

Astronomy 208 v. Y2K "Lecture 1" 9/19/00

### Handouts

- class list form
- syllabus
- survey
- Barnard article

Introductions

Thurs 11:30 stamp  
Tues → Fri?

Viewgraphs "Physics of ISM"

www Web URL: cfa-www.harvard.edu/~agoodman/astro208

What's the Course About?

→ Physics of the ISM v.g. ←

What's out there? Where is it? What's it Doing? How do we find it?

FORMAT: Relies heavily on STUDENT preparation

~ • Tuesdays "lectures"

~ • Thursdays 50/50 lecture/discussion

[ THIS Thursday Barnard Article - Need volunteer "discussant"  
 extra points for volunteering for this 1st one! ]

Future articles & schedule, including discussants  
 will be on-line through web site:  
 Discussant provides html summary w/links by 42 hrs  
in advance

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## More Logistical Notes

→ Auditors may attend journal discussions if they read articles.

www → Review p. 1 of Syllabus

### "Texts"

really none - best refs on-line

www through web site - sug source amazon.com  
(Wolbach)

www really required readings are articles on-line  
through web site

### Problem Sets

- every 1.5-2 weeks
- working together OK but please don't "copy"
- some computer work / simulation
- will rely on Journal articles for some problems

Exams: Final (take-home) req. of CORE course

Grade: 40% final 35% psets 25% journal site/  
presentation

Office hours: By appt AG

HJC ← prob set?



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Even the "Dense" ISM is a Low Density Environment

$$T = 0^\circ = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 1 \text{ atm}$$

1 mole = 22.4 L for any low-density gas

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \quad (\text{Avogadro's \#}) = \# \text{ molecules/mole}$$

$6.02 \times 10^{23}$  air molecules in 22.4 L

$$1 \text{ L} = 1000 \text{ mL} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3$$

~ Density in this room ~  $6 \times 10^{20}$  ptels/cc

1 Torr = 1 mm of mercury

$$1 \text{ atm} = 760 \text{ torr}$$

vacuum @  $10^{-8}$  torr is  $\frac{10^{-8}}{760} = 1.3 \times 10^{-11}$  times less dense than air @ 0°C

$$6 \times 10^{20} \times 1.3 \times 10^{-11} = 8 \times 10^9 \approx \boxed{10^{10} \frac{\text{ptels}}{\text{cc}}}$$

best vacuum on Earth

## 1.2 The Modern View

a, b, c Composition, Extent, Temp Structure

[Keep in Mind: Density of stars in the MW  $\approx 0.125 M_{\odot}/pc^3$ ]

(a) Composition of (Milky Way) ISM: (constituents)  
see B&O p. 346

gas: { 60% H, 30% He by mass  
recall  $m_{He} = 4m_H$  so if  $n_{tot} = 90$   
 $\sim 80\% H, 10\% He$  by # } 8x as much H by #  
other  $\sim 10\%$  trace elements in  $\sim \odot$  abundances (really  $< 10\%$ )

Gas density in GALAXY  $\Rightarrow 0.025 M_{\odot}/pc^3 = \frac{1.85 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/cc}}{1.67 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/cc}} \Rightarrow n = 1 \text{ ptcl/cc}$

How is that density estimated?

$M_{tot} (MW) \sim 1.4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  (from rot'n curve)  
D  $\sim 40 \text{ kpc}$  (estimate from HI & CO)  
scale ht  $\sim 140 \text{ pc}$  (from HI maps)



$\rightarrow \text{Volume} \approx 2 \times 10^{67} \text{ cm}^3$

$\Rightarrow \rho_{\text{total}} \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-23} \frac{M_{\odot}}{\text{cm}^3}$   $\frac{M_{\text{gas}}}{M_{\odot}} \sim 0.2$

$\Rightarrow \rho_{\text{gas}} \approx 2.8 \times 10^{-24} \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3} \Rightarrow n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ ptcl/cc}$

← leftover must be gas!

Atomic? Molecular? Ionized?

At  $n = 10 \text{ to } 50 \text{ cm}^{-3} \rightarrow$  molecular needs dust as catalyst  
(will discuss ionization, recombination, association & dissociation)

## Back to Constituents

Dust (molecules too big to name up to rocks too small to name)

$$N(a) \propto a^{-3.5}$$

$a = \text{size}$

many very small particles

e.g. 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$

Density in the Galaxy  $\sim 0.002 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3$   
 recall gas  $\sim 0.025 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3$   
 so  $\rho_{\text{dust}}/\rho_{\text{gas}} \approx 0.1$

Cosmic Rays

(charged)  
 (high-energy  
 protons  
 nuclei  
 antiprotons  
 $e^-$   
 $e^+$ )

$$0.5 \text{ eV}/\text{cm}^3$$

$$\text{mass equiv} \hat{=} 9 \times 10^{-34} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Note: } 1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ erg}$$

$$E = mc^2 \quad m = E/c^2$$

$$0.5 \text{ eV} = 8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ erg} \Rightarrow \frac{8 \times 10^{-13}}{(3 \times 10^{10})^2} = 8.9 \times 10^{-34} \text{ grams}$$

Magnetic Fields

$\sim 10^{-6}$  gauss  $\sim 1 \mu\text{G} \Rightarrow 0.2 \text{ eV}/\text{cm}^3$  actually a bit more?  
 (not enough to confine cosmic rays)

Constituents Cont'd

Starlight }  $0.5 \text{ eV/cm}^3$

neglected  
contributors

rotational energy from differential  
rot'n of Galaxy + turbulent energy w/in clouds

1.2 b, c) extent & temperature structure  
(see Web Pages)

+ Table 18.1 of B & D

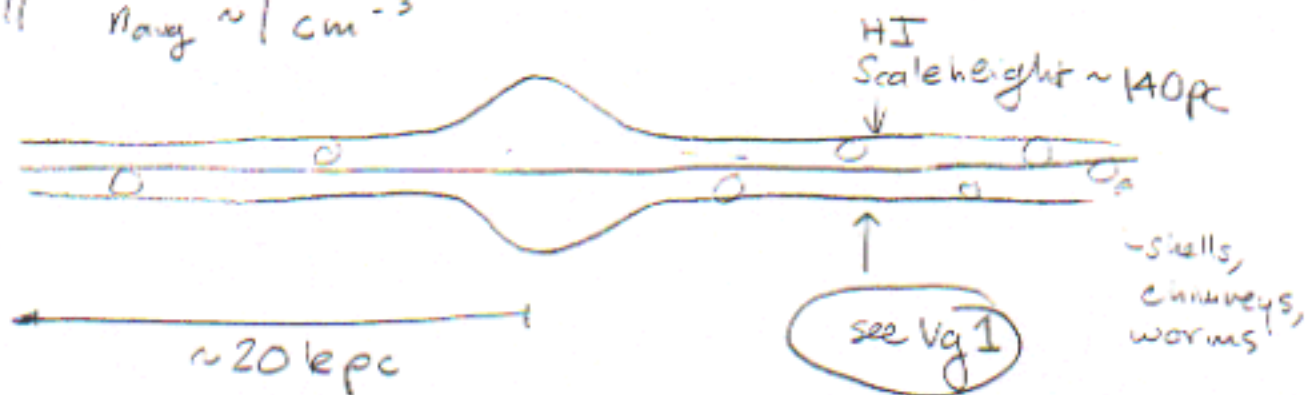
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## §1.2 Continued

Last time. Milky Way quick tour for an example

Recall  $n_{\text{avg}} \sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



Neutral Material is mostly HI

$\text{H I} \rightarrow \text{H}_2$  in presence of dust in dense, cold regions  
 $n \gtrsim 10$  to  $50 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   $T$  10's to 100's of K

see Table 1

gas & dust correlated &  $\rho_{\text{gas}} / \rho_{\text{dust}} \sim 0.1$   $\frac{\rho_{\text{gas}}}{\rho_{\text{H I}}} \sim 0.2$

note " $\rho_{\text{dust}}$ " means of dust per unit ISM volume, not per dust grain volume

~ Discuss Table 1 ~

~ 1<sup>st</sup> 4 lines

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→ Viewgraphs ←



Temperature & Ionization

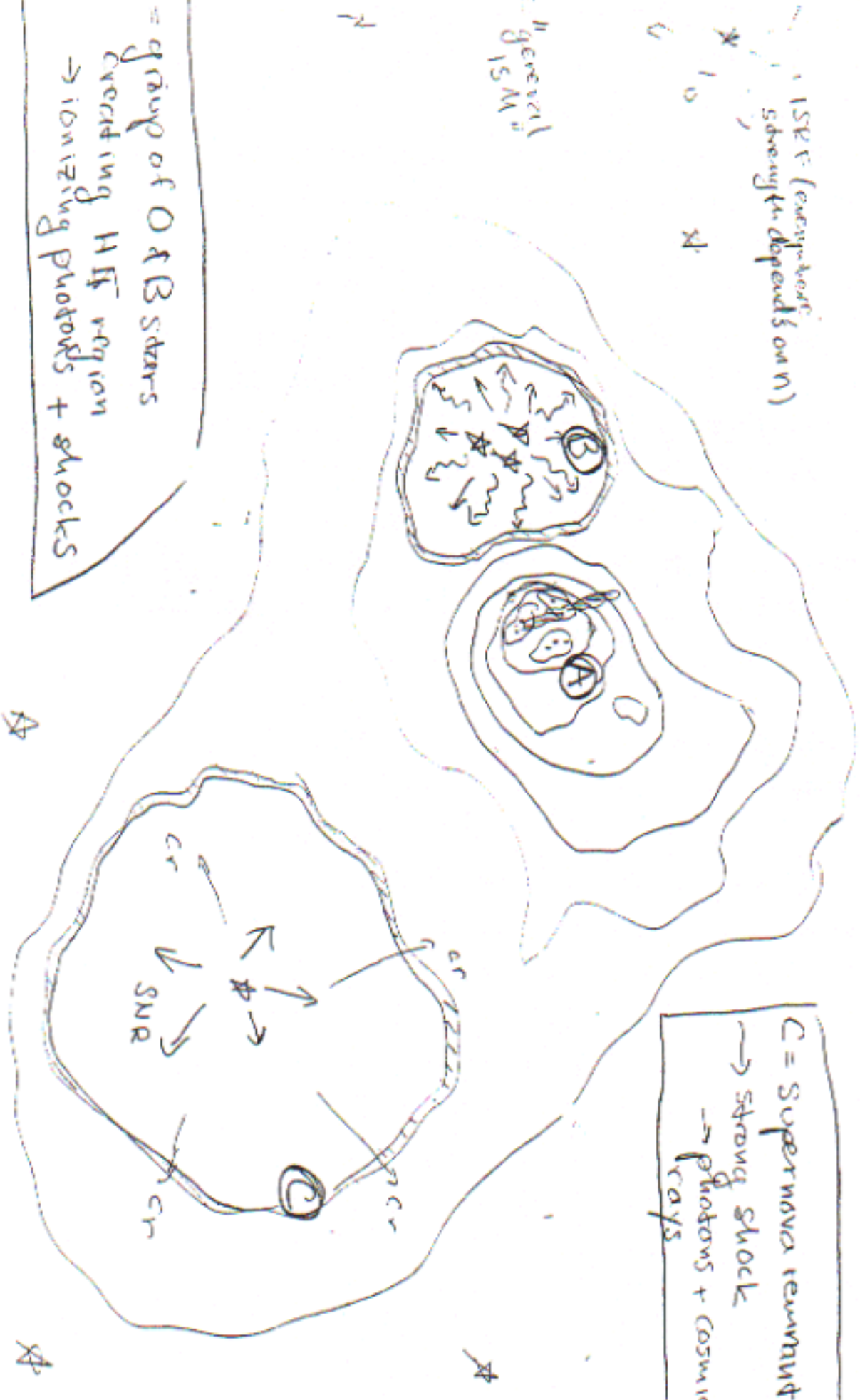
A = Very dense gas, possible site of  $\star$  - formation  
 possible outflows from young stars (shocks, heating)

ISRF (energy budget strength depends on n)

D <  $10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  general

B = group of O & B stars  
 creating H II region  
 $\rightarrow$  ionizing photons + shocks

C = Supernova remnant  
 $\rightarrow$  strong shock  
 $\rightarrow$  photons + cosmic rays



# Meeting 3

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## Velocities ← see also handout from Mtg #2

Galactic scale - spiral density wave pattern speed  
 e.g. Andromeda  $\Omega_p = 18 \text{ km/s/kpc}$  (e.g. 180 km/s @ 10 kpc)

w/in ISM

$1 \text{ km/s} = 1 \text{ pc in } 10^6 \text{ yr}$

"thermal" (sound) speed =  $\sqrt{\frac{kT}{\mu}}$  speed of sonic disturbances

$T = 10$   
 for  $\mu = m_H$   $C_s = 0.3$

100
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remember

1000	10,000 K
3	10 km/s

$\mu = m_{\text{avg}}$  (molecular)  $C_s = 0.2$

0.7	2	7
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### Alfvén speed

speed of magnetic disturbances

$$v_A = \frac{B}{\sqrt{4\pi\rho}}$$

note if  $B \propto \rho^{1/2}$  then  $v_A = \text{constant}$

atomic	molecular	molecular
$B = 1 \mu\text{G}, n = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$30 \mu\text{G}, 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$1 \text{ mG}, 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$v_A = 2 \text{ km/s}$	$0.4 \text{ km/s}$	$0.5 \text{ km/s}$

}  
 at least twice as big as  $C_s$  for 10 K

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## General Notes on Ionization / Dissociation ( $n, T, F(\nu)$ )

- generally easier (req. lower  $E$  or  $h\nu$ ) to dissociate a molecule than to ionize something
- the lower the electronic state you're trying to ionize, the more  $E$  (shorter  $\lambda$ ) you need
- $E_{\text{ionization of H from ground state}} = 13.6 \text{ eV} = \frac{hc}{912 \text{ \AA}}$   
= "Lyman Limit"
- how is <sup>(ave)</sup> ionization state (and <sup>density &</sup> temperature) measured?  
(Next week - for now - )  
(More Intro - )
- Q. Mech tells us what ratios of certain lines should be for certain  $n, T, F(\nu)$  conditions  
line ratios  $\rightarrow n, T, n_i$  & sometimes  $F(\nu)$
- continuum "S&O" (spectral energy distribution) depends on  $n, T$

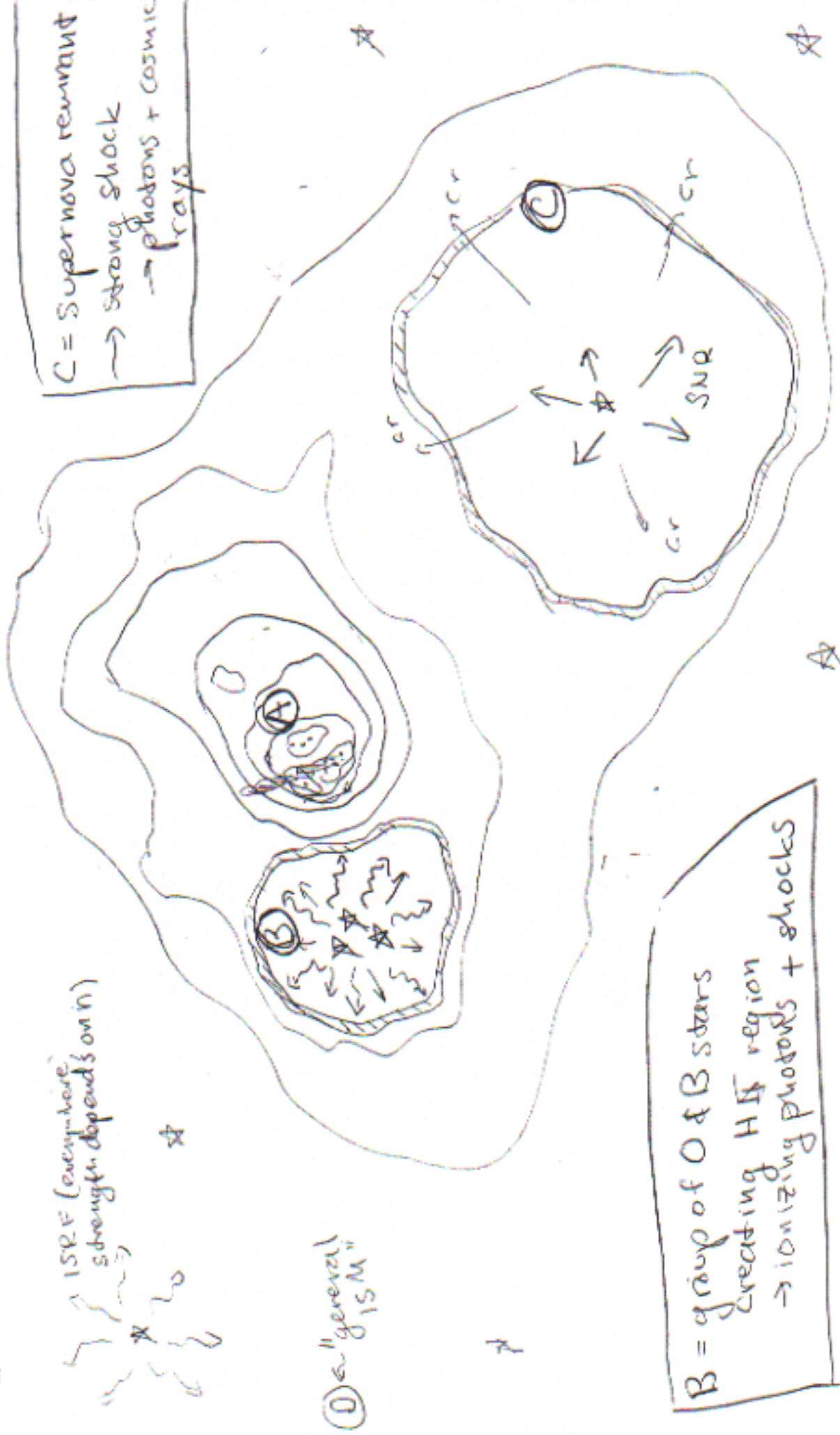
$(v^2/d)$

Temperature Ionization

(from last time)

A = Very dense gas, possible site of  $\star$ -formation  
 possible out-flows from young stars (shocks, heating)

ISRF (everywhere  
 strength depends on  $n$ )



① a "general  
 15 M"

B = group of O & B stars  
 creating H II region  
 -> ionizing photons + shocks

C = Supernova remnant  
 -> strong shock  
 -> photons + cosmic rays

# In A Very Dense Region

$T \sim 10-50 \text{ K}$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{line ratios,} \\ \text{etc} \end{array} \right\}$

- gas mostly molecular ( $T$  low,  $n$  high, no dissociation or shocks)
- not much photoionization due to high extinction (but what if extinction "patchy")
- cosmic rays can get in and

$$\begin{array}{l} n_i \propto n_H^{1/2} \\ \text{so } X_i = \frac{n_i}{n_H + n_i} \propto n_H^{-1/2} \end{array}$$

↑  
but  $n_i$  very small

$X_e \sim 10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-7}$  (presumed =  $X_i$ )

## other considerations:

- shocks due to impinging H II region (raise  $T$ ,  $X_i$ ?,  $n$ , chemistry)
- shocks due to embedded young stars w/outflows (localized changes in  $T$ ,  $n$ ,  $X_i$ , chemistry)
- time-evolution (what happens to chemistry?)

(see "Molecular Clouds" chart)

Note: Idea of Photoionization-Regulated Star-Formation (McKee)

How long does a molecular cloud last?

(see Sch)

In (B) H II Region  $7,000 \leq T_e \leq 10,000 \text{ K}$  } live ratios, etc.

"Proton Dominated Region"

- gas primarily ionized, due to photons <sup>but some neutral left</sup> shortward of Lyman Limit  $13.6 \text{ eV} = h \left( \frac{c}{912 \text{ \AA}} \right)$  produced by O  $\star$ 's (& some B  $\star$ 's)

notes Elements other than H have different ionization energy so will ionize more or less easily, (depending <sup>also</sup> on how ionized they already were... these elements have  $> 1 e^-$  !!)

(2) evidence that H II regions are clumpy (in many cases) rms value of  $n_e$  <sup>(\*) note</sup> from continuum radiation <sup>(avg'd over vol)</sup> is only  $\sim 1/6$  of what's derived from line ratios  $\rightarrow$  radiation is not produced in a filled volume... <sup>note</sup> what is "filling factor" of  $\frac{1}{6}$    
 $\rightarrow$  filling factor =  $\frac{\text{filled volume}}{\text{total volume}}$    
 in this case, ionized gas

VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT

(3) dust present in H II regions (evidence scattered light) smaller grains may be destroyed... study thermal emission SED

(4) much free-free <sup>bremsstrahlung</sup> radio emission, synchrotron, & recomb-line (e.g. H762)

(5) chemistry very dependent on time,  $n$ ,  $T$ , flux   
 \* For ref  $n_e$   $1.6 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  near Trapezium  $2.6 \times 10^2$  3pc away

## In (C) SNR

• gas can be ionized in shocks by collisions  
(high  $v$  required, to produce high-energy collisions,  $T$ )

e.g. if  $v > 1000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   $T > 10^6 \text{ K}$

atom-electron collisions will

- ionize H & He, produce X-rays, produce highly ionized atoms of elements heavier than H, He
- observed  $v$
- observed in abs lines.

$$\frac{kT}{\mu} \sim \sqrt{\frac{1.38 \times 10^{-16}}{1.67 \times 10^{-24}}} \sim \sqrt{10^8} \sim 10^4 \rightarrow 100 \text{ km/s thermally}$$

• gas is also excited (e.g. "shocked  $\text{H}_2$ " (vibrational emission)) and dissociated by shocks

In (D) UV photons from ISRF produce the "mean ionization"

best measure is  $n_e$  from Pulsar DM

Role of B-fields depends critically on  $\underline{x_i}$ ,  $n$   
(B has no effect on neutrals, they need to collide w/ ions  $\therefore$  need to know  $(B), n, x_i$ )

# Meeting #4 of Astronomy 208

On syllabus, we've now covered 1.1, and 1.2 a-g

let me just mention "(h)" Time Scales & Stability

e.g. "dynamical time" "crossing time" "free-fall time" "cooling time" (explain)

Always an important consideration:

what happens to some entity as a function of time

→ SEE also B & D Chapter 22 ←

good 1<sup>st</sup> guess: Virial Analysis for Volume w/in "S"

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} = 2T + 3\Pi + \overset{\text{kinetic}}{M} + \overset{\text{internal}}{W} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_S (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S} - \int_S \left( p + \frac{B^2}{8\pi} \right) \vec{r} \cdot d\vec{S}$$

surface pressure term
magnetic stresses

Spitzer 27-218

$I = \int \rho r^2 dV = \text{moment of inertia}$

$T = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho v^2 dV = \text{kinetic energy of the fluid}$  (macroscopic) mass motion

$\Pi = \int p dV = \frac{2}{3} \text{ of random k.E. of thermal ptcls} + \frac{1}{3} \text{ " " " relativistic ptcls}$  (microscopic) molecular motion

$M = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int B^2 dV = \text{magnetic energy w/in } S$

$W = - \int \rho \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi dV = \text{total grav energy of system, if masses outside } S \text{ don't contribute to pot'l.}$

☑ = terms used most



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often, many terms ignored, e.g. " $2T + W = 0$ "

this kind of simple analysis often used to determine how "bound" a system is & predict its future (e.g. collapse, expansion, evaporation)

(specific examples later in course, including instability analyses)

$$\frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} < 0 \text{ etc.}$$

? time scales for this

Chandrasekhar & Fermi's

1953 virial theorem:

very useful in ISM

$$2 [T_m + T_k] + \Omega + \mathcal{M} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \underline{T} & & \frac{3}{2} \underline{T} & & W & & \mathcal{M} & & \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2}
 \end{array}$$

(much different notation used in the literature, but it's all the same idea)

Note: Virial thm always holds - "inapplicability" is only a problem when important terms are omitted.

