

Modelling the multi-phase ISM shaped by star formation and feedback in the LMC

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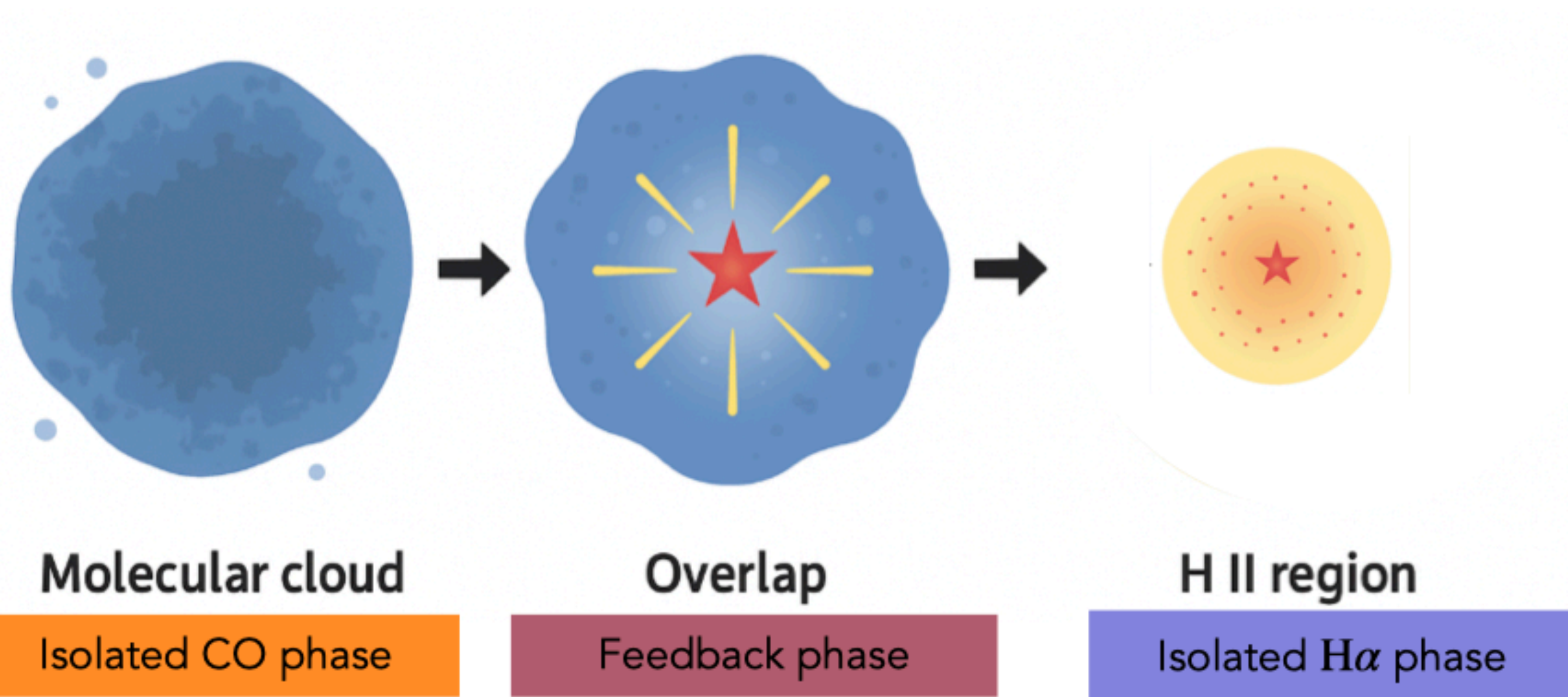
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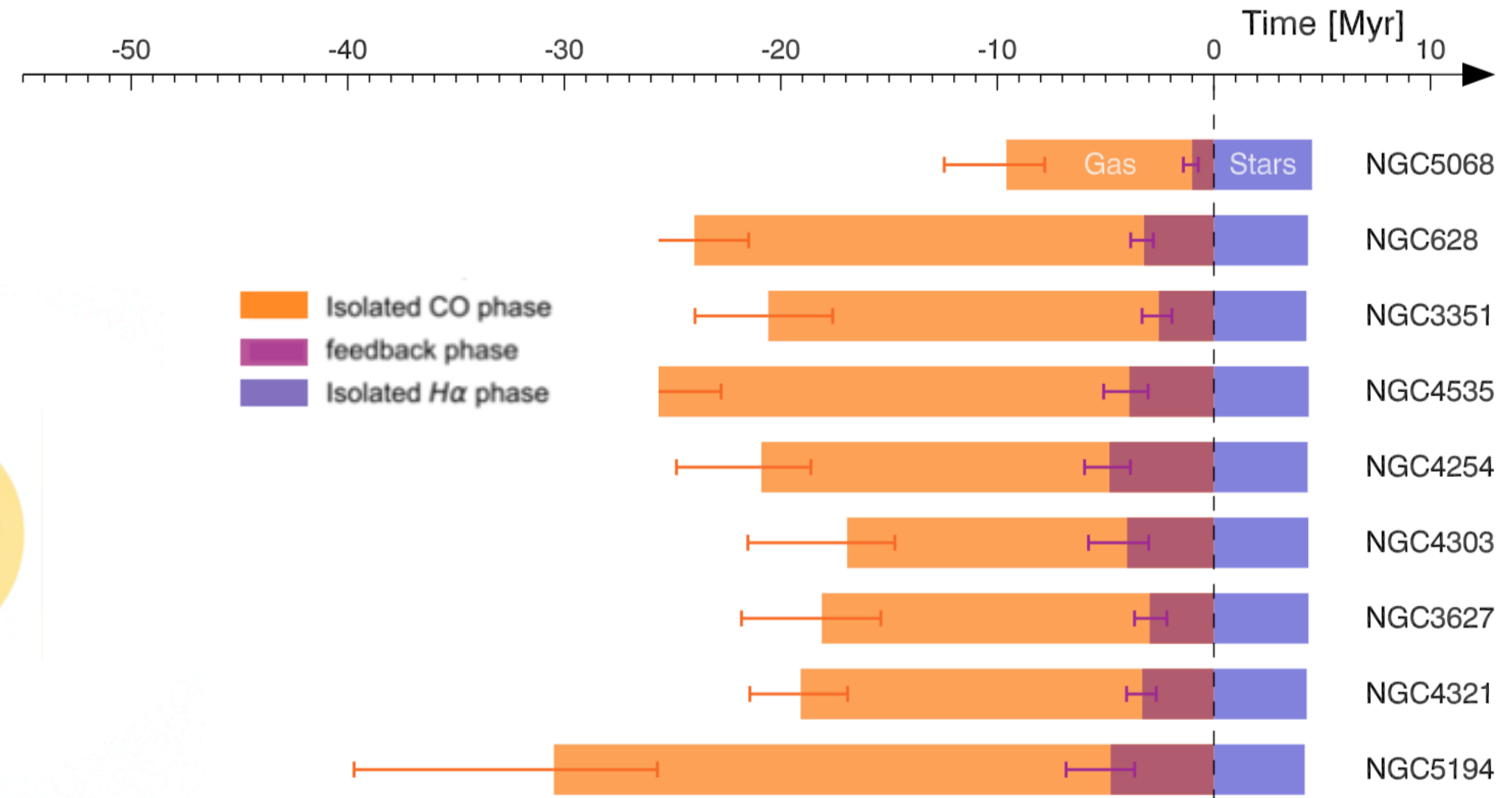
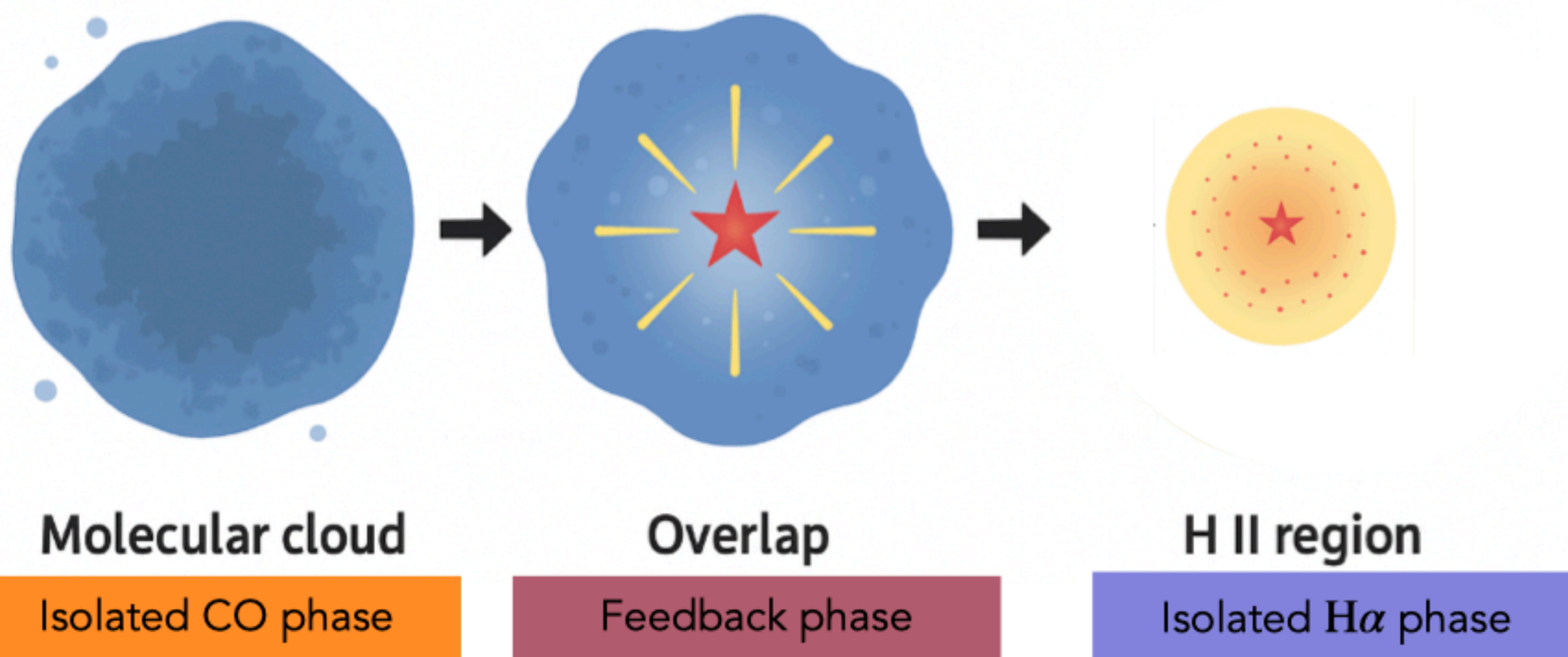
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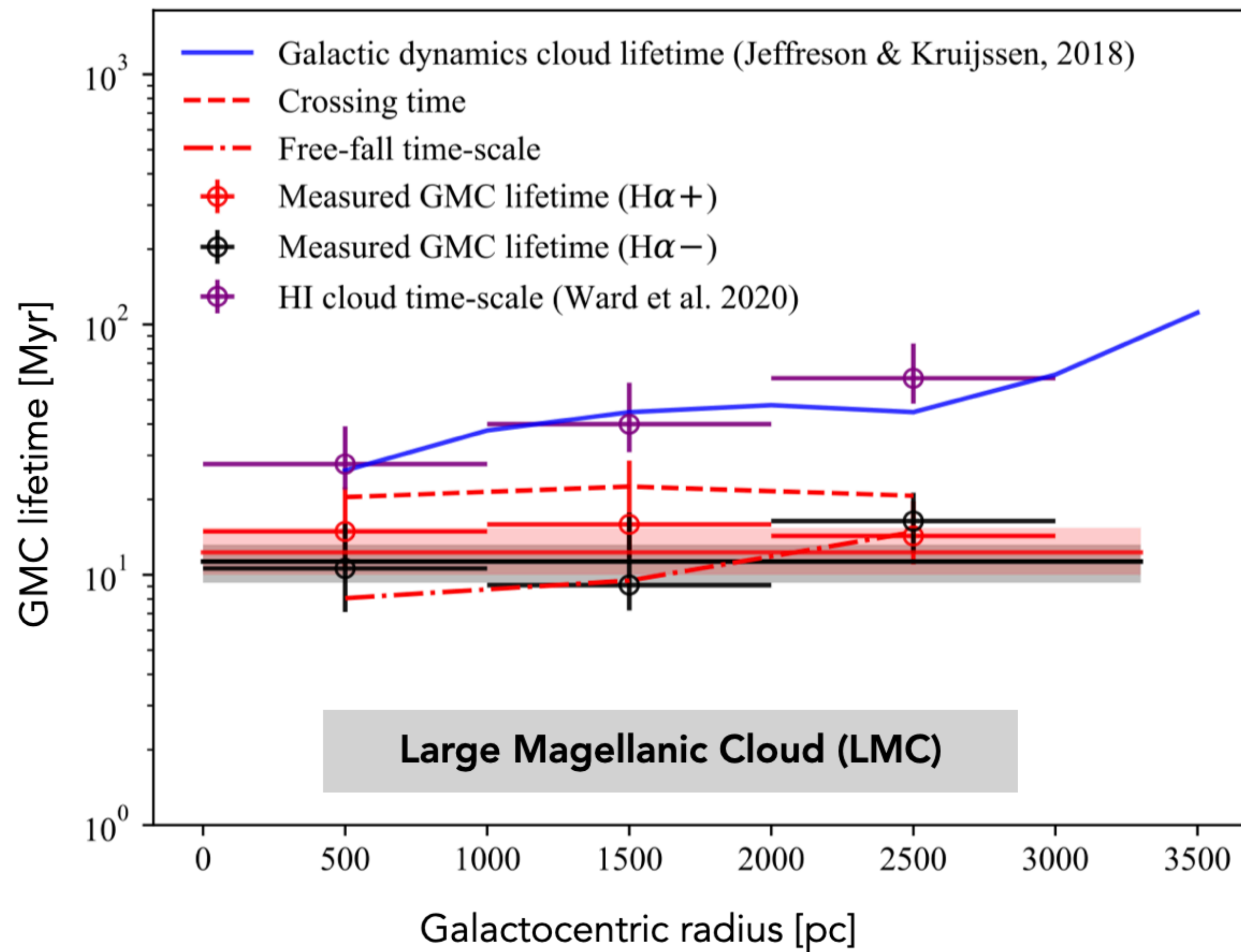
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(Chevance et al. 2020)

GMC lifetime varies between galaxies!

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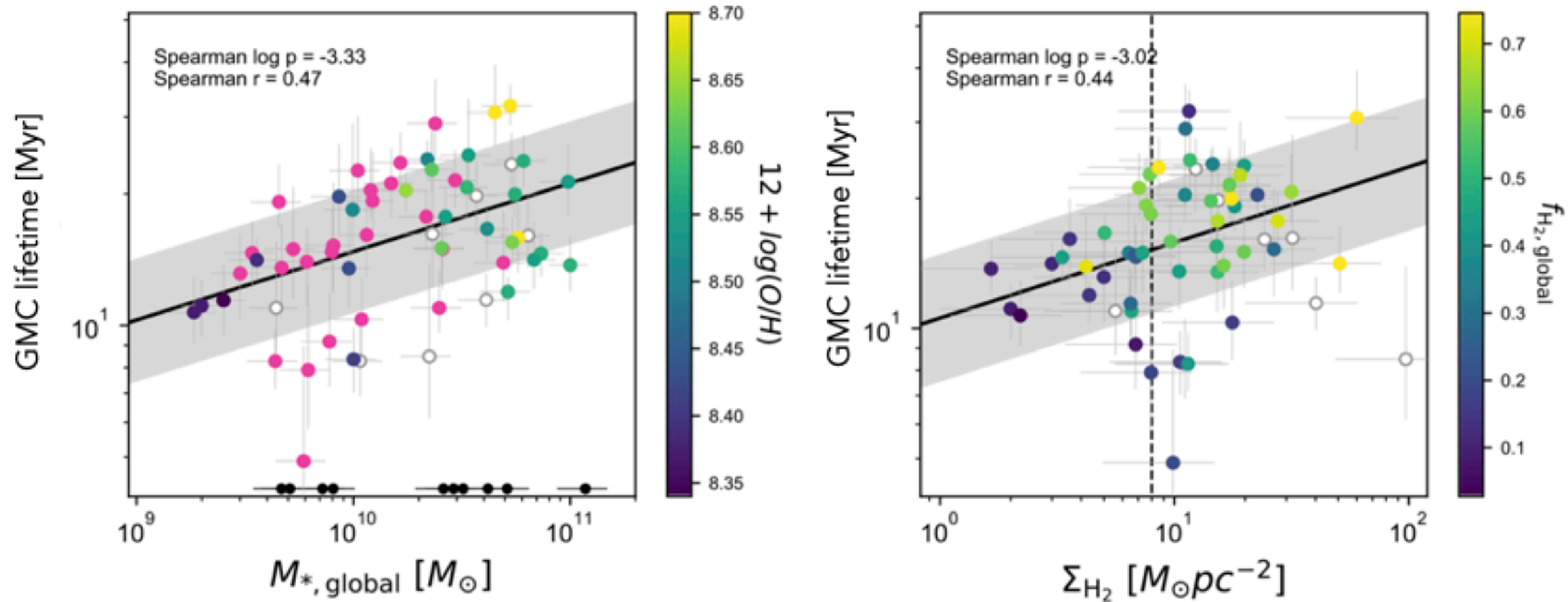
GMC lifetime also varies
within galaxies!

