The strong CP problem: LHC and flavor





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Plan: • learning from the Standard Model

- heavy axions @ colliders
- Nelson Barr and its challenges

Learning from the Standard Model I

2 phases in the SM C. Jarlskog '85



Lessons: • there is a phase in the EW sector (3 generations)

• there is phase in the QCD sector (all quarks are massive)

Learning from the Standard Model I

2 phases in the SM



we care even more now...



anthropic arguments in the multiverse might explain the dimensionful hierarchies Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Kachru '05

most of the universes do not have large structures \checkmark Λ_{CC} appears fine-tuned

most of the universes do not have complex nuclei $\longleftrightarrow \mathcal{V}$ appears fine-tuned

only moderate anthropic bounds can be derived for heta! Ubaldi '08



Learning from the Standard Model II

the SM already has the 2 possible ingredients to solve the strong CP problem

Peccei Quinn-solution

if the up quark yukawa is zero
$$U(1)_{PQ}$$
:
$$\begin{cases} \theta \to \theta + \alpha \\ u \to e^{i\gamma_5 \alpha} u \end{cases}$$
$$U(1)_{PQ} \text{ spontaneously broken by } \langle u\bar{u}\rangle \simeq f_{\pi}^3 \longrightarrow \eta' \text{ is the pNGB}$$
$$U(1)_{PQ} \text{ is anomalous: } \mathcal{L}_{\eta'} \supset \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \eta' G\tilde{G} \longrightarrow V(\eta') \approx \frac{1}{2} m_{\eta'}^2 f_{\pi}^2 (\frac{\eta'}{f_{\pi}} - \bar{\theta})^2 + \mathcal{O}(1/N_c^2)$$
$$\text{Veneziano '79, Witten '80}$$
the strong CP phase is set to zero by the VEV of the pNGB of $U(1)_{PQ}$
$$CHALLENGE: U(1)_{PQ} \text{ of very high "quality"} \longrightarrow \Delta V \approx m_u f_{\pi}^3 \cos \frac{\eta'}{f_{\pi}}$$

 $\frac{\Delta \eta'}{f_{\pi}} \approx \frac{m_u}{m_{\eta'}}$

Learning from the Standard Model II

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

 $\delta_{\text{CKM}} \simeq O(1)$

the SM already has the 2 possible ingredients to solve the strong CP problem



finite thresholds from heavy quarks more difficult to estimate systematically...

if the strong CP phase is set to zero in the UV is not generated within the SM

CHALLENGE: generate $\bar{\theta}=0$ + the CKM phase

Learning from the Standard Model Summary



Peccei Quinn-solution:spontaneously broken $U(1)_{PQ}$ with QCD anomaly can set $\bar{\theta} = 0$ dynamically
the $U(1)_{PQ}$ should be an accidental symmetry with very good accuracyNelson Barr-solution:the flavor structure of the SM makes $\bar{\theta} = 0$ radiatively stable

a UV mechanism should enforce this boundary condition + generate the CKM



A lot of money on the Peccei-Quinn solution

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

anomaly matching ______ light axion @ low energy



The simplest model: the KSVZ axion

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{KSVZ}} = |\partial \Phi|^2 - V(\Phi) + g_* \bar{\Psi}_L \Psi_R \Phi + h.c.$$

$$\Phi = \frac{f_a}{\sqrt{2}} e^{ia/f_a}~~{\rm spontaneously~broken}~U(1)_{PQ}$$



Explicitly in the KSVZ model
$$\Delta V_{PQ} = \lambda_{\Delta} \frac{\Phi^{\Delta}}{\Lambda_{UV}^{\Delta-4}} + h.c.$$
, $\lambda_{\Delta} = |\lambda_{\Delta}| e^{i\delta_{\Delta}}$
The accidental PQ symmetry is broken at the scale Λ_{UV}
by an operator of dim. Δ
with generic phase δ_{Δ}
with O(1) strength λ_{Δ}
 $V_a = \Lambda_{QCD}^4 \cos \frac{Na}{f_a} + \frac{|\lambda_{\Delta}| f_a^{\Delta}}{\Lambda_{UV}^{\Delta-4}} \cos \frac{\Delta a + \delta_{\Delta}}{f_a}$

solution of the strong CP upper bound on the decay constant
$$\langle Na/f_a \rangle \lesssim 10^{-10}$$
 \longleftrightarrow $f_a \lesssim \Lambda_{\rm UV} \left[\frac{10^{-10}}{|\lambda_{\Delta}| \tan \delta_{\Delta}} \cdot \frac{N}{\Delta} \cdot \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}}{\Lambda_{\rm UV}} \right)^4 \right]^{1/\Delta}$

Let's give numbers...

