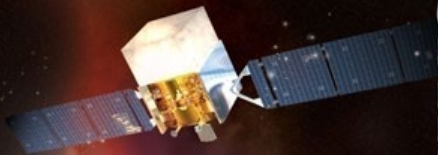




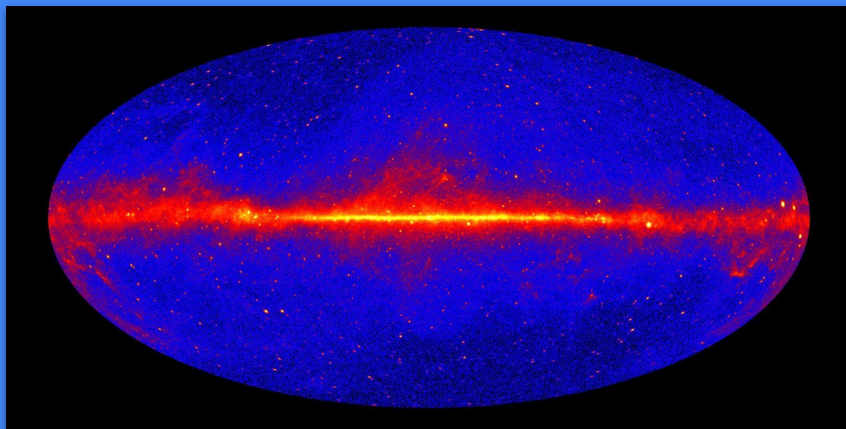
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# GeVガンマ線・21cm輝線・ダスト 放射による近傍分子雲領域の宇宙線 ・星間 ガスの研究(2)

(Study of Cosmic-ray and Interstellar medium gas in nearby molecular clouds using GeV gamma-rays, 21 cm line and dust emission (2))

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# Our Task: Accurately Measure ISM Gas and CRs

Interstellar medium (ISM) gas plays crucial role in Milky Way (MW)

- Star formation, interaction with SNR shock, etc.
- Also used as “passive target” to trace cosmic-rays (CRs)

Unfortunately, measuring ISM gas distribution is not a trivial task

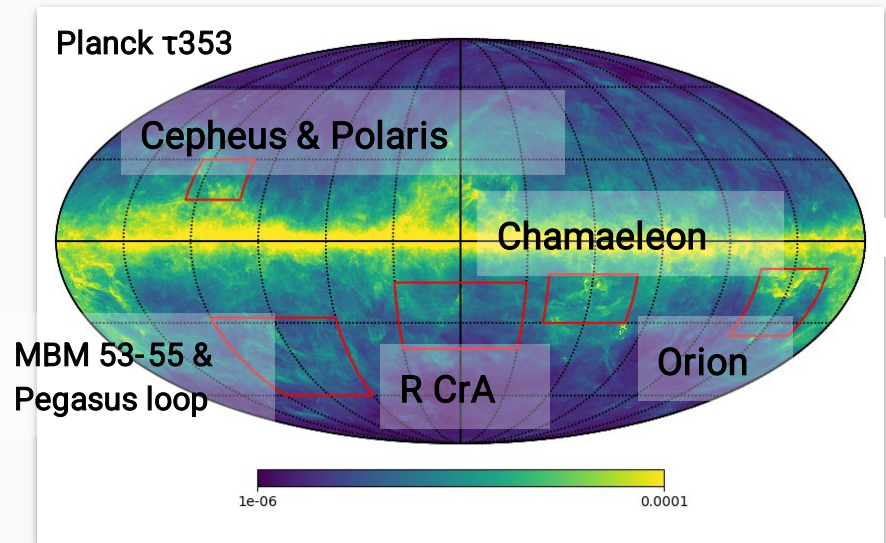
- HI/CO line: (pros) highly sensitive and provide velocity information  
(cons) will miss thick HI and/or CO-dark  $H_2$  (=dark gas)
- Dust: (pros) trace all phases of neutral gas with good angular resolution  
(cons) “dust emission”-to-gas ratio is not uniform
- **$\gamma$ -ray**: (pros) trace all gas phases with constant ratio w/ uniform  $I_{CR}$  ( $I_\gamma \propto I_{CR} \cdot N_H$ )  
(cons) poor angular resolution

=> Examine their correlation and reveal ISM gas and CR distribution

To investigate ISM-gas and CRs in Solar neighborhood, we studied  $\gamma$ -ray data of five nearby molecular clouds using  $T_d$  and HI linewidth. Specifically, we interpret high- $T_d$  and broad-HI rich area to be optically-thin HI

## Properties of clouds

Cloud	Distance (pc)	$M_{\text{H}_2, \text{CO}} (M_{\text{Sun}})$
MBM&Pegasus	$\sim 150$	$\sim 800$
R CrA	$\sim 150$	$\sim 1600$
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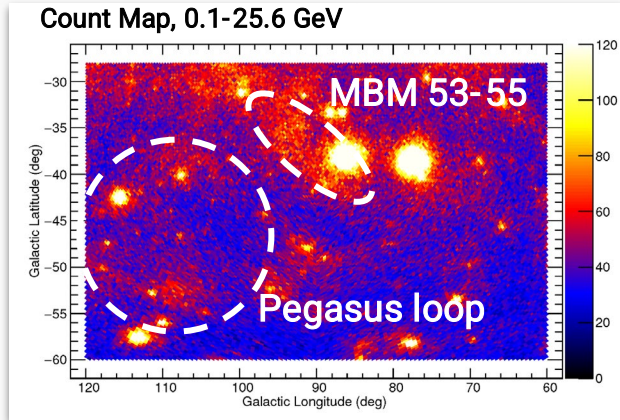


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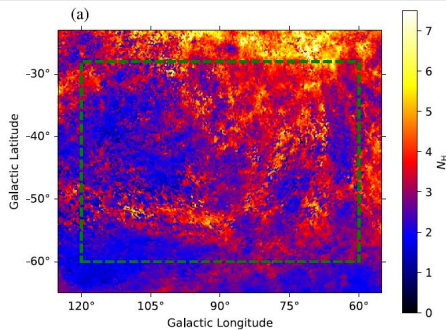
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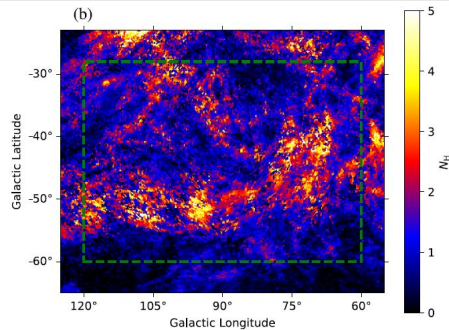
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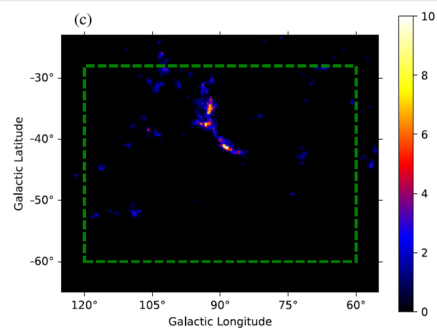
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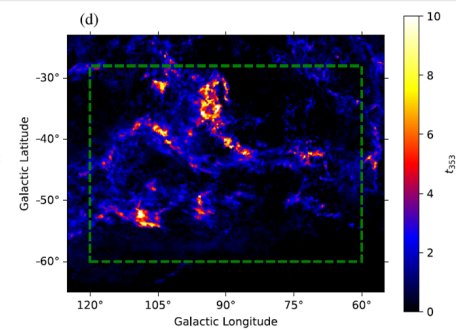
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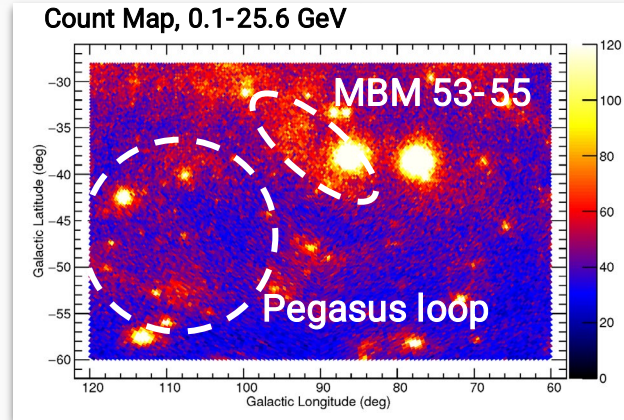


