

Search for Lorentz invariance violation with the Large-Sized Telescope (LST) of the Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory (CTAO)

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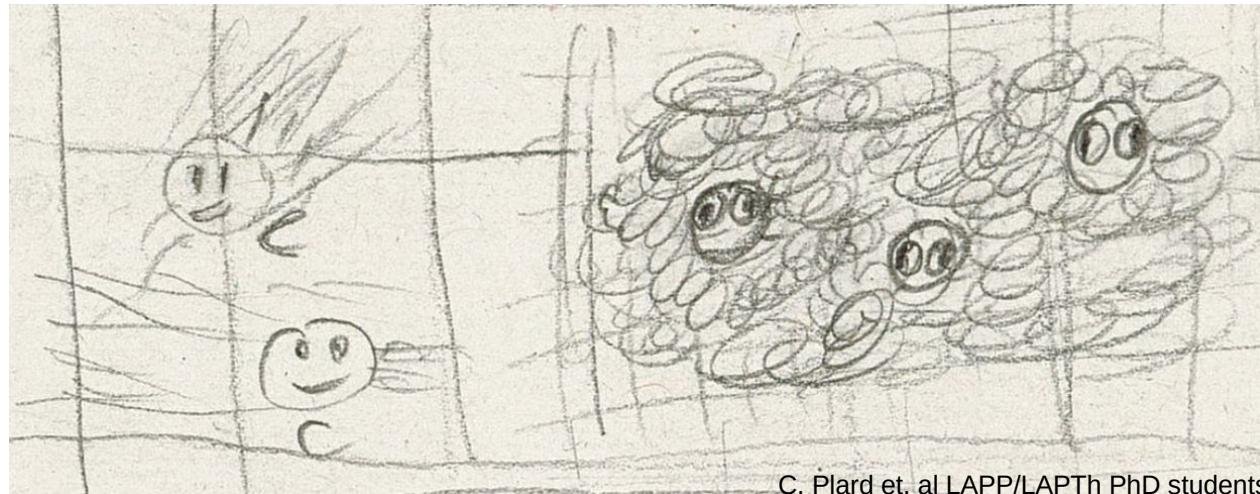
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Credit : Me

- Unification of general relativity and quantum field theory:
quantum gravity
 - effects of QG expected to appear at Planck scale $E_P \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$
- Some quantum gravity models allow a violation of Lorentz invariance
 - may be observable using high energetic gamma-rays

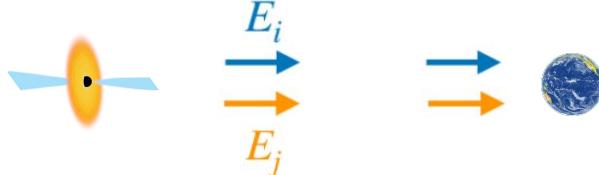


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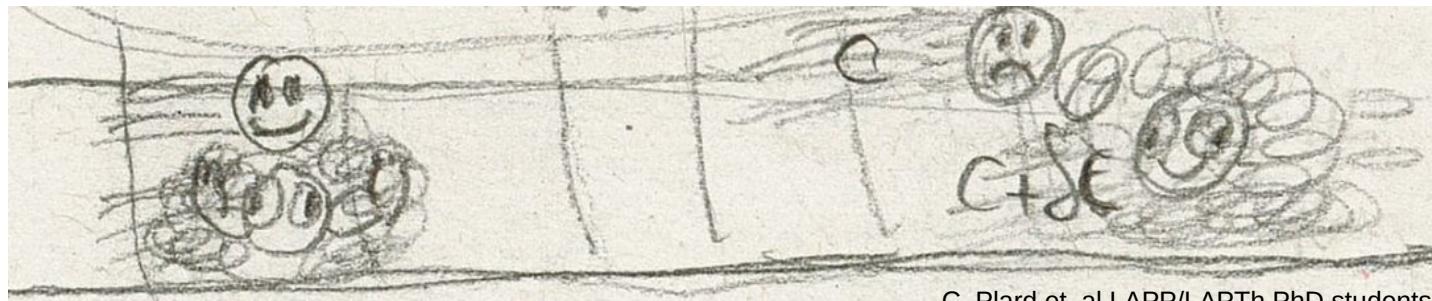
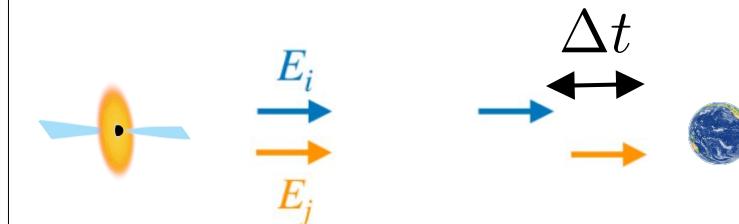
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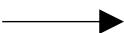
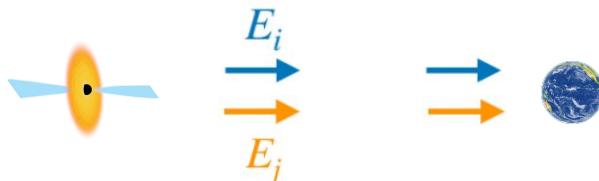


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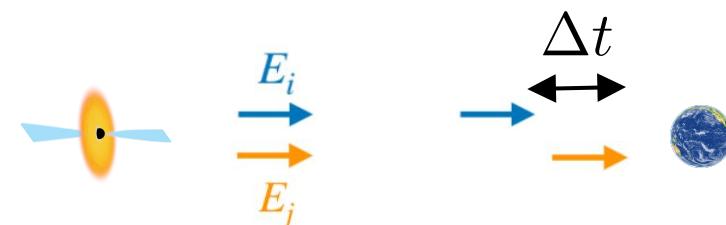
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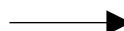


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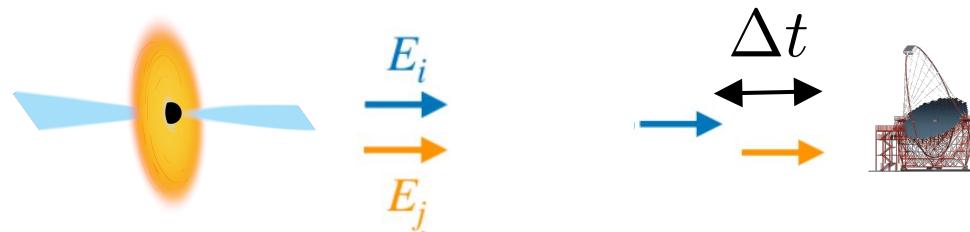
$$\lambda_n = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta E^n \kappa_n(z)} = \pm \frac{n+1}{2H_0 E_{QG,n}^n}$$



Search for a limit on $E_{QG,n}$ at the first order $n = 1$

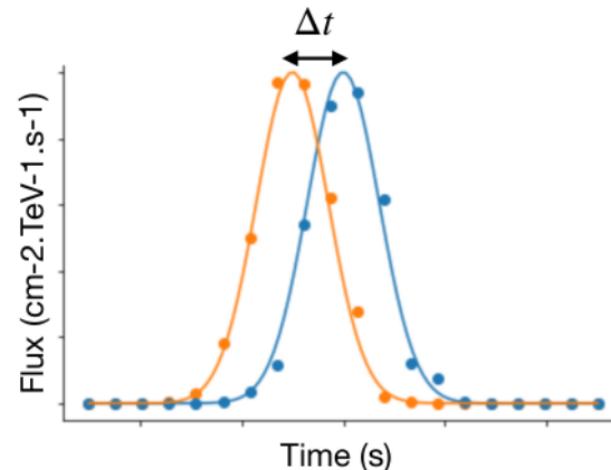
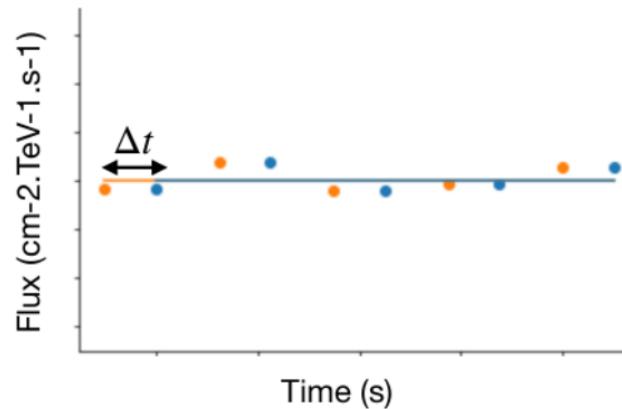
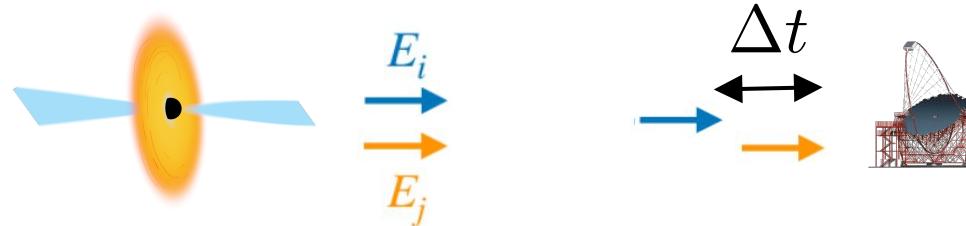
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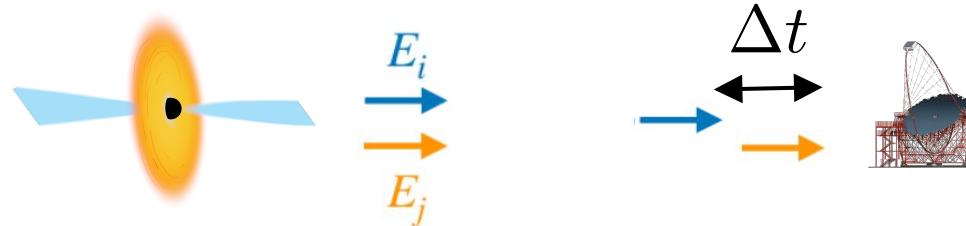
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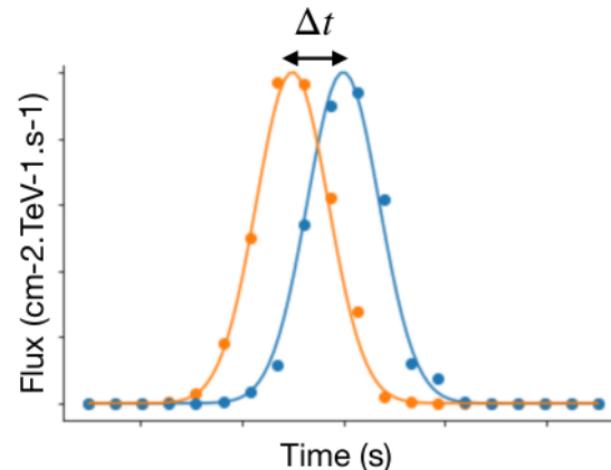
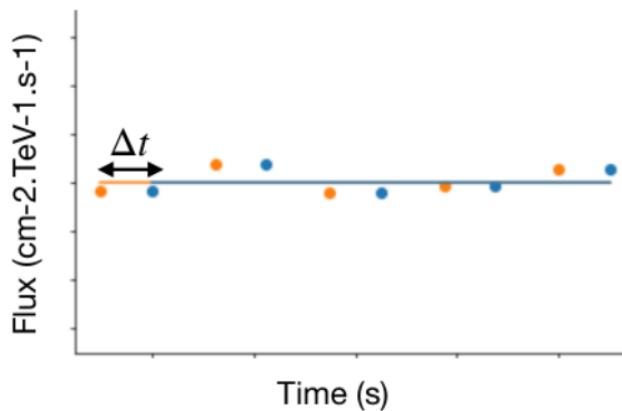


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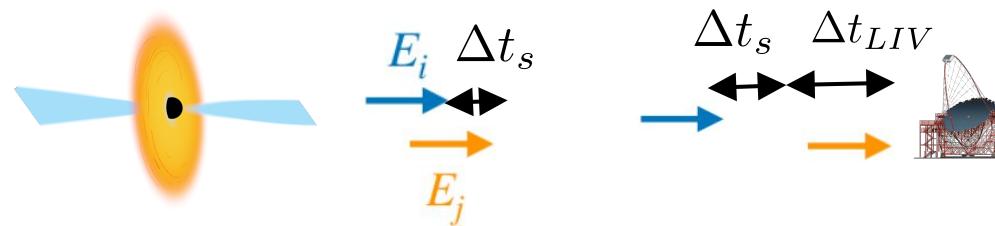
→ blazars, gamma-ray bursts, pulsars



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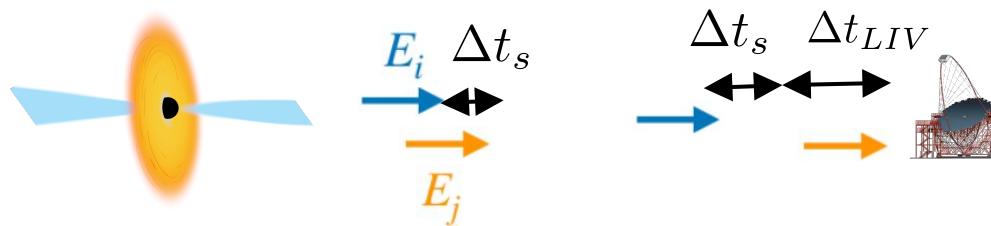
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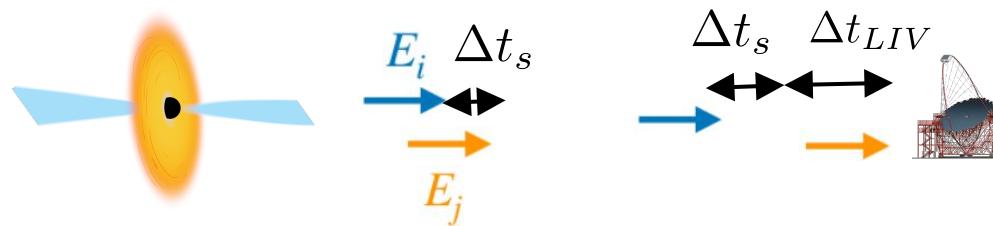
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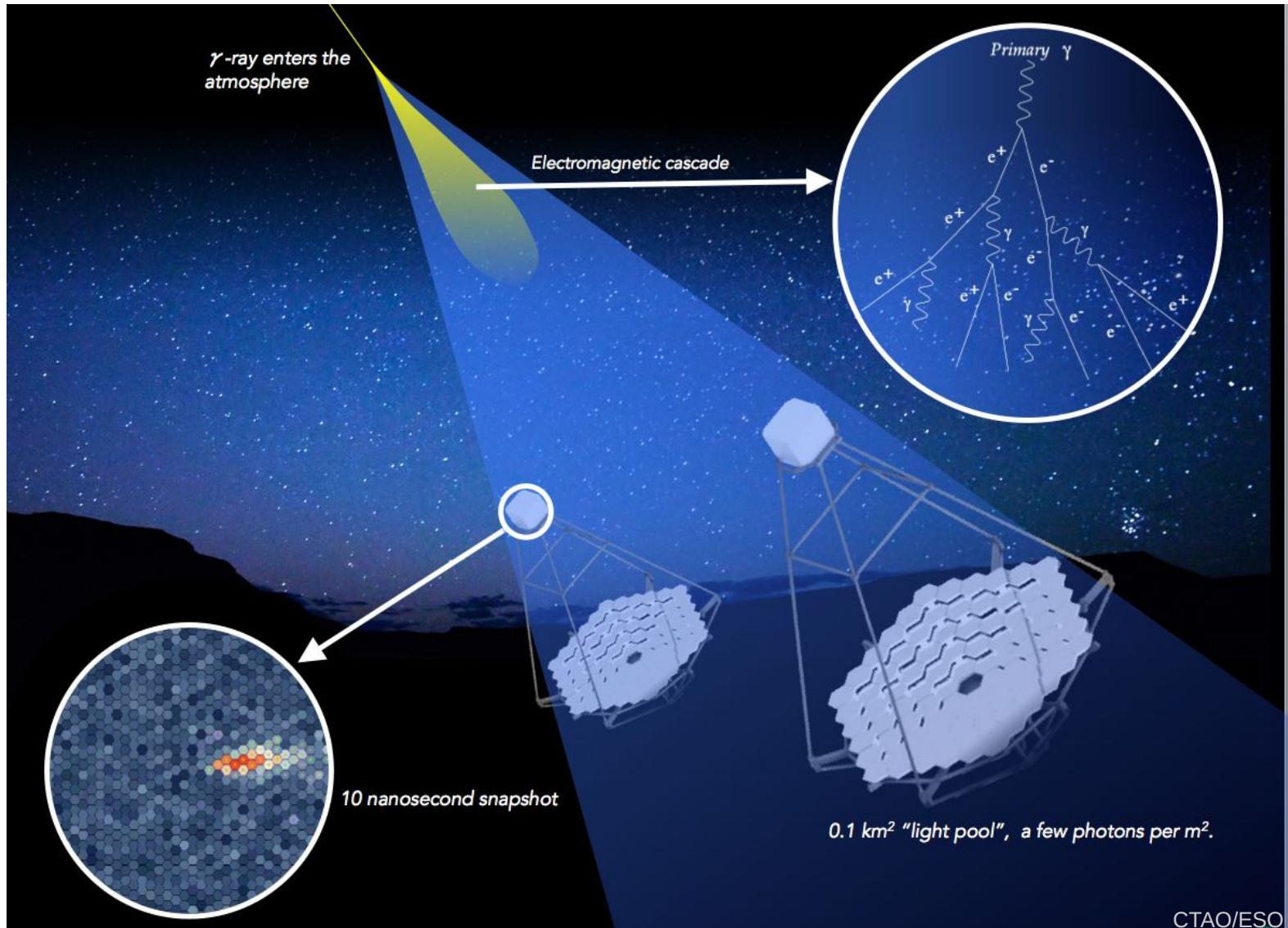
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→ Combination of different flares and different (types of) sources

