

In-vacuo-dispersion-like spectral lags in gamma-ray bursts



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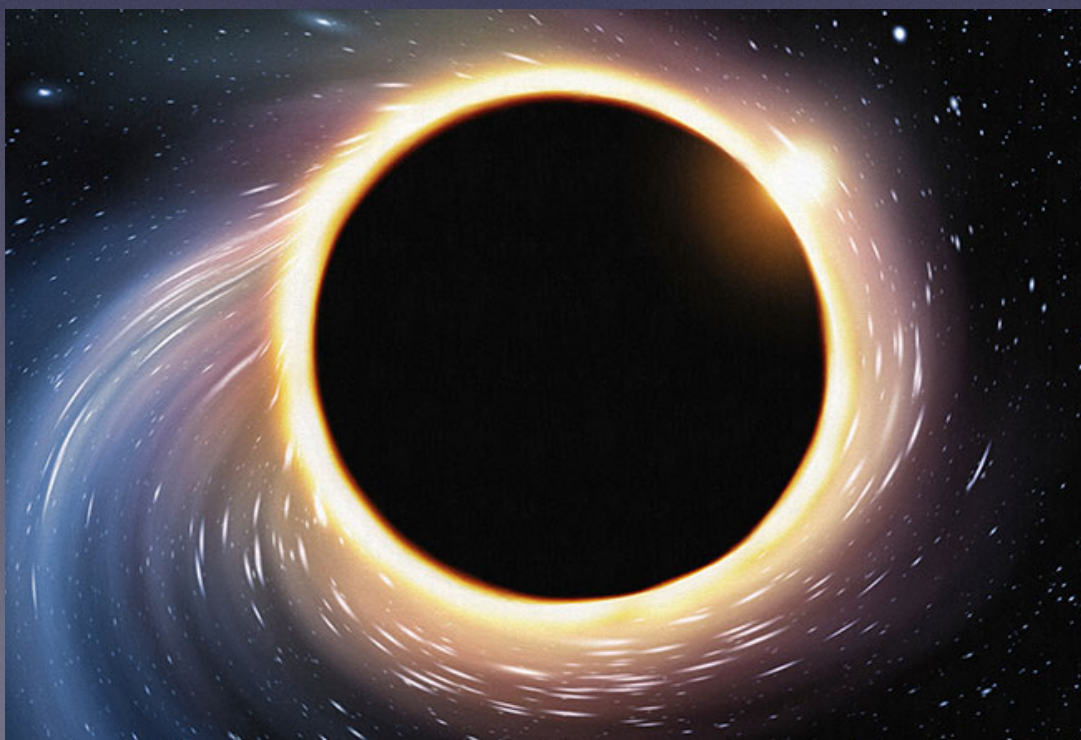
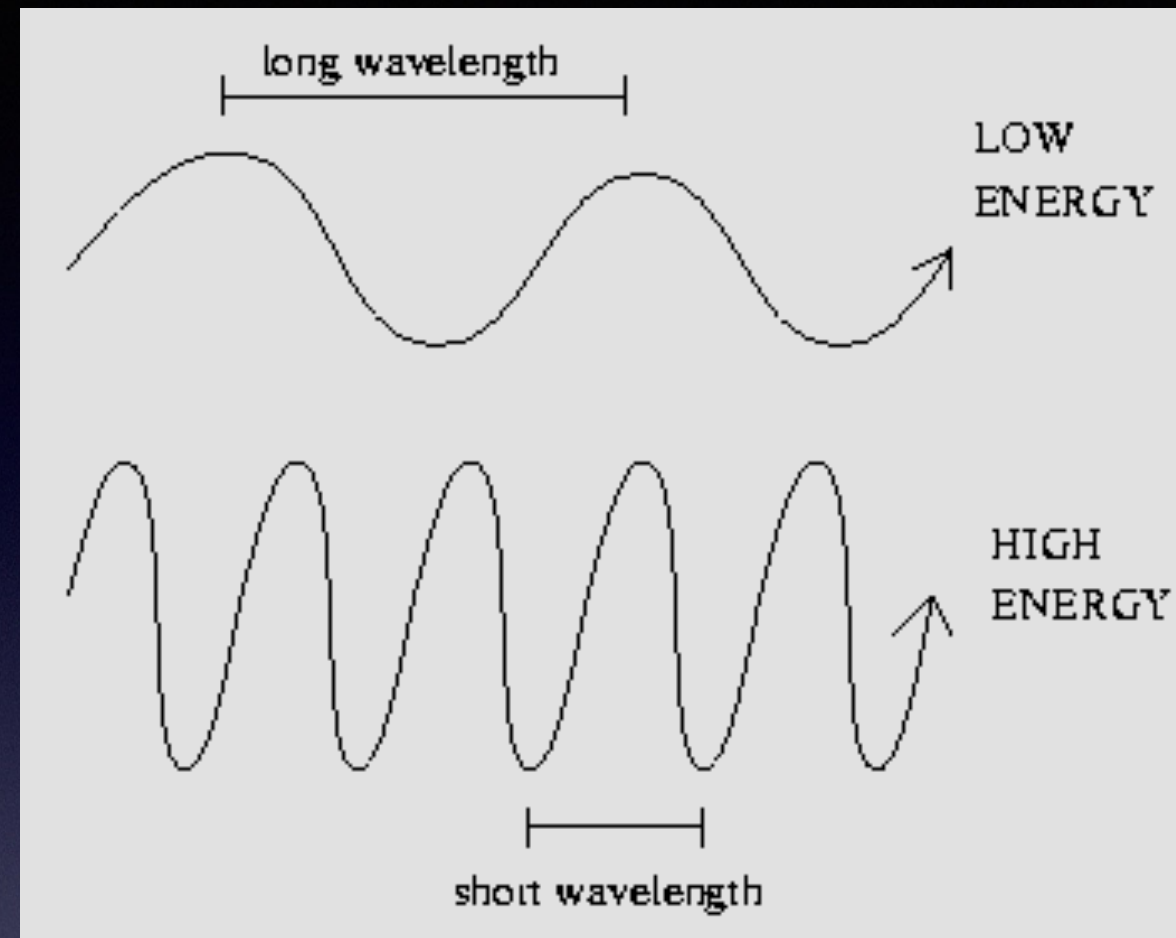
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"QM + GR"

$$\lambda_C \sim \frac{\hbar c}{E}$$



$$\lambda_C \sim \lambda_S \sim \frac{GE}{c^4}$$



$$\lambda \gtrsim \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}} = \ell_{\text{Pl}} \approx 10^{-35} \text{ m}$$

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- **Asymptotic Safety:**

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- **Causal Dynamical Triangulations:**

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... too many
models to test!!

A heuristic approach: MDR

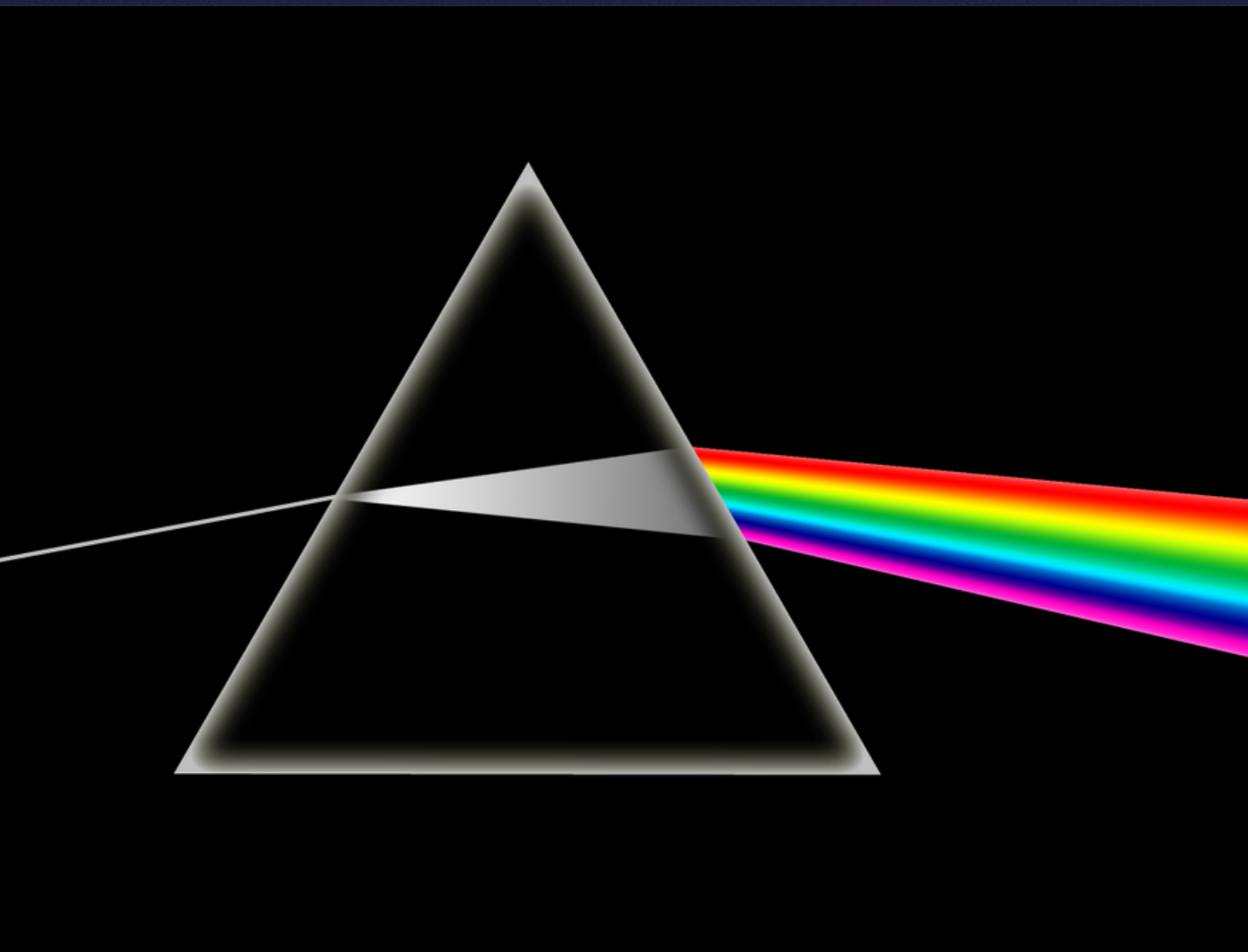
$$E_P = \frac{1}{l_{Pl}} \frac{\hbar}{c} \simeq 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$



$$H^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2 \rightarrow m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2 \left(1 + \eta \frac{E}{E_P} + \dots \right)$$



$$v = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \simeq c \left(1 + \eta \frac{E}{E_P} + \dots \right)$$



$$\frac{E}{E_P} \approx 10^{-15} - 10^{-6}$$

...extremely small effect, how can we detect it?