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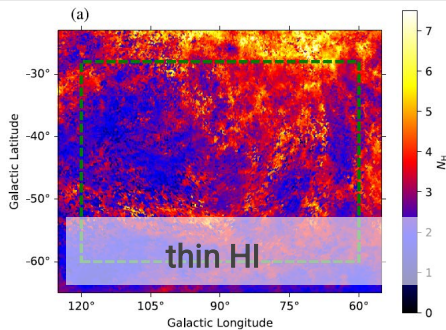
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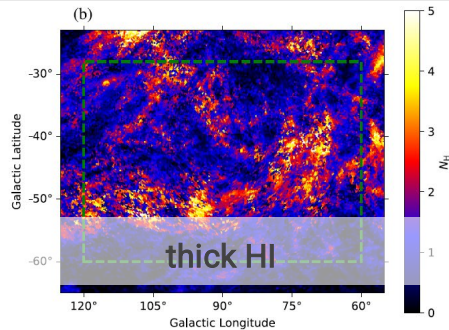
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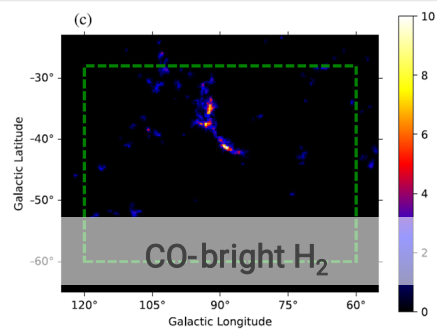
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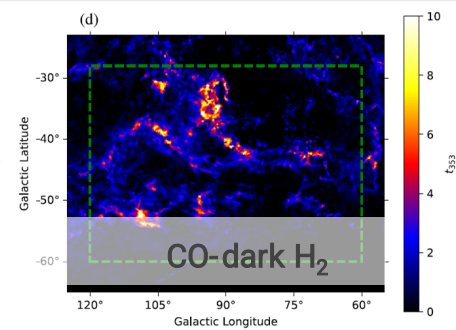
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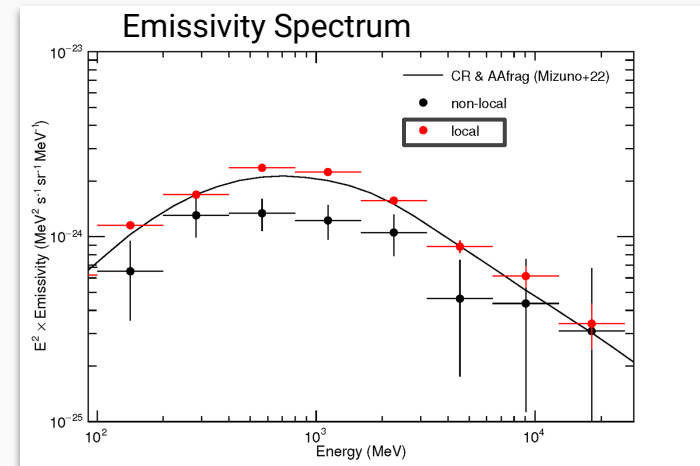
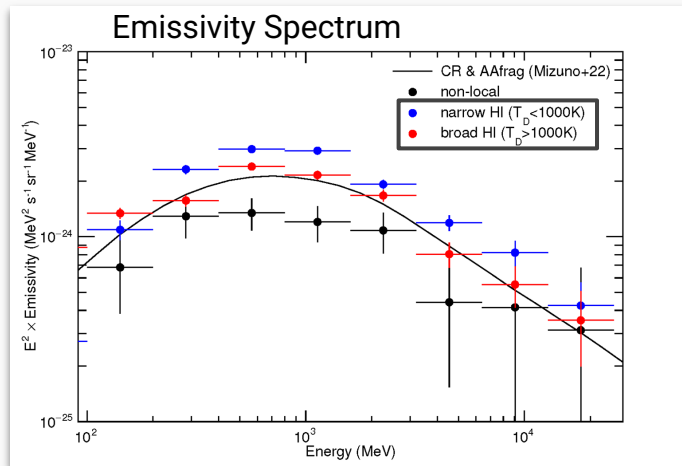
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We fit **gamma-ray data** with  $N_{\text{HI, thin}}(\text{broad})$ ,  $N_{\text{HI, thin}}(\text{narrow})$ ,  $W_{\text{CO}}$ , RG (+others); narrow-HI gives higher emissivity than broad-HI by 30%, confirming narrow-HI to be opt. thick ( $N_{\text{HI, narrow}} > N_{\text{HI, thin}}$ )

We multiplied the ratio ( $\sim 1.3$ ) to narrow HI and constructed single  $N_{\text{HI, corr}}$  map. It gives emissivity compatible with a model based on directly-measured CR (broadHI = thin HI)

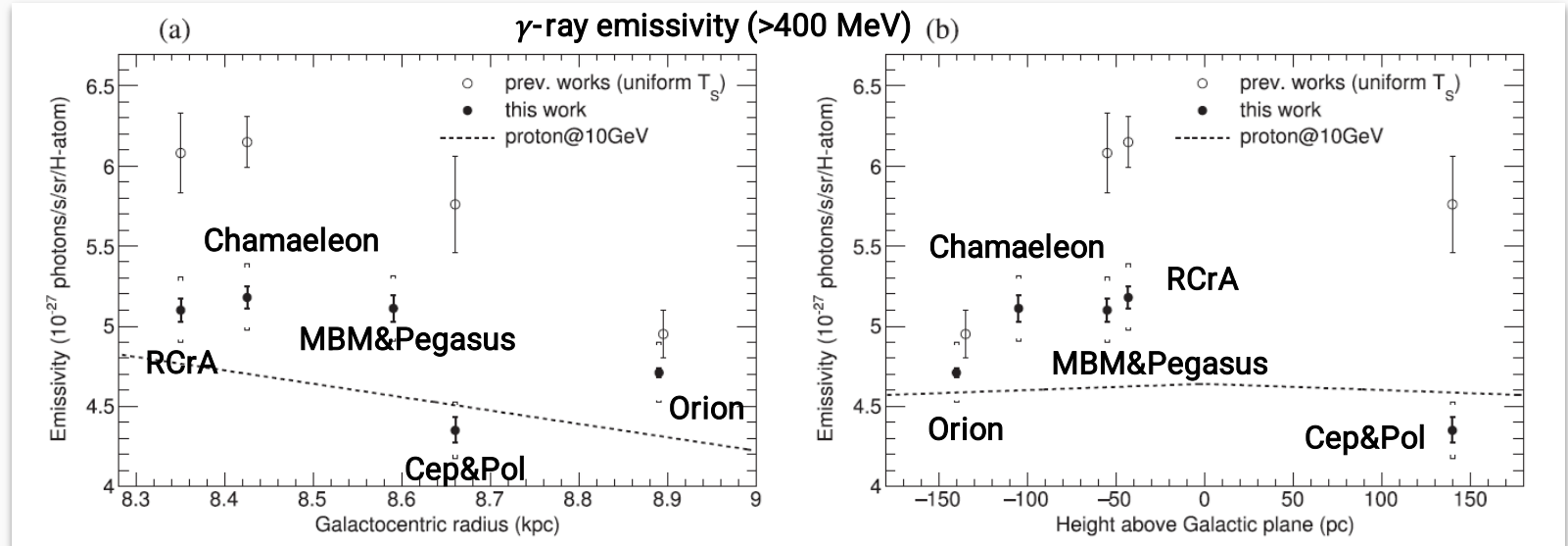
Likewise, we analyzed other regions and evaluated gas mass and CR intensity/spectrum