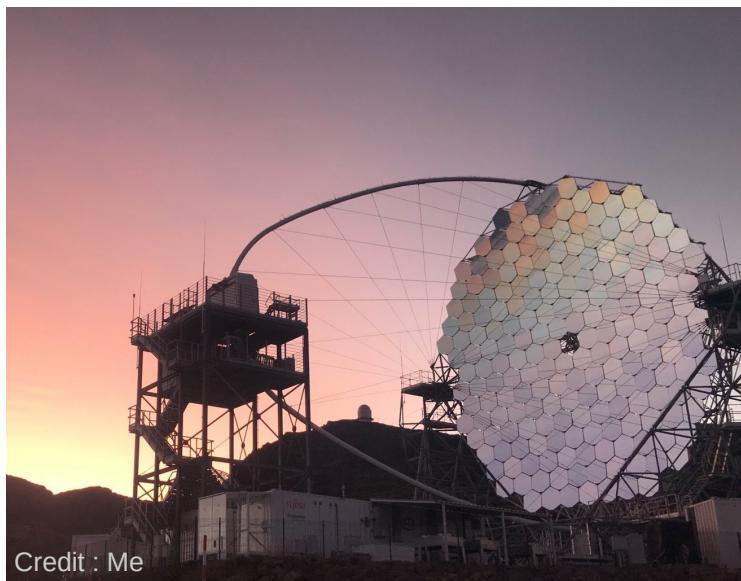
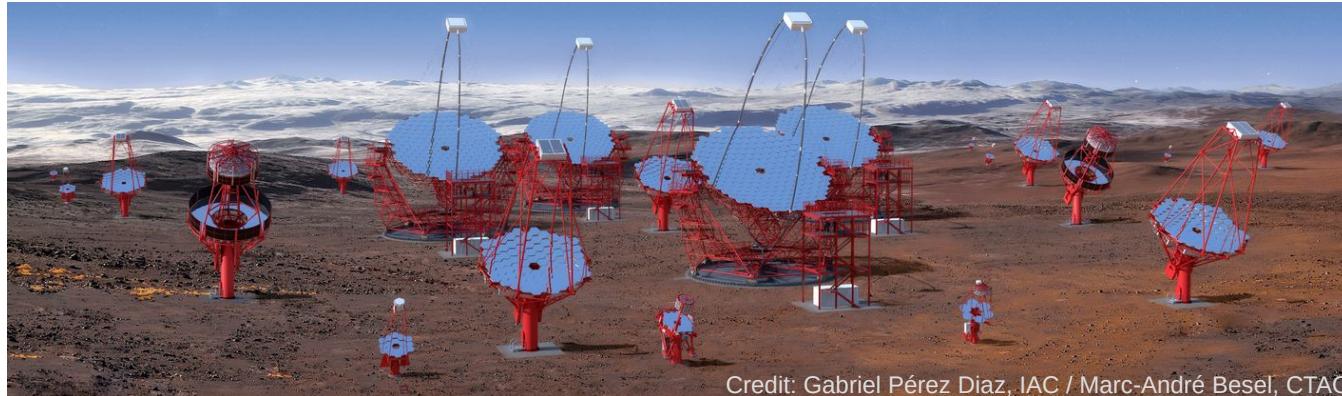
- Limits already extracted from **isolated sources** of Cherenkov telescopes observations but **data were never combined**
- *Gamma-ray LIV Working Group (γ LIV WG)* between H.E.S.S., MAGIC, VERITAS and LST to **combine** observations from various experiments
- Combination of **simulations** (without LST) already performed: *Bolmont et. al., 2022, ApJ 930 75*
- This work: prototype of a global and consistent analysis on all **blazar** data of **LST-1** to combine them with the γ LIV WG data in the future
→ beginning of a **new way** to study LIV: **population study**



Imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes



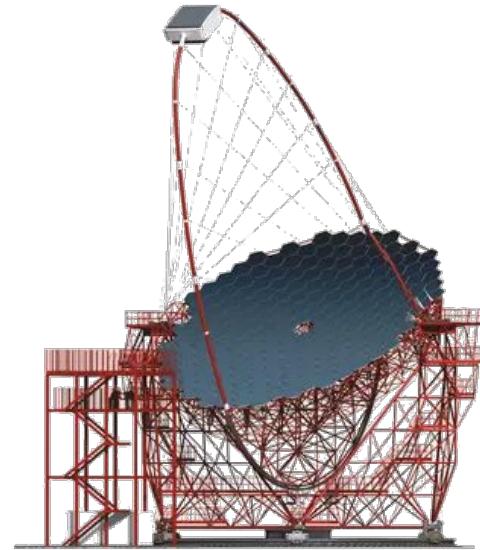
Tens of telescopes split into 2 geographic sites : North (La Palma, Spain) and South (Chile)



Several blazars data of LST-1 from January 2021 to June 2023

	M87	Mrk421	Mrk501	1ES 1959+650	BL Lac	PG 1553+113	TON0599
Redshift z	0.0043	0.03002	0.034	0.047	0.069	0.433	0.72
Observation time (hours)	9	72	66	13	44	24	9

237 hours of observations



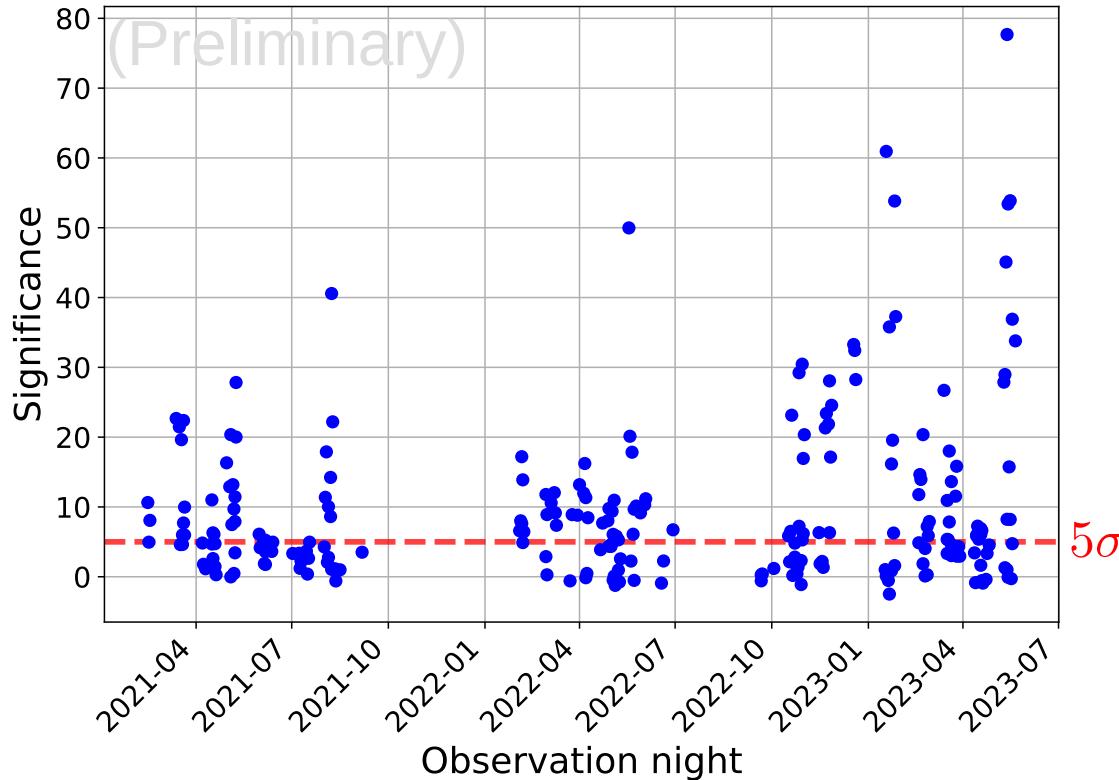
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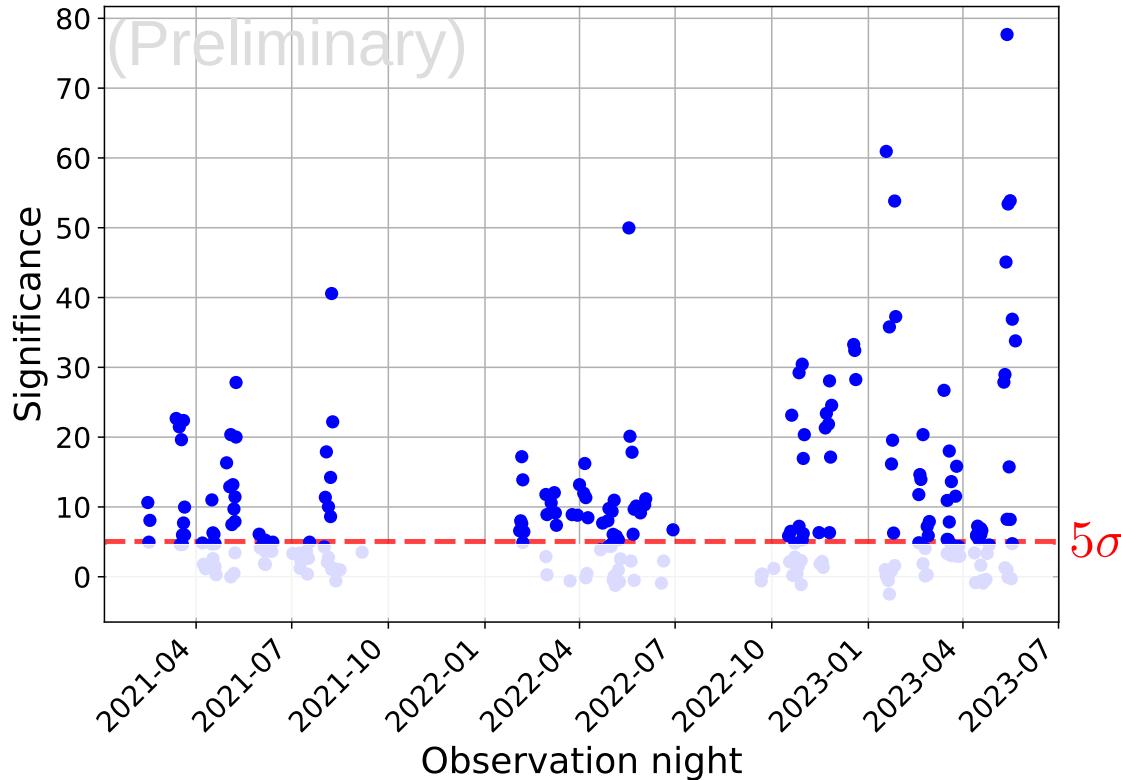
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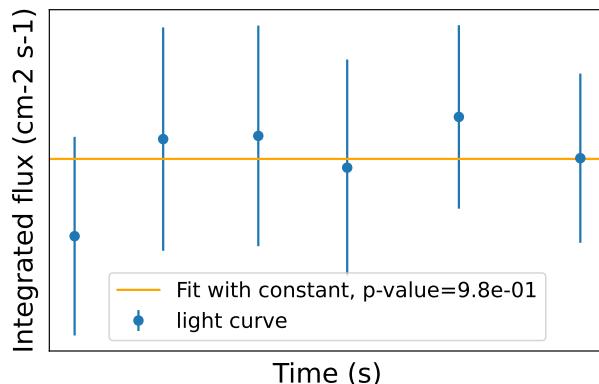
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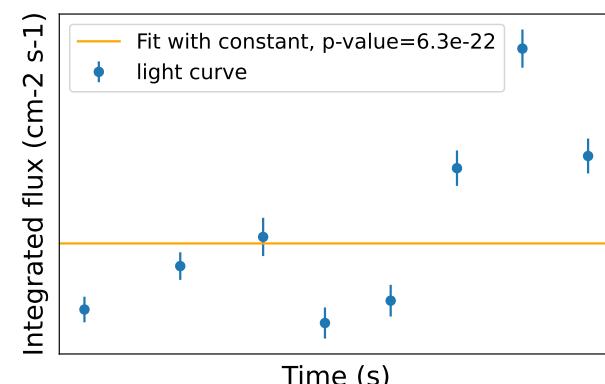
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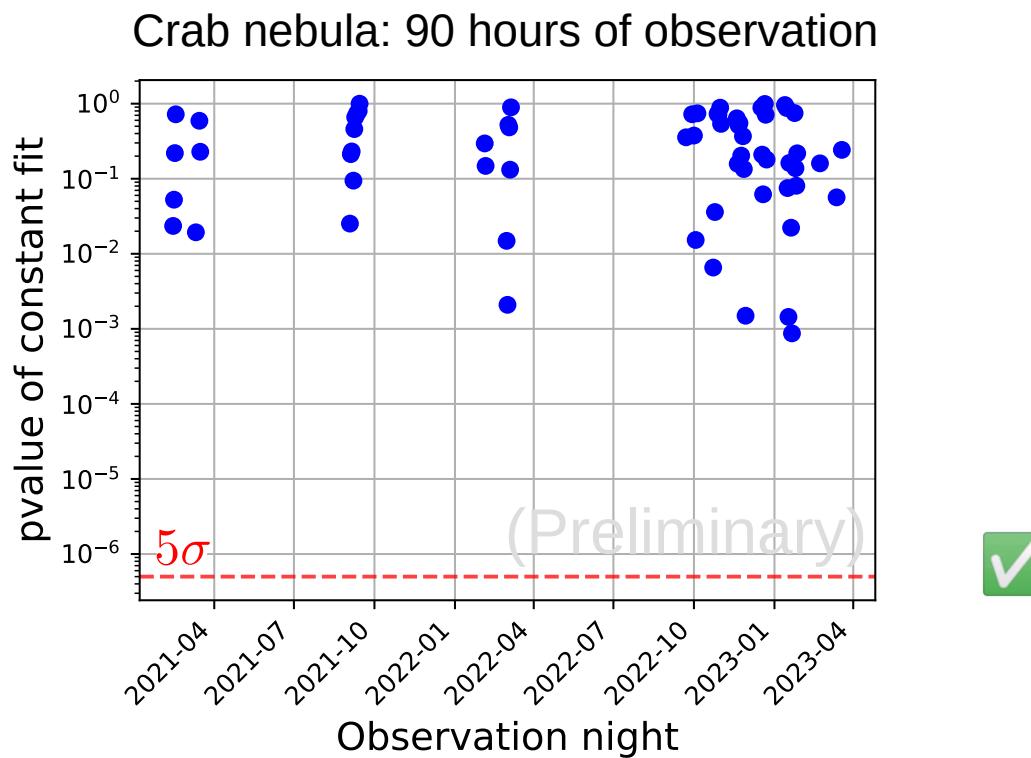
Constant fit
pvalue < 3×10^{-7}
(5σ)

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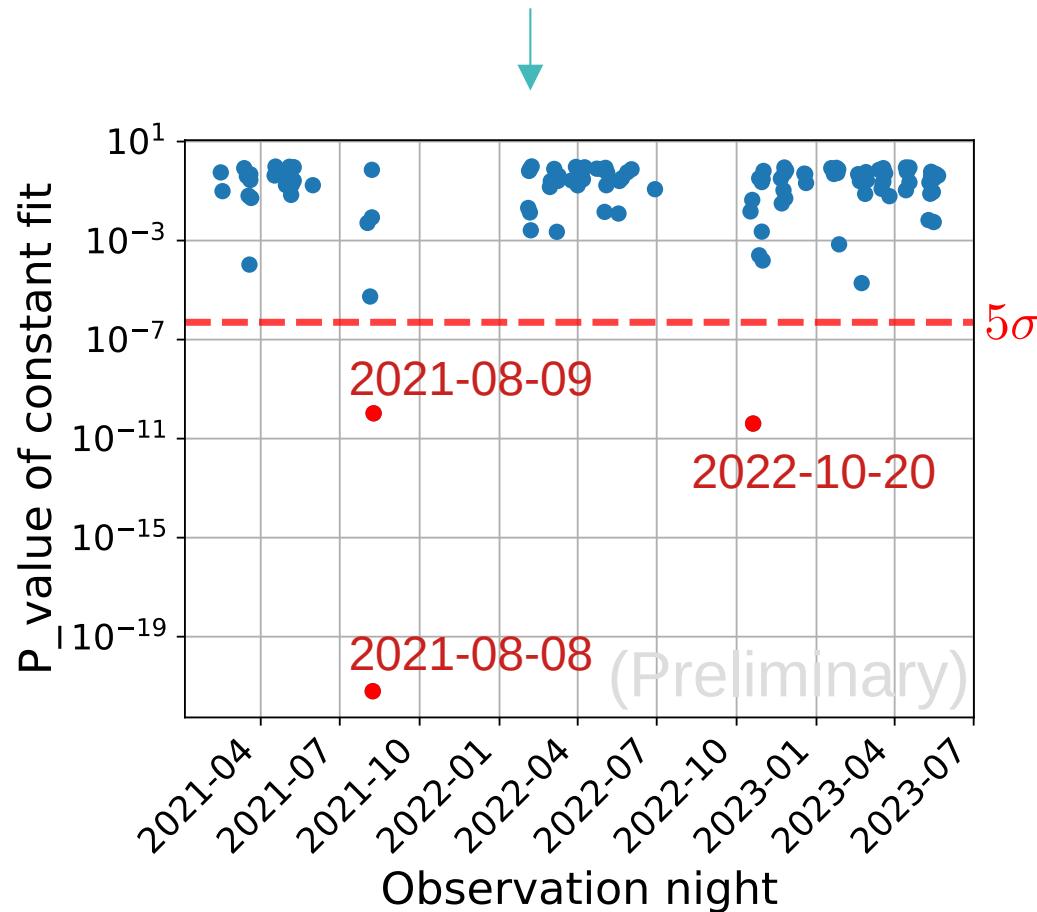


Step 2: sanity check with Crab nebula

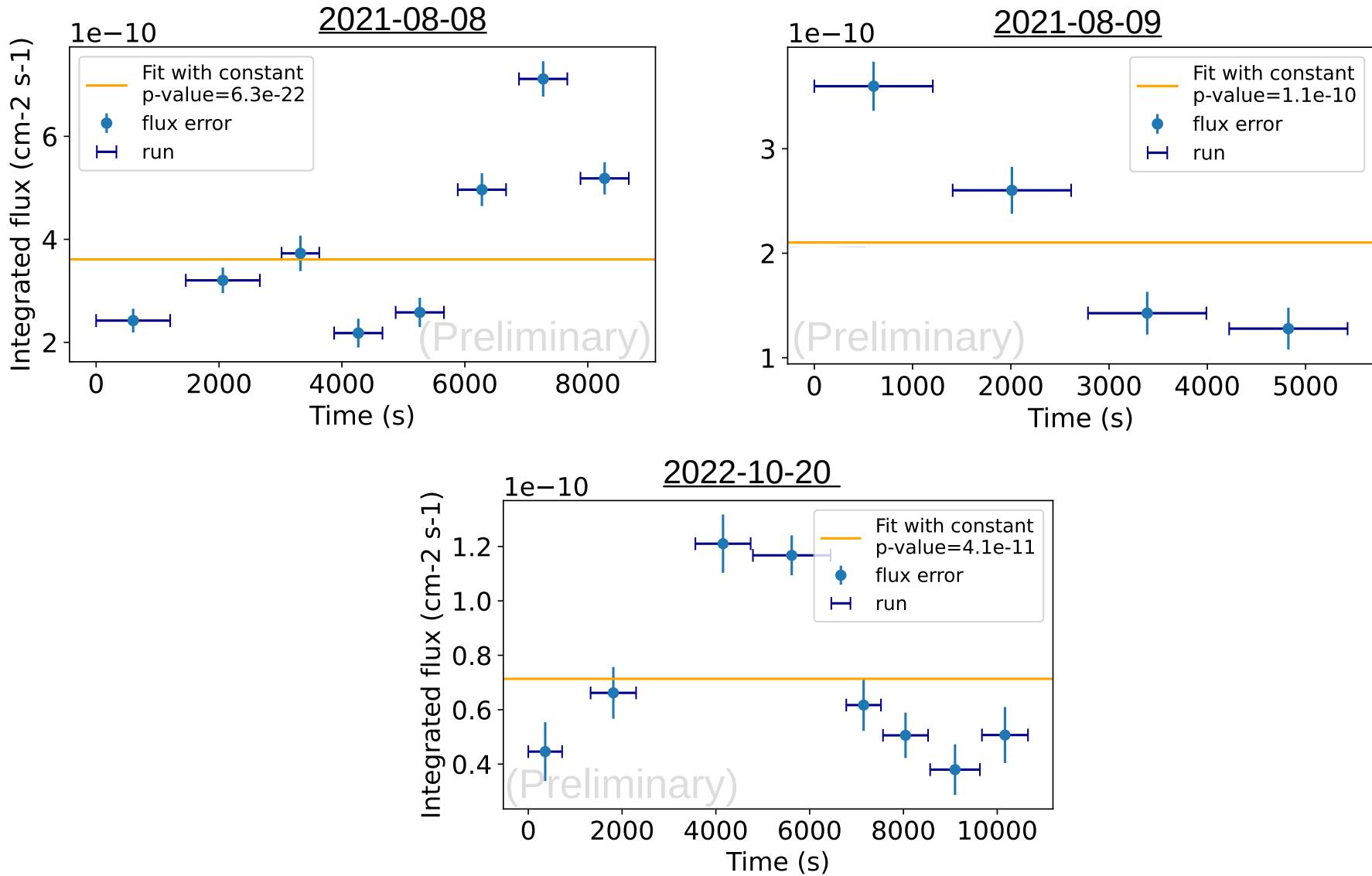
Crab nebula is a **stable source** \leftrightarrow **expecting 0** night with intra-night variability
($p\text{-value} >> 10^{-7}$)



