Gamma-Ray Bursts:

Recent results & connections to

VHE Cosmic Rays & Neutrinos

Peter Mészáros, Pennsylvania State University

PASCOS, Merida, June 2012



Wide FOV trigger : **GBM** (~BATSE range); 12 Nal: 10keV-3 MeV; 2 BGO: 150 keV-30 MeV

Fermi

- Launched June 11 2008
- LAT: Pair-conv.modules + calorimeter
- 20 MeV-300 GeV,
 ΔE/E~10%@1 GeV
- FoV = 2.5 sr (2xEgret), ang.res. $\theta \sim 30$ "-5" (10GeV)
- Sensit. ~2.10⁻⁹ph/cm²/s
 (2 yr; > 50xEgret)
- **GBM:** NaI, BGO scintill.
- 10 keV 30 MeV
- FoV= 4π , 2.5 ton, 518 W
- det ~300 GRB/yr (GBM); simult. w. Swift : 30/yr; LAT: ~1/month





- The GBM detects ~250 GRBs / year, ~half in the LAT FoV
- The LAT detected 35 GRBs in 3 years (30 long, 5 short), including 7 "LLE-only" GRBs
 - ~Half with more accurate follow-up localisations by Swift and ground-based observatories (GROND, Gemini-S, Gemini-N, VLT)
 - 9 redshift measurements, from z=0.74 (GRB 090328) to z=4.35 (GRB 080916C)



Fermi is able to say something about Quantum Gravity (or LIV)

(regardless of additional astrophysical effects!)

- 'Effective theory' formulation (i.e. low energy series expansion approximation) of presumed full theory suggests an energydependent dispersion of boson and fermion signals
- Can visualize as space-time fluctuations inducing an energy dependent refractive index, \rightarrow wave dispersion : $v_{ph}(E) \neq c$

$$c^{2}p_{ph}^{2} = E_{ph}^{2} \left[1 + \frac{E_{ph}}{M_{QG,l}c^{2}} + \left(\frac{E_{ph}}{M_{QG,2}c^{2}}\right)^{2} + \dots \right] , \quad v_{ph} = \frac{\partial E_{ph}}{\partial p_{ph}} \approx c \left[1 - \frac{1 + n}{2} \left(\frac{E_{ph}}{M_{QG,n}c^{2}}\right)^{n} \right]$$
$$\longrightarrow \quad \Delta t = \frac{(1+n)}{2H_{0}} \frac{E_{h}^{n} - E_{l}^{n}}{(M_{QG,n}c^{2})^{n}} \int_{0}^{z} \frac{(1+z')^{n}}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m}(1+z')^{3} + \Omega_{\Lambda}}} dz'$$

Mészáros

QG-LIV limits from GRB

from Fermi/LAT/GRB obs.

- GRB 080916C (long burst $E_{ph} > 10 \text{ GeV}$) \rightarrow conservative lower limit for $M_{QG}(n=1) \ge (1.50 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV/c}^2$
- GRB 090510 (short burst- E_{ph} >31 GeV)
 →conservative lower limit for
 M_{QG}(n=1) ≥ few x10¹⁹ GeV/c² ~ M_{Planck}

 \rightarrow can rule out n=1 term!

Sci. 323:1688 (2009); Nat. 462:331 (2009)

GRB 0809 16C Spectrum : up to ~10 GeV (obs.)



- "Band" (broken power-law) fits, joint GBM/LAT, in
 all time intervals
- "Soft-to-hard" spectral time evolution
- Long-lived (10³ s) GeV afterglow
- No evidence for
 2nd spectr. comp.
 (in some cases)



Fireball Shock Model of GRBs



Jets in GRBs \rightarrow int. & ext. shocks



Internal & external shocks:

- Note: they are **Collisionless** shocks (rarefied gas)
- (1) "Internal" shock waves: due to modulated outflow; two gas shells ejected with bulk Lorentz factor differences Δ Γ = Γ₁-Γ₂~ Γ, starting at time intervals Δt ~t_v collide at r_{is},

$$r_{is} \sim 2 c \Delta t \Gamma^2 \sim 2 c t_v \Gamma^2 \sim 10^{12} t_{-3} \Gamma_2^2 cm$$
 (internal shoc

