

Phenomenology of Heavy QCD Axion

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Outline

1. Heavy axion - Why and How?
2. Comprehensive Phenomenology of Visible Heavy Axion Models
3. Future search prospects

Strong CP Problem

- QCD should break CP symmetry

$$\theta = \theta_{\text{YM}} + \arg \det(Y_u Y_d)$$

- The PQ mechanism can set $\theta = 0$.
 - The original model has been excluded.

What is the Alternative?

- Roughly, two choices:
 - Larger f_a / Heavier m_a

Axion Mass

- From QCD,

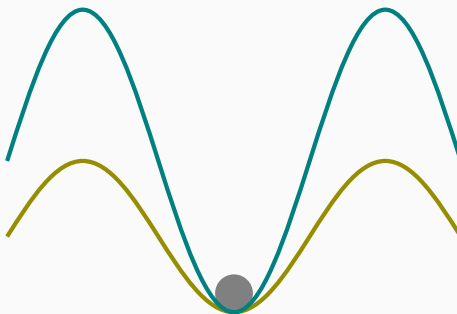
$$m_a^2 \simeq \frac{m_q \Lambda^3}{f_a^2}$$

Invisible Axion

- Large f_a is straightforward
 - Just adding a new scalar and a scalar/Fermion
- f_a has to be greater than 10^{9-10} GeV

How to Make an Axion Heavier?

- Another gauge theory with the same θ is needed



Rubakov 1997; Berezhiani, Gianfagna and Giannotti 2000
Hook 2014, HF, Harigaya, Ibe and Yanagida 2015, Albaid, Dine and Draper 2015
(Kobakhidze 2016), (Gherghetta, Nagata and Shifman 2016)

What is the gauge theory?

- Only known way is using a copy of SM
 - We assume \mathbb{Z}_2 parity
 - θ s hardly run so \mathbb{Z}_2 may be spontaneously broken

m_a VS f_a

KSVZ/DFSZ type
axion like models:
always alive but
not easy to see

Weinberg-Wilczek
like models:
already excluded

Large f_a

?

Large m_a

?

Setup

- SM and the copy is necessary
- How do we introduce PQ sym.?
 - Weinberg-Wilczek type
 - KSVZ type
- We mainly consider KSVZ-like model
 - $\mathcal{L} \sim \phi \bar{\psi} \psi + \phi \bar{\psi}' \psi', -Q(\phi) = 1 = Q(\psi) = Q(\psi')$

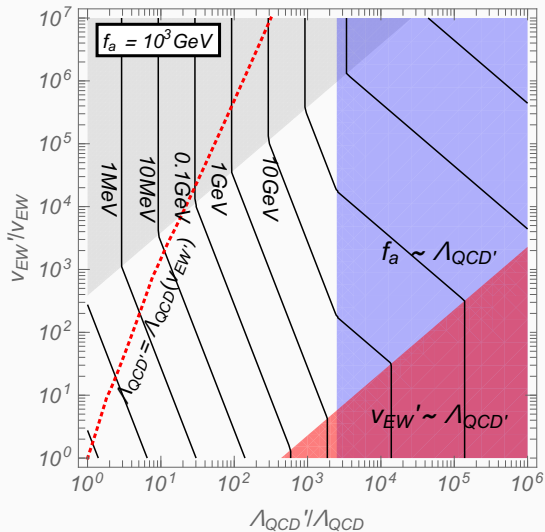
What we want to do

- We may freely choose ν' , Λ' and f_a with

$$m_a^2 \simeq \frac{m_q'^2 \Lambda'^3}{f_a^2}$$

- Which region is still alive? Is it still visible?
- We require DM is included

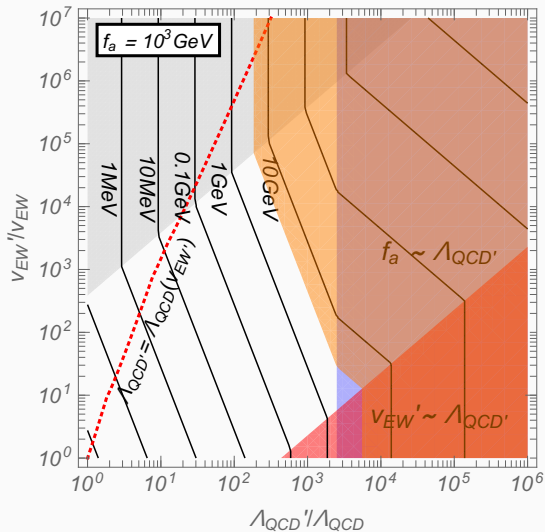
Axion mass



Constraints on m_a

- When the axion is in the thermal bath, both sectors are in chemical equilibrium
- However, the entropy in the copied sector must be small enough
 - The decoupling must occur before QCD PT
- Including the Boltzmann effect, $m_a \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ GeV}$
 - All the other constraints are weaker

