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The nearby Chamaeleon clouds have been observed in γ rays by the Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT) and in thermal dust emission by Planck and IRAS. Cosmic rays and large dust grains, if smoothly mixed with gas, can jointly serve with the H and 12CO radio data to (i) map the hydrogen column densities, N_H, in the different gas phases, in particular at the dark neutral medium (DNM) transition between the H-bright and CO-bright media; (ii) constrain the CO-to-H_2 conversion factor, X_CO, and (iii) probe the dust properties per gas nucleon in each phase and map their spatial variations across the clouds. We have separated clouds at local, intermediate, and Galactic velocities in H1 and CO line emission to model in parallel the γ-ray intensity recorded between 0.4 and 100 GeV; the dust optical depth at 353 GHz, τ_{353}; the thermal radiation of the large grains; and an estimate of the dust extinction, A_{V_0}, empirically corrected for the starlight intensity. The dust and γ-ray models have been coupled to account for the DNM gas. The consistent γ-ray emissivity spectra recorded in the different phases confirm that the Ge–TeV cosmic rays probed by the LAT uniformly permeate all gas phases up to the 12CO cores. The dust and cosmic rays both reveal large amounts of DNM gas, with comparable spatial distributions and twice as much mass as in the CO-bright clouds. We give constraints on the H1-DNM-CO transitions for five separate clouds. CO-dark H2 dominates the molecular column up to AF ≃ 0.9 and its mass often exceeds the one-third of the molecular mass expected by theory. The corrected A_{V_0} extinction largely provides the best fit to the total gas traced by the γ rays. Nevertheless, we find evidence for a marked rise in A_{V_0}/N_H with increasing N_H and molecular fraction, and with decreasing dust temperature. The rise in τ_{353}/N_H is even steeper. We observe variations of lesser amplitude and orderliness for the specific power of the grains, except for a coherent decline by half in the CO cores. This combined information suggests grain evolution. We provide average values for the dust properties in the different phases. The γ rays and dust radiation yield consistent X_CO estimates near 0.7 x 10^{21} cm^{-2} K^{-1} km s^{-1}. The A_{V_0} and τ_{353} tracers yield biased values because of the large rise in grain opacity in the CO clouds. These results clarify a recurrent disparity in the γ-ray versus dust calibration of X_CO, but they confirm the factor of 2 difference found between the X_CO estimates in nearby clouds and in the neighbouring spiral arms.

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1. Introduction

The interstellar gas reserves of the Milky Way are commonly evaluated by means of a large set of mult wavel ength tracers.

(Affiliations can be found after the references)
Frequently used are the ubiquitous 21 cm line emission from atomic hydrogen (H\textsubscript{i}, see Kalberla et al. 2010), the widespread 2.6 mm line emission from \textsuperscript{12}CO as a proxy for H\textsubscript{2} molecules (Dame et al. 2001; Planck Collaboration XIII 2014), submillimetre to infrared thermal emission from dust grains mixed with the gas (Planck Collaboration XXI 2011), and γ rays with energies above a few hundred MeV spawned by cosmic rays (CRs) permeating the gas and interacting with its nucleons (Strong et al. 1988). Knowledge of the mass, physical state, volume distribution, and dynamics of the different gas phases is the key to understanding the life cycle of the interstellar medium (ISM) in our Galaxy. To this end we need to carefully investigate the validity domain of the total-gas tracers and to quantify their departure from a linear behaviour due to radiation transfer and/or environmental evolution. In this context, the synergy between the Planck and Fermi LAT all-sky surveys offers new perspectives to study the properties and limitations of these tracers in the multi-phase complexity of clouds down to parsec scales in the solar neighbourhood.

1.1. Specific goals

The ISM is optically thin to thermal dust emission at far infrared to millimetre wavelengths. The emission arises from large grains in thermal equilibrium with the ambient interstellar radiation field (ISRF). Several studies have reported an apparent increase in dust emissivity (intensity radiated per gas nucleon) and opacity (optical depth per gas nucleon) with increasing gas column density in both the atomic and molecular gas (Sipilä et al. 2003; Planck Collaboration XXIV 2011; Martin et al. 2012; Roy et al. 2013; Nyssen et al. 2015; Planck Collaboration XVI 2014; Planck Collaboration XXVII 2014). Interestingly, this might be a hint of dust evolution across the gas phases. Alternatively, dust opacities can be underestimated because of irradiation and temperature changes along the lines of sight, and overestimated by underestimating the total gas for reasons that include significant H\textsubscript{i} opacity, insufficient sensitivity to CO emission, significant amounts of CO-dark H\textsubscript{2}, and opaque CO in dense regions. In this context, the joint analysis of the interstellar γ radiation and thermal dust emission can help constrain the total gas column density, \(N_{\text{H}}\), in order to follow variations of the dust properties.

For a uniform CR irradiation through a cloud, the γ rays provide a measure of the total gas, regardless of its thermodynamic and chemical state, and without absorption limitations across the whole Galaxy. They thereby give valuable insight into (i) saturation corrections to \(N_{\text{H}}\) column densities in the cloud; (ii) the in-situ CO-to-H\textsubscript{2} conversion for the derivation of H\textsubscript{2} column densities; and (iii) the mass content of the dark neutral medium (DNM) that escapes radio and millimetre surveys in the form of optically thick H\textsubscript{i} and/or CO-dark H\textsubscript{2}. Irregular CR depletion or concentration inside a cloud can be tested using spectral variations because of the energy dependent propagation of the particles through the magnetic field as they resonantly diffuse on small-scale magnetic turbulence or by focusing or mirroring on the larger-scale structure of the magnetic field. The current γ-ray observations span two to three decades in particle energy and can be used to test these effects.

The integrated \(J = 1 \rightarrow 0\) CO line intensity, \(W_{\text{CO}}\), is often assumed to scale linearly with the \(N_{\text{H}}\) column density (Dame et al. 1987), but the value of the conversion factor, \(X_{\text{CO}} = N_{\text{H}_2}/W_{\text{CO}}\), remains uncertain, both in the solar neighbourhood (Abdo et al. 2010; Pineda et al. 2010; Planck Collaboration XIX 2011; Ackermann et al. 2012a) and at large scales in the Galaxy along the metallicity and UV-flux gradients (Strong et al. 2004; Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2011b; Pineda et al. 2013; Bolatto et al. 2013). Cloud-to-cloud variations in average \(X_{\text{CO}}\) can reflect dynamical differences in the relative mass contained in the molecular envelopes (more exposed to CO photodissociation, thus with a higher \(X_{\text{CO}}\)) and in well-shielded cores (with lower \(X_{\text{CO}}\); Sheffer et al. 2008). Dust and γ-ray proxies for the total gas have been used separately to measure \(X_{\text{CO}}\) in different locations, at different angular resolutions, and with different methods, leading to discrepant values (see Bolatto et al. 2013 for a review of past references). We aim to compare the calibration of \(X_{\text{CO}}\) with dust and γ rays in the same cloud and with the same method for the first time.

At the atomic-molecular interface of the ISM, a combination of H\textsubscript{i} and H\textsubscript{2} gas with little or no CO can escape the H\textsubscript{i} and CO surveys because of high levels of H\textsubscript{i} self-absorption and low levels of CO excitation. Such a mix of dark neutral medium (DNM) has been theoretically predicted in translucent clouds (1 \(\leq A_V \leq 5\) mag) or translucent envelopes of giant molecular clouds (van Dishoeck & Black 1988). In this zone, a large fraction of H\textsubscript{2} is associated with \(^1\text{CO}\) and \(^2\text{CO}\) instead of with CO because H\textsubscript{2} is more efficient at self-shielding against UV dissociation than CO. The lack of correlation between the OH column density and \(W_{\text{CO}}\) suggests large quantities of H\textsubscript{2} that are either unseen in CO surveys (Barriault et al. 2010; Allen et al. 2012) or detectable only by summing lines over wide regions without any mapping (Pineda et al. 2010).

The γ-ray studies have revealed the ubiquity of the DNM, both in mass fraction and spatial extent (Grenier et al. 2005). In the solar neighbourhood, it appears to be as extended as the dense H\textsubscript{i} and as massive as the CO-bright H\textsubscript{2} clouds. DMR data have confirmed its ubiquity in nearby clouds (Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2012a). It contributes almost one million solar masses in the star-forming complex of Cygnus X (Ackermann et al. 2012b). The DNM presence has been repeatedly suggested in dust studies as emission excesses over the \(N_{\text{H}}\), and \(W_{\text{CO}}\) expectations (Blitz et al. 1990;Reach et al. 1994;1998; Magnani et al. 2003; Lee et al. 2012; Planck Collaboration XXI 2011). According to the Planck data, little CO emission has been missed outside the boundaries of the present 2.6 mm surveys, down to a sensitivity of 1 or 2 K km s\(^{-1}\) (Planck Collaboration XIII 2014). Fainter CO cannot account for the brightness of the excess seen off the Galactic plane (Planck Collaboration XIX 2011). DNM mass fractions, however, remain uncertain for various causes: from dust emission because of the potential emissivity variations mentioned above (Planck Collaboration XXI 2011); Planck Collaboration XIX 2011: from dust stellar reddening because of the uncertain carbon distribution of the background star population, the contamination of unreddened foreground stars, and some incompleteness along the lines of sight (Paradis et al. 2012; Ackermann et al. 2012b); and from \(^3\text{C}^+\) line emission at 185 μm because of the difficult separation of the contributions from the DNM, the atomic cold neutral medium (CNM), and photon-dominated regions (PDR; Pineda et al. 2013; Langer et al. 2014).

In this context, we aim to couple the total gas tracing capability of the CRs and of dust emission to extract reliable column densities in the DNM and to characterize the transition between
the H\textsc{i}-bright, DNM, and CO-bright media in a nearby cloud complex.

1.2. Choice of cloud

With its proximity, its moderate molecular mass of the order of $10^4$ M\textsubscript{\sun} \cite{Mizuno2001}, and its moderate star-formation activity, the Chamaeleon-Musca complex provides a useful target to probe gas tracers in the $10^{20-22}$ cm$^{-2}$ range in $N_{\text{HI}}$. The clouds lie at distances of 140–180 pc \cite{Mizuno2001} or 120–150 pc \cite{Corradi2004}. We adopt a distance of 150 pc for mass derivations, but we note that the $N_{\text{HI}}$ measurements do not depend on this choice.

Because of its location at relatively high Galactic latitudes and with typical linear sizes of 10–20 pc, variations in column density are more likely to reflect changes in volume density than pile-up along the line of sight or confusion with background structures. The available observations have angular resolutions ranging from 5' to 15' that limit the cross-talk between the structures of the different gas phases.

The Chamaeleon clouds should be bathed in a relatively uniform ISRF. The lack of OB stellar clusters ensures a relatively quiet environment in terms of: (i) UV irradiation for dust heating; (ii) photo-ionization with little H\textsc{i} mass; (iii) stellar-wind turbulence for standard CR diffusion (unlike in the turbulent Cygnus X, \cite{Ackermann2011a}; and: (iv) lack of internal CR sources in the form of supernova remnants. Early Fermi LAT analyses have shown that the clouds are pervaded by a CR flux close to the average in the local ISM and with an energy spectrum, the so-called Local Interstellar Spectrum (LIS), that is consistent with particle measurements in the solar system \cite{Ackermann2012a}.

The derivation of the dust spectral energy distribution (SED) so far from the ecliptic plane is minimally affected by uncertainties in the zodiacal light removal from the IRAS and Planck data \cite{PlanckCollaboration2014}. The subtraction of the cosmological microwave background and fluctuations in the cosmic infrared background do not significantly affect the bright SEDs \cite{PlanckCollaboration2014}. The clouds also lie conveniently away from the Fermi bubbles that dominate the $\gamma$-ray sky at energies above a few GeV \cite{Su2010,Ackermann2014}.

1.3. Analysis rationale

We can take advantage of the sensitivity, angular resolution, and broad frequency coverage of Planck and Fermi LAT to reassess the relationship between GeV $\gamma$ rays, dust emission, and H\textsc{i} and CO line intensities. We defer the joint analysis of $\gamma$ rays and dust extinction or reddening to later work. We use instead two spectral characterizations of the dust thermal emission recently proposed to match the Planck, IRAS, and Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) data. The first is based on modified blackbody spectra parametrized by the optical depth at 353 GHz, $\tau_{353}$, the temperature $T$, and spectral index $\beta$ \cite{PlanckCollaboration2014}. The second uses the physical model of \cite{Draine2007} to estimate the dust optical extinction and to renormalize it according to the starlight intensity ($U_{\text{min}}$, defined in Sect. 2.2), to better match reddening measurements from quasars \cite{PlanckCollaboration2014}. We denote this corrected extinction $A_{\nu\text{Q}}$ hereinafter. To follow spatial variations in the dust heating rate, we have also considered a third dust tracer, the radiance $R$, which is the bolometric integral of the thermal intensity \cite{PlanckCollaboration2014}.

The atomic gas largely dominates the mass budget. Consequently, it is the largest contributor to the $\gamma$-ray and dust signals. Atomic clouds in different locations and states may have different CR or dust content, so we have developed a careful kinematical separation of the different H\textsc{i} structures present in the region under study. We have distinguished the H\textsc{i} gas associated with the star-forming CO clouds, an intermediate-velocity H\textsc{i} arc crossing the field, and the Galactic H\textsc{i} background.

The $\gamma$-ray emission detected toward the Chamaeleon region is shown in Fig. 1. It is dominated by hadronic interactions between CR and gas nuclei. The ISM itself is transparent to $\gamma$ rays at these energies. Earlier studies have indicated that the bulk of the Galactic CRs radiating in the energy bands selected for this work have diffusion lengths far exceeding typical cloud dimensions \cite{Hunter1999,Abdo2010,Ackermann2011a}. They also indicate an efficient CR penetration in all the gas phases studied here (H\textsc{i}, DNM, and CO-bright). The interstellar part of the $\gamma$-ray emission can therefore be modelled, to first order, as a linear combination of the gas column densities summed for the various gas phases and different clouds present along the lines of sight. The $\gamma$-ray intensity $I(l,b,E)$ in the $(l,b)$ Galactic direction and at energy $E$ can be expressed as $I(l,b,E) = \sum_{\nu} (\text{HI, HD, CO}_{,\text{DNM},...}) q_{\nu}(l,b,E)N_{l}(l,b) + ...$. The $q_{\nu}(l,b,E)$ parameters are to be determined by fits to the Fermi data. They bear information on the CR flux and gas mass in the different interstellar structures. The model includes other sources of nongaseous origin (e.g., point sources) that are detailed in Sect. 3.2.

The ISM is also optically thin to the thermal emission of large dust grains. For a uniform dust-to-gas mass ratio, $R_{\text{DG}}$, and uniform mass emission coefficient, $k_{\nu}$, of the grains in a cloud, the dust column density can be modelled to first order as a linear combination of the gas column densities in the different phases and clouds: if we denote with $D \in \{A_{\nu\text{Q}}, \tau_{353}, R\}$ any of the three dust tracers, we can express it as $D(l,b) = \sum_{\nu} (\text{HI, HD, CO}_{,\text{DNM},...}) \gamma_{\nu}(l,b,E)N_{l}(l,b)$ + ... The $\gamma_{\nu}(l,b,E)$ coefficients are to be fitted to the data of the $D(l,b)$ tracer. They give measures of the average dust properties per gas nucleon in the different interstellar structures, namely the $A_{\nu\text{Q}}$, $\tau_{353}$, or $R$ at 353 GHz, and the specific power $4\pi R N_{\text{HI}}$ of the grains. The models are detailed in Sect. 3.3.

