

# Quantum gravity Phenomenology

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# What is Quantum gravity Phenomenology?

**Old “dogma”: you shall not access any quantum gravity effect as this would require experiments at the Planck scale!**

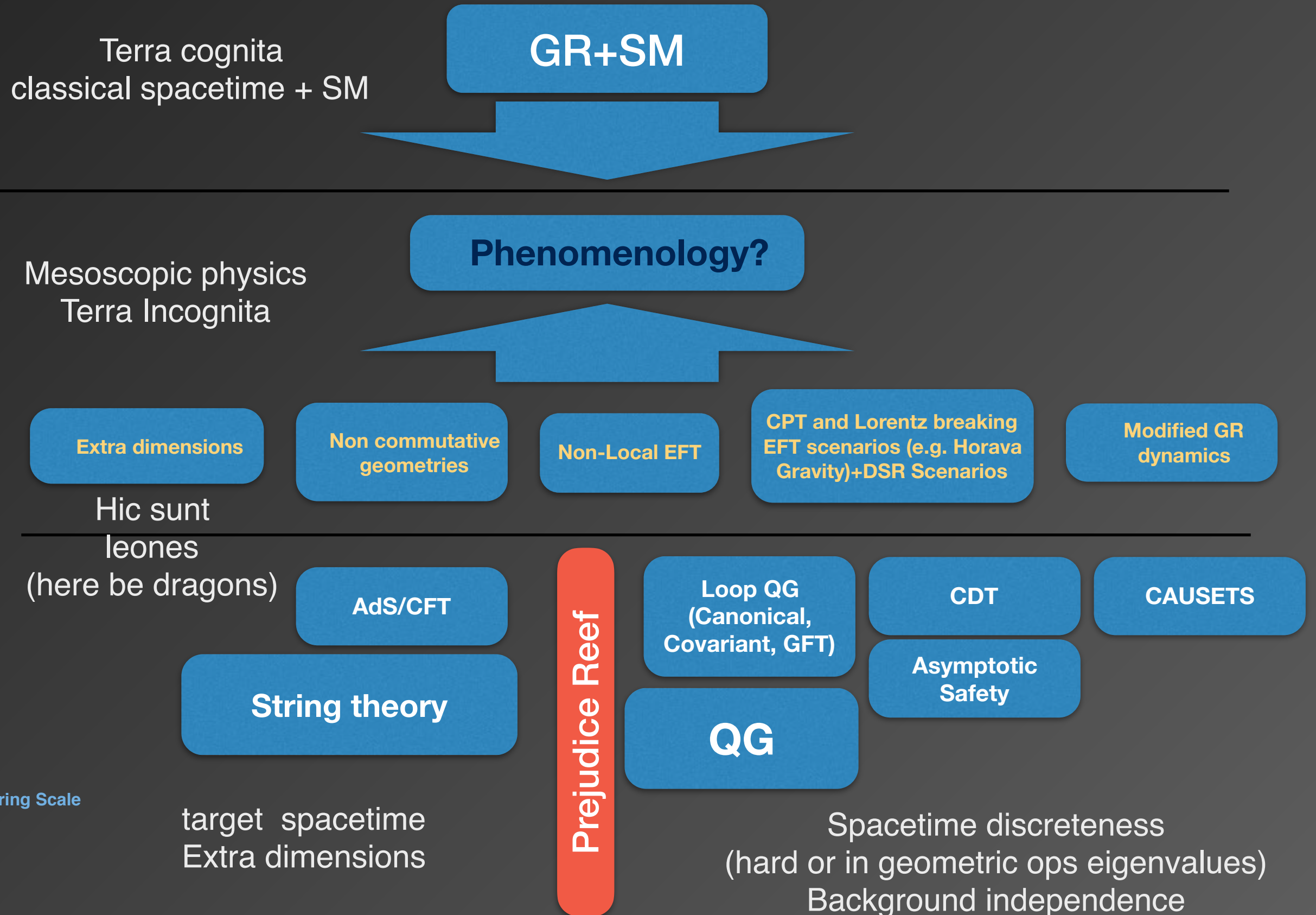
**This has changed in the last decade, as several proposal for QG effects have been proposed.**

- \* We have nowadays several workable quantum gravity theories and various scenarios for how the continuous and semi-classical limit are reached within them
- \* I.e. we have for the first time a chance to ask the hard questions about how and what we can probe of the fabric of spacetime.
- \* Missing a definitive scenario for the continuum limit of QG I will explore here some lines of research and their outcomes and lessons...

Let's see where this goes...

# Between a rock and a hard place (The world for a QG phenomenologist)

Macroscopic Scales





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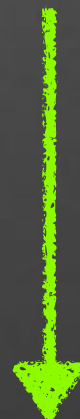
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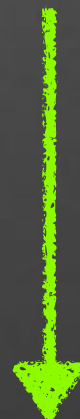
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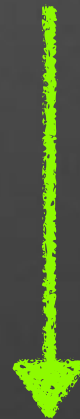
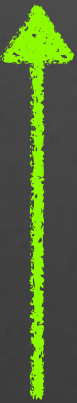
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# Symmetries Violations

SPACETIME LOCALLY POINCARÉ INVARIANT...  
TRANSLATIONS BREAKING (CAUSETS)  
LORENTZ BREAKING (SEVERAL QG SCENARIOS)



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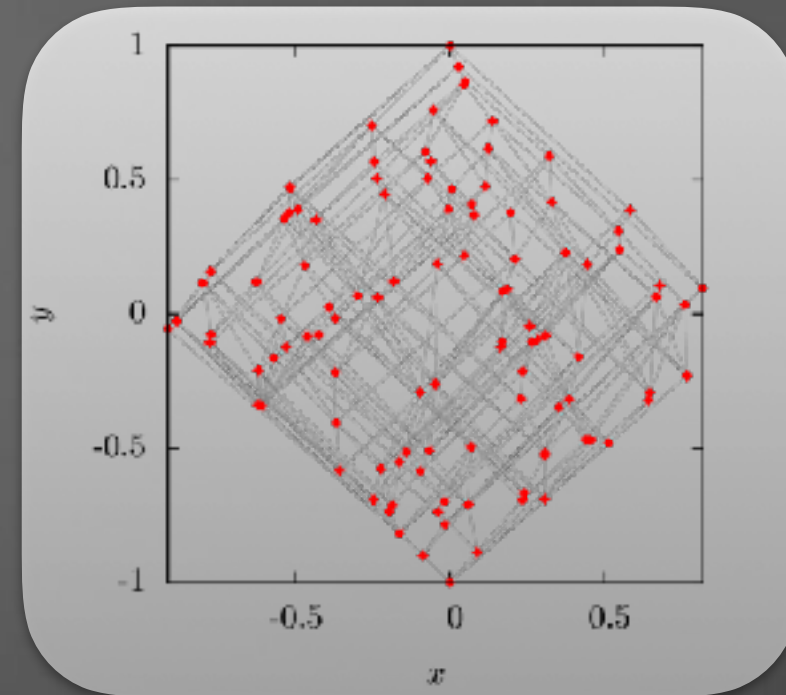
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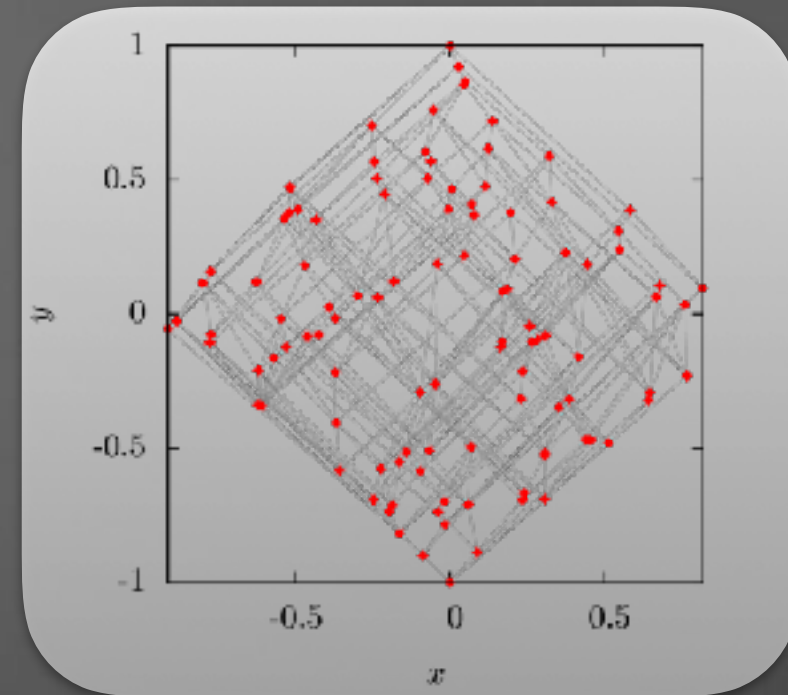
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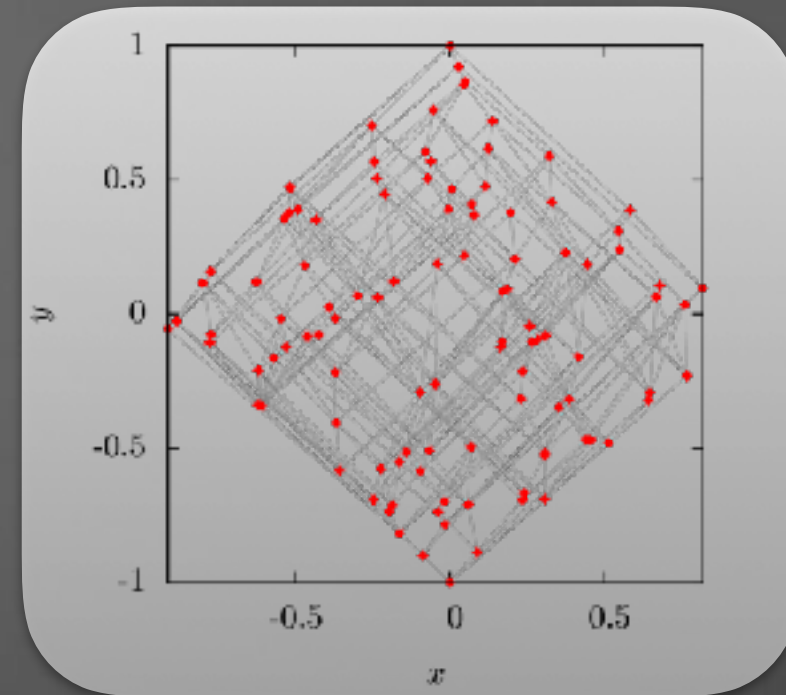
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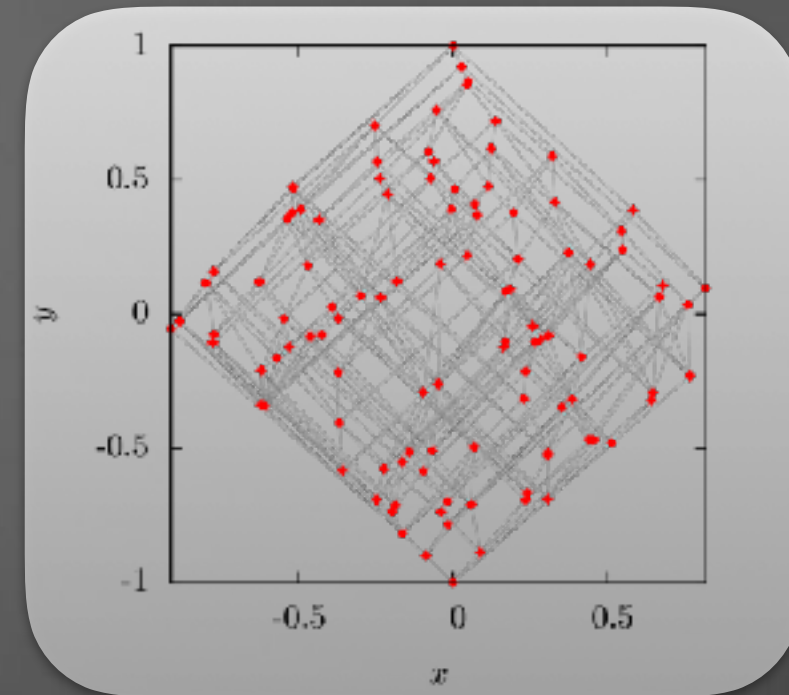
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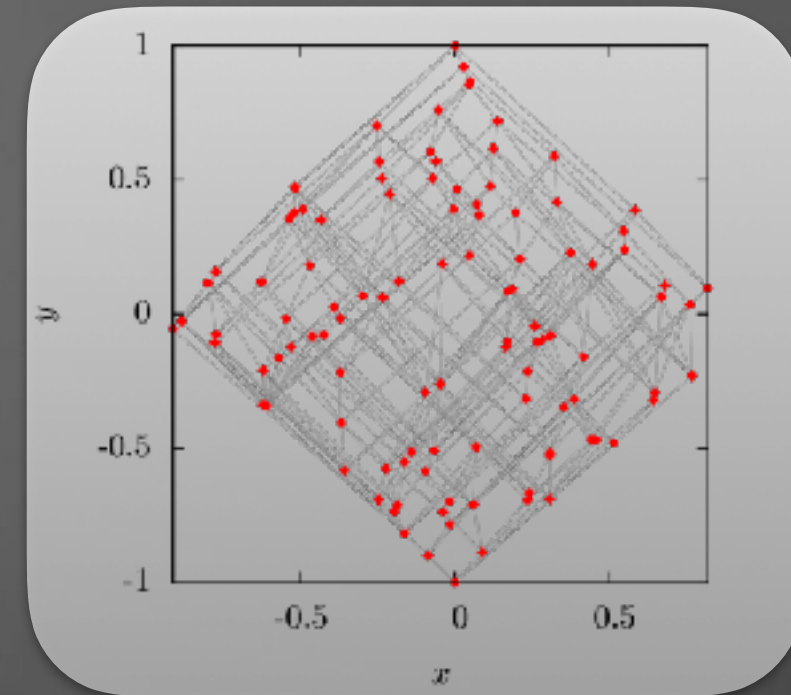
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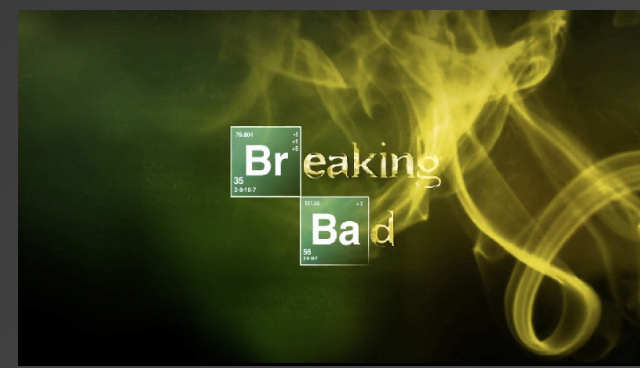
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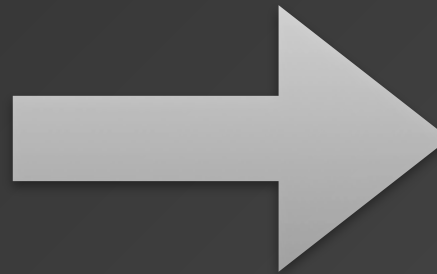
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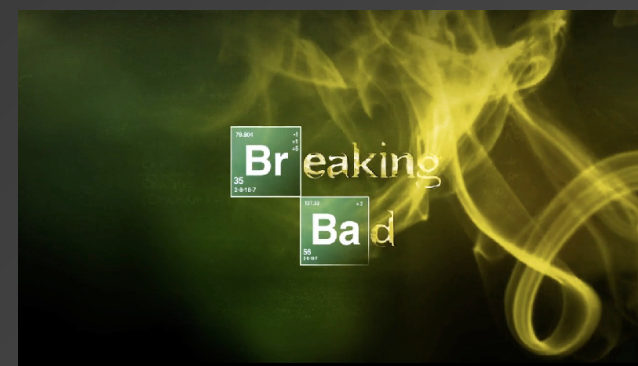


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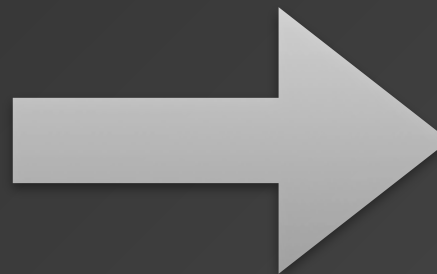
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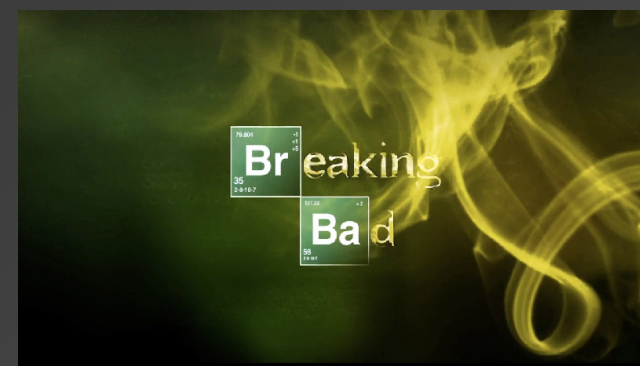
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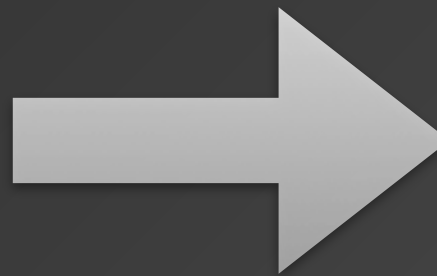


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To do this we need a framework...

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local EFT with LIV  
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CPT even or odd  
(no anisotropic scaling),  
(UV LIV – QG inspired LIV)

Minimal Standard Model Extension  
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NOTE: CPT violation implies Lorentz violation but LV does not imply CPT violation in local EFT.

“Anti-CPT” theorem (Greenberg 2002 ).

So one can catalogue LIV by behaviour under CPT

E.g. QED, rot. Inv. dim 3,4 operators

$$\begin{aligned} \text{electrons} \quad E^2 &= m^2 + p^2 + f_e^{(1)} p + f_e^{(2)} p^2 \\ \text{photons} \quad \omega^2 &= \left(1 + f_\gamma^{(2)}\right) k^2 \end{aligned}$$

E.g. QED, dim 5 operators

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CPT even or odd  
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E.g. QED, rot. Inv. dim 3,4 operators

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(Colladay-Kosteleky 1998, Coleman-Glashow 1998)

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# EFT with Lorentz breaking Ops. Matter Sector Constraints

## Terrestrial tests:

Penning traps  
Clock comparison experiments  
Cavity experiments  
Spin polarised torsion balance  
Neutral mesons  
Slow atoms recoils

## Astrophysical tests:

Cosmological variation of couplings, CMB  
Cumulative effects in astrophysics  
Anomalous threshold reactions  
Shift of standard thresholds reactions with new  
threshold phenomenology  
LV induced decays not characterised by a threshold  
Reactions affected by “speeds limits”

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where, in EFT,  $\xi^{(n)} \equiv \xi_+^{(n)} = (-)^n \xi_-^{(n)}$  and  $\eta^{(n)} \equiv \eta_+^{(n)} = (-)^n \eta_-^{(n)}$ .

