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# Updated BBN Cosmological Constraints on Beyond Standard Model Physics

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# Standard BBN introduction

The chemical composition of the baryonic component of Universe now is mainly 24.7% He<sup>4</sup> and H.

This content is synthesized during the hot early stage of the Universe evolution when its temperature T (1-0.1 MeV) and density were suitable for nuclear reactions to proceed, i.e. during primordial nucleosynthesis BBN.

Besides He-4 several light elements with negligible quantities were synthesized: D, He<sup>3</sup>, Li<sup>7</sup>, and even less abundant C, N and O.

 $Y_{p} \sim 0.247$ , D/H ~ 3× 10<sup>-5</sup>, H e<sup>3</sup>/H ~ 3× 10<sup>-5</sup>, Li/H ~ H~10<sup>-10</sup>

Heavier than Li-7 nuclei were not produced during BBN in considerable quantities mainly because of the fast decrease of the baryon density and T due to Universe expansion.

Heavier elements were produced much later in star cores, during SN bursts and in CR.

# Standard BBN introduction

The primordially produced abundances depend on:

✓ baryon-to-photon ratio,  $\eta_{CMB} = (6.104 \pm 0.055) \ 10^{-10}$ 

 ✓ relativistic energy density (effective number of neutrino) (nonst interactions, extra rel degrees of freedom, exotic physics)

 $\rho_{\nu} + \rho_{\chi}(?) \equiv N_{\nu} \quad \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} \rho_{\gamma}$ 

✓ n lifetime: 880.3±0.1s (Serebrov et al. 2015)

Over 400 reactions considered. More and more precise BBN codes used.

Modern analyses of nuclear rates for BBN have been provided (NACRE compilation of *Angulo et al. 1999*; NACRE-II, *Xu et al. 2013*).

## PArthENoPE, AlterBBN, PRIMAT $Y_P(N_v, \eta), X_D(N_v, \eta)$

 $Y_{_{\rm T}}$  = 0,24709± 0,00017

 $D/H = (2.459 \pm 0.036) 10^{-5}$ 



Evolution of Light element abundances.

Pitrou, Coc et al. 2018

# **BBN reliable test of BSM physics**



theory predictions for He-4 (top)., D and He-3 (middle ) and Li-7 (bottom). Vertical band gives baryon density measured by CMB (Planck).

 $Y_{p}\text{=}0.245\pm0,003$  , D/H=(2.527 $\pm0.03)$   $10^{\text{-5}}$ 

Peimbert,2016;Aver et al. 2015 Cooke et al. 2017

## Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

Theoretically well established Precise data on nuclear processes rates from lab expts at low E (10 KeV – MeV) Precise data on D, He, Li Baryon fraction measured by CMB

Most reliable precision probe for physical condition in early Universe and a unique test for new physical due to the remarkable concordance between theoretically predicted and derived from observ abundances of light elements produced primordin The Best Speedometer at RD Stage BBN probes neutrino oscillations The Most Exact Baryometer and Lepto DK Chizhov 98,2000, DK 07,12, 13,18 DK Ipanayotova, 2006, 2011;

## He-4 – preferred for BBN constraints on new physics

- The post BBN evolution of <sup>4</sup>H e is simple: only produced in the stellar and galactic chemical evolution.
- It is the most abundantly produced (after H)
- most precisely calculated (0.1% uncertainty)

 $Y_p = 0,2482 \pm 0,0007$ 

- very sensitive to nucleons kinetics before BBN
- sensitive to neutrino characteristics (n, N, sp, L.)
- precisely measured element

The accuracy of the determination is limited by systematic errors.

In the previous decade primordial He-4 was known with 3-7% precision, and the constraints on beyond SM physics used this precision. During the last decade the precision of helium measurements increased. Many systematic effects were corrected in recent observations in order to derive from the observed intensities of He spectral lines its primordial value .

*Main problem*: Primordial abundances are not observed directly (chemical evolution after BBN).

The primordial abundance of  ${}^{4}\text{H} =$  is obtained from observations of He and H emission lines from metal poor HII regions, like compact blue dwarf galaxies.

Linear fit of all the data obtained from spectra of HII regions is made and then extrapolated to zero metallicity. The linear correlation between <sup>4</sup>He, produced in stars and metals Z (C, N and O) is used to derive the primordial mass fraction helium.



Recently primordial He-4 was determined with better than 3% accuracy.

- Inclusion of He 10830 infrared emission line which shows a strong dependence on the electron density and is thus useful to break the degeneracy with the temperature, allowing for a more robust helium abundance determination;
- the underlying 4He stellar absorption, and/or the newly derived values of the HeIrecombination and H-excitation-collisional coefficients were considered
- New observations of HeI  $\lambda 10830$  emission line in the brightest HII region in the extremely metal poor galaxy Leo P were made.