The interstellar $\gamma$-ray emission and the dust tracers shown in Fig. 1 exhibit very strong structural similarities. They reflect the common presence of CRs and dust in the H\textsc{i} and CO bright media, but also in the DNM, for which we have no independent template. This incoherent phase, however, shows up jointly as $\gamma$-ray and dust emission excesses over $N_{\text{HI}}$ and $W_{\text{CO}}$ expectations, with comparable spatial distributions. We have therefore iteratively coupled the $\gamma$-ray and dust models to account for the DNM contribution to the total gas. The method is described in Sect. 3.3. The use of the $\gamma$ rays and of three different dust tracers enables tests of the robustness of the DNM reconstruction.

In order to show the spatial distributions of the dust and $\gamma$ rays at the angular resolution sampled by the LAT, we have convolved the dust maps with the energy-dependent response of the LAT. To do so, we have assumed the $\gamma$-ray emissivity spectrum $q_{\nu\text{IS}}$ of the local interstellar matter. The maps of the LAT-averaged quantities, $A_{\nu\text{Q}}$, $\tau_{353}$, and $R$, are shown in Fig. 1 for the overall energy band. They illustrate the close resemblance in spatial distribution between the dust and $\gamma$-ray photon counts of interstellar origin. Figure 1 also shows that the three dust maps largely agree on the overall distribution of the grains at the original 5' resolution, but that they significantly differ in contrast (see e.g. at latitudes $b > -15^\circ$). The radiance has 3 times less dynamical range than the optical depth, in particular toward the densest...
Fig. 1. Maps toward the Chamaeleon region of the γ-ray counts recorded in the 0.4 – 100 GeV band and of the dust quantities (modified extinction $A_{VQ}$ in magnitudes, optical depth $\tau_{353}$, and radiance $R$ in W m$^{-2}$ sr$^{-1}$). The total γ-ray photon counts are shown on the left and those spawned by cosmic-ray interactions with gas (after subtraction of other ancillary components) on the right. The γ-ray maps have been constructed on a 7.5′ grid and smoothed with a Gaussian kernel of 0.1 for display. The dust quantities are shown at 5′ resolution in the left panels, and at the Fermi LAT resolution on the right (after convolution with the energy-dependent response function of the LAT, assuming the local interstellar γ-ray spectrum over the 0.4–100 GeV band, tilded variables). Regions excluded from the analysis have been masked out.

molecular zones. The dynamical range of $A_{VQ}$ is intermediate between that in $R$ and $\tau_{353}$. These differences are still present when seen at the LAT resolution. They signal potential varia-
tions of the dust properties per gas nucleon that can be tested against the independent γ rays.

1.4. Contents

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents the γ-ray, dust, H1, and CO data; Sect. 3 summarizes the models developed to study the H1, CO, and DNM contributions to the dust and γ-ray data, and how the DNM templates are built. In Sect. 4 we describe the results of the model fits, their errors, and the impact of the H1 optical depth correction. Sections 5 and 6 focus on the CR spectrum pervading the different gas phases and on the column-density maps inferred for the DNM. In Sects. 7 and 8 we discuss the results on the XCO factors and the average dust properties in each phase. In Sect. 9 we present evidence for a marked evolution in dust opacity and a milder evolution in A_{V}/N_{H} ratio and specific power as the gas becomes denser. In Sect. 10 we discuss the transitions between the different gas phases in five separate clouds within the local complex. We summarize the main conclusions and discuss follow-on studies in the last section. Appendices A to E present additional information on the kinematical separation of the H1 structures, checks on the WCO calibration, fits without a DNM contribution, and the table of q_{i} and y_{i} coefficients.

2. Data

We have selected a region around the Chamaeleon complex at Galactic longitudes 277.5° ≤ l ≤ 322.5° and latitudes −36° ≤ b ≤ −7°, and we have masked a disc around the Large Magellanic Cloud and toward regions with large contamination from the local interstellar gas (Casandjian 2012) and the spectrum of the δ-ray emission also includes a contribution from the large-scale Galactic inverse Compton (IC) emission emanating from the interactions of CR electrons with the ISRF. It can be modelled with GALPROP version 5.4. The run 5-LRYusifovXCO4z6R30-Ts150-mag2 has been tested against the LAT data (Ackermann et al. 2012d). It assumes a 30 kpc radius for the Galaxy and a radial distribution of CR sources such as pulsars in the Galactic plane. The particles are allowed to diffuse in the plane and into a halo that is 4 kpc high. We have used this run to generate an energy-dependent template of the Galactic inverse Compton emission across the field of view.

2.2. Dust data

We have used the all-sky maps of the dust optical depth τ_{353} (ν/ν_{0})β, which were constructed at an angular resolution of 5' from the combined analysis of the Planck 857, 545, and 353 GHz data, and of the IRAS 100 μm data (product release 5, Planck Collaboration XI 2014). Compared to previous works (e.g. Schlegel et al. 1998), the use of the Planck data has greatly improved in precision and in angular resolution the spectral characterization of the dust emission, in particular in regions of large temperature contrast inside molecular clouds and near stellar clusters or IR sources. We summarize here important aspects of this characterization.

Modified blackbody intensity spectra, I_{ν} = τ_{ν0}B_{ν}(T)(ν/ν_{0})β, where B_{ν}(T) is the Planck function for dust at temperature T, were fitted to the observed SED in each direction. The fits were performed at 30' resolution with τ_{ν0}, T, and β as free parameters. The fits were then repeated at 5' resolution by fixing β as obtained in the first step. This procedure limited the noise impact on the T–β degeneracy. SEDs were checked to be consistent with the data at all frequencies (see Fig. 11 in Planck Collaboration XI 2014), in particular in bright interstellar areas such as the Chamaeleon region. We note that the contamination from CO line emission in the 353 GHz filter band, amounting to a few percent of the signal, was not removed, so as to avoid adding large noise in all directions away from CO clouds.

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2 http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/BackgroundModels.html
4 http://galprop.stanford.edu/
The derivation of the optical depth, $\tau_\nu$, and opacity, $\sigma_\nu$, at frequency $\nu$ follows the relations

$$\tau_\nu = \frac{I_\nu}{B_\nu(T)} = \sigma_\nu N_H = \kappa_0 \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_0}\right)^\beta R_{DG} \mu_H N_H$$

(1)

for the observed specific intensity $I_\nu$ of the dust emission, the Planck function $B_\nu(T)$ at temperature $T$, the hydrogen column density $N_H$, the mean gas mass per hydrogen atom $\mu_H = 2.27 \times 10^{-22}$ kg, the dust-to-gas mass ratio $R_{DG}$, and the mass emission or absorption coefficient $\kappa_0$ at reference frequency $\nu_0$. We have used the map of optical depth, $\tau_{353}$, estimated at 353 GHz, and its associated uncertainty.

The radiance, in W m$^{-2}$ sr$^{-1}$, gives the integral in frequency of the thermal spectrum and it relates to the specific power, $II$, radiated per gas nucleon as

$$R = \tau_{353} \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{\nu}{\nu_{353}}\right)^\beta B_\nu(T) d\nu = \frac{I_{II} N_H}{4\pi}.$$  

(2)

We have propagated the errors on $\tau_{353}$, $T$, and $\beta$ to calculate the uncertainties on the radiance. These uncertainties are upper limits to the real values, since we could not include the negative covariance terms between the anti-correlated $T$ and $\beta$ (Planck Collaboration XXIX, 2014). Within the region of analysis, the optical depth uncertainties range from 2% to 4%, and the radiance uncertainties range from 10% to 20%, with a strong peak in frequency around 14%.

The dust model of Draine & Li (2007) has also been fitted to the SEDs recorded by Planck, IRAS, and WISE from 12 to 850 $\mu$m (Planck Collaboration XXIX, 2014). All-sky maps were thereby constructed for the mass surface density of the dust, the optical extinction, the mass fraction locked up in PAH grains, and the lower $U_{\min}$ cutoff in the $U^2$ distribution of starlight intensities heating the bulk of the grains. The comparison between the resulting extinction values and independent estimates based on quasar colours has revealed deviations that significantly correlate with $U_{\min}$. The modelled extinction has thus been renormalized according to $U_{\min}$ to compensate for this bias (Planck Collaboration XXIX, 2014). For our work, we have used the renormalized $A_{\nu}$ extinction map at 5° resolution (denoted QDL07 by Planck Collaboration XXIX, 2014). We stress that $A_{\nu}$ is a quantity drawn from the thermal emission of the grains, in spite of its absorption-related name. We also note that the physical parameters of the Draine & Li (2007) model yield poorer fits to the observed SEDs than modified blackbody spectra. Nonetheless, we show below that, after renormalization, the $A_{\nu}$ map is better correlated with the interstellar $\gamma$ rays than the optical depth deduced from the modified blackbody characterization (see Fig. 2 and the results in Sect. 3).

The $\tau_{353}$, radiance, and $A_{\nu}$ maps have been derived with the Planck data from the first release. We have checked that the results of the present work are not significantly changed when we use the most recent version of the Planck data available within the Planck consortium.

### 2.3. H\textsc{i} data and kinematical component separation

The H\textsc{i} Galactic All Sky Survey (GASS) is the most sensitive and highest resolution survey of 21 cm line emission of the southern sky (McClure-Griffiths et al., 2009). We have used the GASS data corrected for stray radiation, instrumental baselines and radio interference contamination, and with both IFs to remove the negative ghosts occasionally caused in frequency-switching mode by the presence of high-velocity-cloud lines in one of the bands (Kalberla et al., 2010). We have used the GASS data serve\textsuperscript{5} to resample the original data cubes onto our spatial grid. Our choice of 0:1 for the Gaussian interpolation kernel gives an effective FWHM resolution of 14:5 and an rms noise of 0.07 K per channel. We have kept the original velocity resolution of 0.82 km s$^{-1}$ in the 3D (longitude, latitude, velocity) cube. All velocities mentioned hereinafter are given with respect to the local standard of rest.

Line profiles in the 3D cube have been used to kinematically separate the four main structures that can be distinguished in velocity (see Fig. A.1), namely:

- the local atomic gas in the Chamaeleon complex;
- the gas in an intermediate velocity arc (IVA), crossing the whole region around $-25^\circ$ in latitude;
- the more distant gas at large height above the Galactic plane;
- gas from the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC) and its tidal tails.

The wide velocity range of the IVA component, spanning the $-40 < \nu \leq -4$ km s$^{-1}$ interval, is due to very broad line wings in addition to a small velocity gradient along the structure. The origin and distance of this dynamically unusual cloud are unknown; it is half as massive as the nearby Chamaeleon region if it is at the same distance.

The four features are well defined in the longitude, latitude, velocity $(l, b, \nu)$ cube, but they occasionally merge because of the gas dynamics and large line widths. In order to separate them, we have developed a specific separation scheme which is described in Appendix A. It is based on fitting each H\textsc{i} spectrum as a sum of lines with pseudo-Voigt profiles. The prior detection of line peaks and shoulders in each spectrum limits the number of lines to be fitted and it provides objective initial values for their velocity centroids. All fits match the data to better than 80 or 90% of the total intensity. In order to preserve the total intensity exactly, the small residuals between the modelled and observed spectra have been distributed among the fitted lines according to their relative strength in each channel.

We have defined 3D boundaries in longitude, latitude, and velocity for each of the four components. The spatial separations between the IVA and Galactic disc components on the one hand, and between the Galactic disc and LMC components on the other, run along curves of minimum intensity at medium latitudes. The details are given in Appendix A.

We have constructed the $N_{HI}$ column-density map of each component by selecting the lines with centroids falling within the appropriate velocity interval, depending on the $(l, b)$ direction, and by integrating their individual profiles in velocity. This procedure gives more reliable column-density estimates than a direct integration of the H\textsc{i} spectra over the chosen velocity interval. The difference is exemplified in the case of two partially overlapping lines with different peak temperatures. Integrating the observed spectrum in velocity on both sides of a boundary set between the lines would incorrectly attribute the intensity of the wings spilling over the boundary. The large over- (under-)estimation of $N_{HI}$ from the weak (bright) line would affect the derivation of average cloud properties per gas nucleon in both components. The method used here corrects for the line spillover across velocity boundaries. It also avoids sharp spatial jumps across the resulting maps. This approach thereby enables the exploration of differences in CR and dust volume densities in different structures along the line of sight.

\footnote{http://www.astro.uni-bonn.de/hisurvey/gass/index.php}
We have checked that changes in velocity cuts of a few km s⁻¹ have little impact on the resulting \(N_{\text{HI}}\) maps. The lines of the local and IVA components strongly overlap in velocity around \(l = 283°\) and \(b = -25°\). Changing the velocity cut by 1 or 2 km s⁻¹ results in a 3 to 6% change in the total mass in the corresponding velocity range. The difference arises mainly from the region of strong overlap.

We have integrated the line profiles for a given choice of spin temperature \(T_s\) to correct for the \(\text{H}\,\text{I}\) optical depth. The same temperature correction has been applied to all \(\text{H}\,\text{I}\) components. In addition to the optically thin case, maps have been produced for uniform spin temperatures of 125, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800 K.

The maps obtained for the optically thin case are shown in Fig. 2. Within the region of analysis, the local, IVA, and Galactic disc components exhibit a comparable range of column-densities, with peak values in slight excess of \(10^{22}\) cm⁻². With comparable intensities, but distinct spatial distributions, they can be treated as independent components contributing to the overall dust or \(\gamma\)-ray emission.

We have checked that the anti-correlation that can be seen in Fig. 2 between the local and IVA components corresponds to the presence of two lines of different brightness along those directions. Examples are given in Appendix A. The trough that crosses the local Chamaeleon map is visible in Fig. A.1 at positive velocities prior to any component separation. One may speculate that a large-scale shock has expelled gas from the low velocity Chamaeleon region and caused both the anti-correlation and the unusually broad wings of the IVA lines.

### 2.4. \(^{12}\)CO data

To trace the distribution of the \(^{12}\)CO \((J = 1 \rightarrow 0)\) emission at 115 GHz, we have used the NANTEN observations of the Chamaeleon clouds with a 2.6 beam, 8' spacing grid, 0.1 km s⁻¹ velocity resolution, and a typical noise below 0.4 K per channel (Mizuno et al. 2001). Because of the undersampling, we have checked the NANTEN \(^{12}\)CO intensities against the fully sampled CfA survey data (8.8 FWHM beam with 7.5 spacing, from Boulanger et al. 1998) across the subset of clouds that have been observed by both instruments (Cham I, II, and III). After removing negative ghosts and flattening baselines in the NANTEN data cube (see Appendix C for details), we have obtained consistent intensities between it and data from the CfA survey. Unlike what was found in other high-latitude regions (Planck Collaboration XIX 2011), Fig. C.1 shows that the NANTEN and CfA photometries fully agree in this region. The derivation of the \(^{12}\)CO factor from the present analyses therefore can be directly compared to previous estimations based on CfA data in the solar neighbourhood (Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2012a; Bolatto et al. 2013).

