



# Cosmic photons and neutrinos

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# The highest energy particles

can be observed by human being are from SKY

- Frontiers of human knowledge:

Cosmology, Astronomy, and Physics



**AstroParticle Physics**

- Particles from the Sky:

Ultra-high energy cosmic rays (UHECRs) :  $10^{20}$  eV or higher

Cosmic photons from gamma ray bursts: 10~100 GeV or higher to multi-TeV

Cosmic neutrinos with much higher energy: ~TeV to PeV

- New physics from cosmic photons and neutrinos:

**Lorentz violation**

**CPT violation**

**Axion**

# New Physics Beyond Relativity: Lorentz Invariance Violation

## 洛伦兹破缺

唯象分析

理论研究

### 高能光子的洛伦兹破缺:

- 光子的真空色散 (光速变化)
- 光子的真空双折射
- 光子的超光速衰变
- 双光子湮灭反应“阈反常”

### 其他粒子的洛伦兹破缺:

- 极高能中微子的速度变化
- 中微子的超光速衰变
- 中微子味转变与退相干
- 电子的真空切伦科夫效应

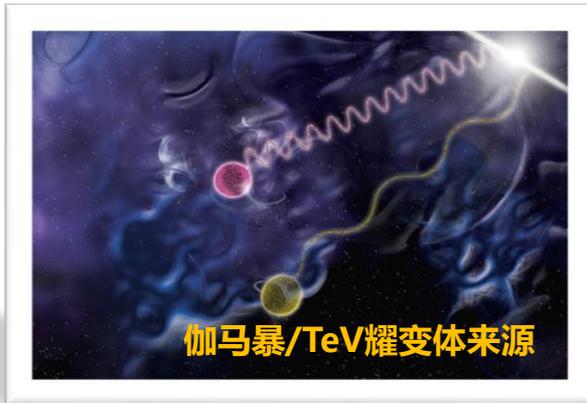
### 包含洛伦兹破缺的理论和模型:

- 量子引力的理论与模型
- 时空结构模型
- 低能有效场论拓展

# Searching for Lorentz Violation from Light-Speed Variation

- 以光速改变为例：

## 搜寻高能宇宙光子的飞行时间差



需要进一步开拓和深入

## 既往唯象分析建议光速可能改变的迹象

$$v(E) = c(1 - E/E_{LV}) \quad E_{LV}^{(\gamma)} \gtrsim 3.6 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

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**光子  
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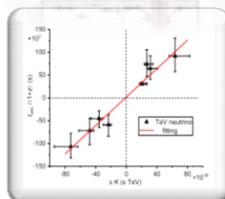
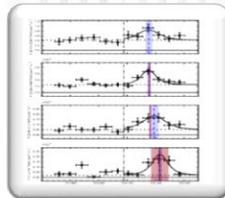
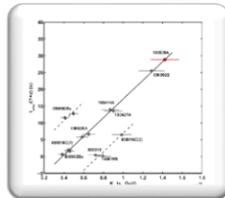
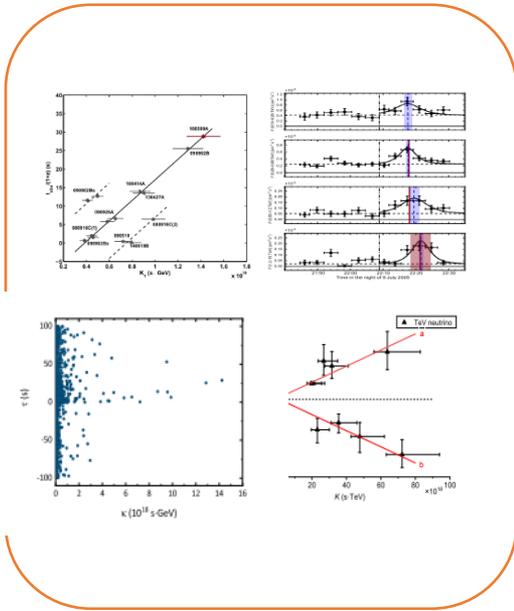
## 对中微子也可以开展类似研究

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# Phenomenological Studies on Light-Speed Variation



- 对Fermi伽马暴数据的分析提示光速可能有线性能量相关性，暗示光子传播可能受量子引力效应的影响

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- 对TeV耀变体及其他新近观测的分析也建议类似规律

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- IceCube极高能中微子与伽马暴的关联分析建议中微子传播速度的能量相关性，暗示中微子洛伦兹/CPT破缺

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# LHAASO discoveries set strong constraints on superluminal Lorentz violation

## 对粒子物理标准模型的精确检验

- LHAASO的最高能量 1.4 PeV 光子的突破性观测  
对光子超光速洛伦兹破缺给出极强约束

$$E_{LV}^{\gamma(\text{sup})} \gtrsim 2.7 \times 10^{24} \text{ GeV} \gg E_P$$

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- 光子/电子洛伦兹破缺参数的联合限制

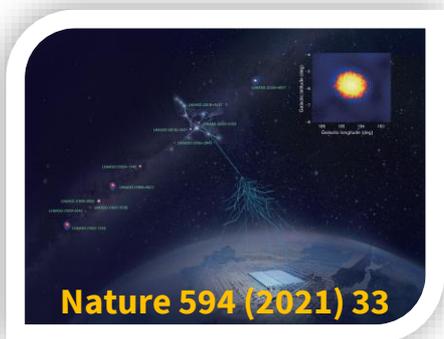
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- LHAASO对 1.1 PeV 蟹状星云辐射的首次测量  
对电子超光速洛伦兹破缺的强限制