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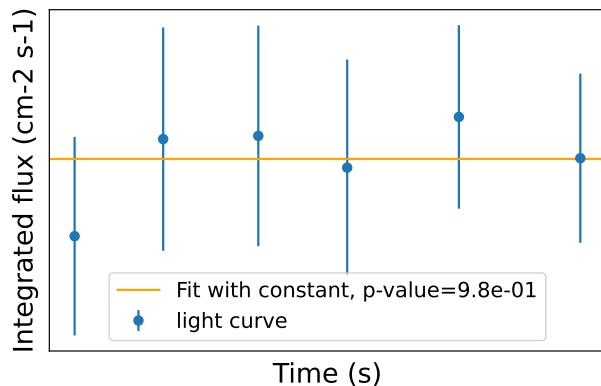
Found 1 source showing intra-night variability: **BL Lacertae** with 3 nights (~7h)



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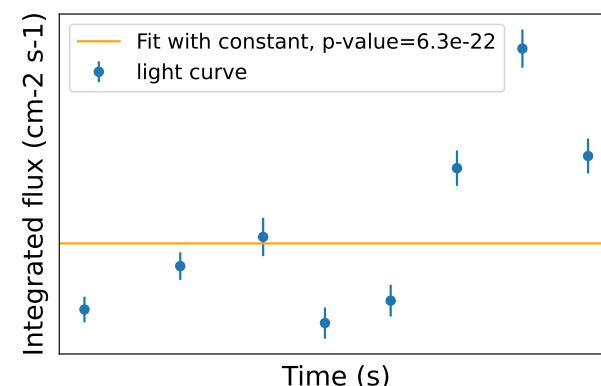
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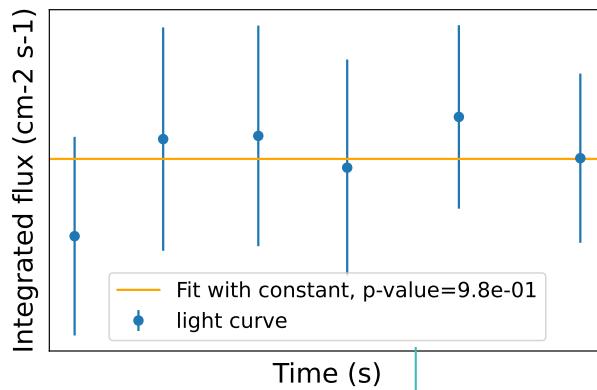


- is implemented in the LST-1 real time analysis
- will be available to the CTAO community as a catalog of blazars fast variability

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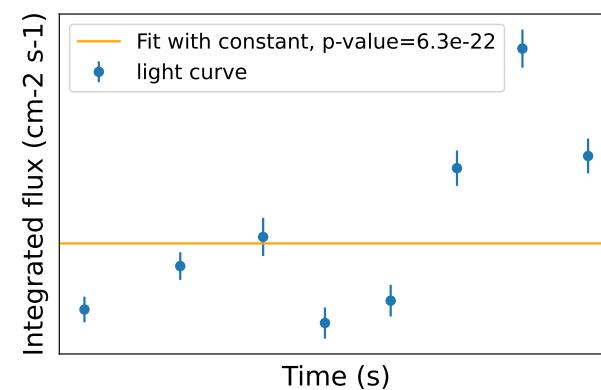
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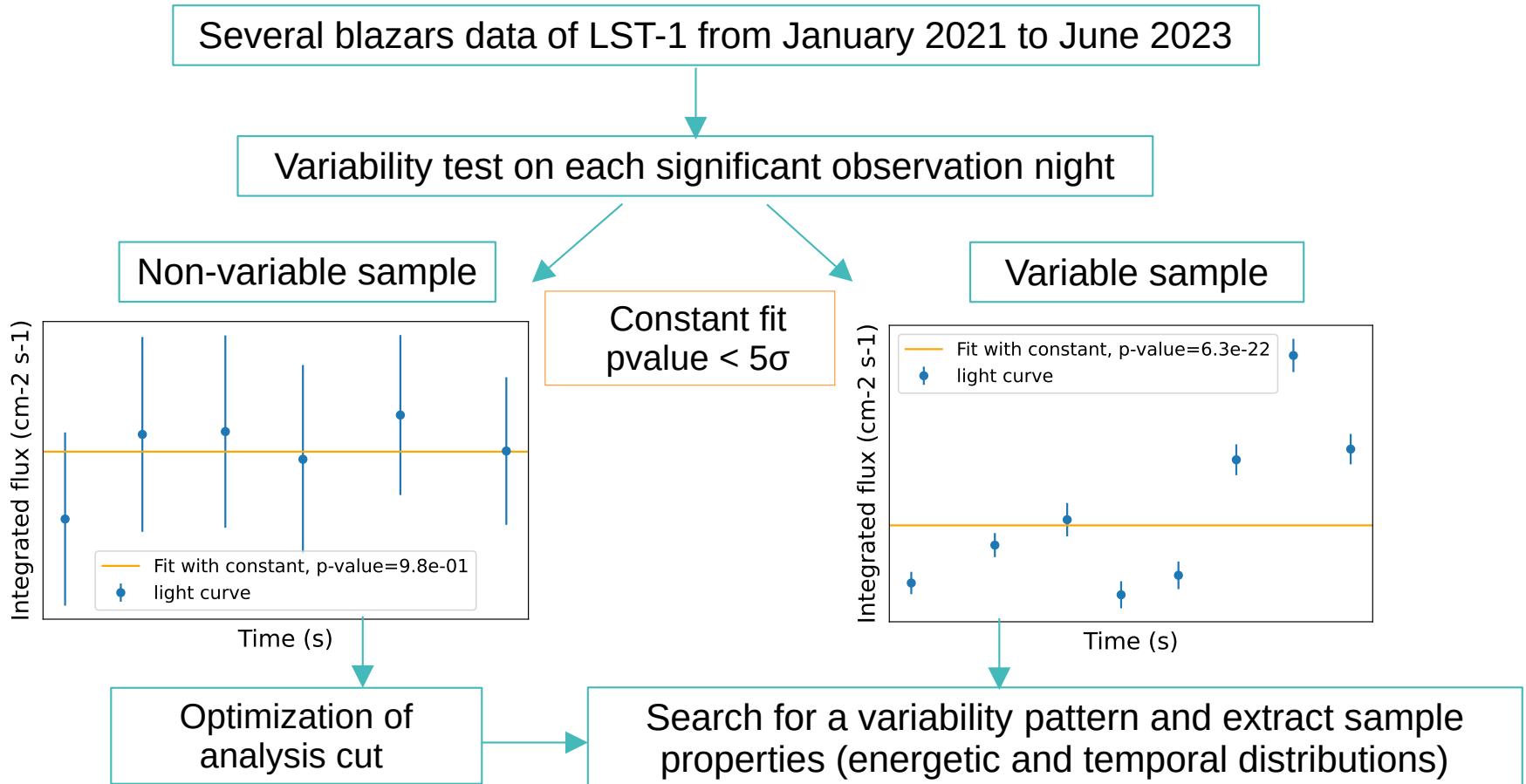


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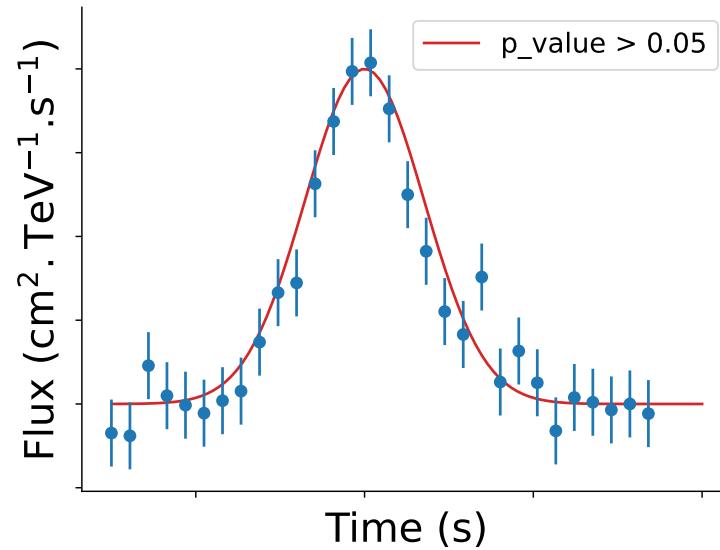
Optimization of analysis cut



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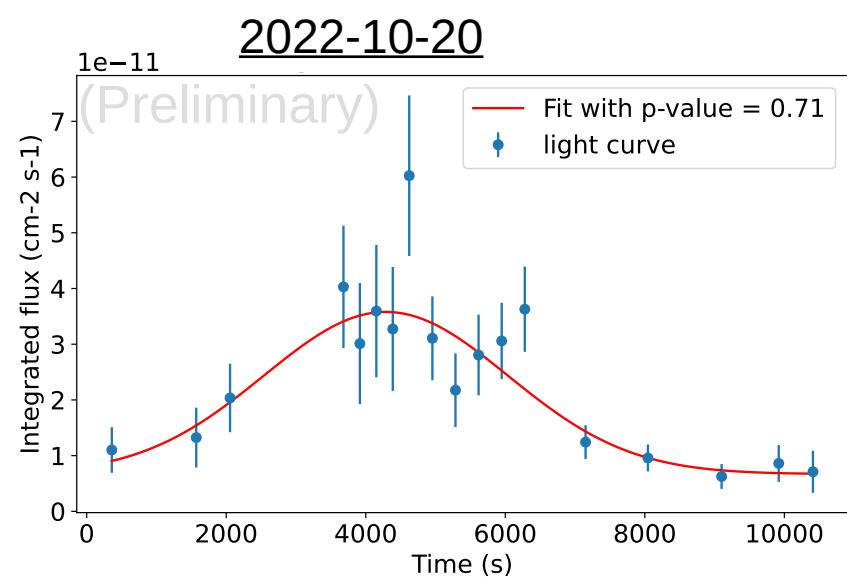
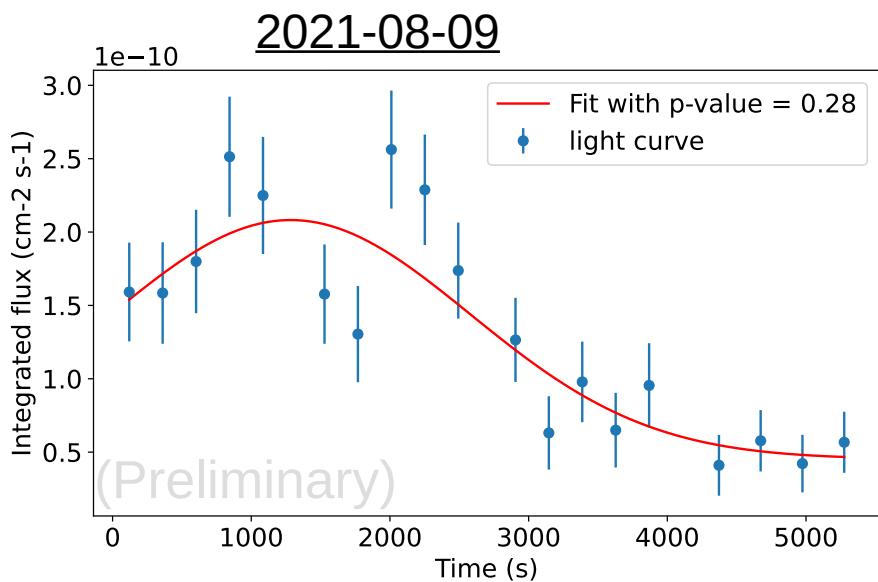
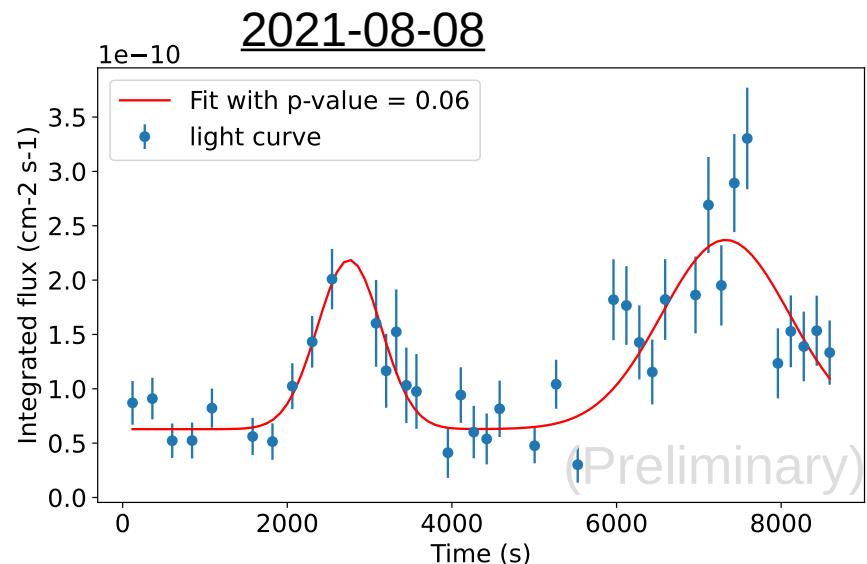


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Step 5: variability pattern

- $A_1 e^{\frac{(t-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} + A_2 e^{\frac{(t-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} + C_0$
- $A e^{\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} + C$



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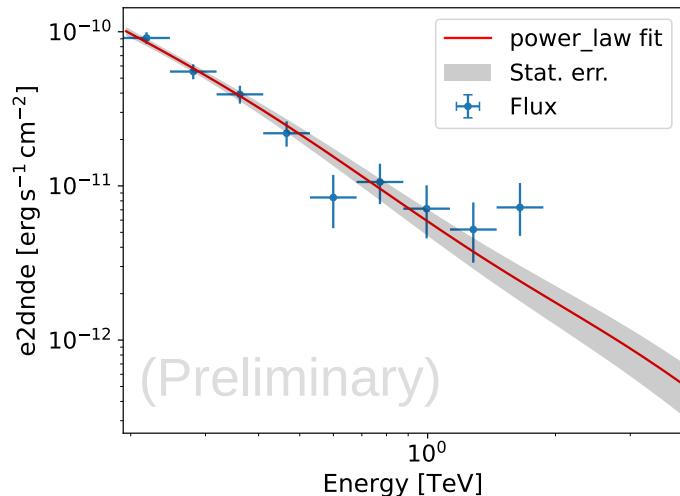


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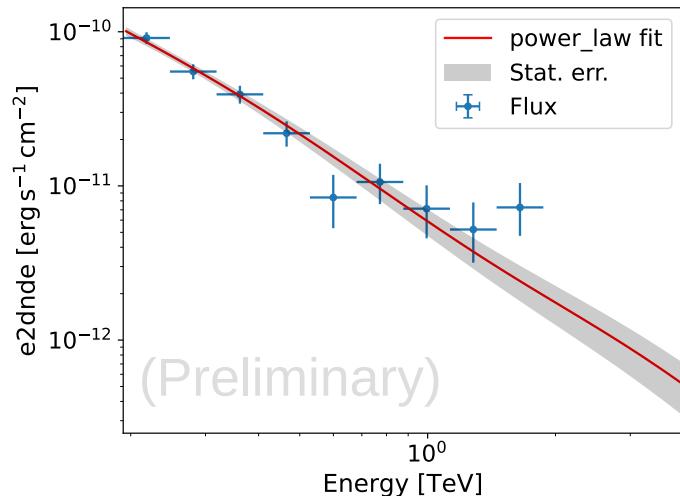


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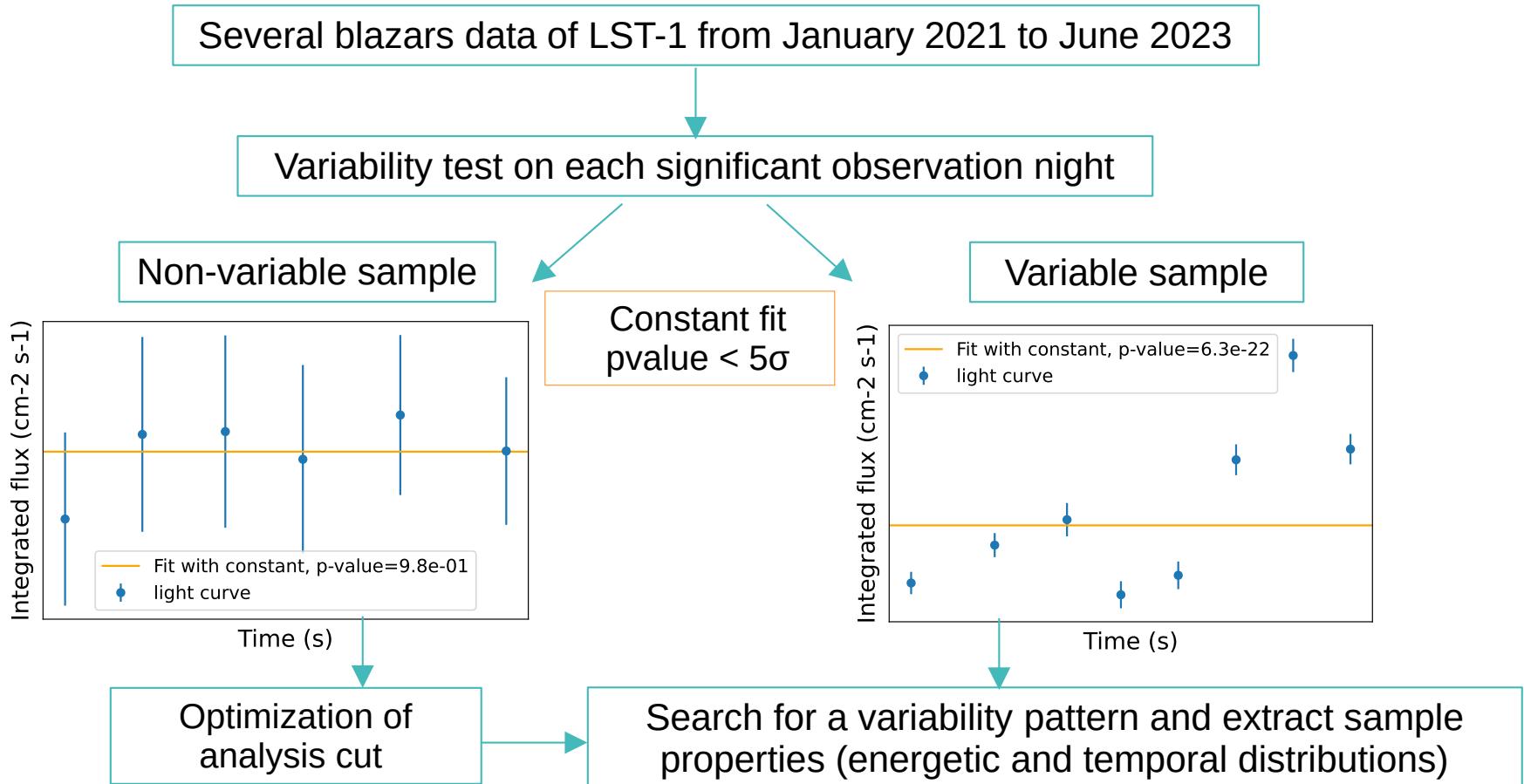