(Ward et al. 2022)

Introduction

What regulates the GMC lifetime?

Global environmental properties and the small-scale GMC evolution.



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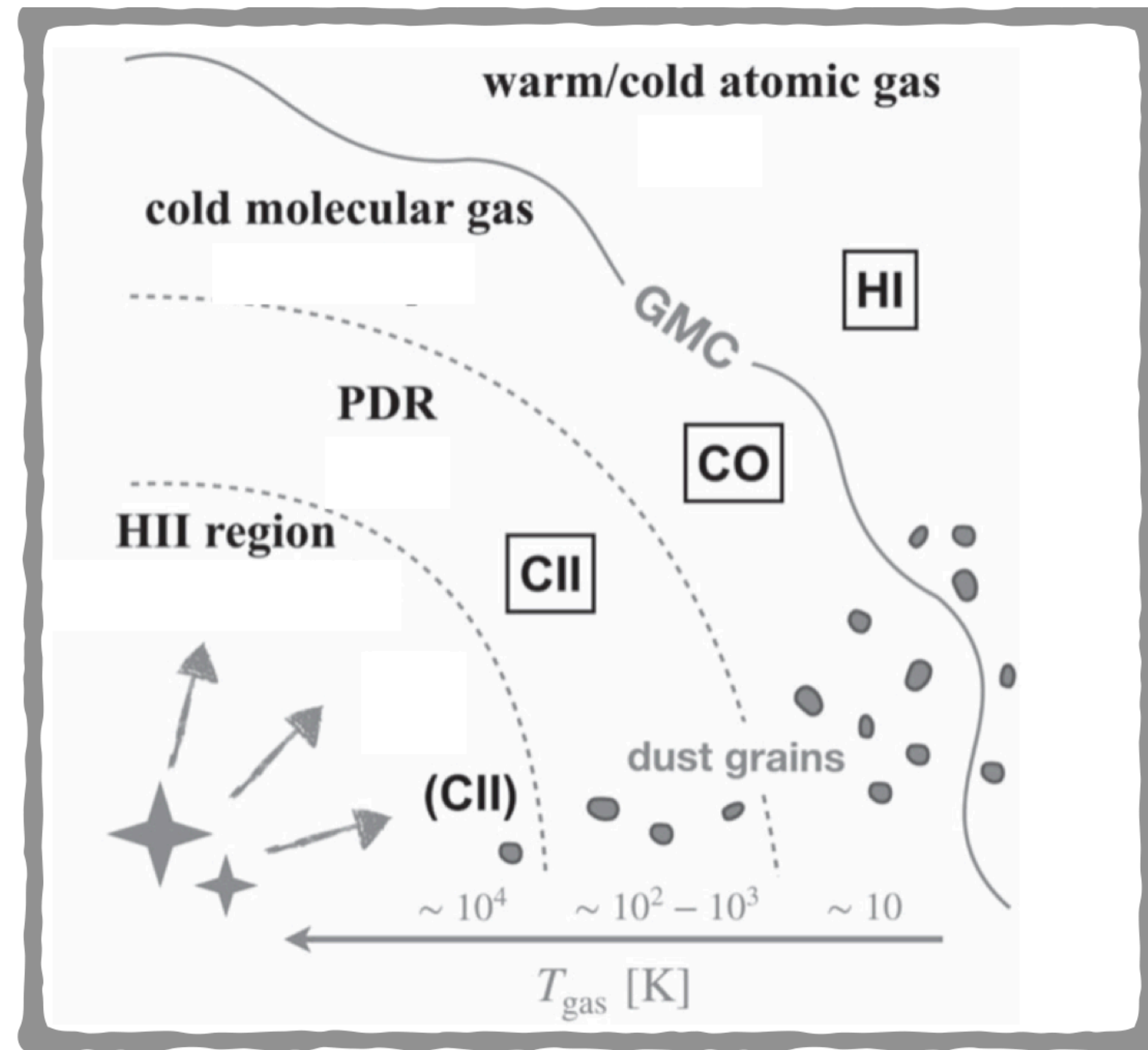
What regulates GMC lifetime?

What is the role of
the local
environmental
properties on the
GMC evolution?

Introduction

What regulates GMC lifetime?

Multi-phase,
multi-components
interstellar
medium (ISM)!

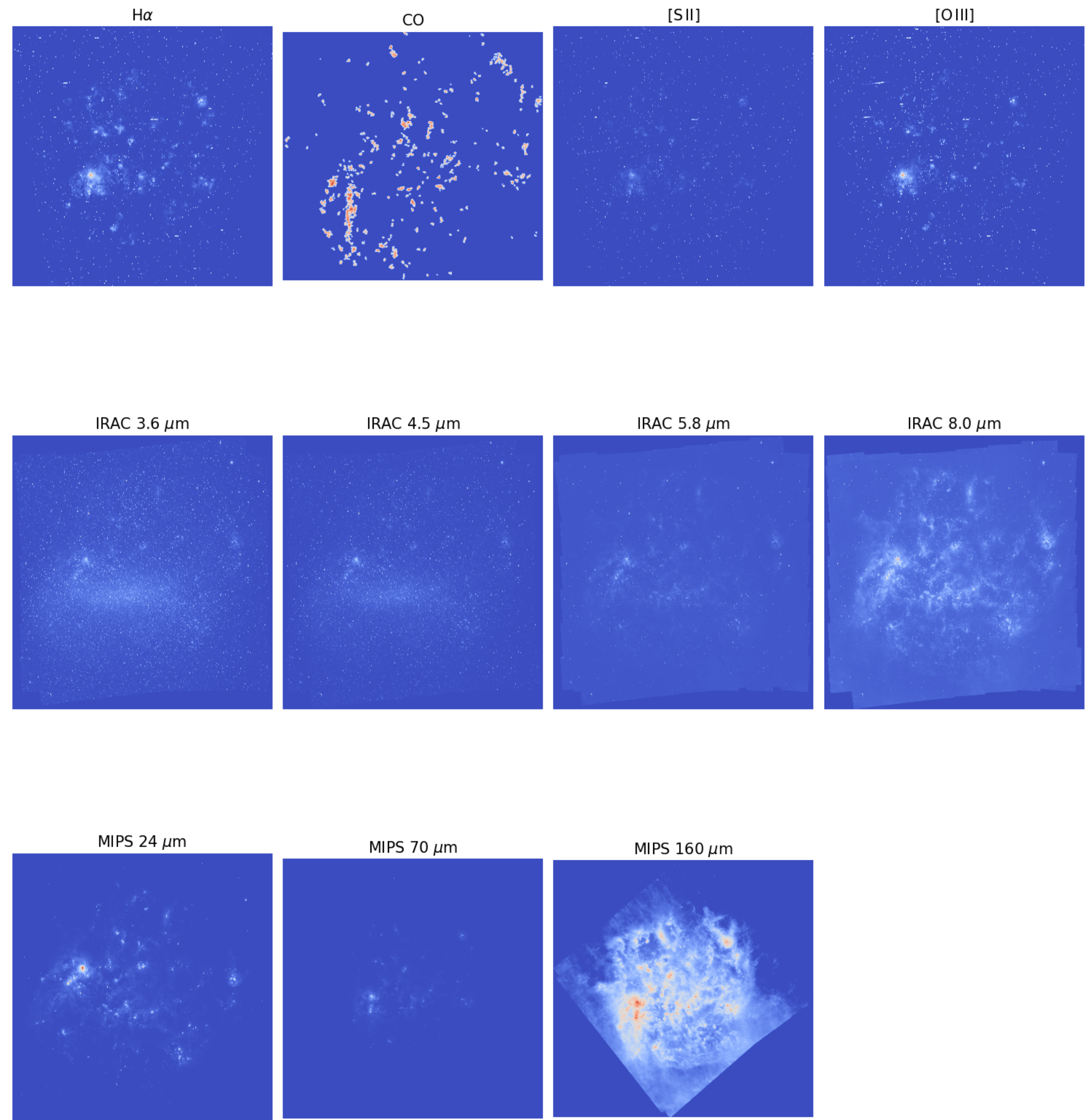


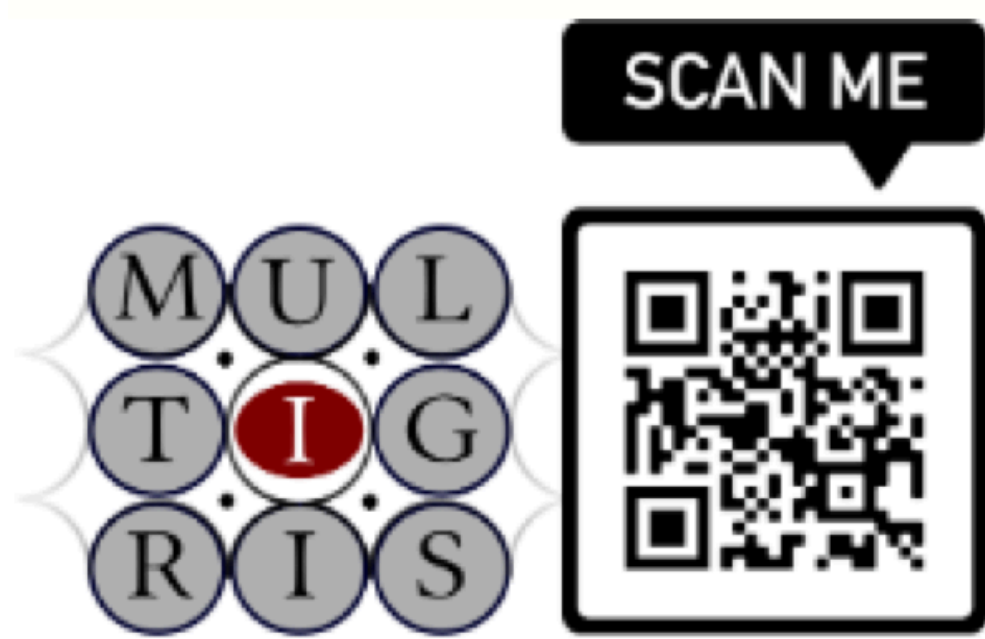
1 star formation region
= 1 ISM component = 1
set of ISM properties

Observations

LMC

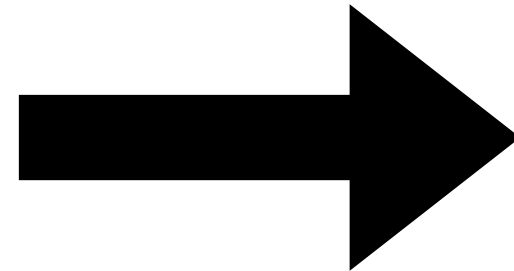
- **Molecular gas : CO(1-0)**
(From MAGMA, Wong et al. 2011)
- **HII region: $H\alpha$, [SII], [OIII]**
(From MCELS, Smith & MCELS Team 1998)
- **Dust: $3.6\mu\text{m}$; $4.5\mu\text{m}$; $5.8\mu\text{m}$; $8\mu\text{m}$; $24\mu\text{m}$; $70\mu\text{m}$; $160\mu\text{m}$**
(From SAGE, Meixner et al. 2006)

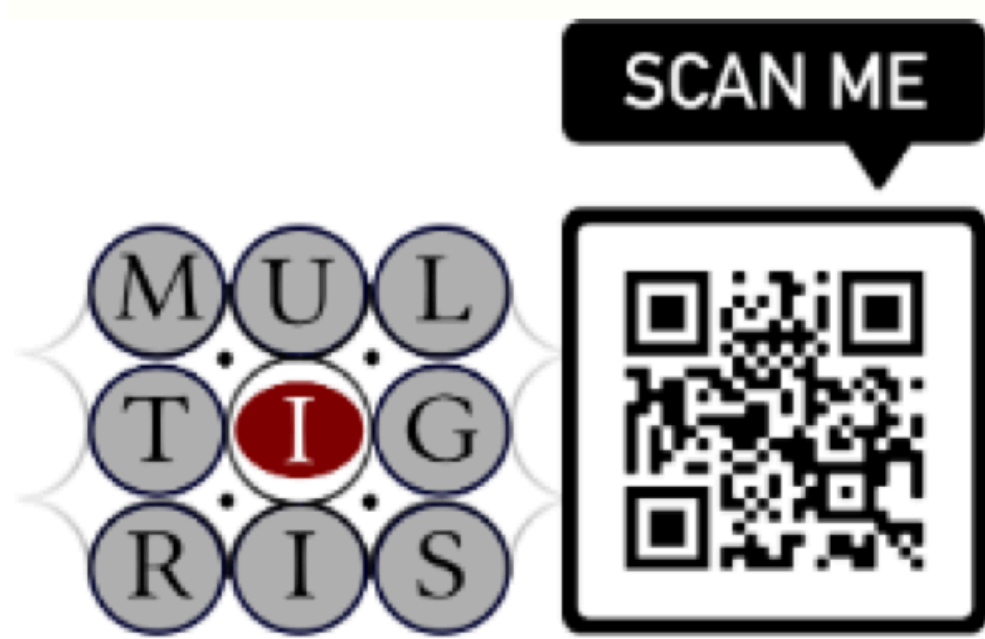




Method

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a multi-component probabilistic grid search

