

Cosmological Neutrinos

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	Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis
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	Leptogenesis

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Topic I**

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 <p>Neutrinos are in thermal equilibrium for $T \gtrsim 1 \text{ MeV}$ corresponding to $t \lesssim 1 \text{ sec}$</p>	

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<p>Condition for thermal equilibrium: $\Gamma > H$</p> $T < (g^2/4\pi)^2 m_{Pl} \approx \Lambda_{GUT}$	
 <p>It depends on very early cosmic history when neutrinos first enter equilibrium, presumably at reheating after inflation</p>	

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Thermal Radiations

	General	Bosons	Fermions
Energy density ρ	$g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{E_p}{e^{E_p/T} \pm 1}$	$g_B \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$	$\frac{7}{8} g_F \frac{\pi^2}{30} T^4$
Pressure P	$\frac{\rho}{3}$		
Entropy density s	$\frac{\rho + P}{T} = \frac{4\rho}{3T}$	$g_B \frac{2\pi^2}{45} T^3$	$\frac{7}{8} g_F \frac{2\pi^2}{45} T^3$
Number density n	$g \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{e^{E_p/T} \pm 1}$	$g_B \frac{\zeta_3}{\pi^2} T^3$	$\frac{3}{4} g_F \frac{\zeta_3}{\pi^2} T^3$

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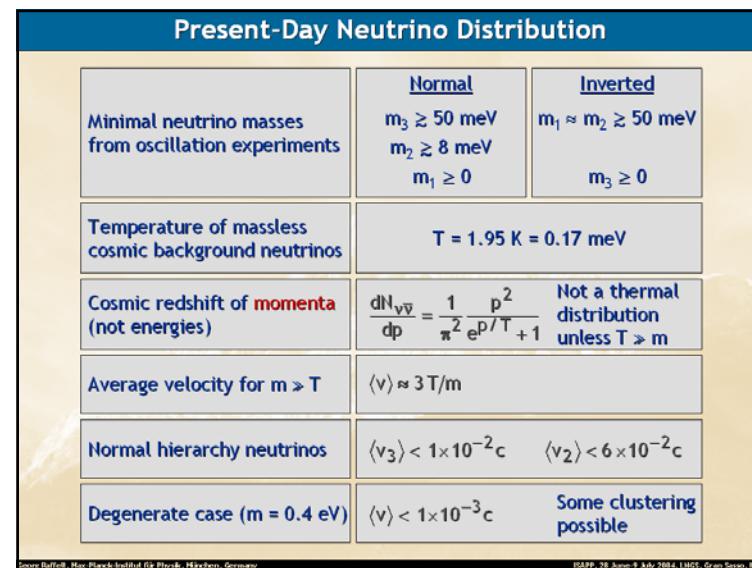
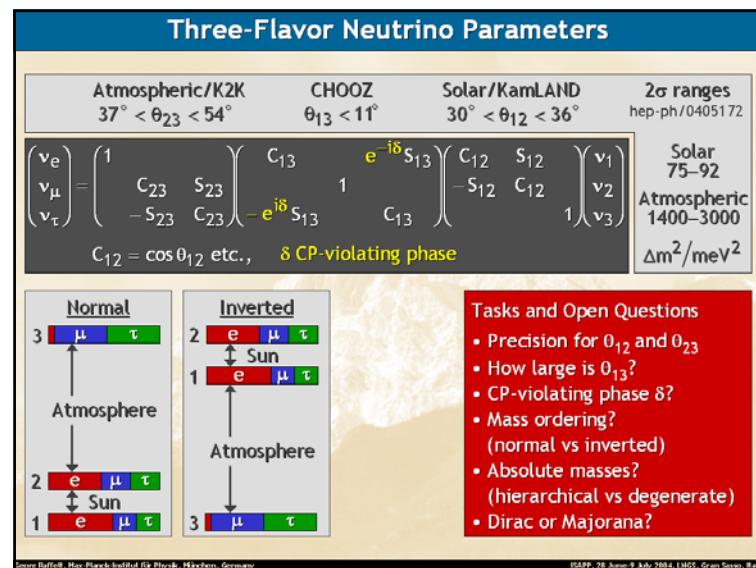
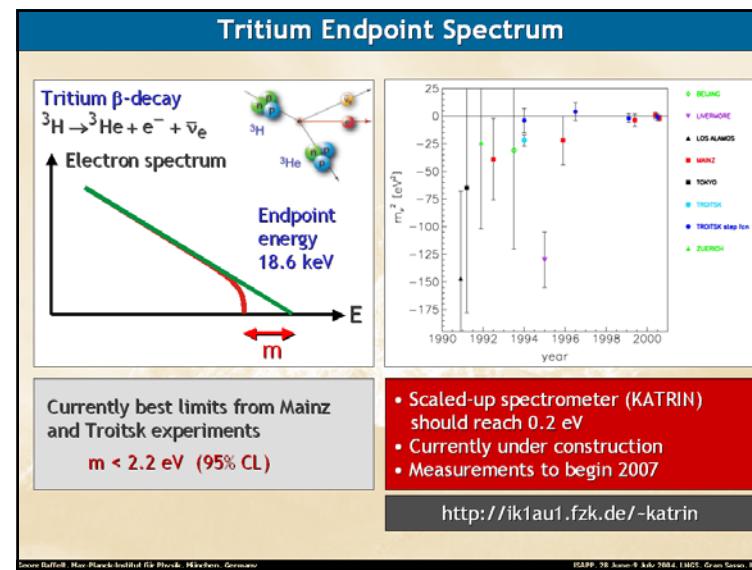
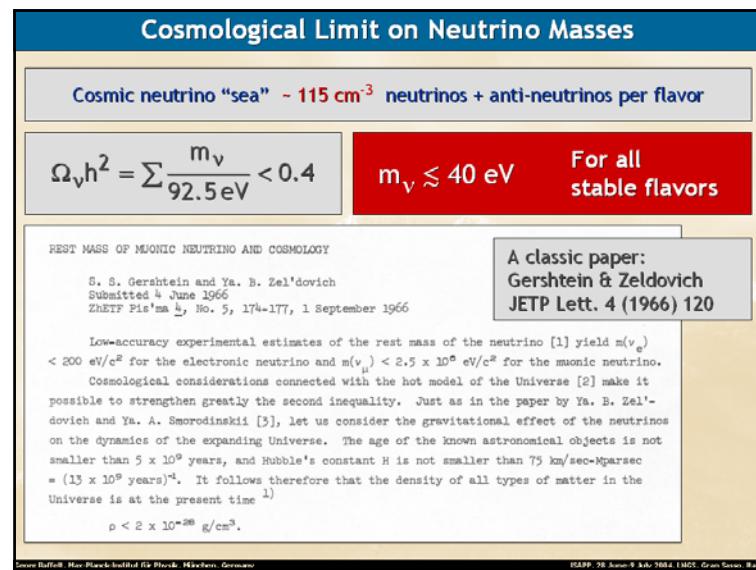
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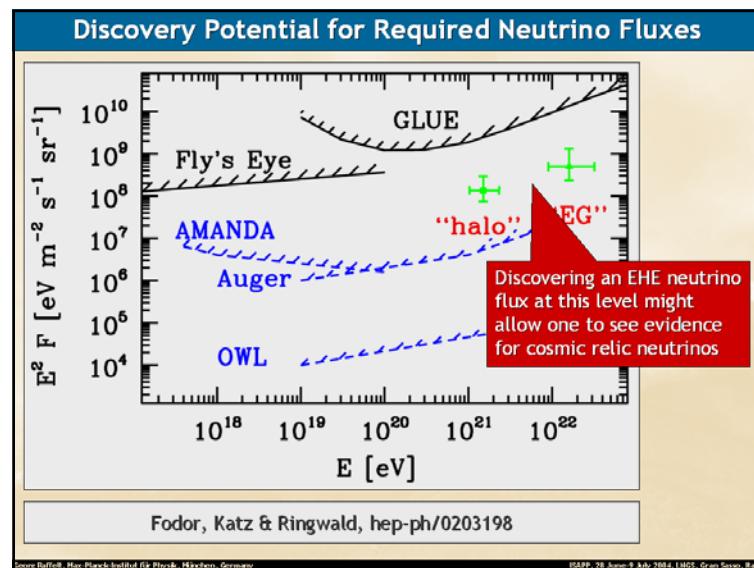
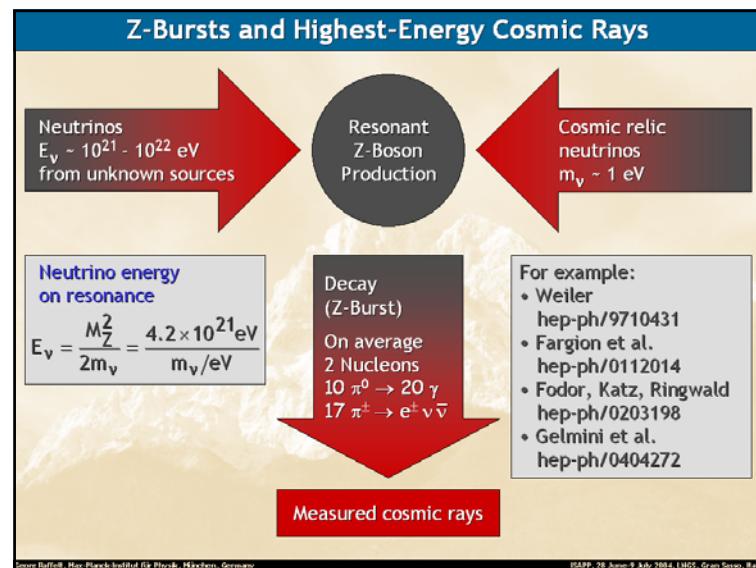
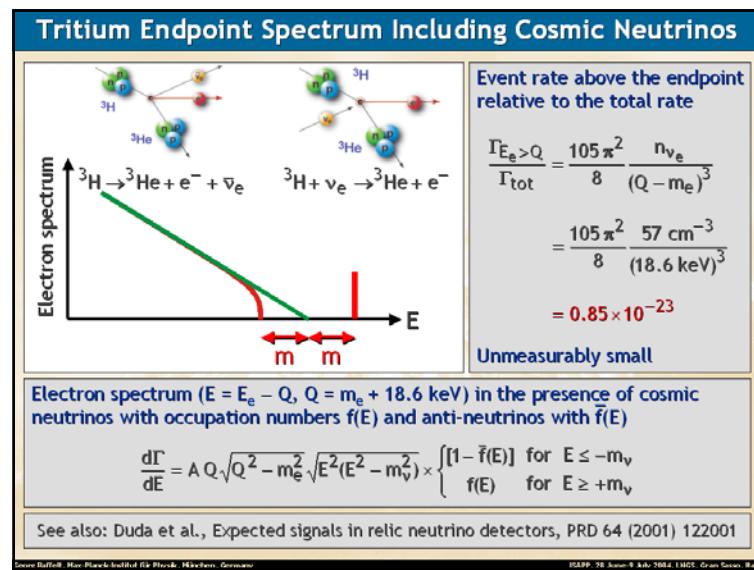
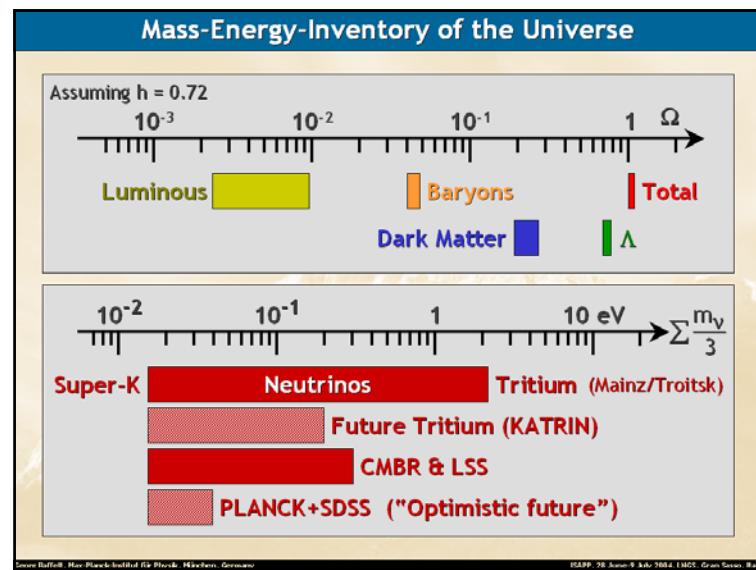
Present-Day Neutrino Density

<p>Neutrino decoupling (freeze out)</p> $H = \Gamma$ $T \approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}$ (electron flavor) $T \approx 3.7 \text{ MeV}$ (other flavors)	$\frac{dN_{\nu\bar{\nu}}}{dE} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \frac{E^2}{e^{E/T} + 1}$ Temperature scales with redshift $T_\nu = T_\gamma \propto (z+1)$
<p>Electron-positron annihilation beginning at $T \approx m_e = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$</p> <p>$\left. \frac{g_* T_\gamma^3}{2 + \frac{7}{8} 4} \right _{\text{before}} = \left. \frac{g_* T_\gamma^3}{2} \right _{\text{after}}$ $\left. T_\gamma^3 \right _{\text{after}} = \frac{4}{11} \left. T_\gamma^3 \right _{\text{before}}$</p>	
<p>Redshift of neutrino and photon thermal distributions so that today we have</p> $n_{\nu\bar{\nu}} (\text{1 flavor}) = \frac{4}{11} \times \frac{3}{4} \times n_\gamma = \frac{3}{11} n_\gamma \approx 115 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ $T_\nu = \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{1/3} T_\gamma \approx 1.95 \text{ K}$ for massless neutrinos	

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Cosmological Neutrinos Topic II

Neutrino Masses and Cosmic Structures

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Weakly Interacting Particles as Dark Matter

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GRAVITY OF NEUTRINOS OF NONZERO MASS IN ASTROPHYSICS

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ABSTRACT
If neutrinos have a rest mass of a few eV, they would dominate the gravitational mass of the large clusters of galaxies and of the Universe. A simple model to understand the visual mass discrepancy in the Centaurus cluster on this basis is outlined.