# $\gamma$ -ray Emissivity (CR Spectrum) in Solar Neighborhood

Most of previous works used single HI template with uniform spin temperature ( $T_s$ ), and reported  $\gamma$ -ray emissivity larger than expectation from directly-measured CRs

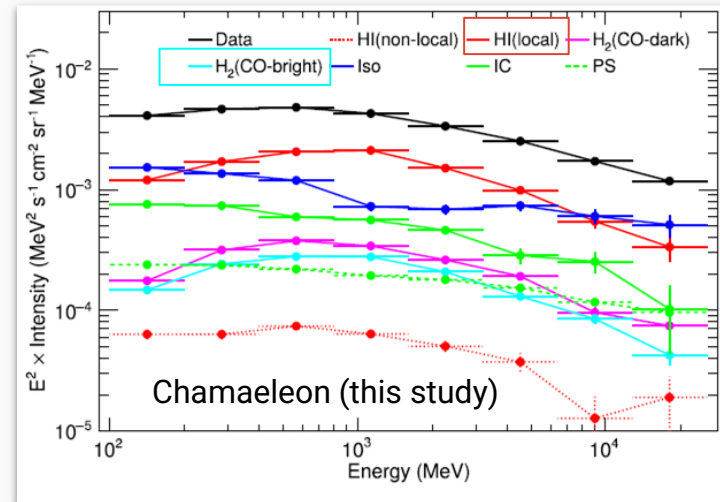
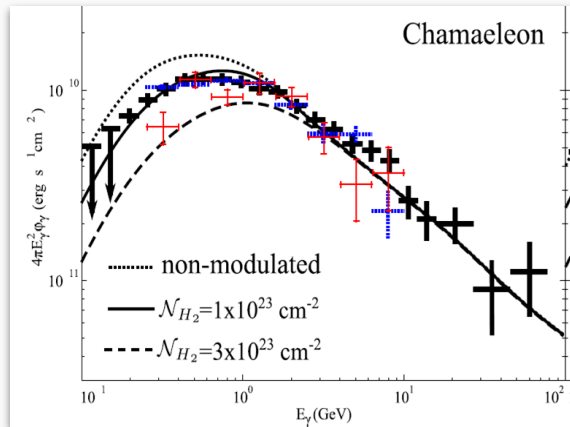
Our analysis (using broad HI as reference) gives emissivities compatible with directly-measured CRs. Higher emissivity (CR intensity) in areas closer to the inner Galaxy



Past studies of local clouds reported possible spectral hardening (deficit) in low energies (e.g., Yang+14, Noronov+17); this can be interpreted as “depletion of IS CRs” due to self-excited MHD turbulence if effective  $N_H$  is sufficiently high

We have measured  $\gamma$ -ray spectrum of each gas phase accurately; we can conclusively test CR penetration scenario

Dogiel+18

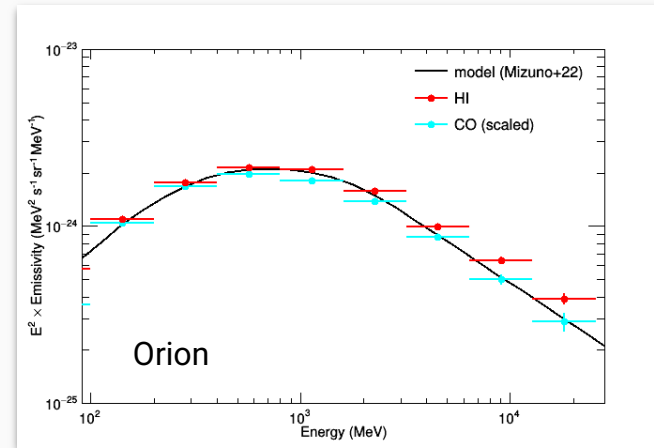
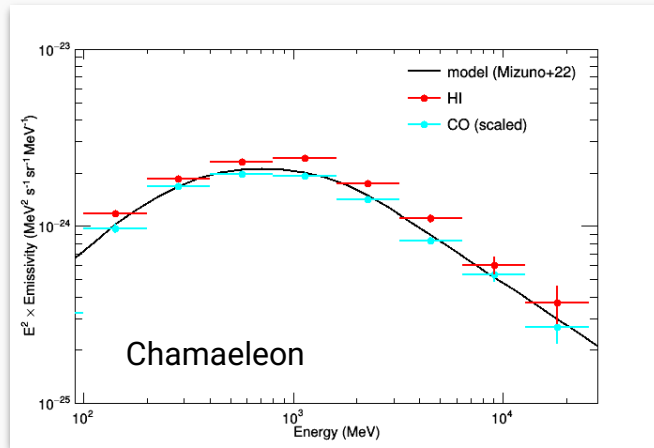


Possible “depletion of IS CRs” in dense clouds is predicted & reported (e.g., Dogiel+18)

- We would see different spectrum btw. CO and HI in dense clouds

We do not see such deficit; IS CRs of  $\geq 1$  GeV penetrate in core of molecular clouds

- Any deficit (if observed) can be interpreted to be due to CRs accelerated recently/nearby
- Deficit below 100 MeV is possible and of interest (e.g., GRAINE, AMEGO-X)



We applied HI-line-profile based analysis to gamma-ray data of five nearby clouds to accurately measure ISM gas and CR properties

- Narrow HI gives larger emissivity, confirming it to be optically-thick. Broad HI gives emissivity compatible with directly-measured CRs (broad HI = thin HI)
- (ISM) Ratio of CO-dark H2 to optical depth correction is  $>1$ , indicating that dark gas is mainly CO-dark H2. Ratio of CO-dark H2 to CO-bright H2 anti-correlates with  $M_{\text{H}_2, \text{CO}}$ ; small clouds are more CO-dark
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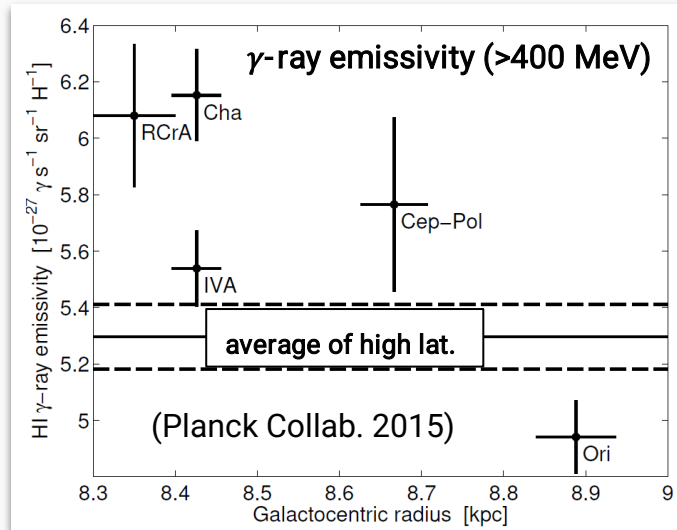
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$\gamma$ -ray provides vital information of interstellar medium (ISM) gas & cosmic rays (CRs)  $I_\gamma \propto I_{CR} \cdot N_H$