Cumulative time lags over cosmological distances

$$\Delta t = \eta \frac{\Delta E}{E_P} D(z)$$

$$D(z) = \int_0^z d\zeta \frac{(1+\zeta)}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_\Lambda + (1+\zeta)^3 \Omega_m}}$$

Jacob, Piran, arXiv:0712.2170



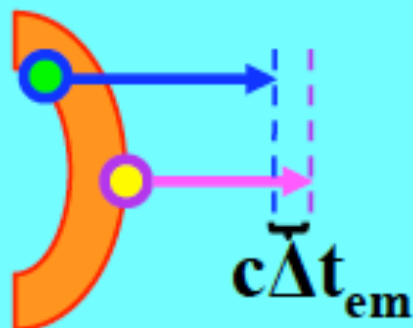
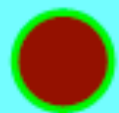
Gamma ray bursts

- High energy emission
- Time variability
- Cosmological distances ($z > 0$)



Emission mechanism??

source



$$\Delta t_{obs} = \Delta t_{em} + \Delta t_{LIV}$$

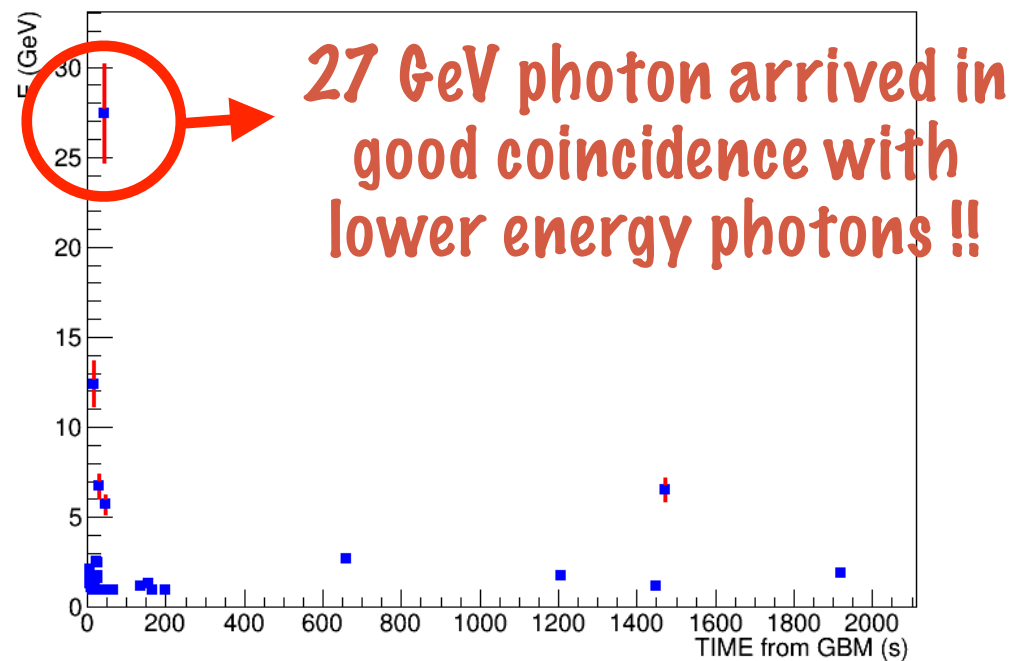


observer

Single-burst analyses

GRB080916C: Fermi-LAT and GBM Collaborations, Science 323 (2009)

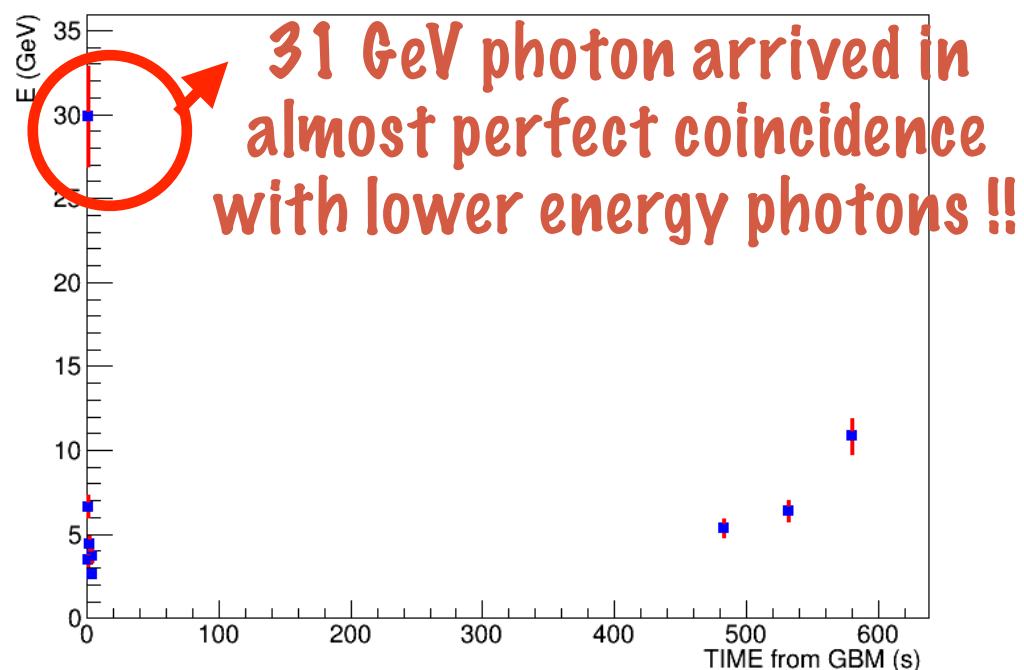
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$$M_{QG} \gtrsim 10^{-1} M_P$$

GRB090510: Fermi-LAT and GBM Collaborations, Nature 462 (2009)

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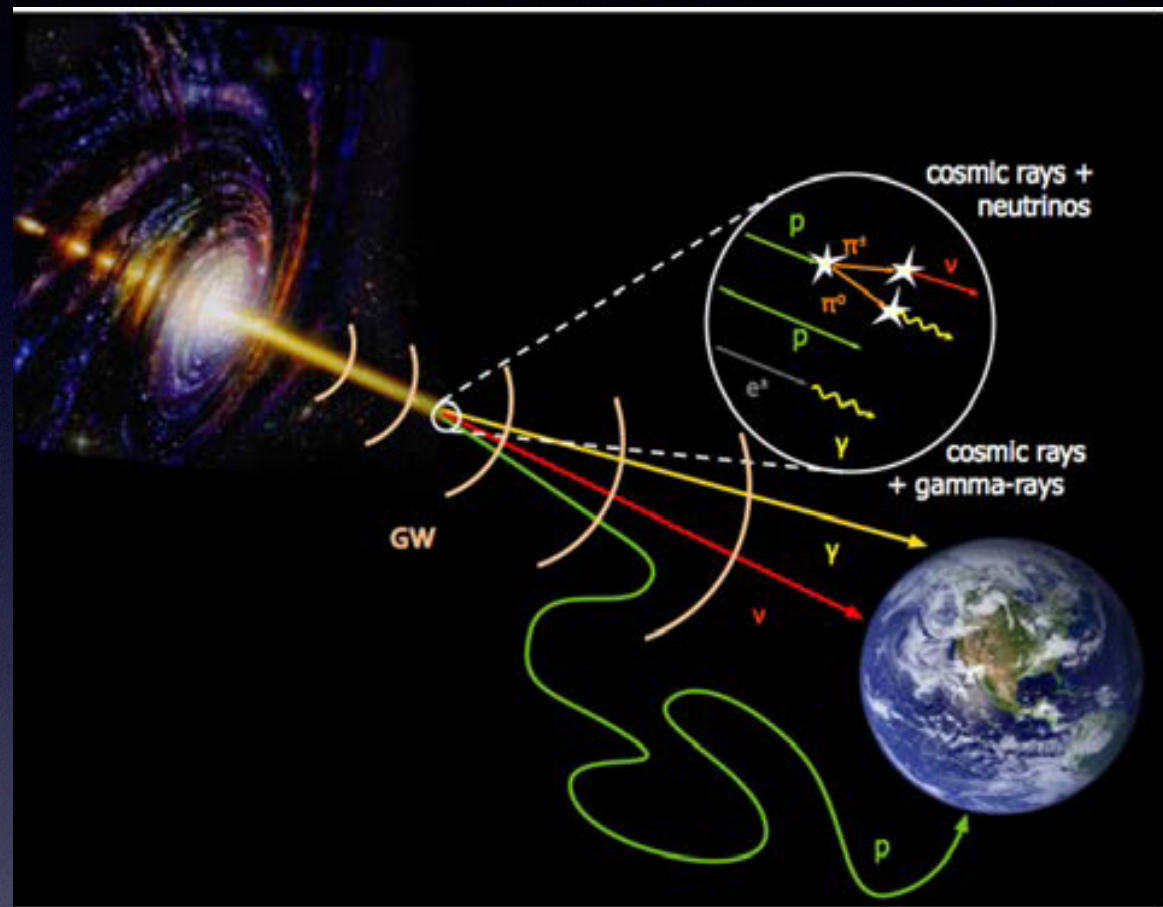


$$M_{QG} \gtrsim M_P$$

Experimental analyses for $n=1$
LIV reached the Planck scale!!!

