R-axion:

A New LHC physics signature involving muon pairs

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Introduction

One of the main goal of the upcoming experiments at the LHC is the discovery of SUSY particles.

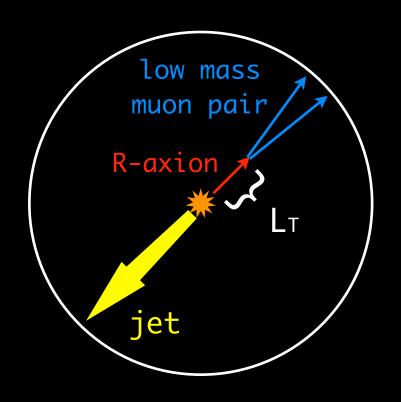
Once the SUSY is confirmed what's next?

The next question is how the SUSY is realized and how it's broken.

In most cases, it's difficult to see the structure of the SUSY breaking sector directly and we look for clues of the structure in the details of the mass spectrum of SUSY particles...

In a class of models which involves "R-axion", we can get a direct glimpse of the SUSY breaking sector!

Introduction



R-axion:
$$ma=0(100)MeV$$

 $c\tau=0(1)ps$

Mainly decays into a muon pair

Production cross section:

 σ =0(10)fb (pT>100GeV) at the LHC

Can we detect the R-axion by searching for a displaced vertex at the LHC?

Outline

Theoretical Background

- ★ R-symmetry and R-axion
- ★ R-axion properties
- ★ Constraints

R-axion at LHC

- ★ R-axion production at LHC
- ★ R-axion reconstruction
- ★ Background Estimation

What is R-symmetry?

The R-symmetry is a U(1) symmetry under which fields in the same supermultiplet rotate differently.

ex) If we assign R-charge Q_q to a quark squark multiplet

$$\Phi_q = (\tilde{q}, q, F_q)$$

$$Q_q \qquad Q_q - 1 \qquad Q_q - 2$$

The R-charge of the gauginos is uniquely fixed to 1.

$$W_{\alpha} = (\lambda_{\alpha}, F_{\mu\nu}, D)$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$1 \qquad \emptyset \qquad \emptyset$$

How is the R-symmetry important?

We need to break SUSY to realize the Standard Model

SUSY breaking models require R-symmetry (or non-generic superpotential) Nelson & Seiberg '93

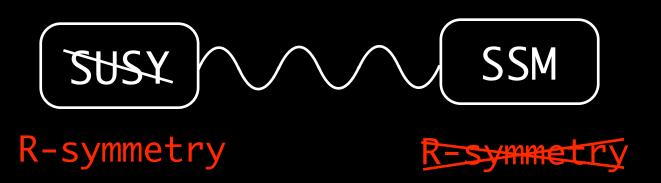
The model construction beyond the SSM often involves the R-symmetry!

R-symmetry must be broken!

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \, m_{1/2} \, \lambda \, \lambda$$

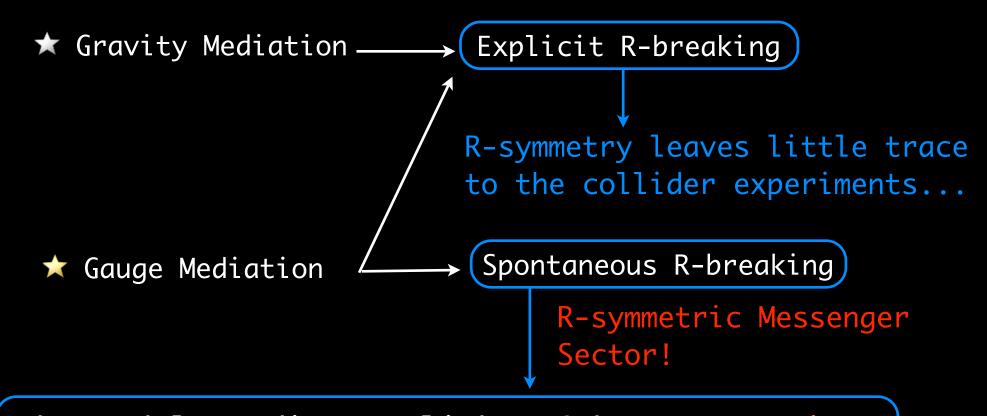
Gaugino mass terms require an R-symmetry breaking!

R-charge:2



R-symmetry is broken at some point

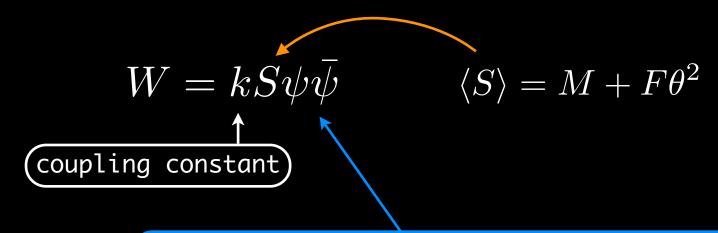
How do we break? (Model dependent)



The model predicts a light NG-boson: R-axion

Can we detect the R-axion at the LHC?

- How low can we take the R-symmetry breaking scale?
- ★ Case I: Minimal Gauge Mediation



Messengers: Charged Under the SM gauge group

R-charges: S(2), $\psi(0)$, $\overline{\psi}(0)$

 $\longrightarrow M$ is an order parameter of the R-symmetry.

[Other possible U(1) choices have been broken by F.]

