

Hot Leptogenesis

A naturalness-motivated solution to baryon asymmetry

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Leptogenesis: the answer to the origin of the BAU?

Seesaw mechanism introduces heavy Majorana right-handed neutrinos (RHN) with Yukawa coupling $Y_{\alpha i} \overline{L}_{\alpha} \widetilde{H} N_i$.

$$m_{\nu}^{\text{tree}} \approx v^2 Y^T M_R^{-1} Y, \quad (1)$$

Leptogenesis

Out-of-equilibrium **decays** of heavy RHN could seed a L asymmetry that is converted to a B asymmetry through $B+L$ violating sphaleron interactions [Fukugita and Yanagida, 1986].

Requires a lightest RHN mass of $m_N \gtrsim 10^8 \text{ GeV}^1$ to generate the **observed** baryon asymmetry² of $\eta_B = (5.8 - 6.3) \times 10^{-10}$.

Naturalness constraints **limit** $m_N \lesssim 7.4 \times 10^7 \text{ GeV}^3$.

¹[Davidson and Ibarra, 2002]

²PDG 2023

³[Vissani, 1998]

Hot Leptogenesis

Increase the RHN temperature!

A thermally disconnected hot RHN sector, with a thermal number density could allow for the observed η_B to be produced with a lower RHN mass spectrum.

First proposed in [Bernal and Fong, 2017], we present a comprehensive model and numerical analysis of this scenario.

Kinetic equilibrium

Requires fast (vs Hubble) elastic scattering processes.

$$\frac{n}{n_{\text{eq}}} = \frac{f}{f_{\text{FD}}} \quad (2)$$

Kinetic + chemical equilibrium

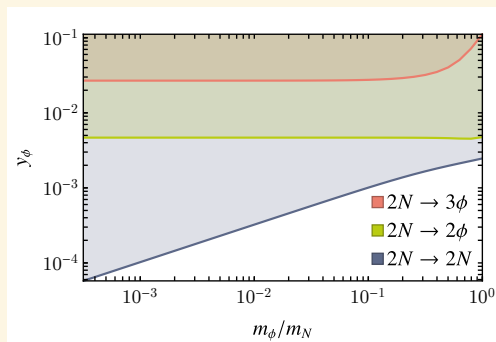
Kinetic + chemical equilibrium requires fast number changing processes as well.

$$n = n_{\text{eq}} \quad (3)$$

Coupling constraints

Introduce a scalar ϕ with coupling $y_\phi \phi \bar{N}_i N_i$ and $\frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$.

Compute thermally averaged number-changing interaction rates $\Gamma_{2N \rightarrow 3\phi}$, $\Gamma_{2N \rightarrow 2\phi}$, and the elastic scattering rate $\Gamma_{2N \rightarrow 2N}$, and compare to Hubble at $T_H = m_N$.



Boltzmann equations

The N_{B-L} after decays determines η_B today.

$$aH \frac{dN_N}{da} = -\Gamma_D(z_H)N_N + \Gamma_D(z_{SM})N_N^{\text{eq}}(z_{SM}), \quad (4)$$

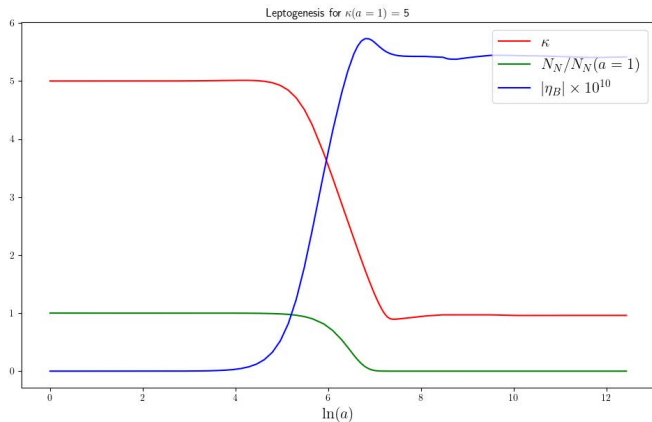
$$aH \frac{dN_{B-L}}{da} = -aH\epsilon \frac{dN_N}{da} - \Gamma_W(z_{SM})N_{B-L}, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{dT_{SM}}{da} = \left(\frac{ds_{SM}}{dT_{SM}} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{a^3 T_{SM}} \frac{dQ}{da} - 3 \frac{s_{SM}}{a} \right), \quad (6)$$