 (2) "External" shock: merged ejected shells coast out to r_{es}, where they have swept up enough enough external matter to slow down: E ~ (4π/3) r³ n_{ext} m_p c² Γ², forms at:

$$r_{es} \sim (3E/4\pi n_{ext}m_pc^2)^{1/3} \Gamma^{-2/3} \sim 3.10^{16} (E_{51}/n_0)^{1/3} \Gamma_2^{-2/3} cm$$

(external shock)

Mészáros grb-gen06

k)

Theoretical Issues:

- Is single component spectrum at GeV due to internal or external shocks - or other?
- Are photons of purely *leptonic* or *hadronic* origin, or mixed?
- Besides delay providing QG upper limits (based on zero intra-source GeV-MeV delay): what are the *astrophysical* causes of delay?
- Is 2nd component a ≠ rad.mech. from 1st? are we forced beyond one-zone models?

A "leptonic" model:

Toma, Wu, Mészáros, 2011, MN 415:1663

Photosphere and internal shock of the GRB jet



The photospheric emission can naturally provide a high γ -ray efficiency and the typical photon energy of the Band spectrum, ~ 1 MeV (Paczynski 86; Goodman 86).

The dissipation below the photosphere could cause the emission to be non-thermal (Meszaros & Rees 00; Rees & Meszaros 05; Pe'er et al. 05; Ioka et al. 07; Beloborodov 09)

We discuss the general properties of the photospheric emission and upscattered photospheric (UP) emission off the internal shock electrons.

Photosphere + Internal Shock model, cont.



Generic shape comparable to Fermi observations 🗸

but, alternatively:

Hadronic model of extra comp:





Can make (retro)prediction: Hadronic retro-model: 080319B $\epsilon f(\epsilon) [erg/cm^2/s]$ $R=10^{16} \text{ cm}, \Gamma=1000, U_p/U_\gamma=45, U_B/U_\gamma=3$ This is how the "naked-eye" 10^{-5} burst *might* have looked, had Fermi been 10^{-6} Total looking: could e⁻e⁺-SYN p-SYN explain prompt Band-comp. 10^{-7} 5th mag. μ-SYN ODt. e⁻e⁺-IC π -SYN optical flash seen by the daand a coond 10^{10} 10^{2} 10^{0} 10⁸ 10¹² 10^{4} 10^{6} **Pi-in-the-Sky!** ε [eV]

Fig. 2.— Model spectrum for parameters listed at the top as thick red curve compared with observations of GRB 080319B, for which the gray shaded area represents the spectrum measured between $T_0 + 12$ s and $T_0 + 22$ s by Swift/BAT and Konus-Wind. The contemporaneous optical flux observed by "Pi of the Sky" is the black diamond. The best-fit Band component is shown separately as the thin black curve. Individual contributions of synchrotron and inverse Compton from secondary electron-positron pairs, as well as muon synchrotron and proton synchrotron are denoted by thin blue curves as labelled, not including the effects of $\gamma\gamma$ absorption or synchrotron self-absorption.

Asano, Inoue, Mészáros, 2010, ApJL 725:L121

But

- Why sometimes a single broken PL peaking at MeV, which **does not** show up at GeV?
- Why sometimes a single broken PL peaking at MeV and extending into GeV?
- Why other times one broken PL peaking at MeV, plus a second, much harder component, extending into GeV?