Issue: Uncertainty is large (30-50% level) even in the local environment



$q_\gamma = I_\gamma / N_H (\propto I_{CR})$  varies considerably, and is also higher than expected (directly-measured CRs)

Broad (warm) HI is likely to be optically-thin (Kalberla+20), and we succeeded in modeling gamma rays of MBM 53-55 clouds and Pegasus loop using HI linewidth (Mizuno+22)

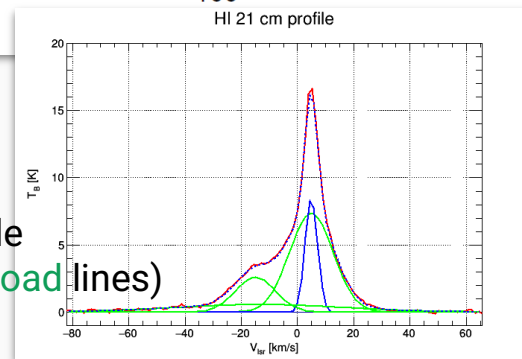
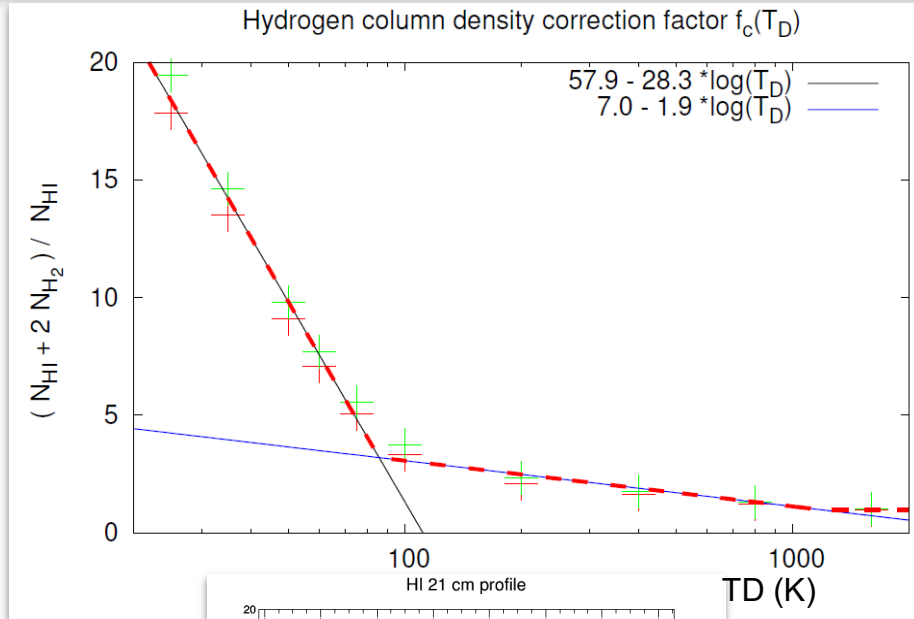
(see also Heiles & Troland 03)

Kalberla+20 found narrow-line HI gas is associated with dark gas [gas not properly traced by HI and CO lines] and broad-line HI gas with optically thin HI

- $T_D$  (Doppler temperature) =  $22 * \delta v^2$
- Vertical axis shows ratio of  $N_{HI}^{tot}$  to  $N_{HI}^{thin}$  (estimated using dust emission)
- Areas of ratio  $\gg 1$  (dark-gas rich) are with narrow-line HI

We attribute gas with  $T_D < 1000$  K as narrow HI and that with  $T_D > 1000$  K as broad HI

( $\Delta v \sim 6.8$  km/s,  $\tau \sim N_{HI} / 10^{22}$  cm $^{-2}$ ) Example of the line profile (one narrow and three broad lines)

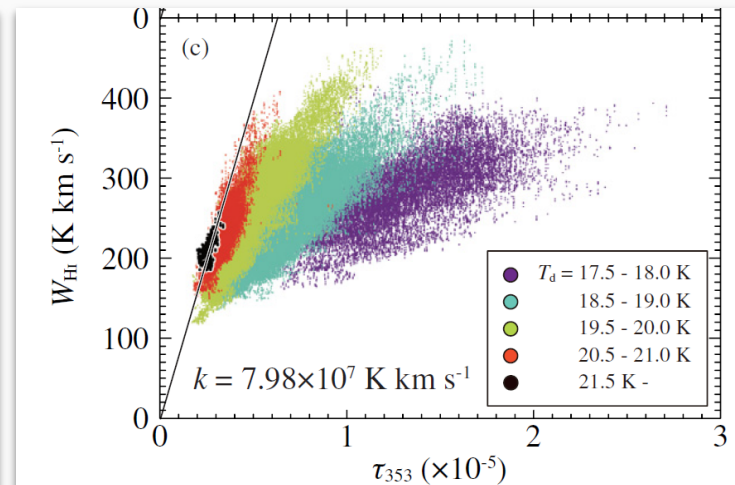
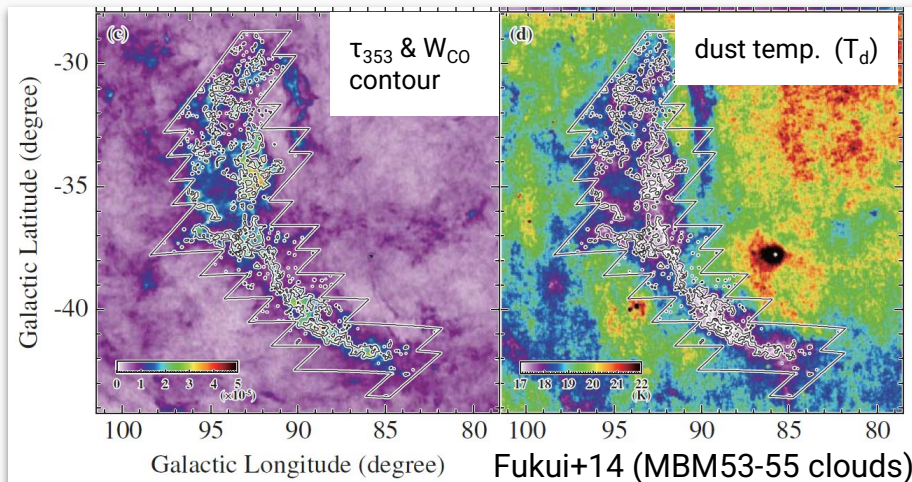


