

# Baryon and lepton number intricacies in axion models



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# I. The Strong CP puzzle

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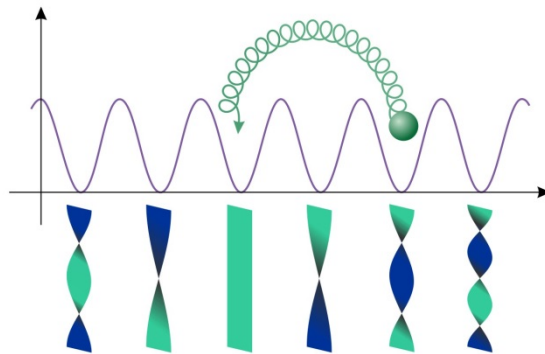
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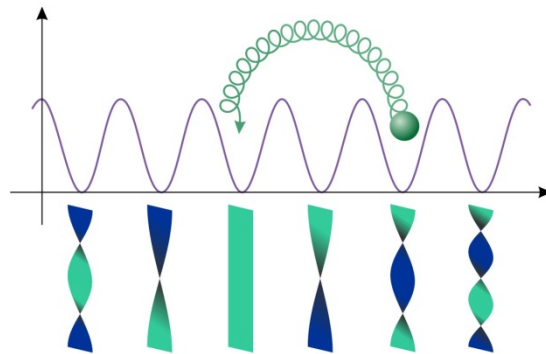
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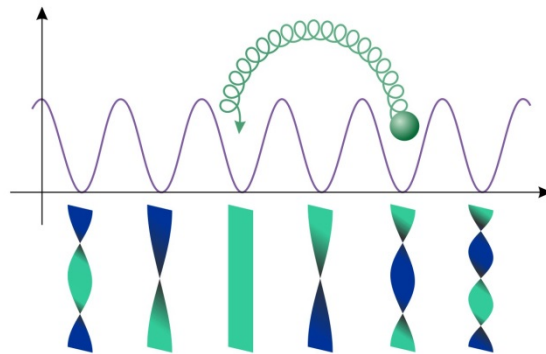
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Neutron EDM implies  $\theta_{eff} \equiv \theta_C - \arg \det \mathbf{Y}_u - \arg \det \mathbf{Y}_d < 10^{-10}$  !!!

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Classically, massless quarks/lepton phases can be rotated:

$$\psi \rightarrow \exp(i\alpha_\psi) \psi, \quad \psi = q_L, u_R, d_R, \ell_L, e_R$$

Quantum-mechanically, these five global  $U(1)$ s are anomalous.

With the appropriate rotations, all three CPV terms are eliminated:

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The Yukawa couplings explicitly break these  $U(1)$  symmetries.

Three phases are fixed to get real quark and lepton masses.

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Cannot be removed:  
Strong CP puzzle.

Removed thanks to  $U(1)_{B+\mathcal{L}}$   
(choice for  $3\alpha_{q_L} + \alpha_{\ell_L}$ )

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**Step 2:** Design  $\mathcal{L}_{axion}$  such that  $PQ(\psi_L) \neq PQ(\psi_R)$

This makes the symmetry **anomalous**:  $\partial_\mu J^\mu \sim G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$

The Goldstone boson **shift symmetry** is explicitly broken:

$$\mathcal{L}_{axion} = -\frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\alpha_S}{8\pi} \left( \theta_S + \frac{1}{v} a^0 \mathcal{N}_C \right) G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu a^0 J^\mu + \dots$$

Removed by

$$a^0 \rightarrow a^0 - v \theta_S / \mathcal{N}_C$$

Subleading and  
model-dependent

### C. The axionic solution – Low-energy phenomenology

$$\mathcal{L}_{axion} \supset -\frac{\alpha_S}{8\pi} \left( \theta_S + \frac{1}{f_a} a^0 \right) G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} \left( g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \frac{\mathcal{N}_{em}}{\mathcal{N}_C} \right) a^0 F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

Step 3: QCD non-perturbative effects are turned on.

Effect 1: Strong CP relaxes to zero

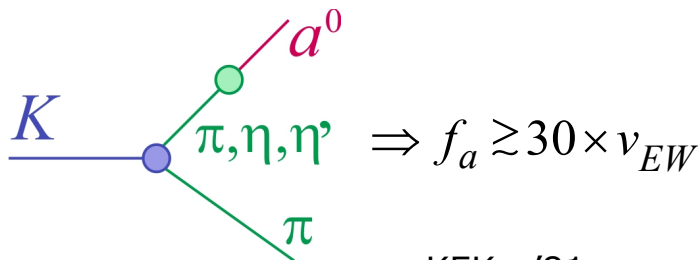
$$\frac{\alpha_S}{8\pi} \left( \theta_S + a^0 / f_a \right) G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow V_{eff} \left( \theta_S + a^0 / f_a, \pi, \eta, \dots \right)$$

Minimum at  $\langle a^0 \rangle = -f_a \theta_S$

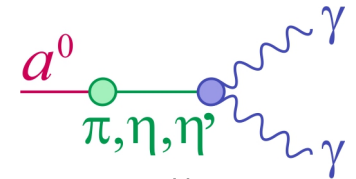
Effect 2: The axion acquires a mass

$$\frac{f_a^2 m_a^2}{f_\pi^2 m_\pi^2} = \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d} \rightarrow m_a \approx 6 \mu eV \times \frac{10^{12} GeV}{f_a}$$

