

Towards 3D maps of the nearby ISM in its various phases

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Outline

- * 3D maps from inversion of absorption data

- * data, method, shortcomings, validation tests

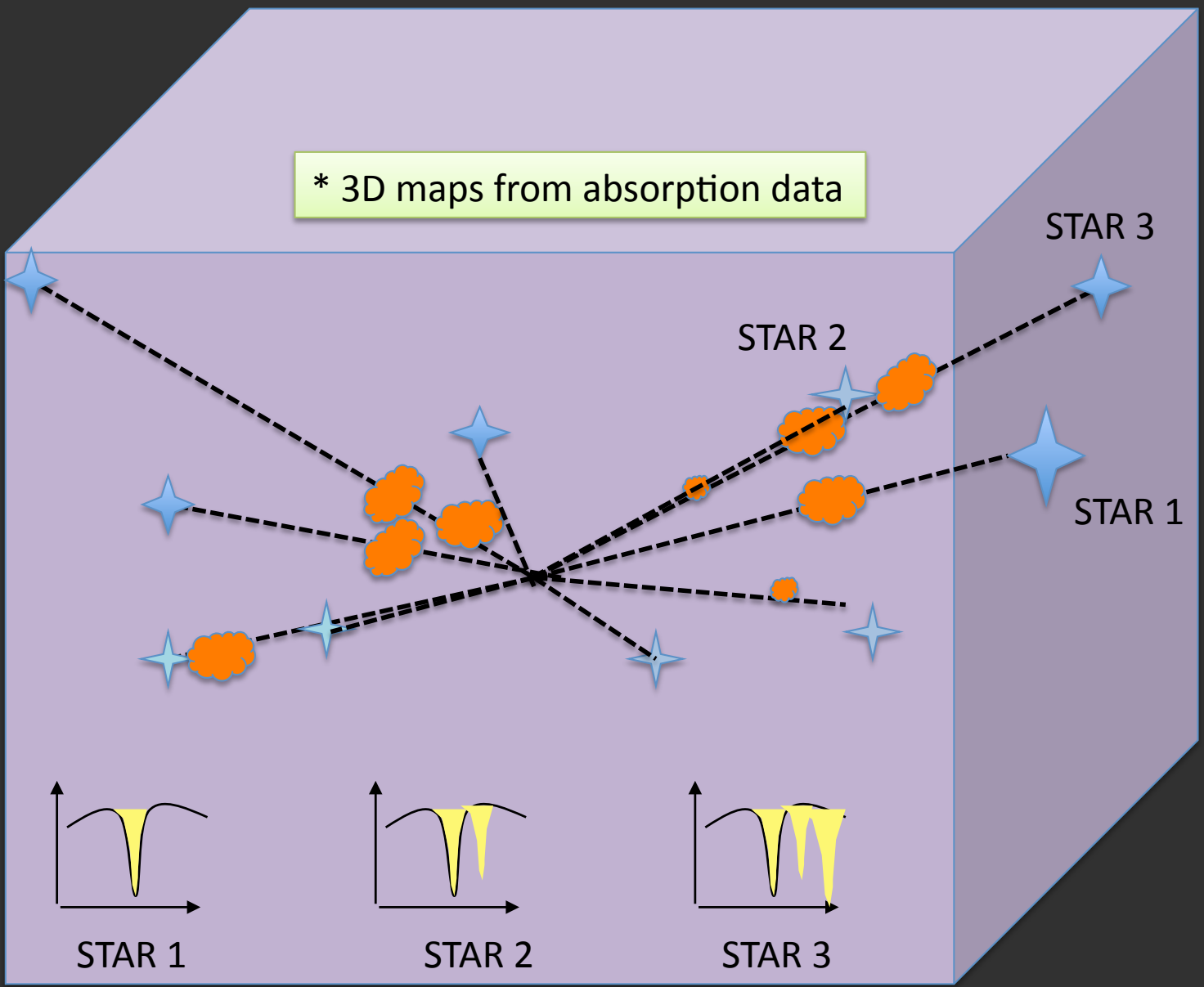
- * recent dust extinction maps, comparison with gas absorption

- Mapping cavities => first comparison with X-ray background data
=> the hot, coronal phase

- * Mapping large-scale abundance variations => first, preliminary results

- * PERSPECTIVES

* 3D maps from absorption data



Ideally:

- target stars evenly distributed everywhere in space
 - on a very tight grid
 - precise measurements of the absorbing columns
 - precise measurements of the target distances
- and , ideally for our purpose
- a choice of interstellar tracers adapted to the various phases

- target stars databases (strongly) biased
- today coarse grids for individual abs. data very limited datasets
- unequal accuracies on the absorbing columns
- inaccurate target distances, use of photometric distances

Every aspect in progress, but today real life is.....

-Bayesian method for the general nonlinear inverse problem

(Tarantola Valette, 1980)

-Volume opacity (gas or dust) treated as **a continuous function of space**

-Data d and model m are random vectors that fluctuate around 'prior' values

-Line-of-sight integrals: $d = g(m)$

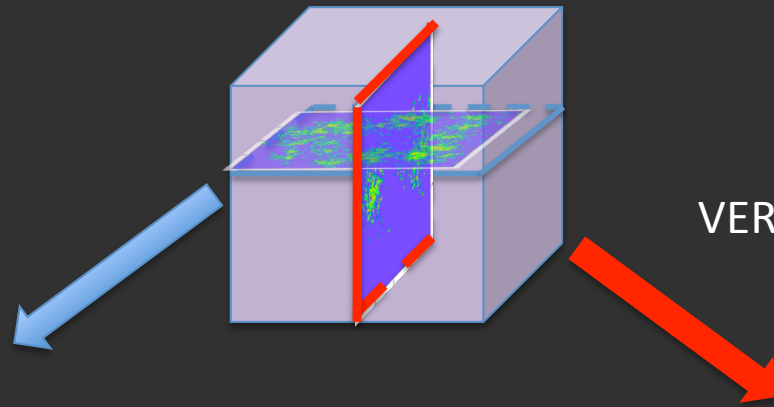
-Iterative method: minimization of $d - g(m)$ compatible with allowed fluctuations

-Strong undetermination > **smoothing length introduced**

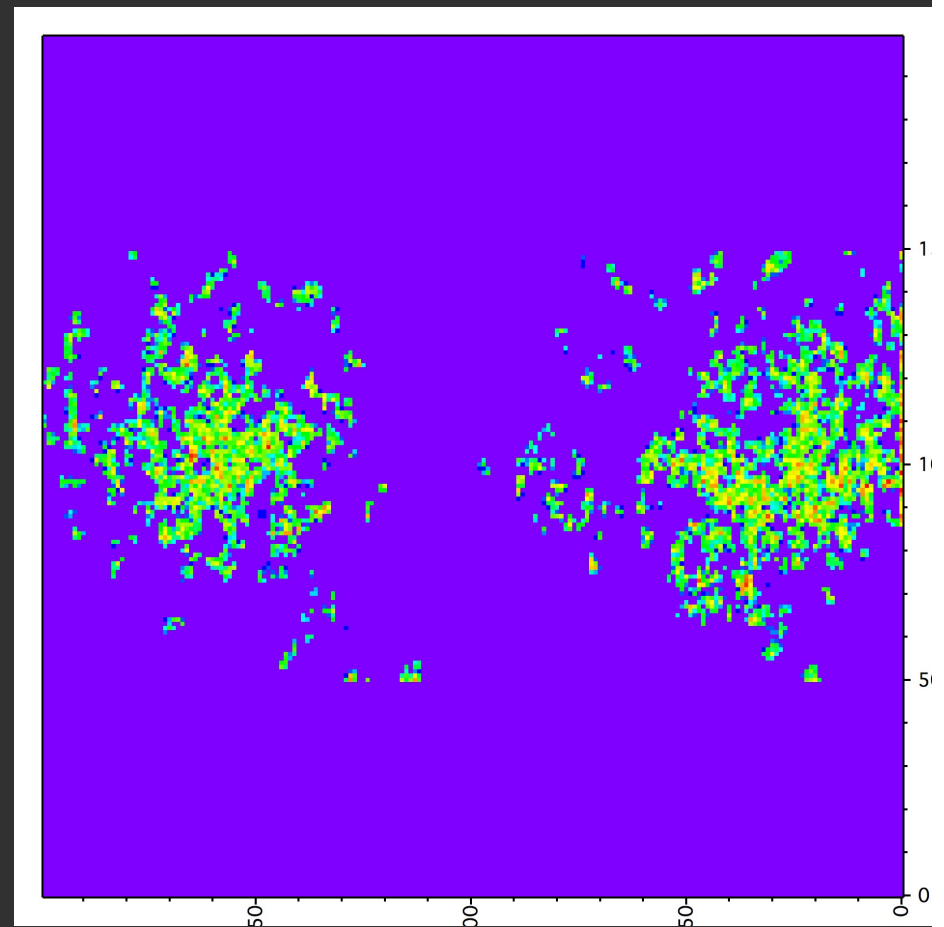
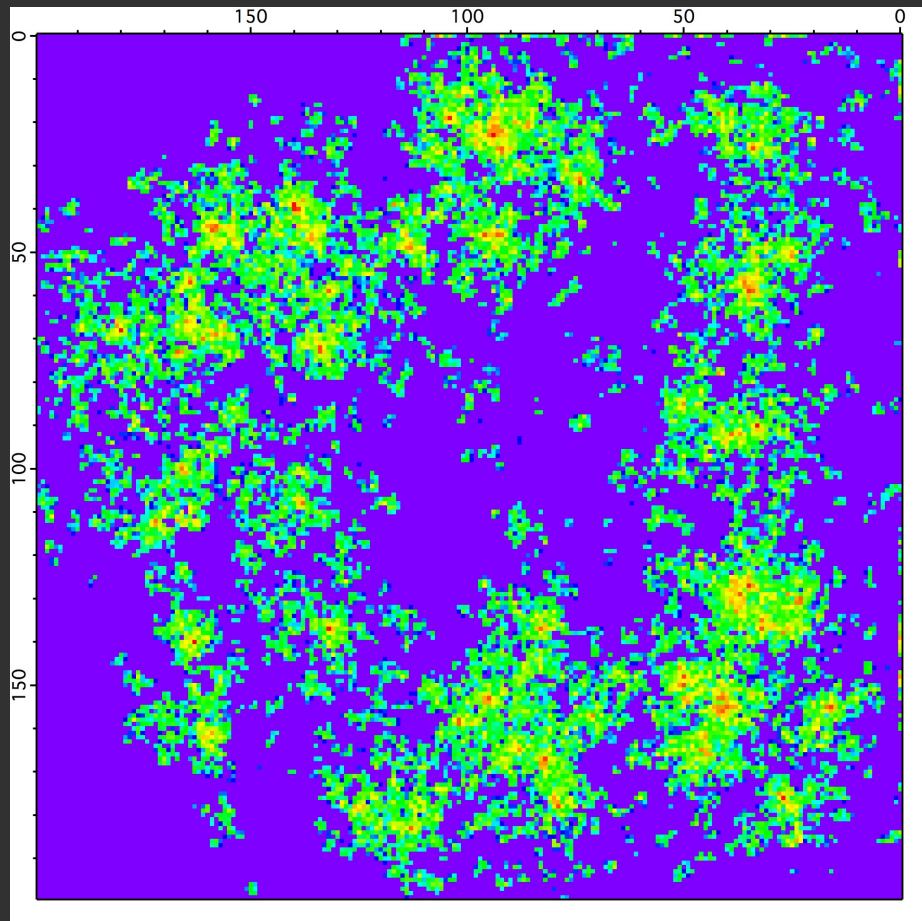
-The most recent inversions make use of two favoured sizes of clouds: to represent the dense(cold) and dilute(warm) phases

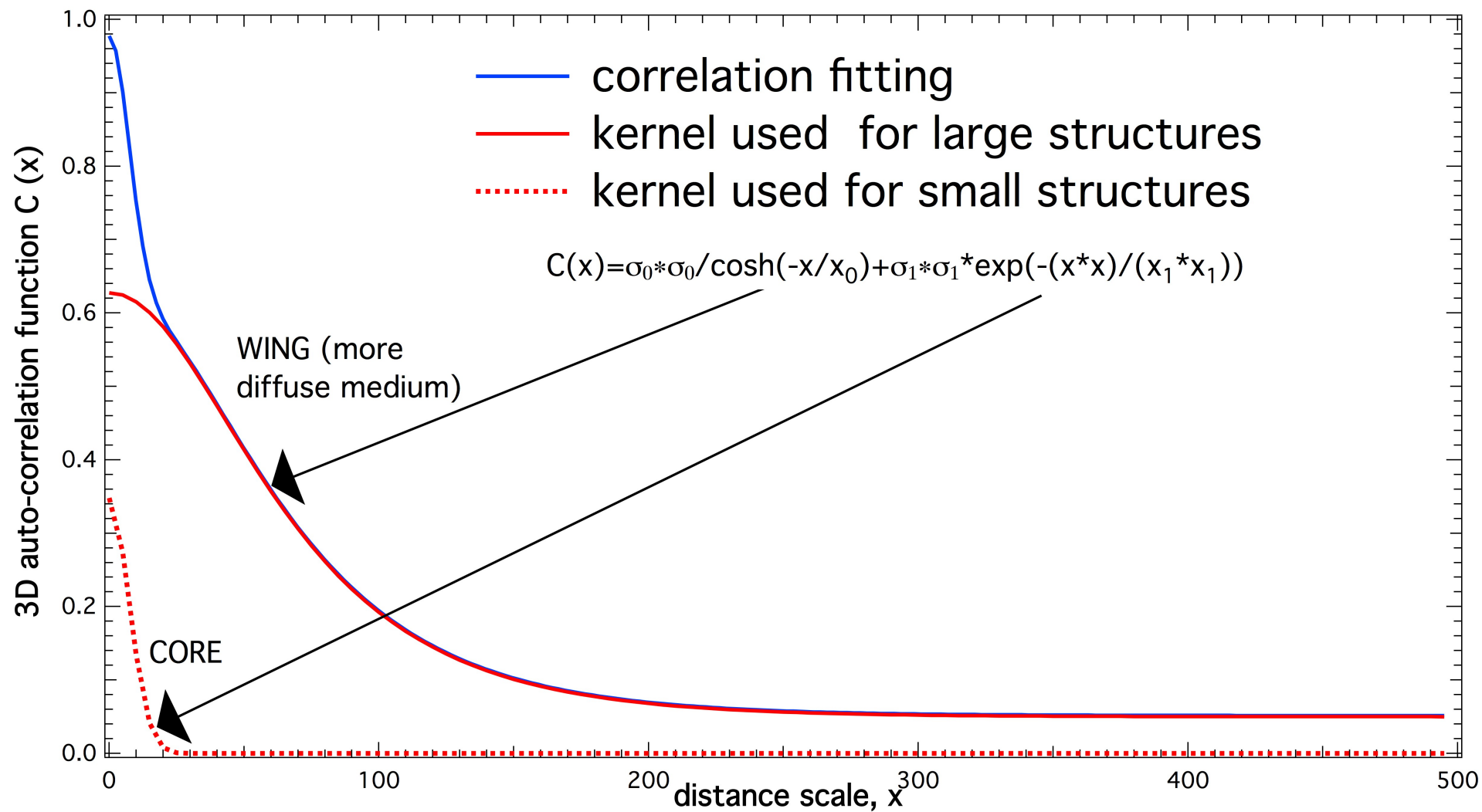
**VALIDATION TESTS
SIMULATED DUST
DISTRIBUTION**

