



3D Tomography of the Local Interstellar Medium

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Introduction

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My thesis in few words

3D Tomography of the Local Interstellar Medium :

Decomposition in distances

Velocity-distance association

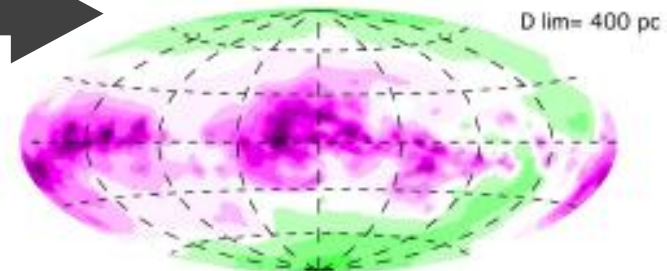
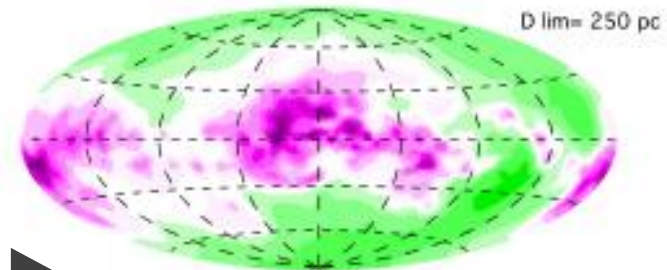
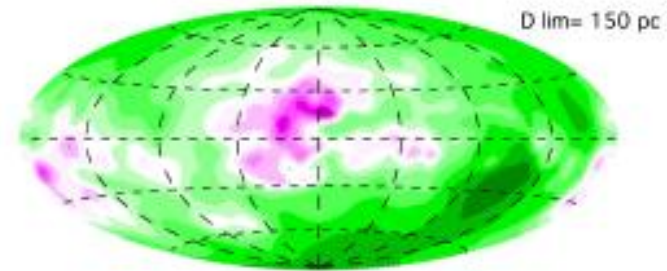
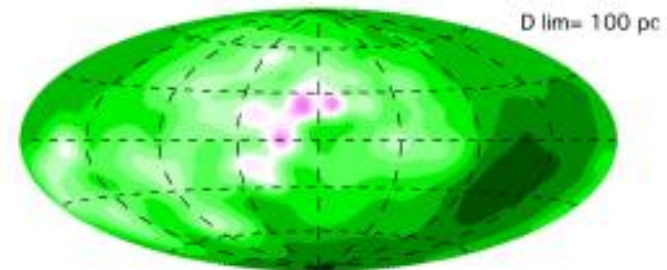
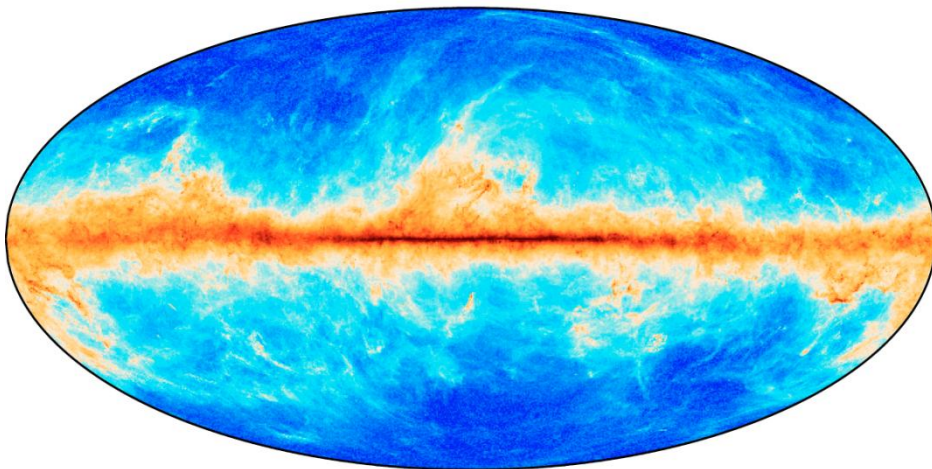
Stellar parallax

