

The chiral Lagrangian of CP-violating axion-like particles

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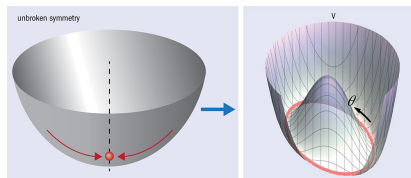
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- Need not solving the strong CP problem
- Have arbitrary masses and couplings ($f_\phi m_\phi \approx f_\pi m_\pi$)

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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 ϕ at the EW scale ($\Lambda \gg M_W$)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{ALP}}^{\text{dim-5}} \supset & +e^2 \frac{C_\gamma}{\Lambda} \phi F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + e^2 \frac{\tilde{C}_\gamma}{\Lambda} \phi F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} + g_s^2 \frac{C_g}{\Lambda} \phi G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a \\ & + g_s^2 \frac{\tilde{C}_g}{\Lambda} \phi G_a^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a + \frac{v}{\Lambda} y_S^{ij} \phi \bar{f}_i f_j + i \frac{v}{\Lambda} y_P^{ij} \phi \bar{f}_i \gamma_5 f_j + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

[Di Luzio, Gröber, Paradisi, '20]

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

[Bonnefoy, Grojean, Kley, '22]

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Leading order chiral Lagrangian

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

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

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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 ϕ at $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-2})$

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

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

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

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

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

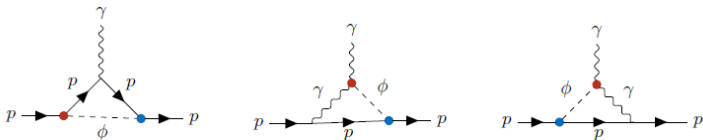
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Table: Jarlskog invariants of the low-energy chiral Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\phi\chi}$

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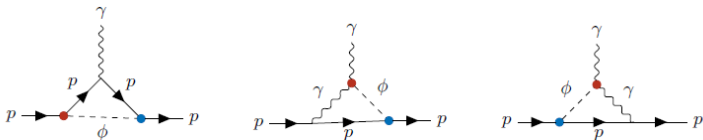


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- **Ratio of the BRs** for $\phi \rightarrow 2\pi$ over $\phi \rightarrow 3\pi$

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 α

$\alpha = \alpha(Q_A)$ 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 $\phi \bar{f}f$ ($y^S \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$)
- Modifies the coupling of the operator ϕFF ($C_\gamma \rightarrow C'_\gamma$)

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- 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

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$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Sigma_0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda_0}{\sqrt{6}} & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & -\frac{\Sigma_0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda_0}{\sqrt{6}} & n \\ \Xi^- & \Xi^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\Lambda_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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The expansion in terms of p/Λ_{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