# The BOAT GRB & study on very high energy emission



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### GRB shocks: extreme particle accelerators



#### UHE cosmic ray candidate sources



#### Cosmic ray spectrum



# Very high-energy emission (>100GeV)



# Outline

- TeV afterglows of GRBs: inverse-Compton emission or synchrotron?
- The BOAT GRB 221009A and its TeV emission
- Future TeV study of low-luminosity GRBs (observed by SVOM)
- Discussions

## **TeV observations of GRBs: decaying afterglows**







HESS coll. 2019, Nature

HESS coll. 2021, Science





# Two spectral components of GRB 190114C



•Two spectral component: synchrotron + Self-IC (SSC) ?

### But, GRB 190829A: one single spectral component?

- a possible low-luminosity GRB (E~10^50 erg) (Chand et al. 2020)
- Very nearby distance (z = 0.078)



### **Theoretical aspect: maximum synchrotron energy**

- **Expected:** maximum synchrotron energy:
- > ~50 MeV in the shock rest frame (Bohm acceleration approximation)
- Observer frame: 50MeVxΓ, Γ<100 at 1-10ks</p>

 $\Gamma = 200 E_{54}^{1/8} n_{-2}^{-1/8} (t_2/(1+z))^{-3/8}$ 

E\_max~5GeV at 1-10ks

- Observed: >10 GeV photons challenge the synchrotron scenario
- But, two zone model: radiation zone different from the acceleration zone ... (see, Kumar 2014)

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### **GRB 221009A: brightest-of-all-time (BOAT)**

- Triggered on a weak precursor by Fermi
- Fluence: >0.05 erg/cm^2, at low redshift (z=0.151)
- Brightest-of-all-time (BOAT GRB)







### **GECAM/Konus-Wind Observations of GRB 221009A**

An et al. 2023

• Not saturated, Fleunce~ 0.2 erg /cm<sup>2</sup>,  $E_{\gamma,iso}$ ~1.5x10<sup>55</sup> erg







Buns et al. 2023

### **GRB 221009A: A very rate event**



Buns et al. 2023

Fluence: 
$$F \sim D^{-2}$$
  
Event rate:  $R \sim D^{3}$  Event rate  $R \sim F^{-3/2}$ 

Its fleunce is 50 times higher the 2<sup>nd</sup> brightest GRB

**Event rate: R<**10<sup>-3</sup> **yr** 

### LHAASO



- 1) **KM2A** : Kilometer Square Array
- 2) WCDA : Water Cherenkov Detector Array
- 3) WFCTA: Wide Field-of-view Cherenkov Telescope Array

## **LHAASO Observations of GRB221009A**

- GRB 221009A occurred within the FOV of LHAASO : first GRB seen by an extensive air shower detector
- High statistics: >60,000 photons above 0.2TeV (LHAASO-WCDA)



• TeV light curve: a rise to peak after a quiescent phase, then a decay

LHAASO Collaboration, Science 380, 1390 (2023)



### MeV vs TeV light curves: external shock origin



- Smooth temporal profile suggests it is a TeV afterglow
- First time detection of the **onset** of a TeV afterglow!

### Jet break



$$\alpha_2 = -1.115^{+0.012}_{-0.012}$$

$$\alpha_3 = -2.21^{+0.30}_{-0.83}$$

$$T_{\rm b,2} = T^* + 670^{+230}_{-110} \,\mathrm{s}$$

Revealing a jet break at the earliest time.

# HXMT & GECAM Obs.



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#### Insight-HXMT and GECAM-C observations of the brightest-of-all-time GRB 221009A

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# A narrow GRB jet

- Light curve steepens when the increasing radiation cone exceeds the jet opening angle
- Jet breaks have been seen in optical/Xray bands
- An early jet break implies a narrow jet:

$$\theta_0 \sim 0.6^{\circ} E_{k,55}^{-1/8} n_0^{1/8} \left(\frac{t_{\rm b,2}}{670\,\rm s}\right)^{3/8}$$

• Lead to a normal beaming-correct energy

$$E_{\gamma,j} = E_{\gamma,iso}\theta_0^2/2 \sim 7.5 \times 10^{50} \text{ erg} E_{\gamma,iso,55}(\theta_0/0.7^\circ)^2$$





### Late-time data: an inner jet is insufficient



See also O'Connor et al. 23; Gill & Granot 23; Sato et al. 23

- Late afterglows need outer, wider components
- Implying a structured jet



Numerical simulation by Gottlieb et al. 2021

### **GRB 221009A: seeing the brightest core of a structured jet**





### **SED** measured by LHAASO-WCDA



- Intrinsic spectrum: a single PL in 0.2-7 TeV
- Using EBL model: Saldana-Lopez et al. (2021)