In the present paper we consider the effect of the mass of neutrinos on the motion of stars and galaxies. These considerations become particularly relevant in the framework of big-bang cosmologies which we assume to be valid in our discussion here.

In the early stages of the evolution of the Universe, when the temperature was about 1 MeV, several processes of neutrino production (Ruderman 1969) would have led to copious production of neutrino masses (Steigman 1972; Cowie and McCelland 1972). Conditions of thermal equilibrium allow an easy estimate of their number (Landau and Lifshitz 1969):

$$n_0 = \frac{1}{2kT_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p^2 dp}{\exp [E/kT_0(z_0)] + 1}. \quad (1)$$

Here n_0 = number density of neutrinos of the i th kind (note that in writing this expression we have assumed that the neutrinos are massless), $E = cp^2 + m/c^2c^2$, k = Boltzmann's constant; $T(z_0) = T(z_0)n_0 = T(z_0)z_0$ = mean temperatures of radiation, neutrinos and matter at the first epoch characterized by redshift z_0 . The neutrinos may be assumed to have been in thermal equilibrium; $kT(z_0) \approx 1$ MeV.

Another way to estimate the number density is to note that since $kT(z_0) \gg m_0c^2$, in the extreme-relativistic limit equation (1) reduces to

$$n_0(z_0) \approx 0.133(T(z_0)/k)^3. \quad (2)$$

As the Universe expands, only the neutrinos (in contrast to all other known particles) survive annihilation because of extremely low cross-sections (deGraff and Tollock 1969), so that their density decreases with time. This can be easily shown by writing simply as $n(z) = n(z_0)N(z) = (1+z)^3 + z_0n_0$. Noting that $(1+z_0)(1+z) = T(z_0)/T(z)$, the number density at the present epoch ($z=0$) is given by

$$n(0) = n(z_0)(1+z_0) \approx 0.133[T(0)/k]^3 \approx 300 \text{ cm}^{-3}. \quad (3)$$

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More than 30 years ago, beginnings of the idea of weakly interacting particles (neutrinos) as dark matter

Massive neutrinos are no longer a good candidate (hot dark matter)

However, the idea of weakly interacting massive particles as dark matter is now standard

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What is wrong with neutrino dark matter?

Galactic Phase Space ("Tremaine-Gunn-Limit")

Maximum mass density of a degenerate Fermi gas	$m_\nu > 20 - 40 \text{ eV}$	Spiral galaxies
$P_{\max} = m_\nu \frac{P_{\max}^3}{3\pi^2} = \frac{m_\nu (m_\nu v_{\text{escape}})^3}{3\pi^2}$	$m_\nu > 100 - 200 \text{ eV}$	Dwarf galaxies

Neutrino Free Streaming (Collisionless Phase Mixing)

- At $T < 1 \text{ MeV}$ neutrino scattering in early universe ineffective
- Stream freely until non-relativistic
- Wash out density contrasts on small scales

- Nus are "Hot Dark Matter"
- Ruled out by structure formation

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Formation of Structure

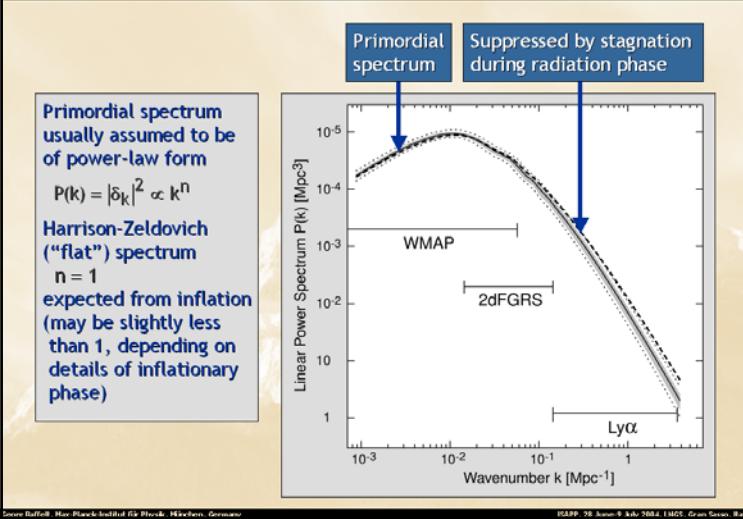
Smooth → **Structured**

Structure forms by gravitational instability of primordial density fluctuations

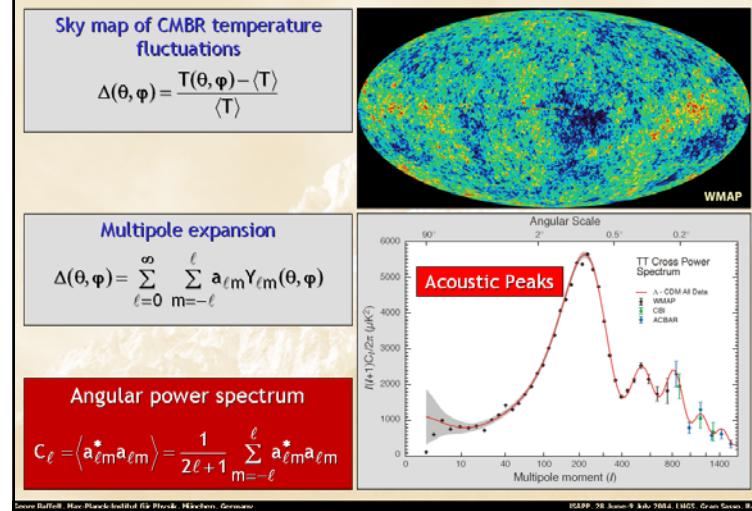
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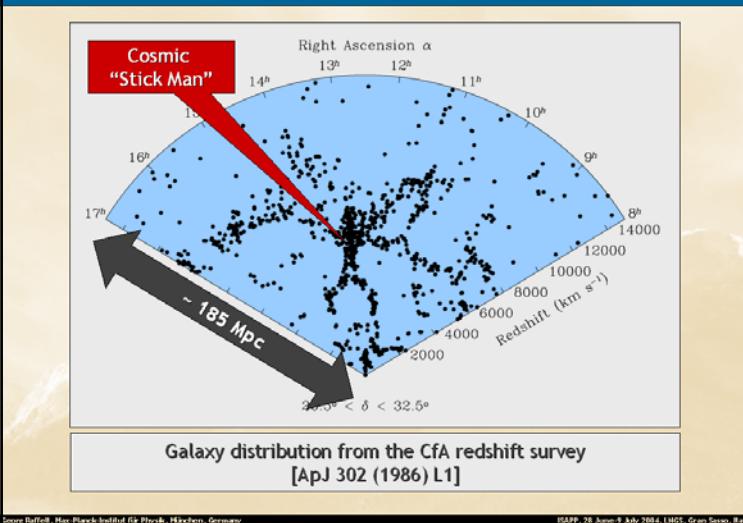
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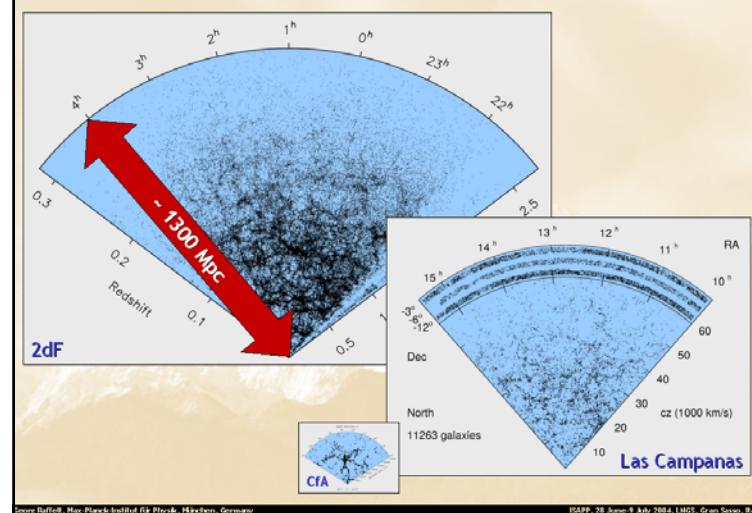
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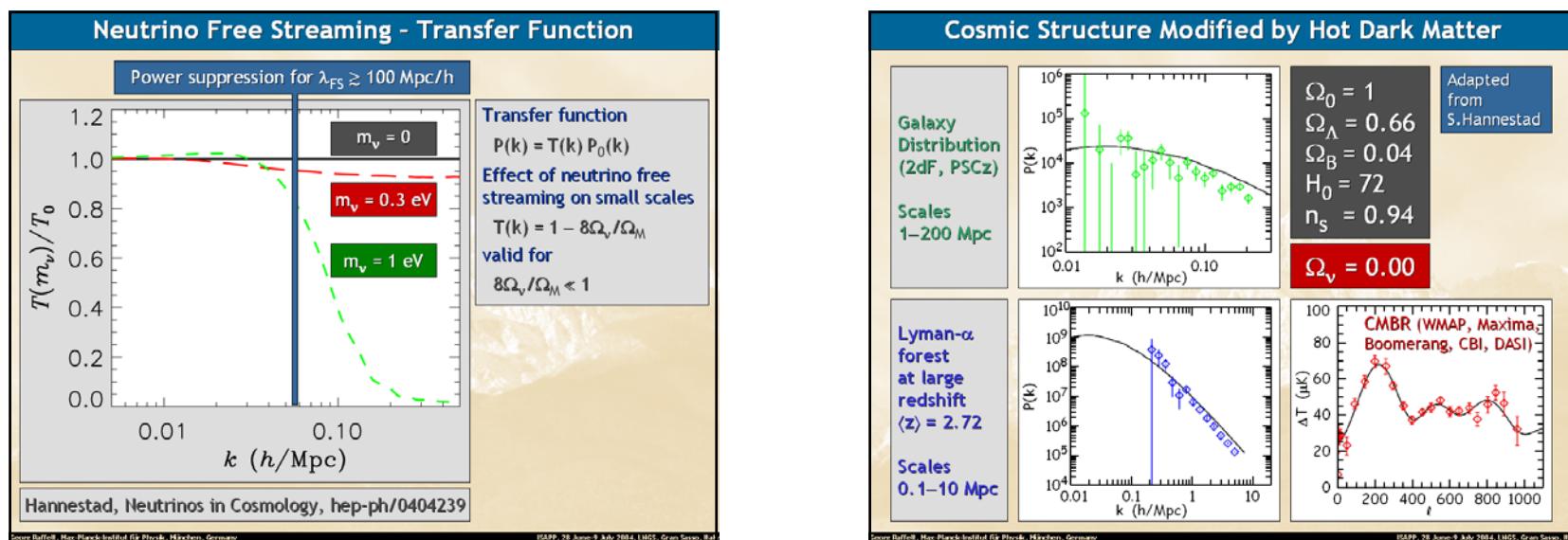
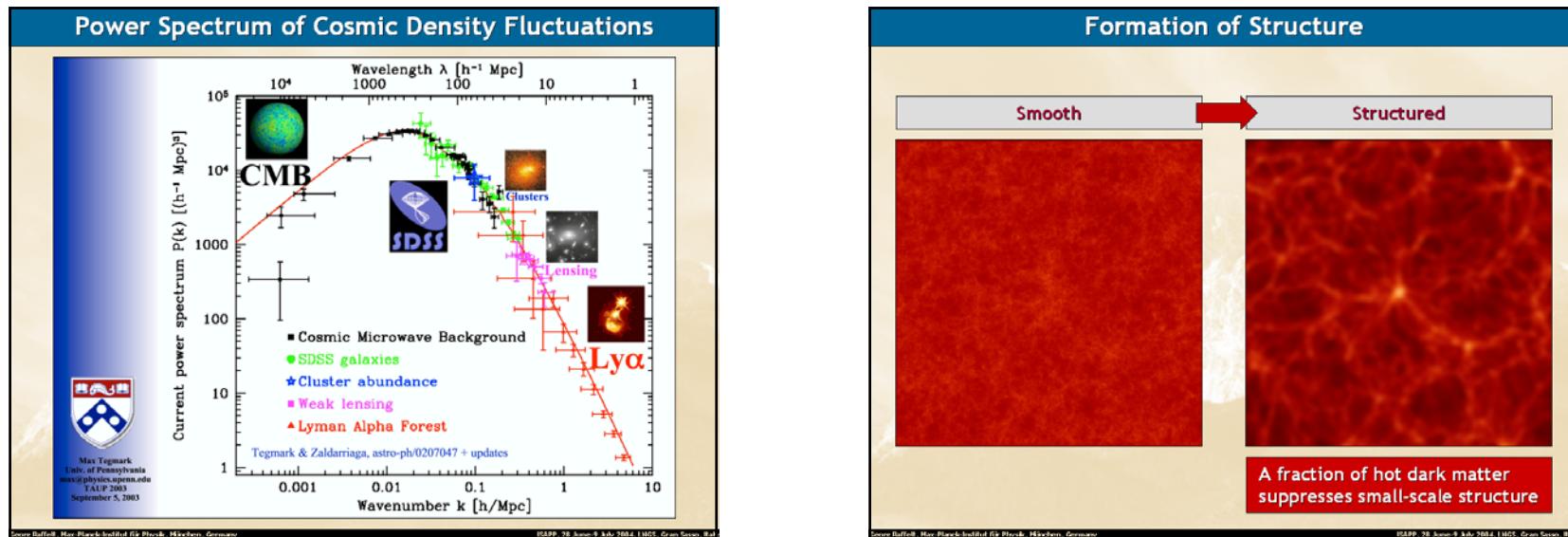