These observations combined with previous ones allowed to derive an improved helium abundance:

 $Y_p = 0.2453 \pm 0.0034.$ 

Aver E. et.al., JCAP 2015,2021; Hsyu et.al., ApJ 2020, Valerdi et.al., ApJ 2019

This allows to update and strengthen the Big Bang Nucleosynthesis constraints on physics beyond Standard Model.

Here we present previous BBN constraints on beyond SM physics, based on primordial helium-4 values with 3-7% uncertainty and our recently updated BBN constraints corresponding to the latest data on primordially produced  ${}^{4}\text{H} =$ , which correspond to  $Y_{p}/Y_{p}=1-2\%$  uncertainty.

We consider several models representing beyond SM physics and provide updated constraints on them:

- We analyze the model of BBN with neutrino oscillations and derive stringent BBN constraints on neutrino oscillations parameters corresponding to the present accuracy of He-4 determination *DKirilova,MPanayotova, 2022.*
- ✓ We discuss the cosmological constraints on the number of the effective degrees of freedom of light particles during the BBN epoch
- ✓ We present BBN based constraints on the freezing temperature of the light sterile neutrinos. *DKirilova*, *EChizhov*, 2019, 2022

# BBN with Neutrino Oscillations

# **Neutrino Oscillations**

$$v_{m} = U_{mf} v_{f}$$
,  $(f = e, \mu, \tau)$ 

It has been observationally and experimentally proved that *neutrinos oscillate*. *Hence*, mass eigenstates are distinct from the flavor eigenstates.

Solar neutrino problem, atmospheric neutrino anomaly and the results of terrestrial neutrino oscillations experiments were resolved by *flavor neutrino oscillations*.

✓ Combined neutrino oscillations data including reactor

exps+LSND+MiniBooNe+Gallium:

hint to 1 light  $v_s$  with eV mass (in eq. before BBN),

Neutrino oscillations influence Universe processes.

Cosmology constrains oscillations b/n light

 $P(\theta, \delta m^2, E, t)$ 

Oscillations imply

✓ non-zero neutrino mass and mixing

 $\delta m^2 \neq 0$  at least 2 neutrino with  $m_v \neq 0$ 





 $V_s \leftrightarrow V_e$ .

# Neutrino Oscillations Effects

> Dynamical effect: Excite additional light particles into equilibrium  $\delta N_s$  $H \sim \sqrt{g_{eff}GT^2}$   $g_{eff} = 10.75 + \frac{7}{4} \delta N_s$   $\delta N_s = N_v - 3$ 

**Fast**  $v_a \leftrightarrow v_s$  effective before  $v_a$  decoupling - effect BBN through increasing H Dolgov 81. Kirilova 88, Barbieri, Dolgov 90, Kainulainen 91, Enqvist et al.,92



He-4 depends on the v<sub>e</sub> characteristics: v<sub>e</sub> decrease  $\rightarrow$  n/p freezes earlier  $\rightarrow$  <sup>4</sup>H e is overproduced

Change neutrino-antineutrino asymmetry of the medium (suppress / enhance)
 D.K & Chizhov, 96; Foot & Volkas 95, 96; Shi 96

BBN is a sensitive to additional species and to distortions in neutrino distribution BBN constrains oscillation parameters.

DKLChizhov 98,2000, DolgovLVillante 03, DK04,07 DK 04, 2012, DKLPanayotova 06

## Evolution of neutrino in presence of late $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$

 $v_1 = v_e \cos\theta + v_s \sin\theta$  $v_2 = -v_e \sin\theta + v_s \cos\theta$   $\delta m^2 \sin^4 2\theta \leq 10^{-7}$ 

DK 1988, Chizhov, DK, 1997

• The evolution of the oscillating v and  $v_s$ , accounting simultaneously for Universe expansion, neutrino oscillations and neutrino forward scattering is described by:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(t)}{\partial t} = Hp_{\nu} \frac{\partial \rho(t)}{\partial p_{\nu}} + i \left[ H_{0}, \rho(t) \right] + i \sqrt{2} G_{F} \left( L - \frac{Q}{M_{W}^{2}} \right) N_{\gamma} \left[ \alpha, \rho(t) \right] + O \left( G_{F}^{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\rho}(t)}{\partial t} = Hp_{\nu} \frac{\partial \overline{\rho}(t)}{\partial p_{\nu}} + i \left[ H_{0}, \overline{\rho}(t) \right] + i \sqrt{2} G_{F} \left( -L - \frac{Q}{M_{W}^{2}} \right) N_{\gamma} \left[ \alpha, \overline{\rho}(t) \right] + O \left( G_{F}^{2} \right)$$

