

# Models for Ultralight Dark Matter

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Proca Stars merger  $\mu = 0.70_{-0.69}^{+0.75} \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}$

can provide the first evidence for a  
vector dark matter particle

see C. Hendeiro lecture

Ultralight bosons are often seen as a natural consequence of the string landscape  $\rightarrow$  Fuzzy DM

However, a concrete proposal from simple extensions of the SM is lacking

In this lecture I will discuss simple extensions of the SM where complex and real scalar and vector ultralight bosons can emerge.

# Strong Gravity

Minimal coupling to spin- $s$  field in  $4d$  :

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}(s) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(0)} = -g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\alpha}^\dagger \Phi_{,\beta} - \mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi - V_{(0)}^{int}(\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \quad \text{SCALAR}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{(1)} = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{\mu^2}{2} A_\alpha^\dagger A^\alpha - V_{(1)}^{int}(A_\alpha^\dagger A^\alpha) \quad \text{VECTOR}$$

$\mu^2 > 0$ ,  $\Phi$  and  $A_\alpha$  are complex,  $F_{\alpha\beta} = \partial_\alpha A_\beta - \partial_\beta A_\alpha$

$$\text{If } \mu \in [10^{-20}, 10^{-10}] \text{ eV} \implies M_{\text{Bosonic star}} \in [1, 10^{20}] M_{\odot}$$

Range of known  
astrophysical BHs

Our goal!

Build simple SM extensions that can consistently explain ultralight bosons

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}}$$

# General Principles for ultralight bosons

1. Fine-tuning: Tiny mass results from an accidental cancellation of parameters

2. Feebly coupled theory: Tiny mass proportional to tiny (but not zero) parameters

3. Symmetry protection

- global → scalar  $s=0$
- local → vector  $s=1$

- The SM Higgs potential:  $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$

$$V_0(H^\dagger H) = \mu_H^2 H^\dagger H + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2$$

↙ electroweak theory

- Extending the SM with a complex scalar  $\phi$

$$V(H, \phi) = V_0(H^\dagger H) + \mu_\phi^2 \phi^* \phi + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\phi |\phi^* \phi|^2 + \underbrace{\lambda_{H\phi} H^\dagger H \phi^* \phi}_{\text{PORTAL INTERACTION}}$$

Theory invariant under a  $U(1)_{\text{global}}$  phase transformation  $\phi \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \phi$

PORTAL INTERACTION

The SM electroweak breaking vacuum  $\langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_h \end{pmatrix}$  implies the mass spectrum:

$$v_h = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_h^2 = 2\lambda_H v_h^2$$

Higgs Boson  
125 GeV

$$m_\phi^2 = \mu_\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{H\phi} v_h^2$$

ultralight candidate  
if:

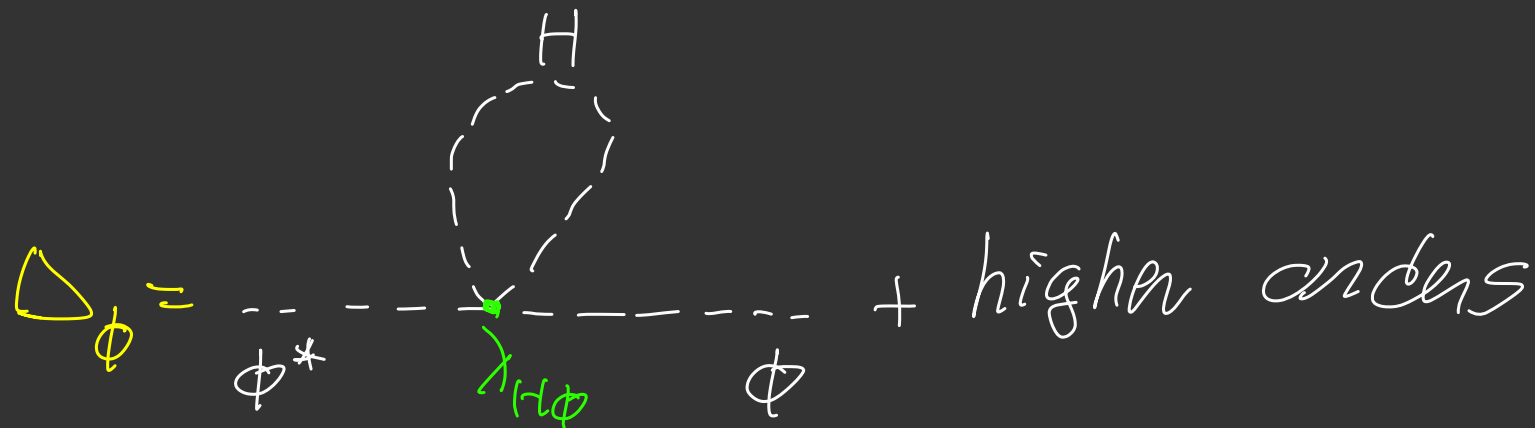
Fine-tuned case  $\leftarrow$  a)  $\mu_\phi^2 \approx -\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{H\phi} v_h^2$

