### Solutions of MiniBooNE Anomaly using Dark Sector Models

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Process	Neutrino Mode	Antineutrino Mode
$\nu_{\mu} \& \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ CCQE	$107.6 \pm 28.2$	$12.9\pm4.3$
NC $\pi^0$	$732.3\pm95.5$	$112.3\pm11.5$
NC $\Delta \rightarrow N\gamma$	$251.9 \pm 35.2$	$34.7\pm5.4$
External Events	$109.8\pm15.9$	$15.3\pm2.8$
Other $\nu_{\mu}$ & $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$	$130.8\pm33.4$	$22.3\pm3.5$
$\nu_e \& \bar{\nu}_e \text{ from } \mu^{\pm} \text{ Decay}$	$621.1 \pm 146.3$	$91.4\pm27.6$
$\nu_e \ \& \ \bar{\nu}_e$ from $K^\pm$ Decay	$280.7\pm 61.2$	$51.2 \pm 11.0$
$\nu_e \ \& \ \bar{\nu}_e$ from $K^0_L$ Decay	$79.6\pm29.9$	$51.4 \pm 18.0$
Other $\nu_e$ & $\bar{\nu}_e$	$8.8\pm4.7$	$6.7\pm 6.0$
Unconstrained Bkgd.	$2322.6\pm258.3$	$398.2\pm49.7$
Constrained Bkgd.	$2309.4\pm119.6$	$400.6\pm28.5$
Total Data	2870	478
Excess	$560.6 \pm 119.6$	$77.4 \pm 28.5$





Beam Excess

0

0.6



0.8

1.2

L/E, (meters/MeV)

1.4

 $\bar{\nu}_e$  signal was detected via The reaction  $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$ with  $e^+$  energy between 36 and 60 MeV, followed by  $\gamma$  from  $np \rightarrow d \gamma (2.2MeV)$ 

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		$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{cess}$	РОТ	Charged Mesons Focused?
Target Mede	Neutrino Mode	$560.6 \pm 119.6$	$1.875E{+}21$	$\pi^+, K^+$
Target Mode	Anti-neutrino Mode	77.4±28.5	$1.127E{+}21$	$\pi^-, K^-$
Dump Mode		None	$1.86E{+}20$	Isotropic

- When a proton beam hits a target, a lot of charged and neutral mesons are Produced about one pion/POT, 0.1 kaon/POT
- Almost all the charged pions, and kaons are horn focused on the direction of the detector (the neutral mesons fraction is smaller)

#### Solutions:

- All the solutions which are proposed are neutrino-based new physics
- Dark sector attempts to use  $\pi^0$  decay are ruled out by the dump mode data  $\pi^0 \rightarrow X + \gamma$ Jordan, Kahn, Moschell, Krnjaic, Spttz, Phys.Rev.Lett. 122 (2019) 8, 081801
- Can we use the charged pion decays for the dark sector based solution?

Neutrino-anti-neutrino mode excess difference can be accommodated



5-body decay is not helicity suppressed

*Large flux of new particle flux can be expected: limited by the pion Br to e*,  $\mu$ + *v*+*missing* ~ 10<sup>-6</sup>



Magnetic focusing horn provides more charged pions compared to neutral pions: beam dump constraint does not apply anymore

#### Two dark sector scenarios:

• Short-lived mediators: Promptly decay to dark matter particles which then up scatter in the detector



 $\mathcal{L}_V \supset \sum_{i=1,2} \left( e\epsilon_i J_{\rm EM}^{\mu} + g_i J_D^{\mu} + g'_i J_D^{\prime \mu} \right) V_{i,\mu}$ 

• Long-lived mediators: get scattered at the detector producing photon via inverse Primakoff like scattering



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Vector portal dark matter						
Scenario	$(m_V$	$m_1, m_{V_2}, m_\chi, m_\chi$	$i_{\chi'})$	$\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 g_2'^2/(4\pi)$		
Single	(17	(, -, 8, 40) Me	γV	$3.6  imes 10^{-9}$		
Double	(17,	200, 8, 50) M	eV	$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$		
	Long lived scalar/ pseudo-scalar					
Scenar	io	$(m_{Z'}, m_{\phi/a})$	$g_{\mu g}$	$g_n \lambda \; [{ m MeV}^{-1}]$		
Scala	r	(49,1) MeV		$2.2 \times 10^{-8}$		
Pseudoso	alar	(85,1) MeV		$5.9 \times 10^{-7}$		





Long-lived Vector couplings leptons-quarks

$m_X$ [MeV]	$m_{\phi}$ [MeV]	${ ilde g}~[{ m MeV^{-1}}]$
5	650	$9 \cdot 10^{-8}$
10	550	$1.3 \cdot 10^{-8}$

