Strong thermal leptogenesis and the N₂-dominated scenario

Investigating neutrino data with leptogenesis

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Why leptogenesis?

Mechanism able to dynamically produce the baryon asymmetry

Link between cosmology, neutrino & new physics



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◆3 RH neutrinos → 18 free parameters

$$\mathcal{L} = -Y_{\alpha k}^{\nu} \bar{L}_{\alpha} \tilde{\Phi} N_k + \frac{1}{2} N_j^T \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} D_{Mj} N_j + h.c.$$

Light neutrino mass matrix:

$$D_m = v^2 U^{\dagger} Y D_M^{-1} Y^t U^*$$



9 low-energy (LE) neutrino parameters:

testable at experiments

9 high-energy (HE) neutrino parameters: ???

Too many parameters are still unconstrained

"Raw" see-saw models are NOT predictive

Some theoretical inputs
 New phenomenology: leptogenesis

 Can leptogenesis provide an explanation and predictions on neutrino data?

Input from known low-energy neutrino data AND baryon asymmetry can provide info on unknown LE parameters and also constrain HE parameters

•Can LE neutrino data support/disprove leptogenesis?

Making leptogenesis predictive means making it "testable"

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Core ideas of leptogenesis



Decay of heavy RH Majorana neutrinos $N_i \xrightarrow{\Gamma_i} l_i \Phi^{\dagger} \qquad N_i \xrightarrow{\overline{\Gamma}_i} \overline{l}_i \Phi$

 N_i

- Lepton number violating
- CP-violating
- Out of equilibrium



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Adding flavour

(Abada et al. 2006; Nardi, Nir, Roulet, Racker 2006; Blanchet, Di Bari, Raffelt '06; Riotto, De Simone 2006)

•For T $\lesssim 10^{12}$ GeV, τ -interactions are fast enough to break the coherence of $|l_i\rangle$, $|\bar{l}_i\rangle$



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Flavoured N₂-dominated scenario



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Why should flavoured N₂ be interesting?

(1) It is naturally realised in SO(10)-inspired models

(Branco et al. 2002; Nezri, Orloff 2002; Akhmedov, Frigerio, Smirnov 2003)

These models predict a precise spectrum of RH neutrinos:



 $M_3 \gg 10^{12} \,\mathrm{GeV}$ $10^9 \,\mathrm{GeV} \lesssim M_2 \lesssim 10^{12} \,\mathrm{GeV}$ $M_1 \lesssim 10^9 \,\mathrm{GeV}$

High reheating temperature, in line with BICEP2 (to be confirmed...)

(2) This scenario can become predictive

The requirement of independence of any pre-existing asymmetry highly constrains the LE parameters

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• Strong thermal leptogenesis can be realised ONLY within a N₂-dominated scenario with this pattern

(Barbieri, Creminelli, Strumia 2000; Engelhard, Grossman, Nardi, Nir 2007; Bertuzzo, Di Bari, Marzola 2010)

This is precisely the same pattern predicted by SO(10)-inspired models

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Lower bound on m₁

$$m_{1} \geq \frac{m_{*}}{\left|U_{e1} - U_{e3}\frac{U_{\tau 1}}{U_{\tau 3}}\right|} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{K_{1e}^{\min}}{M_{\Omega}}} - \left|U_{e2} - U_{e3}\frac{U_{\tau 2}}{U_{\tau 3}}\right| \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{sol}}}{m_{*}}} \right\}^{2}$$

$$m_* \simeq 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{eV}, \quad |\Omega_{ij}|^2 \le M_\Omega = 2$$

- •Normal ordering
- Dependence on N^{p,i}
- Dependence on the experimental angles
- •Dependence on Dirac phase $\delta -\pi/2$

 $m_1\gtrsim 1\,{
m meV}$ 95% C.I

 $\begin{array}{c} \pi/2 \\ \delta & 0 \\ \mathbf{se} \ \delta & -\pi/2 \\ \mathbf{C.L.} & -\pi \\ 10^{-4} & 10^{-3} & 10^{-2} & 10^{-1} \end{array}$

 m_1

 π

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N^{p,i}=0.1

N^{p,i}=0.01

N^{p,i}=0.001

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Experiments? Cosmology!



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An example: SO(10)-inspired SO(10)-inspired + Strong thermal leptogenesis



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Conclusions

- Leptogenesis can link cosmology and neutrino physics.
- Predictions on LE and HE neutrino parameters?

Strong thermal leptogenesis: Flavoured N₂-dominated

- •Naturally realised in SO(10)-inspired models
 - Promising embedding of leptogenesis and GUT theory
- It is predictive on its own
 - $m_1 \gtrsim 1 \text{ meV}$, but
 - low m₁ highly disfavoured
 (though quantitatively it may depend on the chosen parameterisation)
- It can be severely cornered by future experiments
 - We are entering an exciting era of new experimental results that leptogenesis will have to face.

Flavour coupling

- •Flavour asymmetries do not evolve independently
- Coupling through Higgs and quark asymmetries

2-flavoured regime: N₂'s decay,
$$\gamma, \delta = (e + \mu), \tau$$

$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dz_{2}} = D_{N_{2}}(\varepsilon_{2\gamma}) - P_{2\gamma}^{0}W_{2}\sum_{\delta}C_{\gamma\delta}^{(2)}N_{\delta}$$
3-flavoured regime: N₁'s washout, $\alpha, \beta = e, \mu, \tau$

$$\frac{dN_{\alpha}}{dz_{2}} = -P_{1\alpha}^{0}\sum_{\beta}C_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)}W_{1}^{\text{ID}}N_{\beta}$$
 τ
 $\overline{\tau}$

Modification of the final asymmetry

1 order of magnitude for \approx 30% of the param. space

Modification of the statistical limits

99% limit \approx ×2 higher

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(Work in progress...)

Phantom terms



+ $\eta_B^{({
m c})}\simeq 10^{\pm1}\,\eta_B^{({
m u})}$ in ~30% of the parameter space $_{\rm (SEKing,\,MRF\,2014)}$

Assumed zero in strong thermal analysis

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Light neutrino spectrum



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