



Extinction of A_R and A_V

$$A_R = \frac{1}{b} (\log N_0 - \log N) \quad \text{where } b = 0.3 \text{ and } N_0 \text{ is the mean number of stars in the reference field.}$$

$$A_V = 1.21 A_R$$

In Excel sheet “A_R”, A1 cell, type in
`=1/0.3*(LOG N0 –LOG(N!A1))`

Column density of H_2

$$N(H_2) = 1.25 \times 10^{21} A_V \quad [\text{cm}^{-2}]$$

Surface area of the mesh

$$S = [200 \text{ pc} \times 3' \times 60'' \times (1.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm})]^2 \quad [\text{cm}^2]$$

Mass in the mesh

$$M = S \times N(H_2) \times (1.6735 \times 10^{-24}) \times 2.4 \quad [\text{gram}]$$

$$= \frac{S \times N(H_2) \times (1.6735 \times 10^{-24}) \times 2.4}{2 \times 10^{33}} \quad [\text{Mo}]$$