

# *Axion Quality: Challenges and Pathways to Improvement*

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- ❖ The strong CP problem:
  - *the axion solution*
- ❖ The dirty side of the Axion Solution:
  - *origin and quality problem of  $U(1)_{PQ}$*
- ❖ Overview of solutions for the axion problem
- ❖ Recent developments in connection with Flavour

# Strong CP Problem

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**QCD violates CP  
symmetry**

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$

**Natural  
expectation**

$$\theta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Gauge-invariant + renormalizable  
non-perturbative QCD (instantons)

# Strong CP Problem & The Axion

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$$|\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

Electric Dipole  
Moment for  
Neutron

**Why so small??**

*promote  $\theta$  to a dynamical field,  
which relaxes to zero via QCD dynamics*

$$\theta \rightarrow \frac{a}{f_a}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$

with

$$\langle a \rangle = 0$$

**Axion:** a new spin-0 boson  $\rightarrow$  pNGB of a spontaneously  
broken global  $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$  with QCD anomaly

$$\Phi = f_a e^{ia/f_a}$$

$U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$

$$a \rightarrow a + \alpha f_a$$

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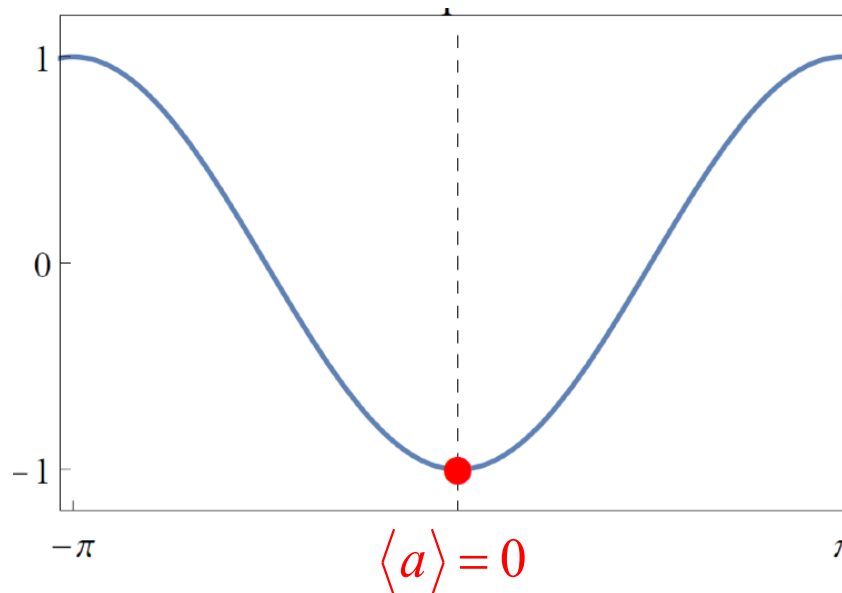
$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G\tilde{G}$$



**Axion potential**

$$V_a \approx -\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4 \cos\left(\frac{a}{f_a}\right)$$

by QCD PQ-breaking  
effects at low-energy



**Vafa-Witten  
theorem**

$$V(a) \geq V(0)$$

→ minimum at  $a=0$   
CP is preserved!

# The Axion Solution: the good

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❑ **Axion: a new spin-0**  $\rightarrow$  **pNGB of a QCD anomalous global  $U(1)_{PQ}$**

1. axion mass  $m_a \approx 1 \text{ eV} \frac{10^7 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$

2. axion couplings to photons, nucleons, electrons  $\propto 1/f_a$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{f} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 f$$

$(f = p, n, e)$

*The lighter the axion, the weaker are its interactions!*

(being not yet excluded & detected)

**Invisible long-lived light particle  $\rightarrow$  DM candidate ☺**

# The Axion Solution: the bad

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❑ Origin of  $U(1)_{PQ}$  : *Do global symmetries exist in nature?*

✓ **Global symmetries** act uniformly across spacetime (e.g., rotating all fields by the same phase)

→ *Broadly, this is at odds with the local nature of spacetime deformations in Quantum Gravity.*

→ Opposite to gauge symmetries, which are inherently local

***Global symmetries are not believed to be fundamental,***  
presumably an accident at low-energy!?!)

# The Axion Solution: the bad

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- ❑ Origin of  $U(1)_{PQ}$  : *a global symmetry might not exist in nature*

**Quantum Gravity Conjecture: → no-global symmetry**

Susskind '95

Black Hole information paradox

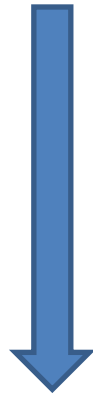
Hawking radiation

Banks, Seiberg '11

No global symmetries in String theory

Harlow, Ooguri '18

No global symmetries in ADS/CFT



**Quantum Gravity must break all global symmetries at any  $[d]$**

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}^{PQ} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}^{[d]}$$

$$\Lambda_{UV} = M_{Pl} \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV} \gg \Lambda_{QCD}$$



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✓ Global symmetries explicitly broken by Quantum Gravity

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}^{PQ} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d-4}} \mathcal{O}^{[d]} \quad [d] > 0$$

✓ Moreover,  $U(1)_{PQ}$  is anomalous: absent in nature as real symmetry

→ *PQ broken already at the renormalizable level:  $d \leq 4$*

$$\mathcal{O}^{[d \leq 4]} \rightarrow \Phi^d + \text{h.c.}, \quad \Phi = f_a e^{i\alpha/f_a}$$

Therefore,  $U(1)_{PQ}$  is not fundamental: *its origin presumably/desirable an accident* (e. g., emerging by imposing Lorentz and Gauge invariance ex. baryon/lepton number) *or approximate by unknown mechanism ( $\chi$  sym)*

# The Axion Solution: the bad

Benchmark axion models → DFSZ and KSVZ

SM quarks

2 Higgs ( $H_u, H_d$ ) + **Singlet**

BSM quark  $Q_L$

1 Higgs + **Singlet**

Zhitnitsky '80, Dine,  
Fischler, Srednicki '81

**DFSZ**

**KSVZ**

Kim '79, Shifman,  
Vainshtein, Zakharov '80

PQ already broken at  
renormalizable level

$$\mu_H^2 H_u H_d$$

$$\mu_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R$$

The  $U(1)_{PQ}$  symmetry is imposed by  
hand, no explanation for its origin

# The Axion Solution: the bad

## ❑ Quality problem of $U(1)_{PQ}$ : axion solution fragile at $d > 4$ ?

☺ **Ideally**, PQ symmetry emerges at low-energy accidentally  $\rightarrow$  protected at  $d \leq 4$   $\Rightarrow$  new gauge symmetries!