Gas and dust

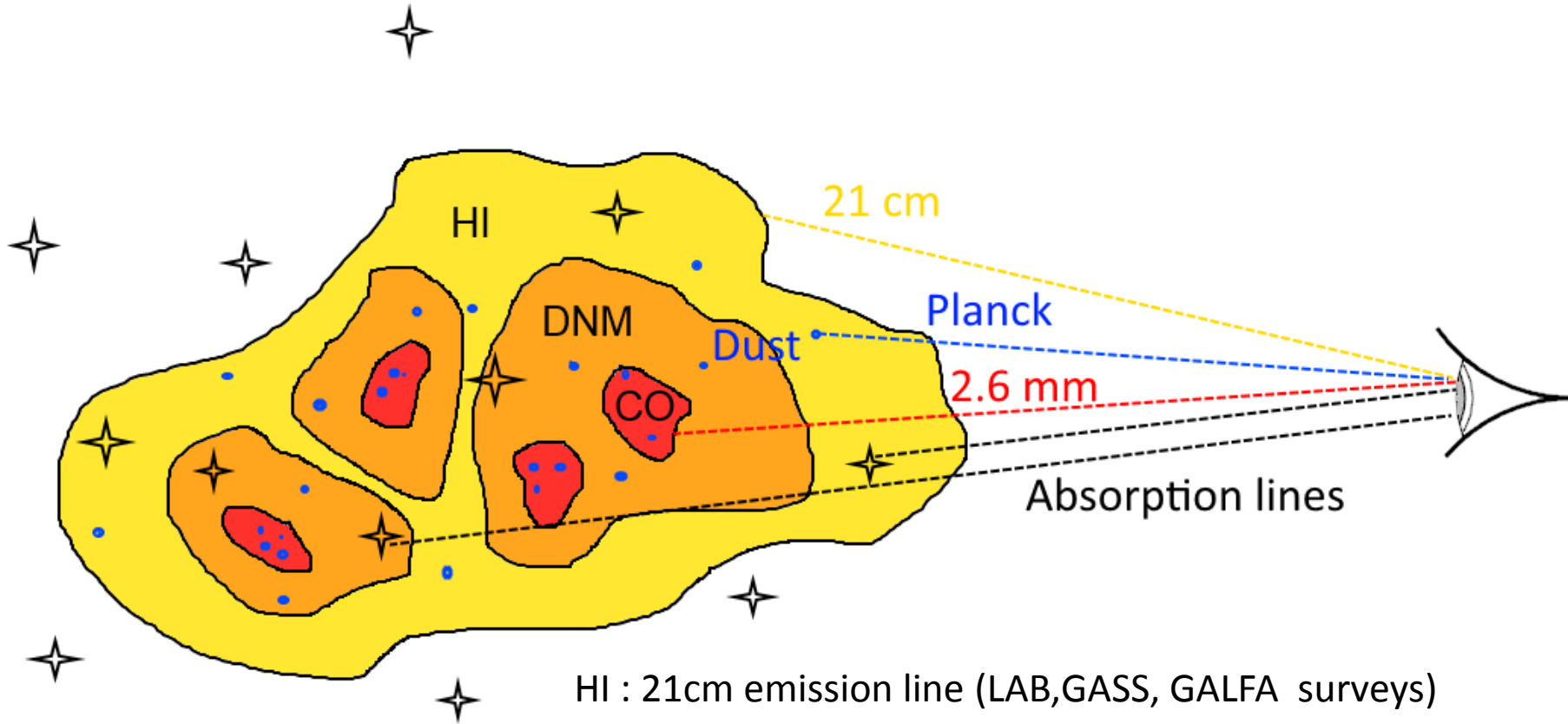
Molecular clouds

Dark gas

500 pc of the sun



Observations from gas and dust



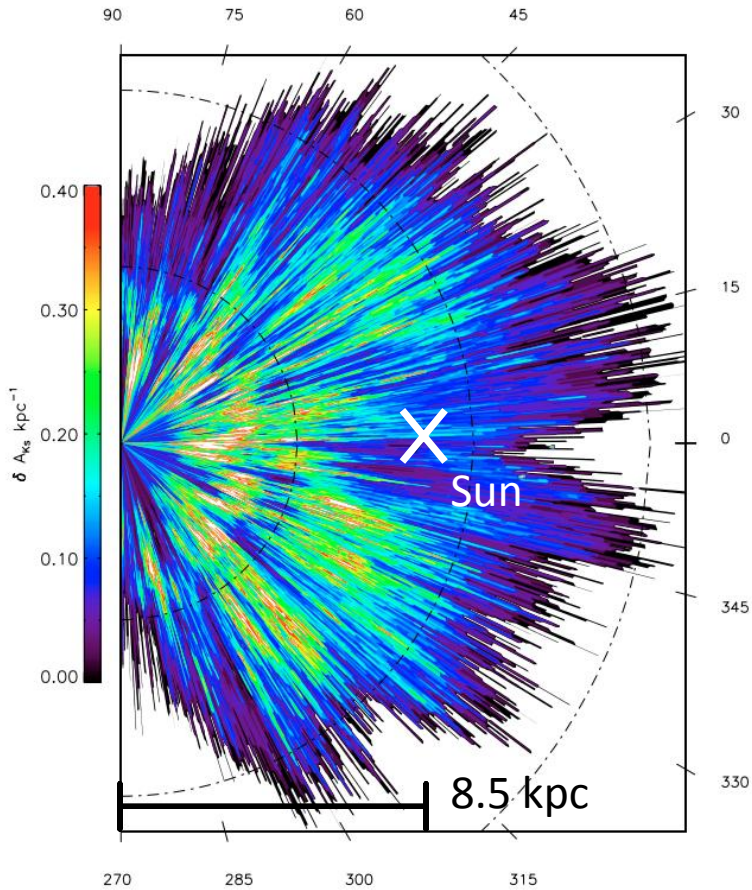
HI : 21cm emission line (LAB,GASS, GALFA surveys)

CO : 2.6 mm emission line (Cfa survey)

Dust : optical depth τ_{353} (Planck)

Stars : NaI and CaII absorption lines, extinction

3D maps from stellar extinction by dust

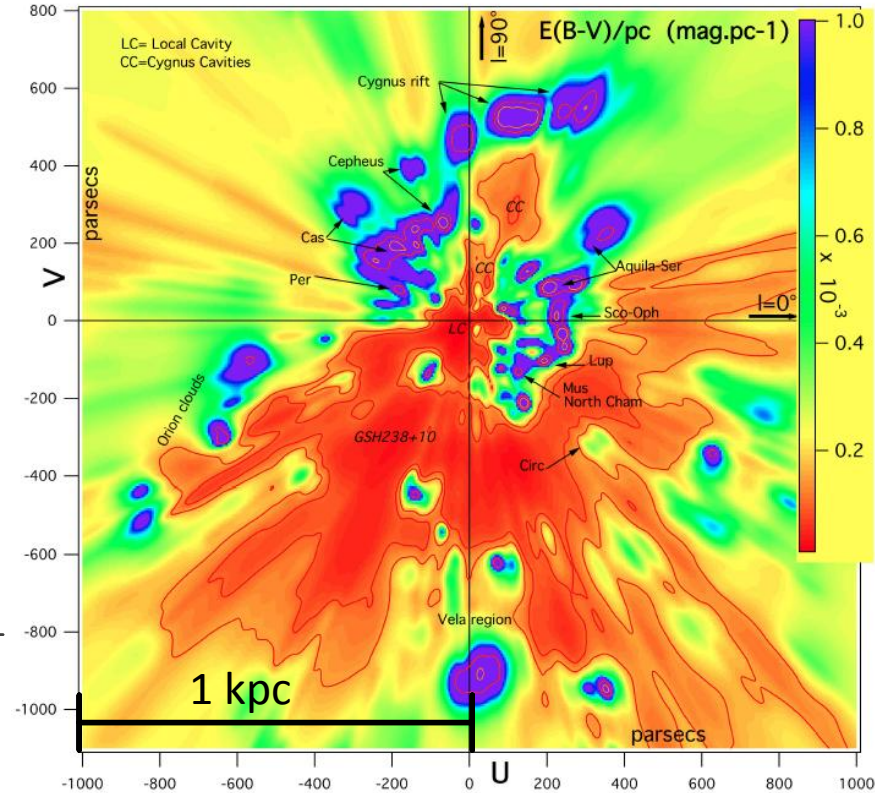


Marshall *et al.* 2006

Extinction from 2MASS modelled in 3D
 Large scale distribution
 Not enough stars in solar Neighbourhood

Lallement *et al.* 2013

Local ISM from stellar extinction/reddening
 Holes and clouds mapping
 Not precise structure of the clouds



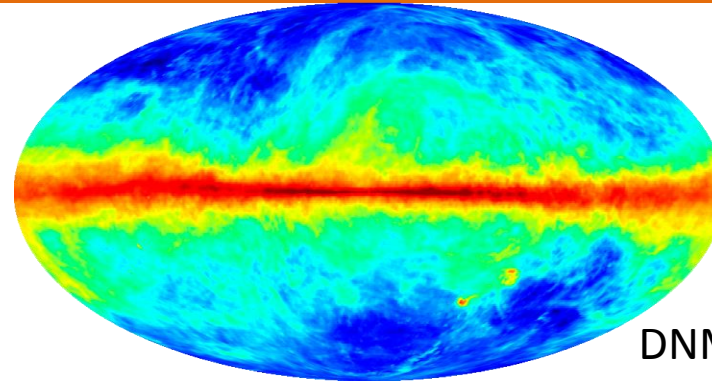
Thesis main tasks

❖ Tomography of the local clouds :