Feebly-interacting case  $\leftarrow$  b)  $\mu_\phi^2$  and  $\lambda_{H\phi}$  are tiny



# QUANTUM CORRECTIONS

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$$M_\phi^2 = m_\phi^2 + \Delta_\phi, \quad \Delta_\phi \sim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \lambda_{H\phi} v_h^2$$

- Quantum corrections push the mass to the Electroweak scale  $v_h$  unless  $\lambda_{H\phi} \ll 1$  (Feebly int.)

- $\Delta\phi$  destroys fine-tuned case and requires a remarkable cancellation to all orders in perturbation theory  $\rightarrow$  often said to be unnatural

How to consistently build an extension to the SM with ultralight bosons?

SYMMETRY PROTECTION

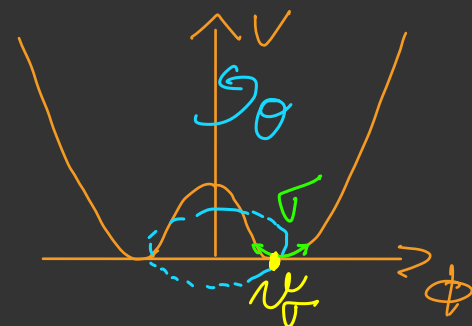
# Case 1 : Continuous global symmetry

$U(1)_G$  example  $\mathcal{L}(\phi) = \mathcal{L}(e^{i\alpha}\phi)$

$$V(H, \phi) = V_0(H^\dagger H) + \mu_\phi^2 \phi^* \phi + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\phi |\phi^* \phi|^2 + \lambda_{H\phi} H^\dagger H \phi^* \phi$$

Radial and angular  
quantum fluctuations  
about the vacuum  $v_\phi$

$$\phi \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{v_\phi} + \rho_\phi) e^{i\theta/v_\phi}$$



SPONTANEOUSLY BREAKS  $U(1)_G$  SYMMETRY

Goldstone's Theorem  $\Rightarrow$  1 massless scalar  
per broken generator

$$m_{\sigma}^2 \neq 0$$

$$m_{\theta}^2 = 0$$

It is typically *conjectured* that continuous global symmetries are marginally violated by quantum gravitational effects Hui, Ostriker, Tremaine, Witten PRD 95, 043541 (2017)

Add an explicitly  $U(1)_G$  breaking term:

$$V(H, \phi) \longrightarrow V(H, \phi) + V_{\text{soft}}, \quad V_{\text{soft}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_s^2 (\phi^2 + \phi^{*2})$$

$$V_{\text{soft}}(\phi e^{i\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2} \mu_s^2 (\phi^2 e^{2i\alpha} + \phi^{*2} e^{-2i\alpha}) \neq V_{\text{soft}}(\phi) \implies \text{Broken } U(1)_G$$

$$V_{\text{soft}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_s^2 (\Gamma + \nu_\Gamma)^2 \cos\left(\frac{2\theta}{\nu_\Gamma}\right)$$

Minimization

$$\mu_\phi^2 = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \nu_\Gamma^2 \lambda_\phi + \nu_h^2 \lambda_{H\phi} + 2\mu_s^2 \cos\left(\frac{2\theta}{\nu_\Gamma}\right) \right], \quad \theta = n\pi\nu_\Gamma, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\Gamma=0} = \mu_s^2 \nu_\Gamma \sin\left(\frac{2\theta}{\nu_\Gamma}\right) = 0$$

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} v_h^2 \lambda_H & v_h v_\sigma \lambda_{H\Phi} & 0 \\ v_h v_\sigma \lambda_{H\Phi} & v_\sigma^2 \lambda_\Phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2\mu_s^2 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow m^2 = \mathcal{O}^T M^2 \mathcal{O} = \text{diag}(m_{h_1}^2, m_{h_d}^2, m_\theta^2)$$

Higgs basis  
 ↓  
 BSM  
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 ultralight