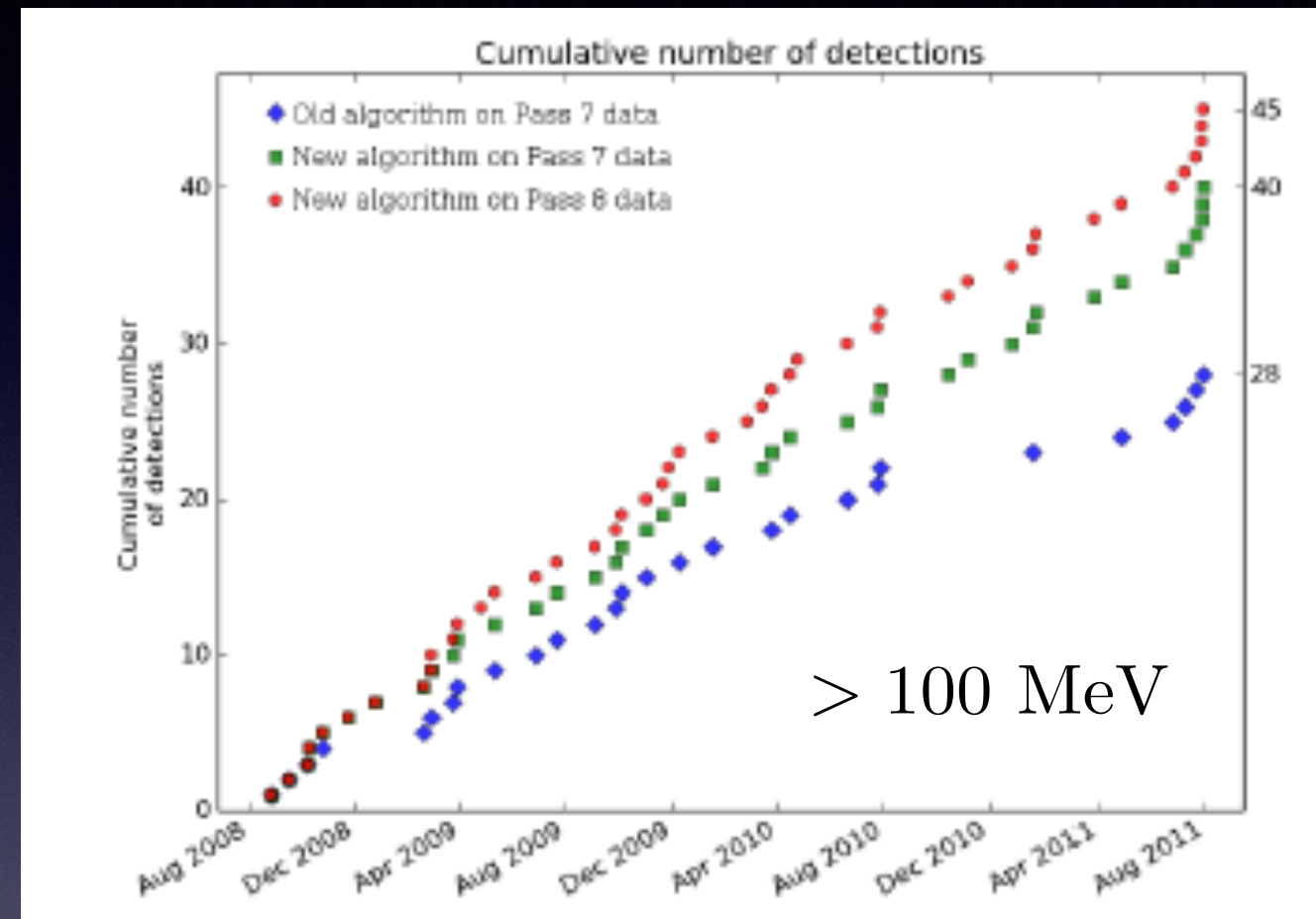
Forthcoming improvements

Multi-messenger



Amelino-Camelia,
D'Amico, Rosati, Loret,
Nature Astron. 1 (2017)

More statistics



Nava, arXiv:1804.01524



Amelino-Camelia, D'Amico,
Fiore, Puccetti, MR, arXiv:
1707.02413

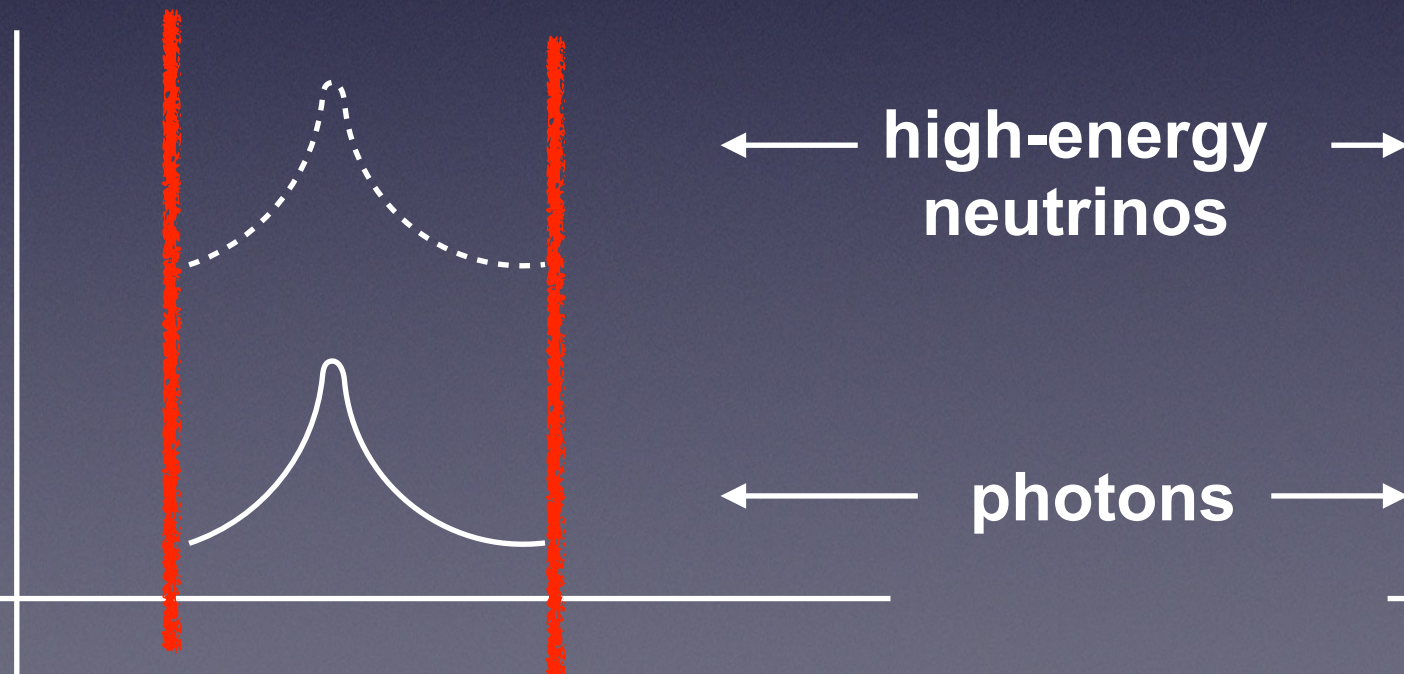
Neutrinos from GRBs?

All proposed models for GRB-emission mechanism (e.g. fireball) requires the production of neutrinos: we expect to detect 10 neutrinos per 1000 GRBs in a 1 Km cube detector (IceCube, Km3Net)

IceCube detected no GRB neutrinos so far!!
(2008-2017)

No LIV

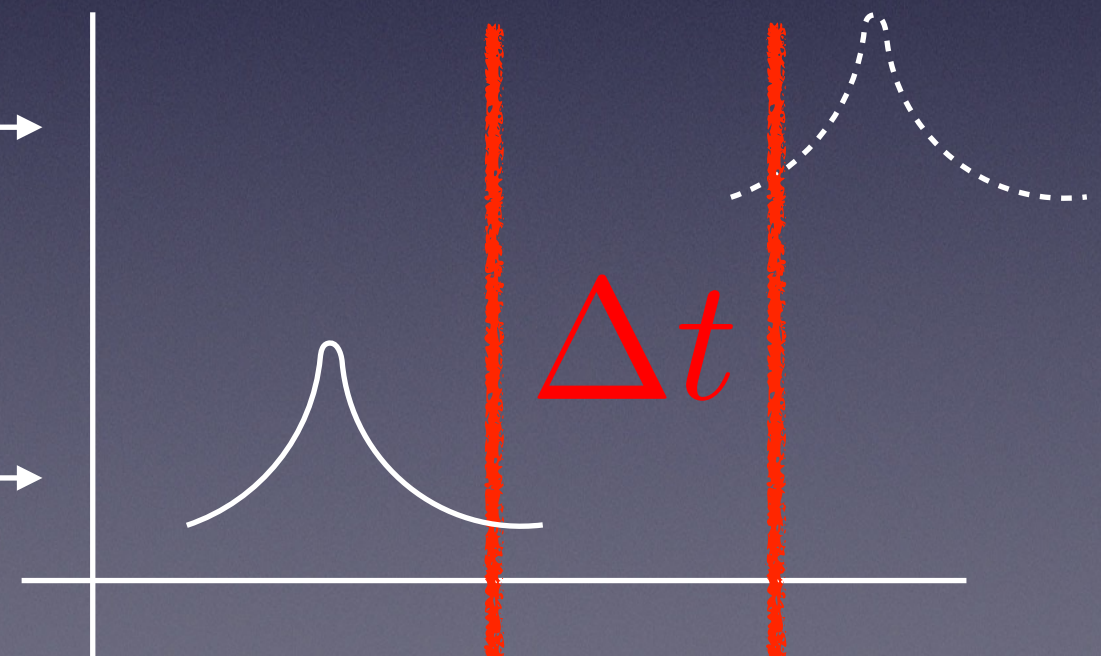
1000 s



Time coincidence!

