

Non-relativistic leptogenesis

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Outline

baryogenesis through leptogenesis

non-relativistic approximation

relativistic corrections

radiative corrections

Baryogenesis

baryon asymmetry of the Universe

$$\eta_B \equiv \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \simeq 6 \times 10^{-10}$$

measured from cosmic microwave background, big bang nucleosynthesis

Sakharov: asymmetry can be dynamically generated if there is

- baryon number violation
- C and CP violation
- non-equilibrium

Baryon number violation

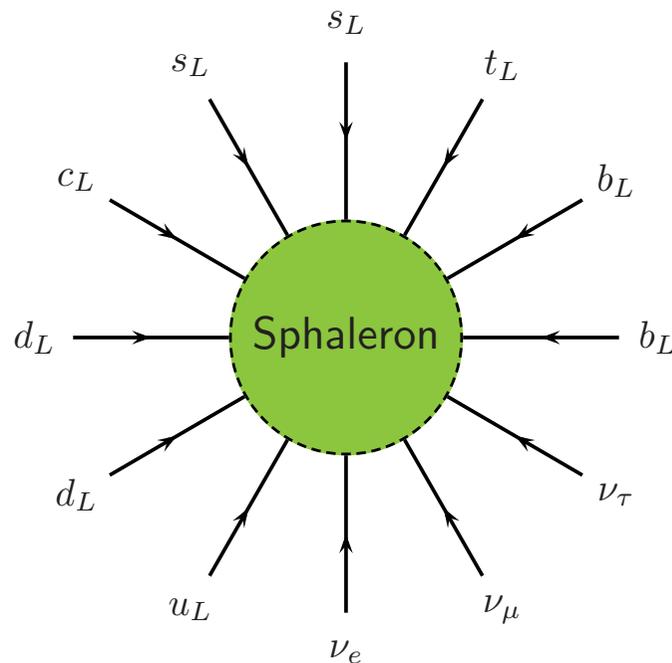
Standard Model : $B - L$ is conserved

chiral anomaly $\Rightarrow B + L$ is not conserved in the Standard Model [t'Hooft]

$B + L$ violation unsuppressed for $T \gtrsim 100$ GeV

'sphaleron' processes

[pic. from Buchmüller, DiBari, Plümacher]



Lepton asymmetry \leftrightarrow Baryon asymmetry

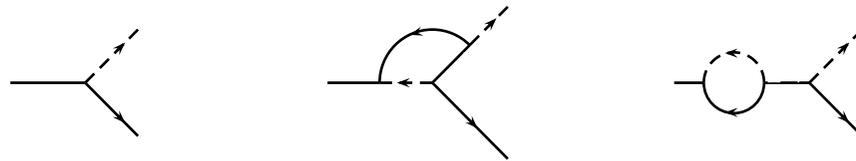
Baryogenesis through leptogenesis [Fukugita, Yanagida]

SM + sterile (right-handed) neutrinos N_i

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \frac{i}{2} \bar{N}_i \not{\partial} N_i - \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} \bar{N}_i^c N_j + h_{ij} \bar{N}_i \tilde{\varphi}^\dagger l_j + \text{h.c.}$$

Majorana mass $M_{ij} \rightarrow$ lepton number violation

complex Yukawa couplings $h_{ij} \rightarrow$ CP-violation



$$\Gamma(N \rightarrow l\varphi) \neq \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{l}\bar{\varphi})$$

expansion of the Universe \rightsquigarrow non-equilibrium

out of equilibrium decay of $N \rightsquigarrow$ asymmetry

Equilibrium and non-equilibrium

interaction rates Γ_i :

