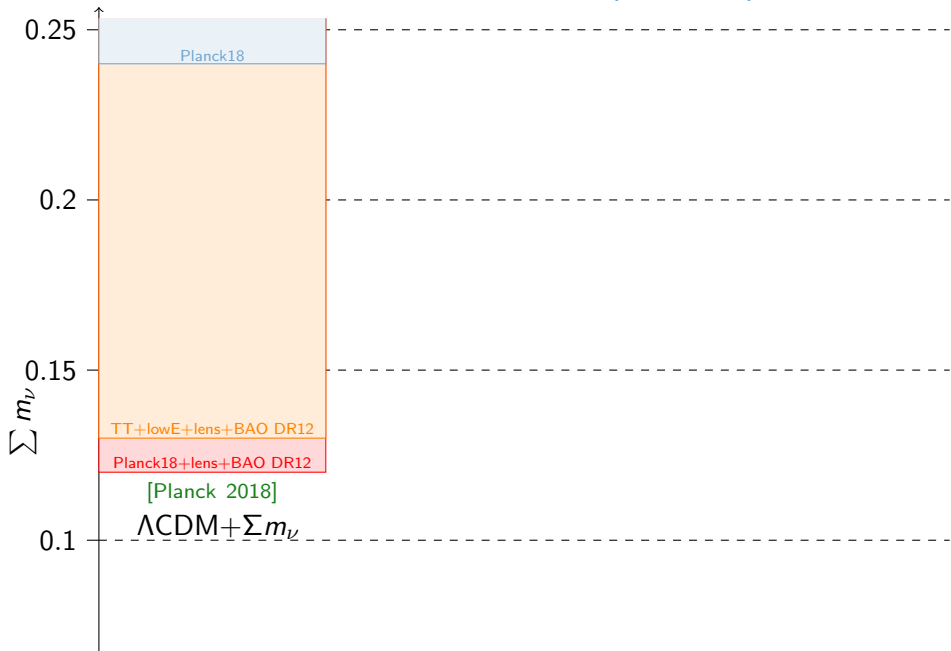
vs normal (NH)

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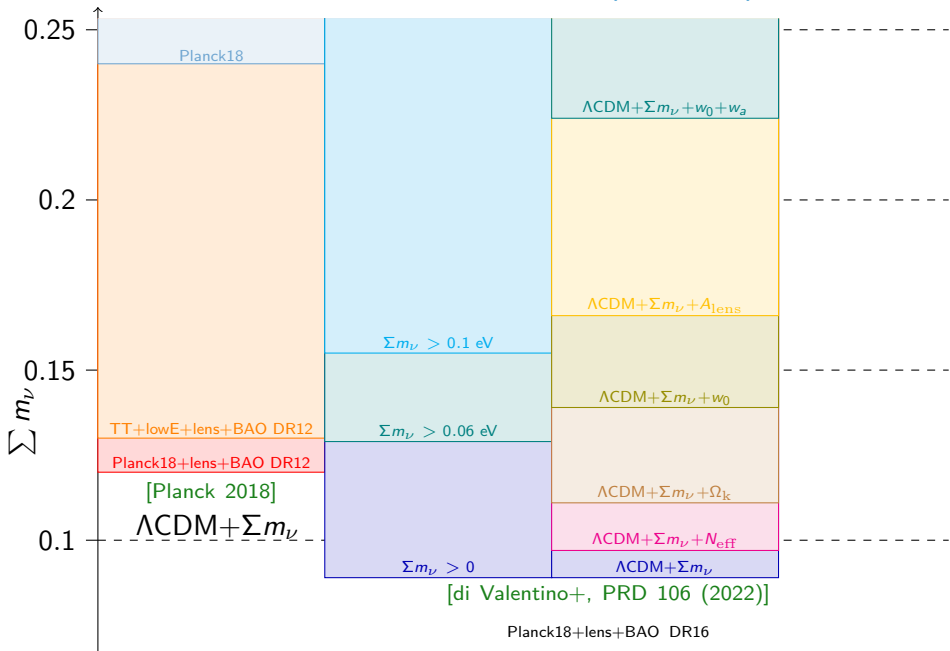
(i.e. change the prior lower bound)



