



# THE RESOLVED PROPERTIES OF THE MOLECULAR CLOUDS IN THE INNER AND OUTER GALAXY

**AND THE GALAXY  
CENTER**

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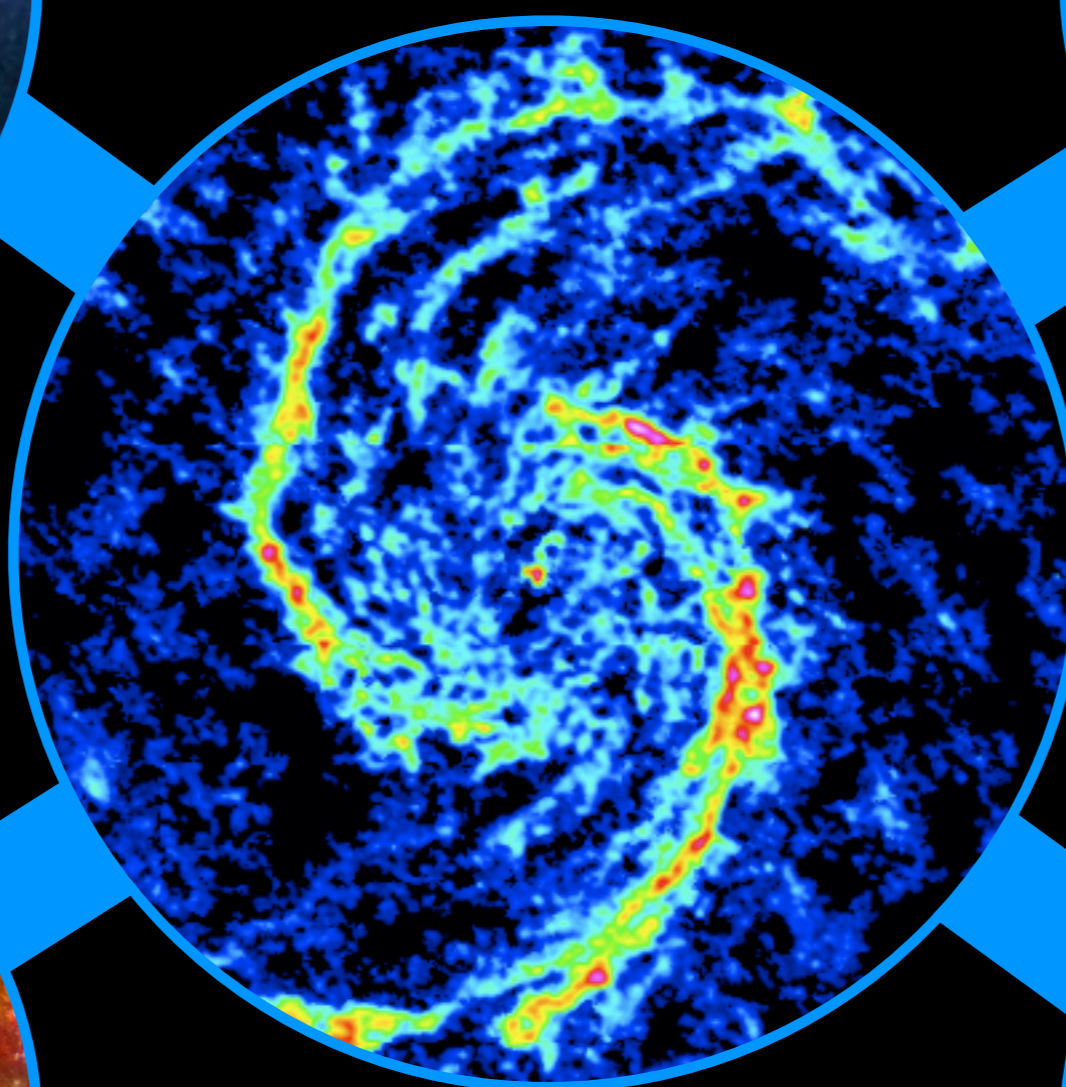
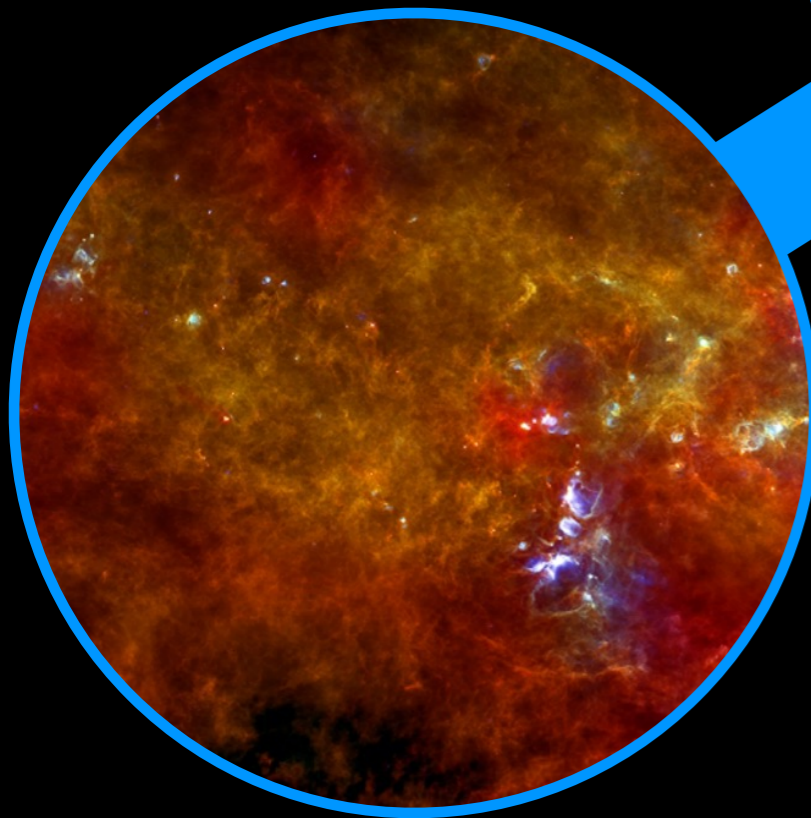
Zooming in on Star Formation, June 11th, 2019



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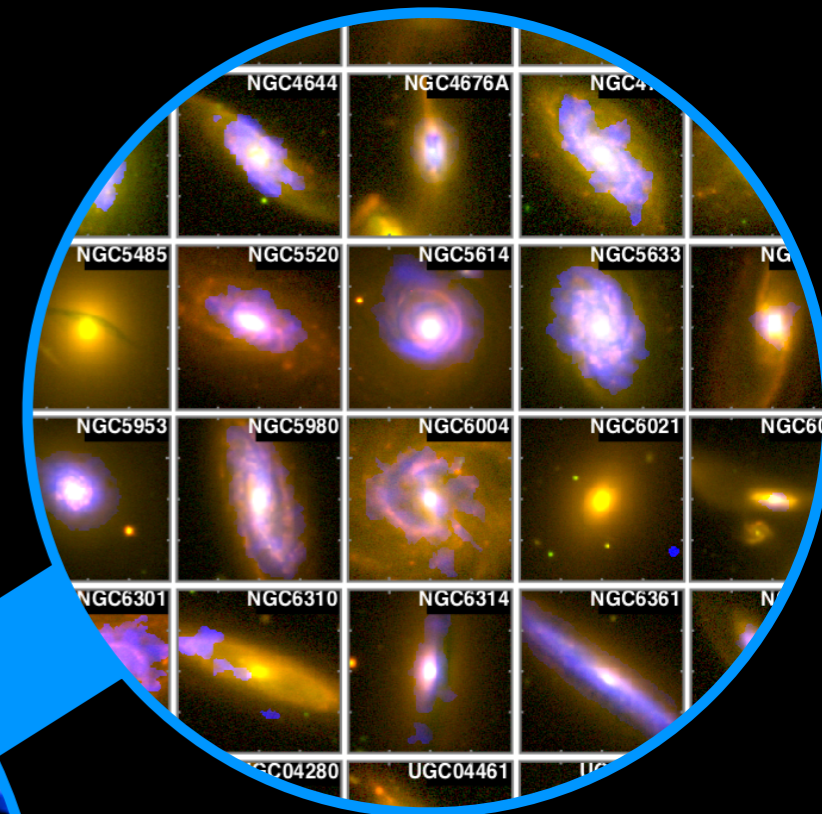
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**tenths pc**

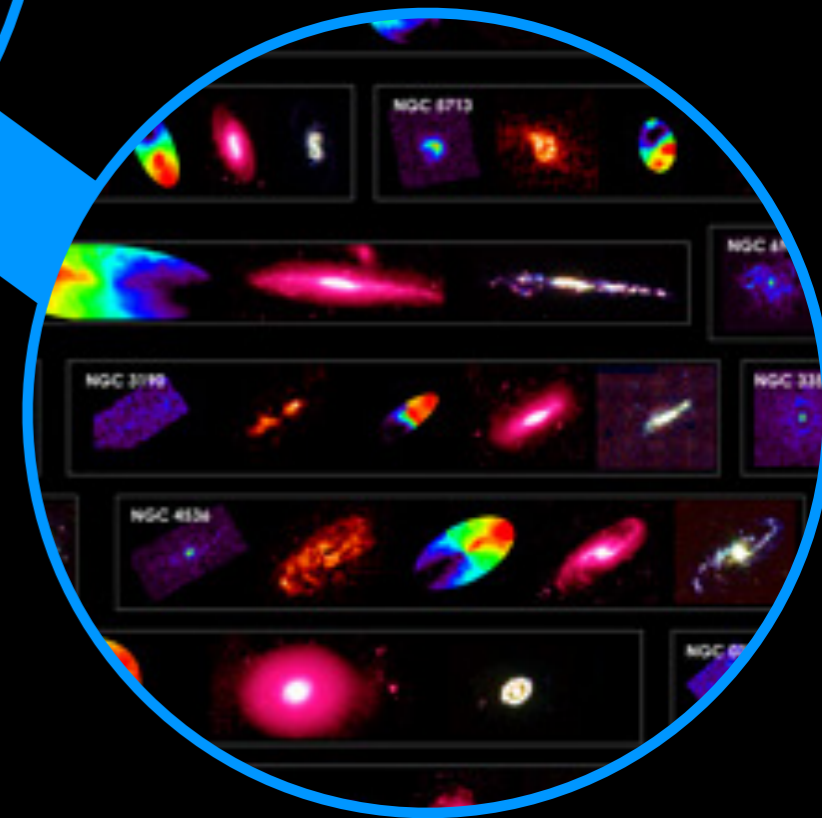
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EDGE (Bolatto+ 2017)

**kpc**

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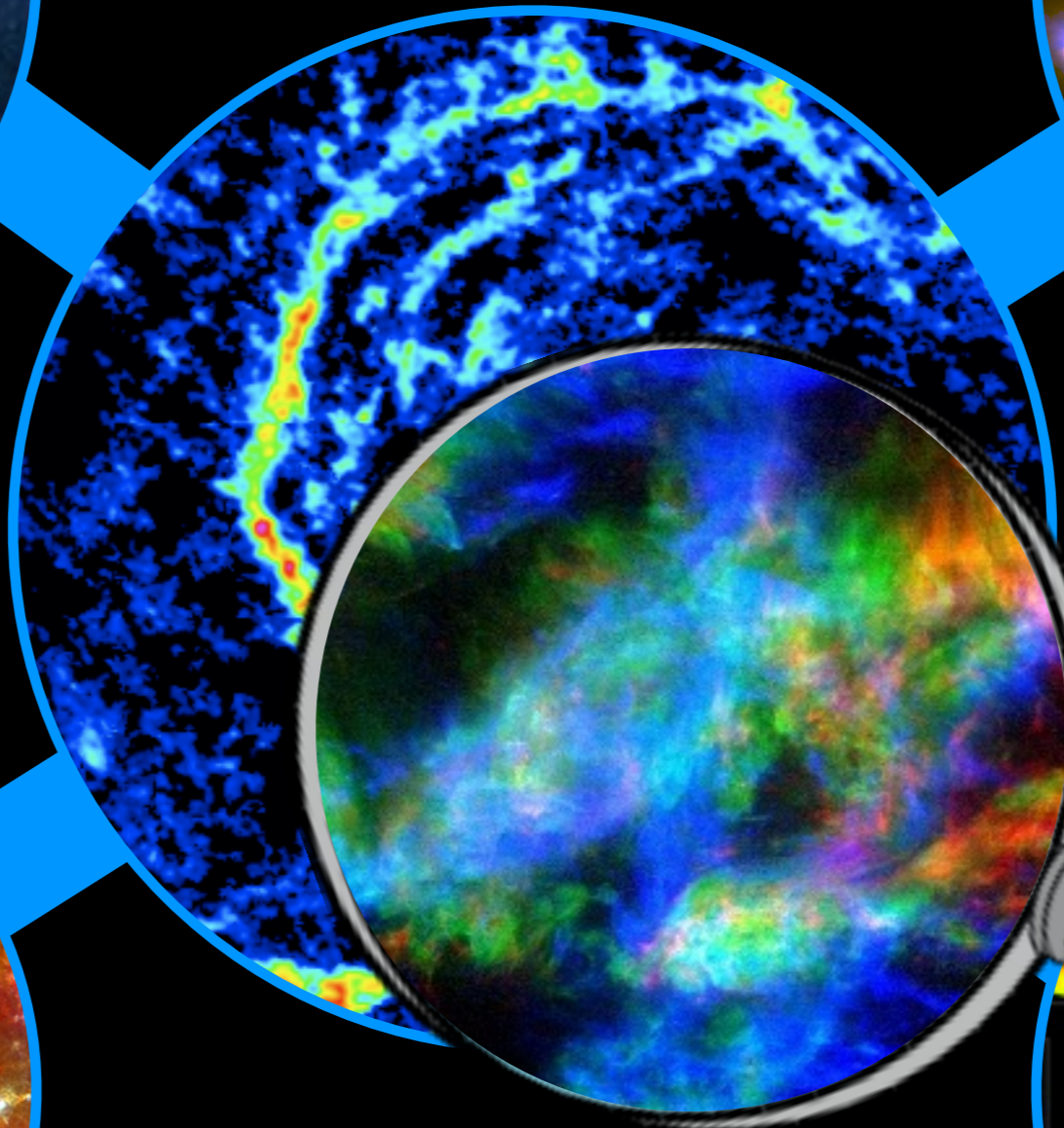
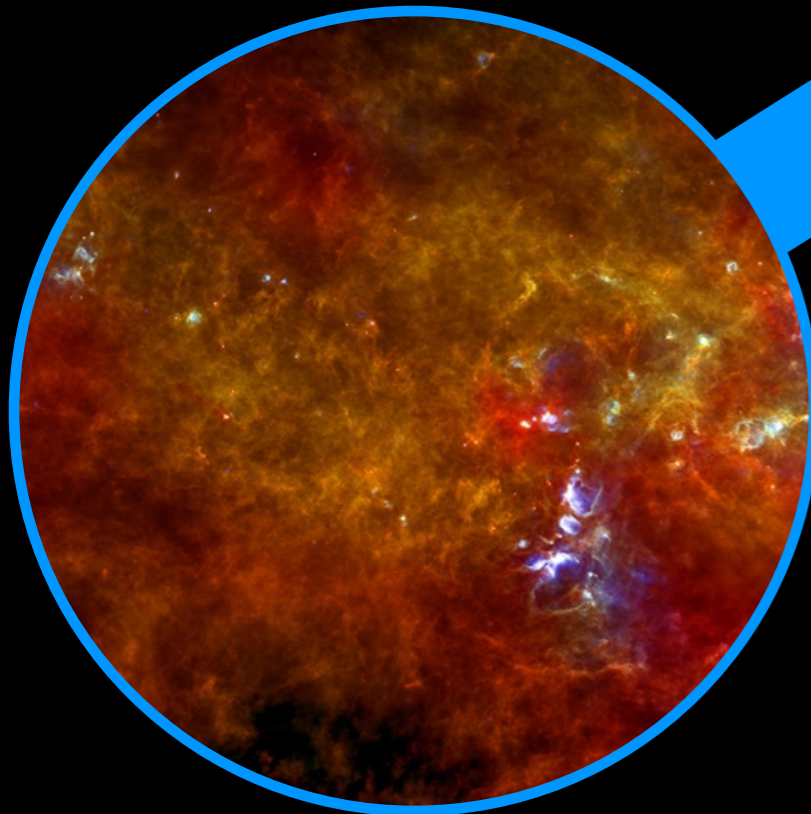




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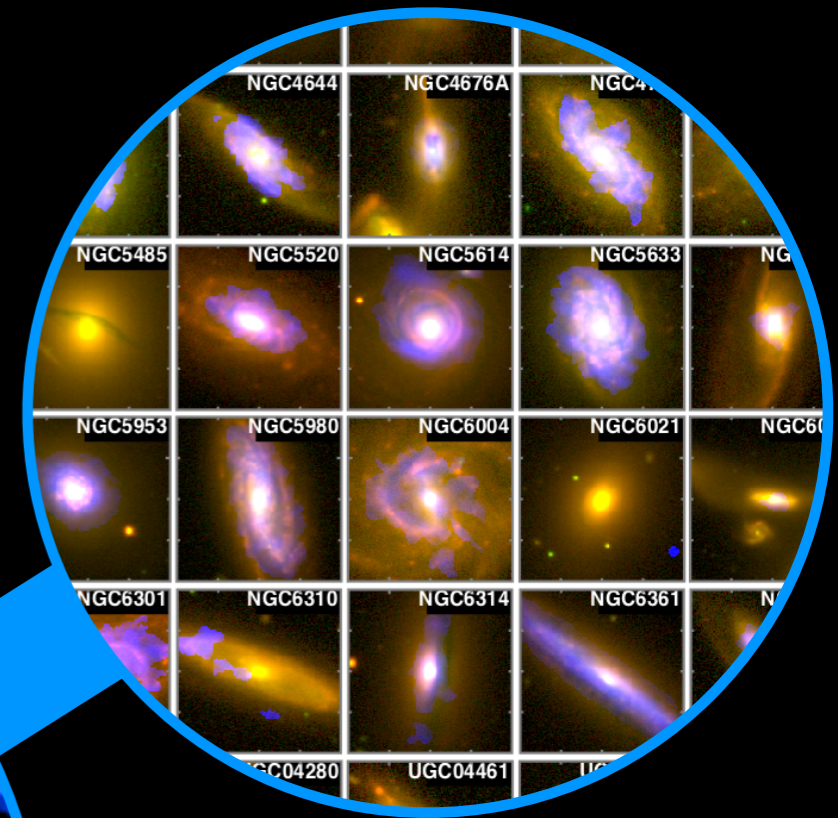
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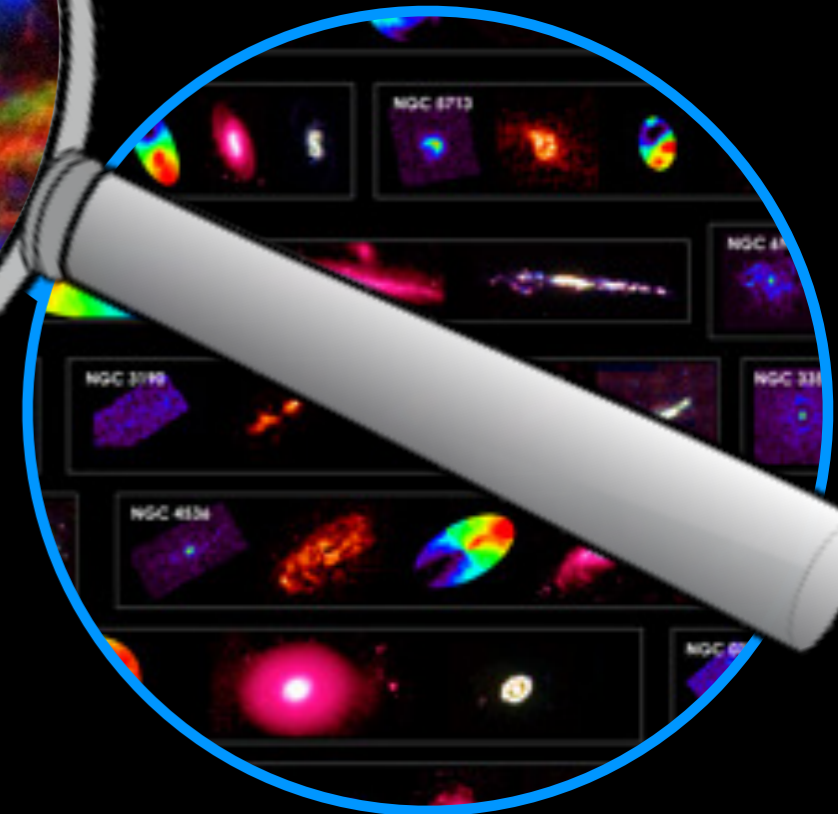
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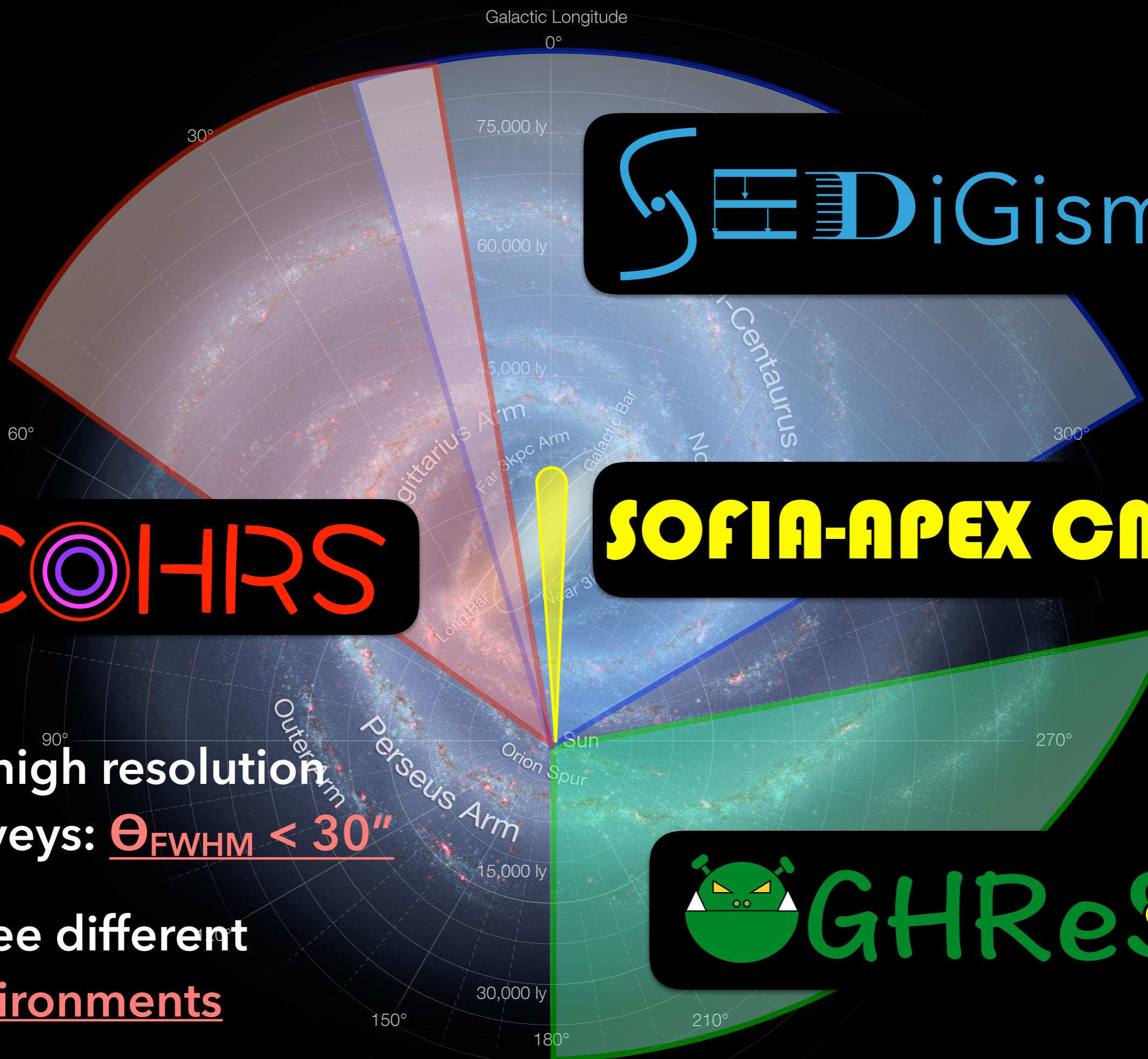
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Using high resolution CO survey to get a statistical significant sample of MCs as Taurus (Goldsmith+ 2008)



**SEEDiGism**

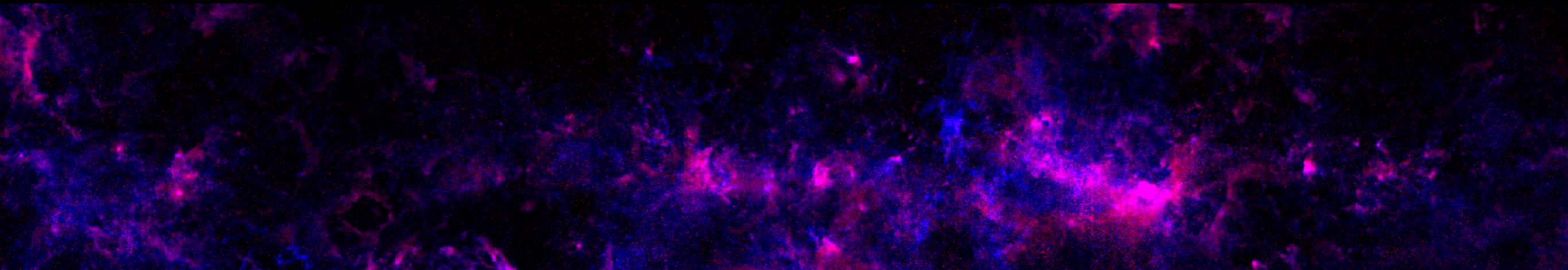
**COHRS**

**SOFIA-APEX CMZ**

**GHRes**

- All high resolution surveys:  $\theta_{FWHM} < 30''$
- Three different environments