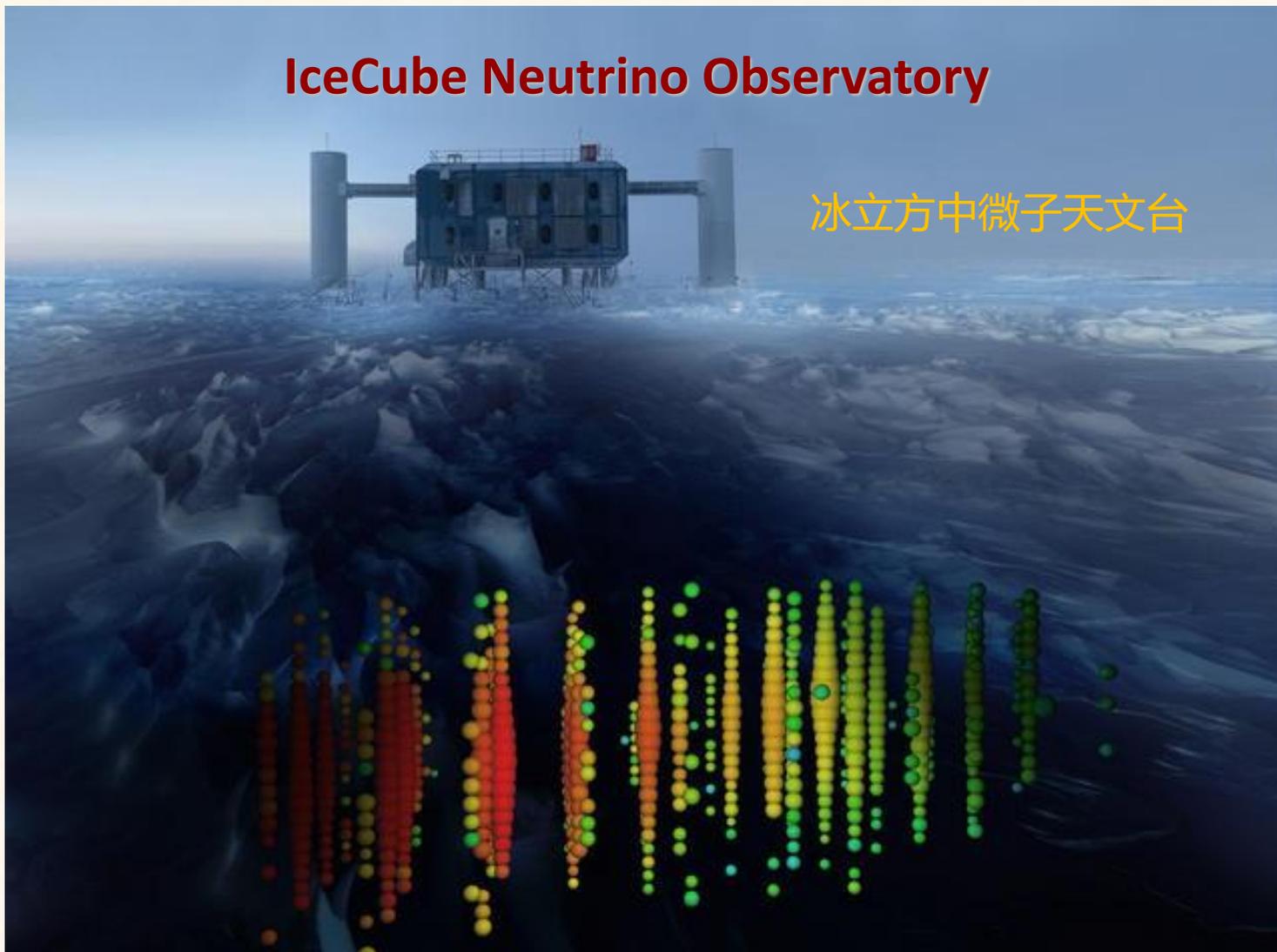
$$E_{LV}^{e(\text{sup})} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10^{26}) \text{ GeV} \gg E_P$$

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# IceCube Neutrino Observatory

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# IceCube Neutrinos

## —results reported by IceCube

- IceCube, *Astrophys.J.* 843 (2017) 2292
  - Y. Huang, B.-Q. Ma, *Comms.Phys.*1 (2018) 62
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- **More than ten years data taking: energies >30 TeV + 4 events of PeV**
  - **Associated GRBs: narrow time window=within -100->300 seconds, some neutrinos compatible with backgrounds**
  - **Small flux to rule out fireball models.**

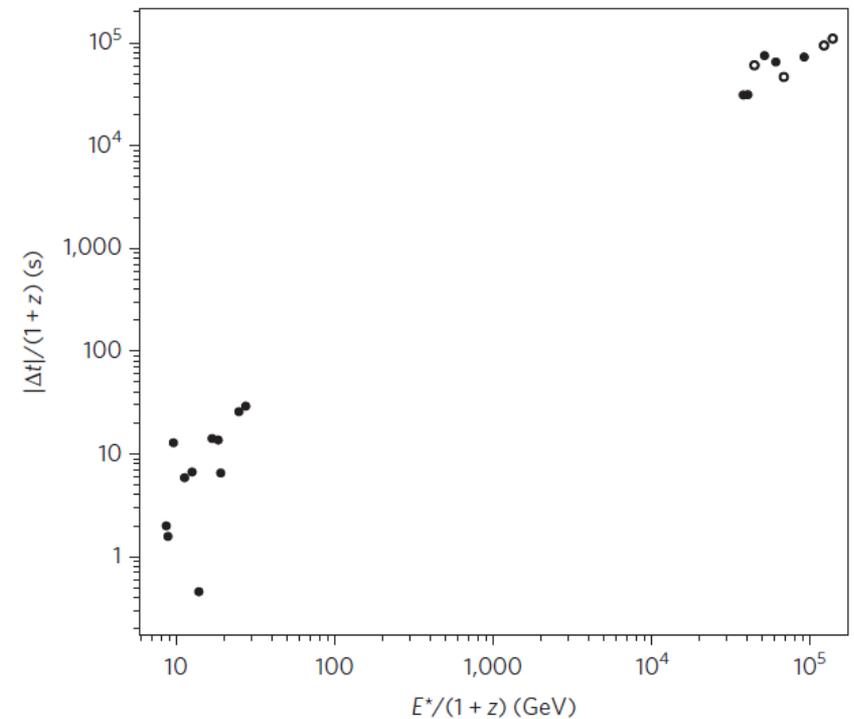
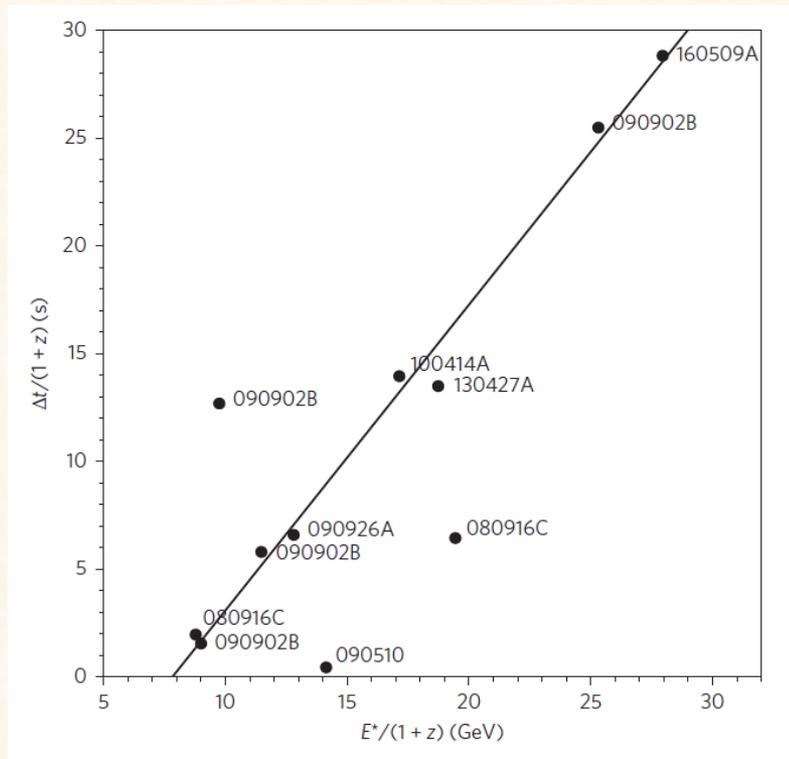
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- **Energy difference: photon < 100GeV, neutrino= TeV->PeV**
- **Time difference: photon=a few seconds**  
**neutrino=a few hundred seconds -> months**
- **Intrinsic time difference: can be safely neglected.**

# From photons to neutrinos

## *In vacuo* dispersion features for gamma-ray-burst neutrinos and photons

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# Extension of Time Window to Days

