

## La physique fondamentale par le biais des messagers astrophysiques

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#### What we discussed so far:

- Dark matter evidences, WIMP paradigm, annihilation/decay
- Dark matter distribution, targets:
  - Galactic Centre, dwarf galaxies, substructures
- Gamma-ray signals /backgrounds
- J-factor estimates/measurements
- Model-independent constraints from GeV-TeV gamma rays
- Neutrino telescope limits



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1 GeV – 100 TeV, electroweak couplings with SM



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Strong constraints on Thermal Wino dark matter

 DM cores up to several kpc excluded at ~2 TeV

e.g, Rinchiuso, Rodd, EM, et al., PRD 98, 123014 (2018)

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Considering the DM distribution according to a standard Einasto profile with a local DM density of 0.39  $10^{22}$ GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>, the gamma-ray flux in the inner 1 degree  $J(<\theta) \, [{\rm GeV}^2 {\rm cm}^{-5} {\rm sr}]$ around the GC can be estimated as :

$$\Phi_{\gamma}(>0.1\,\text{TeV}) \simeq 4 \times 10^{-14}\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2 \times 10^{-26}\,\text{cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{\int_{0.1\,\text{TeV}} \frac{dN}{dE} dE}{0.1}\right)$$

Gamma-ray line signal from  $\chi\chi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  channel :  $dN/dE = 2\delta(E - mDM)$ 

- Assuming a residual background (assumed to be isotropic)  $d\Phi_{\text{Res.Bkg.}/dE} \simeq 10^{-8} \text{TeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1} (\text{E}/1\text{TeV})^{-2.3}$ one can estimate the value of  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{vv}$  for a detection at no confidence level: the number of gamma rays from DM annihilation exceeds the statistical background
- For an observation time of 100 hours with a constant acceptance of 10<sup>5</sup> m<sup>2</sup> above 100 GeV, one can show that:  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\gamma\gamma} \gtrsim 2n \times 10^{-27} \,\mathrm{cm}^3 \mathrm{s}^{-1} \times \left( m_{\mathrm{DM}} / 1 \mathrm{TeV} \right)^2$

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 $\theta$  [°]

 $N_{\gamma}^{\rm DM} / \sqrt{N_{\rm Res.Bkg.}} \ge n$ 

 $m_{\rm DM}$ 

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Neutrino line in the Galactic Center



EM et al: (H.E.S.S. coll), ICRC2023

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## **Higgsino dark matter**



#### **DM line status and prospects**

#### Fermi-LAT gamma lines towards the GC

DM mass range 200 MeV–500 GeV

# **Prospects with Galactic Center observations with CTA:**

- a total of 500 hours of observation time with a roughly homogeneous exposure over the inner 4°
- A factor of 2-to-10 improvement compared to H.E.S.S./MAGIC



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## **Heavy Decaying Dark Matter**

- Decaying DM searches target regions of the sky where large volumes can be probed, *i.e.*, galaxy clusters
- > PeV dark matter with wide FoV instruments
   570 Days of LHAASO Observations
  - ~ 15°<b<45°; 30°<l<60°: 0.27 sr
  - $\rightarrow$  Strongest constraints on PeV DM





 $\mathsf{DM}\to\mathsf{SM}\;\mathsf{SM}$ 

#### **Alternatives to annihilation/decay**

#### Cosmic particle interaction with dark matter

- interactions of dark matter with ordinary matter
- astrophysical sources of high-energy neutrinos, electrons, protons as a particle beam
  - inelastic scattering:
  - $\chi + p \rightarrow \chi + p$  + hadronic showers +  $\gamma$ -rays + neutrinos
- GC harbors both high DM density and hadronic accelerator



In absence of specific underlying DM models:

the inelastic to the elastic cross section can be related such as  $\sigma$ inel  $_{p\chi} = 8/3 \sigma el_{p\chi}$ Broilo, et al. Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 074034



#### **AXION AND AXION-LIKE PARTICLES**



#### **Axions and the strong CP problem**

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• Observable: electric dipole moment of the neutron - A classical estimate :  $|d_n| \approx 10^{-13}\sqrt{1 - \cos\theta} e \,\mathrm{cm}$ 

Classical picture of a neutron

- A small electric dipole moment of neutron could be explained by approximate CP symmetry of strong interaction.

