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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 comic rays (UHECRs) : 10^{20} eV or higher
Cosmic photons from gamma ray bursts: multi-GeV to multi-TeV
Cosmic neutrinos with much higher energy: ~TeV to PeV
- New physics from cosmic photons and neutrinos:
Lorentz violation
CPT violation
Axion
Sterile neutrino

Lorentz Transformation

$$\nabla^2 \phi - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = 0.$$

$$x'_1 = x_1,$$

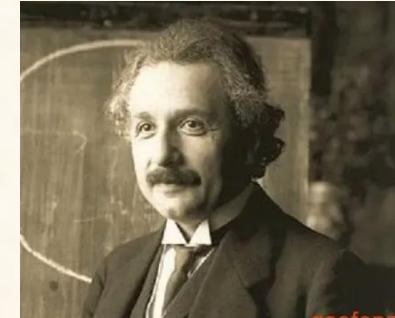
$$x'_2 = x_2,$$

$$x'_3 = \frac{x_3 - vt}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}},$$

$$t' = \frac{t - vx_3/c^2}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}},$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x'^2_1} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x'^2_2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x'^2_3} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t'^2} = 0.$$

Principles of Special Relativity



- Principle of Relativity: the equations describing the laws of physics have the same form in all admissible frames of reference.
- Principle of constant light speed: the speed of light is the same in all directions in vacuum in all reference frames, regardless whether the source of the light is moving or not.

Triumphs of Einstein's Relativity

- One of the foundations of modern physics.
- Proved to be valid at very high precision.

Lorentz Invariance, the basic theoretical foundation of relativity, states that

the equations describing the laws of physics have the same form in all admissible reference frames.

So is there any reason that we seek for

Lorentz Violation ?

LV as Window on the Nature of Space-Time

- The typical scale of quantum gravity is Planck scale

$$l_P = \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}} = 1.61624(8) \times 10^{-35} \text{ m}$$

$$t_P \equiv \sqrt{G\hbar/c^5} \simeq 5.4 \times 10^{-44} \text{ s}$$

$$E_P = \sqrt{\hbar c^5/G} = 2.0 \times 10^9 \text{ J} \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

Lorentz Violation could be a relic probe on the nature of space-time & quantum gravity

Many possible ways for Lorentz violation

- spacetime foam [Ellis et al.'08, PLB]
- loop gravity [Alfaro et al.'00, PRL]
- torsion in general gravity [Ni'75, PRL; Yan'83, TP,]
- vacuum condensate of antisymmetric tensor fields in string theory [Kostelecky & Samuel'89 & '91, PRL]
- double special relativity [Amelino-Camelia'02, Nature & '02 IJMPD]

Where to find Lorentz violation?

- Many theories predict new physics beyond conventional knowledge, so which one is correct?

Any theory should be tested by experiments!

- Where to do the experiments?

the effect is too tiny to be detected on Earth

- Looking up at the Sky again:

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

Cosmic neutrinos with much higher energy: ~TeV-PeV

Modified photon dispersion relation from LV

$$v(E) = c_0 \left(1 - \xi \frac{E}{M_P c^2} - \zeta \frac{E^2}{M_P^2 c^4} \right)$$


$$\sqrt{\hbar c/G} \simeq 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

Z.Xiao and B.-Q.Ma, PRD 80 (09) 116005, arXiv:0909.4927

See also, e.g.,

Jacobson et al.'06, Ann. Phys.

Kostelecky & Mewes'09, PRD

Mattingly'05, Living Rev. Rel.

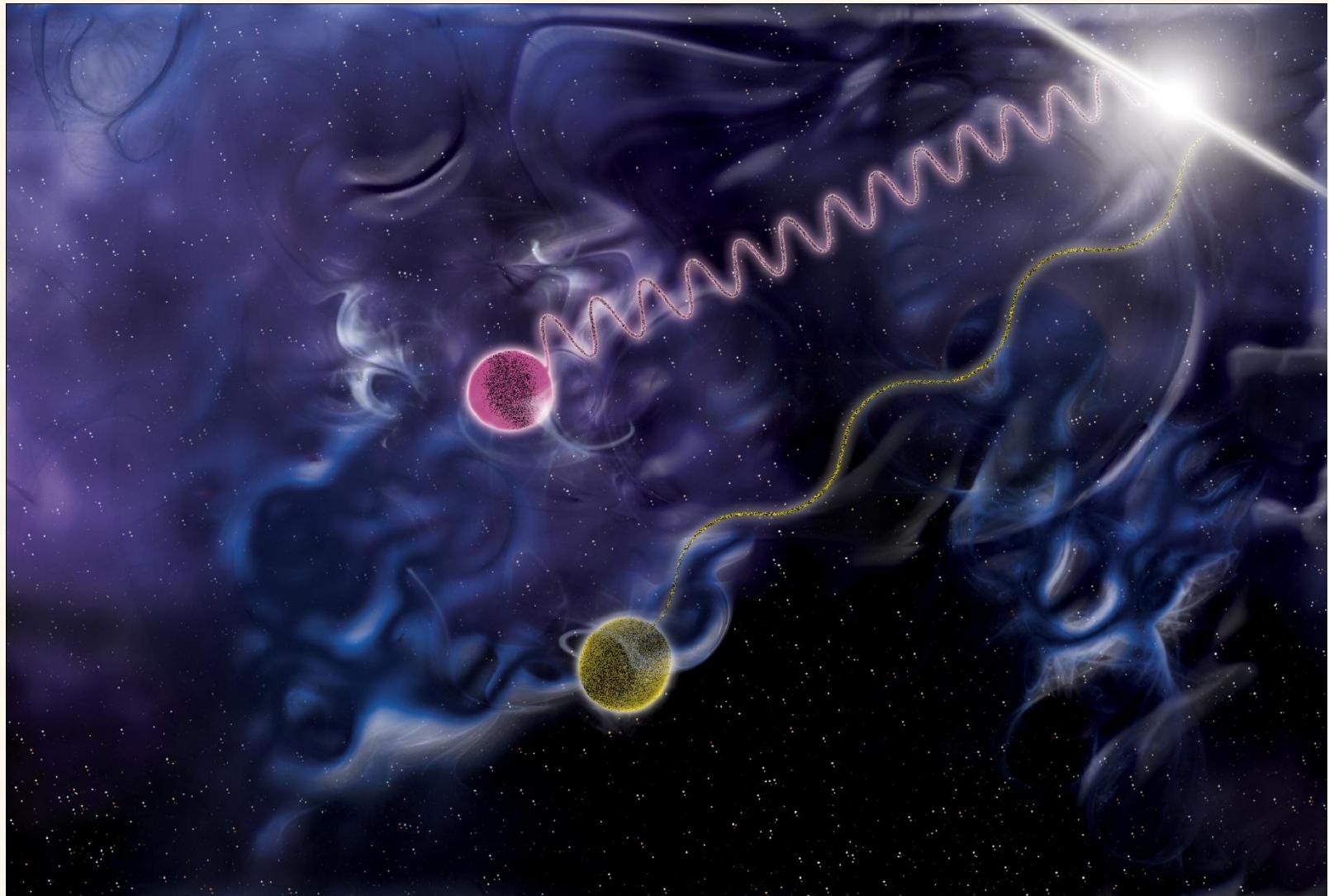
Amelino-Camelia & Smonlin'09, PRD

Gammy-ray Bursts (GRBs)



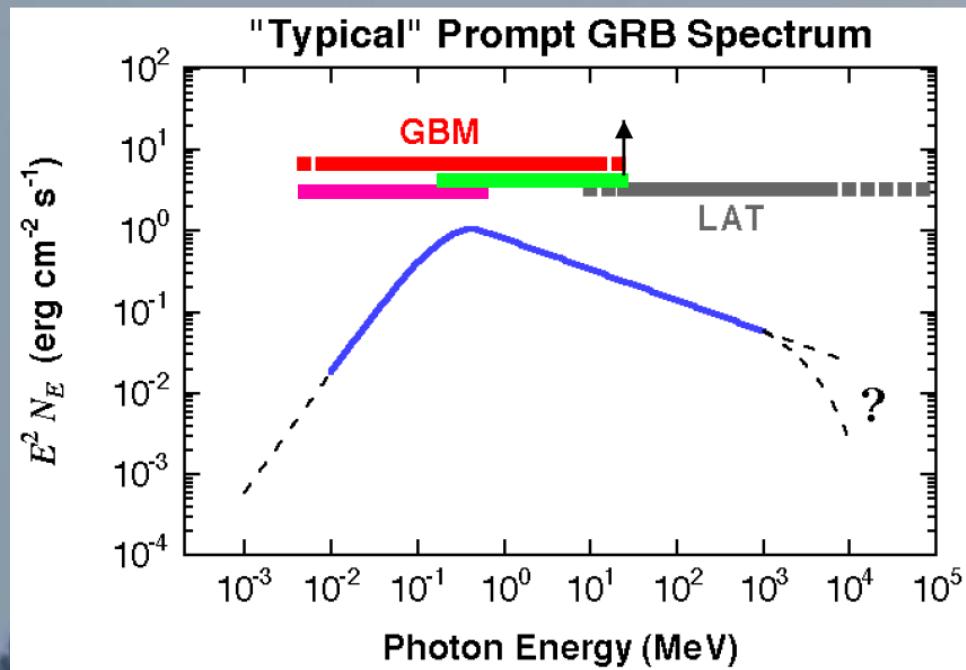
- The most energetic astrophysical process except the Big Bang
- 2 types
 - long GRBs: duration > 2 s; collapses of massive rapidly rotating stars
 - short GRBs: duration < 2 s; coalescence of two neutron stars or a neutron star and a black hole
- Long distance from detector:
 - $z \approx 2.15$ for long GRBs, several billion light-years
 - $z \approx 0.5$ for short GRBs
- Use GRBs to test LV [Amelino-Camelia et al.'98, Nature]

Time-lag by GRB



June 11, 2008

Fermi instruments



Model independent LV photon dispersion relation

$$\mathcal{E}^2 = \mathbf{p}^2 \left[1 - s_n \left(\frac{|\mathbf{p}|}{E_{\text{LV},n}} \right)^n \right]$$

$$v = 1 - s_n \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}}{E_{\text{LV},n}} \right)^n$$