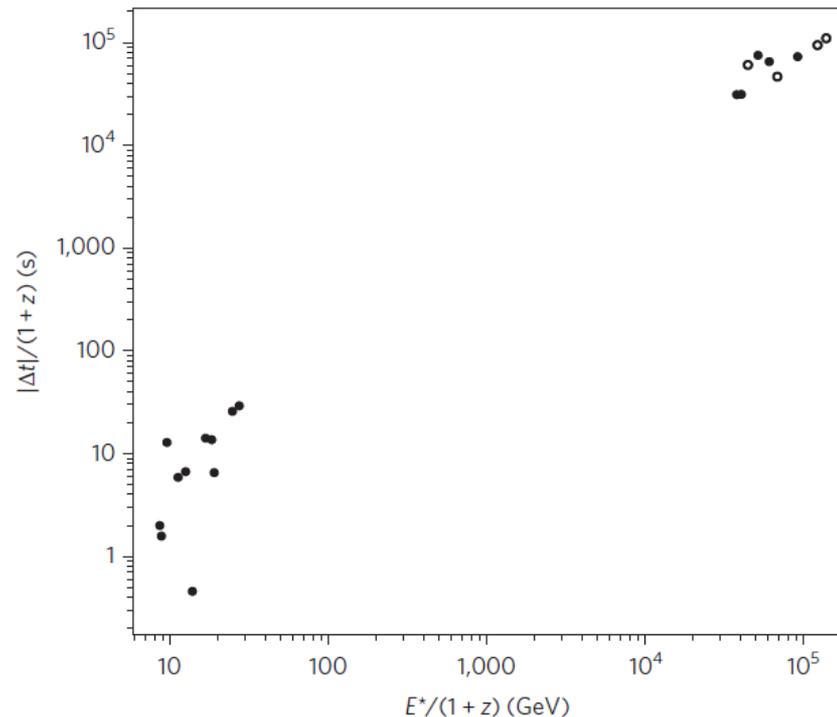
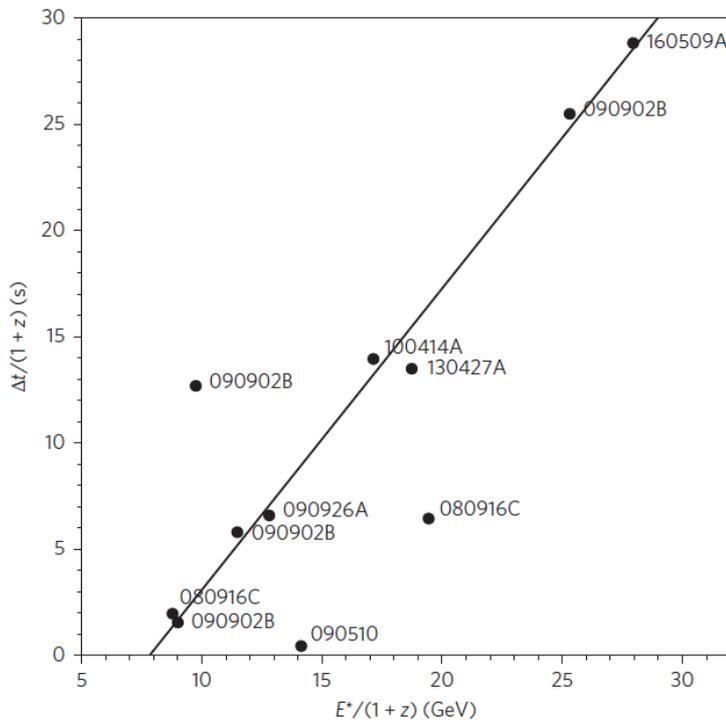
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# Reanalysis of TeV Events

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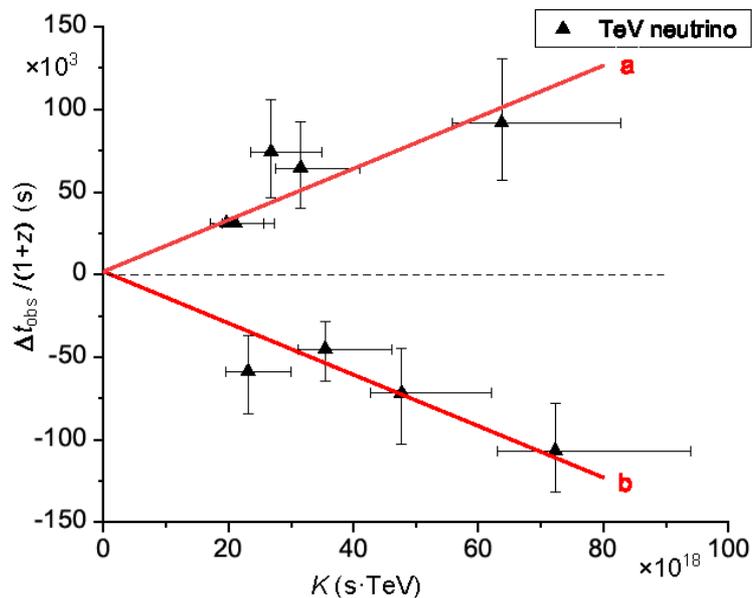
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$$\left| \frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} - \Delta t_{\text{in}} \right| = \frac{K}{E_{\text{LV}}}$$

$$E_{\text{LV}} = (6.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

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# Reanalysis of TeV Events

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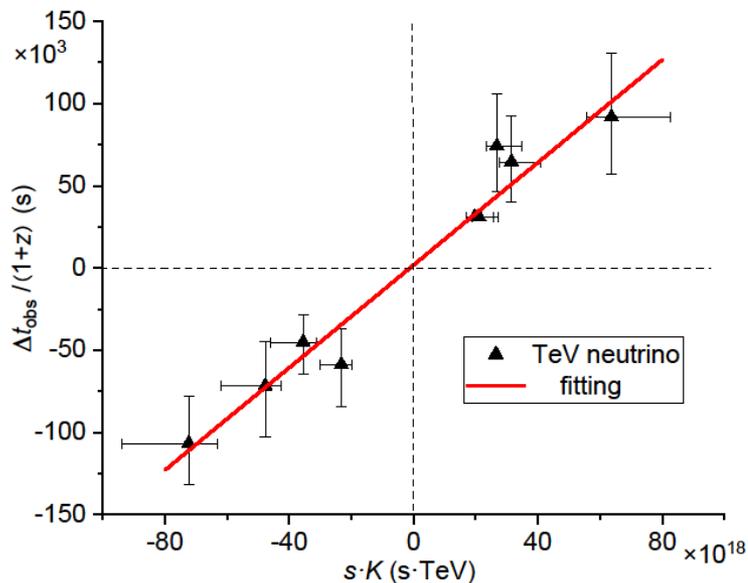
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$$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} = \Delta t_{\text{in}} + s \frac{K}{E_{\text{LV}}}$$