# 2. Kinetic Equilibrium & Radiative Processes

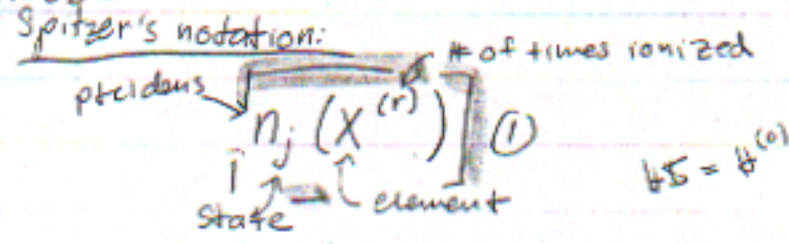
2.1 Thermodynamic Equilibrium  
 often "Local Thermodynamic Equilibrium" or "LTE"  
 is used as "local" assumption

ISM is not usually really in equilibrium, unlike stars  
 & in  $\star$ 's emission, abs., scatt, coll., <sup>(almost)</sup> all take place on very  
 short t-scales, in comparison w/ any dynamical or evolutionary  
 time scales - in ISM,  $n$  is low things are SLOW!

• also <sup>in ISM</sup> hot  $\star$ 's, cosmic rays, X-ray bkgd, shocks mixed  
 in  $\rightarrow$  non LTE

$\Rightarrow$  level populations in atoms & molecules are not always in their  
 "equilibrium distribution" (for a Maxwellian v-distr.)  
 (closest in regions where em & abs of h $\nu$  not too important  
 & collisional ex & de-ex rule)

I'll use



Spitzer's definition:  
 "ETE" equivalent thermodyn. equil  
 $T = T_{kinetic}$   
 $n_e =$  actual  $e^-$  density  
 (but may not tell whole story)

for ETE above written  $n_j^*$       actual value written  $n_j$

and  $n_j^* \neq n_j$  since in real ISM, dist. of atoms in dif stages of ionization will be different

Define:  $b_j = \frac{n_j}{n_j^*}$  (2) = ratio of particle density to ptc dens in ETE

Note:  $b_j$  close to 1 when collisions dominate ionization & recombination

(4)

"LTE"  $\equiv b_j = 1$  for bound levels

Relative popln of levels for the same atom or ion given by the Boltzmann eqn:

$$\frac{n_j^*(X^{(r)})}{n_k^*(X^{(r)})} = \frac{g_{rj}}{g_{rk}} e^{-(E_{rj} - E_{rk})/kT} \quad (3)$$

$E_{rj}$  = energy &  $g_{rj}$  = stat. wt. of level  $j$ , ionization  $r$

So, using (2) & dropping the "r" designation:

$$\frac{n_k}{n_j} = \frac{b_k}{b_j} \frac{g_k}{g_j} e^{-h\nu_{jk}/kT} \quad (4)$$

$\nu_{jk}$  = freq of radiative trans from  $k \rightarrow j$   
convention  $E_k > E_j$   
 $E_{jk} > 0$

To find the fraction of  $X^{(r)}$  atoms which are excited to level  $j$ :

Define  $\sum_k n_k^*(X^{(r)}) = n^*(X^{(r)})$  = particle density of  $r$ -times ionized  $X$  in all states (5)

↓ using Boltzmann ↓

Fraction =  $\frac{n_j^*(X^{(r)})}{n^*(X^{(r)})} = \left( \frac{g_{rj} e^{-E_{rj}/kT}}{\sum_k g_{rk} e^{-E_{rk}/kT}} \right)$  (6) = fraction of  $X^{(r)}$  in level  $j$

Define  $f_r =$  partition function for ion  $X^{(r)} = \sum_k g_{rk} e^{-E_{rk}/kT}$  (7)

So then (6) becomes:  $\frac{n_j^*(X^{(r)})}{n^*(X^{(r)})} = \frac{g_{rj}}{f_r} e^{-E_{rj}/kT}$  (8) gives distribution of atoms over different levels

Astronomy 208 Introduction to Meeting #5

Goal for today (& next time)...

What distribution of observable photons are produced / absorbed etc. by "reactions" in the ISM, under specific conditions?

Points to Remember. (Very Important)

- 1 -> Except in ~~#II~~ regions, we're NOT usually talking about electronic transitions (e.g. Bohr Hydrogen)
- 2 -> "Upper level" and "lower level" just refer to two different QM states of an atom or molec.  
E<sub>upper</sub> > E<sub>lower</sub>
- 3 -> "transitions" can be induced by { photons  
"interactions" w/ cosmic rays  
"collisions" w/ atoms, molec, ions  
"interactions" w/ electrons
- 4 -> "levels" can refer to electronic, rotational, vibrational, spin, or "magnetic" states
- 5 -> Need to know: {
  - Chemical Composition (Atoms, Molec, ions, Elec, rays, e<sup>-</sup>)
  - Photon Bath (Radiation Field)
  - Velocity Distribution (from  $\mu$  & T)

We'll discuss Collisions & Transition Probabilities Today.  
n-n, n-i  
Aut, Con, Exc etc

(2.1 b non-equilibrium <sup>distributions</sup> states e.g. masers - later)

## 2.2. EXCITATION PROCESSES

note nice calc of  $t$  to estab Maxwellian dist

Much is determined by collisions among various species...  
ion-ion or ion- $e^-$  are essentially Coulomb forces (see Spitzer 2.1)

Short-Range Forces amongst neut-ion or neut-neut; inherently QM

Neutral-Neutral: Very weak interaction until electron clouds overlap  $\rightarrow$  behave like "hard spheres", so given  $r_{atom} \sim 1 \text{ \AA}$

$$\sigma_{nn} \approx \pi(r_1^2 + r_2^2) \sim 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^2 \quad (1)$$

What collision rate does that imply?

$$\text{m.f.p.} = \ell_c \approx (n_n \sigma_{nn})^{-1} = \frac{10^{15} \text{ cm}}{n_n} \quad (2)$$

length =  $([\# \text{ density}] \cdot [\text{area}])^{-1}$

That's about  $3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ pc}$

In gas at a temperature  $T$ , mean atomic velocity given by

$$\frac{3}{2} m_n v^2 = kT \quad (3) \quad m_n = \text{mass of a neutral}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{nn}} \approx \frac{v}{\ell_c} \approx \left(\frac{2kT}{3m_n}\right)^{1/2} n_n \sigma_{nn} = 7 \times 10^{-12} n_n T^{1/2} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (4)$$

$[T = 4.5 \times 10^8 \text{ n}^{-1} \text{ T}^{-1/2} \text{ yrs}]$

So, if  $n_n = 1$  and  $T = 80 \text{ K} \Rightarrow \tau_{nn} = 500 \text{ years} !!$

(core)  $n_n = 10^4$  and  $T = 10 \text{ K} \Rightarrow 1.7 \text{ months}$

(hot core)  $n_n = 1$  and  $T = 10^4 \text{ K} \Rightarrow 45 \text{ years}$

Remember  $3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ s/yr}$

Density Matters More than  $T$   $\frac{1}{\tau} \propto n T^{1/2}$

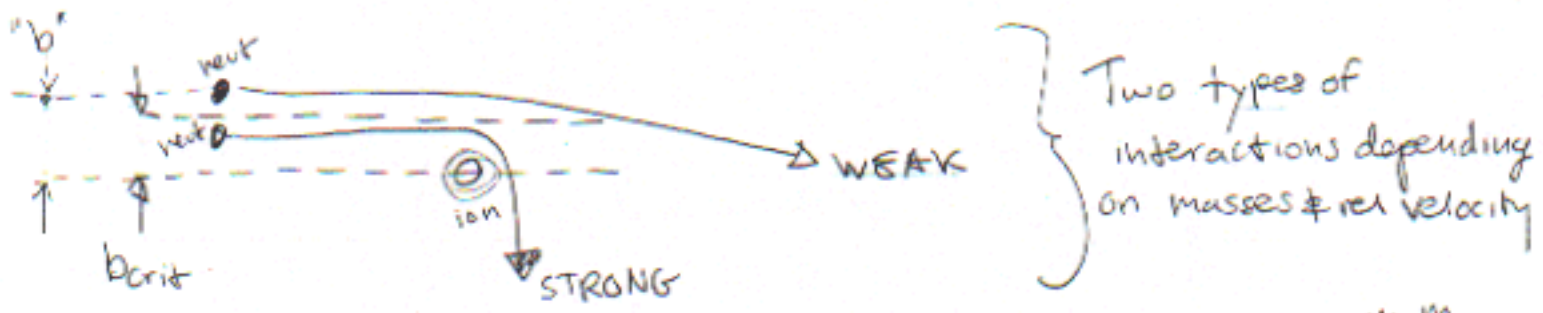
### What about Ion-Neutral Collision Rates?

Neutral is "polarized" by  $\vec{E}$  field of Ion  
 so that interaction energy

$$U(r) \approx \vec{E} \cdot \vec{p} = \frac{Ze}{r^2} \left( \alpha \frac{Ze}{r^2} \right) = \frac{\alpha Z^2 e^2}{r^4} \quad (5)$$

$\vec{E}$ -field due to polarization (ion)       $\alpha$  = polarizability of neutral  
 induced dipole moment  $\vec{p}$  stored by ion

$\alpha =$  polarizability of neutral  
 $\propto a_0^3$  ( $a_0 =$  Bohr radius  $= 0.529 \text{ \AA}$ )



$\mu =$  reduced mass  $= \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$

Impact parameter =  $b$

WEAK: $\frac{\alpha Z^2 e^2}{r^4} \ll \frac{\mu v^2}{2}$ <small>interaction &lt; kinetic</small>	STRONG: $\frac{\alpha Z^2 e^2}{r^4} \gg \frac{\mu v^2}{2}$ <small>interaction energy &gt; kinetic</small>
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Boundary corresponds to "critical impact parameter" =  $b_{crit}$   
 given by:

$$\frac{\alpha Z^2 e^2}{b_{crit}^4} = \frac{\mu v^2}{2} \quad (6b)$$

Effective Collision X-section,  $\sigma_{hi}$  given by re-arranging 6b

$$\sigma_{hi} \approx \pi b_{crit}^2 = \pi Z e \left( \frac{2\alpha}{\mu} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{v} \quad (7)$$

Since  $n_i \neq n_n$  necessarily, we can't just say (eq. 2 & 4)

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{ni}} \approx \frac{V}{L_c} = V n_i \sigma_{ni}$$

Instead, we'll leave "n" out & calculate a <sup>k</sup>rate coefficient in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$

$k = \langle \sigma v \rangle$  but  $\Rightarrow \sigma_{ni} \propto \frac{1}{v}$  so  $k$  indep. of  $v$

8b)  $k = \pi z e \left(\frac{2\alpha}{M}\right)^{1/2} \approx 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  e.g.  $\text{C}^+ - \text{H}$   
ion-neutral scattering rate coefficient for most exothermic ion-neutral reactions

Take "AY209" to find out more!  
(e.g. calculate "alpha" from Q.M.)

9) So  $\frac{\text{Rate}}{\text{Volume}} = n_i n_n \langle \sigma_{ni} v \rangle \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$

example say  $n_i = n_n = 1$ , then  $\frac{\text{Rate}}{\text{Vol}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  ion-neutral  
(15 yrs down transition!)

For n-n, we found  $\tau_{nn} = 500 \text{ yr}$  for  $n_n = 1$  &  $T = 80 \text{ K}$   
that corresponds to  $6.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , or  $6.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
in a box  $1 \text{ cm}^3$  w/ 1 ptcl.

In this case, ion-neutral interactions are more common by a factor of  $\sim 30$ .

FYS Exothermic, <sup>(chemical)</sup> ion-neutral reactions  $\rightarrow k \sim 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$   
e.g.  $\text{CH}^+ + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2^+ + \text{H}$  as above

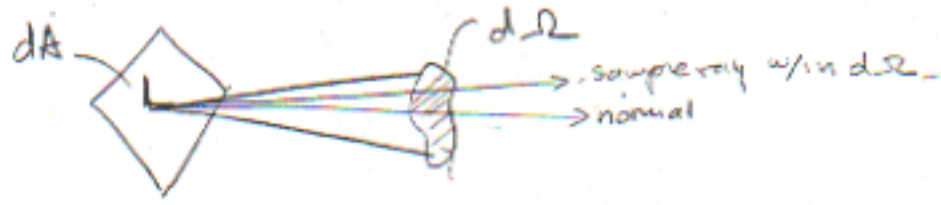
Also Exothermic charge-exchange reactions often have  $k \approx 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$   
e.g.  $\text{O}^+ + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{H}^+$

See Rybicki & Lightman  
Ch. 1

Ion-Ion Rates given by Coulomb Interactions, same for Ion-Electron  
(see Prob Set 3?)

Radiative Transfer Definitions (more depth next time -

this is just so I can use  $J_\nu$  in discussing Einstein A, B)



$dE =$  energy crossing  $dA$  in time  $dt$  & freq range  $d\nu$   
 $= I_\nu dA dt d\Omega d\nu$  (R1)

(R2)  $I_\nu =$  specific intensity (distance independent)  $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ster}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$

(R3)  $F_\nu = \int_{4\pi} I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega =$  Flux  $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$   
 (Actually  $= \int I_\nu \cos\theta d\Omega$ ) assuming normally incident rays ( $\cos\theta = 1$ )

(R4)  $u_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{4\pi} I_\nu d\Omega =$  Energy Density  $\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{Hz}^{-1}$

(R5)  $J_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} I_\nu d\Omega =$  Mean Intensity  $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$   
 (averaged over  $4\pi$  steradians)

$u_\nu = \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\nu$

next time



# Astronomy 208 Meeting #6 (+)

①

(2.3a) →  
① - The Very Basics of Radiative Transfer (Part I: Definitions)

② - Einstein Coefficients (2.3b)

③ - Introductory Radiative Transfer (Part II)

- Absorption & Emission in Terms of Einstein Coefficients

Radiative Transfer in Terms of Einstein Coefficients

## ① Radiative Transfer Definitions

(enough to use  $J_\nu$ , the mean intensity, in discussing Einstein coefficients)



For this example:  
differentially small  $d\Omega$   
"normally incident rays"  
w/in  $d\Omega$  of normal  
(more general expressions later)

(Projected area  $\equiv$  real area)

$$dE = \text{energy crossing } dA \text{ in a time } dt, \text{ w/in freq range } d\nu \\ = I_\nu dA dt d\Omega d\nu \quad (R1)$$

(R2)  $I_\nu =$  specific intensity (distance independent)  $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$   
along a ray  $d\nu/ds = 0$  in free space

(R3)  $F_\nu = \int_{4\pi} I_\nu d\Omega = \text{Flux}$   $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$  ← note - not per  $d\Omega$

(R4)  $u_\nu = \frac{1}{c} \int_{4\pi} I_\nu d\Omega = \text{Energy Density}$   $\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{Hz}^{-1}$  ( $= \frac{4\pi}{c} J_\nu$ )

(R5)  $J_\nu = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{4\pi} I_\nu d\Omega = \text{Mean Intensity}$   $\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{Hz}^{-1}$   
Same units as  $F_\nu$

Re-write Xfer Equ (10) as:

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{d\tau} = -I_\nu + S_\nu \quad (12)$$

where  $S_\nu \equiv \frac{j_\nu}{\kappa_\nu}$  = "source function"  
 (incl. emission & absorption)

note  $d\tau$  is a more natural "line-of-sight" unit than  $ds$

So then, integrating (12) gives soln to Xfer equ:

$$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) = I_\nu(0)e^{-\tau_\nu} + \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{-(\tau_\nu - \tau'_\nu)} S_\nu(\tau'_\nu) d\tau'_\nu \quad (14)$$

Note

$\tau_\nu > 1$	optically thick (opaque)
$\tau_\nu < 1$	optically thin (transparent)

Initial intensity diminished by absorption (see picture next page)

Integrated source function along depth  $\tau_\nu$  from obsv'r, diminished by absorp'n  
 $\tau'_\nu$  is dummy variable so that we can allow  $S_\nu$  to depend on  $\tau'_\nu$

If  $S_\nu$  is independent of  $\tau'_\nu$  (e.g. a blob of uniform comp,  $T, n$ ) then

"constant source function"

$$\begin{aligned} (14) \Rightarrow I_\nu(\tau_\nu) &= I_\nu(0)e^{-\tau_\nu} + S_\nu(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \\ &= S_\nu + e^{-\tau_\nu}(I_\nu(0) - S_\nu) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Interesting limits

$\tau_\nu \rightarrow \infty$	$I_\nu \rightarrow S_\nu$	(e.g. a rock)
$\tau_\nu \rightarrow 0$	$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) \rightarrow I_\nu(0) + S_\nu\tau_\nu$	(15a)

recall  $e^{-x} \rightarrow 1 - x$  for small  $x$  &  $\tau_\nu I_\nu(0) \ll I_\nu(0)$

Some Important Definitions/Equations to Remember from Rad Xfer

$$j_\nu = \text{emission coeff} = \frac{\epsilon_\nu \rho}{4\pi} \quad \epsilon_\nu = \text{emissivity}$$

$$\alpha_\nu = \text{absorption coeff} = \rho K_\nu \quad K_\nu = \text{opacity}$$

$$\tau_\nu(s) = \int_{s_0}^s \alpha_\nu(s') ds' = \alpha_\nu s = \text{optical depth}$$

↳ for  $\alpha_\nu$  indep of  $s$

$$I_\nu(\tau_\nu) = I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + \int_0^{\tau_\nu} e^{-(\tau_\nu - \tau_\nu')} S_\nu(\tau_\nu') d\tau_\nu'$$

$$S_\nu \equiv j_\nu / \alpha_\nu$$

if  $S_\nu$  indep of  $\tau_\nu'$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \tau_\nu \rightarrow \infty \quad I_\nu \rightarrow S_\nu \\ \tau_\nu \rightarrow 0 \quad I_\nu(\tau_\nu) \rightarrow I_\nu(0) + S_\nu \tau_\nu \end{array} \right]$$

For Thermal Radiation:

Rayleigh-Jeans Limit:  $h\nu \ll kT$   $I_\nu^{RJ} = \frac{2\nu^2}{c^2} kT \quad (I_\nu \propto \nu^2 T)$

Wien Limit  $h\nu \gg kT$   $S_\nu^W = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)$

For R-J case

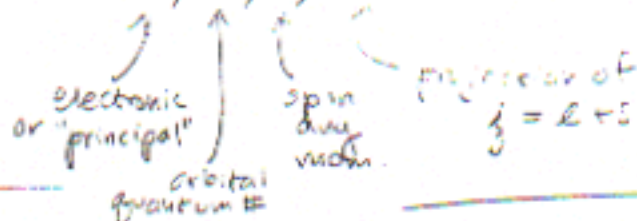
$$T_B = T_B(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + T(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$

as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$   $T_B \rightarrow$  true temp of material

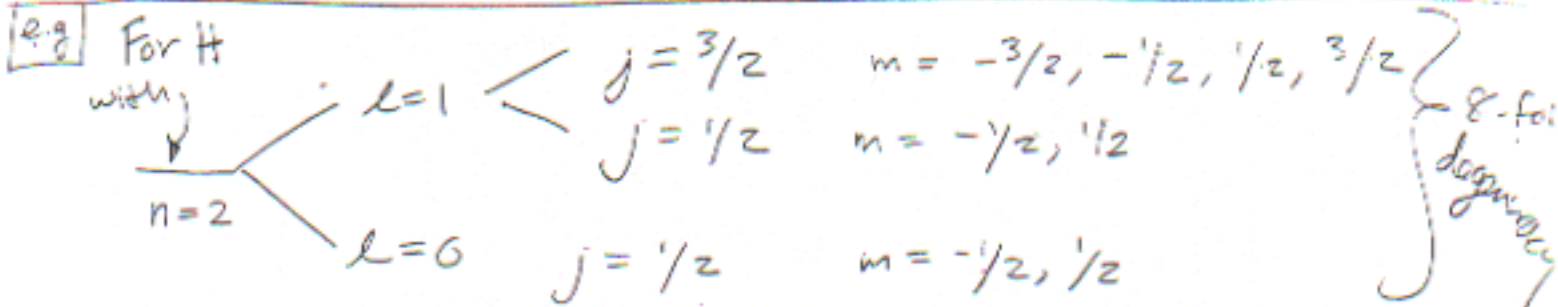
as  $\tau \rightarrow 0$   $T_B \rightarrow T_B(0) + T\tau_\nu$

## A note on statistical weights

Full specification of an atomic energy level involves four quantum #'s:  $n, l, s, m$



Note:	$mg$ mom of $e^-$ - orbital $mg$ mom of atom	spin-orbit	fine structure
	$mg$ mom of $e^-$ - spin of proton	spin-spin	hfs



Number of sublevels of principal quantum number  $n$  usually  $= \boxed{2n^2}$  = statistical weight =  $g_n$

= "number of distinct quantum states contained in level  $n$ "

What about molecules, ions? "g" is still ~ # of available sub-levels (ie degeneracy) but a bit more complex to calculate

# - Einstein Coefficients -

## Q2) Einstein's Motivation in 1917

In 1901 Planck found expression for BB

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1}$$

recall this is for photons in thermodynamic equilibrium

Previously (1894) there was just Wien's Law

$$B_\nu(T) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)$$

which applies when  $h\nu \gg kT$  and is derived semi-classically ( $\frac{h\nu}{kT} = \frac{E}{kT}$ , a Boltzmann factor)

GOAL: Quantum processes, at least in equilibrium, must give rise to the same distribution of 'atoms' over their quantum states as predicted by general laws of thermodynamics.

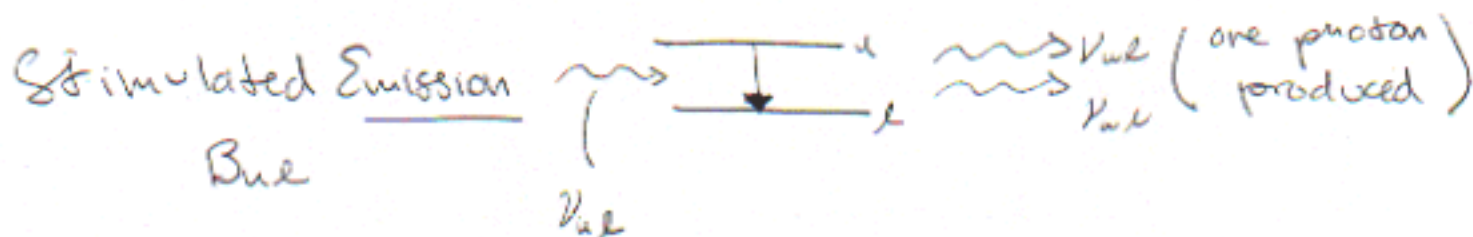
Einstein's approach: match Planck law by assigning transition probabilities to absorptive & emissive processes.

Note: If only "ordinary" (abs) & (spontaneous emission) are included one can only get Wien Law.

Einstein needed to include stimulated emission.  
(Prob Set)

Note:

$$\Delta E_{ul} = h\nu_{ul} \neq h\nu_0$$



Note: Equ # 's in what follows continue from Meeting 5, as they form a "unit."

Einstein Coefficients  $A_{ul}$ ,  $B_{lu}$   
(see Figure on prev page)



(i)  $A_{ul} \equiv$  transition probability per unit time for spontaneous emission ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )

(ii)  $B_{lu} \bar{J} =$  transition prob. per unit time for absorption ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )

where

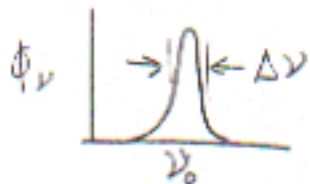
$$\bar{J} = \int_0^\infty \Phi_\nu J_\nu d\nu = \int_0^\infty \Phi_\nu \frac{1}{4\pi} \int I_\nu d\Omega d\nu \quad (\text{from ES})$$

= line-profile-integrated mean intensity

and

$\Phi_\nu =$  line-profile shape, normalized so that

$$\int_0^\infty \Phi_\nu d\nu = 1$$



(We'll return to line-profile shapes later...)