The ground-based data were preferred over the Planck CO products for the present work because of the high noise level in the Planck TYPE 1 CO map and because the dust optical depth was used in the component separation to extract the Planck TYPE 3 CO map (Planck Collaboration XIII 2014). Figure C.1 also shows a systematic photometric difference between the measurements by Planck and the two radio telescopes. Re-analysing the Planck data for CO in this specific region is beyond the scope of this paper, however.

The most sensitive (TYPE 3) Planck CO map shows only three tiny clumps beyond the boundary of the NANTEN survey. They lie at low latitude to the west of the Cha East II cloud in Fig. 2. Because of their small intensity, < 5 K km s⁻¹, and small extent, < 0.25 deg², and because of the photometry mismatch between the Planck and radio line data, they were not added to the \(^{12}\)CO map. Their absence does not affect the \(^{12}\)CO results or the CO-cloud masses presented below.

The CO line velocities span \(-12\) to \(+8\) km s⁻¹ (see Fig. 3 of Mizuno et al. 2001). The cloudlet detected at \(-12 < v < -4\) km s⁻¹ appears to be an extension of the local complex rather than a molecular counterpart to the intermediate velocity arc. We did not attempt to separate its small contribution as an independent component. We have thus integrated the CO lines over the whole \(-12 < v < +8\) km s⁻¹ interval to produce the \(^{12}\)CO intensity map shown in Fig. 2.

We have also used the moment-masked CfA CO survey of the Galactic plane (Dame et al. 2001; Dame 2011) to complement the NANTEN data at low latitudes. We have checked that, when convolved with the LAT PSF, the contribution of the
Galactic disc emission inside the analysis region is too faint to be detected as an additional component in the $\gamma$-ray analyses presented below. This is even more true for the dust analyses because of their better angular precision, so we have dropped the Galactic disc contribution from these analyses.

2.5. Individual substructures

In order to study the relative contributions of the different gas phases to the total column density, we have considered five separate substructures in the complex, away from the zone where H I lines may overlap between the local and IVA components:

- Musca at $294^\circ \leq l \leq 309^\circ$, $b > -11^\circ$;
- Cha I at $285^\circ \leq l < 299^\circ$; $-20^\circ \leq b < -11^\circ$;
- Cha II+III at $299^\circ < l < 308^\circ$, $-23^\circ \leq b < -11^\circ$;
- Cha East I at $308^\circ \leq l \leq 319^\circ$, $-23^\circ \leq b < -18^\circ$;
- Cha East II at $l \geq 300^\circ$, $b < -26^\circ$.

These limits and names, which are shown in Fig. 2, approximately follow Mizuno et al. (2001).

2.6. Ionized gas

In view of the very faint diffuse free-free emission detected at 40 GHz across this field in the nine years of observations of WMAP, we have ignored the contribution from the warm ionized gas in this study. To verify this assumption, we have taken the 9-year free-free map, based on the maximum-entropy separation and the extinction-corrected H α map as a prior (Gold et al. 2011). We have translated the intensities into H α column densities for a gas temperature of $10^4$ K and effective electron densities of 2 or 10 cm$^{-3}$ (Sodroski et al. 1997). The resulting column densities, in the $10^{14}-10^{15}$ cm$^{-2}$ range, show little spatial contrast. Such a quantitatively small and spatially smooth contribution to the total gas column density would not be detected against the other more massive and more structured gaseous components.

3. Models and analyses

3.1. Gas components on test

All the analyses use only four H I and CO maps:

- the $N_{HI}$ map from the local Chamaeleon clouds;
- the $N_{HI}$ map from the intermediate velocity arc;
- the $N_{HI}$ map from the Galactic disc;
- the WCO map from the local Chamaeleon clouds.

Faint H I emission from the LMC outskirts and its streams is present in the analysis region. This emission has not been detected in the $\gamma$-ray and dust fits presented in Sects. 3.2 and 3.3. There is no detection either of the faint CO emission from the Galactic disc background near the low latitude edge of the region. Both these components have thus been dropped from the analyses. In addition to the four H I and CO components listed above, we have constructed DNM templates from the $\gamma$-ray data and dust tracers, so that any analysis uses a total of five gaseous components.

We have performed multivariate fits to separate and study the individual contribution of each component to the $\gamma$-ray and dust data shown in Fig. 1. We have performed three studies in parallel, jointly analysing either the $\gamma$ rays and $A_{\text{V}}$ maps ($\gamma + A_{\text{V}}$), the $\gamma$ rays and dust optical depth ($\gamma + \tau_{\text{IS}}$), or the $\gamma$ rays and dust radiance ($\gamma + D_{\text{NM}}$).

Fig. 3. Photon yields, on a 0:125-pixel grid, from the various components of the $\gamma$-ray model in the 0.4–100 GeV band. From left to right and from top to bottom, the yields come from the $N_{HI}$ column densities in the local, IVA, and Galactic disc clouds, the $WCO$ intensity in the local clouds, the $N_{\text{DYNM}}$ column density derived from $A_{\text{V}}$, the IC emission, the isotropic background, and point sources.

3.2. $\gamma$-ray model

Because of the arguments presented in Sect. 1.3 on the ISM transparency to $\gamma$ rays and on the smooth penetration of cosmic rays through the different forms of gas probed by the H I and CO lines or in the intermediate DNM phase, we have modelled the $\gamma$-ray emission as a linear combination of template maps representing the different ISM components. The model also includes a contribution from the Galactic IC emission, point sources of non-interstellar origin, and an isotropic flux to account for the extragalactic $\gamma$-ray background and for any residual cosmic rays misclassified as $\gamma$ rays.

The $\gamma$-ray intensity in each $(l, b)$ direction, $I(l, b, E)$ in $\gamma$ cm$^{-2}$ s$^{-1}$ sr$^{-1}$ MeV$^{-1}$, is modelled at each energy $E$ as

$$I(l, b, E) = q_{\text{LIS}}(E) \times \prod_{i=1}^{3} q_{\text{H}i}(E) N_{\text{H}i}(l, b) + q_{\text{CO}}(E) W_{\text{CO}}(l, b) + q_{\text{DNM}}(E) D_{\text{DNM}}(l, b) + q_{\text{IC}}(E) I_{\text{IC}}(l, b, E) + q_{\text{ext}}(E) I_{\text{ext}}(E) + \sum_{j} q_{\delta}(E) S_{\delta}(l, b) \delta(l, b) + q_{\text{ext}}S_{\text{ext}}(l, b, E), \quad (3)$$

where $N_{\text{H}i}$ denotes the three H I maps listed in Sect. 3.1 and $D_{\text{DNM}}$ stands for the DNM map derived from the dust data. The derivation of the DNM templates is described in Sect. 3.4. The $q$ coefficients of the model are to be determined from fits to the Fermi LAT data.

The $q_{\text{H}i}$, $q_{\text{IC}}$, and $q_{\text{ext}}$ parameters are simple normalization factors to account for possible deviations from the input spectra taken for the CR-gas interactions ($q_{\text{LIS}}(E)$), for the isotropic intensity ($I_{\text{ext}}(E)$), and for the IC intensity ($I_{\text{IC}}(l, b, E)$). We check that there are no spectral deviations form the LIS, as they may signal a CR penetration or exclusion problem between the different gas phases or clouds.

Together with the LIS, the $q_{\text{H}i}$ parameters give estimates of the average $\gamma$-ray emissivity per nucleon in the different atomic
clouds. With the further assumption of a uniform CR flux, they serve to scale the mass probed by the γ rays in the other phases.

As a reliable input for the gas emissivity spectrum, we have used the q_{LIS} emission rate, in photons s^{-1} sr^{-1} MeV^{-1} per nucleon, measured with five years of LAT data with the same IRFs and the same selection criteria in instrumental and Earth-limb background rejections, but with all front and back conversions in the tracker at all energies (Casandjian 2012). The LIS measurement was based on the correlation between the γ rays and the H I column densities derived from the Leiden/Argentine/Bonn (LAB) survey (Kalberla et al. 2005), for a spin temperature of 140 K, in the local Galactic ring spanning 7 to 10 kpc in Galactocentric distance. We have employed the LIS to apply the energy-dependent IRFs to model the gas emission. Large deviations from the LIS are unlikely in the nearby clouds of the Chamaeleon region (Ackermann et al. 2012a), but small variations are possible in the complex as a whole or between gas phases. The absolute intensity of the LIS also changes for different choices of H I spin temperature. This prompted us to leave the γ-ray emissivities of the different gaseous components free to renormalize in each energy band.

Sixty individual point sources have been detected inside the analysis region. Most of them are listed in the 2FGL catalogue (Nolan et al. 2012). New ones have been added from the source list in preparation within the LAT collaboration for the next catalogue. A number of “c” sources have been flagged in the 2FGL catalogue for their likely confusion with ISM clumps or with temperature artefacts in the dust map of Schlegel et al. (1998) that was part of the interstellar background model used for source detection. The “c” sources have not been confirmed as significant point sources in the present analysis, and they have been removed from the fits. We have used the spectral characteristics given in the catalogues to compute the source flux spectra, S_j(E). Their individual flux normalizations, q_j, have been left free in each energy band to compensate for the fact that their input spectral characteristics have been derived above a different interstellar background model. The contribution from sources lying within 4° outside the analysis perimeter has been summed into a single map, S_{ns}(l,b,E), for each energy band, and its global normalization, q_{ns}, has been left free. Similarly, because the IC model and isotropic intensity have been studied over the whole sky and with less data, we have left their normalization free in each band.

We have modelled the I(l,b,E) intensity inside the analysis region and in a 4°-wide peripheral band to account for its faint contribution inside the analysis perimeter through the wings of the LAT PSF. The modelled intensity I(l,b,E) has been processed through the LAT IRFs to account for the position- and energy-dependent exposure on the sky and for the energy-dependent PSF. The resulting photon map, integrated over a specific energy band, can be directly compared to the observed data. We have used a binned maximum-likelihood with Poisson statistics to fit the model coefficients (q) to the LAT data in each of the four energy bands and in the overall one.

Figure 3 shows the photon yields obtained for the various components of the model in the overall energy band, with the DNM template provided by the A_{VQ} extinction. The photon yields from the ISM dominate the total signal. The variety of spatial distributions and the relative strengths of the interstellar components allow their effective separation despite the limited resolving power of the LAT.

### 3.3. Dust models

We have considered three linear models for the dust analyses, using either the A_{VQ} (l,b) extinction, the τ_{353}(l,b) optical depth, or the R(l,b) radiancy as a tracer of the total dust column density. Mild variations in dust emissivity over spatial scales comparable to the cloud size would preserve a significant correlation between the structures observed with dust and the N_H distribution. We have therefore modelled the A_{VQ} and τ_{353} data in each direction as the linear combination of the different gaseous contributions, with free normalizations. The correlation visible in Fig. 1 between the dust radiancy and either the interstellar γ rays or the other dust maps has prompted us to use the same linear model even though the radiancy is more sensitive to small-scale variations in grain temperatures. We have added a free isotropic term to all models to account for the residual noise and the uncertainty in the zero level of the dust maps (Planck Collaboration XI 2014; Planck Collaboration XXIX 2014).

\[
D(l,b) = \sum_j q_{\text{H}_1} N_{\text{H}_1}(l,b) + y_{\text{CO}} W_{\text{CO}}(l,b) + y_{\text{DNM}} N^\text{DNM}(l,b) + y_{\text{ISO}},
\]

where D(l,b) stands for A_{VQ}, τ_{353}, or R. The γ coefficients of the model are to be determined from fits to the data. The N^\text{DNM}(l,b) column-density map in the DNM phase has been constructed from the γ-ray data (see Sect. 3.4).

The q_{\text{H}_1} coefficients in each analysis respectively give the average values of the A_{VQ}/N_H ratio, τ_{353}/N_H opacity, and R/N_H ratio (thus the specific power ratio 4πR/N_H) in the different H I maps. The y_{\text{DNM}} and y_{\text{CO}} parameters can probe changes of these characteristics in the denser DNM and CO-bright phases.

Toward dense regions, fitting a single modified blackbody spectrum to the combination of SEDs produced in various ISRF conditions along the sightlines yields an overestimate of the colour temperature, thus an underestimate of τ_{353} and of the opacity (Ysard et al. 2012). This bias is gradual, but significant only beyond the high N_H range of our sample. In any case, it would enhance rather than suppress any rising trend in opacity derived from the γ coefficients or in the curves and maps of Sect. 9.

The dust models have been tested against the data using a least-squares (χ^2) minimization. We expect the uncertainties in the different models to exceed those of the observed dust maps because of our assumption of uniform grain distributions through the clouds and because of the limited capability of the H I and CO data to trace the total gas (because of the data sampling, self-absorption, etc.). In the absence of a reliable estimate for the model uncertainties, we have set fractional error levels in order to obtain a reduced χ^2 value of 1 in the dust fits. This has been achieved for fractions of 16 %, 18 %, and 13 %, respectively for the A_{VQ}, τ_{353}, and R models.

The results presented below, however, show curvature in the evolution of A_{VQ}/N_H, τ_{353}/N_H, and 4πR/N_H with increasing N_H (see Fig. 10 of Sect. 9). In this context, changing the statistical weight of the outlier data points can affect the values of the best-fit slopes of the linear models. We have therefore also performed the χ^2 fits using the smaller uncertainties of the τ_{353} and R maps. The results differ only slightly from those obtained with the model uncertainties set to achieve a unit reduced χ^2. We discuss this case in the rest of the paper as the results provide a better statistical description of the average slopes in the multivariate fits. None of our conclusions depends on this choice.
Special attention was paid to the construction of a DNM template from the positive residuals found in γ rays and in dust. A simple cut of the residuals at zero is not acceptable as it creates an offset bias by cutting out the negative noise, but not the positive noise. For both the dust and γ-ray emission, the residual histograms showed Gaussian noise near or below zero, and a significant positive wing extending toward large values. We have therefore denoised the residual maps using the multisresolution support method implemented in the MIR filter software (Stark & Pierre 1998). We have used six scales in the B-spline-wavelet transform (à trous algorithm) and a hard 2σ threshold, using all scales for detection in dust and starting with the second scale in γ rays in order to limit the Poisson noise. We have also implemented a simple clipping method, first fitting a Gaussian to the noise-dominated part of the residual histogram, then setting the clipping threshold at the level where the histogram counts exceed the Gaussian. We have checked the consistency of the denoised and clipped maps in the regions rich in signal. We have adopted the former because the wavelet denoising is more efficient in the regions void or nearly void of signal.

Figure 4 shows that the Poisson noise in the γ-ray map is still large after five years of data acquisition. To gather the largest photon statistics, we have used all four energy bands to construct the γ-ray DNM templates by summing the residuals obtained in each band before denoising. This was preferred over the direct use of the residual map obtained in the overall-band fit because the emissivity spectra of all components are better adjusted.

#### 3.4. DNM templates and analysis iterations

Earlier γ-ray works cited in Sect. 1 have shown that both the dust column density and the interstellar γ-ray intensity present significant and similarly structured residuals above the linear expectations from the NH$_1$ column densities and WCO intensities. In the Cha/muleon region analysis, we have independently fitted the γ-ray intensity and the three dust maps according to Eqs. (3) and (4) with only the H$_1$ and CO maps as gaseous components. Figure D.1 shows extended regions where the data significantly exceed the best-fit models (positive residuals). These excesses have comparable spatial distributions in all data sets. They extend to several degrees (or parsecs) around the CO clouds. As these residuals delineate gas not accounted for by the H$_1$ and CO line intensities, we can use their specific distribution, above the noise, to build a DNM template.

