Gas, dust, & cosmic rays in nearby clouds (Cham, Tau, Cal, Per, Cet)

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γ rays & dust tracing of the total gas



⁼ermi 6 years > 1 GeV

Fermi-LAT > 1 GeV

diffuse intensity \propto $\int n_{gas} n_{CRs} dI$





thermal intensity \propto $\int (M_D/M_{gas}) \kappa_D n_{gas} B(T_D) dI$



local gas emissivities (0.4-10 GeV)

- 30% variations locally
 - consistent with uncertainties in the derivation of HI column densities
- no trend with radial distance in the Galaxy (too short a span)
- ono trend with altitude above/below the Galactic plane







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in-depth study of other clouds underway

the Chameleon complex

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phase confusions ? pile-up along sightline?

X_{12CO-13CO} increase due to assumed [Z]/[Z⊙] gradient !

- \bigcirc X_{COY}(kpc-scale) \approx 2 X_{COY}(pc-scale) value
 - ◆ $X_{CO}(pc) \approx 0.9 \ 10^{20} \ cm^{-2} \ (K \ km/s)^{-1}$
 - ✦ possible causes:
 - $\star X_{CO\gamma}$ increase with radius: TBC !
- \bigcirc often $X_{COdust} >> X_{CO\gamma}$
 - due to dust evolution rather than cosmic-ray exclusion

- A_V/N_H ratios in the DNM
 - γ-ray estimates
 consistent with
 Bohlin+ 1978