# Inner Galaxy



COHRS 12CO(3-2): blue, SEDIGISM 13CO(2-1): red

**COHRS**

Dempsey et al. 2013

**CO High Resolution Survey**

**JCMT 12CO(3-2)**

$\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 17''$ ,  $\Delta v = 1 \text{ km/s}$

$10.25 < l < 55.25$

**SEDiGism**

Schuller et al. 2017

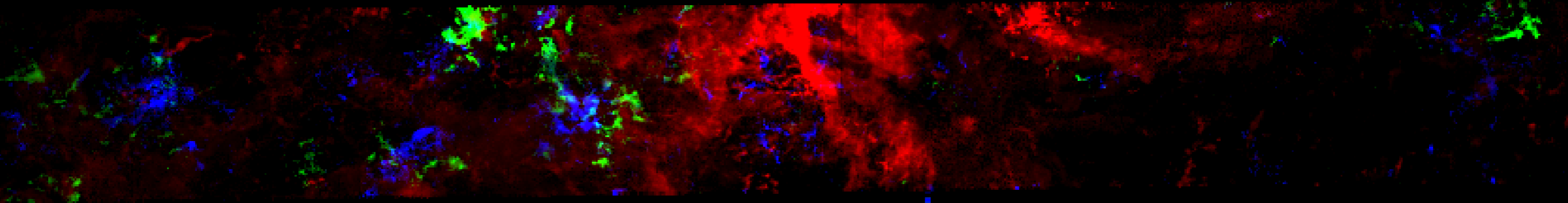
**Structure, excitation, and dynamics  
of the inner Galactic interstellar  
medium**

**APEX 13CO(2-1) , C18O(2-1)**

$\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 28''$ ,  $\Delta v = 0.25 \text{ km/s}$

$15 < l < 300$

# Outer Galaxy



$V_{\text{LSR}} < 25$  km/s: red,  $25 < V_{\text{LSR}} < 60$  km/s: green,  $V_{\text{LSR}} > 60$  km/s: blue

local emission

outer Galaxy emission



## Outer Galaxy High Resolution Survey

**APEX 12CO(2-1), 13CO(2-1), C18O(2-1)**

$\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 27''$ ,  $\Delta v = 0.25$  km/s

Sensitivity  $\sim 0.45$  K

$180 < l < 280$ ,  $b \sim 1 \Rightarrow \sim 60$  deg<sup>2</sup> currently mapped

## People

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F. Wyrowski (MPIfR)

A. Giannetti (INAF)

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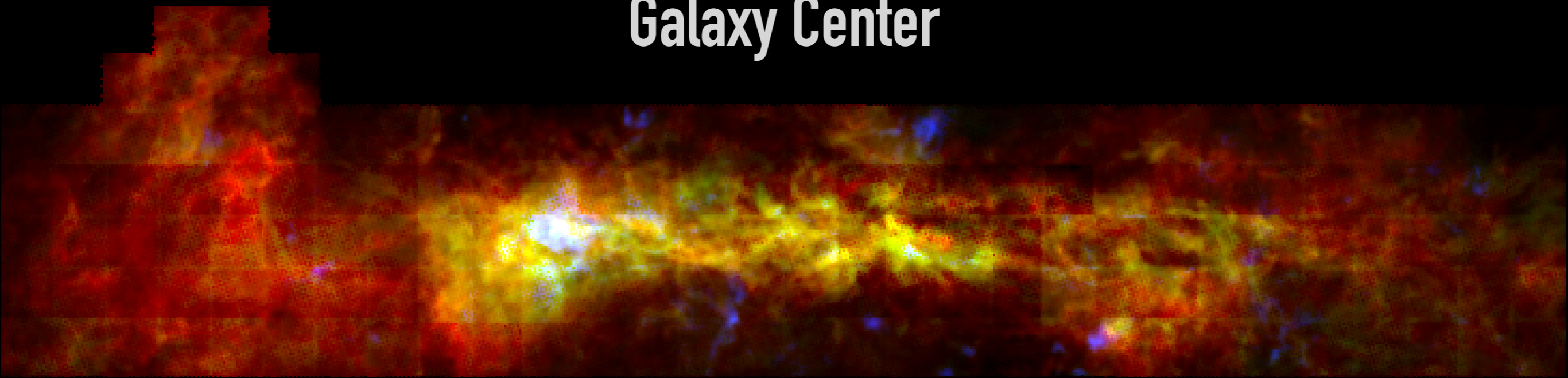
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P. Mazumdar (MPIfR)

S. Leurini (INAF)

# Galaxy Center



$^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ : red,  $^{13}\text{CO}(2-1)$ : green,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}(2-1)$ : blue

## **SOFIA-APEX CMZ**

**APEX  $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ ,  $^{13}\text{CO}(2-1)$ ,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}(2-1)$   
 $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{HNCO}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  ...**

**$\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 27''$ ,  $\Delta v = 0.5 \text{ km/s}$**

**Sensitivity  $\sim 60 \text{ mK}$**

**$-1.3 < l < 1.8$**

**SOFIA upGREAT [CII]**

**$\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = 14''$**

**$-0.5 < l < 0.7$**

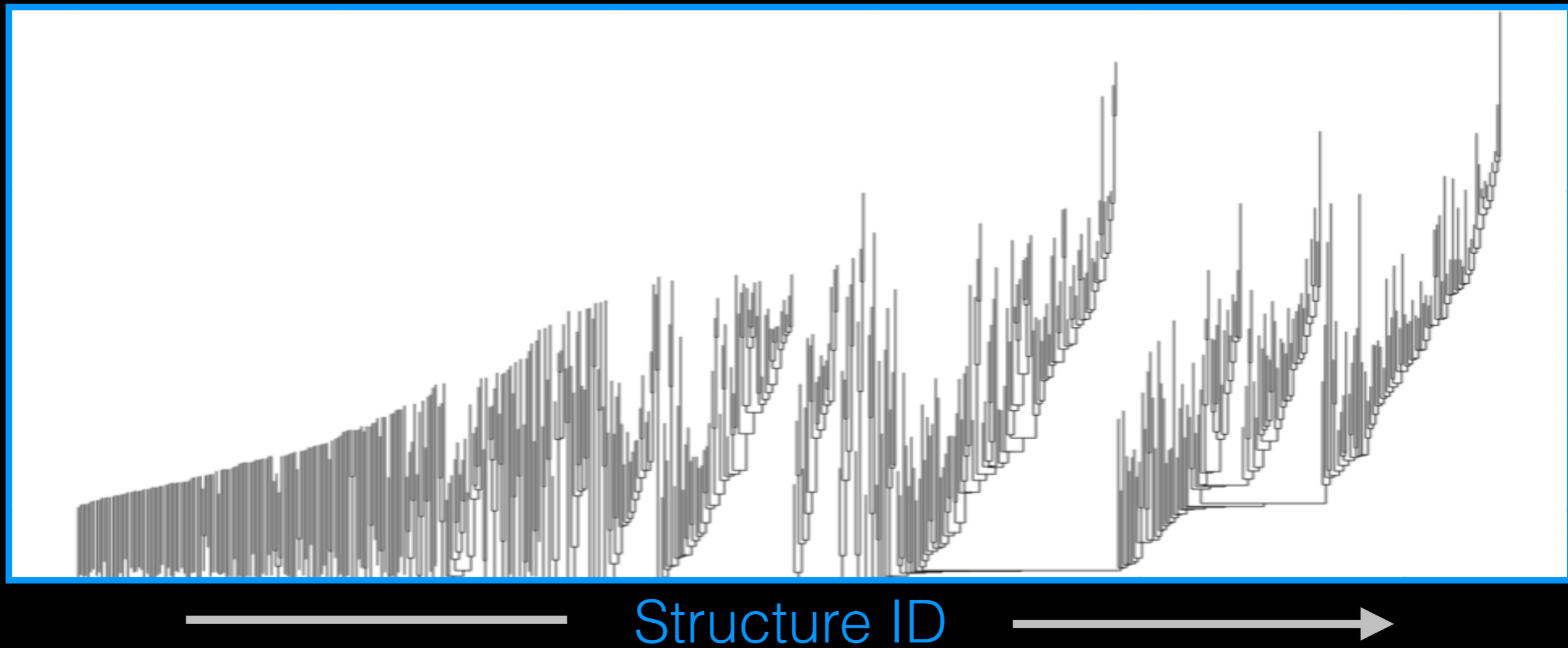
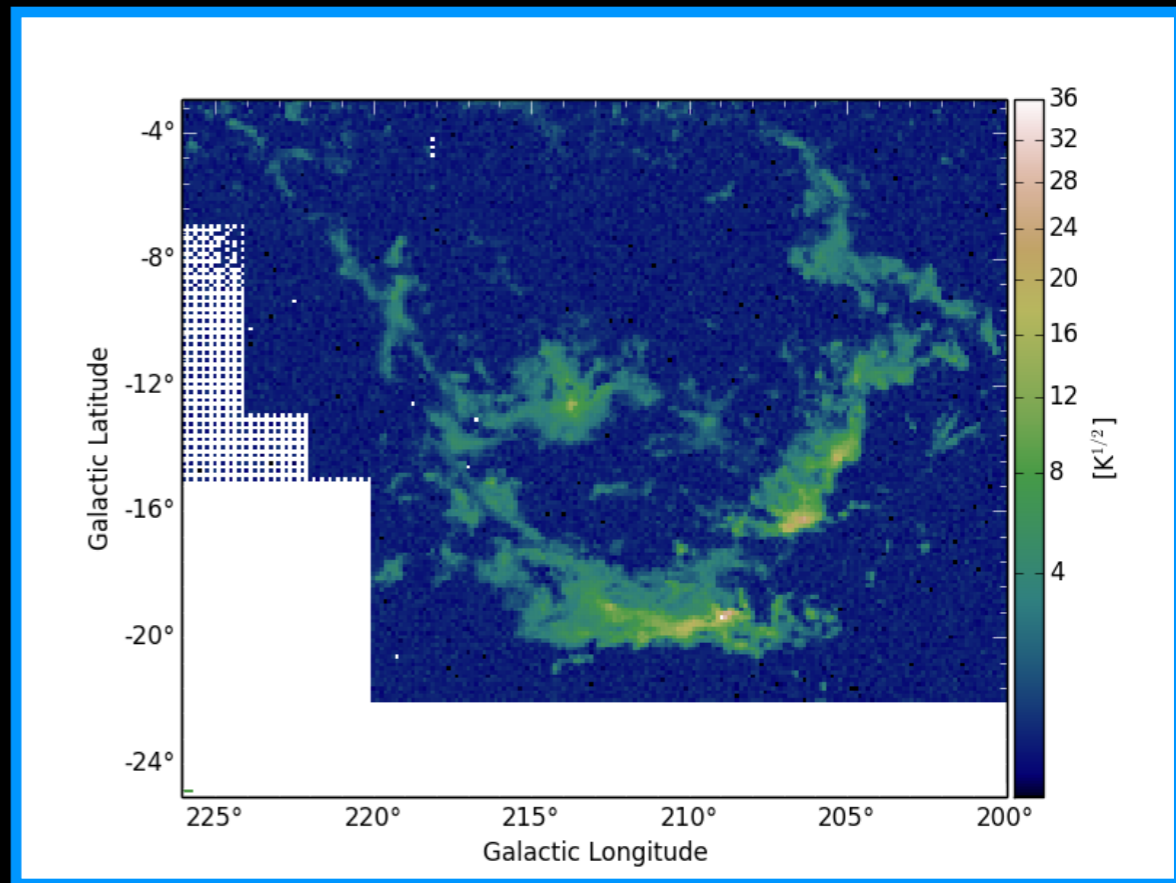
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D. Riquelme (MPIfR)

D. Colombo (MPIfR)





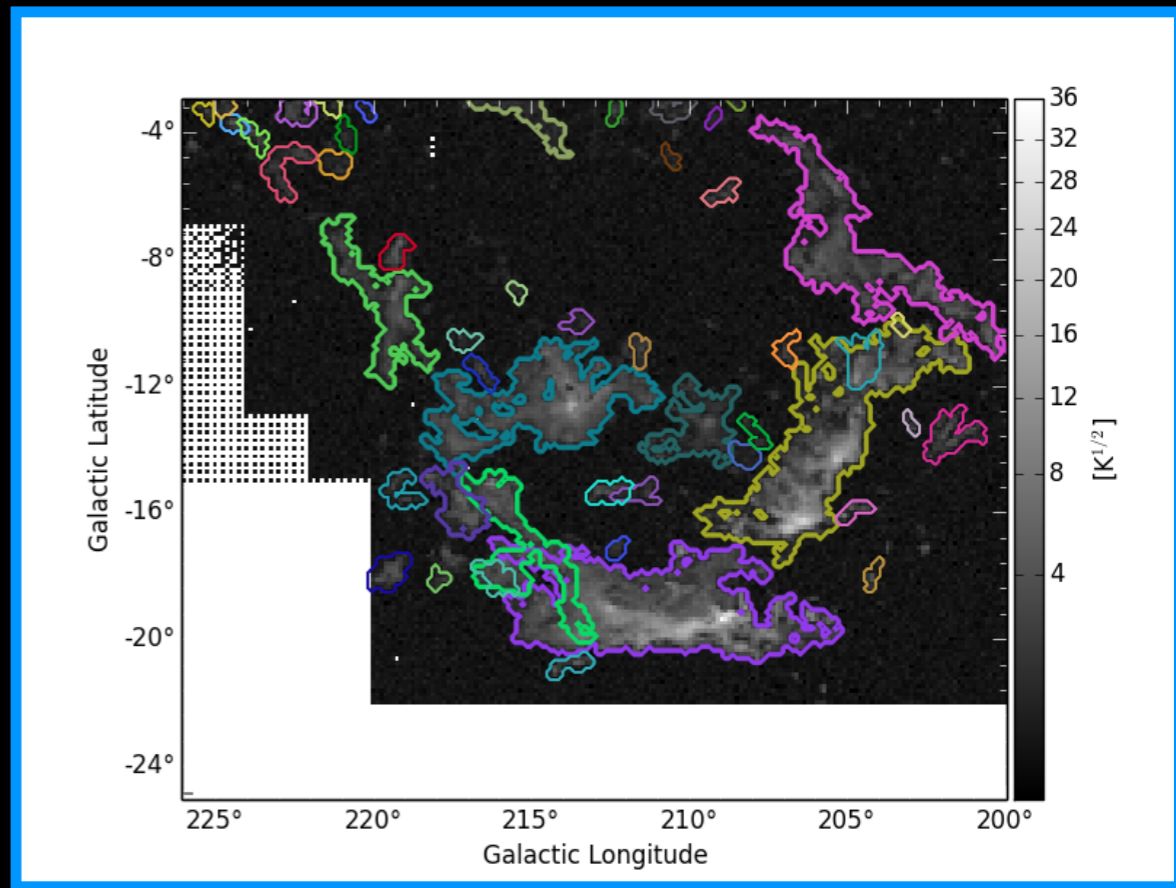
Colombo et al. 2015,

<https://github.com/Astroua/SCIMES>

# SCIMES

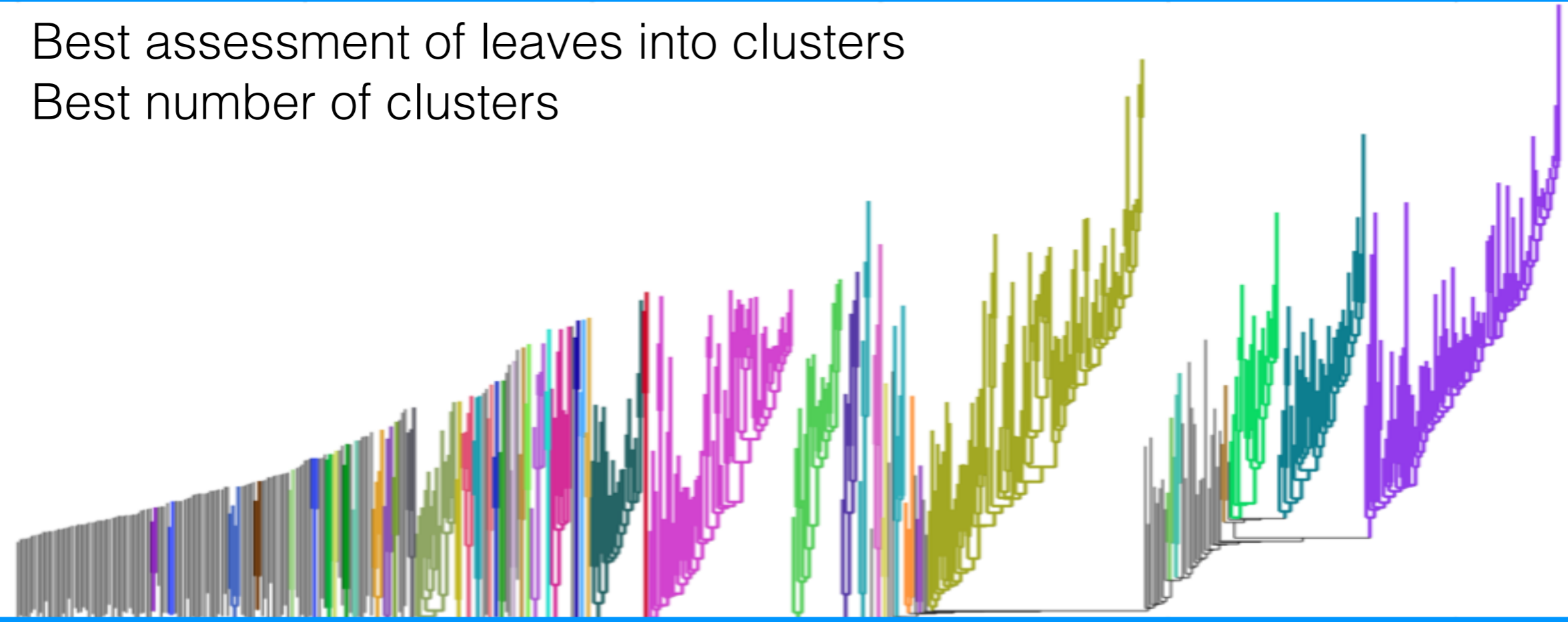
Spectral Clustering for Interstellar  
Molecular Emission Segmentation

New release v0.3.2 available on Github!



- Best assessment of leaves into clusters
- Best number of clusters

Flux ↑



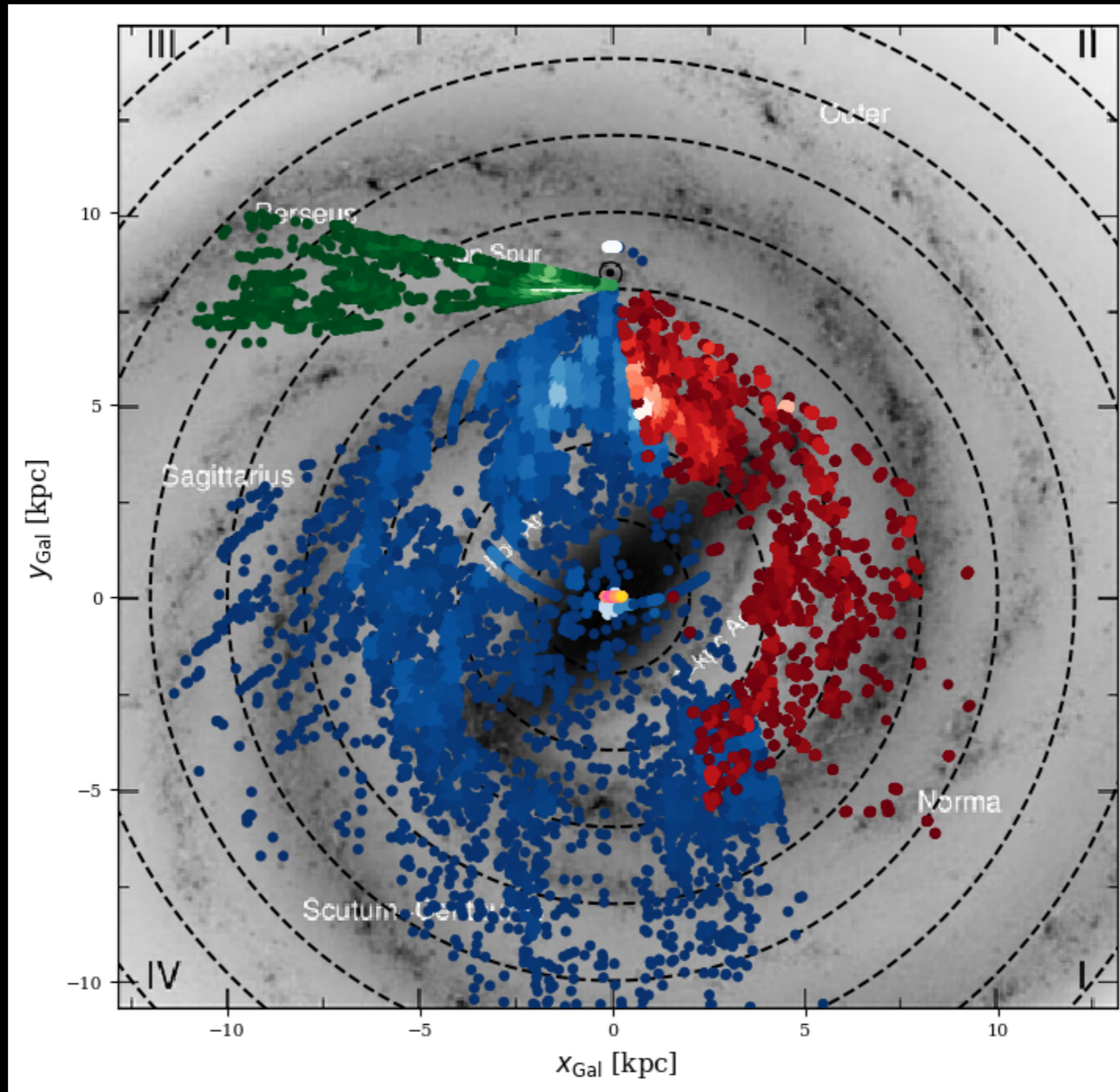
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resolved  
objects

Colombo, König,  
Urquhart et al. in  
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Duarte-Cabral,  
Colombo, Urquhart  
et al. in prep.