☹ **BUT** UV physics (ex. gravity?) still violates the PQ symmetry at h.o:  
 $\rightarrow$  gauge-invariant PQ-breaking operators of  $d > 4$  are still generated at low energies

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}^{PQ} \sim \frac{\Phi^d}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d-4}} + \text{h.c.} \quad \Phi = f_a e^{i\alpha/f_a}$$

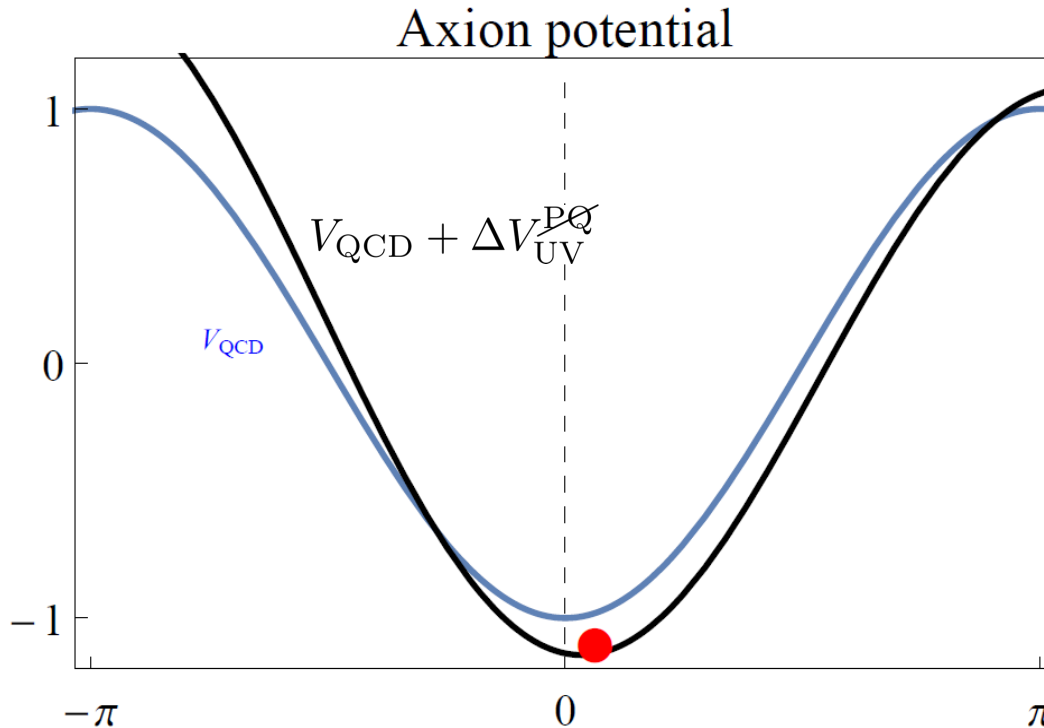
☹ **New contribution to the axion potential**  $\rightarrow$  axion solution lost!

$$\Downarrow \quad \Delta V_{UV}^{PQ}(\theta_{\text{eff}}) \sim \left( \frac{f_a}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^{d-4} f_a^4$$

# Quality problem of $U(1)_{PQ}$

❖ The minimum of the potential is shifted

$$\langle \theta_{\text{eff}} \rangle \neq 0$$



$$\langle a \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \theta \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G \tilde{G}$$

Then, the minimum  
is CP-violating!

**Strong CP problem  
strike back**



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$$\boxed{\left( \frac{f_a}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^{d-4} f_a^4} \lesssim \boxed{10^{-10}} \boxed{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4} \quad \text{QCD}$$

UV PQ-breaking physics      Experimental bound

$$\underline{\Delta V_{\text{UV}}^{\text{PQ}}(\theta_{\text{eff}})} \sim \left( \frac{f_a}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^{d-4} f_a^4$$

$$\underline{\frac{\alpha_s}{32\pi^2} G \tilde{G}}$$

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❖ **For physically well-motivated scales**

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PQ breaking  $d < 10$  for  $\lambda \sim 1$   
**must be forbidden**

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More generally

$$\frac{f_a^n v_I^{d-n}}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{d-4}} \lesssim 10^{-10} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{[d]} \rightarrow \Phi_I^d \rightarrow v_I e^{ia_I/v_I}$$

We can reduce  $d$  in presence of more vevs, such  $v_I < f_a$

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❖ **Low-scale**  $f_a$  @  $d > 4$   $\Rightarrow$  **Challenge:** evade astrophysical bounds,  $f_a \gtrsim 10^8$  GeV

*for example, by  
modifying the  $m_a - f_a$   
relation:*

$$m_a \propto \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{f_a}$$



may arise in mirror SM models (or  
QCD or GUT models)

extra contribution to  $m_a$  from hidden  
gauge sector with PQ anomaly:

$$\Lambda_D \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$$

Rubakov '97, Berezhiani, Gianfagna, Giannotti '01,  
Gianfagna Giannotti Nesti '04, Gaillard, Gavela et al. '18, ...

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Non-perturbative quantum gravitational effects may generate PQ-breaking operators

⇒ studied in the context of Euclidian action of Wormholes configurations

$$\lambda \sim e^{-S_A}$$

☺ Lee '88, Giddings, Strominger '88:

$$S \sim M_{\text{Pl}}/f_a$$

No quality problem

☹ Abbott, Wise '88, Alvey, Escudero '20

$$S \sim \log M_{\text{Pl}}/f_a$$

Quality problem

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# Gauge Protection to PQ symmetries

## Benchmark axion models → DFSZ and KSVZ

- ❖ **discrete gauge symmetries** can make  $U(1)_{PQ}$  accidental and protect to higher order

$$\mu_H^2 H_u H_d$$

e.g. not allowed by  
discrete gauge

$$\mu_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R$$

Ringwald, Saikawa '15

- ❖ Discrete gauge symmetries:

$$\mathbb{Z}_n: \Phi \rightarrow e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}}\Phi$$



It can emerge from a  $U(1)$   
gauge symmetry:

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{UV}^{PQ} = \frac{\Phi^n}{\Lambda_{UV}^{n-4}} \quad \text{allowed}$$

$$\Phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha}\Phi$$

$$S \rightarrow e^{in\alpha}S$$

**High-Quality  
PQ**  
 $n \geq 10$

$$\langle S \rangle: U(1) \rightarrow Z_n$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

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Barr and Seckel '92

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HQ PQ  
 $\xrightarrow{\quad} \quad q_1 + q_2 \geq 10$

## ❖ Non-Abelian gauge group:

Di Luzio et al. '17  
Darme', Nardi '21  
+Smarra '22

$$SU(N) \otimes SU(N) \quad \Phi \sim (N, \bar{N}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}}^{\text{PQ}} = \frac{\det \Phi}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{N-4}}$$

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$U(1)_{\text{PQ}} : \Phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \Phi$

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$$SU(9)_{\text{GUT}}$$

$$SU(N) \rightarrow SO(N)$$

Georgi et al. '81

Ardu et al. '20



# Gauge Protection to PQ symmetries

- ❖ Discrete gauge symmetries (vertical):  $\mathbb{Z}_n$   
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- ❖ Abelian gauge U(1) (vertical):  $U_1$
- ❖ Non-Abelian gauge group (vertical):  $SU(N) \otimes SU(N)$   $SU(9)_{\text{GUT}}$   
 $SU(N) \rightarrow SO(N)$

**These examples solve the PQ quality problem to dimension  $N$**

**BUT they have some limitations:**

- i) *ad-hoc gauge symmetries  $\rightarrow$  solution to PQ-quality problem hidden in the UV*
- ii) *lack of testability of the UV mechanism addressing the quality problem*

- ❖ ***Are possible models with low-energy signatures? explaining additional SM puzzles (like SM flavor structure, Dark Matter)?***

# Gauge Protection to PQ symmetries

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$$\lambda \left( \frac{f_a}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^{d-4} f_a^4 \lesssim 10^{-10} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

- **Two possibilities to enlarging the SM gauge group through *a new gauge interactions***