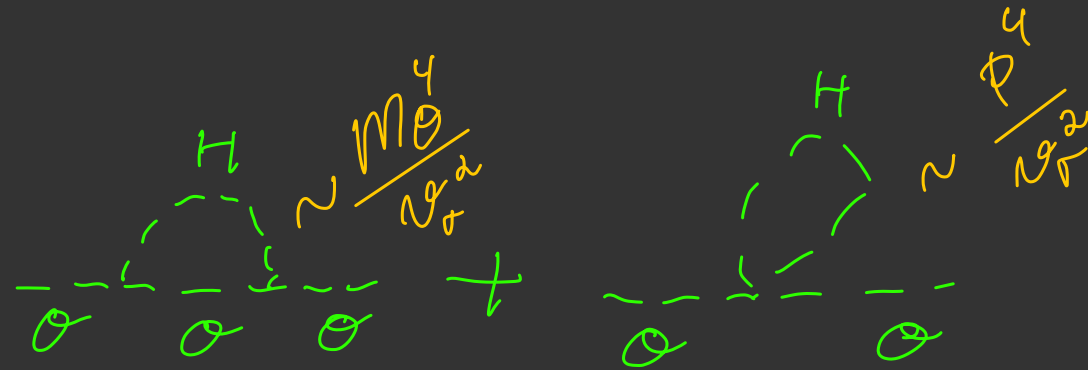
$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ -s_\alpha & c_\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{cases} c_\alpha = \cos\alpha \\ s_\alpha = \sin\alpha \end{cases}, \alpha \rightarrow \text{scalar mixing angle}$$

$$m_{h_{1,2}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ v_h^2 \lambda_H + v_\sigma^2 \lambda_\Phi \pm \sqrt{v_h^4 \lambda_H^2 + v_\sigma^4 \lambda_\Phi^2 + 2 v_h^2 v_\sigma^2 (2 \lambda_{H\Phi}^2 - \lambda_H \lambda_\Phi)} \right]$$

$m_\theta^2 = -2\mu_s^2 \rightarrow$  Pseudo-Goldstone ultralight DM candidate

$h_1, h_d \rightarrow$  Higgs + new visible scalar

# Quantum corrections to the DM mass



corrections calculated at  $\phi = m_0$

scale as  $\Delta_0 \sim \frac{m_0^4}{g_s^2}$  PROTECTED

For ultralight  $\theta$  the marginally violated global symmetry protects  $m_\theta^2$  against large quantum corrections.

self interaction:  $\lambda_{0000} = -\frac{m_\theta^2}{6v_f^2}$   
 $\approx 0$  for  $m_\theta \ll v_f$

$\theta$  is real  $\longrightarrow$  relevant for oscillations

Seidel, Sven PRL 72, 2576-2579 (1994)

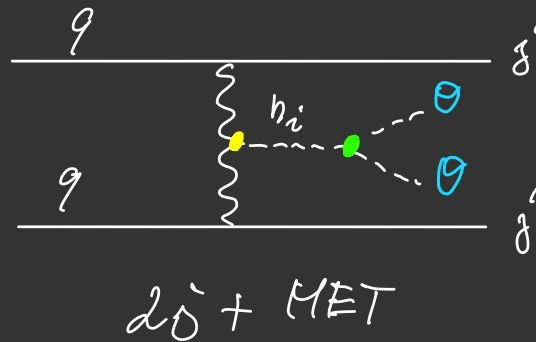
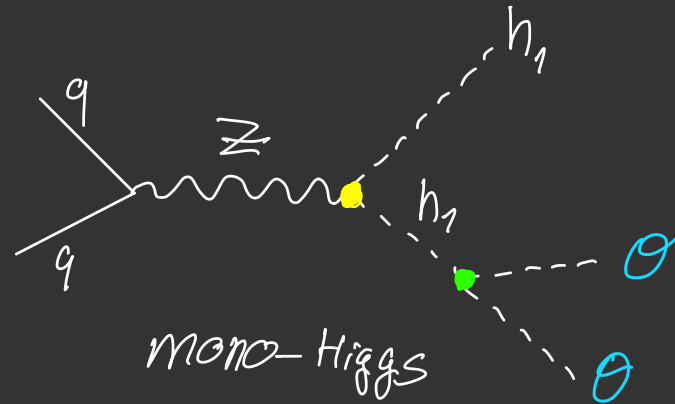
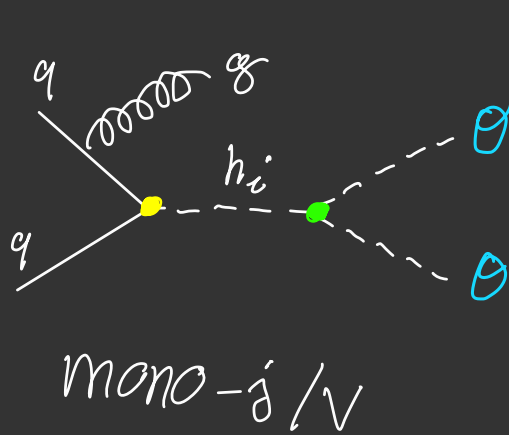


- $\lambda_{\theta\theta h_i} = \frac{M_{h_i}^2}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{2i}$ ,

