Quantum gravity constraints from electromagnetic domain

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Outline

- QST probes: Gamma Ray Bursts
 - 📕 Fermi (GeV)
 - HERMES (Hard X-rays)
- QST probes: Quasars
 - HST
 - Ground based Adaptive Optic
 - SAIA



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Letter

Tests of quantum gravity from observations of γ -ray bursts

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2016: ASI funds for detector R&D 2018: MIUR funds for pathfinder (Progetti premiali 2015)



2017 progetti premiali 2016 proposal 2018 H2020 Space proposal













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Limited cost and quick development

- COTS + in-house components
- Trend in cost reduction of manufacturing and launching QS

Programmatics

Progetto Premiale 2015

- KO May 2018
- PDR T0+9
- CDR+QR T0+15 QM—> PFM1
- AR T0+24 —> PFM2+PFM3
- Launch mid 2020 (VegaC maiden flight or Vega)
- In general models have both systematic and non-systematic effects. Some models do not have systematic in-vacuo dispersion but still have "fuzziness" (non-systematic effects).
- Time cannot be measured with uncertainty $< t_{Planck} \sim 5.4 \times 10^{-44} \text{ s}$ —> Fuzzy distances
- From fuzzy distances to phase shifts: QST scenarios predict a degradation of the diffraction images of distant sources (GAC+ 1999,2001,2003, Ragazzoni+ 2003, Ng+2003, Steinbring 2007, Tamburini+ 2011)
- The first naïve approach prompted tests using HST observations of distant QSOs: Phase shift of light propagated over long distance

Use of diffraction as interferometry effect by a telescope dish of diameter D. An error on the phase of a wave-front translate in an error ΔL on the distance of the light source. This will translate in an apparent angular shift $\Delta \theta$. Ragazzoni+2003

Phase shifts cause a drop of the Strehl ratio: image peak/diffration spike of unaberrated telescope

$$S \approx \exp\left[-\left(\Delta\theta \frac{D}{\lambda}\right)^2\right]$$



FIG. 1.—Observation of a light source at a distance L from the center of the telescope aperture. The distances between the source and two extremity positions on the aperture are denoted by L_1 and L_2 . A variation in L_1 and L_2 will result in an apparent displacement $\Delta \theta$ in the location of the source.





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- GeV observations of GRB
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