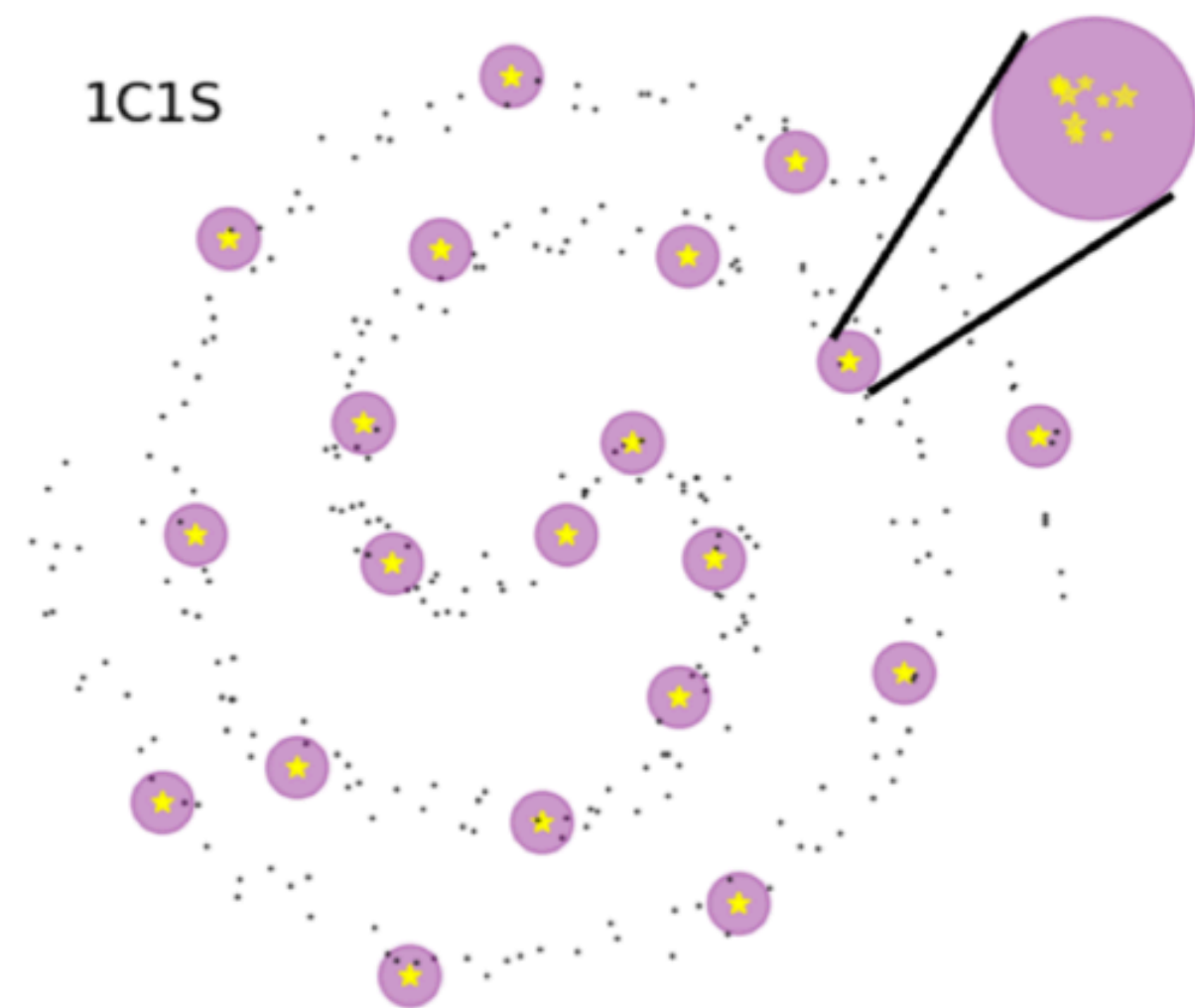




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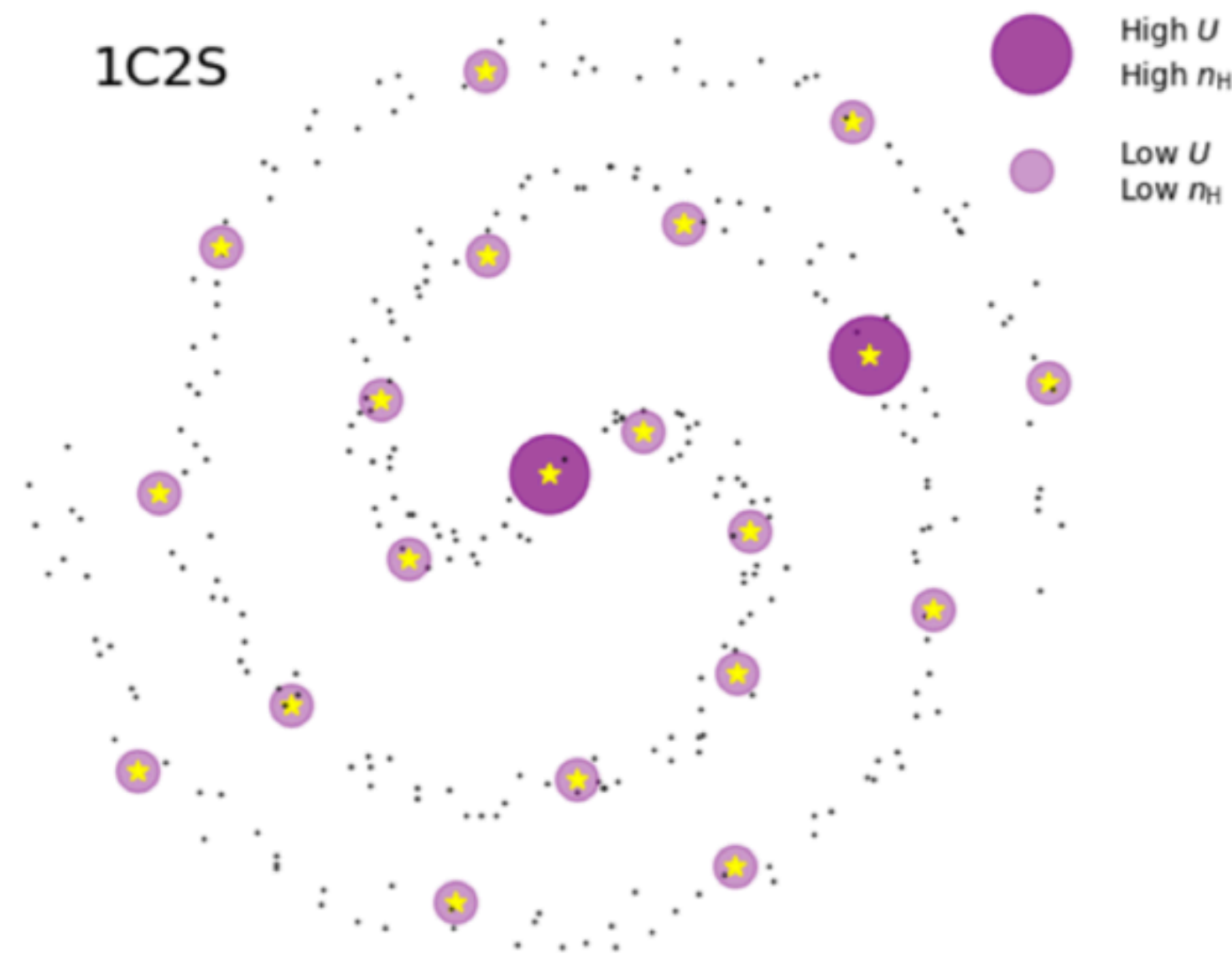
**1 star formation region =
1 component = 1 set of
ISM properties**

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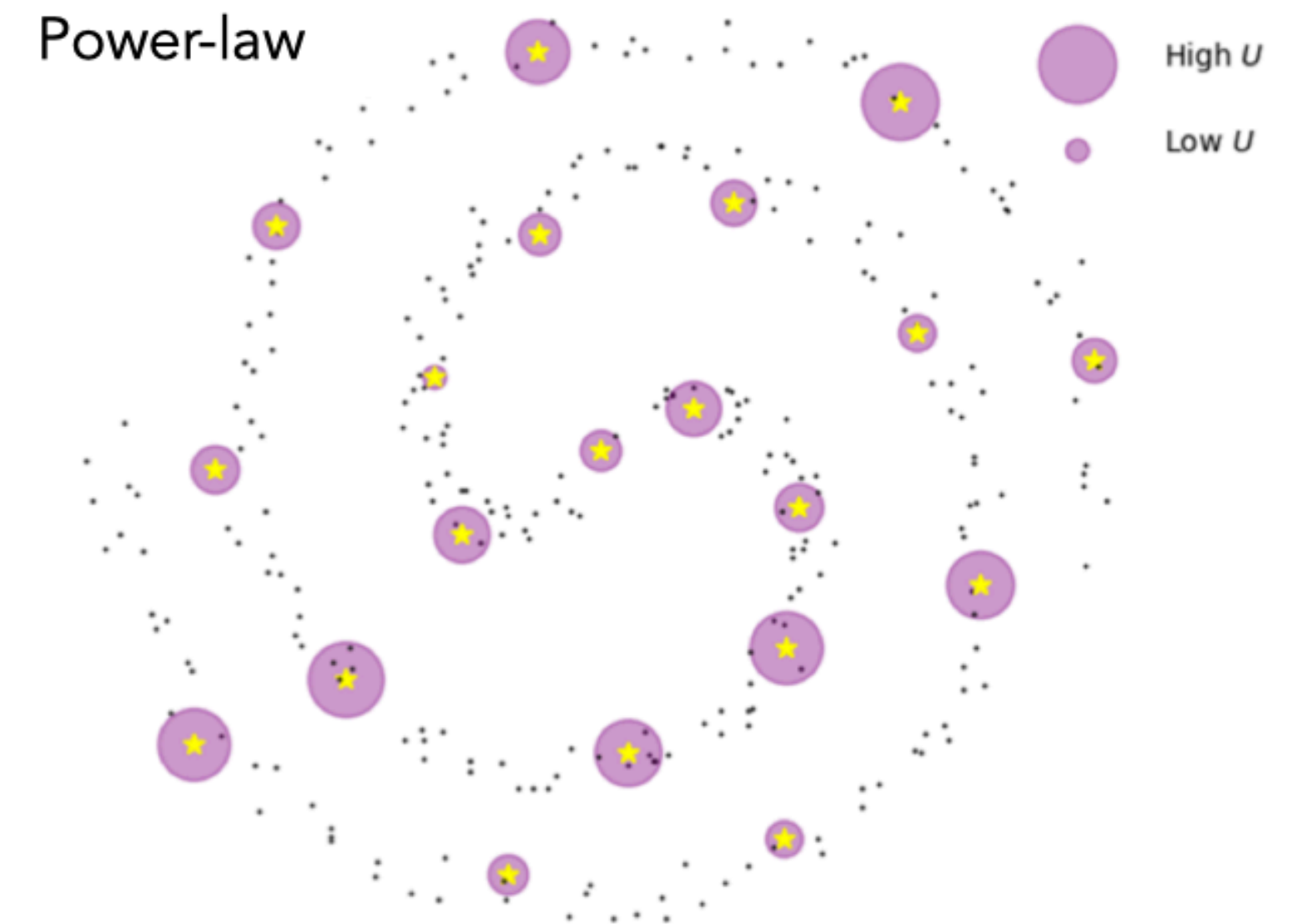
1 ISM Component

$\{n_1, U_1, cut_1, \dots\}$



2 ISM Components

$\{n_1, U_1, cut_1, \dots$
 $n_2, U_2, cut_2, \dots\}$



Lebouteiller et al. (2025)

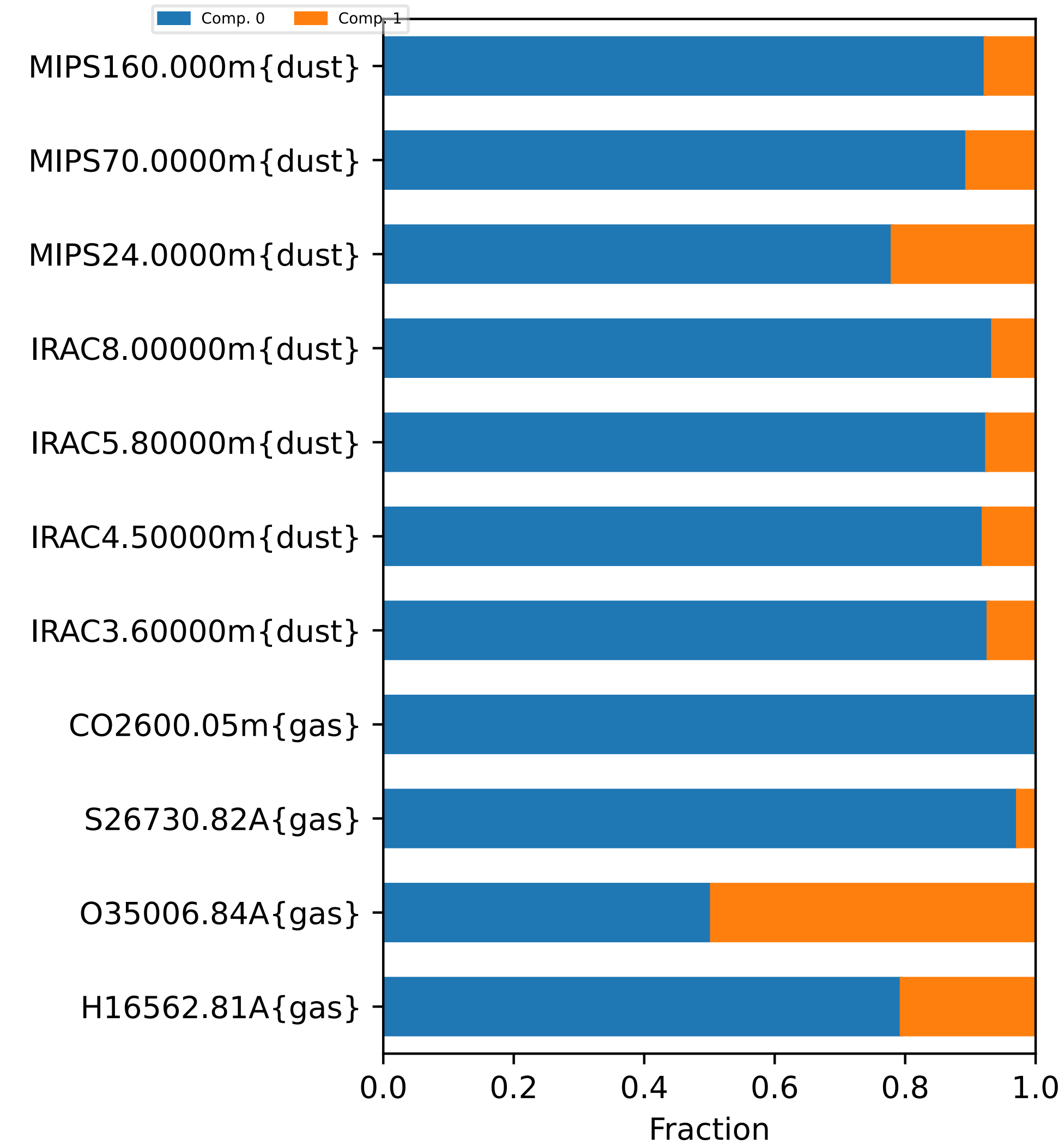
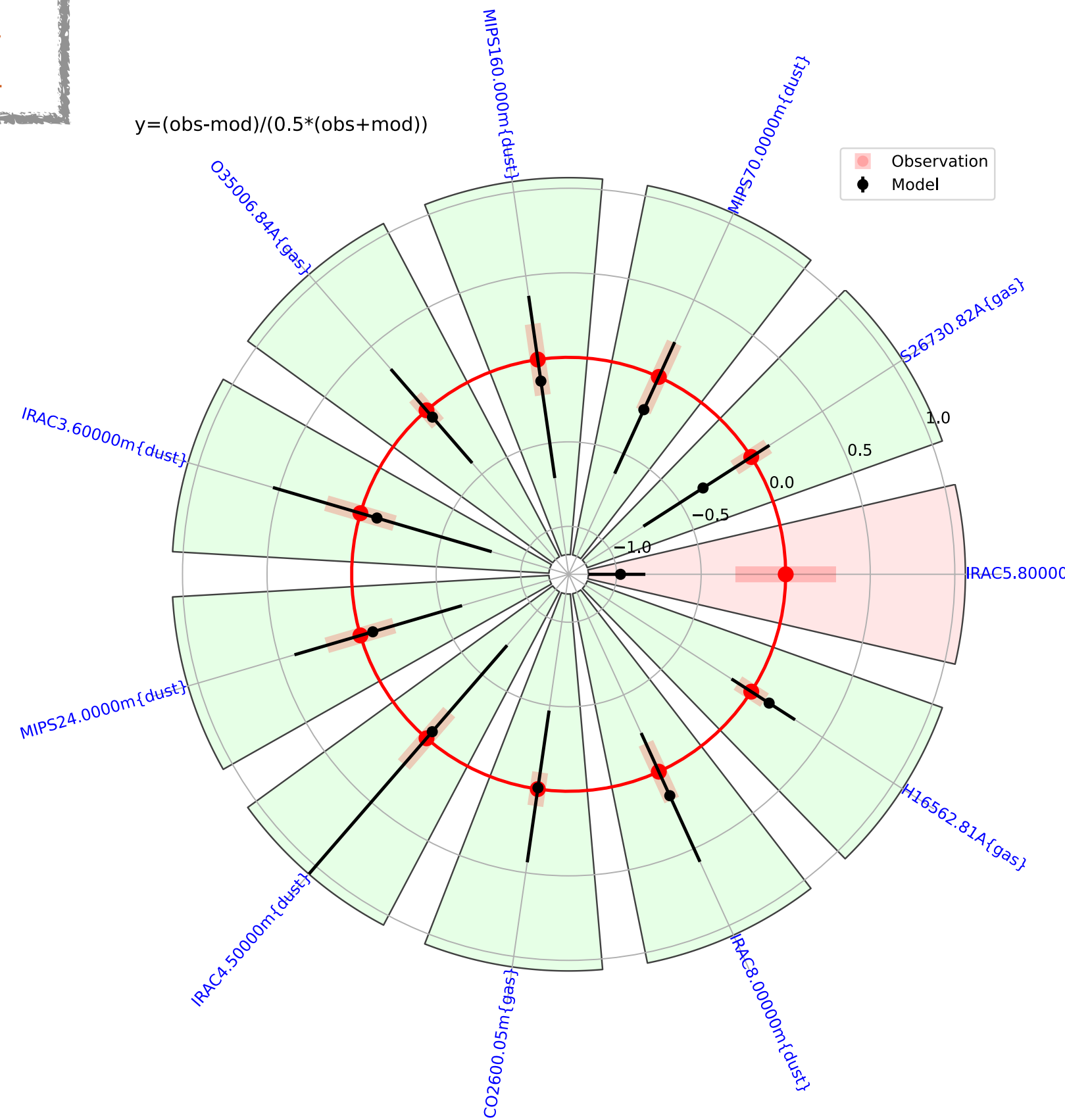
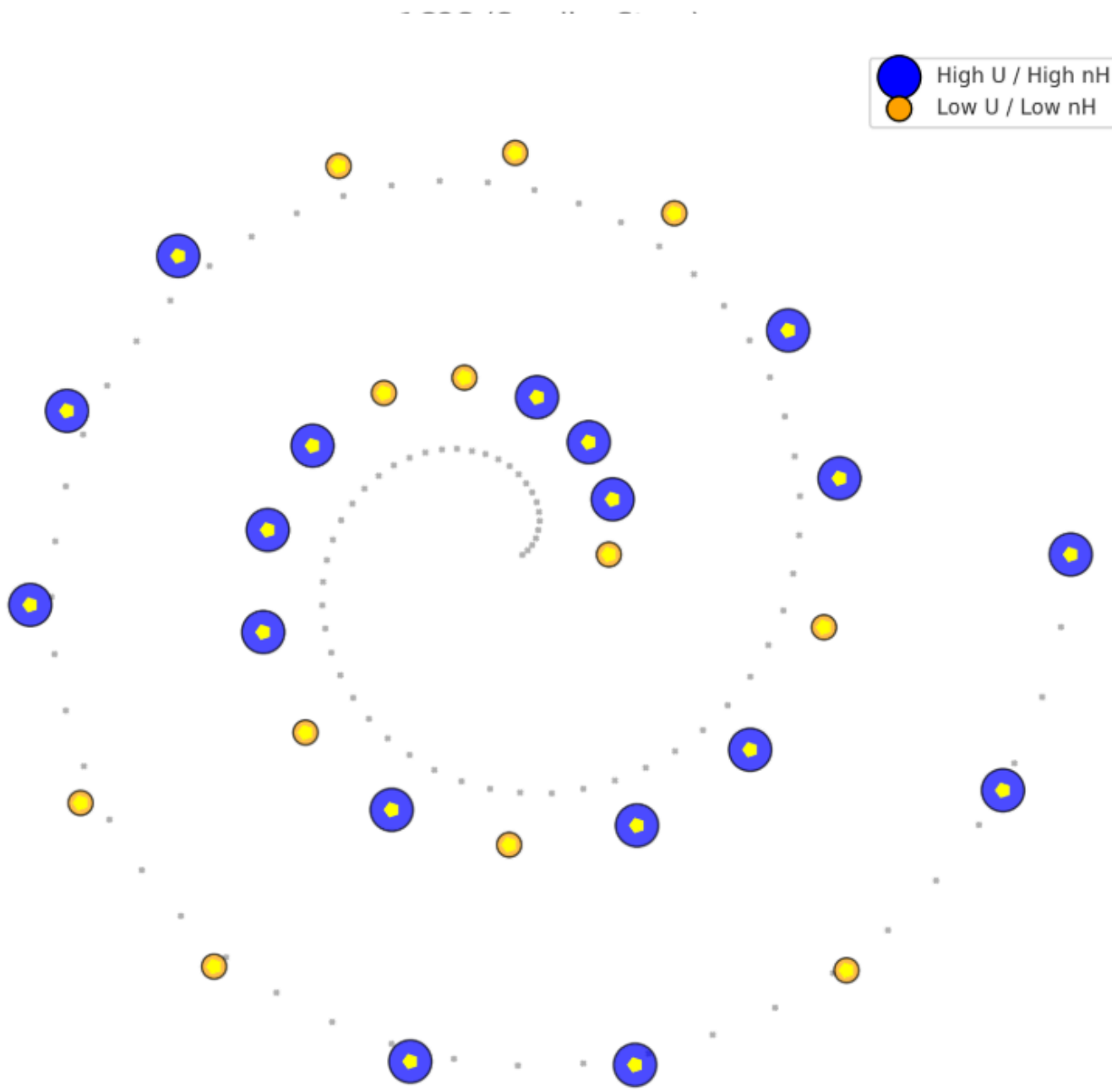
**ISM components follow
power-law distributions
for n , U , and cut .**