- ❖ or unrelated to SM families  
⇒ *vertical gauge protection*

$$\mathbb{Z}_n \quad U_1 \quad SU(9)_{\text{GUT}}$$

- ❖ or related to SM families  
⇒ *horizontal gauge protection*

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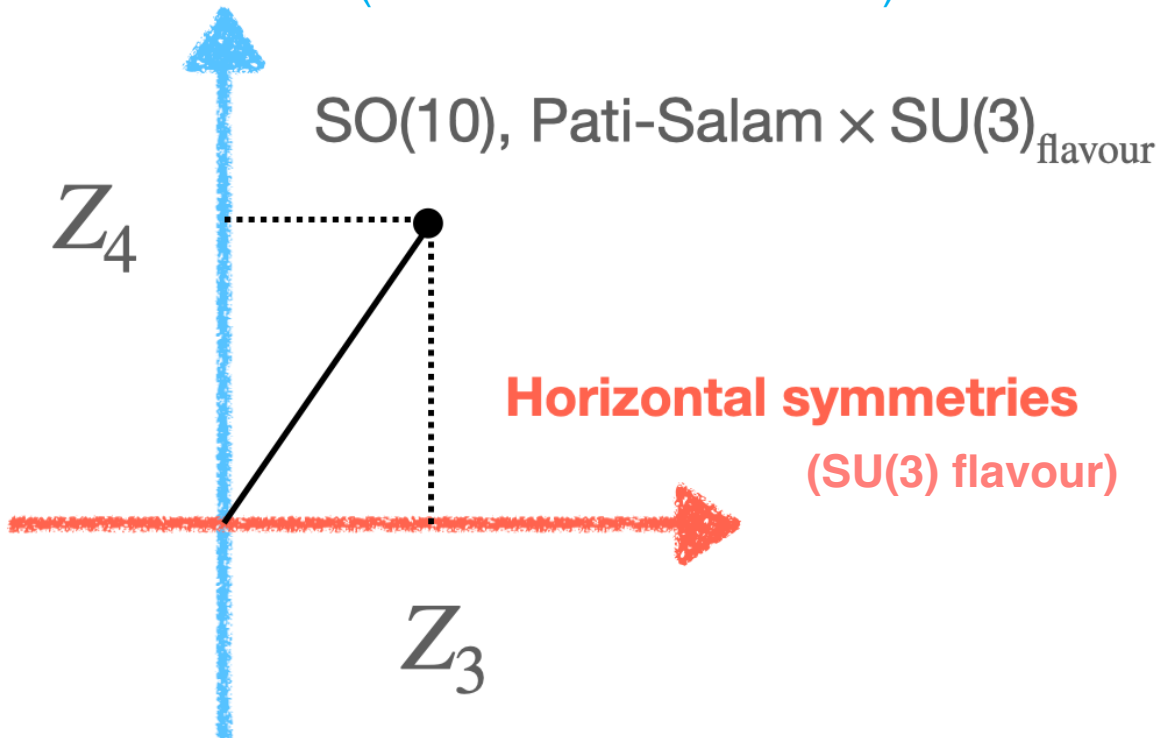
$SO(10) \times SU(3)_F$ : Di Luzio '20

$SU(4)_{PS} \times SU(3)_F$ : Di Luzio, Ladini, FM & Susic '25

# Axion quality from Flavour and GUT

## Vertical symmetries

(GUT extension of the SM)



$SO(10)$ : Di Luzio '20

$SU(4)_{PS}$ : Di Luzio, Ladini,  
FM & Susic '25:

→  $SU(4)_{PS}$  group  
easier than  $SO(10)$  to  
work out details

Axion quality from the interplay of vertical and  
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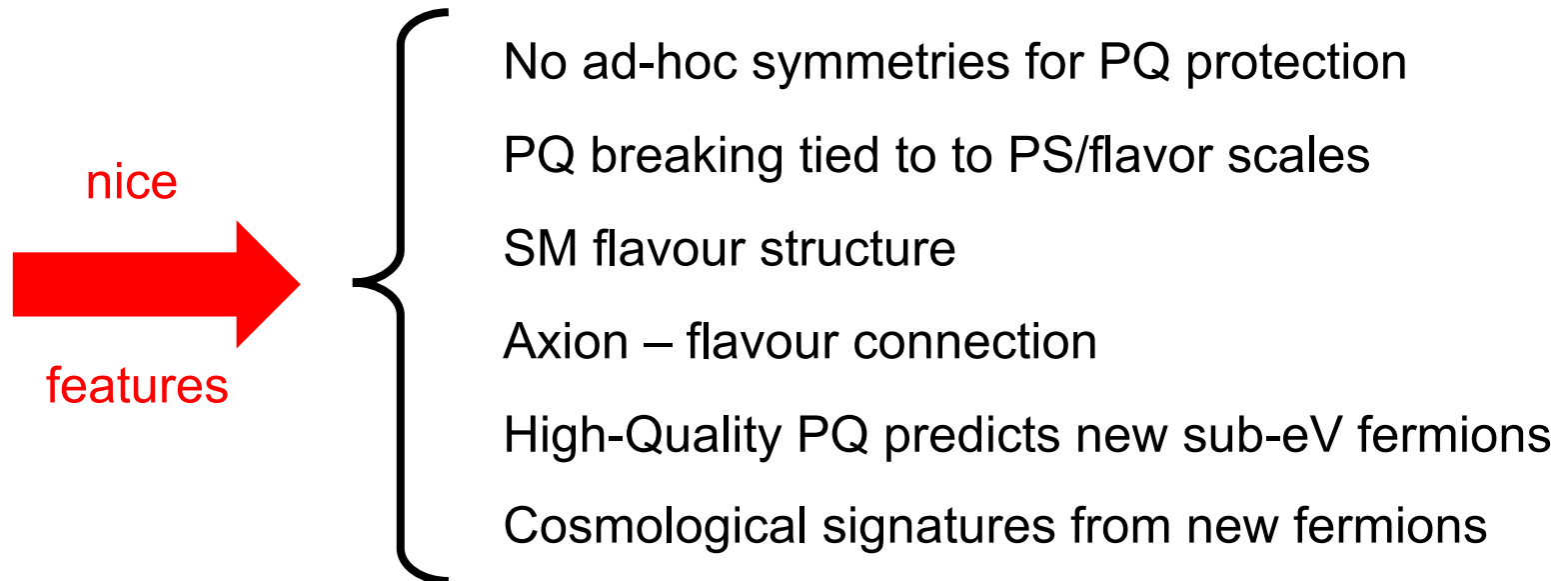
*Vertical* structure = GUT extension of the SM

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*Horizontal* structure = Gauged flavour symmetries

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# Pati-Salam – axion flavour model

Field	Lorentz	Pati-Salam	$\mathbb{Z}_4$	$SU(3)_{f_R}$	$\mathbb{Z}_3$	Generations	$U(1)_{PQ}$
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$\Delta$	$(0, 0)$	$(10, 1, 3)$	$-1$	$\mathbf{6}$	$e^{i4\pi/3}$	1	$+2$
$\chi$	$(0, 0)$	$(4, 1, 2)$	$+i$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	$e^{i4\pi/3}$	1	$-1$
$\xi$	$(0, 0)$	$(15, 1, 3)$	$+1$	$\mathbf{1}$	$+1$	1	0

➤ **Gauge group:**  $SU(4)_{PS} \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \otimes SU(3)_{f_R}$

➤ **Too many fields but each plays an important role!**

❖ **Fermion sector**

$Q_L$  and  $Q_R$  contain SM fermions(quarks, leptons) plus  $\nu_R$  **(bonus in PS)**

→ only  $Q_R$  charged under  $SU(3)_{f_R}$ : to avoid EW-scale flavour gauge bosons

$\Psi_R$  → **anomalons: BSM fermions** needed to cancel anomalies of  $SU(3)_{f_R}$

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## ❖ Scalar Sector

$\Phi$  and  $\Sigma$  contain SM Higgs  $\rightarrow \bar{Q}_L Q_R \Phi + \bar{Q}_L Q_R \Sigma$  for realistic Yukawa sector

$\Delta \rightarrow$  neutrino Majorana mass term  $\rightarrow Q_R Q_R \Delta^*$  (seesaw type I)

$\chi \rightarrow$  avoid spurious global symmetries together with  $\Delta$

$\xi \rightarrow$  needed for accidental PQ to arise:  $\Delta \chi^2 \xi$

**Accidental  
global PQ  
symmetry**

$$V = \Phi \Sigma^* \xi + \Phi \Sigma^* (|\Sigma|^2 + |\Delta|^2 + |\chi|^2 + \xi^2) + \Sigma^{*2} (\Phi^2 + \Delta^2) + \Delta \chi^2 \xi + \text{h.c.}$$