$$\alpha = U_{ie}^{*} U_{je}, \quad v_{i} = U_{il} v_{l} \quad l = e, s \qquad \text{Non-zero L term leads to coupled integro-differential equations and hard numerical task .L term leads to different evolution of neutrino and antineutrino.$$

$$Q \sim E_{\nu}T \qquad L \sim 2L_{v_{e}} + L_{v_{\mu}} + L_{v_{e}} \qquad L_{v_{e}} \sim \int d^{3}p \left( \rho_{LL} - \overline{\rho}_{LL} \right) / N_{\gamma} \qquad g_{eff} = 10.75 + \frac{7}{4} \frac{\delta N_{s}}{\delta N_{s}} = N_{\nu} - 3$$

$$\rho_{LL}^{in} = n_{\nu}^{eq} = \exp\left( -(E_{\nu} + \mu_{\nu})/T \right) / \left( 1 + \exp\left( -(E_{\nu} + \mu_{\nu})/T \right) \right) \qquad \rho^{in} = n_{\nu}^{eq} \left( \frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{0}{\rho N_{s}} \right)$$

In case of late oscillations distortion of neutrino momentum distribution by oscillations is possible. Precise description of neutrino momenta distribution is needed: 1000 bins used to describe it in non-resonant case, and up to 10 000 in the resonant case.

# Production of He-4 in BBN with $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$

★ In BBN with  $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$  and L neutrino spectrum distortion and the density of electron neutrino may considerably differ from the standard BBN one, leading to different nucleon kinetics, and modified BBN element production.

Evolution of nucleons in the presence of  $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$ 

$$\frac{\partial n_n}{\partial t} = Hp_n \frac{\partial n_n}{\partial p_n} + \int d\Omega(e^-, p, v) \Big| A(e^- p \to vn) \Big|^2 (n_{e^-} n_p - n_n \rho_{LL}) \\ - \int d\Omega(e^+, p, \tilde{v}) \Big| A(e^+ n \to p \tilde{v}) \Big|^2 (n_{e^+} n_n - n_p \overline{\rho}_{LL})$$

$$Y_p = 2(X_n)_f e^{-1}$$

Numerical analysis:

 $Y_{p}\left(\delta m^{2}, \theta, L, \delta N_{s}\right)$ 

- Evolution of oscillating neutrino
- Evolution of nucleons and n/p freezing
- He-4 production

Dynamical and kinetic effect of  $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$  on BBN were explored.  $\delta N = \delta N_{k,0} \delta N_s + \delta N_s$   $\begin{array}{l} v_{e} + n \leftrightarrow p + e^{-} \\ e^{+} + n \leftrightarrow p + \widetilde{v}_{e} \\ n \rightarrow p + e^{-} + \widetilde{v} \end{array}$ 



Neutron-to-nucleons freezing ratio evolution in the case of asymmetry growth (solid line) and in case asymmetry growth neglected (dotted line).

• Nucleons evolution in the pre-BBN period in the presence of  $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$ was numerically analyzed and He-4 was calculated for different sets of oscillation parameters.

## Previous BBN constraints on $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$

In the 90ies  ${}^{4}\text{H}e \sim 3-7\%$  accuracy  $\rightarrow \text{BBN}$  constraints on  $\delta m^{2}$  and  $\sin^{2}2\theta$  for 3-7% overproduction of  ${}^{4}\text{H}e$ .

- We have calculated combined iso-helium contours for 3-7%  ${}^{4}\text{H} \in \text{overproduction}$ , accounting for all oscillations effects on BBN, for initial population  $\delta N_s = 0$ , for non-resonant  $\delta m^2 < 0$  and resonant  $\delta m^2 > 0$  cases
- We have derived cosmological constraints on oscillations parameters  $\delta m^2$  and  $\sin^2 2\theta$ .

Fit to BBN constraints corresponding to  $\delta Y_p/Y_p=3\%$ :

 $\delta m^2 \left(\sin^2 2\theta\right)^4 \le 1.5 \times 10^{-9} eV^2 \quad \delta m^2 > 0$  $\delta m^2 < 8.2 \times 10^{-10} eV^2 \quad \text{large } \theta, \ \delta m^2 < 0$  Y<sub>p</sub>=0,2565 ± 0.001(stat)± 0,005(syst) Izotov&Thuan, 2010 93 Sp of 86 low Z. HII



# Updated BBN constraints on neutrino oscillation parameters



Recently the primordial  ${}^{4}\text{H} \in$  was determined with better than 3% accuracy (HeI  $\lambda 10830$ emission line in the brightest HII region in the extremely metal poor galaxy Leo P)  $Y_{p} = 0.2453 \pm 0.0034$ Hence, it is possible to obtain more stringent BBN constraints on  $v_{e} \leftrightarrow v_{s}$  oscillations.

