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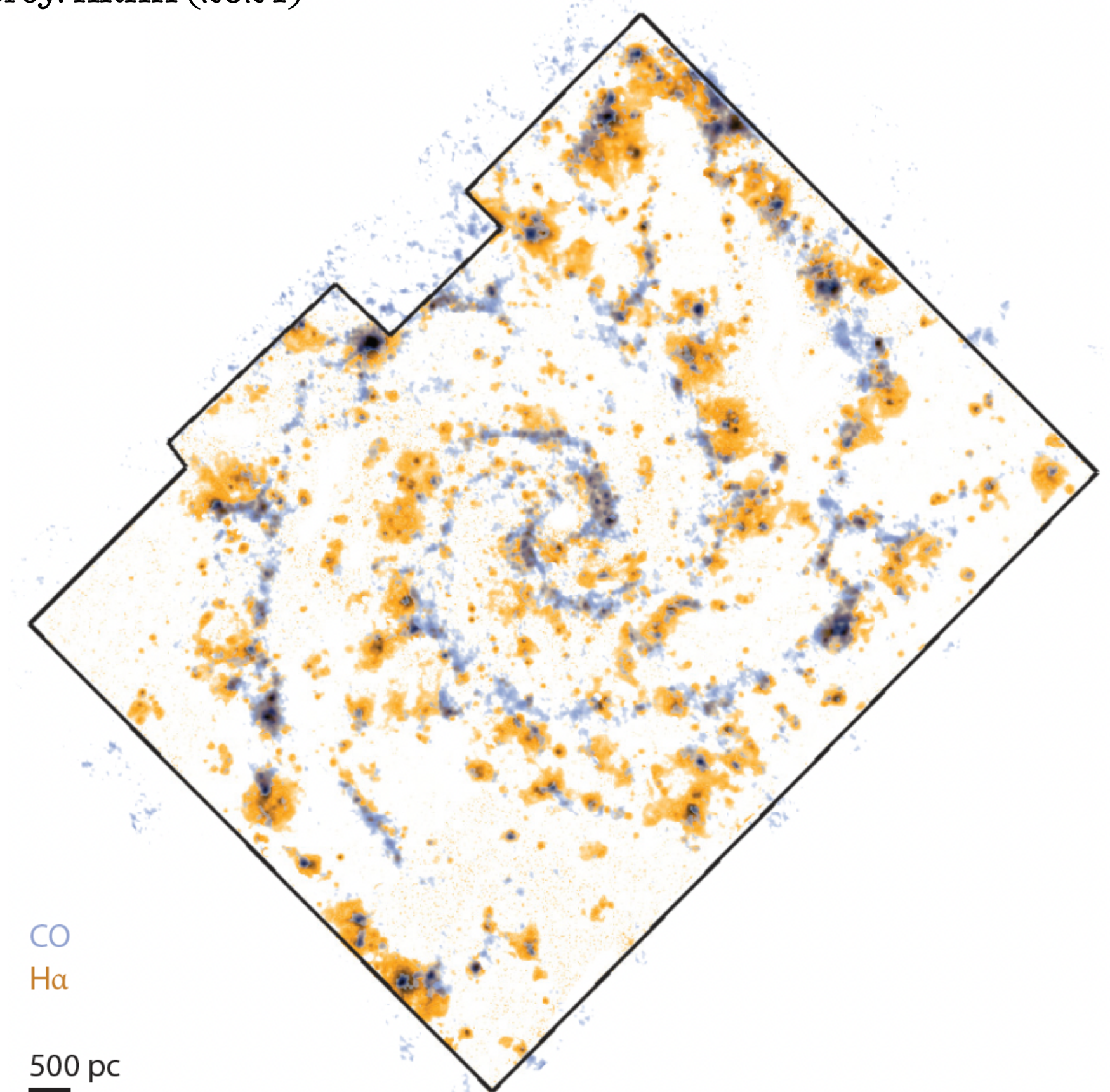
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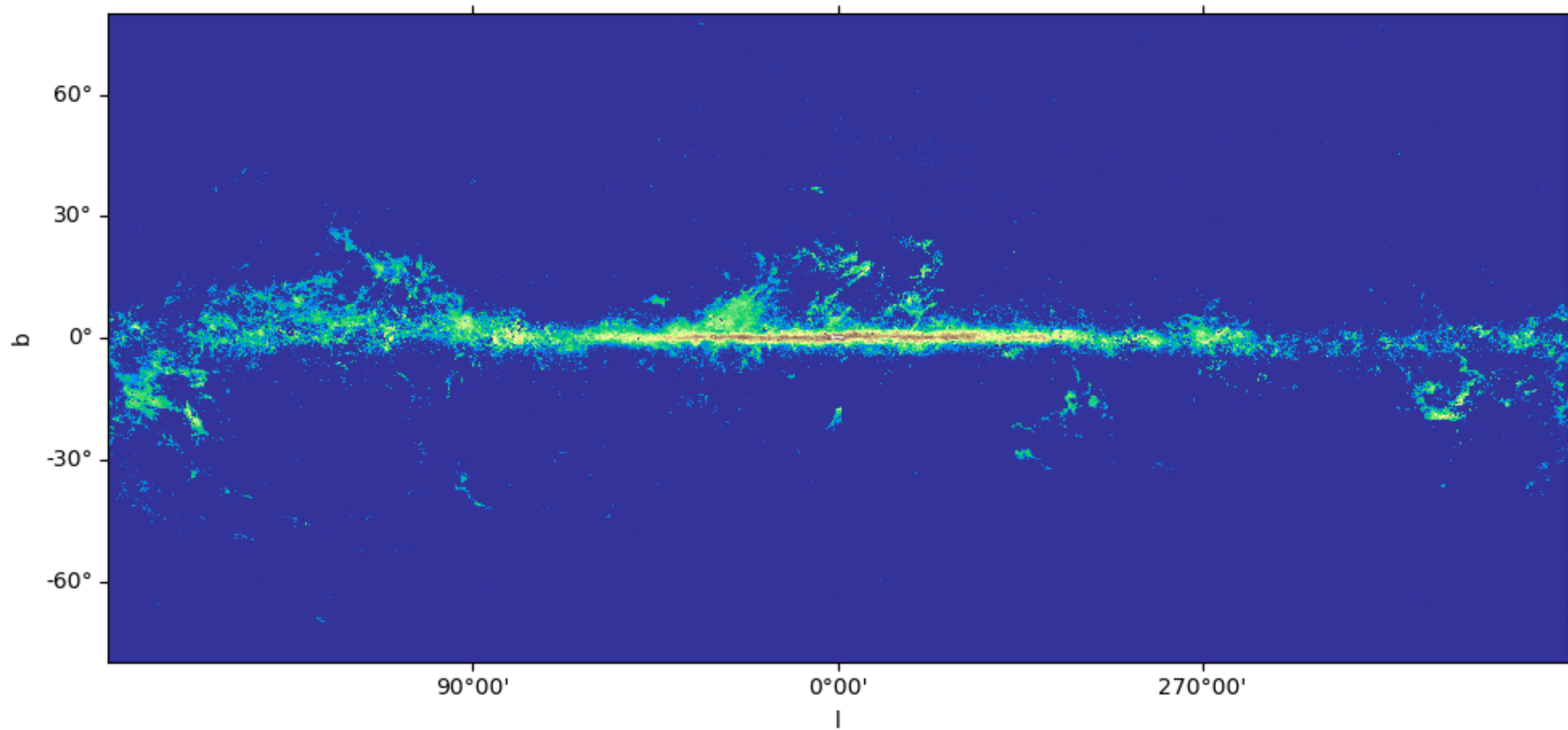
# Star formation ( $H\alpha$ ) and cold gas (CO)

Schinnerer & Leroy. ARAA (2024)



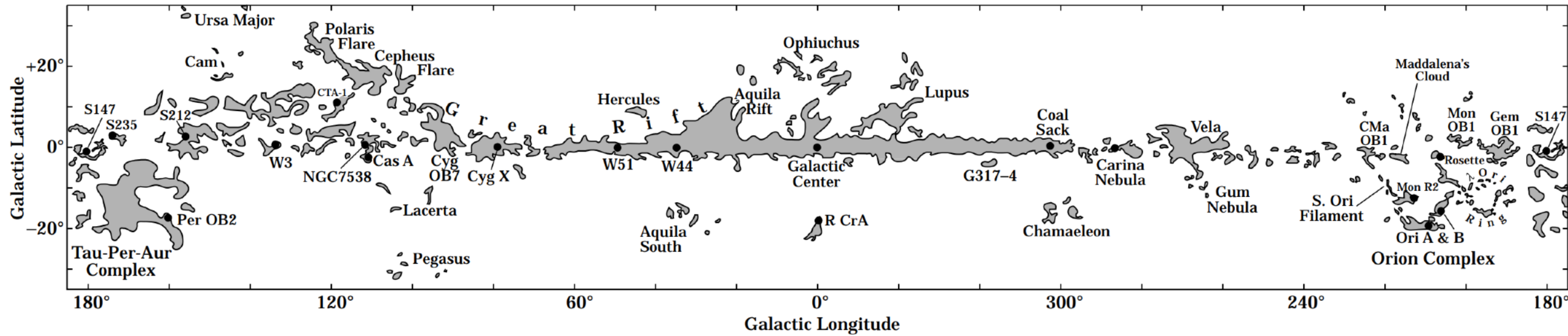
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CO(1-0); Planck 2013 results. XIII. A&A (2014)



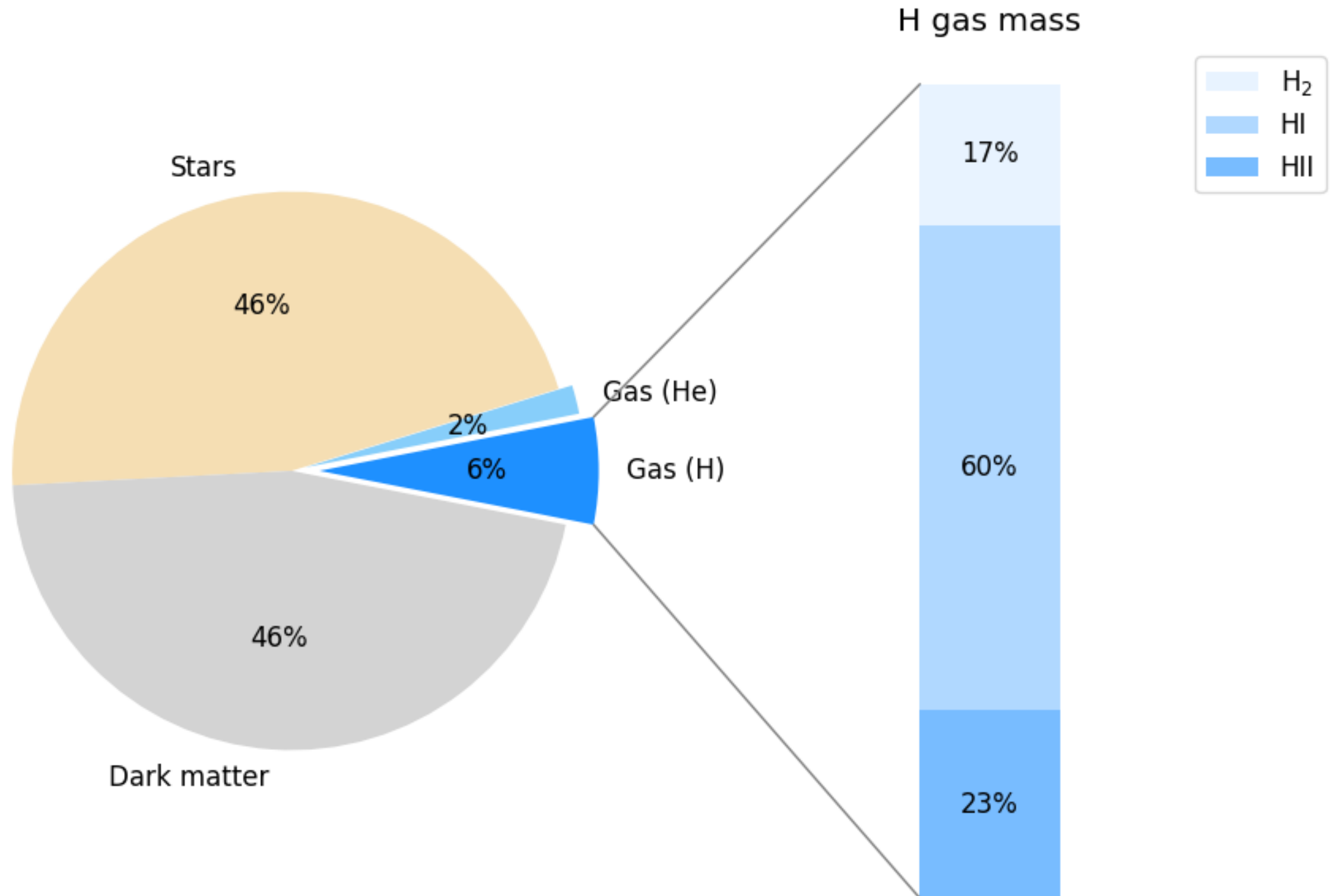
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Dame, Hartmann & Thaddeus (2001)