# SSB and vev hierarchy

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SSB chain:  $SU(4)_{PS} \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \otimes SU(3)_{f_R} \otimes U(1)_{PQ}$

$$\xrightarrow{\langle \Delta, \chi, \xi \rangle} \underline{SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y} \xrightarrow{\langle \Phi, \Sigma \rangle} SU(3)_c \otimes U(1)_{EM}$$

Large vevs:  $\langle \Delta, \chi, \xi \rangle \sim V \sim 10^9 - 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$

PS, Flavour, PQ SSB

Hierarchy

$$v \ll V \ll M_{Pl}$$

Small vevs:  $\langle \Phi, \Sigma \rangle \sim v \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV}$

EW SSB

# Axion embedding

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❖ **Axion a**: (mostly) a combination of polar modes in  $\Delta$  and  $\chi$

Peccei-Quinn scale  $f_a = \frac{V_\chi V_\Delta}{3\sqrt{V_\chi^2 + 4V_\Delta^2}} \quad V_\Delta, V_\chi \sim 10^9 - 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$



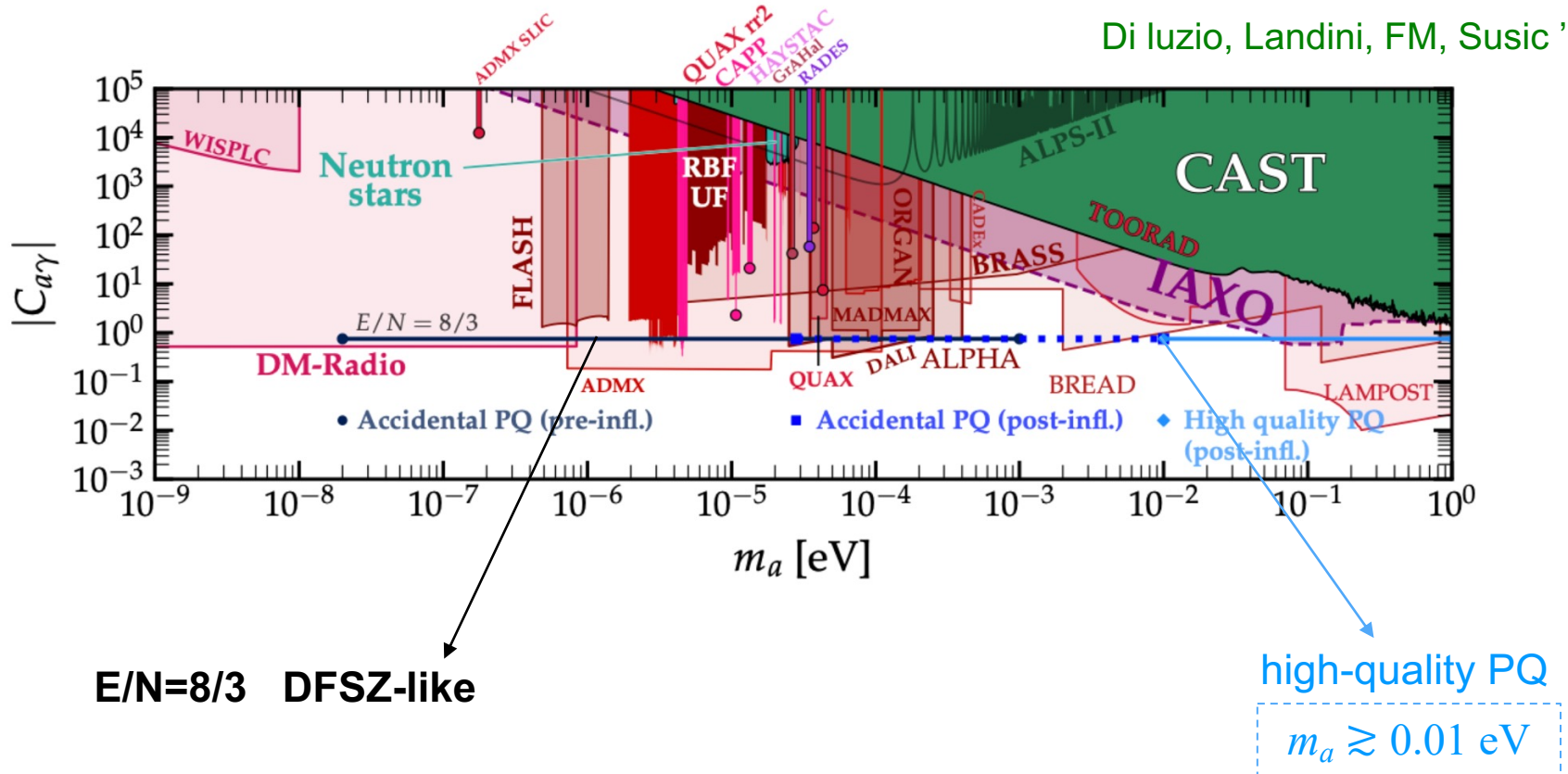
related to PS and flavor breaking scales



# Pati-Salam – axion flavour model

Axion mass range: **high-quality** PQ vs **accidental** PQ scenario

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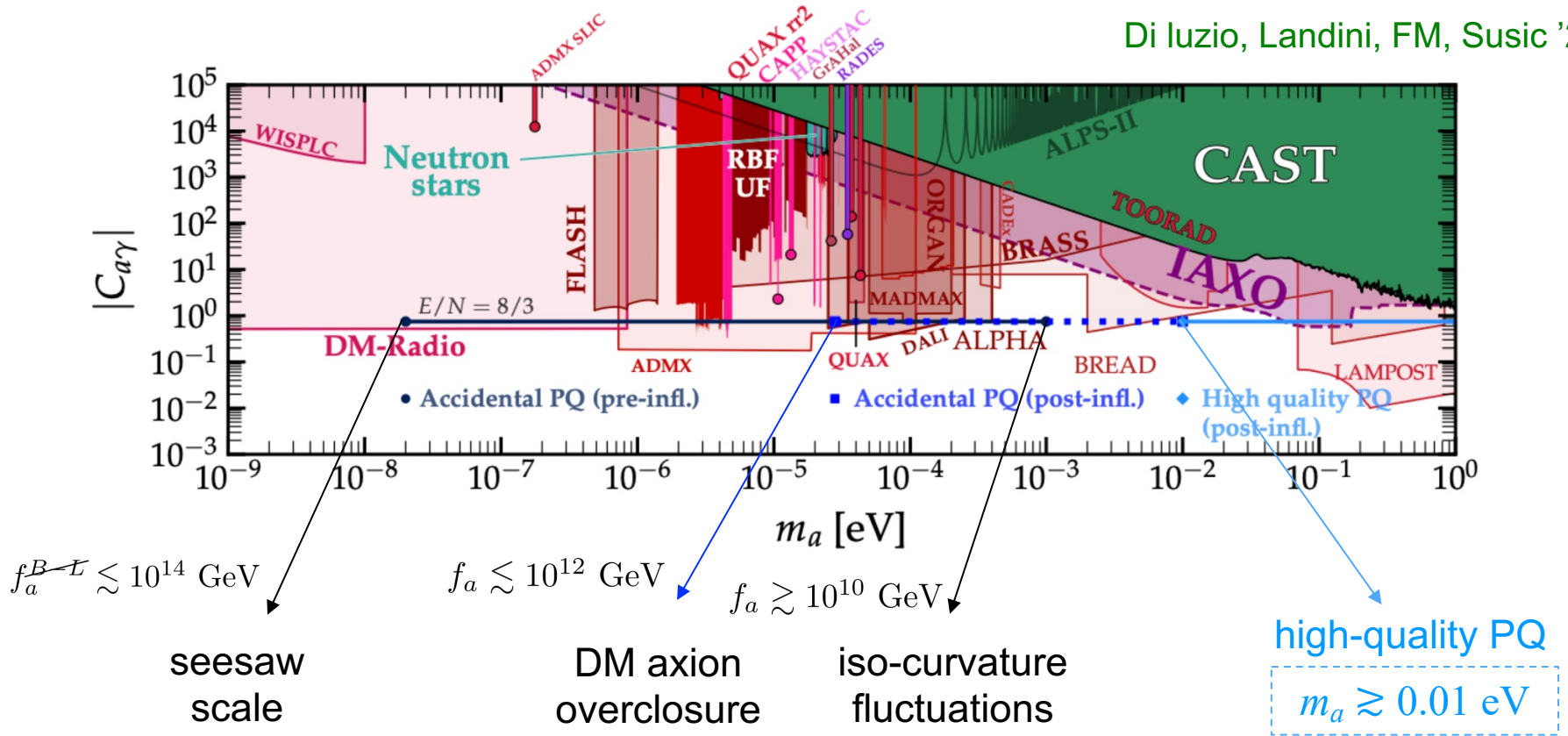