Since the work by Grenier et al. (2005), dust data in optical depth or reddening have been used to construct DNM templates for γ-ray analyses to complement the H and CO data. The present analysis allows a more reliable derivation of the DNM gas contribution in three ways.

- First, by closing the loop between the γ-ray and dust fits. The DNM template estimated from the dust emission is provided to the γ-ray model; conversely, the DNM map derived from the γ-ray intensity is provided to the dust model. The residuals are obtained in each case by subtracting from the observations the best-fit contributions from the NH$_1$, WCO, and ancillary (other than gas) components. Only positive residuals above the noise are kept (see below).
- Second, by iterating between the dust and γ-ray fits in order to reach a solution where the g and y model coefficients, in particular those associated with the H$_1$ and CO maps, minimally compensate for the missing DNM gas structure (see Appendix D.1). They still do at some level because the DNM templates provided by the γ rays or dust emission are not perfect.
- Third, by testing three different tracers of the total dust column density in parallel analyses.

We have not smoothed the dust maps to the γ-ray resolution in the iteration. The dust maps have a finer angular resolution than the model templates and the fit results are not sensitive to structure on angular scales below the resolution of the template maps. It is therefore possible, and important, to keep the dust resolution to model the clumpy CO component. We also note that the diffuse DNM structures independently seen in the γ-ray and dust data (in Fig. D.1) extend over large angular scales, which can be resolved by the modest γ-ray or H$_1$ resolutions.

The variation of the log-likelihood ratio and χ$^2$ value around the best-fit parameters, namely the information matrix (e.g. Strong 1985), yields formal errors on each parameter. They include the effect of the correlation between parameters. Given the large number of pixels in the analysis, the small set of free parameters in each model, and the tight correlations present between the maps, the statistical errors on the best-fit coefficients are generally small (3–9% for the gas γ-ray emissivities, 4–13% for qIC, 12–28% for qDNM, and 0.3–0.7% for the dust parameters).

More systematic uncertainties may arise from spatial variations of the model coefficients across the field, from the presence of deviant sub-regions (e.g. near young stellar clusters), or from spatial variations in the mean level of H$_1$ and CO self-absorption. To check the magnitude of these uncertainties, we have performed jackknife tests for the last analysis iteration. We have masked 20% of the analysis region with a random set of 2′625-wide squares and performed the γ-ray and dust fits on the unmasked zones. The process has been repeated 1500 times for each analysis. We have found robust distributions for the best-fit coefficients, as illustrated in Fig. 4 for the γ+AVQ model. All the parameters are well constrained in all analyses, with standard deviations of 2–6% for the gas γ-ray emissivities and 1–3% for

![Fig. 4. Number distributions of the model coefficients obtained in the 1500 jackknife fits of the γ+AVQ analysis for the optically thin H$_1$ case and overall energy band in γ rays. The yHI and yDNM quantities are in units of 10$^{-22}$ mag cm$^2$, yCO in 10$^{-2}$ mag K$^{-1}$ km$^{-1}$ s, yrms in 10$^{-2}$ mag, qCO in 10$^{30}$ cm$^{-2}$ K$^{-1}$ km$^{-1}$ s, and qDNM in 10$^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ mag$^{-1}$. The qHI, qIC, and qiso values are simple normalization factors.](image-url)
the dust parameters. From a statistical point of view, the average coefficients that characterize our linear models apply to the whole region. They are not driven by a particular subset.

To construct the final statistical uncertainties on the $q$ and $y$ coefficients, we have added quadratically the standard deviations of the jackknife distributions and the $1\sigma$ errors inferred from the information matrices.

### 4. Results

The values of the best-fit $q$ and $y$ coefficients that have been obtained for the different $\gamma$-ray and dust fits are given in Table E.1. In this section, we discuss the results on the relative quality of the fits obtained with the different dust tracers, with and without the DNM component, and for different optical depth corrections in the H$_1$.

#### 4.1. Comparison of the dust tracers

As a first test, we have replaced the combination of H$_1$, CO, and DNM templates in the $\gamma$-ray fits by a single dust map to trace the total gas. The quality of the fit greatly changes with the choice of dust tracer: the highest likelihood value is obtained with the $U_{\min}$-corrected $A_{VQ}$ extinction, then with $\tau_{353}$, and the poorest fit with the radiance. The values obtained for the log-likelihood ratios and the Neyman-Pearson lemma (Neyman & Pearson 1933) indicate that $A_{VQ}$ is a better representation of the $\gamma$-ray observations than the other two dust maps with rejection probabilities $\ll 2 \times 10^{-11}$. This statement remains valid for all choices of H$_1$ spin temperature. The $\tau_{353}$ and $A_{VQ}$ quantities are both drawn from the dust emission SEDs, but the latter incorporates a $U_{\min}$-dependent correction to better match the dust reddening constraints. The present test against the $\gamma$ rays, independent of dust, strongly confirms that the renormalization of $A_{VQ}$ brings it in closer linear agreement with the total gas. It implies that the $U_{\min}$ parameter of the Draine & Li (2007) model does not only trace the ISRF, but also opacity variations.

#### 4.2. Detection of the DNM component

We have then checked that the $\gamma$-ray fits considerably improve when adding the dust-derived DNM template to the H$_1$ and CO data. We obtain very large log-likelihood ratios between the best-fit models with and without a DNM component (respectively 1463, 1418, and 1354 for the $\gamma+A_{VQ}$, $\gamma+\tau_{353}$, and $\gamma+R$ analyses), so the DNM structures are detected with a formal significance greater than 36 $\sigma$. Reciprocally, the $\gamma$-ray DNM template is detected at even larger confidence levels in the dust fits when we use a $\chi^2$ minimization with the observed uncertainties, when they are available (for $\tau_{353}$ and the radiance). We cannot obtain
a measure of the DNM detection when we set the dust-model uncertainties to achieve a reduced $\chi^2$ of 1.

We then note that the combination of H\textsc{i}, CO, and DNM data represents the $\gamma$-ray emission better than a single dust map. The large confidence probabilities of the improvement (log-likelihood ratios of 68, 419, and 189, for $A_{\text{VCO}}$, $T_{353}$, and $R$, respectively) indicate the presence of significant differences in the average dust properties in each gas phase.

4.3. H\textsc{i} optical depth correction

The $\gamma$ rays can help constrain the average level of H\textsc{i} optical-depth correction by comparing the $T_3$-dependent contrast of the $N_{\text{HI}}$ maps with the structure of the $\gamma$-ray flux emerging from the H\textsc{i} gas. It has been shown in the case of the Cepheus and Cygnus clouds that the mean spin temperature so inferred agrees with the more precise, but sparse, measurements obtained from paired absorption/emission H\textsc{i} spectra (Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2012a). We have found no such pairs toward the Chamaeleon region in the literature (e.g. Heiles & Troland 2003; Mohan et al. 2004), but the results of the three analyses indicate that the $\gamma$-ray fits significantly improve with decreasing H\textsc{i} opacity correction, for all energy bands. Figure B.1 indicates that a uniform temperature $T_3 > 340$ K, $> 300$ K, and $> 640$ K is preferred at the 95% confidence level in the $\gamma+T_{353}$, $\gamma+\text{A}_{\text{VCO}}$, and $\gamma+R$ analyses, respectively. The results indicate that optically thin conditions largely prevail in the local and IVA H\textsc{i} clouds, in agreement with the low mean brightness temperature of 4.1 K in the sample and with the large fraction of lines that peak below 100 K in brightness temperature (98.9%).

As the (uniform) spin temperature is decreased, the correction to $N_{\text{HI}}$ increases, the $\gamma$-ray emissivity of the H\textsc{i} clouds decreases and the opacity and specific power of their dust grains decreases. The H\textsc{i} related coefficients of the $\gamma$-ray and dust models increase by 10–15% as the spin temperature rises from 125 K to optically thin conditions. H\textsc{i} optical depth corrections have therefore a small effect on the derivation of $X_{\text{CO}}$ factors and dust properties per gas nucleon in this region.

In view of these results and with the added arguments that we detect no change of the CR spectrum in the present H\textsc{i} structures (see Sect. 5), nor in the larger, less transparent column densities probed in other clouds (Ackermann et al. 2012b), we consider the optically thin H\textsc{i} case as that which best represents the Chamaeleon region data. Unless otherwise mentioned, all plots and results hereafter have been generated for this case.

Nonetheless, we find it useful to quote both types of uncertainties for our results: the statistical errors described above, and those related to the uncertain optical depth of the H\textsc{i} lines. For the latter, we have taken the range of $q$ and $y$ coefficients obtained for the fits with $T_3$ larger than the 95% confidence limits quoted above. These ranges provide lower limits to the systematic uncertainties, since we can only explore models with uniform spin temperature, not properly representative of the variety of opacities present in the CNM (Heiles & Troland 2003). We use the notation, $x = x_0 \pm \sigma_{x_0}^{\pm A}$, to give both types of uncertainties.

4.4. Residual maps

The residual maps of Fig. 5 indicate that the linear models provide excellent fits to the $\gamma$-ray data in the overall energy band. They do so in the four separate energy bands as well. The residuals are fully consistent with noise at all angular scales except, marginally, toward the brightest CO peaks of Cha I and Cha II when the DNM template comes from the dust radiance. Whereas the dust-derived DNM templates provide adequate structure and column density in addition to the H\textsc{i} and CO contributions to fully account for the $\gamma$-ray observations, Fig. 5 shows that significant residuals remain in all dust tracers. The positive residuals follow the bulk distribution of the DNM and they are partly due to the limitations in angular resolution and sensitivity of the $\gamma$-ray DNM template compared to its dust homologue. Clumps in the residual structure can also reflect localized variations in dust properties per gas nucleon that are not accounted for in the linear models. This is the case toward the dense CO clouds where the dust models often exceed the data because of a rapid increase in dust emissivity and decrease in specific power as $N_{\text{HI}}$ increases. These effects are discussed in Sect. 9. The asymmetry of the residuals between the cores of Cham I and II in all dust and $\gamma$-ray fits requires further investigations with less optically-thick CO tracers such as $^{13}$CO.

5. Cosmic-ray content of the clouds

We have used wide $\gamma$-ray energy bands to increase the photon statistics to better separate the spatial patterns of the different emission components. Nevertheless, Fig. 6 indicates that the $q$ normalizations relative to the local CR emissivity spectrum ($q_{\text{LIS}}$) do not significantly change with energy. Figure 6 illustrates this point for the $\gamma+T_{353}$ analysis, and we find the same trends for the $\gamma+\text{A}_{\text{VCO}}$ and $\gamma+R$ ones. The spectra of the emission originating from the different gas phases and in the different clouds are therefore all consistent with the shape of the input $q_{\text{LIS}}$ spectrum. At the precision level of the current data, we find no spectral evidence for concentration or exclusion of CRs with increasing gas volume density, up to the $10^{3–4}$ cm$^{-3}$ densities sampled by CO observations.

The input $q_{\text{LIS}}$ emissivity spectrum is the average found over the large masses of atomic gas lying in the Galaxy within 1.5 kpc about the solar circle. Its normalization in terms of emission rate per nucleon corresponds to a low H\textsc{i} spin temperature of 140 K (Casandjian 2012). The Chamaeleon complex results are given for the optically thin case preferred by the fits. We there-
fore expect the relative $q$ normalizations in Table 4.1 to exceed unity for the same CR flux as in the LIS. To ease the comparison, we have calculated the present $\gamma$-ray emissivities for the same spin temperature of 140 K. The results indicate that the CR flux in the atomic gas of the Chamaeleon complex and of the IVA clouds is respectively (22 ± 5)% and (8 ± 4)% higher than the solar-circle average. The concordance is remarkable given the large differences in size, mass, and linear resolution between these small clouds and the broad Galactic ring. The emissivities in the Chamaeleon clouds and in the less massive and velocity-sheared IVA also compare well, within 20% at all energies. It will be important to determine the distance of the IVA in order to investigate whether the 20% difference is due to the unusual dynamical state of the cloud or to a larger altitude above the Galactic disc. Both cases would bring important constraints on CR diffusion.

In order to compare with previous measurements in the solar neighbourhood (Ackermann et al. 2013, 2012c), we have calculated the integral emissivity of the HI gas between 400 MeV and 10 GeV, for a spin temperature of 125 K. The values are shown in Fig. 7, together with the average emissivity at the solar circle, integrated over the same energy band, but for a spin temperature of 140 K. To calculate the Galactocentric positions of the clouds, we have taken distance ranges of 250–400 pc for the Cepheus-Polaris complex (Schlafly et al. 2014), of 390–500 pc for the Orion clouds (Ackermann et al. 2012c, Schlafly et al. 2014), and of 100–200 pc for the R CrA, Chamaeleon, and IVA clouds (Mizuno et al. 2001, Corradi et al. 2004, Ackermann et al. 2012c). We separate the clouds in Galactocentric radius, but do not expect a CR gradient over such a small distance range. The data points indicate that an equivalent CR flux pervades the nearby Chamaeleon, R CrA, Cepheus, and Polaris clouds. We note that the low CR flux anomaly reported earlier for the Chamaeleon complex was due to an error in evaluating the exposure (Ackermann et al. 2012c, 2013). The emissivity in Orion may be ~25% lower than in the other nearby complexes of the Chamaeleon, R CrA, Cepheus, and Polaris. This difference is small and commensurate with systematic uncertainties in component separations, so a careful re-analysis of the region with three times more $\gamma$-ray data (now available), higher HI resolution, and iterative construction of the DNM map is required to assess this difference.

The uniformity of the CR spectrum across the different gas phases gives weight to the total-gas tracing capability of the $\gamma$-ray map. Various mechanisms can alter the CR flux inside dense gases...
clouds, but most are inefficient for particle energies in the GeV-
TeV range corresponding to the LAT observations. The parti-
cles can diffuse efficiently on magnetic irregularities with wave-
lengths commensurate with their gyroradii (∝ 1 mpc), but the
required power to maintain the Alfvén waves against ionic
friction with the predominant gas neutrals inside dense clouds (CC-
sarsky & Volk 1978) would be too large. Particle depletion in-
side a dense core may also happen because of increased γ-ray
losses in dense gas. It leads to a net CR streaming flux inward,
which in turn generates Alfvén waves on the outskirts of the
core, on the flux tubes connected to the surrounding medium.
These waves impede particle progression into the core (Skilling & Stron-
g 1976). The exclusion is strongly energy dependent
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γ
& Strong 1976). The exclusion is strongly energy dependent
and only efficient at particle energies below 0.1 GeV if one ig-
nores the magnetic field compression inside the dense cloud or 1
GeV if one includes it (Skilling & Strong 1976; Cesarsky & Vol-
k 1978). In the Chamaeleon region, with a CR flux inferred to
be near the local ISM average and with maximum N
H
 column
magnitudes around 2 × 10
22 cm
−2 , exclusion is predicted to
be negligible (< 2 %) for the particles that produce γ rays in the
LAT band (Skilling & Strong 1976). Random magnetic mirrors
in the clouds have also been investigated, but they affect only CR
particles at low energies, invisible to the LAT (Cesarsky & Vol-
k 1978; Padovani & Galli 2011). Only CR trapping in the mag-
netic clouds created between dense cores might affect the emerg-
ing γ-ray intensity if the trapped particles die owing to radiative
then ionization losses before escaping the bottles or before being re-
plenished by residual diffusion. The prediction of a 3- to 5-fold in-
crease in contrast in γ-ray intensity, compared to that in gas
density (Cesarsky & Volk 1978), would strongly bias the X
γ
CO factor upward. However, more detailed numerical simulations
indicate that TeV particles effectively scatter off magnetic tur-
bulence and smoothly diffuse throughout the complex uniform
and turbulent field of a molecular cloud (Fatuzzo et al. 2010).
All these concentration and exclusion processes would leave an
energy-dependent signature that we do not detect.