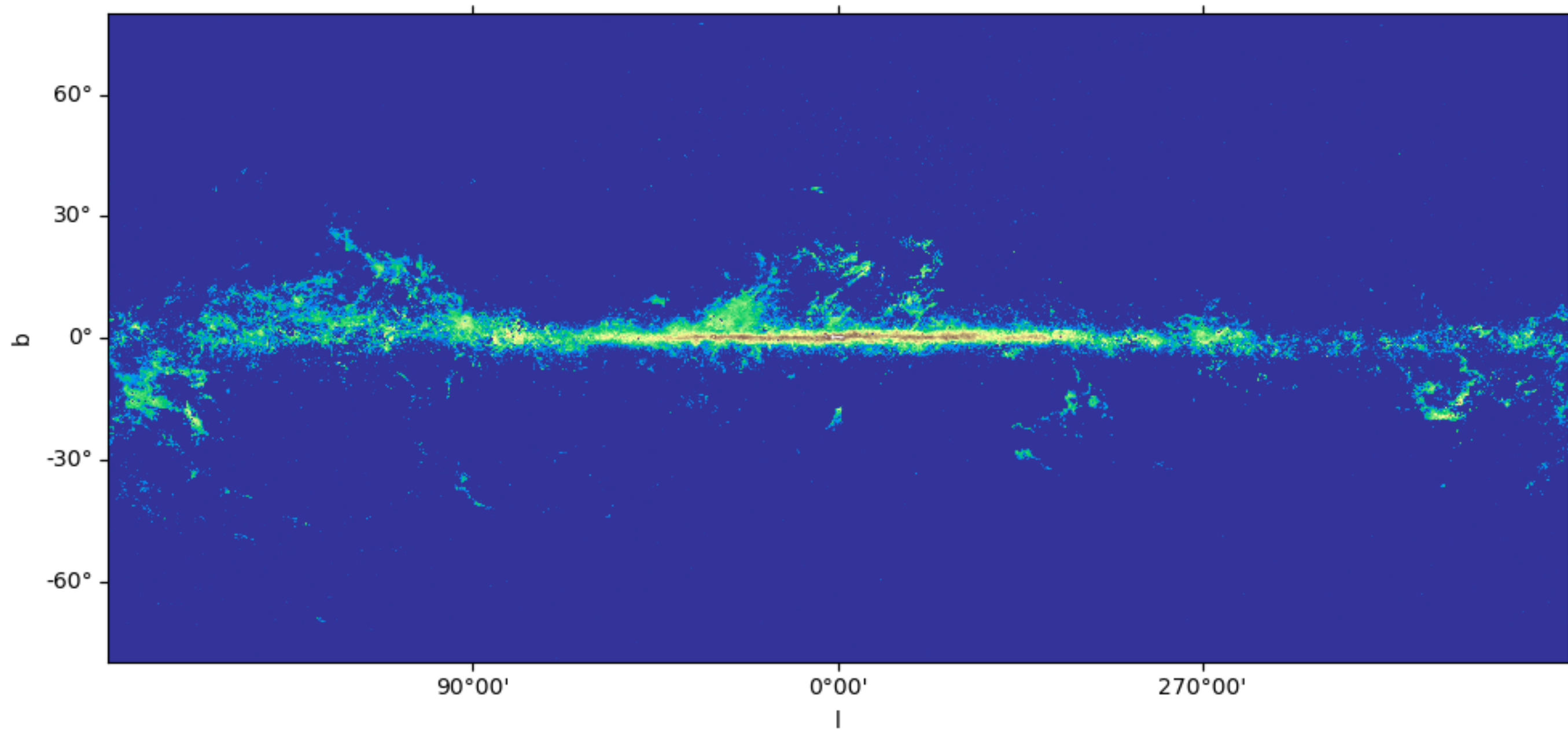
# Milky Way's mass budget

Draine, B. T. Physics of the Interstellar and Intergalactic Medium (2011)



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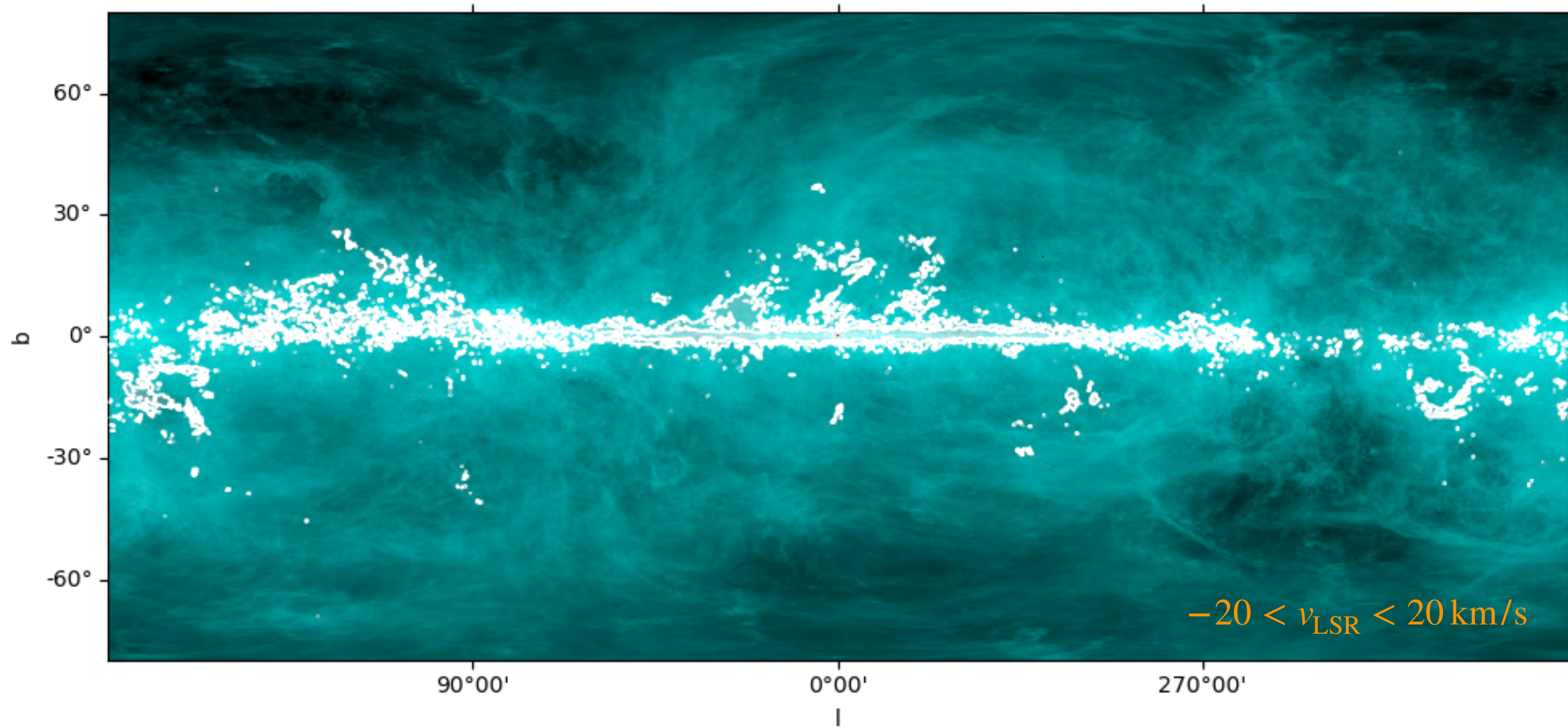
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# Neutral atomic hydrogen (HI) emission

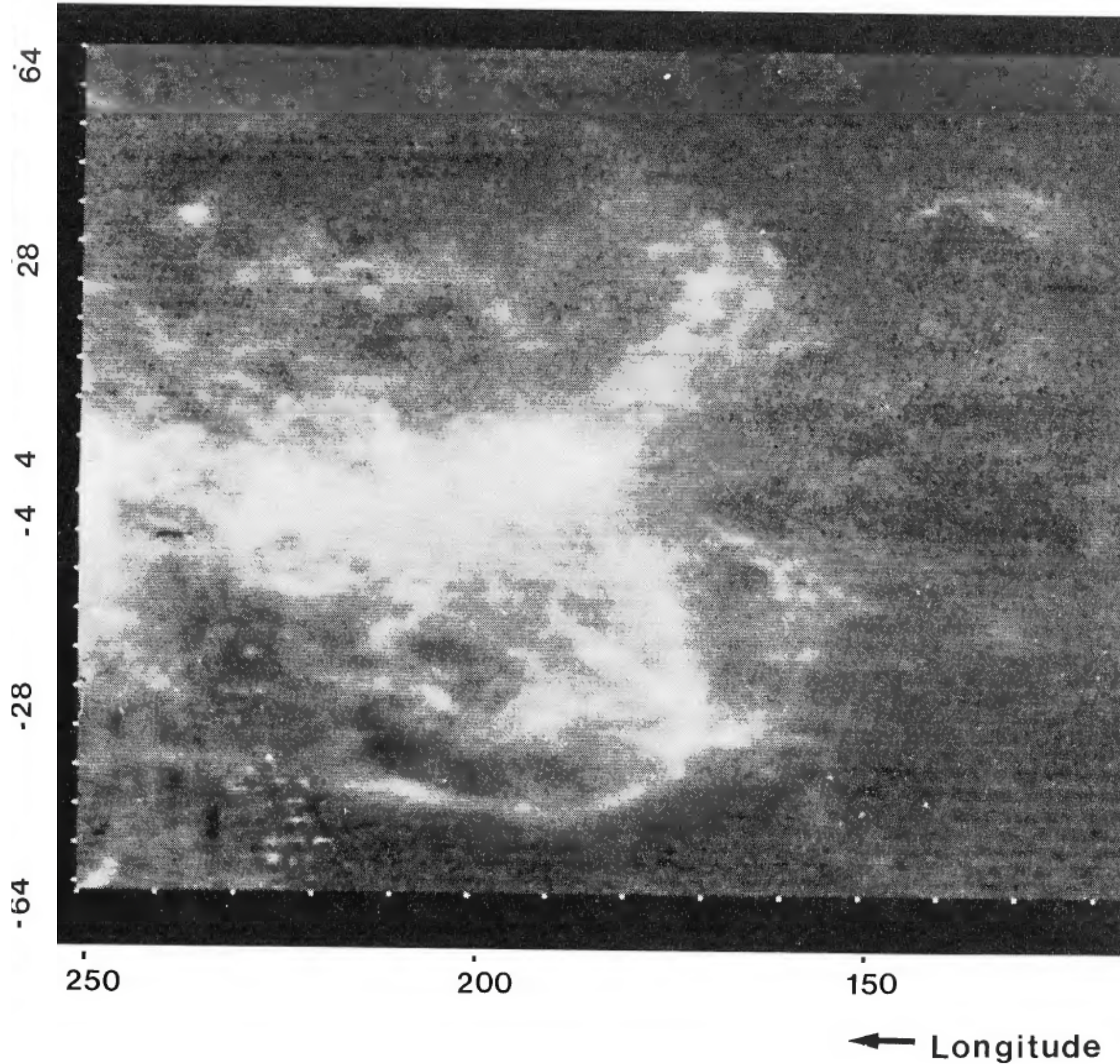
HI4PI Collaboration. A&A (2016)

McClure-Griffiths, Stanimirović, & Rybarczyk. ARA&A (2023)



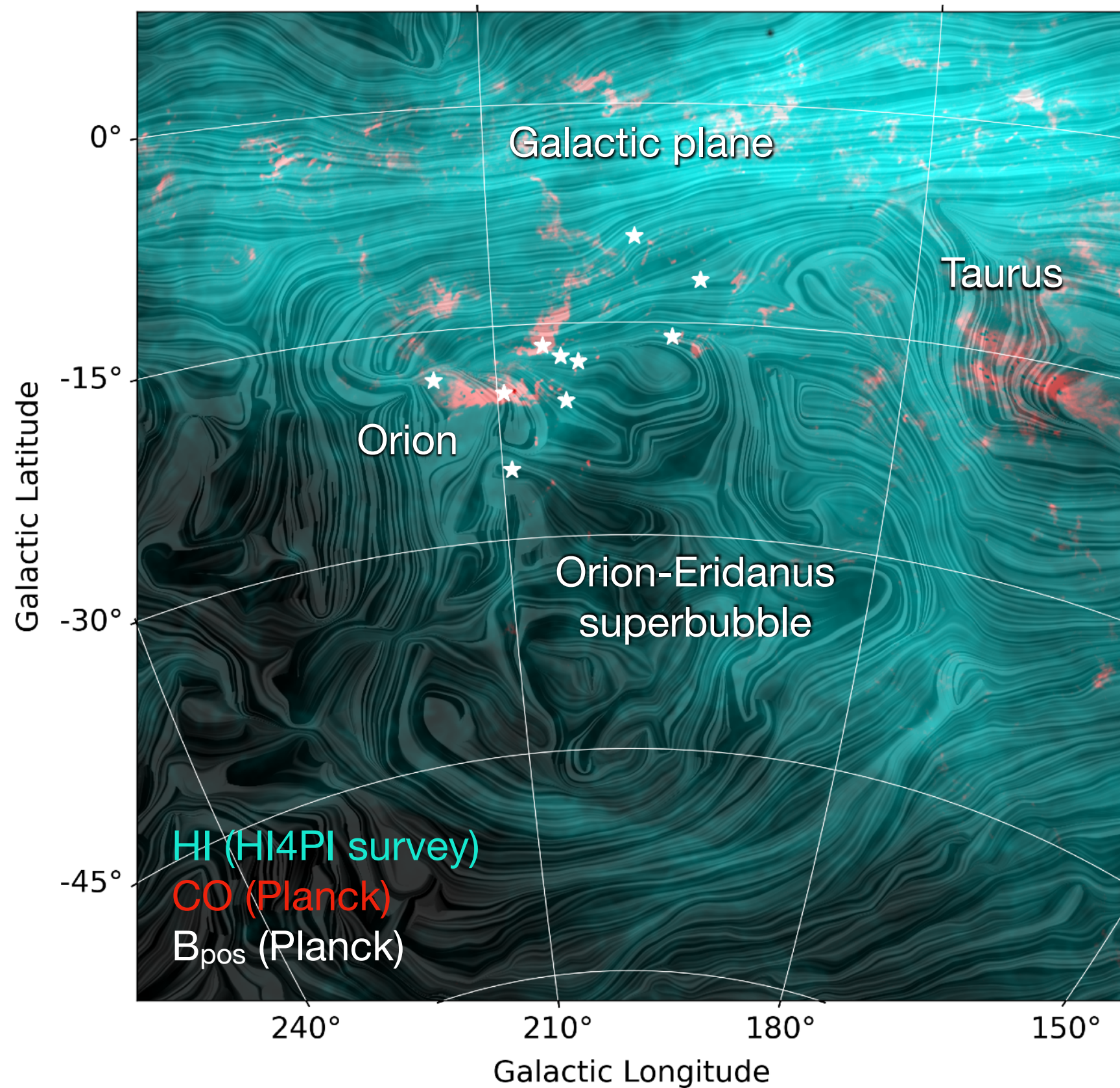
# Orion-Eridanus superbubble

Heiles. ApJ (1984); Heiles. ApJS (1997)