Safe region



Constraints on f_a

- For KSVZ type, the lower bound comes from the LHC
 - The vector like quark search $\rightarrow f_a \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$
- If f_a becomes large, m_a is now too small
- For $f_a \gtrsim 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$, a decouples before QCD PT

Constraints on ν' and Λ'

- We have to consider thermal relics
- What will remain? \iff What symmetries remain in addition to γ' ?

$$Q', L' \rightarrow 2 \text{ of } (e', \nu', \pi^{\pm'})$$

$$B' \rightarrow (p', n')$$

Conditions on ν'

- Lightest particle : $\lesssim O(10)$ eV
- 3 possible choices
 - Giving up seesaw and
 - ν' DM
 - Unstable ν'
 - Ones of ν are massless
 - Natural if the number of N is 2

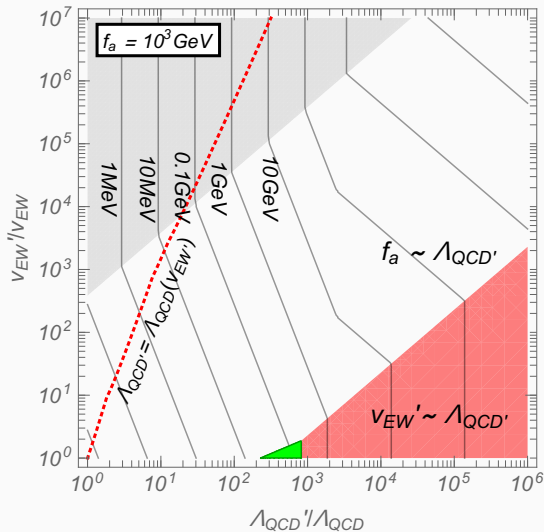
Case 1: ν' DM

- Just like ordinary WIMP,

$$\frac{\Omega_{\nu'}}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \sim \frac{1 \text{ pb}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \quad \therefore m'_{\nu} \sim 8 \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{\nu'}{v} \right)^2 > m'_e$$

- $\pi^{\pm'}$ must decay, so $m_{\nu'} < m'_{\pi} \propto \sqrt{\nu' \Lambda'}$
 - $\nu' \sim \nu$, $\Lambda' \sim 10^3 \Lambda$: m_a is too light \rightarrow *EXCLUDED*
- Another choice
 - New interactions like $B' - L'$ only in copied sector
 - Little constraints and less interesting

Case 1: How excluded?



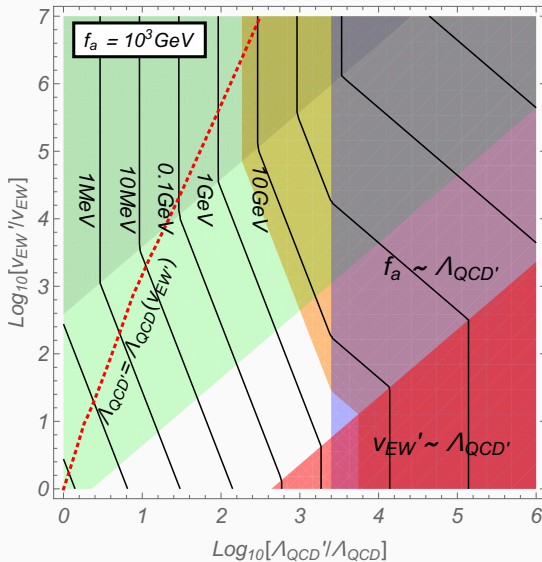
Case 2: One massless ν'

- e' or $\pi^{\pm'}$ is stable
 - $m'_e > m'_\pi$: $\nu'/\nu \sim 10^4 \frac{\Lambda'}{\Lambda} \gtrsim 10^6$; too much u', d' relics
- e' and (p' or n') are stable
 - Which one is DM?

Baryon mass: which is lighter?

- $m_B \sim c_1 \sum m_q + c_2 \Lambda + c_3 q \alpha \Lambda$
 - c_i are all positive and $c_1 \sim 1$
- p'
 - QED contribution
- n'
 - Heavier constituent quarks

Baryon mass ratio



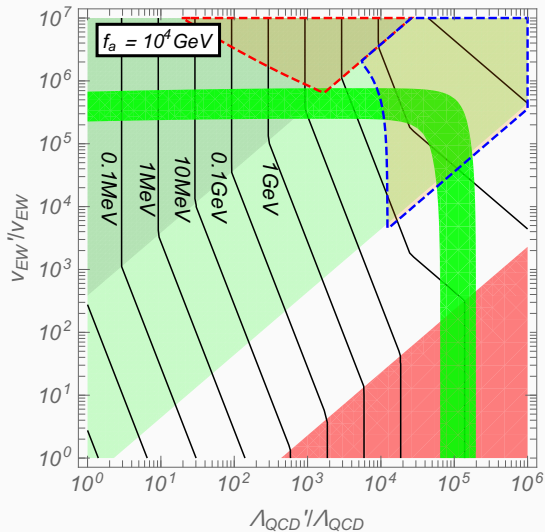
Is charged DM possible?