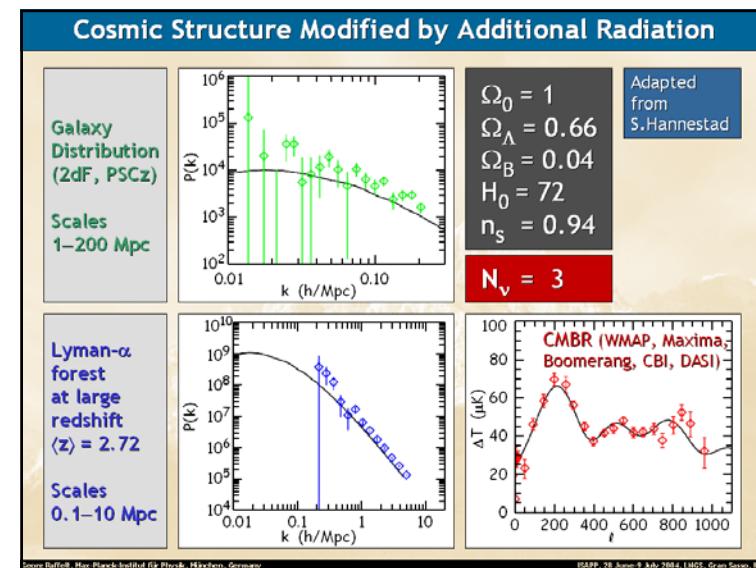
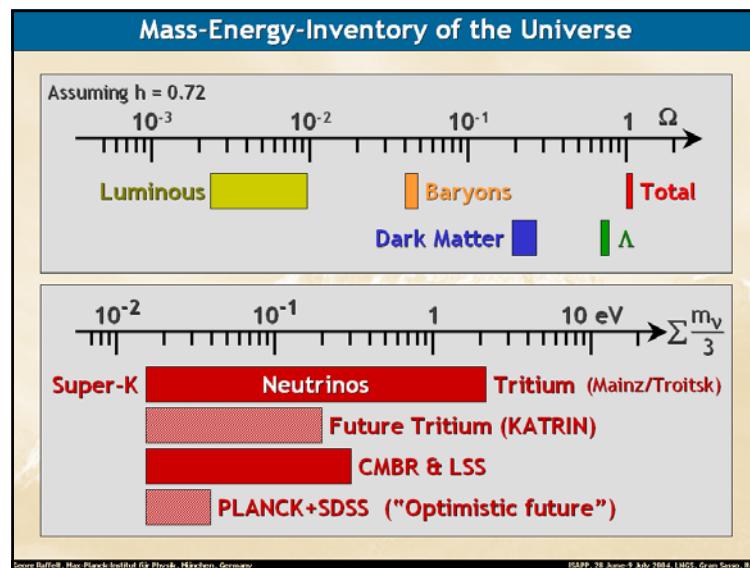
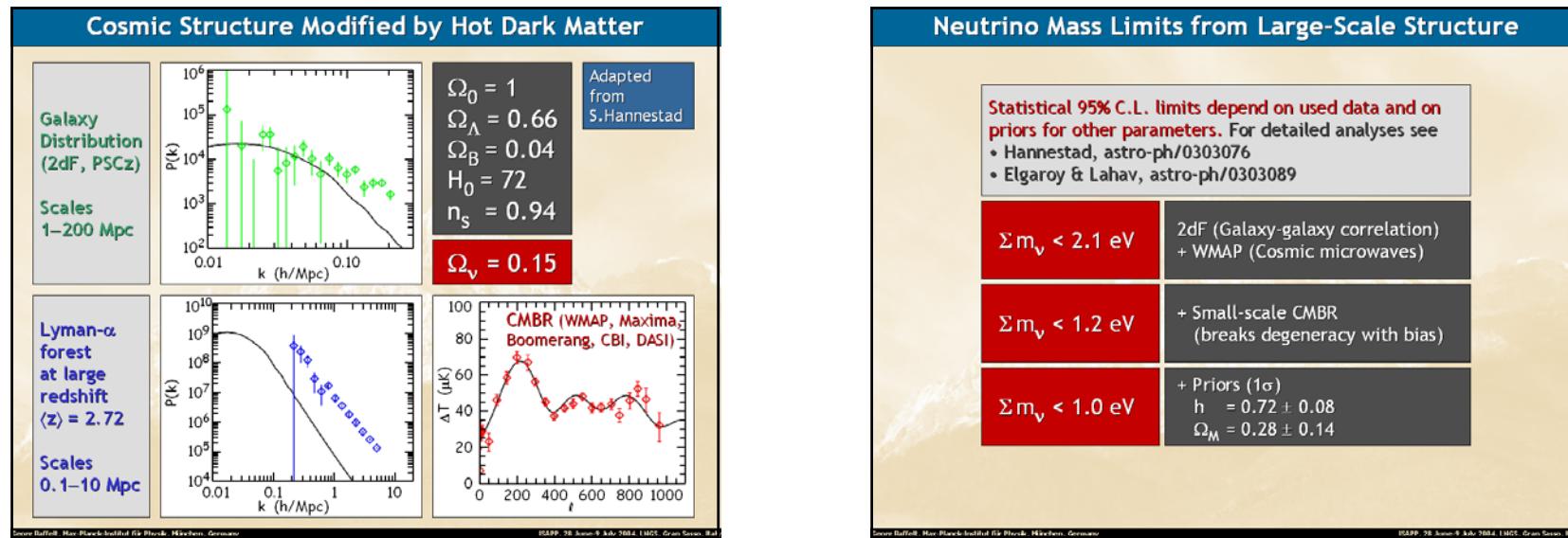
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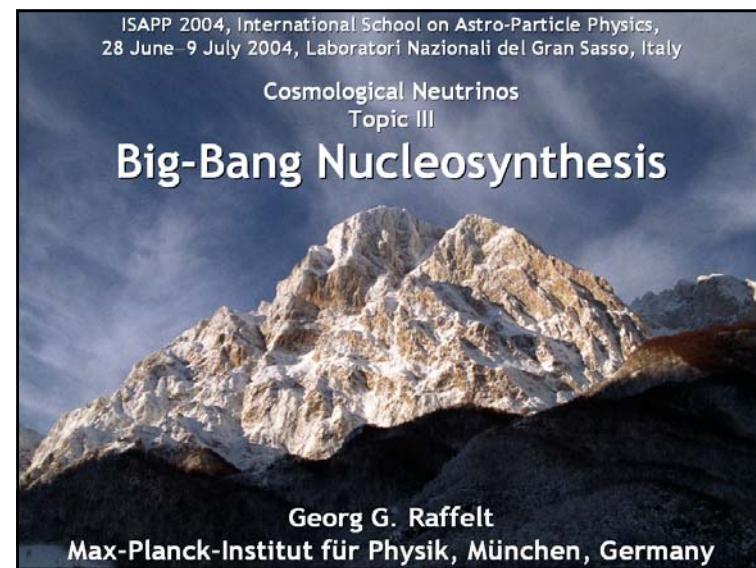
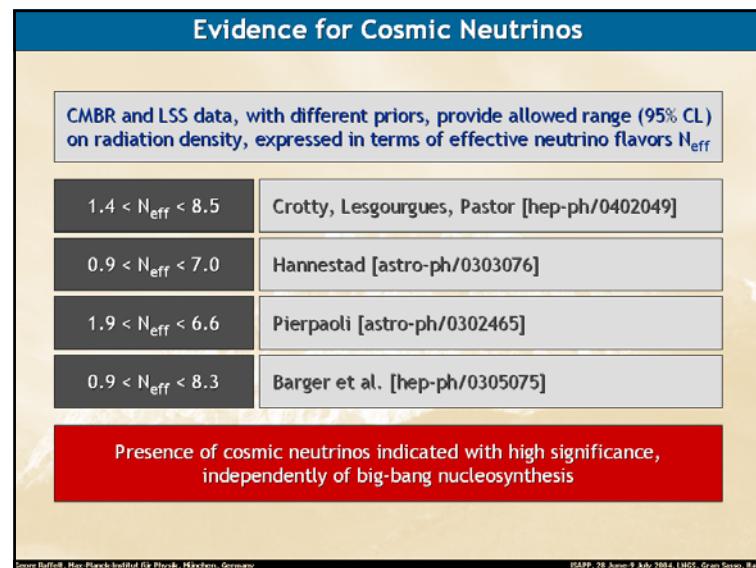
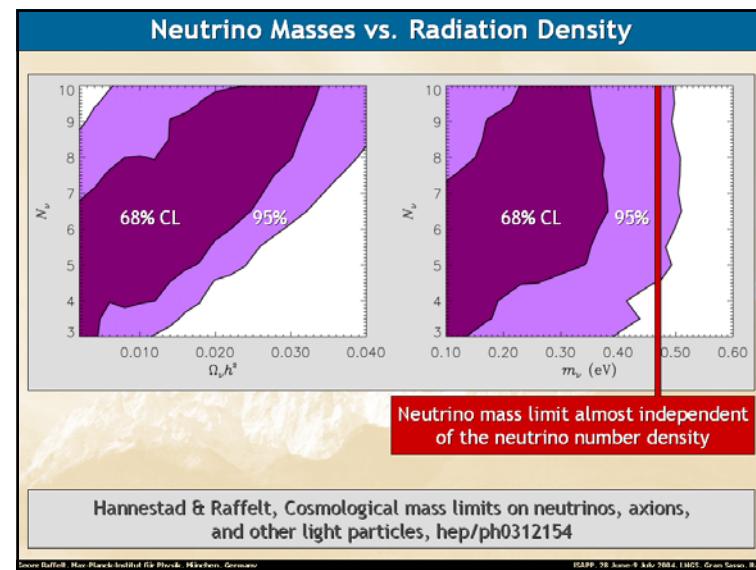
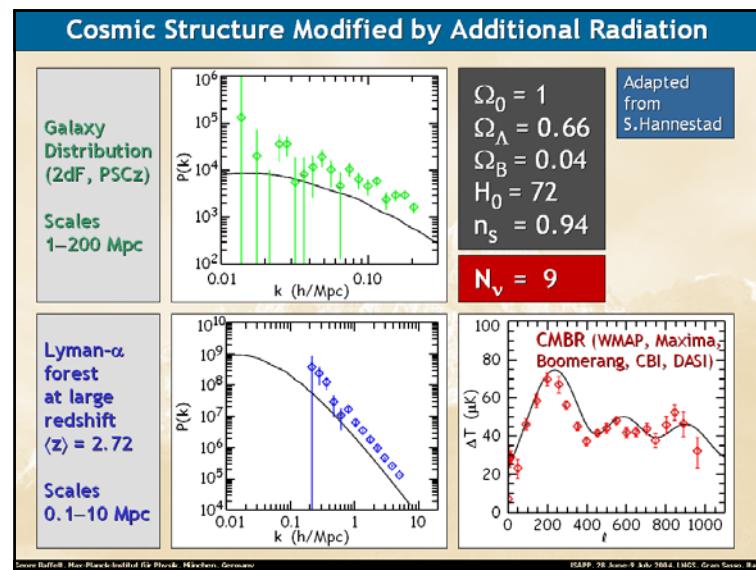