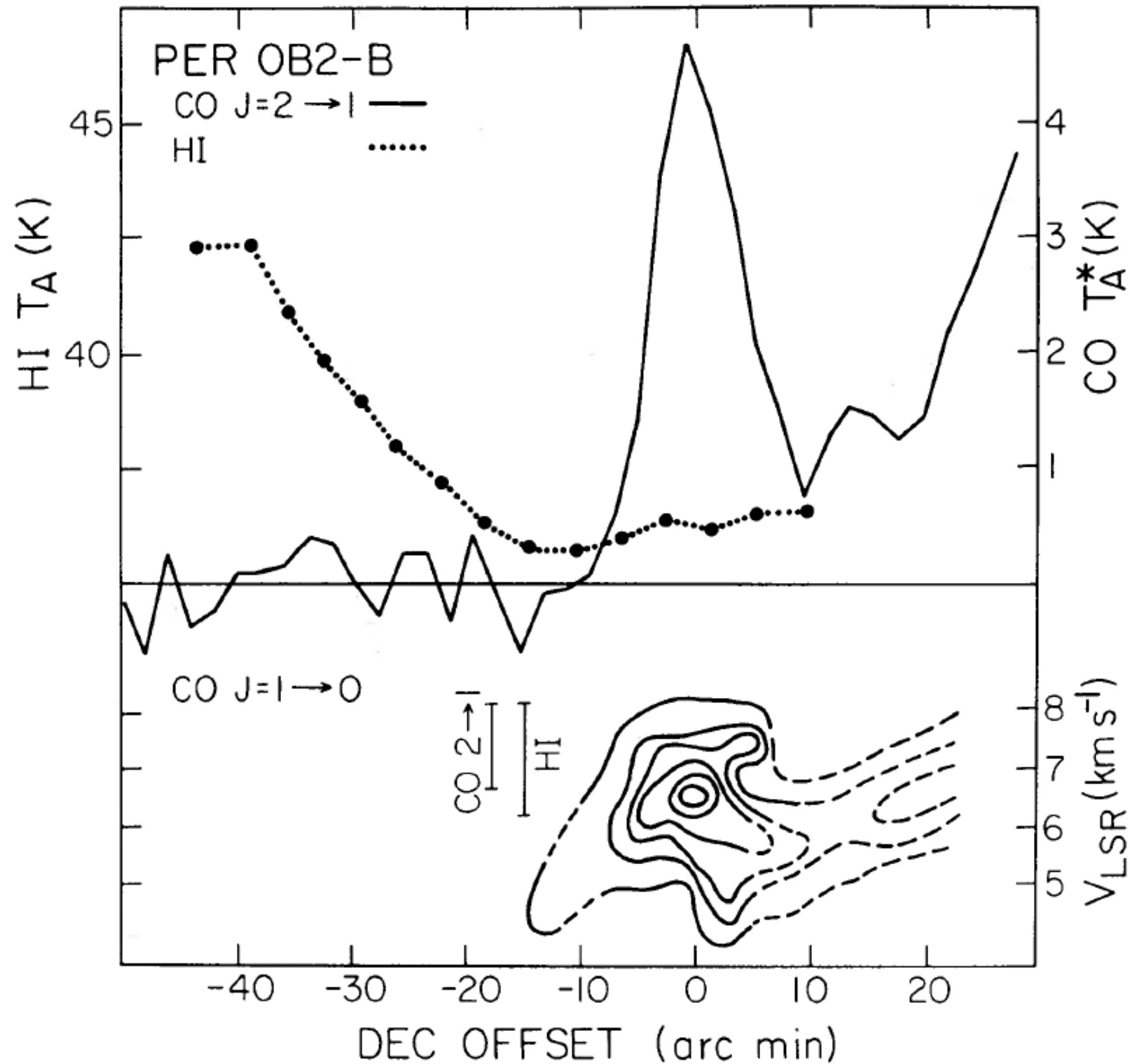
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Soler, Bracco & Pon. ApJ (2018)



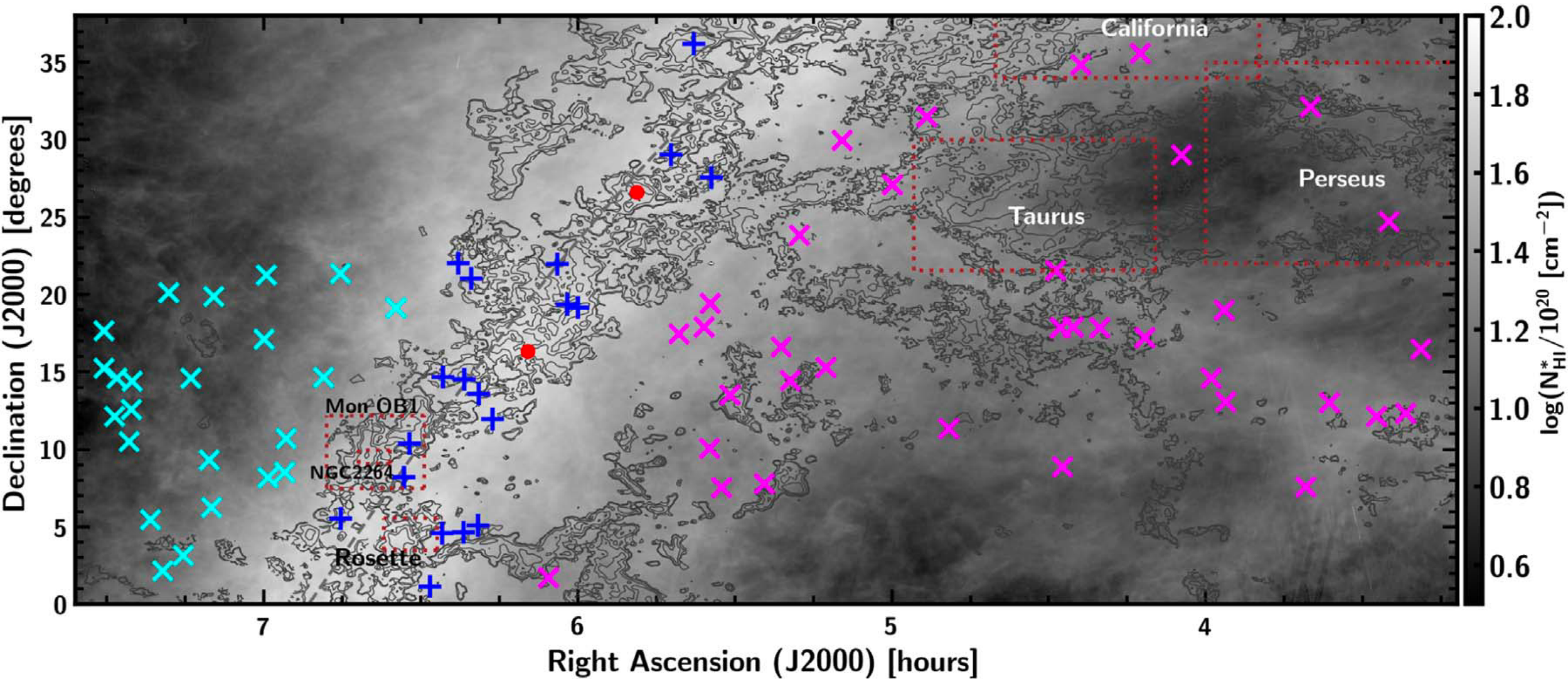
# Warm neutral halos around molecular clouds

Wannier, Morris & Lichten (1983)