Fireball paradigms:



Paradigm shift

- **OLD: internal + external shock** (weak phot.)
- Photosphere: low rad. effic., wrong spectrum
- Internal sh.: good for variability, easy to model ; but
 poor radiative efficiency
- External sh.: was, and is, *favored for afterglow model*
- **NEW**: **phot. + external shock** (weak int.sh.)
- Photosphere: if dissipative, **good** rad. efficiency
- (Internal shock: if magnetic, may be absent)
- External shock: most of GeV and soft afterglow

A hadronic "thermal" MeV broken PL spectrum? p-n collisional dissipation R_{dec} Rβ R_* Rn r_o blast neutron collis decay heating wave Beloborodov, '10, MN 407:1033

- Long history: Derishev-Kocharovsky 89, Bahcall-Meszaros 00, Rossi et al 04, etc
- Either p-n decoupling or internal colls. \rightarrow relative p-n streaming, inelastic colls.
- Highly effective dissipation (involves baryons directly)- can get >50% efficiency
- Sub-photospheric dissipation can give strong photospheric component



- n-p collision lead to π^{\pm} , π^{0} , leading to e^{\pm} and Ys
- The e^{\pm} and γs quickly thermalize to produce an observer frame photospheric peak at ~ 0.2-0.5 MeV
- Some of the e^{\pm} are Coulomb heated by protons into a higher energy nonthermal distribution

p-n coll. $\rightarrow e \pm \rightarrow \gamma$ -spectrum



- The result is a thermal peak at the ~MeV Band peak, plus
- a high energy tail due to the non-thermal e[±], whose slope is comparable to that of the observed Fermi bursts with a "single Band" spectrum
- The "second" higher energy component (when observed) must be explained with something else

Magnetic-dominated GRB jets

- Dynamics of expansion $\Gamma \sim r^{1/3} \rightarrow \Gamma \sim const$
- Dissipative (mag.) scattering photosphere → results in broken PL MeV spectrum
- No internal shocks expected
- Magnetiz. param. σ drops to ~ o(I) at r_{decel}
- External shock present (forward; +reverse?)
 →both shocks up-scatter photospheric MeV
 →to GeV -TeV range

Veres & Mészáros, ApJ in press, arXiv:1202.2821



•Leptonic photosph. spectrum extend to Γ_{ph} m_e ~50-100 MeV

 \bullet Ext. shock upscattering spectrum extend to $\Gamma_{es}\;\gamma_{e,KN}\;m_e\to TeV$

Veres & Mészáros, arXiv:1202.2821

Ph+ES Single (Band) PL

Veres & Mészáros, arXiv:1202.2821



 $L_t = 10^{53} \text{ erg/s}, \zeta_r = 0.5, n = 30 \text{ cm}^{-3}, \eta = 400, \varepsilon_{B,pr} = 1, \varepsilon_{B,FS} = \varepsilon_{B,RS} = 2 \times 10^{-2}, \varepsilon_{e,FS} = \varepsilon_{e,RS} = 5 \times 10^{-3}, r_0 = 10^7 \text{ cm}, z = 1, \beta = 2.5, p = 2.4$

Ph+ES Band + 2nd comp.

Veres & Mészáros, 1202.2821



 $L_t = 5 \times 10^{52} \text{ erg/s}, \zeta_r = 0.6, n = 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}, \eta = 400, \varepsilon_{B,pr} = 0.9, \varepsilon_{B,FS} = 10^{-2}, \varepsilon_{e,FS} = 2 \times 10^{-2}, r_0 = 10^7 \text{ cm}, z = 1, \beta = 2.4, p = 2.4$











Some observed photon energies and redshifts

E _{obs} (GeV)	Z
13.2	4.35
7.5	3.57
5.3	0.74
31.3	0.90
33.4	I.82
19.6	2.10
2.8	0.897
4.3	I.37

 Even z>4 bursts result in E_{obs}~10 GeV photons
 Some z~1 bursts produce E_{obs}≥30 GeV photons
 (130 GeV in rest frame!)

→ encouraging for low E_{th} ACTs: HAWC, CTA...