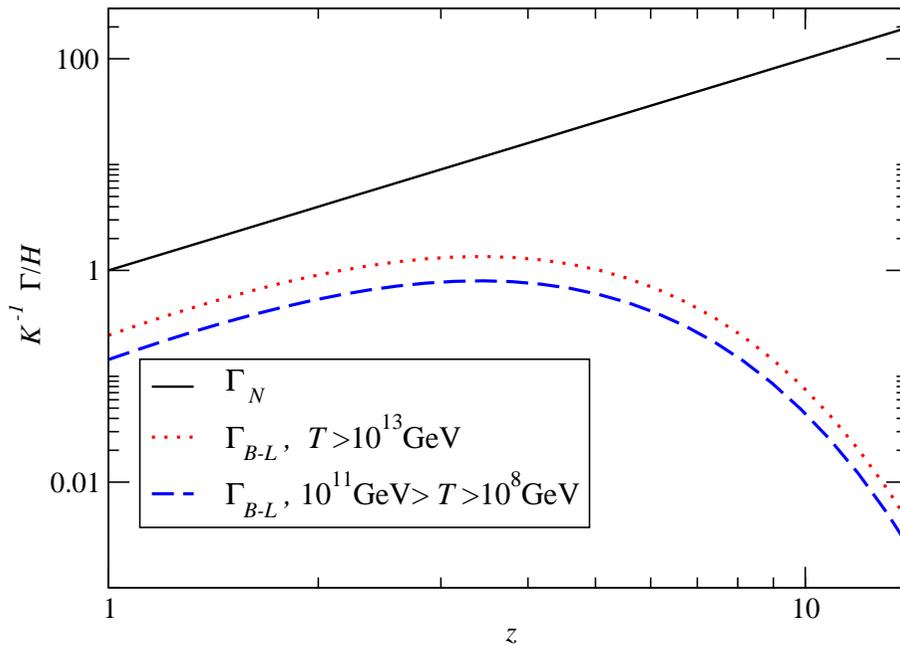
1. $\Gamma_i \gg H$ 'spectator processes' \rightsquigarrow thermal equilibrium
2. $\Gamma_i \ll H$ \rightsquigarrow quasi-conserved charge
3. $\Gamma_i \sim H$ slow, non-trivial non-equilibrium dynamics

usually only few quantities i have $\Gamma_i \sim H$.

among them:

- number density n_N
- asymmetry n_{L-B}

Rates vs $z \equiv M/T$



n_N gets closer to equilibrium
 exponentially small for $T \ll M$
 l'genesis must happen before

$B - L$ washout rate

$\Gamma_{B-L} \rightarrow 0$ for $z \rightarrow \infty$

asymmetry freezes in

Γ_{B-L} maximal for $z \sim 4$

$$K \equiv \frac{\Gamma_0}{H} \Big|_{T=M} \quad \text{'washout factor'}$$

for $K \gtrsim 1$ leptogenesis happens

- close to equilibrium

- at $T \lesssim M$: non-relativistic regime

See-saw mechanism

Higgs mechanism \rightsquigarrow Dirac mass $m_D \sim hv$

with $v = 246\text{GeV}$ Higgs vacuum expectation value

neutrino mass matrix (1 family)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M \end{pmatrix}$$

assume $M \gg m_D$

eigenvalues:

$$M_N \simeq M, \quad m_\nu \simeq \frac{m_D^2}{M} \sim \frac{h^2 v^2}{M}$$

'explains' hierarchy between m_ν and m_e

Washout factor

$$K = \frac{\Gamma_0}{H} \Big|_{T=M} \sim \frac{h^2 M}{M^2/m_{\text{Pl}}} \sim \frac{M m_\nu m_{\text{Pl}}}{v^2 M} \sim \frac{m_\nu m_{\text{Pl}}}{v^2}$$

determined by known scales

Washout factor (cont'd)

more precisely:

$$K = \frac{\tilde{m}_1}{m_*}$$

$$\tilde{m}_1 = \frac{(m_D m_D^\dagger)_{11}}{M} \quad m_* \simeq 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

$\tilde{m}_1 >$ smallest light neutrino mass [Fujii, Hamaguchi, Yanagida]

$$(\Delta m_{\text{solar}}^2)^{1/2} < \tilde{m}_1 < (\Delta m_{\text{atmospheric}}^2)^{1/2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 7.4 < K < 46$$

\rightsquigarrow non-relativistic regime

Which quantities are out of equilibrium?

in general not only n_N , but also the N -momentum spectrum

standard assumption: kinetic equilibrium

problem: $\Gamma_{\text{kinetic equilibration}} \sim \Gamma_{\text{chemical equilibration}}$

full Boltzmann equation?

