

# A 3D model for CO emission

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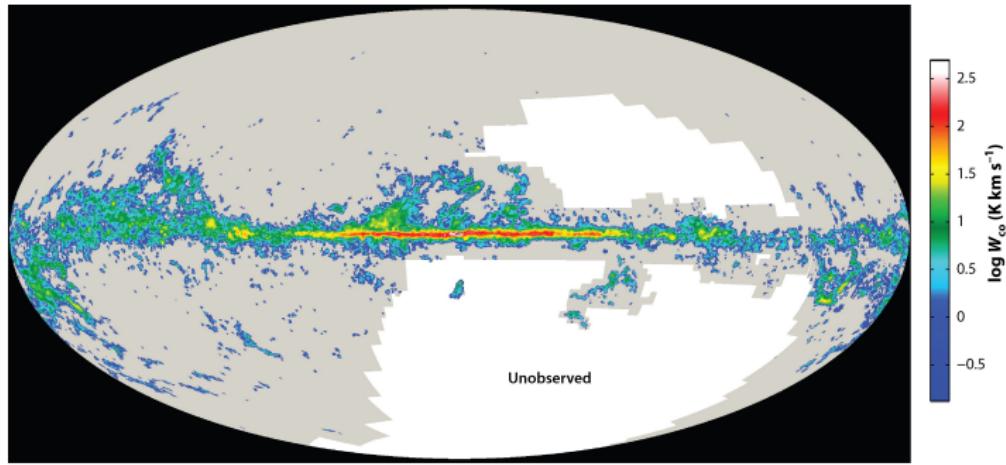
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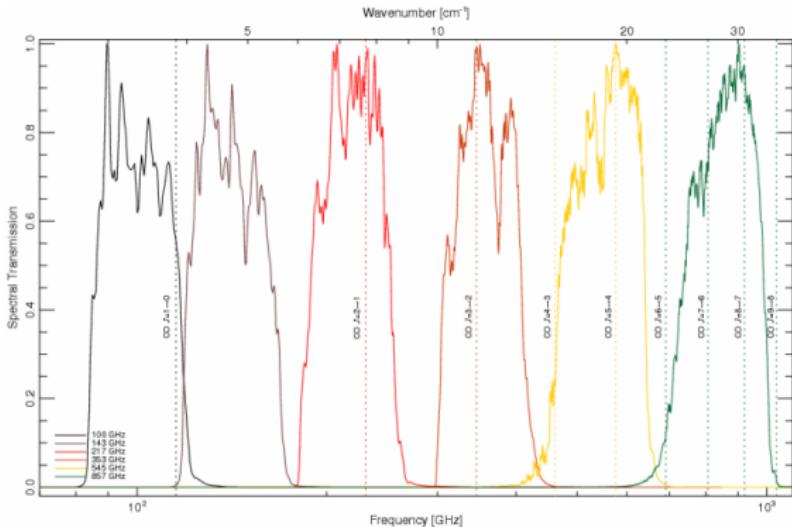
# State of the art of CO survey



**A** Heyer M, Dame TM. 2015.  
**R** Annu. Rev. Astron. Astrophys. 53:583–629

# Assessing “potential” CO contamination

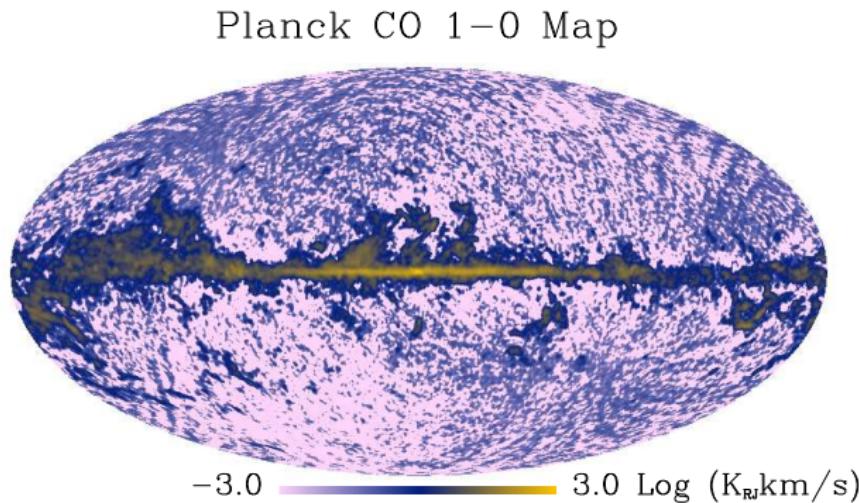
The first rotational lines coming from the monoxide carbonate (CO):  
 $J = 1 - 0, 2 - 1, 3 - 2$  fall in the CMB frequency bands!