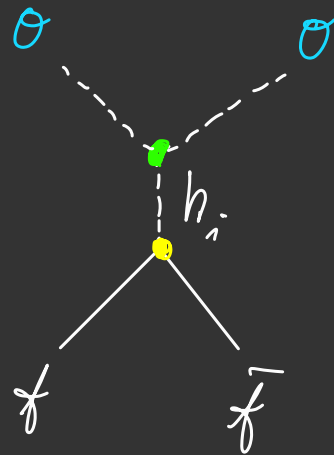
- $\lambda_{h_i-SM-SM} = \mathcal{O}_{1i} g_{SM}$

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & s_\alpha & 0 \\ -s_\alpha & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\theta$  can be produced at collider experiments



or being directly detected

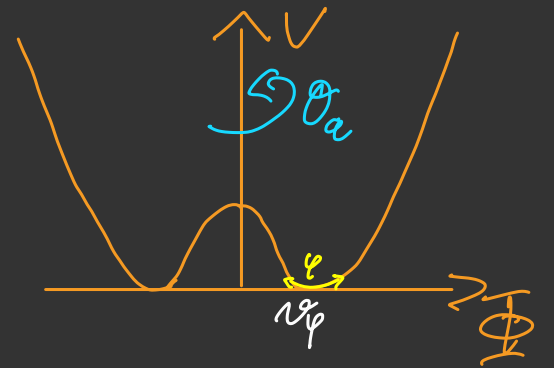


what about a complex scalar?

- Increase the global symmetry

$$SU(2)_G \times U(1)_G$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_\varphi + \varphi \end{pmatrix} e^{i \frac{z^a \theta_a}{v_\varphi}}$$



$z^a \rightarrow$  Pauli matrices  $a = 1, 2, 3$

$\theta_a \rightarrow$  3 Goldstone bosons (angular directions)

$\varphi \rightarrow$  Radial direction fluctuations

The vacuum  $\nu_\psi$  must preserve a Noether charge :  $SU(2)_G \times U(1)_G \longrightarrow U(1)_G$

$$\text{Define : } \mathcal{Y}_\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\pm i\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_0 \equiv \theta_3$$

Expand  $e^{\frac{i}{2} \frac{z^a \theta_a}{\nu_\psi}}$  to obtain  $\underline{\Phi} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \phi_+ \\ \phi_0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Phi_+ \equiv \gamma_+ (12\gamma + \varphi) \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-}}{12\gamma}\right)}{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-}}$$

↳ changed

↳ Neutral

$$\Phi_0 \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (12\gamma + \varphi) \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-}}{12\gamma}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-}}{12\gamma}\right)}{\sqrt{\gamma_0^2 + 2\gamma + \gamma^-}}$$

$$V_{\text{soft}} = \underbrace{\mu_1^2 \phi_- \phi_+}_{\text{Preserves}} + \frac{1}{2} \mu_2^2 (\phi_0^2 + \phi_0^{*2})$$

Preserves  
No other  
change  $U(1)_G$

$$SU(2)_G \times U(1)_G \longrightarrow U(1)_G$$

Expansion for small fields:

$$V_{\text{soft}} \approx -\mu_2^2 \gamma_0^2 + (\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2) \gamma_+ \gamma_-$$

$$+ \frac{2}{3} \frac{\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2}{M_\phi^2} |\gamma_+ \gamma_-|^2 + \frac{1}{3} \frac{\mu_2^2}{M_\phi^2} \gamma_0^4 + \frac{3\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2}{3M_\phi^2} \gamma_+ \gamma_- \gamma_0^2$$