Equations for non-relativistic leptogenesis

idea: for non-relativistic N , one can neglect their motion

\leadsto only n_N and n_{B-L} need to be considered

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H\right) n_N = -\Gamma_N (n_N - n_{N,eq}) + \Gamma_{N,B-L} n_{B-L}$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H\right) n_{B-L} = \Gamma_{B-L,N} (n_N - n_{N,eq}) - \Gamma_{B-L} n_{B-L}$$

coefficients Γ_i only depend on temperature

equations are valid to all orders in the SM couplings

radiative corrections can be included in Γ_i

Leading order coefficients

use Boltzmann equation for $f_N(t, \mathbf{p})$

$$(\partial_t - Hp\partial_p) f_N = \frac{M\Gamma_0}{E_N} \left(e^{-E_N/T} - f_N \right)$$

tree level decay rate

$$\Gamma_0 = \frac{|h_{11}|^2 M}{8\pi}$$

integrate over $\mathbf{p} \rightsquigarrow$ no closed equation for n_N

here: non-relativistic approximation $1/E_N \simeq 1/M \rightsquigarrow$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H \right) n_N = -\Gamma_N \left(n_N - n_{N,eq} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma_N = \Gamma_0$$

Leading order coefficients (cont'd)

CP-asymmetry in N -decays

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \varphi l) - \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{\varphi} \bar{l})}{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \varphi l) + \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{\varphi} \bar{l})}$$

\rightsquigarrow source for $B - L$ asymmetry

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H \right) n_{B-L} = \Gamma_{B-L,N} (n_N - n_{N,eq})$$

$$\Gamma_{B-L,N} = \epsilon \Gamma_0$$

$$\epsilon \sim h^2 \sim \frac{m_\nu M}{v^2} \rightsquigarrow \text{lower bound } M \gtrsim 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$

Leading order coefficients (cont'd)

washout term: inverse decays

initial state particles are

- relativistic

- in kinetic equilibrium

no non-relativistic approximation

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H\right) n_{B-L} = \Gamma_{B-L,N} (n_N - n_{N,eq}) - \Gamma_{B-L} n_{B-L}$$

with

$$\Gamma_{B-L} = \frac{3}{\pi^2} \left(c_\ell + \frac{c_\varphi}{2}\right) z^2 K_1(z) \Gamma_0$$

Relativistic corrections

now
$$\frac{1}{E_N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + M^2}} \simeq \frac{1}{M} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2M^2} \right) \rightsquigarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 3H \right) n_N = -\Gamma_N (n_N - n_{N,eq}) + \Gamma_{N,u} (u - u_{eq})$$

