

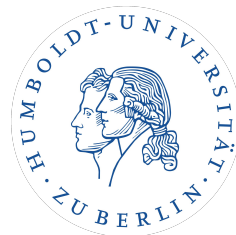
The shift-invariant orders of an ALP

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- Only **derivative couplings** for ALP due to shift symmetry (dictated by CCWZ):

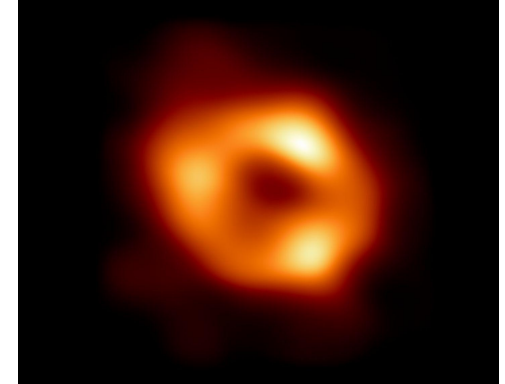
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[Georgi, Kaplan, Randall, 1986]

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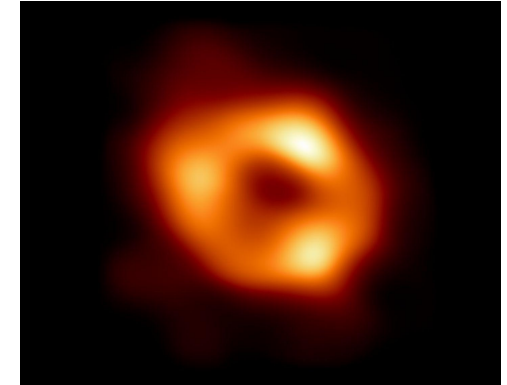
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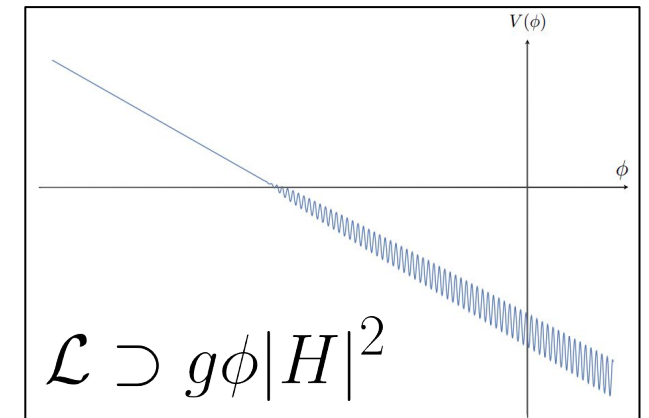
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- It can be interesting to allow for some explicit breaking from a **model building** perspective.



[Graham et al., 1504.07551]

Hence, it is interesting to allow for some explicit breaking and to understand how to take the **limit** from the **non-shift symmetric to shift-symmetric EFT**.

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- Shift-symmetric limit? Bosonic sector: simply take some $C_i \rightarrow 0$
 Fermionic sector: ???

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- But those relations are **implicit, flavour variant** and it is **unclear how to implement different power countings** in both sectors. Typically,

$$f \ll \Lambda_{PQ} \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$$

Spontaneous PQ breaking \nearrow \nwarrow Explicit PQ breaking

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- Use language of flavour invariants, i.e. promote flavourful couplings to spurions under flavour transformations

	$SU(3)_Q$	$SU(3)_u$	$SU(3)_d$	$SU(3)_L$	$SU(3)_e$
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Y_d, \tilde{Y}_d	3	1	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	1	1
Y_e, \tilde{Y}_e	1	1	1	3	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$

and build flavour-invariant combinations, e.g. $\text{Tr}(X_u) \rightarrow \text{Tr}(U_Q X_u U_Q^\dagger) = \text{Tr}(U_Q^\dagger U_Q X_u) = \text{Tr}(X_u)$

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We want to find a **set of order parameters** which **capture all physical shift-breaking degrees** of freedom in all degenerate cases like the Jarlskog invariant.