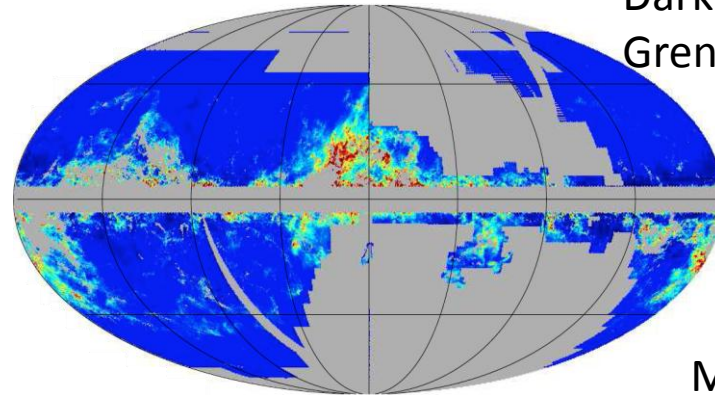
- Separation of cloud entities (in space and velocity)
- Velocity-distance relation
- Stellar distance : parallax

❖ Trace and estimate gas mass :

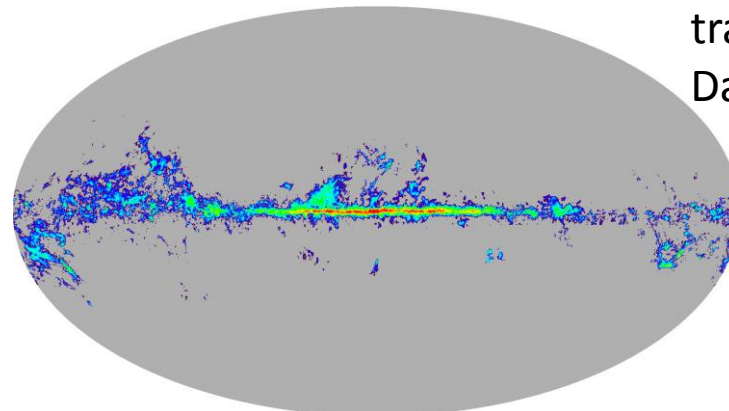
- ISM modelling with dust and γ -rays
- Map the DNM
- Test the tracing reliability



Atomic phase
traced by HI
Kalberla et al.
2005



DNM
Dark Neutral Medium
Grenier et al. 2005

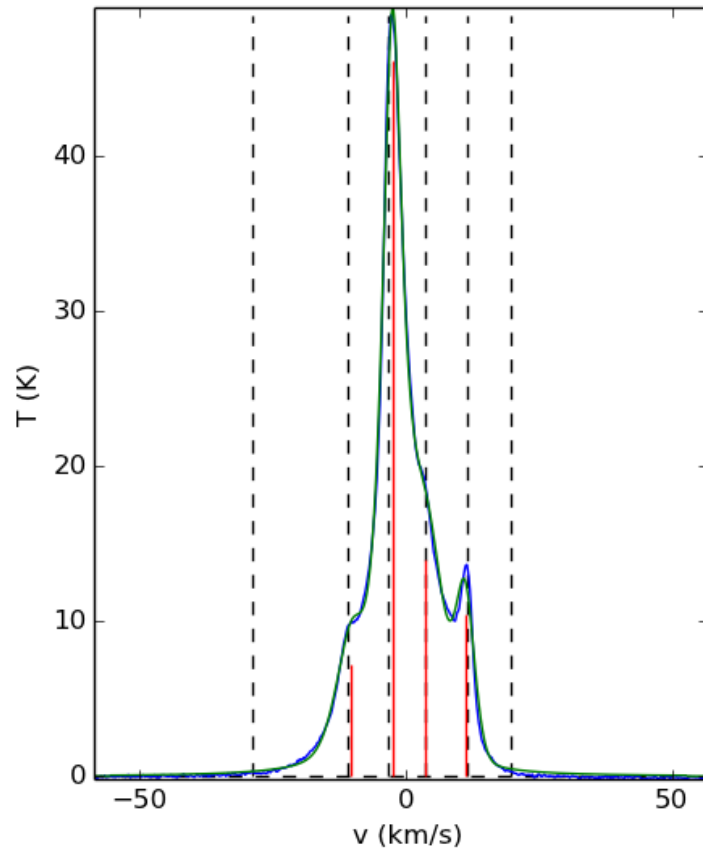


Molecular phase
traced by CO
Dame et al. 2001

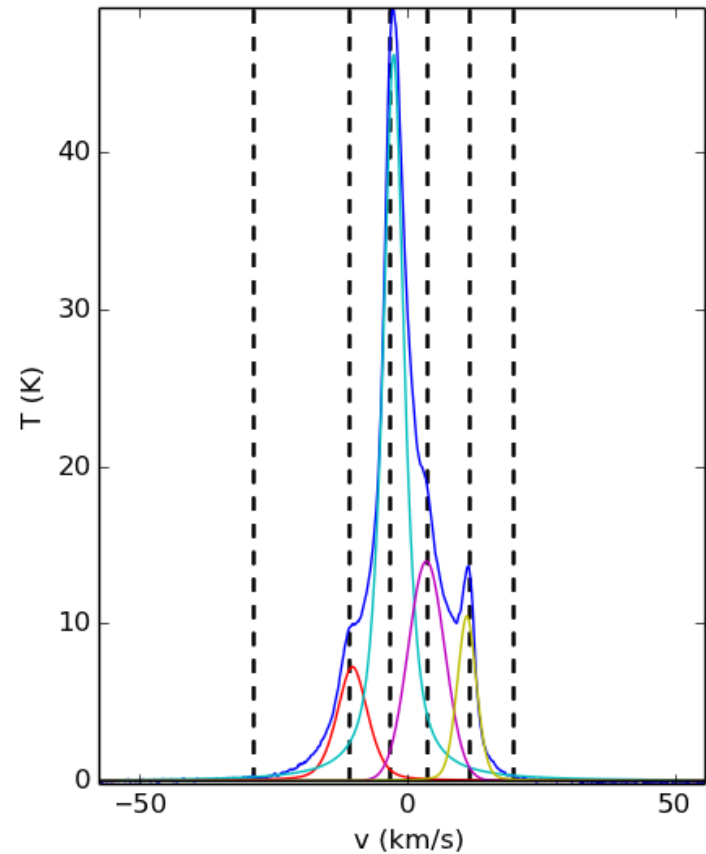
I – Clouds separation and distance association

