

# Cutting rules and unitarity constraints for CP asymmetric processes

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## On the CP asymmetries in Majorana neutrino decays

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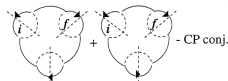


Fig. 3. Pictorial representation of the self-energy contribution to the cross section asymmetry  $\epsilon_{\sigma}$ .

Therefore, one can pictorially represent the self-energy contributions to  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}'H^* \rightarrow \mathcal{L}H)$  as in Fig. 2, where the cut blobs are the initial ( $i$ ) and final ( $f$ ) states, while the remaining blob stands for the one-loop self-energy. This last is actually the sum of two contributions, one with a lepton and one with an antilepton.

Now, in the computation of  $\epsilon_{\sigma}$ , only the absorptive part of the loop will contribute, and the Cutkoski

Turning now to the vertex contributions, to see the cancellations we need to add the three contributions shown in Fig. 4 (including the tree level  $u$ -channel interfering with the one-loop self-energy diagram). In terms of cut diagrams, this can be expressed as in Fig. 5, where CP-conjugate stands for the same four diagrams with all the arrows reversed. Hence, the CP-conjugate contribution will exactly cancel the four diagrams, since changing the directions of the arrows just exchanges among themselves the first and fourth diagrams, as well as the second and third ones. We then see explicitly that the absorptive part of the self-energies are also playing here a crucial role, enforcing the cancellation of the CP violation produced by the vertex diagrams.

The only remaining diagrams to be considered are the interference of the one-loop vertex diagrams with the tree level  $u$ -channel. Pictorially, they are represented in Fig. 6, and they again cancel since the two

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[Blažek, Maták '21a]

## Example I.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{L}^c F_i L \bar{X}_i + \bar{e}^c G_i \nu \bar{X}_i + \text{H.c.} \quad (12)$$

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The diagram illustrates the integration of a right-handed neutrino  $X_i$  from a process involving electrons and neutrinos. It consists of three parts:

- Left:** A Feynman diagram with a central red vertex. Two incoming lines from the left are labeled  $e$  (top) and  $\nu$  (bottom). Two outgoing lines to the right are labeled  $e$  (top) and  $\nu$  (bottom).
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The overall sequence is:  $\text{Diagram 1} = i \sum_i \frac{F_i^\dagger F_i}{M_i^2}$ ,  $\text{Diagram 2} = i \sum_i \frac{F_i^\dagger G_i}{M_i^2}$ ,  $\text{Diagram 3} = i \sum_i \frac{G_i^\dagger G_i}{M_i^2}$ .

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The diagrams show two rows of Feynman diagrams. The first row has two diagrams separated by a minus sign. The second row has two diagrams separated by a minus sign, followed by an equals zero. Each diagram consists of two circles connected by a vertical line. The left circle has an incoming electron (e) and neutrino (ν) and an outgoing electron (e) and neutrino (ν). The right circle has an incoming electron (e) and neutrino (ν) and an outgoing electron (e) and neutrino (ν). The vertical line is labeled L. The circles are labeled L.

$$\Delta |T_{\nu e \rightarrow LL}|^2 + \Delta |T_{\nu e \rightarrow \nu e}|^2 = 0 \quad (14)$$

## Example II.

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{Q}^c F_i L \bar{X}_i + \bar{d}^c G_i \nu \bar{X}_i + \bar{u}^c K_i e \bar{X}_i + \text{H.c.} \quad (15)$$

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[Blažek, Heck, Heisig, Maták, Zaujec '24]



# Vacuum diagrams and complex phases

- Used to represent the weak-basis invariants. [Botella, Nebot, Vives '06]
- Reversing the arrows on charged-particle propagators must lead to a topologically inequivalent vacuum diagram.

$$\Delta |T_{fi}|^2 = \sum_n \left( iT_{in} iT_{nf} iT_{fi} - iT_{if} iT_{fn} iT_{ni} \right) - \dots \quad (18)$$



# Vacuum diagrams and the Boltzmann equation

Change in # of particles  $\leftrightarrow$  average # of interactions the particles participate in

$$\dot{n}_{i_1} + 3Hn_{i_1} = \sum_{\text{all reactions}} -\gamma_{fi} + \gamma_{if} \quad (19)$$

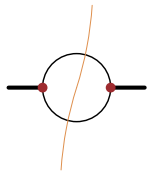
$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{fi}^{\text{eq}} &= \int \prod_{\forall i} [d\mathbf{p}_i] f_i^{\text{eq}}(p_i) \int \prod_{\forall f} [d\mathbf{p}_f] (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_f - p_i) |M_{fi}|^2 \\ &= \int \prod_{\forall i} [d\mathbf{p}_i] f_i^{\text{eq}}(p_i) \int \prod_{\forall f} [d\mathbf{p}_f] \frac{1}{V_4} \left( -iT_{if}iT_{fi} + \sum_n iT_{in}iT_{nf}iT_{fi} - \dots \right) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$[d\mathbf{p}] = \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_p}$$

