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Research Focus: Neutrino and dark matter phenomenology in the laboratory, astrophysics, and cosmology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Profesor Ayudante Doctor), University of the Basque Country	2023 - PRESENT
CCAPP Postdoctoral Fellow, Ohio State University	2020 - 2023

EDUCATION

PhD in Particle Physics, University of Barcelona	2020
Graded outstanding with honors (<i>Cum Laude</i>). International Doctorate Extraordinary PhD Award	

Master in Astrophysics, Particle Physics and Cosmology, University of Barcelona	2016
Graded outstanding with honors in my Master Thesis, “Neutrino oscillations and CP violation: analysis of NO ν A data” Graduated with an average grade of 9.7/10.0	

Bachelor’s degree in Physics, University of the Basque Country	2015
Minor on Fundamental Physics Graduated with excellence honors, with an average grade of 9.91/10.00 Attained the 2014/2015 Spanish National Graduate Award (<i>Premio Nacional Fin de Carrera</i>)	

PUBLICATIONS (25 research papers, and 4273 citations according to [INSPIRE](https://inspirehep.net/))

- T. Bertólez-Martínez, I. Esteban, R. Hajjar, O. Mena and J. Salvado, “Origin of cosmological neutrino mass bounds: background *versus* perturbation”, *JCAP* **06** (2025), 058, [arXiv:2411.14524](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.14524) [[astro-ph.CO](#)].
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, I. Martinez-Soler, J. P. Pinheiro and T. Schwetz, “NuFit-6.0: Updated global analysis of three-flavor neutrino oscillations”, *JHEP* **12**, 216 (2024), [arXiv:2410.05380](https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.05380) [[hep-ph](#)].
- V. B. Valera, D. F. G. Fiorillo, I. Esteban and M. Bustamante, “New limits on neutrino decay from high-energy astrophysical neutrinos”, *Phys. Rev. D* **110** (2024) no.4, 043004, [arXiv:2405.14826](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.14826) [[astro-ph.HE](#)].
- I. Esteban, J. F. Beacom and J. Kopp, “Detectable MeV Neutrino Signals from Neutron-Star Common-Envelope Systems”, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **134** (2025), 18, [arXiv:2310.19868](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.19868) [[astro-ph.HE](#)]. The code was made public at github.com/ivan-esteban-phys/common-envelope-thermal. External coverage article in [astrobytes](#).
- I. Esteban, A. H. G. Peter and S. Y. Kim, “Milky Way satellite velocities reveal the Dark Matter power spectrum at small scales”, *Phys. Rev. D* **110** (2024) no.12, 123013, [arXiv:2306.04674](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.04674) [[astro-ph.CO](#)].
- T. Bertólez-Martínez, C. A. Argüelles, I. Esteban, J. Lopez-Pavon, I. Martinez-Soler and J. Salvado, “IceCube and the origin of ANITA-IV events”, *JHEP* **07**, 005 (2023), [arXiv:2305.03746](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.03746) [[hep-ph](#)].
- D. Blas, I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia and J. Salvado, “On neutrino-mediated potentials in a neutrino background”, *JHEP* **04**, 039 (2023), [arXiv:2212.03889](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.03889) [[hep-ph](#)].