6. Gas column-densities in the dark neutral medium

The q
DNM
 coefficients of the γ-ray model (Eq. [3]) provide spec-
tral information on the radiation produced in the DNM. The lack
of energy dependence of these coefficients (see Fig. 6) indicates
that the spectrum of the DNM-related γ-ray emission closely
follows that produced by CR interactions with gas in the lo-
cal ISM in general, and with the atomic and molecular gas of
the Chamaeleon complex in particular. The fact that the γ-ray-
derived and dust-derived DNM templates jointly yield reason-
able values for the dust properties per gas nucleon in the DNM
phase, the atomic and molecular gas of the Chamaeleon complex in
particular. The fact that the γ-ray-derived DNM maps built by the DNM and
CO data.

We have converted the γ-ray and dust DNM templates into
gas column densities, N
H
DNM, under the assumption that the same CR
flux permeates the diffuse H i and DNM phases. The spectral
uniformity of the γ rays borne in the two phases supports this as-
sumption (see Fig. 6). To derive the N
H
DNM maps, we have used the
templates built by the γ-ray and dust fits in the three analyses.
The conversion of the γ-ray templates uses the emission rate per
nucleon measured in the atomic gas of the Chamaeleon complex
γH iCha(E)×qDNM(E). The conversion of the dust 
density template uses the average A
γ
VQ/N
H
DNM = −735/N
H
DNM and the ratio N
H
DNM measured in γ rays as (D/N)
H
DNM = qH iCha/νDNM (see Sect. 7). We have applied the weighted means of the ratios obtained in the four
γ-ray energy bands to produce the maps shown in Fig. 8.

7. The X
γ
CO factor

Table 1. X
γ
CO conversion factors obtained from the γ-ray and dust fits in the separate analyses.

| X
γ
CO | γ-ray fits | Dust fits |
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<tr>
<td>γ+AVQ</td>
<td>0.69 ± 0.03</td>
<td>1.01 ± 0.02</td>
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<tr>
<td>γ+τ535</td>
<td>0.65 ± 0.04</td>
<td>1.27 ± 0.07</td>
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<tr>
<td>γ+R</td>
<td>0.79 ± 0.03</td>
<td>0.66 ± 0.02</td>
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a In units of 10
20 cm
−2 K
−1 km s
−1 .

b The γ-ray values are the weighted averages of the results obtained in the four energy bands.

The fits in the separate γ-ray energy bands provide inde-
pendent measures of the X
γ
CO conversion factor relating the W
CO intensity and N
H,
column density. Assuming the same CR flux in the H i and CO-bright phases, the factor is given by
X
γ
CO = qCO/(2qH iCha). We can take advantage of the energy-
dependent variation of the LAT resolution power (FWHM of the
PSF) to probe X
γ
CO at different linear scales in the clouds (here we assume a distance of 150 pc). We have computed the effective
PSF widths for the $q_{18}$ spectrum and for the energy-dependent exposure of the LAT in this region. Figure 9 shows no modification of the $X_{\text{CO}}$ factors at parsec scales in the clouds in the case of the $\gamma + A_{\text{VQ}}$ analysis. We find the same lack of any trend in the other two analyses. Table 4 lists the weighted averages of the values obtained in the four energy bands. They closely match the result obtained in the overall energy band, which combines photons obtained with different angular resolutions into a single map, but which has more robust photon statistics. The $X_{\text{CO}}$ results for the three analyses are consistent within the band-to-band dispersion.

These findings agree with the theoretical prediction that CR exclusion be negligible in the less massive Chamaeleon clouds, with a loss of less than a few percent from slower convection into the CO clouds (Skilling & Strong 1976). Conversely, CR concentration inside the CO phase, or magnetic trapping between the dense cloudlets that populate the CO clouds, would bias $X_{\text{CO}}$ upward, but the effect is expected to be small because high-energy CRs effectively scatter off magnetic turbulence (Fatuzzo et al. 2010). We find no evidence for such trapping at the smallest linear scales probed by the LAT.

The $X_{\text{CO}}$ results compare well with other $\gamma$-ray measurements in nearby clouds, which range from $(0.63 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in Cepheus-Polaris to $(0.99 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.10) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in R CrA (Ackermann et al. 2012a; Abdo et al. 2010). A slightly higher factor, close to $(1.07 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$, has been measured to higher $W_{\text{CO}}$ intensities, with no departure from linearity, in the more massive Orion clouds (Ackermann et al. 2012a). The factors found in this work are moderately smaller than the previous estimate of $(0.96 \pm 0.06_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.12_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}$ obtained in the Chamaeleon clouds (Ackermann et al. 2012a). The difference stems from the improved component separation performed here, in particular to extract the local $q_{18}$ emissivity that enters the $X_{\text{CO}}$ calculation: higher angular resolution of the H I data to reduce the cross talk with other components; separation of the local H I gas from the contributions in the IVA and Galactic disc; better separation of the diffuse H I and IC compo-

![Fig. 9. Evolution of the $X_{\text{CO}}$ factors and of the average dust properties per gas nucleon in the DNM, as measured in $\gamma$ rays for different linear resolutions in the clouds. The black triangles mark the $\gamma$-ray measurements in the overall energy band, in close agreement with the weighted average of the other four independent estimates (thin lines) and their $\pm 1 \sigma$ errors (dashed lines). The $X_{\text{CO}}$ factors obtained from the dust fits are shown as open symbols (circle for $A_{\text{VQ}}$, diamond for $\tau_{\text{353}}$, and cross for $R$).](image-url)
ducts across a wider region in latitude. The difference also stems from the use of optically thin H\,I data to improve the \( \gamma \)-ray fit. For a spin temperature of 125 K, as in previous works, we obtain a larger \( X_{\text{CO}} \) factor of \((0.79 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\).

The \( X_{\text{CO}} \) factors obtained so far in \( \gamma \) rays in nearby clouds are consistent with a value of \(0.9 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) and rms dispersion of \(0.3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\). The latter is mostly driven by uncertainties in H\,I spin temperature and in component separation between gas phases. These uncertainties prevent any claim of cloud-to-cloud variations in \( X_{\text{CO}} \) until all clouds are modelled with the same set of approximations and same set of linear resolutions.

Similarly hypothesizing a uniform dust-to-gas mass ratio and uniform emission coefficient \( \kappa_{\text{SIS}} \) for the grains, one can infer \( X_{\text{CO}} \) from the dust fits as \( X_{\text{CO}} = X_{\text{dust}} \gamma_{\text{H}_2} \text{He/Cl}\alpha)\). The \( X_{\text{CO}} \) and \( X_{\text{COR}} \) values inferred from the dust extinction and optical depth are found to be at variance with those obtained with the dust radiance and with the \( \gamma \)-ray estimates (Fig. [9]). The latter estimates, on the contrary, are consistent around \(0.7 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\). Variations in the dust-to-gas mass ratio, or the per cent level of contamination of the dust SED by CO line emission leaking into the Planck filters, would affect all dust estimates similarly. The 40% (80%) discrepancy between \( X_{\text{CO}} \) and the other values thus has another cause. It can stem from dust evolution, where dust properties change with environment, and which has been invoked to explain a roughly 3-fold increase in dust emissivity in molecular regions (Stepnik et al. 2003; Martin et al. 2012; Roy et al. 2013; Planck Collaboration XVI 2014). The evidence we present in Sect. [8] of a marked increase in \( A_{\text{V}} / N_\text{H} \) and \( \tau_{\text{SIS}} / N_\text{H} \) in the molecular environment indeed biases the dust derivation of \( X_{\text{CO}} \) upward.

Variations in dust emissivity or opacity in the CO phase can explain why the \( X_{\text{CO}} \) factors derived in previous studies, from the intensity of the thermal dust emission or from its colour-corrected optical depth, were systematically higher than the \( \gamma \)-ray estimates, typically by a factor of more than 2 (e.g. Dame et al. 2001; Planck Collaboration XIX 2011; Grenier et al. 2005). Finding the cause of the discrepancy was hampered by the use of different H\,I and CO calibrations, different correlation methods, and different angular resolutions. These limitations have been alleviated here. The results provide new insight into this recurrent problem by establishing, through the convergence between \( X_{\text{CO}} \) and \( X_{\text{COR}} \), that the difference does not stem from a \( \gamma \)-ray versus dust-tracing problem, but rather from dust evolution that must be compensated for to trace the total dust column.

Bolatto et al. (2013) commented that the lower Xco values obtained from \( \gamma \)-ray analyses relative to dust torus ones is due to a difference in \( X_{\text{CO}} \) definition, namely that the CO-faint H\,I envelope of molecular clouds is included in the dust derivation and not in the \( \gamma \)-ray one because of the use of a DNM template. This is not the case here since both dust and \( \gamma \)-ray analyses include a DNM component, but this reason cannot be invoked in general because, by construction, the DNM component contains mass with column densities that do not correlate with the \( W_{\text{CO}} \) intensity. Its inclusion (or not) in the analysis does not remove (or add) gas that scales with \( W_{\text{CO}} \). Thus to first order, its inclusion does not have an impact on the linear scaling factor \( \kappa_{\text{CO}} \) that defines \( X_{\text{CO}} \). In the component separation of the total gas, the CO-related component gathers the whole gas column density that correlates with \( W_{\text{CO}} \), independently of its chemical form and of its location inside the CO-bright clumps or in their peripheral CO-faint envelopes. Grenier et al. (2005) have verified the stability of \( X_{\text{CO}} \) with respect to the addition of a DNM component, for three different dust DNM templates, and taking advantage of extensive CO maps across the sky to alleviate the impact of the residual cross-talk between the different gas components. They found that \( X_{\text{CO}} \) increased (instead of decreased) by only 2–4% when adding a DNM component. With the higher resolution of the present study, we further show in Appendix [D] that \( X_{\text{CO}} \) as well as the dust and \( \gamma \)-ray emissivities in the H\,I are biased upward when omitting the DNM structure from the model; they artificially increase to partially compensate for the missing gas, but the best-fit model then largely over-predicts the data toward the CO cores, thereby signalling that the \( X_{\text{CO}} \) ratio is too large.

The convergence between \( X_{\text{CO}} \) and \( X_{\text{COR}} \) opens the way to additional studies in nearby clouds to quantify the amplitude of cloud-to-cloud variations in \( X_{\text{CO}} \) and to investigate why the dust-derived factors in the Chamaeleon clouds are significantly lower than previous estimates based on the same type of data, for instance \((1.8 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) at \( |b| > 5^\circ \) from the 100 \( \mu \text{m} \) intensity data (Dame et al. 2001), and \((2.54 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) at \( |b| \geq 10^\circ \) from the 0.1–3 mm optical depth (Planck Collaboration XIX 2011). We defer the derivation of \( X_{\text{CO}} \) from dust reddening to subsequent work. We note, however, that \( X_{\text{COR}} \), which is less biased by dust evolution in the CO clouds, is less than half the values measured elsewhere with reddening measurements (e.g. an average of \((1.67 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) at \( |b| > 10^\circ \) and \( 2.1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) in the Taurus cloud, Pineda et al. 2010; Paradis et al. 2012) using the Two Micron All Sky Survey (Skrutskie et al. 2006, 2MASS). As discussed above, detailed comparisons based on the same methods, gas tracers, and resolutions are required to investigate the origin of these differences.

We also note a systematic difference, by a factor greater than two, between the \( X_{\text{CO}} \) factors measured in \( \gamma \) rays at parsec scales in well resolved nearby clouds and the averages closer to \( 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-1} \text{ km s}^{-1}\) obtained on a kiloparsec scale in spiral arms (Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2011b; Bolatto et al. 2013). \( X_{\text{CO}} \) may vary with metallicity and UV-flux gradients across the Galaxy, but the discrepancy is already present within 1–1.5 kpc in the local spiral arm (Abdo et al. 2010; Ackermann et al. 2011b, 2012b), while Herschel observations of nearby galaxies indicate rather uniform \( X_{\text{CO}} \) values to large radii past the central kiloparsec (Sandstrom et al. 2013). Other observational and physical explanations for this discrepancy include the following.

- Given the overwhelming mass locked up in the atomic phase, a small error in the H-\text{I} CO phase separation can have a large impact on \( X_{\text{CO}} \). Wrongly attributing 10–20\% of the clumpy CNM to the CO structure, because of inadequate resolution and thus an increased level of cross-talk at large distances, would be sufficient. The study of nearby galaxies shows that \( X_{\text{CO}} \) tends to increase when measured in confused environments. Systematically larger \( X_{\text{CO}} \) values are found in highly inclined galaxies than in face-on galaxies with less pile-up along the lines of sight (Sandstrom et al. 2013).
- Separation of the DNM and CO phases when seen at large distance is even more problematic because of the DNM disposition around the CO and because of a more difficult DNM prediction from dust residuals along sightlines. CO observations further suggest a systematic rise in the CO-dark to CO-bright H\,I abundance with increasing radius in the Galaxy (Pineda et al. 2013; Langer et al. 2014). The larger DNM abundance and increasing difficulty in the DNM-CO separation conspire to bias the \( X_{\text{CO}} \) factor upward in the outer Galaxy.
- \( X_{\text{CO}} \) is expected to increase from the dense, cold molecular cores to the more diffuse, warmer molecular envelopes where...
CO is more exposed to photo-dissociation and the lines are weakly excited \cite{Bolatto et al. 2013}. Sampling a larger fraction of envelopes in well resolved clouds should therefore bias \(X_{\text{CO}}\) upward, contrary to the observations. On the other hand, the CO abundance relative to \(H_2\) gradually changes from a square root dependence (\(N_{\text{CO}}/N_{H_2} \propto N_{H_2}^{0.5+0.2}\)) to a quadratic one (\(N_{\text{CO}} \propto N_{H_2}^{2.1+0.7}\)) with a transition around \(N_{H_2} \sim 2.5 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-2}\) \cite{Sheffer et al. 2008}, so local changes in the balance between chemistry and photo-dissociation can cause large variations in \(X_{\text{CO}}\). It was suggested, however, that the variations average out in the mix of situations along the lines of sight \cite{Liszt et al. 2010} [Liszt & Pety 2012].

More tests are needed to disentangle the origin of the discrepancy. With larger photon statistics at high energy in \(\gamma\) rays, we will soon be able to investigate how the angular resolution and cross-talk between gas phases affect the \(X_{\text{CO}}\) calibration beyond the solar neighbourhood.