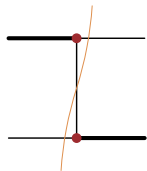
$$|T_{fi}|^2 = V_4 (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{p}_f - \mathbf{p}_i) |M_{fi}|^2$$

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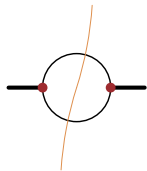
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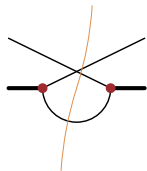
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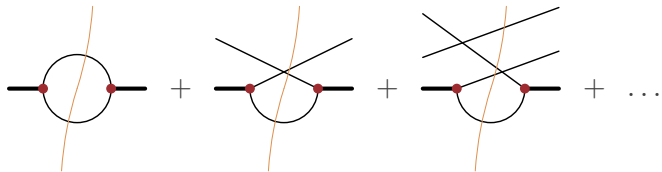


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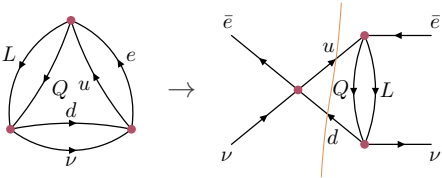
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$$\int [d\mathbf{p}_1] e^{-E_{p_1}/T} \int [d\mathbf{k}_1][d\mathbf{k}_2] \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{e^{E_{k_1}/T} - 1} \right] (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p_1 - k_1 - k_2) \quad (22)$$

[Blažek, Maták '21b]

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$$\text{Diagram} \rightarrow \text{Diagram with cut} \quad (23)$$

$$\text{Diagram with cut} \rightarrow \text{Diagram with cut and Q} + \text{Diagram with cut and Q} + \dots \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{i}{p^2 + i\epsilon} \rightarrow 2\pi \sum_{w=1}^{\infty} (-1)^w [f^{\text{eq}}(|p^0|)]^w \delta(p^2) = -2\pi f_{\text{FD}}(|p^0|) \delta(p^2) \quad (25)$$

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$$\Delta\gamma_{\nu\bar{e}(Q)\rightarrow u\bar{d}(Q)}^{\text{eq}} + \Delta\gamma_{(\nu)\bar{e}Q\rightarrow(\nu)\bar{L}u}^{\text{eq}} = 0 \quad (26)$$



## The assumptions we made

$$\rho = \prod_p \rho_p = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left\{ - \sum_p F_p a_p^\dagger a_p \right\}, Z = \prod_p Z_p \quad (27)$$

$$e^{-E_p/T} \rightarrow e^{-F_p} = \frac{f_p}{1 \pm f_p} \quad f_p = \text{Tr} [a_p^\dagger a_p \rho] \quad (28)$$

$$\rho' = S\rho S^\dagger \rightarrow (1 + iT)\rho(1 - iT + iTiT - \dots) \quad (29)$$

The collision term for the Boltzmann equation is obtained as  $\text{Tr} [a_p^\dagger a_p (\rho - \rho')] / V_4$ .

[McKellar, Thomson '94; Blažek, Maták '21b]

## What else can be done?

- Thermal masses from anomalous thresholds. [Blažek, Maták '22]
- *CPT* and unitarity constraints generalized to thermal-corrected asymmetries. In the seesaw type-I leptogenesis at  $\mathcal{O}(Y^4 Y_t^2)$  they look like

$$\Delta\gamma_{N_i Q \rightarrow lt}^{\text{eq}} + \Delta\gamma_{N_i(Q) \rightarrow lH(Q)}^{\text{eq}} + \Delta\gamma_{N_i(Q) \rightarrow \bar{l}\bar{H}(Q)}^{\text{eq}} + \Delta\gamma_{N_i Q \rightarrow \bar{l}Q Q\bar{t}}^{\text{eq}} = 0, \quad (30)$$

$$m_{H, Y_t}^2(T) \frac{\partial}{\partial m_H^2} \Big|_0 \left( \Delta\gamma_{N_i \rightarrow lH}^{\text{eq}} + \Delta\gamma_{N_i \rightarrow \bar{l}\bar{H}}^{\text{eq}} \right) = 0. \quad (31)$$

[Blažek, Maták, Zaujec '22]

- No double-counting from intermediate states. Resonant dark matter annihilation at fixed order. [Maták '24; see also Ala-Mattinen, Heikinheimo, Tuominen, Kainulainen '24]

## Conclusions

- *CPT* and unitarity constraints can be formulated diagrammatically at any perturbative order.
- Vacuum diagrams must not be invariant under the arrow reversal to come with a complex phase.
- Completing the Boltzmann equations by all possible unitary cuts represents thermal corrections (even when you do not notice that).

Thank you for your attention!