LIV

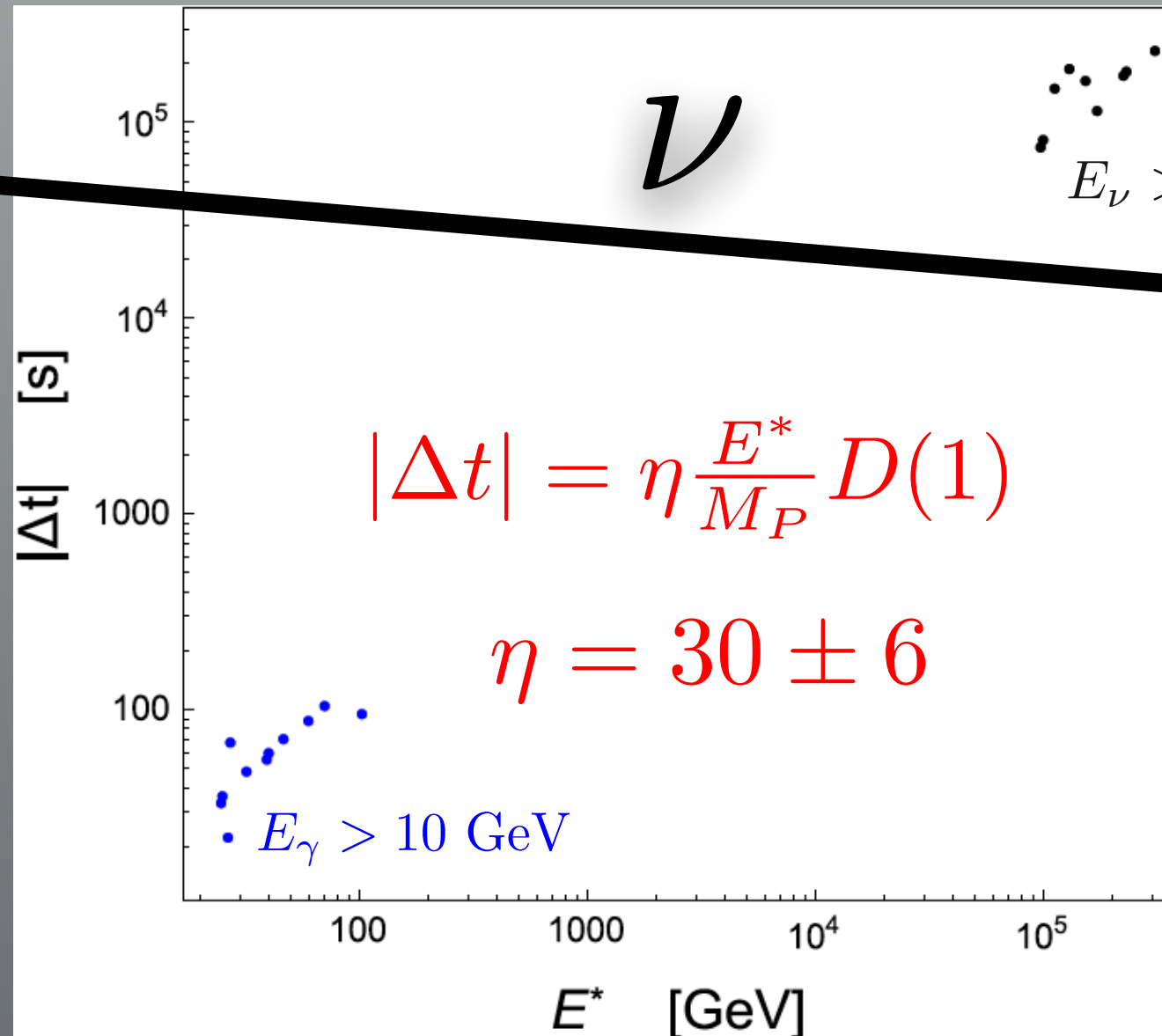
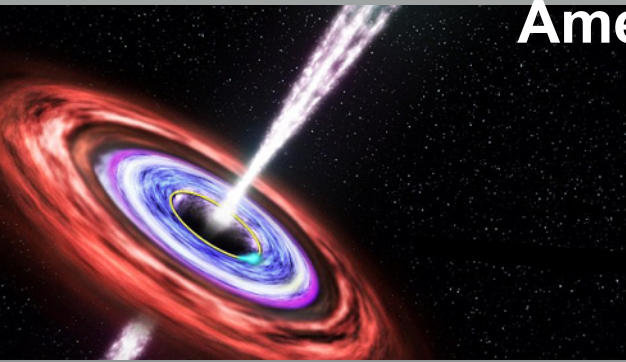
days



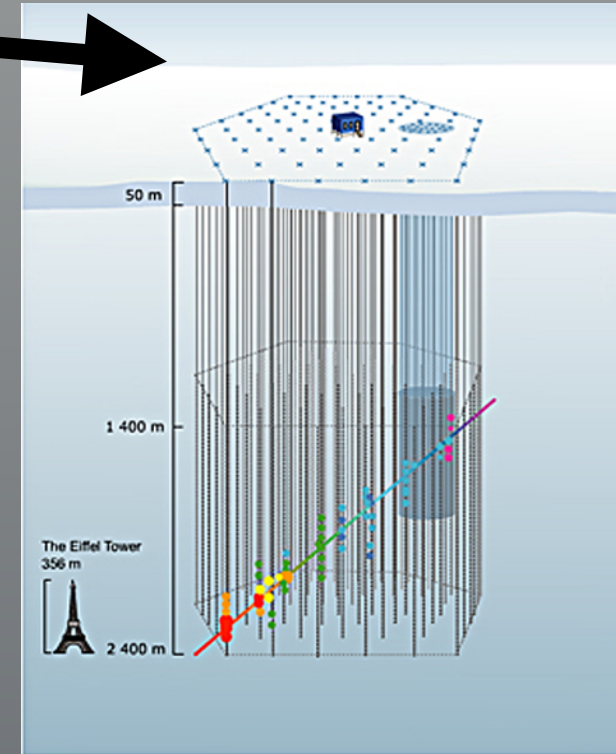
Time delay!

Hints of LIV??

Amelino-Camelia, D'Amico, Rosati, Loret, Nature Astron. 1 (2017)



Fermi-LAT



IceCube

in-vacuo dispersion-like feature:

time difference
with respect to
the first GBM
peak

$$|\Delta t| = \eta \frac{E^*}{M_P} D(1) \quad \text{with} \quad E^* = E \frac{D(z)}{D(1)}$$

Increase statistics

Amelino-Camelia, D'Amico, Fiore, Puccetti, MR, arXiv:1707.02413

Selection criteria:

- known redshift z
- $E \times (1 + z) > 5 \text{ GeV}$

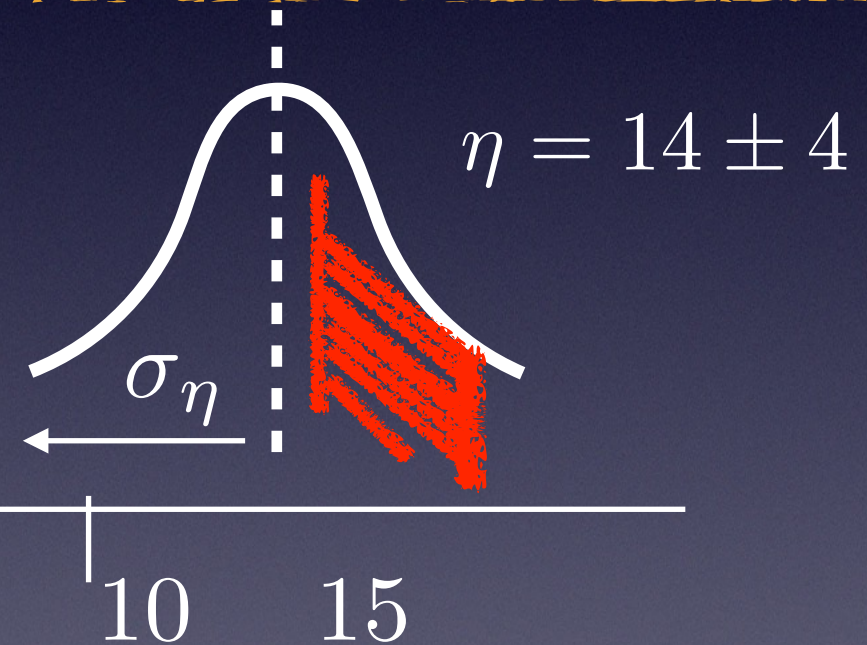


Data sample:

7 GRBs (080916C, 090510, 090902B, 090926A, 100414A, 130427A, 160509A) detected by FermiLAT, 148 photons analysed in total

For each pair of photons we compute:

$$\eta = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta E} \frac{E_P}{D(z)}$$



