# Solving the Strong CP Problem with Horizontal Gauge Symmetry

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## Problem to solve

 The quantity defined as θ\*= θ<sub>0</sub> + Arg [det M<sup>u</sup>M<sup>d</sup>] is invariant under phase rotation of fermions

- Neutron electric dipole moment (NEDM) from  $\chi$ PT: d<sub>n</sub> = 3.6 x 10<sup>-16</sup>  $\theta^*$  (e cm)
- Experimental constraint on NEDM:  $d_n < 3 \ge 10^{-26}$  (e cm)
- Constraint on  $\theta^* < 10^{-10}$

## Problem to solve

- Any reasonable explanation for the smallness?
- For p<<1, if certain additional symmetries are restored or enhanced in the limit p → 0, then the smallness is understood to be natural

G. 't Hooft (1980)

- CP is not restored for  $\theta^* \rightarrow 0$  due to  $\delta_{KM} \sim O(1)$
- No reason for  $\theta^*$  to be small...
- How can we understand this unnatural smallness provided it is a finite non-zero value?

## Model (spontaneous CP violation)

- CP transformation → exact symmetry in a full theory
- Attribute the origin of CP violation in both strong and weak sector to complex VEVs of complex scalars
   A. Nelson (1984), S. Barr (1984)

 $\mathscr{L} = a_1 \mathscr{O}_1 + a_2 \mathscr{O}_2 + \dots, a_i \in \mathbb{R}$  $\theta_0 = 0, \, \mathscr{M}_f \in \mathbb{R} \to \theta^* = 0$ 

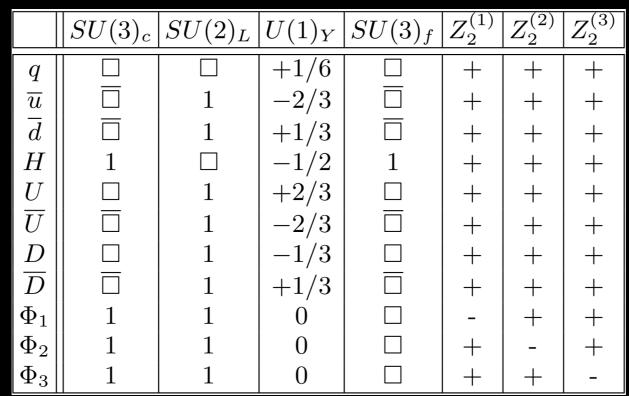
 $\Lambda_{CP} \quad \langle \varphi \rangle = \upsilon \in \mathbb{C} \\ \delta_{\mathcal{M}_{f}} \in \mathbb{C} \to \theta^{*} \neq 0$ 

## Model (a suspicion)

- In a SCPV solution, non-zero  $\theta^*$  and  $\delta_{KM}$  are originated from the same source ( $\langle \varphi \rangle = v \in \mathbb{C}$ )
- δ<sub>KM</sub> has something to do with quark-Higgs Yukawa
- Yukawa has the unexplained hierarchical structure
- A sensible suspicion might be that non-zero θ\* and the Yukawa structure stem from a common origin → hierarchical VEVs of complex scalars?

## Model (basic framework)

- Symmetry group of the model
  - : G<sub>SM</sub> x SU(3)<sub>F</sub> x  $Z_{2,(1)}$  x  $Z_{2,(2)}$  x  $Z_{2,(3)}$  x CP
- Particle contents
  - : SM particles
  - + SU(3)<sub>F</sub> triplet Dirac fermions  $\psi^{u}$ ,  $\psi^{d}$
  - + three SU(3)<sub>F</sub> triplet complex scalars



## Model (scalar vev)

• Without loss of generality, we may write down

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\X_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\Y_2\\X_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_3 = \begin{bmatrix} Z_3\\Y_3\\X_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $X_1,\,Y_2\in\mathbb{R}$  and the rest is complex

- Assume a scalar dynamics such that  $|\Phi_1| > |\Phi_2| > |\Phi_3|$  is achieved.
- Sequential breaking of SU(3)<sub>F</sub> may explain the hierarchy in Yukawa structure.