8634 well  
resolved  
objects



35560 well  
resolved  
objects

Colombo, Rosolowsky,  
Duarte-Cabral et al.  
2019

Riquelme, Colombo,  
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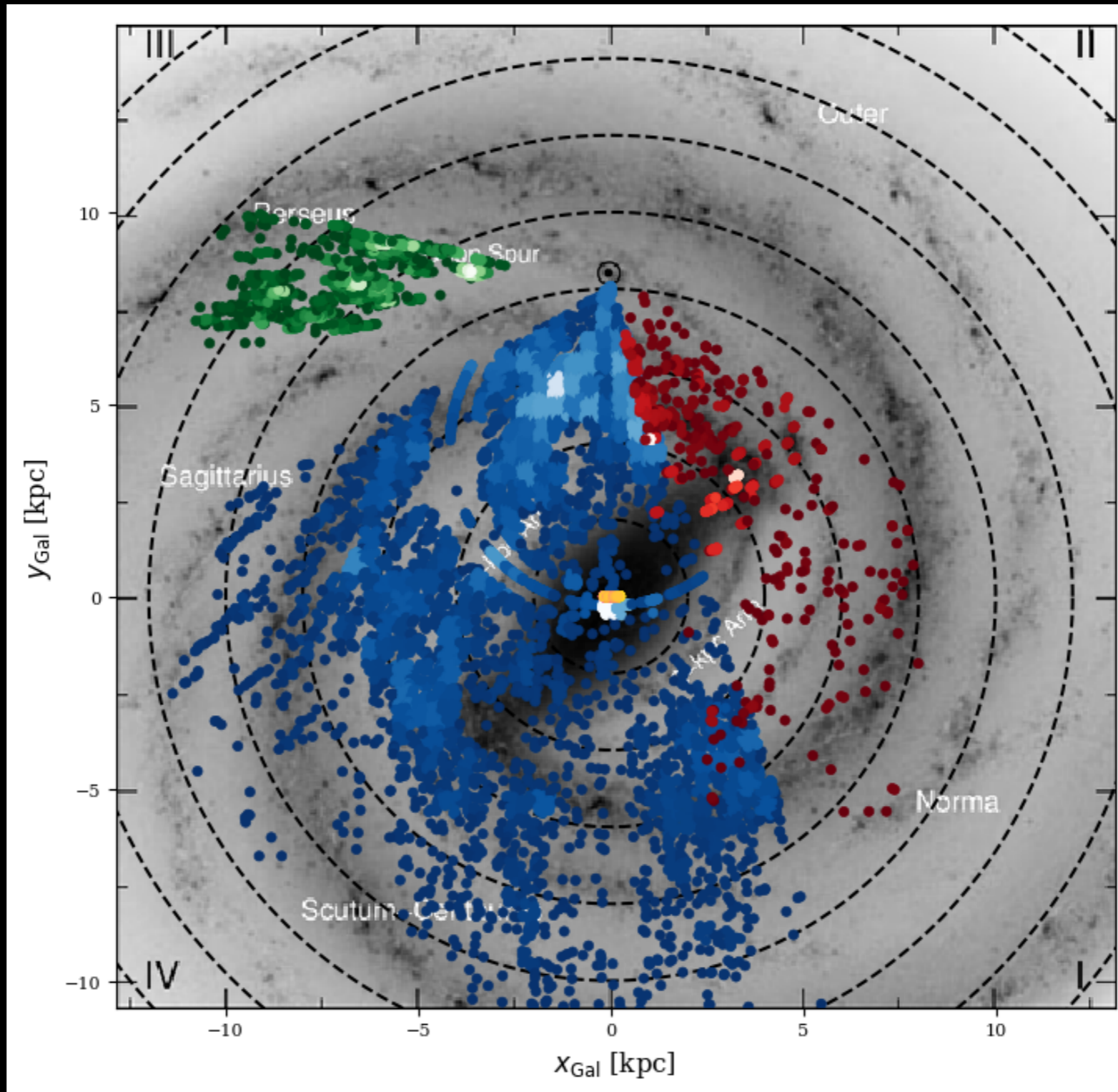
4980 well  
resolved  
objects

1286 objects  
with  $V_{\text{LSR}} > 24$   
km/s

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Duarte-Cabral,  
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8365 objects  
with reliable  
distance



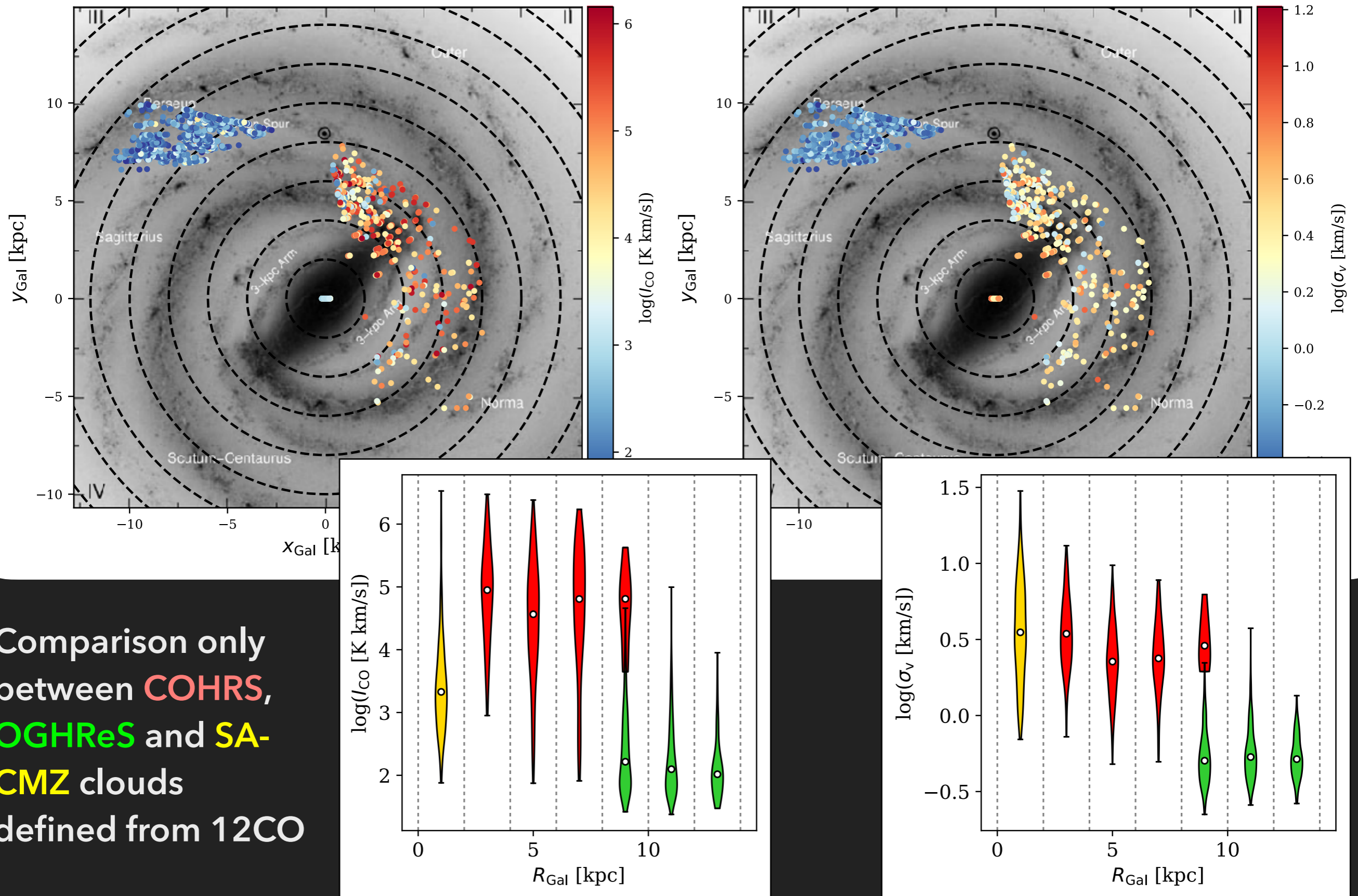
540 objects  
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distance

Colombo, Rosolowsky,  
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2019

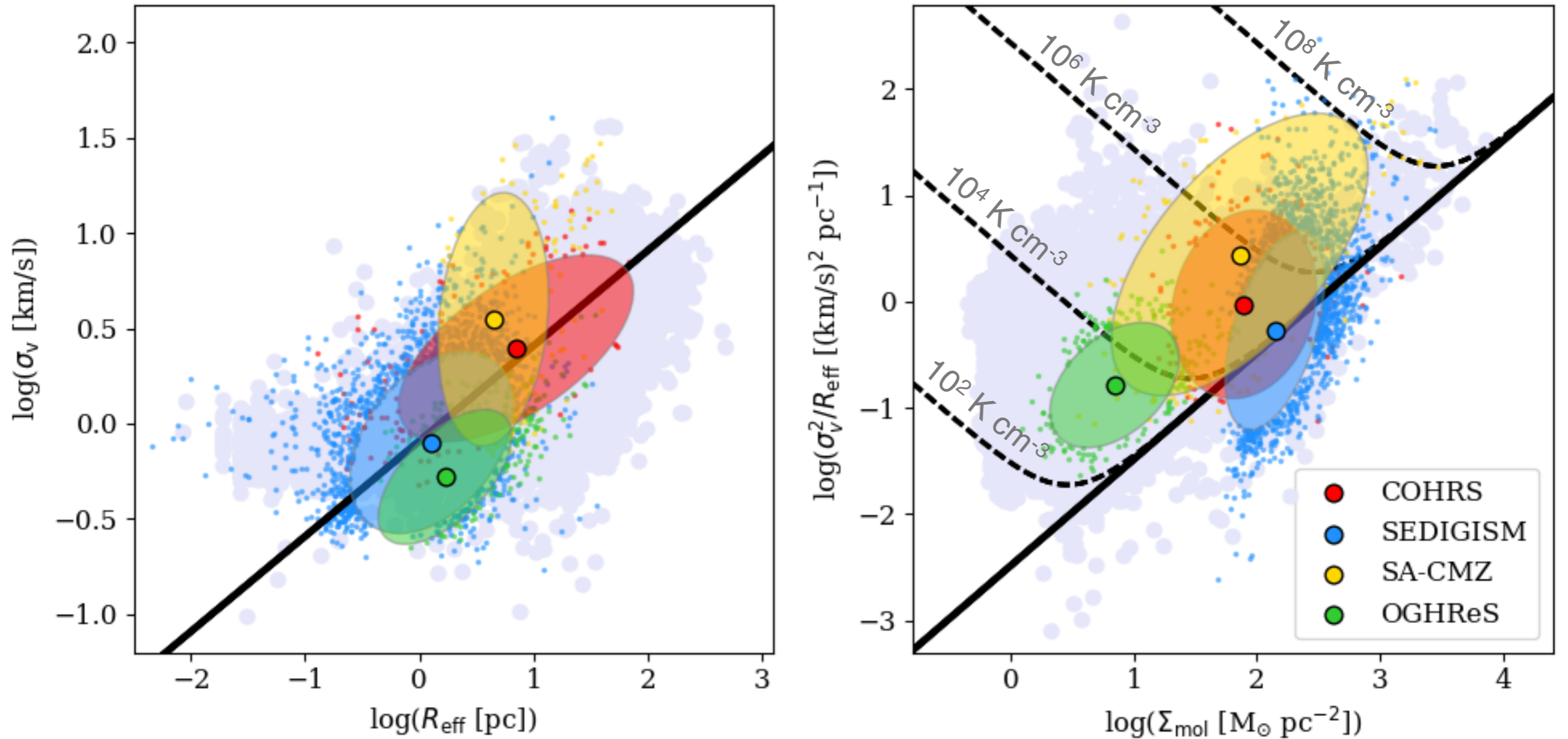
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662 objects  
with  $N_{\text{leaves}} > 1$

# Cloud property gradients across Galactic environments

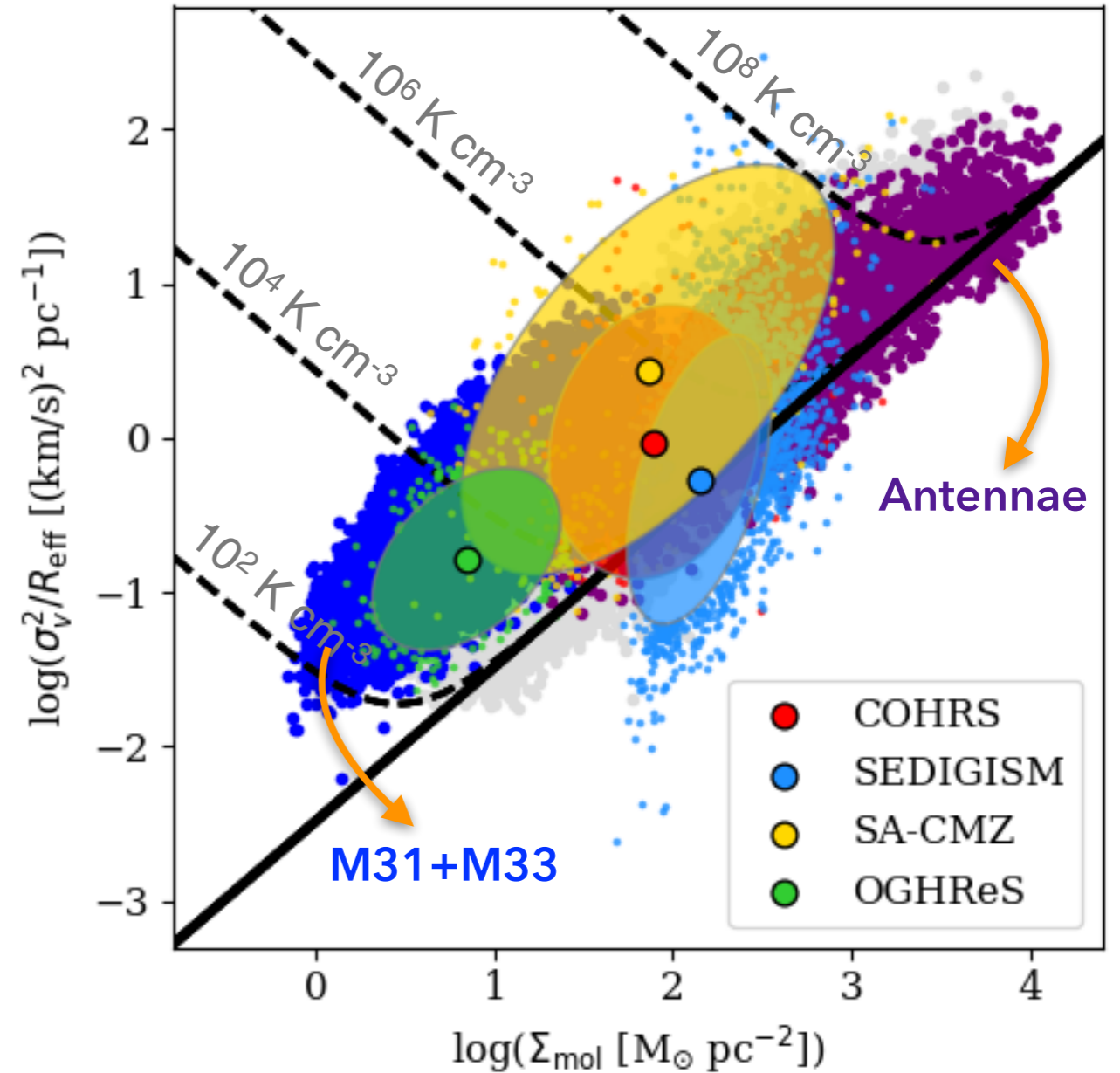
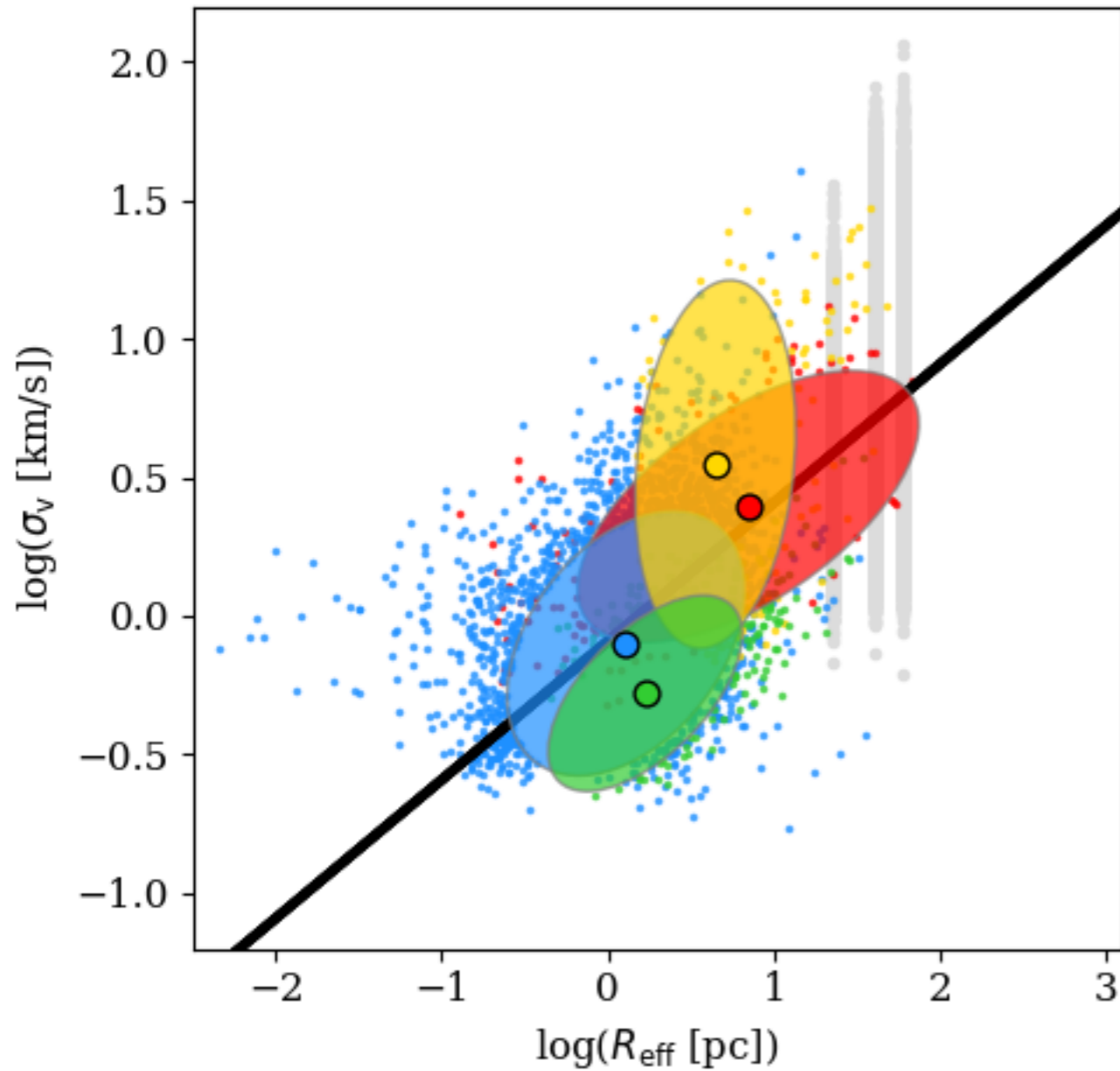


# Scaling relations across Galactic environments



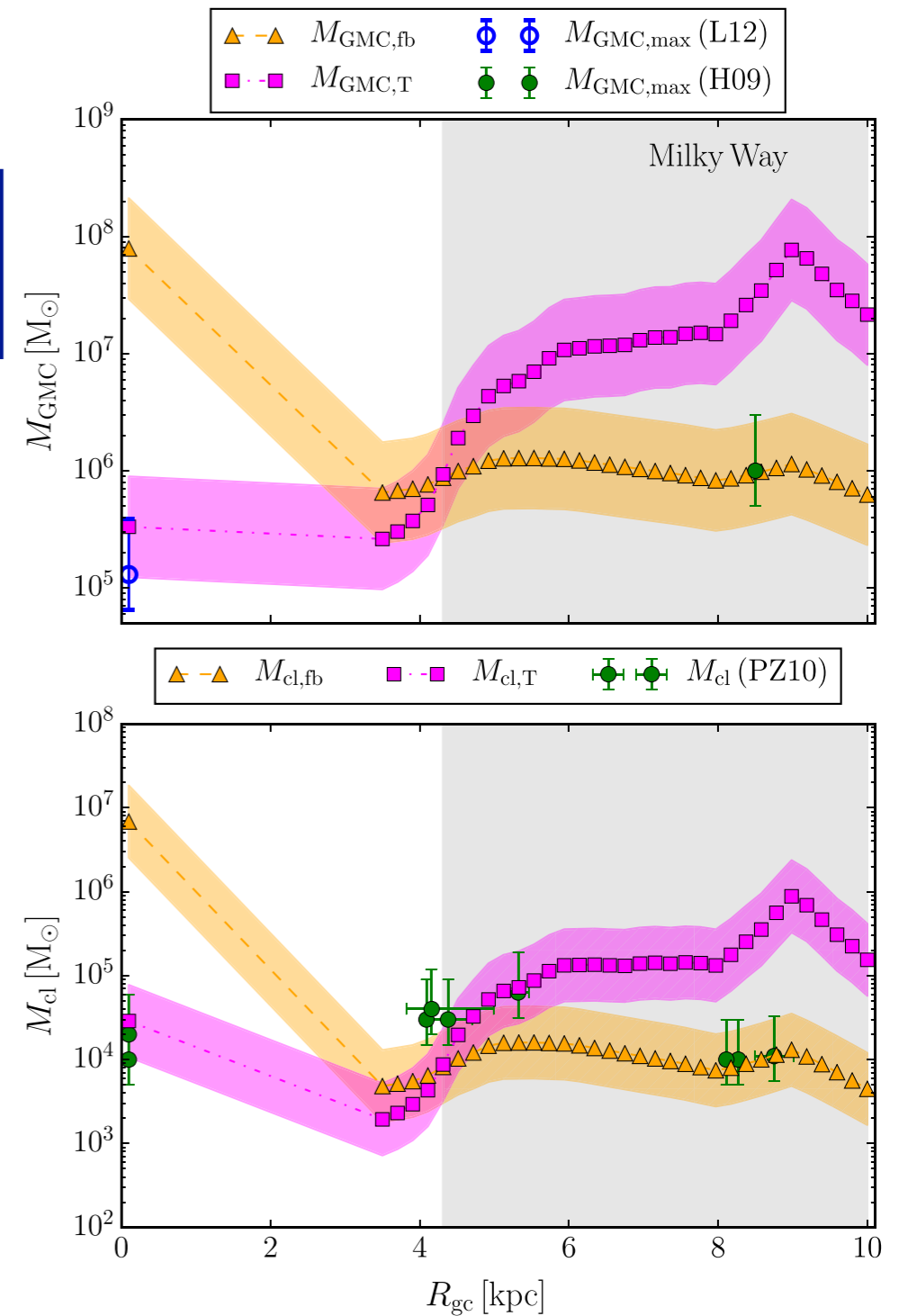
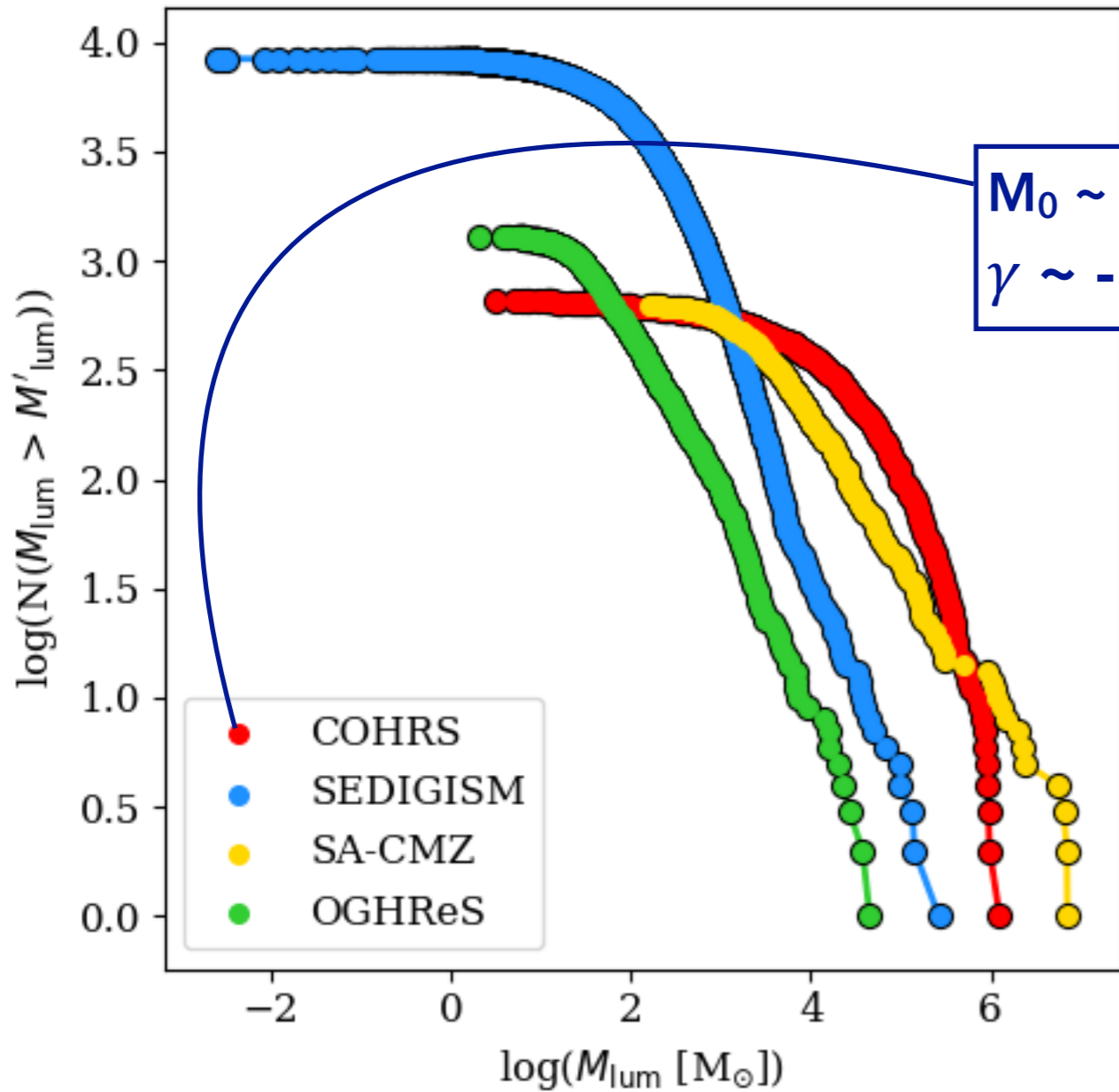
● Milky Way compilation: *Inner Galaxy* (Roman-Duval+ 2009, Heyer+ 2009), *Galaxy Center* (Oka+ 2001), *Outer Galaxy* (Heyer+ 2001), *Whole Galaxy* (Rice+ 2016, Miville-Deschenes+ 2017)

# Scaling relations across Galactic environments



Nearby galaxy compilation from PHANGS (Sun et al. 2018), 12CO beam size measurements