Effect 3: The axion mixes with  $\pi^0, \eta, \eta'$



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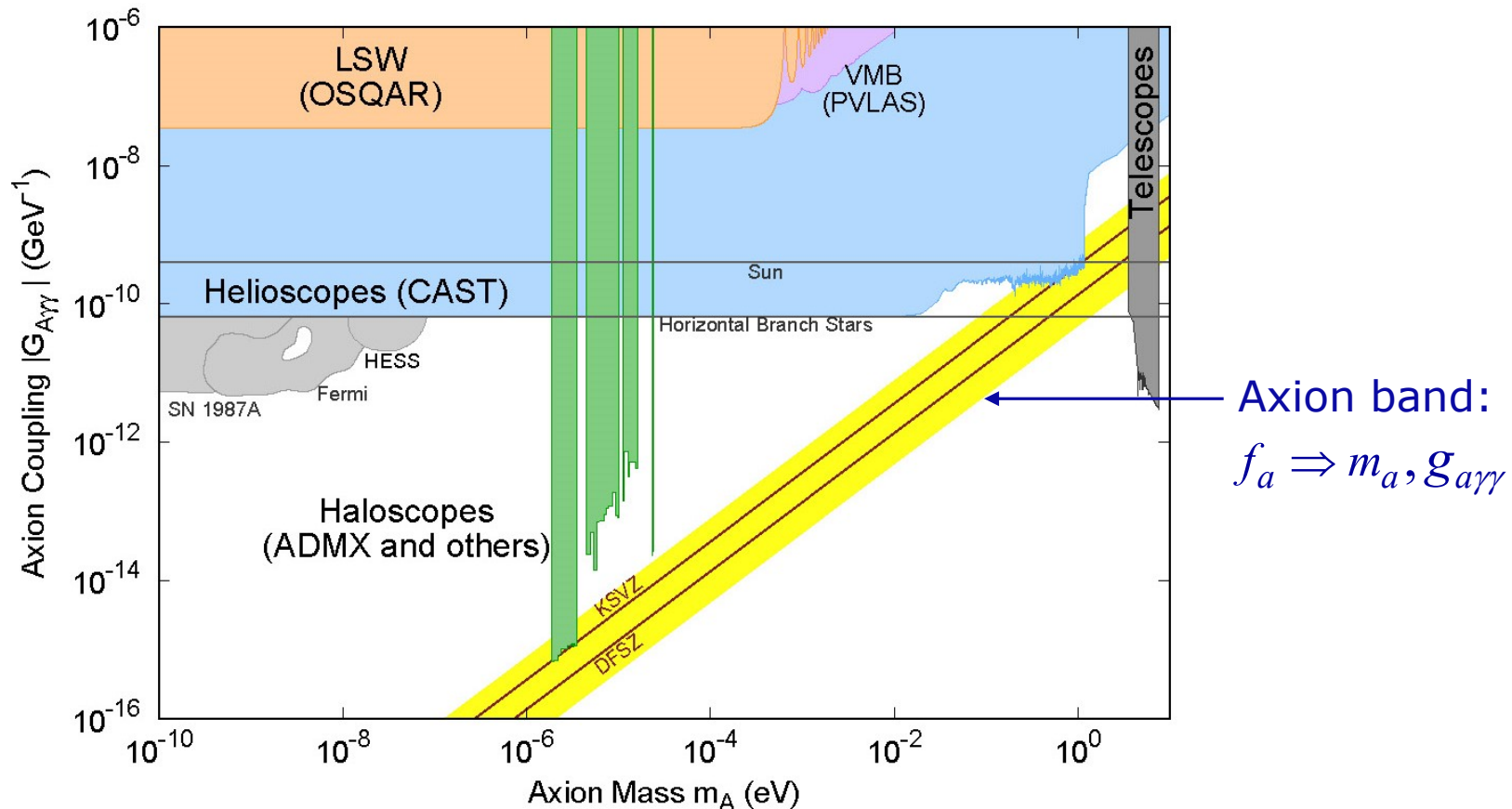


$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{N}_{em}}{\mathcal{N}_C} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{4m_d + m_u}{m_u + m_d} \right]$$

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## Step 4: Experimental constraints (PDG18)



### III. Toy axion model



## A. Toy model for a “QED axion”

Add to the usual massless QED a **neutral complex scalar field**:

$$\mathcal{L}_{axion} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}_{L,R}i\not{D}\psi_{L,R} + (y\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R\phi + h.c.) + \partial_\mu\phi^\dagger\partial^\mu\phi - V(\phi)$$

Invariance under  $U(1)_{em} \otimes U(1)_{PQ}$ :

$$\phi \rightarrow \exp(-i\theta)\phi, \quad \begin{cases} \psi_L \rightarrow \exp(-i\alpha\theta)\psi_L \\ \psi_R \rightarrow \exp(-i(\alpha+1)\theta)\psi_R \end{cases}$$

The parameter  $\alpha$  originates in the conserved fermion number.

The  $U(1)_{PQ}$  symmetry is chiral hence **anomalous**.

Spontaneous breaking of  $U(1)_{PQ}$ :

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2\phi^\dagger\phi + \lambda(\phi^\dagger\phi)^2, \quad \mu^2 < 0.$$

The associated **Goldstone boson is the axion**.

## B. Toy model for a "QED axion": Linear representation

Linear representation for the scalar field:  $\phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma^0 + ia^0 + v)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{linear} = & -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi}i\not{D}\psi + m\bar{\psi}\psi \left(1 + \frac{\sigma^0}{v}\right) + m\frac{a^0}{v}\bar{\psi}i\gamma_5\psi \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu a^0\partial^\mu a^0 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\sigma^0\partial^\mu\sigma^0 - m_\sigma^2(\sigma^0)^2) \\ & - \lambda v\sigma^0((\sigma^0)^2 + (a^0)^2) - \frac{\lambda}{4}((\sigma^0)^2 + (a^0)^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{With as usual } \begin{cases} m = yv \\ v^2 = -\mu^2 / \lambda \\ m_\sigma^2 = 2\lambda v^2 \end{cases}$$

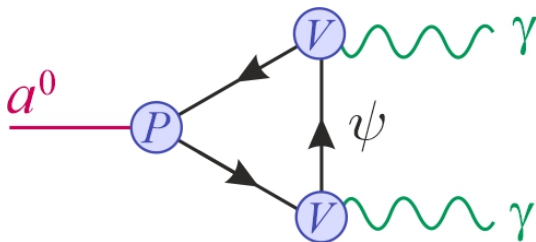
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Coupling to photons:

$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Lin} = -i \frac{m}{v} e^2 T_{PVV}^{\alpha\beta} = -i \frac{e^2}{2\pi^2 v} m^2 C_0(m^2) \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} q_{1\mu} q_{2\nu}$$



- Not anomalous!

- Vanishes in the  $m \rightarrow 0$  limit.

- Finite as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  even though  $T_{PVV}^{\alpha\beta} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

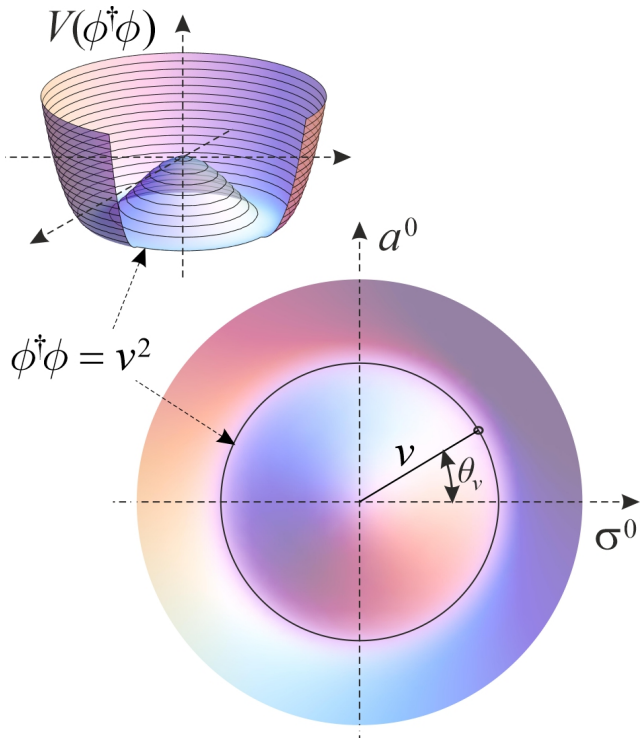
- Effective interaction:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 v} a^0 F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

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Shift symmetry:  $\mathcal{L}_{linear} = \mathcal{L}_{linear} + \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2}\theta_{QED}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$



Freedom to choose the vacuum:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma^0 + v \\ a^0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_v & \sin \theta_v \\ -\sin \theta_v & \cos \theta_v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^0 + v \\ a^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Classically, leaves  $\mathcal{L}_{linear}$  invariant.