- P.-W. Chang, I. Esteban, J. F. Beacom, T. A. Thompson and C. M. Hirata “Towards powerful probes of neutrino self-interactions in supernovae”, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **131** (2023), 7, [arXiv:2206.12426 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, S. Prohira and J. F. Beacom, “Detector Requirements for Model-Independent Measurements of Ultrahigh Energy Neutrino Cross Sections”, *Phys. Rev. D* **106** (2022) no.2, 023021, [arXiv:2205.09763 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- P. Coloma, I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, L. Larizgoitia, F. Monrabal and S. Palomares-Ruiz, “Bounds on new physics with data of the Dresden-II reactor experiment and COHERENT”, *JHEP* **05** (2022), 037, [arXiv:2202.10829 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, O. Mena and J. Salvado, “Non-standard neutrino cosmology dilutes the lensing anomaly”, *Phys. Rev. D* **106** (2022) no.8, 083516, [arXiv:2202.04656 \[astro-ph.CO\]](#).
- C. A. Argüelles, I. Esteban, M. Hostert, K. J. Kelly, J. Kopp, P. A. N. Machado, I. Martinez-Soler and Y. F. Perez-Gonzalez, “MicroBooNE and the ν_e Interpretation of the MiniBooNE Low-Energy Excess”, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **128** (2022), 24, [arXiv:2111.10359 \[hep-ph\]](#). The code was made public at [github.com/Harvard-Neutrino/MicroBooNE-analysis-2021](#).
- I. Esteban, S. Pandey, V. Brdar and J. F. Beacom, “Probing secret interactions of astrophysical neutrinos in the high-statistics era”, *Phys. Rev. D* **104** (2021), 12, [arXiv:2107.13568 \[hep-ph\]](#). The code was made public at [github.com/ivan-esteban-phys/nuSIprop](#).
- I. Esteban and J. Salvado, “Long Range Interactions in Cosmology: Implications for Neutrinos”, *JCAP* **05** (2021), 036, [arXiv:2101.05804 \[hep-ph\]](#). The code was made public at [github.com/jsalvado/class_public_lrs](#).
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, T. Schwetz and A. Zhou, “The fate of hints: updated global analysis of three-flavor neutrino oscillations”, *JHEP* **09** (2020), 178, [arXiv:2007.14792 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- P. Coloma, I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia and J. Menendez, “Determining the nuclear neutron distribution from Coherent Elastic neutrino-Nucleus Scattering: current results and future prospects”, *JHEP* **08** (2020), 030, [arXiv:2006.08624 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia and M. Maltoni, “On the effect of NSI in the present determination of the mass ordering”, [arXiv:2004.04745 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- P. Coloma, I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia and M. Maltoni, “Improved global fit to Non-Standard neutrino Interactions using COHERENT energy and timing data”, *JHEP* **02** (2020), 023, [arXiv:1911.09109 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- M. Dentler, I. Esteban, J. Kopp and P. Machado, “Decaying Sterile Neutrinos and the Short Baseline Oscillation Anomalies”, *Phys. Rev. D* **101** (2020) no.11, 115013, [arXiv:1911.01427 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- D. Baxter, J.I. Collar, P. Coloma, C.E. Dahl, I. Esteban, P. Ferrario, J.J. Gomez-Cadenas, M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, A.R.L. Kavner, C.M. Lewis, F. Monrabal, J. Muñoz Vidal, P. Privitera, K. Ramanathan and J. Renner, “Coherent Elastic Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering at the European Spallation Source”, *JHEP* **02** (2020) 123, [arXiv:1911.00762 \[physics.ins-det\]](#).
- I. Esteban, J. Lopez-Pavon, I. Martinez-Soler and J. Salvado, “Looking at the axionic dark sector with ANITA”, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **80** (2020) no.3, 259, [arXiv:1905.10372 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia and M. Maltoni, “On the Determination of Leptonic CP Violation and Neutrino Mass Ordering in Presence of Non-Standard Interactions: Present Status”, *JHEP* **1906** (2019) 055, [arXiv:1905.05203 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, A. Hernandez-Cabezudo, M. Maltoni and T. Schwetz, “Global analysis of three-flavour neutrino oscillations: synergies and tensions in the determination of θ_{23} , δ_{CP} , and the mass ordering”, *JHEP* **01** (2019) 106, [arXiv:1811.05487 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, I. Martinez-Soler, and J. Salvado, “Updated Constraints on Non-Standard Interactions from Global Analysis of Oscillation Data”, *JHEP* **08** (2018) 180, [arXiv:1805.04530 \[hep-ph\]](#).

- I. Esteban, M. C. Gonzalez-Garcia, M. Maltoni, I. Martinez-Soler, and T. Schwetz, “Updated fit to three neutrino mixing: exploring the accelerator-reactor complementarity”, *JHEP* **01** (2017) 087, [arXiv:1611.01514 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- R. Alves Batista *et al.* “EuCAPT White Paper: Opportunities and Challenges for Theoretical Astroparticle Physics in the Next Decade”, [arXiv:2110.10074 \[astro-ph.HE\]](#).
- J. M. Berryman *et al.* “Neutrino Self-Interactions: A White Paper”, *Phys. Dark Univ.* **42** (2023) 101267, [arXiv:2203.01955 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- C. A. Argüelles *et al.* “Snowmass White Paper: Beyond the Standard Model effects on Neutrino Flavor”, *Eur. Phys. J. C* **83** (2023) no.1, 15, [arXiv:2203.10811 \[hep-ph\]](#).
- H. Abele *et al.* “Particle Physics at the European Spallation Source”, [arXiv:2211.10396 \[physics.ins-det\]](#).

