

LUNCH WITH ZWICKY'S — PT2

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OUTLINE OF PT2

"Extraordinary claims require extraordinary



evidence."

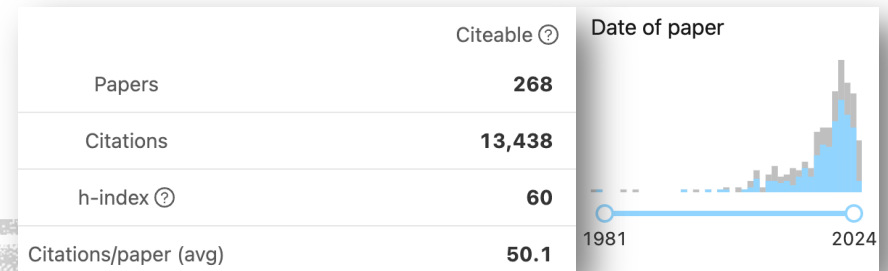
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- ALPs
- PBH
- MM
- LIV

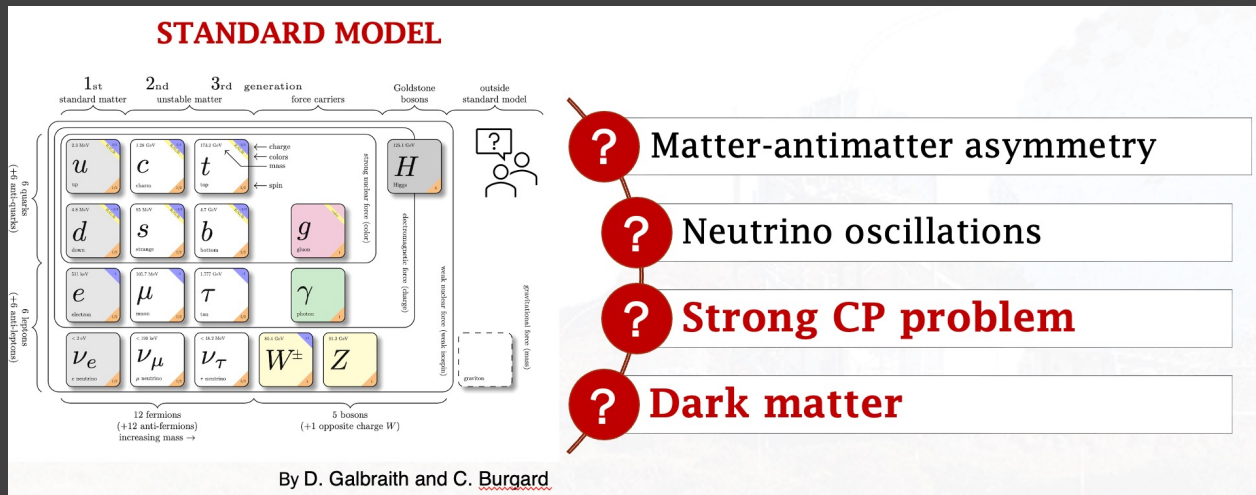
AXION LIKE PARTICLES

Be prepared to wash dishes

Recipe in coll. with Ivana Batkovic (PD),
Muneeb Shoaib (PD), Giacomo d'Amico (Uni Bergen)



HOUSTON, WE HAVE A STRONG CP PROBLEM



Courtesy I. Batkovic

Strong CP problem

- ✦ R.D. Peccei and H. Quinn; 1977.
- ✦ Spontaneously broken global symmetry
- ✦ S. Weinberg and F. Wilczek; 1978.

Axion

$$m_a \simeq 6 \times 10^{-6} \frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$

Dark matter

- ✦ Produced in the early Universe:

Dark Matter Axion

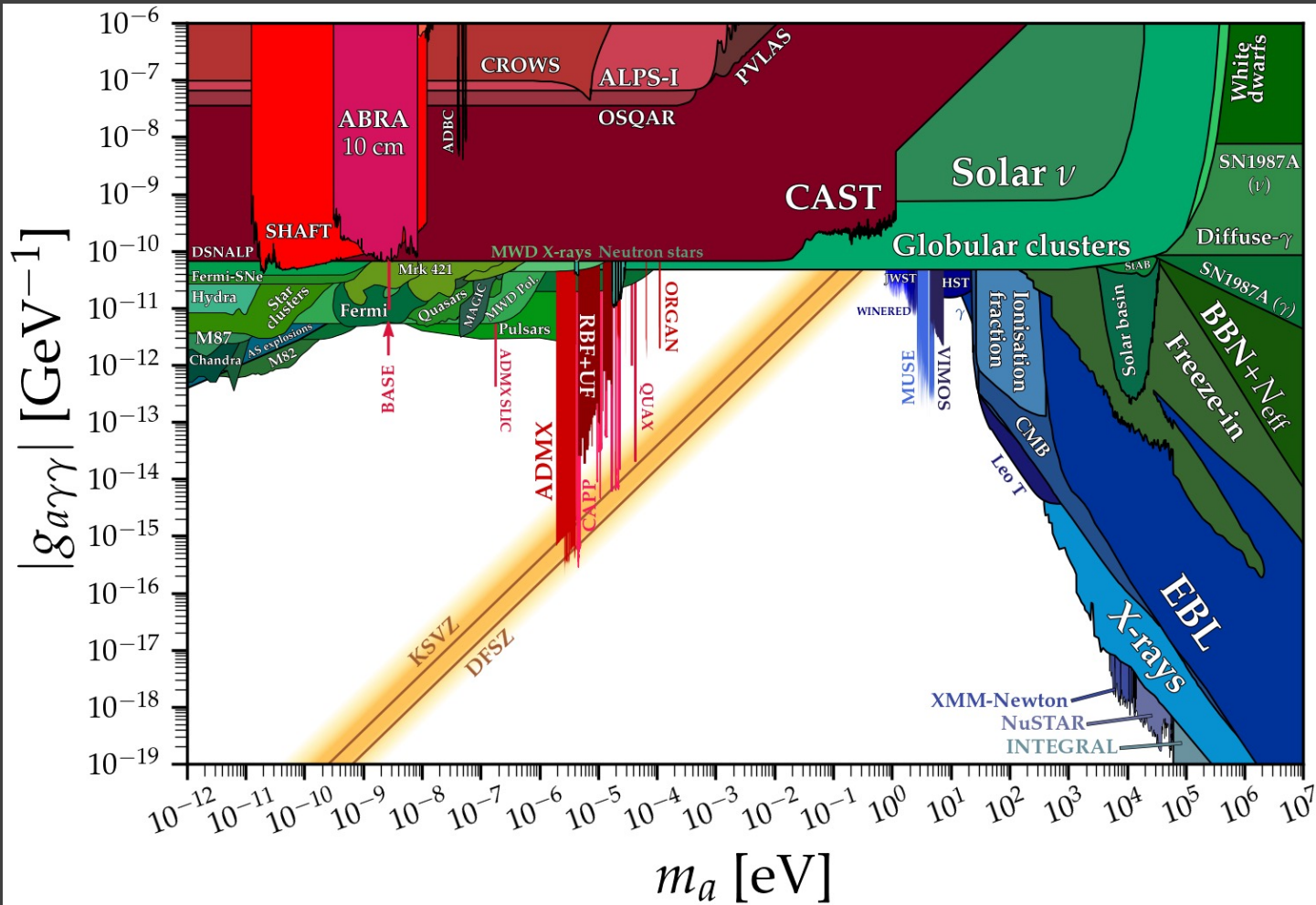
$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} < \left(\frac{m_a}{1 \text{ neV}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

Axion-like particles (ALPs)

- ✦ Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons emerging from different theories
- ✦ Mass and coupling are independent

NOT FOUND IN SUPERMARKET

<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>

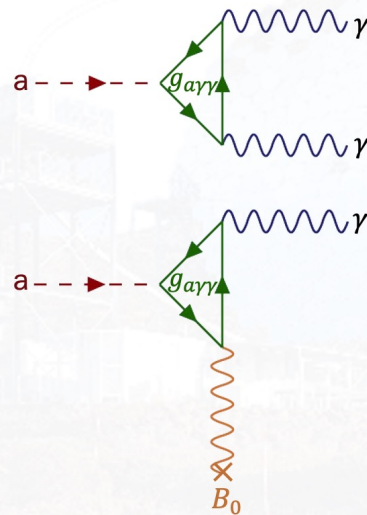


- Cosmological limits (blue)
- Lab limits (red)
 - Shine through the wall
 - Plasma
 - Cavities

ALP-PHOTON CONVERSION IN B'S

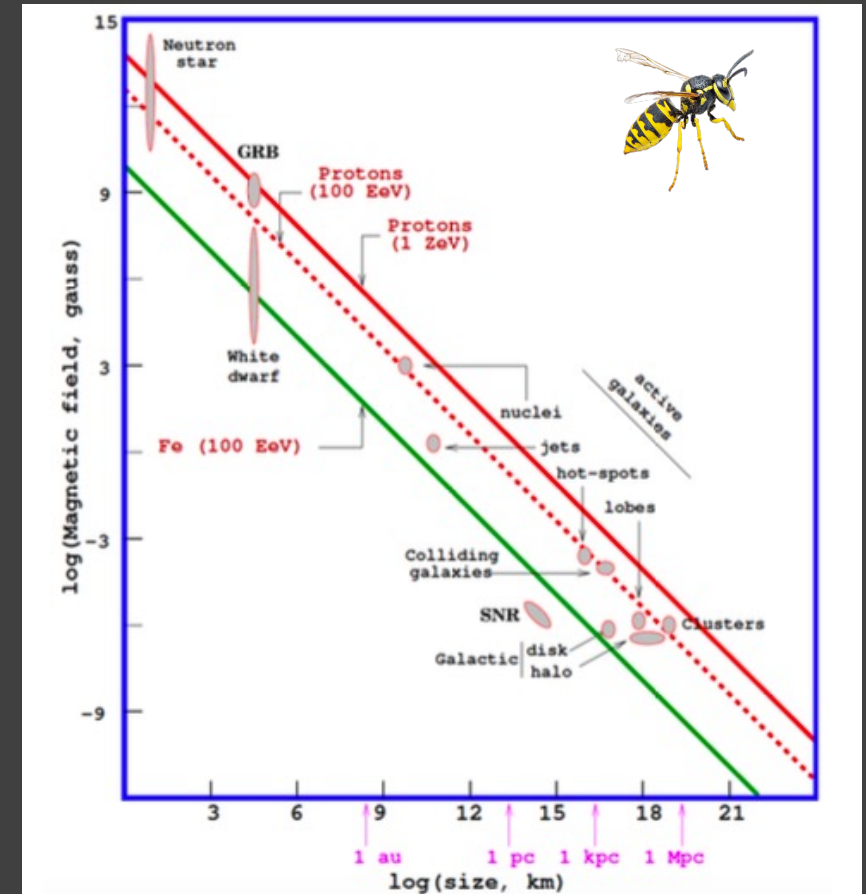
- ♦ Observable through interaction with photons
- ♦ Extremely important for detection of axion
- ♦ Magnetic field is “enabling mixing” between a VHE photon and an axion:

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} a = g_{a\gamma\gamma} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} a$$



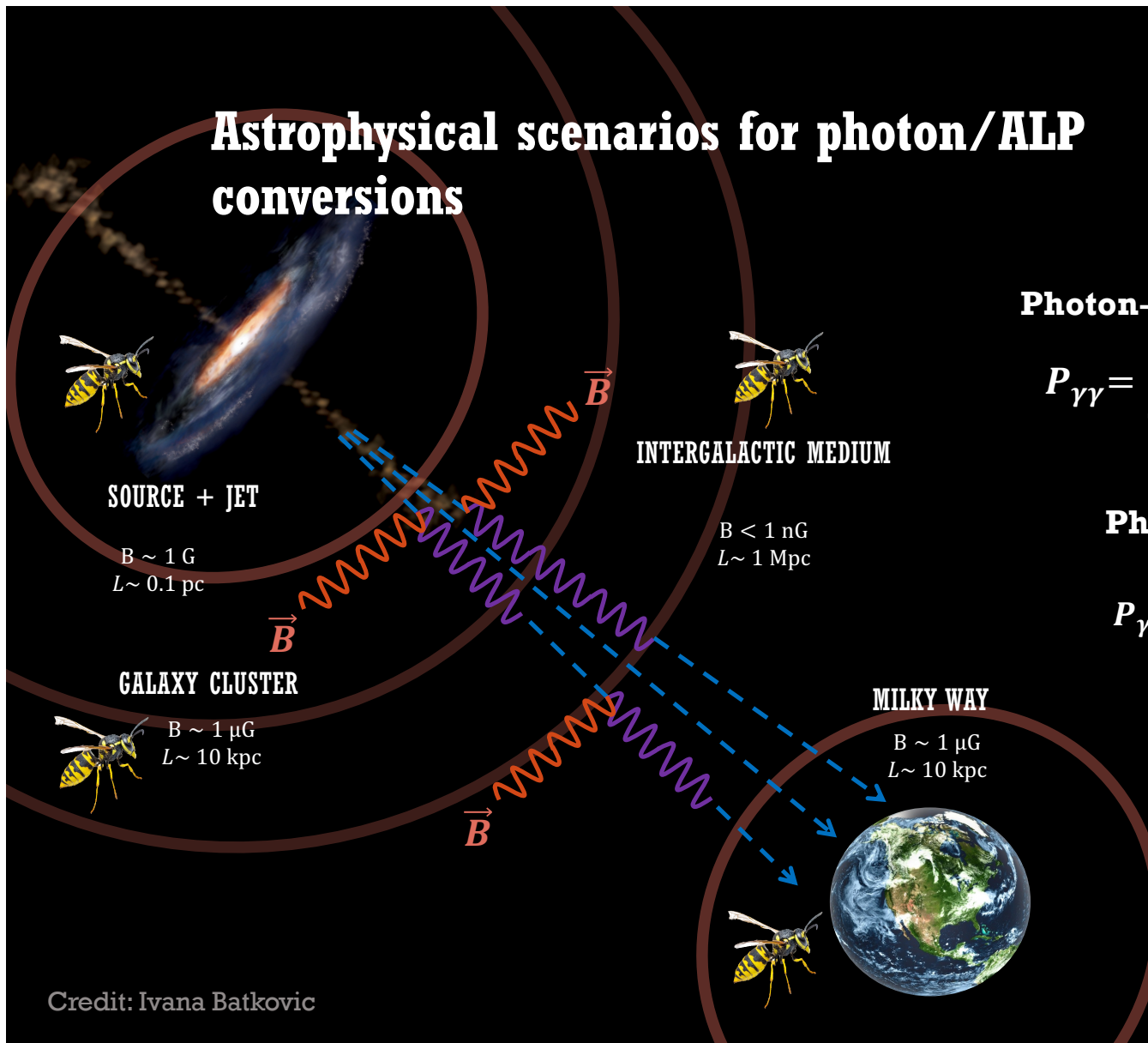
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Spot the best for ALP conversion!