$$s = \pm 1$$

# First Analysis of PeV Events

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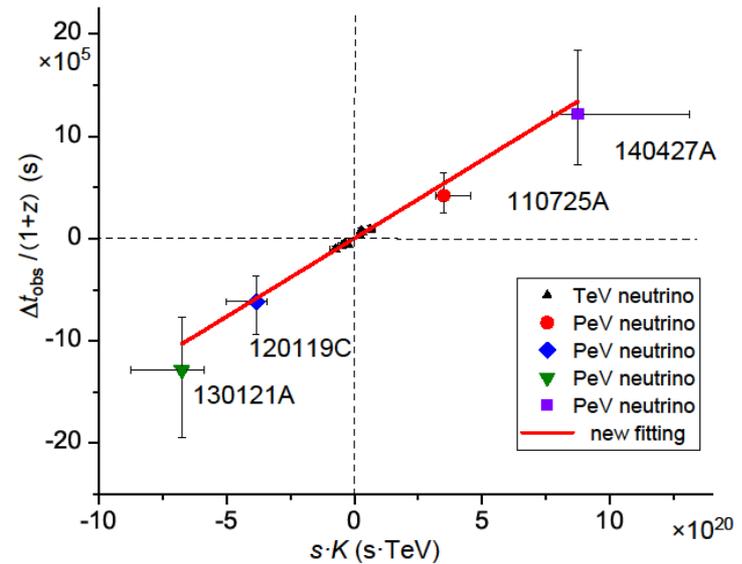
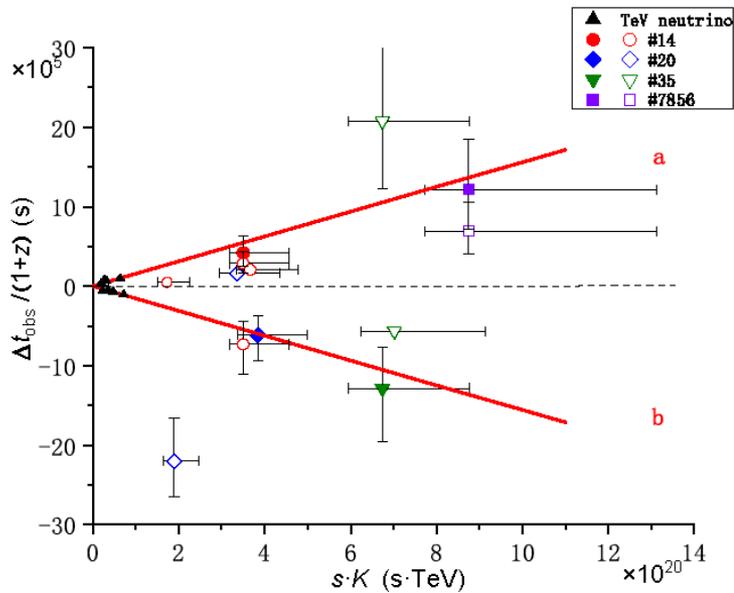
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# Association of IceCube Neutrinos with GRBs

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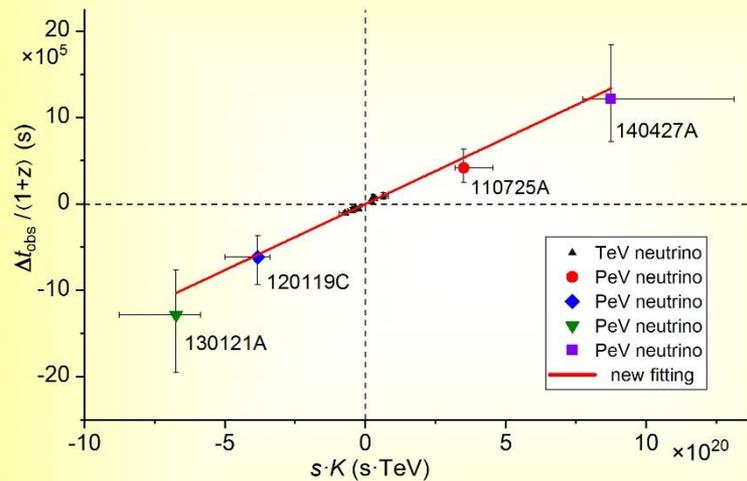
**Table 3 The properties of PeV neutrino events with associated GRB candidates**

	$E$ (PeV)	$\sigma$	$\Delta\Psi$	$z$	$\Delta t_{\text{obs}}$ ( $10^3\text{s}$ )	$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z}$ ( $10^3\text{s}$ )	$K$ ( $10^{18}\text{s} \cdot \text{TeV}$ )
event #14	$1.04^{+0.13}_{-0.14}$	$13.2^\circ$					
GRB 110725A <sup>c</sup>		$9.06^\circ$	$4.87^\circ$	$2.15^b$	1320.217	419.1	350.2
GRB 110730A <sup>d</sup>		$4.28^\circ$	$5.6^\circ$	$2.15^b$	907.885	288.2	350.2
GRB 110731A		$0.0001^\circ$	$13.14^\circ$	2.83	782.096	204.2	366.9
GRB 110808B		$0.0693^\circ$	$9.8^\circ$	$0.5^b$	74.303	49.5	172.8
GRB 110905A		$0.0314^\circ$	$14.9^\circ$	$2.15^b$	-2309.121	-733.1	350.2
event #20	$1.14^{+0.14}_{-0.138}$	$10.7^\circ$					
GRB 111229A <sup>d</sup>		$0.0003^\circ$	$18.9^\circ$	1.3805	384.970	161.7	355.4
GRB 120119C <sup>c</sup>		$4.42^\circ$	$36.9^\circ$	$2.15^b$	-1940.176	-615.9	383.9
GRB 120210A		$5.51^\circ$	$11.4^\circ$	$0.5^b$	-3304.901	-2203.3	189.4
event #35	$2.00^{+0.24}_{-0.26}$	$15.9^\circ$					
GRB 120919A		$0.0863^\circ$	$11.0^\circ$	$2.15^b$	6539.722	2076.1	674.3
GRB 121229A <sup>d</sup>		$0.0003^\circ$	$12.1^\circ$	2.707	-2091.621	-564.2	702.5
GRB 130121A <sup>c</sup>		$1.14^\circ$	$6.55^\circ$	$2.15^b$	-4046.519	-1284.6	674.3
ATel #7856	$2.6^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$1^\circ$					
GRB 140427A <sup>c</sup>		$23.26^\circ$	$25.8^\circ$	$2.15^b$	3827.439	1215.1	874.9
GRB 140516B <sup>d</sup>		$7.77^\circ$	$8.63^\circ$	$2.15^b$	2185.942	693.9	874.9

The energy errors here are measurement uncertainties provided by the IceCube database. The column  $\sigma$  shows angular uncertainties of neutrino events and GRB candidates respectively. The angular separation  $\Delta\Psi$  is calculated from the differences between RA and Dec angles. For every one of the four events, there exists a candidate marked by <sup>c</sup> that satisfies the strict time criterion and is consistent with the regularity of the TeV neutrino. The mark <sup>d</sup> represents another option with a strong correlation

# CPT Violation from Cosmic Neutrinos:

Difference properties between neutrinos and antineutrinos.



Y. Huang, B.-Q. Ma, Comms.Phys.1 (2018) 62

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**Testing Lorentz invariance and *CPT* symmetry  
using gamma-ray burst neutrinos**

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- **We find that different neutrino/antineutrino propagation properties can be described with both Lorentz invariance and *CPT* symmetry violation.**
- **A viable way on testing the *CPT* symmetry violation between neutrinos and antineutrinos is suggested.**

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## Consistent Lorentz violation features from near-TeV IceCube neutrinos

