# Quantum spacetime imprints in gamma-ray propagation



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# "OM + GR"







....minimum allowed length??

### **Quantum measurements with gravitational interactions**



....minimum allowed length??



![](_page_3_Picture_1.jpeg)

# Standard Model extensions

Kostelecky, Mewes, arXiv:0905.0031

![](_page_4_Figure_2.jpeg)

### Modified Dispersion Relation

Kostelecky, Mewes, arXiv:0905.0031

$$\begin{split} 0 &= -\frac{1}{3} \hat{\chi}^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} (\widetilde{(\wedge^2 M_e)}_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} - 3(\widetilde{\wedge^2 M_o})_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \epsilon_{\mu_1\mu_2\mu_3\mu_4} \epsilon_{\nu_1\nu_2\nu_3\nu_4} p_{\rho_1} p_{\rho_2} p_{\rho_3} p_{\rho_4} \hat{\chi}^{\mu_1\mu_2\nu_1\rho_1} \hat{\chi}^{\nu_2\rho_2\rho_3\mu_3} \hat{\chi}^{\rho_4\mu_4\nu_3\nu_4} + 8p_\alpha p_\beta (\hat{k}_{AF})_\mu (\hat{k}_{AF})_\nu \hat{\chi}^{\alpha\mu\beta\nu}. \\ \\ \hat{\chi}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} &= \frac{1}{2} (\eta^{\mu\rho} \eta^{\nu\sigma} - \eta^{\nu\rho} \eta^{\mu\sigma}) + (\hat{k}_F)^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}, \\ M^{\mu\nu} &= (\eta^{\mu\nu} \eta^{\alpha\beta} - \eta^{\mu\alpha} \eta^{\nu\beta} + 2(\hat{k}_F)^{\mu\alpha\nu\beta}) p_\alpha p_\beta \\ &- 2i \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} (\hat{k}_{AF})_\alpha p_\beta \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{EFT scale} \neq \mathbf{Lorentz breaking scale} \\ E^2 &= p^2 + m^2 + \Delta(p) \\ \Delta(p) &= \tilde{\eta}_1 p^1 + \tilde{\eta}_2 p^2 + \tilde{\eta}_3 p^3 + \tilde{\eta}_4 p^4 + \dots \\ \tilde{\eta}_1 &= \eta_1 \frac{\mu^2}{M}, \quad \tilde{\eta}_2 &= \eta_1 \frac{\mu}{M}, \quad \tilde{\eta}_3 &= \eta_3 \frac{1}{M}, \quad \tilde{\eta}_4 &= \eta_4 \frac{1}{M^2} \end{split}$$

### Tight bounds on LIV effects

#### Liberati, arXiv:1304.5795

	$E^2 = p$	$p^2 + m^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\eta}_{(n)} p^n ,$	
Order	photon	$e^-/e^+$	Protrons	$Neutrinos^a$
n=2 n=3 n=4	N.A. $O(10^{-16})$ (GRB) $O(10^{-8})$ (CR)	$\begin{array}{c} O(10^{-16}) \\ O(10^{-16}) \ (\text{CR}) \\ O(10^{-8}) \ (\text{CR}) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} O(10^{-20}) (CR) \\ O(10^{-14}) (CR) \\ O(10^{-6}) (CR) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c c} O(10^{-8} \div 10^{-10}) \\ O(40) \\ O(10^{-7})^* \text{ (CR)} \end{array}$

# **Deformed Lorentz invariance??!**

### Doubly or Deformed Special Relativity

Amelino-Camelia, arXiv:gr-qc/0012051

![](_page_7_Figure_2.jpeg)

