

# One-loop correction to the photon velocity in LV QED

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Physical dispersion relation for a particle — pole of the propagator.

$$iG^{\mu\nu} = \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} + \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} + \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} \text{---} \underset{p}{\text{---}} + \dots$$

Sum over 1-particle reduced diagrams for photon propagator.

No loop corrections to dispersion relation — in Lorentz-invariant (LI) theories.

LI may be violated by external classical field — magnetic or gravitational.

Non-trivial photon dispersion!

*Shabad 1975*

*book Mikheev Kuznetsov 2003-2014*

*Hollowood 2009*

The similar situation if LI is violated at **fundamental** level.

- Approaches to quantum gravity
  - Discrete spacetime, loop quantum gravity, non-commutative geometry e.t.c.
  - Modifications of general relativity with large space derivatives (Horava-Lifshitz e.t.c)
- Phenomenologically in non-gravity sector
  - Special type of LV (preserving other symmetries, motivations to concrete QG approaches)  
For example,  $E^2 = p^2 + m^2 + \frac{p^4}{M_{LV}^2} + \dots$
  - The most general type — SME *Kostelecky, Colladay 1998*  
Lots of parameters → complicated calculations

QED sector SME:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{SME} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\psi} \Gamma^\mu D_\mu \psi - \bar{\psi} M \psi - \\ & -\frac{1}{4} (k_F)_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\rho\sigma} + (k_{AF})^\mu A^\nu \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$(k_F)_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ ,  $(k_{AF})^\mu$  – LV parameters in photon sector;  $\Gamma$  и  $M$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^\mu &= \gamma^\mu + c^{\mu\nu} \gamma_\nu + d^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu + i f^\mu + \frac{1}{2} g^{\lambda\nu\mu} \sigma_{\lambda\nu} + e^\mu, \\ M &= m + a^\mu \gamma_\mu + b^\mu \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu + \frac{1}{2} H^{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Renormalized in 1-loop



# Our simplified model

$$(k_F)_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = c_\gamma \cdot \delta_\mu^i \delta_\nu^j \delta_\rho^k \delta_\sigma^l (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}), \quad c_{\mu\nu} = c_e \cdot \delta_\mu^i \delta_\nu^j \delta_{ij}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + i\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \psi - m\bar{\psi} \psi - \\ & -\frac{c_\gamma}{2} F_{ij} F^{ij} - i c_e \bar{\psi} \gamma^i D_i \psi. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here  $c_\gamma$ ,  $c_e$  — maximal velocities for photon and electron.  
Dispersion relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : \quad k_0^2 &= (1 + c_\gamma)^2 \vec{k}^2 \simeq (1 + 2c_\gamma) \vec{k}^2, \\ e^\pm : \quad E^2 &= (1 + c_e)^2 p^2 + m^2 \simeq (1 + 2c_e) \vec{k}^2 + m^2. \end{aligned}$$

Electron propagator

$$S(p) = \frac{\gamma^\mu \hat{p}_\mu - m}{\hat{p}^2 - m^2},$$

here  $\hat{p}_\mu = (p_0, (1 + c_e) p_i)$ ,  $\hat{p}^2 = \hat{p}_\mu \hat{p}^\mu$ .

Vertex:

$$\Gamma_\mu = (\gamma_0, (1 + c_e) \gamma_i).$$

# Photon propagator

## Pseudo-Lorentz gauge

Gauge fixing term

$$\mathcal{L}_{gf} = -\frac{1 - 2c_\gamma}{2} (\partial_0 A_0 - (1 + 2c_\gamma) \partial_i A_i)^2.$$

Photon propagator

$$D^{\mu\nu}(k) = \frac{\text{diag}((1 + 2c_\gamma), -1, -1, -1)}{k_0^2 - (1 + 2c_\gamma) \vec{k}^2}.$$

## Coulomb gauge

$$D^{00}(k) = -\frac{1}{(1 + 2c_\gamma) \vec{k}^2}, \quad D^{0i}(k) = 0, \quad D^{ij}(k) = -\frac{\delta^{ij} - \frac{k^i k^j}{\vec{k}^2}}{k_0^2 - (1 + 2c_\gamma) \vec{k}^2}.$$



# Photon polarization operator

## LI case (dimensional regularisation)

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{LI}(k) = \left( \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \right) k^2 \Pi(k^2),$$

$$\Pi(k^2) = -\frac{q^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \ln 4\pi - \gamma_E - \ln \frac{m^2 - x(1-x)k^2}{\mu^2} \right].$$

In our model  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}$  may be calculated exactly on  $c_e$ .