- How low can we take the R-symmetry breaking scale?
- ★ Case I: Minimal Gauge Mediation

$$m_{
m gaugino} \simeq rac{lpha}{4\pi} rac{F}{M} < rac{lpha}{4\pi} kM$$

[Non-tachyonic Messengers: $F < kM^2$]

- How low can we take the R-symmetry breaking scale?
- ★ Case II: Additional Messenger Model

Izawa, Nomura, Tobe & Yanagida '97

$$W = kS\psi\bar{\psi} + m\psi\bar{\psi}' + m\psi'\bar{\psi}$$

$$m_{\rm gaugino} \sim \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \frac{kM}{m} \left| \frac{kF}{m^2} \right|^2 \frac{kF}{m} < \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} kM$$

[Non-tachyonic Messengers: $kF/m^2 < 1$]

How low can we take the R-symmetry breaking scale?

In generic models with gauge mediation, R-breaking scale is bounded from below,

$$m_{
m gaugino} \lesssim rac{lpha}{4\pi} f_R - ext{R-breaking scale}$$

$$\downarrow m_{
m gaugino} > O(100) \, {
m GeV}$$

$$f_R \gtrsim 10^4 \, {
m GeV}$$

- Mass of R-axion
 - R-symmetry is slightly broken by
 - ★ Anomaly to the SSM gauge symmetry
 - ★ In supergravity, the R-symmetry is broken by a constant in the superpotential which is necessary to set the cosmological constant to zero

[The Minimal R-breaking Scenario]

EX.)

supergravity
$$V=m_{3/2}\Lambda_{
m susy}^2S+c.c.$$

$$W=\Lambda_{
m susy}^2S+\underline{m_{3/2}M_P^2}$$
 R-breaking

R-axion:
$$S \to \frac{f_R}{\sqrt{2}}e^{ia/f_R}$$

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EX.)
$$m_a^2 = \frac{2\sqrt{2} \, m_{3/2} \Lambda_{\rm susy}^2}{f_R} = \frac{2\sqrt{6} \, m_{3/2}^2 M_P}{f_R}$$

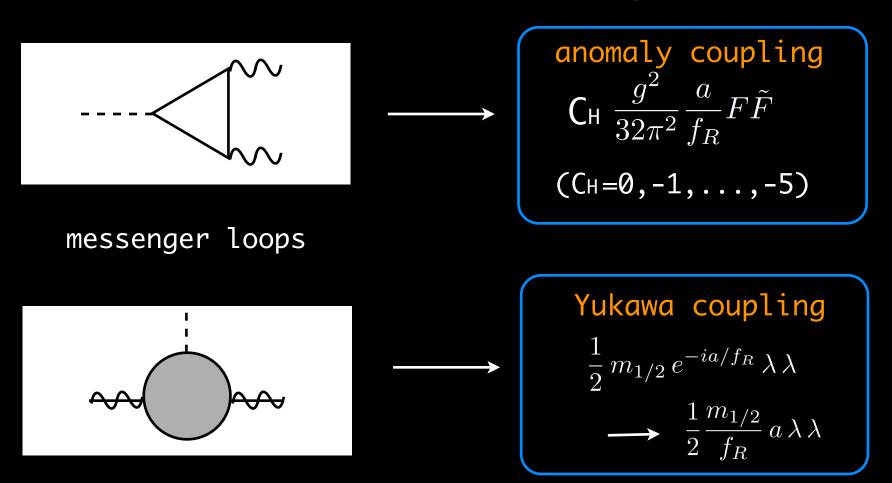
$$m_{3/2} = \frac{\Lambda_{\rm susy}^2}{\sqrt{3} \, M_P}$$

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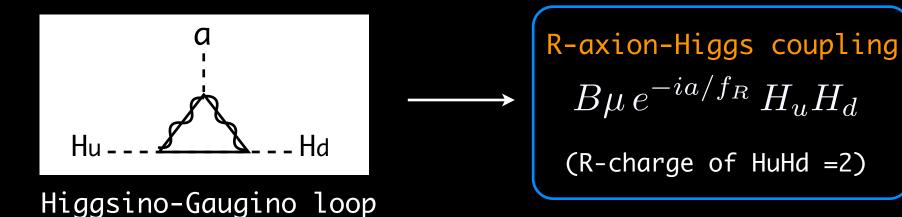
$$m_a \simeq 300 \,\mathrm{MeV} \times \left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{10 \,\mathrm{eV}}\right) \left(\frac{f_R}{10^4 \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right)^{-1/2}$$

R-axion interaction (at messenger scale)



These interactions are by-products of the Gauge Mediation!

R-axion interaction (at lower scale)



R-axion mixes with CP-odd Higgs bosons!

$$H_u \sim \frac{v}{f_R} \cos^2 \beta \sin \beta \times a$$
, $H_d \sim \frac{v}{f_R} \sin^2 \beta \cos \beta \times a$, $(\tan \beta = v_u/v_d)$ (v=246GeV)

Yukawa couplings to the SM fermions

$$\lambda_u = i m_u / f_R \cos^2 \beta, \quad \lambda_{d,\ell} = i m_{d,\ell} / f_R \sin^2 \beta$$

Decay of R-axion

For $2m_{\mu} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 1 \text{GeV}$

R-axion mainly decays into a muon pair via the Yukawa coupling [$a \rightarrow 2\pi$ forbidden, $a \rightarrow 3\pi$ phase space suppression]

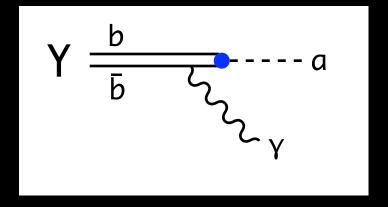
$$\Gamma_{\mu\mu} \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-12} \,\text{GeV} \times \sin^4 \beta \left(\frac{m_a}{300 \,\text{MeV}}\right) \left(\frac{10^4 \,\text{GeV}}{f_R}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_a^2}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$c\tau_{\mu\mu} \simeq 150 \,\mu\text{m} \times \frac{1}{\sin^4 \beta} \left(\frac{300 \,\text{MeV}}{m_a}\right) \left(\frac{f_R}{10^4 \,\text{GeV}}\right)^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\mu^2}{m_a^2}\right)^{-1/2}$$

R-axion leaves a displaced vertex inside the collider!

