

# The Mopra CO Survey: a brief update from Armagh

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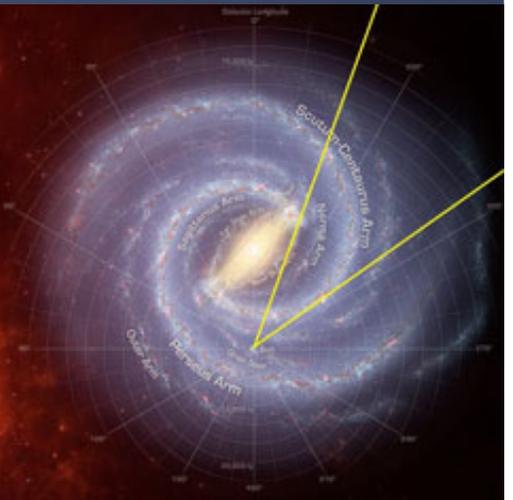
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The Mopra Galactic Plane CO Survey

The Formation of Molecular Clouds

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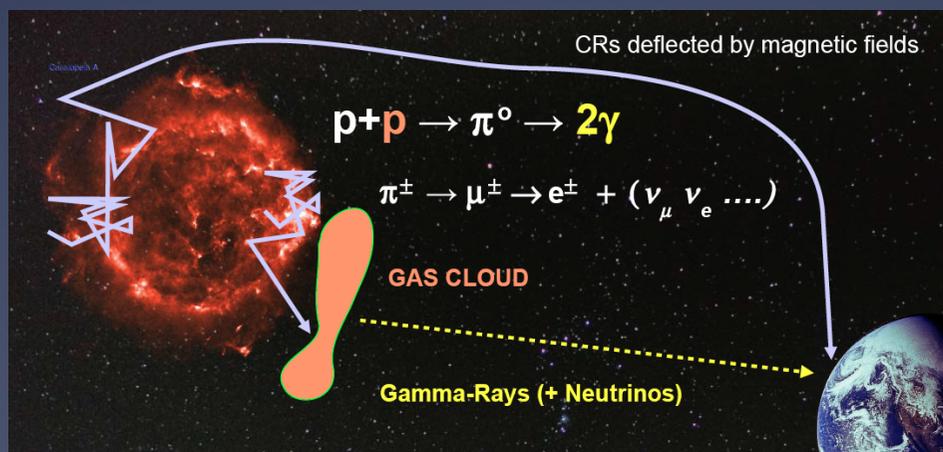


# Synopsis



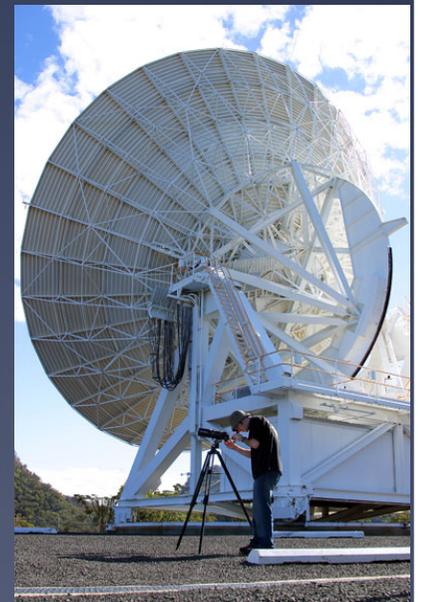
1. Mopra CO Survey Update
2. CTA-UK Outreach Programme