In the best case scenario the PQ is only broken by $1/M_{Pl}$ operators Kamionkowski and March-Russell '92 etc... 10¹³ $\Delta = 5$ $f_a \lesssim 10 \text{ GeV}$ $\Delta = 6$ $f_a \lesssim 5 \text{ TeV}$ 10^{11} 10^{9} OCD WHION f_a [TeV] . . . 10^{7} 10⁵ 10^{3} 10¹ experimental bounds 10^{-1} 10^{-9} 10^{-5} 10^{-17} 10^{-13} 10^{-1} 10^{3} m_a [GeV]

Can we have an axion with TeV decay constant?

This would make the PQ very similar to the SM baryon number

Above 1 GeV the axion bounds disappear...

Then the idea is to raise the axion mass without spoiling the strong CP



I can tell more about these models if you want...

TESTING STRONG CP PROBLEM @ colliders





the strong CP problem motivates low mass resonance searches

select a slice of coupling in the ALP landscape

status above 10 GeV...



+bounds based on EW couplings not relevant

Lowering the invariant mass reach?

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} > \Delta R \sqrt{p_{T_1}^{\min} p_{T_2}^{\min}}$$

CHALLENGE: trigger & background from MC

$$Description ISO \qquad \Delta R \equiv \sqrt{\Delta \eta^2 + \Delta \phi^2}$$

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The lowest invariant mass for diphoton trigger

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} > \Delta R \sqrt{p_{T_1}^{\min} p_{T_2}^{\min}}$$



the signal efficiency does not drop to zero below the pT cuts!

Final results

Mariotti, Tobioka, D.R., Sala '17



Modifying standard photon isolation



boosting the system against

standard isolation would reject the signal

 $\sum_{i \neq \gamma_{\text{test}}}^{\Delta R < R_{\text{iso}}} p_{T,i} < \# \sum_{i \neq \gamma_{\text{test}}}^{\Delta R < R_{\text{iso}}} p_{T,i} / E_{T,\gamma_{\text{test}}} < \#$

CAN WE MODIFY THIS KEEPING JET-FAKES UNDER CONTROL?

Modifying standard photon isolation



 $\Delta R < R_{\rm iso}$ $i \neq \gamma_{ ext{test}}, \gamma_1$

Rejecting the pions (jet activity) keeping the hard photon γ_1



Low, Mariotti, Tobioka, D.R., Sala to appear





boosted diphoton searches will probe 10 TeV decay constants down to 10 GeV masses

what can we do below 10 GeV?



summary of the strategies with photons





collider searches can probe PQ symmetries with the quality of baryon number





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 $P_{axion} = 1.9 \times 10^{-22} \,\mathrm{W}\left(\frac{V}{136 \,\mathrm{L}}\right) \left(\frac{B}{6.8 \,\mathrm{T}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{C}{0.4}\right) \,\left(\frac{g_{\gamma}}{0.97}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_a}{0.45 \,\mathrm{GeV \, cm^{-3}}}\right) \left(\frac{f}{650 \,\mathrm{MHz}}\right) \left(\frac{Q}{50,000}\right)$





conversion of solar axions in the Earth magnetic field



Budker, Graham, Ledbetter, Rajendran '14 CASPER EDM





The axion field induces an oscillating EDM

$$d_n = 1.2 \times 10^{-16} \frac{a}{f_a} e \cdot cm \iff a(t) = a_0 \cos(m_a t)$$





As theorists we should also bet on the Nelson-Barr solution...