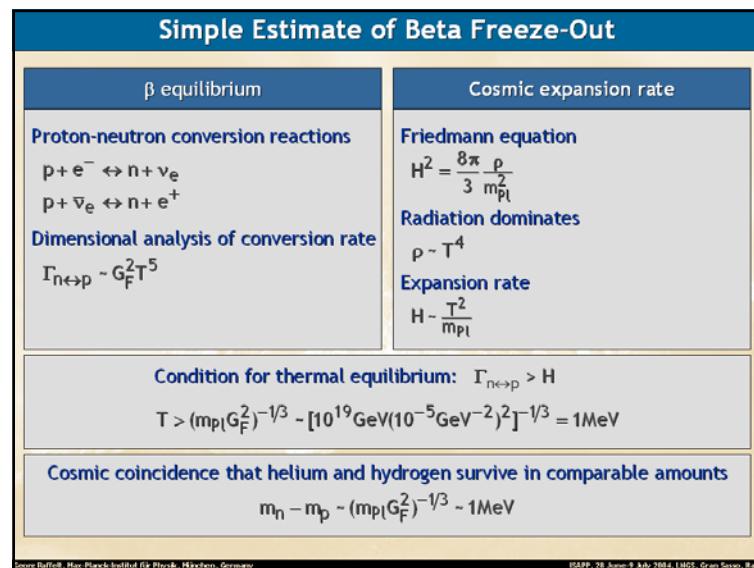
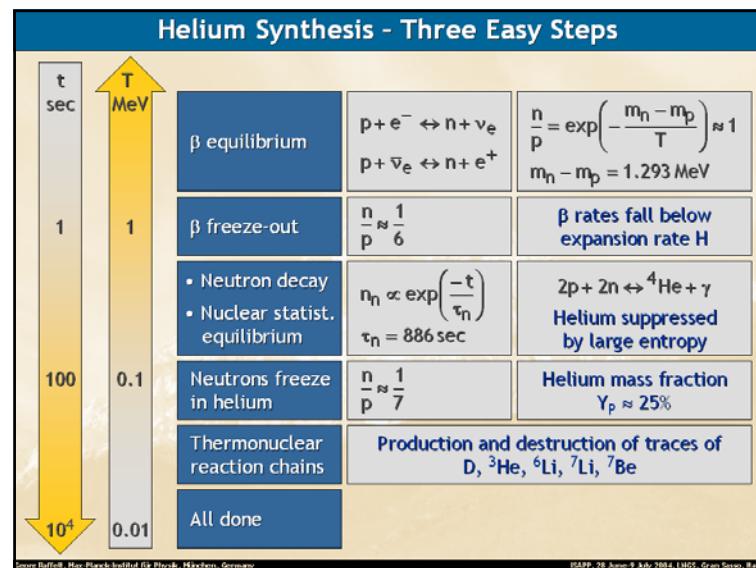
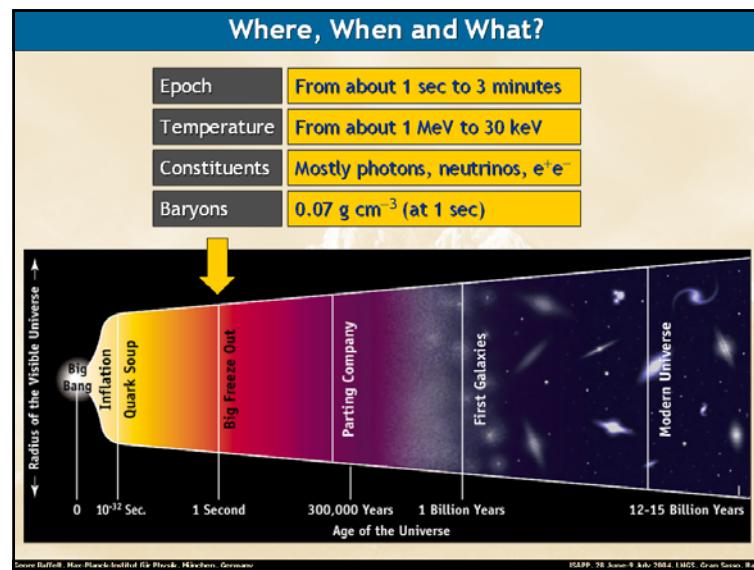
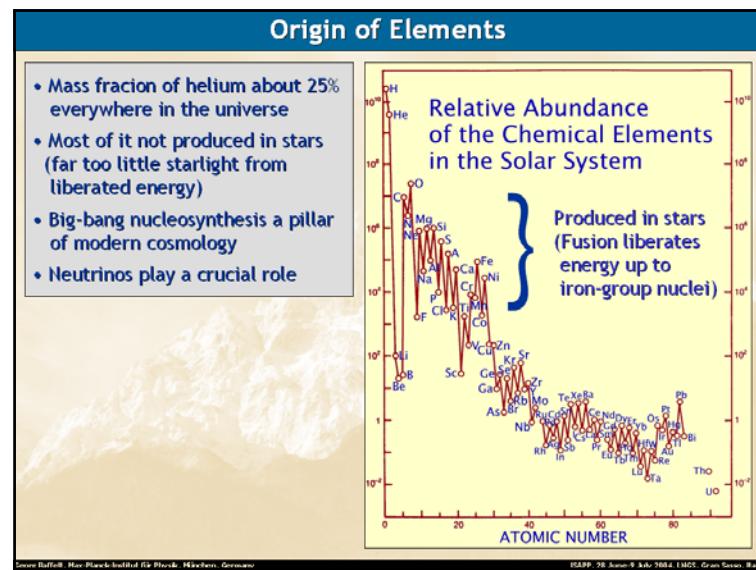
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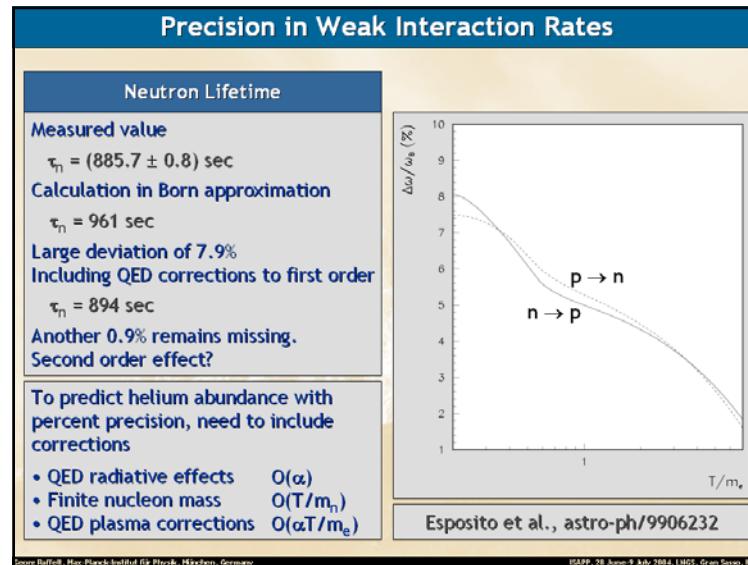
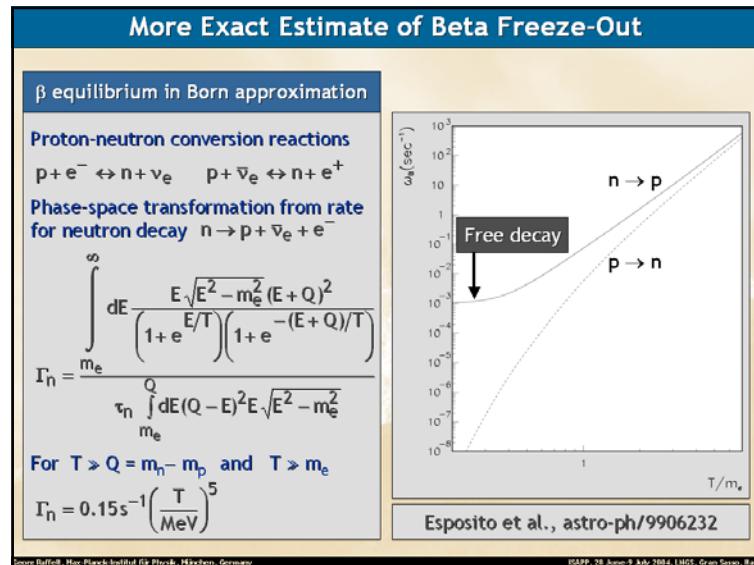
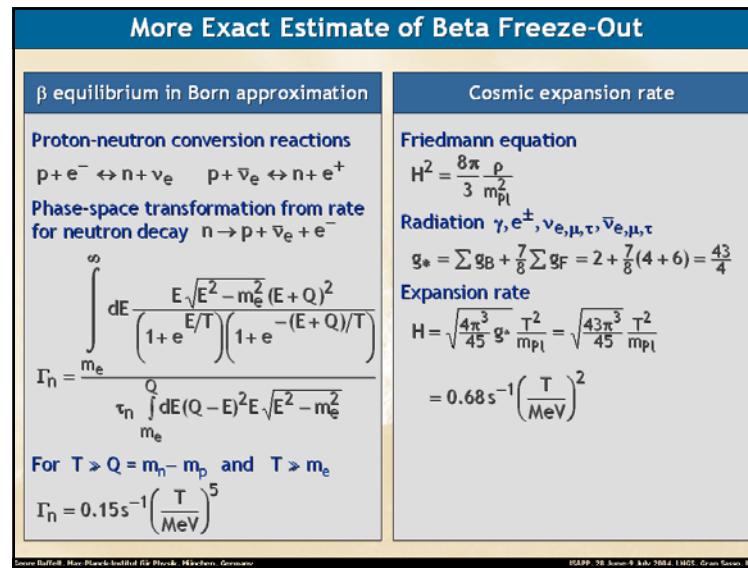
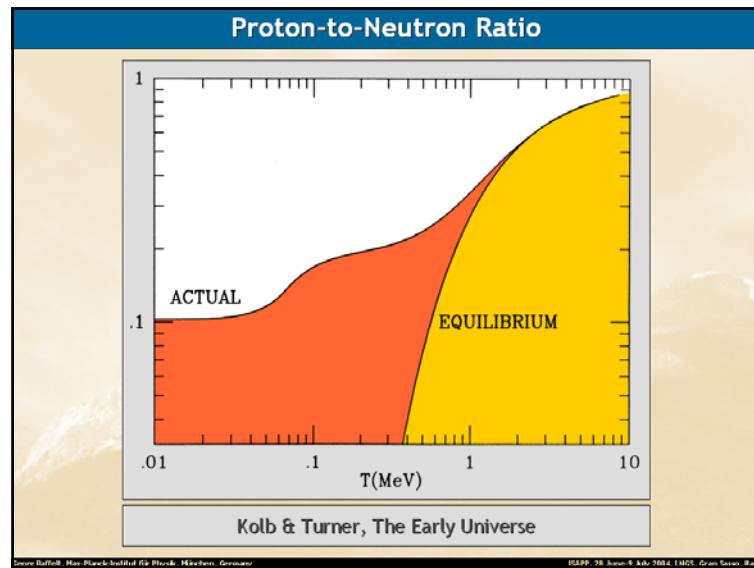