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k) = q^2 \int \frac{d^4 k_{loop}}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\Gamma_\mu S(k + k_{loop}) \Gamma_\nu S(k_{loop})],$$

Components of  $\Pi_{\mu\nu}$  may be represented as components of LI polarization operator

Notation:  $\hat{k} = (k_0, (1 + c_e)k_i)$ :

# Photon polarization operator

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(k) = \left[ (1 - c_e)k^2(P_1)_{\mu\nu} - 2c_e\vec{k}^2(P_2)_{\mu\nu} \right] \Pi(\hat{k}^2),$$

projectors:

$$P_1^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} - \frac{k^\mu k^\nu}{k^2}, \quad P_2^{\mu\nu} = -\delta_i^\mu \delta_j^\nu \left( \delta^{ij} - \frac{k^i k^j}{\vec{k}^2} \right),$$

with properties  $P_{1\nu}^\mu P_{1\lambda}^\nu = P_{1\lambda}^\mu$ ,  $P_{2\nu}^\mu P_{2\lambda}^\nu = P_{2\lambda}^\mu$ ,  $P_{1\nu}^\mu P_{2\lambda}^\nu = P_{2\lambda}^\mu$ ,

$$\Pi(\hat{k}^2) = \frac{q^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \left( 1 - x(1-x) \frac{\hat{k}^2}{m^2} \right) + \Pi_0,$$

# Modified propagator (Coulomb gauge)

Sum over one-particle reduced diagrams

$$D_{1-loop}^{00}(k) = -\frac{1}{(1 - c_e)\vec{k}^2}, \quad D_{1-loop}^{0i}(k) = 0,$$

$$D_{1-loop}^{ij}(k) = -\frac{1}{1 - \Pi(\hat{k}^2)(1 - c_e)} \cdot \frac{\delta^{ij} - \frac{k^i k^j}{\vec{k}^2}}{k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2(1 + 2c_\gamma + 2(c_\gamma - c_e)\Pi(\hat{k}^2))}.$$

Denominator determines modified dispersion relation.

To solve equation

$$k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2(1 + 2c_\gamma + 2(c_\gamma - c_e)\Pi(\hat{k}^2)) = 0,$$

# Modified dispersion relation

In the 1st order on  $\alpha_{em}$ , dispersion relation

$$k_0^2 = \vec{k}^2 \left( 1 + 2c_\gamma + 2(c_\gamma - c_e)\Pi_\epsilon(\vec{k}) \right),$$

$$\Pi_\epsilon(\vec{k}) = \frac{q^2}{2\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx x(1-x) \ln \left( 1 - 2(c_\gamma - c_e)x(1-x) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2} \right) + \Pi_0. \quad (4)$$

Gauge fixing:  $\Pi_\epsilon(0) = 0$ . Notation:  $y \equiv (c_e - c_\gamma) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2}$ , integrate (4) analitically. In the case  $y > -2$ :

$$\Pi_\epsilon(y) = \frac{q^2}{2\pi^2} \left[ \frac{y-1}{3y} \sqrt{\frac{y+2}{y}} \operatorname{arctanh} \sqrt{\frac{y}{y+2}} + \frac{1}{3y} - \frac{5}{18} \right];$$

Otherwise ( $y < -2$ ) the polarization operator acquires imaginary part. Following the Optical theorem, photon decays  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ . ( $y = -2$ ) — threshold.

## Small LV limit

Setting  $y > -2$  (no photon decay), consider 2 limiting cases

$$|y| = |c_e - c_\gamma| \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2} \ll 1$$

$$\Pi_\epsilon(y) = \frac{q^2}{30\pi^2} y$$

Photon dispersion relation acquires quartic term

$$k_0^2 = \vec{k}^2 (1 + 2c_\gamma) + \frac{\vec{k}^4}{M_{LV}^2},$$

effective LV scale  $M_{LV}$ :

$$M_{LV} = \frac{\sqrt{15}\pi}{q} \cdot \frac{m}{|c_e - c_\gamma|}.$$

In the limit  $y \gg 1$   $\left( (c_e - c_\gamma) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2} \gg 1 \right)$  we obtain

$$\Pi_\epsilon(y) = \frac{q^2}{12\pi^2} \left( \ln(2y) - \frac{5}{3} \right).$$

The correction to the dispersion relation is **logarithmic**:

$$k_0^2 = \vec{k}^2 \left[ 1 + 2c_\gamma + \frac{q^2}{6\pi^2} (c_\gamma - c_e) \cdot \left[ \ln \left( 2(c_e - c_\gamma) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2} \right) - \frac{5}{3} \right] \right].$$

