Heavy QCD Axion in $b \rightarrow s$ transition

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Many models can reproduce this scenario:

- H. Fukuda, K. Harigaya, M. Ibe, T. T. Yanagida arXiv: 1504.06084
- **P. Agrawal, K. Howe** arXiv: 1710.04213
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- R.S. Gupta, V.V. Khoze, M. Spannowsky arXiv: 2012.00017

Existing Experimental Search



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The two loop EFT calculations are needed for $B \rightarrow Ka$ process

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The additional operators relevant for $b \rightarrow sa$ phenomenology:

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + C_{qq} \sum_{q} \frac{\partial_{\mu} a}{f_a} \, \bar{q} \, \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \, q + C_{bs} \frac{\partial_{\mu} a}{f_a} \bar{s}_L \, \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \, b_L + h. \, c.$$

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 q_k

50

S

a

$$C_{qq}(\Lambda_{UV}) = A C_F \left(rac{lpha_s}{4\pi}
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$$\Rightarrow C_{bs}(\Lambda_{UV}) = BC_F \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{\alpha_w}{4\pi} \sum_k V_{ik} V_{kj}^* \frac{m_k}{M_w}$$

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b









$B \rightarrow Ka$ rate

Using Light-Cone QCD Sum Rules:

$$\Gamma_{B \to Ka} = |\mathbf{C}_{W}|^{2} \frac{m_{B}^{3}}{64\pi f_{a}^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{m_{K}^{2}}{m_{B}^{2}}\right)^{2} \lambda_{Ka} [f_{0}(m_{a}^{2})]^{2}$$
$$\lambda_{Ka} = \left[\left(1 - \frac{(m_{K} + m_{a})^{2}}{m_{B}^{2}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{(m_{K} - m_{a})^{2}}{m_{B}^{2}}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \qquad f_{0}(m_{a}^{2}) = \frac{0.330}{1 - \frac{m_{a}^{2}}{37.5 \ GeV^{2}}}$$

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Axion decay

Data driven approach: Daniel Aloni, Yotam Soreq, Mike Williams arXiv:1811.03474



Bounds and Projections



$a ightarrow 3\pi$ displaced vertex



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