Dark matter searches and neutrino masses

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 PhD at IAC and Universidad de La Laguna (Just finished in Sept.)

• Dark matter searches with astrophysics data.

• Pheno related with neutrino mass models

Searching for dark matter waves with pulsars

• Search with PPTA (Australia) and QUIJOTE (Canary Islands)

A. Castillo, J. Martin-Camalich, J. Terol-Calvo, et al., JCAP 06 (2022) no.06, 014

• Search with EPTA (Europe)

N. Porayko, P. Usynina, J. Terol-Calvo, et al., 2411.XXXXX

Axion Dark Matter

• Misalignment mechanism

$$\ddot{a} + 3H\dot{a} + m_a^2 a = 0$$

$$\rho_a(T_{\rm osc}) = \frac{1}{2}m_a^2 f_a^2 \theta_i^2$$



M. Dine and W. Fischler. Phys. Lett. 120B (1983)

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Searching for dark matter waves

ALP-photon interaction

• Modified Maxwell equations

$$\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \to \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4}a\mathbf{E}\cdot\mathbf{B}$$

$$\partial_{\mu}F^{\mu\nu} + g_{a\gamma}\partial_{\mu}\left(\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}a\right) = 0$$

 $\partial_{\mu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 0$

• Dispersion relation is affected

$$\omega_{\pm} \simeq k \pm \frac{1}{2} g_{a\gamma} \left(\partial_t a + \nabla a \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{k}} \right)$$

• Change of the polarisation plane

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \int_{t_s}^{t_o} \frac{da}{dt} dt = \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \Delta a$$

ALP as wave dark matter

• ALP wave behavior makes the polarisation change periodic



$$\Delta \phi = \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \int_{t_s}^{t_o} \frac{da}{dt} dt = \frac{g_{a\gamma}}{2} \Delta a$$

$$a(t) = a_0 \cos\left(m_a t + \delta\right)$$

$$a_{0,i} = \sqrt{2\rho_i} m_a^{-1} \alpha_i$$

Stochastic nature of wave dark matter

• ALP wave behavior makes the polarisation change periodic

$$\Delta\phi(t) = \phi_a \cos(m_a t + \varphi_a)$$

$$\phi_a = 2.24^{\circ} \left(\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{10^{-12} \text{ GeV}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{m_a}{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho_{DM}}{1 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}}\right)^{1/2}$$

Search for polarisation oscillations

• Sources considered PPTA

Pulsar	$D_{\rm Earth} \; [pc]$	$D_{\rm GC}$ [kpc]	$ ho_{ m DM}~[m GeV/cm^3]$	OT [yr]
J0437-4715	156	8.16	0.35	4.40
Crab-QUIJOTE	2000	10.11	0.23	4.56
J0613-0200	990	8.98	0.29	4.71
J0711-6830	110	8.11	0.35	4.78
J1022+1001	640	8.39	0.33	4.60
J1024-0719	1200	8.49	0.32	4.66
J1045-4509	590	8.03	0.36	4.78
J1600-3053	1870	6.44	0.53	4.78
J1603-7202	3400	6.22	0.56	4.66
J1643-1224	1200	7.02	0.45	4.60
J1713+0747	1310	7.13	0.44	4.78
J1730-2304	470	7.67	0.39	4.55
J1732-5049	1875	6.45	0.52	3.61
J1744-1134	410	7.73	0.38	4.78
J1824-2452	5500	2.85	1.90	4.45
J1857+0943	1180	7.08	0.45	4.66
J1909-3744	1157	7.04	0.45	4.70
J1939+2134	4800	6.86	0.47	4.12
J2124-3358	440	7.83	0.37	4.78
J2129-5721	7000	6.21	0.56	4.56
J2145-0750	710	7.79	0.38	4.56

Search for polarisation oscillations

• Sources considered EPTA



MJD, days

Search for polarisation oscillations

• Analysis with Generalised Lomb-Scargle Periodograms



Searching for dark matter waves

Search for polarisation oscillations

• Signal search with FAP



Searching for dark matter waves

Bounds on polarisation oscillations

• Individual bounds on a generic signal



$$\Delta\phi_{\rm sim} = \phi\cos\left(2\pi\nu\,t + \varphi\right)$$

Bounds on ALP induced polarisation oscillations





• Weighted mean distribution, 95% C.L.



