

Does our knowledge about background cosmology matter for testing fundamental physics?

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- ... and more useful form to search for low-energy effects:

$$E^2 \simeq m^2 c^4 + \mathbf{p}^2 c^2 + F_i^{(1)} p^i + F_{ij}^{(2)} p^i p^j + F_{ijk}^{(3)} p^i p^j p^k + \dots$$

Modified dispersion relation

- For rotational and translational invariant case:

$$F^{(n)} = \epsilon E^2 \left(\frac{E}{\xi_n E_{QG}} \right)^n$$

where:

- $\epsilon = \pm 1$ is a "sign parameter",
- $n = 1, 2, \dots$
- ξ_n is a dimensionless parameter (related with the magnitude of LIV).

We have only the lower bounds: $\xi_1 \gtrsim 0.01$ and $\xi_2 \gtrsim 10^{-9}$.

Limit on higher values of n are too small.

- **M. Rodriguez Martinez and Tsvi Piran, JCAP04(2006)006,**
[arXiv:astro-ph/0601219]

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- **Important conclusion:**

in the presence of LIV photons of different energies
travel with different velocities
and consequently with different times of arrival:

$$t = \frac{1}{c} \int_{t_e}^{t_0} v(t) dt = \int_0^z \left[1 - \frac{m^2 c^4}{2 E_0^2} \frac{1}{(1+z')^2} + \epsilon \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{E}_0}{\xi_n E_{QG}} \right)^n (1+z')^n \right] \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

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- hard spectrum (20 MeV and more),
- cosmological distances.

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| Source | Advantage | Problem |
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| Pulsars | very well-defined time structure | only galactic distances |
| AGN's | TeV photons already detected | broad time structure |
| GRB's | cosmological distances and fine-scale time structure | rather soft photons (up to MeV energy detected so far) |

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Up-to-date best lower bounds on QG energy scale:

| | |
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| Crab pulsar (EGRET) [Philip Kaaret, (1999)] | $E_{QG} > 1.8 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$ |
| Mkn 421 (Whipple) [S.D. Biller et al., (1999)] | $E_{QG} > 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ |
| Mkn 501 (MAGIC) [J. Albert et al., (2007)] | $E_{QG} > 0.17 \times 10^{18}$ |
| Combined analysis of 35 GRBs (BATSE, HETE, and SWIFT) [John Ellis et al., (2006)] | $E_{QG} > 0.9 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ |
| GRB 051221A (Swift-BAT and Konus-Wind) [M. Rodriguez Martinez, Tsvi Piran and Yonatan Oren, (2006)] | $E_{QG} \gtrsim 0.66 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$ |

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- **EXTRA PROFIT:**
 - energies of such neutrinos are order of magnitude higher than GRB γ 's
 - neutrino detectors like Ice Cube are extremely quiet in this energy range
 - Uri Jacob and Tsvi Piran,
2007 Nature Phys. 3 87 [[arXiv:hep-ph/0607145](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0607145)]

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- **Other solution:**

Observe time delays between lensed images in different energy channels.

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- M. Biesiada and A. Piórkowska, [arXiv:astro-ph/0712.0941]