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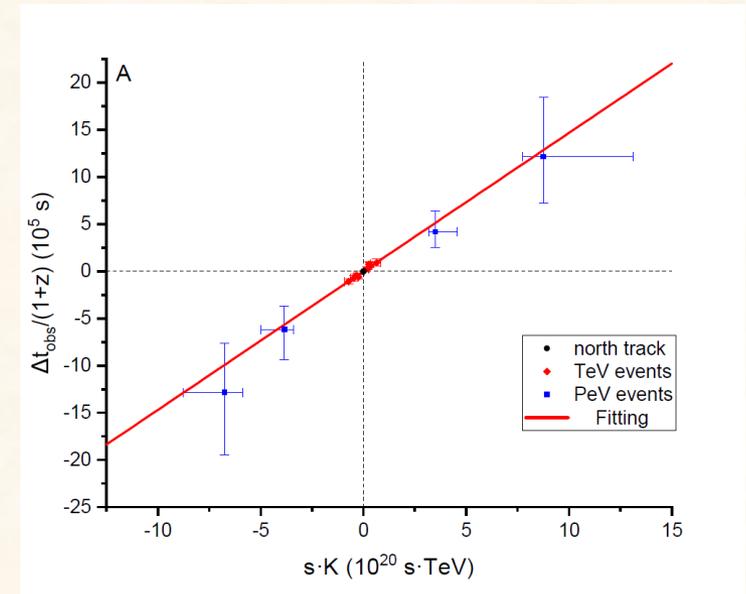
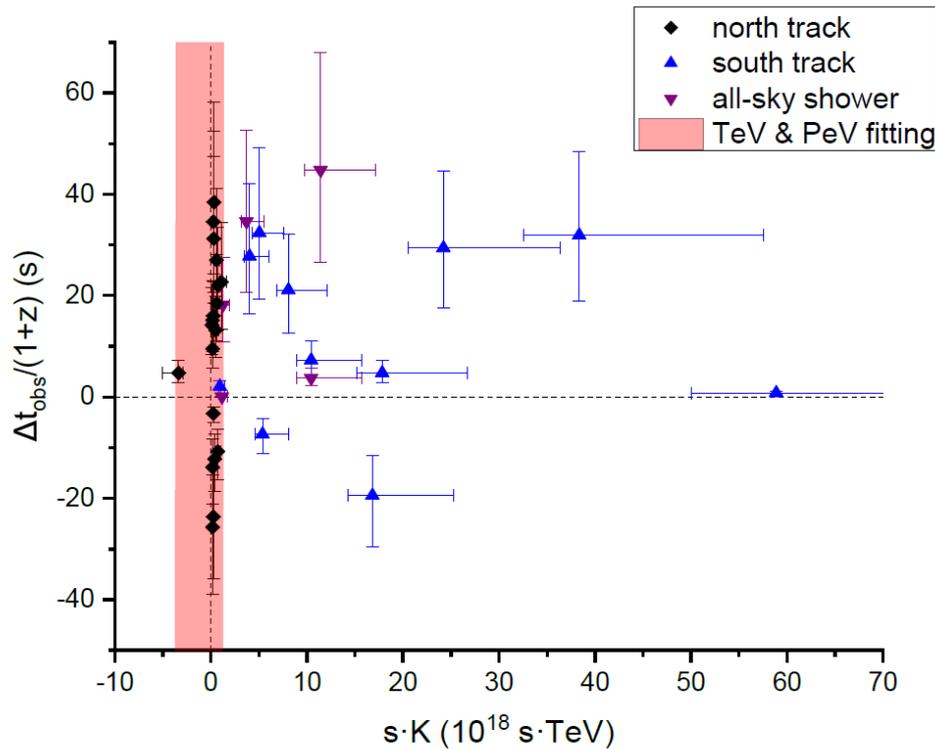


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- **Previous association of 60 TeV to 2 PeV IceCube neutrinos with GRBs indicates Lorentz invariance and CPT symmetry violation.**
- **We find that another 12 northern hemisphere track events satisfy the same regularity at a lower energy scale around 1 TeV.**
- **Such a consistency over four orders of magnitude in energy provides a strong support of the revealed regularity.**

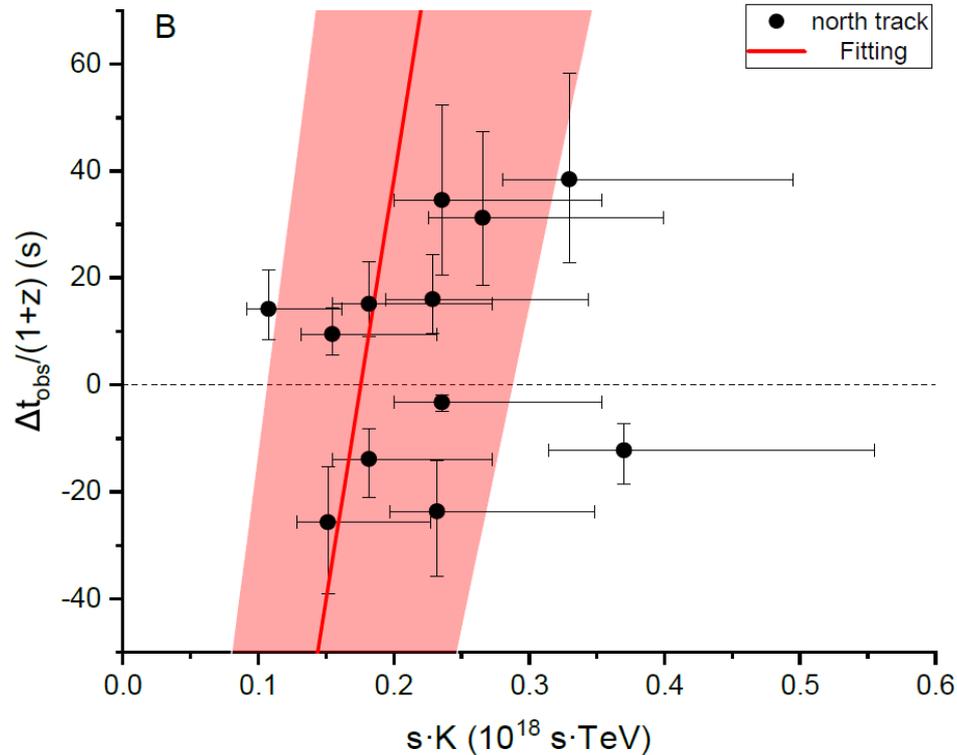
# IceCube Neutrinos near 1 TeV & GRBs

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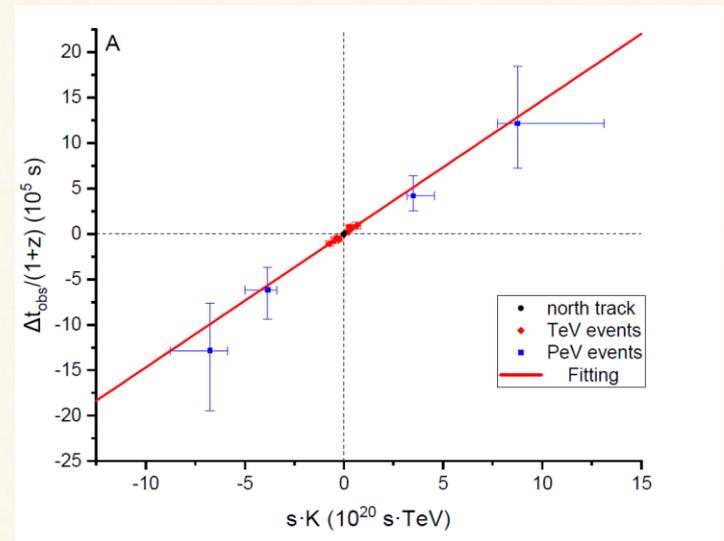


