

STRONG CP PROBLEM Aspects of Symmetry

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Cartoon 1

Let's start with a **Disclaimer**



Outline of lecture 1:

- Evolution of the Universe, matter vs. antimatter, Sakharov conditions
- 2 CP violation in the Standard Model
- 3 $U(1)_A$ problem
- Instantons, topological charge and susceptibility
- **5** QCD vacuum structure and θ -angle
- 6 Strong CP problem
- 7 Peccei-Quinn mechanism
- 8 Invisible axions
- 9 Fine-tuning after all

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HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE AND CP-VIOLATION



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Matter Excess in the Universe



 $(*) \ 2J_{\text{Jarlskog}}^{\text{CKM}}(m_t^2 - m_u^2)(m_t^2 - m_c^2)(m_c^2 - m_u^2)(m_b^2 - m_d^2)(m_b^2 - m_s^2)(m_s^2 - m_d^2) \sim 10^{-18} M_{\text{EW}}^{12}$

- 1 End of inflation: $n_B = n_{\bar{B}}$
- 2 Cosmic Microwave Bkgr.
 - SM(s) *prediction:** (*n_B* - 𝔅)/*n_γ*|_{CMB} ~ 10⁻¹⁸
 - WMAP+PLANCK ('13): $n_B/n_\gamma|_{CMB} = (6.05 \pm 0.07) 10^{-10}$

Sakharov conditions ('67)

for dyn. generation of net B:

- 1 *B* violation to depart from initial *B*=0
- 2 C & CP violation to distinguish *B* from \bar{B} production rates
- 3 Either CPT violation or out of thermal equilibrium to distinguish *B* production from back reaction and to escape (*B*)=0 if CPT holds



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CP violation in the Standard Model

The conventional source: Kobayashi-Maskawa mechanism

Empirical facts: 3 generations of u/d quarks (& e/ν leptons)

- quarks & leptons in mass basis ≠ quarks & leptons in weak-int. basis
- - with the exception of the θ term of QCD (see later)

and the charged-weak-current interaction ($\subset \mathcal{L}_{gauge-fermion}$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{c-w-c} = -\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{ij=1}^{3} \bar{d}_{Li} \gamma^{\mu} V_{ij} U_{Lj} W_{\mu}^{-} - \frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{ij=1}^{3} \bar{\ell}_{Li} \gamma^{\mu} U_{ij} \nu_{Lj} W_{\mu}^{-} + \text{h.c.}$$

V: 3 × 3 unitary quark-mixing matrix
 (Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa matrix)
 3 angles + 1 β^μ phase δ_{KM}
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$U(1)_A$ problem: why only N_F^2 – 1 Pseudo-<u>G</u>oldstone <u>B</u>osons ?

- GBs arise from spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB) with one massless GB per broken symmetry generator (='charge') •
- Pseudo-GBs acquire finite mass from small explicit SB
- In the chiral limit, the QCD Lagrangian is invariant under

 $U(N_F)_L \times U(N_F)_R = \underbrace{SU(N_F)_L \times SU(N_F)_R}_{\text{chiral group}} \times \underbrace{U(1)_V}_{\text{baryon #}} \times \underbrace{U(1)_A}_?$

What about the extra U(1)_A symmetry? Spontaneous SB?

Is there an extra "(P)GB" in addition to the $N_F^2 - 1$ ones? Not really: $N_F = 2: \qquad m_{\pi^0} \approx 135 \,\text{MeV}, m_{\pi^\pm} \approx 139 \,\text{MeV} \ll m_\eta \approx 548 \,\text{MeV}$

 $N_F = 3:$ $m_{\pi^0} \lesssim m_{\pi^\pm} < m_{K^\pm} \lesssim m_{K^0, \overline{K}^0} < m_\eta \ll m_{\eta'} \approx 958 \,\mathrm{MeV}$

while for $N_F \ge 2$ there is the naive bound: $m_{n_{\eta'}} < \sqrt{3}m_{\pi} \approx 240$ MeV.

 \rightarrow This is the $U(1)_A$ problem

S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. D 11 (1975) 3583

Question rephrased:

What happens to the classical $U(1)_A$ symmetry at quantum level?





$U(1)_A$ anomaly – perturbative consideration

• Anomaly of the axial $U(1)_A$ current in QCD (in the chiral limit) :

$$\partial_{\mu}J_{A}^{\mu} = -\frac{g_{s}^{2}N_{F}}{8\pi^{2}}\frac{1}{2}G_{\mu\nu}^{c}\tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu} = -\frac{g_{s}^{2}N_{F}}{16\pi^{2}}G_{\mu\nu}^{c}\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^{c} \quad (\mathsf{Tr}_{\mathsf{flavor}}[\mathsf{I}]=N_{F}, \, \mathsf{Tr}_{\mathsf{color}}[t^{c}t^{c'}]=\frac{1}{2}\delta^{cc'})$$

$$(\mathsf{however}, \, SU(3)_{A}: \, \partial_{\mu}J_{A}^{a\mu} = 0, \, \forall a \neq 0 \quad \mathsf{since} \, \mathsf{Tr}_{\mathsf{flavor}}[\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{a}] = 0.)$$

• In the "path-integral language", the $U(1)_A$ anomaly arises due to the **Jacobian** in the fermion measure ($\mathcal{D}\psi'\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}' = J^{-2}\mathcal{D}\psi\mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}$) resulting from the flavor-singlet axial transformation $\psi_f \rightarrow \psi'_f = e^{i\beta\gamma_5}\psi_f$:

$$\beta \int d^4 x \,\partial_\mu j^\mu_A \stackrel{!}{=} -i \ln \left(J^{-2} \right) = -\beta \, 2N_F \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \int d^4 x G^c_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu}$$

not zero, even in chiral limit

• Note that $\frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\,\mu\nu} = \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}(G_{\mu\nu}G_{\rho\sigma}) = \partial_{\mu}K^{\mu}$ is a total derivative with $K^{\mu} = \frac{g_s^2}{16\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \operatorname{Tr}(A_{\nu}G_{\rho\sigma} + i\frac{2}{3}A_{\nu}A_{\rho}A_{\sigma})$ (Chern-Simons current)

 \rightarrow the $U(1)_A$ anomaly of QCD is irrelevant in perturbation theory!



$U(1)_A$ anomaly and large gauge transformations

Since $G^c_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu} \propto \partial_{\mu} K^{\mu}$ is a total derivative, even a gauge-invariant, Lorentz-invariant, *C*- and still $P \times T$ -invariant (although P & T breaking) θ -term,

$$\mathcal{L}^{\theta}_{\text{QCD}} = -\bar{\theta} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\rho\sigma} ,$$

added to the usual QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4} G^c_{\mu\nu} G^{c,\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{q}_f \Big(i \gamma^{\mu} \big(\partial_{\mu} - i g A^c_{\mu} t^c \big) - m_f \Big) q_f \,,$$

would be irrelevant as well - in perturbation theory !