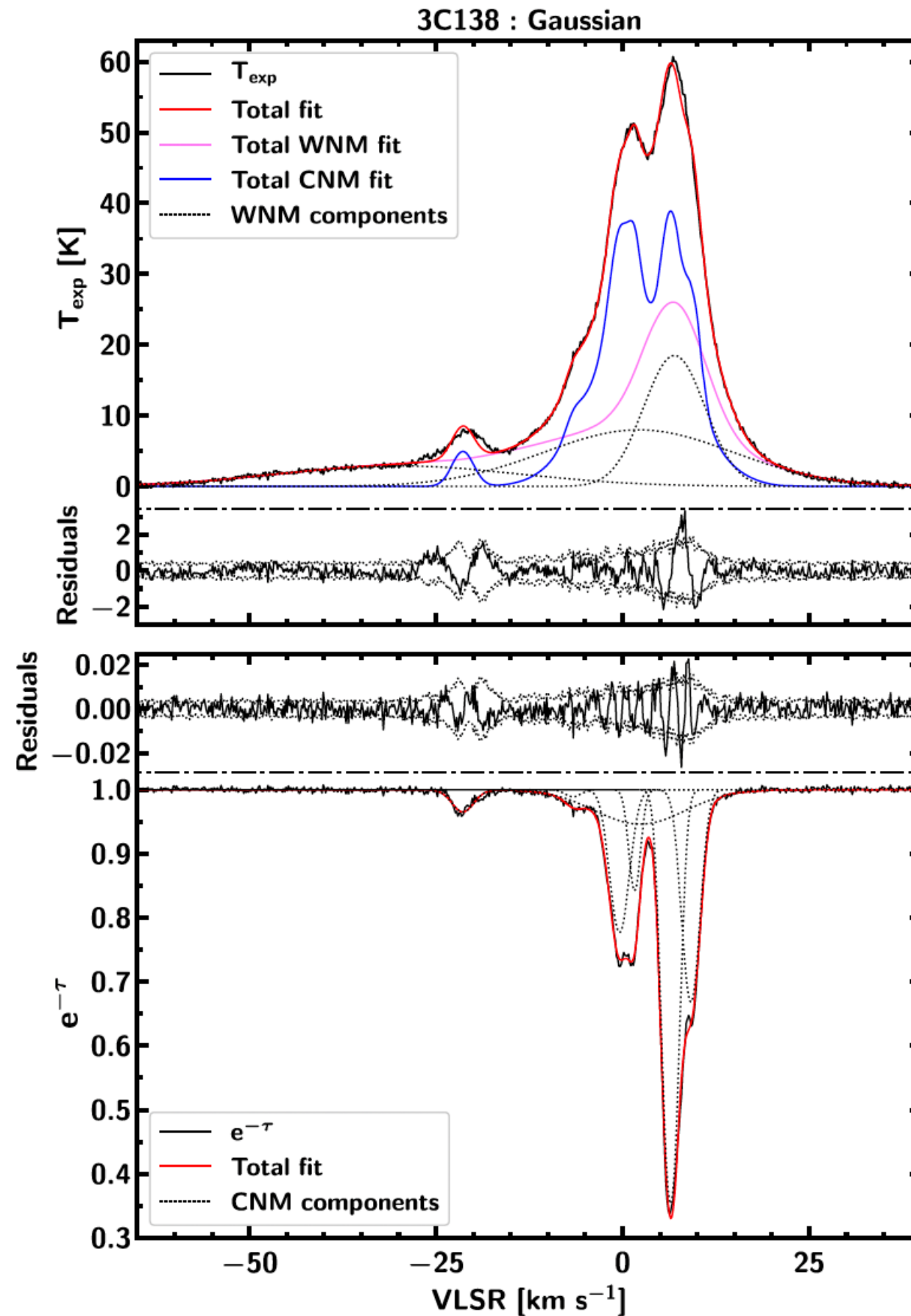
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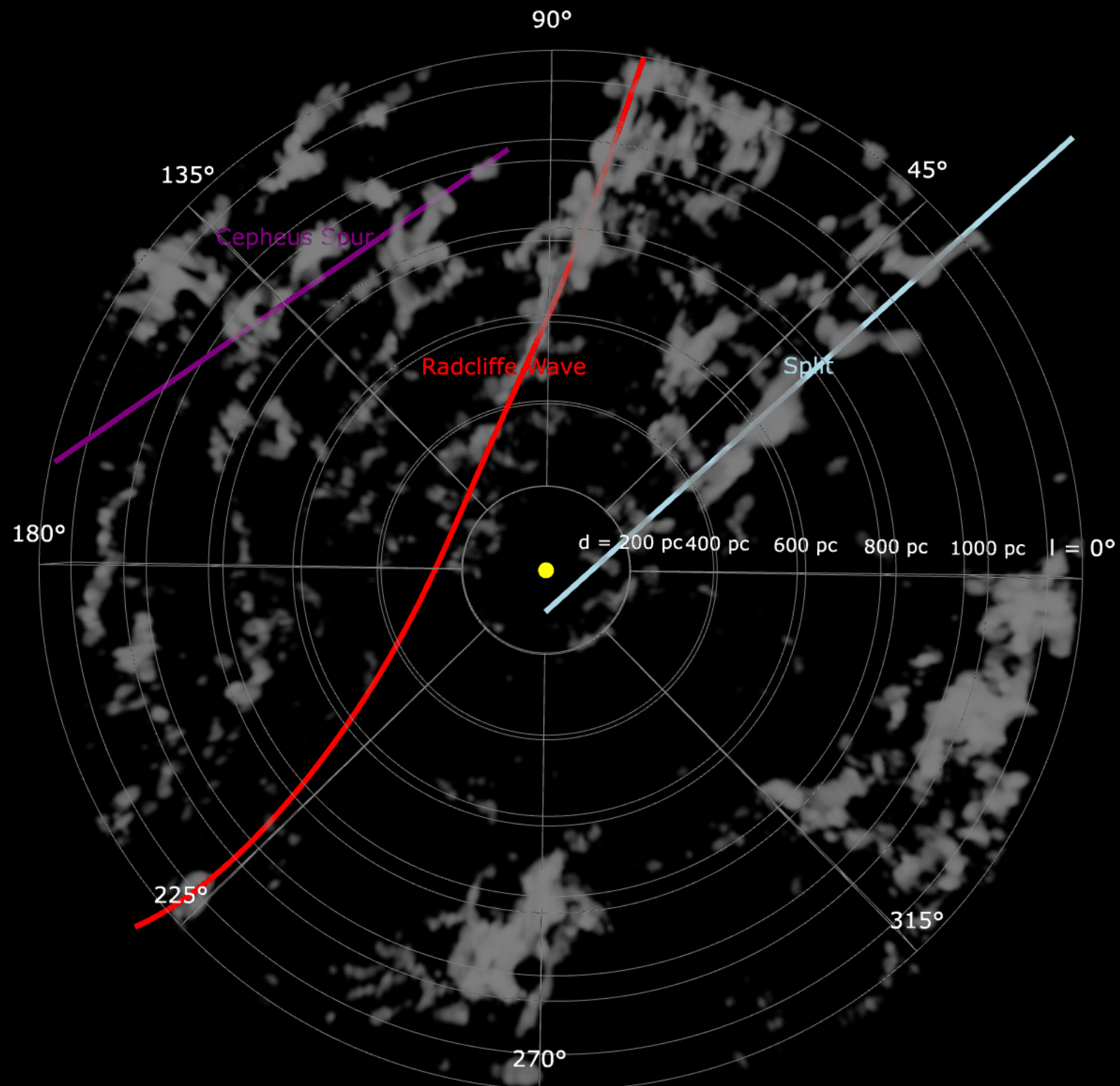
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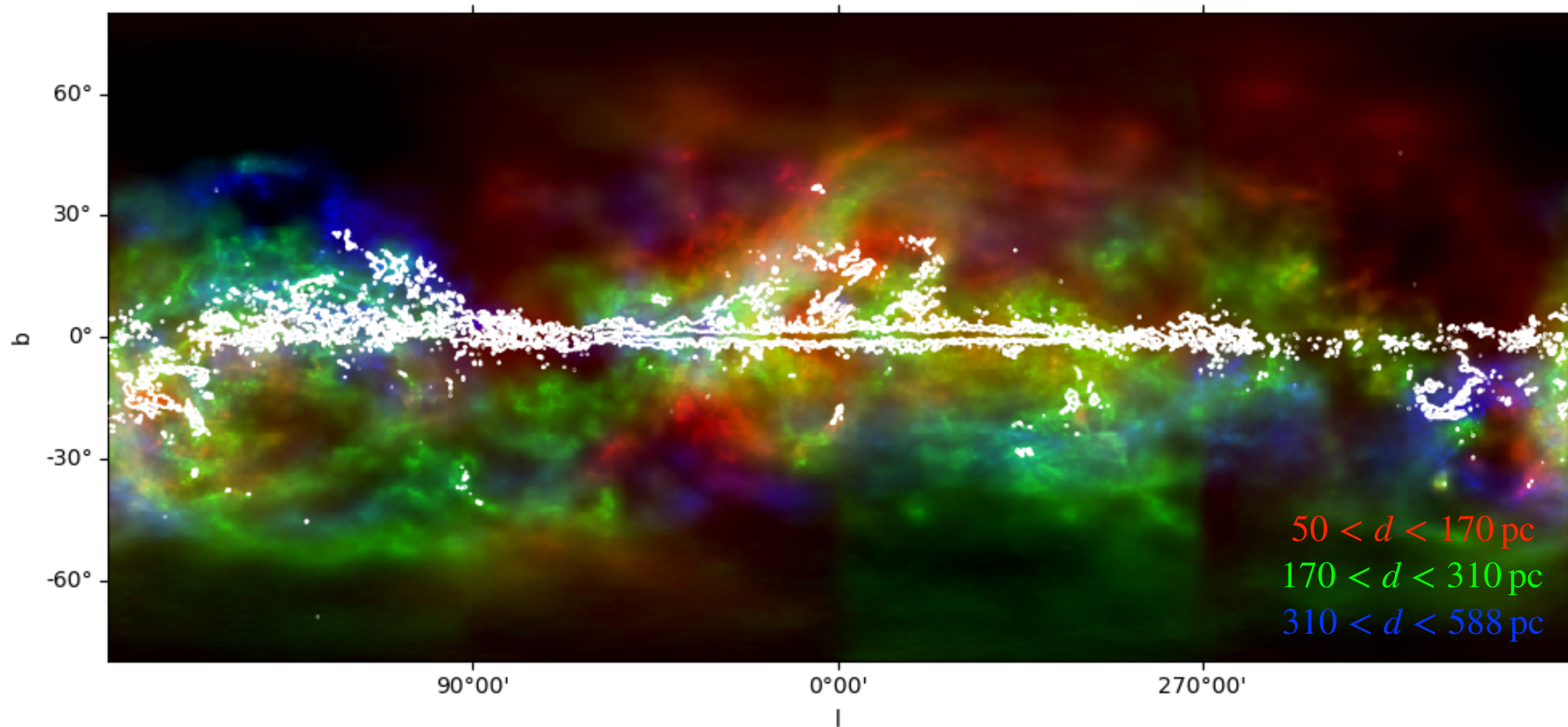
# Galactic 3D dust map out to 1.25 kpc from the Sun

Edenhofer et al. (2024)



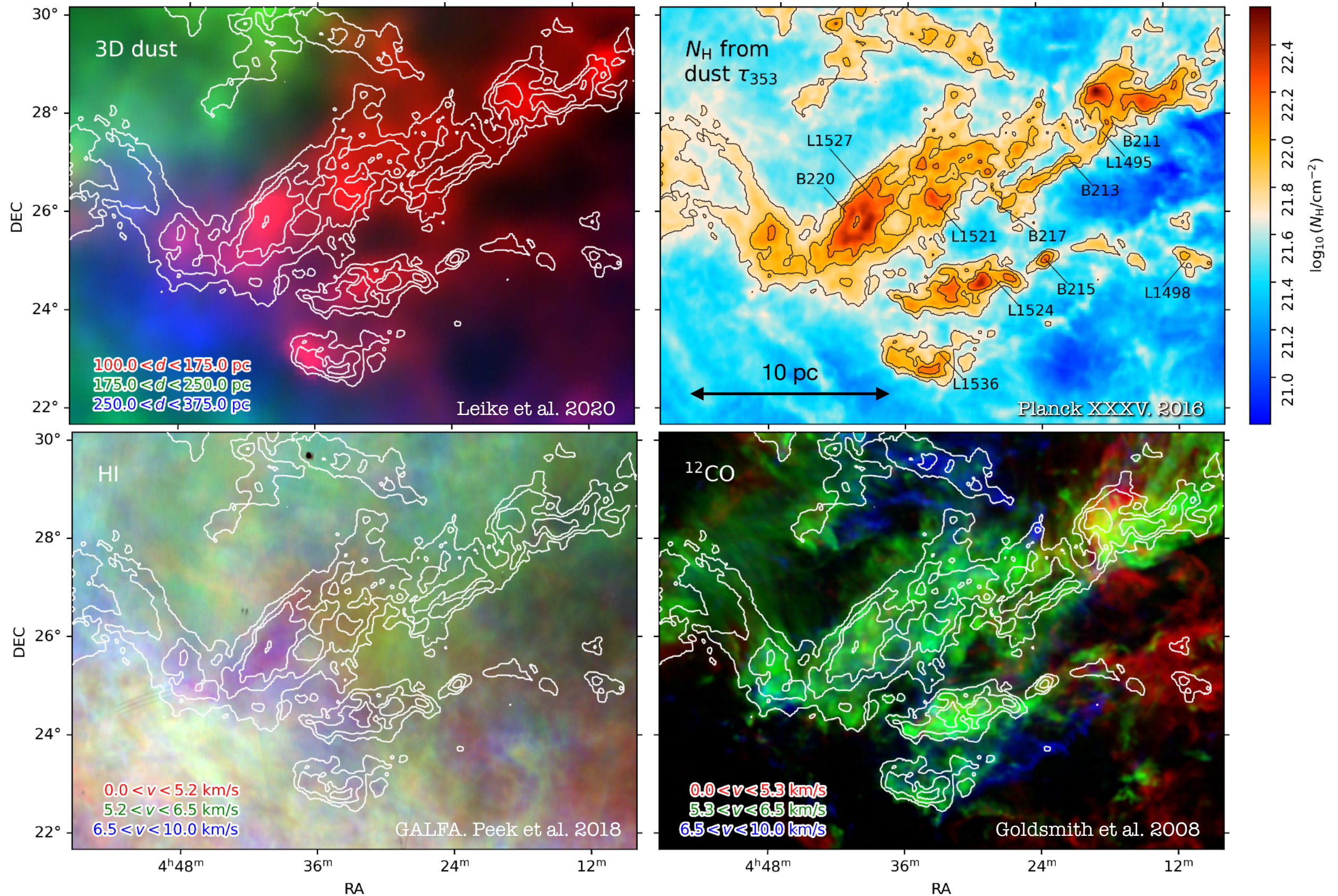
# Local 3D dust density reconstruction

Leike et al. A&A (2020); Leike et al. A&A (2019);

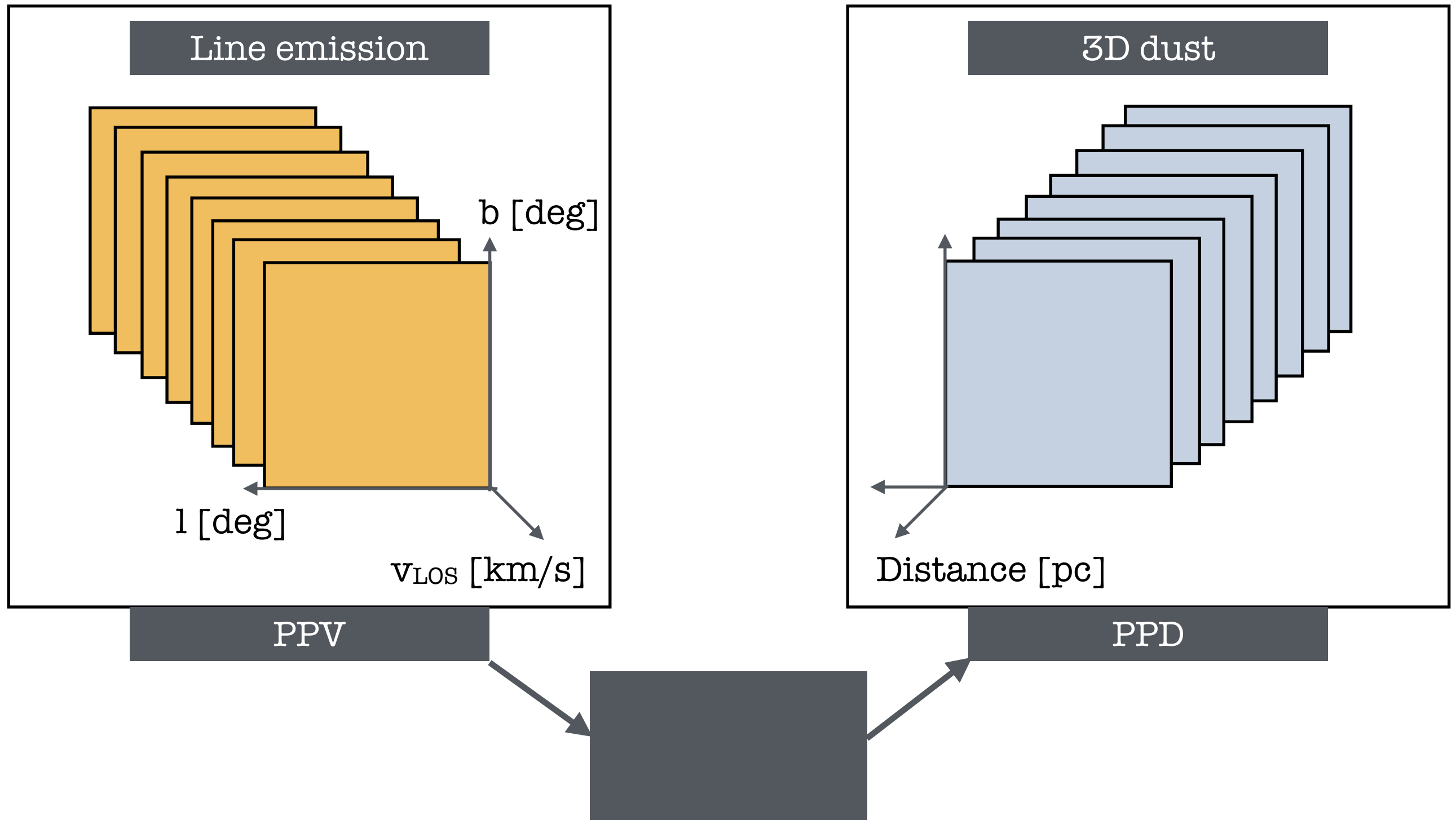


# Pilot study: dynamics of the Taurus molecular cloud

Soler, Zucker, et al. A&A (2023)

