



# Probing Axion-Like Particles and Neutral Triple Gauge Couplings at the CEPC

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#### • Evidences for physics beyond the Standard Model

- Dark matter, Baryon asymmetry, Neutrino masses, Dark energy, ...
- Hierarchy/Naturalness/Fine tuning problem

• We haven't found any new particles!



• Build an even larger collider  $\rightarrow$  go to high energy  $\rightarrow$  discover new particles!

#### (No guaranteed discovery!)

• Do precision measurements  $\rightarrow$  discover new physics indirectly!

How to look for new physics?

#### How do we interpret the measurement results?



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#### Properties of axion-like particles (ALPs)

- QCD axions: PecceiQuinn mechanism to solve "strong-CP"
- ALP: generalizations of QCD axions

- CP-odd neutral pseudoscalars
- Parameters: masses & couplings

Dimension-5  
operators :  
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{D \leq 5} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_{\mu} a \right) \left( \partial^{\mu} a \right) - \frac{M_{a}^{2}}{2} a^{2} + \frac{\partial^{\mu} a}{\Lambda} \sum_{F} \bar{\psi}_{F} C_{F} \gamma_{\mu} \psi_{F} + g_{s}^{2} C_{GG} \frac{a}{\Lambda} G_{\mu\nu}^{A} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu,A} + g^{2} C_{WW} \frac{a}{\Lambda} W_{\mu\nu}^{A} \tilde{W}^{\mu\nu,A} + g'^{2} C_{BB} \frac{a}{\Lambda} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu}$$

After electroweak symmetry breaking:

#### Constraints on the effective couplings of ALPs



Existing constraints on the ALP-photon coupling (left) and ALP-W coupling (right)

#### Constraints on the effective couplings of ALPs



Existing constraints on the ALP-electron coupling (left) and ALP-muon coupling (right)

## ALPs in Light by Light (LBL) Scattering

 $\gamma/z$ 

 $\gamma$ 

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The typical diagrams for the background





#### H.Y.Zhang, C.X.Yue, YCG, S.Yang, Phys. Rev. D (2021)



## ALPs in Light by Light (LBL) Scattering





The sensitivities of the CEPC

The 95% C.L. exclusion regions on the ALP couplings

• The Feynman diagrams for the process of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow a\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$ 

H.Wang, C.X.Yue, YCG, et. al. J. Phys. G (2022)



#### **ALPs in Tri-Photon Production**

Basic cuts: 
$$p_T^{\gamma} > 10$$
 GeV,  $|\eta_{\gamma}| < 2.5$ ,  $\Delta R_{\gamma\gamma} > 0.2$ 



low mass ALP  $\longrightarrow \gamma_2 \gamma_3$ 

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0.04 0.06 0.5  $m_a = 40 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 80 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 120 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 140 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 160 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 200 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 80 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 80 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 120 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 120 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 140 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 160 \text{ GeV}$   $m_a = 200 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 120 \text{ GeV}$ 0.45 0.035  $m_a = 120 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 140 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 160 \text{ GeV}$  $m_a = 200 \text{ GeV}$ 0.05 0.4 · · · background ..... background  $\dots$  background( $m_{\gamma_0\gamma_0}$ 0.03 background( $m_{\gamma}$ 0.35  $background(m_{\gamma})$ Events $E_{vents}$ Events0.3 Normalized 0.03 0.25 *Normalized* 0.15 0.01 0.1 0.01 0.005 0.05 0∟ -3 -2 0 2 3 50 100 150 200 250 50 100 150 200 250 -1 0 1  $\eta_{\gamma_1}$  $E_T$  (GeV)  $m_{\gamma\gamma}$  (GeV) high mass ALP  $\longrightarrow \gamma_1 \gamma_2$ 

Normalized distributions of  $\eta_{\gamma_1}, E_T, m_{\gamma\gamma}$ 

#### **ALPs in Tri-Photon Production**



Left: The  $3\sigma$  and  $5\sigma$  curves for the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow a\gamma \rightarrow 3\gamma$  in the  $m_a$  -  $g_{a\gamma\gamma}$  plane

Right: The promising sensitivities as  $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \in [0.0325, 0.37]$ GeV<sup>-1</sup> with  $m_a \in [2.9, 190]$  GeV at  $2\sigma$  level



 $3\sigma$  and  $5\sigma$  discovery curves for the Z factory with  $lab^{-1}$  integrated luminosity in the planes  $m_a - g_{aZZ}(g_{a\gamma Z})$ 

### ALPs in the decay $Z \rightarrow af\bar{f}$



Sensitivity bounds on  $g_{aZZ}$  (left) and  $g_{a\gamma Z}$  (right) at 95% C.L. from exotic Z decays and other current exclusion regions.