 However, non-perturbative (*large*) gauge transformations (so-called *instantons*) exist in Euclidean space-time R⁴, such that

 $\int_{R^4} d^4 x_{\mathsf{E}} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^c \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^c = \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (topologically protected and nonzero in general).}$



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Instantons in classical Yang-Mills theory

In **Euclidean** space-time $(t \rightarrow -i\tau, \partial_t \rightarrow i\partial_\tau, g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow -\delta_{\mu\nu})$ the Yang-Mills action is positive: $S_{\mathsf{E}} \equiv -iS_{\mathsf{M}}(t \rightarrow -i\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4 x_{\mathsf{E}} \operatorname{Tr} \left(G_{\mu\nu}^{\mathsf{E}} G_{\mu\nu}^{\mathsf{E}} \right) \ge 0 \ (!)$ (rescale $A_{\mu}^{E} \rightarrow A_{\mu}^{E}/g_{s}$ and drop index E from now on) $\hookrightarrow S_{\mathsf{E}} = \frac{1}{4q_{*}^{2}} \int d^{4}x_{\mathsf{E}} \operatorname{Tr} \left((G_{\mu\nu} \mp \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}) (G_{\mu\nu} \mp \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}) \right) \pm \frac{1}{2q_{*}^{2}} \int d^{4}x_{\mathsf{E}} \operatorname{Tr} \left(G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} \right)$ > 0 $\equiv 8\pi^2 Q/q_a^2$ $\Rightarrow S_{\mathsf{E}} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{8\pi^2 |Q|}{\sigma_{\star}^2} \text{ for } \begin{cases} \text{ self-dual } G_{\mu\nu} = +\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} (Q \ge 0) \\ \text{anti-self-dual } G_{\mu\nu} = -\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} (Q < 0) \end{cases} \quad \text{``instanton''}$ Use $\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \operatorname{Tr} \left(G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} \right) = \partial_{\mu} \left[\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \operatorname{Tr} \left(A_{\nu} (\partial_{\alpha} A_{\beta} - i\frac{2}{3} A_{\alpha} A_{\beta}) \right) \right] \equiv \partial_{\mu} K_{\mu}$ (with K_{μ} Chern-Simons current and $\epsilon_{0123} = -1$) and $A_{\mu} \xrightarrow{|x| \to \infty} -i(\partial_{\mu}\Omega)\Omega^{\dagger}$ (pure gauge) such that $G_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{|x| \to \infty} 0$ and action is finite.

→ Topological charge (= Pontryagin index = 2nd Chern class)

$$Q = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \int d^4 x_{\rm E} {\rm Tr} \left(G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} \right) = \oint_{\mathbb{S}^3} d\sigma_\mu \frac{-1}{24\pi^2} \, \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} {\rm Tr} \left((\partial_\nu \Omega) \Omega^\dagger (\partial_\alpha \Omega) \Omega^\dagger (\partial_\beta \Omega) \Omega^\dagger \right)$$

is an integer determined by $\Omega(n_{\mu})$ with n_{μ} ($n^2 = 1$) the direction in which $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.



Topological charge

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- Pure gauge condition $A_{\mu} \longrightarrow -i(\partial_{\mu}\Omega)\Omega^{\dagger}$ determined by $\Omega(n_{\mu})$ where the unit 4-vector n_{μ} specifies the direction in which *x* approaches infinity
- \rightarrow Space-time at $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ isomorphic to S^3 sphere
- \Rightarrow Ω(n_{μ}): mapping $S^3 \rightarrow S^3$ (group-valued) $\cong SU(2)$ (note: $2\pi^2 \times 3! \times \text{Tr}[I] = 24\pi^2$) in the two-color scenario (or for a color group $G = SU(N_c) \supseteq SU(2)$ in general).
- Space of mappings of S³ → G: infinite set of isolated classes, labeled by the winding number Q: mappings belonging to one class cannot be continuously deformed into those belonging to any other class
- \rightarrow homotopy classes $\Pi_3(G) = \mathbb{Z}$ (windings of mappings $S^3 \rightarrow G$)

- analog to $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ windings of $Q = \oint_{S^1} d\sigma_\mu \frac{1}{2\pi} \epsilon_{\mu\nu} A_\nu = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi A_\phi$ for the maps $S_1 \to S_1$

Some examples:

$$\begin{array}{ll} Q = +1 \text{ mapping:} & \Omega_1(n_\mu) = n_0 + i \, \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\tau} & \text{with } n_\mu = x_\mu / \sqrt{x^2} \, ; \\ Q = -1 \text{ mapping:} & \Omega_{-1}(n_\mu) = \Omega_1^{\dagger}(n_\mu) \, ; & \cdots \\ Q = +7 \text{ mapping:} & (\Omega_1(nu_\mu))^7 & \text{etc.} \end{array}$$



Instantons and the solution of the $U(1)_A$ problem

't Hooft, PRL 37 ('76), PRD 14 ('76), 18 ('78)

 Non-perturbative (*large*) gauge transformations (so-called *instantons*) exist in Euclidean space-time R⁴, such that

$$\underbrace{Q}_{\text{topol. charge}} = \int_{R^4} d^4 x_{\text{E}} \underbrace{\frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a}_{\text{topol. density } q(x)} = \underbrace{n \in \mathbb{Z}}_{\text{topol. charge}} \text{ (protected by topology & nonzero in general)}$$

 \therefore One-(anti-)*instanton amplitude* for QCD (after redefining $g_s A_\mu \longrightarrow A_\mu$)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{E}}^{1/\bar{1}} \propto e^{-\int d^4 x_{\mathsf{E}} \left(\frac{1}{8g_{\mathsf{S}}^2} (G_{\mu\nu}^a + \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a)^2 \pm \frac{8\pi^2}{g_{\mathsf{S}}^2} \frac{1}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a\right)} \propto e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g_{\mathsf{S}}^2(\mu)}}$$

is nonzero and proportional to $e^{-S_{\rm E}}$.

- Weak coupling $(g_s^2(\mu) \ll 1)$: instanton amplitude exponentially small;
- but in the strong coupling case, $g_s^2(\mu) \sim (4\pi)^2$, no suppression!
- $\rightarrow \partial_{\mu} j_{A}^{\mu} \neq 0$ non-perturbatively $\sim m_{\eta'}^{2} \gg m_{\pi,K,\eta}^{2} \sim \text{only } N_{F}^{2} 1$ Pseudo-GBs !