$n = 1$ or 2  linear and quadratic energy dependence

s=1 subluminal case; s=-1 superluminal case

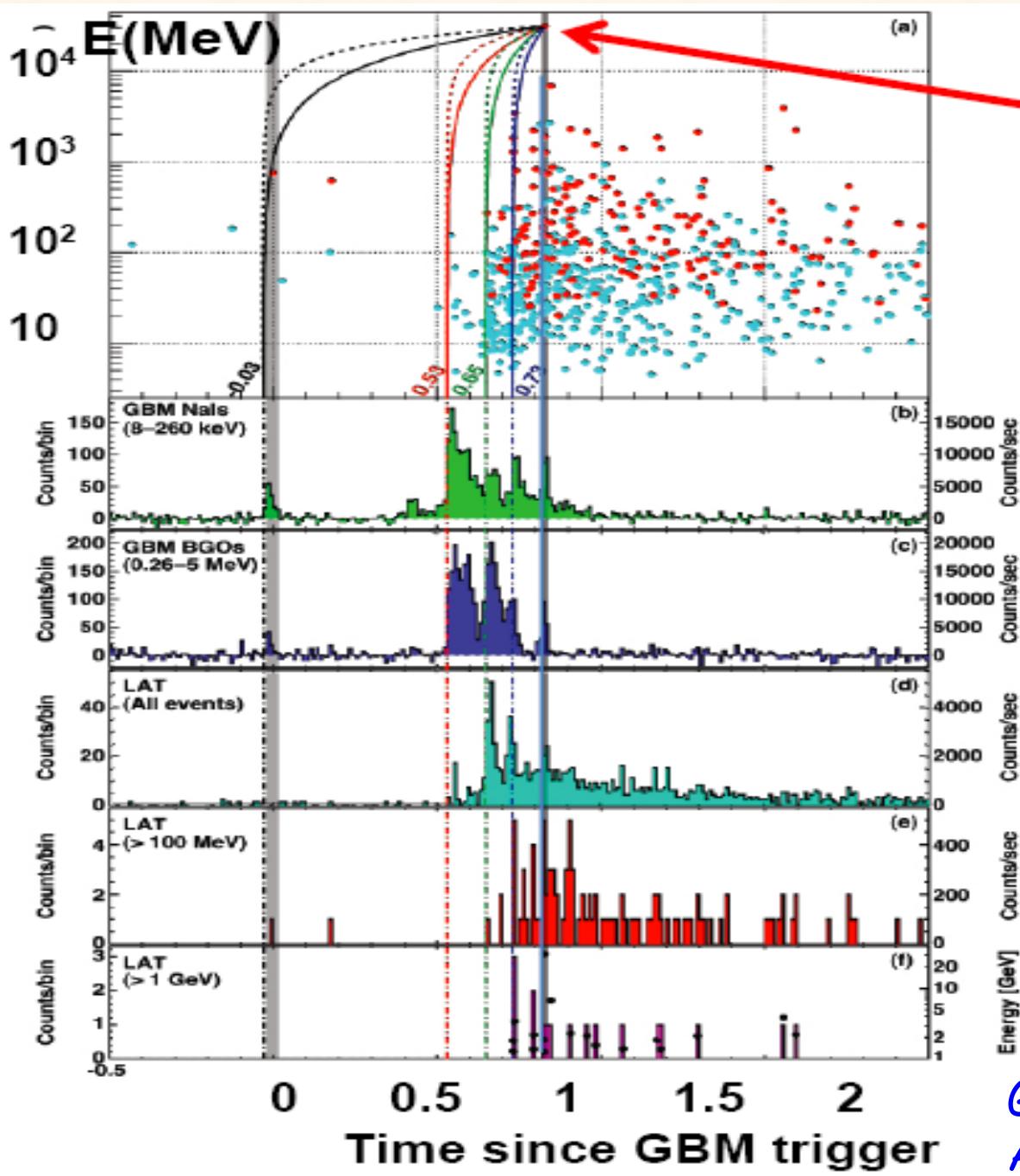
L.Shao and B.-Q.Ma, MPLA 25 (2010) 3251

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H.Xu, B.-Q.Ma, PLB 760 (2016) 602, arXiv: :1607.08043

H.Xu, B.-Q.Ma, JCAP 1801 (2018) 050, arXiv: 1801.08084



31 GeV

Time lags are affected both artificially and instrumentally

GRB090510
Abdo et al.'09, Nature

Early constraint from GRB090510 & Fermi-LAT data

Abdo et al. (Fermi), Nature 462 (2009) 331

a lower limit of $1.2E_{\text{Planck}}$

Z.Xiao and B.-Q.Ma, PRD 80 (2009) 116005

$$M \sim 7.72 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV} \quad 6.32M_{\text{Pl}}$$

Vasileiou et al., PRD 87 (2013) 122001

$E_{\text{QG},1} > 7.6$ times the Planck energy (E_{Pl})

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From Fermi Nature paper: we simply assume that it (high-energy photon) was emitted sometime during the relevant lower-energy emission episode.

LV from energetic photons (multi-GeV) of GRBs

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L.Shao, Z.Xiao and B.-Q.Ma, APP 33 (2010) 312, arXiv:0911.2276

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H.Li, B.-Q. Ma, Science Bulletin 65 (2020) 262 arXiv:2012.06967 LV on AGN

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H.Song, B.-Q.Ma, PRD 111 (2025) 103015 arXiv:2504.15685

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Time lag by LV effect

- Expansion universe [Jacob & Piran'08, JCAP]

$$\Delta t_{\text{LV}} = \frac{1+n}{2H_0} \left(\frac{E_{\text{h}}^n - E_{\text{l}}^n}{M_{\text{QG}}^n c^{2n}} \right) \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n dz'}{h(z')}$$

$$M_{\text{QG,L}} = |\xi|^{-1} M_{\text{P}} \text{ and } M_{\text{QG,Q}} = |\zeta|^{-1/2} M_{\text{P}}$$

$$h(z) = \sqrt{\Omega_{\Lambda} + \Omega_{\text{M}}(1+z)^3}$$

$$H_0 \simeq 71 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

$$\Omega_{\Lambda} \simeq 0.73 \quad \Omega_{\text{M}} \simeq 0.27$$

New derivation from Finsler geometry:

J. Zhu, B.-Q. Ma, PRD 12 (2022) 124069.

the $\Delta t_{\text{obs}}/(1+z)$ - K_n plot

An intuitive way to perform analysis

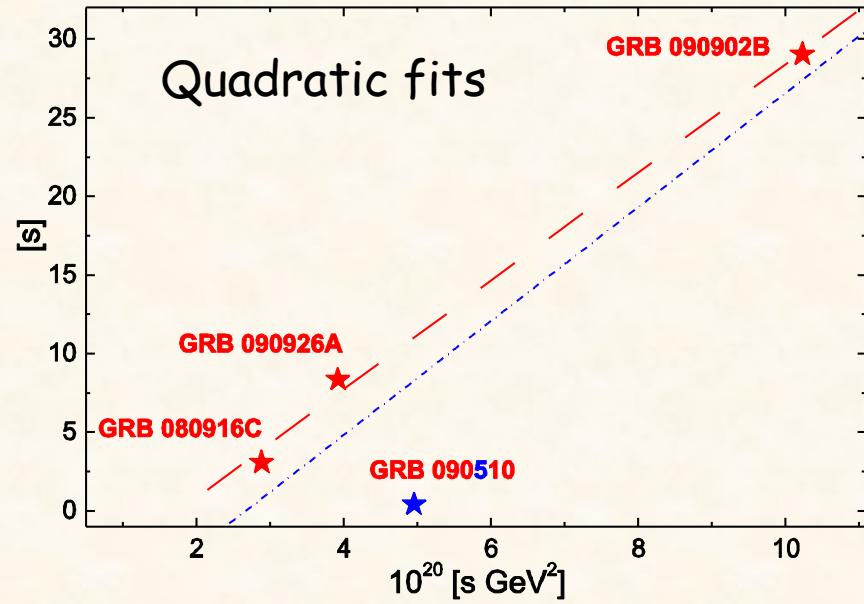
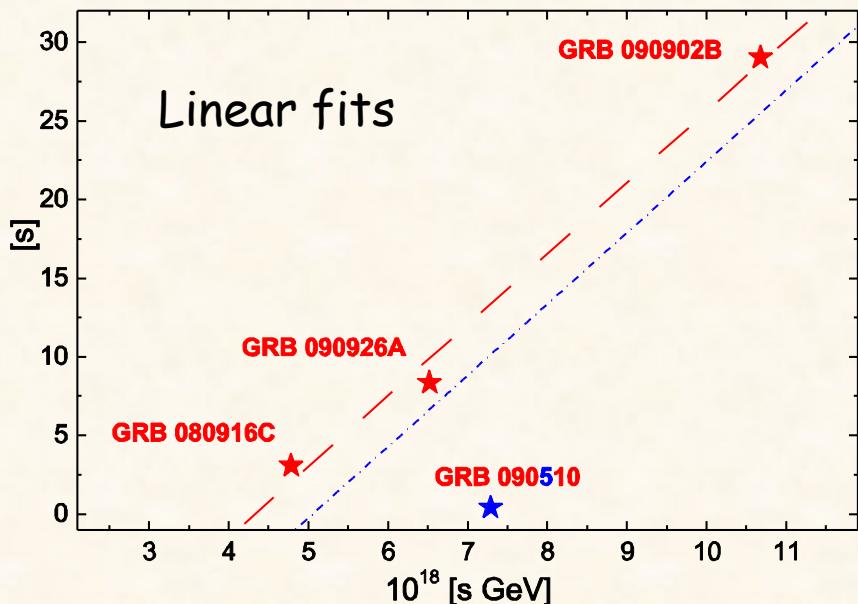
$$\Delta t_{\text{obs}} = \Delta t_{\text{LV}} + \Delta t_{\text{in}}(1+z)$$

$$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} = s_n \frac{K_n}{E_{\text{LV},n}^n} + \Delta t_{\text{in}}$$

$$K_n = \frac{1+n}{2H_0} \frac{E_{\text{high}}^n - E_{\text{low}}^n}{1+z} \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n dz'}{\sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z')^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{LV}} = \frac{1+n}{2H_0} \left(\frac{E_{\text{h}}^n - E_1^n}{M_{\text{QG}}^n c^{2n}} \right) \int_0^z \frac{(1+z')^n dz'}{h(z')}$$

$$\Delta t_{\text{obs}} = \Delta t_{\text{LV}} + \Delta t_{\text{in}}(1+z)$$



$$M_{\text{QG,L}} = (2.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}/c^2 \text{ and } M_{\text{QG,Q}} = (5.4 \pm 0.2) \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

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further development around 2015

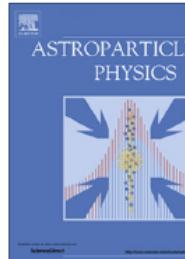
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Lorentz violation from gamma-ray bursts

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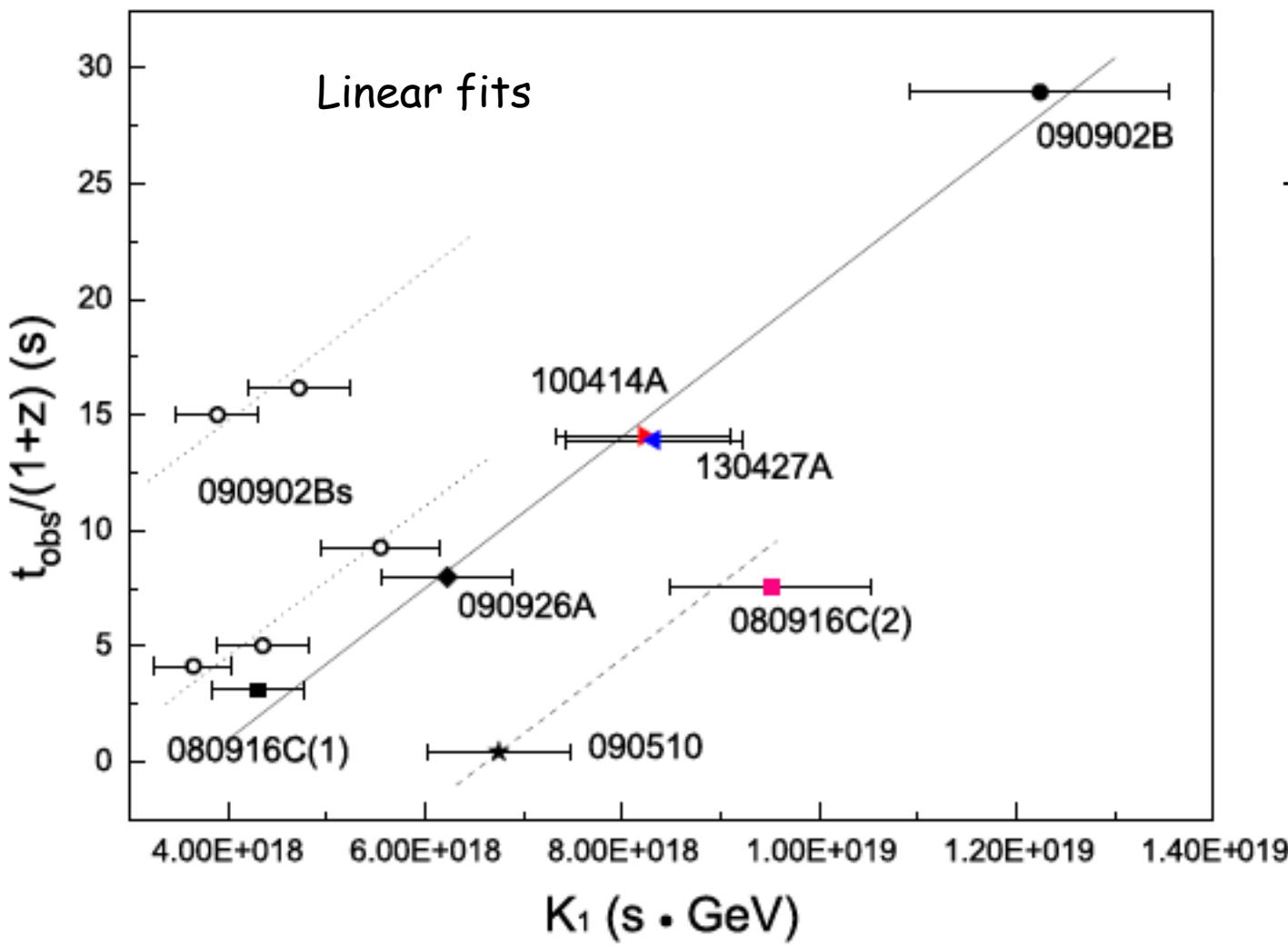
Added data

Table 1: The data of the GRBs with high energy photons and known redshifts.