HORIZONTAL CUT



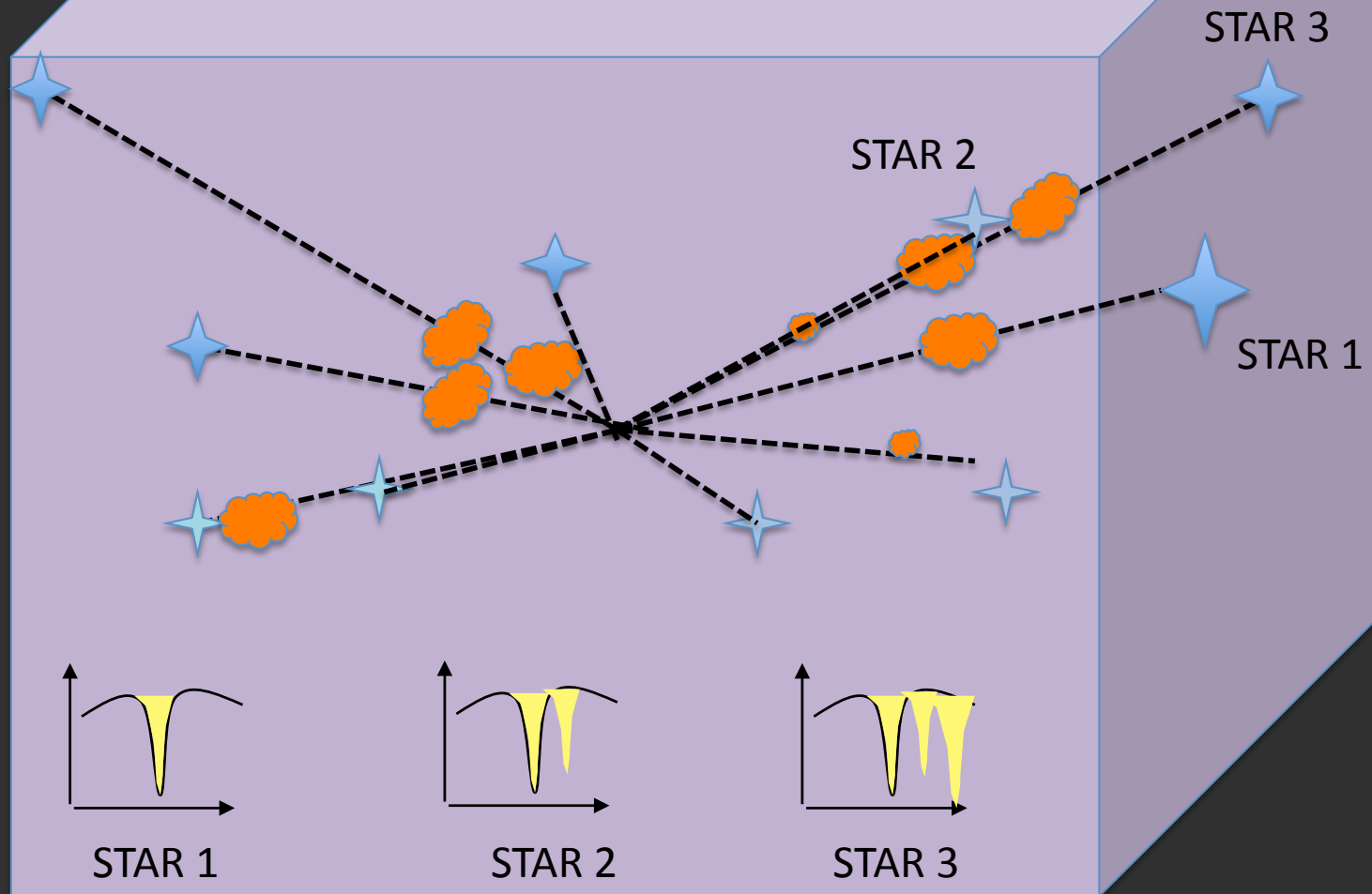
VERTICAL CUT





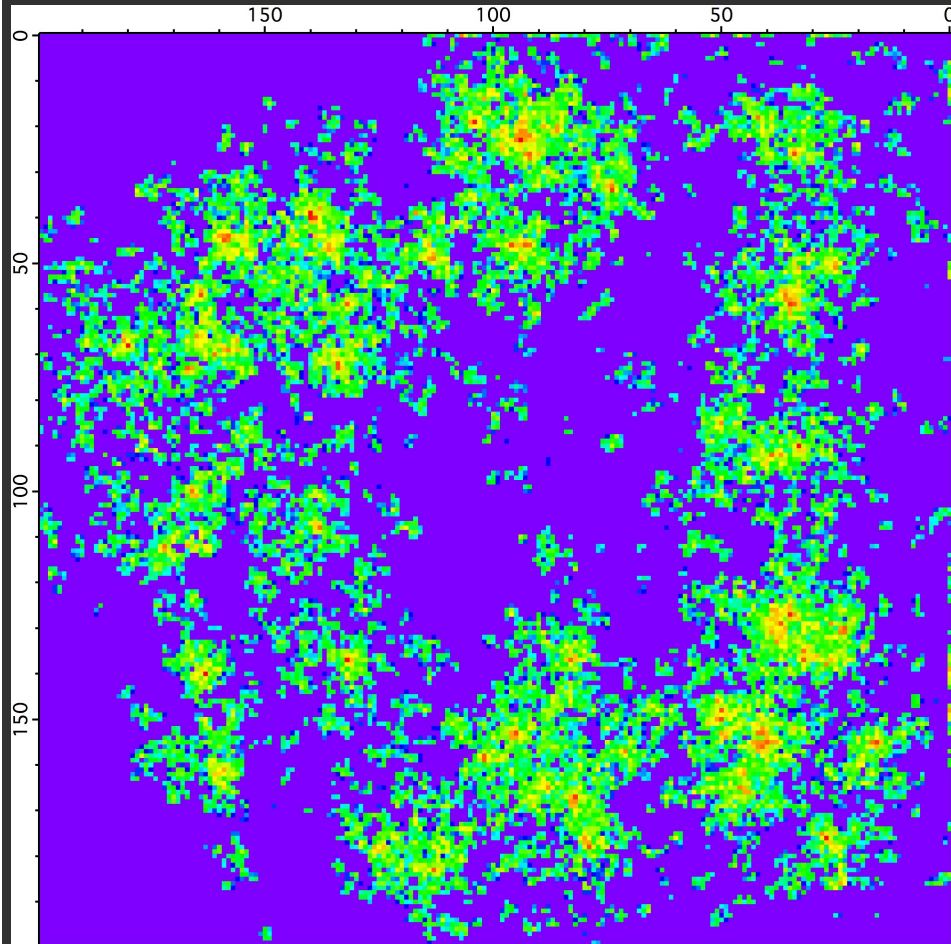
+ SIMULATED STAR
DISTRIBUTION
N* STARS (21,000)

+ COMPUTATION OF the N* ABSORBING COLUMNS

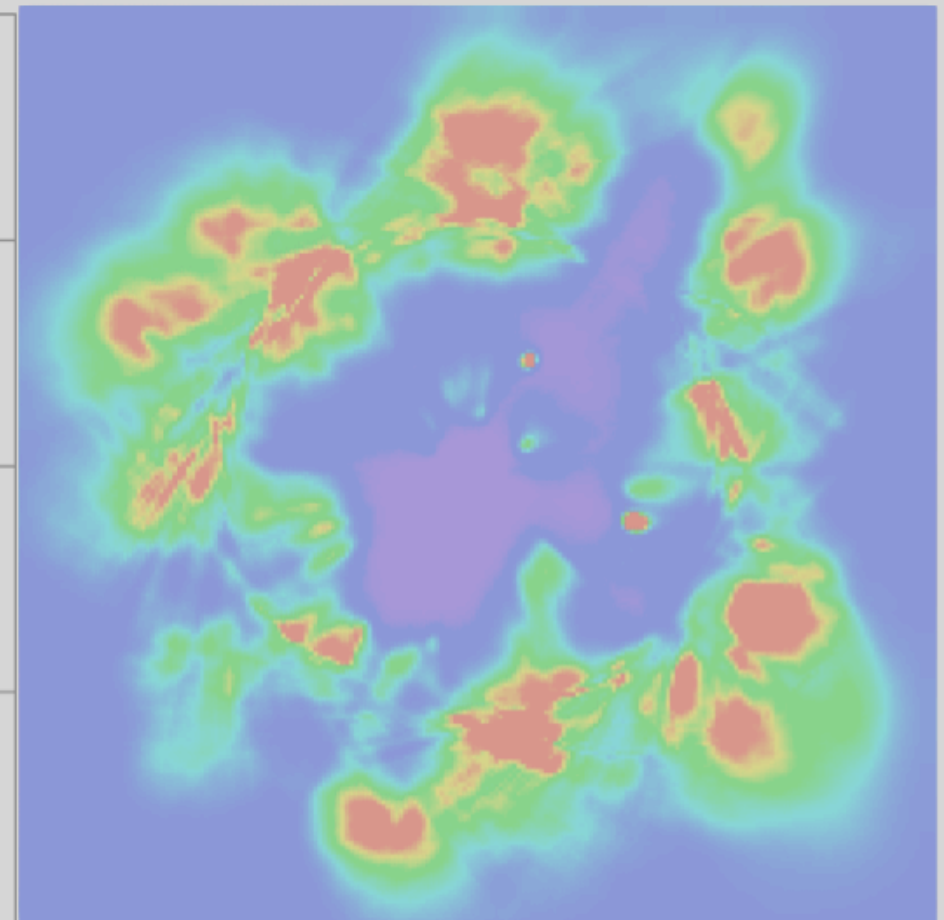


**INVERSION OF THE 21,000 SIMULATED COLUMNS
+ TARGET DIRECTIONS AND DISTANCES**

INITIAL DISTRIBUTION



INVERTED DISTRIBUTION



23,000 color excess measurements

Distances

Hiparcos parallaxes +
photometric parallaxes
for 15,000 *

Photometric data

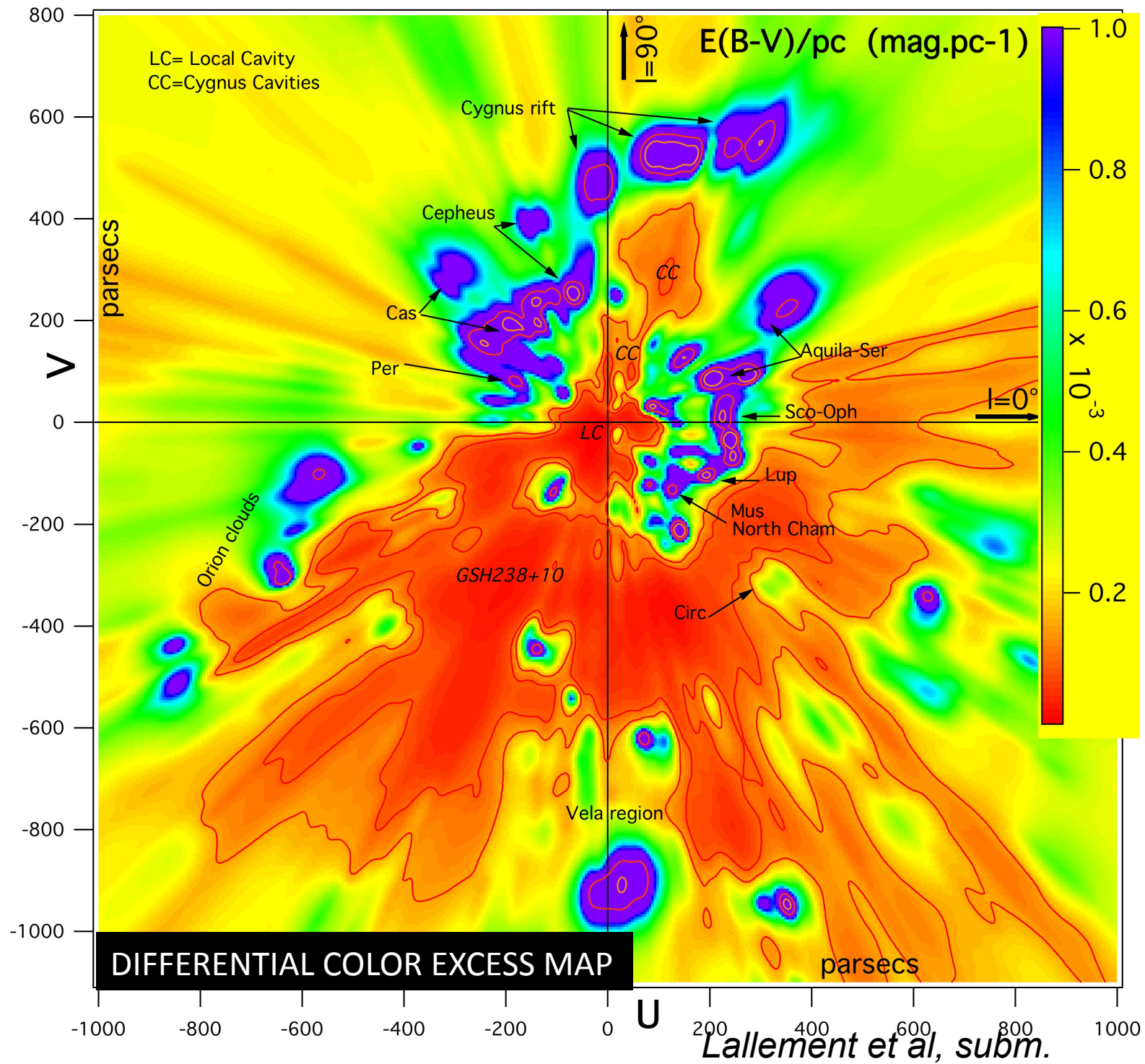
Strömgren catalogs

Geneva photometric
database (E(B-V)+d)