Instantons and non-trivial vacua in QCD

Because of large gauge transformations $A_{\mu} \rightarrow A_{\mu}^{(n)} = A_{\mu} - i(\partial_{\mu}\Omega_n)\Omega_n^{\dagger}$, there are infinitely many homotopy classes $\Pi_3(SU(3) = \mathbb{Z}$ and QCD has a topologically **non-trivial vacuum structure**



with winding number n

- instantons (\cong large gauge transformations) that induce $|n\rangle \rightarrow |n+1\rangle$ etc. \Rightarrow and solve the $U_A(1)$ problem 't Hooft, PRL 37 (76), PRD 14 (76), 18 (78)
- However, any **naively chosen vacuum** $|0\rangle_n \equiv |n\rangle$ (with *n* arbitrary, but fixed)
 - **1** is **unstable** under the one-instanton action, $\Omega_1 : |0\rangle_n \rightarrow |0\rangle_{n+1}$,
 - 2 is not gauge invariant under large gauge transformations,
 - **3** violates *cluster decomposition:* $\langle O_1 O_2 \rangle \stackrel{!}{=} \langle O_1 \rangle \langle O_2 \rangle$

which can be traced back to causality, unitarity (and locality) of the underlying field theory, *e.g.*: let O_1 be the axial charge operator $Q^{\dagger}(t_E)$ and O_2 the corresponding operator Q(0) at $t_E = 0$, then both $\langle n|O_1|n\rangle = 0$ and $\langle n|O_2|n\rangle = 0$ but $\langle n|O_1|n+2\rangle\langle n+2|O_2|n\rangle \neq 0$ even for $t_E \to \infty$.



θ vacua in strong interaction physics

Thus true vacuum must be a superposition of all $|n\rangle$ vacua:

$$|vac\rangle_{\theta} \equiv \sum_{n=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{in\theta} |n\rangle$$
 with $\Omega_1 : |vac\rangle_{\theta} \to e^{-i\theta} |vac\rangle_{\theta}$ (with a phase shift only)

Note $_{\theta'}\langle vac|e^{-iHt}|vac\rangle_{\theta} = \delta_{\theta-\theta'} \times _{\theta}\langle vac|e^{-iHt}|vac\rangle_{\theta}$ such that θ is unique. $\Rightarrow \theta$ is another parameter of strong interaction physics (as $m_u, m_d, ...$):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD}^{CP} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD}^{QP} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm QCD}^{CP} - \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\rho\sigma} \,.$$

Under axial rotation of the quark fields $q_f \rightarrow e^{i\beta\gamma_5}q_f \approx (1+i\beta\gamma_5)q_f$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}^{\text{CP}} - \frac{2\beta}{f} m_f \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q - (\theta + 2N_f \beta) \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \tilde{G}^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a,\mu\nu}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{\mathrm{str}\,\mathcal{Q}^{\prime}} = \mathcal{L}_{SM}^{\mathrm{CP}} - \overline{\theta} \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G_{\mu\nu}^{a} G_{\rho\sigma}^{a} \quad \text{with} \quad \overline{\theta} = \theta + \arg \det \mathcal{M}$$

Note:

- The $\bar{\theta}$ parameter is an *angle*, $\bar{\theta} \in [-\pi, \pi]$, since the one-instanton amplitude is $\propto e^{i\bar{\theta}Q}$.
- If any quark mass m_f were zero, then the $\bar{\theta}$ angle could be removed by a suitable axial rotation with $2\beta_f = -\bar{\theta}$.



Strong CP problem

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The resolution of the $U(1)_A$ problem – via the complicated nature of the QCD vacuum – effectively adds an extra term to the QCD Lagrangian:

but conserves charge conjugation invariance $\mathcal{C} \sim \mathcal{P} \sim$

it induce an electric dipole moment (EDM) for the neutron:

$$|d_n| \simeq |\bar{\theta}| \cdot \frac{m_q^*}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \cdot \frac{e}{2m_n} \sim |\bar{\theta}| \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot 10^{-14} e \,\text{cm} \sim |\bar{\theta}| \cdot 10^{-16} e \,\text{cm}$$

compared with $|d_n^{\text{exp.}}| < 1.8 \cdot 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$ Abel et al. [*nEDM Coll.*] (2020). $\Rightarrow |\bar{\theta}| \leq 10^{-10}$, while NDA (naive dim. analysis) predicts $|\bar{\theta}| \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$. (Note that the other *CP*-violating phase of the SM, δ_{KM} , is indeed of $\mathcal{O}(1)$).

This mismatch is called the strong *CP* problem.



Resolution(s) of the Strong CP problem

Fine-tuning

- motivated by many-worlds scenarios, anthropic principle (?) etc.
- or **spontaneously broken** *CP* such that $\bar{\theta} := 0$ at the Lagrangian level
 - but $\bar{\theta} \neq 0$ reintroduced at the loop level
 - and the CKM mechanism predicts CP-breaking of explicit nature and not as SSB

or an additional chiral symmetry

- (i) by a vanishing (u-)quark mass (?)
 - excluded by Lattice QCD: $m_u = 2.16^{+0.49}_{-0.26} \text{ MeV}$

Particle Data Group (2020)

- (ii) or by an **additional global** chiral $U_{PQ}(1)$ symmetry of the SM
 - Peccei-Quinn (PQ) mechanism
 - including axions

Peccei & Quinn, PRL 38 & PRD 16 (1977)

Weinberg, PRL 40 (1978), Wilczek PRL (40) (1978)

- (iii) however, the "Empire strikes back": fine-tuning may be back
 - reintroduced by Planck-scale explicit PQ-symmetry breaking terms

Kiwoon Choi (Daejeon, Korea), Bethe-Lectures, Bonn, March 2015

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End of Lecture1



Some leftovers from lecture 1

- EW Baryogenesis in the Standard Model
- Physics of Electric Dipole Moments (EDMs)
- 3 Dimensional analysis of the nucleon EDM

Remaining outline for lecture 2:

- 4 Peccei-Quinn mechanism and axions
- 5 Invisible axions
- 6 Fine-tuning after all
- 7 EDM roadmap and bounds (if time permits)
- B Oscillating EDMs, axions and Axion-Like Particles (ALPs) (if time permits)



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CP violation and Electric Dipol Moments (EDMs)



EDM:
$$\vec{d} = \sum_{i} \vec{r}_{i} e_{i} \xrightarrow{\text{subatomic}}_{\text{particles}} d \cdot \vec{S} / |\vec{S}|$$

(polar) $\mathcal{H} = -\mu \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{B} - d \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{E}$
P: $\mathcal{H} = -\mu \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{B} + d \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{E}$
T: $\mathcal{H} = -\mu \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{B} + d \frac{\vec{S}}{S} \cdot \vec{E}$