GRB	z	t_{obs} (s)	E_{obs} (GeV)	E_{in} (GeV)	$E_{\text{LV},1}$ ($\times 10^{17}$ GeV)	$\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z}$ (s)	K_1 ($\times 10^{18}$ s · GeV)
080916C(1)	4.35 ± 0.15	16.545	12.4	66.3	13.9 ± 1.7	3.092	4.30
090926A	2.1071 ± 0.0001	24.835	19.5	60.6	7.8 ± 0.8	7.993	6.23
100414A	1.368	33.365	29.7	70.3	5.8 ± 0.6	14.090	8.22
130427A ^a	0.3399 ± 0.0002	18.644	72.6	97.3	6.0 ± 0.7	13.915	8.32
090902B	1.822	81.746	39.9	112.6	4.2 ± 0.5	28.967	12.24
090510	0.903 ± 0.003	0.828	29.9	56.9	155 ± 17	0.435	6.75
080916C(2)	4.35 ± 0.15	40.509	27.4	146.6	12.6 ± 1.4	7.572	9.51
090902Bs	1.822	11.671	11.9	33.6	8.8 ± 1.0	4.136	3.65
		14.166	14.2	40.1	8.7 ± 1.0	5.020	4.36
		26.168	18.1	51.1	6.0 ± 0.7	9.273	5.55
		42.374	12.7	35.8	2.6 ± 0.3	15.016	3.90
		45.608	15.4	43.5	2.9 ± 0.3	16.162	4.72

^aThe data of this GRB are from the Pass 7 LAT reconstruction. The references for the redshifts of the GRBs are [18](GRB 080916C), [22](GRB 090510), [21](GRB 090902B), [19](GRB 090926A), [20](GRB 100414A), and [17](GRB 130427A). t_{obs} is the arrival time after the onset of the GRBs, E_{obs} is the measured energy of the photon, E_{in} is the intrinsic energy at the source of the GRBs, and $E_{\text{LV},1}$ is the Lorentz violation parameter of the linear LV model without considering the intrinsic time lag. The standard errors of $E_{\text{LV},1}$'s are calculated with the consideration of the energy resolution of LAT [25] and the uncertainties of the cosmological parameters and the redshifts. K_1 is the Lorentz violation factor with a unit as (s · GeV)

further development



$$\frac{t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} = \frac{K_n}{E_{\text{LV},n}^n} + t_{\text{in}}$$

n=1

$$E_{\text{LV},1} = (3.05 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

Benchmark of low energy photons: trigger or peak?

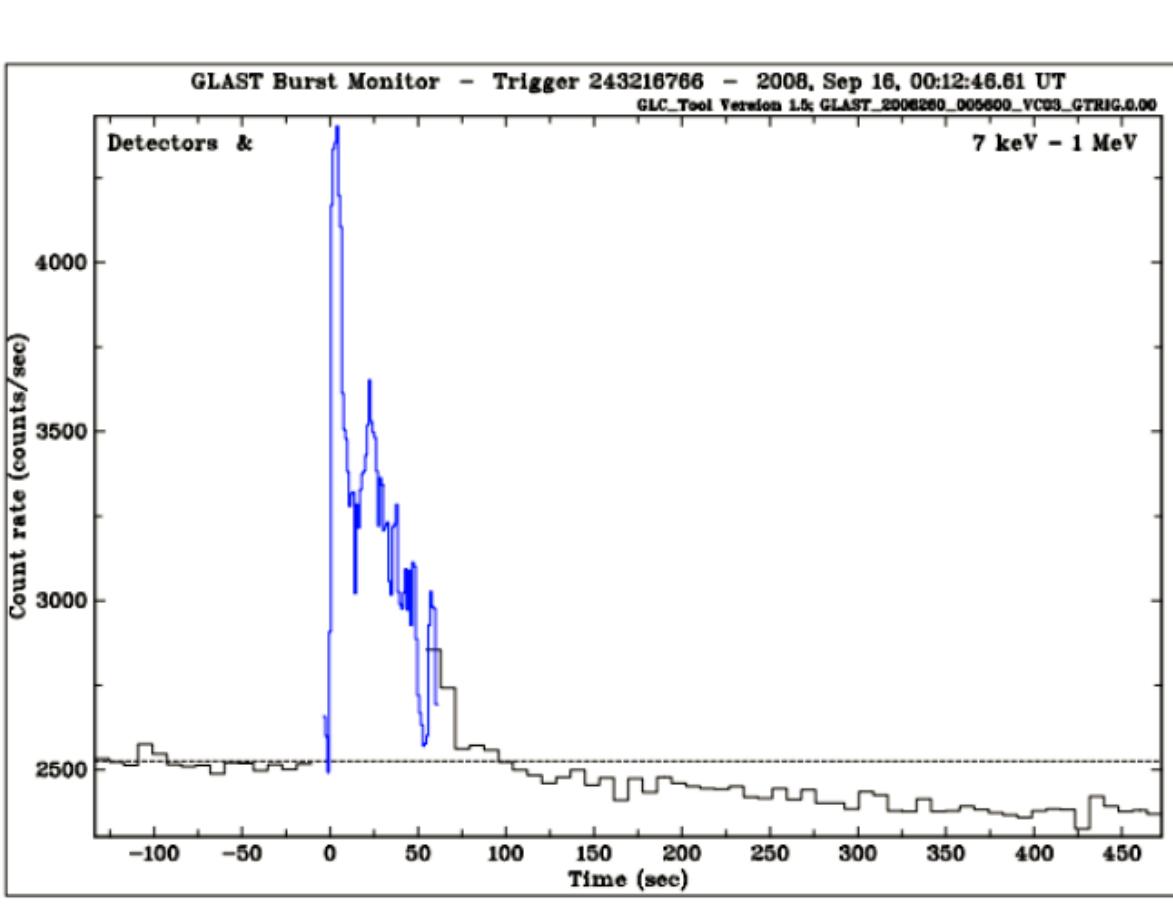
Trigger:

- L.Shao, Z.Xiao and B.-Q.Ma, APP 33 (2010) 312, arXiv:0911.2276
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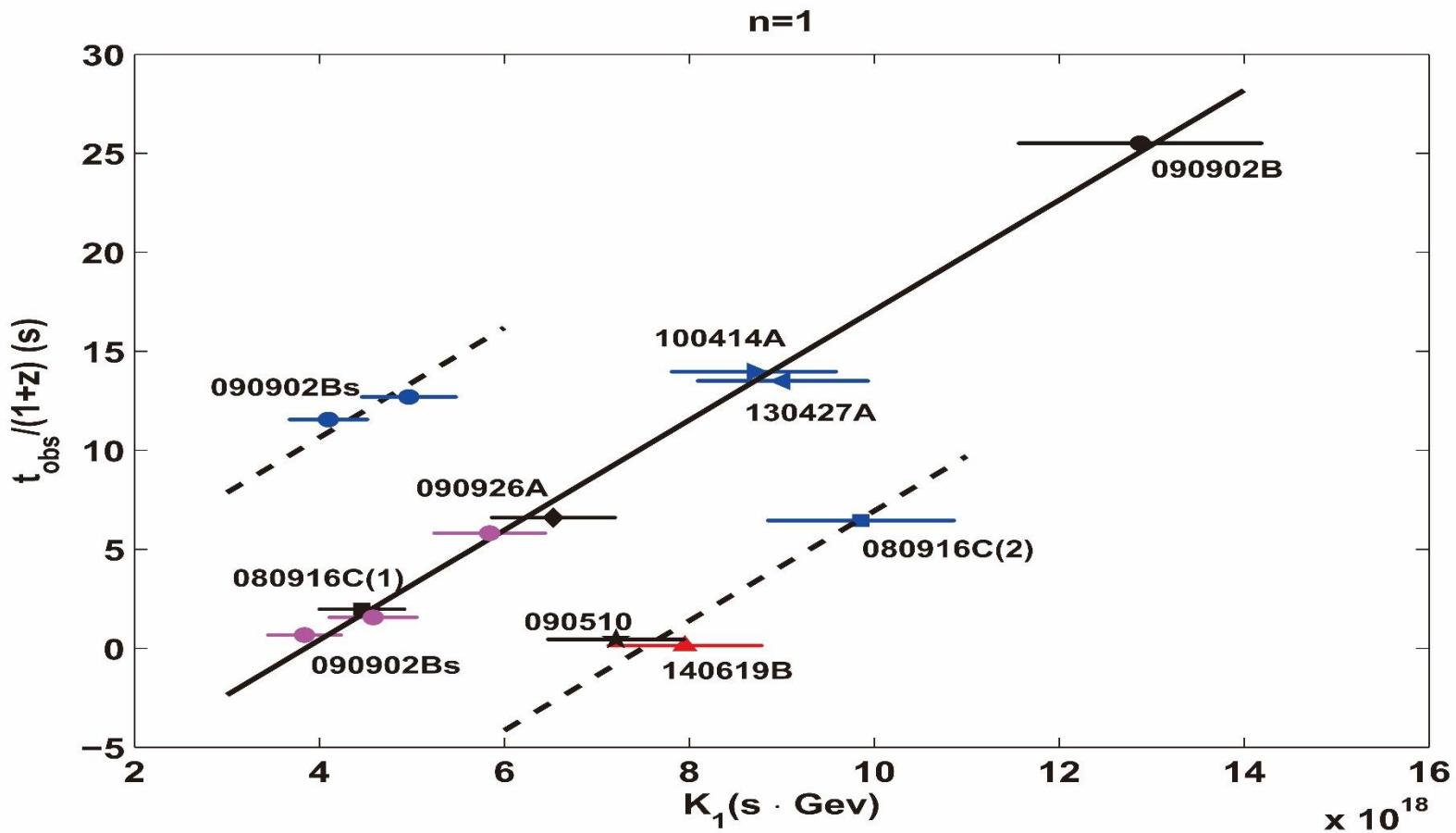
New Analysis of Data

Table 1: The data of high energy photon events from GRBs with known redshifts.

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080916C(2)	4.35 ± 0.15	40.509	5.984	27.4	146.6	6.453	9.86 ± 0.99
090510	0.903 ± 0.003	0.828	-0.032	29.9	56.9	0.452	7.21 ± 0.73
090902B	1.822	81.746	9.768	39.9	112.6	25.506	12.9 ± 1.3
		11.671		11.9	33.6	0.674	3.84 ± 0.39
		14.166		14.2	40.1	1.559	4.58 ± 0.47
090902Bs	1.822	26.168	9.768	18.1	51.1	5.812	5.84 ± 0.59
		42.374		12.7	35.8	11.554	4.10 ± 0.42
		45.608		15.4	43.5	12.700	4.97 ± 0.51
090926A	2.1071 ± 0.0001	24.835	4.320	19.5	60.6	6.603	6.53 ± 0.66
100414A	1.368	33.365	0.288	29.7	70.3	13.968	8.70 ± 0.88
130427A	0.3399 ± 0.0002	18.644	0.544	72.6	97.3	13.509	9.02 ± 0.91
140619B	2.67 ± 0.37	0.613	0.096	22.7	83.5	0.141	7.96 ± 0.82

- H.Xu, B.-Q.Ma, APP 82 (2016) 72, arXiv: 1607.03203

New Results



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New GRB: 160509A

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Light speed variation from gamma ray burst GRB 160509A



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It is postulated in Einstein's relativity that the speed of light in vacuum is a constant for all observers. However, the effect of quantum gravity could bring an energy dependence of light speed. Even a tiny speed variation, when amplified by the cosmological distance, may be revealed by the observed time lags between photons with different energies from astrophysical sources. From the newly detected long gamma ray burst GRB 160509A, we find evidence to support the prediction for a linear form modification of light speed in cosmological space.