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The Feynman diagrams for the process of  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu} a (\rightarrow f \bar{f})$ 

C.X.Yue, H.Wang, Y.Q.Wang, Phys. Lett. B (2024)



The production cross sections of the W + W – fusion processes for two decay channel

ALPs in Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



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### Dimension-8 Operators affecting nTGC

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{i} \frac{C_{6i}}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{6i} + \sum_{j} \frac{C_{8j}}{\Lambda^4} \mathcal{O}_{8j} + \cdots$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{nTGC} = \frac{\text{sign}(c_{\tilde{B}W})}{\Lambda_{\tilde{B}W}^4} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{B}W} + \frac{\text{sign}(c_{\tilde{B}\tilde{W}})}{\Lambda_{\tilde{B}\tilde{W}}^4} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{B}\tilde{W}} + \frac{\text{sign}(c_{\tilde{W}W})}{\Lambda_{\tilde{W}W}^4} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}W} + \frac{\text{sign}(c_{\tilde{B}B})}{\Lambda_{\tilde{B}B}^4} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{B}B},$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{B}W} &= i H^{\dagger} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\rho} \left\{ D_{\rho}, D^{\nu} \right\} H + h.c., \\ \mathcal{O}_{B\tilde{W}} &= i H^{\dagger} B_{\mu\nu} \tilde{W}^{\mu\rho} \left\{ D_{\rho}, D^{\nu} \right\} H + h.c., \\ \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{W}W} &= i H^{\dagger} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\rho} \left\{ D_{\rho}, D^{\nu} \right\} H + h.c., \\ \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{B}B} &= i H^{\dagger} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\rho} \left\{ D_{\rho}, D^{\nu} \right\} H + h.c., \end{split}$$

[C. Degrande, J. High Energy Phys. 02 (2014) 101]

The nTGCs provide a unique window to the BSM because they can arise from SMEFT operators only at the level of dim-8 or higher.

## Diboson productions (ZA)



|            | S BW H           | 3 W          | 1           | 5             |                 |
|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| $S_{stat}$ | $\sqrt{s}$ (GeV) |              |             |               |                 |
|            | 250              | 500          | 1000        | 3000          | 5000            |
| 2          | [-25.7, 85.4]    | [-5.2, 8.7]  | [-1.0, 1.2] | [-0.12, 0.12] | [-0.054, 0.056] |
| 3          | [-34.9, 94.6]    | [-6.7, 10.2] | [-1.3, 1.5] | [-0.15, 0.15] | [-0.067, 0.069] |
| 5          | [-50.1, 109.8]   | [-9.0, 12.5] | [-1.7, 1.9] | [-0.19, 0.19] | [-0.088, 0.090] |

| The expected constraints on sign( $c_{\tilde{B}W}$ )/ $\Lambda_{\tilde{B}W}^4$ | $(\text{TeV}^{-4})$ at $\mathcal{L} = 2 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ | for hadronic Z decays |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
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|------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
|            | 250 G            | 500          | 1000         | 3000            | 5000            |  |
| 2          | [-10.5, 76.9]    | [-1.0, 14.8] | [-0.35, 1.3] | [-0.030, 0.064] | [-0.013, 0.013] |  |
| 3          | [-14.9, 81.3]    | [-1.5, 15.2] | [-0.48, 1.4] | [-0.040, 0.074] | [-0.016, 0.016] |  |
| 5          | [-22.7, 89.1]    | [-2.3, 16.1] | [-0.69, 1.6] | [-0.055, 0.089] | [-0.020, 0.020] |  |



(c)



## Diboson productions (ZA)

Unitary bounds can constrain operators directly for diboson production



The unitarity bounds tell us the minimum integrated luminosity required to study nTGC and aQGC

## Machine Learning: Anomaly detection



[1807.10261, 1808.08979, 1808.08992, 1811.10276, 1903.02032, 1912.10625, 2004.09360, 2006.05432, 2007.01850, 2007.15830, 2010.07940, 2102.08390, 2104.09051, 2105.07988, 2105.10427, 2105.09274, 2106.10164, 2108,03986, 2109.10919, 2110.06948, 2112.04958, 2203.01343,2206.14225, 2303.14134, 2304.03836, 2306.03637, 2308.02671, 2309.10157, 2309.13111, ... ]



#### **Overdensity detection**

- Analogous to the traditional bump hunting
- Searching for new physics effect of interference term dominate



[1805.02664, 1806.02350, 1902.02634, 1912.12155, 2001.05001, 2001.04990, 2012.11638, 2106.10164, 2109.00546, 2202.00686, 2203.09470, 2208.05484, 2210.14924, 2212.11285, 2305.04646, 2305.15179, 2306.03933, 2307.11157, 2309.12918, 2310.06897, 2310.13057, ....]

