

20.10 Temperature-time relation.

We use the Friedmann equation for a radiation-dominated universe, $H^2 = 8\pi/3G\rho$, together $\rho = g\pi^2 T^4/30$,

$$H^2 = g \frac{8\pi}{90} G T^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2t} \right)^2$$

Solving for t

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{90}{32\pi^3 g G}} \frac{1}{T^2}$$

and inserting constants

$$\frac{t}{\text{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{45(1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV})^2}{16g\pi^3 \text{s}^2 \text{ MeV}^4}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{T} \right)^2$$

and using that $s^{-1} = 6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ GeV}$, it follows

$$\frac{t}{\text{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{45g(6.6 \times 10^{-25} \text{ GeV})^2(2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV})^2}{16\pi^3 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^4}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{T} \right)^2 \approx \frac{2.4}{\sqrt{g}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{T} \right)^2.$$

Thus at $t = 1 \text{ s}$, the temperature is close to the decoupling of e^-e^+ . Below it is $g_* = 29/4$, above $g_* = 43/4$. Inserting $g_* = 43/4$, it follows $T = 1.2 \text{ MeV}$.