Constraints on fR

 \star Rare decay of Y(1S) and J/ ψ



$$egin{aligned} rac{Br(\Upsilon
ightarrow a + \gamma)}{Br(\Upsilon
ightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)} = rac{\lambda_b^2}{2\pi lpha} \ \lambda_b = rac{im_b}{f_R} \sin^2 eta \end{aligned}$$
 Wilczek '77

$$Br(Y \rightarrow a\gamma) < 10^{-(5-6)}$$
 CLEO '08 \longrightarrow $f_R > 10^3 \text{ GeV}$

★ Astrophysical constraints

R-axion is heavier than the temperatures of most astrophysical events.

→ No constraints from astrophysics!

Constraints on fR

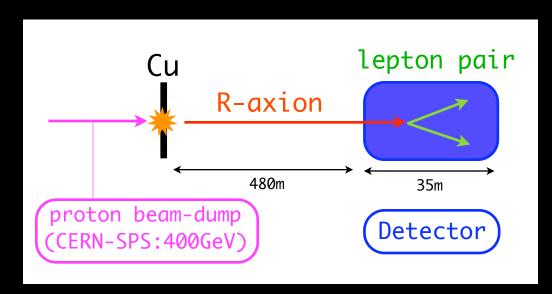
★ Beam-Dump experiments [cτ >> 0(1) m]

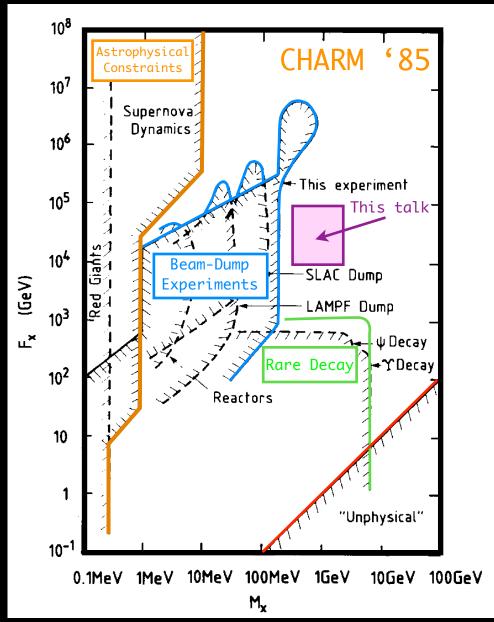
For ma > 2 m μ :

R-axion has a long lifetime for relatively large fR.

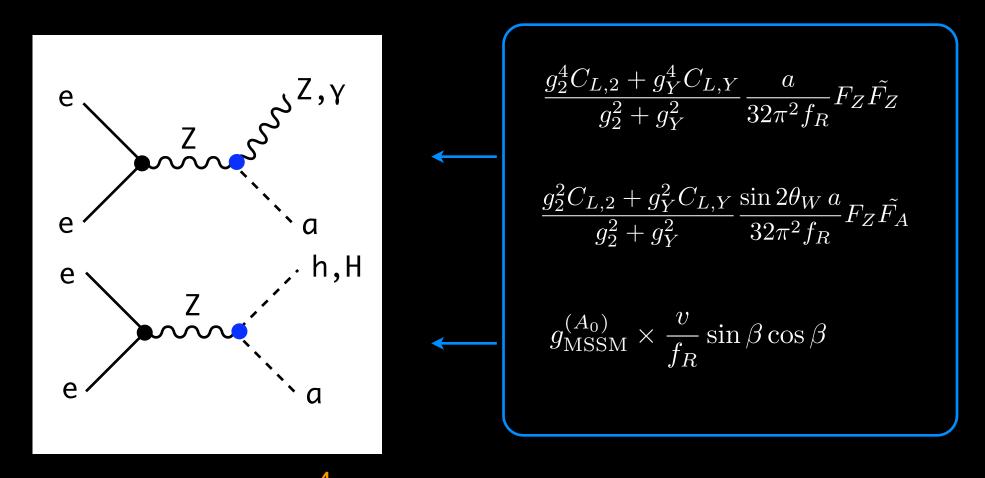
For ma $< 2 \text{ m}\mu$:

R-axion mainly decays into an electron pair.[cτ >> 0(1)m]





R-axion at LEP

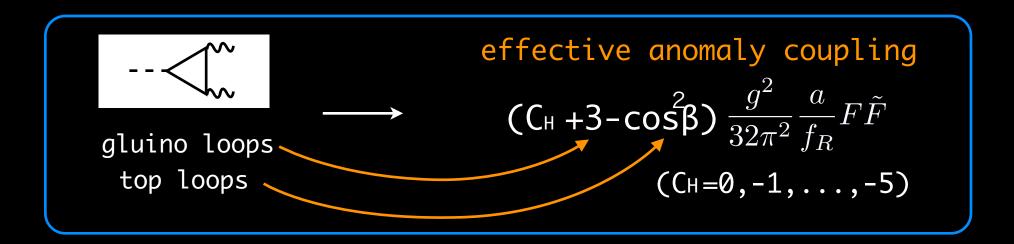


At LEP, for fR~10⁴GeV: Cross sections for those processes are well below 1fb No R-axion at the LEP!