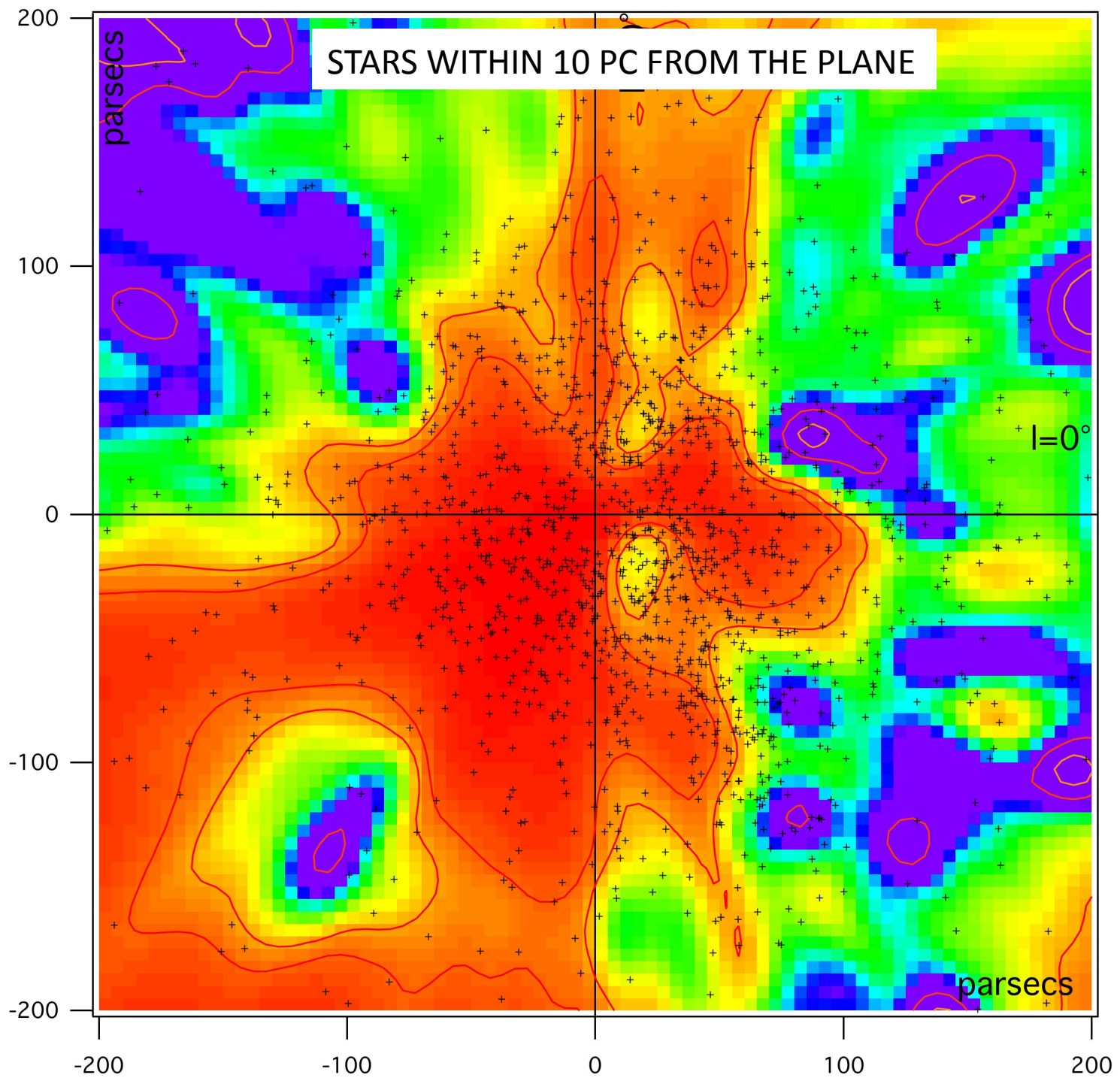
Geneva-Copenhagen Survey

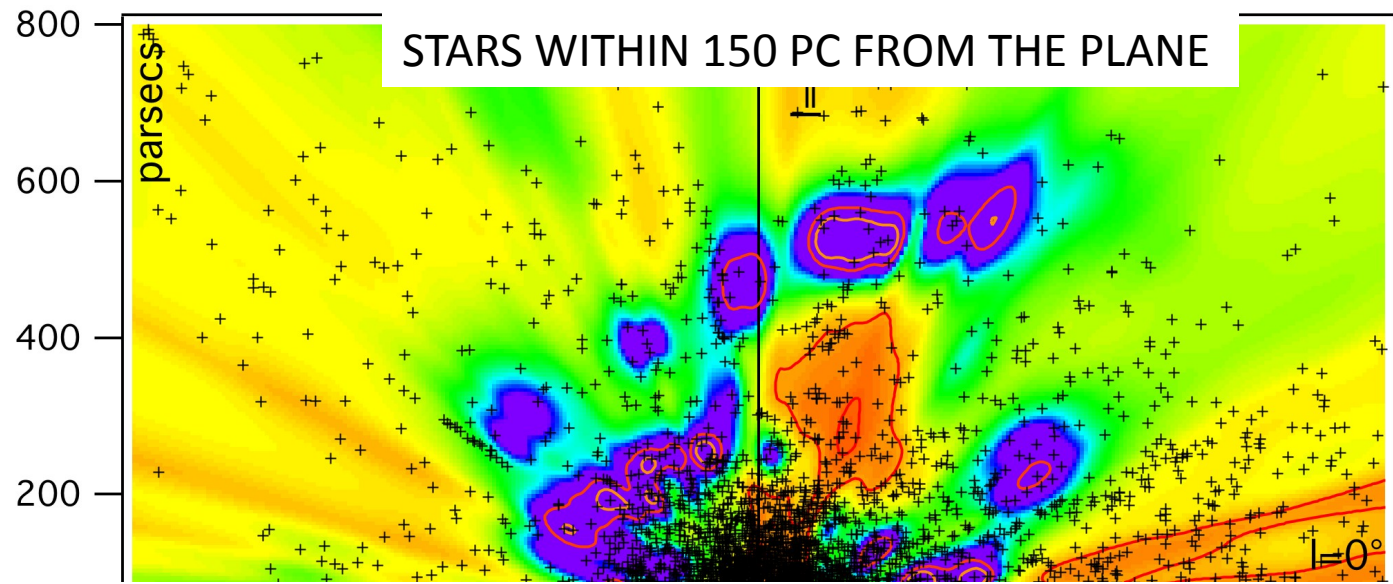
Open clusters

**3D DUST
DISTRIBUTION**
0 → ≈1000 pc

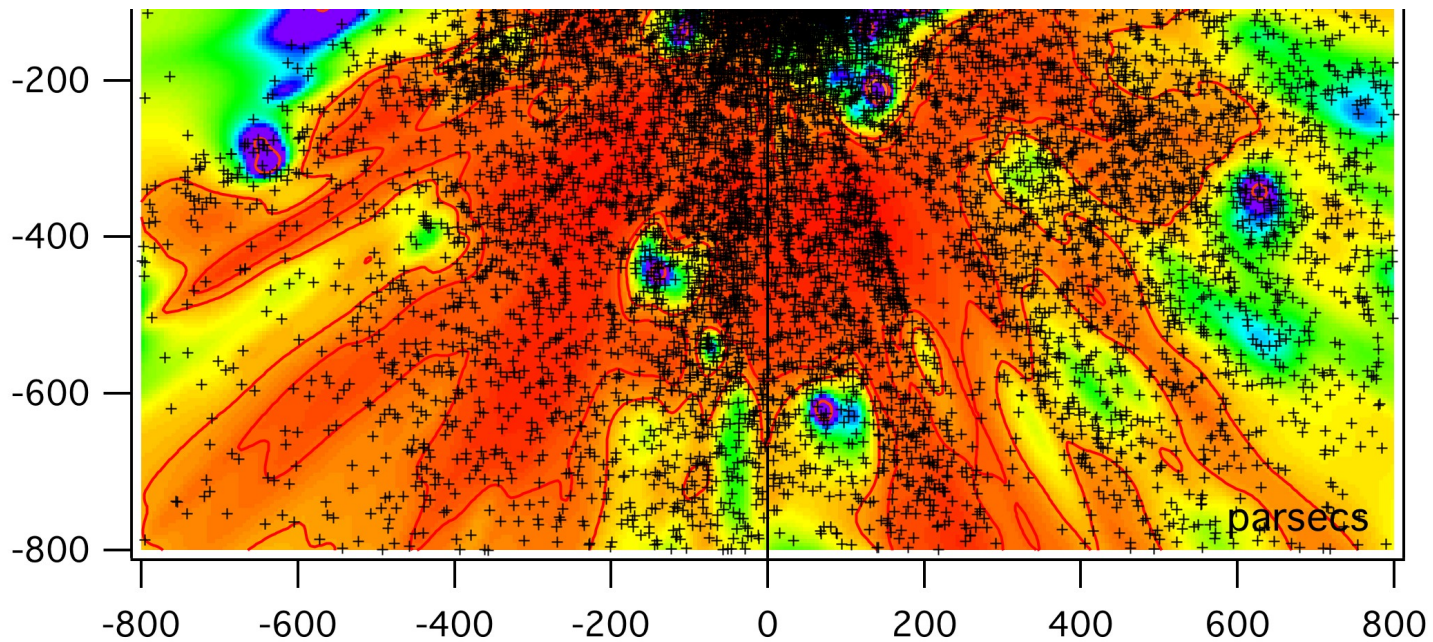


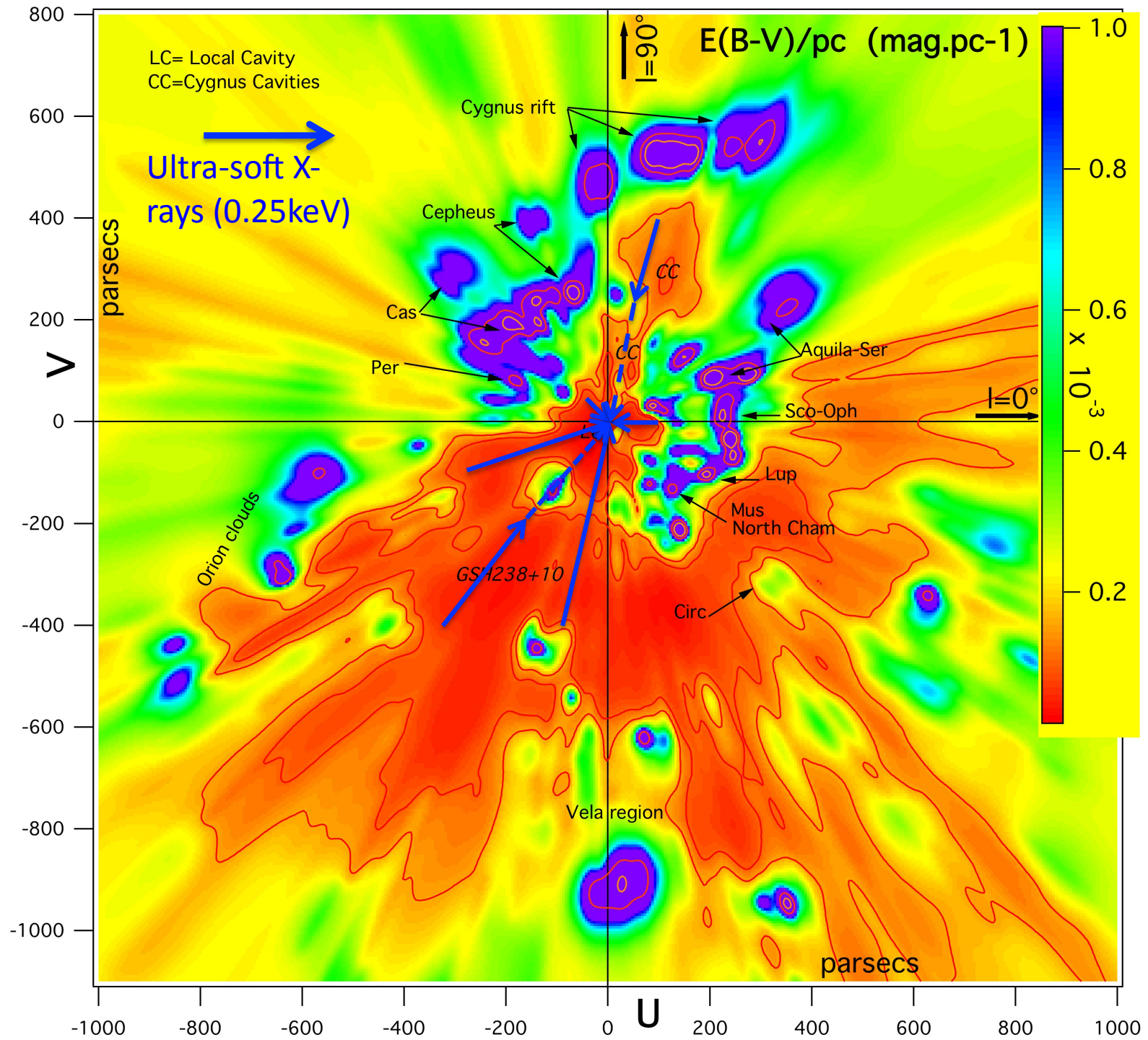
Lallement et al, subm.