- Model contains a real,  $\gamma_0$ , and a complex,  $(\gamma_{\pm})$ , scalar

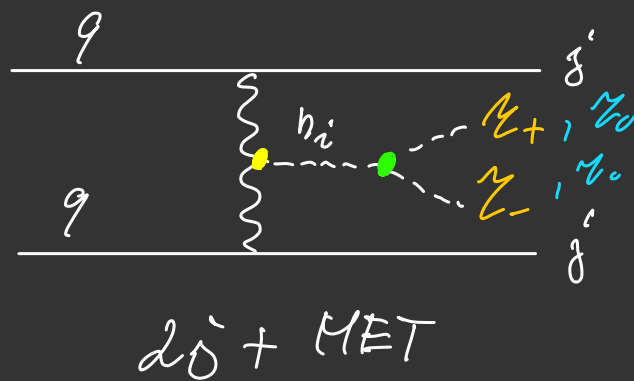
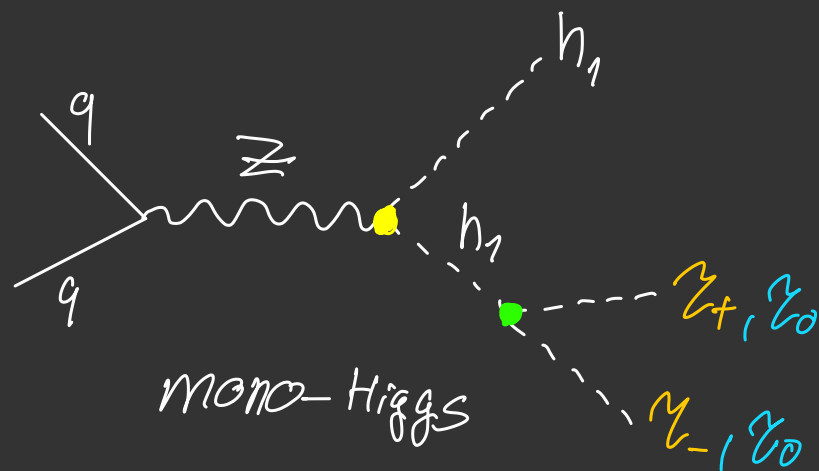
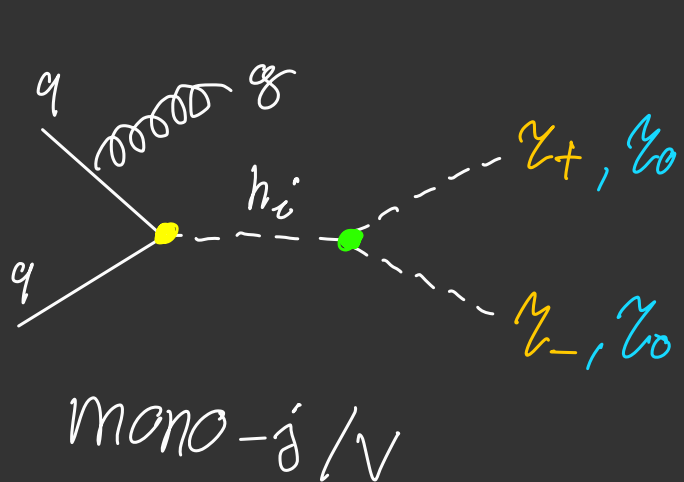
$$m_{\gamma_0}^2 = -2\mu_2^2$$

$$m_{\gamma_{\pm}}^2 = \mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2$$

- One can choose  $\mu_1^2$  and  $\mu_2^2$  such that only  $\gamma_{\pm}$  is of astrophysical relevance

- For  $\mu_1 \gg \mu_2$  theory becomes free

# Production @ colliders



- $\lambda_{h_i \text{SM SM}} = \mathcal{O}_{hi} \mathcal{G}_{SM}$

- $\lambda_{\gamma\gamma h_1} = \lambda_{\gamma+\gamma-h_1} = \frac{m_{h_1}^2}{\Lambda_\varphi} \sin\alpha$

- $\lambda_{\gamma\gamma h_2} = \lambda_{\gamma+\gamma-h_2} = \frac{m_{h_2}^2}{\Lambda_\varphi} \cos\alpha$



# Case 2 : Continuous local abelian symmetry

↳ Gauge symmetry

$U(1)_H$   $\times$   $Z_2$   $\rightarrow$  No  $U(1)_Y \times U(1)_H$  kinetic mixing

*Hidden* (arrow pointing to  $Z_2$ )

$$L_{\text{kin}} \supset \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + (\mathcal{D}_\mu \phi)^* \mathcal{D}^\mu \phi$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + i g_1 B'_\mu, \quad B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B'_\nu - \partial_\nu B'_\mu$$

$$Z_2: B'_\mu \rightarrow -B'_\mu, \quad \phi \rightarrow \phi^* \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$(\partial_\mu - i g_1 B'_\mu) \phi^* (\partial_\nu + i g_1 B'_\nu) \phi g^{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{Z_2}$$

$$(\partial_\mu + i g_1 B'_\mu) \phi (\partial_\nu - i g_1 B'_\nu) \phi^* g^{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{D}^\nu \phi (\mathcal{D}_\nu \phi)^* \quad \square$$

$$\langle (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi \rangle \longrightarrow M_{\mathcal{B}} = \frac{1}{2} g_1^2 \Lambda_\sigma$$

Astrophysical relevant, e.g. Oscillations,

$$\text{if } 10^{-20} \lesssim M_{\mathcal{B}}^2 / \text{eV} \lesssim 10^{-10} \implies$$