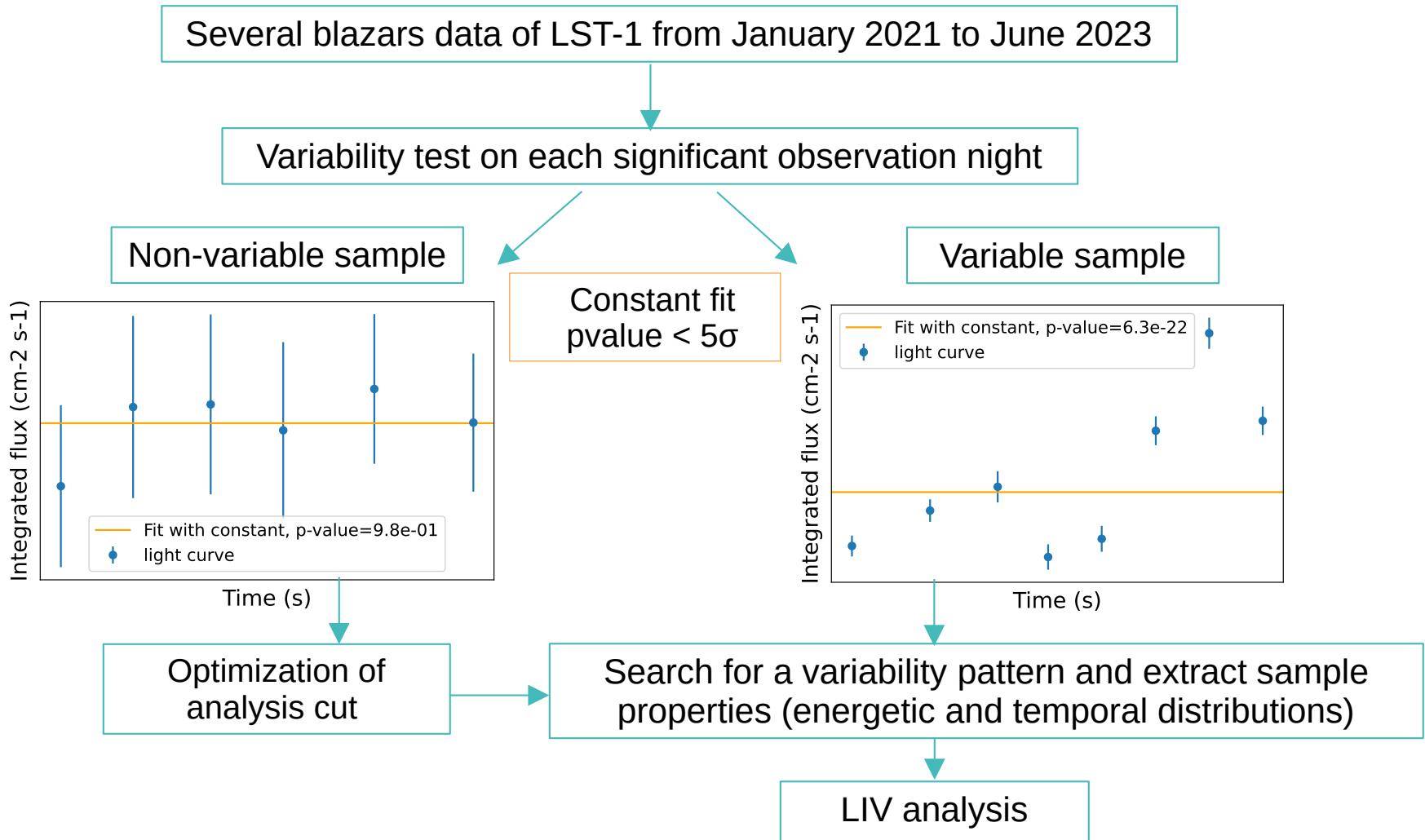
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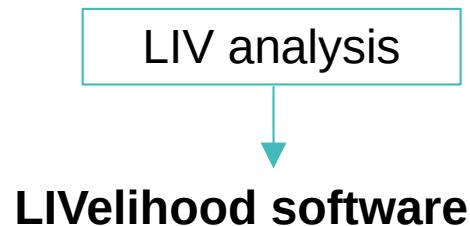


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index ?



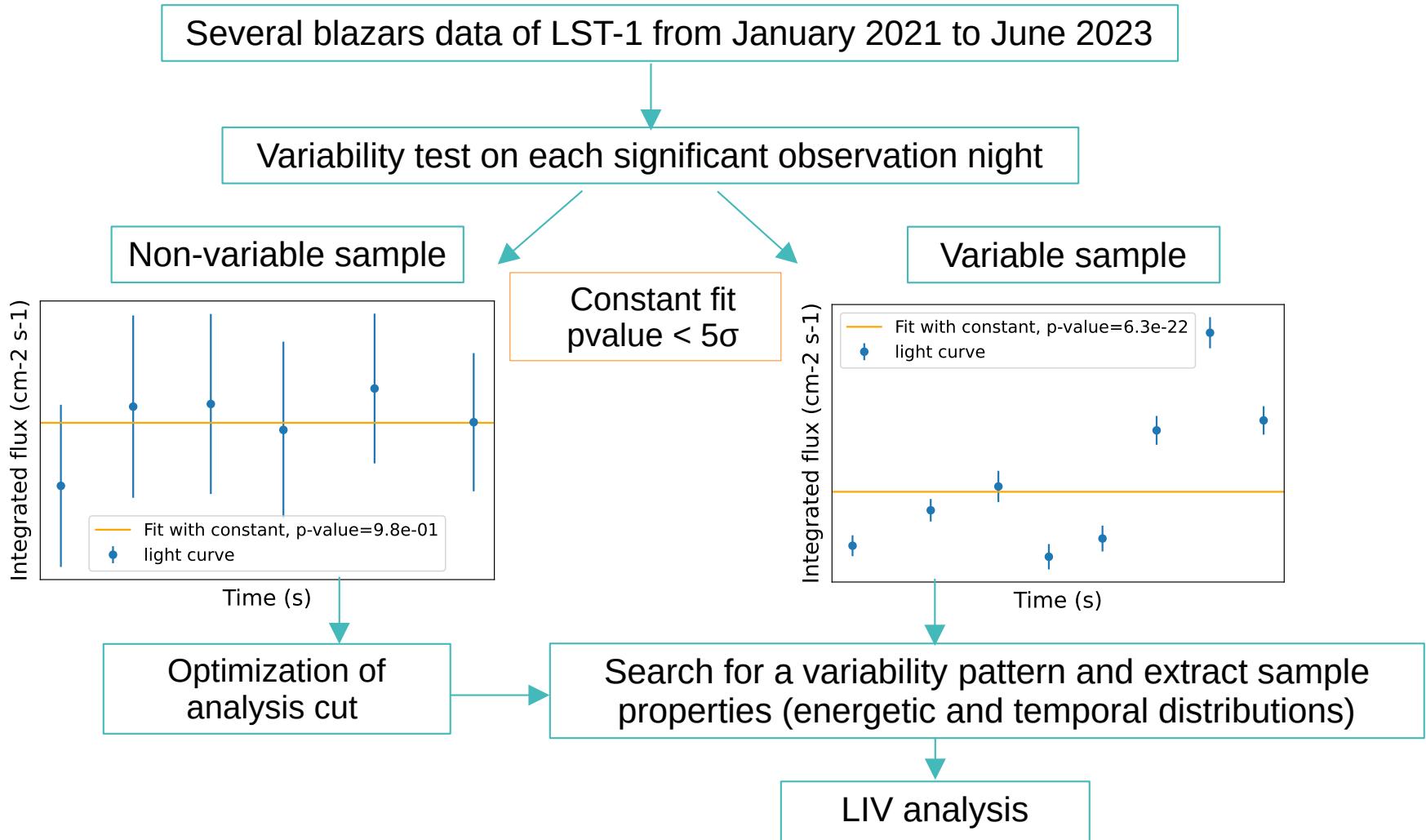


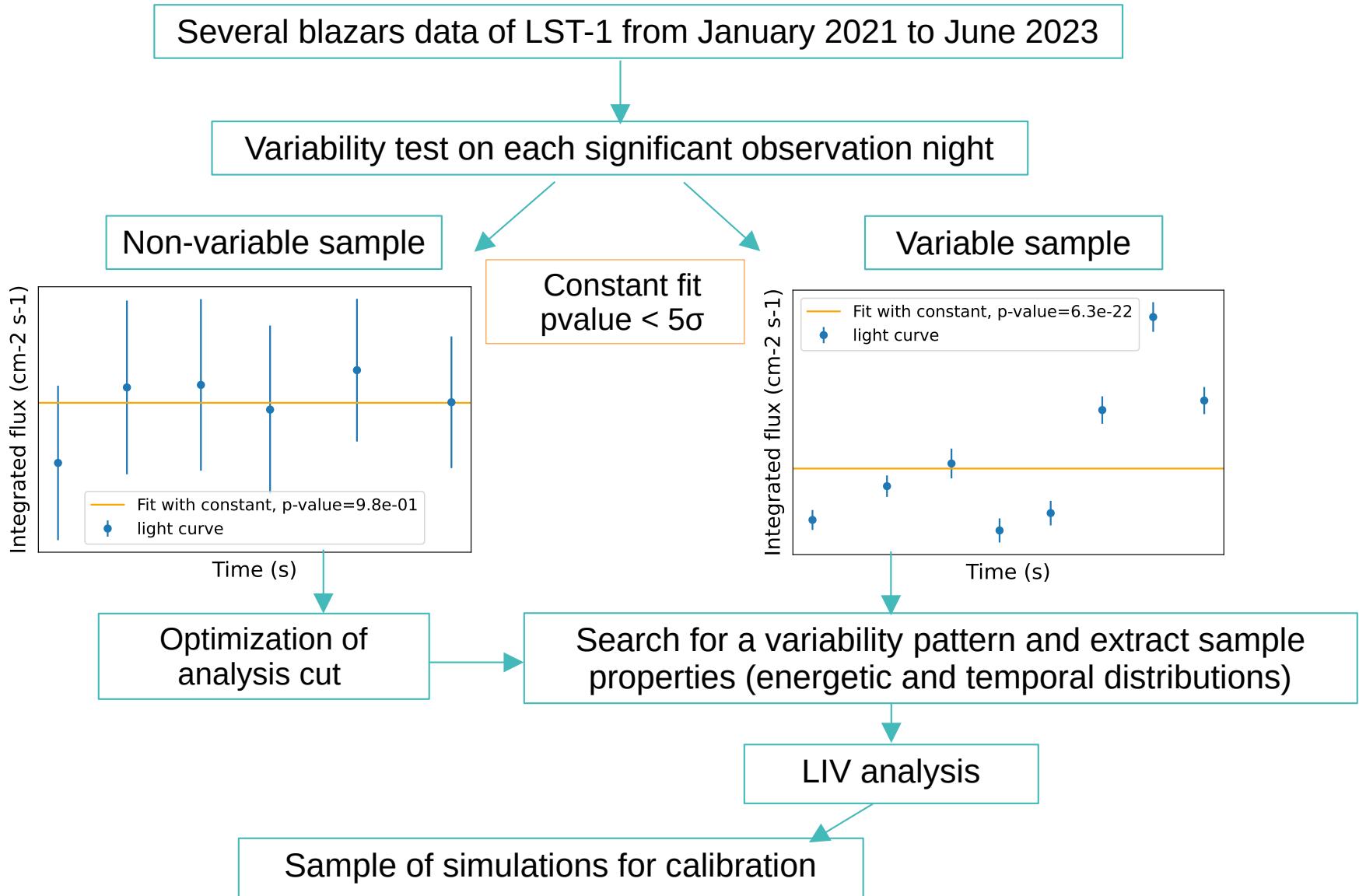


- Created in the context of the yLIV working group
- Uses the **likelihood method**:
 λ_n is a free parameter that minimizes the likelihood function

for one source (or night): $\mathcal{L}_S(\lambda_n) = - \sum_{\text{event i}} \log \left(\frac{dP(E_{R,i}, t_i; \lambda_n)}{dE_R dt} \right)$

for combination: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{comb}}(\lambda_n) = \sum_{\text{source S}} \mathcal{L}_S(\lambda_n)$





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Backgrounds \mathbf{k} : baseline and hadrons

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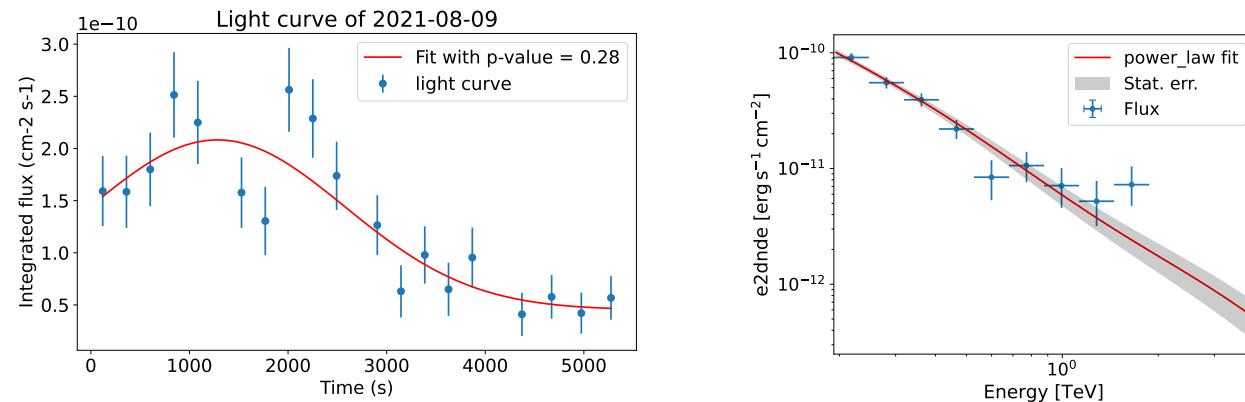
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Instrumental response functions
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Step 7: Likelihood for calibration



with $\frac{dP}{dE_R dt} = W_s \frac{\int E_{\text{ff}} A(E_T, t) \text{MM}(E_T, E_R) \times F_s(E_T, t; \lambda_n) dE_T}{N'_s}$

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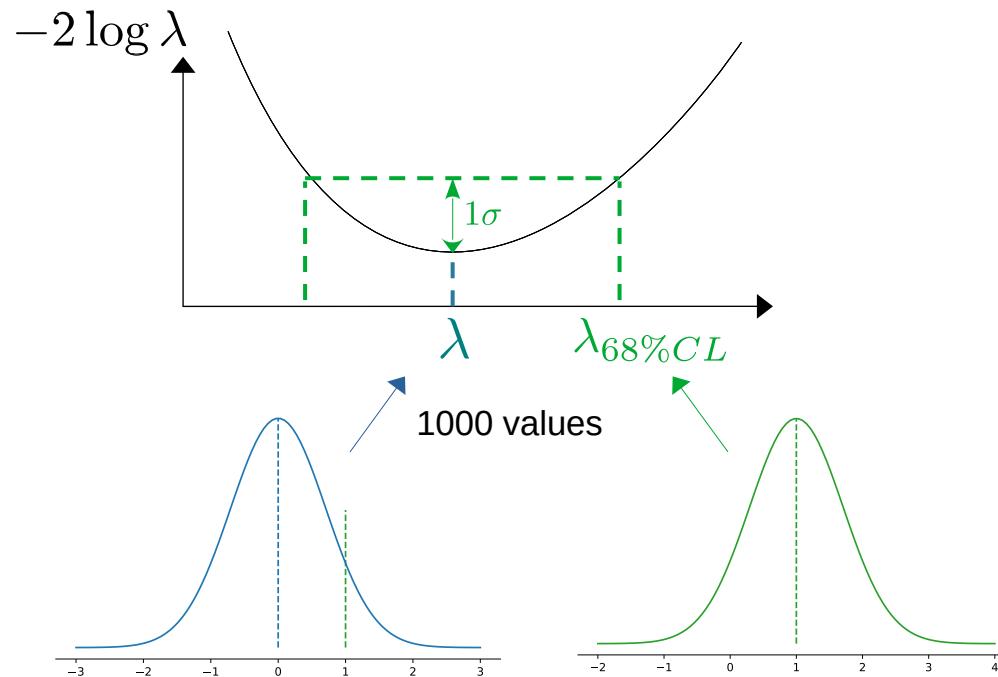
Lightcurve × spectra

