

A common solution to the hierarchy and strong CP problems via composite dynamics

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Outline

Brief introduction to the hierarchy and strong CP problems

Motivation

An example model and its properties

Conclusions and Outlook

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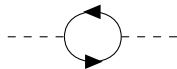
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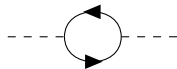
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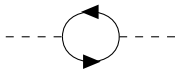
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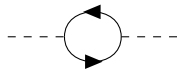
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QCD analogy

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$$\downarrow \langle q_L q_R \rangle$$

$$H_F = SU(3)_V$$

$$\dim[G_F] - \dim[H_F] = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^0, \pi^\pm, K^0, \bar{K}^0, K^\pm, \eta$$

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Spurion analysis to include all sources of explicit symmetry breaking

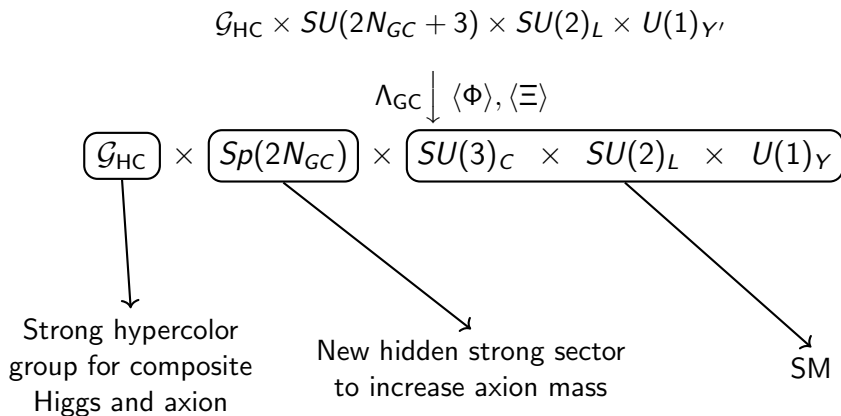
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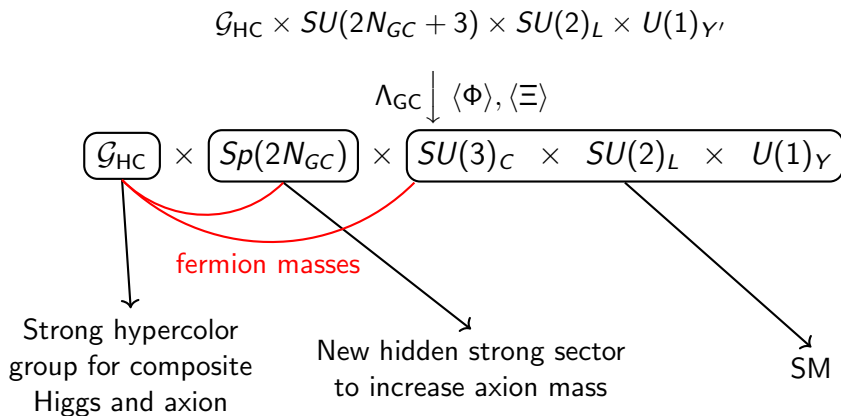
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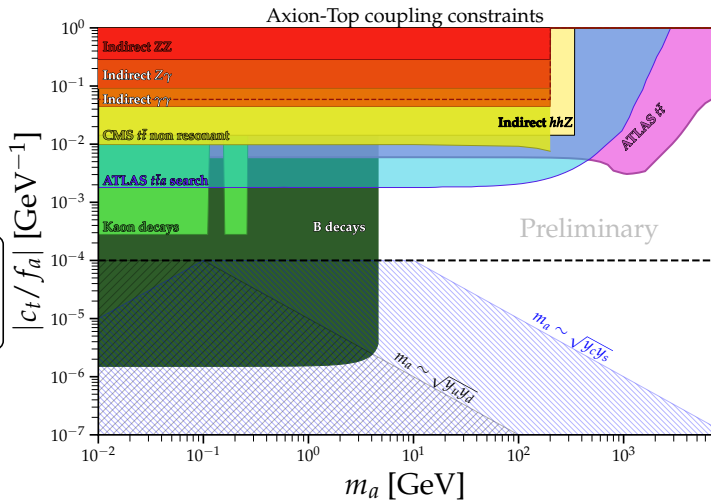
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$$y_{\psi_1} y_{\psi_2} \frac{1 \text{TeV}^4}{f_a^2} \lesssim m_a^2 \lesssim y_{\psi_1} y_{\psi_2} f_a^2$$



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Thanks for the attention!