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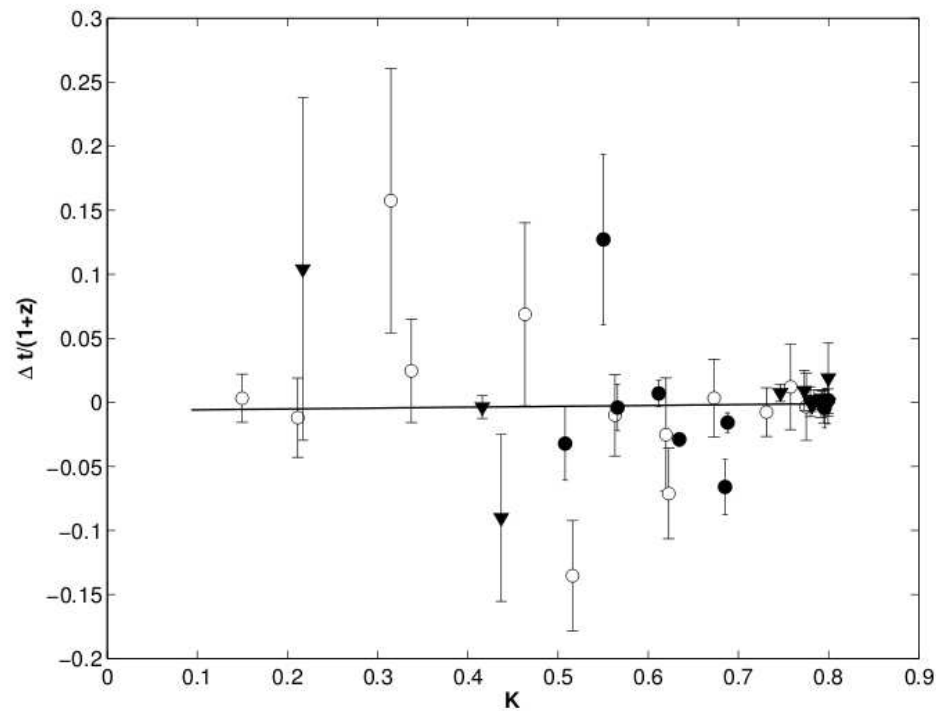
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where:

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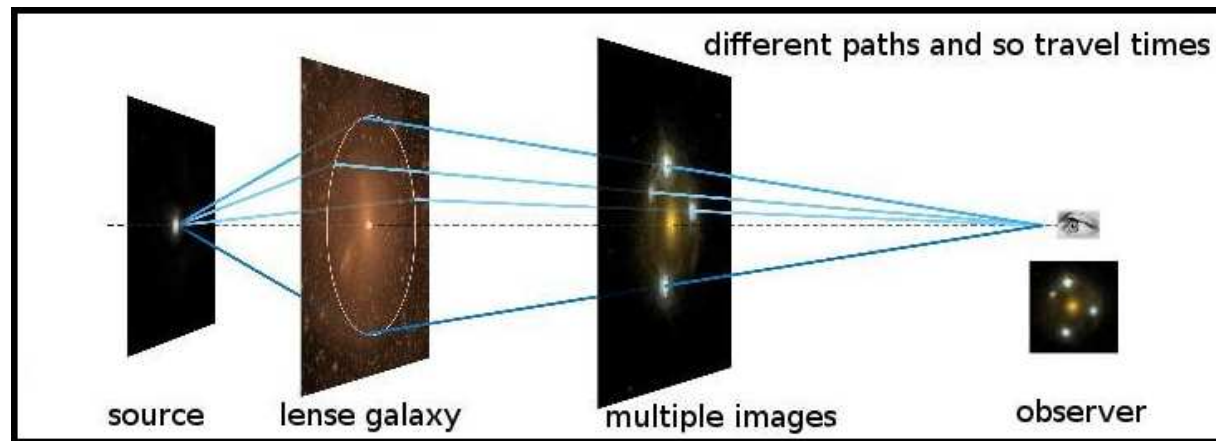
$$\Delta t_{\text{obs}}^{\text{tot}} = (0.0068 \pm 0.0067)K - (0.0065 \pm 0.0046)$$

$$E_{\text{QG}} > 1.4 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

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- **Time delay between lensed images of the source:**
 - geometric delay due to bending the light rays
 - Shapiro time delay from the gravitational field
- **ACHROMATIC time delay in SIS model of the lens potential:**

$$\Delta t_{SIS} = \frac{2(1+z_l)}{c} \frac{D_l D_s}{D_{ls}} \vartheta_E \beta = \frac{8\pi}{H_0} \tilde{r}_l \beta \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$