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Minimal set capturing all conditions: $I_e^{(1)}, I_e^{(2)}, I_e^{(3)}, I_u^{(1)}, I_u^{(2)}, I_d^{(1)}, I_d^{(2)}, I_u^{(3)} + I_d^{(3)}, I_{ud}^{(1)}, I_{ud,u}^{(2)}, I_{ud,d}^{(2)}, I_{ud}^{(3)}, I_{ud}^{(4)}$

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- For schematic breaking of PQ: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{PQ}}(\vec{C}_{\text{PQ}}) + \underline{\epsilon} \mathcal{L}_{\cancel{\text{PQ}}}(\vec{C}_{\cancel{\text{PQ}}})$

All invariants proportional to spurion explicitly breaking PQ: $I_i \propto \underline{\epsilon} f(\vec{C}_{\text{PQ}}, \vec{C}_{\cancel{\text{PQ}}})$

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For non-linear EWSB: correlations from linear EWSB in EFT disappear and all shift-breaking effects are captured by 9 invariants

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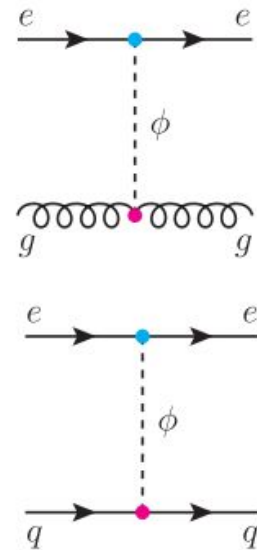
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[Das Bakshi et al., 2306.08036]

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Outlook: beyond the leading order

[Grojean, JK, Yao, 2307.08563]

- Can we extend this discussion beyond the leading order in $1/f$?

- Used Hilbert series to derive operator basis up to dim-8 for the ALP EFT

- Find that there are no further EOM redundancies up to dim-15 like the one at dim-5

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f} \sum_{\psi \in \text{SM}} \bar{\psi} c_\psi \gamma^\mu \psi + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f^2}\right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{a}{f} \left(\bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_u \tilde{H} u + \bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_d H d + \bar{L} \tilde{Y}_e H e + \text{h.c.} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f^2}\right)$$

- Have to keep track of field redefinition that removes redundancy at higher mass dimension, e.g.

for $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{a^2}{f^2} \bar{Q} C_{a^2 u} \tilde{H} u + \text{h.c.} :$

$$C_{a^2 u} = \frac{1}{2} \left(C_q^2 Y_u + Y_u c_u^2 \right) - c_Q Y_u c_u$$

Summary

- Have considered **shift-breaking effects** in **ALP EFTs**
- Derived **order parameters** for shift-breaking that vanish for shift symmetry and are non-zero for shift-breaking
- Have studied **interesting properties** of these order parameters under **CP transformations**, in the **EFT below the EW scale** and for **different scenarios of EWSB**
- Can use the invariants to **differentiate between a generic pseudoscalar and an ALP** by identifying the invariants **in calculation of observables**
- Work in progress: extend construction to higher order in EFT