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Current bound is:  $|d_n| \le 10^{-26} e \text{ cm.}$  $\rightarrow \text{ why } \theta \le 10^{-13}$ ?

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   Peccei Quinn Solution: introduce a new field φ coupled to GG with a

spontaneously broken symmetry at scale f<sub>A</sub>

- CP violating term in QCD Lagrangian is cancelled out by the VEV of  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ 

$$\mathcal{L}^{QCD} \subset \left(\frac{\phi_A}{f_A} - \theta\right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$
QCD axion:  $m_A = 5.7 \left(\frac{10^9 \,\text{GeV}}{f_A}\right) \,\text{meV}$ 

## **The QCD Axion**



#### <u>Quick ID:</u>

- Light pseudo-scalar particle
- Minimal coupling with gluons to solve the strong CP problem
- Production through PQ symmetry breaking at the energy scale
- Viable cold dark matter candidate over a large mass range
- Induced coupling with photons

#### **Axion-Like Particles**

- Predicted in several extensions of the standard model
- Phenomenology closely related to that of axions
- Pseudo scalar boson characterized with a two-photon coupling  $a\gamma\gamma$ 
  - As opposed to axions, mass and coupling constant are unrelated
  - Depending on their actual mass and coupling, they can play a role in cosmology as dark matter particles or in dark energy
- ALPs can to explain the current amount of DM with :

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} < 10^{-12} \left[ \frac{m_a}{1 \text{ neV}} \right]^{1/2} \text{GeV}^{-1}$$
 [e.g. Arias et al. 2012]

→ Very Weakly Interacting Slim Particles - WISPs

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma a} = \frac{1}{4} g_{\gamma a} F_{\mu \nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu \nu} \phi_a = -g_{\gamma a} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \phi_a$$

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axions/ALPs do not get absorbed during propagation  $\rightarrow$  might lead to a boost in photon flux

Raffelt & Stodolsky 1988

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 $\rightarrow$  irregularities in energy spectrum around  $E_{crit}$  and  $E_{max}$ 

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  - → effect increases with distances: AGN with the beam pointing towards us, i.e., blazars, are the most obvious cases



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- Observed flux :  $\Phi(E_{\gamma}, z_s) = \Phi(E_{\gamma}) \times e^{-\tau(E_{\gamma}, z_s)}$
- Energy-differential flux shows a characteristic EBL cutoff at about

$$E_{\gamma, \text{cutoff}}(z_s) \sim 800 \, (1+z_s)^{-2.4} \, \text{GeV}$$

# **Extra Background Light**

- Limits the distances accessible with photons
- Impacts photon spectra (& detectability) of extragalactic  $\gamma$ ray sources





poaque to photons

transparent to neutrinos

samma-rays

infraned/online

cosmological max of star formation

nearest blazar

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$$(E - i\partial_z + \mathcal{M})\Psi = 0$$
 with  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$  for E>>ma

where M is the mixing matrix depending on the external magnetic field, coupling constant, ALP mass, photon energy, plasma density in medium

Raffelt, Phys.Rept. 198 (1990) 1-113





Coherent magnetic field : uniform orientation and strength

 $E_c = \frac{m^2}{2gB\sin\theta}$ 

Conversion in one domain of size s :

$$P_{\gamma \to a} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{1 + \frac{E_c^2}{E^2}} \sin^2 \left( \frac{gBs \sin \theta}{2} \sqrt{1 + \frac{E_c^2}{E^2}} \right)$$

Hochmuth & Sigl, 2007, PRD

- $\delta = gBs\sin\theta/2$  strength of the coupling,
- Effect is energy dependent
- Critical energy

   E << Ec : no conversion</li>
  - E ~Ec : spatial oscillations, energy dependent
  - E >> Ec : spatial oscillations, energy independent

Survival probability of an unpolarized photon as a function of the energy



- Astrophysical magnetic fields Milky-way, Cluster of galaxies Intergalactic Magnetic Field : not coherent
- Behavior for average over all possible realizations of B
  - Assuming Kolmogorov turbulence



#### **Probing ALPs with gamma rays**



Sanchez-Condé et al., 2009; Horns et al. 2012; Tavecchio et al. 2012]

#### **Probing ALPs with VHE gamma rays**

- Perseus galaxy cluster with MAGIC observations:
  - cluster magnetic field can be estimated





The example of M87 with H.E.S.S. data



Fig. 6. The No ALPs model of a log parabola with EBL attenuation plotted against the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile ALP model for the most preferred pixel in our parameter space.