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- **Gravitational lensing time delay in the presence of LIV would NO LONGER BE ACHROMATIC:**

$$\Delta t_{LIV,SIS} = \frac{8\pi}{H_0} \tilde{r}_{LIV}(z_l) \beta \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

where:

$$\tilde{r}_{LIV}(z_l) = \tilde{r}_l + H_0 \frac{n+1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbf{E}}{\xi_n E_{QG}} \right)^n \int_0^{z_l} \frac{(1+z')^n dz'}{H(z')}$$

- **Restriction for $n = 1$:**
(LIV effect is extremely small)

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$$\Delta t_{LIV,SIS}^{5 \text{ TeV photons}} - \Delta t_{SIS} = 3.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}$$

$$\Delta t_{LIV,SIS}^{20 \text{ TeV photons}} - \Delta t_{SIS} = 1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}$$

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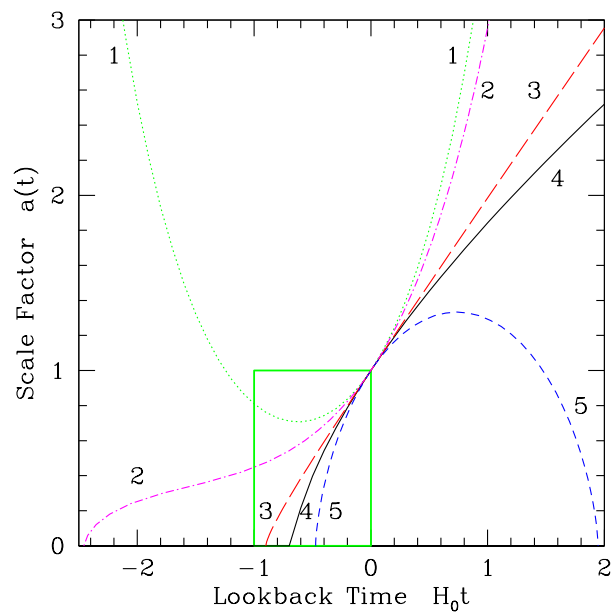
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- Does our ignorance concerning cosmological models create systematic effects in time delay analysis?

- Marek Biesiada and Aleksandra Piórkowska,
2007 J. Cosmol. Astopart. Phys. JCAP05(2007)011

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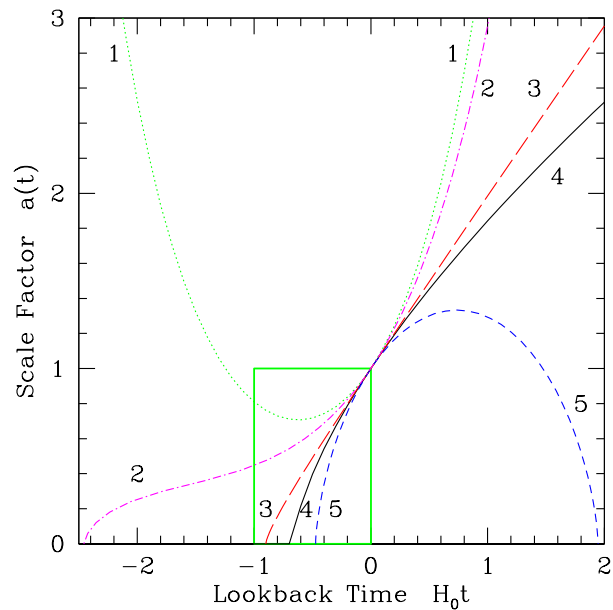