Method

Illustration of 2 ISM Components

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cut} &: 3.1^{+0.4}_{-0.7} \\ \log(n) &: 3.0^{+0.4}_{-0.1} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ \log(U) &: -3.1^{+1.8}_{-0.6} \end{aligned}$$

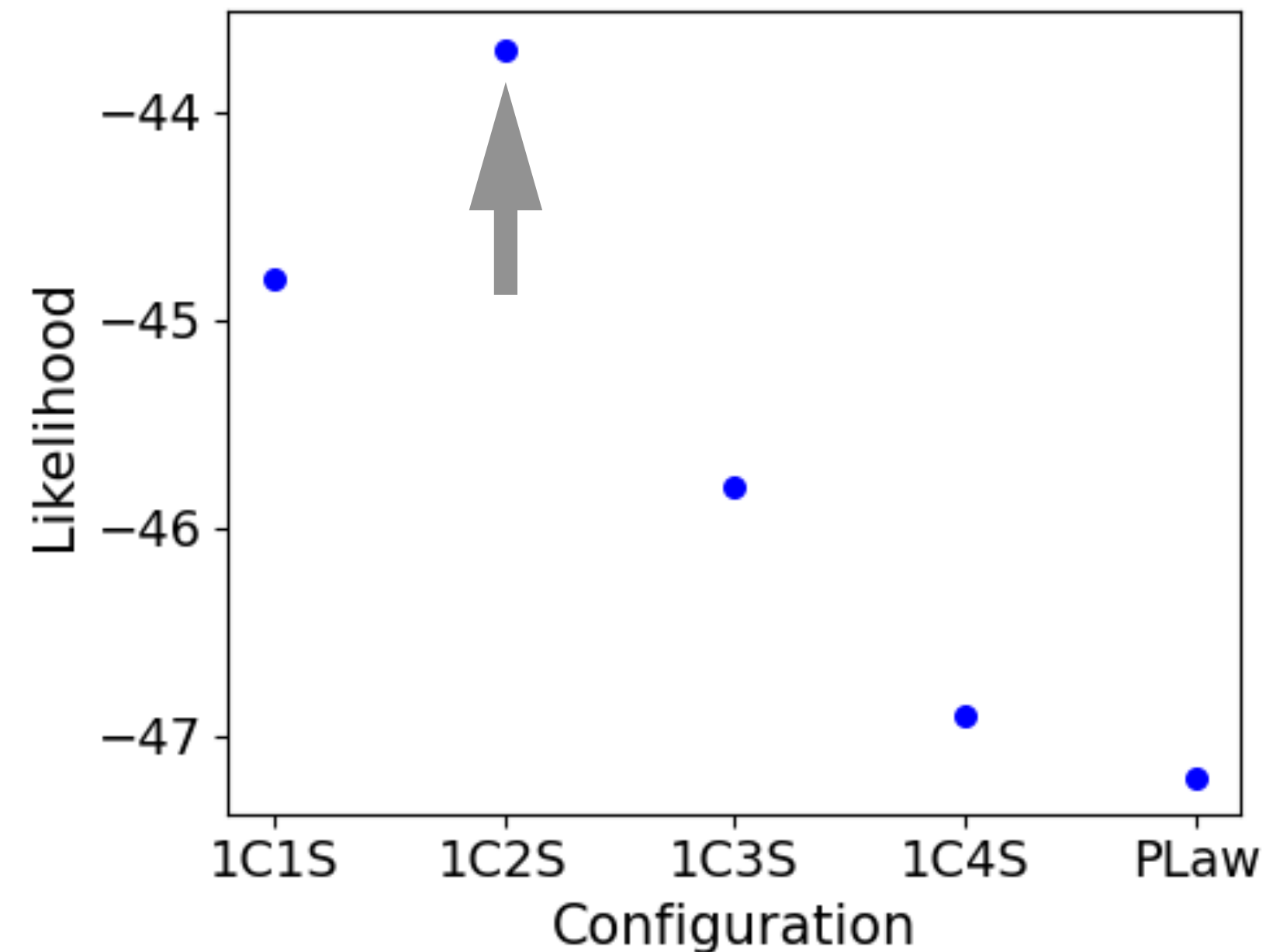
$$\begin{aligned} \text{cut} &: 1.5^{+1.3}_{-0.5} \\ \log(n) &: 2.5^{+0.9}_{-1.6} \text{ cm}^{-3} \\ \log(U) &: -2.4^{+1.7}_{-0.4} \end{aligned}$$



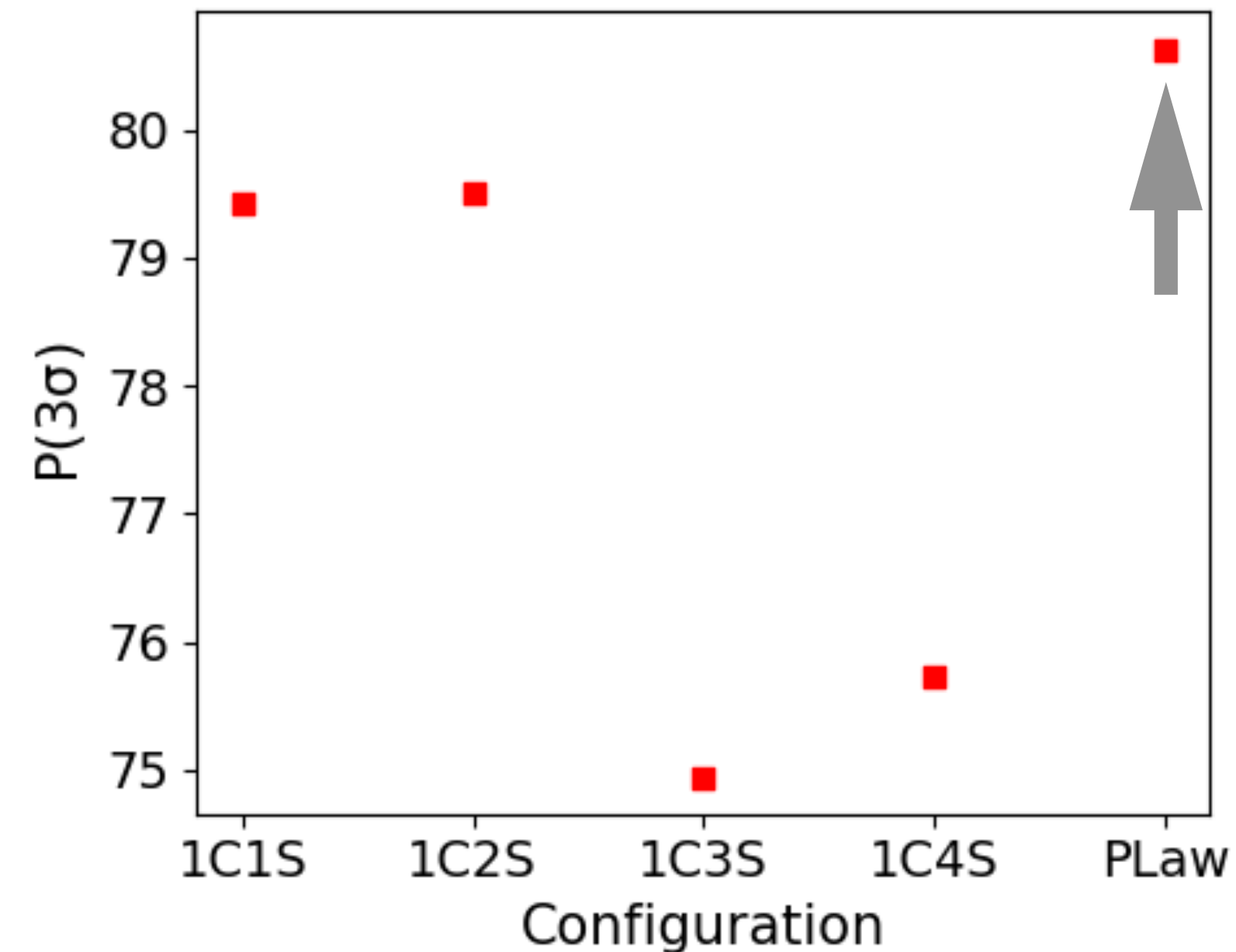
Configuration selection

A. Metrics comparison

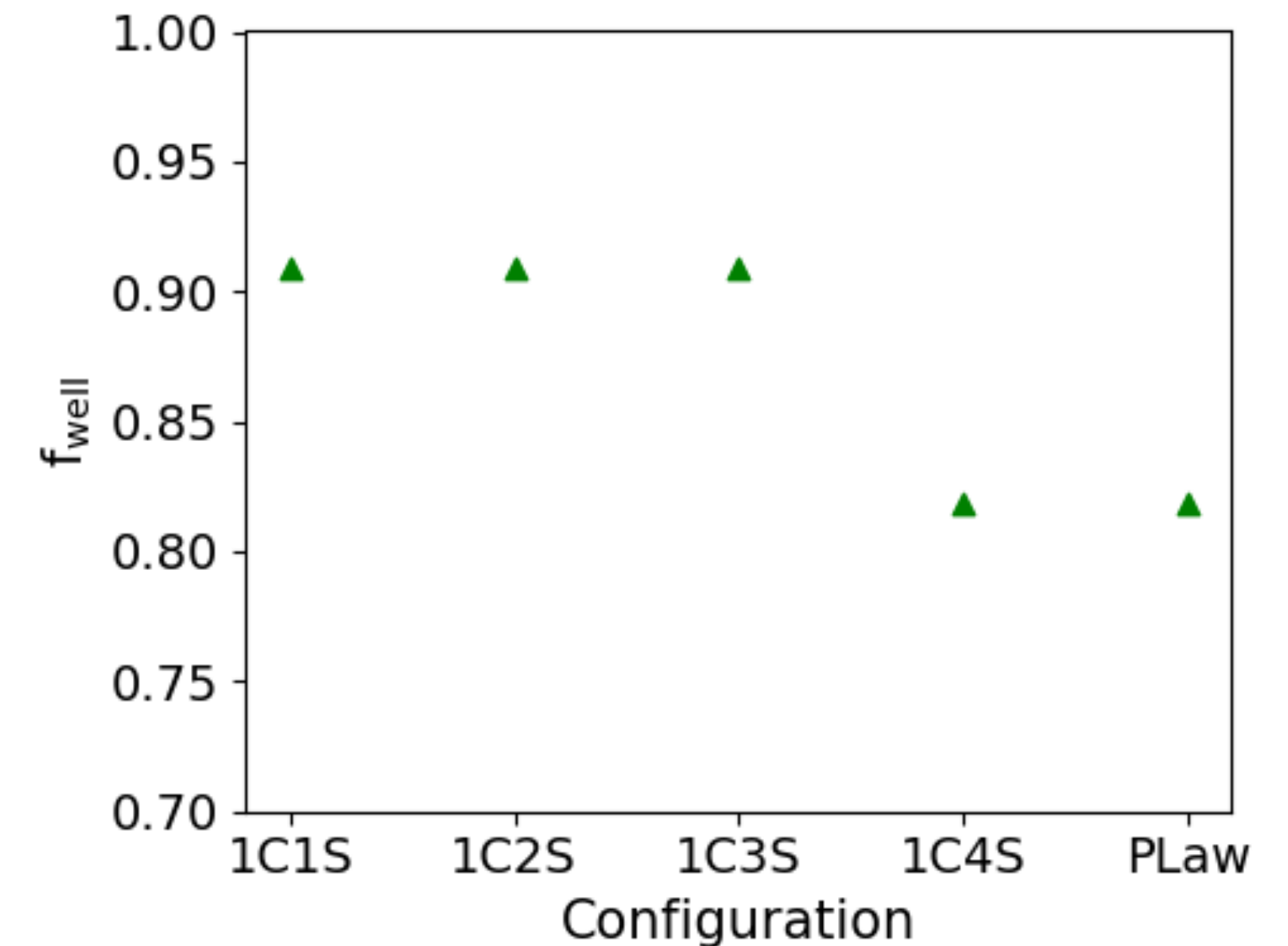
Likelihood



How close are the predictions to the observations



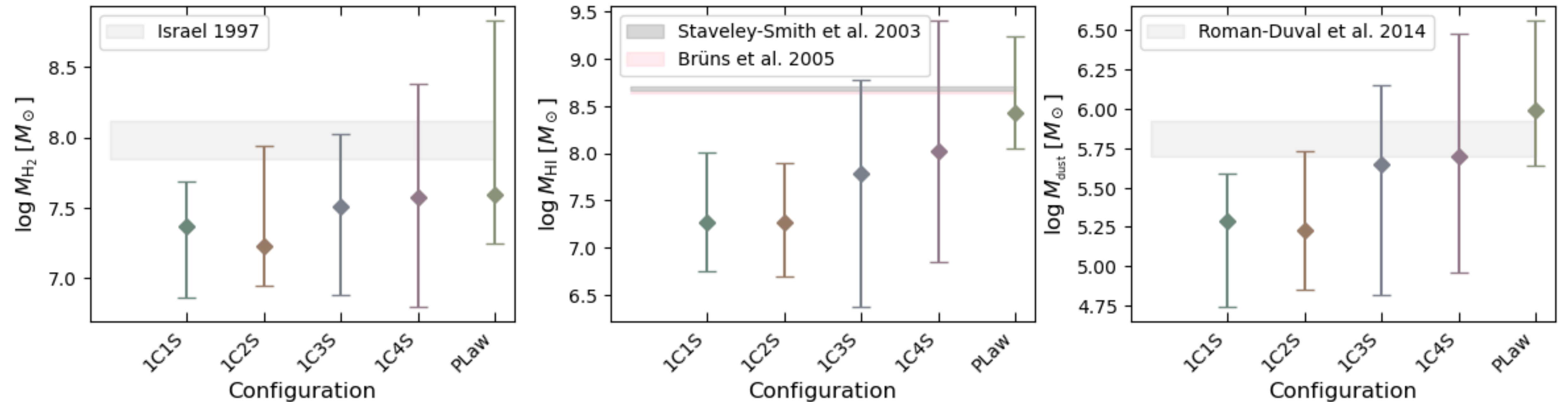
The fraction of well fitted lines



All the potential configurations perform well!