TeV gamma → EM showers

Detection techniques:

i) Air Cherenkov Telescopes ↓





СТА

Cherenkov Telescope Array (air)



- In a possible design scenario, the southern hemisphere array of CTA will consist of three types of telescopes with different mirror sizes in order to cover the full energy range. The northern hemisphere array would consist of the two larger telescope types.
- The <u>low energy instrumentation</u> will consist of a few 24 metre-class telescopes with a moderate field of view (FoV) of the order of 4-5 deg.
- The <u>medium energy range</u>, from around 100 GeV to 1 TeV, will be covered by telescopes of the 10-12 metre class with a FoV of 6-8 degrees.
- The <u>high energy instruments</u>, operating above 10 TeV, will consist of a large number of small (4-6 metre diameter) telescopes with a FoV of around 10 degrees

Planned : southern hemisphere



High Altitude Water Cherenkov

(under construction)

- Move Milagro PMTs and front-end electronics to 4100 meter site at Sierra Negra, Mexico
- Existing infrastructure for Large Millimeter Telescope
- 2500 square meter area.
- 300 water tanks. 3 PMTs per tank.
 - 7.5 meter diameter
 - 4.0 meter water above PMTs
- Overall 15x sensitivity improvement over Milagro.
- See sources 225x faster.
 - See 1 Crab every day.



credit: Pretz, 2011

What about CRs?

- Shocks present in HE non-thermal γ-ray sources (or else: magnetic reconnection).
- Electrons are definitely accelerated
- γ-rays usually attributable to leptonic mechanisms (synchrotron, inv. Compton)
- But: UHECR *must be* accelerated somewhere; likely (?) in the same shocks of one of these HE γ-ray sources- but which?
Cosmic ray spectrum (2012)



Who is responsible for this?

It is *not* "exotic physics" - photon component too low for any plausible annihilation or decay model
Astrophysical candidates: only a few that can qualify

Astrophys. UHECR/NU Candidates





Galactic Nucleus



Gamma Ray Burst



HN

Hypernova



MGR Magnetar

Pierre Auger Observatory

Uses two techniques for detecting CR shower:

 detect air fluorescence produced by shower particles (FD)

•detect shower particles on the surface (SD)







Pierre Auger Observatory: Malargue, Mendoza, Argentina: $E \sim 10^{17} - 10^{21} \text{ eV}$ -1600 surface detectors: water Cherenkov tanks, 11 kliters ea., 1.5 km apart -32 air fluorescesnce telescopes, 4x8 arrays of 30x30 deg. sky coverage₄₂ -Also: tau-nu (horiz.1 shower capability: Earth-skimming & through Andes)



UHECRs *can* be Fermi-accelerated in int/ext *GRB* shocks to E_{obs} ~10²⁰ eV



Can *neutrinos* be used as a smoking gun test of *protons*?

- If have protons in jet $\rightarrow p^+$ Fermi accelerated
- *Whether* to GZK energies or not: are they detectable?
- $\mathbf{p}, \gamma \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}, \nu_{\mu} \rightarrow e^{\pm}, \nu_{e}, \nu_{\mu}$
- Δ -resonance: $E_p E_{\gamma} \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}^2$ in jet frame
- Depending on target photon energy, the typical observer frame neutrino energies in the $E_v \sim GeV EeV$ range
- Potentially, can detect with **ICECUBE**, **KM3NeT**
- Also: $p, \gamma \to \pi^0 \to 2\gamma \to \gamma\gamma$ cascade **Fermi**, ACTs..
- Test content of jets (are they pure MHD/ e^{\pm} , or baryonic ...?)

Jets in GRBs \rightarrow int. & ext. shocks



Vs from py from int. & ext. shocks

(NOTE: internal shock \rightarrow old paradigm)



Δ-res.: E'_p E'_γ ~0.3GeV² in comoving frame, in lab:

$$\rightarrow E_p \ge 3x10^6 \Gamma_2^2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\rightarrow E_v \ge 1.5 \times 10^2 \Gamma_2^2 \text{ TeV}$$

- Internal shock $p\gamma_{MeV} \rightarrow$ ~100 TeV ν s
- (External shock $p\gamma_{UV} \rightarrow \sim$ 0.1-1 EeV ν s)
- Diffuse flux: det. w. km³







Neutrino Telescopes

lceCube

 Neutrinos interact in or near the detector



- O(km) muons from v_{μ} (CC)
- O(10 m) particle cascades from ν_{e} , low energy ν_{τ} , and NC interactions
- Cherenkov radiation detected by optical sensors



