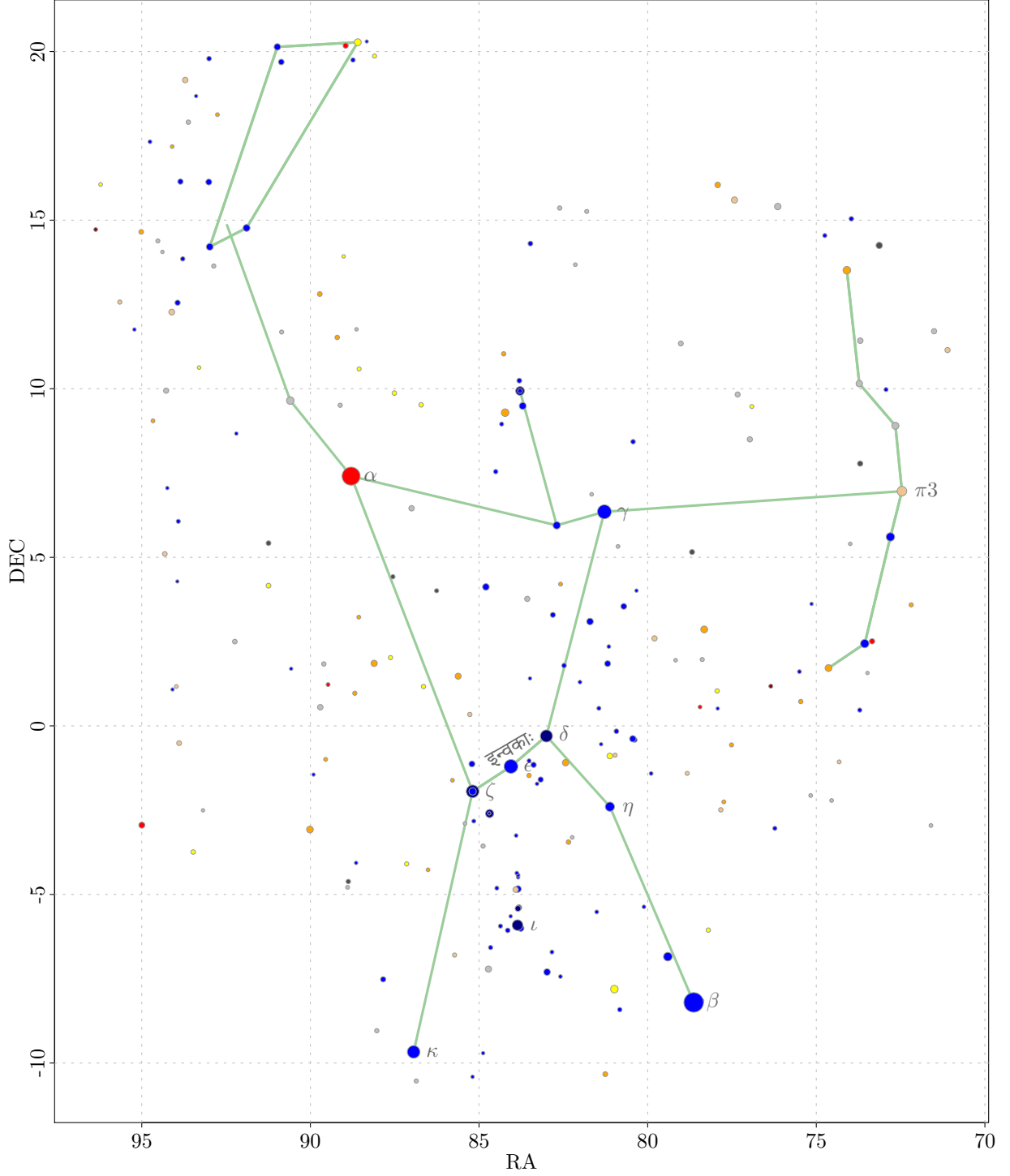


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 आप्यायमानो बहुधा जनेषु । रेतः प्रजां यजमाने दधातु ।
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 तस्मै ते सोम हविषा विधेम । शन्न एधि द्विपदे शं चतुष्पदे ॥

Orion मृगशिरा



Orion may be seen stretching his arms over a vast expanse of sky and rising to the stars with no less huge a stride. A single light marks each of his shining shoulders, and three aslant trace the downward line of his sword ; but three mark Orion's head, which is embedded in high heaven with his countenance remote. It is Orion who leads the constellations as they speed over the full circuit of heaven.
Astronomica by Marcus Manilius (translated by Goold)

