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Education

PhD in Theoretical Physics

RESEARCH FIELD: PARTICLE PHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY – ADVISOR: DR. DIEGO BLAS

King's College London, UK

2018 - Aug 2022 (expected)

My research so far has covered a variety of directions: I have constrained particle physics and cosmological models with early Universe probes, measured the clustering and growth of matter with high-redshift galaxies, and probed new physics using systems in the local Universe and terrestrial experiments. I am an author of 12 articles and have presented my work at international conferences, workshops, journal clubs and seminar series. During my PhD I have also developed two cosmological codes, organised a workshop and a journal club, worked as a teaching assistant and supervised MSc students.

Master of Science in Theoretical Physics

THESIS: "HEAVY NEUTRAL LEPTONS DURING THE BIG BANG NUCLEOSYNTHESIS EPOCH"

Leiden University, Netherlands

2016 - 2018

GPA: 9.0/10 (Cum Laude)

Double Bachelor of Science in Physics and Astronomy

THESIS: "CONSTRAINING COSMOLOGICAL PARAMETERS USING THE CLASS CODE"

Leiden University, Netherlands

2013 - 2016

GPA: 9.0/10 (Cum Laude) in both degrees

Organisational Experience

Latest advances in the physics of BBN and neutrino decoupling

CO-ORGANISER

King's College London/TUM

April 2021

Co-organised a 2-day online workshop on our current understanding of the physics of Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and neutrino decoupling. Speakers from both theoretical and experimental fields were invited to give a talk. See also [this](#) Indico link.

PhD seminar series

CO-ORGANISER

King's College London

Feb 2021 - May 2021

Co-organised a local PhD seminar series, where PhD students could talk about their work and train their presentation skills.

Computing Skills

Expert: Python, Mathematica, \LaTeX

Basic: C++

Scientific software: CLASS, MontePython, PRIMAT, Resonance-DM, Sterile-DM, CalCHEP

Developer: pyBBN, GALLUMI

Teaching and Working Experience

Supervision of MSc students

SUPERVISOR

King's College London

Oct 2020 - Apr 2021

Co-supervised two MSc students on a project entailing the impact of warm dark matter on structure formation.

Teaching undergraduate courses

TEACHING ASSISTANT

King's College London

2018 - 2020

1st year labs, 3rd year particle physics.

Mentoring A-level student

SUPERVISOR

King's College London

May 2019 - Sep 2019

Mentored an A-level student in producing an academic piece of work as part of the Realising Opportunities programme.

Development and guidance of research topic for secondary school students

Leiden University

SUPERVISOR

Dec 2016

Supervised pupils on a project that involved calculation of the mass of the black hole in the centre of the Milky Way using orbits of stars nearby Sgr A*.

Imaging and analysis of astrophysical data

Leiden University

PROJECT LEAD

May 2015

Project involved imaging and photometric analysis of the Cosmic Horseshoe gravitational lensing system using the Isaac Newton Telescope at the Roque de los Muchachos Observatory in La Palma with the goal of estimating the dark matter abundance within the lens.

Publications

Published

1. [N. Sabti](#), J. Alvey, M. Escudero, M. Fairbairn and D. Blas, *Implications of LUNA for BBN and CMB constraints on MeV-scale Thermal Dark Sectors*, [JCAP 08 \(2021\) A01 \[2107.11232\]](#).
2. A. Boyarsky, M. Ovchinnikov, [N. Sabti](#) and V. Syvolap, *When FIMPs Decay into Neutrinos: The N_{eff} Story*, [Phys. Rev. D 104, 035006 \[2103.09831\]](#).
3. J. Alvey, [N. Sabti](#), V. Tiki, D. Blas, K. Bondarenko, A. Boyarsky, M. Escudero, M. Fairbairn, M. Orkney and J. I. Read, *New Constraints on the Mass of Fermionic Dark Matter from Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies*, [MNRAS 501 \(2021\) 1, pp. 1188-1201 \[2010.03572\]](#).
4. [N. Sabti](#), J. B. Muñoz and D. Blas, *First Constraints on Small-Scale Non-Gaussianity from UV Galaxy Luminosity Functions*, [JCAP 01 \(2021\) 010 \[2009.01245\]](#).
5. [N. Sabti](#), A. Magalich and A. Filimonova, *An Extended Analysis of Heavy Neutral Leptons during Big Bang Nucleosynthesis*, [JCAP 11 \(2020\) 056 \[2006.07387\]](#).
6. J. Alvey, [N. Sabti](#), M. Escudero and M. Fairbairn, *Improved BBN Constraints on the Variation of the Gravitational Constant*, [Eur. Phys. J.C80.2 \(2020\), p. 148 \[1910.10730\]](#).
7. [N. Sabti](#), J. Alvey, M. Escudero, M. Fairbairn and D. Blas, *Refined Bounds on MeV-scale Thermal Dark Sectors from BBN and the CMB*, [JCAP 01 \(2020\) 004 \[1910.01649\]](#).