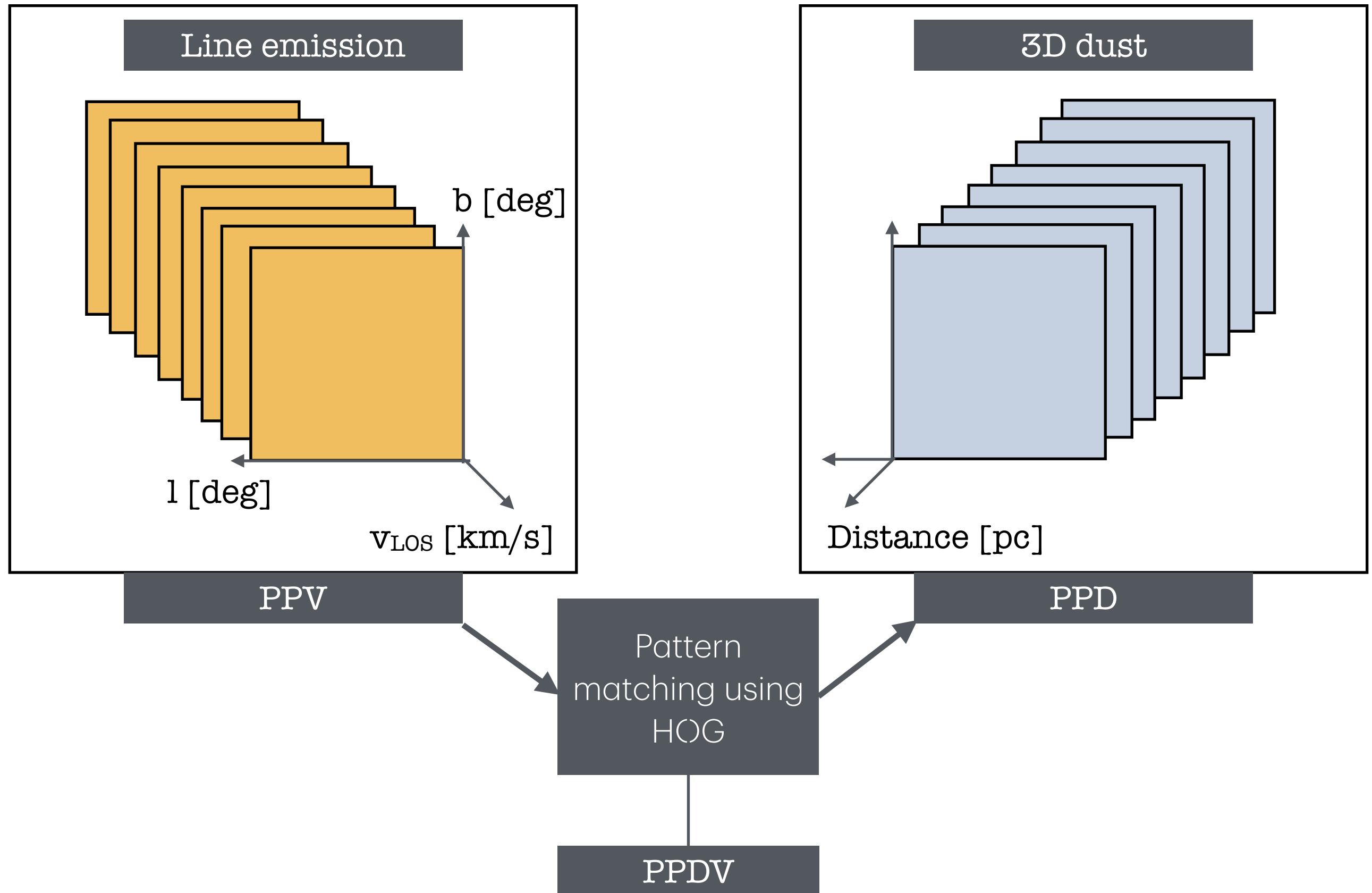


# Knitting together line emission and 3D dust



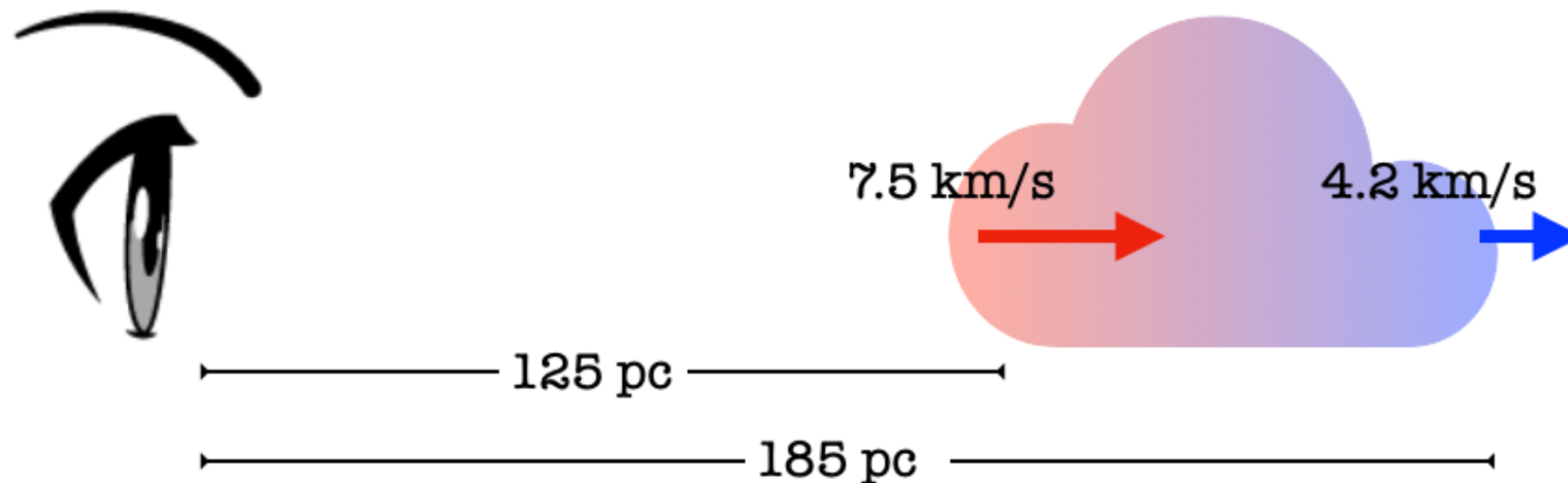
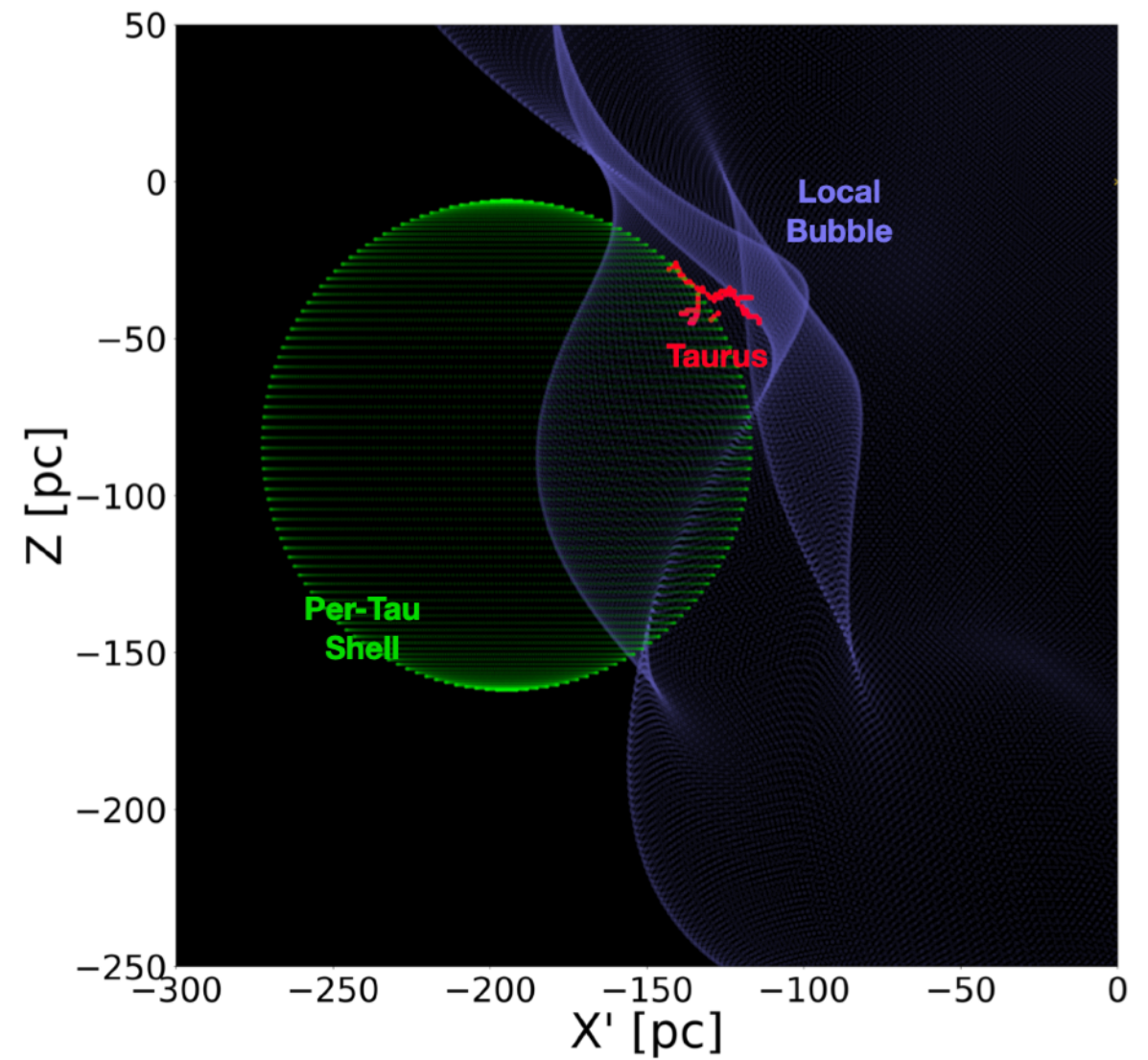
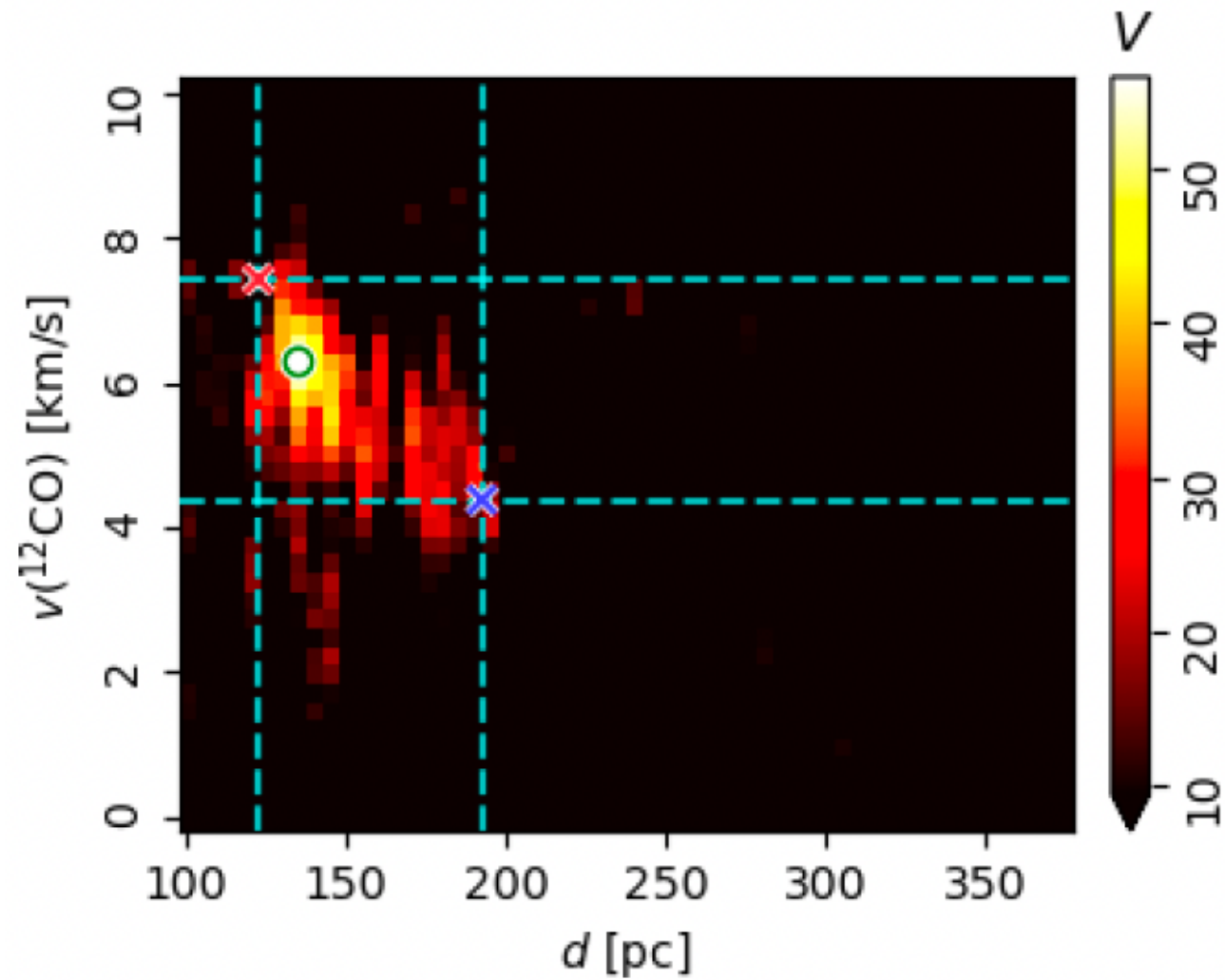
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Histogram of oriented gradients (HOG; Soler et al. 2019)