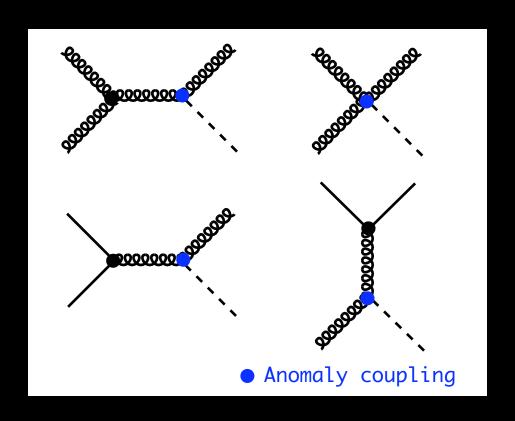
R-axion production

The dominant processes with a large transverse momentum are: $gg \rightarrow ga$, $gq \rightarrow qa$, and $qq \rightarrow ga$.

Below gluino and top mass scale, those processes are well described by using effective anomaly coupling



R-axion production



$$|\mathcal{M}(gg \to ga)|^2 = \frac{3k}{32} \left(\frac{s^4 + t^4 + u^4}{stu} \right)$$

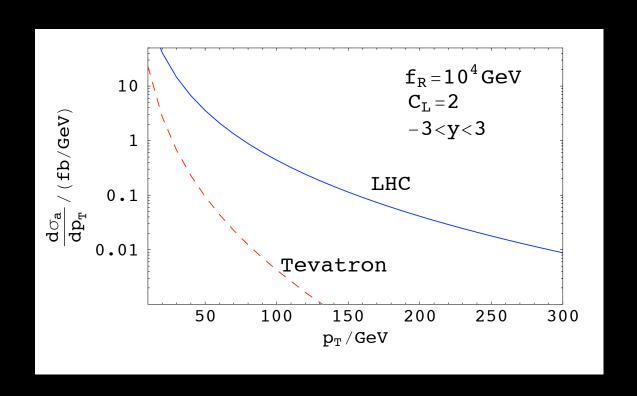
$$|\mathcal{M}(q\bar{q} \to ga)|^2 = \frac{k}{9} \left(\frac{t^2 + u^2}{s}\right)$$

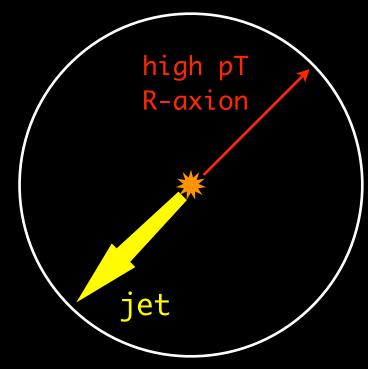
$$|\mathcal{M}(gq \to qa)|^2 = -\frac{k}{24} \left(\frac{s^2 + u^2}{t} \right)$$

$$k = \frac{C_L^2 \, g_s^6}{64 \pi^4 \, f_R^2}$$
 $C_L = (C_H + 3 - \cos^2 \beta)$

Kao '93

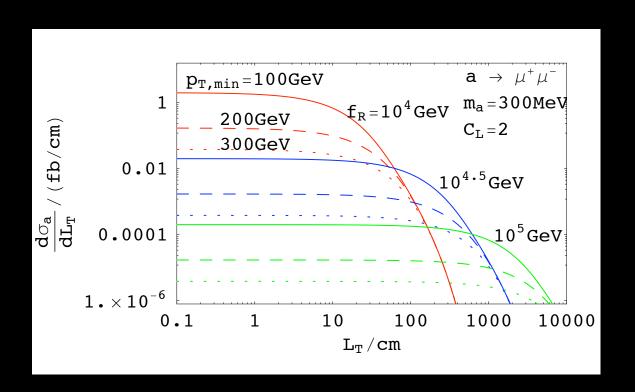
Transverse momentum distribution

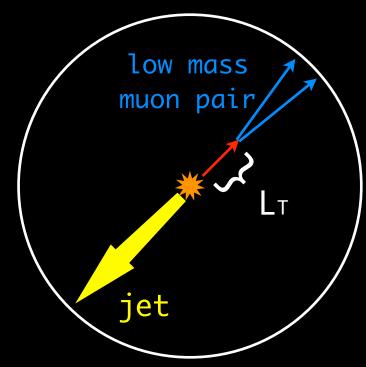




The R-axion production: $\sigma = 10-100$ fb for pT>100GeV

Transverse decay length distribution

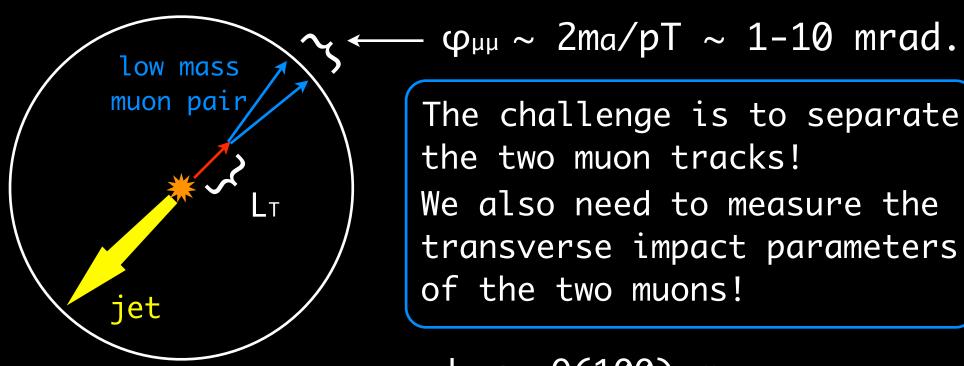




The R-axion leaves a displaced vertex from which a low mass muon pair is produced!