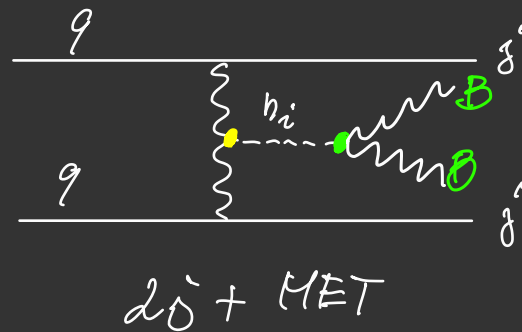
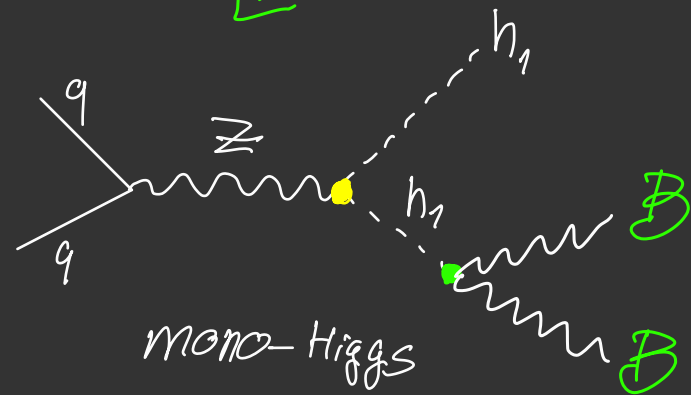
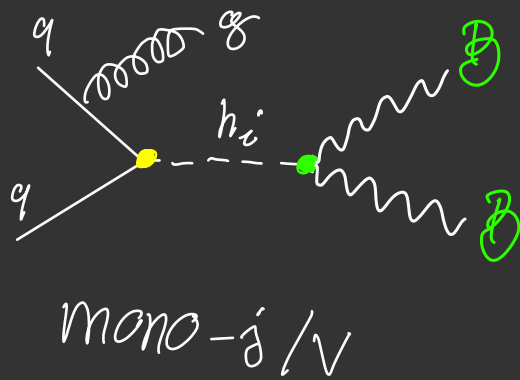
$$10^{-20} \lesssim \frac{g_1^2 \Lambda_\sigma}{2 \text{eV}} \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

Either tiny scale  $\Lambda_\sigma$ , or feebly coupled theory,  
or a combination of both

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}h_i h_j} = 2 g_1' \mathcal{Q}_{2i} \mathcal{Q}_{2j} \quad , \quad \bullet \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}h_i} = 2 M_{\mathcal{B}} g_1' \mathcal{Q}_{2i}$$

If tiny scale  $M_{\mathcal{B}}$  and sizeable  $g_1'$ ,  $h^2 \Omega_{\mathcal{B}}$  depends on the annihilation  $h_2 h_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}\mathcal{B}$

suppressed by  $M_{\mathcal{B}}$



# Case 3 : Continuous local non-abelian symmetry

↳ Gauge symmetry

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 : B'_\mu \rightarrow -B'_\mu, \Phi \rightarrow \Phi^*$$

$$SU(2)_H \times U(1)_H \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$H \rightarrow$  Hidden symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{4} B'_{\mu\nu} B'^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} F'^a_{\mu\nu} F'^{a\mu\nu} + \mathcal{D}_\mu \Phi^* \mathcal{D}^\mu \Phi$$

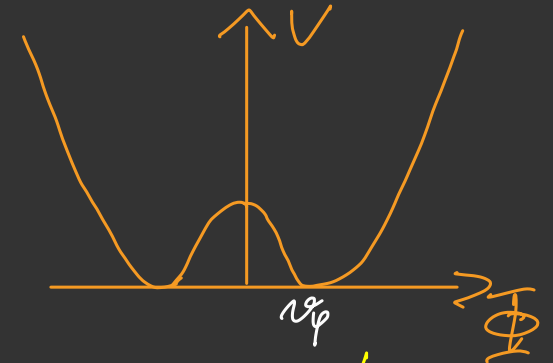
$$\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu \mathbb{1} + ig'_1 B'_\mu \mathbb{1} + ig'_2 \frac{\tau_a}{2} A'^a_\mu$$

$$B'_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B'_\nu - \partial_\nu B'_\mu$$

$$F'^a_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A'^a_\nu - \partial_\nu A'^a_\mu - g_2 \epsilon^{abc} A'^b_\mu A'^c_\nu$$

Ground state of the theory  $\langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_\varphi \end{pmatrix}$

$m_{\gamma_1} = 0 \longrightarrow$  Hidden photon



$m_{B^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} v_\varphi^2 e'^2 \csc(2\theta_w') \longrightarrow$  Real Higgs field

$m_{A^\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{4} v_\varphi^2 e'^2 \csc \theta_w' \longrightarrow$  Complex Higgs field

$g_1' = \frac{e'}{\cos \theta_w'}$ ,  $g_2' = \frac{e'}{\sin \theta_w'}$ ,  $\longrightarrow$  Hidden charge