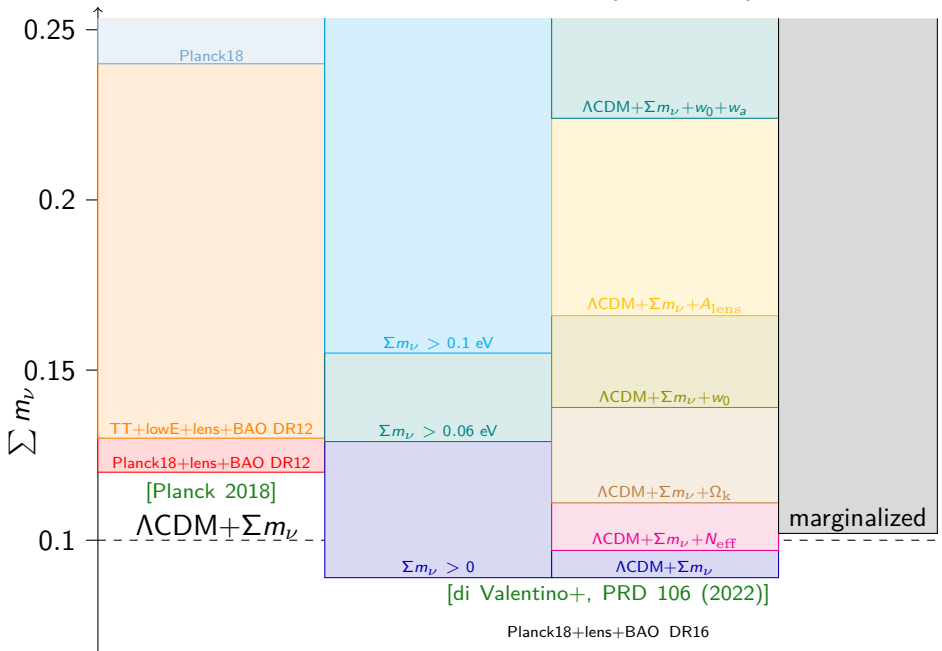
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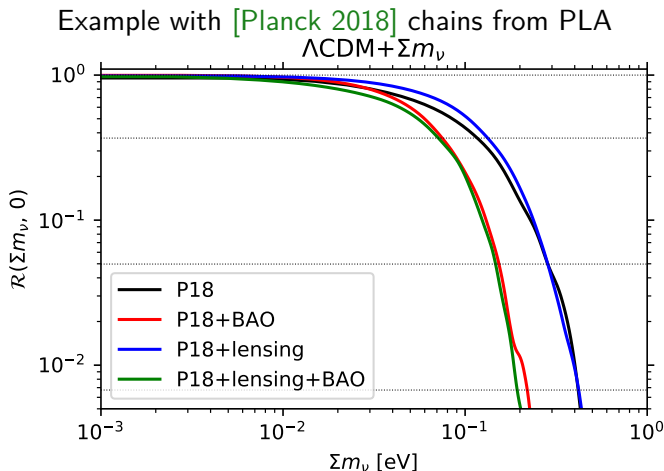
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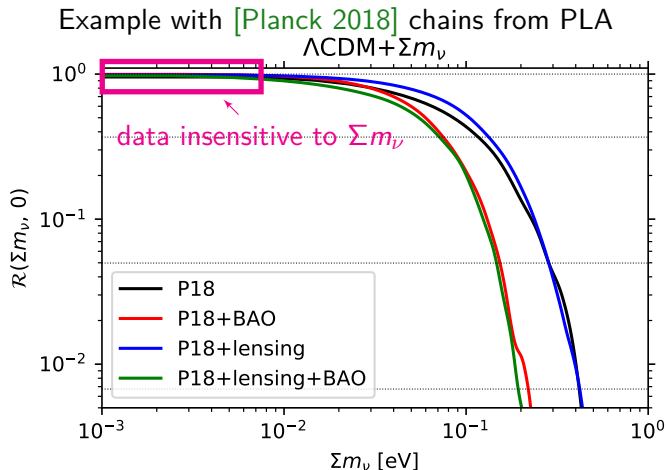