(iii)  $B_{ul} \bar{J} =$  transition prob per unit time for stimulated emission  
Einstein found necessary to get Planck law back from all rays (see below)

note: If  $J_\nu$  changes slowly over  $\Delta\nu$ , then one can approximate  $\Phi(\nu)$  as a  $\delta$  funxn. so that  
(ii)  $\rightarrow B_{lu} J_{\nu_0}$  and (iii)  $\rightarrow B_{ul} J_{\nu_0}$

(Einstein did this implicitly)

# Relations between Einstein Coefficients (in Thermodynamic Eq)

"detailed balance" # trans into state  $i$  = # trans out of state  $i$

$n_u =$  } number density in  $u, l$  state  
 $n_l =$  }



$$n_l B_{lu} \bar{J} = n_u A_{ul} + n_u B_{ul} \bar{J} \quad (12)$$

(absorption) = (spont em + stim em)

Solving for  $\bar{J}$  from (12)

$$\bar{J} = \left( \frac{n_u A_{ul}}{n_l B_{lu} - n_u B_{ul}} \right) = \frac{A_{ul}/B_{ul}}{(n_l/n_u)(B_{lu}/B_{ul}) - 1} \quad (13)$$

*skip*

Recall from Meeting #4 of (4); in Th. Eq,  $\frac{n_l}{n_u}$  given by

$$\frac{n_l}{n_u} = \frac{g_l}{g_u} \exp(-h\nu_0/kT) \quad (14) \quad \text{(Boltzmann eqn.)}$$

see handout on "g"s

so then (13) becomes

$$\bar{J} = \frac{A_{ul}/B_{ul}}{(g_l B_{lu}/g_u B_{ul}) \exp(h\nu_0/kT) - 1} \quad (15)$$

Fundamental Equation giving Mean Intensity  
in terms of Q.M. transition probabilities & stat. wts.  
4T!



But we know that in Th. Eq.  $\bar{J}_\nu = B_\nu = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) - 1 \right]^{-1}$

and  $B_\nu$  varies slowly on the scale of virtually any  $\Delta\nu$

so  $\bar{J} = \int_0^\infty \Phi(\nu) J_\nu d\nu = B_\nu$  <sup>(15)</sup> since  $\int_0^\infty \Phi(\nu) d\nu = 1$  <sup>(11)</sup>

So, then for eq (15) to give  $\bar{J} = B_\nu$ , the Einstein coeff are related by:

"detailed balance"

(17)  $g_l B_{lu} = g_u B_{ul}$

"absorp & stim em related by ratio of stat. wts"  $\frac{g_l}{g_u} = \frac{B_{ul}}{B_{lu}}$

(18)  $A_{ul} = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} B_{ul}$

"amount of spontaneous emission related to stim emission by  $\frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2}$ "

note: this is independent of T } must hold even out of Th. Eq - Q.M. property!

(Prob Set will show why Einstein had to include Stim. Em. to get Planck Law rather than just Wien law ( $J_\nu = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} e^{-h\nu/kT}$ )

Note: If we know any 1 of  $A_{ul}, B_{ul}, B_{lu}$  we can get other two: very USEFUL

$h\nu \gg kT$   
upper level underpop.

Next task: We'll relate this "microscopic, atomic" discussion of atomic/molec states & rate coeff to "macroscopic" absorption & emission coeff (More Radiative Xfer, etc)

Highlights of Rybicki & Lightman, Ch. 1...

"3" Introductory Radiative Transfer (Part II) (see handout)

Recall  $I_\nu = \text{constant along rays}$  (see R & L p. 7)  
specific intensity  
erg s<sup>-1</sup> ster<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> Hz<sup>-1</sup>

$\therefore \frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = 0$  (1) when there are no extra sources of emission and no absorption & no scattering in/out of beam  
s = path length

Q. What changes this and makes  $\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} \neq 0$  ?

A. (i) Emission (ii) Absorption (iii) Scattering

ii) Emission

$j = \text{emission coeff} = \frac{\text{energy emitted}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{solid } \angle \cdot \text{Volume}}$   
 $j_\nu = \text{monochromatic emission coeff} = \frac{(\text{units of } j)}{\text{freq}}$

more sensible units  $\Rightarrow$  so  $dE = j_\nu dV d\Omega dt d\nu$  (2)

$E_\nu = \text{emissivity} = \frac{\text{energy emitted spontaneously}}{\text{frequency} \cdot \text{time} \cdot \text{mass}} = \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{gm} \cdot \text{s} \cdot \text{Hz}}$

so  $dE = E_\nu \overset{\text{max}}{p} dV dt d\nu \frac{d\Omega}{4\pi}$  (3)

$\leftarrow$  takes into account the fraction radiated into  $d\Omega$

So (2) = (3)  $\Rightarrow j_\nu = \frac{E_\nu P}{4\pi}$  (4)

And intensity added to beam by spontaneous emission:

$dI_\nu = j_\nu ds$  (5)  $\left(\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = j_\nu\right)$  for only that

## (ii.) Absorption

$$\boxed{\alpha_\nu (\text{cm}^{-1}) = \text{absorption coefficient}}$$

Convention:  $\alpha_\nu > 0$  for energy removed from beam, so:

Defined by:  $\boxed{dI_\nu = -\alpha_\nu I_\nu ds}$  (6) (see R+L p. 10)

↑  
has units  $1/s$

in terms of the microscopic cross-section,  $\sigma_\nu$ , we discussed last time:

$$\boxed{\alpha_\nu = n \sigma_\nu}$$
 (7) where  $n = \# \text{dens of absorbers}$

$K_\nu$  is defined as the "mass absorption coefficient" or the "opacity" and is given by

$$\boxed{\alpha_\nu = \rho K_\nu}$$
 (8)  $K_\nu$  has units  $\frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{g}}$

so, obviously (7) = (8)  $\Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{n} = \frac{\sigma_\nu}{K_\nu} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\sigma_\nu}{K_\nu}$

mass per absorber  
↓

$$\text{or } \boxed{K_\nu = \sigma_\nu / \mu}$$
 (9)

Note: this  $K_\nu$  is the opacity for absorption only - don't confuse it with scattering opacity

$$\boxed{\text{opacity} = \left( \frac{\text{x-section}}{\text{mass per absorber}} \right)}$$

Note Further

Assumed here

1.  $\sigma_\nu^{1/2} \ll d \sim n^{-1/3}$  cross. secn  $\ll$  dist btwn ptcls
2. absorbers independent & randomly distributed (usually OK in ISM)

(ii) continued... a weird point about  $\alpha_\nu$   
 this "absorption" coefficient INCLUDES stimulated emission, since it has same:  $\propto I_\nu$  & just opp. sign  
 - i.e.  $\alpha_\nu < 0$  corresponds to energy added to beam

$$\alpha_\nu \text{ is really } \Sigma [(abs) + (stim em)] \neq \Sigma \leq \phi$$

(iii) Scattering (we'll return to this later) <sup>opt. disk</sup>

"Full" Equation of Radiative xfer (w/o scattering)

$$\boxed{\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\alpha_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu} \quad \text{combining (5) \& (6)}$$

of course, the trick is finding All the relevant contributors to  $\alpha_\nu$  &  $j_\nu$  !! can be many choices

Note:  
 when scattering is included this gets complicated, because things are not isotropic w/in the beam anymore.  
 often, numerical integration req. to include scatt.

To write solution to (10)

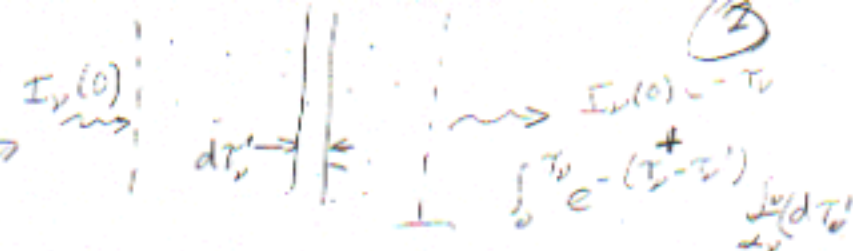
Define Optical Depth,  $\tau_\nu$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} d\tau_\nu &= \alpha_\nu ds \\ \tau_\nu(s) &= \int_{s_0}^s \alpha_\nu(s') ds' \end{aligned}} \quad \text{so (6) } \Rightarrow \text{ for just abs } dI_\nu = -d\tau_\nu I_\nu$$

note this is a funxn of  $\nu$  & CAN vary along  $s$



Think for a minute.  
What does all this mean?



(5)  $\Rightarrow$  For <sup>spontaneous</sup> emission alone intensity increases ( $I_\nu \propto \int j_\nu ds$ ) linearly

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  For absorption alone intensity decreases exponentially  
 $I_\nu \propto I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu}$

If  $\tau$  is large then specific value doesn't matter  $I_\nu \rightarrow S_\nu$   
 If  $\tau$  is small then  $e^{-\tau} \rightarrow 1 - \tau$  and exponential  $\rightarrow$  linear behavior  $\rightarrow$  linear behavior

Now let's connect KdXler to previous discussions

Thermo. Eq

Einstein A, B coeff

masers  
 MOE FROM LIG

then we'll add scattering...

THERMAL RADIATION  
 (Emitting & Absorbing material in T.E.)

$$S_\nu = B_\nu(T) \text{ or, using 13,}$$

$$j_\nu = \alpha_\nu B_\nu(T) \quad (16)$$

"Kirchhoff's Law"

note: this is not the same as saying  $I_\nu = B_\nu(T)$ , which is only true (see 15a) when  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$

"Thermal radiation becomes blackbody radiation only for optically thick media."

In general (re-writing 15) for thermal radiation @ one T

$$I_\nu = I_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + B_\nu(T) [1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}] \quad (17)$$

$$I_\nu(0) \rightsquigarrow \textcircled{T} \rightsquigarrow I_\nu$$

isothermal stuff

Actually, we assumed (one T for whole emitting region) to write (17), more generally T can be, in essence, T(T) which makes integ. more complicated

Recall from meeting #4 : Brightness Temperature,  $T_B$

$$I_\nu = B_\nu(T_B) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT_B}\right) - 1} \quad (18)$$

by definition of  $T_B$

radiate xfer can be expressed as propagation of  $T_B$  in R-J regime; because  $I_\nu^{RJ} \propto T_B$ , as follows:

Recall

for  $h\nu \ll kT$  (18) reduces to  $I_\nu^{RJ}(T) = \frac{2\nu^2}{c^2} kT$  (19)   
 "Rayleigh-Jeans limit"   
 *$I_\nu \propto \nu^2 T$  ← observed!! eg. opt thick  $kT$  reg*

for  $h\nu \gg kT$   $I_\nu^W = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \exp\left(\frac{-h\nu}{kT}\right)$  (20)   
 "Wien limit"

So, using (19) eq. (17) becomes:

$$T_B = T_B(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + T(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \quad (21) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{R-J only} \\ \text{useful} \\ \text{in radioastro} \end{matrix}$$

note 8:  $T_B$  does not depend on  $\nu$  for a black body (true) ~ by definition as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$   $T_B \rightarrow$  true temperature of the material

# Absorption & Emission Coefficients in Terms of Einstein Coeff

Spontaneous Emission:  $j_\nu$

→ each transition produces  $h\nu$  distributed  $4\pi$  steradians  
(Recall:  $A_{ul}$  = trans prob per unit time)

$$\therefore j_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_u A_{ul} \phi(\nu) \quad (22)$$

Absorption:  $\alpha_\nu$

by similar reasoning

$$\alpha_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_l B_{lu} \phi(\nu) \quad (23)$$

(uncorrected for stimulated emission)

Stimulated Emission:  $\propto$  "Negative Absorption" (depends on  $\bar{J}$  as does  $k_{bs}$ )

So this adds a " $-\frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_l B_{ul} \phi(\nu)$ " term to 23, giving

Total absorption coefficient:

$$\alpha_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} \phi(\nu) (n_l B_{lu} - n_u B_{ul}) \quad (24)$$

↑  $k_{bs}$                       ↓ stim Em



# Radiative Transfer in Terms of Einstein Coefficients

eg. (10) (22), (24) give

transfer eqn.

$$\frac{dS_\nu}{ds} = \underbrace{-\frac{h\nu}{4\pi} (n_e B_{eu} - n_u B_{ue}) \phi(\nu) I_\nu}_{\alpha_\nu} + \underbrace{\frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_u A_{ue} \phi(\nu)}_{j_\nu} \quad (25)$$

Recall that  $S_\nu = \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu}$  (13), so, using (22) & (24) gives

$$S_\nu = \frac{n_u A_{ue}}{n_e B_{eu} - n_u B_{ue}} \quad (26)$$

Remember Einstein relations

$$\begin{aligned} g_e B_{eu} &= g_u B_{ue} \\ A_{ue} &= \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} B_{ue} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

only need one of  $A_{ue}, B_{ue}, B_{eu}$  to get other two

So we can write  $\alpha_\nu$  &  $S_\nu$  in terms of just  $B_{eu}$  & stat wts:

$$(24) \Rightarrow \alpha_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_e B_{eu} \left( 1 - \frac{g_e n_u}{g_u n_e} \right) \phi(\nu) \quad (28)$$

$$(26) \Rightarrow S_\nu = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \left( \frac{g_u n_e}{g_e n_u} - 1 \right)^{-1} \quad (29)$$

VERY GENERAL

& we get a Q.M. description of absorption & emiss. proc that can be propagated using (10) to give "macroscopic" results!!

"Examples" (interesting cases of eqs 28, 29)

(A) "LTE"

$$\frac{n_e}{n_u} = \frac{g_e}{g_u} \exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)$$

locally holds (30)

(28)  $\Rightarrow \alpha_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_e B_{lu} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)\right] \phi(\nu)$  (31)

(29)  $\Rightarrow$  (gives back eq 16)

$$S_\nu = B_\nu(T)$$
 (Kirchhoff's Law)  
$$= \frac{j_\nu}{\alpha_\nu}$$
  
abs & em are simply related since Th. Eq.

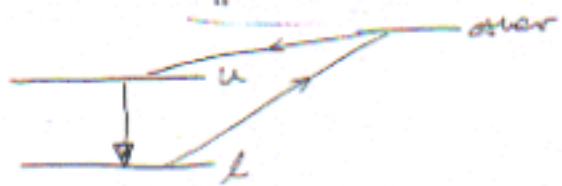
(32) just need one Einstein coeff, line prof, & T

(B) "Non-Thermal Emission" (Definition of)  $\frac{n_e}{n_u} \neq \frac{g_e}{g_u} \exp\left(\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right)$

eg. Synchrotron, scattering present, etc.

More later in course!

(C) "Inverted Populations & Masers"



Inverted Masing

causes:  $\frac{n_e}{n_u} < \frac{g_e}{g_u}$  (33)

usually  $g_e < g_u \Rightarrow n_e \ll n_u \Rightarrow$  much emission

$\alpha_\nu < 0$  intensity increases along a ray!

$\tau < 0$   
e.g.  $\tau = -100$   
amplification  $10^{43}$

(Normally:)  $\frac{n_e g_e}{n_u g_u} = \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT}\right) < 1$

which means  $\frac{n_e}{n_u} > \frac{g_e}{g_u}$

$\frac{g_e}{g_u}$  usually  $< 1$  so  $\frac{n_e}{n_u} > 1$

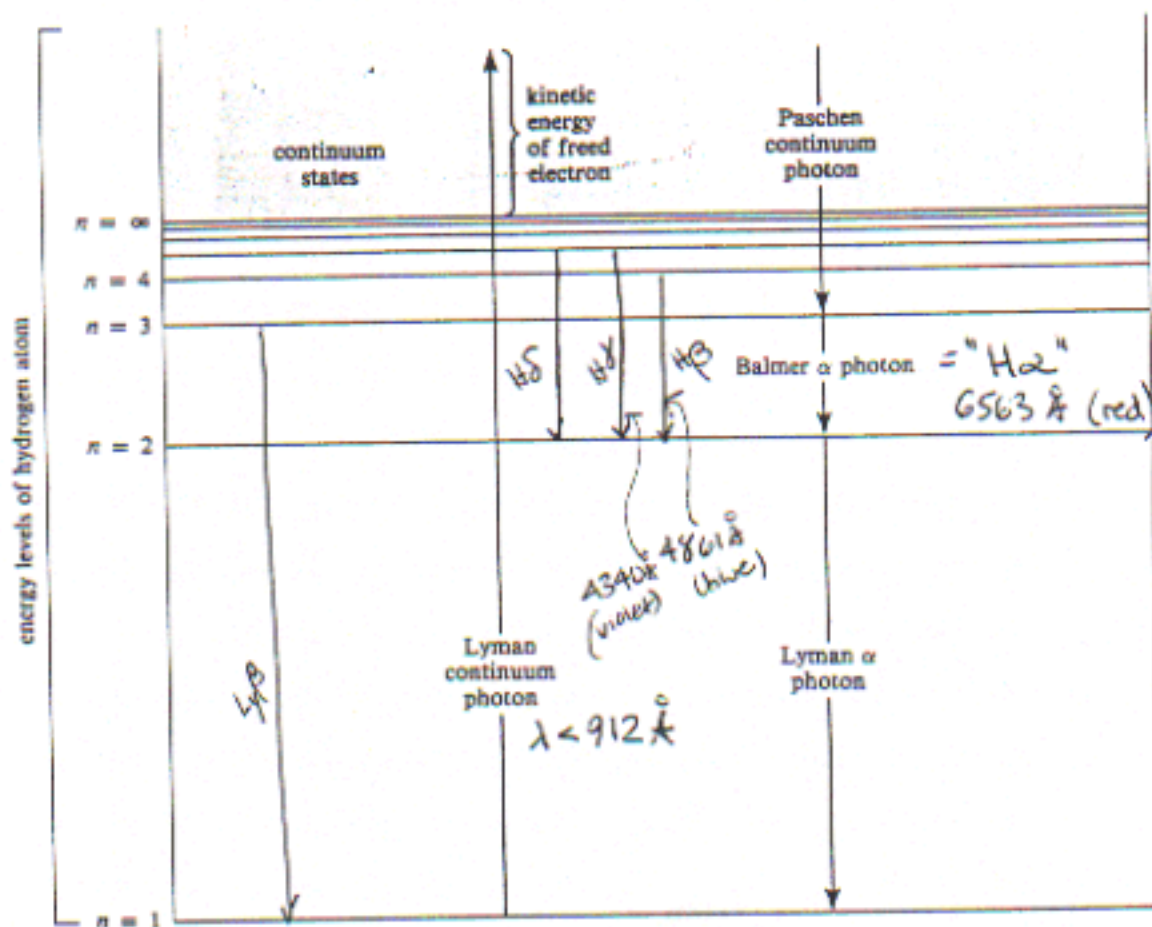


Figure 3.20. Radiative transitions to and from the continuum. Bound states of hydrogen are represented by the horizontal lines labeled  $n = 1, n = 2, \dots, n = \infty$ , with the height from the ground state ( $n = 1$ ) proportional to the energy difference of the states. Above the last bound state,  $n = \infty$ , exists a continuum of free states (ionized hydrogen). An electron can be freed into the continuum from the ground state by the absorption of a Lyman continuum photon. Conversely, a free electron may be captured, say, into the level  $n = 3$  with the emission of a Paschen continuum photon. The electron in  $n = 3$  may then cascade to the ground level by the subsequent emission, say, of a Balmer  $\alpha$  photon and a Lyman  $\alpha$  photon.

Note:

Recombination lines, e.g. H109 $\alpha$  @ 6cm occur between very high bound states (e.g.  $n = 109$ ).

emission or in absorption, would constitute spectroscopic evidence for the presence of hydrogen.

**Problem 3.7.** For atomic hydrogen show that equation (3.8) results in the expression

$$\lambda = 4\pi \left( \frac{hc}{e^2} \right) \left( \frac{n'^2 \hbar^2}{m_e e^2} \right) \left( \frac{n'^2}{n'^2 - n^2} \right),$$

where  $n'$  and  $n$  are, respectively, the principal quantum numbers associated with the upper and lower levels. The combination  $\hbar c/e^2$  is known as the inverse of the "fine-structure constant" and has an approximate value of 137. The combination  $n^2 \hbar^2/m_e e^2$  is the size of the hydrogen atom in the lower state. Thus, if the last term is of order unity, the hydrogen atom typically emits and absorbs radiation with wavelength roughly  $10^3$  times its own size. (This fact leads to an important approximate method for calculating radiation probabilities, but it lies outside

Part 3 of the course: "The ISM of the Milky Way"

3.1 Multi-phase Paradigm

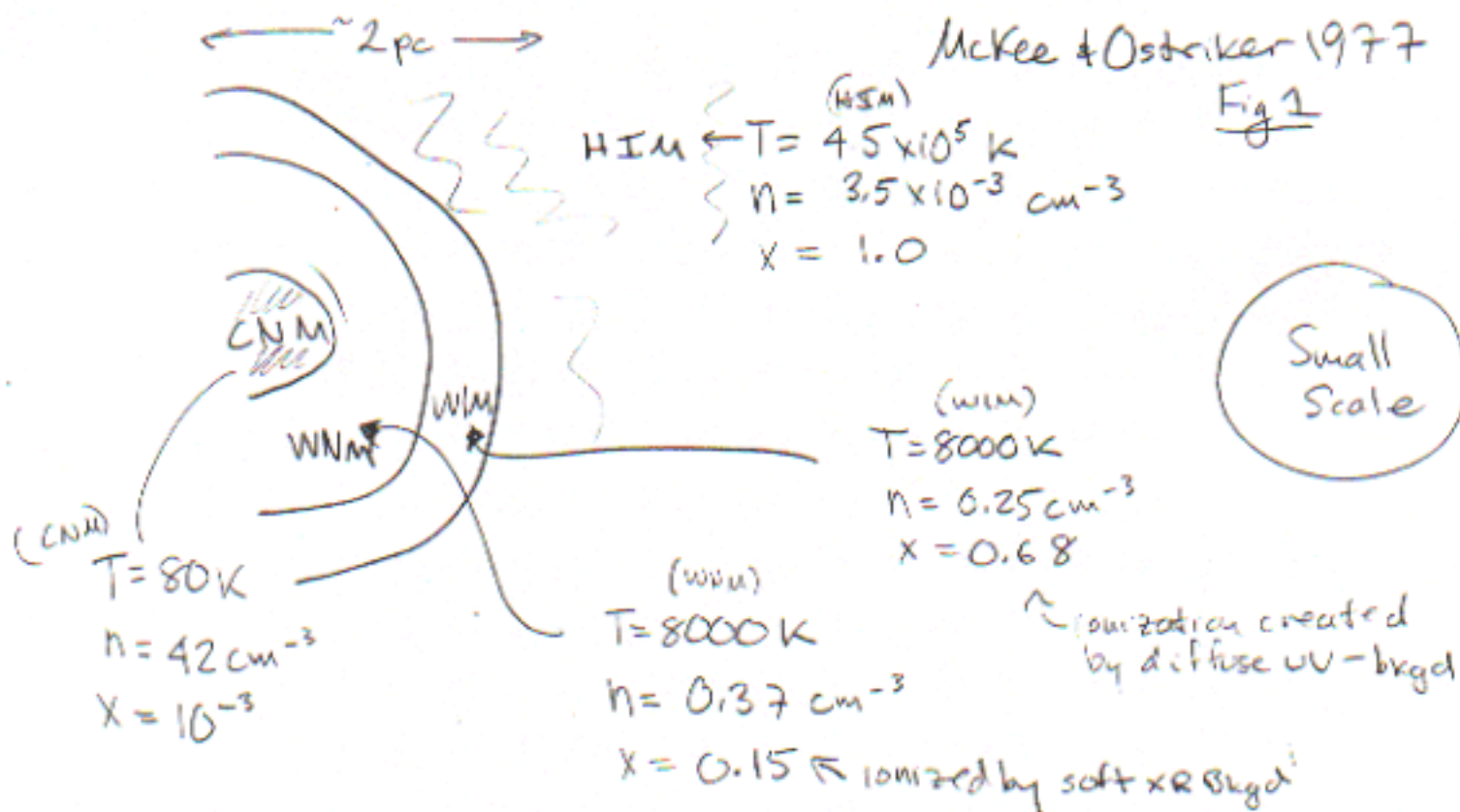
3.2 The "Cold" ISM

see <http://cta-www.harvard.edu/vageadmon/HI.html>

a.) Atomic Gas

Origin of 21-cm Line Spin-Flip  
21-cm Line Surveys

Multi-Phase Paradigm in Brief:



"Cross-section of Characteristic Small Cloud"  
(Fig 1)

Fig 2

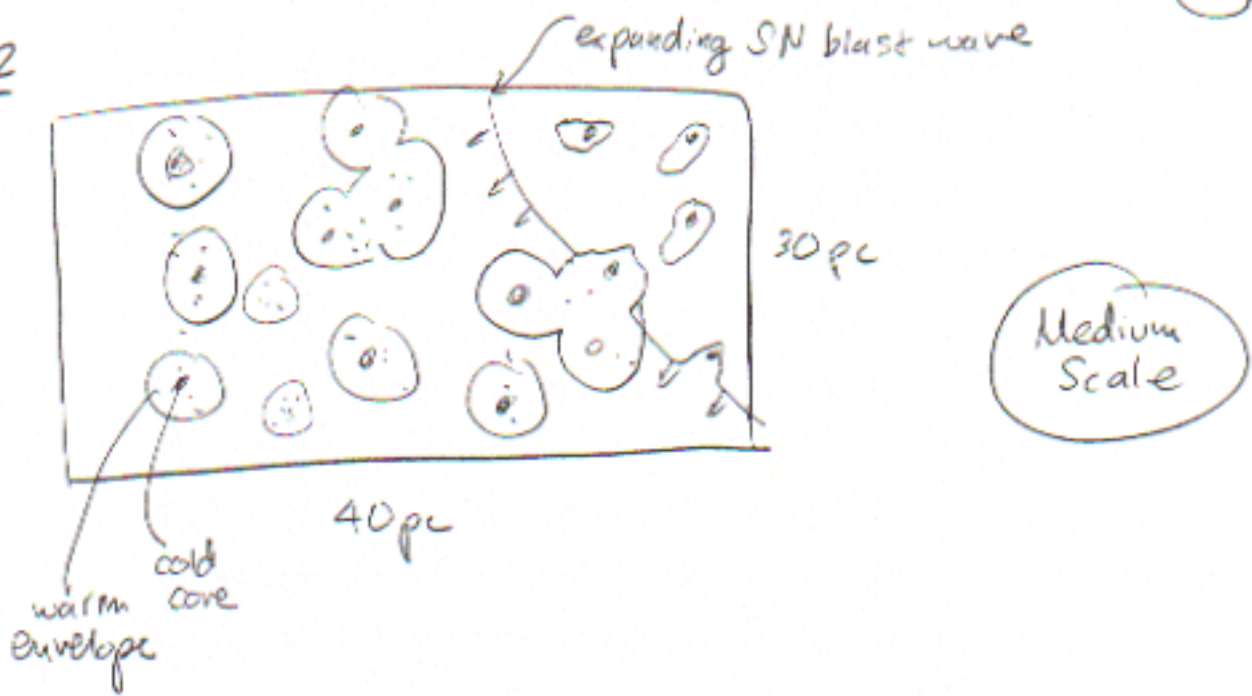
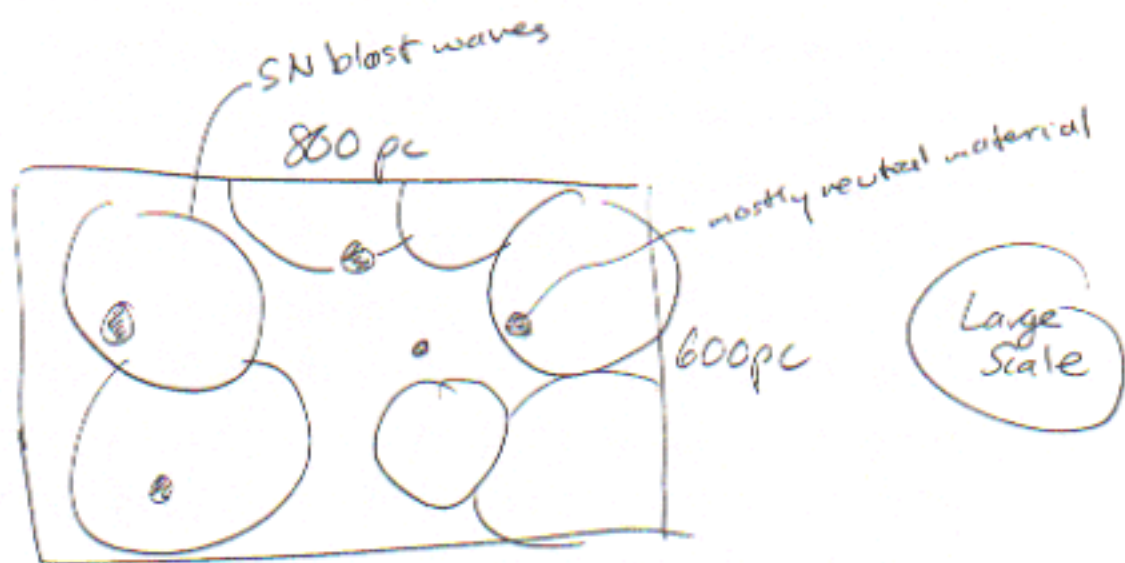


Fig 3



$$f_{\text{HM}} = 0.7 - 0.8$$

$$f_{\text{CM}} = 0.02 - 0.04$$

$$f_{\text{HM}} \sim 0.2$$

+ 3 weeks from now - Reconsider this picture...

key ideas: Pressure Balance - Momentum, Energy Deposition  
Time Dependence  
(Outflows??)

## History

• spin-flip transition predicted to be detectable by van de Hulst in  $\sim 1944$

$\sim$  • 1951 Ewen & Purcell detect 21 cm line  
out window @ Jefferson Lab

(also)  
Muller & Oort were very close to doing it first,  
but they had a fire - they succeeded soon after,  
as did Australians (Christiansen & Hindman)

new quest is analogous line in Deuterium @ 327 MHz  
not yet (quite) detected... despite some claims

## 21-cm line surveys

Principal Results: (see Kulkarni & Heiles 1988 in  
Galactic & Extragalactic Radio Astronomy, Verschuur & Kelleman ed.)

H I in Milky Way  $\sim 4.8 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$  = 4.4% of visible matter  
(H<sub>2</sub> " " "  $\sim 25$  to  $90\%$  as much as H I)

H I not really in "clouds" like H<sub>2</sub>

H I filling factor  $\sim 20$  to  $90\%$  depending where & who you believe

## Some Important Definitions

"Permitted Transition" transitions which occur relatively quickly (high rate of spontaneous emission)  
→ "allowed" electric dipole transitions

many selection rules are only exact in the absence of spin-orbit coupling and/or external fields and/or collisions

"Forbidden Transition" very low spontaneous emission rate  
→ come from magnetic dipole or electric quadrupole transitions  
collisionally excited

note: 21-cm line is a "forbidden" transition!

Note: This happens often in ISM where density is very low

## "Critical Density"

$$n_{\text{crit}} = \frac{A_{ul}}{\gamma_{ul}}$$

$\text{cm}^3/\text{sec}$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ul} &= \text{collisional rate coefficient} \\ &= \langle \sigma_{ul} v \rangle \quad \text{cm}^2 \cdot \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{sec}} = \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{sec}} \end{aligned}$$

indicates density at which collisions can keep up with spontaneous radiative transitions

for  $n < n_{\text{crit}}$  line flux  $\propto n^2$   
for  $n > n_{\text{crit}}$  " "  $\propto N$

} show formally later

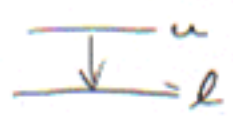


### 3.2 The Cold ISM

a) Atomic Gas

Origin of 21-cm line: "spin-flip"

interaction of mag. mom. of proton w/ spin or bit mag. mom. of  $e^-$



transition is down two hyperfine levels of  $n=1$  electronic state ( $1^2S_{1/2}$ )

Upper level parallel spins



$$g_u = 3$$

note: this degeneracy removed in Zeeman splitg.

Lower level antiparallel spins



$$g_l = 1$$

$$\nu_0 = 1420.406 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\frac{h\nu_0}{k} = 0.068 \text{ K}$$

very low energy!

$$A_{ul} = 2.869 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{Very small!})$$

$\tau_r$  = rate of spontaneous decay after being excited to upper state =  $\frac{1}{A_{ul}} \sim 10^7 \text{ yrs!}$

but recall  $\tau_{\text{coll}} = \frac{1}{n_H \sigma v} \approx 4 \times 10^3 \text{ yr}$  for ( $n_H = 1$ ;  $\sigma$  geometric)  $v \sim 1 \text{ km/s}$

Thus for H I in ISM

$$\tau_{\text{coll}} \ll \tau_r \quad \dots \text{ see K \& H handout} \dots$$

H I is primarily collisionally excited in CNM, but in WNM, Ly $\alpha$  plays role see K & H & Field 1959

## Optical Depth Effects

Recall

$$T_B(\nu) = T_{bg}(\nu) e^{-\tau_\nu} + T_s (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \quad (1)$$

characterizes level populations

$T_s = T_{ex}$   
for spin-flip

$$\frac{n_u}{n_l} = \frac{g_u}{g_l} \exp\left(\frac{h\nu_{ul}}{kT_{ex}}\right)$$

(for an isolated homogeneous cloud where  $\tau$  &  $T$  don't vary inside it)

Actual measurements give  $\Delta T_B = T_B - T_{bg} \quad (2)$

so  $(1) \rightarrow (2) \rightarrow \Delta T_B = (T_s - T_{bg})(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) \quad (3)$

[ Note: FYS  $\tau \propto \frac{N}{T_s} \quad (4)$  can derive this (see next page.) ]

$\tau \ll 1 \rightarrow T_B = T_s \tau \quad (5)$  (assuming  $T_{bg} \rightarrow 0$ )  
 $= N_\nu / C$   $T_B$  gives column density

more stuff  $\rightarrow$  more emission, linearly

$\tau \gg 1 \rightarrow T_B = T_s \quad (6)$  only see to  $\tau \approx 1$  surface

Observed brightness temp is independent of column density — only depends on temperature

Recall from eq. (31) of Meeting #7 for LTE

$$\alpha_\nu = \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_e B_{eu} [1 - \exp(-\frac{h\nu}{kT_e})] \phi(\nu) \quad (\text{Kirchhoff})$$

$$= \frac{h\nu}{4\pi} \phi_\nu n_e B_{eu} \left(\frac{h\nu}{kT_e}\right) \quad \text{for } h\nu \ll kT_e \quad (\text{RJ})$$

$$S_\nu = B_\nu(T) = \frac{J_\nu}{\alpha_\nu}$$

and (8)  $T_\nu(s) = \int_{s_0}^s \alpha_\nu(s') ds'$

So then as long as  $T_{ex}$  is independent of  $s$   $\Rightarrow$

$$(9) \quad \tau_\nu = \frac{(h\nu)^2}{4\pi} \phi_\nu B_{eu} \frac{1}{k} \int \frac{n_e}{T_{ex}} ds'$$

and (10)  $N = \int n ds$  = column density

then  $\tau_\nu = \frac{(h\nu)^2}{4\pi k} B_{eu} \phi_\nu \frac{N_e}{T_{ex}}$

Note: For H I  
 $A_{ue} = 2.9 \times 10^{-15} s^{-1}$

$$B_{ue} = \frac{c^2}{2h\nu^3} A_{ue}$$

$$B_{eu} = \frac{g_u}{g_e} B_{ue} = 3 B_{ue}$$

$$B_{eu} = 7.1 \times 10^{19} A_{ue} = 2.1 \times 10^5$$

for H I ground state

recall  $\frac{n_u}{n_e} = \frac{g_u}{g_e} e^{-h\nu/kT_e}$  but  $\frac{h\nu}{kT_e} \ll 1$  so  $\frac{n_u}{n_e} = \frac{g_u}{g_e} = 3$

So  $N_u = 3 N_e$  and (11)  $N_{total} = 4 N_e$

And (12)  $\tau_\nu = 5.49 \times 10^{-14} \frac{N_{total} \phi(\nu)}{T_{ex}}$

$\phi(\nu)$  in units of  $cm^{-1} s$

$$\int \phi(\nu) d\nu = 1$$

$$\tau_\nu = \frac{N_{total}}{c \lambda T_s}$$

$$c = 1.82 \times 10^{13} \text{ for cgs}$$

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# Handout on Collisional Excitation

to accompany  
Meetings 8 & 9

## Collisional Excitation

for transitions  $u \rightarrow l$  triggered by collision:

$$(C1) \quad C_{ul} \equiv C_{u \rightarrow l} = n \gamma_{ul} = n \langle \sigma_{ul} v \rangle$$

$$(C2) \quad C_{lu} = C_{l \rightarrow u} = C_{ul} \frac{g_u}{g_l} \exp\left(\frac{-h\nu}{T_e}\right)$$

for LTE

$\sigma_{ul} = x \sigma_{ex} n$  for coll  $u \rightarrow l$  @ velocity  $v$

$\gamma_{ul}$  [ $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ ] = overall rate coeff  $u \rightarrow l$

for Maxwellian vel dist @  $T_e$

$$\gamma_{ul} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{\mu}{2kT_e} \right)^{3/2} \int_0^{\infty} dv \sigma_{ul}(v) v^3 \exp\left(\frac{-\mu v^2}{2kT_e}\right)$$

for neut-neut  $\gamma_{ul} \sim 10^{-11}$  to  $10^{-10}$   
neut-ion  $\sim 10^{-9}$

(often uncertain by  $\sim \times 2$ )

(C3)

$\mu = \text{reduced mass}$

rate coeff  
 ↓  
 Given  $\delta_{ue}$ ,  $A_{ue}$ ,  $T_k \neq n$  one can get

$n_u \neq n_e$  from detailed balance ( $n = n_{tot} = n_u + n_e$ )

$$\left[ n_e (\delta_{ue} n) = n_u (A_{ue} + \delta_{ue} n) \right] \text{ (C4)}$$

$$\left[ \frac{n_u}{n_{tot}} = \frac{\frac{g_u}{g_e} \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT_k}\right)}{1 + \frac{g_u}{g_e} \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT_k}\right) + \frac{n_{crit}}{n}} \right] \text{ (C5)}$$

$$\left[ n_{crit} = A_{ue} / \delta_{ue} = \text{critical density} \right] \text{ (C6)}$$

Using (C5), we see that for  $n \gg n_{crit}$   $u, e$  thermalized at  $T_k$

$$n \gg n_{crit} \text{ so } \left[ \left( \frac{n_u}{n_e} \right)_{\text{thermal}} = \left( \frac{g_u}{g_e} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{h\nu}{kT_k}\right) \right] \text{ (C7)}$$

but for  $n \ll n_{crit}$  spontaneous  $\gamma$  collisions  
 $\Rightarrow$  each collision  $e \rightarrow u$  gives emission

$$\left[ \frac{n_u}{n_e} = \left( \frac{n}{n_{crit}} \right) \left( \frac{n_u}{n_e} \right)_{\text{thermal}} \right] \text{ (C8)}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Flux } A_{ue} \int n_u dz \\ \int n_{tot} dz \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \int n_{tot} n dz \propto n^2 \quad n < n_{crit} \\ \int n_{tot} dz \propto N \quad n > n_{crit} \end{array} \right] \text{ (C9)}$$

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Cold ISM, cont'd

Last time a) Atomic Gas

$$\text{Recall: } \tau_\nu = 5.49 \times 10^{-19} \frac{N_{\text{Total}} \phi(\nu)}{T_{\text{ex}}}$$

See handout for

$$\tau(\nu) = \frac{N(\nu)}{C \times T_s} \quad C = 1.82 \times 10^{18}$$

(units onboard may have been confusing last time)

e.g. for  $\tau = 1$  @  $T_s = 1000 \text{ K}$ 

$$1 = \frac{N(\nu)}{1.82 \times 10^{18} \cdot 1000} \Rightarrow N \approx 2 \times 10^{21}$$

(1 mag  $A_\nu$ )

& for  $N \rightarrow 2 \times 10^{21}$   $\tau > \tau_1$   
 $N \ll 2 \times 10^{21}$   $\tau \ll 1$

Three more points about HI

(i) Line shapes

(ii) Radial &amp; Vertical Dist'n.

(iii) Using Absorption & Emission Together to get  $\tau$ ,  $T_s$

## (i) Line Shapes

keep in mind.

for a photon emitted by an atom @ rest

$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \hbar \quad (\text{Heisenberg})$$

$$2\pi \Delta \nu \Delta t \geq 1$$

$\Delta t = 1/A_{ul}$   $\approx$  occupation time in upper state

e.g. for HI  $A_{ul} \approx 3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1} \Rightarrow \Delta \nu_{\text{nat}} = \frac{A}{2\pi} = 5 \times 10^{-16} \text{ Hz}$

In velocity, @  $\nu = 1420 \text{ MHz}$  (21cm) this gives:


$$\Delta v = \Delta \nu \frac{c}{\nu} \approx 10^{-19} \text{ km/s} \ll \ll \text{any obs'd } \Delta v$$


In 21-cm ( $\neq$  all molec. line obs.) "natural" linewidth inconsequential


Actual lineshape determined by:

- ① distribution of material as function of velocity (Doppler profile)
- ② temperature distribution along l.o.s.  
 $\rightarrow$  (radiative xfer gives overall profile)

Gross example of ②

If  $T_{\text{bg}} > T_s \Rightarrow$  absorption 

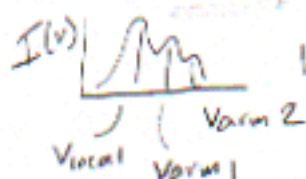
$T_{\text{bg}} < T_s \Rightarrow$  emission 

$T_{\text{bg}} = T_s$  NOTHING 

e.g. what if  
extragal HI  
is @ 3K?

(ii) Radial & Vertical Distribution of HI

radial: spiral arms can be identified from radial velocities of peaks



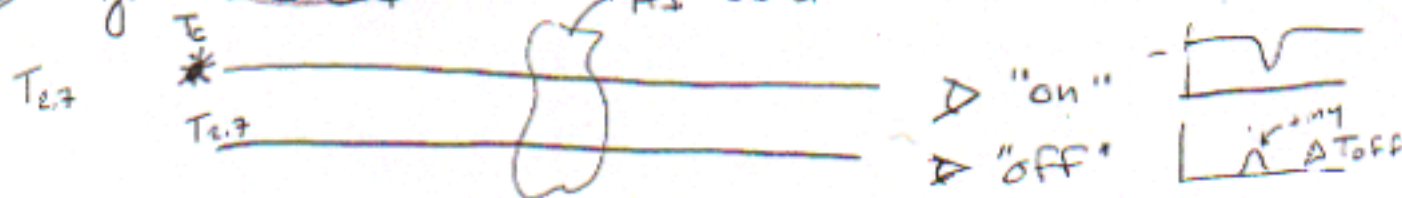
Idealized profile

Actually hard to see all 3 along same l

vertical: can model as a plane-parallel atmosphere, but HI not isothermal w/z, so this doesn't work perfectly

see handout for empirical determination

(iii) Using HI in Absorption & Emission Together to get  $\tau$ ,  $T_s$

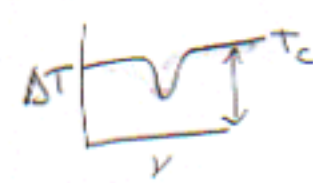


$$T_{on} = T_c e^{-\tau} + T_{2.7} e^{-\tau} + T_{HI} (1 - e^{-\tau}) \quad (R-J)$$

$$- T_{off} = T_{2.7} e^{-\tau} + T_{HI} (1 - e^{-\tau})$$

$$T_{on} - T_{off} = \Delta T = T_c e^{-\tau} \Rightarrow \text{gives } \tau \text{ directly} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta T_{off} = (T_{HI} - T_{2.7}) (1 - e^{-\tau}) = T_{off} - T_{2.7} \quad (2)$$



observation of off pos'n above.

So (1) gives you  $\tau$ , sub into (2) gives  $T_{HI}$

spin temp of HI in absorbing region

Note: We'll talk more about abs lines later in course. e.g. hot LSM

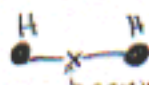


## § 3.2 b. Molecular Gas

Why can't we just observe H<sub>2</sub>?

(We can: <sup>UV</sup> Interstellar Absorption Lines (of H<sub>2</sub>) is Big Business - but you need a background source; see Spitzer p. 96-98 & for ISM §)

In emission:



(most radio transitions come from ro-vib dipole radiation. - see CO, below)  $\Rightarrow$  no dipole radiation possible

Observe "Trace" Species Instead

Some H<sub>2</sub> vib emission from shock - later

• choice of tracer depends on  $\bar{n}$  for R.O.I & " $n_{crit}$ " for tracer

e.g.	type	$n$ in $cm^{-3}$	tracer
In PRACTICE for cold gas $0 \leq T \leq 100K$	low	$10 \lesssim n \lesssim 500$	<sup>12</sup> CO
	"dark"	$300 \lesssim n \lesssim 5 \times 10^3$	<sup>13</sup> CO, OH
	dark/dense	$10^3 \lesssim n \lesssim 10^4$	C <sup>18</sup> O, CS
	dense	$5 \times 10^3 \lesssim n \lesssim 10^6$	NH <sub>3</sub> , CS
	very dense	$n \sim 10^8$	OH masers
very, very, dense	$n \sim 10^{10}$	H <sub>2</sub> O masers	

recall

$$n_{crit} = \frac{A_{ul}}{\gamma_{ul}}$$

note is - some tracers emit line @  $n < n_{crit}$  due to radiative trapping, etc.

- density @ which collisional excitation beats spontaneous emission rate

- leads to continuing emission from the tracer (otherwise, all just go to lower state & stay there)

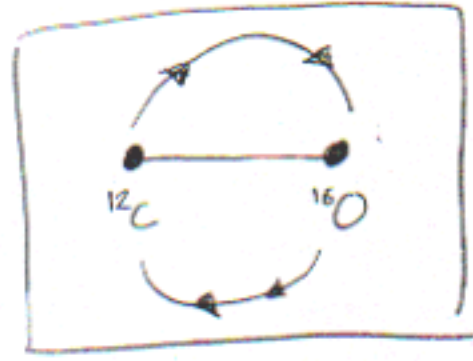
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Energy ↓  
vibrational rotational

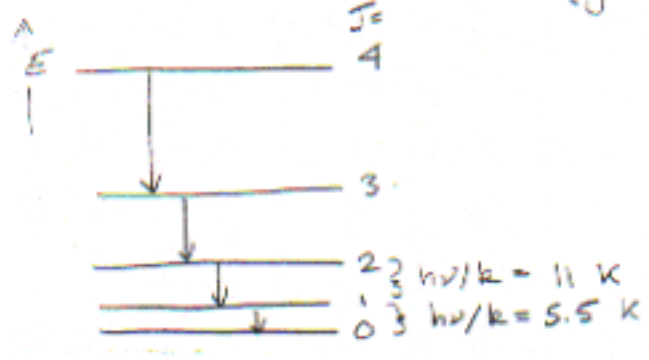
(5)

CO as Tracer of H<sub>2</sub>

(next most abundant after H<sub>2</sub>, but down by  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$ )



~ Rotational Ladder ~ (vibrational ground state v=0)



Energy levels for linear molecules are those allowed by Q.M. for a "rigid rotator"

spacing of lines is equidistant in frequency

$$\nu_{J \rightarrow J-1} = 2BJ \quad (3a)$$

since  $E = hBJ(J+1)$ ,  $J=0, 1, 2$  and  $\Delta J = \pm 1$  (3b) (selection rule)

$$B = h / 8\pi^2 I \quad (3d)$$

- has dipole moment (center of mass  $\neq$  center of charge)
- rotational states are quantized  $\rightarrow$
- important coolant of molecular gas
- key tracer of molecular gas

Note:  $T_{rot}$  for these rotational trans. = "T<sub>rot</sub>"

(for CO:  $B = 5.75 \times 10^{10}$ )

$^{12}\text{C}^{16}\text{O}$

$\nu(J=1-0) = 115.271 \text{ GHz}$

$\lambda(J=1-0) = 2.7 \text{ mm}$

$A_{10} = 6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$

$2B(J=1)$

Easily excited @ low temperatures... 1<sup>st</sup> excited state only 5.5 K above ground ( $kT_{rot} \approx 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV} / 5.5 \text{ deg} = 4.7 \times 10^{-9} \text{ eV}$ )

Maximum emission in a rotational ladder @  $T_{rot}$  occurs @

$E_J = hBJ(J+1) \approx kT_{rot}$ , so  $J_{max} \approx \sqrt{T_{rot} / hBk}$

From 3b

Which  $^{12}\text{CO}$  transition is strongest where?

