The Search for a Super Light Particle

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The quantum gravitational formula for the mass of the electron suggests the existence of a super light particle yet to be observed. However, it is not clear whether this particle is an electrino, a new type of neutrino, a neutralino (a neutral particle that is neither a neutrino nor a darkino) or a darkino (a neutral particle "responsible" for the mysterious dark matter contents of the Universe). The formula also suggests four possible values for the rest mass of this super light particle.

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1. Introduction

One of the biggest problems with the Standard Model of particle physics is that it does not include the effects of gravity. Because gravity is the weakest of all known forces, most people assume that gravity may be neglected with no observable consequences or, in the worse case, with negligible consequences. However, this assumption is erroneous. Newton's gravitational constant, G, is important not only at macro scales but also at micro scales. This can be easily illustrated by the Planck length and other Planck units such as the Planck time and the Planck mass. The Planck length is believed to describe the minimum distance with physical meaning. This means that the Planck length describes, along with other physical constants, the micro level of the Universe. Because the Planck length contains three of the fundamental physical constants: the speed of light (c), the Planck's constant (h), and the gravitational constant (G), it is clear that Newton's gravity constant plays a fundamental role at micro scales, and therefore it should be included in any quantum mechanical description of Nature (the inclusion of gravity into particle physics, or the inclusion of quantum mechanical principles into any gravity theory, such as General Relativity, is known as quantum gravity). This is also evident when we consider particle interactions. Because particles interact with other particles through spacetime, and because space and time have supermicroscopic limits: the Planck length and the Planck time, respectively, the gravitational constant, and hence gravity, must rule the micro-cosmos as well. The formula presented in this paper, and introduced in a previous paper, illustrates precisely this point. Also, according to the quantum gravitational cosmological model without singularity [1], the Universe began with the size of a sphere of radius equal to the Planck length (Planck sphere) and a mass equal to the Planck mass over 2. Because the formula for the Planck mass also includes the Newton's gravitational constant, it is essential to include this constant if we want to make valid predictions in particle physics under

all situations and energy levels.

2. The Quantum Gravitational "Alpha-23" Formula for the Mass of the Electron

The quantum gravitational formula for the mass of the electron (also known as the "Alpha-23" formula) [2] is given by

$$m_e = \frac{m_p^2}{4\alpha^6 M_P} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{4e^2 \alpha^{23} M_P}{\pi \epsilon_0 G m_p^3}} - 1 \right)$$
 (3.2.1)

The quantity

$$m^2 = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{e^2 \alpha^{23}}{\epsilon_0 G} \tag{3.2.2}$$

must be a square of a mass m. Because of the constants: 4 and π , we have four possible masses: m_1 , m_2 , m_3 and m_4 and the corresponding formulas. These four mass formulas, its values and the corresponding mass ratios with respect to the electron are shown on Table 1.

INDEX i	MASS FORMULA m_i	MASS (Kg)	$\frac{\text{MASS RATIO}}{\left(m_e I m_i\right)}$
1	$m_1 = \frac{e}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^{23}}{\epsilon_0 G}}$	0.993×10^{-33}	917.729
2	$m_2 = e \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^{23}}{\epsilon_0 G}}$	1.759×10^{-33}	517.773
3	$m_3 = \frac{2e}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^{23}}{\epsilon_0 G}}$	1.985×10^{-33}	458.865
4	$m_4 = 2 e \sqrt{\frac{\alpha^{23}}{\epsilon_0 G}}$	3.519×10^{-33}	258.887

TABLE 1: The four possible predicted values for the mass of an unknown super light particle. Note that m_1 is the lightest particle and m_4 is the heaviest one.

3. Conclusions

In summary, the mass formulas presented in the second column (MASS FORMULA) of table 1 could correspond to the following mysterious particles:

(a) Electrino

If this particle has electrical charge, then it is likely that this particle to be a charged lepton, in which case it should be an electrino [3]. The electrino is a hypothetical particle that is created during the decay of the electron (I have postulated that all particles are unstable).

(b) Phantom Neutrino (New Type of Neutrino)

If this particle turns out to be electrically neutral, and is neither a neutralino nor a darkino (see next two possibilities), then the particle could be a new type of neutrino. The phantom neutrino is a hypothetical particle which, if exists, is probably sterile.

(c) Neutralino

If this particle turns out to be electrically neutral, and is neither a neutrino nor a darkino (see next possibility), then the particle could be neutralino. A neutralino is a hypothetical neutral particle that has, at least, one property not found in neutrinos and not found in darkinos. Neutralinos are not part of the dark matter contents of the Universe.

(d) Darkino

If this particle turns out to be electrically neutral, and is neither a neutrino nor a neutralino, then the particle could be a darkino. A darkino is a hypothetical super light particle that contributes to the dark matter contents of the Universe. In other words, a darkino is a particle made of a new type of matter known as dark matter (there could be several "dark matter" particles).

It is worthwhile to remark that the phantom neutrino, the neutralino and the darkino are super light particles not included in the Standard Model of particle physics.

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