- We have provided numerical analysis of 135 BBN models with neutrino oscillations with different oscillation parameters.
- We present the updated BBN contraints on neutrino  $v_e \leftrightarrow v_s$ oscillations parameters, based on 1-3% <sup>4</sup>H e uncertainty.

We have updated the data on baryon density and the neutron life time.

## Precise BBN constraints on neutrino oscillations

✤More precise BBN constraints, orders of magnitude more stringent than previous ones, due to account for spectrum distortion, relaxed at small mixing due to L growth account



The account of the neutrino-antineutrino asymmetry growth caused by resonant oscillations leads to relaxation of the BBN constraints for small mixings.

 The spectrum distortion leads to a decrease of the weak rates, to an increase of the n/p freezing T and He overproduction.
 Correspondingly the account of spectrum distortion leads to strengthening of BBN constraints at large mixings.

# BBN and light neutrino types

# Number of Light $\lor$ Types and BBN speedometer

\* BBN constrains the effective number of relativistic species  $N_{eff}$  because

additional light particles into equilibrium increase the expansion rate H

$$H \bigsqcup_{z} \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^{3}G_{N}\rho}{3}} \qquad \rho_{r} = \rho_{\gamma} + \rho_{\nu} + \rho_{x} = \left[1 + \frac{7}{8}\left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3}N_{eff}\right]\rho_{\gamma} \qquad \rho_{\nu} = 7/8(T/T_{\nu})^{4}N_{eff}\rho_{\gamma}(T_{\nu})^{4$$

He-4 mass fraction is a strong function of the effective number of light stable particles at BBN epoch  $\delta Y_p \sim 0.013 \ \delta N_s$  (the best speedometer).

$$\begin{split} Y_{p} = &0.2565 \pm 0.001 (\text{stat}) \pm 0.005 (\text{syst}) & \textit{Izotov} \textit{IThuan, 2010} \quad 93 \textit{ Sp of 86 low Z HII} \\ &3.0 \leq \mathsf{N_{v}} \leq 4.5 \ (95\% \text{ CL}) \end{split}$$

 $N_{eff}$  < 3.164 95% CL *Yeh, Olive, & Fields (2021)* BBN + Planck Non-zero  $\Delta N_{eff}$  will indicate any extra relativistic component. BBN is a sensitive probe to additional species and it tests and constrains new physics.

2.3–3.2 95% CL VERDE 17 only Planck Data

2.88±0.20 95% CL ROSSI 15 BOSS Lyman alpha forest+Planck + BAO

BBN and CMB neutrino numbers are *consistent* with  $N_{eff}=3$  within uncertainties



Schwartzman 1969

FIG. 7. The sensitivity of the light element predictions to the number of neutrino species, similar to Figure 1. Here, abundances shown by blue, green, and red bands correspond to calculated abundances assuming  $N_{\nu}=2,3$  and 4 respectively.

# Influence of partially filled sterile neutrino on neutrino oscillations on BBN and on BBN constraints on neutrino oscillations

The distortion due to active-sterile oscillations and the kinetic effect caused  $\delta N_k$  depends on the degree of initial population of  $v_{s.}$  due to interplay dynamical and kinetic oscillation effects. Additional inert population may strengthen or relax BBN constraints

0.5 (b)The biggest effect  $\delta N_{k,0}$  is achieved  $\delta Y_{p}/Y_{p}=5.2\%$ for  $\delta N_s = 0$ , the effect decreases with  $\delta N_s^4$ . T=0.7 MeV 0.3  $\delta N_k \sim \delta N_{k,0} - \delta N_{k,0} \delta N_s$ og (  $\delta m^2$  [eV<sup>2</sup>] 0.2  $\delta Y_p/Y_p=3\%$ Role of sterile neutrino:  $\delta m^2 > 0$  $\delta m^2 < 0$ 0.1 dynamical effect– increasing H(g)0.0 -15 -1.0 -05 00 suppressing the osc kinetic effect  $\log(\sin^2 2\theta)$ E/T

Additional inert population may either strengthen or relax BBN constraints. Spectrum distortion for different initial population of  $\nu_s$ :  $\delta N_s$ =0 – lowest curve,  $\delta N_s$ =0,5 and  $\delta N_s$ =0,8 – upper curve. The dashed curve shows the equilibrium spectrum.