Fig. 7. The Likelihood difference between the most preferred pixel and the deviation of the other pixels from this value.

#### **High-energy astrophysics limits**

https://github.com/cajohare/AxionLimits



#### **PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES**

#### **Observed black holes**

- Stellar black holes : BHs originated in the explosion of massive stars/supernovae,  $\sim 3 100 \text{ M}_{\odot}$
- Intermediate mass black holes (IMBH) New class of recently discovered BHs, ~  $10^2 10^6 \, M_{\odot}$
- Supermassive black holes (SMBH) : BHs at the center of galaxies,  $\sim 10^6 10^9 \, M_\odot$



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2015 : 1st ever observation of merging BHs by LIGO/VIRGO ~90 events detected in total today (GWTC-3) majority of the events are BHs of ~20 Msun mass

- → Unexpectedly high masses! Did LIGO detect Primordial black holes?
  - If primordial BHs forms binaries much more events should be seen by LIGO/VIRGO

https://arxiv.org/abs/1603.08338 ; https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.06576 ; https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.09007

• "Eliminating the LIGO bounds on primordial black hole dark matter" https://arxiv.org/pdf/2008.10743.pdf

Did LIGO detected dark matter in form of ~20 Msun BHs? Probably not, but too early to draw firm conclusions!

#### **PBH in a nutshell**

- Black holes created during the early universe :
  - collapse of large primordial overdensities



Kawasaki, et al. PRD D. 87, 063519 (2012)

 The resulting BH inherits the mass corresponding to the Hubble radius at the time of collapse tc, i.e. Hubble horizon at time t, ct, same order as Schwarzschild radius ~ GM/c<sup>2</sup>,

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- For PBH formed in the radiation-dominated area:  $M_i(t_f) \sim 10^{15} \,\mathrm{g}\left(\frac{t_f}{10^{-23} \,\mathrm{s}}\right)$

(Possible formation of BHs with smaller masses due to incomplete collapse or to other formation channels : phase transitions, collapse of cosmic strings, domain walls)

- PBH mass bounds:
  - *lower limit* : the mass enclosed within the Hubble horizon at the formation time  $t_f$  from the big bang:  $M_{min} \sim 0.1 \, g$
  - upper limit : PBH should form before the onset of BBN for them not to spoil the baryon-to-photon ratio  $M_{\rm BBN} \sim M(t_{\rm f} \approx 1 \, {\rm s}) \sim 10^5 \, M_{\odot}$





overdense

horizon

collapse

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- Age of the Universe  $t_U = 10 \text{ Gyr} \rightarrow M \sim 10^{15} \text{ g}$ 
  - The PBHs with masses  $M \lesssim 10^{15}$  g would have been completely evaporated since the Big Bang by now
- Some of which with M~10<sup>15</sup>g would be evaporating today in bursts of short, intense transient emissions of gamma rays
- More massive, stable counterparts to these evaporating PBHs are a candidate for some of the DM density of the universe

#### **Black hole evaporation**

• Hawking temperature  $T_{\rm H} = 1/(4\pi/G_N M_{\rm BH}) \simeq 1.06 \times (10^{16} \text{ g/M}_{\rm BH}) \text{ MeV},$ 

Hawking '74

 Expected particle yield per unit time and energy from a nonrotating black hole with mass MBH and corresponding Hawking temperature T<sub>H</sub>

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 $\Gamma$  (Ek,MBH,m) is the particle-dependent gray-body factor and Ek indicates the energy of the emitted particle k of mass m and spin s

- Note that the emission is not exactly black-body but depends upon the spin and charge of the emitted particle, the average energy for neutrinos, electrons and photons being 4.22T<sub>BH</sub>, 4.18T<sub>BH</sub> and 5.71T<sub>BH</sub>, respectively.
- All of the black holes that we know exist (Stellar-mass, supermassive) have temperatures much smaller than the CMB temperature (~2.7 K); since no heat can flow from a colder to a hotter "body", massive black holes do not evaporate

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- From Stefan-Boltzmann law and change of mass one can show that an (approximate) BH lifetime is

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$$au(M) \sim rac{G^2 M^3}{\hbar c^4} \sim 10^{64} \left(rac{M}{M_\odot}\right)^3 \, \mathrm{yr}$$

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- Accounting for the SM degrees of freedom gives :







Figure 6: Black hole mass and temperature for the final 100 seconds of the BH evaporation lifetime ( $\tau$  is the remaining time). The decrease of mass and the increase of temperature accelerate as  $\tau \to 0$ .