### DSR1 or kappa-Poincaré

Majid, Ruegg, arXiv:hep-th/9405107, Lukierski, Ruegg, Nowicki, Tolstoi, PLB 264 (1991)

deformed mass Casimir

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

invariant under non-linear deformations of the Poincaré commutators

#### deformed commutators:

#### deformed coproducts:

 $\begin{aligned} \left[\mathcal{P}_{\mu}, \mathcal{P}_{\nu}\right] &= 0\\ \left[M_{j}, \mathcal{P}_{k}\right] &= i\epsilon_{jkl}\mathcal{P}_{l}\\ \left[M_{j}, P_{0}\right] &= 0\\ \left[\mathcal{N}_{j}, \mathcal{P}_{k}\right] &= i\delta_{jk}\left(\frac{1}{2\lambda}(1 - e^{-2\lambda P_{0}}) + \frac{\lambda}{2}\mathcal{P}^{2}\right) - i\lambda\mathcal{P}_{j}\mathcal{P}_{k}\\ \left[\mathcal{N}_{j}, P_{0}\right] &= i\mathcal{P}_{j}\end{aligned}$ 

### requiring duality relations

$$<\mathbf{x}_{\mu}, P_{\nu}>=-i\eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\Delta P_0 = P_0 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes P_0$$
  

$$\Delta M_j = M_j \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes M_j$$
  

$$\Delta \mathcal{P}_j = \mathcal{P}_j \otimes 1 + e^{-\lambda P_0} \otimes \mathcal{P}_j$$
  

$$\Delta \mathcal{N}_i = \mathcal{N}_i \otimes 1 + e^{-\lambda P_0} \otimes \mathcal{N}_i - \lambda \varepsilon_{ikl} \mathcal{P}_k \otimes M_l$$

### kappa-Minkowski non-commutative space

$$[\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_j] = -i\lambda x_j$$

### DSR limit of QG?

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

Gravity???!

### **DSR in curved spacetime**

Amelino-Camelia, Marciano, Matassa, Rosati, arXiv:1206.5315

![](_page_10_Figure_2.jpeg)

### Rainbow gravity. 1

Magueijo, Smolin, arXiv:gr-qc/0305055

General form for MDR

$$p_0^2 f^2 \left(\frac{p_0}{M_P}\right) - (p \cdot p)g^2 \left(\frac{p_0}{M_P}\right) = m^2,$$
  
realised by momentum space maps  
 $U \cdot (p_0, p_i) = (U_0, U_i) = \left(f \left(\frac{p_0}{M_P}\right) p_0, g \left(\frac{p_0}{M_P}\right) p_i\right),$   
implies non-linear norm  
for momenta  
 $|p|^2 = \eta^{ab} U_a(p) U_b(p).$   
momenta-dependent metric!!  
 $ds^2 = \tilde{g}_{\gamma\beta}(p) dx^{\gamma} dx^{\beta} = \frac{(dx^0)^2}{f^2(p)} - \frac{(dx^i)^2}{g^2(p)}$ 

 $g^2(p)$ 

realise

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**PROBLEM:** Do not enjoy same symmetries!!!

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Rainbow gravity. 2: Hamiltonian and Finsler approach Amelino-Camelia, Barcaroli, Gubitosi, Liberati, Loret, arXiv:1407.8143 Hamiltonian approach  $H(x,p) = g^{ab}(x)p_ap_b = m^2$ . MPR as phase-space Hamiltonian  $H_{qDS}(x,p) = g^{ab}(x)p_ap_b + \ell G^{abc}p_ap_bp_c = p_0^2 - p_1^2(1 - 2hx^0) - \ell p_0 p_1^2(1 - 2hx^0) \qquad \text{q-deSitter case}$  $g^{Hab} = \frac{1}{2} \bar{\partial}^a \bar{\partial}^b H_{qdS} = g^{ab} + \ell 3 G^{abc} p_c,$  $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\ell p_1(1+2hx^0) \\ -\ell p_1(1+2hx^0) & -(1+2hx^0)(1+\ell p_0) \end{pmatrix},$ rainbow-like metrics  $g^{H}{}_{ab} = g_{ab} - \ell 3 g_{aj} g_{bi} G^{ijc} p_c$  $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\ell p_1 \\ -\ell p_1 & -(1-2hx^0)(1-\ell p_0) \end{pmatrix}.$ **Finsler** approach kappa-Poncaré case

$$\mathcal{S}[q, p, \lambda] = \int d\tau [\dot{\eta} \,\Omega + \dot{x} \,\Pi - \lambda (\mathcal{H} - m^2)],$$
  
