

Theory and Phenomenology of Axion-Meson Interactions

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- Dark matter candidates!

- **Motivation**

- Effects of ALPs in low energy QCD
- Formalism of axion-meson interaction

- **Objectives**

- Axio-hadronic decays: $\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi a$
- Study of axion-meson interactions in the early universe
 - $\pi\pi \leftrightarrow \pi a$
 - $K\pi \leftrightarrow Ka$

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Equivalent ALP Lagrangian:

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Small angle dependence:

$$\theta_{\pi\eta^{(\prime)}} \propto \varepsilon(m_u - m_d) \sim 0.01, \quad \theta_{aP} \propto \frac{F}{f_a} \ll 1$$

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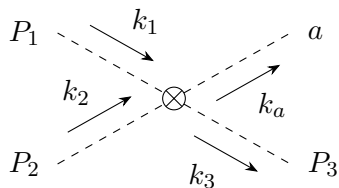
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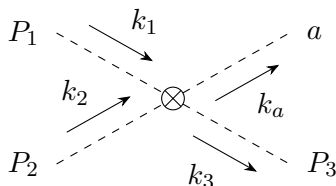
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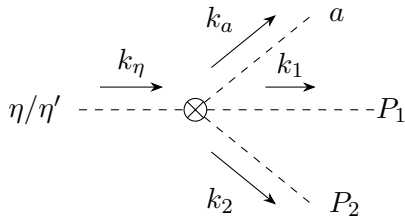


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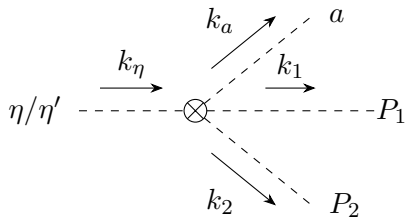


$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A} = & c_{s4}^P \gamma_{aP} + \frac{c_{s3}}{f_a} + \left(\frac{c_{ax}^{aP_1}}{f_a} + c_D^{aP_1;P} \gamma_{aP} \right) (k_a \cdot k_1) + \\
 & + \left(\frac{c_{ax}^{aP_2}}{f_a} + c_D^{aP_2;P} \gamma_{aP} \right) (k_a \cdot k_2) - \left(\frac{c_{ax}^{aP_3}}{f_a} + c_D^{aP_3;P} \gamma_{aP} \right) (k_a \cdot k_3) - \\
 & - c_D^{P_1P_2;P} \gamma_{aP} (k_1 \cdot k_2) + c_D^{P_1P_3;P} \gamma_{aP} (k_1 \cdot k_3) + c_D^{P_2P_3;P} \gamma_{aP} (k_2 \cdot k_3)
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- **Outlook**

- Beyond LO (χ PT@NLO, resonances, FSI...)
- Application of this framework to cosmological problems
- Axion search with phenomenological η/η' decay analysis ($\eta \rightarrow \pi\pi l^+ l^-, \dots$)

BACK UP SLIDES

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$$\Lambda(a, a) = 1$$

Decays of interest for axion searches

ALP-lepton and ALP-photon terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{ALP} \supset -\frac{\partial^\mu a}{2f_a} \bar{l} c_l \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l - \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{\alpha_{em}}{8\pi} \tilde{c}_\gamma F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

η/η' decays of interest:

$$\eta/\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi a^* \rightarrow \pi\pi\gamma\gamma$$

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$$\eta' \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- a^* \rightarrow 2(\pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^0$$

Four-field Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{LO}^{(4)} = & -\frac{1}{48F^2} \langle [\Phi, \partial_\mu \Phi][\Phi, \partial^\mu \Phi] \rangle + \frac{B_0}{24F^2} \langle \mathcal{M} \Phi^4 \rangle - \\ & - \frac{B_0}{6F f_a} \frac{a}{\langle \mathcal{M}^{-1} \rangle} \langle \Phi^3 \rangle - \frac{1}{12F f_a} (\partial_\mu a) \langle \bar{c} [\Phi, [\Phi, \partial^\mu \Phi]] \rangle + \\ & + \frac{B_0}{4f_a^2} \frac{a^2}{\langle \mathcal{M}^{-1} \rangle^2} \langle \mathcal{M}^{-1} \Phi^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{16f_a^2} (\partial_\mu a) (\partial^\mu a) \langle [\bar{c}, \Phi][\bar{c}, \Phi] \rangle + \\ & + \frac{B_0 F}{6f_a^3} \frac{a^3}{\langle \mathcal{M}^{-1} \rangle^3} \langle (\mathcal{M}^{-1})^2 \Phi \rangle + \frac{B_0 F^2}{24f_a^4} \frac{a^4}{\langle \mathcal{M}^{-1} \rangle^4} \langle (\mathcal{M}^{-1})^3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Commutator structure of kinetic terms!