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#### Many different model scenarios



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Using the charged and neutral mesons, these light mediators can be investigated in other experiments, e.g., CHARM, T2K, MINERvA, CCM, COHERENT, SBND

- The excess is not constrained by CHARM-II, T2K, MINERvA: size of the detector, distance, pion production rate
   The photon, electron-positron production rate remains constant or decreases
   depending the mediator type as the beam energy increases
- Prediction for MicroBooNE: 20 events (channels: 1 gamma+0 proton, e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>+ 0p)
- LSND: neutron ejection from the inverse Primakoff scattering can occur and 2.2 MeV γ can appear from neutron capture. The dark matter scenario does not work since the proton beam energy is 800 MeV
- SBND, ICARUS, DUNE, FASER can investigate these scenarios

### Predictions for other v experiments



### **MiniBooNE Anomaly and models**

Model	U. Signature	LSND	MB	Reactors	Cosmology	Issues	Score
3+1	Oscillations					Appearance-disappearance tension.	6
(3+1) + inv-v decay	Damped oscillations					Large couplings. UV model?	4
(3+1) + NSI	Modified matter effects					Large NSI couplings. DeepCore tension.	11
Anomalous matter	Resonant appearance				unknown	Tension with T2K if resonance in E.	9
Large extra dim	Osc with related freqs.				unknown	Same issues as 3+1 or worse.	12
LNV in µ decays	$\mu^+ \rightarrow \text{anti-} v_e$					Michel params in tension w/ TRIUMF.	8
Lorentz violation	Sidereal time variation				unknown	HE IceCube tension.	10
Dark neutrinos	Upscattering to N $\rightarrow$ v e^+e^-					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	2
Dipole portal	Upscattering to N $\rightarrow$ v y					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	3
(3+1) + vis-v decay	$DIFofv_{s}^{}\to v_{e}^{}$					Tension with solar antineutrinos.	5
(3+1) + vis decay	$DIFofN\tovv$					Timing at MB.	7
Dark secto <del>rs:</del> dark matter	Upscattering to $\chi' \rightarrow \chi e^+e^-$					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	5
Dark sectors: (pseudo)-scalar	Forward scattering to y					MINERvA/CHARM-II/ND280 tension?	1



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### **MiniBooNE Anomaly and models**

• New Physics: Dark matter, neutrino masses and mixing, g-2 of muon, LHCb, MiniBooNE etc.

Are they all correlated? Is there a model?

- The explanations for g-2 of the muon, LHCb, MiniBooNE can be done using a model, for example, with quark and muon couplings
- The model will involve light mediators
- Requirements: light vector mediator, scalar/pseudo-scalar mediator, inelastic DM

Required

### $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{T3R}$

#### Model with a sub GeV DM and Light mediators

*E.g., there may be a new symmetry breaking scale around GeV*  $\rightarrow 2^{nd}$  and  $1^{st}$  generation fermion masses (  $\sim MeV$  to few GeV)

Anomaly free

field	$q_{T3R}$
$q_R^u$	-2
$q_R^d$	2
$\ell_R$	2
$\nu_R$	-2
$\eta_L$	1
$\eta_R$	-1
$\phi$	-2

Dutta, Ghosh, Kumar, Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019) 075028  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{T3R}$ 

 $U(1)_{T3R}$  is broken at 1-10 GeV down to  $Z_2$ 

→Low mass dark matter, gauge and scalar mediators

Predictions are testable at various low energy experiments

Dark matter is made out of  $\eta_1$ ,  $\eta_2$ .

$$\eta_1 = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_L - \eta_R^e \\ -\eta_L^e + \eta_R \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \eta_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_L + \eta_R^e \\ \eta_L^e + \eta_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Dark Matter (parity odd):  $\eta_{1,2}$  and can be inelastic with small mass gap among  $\eta_1$ ,  $\eta_2$ 

# U(1)<sub>T3R</sub>

In SM, the Yukawa couplings are hierarchical:

$$\lambda_t^{(SM)} \sim 1, \, \lambda_c^{-(SM)} \sim 10^{-2}, \, \lambda_{s,\mu}^{-(SM)} \sim 10^{-3}, \, \lambda_{u,d}^{-(SM)} \sim 10^{-5}, \, \lambda_e^{-(SM)} \sim 10^{-6}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} = -\frac{\lambda_u}{\Lambda} \tilde{H} \phi^* \bar{Q}_L q_R^u - \frac{\lambda_d}{\Lambda} H \phi \bar{Q}_L q_R^d - \frac{\lambda_\nu}{\Lambda} \tilde{H} \phi^* \bar{L}_L \nu_R - \frac{\lambda_l}{\Lambda} H \phi \bar{L}_L \ell_R \\ -\lambda \phi \bar{\eta}_R \eta_L - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_L \phi \bar{\eta}_L^c \eta_L - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_R \phi^* \bar{\eta}_R^c \eta_R - \mu_\phi^2 \phi^* \phi - \lambda_\phi (\phi^* \phi)^2 + H.c.,$$