10% error on energies considered with Gaussian weight

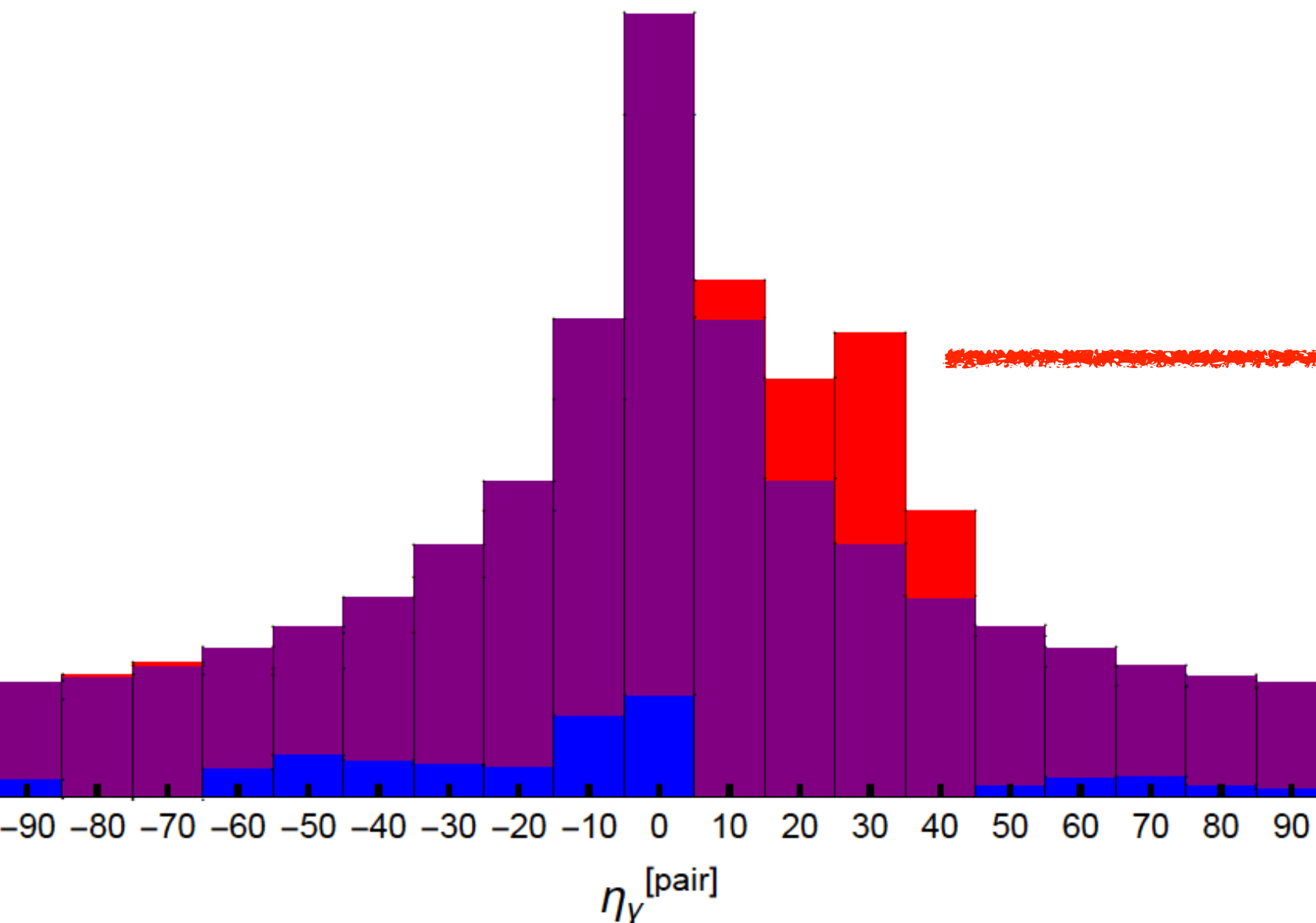
Frequent non-zero value compatible with 30!?

All-pairs analysis

Purple bars:
simulated
data
distribution

Blue bars:
defect in
real data

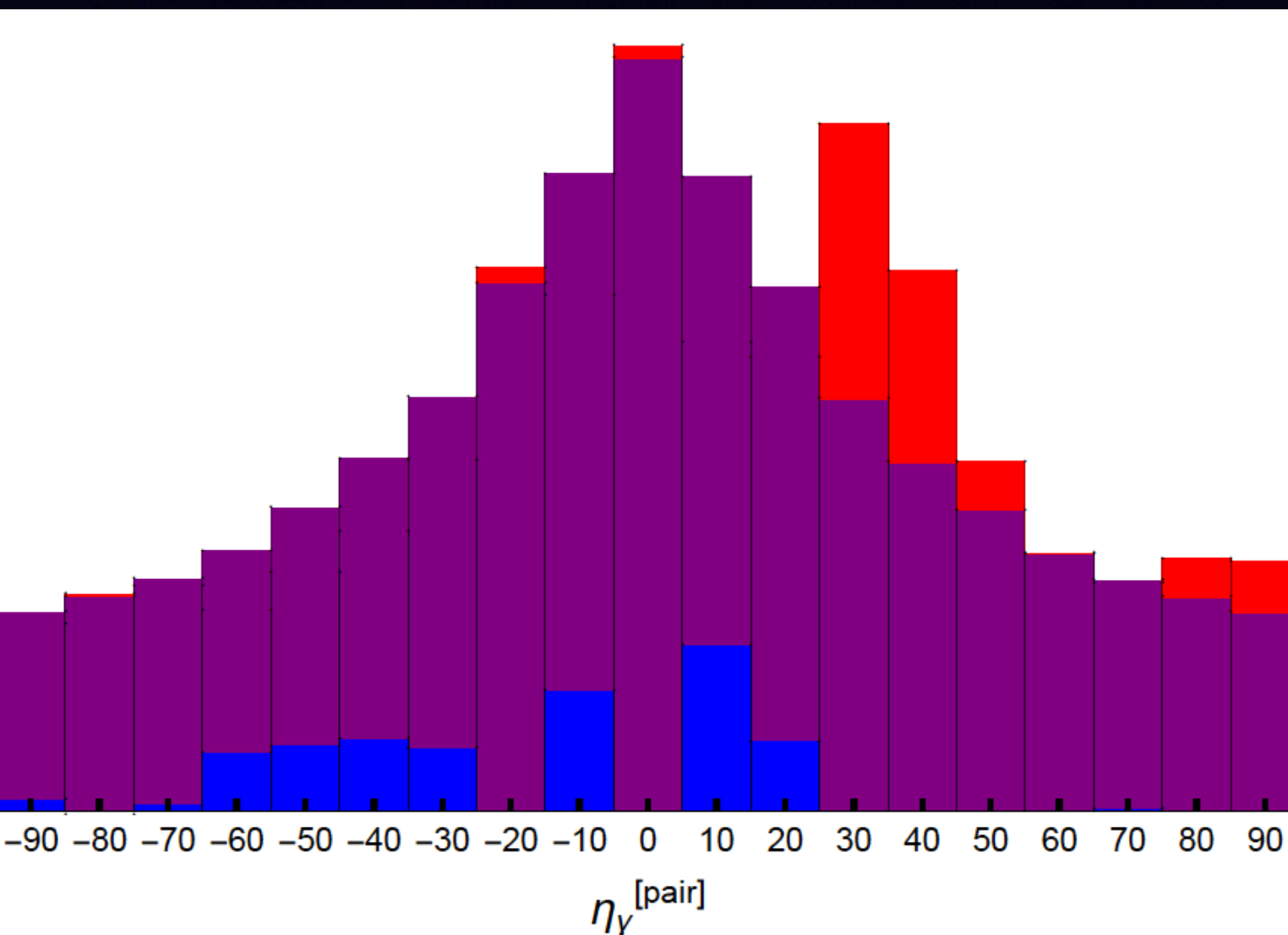
Red bars:
excess in
real data



Over 10^5
simulated data
(reshuffling times)
the observed peak
for
 $25 < \eta < 35$
is reproduced in
less than
0.5%
of cases!!!

Data samplings

no-high pairs



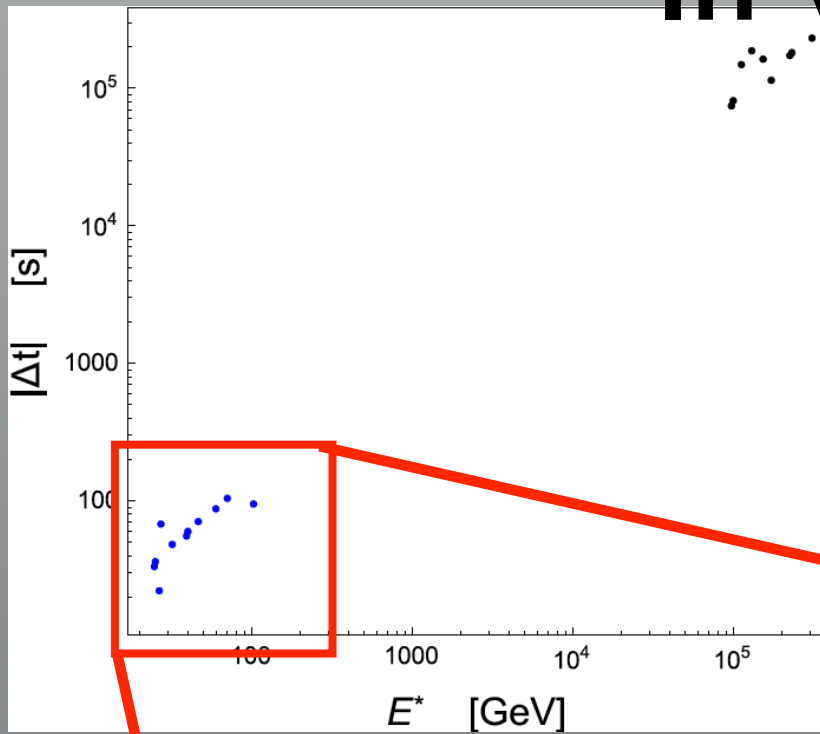
Pairs constituted by all photons with:

$$5 \text{ GeV} < E \times (1 + z) < 40 \text{ GeV}$$

(excluding the energy range analysed by previous analyses)