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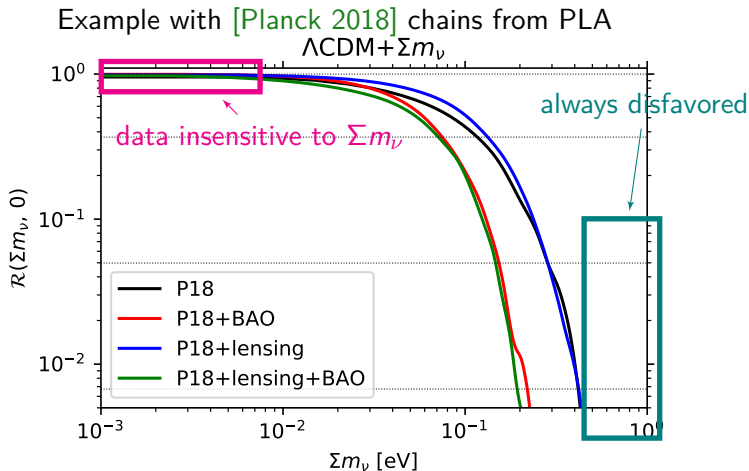


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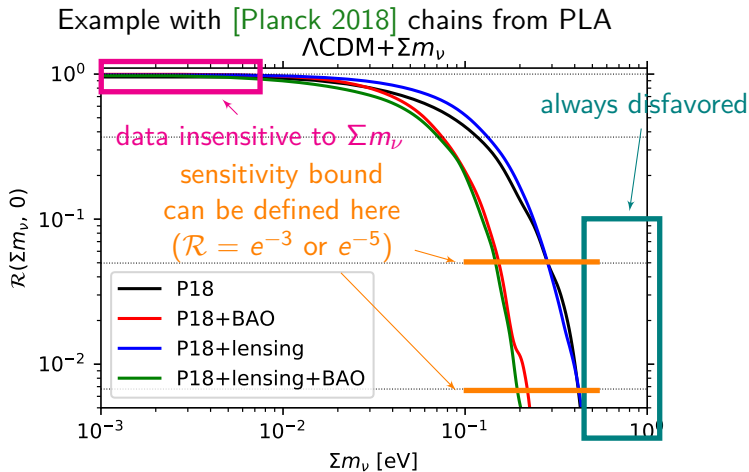


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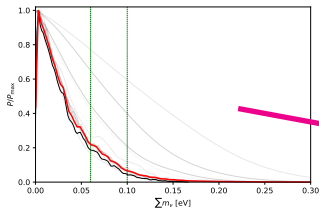


