

# Fermi-LAT study of the ISM in Chamaeleon region using the Planck thermal dust optical depth

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γ**-ray data** 

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We report a  $\gamma$ -ray study of the ISM for the Chamaeleon molecular-cloud complex using a total column density (N<sub>H</sub>) model based on the dust optical depth ( $\tau_{353}$ ) from the *Planck* thermal emission model. We found that the  $\tau_{353} \propto N_{\rm H}^{1.3}$  model provides the best fit to the  $\gamma$ -ray data, which may suggest dust grain evolution in the molecular cloud complex.





### $\gamma$ rays ~ CRs x ISM (or ISRF)

#### **Diffuse GeV** $\gamma$ rays are powerful probe to study the ISM

- γ-ray production does not depend on the chemical and thermodynamic state of the ISM
- A good tracer of the total gas **column density**



"Conventional γ-ray analysis" (e.g., Ackermann+12)

- Fit  $\gamma$ -ray data with linear combination of three gas maps under the assumption that CRs uniformly thread the ISM
- "dark gas" (gas not traced by standard HI and CO observations) map is inferred by dust extinction map

# **Study of** *Y* **rays from Molecular Cloud Regions**

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- in Orion/Perseus molecular clouds

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## **N<sub>H</sub> Model and \gamma-ray Analysis**

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