SELECTED CONFERENCE TALKS AND POSTERS (Presented 26 talks and 6 posters, not all shown here)

- “Neutrino cross sections.” Invited talk presented at the *2025 Open Symposium on the European Strategy for Particle Physics*.
- “Milky Way satellite velocities reveal Dark Matter properties.” Invited talk presented at the *2025 Oskar Klein Centre Day*.
- “Global Status of Neutrino Mixing as of Winter 2025.” Invited talk presented at the *2025 Rencontres de Moriond*.
- “(Ultra-)high energy neutrinos and physics opportunities.” Invited plenary talk presented at the *2025 Neutrino Platform Week*, CERN, 2025.
- “Neutrino self-interactions: towards strong probes from supernovae.” Talk presented at the *2023 Neutrino Platform Week*, CERN, 2023.
- “Gravitational CMB lensing illuminates neutrino interactions.” Poster presented at the *Neutrino22 Conference*. Prize for the best cosmology poster, and selected among the overall top 6 posters.
- “Ultra-high energy neutrinos and physics opportunities.” Invited talk presented at the *Neutrino Theories (NuTs) Extended Workshop*, Madrid 2022.
- “Long-range neutrino interactions and cosmology.” Invited plenary talk at the *Neutrino Cosmology Day*, Munich 2022.
- “Coherent neutrino scattering: a window into neutron distributions.” Invited talk presented at the *Neutrino- Nucleus Interactions in the Standard Model and Beyond*, virtual CERN 2022.
- “Astrophysical neutrino self-interactions in the high-statistics era.” Selected hot topic talk at *TAUP 2021*.
- “Astrophysical neutrino self-interactions in the high-statistics era.” Talk presented at the *2021 Division of Particles and Fields APS meeting*.
- “Exploring neutrino long range interactions from the cosmos.” Talk presented at *Pheno 2021*.
- “Precision measurements in neutrino experiments.” Invited plenary talk at the *First EuCAPT Annual Symposium*, 2021.
- “European Spallation Source: the future of Coherent Neutrino Scattering.” Invited talk presented at the young scientist forum of *2021 Rencontres de Moriond*.
- “COHERENT neutrinos, today and tomorrow.” Poster and talk presented at *NuPhys 2019*.
- “Light sterile neutrinos: an overview.” Invited plenary talk given at the *nuSTORM Workshop*, CERN, 2019.
- “MiniBooNE low-energy excess as a hint for neutrino decay.” Invited talk given at the *2019 Neutrino Platform Week: Hot Topics in Neutrino Physics*, CERN, 2019.
- “Can axion-like particles explain the anomalous ANITA events?.” Poster and talk presented at the *Invisibles 19 School and Workshop*. Prize for the best poster.

“Global Analysis of Neutrino Oscillation Data Circa Autumn 2018.” Invited talk given at the *NuTheories workshop*, Pittsburgh, 2018.

“Light sterile neutrinos: a critical overview.” Invited plenary talk given at the *15th International Workshop on Tau Lepton Physics*, 2018.

“Global Analysis of Neutrino Oscillation Data Circa Autumn 2017.” Talk given at the *IX CPAN Days*, Santander, 2017.

INVITED SEMINARS AND COLLOQUIA (Invited to 21 seminars and 1 colloquium)

“Neutrino masses: exploring new physics in the lab and the cosmos.” *Oskar Klein Centre Colloquium*, May 2025.

“Accreting neutron stars: the potential third MeV astrophysical neutrino source.” *SNEWS seminar series*, October 2024.

“Accreting neutron stars: the potential third MeV astrophysical neutrino source.” *Brookhaven National Laboratory*, September 2024.

“Accreting neutron stars: the potential third MeV astrophysical neutrino source.” *University of Melbourne*, May 2024.

“Accreting neutron stars: the potential third MeV astrophysical neutrino source.” *HiDDeN Webinar*, April 2024.

“Milky Way satellite velocities reveal Dark Matter properties.” *High Energy and Astrophysics Results Forum*, November 2023.

“Neutrino secret interactions from outer space.” *Johns Hopkins University*, May 2023.

“Neutrino secret interactions from outer space.” *Texas A&M University*, April 2023.

“Neutrino secret interactions from outer space.” *Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias*, March 2023.

“Ultra-high energy neutrinos and physics opportunities.” *Queen Mary University*, February 2023.

“Ultra-high energy neutrinos and physics opportunities.” *University of Barcelona*, January 2023.

“Neutrino secret interactions from outer space.” *Niels Bohr Institute*, December 2022.

“Ultra-high energy neutrinos and physics opportunities.” *Kansas University*, September 2022.