# Analysis with Planck CO1 – 0 map

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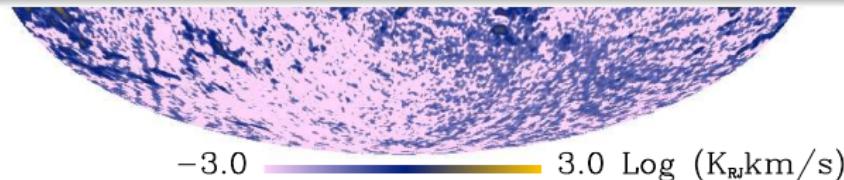
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Planck CO 1–0 Map

## Worries of Polarbear Collaboration:

To what extent a CO line should be avoided in designing the future Polarbear bands? Could an undetected CO cloud at high Galactic latitude mimic a Gravitational Wave signal B mode?



# MCMOLE3D: *Digging into the Galaxy*



Monte-Carlo MOlecular Line Emissions 3D\* is a python package which allows to draw a 3D model of molecular clouds distributed across the Milky Way via Monte-Carlo simulations, starting from some assumptions (Ellsworth-Bowers et al., 2015):

- molecular clouds: located in the Molecular Ring;
- $R < 3$  kpc: Molecular Central Zone
- The vertical profile (Bronfman et al., 1988);
- Size Distribution Function and Averaged Emissivity profile from Heyer and Dame (2015):

For further details see Puglisi et al. (2017)

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\*<https://github.com/giuspugl/MCMole3D>

# Parameters to the model

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## parameters to 1 MC simulation

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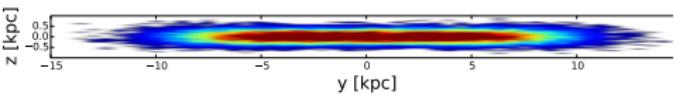
$N_{clouds}$	40,000 (Ellsworth-Bowers et al., 2015)
$R_{ring}$ [kpc]	5.3 (Ellsworth-Bowers et al., 2015)
$L_{min}$ [pc]	0.3 (Roman-Duval et al., 2016)
$L_{max}$ [pc]	60 (Roman-Duval et al., 2016)
$z_{1/2}$ [pc]	42.5 (Bronfman et al., 1988)
$R_{bar}$ [kpc]	3 (Bobylev and Bajkova, 2013)
$i$ [deg]	-13 (Davis et al., 2012)
$\epsilon_c$ [K km s <sup>-1</sup> ]	240 (Heyer and Dame, 2015)
$R_{em}$ [kpc]	6.6 (Ellsworth-Bowers et al., 2015)
$L_0^*$ [pc]	[5,50] Default: 20
$\sigma_{ring}^*$ [kpc]	[1,5] Default: 2.5

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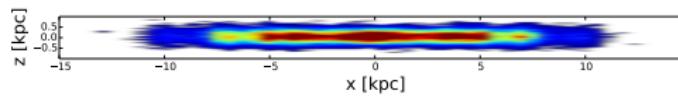
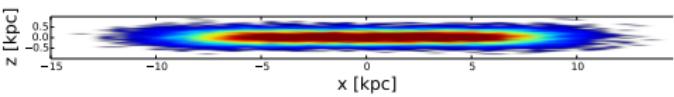
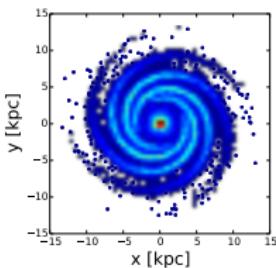
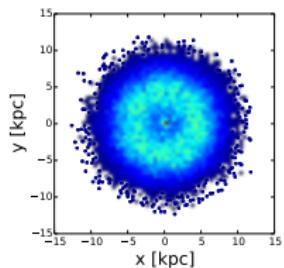
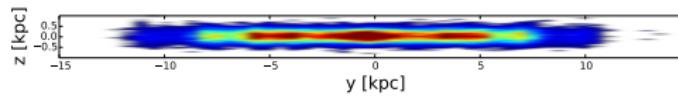
\* Parameters allowed to range