Requires a chiral rotation since  $m \rightarrow m \exp(i\theta_v)$

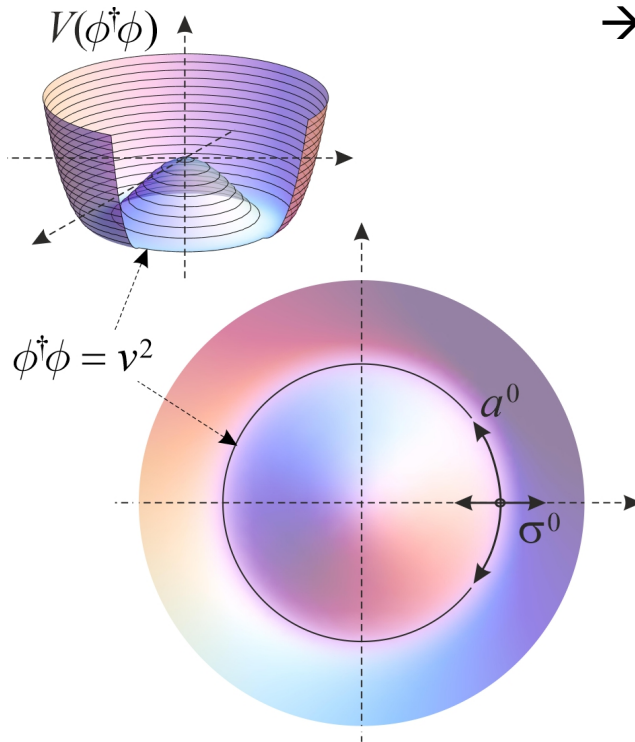
At the quantum level,  $\theta_{QED} \rightarrow \theta_{QED} + \theta_v$

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This is a non-linear representation of  $U(1)_{PQ}$ :

$$\sigma^0 \rightarrow \sigma^0, \quad a^0 \rightarrow a^0 + v\theta_v$$



→ Spans the vacuum

→  $U(1)_{PQ} =$  true shift symmetry?

Not yet for fermions:

$$\begin{cases} \psi_L \rightarrow \exp(-i\alpha\theta_v)\psi_L \\ \psi_R \rightarrow \exp(-i(\alpha+1)\theta_v)\psi_R \end{cases}$$

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Reparametrization of the fermions to make them  $U(1)_{PQ}$  invariant:

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Consequence 1: Removes the axion from the Yukawa coupling

$$y\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R\phi \supset m\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R\exp(-ia^0/v) \rightarrow m\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R$$

Consequence 2: Non-invariance of the kinetic terms

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{Der} = -\frac{1}{v}\partial_\mu a^0 \left( \alpha\bar{\psi}_L\gamma^\mu\psi_L + (\alpha+1)\bar{\psi}_R\gamma^\mu\psi_R \right)$$

Consequence 3: Non-invariance of the fermionic measure

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{Jac} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2 v} a^0 \left( \underset{\uparrow \psi_L}{\alpha} - (\underset{\uparrow \psi_R}{\alpha+1}) \right) F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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Manifest but anomalous shift symmetry:

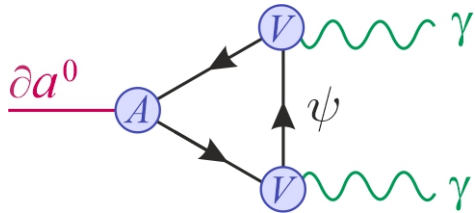
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With the extra pieces:  $\delta\mathcal{L}_{Der} = -\frac{1}{v}\partial_{\mu}a^0 \left( (2\alpha + 1)\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi + \bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_5\psi \right)$

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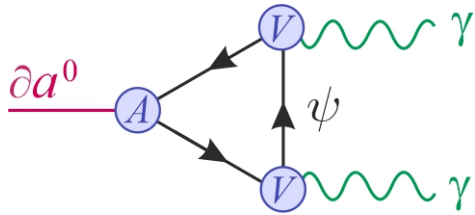
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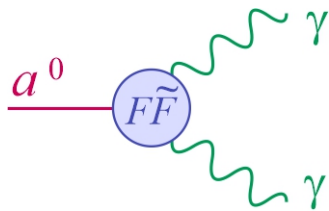
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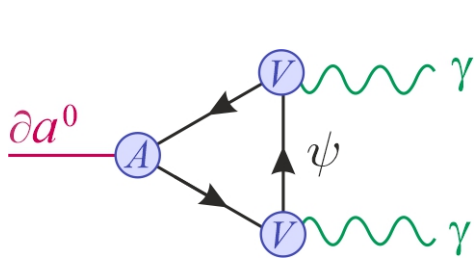


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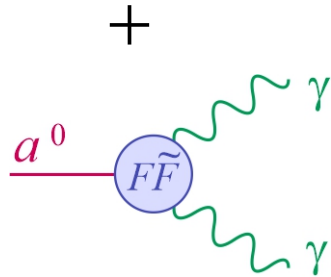
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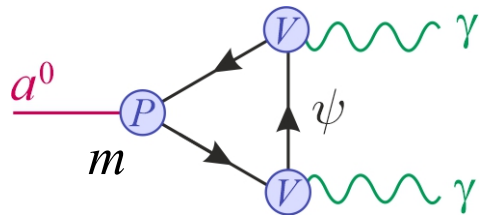


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The amplitude is indeed independent of the representation:

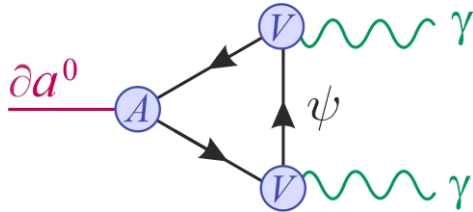


$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Der} + \mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Jac} = \mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Lin}$$

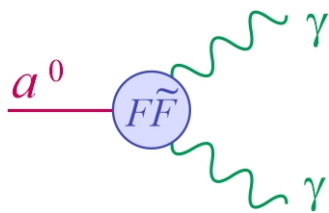
$$i(q_1 + q_2)_\gamma T_{AVV}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} - \frac{1}{2\pi^2}\varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}q_{1\mu}q_{2\nu} = 2imT_{PVV}^{\alpha\beta}$$

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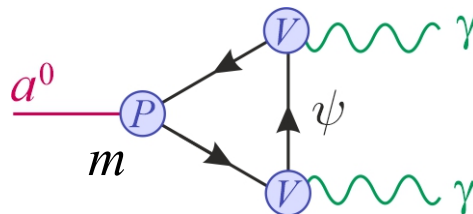
Coupling to photons and ABJ anomaly:  $\partial_\mu A^\mu - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = 2imP$



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1- The anomaly cancels out in

$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Der} + \mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Jac}$$

2- This cancellation ensures

$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Der} + \mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Jac} \stackrel{m \rightarrow 0}{=} 0$$

3- The decay is **not anomalous**. Why the confusion?