GRBs with IceCube

(Kappes et al, NUSKY, June 2011)

GCN-satellite triggered searches

Being tested here : *internal shock* prompt v-burst (WB97 simplified)



- Individual modeling of neutrino fluxes (fireball model)
- Measured parameters:
 γ spectrum, (redshift)
- Average parameters: Γ_{jet} (316), t_{var} (10 (1) ms), L_{iso} (10^{52 (51)} erg), ε_B (0.1), ε_e (0.1), $f_{e/p}$ (0.1)



IC40+59 search for VHE nus from 190 GRB (105 northern)

Nature 484:351 (2012), the Icecube collab.; Abbasi and 242 others (incl. P.M.)



- Analyze 190 GRBs localized w. γ-rays betw, T_{start} & T_{end}
- Use the WB'97 and Guetta'04 proton acceleration model in internal shocks, with E^{-2} spectr, $\varepsilon_p/\varepsilon_e=10$, and $p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ -res $\rightarrow v_{\mu}$
- Nu-flux normalized by obs. γ-ray flux, get F_v for 190 (right axis), and diffuse flux (all) assuming 677 yr⁻¹

IC59 model-indep. search

Nature 484:351 (2012)



UL % CL is similar as for model dep. search

- Searched 190 GRB

 ⓐ γ-trigger ± Δt
 window up to 1 day,
 also using ≠ spectra
 & params
- Two candidate events seen at low signif., probably due to (other) CRs
- ← Results shown are for E⁻² spectra as function of ∆t
- Right axis is data deficit below F_v model

IC59 nu search assuming GRB model is source of observed GZK UHECR

Nature 484:351 (2012)



- If same proton accel. in int. shock model makes proton flux = obs. GZK UHECRm and if nu-flux is from $p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ -res $\rightarrow v_{\mu}$
- ← then, nu-flux data as fcn. of nu-spectral break E_{vb} , shows the allowed nu-flux (hashed) is below the required value required to give the obs. UHECR flux (for three somewhat \neq int. shock mqdels)

IC59 constraint on standard IS



Constrain Γ vs. ϵ_p/ϵ_e (i.e. L_p/L_e), assuming some E_{iso}, $\varepsilon_{\rm B}/\varepsilon_{\rm e}$, $t_{\rm var}$, i.e. total luminosity, magnetic efficiency and shock radii

•

55

IC59 2-year conclusions (190 GRBs)

Nature 484:351 (2012)

- The fireball (more accurately: *internal shock*) model *overpredicts* the TeV-PeV nu-flux by a *factor 3.7*, (asuming $L_p/L_e=10$, Δ -res only, Lorentz Γ ~300-600)
- In the same model, the 95% CL nu-flux allowed by the data falls below $2-3\sigma$ of what expected if GRBs contribute most of GZK UHECR flux.
- In these models, either L_p/L_e must be substantially below factor 3-10 assumed here, or the production *efficiency of neutrinos* is lower than was assumed.

Conclusion on the conclusions:

- These are *conservatively* stated conclusions
- The *first time* VHE nus have put a significant *constraint* on a well-calculable astrophysical UHECR-UHENU model, at *90-95% CL*
- This is very *valuable*
- Icecube is doing *exciting* astrophysics
- A significant first step towards *GZK physics*



However ...

(Li, arXiv:1112.2240, PRD accepted)

- IC22-59 analysis used a *simplified* version of WB97, which results in overestimated model nu-fluxes
- Assumed $(F_{\nu}^{IC}/F_p = (1/8) f_{\pi,b})$, where 1/8 because 1/2 py lead to π^+ and each ν_{μ} carries 1/4 E_{π} , and $f_{\pi,b}=f_{\pi}(E=E_b)$
- Used $f_{\pi}(E) = f_{\pi,b}$, but this is OK only for $E_b < E < E_{\pi,cool}$;
- Also for $E \le E_b$, have $f_{\pi} \propto E$, because of decr. # of photons
- Net result: model v_{μ} flux *overestimated* by factor ~5

Graphically....

