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Starburst galaxies



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- Photohadronic (e.g. gamma-ray bursts, AGNs)



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Synchrotron

Starburst galaxies



$$p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{+} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} p & n & p & p & q \\ n & \pi^{+} \rightarrow n & \mu^{+} v_{\mu} \rightarrow n & e^{+} v_{e} & \overline{v}_{\mu} & v_{\mu} \end{bmatrix}$$

- But γ -rays also from leptonic processes



microquasars





Neutrino spectrum



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Neutrino telescopes



Ice Cube

 $1 \text{ km}^2 \times 1 \text{ km}$



Antares 0.1 km² x 400 m

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Birth of high-energy neutrino astronomy



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Arrival direction



- Compatible with isotropy
- No source identified yet
- Subdominant Galactic component possible

 \rightarrow Source identification?

Multi-messenger astronomy

- Correlations at high energy with cosmic ray emitters
- Energy spectrum comparison with (cascaded) high-energy photons



Multi-messenger astronomy

No clear correlation with known classes

whether galactic



or extragalactic





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Transient multi-messenger astronomy

<u>Multi-messenger</u> studies of <u>transient & variable</u> sources

- Increase sensitivity & discovery potential (reduced background)
- Increase statistical significance (joint detection)



Future of neutrino telescopes



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Cosmic neutrino background

 $m_v \sim eV$ or less

- At early times ($T_v \gg m_v$), neutrinos contribute as radiation
- At late times ($T_v \ll m_v$), neutrinos contribute as matter

Non-relativistic transition occurs AFTER CMB for $\Sigma m_v < 1.7 \text{ eV}$ \rightarrow negligible impact on CMB primary power spectrum



Neutrinos & large-scale structures

While relativistic, neutrinos "free stream" at v=c until t_{nr}

 $\Rightarrow \quad \text{Destroy perturbations of wavelength } \lambda < \text{ct}_{nr} \\ \text{although normal clustering on scales } \lambda > \text{ct}_{nr} \\ \end{cases}$



 $\rm m_{_{\!\rm V}} \, \sim \, \rm keV \Rightarrow \, size \, \rm of \, dwarf \, galaxy \, perturbations \, \rm smoothed \, out$

Light neutrinos (t_{nr} late)
 Weak suppression over long range



 $m_v \sim eV \Rightarrow$ size of galaxy cluster perturbations smoothed out

Neutrinos and large-scale structures



- Suppression factor $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma mv$
- Suppression is z-dependent \bigcirc

 \Box Ly- α - Small scales, max effect

- Large z-range [2.1 ; 4.5] 🔶



- Non-linear regime & Flux (not mass) P(k) \Rightarrow Hydro simulations

Hydrodynamical simulations



Ly- α forest (BOSS)



Method

- Quasars visible to high redshift (>5)
- Absorption by neutral H (IGM) along line-of-sight
- IGM probes matter density
 - Matter distribution on small scales (v, v_s)



Mv constraint



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Sterile neutrino sector



Warm Dark Matter



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Warm Dark Matter: thermal relic & NRP v_s





Cold+Warm or sterile v Dark Matter



Constraints on cold+warm dark matter & on sterile neutrinos Lyman- α data in tension with 7 keV sterile v (X-ray data) Baur, NPD++ (2017)

Conclusions

• Neutrino astrophysics

Astrophysical origin of HE events confirmed No significant anisotropy, Galactic subcomponent possible New opening with multi-messenger astronomy

- Particle physics bounds on neutrino masses: 0.06 < Σm < 6 eV
 Cosmology: Σm, < 0.12 eV (95% CL) from Lyα+CMB
- Constraint on warm dark matter & sterile neutrinos
 - m_{WDM} > 4.1 keV (95% CL) for thermal relic
 - m_{sterile} > 24 keV (95% CL) for non-resonant production (NRP)
 - Conflict with sterile v interpretation of 3.5 keV X-ray line
- Prospects
 - Next generation surveys (DESI, Euclid) aiming at $\sigma(\Sigma m_v) \sim 0.03 \text{ eV}$

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