Sutherland-Veltman theorem:

$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Der} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } m \rightarrow \infty$$

The amplitude **is equal to** the local term:

$$\mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Lin} \stackrel{m \rightarrow \infty}{=} 0 + \mathcal{M}(a^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{Jac}$$

## IV. PQ and DFSZ axions

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when the scalar potential is limited to:

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This extra symmetry is anomalous:  $A^0 \equiv a^0$  is an axion!

VEVs phases  $\Leftrightarrow$  complex fermion masses:

$$\mathcal{L}_{fermion} = -\bar{u}_R Y_u q_L \Phi_1 - \bar{d}_R Y_d q_L \Phi_2^\dagger - \bar{e}_R Y_e \ell_L \Phi_2^\dagger + h.c.$$

Removed by an anomalous chiral rotation  $\rightarrow A^0 G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu}$

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Question: What are the couplings of this axion to SM gauge bosons?

It is generally believed that

Georgi, Kaplan, Randall '86

$$\mathcal{L}_{PQ}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} \left( g_s^2 \mathcal{N}_C G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} + g^2 \mathcal{N}_L W_{\mu\nu}^i \tilde{W}^{i,\mu\nu} + g'^2 \mathcal{N}_Y B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_X = \sum_{\psi} PQ(\psi) \text{tr}(T_X^i(\psi) T_X^j(\psi))$$

Are those couplings ambiguous?

There are four entangled U(1)s:  $U(1)_Y \otimes U(1)_{PQ} \otimes U(1)_B \otimes U(1)_L$

Are the SM fermion PQ charges well-defined?

Why no electroweak symmetry breaking effect?

Massless neutrino puzzle?



## B. Axion couplings in the linear representation

### Standard THDM phenomenology

$$\text{Higgs basis: } \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_h \\ \Phi_H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_2 \\ \Phi_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\tan \beta \equiv v_1 / v_2)$$

$$\Phi_h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp \left\{ i\tau^j G^j / v \right\} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi_h + v \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}H^+ \\ \phi_H + iA^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Couplings to gauge bosons: No  $A^0 \rightarrow VV$  at tree level

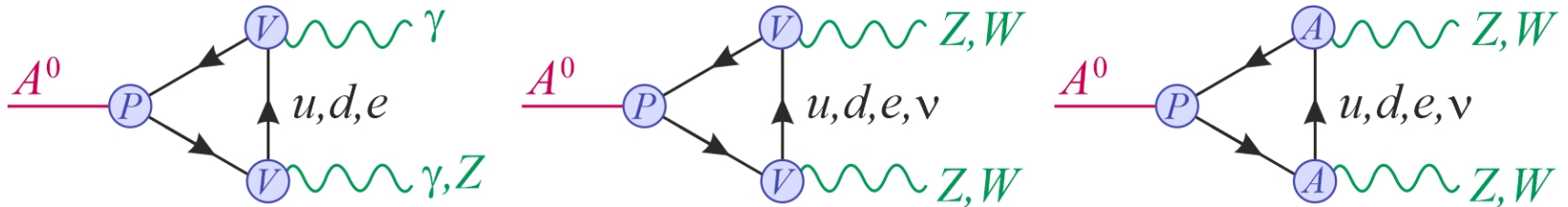
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{higgs}} = \frac{(v + \phi_h)^2 + |\phi_H + iA^0|^2}{8} \left( 2g^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-,\mu} + (g^2 + g'^2) Z_\mu Z^\mu \right)$$

Couplings to fermions: Mass-dependent pseudoscalar couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{A^0 ff} = -i \sum_{f=u,d,e} \frac{m_f}{v} \chi_P^f A^0 \bar{\psi}_f \gamma_5 \psi_f, \quad \chi_P^d = \chi_P^e = \frac{1}{\chi_P^u} = \tan \beta$$

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Couplings to gauge bosons at one loop:



$$T_{PVV}^{\alpha\beta} = -i \frac{m C_0(m^2)}{2\pi^2} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma}$$

$$T_{PAA}^{\alpha\beta} = -i \frac{m(C_0(m^2) + 2C_1(m^2))}{2\pi^2} \varepsilon^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma}$$

$$C_i(m^2) \equiv C_i(q_1^2, q_2^2, (q_1 + q_2)^2, m^2, m'^2, m^2)$$

Amplitudes known for a long time.

Gunion, Haber, Kao '91

Finite and non anomalous - **no ambiguity of any kind!**

Vanishes as  $m \rightarrow 0$  since the  $A^0$  coupling to fermion does.

## B. Axion couplings in the linear representation

Couplings to gauge bosons at one loop:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{linear}^{eff} &= \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} g_s^2 \mathcal{N}_C G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} \\
 &+ \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} e^2 \mathcal{N}_{em} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \\
 &+ \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} \frac{2e^2}{c_W s_W} (\mathcal{N}_0 - s_W^2 \mathcal{N}_{em}) Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \\
 &+ \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} \frac{e^2}{c_W^2 s_W^2} (\mathcal{N}_1 - 2s_W^2 \mathcal{N}_0 + s_W^4 \mathcal{N}_{em}) Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} \\
 &+ \frac{A^0}{16\pi^2 v} 2g^2 \mathcal{N}_2 W_{\mu\nu}^+ \tilde{W}^{-,\mu\nu}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_C = \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_{em} = \mathcal{N}_C \left( \frac{4}{9} x + \frac{1}{9x} \right) + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_0 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \mathcal{N}_C \left( \frac{2}{3} x + \frac{1}{3x} \right) + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_1 = \frac{1}{12} \left( \mathcal{N}_C \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{N}_2 = \frac{1}{12} \left( \mathcal{N}_C \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{3}{2x} \right)$$

Non-decoupling when  $m_{u,d,e} \rightarrow \infty$ .

( $x \equiv \cot \beta \equiv v_2 / v_1$ )

Breaks EW symmetry  $\mathcal{N}_0 \neq \mathcal{N}_1 \neq \mathcal{N}_2$ .

