



# The Chiral Lagrangian for CP-violating Axion-like particles

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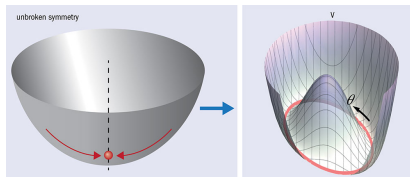
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- Need not solving the strong CP problem
- Have arbitrary masses and couplings ( $f_\phi m_\phi \approx f_\pi m_\pi$ )

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**ALPs** can be **probed experimentally** via:

- **Higgs and Z boson decay processes** ( $h \rightarrow Z\phi$ ,  $Z \rightarrow \gamma\phi$ )
- **Flavour-changing neutral current** processes ( $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm\phi$ )
- **Electric Dipole Moments (EDMs)** of particles, nucleons, atoms, molecules (iff the ALP has CP-violating interactions)

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Our idea: **probe CP-violating ALPs** at low energies. We started from the most general  $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_{em}$  invariant

EFT for a CP-violating ALP  $\phi$  at the EW scale ( $\Lambda \gg M_W$ )

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[Di Luzio, Gröber, Paradisi, '20]

**Jarlskog invariants:**  $C_a \tilde{C}_b, y_S^{ii} \tilde{C}_a, y_P^{ii} C_a, y_S^{ii} y_P^{jj}, y_S^{ik} y_{SM}^{kk} y_P^{ki}$

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## Leading order chiral Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^0 = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu D_\mu q_L + \bar{q}_R D_\mu q_R$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{PT}}^{\mathcal{O}(p^2)} = \frac{f^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\partial^\mu \Sigma^\dagger \partial_\mu \Sigma) \quad \text{with } q^T = (u, d, s)$$

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# From quarks to mesons

We want to find the **chiral counterpart** to our Lagrangian

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Example

$$\bar{q}_i y_{ij}^S q_j = -y_{ij}^S \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}}{\partial y_{ij}^S} \longrightarrow -y_{ij}^S \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{pt}}}{\partial y_{ij}^S} = -\frac{f_\pi^2}{2} B_0 \text{Tr} \left[ y^S (\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger) \right]$$

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- Other **couplings** are **modified** (currents, masses, ... )!

# Chiral Lagrangian for the CPV ALP

All of the previous modifications lead to the following

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Its counterpart is found by using the **duality** in (\*)

Mesonic Chiral Lagrangian for a CP-violating ALP  $\phi$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-2})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\chi\text{pt}} = & \frac{\partial_\mu \phi}{\Lambda} [2 \text{Tr}(Y_V T_a) j_V^{\mu,a} + 2 \text{Tr}(Y_A T_a) j_A^{\mu,a}] + \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} B_0 \text{Tr} [M_\phi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma M_\phi^\dagger] \\ & + \kappa \frac{f_\pi^2}{2} \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} [\text{Tr}(\partial^\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) + 4 B_0 \text{Tr} [M_q (\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger)]] \\ & - \frac{f_\pi^2 v}{2 \Lambda} B_0 \phi \text{Tr} [\mathcal{Z} (\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger)] + e^2 \frac{c_\gamma}{\Lambda} \phi FF + e^2 \frac{\tilde{c}_\gamma}{\Lambda} \phi F\tilde{F} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP, leptons}}^{\text{QCD scale}} \end{aligned}$$

# Matching onto the low-energy Lagrangian ( $n_f = 2$ )

The  $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-2})$  low-energy Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi}$  valid for  $E < 1-2$  GeV is:

## low-energy CP-violating ALP Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi} = & -\frac{1}{3} \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 - M_\phi^2} \frac{\Delta_{ud}}{f_\pi \Lambda} \left[ -2\partial\phi(2\pi^+\pi^-\partial\pi_0 + \pi_0\pi^+\partial\pi^- + \pi_0\pi^-\partial\pi^+) \right. \\ & \left. + M_\phi^2\phi(\pi_0^3 + 2\pi^+\pi^-\pi_0) \right] + 2\kappa \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} [\partial_\mu\pi^+\partial^\mu\pi^- + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\pi^0\partial^\mu\pi^0] \\ & - m_\pi^2\omega \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} [\pi^+\pi^- + \frac{1}{2}\pi_0^2] + C_N^S \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \bar{N}_v N_v + C_N^A \frac{\partial_\mu\phi}{\Lambda} \bar{N}_v \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N_v \\ & + e^2 \tilde{C}'_\gamma \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} F\tilde{F} + e^2 C'_\gamma \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} FF + i \frac{v}{\Lambda} y_{P,\ell}^{ij} \phi \bar{\ell}_i \gamma_5 \ell_j + \frac{v}{\Lambda} y_{S,\ell}^{ij} \phi \bar{\ell}_i \ell_j \end{aligned}$$

All the couplings in  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi}$  can be expressed in terms of those in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\text{dim-5}}$  or at most of **measurable/computable** quantities.

**Example:**  $Y_A^{ij} = -y_{q,P}^{ij} \frac{v}{m_i + m_j} - 32\pi^2 Q_A^{ij} \tilde{C}_g$

# CPV Jarlskog invariants ( $n_f = 2$ )

The **low-energy Jarlskog invariants** are found from  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi}$  by multiplying the Wilson coefficients of operators possessing **opposite CP** transformation properties

## Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 c_\gamma FF &\xrightarrow{CP} c_\gamma FF \\
 \tilde{c}_\gamma F\tilde{F} &\xrightarrow{CP} -\tilde{c}_\gamma F\tilde{F}
 \end{aligned}
 \longrightarrow c_\gamma \tilde{c}_\gamma \text{ is a Jarlskog invariant!}$$

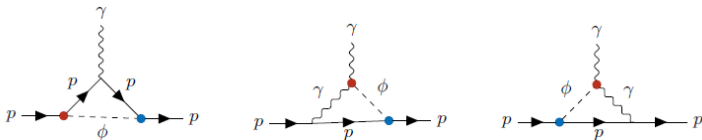
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**Table:** Jarlskog invariants of the low-energy chiral Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi}$

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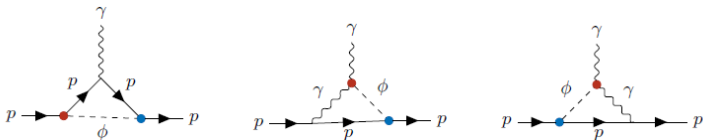


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- **Ratio of the BRs** for  $\phi \rightarrow 2\pi$  over  $\phi \rightarrow 3\pi$

# Summary

We have:

- Constructed the most general **Chiral Lagrangian** for a **CPV ALP** both in a **2-flavors** and in a **3-flavors** setting
- Provided the **matching dictionary** relating the IR couplings in the chiral Lagrangian to the UV couplings at the EW scale
- Classified the **low-energy Jarlskog invariants** of the theory.
- Written a FeynRules **model** for both the 2- and the 3-flavors setting → extensive, automatized pheno analyses



Thanks for your attention!

Backup slides

# Kinetic and Mass mixing in a 2-flavor setting - I

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$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_\phi^2 & -\epsilon \alpha \\ -\epsilon \alpha & m_\pi^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \epsilon = (Y_A^u - Y_A^d) \frac{f_\pi}{\Lambda},$$

$$\alpha = 2 \frac{m_\pi^2}{(Y_A^u - Y_A^d)} \lambda_g^* \frac{m_u q_u - m_d q_d}{m_u + m_d},$$

$$\phi_{\text{ph}} = \phi + \epsilon \frac{m_\pi^2 + \alpha}{m_\pi^2 - m_\phi^2} \pi_0 \quad \pi_{0,\text{ph}} = \pi_0 - \epsilon \frac{m_\phi^2 + \alpha}{m_\pi^2 - m_\phi^2} \phi$$

# Kinetic and Mass mixing in a 2-flavor setting - II

## On the choice of $\alpha$

$\alpha = \alpha(Q_A)$  can be tuned at will by choosing proper values of  $q_A^i$ .