*Producing the “template” for the CTA Galactic Plane survey*



# Mopra CO Survey Specs

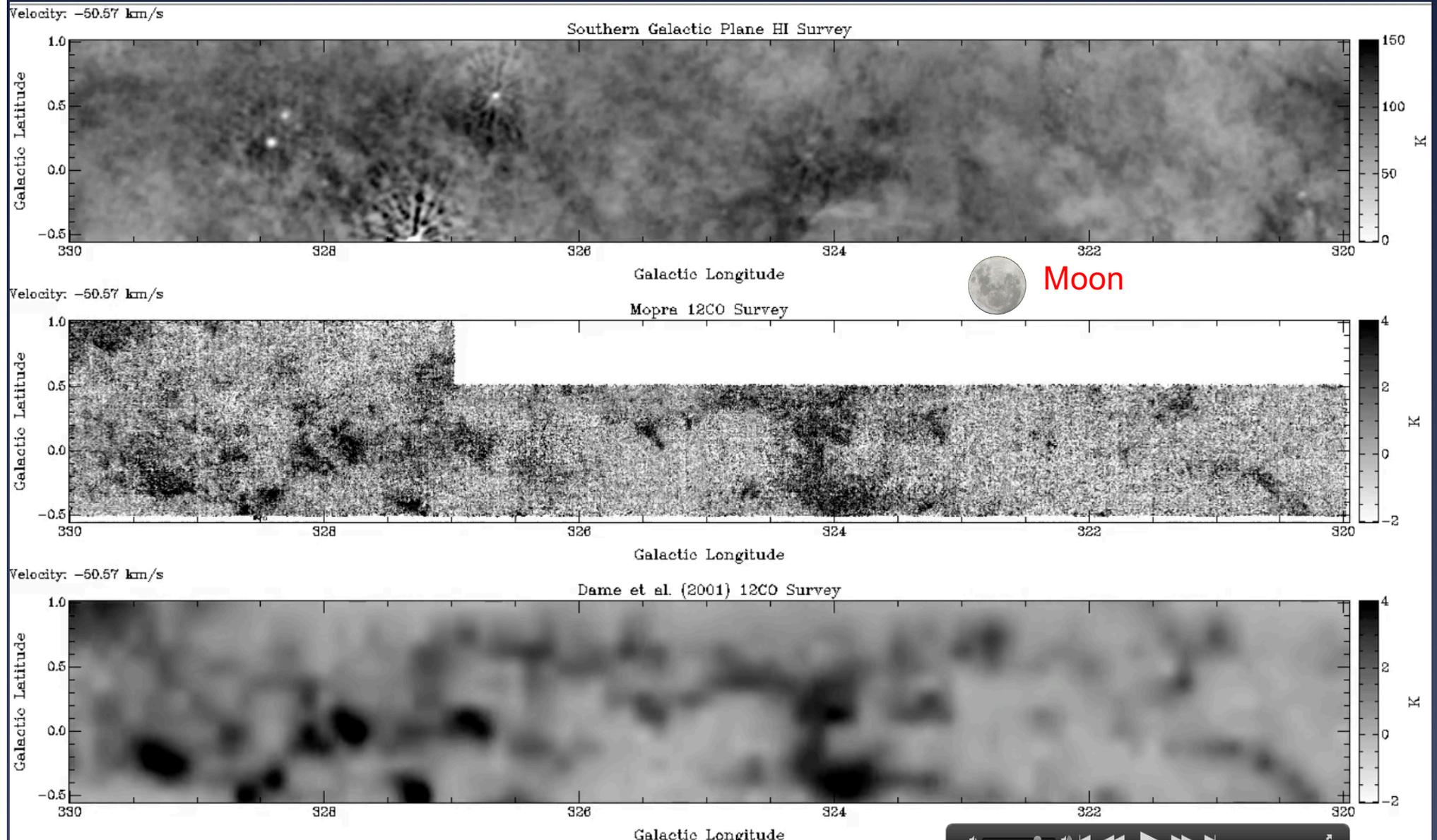
- Lines:  $^{12}\text{CO}$ ,  $^{13}\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{C}^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $[\text{C}^{17}\text{O}]$  J=1-0
- Longitude  $l$ :  $+250^\circ$  to  $+11^\circ$  (i.e.  $121^\circ$ )
- Latitude  $b$ :  $-1^\circ$  to  $+1^\circ$  (i.e.  $2^\circ$ )
  - plus selected extensions for CMZ, HESS Sources
- 0.6 arcmin + 0.1 km/s resolution, over 1000 km/s
- $\sim 250$  sq. degrees of the Southern Galactic Plane
- Observing completed! *Vale Mopra.....*
- Data reduction mostly done.....