Submitted to journal

8. [N. Sabti](#), J. B. Muñoz and D. Blas, *New Roads to the Small-Scale Universe: Measurements of the Clustering of Matter with the High-Redshift UV Galaxy Luminosity Function*, [\[2110.13161\]](#).
9. [N. Sabti](#), J. B. Muñoz and D. Blas, *GALLUMI: A Galaxy Luminosity Function Pipeline for Cosmology and Astrophysics*, [\[2110.13168\]](#).
10. J. Alvey, M. Escudero and [N. Sabti](#), *What can CMB observations tell us about the neutrino distribution function?*, [\[2111.12726\]](#).
11. J. Alvey, M. Escudero, [N. Sabti](#) and T. Schwetz, *Cosmic Neutrino Background Detection In Large-Neutrino-Mass Cosmologies*, [\[2111.14870\]](#).

White papers

12. *EuCAPT White Paper: Opportunities and Challenges for Theoretical Astroparticle Physics in the Next Decade*, [\[2110.10074\]](#). Contributed to the section ‘Astroparticle observables for dark matter’.

Presentations

Talks

1. Seminar at ICCUB, Barcelona, 18/11/2021
– *New Roads to the Small-Scale Universe: Measurements of the Clustering of Matter with the High-Redshift UV Galaxy Luminosity Function*

2. Seminar at Università degli Studi di Padova, 11/11/2021
– *New Roads to the Small-Scale Universe: Measurements of the Clustering of Matter with the High-Redshift UV Galaxy Luminosity Function*
3. Seminar at SNS, Pisa, 10/11/2021
– *New Roads to the Small-Scale Universe: Measurements of the Clustering of Matter with the High-Redshift UV Galaxy Luminosity Function*
4. Seminar at BSM Pandemic, 9/11/2021
– *New Roads to the Small-Scale Universe: Measurements of the Clustering of Matter with the High-Redshift UV Galaxy Luminosity Function*
5. Seminar at IFPU in Trieste, 27/10/2021
– *Astrophysical Probes of Dark Matter*
6. Seminar at Perimeter Institute, 19/10/2021
– *Cosmological and Astrophysical Probes of Sterile Neutrinos*
7. 2021 Meeting of the Division of Particles and Fields of the American Physical Society (DPF21), Florida State University, 13/07/2021
– *When FIMPs Decay into Neutrinos: The N_{eff} Story*
8. PPC 2021: XIV International Workshop on Interconnections between Particle Physics and Cosmology, University of Oklahoma, 15/05/2021
– *Cosmology with UV Luminosity Functions*
9. First EuCAPT Annual Symposium, 06/05/2021
– *Cosmology with UV Luminosity Functions*
10. MPA Cosmology Seminar, MPA Garching, 30/03/2021
– *Probing Small-Scale Non-Gaussianity with UV Luminosity Functions*
11. High-z Galaxy Evolution Meeting, Harvard-CfA, 08/02/2021
– *Cosmology with UV Luminosity Functions*
12. KCL PhD Seminar Series, 08/02/2021
– *How do FIMPs that can decay into neutrinos affect N_{eff} ?*
13. London Cosmology Discussion Meeting, 21/01/2021
– *What BBN can tell us about thermal dark sectors*
14. CTA Dark Matter Journal Club, 12/11/2020
– *New Constraints on the Mass of Fermionic Dark Matter from Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies*
15. UK Cosmology, University of Sheffield, 22/09/2020
– *Probing Small-Scale Non-Gaussianity with UV Galaxy Luminosity Functions*

Posters

1. COSMO 2021, University of Illinois, 02-06/08/2021
– *When FIMPs Decay into Neutrinos: The N_{eff} Story*
2. Weak Interactions and Neutrinos 2021, University of Minnesota. 07-12/06/2021
– *When FIMPs Decay into Neutrinos: The N_{eff} Story*
3. RAS Early Career Poster Exhibition 2020, 14-28/09/2020
– *First Constraints on Small-Scale Non-Gaussianity from UV Galaxy Luminosity Functions*

Awards and Certificates

Hendrik Casimir Prize

Awarded by the Casimir Research School for best performance during the Master's program in physics.

Dec 2017

Young Talent Encouragement Award

Nov 2014

Awarded by the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities for best performance during the first year of the Bachelor's program in physics.

Languages

Fluent: English, Dutch

Intermediate: Arabic

Basic: Russian

References

- **Dr. Diego Blas** – Departament de Física, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Institut de Física d'Altes Energies (IFAE), The Barcelona Institute of Science and Technology, Bellaterra, Spain, dblas@ifae.es
- **Prof. Malcolm Fairbairn** – Department of Physics, King's College London, London, UK, malcolm.fairbairn@kcl.ac.uk
- **Dr. Julian B. Muñoz** – Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, USA, julianmunoz@cfa.harvard.edu
- **Dr. Alexey Boyarsky** – Lorentz Institute for Theoretical Physics, Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands, boyarsky@lorentz.leidenuniv.nl