Finsler norm  $\mathcal{L}(q, \dot{q}) = mF(\dot{q}).$ 

 $g^{\rm F}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 F^2}{\partial \dot{q}^{\mu} \partial \dot{q}^{\nu}}$  Finsler metric

$${}_{\mu\nu}(x,\dot{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{3}{2}\ell m \frac{\dot{x}^0(\dot{x}^1)^4}{((\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2)^{5/2}} & \ell \frac{m}{2} \frac{-4(\dot{x}^0)^2(\dot{x}^1)^3 + (\dot{x}^1)^5}{((\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2)^{5/2}} \\ \\ \ell \frac{m}{2} \frac{-4(\dot{x}^0)^2(\dot{x}^1)^3 + (\dot{x}^1)^5}{((\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2)^{5/2}} & -1 + \frac{1}{2}\ell m(\dot{x}^0)^3 \frac{2(\dot{x}^0)^2 + (\dot{x}^1)^2}{((\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2)^{5/2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $if \quad \dot{q} \neq 0$ 

$$F(\dot{x}) = \left(\sqrt{(\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2} + \frac{\ell}{2}m\frac{\dot{x}^0(\dot{x}^1)^2}{(\dot{x}^0)^2 - (\dot{x}^1)^2}\right) \quad \begin{cases} F(\dot{q}) \neq 0 & if \ \dot{q} \\ F(\epsilon \dot{q}) = |\epsilon|F(\dot{q}) \end{cases}$$

### Rainbow gravity. 3: modified gravity approach Olmo, arXiv:1101.2841 Brans-Dicke-like action

$$S[g_{\mu\nu},\varphi,\psi] = \frac{\hbar}{16\pi l_P^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ (1+\varphi)R - \frac{1}{4l_P^2}\varphi^2 \right] + S_m[g_{\mu\nu},\psi] \ ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_R R_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) - \frac{1}{2} f g_{\mu\nu} &= \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu} \\ \nabla_\alpha \left( \sqrt{-g} f_R g^{\beta\gamma} \right) &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

Palatini or metric-affine formalism: connection and metric treated independently

$$G_{\mu\nu}(h) = \frac{\kappa^2}{f_R(T)} T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda(T) h_{\mu\nu}$$

### Rainbow-like metric: deformations depend on particle density

deformed Einstein equation, metric affected by: total energy momentum + energy momentum density

$$ds^2 = -\frac{\left(1 - \frac{2GM_{\odot}}{r}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{2\rho_{test}}{\rho_P}\right)}dt^2 + \frac{\left(1 + \frac{2}{\rho_P}\frac{d(r\rho_{test})}{dr}\right)^2}{\left(1 + \frac{2\rho_{test}}{\rho_P}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2GM_{\odot}}{r}\right)}dr^2 + r^2d\Omega^2 \ .$$

### Multi-fractional spaces

Calcagni, PRL 104 (2010)

### dimensional reduction

![](_page_14_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### multi-scale measure

$$\mathrm{d}^4 q(x) = \mathrm{d}q^0(t) \,\mathrm{d}q^1(x^1) \cdots \mathrm{d}q^3(x^3)$$

geometrical and physical coordinates

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

 $0 < \alpha < 1$ 

#### 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!!

# A new perspective: HDA

Based on the 3+1 foliation of spacetime<sup>8</sup>

![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_15_Figure_3.jpeg)

- $g_{\mu\nu}(x) \leftrightarrow h_{ij}(x), N^k(x), N(x)$
- Phase-space variables:  $\{\pi^{ij}(x), h_{kl}(y)\} = -\frac{1}{2}(\delta^{i}_{k}\delta^{j}_{l} + \delta^{i}_{l}\delta^{j}_{k})\delta^{(3)}(x - y)$