Backup slides

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	$SO(N_{HC})$	$Sp(2N_{GC})$	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
$Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} q_L \\ \psi_q \end{pmatrix}$	1	1	\square	2	$\frac{1}{6}$
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$U_R = \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ \psi_u \end{pmatrix}$	1	1	\square	1	$-\frac{2}{3}$
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ω_4	Spin	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
χ	\square	\square	1	x
$\bar{\chi}$	\square	$\bar{\square}$	1	$-x$

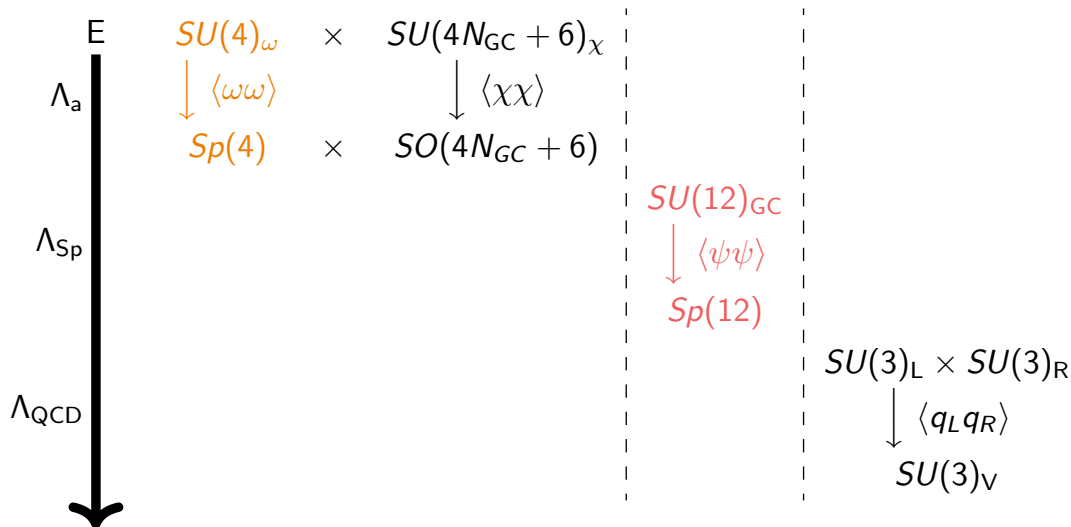
Possible gauge structures

$\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{HC}}$	ω	χ	G_F/H_F
$Sp(2N_{HC})$	$4 \times \mathbf{F}$	$(4N_{GC} + 6) \times \mathbf{A}_2$	$\frac{SU(4) \times SU(4N_{GC} + 6) \times U(1)}{Sp(4) \times SO(4N_{GC} + 6)}$
$SO(N_{HC})$	$4 \times \mathbf{Spin}$	$(4N_{GC} + 6) \times \mathbf{F}$	

$$SO(11)_{\mathcal{HC}}, SO(13)_{\mathcal{HC}}$$

$$3 \leq N_{GC} \leq 6$$

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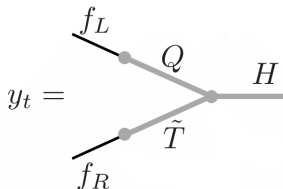
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Linear couplings between SM and HC fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} \sim q \mathcal{O}_{lin}, \quad \mathcal{O}_{lin} = (\omega^T P_f \omega \chi)$$



We need to study the **baryonic** resonances

Baryon	$SU(4) \times SU(4N_{GC} + 6)$
$\omega\omega\chi$	$(\mathbf{4} \times \mathbf{4}, \square) \rightarrow (\mathbf{6} \oplus \mathbf{10}, \square)$
$\bar{\omega}\bar{\omega}\chi$	$(\bar{\mathbf{4}} \times \bar{\mathbf{4}}, \square) \rightarrow (\mathbf{6} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{10}}, \square)$
$\bar{\omega}\omega\bar{\chi}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{4}} \times \mathbf{4}, \bar{\square}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{15}, \bar{\square})$

→ **not enough partners for all three generations**