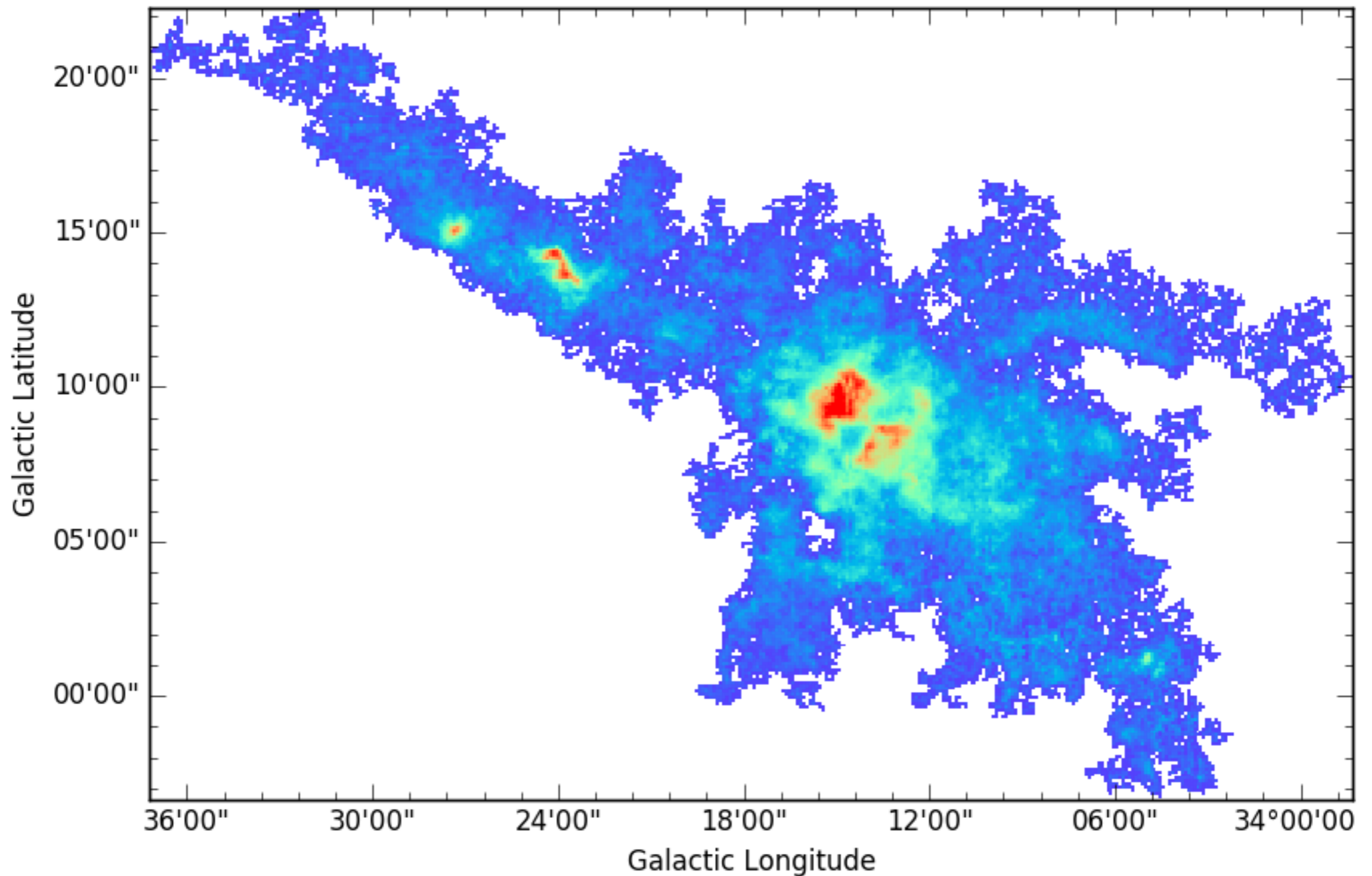
# Mass spectra across Galactic environments



Mass spectra from clouds in different environments show different slopes and truncation values

Observed GMC truncation mass from **COHRS** consistent with theoretical models of cloud formation controlled by feedback and shear (Reina-Campos & Kruijssen 2017)

# Defining morphology for highly resolved clouds





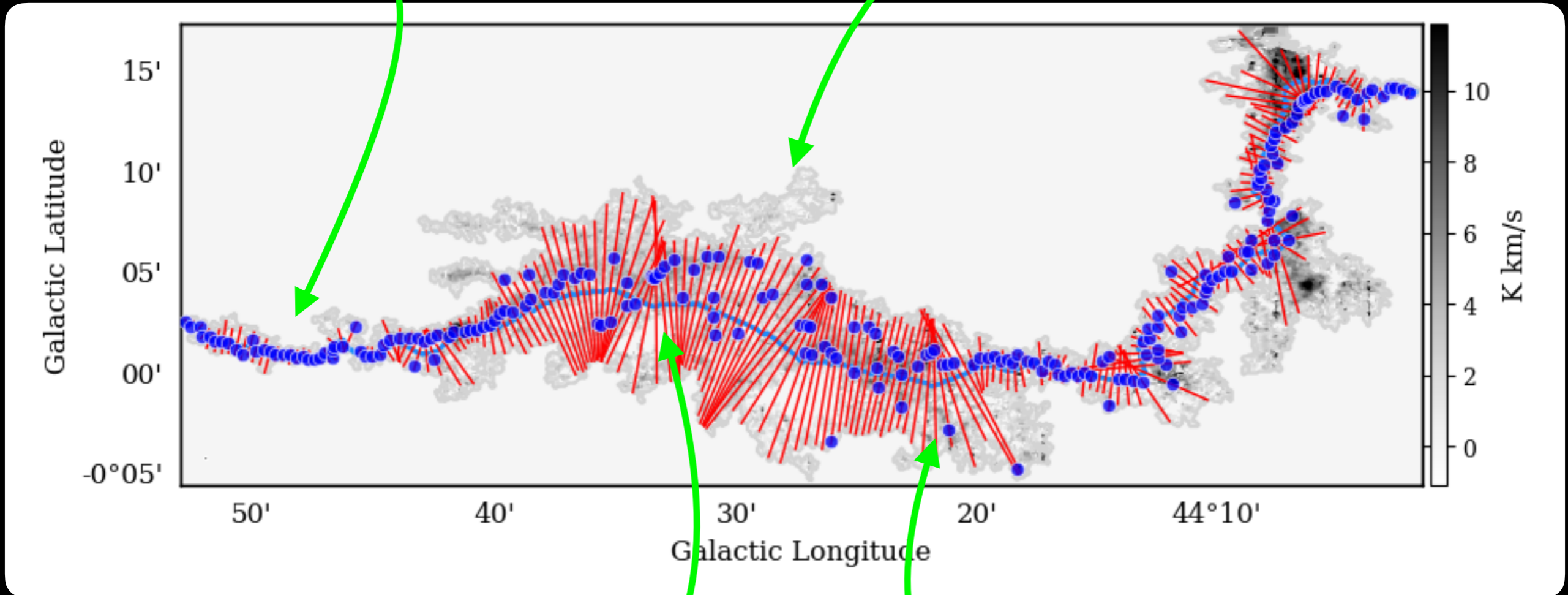
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Cloud skeleton from skimage task `medial_axis`  
<https://github.com/scikit-image/scikit-image>

Removing small branches using SKAN <https://jni.github.io/skan/index.html>

Colombo et al. in prep.

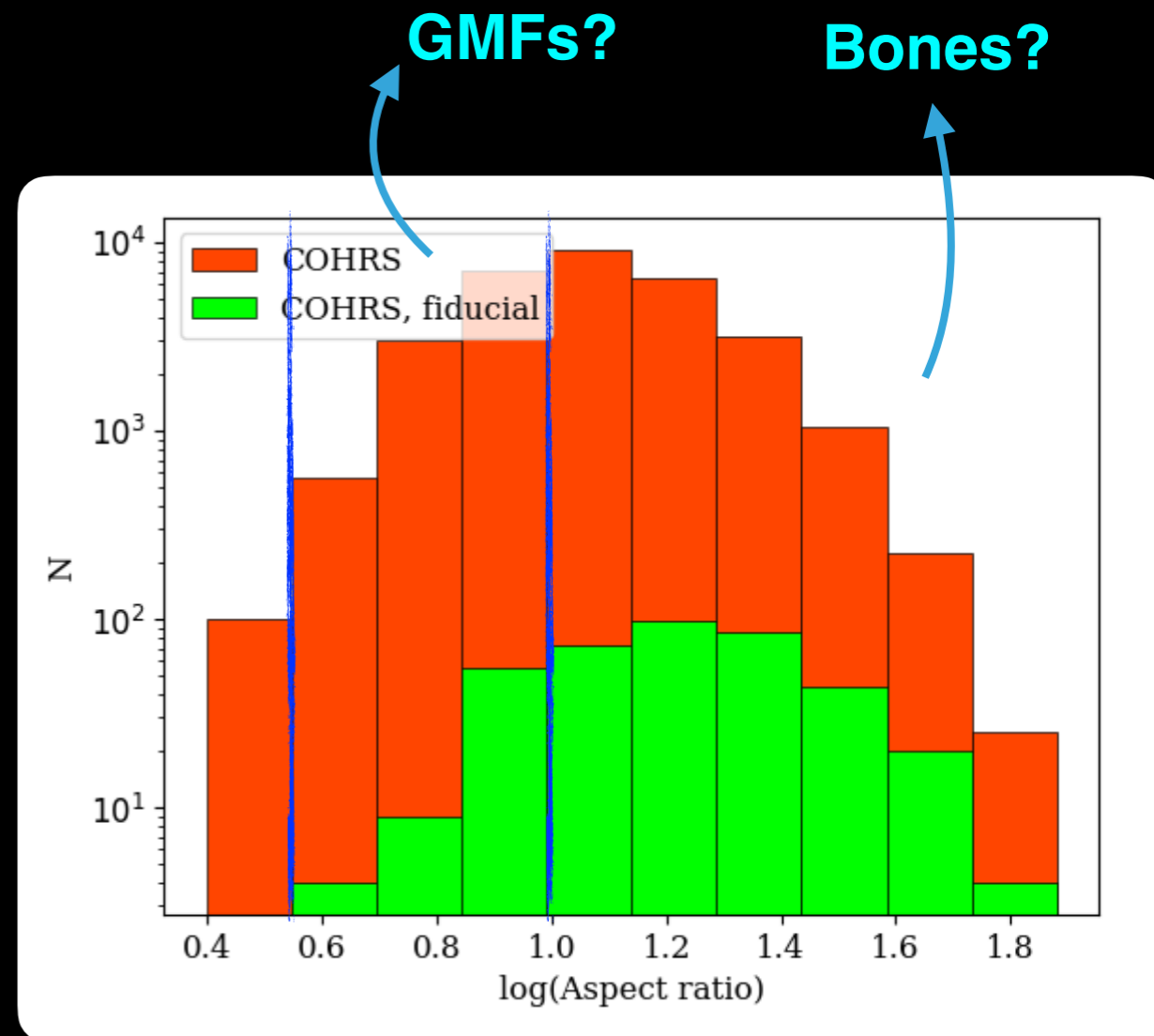
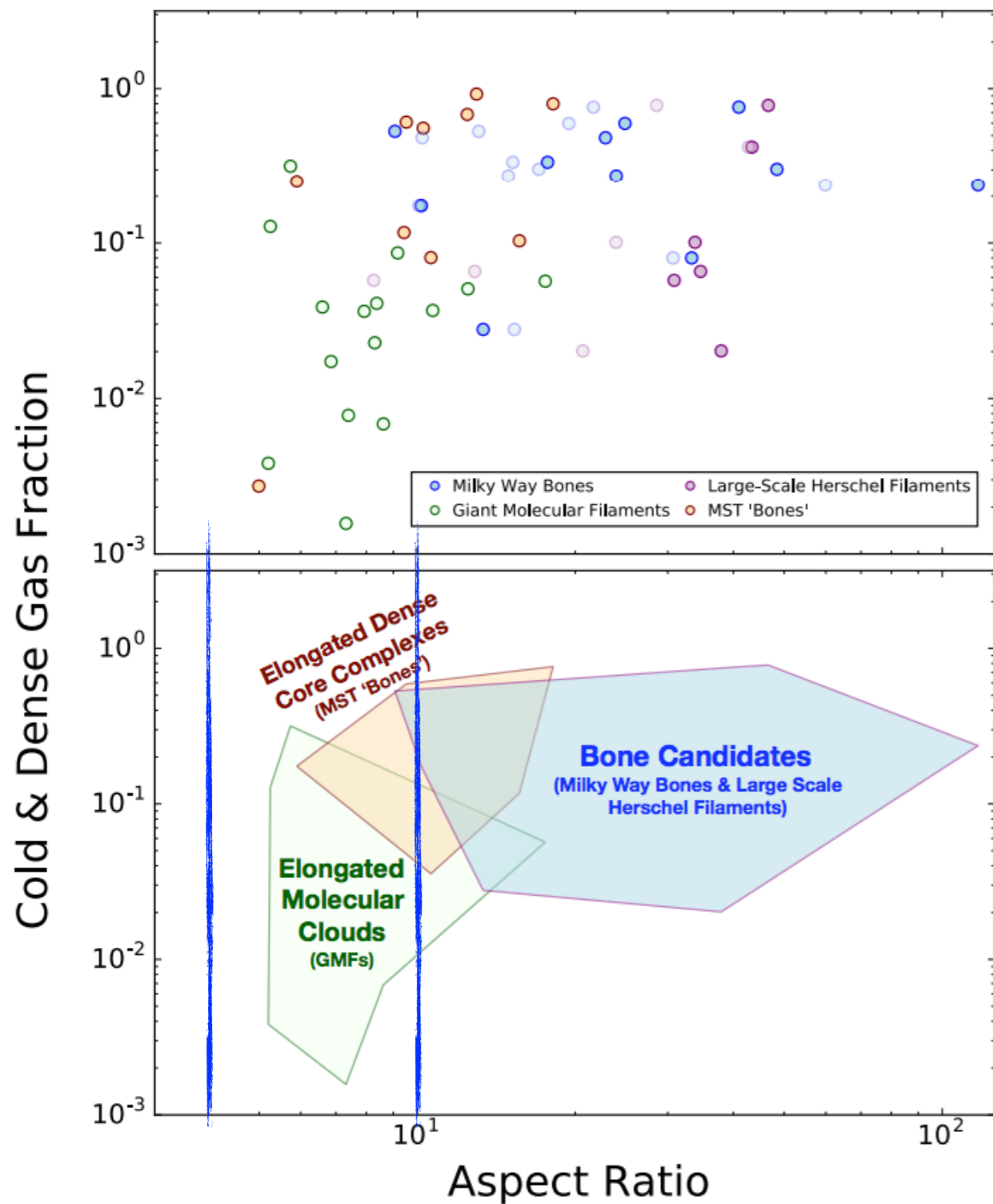


Finding longest path across the skeleton with NetworkX <https://networkx.github.io/>



Cloud width as median of the perpendicular cuts across cloud spine via RadFil (Zucker et al. 2018b) <https://github.com/catherinezucker/radfil>

# Giant Molecular Clouds or Filaments?



Round: < 1%, 0%

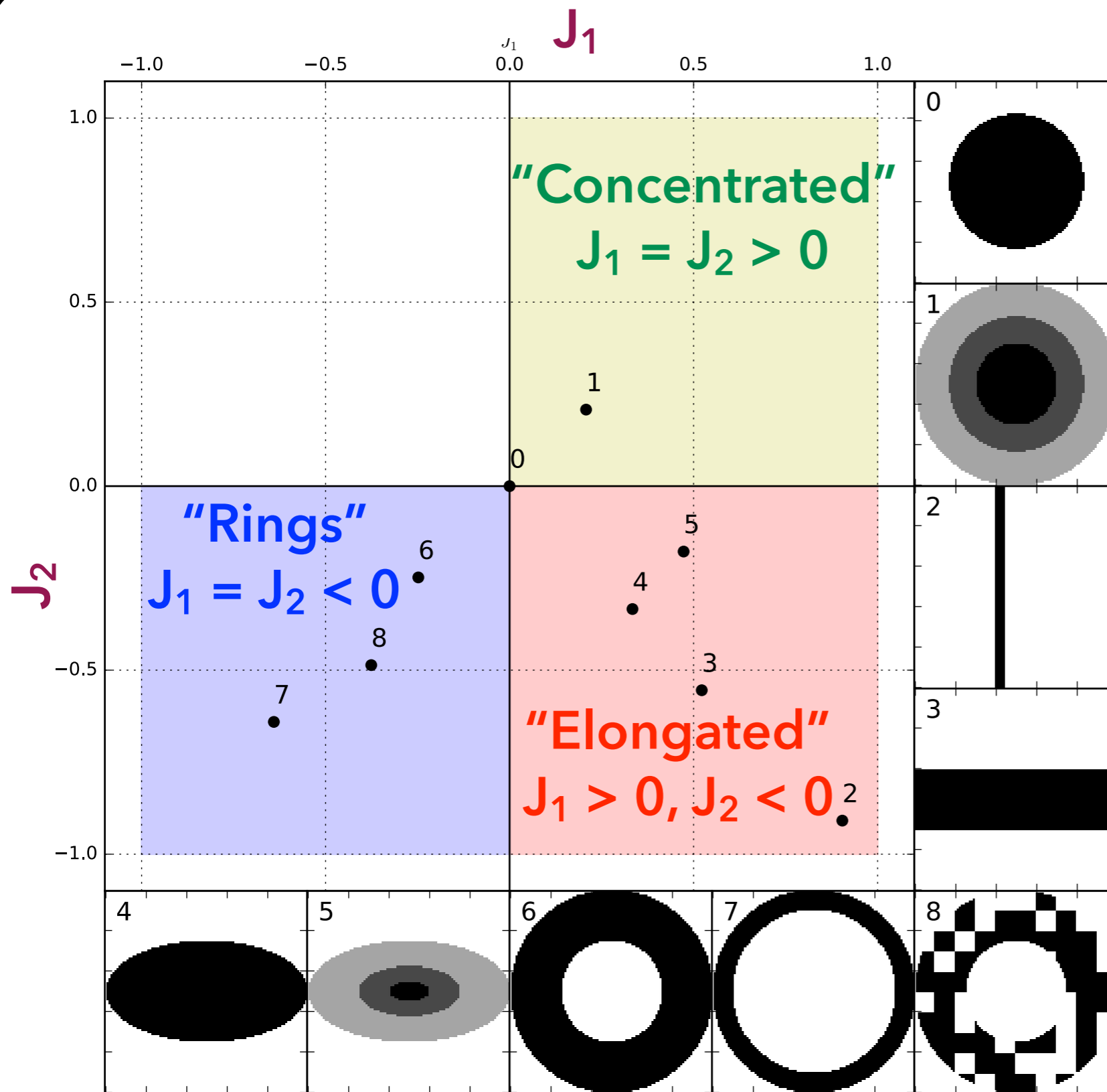
GMFs: 40%, 19%

Bones: 60%, 81%

Zucker et al. 2018a

(see also, e.g. Ragan et al. 2014, Wang et al. 2015)

# J-plots



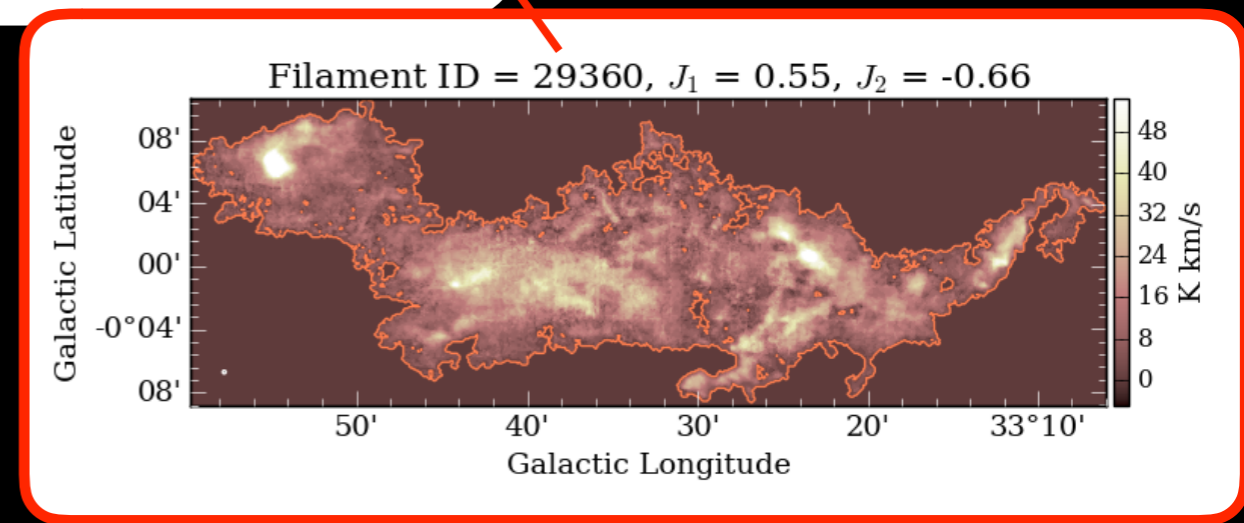
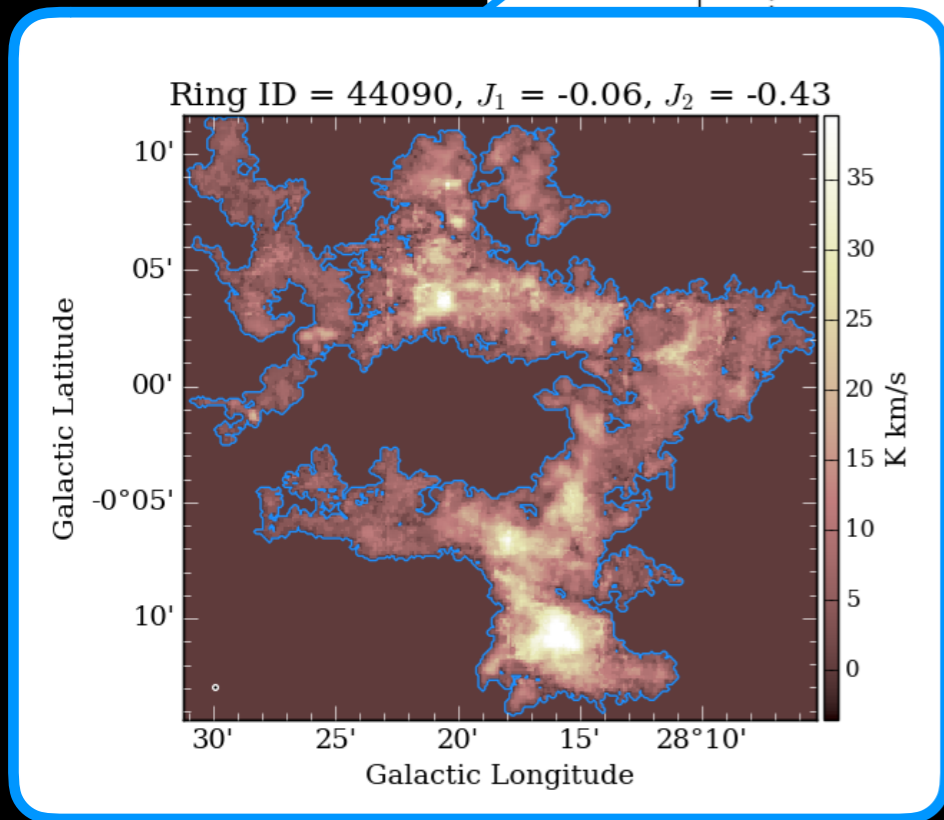
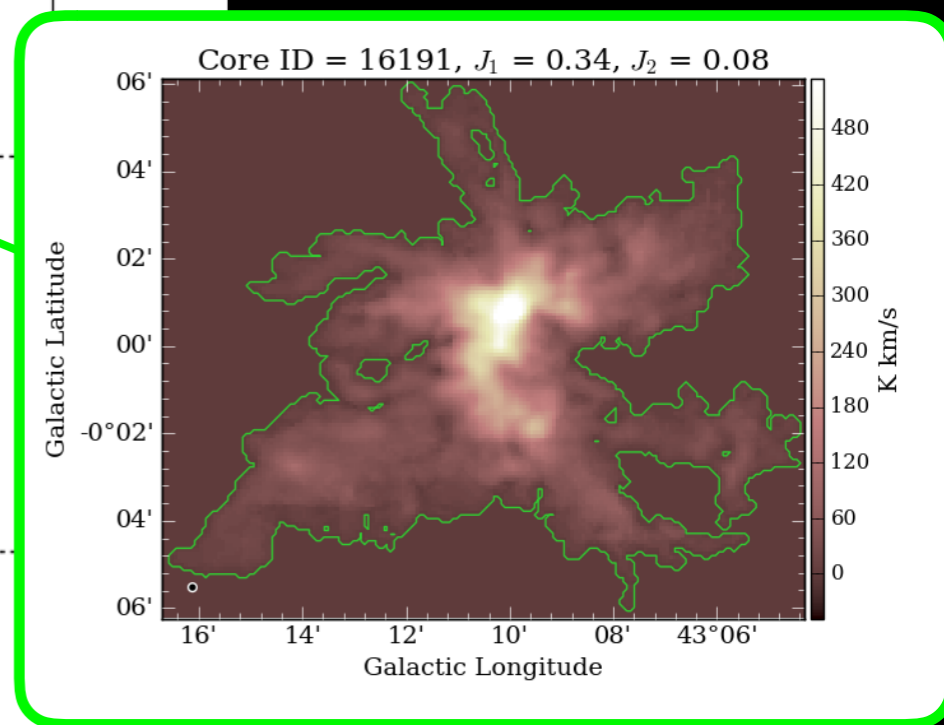
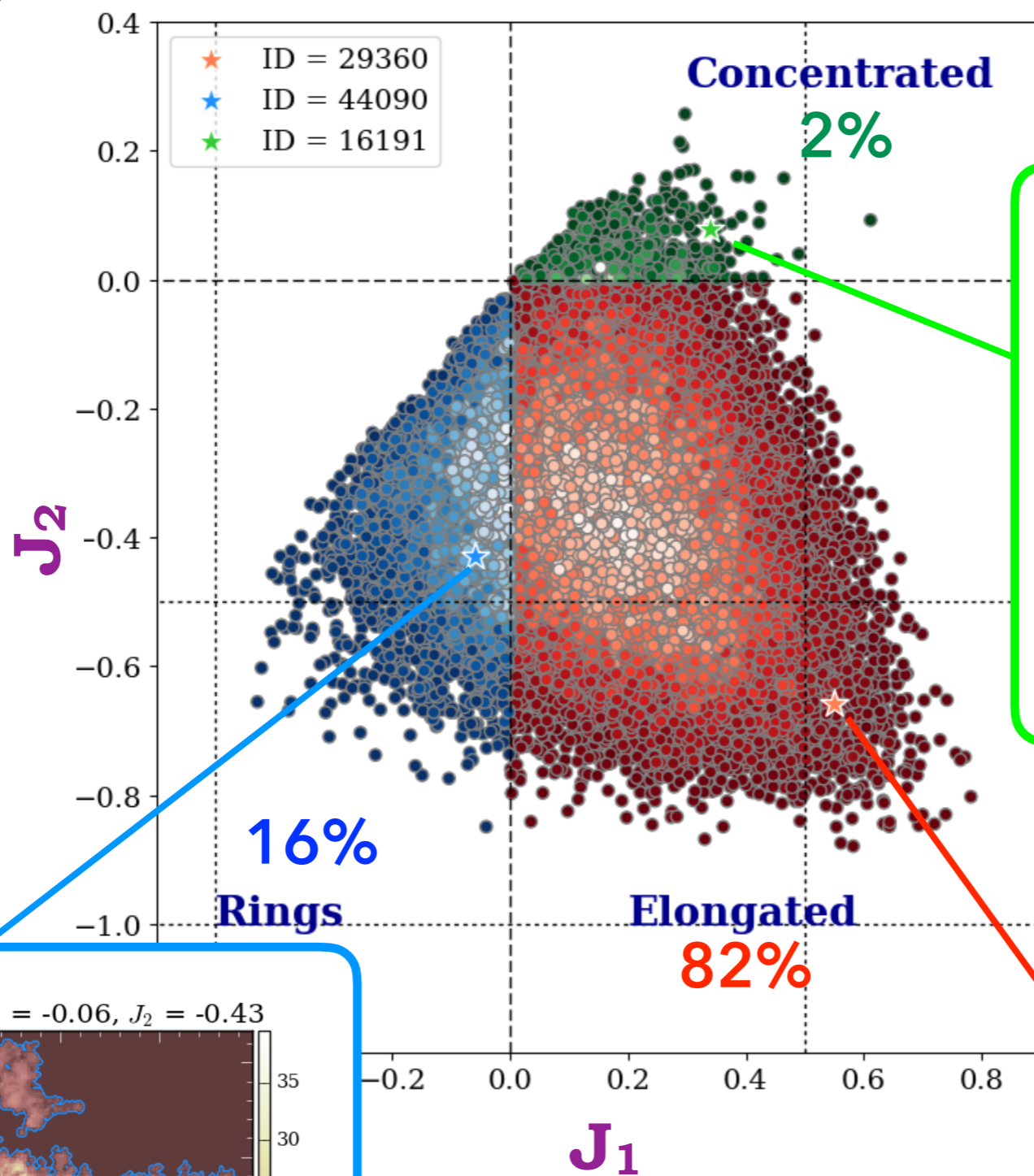
$$I_0 = \frac{AM}{4\pi}$$

