

HNLs, ALPs, and other DM searches

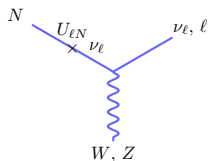
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Heavy Neutral Leptons

- A heavy 4th (Dirac or Majorana) neutrino
 - ‘Heavy’: Heavy enough not to naively disrupt BBN or unstable on cosmological timescales. Typically $m_N \gtrsim \text{MeV}$ (cf. sterile ν)
- Essentially couples to EW currents via mixing (matrix element $U_{\ell N}$)



- There is **clear theoretical and experimental interest** in HNLs

Past/Current expts

DELPHI
CHARM, PS191, NuTeV ...
NA62
PIENU
BESIII, CMS, ATLAS ...

Future/proposed expts

DUNE
FASER
SHiP
MATHUSLA
CODEX-b ...

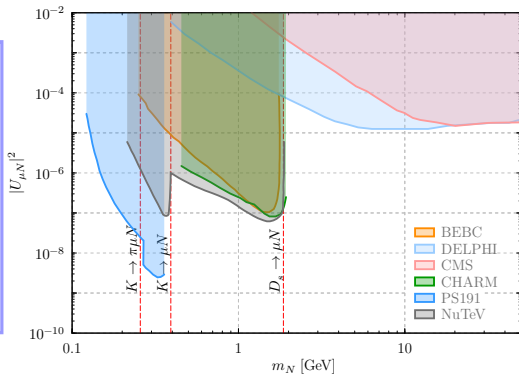
- The PDG had a HNL listing, but didn't cover some of this data

Experimental Status

- Difficulty: experiments quote bounds in the mixing matrix element $|U_{eN}|^2$ as function of m_N
- But: Sensitivity typically scales with $(m_N)^{-n}$ up to kinematic endpoint
- Current status for eg $|U_{\mu N}|^2$

Approach 1: Where appropriate, quote a limit near natural kinematic endpoint of each expt (usually the max)

Approach 2: Otherwise, pick characteristic to quote $|U_{eN}|^2$ bound (Only one $U_{eN} \neq 0$ at a time)



See also 1909.11198 for latest bounds below 100 MeV

New Listings

Limits on $|U_{ex}|^2$

[INSPIRE search](#)

Quoted limits are either the best limit near the kinematic threshold of the experiment, or a characteristic value in the mass range of the experimental sensitivity

VALUE	CL%	DOCUMENT ID	TECN	COMMENT
$< 2 \times 10^{-5}$	95	1 AAD 2019F	ATLS	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 15 - 40$ GeV
$< 1 \times 10^{-9}$	90	2 ABE 2019B	T2K	Near $m_K - m_e$ kin. thres.
$< 1 \times 10^{-4}$	90	3 ABLIKIM 2019AL	BES3	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 0.3 - 0.7$ GeV
$< 1 \times 10^{-8}$	90	4 AGUILAR-AREVA.. 2018A	PIEN	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 60 - 120$ MeV
$< 3 \times 10^{-7}$	90	5 CORTINA-GIL 2018	NA62	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 200 - 400$ MeV
$< 3 \times 10^{-5}$	95	6 ABREU 1997I	DLPH	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 6 - 50$ GeV
$< 2 \times 10^{-5}$	95	7 ABREU 1997I	DLPH	Near $m_{\nu_x} \sim 3.5$ GeV
$< 1 \times 10^{-5}$	90	8 BARANOV 1993		Near $m_\pi - m_e$ kin. thres.
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$< 2 \times 10^{-9}$		11, 10 BERNARDI 1988	CNTR	Near $m_K - m_e$ kin. thres.
$< 1 \times 10^{-7}$	90	12 DORENBOSCH 1986	CHRM	Near $m_D - m_e$ kin. thres.
$< 1 \times 10^{-7}$	90	13 COOPER-SARKAR 1985	BEBC	Near $m_D - m_e$ kin. thres.
••• We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. •••		14 PARK 2016	BELL	$m_{\nu_x} \sim 0.2 - 1.4$ GeV

¹ Limit from prompt lepton number violating trilepton search.

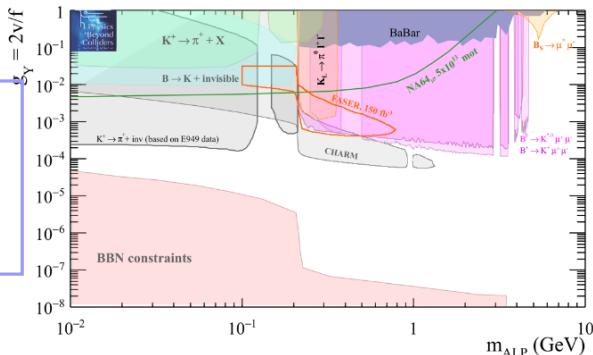
² $K^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_x$, with ν_x decay through U_{ex} . [ABE 2019B](#) also considers bounds on $|U_{e'x} U_{e'x}|$ for combinations of lepton flavors in the ν_x decay final state.

We are also exploring an HNL mini-review

Axion-like Particles

- Typically any pseudoscalar coupled to dim-5 operators, including $F\tilde{F}$, $G\tilde{G}$ or $\bar{q}\gamma^5 q$, ...
- ALP mass may cover **huge range**, depending on motivation. Eg $m_a \sim 10^{-22}$ eV to ~ 10 GeV
- **Experimental interest even greater than HNLs**, and experimental current bounds are complex

Having an ALP listings would likely be useful to the community. Investigating an appropriate way to do this.



Physics Beyond Colliders BSM working group [1901.09966]

New Nodes in S030 WIMP and Dark Matter Searches

Galactic WIMP searches

Pre-existing NODEs for $M_{X^0} = 20, 100, 1000$ GeV

Added limits on cross-sections for $M_{X^0} < 5$ GeV

- Spin Independent on Nucleon (32 measurements)
- Spin Dependent on Proton (10 meas.)
- Spin Dependent on Neutron (12 meas.)
- On electrons (8 meas.)
- On nuclei (0 measur.)

Other pre-existing NODEs in S030)

- Miscellaneous results from underground DM searches
- X^0 annihilation cross section
- DM particle (X^0) production in hadron collisions

New NODE for OTHER DARK MATTER CANDIDATES? *Theory proposals*

- **Bose Einstein Condensate Dark Matter**
 - D. Ivanov, S. Liberaty (TH) *JCAP* 07 (2020) 065
 - M. Carciun et al. *Eur.Phys.J.C* 80 (2020) 8, 735
- **(Heavy) Fermionic DM (10^8 - 10^{10} GeV)**
 - G. Lazarides, Q. Shafi. *Phys.Lett.B* 807 (2020) 135603
- **Non-Abelian Vector Bosons as F(eebly)IMP**
 - Berman et al *JCAP* 02 (2020) 029.
- **Decaying dark matter**
 - K. Enqvist et al. *JCAP* 04 (2020) 015
- **Non-Thermal DM**
 - A. Biswas et al. *JCAP* 03 (2020) 043
- **Milli-charged DM**
 - A. P. Gautham. *JCAP* 03 (2020) 039
- **Macroscopic DM**
 - J. S. Sidhu and G. D. Starkman *Phys.Rev.D* 101 (2020) 8, 083503
- **Compact DM Objects moving in the Earth**
 - C. J. Horowitz, R. Widmer-Schmidrig. *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 124 (2020) 5, 051102

Thanks!