#### **Search for photon bursts from PBH evaporation**

- Final-stage emission searches for high-energy photon bursts expected before ~10<sup>15</sup> g mass PBHs « completely » evaporate
  - $\rightarrow$  look for cluster of  $N_{obs}$  photons
- Expected rate of cluster of N<sub>obs</sub> observed photons:

$$R(N_{obs}) = \int d\Omega \int_0^\infty dr \, r^2 \dot{
ho}_{PBH} \mathcal{P}(N_{obs}|\lambda)$$

- $\Omega$  solid angle of observations
- r distance of the PBH
- $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$  the expected number of photons
- $\dot{\rho}_{\rm PBH}$  : PBH evaporation rate per unit volume

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P. Harding et al. ICRC 2023

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for isotropic evaporation rate

with  $N_0$  is the expected number of photons seen by the detedctor for a PBH evaporation at distance  $r_0$ 

HESS

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Milagro

CYGNUS

Tibet Whipple

HAWC

## **Isotropic gamma ray background (IGRB) constraints**

Diffuse background +

- Active galactic nuclei
- Gamma ray bursts
- DM annihilation/decay?
- Hawking radiation?
- Flux estimation for BHs

$$\begin{split} I &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi} E \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} (1+z(t)) \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 n}{\mathrm{d}t \mathrm{d}E} ((1+z(t))E) \mathrm{d}t \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4\pi} E \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} (1+z(t)) \\ &\times \int_{M_{\min}}^{M_{\max}} \left[ \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}M} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 N}{\mathrm{d}t \mathrm{d}E} (M, (1+z(t))E) \mathrm{d}M \right] \mathrm{d}t \end{split}$$

 Limits for monochromatic mass functions as well as log-normal mass functions with different gaussian width



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INTEGRAL [ESA]



XMM-Newton [ESA]

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Expected energy-differential gamma-ray flux

$$\frac{d^2 \Phi_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma}} (\Delta \Omega) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta \Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{LOS}} ds \frac{f_{\text{pbh}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r(s, d, \theta))}{M_{\text{pbh}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt}$$

$$D(\Delta\Omega) = \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{\rm LOS} \rho_{\rm DM}(r(s, d, \theta)) \, ds \, d\Omega.$$

Framework similar to standard decaying DM:

- the strength ~ D-factor; the spectrum is hard in keV-MeV bands
- best targets : dSphs, GC, clusters...

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~3 Ms XMM observations of Draco

#### MeV Galactic diffuse emission

 INTEGRAL SPI observations of the inner Milky Way between 2002/11 and 2021/10



Residual INTERGAL/SPI background from ON/OFF observation pairing to minimize the effects of the time-dependent background variability

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$$\frac{d^2 \Phi_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt} = \frac{f_{\text{pbh}}}{4\pi M_{\text{pbh}}} \frac{d^2 N_{\gamma}}{dE_{\gamma} dt} \sum_{i} (D_{\text{ON},i} - \alpha_i D_{\text{OFF},i})$$



- Backgound template modelling appraoch
  - ICS of electrons off the interstellar radiation field
  - unresolved sources
  - nuclear lines, ...



## LORENTZ INVARIANCE VIOLATION SEARCHES AT VERY HIGH ENERGIES



#### **Modified dispersion relation**

- Lorentz invariance is central in modern physics theories
- However close to Planck energy  $E_{Pl} = \sqrt{\hbar c^5/G} \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19}$  GeV some quantum gravity models (QG) predict that spacetime fluctuations modify photon propagation in vacuum according to their energy  $\rightarrow$  Lorentz invariance violation (LIV)
- LIV induced effects can be introduced in a model-independent way in the standard dispersion relation of photons :  $E^{2} = p^{2}c^{2} \times \left[1 \pm \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG,n}}\right)^{n}\right]$

Subluminal or superluminal LIV 
$$\rightarrow$$
 +/-

Experiments are only sensitive to n = 1, 2

Note that  $E_{QG}$  is often compared to  $E_{PI}$ , but could be very different from it

 $\rightarrow$  Photon speed depends on their energy

$$l_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^2}} \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-35} \text{ m}$$
$$m_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}} \approx 2.18 \times 10^{-8} \text{ kg}$$

 $E_P = m_P c^2 \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{GeV}$ 

#### **Search for time delays**

• Considering only the linear (n = 1) or quadratic (n = 2) term, it can be shown that the group velocity of photons acquires a dependence on their energies :  $v_g(E) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p}$ 

From 
$$E^2 \simeq p^2 c^2 \times \left[1 \pm \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG}}\right)^n\right]$$
, one gets  $E = pc \left[1 \pm \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E}{E_{QG}}\right)^n\right]$ 

with first-order Taylor expansion.