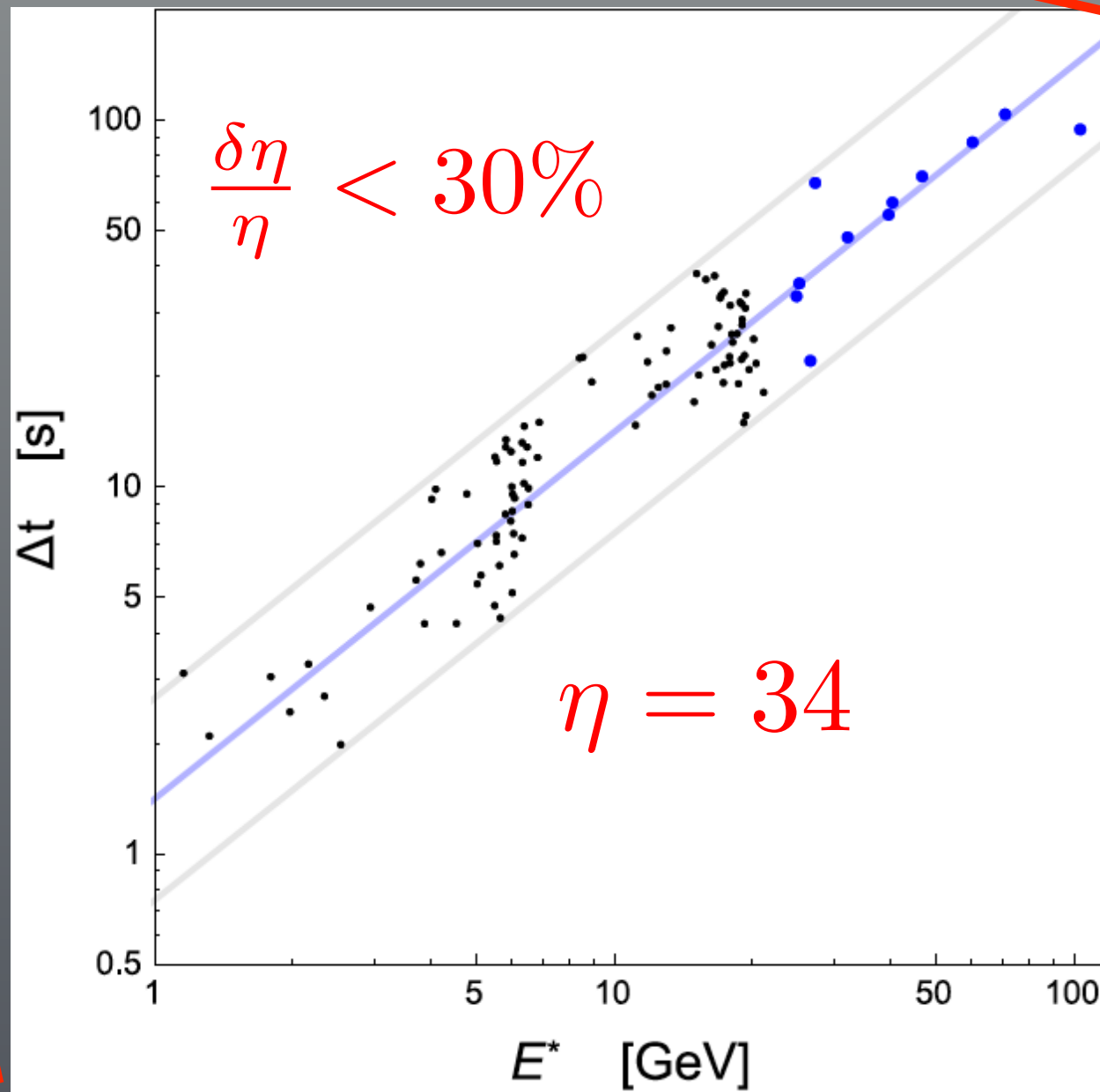
Peak at $25 < \eta < 35$ appears accidentally only in 0.6 % of cases!

In-vacuo dispersion-like feature



- **BLUE POINTS:** GRB photons with energy at the emission greater than 40 GeV

- **BLACK POINTS:** GRB photons with energy at the emission between 5 GeV and 40 GeV



Consistency between the $E > 40 \text{ GeV}$ analysis and the $5 \text{ GeV} < E < 40 \text{ GeV}$ analysis!!!

Summary and Outlook

Spectral time lags are observed in all GRBs

In-vacuo-dispersion like spectral lags in 7 GRBs but yet they might be manifestations of intrinsic GRB physics

Quantity and quality of Fermi-LAT data finally allow to pass from single-burst analyses to statistical analyses over collections of GRBs!

To decouple intrinsic from LIV effects:

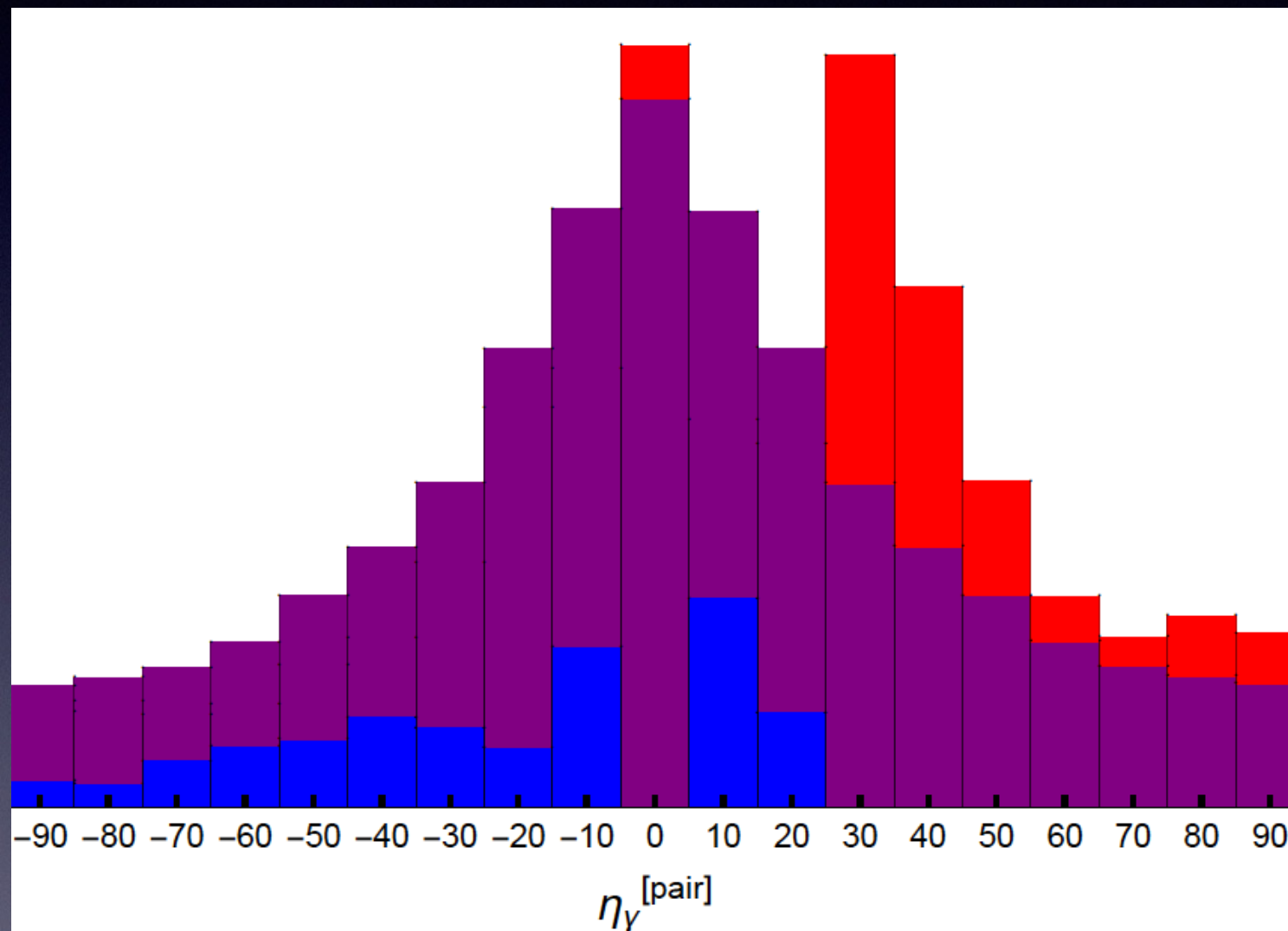
- **Study the dependence on the redshift (population studies)**
- **Combine different sources (e.g. AGNs+GRBs)**
- **Multi-messenger analyses**
- **Model time variability at the emission**
- **Increase statistics in the GeV range**

Thanks for your attention!