# Cloud geometrical distribution

Axisymmetric ring

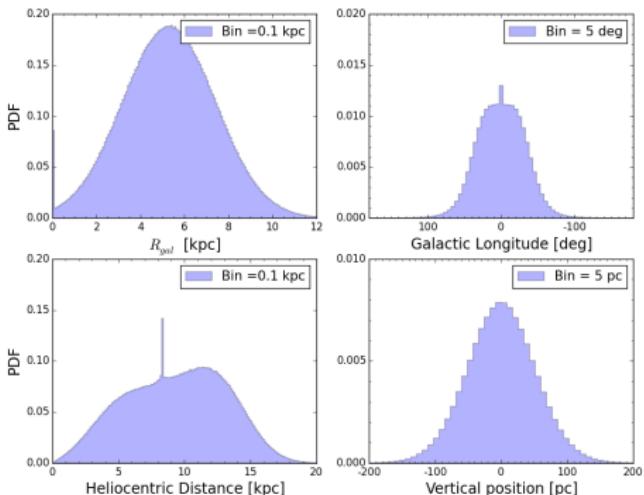


4 Logspiral arms + bulge

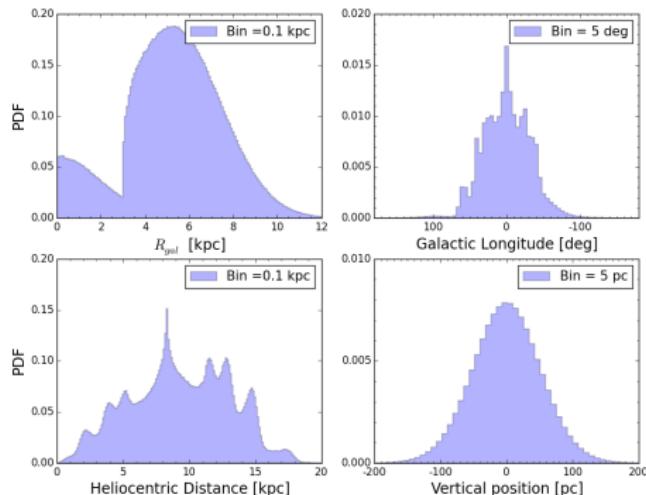


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# Best-fit on Planck CO map (@ $|b| < 30$ deg)

