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Outline

- Are we already seeing dark matter?
- Difficulties in extracting a dark matter signal
- How could we determine whether an unknown signal is due to dark matter annihilation?



T. Porter, 2009 (0907.0294)

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- Extragalactic
- π^0 decay
- Inverse Compton Scattering
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
- Unresolved Point Sources



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Many sources:

- Extragalactic
 - Isotropic Source Classes
 - Sources include blazars, starburst galaxies
- $\circ \pi^0$ decay
- Inverse Compton Scattering
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
- Unresolved Point Sources



T. Porter, 2009 (0907.0294)

Many sources:

- Extragalactic
- π^0 decay
 - Proton collisions with galactic dust
 - Well defined emission spectra
- Inverse Compton Scattering
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
- Unresolved Point Sources



T. Porter, 2009 (0907.0294)

Many sources:

- Extragalactic
- π^0 decay
- Inverse Compton Scattering
 - Interactions of charged leptons with Interstellar radiation field
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
- Unresolved Point Sources



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Many sources:

- Extragalactic
- π^0 decay
- Inverse Compton Scattering
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
 - Relatively weak sources at high energies and away from the galactic center
- Unresolved Point Sources



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Many sources:

- Extragalactic
- π^0 decay
- Inverse Compton Scattering
- Bremsstrahlung Emission
- Unresolved Point Sources
 - Systematic error Intensity and spectra changes over time

Is There Any Room Left for DM?



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- How large are the astrophysical uncertainties in each of these background signals?
- Playing a very different game than direct dark matter detection (e.g. CDMS)

Should see millions of events

But no background rejection

Modeling Astrophysical Sources

- Dobler et al. (2009) created models for the morphology of these astrophysical components
 - $\,\circ\,$ SFD Dust Map for π^0 decay
 - Haslam 408 Mhz map for ICS
 - Point sources subtracted from 3-month Fermi catalog
 - Residual Map mean subtracted to eliminate isotropic



Dobler et al (2009) (0910.4583)



An Enticing Residual!

 Dobler et al. finds a significant residual when these maps are applied

 Residual has a pronounced morphology above and below the galactic center

Modeling this residual



 To map this residual,
Dobler et al add an ad hoc template

This template is a bivariate gaussian with latitudinal scale height $\sigma_b = 25^\circ$, and a longitudinal scale height of $\sigma_l = 15^\circ$

These residuals are large!



The haze template is co-dominant with the isotropic background above 10 GeV

 Other templates have reasonable spectra

But do we trust these templates?

> SFD Dust Map for π^0 decay

- Dust is a reasonable tracer for galactic gas
- Gas acts as the target of energetic protons



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- SFD Dust Map for π⁰ decay
 - But the cosmic ray distribution is not isotropic!





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- Haslam 408 Mhz skymap for inverse Compton scattering
 - At 408 Mhz, the radio sky should be dominated by synchrotron of energetic leptons.
 - These same leptons should create γ-ray emission due to ICS of the interstellar radiation field.



But do we trust these models?

Haslam 408 Mhz skymap for inverse Compton scattering

• The morphology of the interstellar radiation field is <u>not</u> the same as the morphology of the galactic magnetic fields.

$$\frac{\text{ISRF}}{\text{B}^2} \neq 1$$



Our Setup

- We use GALPROP models to test the morphological consistency of:
 - $\circ\,$ 1.) The π^0 decay morphology and the input gas map
 - 2.) The ICS decay morphology and the 408 Mhz synchrotron morphology

π^0 Decay divided by Gas Map



 The resulting skymap has a haze-like morphology that can be fit with a Gaussian 17% as strong as the estimated π⁰ skymap

Important at low energies



 The π⁰ decay morphology is dominant up to several GeV

 A 17% Gaussian residual can explain the majority of the haze around 1 GeV

ICS divided by Synchrotron

The ratio of the ICS map to the synchrotron map also show a haze morphology

Highly energy dependent

Low intensity 16% to -4%



ICS / Sync is very uncertain

By slightly altering the magnetic field morphology, we can create larger deviations