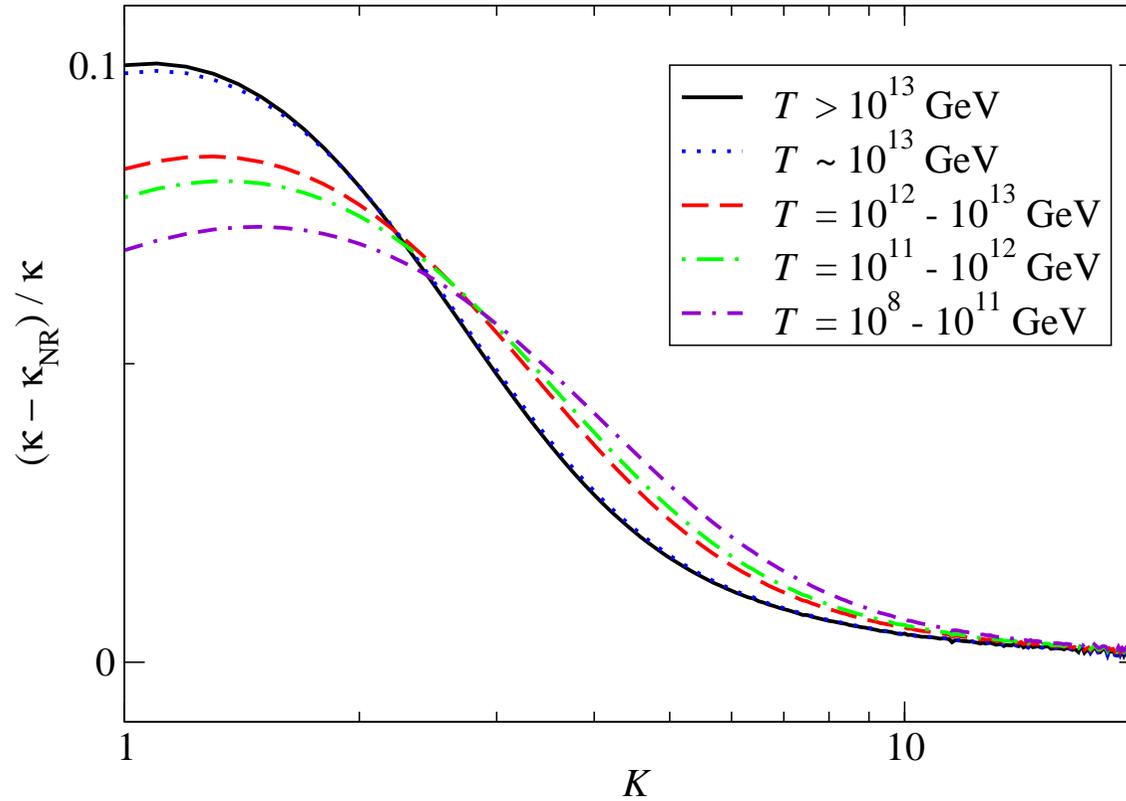
$$u \equiv \frac{\text{kinetic energy density}}{M}$$

similar correction in equation for asymmetry

additional equation

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} + 5H \right) n_u = -\Gamma_u (u - u_{eq})$$