“Ultra-High Energy Astrophysical Neutrinos: A New Window to the Universe.” *Technical University of Munich*, May 2022.

“Sterile neutrinos in 2021, why should we care?.” *Institut de Física Corpuscular (Valencia)*, December 2021.

“Neutrino interactions from the Cosmos.” *New Mexico University*, October 2021.

“Neutrino interactions from the Cosmos.” *Fermilab theory division*, October 2021.

“Neutrino interactions from the Cosmos.” *University of Cincinnati*, October 2021.

“Long Range Interactions in Cosmology: Implications for Neutrinos.” *Northwestern University*, April 2021.

“Phenomenology of coherent neutrinos, today and tomorrow.” *Fermilab*, March 2021.

“Long Range Interactions in Cosmology: Implications for Neutrinos.” *Campinas University*, March 2021.

“Long Range Interactions in Cosmology: Implications for Neutrinos.” *Technical University of Munich*, February 2021.

SERVICE

Referee for Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics (JCAP)

| 2022 - PRESENT

<i>Referee for Physical Review Letters (PRL)</i>	2020 - PRESENT
<i>Referee for Computer Physics Communications</i>	2020 - PRESENT
<i>Referee for Physical Review D (PRD)</i>	2019 - PRESENT
<i>Referee for The European Physical Journal C (EPJ C)</i>	2019 - PRESENT
<i>Referee for Journal of High Energy Physics (JHEP)</i>	2017 - PRESENT
<i>Scientific Secretary of the “Neutrinos and Cosmic Messengers” Working Group, European Strategy for Particle Physics</i> Coordinated the Working Group, together with the two conveners (Sara Bolognesi, Pilar Hernandez). Contributed to the Oscillations, Neutrino Cross Sections, BSM, and Cosmic Messengers physics studies.	2025
<i>Application reviewer for the European Science Foundation</i> Reviewed a postdoctoral fellowship application in the frame of the Research Foundation Flanders’ (FWO).	2025
<i>Reviewer of the DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program</i> Reviewed applications to pursue a PhD thesis project at a DOE national laboratory.	2022 - 2023
<i>Co-organizer of the weekly CCAPP Astroparticle Physics journal club</i>	2021 - PRESENT
<i>Member of the UB Physics Faculty Council</i> Student Representative in the Academic, Research, Doctorate and Equality Commissions of the Physics Faculty in the University of Barcelona.	2016 - 2018
<i>Organizer of the “Encontres amb el Tercer Cicle”</i> Organized four outreach lecture cycles given by PhD students, attended by about 100 people each.	2017 - 2020
<i>Member of the Local Organizing Committee in the 4th Workshop on the QCD Structure of the Nucleon (Bilbao)</i>	2016
<i>Member of the UPV/EHU Science and Technology Student Council</i> Counseled students on their relation with the University. Part of the Faculty Council.	2013 - 2015
<i>President of Zimatek, the Basque association of Physics and Electronic Engineering students</i> Organized three lecture cycles attended by about 100 people each. Coordinated various trips of about 50 students to different research facilities.	2013 - 2015

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UNIBASQ accreditation for Associate Professor (*Profesor Adjunto*)

Obtained the prize for the best cosmology poster in the Neutrino22 Conference, together with being selected among the overall top 6 posters

Obtained a CCAPP Fellowship to carry out independent research at the Center for Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics at the Ohio State University

On top of attaining the Extraordinary PhD Award of the Faculty of Physics (University of Barcelona), [elected as one of the 10 finalists](#) in the “Claustre de Doctors de la Universitat de Barcelona” prize for the best PhD thesis in the University of Barcelona.

Obtained the first prize for the best scientific poster in the Invisibles 19 School

Obtained an FPU Award to carry out a 3-month research stay in a foreign institution. Visited the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

Attained the 2016 Outstanding Award of the Master in Astrophysics, Particle Physics and Cosmology in

the University of Barcelona

Obtained an FPU PhD Fellowship, awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education

Selected for a La Caixa PhD Fellowship (declined in favour of an FPU Fellowship)

Attained the 2015 Outstanding Physics Graduate Award in the University of the Basque Country

Beneficiary of the 2015-2016 Catalunya La Pedrera Foundation Excellence Master Grant

Obtained the best average grade of all Physics students in 2015 at the University of the Basque Country

Selected for the 2015 Bizkaia Talentia Programme, a programme targeted at the students with the highest potential at the three Basque universities

Selected for the first International Mentorship Program of ECUSA, the association of Spanish scientists in the USA, during the 2014/2015 academic year