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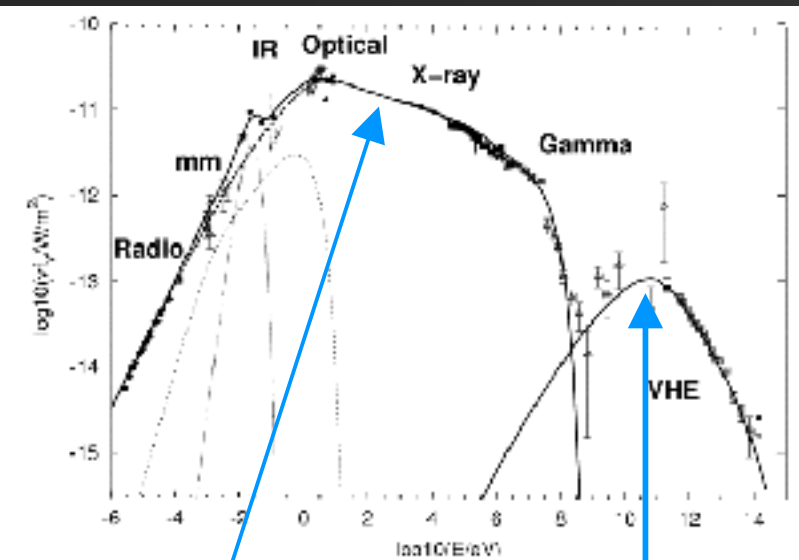
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<sup>a</sup> From neutrino oscillations we have constraints on the difference of LV coefficients of different flavors up to  $O(10^{-28})$  on dim 4,  $O(10^{-8})$  and expected up to  $O(10^{-14})$  on dim 5 (ICE3), expected up to  $O(10^{-4})$  on dim 6 op. \* Expected constraint from future experiments.

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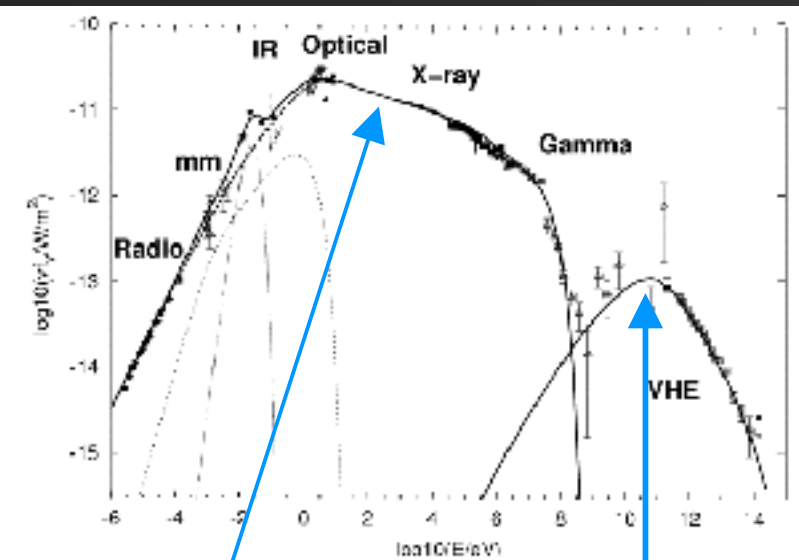
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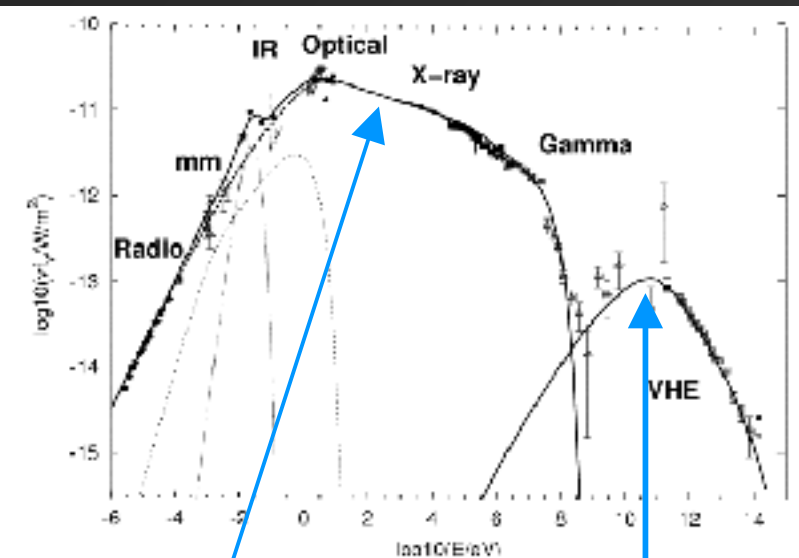
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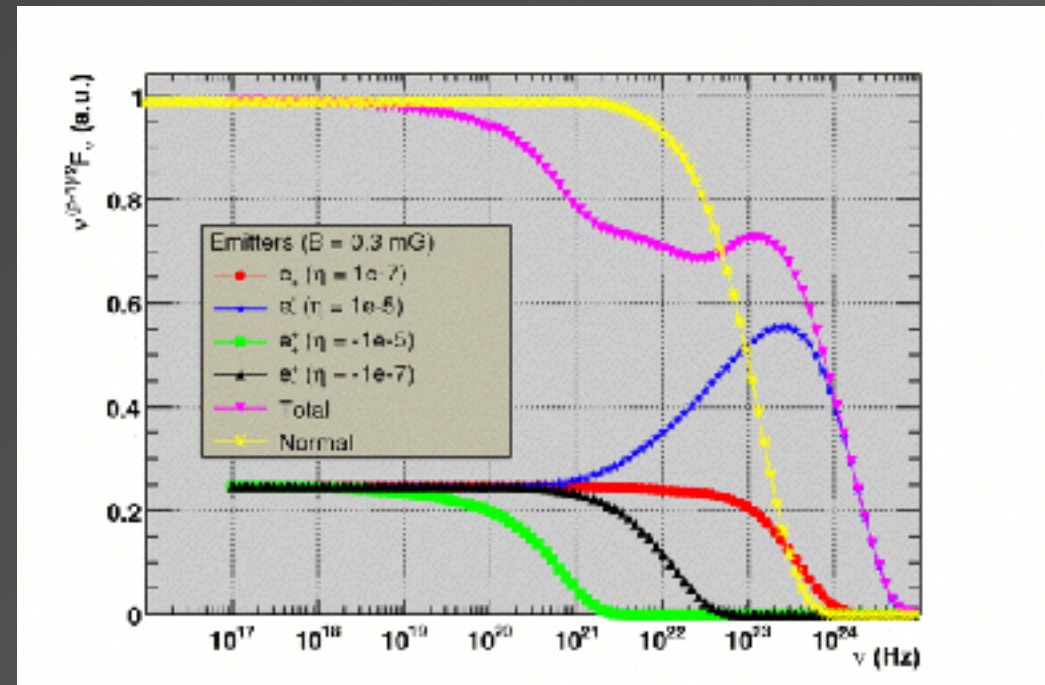
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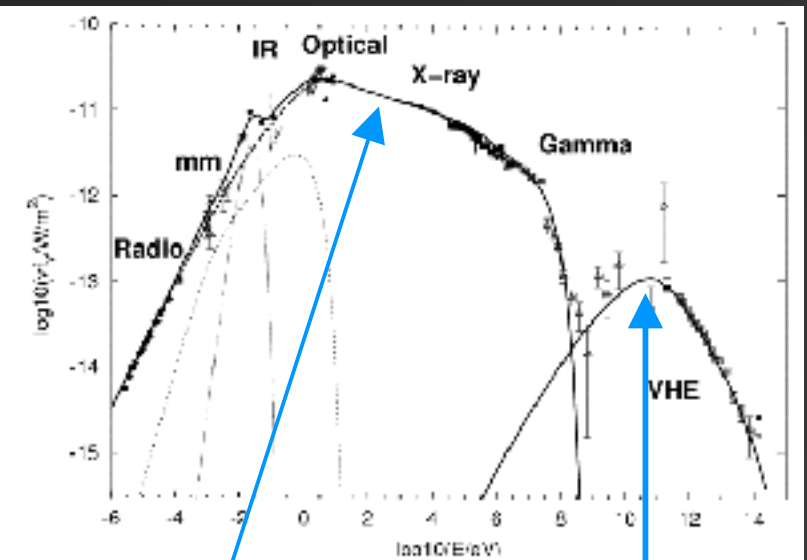
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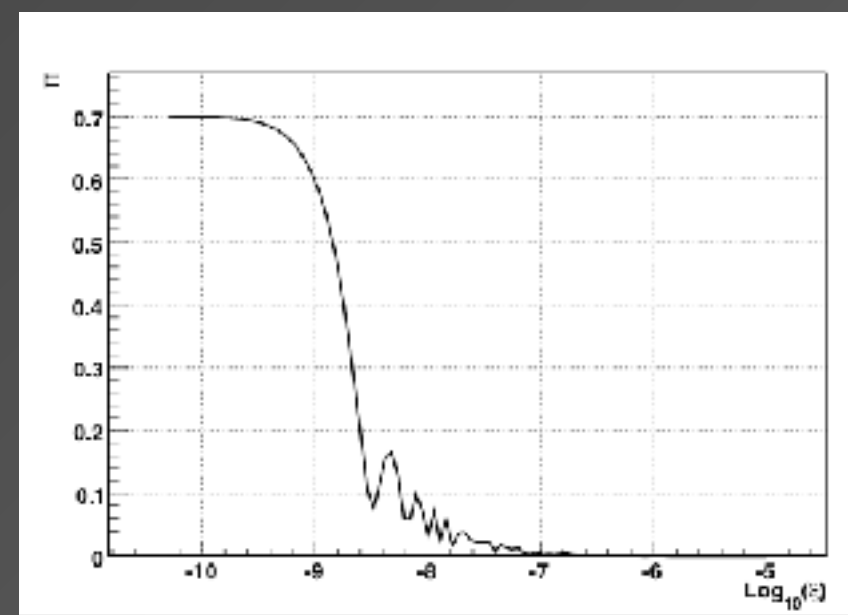
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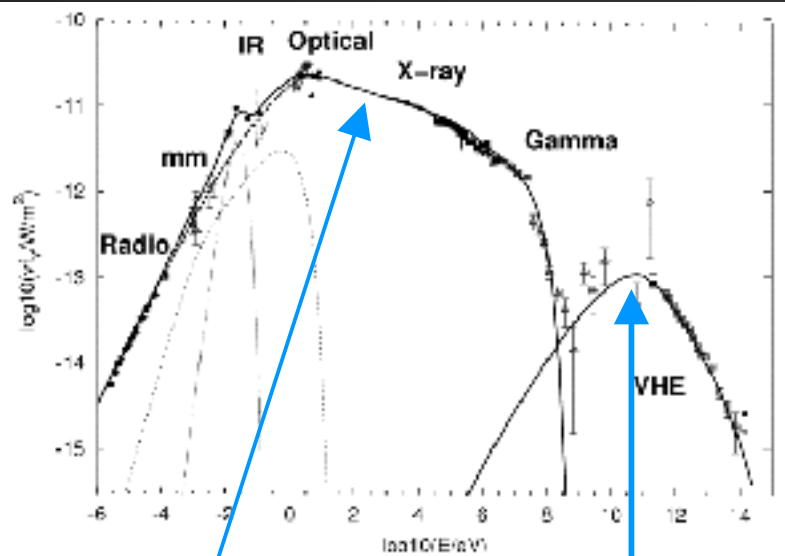




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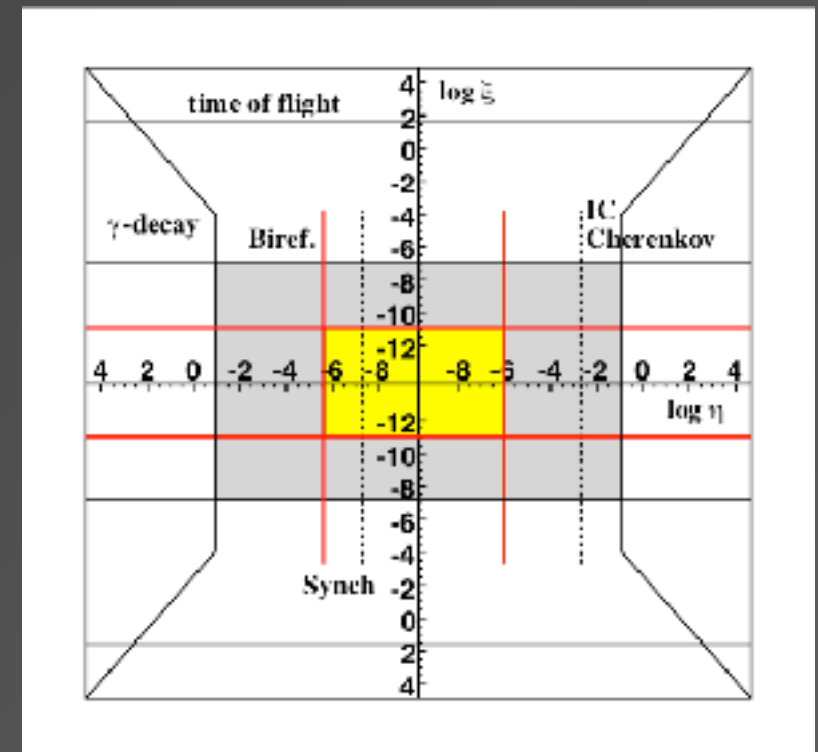
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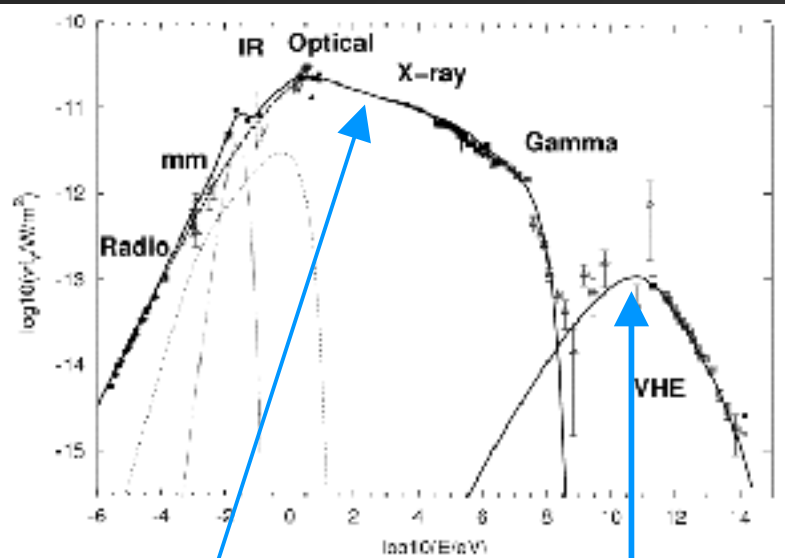