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New GRB: 160509A

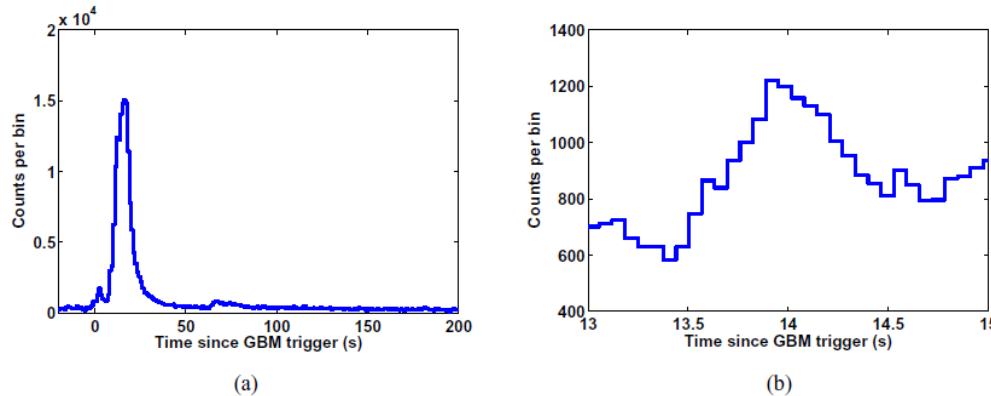


Figure 1: Light curves of the two brightest trigger detectors combined (GBM NaI-n0 and NaI-n3, $8 \sim 260$ keV) for GRB 160509A. In the left panel (a), photon events are binned in 1 second intervals. In the right panel (b), photon events are binned in 0.064 seconds intervals to determine the peak of the main pulse as $T_{\text{peak}} = 13.920$ s.

Table 1: Photons with energy higher than 1 GeV from GRB 160509A

$E_{\text{obs}} / \text{GeV}$	$t_{\text{arri}} / \text{s}$	(RA, Dec)
51.9	76.506	(310.3, 76.0)
2.33	24.258	(313.2, 75.9)
1.85	87.039	(308.3, 73.9)
1.52	50.570	(328.8, 72.5)
1.26	49.155	(311.3, 75.8)

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New GRB: 160509A

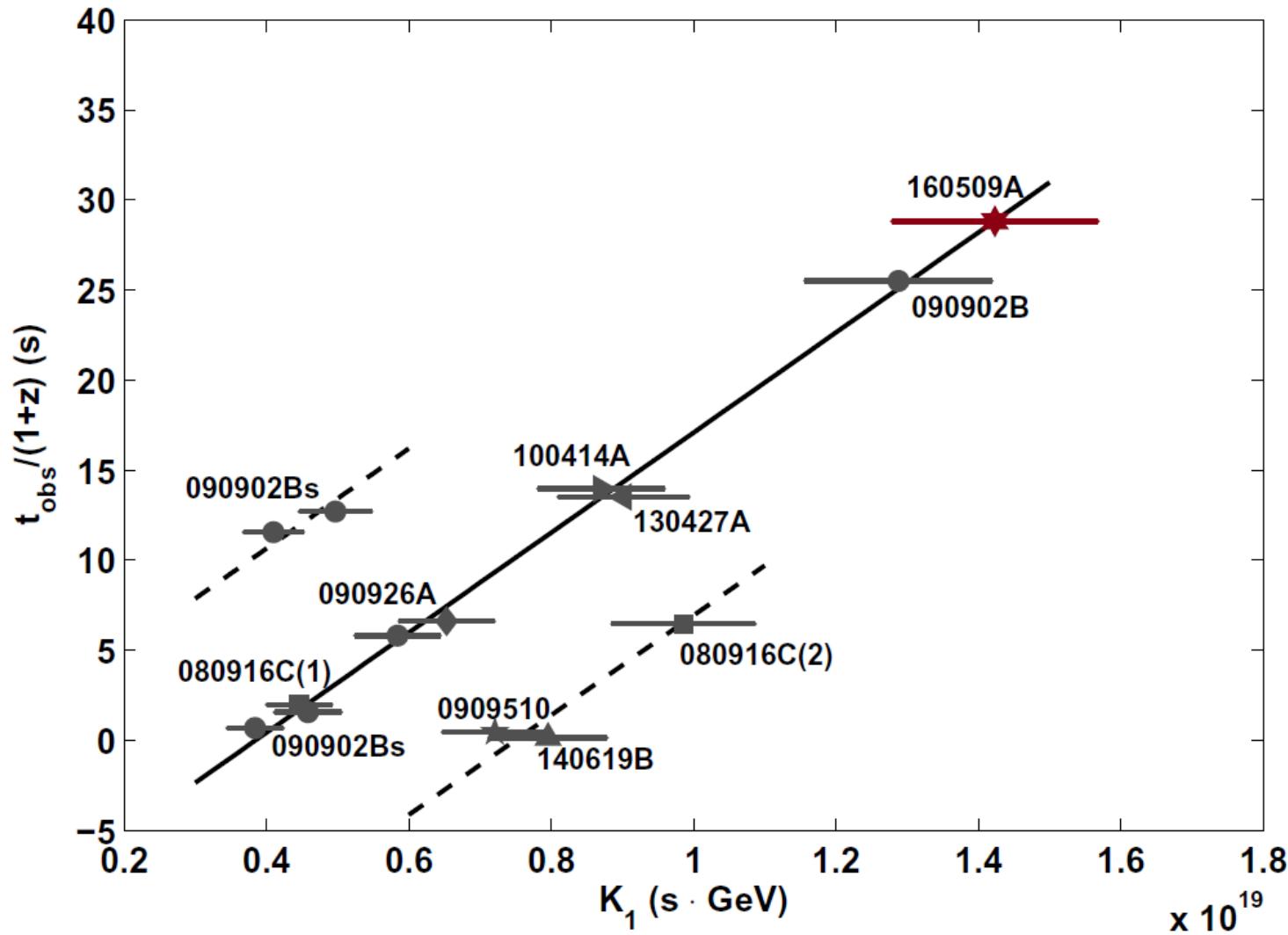
Table 2: Data of high energy photon event from GRB 160509A

GRB	z	t_{high} (s)	t_{low} (s)	E_{obs} (GeV)	E_{source} (GeV)	$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z}$ (s)	K_1 ($\times 10^{18}$ s · GeV)
160509A	1.17	76.506	13.920	51.9	112.6	28.812	14.2

Data of GRB 160509A. t_{high} and t_{low} denote the arrival time of the high energy photon event and the peak time of the main pulse of low energy photons respectively, with the trigger time of GBM as the zero point. E_{obs} and E_{source} are the energy measured by Fermi LAT and the intrinsic energy at the source of GRBs, with $E_{\text{source}} = (1 + z)E_{\text{obs}}$. K_1 is the Lorentz violation factor with a unit of (s · GeV) for $n = 1$.

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New GRB: 160509A



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New GRB: 160509A

we find evidence

to support the prediction for a linear form modification of light speed

$$v(E) = c(1 - E/E_{\text{LV}})$$

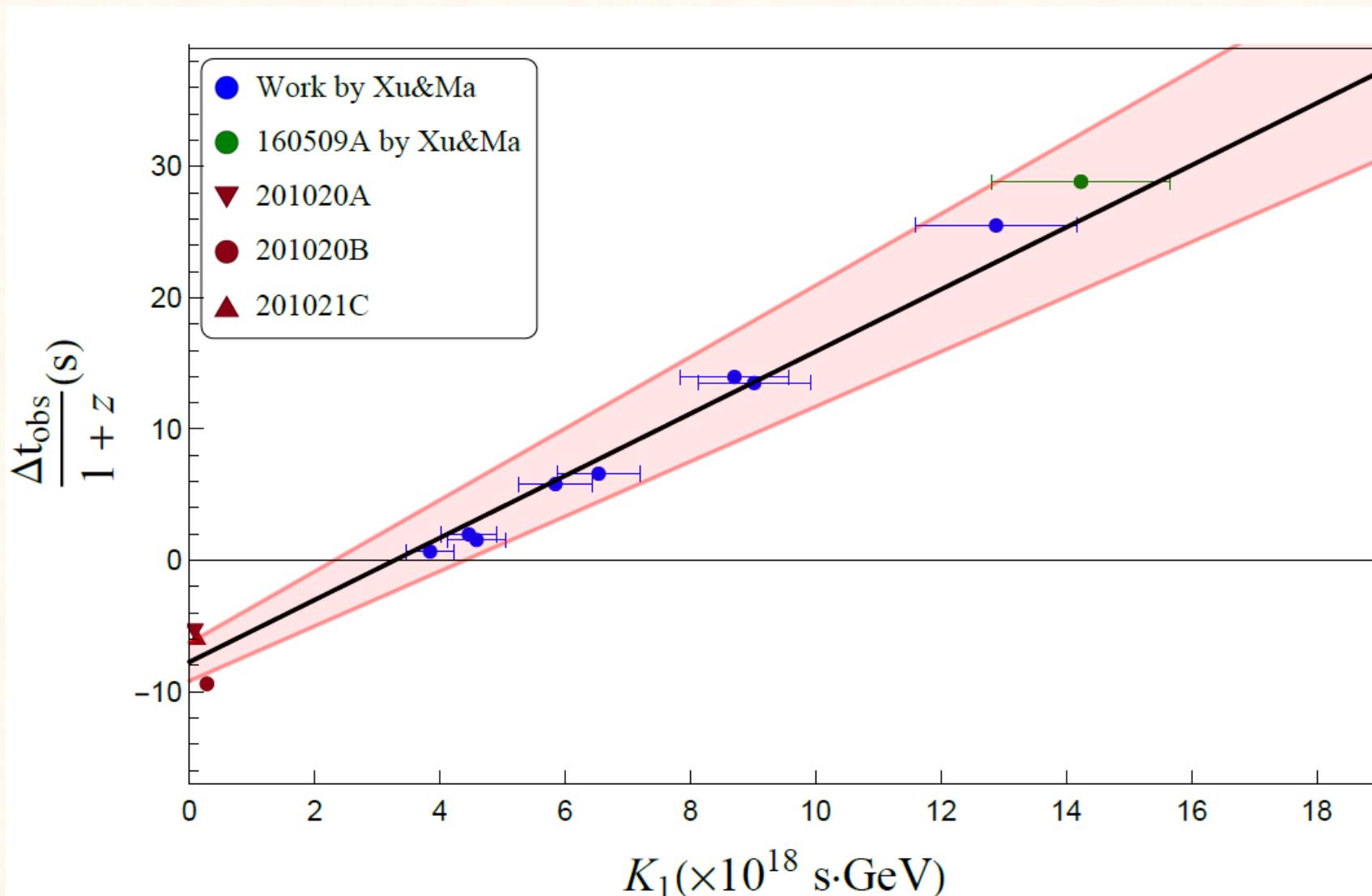
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ABSTRACT

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New GRBs: 201020A, 201020B, 201021C



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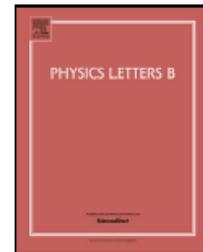
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Pre-burst events of gamma-ray bursts with light speed variation

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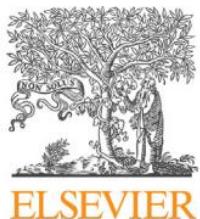


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Pre-burst of GRBs from machine learning

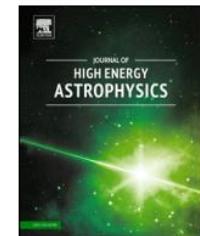
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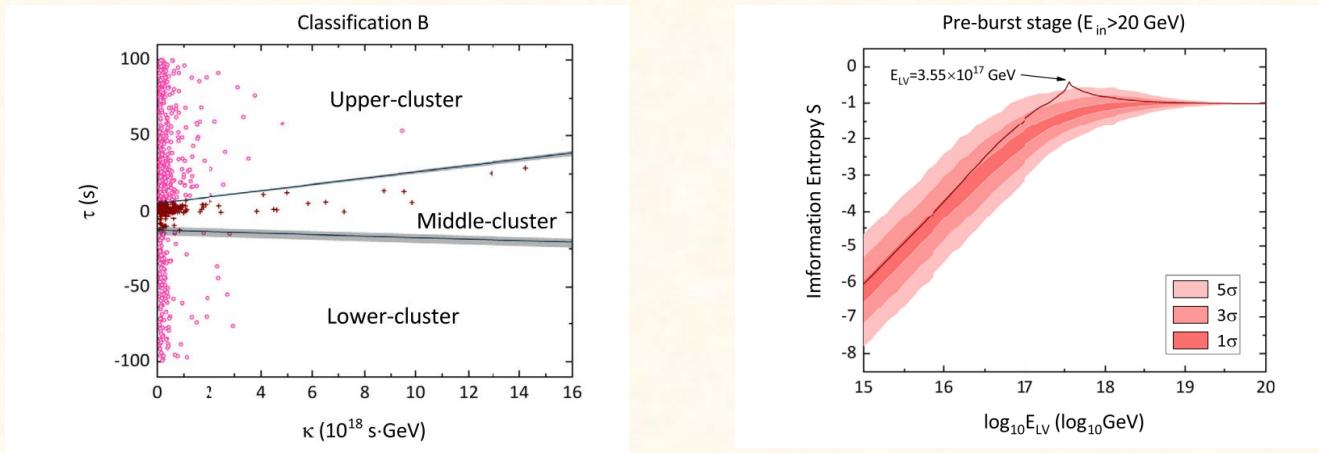
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Refined model with intrinsic time delay