CHALLENGE: generate ${\bar heta}=0$ + the CKM phase

The prototype setup



Vecchi, '12

CP is only spontaneously broken (all couplings are real)

CP-violation is mediated to the SM to generate CKM but screen $\overline{ heta}$

The prototype model $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{NB}} = \begin{bmatrix} y_i^{\psi} \Phi_N + \tilde{y}_i^{\psi} \Phi_N^* \end{bmatrix} \psi u_i^c + \mu \psi \tilde{\psi}^c + \mathrm{h.c.} \quad \text{Bento, Branco, Parada '91, Dine, Draper '15} \end{bmatrix}$ $Z_{2}\text{-symmetry:} \begin{cases} [\Phi_{N}] = [\psi] = [\psi^{c}] = \text{odd} & \Phi_{N}\psi\psi^{c} \\ [\text{SM}] = \text{even} & \\ M^{u} = \begin{pmatrix} (\mu)_{1\times 1} & (B)_{1\times 3} \\ (0)_{3\times 1} & (vY^{u})_{3\times 3} \end{pmatrix} \\ HQ\psi^{c} & \end{pmatrix}$ exact CP assumption discrete symm. @ work $\theta_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{tree}} = \operatorname{Arg}(\det M^d) + \operatorname{Arg}(\mu \cdot \det vY^u) = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm NB} = \left[y_i^{\psi} \Phi_N + \tilde{y}_i^{\psi} \Phi_N^* \right] \psi u_i^c + \mu \psi \psi^c + \text{h.c.} \quad \text{Bento, Branco, Parada '91, Dine, Draper '15}$$

Integrating out the heavy mode we get

$$\left[M_{\rm eff}^{u} M_{\rm eff}^{u\dagger}\right]_{ij} \sim v^2 Y_{ik}^{u} Y_{jk}^{u*} - \frac{v^2 Y_{ik}^{u} B_k^* B_\ell Y_{j\ell}^{u*}}{\mu^2 + |B|^2}$$

The matrix diagonalizing this matrix leads to the CKM phase! $~B_i \sim \mu$

The RGE's are under control:
$$B_i \in 3_u$$
 $J = \operatorname{Im} \left(B^{\dagger} [Y_u^{\dagger} Y_u, Y_u^{\dagger} Y_d^{\dagger} Y_u Y_d] B \right)$
 $\frac{d}{dt} \bar{\theta} \sim J$ 4-loops !

The flavor structure can take care of the RGE

$$\frac{d}{dt}\bar{\theta} \sim J \qquad J = \operatorname{Im}\left(B^{\dagger}[\underbrace{Y_{u}^{\dagger}Y_{u}, Y_{u}^{\dagger}Y_{d}^{\dagger}Y_{u}Y_{d}}]B\right)$$

anti-symmetric

New thresholds are always suppressed by $\,(v/B)^{\#}$



2 THEORY CHALLENGES:

Can we make CP violation dynamical?

in progress...

Can we make the symmetry of the portal accidental?

WHERE DO WE BET for strong CP?





The PQ solution is highly testable

We saw that it is strong physics case for light resonance searches at colliders



Nelson-Barr has interesting connection with flavor but it might be difficult to test...

maybe an interesting bet for the future?

Rien ne va plus!



Backup Slides: xsec measurement





3) rebinning (shrinking the bin S/B increases)





7 TeV data



14 TeV projections



Did we dig carefully enough in old data?

Experiment	Process	Lumi	\sqrt{s}	low mass reach	ref.
LEPI	$e^+e^- ightarrow Z ightarrow \gamma a ightarrow \gamma j j$	$12 \mathrm{~pb^{-1}}$	Z-pole	$10 \mathrm{GeV}$	[25]
LEPI	$e^+e^- ightarrow Z ightarrow \gamma a ightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$	78 pb^{-1}	Z-pole	3 GeV	[26]
LEPII	$ e^+e^- ightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* ightarrow \gamma a ightarrow \gamma jj$	$9.7,10.1,47.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$161,172,183 { m ~GeV}$	$60 \mathrm{GeV}$	[27]
LEPII	$\mid e^+e^- ightarrow Z^*, \gamma^* ightarrow \gamma a ightarrow \gamma \gamma \gamma$	$9.7,10.1,47.7 \text{ pb}^{-1}$	$161,172,183 { m ~GeV}$	$60 \mathrm{GeV}$	[27, 28]
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D0/CDF	$par{p} o a o \gamma\gamma$	$7/8.2~{ m fb}^{-1}$	$1.96 { m ~TeV}$	$100 { m GeV}$	[29]
ATLAS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$20.3 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$8 { m TeV}$	$65 { m GeV}$	[30]
CMS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$19.7 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$8 { m TeV}$	$80 \mathrm{GeV}$	[31]
CMS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$19.7 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$8 { m TeV}$	$150~{ m GeV}$	[32]
CMS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$35.9~{ m fb}^{-1}$	$13 { m TeV}$	$70 {\rm GeV}$	[33]
UA2	$p ar p o a o \gamma \gamma$	$13.2~{ m pb}^{-1}$	$0.63~{ m TeV}$	17.9 GeV	[34]
D0	$par{p} o a o \gamma\gamma$	$4.2 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$1.96 { m ~TeV}$	$8.2 \mathrm{GeV}$	[35]
CDF	$par{p} o a o \gamma\gamma$	$5.36 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$1.96 { m ~TeV}$	$6.4 { m GeV}$	[36]
ATLAS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma\gamma$	$4.9 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$7 { m TeV}$	$9.4 \mathrm{GeV}$	[8]
ATLAS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$20.2 { m ~fb^{-1}}$	$8 { m TeV}$	$13.9~{ m GeV}$	[9]
CMS	$pp ightarrow a ightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$5.0~{ m fb}^{-1}$	$7 { m TeV}$	$14.2~{ m GeV}$	[10]