### 8. Mean dust properties in each phase

Our analyses yield average dust properties per gas nucleon in each phase. The best-fit \(Y_{\text{H}}\) coefficients, respectively, give the average \(A_{\text{V}}/N_{H}\) ratio, opacity, and specific power in the three \(H_1\) structures; they are listed in Table 2. The dust properties compare reasonably well in the local Chamaeleon cloud and in the IVA, despite the broad wings of the \(H_1\) lines in the latter, which reflect an unusual dynamical state (perhaps shocked gas) or large internal shear. The relatively warm \((\gtrsim 20 \text{ K})\) dust in the Galactic disc, lying at large height above the plane, exhibits an equivalent \(A_{\text{V}}/N_{H}\) ratio, but a 30 \% lower opacity and 30 \% higher power than in the foreground clouds. All opacities and powers appear to be significantly larger than the values of \((7.1 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2\) and \(3.6 \times 10^{-31} \text{ W measured in high-latitude cirrus clouds exposed to the local ISRF}\) \cite{Planck Collaboration XVII 2014, Planck Collaboration XI 2014}. We further discuss in Sect. 9 how the dust characteristics evolve with environment.

The strong correlations found between the \(\gamma\)-ray intensity and dust emission in the DNM yield a first measure of the average dust characteristics per gas nucleon in this phase. Their values are given by the \(q_{\mu\text{LM}}/q_{\text{DM}}\) ratios under the assumption of a uniform \(CR\) flux across the \(H_1\) and DNM phases. This hypothesis is corroborated by the same \(\gamma\)-ray emissivity spectra and moderate volume densities of the gas in both phases. From the fits in the four independent energy bands, we find the weighted averages listed in Table 2. They closely match those obtained with the high photon statistics of the overall energy band. Figure 9 shows a marginally significant decreasing trend from 0.4 to 2.5 \(\text{pc}\) in sampling scale. It relates to the dust evolution discussed in the next section.

We derive mean dust properties in the CO-bright phase from the values of \(X_{\text{CO}}\) and the corresponding \(\gamma\)-ray \(X_{\text{CO}}\) factors. The results are given in Table 2. They complement the measures in the \(H_1\) and DNM phases to reveal a pronounced rise in opacity, a milder one in \(A_{\text{V}}/N_{H}\), and a 30 \% decrease in specific power as the gas becomes denser across the phases. The power decrease may be due to the loss of optical/UV radiation from the diffuse envelopes to the dense CO clouds. This moderate evolution biases the \(X_{\text{COR}}\) derivation only slightly downward. We note, however, that the average \(4nR/N_{H}^{\text{CO}}\) power in the CO-bright phase is larger than \(4nR/N_{H}^\text{DNM}\) in the DNM, while we expect a fainter ISRF in the more shaded CO cores. This inversion is due to the presence of a few high-power spots in the CO clouds. Their high values maintain the average at a high level, despite the marked power decrease around them (see Figs. 11 and 12 of section 9).

### 9. Dust evolution between gas phases

Dust opacities at submillimetre frequencies provide information on the dust-to-gas mass ratio and on the mass emission coefficient of the big grains. Their values often serve to estimate gas masses from dust emission at submillimetre and millimetre wavelengths within our Galaxy or in external galaxies. Establishing the evolution, or lack of evolution, of dust opacities across the various gas phases is therefore essential for numerous studies using dust to trace interstellar matter. Maps of \(X_{\mu\text{LM}}/N_{H}\) and \(4nR/N_{H}\) across the clouds can jointly serve to investigate whether the lower temperatures found in the dense regions result from an increased emission coefficient due to grain structural or chemical evolution, and/or from the ISRF attenuation in shaded areas. Under the assumptions that the large grains are well mixed with gas, that they have reached equilibrium temperatures between the heating rate and radiated power, and that the modified blackbody fits reliably characterize their SEDs, the specific-power map follows the first-order variations in heating rate.

To map spatial variations of the dust properties per gas nucleon around the averages discussed in Sect. 8, we have produced two different sets of total \(N_H\) column densities. They enable a check of the impact of the current limitations in tracers of the total gas.

- For the first set, which we denote \(N_{H_{\mu\text{LM}}}\), we have converted the interstellar \(\gamma\)-ray intensity into gas column density using the emission rate found in the local atomic gas. The \(\gamma\)-ray intensity from the ISM is obtained from the LAT data in the overall energy band after subtraction of the \(\gamma\)-ray counts unrelated to gas (using the best fit parameters for the ancillary components of eq. 3). We have checked that the other four independent energy bands yield similar maps. We have downgraded the binning to 0:375 to reduce the Poisson noise and photon discretization. On the one hand, \(N_{H_{\mu\text{LM}}}\) does not take into account the small (< 20 \%) \(\gamma\)-ray emissivity variations between the \(H_1\) structures; on the other hand no assumption is made, beyond the uniformity of the CR flux, on the
Table 2. $A_{VQ}/N_{H}$ ratios, opacities, and specific powers of the dust averaged over the different gas phases or clouds.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>$A_{VQ}/N_{H}$ [10$^{-22}$ mag cm$^2$]</th>
<th>$\tau_{353}/N_{H}$ [10$^{-27}$ cm$^2$]</th>
<th>$4\pi R/N_{H}$ [10$^{-31}$ W]</th>
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<td>H I Galactic disc</td>
<td>7.41 ± 0.09$^{+0.22}_{-0.22}$</td>
<td>12.4 ± 0.2$^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$</td>
<td>6.08 ± 0.06$^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$</td>
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<td>H I IVA</td>
<td>7.31 ± 0.07$^{+0.26}_{-0.26}$</td>
<td>14.8 ± 0.2$^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$</td>
<td>4.59 ± 0.05$^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$</td>
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<td>H I Cha</td>
<td>8.11 ± 0.09$^{+0.37}_{-0.37}$</td>
<td>16.3 ± 0.2$^{+0.08}_{-0.08}$</td>
<td>4.85 ± 0.06$^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$</td>
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<td>DNM</td>
<td>7.0 ± 0.2$^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$</td>
<td>17.2 ± 0.5$^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$</td>
<td>3.17 ± 0.10$^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$</td>
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<td>CO</td>
<td>11.9 ± 0.4$^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$</td>
<td>32 ± 1$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
<td>4.06 ± 0.16$^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$</td>
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$^a$ The values for the CO phase assume the corresponding $X_{CO}$ factor derived in $\gamma$ rays.

Table 3. Average $N_{H}/E(B-V)$ ratios measured in the different gas phases or clouds.

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<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>$(N_{H}/E(B-V))_{AVQ}$ [10$^{21}$ cm$^2$]</th>
<th>$(N_{H}/E(B-V))_{\gamma}$ [10$^{21}$ cm$^2$]</th>
<th>$(N_{H}/E(B-V))_{R}$ [10$^{21}$ cm$^2$]</th>
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<td>H I Galactic disc</td>
<td>4.19 ± 0.05$^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$</td>
<td>5.4 ± 0.1$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
<td>3.83 ± 0.07$^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>H I IVA</td>
<td>4.24 ± 0.04$^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$</td>
<td>4.5 ± 0.1$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
<td>5.07 ± 0.10$^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$</td>
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<td>H I Cha</td>
<td>3.82 ± 0.04$^{+0.19}_{-0.19}$</td>
<td>4.11 ± 0.1$^{+0.23}_{-0.23}$</td>
<td>4.80 ± 0.10$^{+0.13}_{-0.13}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>DNM</td>
<td>4.4 ± 0.1$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
<td>3.9 ± 0.1$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
<td>7.3 ± 0.3$^{+0.2}_{-0.2}$</td>
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<td>CO</td>
<td>2.6 ± 0.2$^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$</td>
<td>2.1 ± 0.2$^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$</td>
<td>5.7 ± 0.3$^{+0.1}_{-0.1}$</td>
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Fig. 10. Upper row: 2D histograms of the correlations between the total gas column density, $N_{H}$, measured by the 10$^{2}$–5 MeV interstellar $\gamma$ rays, and the dust tracers convolved with the LAT response for an interstellar spectrum. The maps were sampled on a 0.375 pixel grid. The solid lines mark the best linear regressions through the data points of the maps. Lower row: evolution of the dust properties per gas nucleon in bins of $N_{H}$. The error bars and shaded areas respectively give the standard error of the means and the standard deviations in each bin. The dashed lines give the mean ratios at low $N_{H}$, in the (1–2.2) 10$^{21}$ cm$^2$ interval.

regular H I optical depth, uneven CO-to-H$_2$ conversion, and DNM structure. $N_{H}$ therefore gives an estimate of the total $N_{H}$, independently of the chemical or thermodynamic state of the gas.

For the second set, which we denote $N_{H_{\text{ImL}}}$, we have used the higher-resolution multiwavelength information from the $N_{H}$, $W_{CO}$, and $\gamma$-ray $N_{H\text{pix}}$ maps. We have included the gas from all phases and velocity components, with optically thin H I and the $\gamma$-ray $X_{CO}$ factor deduced from the $\gamma$-$A_{VQ}$ analysis that best matches the LAT data. We warn the reader that the corresponding maps of the dust properties per gas nucleon are less reliable at the smallest angular scales because $N_{H_{\text{ImL}}}$ uses approximations assessed over the whole complex (e.g. uniform $X_{CO}$, optically thin H I, etc.). We stress that the use of the higher values of $X_{CO}$ and $X_{CO}$ for the construction of the $A_{VQ}/N_{H}$ and $\tau_{353}/N_{H}$ maps hardly lowers their contrast because of the large quantities of H I and DNM gas that do not depend on $X_{CO}$.

To investigate non-linear departures from the average properties discussed in Sect. 8, we have produced four sets of plots in Figs. 10 to 13.
Figure 11, provide evidence that the dust opacity at 353 GHz varies upward curvature for $\tilde{A}$ relations, with a gradual downward curvature for $\tilde{R}$. These curvatures, together with the significant trends shown in Fig. 13, provide evidence that the dust opacity at 353 GHz varies by a factor of 2 to 4.6 and that the radiative emissivity of the grains (via $A_{Q}/N_{H}$) varies by a factor of 1.5 to 2.9, according to the environmental conditions in the gas density and chemistry. We can readily recognize the cloud structures in the $A_{Q}/N_{H}$ and $\tau_{353}/N_{H}$ gradients across the field, so the maps depict a gradual evolution of the dust properties across the complex, with gradients of comparable magnitude in several clouds. The rise is already perceptible in the DNM phase, even though the column-density range over which it is extracted largely overlaps that of the H$^{1}$. The rise steepens near or in the brightest CO cores. The higher angular resolution of the $N_{H_{2}}$ map captures the large dynamic range in the compact regions of highest density, with a 4-fold contrast in opacity and a 3-fold contrast in $A_{V}$ between those peaks and the diffuse H$^{1}$. The opacity peaks are confirmed in the $N_{H_{2}}$ map, with a lower contrast due to the lower angular resolution. The gradual evolution of the dust properties is responsible for the change in mean $A_{Q}/N_{H}$ and $\tau_{353}/N_{H}$ values across the gas phases in Table 2. The values in the DNM phase may be driven up by the large column densities in excess of $10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ observed around the brightest CO cores of Cham I, II, and III. However, Fig. 13 indicates that these ratios start to rise as soon as H$_{2}$ molecules dominate over H atoms in the gas column.

The opacities measured at 353 GHz in the Chamaeleon complex are interestingly larger than the average trends previously found over the whole sky. In pure H$^{1}$, in the (0.4 – 2.0) $\times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ range, we measure a mean (standard deviation) opacity of 14.3 (2.3) $\times 10^{-27}$ cm$^{2}$/W for a radiated power of 4.5 (0.4) $\times 10^{-31}$ W. This is a factor of 2 larger than the value estimated in the high-latitude H$^{1}$ cirrus clouds where the radiated power is 25% lower than in the Chamaeleon complex (Planck Collaboration XVII 2014). So, we confirm large opac-
Fig. 12. Spatial variations of the dust properties per gas nucleon, relative to the average values obtained at low \(N_H\), in the \((1 - 2.2) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}\) interval for \(N_H\) (left column), and in the \((0.4 - 2) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}\) interval for \(N_{N_{H_m}}\) (right column). As in the previous figure, the total gas is measured by \(N_H\) on a 0.375 pixel grid (left) and by \(N_{N_{H_m}}\) on a 0.125 pixel grid (right). Colours saturate for ratios below 0.5 and above 3.2.

Fig. 13. Evolution of the dust properties per gas nucleon in intervals of molecular fraction in the gas column (left), of total gas column density \(N_{N_{H_m}}\) (middle), and of dust colour temperature (right). The \(A_{\nu}/N_H\) ratios are in units of \(10^{-22} \text{ mag cm}^2\), \(\tau_{353}/N_H\) in \(10^{-27} \text{ cm}^2\), and \(4\pi R/N_H\) in \(10^{-31} \text{ W}\). To estimate the molecular fraction in \(N_H\), we have assumed a DNM composition between half (stars) and fully (dots) molecular. The solid and dashed error bars respectively give the error on the means and the standard deviations in each sample. The thin lines mark the average values found in the \((0.4 - 2) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}\) range. The shaded area in the temperature plot shows the expectation for uniform radiated powers ranging between \(3.4 \times 10^{-31} \text{ W H}^{-1}\), with the mean index \(\beta = 1.65\) in the region. A power-law variation in opacity, \(\sigma_{353} \propto N_H^{0.28 \pm 0.03}\), has been reported above \(10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}\) in Orion. The shaded curve in the central plot shows this trend scaled at the value of the Chamaeleon complex opacity at \(N_{N_{H_m}} = 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}\).
extends to the CO phase, with peak opacities in the Chamaeleon clouds that are 3.5 times larger than the all-sky average over the same $N_H$ range (see Fig. 21 of Planck Collaboration XI 2014). Figure 13 shows that the opacity rise in the Chamaeleon complex is also steeper than the $\tau_{353}/N_H \propto N_{H,\text{rot}}^{0.28 \pm 0.01}$ dependence found in the Orion clouds, even though it was measured to much larger gas column densities (using near-infrared stellar reddening, Roy et al. 2013). The $X_{\text{CO}}$ factor in the Chamaeleon clouds is not abnormally low compared to that in other nearby clouds (see Sect. 7). Its value cannot cause a large overestimation of the grain opacities in the Chamaeleon molecular cores.

The dust specific powers vary only moderately, by less than a factor of 2, inside the DNM and CO clouds in Figs. 11 and 12. The power variations hardly relate to the gas structure, except for two notable trends. The first is seen toward the denser DNM filaments, where both the radiated power and opacity exceed the surrounding values by 30–50%. The second is a power decline by a factor of 2 toward the bright CO clouds of Cham I, II, III, and East II, in regions where the dust temperature drops below 18 K and the column density exceeds about $2 \times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$. Figure 13 shows that the power drop relates to the presence of molecular gas. The low-power regions extend well beyond the densest filaments with the largest opacities (see Fig. 11); they are detected with both $N_{H,\gamma}$ and $N_{H,\text{rot}}$.

We have found no explanation for the 30\% to 60\% larger powers measured in the north-eastern corner of the field, where the opacities are close to the average, but the grain temperatures exceed 20 K. The IC emission map of Fig. 3 gives the integral along sightlines of the CR interactions with the global Galactic ISRF. Its asymmetry in longitude at $b > -20$° suggests an enhanced ISRF, thus an enhanced heating rate, toward the warm grains. Yet, the warm region extends beyond our analysis perimeter and its global spatial distribution does not follow the smooth distribution of the Galactic ISRF, nor any gas structure (see Fig. 9 of Planck Collaboration XI 2014). The abrupt change in dust SEDs, with $\beta < 1.6$ in this zone, also warns us that the temperature excess may not relate to large-scale stellar distributions.