• Therefore : 
$$v_g(E) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} = c \left[ 1 \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \right)^n \right] \pm \frac{pc}{2E_{QG}^n} \frac{\partial E^n}{\partial E} \frac{\partial E}{\partial p}$$
  
With E ~pc (E<QG),  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial p} = c \left[ 1 \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \right)^n \right] \left[ 1 \pm \frac{n}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \right)^n \right]^{-1}$   
Neglecting the 2n-order term, one shows that  $v_g(E) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial p} = c \left[ 1 \pm \frac{n+1}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_{QG}} \right)^n \right]$ 

#### **Search for time delays**

- As Universe is expanding, the expansion has to be taken into account when calculating the delay (Jacob & Piran, 2008)
- The time delay between two photons of energies  $E_h$  and  $E_l$  is therefore :  $n + 1 E_1^n E_1^n C_2^z (1 + z')^n$

with 
$$H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}$$

Note that other models it can have different redshift dependence.

 For subluminal effect, the two photons are assumed to be emitted at the same time, the photon arrives first

#### **Search for time delays**

- As Universe is expanding, the expansion has to be taken into account when calculating the delay (Jacob & Piran, 2008)
- The time delay between two photons of energies E<sub>h</sub> and E<sub>l</sub> is

$$\Delta t_n \simeq s_{\pm} \frac{n+1}{2} \frac{E_h^n - E_l^n}{E_{QG}^n} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n}{H(z')} dz'$$
with  $H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}$ 

$$E_{QG}^{n} = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}$$

$$E_{QG}^{n} = 0.3111 \pm 0.0056$$

$$G_{\Lambda} = 0.6889 \pm 0.0056$$

- Note that time delays are expected from source intrinsic effect, plasma effect, photon interaction with dark mattter, cascade in the IGMF, ...
- $\rightarrow$  For source intrinsic effect : Population studies (all sources) or Full modeling of source intrinsic effects

#### **Astrophysical sources for time delay searches**



- Need for sources that are
  - Distant
  - Variable or transient
  - Energetic
- Candidates:
  - Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs)
  - Flaring Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs)
  - Pulsars (PSRs)

#### **Astrophysical sources for time delay searches**



#### **Caveats:**

A measured lag is the combination of lags from different origins : expected and some hypothetical ones:

- source effect : delays due to emission and acceleration

mechanisms at the source

- source plasma effect
- cascade in IGMF

- ...

Careful estimates needed



#### **Blazars**

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- Jet close to the line-of-sight
- High variability (flares)
  - Good statistics with IACTs
    - High variability (O(min))
    - Distant sources
    - Flares happen randomly
    - Hints of intrinsic temporal effects
  - Details of emission mechanisms poorly understood

## Example : PKS 2155-304 flare in 2006

- z = 0.116 (~490 Mpc)
- 2006 flare :
  - Very high flux→~14 Crab; High statistics→~10000 photons
- Time lag between two light curves with the modified cross correlation function



- Best-fit function peaks at 20 s
- Error on the measured time delay is determined by propagating the flux errors via simulations:
- cross correlation peak distribution : mean of 25s and a rms of 28s
- $\rightarrow$  Time lag not significant
- The best limit obtained by HESS is currently EQG = 2.1 x 10<sup>18</sup> GeV with the Big flare of PKS 2155 (n = 1, 95% CL)
- Stronger limits obtained on  $E_{QG}$  are of ~10 $E_{PI}$  for individual GRBs