<u><math>T_{\text{rot}}</math></u>	<u><math>J</math></u>	<u><math>\lambda</math></u>
10 K	$2 \rightarrow 1$	1.3 mm
50 to 100 K	4...7	sub-mm
> 1000 K	20...40	far-IR

← SMT !!

→ relative strengths of these  $^{12}\text{CO}$  lines can give  $T_{\text{rot}}$   
(but absolute level of emission depends on collision rates, too  
thus various combinations of  $n$  &  $T_{\text{rot}}$  can give  
same flux ... see Conzel Fig. 8 (on website) AG

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Interstellar Dust

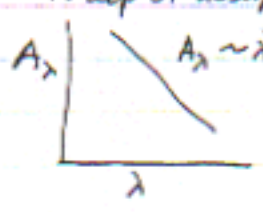
- 1) William Herschel 1738-1822  
Caroline 1758-1848

many "holes" near star clusters  
 catalogue of dark patches 1/2  
 ex: (Opik's) hole in the heavens  
 "ein Loch im Himmel" = hole in the heavens  
 30" telescope → sky survey; star counts  
 map of structure of universe (stars = std. candl)

- 2) E.E. Barnard 1857-1923 ⇒ CLOUDS photographs of sky (a photographer)

- 3) V.M. Slipher 1912 ⇒ Reflection Nebula ⇒ small particles spectra of Pleiades → match stellar spectra

(Rayleigh scatt.)  
 $\lambda$ -dep of absorption



- 4) R. Trumpler (1896-1956) (see below)

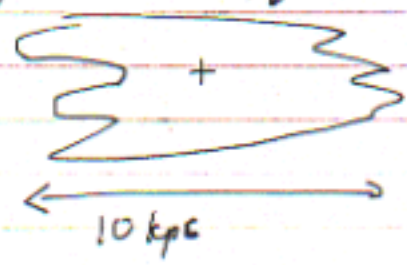
$$L = \frac{L}{4\pi D^2}$$

Absorption / Extinction due to dust

(not covered: polarization, spectra, emission/reradiation)  
 recommended book: Whitew (?)

Kapteyn (1851-1922)

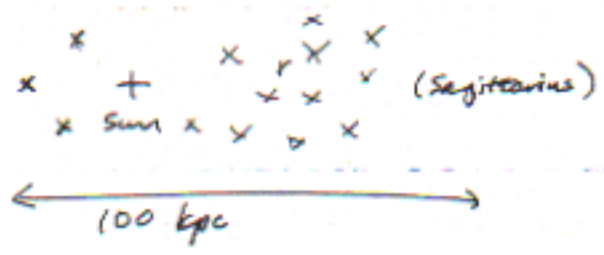
star counts:



(map similar to Herschel - added scale)

sun @ center of universe

Harlow Shapley - globular clusters



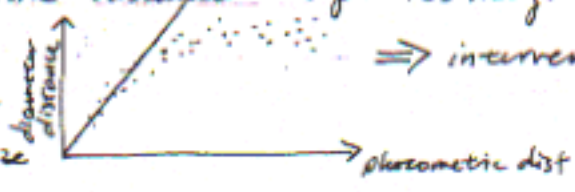
g.c.'s concentrated near Sag.

(Shapley - Curtis debates)

Trumpler - photometric distances (opt Abs mag. fr. spectral type)

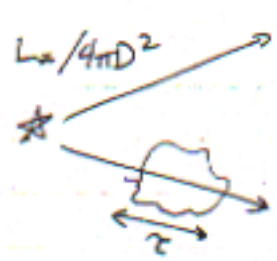
$$L = \frac{L}{4\pi D^2}$$

assume all glob. clus. same size



⇒ increasing medium absorption  
 0.7 mag/kpc

zone of avoidance - spiral nebulae appear uniformly except for plane of M.W.  
 why study dust? it just gets in the way!

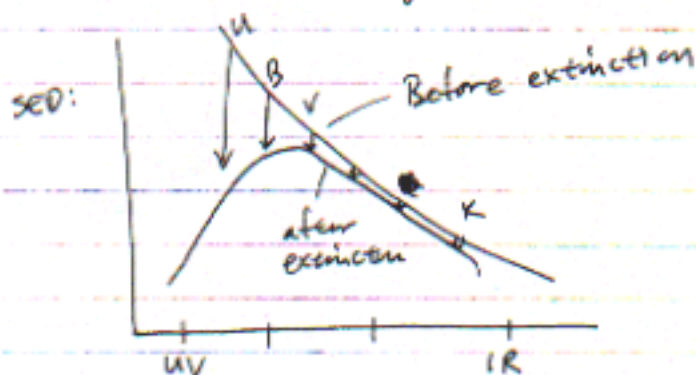
$$F_{\lambda} = \frac{L_{\star}}{4\pi D^2} \Rightarrow F_{\lambda} \Rightarrow m_{\lambda} = -2.5 \log \frac{F_{\lambda}}{F_{\text{ref}}}$$


$$F_{\lambda} e^{-\tau} \Rightarrow m'_{\lambda} = -2.5 \log \frac{F_{\lambda} e^{-\tau}}{F_{\text{ref}}}$$

$$= -2.5 \log F_{\lambda} + 1.086 \tau_{\text{dust}}$$

$$m_{\text{obs}} = m_{\lambda} + A_{\lambda}$$

$$m_v - M_v = 5 \log d - 5 + A_{\lambda}$$



$$B_{\lambda}(T) = \frac{2\pi hc^2}{\lambda^5} \left[ e^{\frac{hc}{\lambda kT}} - 1 \right]^{-1}$$

Wien:  $\lambda \ll \frac{hc}{kT}$   
 $B(\lambda) \sim e^{-c/\lambda}$

$$A_{\lambda} \sim \frac{1}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \tau_b \sim \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$F_{\text{obs}} = F_{\lambda} e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} \Rightarrow \text{mimics Wien law}$$

↳ reddening  
 ↳ effectively shifts the BB

extinction more imp @ short wavelengths

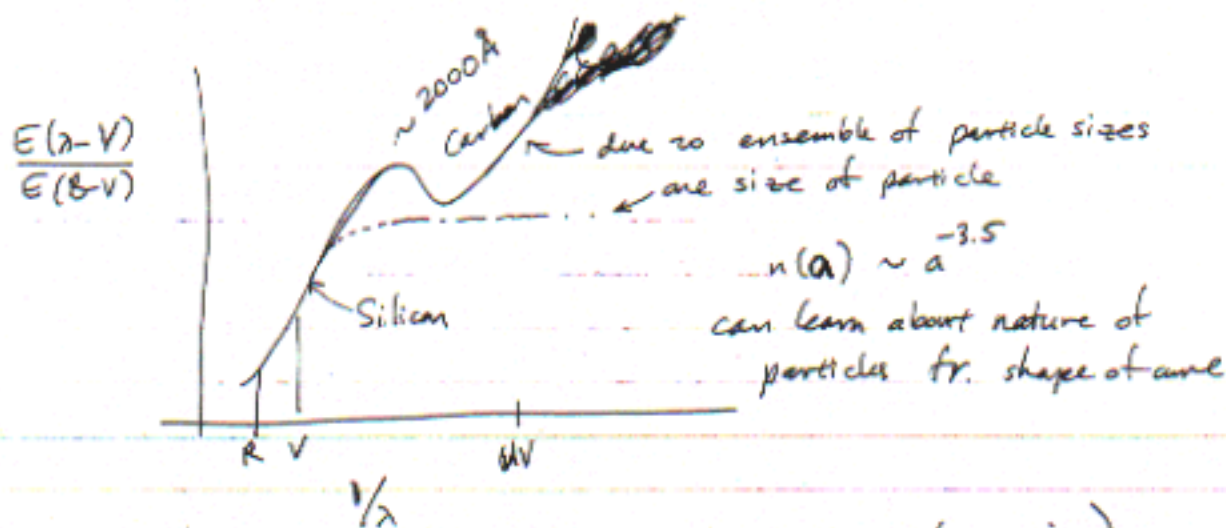
### Color Excess

$$E(m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2}) = (m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2})_{\text{obs}} - (m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2})_{\text{intrinsic}}$$

essentially a flux ratio  $\rightarrow$  steepness of SED

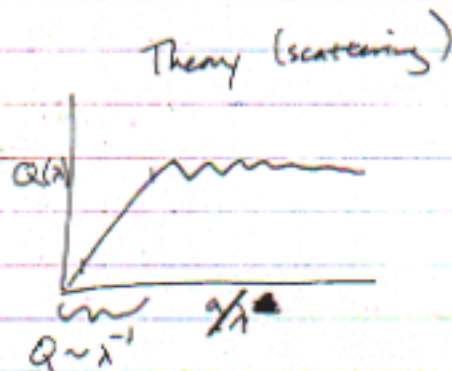
$$= -2.5 \log \left[ \frac{(F_{\lambda_1}/F_{\lambda_2}) e^{-(\tau_{\lambda_1} - \tau_{\lambda_2})}}{F_{\lambda_1}/F_{\lambda_2}} \right] = 1.086 (\tau_{\lambda_1} - \tau_{\lambda_2})$$

$$= A_{\lambda_1} - A_{\lambda_2}$$



$$\tau_0 = N_D Q_{\text{ext}}(\lambda) \pi a^2$$

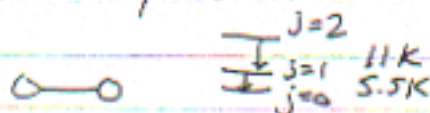
$\uparrow$   
 $Q_{\text{abs}}(\lambda) + Q_{\text{scatt}}(\lambda)$



Molecular Clouds  $H_2$ 

most impt tracer = CO

- high abundance  $\sim 5 \times 10^{-5}$  CO/ $H_2$  molecules
- (next highest abund = dust)
- favorable excitation  $\sim 5.5$  K ( $J=1 \rightarrow 0$ )
- chemically robust

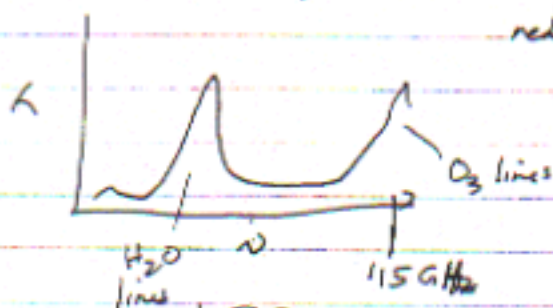


$$h\nu = hB 2(j+1)$$

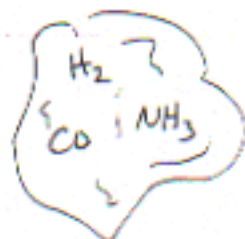
$$\uparrow \text{rotational constant} = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 I} \text{ (units of freq.)}$$

$$\nu_{1-0} = 115.27 \text{ GHz}$$

$$\uparrow MR^2 \sim 10^0 \Rightarrow \text{radio freq.}$$



obs. window in Earth atmosphere

Use CO to measure  $N, T$ 

cloud

radio telescope

$$\Delta I^{12} = (B(T_{ex}^{12}) - B(T_{bg})) (1 - e^{-\tau_{12}}) \quad (^{12}\text{CO})$$

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{g_1}{g_2} e^{-h\nu/kT_{ex}} \quad \text{LTE} \Rightarrow T_{ex} = T$$

$$B = \frac{2kT\nu^2}{c^2}$$

$$\Delta I^{13} = (B(T_{ex}^{13}) - B(T_{bg})) (1 - e^{-\tau_{13}}) \quad (^{13}\text{CO})$$

if  $\tau_{12}, \tau_{13} \ll 1$  and  $T_{ex}^{12} = T_{ex}^{13}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta I^{12}}{\Delta I^{13}} = \frac{\tau^{12}}{\tau^{13}} = \frac{N^{12}}{N^{13}} = 89 \Rightarrow \text{solar neighborhood, Sun}$$

measure w/ telescope: "solar abundance"

$$\frac{\Delta I^{12}}{\Delta I^{13}} \sim 3-5$$

~~approx 3-5~~  $^{12}\text{CO}$  optically thick  $\Rightarrow \tau_{12} \gg 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta I^{12}}{\Delta I^{13}} \approx \frac{1}{\tau_{13}} \quad ^{13}\text{CO opt. thin.}$$

$$\Delta I^{12} = [B(T_{ex}) - B(T_{bg})] (l) \quad \text{for } \tau_{12} \gg 1$$

$$\tau_0 = \frac{(h\nu)^2}{4\pi k} B_{lu} \phi_{\nu} \frac{N_L}{T_{ex}} \quad (\text{HI})$$

↳ line profile

apply to  $^{13}\text{CO}$

$$N_{\text{tot}}(^{13}\text{CO}) = (\text{const}) \tau T_{ex}$$

↑  
physics  
 $^{13}\text{CO}$   
spectrum

←  $^{12}\text{CO}$

$$N_{\text{tot}}(\text{H}_2) = X N_{\text{tot}}(^{13}\text{CO})$$

(digression)

$^{12}\text{CO}$  opt thick, yet measured  $^{12}\text{CO}$  still related to  $\text{size}^{\text{mass}}$  of cloud  
 $\Rightarrow$  filling factor, clumpiness



Meeting #12 AY208 v.Y2K

"Cleaning Up Dust"

Charlie Lada gave you:

History, Techniques,  $A_{\lambda}$ ,  $E(B-V)$   
wavelength dep of extinction  
[def. of color excess]

Today:

Add: "Theory" of Abs., Scatt., Polarization  
↓  
Extinction

Give dust extra time in this course  
for (2) reasons:

① Most important constituent of <sup>M.W.</sup> ISM  
for extragalactic obsv'ns, at many  $\lambda$ 's

② AG likes it!

## Interstellar Dust

### The Basic Question:

"How much is there & where?"

- (A) Easiest Approach: Star-Counting, Extinction Studies
- (B) Less direct: Thermal Dust Emission (e.g. Barnard, Bok) (KAO, IRAS, SDPA, SIRTF, minor, sub-mm)
- (C) Less direct Approach: Reddening Studies  
Even look @ effect of dust on  $\star$  colors
- (D) Least direct Approach: Measure Gas, infer  $N_{\text{dust}}$  from "assumed" dust/gas ratio

### Complications:

- Not all dust grains are the same.

PROPERTIES }  
- sizes } vary w/ local  
- composition } conditions  
- shapes }

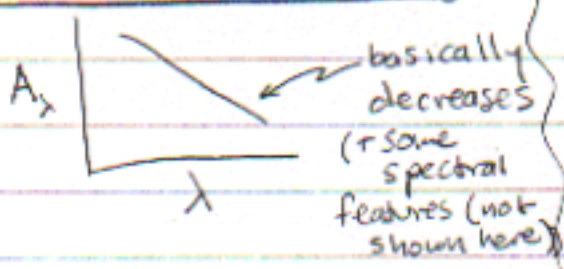
- Absorption, scattering & emission efficiency depends on "PROPERTIES" above. These efficiencies also vary as a function of  $\lambda$ .

Two ways to look at the problem - they need to be connected for a full understanding...

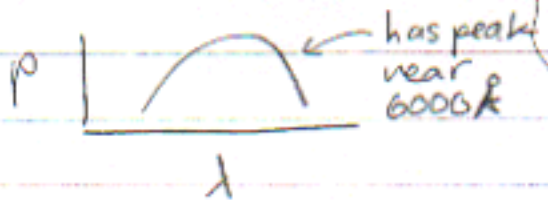
Empirical

Theoretical

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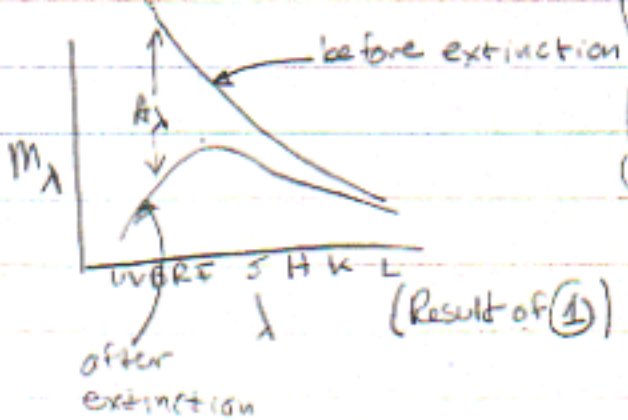


② polarization vs. wavelength

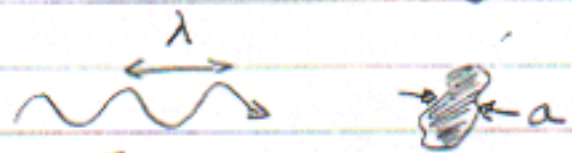


③ Star Color Changes as a function of Wavelength

a.k.a "Selective Extinction" or "Color Excess"



photon encounters grain



① SIZE

Result of encounter depends most strongly on ratio  $\frac{a}{\lambda}$ .

$a \gg \lambda \rightarrow$  "brick wall" all photons absorbed

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② COMPOSITION

index of refraction determines scattering properties

③ SHAPE

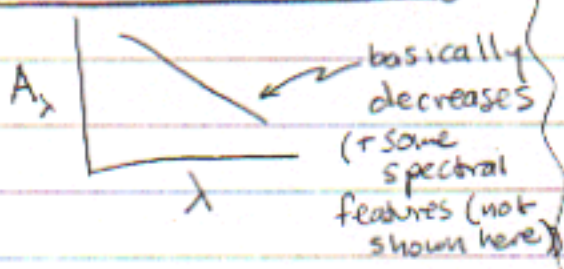
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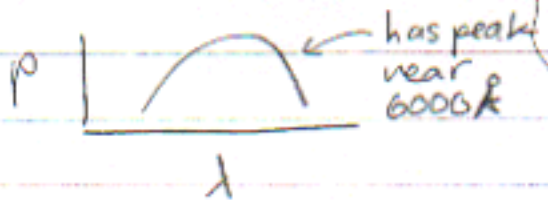
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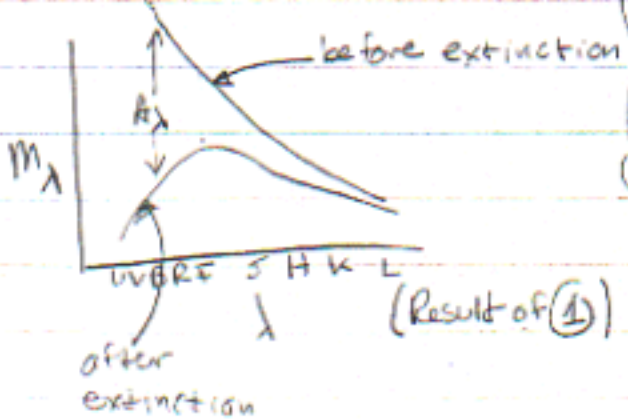


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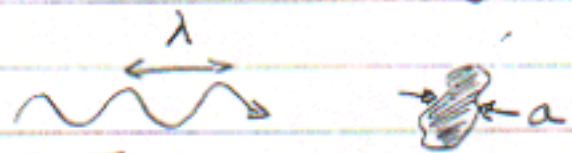


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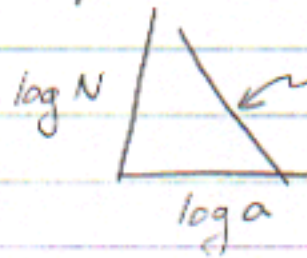
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## Two Most Fundamental Empirical $\leftrightarrow$ Theoretical Connections

Observed effects of dust depend critically on size distribution,  $N(a)$



See  
Kinn &  
Morris  
1994  
(Mathis, Rumpf  
& Nordseik 1977  
ApJ 217, 425)

(1) Total # grains =  $\int_{a_1}^{a_2} N(a) da$  related to magnitude of overall effects of dust (e.g. how much extinction, how much emission, etc.)  
(in "relevant" size range)

(2) Details of Size Distribution ( $N(a)$ ) related to wavelength dependences of extinction, emission, scattering, polarization, etc.

# Arcane Astronomical "Definitions" Related to Dust

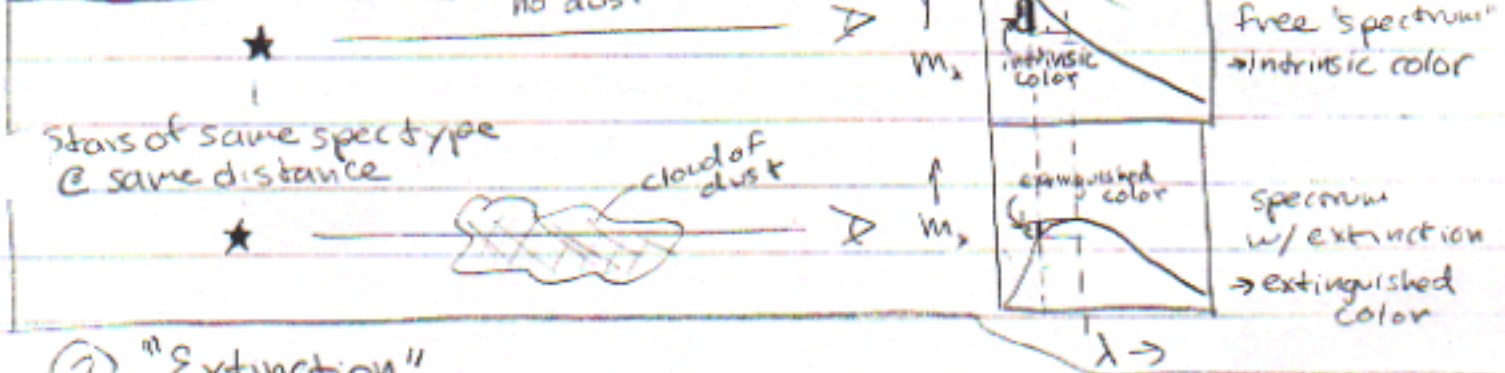
① "Color Excess" = degree of reddening or "selective extinction"

color excess =  $E_{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} = \left( m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2} \right) - \left( m_{\lambda_1} - m_{\lambda_2} \right)_0$

obs'd mags      apparent mags w/o extinction

observed "color"      "color" that would be observed w/o extinction

## How "Excess" is Produced



② "Extinction"

$$m_{\lambda_1} = M_{\lambda_1} + A_{\lambda_1} + 5 \log d - 5$$

apparent mag @  $\lambda_1$       absolute mag @  $\lambda_1$       extinction @  $\lambda_1$       distance in pc

③ "Ratio of total-to-selective Extinction,"  $R_{\lambda_2}$

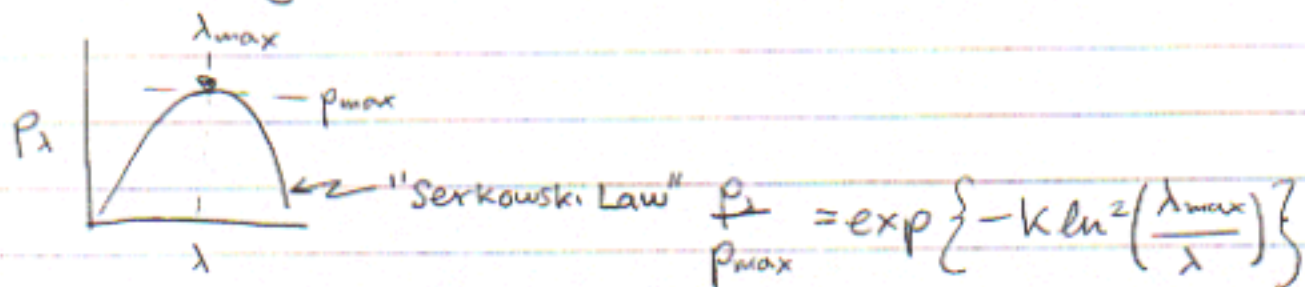
$$A_{\lambda_2} = R_{\lambda_2} E_{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}$$

e.g.  $A_V = R_V E_{B-V}$

extinction in the V-band      ratio for V-band      color excess where  $\lambda_1 = B$  and  $\lambda_2 = V$

(~ Part of § 3.3b)

#### ④ Wavelength of Maximum Polarization



note:  $k$  actually can be a function of  $\lambda_{\max}$

**MORE INFO:** If grains all same size  $\lambda_{\max} \approx 2\pi a(n-1)$

$\uparrow$  size       $\uparrow$  index of refraction  
 $\approx 1.6$  for silicates

More on why, later.