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Any *non-zero EDM* of **P-non-degenerate**, **finite** (e.g. subatomic) particle requires **explicit** breaking of **P**& **T** in **quantum mechanics**

- Assuming CPT to hold, CP violated as well (diagonally in flavor !)
 → subatomic EDMs: "rear window" to CP violation in early universe ●
- Strongly suppressed in SM (CKM-matrix): $|d_n| \sim 10^{-31-33} e$ cm, $|d_e| \sim 10^{-44} e$ cm
- Current bounds: $|d_n| < 1.8^{\circ}/1.6^{*} \cdot 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}, |d_p| < 2 \cdot 10^{-25} e \text{ cm}, |d_e| < 1.1 \cdot 10^{-29} e \text{ cm}$

n: Abel et al. [nEDM] (2020)^{\lambda}, p prediction^{*}: Dimitriev&Sen'kov (2003), e: Andreev et al. [ACME] (2018)[†]

* indirect from $|d_{199}_{H\alpha}| < 7.4 \cdot 10^{-30} e \text{ cm}$ bound of Graner et al. (2016), [†] indirect from polar ThO



Naive nucleon-EDM estimate from known physics

(apart from measured bound $|d_n^{exp}| < 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$) Kin

- Khriplovich & Lamoreaux (1997); Kolya Nikolaev (2012)
- CP & P conserving (magnetic) moment ~ nuclear magneton μ_N

$$\mu_N = \frac{e}{2m_p} \sim 10^{-14} e\,\mathrm{cm}\,.$$

Nonzero EDM requires

parity P violation: price to pay $\sim 10^{-7}$ ($G_F \cdot F_{\pi}^2 \sim 10^{-7}$ with $G_F \approx 1.166 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{GeV}^{-2}$), and *additionally* **CP violation**: price to pay $\sim 10^{-3}$

d additionally CP violation: price to pay ~ 10 ° $(|\eta_{+-}| \equiv |\mathcal{A}(K_L^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-)| / |\mathcal{A}(K_S^0 \to \pi^+\pi^-)| = (2.232 \pm 0.011) \cdot 10^{-3}).$

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- In summary: $|d_N| \lesssim 10^{-7} \times 10^{-3} \times \mu_N \sim 10^{-24} e \text{ cm}$
- In SM (without θ): extra $G_F F_{\pi}^2$ factor to *undo* flavor change of CKM-matrix

$$\Rightarrow |d_N^{\rm SM}| \lesssim 10^{-7} \times 10^{-24} e\,{\rm cm} \sim 10^{-31} e\,{\rm cm}$$

 $\Rightarrow \text{BSM window for physics search beyond SM} @ \theta := 0$ 10⁻²⁴ e cm ≥ $|d_N| \ge 10^{-30}$ e cm





Estimate of strong CP-violating parameter θ

Another source of **CP**- (i.e. **P**- & **T**-) violation in SM: QCD θ -term (of dimension 4)

$$-\theta \frac{g_s^2}{64\pi^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\rho\sigma} \xrightarrow{\text{chiral } U_A(1)} \bar{\theta} m_q^* \sum_f \bar{q}_f i \gamma_5 q_f$$
with $\bar{\theta} = \theta + \arg \det \mathcal{M}_{\text{quark}}$ the *physical* parameter in QCD for **CP** violation
$$\Rightarrow \left| d_N^{\bar{\theta}} \right| \sim \left| \bar{\theta} \right| \cdot \frac{m_q^*}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \cdot \frac{e}{2m_N} \sim \left| \bar{\theta} \right| \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot 10^{-14} e \text{ cm} \sim \left| \bar{\theta} \right| \cdot 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$$

$$m^*/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \text{ suppression factor from } U_A(1) \text{ rotation}$$

• m_q^*/Λ_{QCD} suppression factor from $U_A(1)$ rotation with $m_q^* = \frac{m_u m_d m_s}{m_u m_d + m_s m_u + m_s m_d} \sim \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d}$ reduced quark mass.

From empirical nEDM limit, $|d_n^{emp}| < 1.8 \cdot 10^{-26} e cm$. and naive CKM-SM estimate, $|d_N^{SM}| \leq 10^{-31} e \text{ cm}$ \rightarrow window of opportunity for determining $\bar{\theta}$:

SM/CKM $\longrightarrow 10^{-14} \leq |\overline{\theta}| \leq 10^{-10} \leftarrow nEDM$ of Abel et al.

cannot explain cosmic matter surplus, since $\Lambda_{\chi SB} \ll \Lambda_{EWSB}$,

→ CP-violating (dimension≥ 6) sources from BSM physics needed



 \rightarrow

Rough EDM-scale estimate in BSM scenario

solely based on dimensional considerations

EDM d_i of quark or lepton *i* of mass m_i and charge e_i

scales as
$$d_i \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{m_i}{\Lambda_{BSM}^2} e_i \sin \phi$$
 where

- Λ_{BSM} mass scale of underlying BSM physics,
- *d_i* ∝ *m_i* (helicity flip from Higgs interaction) → dimension-6 source terms (Solely existing dimension-5 CP-violating operator: Majorana mass term in neutrino physics)
- $\sin \phi$ results from the **CP**-violating BSM phases,
- $g^2/16\pi^2 \sim 10^{-2}$ (if $g \sim 1$) one-loop suppression factor (as in SUSY extensions)

(10⁻⁴ suppression factor for two-loop (Barr-Zee) processes in, e.g., multi-Higgs scenarios, while no suppression factor for loop-free particle exchanges as, e.g., in leptoquark scenarios)

Thus

$$|d_N| \sim 10^{-24} \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}}\right)^2 |\sin \phi| e \text{ cm} \quad \text{if } m_q \sim 5 \text{ MeV}$$

compatible with naive estimate $10^{-24} e \text{ cm}$ if $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ and $\sin \phi \sim 1$, while a $10^{-29} e \text{ cm}$ sensitivity would allow testing down to $\phi \gtrsim 10^{-5}$ @1TeV scale or up to $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \lesssim 300 \text{ TeV}$ @ $\phi \sim 1$ (in the one-loop scenario)



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From the $U(1)_A$ problem to the strong CP problem

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 - proposed solution: Peccei-Quinn mechanism …



Peccei-Quinn symmetry and the axion

Peccei & Quinn (1977): imposed on the SM

a global chiral $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry that is non-linearly realized (*i.e.* SSB)

Peccei & Quinn, PRL 38 & PRD 16 (1977)

Weinberg & Wilczek (1978): introduced the corresponding Nambu–Goldstone boson, the so-called axion Weinberg, PRL 40 (1978), Wilczek PRL (40) (1978)

