

The hot thermal Universe

1. Interaction rates (EFT for)
2. Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
3. (but can I use Boltzmann...?)
4. Leptogenesis (?a fairy tale?)

Neutrinos in cosmology

- ▶ leptogenesis : $T : 10^{12} \rightarrow 100 \text{ GeV}$, generate a lepton asym in CPV dynamics, use SM B+L Violation to transform to baryons
- ▶ Big Bang Nucleosynthesis ($H, D, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, {}^7\text{Li}$ at $T \sim \text{MeV}$)
how many species of relativistic ν in the thermal soup?
- ▶ decoupling of photons $\rightarrow e+p \rightarrow H$ (CMB spectrum today)
cares about radiation density $\leftrightarrow N_\nu, m_\nu$

...all about interaction rates of particles in the U...

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- ★ can then do pert. theory in slow interactions and departures from thermal equil.

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Can estimate interaction rate of a particle in the plasma as

$$\Gamma_{\text{int}} \sim \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{int}}} \sim \beta \times n_{\text{target}} \times \sigma \sim \frac{g T^3}{\pi^2} \sigma$$

an example : QED

(lets forget IR divergences) For a e^- interacting with a bath of γ s :

$$\beta\sigma(e\gamma \rightarrow e\gamma) = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{s} \ln \frac{s}{m_e^2}$$

For $s = (3T)^2$ (?or $s = T^2$) and $\sqrt{g_{eff}} \sim 10$:

$$\frac{\Gamma}{H} \sim \frac{g_\gamma T^3}{\pi^2} \frac{2\pi\alpha^2}{9T^2} \frac{1}{H} \sim \frac{m_{pl}}{3 \times 10^6 T}$$

$\Rightarrow e^-, \gamma$ in thermal equil for $T \lesssim 10^{13}$ GeV. Ditto e^+ ...

unbroken SU(N) : same scaling of $\Gamma/H(T)$, rate a bit bigger.

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Decouple at $T \gg m_\nu$, so *retain* relativistic number distribution 'til today

\Rightarrow there is a Cosmic Neutrino Background.

(But $T_\nu = (4/11)^{1/3} T_\gamma$, because e^\pm annihilation heats γ wrt ν)

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What about ν capture β decay : $n + \nu_{CNB} \rightarrow p + e$?

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To compare rates for ${}^3H \rightarrow {}^3He + e + \bar{\nu}_e$ to $\nu_e + {}^3H \rightarrow {}^3He + e$:

$$\frac{n_{\nu CNB}}{\nu \text{ phase space}} \simeq \frac{T_{CNB}^3}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{Q^3} \sim \left(\frac{10^{-4} \text{eV}}{20 \text{keV}} \right)^3 \sim 10^{-24}$$



But... $E_e = Q + m_\nu$

(recall for ${}^3H \rightarrow {}^3He + e + \bar{\nu}_e$, $E_e \leq Q - m_\nu$)

So...if ever resolution better than m_ν ...PTOLEMY!

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2. above m_t /before EWPT :
scattering via neutrino Yukawa : $\lambda \bar{\ell} H \nu_R$ (attach other end of Higgs to $t\bar{t}$)

$$\frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} T > \frac{1.7 g_{\text{eff}} T^2}{m_{pl}} \Leftrightarrow \lambda \gtrsim 10^{-8}$$

$$(m_D \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R \sim \text{few} \times \text{keV } \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R)$$

Despite that there are six light chiral fermions in the model with Dirac ν -masses, only three are “in equilibrium” in the early U \Leftrightarrow contribute to the radiation energy density.

$N_\nu \equiv$ number of 2-comp. relativistic ν s with equilibrium energy density

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis makes D,³He,⁴He,Li at $T \lesssim \text{MeV}$, $\tau_U \sim \text{few minutes}$) :

- neutrons crucial to form $D, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, \text{Li}$
 - $n_n/n_p \propto \exp\{-(m_n - m_p)/T\}$ in thermal equil at $T \gtrsim \text{MeV}$
 - "freezes" when $\Gamma(n + \nu \rightarrow p + e) \lesssim H \simeq \sqrt{3\rho_{\text{rad}}/m_{\text{pl}}^2}$; $\rho_{\text{rad}} \supset \{\gamma, N_\nu \nu\}$
- \Rightarrow "primordial" abundances of $D, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, \text{Li}$ constrain

$$N_\nu \lesssim 4.08$$

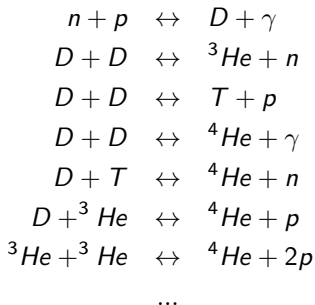
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NB : this is a dynamical process : reliable predictions from complex codes accounting for multiple nuclear processes.

1. consider U at $T \sim \text{MeV}$, (nuclear binding $\sim \text{MeV}$)

$T \ll \Lambda_{QCD} \Rightarrow$ all baryons are n or p , and rare : $n_{B-\bar{B}}/n_\gamma \sim \eta \sim 10^{-9}$.

\Rightarrow bind into light nuclei via 2-body processes :



\Rightarrow need first to make D . $E_{\text{bind}} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$.

Rates are fast, but baryons are rare : newly born D needs to meet another baryon before a $E > 2.2 \text{ MeV}$ photon :

$$n_\gamma(E > 2.2 \text{ MeV}) \sim e^{-2.2 \text{ MeV}/T} n_\gamma \lesssim 10^{-9} n_\gamma \Rightarrow T \lesssim .1 \text{ MeV}$$

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3 When $n_\gamma(E > 2.2 \text{ MeV}) \lesssim n_B$, available ns to ${}^4\text{He}$! Upper bound on ${}^4\text{He}$ abundance today (stars add ${}^4\text{He}$) \Rightarrow upper bound on N_ν .