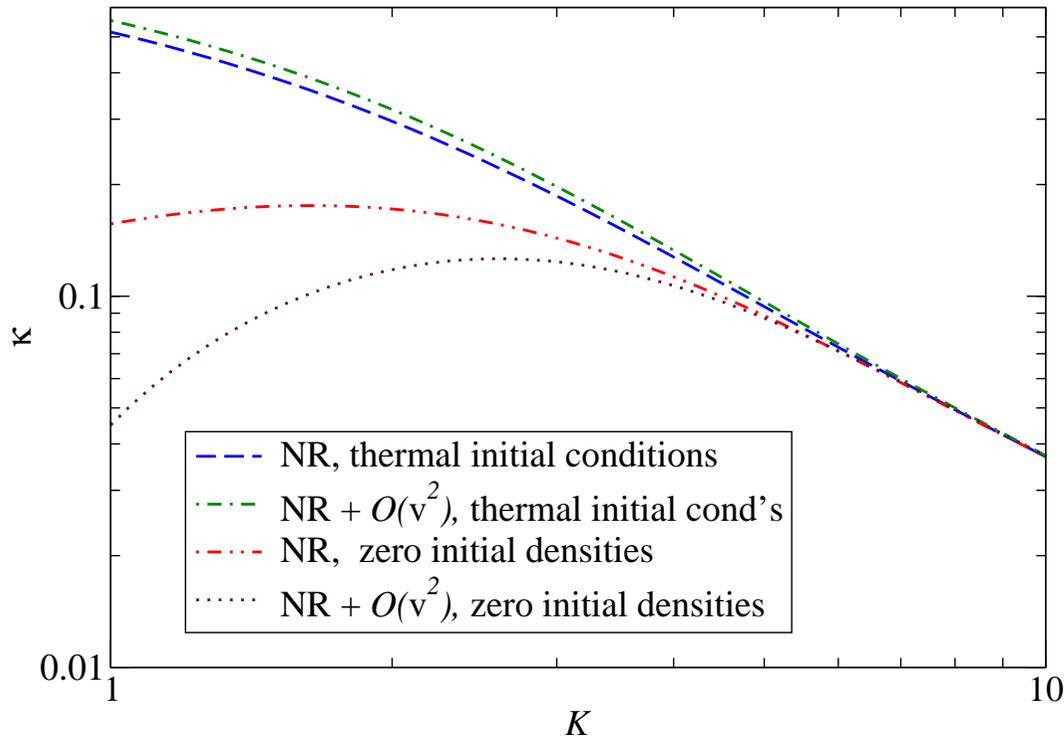
Size of relativistic corrections



efficiency factor

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_{B-L}}{n_{\gamma}^{\text{eq}}} \equiv \frac{3}{4} \epsilon \kappa$$

Dependence on initial conditions



corrections small in strong washout regime

deviations from kinetic equilibrium small

previous work using full Boltzmann equation:

larger discrepancy between full and approximate treatment

caused by using Boltzmann-statistics in washout term

Radiative corrections

so far: LO, decays and inverse decays $1 \leftrightarrow 2$

include radiative corrections: $2 \leftrightarrow 2$, $1 \leftrightarrow 3$, $1 \leftrightarrow 2$ virtual corrections

radiative corrections known for Γ in [Laine, Schröder] [Saldo, Lodone, Strumia]

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial t} \right|_{f_N=0} = \frac{M_N}{E_N} f_{N,\text{eq}} \Gamma$$

if we assume

$$\left. \frac{\partial f_N}{\partial t} \right|_{f_N=0} = \frac{M}{E_N} (f_{N,\text{eq}} - f_N) \Gamma$$

at leading order in h^2 , all orders in Standard Model interactions [Weldon]

\rightsquigarrow radiative corrections to Γ_N

Radiative corrections to Γ

$$\Gamma_N = \Gamma_u = a\Gamma_0, \quad \Gamma_{N,u} = (a - 2b)\Gamma_0$$

[DB, Wörmann]

$$a = 1 - \frac{\lambda T^2}{M_N^2} - |h_t|^2 \left[\frac{21}{2(4\pi)^2} + \frac{7\pi^2 T^4}{60 M_N^4} \right] + (g_1^2 + 3g_2^2) \left[\frac{29}{8(4\pi)^2} - \frac{\pi^2 T^4}{80 M_N^4} \right] + O\left(g^2 \frac{T^6}{M_N^6}, g^3 \frac{T^2}{M_N^2}\right)$$