The static angular parameter $\overline{\theta} \pmod{2\pi}$ is replaced by a dynamical pseudoscalar field a(x) which transforms under PQ as

$$U(1)_{\mathsf{PQ}}: \ f_a^{-1}a(x) \to f_a^{-1}a(x) + \alpha_{\mathsf{PQ}}$$

where f_a is the order parameter associated with spont. breaking of $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry. The SM Lagrangian is augmented by axion interactions

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \bar{\theta} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^c \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} [\partial^\mu a/f_a, \psi, \bar{\psi}] + \xi \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^c \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu}$

 \hookrightarrow the PQ current $J^{\mu}_{PQ} = \partial^{\mu} a + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{int}}{\partial \partial_{\mu} a}$ is anomalous:

$$\partial_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{\mathsf{PQ}} \equiv \partial_{\mu}\left(\partial^{\mu}a + \frac{1}{f_{a}}\frac{\partial\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{int}}}{\partial\partial_{\mu}a/f_{a}}\right) = \frac{\xi}{f_{a}}\frac{g_{s}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}}G^{c}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu}$$



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The effective potential for the axion field

The minimum of this effective potential occurs at $\langle a \rangle = \overline{\theta} f_a / \xi$:

$$\left| \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial a} \right\rangle = -\frac{\xi}{f_a} \left| \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^c \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu} \right\rangle \Big|_{(a)=\bar{\theta}f_a/\xi} = 0$$

such that the $\bar{\theta}$ term is canceled out at this minimum.

Without the QCD anomaly, the $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry is compatible with all values

$$0 \leq \xi \frac{\langle a \rangle}{f_a} < 2\pi$$

With the QCD anomaly, the axion potential has to be periodic and even in the *effective* vacuum angle $-\overline{\theta} + \langle a \rangle \xi / f_a \equiv \theta_a$:

- rotate θ_a via chiral rotation $q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a \gamma_5/2}$ into the quark mass term, $-m_q \bar{q}q \rightarrow -m_q \bar{q}e^{i\gamma_5 \theta_a}q$,
- then in one-instanton approximation

$$\langle V_{\text{eff}} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q} m_q \left(\bar{q} e^{i\gamma_5 \theta_a} q + \bar{q} e^{-i\gamma_5 \theta_a} q \right) \text{ and with } \lim_{m_q \to 0} \lim_{V_4 \to \infty} \langle \bar{q}q \rangle < 0 \& \lim_{m_q \to 0} \lim_{V_4 \to \infty} \langle \bar{q}i\gamma_5 q \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle V_{\text{eff}} \rangle \approx \cos\left(-\bar{\theta} + \langle a \rangle \xi / f_a \right) \left(m_u \langle \bar{u}u \rangle + m_d \langle \bar{d}d \rangle \right) \text{ with the minimum at } \langle a \rangle = \frac{f_a}{\xi} \bar{\theta}$$

and
$$m_a^2 = \left(\frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial a^2}\right)\Big|_{\langle a \rangle = f_a \bar{\theta} / \xi} \approx \left(\xi \frac{m_\pi f_\pi}{f_a}\right)^2$$
 as axion mass²





The road to the invisible axion models

The $U(1)_{PQ}$ order parameter f_a of the axion interaction Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(\partial^{\mu} a/f_{a},\psi_{f}) + \xi \frac{a}{f_{a}} \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}} G_{\mu\nu}^{c} \tilde{G}^{c\,\mu\nu}$$

- associated with the scale of the spontaneous breaking of the PQ symmetry.
- Original PQ-model (with two Higgs) had $f_a \sim v_F \equiv \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2} \approx 246 \text{ GeV}$ and predicted $\mathcal{BR}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ + a) < 3 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot (v_2/v_1 + v_1/v_2)$
- however $\mathcal{BR}_{exp}(K^+ \to \pi^+ \text{nothing}) < 3.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$ such that $f_a \gg v_F \sim$ basically two classes of invisible axion models:
- (1) **KSVZ model:** scalar field σ with $f_a = \langle \sigma \rangle \gg v_F$ and super-heavy quark with PQ charge and $M_Q \sim f_a$ Kim, PRL 43 (79); Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov, NPB 166 (80)
- (2) **DFSZ model:** adds to original PQ model a scalar field with PQ charge and $f_a = \langle \phi \rangle \gg v_F$ Dine, Fischler, Srednicki, PLB 104 (81), Zhitnitsky, Sov,J.NP 31 (80)



Photon couplings to axions

QCD anomaly induces an anomalous axion-coupling to 2 photons, e.g.:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{axion}}^{\text{KSVZ}} = \frac{a}{f_a} \left(\xi \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + 3e_Q^2 \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{4\pi} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow a\gamma\gamma$ coupling corrected by axion mixing with the lowest pseudoscalars:

$$3e_Q^2 \rightarrow 3e_Q^2 - \frac{4m_d + m_u}{3(m_u + m_d)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} &= \frac{G_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} & \text{in general:} \\ G_{a\gamma\gamma} &= \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{\pi f_a} \left[\frac{E}{2N} - \frac{4m_d + m_u}{3(m_d + m_u)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

E & *N* strength of em/strong anomaly, respectively:

DSFZ:
$$E/N = 8/3$$

= $3 \times \left[\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \right] + (-1)^2$,
KSVZ: $E/N = 0$ (if $e_Q := 0$)



A. Ringwald et al., PDG (2019)



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Window for axion searches

S.Asztalos, ed. G.Bertone, Cambridge Univ. Press ('10)



Axion searches

- in Labs (Colliders, Lasers) light-shining-through-the-wall (e.g. ALPSII)
- for Astro-sources –Helioscopes (e.g. CAST, IAXO)
- for galactic axions Halioscopes/microwave cavities (e.g. ADMX)
- indirect constraints: from Astrophysics (red giants, SN 1987a)
 - and from Cosmology: DM bounds ($\Omega_{\textit{CDM}}\approx 0.22)$ on axion oscillations

$$\rightsquigarrow f_a^{\max} \leftrightarrow m_a^{\min}$$





Preliminary Summary: Axions

- predicted as a / the resolution of the *Strong CP problem*: to escape the fine-tuning problem $|\bar{\theta}| < 10^{-10}$ while $\delta_{KM} \sim O(1)$
- extendible to ALPS: axion-like particles with f_a and $g_{alps\gamma\gamma}$ decoupled
- couple feebly (~ 1/f_a) and gravitationally to matter and radiation
- can be candidates for Cold Dark Matter

i.e. with a well-determined and narrow window for searches:



however fine-tuning may back ...