### C. Axion couplings in the polar representation

Polar representation for the two doublets:

Exponentiate the GB of  $U(1)_1 \otimes U(1)_2$ :  $\Phi_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp\{i\eta_i / v_i\} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}H_i^+ \\ v_i + H_i^0 \end{pmatrix}$

Identify the GB:  $U(1)_Y \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} G^0 \\ a^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{v} \begin{pmatrix} v_2 & v_1 \\ -v_1 & v_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_2 \\ \eta_1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 $U(1)_{PQ} \rightarrow$

Hence:  $\Phi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp i \left\{ 1 \frac{G^0}{v} + x \frac{a^0}{v} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}H_1^+ \\ v_1 + H_1^0 \end{pmatrix}$

$\Phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \exp i \left\{ 1 \frac{G^0}{v} - \frac{1}{x} \frac{a^0}{v} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2}H_2^+ \\ v_2 + H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$

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$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ Y & PQ \end{matrix} \Rightarrow$  PQ not orthogonal to  $Y$ !  
 Defined in the broken phase!

## C. Axion couplings in the polar representation

PQ charge assignment for the fermions:

$$\mathcal{L}_{fermion} = -\bar{u}_R Y_u q_L \Phi_1 - \bar{d}_R Y_d q_L \Phi_2^\dagger - \bar{e}_R Y_e \ell_L \Phi_2^\dagger + h.c.$$

$$PQ(\Phi_1) = x \Rightarrow \begin{cases} PQ(q_L) = \alpha \\ PQ(u_R) = \alpha + x \end{cases} \quad PQ(\Phi_2) = -\frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} PQ(d_R) = \alpha + \frac{1}{x} \\ PQ(\ell_L) = \beta \\ PQ(e_R) = \beta + \frac{1}{x} \end{cases}$$

Free parameters related to  $U(1)_{\mathcal{B}}$  and  $U(1)_{\mathcal{L}}$ .

In the linear representation: -  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are clearly unbroken.

- These parameters do not appear

Are we free to fix them? Are there constraints on them?

### C. Axion couplings in the polar representation

Fermion reparametrization:  $\psi \rightarrow \exp\left\{i\frac{PQ(\psi)}{v}a^0\right\}\psi$

Consequence 1: Non-invariance of the kinetic terms

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{Der} = -\frac{1}{v}\partial_\mu a^0 \sum_{q_L, u_R, d_R, l_L, e_R} PQ(\psi)\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi \quad \leftarrow \text{Only couplings to SM fermions}$$

Consequence 2: Non-invariance of the fermionic measure

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{L}_{Jac} &= \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g_s^2 \mathcal{N}_C G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_C &= \frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &+ \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g^2 \mathcal{N}_L W_{\mu\nu}^i \tilde{W}^{i,\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_L &= -\frac{1}{2}(3\alpha + \beta) \\ &+ \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g'^2 \mathcal{N}_Y B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_Y &= \frac{1}{2}(3\alpha + \beta) + \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{3x} + \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

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$\chi_A$	$x$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$-\beta$

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$$\delta \mathcal{L}_{Der} = -\frac{1}{2\nu} \partial_\mu a^0 \sum_{u,d,e,\nu} \chi_V^f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \psi_f + \chi_A^f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_f$$