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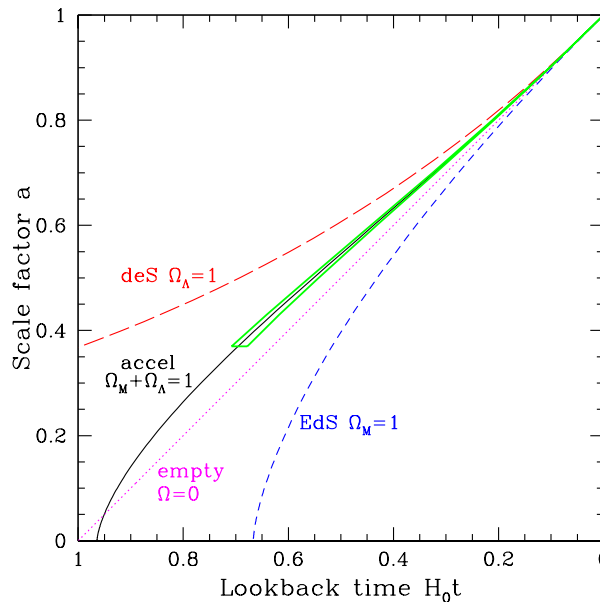
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Formal results:

● $\Omega_M = 0.24 \pm 0.10$ if $\Omega = 1$ ($\Omega_\Lambda = 0.76 \pm 0.10$ a $> 7\sigma$ detection)

● $\Omega_M = -0.35 \pm 0.18$ if $\Omega_\Lambda = 0$ - this case is unphysical!

● S. Weinberg, Rev. Mod. Phys. 61, 1, 1989

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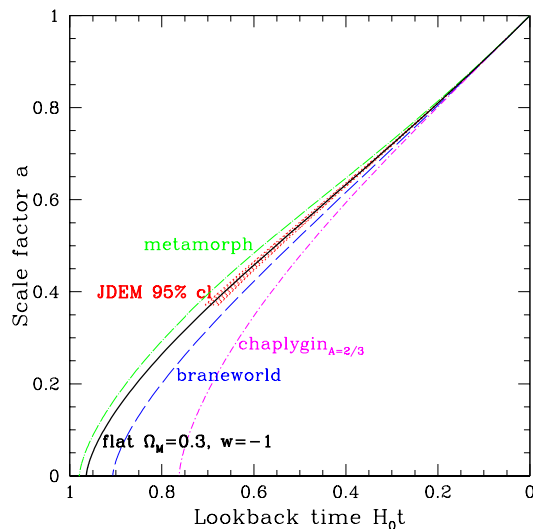
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- **Cosmological scenarios which are in play:**
 - Models with hypothetical candidates for dark energy:
 - cosmological constant Λ
 - quintessence - evolving scalar fields
 - Chaplygin gas
 - Modification of gravity theory like brane world scenarios



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Expansion rates $H(z)$ in four cosmological models tested:

| Model | $H^2(z)$ |
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| Λ CDM | $H_0^2 [\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda]$ |
| Quint. | $H_0^2 [\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_Q (1+z)^{3(1+w)}]$ |
| Var. Quint. | $H_0^2 [\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_Q (1+z)^{3(1+w_0-w_1)} \exp(3w_1 z)]$ |
| Chap. Gas | $H_0^2 \left[\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{Ch} \left(A_0 + (1-A_0)(1+z)^{3(1+\alpha)} \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\alpha}} \right]$ |
| Brane | $H_0^2 \left[\left(\sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{r_c}} + \sqrt{\Omega_{r_c}} \right)^2 \right]$ |