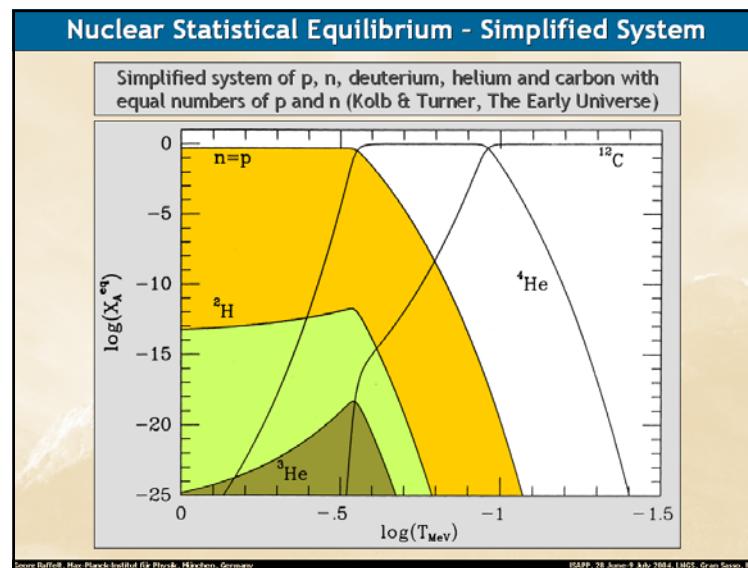
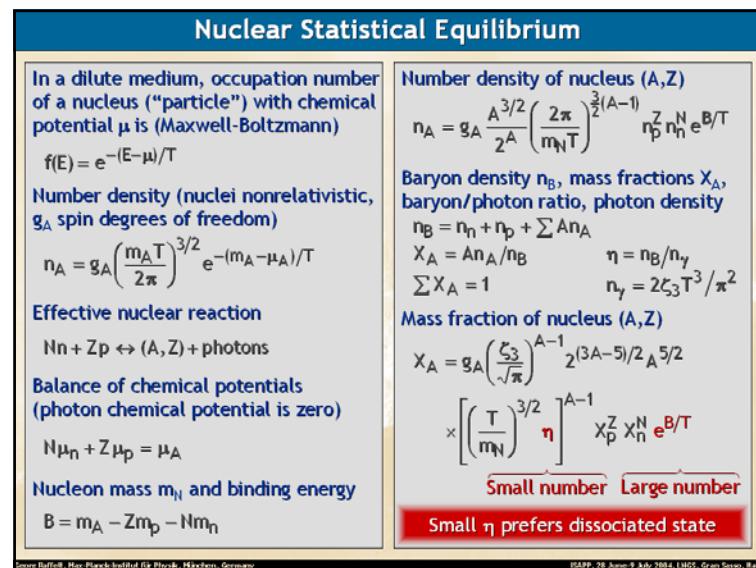
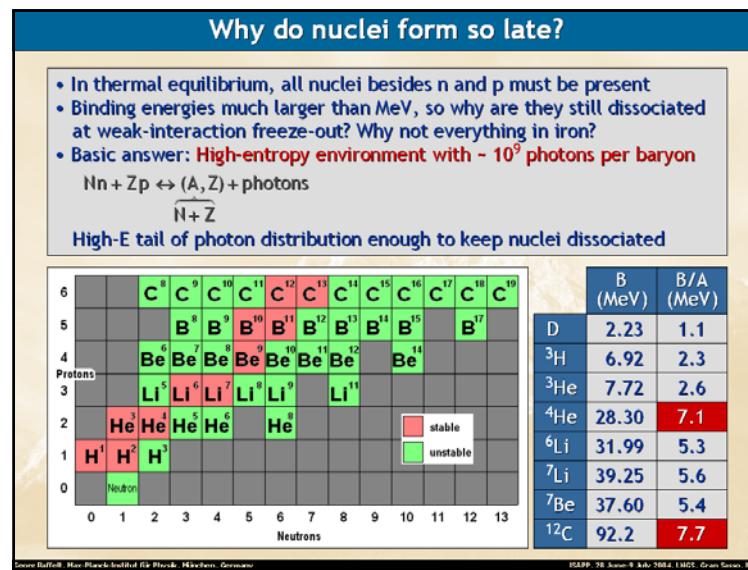
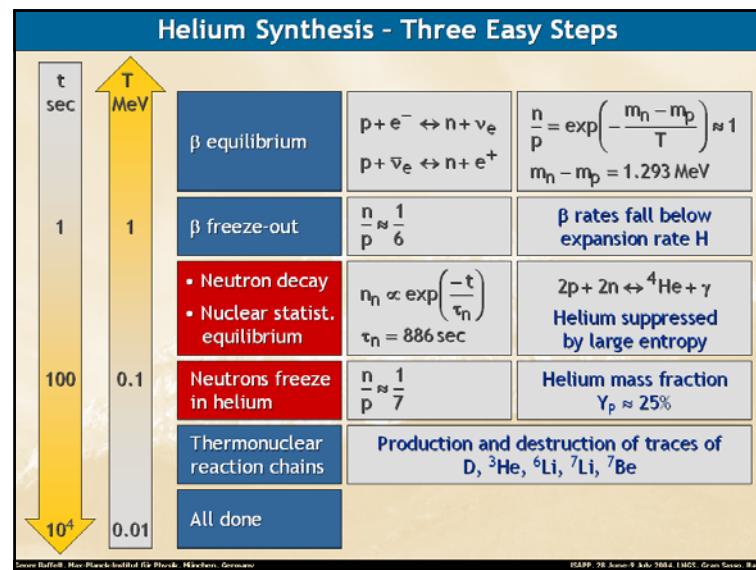


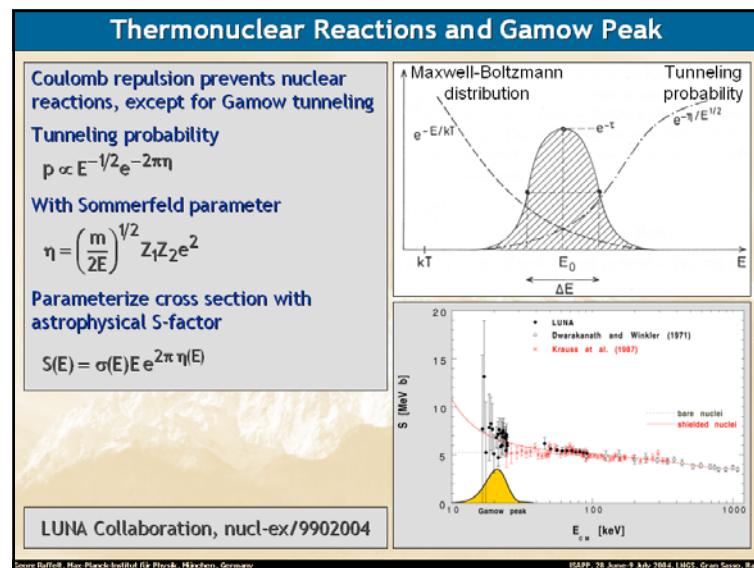
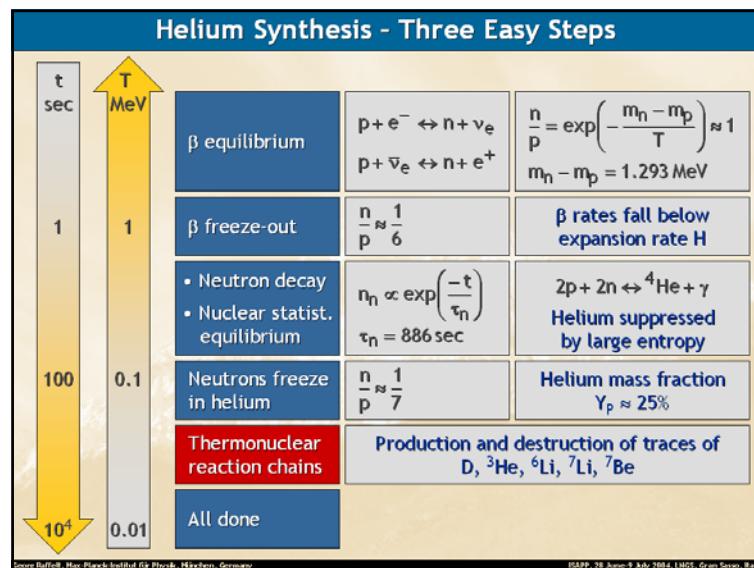
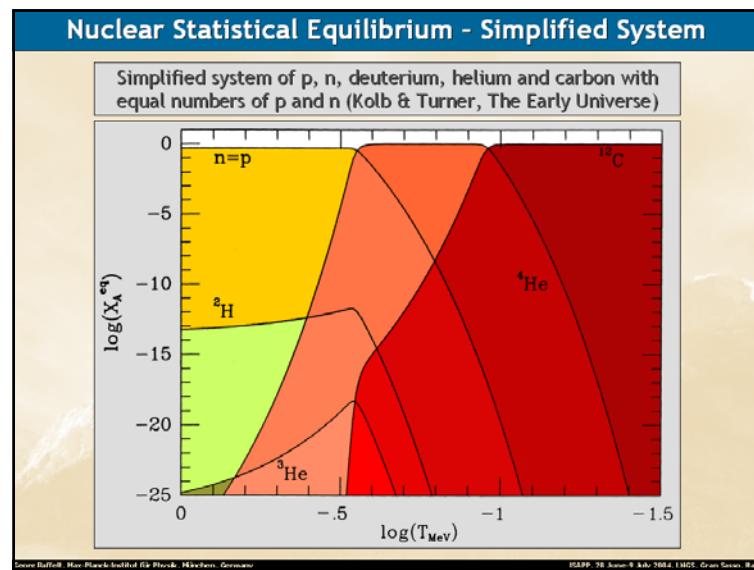
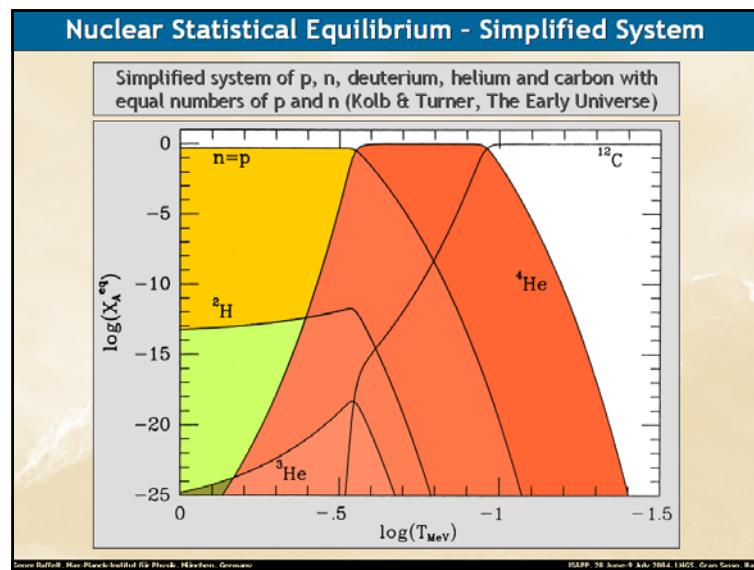