Configuration selection

B. Comparison with literature data

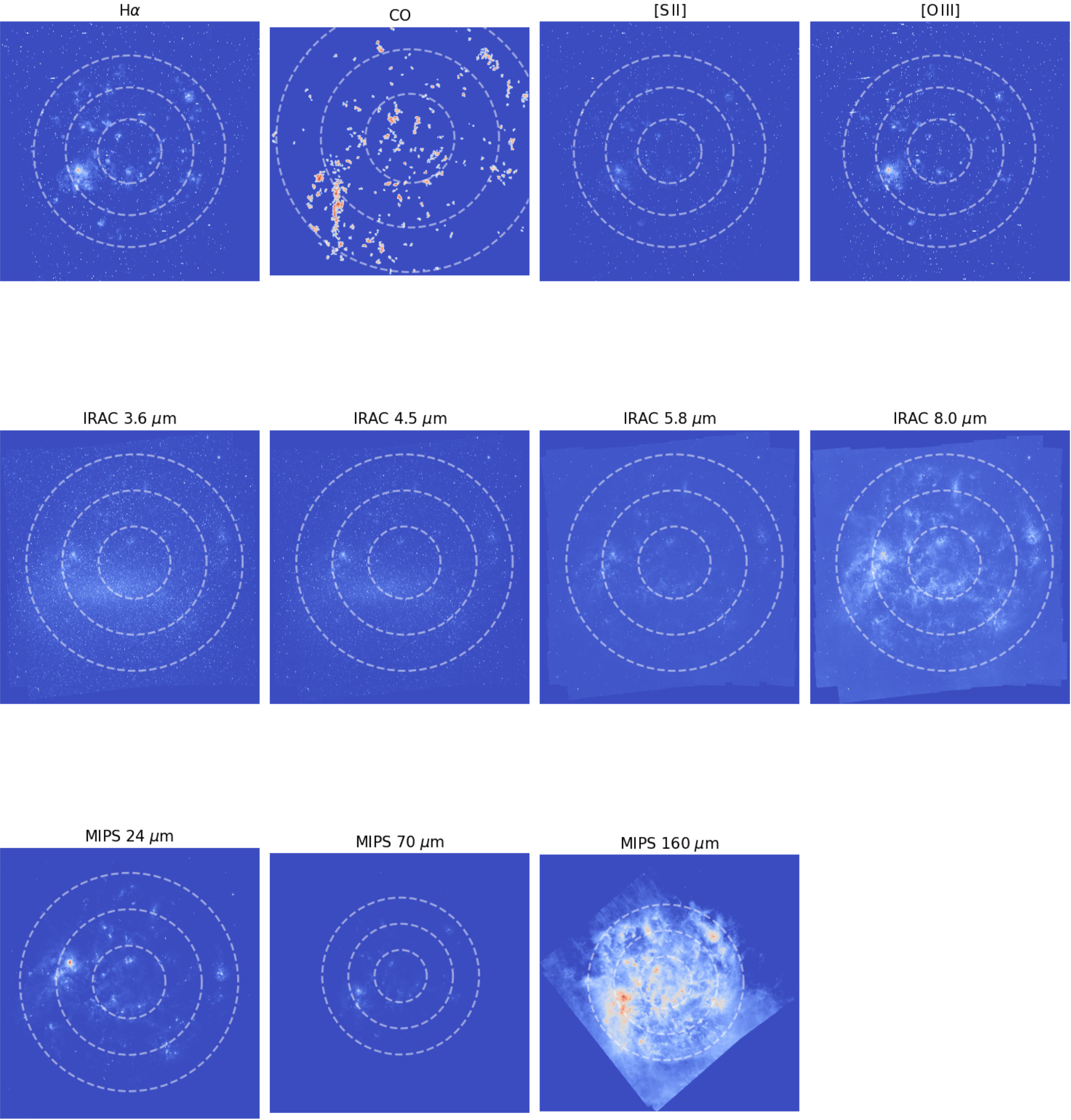
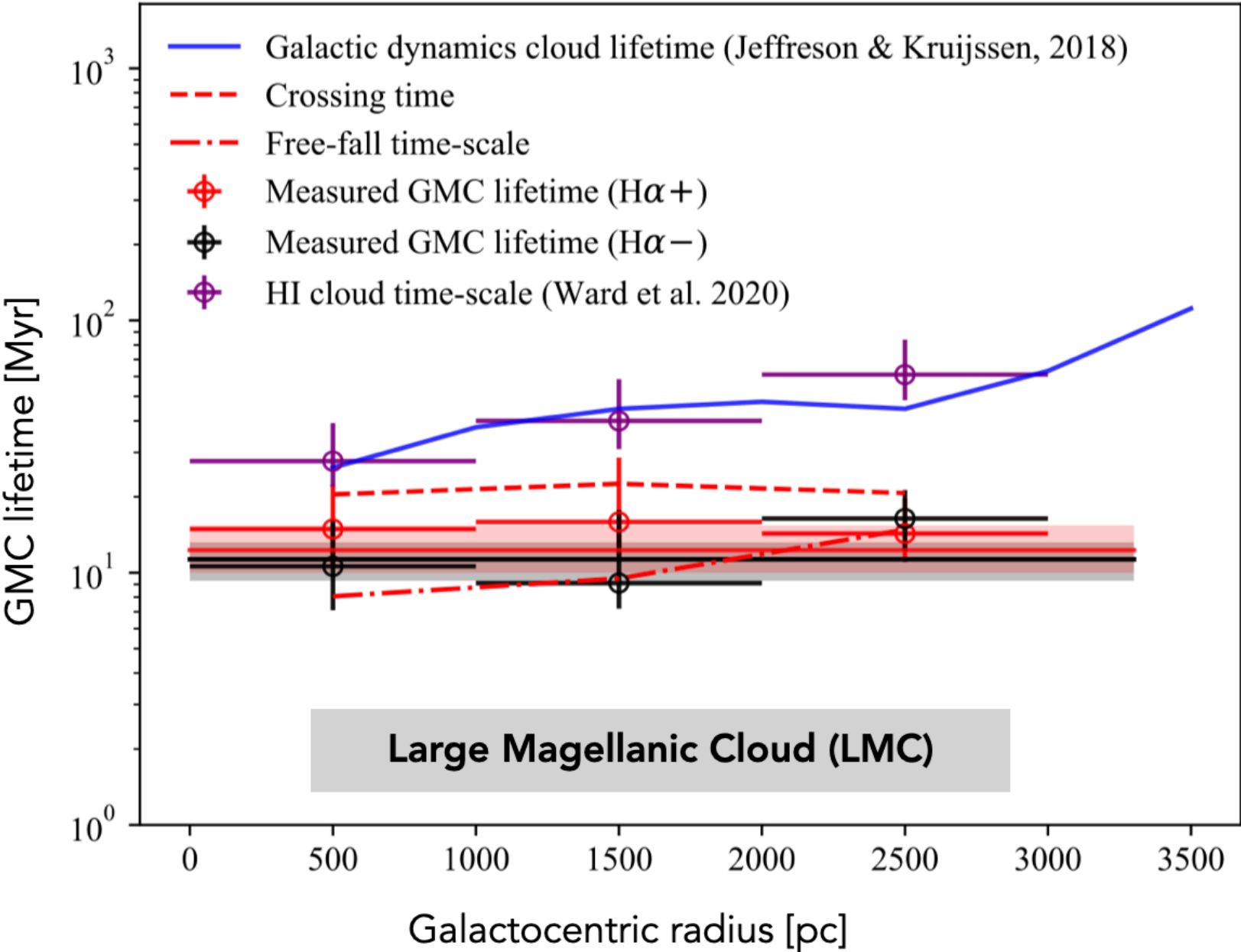


**Power-law model
is chosen!**

Observations

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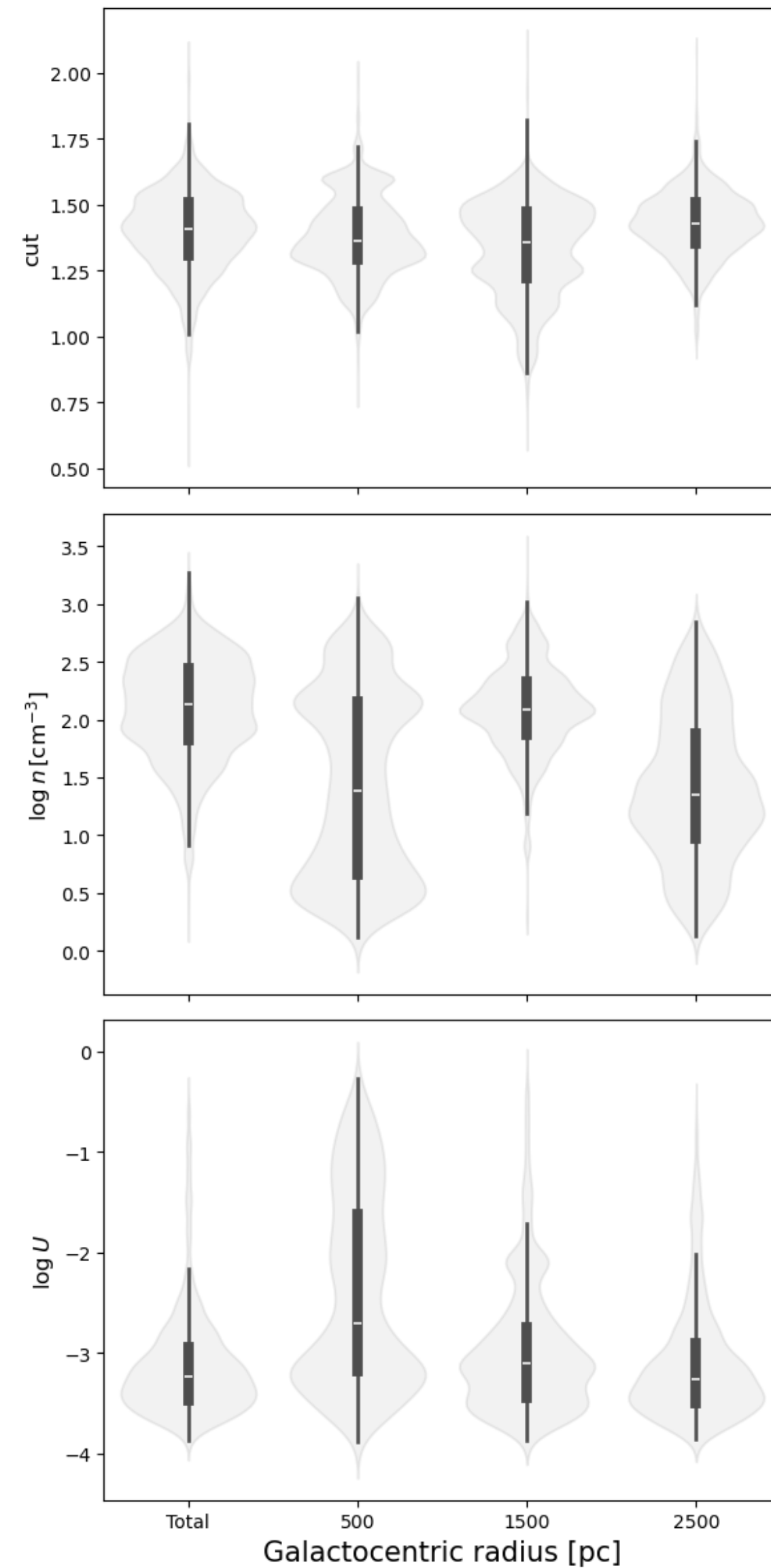
Three radial bins of LMC used in this work, as well as in Ward et al. 2020 & 2022



Radial distributions of ISM properties

Work in
progress...

Best model parameters

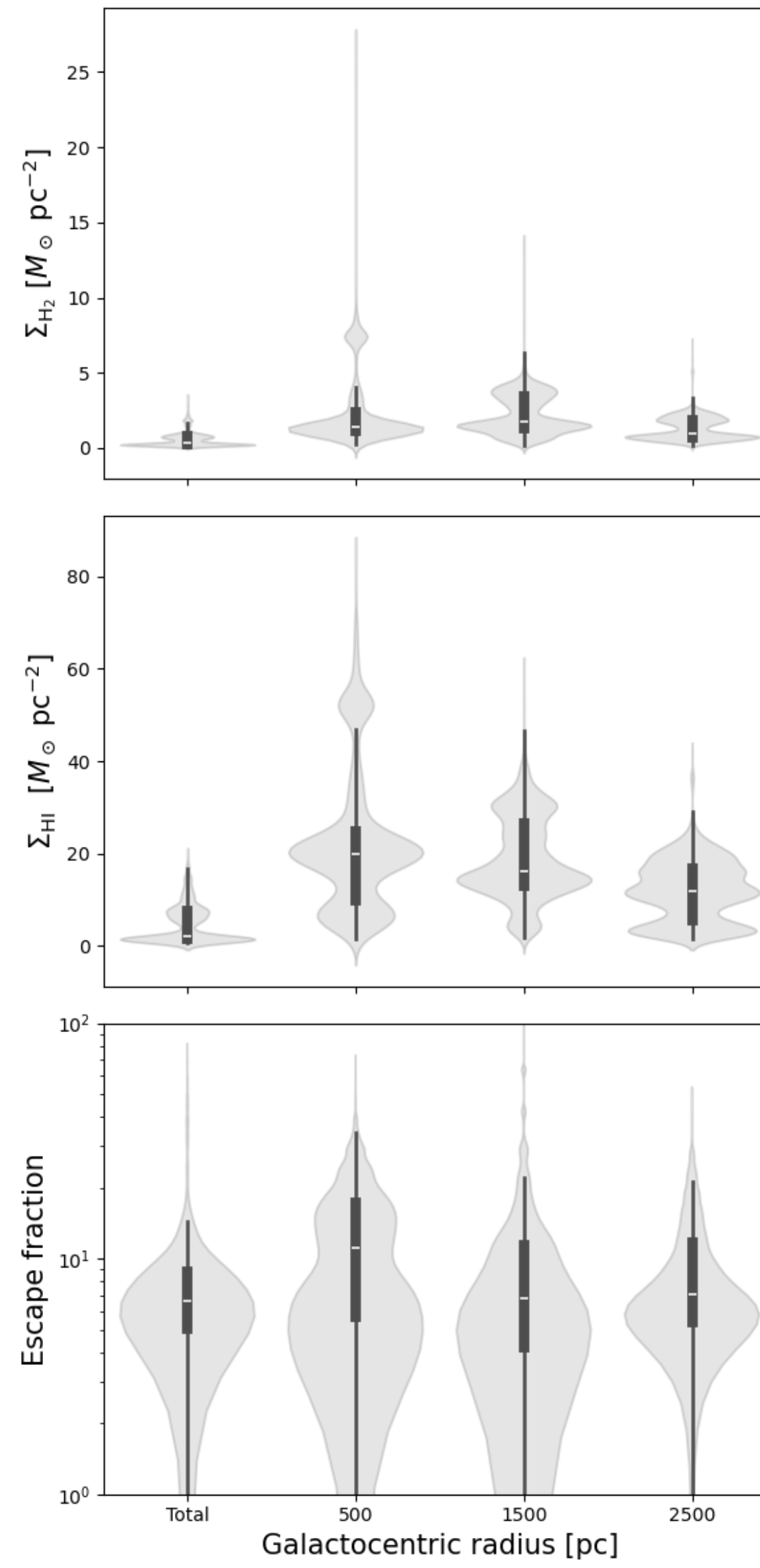
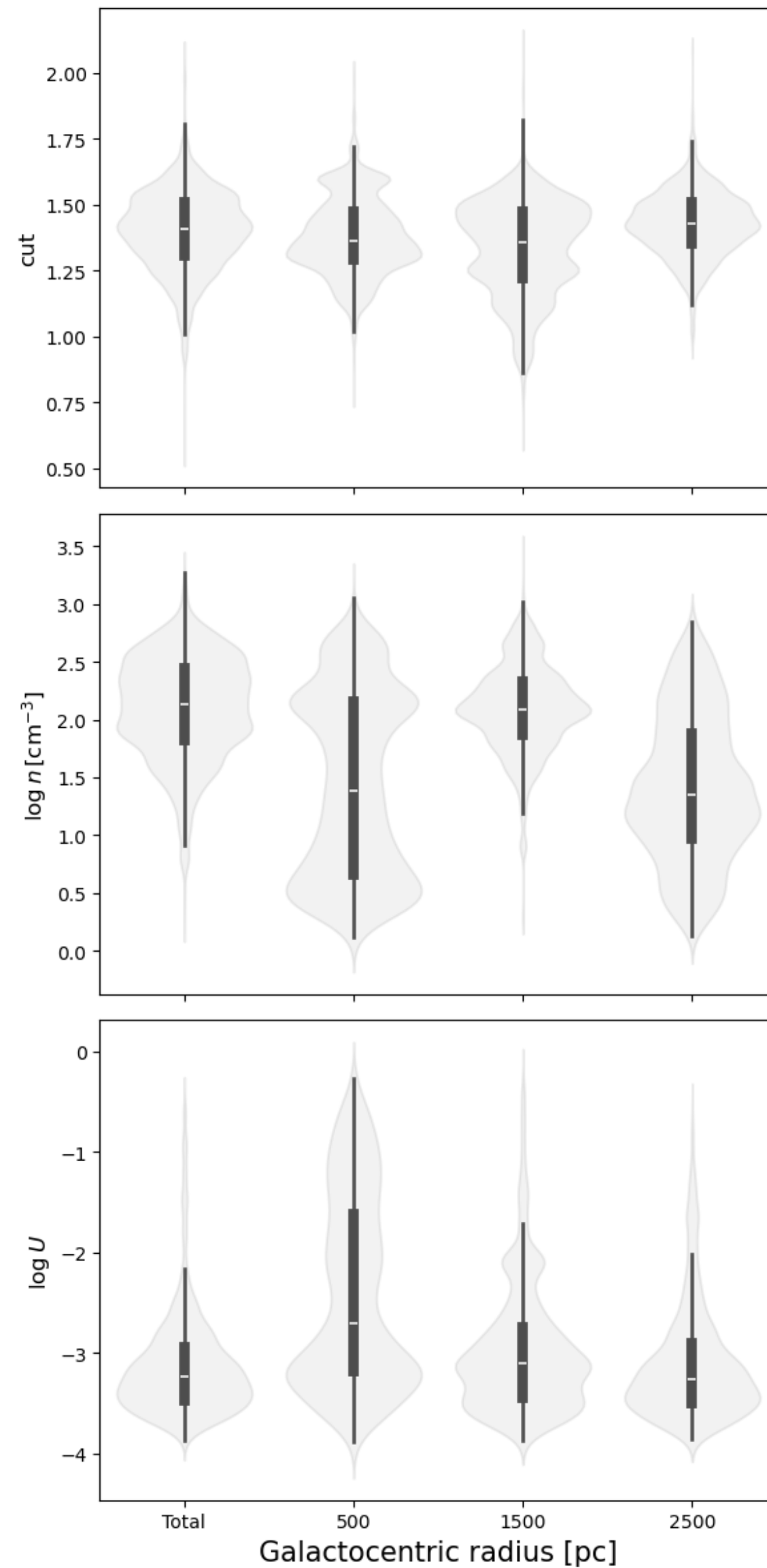