HI and CO velocity separation

- ❖ Observed line profile = sum of lines emitted along a line of sight
= sum of pseudo-Voigt functions
- ❖ Coherent cloud = cluster of lines in position and velocity



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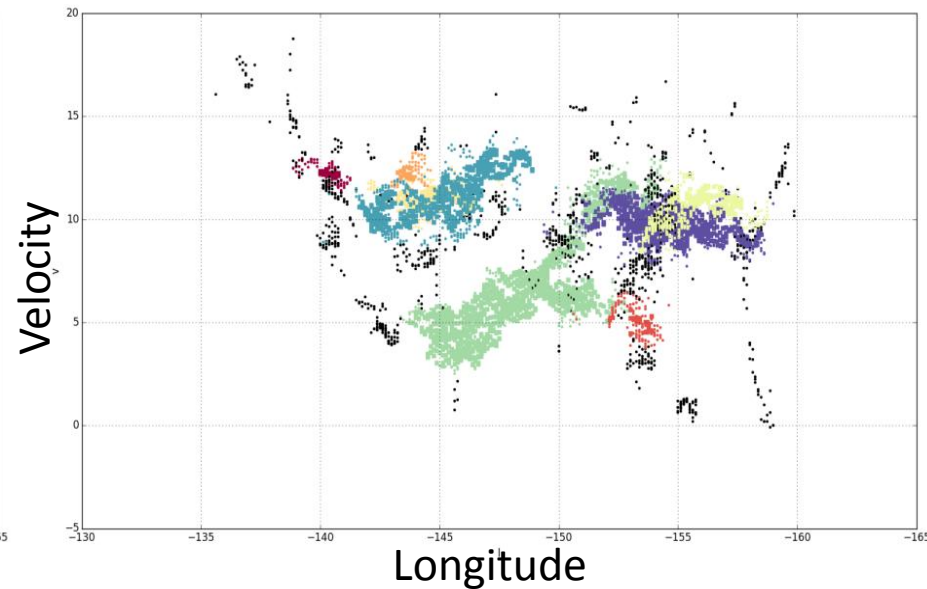
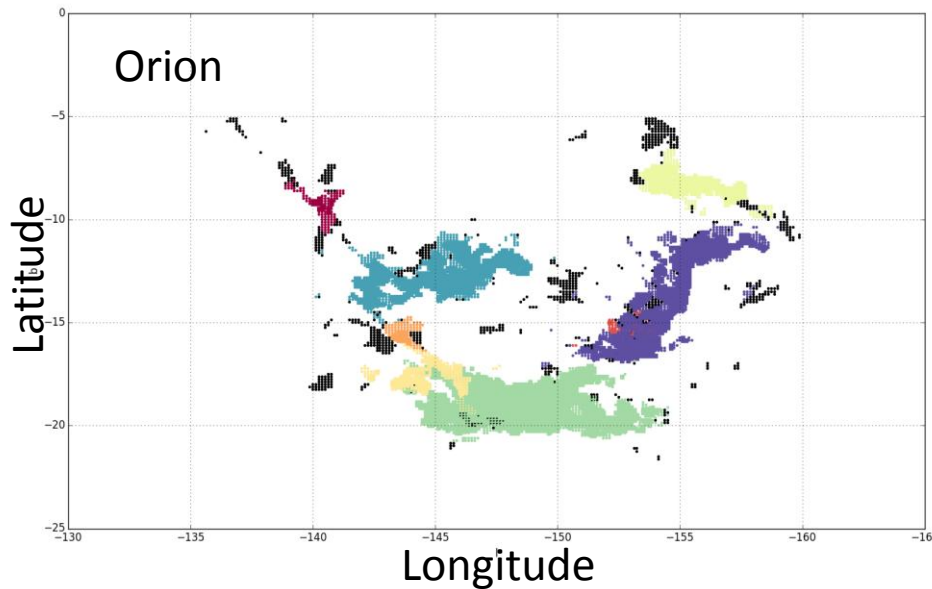
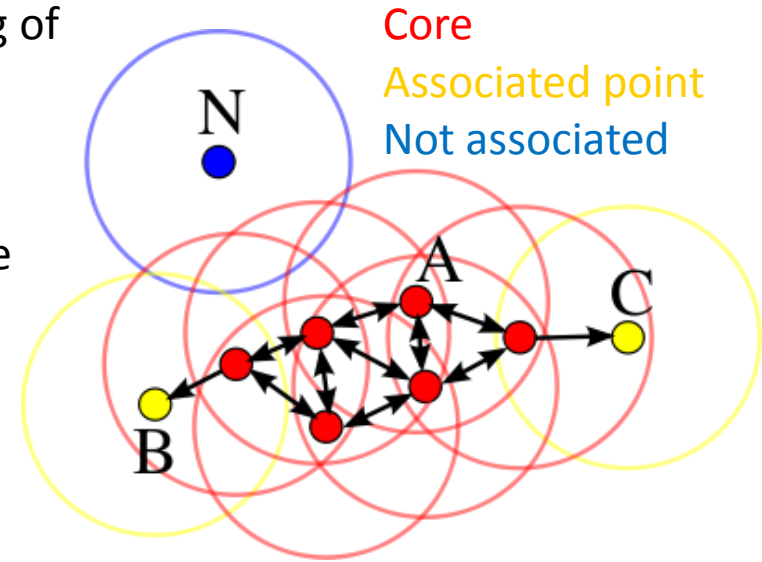
Clustering algorithm

- ❖ Based on **DBSCAN** (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise)

2 parameters :

- MinPts, minimum number of points to form a core
- ϵ , maximal distance to associate a point to a core