Even using the (old paradigm) int. shock model, the simplifications have an effect



Comparison using IC40 data



- IceCube 40 str. results : -IC-FC analyt. predict. (dash-blue)
 - IC40 Upper Limit (full-blue)
- Huemmer et al results:
 NFC num. prediction (dash-black)
 - IC40 (NFC) Up.Limit (full-black)

In summary (1)



Even when using old paradigm of *internal shock*, but more detailed physics (incl. multi-pion and Kaon production, \neq cool'g. break for π , μ , and numerical as opposed to analytical calcul.)

•

 \Rightarrow F_v predictions below IC40+59 !

(Hümmer et al, arXiv:1112.1076)

(see also Li, arXiv: 1112.2240 ; He, et al, arXiv:1204.0857) 62

Also (2)

- Internal shock model use is *expedient*: best documented so far, and easy to calculate ⇒ reason why its use is widespread
- *But* ... int. shocks known (past 10 years) to have difficulties for gamma-ray phenomenology (efficiency, spectrum, etc)
- *And*, acceleration rate of protons vs. electrons is unknown; are protons injected into accel. process at = or \neq rate as electrons? Only energy restriction on model is $L_p/L_e \leq 10$.
- *Alternatives to internal shock*: being investigated but so far, are less easy to calculate. Progress, however, is being made.
- *Even* if GRB are not GZK sources, model indep. searches leave possibility of *lower, observable* nu-fluxes from GRB

New developments in "internal shock-like" dissipation regions

Are of two main types:

- Magnetic dissipation regions, R~ 10¹⁵ cm, allow GeV photons - but hard to calculate quantitatively details of reconnection, acceleration and spectrum, e.g. McKinney-Uzdensky, 2012, MNRAS 419:573
- Baryonic internal shocks, protons are 1st order Fermi accelerated, and secondaries are subsequently re-accelerated by 2nd order Fermi ('slow heating"), e.g. Murase et al, 2012, ApJ 746:164 more susceptible to quantitative analysis, e.g. as follows

Simple hadronic: more detailed



Now: numerical time dependence of photon & neutrino secondaries



(Asano & PM, ApJ sub.)

- Generic dissipation region at a radius R~10¹⁴-10¹⁶ cm (could be Int.Sh. or mag. diss. region, etc.)
- Numerical Monte
 Carlo one-zone rad.
 transfer model with all
 EM & v physics
- \leftarrow Fermi/LAT param. $E_{\gamma iso} \sim 2.10^{54}$, $L_p/L_e=20$, $\Gamma=600$, $R\sim 10^{16}$ cm, z=4.5₆₆

Fermi/LAT hadronic case

- For very bright, rare bursts (<10% of all cases)
- Get 2nd GeV γ- comp. & its delay
- Predict complying v-flux, but on rare LAT bursts and at $> 10^{16} \text{ eV}$
- Predict substantial nu-gamma delay



"Moderate" hadronic case

(Asano & PM, ApJ sub.)

"Typical" GRB params., $E_{\gamma iso} \sim 5.10^{50}$ erg, $L_p/L_e=10$, $\Gamma=800$, $R\sim 10^{14}$ cm



- Predict complying nu-flux, at $>10^{16}$ eV may be detectable in future
- Predict larger 2nd photon component than does leptonic model, in all bursts and starting in the prompt phase perhaps hard to detect if low photon stats.?
- UHECR flux from escaped neutrons: not sufficient, if $L_p/L_e=10$ need more work!

Outlook

- Observational prospects for ground-based multi-GeV astrophysics of GRB are very encouraging - there are enough bursts that show photons there!
- If GRB spectra reaching TeV are detected, this would provide new constraints on hadronic vs. leptonic GRB models - but much further theoretical work is needed to specify models
- Of course, GeV-TeV neutrino observations could clinch this issue further address GRB-GZK UHECR contrib.
- Will be able to constrain particle acceleration / shock parameters, compactness of emission region (dimension, mag.field,.), etc.