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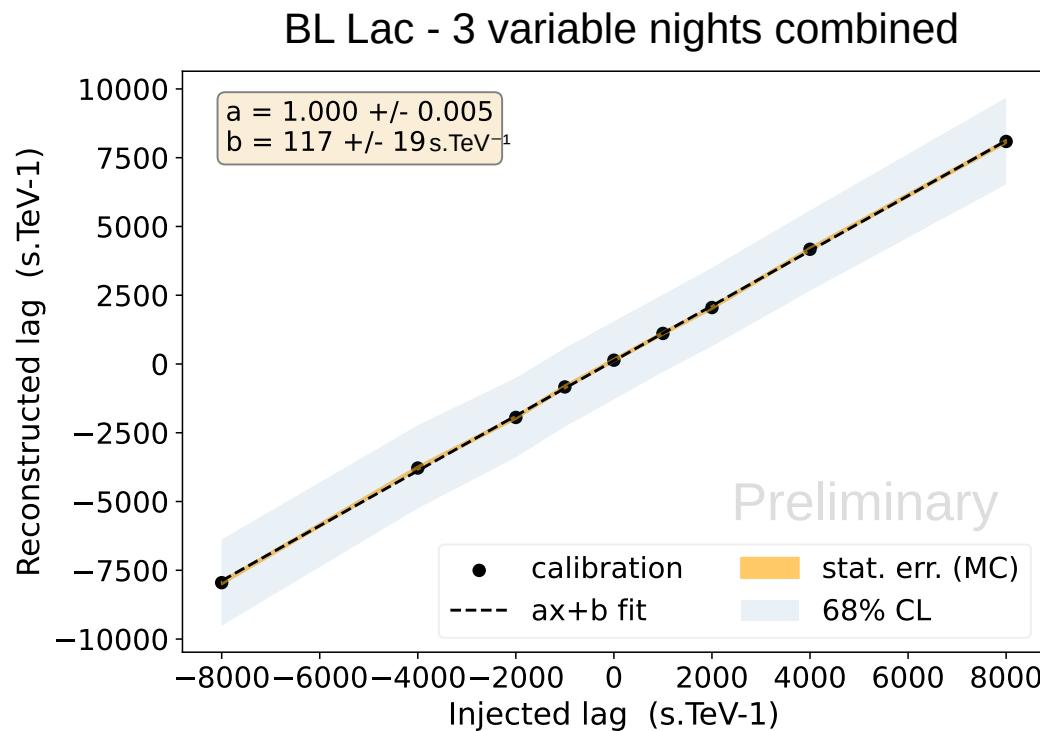
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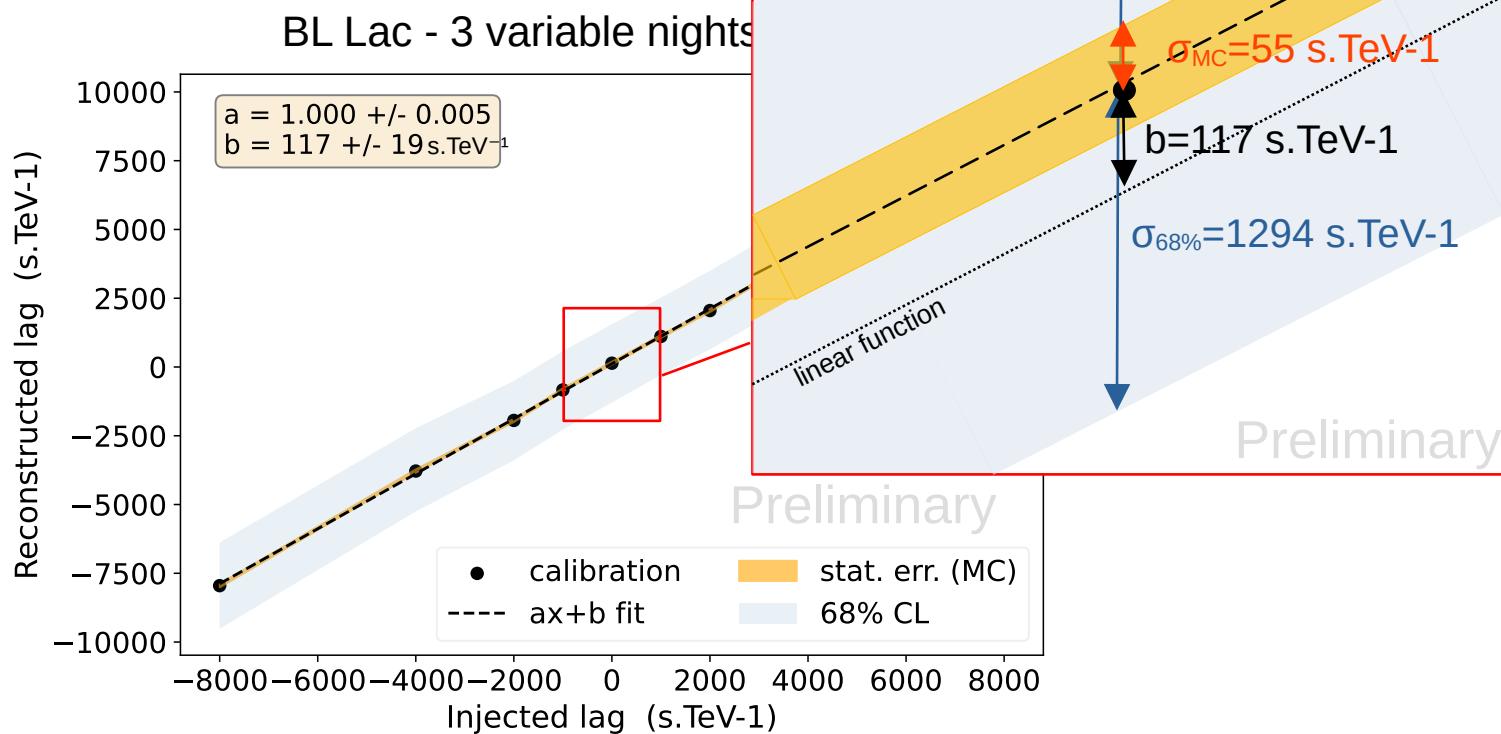
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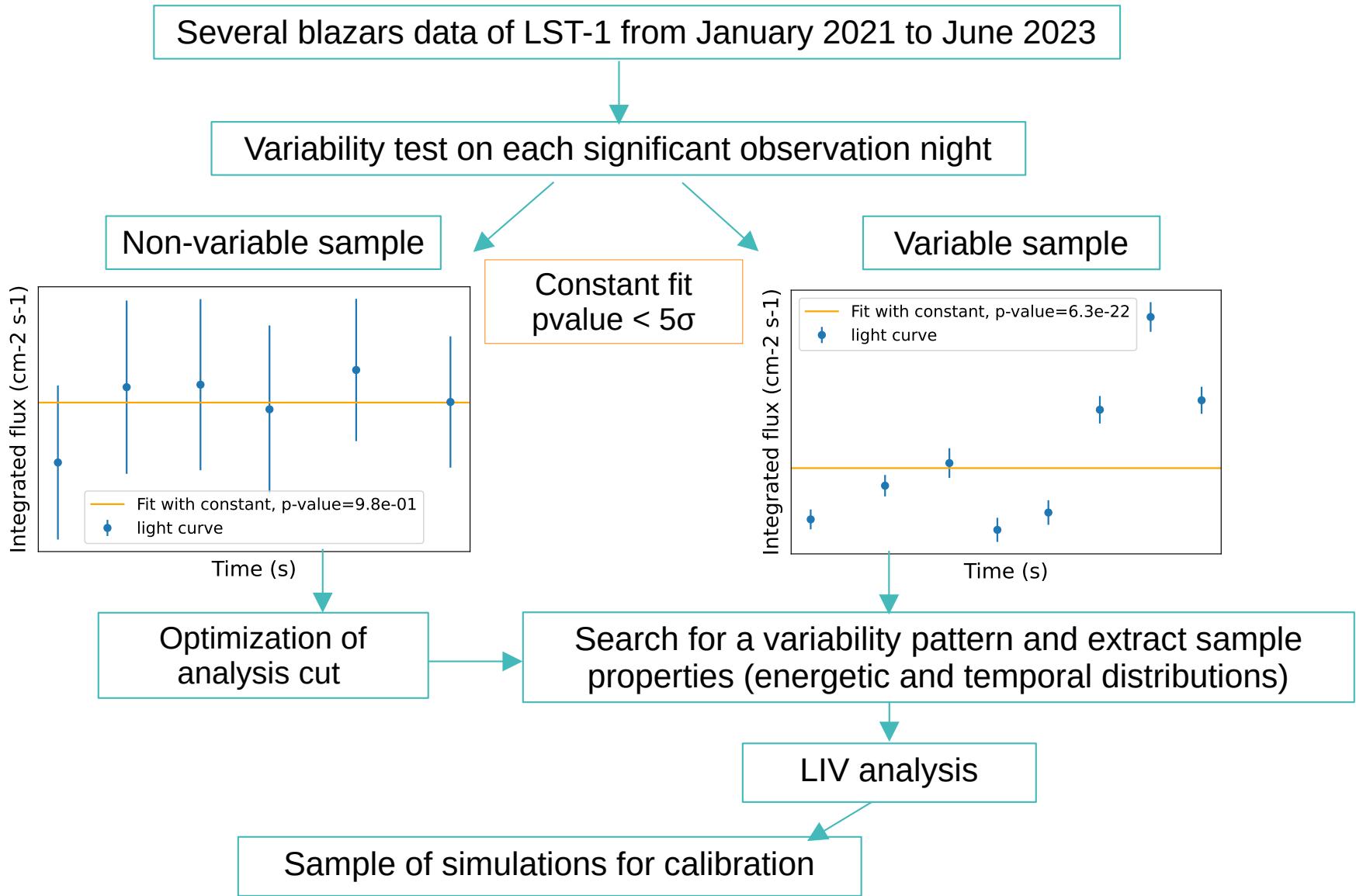
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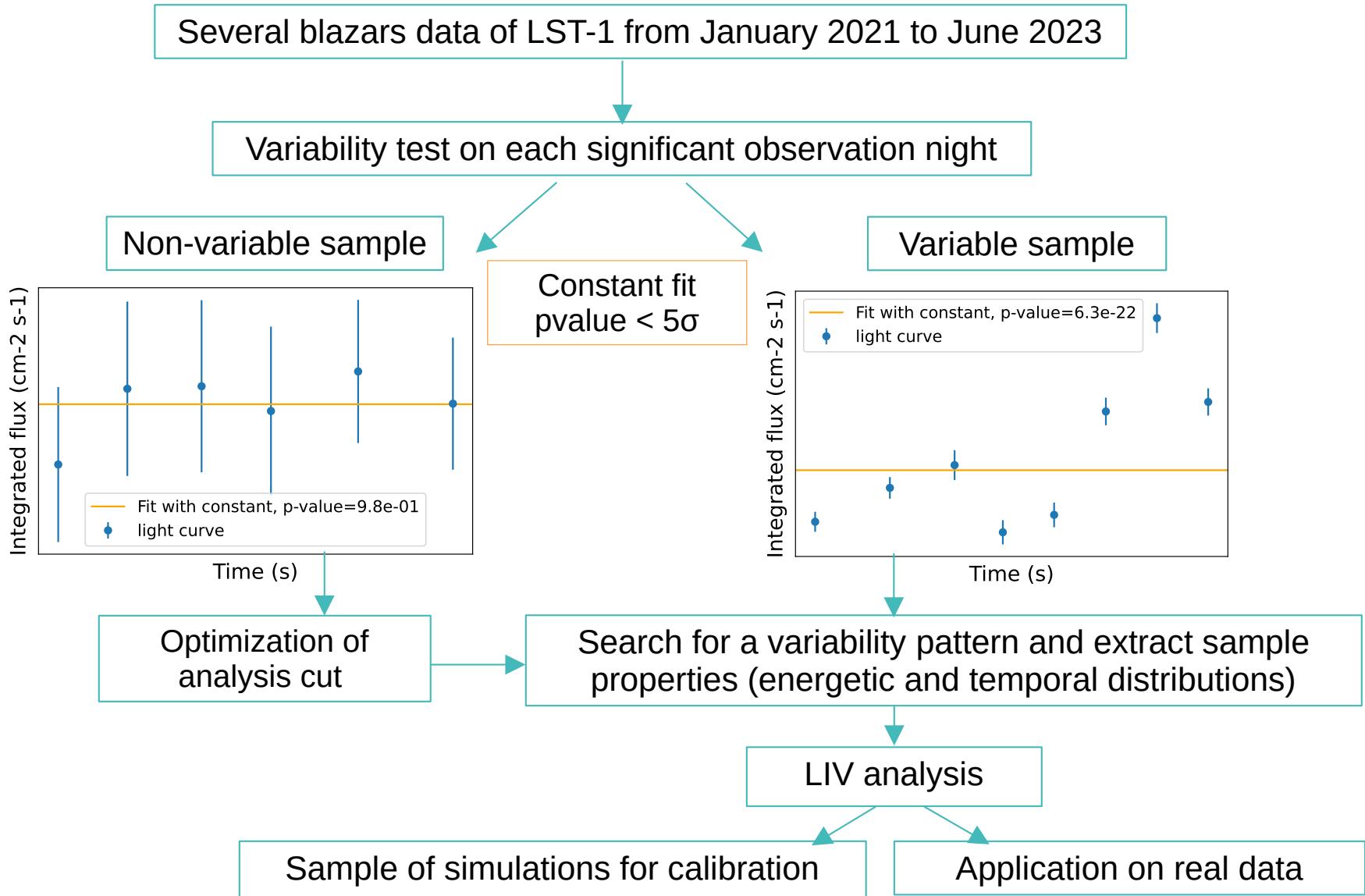


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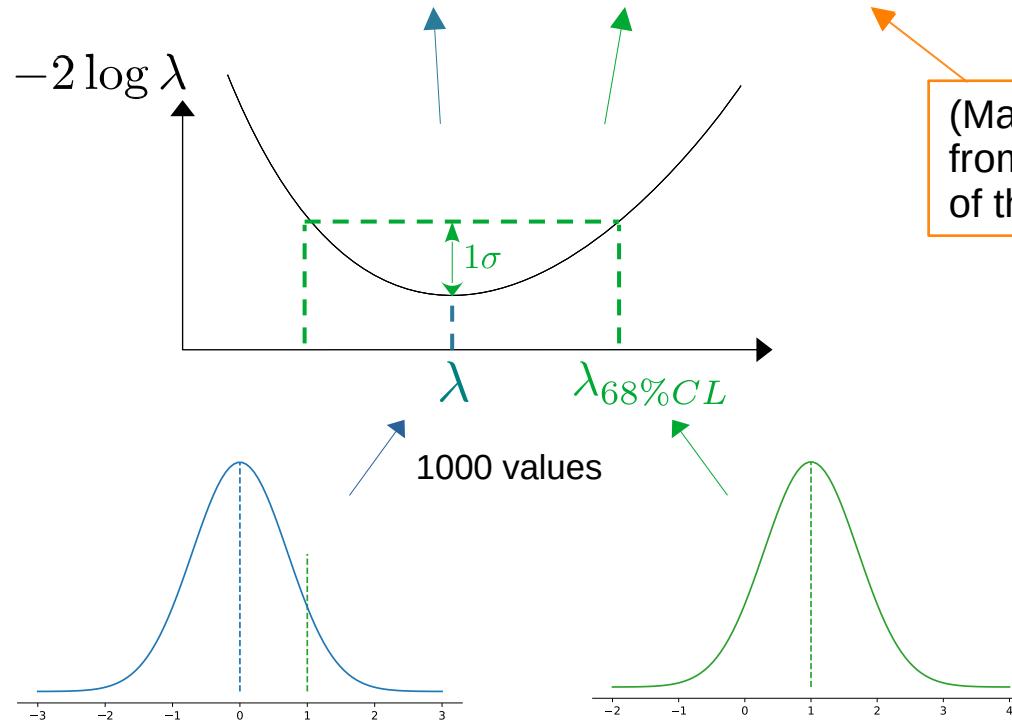
baseline background

$$+ W_h \frac{dN_{\text{bkg}}}{dE_R} \times \frac{1}{T} \times \frac{1}{N'_h}$$

hadronic background

Application on real data

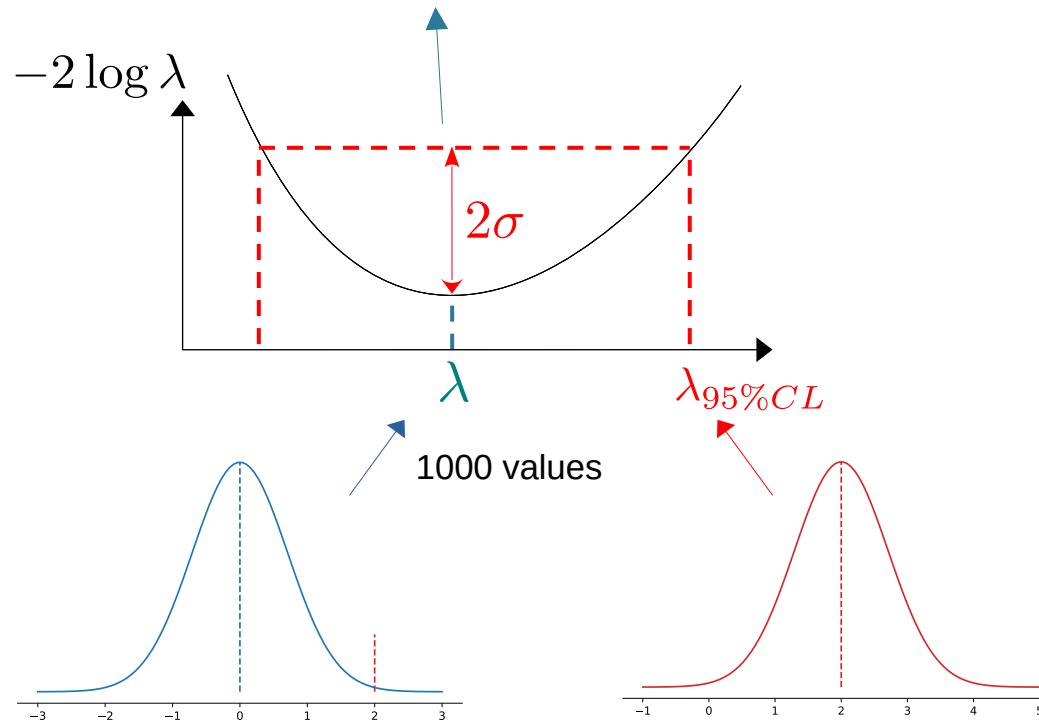
Time delay: $\lambda_1 = (3768 \pm 1475 + 3433 \pm 1466 - 3414) \text{ s.TeV}^{-1}$



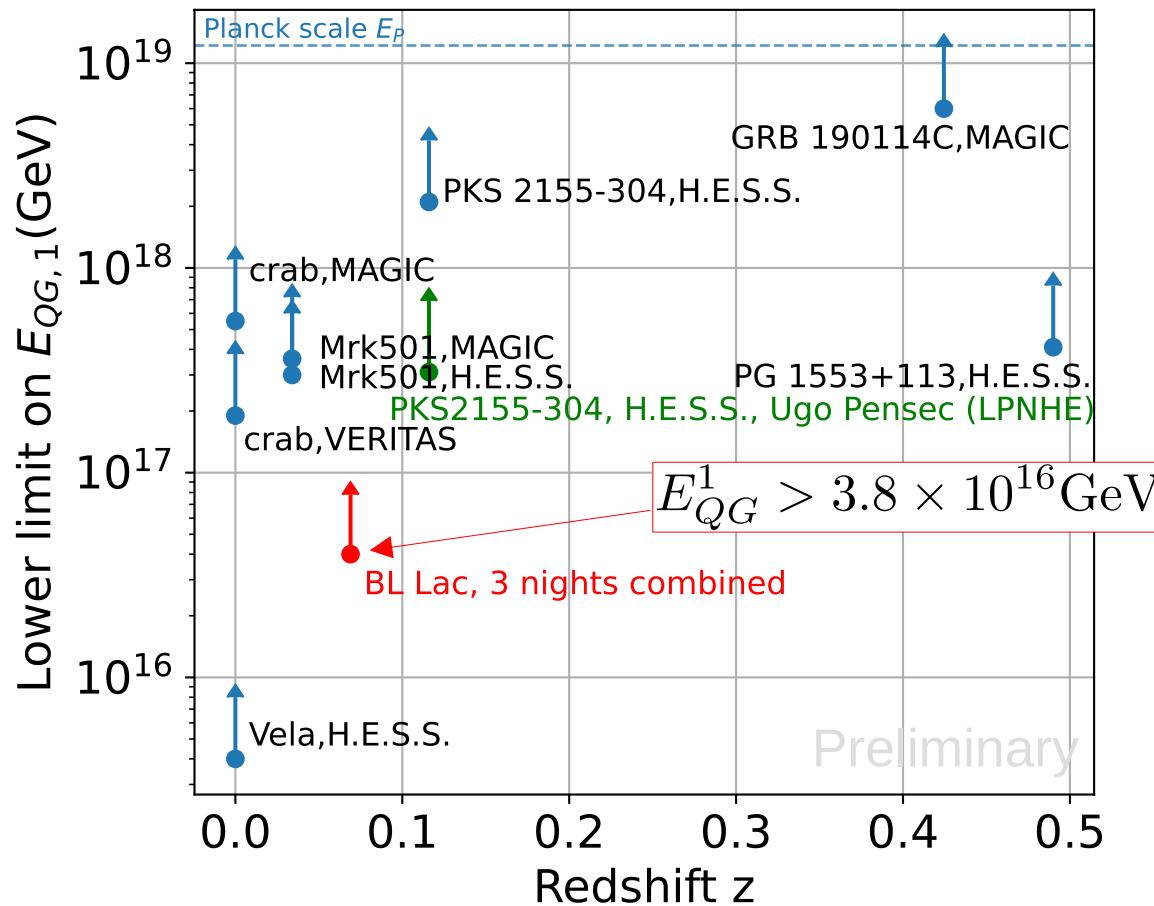
(Main) systematic error arising from the statistical uncertainty of the light curve template