- Scalar  $\phi$  vev  $V = (-\mu_{\phi}^2/2\lambda_{\phi})^{1/2}$  breaks U(1)<sub>T3R</sub> to Z<sub>2</sub>,
- vev is around 1-10 GeV

→ We can have  $\lambda_x \sim 0.1 - 1$  since (<H> <  $\phi$  >) / $\Lambda$  helps to fit the fermion masses

## U(1)<sub>T3R</sub>

- New scalar and gauge boson:  $\phi'$ , A' are light in this model
  - The couplings of  $\phi'$ , A' with quarks and leptons are fixed once we choose the vev of  $\langle \phi \rangle$  and the A' mass

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} = -m_u \bar{q}_L^u q_R^u - m_d \bar{q}_L^d q_R^d - m_\nu \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R - m_\ell \bar{\ell}_L \ell_R - \frac{1}{2} m_1 \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_1 - \frac{1}{2} m_2 \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_2$$

$$\left( -\frac{m_u}{V} \bar{q}_L^u q_R^u \phi' - \frac{m_d}{V} \bar{q}_L^d q_R^d \phi' - \frac{m_{\nu D}}{V} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R \phi' - \frac{m_\ell}{V} \bar{\ell}_L \ell_R \phi' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1}{V} \bar{\eta}_1 \eta_1 \phi' - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2}{V} \bar{\eta}_2 \eta_2 \phi' + \dots \right)$$

A' also mixes with photon and Z

$$Z, \gamma m f_R M'_{\mu}$$

### DM Abundance in U(1)T3R

Thermal relic is easier to satisfy due to the existence of two mediators



**Resonance/non-resonance:** 

$m_{A'}$ (MeV)	$m_{\phi'}$ (MeV)	$m_{\eta} \; ({\rm MeV})$	$m_{\nu_s}(\text{MeV})$	$m_{\nu D}({ m MeV})$	$\langle \sigma v \rangle ~({\rm cm}^3/{\rm sec})$	$\sigma_{\rm SI}^{scalar}({\rm pb})$	$\sigma_{\rm SI}^{vector}({\rm pb})$
150 180	80 76	$\frac{40}{38}$	10 10	$10^{-3}$ $10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-26}$ $3 \times 10^{-26}$	$0.58 \\ 0.58$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.17\\ 1.06\end{array}$

### **Parameter Space**

Various scenarios: Gauge boson (A')-scalar ( $\phi'$ ) mediators parameter space

• E.g., Muon model:  $u_R$ ,  $d_R$ ,  $v_R$ ,  $\mu_R$ 



- Electron model:  $u_R$ ,  $d_R$ ,  $v_R$ ,  $e_R$ 
  - Similarly, models with second generation quarks

### g-2 of muon, $R_{k(*)}$ anomaly



• Fixes  $M_{\phi'}=70-100 \text{ MeV for } M_{A'}\sim 5-200 \text{MeV}$ 

$$R_K = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \to K\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \to Ke^+e^-)}, \ R_{K^\star} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \to K^*\mu^+\mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B \to K^*e^+e^-)}.$$

 $\mathscr{R}_{K^+}$  with 100% of Run 1+2  $\mathscr{R}_{K^+}^{[1.1,6]} = 0.846^{+0.042+0.013}_{-0.039-0.012}$  $3.1\sigma$  below SM Nature Phys. 18, 3 (2022)

$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{*0}}^{[0.045,1.1]} = 0.66^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.03$$
  
2.1 $\sigma$  below SM JHEP 08.055 (2017)  
$$\mathcal{R}_{K^{*0}}^{[1.1,6]} = 0.69^{+0.11}_{-0.07} \pm 0.05$$
  
2.4 $\sigma$  below SM

### UV completion and R<sub>k</sub> anomaly

**Origin of** 
$$\frac{\lambda_d}{\Lambda} H \phi \bar{Q}_L q_R^d = \frac{m_f}{\sqrt{2}V} \bar{f} f \phi$$
 **V**

 $-\mathcal{L}_Y \supset \lambda_{Ld} \bar{q}'_L \chi'_{dR} H + \lambda_{Rd} \bar{\chi}'_{dL} d'_R \phi + m_{\chi_d} \bar{\chi}'_{dL} \chi'_{dR}$ 

$$\mathbf{m}_{\chi'_{\mathbf{f}}}$$
 is heavy  $\rightarrow m_{\mathbf{f}} = \frac{\lambda_{Lf}\lambda_{Rf}vV}{\sqrt{2}m_{\chi'_{\mathbf{f}}}}$ 