R-axion Reconstruction

Typical open angle between two muons are very small:



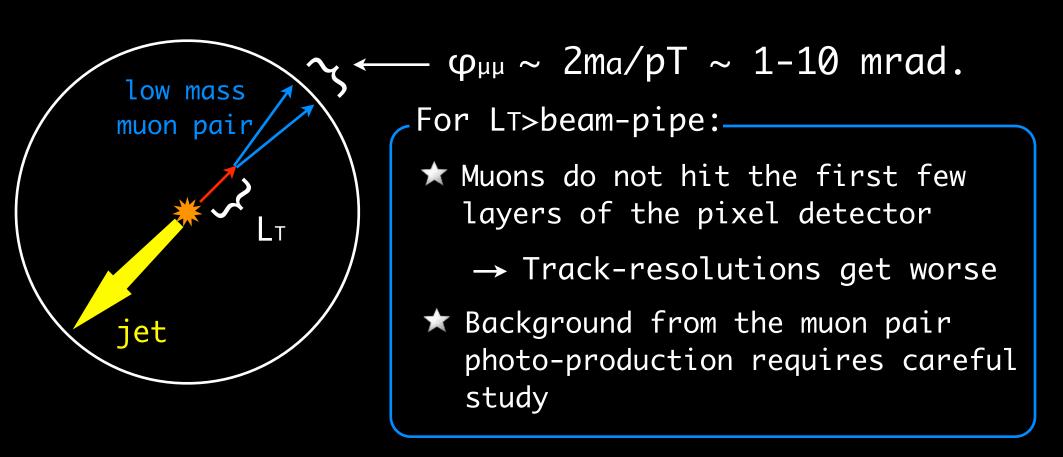
 $\phi_{\mu\mu} \sim 2ma/pT \sim 1-10 \text{ mrad.}$

the two muon tracks! We also need to measure the transverse impact parameters of the two muons!

$$d_{0}\sim c\tau = 0(100)\mu m$$

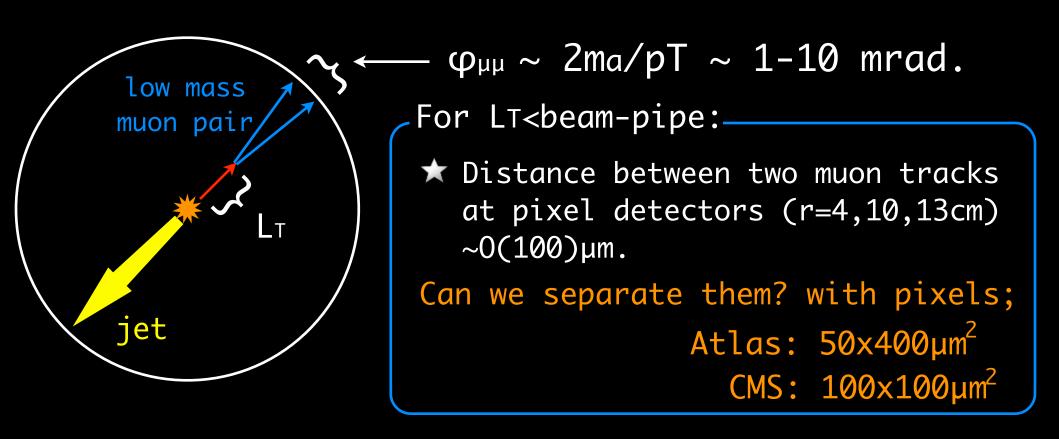
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Does the muon trigger work for "isolated muon pairs"?

R-axion Reconstruction

If the trigger and tracking system work for a muon pair in the same way for an isolated muon;

$$\sigma_{\phi} \simeq 0.075 \oplus \frac{1.8}{p_T/\text{GeV}\sqrt{\sin\theta}} \text{ (mrad)}$$

$$\sigma_{\cot\theta} \simeq 0.70 \times 10^{-3} \oplus \frac{2.0 \times 10^{-3}}{p_T/\text{GeV}\sqrt{\sin\theta}}$$

$$\sigma_{d_0} \simeq 11 \oplus \frac{73}{p_T/\text{GeV}\sqrt{\sin\theta}} \text{ (μm)}$$

Atlas TDR

The displaced vertex search will be successful!

- ★ Prompt muon pairs: light meson decay, Drell-Yan process

 ——→ Suppressed by the impact parameter measurement.
- ★ Muon pairs in heavy meson (B,D) decays
 - They are not suppressed by the impact parameter measurement. We need careful study.
- \star Fake muon pairs $(\pi \rightarrow \mu)$ in K meson decay
 - → Fake rate is small enough.
- ★ Muon photo-production at detector material
 - We are safe as long as the R-axion decays inside the beam pipe.

★ Muon pairs in heavy meson (B,D) decays (B,D) meson: $c\tau=0(100)\mu m \sim R$ -axion

Signal: $\sigma \sim 10 \text{fb} \text{ (pT} > 100 \text{GeV)}$

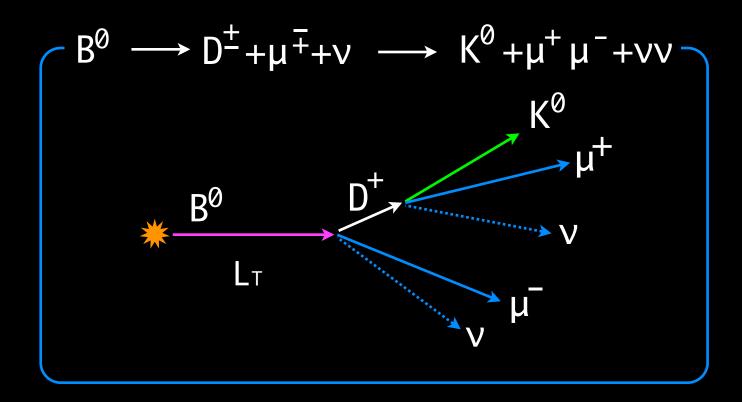
Background: $\sigma_{B,D}\sim 10$ nb (pT>100GeV)

We need a suppression factor better than 10⁻⁶.