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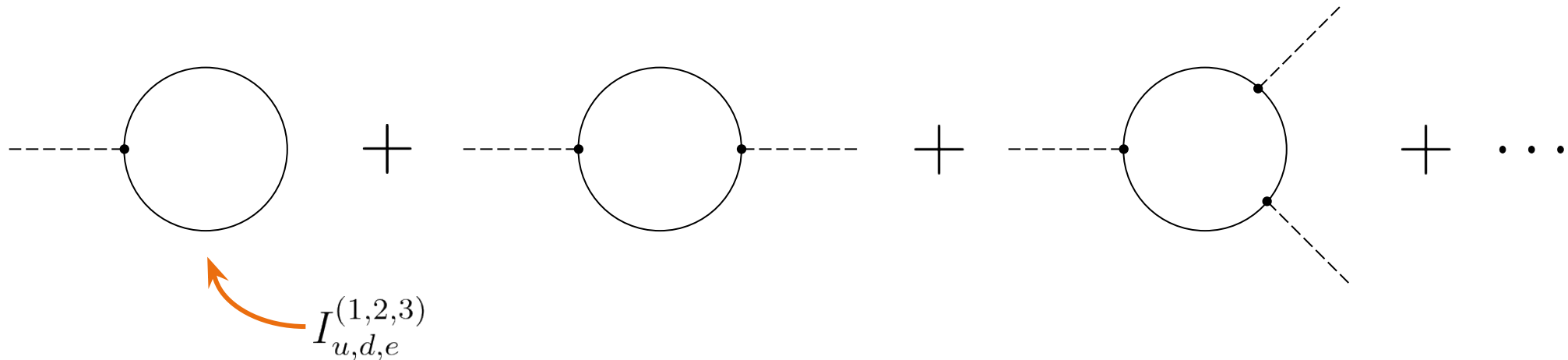
Backup

Applications – Coleman-Weinberg potential

- We expect that all PQ-breaking quantities in the theory are proportional to the shift-breaking invariants.
- Example: Coleman-Weinberg potential of an ALP

[Bonney, 2212.00102]

Calculate the 1-loop corrections to the potential to all orders in external fields



One can show that leading correction to potential is proportional to a subset of the shift-breaking invariants. This correction can change the minimum of the potential, the physical theta term.

Shift-symmetry in non-shift symmetric basis

We can check that the ALP EFT in the Yukawa basis can be made shift symmetric by itself. First, shift the ALP in the ALP-fermion sector of the Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_a = - \left(\bar{Q} Y_u \tilde{H} u + \bar{Q} Y_d H d + \bar{L} Y_e H e + \text{h.c.} \right) - \frac{a}{f} \left(\bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_u \tilde{H} u + \bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_d H d + \bar{L} \tilde{Y}_e H e + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow -\bar{Q} Y_u \tilde{H} u - \bar{Q} Y_d H d - \bar{L} Y_e H e - \frac{a+c}{f} \left(-\bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_u \tilde{H} u + \bar{Q} \tilde{Y}_d H d + \bar{L} \tilde{Y}_e H e \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

Now, we can make a field redefinition $\psi \rightarrow \psi + i \frac{c}{f} c_\psi \psi$ on the fermions

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \bar{Q} i (Y_u c_u - c_Q Y_u) \tilde{H} u - \bar{Q} i (Y_d c_d - c_Q Y_d) H d - \bar{L} i (Y_e c_e - c_L Y_e) H e$$

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where the c_ψ are hermitian s.t. the kinetic term is invariant. We can absorb the shift iff

$$\tilde{Y}_u = i(Y_u c_u - c_Q Y_u) \quad \tilde{Y}_d = i(Y_d c_d - c_Q Y_d) \quad \tilde{Y}_e = i(Y_e c_e - c_L Y_e)$$

Counting of physical parameters

- Before we can construct the explicit relations we have to count how many physical parameters exist in both bases.

	Explicitly shift-symmetric basis	Non-shift-symmetric basis		
Leptons	C_L, C_e	$2 \times 6 - \underline{3} = 9$ CP-even	\tilde{Y}_e	$1 \times 9 = 9$ CP-even
		$2 \times 3 - \underline{2} = 4$ CP-odd		$1 \times 9 - \underline{2} = 7$ CP-odd
	$\frac{\partial_\mu a_-}{f} \bar{\psi} c_\psi \gamma^\mu \psi$		$\frac{a_-}{f} \bar{\psi}_L \tilde{Y}_\psi H \psi_R$	$\frac{U(1)_{L_i}^3 \text{ reph.}}{\underline{\partial_\mu j^\mu} = 0}$
Quarks	C_Q, C_u, C_d	$3 \times 6 - \underline{1} = 17$ CP-even	\tilde{Y}_u, \tilde{Y}_d	$2 \times 9 = 18$ CP-even
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We expect **3 CP-odd** relations in **lepton** sector and **9 CP-odd** and **1 CP-even** relation in **quark** sector.

