



## **LHAASO** and the BOAT GRB

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Bird's eye view of LHAASO, 2021-08
Location: 29°21'27.6" N, 100°08'19.6" E
Altitude: 4410 m
2021-07 completed built and in operation



#### **Multi-Messenger**



GVD (NT) 🎽

**VERITAS (CT)** 

ANTARES (NT)

KM3Net (NT)

LST/CTA-N (CT)

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Space borne Exp.

eROSITA(X-ray) DAMPE(γ-ray, CR) LHAASO Coll.: 6 countries 31 institution 275 members

IceCube(NT)

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# LHAASO











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LHAASO-WCDA 高海拔宇宙残观测站 Water Cherenkov **Detector** Array X[m] Area: 300 **78,000 m<sup>2</sup> Detector units:** ۲ 3120 **Energy Range:** 0.1-10 TeV

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#### THAASO THAASO THAASO THAASO THAASO CR Background rejection in WCDA







#### **CR** background Rejection Power

- Counting number of measured muons in a shower
- Cutting on ratio  $N_{\mu}/N_{e} < 1/230$
- BG-free  $(N_{\gamma} > 10N_{CR})$  Photon Counting for showers with E>100 TeV from the Crab





#### Supper Stable & Fruitful Operation







- TeV afterglow
- Smooth decaying of TeV emission
- Low redshift







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## **GRB221009A**

#### LHAASO observed the brightest GRB in last 60 years

- 1. >5,000 photons recorded above 200 GeV
- 2. Significance >131  $\sigma$

Photon energy E: 0.5 TeV

3. Photon energy: E<sub>max</sub> ~ 18 TeV



#### GCN 32677 on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8 TeV





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Significance





#### GRB 221009A: a very rare event

#### 1. arXiv:2302.03642 [pdf, other] astro-ph.HE

GRB 221009A: Discovery of an Exceptionally Rare Nearby and Energetic Gamma-Ray Burst Authors: Maia A. Williams, Jamie A. Kennea, S. Dichiara, Kohei Kobayashi, Wataru B. Iwakiri, Andrew P. Beardmore, P. A. Evans, Sebastian Heinz, Amy Lien, S. R. Oates, Hitoshi Negoro, S. Bradley Cenko, Douglas J. K. Buisson, Dieter H. Hartmann, Gaurava K. Jaisawal, N. P. M. Kuin, Stephen Lesage, Kim L. Page, Tyler Parsotan, Dheeraj R. Pasham, B. Sbarufatti, Michael H. Siegel, Satoshi Sugita, George Younes, Elena Ambrosi , et al. (31 additional authors not shown) Abstract: We report the discovery of the unusually bright long-duration gamma-ray burst (GRB), GRB 221009A, as observed by the Neil Gehrels... ⊽ More

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Even more remarkable, we can use these results to derive the rate of GRB 221009A-like GRBs within the volume out to  $z = 0.151 \ (1.1 \,\mathrm{Gpc}^{-3})$ . This implies we would need to wait over  $\approx 10^3$  years to detect another GRB 221009A-like event within this volume. The combination of the large energy release and the small distance make GRB 221009A truly a once in a lifetime phenomenon.

A song: 千年等一回!..

Fluence: >5 × 10<sup>-2</sup> erg/cm<sup>2</sup> at z=0.15  $R_{GRB,comov}(z=0) \le 6.1 \times 10^{-4} \, \text{Gpc}^{-3} \, \text{yr}^{-1}$ 



#### GRB 221009A: The brightest of all time

- Highest fluence / peak flux (An et al. 2023)
- Nearby
- Highest energy / peak luminosity (An et al. 2023)
- Once a 1,000/10,000 yr event (Burns et al. 2023)



Bolometric Fluence keV [erg/cm<sup>2</sup>]









#### By Bing Zhang



# Even much less chance for it in the middle of FoV of LHAASO

The burst of 64k photons in 270 seconds
 versus the exposure of the Crab for 508 days



## GRB 221009A: A Complete View of the Burst

- Triggered on a precursor at T<sub>0</sub>
- Silent phase of ~170 s before the huge prompt emission of γ-rays
- The brightest-of-all-time (BOAT GRB) blinded GBM and LAT
- Fluence: >5×10<sup>-2</sup> erg/cm<sup>2</sup>
   derives an enormous E<sub>γ,iso</sub>~10<sup>55</sup> erg
- Onset of the afterglow ~230 s
- Flares found in both prompt and afterglow phases