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Astrophysical scenarios for photon/ALP conversions



Photon-survival probability

$$P_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{3}{2} N P_{\gamma \rightarrow a}\right) \right)$$

Photon conversion probability

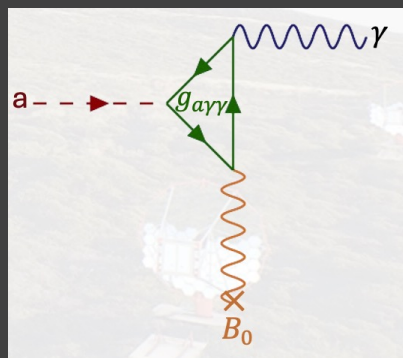
$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow a} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left[\frac{g_{a\gamma} B L}{2} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{E}{E_\gamma} \right)^2} \right]$$

Critical energy

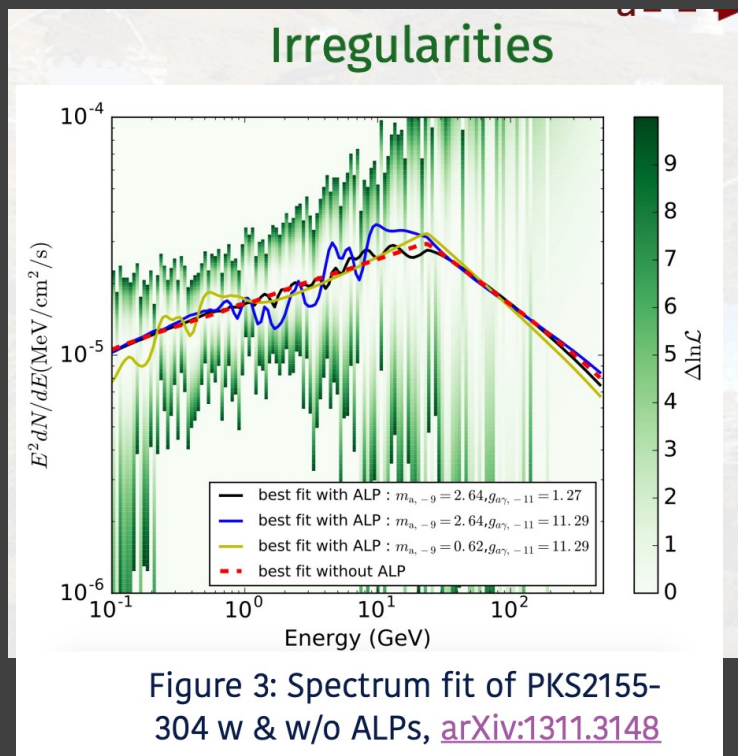
$$E_{crit} = 2.5 \text{ GeV} \frac{|m_{a,\text{neV}}^2 - \omega_{pl,\text{neV}}^2|}{G_{11} B_{\mu\text{G}}}$$



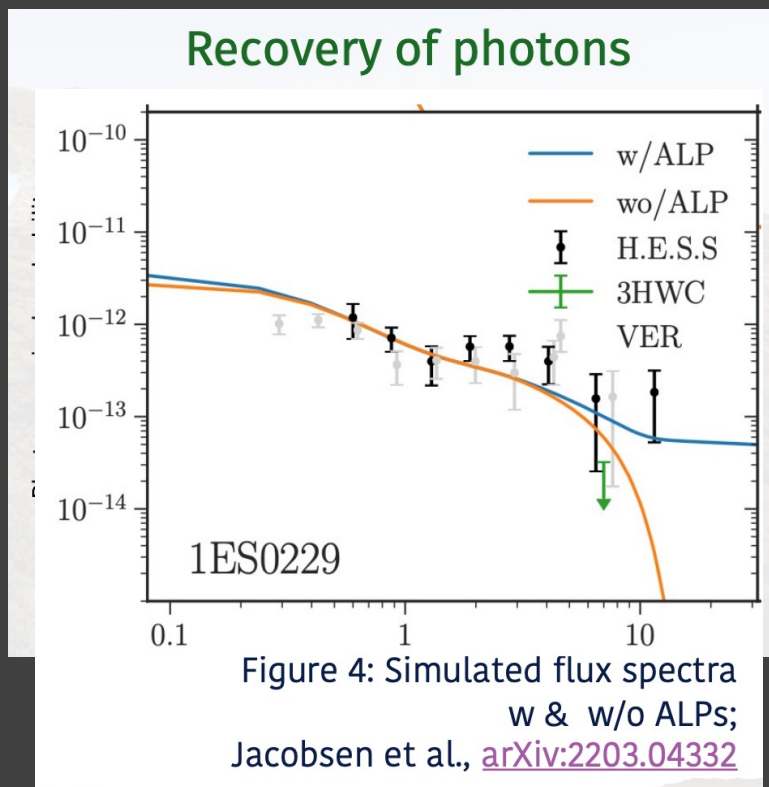
OBSERVABLES: SPECTRAL WIGGLES AND PHOTON RECOVERY



$$E_{crit} = 2.5 \text{ GeV} \frac{|m_{a,neV}^2 - \omega_{pl,neV}^2|}{G_{11} B_{\mu G}}$$



GeV-TeV band



10/100-TeV band

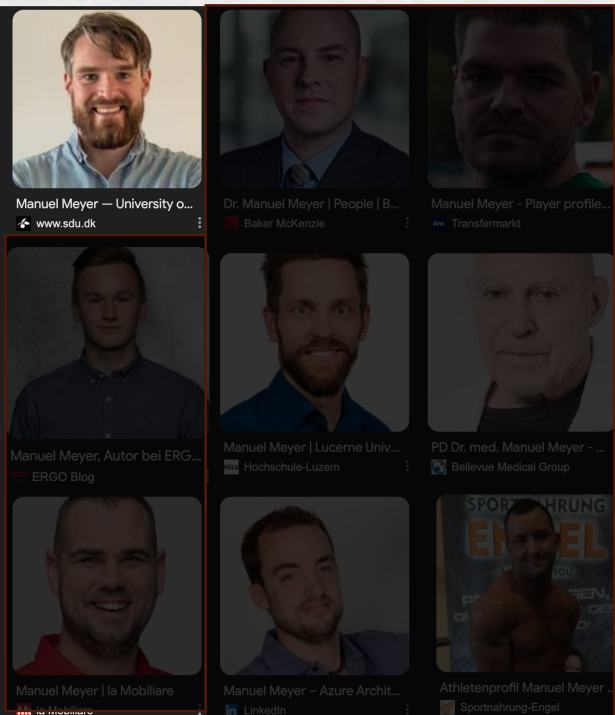
GAMMAALPS

Manuel Meyer <https://gammaalps.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

$$\frac{d\Phi_{obs}}{dE} = \frac{d\Phi_{int}}{dE} \times P_{\gamma\gamma}^{a,EBL}(E_{\gamma}; m_a, g_{a\gamma}, B; z)$$

Observed flux Intrinsic flux Gamma-ray energy Ambient magnetic field Source's redshift

- Calculates the **oscillation probability** between photons and axion-like particles (ALPs) in various astrophysical environments
- A.k.a. computes the **equation of transport**



Tutorials

Calculate photon-ALP mixing in different environments

These tutorials demonstrate the usage of gammaALPs for different astrophysical environments:

- [Mixing in a homogeneous magnetic field](#) | [mixing_single_cell.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in Gaussian turbulence field: Perseus cluster and from NGC 1275](#) | [mixing_ICM_Gaussian_Turbulence.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in structured cavity field: Perseus cluster and from NGC 1275](#) | [mixing_ICM_structured_field.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in the intergalactic magnetic field \(IGMF\)](#) | [mixing_IGMF.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in AGN jet with simple toroidal magnetic field](#) | [mixing_AGN_jet_simple.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in AGN jet with helical and tangled magnetic field](#) | [mixing_HelicalTangled_jet.ipynb](#)
- [Mixing in the Galactic magnetic field using the Jansson & Farrar model](#) | [mixing_gmf.ipynb](#)

GAMMAALPS

```
[1]: #!pip install gammaALPs
```

We start of with the usual imports:

```
[2]: from gammaALPs.core import Source, ALP, Modu
      from gammaALPs.base import environs, transfer
      import numpy as np
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from matplotlib.path_effects import withStroke
      from ebltable.tau_from_model import OptDepth
      from astropy import constants as c
```

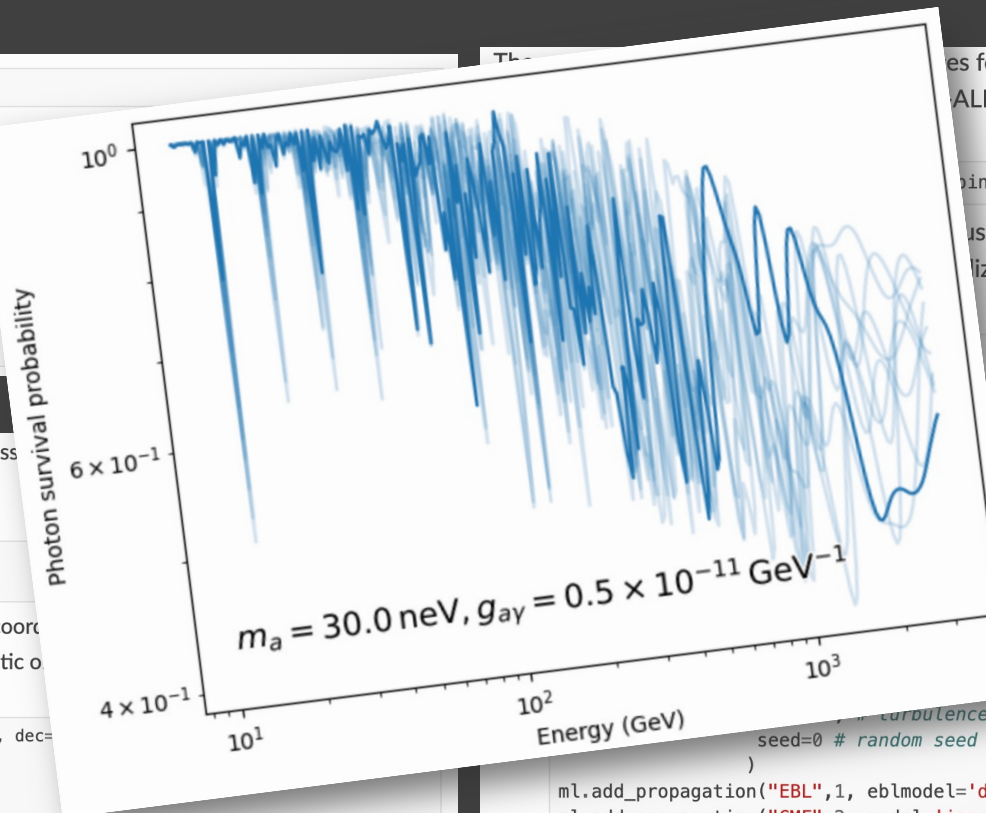
And initialize an ALP object, which stores the ALP mass 10^{-11}GeV^{-1} .

```
[3]: m, g = 1., 1.
      alp = ALP(m, g)
```

Next, we set the source properties (redshift and sky coordinates) which can be taken from your favorite catalog for extragalactic objects.

```
[4]: ngc1275 = Source(z=0.017559, ra='03h19m48.1s', dec=
      print (ngc1275.z)
      print (ngc1275.ra, ngc1275.dec)
      print (ngc1275.l, ngc1275.b)
```

```
0.017559
49.950416666666665 41.511666666666666
150.57567432060083 -13.261343544296324
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es for the ALP, our source, the initial polarization, and the ALP mixing

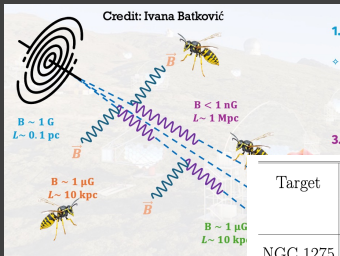
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bin, EGeV = EGeV)
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cluster, the EBL, and the Galactic magnetic field. By visualizations of the magnetic field.

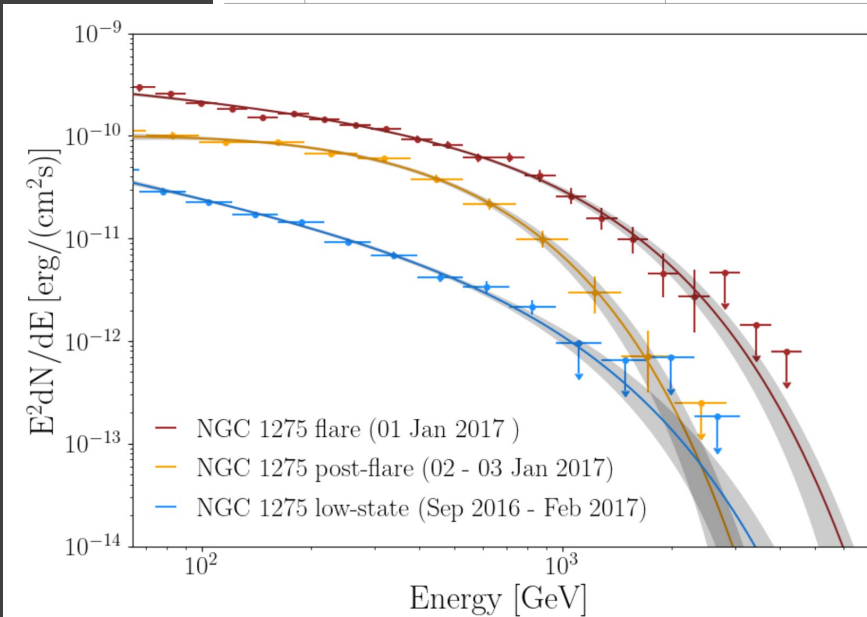
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random B-field realizations
field in muG
ation of electron density in cm-3
ormalization of electron density, see Churazov et al.
ion of the cluster in kpc
n density parameter, see Churazov et al. 2003, Eq.
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field with electron density
lence scale in kpc^-1, taken from A2199 cool-core
lence scale, taken from A2199 cool-core cluster,
r turbulence spectral index, taken from A2199 cool-core cluster,
seed=0 # random seed for reproducibility, set to None for random seed.
```

```
ml.add_propagation("EBL", 1, eblmodel='dominguez') # EBL attenuation comes second, after beam
ml.add_propagation("GMF", 2, model='jansson12') # finally, the beam enters the Milky Way Field
```


CLUSTER OF GALAXIES — E.G. PERSEUS



| Target | Date | Duration [h] | N_{on} | N_{off} | N_{exc} | \mathcal{S} | Spectrum | Γ | $\Phi_0/10^{-10}$ [$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{TeV}^{-1}$] | E_k [TeV] |
|----------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|---|-----------------|
| NGC 1275 | 1 Jan 2017 | 2.5 | 6632 | 6703 | 4397 | 61.3 | EPWL | -2.31 ± 0.06 | 12.2 ± 1.0 | 0.72 ± 0.11 |
| | 02-03 Jan 2017 | 2.8 | 4376 | 6060 | 2356 | 37.8 | EPWL | -1.79 ± 0.14 | 11.4 ± 2.1 | 0.29 ± 0.04 |
| | Sep 2016 - Feb 2017 | 36.0 | 28830 | 68943 | 5849 | 31.8 | EPWL | -2.54 ± 0.13 | 1.1 ± 0.2 | 0.5 ± 0.12 |
| Sum | | 41.3 | 39838 | 81706 | 12602 | 60.8 | — | — | — | — |



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binned likelihood as follows

$$\mathcal{L}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \mu, b, B|D) = \prod_{i,k} \mathcal{L}_{i,k}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \mu_i, b_{i,k}, B|D_{i,k}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{i,k} = \mathcal{P}\left(N_{\text{on}}^{i,k} \mid s_{i,k} + \alpha b_{i,k}\right) \times \mathcal{P}\left(N_{\text{off}}^{i,k} \mid b_{i,k}\right)$$