Application on real data

Time delay: $\lambda_1 = (3768 \pm 1475 + 3433) \text{ s.TeV}^{-1}$



Use $\lambda_{1,95\%CL} = \pm \frac{n+1}{2H_0 E_{QG,lim}^1}$ to extract: $E_{QG}^1 > 3.8 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$

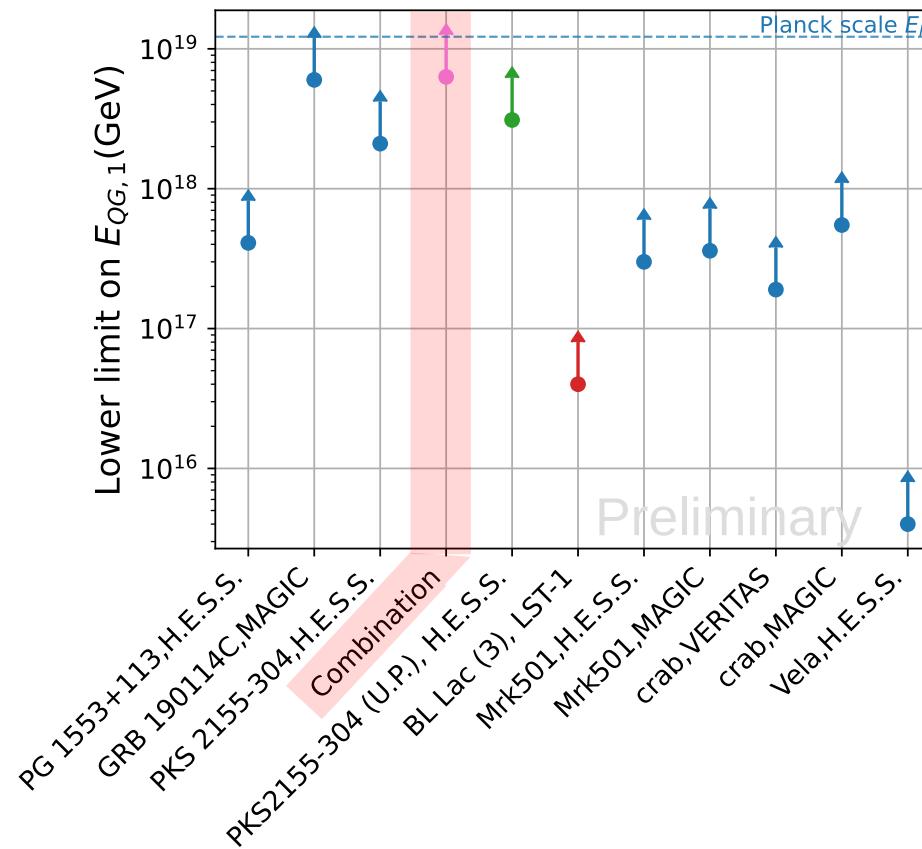


Bolmont et al., 2022

LIVelihood is ready for real data combination, including LST-1 data !

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{comb}} = \mathcal{L}_{H.E.S.S.} + \mathcal{L}_{MAGIC} + \mathcal{L}_{VERITAS} + \mathcal{L}_{LST-1}$$

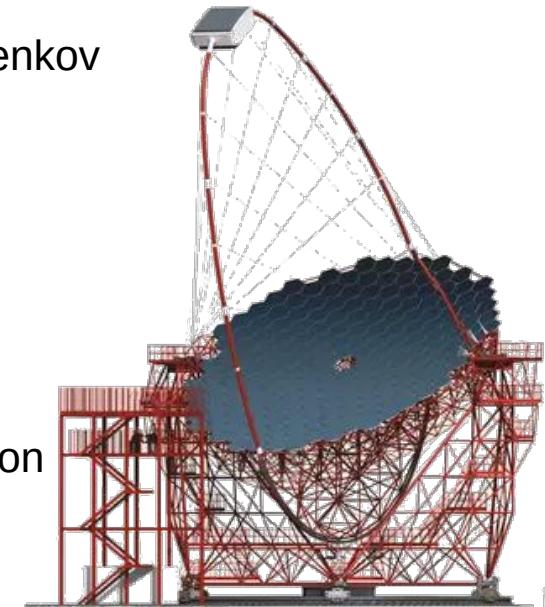
First test of combination with H.E.S.S. data on PKS 2155-304 flare by Ugo Pensec, LPNHE



- **Systematic** analysis of several blazars from LST-1 data until June 2023, searching for variability in the lightcurve of a given night
- Found **3** nights showing **intra-night variability** (BL Lac) and combined them to extract a limit on E_{QG}^1 using **real data**
- **First analysis** performing a **combination of flares** with Cherenkov telescope data

Ongoing work:

- Working on **extended** dataset and **most recent** data
- **VarCat improvement** using the Crab nebula: more efficient on **furthest** sources and tune the **threshold** for intra-night variability detection
- **Combination of LST-1 analysis with the γ LIV WG data**



H.E.S.S.

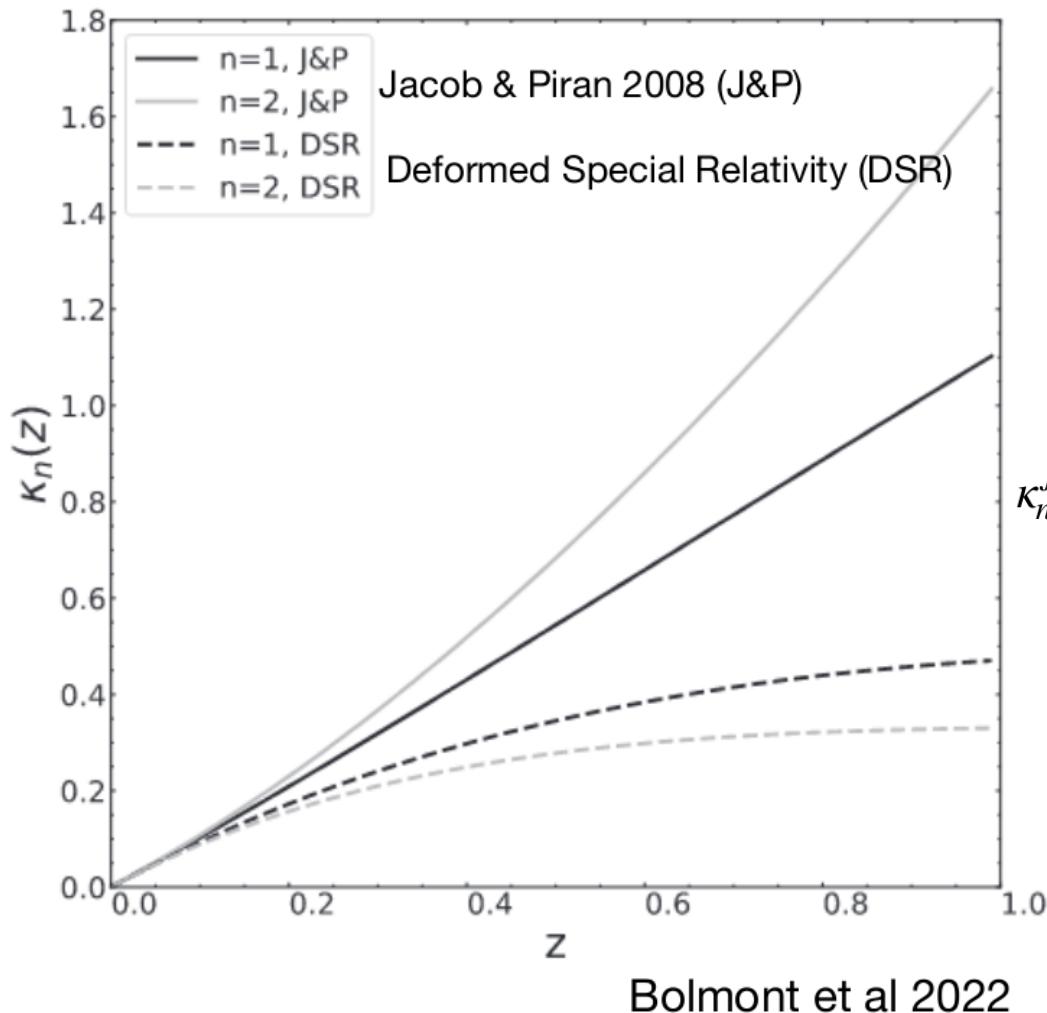


MAGIC



VERITAS

CTAO | LST
COLLABORATION



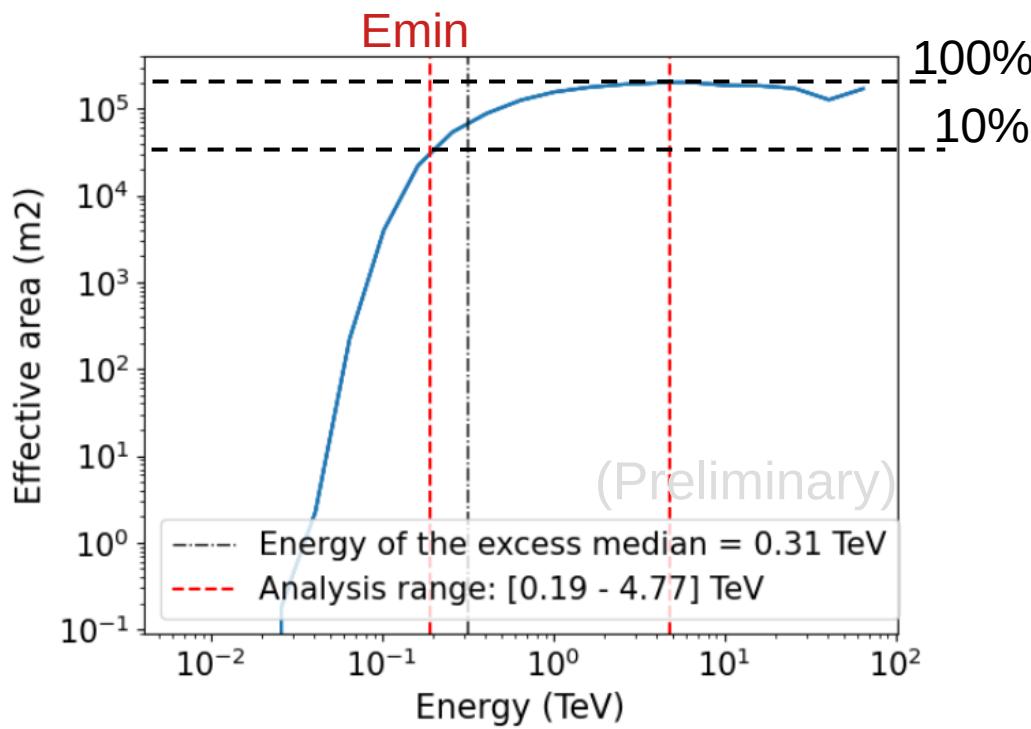
$$\kappa_n^{J\&P}(z) = \frac{1}{z_0} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} dz'$$

- **only** Mrk 501 **MAGIC** flare of july 2005: (4 ± 1) min between $E < 0.25\text{TeV}$ & $E > 1.2\text{TeV}$ [Albert et. al., 2077]
- ongoing work to study it via **simulations** (Levy thesis 2022)
- **Perenne et. al. 2019**: analytical solution outlining the electron spectrum evolution
 - synchrotron losses > inverse-Compton losses
 - 2 regimes depending on the mechanism **driving** most energetic electrons when the lightcurve reaches its **peak**:
 - **radiative** cooling effect
→ *cooling-driven regime*
 - **acceleration** emitting VHE electrons goes on while flare starts to decay because of **other mechanisms** (ex: diminution of ambiant magnetic field)
→ *acceleration-driven mechanisms*

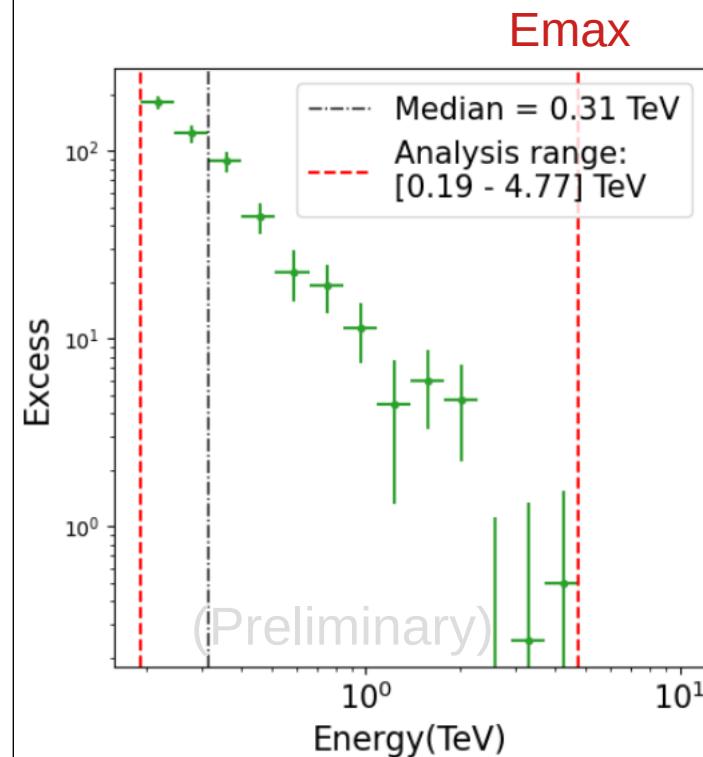
Night-wise energy ranges:

2021-08-08	2021-08-09	2022-10-20
[0.25 ; 4.8] TeV	[0.19 ; 4.8] TeV	[0.40 ; 7.7] TeV

1. Apply a safe mask threshold of 10% of effective area for each run and keep most conservative values for the whole night

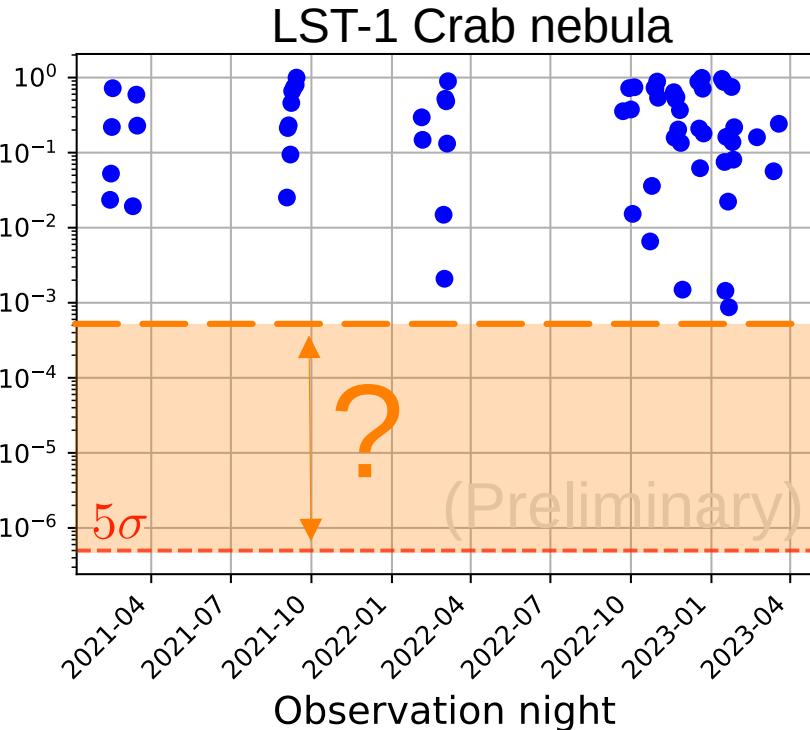
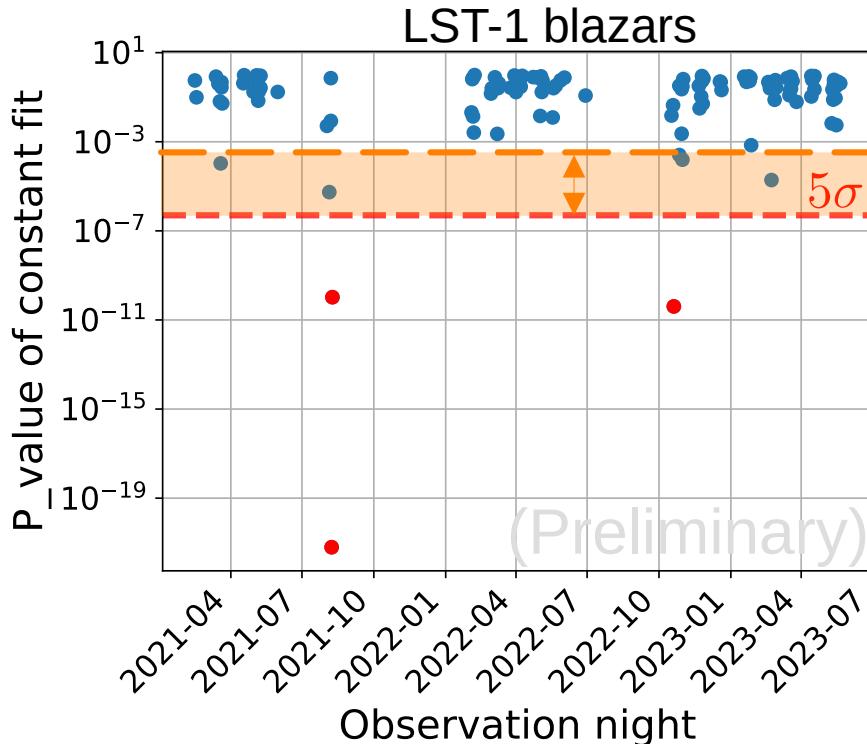


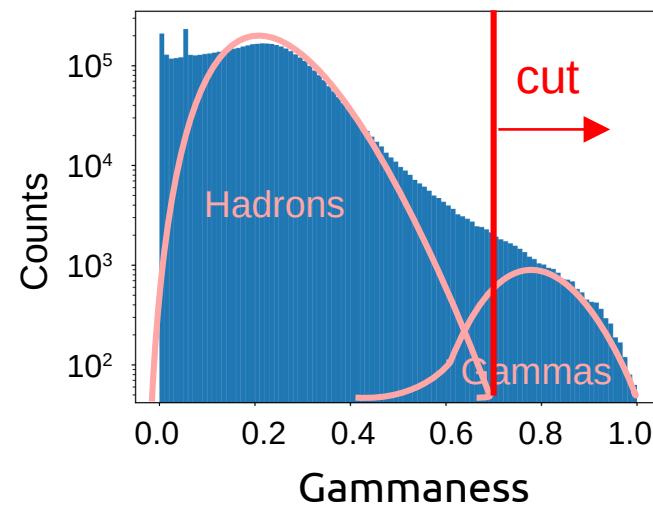
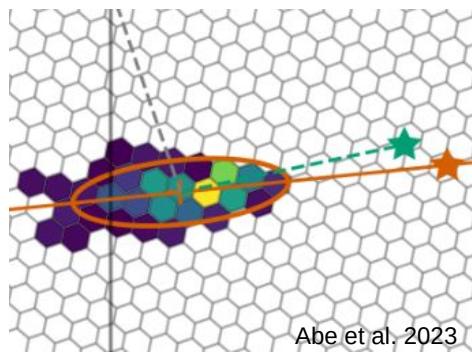
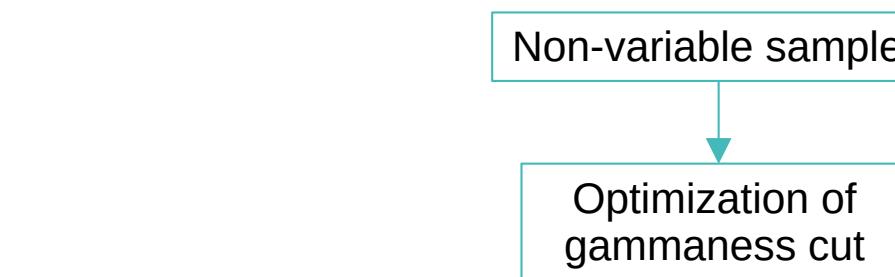
2. Keep the extrema non-zero energy bins of excess



Crab nebula is a **stable source** \leftrightarrow expecting **0** night with intra-night variability ✓
(p-value $>> 10^{-7}$)

Possibility to tune the p-value using Crab \rightarrow more nights with intra-night variability ?