$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} C_{a\gamma}}{8\pi f_a} a F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \quad C_{a\gamma} = E/N - 1.92(4),$$

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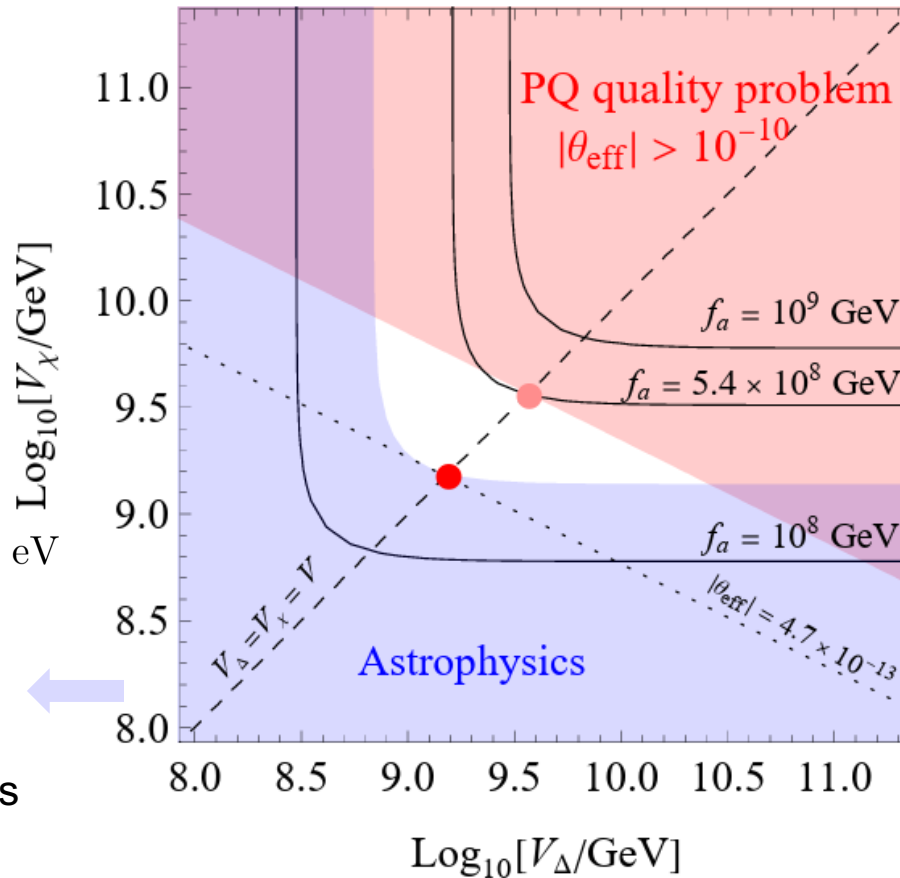
***a PQ theory tells us where to search in an otherwise huge param. space!***

# Axion quality in PS – flavor model

❖ Axion **a**: (mostly) a combination of polar modes in  $\Delta$  and  $\chi$

■ Axion decay constant  $f_a$ :

$$f_a = \frac{V_\chi V_\Delta}{3\sqrt{V_\chi^2 + 4V_\Delta^2}}$$



●  $f_a \gtrsim 2.3 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$

$\uparrow m_a \lesssim 0.02 \text{ eV}$

axion-electron coupling  
from  
red giants+white dwarfs

$\rightarrow \frac{v^2 V_\Delta^2 V_\chi^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^4} \gtrsim 10^{-10} \chi_{\text{QCD}}^4$

allowed

●  $f_a \lesssim 5.6 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$   
 $m_a \gtrsim 0.01 \text{ eV}$

Minimal value allowed

$|\theta_{\text{eff}}^{\text{min}}| \simeq 4.7 \times 10^{-13}$

Testable by future  
proton/neutron EDM  
experiments

# Anomalon phenomenology

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Flavour gauge anomaly cancellation requires new exotic fermions: anomalons

GUT (SM) singlet – only charged under the flavor group

**Anomalons** → new testable dynamics directly related to the solution of PQ quality problem and the flavor puzzle

# Anomalon phenomenology

Anomalons are massless at the renormalizable level

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 \Psi_R \Psi_R & Q_R \Psi_R & \bar{Q}_L \Psi_R \\
 \Psi_R \Psi_R \phi & Q_R \Psi_R \phi & \bar{Q}_L \Psi_R \phi
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{forbidden by gauge invariance} \rightarrow \text{no } \psi_L$$

Higher-dimensional operators can generate their mass

type	operator $\mathcal{O}$	$d$	$\langle M_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$
$L\Psi$	$\bar{Q}_L \Psi_R \chi (\Phi + \Sigma + \Sigma')$	5	$vV/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}$
$L\Psi$	$\bar{Q}_L \Psi_R \Delta \chi^* (\Phi^* + \Sigma^* + \Sigma'^*)$	6	$vV^2/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2$
$R\Psi$	$Q_R \Psi_R \Delta^* \chi$	5	$V^2/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}$
$R\Psi$	$Q_R \Psi_R \Delta \Delta^{*2} \chi$	7	$V^4/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^3$
$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R \Delta^* \chi^2$	6	$V^3/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2$
$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R \Phi^{*2}$	5	$v^2/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}$
$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R (\Sigma^{*2} + \Sigma^* \Sigma'^* + \Sigma'^{*2})$	5	$v^2/\Lambda_{\text{UV}}$
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**Anomalons  $\rightarrow$  potential test of the quality mechanism!**