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Axions and EDMs: generic effective Lagrangian of the axion

Kiwoon Choi (Daejeon, Korea), Bethe-Lectures, Bonn, March 2015

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff}(a) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}_{0}}_{\text{indep. of }a} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}a)^{2} + \frac{\partial_{\mu}a}{f_{a}}\tilde{J}^{\mu}(\bar{\psi}...\psi,\phi)}_{PQ-\text{invariant}} + \underbrace{\Delta\mathcal{L}_{UV}\left(=\epsilon m_{UV}^{4}\cos(a/f_{a}+\delta_{UV})\right)}_{PQ-\text{invariant}} \underbrace{\frac{a}{f_{a}}\frac{N}{32\pi^{2}}G\tilde{G}}_{expl. PQ-breaking}$$

a coupling from expl. PQ breaking at UV scale

 $\bar{\theta} = \langle a \rangle / f_a$ is calculable in terms of the *GP* phases (in the presence of axion !):

$$\begin{split} \delta_{\rm KM} &= {\rm Kobayashi-Maskawa phase in the PQ-invariant SM} \\ \delta_{\rm BSM} &= {\cal CP} {\rm phase in PQ-invariant }\underline{{\rm Beyond }\underline{{\rm SM}}} {\rm at the scale } m_{\rm BSM} \\ \delta_{\rm UV} &= {\cal CP} {\rm phase in explicit PQ-breaking sector at } m_{\rm UV} \sim M_{\rm Planck}, {\rm applying} \\ V(a) &= V_{\rm QCD} + V_{\rm KM} + V_{\rm BSM} + V_{\rm UV} \\ V_{\rm QCD} \sim -f_{\pi}^2 m_{\pi}^2 \cos(a/f_a) \quad ({\rm expl. PQ-breaking by low-energy QCD, min. at } \langle a \rangle = 0) \\ V_{\rm KM} \sim f_{\pi}^2 m_{\pi}^2 \times \underbrace{(f_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^4 \times 10^{-5} \sin \delta_{\rm KM} \times \sin(a/f_a))}_{\rm Ioop suppression} \times \frac{f_{\pi}^2}{m_{\rm BSM}^2} \sin \delta_{\rm BSM} \times \sin(a/f_a) \\ V_{\rm UV} \sim \epsilon m_{\rm UV}^4 \sin \delta_{\rm UV} \sin(a/f_a) \quad [{\rm from } \Delta {\cal L}_{\rm UV}] \\ \\ {\rm Member of the Helmholtz Association} \qquad {\rm Andreas Wirzba} \qquad {\rm Nov. 8-9, 2021} \qquad {\rm Slide 32139} \end{split}$$

$\bar{\theta} = \langle a \rangle / f_a \text{ and contributions to the nucleon EDM}$ $\bar{\theta} \sim 10^{-19} \sin \delta_{\text{KM}} + \underbrace{(10^{-2} - 10^{-3}) \times f_{\pi}^2 / \text{TeV}^2}_{(10^{-10} - 10^{-11})} \times \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{m_{\text{BSM}}}\right)^2 \sin \delta_{\text{BSM}}$ $+ \epsilon \frac{m_{\text{UV}}^4}{f_{\pi}^2 m_{\pi}^2} \sin \delta_{\text{UV}} \quad (\text{with } \epsilon < 10^{-10} f_{\pi}^2 m_{\pi}^2 / m_{\text{UV}}^4 \sim 10^{-88} \text{ for } m_{\text{UV}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}})$

→ Regardless of the existence of BSM physics near the TeV scale,

 $\bar{\theta} = \langle a \rangle / f_a$ can have *any value* below the present bound ~ 10⁻¹⁰.

likely dominated by $\overline{\theta}_{UV}$ induced by \mathcal{CP} in the PQ sector @ $m_{UV}(\sim M_{PI})$, and/or by the BSM contribution near the TeV scale.



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 - solution: invisible axions with $f_a \gg v_F$
- Problem: how to detect an (invisible) axion
 - possible solution: direct/indirect searches in rather narrow window
- Problem: fine-tuning back from explicit PQ-breaking at the UV scale
 - possible solution: check several EDMs (e.g. $d_n, d_p, d_D, d_{^3\text{He}}, ...)$


Road map from EDM measurements to the sources

Experimentalist's point of view →

← Theorist's point of view





Measured upper bounds for EDMs



K. Kirch, J. Pretz & A.W., Physik Journal 16 (2017) Nr. 11

Note: $d_{\theta}^{\rm SM}$, $d_{\mu}^{\rm SM}$, and $d_{\tau}^{\rm SM}$ should be 10⁻⁶ times smaller as indicated above, see M. Pospelov & A. Ritz, PRD 89 (2014)

1st goal: measurement of any non-zero permanent EDM to establish CP violation beyond the SM 2nd goal: measurements of several non-zero EDMs to narrow down the underlying mechanism



Oscillating EDMs: back to axions/ALPs

P.W. Graham & S. Rajendran, PRD 84 (2011) & 88 (2013)

a test of hypothesis that Dark Matter (DM) in our Galaxy is saturated by classical oscillating field of axions (or ALPs) of mass 10^{-22} eV $\leq m_a \leq 10^{-7}$ eV

$$\mathcal{L}_{axion} = C_G \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{g_s^2}{16\pi^2} \text{tr } G\tilde{G} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a^2 \qquad \text{(for axions: } C_G := 1)$$

(axion-mass range $\leftrightarrow 10^{29} \text{GeV} \gtrsim f_a \gtrsim 10^{14} \text{GeV}$ if $m_a \approx 0.5 m_\pi f_\pi / f_a$ in QCD epoch)





Bounds on oscillating ALPs from Astrophysics and nEDM searches?

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Bounds on oscillating ALPs from storage ring EDM searches?







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Sakharov criteria

- B violation $\sqrt{(\Delta(B+L) \neq 0 \text{ sphaleron transitions})}$
- 2 C & CP violation x (CKM determinant)
- Nonequilibrium dynamics x (only fast cross over for µ_{chem} = 0)





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Construction of the CKM matrix

Since weak interactions do not respect the global flavor symmetry, there is mixing within the groups of quarks with the same charge:

$$U \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{U} = M_U U, \qquad D \equiv \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \tilde{D} = M_D D,$$

where $M_U \& M_D$ are 3×3 unitary matrices

$$\hookrightarrow \text{ charged weak current: } J_{\mu} = \overline{\tilde{U}}^{\mu} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) \widetilde{D}^{\mu} = \overline{U} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_{U}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{D}}_{U} D.$$

CKM matrix M

• *M* unitary $n_G \times n_G$ matrix for n_G quark generations $\sim n_G^2$ real parameters.