For now realize that this is where the grain size is  $\approx$  wavelength & that tells you about the size distribution of (polarizing) grains.

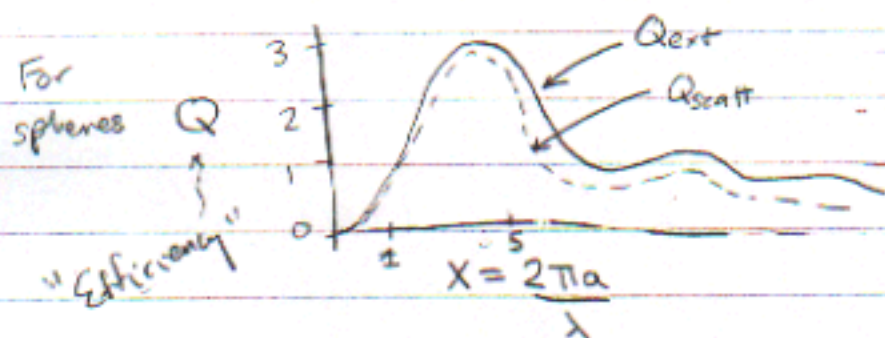
Empirical claim:  $R_v = (5.6 \pm 0.3) \lambda_{\max}$  }  $\lambda_{\max}$  in  $\mu\text{m}$

(Whittet & van Brada) 1978

changes in this also related to changes in grain size distribution

## Making the Observation-Theory Connection

All boils down to scattering theory.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Mie scattering theory} \\ \text{Discrete Dipole Approx (DDA)} \end{array} \right.$



exact values depend on complex refractive index,  $m = n - ik$   
(for dielectrics,  $k=0$ )

$n, k$  called "optical constants"  
(see work of Draine & Lee)

### Extinction

absorption + scattering = photons removed from l.o.s.

$$Q_{\text{ext}} = Q_{\text{abs}} + Q_{\text{scatt}}$$

see Whittet '92  
p. 58

$$A_{\lambda} = 1.086 N_d \pi a^2 Q_{\text{ext}}$$

for one-size-fits-all dust

column density of dust grains  
~~total mass~~

$$A_{\lambda} = 1.086 \pi \int a^2 Q_{\text{ext}}(a) N(a) da$$

for distribution of  $N(a)$

so if "optical constants" &  $N(a)$  are known, then

$A_{\lambda}$  can be predicted theoretically

(e.g. handout from Mathis' review; see Cardelli, Clayton & Mathis 1989 *ApJ* 345, 245.)



## Fine Points:

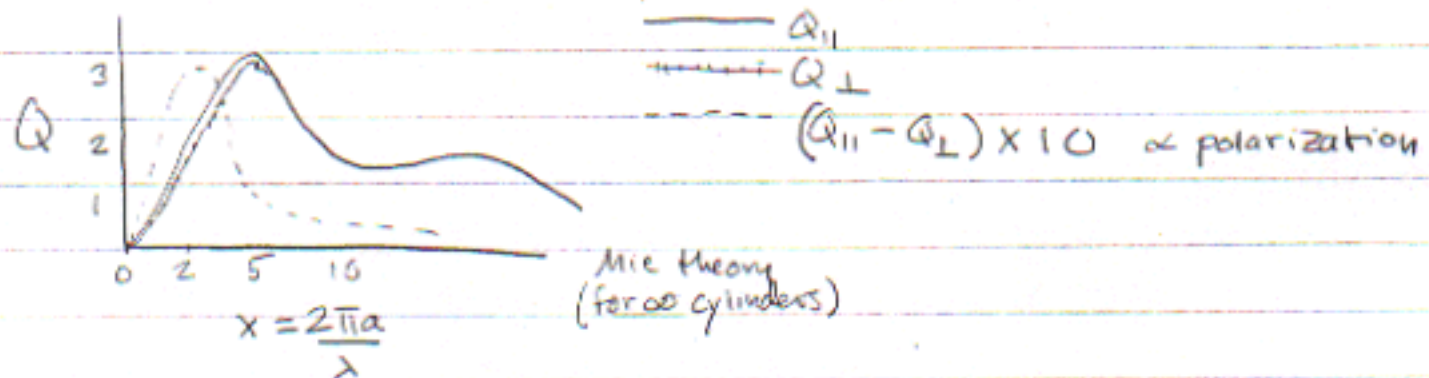
$$\text{Albedo} = \gamma = \frac{Q_{\text{scatt}}}{Q_{\text{ext}}}$$

"How strong?" Very relevant to KBOs

see Whitet '92 p. 61 for discussion of scattering.

## Polarization

Efficiencies for extinction are  $\neq$   $\parallel$  &  $\perp$  to grain's short axis



$\sigma =$  x-sect'l area of grain in plane of wavefront  $(\sim \pi a b)$  <sup>short axis</sup> <sup>long axis</sup>

$$A_{\parallel} = 1.086 N_d \sigma Q_{\parallel} ; \quad A_{\perp} = 1.086 N_d \sigma Q_{\perp}$$

$$\boxed{p = \text{polarization} = A_{\parallel} - A_{\perp} = 1.086 N_d \sigma (Q_{\parallel} - Q_{\perp})}$$

for a given grain size

$$\boxed{\frac{p}{A} = 2 \left\{ \frac{Q_{\parallel} - Q_{\perp}}{Q_{\parallel} + Q_{\perp}} \right\} = \text{"polarization-to-extinction ratio"}}$$

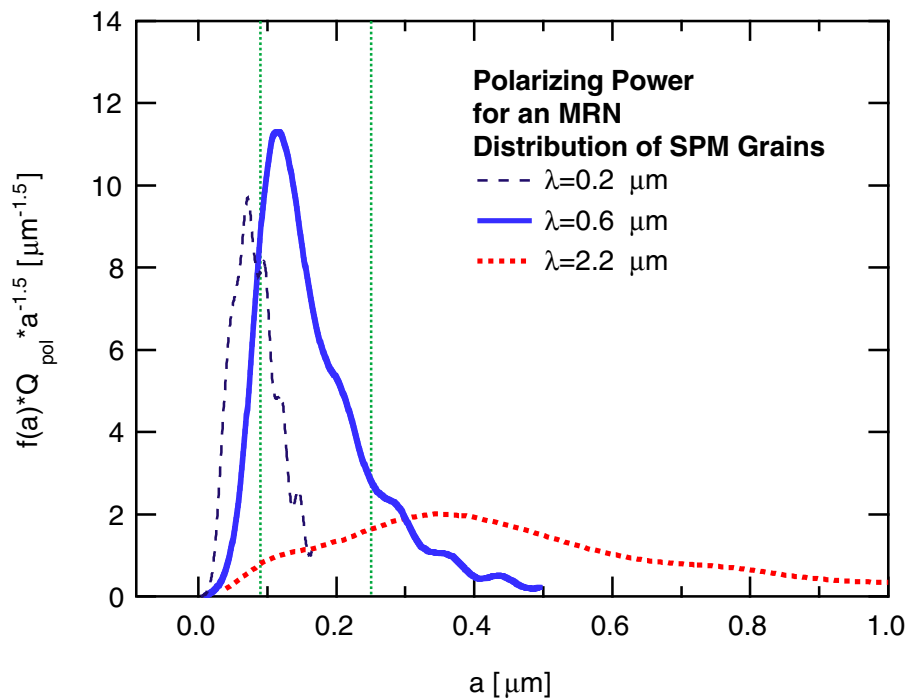
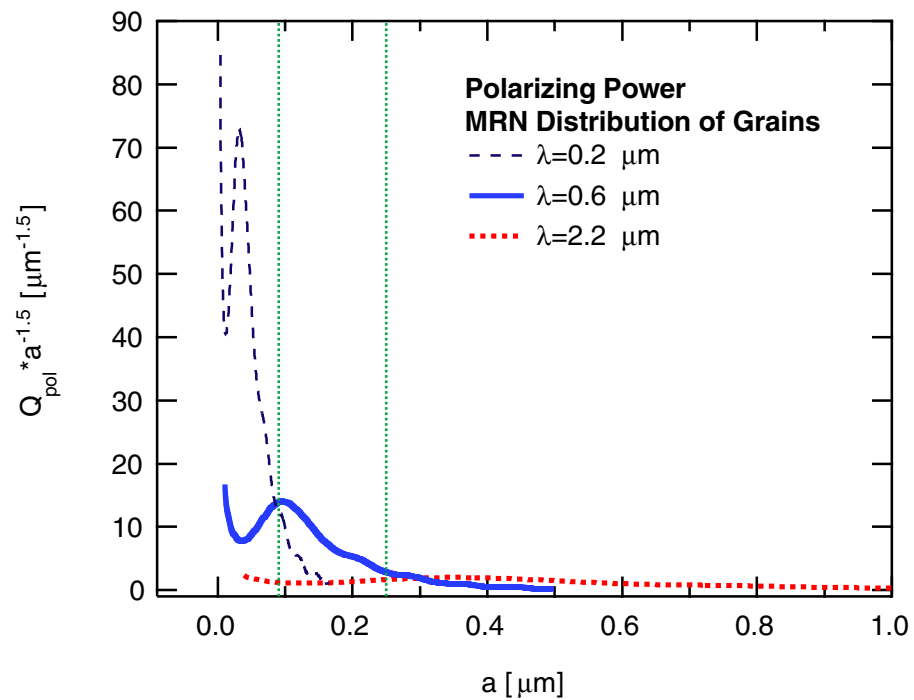
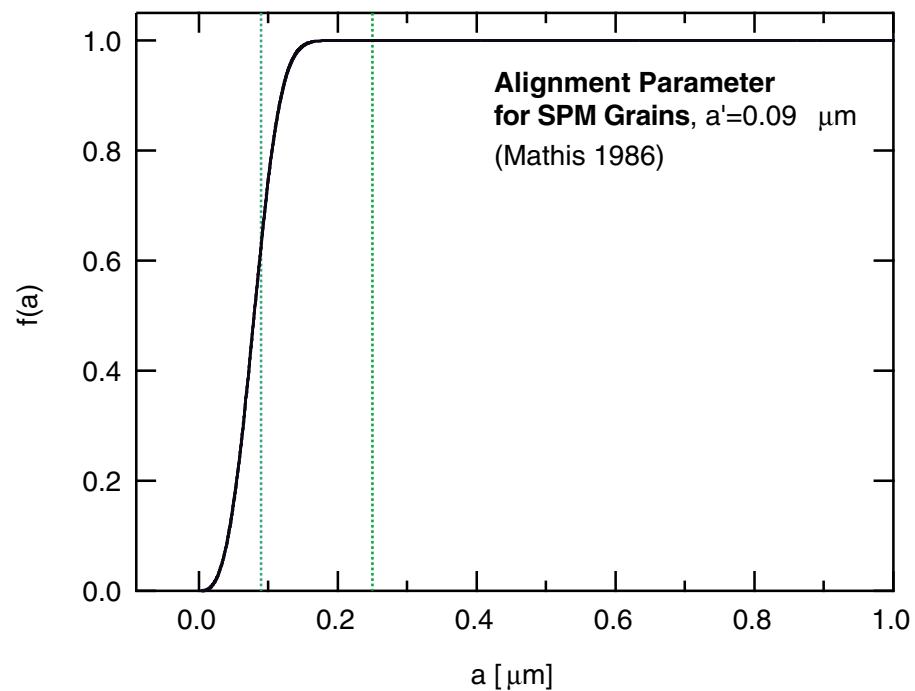
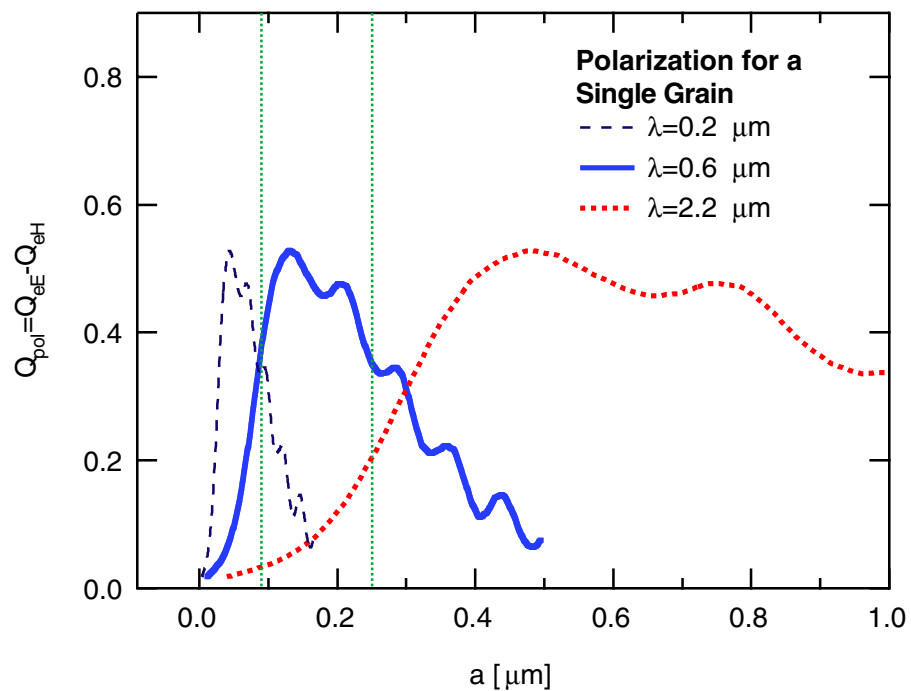
Actual  $p_x$  will depend on size distribution of polarizing grains.

See AG for discussion of

`pol.ay208.jpg`

in this  
directory

(return to this in discussion of B-fields)



# Wavelength Dependence of Extinction and Polarization

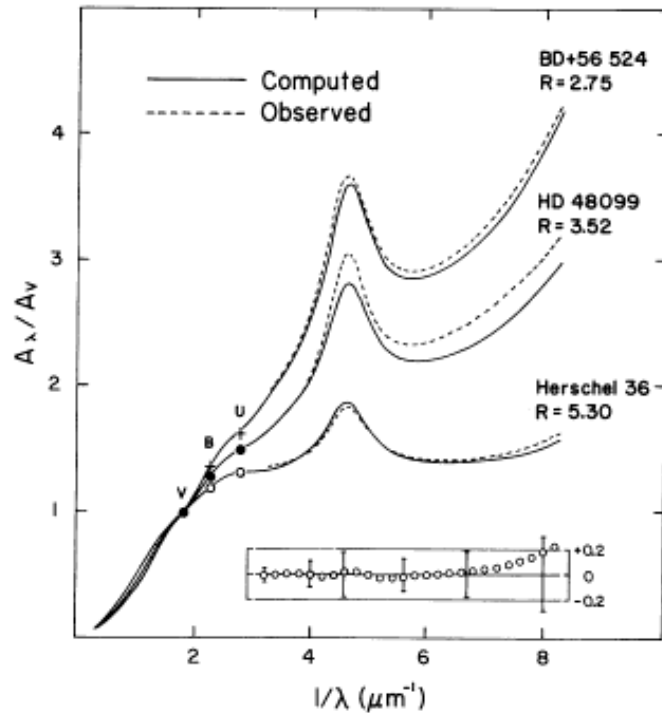


FIG. 4.—Same as Fig. 3 except for the UV portion of the mean  $R_V$ -dependent extinction law from eq. (4). The data at  $U$ ,  $B$ , and  $V$  from Fig. 3 are also plotted. Again, the “error” bars in the lower inset represent the computed standard deviation of the data about the best fit of  $A(\lambda)/A(V)$  vs.  $R_V^{-1}$  with  $a(x) + b(x)/R_V$ . The open symbols in the inset represent the difference between  $A(\lambda)/A(V)$  from eq. (4) and the average curve of Seaton (1979) for  $R_V = 3.2$ . The only serious deviation occurs for  $x > 7 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$  (see text).

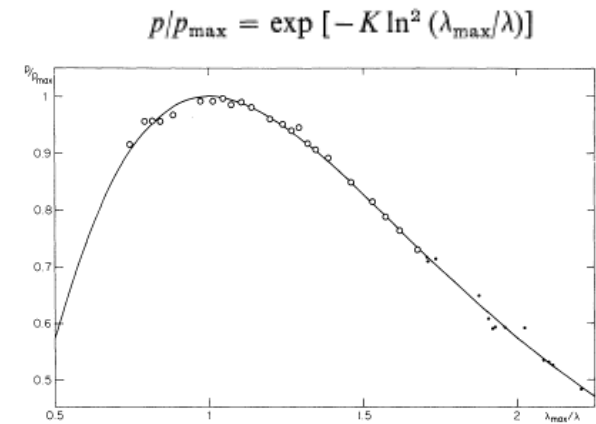


FIG. 3.—The normalized wavelength dependence of interstellar linear polarization derived from the observations with the Siding Spring multichannel polarimeter-photometer. The solid line is calculated from eq. (4) for  $K = 1.15$ . Every open circle is based on 20 stars, while each dot represents the observations of an individual star with a particular filter.

Serkowski, K., Mathewson, D. L. & Ford, V. L. 1975, *ApJ*, 196, 261

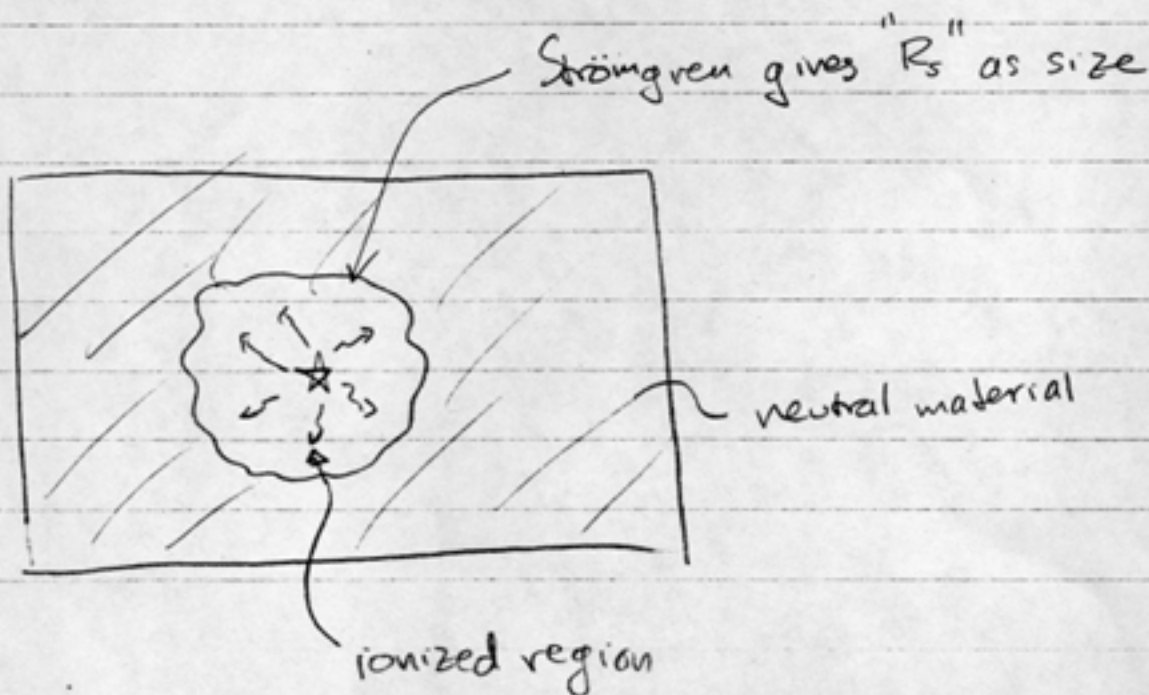
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Astronomy 208 v. Y2K Meeting #16

Order for next sections: HII Regions <sup>Th</sup> Rodriguez-Caspar et al  
 then SNR + Hot ISM <sup>Tues</sup> Williams et al  
 (incl shock discussions)

Still Remaining (7 meetings after Thanksgiving - 1 for Paolo?)