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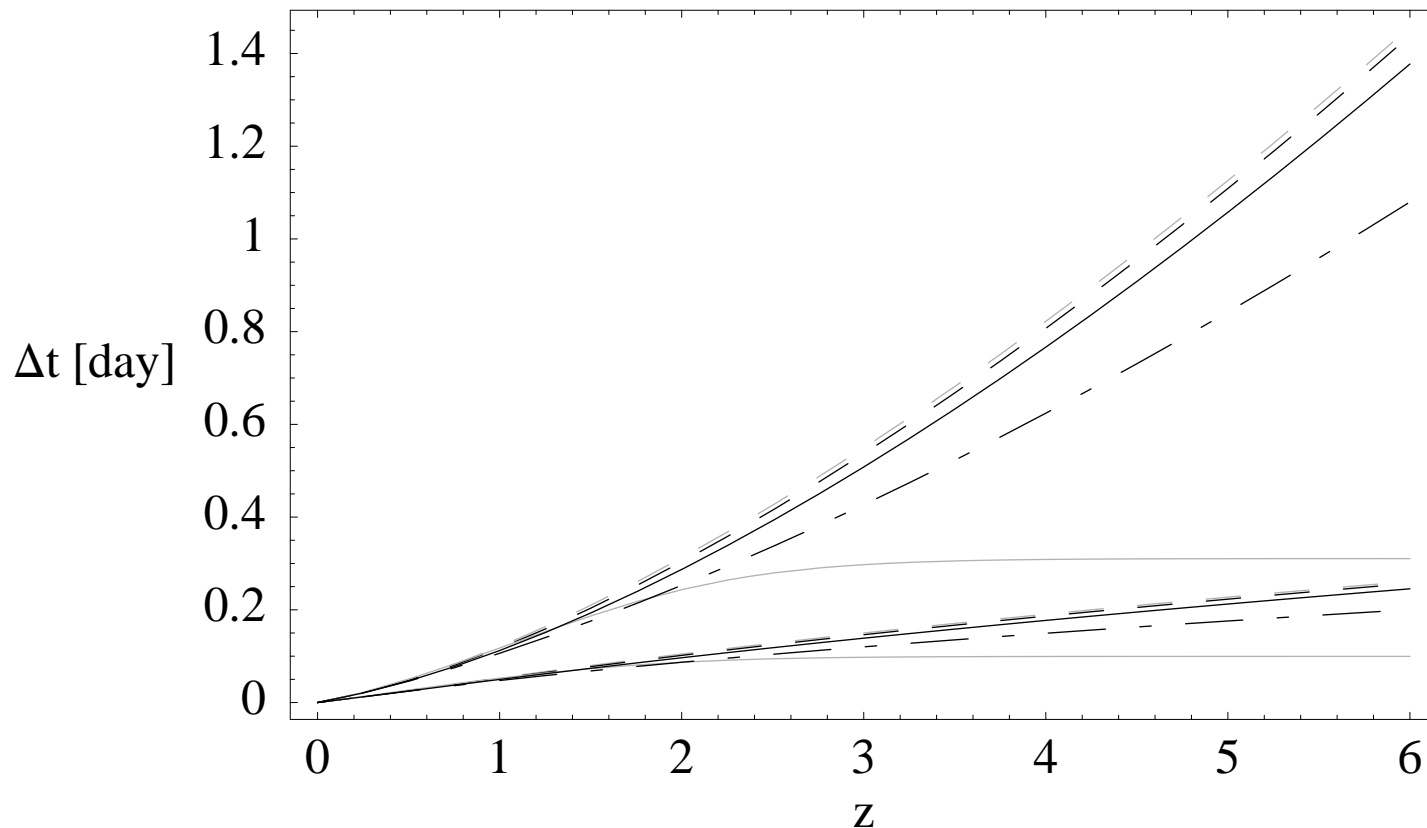
Values of the parameters of four cosmological models tested
(best fitted to current SNIa and CMBR data):

| Model | $H^2(z)$ |
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| Quint. | $w = -0.87$ |
| Var. Quint. | $w_0 = -1.5$ and $w_1 = 2.1$ |
| Chap. Gas | $\alpha = 1$ and $A_0 = 0.83$ |
| Brane | $r_c = 1.4H_0^{-1}$ and $\Omega_{r_c} = \frac{1}{4}(1 - \Omega_m)^2$ |

