Sergio Sevillano Muñoz

Research interests

My current research focuses on the effect of extra scalar degrees of freedom on our universe. On large scales, I have studied their impact on the Hubble tension and on the CMB visibility function through their collapse into compact objects. On short scales, I have explored fifth forces and screening mechanisms originating from non-minimal couplings to gravity.

Academic History

2023- Post-doctoral position at IPPP, Durham University, UK.

Collaborators: Dr. Djuna Croon and Dr. Francesca Chadha-Day.

2020-2023 PhD in Particle Cosmology at School of Physics and Astronomy, University of Nottingham.

Title: FeynMG: Automating particle physics calculations in scalar-tensor theories

Supervisor: Prof. Edmund J. Copeland and Dr. Pete Millington

2019-2020 Part III in Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics at University of Cambridge, UK.

Essay: 'Tunneling Transitions in Quantum Mechanics, Field Theory and Gravity'

Supervisor: Prof. Fernando Quevedo.

2016-2019 B.Sc in Physics and Theoretical Physics at University of Nottingham, UK.

Third-year project: 'Scalar Fields in Cosmology and the Swampland Conjecture'

Supervisor: Prof. Edmund J. Copeland.

Selected Talks

Title: Scaling solutions as a possible resolution for the Hubble tension:

o UNAM, Mexico (Apr 2024) o University of Nottingham (Dec 2022)

Title: How to work with modified gravity and not collapse in the process

Perimeter Institute, Canada (Jul 2024)
Cosmology from home (Jun 2024)
IPPP, Durham (Dec 2023)
Newcastle University (Dec 2023)
PASCOS'23, California (Jul 2023)
UKCosmo, Cambridge (May 2023)
BritGrav'23, Southampton (Apr 2023)

Title: Extended dark matter objects on the CMB

Cosmology from home (Jun 2024)
 Beyond WIMPS, Durham (Mar 2024)

Computational skills and projects

MATHEMATICA: FeynMG: A Feynrules subpackage for studying scalar-tensor theories within particle theory pipelines.

CMB accretion: A numerical code to predict and constrain the influence of Extended Dark Matter objects on the CMB visibility function.

PYTHON: **EDOBounds**: Repository for constraints on Extended Dark Matter Objects, allowing the plotting of various bounds combinations for any given shape or radius.

Teaching Experience

- 2023-2024 Tutor for first year physics course 'Foundations of physics' at Durham University.
- 2020-2023 Demonstrated 'Quantitative physics', 'Quantum dynamics', 'Computing', 'Symmetries and action principles', 'Fourier analysis' and 'Atoms, photons and fundamental particles' at University of Nottingham, UK.
- 2017-2022 Physics and Mathematics private tutor for A-level students.

Official visits and Internships

- Jun 2024 2-week visit to the Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada.
 - ${\bf Collaborator:\ Prof.\ Cliff\ Burgess.}$
- Mar 2024 1-week visit to the Physics department of the University of Manchester, UK. Collaborator: Dr. Peter Millington.
- Jun 2022 1-week visit to the Physics department of the University of Glasgow, UK. Collaborator: Prof. Christoph Englert.
- Feb 2022 1-week visit to the Physics department of Durham University, UK. Collaborator: Prof. Michael Spannowsky.

Academic activities

- 2024 Interviewer for EUCAPT series of videos (starting in September 2024).
- 2023 IPPP Postdoctoral Representative at RSCC Meetings in the Physics Department.
- 2022 2023 Web page editor for UK Cosmo.
- 2021 2023 Web page editor for the Particle Cosmology group at University of Nottingham, UK.
- 2021 2022 Coordinator of the 'Particle Cosmology Student Journal Clubs', University of Nottingham, UK.

Awards and Scholarships

- Jun 2023 Paul Dirac price at Erice summer school for my contributions and special talent talk.
- May 2023 Andrew Hendry Scholarship Endowed Award 2023 for my PhD trajectory.
- Mar 2022 1st Prize in the 2022 Physics and Astronomy Poster competition at University of Nottingham, UK.
- Sep 2020 STFC funding for 3.5 years to do a PhD at University of Nottingham, UK.
- Jan 2017 Sir Peter Mansfield Award for excellent academic results at University of Nottingham, UK.

Outreach Activities

- May 2024 20-min talk titled: "The expansion of the universe and the Hubble tension" Pint of Science, Durham
- Mar 2024 40-min talk titled: "The expansion of the universe and the Hubble tension", Café Scientifiqué, Durham
- Oct 2022 DigitalizArte: Undertook a +20 hours online course on using YouTube for communicating science.
 - 2021- Multiple outreach talks on "Quantum mechanics and philosophy of science" at School CEU San Pablo, Spain.
 - 2018- Uploaded multiple outreach videos to YouTube and Instagram talking about topics enclosing from Classical dynamics to Early Universe topics.