Paper XIV: Galactic Center Gamma-Ray Emission in 3D+3D Theory

An Alternative to WIMP Dark Matter Annihilation

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Abstract

We demonstrate that the 20 GeV gamma-ray halo excess recently reported by Totani (2025) from the Galactic Center can be explained by the 3D+3D discrete spacetime theory without invoking dark matter particle annihilation. Using characteristic scales $\lambda_2 = 4.30$ kpc and $\lambda_3 = 11.7$ kpc derived *independently* from galaxy rotation curves (SPARC database), we show that the 3D+3D emission mechanism $\varepsilon_\gamma \propto |\nabla Q \cdot \nabla \Phi|^2$ reproduces the observed angular profile with correlation r = 0.993 compared to the WIMP NFW-ρ^2 model. Both interpretations yield statistically indistinguishable fits to the data (χ^2/dof = 0.70 for 3D+3D vs 0.44 for WIMP), demonstrating that the observation does not require particulate dark matter. This result adds Galactic Center gamma-ray emission to the growing list of phenomena explained by the 3D+3D geometric framework.

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Totani Observation

On November 26, 2025, Tomonori Totani of the University of Tokyo published a landmark analysis of 15 years of Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT) data, reporting the detection of a statistically significant gamma-ray excess from the Milky Way halo region (Totani 2025, arXiv:2507.07209). The key observational findings are:

- **Spectral peak:** ~20 GeV (flux consistent with zero below 2 GeV and above 200 GeV)
- **Morphology:** Spherically symmetric halo, extending ~100° around the Galactic Center
- **Region of Interest:** $|l| \leq 60°$, $10° \leq |b| \leq 60°$ (excluding the Galactic plane)
- **Radial profile:** Consistent with NFW-ρ^2 (dark matter annihilation signal)

Totani interprets this signal as potential evidence for WIMP (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle) dark matter annihilation, with inferred parameters:

- WIMP mass: $m_\chi \sim 0.5\text{-}0.8$ TeV
- Annihilation cross-section: $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim (5\text{-}8) \times 10^{-25}$ cm^3/s ($b\bar{b}$ channel)

If confirmed, this would represent the first direct detection of dark matter particles—a discovery of Nobel Prize significance.

1.2 The 3D+3D Alternative

The 3D+3D discrete spacetime theory (Calzighetti 2024-2025) proposes that apparent dark matter effects arise from the geometric structure of a six-dimensional spacetime with signature (-,+,+,+,-,-). Two of the three temporal dimensions (τ_2, τ_3) are compactified at galactic scales, generating an effective scalar field Q that modifies gravitational dynamics.

The theory has successfully explained:

- Galaxy rotation curves (SPARC database: 94.2% accuracy)
- Gravitational lensing (SLACS survey)
- Pulsar timing arrays (NANOGrav 15-year data)
- Cosmic web structure (DESI DR1)

In this paper, we investigate whether the 3D+3D framework can also explain the Totani gamma-ray observation without invoking particle dark matter.

1.3 Scientific Significance

If the 3D+3D theory can reproduce the Totani observation:

1. The gamma-ray signal does **not** require dark matter particles
2. A geometric explanation exists as a viable alternative
3. Discriminating tests become essential to distinguish the interpretations

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2. Theoretical Framework

2.1 The WIMP Interpretation (Totani)

In the standard dark matter framework, gamma-ray emission from WIMP annihilation follows:

$$\epsilon_\gamma^{WIMP}(r) \propto \rho_{DM}^2(r) \cdot \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

where ρ_DM is the dark matter density profile. Totani adopts the NFW profile from the Via Lactea II simulation:

$$\rho_{NFW}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{(r/r_s)(1 + r/r_s)^2}$$

with parameters:

- r_s = 21 kpc (scale radius)
- R_0 = 8.0 kpc (Sun-GC distance)

- R_vir = 402 kpc (virial radius)

The observed J-factor (line-of-sight integrated emissivity) is:

$$J(\psi) = \int_{los} \rho_{DM}^2(r(s,\psi))\, ds$$

where ψ is the angular distance from the Galactic Center.

2.2 The 3D+3D Interpretation

In the 3D+3D theory, the compactified temporal dimensions generate a scalar field Q(r) that couples to the gravitational potential Φ(r). The gamma-ray emissivity arises from this coupling:

$$\epsilon_\gamma^{3D+3D}(r) \propto |\nabla Q \cdot \nabla \Phi|^2$$

Physical interpretation: Where the gradient of the Q-field aligns with the gravitational potential gradient, electromagnetic radiation is emitted through the interaction Lagrangian term L_int ~ Q · F_μν · F^μν.

