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]

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Example process



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- 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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• After EWSB

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[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

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$$h$$
 f a

$$F = \int_0^1 d[xyz] \frac{2m_t^2 - xm_h^2 - zm_Z^2}{m_t^2 - xym_h^2 - yzm_Z^2 - xzm_a^2}$$
$$C_{Zh}^{(5)} = -\frac{N_c y_t^2}{8\pi^2} T_3^t \tilde{c}_{tt} F$$

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$$\equiv \frac{4\pi\alpha^2 m_a^3}{\Lambda^2} \left| C_{\gamma\gamma}^{\text{eff}} \right|^2 \qquad \tau_i \equiv 4m_i^2/m_a^2$$

• Only mode for $m_a < 2m_e$

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• 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]

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- 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

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

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[Bauer, Neubert, Thamm: 1704.08207]

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$$h_1(0) = 1 \qquad h_1(x) \approx (2/x)(\ln x - \frac{11}{6}) \text{ for } x \gg 1$$

$$h_2(0) = 0 \qquad h_2(x) \approx (\ln x + \frac{1}{2})$$

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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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SLAC: measurement of photon - nuclei scattering (Primakoff effect)

Axion helioscopes: Tokyo Axion Helioscope and CERN axion solar telescope

Energy loss of stars constrained by ratio of red giant to younger stars of horizontal branch

Absence of photon burst after supernova

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[Armengaud: 1307.1488] [Essig, Harnik, Kaplan, Toro: 1008.0636]

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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 $Z \to \gamma a$



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