Does it break general covariance?..of course NOT!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>R. L. Arnowitt, S. Deser, C. W. Misner, Gen. Rel. Grav. 40, 1997 (2008). 🗇 🕨 🛪 🚍 🕨 🚿 🚍

### **Hypersurface Deformation Algebra**

Dirac, Proc. Roy. Soc. Lond. A246 (1958)

Diffeomorphism invariance is implemented by means of constraints:

$$H[N] = \int d^{3}x \quad N(x)(\frac{\pi_{lk}\pi^{lk}}{\sqrt{-h}} - \frac{\pi^{2}}{2\sqrt{-h}} - {}^{3}R\sqrt{-h})$$
$$D[N^{k}] = -2\int d^{3}x \quad N^{k}(x)h_{kj}(x)D_{l}\pi^{lj}(x)$$

which close the hypersurface-deformation algebra (HDA) <sup>9</sup>:

$$\{D[N^{i}], D[N^{i}]\} = D[N^{i}\partial_{j}N^{i} - N^{j}\partial_{j}N^{i}]$$
  

$$\{D[N^{i}], H[N^{\prime}]\} = H[N^{j}\partial_{j}N^{\prime}]$$
  

$$\{H[N], H[N^{\prime}]\} = D[h^{ij}(N\partial_{j}N^{\prime} - N^{\prime}\partial_{j}N)]$$

# **Diffeomorphism transformations**

Hypersurface-deformation algebra ensures that theory respects:

- 1 gauge transformations for coordinate changes:  ${f, H[N] + D[N^k]} = \delta f$
- Icing independence: algebra amounts to deformations of hypersurfaces
- Non-linear coordinate changes translates into non-linear deformations of space (example:  $\{H, H\} = D$ ).

![](_page_17_Figure_5.jpeg)

## Minkowski limit

If we restrict to linear coordinate changes of flat slices  $h_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ :

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

that means choosing:

$$N^{k}(x) = \delta^{k} + \epsilon^{kij}\varphi_{i}x_{j}, \quad N(x) = \delta + \alpha_{i}x^{i}$$

which are the Killing vectors of the Minkowski spacetime. Then we show that the Poincaré symmetries are contained into the HDA.

### From DSR to DGR?

#### Bojowald, Paily, arXiv:1112.1899

### HDA

 $\{D[N^{i}], D[N^{i}]\} = D[N^{i}\partial_{j}N^{i} - N^{j}\partial_{j}N^{i}]$   $\{D[N^{i}], H[N']\} = H[N^{j}\partial_{j}N']$  $\{H[N], H[N']\} = D[h^{ij}(N\partial_{j}N' - N'\partial_{j}N)]$ 

![](_page_19_Picture_4.jpeg)

 $\{P_{\mu}, P_{\nu}\} = 0 \quad \{M_{\mu\nu}, P_{\rho}\} = \eta_{\mu\rho}P_{\nu} - \eta_{\nu\rho}P_{\mu}$  $\{M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\rho\sigma}\} = \eta_{\mu\rho}M_{\nu\sigma} - \eta_{\nu\sigma}M_{\nu\rho} - \eta_{\nu\rho}M_{\mu\sigma} + \eta_{\nu\sigma}M_{\mu\rho}$ 

QG models could provide modified HDAs then it should be possible to reduce to corresponding modified PAs

### Case of study 1: spherically symmetric (effective) LQG

Brahma, MR, arXiv:1801.09417, Brahma, MR, Amelino-Camelia, Marciano, arXiv:1610.07865, Amelino-Camelia, da Silva, MR, Cesarini, Lecian, arXiv:1605.00497

#### classical theory

![](_page_20_Figure_3.jpeg)

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Special Relativity Real SU(2) holonomies:  $K_{\phi} \rightarrow \frac{\sin(\delta K_{\phi})}{\delta}$ 