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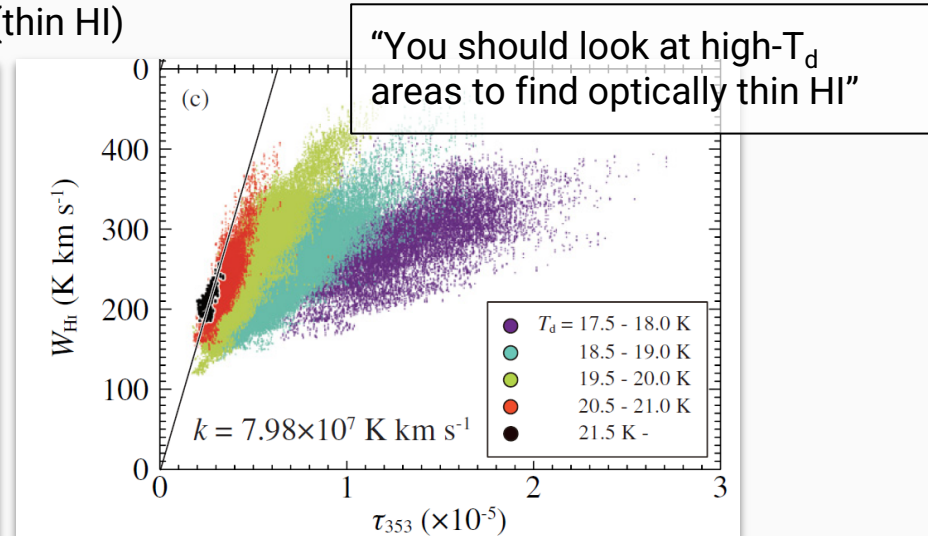
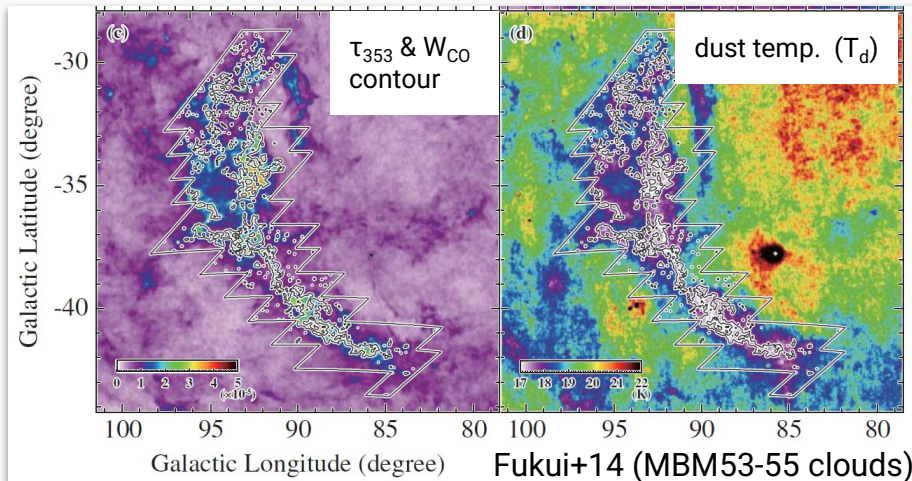


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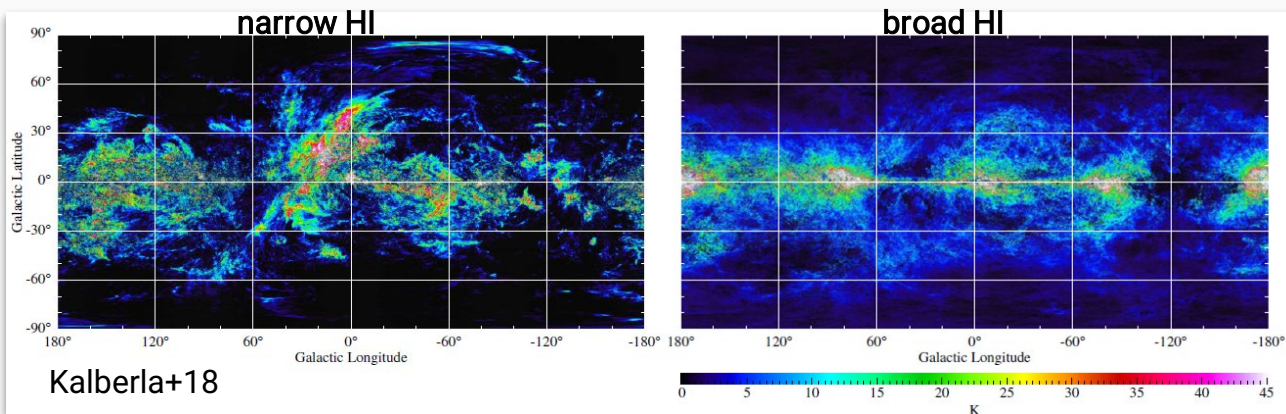
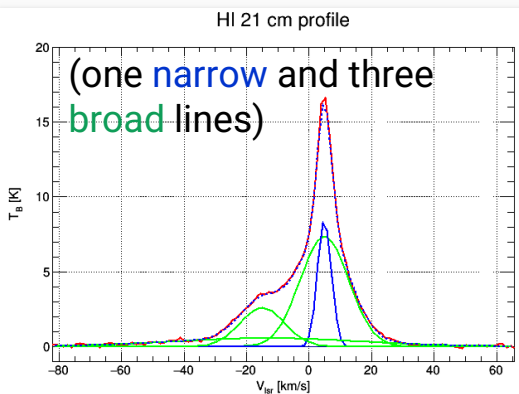


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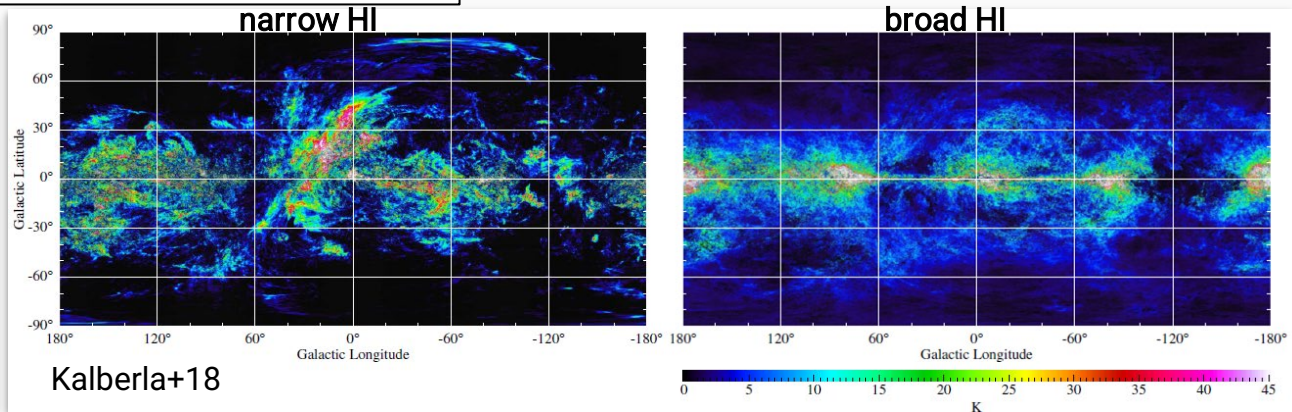
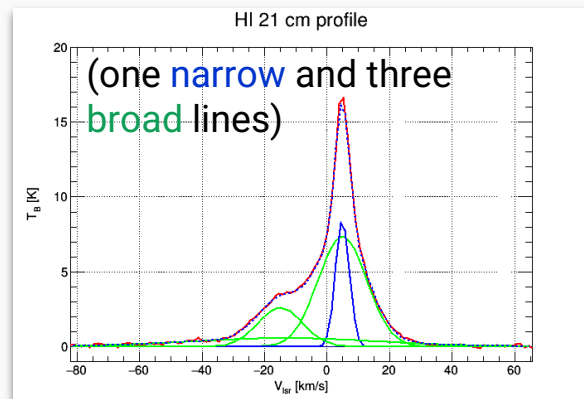
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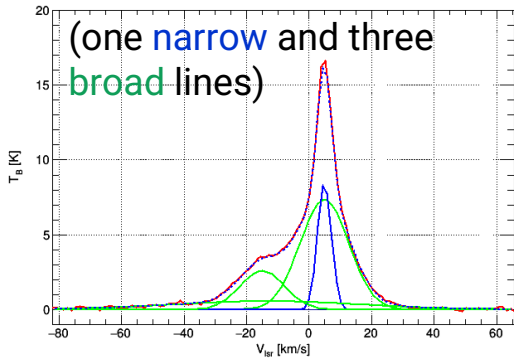
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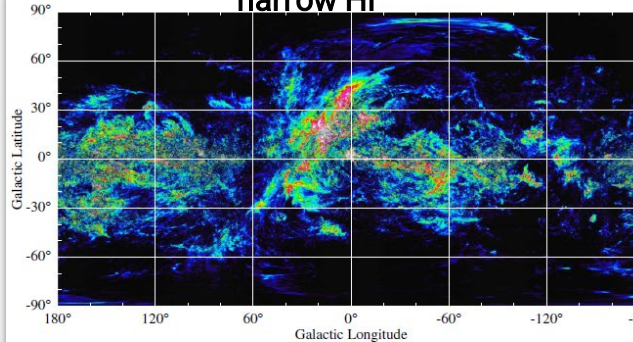
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(We interpret that narrow HI is “thick HI”)

