

Flavour Covariant Transport Equations for Resonant Leptogenesis

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Introduction: leptogenesis

- Lepton asymmetry from CP -violating decay of heavy Majorana neutrinos:

[Fukugita, Yanagida, 1986]

$$-\mathcal{L}_N = h_l^\alpha \bar{L}^l \tilde{\Phi} N_{R,\alpha} + \bar{N}_{R,\alpha}^C [M_N]^{\alpha\beta} N_{R,\beta} + \text{H.c.}$$

- Resonantly enhanced if $\Delta m_N \sim \Gamma_N$ [Pilaftsis, 1997; Pilaftsis, Underwood, 2004]
- Flavour-diagonal rate equations:

$$\frac{n^\gamma H_N}{z} \frac{d\eta_\alpha^N}{dz} = \left(1 - \frac{\eta_\alpha^N}{\eta_{\text{eq}}^N}\right) \sum_l \gamma_{L_l \Phi}^{N_\alpha}$$

$$\frac{n^\gamma H_N}{z} \frac{d\delta\eta_l^L}{dz} = \sum_\alpha \left(\frac{\eta_\alpha^N}{\eta_{\text{eq}}^N} - 1\right) \delta\gamma_{L_l \Phi}^{N_\alpha} - \frac{2}{3} \delta\eta_l^L \sum_k \left(\gamma_{L_k^c \Phi^c}^{L_l \Phi} + \gamma_{L_k \Phi}^{L_l \Phi} + \delta\eta_k^L (\gamma_{L_l^c \Phi^c}^{L_k \Phi} - \gamma_{L_l \Phi}^{L_k \Phi})\right)$$

- Flavour coherences play an important role [Abada et al., 2006; Asaka, Shaposhnikov, 2005; ...] but so far only partially flavoured (not fully covariant) treatments
- Fully flavour-covariant formalism** to capture consistently all flavour effects [Dev, Millington, Pilaftsis, Teresi, 2014] (this talk)

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Flavour-covariant transport equations

Markovian master equation for number densities:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{n}^X(\mathbf{k}, t) \simeq i \langle [H_0^X, \tilde{\mathbf{n}}^X(\mathbf{k}, t)] \rangle_t - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt' \langle [H_{\text{int}}(t'), [H_{\text{int}}(t), \tilde{\mathbf{n}}^X(\mathbf{k}, t)]] \rangle_t$$

For charged-lepton and heavy-neutrino matrix number densities we find:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [n_{s_1 s_2}^L(\mathbf{p}, t)]_l^m &= -i [E_L(\mathbf{p}), n_{s_1 s_2}^L(\mathbf{p}, t)]_l^m + [C_{s_1 s_2}^L(\mathbf{p}, t)]_l^m \\ \frac{d}{dt} [n_{r_1 r_2}^N(\mathbf{k}, t)]_\alpha^\beta &= -i [E_N(\mathbf{k}), n_{r_1 r_2}^N(\mathbf{k}, t)]_\alpha^\beta + [C_{r_1 r_2}^N(\mathbf{k}, t)]_\alpha^\beta + G_{\alpha\lambda} [\bar{C}_{r_2 r_1}^N(\mathbf{k}, t)]_\mu^\lambda G^{\mu\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Collision terms of the form:

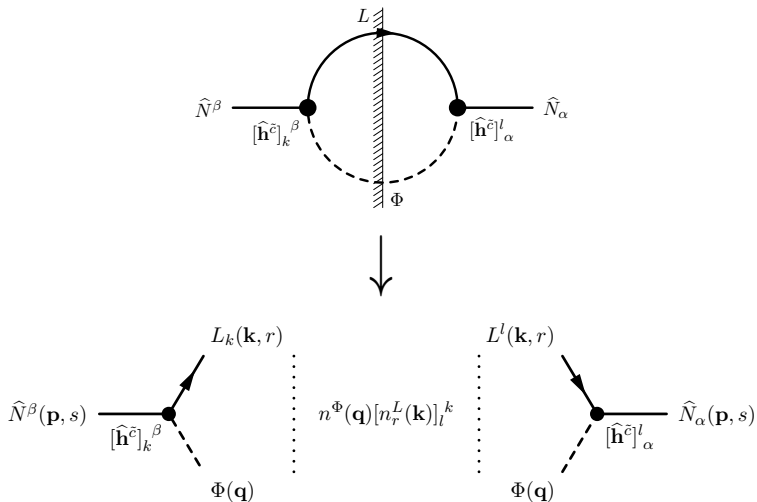
$$[C_{s_1 s_2}^L(\mathbf{p}, t)]_l^m \supset -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{s_1 s_1 r_1 r_2}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}, t)_l^\alpha n_\alpha^\beta \Gamma_{s s_2 r_2 r_1}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k})_n^\beta$$

Statistical tensors $\mathcal{F} = n^\Phi n^L \otimes (\mathbf{1} - n^N) - (1 + n^\Phi) (\mathbf{1} - n^L) \otimes n^N$

Γ novel absorptive rank-4 tensors describing decays and inverse decays

Rank-4 rates (see P. Millington's talk)

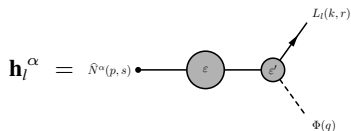
$$n^\Phi [n^L]_l^k [\gamma(L\Phi \rightarrow N)]_{k\alpha}^{l\beta} :$$



Application to Resonant Leptogenesis

- Classical statistics
- Kinetic equilibrium
- Degenerate spin degrees of freedom
- Small deviation from equilibrium: $[n^L]_l^m + [\bar{n}^L]_l^m \simeq 2 n_{\text{eq}}^L \delta_l^m$
- Take into account mixing by resummed Yukawa couplings: $h_l^\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{h}_l^\alpha, [\mathbf{h}^{\tilde{c}}]_l^\alpha$

[Pilaftsis, Underwood, 2004]



$$[\gamma_{L\Phi}^N]_{l\alpha}^{m\beta} \propto \mathbf{h}_\alpha^m \mathbf{h}_l^\beta + [\mathbf{h}^{\tilde{c}}]_\alpha^m [\mathbf{h}^{\tilde{c}}]_l^\beta$$

$$[\delta\gamma_{L\Phi}^N]_{l\alpha}^{m\beta} \propto \mathbf{h}_\alpha^m \mathbf{h}_l^\beta - [\mathbf{h}^{\tilde{c}}]_\alpha^m [\mathbf{h}^{\tilde{c}}]_l^\beta$$

- RIS-subtracted scattering rates: $[\gamma_{L\Phi}^{L\Phi}]_{ln}^{mk}, [\delta\gamma_{L\Phi}^{L\Phi}]_{ln}^{mk}, [\gamma_{L\tilde{c}\Phi\tilde{c}}^{L\Phi}]_{ln}^{mk}, [\delta\gamma_{L\tilde{c}\Phi\tilde{c}}^{L\Phi}]_{ln}^{mk}$
- Charged-lepton decoherence interactions

Rate equations

$$\frac{H_N n^\gamma}{z} \frac{d[\underline{\eta}^N]_\alpha^\beta}{dz} = -i \frac{n^\gamma}{2} [\mathcal{E}_N, \delta\eta^N]_\alpha^\beta + [\widetilde{\text{Re}}(\gamma_{L\Phi}^N)]_\alpha^\beta - \frac{1}{2\eta_{\text{eq}}^N} \left\{ \underline{\eta}^N, \widetilde{\text{Re}}(\gamma_{L\Phi}^N) \right\}_\alpha^\beta$$

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Notice:

Different from ARS mechanism!