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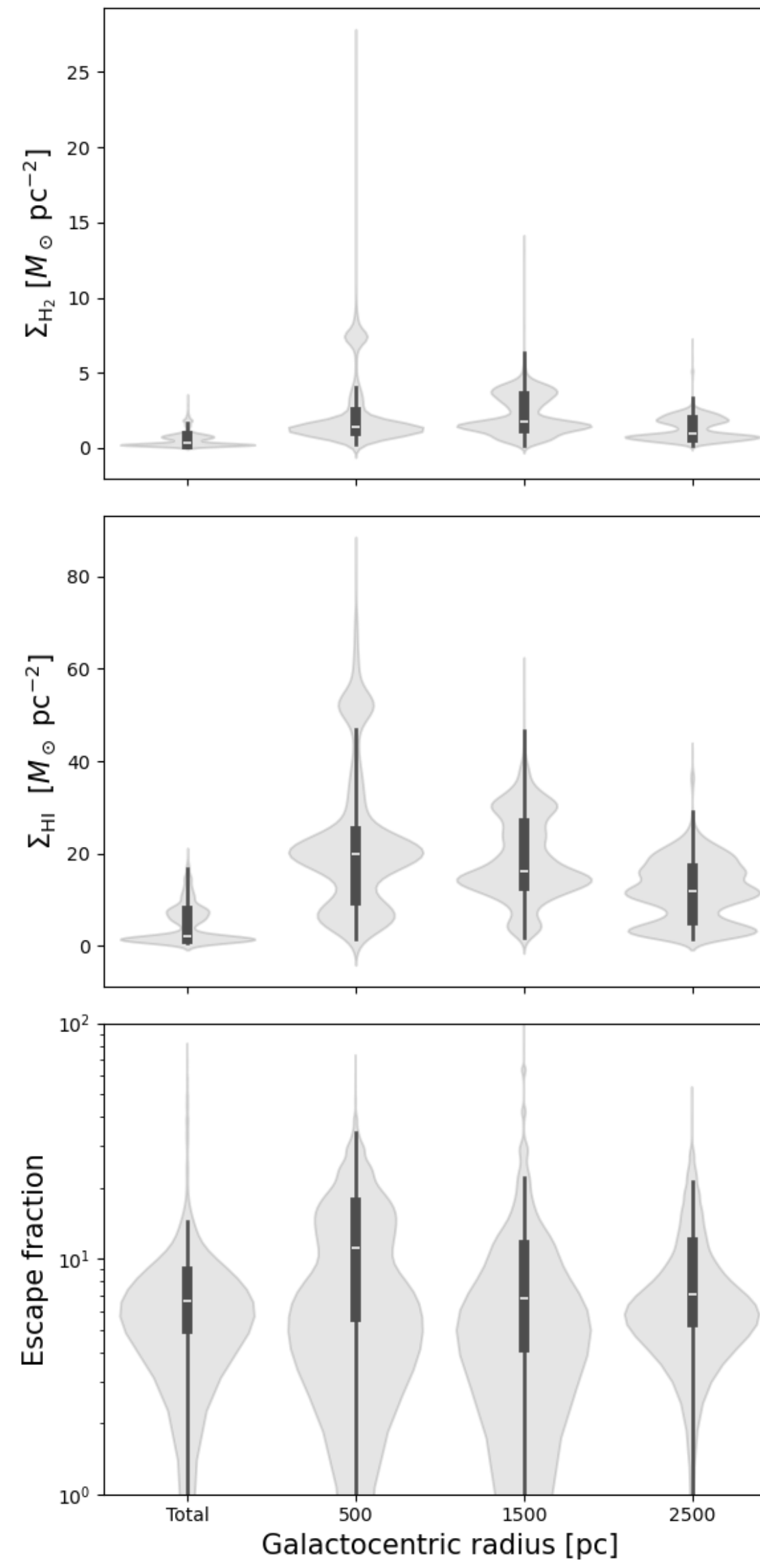
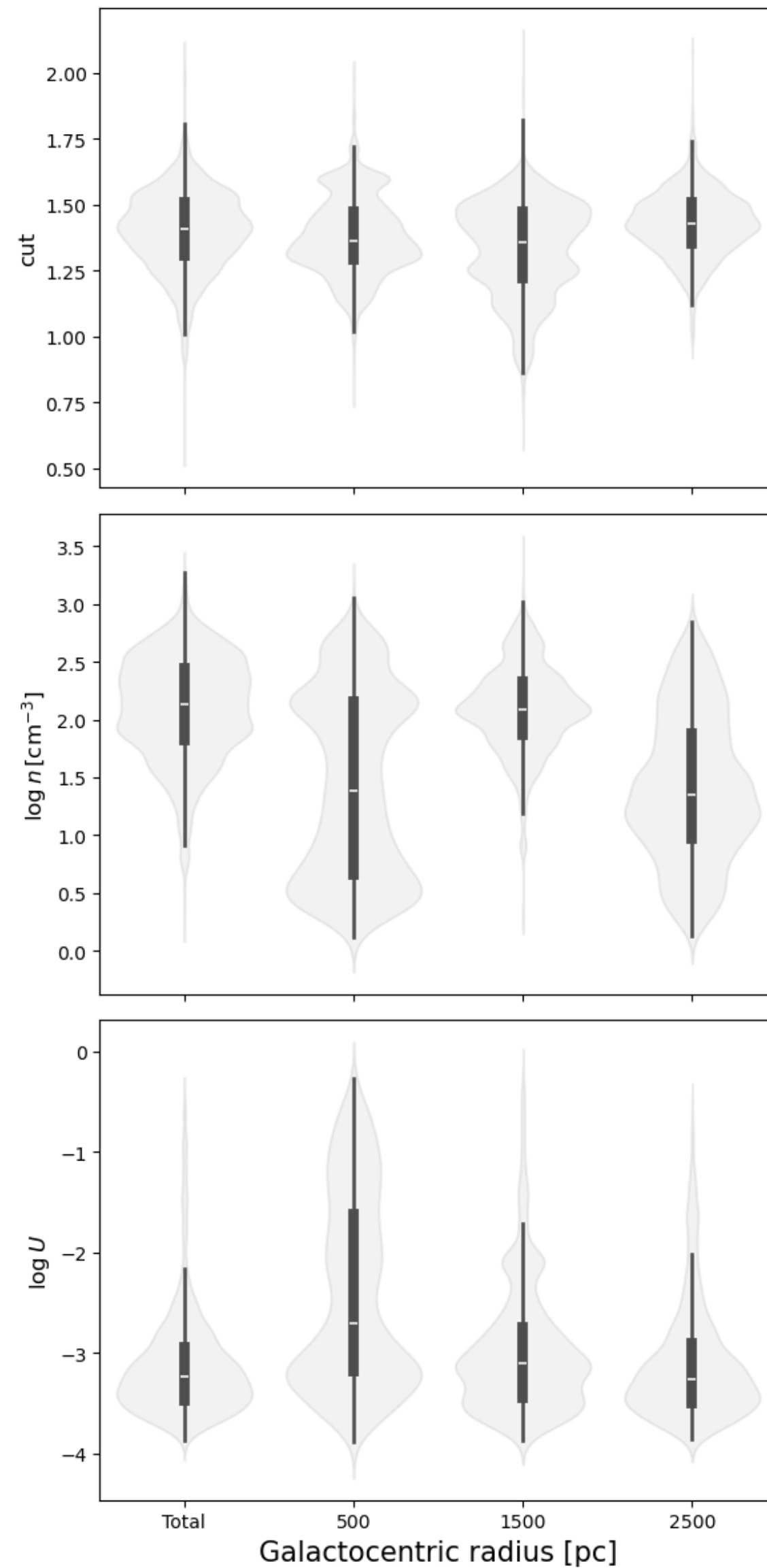


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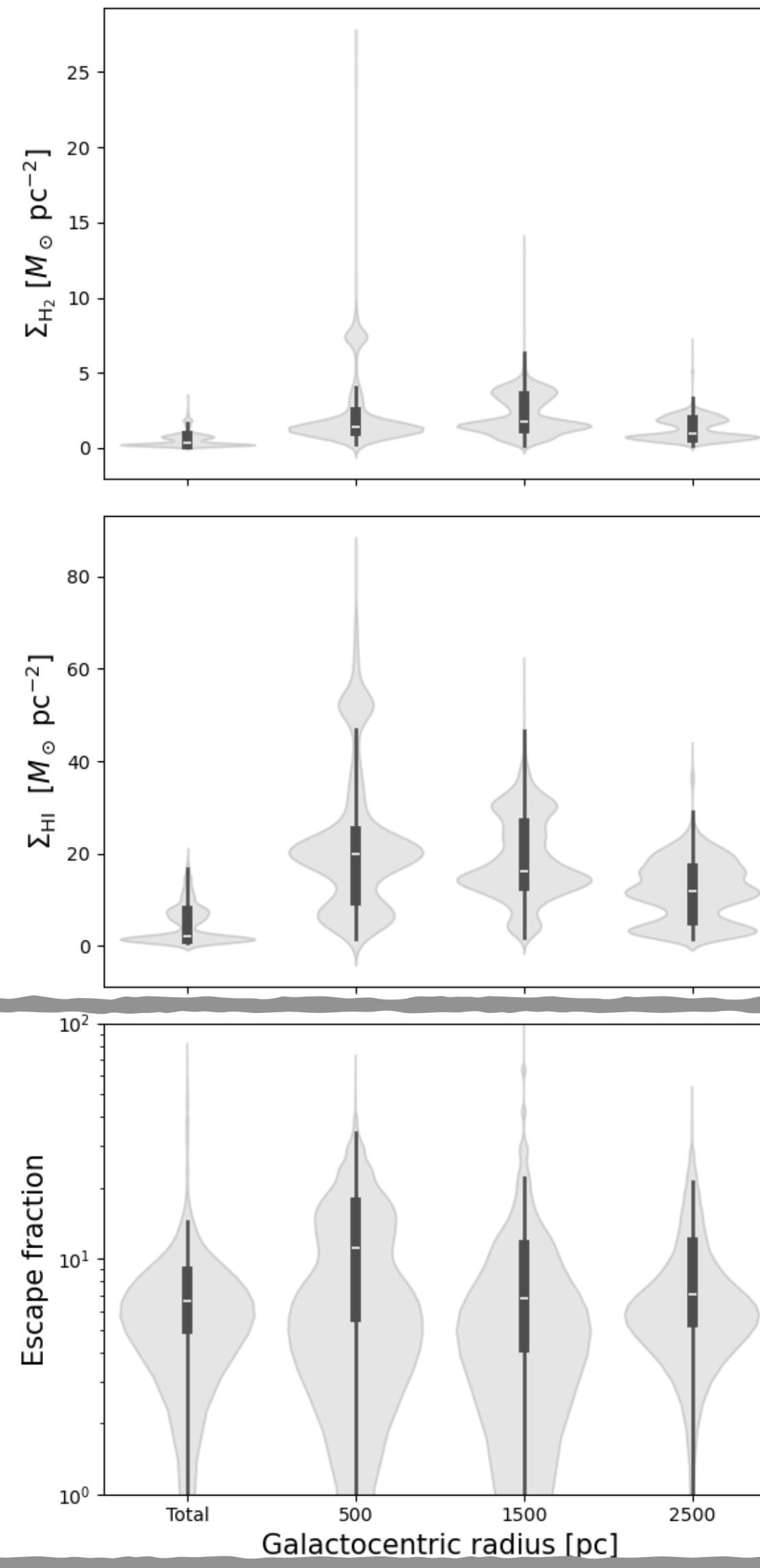
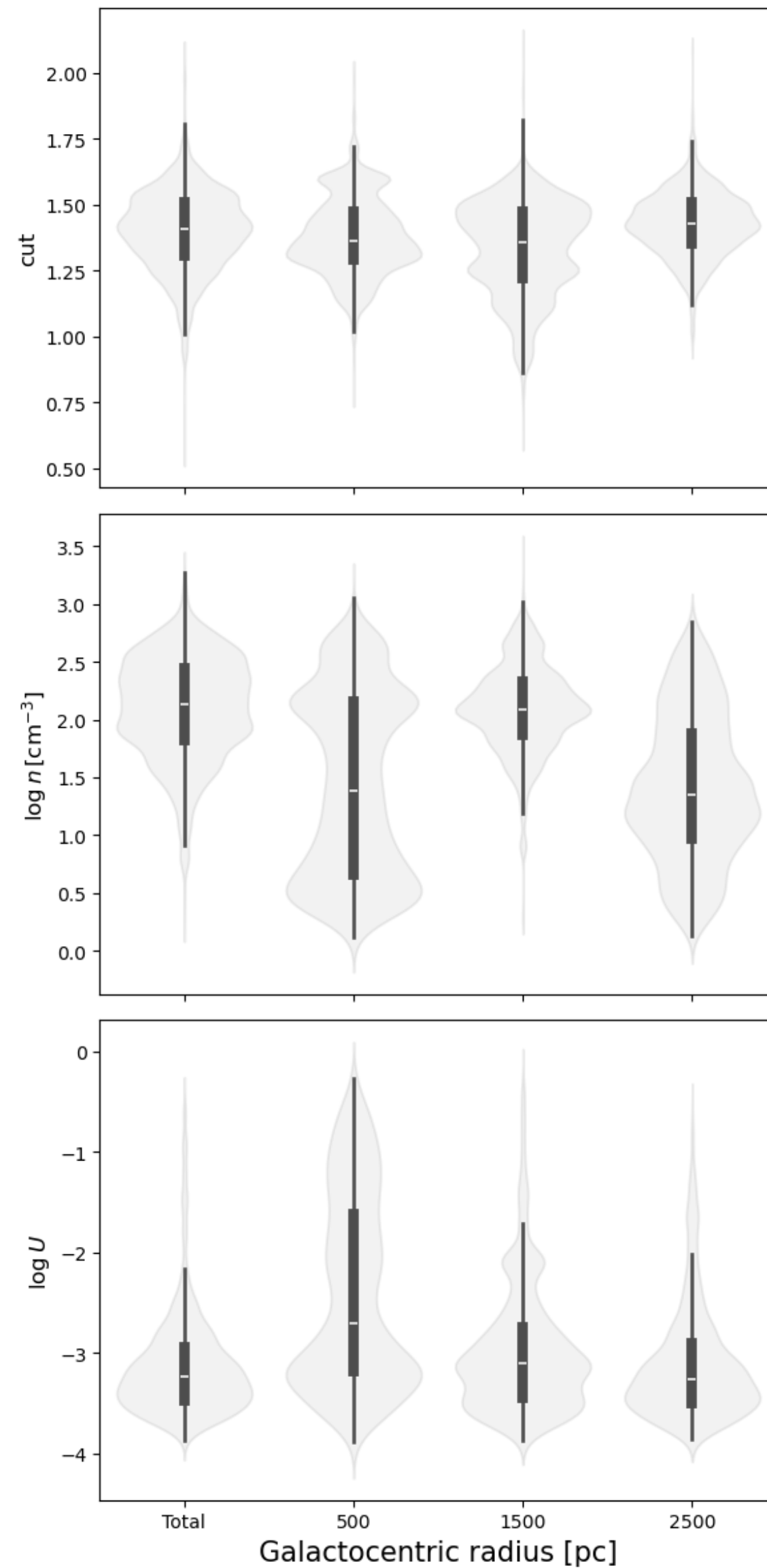
Preliminary
results: **no
strong radial
dependence**