A model-marginalized example

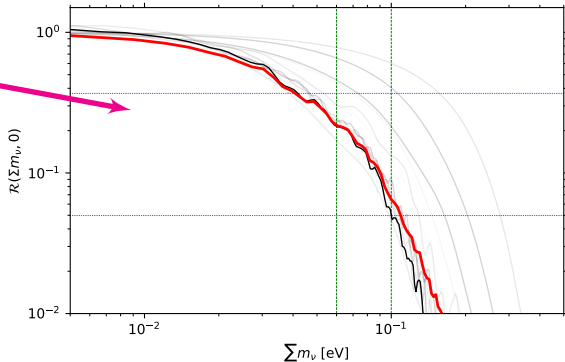
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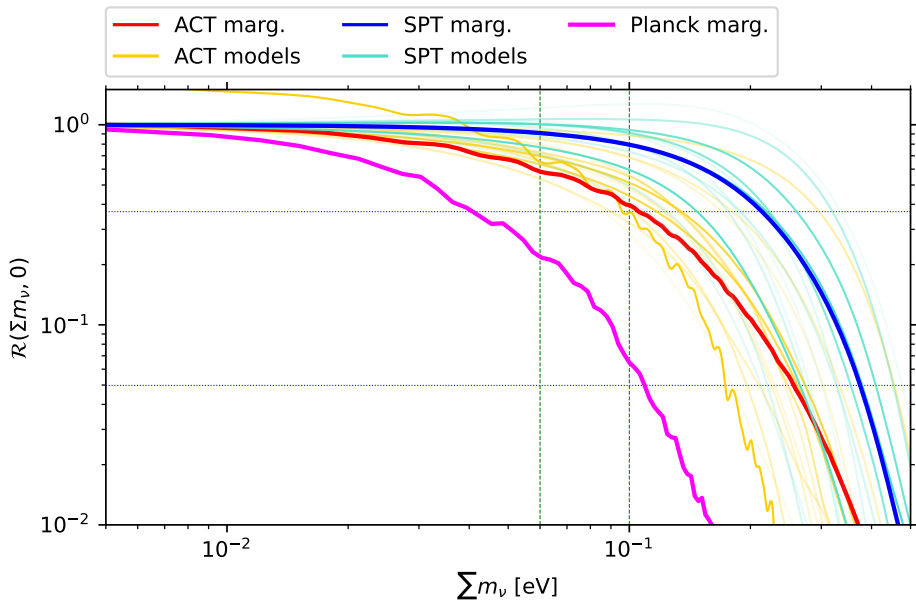
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Example with [Planck 2018] data, Λ CDM + $\sum m_\nu$ and extensions:



Posterior, with
prior $\sum m_\nu > 0$





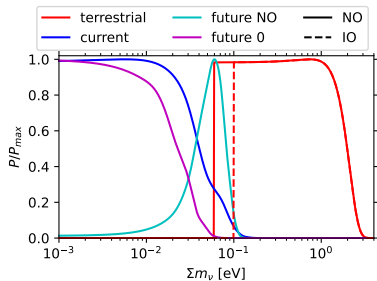
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 use m_1, m_2, m_3 ($3M$)

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 use $m_{\text{lightest}}, \Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$ ($M\Delta$)

Alternatively:

 $\sum m_\nu, \Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$ ($\Sigma\Delta$)

intuition says: $\Sigma\Delta$ is closer to observable quantities! Better than $3M$?

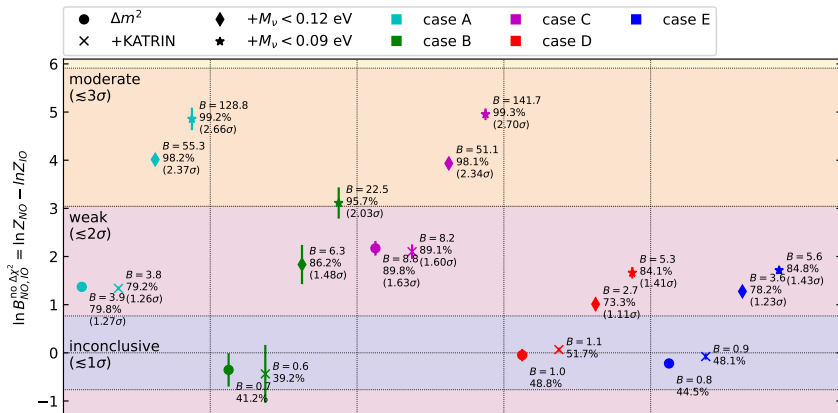
Cosmology measures $\sum m_\nu$, oscillations $\Delta m_{21}^2, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$

$M\Delta$ should be equivalent to $\Sigma\Delta$

Should we use **linear** or **logarithmic** priors on m_k (m_{lightest})?