Letter

Energy-dependent intrinsic time delay of gamma-ray bursts on testing Lorentz invariance violation

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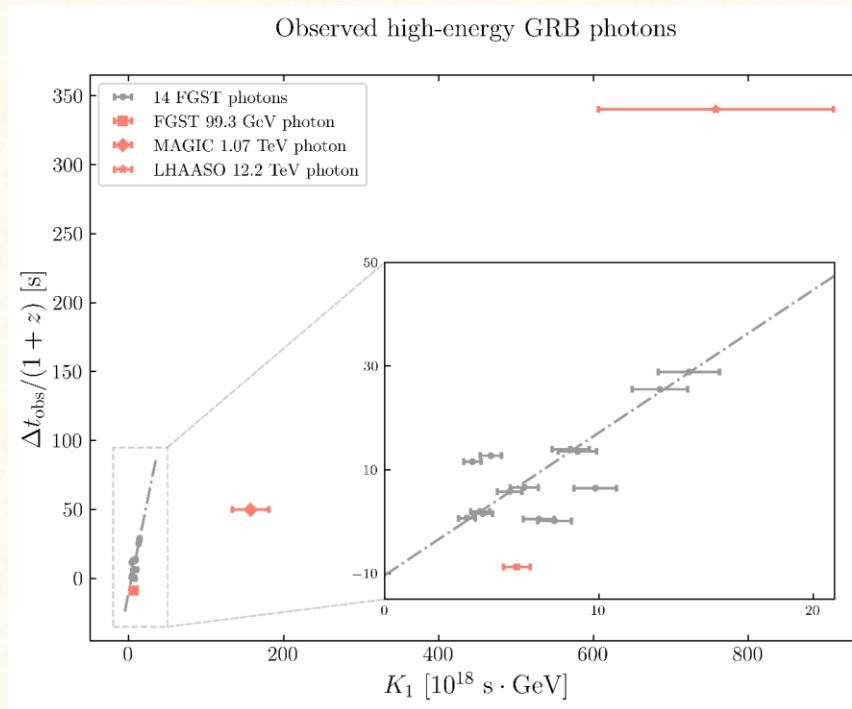
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$$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} = \Delta t_{\text{in,c}} + \alpha E_s + a_{\text{LV}} K_1$$

- Again showing a pre-burst stage of GRBs
- Support light speed variation at $E_{\text{LV}} = 2.96^{+1.21}_{-0.70} \times 10^{17}$ GeV

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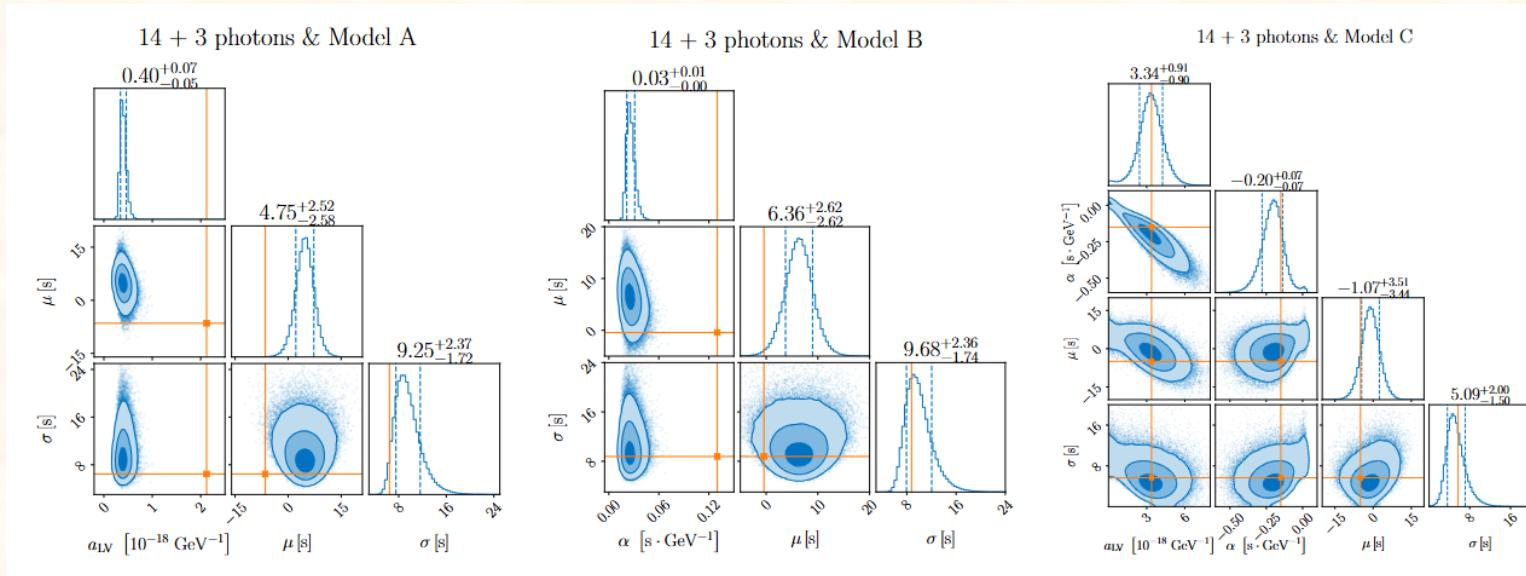
Refined model analysis including TeV & multi-TeV data



- Again showing a pre-burst stage of GRBs
- Support of light speed variation at $E_{\text{LV}} = 3.00^{+1.11}_{-0.64} \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$

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Refined model analysis proved from Monte Carlo data



- **Consistency between 14 dataset and 14+7 dataset with Model C**
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A brief summary of new results

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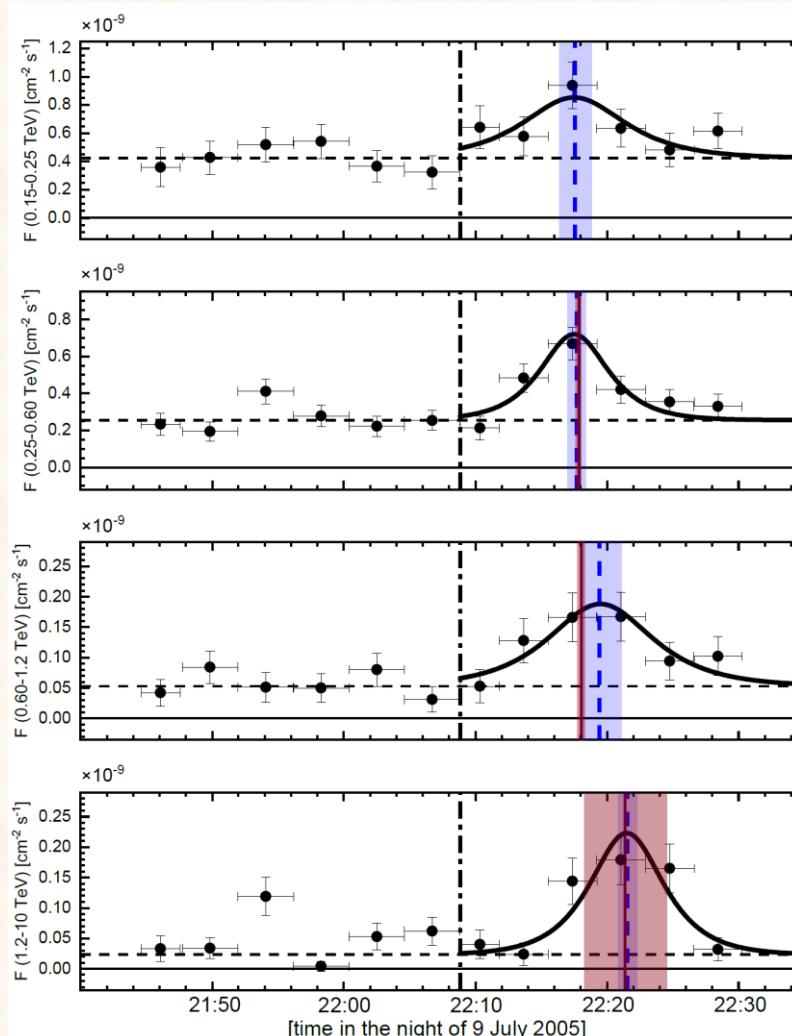
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- Testing Lorentz invariance violation with Gamma-ray burst
 - Energy-dependent intrinsic time delay model
- **Consistent** results with **previous studies** on **GeV** photons
 - **Consistent** results in explaining **TeV** photons
 - **Hints for new physics at $E_{LV} \sim 3 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$**

More data and stronger evidence will appear soon

Carpet-3 300 TeV Photon Event as an Evidence for Lorentz Violation
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Light Speed Variation from AGN: Mrk501



Light curves (LC) binned in 4 minutes for the flare of Mrk 501 in the night on 9 July 2005 by MAGIC

A shift of peak by 4 ± 1 minutes between bands 0.15-0.25 TeV and 1.2-10 TeV

$$E_{\text{LV}}^{\text{agn}} = 3.68^{+0.46}_{-0.37} \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$



$$E_{\text{LV}}^{\text{grb}} = (3.60 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

A support for the subluminal light speed variation from GRBs

Prediction of Light speed variation from space-time foam

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$$c_g = 1 - 2g_s \frac{\zeta_D |\mathbf{p}|}{M_s} \simeq 1 - \mathcal{O}\left(g_s \frac{n_D \mathcal{E}}{M_s}\right), \quad \langle\langle \lambda \rangle\rangle_D = \zeta_D > 0.$$