Data samplings

medium-low pairs



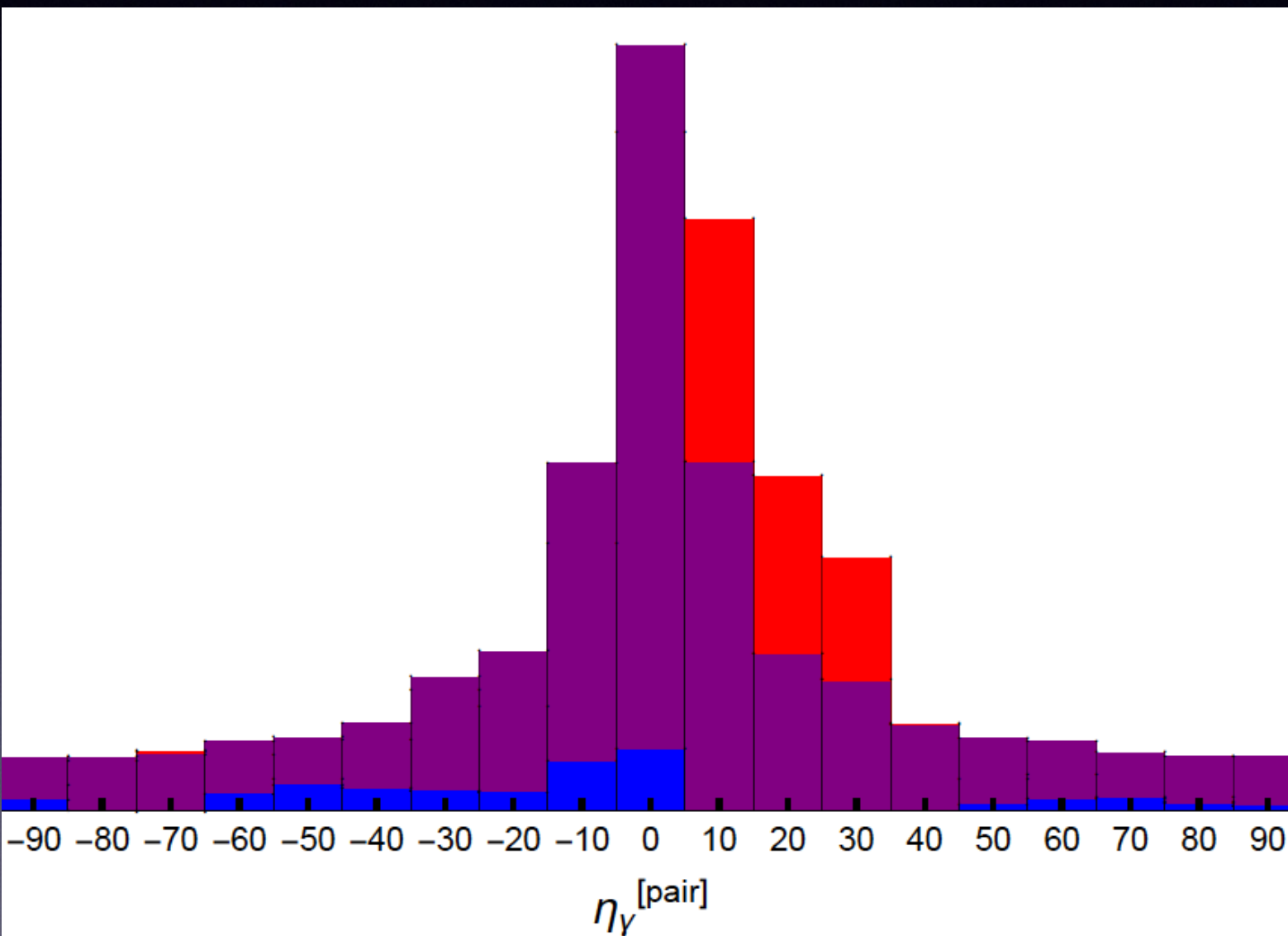
Pairs constituted by:

- 1. “Low” photon with**
 $5 \text{ GeV} < E \times (1 + z) < 15 \text{ GeV}$
- 2. “Medium” photon with**
 $15 \text{ GeV} < E \times (1 + z) < 40 \text{ GeV}$

False alarm probability = 0.2 %!

Data samplings

high-low pairs



Pairs constituted by:

1. “Low” photon with

$$5 \text{ GeV} < E \times (1 + z) < 15 \text{ GeV}$$

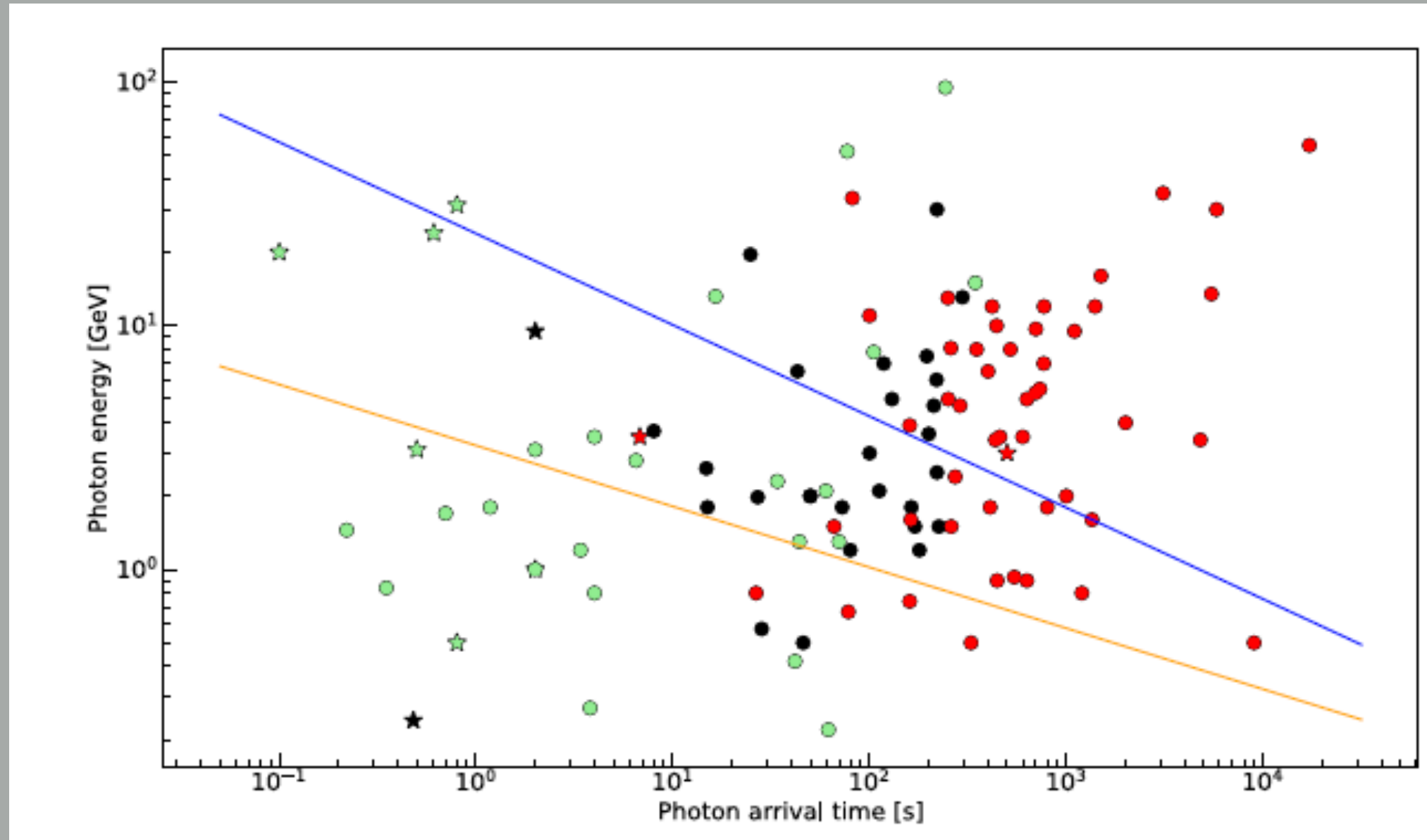
2. “High” photon with

$$E \times (1 + z) > 40 \text{ GeV}$$

False alarm probability = 14 %!

How to explain delayed GeV component?