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma_m' \\ B_m^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta_w' & \cos \theta_w' \\ -\cos \theta_w' & \sin \theta_w' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_m^3 \\ B_m^1 \end{pmatrix}$$

similar to the SM  $\gamma^1 \rightarrow \gamma$ ,  $B^0 \rightarrow Z^0$ ,  $A^\pm \rightarrow W^\pm$

$$m_{B^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} v_\phi^2 e'^2 \csc^2(2\theta_w')$$

$$m_{A^\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{4} v_\phi^2 e'^2 \csc^2\theta_w'$$

ultralight for either  
a) tiny  $v_\phi$  scale  
b) extremely small change  $e'$

$$\text{when } \theta_w' \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \implies m_{B^0}^2 \gg m_{A^\pm}^2$$

→ Only  $A^\pm$  becomes of astrophysical relevance

GW 190521 → PRL 126, 081101 (2021), C. Heide  
et al.

GW 200114 → work ongoing

$$g_{AAAA} = \frac{M_{A^\pm}^2}{v_\phi^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  can become relevant for Proca stars for  $M_{A^\pm} \sim v_\phi$

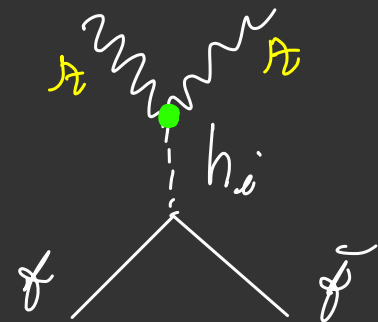
$$g_{AABB} = \frac{M_{A^\pm}^2}{v_\phi^2} C_{S^2} \Theta_{\omega}$$

$$g_{AA h_i h_j} = \frac{M_{A^\pm}^2}{v_\phi^2} \mathcal{O}_{\omega i} \mathcal{O}_{\omega j}$$

$$g_{AA h_i} = 2 M_{A^\pm} \mathcal{O}_{\omega i}$$

If  $M_{A^\pm}^2 \sim v_\phi^2$ ,  $h^2 \Sigma_{A^\pm}$  depends on the annihilation channels  $h_\omega h_\omega \rightarrow A^+ A^-$  and  $BB \rightarrow A^+ A^-$

$M_{A^\pm}$  suppresses collider and direct detection events



Note that :

① For ultralight scalars  $\lambda_{ZZ} h_i = \frac{m_{h_i}^2}{v_\phi} \mathcal{O}_{2i}$

can be sizeable  $\Rightarrow$  collider and direct detection falsifiable

② For ultralight vectors  $g_{AA} h_i = 2 m_A \mathcal{O}_{2i}$

Invisible at colliders and direct detection exp.



# Conclusions

- Simple extensions of the SM can provide ultralight bosons
- Construction upon symmetry arguments is well formulated and stable against quantum effects
- Possible to constrain/test in multiple channels

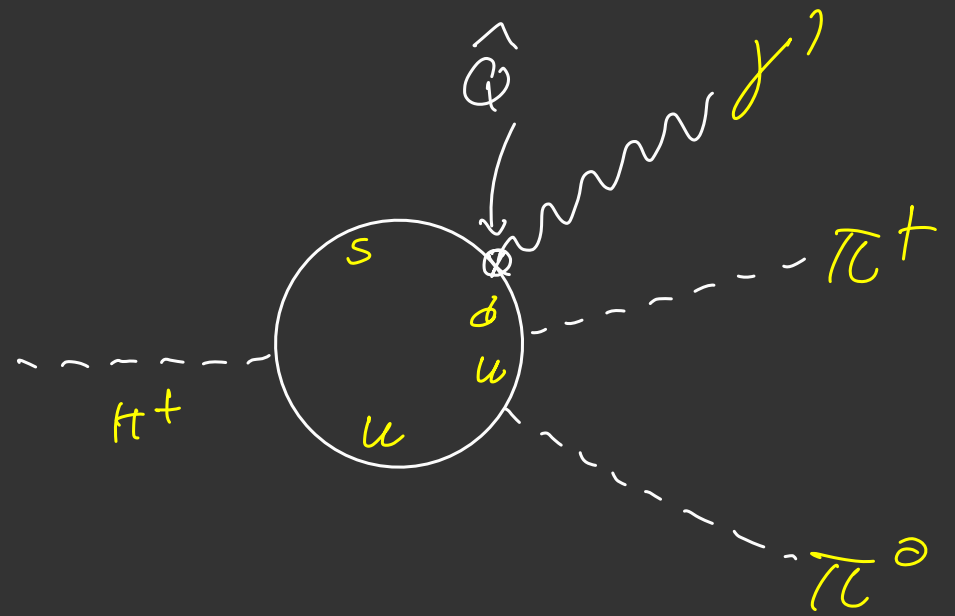
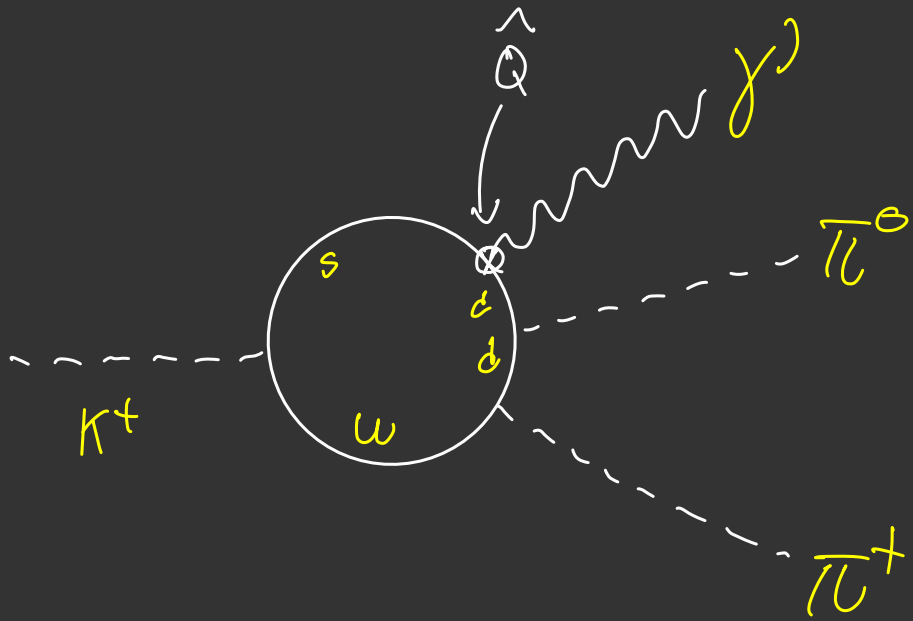
- First list of HEP models proposed in 2107.09493 [hep-ph]