#### **Modified pair cross section**

- A Modified Dispersion Relation can also induce a modified photon kinematics, which can lead to modifications of the γγ interaction cross-section
  - change in the energy threshold of the  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e+e-$  pair production reaction
- Cosmic opacity for VHE γ rays (E > 10 TeV) that result from the interaction with the extragalactic background light can be strongly reduced
- Let's rewrite the modified relation for photons as
  - The term  $m_{\gamma}^2 \equiv -E_{\gamma}^3/E_{\rm LIV}$  acts as an effective mass term for photons

$$E_{\gamma}^2 = p_{\gamma}^2 c^2 - \frac{E_{\gamma}^3}{E_{\rm LIV}}$$

 Assuming the same MDR, the minimum energy of the soft target photons that allow the pair-production reaction is

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$$\epsilon_{th} = \frac{(m_e c^2)^2}{E_{\gamma}} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_{LIV}} \right)^{n+2} \right]_{2024 \ 54}$$

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Fairbarn 2014  
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- superluminal case (-): the threshold is lowered and photons undergo a stronger absorption leading to steeper energy spectra
- subluminal case (+): higher threshold leading to a reduction of VHE photon absorption and less attenuated energy spectra
- Accounting for propagation over cosmological distances :

$$\epsilon_{th} \longrightarrow \frac{\epsilon_{th}}{1+z}$$

#### **Modified pair cross section and opacity**

Standard value (i.e. w/o LIV)  $\epsilon_{\rm min} = m_{\rm e}^2 c^4 / E_{\gamma} \simeq 0.26 / E_{\gamma,\rm TeV} \, {\rm eV}.$ subluminal case 10 10 Tavecchio&Bonnoli A&A 585, A25 (2016 **KD10** D11 1 € [eV] 0.1 0.1 Standard E<sub>UN-19</sub>=3  $E_{100,10} = 10$ 0.01 0.01 CMB 10 -1 -2 -3 -4 0.1 1 108 0  $\log \epsilon n(\epsilon) [cm^{-8}]$ E [TeV] EBL models from Dominguez 2011 and Kneiske 2010



Evolution of the background photon energy threshold versus gamma-ray energy E (here noted E) for LIV effects (n=1) at z = 0. Right: spectral energy distribution of target

photon fields: optical (COB), infrared (CIB) and CMB.

# **Astrophysical sources for LIV-induced modified pair cross section searches**

- An ideal source to test possible modifications of the γ-ray opacity induced by LIV should be a bright emitter above 20–30 TeV → Flaring blazars may display hard and bright TeV emission → "extreme" BL Lacs
- The example of Mkr 501 flare:





FIGURE 7.9 – Courbes d'atténuation en considérant le redshift de Mrk 501 (z = 0.034) pour différents modèles d'EBL récents, dans le cas standard (ligne pleine) et en présence de LIV à l'échelle de Planck et avec n = 1 (lignes pointillées).

#### H.E.S.S. observations of 2014 Mkr 501 flare



$$\Phi_{\text{obs}}(E_{\gamma}) = \Phi_0 \frac{E_{\gamma}}{E_0}^{-\alpha} \times \exp\left[-\tau_{\text{Fr08}}(E_{\gamma}, z = 0.034, E_{\text{LIV}}^n)\right]$$
$$\tau(E_{\gamma}, z_s) = \int_0^{z_s} dz \frac{dl}{dz} \int_0^2 d\mu \frac{\mu}{2} \int_{\epsilon_{\text{seuil}}}^{\infty} d\epsilon \frac{dn_{\text{EBL}}}{d\epsilon}(\epsilon, z) \,\sigma_{\gamma\gamma} \left[\beta(E_{\gamma}(1+z), \epsilon, \mu)\right]$$

LIV effect encoded in  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  and in the pair production cross. section

- $E_{LIV} > 2.3 E_{pl}$  for n=1 (95% C.L.)
- Stronger constaints obtained from time delay searches with GRB 090510

# « Fundamental physics » in the context of multi-messenger astronomy

#### No conclusive identification of DM, but enormous progress in astrophysical sensitivity

- WIMP paradigm dominated the searches for decades
  - Still alive, but not alone! WIMP exploration will continue
  - Limitations in our understanding of the 'background' (aka astrophysics)
- Alternative candidates gain more and more attention
  - Rich pheno with ~PeV decaying DM, ALP, PBH, …

# **BSM physics can also manifest as apparent violations of laws/symmetries of the SM:**

- ALPs/LIV may alterate the apparent transparency of the universe
- LIV may induce a modified dispersion relation of photons



#### End

## Thank you for your attention!

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