The clear anti-correlation we see in Fig. 13 between the dust opacity and temperature confirms the early results obtained in the diffuse ISM (Planck Collaboration XXIV 2011) and in high-latitude cirrus clouds (Planck Collaboration XVII 2014), now with the independent gas-tracing capability of the $\gamma$ rays. It reveals, however, a more complex situation than the anticipated temperature response of the grains to an opacity change while exposed to a uniform heating rate. On the one hand, since $A_{\text{H}}$ has been corrected to first order for an ISRF-related bias, the residual change in $A_{\text{H}}/N_H$ revealed in Figs. 10 and 13 suggests an emissivity rise due to a structural or chemical evolution of the grains. On the other hand, the grains are less heated in the regions of low 4$\pi R/N_H$ in the CO phase. The maps show a variety of situations inside the clouds, but two notable trends emerge. The lowest temperatures near 15 K correspond to regions of median power and highest opacity, so they may be due to the enhanced radiative cooling of the grains. Conversely, the regions of lowest power exhibit median opacities, so the low temperatures near 17 K in these environments may primarily result from a reduced heating rate.

The chemical composition of the DNM is likely to encompass varying fractions of optically thick H$_1$ and CO-dark H$_2$ along different lines of sight, as they approach the CO edges. Optically thick H$_1$ has been proposed to explain the excesses of dust emission over the thin $N_{H,\gamma}$ and $W_{\text{CO}}$ expectations, which would make it the dominant form of DNM (Fukui et al. 2014b). Thick...
H\textsubscript{i} would not explain the $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}}$ variations by a factor above 3 seen in the thin H\textsubscript{i} cirrus clouds at $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ column densities predominantly below a few $10^{20}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} \citep{PlanckCollaborationXVII2014}. Nor would it explain the $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ variations seen in $\gamma$ rays across the H\textsubscript{i} and DNM phases, independently of H\textsubscript{i} depth corrections and $X_{\text{CO}}$ conversions. It would be difficult to invoke thick H\textsubscript{i} to explain large cloud-to-cloud variations in $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ over the same $N_{\text{H}}$ range in the different clouds. Dust evolution thus currently prevents the use of dust emission to study optically thick H\textsubscript{i}. The magnitude of the observed rise in $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ or of the ISRF-corrected $A_{\text{CO}}/N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ with $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ is such that it would systematically lead to a substantial overestimation of $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$.

10. Gas phase interfaces

In this section we compare the gas column densities inferred in the different phases of the local clouds.

We note in the solid angle distributions of Fig. 14 that all three phases reach comparable peak column densities between 1 and $3 \times 10^{21}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} in these modest clouds. For the DNM, the histograms confirm the good correspondence in the three analyses between the column densities derived in $\gamma$ rays and those derived from the dust and calibrated in mass with the $\gamma$-ray $FUSE$ data, with the median colour excess of the 49 stars nearest to each phase in Table 2 originate from broad and largely overlapping $N_{\text{H}}$ ranges.

Figure 15 compares the spatial distributions in each phase for the $\gamma + A_{\text{CO}}$ analysis. The other analyses yield comparable maps. They illustrate how the DNM filamentary structure generally extends at the transition between the diffuse H\textsubscript{i} and the compact CO cores of the Chamaeleon complex, but that the transition substantially varies inside the complex. For instance, the elongated, snaky CO filament that stretches along $b = -22^\circ$ in Cha-East I is not surrounded by DNM gas, while the similar Musca CO filament, extending at low latitude along $l = 301^\circ$, is embedded in a rich DNM structure. The CO cloudlet at $l = 301^\circ$, $b = -24^\circ$ is free of DNM while the DNM cloud near $l = 307^\circ$, $b = -10^\circ$ is almost free of CO emission (see the Planck Type I CO map, \cite{PlanckCollaborationXIII2014}).

The bright DNM clouds at $l < 296^\circ$ and $b < -20^\circ$ are almost free of CO emission down to 1 K km s\textsuperscript{-1}. Whether they relate to the IVA would be worth investigating in the hope of finding a test case to explore the impact of unusual gas dynamics on the transition from atomic to molecular gas.

Masses in the local Chamaeleon system have been derived for a common distance of 150 pc and with the $\gamma$-ray DNM maps, despite their lower angular resolution, in order to be less sensitive to dust evolution. With the $\gamma + A_{\text{CO}}$ analysis, we obtain masses of $44900_{-1600}^{+1600}$ M\textsubscript{\odot} in the H\textsubscript{i} $9000 \pm 500_{-300}^{+400}$ M\textsubscript{\odot} in the DNM, and $5000 \pm 200_{-200}^{+200}$ M\textsubscript{\odot} in the CO-bright H\textsubscript{2}. They primarily reflect the compactness of the various phases. The DNM is the second most important contributor to the total mass because of its wide $N_{\text{H}}$ range and large spatial extent. We obtain comparable masses within $\pm 4\%$ in the DNM and within $+15\% \pm 5\%$ in the CO phase with the other analyses.

We have studied the relative contributions and transitions between the different phases for the local Chamaeleon complex and for five of its sub-structures, as listed in Sect. 2.5 and outlined in Fig. 2. They have been chosen to lie outside the zone where H\textsubscript{i} lines may overlap between the local and IVA components. To build the fractional curves of Fig. 16 we have used the $\gamma + A_{\text{CO}}$ analysis, the $X_{\text{CO}}$ factor, the $\gamma$-ray $N_{\text{H}_\text{em}}$ map, and a DNM composition between half and fully molecular. The other analyses yield similar curves. In the text below, we have translated $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ into visible extinction with the $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}/A_V$ ratio of $(2.15 \pm 0.14) \times 10^{20}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} mag\textsuperscript{-1} measured with the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer (\textit{FUSE}, \cite{Rachford2009}). To study the variations in DNM or dark-H\textsubscript{2} fraction with $A_V$, we have directly used the $A_V$ map constructed from the 2MASS stellar data, with the median colour excess of the 49 stars nearest to each direction \citep{Rowles2009}. We have resampled the map into our analysis grid. The visual extinctions are quoted in magnitudes.

All the clouds exhibit similar fractional trends. The H\textsubscript{i} fractions sharply decline beyond about $8 \times 10^{20}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} (or $A_V \sim 0.4$), in agreement with previous measurements, which indicate an H\textsubscript{i} saturation at $(3 - 5)$, $(4 - 5)$, and $(8 - 14) \times 10^{20}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} respectively with $FUSE$ observations of H\textsubscript{i} \citep{Gillmon2006}. OH observations \citep{Barrault2010}, and dust observations in Perseus \citep{Lee2012}. Models indeed require $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ near $10^{21}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} to shield H\textsubscript{2} against UV dissociation for clouds of solar metallicity \citep{Krumholz2009b, Lisz2014}.

The DNM is concentrated in the $10^{20} - 10^{21}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} interval. It is systematically present before the onset of CO. The H\textsubscript{i}-DNM transition occurs well into the translucent zone \citep{vanDishoeck1988}, yet at different thresholds ranging from 2 to $8 \times 10^{20}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} (or 0.09 to 0.4 in $A_V$) for the different clouds. The transition to CO appears to be more stable, with all five clouds requiring about $1.5 \times 10^{21}$ cm\textsuperscript{-2} (or $A_V \approx 0.7$) to efficiently shield CO against photodissociation in the local ISRF. The transition cannot be attributed to the sensitivity threshold of the CO survey. It is consistent with the $A_V \approx 0.5$ transition noted for the formation of the OH molecule that is one of the precursors of CO in the chemical evolution \citep{Barrault2010}.

We have not noted any obvious difference in H\textsubscript{i} column densities or line widths that could relate to the variable DNM onset at low $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$. However, simultaneous H\textsubscript{i} and H\textsubscript{2} observations with $FUSE$ have suggested a rather complex and variable H\textsubscript{i}–to–H\textsubscript{2} interface, with $2N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}/(N_{\text{H}_\text{i}} + 2N_{\text{H}_2})$ rapidly fluctuating between 0.1 and 0.7 up to $A_V \approx 2.6$ \citep{Rachford2009}. Figure 15 exhibits rather steep CO edges that occur in an $N_{\text{H}_\text{2}}$ regime where an equilibrium set of reactions involving C\textsuperscript{+} and OH leads to CO formation \citep{Sheffer2008}. So the DNM variations at lower $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ may conversely reflect the non-equilibrium chemistry that prevails in more diffuse gas. They may also reflect local variations in the H\textsubscript{i} optical thickness that could not be taken into account in our analyses.

We have followed the variation of the CO-dark to total H\textsubscript{2} ratio in column density, assuming that the DNM consists of 50\% or 100\% molecular hydrogen. Figure 16 shows the trend with $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}$ in the individual clouds and Fig. 17 shows the average evolution with $A_V$ over the whole complex of local and IVA clouds. To compute the latter, we have subtracted the extinction associated with the Galactic background $N_{\text{H}_\text{2}}$, using the $N_{\text{H}_\text{i}}/A_V$ ratio of $FUSE$. We obtain substantially the same profiles with the $\gamma + \tau_{353}$ and $\gamma + R$ analyses. As expected, the dark-H\textsubscript{2} fraction steeply rises to 80\% in regions heavily exposed to the ISRF and the CO-bright phase rapidly takes over the molecular fraction once CO is fully shielded, at $A_V > 1.2$. This is deeper into the clouds than the theoretical prediction of $A_V \approx 0.5 - 0.7$ for optically thick CO in a $10^5$ M\textsubscript{\odot} cloud with an incident UV flux extrapolated to the local ISRF \citep[see Fig. 7 of][]{Wolfire2010}. The DNM contributes more than half of the molecular gas up to $A_V \approx 0.9$. It retains 10–30\% of the molecular column densities to high $A_V$ as the lines of sight intersect envelopes of the CO-bright clouds.
This is consistent with the theoretical finding that 20% of H$_2$ is not traced by CO even at the density peak (Levrier et al. 2012).

The fractions of CO-dark to total H$_2$ in mass, $f_{\text{dark},H_2}$, are listed for each cloud in Table 4 for the two choices of DNM composition. The fractions indicate there is often as much molecular mass in the inconspicuous DNM as in the CO-bright cores. They also often exceed the 32% prediction for CO cloundlets exposed to the local ISRF (Levrier et al. 2012), or the 25% prediction based on the PDR modelling of the outer layers of a $10^5 M_\odot$ spherical cloud if we extrapolate its illumination to the local ISRF (Wolfire et al. 2010). The latter model suggests that the extinction difference, $\Delta A_V$, between the H$\text{-}H_2$ and the H$_2$-CO transitions is a weak function of the outside UV flux. However, as the mean extinction, $\overline{A}_V$, through the cloud measures the total molecular mass, the dark-H$_2$ mass fraction should decline with increasing $\overline{A}_V$. It is difficult to transpose the mean extinction in the homogenous, spherical, and giant ($10^6 M_\odot$) cloud of the model with the average extinction in the observations. To help the comparison, we have taken averages, $X$, within the well-defined CO edges at $W_{\text{CO}} > 1$ K km s$^{-1}$. The model predicts $f_{\text{dark},H_2} > 70\%$ for the $0.4 \leq \overline{A}_V \leq 0.9$ range of the present clouds. We find lower fractions in the observations in Table 4. The model also predicts a strong decline in $f_{\text{dark},H_2}$ with increasing $\overline{A}_V$, whereas the data in Table 4 hint at an opposite trend, with a Pearson’s correlation coefficient of 0.81 for a rise.

The DNM contains 10% to 24% of the total gas mass in individual clouds as well as in the whole complex (see $f_{\text{DNM}}$ in Table 3). These mass fractions do not depend on the DNM chemical composition. The fraction for the whole complex is consistent with the early estimate based on more limited, but independent data (EGRET in $\gamma$ rays and DIRBE-IRAS for the dust; Grenier et al. 2005). It is, however, lower than the mean ($43\pm18\%$) fraction derived from C$^+$ lines in CO clouds of the Galactic disc for a comparable sensitivity in $^{12}$CO (Langer et al. 2014). The early $\gamma$-ray analyses suggested that $f_{\text{DNM}}$ decreases as the mass locked in the CO phase grows. The recent C$^+$ line results also indicate reduced fractions of 18% toward dense $^{12}$CO clouds and 13% toward the denser C$^{18}$O cores (Langer et al. 2014). In the Chamaeleon complex, we find no correlation between $f_{\text{DNM}}$ and any of the cloud masses (correlation coefficients of 0.1, 0.2, and 0.3, respectively for the H$\text{-}$CO-bright, and total-cloud mass). Figure 18, however, exhibits a correlation, with a Pearson’s coefficient of 0.98, between $f_{\text{DNM}}$ and the $\text{X}_{\text{extinction}}$.
averaged inside the CO contours. We stress that the mass fractions and extinctions are based on independent data. Whereas a decline of \( f_{\text{DNM}} \) and \( f_{\text{dark H}_2} \) with increasing \( A_V \) can be explained by a shorter screening length to protect the CO phase against photo-dissociation, a rising trend with \( X \) is unexpected. It is confirmed for both \( f_{\text{DNM}} \) and \( f_{\text{dark H}_2} \), in the \( \gamma + A_{VQ} \) analysis. Five clouds constitute too scarce a sample to claim a definite increase in DNM abundance with \( X \), but the correlation in Fig. 18 calls for the observation of other test cases in more massive molecular complexes, and the discrepancy with theory calls for more detailed predictions for medium-size clouds and more realistic geometries.

### 11. Conclusions and perspectives

We have explored the gas, dust, and cosmic-ray content of several clouds in the local Chamaeleon complex and in an intermediate-velocity H\(_2\) arc crossing the field. We have conducted three parallel analyses, coupling the H\(_2\), CO, and \( \gamma \)-ray data with different dust tracers, namely the optical depth at 353 GHz, the radiance, and the \( U_{\text{min}} \)-corrected \( A_{VQ} \) extinction. Jackknife tests have verified that the uniform set of parameters...
of the γ-ray and dust models apply statistically to the whole region under analysis. We find that the $A_{\text{VCO}}$ map, which includes a linear correction for the ISRF strength in the Draine & Li (2007) model, provides the best fit to the interstellar γ-rays. Yet, the corrected extinction still rises significantly above the linear γ-ray expectation as the gas becomes denser. We find an even more pronounced upward curvature in dust optical depth with increasing interstellar γ-ray intensity, and conversely a saturation in dust radiance.

We summarize the main results for each topic as follows.

- **On cosmic rays:** at the precision level of the current γ-ray data, the CR spectrum is shown to be uniform across the gas phases and to follow the energy distribution of the local-ISM average. The γ-ray emissivity per nucleon in the Chamaeleon complex is equivalent to other measurements in the solar neighbourhood. It exceeds the average emissivity found along the solar circle in the Galaxy by only $(22 \pm 5)\%$. We find no spectral signature of non-uniform CR penetration to the denser molecular cores traced in $^{12}$CO. We provide a first measurement of the γ-ray emissivity in an intermediate-velocity cloud. It is $20\%$ lower than in the Chamaeleon clouds at all energies. We need further measurements in similarly sheared clouds and a distance estimate to the IVA to assess whether the small change in CR flux is due to a larger altitude above the Galactic plane or to the unusual dynamical state of the clouds.