# 12 IceCube neutrinos near 1 TeV as new support to the TeV+PeV regularity

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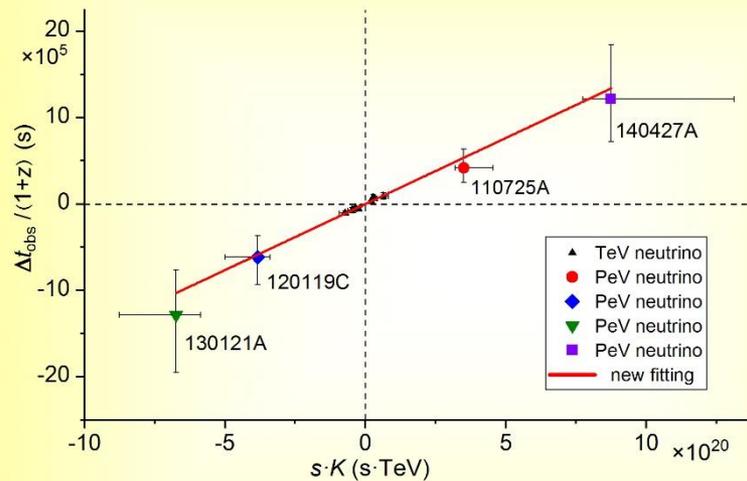


TeV + PeV + near-TeV neutrinos ( $r=0.99$ )



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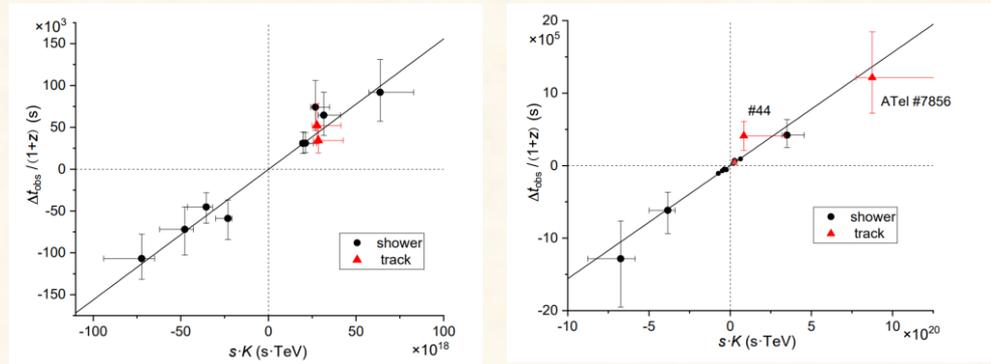
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# Lorentz Violation of Cosmic Neutrinos: Association of IceCube Neutrino Events with GRBs



- We associate IceCube TeV and PeV neutrino events with gamma-ray bursts (GRBs).
- Among these 24 neutrino "shower" events above 60 TeV, 12 events are associated with GRBs.
- Track events are also associated with GRBs under the same Lorentz violation of neutrinos.
- The results support the Lorentz violation of neutrinos, indicating new physics beyond relativity.

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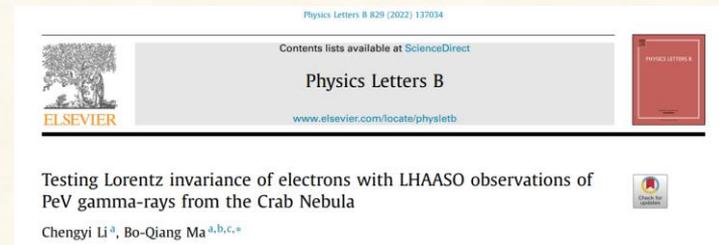
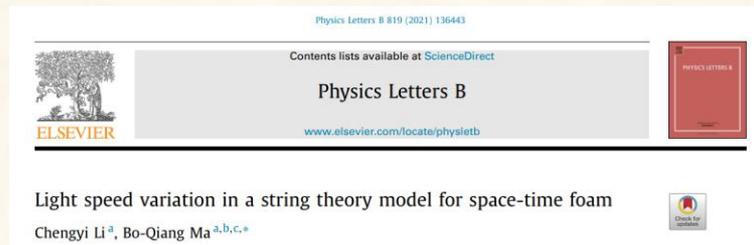
## ABSTRACT

Based on the recent association of IceCube TeV and PeV neutrino events with gamma-ray bursts (GRBs) by considering the Lorentz violation of neutrinos, we provide a new estimate on the GRB neutrino flux with a more significant result compared to the previous constraint by the IceCube Collaboration. Among these 24 neutrino "shower" events above 60 TeV, 12 events are associated with GRBs. Such a result is compatible with the prediction from GRB fireball models. Analysis of track events provides a consistent result with the shower events to associate high energy cosmic neutrinos with GRBs under the same Lorentz violation features of neutrinos. We also make a background estimation and reveal GRBs as a significant source for the ultra-high energy IceCube neutrino events. Our work supports the Lorentz violation and CPT-violation of neutrinos, indicating new physics beyond relativity.

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# The string theory model of space-time foam: Lorentz- and CPT-violating neutrinos from string/D-brane model

We show that the space-time foam model from string/D-brane theory predicts a scenario in which neutrinos can possess linearly energy dependent speed variation, together with an asymmetry between neutrinos and antineutrinos, indicating the possibility of Lorentz and CPT symmetry violation for neutrinos.



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A consistent understanding of Lorentz violation features of cosmic photons and neutrinos from loop quantum gravity

# Theoretical Studies on Lorentz Violation of Photons and Neutrinos

## 探索洛伦兹破缺与时空的新理论

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### - 基于弦理论的时空泡沫模型

对弦/D膜理论的时空泡沫 (D泡沫) 图景下  
粒子传播与反应行为的理论和唯象研究



### - 圈量子引力的半经典近似

对圈量子引力半经典 (WBSC) 近似下光子/中微子  
速度色散特征的研究, 及其唯象学应用



### - Finsler几何与宇宙学

考虑量子引力的有效描述, 在Finsler背景下对粒子  
测地轨迹及其传播时间差的理论计算



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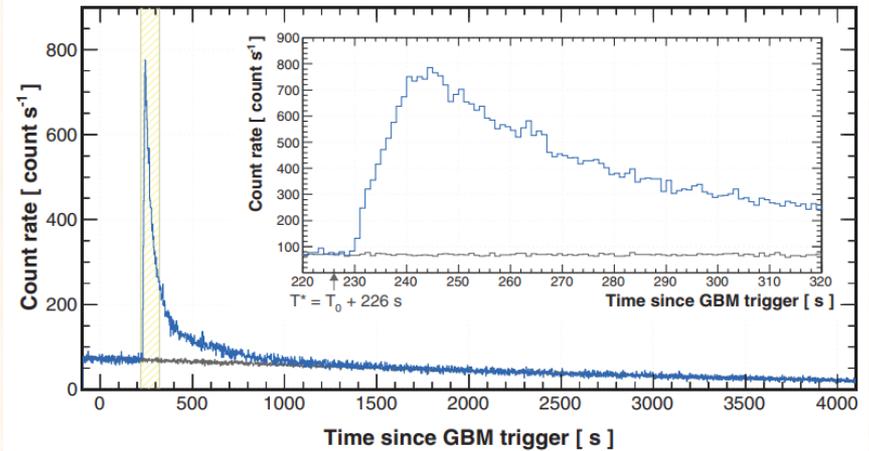
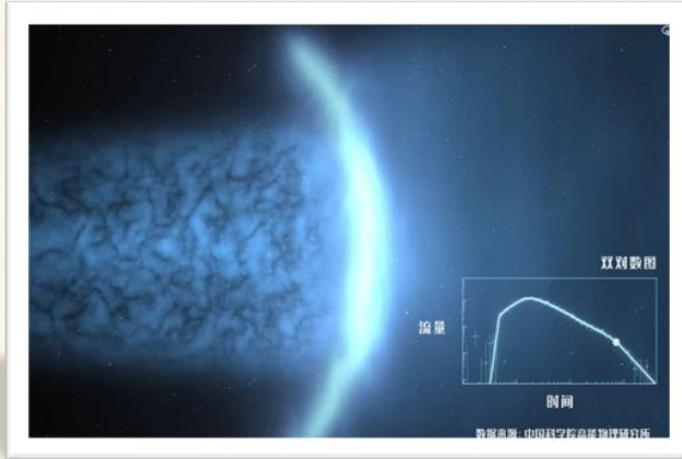
标准模型拓展 (SME) 的理论和唯象讨论; 对标准模型  
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## Remarks: neutrinos