# HI, $^{12}\text{CO}$ Mopra and $^{12}\text{CO}$ Columbia

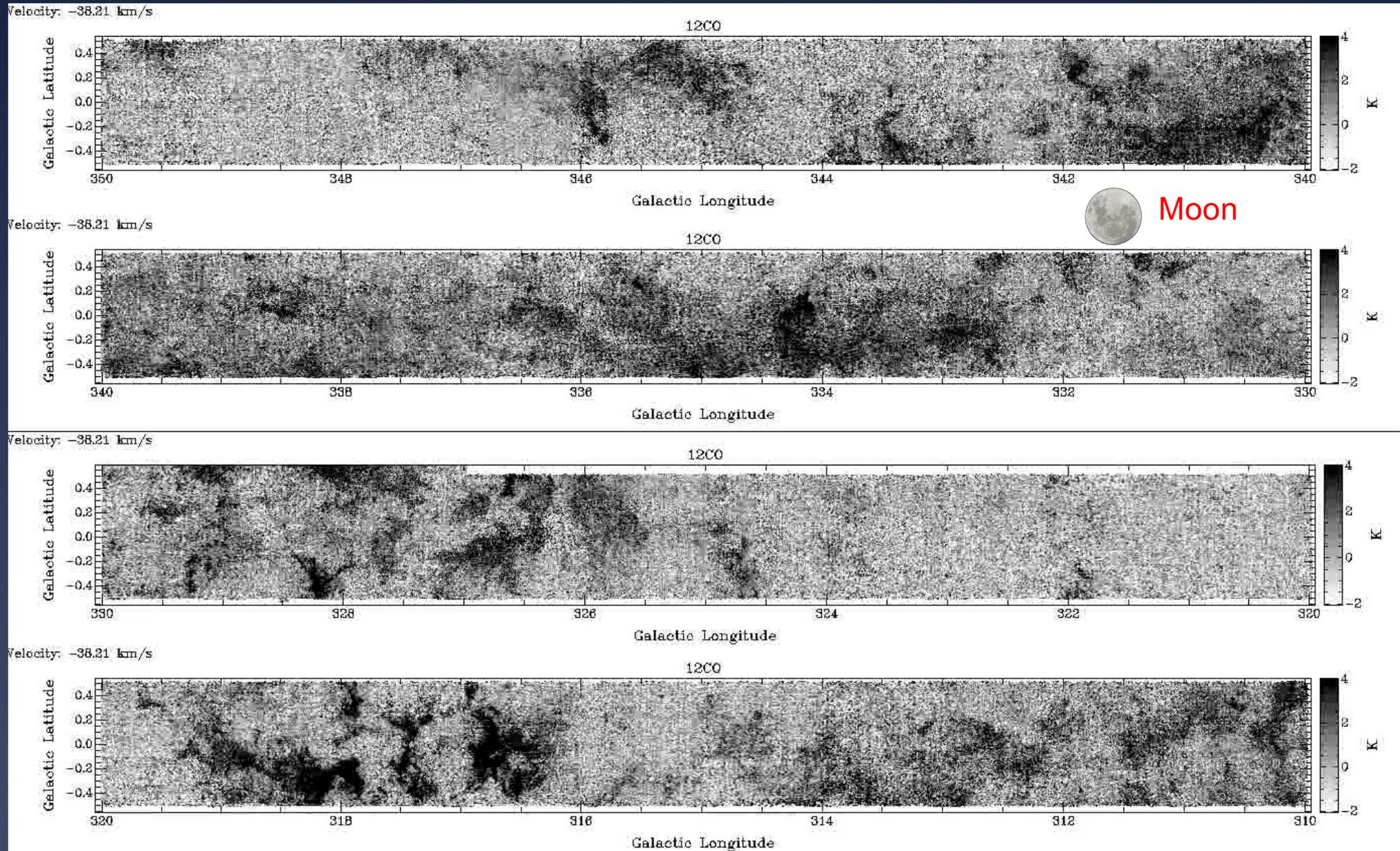
0.6 vs. 9 arcmin *and* 0.1 vs. 1 km/s

Braiding et al. 2015, PASA, 32, e020



# 40° of the Galaxy: $l=310^\circ-350^\circ$

Braiding et al. 2018, PASA, 35, e029





# Mopra CO Survey Papers

1. Burton et al, 2013, *The Mopra Southern Galactic Plane CO Survey*, PASA, 30, e044
  - $323^\circ, \pm 0.5^\circ$ , [DR0]
2. Braiding et al, 2015, *The Mopra Southern Galactic Plane CO Survey – Data Release 1*, PASA, 32, e020
  - $320^\circ\text{--}330^\circ \pm 0.5^\circ$ , DR1
3. Rebolledo et al, 2016, *The Carina Nebula and Gum 31 molecular complex: I. Molecular gas distribution, column densities and dust temperatures*, MNRAS, 456, 2406.
  - $\sim 287^\circ\text{--}290^\circ, \pm 1^\circ$ , [DR2]
4. Braiding et al, 2018, *The Mopra Southern Galactic Plane CO Survey – Data Release 3*, PASA, 35, e029
  - $300^\circ\text{--}350^\circ, \pm 0.5^\circ$ , DR3
5. Blackwell et al, 2020, *The Mopra Central Molecular Zone Carbon Monoxide Isotopologue Survey. I: Techniques and First Results*, PASA, submitted.
  - $358^\circ\text{--}002^\circ, -0.5^\circ\text{--}+1^\circ$ , DR4
6. *The Full Monty.....*
  - $250^\circ - +11^\circ, -1^\circ - +1^\circ + \text{extras}$ , DR5

# Planned Data Products

## 1. Level 1: Data cubes of CO line intensity

- \*  $T_{\text{MB}}(l,b,v)$  [K]
  - \*  $1^\circ \times 2^\circ$  cubes along the galactic plane
    - \* stepped by  $0.5^\circ$ ,  $30'' + 0.1$  km/s, 3 isotopologues
  - \*  $10^\circ \times 2^\circ$  cubes, 1 km/s
  - \* PV plots in longitude

## 2. Level 2: Column Density

- \*  $N_{\text{CO}}(l,b,v)$  [ $\text{cm}^{-2}$ ]
  - \* From X-factor to Optical depth + temperature

## 3. Level 3: Mass

- \*  $M_{\text{H}_2}(l,b,z)$  [ $M_\odot/\text{pc}$ ]
  - \* Abundance [CO/H<sub>2</sub>]
  - \* Distance [Galactic Rotation Curve or CMZ-specific]

# Part 2: An outreach programme for CTA-UK

- \* UK-N Consortium:
  - \* Leicester, Oxford, Durham, Liverpool
    - \* PI Jon Lapington
  - \* Pre-production phase for the CHEC camera for SSTs
- \* Outreach Programme
  - \* Planetarium “Shorts”
    - \* 1<sup>st</sup> in production: *Multi-wavelength Milky Way and the CTA*
  - \* Videos, e.g. Meet the Scientists
  - \* Social Media
    - \* Coordinate with CTA

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