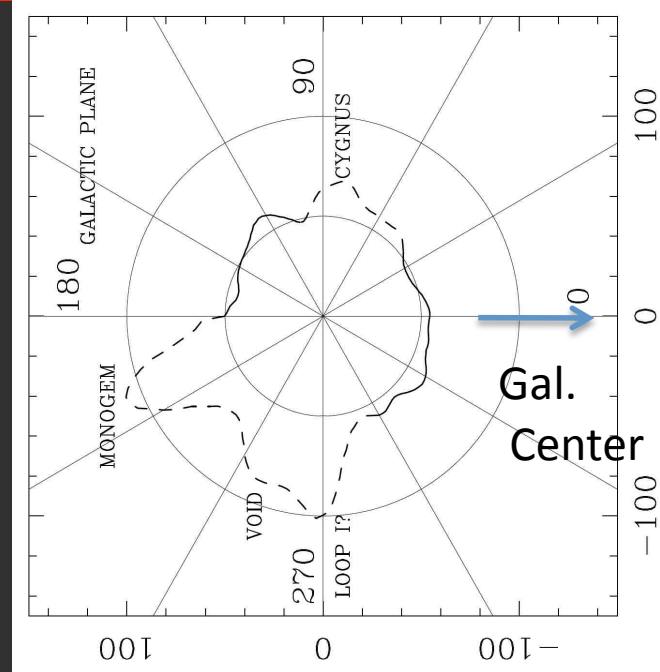
0 CAVITIES ARE MAPPED FIRST!!





USING THE MAPS TO INFER HOT ISM PROPERTIES

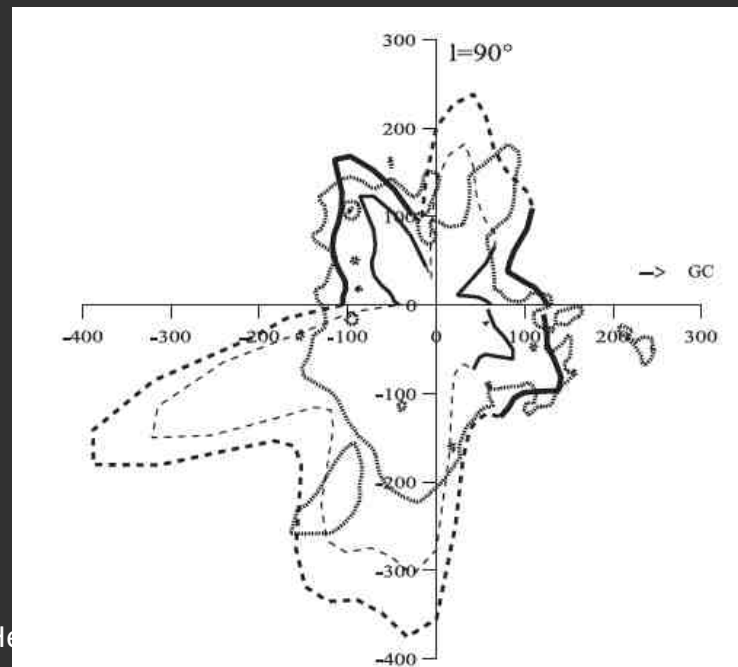
We start with the **ROSAT** maps of **unabsorbed 0.25 keV diffuse soft X-ray background**
Snowden et al, 1998



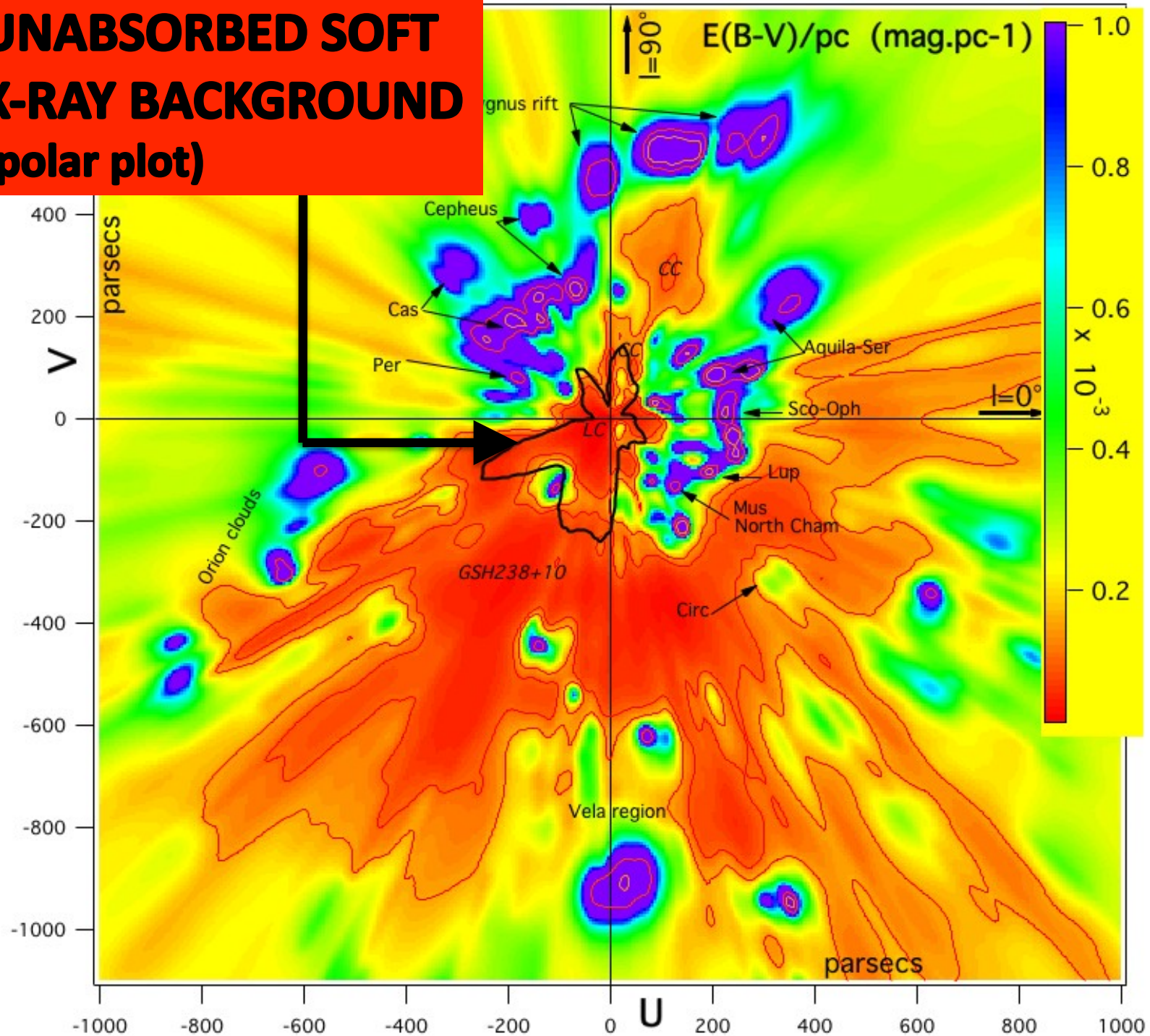
Galactic Plane

We remove the contribution of the solar wind charge transfer X-ray emission (two cases)

Lallement et al, 2004



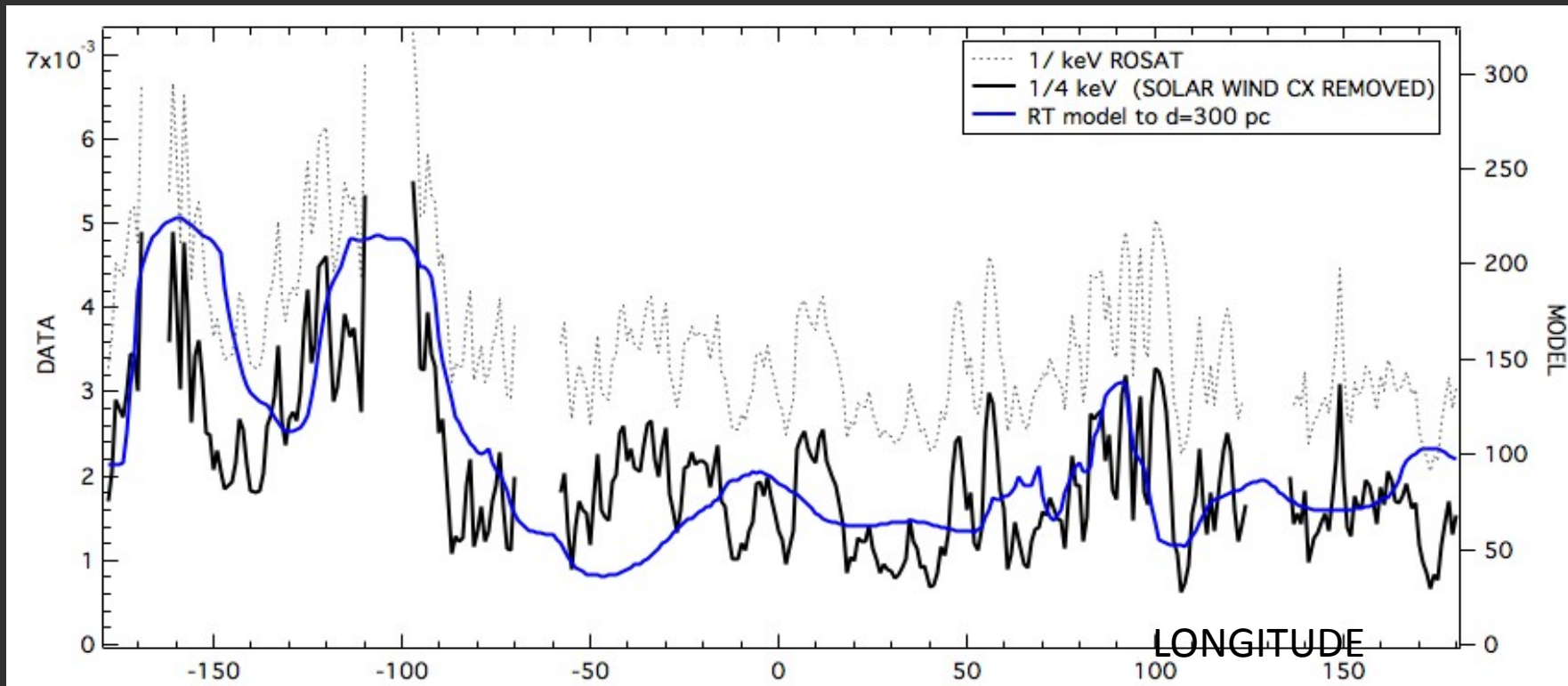
UNABSORBED SOFT X-RAY BACKGROUND (polar plot)



More quantitatively

Radiative transfer models within the maps:
We assume that all cavities emit in X-rays, and all clouds absorb

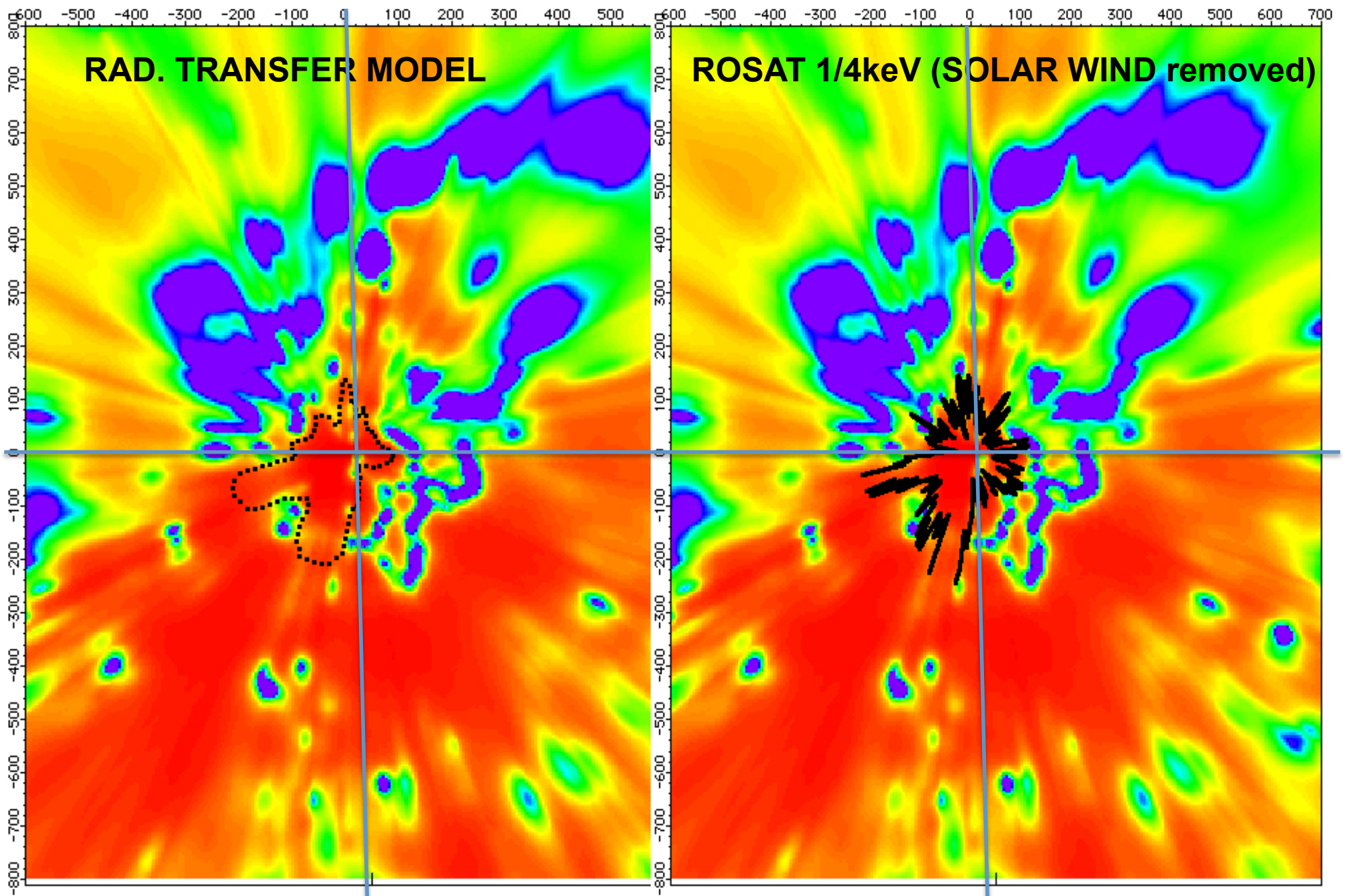
Diffuse 0.25keV X-ray background (absorbed +unabsorbed)