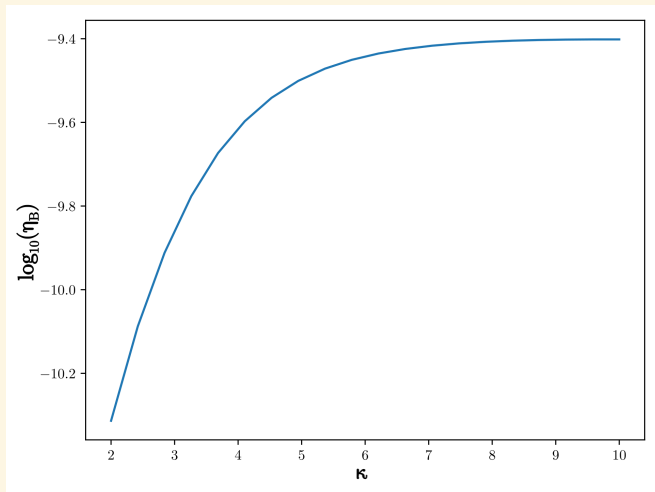
The T_{SM} evolution is derived from the second law of thermodynamics.

If chemical equilibrium holds, T_H is dictated by $N_N = N_N^{\text{eq}}(z_H)$, else the evolution of T_H can be derived from comoving energy density conservation.

Leptogenesis evolution



Increasing the temperature



Casas-Ibarra Parametrisation

For the seesaw mechanism, the Yukawa matrix can be written as,

$$Y = \frac{1}{v} U \sqrt{\widehat{m}_\nu} R^T \sqrt{M_R}. \quad (7)$$

R is given by

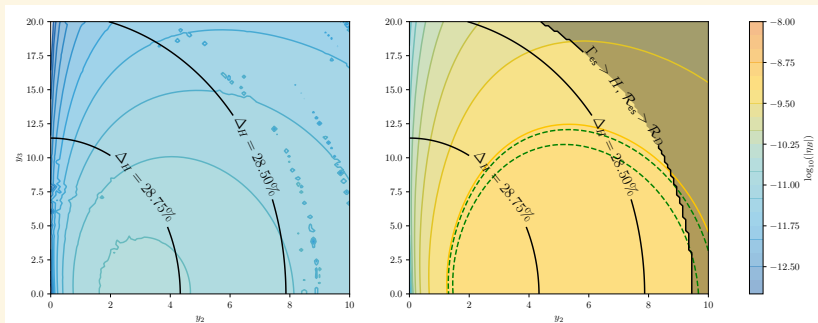
$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\omega_1} & s_{\omega_1} \\ 0 & -s_{\omega_1} & c_{\omega_1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\omega_2} & 0 & s_{\omega_2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\omega_2} & 0 & c_{\omega_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\omega_3} & s_{\omega_3} & 0 \\ -s_{\omega_3} & c_{\omega_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

where the complex angle $\omega_i = x_i + iy_i$.

Scan of Casas-Ibarra parameters

We calculate η_B in vanilla leptogenesis and in hot leptogenesis for varying y_2 (x-axis) and y_3 (y-axis).

The Higgs fine-tuning measure is $\Delta_H = \sqrt{\mu_H^2/|\delta\mu^2|}$, with the Vissani bound of $|\delta\mu^2| \lesssim 1$ TeV corresponding to $\Delta_H \gtrsim 8.8\%$.



Conclusions

Hot leptogenesis is possible under two scenarios; a hot sector in kinetic equilibrium, or thermal equilibrium.

A hot RHN sector can resolve the tension between the Davidson-Ibarra bound and the Vissani bound.

Thanks for listening!

Any questions?

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