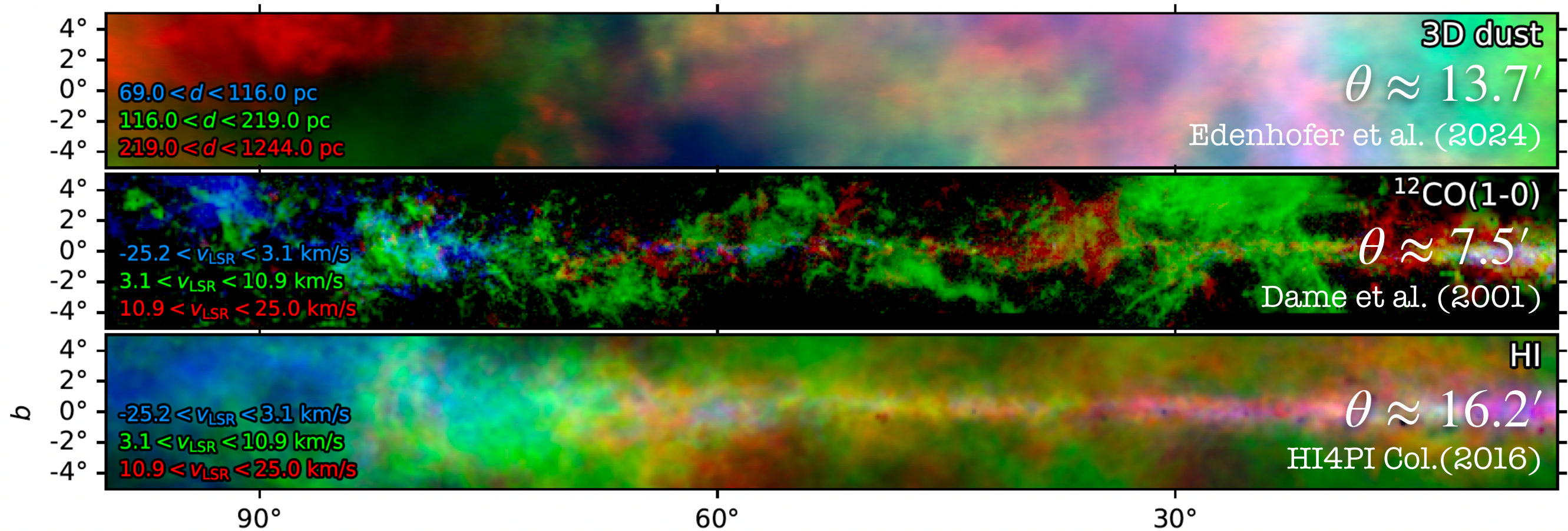
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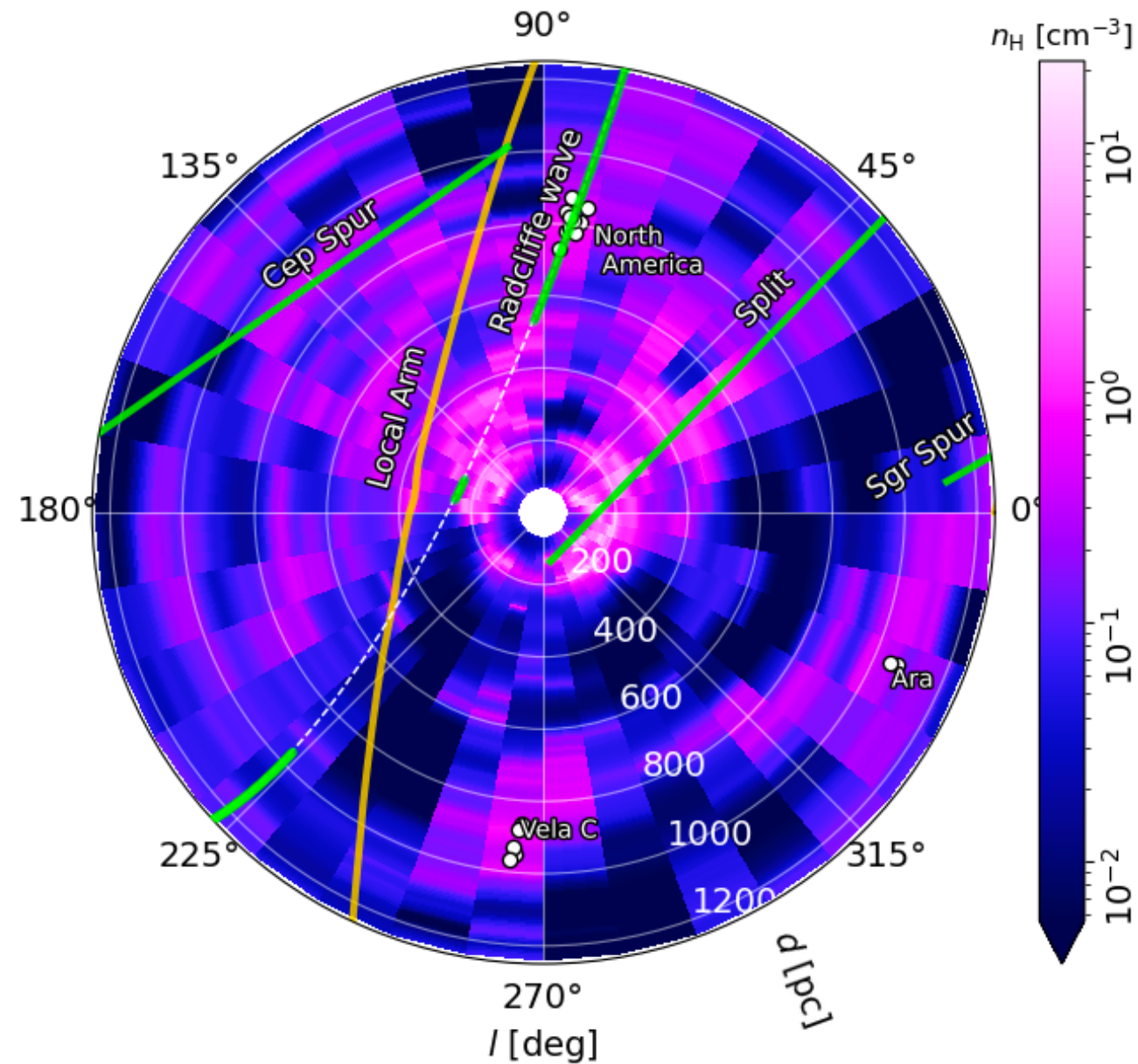
# 3D dust and line emission toward the Galactic plane

Soler, Molinari et al. A&A (2025)



# Distribution of LOS motions in the local ISM

Soler, Molinari et al. A&A (2025)