Time interval	A	$\gamma$	$E_{\rm cut}$	$\chi^2/dof$
(seconds after $T_0$ )	$(10^{-8} \mathrm{feV^{-1}cm^{-2}s^{-1}})$		lev	
Observed spectrum				
231-240	$42.9\pm2.7$	$2.983 \pm 0.061$	3.14 (fixed)	4.6/6
240-248	$70.1 \pm 3.8$	$3.006 \pm 0.052$	3.14 (fixed)	8.0/6
248-326	$39.9 \pm 1.0$	$2.911 \pm 0.028$	3.14 (fixed)	14.8/6
326-900	$7.35\pm0.16$	$2.788 \pm 0.026$	3.14 (fixed)	8.9/6
900–2000	$0.959 \pm 0.043$	$2.880 \pm 0.067$	3.14 (fixed)	2.9/5
Intrinsic spectrum, standard EBL				
231-240	$127.3\pm7.9$	$2.429 \pm 0.062$		3.1/6
240-248	$208\pm11$	$2.455\pm0.054$	$\backslash$	6.5/6
248-326	$117.8\pm3.0$	$2.359 \pm 0.028$	$\backslash$	8.7/6
326-900	$21.77\pm0.47$	$2.231 \pm 0.026$	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	3.4/6
900–2000	$2.84\pm0.13$	$2.324 \pm 0.065$	$\backslash$	2.2/5

### Multi-wavelength modelling

### afterglow synchrotron + SSC (first $10^4$ s)



One possible solution:  $E_k = 1.5 \times 10^{55} \text{ erg}, \Gamma_0 = 560, \epsilon_e = 0.025, \epsilon_B = 6 \times 10^{-4}, p = 2.2, n = 0.4 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ and } \theta_0 = 0.8^{\circ}$ .

#### LHAASO Collaboration, Science 380, 1390 (2023)

### two spectral components in GRB 221009A?



Banerjee et al. 2024

# LHAASO/KM2A observations of GRB 221009A

- The intrinsic spectrum can be described by a power-law after correcting for EBL absorption.
- **Theory**: Klein-Nishina effect leads to a spectral steepening in SSC emission
- > 3 TeV emission may need a new component
- $\blacktriangleright$  An extra hard electron component
- Reverse shock proton synchrotron emission (Zhang et al. 2023)
- UHECR propagating in IGM (e.g., Das & Razzaque 2023)

--Can GRB produce UHECRs ?

Solid dots/squars: LHAASO-KM2A data



LHAASO coll., Science Advance, 2023

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# Discussions

• SSC scenario seems to be ok, but there are exceptions

• GRB190829A is unique or general?

# 1. Possible TeV study in synergy with SVOM

- GRB190829A-like low-luminosity GRBs
- Low-luminosity GRB are usually softer and nearby GRB060218 (E\_peak=5 KeV)
- SVOM may be more efficient in the detection of such GRB populations thanks to the ECLAIRs low threshold energy of 4 keV

# **Discussions: 1) prompt TeV emission limit**

• The most strict limit on the prompt TeV emission

 $R = F_{TeV} / F_{MeV} < 2 \times 10^{-5}$ 

• If MeV emission arises from synchrotron emission, where is the IC emission?

• internal  $\gamma\gamma$  absorption leads to an exponential cutoff ?

$$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$$



## A Poynting-flux-dominated jet?

- •But, internal shock simulations result in a broken power-law spectrum (Aoi et al. 2010; Dai et al. 2023)
- Then, we need a low ratio between SSC and synchrotron emission outputs.
- •Implying the magnetic field energy density is much larger than the electron energy density:  $\epsilon_B \gg \epsilon_e$
- A Poynting-flux-dominated jet suppress the SSC emission ?

Dai et al. 2023, arXiv:2307.14113

**Test it with SVOM GRBs** 



# Discussions 2: neutrinos from lowluminosity GRBs



distant GRB

This non-detection suggests that the standard GRB population is not the major contributor to the diffuse neutrino flux (IceCube Collaboration et al., 2016).

# **Neutrinos from low-luminosity GRBs**

- Normal-luminosity GRBs contribute to <1% neutrino background: constraining the dissipation radius (He et al. 2012)
- No neutrinos from the BOAT GRB 221009A: put useful constraints on the dissipation model
  (Ai & Gao 2023; Liu et al. 2023)
- Low-luminosity GRBs are still possible neutrino sources: high event rate (e.g., Liu et al. 2013; Xiao & Dai 2015)
- SVOM (and EP) may provide a new sample (LL-GRBs) to search for a correlated neutrino emission.



# Summary

- TeV emission origin is still under debate: SSV vs. synchrotron
- >10TeV photons from GRB 221009A pose challenge for SSC, possibly hadronic origin?
- More cases of GRBs (particular nearby low-luminosity GRBs) detected by SVOM are important
- Goal: will LL-GRBs be sources of UHECRs and neutrinos?