Inertia moment of a uniform circle with area  $A$  and mass  $M$

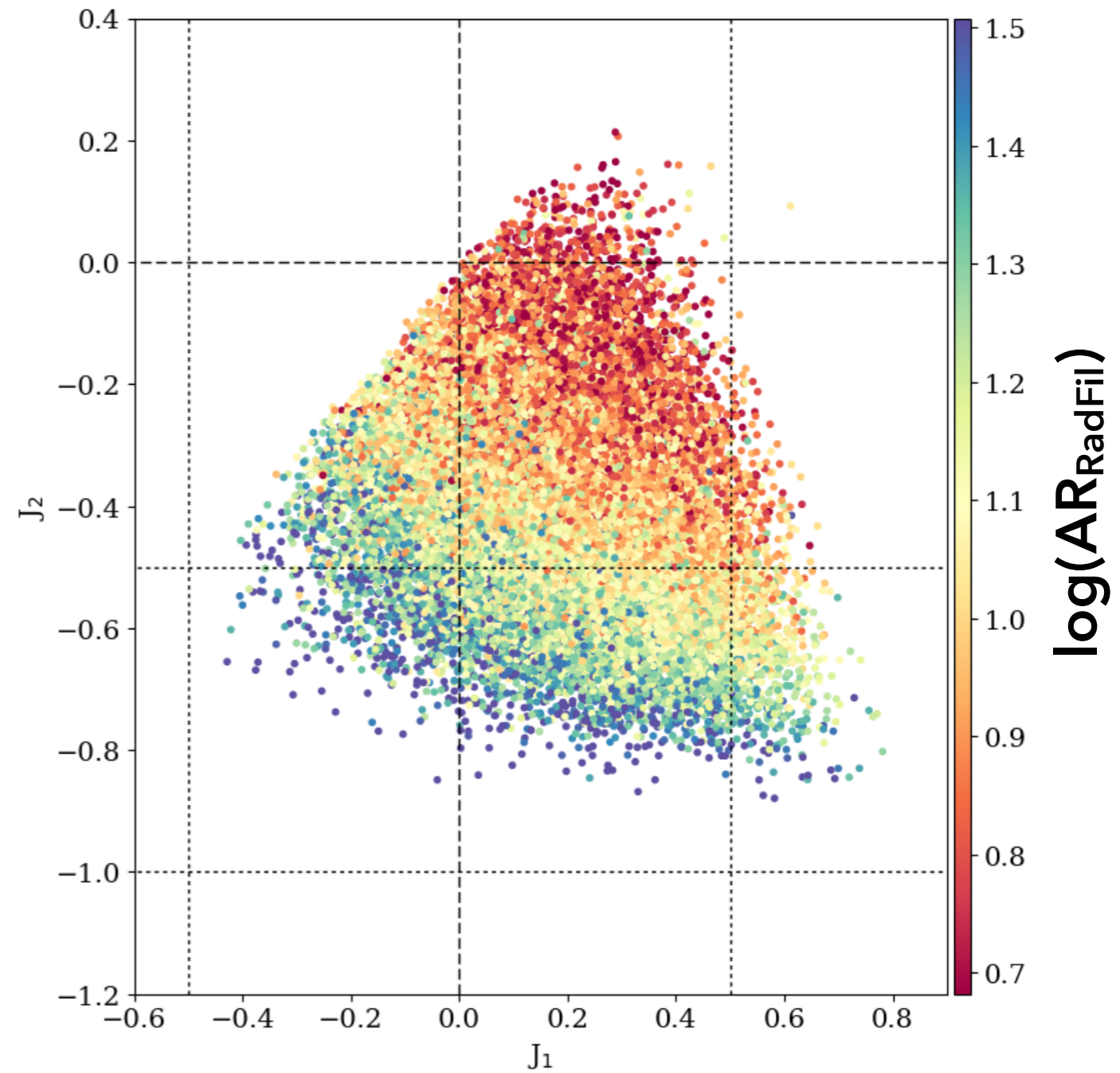
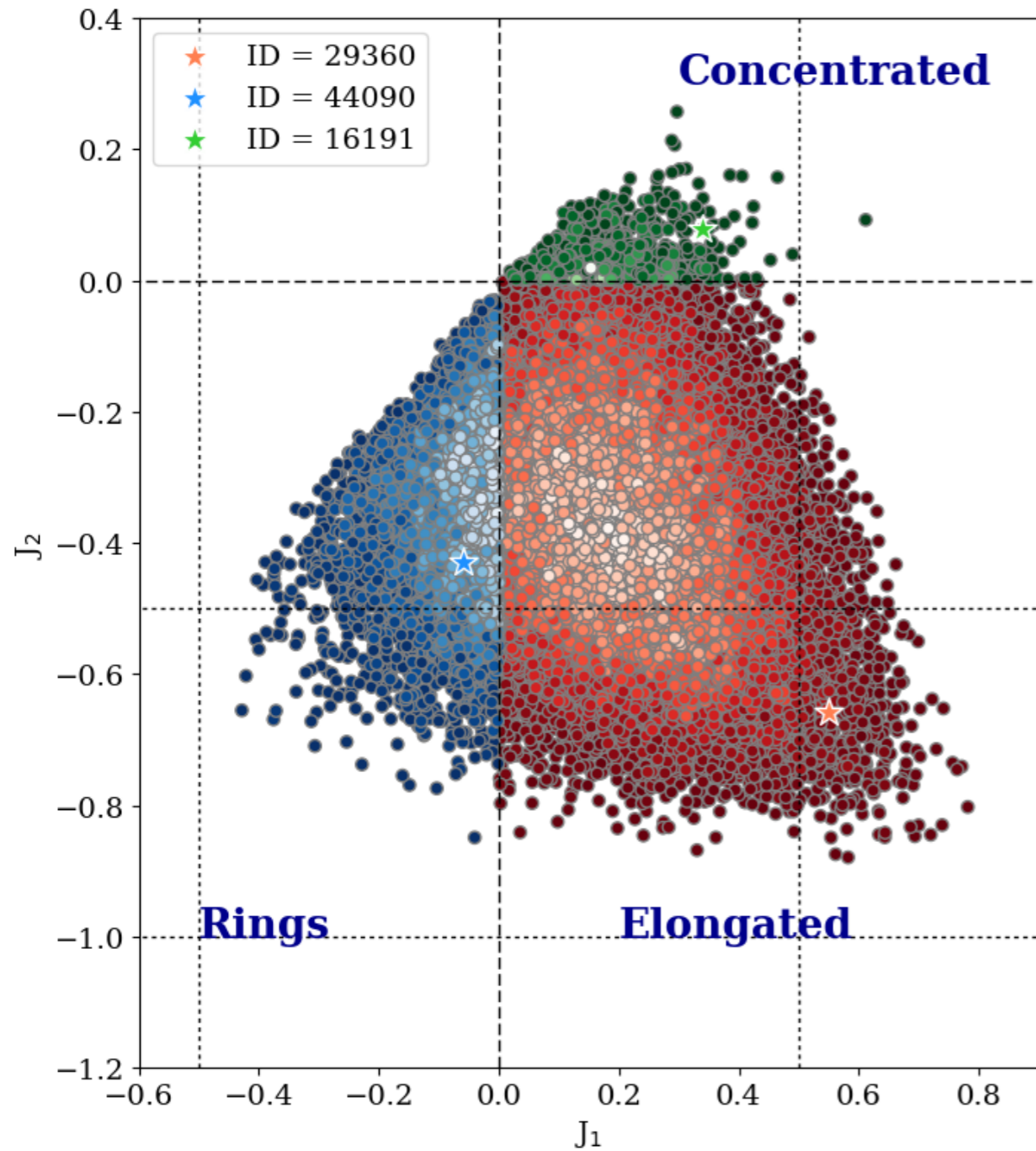
$$J_{1,2} = \frac{I_0 - I_{1,2}}{I_0 + I_{1,2}}$$

J-moments, with  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  being the inertia moments across the two principal component axis

# J-plots from COHRS clouds

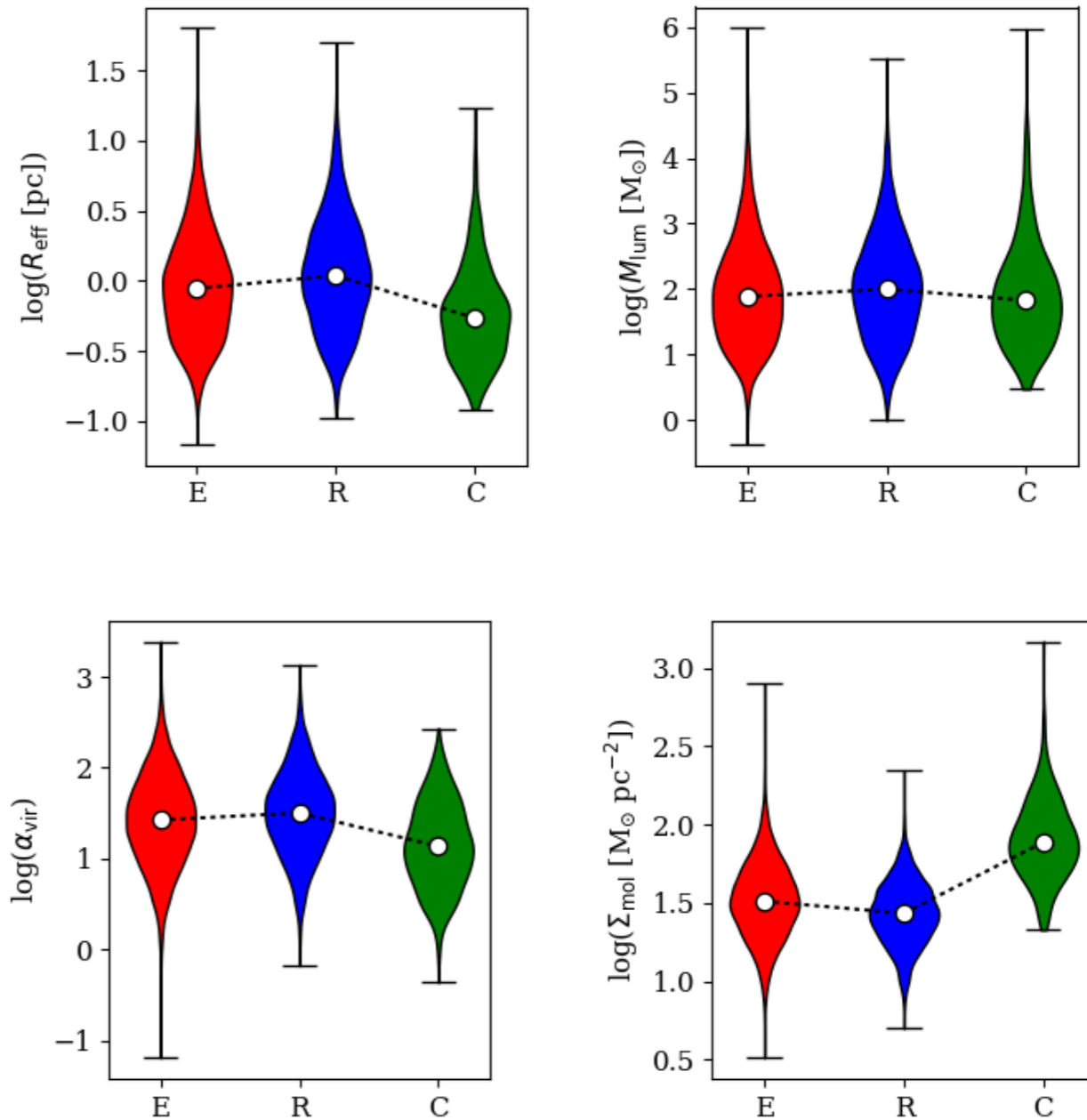
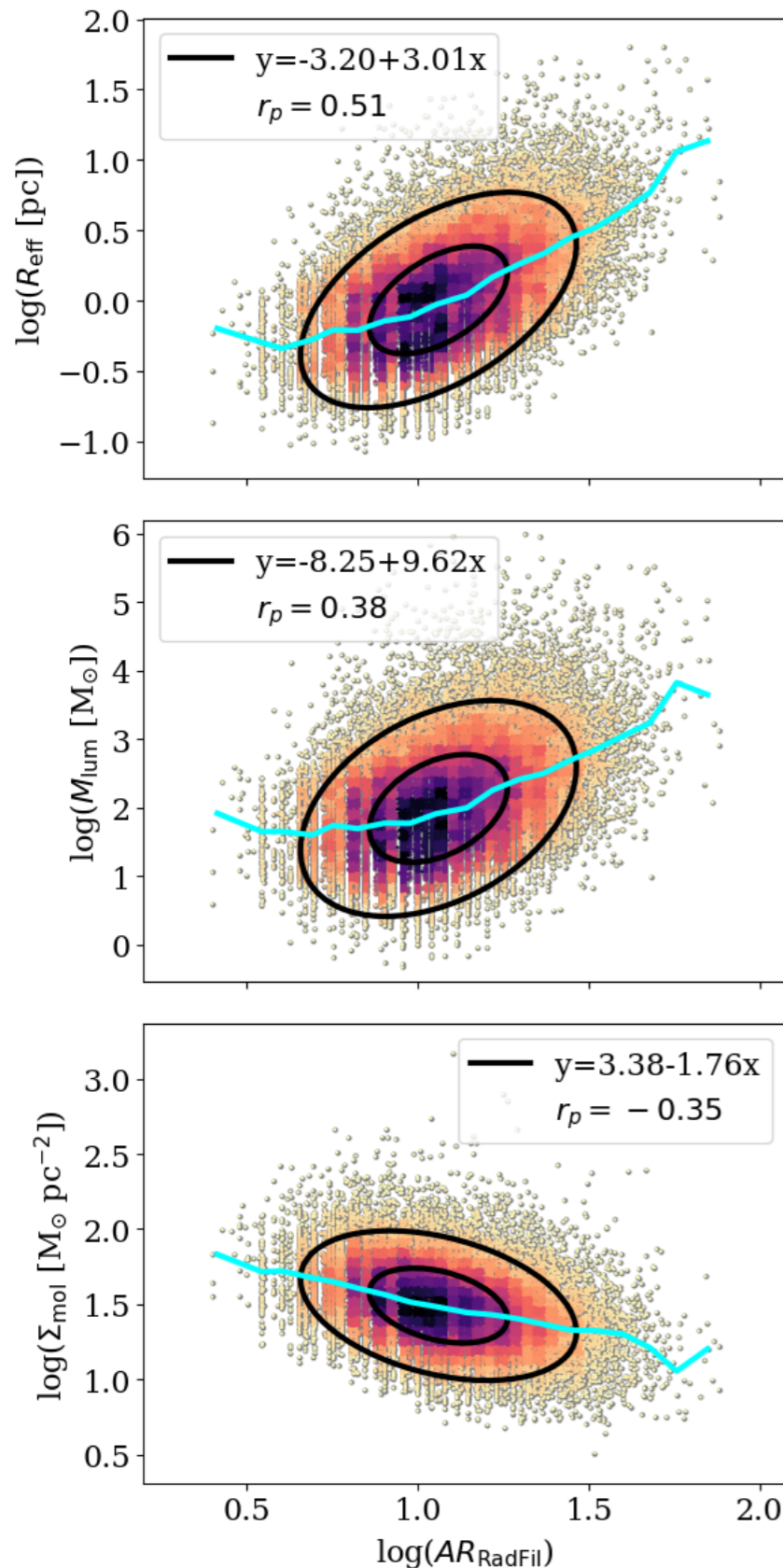


# J-plots versus RadFil aspect ratio



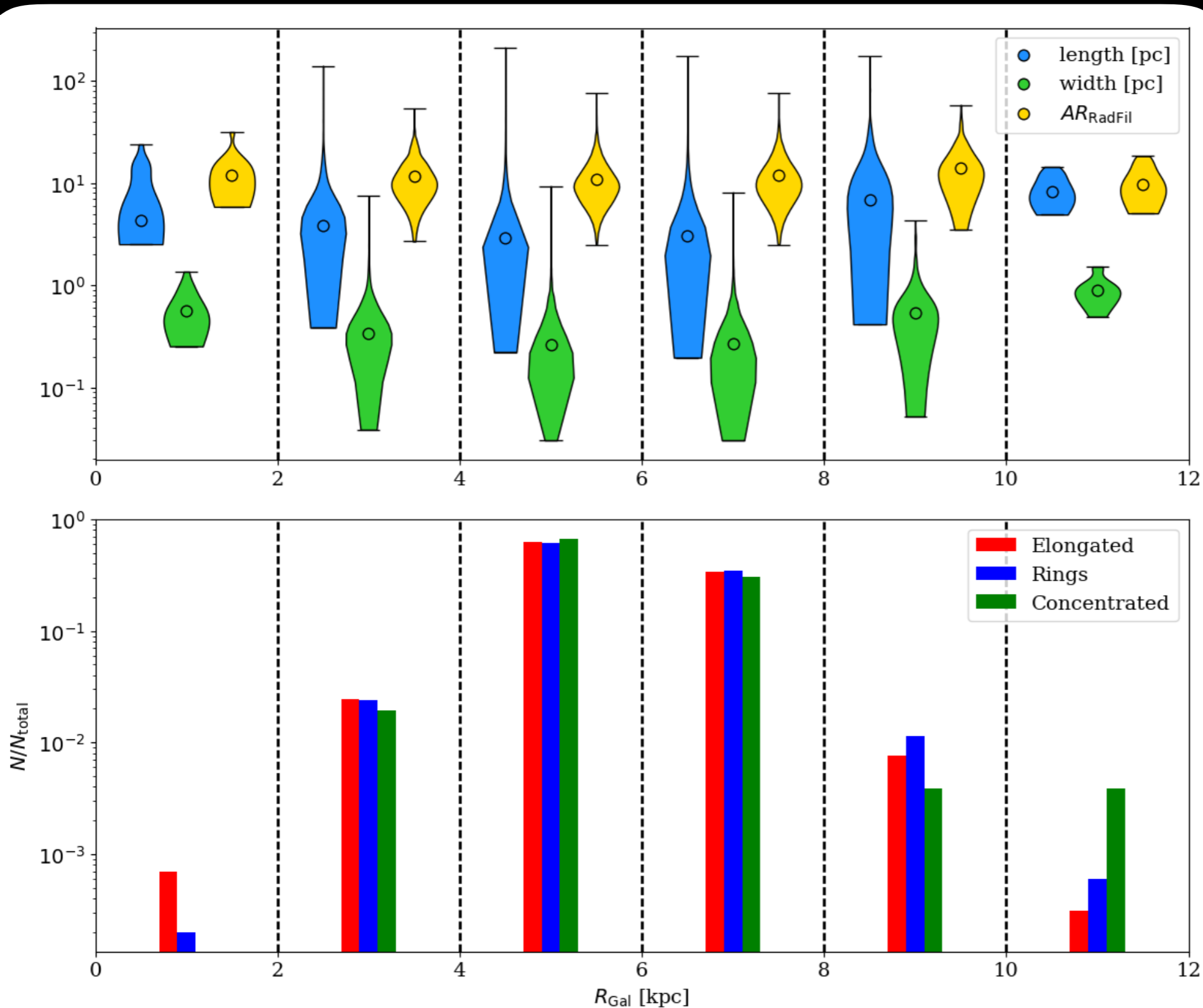
# Morphology and integrated properties

Large and massive objects are also the most elongated. Those objects are also the less dense.



