#### CO Mapping the Milky Way Using Mopra Telescope

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### Introduction to the Interstellar Medium (ISM)



Barnard 33

Barnard 68

### Importance of Carbon Monoxide (CO)

- H<sub>2</sub> J=2-0 needs ~510K
- CO J=1-0 needs ~5.5K
- <sup>12</sup>CO/<sup>13</sup>CO ratio is a tracer of optical depth.



# Mopra CO Survey

- Mopra 22m single dish telescope.
- Observations between early 2011 and late 2018.
- <sup>12</sup>CO, <sup>13</sup>CO, C<sup>18</sup>O and C<sup>17</sup>O are observed.
- It covers Southern Galactic Plane from +11 to -110 deg. galactic longitude and from +1 to -1 deg. galactic latitude. Also with some extensions whole coverage reaches to 272 square degrees.



### Mopra CO Survey Coverage





#### Mopra Data Reduction

- 11 steps:
  - 4 main, 6 sub, 1 optional
- Pipeline:
  - livedata, gridzilla, miriad, karma, and several IDL routines.





### Nessie – Kinematics of a Molecular Filament



Nessie Nebula. The 3.6 $\mu$ m (blue) and 8.0 $\mu$ m (green) emission is from GLIMPSE, and the 24 $\mu$ m (red) emission is from MIPSGAL.



Loch Ness Monster - Nessie



Hypothetical Evolution of Nessie (Jackson et. al. 2010)

Moment 0 (left) and Moment 1 (right) Maps of <sup>12</sup>CO



Moment 0 (left) and Moment 1 (right) Maps of <sup>13</sup>CO



Moment 0 (left) and Moment 1 (right) Maps of C<sup>18</sup>O





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