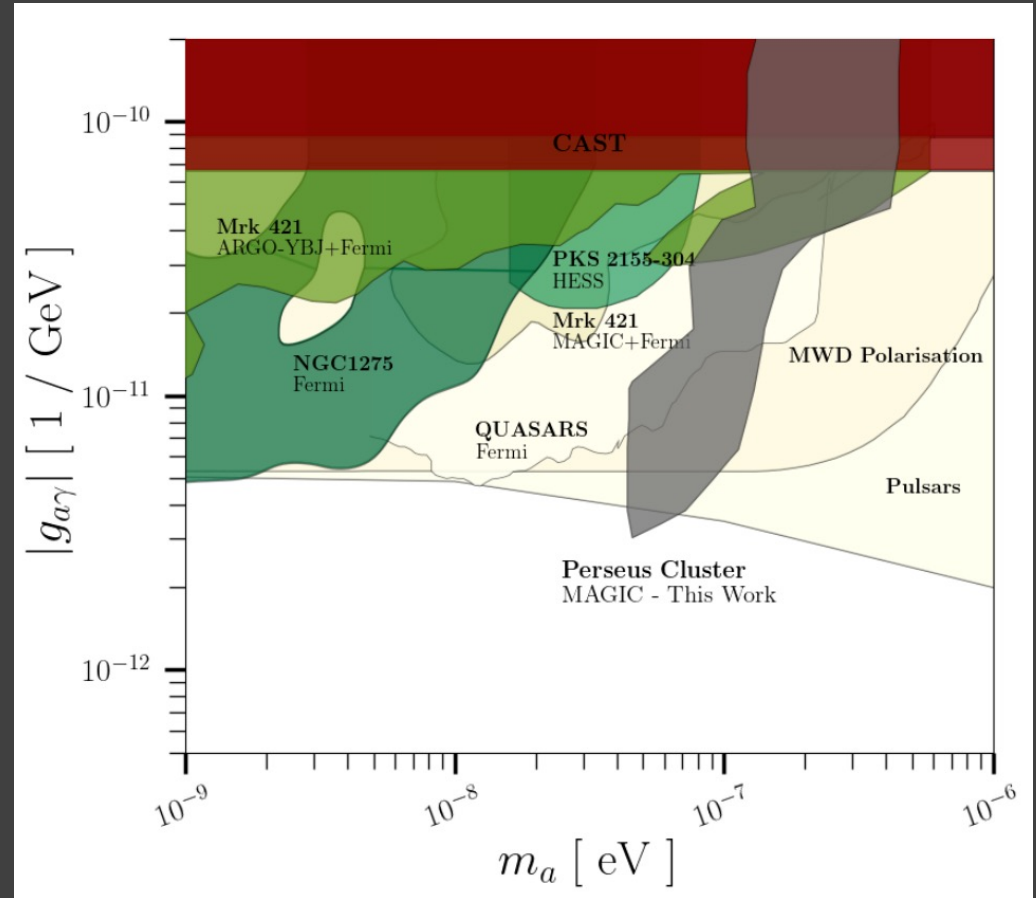
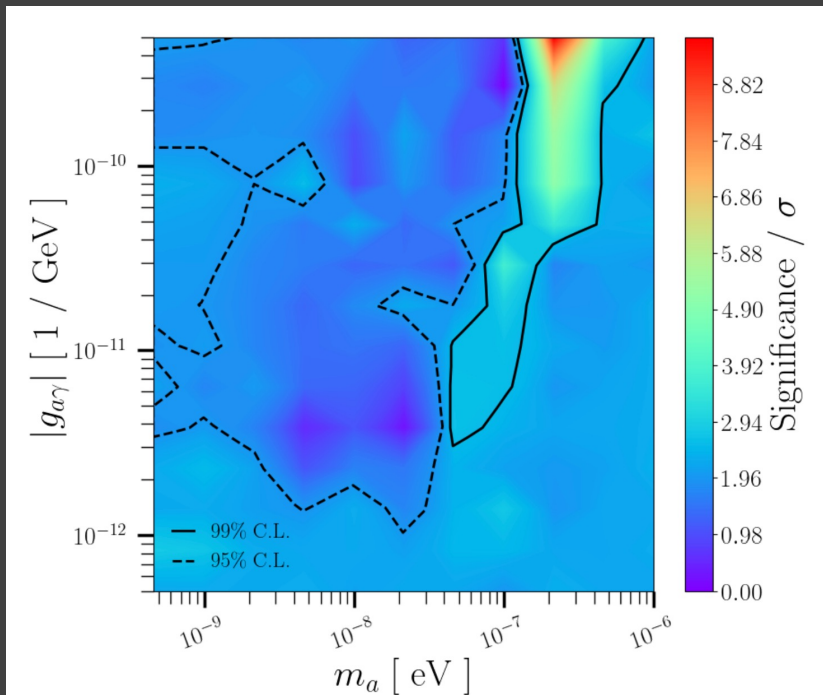
- μ_i are the SED nuisance parameters (flux amplitude, spectral index and cut-off energy)
- $b_{i,k}$ are the expected background counts in the OFF region
- $D_{i,k} = (N_{i,\text{kon}}, N_{i,\text{koff}})$ are the number of ON and OFF events observed in the k -th energy bin from the i -th sample

TS WITH WILKS CAVEATS

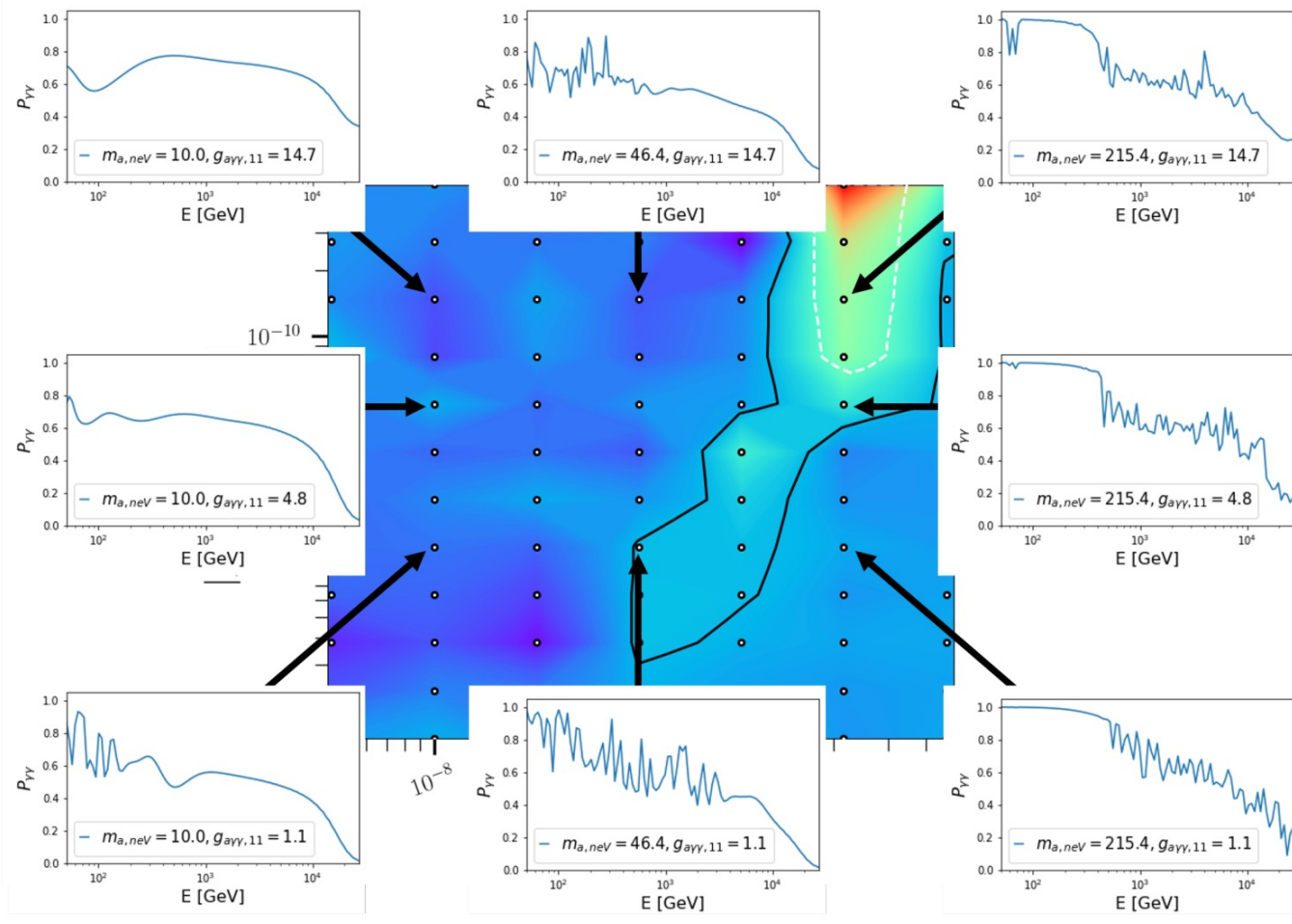
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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{TS}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a) &= -2\Delta \ln \mathcal{L} \\ &= -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(g_{a\gamma}, m_a, \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \hat{\mathbf{b}}, \hat{B} | \mathbf{D})}{\hat{\mathcal{L}}},\end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$ is the maximum value of the likelihood over the parameter space, while $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ and \hat{B}



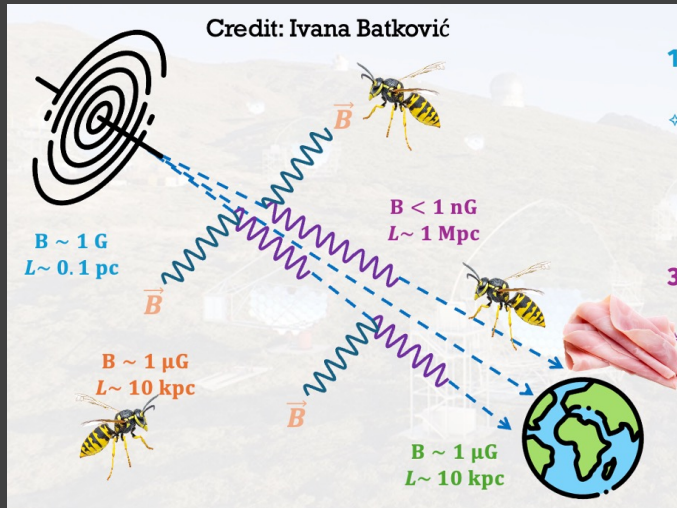
JUMPS MORE THAN WIGGLES



- IACTs constraints spectral-jumps, not wiggles

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LST1 - BLAZARS

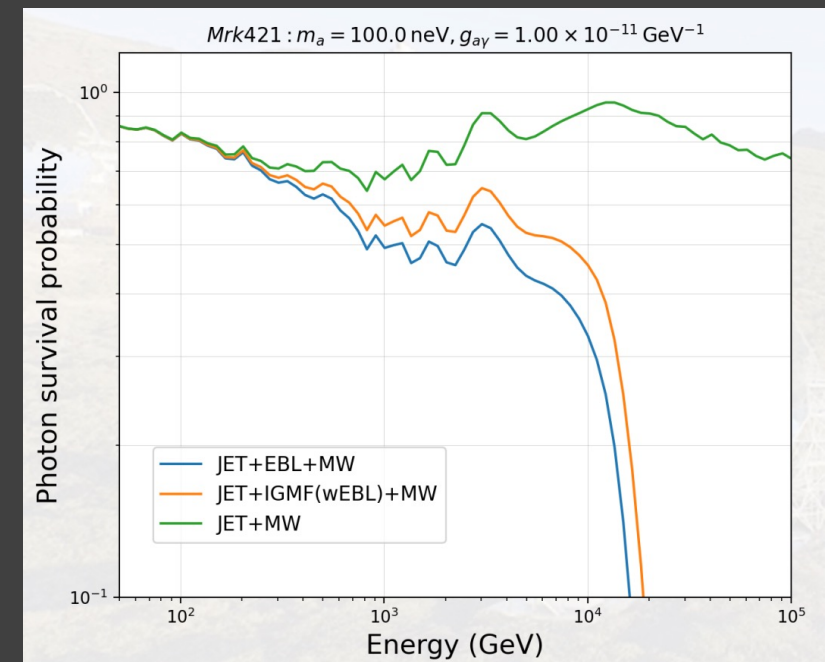


- LST-1 dataset: Mrk421, BLLac, Mrk501, ...
- Combine them all and make a gammapy pipeline

Credit
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Need to model

- Intrinsic flux
- Magnetic field in jet
- Magnetic field in MW
- EBL





IN JETS

New constraints on the structure and dynamics of black hole jets

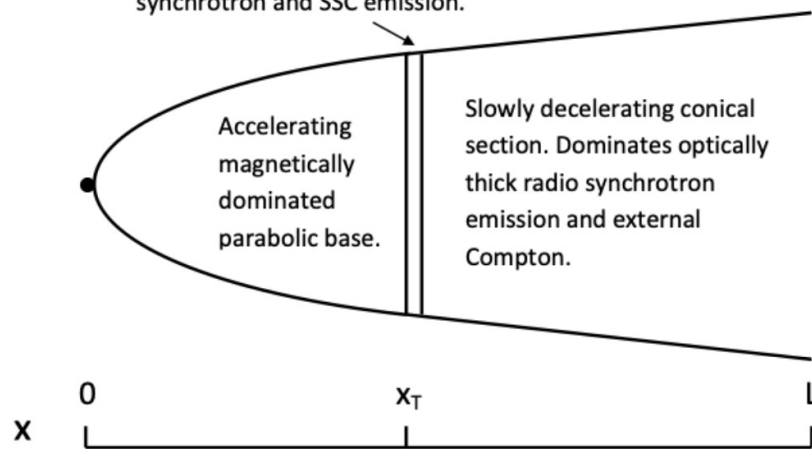
William J. Potter, Garret Cotter (Aug 3, 2015)

Published in: *Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc.* 453 (2015) 4, 4070–4088 • e-Print: [1508.00567](https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.00567)

| Source | z | $r_T(\text{pc})$ | $r_{VHE}(\text{pc})$ | $r_{jet}(\text{pc})$ | $B_0(\text{G})$ | α | $r_T(\text{pc})$ | g | $M(M_\odot)$ | $n_0(\text{cm}^{-3})^*$ |
|-------------|-------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Mrk 421 | 0.031 | 6.02 | 6.02 | 9.721×10^3 | 0.03 | 1.55 | 6.02 | 12 | 6.31×10^8 | 8.5×10^3 |
| Mrk 501 | 0.034 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3.240×10^3 | 0.8 | 1.68 | 0.3 | 9 | 3.16×10^7 | 4.5×10^4 |
| BL Lac | 0.069 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 16.204×10^3 | 2.68 | 1.95 | 0.12 | 8 | 1.26×10^7 | 8.0×10^5 |
| 1ES1959+650 | 0.048 | 0.96 | 0.96 | 3.241×10^4 | 1.88 | 1.6 | 0.96 | 8 | 1.00×10^7 | 7.2×10^2 |

*taken from Tavecchio et al., *MNRAS*, **401**, 1570–1586 (2010)

Transition region. Jet transitions from parabolic to conical. Plasma first comes into equipartition and magnetic acceleration ceases to be efficient. Dominates optically thin synchrotron and SSC emission.

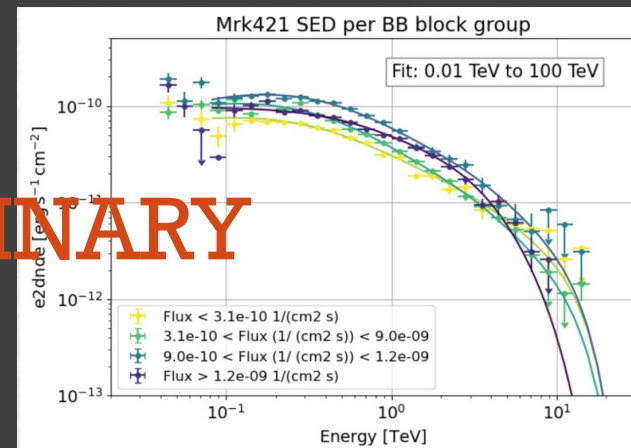
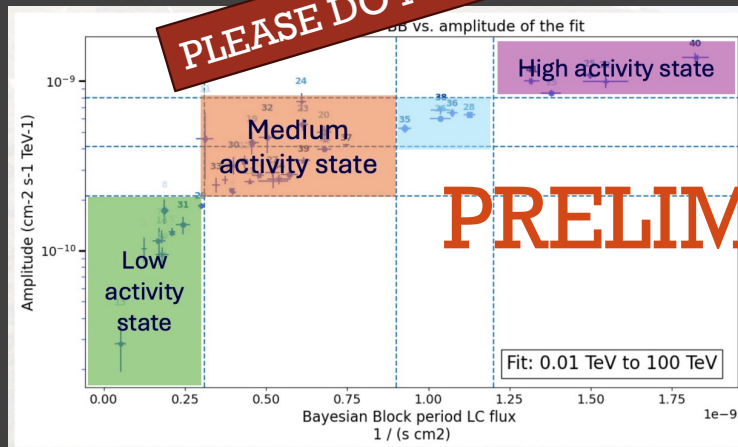
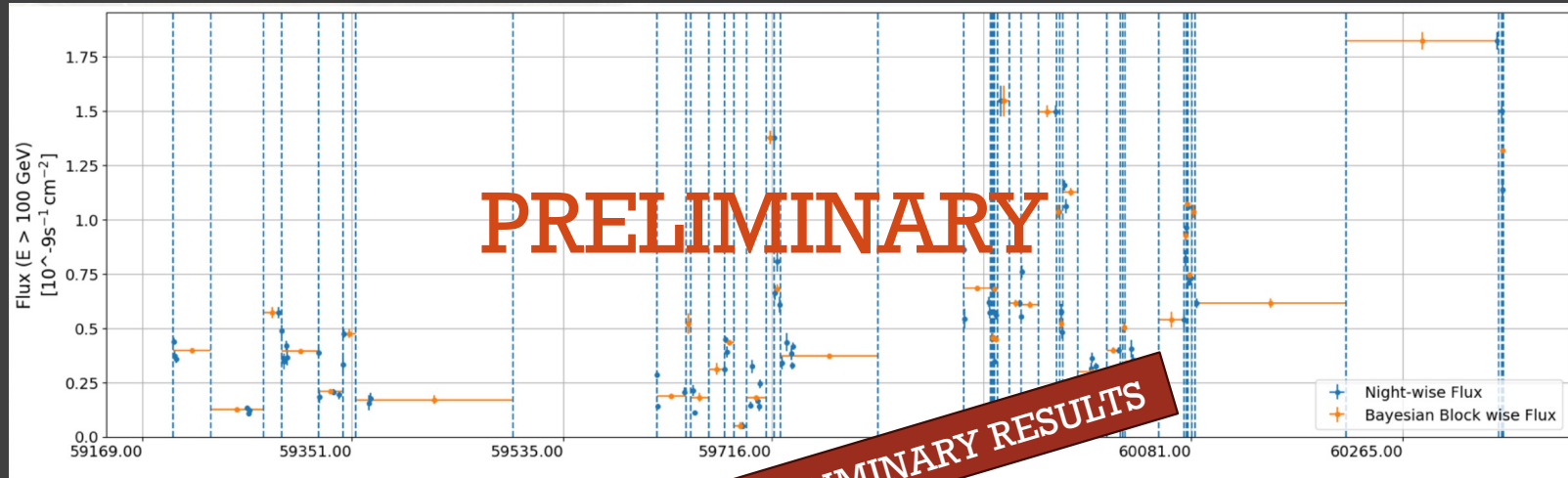