LogSpiral geometry Power-spectrum estimated via X2pure

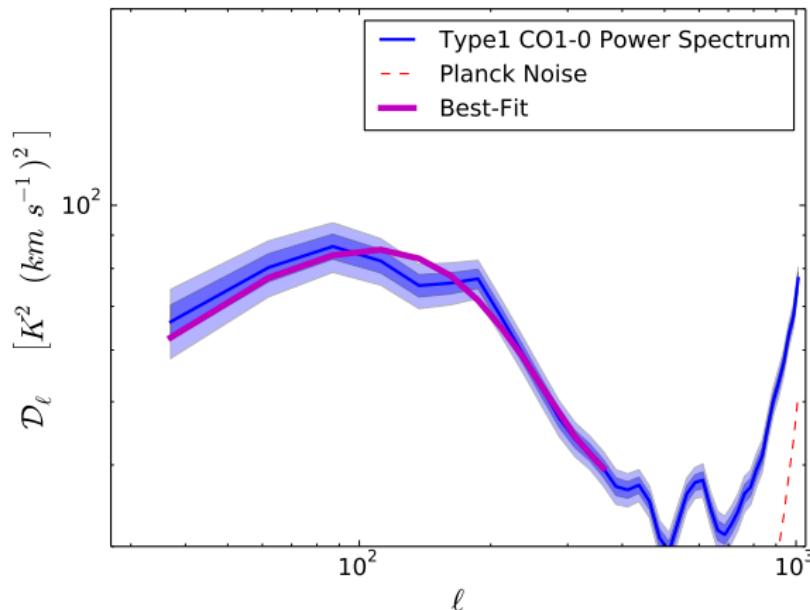
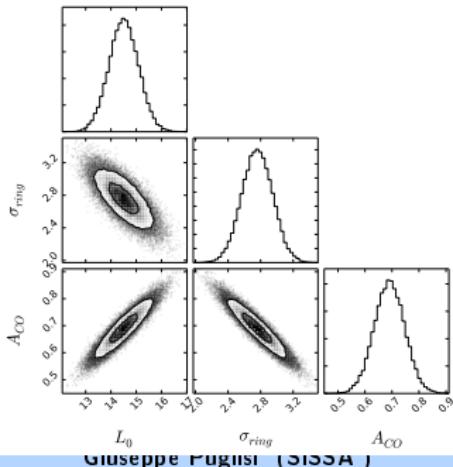
$$L_0 = 14.50 \pm 0.58 \text{ pc}$$