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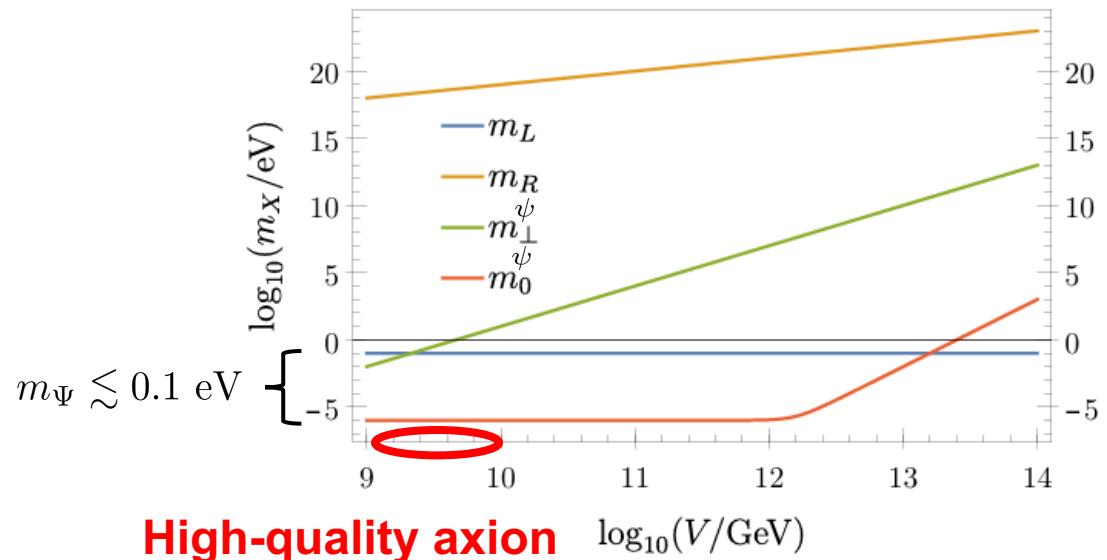
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see-saw type I

Spectrum in the neutrino-anomalon sector



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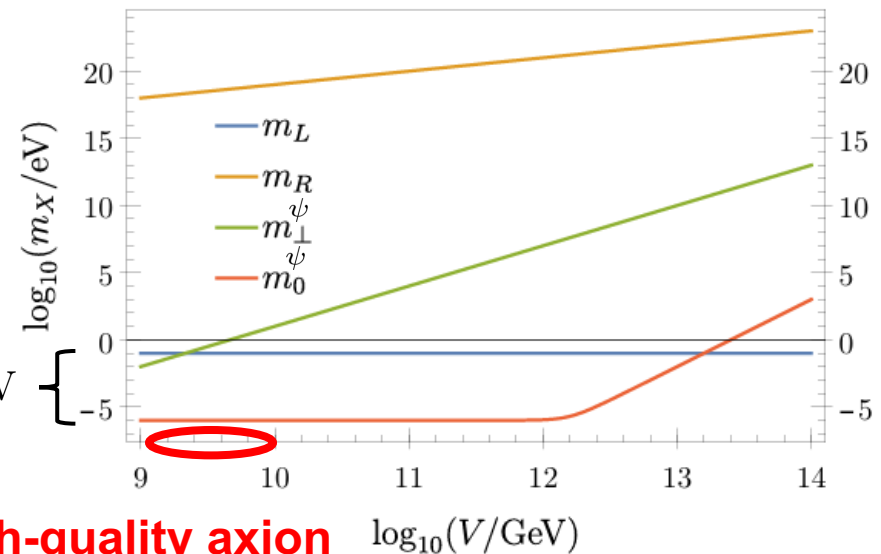
- i) flavor gauge interactions
- ii) neutrino mixing

## Dark Radiation

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{8}{7} \left( \frac{11}{4} \right)^{4/3} \frac{\rho_{\Psi}}{\rho_{\gamma}}$$

$$m_{\Psi} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

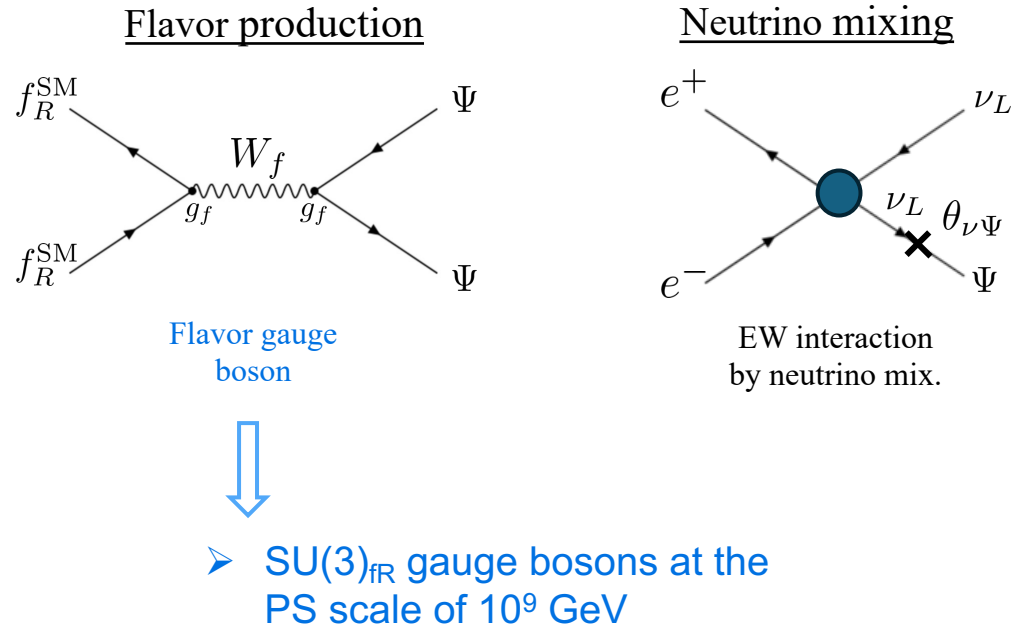
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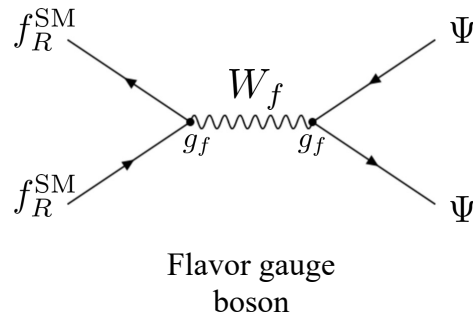
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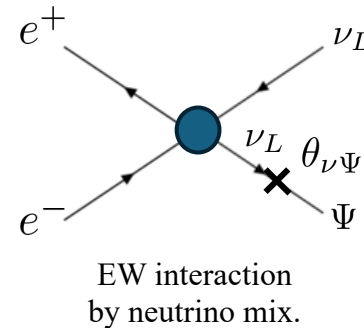
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**Thermalization** with SM bath

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already excluded by PLANCK 18'!

	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} (2\sigma)$
Planck 2018	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.285$
SO	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.1$
CMB-S4	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.06$
CMB-HD	$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.028$

Very **small** couplings  $g_f, \theta_{\nu\Psi} \ll \mathcal{O}(1)$



No thermalization / **freeze-in** production

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^{\text{FI}} \simeq 56.96 Y_\Psi / g_s(T_{\text{FI}})^{1/3} \ll 0.014$$

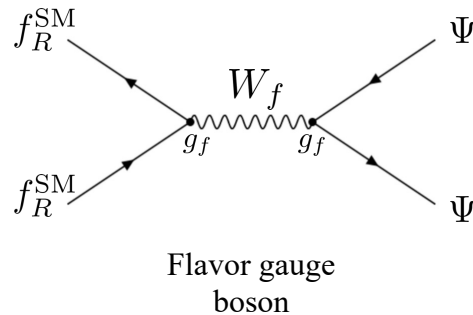
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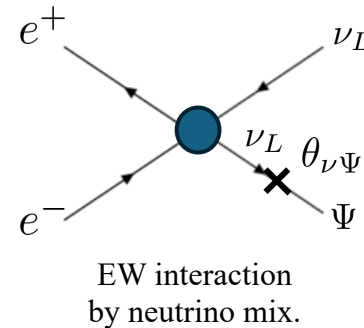
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Intermediate regime

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More precise computation is needed



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# Conclusions

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## ❖ The axion hypothesis provides a well motivated BSM scenario

- solves the strong CP problem
- provides a DM candidate
- **is unambiguously testable by detecting the axion**