**Concentrated** clouds are smaller and denser, closer to virial equilibrium, but not necessary less massive than **elongated** and **ring** clouds

# Cloud morphology variation with Galactocentric radius

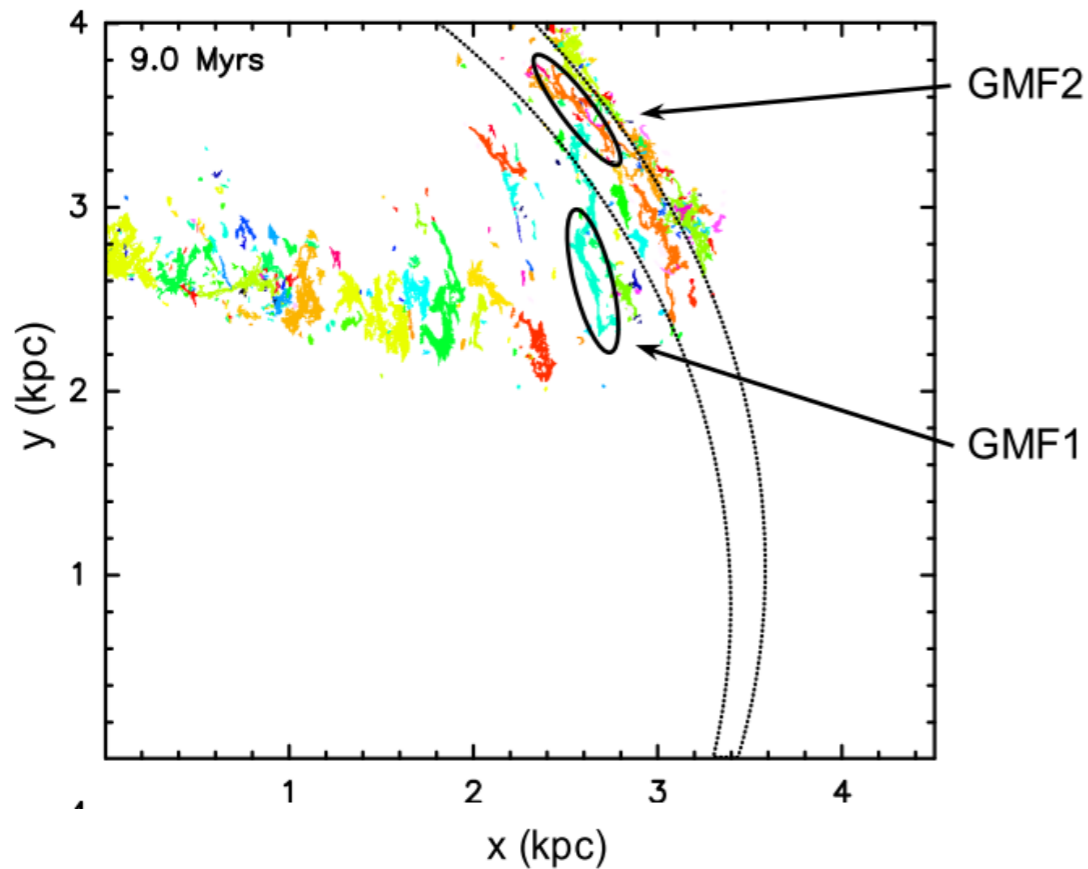


No clear pattern between Galactocentric radius and morphological descriptors from the geometrical medial axis

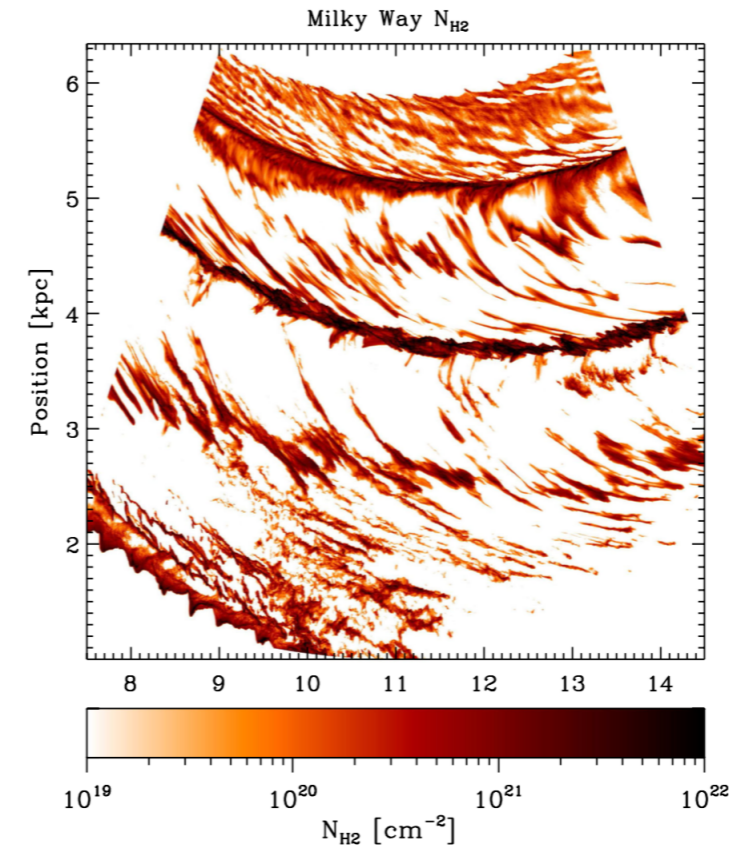
Surplus of elongated and concentrated structures at small and large radii probably due to distance effect

# Cloud morphology relation to the spiral arms

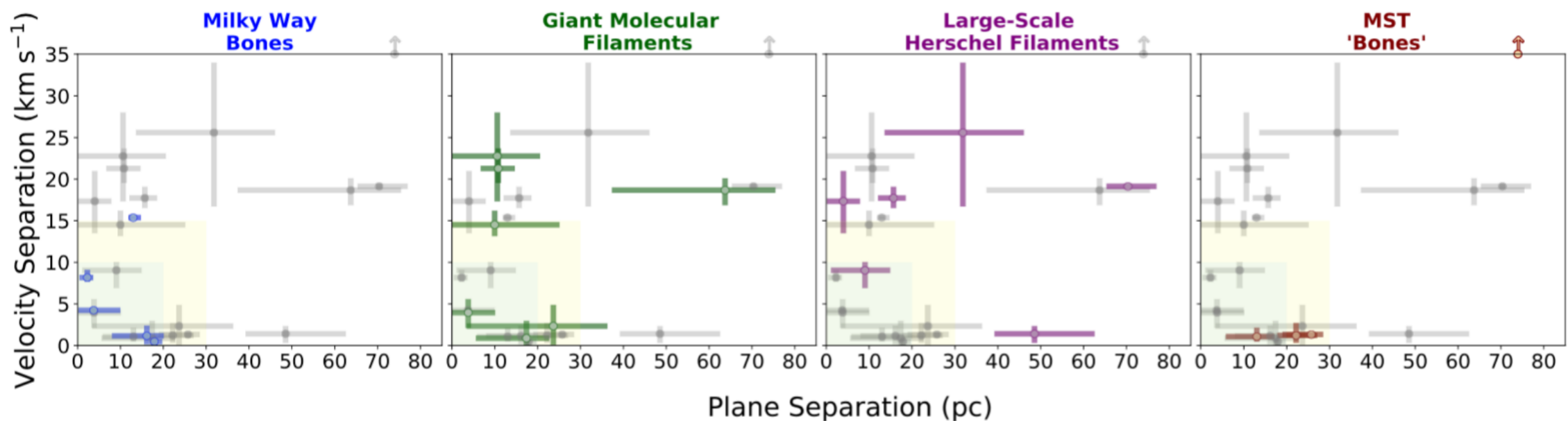
Duarte-Cabral & Dobbs 2016



Simulations show elongated structures in the inter-arm region



Smith et al. 2014

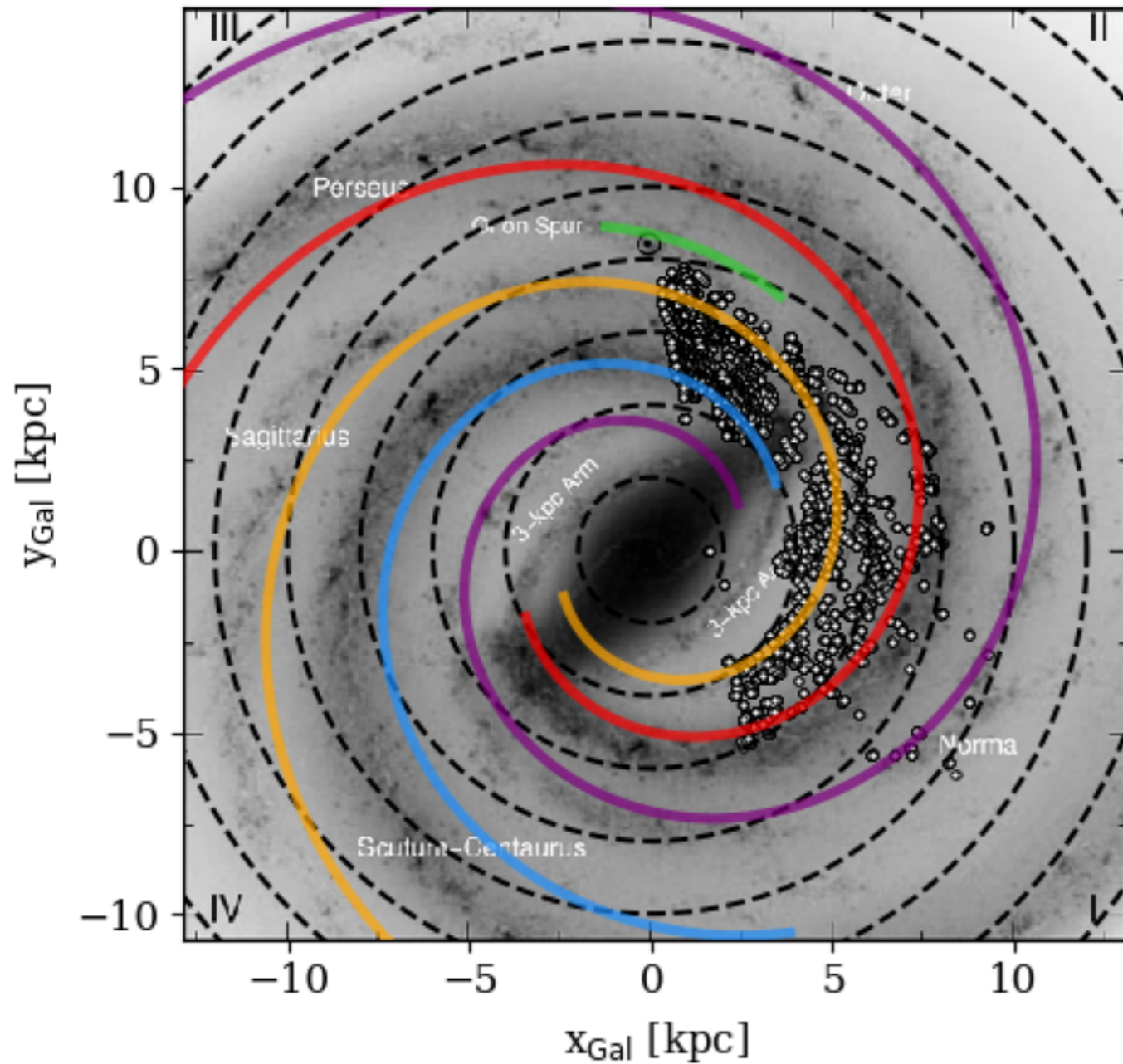


35%-55% of filaments associated to spiral arms (Zucker et al. 2018a)

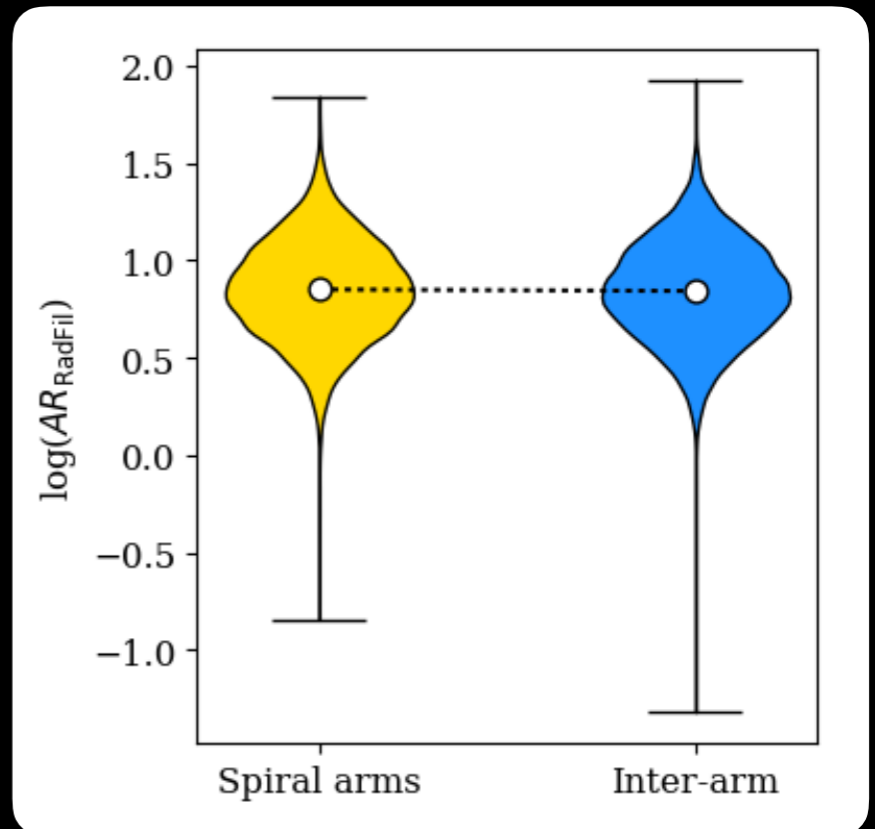


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Spiral arm model from Vallee 2017



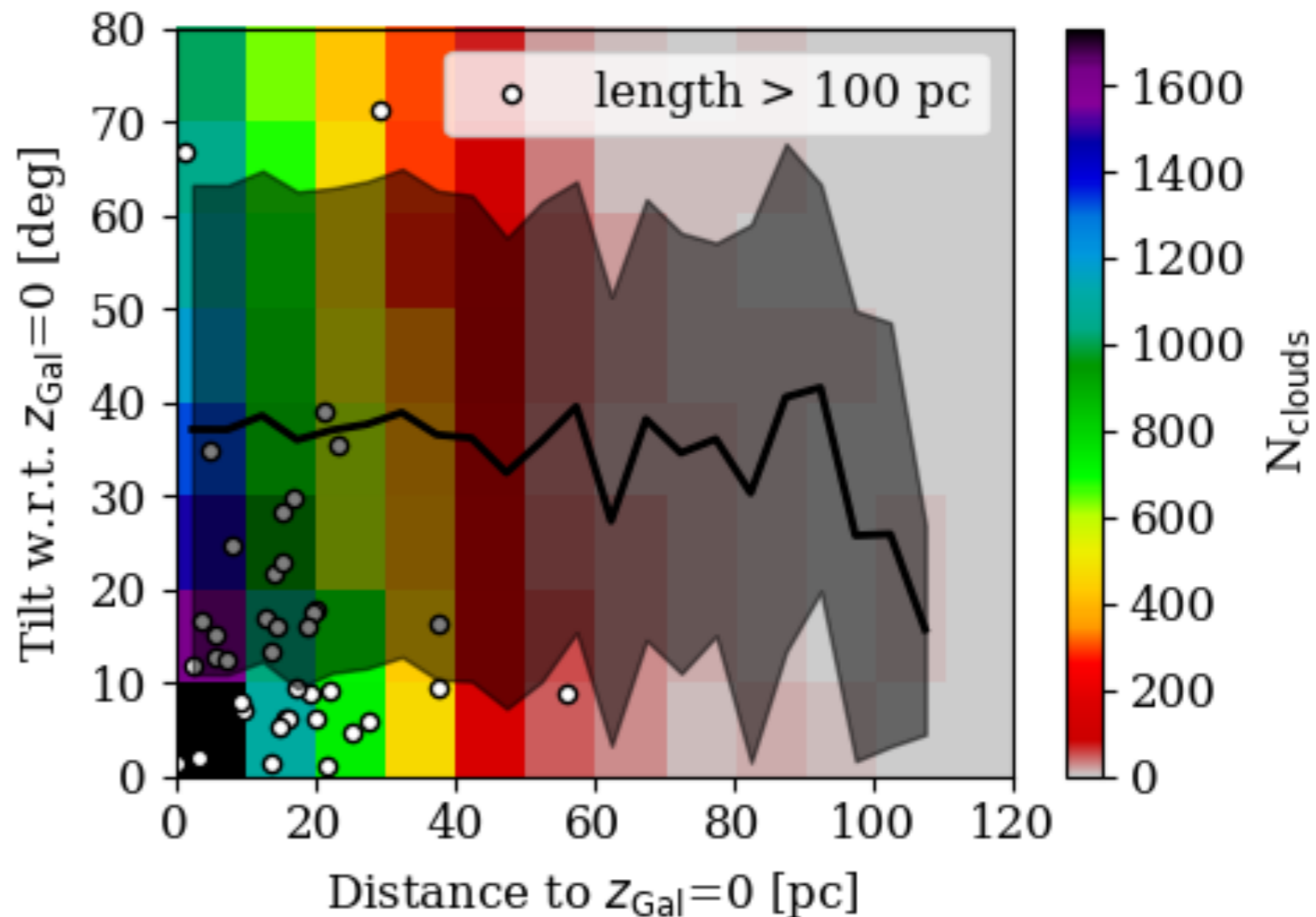
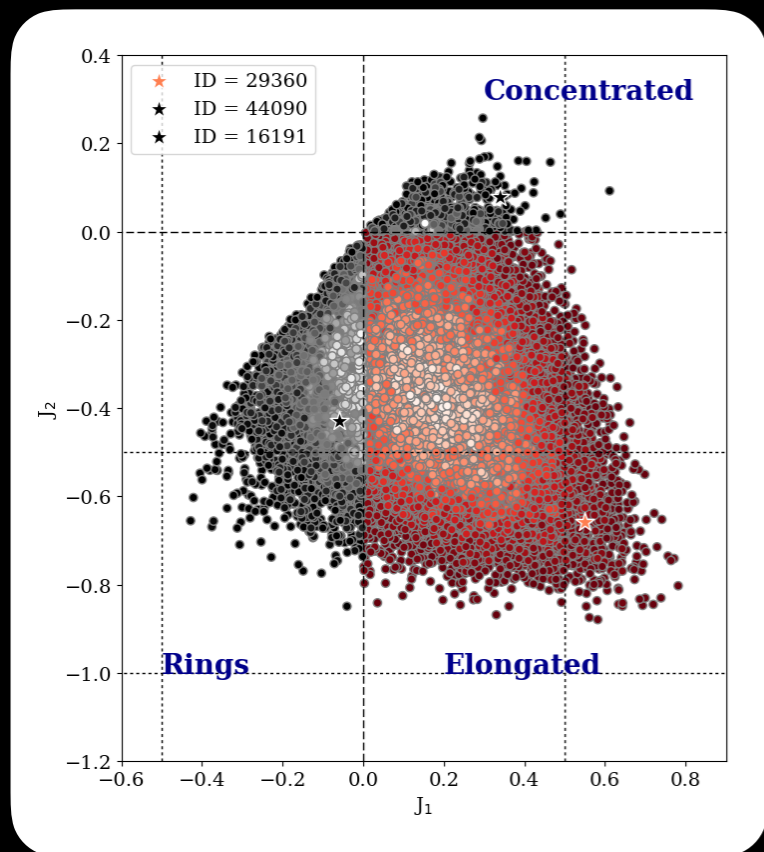
~30% - 50% of **elongated**, **ring**, or **concentrated** structures within the spiral arms considering a width of 600-800 pc



Elongated structures **equally distributed** between spiral arms and inter-arm

# Elongated clouds relation to the Galactic plane

Elongated clouds selected via J-plots



Most of elongated clouds are close and parallel to the Galactic plane





## INTEGRATED

Radius,  
Velocity dispersion,  
Luminosity,  
Column density,  
Surface density,  
Pressure,  
Masses,  
Virial parameter ...

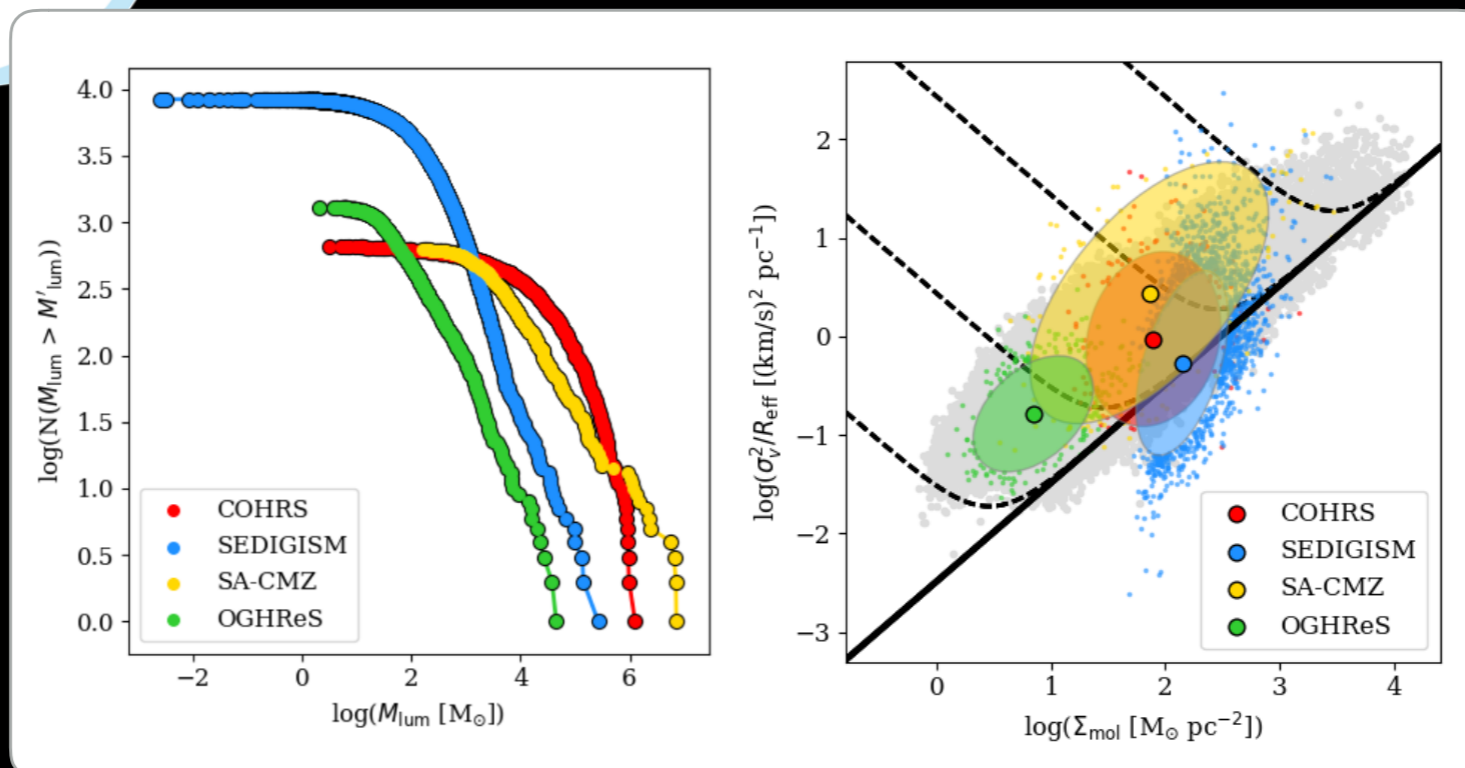


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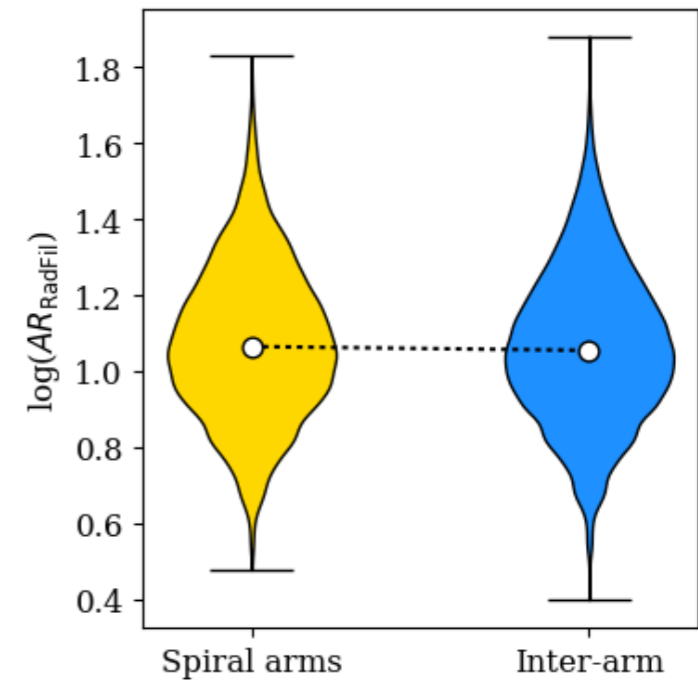
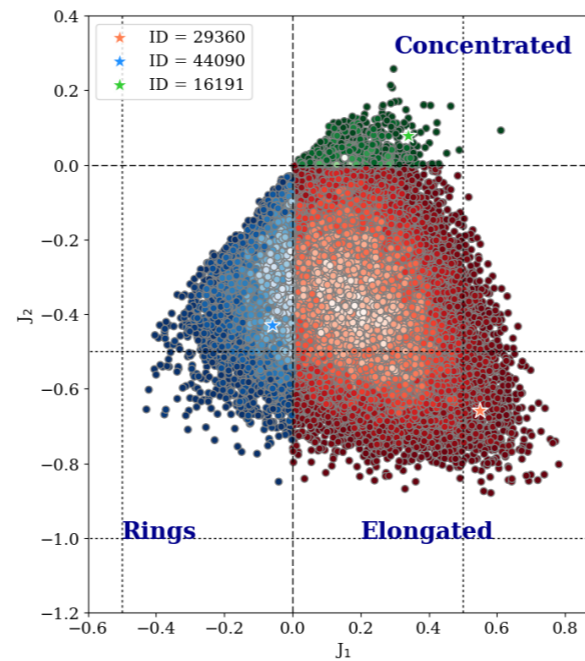
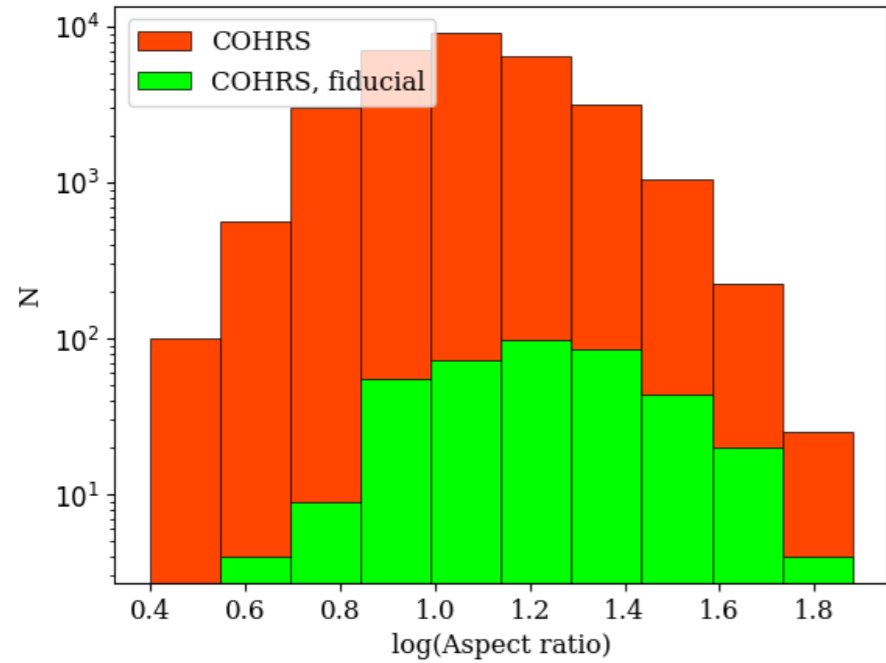
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Cloud mass distributions show different truncations and slopes in different environments



Clouds are in pressurized virial equilibrium, clouds in different environments show different values of molecular gas mass surface density