Same energy dependence as before

Large Gaussian errors (54% to 40%)



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Flat magnetic field model

This model was used to generate the WMAP haze morphology



Also Important at low energies



 Expected ICS signal is a significant fraction of the haze residual below 10 GeV

 This appears to leave a discrepancy at high energies, but eliminates it below ~10 GeV

First Conclusions

- The current analysis of the Fermi-Haze is insufficient to determine either the intensity or the spectrum of any Fermi residual
- Early measurements suggest that the Fermi haze at low energies (<10 GeV) could be entirely explained with theoretically correct templates for pi0 and astrophysical ICS emission.

A More Direct Analysis



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- At 1-2 GeV, emission from π⁰ decay should be highly dominant
- Note that the π⁰ decay morphology should be constant as a function of energy

Residuals!

Process:

- 1.) Subtract out the morphology of the 1-2 GeV map
- 2.) Find the morphology of the residual
- Dobler et al. find there is still a visible haze
- Some/Most of this haze is likely astrophysical ICS
 - Can't determine an intensity/spectrum





Understanding Residuals

- Dobler et al note a correlation between the Fermi haze and the WMAP haze
- Find that this suggests a new primary electron source near the galactic center



Understanding Residuals

But it is difficult to model the Fermi haze with only a new lepton input class, as the interstellar radiation function falls off too quickly.



Between 10° to 30° latitude, the ISRF dims by between 63-72%

The longitudinal to latitudinal extent moves from 5-4 to 9-1 at low energies

DM Interpretation?

Simulated Dark matter models produce a haze that decays much too quickly at high latitudes to match the observed haze.



1500 GeV -> $\mu^+\mu^-$ Snapshot at 8 GeV

Possible Sources

- > There are quite a few possible sources for this residual:
 - Nearby sources
 - Jets from galactic center
 - Magnetic anomalies (e.g. Loop 1 Casandjian et al. 2009, 0912.3478)
 - Changes in the Interstellar radiation field
 - Energy dependence changes in diffusion parameters
- But it is very difficult to match emission using purely diffuse sources or spherical distributions, as they will always have more longitudinal extent.

How do we distinguish?

- New methods are necessary for distinguishing between various emission mechanisms
 - Multi-wavelength studies

Anisotropic studies

Multi-wavelength Studies

Several Important cross-checks:

- WMAP Energetic leptons should also produce microwave radiation through synchrotron in the galactic B–field
- ROSAT SNR and galactic anomalies may produce X-ray signatures
- PAMELA New primary sources may match the observed positron/electron spectrum
- HESS Very high energy γ-ray's should match these observations

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Anisotropy Studies



Measurements of the anisotropy as a function of energy allow us to differentiate between different source classes

Siegal-Gaskins and Pavlidou (2009)

Conclusions

- 1.) There does appear to be a significant high energy emission in the Fermi sky which is not explained by current theoretical models
- 2.) However, this emission is not easily matched by models which <u>only</u> add a new source class
- 3.) More research is needed into the theoretical understanding of diffuse emission before we can untangle the principle cause of the Fermi haze

EXTRA SLIDES

Matching the Fermi Haze



Liu et al. (2010)

Matching the Fermi Haze



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The Fermi Sky

2.0 GeV < E < 5.0 GeV



Dobler et al (2009) produced skymaps of the Fermi diffuse emission

This skymaps come from many classes –

Results

- Haze template effectively eliminates the morphology of the residual
- Residual now appears to be random noise



WMAP Haze

 Excess microwave found in the WMAP dataset by Finkbeiner (2004)

- Postulated as a signal of Dark Matter annihilation (Hooper et al. 2007, and many others), or pulsars (Kaplinghat et al. 2009)
- Also may not exist (Gold et al. 2010)

WMAP Haze

• We also find

The WMAP Haze

- Finkbeiner (2004) pointed out an unexplained residual in the WMAP dataset
- The existence of this residual is controversial, and is not detected by the WMAP team



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