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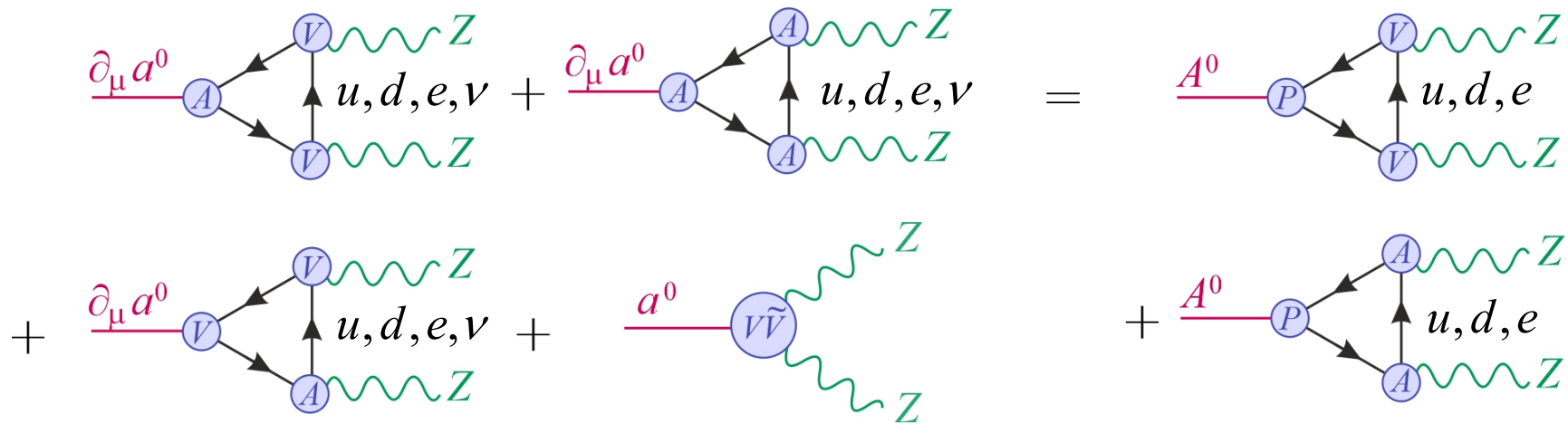
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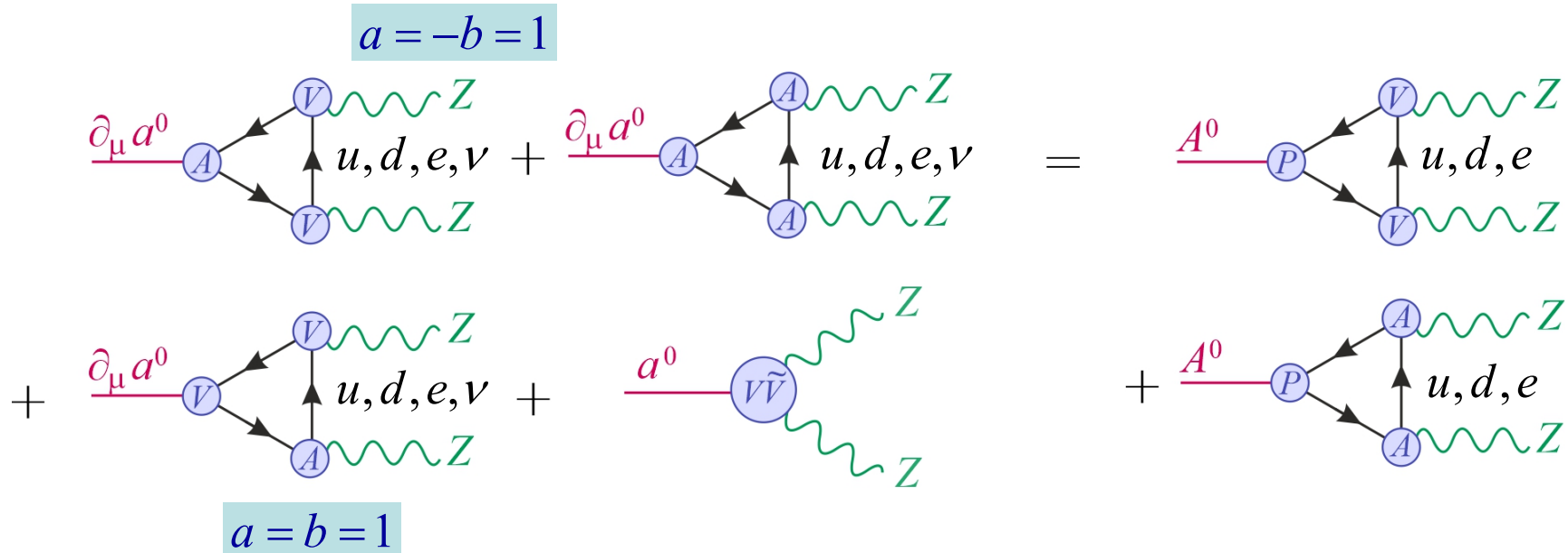
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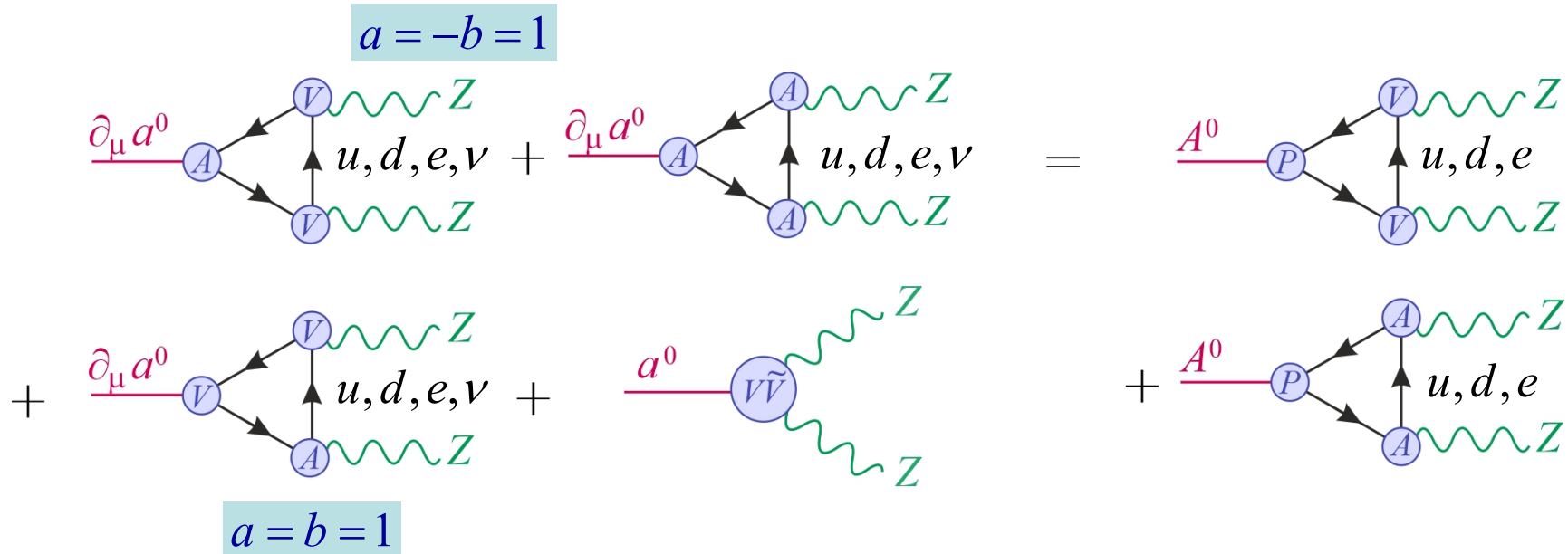
Massive AVV triangle, with the anomaly anywhere:

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Sutherland-Veltman is violated by VAV triangles:

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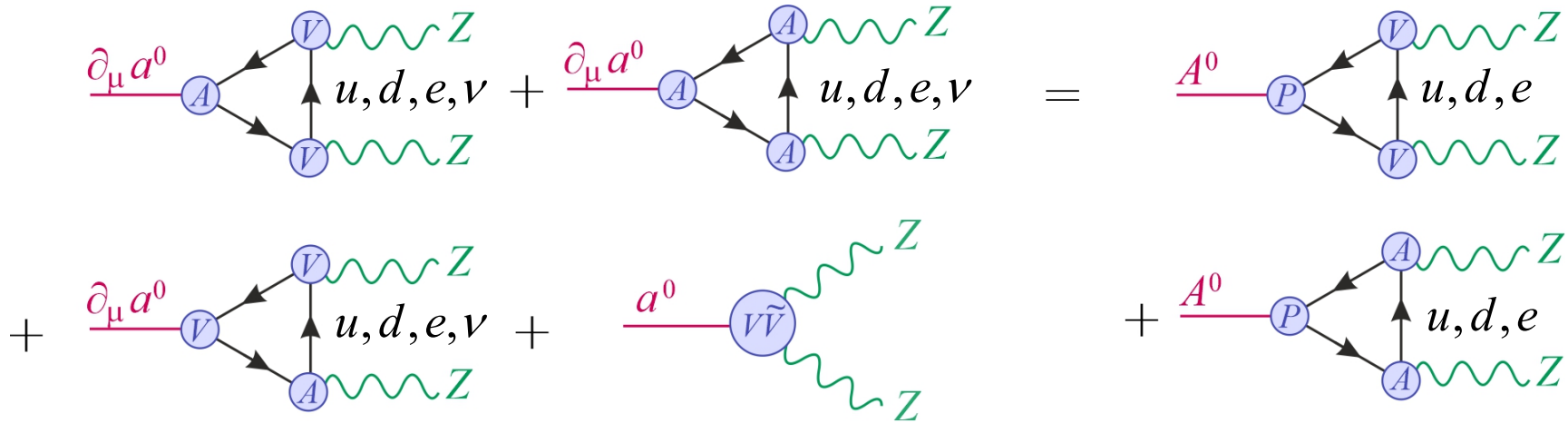
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All three vanish only for  $a = -b = 1$

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Massive AAA triangle, with the anomaly anywhere:

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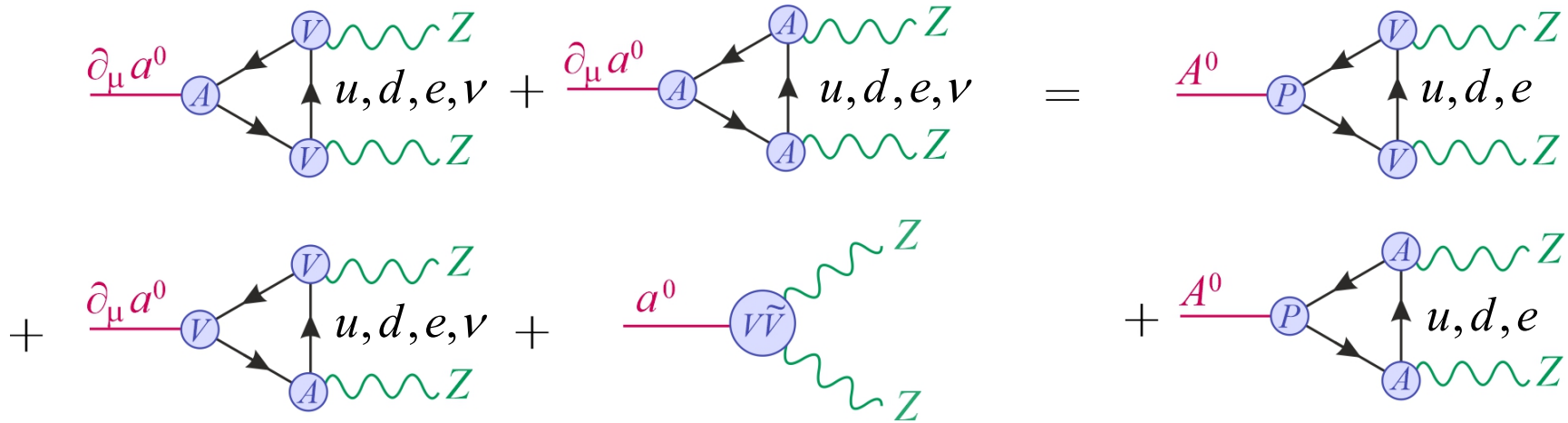
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Bose symmetric

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Sutherland-Veltman only for the Bose-symmetric anomaly:

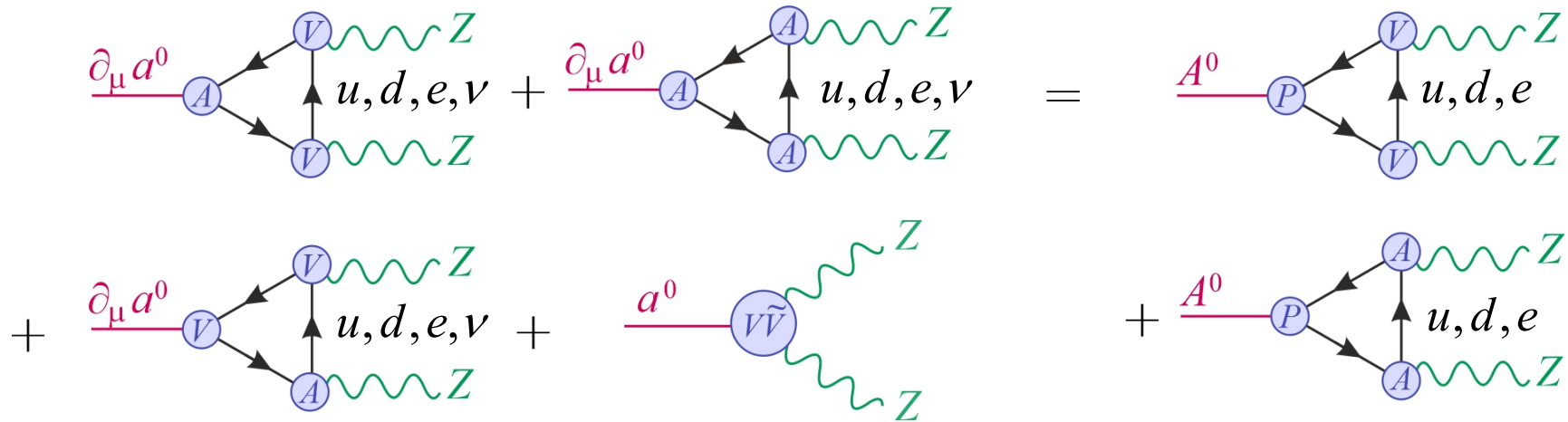
$$i(q_1 + q_2)_\alpha T_{AAA}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \Big|_{m \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left( a - b - \frac{2}{3} \right) \varepsilon^{\beta\gamma\mu\nu} q_{1\mu} q_{2\nu}$$

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The anomalies in the AVV, VAV, AAA triangles kill the local terms

The ambiguous parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  disappear!

Ensures the vanishing as  $m \rightarrow 0$  (hence  $\nu$  disappears)

Only the mass-dependent parts of the AVV and AAA triangles survive

$SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  is broken via the chiral fermion masses.

The AAA and VAV triangles violate Sutherland Theorem:

When  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , effective interactions  $\neq$  local anomalous terms

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Tuned by the EW scale, the PQ axion couplings are too large.

DFSZ axion from a THDM extended with a complex scalar singlet:

$$V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_S^2 = -\mu^2 / \lambda$$

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In the polar representation, GB cancel out except for

$$V(\eta_S, \eta_1, \eta_2) = \frac{1}{4} \lambda_{12}^2 v_S^2 v_1 v_2 \cos \left( \frac{\eta_2}{v_2} - \frac{\eta_1}{v_1} + 2 \frac{\eta_S}{v_S} \right)$$

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Turning on  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  violation

## A. The $\mathcal{B}$ and $\mathcal{L}$ ambiguities in the PQ charges

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The **incorrect** way to use these parameters:

Set them to some value,  $\alpha = \beta = 0$  say, which forbids for example:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Majo}^{eff} = \frac{1}{M} (\bar{\ell}_L^C \Phi_1^T)(\Phi_1 \ell_L) \rightarrow PQ(\mathcal{L}_{Majo}^{eff}) = 2(\beta + x)$$

Yet, in the linear representation, **adding this operator is harmless!**

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The correct way to use these parameters:

Keep them free to accommodate possible  $\mathcal{B}$  and/or  $\mathcal{L}$  violations.

If two models differ by their values: equivalent phenomenology!