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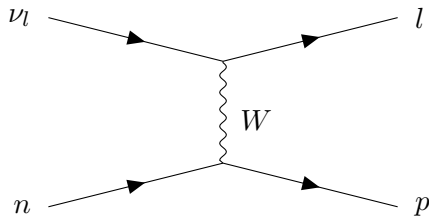
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Interacción elástica neutrino-nucleón

$$\nu_l + n \longrightarrow l + p$$



Límite elástico: $|Q^2| \ll M_W^2$

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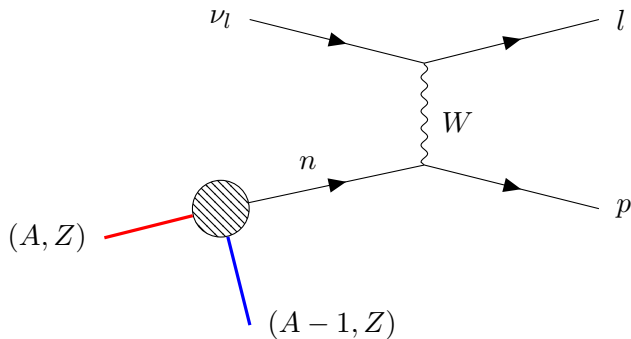
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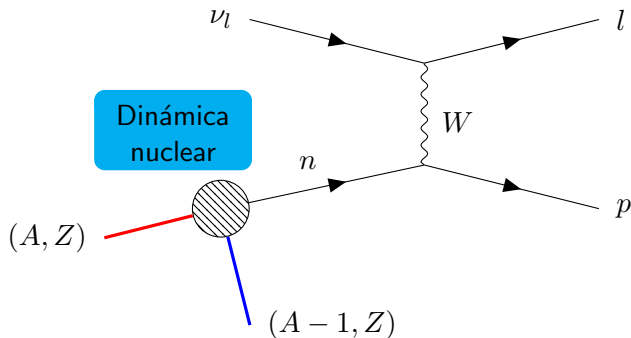
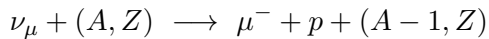
