Collider Probes of Axion-like Particles

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based on arXiv:1610.00009, 1704.08207, 1708.00443 and work in progress



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Our main result



[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1704.08207]

Example process



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- ALPs and collider probes
 - Effective Lagrangian
 - Exotic Higgs decays
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Motivation

- Pseudo-scalars in many extensions of the SM
 - QCD axion solution to strong CP-problem
 - Nambu-Goldstone bosons of a broken symmetry
 - mediators to the dark sector
 - explanations of various anomalies
- Good reason to study them!
- Large regions of parameter space already probed by many different experiments
- We add a region that can be probed through exotic Higgs decays in run 2 of LHC

Motivation

- Consider a singlet: (1,1,0) under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
- Pseudoscalar and light
- Shift symmetry protects mass $a \rightarrow a + c$
- Mass obtained through explicit soft breaking
 or non-perturbative dynamics

[Weinberg: PRL 40 (1978) 223] [Wilczek: PRL 40 (1978) 279]

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Effective Lagrangian

• Interactions at dimension-5

[Georgi, Kaplan, Randall: Phys. Lett.169 B (1986)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{D \leq 5} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu} a \right) \left(\partial^{\mu} a \right) + \frac{1}{2} m_{a}^{2} a^{2} + \sum_{f} \frac{c_{ff}}{2} \frac{\partial^{\mu} a}{\Lambda} \bar{f} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_{5} f + g_{s}^{2} C_{GG} \frac{a}{\Lambda} G_{\mu\nu}^{A} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,A} + g^{2} C_{WW} \frac{a}{\Lambda} W_{\mu\nu}^{A} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu,A} + g'^{2} C_{BB} \frac{a}{\Lambda} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}$$

• After EWSB

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{D \le 5} \ni e^2 C_{\gamma\gamma} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{2e^2}{s_w c_w} C_{\gamma Z} \frac{a}{\Lambda} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{e^2}{s_w^2 c_w^2} C_{ZZ} \frac{a}{\Lambda} Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu}$$

 $C_{\gamma\gamma} = C_{WW} + C_{BB}, \qquad C_{\gamma Z} = c_w^2 C_{WW} - s_w^2 C_{BB} \qquad C_{ZZ} = c_w^4 C_{WW} + s_w^4 C_{BB}$

Effective Lagrangian

• Vanishes through equations of motion

$$\frac{(\partial^{\mu}a)}{\Lambda} \left(\phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \phi + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

• Higgs interactions at dimension-6 and 7

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[[]Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1607.01016]

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Contributions



• Numerically $C_{Zh}^{\text{eff}} \approx C_{Zh}^{(5)} - 0.016 c_{tt} + 0.030 C_{Zh}^{(7)} \left[\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda}\right]^2$

[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm:1610.00009]

• Decay rate normalised to SM $\Gamma(h \rightarrow Z\gamma)_{\rm SM} = 6.32 \cdot 10^{-6} {\rm GeV}$





• This channel is a realistic target for discovery at LHC

Contributions

$$\Gamma(h \to Za) = \frac{m_h^3}{16\pi\Lambda^2} \left| C_{Zh}^{(5)} - \frac{N_c y_t^2}{8\pi^2} T_3^t c_{tt} F + \frac{v^2}{2\Lambda^2} C_{Zh}^{(7)} \right|^2 \lambda^{3/2} \left(\frac{m_Z^2}{m_h^2}, \frac{m_a^2}{m_h^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{(\partial^{\mu}a)}{\Lambda} \left(\phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \phi + \text{h.c.} \right)$$
Non-polynomial operator for models with new heavy particles whose mass arises from EWSB
$$\frac{(\partial^{\mu}a)}{\Lambda} \left(\phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \phi + \text{h.c.} \right) \ln \frac{\phi^{\dagger}\phi}{\mu^2}$$
[Pierce, Thaler, Wang: 0609049]
[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1607.01016]
[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1610.00009]

• Numerically

$$C_{Zh}^{\text{eff}} \approx C_{Zh}^{(5)} - 0.016 c_{tt} + 0.030 C_{Zh}^{(7)} \left[\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda} \right]$$