HI 21 cm profile

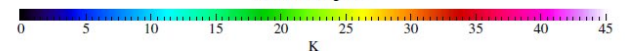
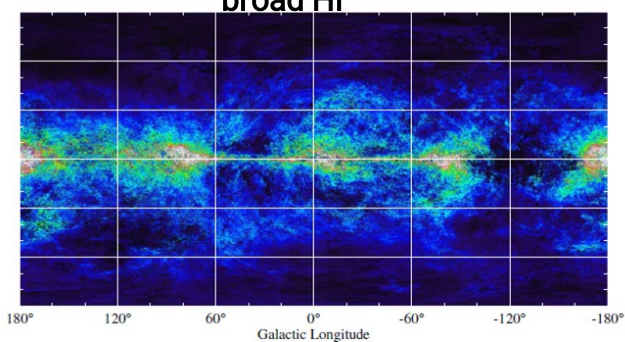


narrow HI



Kalberla+18

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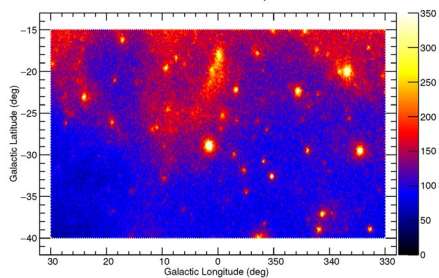
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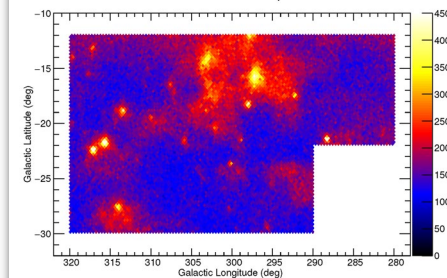
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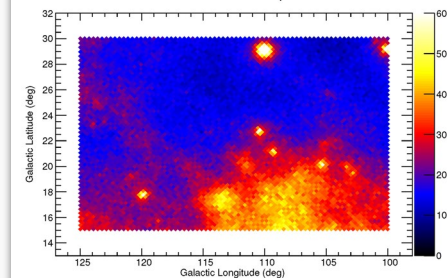
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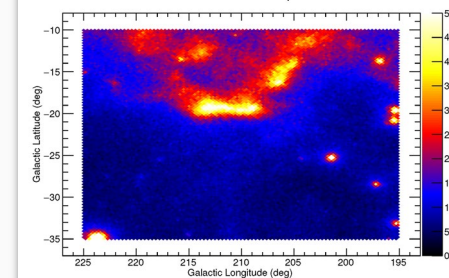
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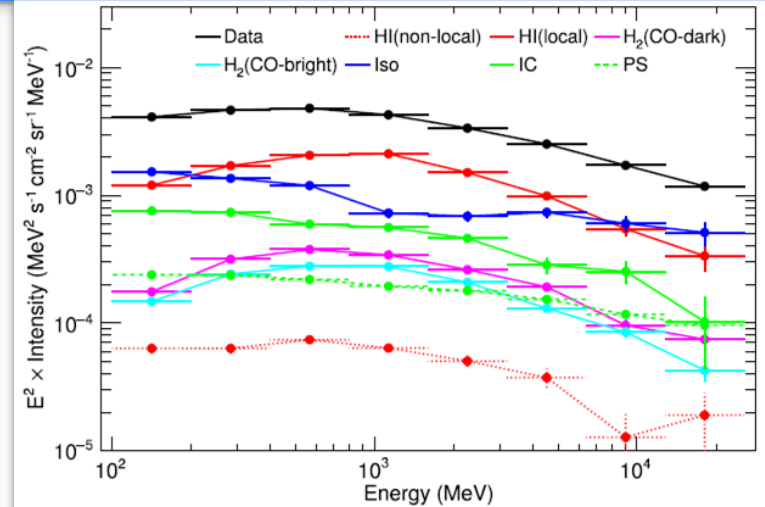
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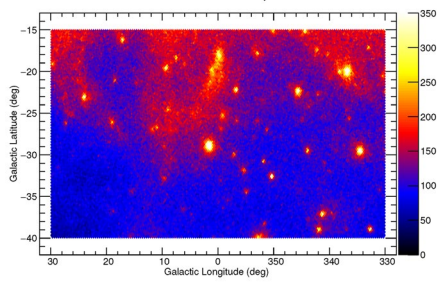
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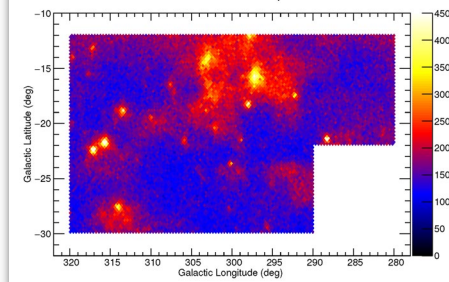
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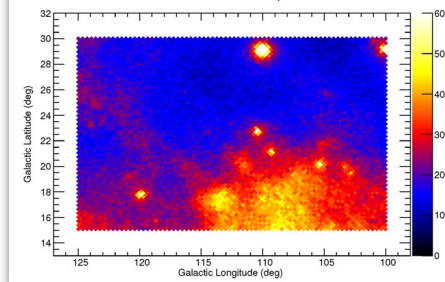
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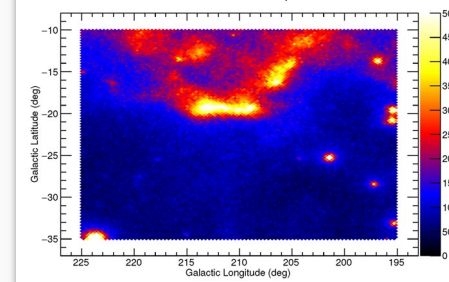
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Through **gamma-ray data** analysis, we found that narrow-HI always gives larger emissivity than broad HI, confirming narrow HI to be optically thick