- more on S.F. & winds from young & evolved stars
- ISM in external galaxies
- IGM / ISM at  $z \gg 0$

Today Basics of HII Regions

? Time evolution

? Effects of/on  
gas composition

? Effects of clumpiness/structure

## 4. Interactions of Photons with the ISM

## 4.1 HII Regions &amp; PDRs

(a) Strömgren Sphere: "Equilibrium" where ionizations = recombs

(Strömgren, 1959 ApJ

$$X = \# \text{ ionizing photons/sec from } \star (\lambda < 912 \text{ \AA}) \quad \underline{89,529}$$

$$\propto n_e n_H = \# \text{ recomb/sec / volume}$$

$$\uparrow = \text{recombination coefficient } (\approx 3.1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} @ 8000 \text{ K})$$

Assume all "H" electrically neutral  $H^+ = \text{proton}$

$$\text{so } n_e = n_p$$

$$\text{Total ionized volume} = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_s^3$$

$$\text{So } \text{Ioniz} = \text{Recomb}$$

$$X = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_s^3 \alpha n_e n_H$$

$$R_s = \left( \frac{3X}{4\pi\alpha} \right)^{1/3} (n_e n_H)^{-1/3}$$

often assumed  
that  $n_e = n_H$   
@ boundary

$$\text{so } R_s = \left( \frac{3X}{4\pi\alpha} \right)^{1/3} n_H^{-2/3}$$

Allows for gross estimates:

$$\text{e.g. } O6 \star \quad T_{\text{eff}} \approx 4.5 \times 10^4 \text{ K}; \quad L \approx 1.3 \times 10^5 L_{\odot}$$

Wien's Law  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\text{max}} = 640 \text{ \AA}$  (So assume all  $\lambda < 912 \text{ \AA}$  @  $640 \text{ \AA}$ )

$$X = L / hc / \lambda_{\text{max}} = 1.6 \times 10^{49} \text{ phot/sec} \quad \text{for } n_H = 5000 \quad R_s = 0.3 \text{ pc}$$

often lower due to clustering

Refinements:

Real spectrum: # ionizing photons/sec =  $n_H \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_\nu}{h\nu} \alpha_\nu(H) d\nu$

$n_H$  = density

$J_\nu$  = mean intensity

$\frac{4\pi J_\nu}{h\nu}$  = # incident phot of freq  $\nu$

$\alpha_\nu(H)$  = ionization x-section for H by photons w/hv  
 $\sim 6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$  for H

BUT •  $J_\nu$  should really include reduction by scattering w/in the nebula

• Multiple ionizations by one photon

• Time Evolution

Return to Time Evolution for Rest of Today  
 after looking @ possible morphologies

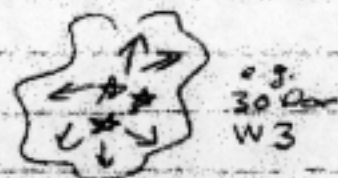
See Also

<http://cfa-www.harvard.edu/~agoodman/hii.html>

# Types of <sup>Real</sup> H II Regions

Giant H II Regions  
(OBassn)

5-50 pc  
1-100  $\text{cm}^{-3}$



Blister H II Regions

1-10 pc  
 $10^2 - 10^3 \text{cm}^{-3}$

(see below)

Compact & Ultracompact

$\leq 1 \text{ pc}$  to  $\ll 1 \text{ pc}$   
 $> 10^3$  to  $\gg 10^5 \text{cm}^{-3}$

Often produce

champagne-flow

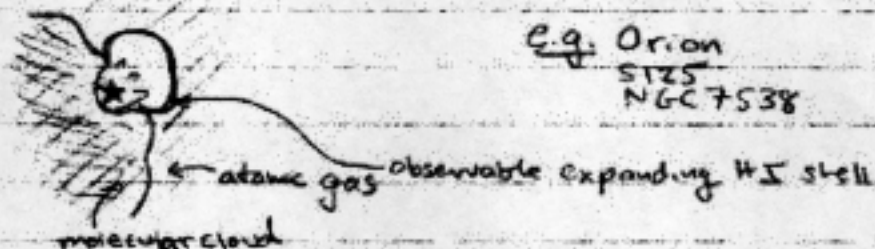
Ref: Tenorio-Tagle 1979



Note Geometry:

blister

Usually larger than  
"champagne flows"





# FORMATION OF AN H II REGION

(Approximation)  
for constant  $n$

- ①. ★ turns on instantaneously, emitting ionizing radiation @ rate

$$\int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{L_{\nu}}{h\nu} d\nu \quad \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{sec}}$$

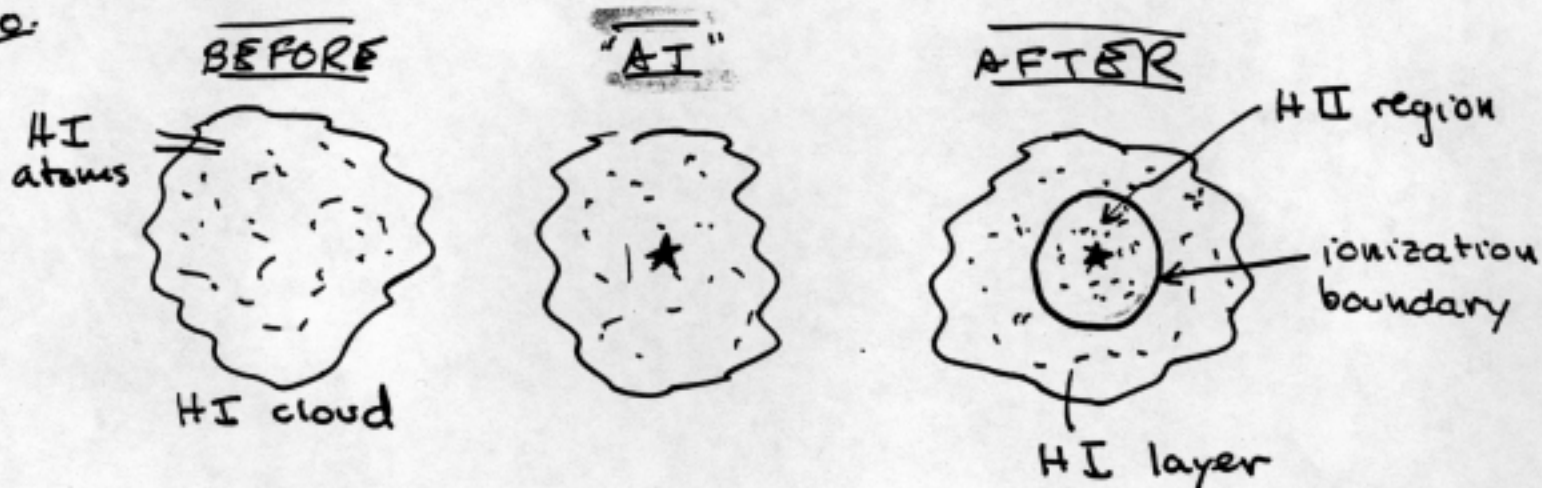
$L_{\nu}$  = luminosity @  $\nu$

$h\nu_0$  = energy needed to ionize from ground state

- ② Assume ★ is in a cloud of HI gas with  $n_H \frac{H}{cc}$

- ③ Photons move out @  $c$  & ionize gas

So.



In this Approximation... growth analysis:

star emits photons @ rate

$$\frac{d}{dt}(N_i) = \int_0^\infty \frac{L_\nu}{h\nu} d\nu \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{photons} \\ \text{sec} \end{array}$$

which ionize a spherical shell around \* of radius  $R$  thickness  $dR \Rightarrow$  shell contains  $4\pi R^2 dR n_H$  atoms of  $H I$

rate of change of  $R$  given by

$$\frac{dN_i}{dt} = 4\pi R^2 n_H \frac{dR}{dt}$$

because each ionizing photon ionizes one  $n_H$  (ignoring recomb)

In  $H I$  gas m.f.p. =  $\delta = \frac{1}{n_H a}$

$a =$  ionization x-section  $\approx 6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  for  $H$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_H = 1.67 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm} = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ pc}$$

photon will ionize w/ in  $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ pc}$

But in ionized gas, relevant x-section is for scattering

$$\sigma \approx 6.7 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2 = \text{very small}$$

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{n\sigma} = 469 \text{ pc!!} = \text{very large m.f.p.}$$

photon not bothered much

$\Rightarrow$  very sharp transition @ ionization front  
ere m.f.p gets very short



In the previous growth approx, we neglected RECOMBINATION, which will slow or halt growth.

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \alpha &= \text{recombination rate coeff } [\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}] \\ &= 4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ for } \text{H}^+ \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\left[ t_{\text{recomb}} = \text{recomb time} = \frac{1}{n_{\text{H}} \alpha} = 80 \text{ years} \right]$$

Thus, including Recombinations, we find:

$$\underbrace{\frac{dN_i}{dt}}_{\text{ionizations}} = \underbrace{4\pi R^2 n_{\text{H}}}_{\text{growth}} \frac{dR}{dt} + \underbrace{\frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 n_p n_e \alpha}_{\text{recombinations}}$$

EQUILIBRIUM state = constant volume  $\Rightarrow \frac{dR}{dt} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R_s^3 = \frac{3}{4\pi n_e n_p \alpha} \frac{dN_i}{dt}} \Rightarrow \text{"Strömgren Radius"}$$

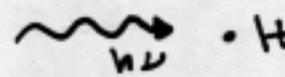
for B0 to O5 stars  $\& n_{\text{H}} \approx 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   $R_s \sim 0.1 - 1 \text{ pc}$

# Recall

To get more quantitative, we need to consider

- stellar spectrum to give  $\frac{dN_i}{dt}$  ✓ O.K.
- radiative transfer of ionizing photons ✓ O.K.
- structure in neutral gas too hard for today
- composition of neutral gas assume all H today

Define: •  $n_H^0$  = volume dens. neut. H

- $n_e$  = " " electrons (free)
- $n_p$  = " " protons (free)
- $J_\nu$  = mean intensity of radiation field =  $\frac{1}{4\pi} \int I_\nu d\Omega$
- $a_\nu(H)$  = ionization x-section  • H
- $\alpha(H^0, T)$  = recomb. rate coeff ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ )

Set

$$\frac{\text{ionizations}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{volume}} = \frac{\text{recombinations}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{volume}}$$



then

$$n_H^0 \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_\nu}{h\nu} a_\nu(H) d\nu = \underbrace{n_e n_p \alpha(H^0, T)}$$

" Ionization Equilibrium Equation" for a Pure H Cloud.

In the #II region, the equ. of transfer is:

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -n_{H^0} a_\nu I_\nu + j_\nu$$

$I_\nu$  is a bit complicated because some photons are from  $\star$  & some from nebula itself

$$I_\nu = I_{\nu s} + I_{\nu d}$$

Stellar Component:  $\star$  is only source  $\Rightarrow j_\nu^* = \phi$

so we have

$$4\pi J_{\nu s} = \pi I_{\nu s}(R_\star) \times \frac{R_\star^2}{r^2} e^{-\tau_\nu} \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{r^2} \text{ dilution} \\ \tau \text{ dilution} \end{array} \right\}$$

Diffuse Component: source of ionizing  $h\nu$  is recaptures to the ground state (Lyman series)

so # ionizing photons =  $4\pi \int_0^\infty \frac{j_\nu}{h\nu} d\nu = n_p n_e \alpha_1(H^0, T)$

$\uparrow$  recomb to ground state coeff

Two Approximations Possible

1. Optically Thin — ignore diffuse component  
say all Ly photons escape
2. Optically Thick — say all Ly photons absorbed & re-radiated (possibly @ longer  $\lambda$ )

Optically thick case (More interesting)

$$4\pi \int \frac{j_\nu}{h\nu} dV = 4\pi \int N_H \frac{a_\nu J_{\nu d}}{h\nu} dV$$

emitted = absorbed

*source term* (pointing to  $j_\nu$ )  
*mean intensity* (pointing to  $J_{\nu d}$ )  
*ionization cross section* (pointing to  $a_\nu$ )

"On-the-spot" approximation: above eq. holds locally

so that:  $J_{\nu d} = \frac{j_\nu}{n_H a_\nu}$

not too bad, since m.f.p. for abs. is short in  $\tau$  high case

Substituting, we find that the equation of transfer ionization equilibrium becomes

$$4\pi J_\nu = \frac{4\pi j_\nu}{n_H a_\nu} + \pi I_{\nu_s}(R_*) \frac{R^2}{r^2} e^{-\tau_\nu}$$

*no-rad comp (source term)*      *stellar comp*

$$\frac{n_H R^2}{r^2} \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi I_{\nu_s}(R_*)}{h\nu} e^{-\tau_\nu} a_\nu d\nu = n_e n_p [\alpha_{tot}(H^+, T) - \alpha_1(H^+, T)]$$

Notice that:  $\alpha_{TOT} - \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \sum_2^{\infty} \alpha_n(H^+, T)$

*recomb take out to ground state* (pointing to  $\alpha_2$ )      *allow for recomb ground state* (pointing to  $\alpha_1$ )

$\Rightarrow$  recombinations to ground state produces photons which get trapped in nebula — they don't count (don't contribute to ionization balance)

Integrating the ionization equilibrium over  $r$  gives:

$$R^2 \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi I_{\nu}(R)}{h\nu} \times \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} \alpha_{\nu} n_{\text{H}}^0 dr d\nu = \int_0^{\infty} n_p n_e \alpha_2 r^2 dr$$

but recall  $d\tau_{\nu} = n_{\text{H}} \alpha_{\nu} dr$  so

$$R^2 \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi I_{\nu}(R)}{h\nu} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} d\nu d\tau_{\nu} = \int_0^{\infty} n_e n_p \alpha_2 r^2 dr$$

which gives

$$4\pi R^2 \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{\pi I_{\nu s}(R)}{h\nu} d\nu = 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} n_e n_p \alpha_2 r^2 dr$$

So IF  $n_e = n_p = n_{\text{H}}$  for  $r \leq R_s$  and  $n_e = 0 = n_p$  for  $r > R_s$

we can replace  $\infty$  radius with  $R_s$  which means

$$4\pi \int_0^{\infty} n_e n_p \alpha_2 r^2 dr = 4\pi n_{\text{H}}^2 \alpha_2 \frac{R_s^3}{3}$$

and use definition of Luminosity  $L_{\nu} = 4\pi R_s^2 \pi I_{\nu}(R)$

so finally!

$$\int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{L_{\nu}}{h\nu} d\nu = \frac{4}{3} \pi R_s^3 n_{\text{H}}^2 \alpha_2$$

$R_s =$   
Strömgren  
Radius!!

4.2 1/2 Heating &amp; Cooling in H II Regions

4.3 Ionization Fraction &amp; Chemical Balance in PDRs

Interlude -

→ Real Spectrum of an H II Region

4.2 1/2 "Thermodynamic State of H II Regions" (what is  $T_e$ ?) $\Gamma - \Lambda = 0$  for equilibrium

Recall:  $n_e \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_{\nu}}{h\nu} a_{\nu}(H) d\nu = \frac{\text{ionizations}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{volume}}$

 $\Gamma$ : Heating (due to Photoionization)

from last time

$$\Gamma_{\text{photoionization}} = n_H \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_{\nu}}{h\nu} h(\nu - \nu_0) a_{\nu}(H^{\circ}) d\nu \quad (\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1})$$

(ioniz. x-section)

 $(h\nu - h\nu_0) \rightarrow$  This factor gives "x energy"The energy above  $h\nu_0$  in each ionization is  $h(\nu - \nu_0)$ That extra energy  $\rightarrow$  K.E. of electrons

The distribution of K.E.'s is given by a Maxwellian because the x-section for e-e collisions is very high

i.e.  $\sigma_{ee} \approx 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^2 \gg a_{\nu} \approx 6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^2$

so as soon as  $e^-$  created, it will find the pre-existing distr. of  $e^-$  which have a Boltzmann dist @  $T_e$  ("e- are rapidly thermalized")

(initially it depends on  $J_{\nu} a_{\nu} / h(\nu - \nu_0)$  but that information is quickly lost)

Recall  $J_{\nu} = \text{mean intensity of radiation field}$ 

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int S_{\nu} d\Omega$$

$$4\pi J_{\nu} = 4\pi J_{\nu} \frac{4\pi}{4\pi} = 4\pi J_{\nu} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{h\nu_0}{h\nu}}{\frac{h\nu_0}{h\nu}} \right)$$



$\Lambda$  : Cooling inside H II Regions ... radiation by ...

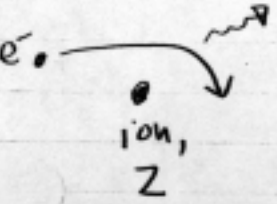
- a) Recombination      b.) free-free      c.) line cooling

a.)  $\Lambda_R = n_e n_p k T_e \beta_2 (H^{\circ}, T)$

$\beta_2$  = recomb coeff averaged over Boltzmann v-dist e Te  
 (counting only recomb to  $n \geq 2$ )

note: for  $n_e = n_p = 1$  &  $T = 10^4 K$   $[\Lambda_R \approx 10^{-25} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}]$

b)  $\Lambda_{ff} = 4\pi \overset{\text{emissivity factor}}{j_{ff}} = 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} j_{\nu} d\nu$  (From analyzing interaction energy as we did for ion-hat)



$$= \frac{2^5 \pi e^6 Z^2}{3^{3/2} h m c^3} \left( \frac{2\pi k T}{m} \right)^{1/2} g_{ff} n_e n_p$$

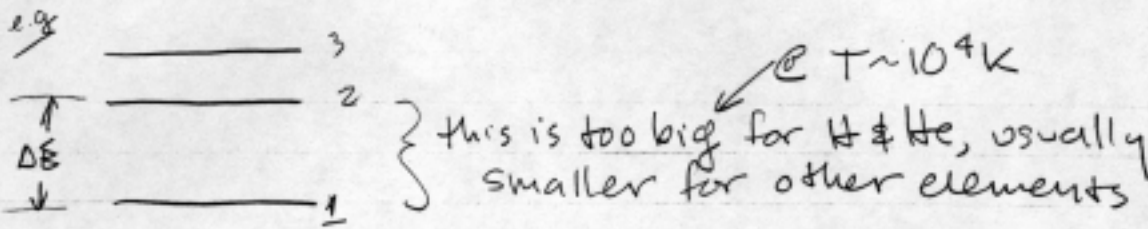
$\Lambda_{ff} = 1.42 \times 10^{-27} Z^2 T^{1/2} g_{ff} n_e n_p$   $\propto T_e^2$   
 (g<sub>ff</sub> is the Gaunt factor)

note: for  $n_e = n_p = 1$  &  $T = 10^4 K$   $[\Lambda_{ff} \approx 10^{-25} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}]$   
 (see handout ppg 5.8)

c.) Cooling by Line Radiation from Collisionally Excited Atoms ← Most Important!!

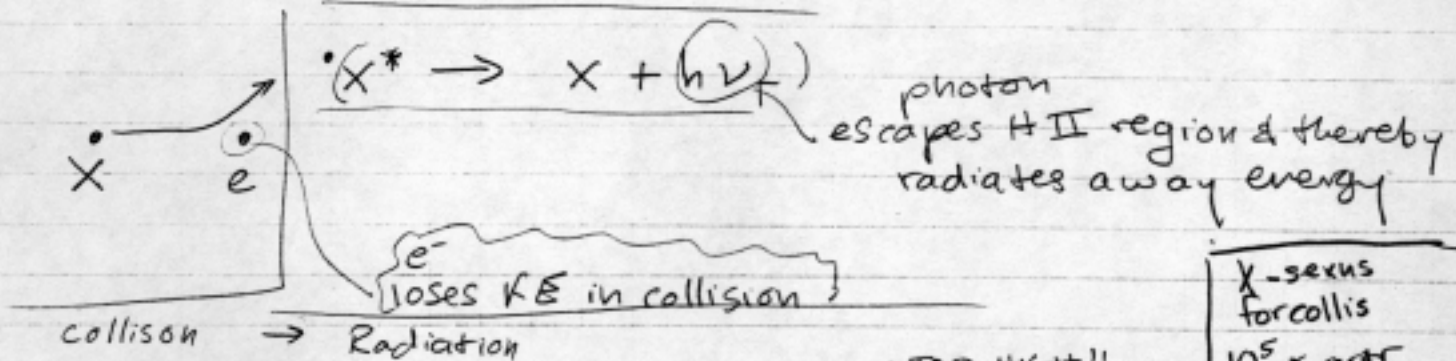
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c.) cont'd (line cooling)



Basic Idea! Convert KE of  $e^-$  / ion gas into escaping radiation.

Some atom w/ at least one bound  $e^-$  = "X"



$\chi$ -sexts  
 for collis  
 $10^5 \times$  grtr  
 than for  
 radiative capture

TOO HIGH!!

For H,  $\Delta E_{2,1} = 13.6 \text{ eV} = k(1.6 \times 10^5 \text{ K})$

For certain impurities (eg.  $O^+, O^{++}, N^+$ )  $\Delta E \approx kT_e$   
 ↑  
 important coolants (same: if more abundant, H II reg would cool off fast)

∴ each excited state for each element has its own  $e^-$ -collision  $\chi$ -sectn & detailed calculations are needed...

But as an example (see Spitzer 1978 Fig 6.1)

$\Lambda_{OII} @ T=10^4 \text{ K}$  is  $\sim 10^{-24} \text{ erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 for  $n_e = n_p = 1$  this is  $\gg \Lambda_{ff}$  or  $\Lambda_R$   
 for just 1 line!

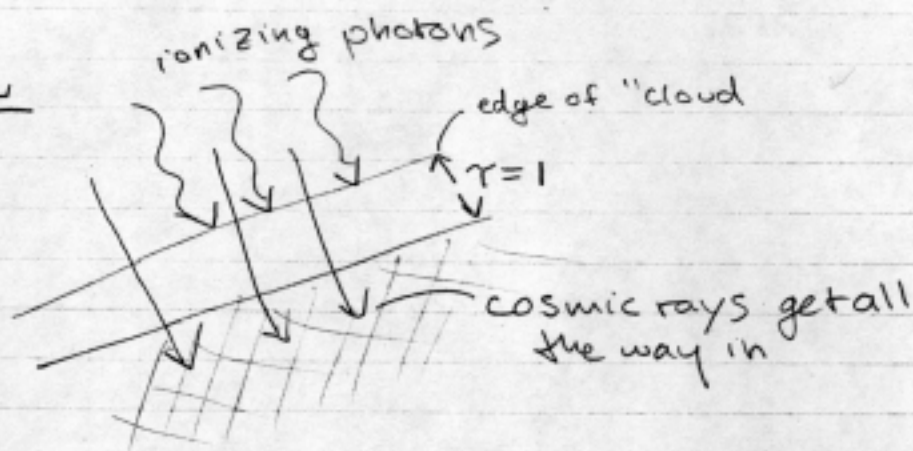
Note: w/o line cooling  $T_{HII \text{ reg}} \sim 2.6 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$   
 actually more like  $\geq 10^4 \text{ K}$

So, this means ultimately  $T_e$  is determined by

$$\Gamma_{\text{photoioniz}} = \Lambda_{\text{line cooling}} + \Lambda_{\text{free-free}} + \Lambda_{R(\text{rem})}$$

### 4.3 One Point Ionization Fraction & Chemical Balance in PDRs

Old View

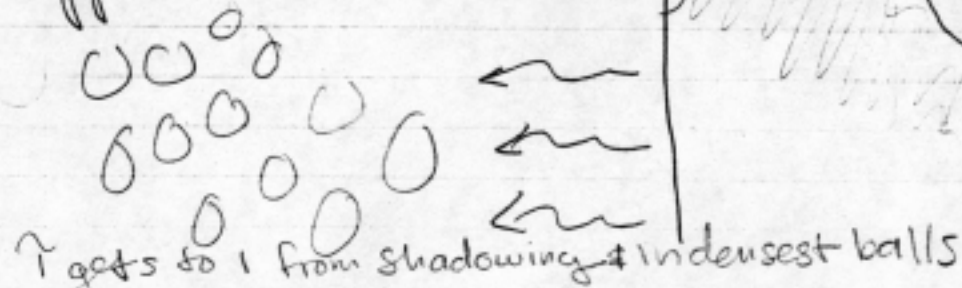


So, ionization in "exterior" layers (hence chemistry - recall importance of ion-neutral reaxns) is "photon-dominated" - interior ionization from cosmic rays only.

New View "Fractal Clouds"

Where is  $\tau=1$  surface??