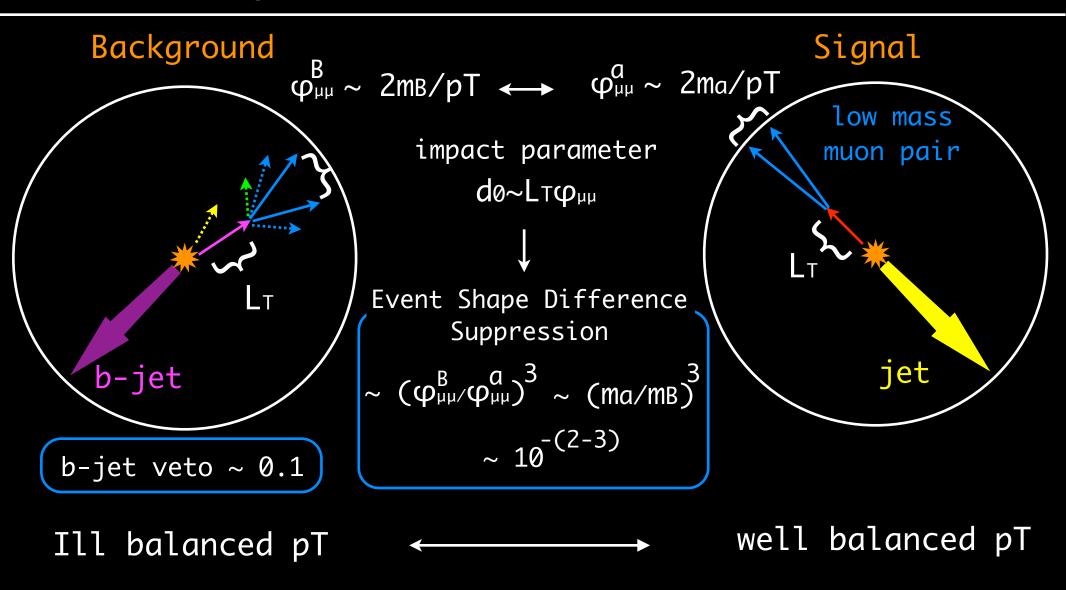
Fortunately, branching ratios of most decay modes involving muon pairs are small.

By combining with muon pair isolation cut, invariant mass cut, most of them are not serious.

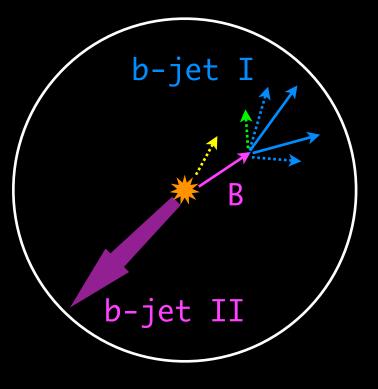
 \star Background from a cascade B decay (Br \sim 10 $^{-2}$):



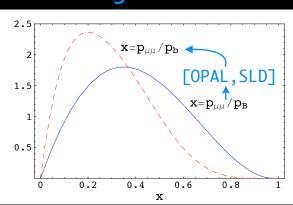
Although the D meson decay leaves a displaced vertex, the D meson vertex and the muon track is to close to be distinguished!



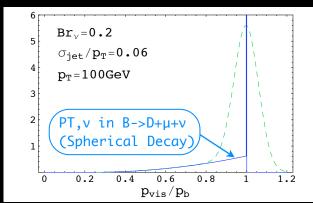
★ Missing pT veto



b-jet I



b-jet II

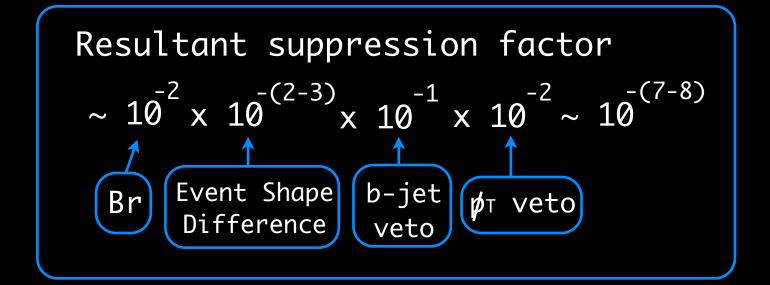


- ★ A Muon pair isn't likely to carry more than 80% of b-jet I.
- ★ Most pT of b-jet II is visible.

Missing pT veto results in a suppression $\sim 10^{-2}$ (pt<0.2pt)

 \star Background from a cascade B decay (Br \sim 10 $^{-2}$):

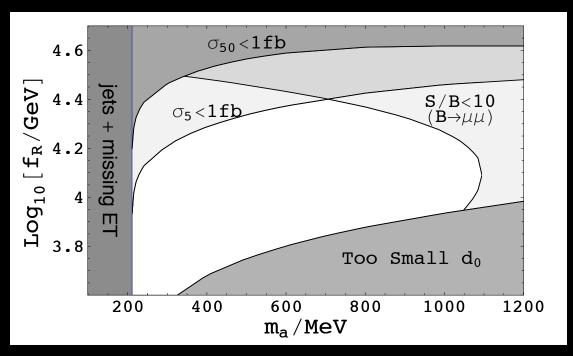
$$B^0 \longrightarrow D^{\pm} + \mu^{\mp} + \nu \longrightarrow K^0 + \mu^+ \mu^- + \nu \nu$$



Background cross section is below 1 fb

Parameter Analysis

 $[\sigma_5 \text{ (LT<5cm)} \sigma_{50} \text{ (LT<50cm)}]$



- R-axion Cross Section: independent of ma
- Decay length gets shorter for the heavy ma, larger fR

Background from the cascade decay gets severer for the heavy ma.