Nava, arXiv:1804.01524



• **BLUE LINE:**
homogenous
medium

• **ORANGE LINE:**
wind-like
medium

$$E_{max}^{syn} = \frac{50 \text{ MeV} \times \Gamma}{1+z}$$

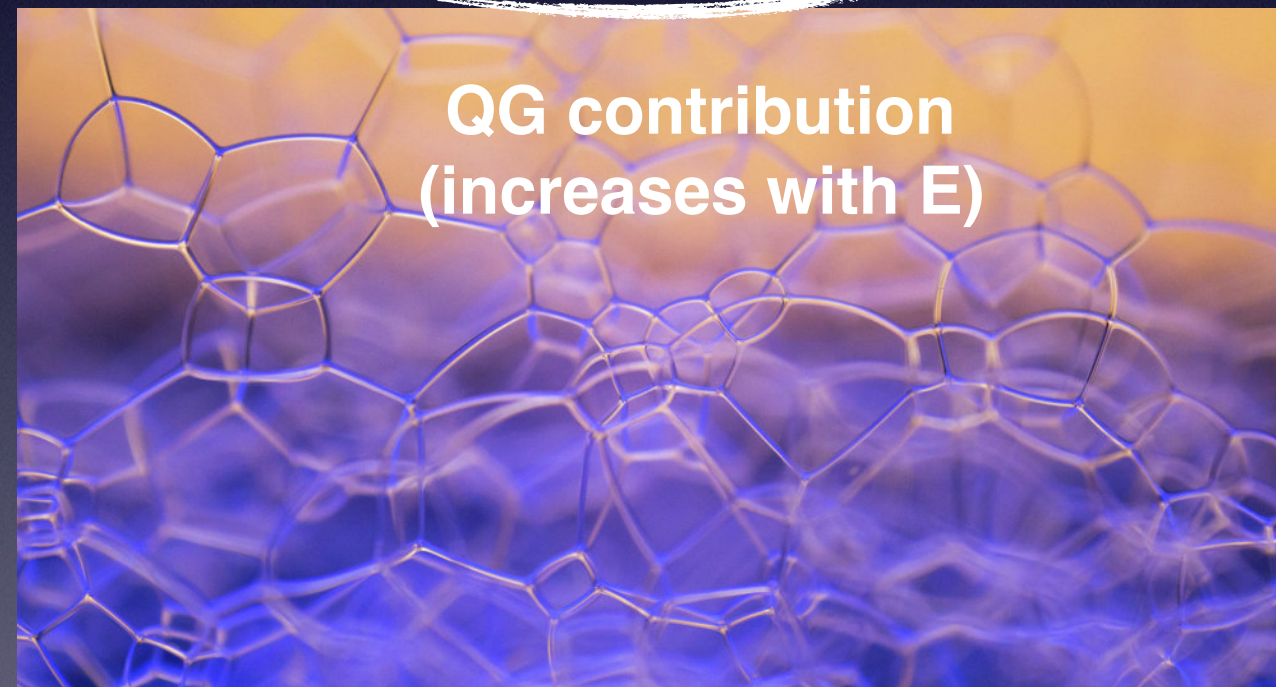
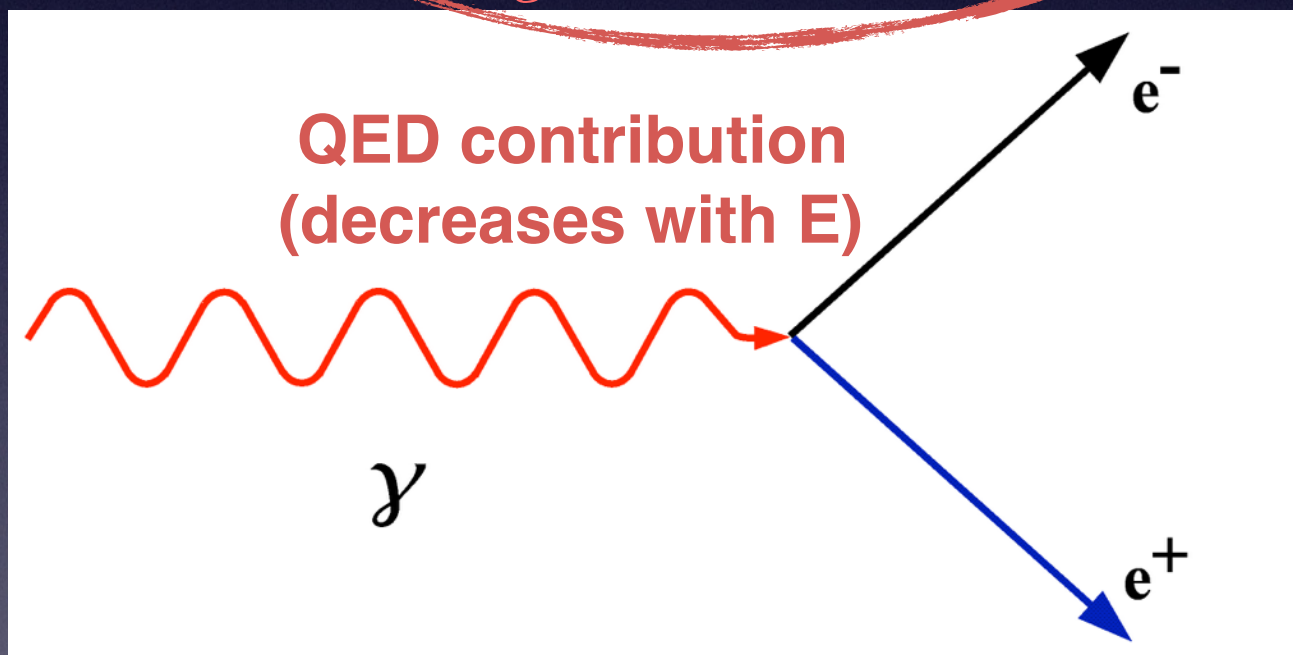


**No simple explanation
in terms of
synchrotron radiation!!**

QG vs Standard physics

$$E \sim 1\text{MeV} \quad m_e \sim 0.5\text{MeV} \quad N_b \sim 0.25 \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta t \propto \frac{N_b}{m_e E^2} L \simeq 10^{-40} L \ll \frac{E}{M_P} L \simeq 10^{-20} L$$



At high energies (linear) QG-induced delays dominates over conventional in-medium physics effects!!

Jacob-Piran formula

Jacob, Piran, arXiv:1707.02413

pass to comoving momenta to
account for universe
expansion

$$H^2 = p^2 c^2 \left(1 + \eta \frac{pc}{E_P} \right) \longrightarrow H = \frac{pc}{a} \sqrt{1 + \eta \frac{pc}{a E_P}}$$

$$v = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \longrightarrow x(t, p) = \int_0^t \frac{c}{a(t')} \left(1 + \eta \left(\frac{pc}{a(t') E_P} \right) \right) dt'$$

turning to redshift variable z :

$$x(z, E_0) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \left(1 + \eta \left(\frac{E_0}{E_P} (1 + z') \right) \right) \frac{dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

Taking into account that the comoving distance is the same for a high-energy and a low-energy (i.e. no in-vacuo dispersion) photon:

$$\Delta t = \frac{1}{H_0} \frac{\eta E_0}{E_P} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z') dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} = \eta \frac{E_0}{E_P} D(z)$$

MDR: kappa-Poincaré

kappa-Minkowski non-commutative space

$$[x_0, x_j] = -i\lambda x_j$$

+

duality relations

$$\langle x_\mu, P_\nu \rangle = -i\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

kappa-Poincaré Hopf algebra

deformed commutators:

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{P}_\mu, \mathcal{P}_\nu] &= 0 \\ [M_j, \mathcal{P}_k] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}\mathcal{P}_l \\ [M_j, P_0] &= 0 \\ [\mathcal{N}_j, \mathcal{P}_k] &= i\delta_{jk} \left(\frac{1}{2\lambda}(1 - e^{-2\lambda P_0}) + \frac{\lambda}{2}\mathcal{P}^2 \right) - i\lambda\mathcal{P}_j\mathcal{P}_k \\ [\mathcal{N}_j, P_0] &= i\mathcal{P}_j \end{aligned}$$

deformed coproducts:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta P_0 &= P_0 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P_0 \\ \Delta M_j &= M_j \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M_j \\ \Delta \mathcal{P}_j &= \mathcal{P}_j \otimes 1 + e^{-\lambda P_0} \otimes \mathcal{P}_j \\ \Delta \mathcal{N}_j &= \mathcal{N}_j \otimes 1 + e^{-\lambda P_0} \otimes \mathcal{N}_j - \lambda\epsilon_{jkl}\mathcal{P}_k \otimes M_l \end{aligned}$$

deformed mass Casimir

$$C_\lambda(\mathcal{P}) = \frac{e^{\lambda P_0} + e^{-\lambda P_0} - 2}{\lambda^2} - \vec{\mathcal{P}}^2 e^{\lambda P_0} \xrightarrow{\lambda=0} P_0^2 - \vec{P}^2$$

MDR: multi-fractional spaces

multi-scale measure

$$d^4q(x) = dq^0(t) dq^1(x^1) \cdots dq^3(x^3)$$

geometrical and physical coordinates

$$q^i(x^i) = x^i + \frac{\ell_*}{\alpha} \left| \frac{x^i}{\ell_*} \right|^\alpha F_\omega(x^i),$$
$$q^0(t) = t + \frac{t_*}{\alpha_0} \left| \frac{t}{t_*} \right|^{\alpha_0} F_\omega(t),$$

geometrical and physical momenta

$$p^\mu(k^\mu) := \frac{1}{q^\mu(1/k^\mu)}$$



$$[p^0(E)]^2 = |\mathbf{p}|^2 + m^2 = \sum [p^i(k^i)]^2 + m^2$$

$$|\mathbf{p}|^2 \simeq \sum_i k_i^2 \left[1 - \frac{2}{\alpha} \left| \frac{k_i}{k_*} \right|^{1-\alpha} F_\omega(k_i) \right]$$

modified dispersion!!

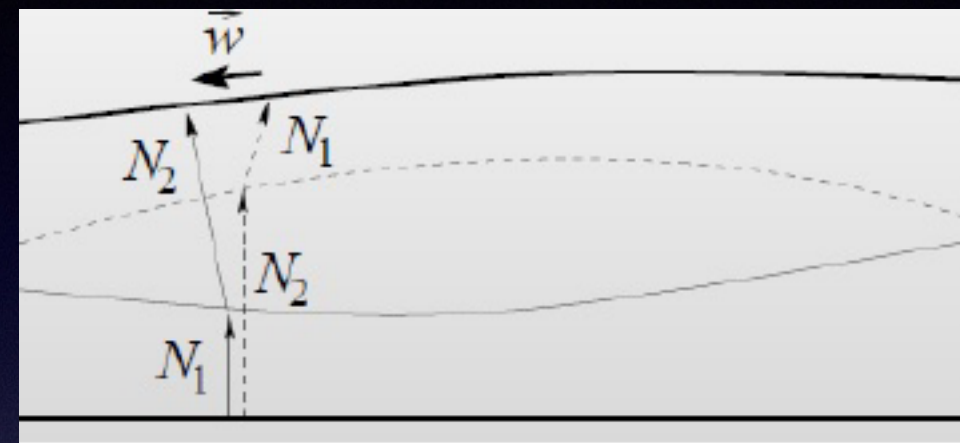
MDR: effective LQG

Brahma, MR, arXiv: 1801.09417

Hypersurface-deformation algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} \{D[M^k], D[N^j]\} &= D[\mathcal{L}_{\vec{M}} N^k], \\ \{D[N^k], H[M]\} &= H[\mathcal{L}_{\vec{N}} M], \\ \{H[N], H[M]\} &= D[h^{jk}(N\partial_j M - M\partial_j N)], \end{aligned}$$

generate hypersurface deformations!



LQG corrections to diffeomorphisms!!

$$\begin{aligned} \{D[M^a], D[N^a]\} &= D[\mathcal{L}_{\vec{M}} N^a], \\ \{D[N^a], H^Q[M]\} &= H^Q[\mathcal{L}_{\vec{N}} M], \\ \{H^Q[M], H^Q[N]\} &= D[\beta h^{ab}(M\partial_b N - N\partial_b M)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$P_0^2 = \int \beta(P_r) P_r dP_r,$$

modified dispersion!!

Minkowski/Poincaré limit:

$$N^k(x) = \delta^k + \epsilon^{kij} \varphi_i x_j, \quad N(x) = \delta + \alpha_i x^i$$