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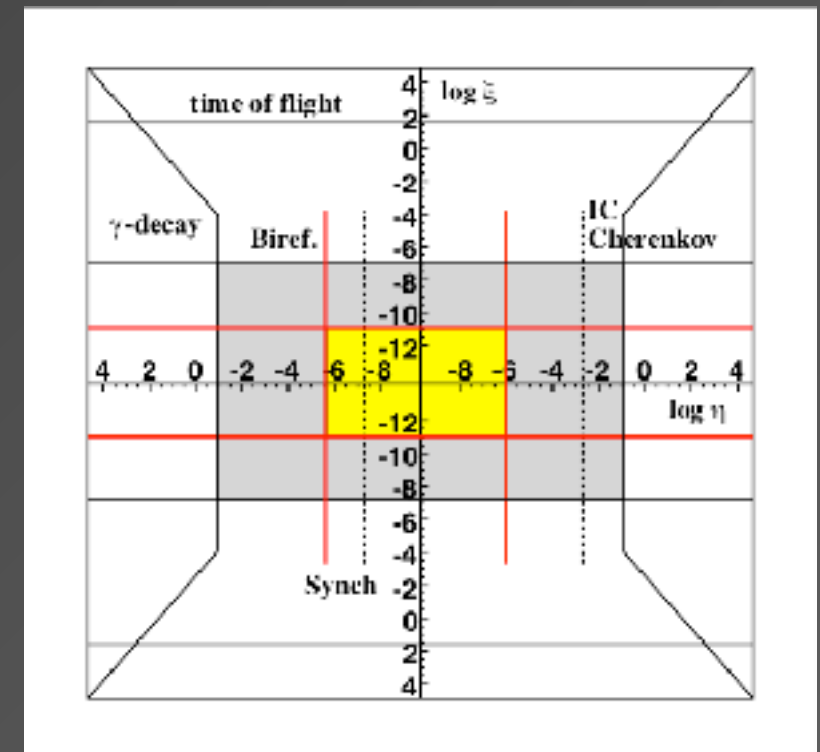
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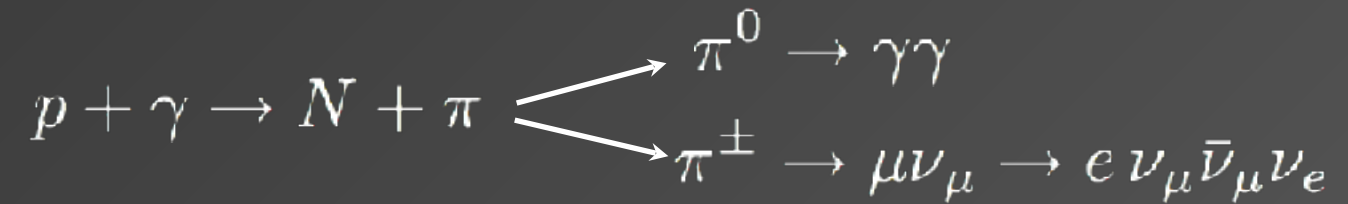
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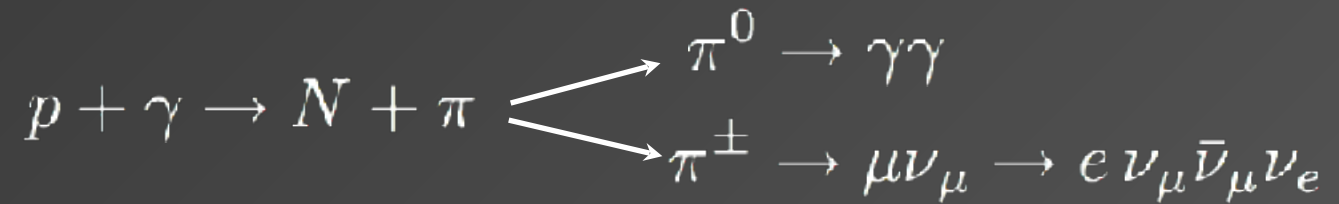
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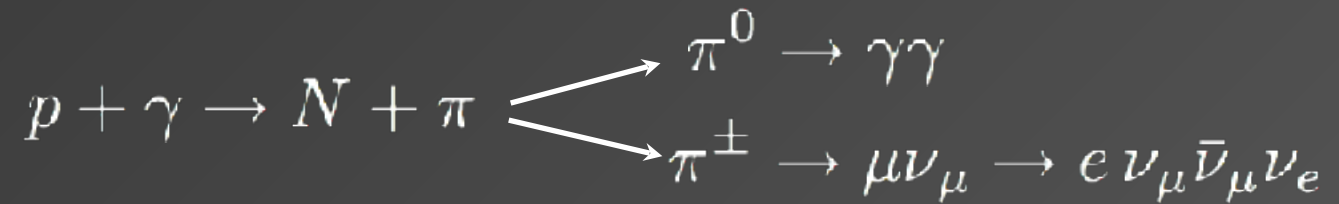
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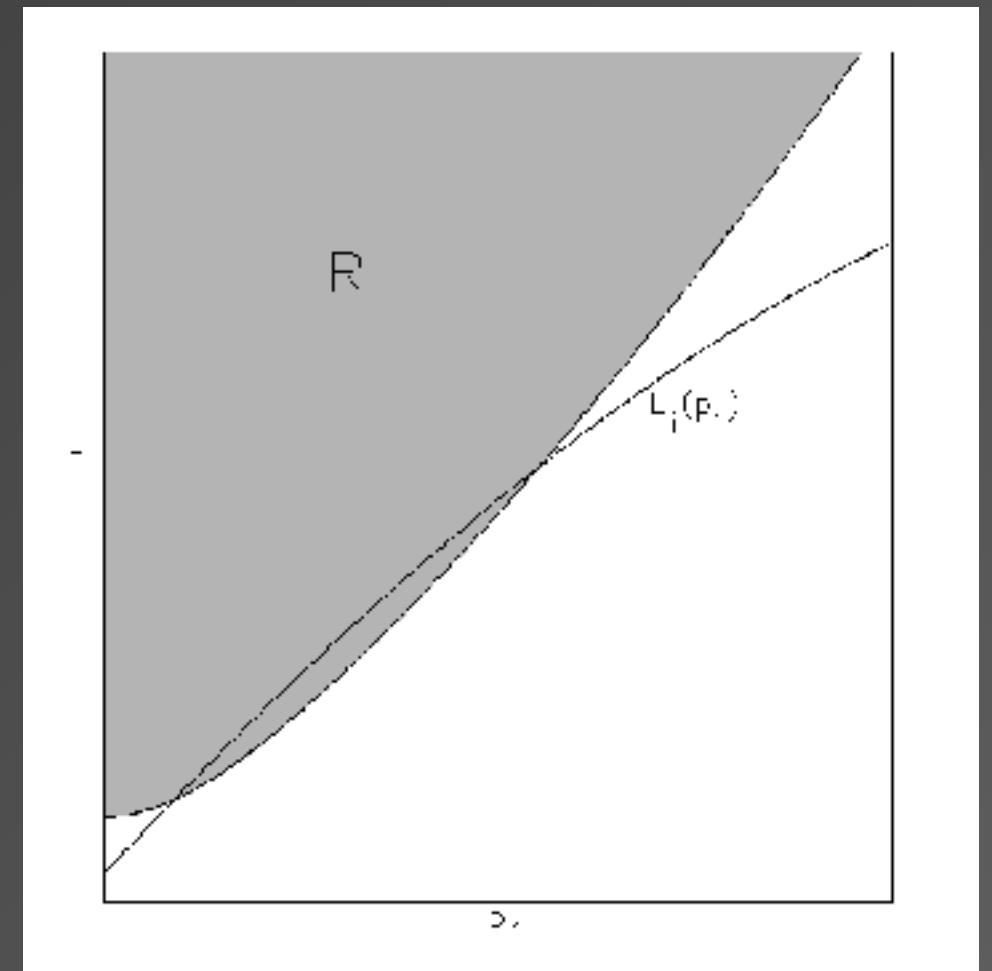
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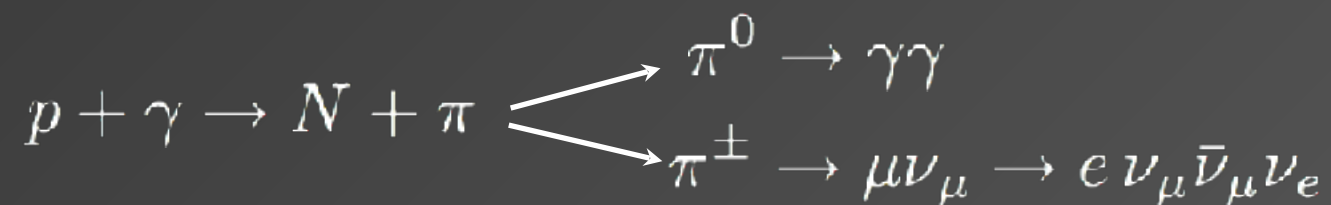
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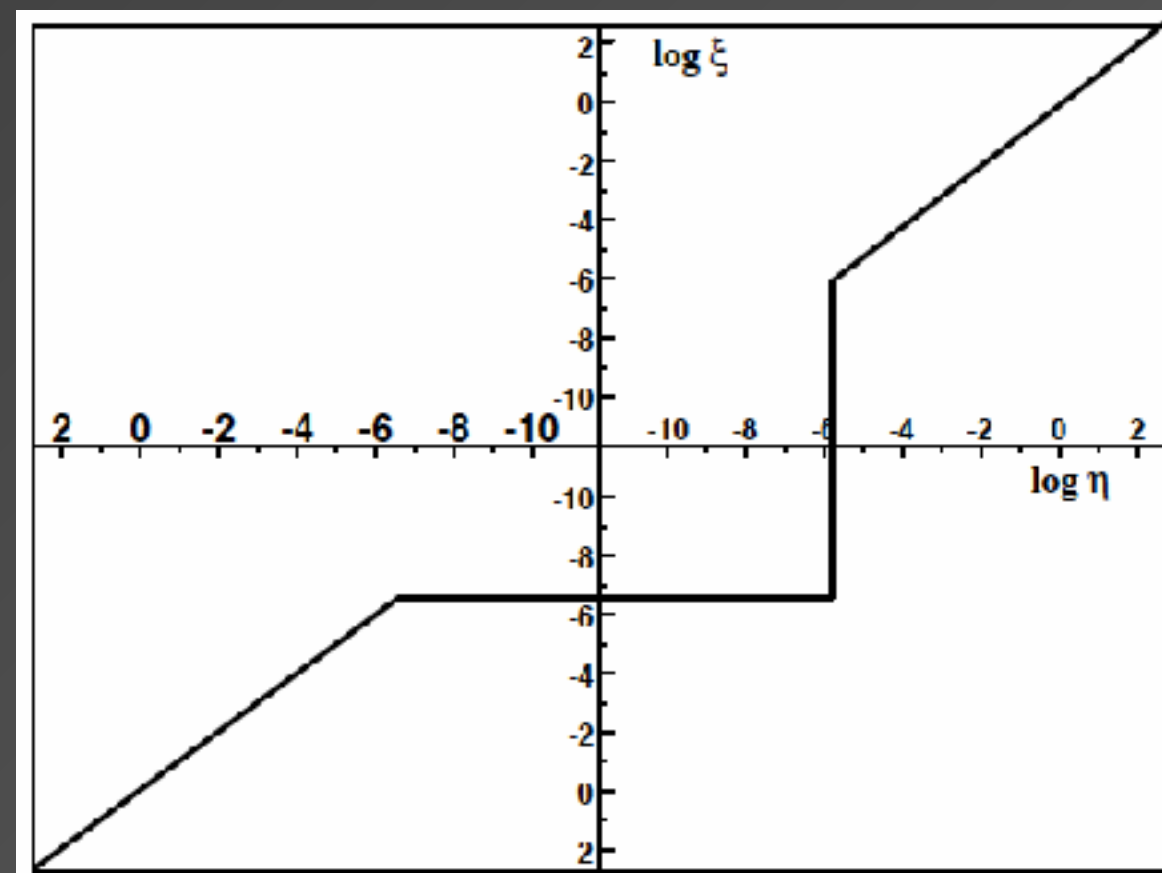
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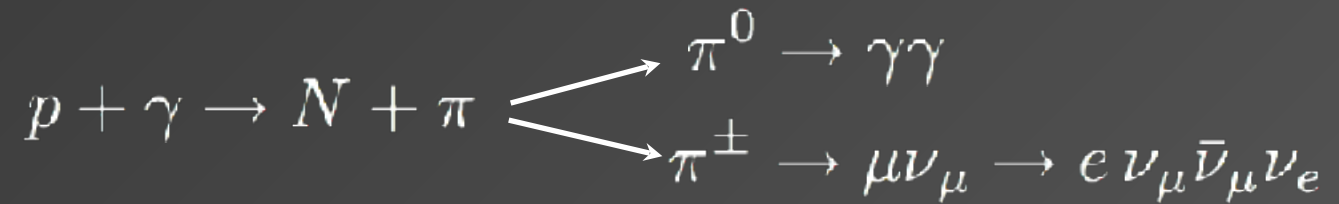
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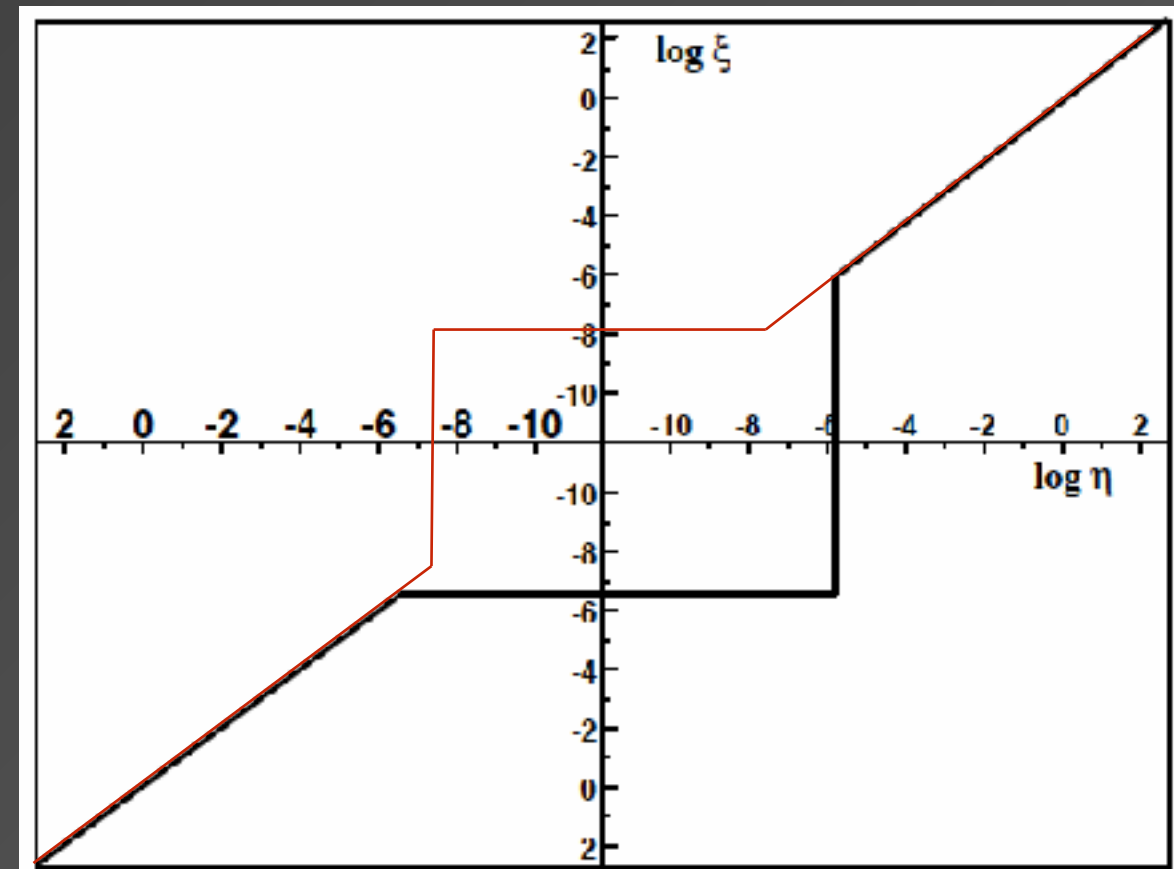


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By Kramers-Kronig one would naturally expect also dissipative effects.

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Analogue gravity describes spacetime emergence in hydrodynamics. Dissipation->Viscosity. Using the analogy one expects a generalised Navier-Stokes equations describing the propagation of perturbations of the velocity potential  $\psi_1$

$$\partial_t^2 \psi_1 = c^2 \nabla^2 \psi_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4}{3} \nu_n \partial_t \nabla^n \psi_1$$

Using the Planck scale as the natural scale of the new physics and so define at lowest order a dimensionless coefficient  $\sigma = (4\nu_2 M_{Pl})/3c$

$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 - i\sigma c^2 \frac{k^3}{M_{Pl}}$$

The energy loss rate  $\Gamma$  can be computed a la Breit-Wigner  $\sigma c^2 \frac{k^3}{M_{Pl}} \equiv 2\omega\Gamma$

For an ultra-relativistic particle with momentum  $k$  traveling over a long distance  $D$ , a constraint is obtained by requiring its lifetime  $\tau$  to be larger than the propagation time  $D/c$ , that is  $\tau > D/c$  or  $c\hbar/\Gamma > D$ .

Let us consider the observed 80 TeV photons from the Crab nebula,  $D_{Crab} \approx 1.9$  Kparsec. We get

$$\sigma \leq \frac{2c\hbar}{D_{Crab} (80 \text{ TeV})^2} M_{Pl} \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-26}$$

Similar considerations leads to

Electron/positron  $\sigma < 10^{-23}$  (From Crab and 1 pc traveled)

Neutrinos  $\sigma < 10^{-27}$

(detection of a bunch of extraterrestrial neutrinos with energies between 30 and 250 TeV by Ice-Cube)

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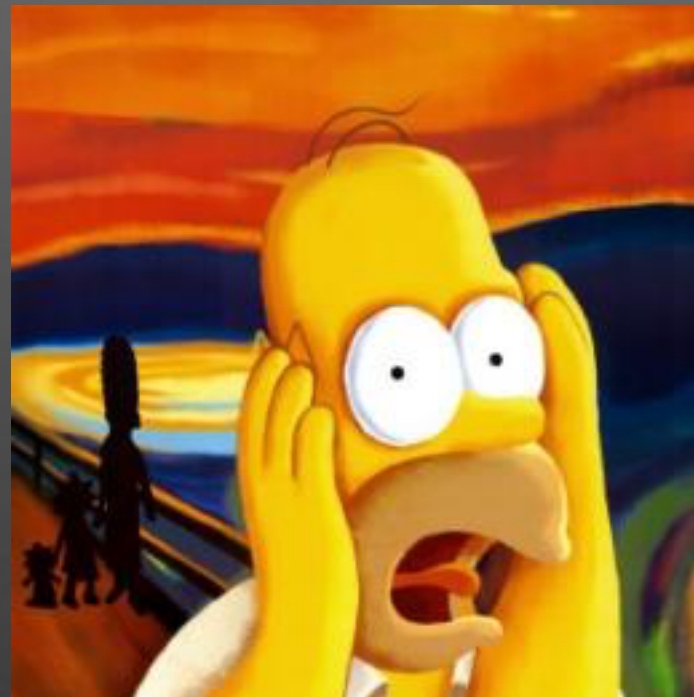
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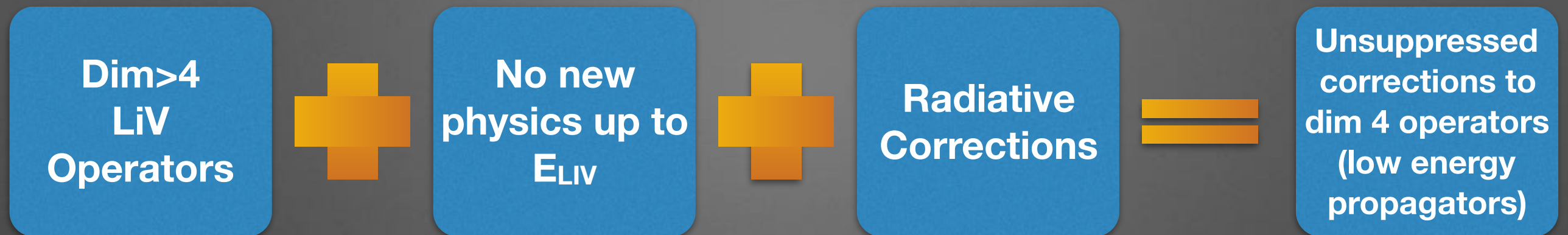
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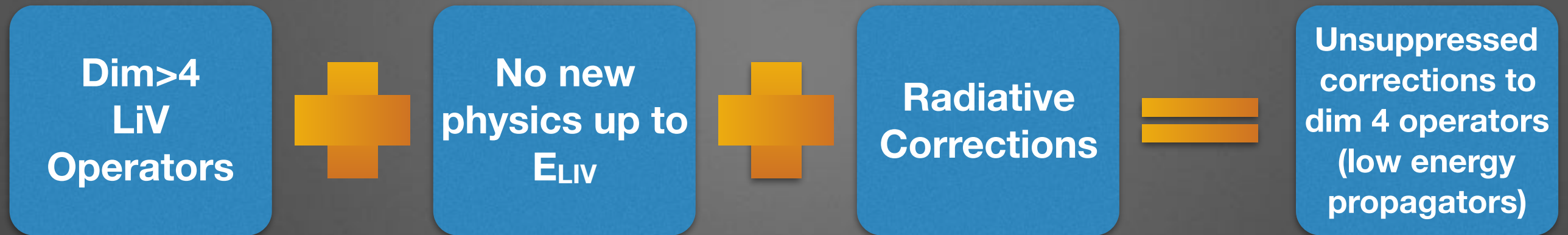
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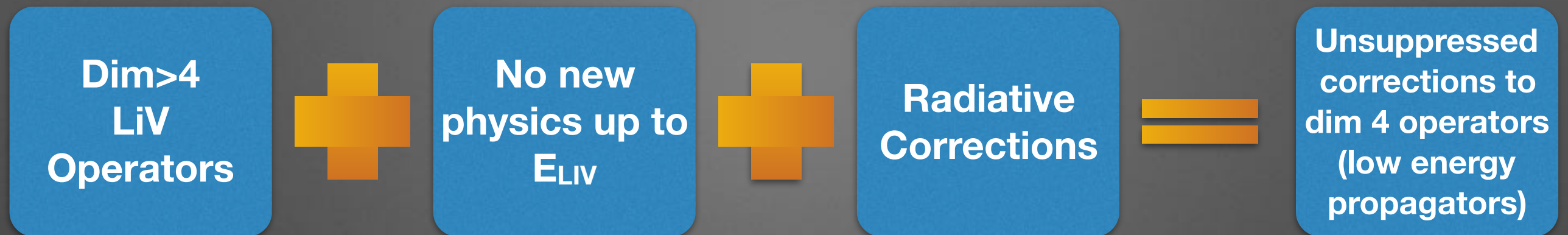