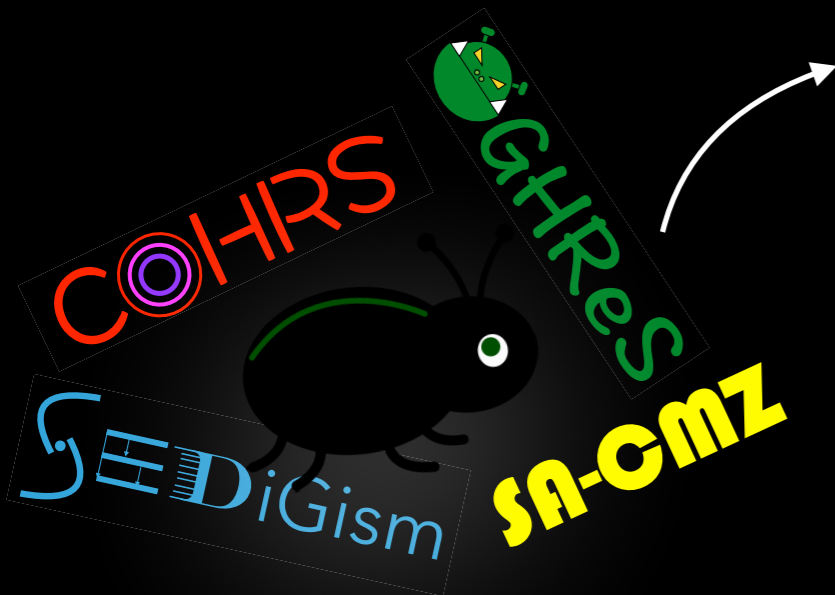


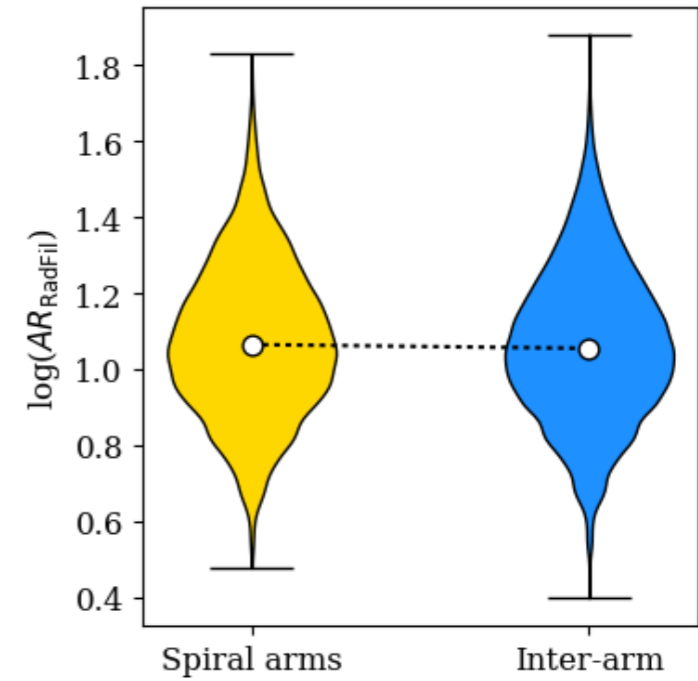
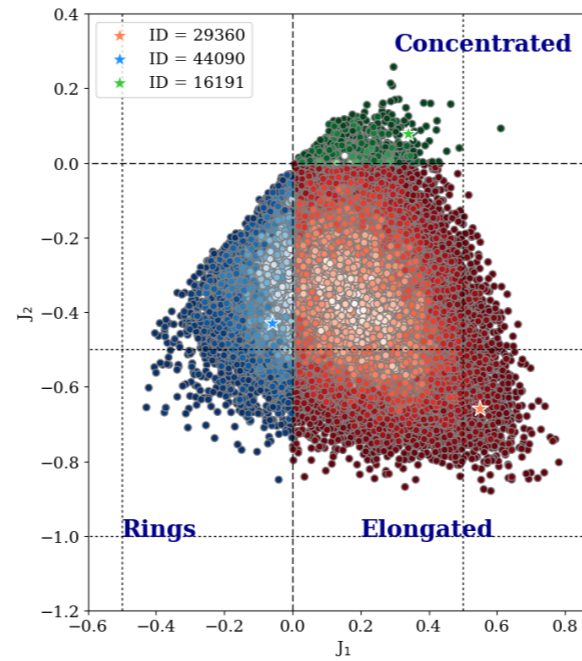
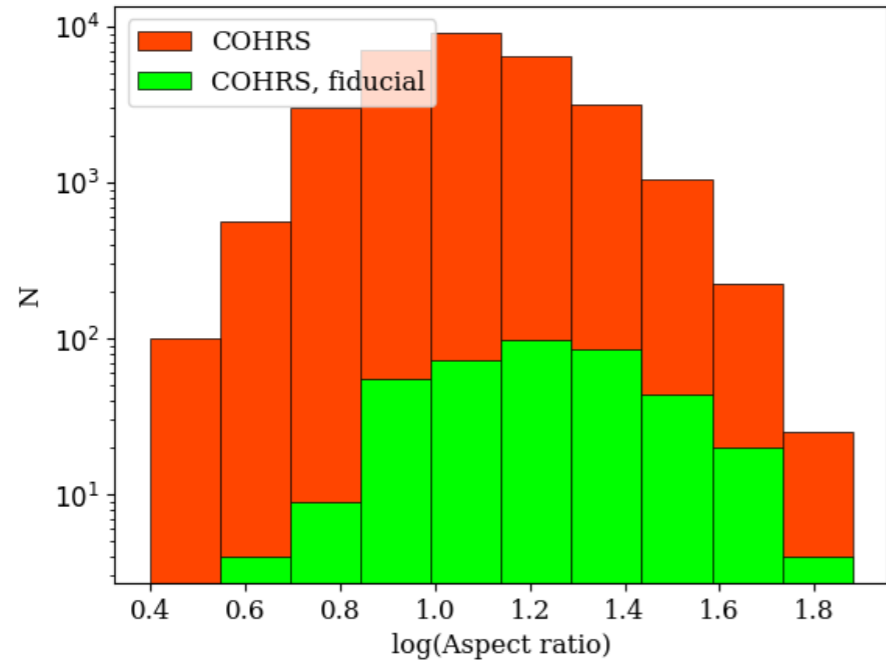
Clouds are generally elongated or complex objects, but their shapes do not seem related to spiral arms and only marginally with the distance with respect to the Galactic center.



## RESOLVED

Morphology,  
Inner structure,  
Kinematics,  
Turbulence,  
PDFs ...



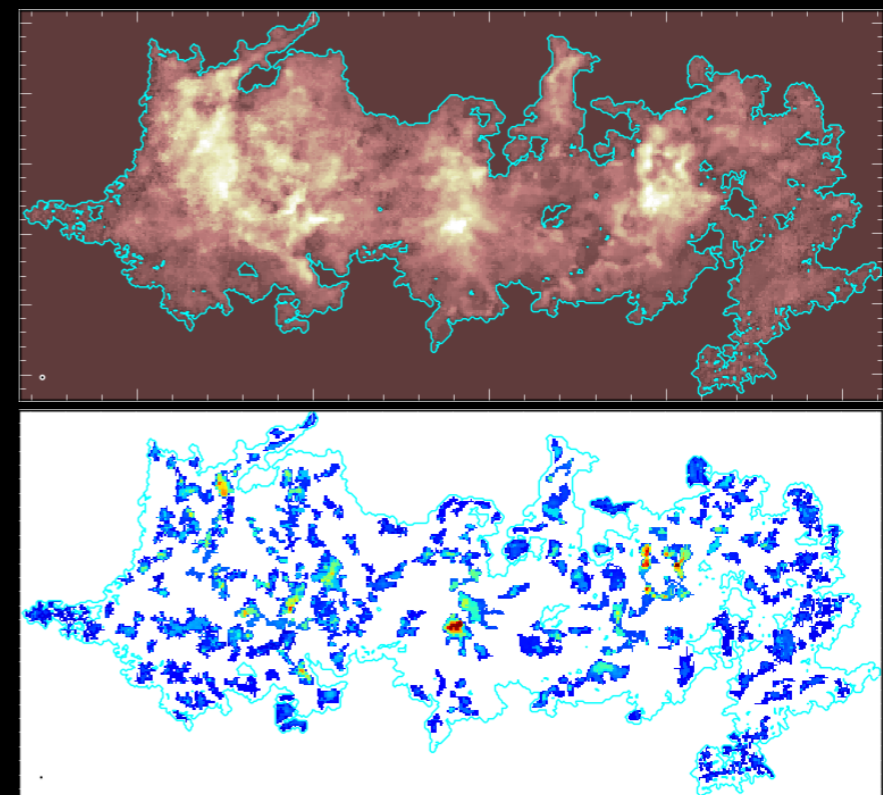


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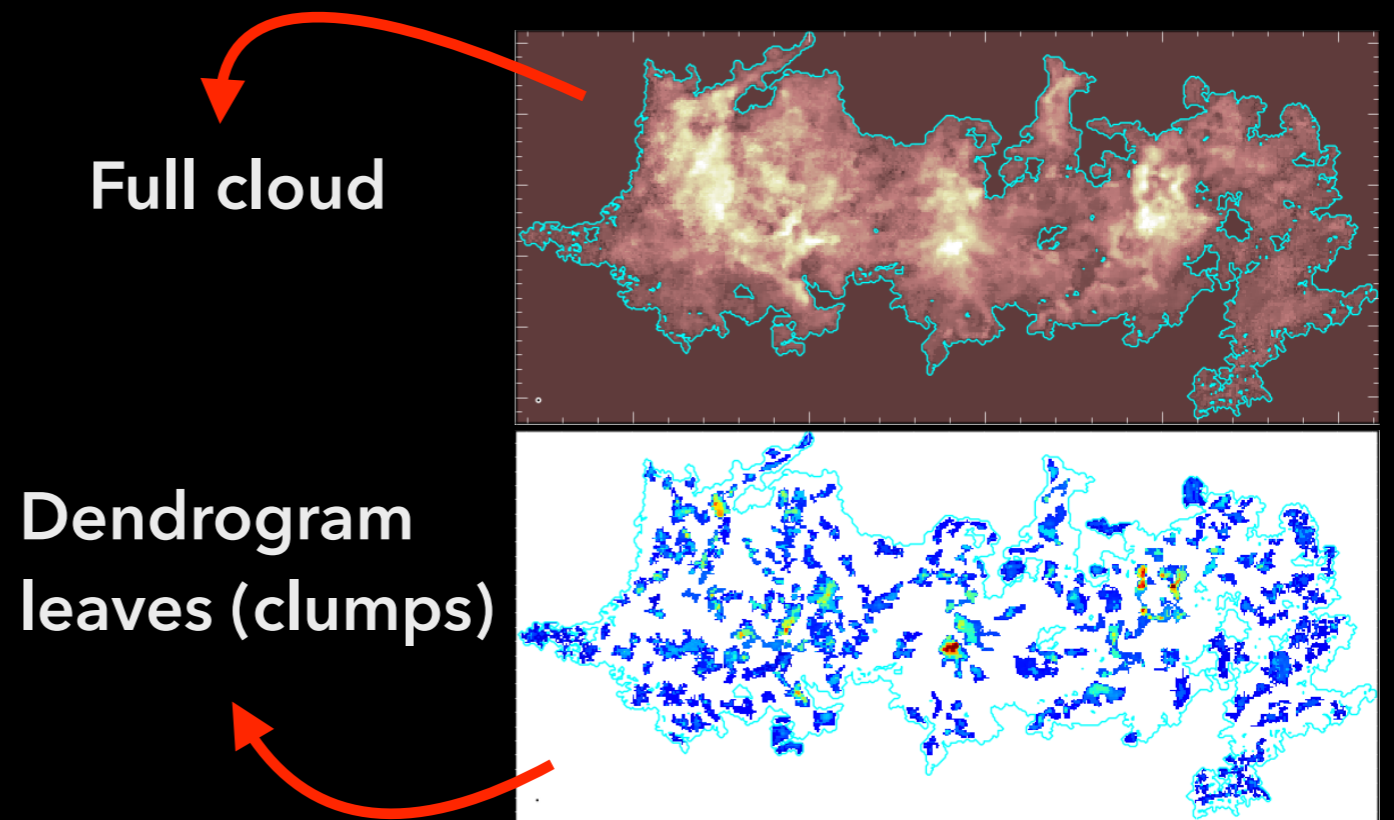
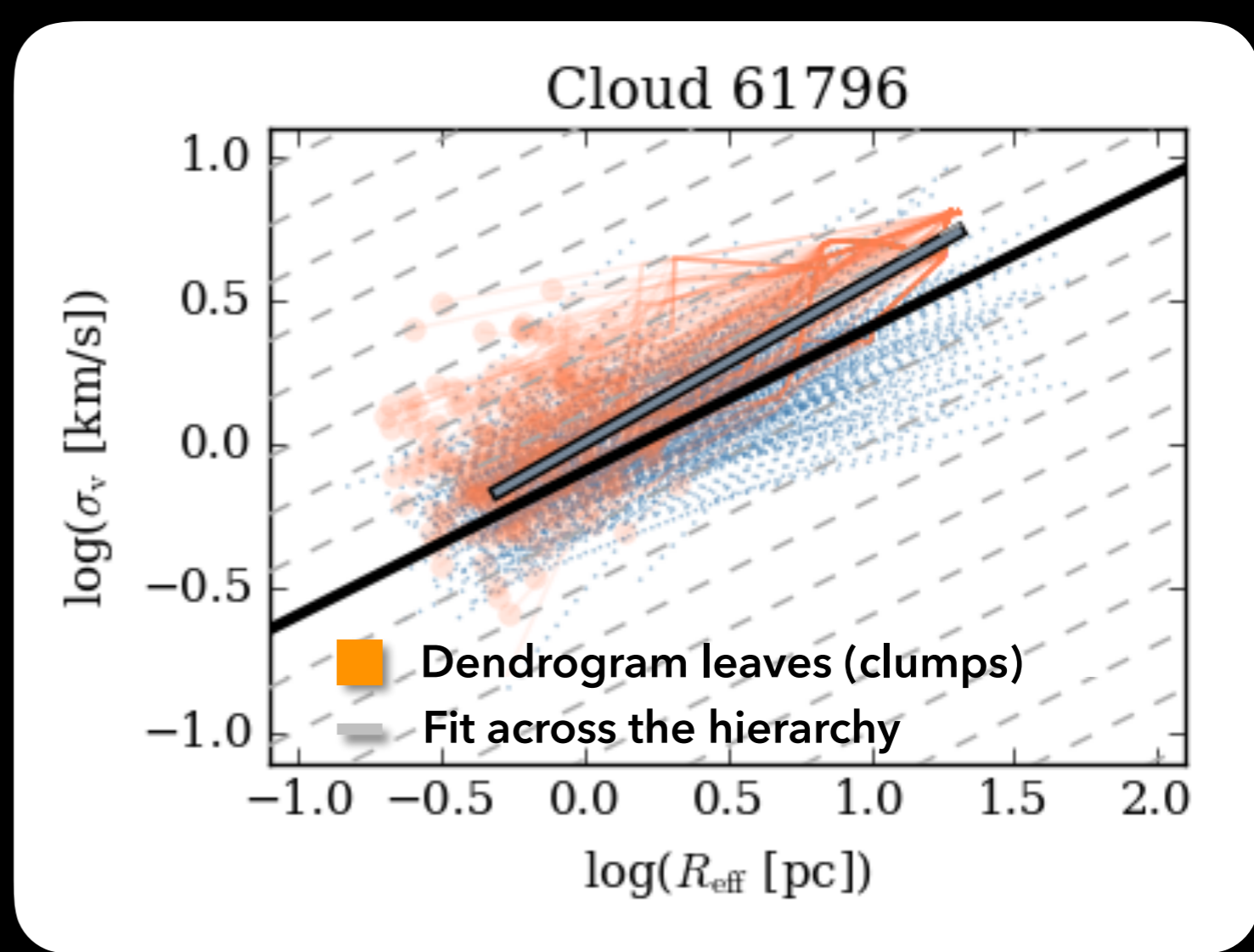
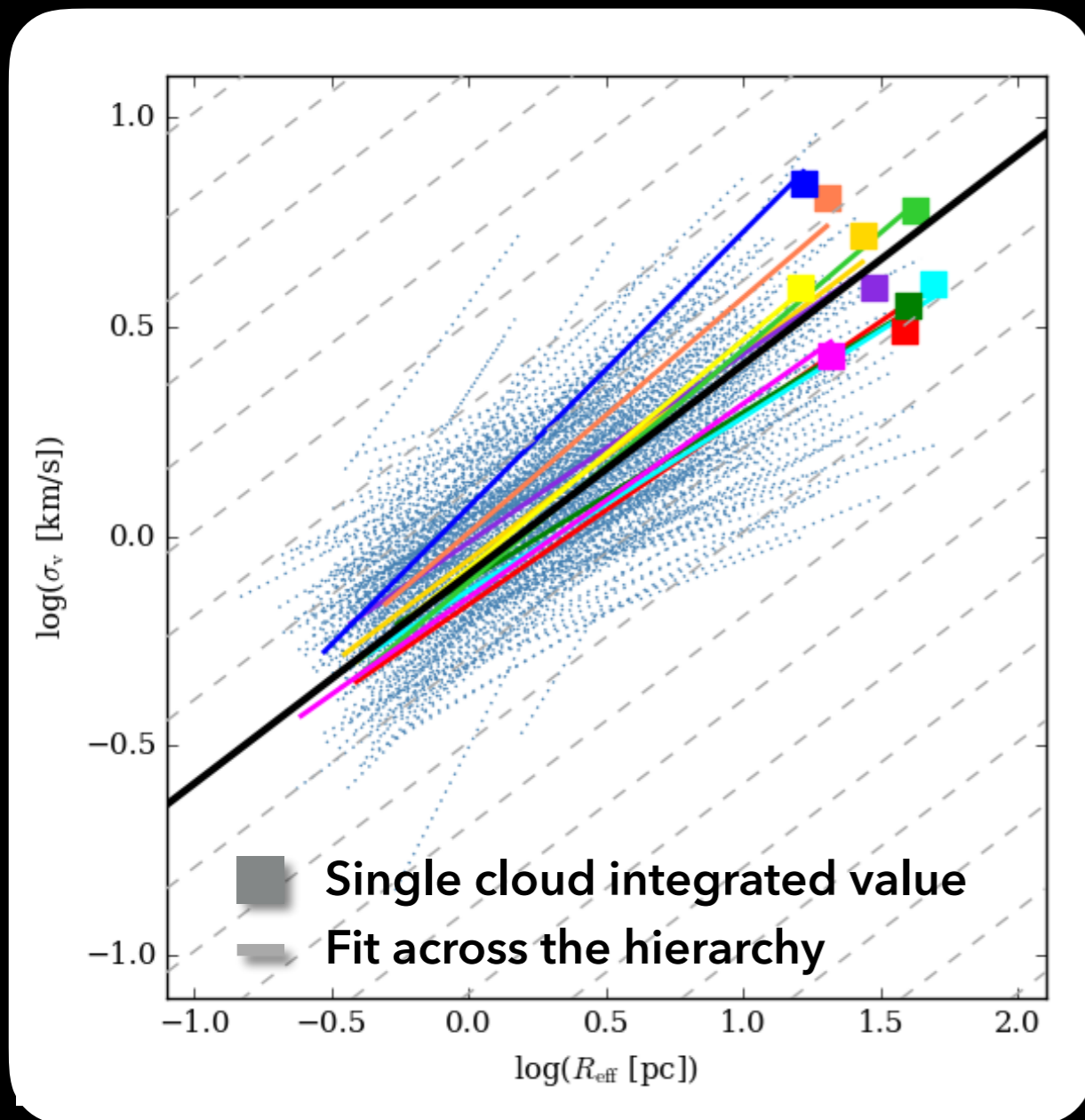
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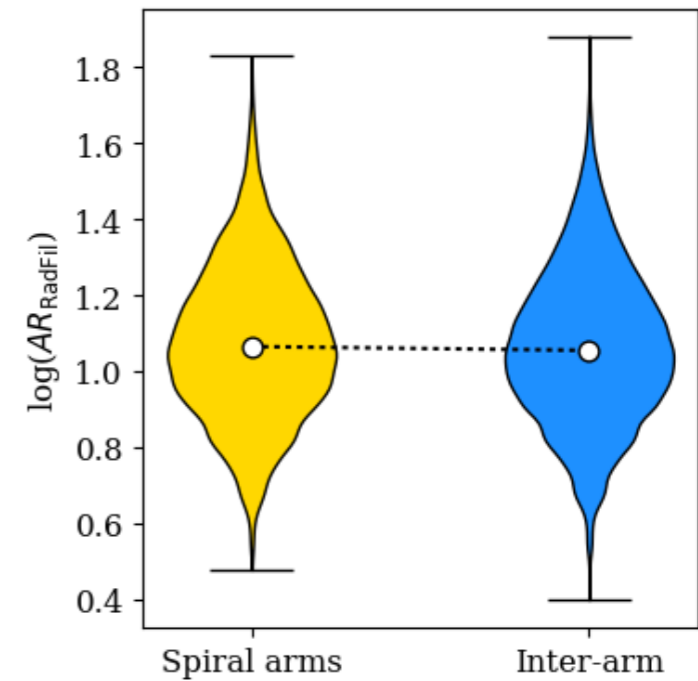
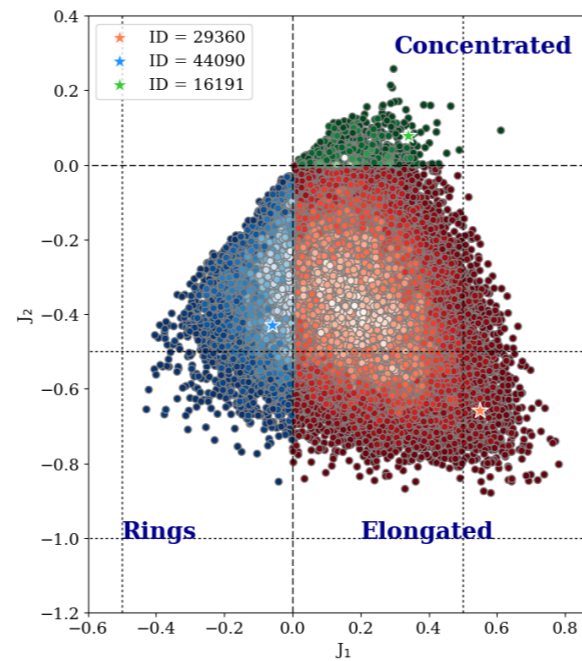
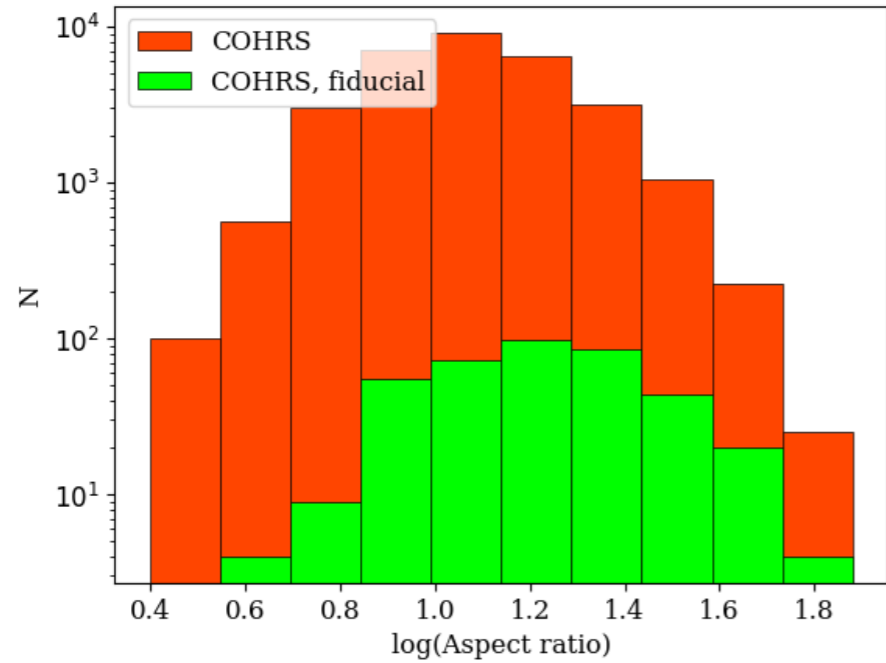
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# Cloud inner structure: Type 2-4 size-linewidth relations