Important for the gammALPs:

- Jet geometry is linearly scaled from the observations of M87 using the eff. BH mass
- Transition region is consequently defined to occur at $10^5 r_T$
- At the same time, r_T (distance of the transition region from the BH), can be calculated from the formula for the gravitational radius:

$$r_T = \frac{2MG}{c^2}$$

LC AND SED



Credit
Batkovic

COMBINATION OF RESULTS

Credit Batkovic

Data storage - .ecsv files

- ✦ For each source, we store the relevant information
- ✦ Providing the likelihood, test statistic (TS) values and sigma values
- ✦ Once available, different sources can be combined for ALPs exclusions

```
# %ECSV 0.9
# ---
# meta: !!omap
# - { Author: I. Batkovic }
# - { mail: ivana.batkovic@unipd.it }
# - { Date of file: 2024-16-05 }
# - { Source: Mrk421 }
# - { Source exposure: 82.8h }
# - { Source observation: 2020-13-12; 2024-12-02 }
# - { Instrument: LST1 }
# - { EBL model: Dominguez11 }
# - { B-field: JET (P&C) + EBL + MW (J&F12) }
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| m_a ; | g_a\gamma; | logL ; | TS ; | z-score |
|-----------|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| 1.00e-09; | 2.00e-12; | 80.516 ; | 28.569; | 2.126; |
| 2.15e-09; | 2.00e-12; | 80.528 ; | 28.581; | 2.125; |
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REACH OF CTA

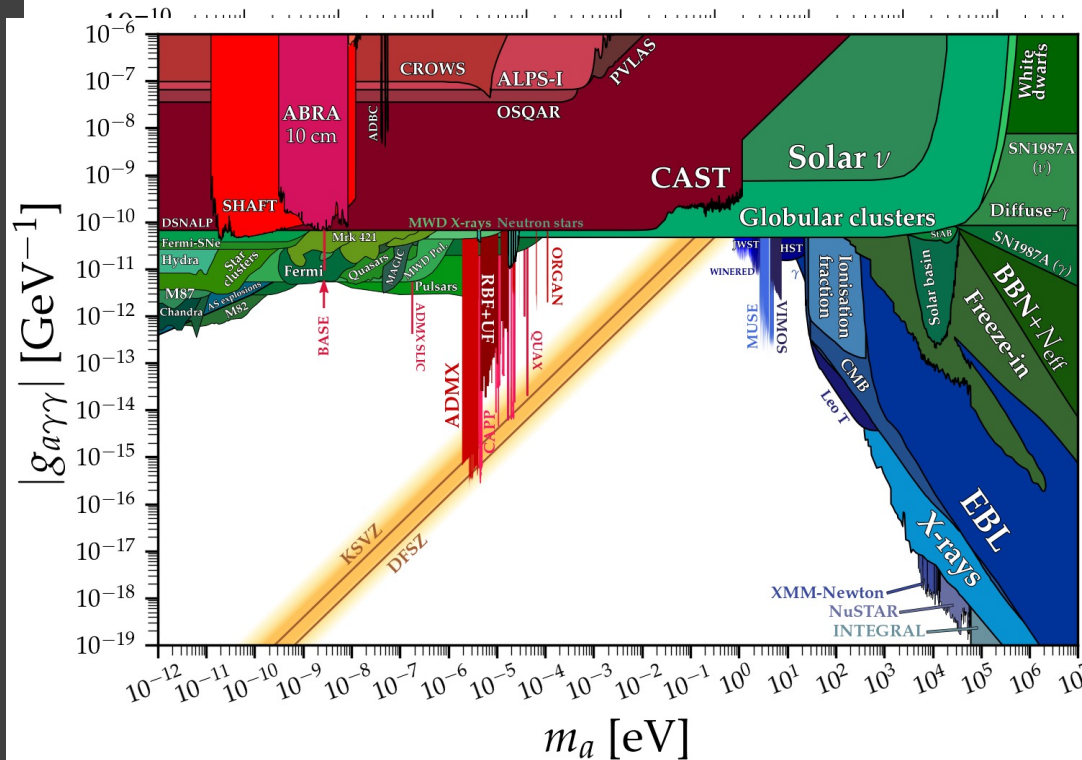
Sensitivity of the Cherenkov Telescope Array for probing cosmology and fundamental physics
with gamma-ray propagation

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CTA Collaboration • H. Abdalla (Potchefstroom U.) et al. (Oct 3, 2020)

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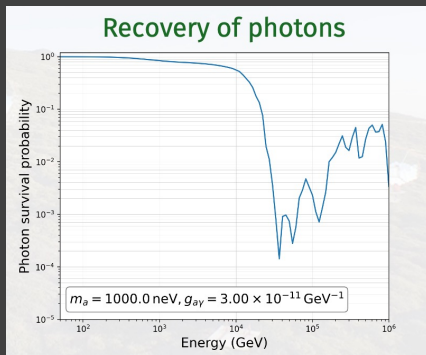
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CTA can improve a lot because of

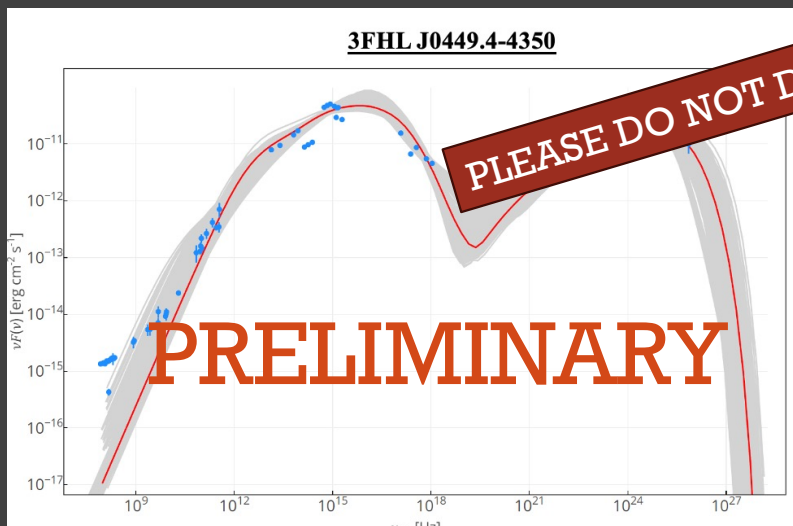
- Optimal energy resolution
- Improved sensitivity

SWGO SEARCHES

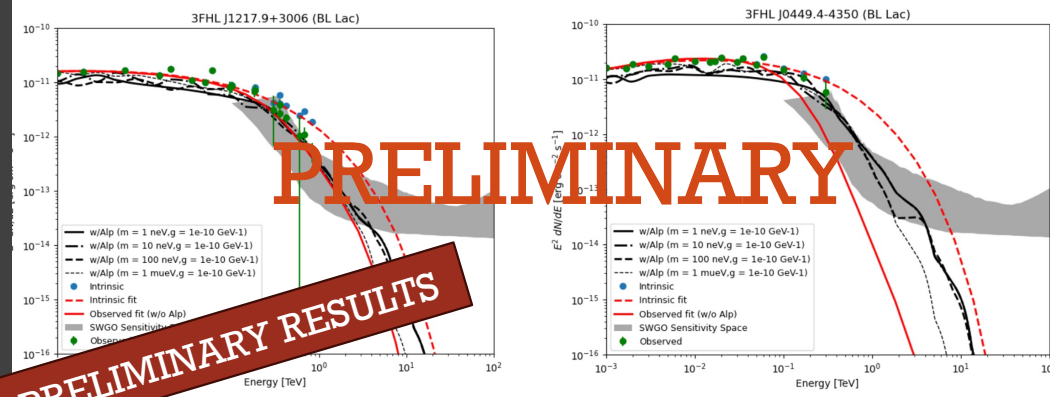


Photon recovery at 10's TeV

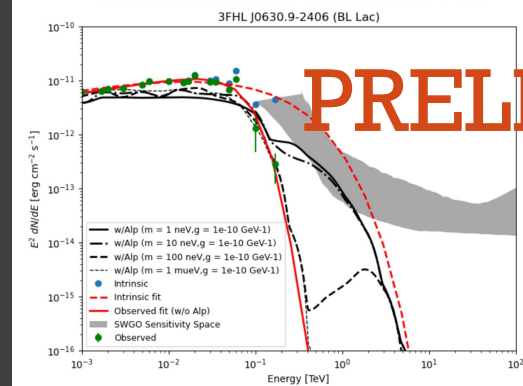
Modeling SED to extrapolate at 10's TeV



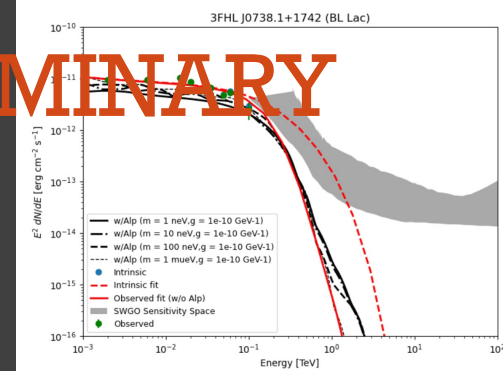
Detected (with and w/o ALP)



Detected with ALP



Not Detected



Credit Muneeb Shoaib (Padova)

ALPS CONCLUSIONS



- Valid DM candidate (WISP, Weakly Interacting Slim Particle)
- Gamma-ray imprints: photon recovery, wiggles
- Very small signatures and important dependence of poorly known B-fields
- CTA pipeline being developed: results can be combined at LKL level
- If not for science, good to make dishes

PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES

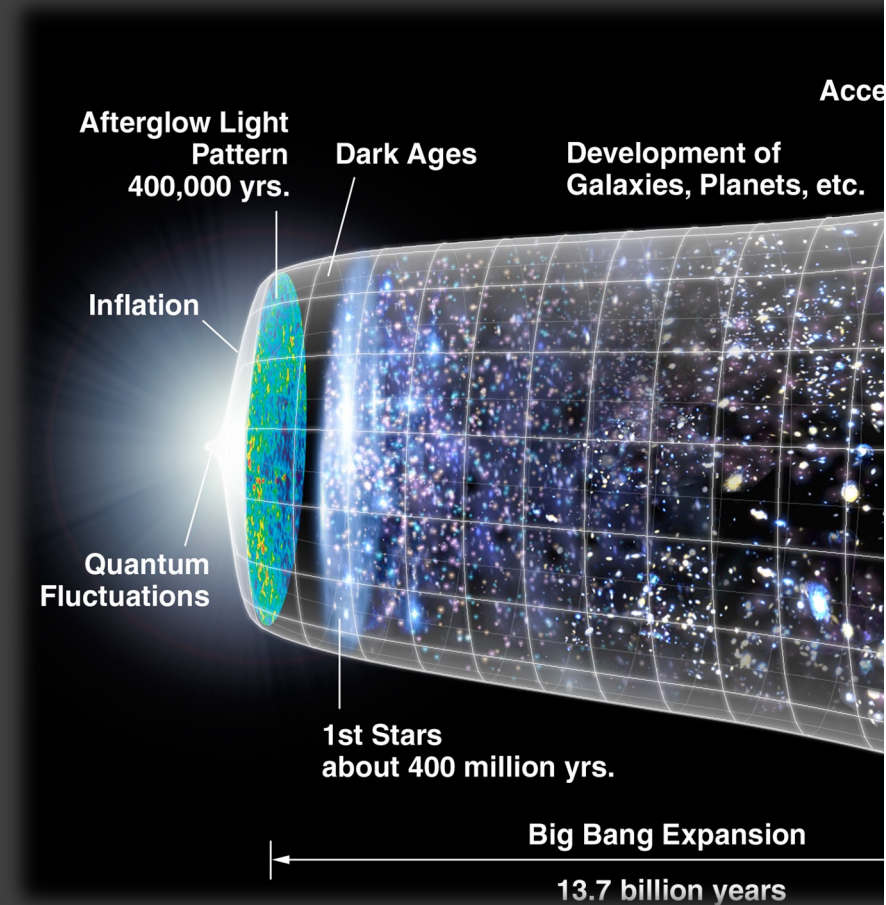


They pop!



FACTS

- Stellar black holes are generated by collapse of stars.
- In the early Universe, PRIMORDIAL black holes could form too:
 - Collapse of overdensities
 - Phase transition
- Mass range unknown, from tiny to HUGE
- They evolve!
 - Accretion, merging, interaction with DM
 - Evaporation (Hawking 1974)



PBH EVAPORATION

PBH mass depends on when created

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \sim \frac{c^3 t_{\text{H}}}{G} \sim \left(\frac{t_{\text{H}}}{10^{-23} \text{ s}} \right) 10^{15} \text{ g}$$

PBH temperature depends on its mass

$$T_{\text{BH}}(M) = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G k_{\text{b}}} \frac{1}{M} \sim 100 \left(\frac{10^{15} \text{ g}}{M} \right) [\text{MeV}]$$

PBH lifetime depends on its mass



$$\tau_{\text{BH}}(M) = \frac{G^2 M^3}{\hbar c^4} \sim 10^{10} \left(\frac{M}{10^{15} \text{ g}} \right)^3 [\text{yr}]$$

- At the end of its life, when it evaporates, **PBH emits all kind of particles**
- **Happening now only if Mass = 10^{15} g**
- With increasing temperatures, larger-mass particles can be created
- Always accompanied with **gamma-rays**

BURSTS!

- Evaporating PBHs would appear as short (seconds) bursts somewhere in the sky...
- Serendipity discovery, if you are ready!
- **IACTS: Must look into archive data!**
- **SFDs: serendipity**

Search for Light Primordial Black Holes with VERITAS using γ -ray and Optical Observations

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Konstantin Johannes Pfrang

Potsdam, den 26. Oktober, 2022



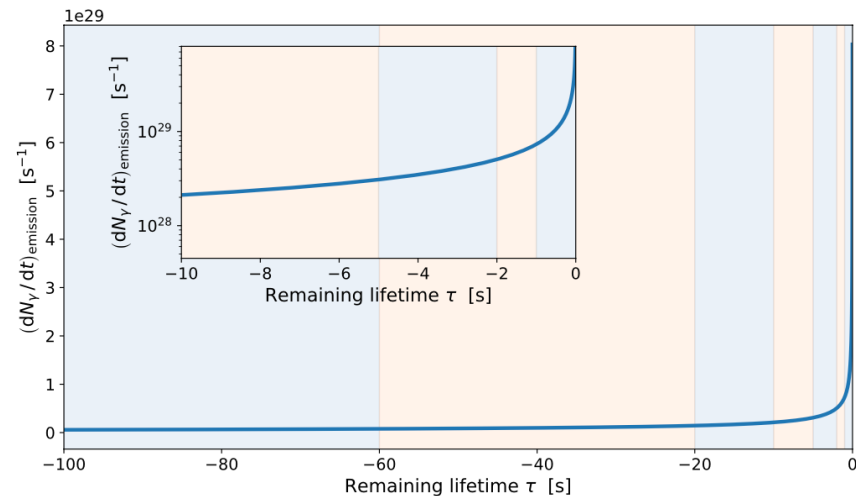
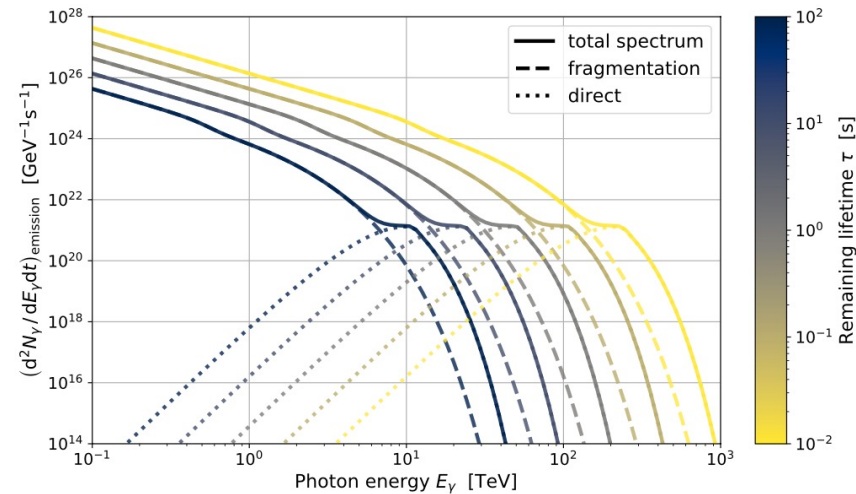
Prospects for the observation of Primordial Black Hole evaporation with the Southern Wide field of view Gamma-ray Observatory