Volume emissivity of the hot gas in the cavities

Preliminary computations: Puspitarini et al (in progress)

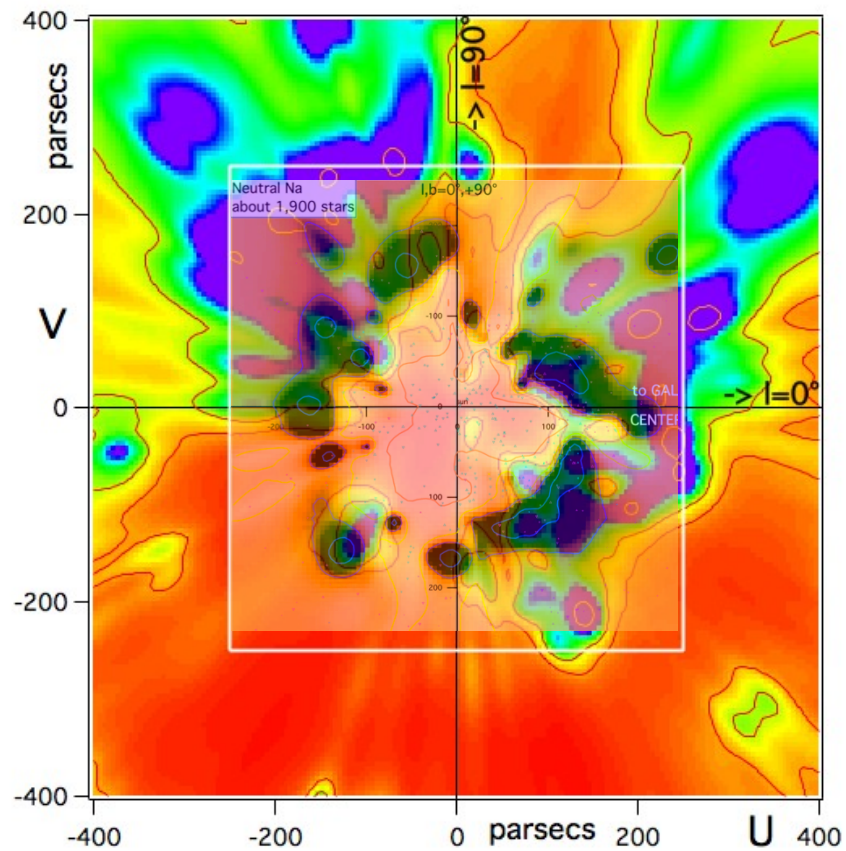
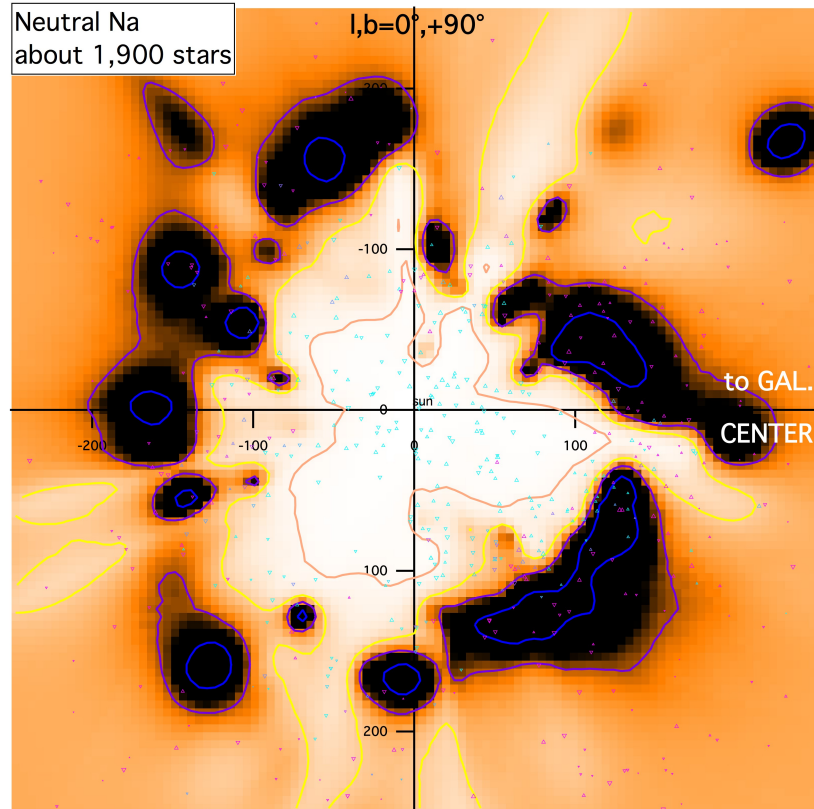
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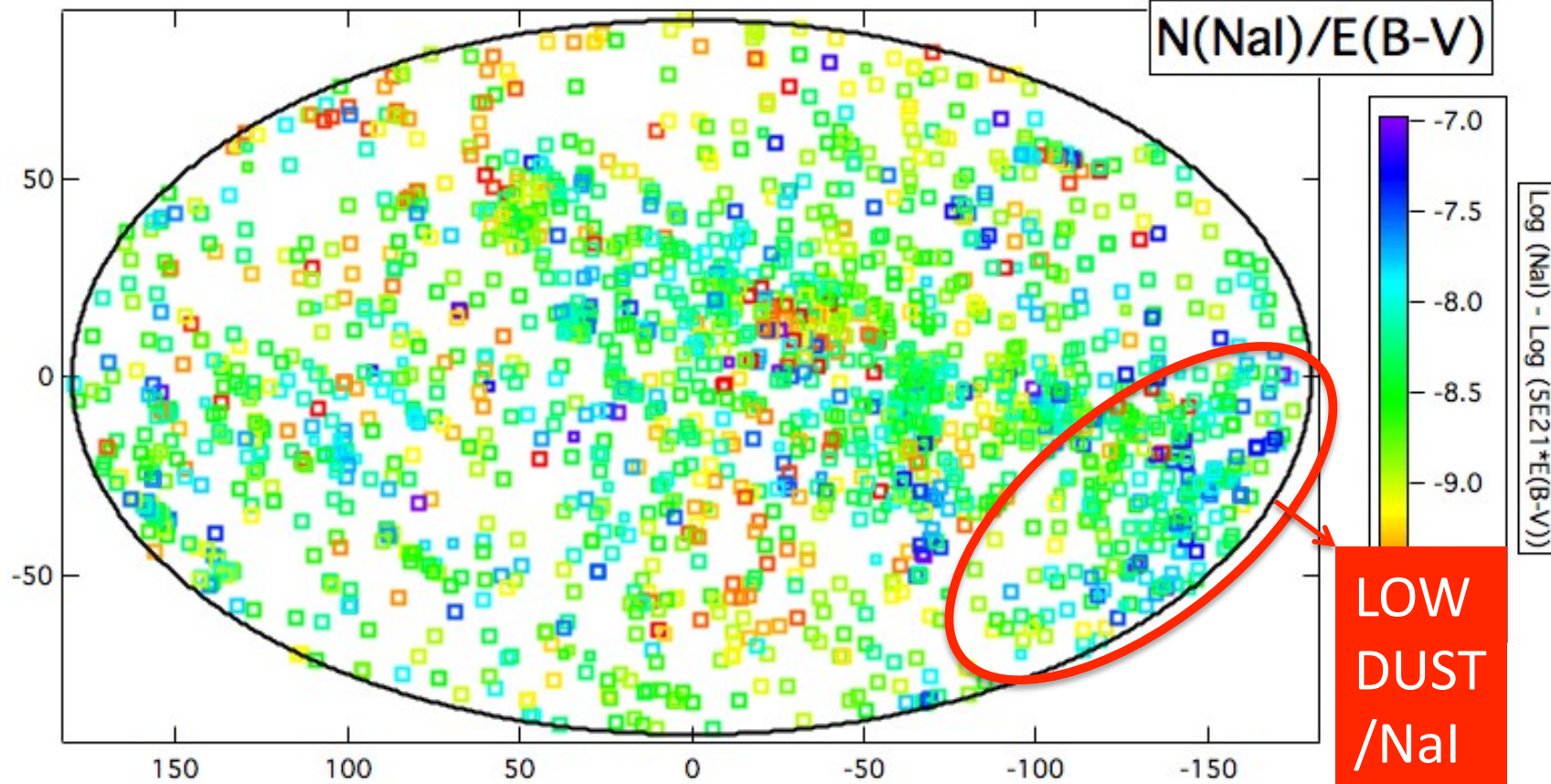
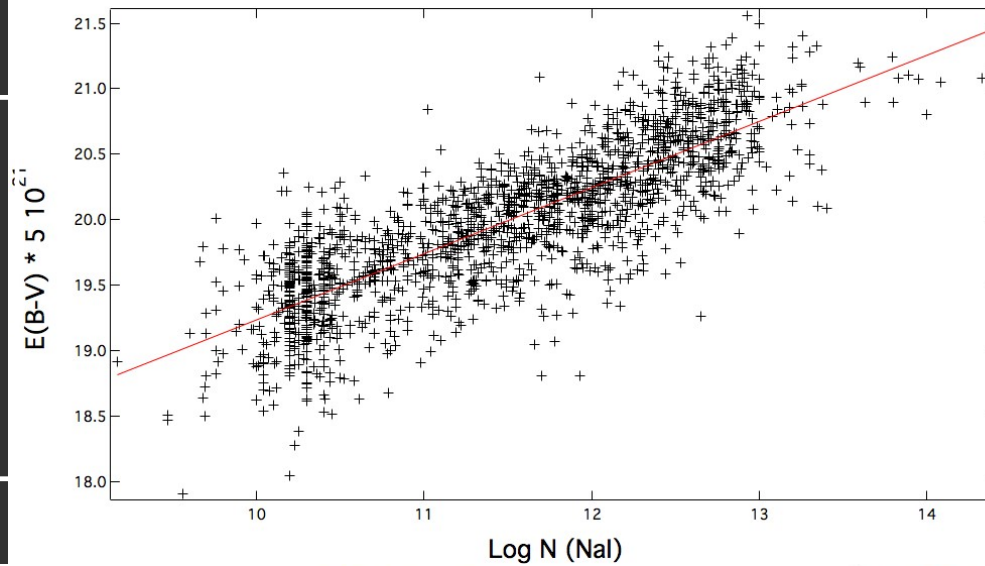
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USING THE MAPS TO INFER relations between THE DUST and GASEOUS SPECIES

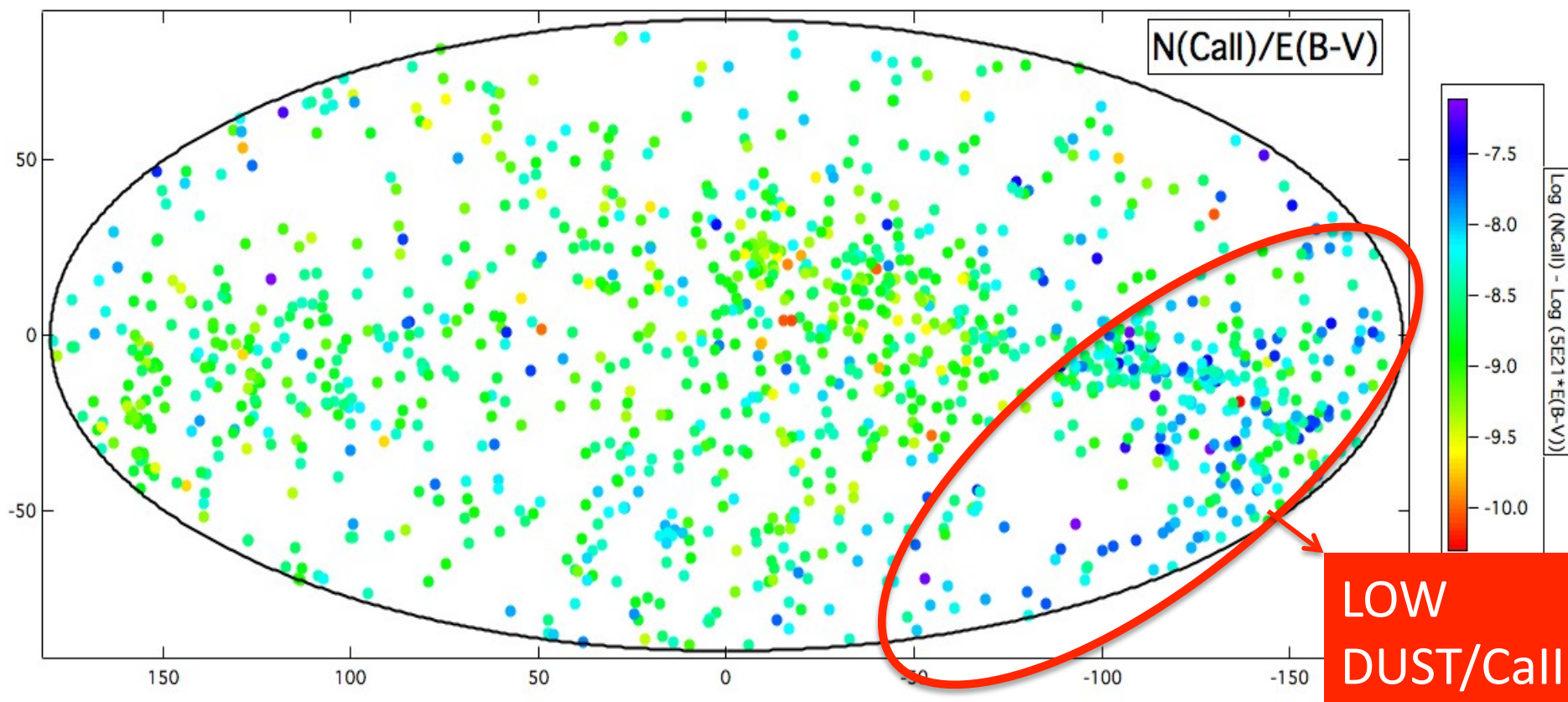
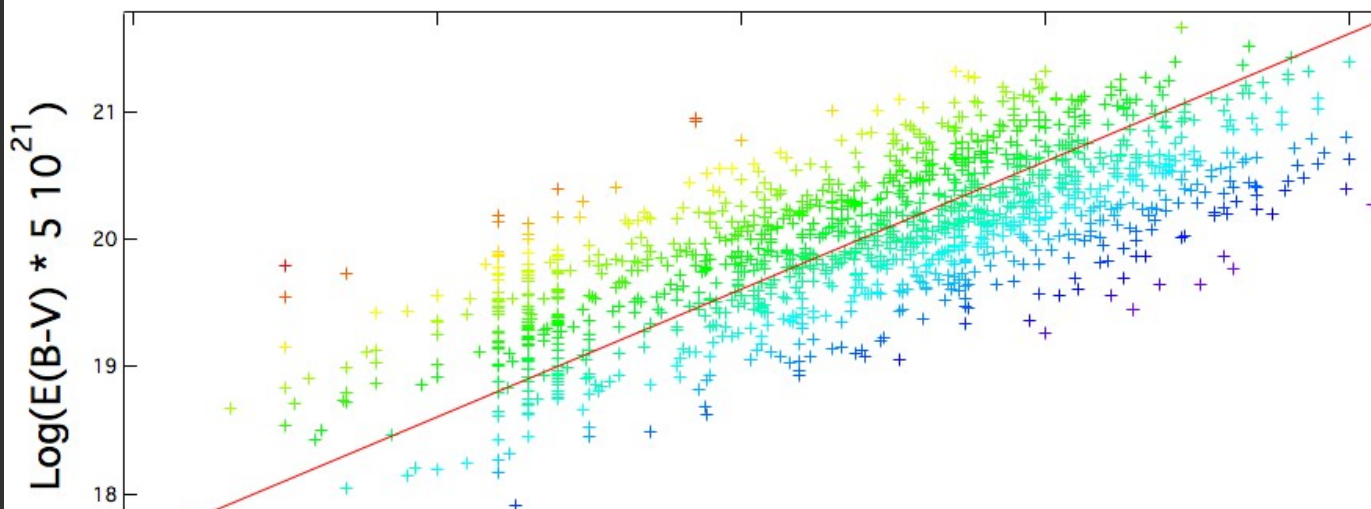