*V: vev of*  $\phi$ 

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$$M_{f} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\lambda_{Lf}v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \lambda_{Rf}V & m_{\chi'_{f}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} f_{L,R} \\ \chi_{f_{L,R}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{f_{L,R}} & \sin\theta_{f_{L,R}} \\ -\sin\theta_{f_{L,R}} & \cos\theta_{f_{L,R}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f'_{L,R} \\ \chi_{f'_{L,R}} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
Now we use these new fields to calculate **b**—> s *l*+*l*<sup>-</sup> :

- Lepton non-universality is obtained from the A' and  $\phi$  couplings
- Quark flavor violation is obtained from the UV completion:  $\overline{b} \gamma^{\mu} P_{L,R} s(Z^{\mu}, A'^{\mu})$ ,

### UV completion and R<sub>k</sub> anomaly



### Fit to R<sub>k</sub> anomaly and predictions

#### Fits:

	BMA	BMB	BMC	BMD
$C_{10}^U$	4.85	-5.86	2.7	-5.67
$C_{9,10}^{NU}$	-0.30	3.65	-0.8	4.55
$ C_s - C'_s   \text{GeV}^{-1}$	0.033	0.024	0.011	-
$\left C_p - C'_p\right   \mathrm{GeV}^{-1}$	-	0.030	0.043	-
$C_{9,10}^{'NU}$	-	-	-	-1.28
$R_K$	0.82	0.87	0.86	0.87
$R_{K}^{*}[1.1, 6]$	0.83	0.78	0.97	0.89
$Br(B_s \to \mu^+ \mu^-)$	$3.36 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.05 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.34 \times 10^{-9}$
SM pull	$4.4\sigma$	$4.6\sigma$	$3.8\sigma$	$4.2\sigma$

#### Predictions:

Observable	Measured Value	SM	BMA	BMB	BMC	BMD
$Br(B^+ \to K^{*+}\mu^+\mu^-)(10^{-8})[15.0, 19.0]$	$15.8^{+3.2}_{-2.9} \pm 1.1$ [113]	$26.8 \pm 3.6$	7.80	82.9	10.4	92.4
$Br(B^0 \to K^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) \ (10^{-8})[15.0, 22.0]$	$6.7 \pm 1.1 \pm 0.4$ [113]	$9.8 \pm 1.0$	3.31	30.4	4.15	29.4
$Br(B^+ \to K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)(10^{-8})$ [15.0,22.0]	$8.5 \pm 0.3 \pm 0.4$ [113]	$10.7\pm1.2$	3.59	33.0	4.5	32.0
$\frac{dB(B_S \to \phi \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2}$ (10 <sup>-8</sup> GeV <sup>-2</sup> )[1.0,6.0]	$2.57^{+0.33}_{-0.31}\pm 0.08\pm 0.19~[114]$	$4.81\pm0.56$	1.60	16.8	2.28	18.7
$\frac{dB(\Lambda_b^0 \to \Lambda \mu^+ \mu^-)}{dq^2} (10^{-7} \text{ GeV}^{-2}) [15,20]$	$1.18^{+0.09}_{-0.08}\pm 0.03\pm 0.27~[115]$	$0.71\pm0.08$	2.19	2.28	0.29	2.48

### UV completion and R<sub>k</sub> anomaly

• The model fits  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ 

For 
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• The light scalar and vector of this model can be explored at the neutrino experiments and can explain the MB anomaly using DM, light mediators

### **Explanation of the anoamly**

For 
$$M_{\phi'} = 70-100 \text{ MeV} \text{ for } M_{A'} \sim 5-200 \text{ MeV}$$

- Fits  $R_K$  and  $R_{K^*}$  and  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Fits MiniBooNE anomaly
- Couplings (e.g.,  $V \overline{q}q$ ): ~ 10<sup>-4</sup>: Fixed by the masses and the vev in this model
- Many other models can also fit, e.g., B-xL type

(For vector particles: quark coupling dominates)

### Outlook

- MiniBooNE anomaly can be explained using dark sector models using light mediators: utilize charge meson decays and horn focusing
- The solution can be obtained by short and long lived-mediators: Short-lived mediators: Inelastic dark matter Long-lived mediator: Inverse Primakoff
- Many model possibilities
- Light mediator models can explain various anomalies and puzzles
- SBND, ICARUS, DUNE, FASER, CCM, COHERENT, JSNS2 can check this scenario

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