■ $2n_G - 1$ of these can be absorbed by the relative phases of the quark wave functions $\rightarrow (n_G - 1)^2$ remaining parameters:

 n_G = 2: one remaining real parameter: *Cabibbo angle*

 $n_G = 3$: 4 real parameters: O(3) matrix with $\frac{1}{2}3 \cdot (3-1) = 3$ angles plus 1 GP phase

- Lepton case: neutrinos may be Majoranas: ~> 3 angles plus 3 GP phases
- If phase(s) present, *M* complex matrix, whereas CP invariance $\rightarrow M^* = M$!





Hidden Symmetry and Goldstone Bosons

 $\begin{bmatrix} Q_V^a, H \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad e^{-iQ_V^a} |0\rangle = |0\rangle \Leftrightarrow Q_V^a |0\rangle = 0 \quad (\text{Wigner-Weyl realization}) \\ \begin{bmatrix} Q_A^a, H \end{bmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{but} \quad e^{-iQ_A^a} |0\rangle \neq |0\rangle \Leftrightarrow Q_A^a |0\rangle \neq 0 \quad (\text{Nambu-Goldstone realiz.})$

• Consequence: $e^{-iQ_A^a}|0\rangle \neq |0\rangle$ is not the vacuum, but

 $He^{-iQ_A^a}|0\rangle = e^{-iQ_A^a}H|0\rangle = 0$ is a massless state!

Goldstone theorem: for *continuous* global symmetry that does *not* leave the ground state invariant ('hidden' or 'spontaneously broken' symmetry)

- mass- and spinless particles, "Goldstone bosons" (GBs)
- number of (relativistic) GBs = number of broken symmetry generators
- axial generators broken ⇒ GBs should be pseudoscalars
- finite masses via (small) quark masses
 - \hookrightarrow 8 lightest hadrons: π^{\pm} , π^{0} , K^{\pm} , K^{0} , \bar{K}^{0} , η (not η')
- Goldstone bosons decouple (non-interacting) at vanishing energy & momentum





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Illustration: spontaneous symmetry breaking



The symmetries of QCD

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left(G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \right) + \sum_{f} \bar{q}_{f} (i \not D - m_{f}) q_{f} + \dots$$
$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - i g A_{\mu} \equiv \partial_{\mu} - i g A_{\mu}^{a} \frac{\lambda^{a}}{2}, \qquad G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu} - i g [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}]$$

- Lorentz-invariance, P, C, T invariance, SU(3)_c gauge invariance
- The masses of the u, d, s quarks are small: $m_{u,d,s} \ll 1 \text{ GeV} \approx \Lambda_{\text{hadron}}$.
- Chiral decomposition of quark fields:

$$q = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5)q + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5)q = q_L + q_R.$$

For massless fermions: left-/right-handed fields do not interact

 $\mathcal{L}[q_L, q_R] = i\bar{q}_L \not D q_L + i\bar{q}_R \not D q_R - m(\bar{q}_L q_R + \bar{q}_R q_L)$ and \mathcal{L}^0_{QCD} invariant under (global) chiral U(3)_L×U(3)_R transformations: \Rightarrow rewrite U(3)_L×U(3)_R = SU(3)_L×SU(3)_A×U(1)_V×U(1)_A.

- $SU(3)_V = SU(3)_{R+L}$: still conserved for $m_u = m_d = m_s > 0$
- $U(1)_V = U(1)_{R+L}$: quark or baryon number is conserved
- U(1)_A = U(1)_{R-L}: broken by quantum effects (U(1)_A anomaly + instantons)

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Mass term of U(3) pseudo-Goldstone bosons

S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. D 11 (1975) 3583 & The Quantum Theory of Fields, Vol. II, Ch. 19.10 (1996)

$$\frac{F_{\pi}^{2}(2B_{0})}{4}\operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathcal{M}(U+U^{\dagger})\right) \quad \text{with} \quad U = \exp\left(i\sum_{a=1}^{8}\lambda^{a}\phi^{a}/F_{\pi} + i\lambda^{0}\eta^{0}/F_{s}\right) \equiv e^{i\tilde{\phi}/F_{\pi}}$$

where
$$\tilde{\phi} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \eta^6 & \sqrt{2}\pi^+ & \sqrt{2}K^+ \\ \sqrt{2}\pi^- & -\pi^0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \eta^8 & \sqrt{2}K^0 \\ sqrt2K^- & \sqrt{2}K^0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \eta^8 \end{bmatrix} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{F_\pi}{F_s} \begin{bmatrix} \eta^0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta^0 \end{bmatrix} \& \mathcal{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_s \end{bmatrix}$$

For flavor-neutral and flavor-charged pGBs:

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$$B_{0}\operatorname{Tr}\left(\mathcal{M}\tilde{\phi}^{2}\right) = B_{0}\left[m_{u}\left(\pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta^{8} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\frac{F_{\pi}}{F_{s}}\eta^{0}\right)^{2} + m_{d}\left(-\pi^{0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\eta^{8} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\frac{F_{\pi}}{F_{s}}\eta^{0}\right)^{2} + 2(m_{u} + m_{s})\kappa^{+}\kappa^{-} + 2(m_{d} + m_{s})\kappa^{0}\bar{\kappa}^{0}\right]$$

 \Rightarrow the mass-mixing matrix of the flavor-neutrals has two pseudo-zero modes for $m_{u,d} \ll m_s$ fixed:

't Hooft's explicit instanton solution for SU(2)

G. 't Hooft, Phys. Rev. D 14 (1976) 3432-3450

In terms of the anti-symmetric 't Hooft symbols

the one-(anti)instanton [=(anti-)self-dual] solution reads

$$A^{a}_{\mu}(x) = \stackrel{(-)_{a}}{\eta_{\mu\nu}} \partial_{\nu} \ln\left(1 + \frac{(x - \bar{x})^{2}}{\rho^{2}}\right) = \frac{2 \stackrel{(-)_{a}}{\eta_{\mu\nu}} (x_{\nu} - \bar{x}_{\nu})}{(x - \bar{x})^{2} + \rho^{2}} \implies G^{a}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{-4\rho^{2} \stackrel{(-)_{a}}{\eta_{\mu\nu}}}{\left[(x - \bar{x})^{2} + \rho^{2}\right]^{2}}.$$

The pertinent **Yang-Mills action** $S_E = 8\pi^2/g_s^2$ itself is **independent** of the instanton **position** \bar{x}_{μ} , **scale** (size) ρ , and (gauge) **rotations**.

Instanton solutions for bigger unitary unimodular groups (e.g. SU(3)) can be obtained by **natural embedding** $SU(2) \subset SU(N)$ from the SU(2) solution: $\begin{pmatrix} SU(2) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.



