Astroparticle Anomalies
Current Hints of Possible Dark Matter Signals

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What is this talk really about?

- Isn’t discussion of low-significance anomalies just ambulance chasing?

I hope to convince you otherwise.
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The point is:

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Only the DAMA annual modulation continues to grow in significance.

![Graph showing DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation data](image)
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New NaI crystal experiments are coming on line to probe the source of the DAMA anomaly:

1. ANAIS-112
2. SABRE
   - 2 detectors – north & south hemispheres
   - 1 in Gran Sasso near DAMA
   - 1 in Australia
3. COSINUS
   - New technique using NaI as a cryogenic calorimeter capable of particle-by-particle discrimination.
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The 3.5 keV X-ray line remains an interesting anomaly for dark matter enthusiasts to watch.

Since Kev Abazajian already discussed it in detail in the previous talk, I will not discuss it further.
Recent new analyses by the Fermi-LAT collaboration confirmed the robustness of the excess.

Evidence for Pulsar Origin of GCE

1. With current foreground models, the distribution of the excess behaves more like unresolved point sources than a diffuse dark matter profile.

2. Many new pulsar candidates are emerging in the region.

3. The excess may be correlated with the X-shaped bulge.
   - suggests stellar population origin
   - pulsars.
   - dissipative dark matter could also do this, but no dark disks in Gaia data.

Fermi-LAT Collab, arXiv:1705.00009
Macias+, arXiv:1611.06644
Schutz+, TeVPA 2017

green star = new PSR candidate
Preliminary Gaia DR1
Caution for Pulsar Interpretation

• I’m currently skeptical of arguments that depend on the small-scale distribution of pixels.
  – current foreground models still produce highly correlated residuals.
  – point source mis-modeling introduces point-source-sized structure near G.C.

• The number of observed LMXBs already suggests ~4-23% of the excess is from pulsars.
  (Haggard+, JCAP 05 (2017) 056)
GCE in the Dark Matter Halo? Yes!

- Parameter space of dark matter interpretation is consistent with GC excess.
- If non-DM, non-pulsar explanation, it requires another coincidence.

Power Spectrum of High-Latitude $\gamma$ Rays

- At high energies, structure is consistent with unresolved population of extragalactic blazars.
- Below 1 GeV prefers a new source, not consistent with any known emitter.
- Can be accounted for by dark matter, but precise characterization needs a new analysis that doesn’t assume the source is Poissonian.

Cross-correlating Fermi-LAT $\gamma$ rays with galaxy catalogs (2MASS, LRGs, SDSS) and with cosmic shear are producing positive detections. These would also contain information about dark matter contributions, but interpretation is tricky.
Positron Excess?

- AMS-02 measurement is increasing in significance.
- Too bright to be consistent with GCE.
- Most dark matter interpretations ruled out by lack of $\gamma$ rays from dwarf satellites.
- Recently, HAWC detected an inverse-Compton halo around Geminga and PSR B0656+14.
- Energetics are at the magnitude needed to account for the excess of positrons (details still uncertain).
- Geminga could make using positrons for searching for dark matter difficult.
Antiprotons Excess

- AMS-02 measurements of antiproton flux is now very precise.

- Again, the observed excess is consistent with the GC excess.

Cuoco+, PRL 118, 191102 (2017)

without DM

Cuoco+, arXiv:1704.08258
Final Comments

• A coherent picture appears to possibly be emerging of dark matter annihilation. In many ways, this appears like a WIMP signal we have been looking for.

• Significance of this scenario is still weak, but strengthened by correlated observables.

• Also notable where the signal is not seen:
  – dwarf satellite $\gamma$ rays,
  – synchrotron in M31 and M33.

• If we’re seeing dark matter, we will expect existing excesses to grow in significance, and other GC-like excesses to continue to emerge elsewhere.