- ❖ Multi-scale implementation to scan a range of density level



Distance estimates from 3D stellar extinction



New extinction distances

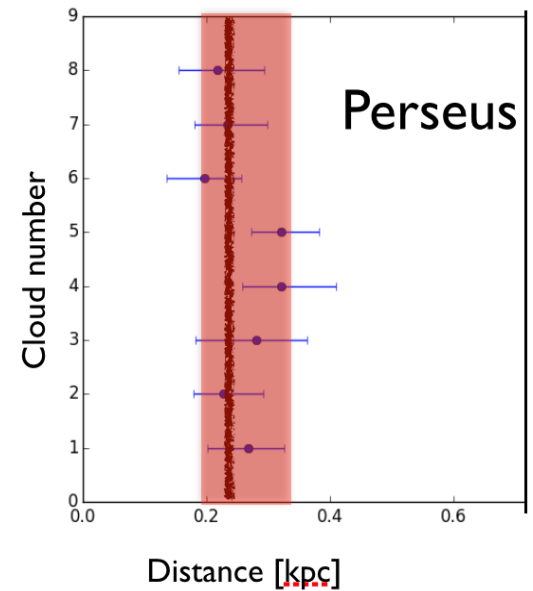
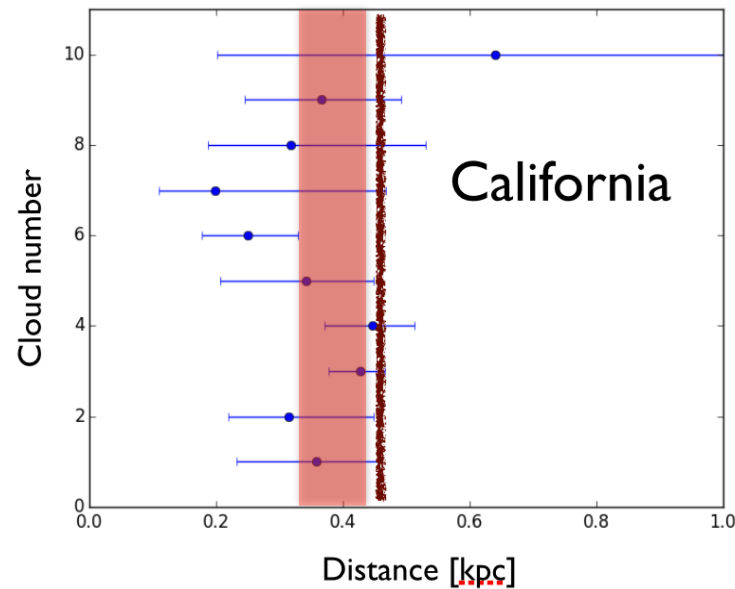
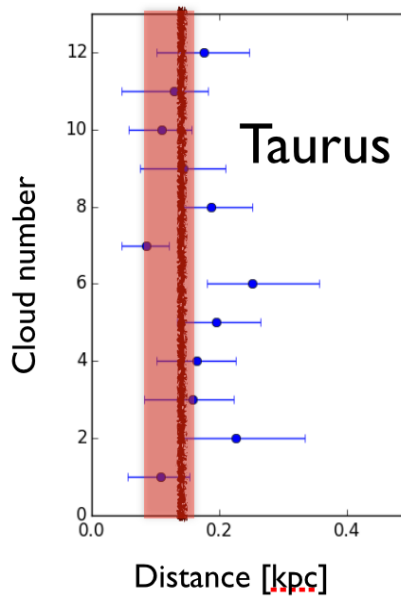


Literature values

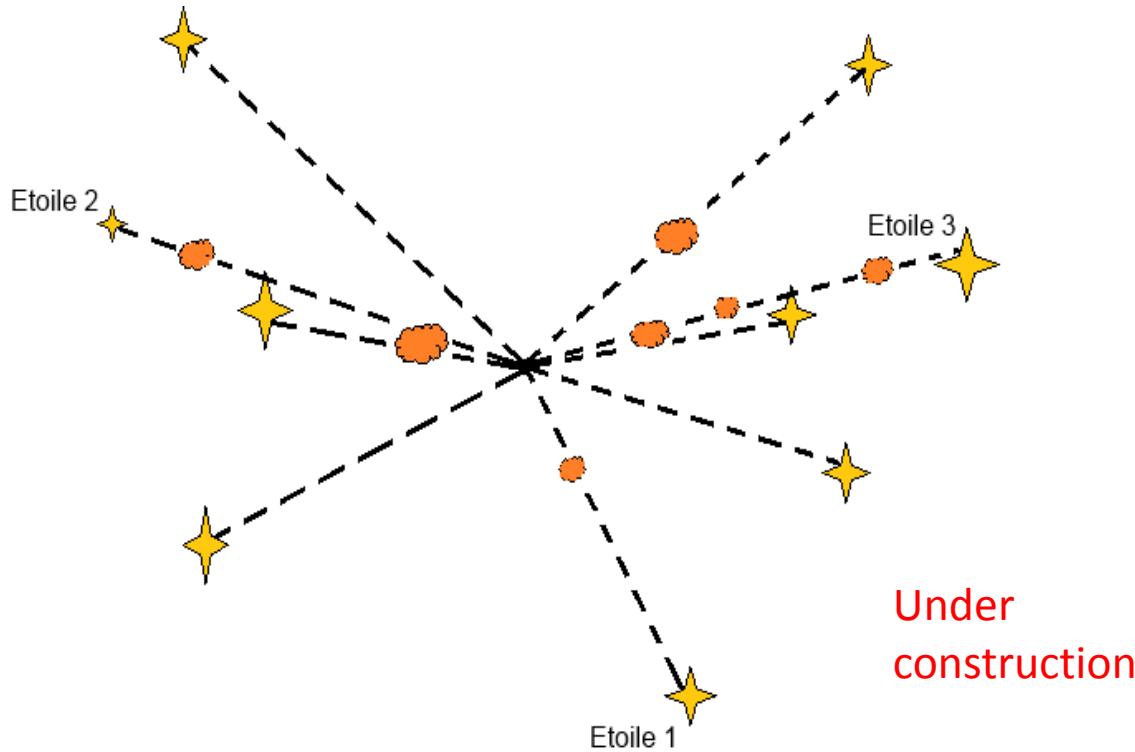


Range of distances from Schlafly et al. (2014)

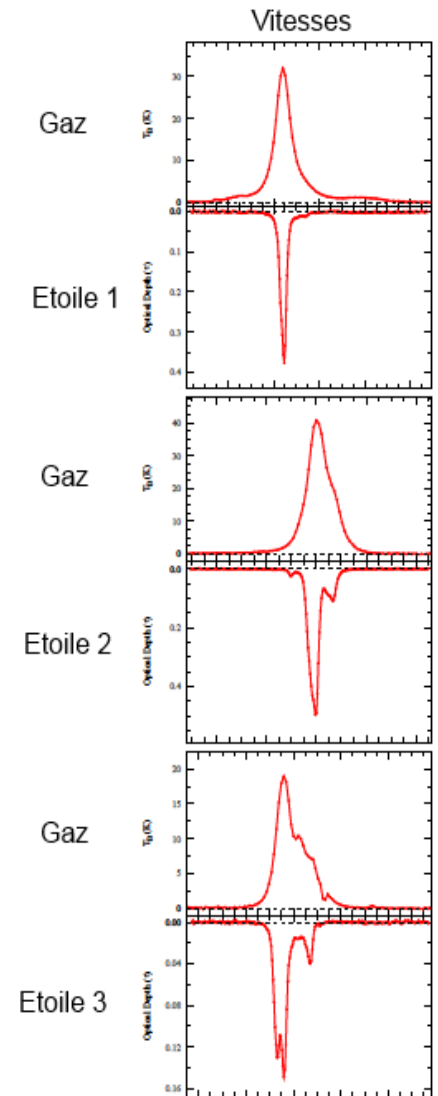
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Distance association with stellar spectroscopy