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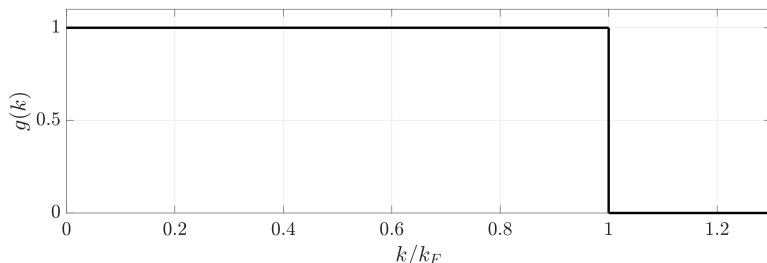
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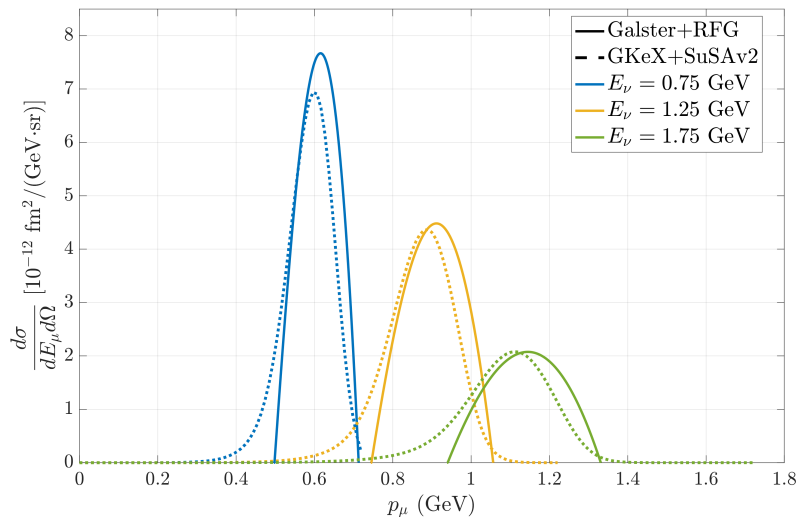
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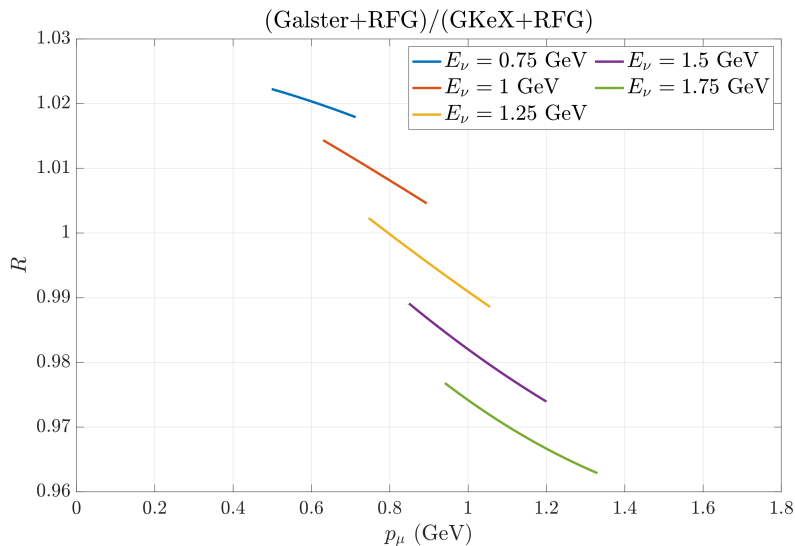
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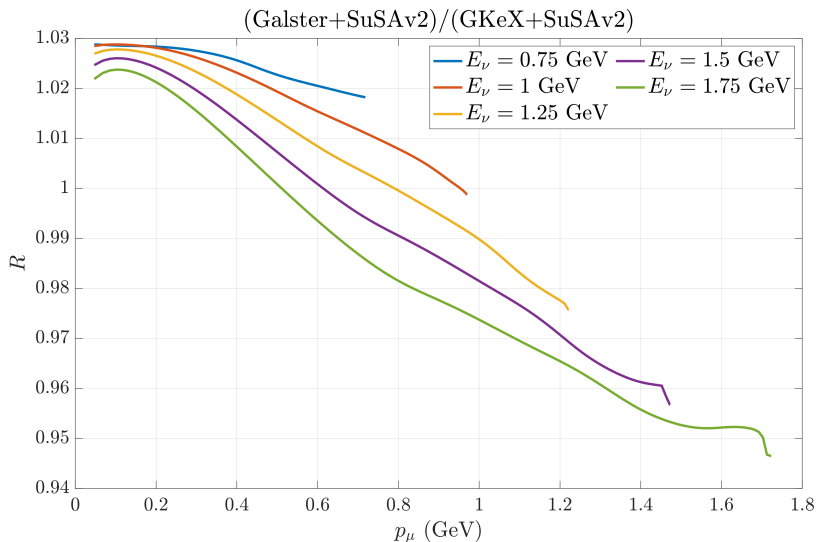
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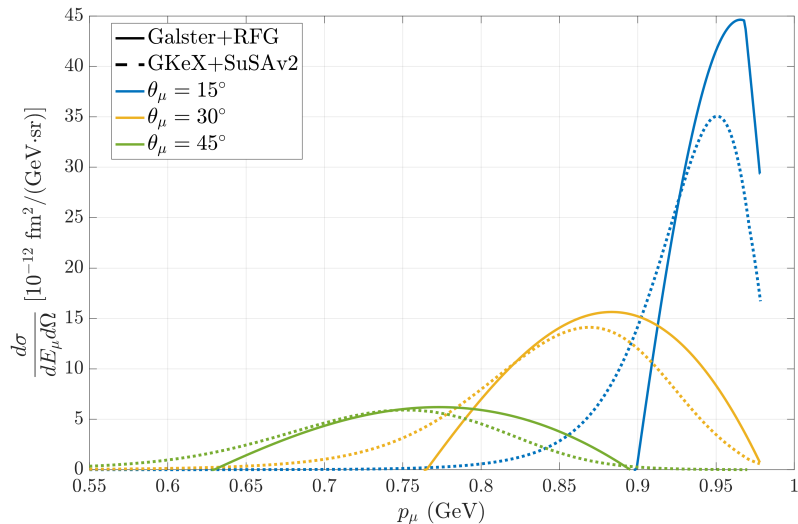
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