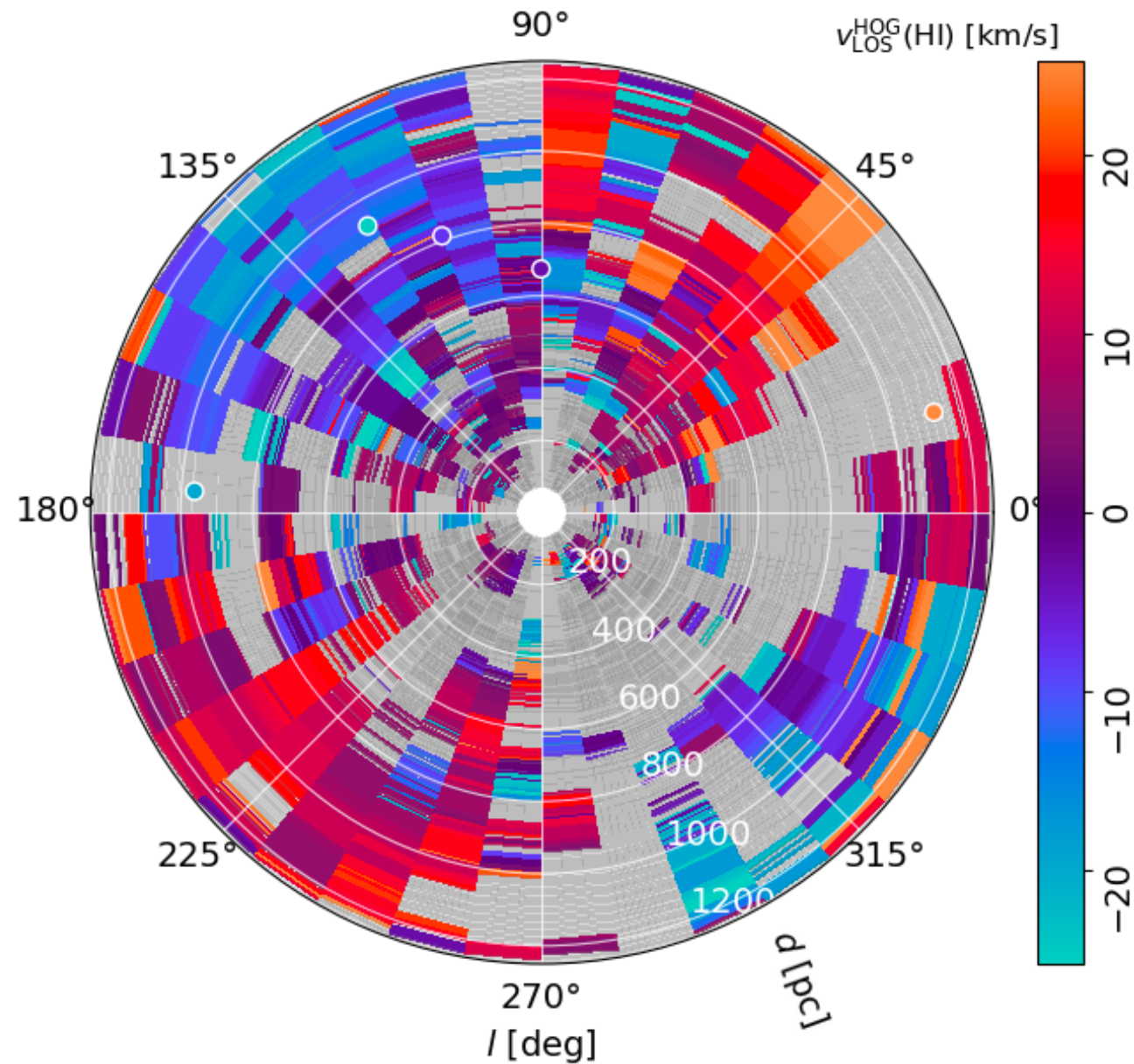


## **Nucleon density**

derived from the Edenhofer et al. 2024  
3D dust extinction models

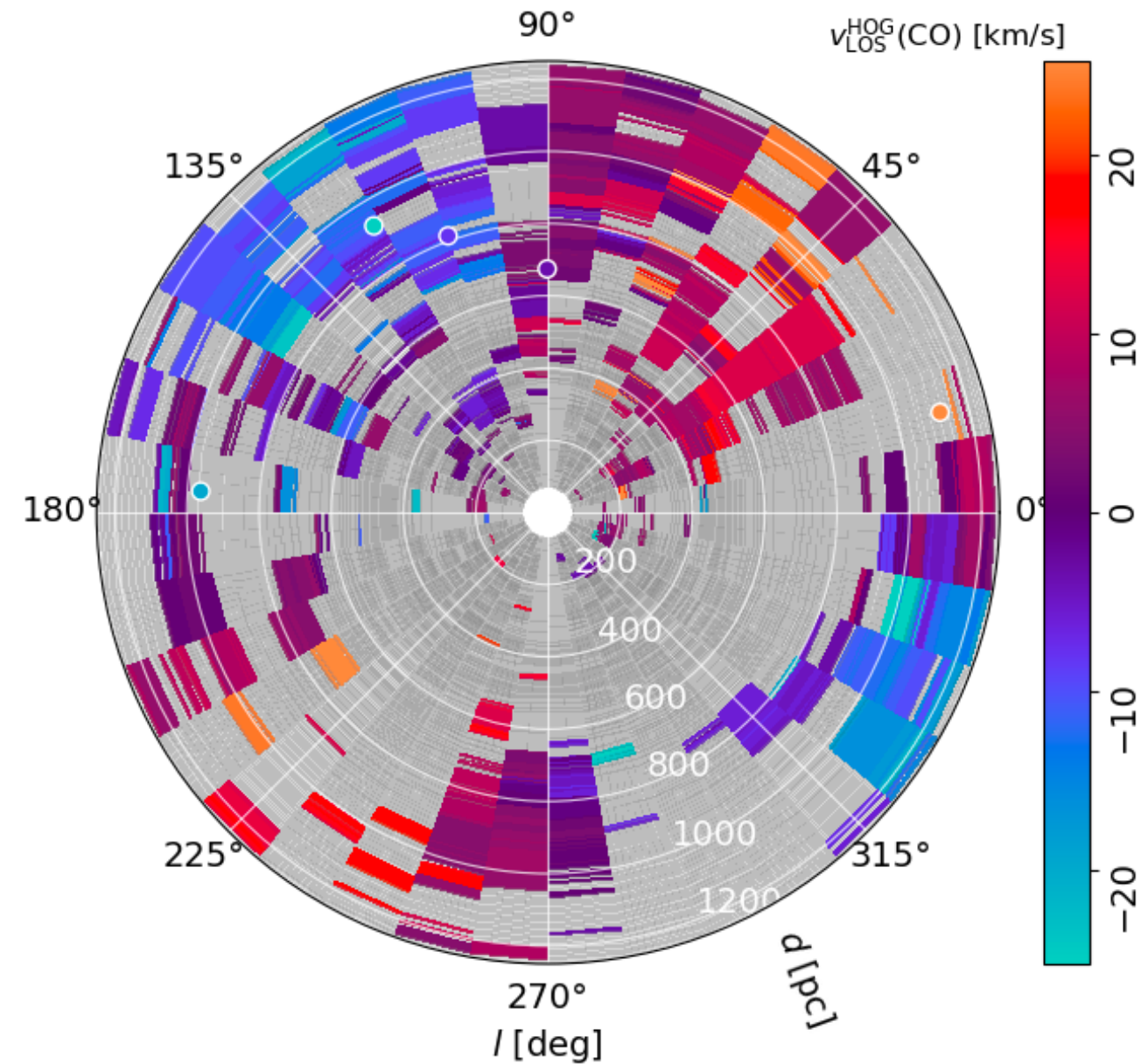
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computed using the HI4PI survey,  
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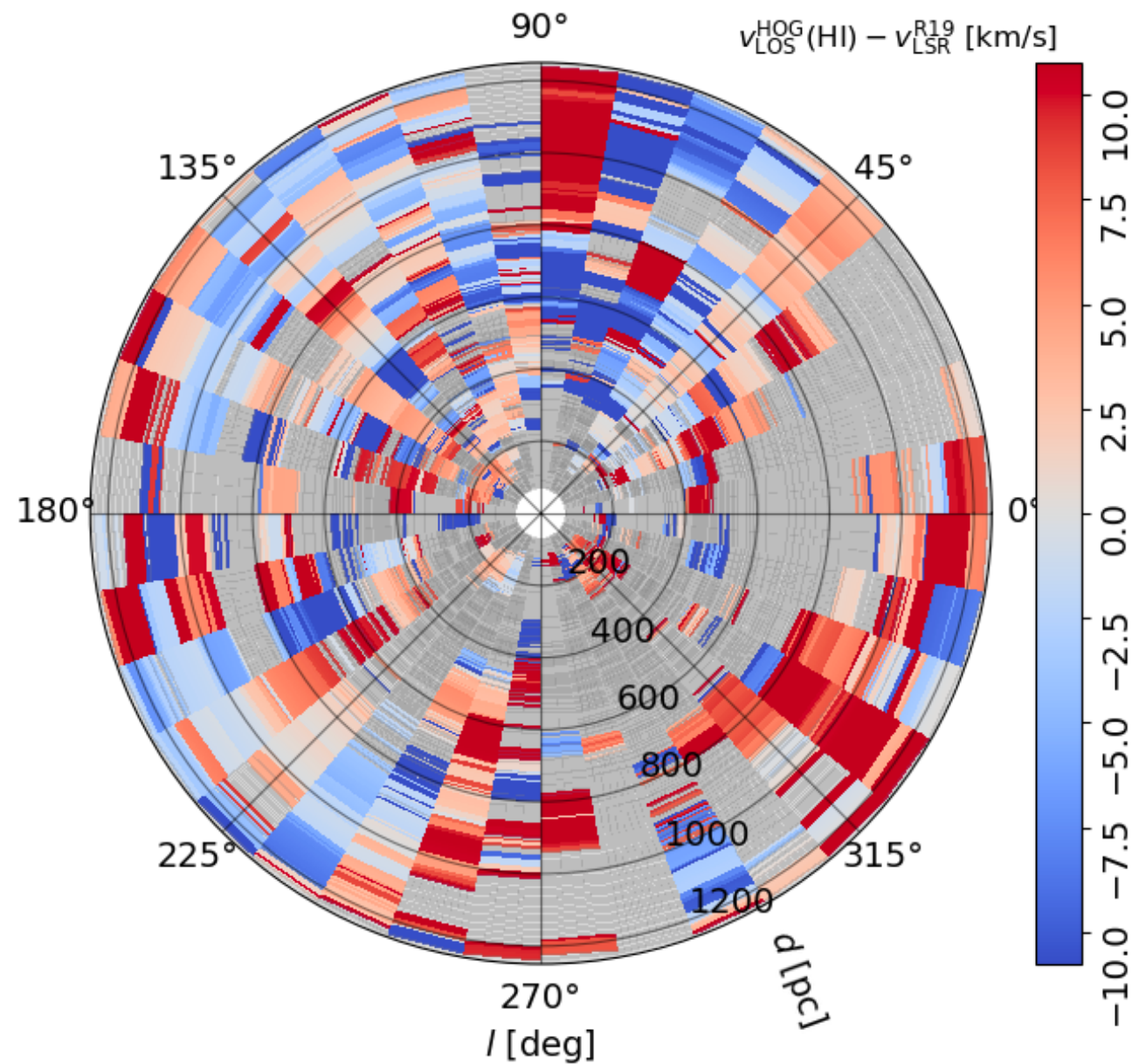


## CO line-of-sight velocity

computed using the Dame et al. 2001 CO survey,  
3D dust and the HOG method

# Departures from Galactic rotation in the local ISM

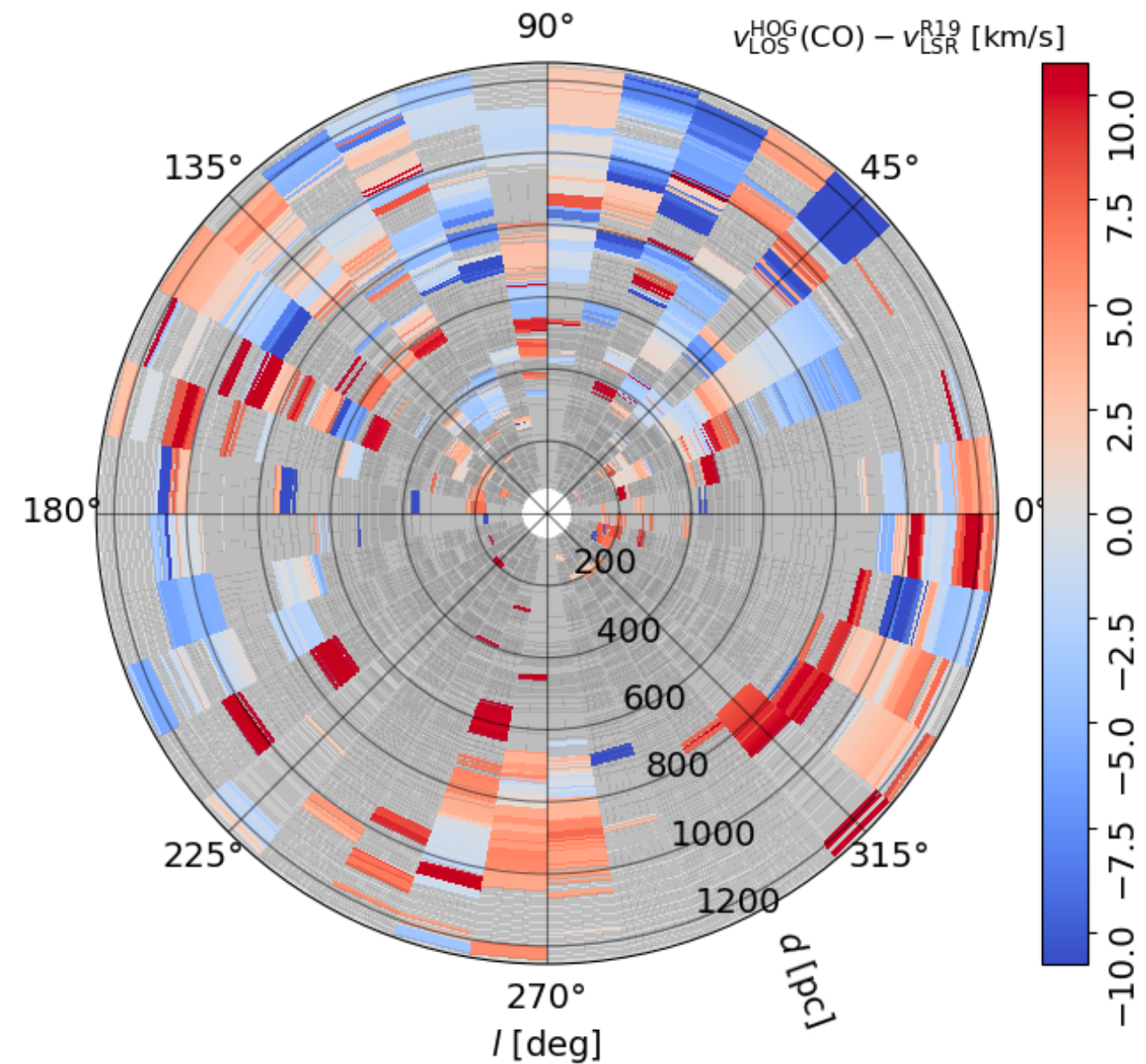
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## HI drift motions

subtracting the Reid et al. 2019  
Galactic rotation model

$$\sigma_{v_{\text{LOS}}}^{\text{HI}} = 10.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$