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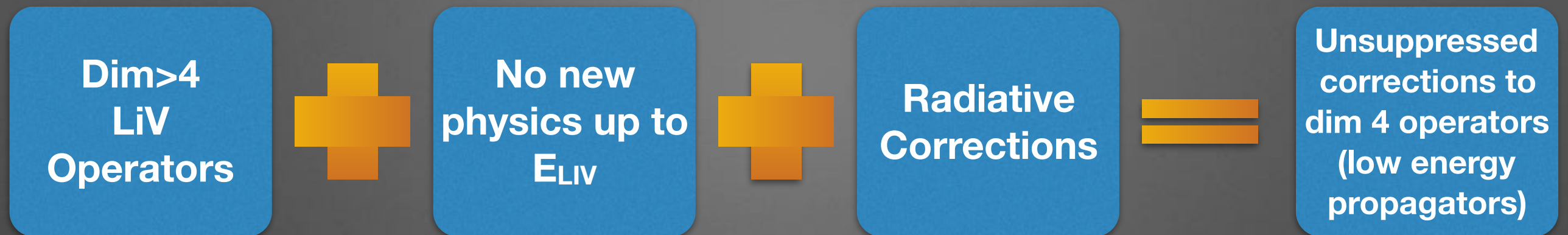
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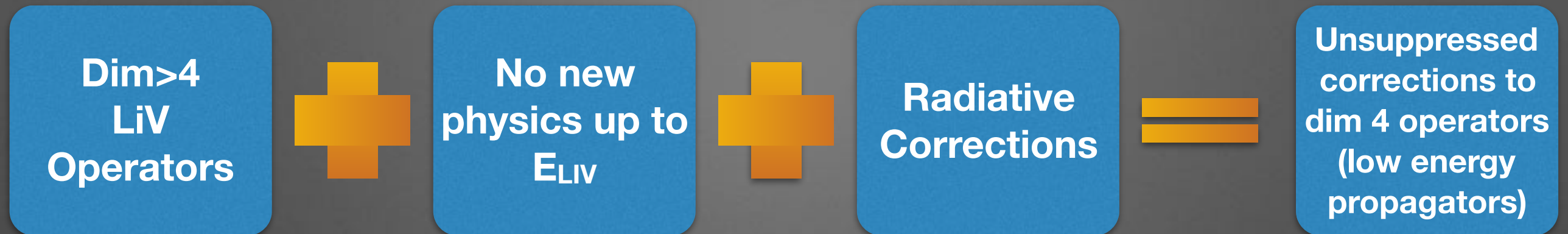
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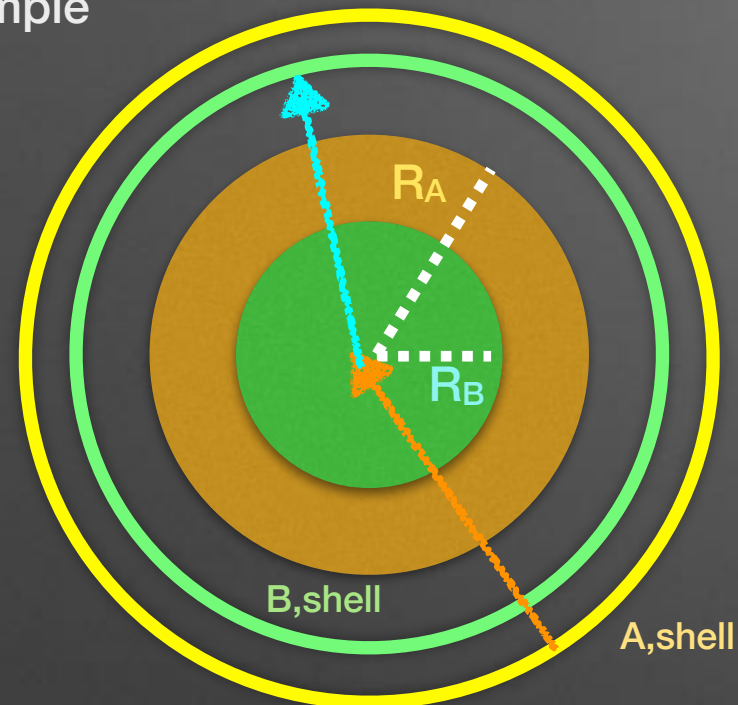
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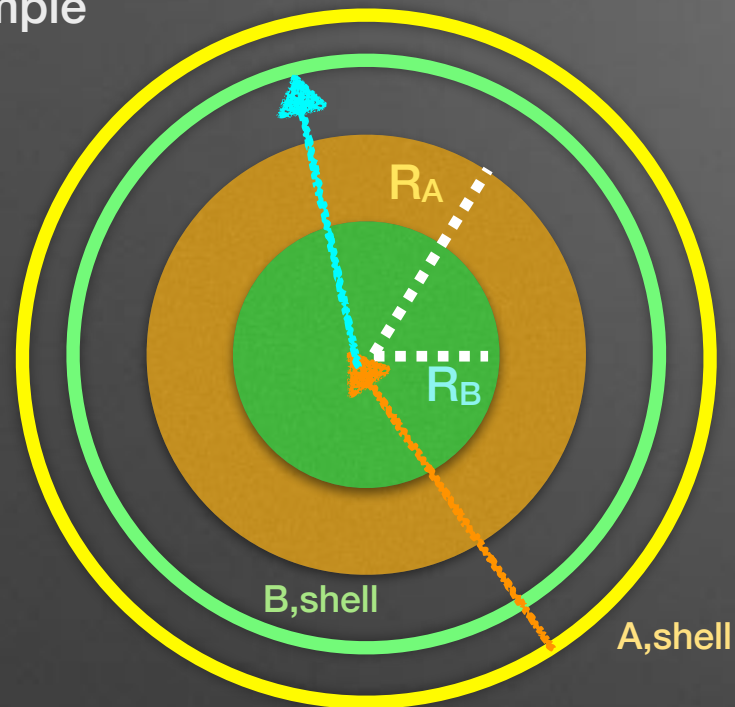
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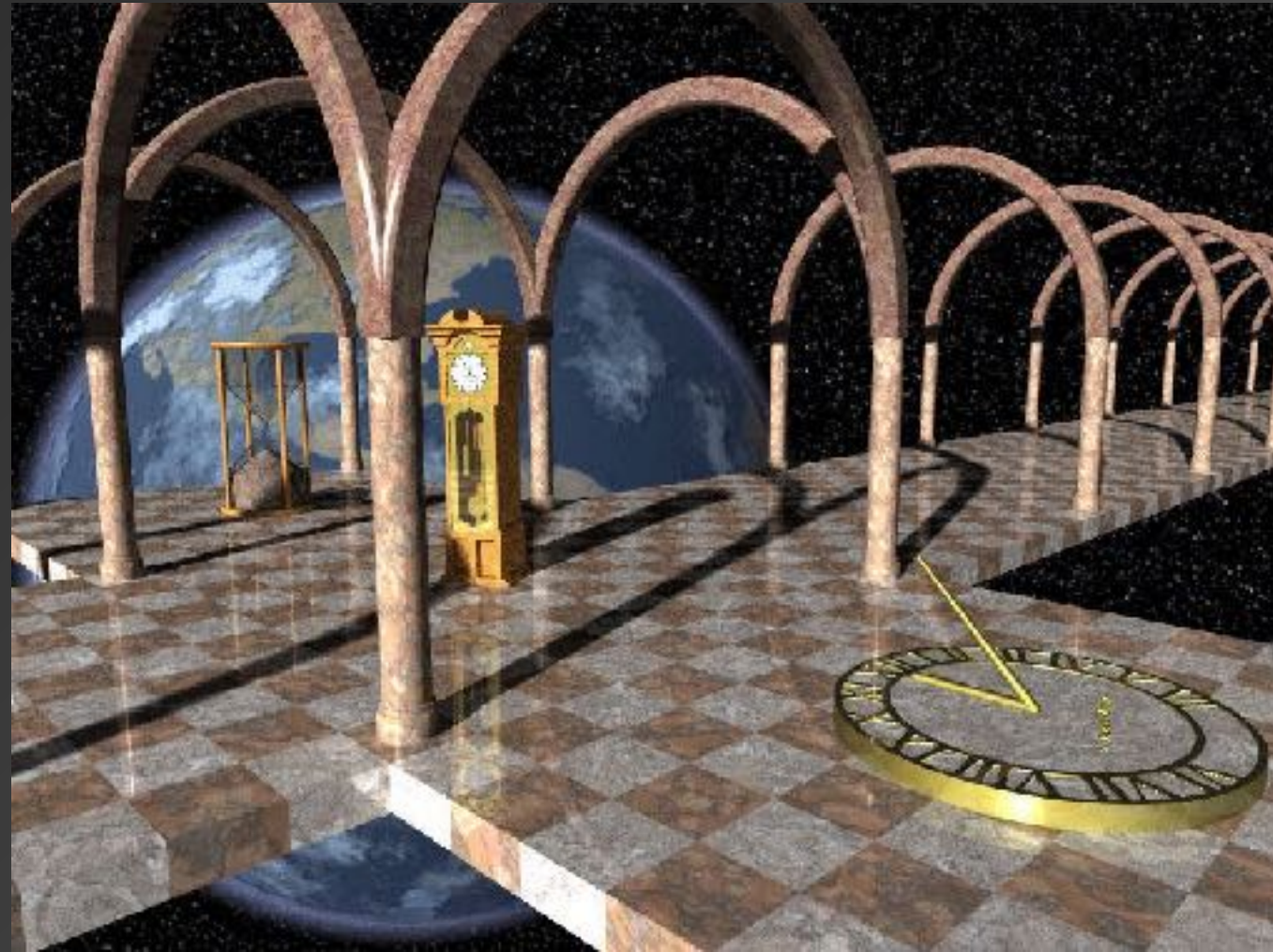
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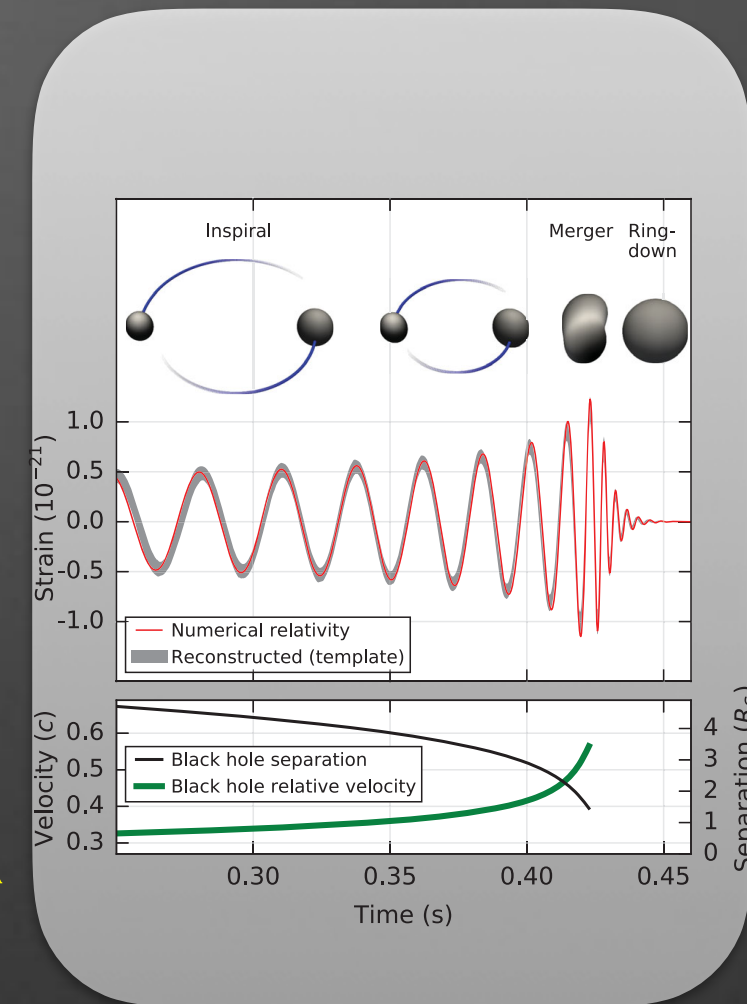
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This is the dawn of a new channel also for QG phenomenology!