- We first associate all 4 IceCube events of PeV neutrinos with gamma-ray bursts (GRBs).
- We unveil a regularity of these energetic neutrinos indicting Lorentz violation.
- We find different propagation properties between neutrinos and antineutrinos.
- **The result indicates the CPT violation between neutrinos and anti-neutrinos.**

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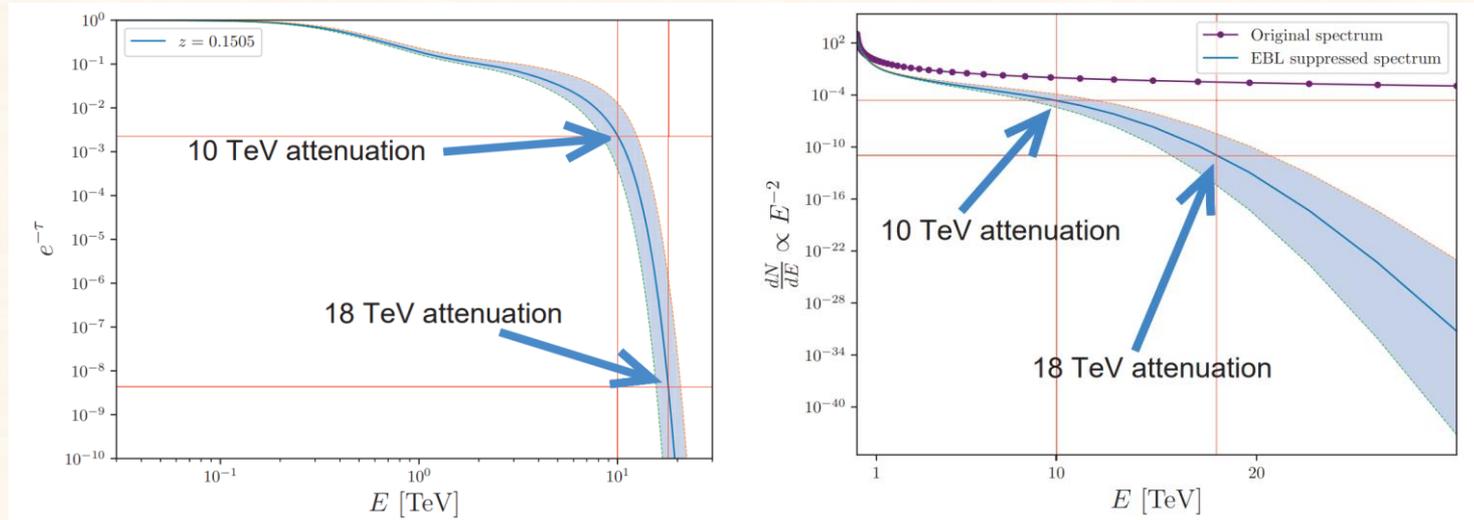


- Triggered by Fermi and Swift
- Very bright GRB with very short distance  
 $z=0.1505$  (2.4 billion light years)
- **LHAASO observation:** 64000 high energy events with energies larger than 200 GeV including photons with energy larger than 10 TeV.

2022年10月9日，LHAASO首先发现伽玛暴超出10TeV的光子事例。

LHAASO, Science 380 (2023) 1390, June 8, 2023, arXiv:2306.06372

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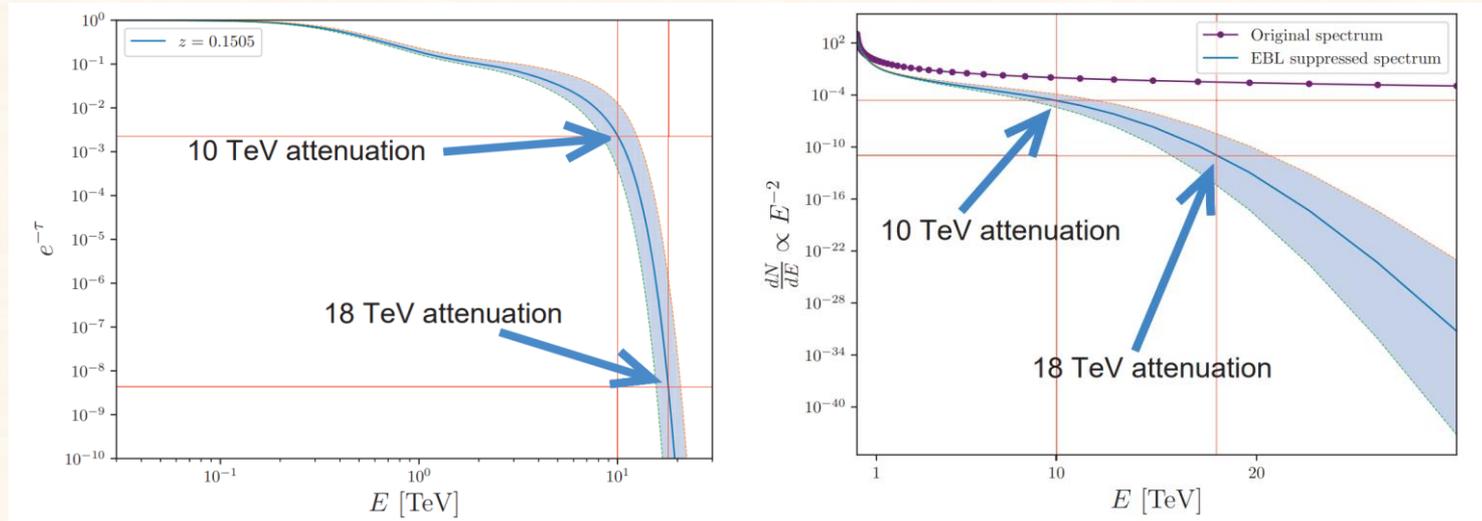