Complex SL(2,C) holonomies:  $h_{\phi}(r,\mu) = \exp(\mu\gamma K_{\phi}\Lambda_{\phi}^{A}) = \cosh(\mu K_{\phi})\mathbb{I} - 2\sinh(\mu K_{\phi})\overline{\Lambda}$ ,

Complex generalised holonomies:  $h_{\phi}(r,\mu) = \cosh(\mu i K_{\phi})\mathbb{I} + \sinh(\mu i K_{\phi})\sigma_{\phi} = \cos(\mu K_{\phi})\mathbb{I} + \sin(\mu K_{\phi})\Lambda$ 

![](_page_21_Figure_5.jpeg)

### Heuristic simplified approach to MDRs

$$E_P = \frac{1}{\ell_{\rm Pl}} \frac{\hbar}{c} \simeq 10^{19} \,\,\mathrm{GeV}$$

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

![](_page_22_Picture_3.jpeg)

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

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

...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

![](_page_23_Picture_4.jpeg)

### High energy emission

- Time variability
- Cosmological distances (z>0)

### Gamma ray bursts

![](_page_23_Picture_9.jpeg)

### Emission mechanism??

![](_page_23_Figure_11.jpeg)

# Single-burst analyses: bounds **GRB080916C:** Fermi-LAT and GBM Collaborations, Science 323 (2009)

080916C.png

(Ag) 10 25	27 GeV photon arrive good coincidence wit	d in h
20 15 10	iower energy protons	5 11
5	0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000 TIME from GBM (s)	

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

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

090510.png

![](_page_24_Picture_6.jpeg)

 $M_{QG} \gtrsim M_P$ 

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

# Single-burst analyses: searches

**GRB130427A** 

Amelino-Camelia, Fiore, Guetta, Puccetti, Adv.High Energy Phys. (2014)

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Forthcoming improvements

### Multi-messenger

### More statistics

![](_page_26_Figure_3.jpeg)

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

![](_page_26_Figure_5.jpeg)

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)

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Hints of LIV??

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

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

### in-vacuo dispersion-like feature:

 $=\eta \frac{E^*}{M_P} D(1)$  with  $E^* = E \frac{D}{D}$ 

time difference with respect to the first GBM peak

 $|\Delta t|$ 

# How to explain delayed GeV component?

Nava, arXiv:1804.01524

![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

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

No simple explanation in terms of synchrotron radiation!

### Increase statistics

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

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

# All-pairs analysis

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

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

# Data samplings

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

# no-high pairs

![](_page_32_Figure_3.jpeg)

# 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!

# Data samplings

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

# medium-low pairs

![](_page_33_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Figure_4.jpeg)

False alarm probability = 0.2 %!

# Data samplings

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

# high-low pairs

![](_page_34_Figure_3.jpeg)

False alarm probability = 14 %!

# Preliminary: all-triplets analysis

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

Best fit method: we now consider triplets of photons instead of pairs  $\eta$  is computed by performing a linear fit with the constraint:  $\chi^2 < 5$ 

![](_page_35_Figure_4.jpeg)

Peak at  $15 < \eta < 25$  appears accidentally only in 1.5 % of cases!

### In-vacuo dispersion-like feature

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

• 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>40GeV analysis and the 5GeV<E<40GeV analysis!!!

![](_page_36_Figure_5.jpeg)

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# Summary

Effects on particles propagation are expected due to the "foamy" structure of spacetime near the Planck scale

### Two possible theoretical frameworks have been developed: LIV and DSR; both deserve better understanding

# Spectral time lags are observed in all GRBs as well as in AGNs

In-vacuo-dispersion like spectral lags in 7 GRBs with energy above 5 GeV at the sourse, but yet they might be manifestations of intrinsic GRB physics

Our results are would not be compatible with single event analyses but are compatible with limits given by population studies (can source effects solve the inconsistency?)