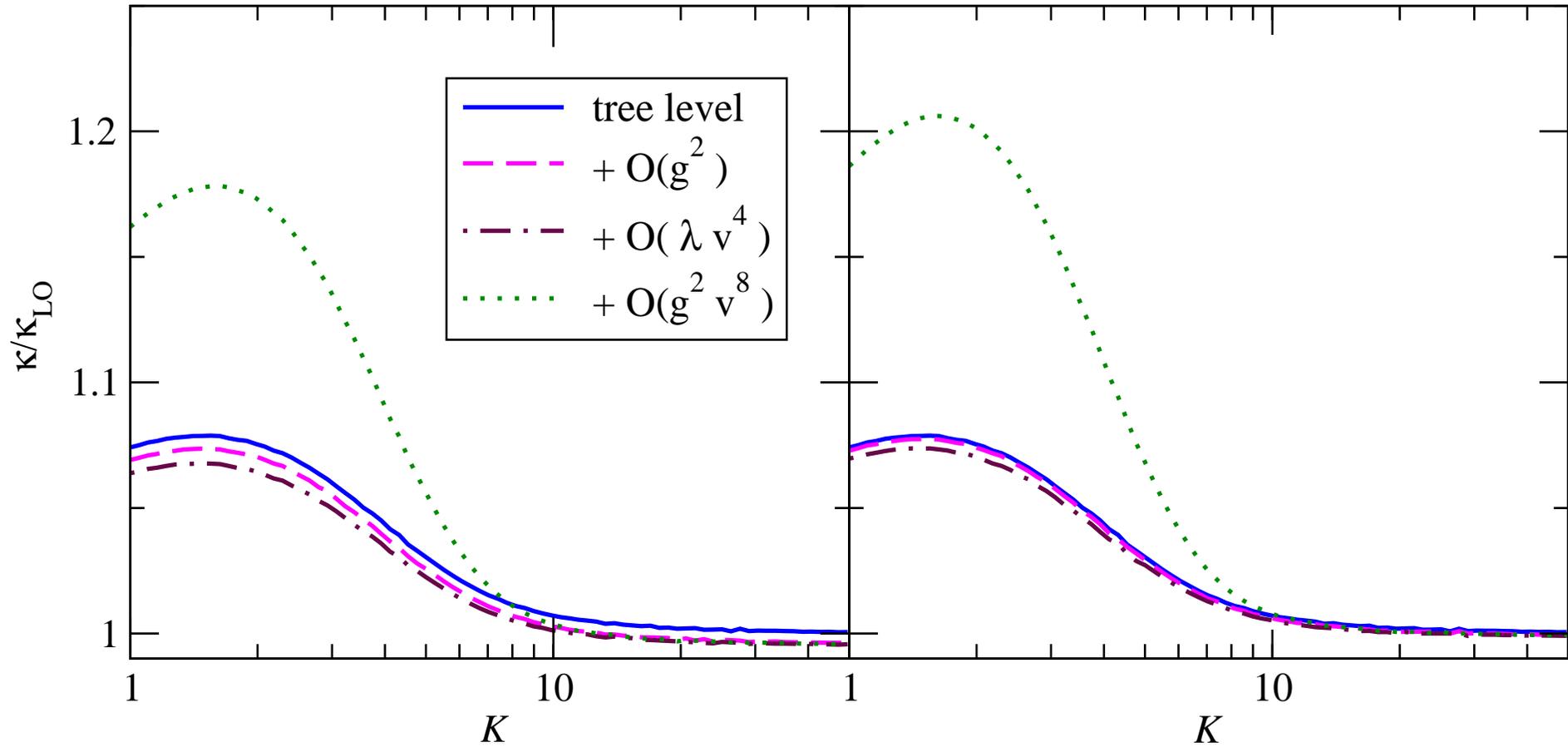
$$b = - \left[|h_t|^2 \frac{7\pi^2}{45} + (g_1^2 + 3g_2^2) \frac{\pi^2}{60} \right] \frac{T^4}{M_N^4} + O\left(g^2 \frac{T^6}{M_N^6}, g^3 \frac{T^2}{M_N^2}\right)$$

[Laine, Schröder]

thermal corrections are formally higher order than our relativistic corrections

$$M_N = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_N = 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$



radiative corrections to efficiency factor

Recent progress

next-to-leading order corrections to washout rate Γ_{B-L} [DB, Laine, arXiv:1403.2755]

schematically:

$$\Gamma \sim h^2 \mathcal{W} \Xi^{-1}$$

\mathcal{W} = spectral function, dynamical, similar to Γ

NLO corrections to $\mathcal{W} = O(g^2)$

Ξ = susceptibility matrix

surprise: NLO corrections to $\Xi = O(g)$

Summary

- for phenomenologically interesting parameters the baryon asymmetry of the Universe is created by non-relativistic sterile neutrinos
- equations for non-relativistic leptogenesis simple, valid to all orders in Standard Model couplings
- relativistic corrections can be systematically included,
- are small in strong washout regime
- radiative corrections were included
- recently: radiative corrections to washout
- leading correction = $O(g)$

Outlook

- radiative corrections to source of asymmetry not yet known
- hopefully non-relativistic approximation is helpful
- bounds on light neutrino mass from successful leptogenesis