Beneficiary of the University Academic Excellence Grant of the Basque Government (2011-2012)

TEACHING AND MENTORING

<i>General Physics (University of the Basque Country)</i> Taught 140 hours to first-year Chemical Engineering students.	2023 - 2024
<i>Local host of the visiting PhD Student Rasmi Hajjar at The Ohio State University</i>	2023
<i>Delivered the "Neutrinos" tutorial at the Invisibles21 School</i>	2021
<i>Bloom Carroll Local Science Fair</i> Tutored a high school student in her Science Fair project. Evaluated other projects.	2020
<i>Tutorial Assistant in "Statistics and introduction to Machine Learning", "Neutrino Phenomenology" and "Neutrinos in Cosmology" during the Invisibles19 School</i>	2019
<i>One Variable Calculus (Universitat de Barcelona)</i> Taught 120 hours to first-year Physics undergraduate students.	2017 - 2020
<i>Tutor at undergraduate level</i> Tutored Physics undergraduate students.	2014 - 2015

OUTREACH

<i>Participation in the Bilbao Science Week</i> Part of the UPV/EHU Physics Stand.	2023, 2024
<i>"Neutrinos: shedding light on the secrets of antimatter"</i> Article in the Basque <i>Elhuyar</i> magazine. Available at this URL .	2021
<i>"Neutrinos in the South Pole"</i> Interview in the public Basque radio station. Available at this URL .	2021
<i>Physics Faculty Open Doors and Particle Physics Workshop</i> Collaborated in whole-day outreach activities targeted at high-school students.	2019, 2020
<i>"Neutrinos: seeing the invisible"</i> Talk given to the general public as part of the <i>European Researchers Night</i> .	2019
<i>"Neutrinos: seeing the invisible"</i> Talk given to the general public as part of the <i>Pint of Science</i> program.	2019
<i>"Neutrino oscillations: in the frontier of the Standard Model"</i> Talk given to physics undergraduate students at the University of Barcelona.	2018

<i>Member of the outreach association Quadrivium</i> Gave two 1-hour talks about General Relativity in Barcelona's community centers.	2018
<i>Participation in the 2012 Bilbao Science Week</i> Part of the UPV/EHU Physics Stand.	2012

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), summer student</i> Participated in the DESY-CMS group evaluating the topology of boosted Higgs boson production along with top quarks. Conducted the analysis for that process with the first data collected in the LHC at a center-of-mass energies of 13 TeV.	2015
<i>Brookhaven National Laboratory, summer stay</i> Collaborated with the eRHIC group on simulation data analysis for comparing calorimetry techniques. Assisted the STAR experiment in upgrading the Forward Meson Spectrometer.	2014

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

<i>QCDHaSForm</i> . Spanish Government PID2022-136510NB-C33	2024 – PRESENT
<i>Early Universe cosmology and fundamental physics</i> . Spanish Government PID2021-123703NB-C21	2024 – PRESENT
<i>Grupo consolidado del Gobierno Vasco</i> . Basque Government IT1628-22	2024 – PRESENT
<i>New Frontiers in Nuclear Astrophysics</i> . National Science Foundation PHY-2012955	2020 – 2024
<i>Maria de Maeztu Excellence Distinction</i> . CEX2019-000918-M	2020
<i>Teoría y Fenomenología de las Interacciones Fundamentales: física de partículas y unificación de las fuerzas</i> . Spanish Government PID2019-105614GB-C21	2020
<i>Grup de Física Teòrica d'Altes Energies</i> . Government of Catalonia 2017SGR929	2017 – 2020
<i>The Elusives Enterprise: Asymmetries of the Invisible Universe</i> . European Commission H2020-MSCA-ITN-2015-674896	2016 – 2020
<i>InvisiblesPlus</i> . European Commission H2020-MSCA-RISE-2015-690575	2016 – 2020
<i>Teoría y Fenomenología de las Interacciones Fundamentales: física de partículas y unificación de las fuerzas</i> . Spanish Government FPA2016-76005-C2-1-P	2016 – 2020
<i>Teoría y Fenomenología de las Interacciones Fundamentales: física de partículas y unificación de las fuerzas</i> . Spanish Government FPA2013-4657-C2-1-P	2016

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH:	Fluent, level C2 (Certificate of Proficiency in English)
SPANISH:	Mother tongue
BASQUE:	Fluent, level C1 (Euskararen Gaitasun Agiria)
CATALAN:	Basic understanding

COMPUTER SKILLS

Python, C++
Linux
L^AT_EX
Basic knowledge of ROOT, Java and FORTRAN