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## Connecting pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone dark matter and pseudo-Dirac neutrinos through left-right symmetry

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We explore a left-right symmetric model in which both neutrino masses and dark matter stability have a common origin. The dark matter is identified as a pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson (pNGB). Its scattering with nucleons is naturally suppressed. At the same time, neutrinos here are pseudo-Dirac particles with Dirac masses generated at the two-loop level. Small Majorana mass terms arise from Planck-scale effects, leading to tiny active-sterile mass splittings. The framework simultaneously provides a parity solution to the strong CP problem without an axion and predicts an interesting connection between the dark-matter lifetime and the neutrino mass-splitting.

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