## ❖ The Peccei Quinn symmetry must be protected by UV sources (*quality problem*)



GUT + flavor gauge symmetries provide the desired protection

● No *ad-hoc* symmetries introduced

● Phenomenological signatures



Connection between PQ and  
flavor structure



Cosmology of anomalous

- ⊗ more precise computations
- + anomalous as extended neutrino sectors
- + flavor observable connection

**Много  
благодаря**

**THANK YOU!**

# SM fermions embedding

$$(\overline{Q}_L)^I{}_{ai} = \begin{pmatrix} \overline{u}_{L1}^I & \overline{d}_{L1}^I \\ \overline{u}_{L2}^I & \overline{d}_{L2}^I \\ \overline{u}_{L3}^I & \overline{d}_{L3}^I \\ \overline{\nu}_L^I & \overline{e}_L^I \end{pmatrix}, \quad (Q_R)^{ai'A} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{R1}^A & d_{R1}^A \\ u_{R2}^A & d_{R2}^A \\ u_{R3}^A & d_{R3}^A \\ \nu_R^A & e_R^A \end{pmatrix}$$

# Axion quality in PS – flavor model

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{UV}^{PQ} \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}^{[d]}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{d-4}}$$

$$V_\chi \sim V_\Delta \sim V$$

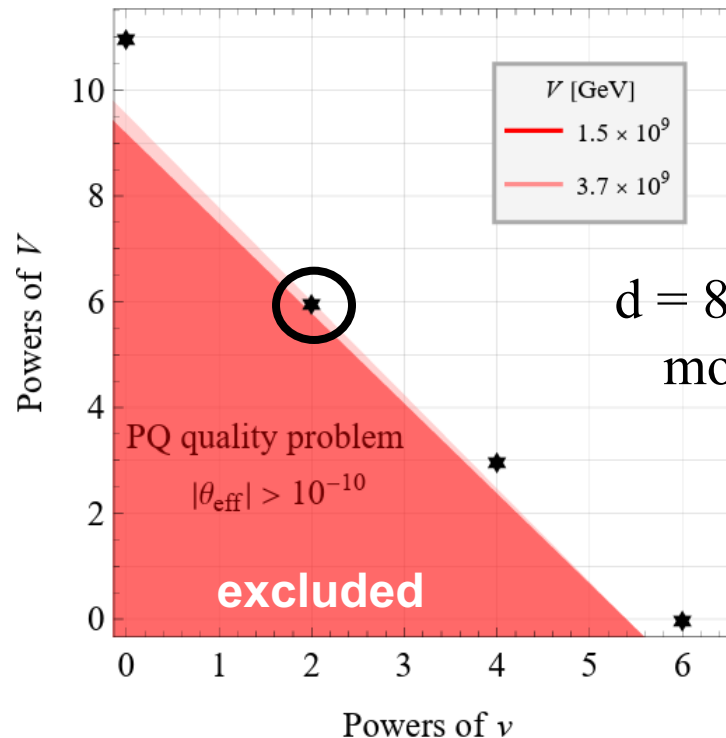
$$V_\Phi \sim V_\Sigma \sim v$$

$$(\Delta\Delta^*)\Delta^3\chi^{*6} \rightarrow V^{11}/M_{\text{Pl}}^7$$

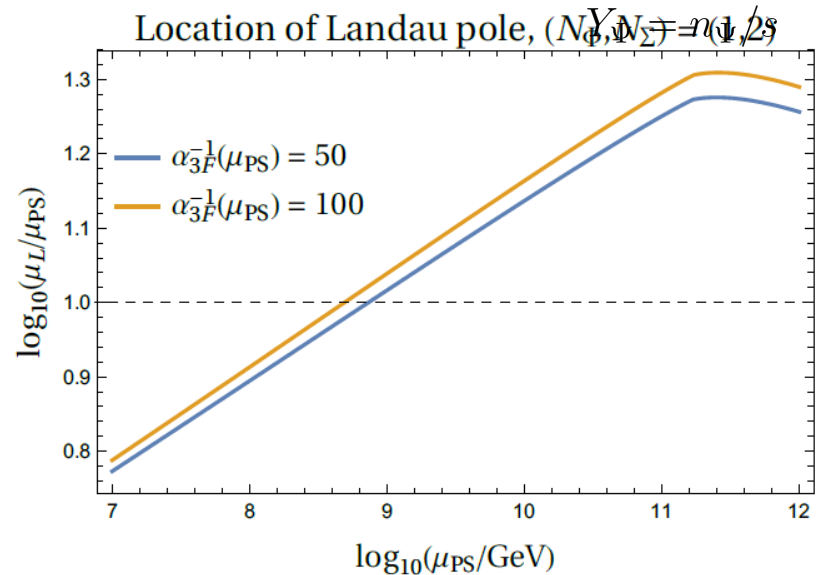
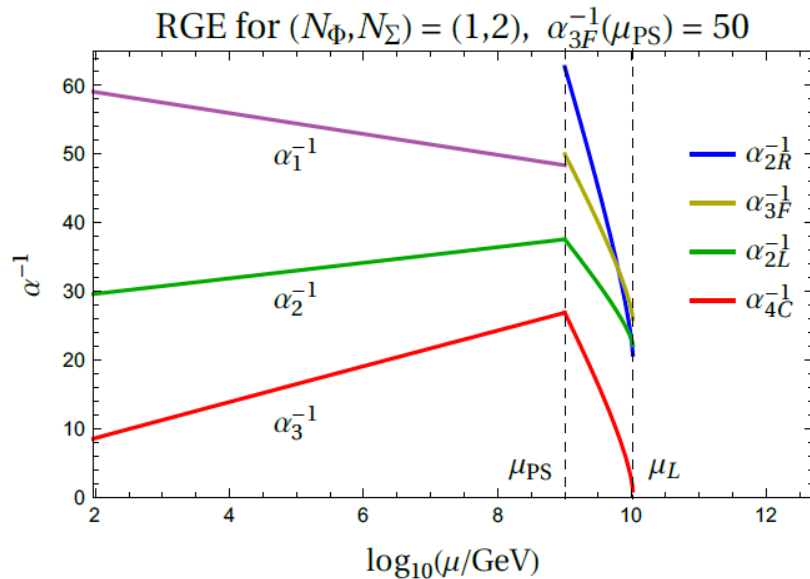
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$$\Phi^{4-k}\Sigma^k\Sigma^2 \rightarrow v^6/M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$



# Perturbativity



Landau pole of gauge couplings at scale  $O(10) \times \text{PS scale}$

New physics around the LP scale  $\longrightarrow$  We must require that this new physics is PQ-conserving in order not to worsen the quality problem!

# Domain Wall problem

Bias term  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{bias}} = -2\Xi V^4 \cos\left(\frac{a}{V} + \delta\right) \quad V = N_{\text{DW}} f_a$

$$\longrightarrow t_{\text{decay}} \approx 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s} \left(\frac{10^{-50}}{\Xi}\right) \left(\frac{12}{N_{\text{DW}}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{m_a}{0.02 \text{ eV}}\right)^3$$

Matching the bias term to  $\Phi^{2-k} \Sigma^k \Delta^2 \chi^{*4} \rightarrow v^2 V^6 / M_{\text{Pl}}^4$

$$\longrightarrow \Xi \sim \left(\frac{v}{M_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{V}{M_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-52} (N_{\text{DW}}/12)^2 (0.02 \text{ eV}/m_a)^2$$

$$\longrightarrow t_{\text{decay}} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ sec} \left(\frac{12}{N_{\text{DW}}}\right)^6 \left(\frac{m_a}{0.02 \text{ eV}}\right)^5$$

DW decay before BBN  $\longrightarrow f_a \gtrsim 4 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$



# Anomalon phenomenology

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Being SM-singlets, they mix with neutrinos !