$$\sigma_{ring} = 2.76 \pm 0.19 \text{ Kpc}$$

$$A_{CO} = 0.69 \pm 0.06$$

$$\tilde{\chi}^2 = 1.48$$

$$PTE = 0.13$$

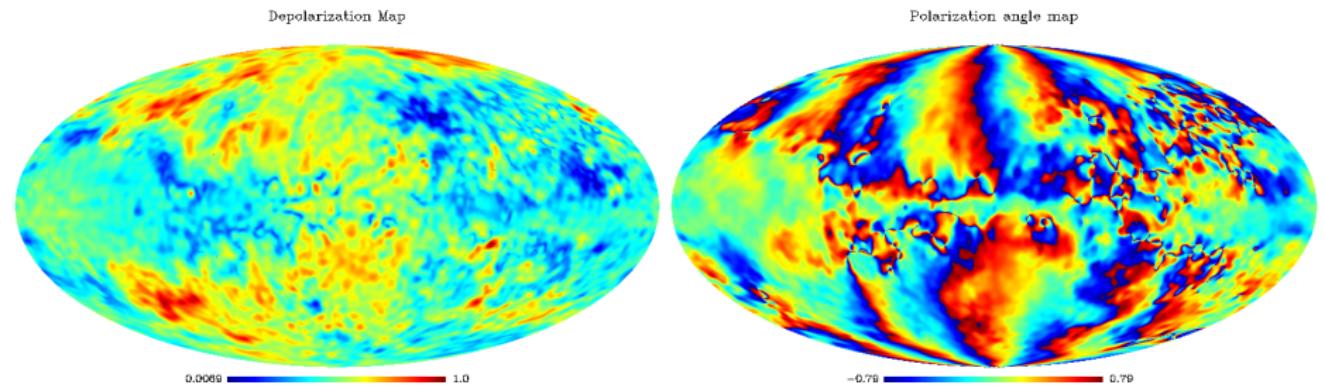


# Polarization Forecasts @ high Galactic Latitudes ( $@|b| > 30^\circ$ )

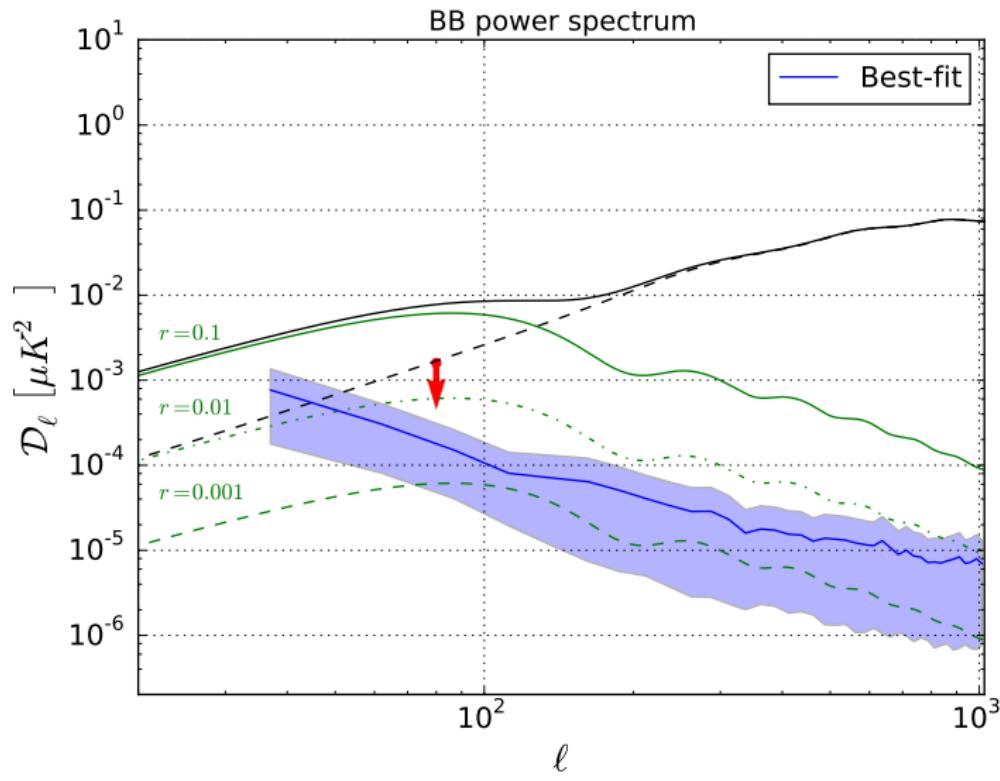
Compute  $Q$  and  $U$  maps from  $I$  ones (assuming  $f = 1\%$ ) via:

$$Q(p) = I(p)fg(p)\cos(2\psi(p))$$

$$U(p) = I(p)fg(p)\sin(2\psi(p))$$



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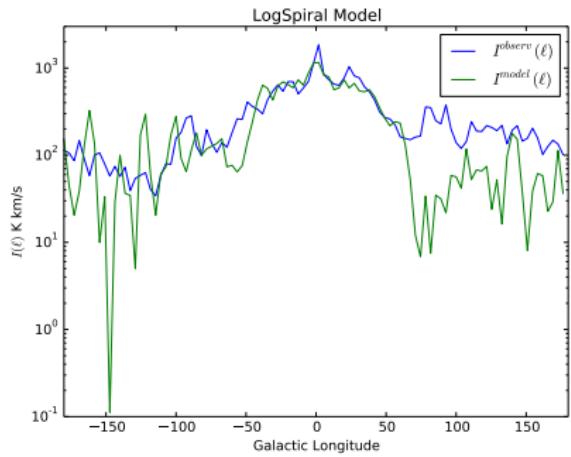
# Summary

- the Axisymmetric geometry does not fit at all  $\tilde{\chi}^2 = 7.3$
- we tested the model by considering only 2 parameters  $L_0$  and  $\sigma_{ring}$ ;
- the bestfit values are within the *expected* ranges in the literature;
- MCMole3D reproduces well the observations at low Galactic latitudes and the power spectrum at high latitudes
- forecast on the expected level of CO contamination in B-modes  
 $\ell \sim 80$ :

$$r \lesssim 0.025$$

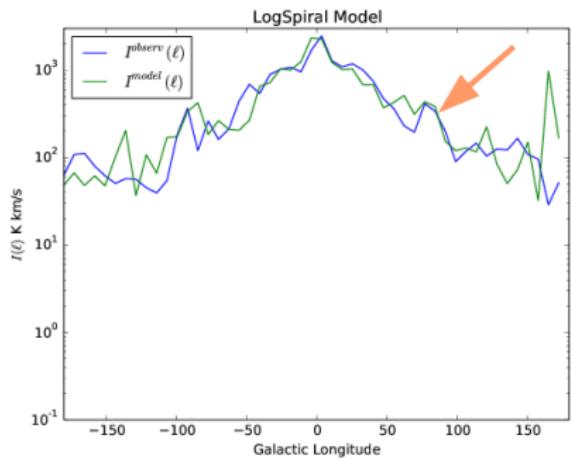
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Constrained realizations: including  
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w/o Cyg X1 complex