# Outlook: (QG) theory side

**Still no rigorous derivation of MDR from QG models:** What are we testing??!

- Work on "DGR": generalise DSR to gravity and/or introduce gravity effects into DSR models
- Missing clear distinction between LIV and DSR signatures

Models for stochastic/fuzzy LIV

# Take input from data

Simplest linear LIV models falsified already?

Work on redshift dependence of MDRs

**Fractional-order LIV?** 

# Outlook: experimental side

Quantity and quality of astrophysics data are rapidly improving and allow to pass from single-event analyses to statistical analyses over surveys!

1) Better control over systematics can now be achieved

2) Start testing alternative proposals and suggest phenomenological new models

**3)** To decouple intrinsic from LIV effects:
 Study the dependence on the redshift (population studies) Combine different sources (e.g. AGNs+GRBs)
 Combine different detectors (HESS+MAGIC+FermiLAT)
 Multi-messenger analyses (photons + neutrinos + GWs)
 Model time variability at the emission
 Increase statistics in the GeV range (50 - 100) GeV and above

![](_page_40_Figure_0.jpeg)

# Thanks for your attention.

# QG vs Standard physics

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

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

### Matter on (Loop) Quantum Gravity background

Gambini, Pullin, arXiv:9809038; Alfaro, Morales-Tecotl, Urrutia, arXiv:9909079

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_{\text{Maxwell}}^{E} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^{3}x \int d^{3}y \hat{w}_{a}(x) \hat{w}_{b}(y) E^{a}(x) E^{b}(y) f_{\epsilon}(x-y) \\ &< \Delta |\hat{H}_{\text{Maxwell}}^{E}| \Delta \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{v_{i},v_{j}} < \Delta |\hat{w}_{a}(v_{i}) \hat{w}_{b}(v_{j})| \Delta \rangle E^{a}(v_{i}) E^{b}(v_{j}) \\ & \text{trace out} \\ \text{gravitational dof} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^{3}x \frac{E^{i}}{2\sqrt{det(g)}} (i\pi^{T}\tau_{i}\mathcal{D}_{a}\xi + c.c.) , \\ & \text{trace out} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^{3}x \frac{E^{i}}{2\sqrt{det(g)}} (i\pi^{T}\tau_{i}\mathcal{D}_{a}\xi + c.c.) , \\ & \text{trace out} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^{3}x \frac{E^{i}}{2\sqrt{det(g)}} (i\pi^{T}\tau_{i}\mathcal{D}_{a}\xi + c.c.) , \end{aligned}$$

# OH ALICE... YOU'RE THE ONE FOR ME WORLD HOW CAN WE BE SURE?

## Quantum reference frames

Giacomini, Castro-Ruiz, Brukner, arXiv:0905.0031

Quantum information perspective: physics is all about systems in described in different reference frames

 $|\psi'\rangle = \widehat{U}_i |\psi\rangle$ 

Application: Equivalence Principle for QRFs

System A in a superposition of acceleration

$$-\frac{1}{m_A}\frac{dV(\hat{x}_A)}{d\hat{x}_A} |\psi_0(t)\rangle_A \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(a_1 |\psi_1(t)\rangle_A + a_2 |\psi_2(t)\rangle_A\right),$$

#### A and B described by C

$$\hat{H}_{AB}^{(C)} = \hat{H}_A + \hat{H}_B = \frac{\hat{p}_A^2}{2m_A} + \frac{\hat{p}_B^2}{2m_B} + V(\hat{x}_A)$$

operator transformation from C to A

$$\hat{S}_{EP} = e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \left( \frac{\hat{\pi}_C^2}{2m_C} + \frac{m_C}{m_A} V(-\hat{q}_C) \right) t} \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{AC}^{(v)} \hat{Q}_t e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} \left( \frac{\hat{p}_A^2}{2m_A} + V(\hat{x}_A) \right) t}$$

![](_page_44_Figure_12.jpeg)

$$\hat{H}_{BC}^{(A)} = \frac{\hat{\pi}_B^2}{2m_B} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_C^2}{2m_C} + \frac{m_C}{m_A}V(-\hat{q}_C) - \frac{m_B}{m_A}\frac{dV}{dx_A}\Big|_{-\hat{q}_C}\hat{q}_B.$$

if the potential is linear everywhere

$$\hat{H}_{BC}^{(A)} = \frac{\hat{\pi}_B^2}{2m_B} + \frac{\hat{\pi}_C^2}{2m_C} - m_C a \hat{q}_C - m_B a \hat{q}_B.$$

diffeomorphisms between QRFs??