• Non-polynomial operator

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$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{non-pol}} &\ni \frac{C_{Zh}^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \left(\partial^{\mu} a \right) \left(\phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \phi + \text{h.c.} \right) \ln \frac{\phi^{\dagger} \phi}{\mu^{2}} + \dots ,\\ &= -\frac{C_{Zh}^{(5)}}{\Lambda} a \left(\phi^{\dagger} i D_{\mu} \phi + \text{h.c.} \right) \frac{\partial^{\mu} (\phi^{\dagger} \phi)}{\phi^{\dagger} \phi} + \dots \\ &\to -\frac{C_{Zh}^{(5)}}{\Lambda} \frac{g}{c_{w}} a Z_{\mu} (v + h) \partial^{\mu} h \end{split}$$

$$h$$
 f a

$$F = \int_{0}^{1} d[xyz] \frac{2m_{t}^{2} - xm_{h}^{2} - zm_{Z}^{2}}{m_{t}^{2} - xym_{h}^{2} - yzm_{Z}^{2} - xzm_{a}^{2}}$$
$$C_{Zh}^{(5)} = -\frac{N_{c} y_{t}^{2}}{8\pi^{2}} T_{3}^{t} \tilde{c}_{tt} F$$

• Enhanced rates for this process



• Current upper limit $Br(h \rightarrow BSM) < 0.34$

[ATLAS and CMS:1606.02266]

$$\implies \Gamma(h \to \text{BSM}) < 2.1 \,\text{MeV}$$
$$\implies \frac{|C_{Zh}^{\text{eff}}|}{\Lambda} < 0.72 \,\text{TeV}^{-1}$$

- For $\operatorname{Br}(h \to Za) = 0.1 \operatorname{need} |C_{Zh}| / \Lambda \approx 0.34 \operatorname{TeV}^{-1}$
- From top loop and dim-7: $Br(h \rightarrow Za) = O(10^{-3})$
- Interesting final states
- All these modes can be reconstructed at run II

• Dim-6 Higgs portal and loop diagrams

[Dobrescu, Landsberg, Matchev: 0005308] [Dobrescu, Matchev: 0008192] [Chang, Fox, Weiner: 0608310]

$$h_{\dots, n} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ h_{\dots, n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ h_{\dots, n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ f \\ -a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ h_{\dots, n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ -a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ah}^{\text{eff}} &= C_{ah}(\mu) + \left[\frac{N_c \, y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \, c_{tt}^2 \left[\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_t^2} - g_1(\tau_{t/h}) \right] - \left[\frac{3\alpha}{2\pi s_w^2} \left(g^2 C_{WW} \right)^2 \left[\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_W^2} + \delta_1 - g_2(\tau_{W/h}) \right] \right] \\ &- \left[\frac{3\alpha}{4\pi s_w^2 c_w^2} \left(\frac{g^2}{c_w^2} \, C_{ZZ} \right)^2 \left[\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_Z^2} + \delta_1 - g_2(\tau_{Z/h}) \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{ah}^{\text{eff}} \approx C_{ah}(\Lambda) + 0.173 c_{tt}^2 - 0.0025 \left(C_{WW}^2 + C_{ZZ}^2 \right)$$

$$\Gamma(h \to aa) = \frac{v^2 m_h^3}{32\pi\Lambda^4} \left| C_{ah}^{\text{eff}} \right|^2 \left(1 - \frac{2m_a^2}{m_h^2} \right)^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_a^2}{m_h^2}}$$

Exotic Higgs Decays $h \rightarrow aa$

• Current upper limit $Br(h \rightarrow BSM) < 0.34$

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$$\implies \Gamma(h \to \text{BSM}) < 2.1 \,\text{MeV}$$
$$\implies |C_{ah}^{\text{eff}}| < 1.34 \left[\frac{\Lambda}{1 \,\text{TeV}}\right]^2$$

- For $\operatorname{Br}(h \to aa) = 0.1 \operatorname{need} |C_{ah}| / \Lambda^2 \approx 0.62 \operatorname{TeV}^{-2}$
- From top-loop only: $Br(h \to aa) = 0.01$ for $|c_{tt}|/\Lambda \approx 1.04 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$
- Interesting final states
 - $h \to aa \to \gamma \gamma \gamma \gamma$ $h \to aa \to 4 jets$
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ALP decays into photons

• Often considered as the dominant decay mode



$$\Gamma(a \to \gamma\gamma) = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 m_a^3}{\Lambda^2} \left| C_{\gamma\gamma} + \sum_f \frac{N_c^f Q_f^2}{16\pi^2} c_{ff} B_1(\tau_f) + \frac{2\alpha}{\pi} \frac{C_{WW}}{s_w^2} B_2(\tau_W) \right|^2$$
$$\equiv \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 m_a^3}{\Lambda^2} \left| C_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{eff}} \right|^2 \qquad \tau_i \equiv 4m_i^2/m_a^2$$