R. López-Coto (INFN, Padua), M. Doro (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), A. de Angelis (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), M. Mariotti (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), J.P. Harding (Los Alamos) (Mar 31, 2021)

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MODEL A SED AND LC

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$$\left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{emission}} = \left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{frag.}} + \left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{direct}}$$

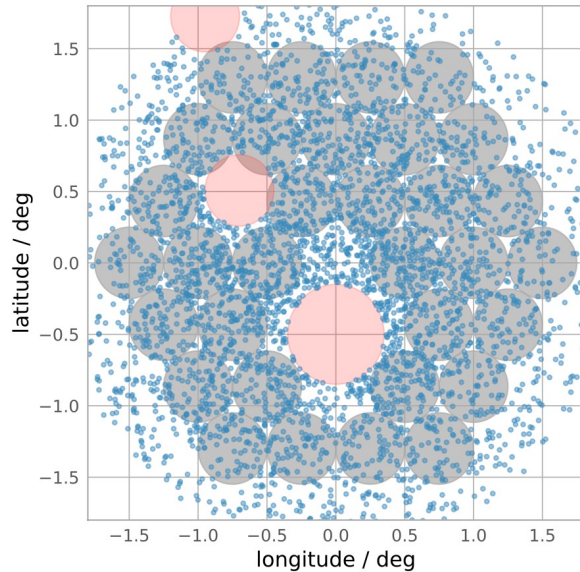
$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{frag.}} &= A x_\gamma^{-3/2} [1 - \Theta_S(x_\gamma - 0.3)] \\ &\quad + B \exp(-x_\gamma) [x_\gamma (x_\gamma + 1)]^{-1} \Theta_S(x_\gamma - 0.3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE_\gamma dt} \right)_{\text{direct}} = \frac{1.13 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} x_\gamma^6}{\exp(x_\gamma) - 1} F(x_\gamma),$$

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Exact behaviour also depends on NDOF, so unique probe for new Physics

CAREFUL WHEN SEARCHING FOR PBH



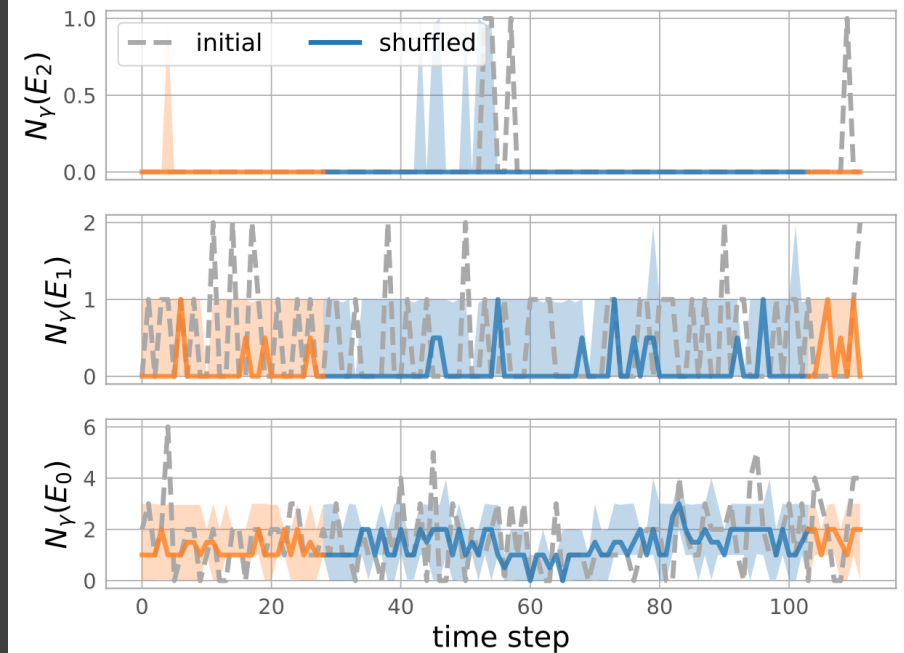
(a) The grey and red circles are the ROIs and exclusion regions respectively. The blue dots illustrate the origin of each γ -like event within this specific observing run.

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Search for
**clustered
excess**
everywhere
in the
camera
(different
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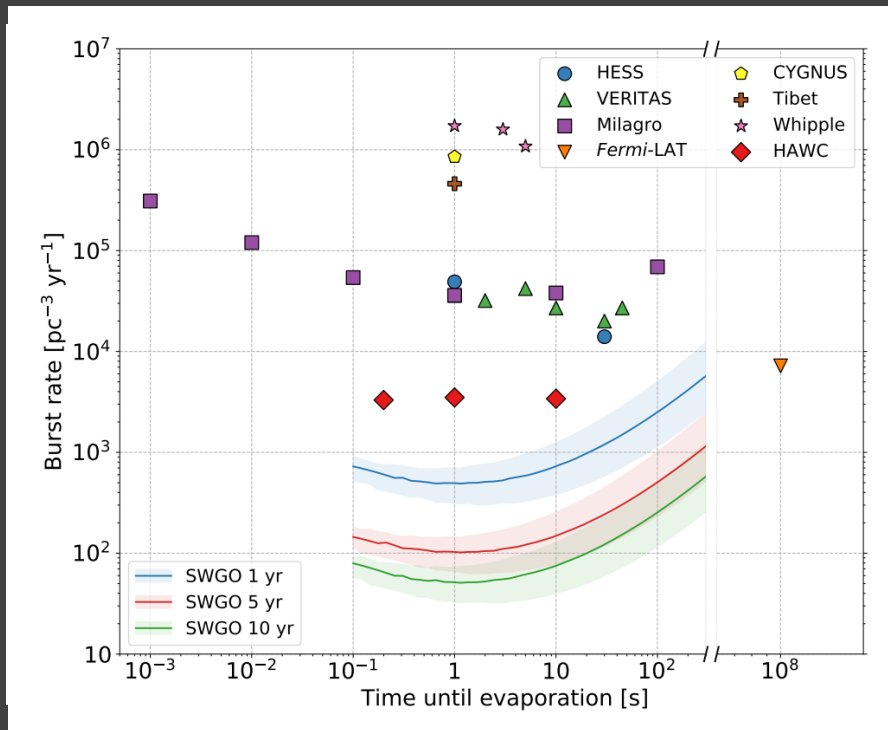
Search for
**clustered
excess in
time**
(trials,
discontinued
dataset)

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A MEAGRE LIMITS, BUT STILL.

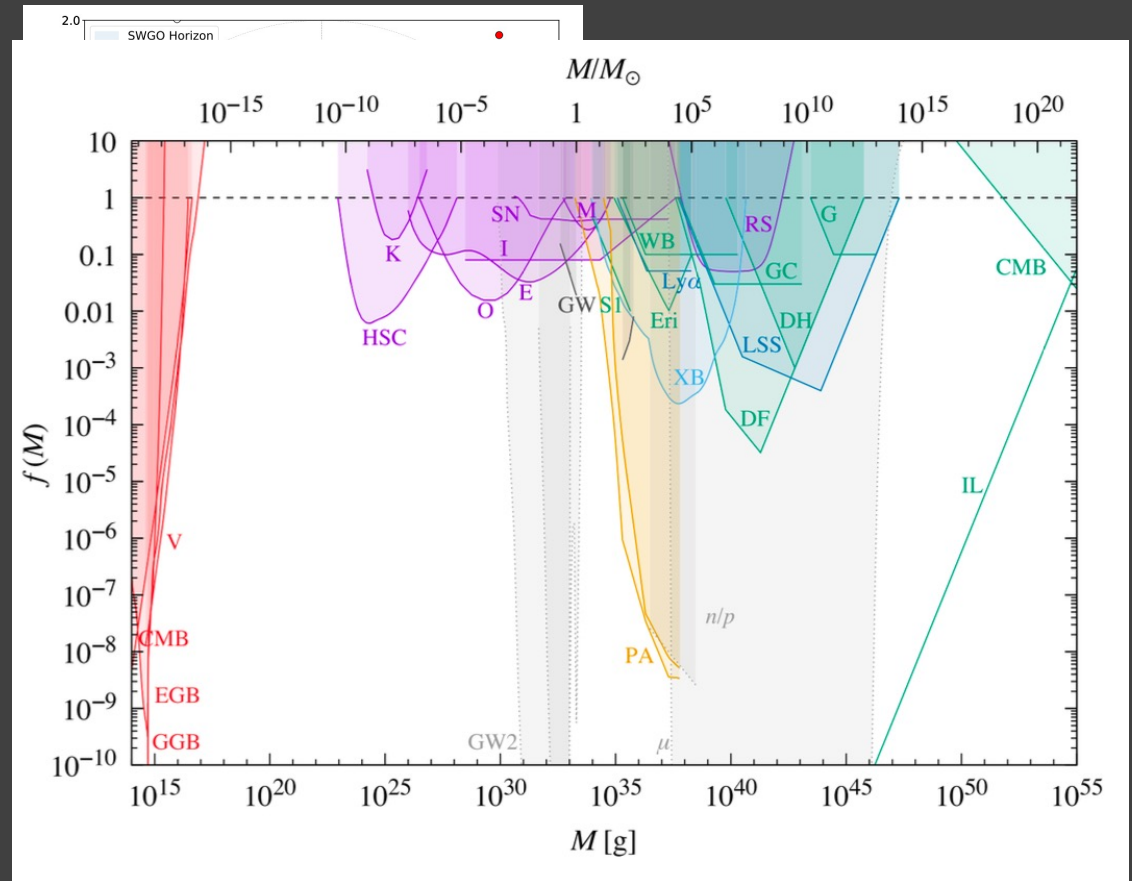
Still valid DM candidate for
'asteroid mass size' PBH



Prospects for the observation of Primordial Black Hole evaporation with the Southern Wide field of view Gamma-ray Observatory

R. López-Coto (INFN, Padua), M. Doro (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), A. de Angelis (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), M. Mariotti (INFN, Padua and Padua U.), J.P. Harding (Los Alamos) (Mar 31, 2021)

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PBH CONCLUSIONS

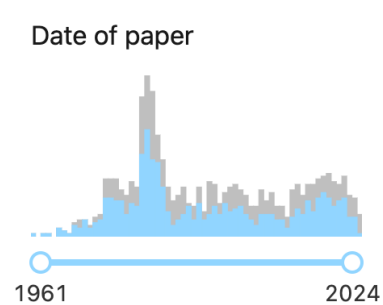
- TeV gamma-rays can be seen when PBH evaporates
- PBHs evaporates now only if $M=10^{15}\text{g}$
- Serendipitous events, modeled only up to a certain extent and certainly a glorious one
- Pipelines must check for clustered events in time/space, with complex trial factors checks
- Modest results in all case, but worth having a look in CTA data

MAGNETIC MONOPOLES



Caution! Hot!

Recipe in coll. with Daniele Perri (SISSA) and Takeshi Kobayashi (SISSA)



| | Citeable ? |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Papers | 595 |
| Citations | 23,256 |
| h-index ? | 69 |
| Citations/paper (avg) | 39.1 |

M. Doro - Fundamental Physics with IACTs - CTA School 2024

A GAME DURING ZWICKY'S LUNCH



- We give Zwicky a **magnetic bar** and ask him to break it in two
- Regardless how he will break the bar, two independent magnets will appear, with N-S poles in opposite directions
- This is how magnetic field in matter is generated
- Does Zwicky like this? Absolutely not

Maxwell's equations would be **symmetric** in electric/magnetic charge if there were the **magnetic monopole**!

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}\end{aligned}$$

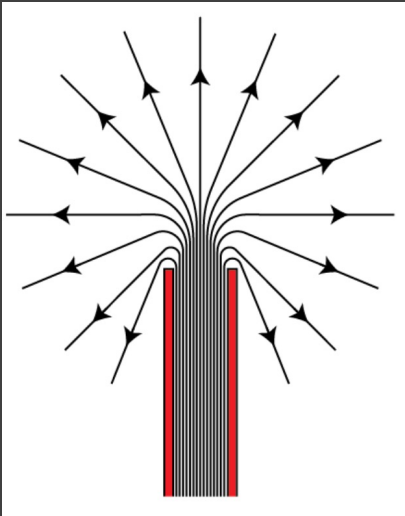
DIRAC'S CLASSIC MONOPOLE



Could have invited him at lunch, but he was even pickier than Zwicky.

- He was trying to find a way to have a natural explanation for the quantization of the electric charge
- In 1948 he proposed a model for a monopole made of one semi-infinite string solenoid with $M=2.4 \text{ GeV}$
- The existence of magnetic monopoles is consistent with quantum theory once imposed the charge quantization condition:

$$g = 2\pi n/e = ng_D$$



Dirac *“One would be surprised if Nature had made no use of it”*

T'HOOFT AND POLIAKOV

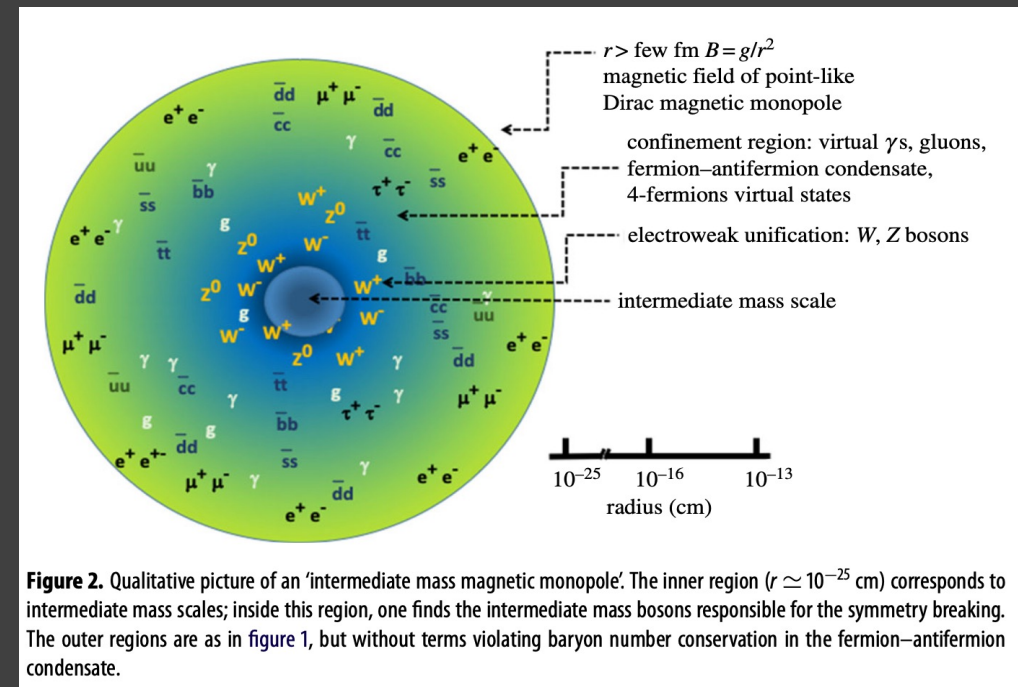
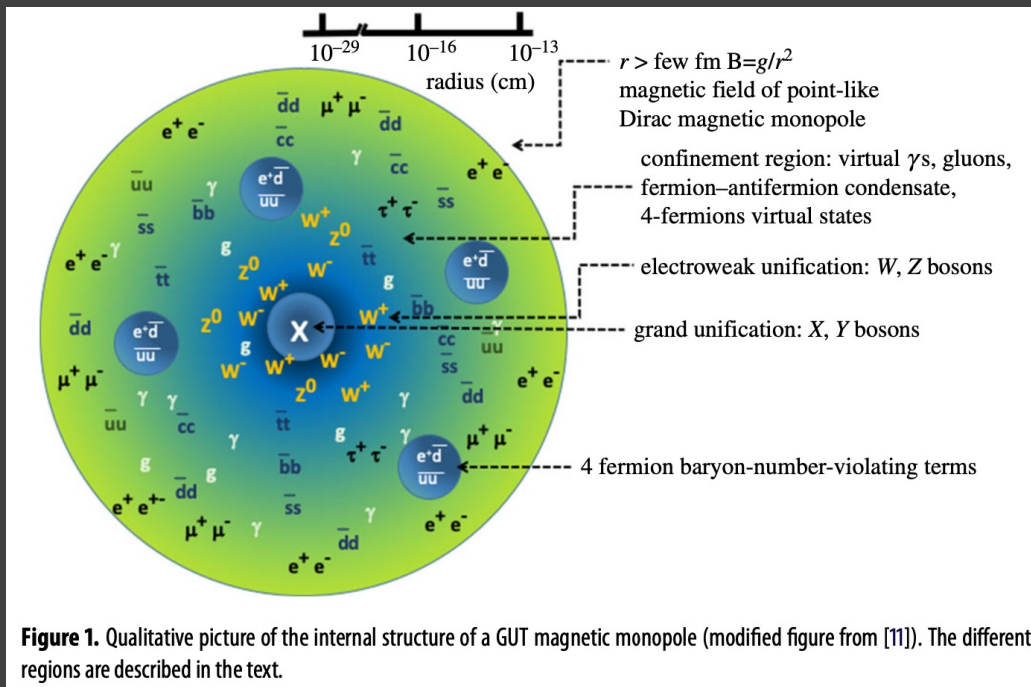


- In 1974 't Hooft and Polyakov proposed a model of monopoles as topological defects, which was naturally appearing during phase transitions