Model	Symmetry	Complex Vectors	Real Vectors	Complex Scalars	Real Scalars	Masses	Self Interactions
①	Global $U(1)_G$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\theta, h_2$	(30)	(35) (36) (37)
2	Global $U(1)_G \times U(1)_{G'}$	$\times$	$\times$	$\eta$	$h_2, h_3$	(51) (54)	(57) (A1) (A2)
③	Global $SU(2)_G \times U(1)_G$	$\times$	$\times$	$\eta^\pm$	$\theta_3, h_2$	(68) (69) (70)	(67) (73) (74)
④	Local $U(1)_H$	$\times$	$B$	$\times$	$h_2$	(76)	(77)
⑤	Local $SU(2)_H \times U(1)_H$	$\mathcal{A}^\pm$	$B, \gamma'$	$\times$	$h_2$	(87)	(88) (89) (90)

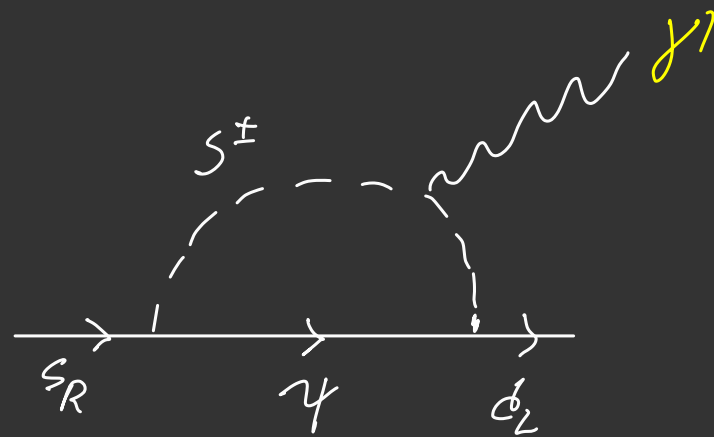
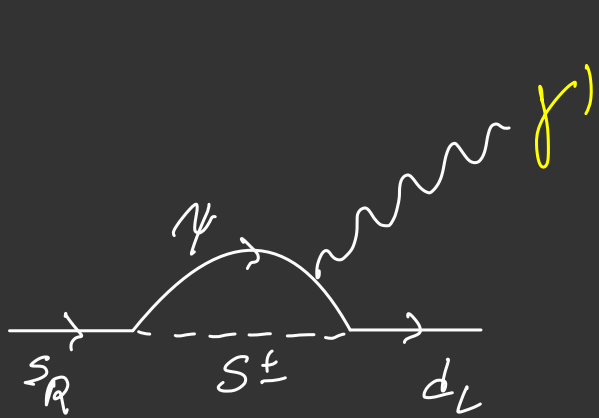
Thank you

# Hidden Photon Searches in Kaon Physics

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$\hat{Q} \rightarrow$  dipole operator



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