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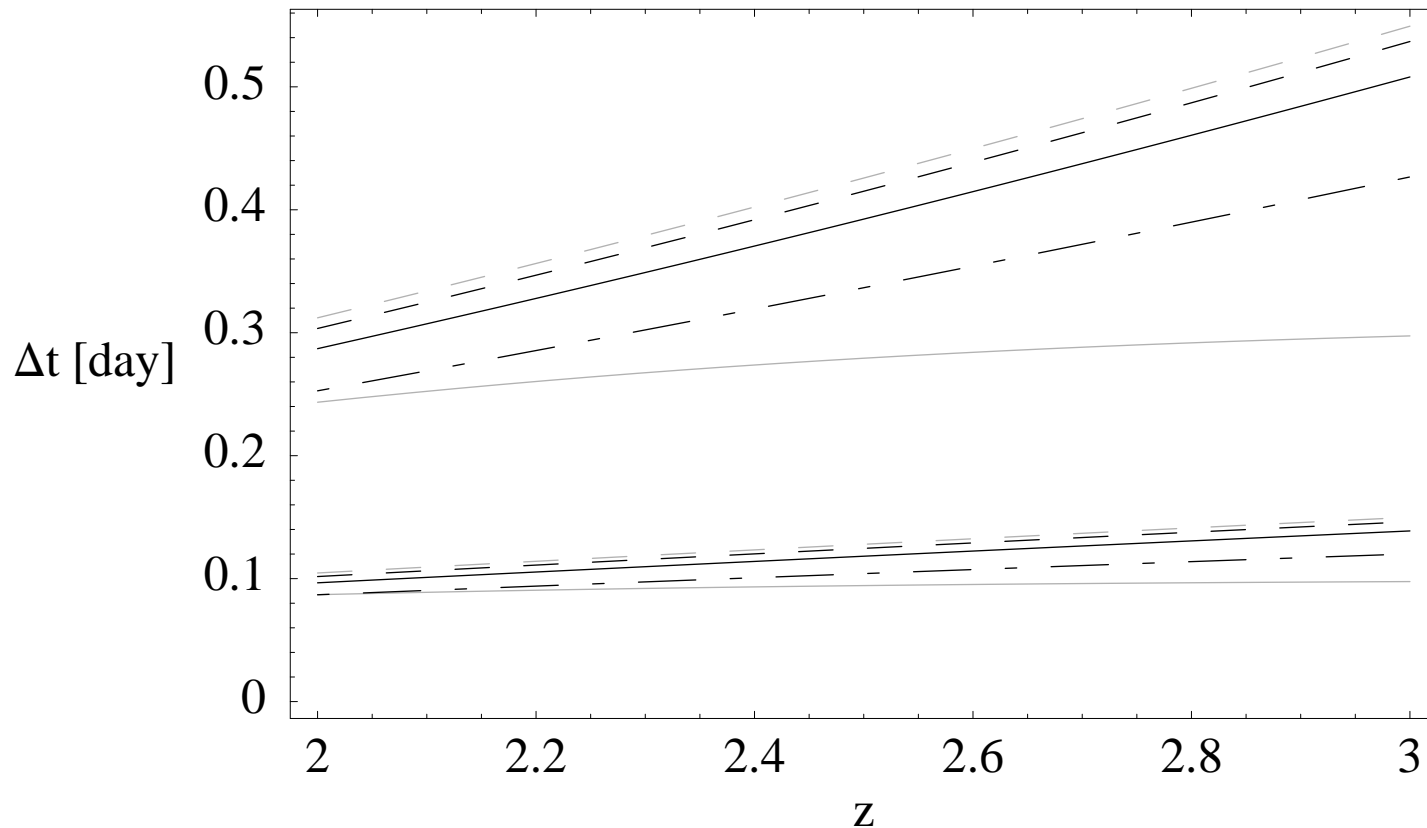
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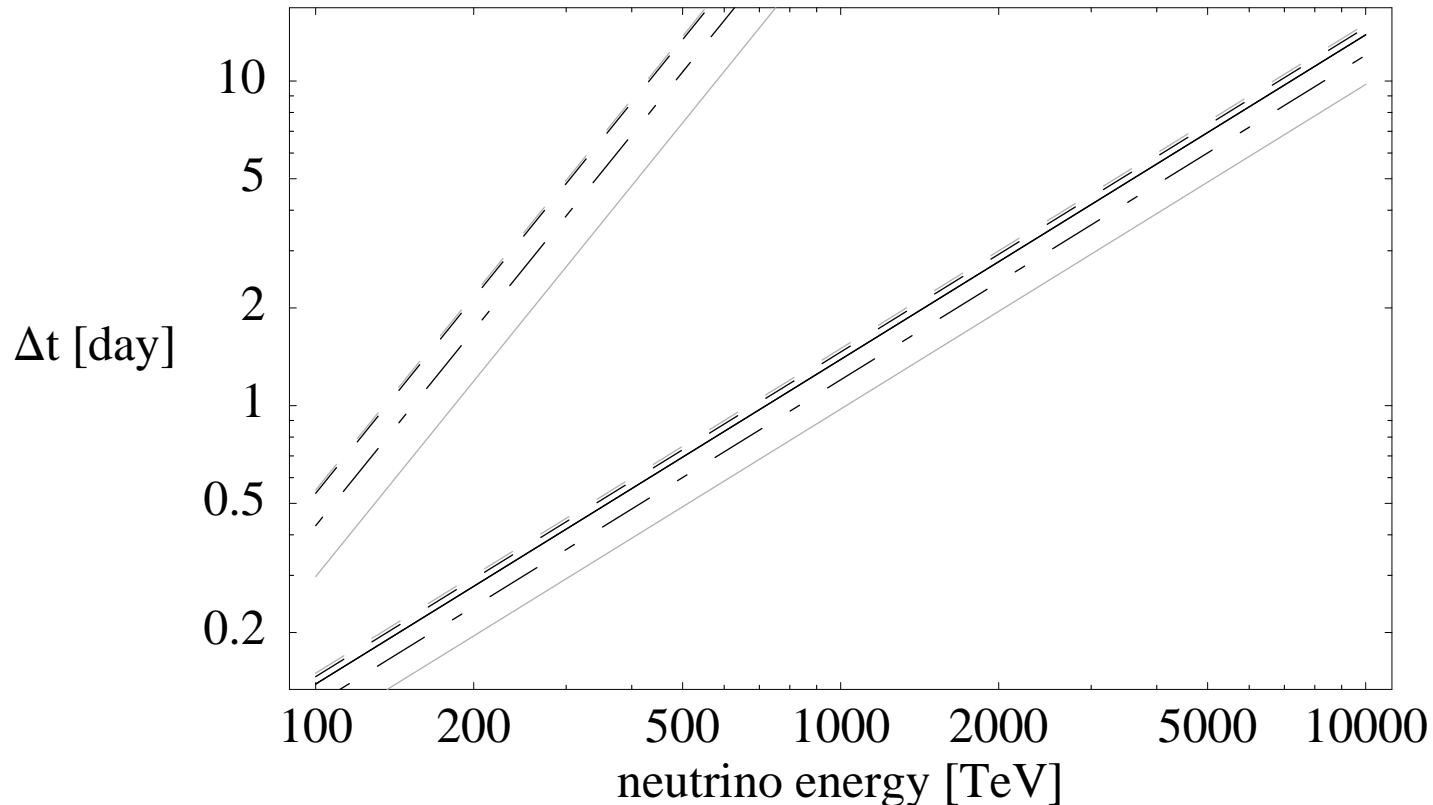
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Time delays as a function of neutrino energy in different dark energy scenarios (for a source located at $z=3$)