- Monopoles are inevitable predictions of Grand Unified Theories: $SU(5) \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(3) \times U(1)$
- MM
 - GUT (early Universe) $M > 10^{16}$ GeV
 - Intermediate Mass (later) $M > 10^6$ GeV
- The 't Hooft - Polyakov monopole is a zero-dimensional solitonic solution of the vacuum manifold.

It looks real fancy....

GUT AND INTERMEDIATE MM

Patrizzii+ Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 65 (2015)



Inside the core, the symmetry is restored and all the states of the GUT are excited.



AVOID TOO MANY MAGNETIC MONOPOLES

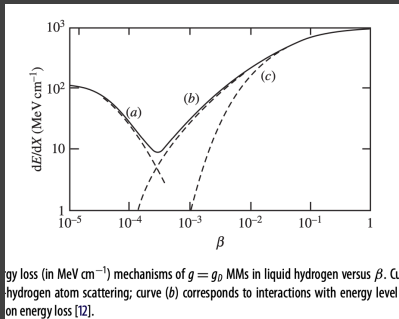
COSMOLOGICAL MONOPOLES indigestion

- Monopoles are produced in the early universe during phase transition.
- The abundance of produced monopoles can easily over-dominate the energy density of the universe.
- Inflation provides a good solution to the problem.

GALACTIC MONOPOLES indigestion/PARKER BOUND

- The Galaxy presents a magnetic field of $\sim \mu\text{G}$
- The Galactic magnetic field accelerates the monopoles losing its energy;
- • The survival of the field provides a bound on the monopole flux today

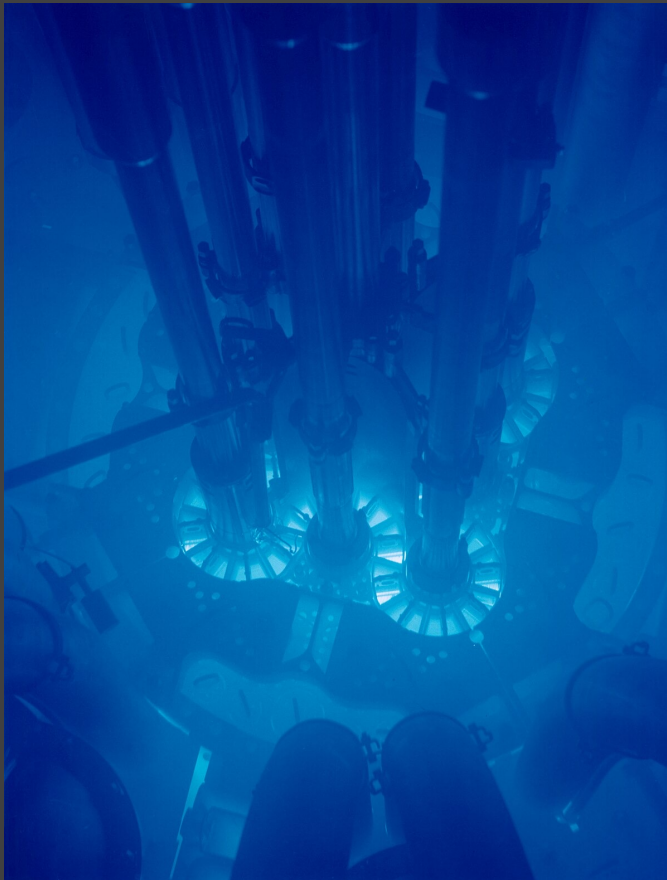
ENERGY LOSS IN MATTER



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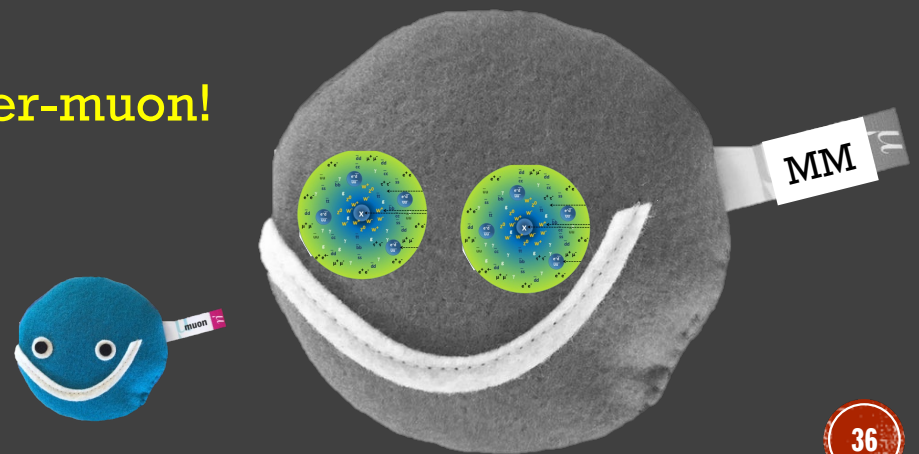
- When MMs cross a medium, the varying magnetic field induces a strong electric field. MMs are treated as electrically charged particles with an equivalent speed-dependent electric charge of $g\beta$.
- The search for MMs is naturally based on their speed at the detector.
 - For $\beta \gtrsim 10^{-3}$ the energy loss is mostly through **elastic collisions**.
 - For $10^{-3} \lesssim \beta \lesssim 10^{-2}$, the medium is seen as a free degenerate gas of electrons (**energy level crossings**)
 - **Relativistic MMs with $\beta \geq 0.1$ ionize and excite atoms**. The yield is ~ 4700 times that of a minimum ionizing particle.
 - **Ultra-relativistic MMs, with $\gamma > 10^4$, lose energy mostly by pair production and photo-nuclear radiative processes**

CHERENKOV LIGHT

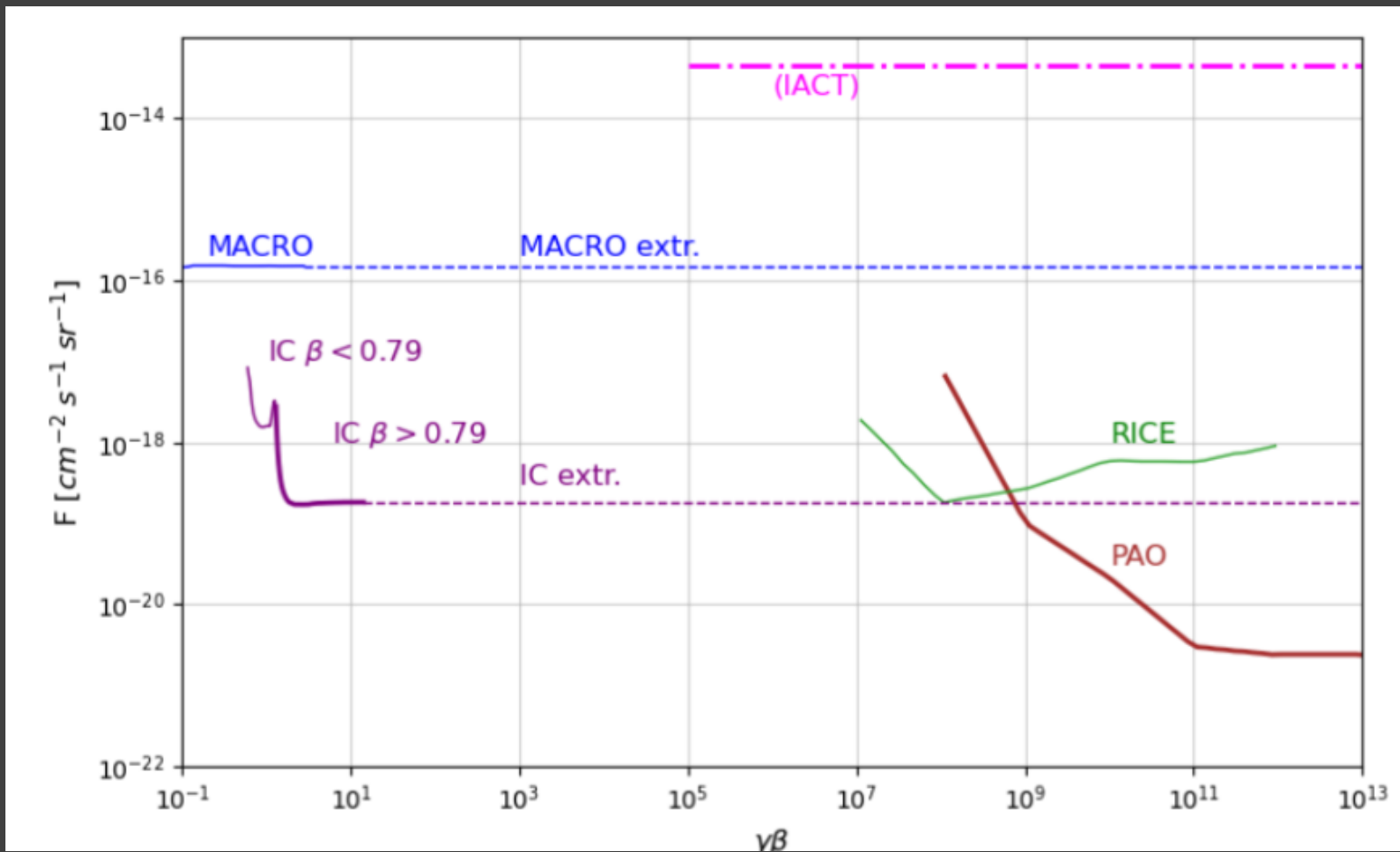


- If the medium is transparent, such as the Earth atmosphere or water or ice, also Cherenkov radiation can be generated either directly from the MM or from secondary ionized electrons.
- The Cherenkov photons yield of a MM would be $(gD n/e)^2 \simeq 4700$ times more than that of a muon with same speed.
- Similarly, MMs emit fluorescence light

MM as a super-muon!



CURRENT WORLD-BEST LIMITS



IceCube = Relativistic
MMs

PAO=Ultra Relativistic
MMs

NEW! LL ON IGMF!

Monopole acceleration in intergalactic magnetic fields

Daniele Perri, Kyrilo Bondarenko, Michele Doro, Takeshi Kobayashi (D

e-Print: [2401.00560](#) [hep-ph]

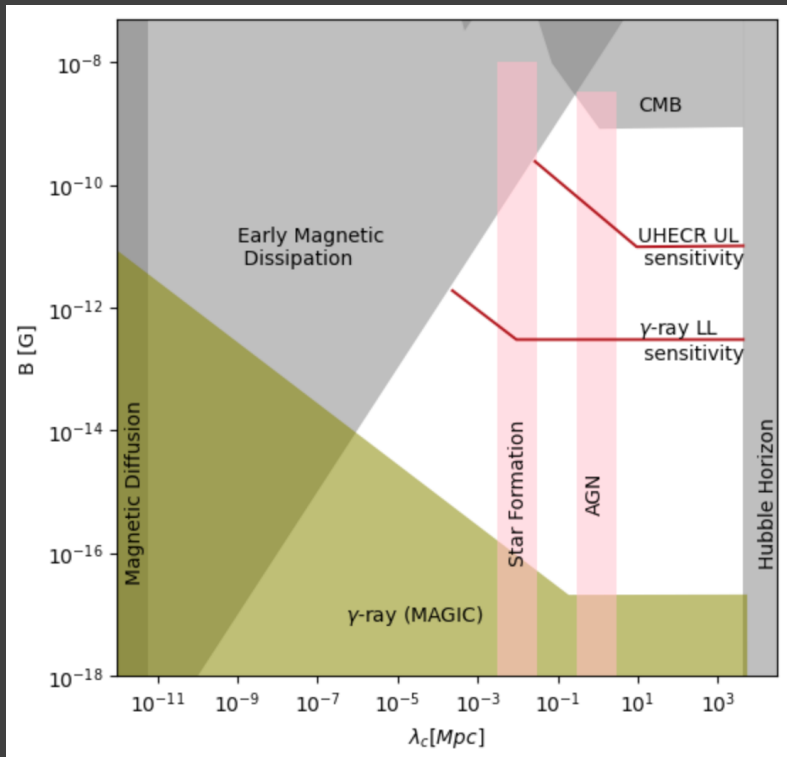
○ Acceleration on IGMF

○ Acceleration in GMF

Perri, MD, Kobayashi, in prep.

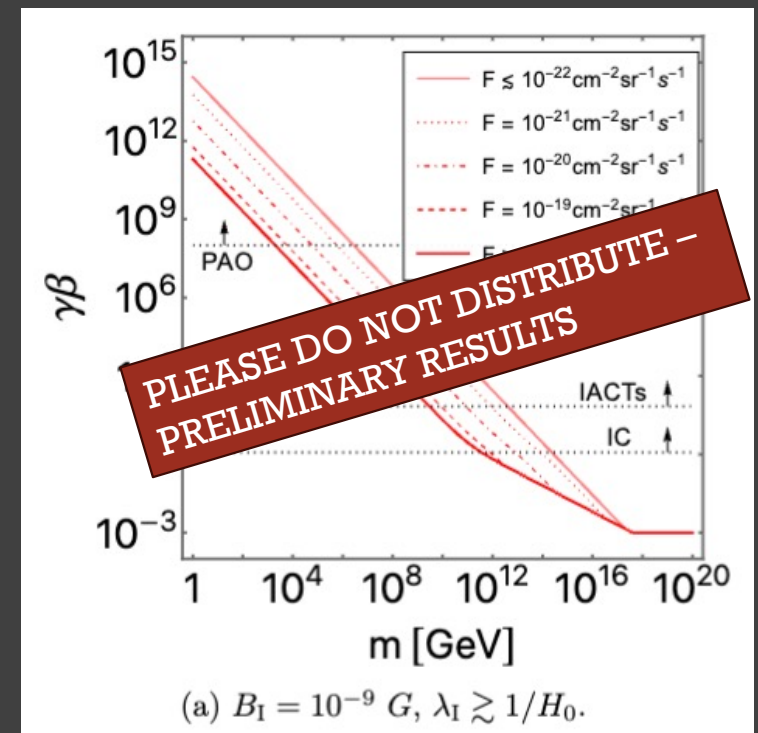
○ Depends on

- MM mass
- MM flux (back-reaction)



MMs are accelerated by MFs through the magnetic force as in the equation of motion

$$m \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma v) = gB,$$



IACTS

Gerrit Spengler, MSc

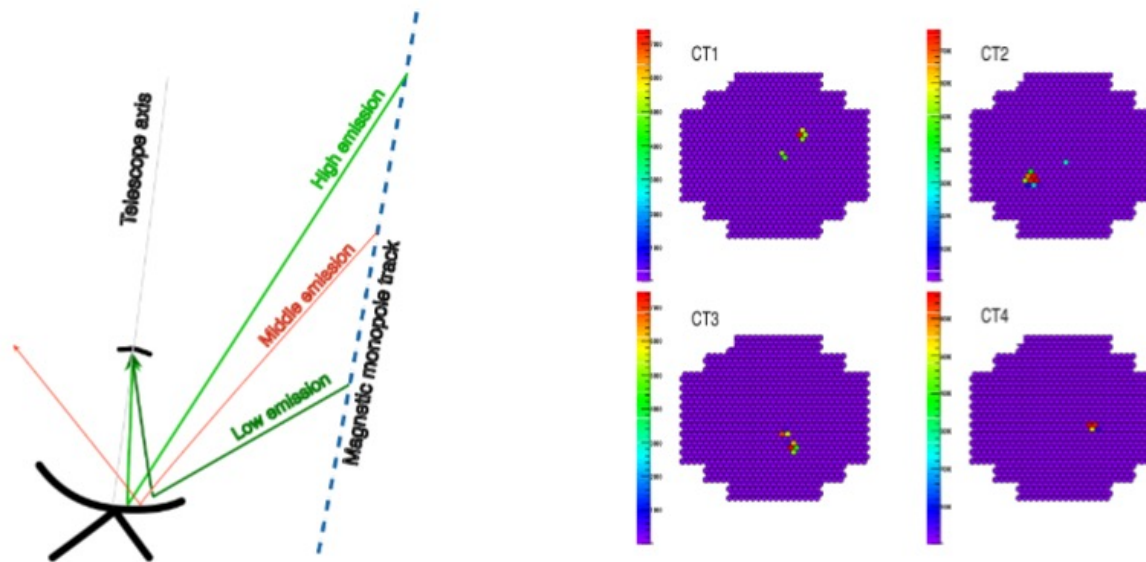


Figure 8.18: Left: Emission scheme from an ultrarelativistic MM emitting Cherenkov radiation throughout the full length of the atmosphere. Right: A simulated MM event on H.E.S.S. cameras. Courtesy of (Spengler, 2009).

MC simulations
never carefully
proven with IACTs

- This could be optimal for SST and Trinity

NEW MM LIMITS ON MASS

EMBARGO

- IACTs compete between PAO and IC
- Nobody is looking at it...welcome to do so!

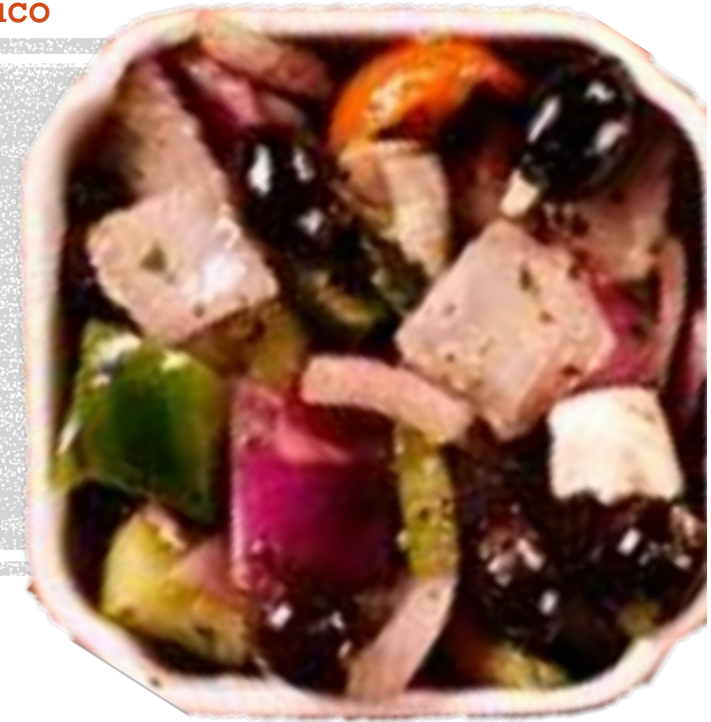
MM CONCLUSIONS

- MM appears naturally in several GUT theories
- MM are too nice not to exist
- MM first justified inflation
- If (ultra) relativistic, they can be seen with ground based gamma-ray/neutrino/cosmic ray detectors
- With IGMF and GMF model, one can build a relation mass-speed due to acceleration of MM in MFs
- IACTs can provide constraints between IC and PAO but need people searching for it

Thanks G. Damico

LORENTZ INVARIANCE

Calories depends on how fast you eat



SCALES

Quantum mechanics

Microscopic physics

$$10^{-20} m \longleftrightarrow 10^{-8} m$$

LHC

Nature 464, 697-703 (2010)