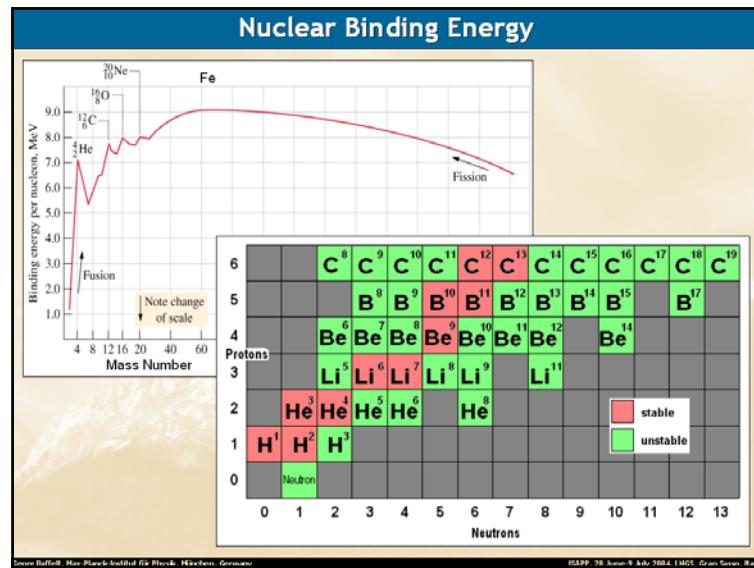


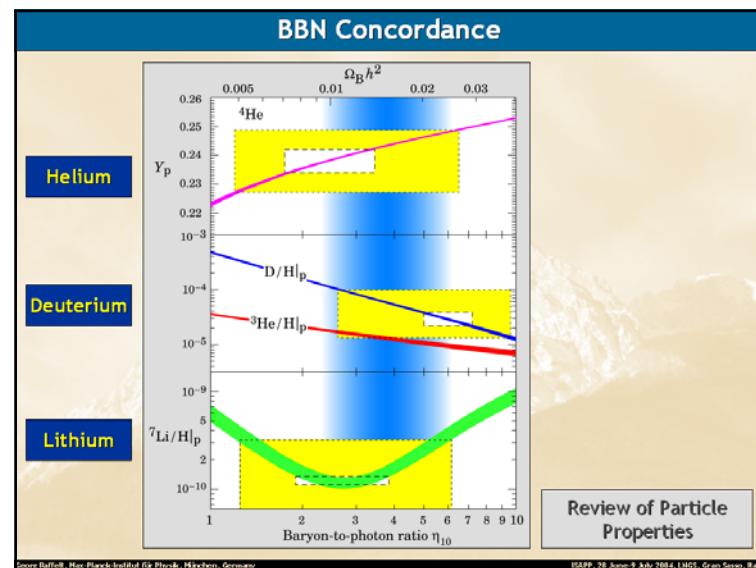
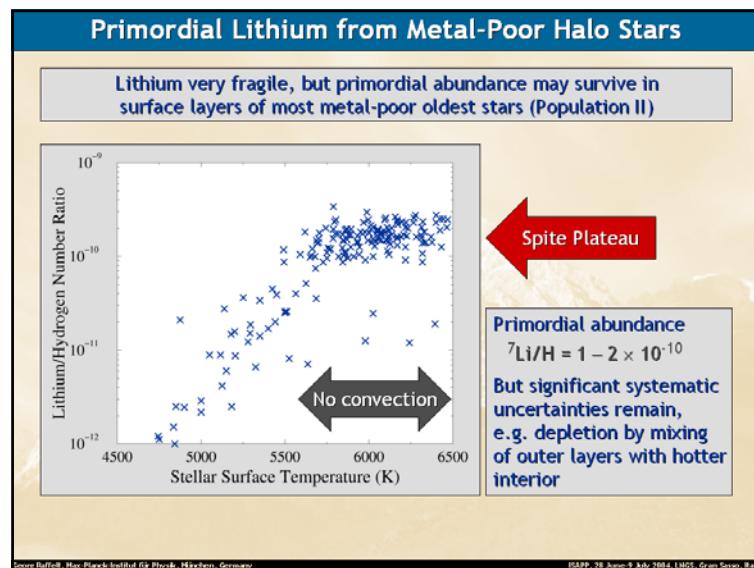
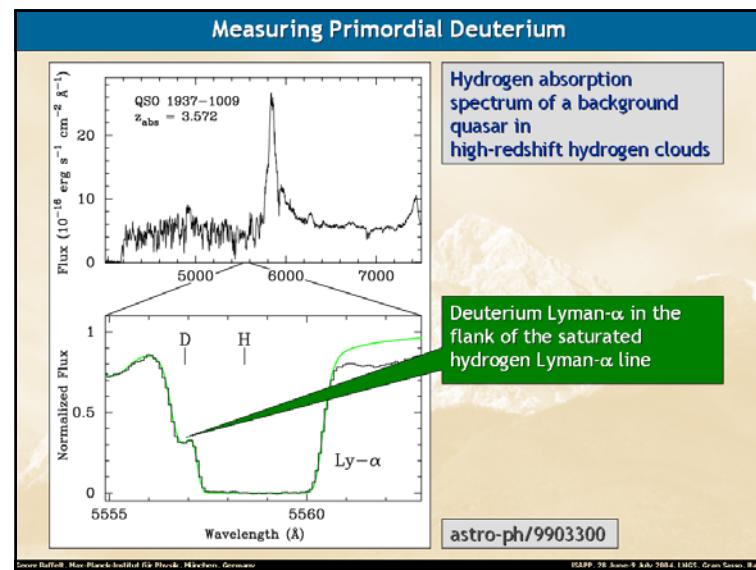
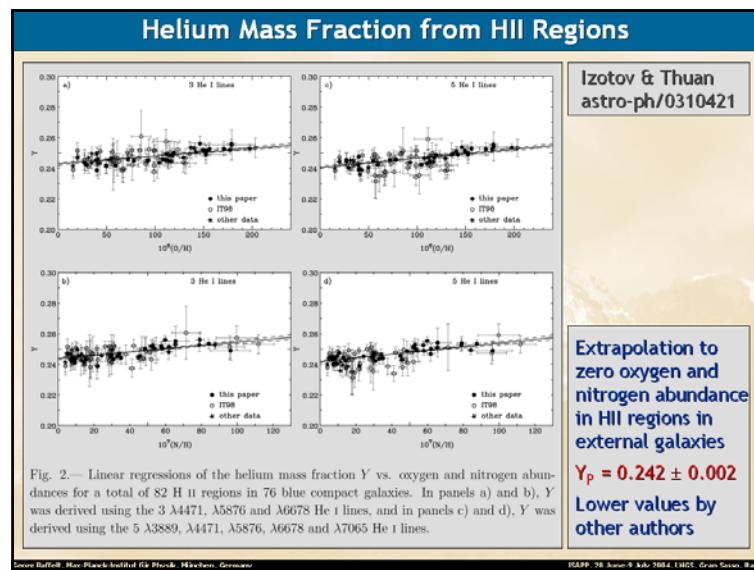


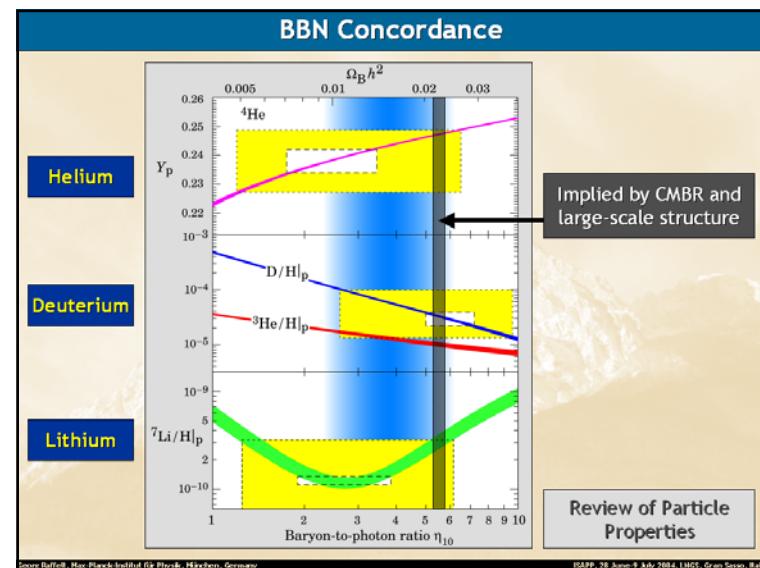
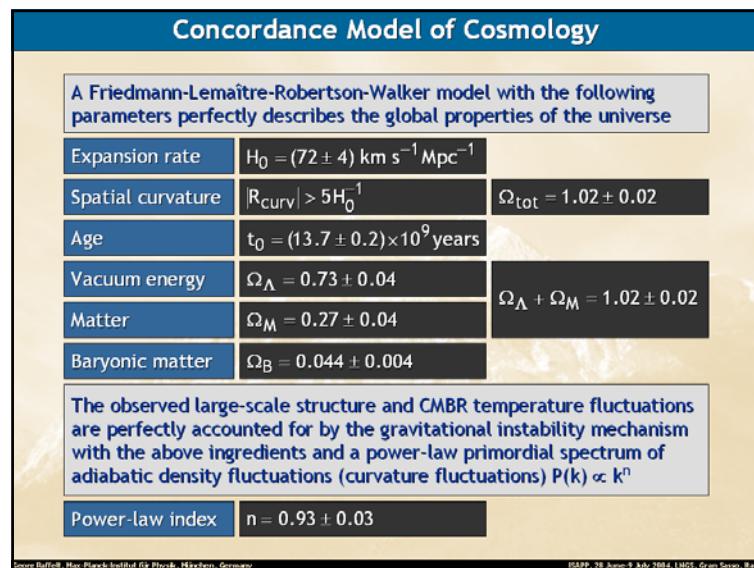
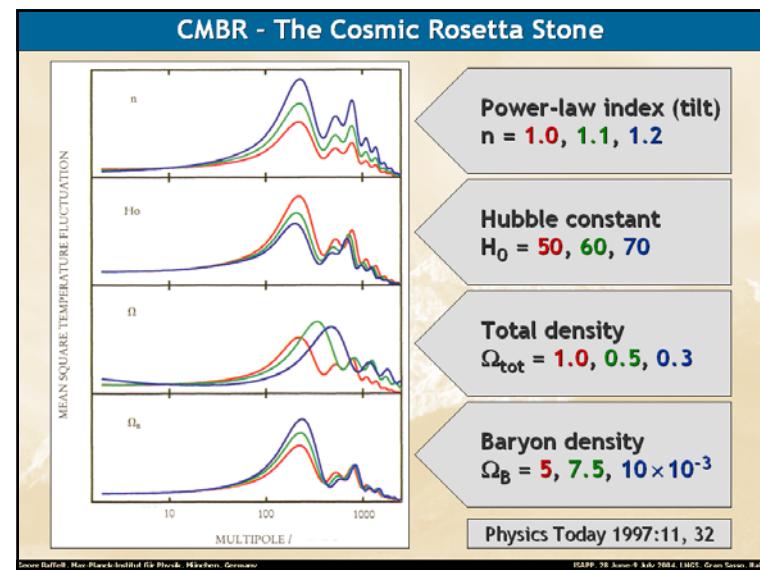
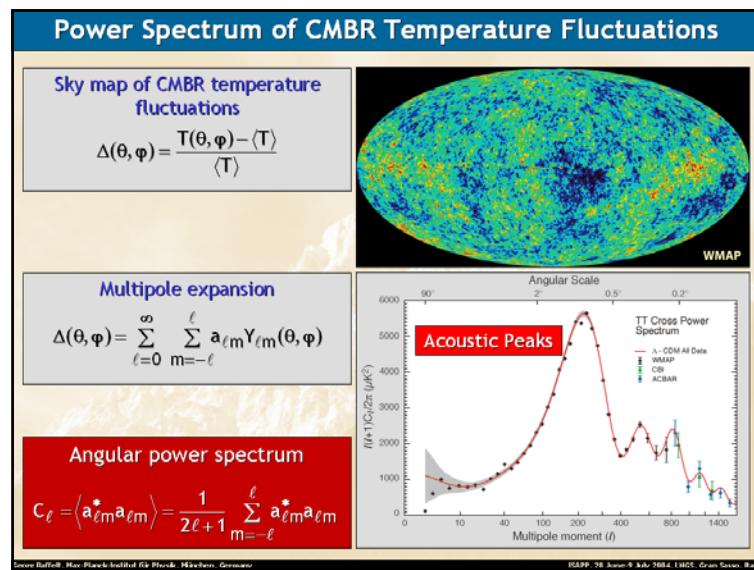