[Akhmedov, Rubakov, Smirnov, 1998;

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$$\frac{2}{3} [\delta\eta^L]_k^n \left([\gamma_{L\Phi}^N]_{n l}^{k m} - [\gamma_{L\Phi}^N]_{n l}^{k m} \right)$$

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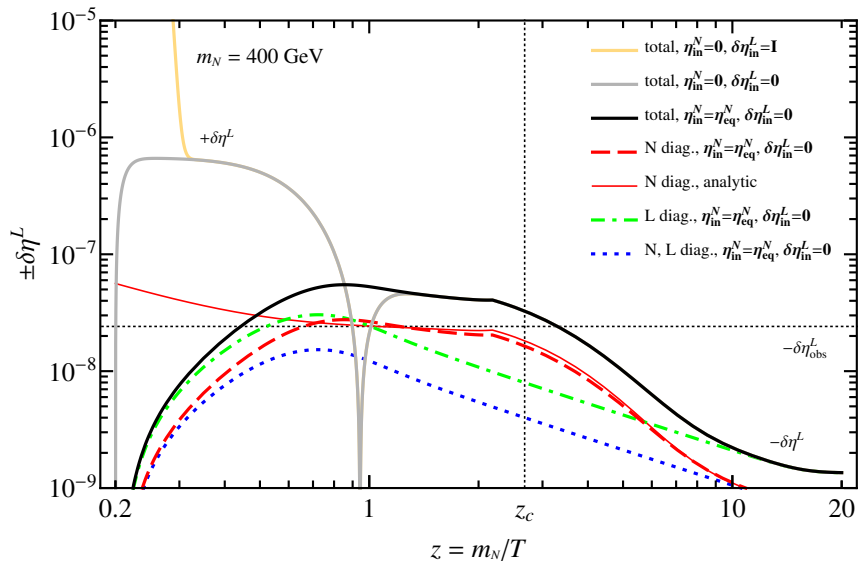
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Benchmark points

Parameter	BP1	BP2	BP3
m_N	120 GeV	400 GeV	5 TeV
κ_1	4×10^{-5}	2.4×10^{-5}	2×10^{-4}
κ_2	2×10^{-4}	6×10^{-5}	2×10^{-5}
a	$(7.41 - 5.54 i) \times 10^{-4}$	$(4.93 - 2.32 i) \times 10^{-3}$	$(4.67 + 4.33 i) \times 10^{-3}$
b	$(1.19 - 0.89 i) \times 10^{-3}$	$(8.04 - 3.79 i) \times 10^{-3}$	$(7.53 + 6.97 i) \times 10^{-3}$

Observable	BP1	BP2	BP3	Exp. Limit
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$	4.5×10^{-15}	1.9×10^{-13}	2.3×10^{-17}	$< 5.7 \times 10^{-13}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$	1.2×10^{-17}	1.6×10^{-18}	8.1×10^{-22}	$< 4.4 \times 10^{-8}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)$	4.6×10^{-18}	5.9×10^{-19}	3.1×10^{-22}	$< 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e)$	1.5×10^{-16}	9.3×10^{-15}	4.9×10^{-18}	$< 1.0 \times 10^{-12}$
$R_{\mu \rightarrow e}^{\text{Ti}}$	2.4×10^{-14}	2.9×10^{-13}	2.3×10^{-20}	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$
$R_{\mu \rightarrow e}^{\text{Au}}$	3.1×10^{-14}	3.2×10^{-13}	5.0×10^{-18}	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-13}$
$R_{\mu \rightarrow e}^{\text{Pb}}$	2.3×10^{-14}	2.2×10^{-13}	4.3×10^{-18}	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-11}$
$ \Omega _{e\mu}$	5.8×10^{-6}	1.8×10^{-5}	1.6×10^{-7}	$< 7.0 \times 10^{-5}$
$\langle m \rangle$ [eV]	3.8×10^{-3}	3.8×10^{-3}	3.8×10^{-3}	$< (0.11-0.25)$