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Bounds on ALP induced polarisation oscillations



Neutrino masses evading cosmology bounds

- A seesaw model for large neutrino masses in concordance with cosmology
 - M. Escudero, T. Schwetz and J. Terol-Calvo, JHEP 02 (2023) 142 M. Escudero, T. Schwetz and J. Terol-Calvo, JHEP 06 (2024) 119

Experimental status of ν masses

• Oscillations can set lower limit, but ordering is still unknown



Experimental status of $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ masses

• Kinematic upper limit: β decay

• KATRIN leads the search

$$m_{\beta} \equiv \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2\right)^{1/2} < 0.45 \,\mathrm{eV} \,[90\% \,\mathrm{CL}]$$

KATRIN Collab., 2406.13516

• Future sensitivity: 0.2 eV

KATRIN Collab., Eur. Phys. J. C 80 no. 3, (2020) 264



Cosmology status of $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ masses

- Effect on
 - CMB : ISW, Lensing

Lesgourgues & Pastor, Phys. Rept. 429 (2006) 307–379

• LSS: Small scale suppression, BAO

• Planck + BAO:

$$\sum m_{\nu} < 0.12 \,\mathrm{eV} \,[95\% \,\mathrm{CL}]$$

Planck Collab., Astron. Astrophys. 641 (2020) A6

Global picture for v masses



Neutrino masses evading cosmology bounds

Can we reconcile cosmology and experiments?

Cosmology is actually sensitive to ρ
 Planck + BAO:

$$\sum m_{\nu} \times \left[\frac{n_{\nu}^0}{56 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-3}} \right] < 0.12 \,\mathrm{eV} \quad [95\% \,\mathrm{CL}]$$

• Reduce n_{ν}^{0} adding new species, χ

Farzan & Hannestad, JCAP 02 (2016) 058

- Cannot do it before BBN, T~MeV
- Cannot do it after recombination, T~eV

Can we reconcile cosmology and experiments?

• New boson needed, X



- 3 fermion singlets, NR, seesaw type I.
- New abelian symmetry, U(1).
- Scalar, Φ , charged with +1 under the new symmetry.
- N_{χ} fermions, χ , charged with -1 under the new symmetry.

$$-\mathcal{L} = \overline{N_R} Y_{\nu} \,\ell_L \,\widetilde{H}^{\dagger} + \frac{1}{2} \,\overline{N_R} \,M_R \,N_R^c + \overline{N_R} Y_{\Phi} \,\chi_L \,\Phi + \,\mathrm{h.c.}$$

Parameter space where the model can work

• Gauge model



- Thermalisation of Z'
- Alter BBN producing Ζ' or χ
- Oscillations ν-χ pre-BBN
- ν and χ must freestream at recombination

THANK YOU!

Can we reconcile cosmology and experiments?

• Mass bound changes with $N_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}$



$$\sum m_{\nu} < 0.12 \,\text{eV} \left(1 + g_{\chi} N_{\chi} / 6\right) \quad [95\% \,\text{CL}]$$

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• Neutrino mass matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & 0 \\ m_D^T & M_R & \Lambda \\ 0 & \Lambda^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} m_{\text{active}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\text{heavy}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\text{sterile}} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\Lambda \ll m_D \ll M_R$

 $m_{\text{active}} \approx m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T + \Lambda \Lambda^T M_R^{-1} \approx m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T,$ $m_{\text{heavy}} \approx M_R + m_D M_R^{-1} m_D^T + \Lambda \Lambda^T M_R^{-1} \approx M_R,$ $m_{\text{sterile}} = 0,$

• Scalar interaction, scalar or pseudoscalar acts as X

$$\overline{N_R}Y_{\Phi}\chi_L \Phi + \text{h.c.} : \qquad \begin{array}{c} \varphi/\rho \\ \chi \end{array}$$

• Mixing brings desired interactions

$$\varphi/\rho \qquad \lambda_{\rho/\phi}^{\nu\chi} \qquad \nu$$

$$\chi$$

$$\lambda_{\rho/\phi}^{\nu\chi} = \frac{m_{\nu}}{v_{\Phi}} \theta_{\nu\chi}$$

$$\varphi'\rho \qquad \lambda_{\rho/\phi}^{\nu\nu} \qquad \nu \\ \lambda_{\rho/\phi}^{\nu\nu} = \frac{m_{\nu}}{v_{\Phi}} \theta_{\nu\chi}^{2}$$

• Gauge interaction, Z' plays the role of X

• Mixing brings desired interactions

$$Z' \qquad \lambda_{Z'}^{\nu\chi} \qquad \nu$$

$$\chi \qquad \chi$$

$$\lambda_{Z'}^{\nu\chi} = \frac{m_{Z'}}{v_{\Phi}} \theta_{\nu\chi}$$

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Neutrino masses evading cosmology bounds

- Gauge model as benchmark
- Thermalisation of Z







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- Gauge model
- Alter BBN producing Z' or χ







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Neutrino masses evading cosmology bounds

- Gauge model
- Leptogenesis is viable







- Gauge model
- Additional upper limits on MR







Parameter space where the model can work

• Global model, disfavoured