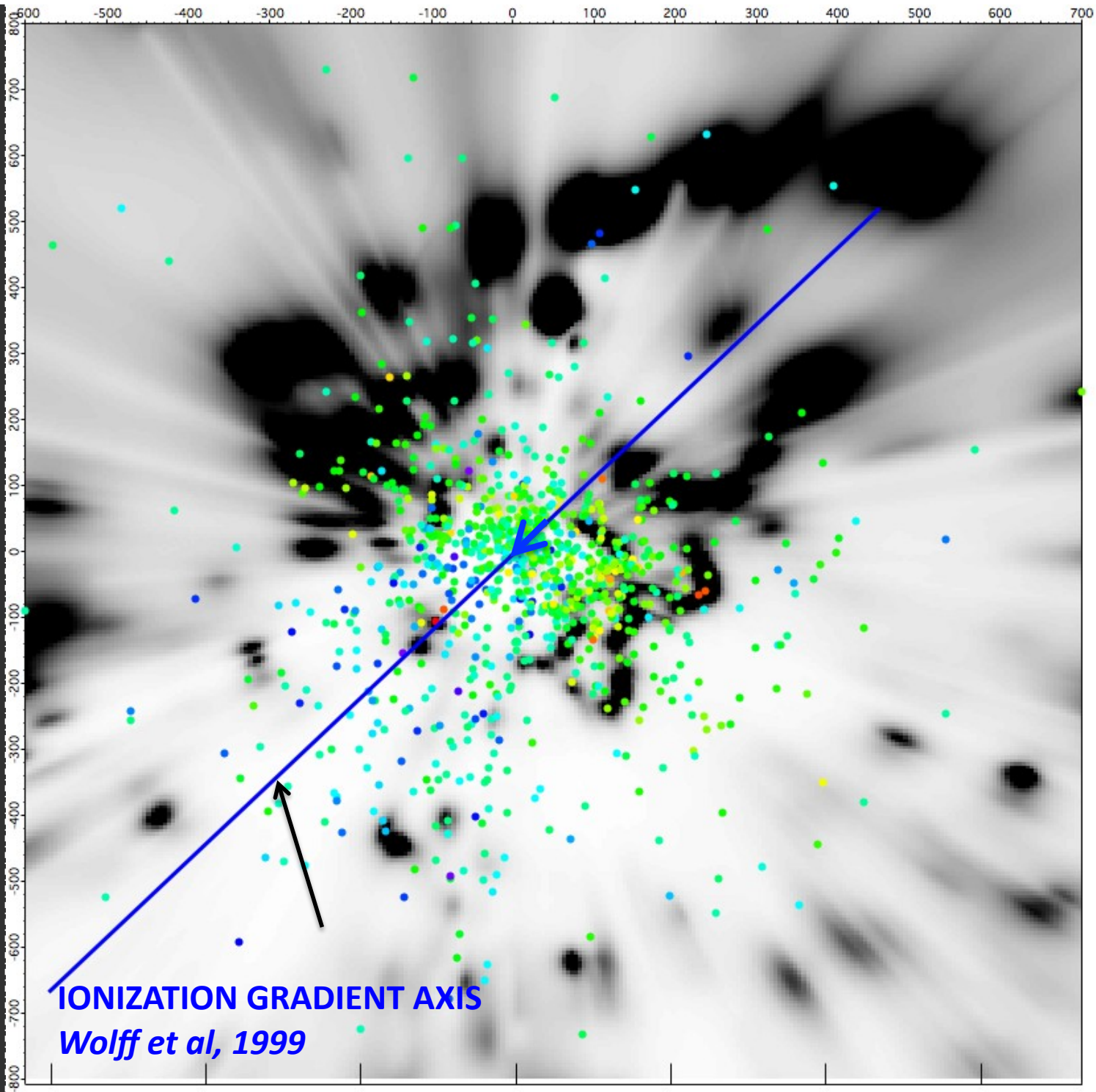
COLOR EXCESS
(computed from
the 3D dust cube)
VS
NEUTRAL SODIUM
(direct measurements)



LOW
DUST
/NaI

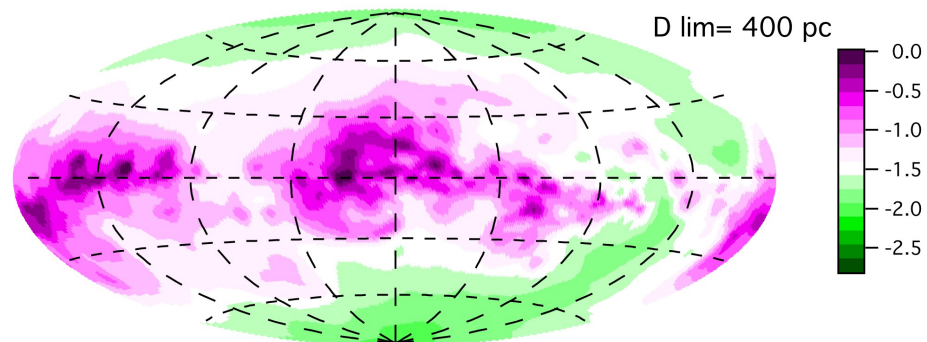
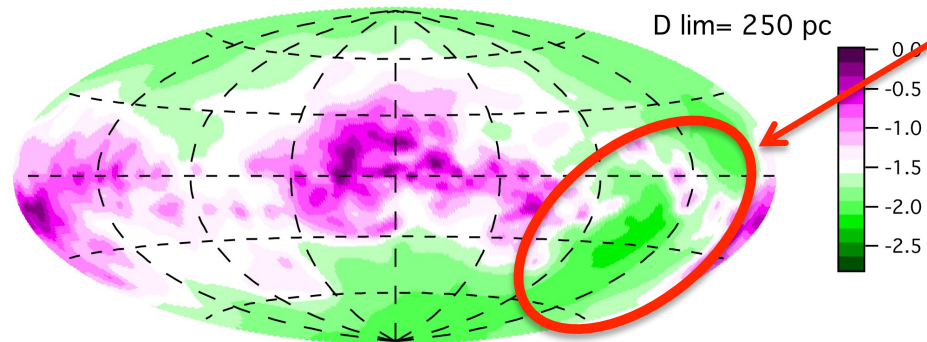
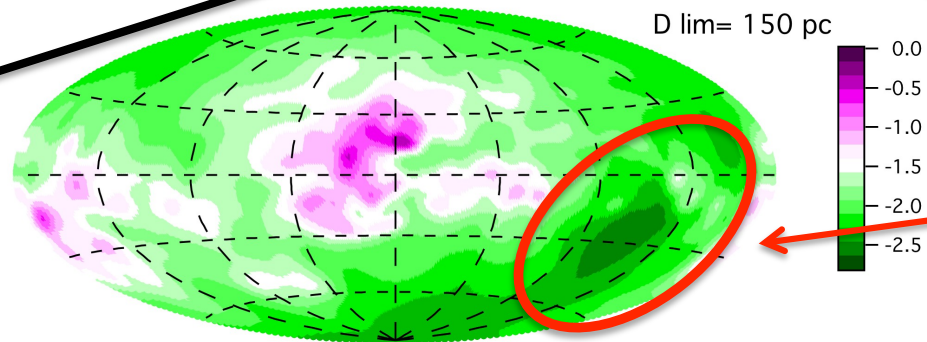
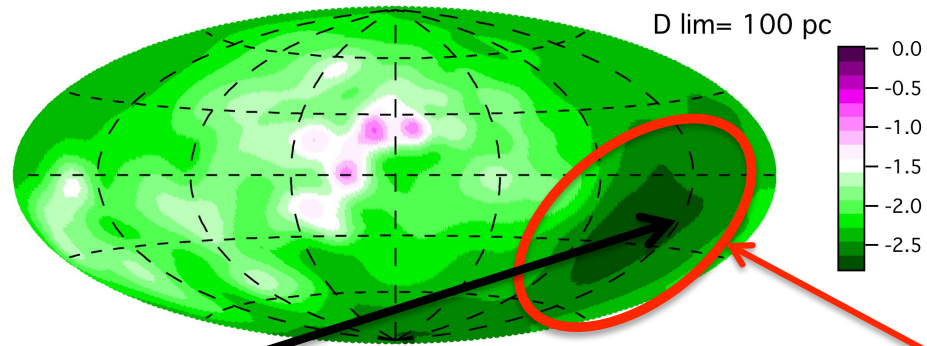
COLOR EXCESS
VS
IONIZED
CALCIUM



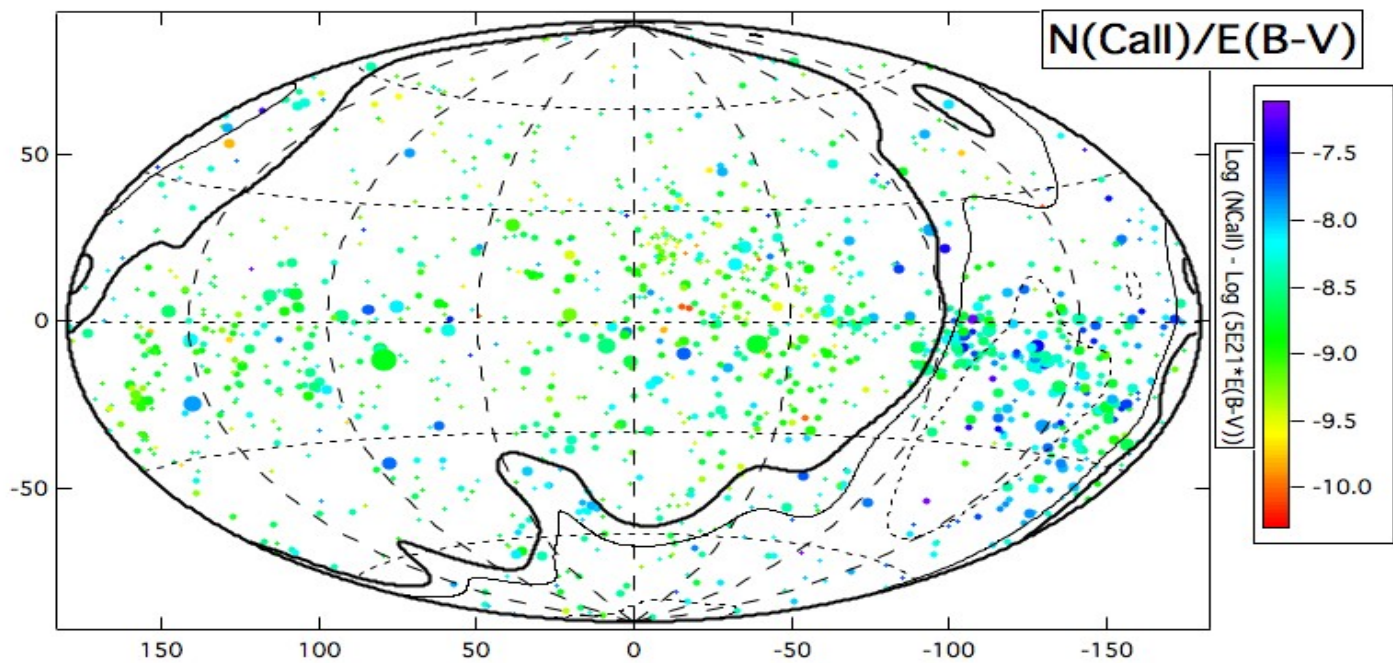
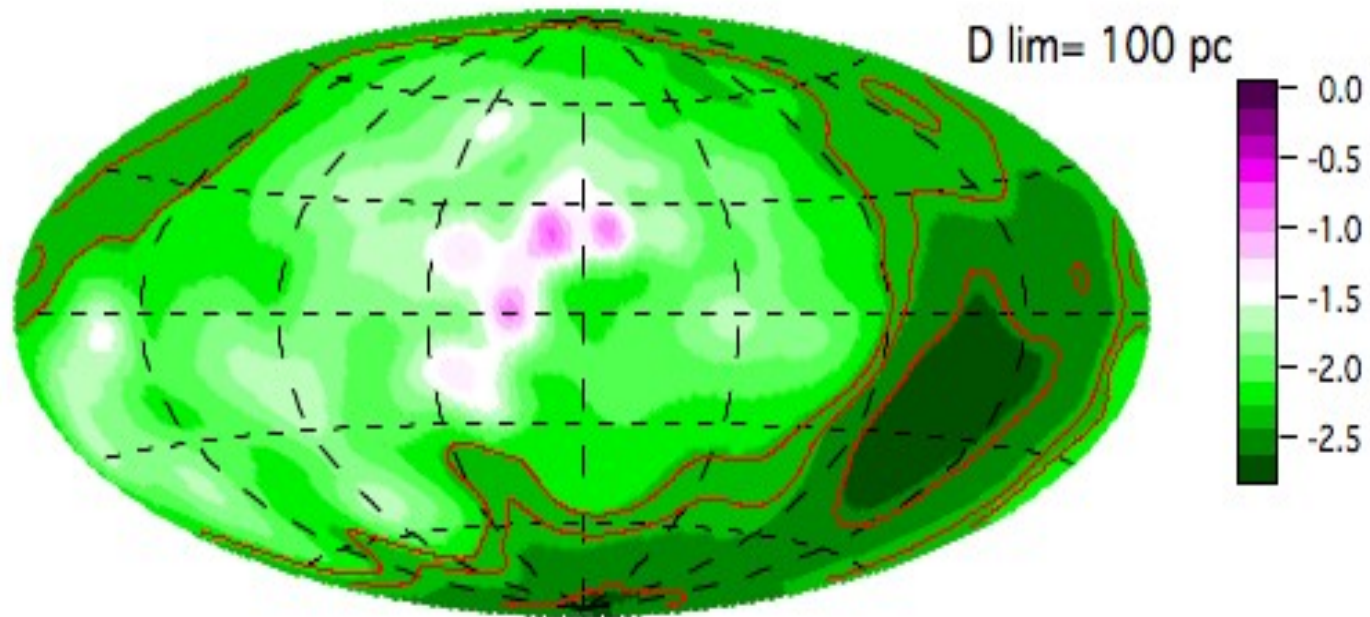