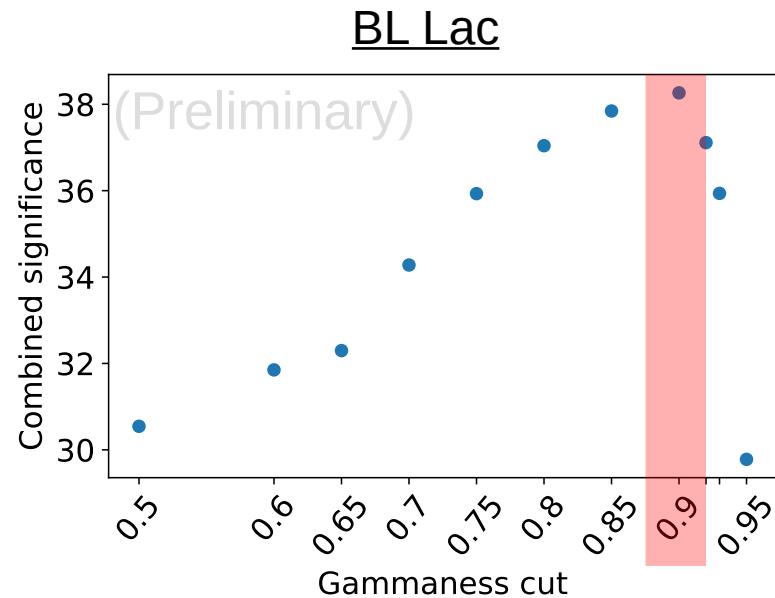
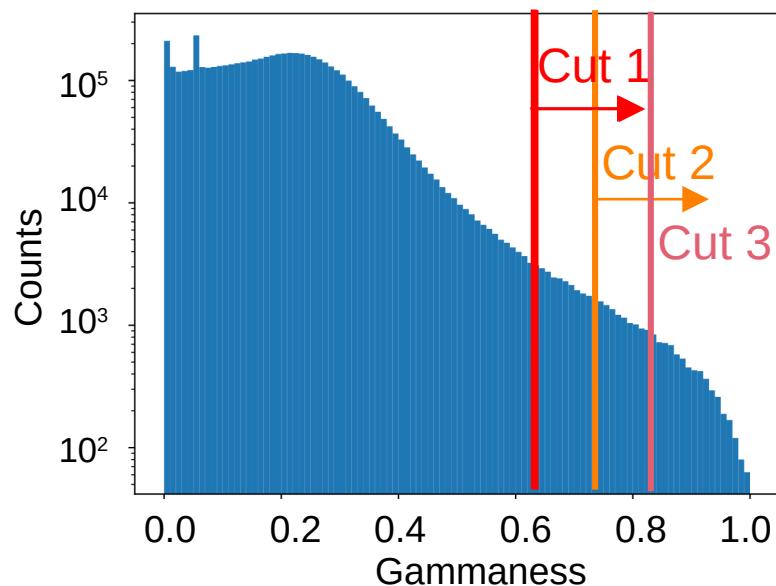
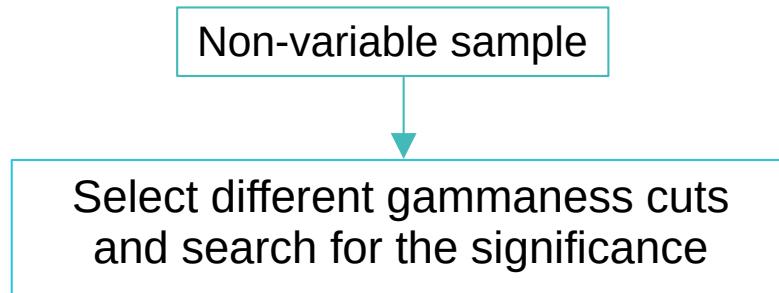




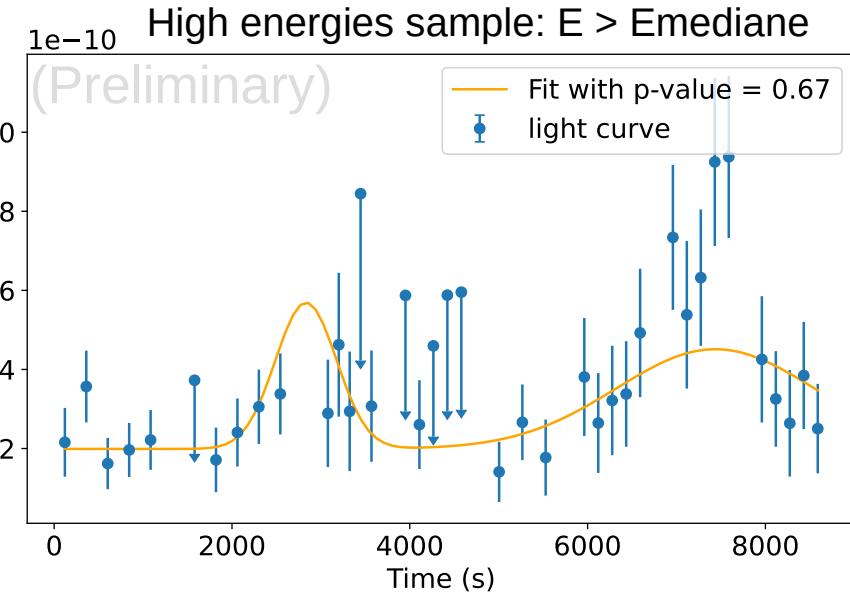
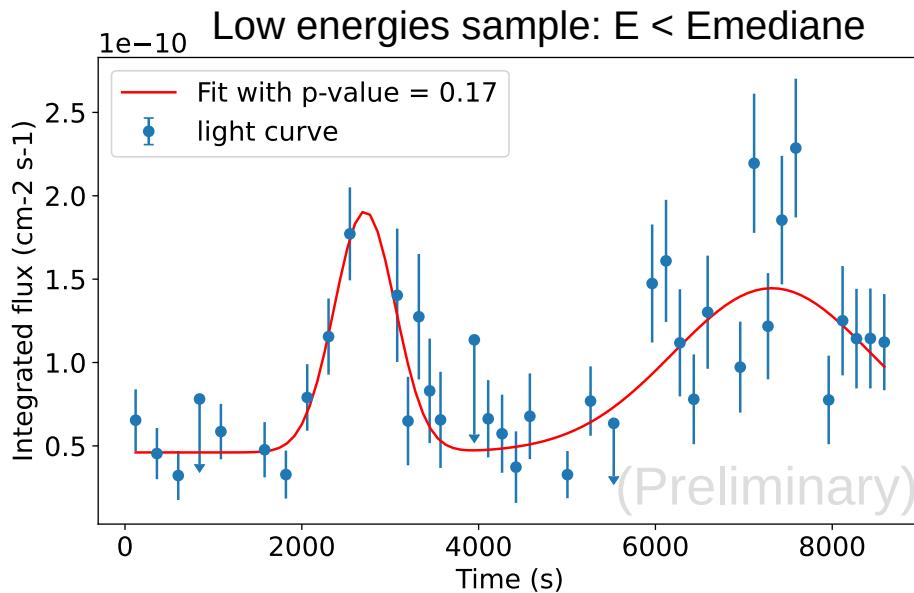
Reconstruction of event properties

- direction
- energy
- type of particle (gamma, hadron, ...)

score of how likely an event is expected to be a gamma rather than background

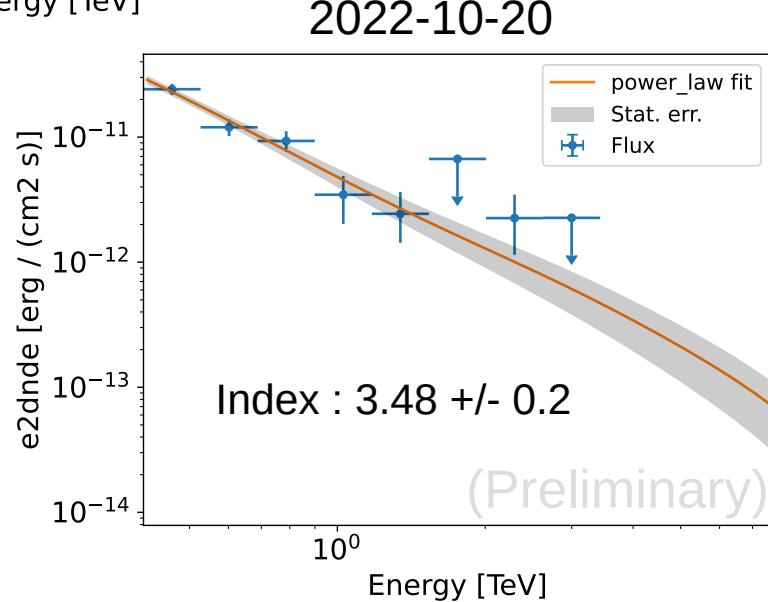
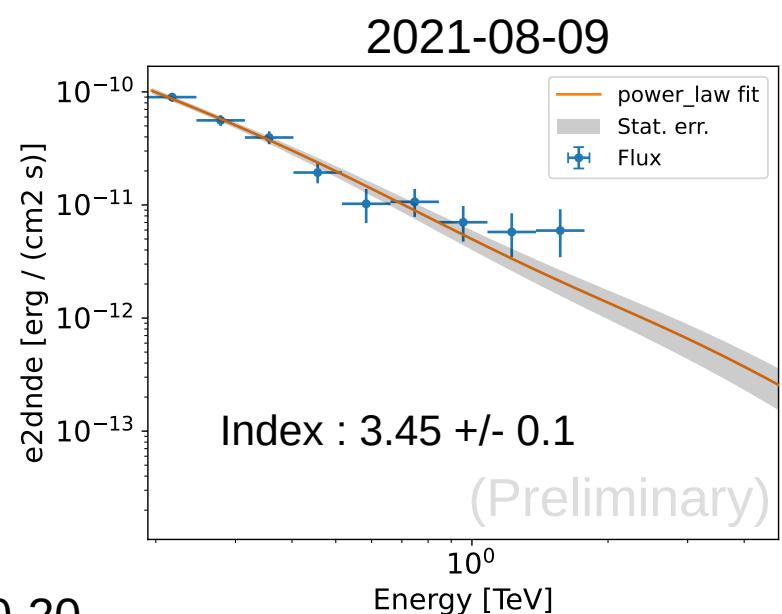
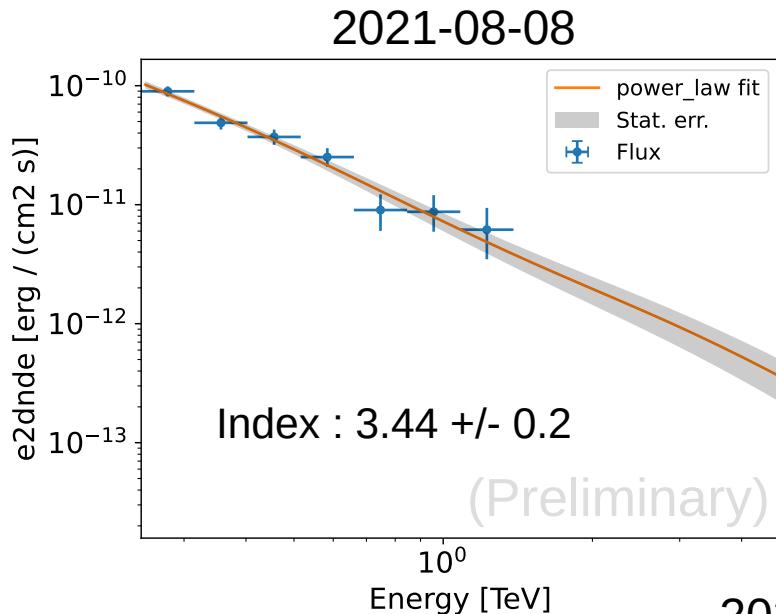


Given a source s and its sample of non-variable nights N_s : $S_{s, \text{cut}} = \sqrt{\sum_{n \in N_s} S_n^2}$

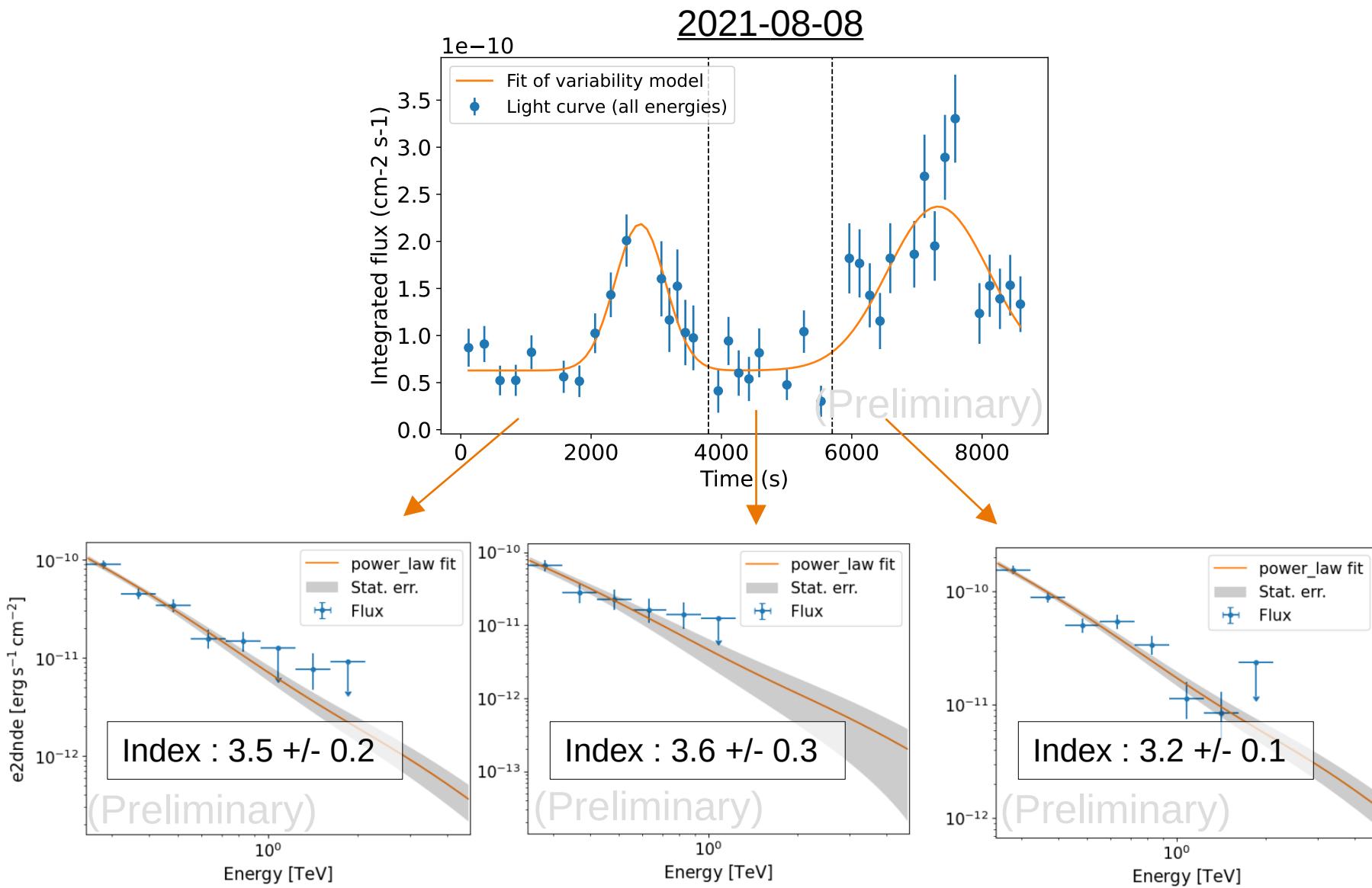
Example of 2021-08-08 night

$$G_{LE}(t) = A_1 e^{\frac{(t-\mu_1)^2}{2\sigma_1^2}} + A_2 e^{\frac{(t-\mu_2)^2}{2\sigma_2^2}} + C_0 \quad G_{HE}(t) = (G_{LE}(t - \Delta t) - C_0) \times A + C$$