Benchmark Point 2

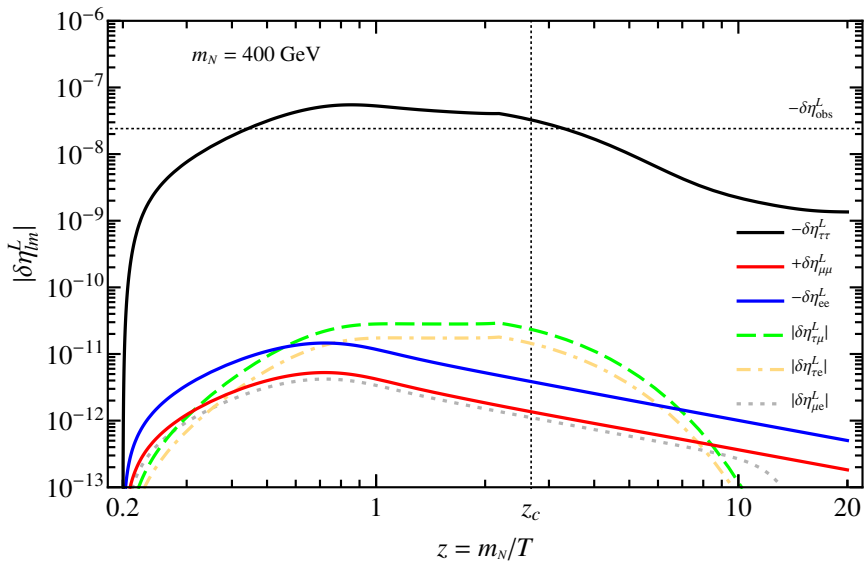


Conclusions

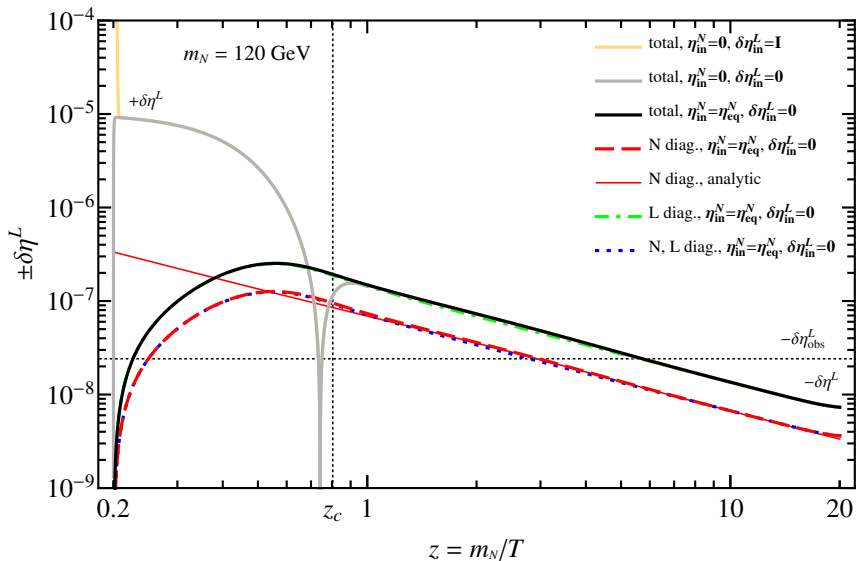
- Flavour covariant formalism to describe consistently all flavour effects
- Main new ingredients:
 - consistency requires one to consider generalized discrete symmetries
 - rank-4 rate tensors, interpreted as unitarity cuts of partial thermal self-energies
- The formalism provides a complete and unified description of Resonant Leptogenesis, capturing three distinct phenomena:
 - resonant mixing between heavy neutrinos
 - coherent oscillations between heavy-neutrino flavours
 - quantum decoherence effects in the charged-lepton sector
- We applied it explicitly to a minimal scenario of τ -genesis testable in the near future
- Final asymmetry can be enhanced by even an order of magnitude, for $m_N \sim 200 - 1000 \text{ GeV}$
- Much more detail (109 pages!) in [\[Dev, Millington, Pilaftsis and Teresi, arXiv:1404.1003 \[hep-ph\]\]](#)