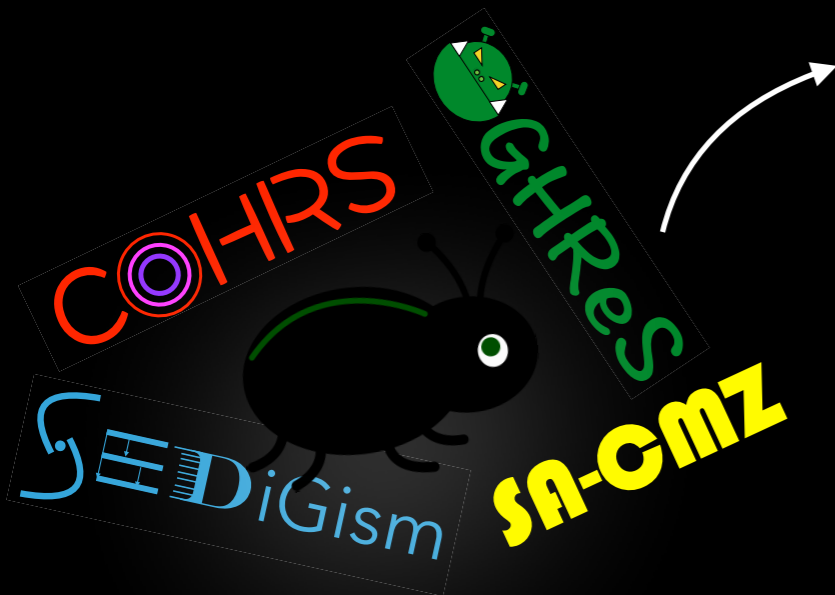
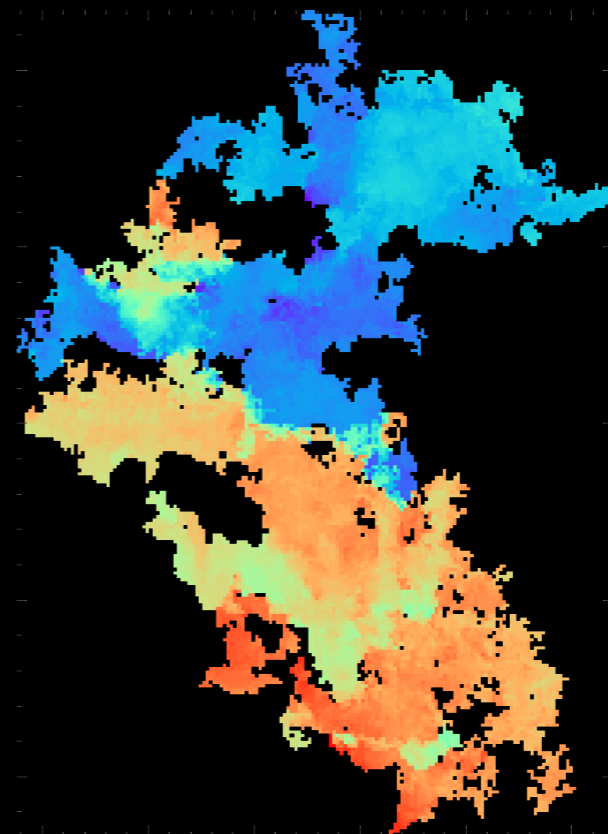


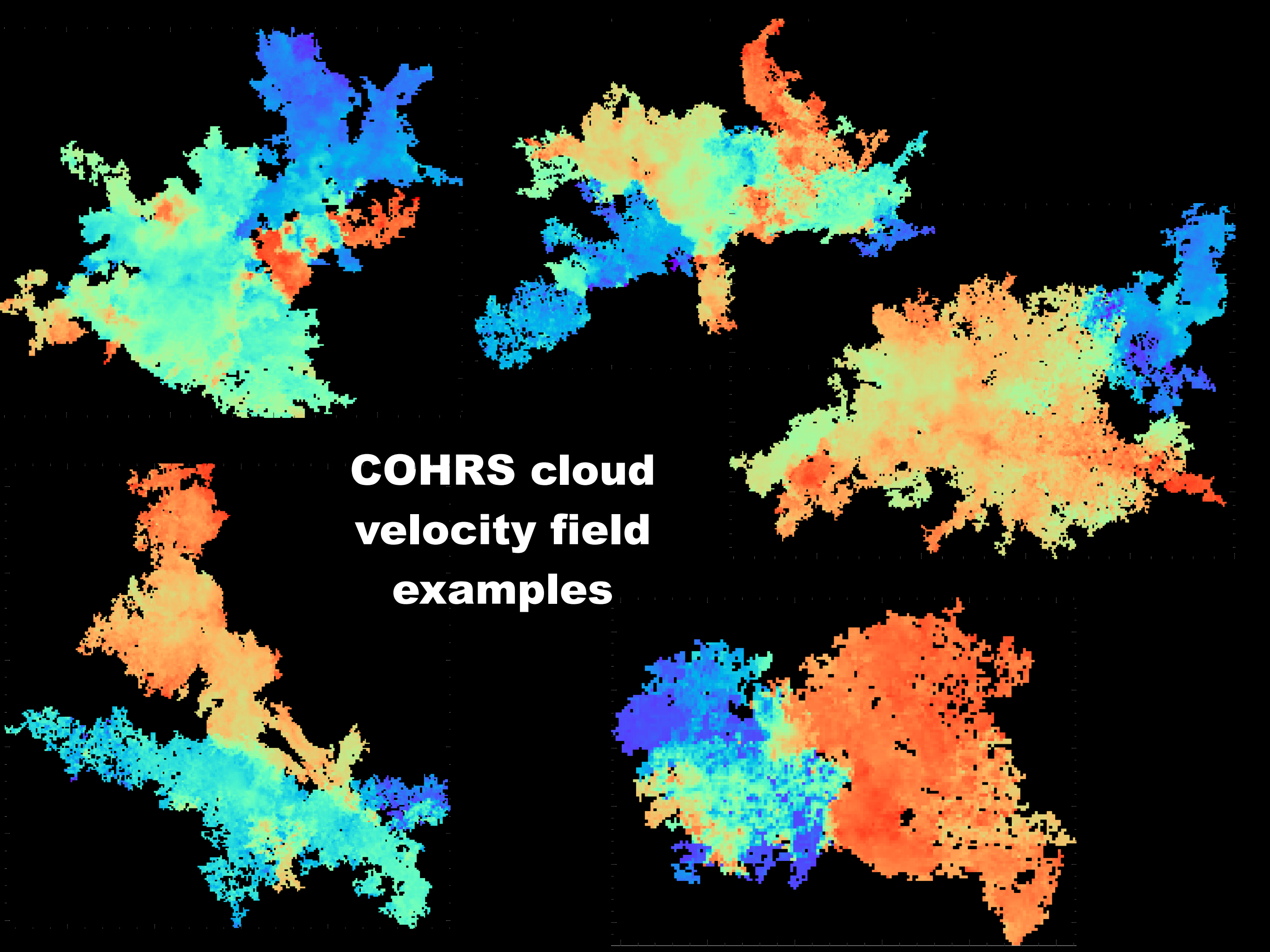
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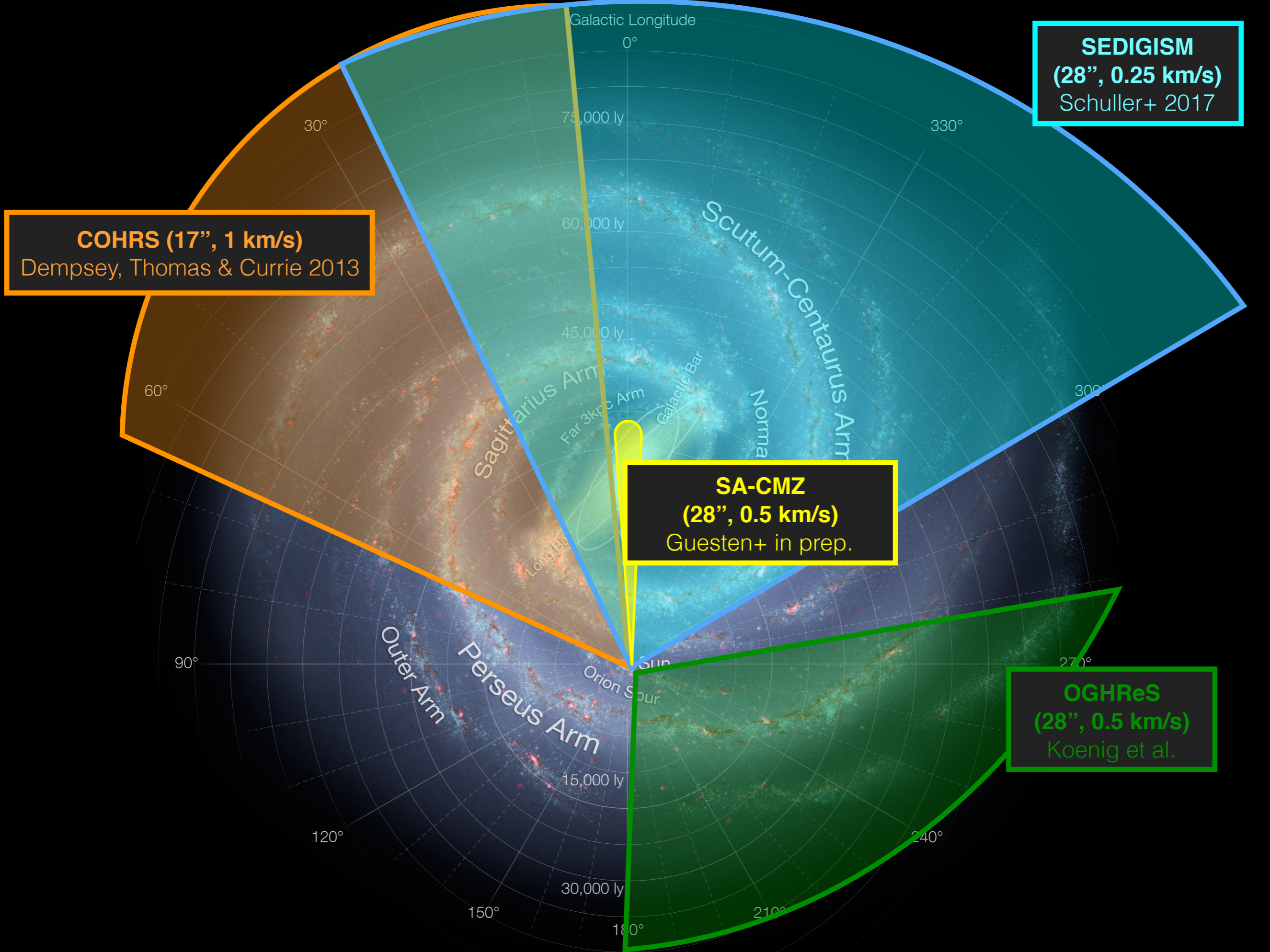
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**COHRS cloud  
velocity field  
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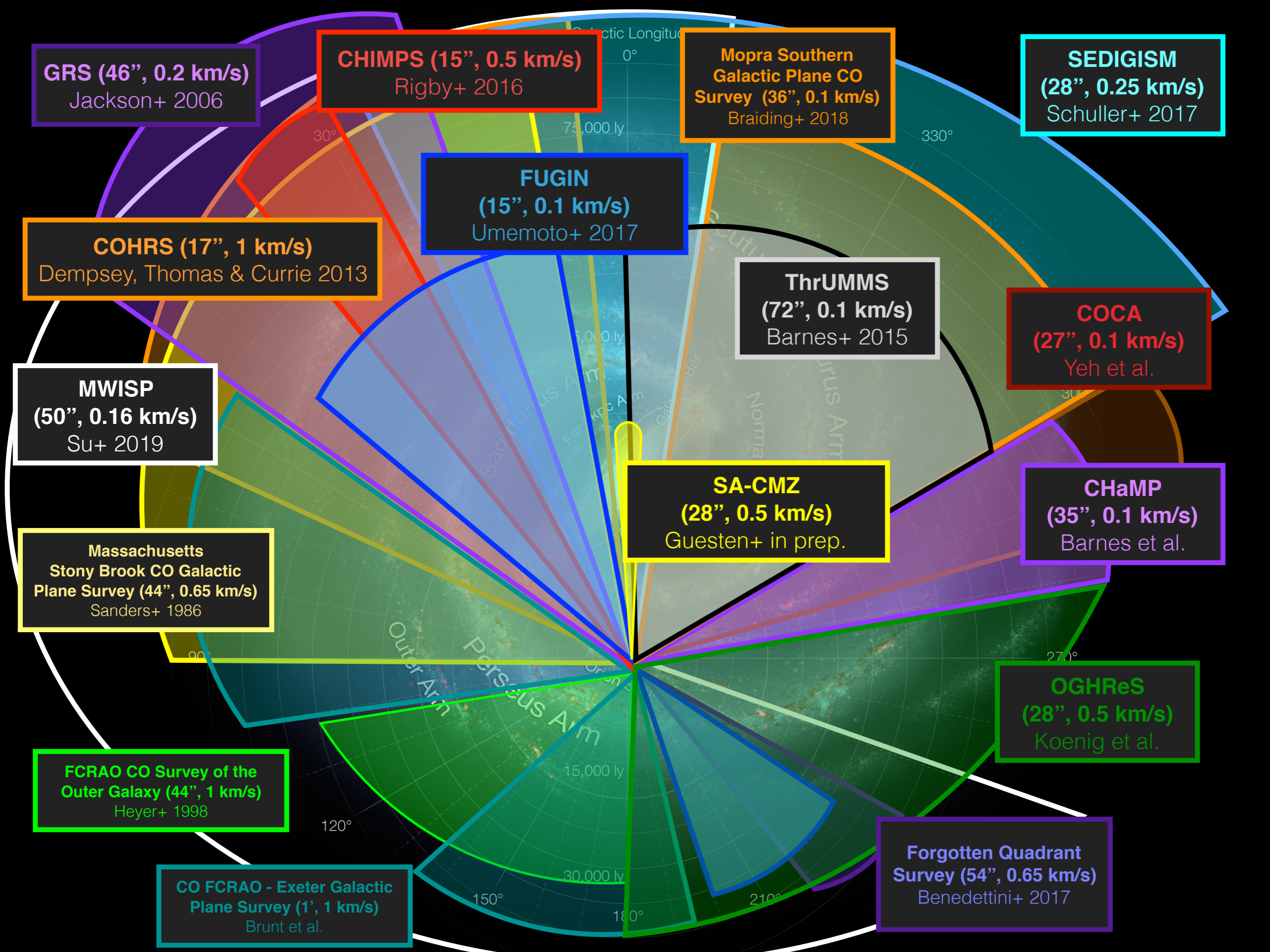


**COHRS (17", 1 km/s)**  
Dempsey, Thomas & Currie 2013

**SEDIGISM**  
(28", 0.25 km/s)  
Schuller+ 2017

**SA-CMZ**  
(28", 0.5 km/s)  
Guesten+ in prep.

**OGHReS**  
(28", 0.5 km/s)  
Koenig et al.



**GRS (46", 0.2 km/s)**  
Jackson+ 2006

**CHIMPS (15", 0.5 km/s)**  
Rigby+ 2016

**Mopra Southern Galactic Plane CO Survey (36", 0.1 km/s)**  
Braiding+ 2018

**SEDIGISM (28", 0.25 km/s)**  
Schuller+ 2017

**FUGIN (15", 0.1 km/s)**  
Umemoto+ 2017

**COHRS (17", 1 km/s)**  
Dempsey, Thomas & Currie 2013

**ThrUMMS (72", 0.1 km/s)**  
Barnes+ 2015

**COCA (27", 0.1 km/s)**  
Yeh et al.

**MWISP (50", 0.16 km/s)**  
Su+ 2019

**SA-CMZ (28", 0.5 km/s)**  
Guesten+ in prep.

**CHaMP (35", 0.1 km/s)**  
Barnes et al.

**Massachusetts Stony Brook CO Galactic Plane Survey (44", 0.65 km/s)**  
Sanders+ 1986

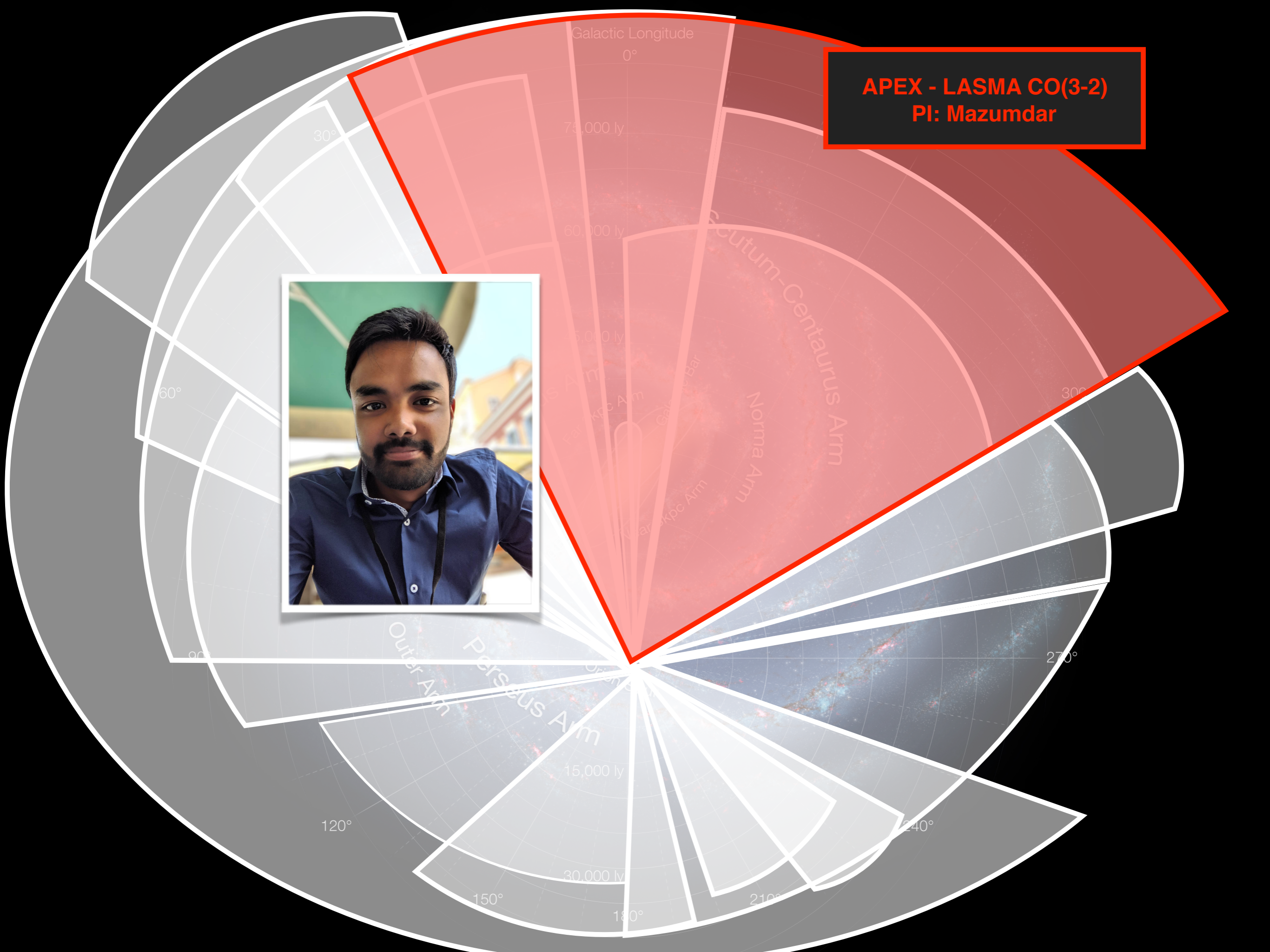
**FCRAO CO Survey of the Outer Galaxy (44", 1 km/s)**  
Heyer+ 1998

**OGHReS (28", 0.5 km/s)**  
Koenig et al.

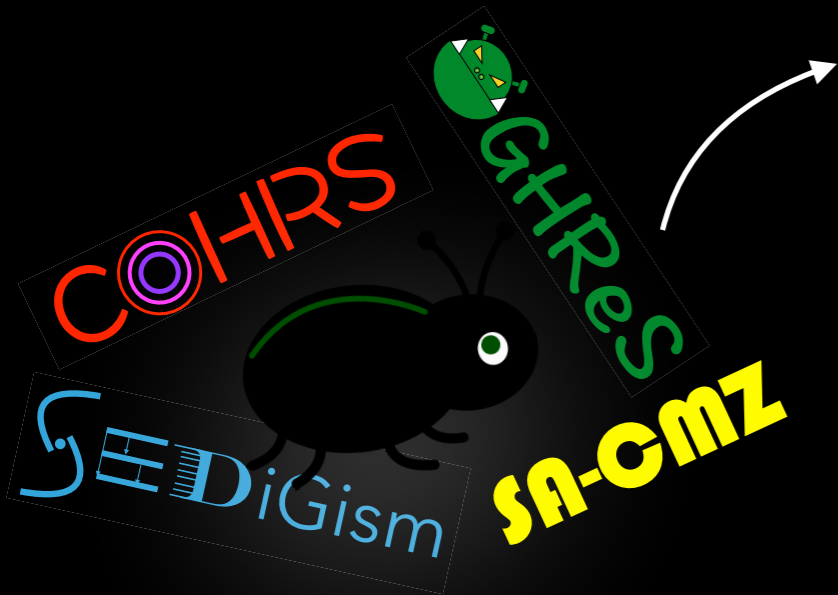
**Forgotten Quadrant Survey (54", 0.65 km/s)**  
Benedettini+ 2017

**CO FCRAO - Exeter Galactic Plane Survey (1', 1 km/s)**  
Brunt et al.

**APEX - LASMA CO(3-2)**  
**PI: Mazumdar**



**X 10000**



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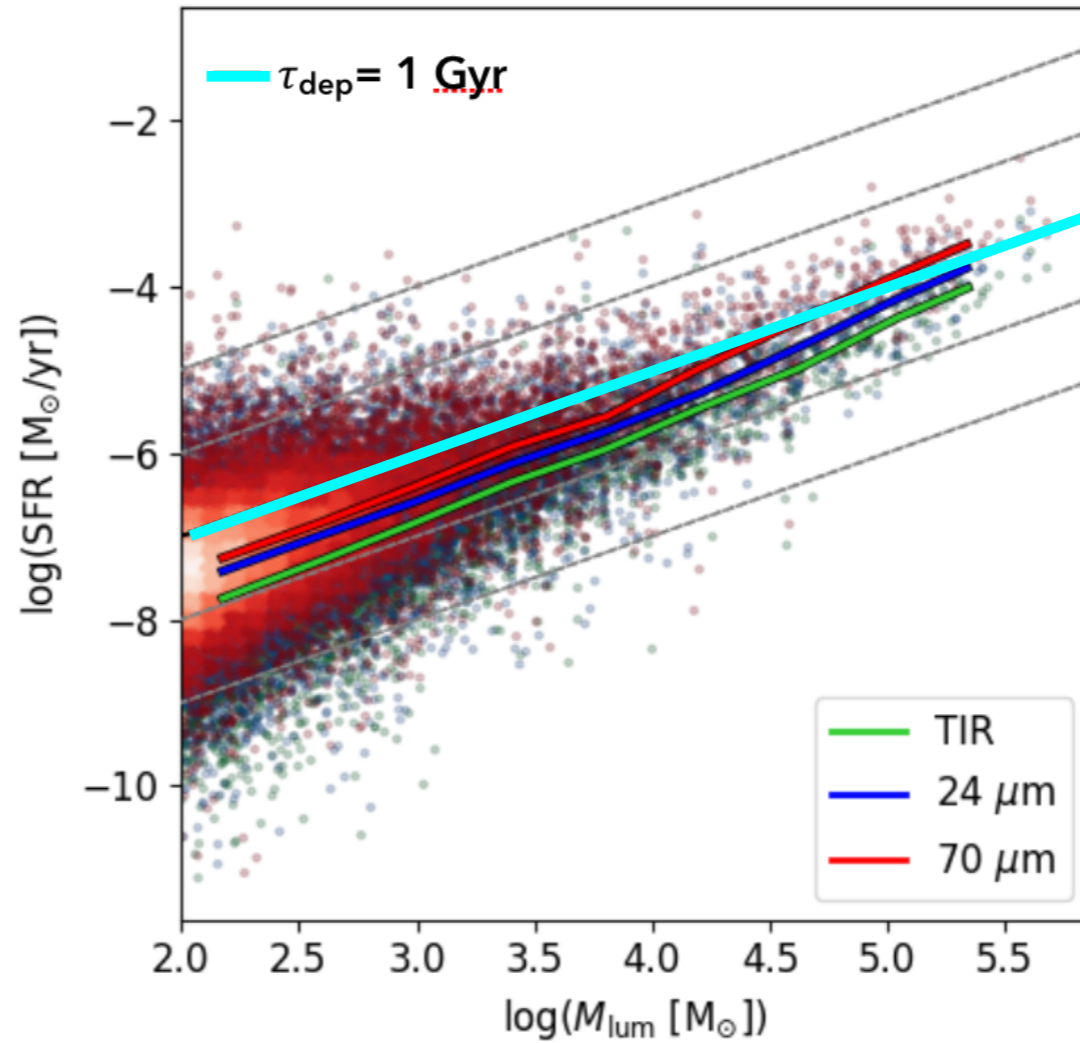
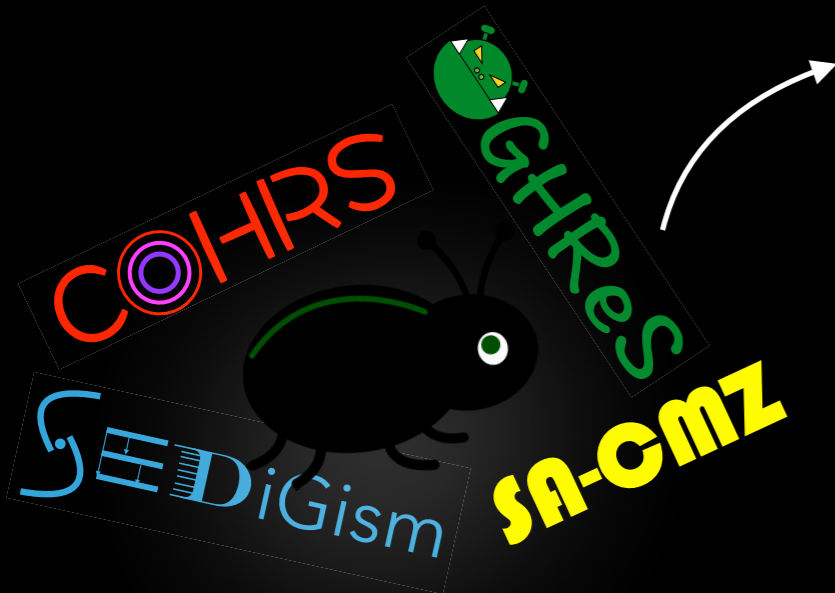
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Matching COHRS clouds with Hi-GAL IR emission (Rosolowsky, Colombo et al. in prep.)



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