Constraint contours for 3 and 5% He-4 overproduction

DK LPanayotova JCAP 2006; DK IJMPD 07

## DK, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D, 2004

On the basis of our previous analysis we expect strengthening of the BBN constraints on neutrino oscillations, corresponding to 1% He-4 overproduction, when increasing initial population of  $v_s$ 

# Excess radiation density

• Combined neutrino oscillations data (including MiniBoone and LSND):

require additional light sterile neutrino (in eq. before BBN), participating into oscillations with flavor neutrinos with higher mass differences values, than the ones required by solar and atmospheric neutrino oscillations experiments.

Hint of oscillations with  $v_s$  with eV mass Kopp, Maltoni, Schwetz, arXiv: 1103.4570,

- Reactor experiments+LSND+MiniBooNe+Gallium expt+SAGE
- S. Gariazzo et al., 1703.00860; M. Dentler et al., Updated Global Analysis of Neutrino Oscillations with eV-Scale Sterile Neutrinos, arXiv:1803.10661
- Ice Cube: sin<sup>2</sup>(2⊖<sub>24</sub>) = 0.10 and △m<sup>2</sup><sub>41</sub> = 4.5 eV<sup>2</sup> M. G. Aartsen et al., eV-Scale Sterile Neutrino Search Using Eight Years of AtmosphericMuon Neutrino Data from the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, Phys. Rev. Lett. 125(14),141801 (2020) consistent with the no sterile neutrino hypothesis
- tension between data from T2K and NOvA: preference for  $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2 \sin^2(2\theta_{24})$ =0.07 André de Gouvêa et al, 2204.09130
- the global analysis show significant tension between groups of different data sets, between appearance and disappearance results *M. Dentler et al., 2018,1803.10661*

# Excess radiation density

## • Does cosmology allow additional light neutrinos $v_s$ ?

Neutrino oscillations effect early Universe processes.

Oscillations with  $v_s$  with eV mass and large mixing lead to thermalization of  $v_s$  at BBN. BBN does not allow a thermalized light inert state.  $N_{eff} < 3.2$ 

## KirilovaLChizhov, PRD 98, NPB 2000:

Small L<<0.01, that do not effect directly vkinetics, influence it *indirectly* via oscillations by:

- $\checkmark$  changing neutrino and antineutrino number densities
- ✓ changing neutrino and antineutrino distribution and spectrum distortion
- ✓ changing neutrino oscillations pattern (suppressing or enhancing them)

Hepton asymmetry is capable to suppress voscillations Foot Volkas, 95; DK Chizhov, NPB 98

Solution: BBN with relic L – to suppress oscillations, so that new neutrinos are not thermalized. *Kirilova 2012, 2013* Numerical analysis of BBN with neutrino oscillations and L *Kirilova, 2018*  $L > (0.01\delta m^2)^{3/5}$  inhibit oscillations

The additional relativistic density might point to L, decaying particles during BBN, etc. Future experimental and observational data will choose among different possibilities.

# BBN and sterile neutrino freezing

## BBN constraint on sterile neutrino decoupling

In the expanding Universe particles are kept in thermal equilibrium while their interaction rates  $\Gamma$  is higher than the expansion rate  $H \sim T^2/M_{Pl}$   $\Gamma(T) > H(T)$ .

Freeze-out occurs when  $\Gamma(T) \sim H(T)$ .

The freezing temperature of r.h.neutrino  $T_R$  can be derived using the following considerations DK Chizhov, 2009

BBN constraint on  $\delta N_{eff}$  at BBN epoch  $N_{eff} = g_R (T_{\nu_R}/T_{\nu_L})^4 < 1$ 

entropy conservation:  $gT^3 = const$   $g=g_b (T_b/T)^3 + g_f (T_f/T)^3$ 

If the evolution of the universe is adiabatic, the total entropy is conserved

$$\left(\frac{g_*(T_R)}{g_*(T_L)}\right)^{4/3} > 3; \quad g_*(T_R) > 2.28 \times 10.75 = 24.5,$$

which corresponds to  $T_R > 131$  MeV.

## Updated BBN Constraints on T<sub>d</sub>

♦ Using BBN constraint, *Pitrou et al. 2018*,  $\delta N_{eff} < 0.3$  at BBN epoch

 $T_R > 354 \text{ MeV}$  D. Kirilova, E. Chizhov, 2019

♦ Recent BBN constraint  $\delta N_{eff} < 0.1$  will lead to further increase of the lower bound of  $T_R$ 

preliminary results D. Kirilova, E. Chizhov, 2022

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