(Efficiency of R-axion detection:100%)

R-axion search at the LHC is possible for ma=200-1000 MeV and fR=10⁴ GeV!

Summary

- ★ R-axion: interrelated with the nature of SUSY breaking sector, messenger sector, Higgs sector
- * R-axion can be very light with the mass in 100MeV range.
- ★ R-axion produces the striking signature: displaced vertex from which a muon pair is produced.

Challenges are: ★ Is the trigger system OK?

★ Can we separate two muon tracks?

* Background from heavy mesons can be suppressed

Summary

Future works:

- ★ Can we detect R-axion with lighter or heavier mass?
 - ★ lighter mass: looks like missing ET
 - ★ heavier mass: leaves no displaced vertex
- ★ R-axion production associated with heavy quarks or SUSY particle production.
 - ★ Associated production with a fermion pair is suppressed due to the pseudo scalar nature of the R-axion.

Backup

R-charge assignment of the SSM fields

SU(2)	$U(1)_{Y}$	$U(1)_R$
2	1/2	$\overline{X_u}$
2	-1/2	X_d
2	1/6	X_Q
1	-2/3	$X_{ar{U}}$
1	1/3	$X_{ar{D}}$
_	_	1
	2 2 2 1	$egin{array}{cccc} {f 2} & 1/2 \ {f 2} & -1/2 \ {f 2} & 1/6 \ {f 1} & -2/3 \ \end{array}$

 μ -term: $Xu+X\bar{D}=2$

Yukawa: $Xd+XQ+X\bar{U}=2$

Yukawa: $Xd+XQ+X\bar{D} = 2$

R-charge assignment of the SSM fields

$$V=(|\mu|^2+m_{H_u}^2)|H_u|^2+(|\mu|^2+m_{H_d}^2)|H_d|^2$$

$$-(e^{ia/f_R}\,B\mu\,H_u^0H_d^0+c.c.)+\frac{1}{8}(|H_u^0|^2-|H_d^0|^2)^2$$
 (neglect ma)

$$H_u^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_u + \rho_u)e^{i\xi_u/v_u}, \quad H_d^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v_d + \rho_d)e^{i\xi_d/v_d}$$

$$v^2 \equiv v_u^2 + v_d^2 = 4m_Z^2/(g^2 + {g'}^2) \simeq (246 \,\text{GeV})^2 \quad \tan\beta \equiv v_u/v_d$$

$$|\mu|^2 + m_{H_u}^2 = B\mu \cot\beta + (m_Z^2/2)\cos2\beta,$$

$$|\mu|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 = B\mu \tan\beta - (m_Z^2/2)\cos2\beta,$$

R-charge assignment of the SSM fields

$$V_{\text{mix}} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}^t \mathcal{M}^2 \mathbf{x}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_u \\ \xi_d \\ \tilde{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\int \cot \beta \qquad 1 \qquad -r$$

$$\mathcal{M}^{2} = B\mu \begin{pmatrix} \cot \beta & 1 & -r\cos \beta \\ 1 & \tan \beta & -r\sin \beta \\ -r\cos \beta & -r\sin \beta & r^{2}\cos \beta \sin \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad r = v/f_{R}$$



Mass Eigensystem

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_0 \\ A_0 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \beta & -\cos \beta & 0 \\ \kappa \cos \beta & \kappa \sin \beta & -\kappa r \sin \beta \cos \beta \\ \kappa r \cos^2 \beta \sin \beta & \kappa r \sin^2 \beta \cos \beta & \kappa \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \xi_u \\ \xi_d \\ \tilde{a} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\kappa = (1 + r^2 \sin^2 2\beta)^{-1/2}$$

$$(m_{G_0}^2, m_{A_0}^2, m_a^2) = \left(0, \frac{2B\mu}{\kappa^2 \sin 2\beta}, 0\right)$$

- R-charge assignment of the SSM fields
 - ★ Mixing and Yukawa Couplings

$$\xi_u \sim \kappa r \cos^2 \beta \sin \beta \times a, \quad \xi_d \sim \kappa r \sin^2 \beta \cos \beta \times a.$$

$$\lambda_u = iy_u/\sqrt{2} r \cos^2 \beta \sin \beta = im_u/f_R \cos^2 \beta,$$

$$\lambda_d = iy_d/\sqrt{2} r \sin^2 \beta \cos \beta = im_d/f_R \sin^2 \beta,$$

★ R-charge of Higgs bosons

$$R(G_0)=0 \longrightarrow X_0 \sin^2 \beta - X_0 \cos^2 \beta = 0$$

$$\rightarrow$$
 $Xu = 2\cos^2 \beta \quad Xd = 2\sin^2 \beta$

- Background from prompt muon pairs
 - **Muon pairs from light meson decay** $\sigma\sim1\mu b$ (pT>100GeV) $Br=10^{(4-5)}$
 - ★ Muon pairs from Drell-Yan σ~10pb (pT>100GeV)

We need a suppression factor better than 10^{-5} .