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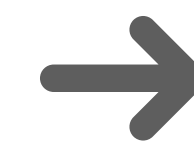
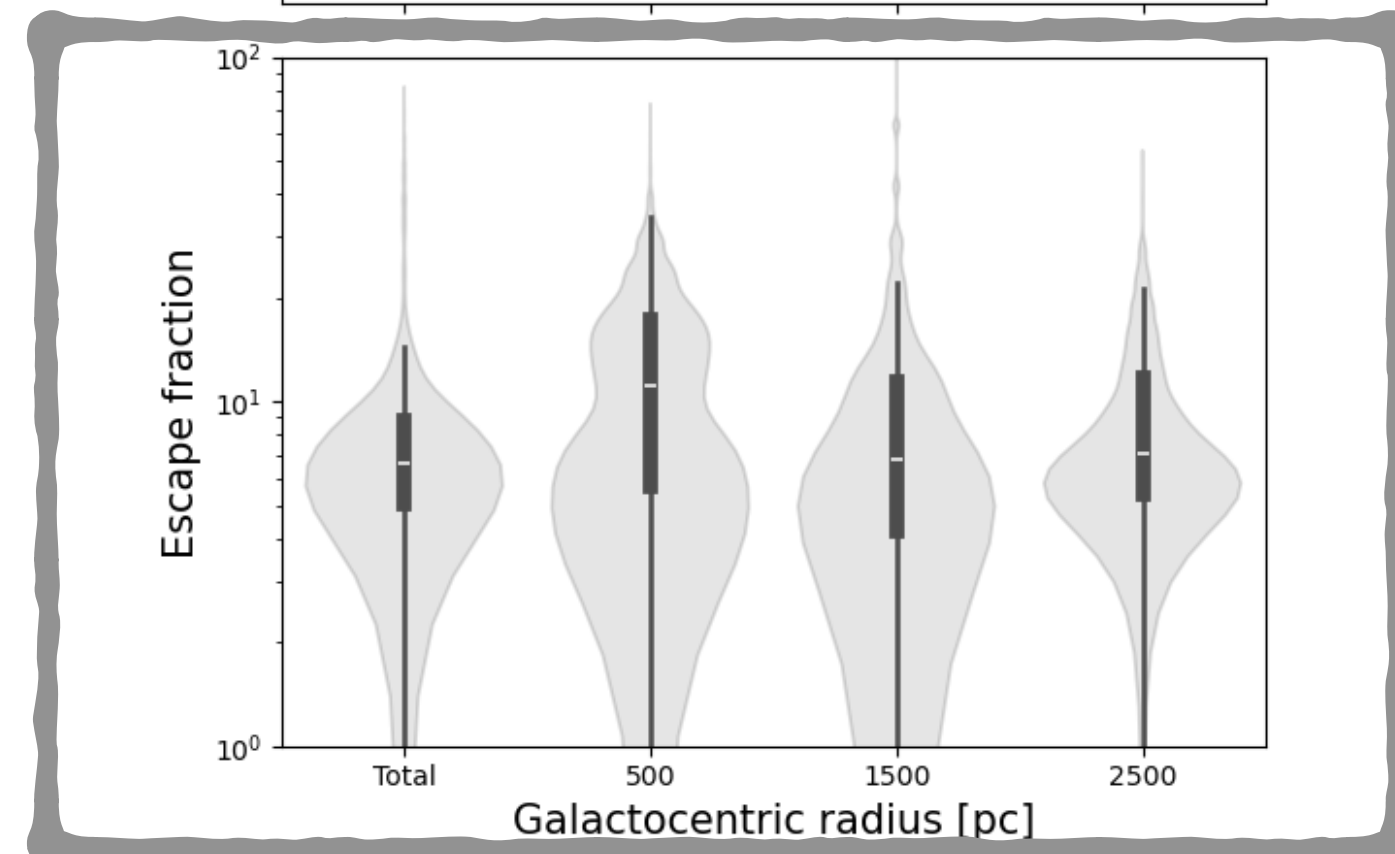
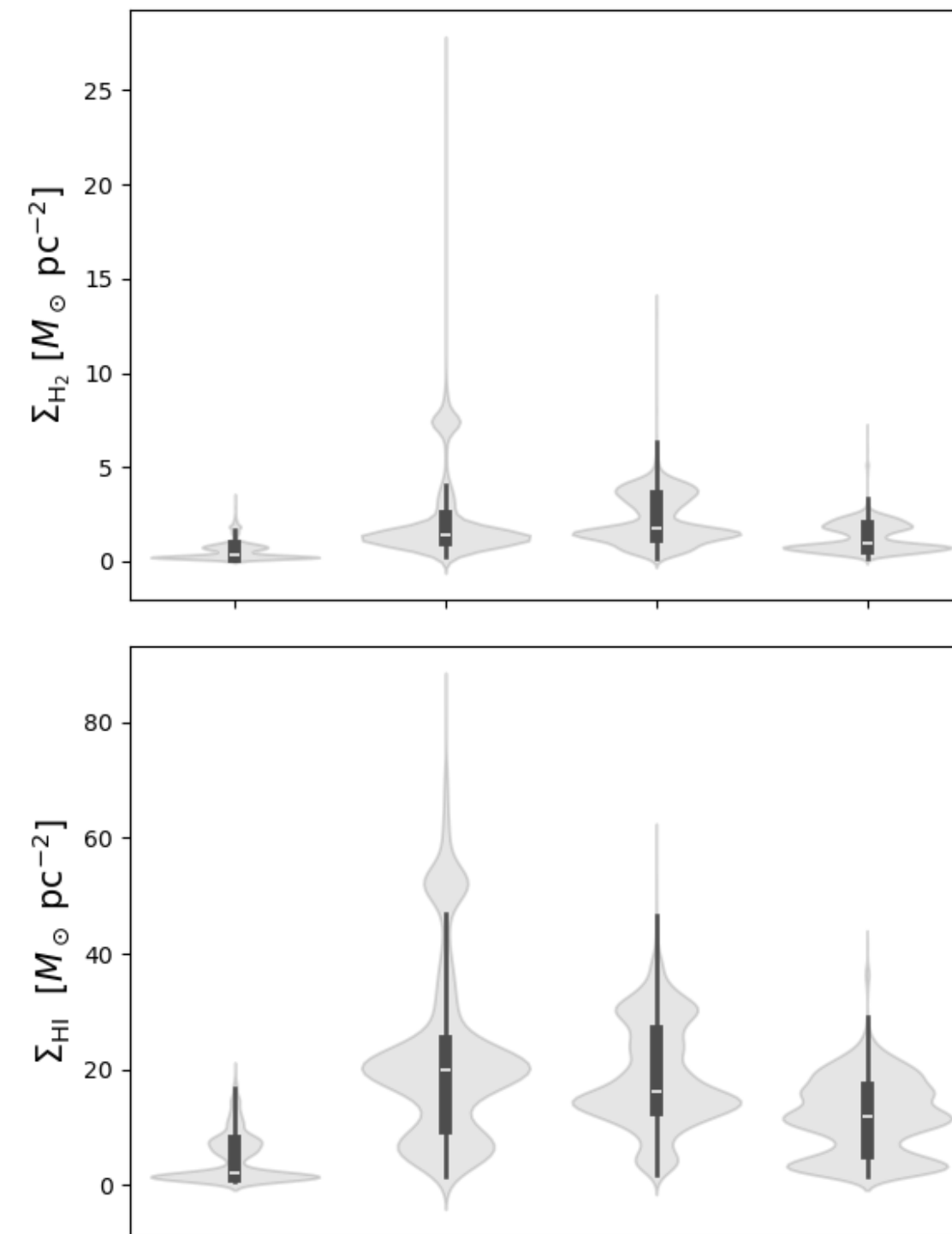
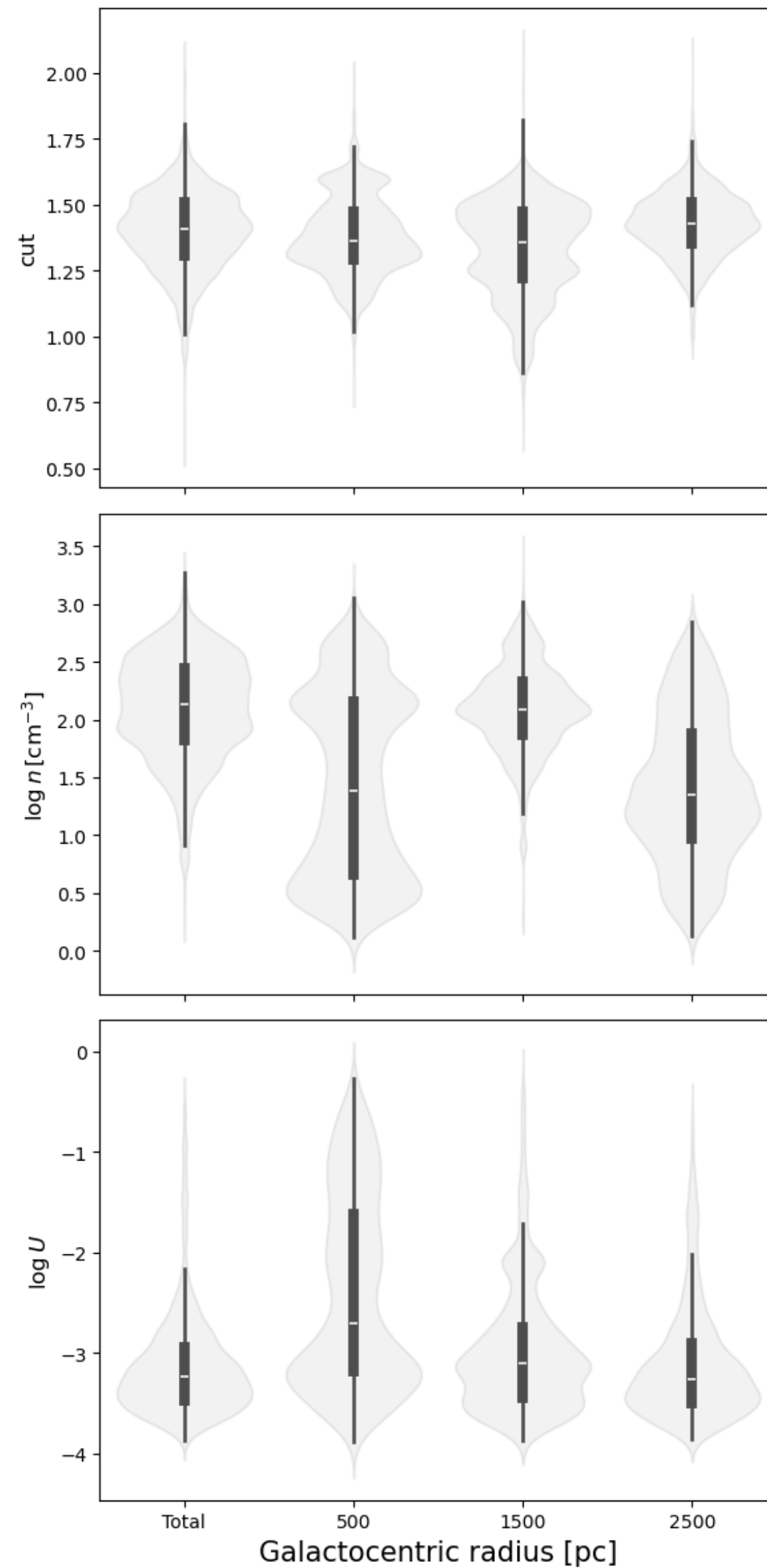


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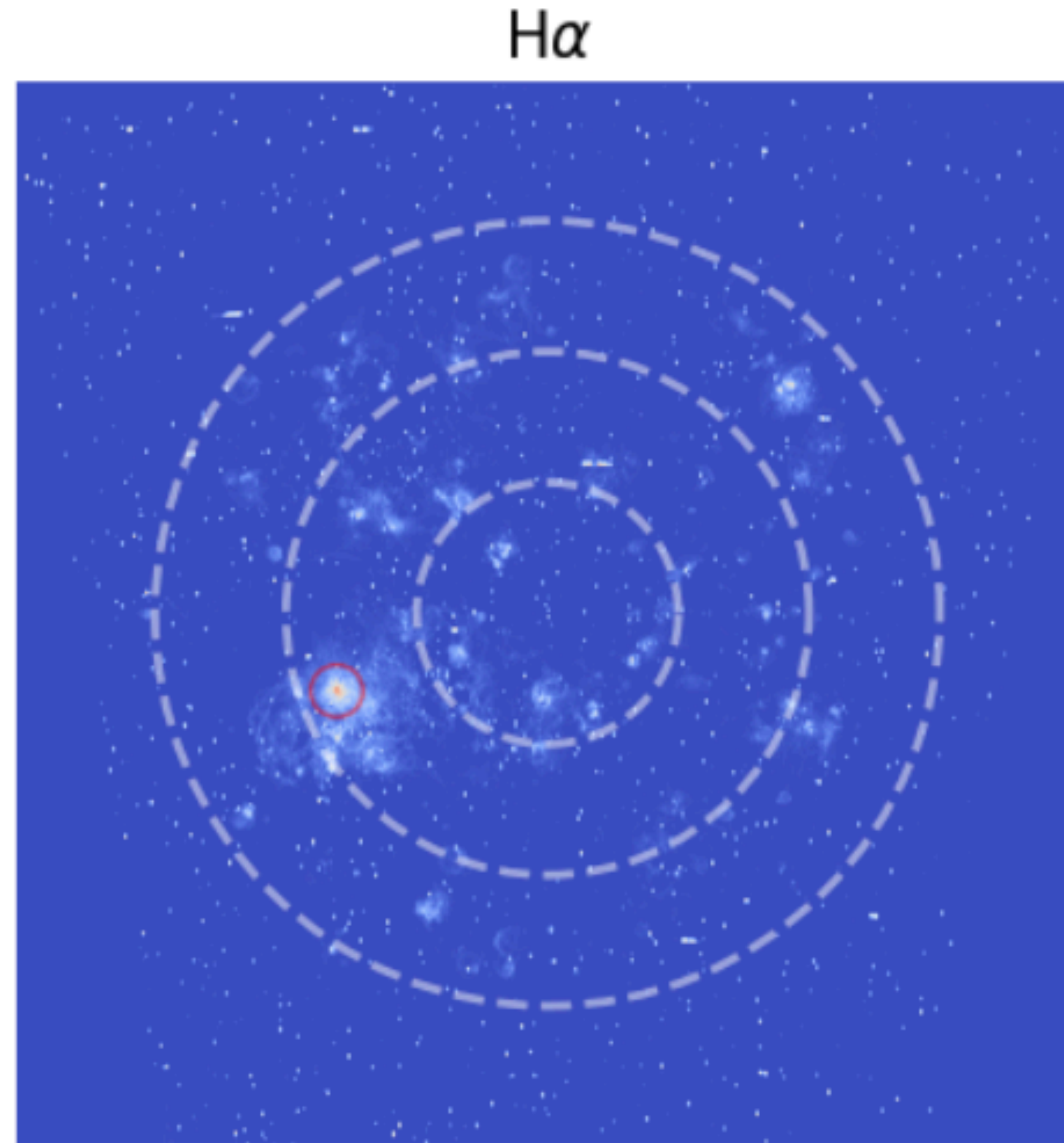


More density-bounded regions in the centre?

Radial distributions of ISM properties

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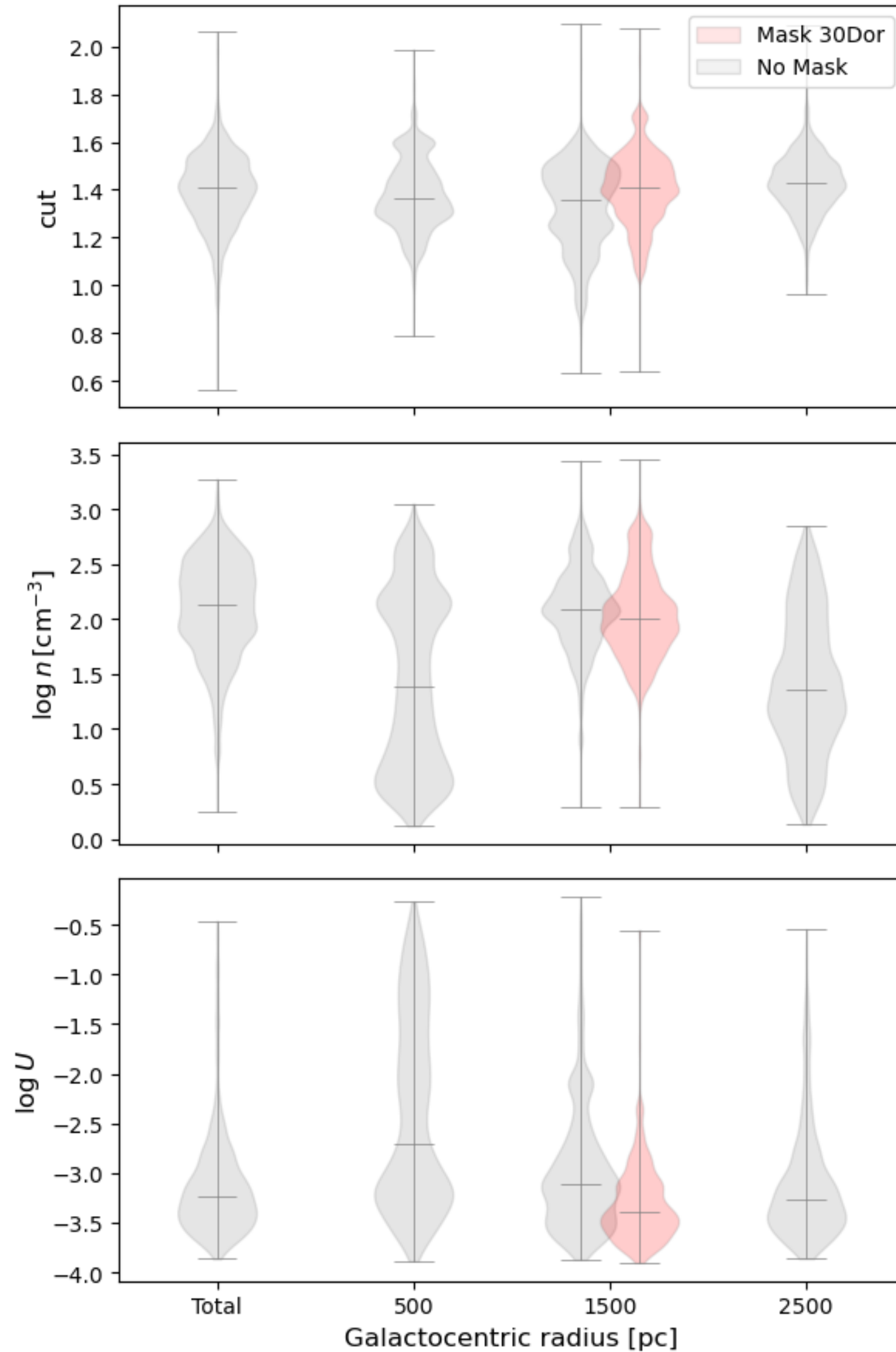
Contributions
of 30 Doradus?