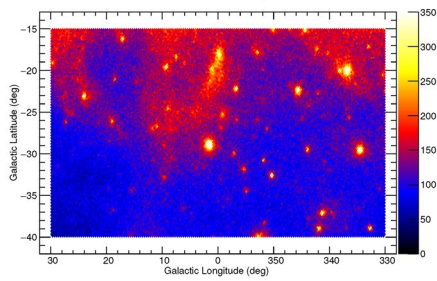
We also found that  $N_{\text{HI,corr}}$  always gives emissivity spectrum compatible with directly-measured CR (broad HI = thin HI)

emissivity ratio of narrow-HI to broad-HI

MBM&Pegasus	1.27+/-0.05
RCrA	1.12+/-0.03
Chamaeleon	1.21+/-0.04
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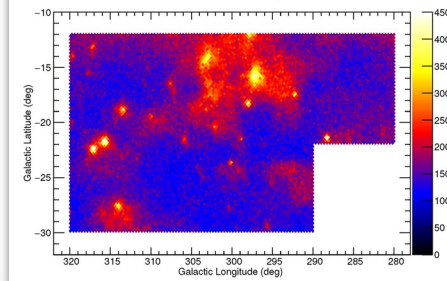
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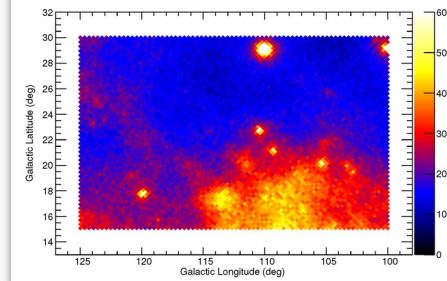
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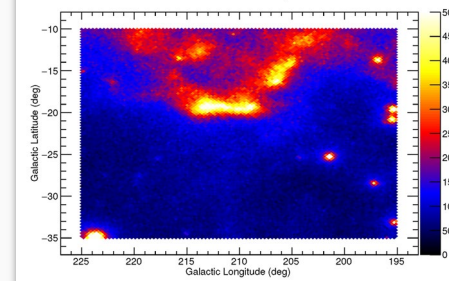
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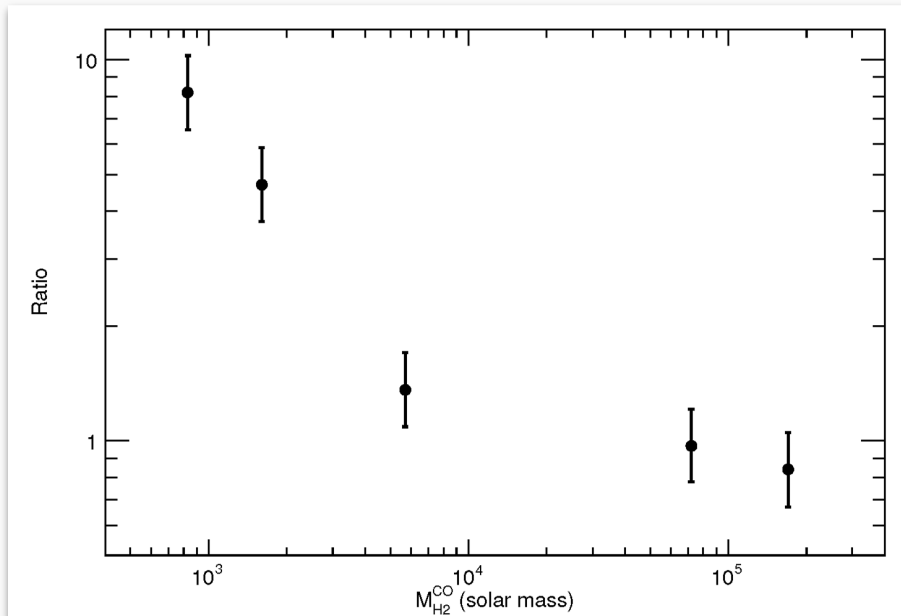
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(Phase)	MBM&Pegasus	RCrA ( l <20deg)	Chamaeleon	Cep&Pol	Orion
Broad HI	39.9	59.2	37.3	19.1	57.2
Narrow HI (opt. thin case + correction)	18.0 + 5.0	18.5 + 2.2	16.0 + 3.4	7.8 + 4.7	19.9 + 7.7
Non-local HI	2.8		0.7	4.2	2.5
Residual gas (CO-dark $\text{H}_2$ )	9.0	17.3 (10.3)	10.5	10.5	21.4
CO-bright $\text{H}_2$	1.1	2.5 (2.2)	7.7	10.8	25.4

Assuming uniform CR intensity in each region, we evaluated integrated H column density (proportional to gas mass) of each gas phase in unit of  $10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ deg}^2$

- Ratio of **CO-dark H<sub>2</sub>** to **CO-bright H<sub>2</sub>** is  $\geq 1$ ; CO-dark H<sub>2</sub> is ubiquitous

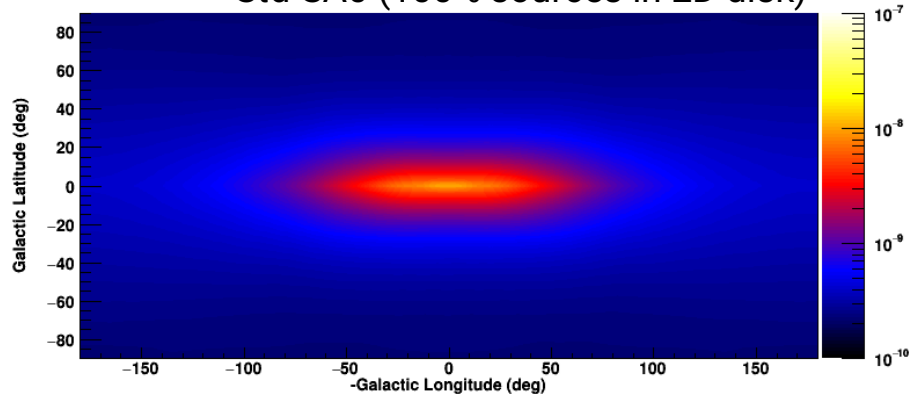


Ratio of **CO-dark H<sub>2</sub>** to **CO-bright H<sub>2</sub>** is 1-10 and anti correlates with  $M_{\text{H}_2, \text{CO}}$ ; small clouds are more CO-dark  
(we should consider this when studying individual CR accelerators)

# Testing IC Models

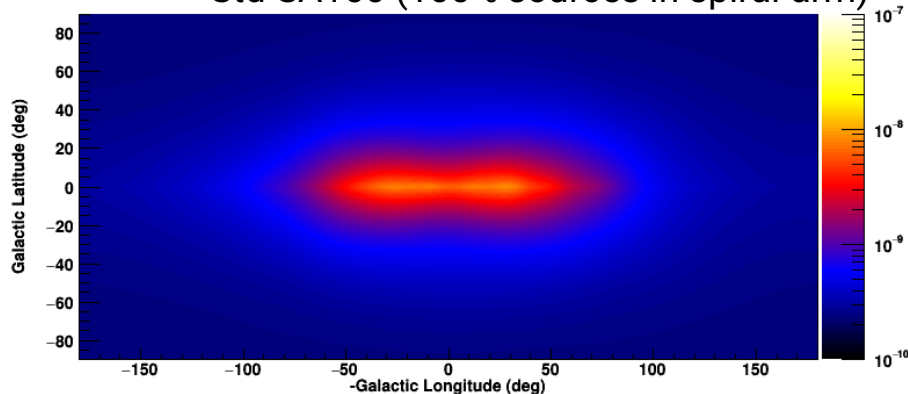
IC map @ 1GeV

Std-SA0 (100% sources in 2D disk)