• Only mode for $m_a < 2m_e$

ALP decays into leptons

• For $m_a > 2m_e$



$$\begin{aligned} c_{\ell\ell}^{\text{eff}} &= c_{\ell\ell}(\mu) \left[1 + \mathcal{O}(\alpha) \right] - 12Q_{\ell}^2 \,\alpha^2 C_{\gamma\gamma} \left[\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_{\ell}^2} + \delta_1 + g(\tau_{\ell}) \right] \\ &- \frac{3\alpha^2}{s_w^4} C_{WW} \left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_W^2} + \delta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{12\alpha^2}{s_w^2 c_w^2} C_{\gamma Z} \,Q_{\ell} \left(T_3^{\ell} - 2Q_{\ell} s_w^2 \right) \left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_Z^2} + \delta_1 + \frac{3}{2} \right) \\ &- \frac{12\alpha^2}{s_w^4 c_w^4} C_{ZZ} \left(Q_{\ell}^2 s_w^4 - T_3^{\ell} Q_{\ell} s_w^2 + \frac{1}{8} \right) \left(\ln \frac{\mu^2}{m_Z^2} + \delta_1 + \frac{1}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma(a \to \ell^+ \ell^-) = \frac{m_a m_\ell^2}{8\pi \Lambda^2} \left| c_{\ell\ell}^{\text{eff}} \right|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\ell^2}{m_a^2}}$$

ALP decays into hadrons

- Decays into gluons and quarks
- For $m_a > 2m_\pi$
- Can be computed only in perturbative regime for $m_a \gg \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$

$$\Gamma(a \rightarrow \text{hadrons}) = \frac{32\pi \,\alpha_s^2(m_a) \,m_a^3}{\Lambda^2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{97}{4} - \frac{7n_q}{6}\right) \frac{\alpha_s(m_a)}{\pi} \right] \left| C_{GG} + \sum_{q=1}^{n_q} \frac{c_{qq}}{32\pi^2} \right|^2$$

[Spira, Djouadi, Graudenz, Zerwas: 9504378]

• Decays into heavy quarks

$$\Gamma(a \to Q\bar{Q}) = \frac{3m_a \,\overline{m}_Q^2(m_a)}{8\pi\Lambda^2} \left| c_{QQ}^{\text{eff}} \right|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_Q^2}{m_a^2}}$$

ALP decays

• Assuming effective Wilson coefficients to be 1





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Detecting ALPs

Average decay length perpendicular to beam axis

$$L_a^{\perp}(\theta) = \sin \theta \, \frac{\beta_a \gamma_a}{\Gamma_a}$$
$$= \sin \theta \sqrt{\gamma_a^2 - 1} \, \frac{\operatorname{Br}(a \to X\bar{X})}{\Gamma(a \to X\bar{X})}$$

• Fraction of ALPs decaying before travelling a certain distance

$$f_{\rm det} = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \, \sin\theta \left(1 - e^{-L_{\rm det}/L_a^{\perp}(\theta)}\right)$$

Decay into photons before EM calorimeter $L_{det} = 1.5 \,\mathrm{m}$ Decay into electrons before inner tracker

ECAL

 $L_{\rm det}$

 $L_{\rm det} = 2 \,\rm cm$

Beam axis

Detecting ALPs

• Effective branching ratios

$$\operatorname{Br}(h \to Za \to \ell^+ \ell^- X\bar{X})\big|_{\operatorname{eff}} = \operatorname{Br}(h \to Za) \times \operatorname{Br}(a \to X\bar{X}) f_{\operatorname{dec}} \operatorname{Br}(Z \to \ell^+ \ell^-)$$

$$\operatorname{Br}(h \to aa \to 4X) \big|_{\operatorname{eff}} = \operatorname{Br}(h \to aa) \operatorname{Br}(a \to X\bar{X})^2 f_{\operatorname{dec}}^2$$

• Requiring 100 events at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ with 300 fb^{-1} in

$$h \to Za \to \ell^+ \ell^- \gamma \gamma \qquad \qquad h \to aa \to 4\gamma$$

• Constraints on ALP mass and coupling to photons



Detecting ALPs

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• For $L_a \gg L_{det}$, effective BR independent of $Br(a \to X\bar{X})$

$$f_{\rm dec} \approx (\pi/2) \, \frac{L_{\rm det}}{L_a} \propto \frac{\Gamma(a \to X\bar{X})}{{\rm Br}(a \to X\bar{X})}$$

• Large hierarchy in couplings can be plausible



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- Integrating out the top





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Current exclusion bounds

• Current bounds on $h \rightarrow Za$



[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1708.00443]

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• Constraints on ALP mass and coupling to leptons