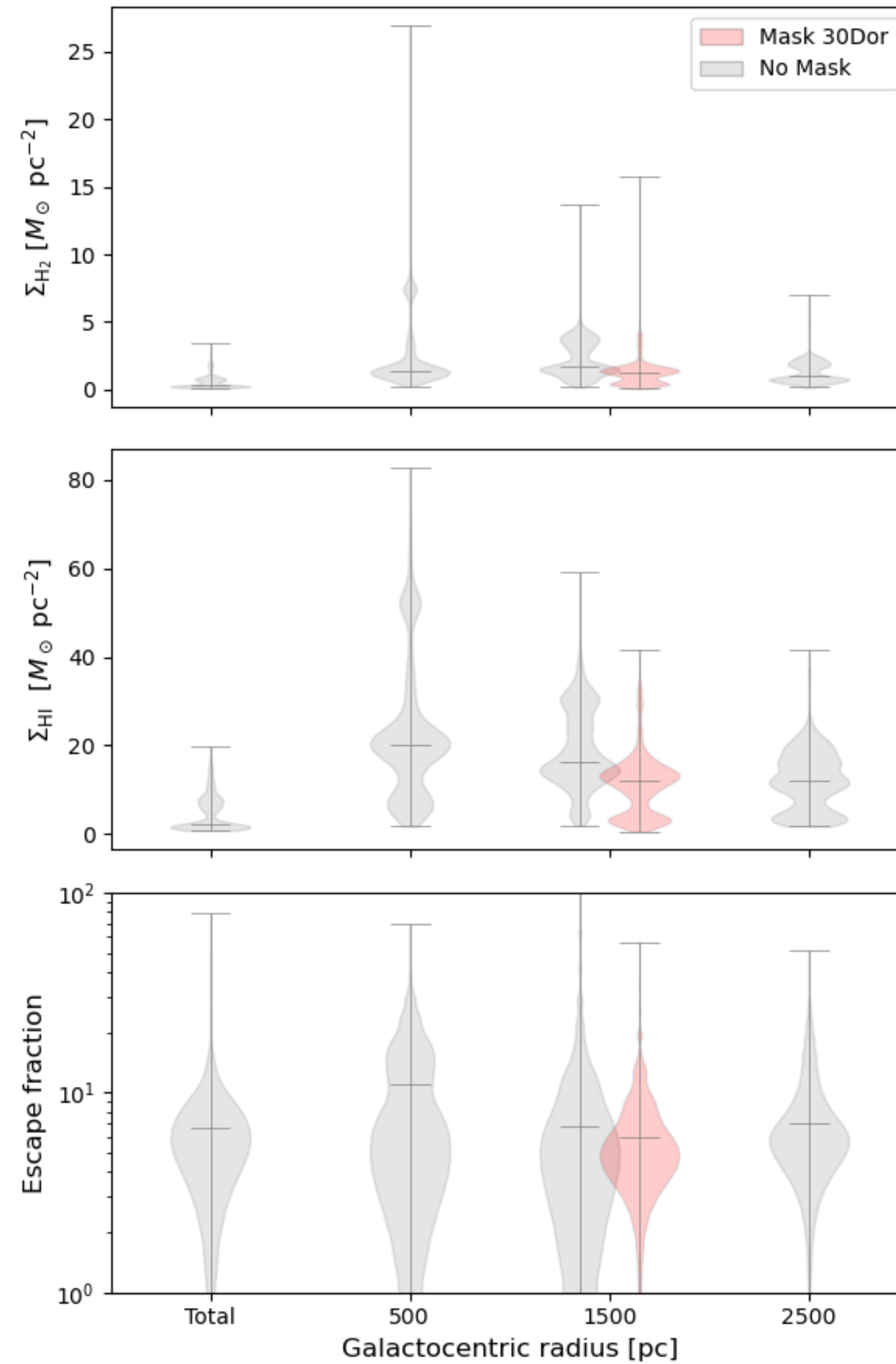
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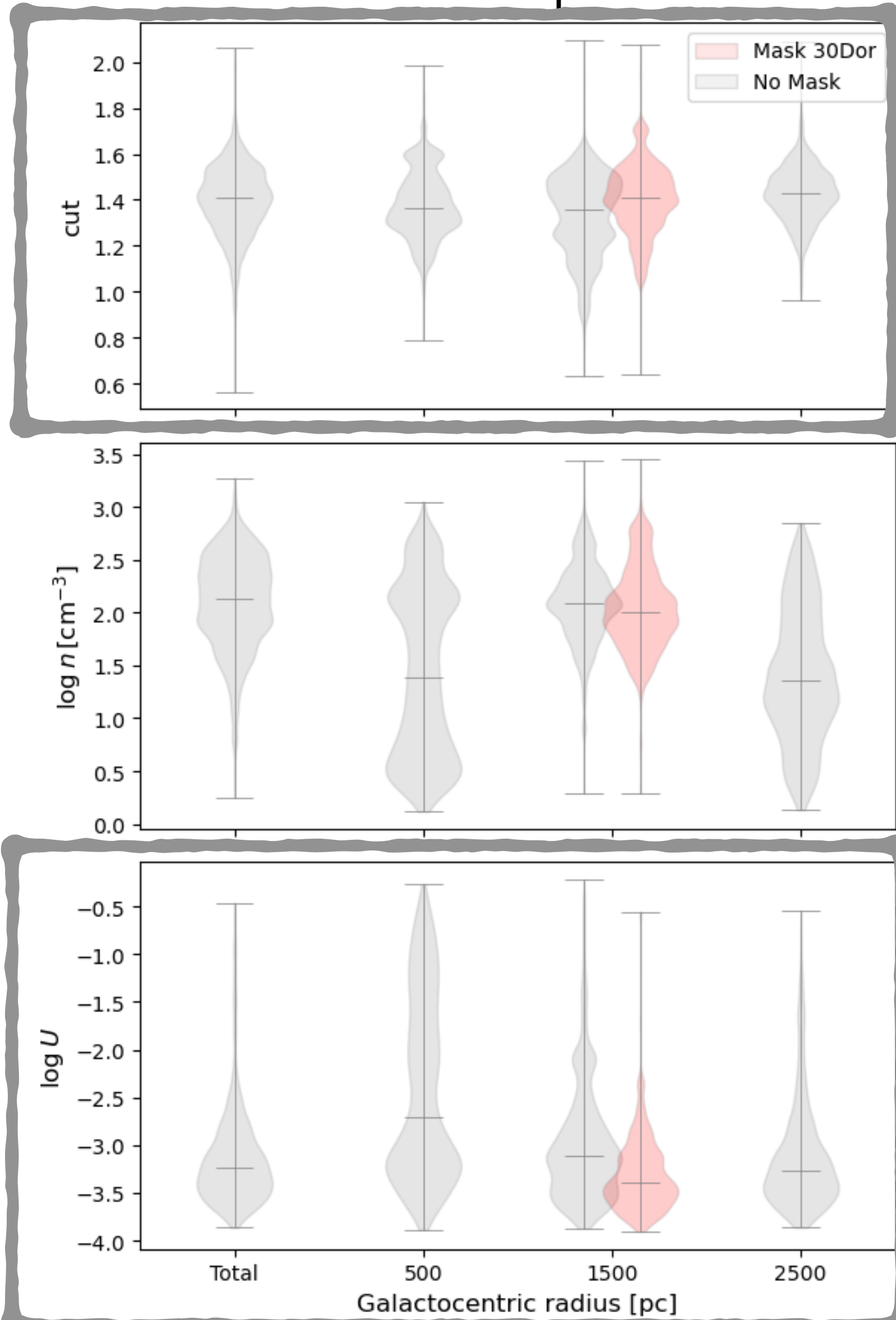
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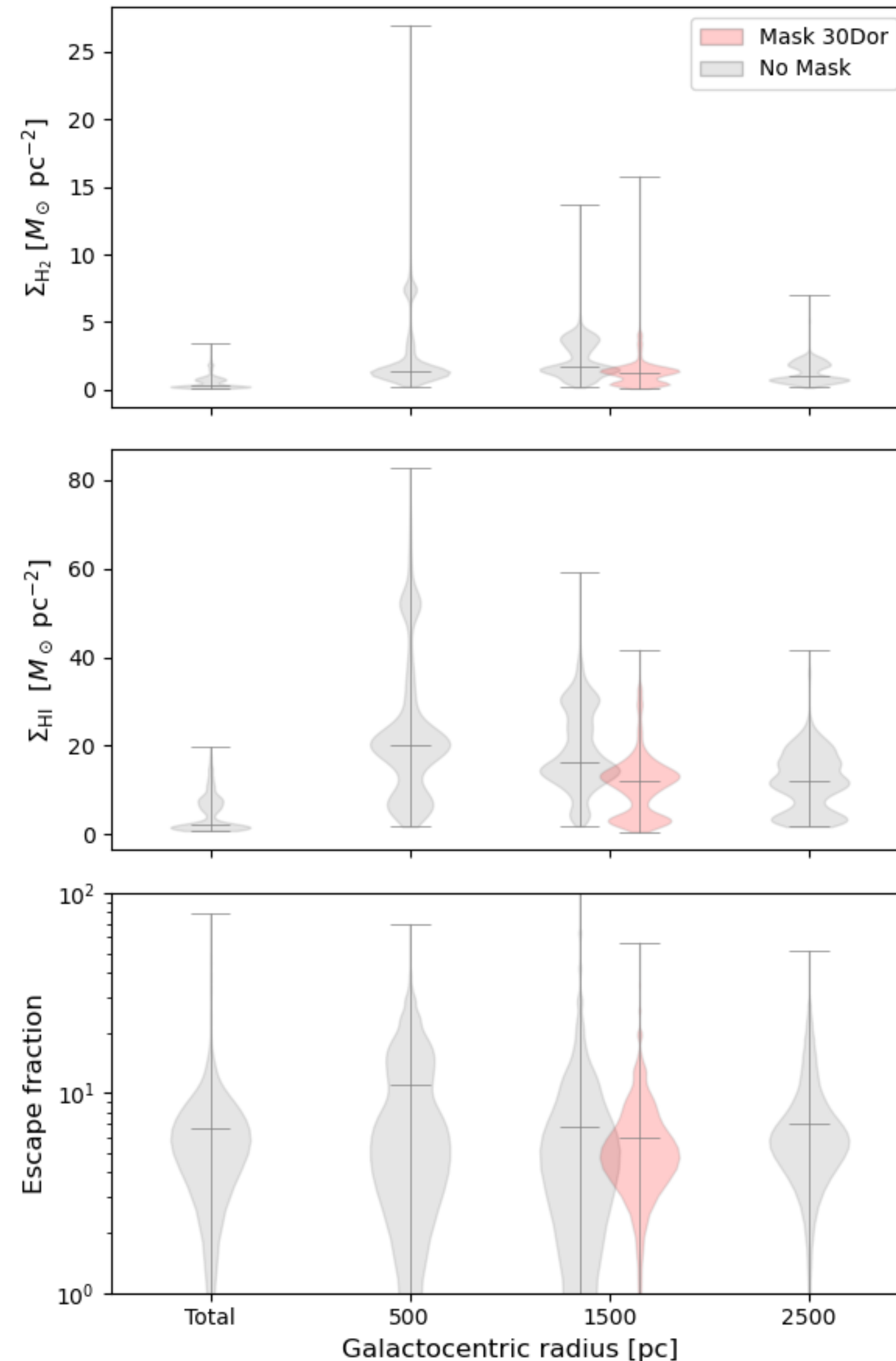
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Preliminary results: **30 Dor** is contributing to lower cloud depth and higher U

Conclusions and future work

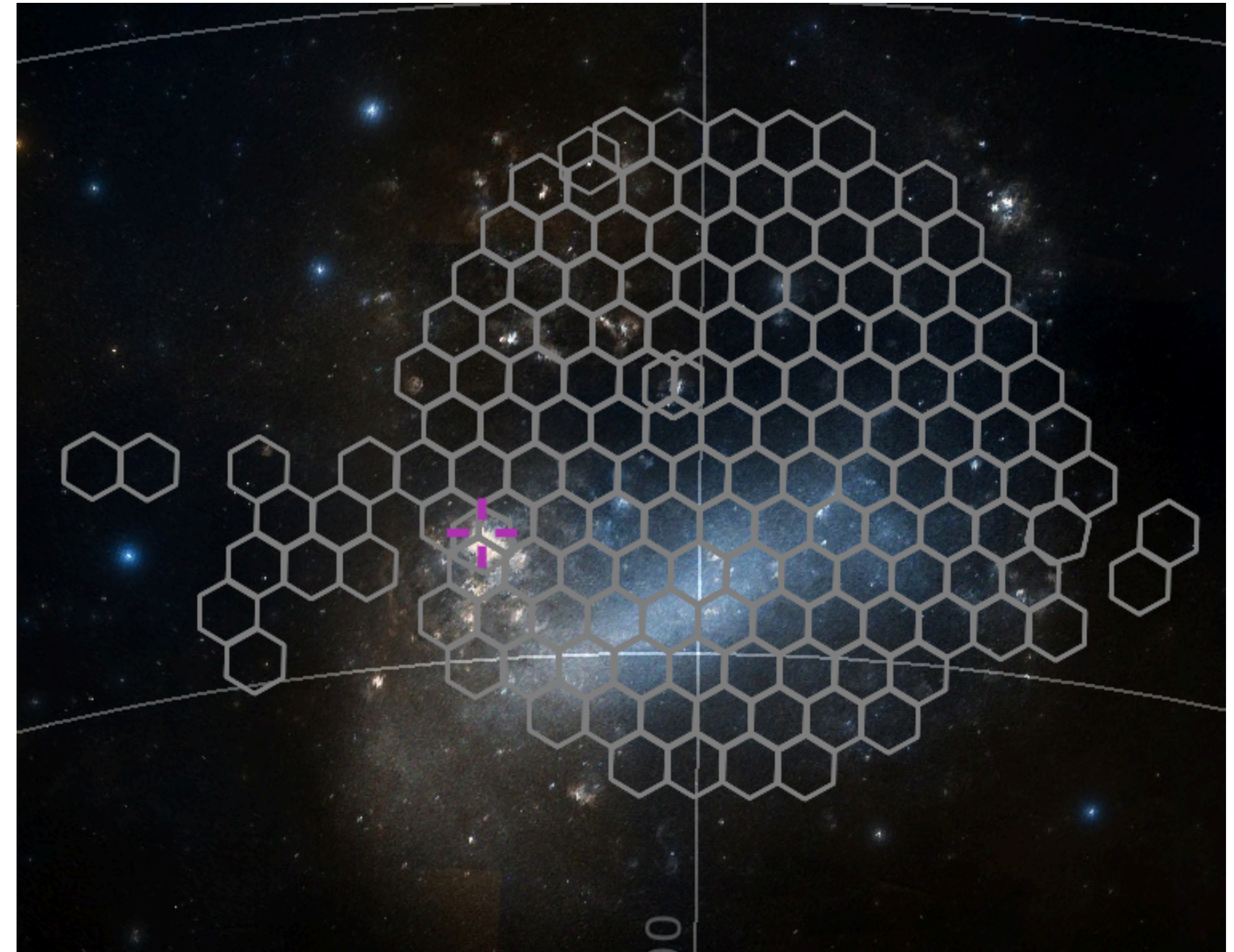
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- Include more multi-wavelength observations from APEX (CO(3-2)), and LVM

Future work with LVM

- Replace and add more lines in to the current work, such as $H\alpha$, [OII], [OI], [NII]...
- Explore individual star forming regions, to investigate how the properties of individual ISM regions are linked to the GMC lifetime.



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