The standard choice is  $\alpha = 0$ , but setting  $\alpha = -m_\phi^2$  [Bauer, Neubert, Renner, Schnubel, Thamm, '21] yields much simpler expressions !

$$q_{u/d} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{d/u}}{m_u + m_d}$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HN}} = i\bar{N}_V\gamma^\mu D_\mu N_V - g_A\bar{N}_V\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\mathcal{A}_\mu N_V$$

where  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + \mathcal{V}_\mu$

$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = \frac{i}{2}(\xi\partial^\mu\xi^\dagger - \xi^\dagger\partial^\mu\xi) = \frac{\partial^\mu\pi}{2f_\pi} + \dots \quad \xi(x) = \exp\left[i\frac{\pi(x)}{2f_\pi}\right]$$

$$\mathcal{V}^\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\xi\partial^\mu\xi^\dagger + \xi^\dagger\partial^\mu\xi) = \frac{1}{8}\frac{[\pi, \partial^\mu\pi]}{f_\pi^2} + \dots$$

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This:

- Introduces the operator  $\phi \theta_\mu^\mu$
- Modifies the coupling of the operator  $\phi \bar{f}f$  ( $y^S \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ )
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- Modifies the coupling of the operator  $\phi \tilde{F} F$  ( $\tilde{C}'_\gamma \rightarrow \tilde{C}''_\gamma$ )
- Modifies the coupling of the operators  $\partial_\mu \phi \bar{f} \gamma_\mu (\gamma_5) f$  (via the kinetic term for fermions)
- Modifies the mass term for quarks as

$$\bar{q}_L M_q q_R \rightarrow \bar{q}'_L e^{i \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \lambda_g^* Q_A} M_q e^{i \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \lambda_g^* Q_A} q'_R = \bar{q}'_L M_q^\phi q'_R$$

# Chiral Perturbation theory for Baryons - I

The baryon octet  $B(x)$  is described by the  $3 \times 3$  matrix

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The expansion in terms of  $p/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  does **not converge** because  $p \sim m_B \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .

By parametrizing the momentum as  $p = m_B v + k$  ( $v$  is the velocity of the baryon) we can define the **definite-velocity** baryon field  $B_v$ :

$$B_v(x) = \frac{1 + \not{v}}{2} e^{im_B v_\mu x^\mu} B(x)$$

Its derivatives produce powers of  $k$ , allowing for a meaningful perturbative expansion.

# Chiral Perturbation theory for Baryons - II

Introducing the quantities

$$\xi = \exp \left[ i \frac{\pi}{2f_\pi} \right]$$
$$\mathcal{A}^\mu = \frac{i}{2} (\xi \partial^\mu \xi^\dagger - \xi^\dagger \partial^\mu \xi) = \frac{\partial^\mu \pi}{2f_\pi} + \dots$$
$$\mathcal{V}^\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\xi \partial^\mu \xi^\dagger + \xi^\dagger \partial^\mu \xi) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{[\pi, \partial^\mu \pi]}{f_\pi^2} + \dots$$

one can build the leading-order heavy baryon Lagrangian :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HB}} = i \text{Tr}(\bar{B}_V \gamma^\mu D_\mu B_V) - D \text{Tr}(\bar{B}_V \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{ \mathcal{A}_\mu, B_V \})$$
$$- F \text{Tr}(\bar{B}_V \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [ \mathcal{A}_\mu, B_V ])$$

where  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + [\mathcal{V}_\mu, \cdot]$

# Chiral Perturbation theory for Baryons - III

Introducing the quantities

$$N_v = \begin{pmatrix} p_v \\ n_v \end{pmatrix}$$

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one can build the leading-order heavy baryon Lagrangian :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HN}} = i \bar{N}_v \gamma^\mu D_\mu N_v - g_A \bar{N}_v \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{A}_\mu N_v$$

where  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu + \mathcal{V}_\mu$

# FeynRules model

- Available both for the **2-flavors** and the **3-flavors** case
- **Customizable** in the choice of the mixing coefficients (**choice of  $Q_A$** )
- Allows for the extraction of the **Feynman rules** for the low-energy chiral Lagrangian and for extensive phenomenological analyses
- Interface to FeynArts and FeynCalc easy to build