Topological charge and susceptibility

- Topological density $q(x) = \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu}(x) \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}(x)$
- Topological charge $Q = \int d^4x q(x)$
- Partition function (Ω is space-time volume)

$$Z(\theta) = \int \mathcal{D}Ae^{-S_{YM}[A]+i\theta Q} \equiv e^{-\Omega F(\theta)} \text{ such that } Q = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln Z(\theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}.$$

$$\to \mathcal{A}_{\theta}^{I=1} \propto e^{-\int d^4 x_E \left(\frac{1}{8g_S^2} (G \pm \tilde{G})^2 + \left(\frac{8\pi^2}{g_S^2} \mp i\theta\right) \frac{1}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}\right)} \propto e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{g_S^2(\mu)} \pm i\theta} \text{ (note } \theta \in [-\pi, \pi]) \text{ one-instanton amplitude.}$$

- Topological susceptibility $\chi = \frac{\partial^2 F(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2}\Big|_{\theta=0} = \int d^4 x_{\mathsf{E}} \langle q(x)q(0) \rangle = \lim_{\Omega \to \infty} \frac{\langle Q^2 \rangle}{\Omega}$
- Note: $2N_F$ from $\partial_\mu J^\mu_A = 2N_F q(x)$ & $\chi = \mathcal{O}(N^0_c)$ since $g_s \sim 1/\sqrt{N_c}$ and $\langle G\tilde{G}(x)G\tilde{G}(0) \rangle \sim N^2_c$:

$$\sim \frac{F_{\eta'}^{2} m_{\eta'}^{2}}{2N_{F}} = \int d^{4}x \langle q(x)q(0) \rangle = \left(\frac{g_{s}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}}\right)^{2} \int d^{4}x \left(G_{\mu\nu}^{a}(x)\tilde{G}_{\rho\sigma}^{a\mu\nu}(x)G_{\rho\sigma}^{b}(0)\tilde{G}_{\rho\sigma}^{b\rho\sigma}(0)\right) = \mathcal{O}(N_{c}^{0})$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\eta'} = \mathcal{O}(N_{c}^{-1/2})$$

 since

$$F_{\eta'} = \mathcal{O}(N_{c}^{1/2})$$

$$= \mathcal{O}(N_{c}^{1/2})$$

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Instanton amplitudes

• Since $G^{a}_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}K^{\mu}$ is a total derivative,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\bar{\theta} \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\rho\sigma}$$

is irrelevant in perturbation theory.

Non-perturbatively, large gauge transformations (instantons) exist:

$$\int_{R^4} d^4 x_E \, \frac{1}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G} = \text{ integer}$$

Some amplitudes depend on the periodic angle parameter

$$\begin{split} \bar{\theta} &= \bar{\theta} + 2\pi : \\ \mathcal{A}_{\theta} &\propto e^{-S_{E}} \propto e^{-\int d^{4}x_{E} \left(\frac{1}{8g_{s}^{2}}(G \pm \tilde{G})^{2} \mp \left(\frac{8\pi^{2}}{g_{s}^{2}} \mp i\bar{\theta}\right)\frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}G\tilde{G}\right)} \propto e^{-\frac{8\pi^{2}}{g_{s}^{2}(\mu)} \pm i\bar{\theta}} \end{split}$$

- Weak coupling $g_s^2(\mu) \ll 1$: instanton amplitudes exponentially small.
- For strong coupling $g_s^2(\mu) \sim 8\pi^2$, no suppression



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Keywords: symmetric double-well potential and quantum tunneling (instantons)



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The ground states of these molecules at non-zero temperatures or strong *E*-fields are mixtures of at least 2 opposite parity states:

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induced EDM	\longleftrightarrow	quadratic Stark effect ($\propto E^2$)
permanent EDM	\longleftrightarrow	linear Stark effect ($\propto E$)



Theorem: Permanent EDMs of *non*-selfconjugate^{*} particles with spin $i \neq 0$

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local, Lorentz-invariant, and hermitian

then CPT invariance holds: thus $T \iff CP$







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* according to Fritz Zwicky a person who is a bastard no matter from which direction you look at him or her

- even worse than a blockhead !

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Matter Excess in the Universe



- **1** End of inflation: $n_B = n_{\bar{B}}$
- 2 Cosmic Microwave Bkgr.
 - SM(s) prediction: (n_B -)γ_{CMB} ~ 10⁻¹⁸
 - WMAP+PLANCK ('13): n_B/n_γ|_{CMB}=(6.05±0.07)10⁻¹⁰

Sakharov conditions ('67) for dyn. generation of net *B*:

- 1 *B* violation to depart from initial *B*=0
- 2 C & CP violation to distinguish *B* from \overline{B} prod. rates
- Either CPT violation or out-of-thermal equilibrium to distinguish *B* production from back reaction and to escape (*B*)=0

if CPT holds Uback



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- Time-reversed *Primakoff effect*: $a + \gamma_{\text{virtual}} \rightarrow \gamma$
- most sensitive for $10^{-5} \text{ eV} \le m_a \le 1 \text{ eV}$
- depends on field *B*, length *L*, transferred momentum $q = m_a/2E$
- and solar models

CAST experiment (CERN Axion Solar Telescope)

- *m_a* < 1.17 eV (intersecting the KSVZ band)
- Next generation: IAXO (International Axion Oberservatory)@CERN





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- Search for galactic axions via Primakoff effect: $a + \gamma_{virtual} \rightarrow \gamma$
- Tunable cavity search for microwave resonances
- Most sensitive detectors for CDM axions ($\mu eV \leq m_a \leq meV$)

ADMX (Axion Dark Matter eXperiment) @University of Washington

- sensitivity to KVSZ axions between 1.9 μ eV $\leq m_a \leq$ 3.3, μ eV
- still on-going (ADMX II)





Supernovae (SN1987a)



- Axions emitted by nucleon Bremsstrahlung NN → NNa
 - depends therefore on g_{aNN}
- Constraints:
 - energy loss rate $\epsilon_{axion} \lesssim 10^{19} erg g^{-1} s^{-1}$
 - Neutrino burst duration


Resonance method for oscillating ALPs searches at storage rings

Spin precession in magnetic field in particle rest frame:

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \vec{\mu} \times \vec{B} + \vec{d} \times \vec{E} = (\vec{\Omega}_{g-2} + \vec{\Omega}_{EDM}) \times \vec{S}$$

$$= \underbrace{-\frac{e}{m} \frac{g-2}{2} \vec{B} \times \vec{S}}_{\text{in ring plane}} + \underbrace{\frac{-e}{2m} \eta(t) \left(\vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}\right) \times \vec{S}}_{\text{perp. to ring plane}} \quad \text{with } \eta(t) = \eta_{\text{stat}} + \eta_{\text{osc}} \cos(m_a t + \phi)$$

- Idea: measure vertical spin polarization for different g 2 frequencies
- off resonance: averaging to zero / on resonance: accumulation ~> jump