- **On the DNM:** the γ-ray flux and dust tracers reveal large amounts of DNM gas with comparable spatial distributions and mass columns at the interface between the H i-bright and the CO-bright phases of the local complex. We have combined the dust and γ-ray analyses to build reliable DNM templates and to reduce the bias on the H i- and CO-related parameters due to the DNM presence. With the equivalent of a fifth of the H i mass and nearly twice the CO-bright mass, the inconspicuous DNM appears as a major constituent of the complex. Its spatial extent is intermediate between the diffuse H i and compact CO phases. It dominates the molecular column densities up to $A_V \approx 0.9$.

- **On dust evolution:** we provide average dust properties per gas nucleon ($A_{\text{VCO}}/N_{\text{H}}$ ratio, $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}}$ opacity, and $4\pi R/N_{\text{H}}$ specific power) in the different gas phases and we follow their spatial variations across the clouds by means of two separate $N_{\text{H}}$ maps. The lower resolution one, $N_{\text{HI}}$, is inferred from the γ-ray data. It traces only the total gas without any assumption on the in situ, non-uniform H i opacities, $X_{\text{CO}}$ conversions, and DNM extraction. It relies only on the uniform CR flux. The higher resolution map, $N_{\text{Hmol}}$, uses the radio data and H i, DNM, and CO decomposition with the $A_{\text{VCO}}/N_{\text{H}}$ and $X_{\text{CO}}$ factors measured in γ-rays. Both means provide evidence for a 2 to 4.6-fold rise in $\tau_{353}/N_{\text{H}}$ and a more limited 1.5 to 2.9-fold rise in $A_{\text{VCO}}/N_{\text{H}}$ over a single decade in $N_{\text{HI}}$. The dust emissivity is seen to gradually evolve from the diffuse H i to the modest CO cores of the Chamaeleon complex. This variation cannot be attributed to changes in the heating rate of the grains, since we find little variation in specific power in the H i and DNM phases and a 2-fold decline in the dense CO clouds. These results confirm and extend into the DNM and CO-bright phases the earlier indications of opacity changes found in the atomic gas (Planck Collaboration XI 2014; Planck Collaboration XVII 2014). They confirm with independent radio and γ-ray data the variations suggested by the comparison of dust emission and reddening (Martin et al. 2012; Roy et al. 2013). These variations appear to be intimately linked to the gas structure as the density and molecular fractions grow. They presumably reflect a chemical or structural evolution of the grains. Their magnitude severely limits the use of dust emission to trace the total gas to $N_{\text{HI}} < 2 \times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ in the Chamaeleon clouds. We also find that the dust grains in the Chamaeleon complex radiate 2 to 3 times more per unit mass, or are 2 to 3 times more numerous per gas nucleon, than on average over the whole sky. Within the H i gas, the origin of the twofold increase in opacity for a 25% higher power compared to the high-latitude H i cirrus clouds also requires elucidation.

Cloud-to-cloud variations of this magnitude further limit the gas-tracing capability of the thermal dust emission until we understand their cause. The ISRF-related correction applied to $A_{\text{VCO}}$ partially, but not completely, alleviates the upward curvature in dust emissivity. We may be witnessing structural/chemical evolution of the dust grains.

- **On $X_{\text{CO}}$:** we provide mean $X_{\text{CO}}$ conversion factors in the local clouds. The results elucidate a recurrent disparity between earlier γ-ray and dust calibrations of this factor. The disparity likely finds its origin in the pronounced $T_{\text{D}}/N_{\text{H}}$ rise in the molecular clouds, a rise that induces a significant upward bias, by a factor of 1.9, on $X_{\text{CO}}$, compared to $X_{\text{CO}}$ or $X_{\text{COR}}$. Further assessing the magnitude of the bias in more massive, but well resolved, molecular complexes has important implications for extragalactic studies that compare dust emission and CO observations to infer star formation efficiencies. The preferred γ-ray calibration of $X_{\text{CO}} \approx 0.7 \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ K$^{-1}$ km s$^{-1}$ in the Chamaeleon clouds agrees with other estimates in the solar neighbourhood. It stresses, however, an unexplained discrepancy, by a factor of 2, between the measurements in nearby clouds (at parsec scales and with limited spatial confusion between the gas phases) and the averages obtained at a kiloparsec scale in spiral arms (in particular in the Local Arm for the same metallicity and UV flux as in the local ISM). Larger photon statistics are required above a GeV in order to investigate how the sampling resolution and cross-talk between gas phases affect the $X_{\text{CO}}$ calibration beyond the solar neighbourhood.

- **On phase transitions:** we have explored how each phase contributes to the total gas column density and to the total mass in five separate clouds. They all show a marked decline in H i fraction around $8 \times 10^{21}$ cm$^{-2}$ and an onset of CO near $1.5 \times 10^{22}$ cm$^{-2}$. The DNM retains 10–30% of the gas column densities to large extinctions because the lines of sight intercept DNM-rich envelopes around the CO-bright interiors. We find that the H i-DNM transition varies from cloud to cloud across the $(2–8) \times 10^{20}$ cm$^{-2}$ range, without an obvious explanation in H i intensities or kinematics. The CO-dense to CO-bright H$_2$ mass fraction often exceeds 50% in the clouds of the complex, as predicted by theory for rather translucent clouds. The DNM contributions to the total cloud masses are low (10%–24%) and they surprisingly scale with the stellar extinction averaged within the boundaries of the CO phase. This trend needs confirmation in a larger sample.

Short-term plans include a thorough investigation of the non-linear rise of the dust emission coefficient per unit mass to higher $N_{\text{H}}$ values, together with measurements of the ratio of the emission to absorption cross-sections of the grains as a function of $N_{\text{H}}$. The present analyses illustrate the potential of confronting γ-ray, dust, and radio tracers to gauge the amount of gas in the DNM and CO phases in order to follow the dust evolution. We have started to exploit the *Fermi LAT*, *Planck*, and stellar data...
toward these goals in the case of more massive, well resolved clouds.

Future prospects also include a study of the variable DNM abundance and its relation to the total cloud mass and X. The pronounced dust evolution prevents the use of the thermal emission of the grains to gauge the amount of optically thick H\textsc{i} gas in the complex H\textsc{i} to–H\textsc{ii} transition (Fukui et al. 2014b). In the absence of extensive H\textsc{i} absorption measurements, OH and CH surveys of the DNM interface can help uncover the cause of the variable DNM abundance. UV spectroscopy shows that the CH-to-H\textsc{ii} abundance is constant over two decades in N_{\text{H\textsc{i}}}/(10^{19.5}–21.5) cm\textsuperscript{-2} in the transient regime. OH is widespread at A_v > 0.5 and it rarely correlates with the surveyed CO (Bartiault et al. 2010, Allen et al. 2012). CH and OH surveys can therefore provide key information on the DNM composition and why its relative mass varies from cloud to cloud. Constraining the latter is essential to extrapolate the local DNM abundances to Galaxy-wide values. Early γ-ray estimates suggested a Galactic DNM mass as large as in the CO-bright phase (Grenier et al. 2005). In dust emission, the DNM contribution to N_{\text{H\textsc{i}}} ranges from 10% in the outer Galaxy to 60% in the inner regions (Planck Collaboration XXI 2011). In C\textsuperscript{18}e line emission, the DNM amounts to 30% of the Galactic molecular mass and it is as massive as the cold H\textsc{i} (CNM) and CO-bright phases in the outer Galaxy (Pineda et al. 2013). However, the limited angular resolution of the γ-ray data, the changes in the dust radiative properties across gas phases, and the difficult separation of C\textsuperscript{18}e from the CNM, DNM, and ionized regions, all hamper our ability to reliably measure the DNM mass to large distances. Adding the kinematical information of the CH and OH lines opens promising avenues.

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We have developed a careful kinematical separation of the four components; and integrated each line profile to add its contribution in the column-density derivation. To do so for each direction in the column-density for the $\text{H}^i$ component is given in Fig. A.2 to illustrate the separation of the local, IV A, and Galactic components. Of spectra is given in Fig. A.2 to illustrate the separation of the local, IV A, and Galactic components.

The line profiles have been corrected accordingly and integrated in faint line wings. When merging lines, the new velocity centroid was set to the average between the parent velocities. The properties have been used as input parameters for fitting multiple lines across the spectrum.

We have merged potential lines when separated by less than one half width at half maximum (HWHM) in velocity. Weak lines ($T_{\text{peak}} \leq 3 \text{ K}$) were also merged when closer than one FHWM in order to limit the number of fake detections on noise fluctuations in faint line wings. When merging lines, the new velocity centroid was set to the average between the parent velocities. The final number of detected peaks and shoulders and their velocities have been used as input parameters for fitting multiple lines across the spectrum.

In order to preserve the total $\text{H}^i$ intensity observed in each direction, the small residuals (positive and negative) between the observed and modelled spectra have been distributed between the lines in proportion to the height of each line at each velocity. The line profiles have been corrected accordingly and integrated for a given choice of spin temperature to correct the resulting column-density for the $\text{H}^i$ optical depth.

Each line was attributed to one of the four components according to its velocity centroid in the $(l, b)$ direction. The spatial separation between the IVA and Galactic disc components runs along a broken line of minimum intensity starting at $b = -12^\circ$ at low longitude, reaching $b = -18:5$ at $l = 300^\circ$, and moving up to $b \approx -16^\circ$ at the highest longitude; the frontier can be seen in Fig. 2 Lines pertaining to the local Chamaeleon clouds were selected at $-4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \leq v < 14.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for latitudes below this curve, and at $-7.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \leq v < 14.8 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ above the border. The lines of the IVA cloud were selected in the $-40 \text{ km s}^{-1} \leq v < -4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ interval at latitudes below the curve. The latitude cut between the Galactic disc and LMC components runs linearly from $(l, b) = (273^\circ, -13:75)$ to $(326^\circ, -8:5)$. The LMC lines were selected at $v \geq 131.9 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ below the latitude cut and at $v \geq 174 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for all latitudes. The rest of the data was attributed to the Galactic disc component. A selection of spectra is given in Fig. A.2 to illustrate the separation of the local, IVA, and Galactic components.

We have summed the column densities derived for each line associated with a component to produce the maps of Fig. 2. We have tested different velocity cuts around $-4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ between the...
Appendix B: $\HI$ spin temperature

For all analyses and for each energy band, we have found that the maximum likelihood value of the $\gamma$-ray fit increases with decreasing $\HI$ opacity, thus with increasing spin temperature. The data in each band being independent, one can sum the log-likelihoods of each fit to constrain the spin temperature. Figure B.1 indicates that uniform temperatures of $T_S > 340$ K, $> 300$ K, and $> 640$ K are preferred at the $2\sigma$ confidence levels for the $\gamma + AV_Q$, $\gamma + T_{353}$, and $\gamma + R$ analyses, respectively. The maximum in brightness temperature in the whole data cube is 152 K. This indicates that optically thin conditions largely prevail across the whole velocity range.

In view of these results and with the added arguments that the CR spectrum inside the three $\HI$ structures is close to the local one and that the $\gamma$-ray intensities have been shown to scale linearly with $N_{\HI}$, to higher, less transparent, column densities in more massive clouds (Ackermann et al. 2012b), so that $\gamma$ rays apparently trace all the $\HI$ gas, we follow the $\gamma$-ray results and consider the optically thin $\HI$ case as that which best represents the data.

Appendix C: CO calibration checks

Checks on the NANTEN data cube have revealed several artefacts that we have corrected before integrating the spectra to obtain the $W_{\text{CO}}$ intensities given in Fig. 2. We have removed significant negative lines, probably caused by the presence of a line in the off band in frequency-switching. High-order polynomial residuals were also present in the baseline profiles outside the main CO lines. They did not average out to zero in the $W_{\text{CO}}$ map, so we have filtered them from the regions void of significant CO intensity. Moment-masking is commonly used to clean $\HI$ and $W_{\text{CO}}$ maps (Dame 2011). It was not applicable here because the residuals, unlike noise, extended over several contiguous channels. We have filtered the original $W_{\text{CO}}$ map using the multiresolution support method implemented in the MR filter software (Starck & Pierre 1998), with seven scales in the b spline-wavelet transform (a trous algorithm). For the Gaussian noise of $W_{\text{CO}}$, denoising with a hard $4\sigma$ threshold led to robust results. The final map shown in Fig. 2 is composed of the original, unfiltered, $W_{\text{CO}}$ intensity where the filtered one exceeded 1 K km s$^{-1}$, and of the filtered intensity outside these faint edges. Particular
**Table C.1.** Linear regression parameters and correlation coefficients between the W_CO intensities measured with NANTEN, CfA, and Planck.

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**Fig. B.1.** Evolution of the log-likelihood ratios of the γ-ray fits with the H I spin temperature, using the four independent energy bands in the γ+AVQ (top), γ+τ_353 (middle), and γ+R (bottom) analyses.

**Appendix D: independent γ-ray and dust fits without DNM templates**

In order to check for the presence of substantial amounts of gas not traced by the H I and CO line intensities in the independent γ-ray and dust data sets, we have fitted the γ-ray and dust data with models that do not include a DNM template. All the other com-
ray emissivities for the local H\textsc{i} and IVA components, and 22\% to 57\% larger CO \(\gamma\)-ray emissivities. The dust fits respond the same way, with 7–12\% larger \(A_{\text{VQ}}/N_{\text{H}}\), 9–15\% larger opacities and 4–7\% larger specific powers for the local H\textsc{i} and IVA components, and 25\% to 40\% larger CO contributions. As a consequence, the best-fit models often over-predict the data toward the CO clouds (see the negative residuals toward Cha II+III and Cha East I and II in Fig. D.1). These results prompted us to iterate the construction of DNM templates between the \(\gamma\)-ray and dust analyses in order to reduce the DNM bias on the determination of the H\textsc{i} and CO parameters.

### Appendix E: Best-fit interstellar coefficients

Components described in Sects. 3.2 and 3.3 have been kept free. The resulting best fits are of significantly lower quality than those obtained with models including the DNM (see Sect. 4). The residual maps, however, are interesting in that they exhibit comparable regions of positive residuals in the independent dust and \(\gamma\)-ray data, as shown in Fig. D.1.

We also note that, in the absence of a DNM template, the best fits yield systematically larger contributions from the H\textsc{i} and CO components than in models that include the DNM. These components, in particular the CO one, are amplified to partially compensate for the missing gas structure. We find 4–13\% larger \(\gamma\)-
Table E.1. Best-fit coefficients of the y-ray models (η for each energy band) and of the dust models (γ) for the y-γ (top), y-γ+ (middle), and y-IR (bottom) analyses.

| Energy band | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) | \( q_{\text{dust}} \) |
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| \( 10^{-8} \)–\( 10^{-10} \) MeV | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.17 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.17 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.17 ± 0.04 | 1.20 ± 0.04 | 1.22 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 |
| \( 10^{-10} \)–\( 10^{-12} \) MeV | 1.42 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.42 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.42 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.38 ± 0.04 | 1.42 ± 0.04 | 1.34 ± 0.04 |

Notes. The first uncertainties are statistical, the second result from changes in H I spin temperature over the 2σ confidence interval from the optically thin case. The latter do not include the 8% systematic uncertainty in the LAT sensitive area for the /Γ parameters. Model uncertainties have been used to populate the dust models.

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