- ❖ How to relate the gas intercepting starlight and the gas seen in emission : relate emission (HI, CO) and absorption lines (NaI, CaII, DIB)
- ❖ Gas distance constraints by stellar positions
- ❖ Large number of targets required



II – Trace and estimate gas mass : Modelling the Interstellar Medium

Tracing interstellar gas

- Using cosmic-ray interaction with gas

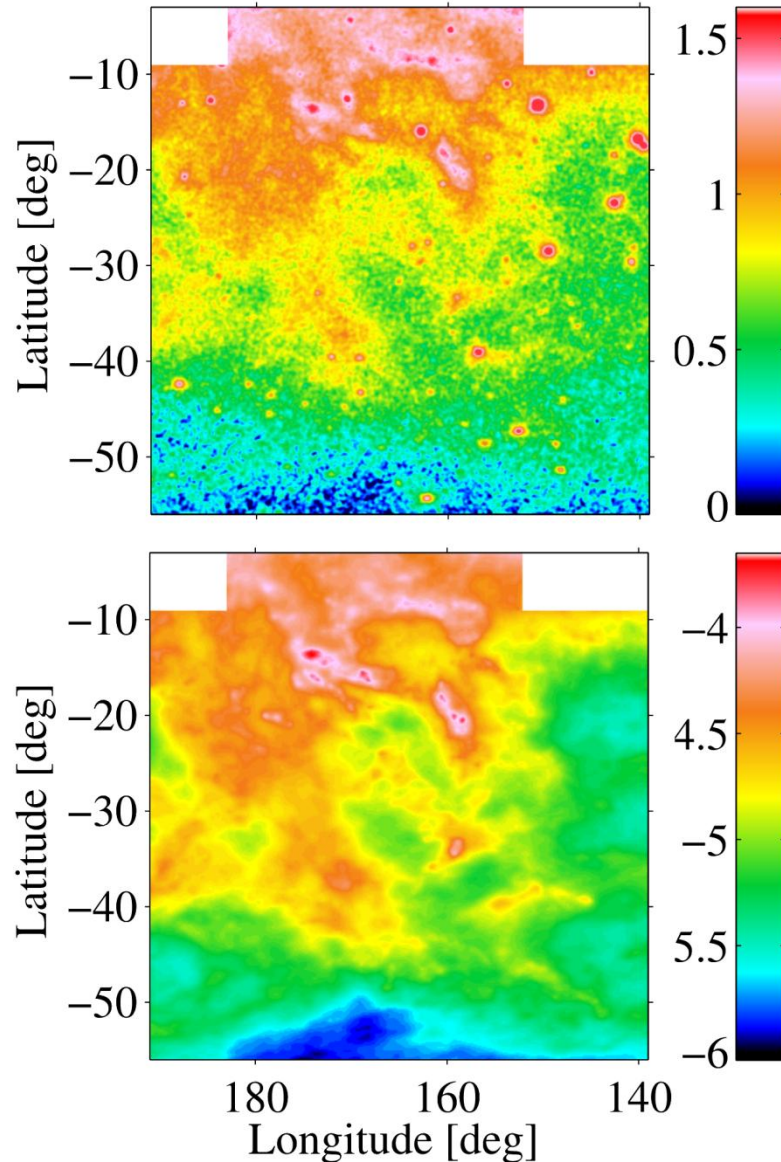
$$n_{\text{CR}} + n_{\text{H}} \rightarrow \gamma\text{-rays}$$

Fermi data

- Using dust optical depth :

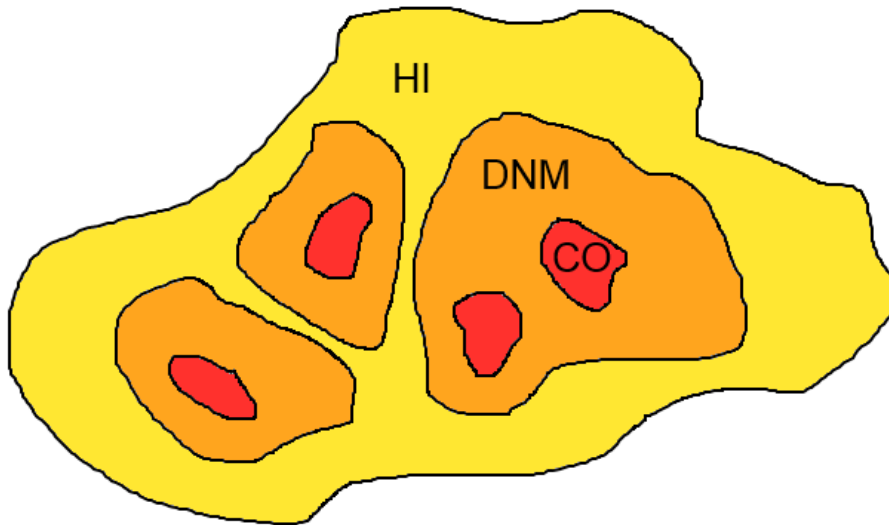
$$n_{\text{dust}} \rightarrow \tau_{353} = I_{\nu} / B_{\nu}$$

Planck data



Total gas column density :
HI-bright
Dark Neutral Medium (DNM)
CO-bright

Traceability conditions



All gas phases well traced if :

- ❖ Uniform Cosmic-Ray density n_{CR}
- ❖ Uniform dust to gas ratio and grain emissivity κ_{v}