Construction of invariants

- Start from relation obtained from enforcing shift invariance via field redefinitions:

$$\tilde{Y}_{u,d} = i(Y_{u,d}c_{u,d} - c_Q Y_{u,d}) \iff c_{u,d} = -iY_{u,d}^{-1}(\tilde{Y}_{u,d} + ic_Q Y_{u,d})$$

- Then, enforce hermiticity of $c_{u,d}$ $X_{u,d} = Y_{u,d}Y_{u,d}^\dagger$

$$c_{u,d}^{(ah)} \sim c_{u,d} - c_{u,d}^\dagger = 0 \implies [c_Q, X_{u,d}] = i(\tilde{Y}_{u,d}Y_{u,d}^\dagger + Y_{u,d}\tilde{Y}_{u,d}^\dagger)$$

- Use well-known commutator relations to construct invariants.

E.g. using $\text{Tr}(A^n [A, B]) = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ can get

$$-i \text{Tr}(X_x^n [c_Q, X_x]) = \text{Tr}\left(X_x^n (\tilde{Y}_x Y_x^\dagger + Y_x \tilde{Y}_x^\dagger)\right) = 0$$

Since we started with the equations which characterize shift-symmetric ALP-fermion interactions the **last equation is only zero iff the couplings are shift-symmetric.**

Redundancies in invariants

During the construction of the invariants and the calculation of their RGEs other flavour invariants arise which **look different** from the invariants in the minimal set but **can be expressed in terms of them**. Example: Can write down another beyond invariants $I_e^{(1,2,3)} = \text{ReTr} \left(X_e^{0,1,2} \tilde{Y}_e Y_e^\dagger \right)$ in minimal set.

$$I_e^{(4)} = \text{ReTr} \left(X_e^3 \tilde{Y}_e Y_e^\dagger \right)$$

- Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem for 3 x 3 matrices:

$$A^3 = A^2 \text{Tr} A - \frac{1}{2} A \left((\text{Tr} A)^2 - \text{Tr} A^2 \right) + \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{1} \left((\text{Tr} A)^3 - 3 \text{Tr} A^2 \text{Tr} A + 2 \text{Tr} A^3 \right)$$

- Then, can write additional invariant in terms of invariants in minimal set

$$I_e^{(4)} = \text{Tr}(X_e) I_e^{(3)} - \frac{1}{2} \left((\text{Tr} X_e)^2 - \text{Tr} X_e^2 \right) I_e^{(2)} + \frac{1}{6} \left((\text{Tr} X_e)^3 - 3 \text{Tr} X_e^2 \text{Tr} X_e + 2 \text{Tr} X_e^3 \right) I_e^{(1)}$$

- Further example:

$$\begin{aligned} I'_u &= \frac{1}{2} I_u^{(1)} \left(\text{Tr}(X_u)^2 \text{Tr}(X_d) - \text{Tr}(X_u^2) \text{Tr}(X_d) + 2 \text{Tr}(X_u^2 X_d) - 2 \text{Tr}(X_u) \text{Tr}(X_u X_d) \right) \\ &+ 2 I_u^{(2)} \left(\text{Tr}(X_u X_d) - \text{Tr}(X_u) \text{Tr}(X_d) \right) + 2 \text{Tr}(X_d) I_u^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Tr}(X_u^2) - \text{Tr}(X_u)^2 \right) I_{ud}^{(1)} \\ &+ \text{Tr}(X_u) I_{ud,u}^{(2)} + \frac{1}{6} \left(\text{Tr}(X_u)^3 - 3 \text{Tr}(X_u^2) \text{Tr}(X_u) + 2 \text{Tr}(X_u^3) \right) I_d^{(1)}, \end{aligned}$$

Invariants for degenerate mass spectra

Degeneracies in the SM spectrum can lead to enhanced flavour symmetries. Thus, parameters become unphysical and can be removed with symmetry transformations. This reduces the number of expected relations.