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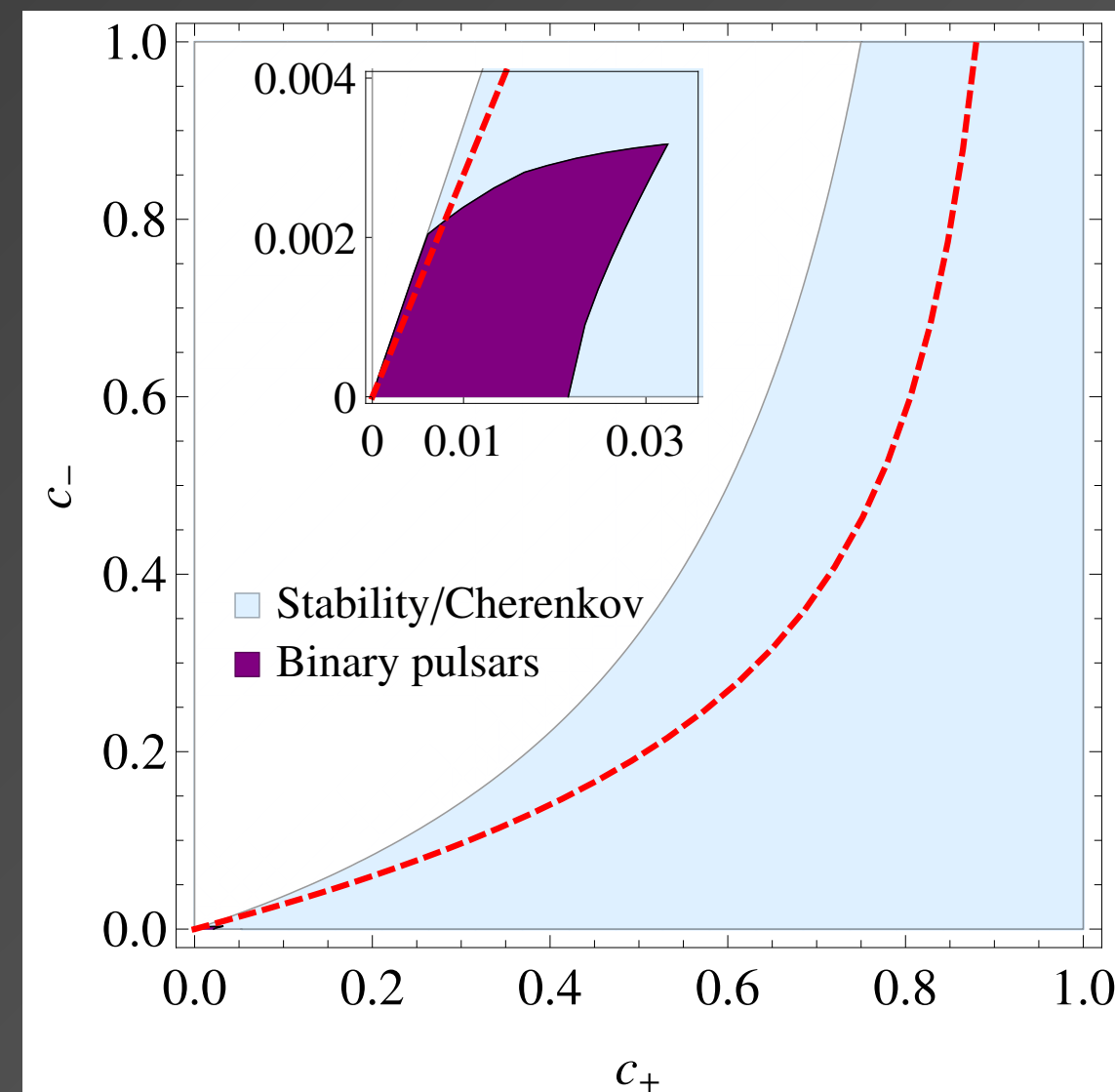
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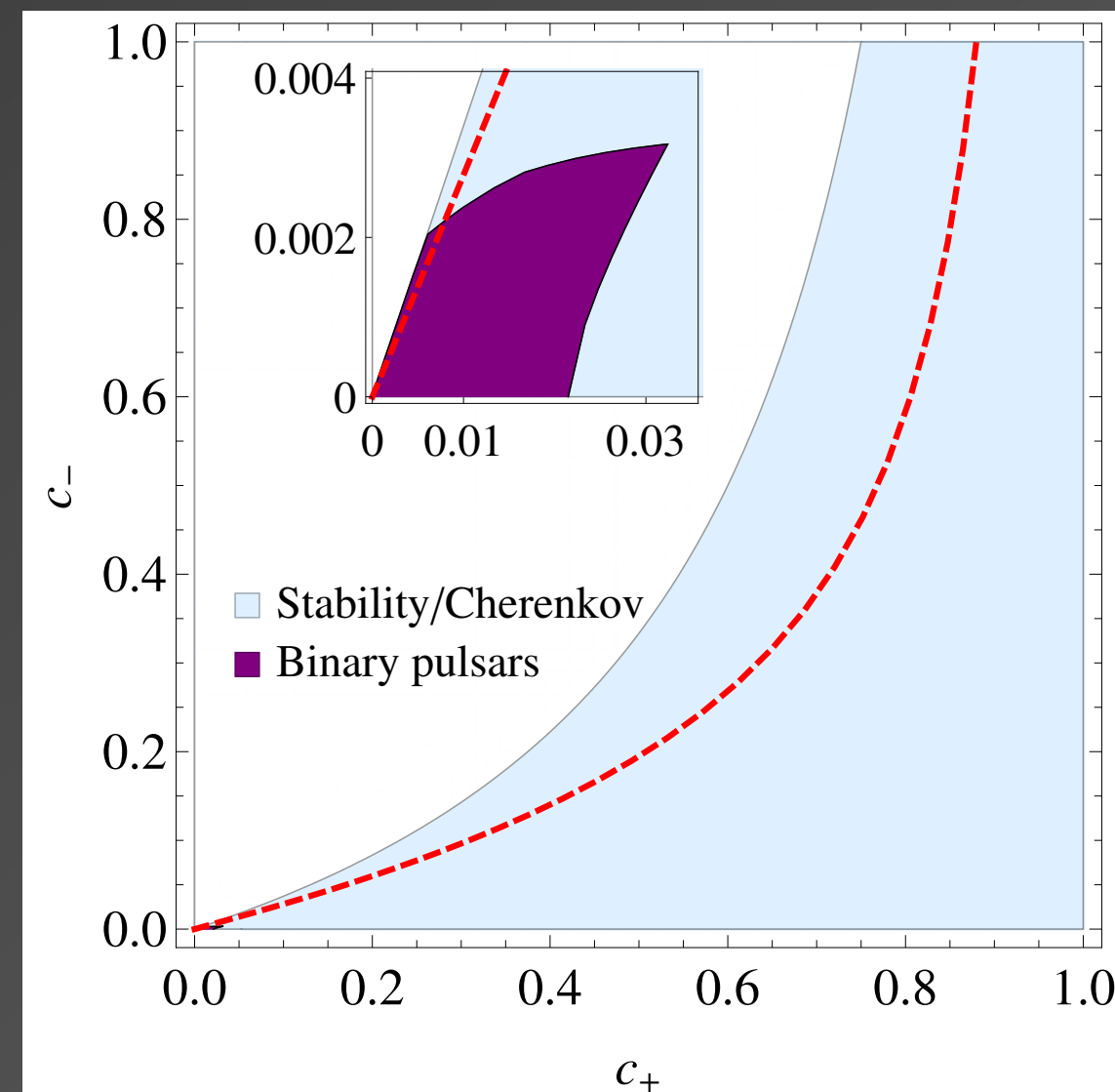
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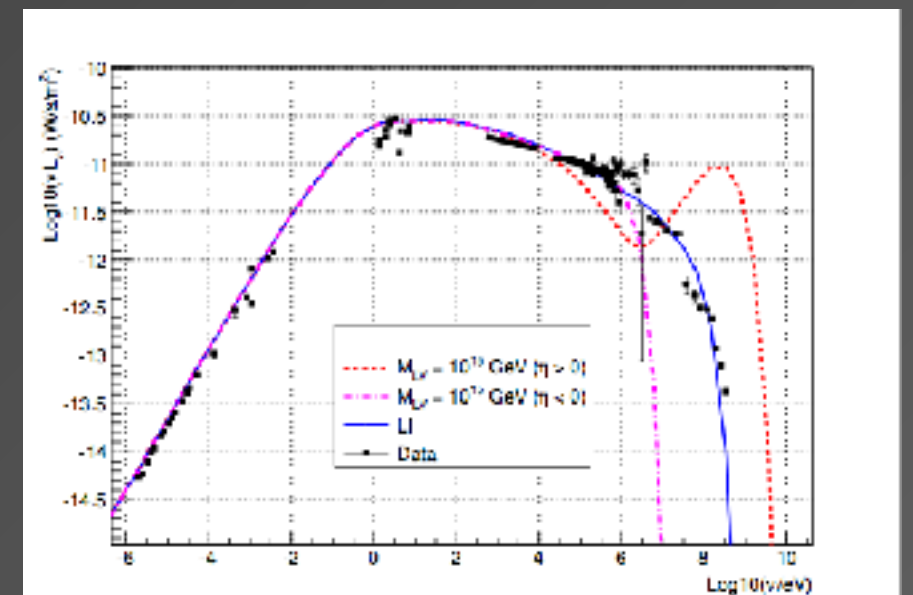
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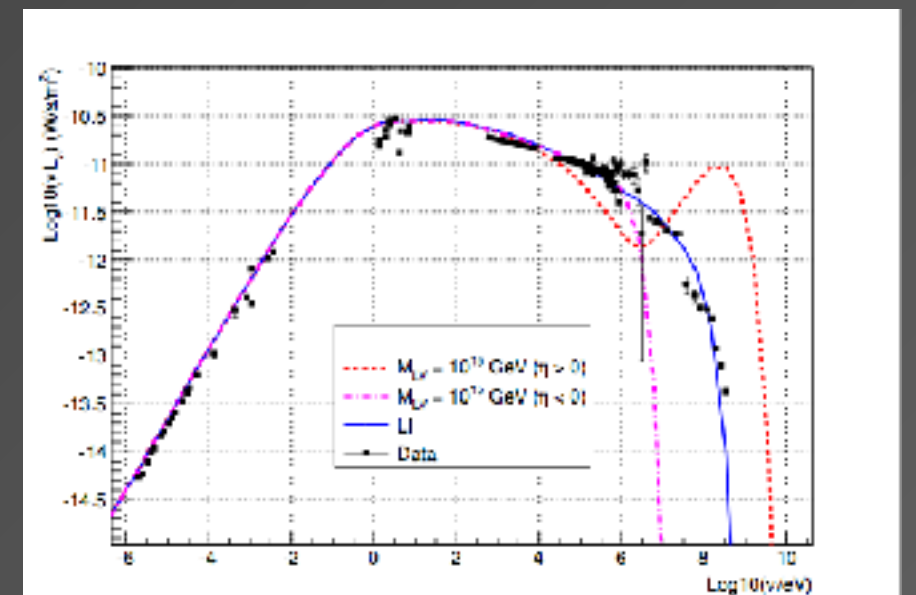
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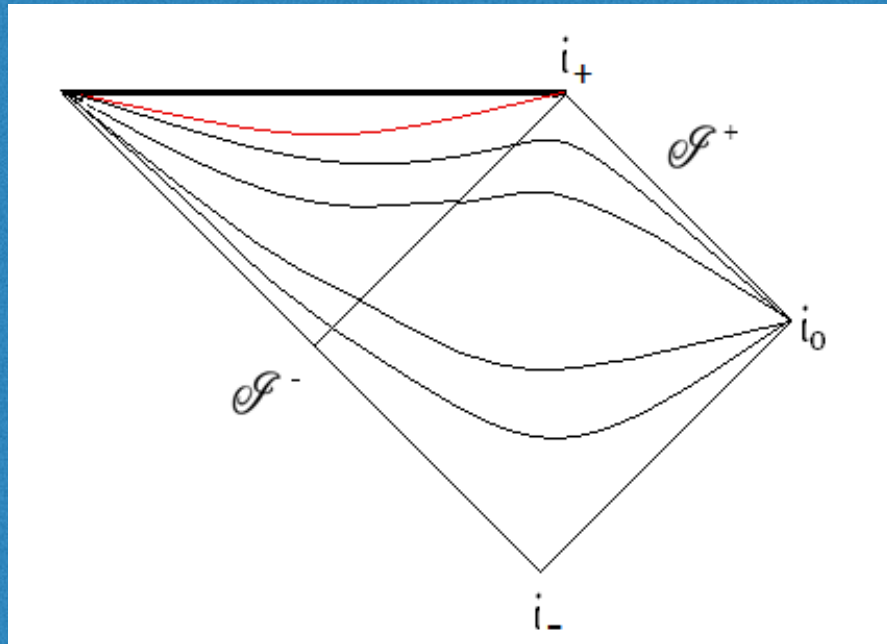
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Let's playing Jenga with BH thermodynamics.  
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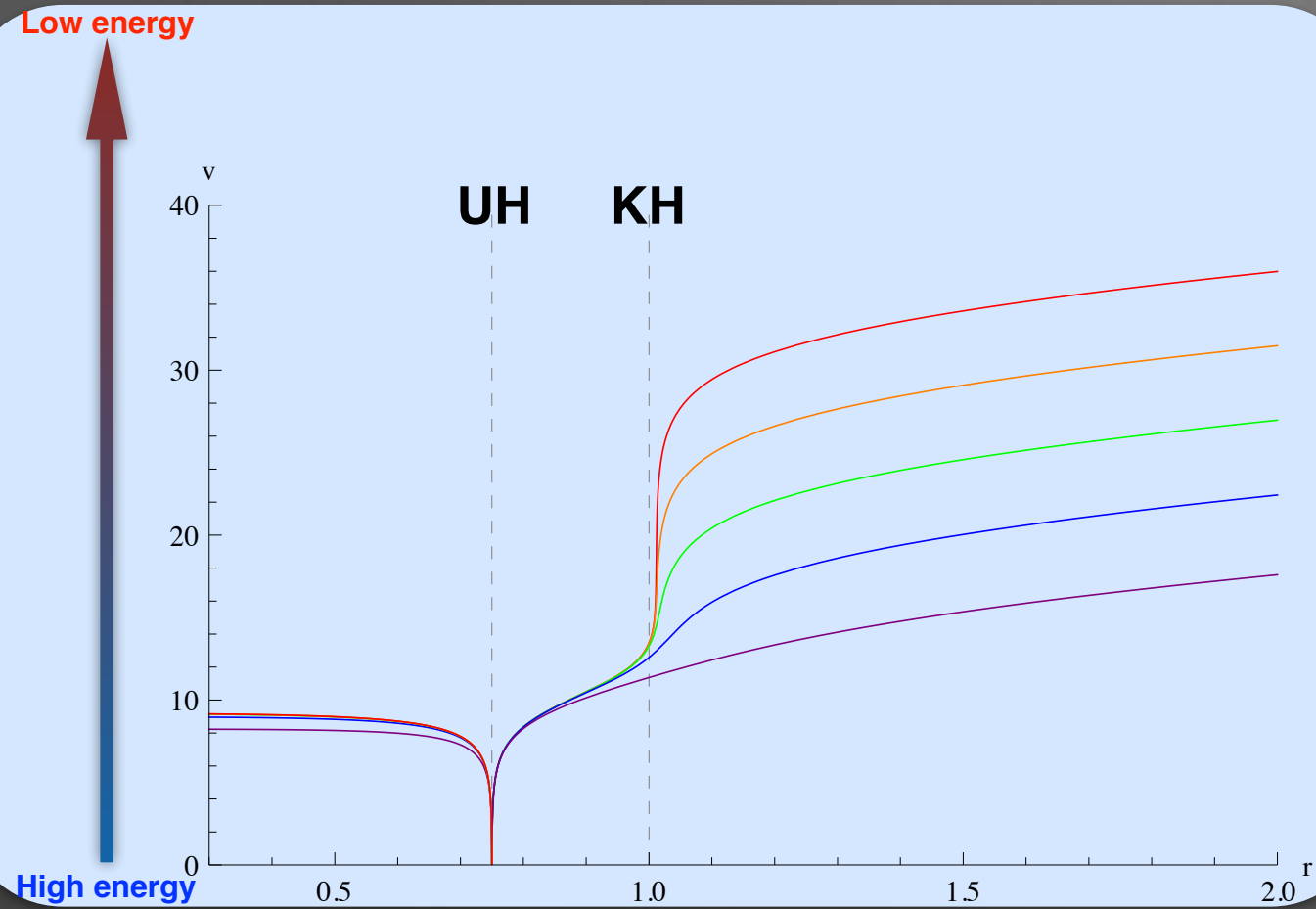
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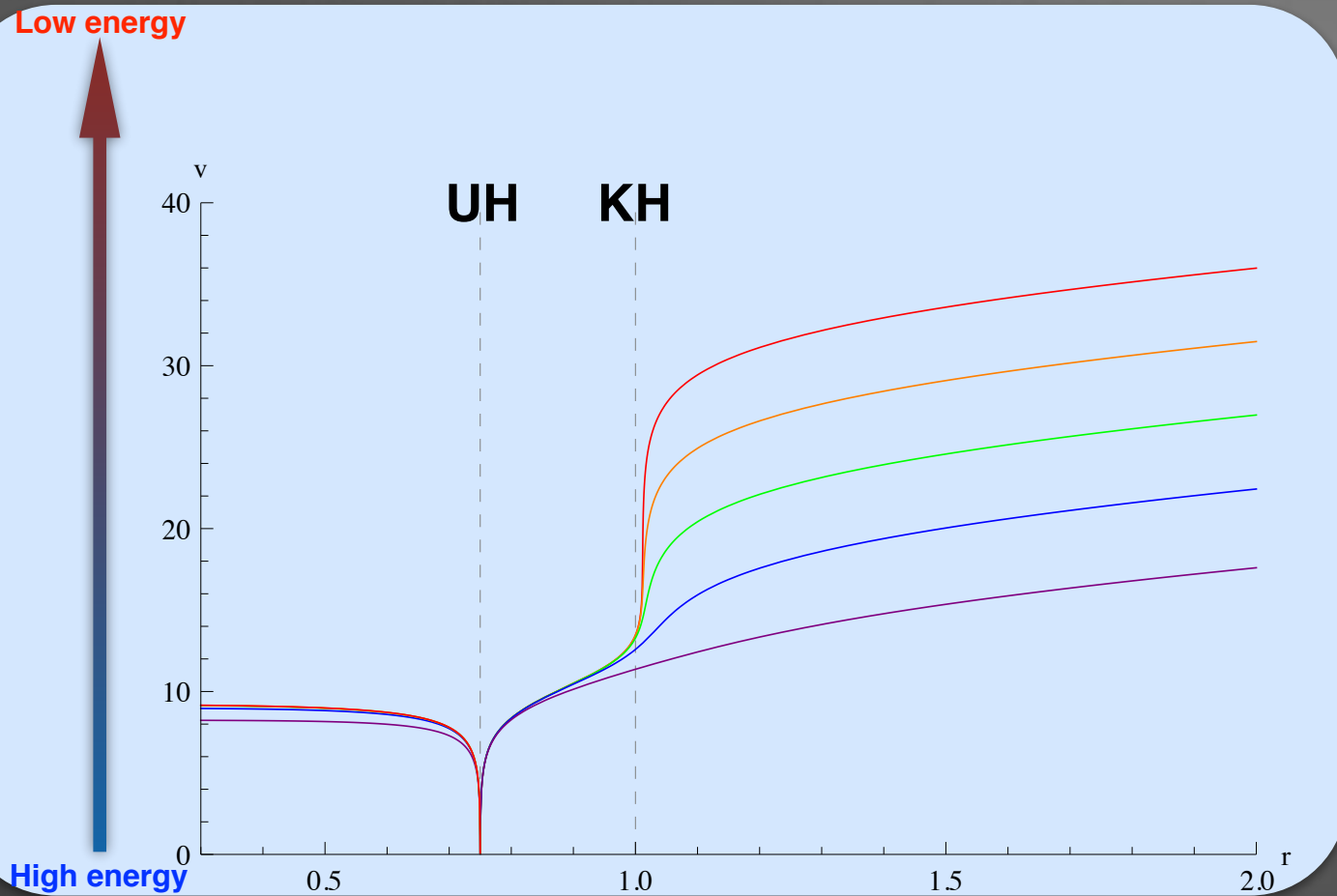
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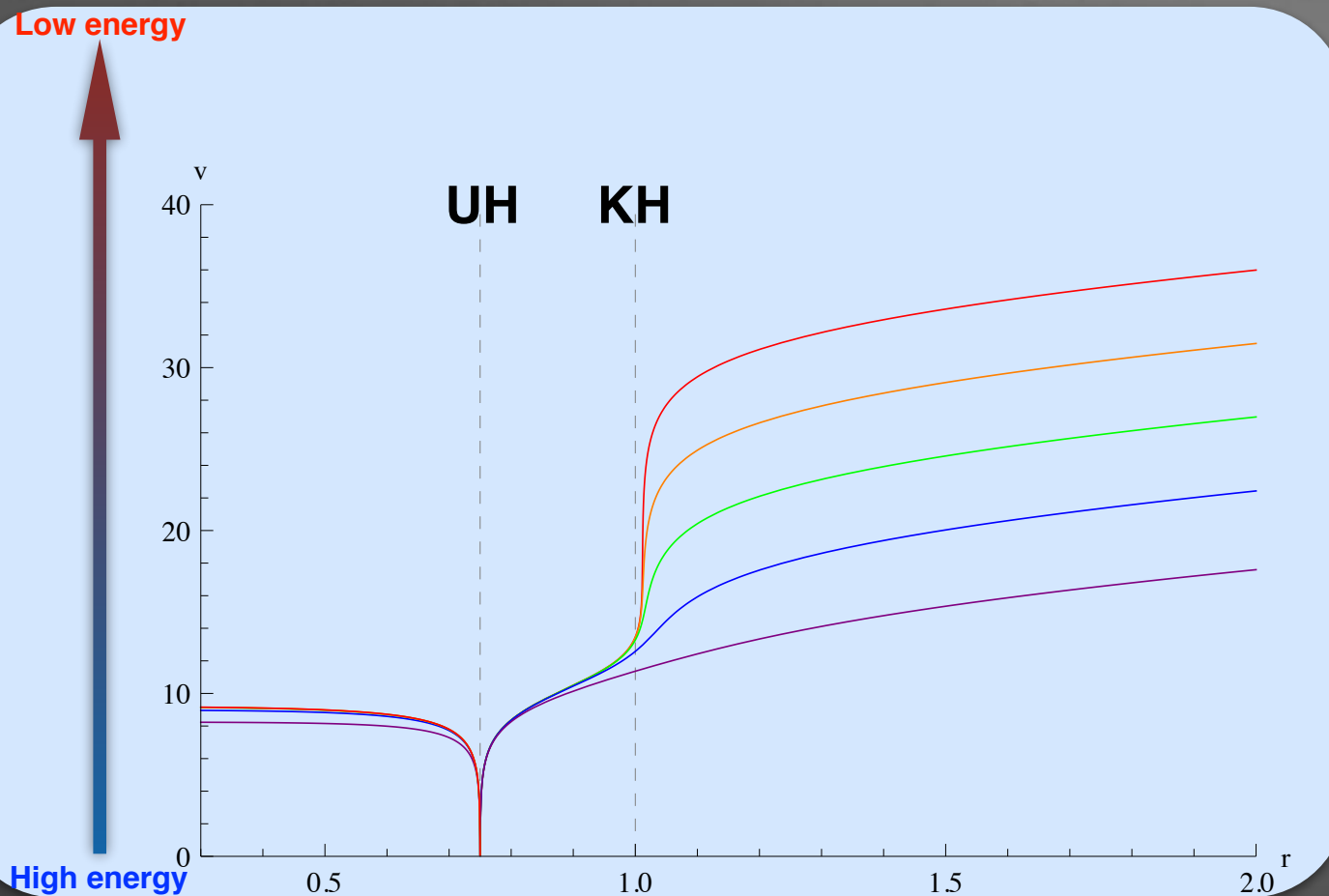
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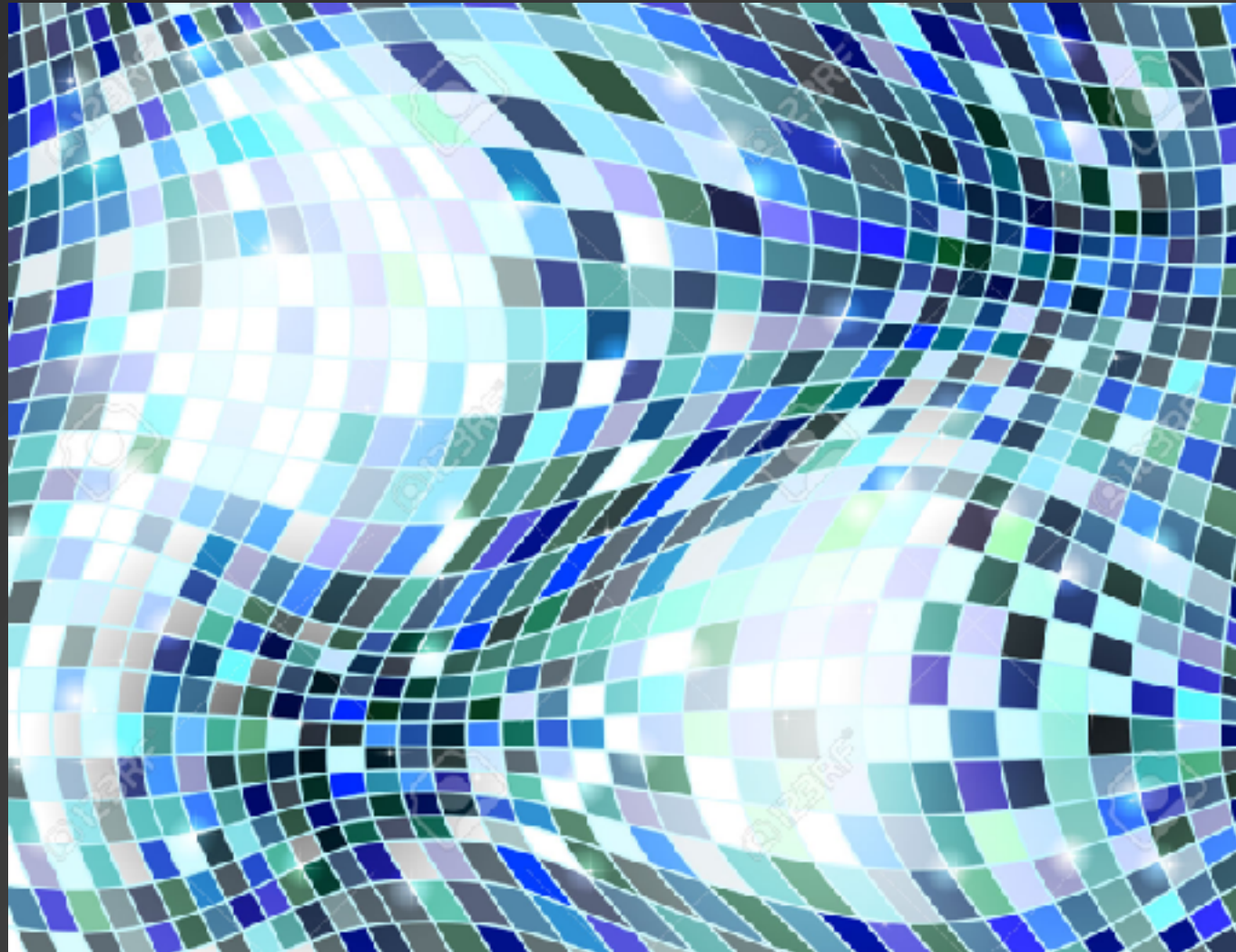
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(If you can't break it, can you deform it? )