Group photon velocity  $c_{ph} = \frac{\partial k_0}{\partial k}$ :

$$c_{\gamma}^{ph} = c_{\gamma} - \frac{q^2}{6\pi^2} \cdot (c_e - c_{\gamma}) \cdot \ln \left( 2(c_e - c_{\gamma}) \frac{\vec{k}^2}{m^2} \right).$$

Coincides with

*Kostelecky, Lane, Pickering 2001*

$$(k_F)_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = c_{\gamma} \cdot \delta_{\mu}^i \delta_{\nu}^j \delta_{\rho}^k \delta_{\sigma}^l (\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}), \quad c_{\mu\nu} = c_e \cdot \delta_{\mu}^i \delta_{\nu}^j \delta_{ij}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (k_F)_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} &= (k_F)_{0\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{6}(1 - Q^{-3}) \times \\ &\times \left[ \eta_{\mu\kappa}(c_{\nu\lambda} + c_{\lambda\nu} - (k_F)_{0\nu\alpha\lambda}^{\alpha}) - \eta_{\nu\kappa}(c_{\mu\lambda} + c_{\lambda\mu} + (k_F)_{0\mu\alpha\lambda}^{\alpha}) \right. \\ &\left. - \eta_{\mu\lambda}(c_{\nu\kappa} + c_{\kappa\nu} + (k_F)_{0\nu\alpha\kappa}^{\alpha}) + \eta_{\nu\lambda}(c_{\mu\kappa} + c_{\kappa\mu} - (k_F)_{0\mu\alpha\kappa}^{\alpha}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(\mu) \equiv 1 - \frac{q_0^2}{6\pi^2} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

Renormgroup scale

$$\mu = \sqrt{c_\gamma - c_e} E_\gamma$$

**Interpretation:**

set  $c_e = 0$  (redefinition)

The LV photon polarization operator, considered on-shell may be interpreted as off-shell polarization operator, calculated in LI theory with the squared photon momentum

$$q^2 \equiv E_\gamma^2 - \vec{k}^2 = 2(c_\gamma - c_e) E_\gamma^2.$$

This value plays the role of the “transferred momentum” — the standard meaning of the renormalization group scale.



Direct tests of photon dispersion

$$k_0^2 = \vec{k}^2 \pm \frac{\vec{k}^4}{M_{LV}^2}.$$

The absence of dispersion from distant GRB, AGN.

The best bound from GRB 090510

*FERMI-LAT coll. 2013*

$$M_{LV} > M_{LV}^{GRB} \equiv 1.3 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ GeV}, \quad 95\% \text{ CL}$$

# Constraints on LV for fermions

Not only electrons in loop, but arbitrary charged massive fermion

$$|c_e - c_\gamma| < \frac{\sqrt{15}\pi}{q} \cdot \frac{m}{M_{LV}^{GRB}} \simeq 3 \cdot 10^{-10} \cdot \left(\frac{q}{e}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{m}{\text{GeV}}\right).$$

	our bound	current bounds
electron	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$10^{-15}$ <i>Altschul 2010</i>
muon	$3 \cdot 10^{-11}$	$10^{-11}$ <i>Altschul 2006</i>
tau-lepton	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$10^{-8}$ <i>Altschul 2006</i>
t-quark	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$10^{-2}$ <i>D0 collab. 2012</i>

- In the absence of LI for charged fermions photon dispersion relation (and physical velocity) acquires non-trivial one-loop correction.
- Experimental non-observation of photon dispersion leads to constraints on LV for all charged fermions. These constraints are the best for heavy fermions (tau-lepton, top-quark)
- Effective Lagrangian for photons acquires high space derivative terms like  $\delta\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{M_{LV}^2} F_{\mu\nu} \Delta F^{\mu\nu}$ .

Thank you for your attention!