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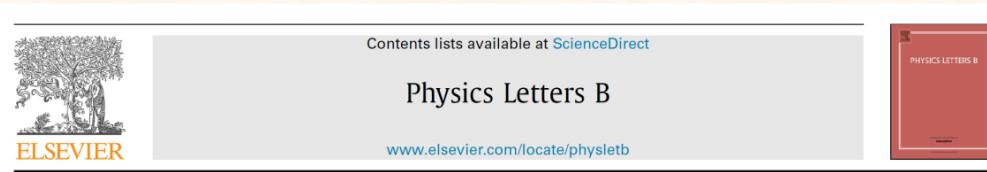
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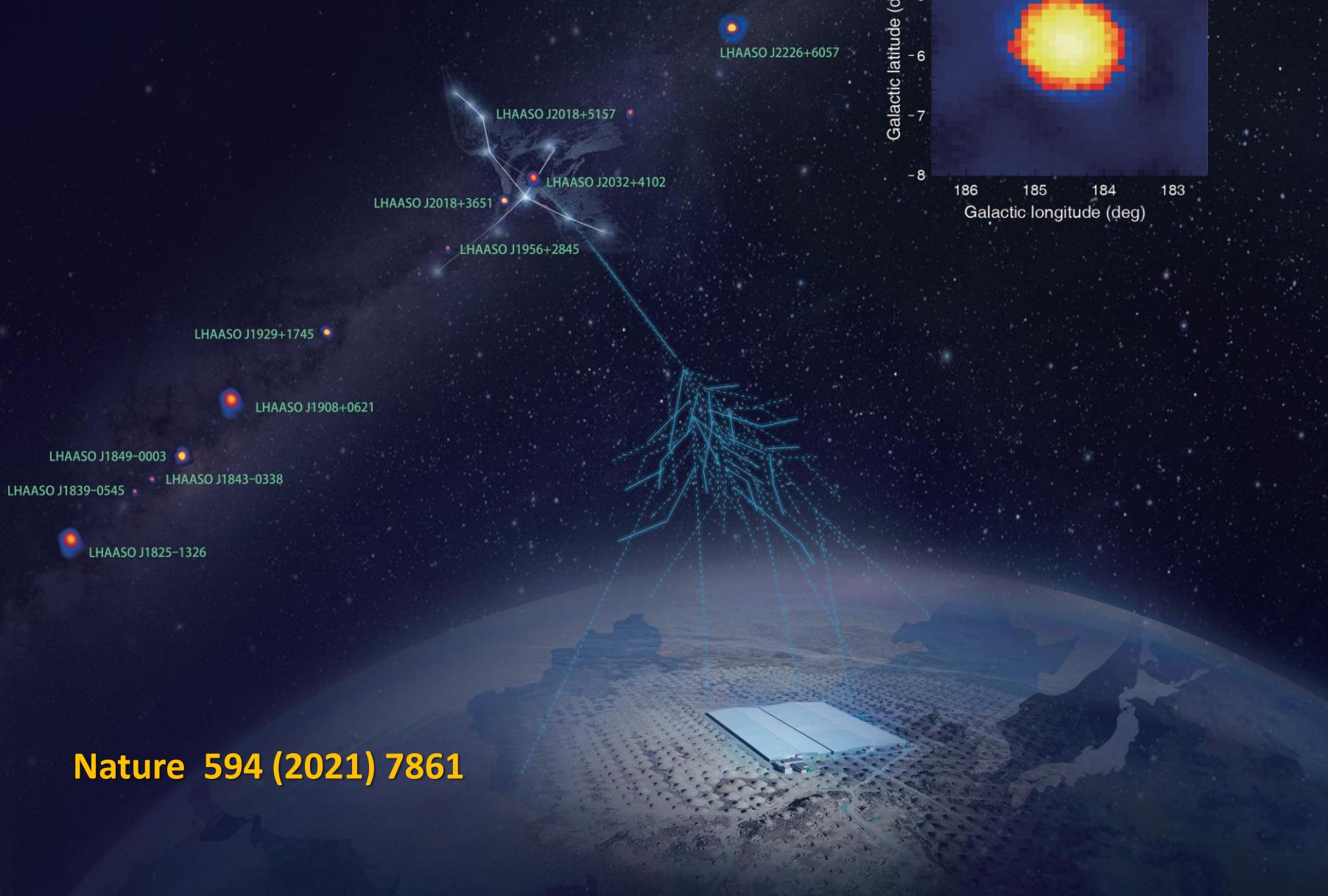


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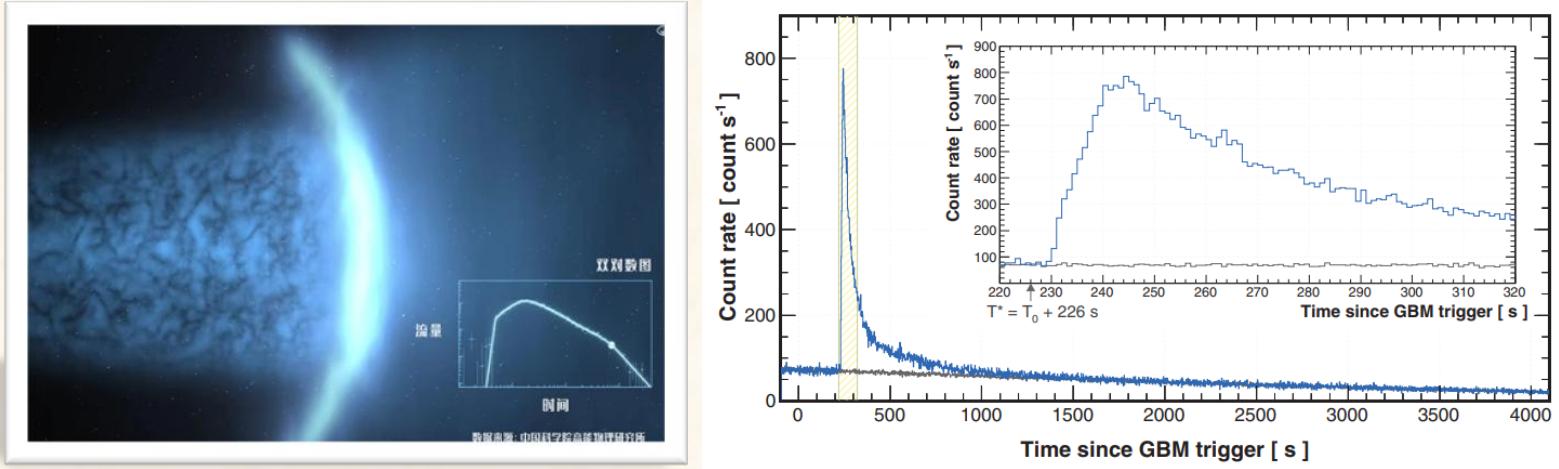
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LHAASO discovery of PeV photons



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Newly observed GRB221009A



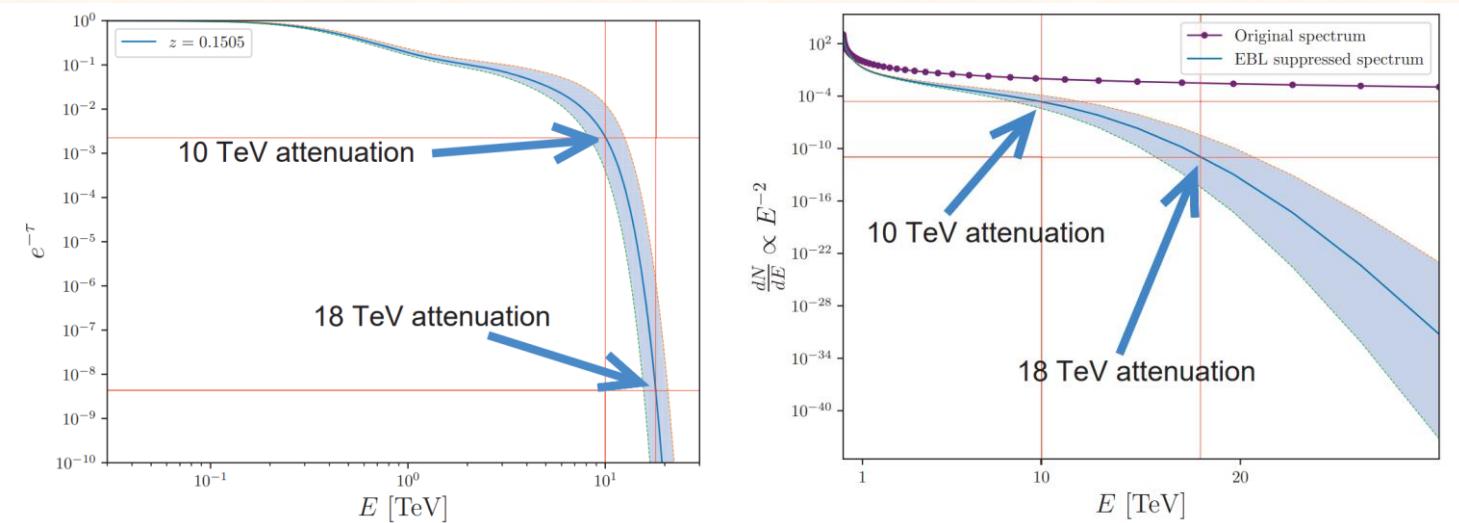
- Triggered by Fermi and Swift
- Very bright GRB with very short distance
 $z=0.1505$ (2.4 billion light years)
- LHAASO observation: 64000 high energy events with energies larger than 200 GeV including photons with energy larger than 10 TeV.

The first observation of GRB photons over 10 TeV.

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Newly observed GRB221009A



- Within standard model, extragalactic background light (EBL) could absorb cosmic photons severely and the flux is too weak to be observed.
- We suggest that Lorentz invariance violation induced threshold anomaly of $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^-e^+$ process provides a candidate to explain the LHAASO observation of 18 TeV event.

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Axion-Photon Conversion of LHAASO Multi-TeV and PeV Photons

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- The axion-photon conversion allows extragalactic multi-TeV and PeV photons to propagate in the Universe for being detected on the Earth.
- The axion-photon conversation can serve as an alternative mechanism for the very-high-energy features of the newly observed gamma ray burst GRB 221009A.

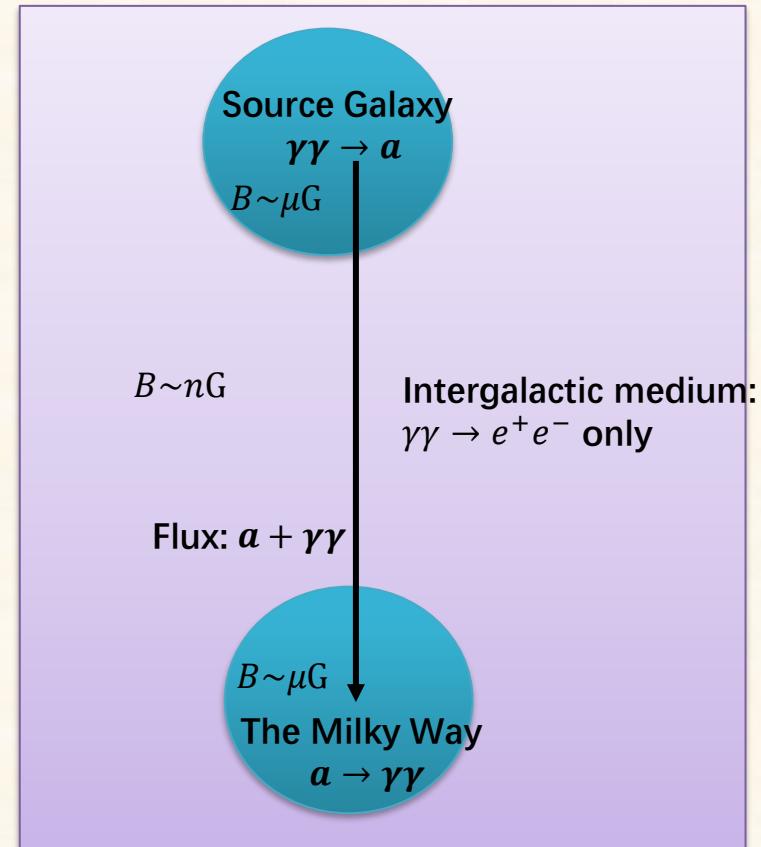
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An earlier work to indicate that LHAASO data on PeV photons and on multi-TeV photons from GRB221009A can be used for studying new physics of axions.

The picture of photon-axion conversion

The axion-photon conversion can explain the observation of VHE photons from GRB221009A, and provide constraints on the m_a and coupling constant $g_{a\gamma}$ of axion-like-particles (ALPs).

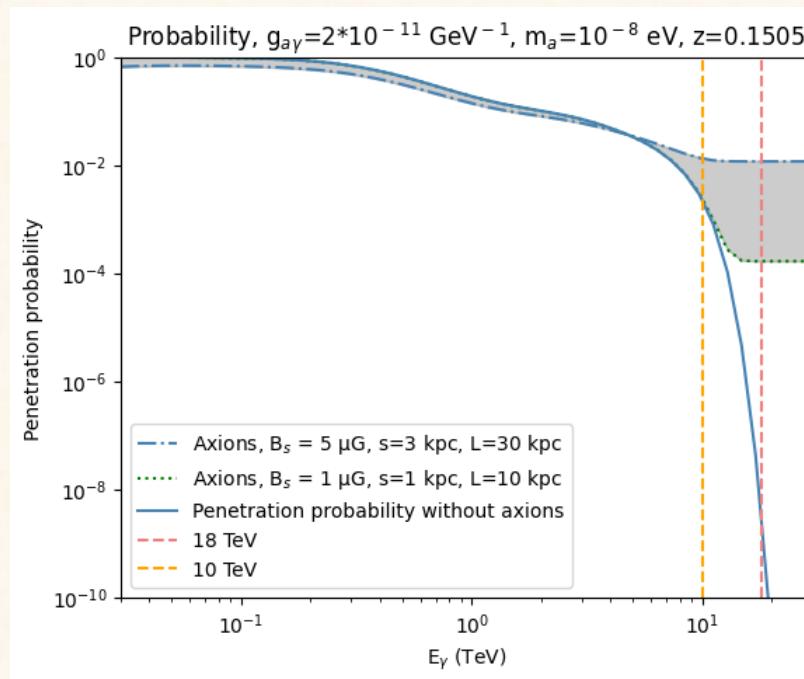
1. **GRB source frame magnetic fields:** Cellular model.
2. **Propagation in the intergalactic space :** no photon-ALP $\gamma\gamma a$ conversion for the ALPs-photon mixed beams but only $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$, putting constraints on m_a and $g_{a\gamma}$.
3. **Back conversion:** ALPs-photon conversion transforms some ALPs into photons in the magnetic field of Milky Way, making photons to be re-observable.