Compton wavelength

$$r \sim \frac{\hbar}{mc}$$

General relativity

Macroscopic physics

$$10^{-6} m \longleftrightarrow 10^{20} m$$

PRL 98, 021101 (2007)

Assuming Dark Matter

Schwarzschild radius

$$r \sim \frac{Gm}{c^2}$$



? Quantum gravity

Credit
D'Amico

$$L_P = \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}} \sim 10^{-35} m \quad M_P = \sqrt{\frac{c^5\hbar}{G}} \sim 10^{28} eV$$

$$E_P = 1.22 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$



TOP- DOWN

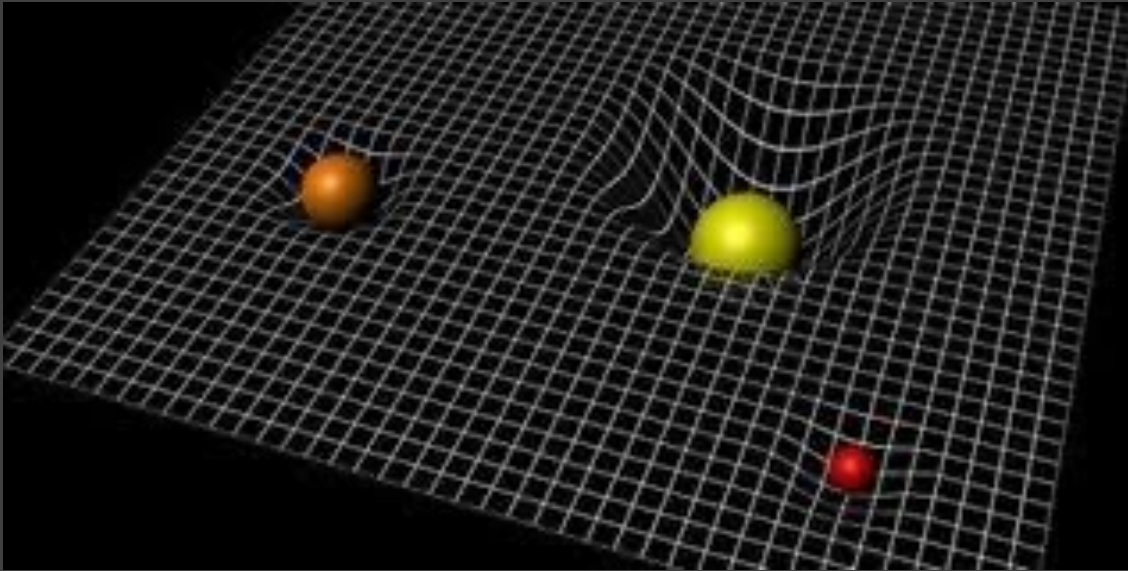
- ✓ solving at once **all aspects** of the quantum-gravity problem
- ✗ formalisms of very high complexity
- ✗ lack of physical intuition about **observable** and potentially **testable features**



BOTTOM- UP

- ✗ describing only a **small subset** of the departures from standard physics that the quantum-gravity realm is expected to host
- ✓ producing better opportunities for **experimental testing**

THE TABLECLOTH



- Depending on the nature of the vacuum, photons could experience it differently
- Photon velocity could not be the **constant c** we know but depends varies in function of the **photon energy $c(E)$**

LORENTZ INVARIANCE VIOLATION

Credit
D'Amico

$$E^2 = p^2 \times f(E, E_p)$$

Modified dispersion relation

Low energy limit

$$f(E, E_p) \sim 1 \quad \text{for} \quad E/E_p \ll 1 \quad \longrightarrow$$

$$E_p = 1.22 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

High energy expansion

$$f(E, E_p) = \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n \right]$$

Diagram annotations:

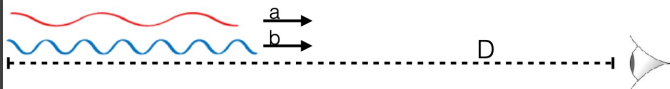
- photon energy (points to E)
- QG energy scale (points to $E_{QG,n}$)
- $S = \pm 1$ (points to S_n)

- If one modifies the energy dispersion of the photons, one also has:
 - **Energy-dependent photon group velocity**
 - **Modified reaction thresholds**
- **Modified reaction cross-sections**
- Vacuum birefringence
- Modified Compton scattering
- Modified synchrotron radiation
- ...

TOF

$$v_\gamma = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} \simeq c \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG,n}} \right)^n \right]$$

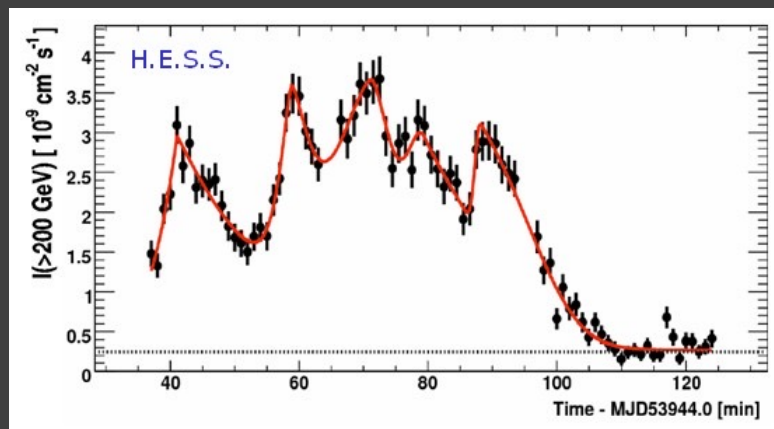
$$S_n = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{superluminal} \\ -1, & \text{subluminal} \end{cases}$$



$$\Delta t_n \simeq \pm \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{E_2^n - E_1^n}{E_{QG}^n} D(z)$$

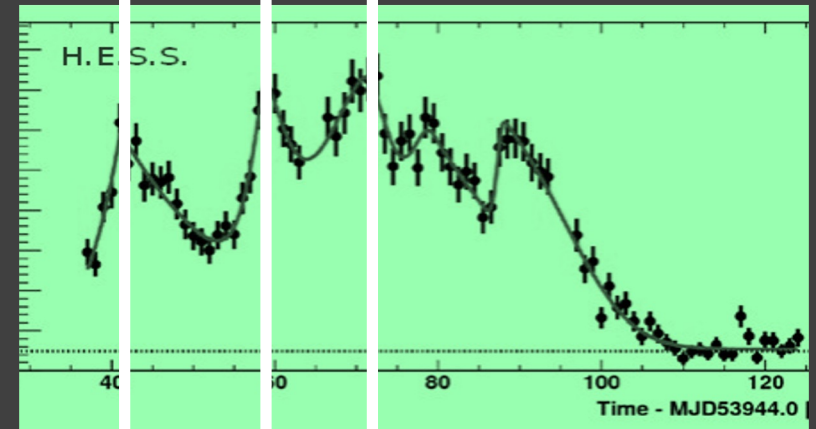
$$D(z) = \frac{1}{H_0} \int_0^z dz' \frac{(1+z')^n}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

You take a variable source

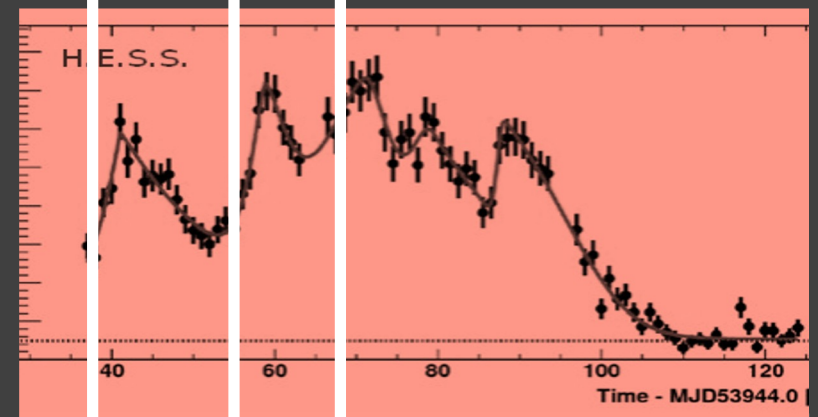


If you see a delay, lunch is in Stockholm

Select low energy photons



Compare to high-energy photons



MAYBE DUE TO INTRINSIC VARIATIONS

 > astro-ph > arXiv:1911.10377


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[Submitted on 23 Nov 2019]

Modeling spectral lags in active galactic nucleus flares in the context of Lorentz invariance violation searches

Perennes Cédric, Sol Hélène, Bolmont Julien

 > astro-ph > arXiv:2406.01182

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[Submitted on 3 Jun 2024]

Separating source–intrinsic and Lorentz invariance violation induced delays in the very high energy emission of blazar flares

C. Levy, H. Sol, J. Bolmont

Aims: The aim of the present study is to explore how to disentangle energy–dependent time delays due to a possible Lorentz invariance violation (LIV) at Planck scale from intrinsic delays expected in standard blazar flares.

WHICH SOURCE

3 ingredients are needed for a LIV study

$$\Delta t_n \simeq \pm \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{E_2^n - E_1^n}{E_{QG}^n} D(z)$$

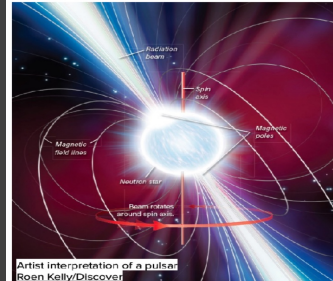
Time variability

High energy

Long distance

Credit
D'Amico

Pulsars



Time variability

A lot!

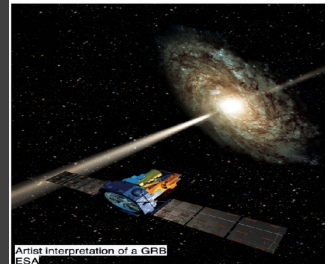
High energy

Yes!

Long distance

No

Gamma-ray bursts



Time variability

Yes,
if you catch the
prompt emission

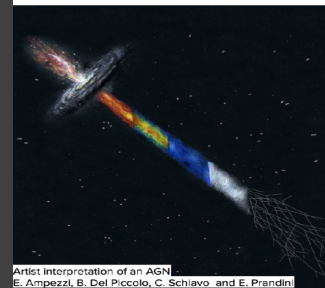
High energy

Not very good
because of EBL

Long distance

Yes!

Active Galactic Nuclei



Time variability

Yes,
when they are flaring

High energy

Not very good
because of EBL

Long distance

See talk by
Jelena on
Tuesday!

Yes!

INGREDIENTS

Credit
D'Amico

Things needed:

- Events list with time and energy