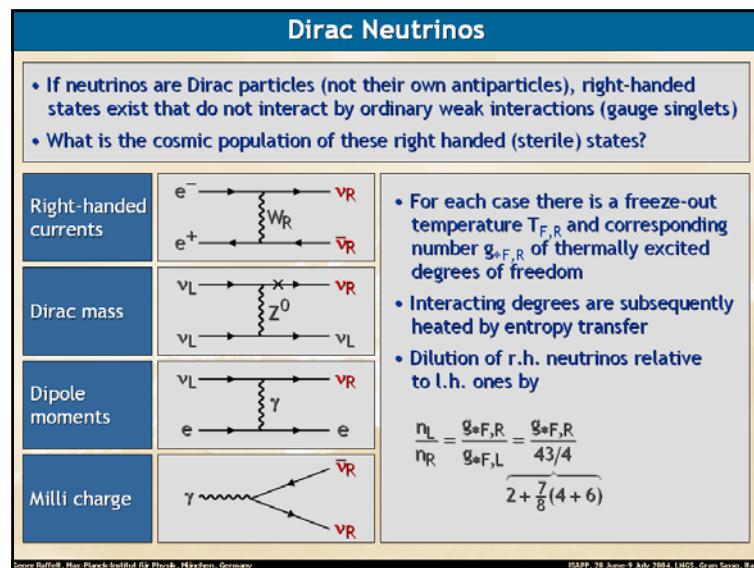
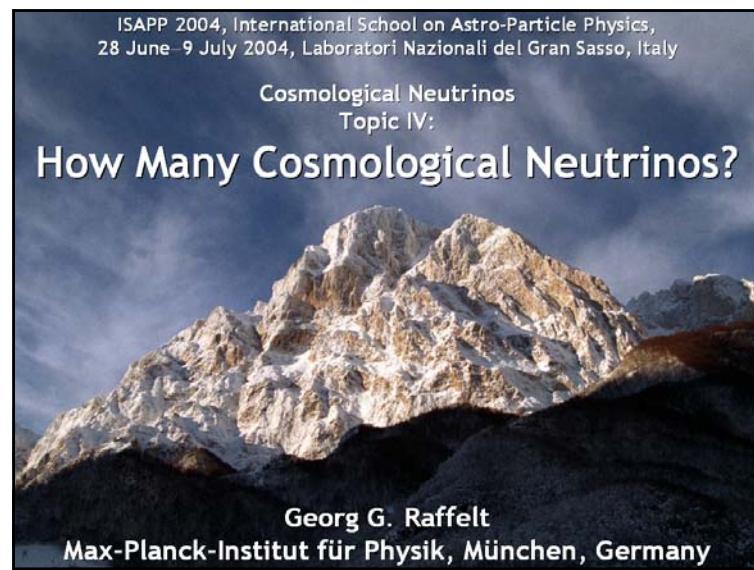
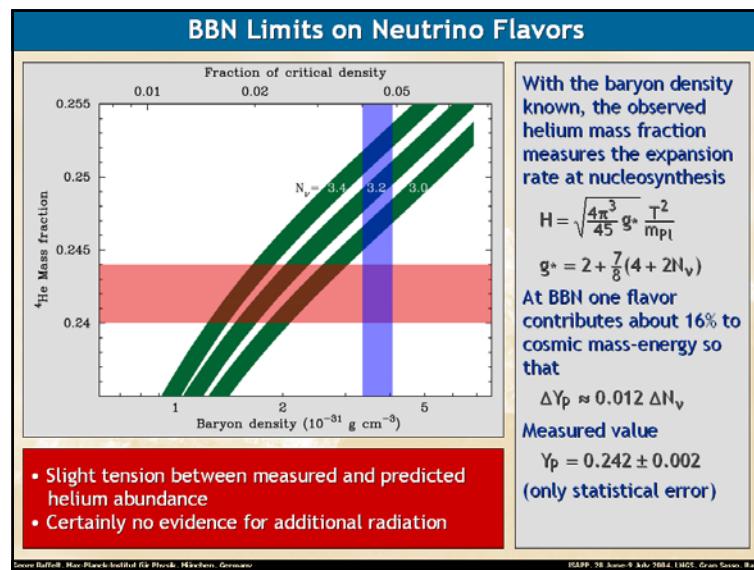












Thermal Degrees of Freedom

Temperature threshold	Particles	g_B	g_F	g_*
low	$\gamma, 3v$	2	6	(7.25)
m_e	e^\pm	2	10	10.75
m_μ	μ^\pm	2	14	14.25
m_π	π^0, π^\pm	5	14	17.25
Λ_{QCD}	100-200 MeV u, d, s, gluons	18	50	61.75
$m_{c,\tau}$	c, τ	18	66	75.75
m_b	b^\pm	18	78	86.25
$m_{W,Z}$	Z^0, W^\pm	27	78	92.25
m_t	t	27	90	105.75
m_H	Higgs	28	90	106.75
Λ_{SUSY}	- 1 TeV ? SUSY particles	118	118	213.50

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Thermal Equilibration of Dirac Neutrinos

Condition for thermal equilibrium: $\Gamma > H \sim T^2/m_{Pl}$

Right-handed currents	$e^- \rightarrow \nu_R$ $e^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_R$	$\Gamma \sim G_R^2 T^5$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} G_F^2)^{-1/3} \sim 1 \text{ MeV} (G_F/G_R)^{2/3}$
Dirac mass	$\nu_L \rightarrow \nu_R$ $\nu_L \rightarrow Z^0$ $\nu_L \rightarrow \nu_L$	$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 T^5 (m_\nu/T)^2 = G_F^2 m_\nu^2 T^3$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} G_F^2 m_\nu^2)^{-1} \sim 1 \text{ MeV} (1 \text{ MeV}/m_\nu)^2$
Dipole moments	$\nu_L \rightarrow \nu_R$ $e \rightarrow e$	$\Gamma \sim \alpha \mu^2 T^3$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} \alpha \mu^2)^{-1}$
Milli charge	$\gamma \rightarrow ee$	$\Gamma \sim \epsilon^2 \alpha^2 T$ $T \sim \epsilon^2 \alpha^2 m_{Pl}$ Recoupling temperature

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Thermal Equilibration of Dirac Neutrinos

	Equilibrium condition	Limit on coupling	Dilution
Right-handed currents	$\Gamma \sim G_R^2 T^5$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} G_F^2)^{-1/3}$	$G_R < 10^{-5} G_F$ Supernova 1987A	$T_F \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$ $g_{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 70$ $n_R \lesssim n_L/7$
Dirac mass	$\Gamma \sim G_F^2 m_\nu^2 T^3$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} G_F^2 m_\nu^2)^{-1}$	$m_\nu < 1 \text{ eV}$ Structure formation	$T_F \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV} \gg m_W$ (Not self-consistent) $n_R \lesssim n_L/10$
Dipole moments	$\Gamma \sim \alpha \mu^2 T^3$ $T_F \sim (m_{Pl} \alpha \mu^2)^{-1}$	$\mu_\nu < 10^{-12} \frac{e}{2m_e}$ Supernova 1987A	$T_F \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$ $g_{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 80$ $n_R \lesssim n_L/8$
Milli charge	$\Gamma \sim \epsilon^2 \alpha^2 T$ $T \sim \epsilon^2 \alpha^2 m_{Pl}$	$\epsilon < 3 \times 10^{-17}$ Supernova 1987A	$T \lesssim 10^{-9} \text{ eV}$ Never recouples

Source: Raffelt, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, München, Germany

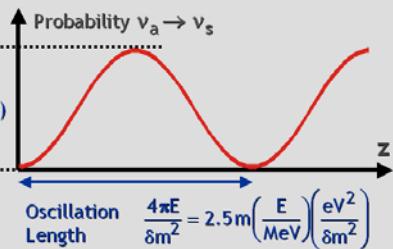
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Sterile Neutrinos

Sterile (right-handed) neutrinos may exist that are not a Dirac partner to an ordinary neutrino

- Unknown mass m_s
- Unknown mixing angles with ordinary neutrinos Θ_{es} , $\Theta_{\mu s}$, and Θ_{ts}

Neutrino flavor oscillations



- For small mixing angle, naively expect very small population of sterile neutrinos
- However, collisions of active flavors "decohere" superposition and equilibrate sterile states

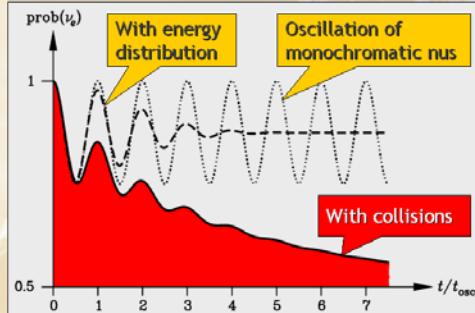
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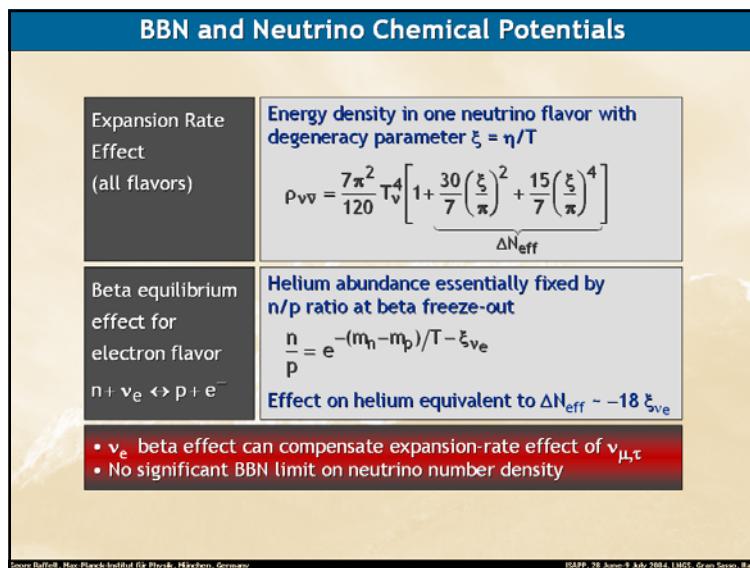
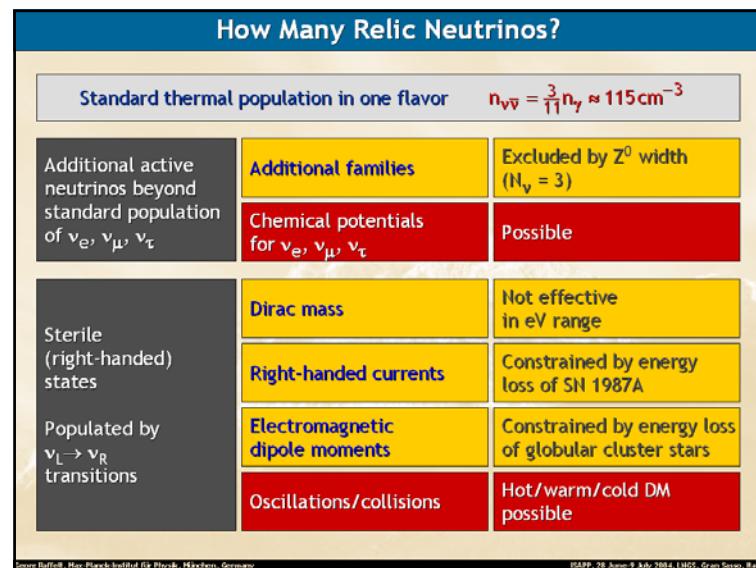
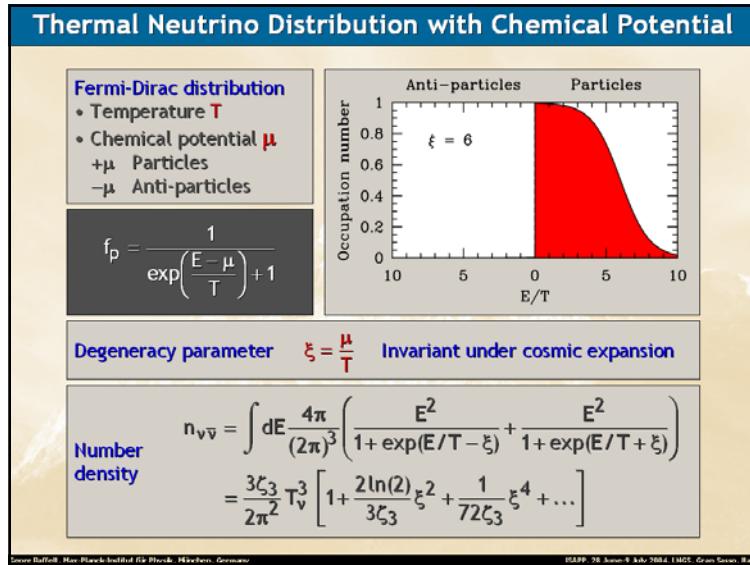
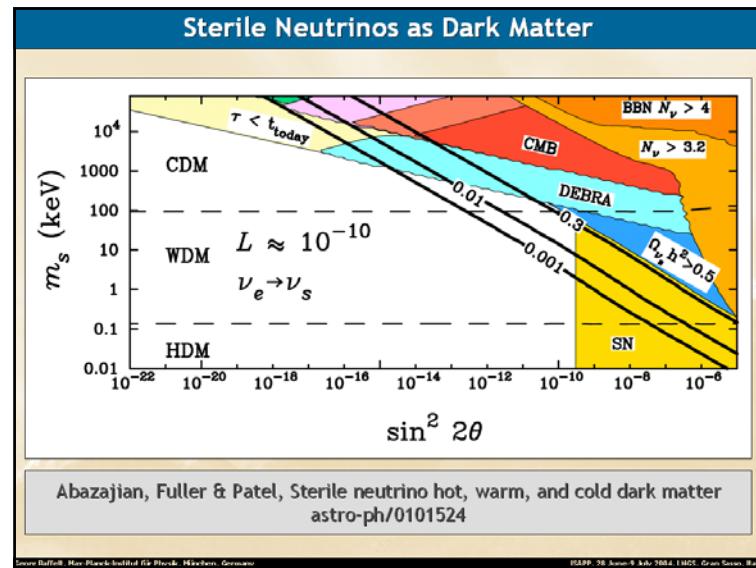
Flavor Relaxation in the Early Universe