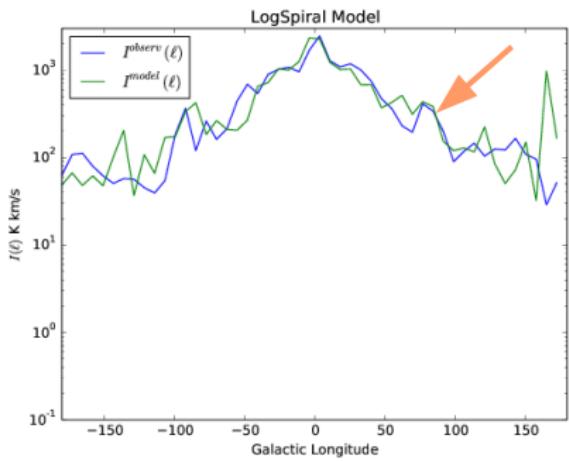
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- Consider elliptical clouds: may effect the estimation at small scales;
- the vertical profile parameters  $z_0, z_{1/2}$  may shape power spectrum,

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# Best-fit on Planck CO map (@ $|b| < 30$ deg)

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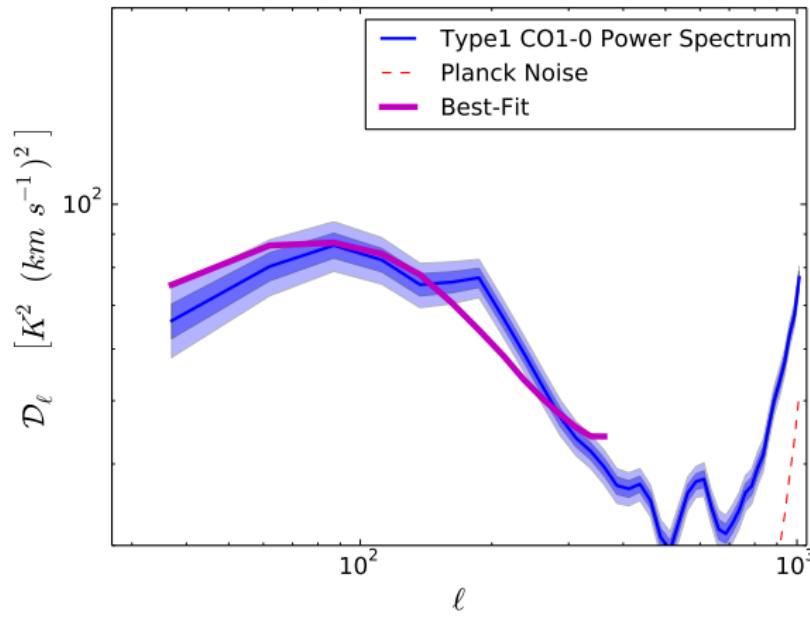
$$L_0 = 19.50 \pm 12.7 \text{ pc}$$