- IRF of the telescope
- A background template
- A **Light Curve template for the intrinsic emission**
- A likelihood!

Constraints on Lorentz invariance violation from the extraordinary Mrk 421 flare of 2014 using a novel analysis method
MAGIC Collaboration · S. Abe (Kamioka Observ.) et al. (Jun 11, 2024)
e-Print: [2406.07140](#) [astro-ph.HE]

The most important but also difficult to get!

$$\mathcal{L}(\eta_n, I) = \prod_i^{N_{on}} \left(\frac{N_{on} - N_{off}}{N_{on}} \cdot f_s(t_i, E_i | \eta_n, I) + \frac{N_{off}}{N_{on}} \cdot f_b(t_i, E_i) \right) \cdot P(I)$$

P.D.F. of detecting a **signal** event with a given estimated **energy** and arrival **time**

Parameter for LIV delays

P.D.F. of detecting a **background** event with a given estimated **energy** and arrival **time**

LIKELIHOOD

Credit
D'Amico

$$\mathcal{L}(\eta_n, I) = \prod_i^{N_{on}} \left(\frac{N_{on} - N_{off}}{N_{on}} \cdot f_s(t_i, E_i | \eta_n, I) + \frac{N_{off}}{N_{on}} \cdot f_b(t_i, E_i) \right) \cdot P(I)$$

$$f_s(t, E_{est} | \eta_n, I) \propto \int_0^\infty dE \Phi_1(E) \cdot \Phi_2(t - \Delta t(E; \eta_n, z)) \cdot F(E) \cdot A_{eff}(E) \cdot G(E_{est}, E)$$

Intrinsic spectrum

Intrinsic LC

LIV delay

EBL attenuation

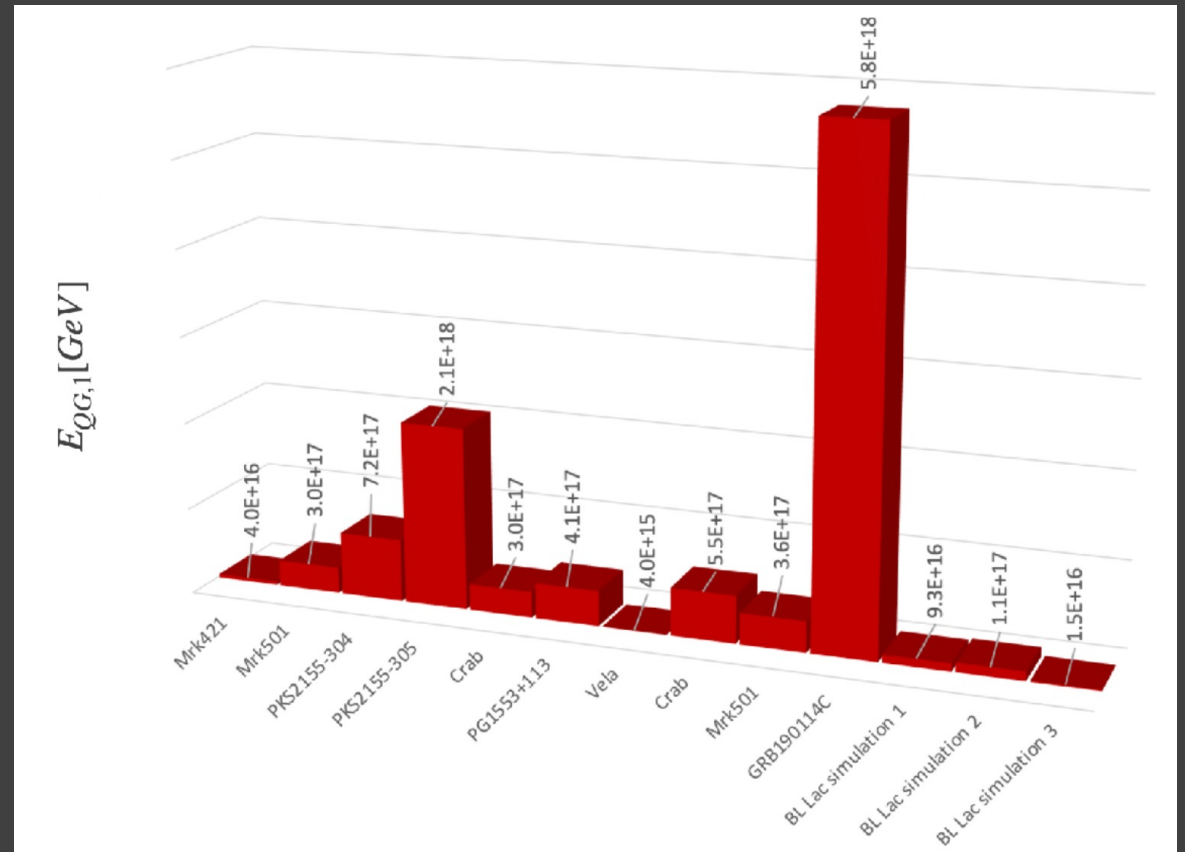
Coll. Area

Energy dispersion

APPLIED ON SEVERAL TARGETS

Credit
Jelena Striskovic

- Pulsars
 - Crab: MAGIC & VERITAS (Otte 2011; Zitzer 2013; Ahnen+ 2017)
 - Vela: H.E.S.S. (Chrétien+ 2015)
- Flaring AGN
 - Markarian 501 2005 flare: MAGIC (Albert+ 2008; Martinez & Errando, 2009)
 - PKS 2155-304 2006 flare: H.E.S.S. (Aharonian+ 2008; Abramowski+ 2011)
 - PG 1553+113 2012 flare: H.E.S.S. (Abramowski+ 2015)
- Gamma-ray Bursts
 - GRB 190114C: MAGIC (Acciari+ 2020)

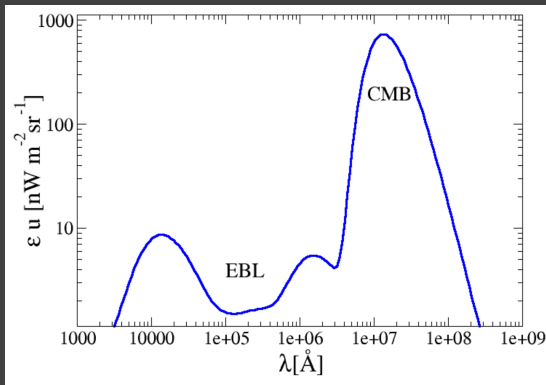


Strongest constraints from LAT

Constraints on Lorentz invariance violation from *Fermi*-Large Area Telescope observations of gamma-ray bursts

V. Vasileiou, A. Jacholkowska, F. Piron, J. Bolmont, C. Couturier, J. Granot, F. W. Stecker, J. Cohen-Tanugi, and F. Longo
Phys. Rev. D **87**, 122001 – Published 4 June 2013

PAIR PRODUCTION THRESHOLD AND CROSS-SECTION

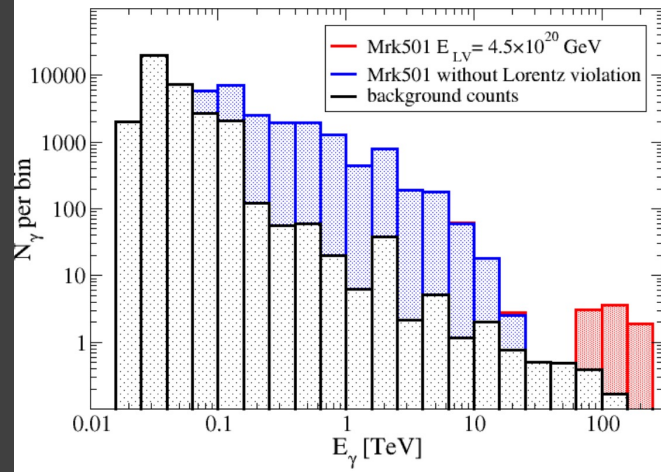
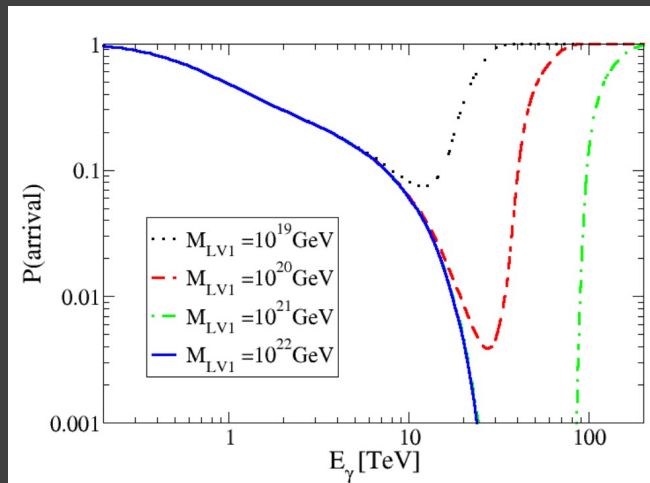


$$\gamma_{VHE} + \gamma_{EBL} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

Issues with Universe transparency

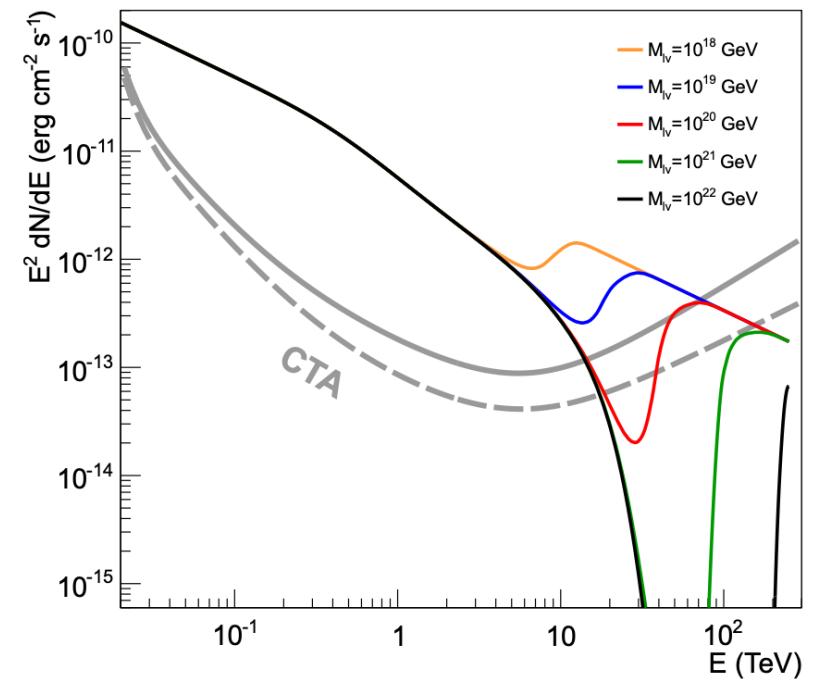
LIV can mitigate this by increasing optical depth

If LIV, photon has 'effective mass' which changes $\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}$



The CTA Sensitivity to Lorentz-Violating Effects on the Gamma-Ray Horizon

M. Fairbairn,^a A. Nilsson,^b J. Ellis,^{a,c} J. Hinton,^d R. White^d



LIV CONCLUSIONS

- LIV alters time of flight and cross-section for pair production
- TOF: Several targets: flaring AGNs, GRBs, pulsars
- PP: needs high energy reach
- Need to know the LC, and to have a large lever arm (low-large energies)
- Gamma rays provide world-best constraints at Planck scale

ZWICKY! LUNCH IS READY!

“Fritz, what do you say?”



LET'S PUT SOME MUSIC AND WINE



Dark Matter

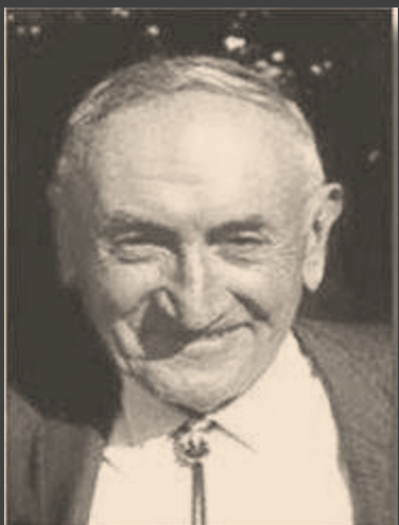
Song by Pearl Jam

Lyrics

Steal the lights from our eyes
Drain the blood from my heart
We're in all of this dark matter

Take the breaths from my chest
Break the thoughts in our minds
We're losing time, dark matter





THE RECIPES ARE PROMISING!

- Tens of astro-laboratories with varying distance, age, energy, B-field, stability → pick your favorite
- Several theories BSM involving gamma-rays (decay, annihilation, conversion) → pick your guy

BUT ON
THE TABLE
→





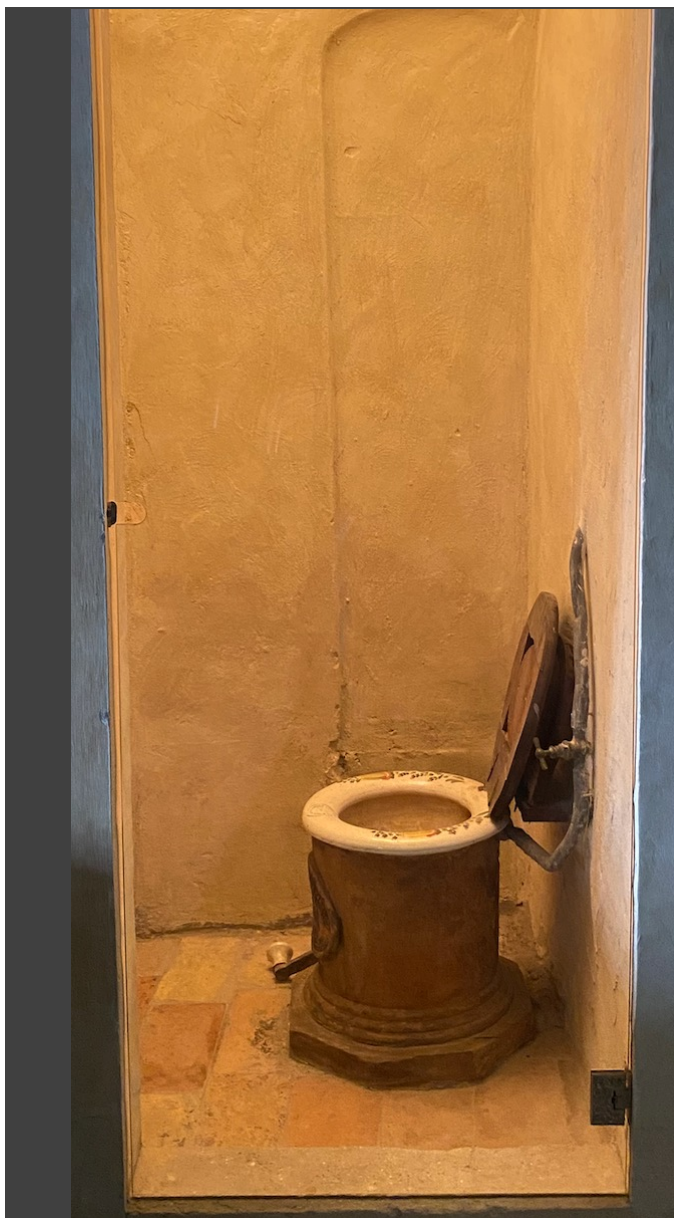
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NO SEARCH IS LEFT-OVER

- The search for new Physics is challenging
- Very tiny effects, and complex modeling
- Null results move search as well as positive results
- History showed us that new physics can be found in existing unexplained data, e.g. CMB, so...

REALLY, IT'S NOT TRASH

- CTA must ensure that no BSM effects are overlooked:
 - Is trigger reject BSM events?
 - Is reconstruction rejecting BSM?
 - Is analysis tailored?
- **Pro:**
 - Several searches do not need pointing
 - Often unique and best limits
- **Cons:**
 - Very long and subtle analyses





AFTER DINNER,
HAVING DRUNKED
TOO MUCH,
GOING BACK
HOME

Thanks!