## **Prompt Emission**

- By GBM and LAT (saturated)





### **Onset of the afterglow**

- LHAASO on GRB 221009A: the 1<sup>st</sup> GRB seen by EAS detector
- Light curve: complete temporal profile at TeV
   dominated by the external shock origin





## Reference time T\*

- ♦ The reference time:  $T^* \approx 225-228$  s
- A good approximation of T\* is the main burst in prompt phase (Lazzati, Zhang...)
- Fitting of LHAASO light curve:







### The initial bulk Lorentz Factor of the ejecta

~18 s



 From the time when the main prompt emission reaches the peak flux (~T\*) to the moment when the afterglow reaches the peak, it takes

The initial bulk Lorentz factor is estimated as

$$\Gamma_0 = \left(\frac{3E_k}{32\pi nm_p c^5 t_{\text{peak}}^3}\right)^{1/8} = \frac{440}{E_{k,55}^{1/8}} n_0^{-1/8} \left(\frac{t_{\text{peak}}}{18\,\text{s}}\right)^{-3/8}$$





# 2. Upper limit on emission in TeV band in prompt phase

 The most strict limit on the TeV prompt emission before T<sup>\*</sup>

 $\mathrm{R}=F_{\mathrm{TeV}}/F_{\mathrm{MeV}} < 3 \times 10^{-5}$ 

 As a consequence, the jet might be highly magnetized



## Implying a low Compton ratio

Assuming the internal dissipation radius ~10<sup>15</sup> cm, according to the scale of variability of the prompt emission

$$\epsilon_{\rm B,in} \ge 30\epsilon_{\rm e,in}$$

magnetic field energy density is much larger than the energy of relativistic electrons

#### Favors a magnetically dominated jet



#### GRB 221009A: other constraints



Strong thermal component indicate photosphere dominant jet Rare case GRB 090902B



Yang et al. 2023, ApJL

- Prompt emission: synchrotron only, no thermal component consistent with a Poynting-fluxdominated jet (Yang et al. 2023)
- Afterglow:
  - Early LHAASO afterglow: consistent with a Poyntingflux-dominated jet
  - Late multi-wavelength afterglow: early radio emission requires reverse shock contribution (Gill & Granot 2023)



Gill & Granot 2023, arXiv



## 3. Rising phase

 $\alpha_1 = 1.82^{+0.21}_{-0.18}$ 

- Synchrotron Self-Compton mechanism is implied by the broken power-law
- ♦ Light curve ~t<sup>2</sup> favors k=0 (ISM), and

disfavors k=2 (stellar wind)

 $n \propto R^{-k}$ 

$$F_{\nu} = \begin{cases} F_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}}}\right)^{-\frac{p-1}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{16-(9+p)k}{4}} \nu^{-\frac{p-1}{2}}, \quad \nu_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}} < \nu < \nu_{c}^{\mathrm{IC}} \\ F_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{c}^{\mathrm{IC}}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{8-3k}{4}} \nu^{-1/2}, \quad \nu_{c}^{\mathrm{IC}} < \nu < \nu_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}} \\ F_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}} \left(\nu_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\nu_{c}^{\mathrm{IC}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu^{-\frac{p}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{8-(2+p)k}{4}} \nu^{-\frac{p}{2}}. \quad \nu > \max(\nu_{m}^{\mathrm{IC}}, \nu_{c}^{\mathrm{IC}}) \end{cases}$$
(12)

 The fast rising: implying a free expansion with an increase of number of electrons accelerated at the external shocks





## Decay phase: SSC

Standard decaying behavior

$$F_{\nu} = \begin{cases} F_m^{\rm IC} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_m^{\rm IC}}\right)^{-\frac{p-1}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{11-9p}{8}}, \quad \nu_m^{\rm IC} < \nu < \nu_c^{\rm IC} \\ F_m^{\rm IC} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_c^{\rm IC}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{1}{8}}, \quad \nu_c^{\rm IC} < \nu < \nu_m^{\rm IC} \\ F_m^{\rm IC} \left(\nu_m^{\rm IC}\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\nu_c^{\rm IC}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \nu^{-\frac{p}{2}} \propto t^{\frac{10-9p}{8}} \quad \nu > \max(\nu_m^{\rm IC}, \nu_c^{\rm IC}) \end{cases}$$

 $dN_e/dE \propto E_e^{-p}$   $p \sim 2.1$ 

#### A fast component!

• Very fine jet structure may be revealed at VHE ?