Can data help to select $3M$ or $M\Delta/\Sigma\Delta$, **linear** or **log**?

oscillation Δm^2 alone should not generate a difference



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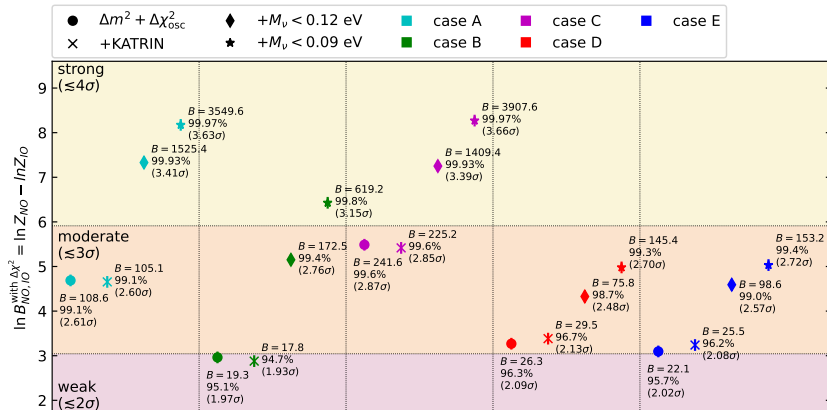
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oscillation $\Delta\chi^2$ DOES prefer NO over IO at $\sim 2\sigma$



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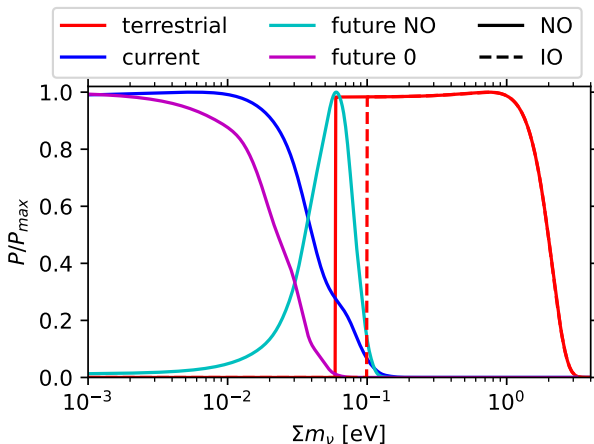
IO: $\Sigma m_\nu \gtrsim 0.1 \text{ eV}$

Future sensitivity: $\sigma(\Sigma m_\nu) \simeq 0.02 \text{ eV}$

Still preferring $\Sigma m_\nu = 0$?

Will measure e.g. $\Sigma m_\nu = 0.06 \text{ eV}$?

tension ever
with NO!



confirm NO,
disfavor IO

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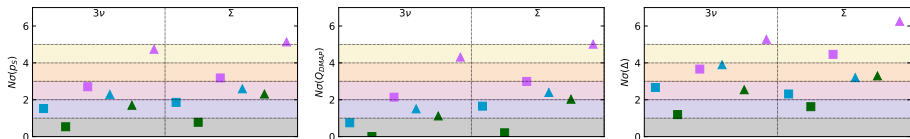
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or will there be a tension?

several possible tests can be considered, similar results

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● current ■ NO
● future NO ▲ IO
● future 0



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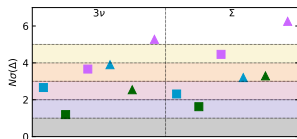
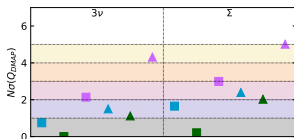
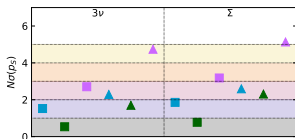
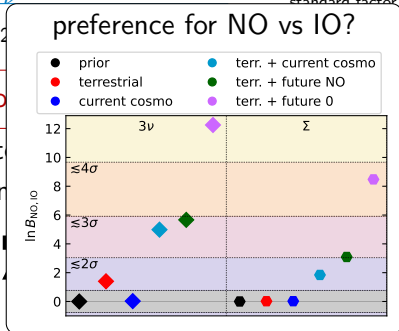
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Mass ordering results

Bayes theorem for models:

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Bayesian evidence:

$$Z_{\mathcal{M}} = \int_{\Omega_{\mathcal{M}}} \mathcal{L}(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Bayes factor NO vs IO:

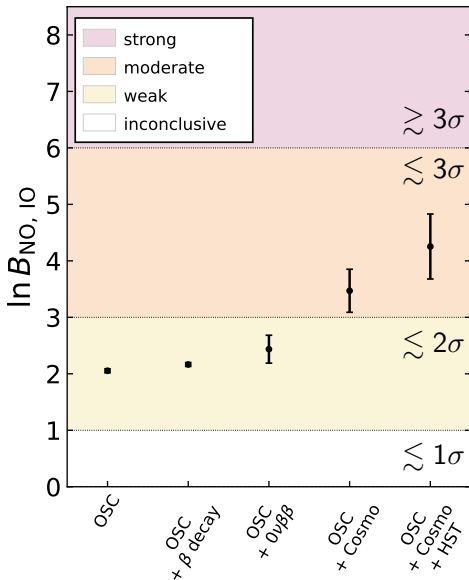
$$B_{\text{NO,IO}} = Z_{\text{NO}}/Z_{\text{IO}}$$

Posterior probability:

$$P_{\text{NO}} = B_{\text{NO,IO}} / (B_{\text{NO,IO}} + 1)$$

$$P_{\text{IO}} = 1 / (B_{\text{NO,IO}} + 1)$$

$$N\sigma \text{ from } P_{\text{NO}} = \text{erf}(N/\sqrt{2})$$



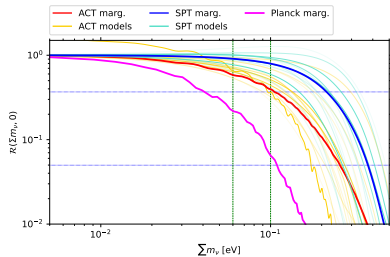
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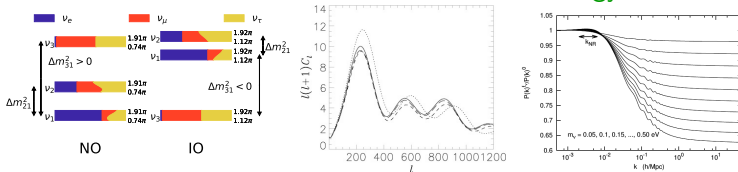
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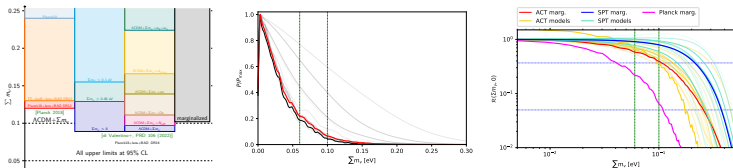
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Effects of neutrino masses in cosmology



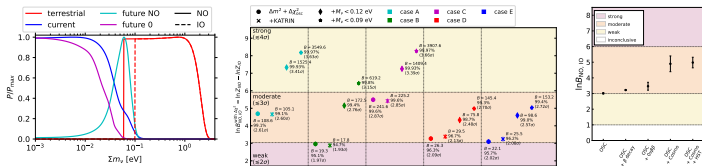
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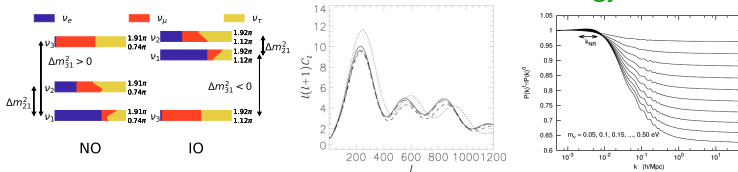
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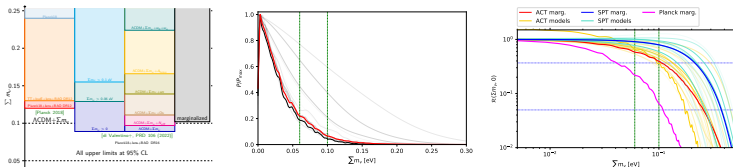
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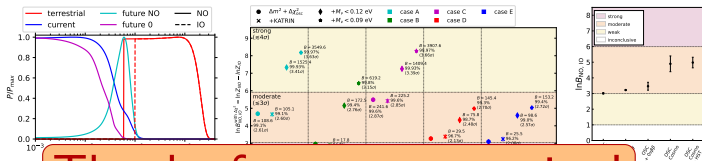
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Thanks for your attention!