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- time delay is created in the lens plane (low redshifts)

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 - **Could the effect be an artifact of incorrectly assuming Λ CDM model?**

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where:

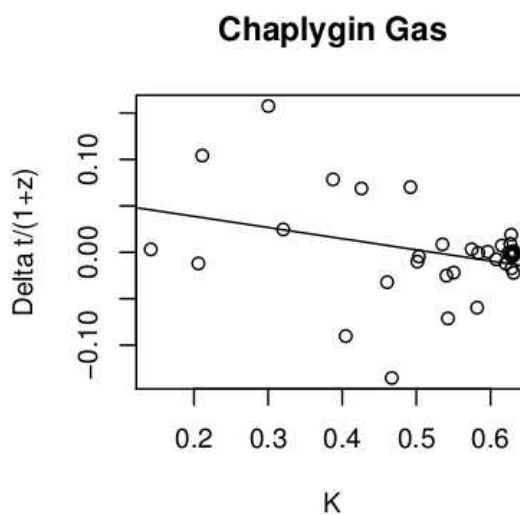
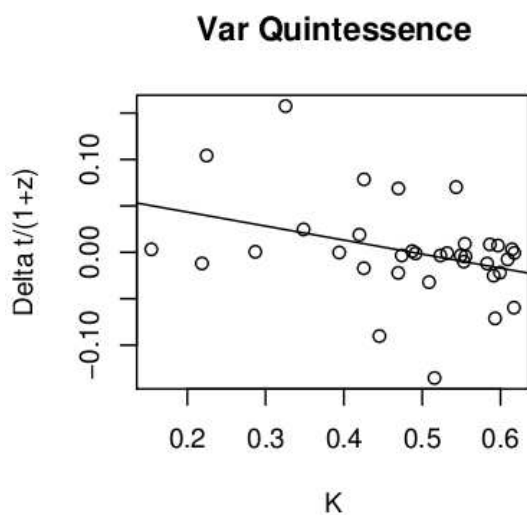
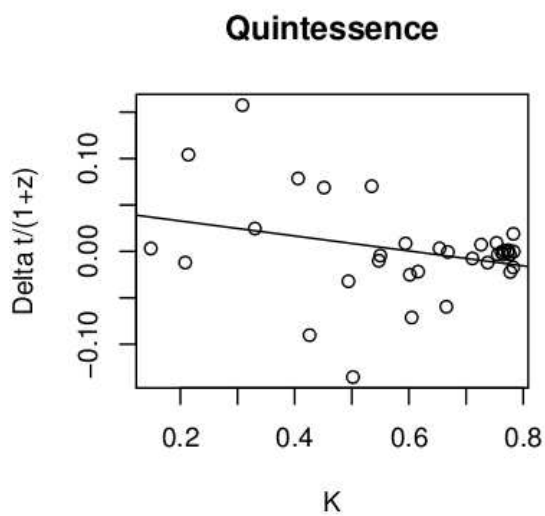
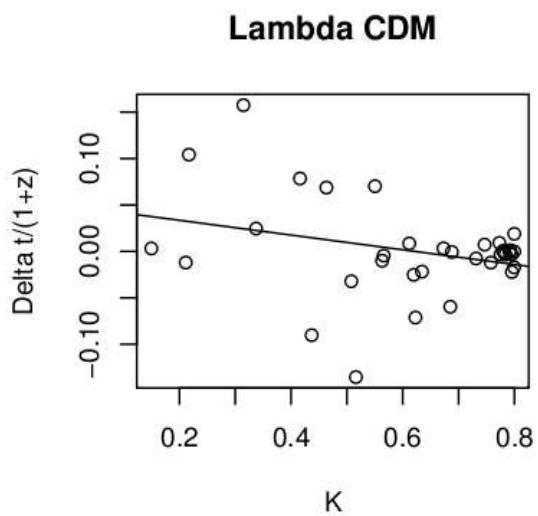
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