Flavor symmetries of the quark sector of the SM	Shift-symmetric Wilson coefficients $c_{Q,u,d}$				Generic Wilson coefficients $\tilde{Y}_{u,d}$				Number of constraints			
	All		Primary		All		Primary		All		Primary (# of indep. invariants)	
	CP-even	CP-odd	CP-even	CP-odd	CP-even	CP-odd	CP-even	CP-odd	CP-even	CP-odd	CP-even	CP-odd
$U(1)_B$	17	9	17	9	18	18	18	18	1	9	1	9
$U(1)^2$	16	8	10	3	18	17	10	10	2	9	0	7
$U(1)^3$	15	7	6	0	18	16	6	6	3	9	0	6
$U(2) \times U(1)$	13	5	4	0	17	15	4	4	4	10	0	4
$U(3)$	9	1	2	0	15	13	2	2	6	12	0	2

C.f.: CP violation in the SM. CKM phase can be removed for degenerate SM mass spectrum implying vanishing Jarlskog invariant:

$$J_4 \equiv \text{ImTr} \left([X_u, X_d]^3 \right) = 6(y_t^2 - y_c^2)(y_t^2 - y_u^2)(y_c^2 - y_u^2)(y_b^2 - y_s^2)(y_b^2 - y_d^2)(y_s^2 - y_d^2) \mathcal{J}$$

$$X_{u,d} = Y_{u,d} Y_{u,d}^\dagger \quad \mathcal{J} = \text{Im} (V_{us} V_{cb} V_{ub}^* V_{cs}^*)$$

Invariants in LEFT+a

- We can repeat our **discussion in the EFT below the EW scale** where all **heavy particles** (H,W,Z,t) are **integrated out**. We have following Lagrangian for the fermion sector

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\bar{u}_L m_u u_R - \bar{d}_L m_d d_R - \bar{e}_L m_e e_R + h.c. \qquad \mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{a}{f} \left(\bar{u}_L \tilde{m}_u u_R + \bar{d}_L \tilde{m}_d d_R + \bar{e}_L \tilde{m}_e e_R + h.c. \right)$$

- Can write down the following invariants which are the same as ‘lepton-like’ invariants in SMEFT

$$I_x^{(i+1,IR)} \equiv \text{Tr} \left(X_x^{i=0,1,\dots,N_x-1} \tilde{m}_x m_x^\dagger \right) = 0 \qquad x = u, d, e, N_u = 2, N_{d,e} = 3$$

- Can use LEFT operators with EFT power counting E/v to build more invariants. Then, we

find at $\mathcal{O} \left(\frac{1}{f v^2} \right)$:

$$I_{ud}^{(1,IR)} \propto \text{Re} \left(L_{uddu,prst}^{V1,LL} \left[\left(m_d m_d^\dagger \right)_{rs} \left(\tilde{m}_u m_u^\dagger \right)_{tp} + \left(\tilde{m}_d m_d^\dagger \right)_{rs} \left(m_u m_u^\dagger \right)_{tp} \right] \right)$$

- Matching the SMEFT to the LEFT allows us to identify this with the following invariant:

$$I_{ud}^{(1,IR)} \equiv \text{Re} \text{Tr} \left(V_{\text{CKM}} m_d m_d^\dagger V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger \tilde{m}_u m_u^\dagger + V_{\text{CKM}} \tilde{m}_d m_d^\dagger V_{\text{CKM}}^\dagger m_u m_u^\dagger \right) = 0$$

EFT operators encode intermediate UV behaviour like the collectivity of the SMEFT due to linear EWSB. **Collective effects** are therefore **suppressed in the LEFT power counting**.