Constraints on Axion Mass and Coupling Constant through LHAASO data

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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

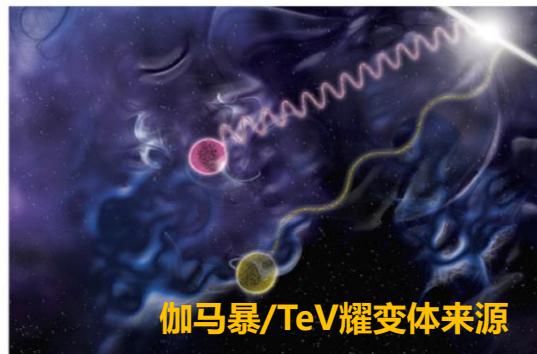
Axion-photon conversion

Sterile neutrino

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



伽马暴/TeV耀变体来源

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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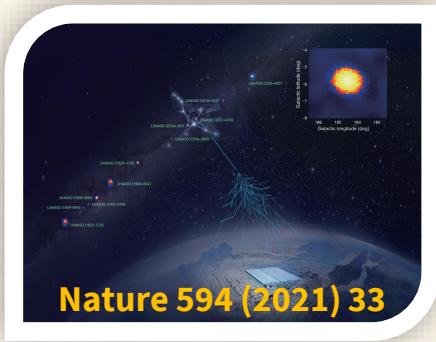
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LHAASO discoveries set strong constraints on superluminal Lorentz violation

对粒子物理标准模型的精确检验



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对光子超光速洛伦兹破缺给出极强约束

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

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光子/电子洛伦兹破缺参数的联合限制

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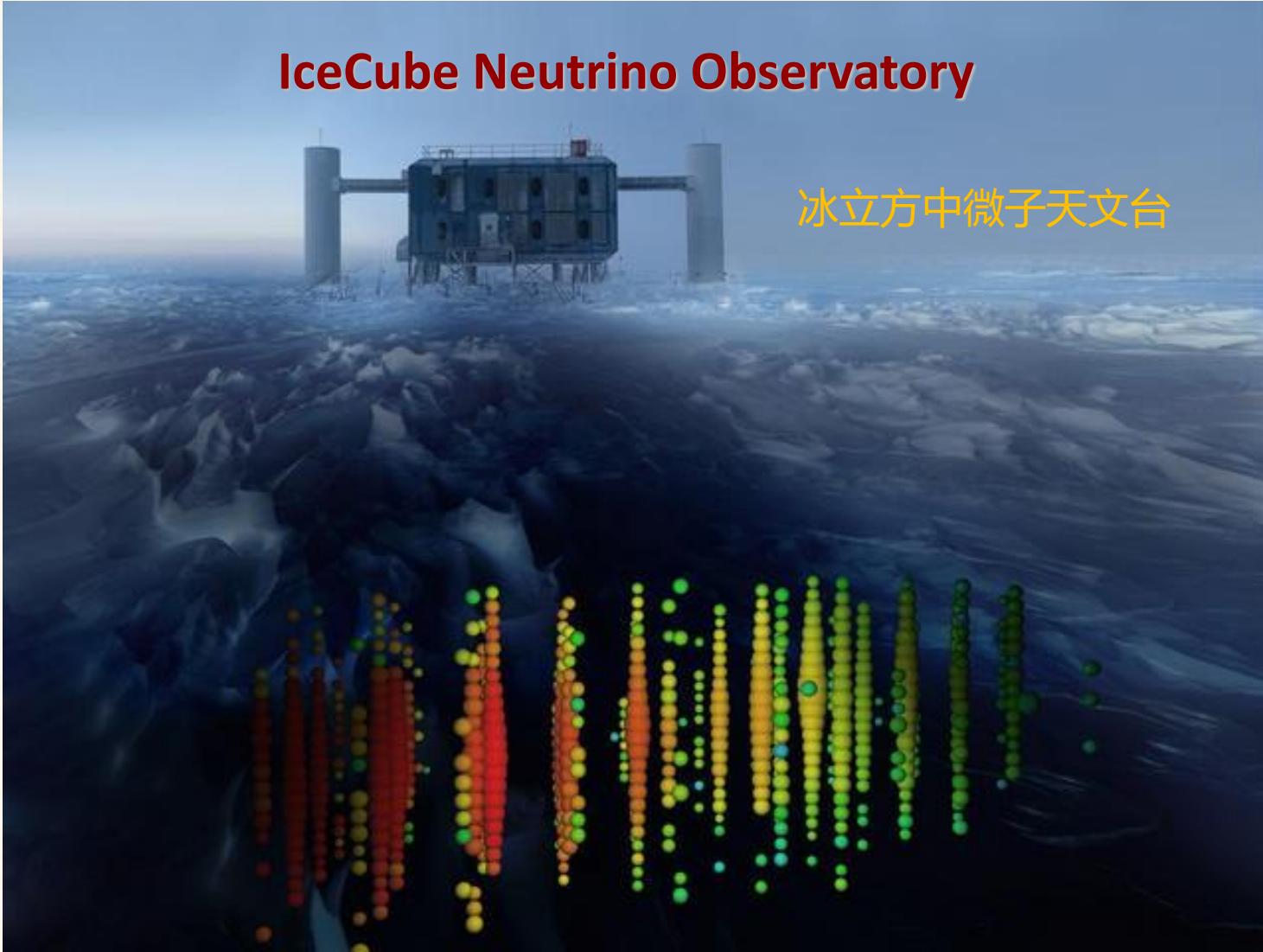
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IceCube Neutrino Observatory

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IceCube Neutrinos

—results reported by IceCube

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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.**

Advantages: from photons to neutrinos

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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.

Reanalysis of TeV Events

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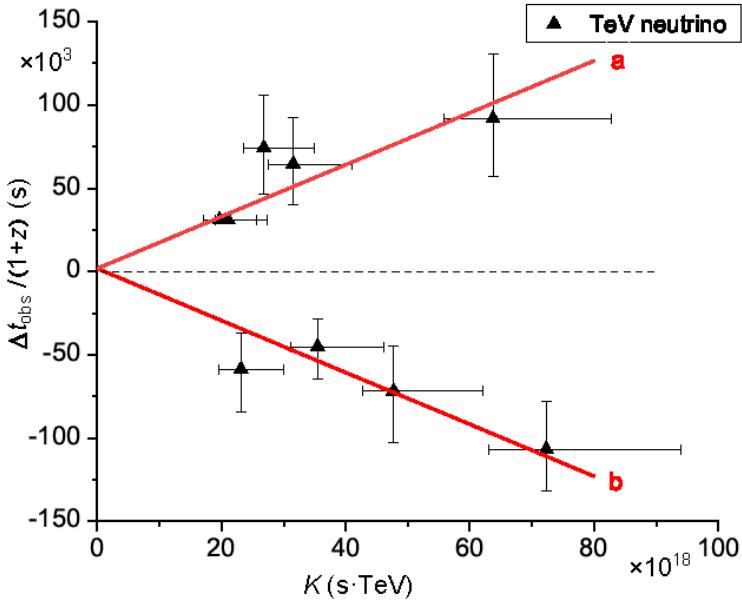
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$$\left| \frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} - \Delta t_{\text{in}} \right| = \frac{K}{E_{\text{LV}}}$$

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

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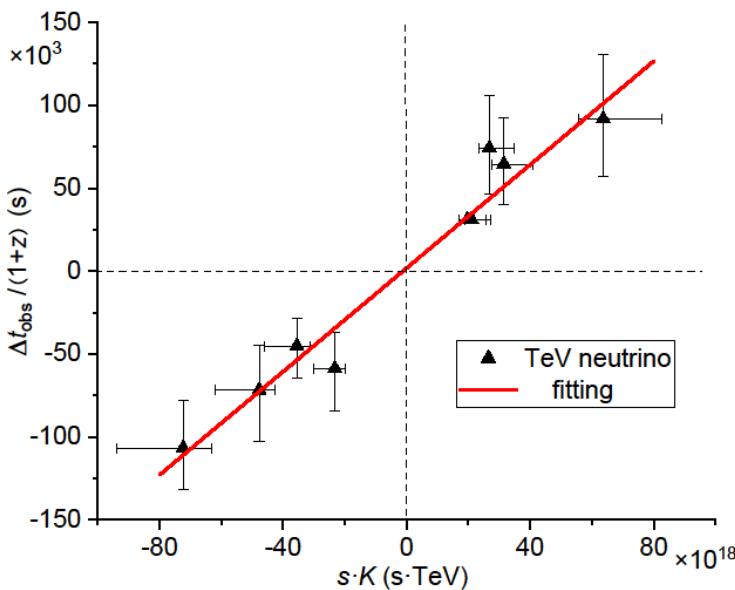
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$$\frac{\Delta t_{\text{obs}}}{1+z} = \Delta t_{\text{in}} + s \frac{K}{E_{\text{LV}}}$$

$$s = \pm 1$$

First Analysis of PeV Events

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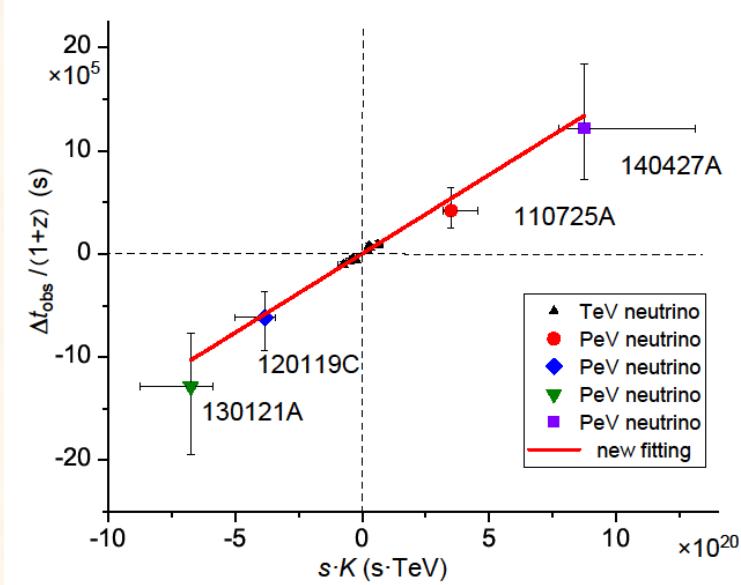
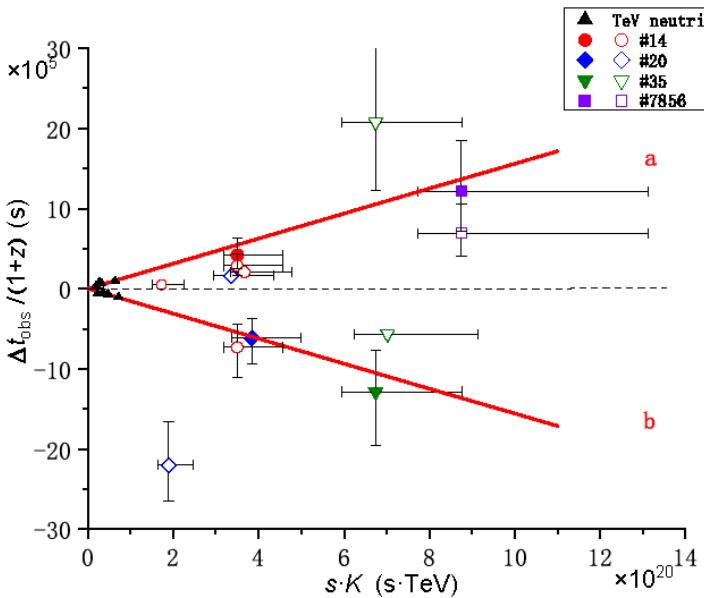
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Association of IceCube Neutrinos with GRBs