# Deformed Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle Aka: Generalised Uncertainty Principle (GUP)

Garay, gr-qc/9403008,  
Hossenfelder  
1203.6191

$$[x, p] = i\hbar \left( 1 - \gamma_0 \frac{p}{M_P c} + \beta_0 \left( \frac{p}{M_P} \right)^2 \right)$$



Planck scale test requires constraint of O(1)

system/ experiment	$\beta_{0,max}$	$\gamma_{0,max}$
Position measurement	$10^{34}$	$10^{17}$
Hydrogen Lamb shift	$10^{36}$	$10^{10}$
Electron tunneling	$10^{33}$	$10^{11}$

Pikovski et. al. 1111.1979

Recently further improved via macroscopic  
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Mass (kg)	Frequency (Hz)	Max. ampl. (nm)	Max. $Q_0$	Max. $\Delta\omega/\omega_0$	$\beta = \beta_0 (\hbar m \omega_0 / m_p^2 c^2)$		indicator
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Bawaj et al. arXiv:1411.6410

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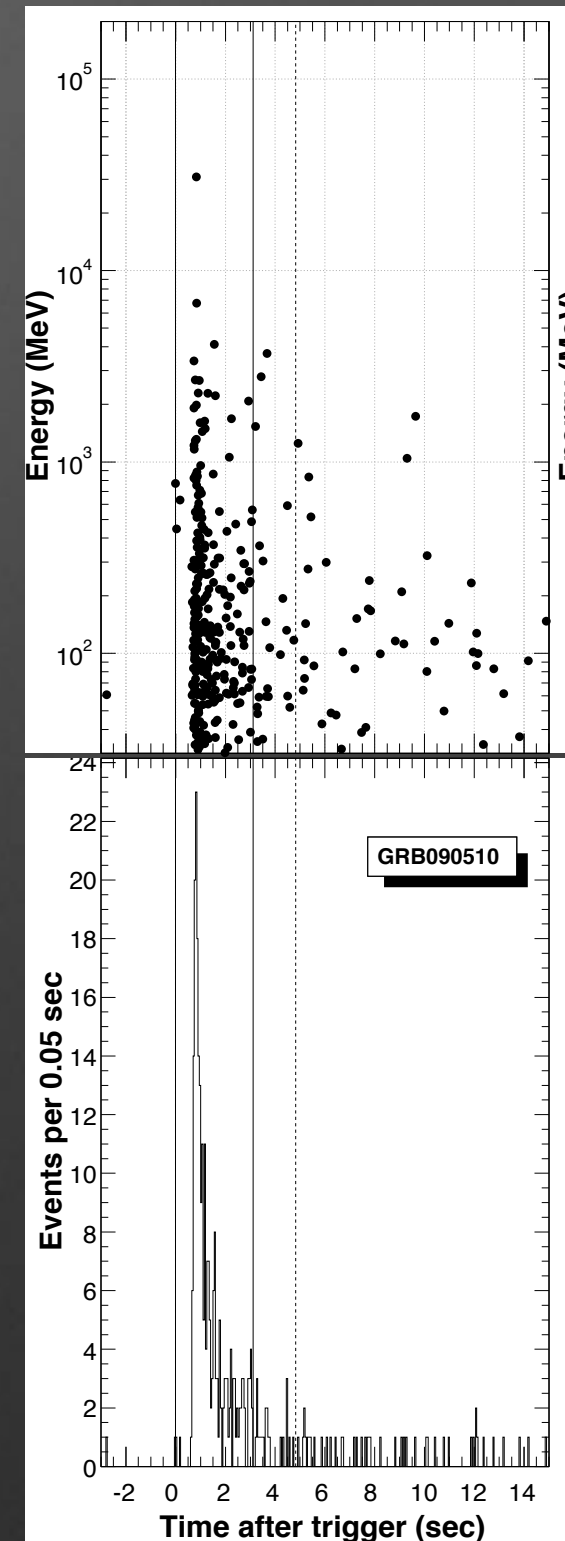
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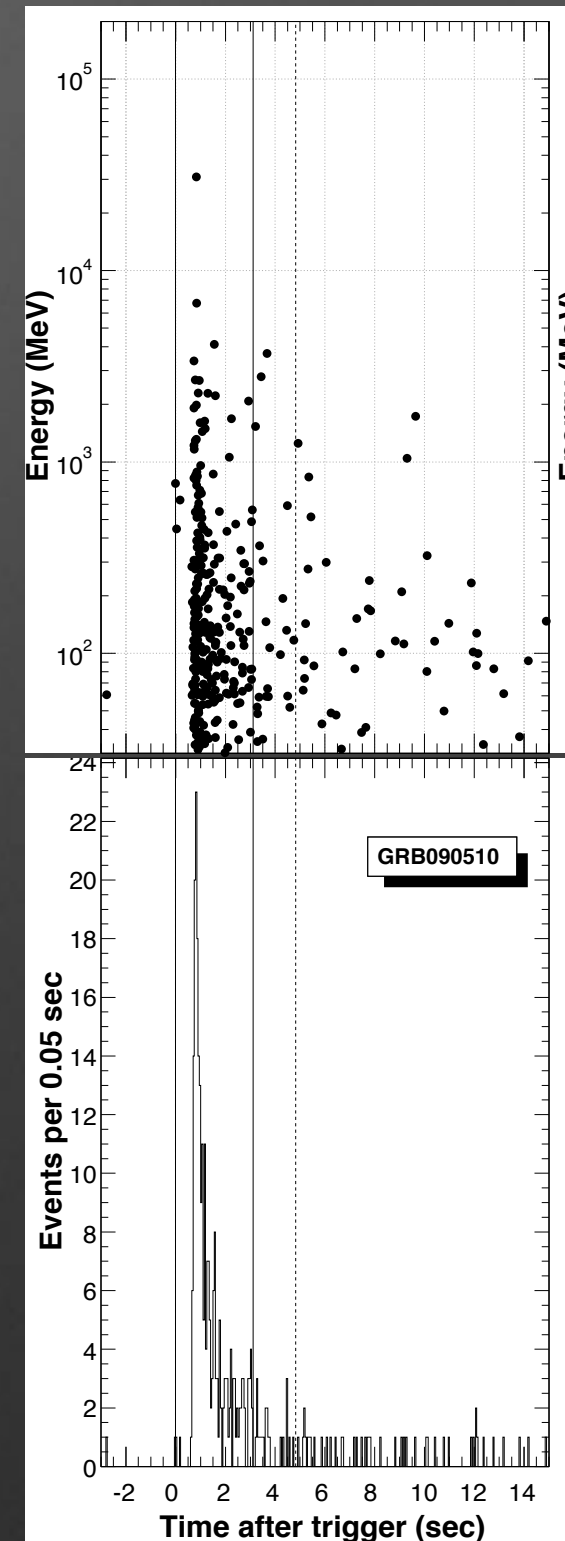
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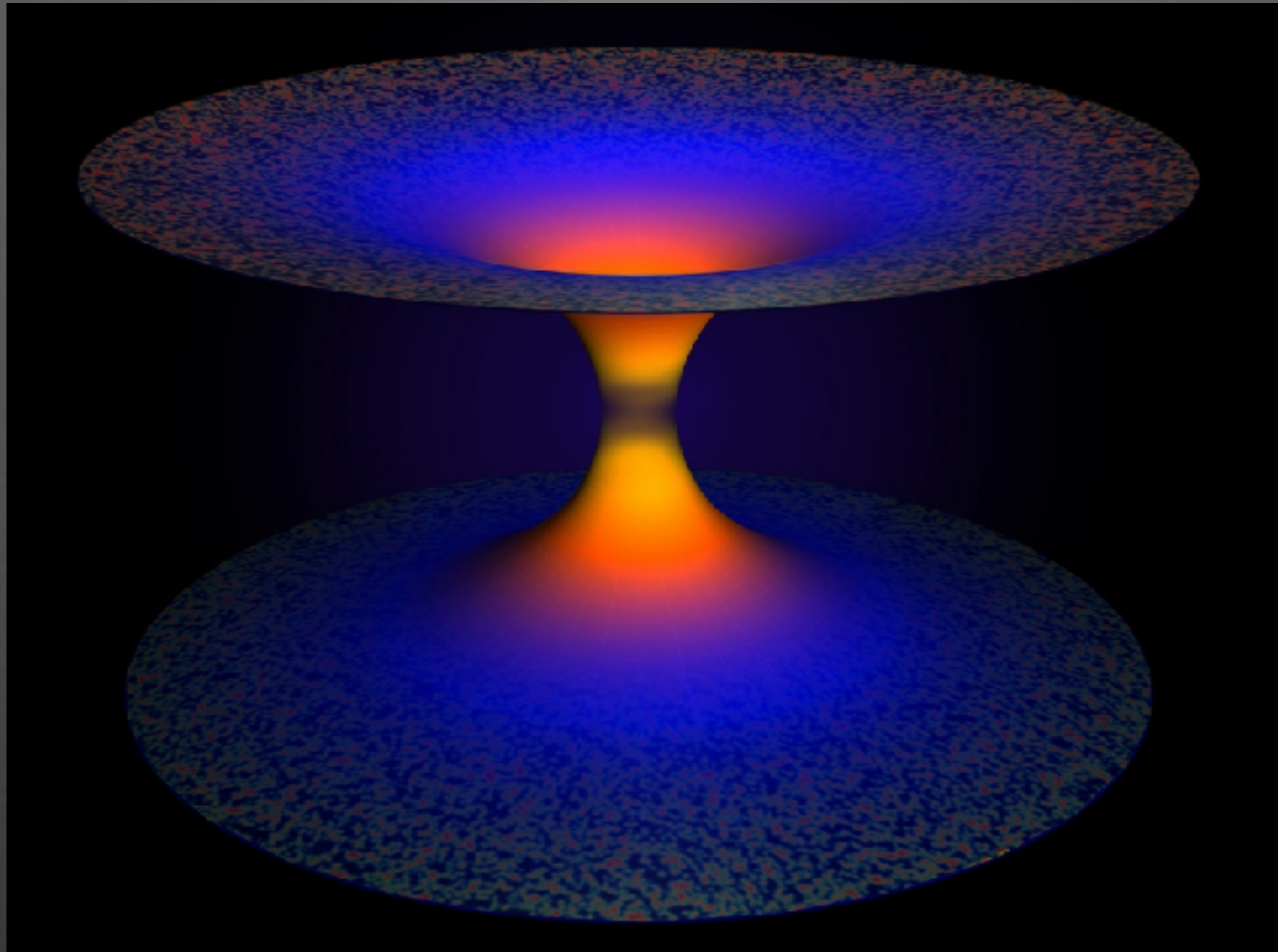
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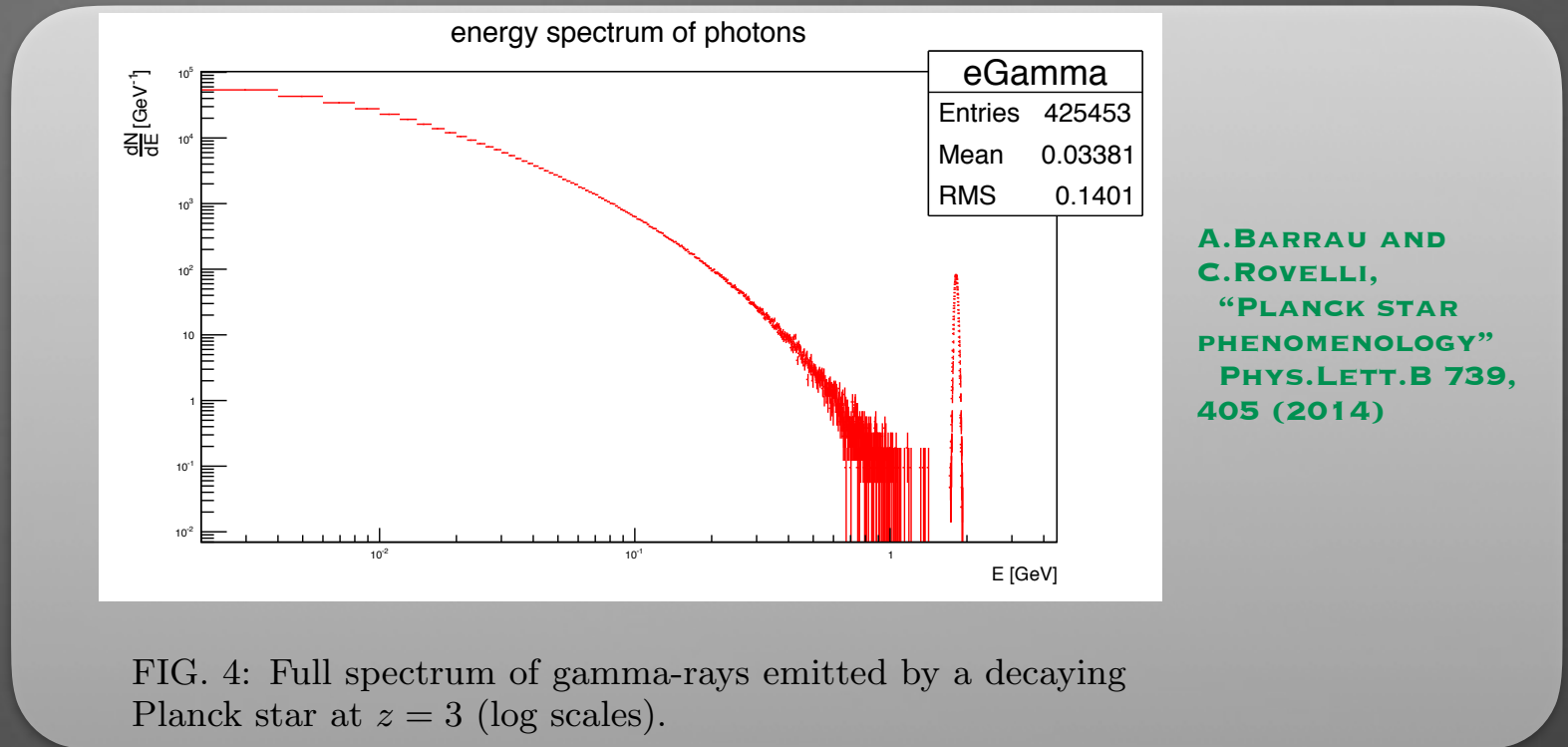
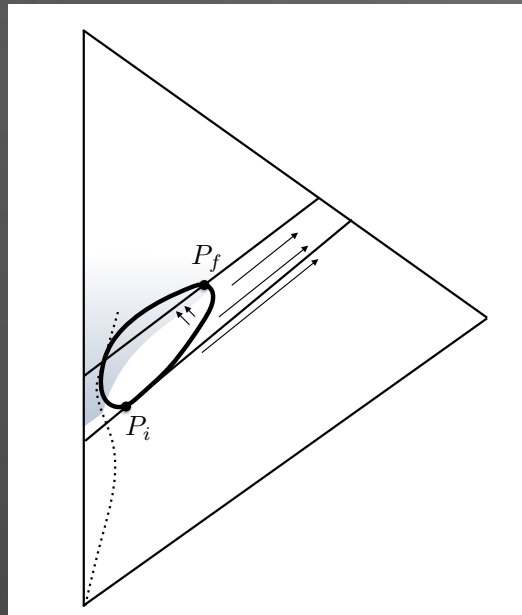


**QG modified effective dynamics?  
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# Testing modified dynamics? The regular BH case study

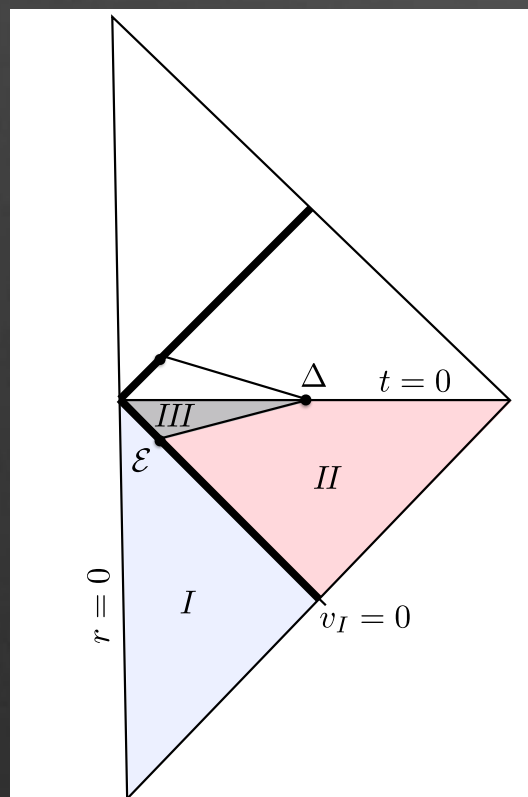
Many incarnations of the idea... let's pick the two most recent ones

Planck stars



A.BARRAU AND C.ROVELLI, "PLANCK STAR PHENOMENOLOGY" PHYS.LETT.B 739, 405 (2014)

BH-WH solutions



SEE ALSO M. CHRISTODOULOU, C. ROVELLI, S. SPEZIALE AND I. VILENSKY, "REALISTIC OBSERVABLE IN BACKGROUND-FREE QUANTUM GRAVITY: THE PLANCK-STAR TUNNELLING-TIME," ARXIV:1605.05268

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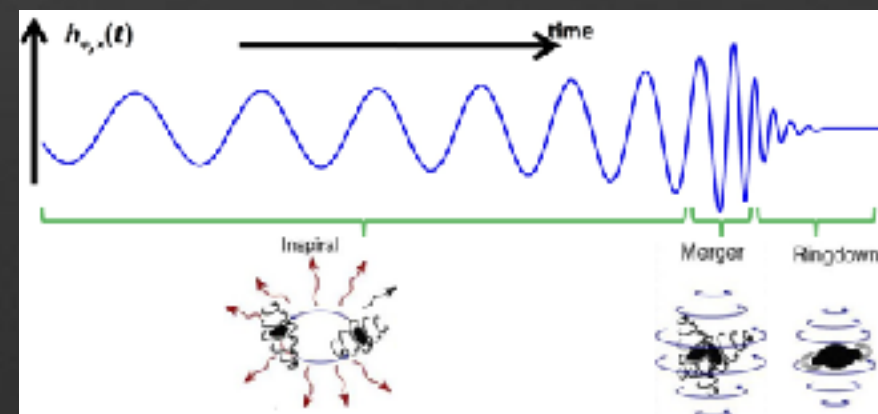
Radio Burst?

$$\lambda_{\text{predicted}} \gtrsim .02 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{observed}} \sim 20 \text{ cm.}$$

GW?