For larger N_ν , freezeout *earlier*, so $T_f \nearrow$ and n_n/n_p larger.

3. Cosmic Microwave Background : (=fit to a multi-param. model...).

Roller coaster at $\ell > 150$ is a snapshot of sound waves in the plasma at recomb; amplitude cares about ρ_b/ρ_γ . Is sensitive to time since mat-rad equality, which is sensitive to N_ν ...but can compensate by changing other parameters!

PDB discussion of Verde-Lesgourges :

suppose other inputs cancel LO effect no N_ν ... what remains?

Argue that remaining effects cannot be cancelled by adjusting parameters, so obtain :

$$N_\nu \lesssim 3.3 \pm 0.5$$

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more restrictive with
other cosmo input

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...sloppy is fine for 1,2; but if really want to calculate dynamics, need eqns for 3. ?

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Can neutrinos make the Universe we see ?

Leptogenesis

Leptogenesis is a class of recipes, that use majorana neutrino mass models to generate the matter excess. The model generates a lepton asymmetry (before the Electroweak Phase Transition), and the non-perturbative SM B+L violn reprocesses it to a baryon excess.

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From end inflation \rightarrow BBN, Universe is an expanding, cooling thermal bath, so non-equilibrium from :

- ▶ slow interactions : $\tau_{\text{int}} \gg \tau_U = \text{age of Universe}$ ($\Gamma_{\text{int}} \ll H$)
- ▶ phase transitions :

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In QFT, there is the axial anomaly...

...anomalously, the fermion current associated to a classical symmetry is not conserved.

see Polyakov,
"Gauge Fields + Strings,"
6.3=qualitative effects of instantons

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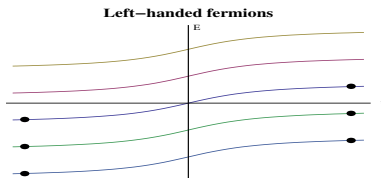
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Recall...the type I seesaw

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M_J few GeV $\rightarrow 10^{15}$ GeV, $\cancel{\mathcal{L}}$. \mathcal{CP} in $\lambda_{\alpha J} \in \mathbf{C}$.

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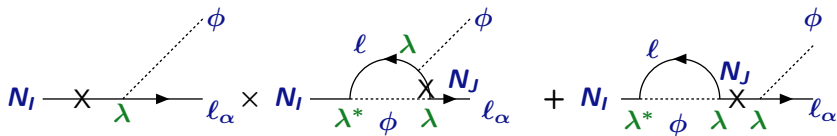
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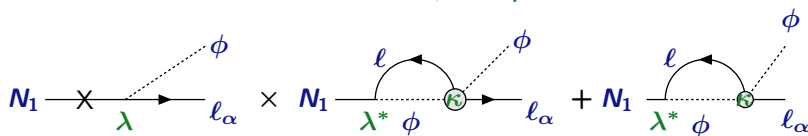
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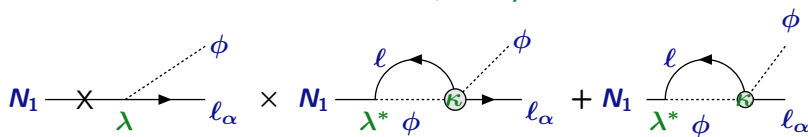
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(but no dependence of \mathcal{CP} for leptogen on low energy \mathcal{CP} = other phases also contribute,
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Produce $\Delta L \gtrsim 10^{-5}$ via osc. and decay of $N_{2,3}$ after EPT

Can produce sufficient distribution of N_1 via osc.

tests :

$N_{2,3}$: beam dump, SHIP

N_1 as DM : X-rays from DM decay, WDM bounds (depend on momentum distribution)

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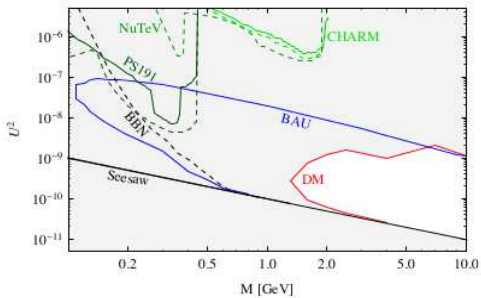
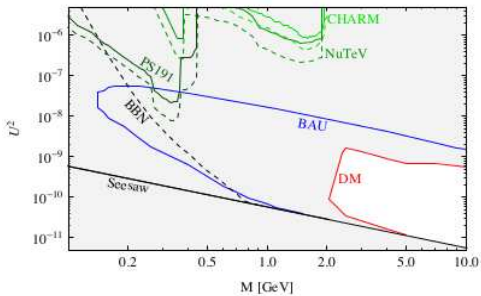
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lepton number in $\ell_L + N_R$ is conserved (actually, $L_{SM} +$ helicity of N_l)

from $\tau_{osc} \rightarrow \tau_{EWPT}$, asyms in $\nu_{L\alpha}$ seed asyms in $N \rightarrow$ asyms in $\nu_{L\alpha}$ (enough asym)

...works also in detailed calculations with all available technology...
(eg also include lepton number violating interactions)

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$$U^2 = \text{Tr}[\lambda M^{-2} \lambda^\dagger]$$

Summary

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- ★ efficient, to use the BSM for m_ν to generate the Baryon Asym.
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