UA2? looked only at almost back to back photons

$$m_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2p_{T_1}p_{T_2}\left(\underbrace{\cosh\Delta\eta - \cos\Delta\phi}_{\gtrsim 100}\right) \gtrsim (18 \text{ GeV})^2$$
$$\gtrsim (9 \text{ GeV})^2 \qquad \gtrsim 1.7$$

Tevatron? It is comparable with LHC now!



however this is an artifact of our conservative bound

systematics went down by a factor ~3-4 depending on the mass LHC has better sensitivity! EXTRA REASON TO DO THIS!

diphoton backgrounds

we validated only the one from real photons



photon+jet is ~ 30% of the background but it does not modify the shape significantly

jet+jet is irrelevant

the challenge of background modelling



modeling of the calorimeter isolation variable in simulated samples. Predicted cross sections from fixedorder QCD calculations implemented in DIPHOX and RESBOS at next-to-leading order, and in 2γ NNLO at next-to-next-to-leading order, are about 36%, 28% and 16% lower than the data, respectively. The relative errors associated to the predictions from DIPHOX (2γ NNLO) are 10–15% (5–10%).

Backup Slides: LHCb







Backup Slides: boosted searches



Backup Slides: Heavy Axion models



Mirror Axions

UV instantons

Backup Slides: NB models



Can we make CP violation dynamical?

in progress with G. Perez and A. Shalit



Breaking CP from the dynamics of a confining sector

We need a gauge theory which has a CP-breaking vacuum Gaiotto, Komargodski, Seiberg '18

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \begin{array}{c} -m_{\chi} \sum_{a=1,2} \chi_{(a)} \tilde{\chi}_{(a)} + \sum_{a=1,2} \left[\lambda_{a} \varphi + \hat{\lambda}_{a} \varphi^{*} \right] \chi_{(a)} \tilde{\chi}_{(a)} \\ -m_{\psi} \psi \tilde{\psi} + \left[y_{i}^{\psi} \varphi + \hat{y}_{i}^{\psi} \varphi^{*} \right] \psi \tilde{d}_{i} \end{array}$$

Can we make the symmetry of the portal accidental?

in progress

gauging $U(3)_{Q_L} \otimes U(3)_{U_R} \otimes U(3)_{D_R}$

Grinstein, Redi, Villadoro '10

	$ $ SU(3) $_{Q_L}$	${ m SU}(3)_{U_R}$	${ m SU}(3)_{D_R}$	$\mathrm{SU}(3)_c$	$\mathrm{SU}(2)_L$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_Y$
Q_L	3	1	1	3	2	1/6
U_R	1	3	1	3	1	2/3
D_R	1	1	3	3	1	-1/3
Ψ_{uR}	3	1	1	3	1	2/3
Ψ_{dR}	3	1	1	3	1	-1/3
Ψ_u	1	3	1	3	1	2/3
Ψ_d	1	1	3	3	1	-1/3
Y_u	3	3	1	1	1	0
Y_d	3	1	3	1	1	0
H	1	1	1	1	2	1/2

we get the NB structure!

 $\lambda_u \, \overline{Q}_L \tilde{H} \Psi_{uR} + \lambda'_u \, \overline{\Psi}_u Y_u \Psi_{uR} + M_u \, \overline{\Psi}_u U_R$

generate the Yukawas & the phases from the vacuum structure