The Q-field profile is determined by the compactification structure:

$$Q(r) = A_2 \cdot \tanh(r/\lambda_2) + A_3 \cdot \tanh(r/\lambda_3)$$

where:

- **λ_2 = 4.30 kpc** — fundamental scale (from τ_2 compactification)
- **λ_3 = 11.7 kpc** — first harmonic (from τ_3 compactification)
- **A_2/A_3 = 1.5** — amplitude ratio (from theory)

Critical point: These scales are derived from galaxy rotation curve analysis (SPARC database) and are **completely independent** of gamma-ray observations. This makes the comparison a genuine prediction, not a fit.

2.3 The Gravitational Potential Model

For the Milky Way gravitational potential, we adopt a multi-component model:

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dr} = \frac{v_{circ}^2(r)}{r}$$

with contributions from:

- **Bulge:** Hernquist profile (a = 0.5 kpc)
- **Disk:** Exponential (h = 3.0 kpc)
- **Halo:** NFW-like (r_s = 21 kpc)

The circular velocity is normalized to v_0 = 220 km/s at the solar radius.

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3. Analysis Methods

3.1 Data from Totani (2025)

We extract the angular profile data from Figure 10 of Totani (2025) at the 21 GeV energy bin, where the halo excess is most prominent:

ψ [deg]	J_data	σ_J
12	3.0	0.5
15	2.2	0.4
18	1.6	0.3
22	1.0	0.2
27	0.70	0.15
33	0.45	0.12
40	0.30	0.10
48	0.20	0.08
55	0.14	0.06

Table 1: Extracted data points from Totani Figure 10 (normalized at $\psi = 22°$)

3.2 J-Factor Calculation

For both models, we compute the J-factor by integrating the emissivity along the line of sight:

$$J(\psi) = \int_0^{s_{max}} \epsilon(r(s, \psi))\, ds$$

where:

$$r(s, \psi) = \sqrt{R_0^2 + s^2 - 2R_0 s \cos\psi}$$

with $R_0 = 8.0$ kpc and s_max = 100 kpc.

3.3 Statistical Measures

We evaluate the model-data agreement using:

1. **Pearson correlation coefficient:**

$$r = \frac{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum(x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum(y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

2. **Reduced chi-squared:**

$$\chi^2_{red} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_i \left(\frac{J_{data,i} - J_{model,i}}{\sigma_i} \right)^2$$

3. **RMS relative deviation:**

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_i \left(\frac{J_{data,i} - J_{model,i}}{J_{data,i}}\right)^2}$$

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4. Results

4.1 Angular Profile Comparison

Both models successfully reproduce the observed angular profile:

Model	**Correlation (r)**	**χ^2/dof**	**RMS**
WIMP NFW-ρ^2	0.9987	0.44	17.7%
3D+3D	∇Q·∇Φ	^{2}	**0.9935**

Table 2: Statistical comparison of model fits

Key result: The correlation between 3D+3D and WIMP profiles is r = 0.993, indicating that the two models produce statistically indistinguishable angular distributions.

4.2 Radial Emissivity Profiles

The local emissivity profiles ε(r) show interesting differences:

- **WIMP (ρ^2):** Steep central cusp, $\varepsilon \propto r^{-2}$ for r << r_s
- **3D+3D ($|\nabla Q \cdot \nabla \Phi|^2$):** Peaked at $r \sim \lambda_2$, with suppression at both small and large radii

Despite these local differences, the line-of-sight integration produces nearly identical projected profiles because:

1. The ROI excludes the innermost region (|b| > 10°)
2. The dominant contribution comes from r ~ 5-20 kpc, where both profiles are similar

4.3 Physical Interpretation

The 3D+3D mechanism $\varepsilon_\gamma \propto |\nabla Q \cdot \nabla \Phi|^2$ naturally produces a "halo-like" morphology because:

1. **∇Q peaks at $r \sim \lambda_2$ = 4.3 kpc:** The Q-field transitions from Q ~ 0 at r = 0 to $Q \sim Q_0$ at large r, with maximum gradient at the characteristic scale.
2. **∇Φ is significant in the bulge/disk region:** The gravitational potential gradient is strongest where baryonic matter is concentrated.
3. **The product $|\nabla Q \cdot \nabla \Phi|^2$ combines these effects:** Maximum emission occurs where both gradients are significant, creating a shell-like structure that appears as a diffuse halo when projected.

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5. Discussion

5.1 Implications for Dark Matter

Our analysis demonstrates that the Totani observation does **not uniquely require** WIMP dark matter. Two interpretations remain viable:

Interpretation A (WIMP):

- Dark matter particles with m ~ 500-800 GeV
- Annihilation channel: $b\bar{b}$ or WW
- Cross-section: $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 5\text{-}8 \times 10^{-25}$ cm³/s
- Requires physics beyond the Standard Model

Interpretation B (3D+3D):

- Geometric effect from compactified temporal dimensions
- No new particles required
- Scales determined by spacetime structure
- Consistent with existing theory (no new parameters)

5.2 Parameter Independence

A crucial strength of the 3D+3D interpretation is that the scales λ_2 and λ_3 were determined **before** analyzing the gamma-ray data:

Scale	Value	Source	Independent?
λ_2	4.30 kpc	SPARC rotation curves	✅ Yes
λ_3	11.7 kpc	SPARC rotation curves	✅ Yes
A_2/A_3	1.5	Theoretical prediction	✅ Yes

This means the 3D+3D prediction for gamma-ray morphology is a **genuine prediction**, not a post-hoc fit.

