Large scale structure and new physics at the eV scale

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...and some random thoughts about Spec-S5 and new physics

LSS and Physics at 1-100 eV



No Standard Model physics known in this regime

See e.g. Aloni et al. (2022), Joseph et al. (2023), Aloni et al. (2023), Buen-Abad (2023ab), Giovanetti et al. (2024), Allali et al. (2024)





The Universe at different energy scales, from atomic physics to modern particle physics at the TeV scale.

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The Hubble tension (?)

• Ongoing discrepancy between CMB-based and distance ladder measurements of the Hubble constant.



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Spec-S5 and cosmic evolution at the eV scale



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- "Intermediate scale" physics (i.e. not primordial nor late times) can imprint 10-15% deviations on matter clustering.
 - => Discovery space for Spec-S5!
- Such effects are often folded under the "light relics" science case, but diversity of matter power spectrum shapes much greater.
- For those models leaving the late Universe largely unchanged, EFT techniques developed for ACDM should be applicable.
 - => Tractable analyses!
- Can yet unknown cosmic evolution at the ~1-100 eV scale sow confusion on our inference of inflationary physics (e.g. search for primordial features, etc.)??

Spec-S5 and dark matter

- While not a design driver, there are important opportunities for dark matter with Spec-S5.
- However, we need to better flesh out the dark matter science cases to make sure these are not missed!

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Small-scale structure probes deeper in the desert





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Small-scale structure: Milky Way

• Each of these satellites is hosted by a small dark matter subhalo



While challenging to model, spectroscopic data are key to extract DM constraints from local structure



Much work remains to be done to fully capture the complexity of the data. This work needs to happen now.

See Ethan's talk this afternoon.

Drlica-Wagner et al. (2019)

Important Take-Home Messages

- Beyond inflationary and late-time physics, Spec-S5 has great potential to probe cosmic evolution in the ~1-100 eV regime with LSS, and in the ~0.1-50 keV regime with the distribution of dark matter on small scales.
- LSS analyses of such models can (for the most part) leverage all the work done in the ACDM context.
- While challenging, there is an urgent need to better flesh out the dark matter science case for Spec-S5, in the context of early science results from DESI and Rubin.