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Muon $(g-2)_{\mu}$



$$\delta a_{\mu} = \frac{m_{\mu}^2}{\Lambda^2} \left\{ K_{a_{\mu}}(\mu) - \left(\frac{(c_{\mu\mu})^2}{16\pi^2} h_1\left(\frac{m_a^2}{m_{\mu}^2}\right) - \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\pi} c_{\mu\mu} C_{\gamma\gamma} \left[\ln\frac{\mu^2}{m_{\mu}^2} + \delta_2 + 2 - h_2\left(\frac{m_a^2}{m_{\mu}^2}\right)\right] - \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1 - 4s_w^2}{s_w c_w} c_{\mu\mu} C_{\gamma Z} \left(\ln\frac{\mu^2}{m_Z^2} + \delta_2 + \frac{3}{2}\right) \right\} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{D=6} \ni -K_{a_{\mu}} \frac{em_{\mu}}{4\Lambda^2} \bar{\mu} \sigma_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \mu \qquad \qquad h_1(0) = 1 \qquad h_1(x) \approx (2/x)(\ln x - \frac{11}{6}) \text{ for } x \gg 1$$
$$h_2(0) = 0 \qquad h_2(x) \approx (\ln x + \frac{1}{2})$$

Muon $(g-2)_{\mu}$

• Allowed parameter space



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Conclusions

- Rare Higgs decays provide a powerful way to probe the existence of ALPs with masses between 30 MeV and 60 GeV and couplings suppressed by the 1 - 100 TeV scale
- Connection to low-energy physics probes such as $(g-2)_{\mu}$

Outlook

- Dedicated analyses with reconstruction efficiencies and exploiting displaced-vertex signatures
- Investigating the flavour sector

[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: to appear]

• Looking at various anomalies



Parameter space at the FCC-ee



[arXiv:1308.6176]

- e^+e^- collider
- 240 and 350 GeV
- 3 million Higgses



Parameter space at MATHUSLA

[Chou, Curtin, Lubatti: 1606.06298]



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• Consider ALP induced 1-loop correction to three definitions of sine squared of weak mixing angle [Peskin, Takeuich: Phys. Rev. D 46 (1992) 381]

$$\begin{split} s_*^2 &= \frac{{g'}^2}{{g^2} + {g'}^2} - s_w c_w \, \frac{\Pi_{\gamma Z}(m_Z^2)}{m_Z^2} \\ s_W^2 &= \frac{{g'}^2}{{g^2} + {g'}^2} - c_w^2 \left[\frac{\Pi_{WW}(m_W^2)}{m_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(m_Z^2)}{m_Z^2} \right] \\ s_0^2 &= \frac{{g'}^2}{{g^2} + {g'}^2} + \frac{s_w^2 c_w^2}{c_w^2 - s_w^2} \left[\frac{\Pi_{\gamma \gamma}(m_Z^2)}{m_Z^2} + \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{m_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(m_Z^2)}{m_Z^2} \right] \\ \rho_* &= 1 + \frac{\Pi_{WW}(0)}{m_W^2} - \frac{\Pi_{ZZ}(0)}{m_Z^2} - \frac{2s_w}{c_w} \, \frac{\Pi_{\gamma Z}(0)}{m_Z^2} \end{split}$$



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• Allowed parameter space for $C_{Zh}^{(5)} = 0$

[Baak et al.: 1407.3792]



• Allowed parameter space for $C_{Zh}^{(5)} \neq 0$

[Baak et al.: 1407.3792]



• Running of electromagnetic coupling constant from $q^2 = 0$ to $q^2 = m_Z^2$

$$\frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(m_Z)} = \left. \frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(m_Z)} \right|_{\rm SM} - \left[\frac{\Pi_{\gamma\gamma}(m_Z^2)}{m_Z^2} - \Pi_{\gamma\gamma}'(0) \right]_{\rm ALP}$$



$$\frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(m_Z)} = \left. \frac{\alpha(0)}{\alpha(m_Z)} \right|_{\rm SM} + \frac{8\alpha^2}{3} \frac{m_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \left[C_{\gamma\gamma}^2 \left(\ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_Z^2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \frac{C_{\gamma Z}^2}{s_w^2 c_w^2} \left(\ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_Z^2} - \frac{11}{6} \right) \right]$$

- Measurement of OPAL at per-cent level
- Compatible with C_{WW} and C_{BB} of order ~30
- FCC-ee expectation of 10⁻⁵ uncertainty

[Abbiendi et al.: 0309052]

Uncertainty[Janot: 1512.05544][Blas, Cuichini, Franco, Mishima, Pierini, Reina, Silvestrini: 1608.01509]





• Constraints on ALP mass and coupling to photons



• Constraints on ALP mass and coupling to electrons



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SHiP expected reach

• Fixed target facility at CERN SPS (Search for Hidden Particles)



[[]Alekhin et al.: 1504.04855]

Muon $(g-2)_{\mu}$

- Allowed parameter space moves into corners
- Coupling-mass plots require: $|C_{\gamma\gamma}|/\Lambda \lesssim 2 \text{ TeV}^{-1}$ and $|c_{\mu\mu}| \ge |C_{\gamma\gamma}|$



• Reach in $Z \to \gamma a$