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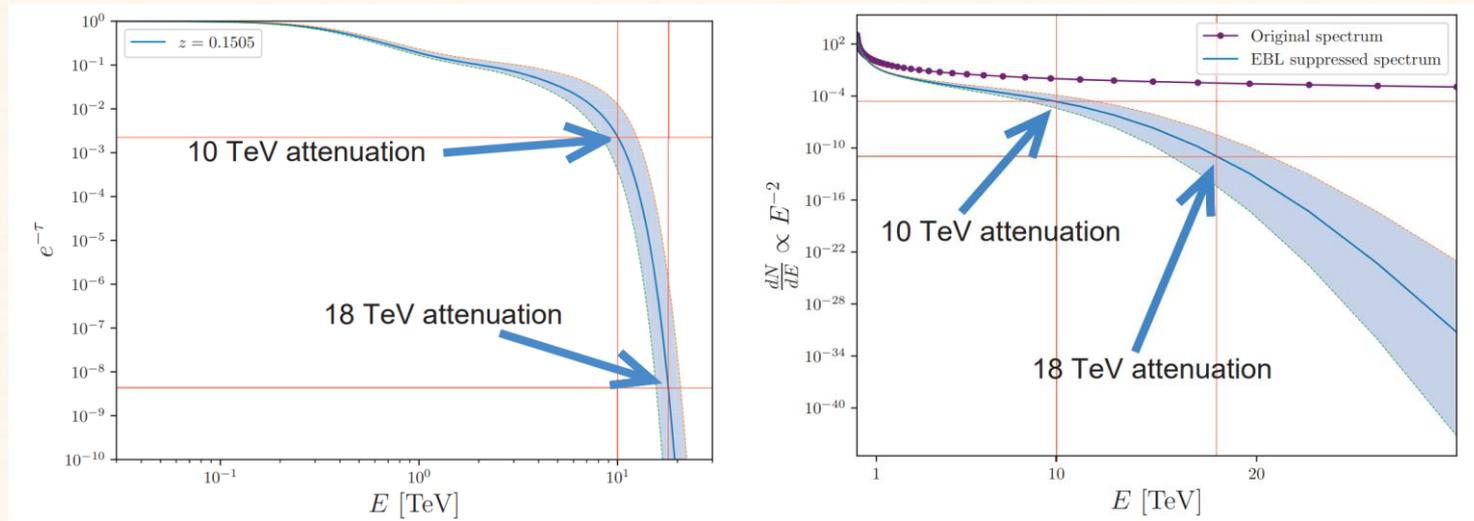
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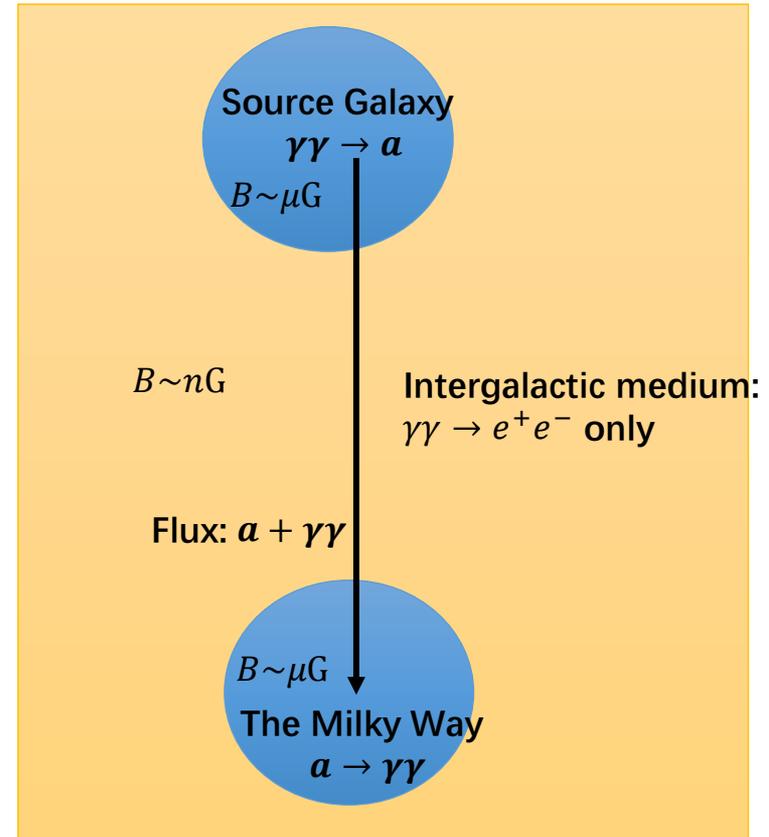
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# The picture of photon-axion conversion

应用ALP-Photon转化机制来解释 GRB221009A 探测到大量VHE光子的现象, 并给出对ALP粒子质量  $m_a$ , 耦合常量  $g_{a\gamma}$ .

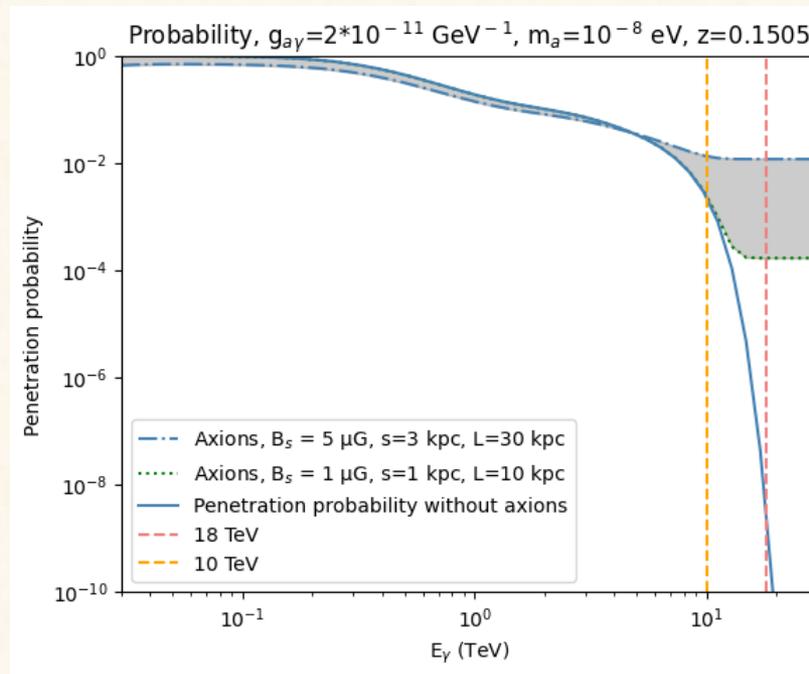
1. **GRB源星系处磁场的特点:** 方向? 强度? 尺度? 源星系内的转化概率? => Cellular model.
2. **星系间传播:** ALPs-Photon混合束在穿越星系间区域时不发生  $\gamma\gamma a$  的转化, 仅存在  $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ , 这对  $m_a$ ,  $g_{a\gamma}$  有一定约束.
3. **Back conversion (逆转化):** ALPs-Photon 在穿过银河系磁场时, 部分高能 ALPs 再度转化为光子, 使得地球上的观测者可以探测到本应消失的高能光子.



并通过细致分析对有关轴子新物理的参数给出约束。

L. Wang, B.-Q. Ma, arXiv: 2304.01819, PRD 108 (2023) 023002

## Axion-Photon Conversion from GRB221009A



# Check New Physics with GRB221009A

The high energy features of GRB221009A need to be carefully examined to constrain possible new physics such as:

Lorentz violation

Axion-photon conversion

Sterile neutrino

# Summary

- High energy cosmic photons provide opportunity to study new physics: **Lorentz violation or axions**
- Subluminal Lorentz violation permits the above threshold photon events:
  - LHAASO event of  $E=1.4 \text{ PeV}=1400 \text{ TeV}$**
  - LHAASO event from GRB 221009A of  $E=18 (12.2) \text{ TeV}$**
- Photon-axion conversion serves as an alternative mechanism for the observation of above threshold photon events
- Our prediction of optical transparency of cosmic photons due to **Lorentz violation or axions** can be tested by LHAASO observation of any above threshold photons from extragalactic sources.