#### 4. A "jet break" : Observational evidence

#### Energy independence

As a pure kinematic and geometric effect, the time when the break appears should be energy independent

 LHAASO observed the "break" in four energy bands





#### Jet Features

- Jet structure may be revealed at VHE band
- A "jet break" at high energy, indicated by the existence of the fast decay component, could be the evidence of the narrowest beam ~1°
- 1<sup>st</sup> time to see the HE "core" of the jet







#### Very lucky? Sure it is! Only in VHE band, the "core" has be revealed?





#### Very narrow jet: GRB 221009A an ordinary burst

#### First time seeing a jet break at TeV band

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

- This helps to understand why it is the BAOT GRB
- The total energy of the GRB is normal



$$\theta_0 \sim 0.7^{\circ} E_{k,55}^{-1/8} n_0^{1/8} \left(\frac{t_{\mathrm{b},2}}{670 \mathrm{\ s}}\right)^{3/8}$$



#### Inner core is not sufficient...?



- Some wider components are outside the core?
- Implying an "structured jet"



Gottlieb et al. 2021

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### 5. Time-sliding SEDs:



- $\circ$  z ~ 0.152, EBL absorption above 3 TeV
- EBL model: A. Saldana-Lopez et al., Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 507, 5144-5160 (2021)
- Intrinsic SED:
  - Power law:  $\sim E^{-2.3}$
  - No hint about cut-off below 10 TeV
  - Moderate spectral evolution is observed





## Multi-wavelength modelling of afterglow synchrotron + SSC:

simultaneously fit light-curves in  $\Delta E$  and time-sliding SEDs



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



#### SEDs at $T > T^* + 100 s$ :

#### indication of slight deviation from the one-zone SSC model



Time interval	A	$\gamma$	$E_{\mathrm{cut}}$	$\chi^2/dof$
(seconds after $T_0$ )	$(10^{-6}  {\rm TeV}^{-1}  {\rm cm}^{-2}  {\rm s}^{-1})$		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	$127.3\pm7.9$	$2.429 \pm 0.062$	$\setminus$	3.1/6
240-248	$208\pm11$	$2.455\pm0.054$	$\setminus$	6.5/6
248-326	$117.8\pm3.0$	$2.359 \pm 0.028$	$\setminus$	8.7/6
326-900	$21.77\pm0.47$	$2.231 \pm 0.026$	$\setminus$	3.4/6
900–2000	$2.84\pm0.13$	$2.324 \pm 0.065$		2.2/5

- EBL model: A. Saldana-Lopez et al., Mon. Not.
   R. Astron. Soc. 507, 5144-5160 (2021)
- statistical errors (the inner band) and
- systematic uncertainties (outer bands)





## Many things we may learn.....

#### 6. IC peak observed ?

- Combined analysis with HXMT and LAT(available only in a very limited time window)
- 7. The highest energy photons measured by LHAASO-KM2A
  - New physics frontier exploring
- 8. Fast variability of flux?
  - Should be highly unexpected at a scale of 10<sup>17</sup> cm!



#### Conclusions

- 1. LHAASO operation is very stable since it was built in July 2021
- 2. LHAASO observed the BOAT GRB221009A in the middle of the FoV
- 3. First time observed the onset of the afterglow in TeV band by measuring the flux from the GRB since  $T_0$  set by a precursor
- 4. This enables
  - 1. Determining the start time of the afterglow T\* ~226 s after  $T_0$
  - 2. Setting the most strict limit on the prompt emission in TeV band ~  $10^{-5}$
  - <sup>3.</sup> Indicating the jet **magnetized**, namely Poyting flux dominant jet
  - Estimating the initial bulk Lorentz factor  $\Gamma_0$  of the ejecta ~ 440, one of the largest
  - 5. **First time** measuring the fast rising phase
  - 6. **First time** measuring the narrowest jet beaming angle, revealing the core of the jet
  - 7. **First time** measuring the time-sliding SEDs in VHE band, showing moderate evolution
  - 8. SSC model being tested: **generally supported** by the most complete measurement of the afterglow
- 5. Investigations are still on going, more items could be revealed soon

## Thanks for your attention!

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