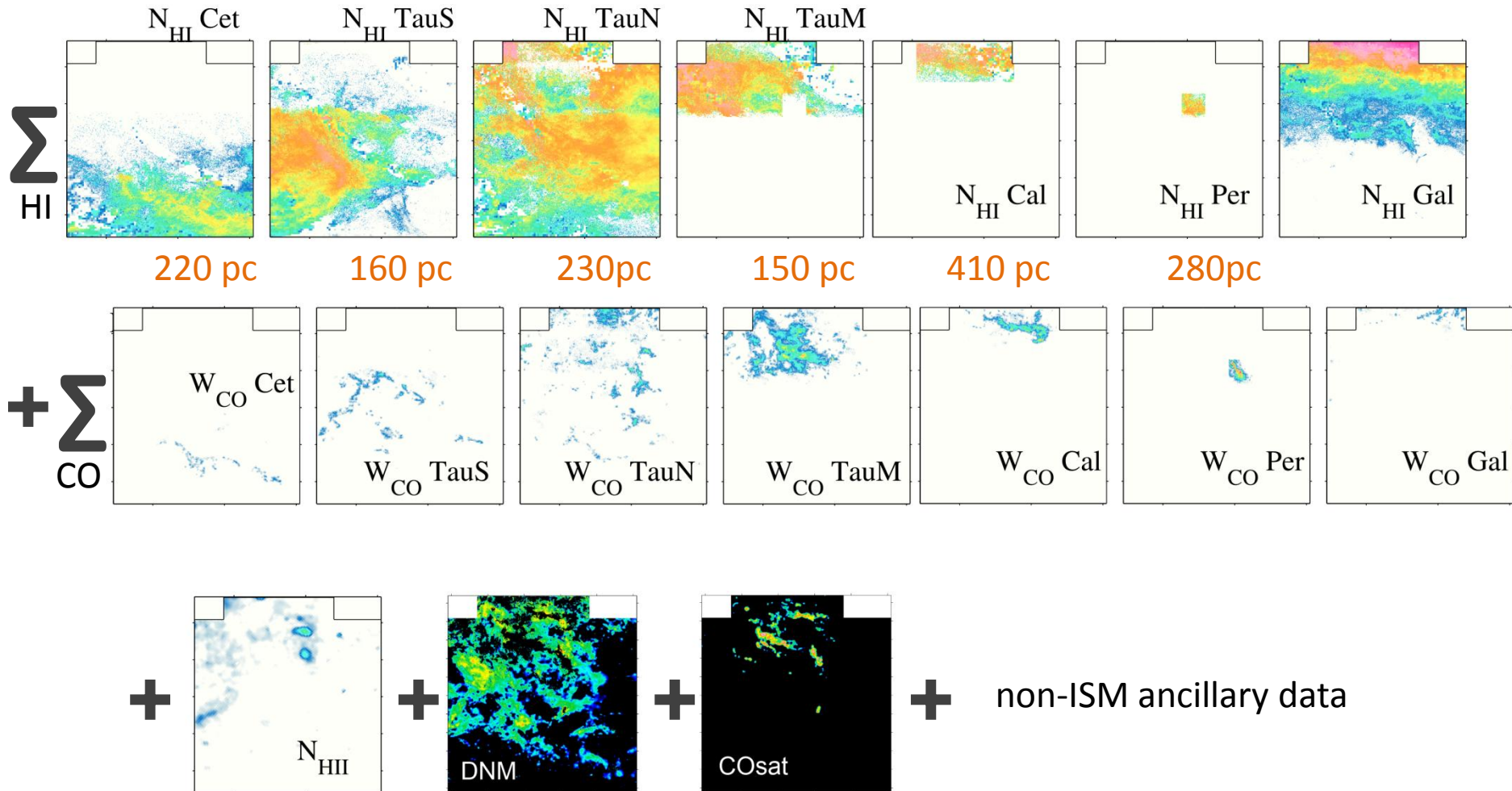
Within a cloud

- DNM structure and mass
- CO to H_2 conversion factor X_{CO}
- Large grain properties, dust/gas ratios in each phase

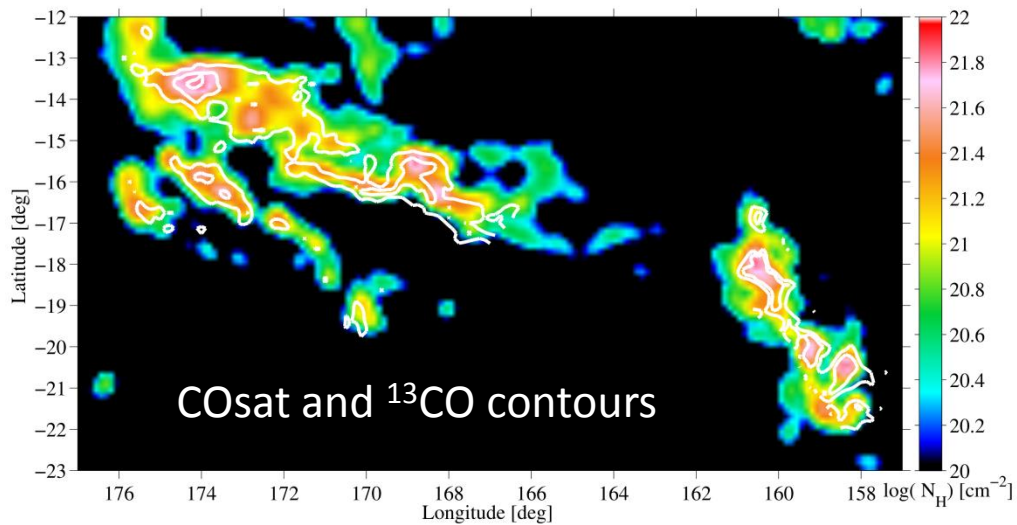
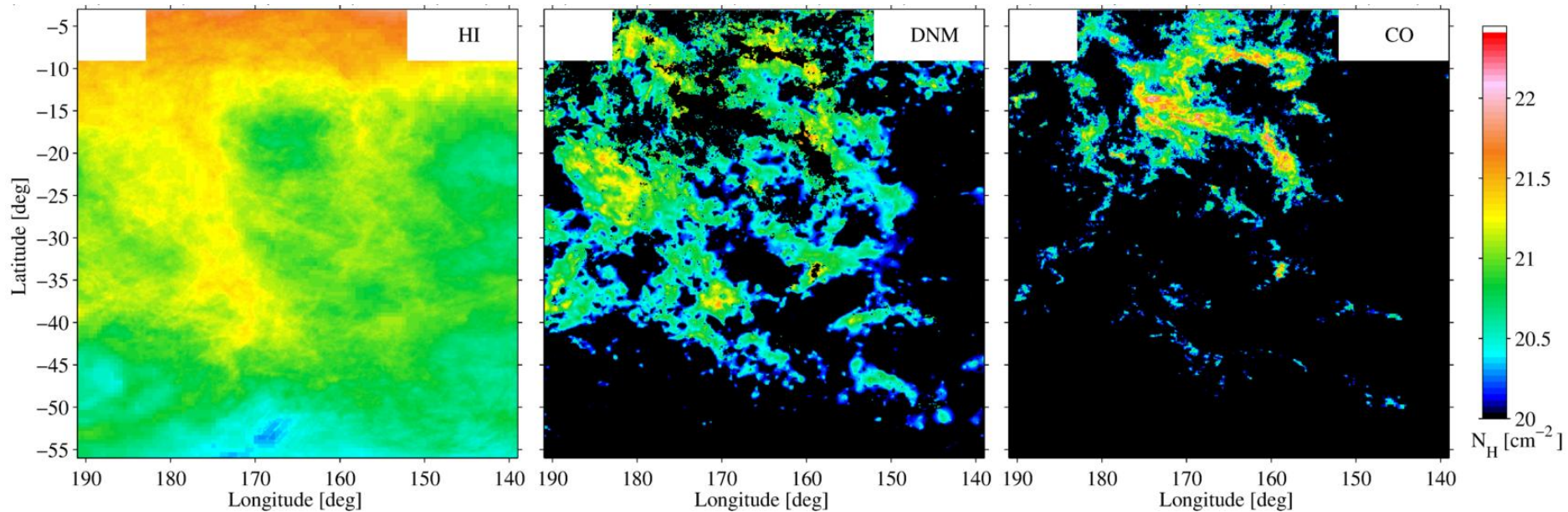
γ -rays and dust models