$$\sigma_{ring} = 2.1 \pm 0.2 \text{ Kpc}$$

$$A_{CO} = 1.0 \pm 0.1$$

$$\tilde{\chi}^2 = 7.4$$

$$PTE = 0.00$$



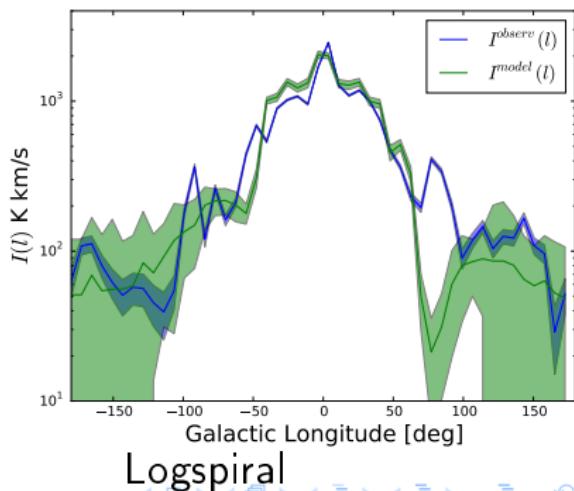
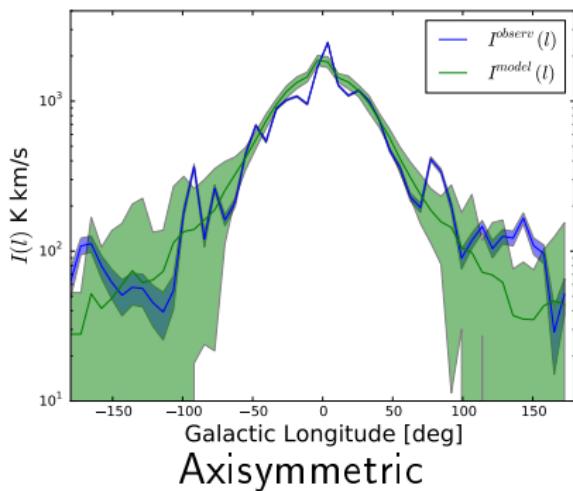
# Comparison with Planck observations

- Compute  $I(\ell)$ ,  $I_{tot}$  (as in Bronfman et al. (1988)) the Galactic plane  $|b| < 2^\circ$
- $I_{tot}^{model}$  is then rescaled with the factor  $f = I_{tot}^{observ} / I_{tot}^{model}$