# Nested IF (NIF)



Nested Isolation Forest (NIF) :

- ✓ Interference effects dominate
- Training data set: SM data is used to establish the reference value of anomaly distribution
- ✓ Calculate the change in the anomaly score:  $\Delta a^i = a^i_{data} - a^i_{SM}$

NIF can identify the signals that overlap with the background through the distribution density

#### Search for nTGC by NIF in $e^+e^- \rightarrow Z\gamma$



Left: Cross section obtained by kinematic analysis and NIF algorithm (function of  $f_{\tilde{B}W}$ ) Right: The effect of NIF algorithm with different conditions

## Diboson productions (ZZ)





$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\rm pol}^{\rm SM}(ZZ) &= -\left(16\left(c_W^2 - 1\right)^2\left(P_{e^+} + 1\right)\left(P_{e^-} - 1\right)s_W^4 + \left(1 - 2c_W^2\right)^4\left(P_{e^+} - 1\right)\left(P_{e^-} + 1\right)\right) \\ &\times \frac{e^4\sqrt{s - 4M_Z^2}\left(\sqrt{s}\left(s - 2M_Z^2\right)\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s} + \left(4M_Z^4 + s^2\right)\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{2M_Z^2 - s}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s}}\right)\right)}{128\pi c_W^4 s^2 s_W^4\left(2M_Z^2 - s\right)\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s}}, \\ \sigma_{\rm pol}^{\rm int}(ZZ) &= \left(4\left(c_W^2 - 1\right)\left(P_{e^+} + 1\right)\left(P_{e^-} - 1\right)s_W^2 + \left(1 - 2c_W^2\right)^2\left(P_{e^+} - 1\right)\left(P_{e^-} + 1\right)\right) \\ &\times \frac{e^2M_Z^2\sqrt{s - 4M_Z^2}\left(\sqrt{s}\left(2M_Z^2 + s\right)\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s} + 4M_Z^2\left(s - M_Z^2\right)\cot^{-1}\left(\frac{2M_Z^2 - s}{\sqrt{s}\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s}}\right)\right)}{32\pi\Lambda_{\bar{B}W}^4 c_W s^2 s_W\sqrt{4M_Z^2 - s}}, \\ \sigma_{\rm pol}^{\rm nTGC}(ZZ) &= -\frac{c_W^2M_Z^2 s_W^2\left(s - 4M_Z^2\right)^{\frac{5}{2}}\left(P_{e^-} P_{e^+} - 1\right)}{24\pi\Lambda_{\bar{B}W}^8}. \end{split}$$

Y.-C. Guo, C.J.Pan, M.Q.Ruan & J.C.Yang, to be uploaded to arXiv.org

#### Effect of initial beam polarization at e+e- Colliders



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$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{stat}} = \sqrt{2\left[\left(N_{\text{bg}} + N_s\right)\ln(1 + N_s/N_{\text{bg}}) - N_s\right]}$$

**Table 5**: The expected constraints on  $\operatorname{sign}(c_{\tilde{B}W})/\Lambda_{\tilde{B}W}^4$  (TeV<sup>-4</sup>) for  $e^+e^- \to 2\ell 2\ell'$  at each energy point of CEPC, ILC and CLIC with corresponding design luminosities.

|  | $S_{stat}$ - | $\sqrt{s}$ (GeV) |               |               |                 |  |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
|  |              | 250              | 500           | 1000          | 3000            |  |
|  | 2            | [-10.2, 96.2]    | [-5.5, 13.3]  | [-0.84, 1.26] | [-0.066, 0.074] |  |
|  | 3            | [-14.7, 100.7]   | [-7.4, 15.3]  | [-1.10, 1.52] | [-0.084, 0.092] |  |
|  | 5            | [-22.8, 108.7]   | [-10.9, 18.6] | [-1.56, 1.98] | [-0.115, 0.123] |  |

•  $ee \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 2l \ 2l'$ •  $ee \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4j$ •  $ee \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow lljj$ •  $ee \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llv\bar{v}$ •  $ee \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow llv\bar{v}$ 

Combine on the Coefficients for different Channels of Z Decays

| S          | $\sqrt{s} \; (\text{GeV})$ |               |               |                   |  |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
| $O_{stat}$ | 250                        | 500           | 1000          | 3000              |  |
| 2          | [-4.1, 4.7]                | [-0.58, 0.59] | [-0.12, 0.20] | [-0.0032, 0.0036] |  |
| 3          | [-6.0, 7.2]                | [-0.80, 0.81] | [-0.16, 0.25] | [-0.0040, 0.0044] |  |
| 5          | [-9.2, 11.2]               | [-1.15, 1.17] | [-0.22, 0.32] | [-0.0054, 0.0058] |  |

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# Summary

- ALP appears naturally in broad extensions of the SM. The CEPC can complement LHC measurements of ALP coupling to SM particles.
- Search for new physics indirectly as well as directly. nTGCs provide windows of opportunity for probing indirectly possible physics BSM
- Polarized beams optimize measurement of coupling to axion-like particles, as well as nTGCs.
- Testing entanglement and Bell inequalities in di-boson production can bring new opportunities to CEPC



# Back up

# Isolation Forest (IF)



Dim-2 data for example, NP and SM background

■ IF : "Few and different" anomaly event New physics signal

Anomaly score a : quantify the distance of the data point from the center point of all events

F. T. Liu, K. M. Ting and Z. Zhou, *Isolation forest*, in 2008 Eighth IEEE International Conference on Data Mining, pp. 413–422, 2008, DOI.

#### Isolation tree

- Randomly choose a undivided leaf
- Randomly choose a dimension
- Divide
- Repeat until every node is either

partitioned.





# Tree -> Forest

• Isolation tree:



Isolation forest:





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