Linear combination of HI and CO separated in (l, b, v, d), HII, DNM, COsat and non-ISM ancillary data :

$$\tau, \gamma =$$



Gas phases content



Mass distribution :

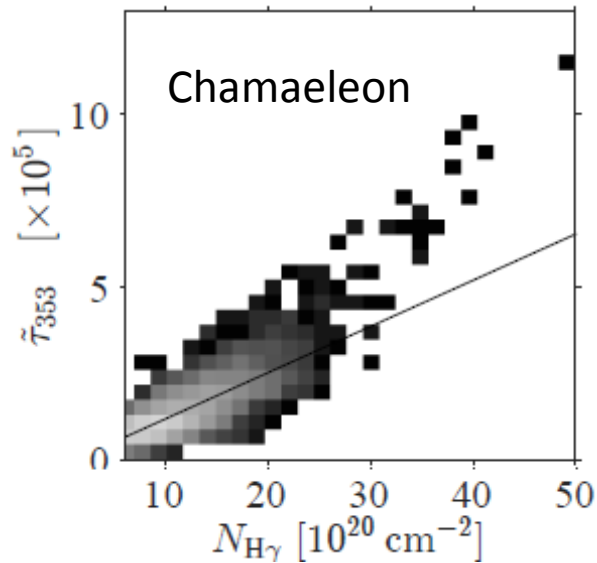
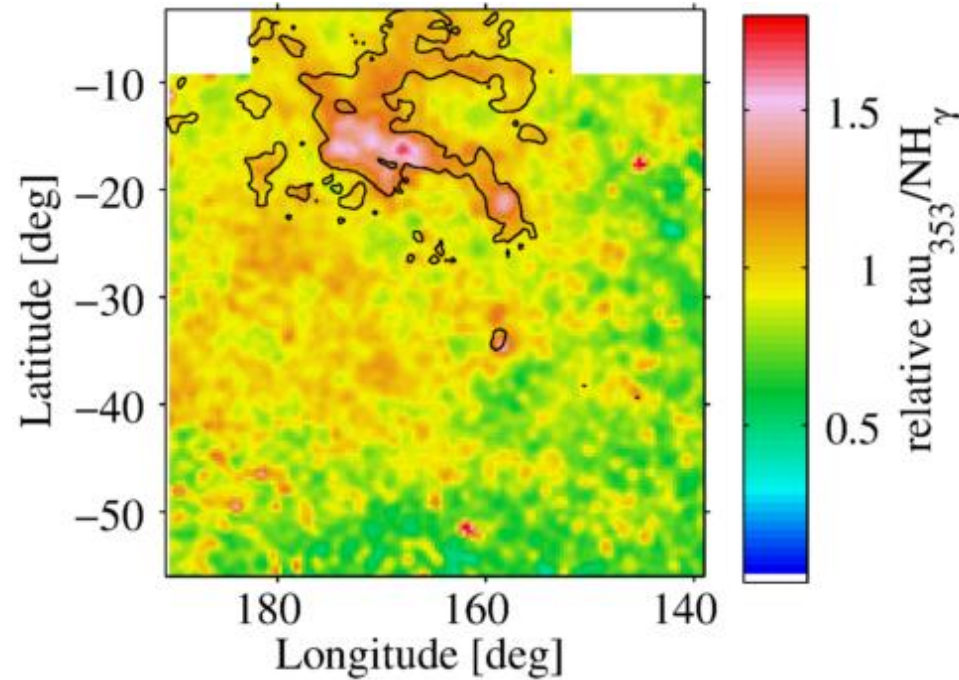
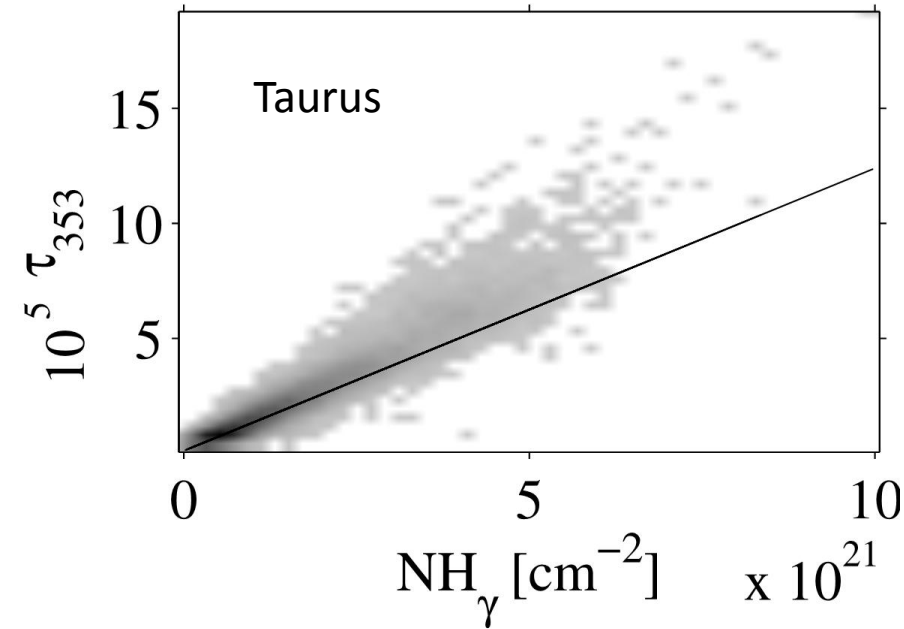
70% HI

15% DNM

12% CO-bright

3% CO-saturated

Evolution of dust grains ?



- ❖ Taurus + Chamaeleon : τ_{353} non-linear increase with N_H
- ❖ Dense molecular clouds : large variation of τ_{353}/N_H
- Dust grain evolution : emissivity increases with gas density

Conclusions and perspectives

- ❖ Decomposition of HI and CO in coherent clouds in velocity
 - Method built and tested
 - Application to Taurus region : publication this summer
 - Extension to Galactic anticenter
- ❖ Velocity-distance association with stellar spectroscopy and parallax
 - under construction
 - application to Gaia data this autumn
- ❖ Dust and γ -rays tracing of gas mass in Taurus
 - maps of DNM and COsat components
 - Evidence for decrease in X_{CO} from cloud envelope to core
 - Evidence for grain emissivity changes with gas density in Taurus, as in Chamaeleon