# Jacob-Piran formula

#### Jacob, Piran, arXiv:1707.02413

 $H^{2} = p^{2}c^{2}\left(1 + \eta \frac{pc}{E_{P}}\right) \xrightarrow{\text{pass to comoving momenta to account for universe}} H = \frac{pc}{a}\sqrt{1 + \eta \frac{pc}{aE_{P}}}$ 

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

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:

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

### Rainbow gravity. 4: effective QG approach Assanioussi, Dapor, Lewandowski, arXiv:1412.6000

massive scalar field minimally coupled to gravity in FRW spacetime

$$H_{\vec{k}} = H_0 - \frac{1}{2} H_0^{-1} \Big[ \pi_{\vec{k}}^2 + (\vec{k}^2 a^4 + m^2 a^6) \phi_{\vec{k}}^2 \Big],$$

### trace out gravitational dof

 $\hat{H}_{\vec{k}}^{\text{traced}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle \psi_0 | \hat{H}_0^{-1} | \psi_0 \rangle \, \hat{\pi}_{\vec{k}}^2 + \, \langle \psi_0 | \hat{\Omega}(\vec{k},m) | \psi_0 \rangle \, \hat{\phi}_{\vec{k}}^2 \right],$ 

$$\approx$$

$$\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} = -\bar{N}^{2}dt^{2} + \bar{a}^{2}\left(dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2}\right).$$
$$\hat{H}_{\vec{k},m}^{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\bar{N}}{\bar{a}^{3}}\left[\hat{\pi}_{\vec{k}}^{2} + (\vec{k}^{2}\bar{a}^{4} + m^{2}\bar{a}^{4})\hat{\phi}_{\vec{k}}^{2}\right].$$

$$\hat{\Omega}(\vec{k},m) = \vec{k}^2 \widehat{H_0^{-1}a^4} + m^2 \widehat{H_0^{-1}a^6}.$$

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$$\bar{a}^{6} + \frac{\bar{k}^{2}}{m^{2}}\bar{a}^{4} - \delta = 0, \qquad \frac{\bar{N}}{\bar{a}^{3}} = \langle \psi_{0} | \hat{H}_{0}^{-1} | \psi_{0} \rangle, \qquad \delta := \frac{\langle \hat{\Omega}(\vec{k}, m) \rangle}{m^{2} \langle \hat{H}_{0}^{-1} \rangle}.$$
**rainbow-like gravity**

$$\bar{g}^{\mu\nu}k_{\mu}k_{\nu} = -\frac{k_{o}^{2}}{\bar{N}^{2}} + \frac{k^{2}}{\bar{s}^{2}} = -f^{2}E^{2} + g^{2}p^{2}$$

$$E^{2} = \frac{1}{f^{2}} (g^{2}p^{2} + m^{2}) \approx m^{2} + (1 + \beta)p^{2} + O(p^{4})$$