Mis-measurement probability of the impact parameter

$$P_{d_0} \simeq \operatorname{Erfc}\left(\frac{d_0}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{d_0}}\right)^2$$

For $d_0>45\mu m$, $P_{d_0}<<10^{-5}$

Background from (B,D) meson decays

process	$Br_{\mu\mu}^{(X)}$	$P_{ m geo}$	$\sigma_{X \to \mu\mu}(\mathrm{fb})$
$B^0 \to K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.3×10^{-6}	$(m_a/m_B)^3$	
$B^0 \to J/\psi + X \to \mu^+\mu^- + X$	$\simeq 5.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$\lesssim 10^{-6}$	10^{-5}
$B^0 \to D^0 + X \to D^0 + \mu^+ \mu^-$	$< 10^{-8}$	(m_a/m_B)	10^{-4}
$B^0 \to D^{\pm} + \mu^{\mp} + \nu \to \mu^{+}\mu^{-} + X$	10^{-2}	$(m_a/m_B)^3$	1
$B^0 o \pi^- \mu^+ \nu$	3×10^{-8}	$(m_a/m_B)^3$	10^{-5}
$D^0 \to \rho^0 + \mu^+ \mu^-$	1.5×10^{-7}	$(m_a/m_D)^3$	10^{-3}
$D^0 \to \omega + K_S^0 \to \mu\mu + K_S^0$	10^{-6}	(m_a/m_D)	1
$D^0 \to \rho^0 + \pi^0 \to \mu\mu + \pi^0$	10^{-7}	(m_a/m_D)	10^{-1}
$D^0 \to K^{\pm} + \mu^{\mp} + \nu$	10^{-5}	$(m_a/m_D)^3$	
$D^0 \to \pi^{\pm} + \mu^{\mp} + \nu$	6×10^{-7}	$(m_a/m_D)^3$	10^{-2}

Fake Muon rate

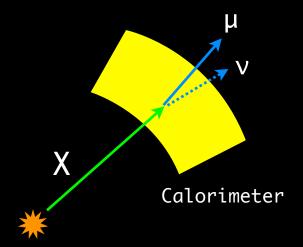
 $P_{\mu/K} < 10^{-4}$ $P_{\mu/\pi} < 10^{-4}$

The branching ratios of the modes involving muon pairs are small.

By combining a suppression factors from differences of the event shape, missing pT veto etc, background cross section is well below 1fb.

 \star Fake muon probability $(X=\pi,K)$

$$P_{\mu/X} = P_{\text{mis-id}} \times Br_{X \to \mu + \nu} \times \int_0^{r_{\text{out}}} dL_T \frac{1}{c\tau_X} \frac{m_X}{p_{T,X}} \exp\left[-\frac{m_X}{p_{T,X}} \frac{L_T}{c\tau_X}\right] \times \underline{n_X(L_T)}$$



In flight decay rate at LT Punch through rate up to LT

$$n_X(L_T) \simeq 1 - \theta(L_T - r_{\rm in}) \int_{r_{\rm in}}^{L_T} dx \frac{11}{\Delta r_{\rm calo}} \exp\left[-11 \frac{(x - r_{\rm in})}{\Delta r_{\rm calo}}\right]$$

(rin=2m, rout=4m, Δ rcalo = rout-rin)

Pmis-ID = 50% (
$$\pi$$
), Pmis-ID = 10% (K) AtlasTDR

Resultant Fake Rates

$$P_{\mu}/\pi < 10^{-4}$$
 $P_{\mu}/K < 10^{-4}$

Background from K meson decays

Effective Branching ratios (pT>100GeV)

$$Br^{(\text{eff})}(K_L^0 \to \mu(\pi) + \mu + \nu) = \left(\frac{m_K}{p_{T,K}} \frac{r_{\text{pipe}}}{c\tau_{K_L}}\right) \times P_{\mu/\pi} \times Br(K_L^0 \to \pi + \mu + \nu) \simeq 10^{-9},$$

$$Br^{(\text{eff})}(K_S^0 \to \mu(\pi) + \mu + \nu) = \left(\frac{m_K}{p_{T,K}} \frac{r_{\text{pipe}}}{c\tau_{K_S}}\right) \times P_{\mu/\pi} \times Br(K_S^0 \to \pi + \mu + \nu) \simeq 10^{-9},$$

$$Br^{(\text{eff})}(K_S^0 \to \mu(\pi) + \mu(\pi)) = \left(\frac{m_K}{p_{T,K}} \frac{r_{\text{pipe}}}{c\tau_{K_S}}\right) \times P_{\mu/\pi}^2 \times Br(K_S^0 \to \pi + \pi) \simeq 3 \times 10^{-10},$$

cτKL=15.3m, cτKS=2.68cm Br(KL \rightarrow πμν)=27%, Br(KS \rightarrow πμν)=5x10⁻⁴, Br(KS \rightarrow ππ)=68%

Background is highly suppressed!

Muon pair from photo-production at material

Background cross section-

$$\sigma_{Y \to \mu\mu} = P_{Y \to \mu\mu} \times \sigma_{Y} \qquad [\sigma_{Y} \sim 1 \text{nb (pT>100GeV)}]$$

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \mu\mu} \sim 10^{30} \text{cm x } (Z/4)^2 \text{ x n x } \Delta L$$

Small momentum transfer Tsai '74

	Z	A	$\rho (\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3})$	$n (10^{22} \text{cm}^{-3})$	$^{3}) P_{\gamma \to \mu\mu}$
			1.85	12.3	4×10^{-8}
\mathbf{C}	6	12	1.9 - 2.3	9.5 - 11	7×10^{-8}
C Si	14	28	2.33	4.98	2×10^{-7}

[1mm thick material]

Background is small for the R-axion decaying inside of the beam-pipe.

Careful study is required for the R-axion decaying outside of the beam-pipe.

Muon pair from photo-production at material

Background cross section
$$\sigma_{Y\rightarrow\mu\mu} = P_{Y\rightarrow\mu\mu} \times \sigma_{Y} \qquad [\sigma_{V} \sim 1 \text{nb (pT>100GeV)}]$$

$$P_{Y\rightarrow\mu\mu} \sim 10^{30} \text{cm x (Z/4)}^2 \times \text{n x } \Delta L$$