A generic prediction of regular black hole solutions like this seems to be the presence of a non-classical region beyond the trapping horizon. Can we test it by accurate measurement of BH mergers? (e.g. modified ringdown?)





# Black hole echoes from near horizon structure

Objects with near horizon structure sat at  $l \ll M$  are characterised by peaks in the effective potential felt by perturbations.

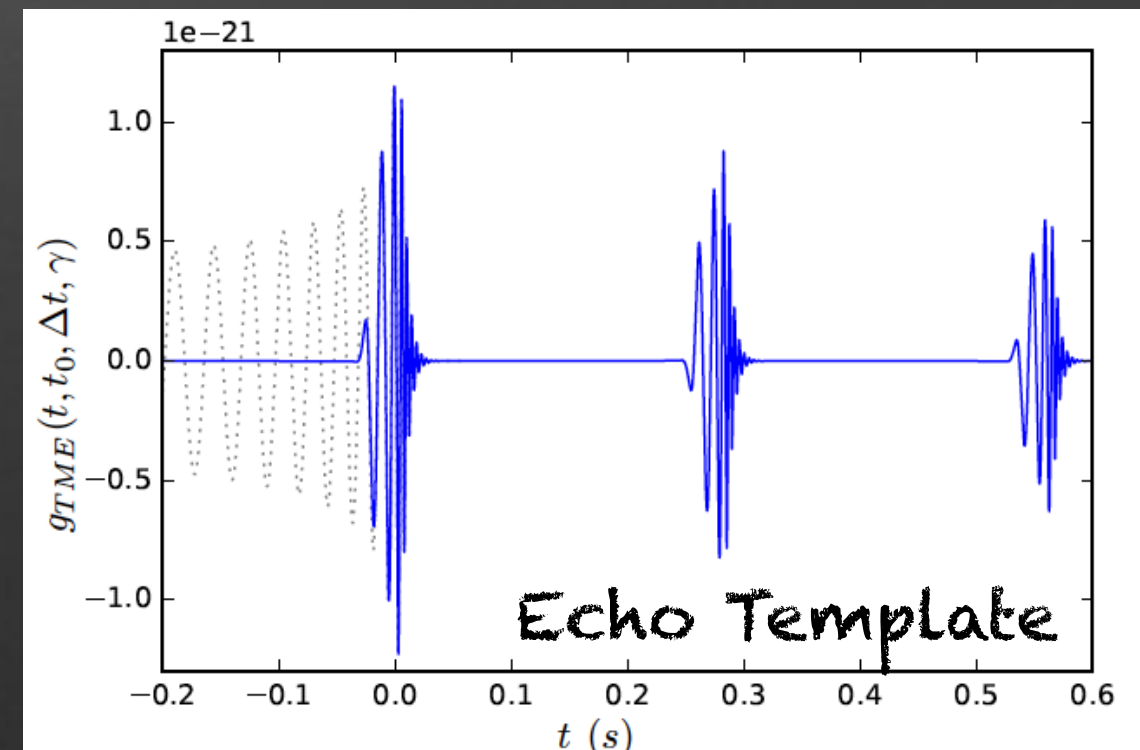
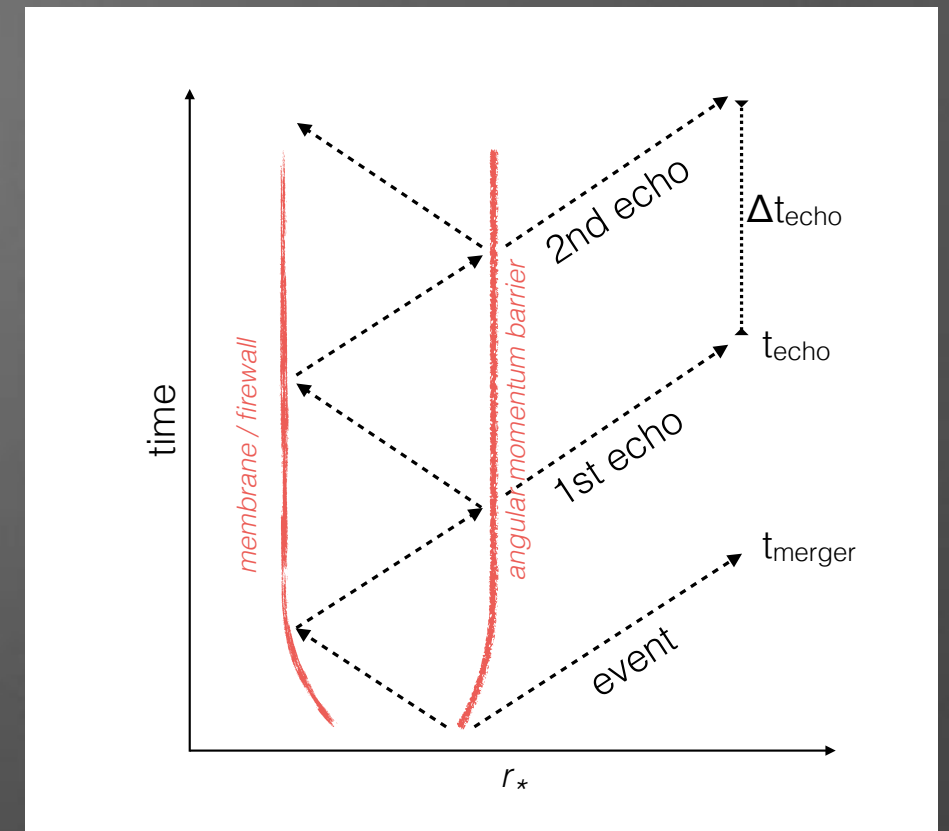
**Key point:** If we consider a microscopic correction at the horizon scale ( $l \ll M$ ), then the main contribution to the time delay comes near the radius of the star and scales with the Log of  $(M/l)$ . So for  $l \sim M_P$  and LIGO observed BH

$$\Delta t \simeq 8M_{BH} \log \left( \frac{M_{BH}}{M_P} \right) \simeq 0.25 \text{ sec}$$

Cardoso et al. PRD94, 2016  
Afshordi et al 2016, 2017

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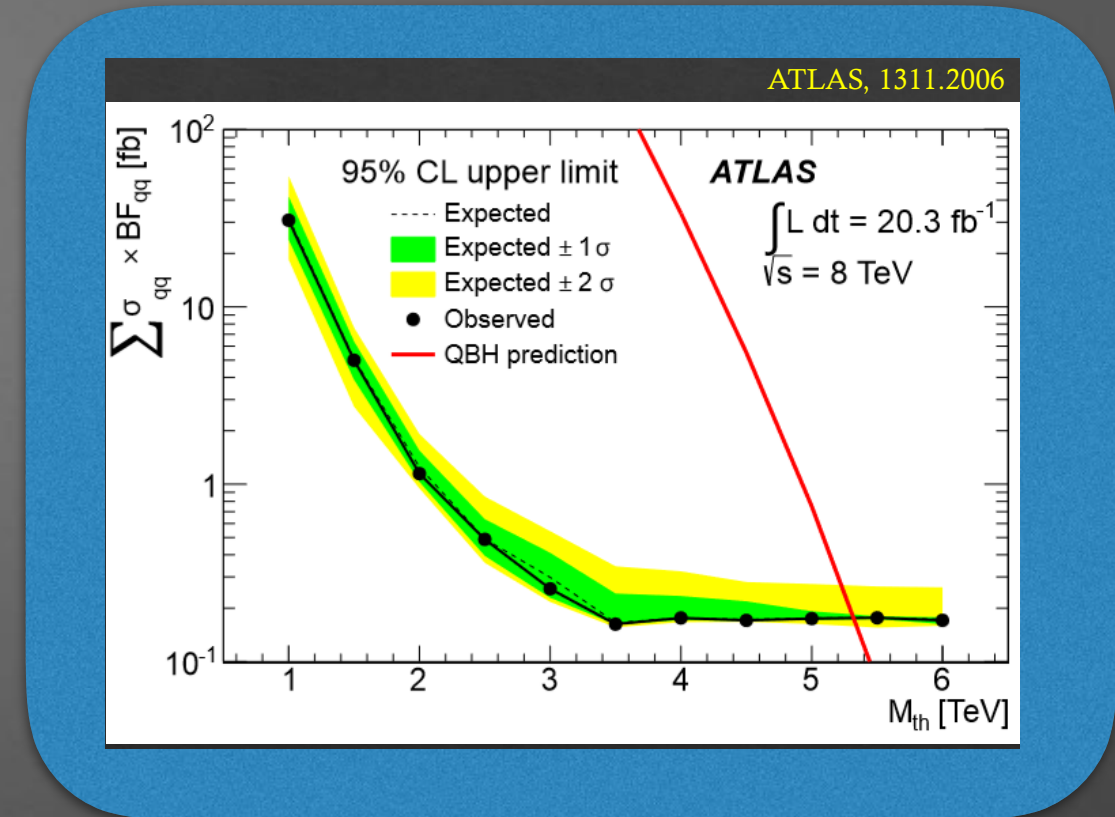
This implies that generically one should expect Late echoes after merging from near horizon Planck scale structure e.g. firewall, fuzzball. Afshordi 2016 claims detection in LIGO events at  $2.9\sigma$  but more statistics needed...



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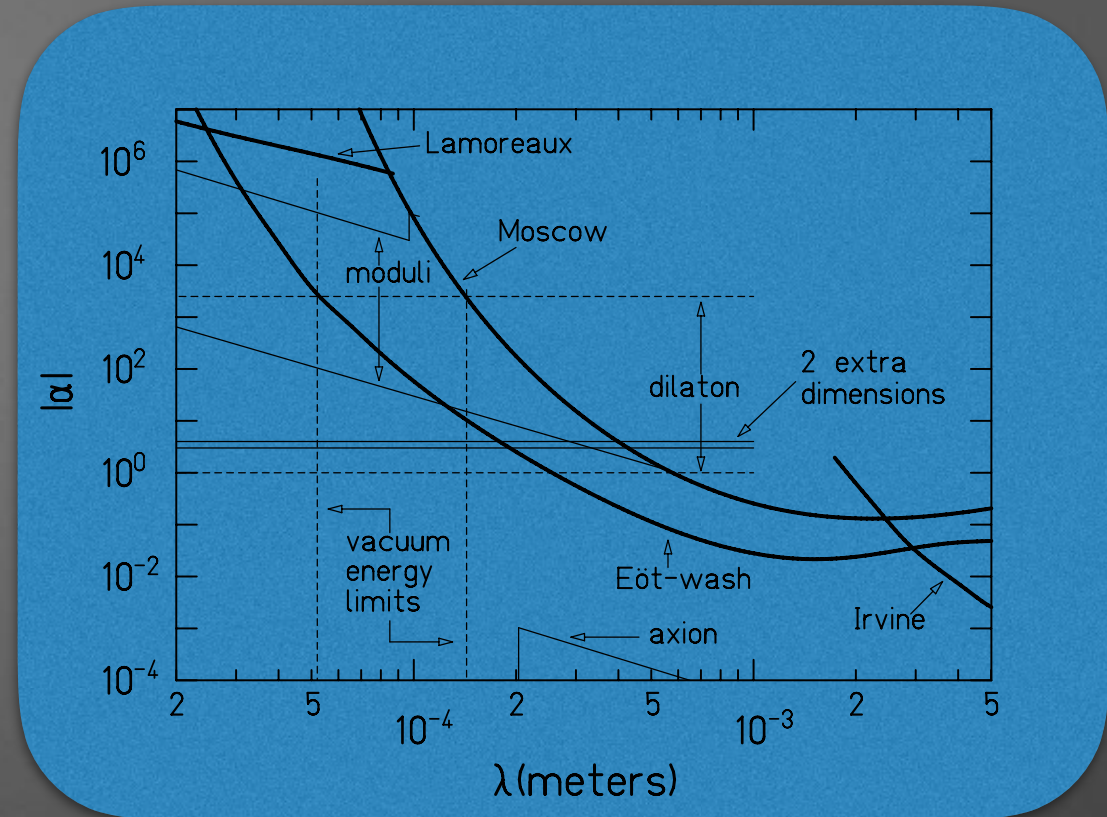
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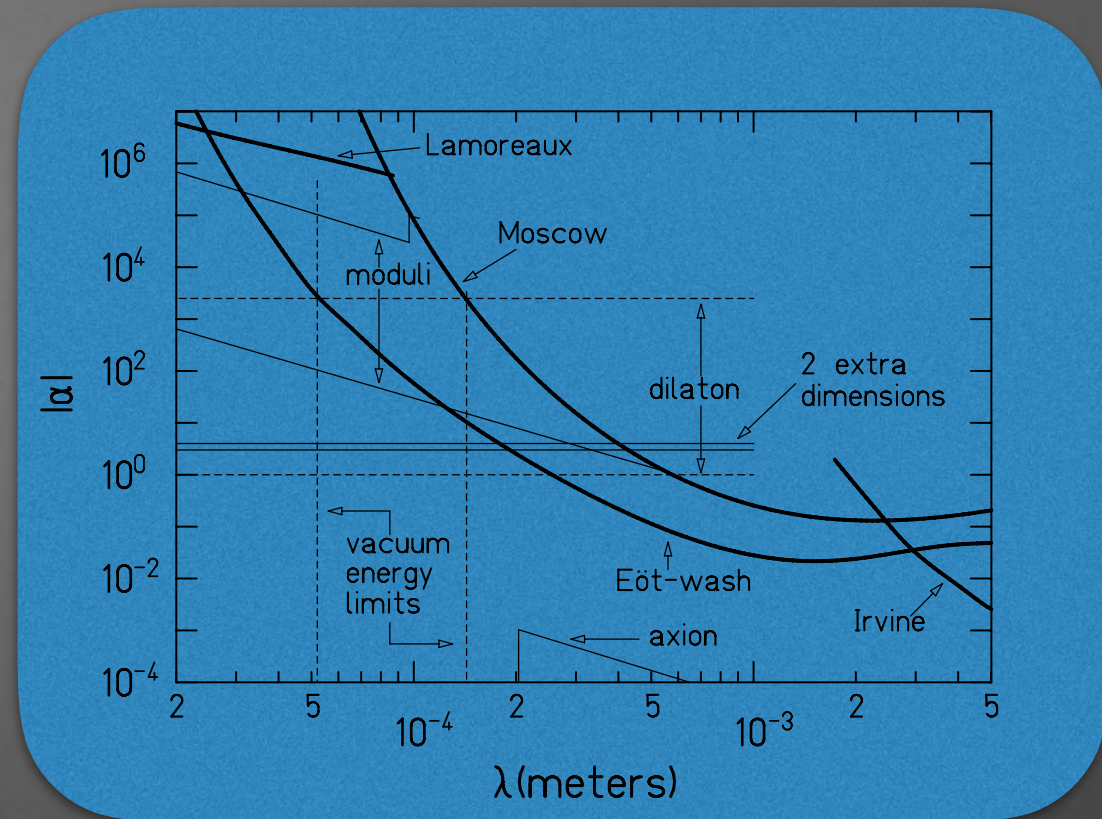


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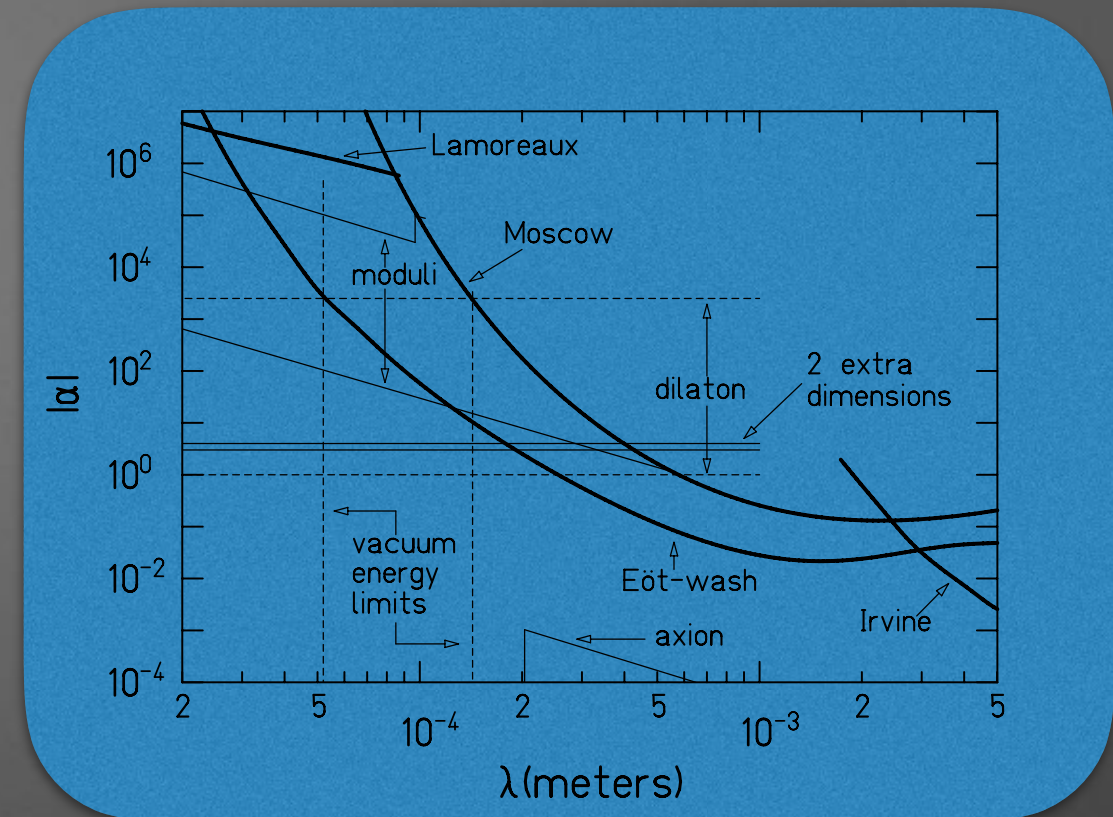
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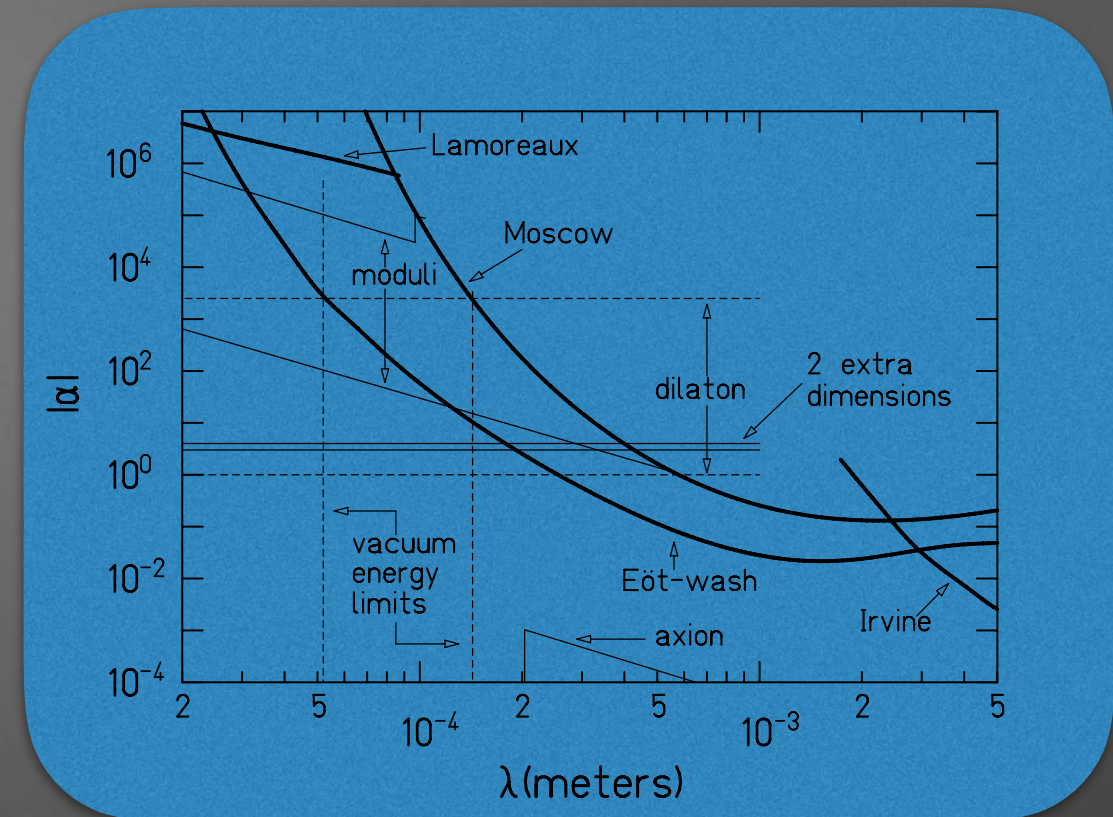
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However, it looks like we need to get back to the very early universe to test this.  
We need a better strategy...