- Halo ellipticity constraint
 - $m_{\text{DM}} \gtrsim 1\text{TeV}$ for $\alpha^{-1} \sim 100$ Agrawal et al., 1610.04611
- Large Sommerfeld enhancement for late time annihilation
 - If $\text{DM} + \text{DM} \rightarrow \text{SM}$ is open, CMB might be disturbed

DM Candidates

- e'
 - WIMP mass ~ 50 GeV, inconsistent
- p' ($\Lambda^{++'}(u'u'u')$)
 - Ellipticity is not a problem
 - p' may annihilate into a and $a \rightarrow jj$
 - light q' region is excluded
- n'
 - No problem

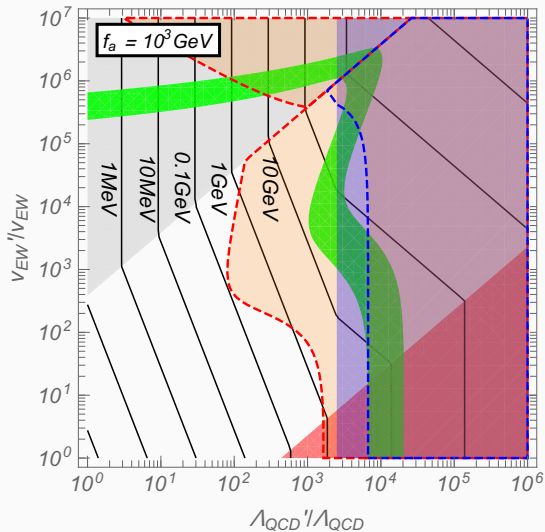
Case 2: Available region



Case 3: Unstable ν'

- $\pi^{\pm'}$, e' and (p' or n') are stable
- Baryons
 - For light q' , $\Omega_{\pi^{\pm'}} > \Omega_{B'}$ since $\pi^{\pm'}$ annihilates by QED'
- $\pi^{\pm'}$
 - light q' region is excluded
- $\Lambda^{++'}$ may be the DM

Case 3: Available region



Short summary

- Allowed possibilities are
 - n' DM + one massless ν'
 - $\Lambda^{++'}$ DM (?)
- NOTE: If we consider exotic cosmology like low reheating temperature, constraints becomes weaker
 - However, the model is not closed and there are still some problems like BAU

Detection methods

- Collider experiments
 - Vector like quark detection
 - Axion / Dilaton detection
- Astrophysical experiments
 - For charged DM
 - Ellipticity
 - Cosmic ray
 - Decay of Baryon' relics
- Neutrino

Axion / Dilaton detection

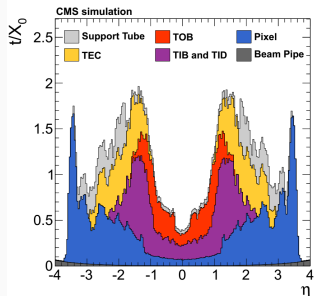
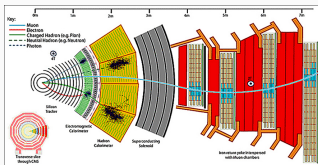
- For large enough \sqrt{s} ,

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow a, s) \sim \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{f_a^2} \sim 10 \text{ fb} \left(\frac{1 \text{ TeV}}{f_a}\right)^2$$

- $s \rightarrow jj\gamma\gamma$ might be hopeful?

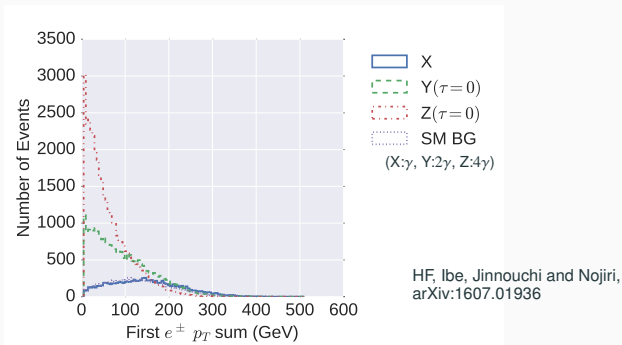
Difference b/w γ s and γ -jets

- Some γ s are “converted”



How to Distinguish the Jet

- We simulate trackers in CMS.
 - Conversion, bremsstrahlung, ...
- p_T^{track} has greater discrimination power!



Decay of Baryon' relics

- Naturally, p'/n' is unstable like SM p
- $\Gamma \propto m^5$, Short lifetime!
- Extragalactic gamma ray background tells

$$\tau(N' \rightarrow l' + a) \gtrsim 10^{28} \text{ s} \times \left(\frac{\Omega_{N'}}{\Omega_{DM}} \right)$$

- If $\Omega_{N'} = \Omega_{DM}$, $\Lambda_B \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$

Summary

- We have investigated all the low-energy region for heavy axions
- Depending the scenario, some region is still alive