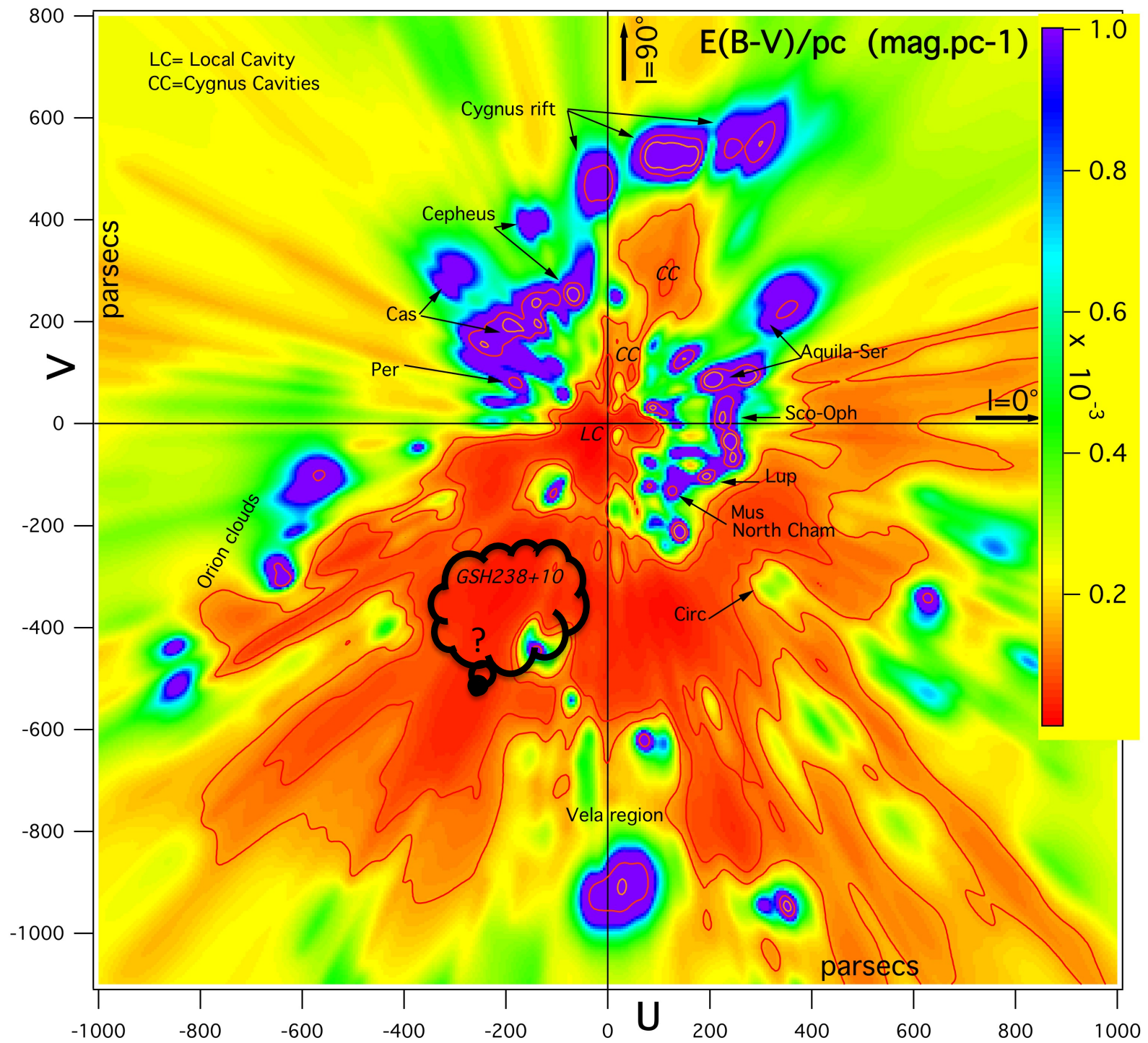
IONIZATION GRADIENT AXIS
Wolff et al, 1999

HYDROGEN
IONIZATION
GRADIENT
DIRECTION
Wolff et al, 99



LOW
DUST





Perspectives: we need more data and more interstellar tracers

-extinction (or color excess) → traces the dust

→ associated with all phases (except in the coronal phase where grains are evaporated)

-difficult measurement: spectrophotometry helps reducing degeneracies

Future: stellar spectroscopic surveys with MOS (associated with Vis, IR photometric surveys and Gaia!

-gaseous absorption lines: today only NaI, CaII

NaI traces essentially the diffuse ISM (also dense cores and filaments but very few target stars available exactly beyond those objects)

-CaII traces the diffuse ISM and the warm neutral and ionized gas

-easy measurement for early-type stars => limited number and achievable spatial resolution

Future: extraction of lines from all stellar types by modeling the stellar spectra

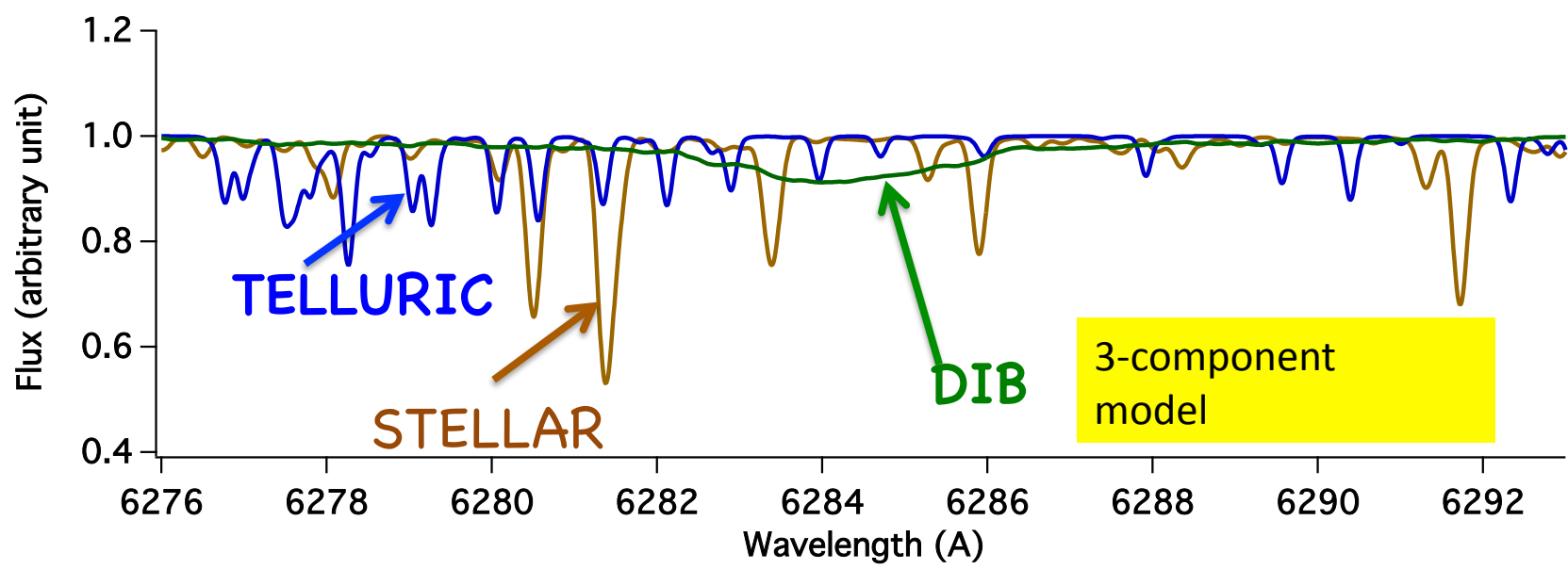
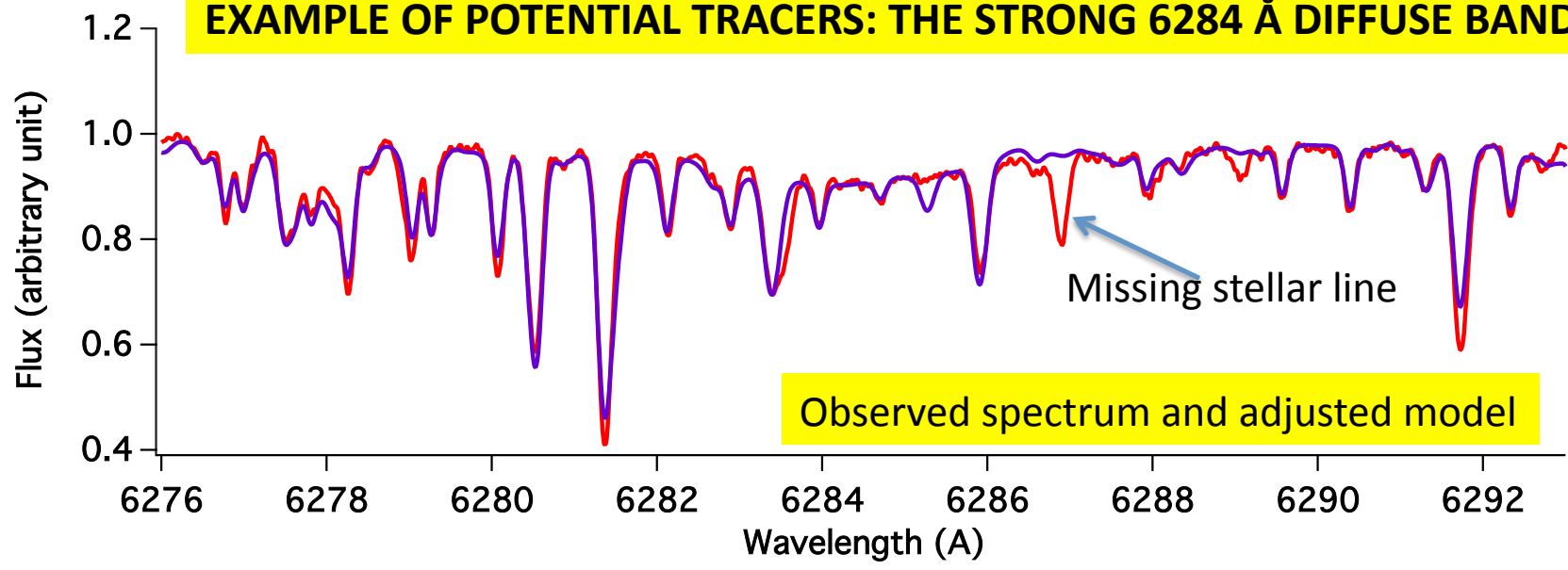
-**future**: diffuse absorptions bands