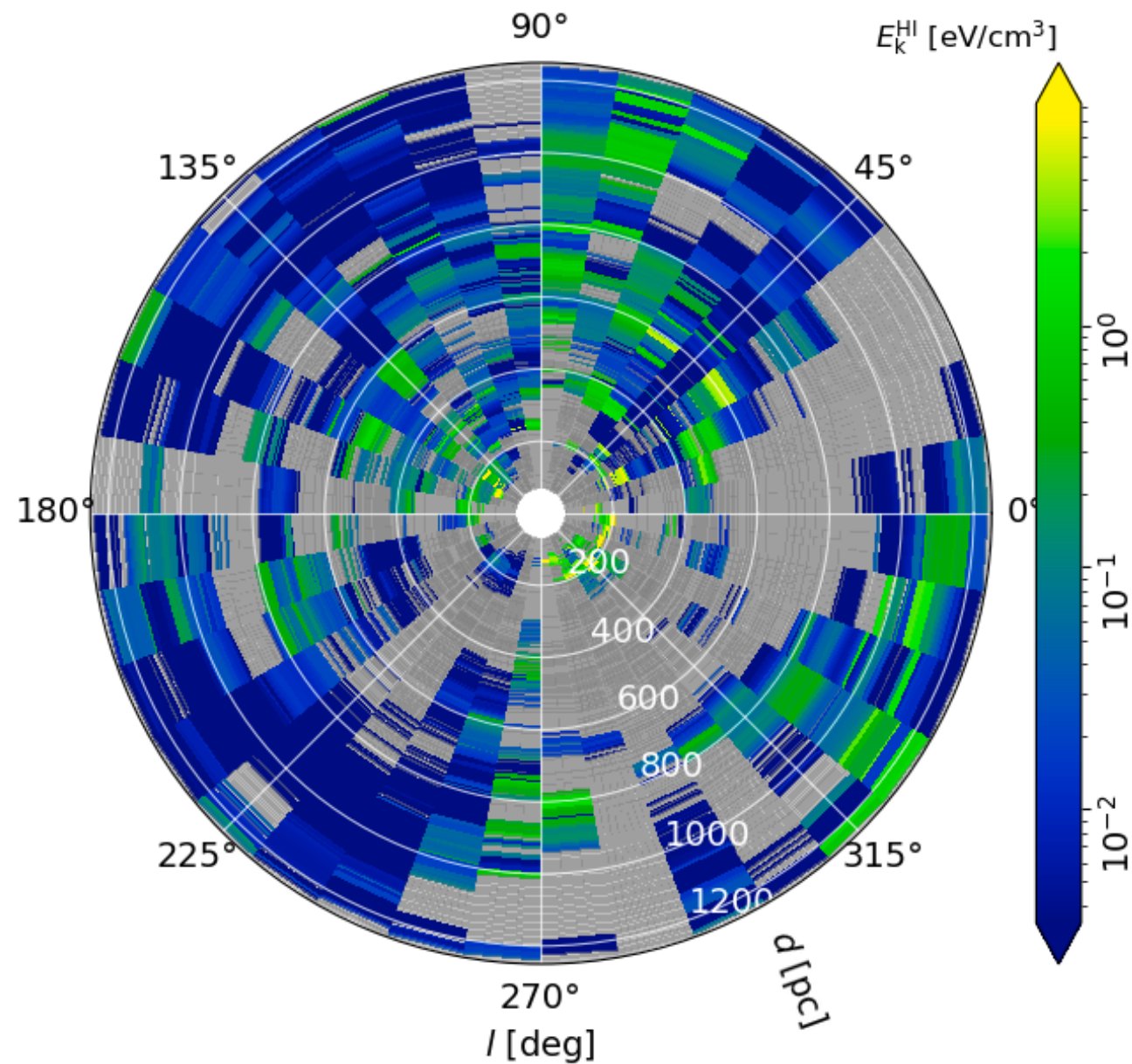
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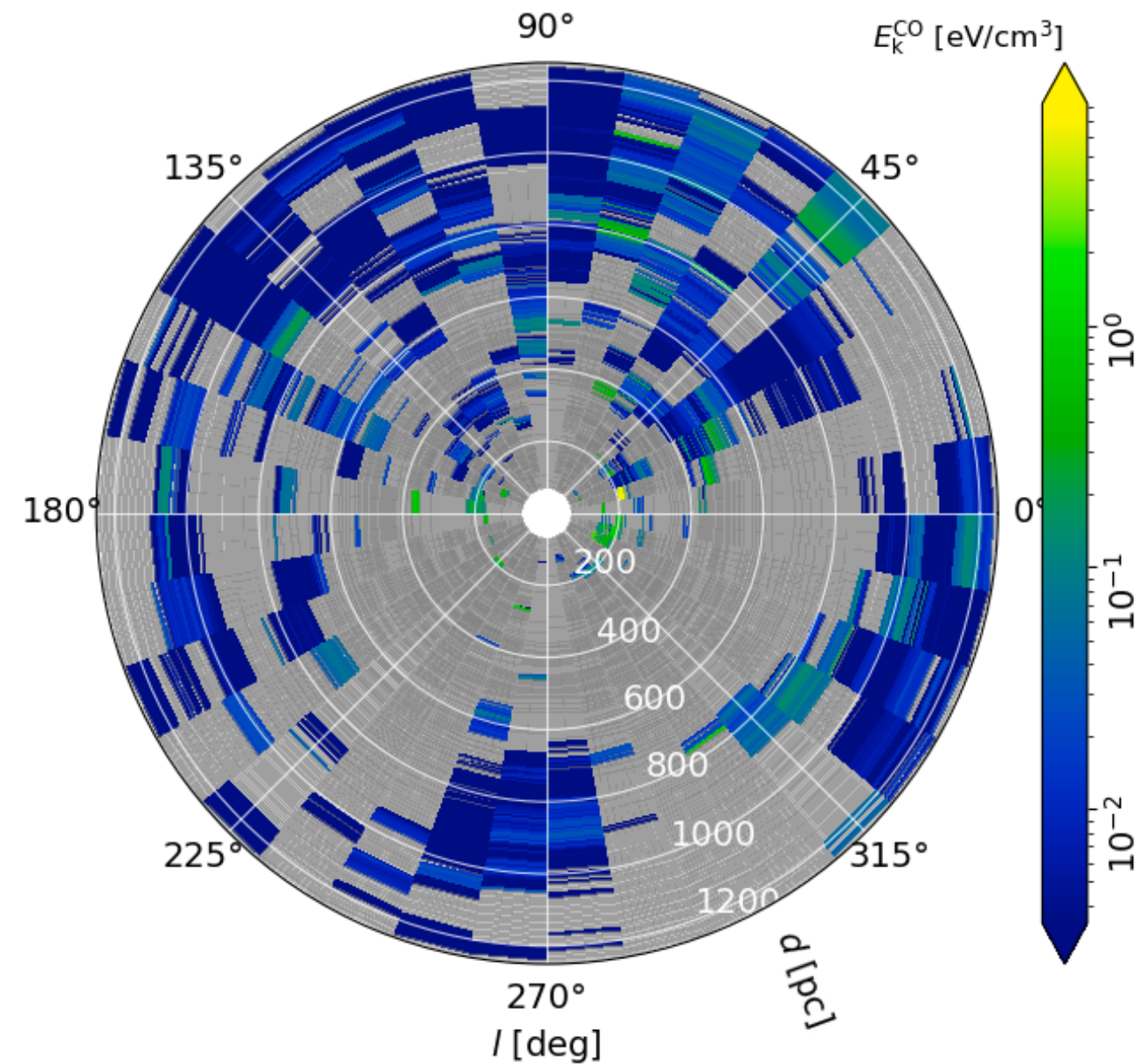
$$\sigma_{v_{\text{LOS}}}^{\text{CO}} = 6.6 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

# Kinetic energy density in the local ISM

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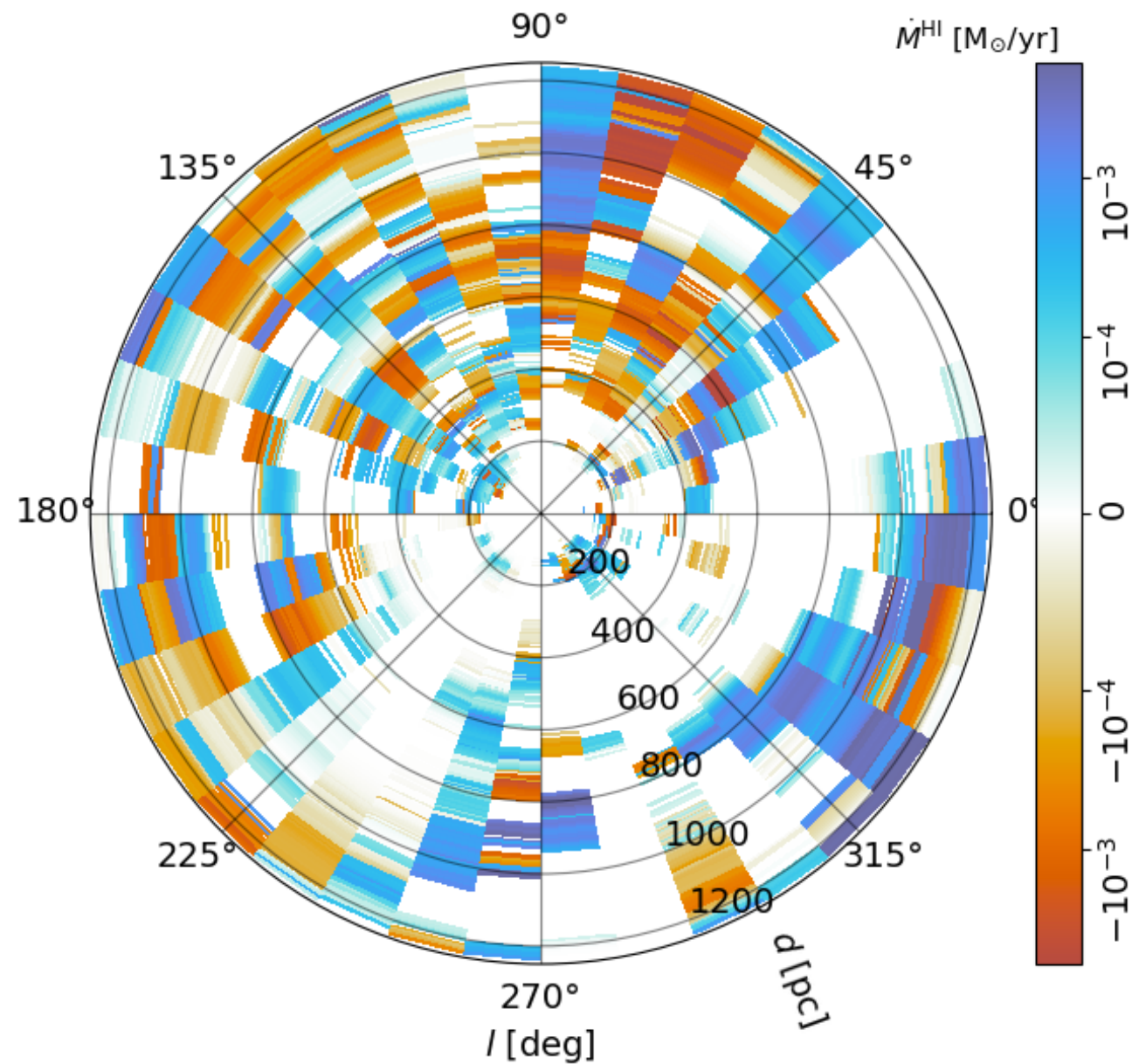
$$\langle E_k \rangle (\text{HI}) = 0.11 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$



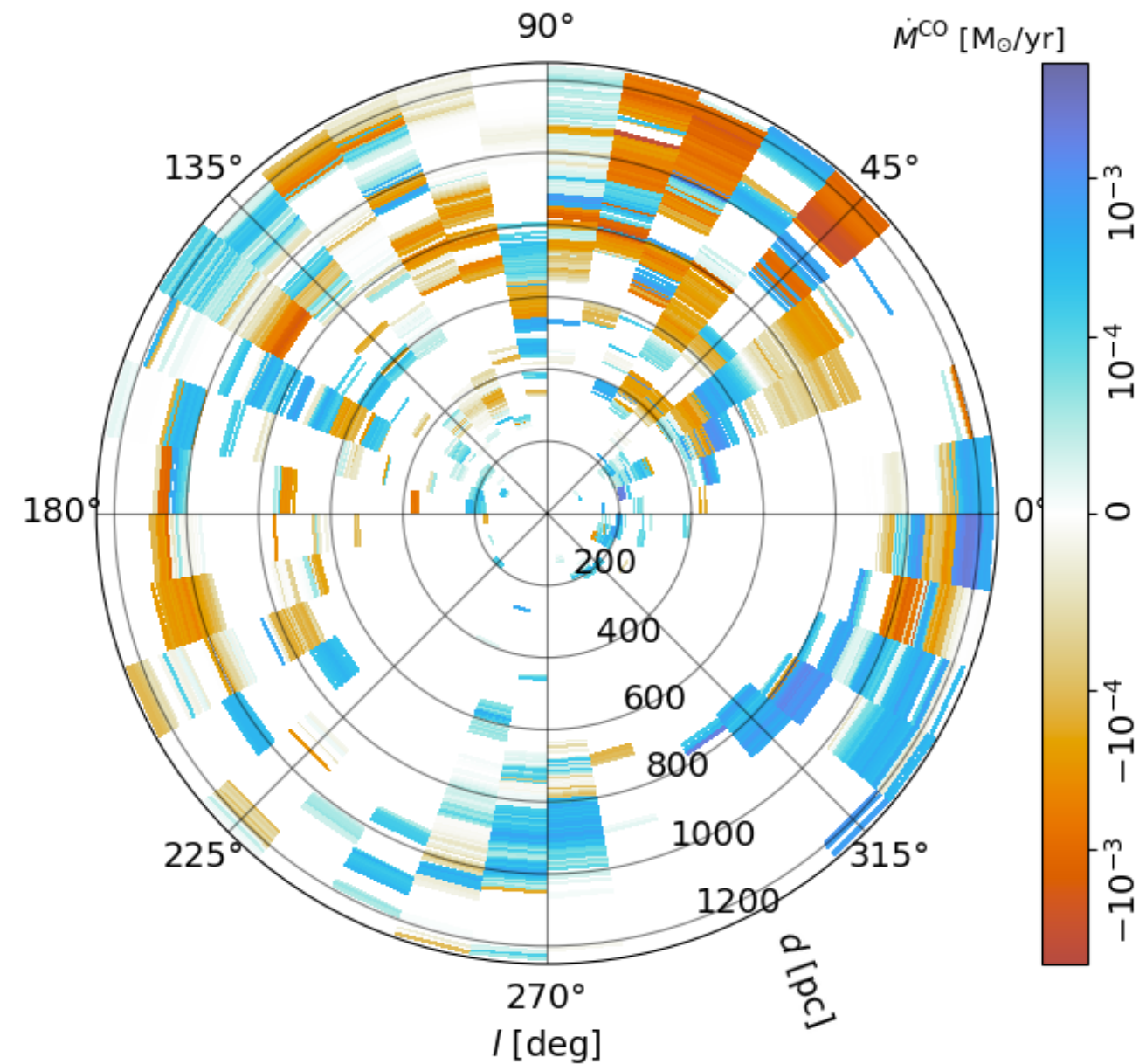
$$\langle E_k \rangle (\text{CO}) = 0.04 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$

# LOS mass flow rates in the local ISM

Soler, Molinari et al. A&A (2025)



$$\sigma_{\dot{M}}(\text{HI}) = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$$



$$\sigma_{\dot{M}}(\text{CO}) = 0.4 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

# How are star-forming clouds connected to the diffuse ISM?

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- Are MC properties and star formation affected by:
  - density concentration (e.g., Zucker et al. 2023),
  - kinetic energy distribution (e.g. Soler et al. 2025),
  - or magnetic fields structure (e.g. Planck XXXV. 2016),on scales of tens and hundreds of parsecs?