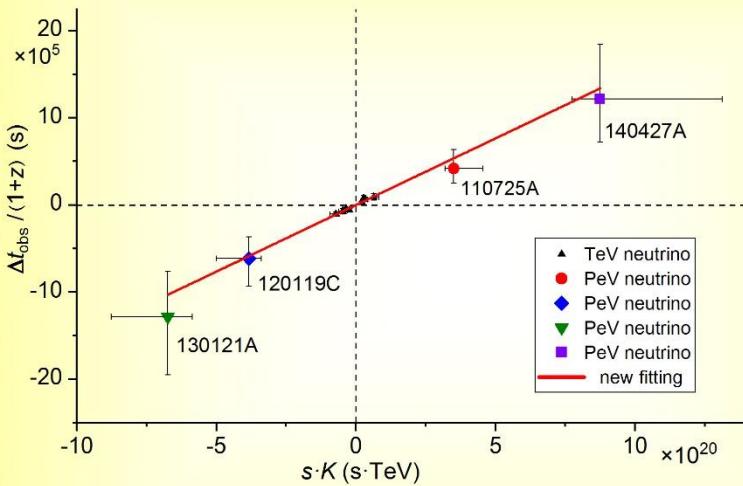
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Table 3 The properties of PeV neutrino events with associated GRB candidates

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

The energy errors here are measurement uncertainties provided by the IceCube database. The column σ 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 ^c that satisfies the strict time criterion and is consistent with the regularity of the TeV neutrino. The mark ^d represents another option with a strong correlation

CPT Violation from Cosmic Neutrinos: Difference properties between neutrinos and antineutrinos.



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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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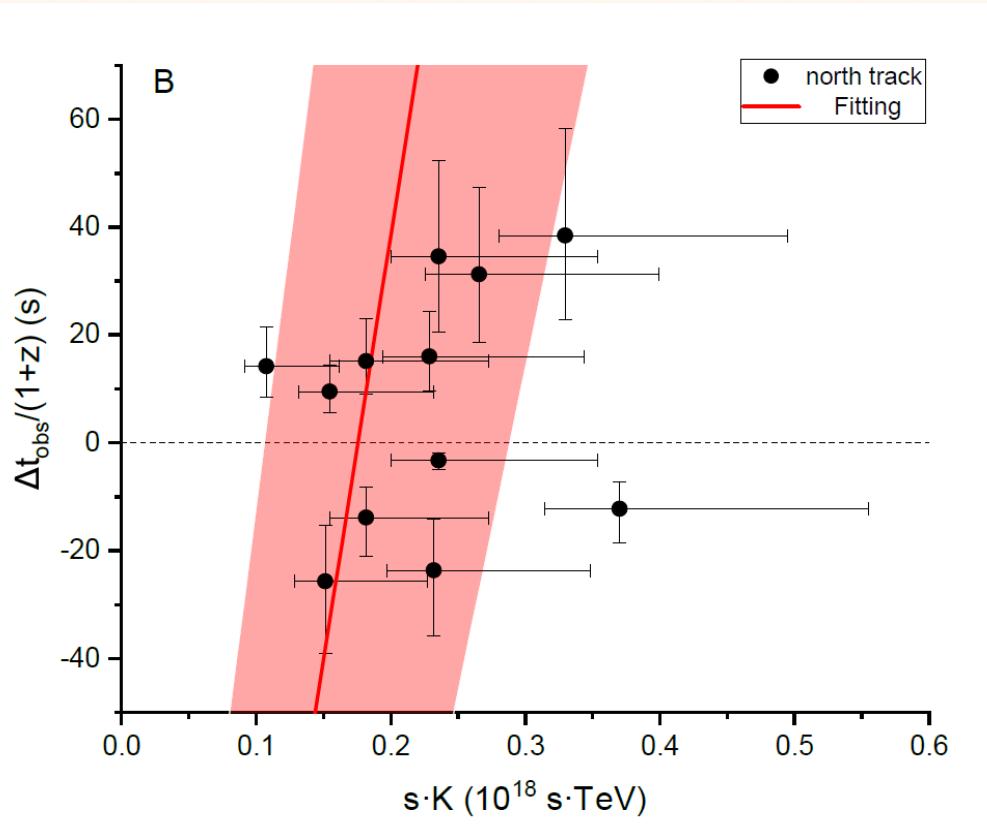


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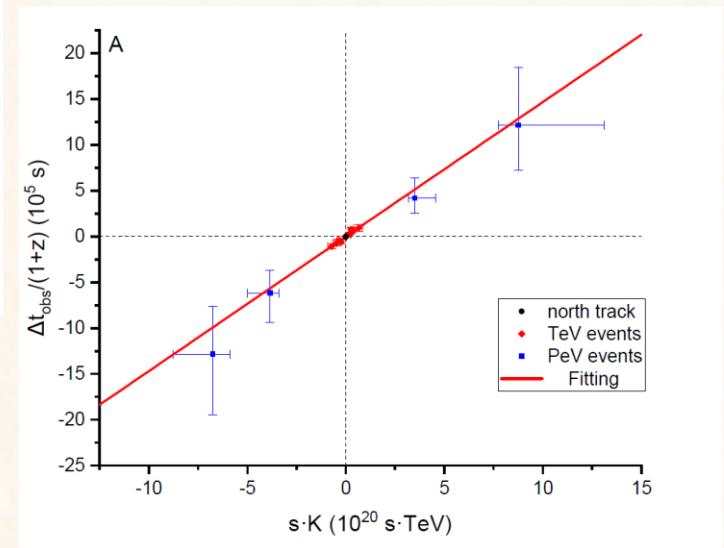
- Previous association of 60 TeV to 2 PeV IceCube neutrinos with GRBs indicates Lorentz invariance and CPT symmetry violation.
- We find that another 12 northern hemisphere track events satisfy the same regularity at a lower energy scale around 1 TeV.
- Such a consistency over four orders of magnitude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

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

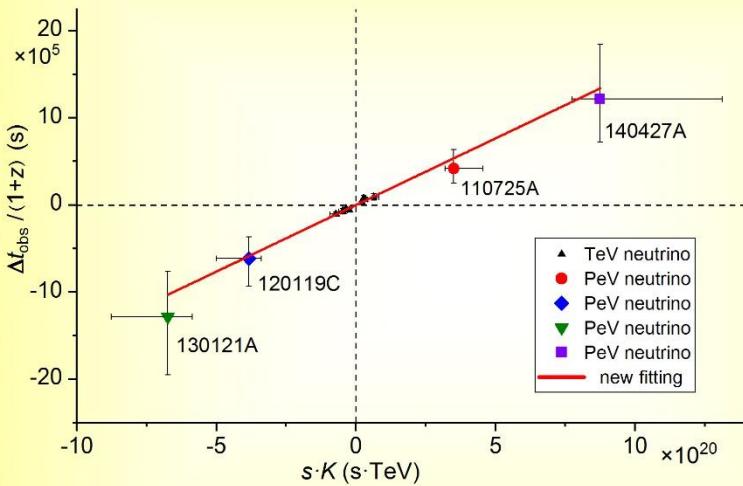
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TeV + PeV + near-TeV neutrinos ($r=0.99$)



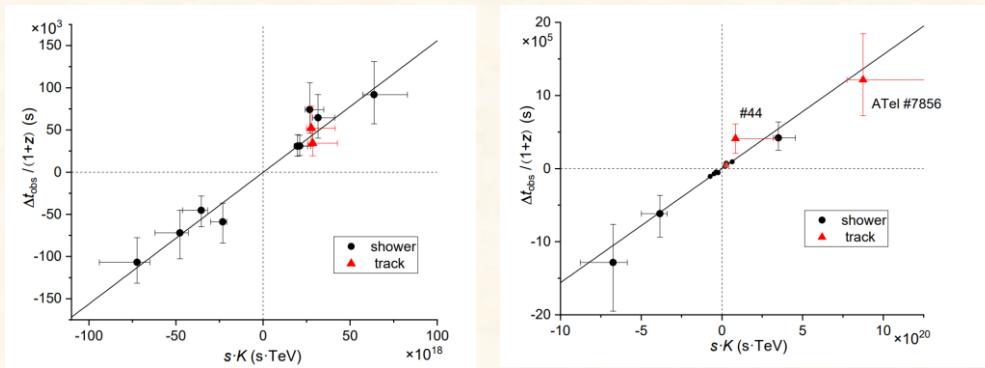
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Lorentz Violation of Cosmic Neutrinos: Association of IceCube Neutrino Events with GRBs



- 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

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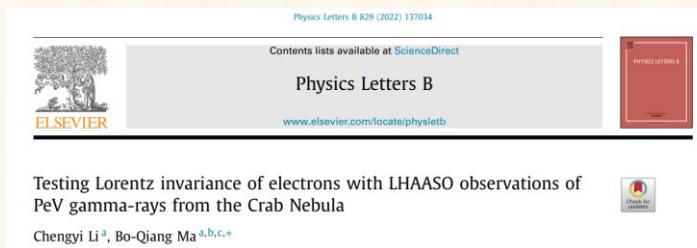
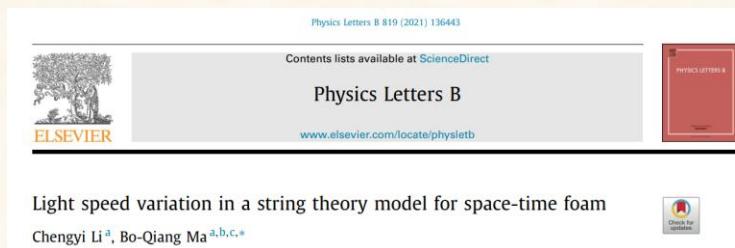
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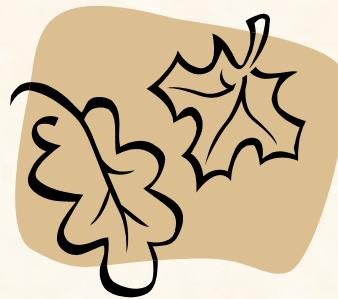


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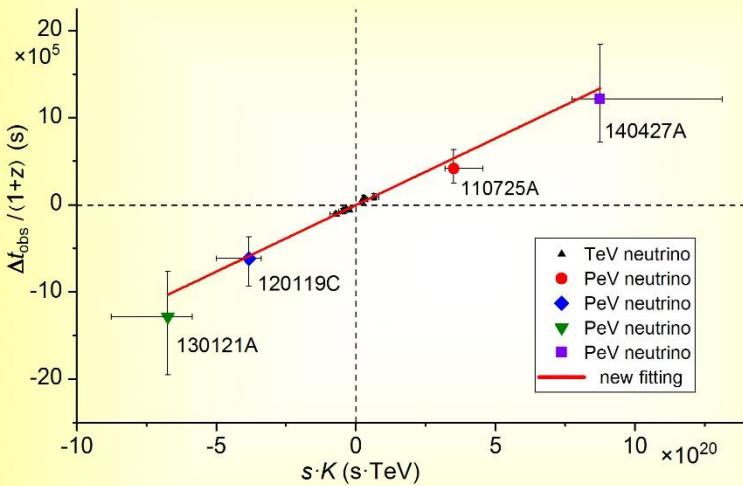
Summary 1: cosmic photons

- We analyse the data of energetic photons from gamma-ray bursts (GRBs).
- We unveil a surprising regularity behind the data of these energetic photons.
- We find events to support the energy-dependence of light speed, i.e., the Lorentz violation.
- The scenario is supported by new GRB 160509A, AGNs, and more recent data of GRB 221009A

Summary 2: ultrahigh energy cosmic neutrinos

- We associate IceCube TeV and PeV neutrino events with gamma-ray bursts (GRBs).
- We unveil a regularity of these energetic neutrinos indicating Lorentz violation, i.e., new physics beyond relativity.
- We suggest different propagation properties between neutrinos and antineutrinos, indicating the CPT violation between neutrinos and antineutrinos.
- The scenario of Lorentz- and CPT-violating neutrinos is consistent with the string theory model of space-time foam and loop quantum gravity.

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