-numerous, mostly unsaturated

Future: -can be extracted for all types by means of stellar synthetic spectra

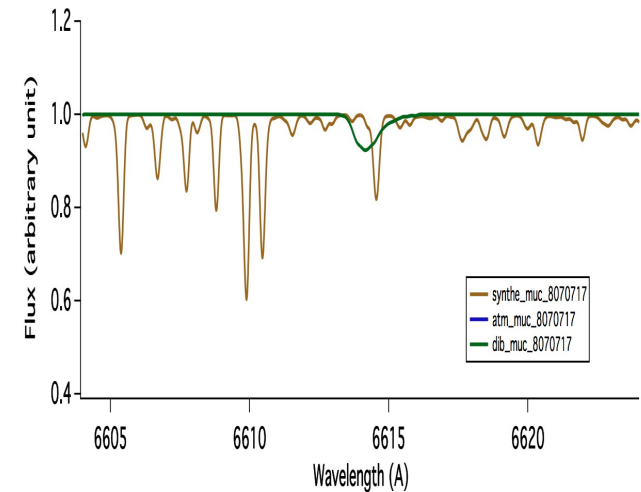
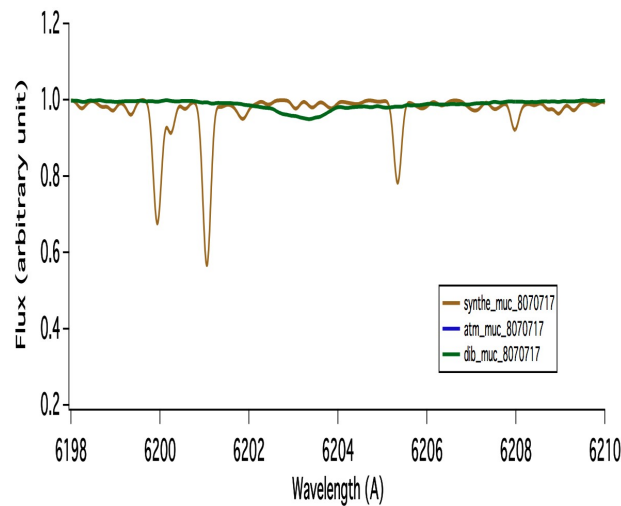
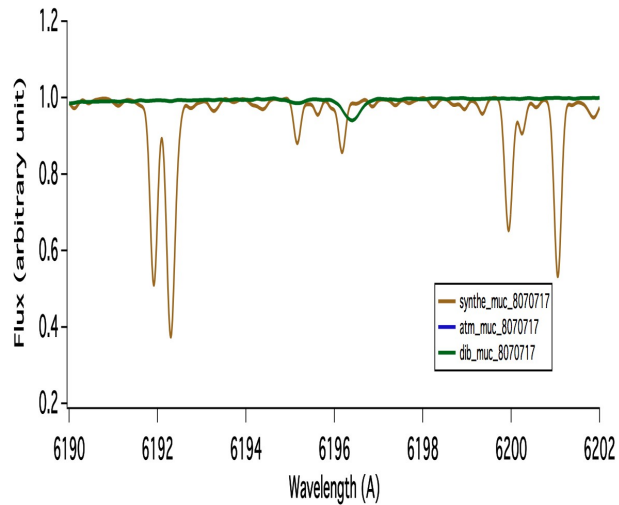
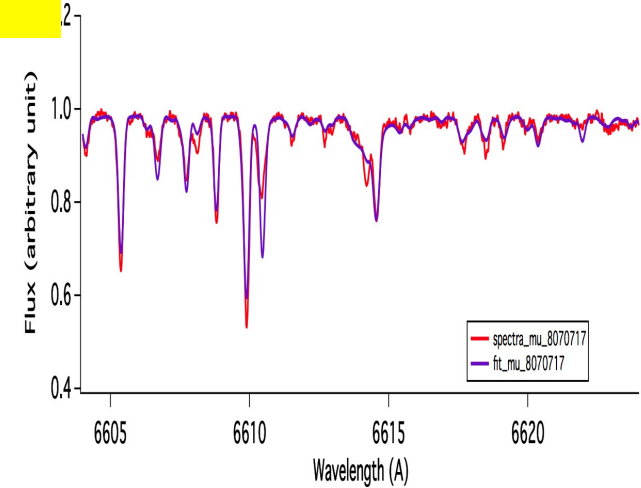
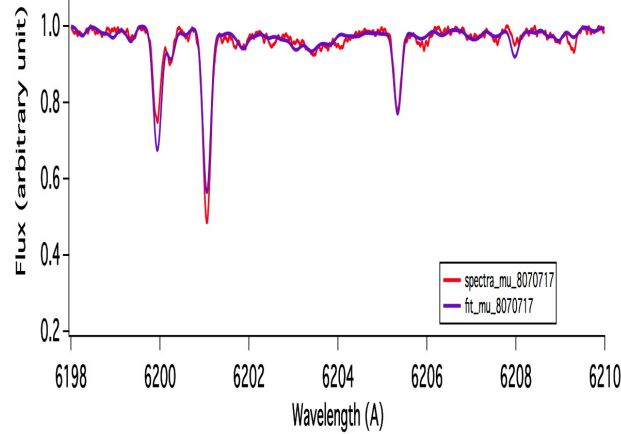
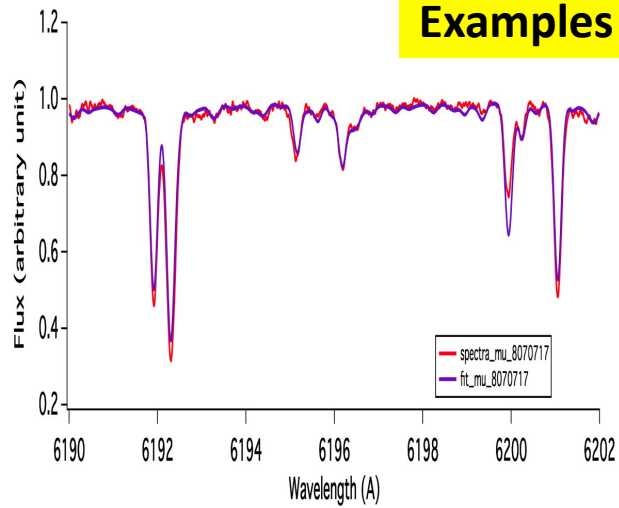
-better determinations of the media they trace

EXAMPLE OF POTENTIAL TRACERS: THE STRONG 6284 Å DIFFUSE BAND



There are more than 400 diffuse bands (DIBs)....

Examples of three relatively faint DIBs....

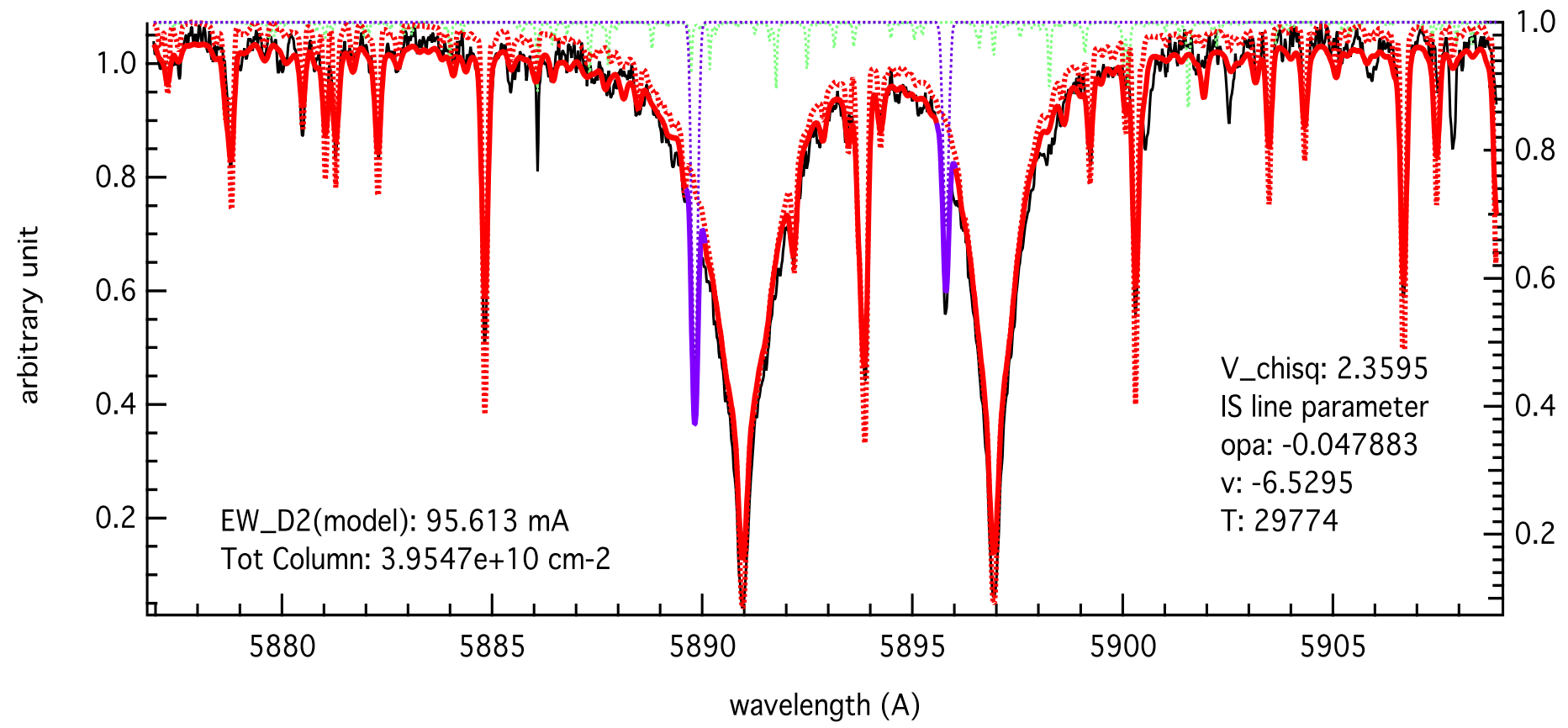


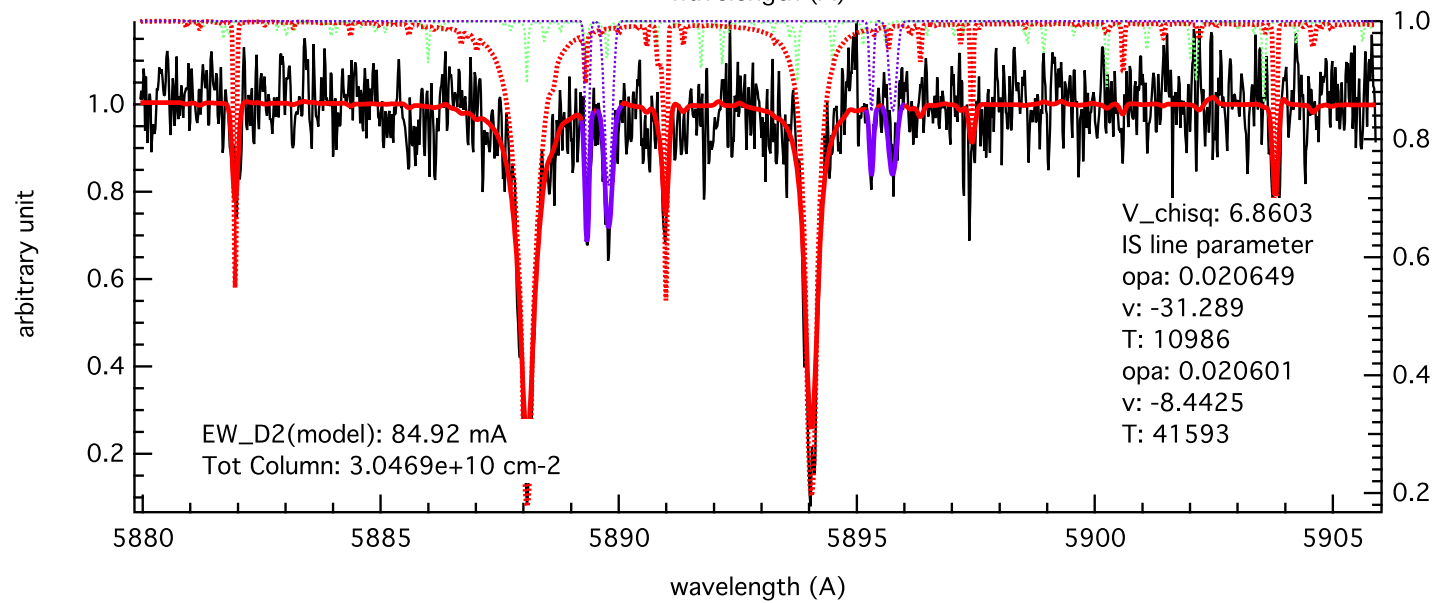
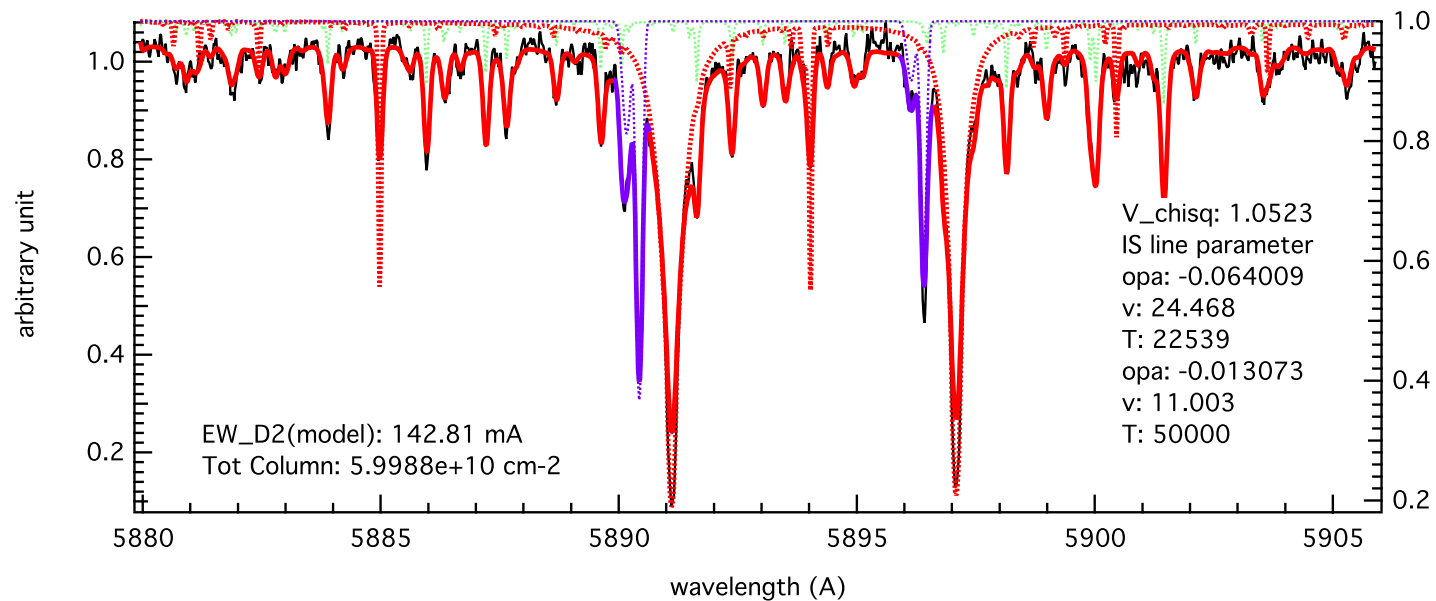
INTERSTELLAR NEUTRAL SODIUM

-stellar model
-telluric model
-IS sodium model

-data
-composite model

VLT/UVES 580





Thank you!