New (light) fermions, **interact with the SM** via

- i) **flavor** gauge interactions
- ii) **neutrino** mixing

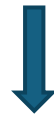
$$M_{\nu\Psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v^2 V}{\Lambda^2} & yv & l \frac{vV}{\Lambda} & \tilde{l} \frac{vV^2}{\Lambda^2} \\ .. & V & r \frac{V^2}{\Lambda} & \tilde{r} \frac{V^4}{\Lambda^3} \\ .. & .. & \frac{V^3}{\Lambda^2} & \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} + \frac{V^5}{\Lambda^4} \\ .. & .. & .. & \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} + \frac{V^5}{\Lambda^4} \end{pmatrix}$$

→ In upper-left  $2 \times 2$ : **see-saw** type I

# Axion quality in PS – flavor model

Let's introduce the higher-dimensional operators

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_{UV} \sim \frac{\mathcal{O}^{[d]}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{d-4}} \longrightarrow \frac{\langle\mathcal{O}\rangle^{[d]}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{d-4}} \sim \frac{v^n V^{d-n}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{d-4}}$$



which ones are dangerous for PQ quality?

*i) Gauge-invariant*  
*ii) PQ- breaking* } *Easy checks*

*iii) check non-vanishing explicit index contraction*  
*iv) non-vanishing vacuum contribution  $\langle\mathcal{O}\rangle \neq 0$*  } *Not trivial*

# Anomalon spectrum

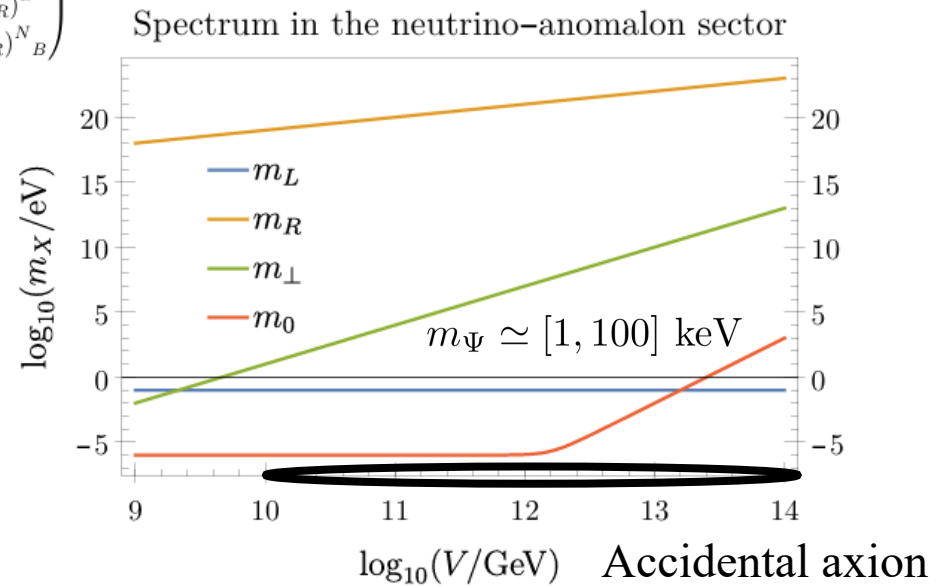
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Dark radiation

+

Dark Matter

Analogous to sterile neutrino DM



# Axion astrophysical limits

Axion couplings with matter  $g_{aX} = c_X m_X / f_a$

$$c_p = -0.45 + 0.29 \cos^2 \beta - 0.15 \sin^2 \beta,$$

$$c_n = +0.013 - 0.14 \cos^2 \beta + 0.27 \sin^2 \beta.$$

$$c_e = 0.33 \sin^2 \beta$$

SN 1987A



$$g_{an}^2 + 0.61 g_{ap}^2 + 0.53 g_{an} g_{ap} \lesssim 8.3 \times 10^{-19}$$

Red giants+white dwarfs



$$g_{ae} \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-13}$$

Saturating the perturbative bound  $\tan \beta = 0.25$



$$f_a \gtrsim 2 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$

dominated by SN 1987A

$$\tan \beta \equiv \frac{v_u}{v_d} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_A |v_A^{u\Phi}|^2 + \sum_A |v_A^{u\Sigma}|^2 + \sum_A |v_A^{u\Sigma'}|^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_A |v_A^{d\Phi}|^2 + \sum_A |v_A^{d\Sigma}|^2 + \sum_A |v_A^{d\Sigma'}|^2}}.$$

Including radiative corrections to axion-electron coupling a stronger bound is obtained



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# Quality problem of $U(1)_{PQ}$

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**We solve the Strong CP problem only if**

$$\langle \theta_{\text{eff}} \rangle < 10^{-10} \quad (\text{neutron EDM})$$

Minimizing the full potential,  $V_{\text{QCD}} + \Delta V_{\text{UV}}^{\text{PQ}}$ , it translates to

$$\left( \frac{f_a}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \right)^{d-4} f_a^4 \lesssim 10^{-10} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

$$f_a \ll \Lambda_{\text{UV}}$$

**The lowest-dimensional PQ-breaking operators are the most dangerous!**

# Anomalon – neutrino mixings

type	operator $\mathcal{O}$	$d$	$\langle M_{\mathcal{O}} \rangle$
$LL$	$\overline{Q}_L \overline{Q}_L \Delta(\Phi^2 + \Phi \Sigma + \Sigma^2)$	6	$v^2 V / \Lambda_{UV}^2$
$LR$	$\overline{Q}_L Q_R (\Phi + \Sigma + \Sigma')$	4	$v$
$RR$	$Q_R Q_R \Delta^*$	4	$V$
$L\Psi$	$\overline{Q}_L \Psi_R \chi (\Phi + \Sigma + \Sigma')$	5	$v V / \Lambda_{UV}$
$L\Psi$	$\overline{Q}_L \Psi_R \Delta \chi^* (\Phi^* + \Sigma^* + \Sigma'^*)$	6	$v V^2 / \Lambda_{UV}^2$
$R\Psi$	$Q_R \Psi_R \Delta^* \chi$	5	$V^2 / \Lambda_{UV}$
$R\Psi$	$Q_R \Psi_R \Delta \Delta^{*2} \chi$	7	$V^4 / \Lambda_{UV}^3$
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$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R \Phi^{*2}$	5	$v^2 / \Lambda_{UV}$
$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R (\Sigma^{*2} + \Sigma^* \Sigma'^* + \Sigma'^{*2})$	5	$v^2 / \Lambda_{UV}$
$\Psi\Psi$	$\Psi_R \Psi_R \Delta \Delta^{*2} \chi^2$	8	$V^5 / \Lambda_{UV}^4$

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{LL} & M_{LR} & M_{L\Psi_{\perp}} & M_{L\Psi_0} \\ M_{RL} & M_{RR} & M_{R\Psi_{\perp}} & M_{R\Psi_0} \\ M_{\Psi_{\perp}L} & M_{\Psi_{\perp}R} & M_{\Psi_{\perp}\Psi_{\perp}} & M_{\Psi_{\perp}\Psi_0} \\ M_{\Psi_0L} & M_{\Psi_0R} & M_{\Psi_0\Psi_{\perp}} & M_{\Psi_0\Psi_0} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v^2 V}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} & yv & l \frac{vV}{\Lambda_{UV}} & \tilde{l} \frac{vV^2}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} \\ \cdot & V & r \frac{V^2}{\Lambda_{UV}} & \tilde{r} \frac{V^4}{\Lambda_{UV}^3} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \frac{V^3}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} & \frac{v^2}{\Lambda_{UV}} + \frac{V^5}{\Lambda_{UV}^4} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{v^2}{\Lambda_{UV}} + \frac{V^5}{\Lambda_{UV}^4} \end{pmatrix}$$