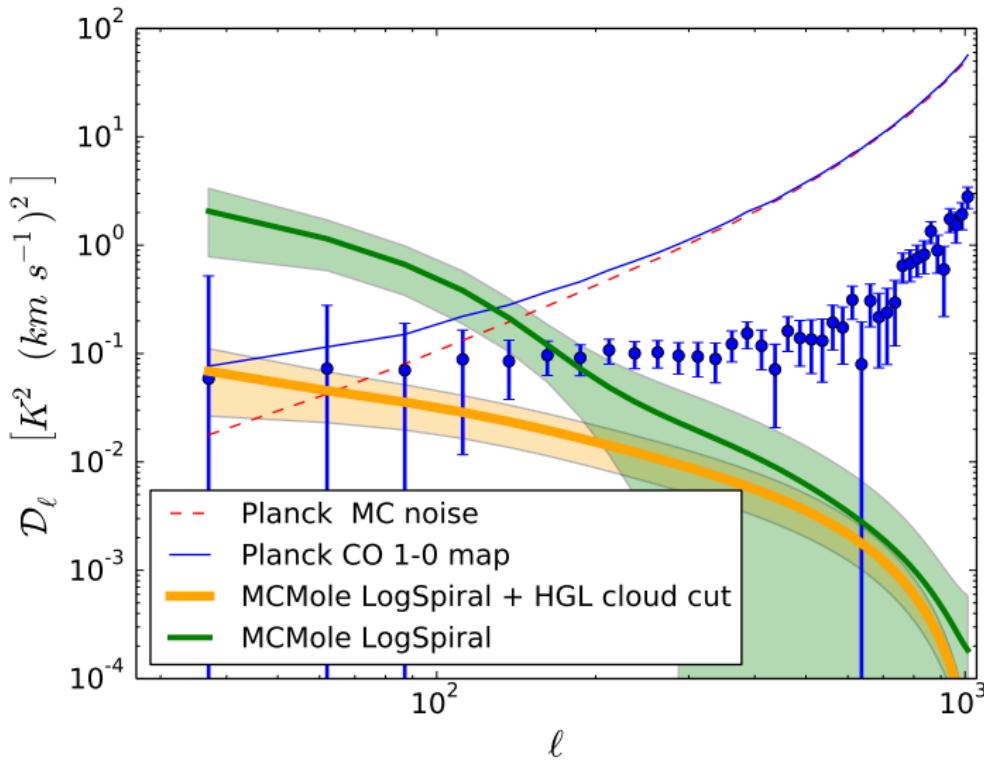
$$I^X(\ell) = \int db I^X(b, \ell),$$

$$I_{tot}^X = \int d\ell db I^X(b, \ell)$$

with  $X = model, observ$



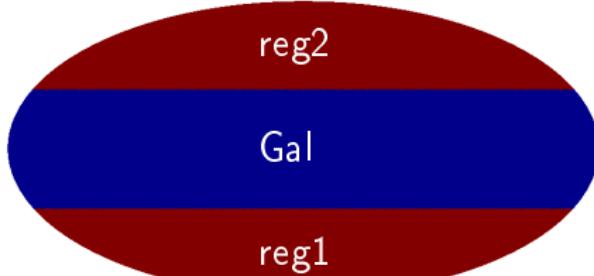
# Power Spectra Comparison @ $|b| > 30$ deg



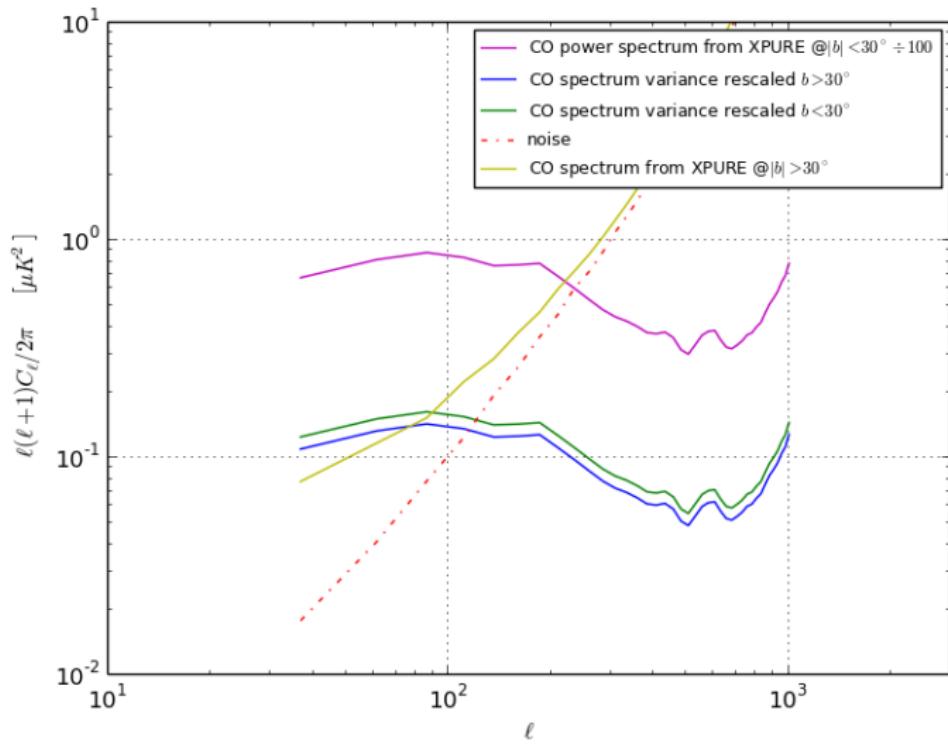
# Rescaling CO1 – 0 power spectrum

To have a conservative estimation of the CO spectrum at  $|b| > 30^\circ$ , (reg 1 and 2 in map) we rescale the one at low Galactic latitudes (Gal) by:

$$C_\ell^{reg} = C_\ell^{Gal} \frac{variance(reg)}{variance(Gal)}$$



# Rescaling CO1 – 0 power spectrum



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- The spectra obtained by rescaling (green and blue) and the one from Xpure (yellow) are quite comparable (where the latter is reliable i.e.  $\ell < 100$ )
- A *very conservative* assessment of CO contamination at high Galactic latitudes around  $\ell = 100$  (assuming molecular cloud polarized to 1%) yields to  $r_{CO} = 10^{-3}$ .

- to reduce the noise level, we degraded the map from `nside=2048` to `nside=64`
- compute the pixel variance in the regions :

region	Gal	1	2
variance [ $\mu K^2$ ]	193.5	0.36	0.32

- rescale the power spectrum

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