## Axion-Like Particles (and dark matter) in terms of CTA

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#### What is (QCD) axion?

- Breakdown of U(1) Peccei-Quinn symmetry
- The Nambu-Goldstone boson (angular component) is called "axion"





How large is 
$$F_a$$
?  $\mathcal{L}_{int} \sim \mathcal{H}_{F_a} \mathcal{H}_{F_a}$   
See also,  $m_a \sim \frac{m_{\pi} F_{\pi}}{F_a}$  in QCD axions (not string axions)

• Dark matter axion ( $\Omega_a h^2 \leq 0.1$ )

 $F_a \leq 10^{12} GeV \iff 10^{-6} eV \leq m_a$ 

• In order not to cool red giants and/or SN1987A,

 $10^{10} \text{GeV} \leq F_a \iff m_a \leq 10^{-4} \text{eV}$ 

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### Photon-ALPs mixing in (string) axion

• Lagrangian

$$L = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_{\mu}a\partial^{\mu}a - \frac{1}{2}m_{a}^{2}a^{2}\left[-\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma}aF_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}\right]$$
$$= g_{a\nu}a\,\vec{E}\bullet\vec{B}$$

Mass matrix

$$M^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -g_{\alpha\gamma}B\omega \\ 0 & -g_{\alpha\gamma}B\omega & m_{\alpha}^{2} \\ A & A & A \\ A & A & A \\ A & A & A \\ Kaz Kohri (KEK) \end{pmatrix} A_{\perp}$$

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#### Oscillation probability

• Probability

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• For efficient oscillation,

$$E_{\gamma} > E_{*} = \frac{m_{a}^{2}}{2g_{a\gamma}B} \text{ and } r \ge r_{Ha} \equiv \frac{2}{g_{a\gamma}B} g_{a\gamma}B$$

Phase of oscillation ( $r > 2/g_{ay}B$ )

$$g_{11} \equiv g_{a\gamma} / 10^{-11} \text{GeV}^{-1}, B_{10\mu G} \equiv B / 10\mu G, r_{10\text{kpc}} \equiv r / 10\text{kpc}$$

• Phase (like Hillas Condition)

$$\frac{g_{a\gamma}Br}{2} \sim g_{11}B_{10\mu G}r_{10\rm kpc} > 1$$

Oscillation length

$$r_{ha} \sim \frac{10 \text{kpc}}{g_{11}B_{10\mu\text{G}}} \sim \frac{10^3 \text{Mpc}}{g_{11}B_{n\text{G}}} \sim \frac{10^{-1} \text{pc}}{g_{11}B_{10\text{G}}}$$
  
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# Energy range for oscillation (E>E<sub>\*</sub>) $E_{\gamma} > E_{*} = m_a^2/(2g_{a\gamma}B)$



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#### Gamma-ray accessible parameters



### Hillas Diagram



Three Coincidences within an AGN jet

Three sites should have coincided for

- 1. Accelerations of proton
- 2. Photon production through  $p-\gamma$
- 3. Axion-photon conversions

It is remarkable that we have not assumed anything about structures of magnetic field at the source

# Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB) by CIBER 2017, IRTS 2013, Akari 2013



#### Gamma-ray horizon through $\gamma_{CR} + \gamma_{BG} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$



Kohri and Kodama, arXiv:2017.05189



#### Spectrum reduction by axion mixing

Shimet, Hooper, Serpico (08)



We need axion





FIG. 3: Gamma-ray spectrum fitted to the data of H2356 309 (the redshift is z = 0.165 which gives the distance ~ 610 Mpc). Here, we adopted  $g_{a\gamma} = 3.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{GeV}^{-1}$  and  $m_a = 3.2 \times 10^{-9}$  eV. The reduced  $\chi^2$  is estimated to be  $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 1.1$ , which is improved from the case without axion  $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 2.2$ . The fitted value of the photon index is  $\Gamma_s = 2.3$ . We followed

FIG. 4: Sames as Fig. 3, but for 1ES1101 232 (the redshift is z = 0.186 which gives the distance ~ 680 Mpc.). The reduced  $\chi^2$  is estimated to be  $\chi^2/d.o.f = 0.69$ , which is improved from the case without axion  $\chi^2/d.o.f = 2.0$ . The fitted value of the photon index is  $\Gamma_s = 1.9$ .

#### Kohri and Kodama, arXiv:2017.05189

#### An axion solution



#### Constraints on ALP-photon coupling by Xray observations (Fermi/LAT and MAGIC) of NGC 1275 embedded in Perseus cluster



#### Summary

• Photon can travel beyond its horizon of electron-positron production through the mixing between photon and axion

 Future observation such as CTA (TeV) will reveal the nature of (string) axions by observing an excess from the standard prediction