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Title: Populating dark sectors from neutrino mixing after BBN

Abstract: Dark sectors with radiation are important targets for CMB and LSS measurements and may be motivated by the H_0 and S_8 tensions. Dark radiation with an energy density equal to a sizeable fraction of a neutrino is severely constrained by dN_{eff} bounds from BBN. In this talk, I show that these bounds are evaded and $dN_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.2-0.5$ arises naturally when a dark sector is populated from neutrino mixing with dark fermions and scattering after BBN.