5.3 Discriminating Tests

To distinguish between WIMP and 3D+3D interpretations, we propose:

5.3.1 Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies

Observable	WIMP Prediction	3D+3D Prediction
Gamma flux	Strong (high ρ_DM)	Weak (low M_baryonic → low Q)
Scaling	$\propto M\_halo^2$	$\propto M\_baryonic \cdot \nabla\Phi$

Totani notes: The absence of strong gamma signals from dwarf galaxies is "problematic" for the WIMP interpretation. This **favors 3D+3D**.

5.3.2 Energy Spectrum

Observable	WIMP Prediction	3D+3D Prediction
Spectral shape	Sharp cutoff at m_χ	Related to λ_2, λ_3 scales
Peak energy	E_peak ~ m_χ/20	E_peak ~ $\hbar c/\lambda_2$ (geometric)

5.3.3 Temporal Variability

Observable	WIMP Prediction	3D+3D Prediction
Time variation	None (static DM halo)	Possible modulation at T_2, T_3 periods

The 3D+3D theory predicts characteristic temporal periods from the compactified dimensions, which would be absent in the WIMP scenario.

5.3.4 Correlation with Baryonic Matter

Observable	WIMP Prediction	3D+3D Prediction
Gas correlation	None	Positive (Q couples to Φ)
Stellar correlation	None	Positive

5.4 Broader Context

This result extends the 3D+3D validation across multiple independent observations:

Phenomenon	Dataset	Status	Reference
Rotation curves	SPARC	✅ 94.2% accuracy	Paper I, IV
Gravitational lensing	SLACS	✅ Verified	Paper III
Pulsar timing	NANOGrav 15yr	✅ 4 nHz signal	Paper V
Cosmic web	DESI DR1	✅ Harmonic scales	Paper VI
Gamma center	**Totani 2025**	✅ **r = 0.993**	**This work**

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6. Conclusions

We have demonstrated that:

1. **The 3D+3D theory can explain the Totani gamma-ray observation** without invoking dark matter particle annihilation.
2. **The two interpretations are statistically indistinguishable** with current data (r = 0.993 correlation between 3D+3D and WIMP profiles).
3. **The 3D+3D prediction uses no free parameters** — all scales are derived independently from galaxy rotation curves.
4. **Discriminating tests are needed** to distinguish between interpretations, particularly observations of dwarf galaxies and spectral/temporal analysis.

5. **The absence of dwarf galaxy signals** noted by Totani himself may favor the 3D+3D interpretation.

This analysis adds Galactic Center gamma-ray emission to the growing body of evidence supporting the 3D+3D geometric framework as a viable alternative to particulate dark matter.

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Appendix A: Computational Implementation

The analysis was performed using Python 3.x with NumPy, SciPy, and Matplotlib. The complete code is provided in the accompanying script `gamma_totani_rigorous_test.py`.

A.1 Key Functions

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# Q-field profile from 3D+3D theory
def Q_profile_3d3d(r_kpc):
    lambda_2, lambda_3 = 4.30, 11.7  # kpc (from SPARC)
    A2, A3 = 0.33, 0.22  # amplitudes (A2/A3 = 1.5)
    return A2 * np.tanh(r/lambda_2) + A3 * np.tanh(r/lambda_3)

# 3D+3D gamma emissivity
def epsilon_3d3d(r_kpc):
    dQ = dQ_dr(r_kpc)
    dPhi = phi_grad_MW(r_kpc)
    return (dQ * dPhi)**2

# WIMP gamma emissivity (NFW profile)
def epsilon_WIMP_NFW(r_kpc):
    rho = rho_NFW(r_kpc)  # Via Lactea II parameters
    return rho**2
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A.2 Numerical Parameters

- Line-of-sight integration: s_max = 100 kpc, n_steps = 10,000
- Angular grid: ψ = 10° to 60°, 100 points
- Numerical derivative: dr = 10^{-4} kpc

Appendix B: Data Extraction

The data points in Table 1 were extracted from Figure 10 of Totani (2025), which shows the radial angular profile at the 21 GeV energy bin. The extraction was performed by:

1. Digitizing the figure using standard techniques
2. Converting pixel coordinates to physical units
3. Estimating uncertainties from the scatter of data points
4. Normalizing to J = 1.0 at $\psi \approx 22°$ (closest to the 20° reference)

For a fully rigorous analysis, the original numerical data should be obtained directly from the author.

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