Non-linear EWSB

Another viable option for EWSB beyond the linear EWSB with a Higgs and fermion doublet are a class of **non-linear** scenarios described by **HEFT-like EFTs** where the **dofs in the doublets** of linear EWSB are **independent** of one another.

- For non-linear EWSB can package Goldstones into matrix as $U = e^{i\pi^a \sigma^a / v}$
- Treating the Higgs and U as independent we can write down more interactions

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f} \sum_{\psi=Q,L} \bar{\psi} \tilde{c}_\psi T \gamma^\mu \psi, \quad T \equiv U \sigma_3 U^\dagger \quad \text{and}$$
$$\frac{a}{f} \left(\bar{Q}_L U [K_Q + \sigma_3 \tilde{K}_Q] \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix} + \bar{L}_L U [K_L + \sigma_3 \tilde{K}_L] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ e_R \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

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$$I_{u,d,e}^{(1,2,3)} = \text{ReTr} \left(X_{u,d,e}^{0,1,2} \tilde{Y}_{u,d,e} Y_{u,d,e}^\dagger \right)$$

Non-linear EWSB decorrelates the dofs in the doublets and **removes the collective effects**.

Matching: Two Higgs Doublet Model

- Start with Lagrangian of 2HDM which fixes PQ charges

$$-\mathcal{L} = \bar{Q}Y_u^{(1)}\tilde{H}_1u + \bar{Q}Y_d^{(2)}H_2d + \text{h.c.}$$

- Lagrangian gives rise to the following SM and axion Yukawa couplings

$$Y_u = \frac{v_1}{v}Y_u^{(1)}, \quad Y_d = \frac{v_2}{v}Y_d^{(2)}, \quad \tilde{Y}_u = -iq_{H_1}Y_u, \quad \tilde{Y}_d = iq_{H_2}Y_d$$

- Evaluating our invariants gives $I_i = 0 \quad \forall i$ as expected

- Add PQ breaking interactions: $-\mathcal{L}_{PQ} = Y_{u,ij}^{(2)}\bar{Q}_i\tilde{H}_2u_j + \text{h.c.}$ with $Y_{u,ij}^{(2)} = \delta_{i1}\delta_{j1}Y_{u,11}^{(2)}$
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- Then, for instance: $I_u^{(1)} = -(q_{H_1} - q_{H_2})\frac{v_1v_2}{v^2}\text{Im}(Y_{u,11}^{(2)}Y_{u,11}^{(1)*})$

Applications - SMEFT RG running

[Galda et al., 2105.01078]

- Can study RG running of SMEFT operators induced by ALP couplings. Define source terms

$$\mu \frac{dC_i^{\text{SMEFT}}}{d\mu} - \gamma_{ji}^{\text{SMEFT}} C_j^{\text{SMEFT}} \equiv \frac{S_i}{(4\pi f)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{uG} = \bar{Q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tilde{H} T^a u G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

- Can write down the following sum rules for source terms

$$S_{uG} = -4ig_s \tilde{Y}_u C_{GG}$$

$$\text{Im Tr} \left(X_x^{0,1,2} S_{xG} Y_x^\dagger \right) = -4g_s C_{GG} I_x^{(1,2,3)}$$

$$\text{Im Tr} \left(X_x^{0,1,2} S_{xW} Y_x^\dagger \right) = -g_2 C_{WW} I_x^{(1,2,3)}$$

$$\text{Im Tr} \left(X_x^{0,1,2} S_{xB} Y_x^\dagger \right) = -g_1 (y_Q + y_x) C_{BB} I_x^{(1,2,3)}$$

$$\text{Im Tr} \left(X_d X_u X_d S_{uG} Y_u^\dagger + X_u X_d X_u S_{dG} Y_d^\dagger \right) = -4g_s C_{GG} I_{ud}^{(3)}$$

- Expect some **non-trivial zeros** if the ALP is **exactly shift-symmetric**.
- Observations compatible with SMEFT RGEs would suggest weak PQ breaking, while uncertainty of measurements implies bound on breaking