### **Case of study 2: multifractional gravity**

Calcagni, MR, arXiv:1608.01667

$$\begin{aligned} q\text{-theory:} & \{D^{q}[M^{k}], D^{q}[N^{j}]\} = D^{q} \left[\frac{1}{v_{j}(x^{j})}(M^{j}\partial_{j}N^{k} - N^{j}\partial_{j}M^{k})\right], \\ \{D^{q}[M^{k}], D^{q}[N^{j}]\} = D^{q} \left[\frac{1}{v_{j}(x^{j})}(M^{j}\partial_{j}N^{k} - N^{j}\partial_{j}M^{k})\right], \\ \{D^{q}[N^{k}], H^{q}[M]\} = H^{q} \left[\frac{1}{v_{j}(x^{j})}N^{j}\partial_{j}M\right], \\ \{H^{q}[N], H^{q}[M]\} = D^{q} \left[\frac{h^{jk}}{v_{j}(x^{j})}(N\partial_{j}M - M\partial_{j}N)\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} weighted-theory: \\ S_{g} &= \frac{1}{2\kappa^{2}} \int d^{D}x e^{\Phi/\beta} \sqrt{-g} \left[R - \Omega \partial_{\mu} \Phi \partial^{\mu} \Phi - U(v)\right] \\ \Omega &:= \frac{9\omega}{4\beta^{2}} e^{\frac{2}{\beta}\Phi} + (D-1) \left(\frac{1}{2\beta_{*}} - \frac{1}{\beta}\right), \qquad \Phi(x) = \log v(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} H[N] &= H_{0}[N] + H_{\phi}[N] = \int d^{3}x N(H_{0} + \sqrt{h}\mathcal{H}_{\phi}) \\ \{H[N], H[M]\} &= \{H_{0}[N], H_{0}[M]\} + \int d^{3}x N(x) \int d^{3}y M(y) \times \{\mathcal{H}_{0}(x), \sqrt{h}\}\mathcal{H}_{\phi}(y) + \int d^{3}x N(x) \int d^{3}y M(y) \times \mathcal{H}_{\phi}(x) \{\sqrt{h}, \mathcal{H}_{0}(y)\} = D \left[h^{jk}(N\partial_{j}M - M\partial_{j}N)\right] \end{aligned}$$

### Case of study 3: Moyal noncommutative gravity

Bojowald, Brahma, Buyukam, MR, arXiv:1712.07413

Canonical (Moyal-Weyl) noncommutative spacetime  $[\widehat{x}^{\mu}, \widehat{x}^{\nu}] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} \quad \rightarrow \quad F(\widehat{x})G(\widehat{x}) =: \Omega(f(x) \star g(x))$ star product  $f(x) \star g(x) = f(x)e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\overleftarrow{\partial_{\alpha}}\theta^{\alpha\beta}}\overline{\partial_{\beta}}g(x) =: \overline{f}^{\alpha}(f(x))\overline{f}_{\alpha}(g(x))$  $R = e^{i\theta^{lphaeta}\partial_{lpha}\otimes\partial_{eta}}, \quad R^{-1} = e^{-i\theta^{lphaeta}\partial_{lpha}\otimes\partial_{eta}}$  K-matrix  $\mathcal{L}_{v} \triangleright (u \star w) := (\mathcal{L}_{v} \triangleright u) \star w + \overline{R}(u) \star (\mathcal{L}_{\overline{R}(v)} \triangleright w)$  deformed Leibniz rule modified Gaussian condition for  $\overline{R}(n^{\mu}) \star (\mathcal{L}_{\overline{R}(\nu)} \triangleright g_{\mu\nu}) = -\partial_{\rho}(v^{\rho} \star n^{\nu} \star g_{\mu\rho}) \star n^{\gamma} \star n^{\rho} \star g_{\gamma\nu}$ the metric  $[M \star X, n]^a_{\star} = -\partial_b N \star q^{ab} \qquad -\partial_{\nu} N \star n^{\nu} = 0$  $[(0, M_1), (0, M_2)]_{\star} = (0, [M_1 \star X, M_2 \star X]_{\star}^{a}),$  $[(N_1, 0), (N_2, 0)]_{\star} = (0, N_1 \star q^{ab} \star \partial_b N_2 - \partial_b N_1 \star N_2 \star q^{ab}),$ 

 $[(0, M), (N, 0)]_{\star} = (\mathcal{L}_{M \star X} \triangleright N, 0)$ **Peformed general covariance!!**