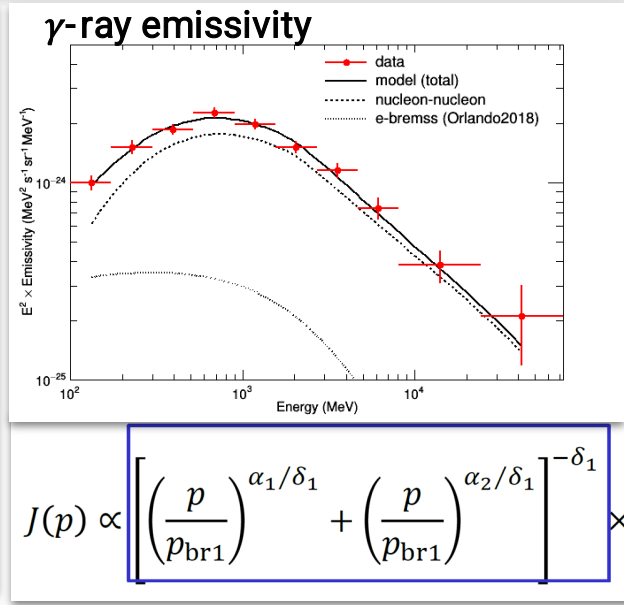
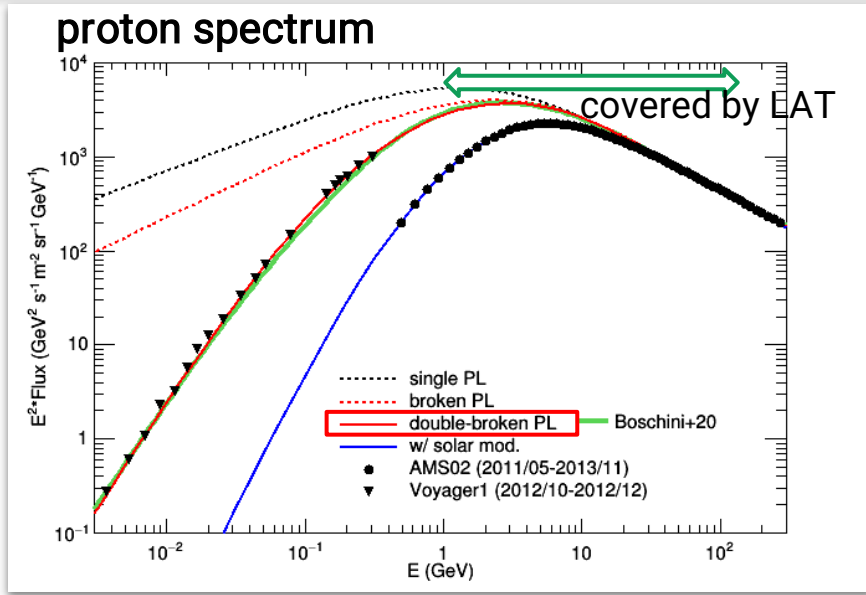
IC map @ 1GeV

Std-SA100 (100% sources in spiral-arm)



Porter+17 provides 9 IC models (3 ISRFs, 3 CR distributions)

While 3 ISRFs give similar IC maps, 3 CR source distributions give different spatial distribution; we prepare 3 IC maps of different CR source distributions (with “standard” ISRF) and adopt the model that gives best fit in gamma-ray data analysis

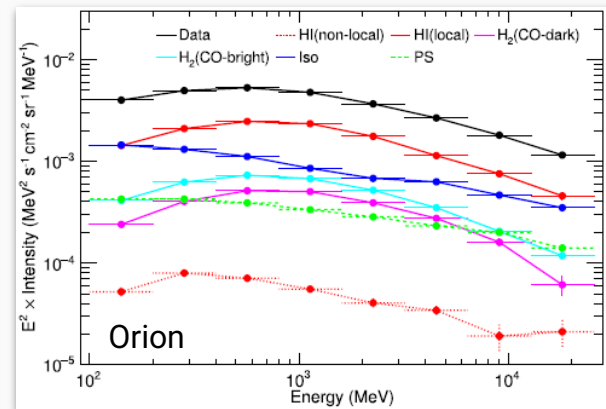
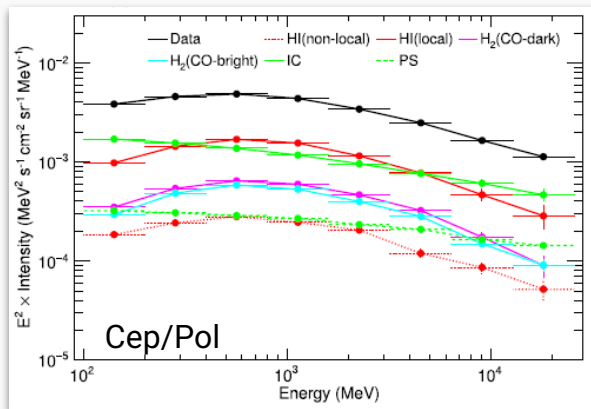
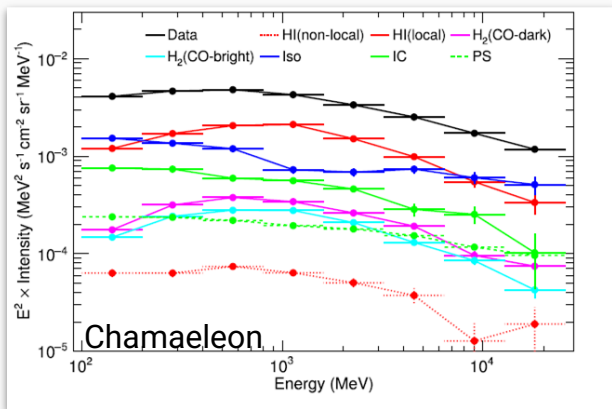


- 1st spectral break due to a break in D
- 2nd break due to ionization loss
- CR  $\alpha$  and ISM He are taken into account

- Our LIS model reproduces data & agrees with Boschini+20
- $\gamma$ -ray emissivity; p-p (Kamae+06 and AAfrag) + e-bremss (Orlando2018)
  - We also take into account CR  $\alpha$  and ISM He explicitly and consider heavier nuclei based on the formalism of Kachelriess et al. (2014)

We evaluated gamma-ray spectrum of each gas phase and calculated  $X_{\text{CO}}$  as ratio of fit coefficients for  $W_{\text{CO}}$  and broad-HI

- $X_{\text{CO}} \sim 1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} (\text{K km/s})^{-1}$  for giant molecular clouds ( $> 10^4 M_{\text{SUN}}$ )



**Table 9.** Summary of  $X_{\text{CO}}$  in units of  $10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} (\text{K km s}^{-1})^{-1}$ .

MBM/Pegasus	R CrA	Chamaeleon	Cep/Pol	Orion
$0.559 \pm 0.038$	$1.668 \pm 0.034$	$0.932 \pm 0.016$	$0.912 \pm 0.017$	$1.296 \pm 0.010$