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$i=1$	$\phi$	$\Phi_1$	$\Phi_2$	$q_L$	$u_R$	$d_R$	$\ell_L$	$e_R$	$\nu_R$
$U(1)_1$	+1/2	1	0	$\alpha$	$\alpha+1$	$\alpha$	-5/4	-5/4	-1/4
$U(1)_2$	-1/2	0	1	$1/3-\alpha$	$1/3-\alpha$	$-\alpha-2/3$	+1/4	-3/4	+1/4

The PQ symmetry is defined only after it is broken as

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$$\lambda_{\nu 2} = 0: PQ(\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \phi, \Delta) = (x, -1/x, 1/2(x + 1/x), x - 1/x) + \mathcal{O}(v_{\Delta} / v)$$

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$$\lambda_{\nu 2} = 0: \beta = (3x + 1/x) / 4$$

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In all those cases: - the PQ charges differ only in the value of  $\beta$ ,  
- the low-energy axion phenomenology is identical.

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$$\tilde{x} \equiv x + 1/x$$

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If  $\beta$  is fixed by  $\nu$  masses, at most two  $\mathcal{B}$ -violating operators.

Or, the other operators are higher-dimensional:

They require some  $\phi$  insertions, since  $PQ(\phi) = \tilde{x}/2$

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$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{L}_{Jac} &= \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g_s^2 \mathcal{N}_C G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a,\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_C &= \frac{1}{2} \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ &+ \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g^2 \mathcal{N}_L W_{\mu\nu}^i \tilde{W}^{i,\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_L &= -\frac{1}{2} (3\alpha + \beta) \\ &+ \frac{a^0}{16\pi^2 v} g'^2 \mathcal{N}_Y B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} & \mathcal{N}_Y &= \frac{1}{2} (3\alpha + \beta) + \frac{4}{3} x + \frac{1}{3x} + \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

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Dynamical  $\mathcal{B}$ -violation always occur via electroweak instantons:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \sim (\ell_L q_L^3)^3 \Rightarrow 3\alpha + \beta = 0$$

At this level, it is difficult to reconcile all the constraints!

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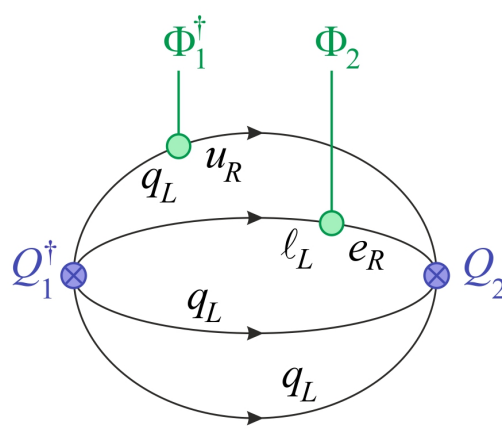
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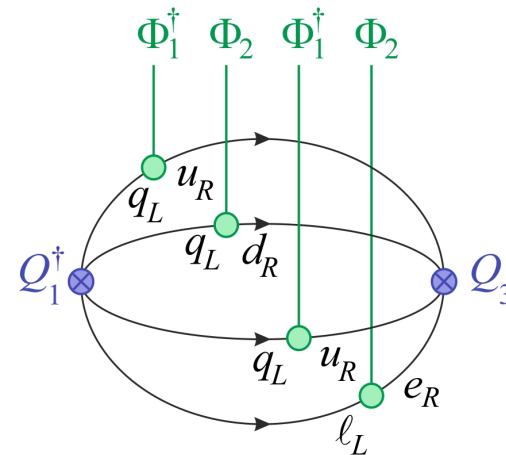
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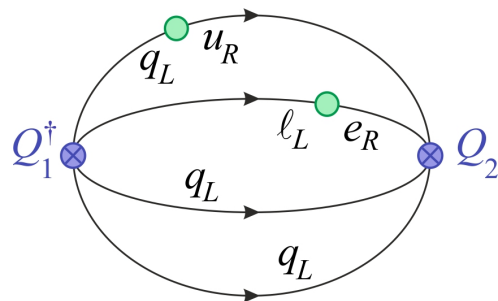
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Without PQ,  $\psi \rightarrow \exp\{iPQ(\psi)a^0/v\}\psi$  fails to remove the axion.



$$\sim \langle \Omega | Q_1^\dagger Q_2 | \Omega \rangle \exp(i\lambda a^0/v)$$

$$\sim \langle 0 | Q_1^\dagger Q_2 | 0 \rangle \cos(\lambda(a^0 + \omega)/v + \theta_{12})$$

To be compared to  $|\langle 0 | aG\tilde{G} | 0 \rangle| \sim m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 \cos((a^0 + \omega)/v + \theta_{QCD})$

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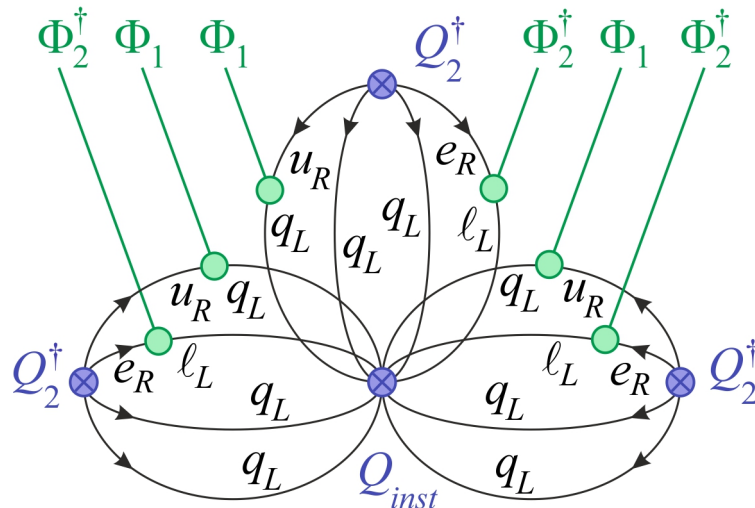
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#### Example 2: Weinberg operators and EW instantons



$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \lambda_{eff} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^3 \rightarrow m_a^2 \sim v^4 / \Lambda^2$$

Much smaller than QCD...

Except at high temperature!



Conclusion

## Three main messages:

The PQ symmetry is entangled with  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$

Some ambiguities in the fermion PQ charges are present.

Low-energy axion couplings are independent of these ambiguities

Freedom to include  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  in the PQ current

Beware of the anomalous vector couplings  $\partial_\mu a^0 \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \psi_f$ .

These ambiguities are crucial to accommodate explicit  $\mathcal{B}$  and/or  $\mathcal{L}$  violation

Adding the seesaws to the PQ, DFSZ, SU(5),... axion **is possible!**

Permits to relate seemingly different models:

Equivalence of DFSZ, DFSZ + Seesaw type I, II,  $\nu$ DFSZ

- In practice:
- Be careful ruling out a coupling based on the PQ charges!
  - Instead, start by identifying the global symmetries
  - Define the PQ symmetry in the broken phase, via its GB