### Model (tree and renormalizable level)

• Yukawa sector in the model at the tree and renormalizable level

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} = \mathcal{L}_q + \mathcal{L}_Q + \mathcal{L}_{qQ}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_q = a^u H^{\dagger} q_{\alpha} \overline{u}_{\alpha} + a^d H q_{\alpha} \overline{d}_{\alpha} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Q = M^U U_\alpha \overline{U}_\alpha + M^D D_\alpha \overline{D}_\alpha + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{qQ} = b^u H^{\dagger} q_{\alpha} \overline{U}_{\alpha} + b^d H q_{\alpha} \overline{D}_{\alpha} + \text{h.c.}$$

### Model (tree and renormalizable level)

• Fermion mass matrix (6 x 6)

$$\mathcal{M}^{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11}^{u} & \mathcal{M}_{12}^{u} \\ \mathcal{M}_{21}^{u} & \mathcal{M}_{22}^{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^{u}H_{0}^{*}I_{3\times3} & b^{u}H_{0}^{*}I_{3\times3} \\ 0 & M^{U}I_{3\times3} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathcal{M}^{d} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11}^{d} & \mathcal{M}_{12}^{d} \\ \mathcal{M}_{21}^{d} & \mathcal{M}_{22}^{d} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a^{d}H_{0}I_{3\times3} & b^{d}H_{0}I_{3\times3} \\ 0 & M^{D}I_{3\times3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant (four 3 x 3 block matrices)

$$\det \mathcal{M} = [\det \mathcal{M}_{11}] [\det (\mathcal{M}_{22} - \mathcal{M}_{21} \mathcal{M}_{11}^{-1} \mathcal{M}_{12})]$$

$$= [\det \mathcal{M}_{22}] [\det (\mathcal{M}_{11} - \mathcal{M}_{12} \mathcal{M}_{22}^{-1} \mathcal{M}_{21})]$$

• Up to this point,  $\theta^* = \text{Arg}[\text{det}M^uM^d] = 0$ 

## Model (corrections to $\theta^*$ )

- On acquisition of VEVs of Φ<sub>i</sub>s, CP and SU(3)<sub>F</sub> are spontaneously broken → there arise complex corrections to θ<sup>\*</sup> (via corrections to mass matrix)
- Corrections of two kinds can be considered
  : higher dimensional operators
  + radiative corrections
- In SM, non-zero contribution to  $\beta$ -function for  $\theta^*$ starts from 7-loop order J. Ellis, M. Gaillard (1979)
- RG flow for θ\* may be neglected up to Λ<sub>UV</sub> of the theory → apply constraint θ\* <10<sup>-10</sup> to the energy scale ~ <φ>

### Model (higher dimensional operators)

- Higher dimensional operators cause  $det M^{u}M^{d} \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\delta \theta^{*} \neq 0$
- Dangerous contributions come from dim 7 operators

$$\mathcal{O}_{21}^{(u,7)} \ni \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} c_{1,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma i} \Phi_{\alpha j}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta j}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{u}_{\beta}$$
$$+ \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} c_{2,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma j} \Phi_{\alpha i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta j}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{u}_{\beta}$$
$$+ \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} c_{3,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma j} \Phi_{\alpha j}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta i}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{u}_{\beta}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{22}^{(u,7)} \ni \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} d_{1,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma i} \Phi_{\alpha j}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta j}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{U}_{\beta} + \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} d_{2,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma j} \Phi_{\alpha i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta j}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{U}_{\beta} + \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} d_{3,ij}^{(u,7)} \frac{\Phi_{\gamma i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\gamma j} \Phi_{\alpha j}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta i}}{M_{P}^{3}} U_{\alpha} \overline{U}_{\beta}$$

Model (higher dimensional operators)

Mass matrix with higher dim-op's corrections

$$\mathcal{M}^{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11}^{u} & \mathcal{M}_{12}^{u} \\ \mathcal{M}_{21}^{u} & \mathcal{M}_{22}^{u} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} a^{u}H_{0}^{*}I_{3\times3} + \mathcal{O}_{11}^{(u,6)} & b^{u}H_{0}^{*}I_{3\times3} + \mathcal{O}_{12}^{(u,6)} \\ \mathcal{O}_{21}^{(u,5)} + \mathcal{O}_{21}^{(u,7)} & M^{U}I_{3\times3} + \mathcal{O}_{22}^{(u,5)} + \mathcal{O}_{22}^{(u,7)} \end{bmatrix}$$

• Evaluation of  $\theta^*$ 

$$\delta\overline{\theta} \sim \frac{c_{2,i=1,j=2}^{(q,7)}}{c_2^{(q,5)}} \frac{|X_2|^2}{M_P^2} \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

e.g., for P=0 and -2,  $X_2 < 10^{13}$  and  $10^{14}$ GeV respectively (c-ratios =  $10^{P}$ )