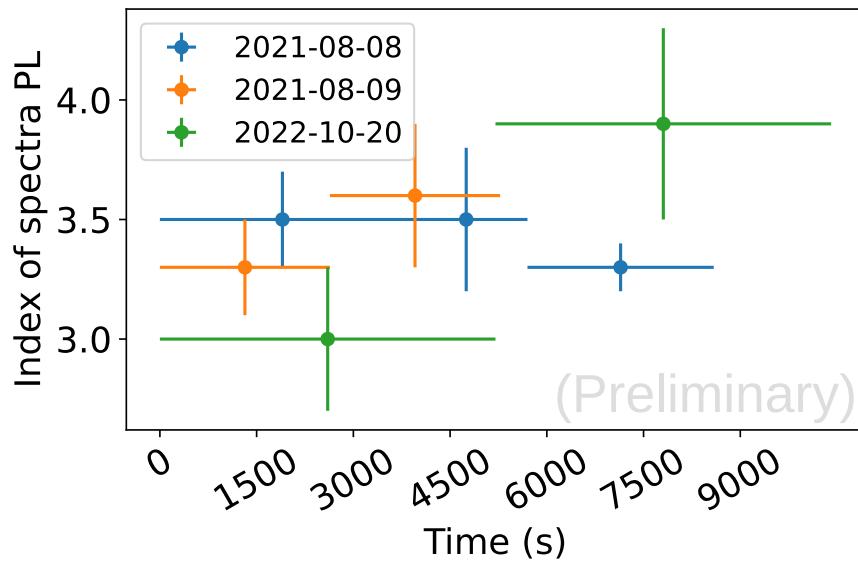
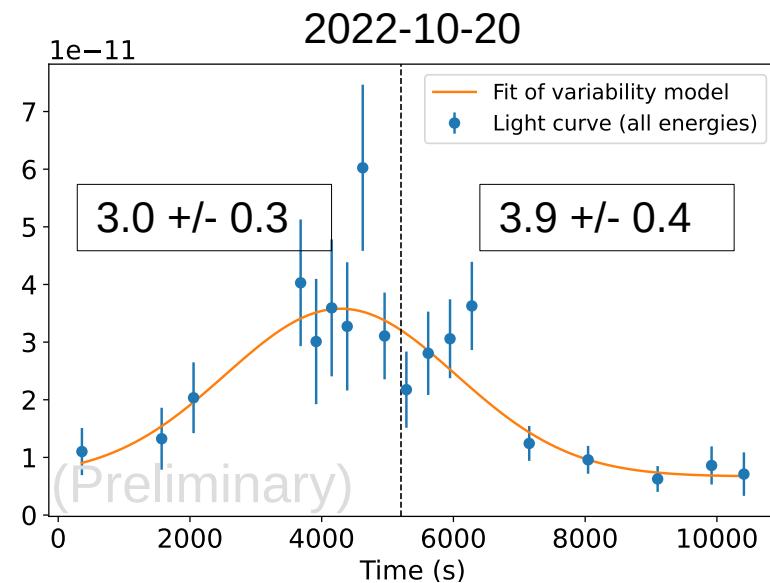
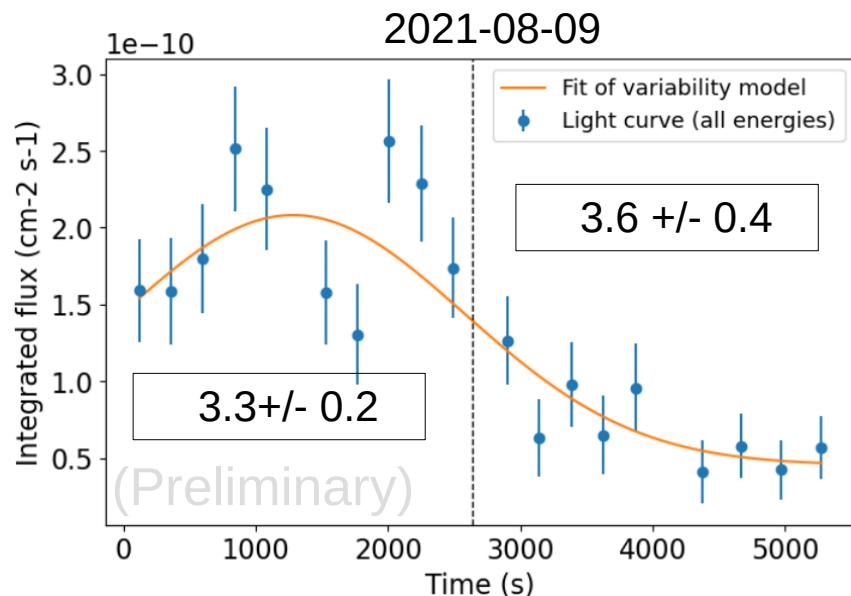
(Preliminary)	Energy range (TeV)	Median (TeV)	Delay Δt (s)	Delay significance (σ)
2021-08-08	[0.25 ; 4.8]	0.40	79 ± 69	1.1
2021-08-09	[0.19 ; 4.8]	0.31	-136 ± 397	0.3
2022-10-20	[0.40 ; 7.7]	0.69	-953 ± 526	1.8



Step 5: Time-independency of spectra



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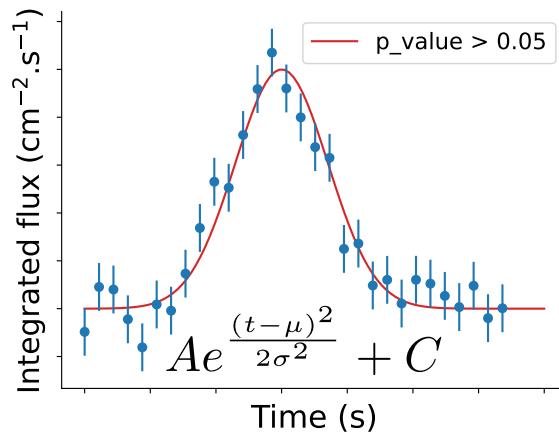
for 2 given time bins j and k:

$$S = \frac{|\text{index}_j - \text{index}_k|}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \sigma_k^2}}$$

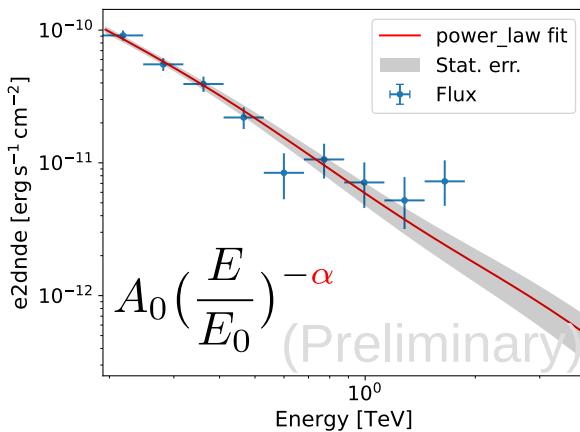
2021-08-08	2021-08-09	2022-10-20
$1^{\text{st}} - 2^{\text{nd}}: 0.3\sigma$	0.9σ	2.2σ
$2^{\text{nd}} - 3^{\text{rd}}: 1.1\sigma$		
$1^{\text{st}} - 3^{\text{rd}}: 1.0\sigma$		

(Preliminary)

Search for a variability pattern and extract sample properties (energetic and temporal distributions)



Preliminary	Lightcurve model (Gaussians)							
	C ($\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	A_1 ($\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	μ_1 (s)	σ_1 (s)	A_2 ($\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$)	μ_2 (s)	σ_2 (s)	
2021-08-08	6.3e-11	1.6e-10	2752	386	1.8e-10	7326	778	
2021-08-09	4.5e-11	1.7e-10	1284	1293				
2022-10-20	6.7e-12	2.9e-11	4288	1750				



Preliminary	Spectra model (power law)
	Index α
2021-08-08	3.44 ± 0.2
2021-08-09	3.45 ± 0.1
2022-10-20	3.48 ± 0.2

Step 6: Likelihood for LIV analysis on real data

$$\frac{dP}{dE_R dt} = W_s \frac{\int E_{\text{ff}} A(E_T, t) \text{MM}(E_T, E_R) \times F_s(E_T, t; \lambda_n) dE_T}{N'_s}$$

$$+ W_b \frac{\int E_{\text{ff}} A(E_T, t) \text{MM}(E_T, E_R) \times F_b(E_T) dE_T}{N'_b}$$

$$+ W_h \frac{\int E_{\text{ff}} A(E_T, t) \text{MM}(E_T, E_R) \times F_h(E_T) dE_T}{N'_h}$$

	Spectral model (power law)	Lightcurve model (Gaussians)						
	index α	C (cm-2.s-1) (baseline background)	A_1 (cm-2.s-1)	μ_1 (s)	σ_1 (s)	A_2 (cm-2.s-1)	μ_2 (s)	σ_2 (s)
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hadronic background	2.7 (Aguilar et al, 2015)	C						

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda_n, \vec{\theta}) = \mathcal{L}_S(\lambda_n, \vec{\theta}) +$$

$$+ \mathcal{L}_{\text{template}}(\vec{\theta}_C) + \mathcal{L}_\gamma(\vec{\theta}_\gamma) + \mathcal{L}_B(\vec{\theta}_B) + \mathcal{L}_{ES}(\vec{\theta}_{ES}) + \mathcal{L}_z(\vec{\theta}_z)$$

parameters of
lightcurve analytic
parametrization

power-law index
of signal events
spectrum

$\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{total events}}$ & $\frac{\text{hadrons}}{\text{total background}}$

energy
scale

distance
(redshift)

dominant

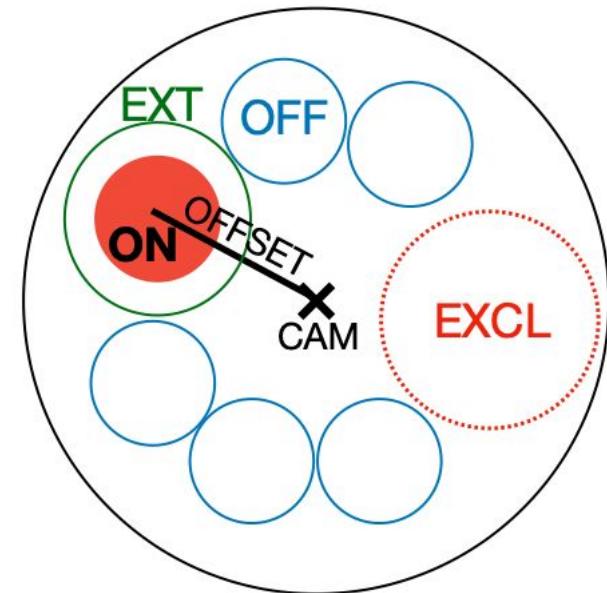
(Bolmont et al. 2022)

can increase
when $n=2$

~ 0

Hypothesis: radial symmetry of background in the field-of-view

- X CAM: camera pointing direction
- OFFSET: regions dispersion radius
- ON: source (gammas) + background
- EXT: exclusion of potential remaining source events
- EXCL: exclusion of a potential other source
- OFF: background

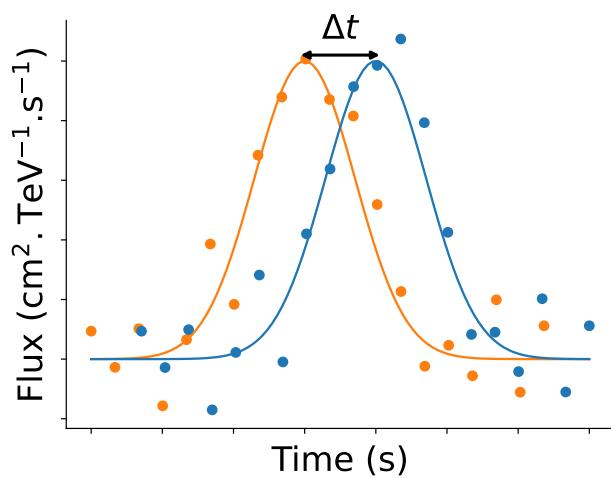
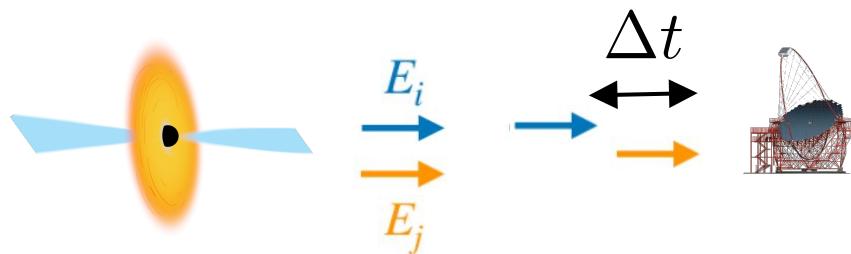


$$N_s = N_{ON} - \alpha N_{OFF} = N_{ON} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_n N_{n,OFF}$$

$$S = \sqrt{2} \left\{ N_{on} \ln \left[\frac{1 + \alpha}{\alpha} \left(\frac{N_{on}}{N_{on} + N_{off}} \right) \right] + N_{off} \ln \left[(1 + \alpha) \left(\frac{N_{off}}{N_{on} + N_{off}} \right) \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

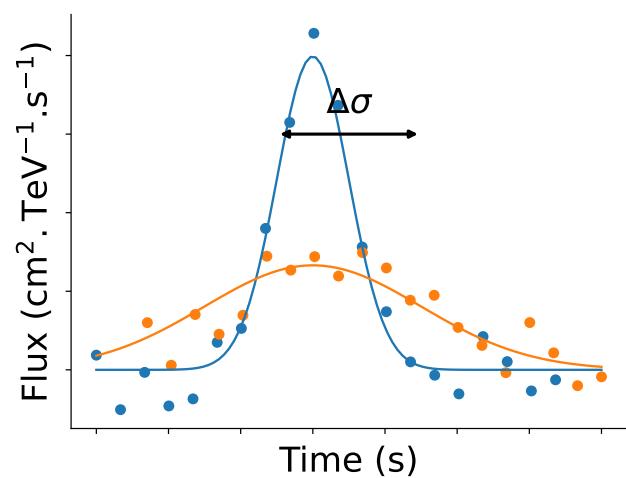
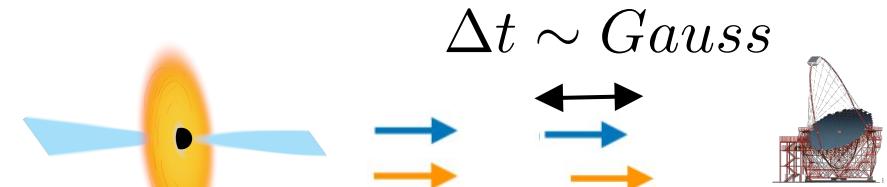
$$S = \frac{N_S}{\hat{\sigma}(N_S)} = \frac{N_{on} - \alpha N_{off}}{\sqrt{\alpha(N_{on} + N_{off})}}$$

Deterministic LIV



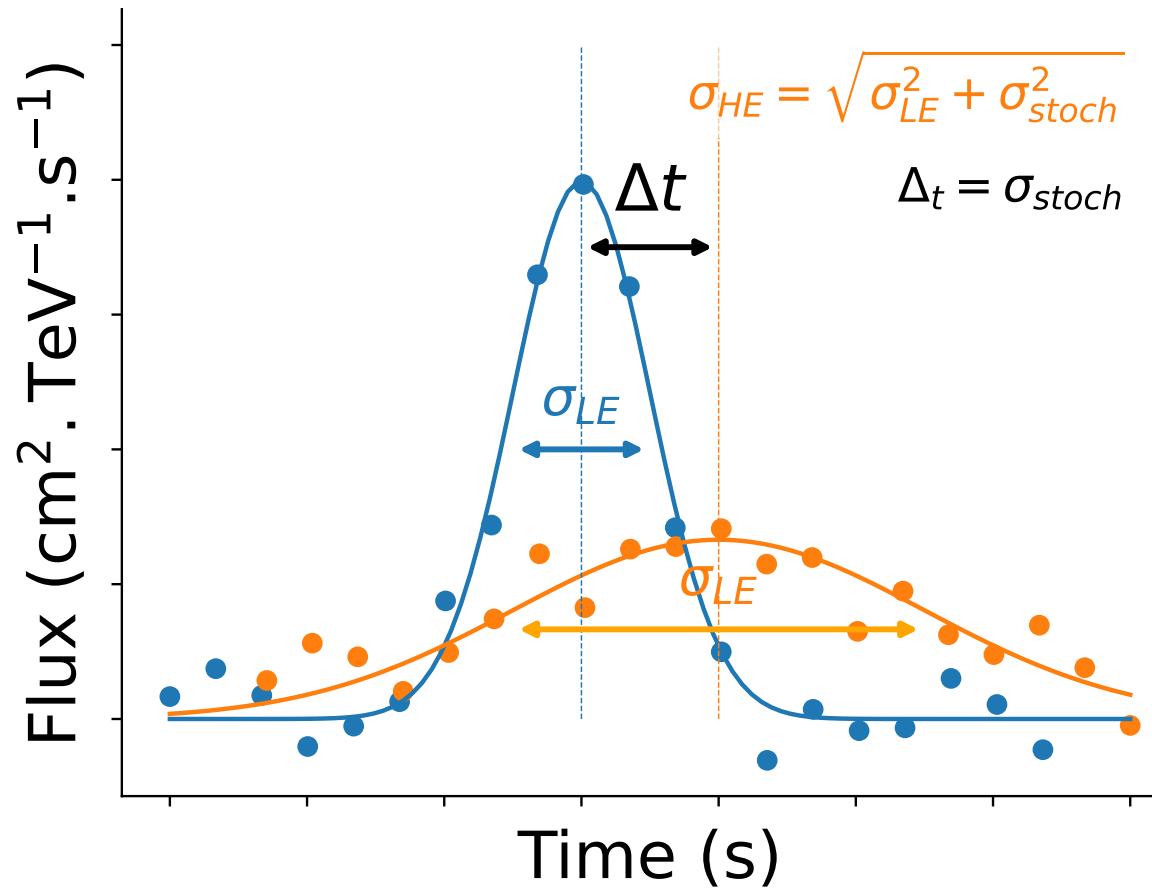
$$\lambda_{\text{determ},n} = \frac{\Delta t_n}{\Delta E_n \kappa_n(z)} = \pm \frac{n+1}{2H_0 E_{QG,n}^n}$$

Stochastic LIV



$$\lambda_{\text{stoch},n} = \frac{\Delta\sigma_n}{\Delta E_n \kappa_n(z)} = \pm \frac{n+1}{2H_0 E_{QG,n}^n}$$

different $E_{QG,determ}$ & $E_{QG,stoch}$ for deterministic and stochastic LIV effects separately
but same E_{QG} when constraining them together



Lag λ_n : free parameter, can be shared between sources with different redshifts

For one night: $\mathcal{L}(\lambda_{\text{stoch},n}) = - \sum_{\text{event } i} \log \left(\frac{dP(E_{R,i}, t_i; \lambda_{\text{stoch},n})}{dE_R dt} \right)$

$$W_s \frac{\int E_{\text{ff}} A(E_T, t) M M(E_T, E_R) \times F_s(E_T, t; \lambda_{\text{stoch},n}) dE_T}{N'_s} + \sum_{k=\{b,h\}} W_k \frac{dP_k}{dE_R dt}$$

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↓

$$F_s(E_T, t; \lambda_{\text{stoch},n}) = f_t(t) * g_{\text{LIV}}(t, E, z) \times f_E(E)$$

lightcurve
 $\text{Gauss}(\mu, \sigma)$

$\text{Gauss}\left(0, \sigma_{\text{LIV}}(E)\right)$

spectra
 $A_0 \left(\frac{E}{E_0}\right)^{-\alpha}$

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$$f_t * g_{\text{LIV}} = \text{Gauss}(\mu, \sqrt{\sigma^2 + \sigma_{\text{LIV}}^2})$$