Backup slides

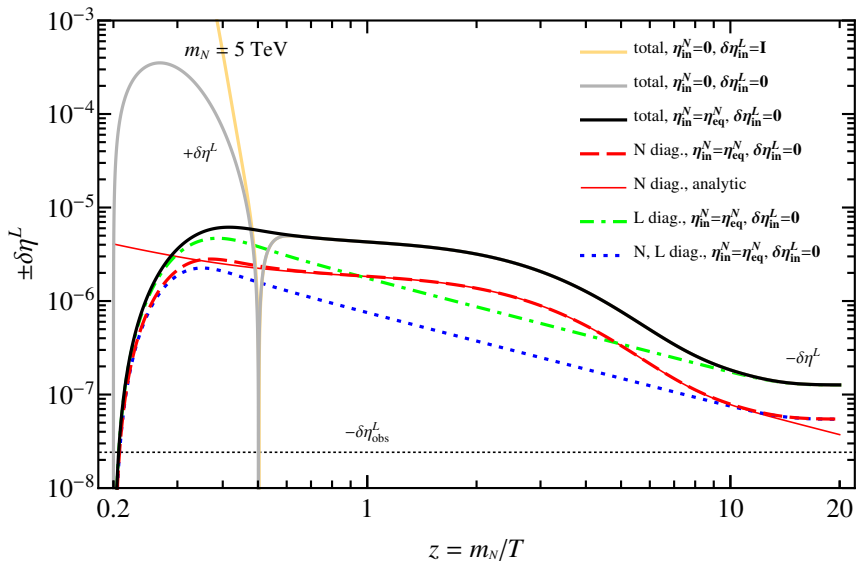
Benchmark Point 2: flavour content



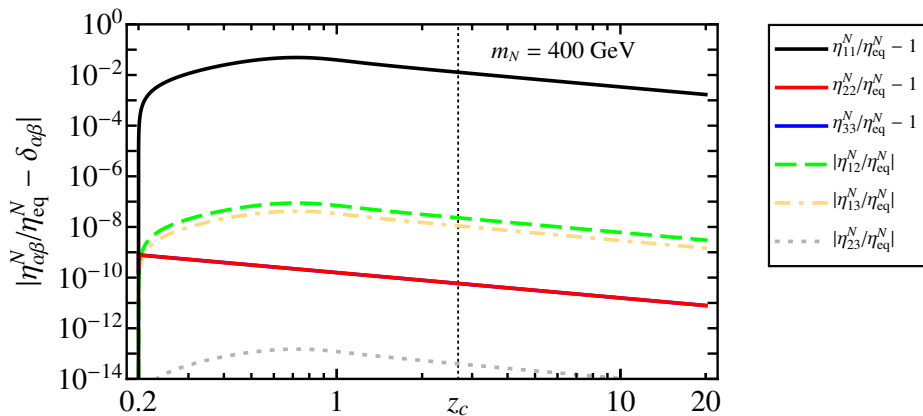
Benchmark Point 1



Benchmark Point 3



Benchmark Point 2: heavy neutrinos



Application to Resonant Leptogenesis

- Classical statistics
- Kinetic equilibrium
- Degenerate spin degrees of freedom
- Small deviation from equilibrium: $[n^L]_l^m + [\bar{n}^L]_l^m \simeq 2 n_{\text{eq}}^L \delta_l^m$

Due to flavour covariance:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} [\dot{n}^L]_l^m \supset -i [\mathcal{E}_L, n^L]_l^m \\ [\dot{\bar{n}}^L]_l^m \supset +i [\mathcal{E}_L, \bar{n}^L]_l^m \end{array} \right\} \implies \begin{array}{l} \text{no oscillation:} \\ [\delta \dot{n}^L]_l^m \supset -i [\mathcal{E}_L, n^L + \bar{n}^L]_l^m \simeq 0 \end{array}$$

Had we chosen, **ignoring covariance**, $[n^L]_{lm} \propto \langle b_l^\dagger b_m \rangle$, $[\bar{n}^L]_{lm} \propto \langle d_l^\dagger d_m \rangle$,

$[n^L]_l^m + [\bar{n}^L]_l^m \simeq 2 n_{\text{eq}}^L \delta_l^m$ would be inconsistent under $\tilde{C}P$