**Fifty shades of non-locality?**

# Non-locality as an alternative to symmetry breaking?

What about other mesoscopic physics without Lorentz violation?

- We do have concrete QG models of emergent gravity like Causal Sets or String Field Theory or Loop Quantum Gravity which generically seem to predict exact Lorentz invariance below the Planck scale in spite of (fundamental or quantum) discreteness at the price to introduce non-local EFT.

**Conjecture: Discreteness + Lorentz Invariance = Non-Locality**

## SEVERAL FORMS OF NON-LOCALITY

- Non-local kinetic terms
- Non-local interactions
- DSR-like non-locality
- Disordered locality in LQG
- ...

These theories involve a very subtle phenomenology very hard to constraint, still they do show novelties. Differently from UV Lorentz breaking physics it will be here a matter of PRECISION instead of HIGH ENERGIES...

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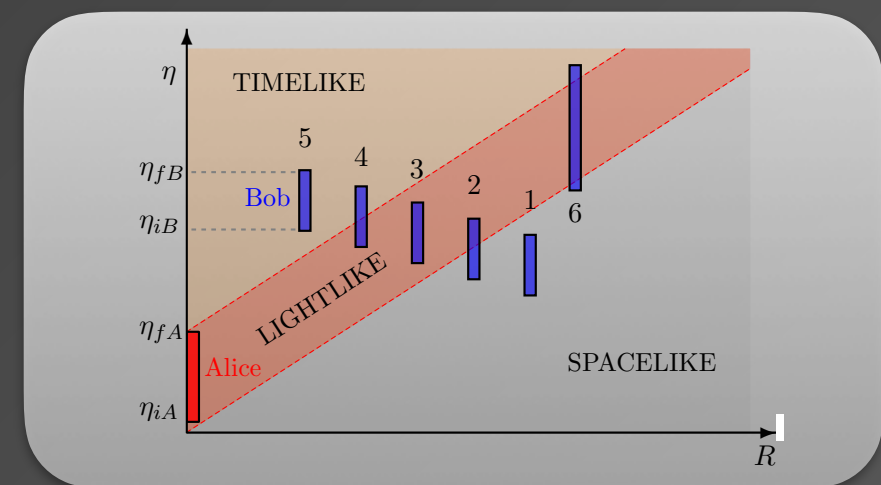
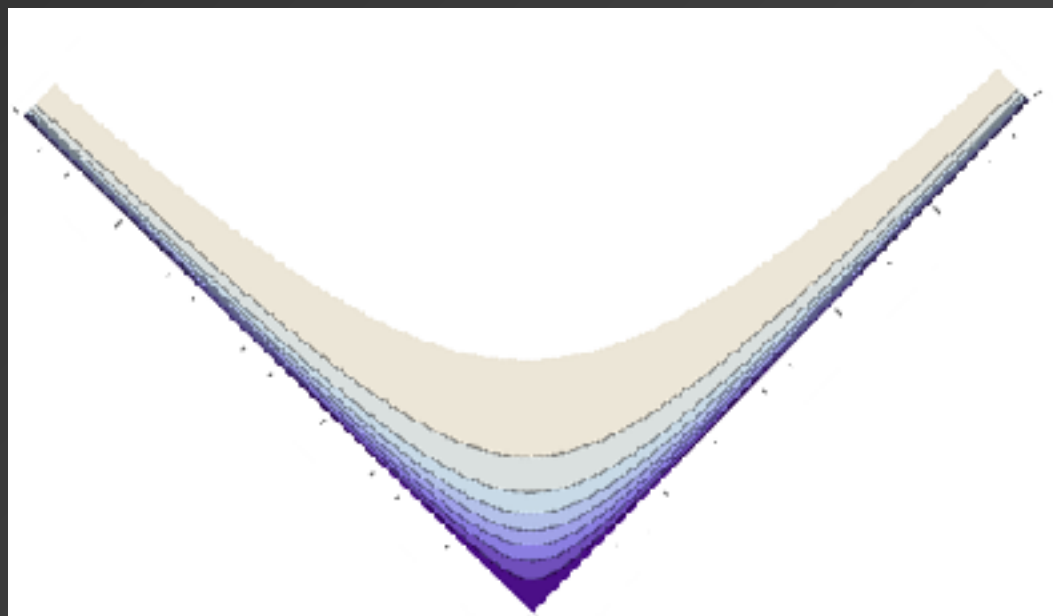
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Possibly very relevant for relativistic quantum information tests as detectors can influence each other at timelike separations

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PHENOMENOLOGY

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# Testing non-local EFT with optomechanical oscillators

E.g. let's consider its non-relativistic limit of a non-local KG with analytic  $f(\square)$ .

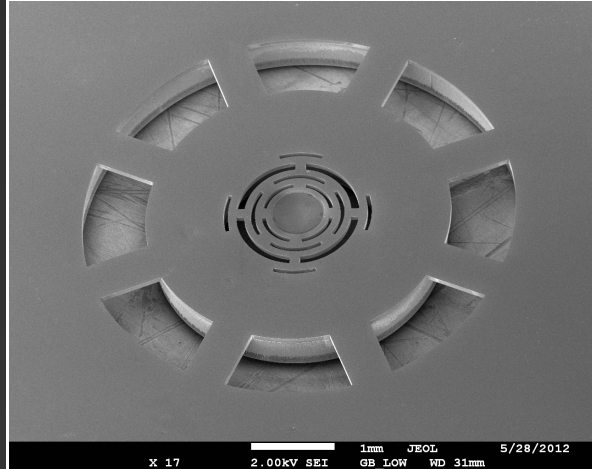
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \underbrace{\left( -\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^n \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2(n-1)}}}_{a_n} \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{S}^{n+1} \equiv \mathcal{S}_{NL}. \quad \text{So we get} \quad (\mathcal{S}_{NL} - V) \phi(t, x) = 0.$$

WHERE CAN WE TEST THIS?

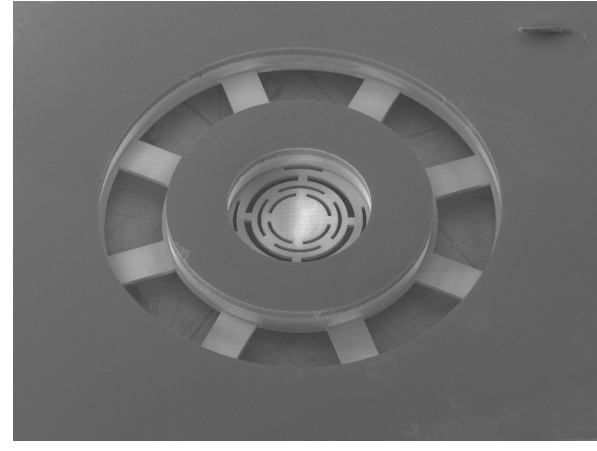
## HUMOR

Heisenberg Uncertainty Measured with Opto-mechanical Resonators

1 - Front view of DWO (SEM image) with the central coating



2 - Back view DWO (SEM image) with the insulation wheel



Designed to determine evolution of  $\langle x \rangle$ ,  $\langle p \rangle$  and variances.

In order to solve this, one needs to adopt a perturbative expansion around a “local” Sch. solution

$$\phi = \phi_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \epsilon^n \psi_n$$

With  $\epsilon$  the small dimensionless parameter for this problem.

$$\epsilon = \frac{m\omega}{\hbar\Lambda^2}$$

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And at the lowest order we can solve

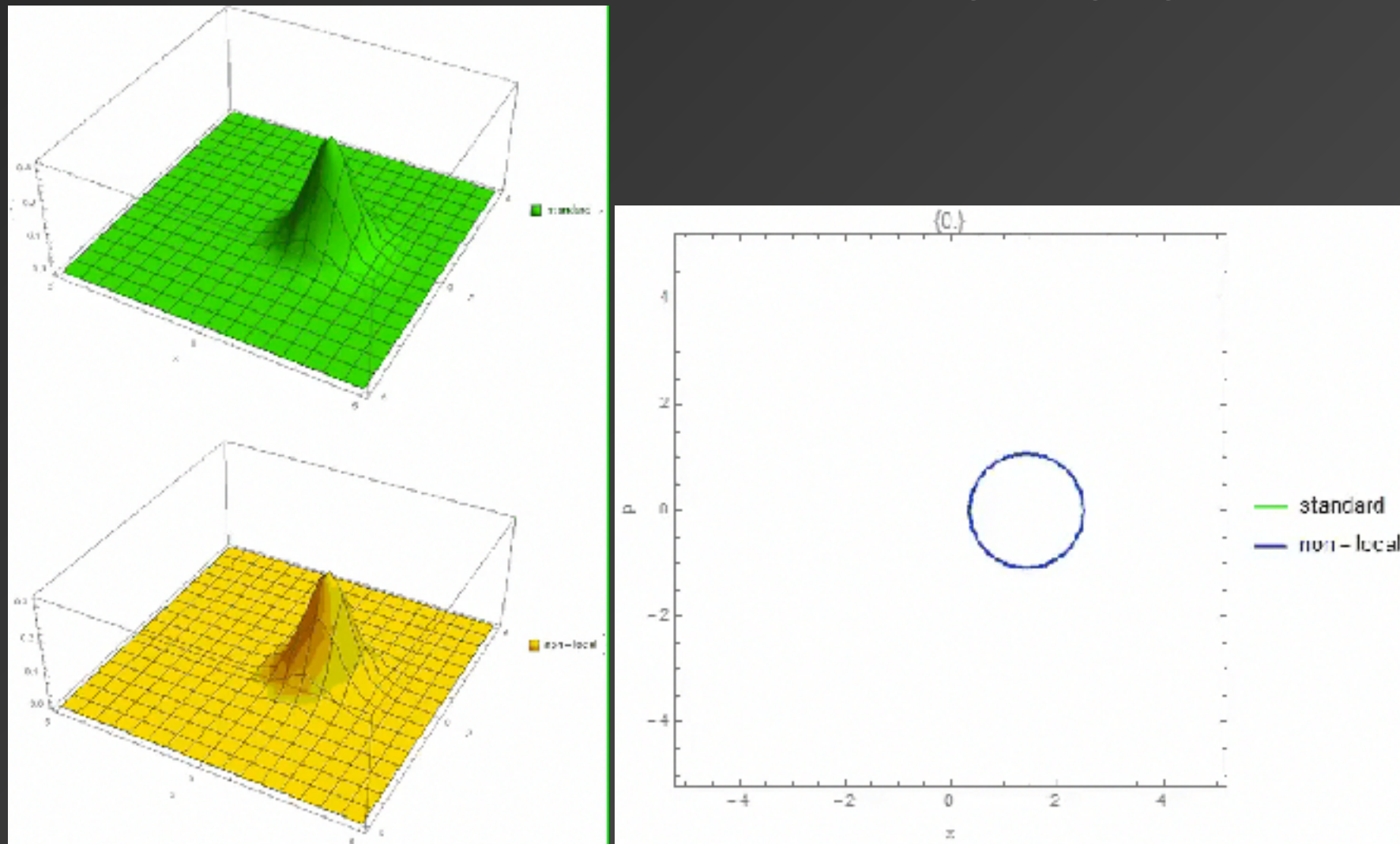
$$\left( i\hbar\partial_t + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\partial_{xx}^2 \right) \psi + \epsilon a_2 \left( \frac{-2}{\hbar\omega} \right) \mathcal{S}^2 \psi = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2 \psi.$$

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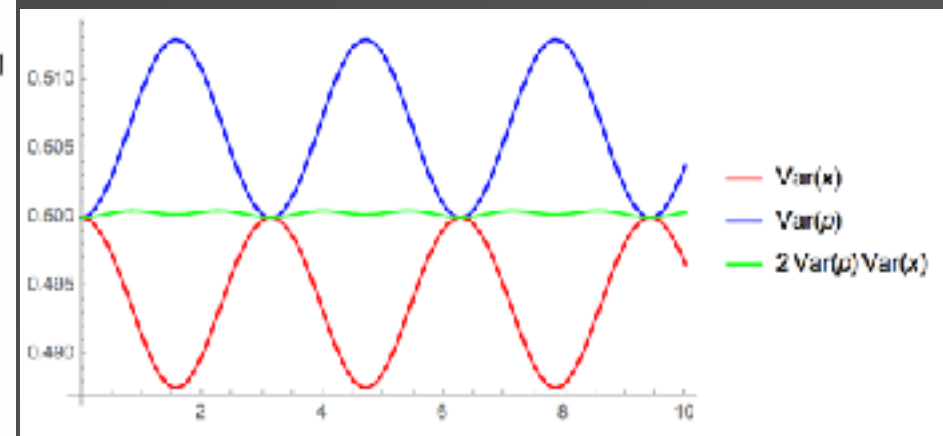
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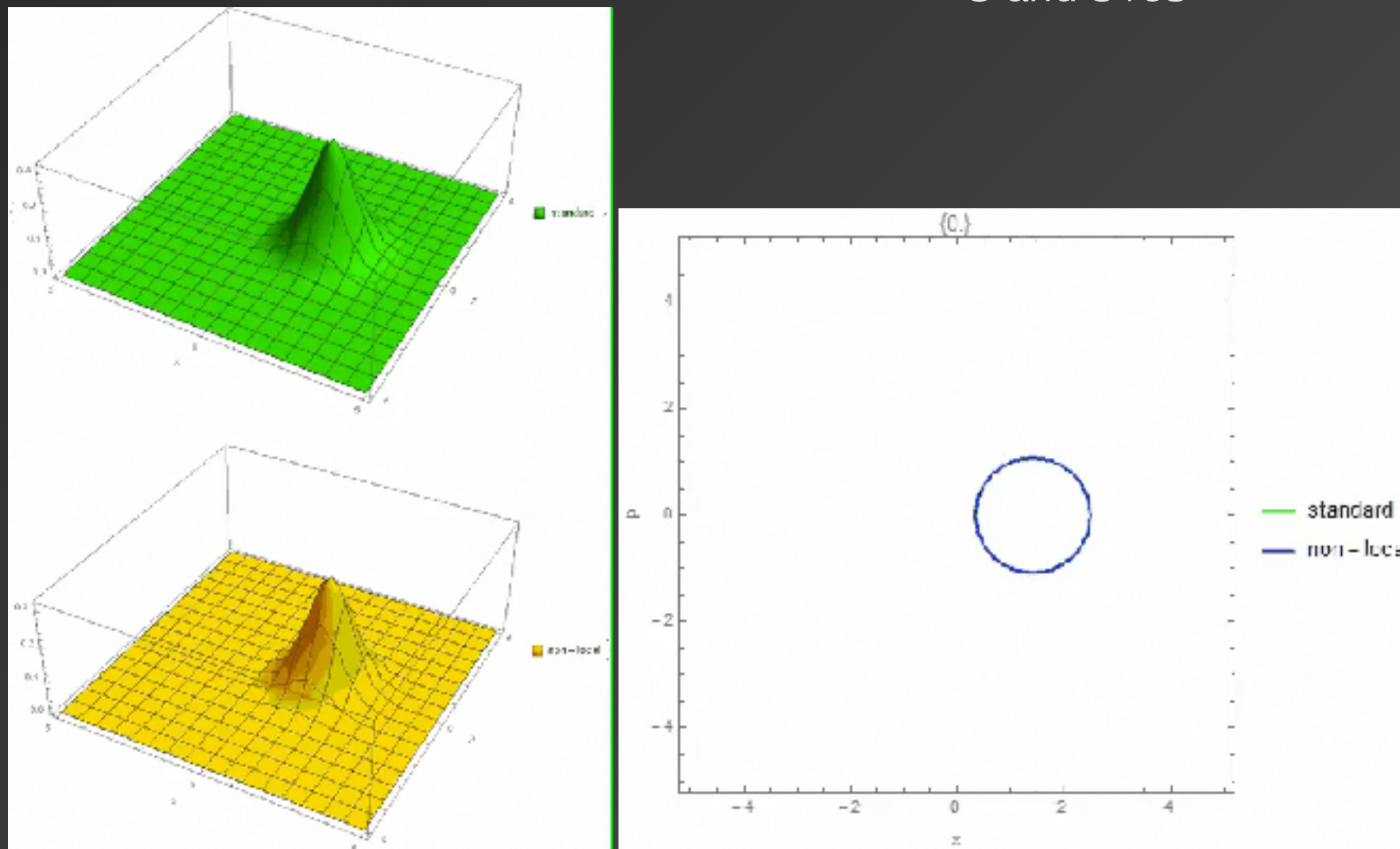


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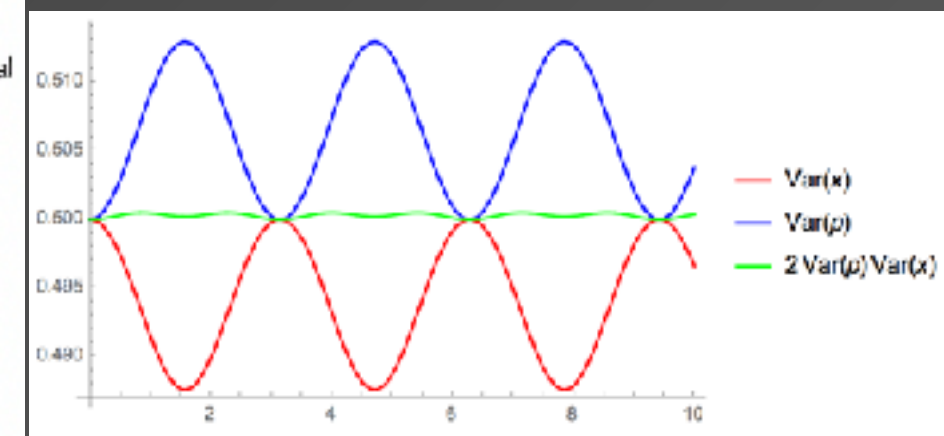
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