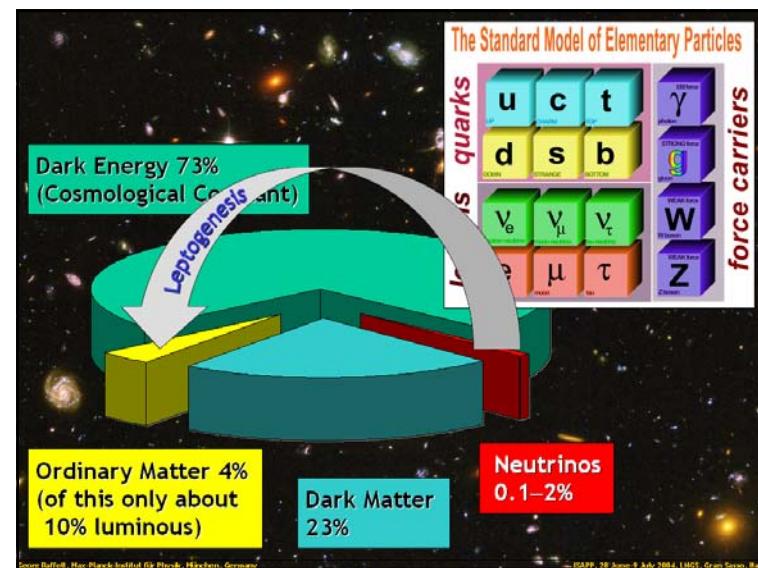
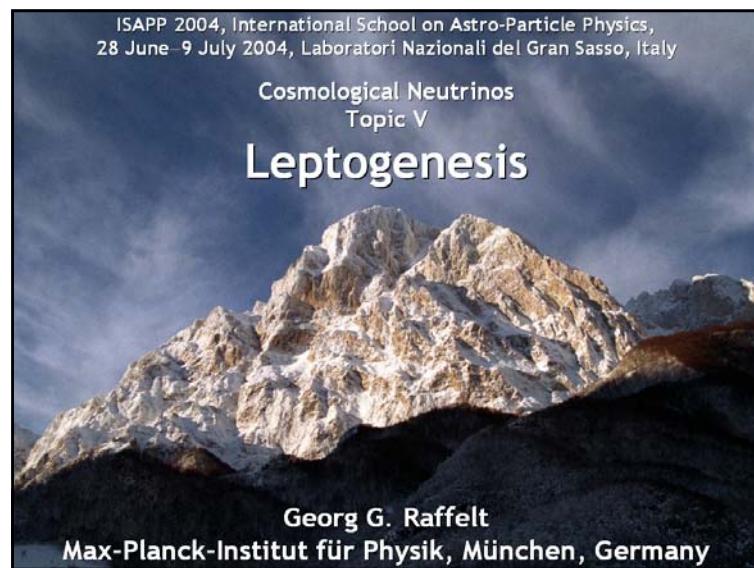
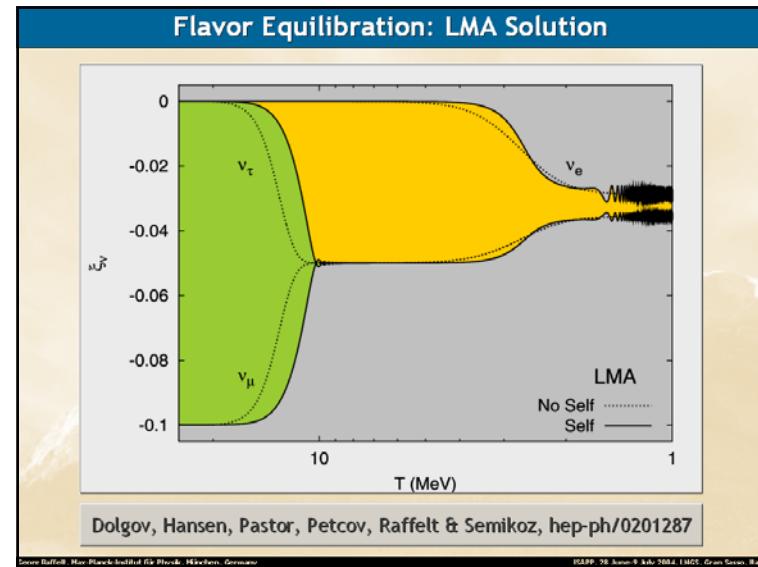
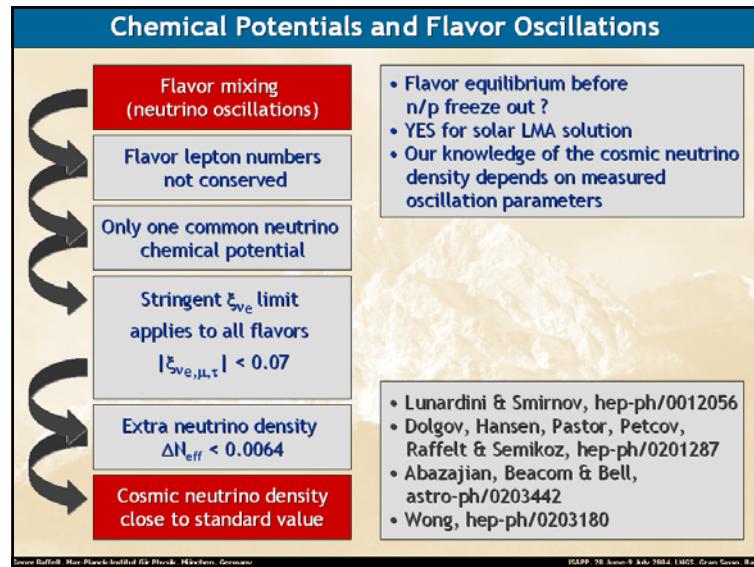
Neutrinos suffer collisions in a medium that can interrupt the coherence of flavor oscillations: The flavor content is "measured" and oscillations start from scratch from the "collapsed state".

$$\text{Average oscillation probability } \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta) \quad \text{Collision rate - damping rate } \frac{1}{\Gamma} \rightarrow \text{Conversion rate } \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(2\theta) \Gamma$$



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Baryogenesis in the Early Universe



Sakharov conditions for creating the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)

- C and CP violation
- Baryon number violation
- Deviation from thermal equilibrium

Particle-physics standard model

- Violates C and CP
- Violates B and L by EW instanton effects (B – L conserved)

• However, electroweak baryogenesis not quantitatively possible within particle-physics standard model

• Works in SUSY models for small range of parameters

A.Riotto & M.Trodden: Recent progress in baryogenesis
Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 49 (1999) 35

Source: Baffert, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, München, Germany

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Leptogenesis by Majorana Neutrino Decays

A classic paper

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BARYOGENESIS WITHOUT GRAND UNIFICATION

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A mechanism is pointed out to generate cosmological baryon number excess without resorting to grand unified theories. The lepton number excess originating from Majorana mass terms may transform into the baryon number excess through the unsuppressed baryon number violation of electroweak processes at high temperatures.

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See-Saw Model for Neutrino Masses

Charged Leptons
Dirac masses from coupling to standard Higgs field ϕ

Neutrinos

Heavy Majorana masses $M_j > 10^{10}$ GeV

Lagrangian for particle masses

$$L_{\text{mass}} = -\bar{\ell}_L \phi g_S e_R - \bar{\ell}_L \phi g_V N_R - \frac{1}{2} \overline{N_R^C} M N_R + \text{h.c.}$$

Diagonalize

$(\bar{v}_L \bar{N}_R) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & g_V(\phi) \\ g_V(\phi) & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_L \\ N_R \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (\bar{v}_L \bar{N}_R) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_V^2(\phi)^2}{M} & 0 \\ 0 & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_L \\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$

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Leptogenesis by Out-of-Equilibrium Decay

M. Fukugita & T. Yanagida: Baryogenesis without Grand Unification
Phys. Lett. B 174 (1986) 45

CP-violating decays by interference of tree-level with one-loop diagram



$\Gamma_{\text{Decay}} = g_V^2 \frac{M}{8\pi}$

W. Buchmüller & M. Plümacher: Neutrino masses and the baryon asymmetry
Int. J. Mod. Phys. A15 (2000) 5047-5086

Source: Baffert, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, München, Germany

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Connection to Neutrino Mass

Decay rate of heavy Majorana neutrino	$\Gamma_{\text{Decay}} = g_v^2 \frac{M}{8\pi}$
Cosmic expansion rate	$H \approx \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}} \frac{T^2}{m_{\text{Pl}}}$
Requirement for strong deviation from equilibrium ...	$\Gamma_{\text{Decay}} < H_{T=M}$
	$g_v^2 \frac{M}{8\pi} < \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}} \frac{M^2}{m_{\text{Pl}}}$
	$\frac{g_v^2}{M} < \frac{8\pi \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}}}{m_{\text{Pl}}}$
... translates into a limit on the observable neutrino mass	$m_\nu = \frac{g_v^2 \langle \phi \rangle^2}{M} < \frac{8\pi \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}}}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \langle \phi \rangle^2 - 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$

Source: Buffel, Max-Planck-Institut für Physik, München, Germany

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Leptogenesis by Majorana Neutrino Decays

In see-saw models for neutrino masses, out-of-equilibrium decays of right-handed heavy Majorana neutrinos provide source for CP- and L-violation

Cosmological evolution

- $B = L = 0$ early on
- Thermal freeze-out of heavy Majorana neutrinos
- Out-of-equilibrium CP-violating decay creates net L
- Shift L excess into B by sphaleron effects

Sufficient deviation from equilibrium distribution of heavy Majorana neutrinos at freeze-out

→ Limits on Yukawa couplings

→ Limits on masses of ordinary neutrinos

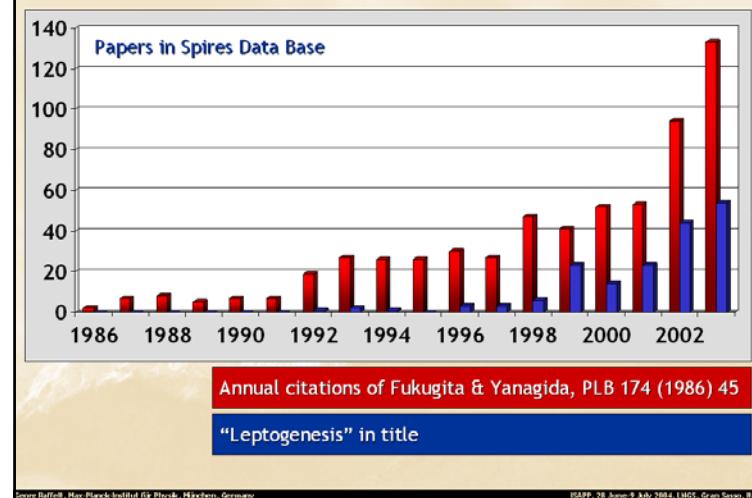
Requires Majorana neutrino masses below 0.1 eV

Buchmüller, Di Bari & Plümacher, hep-ph/0209301 & hep-ph/0302092

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Leptogenesis as a Research Topic

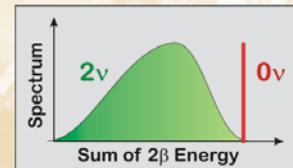
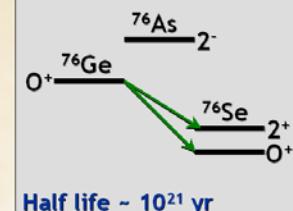


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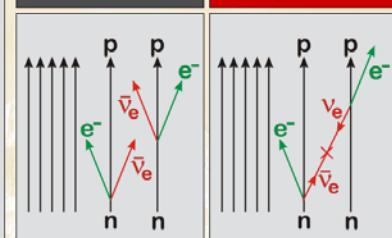
Neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ Decay

Some nuclei decay only by the $\beta\beta$ mode, e.g.



Standard 2v mode

0v mode, enabled by Majorana mass



Measured quantity $|m_{ee}| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i U_{ei} \right|^2 m_i$

Best limit from ${}^{76}\text{Ge}$ $|m_{ee}| < 0.35 \text{ eV}$

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