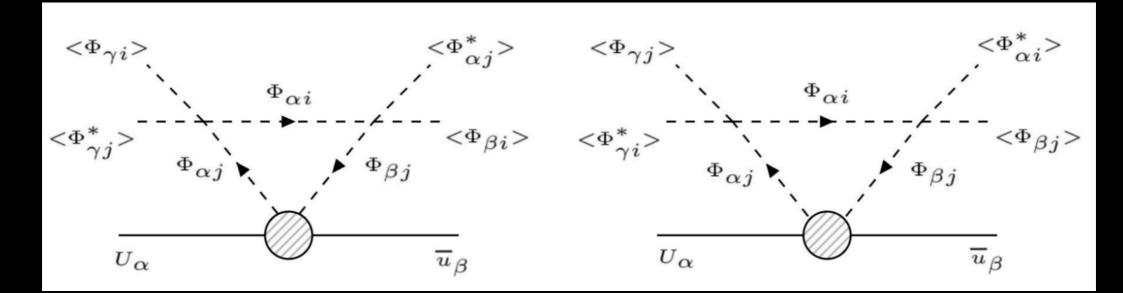
## Model (radiative correction)

- Radiative corrections with external lines of  $\langle \varphi \rangle$ may cause detM<sup>u</sup>M<sup>d</sup>  $\in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\delta \theta^* \neq 0$
- Renormalizable scalar potential respecting SU(3)<sub>F</sub>x(Z<sub>2</sub>)<sup>3</sup>

$$V(\Phi) = -\sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{1}{2} m_{\Phi_i}^2 |\Phi_{\alpha i}|^2 + \frac{\lambda_0}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} |\Phi_{\alpha i}|^2 |\Phi_{\beta j}|^2$$
$$+ \frac{\lambda_+}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} \Phi_{\alpha i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\alpha j} \Phi_{\beta i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta j}$$
$$+ \frac{\lambda_-}{4} \sum_{i,j=1}^{3} \Phi_{\alpha i}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\alpha j} \Phi_{\beta j}^{\dagger} \Phi_{\beta i}$$

## Model (radiative correction)

- We find corrections with four external lines of <φ> can spoil reality of det[M<sup>u</sup>M<sup>d</sup>]
- e.g.,



correction to  $C^{(u,7)}_{(2,ij)}$  and  $C^{(u,7)}_{(2,ji)}$ 

• Different vertex factors:  $\lambda_{-}\lambda_{+} \neq \lambda_{+}\lambda_{0} \rightarrow \delta\theta^{*} \neq 0$ 

## Model (radiative correction)

•  $\delta C^{(u,7)}_{(2,ij)} \neq \delta C^{(u,7)}_{(2,ji)} \rightarrow \text{hermiticity of } M_{21} \& M_{22} \text{ breaks}$ down  $\rightarrow \text{det} M^u M^d \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \delta \theta^* \neq 0$ 

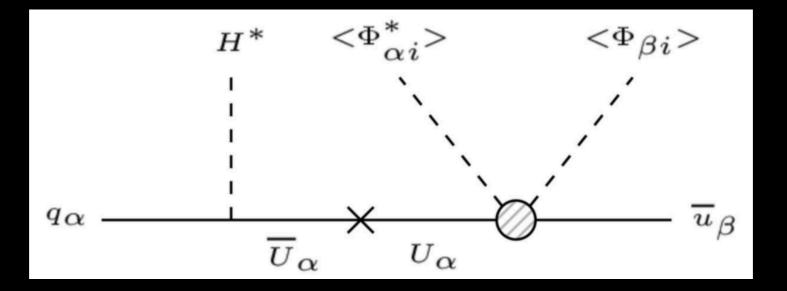
$$(\delta\overline{\theta})_{1-\text{loop}} \simeq 10^{-2R} \frac{\lambda^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{|X_1|^2}{m_{\Phi}^2} \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

#### where $|X_1| = 10^R |X_2|$

- $\theta^* < 10^{-10} \rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} < 10^{-8+2R}$  (e,g. R=1  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\pm} < 10^{-6}$ )
- $\lambda_{\pm} \rightarrow 0: SU(3)_{F,(1)} \times SU(3)_{F,(2)} \times SU(3)_{F,(3)}$  enhancement
- Conversion of the unnatural smallness to a natural smallness

## Model (SM Yukawa)

 Below M<sub>Q</sub>, integrating out heavy fermions induces effective SM Yukawa



- There are 14 free parameters → reproduce 3 quark mixing angles, Jarlskog invariant, 4 quark mass ratios
- For example, we obtained  $|Y_2| \simeq 0.08 |X_1|$

## **Conclusion**

- With introduction of SU(3)<sub>F</sub> x (Z<sub>2</sub>)<sup>3</sup> & complex scalars and heavy fermions, the model is able to convert θ\* < 10<sup>-10</sup> (unnatural) to λ<sub>±</sub> < 10<sup>-6</sup> (natural).
- The model results in a hermitian Yukawa in the SM
- Challenges: (1) construction of  $V(\varphi)$

(2) a UV physics giving a little bit of hierarchy btw Wilson coefficients(for effective SM Yukawa)