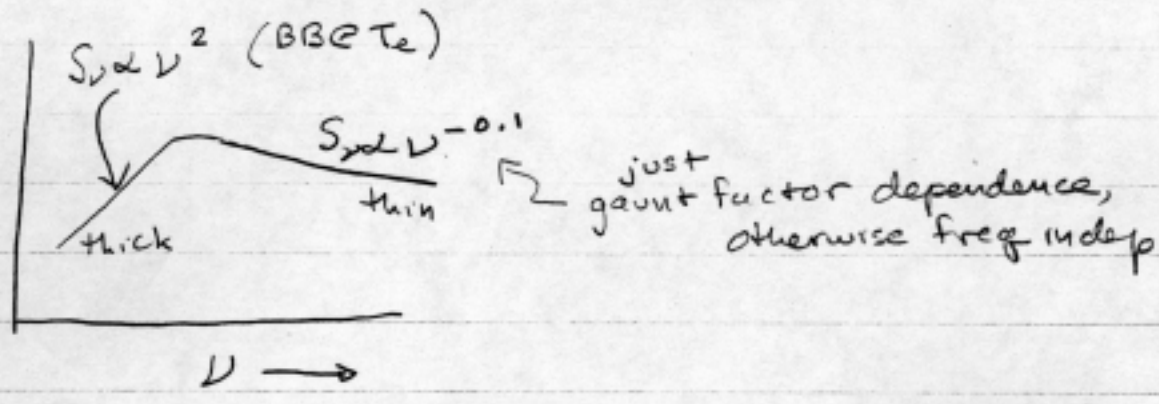
1<sup>st</sup> approx: Billiard Ball models



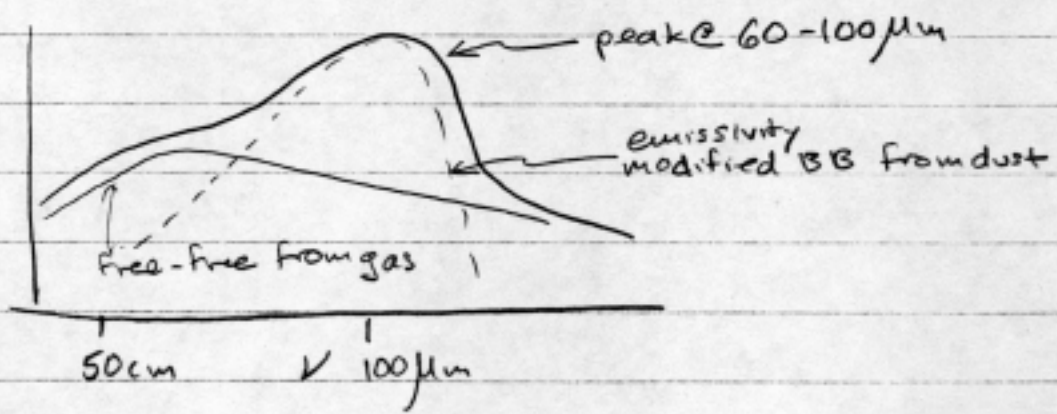
"Real" Spectrum of an H II Region

(Problem Set 4) ... hints/handouts ...

Lowest  $\nu$  dominated by free-free (Radio)



Medium  $\nu$  : Dust re-radiation important

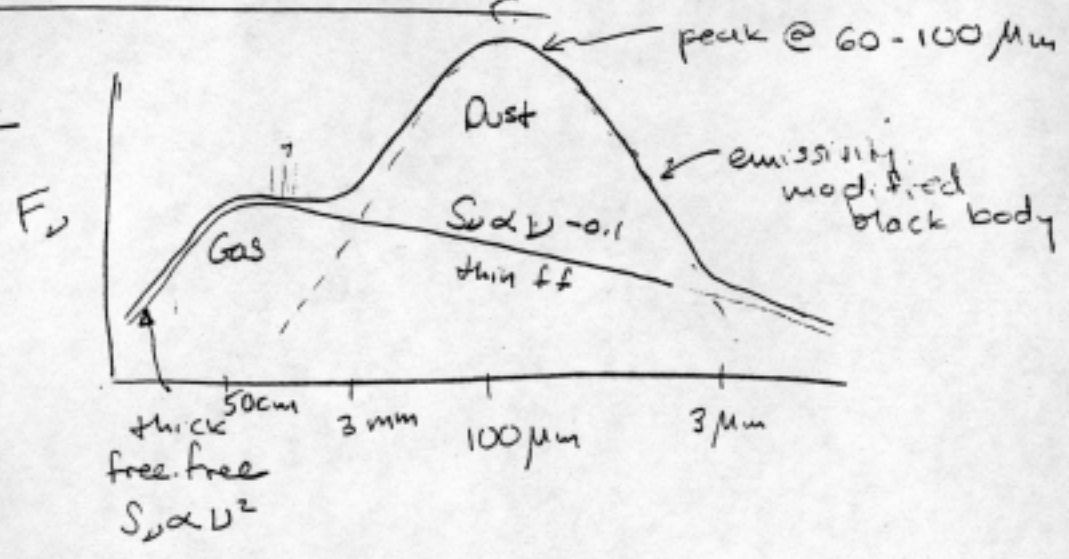


High  $\nu$

Lots of spectral lines... dominant coolants...

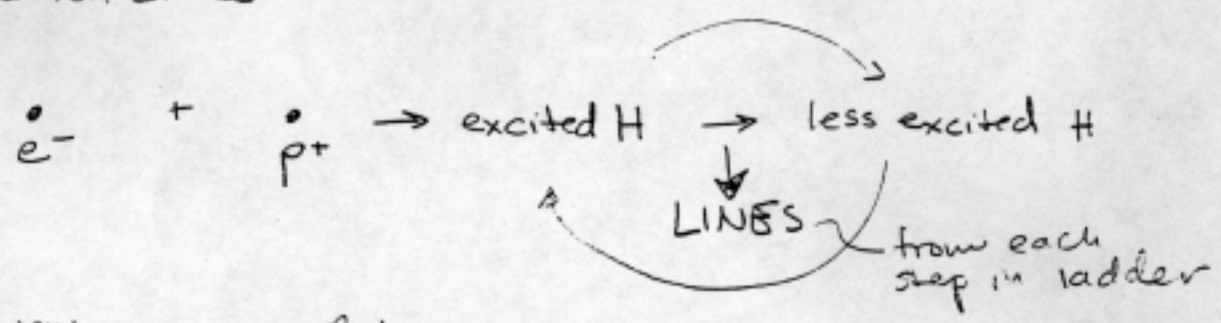
# Real "Spectrum" of H II Regions

Last time:

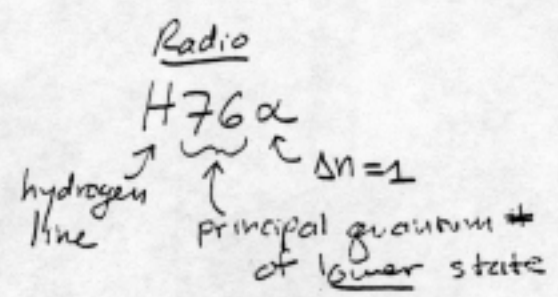


This time: What about spectral lines superimposed on this? (consider to day only those w/ origin in H II region, e.g. NOT abs lines due to foreground neut. material)

## "Recombination Lines"



Note on notation:



(Recomb Lines, cont'd.)

Unfortunate optical notation.

		<u>Radio</u>	<u>Optical</u>
Balmer line of H (optical)	$n=3 \rightarrow 2$ ( $\Delta n=1$ )	H2 $\alpha$	"H $\alpha$ " → "pink" glow of H II regions
Lyman line of H (ultraviolet)	$n=2 \rightarrow 1$ ( $\Delta n=1$ )	H1 $\alpha$	"Ly $\alpha$ "

When  $n \sim 100$  &  $\Delta n=1$  frequencies are "radio"

At  $n < 40$  → "optical recombination lines"  
see: Spitzer 1978 § 3.3a

calculations complicated by: ①  $\Delta v_{rel} >$  Doppler width  
calc. level populations hard

② What happens to Ly $\alpha$   
Case A Case B

H II reopt → thin to Ly $\alpha$   
h $\nu$  escapes w/o  
reionizing anything

↓  
thick to Ly $\alpha$   
Ly $\alpha$  abs'd &  
converted to  
longer  $\lambda$

## Significance of Recombination Lines

- ratio of  $\frac{\text{energy radiated in line}}{\text{energy in underlying continuum}}$

like a  $\sim$  "partition function"

giving ratio  $\frac{\text{bound}}{\text{free}}$  electrons

$\rightarrow T_{\text{gas}}$

where pressure broadening is significant, also get  $n_e$

where Doppler profile interesting also get  $T_e(v)$

more than an order of magnitude greater. Collisional excitation of the former levels, which produces radiation in the infrared, is quite insensitive to temperature for  $T$  greater than  $1000^\circ\text{K}$ . Excitation of the latter, however, increases quite sharply with increasing  $T$ , since only the electrons in the tail of the Maxwellian distribution have the 1.9 to 3.3 eV of energy required, and the number of these rises sharply with  $T$ . Hence these transitions to different spectroscopic terms provide a thermostatic mechanism that tends to keep the temperature in the neighborhood of  $10,000^\circ\text{K}$ .

Values of  $\Lambda/n_e n_p$  for low-density H II regions ( $n_e < 10^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$ ) are shown as a function of temperature in Fig. 6.1 [4], computed on the arbitrary assumption that O, Ne, and N, the only three radiating elements considered, are each 80 percent singly ionized and 20 percent doubly ionized. The abundances relative to H are essentially those in Table 1.1. At  $n_e$  significantly above  $10^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$ , collisional deexcitation reduces  $\Lambda$  below the

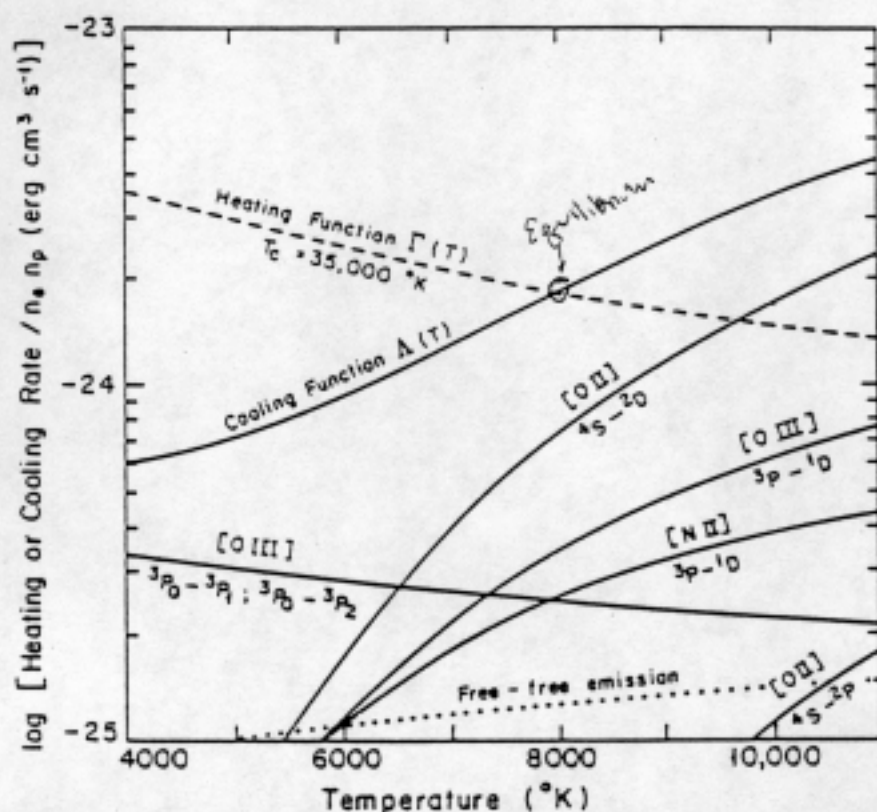


Figure 6.1 Heating and cooling functions in H II regions. Both  $\Lambda/n_e n_p$  and  $\Gamma/n_e n_p$  are shown as functions of the temperature  $T$ . In addition, the contributions to  $\Lambda/n_e n_p$  from individual transitions in O and N ions are plotted for the low-density limit ( $n_e < 10^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$ ) [4]. The dotted line shows  $\epsilon_{ff}/n_e n_p$ . The heating function represents an average for the H II region as a whole (see text), for a central star of color temperature,  $T_c$ , of  $35,000^\circ$  at far ultraviolet wavelengths.



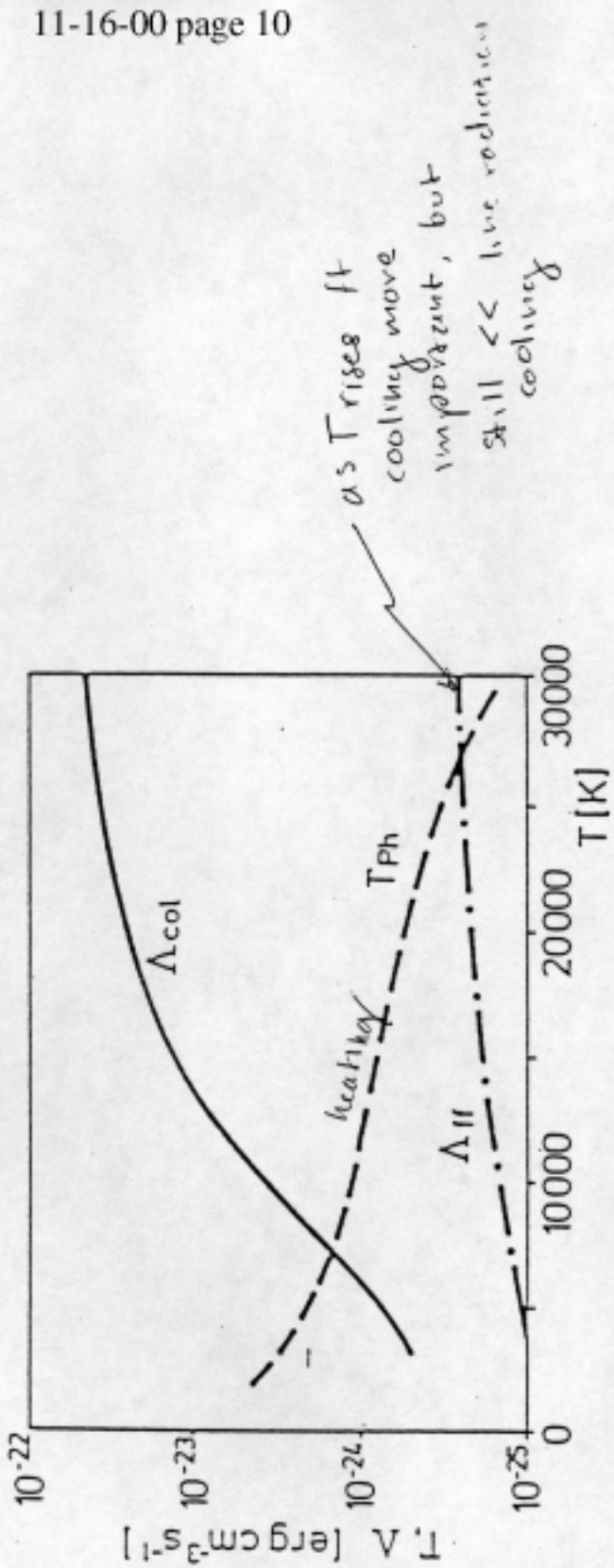


Fig. 5.8. Heating and cooling rates for an H II region with  $N_e = N_p = 1$ , caused by a star with surface temperature  $T_* = 32000 \text{ K}$ , as a function of the gas temperature  $T$ . For other values of  $N_e$  and  $N_p$  ( $\leq 10^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) the ordinate scale denotes  $\Gamma/N_e N_p$  and  $\Lambda/N_e N_p$  with dimension  $\text{erg cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Explanation in text. [After Spitzer (1968)]

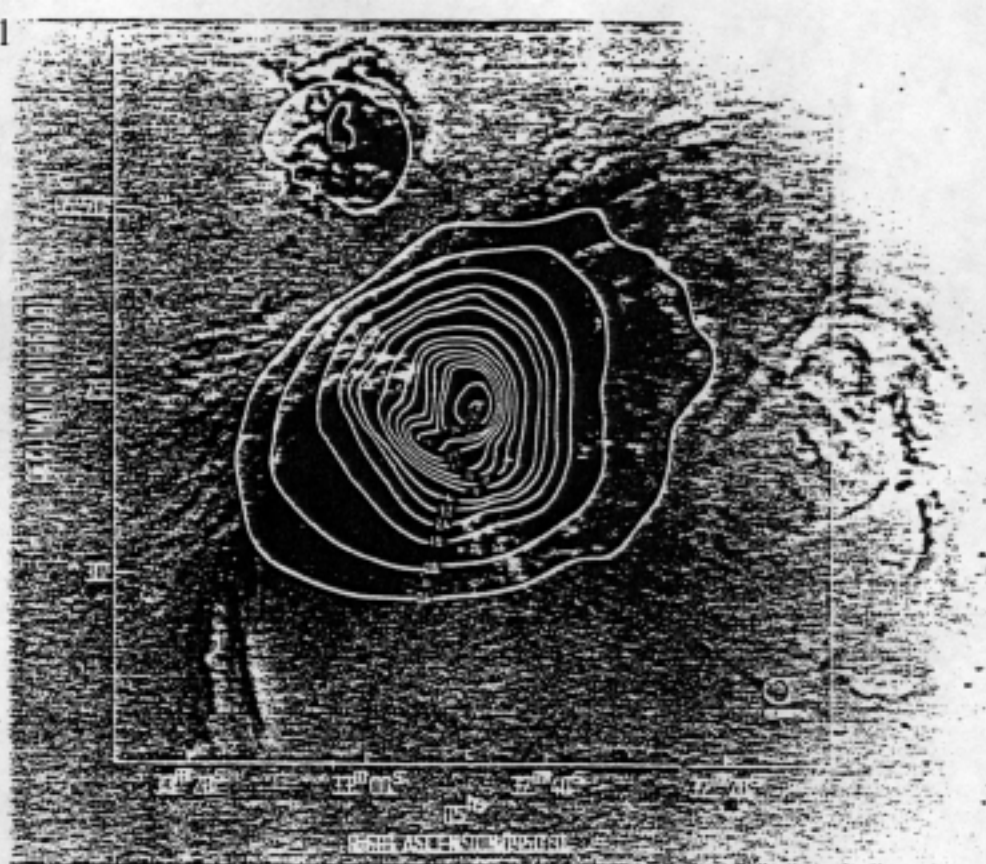


Fig. 2.3. The 23-GHz radio continuum contours, in units of main-beam brightness temperature, on an optical photo in H $\alpha$  and [NII] of NGC 1976 (Orion A, M42), below, and NGC 1982 (M43), above. The angular resolution is 42", which at the distance of Orion A, corresponds to a linear resolution of 0.10 pc. (Wilson and Pauls, 1984).

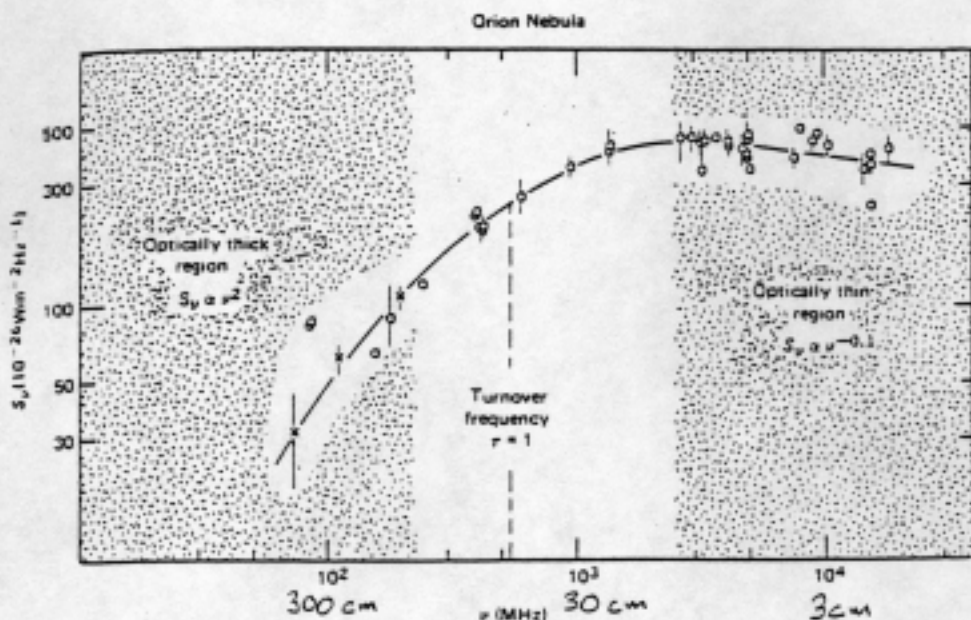
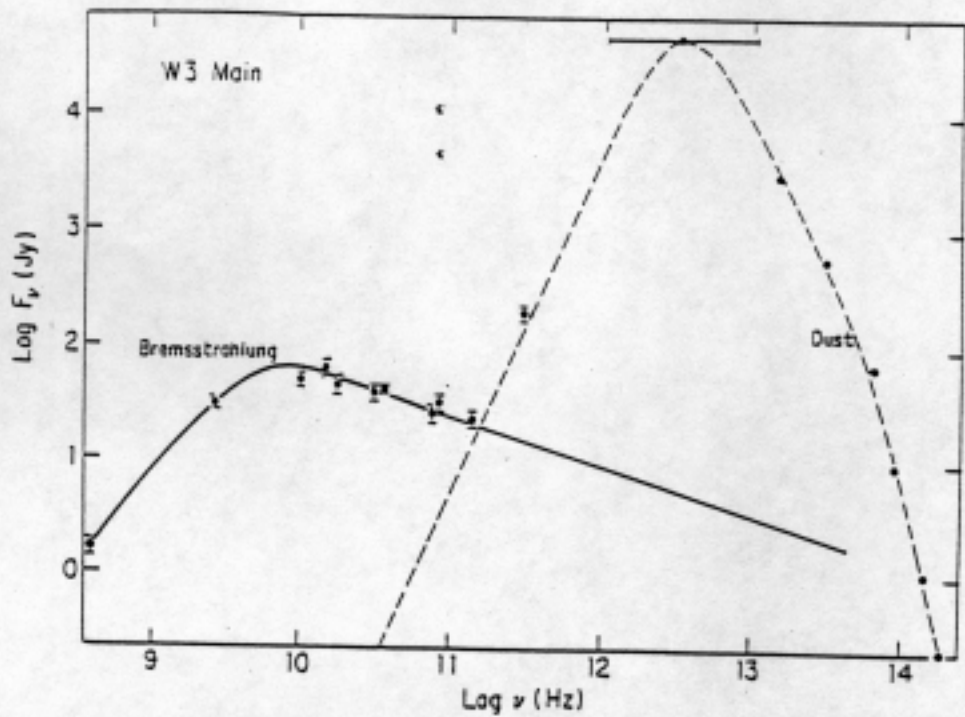


Fig. 2.2. Spectral flux density of the Orion Nebula plotted against frequency. The shaded regions mark the optically thick and thin regions of the spectrum. (Reprinted with permission by Gordon and Breach Science Publishers from: Terzian, Y. and Parrish A., *Astrophysical Letters*, Vol. 5(1970), pp. 261.

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Fig. 2.4. Open circles mark observations of the integrated flux from the HII region W3 Main. Solid line: bremsstrahlung emission; dashed line: thermal emission from dust. (Malkamäki et al., 1979).

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## The Hot ISM & The Interaction of X-Rays (High Energy Rad) with the ISM

(Note: More on non-therm an proc next time.)

Last time, in our discussion of SNRs, we showed that

$$\Sigma V_{\text{SNR}} = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{SNR in the} \\ \text{Galaxy}}}{\text{rate}_{\text{SN}}} \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{lifetime} \\ \text{(how long does} \\ \text{each matter)}}}{\tau_{\text{SNR}}} \cdot \underset{\substack{\nwarrow \\ \text{volume of 1 SNR} \\ \text{(average)} \\ \text{big one}}}{V_{\text{SNR}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{100 \text{ yr}} \cdot 3 \times 10^6 \text{ yr} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi (90 \text{ pc})^3 = 2 \times 10^{10} \text{ pc}^3$$

$$\text{Vol of MW} \approx \pi (30 \text{ kpc})^2 * 300 \text{ pc} \approx 2.7 \times 10^{11} \text{ pc}^3$$

Fraction of Total Vol that's in "Hot" "SNRs"  $\approx 10\%$

$\approx$  McKee & Ostriker model

$\uparrow$   
connections, chimneys,  
worms

Recall: Energy Deposited/SNR  $\approx 10^{51} \text{ erg}$

$$\frac{E}{\text{Vol}} \approx \text{pressure} \approx \frac{3}{2} n k T = \frac{10^{51}}{\frac{4}{3} \pi (90 \times 3 \times 10^8)^3} = 1.8 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$k \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-16}$$

[Note:  $p/k$  for ISM actually thought to be  $\approx 2 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}$ ]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} n T \approx 1 \times 10^5 \quad (= p/k)$$

$$n \approx 1 \quad \boxed{T \approx 10^5}$$

(still expanding)

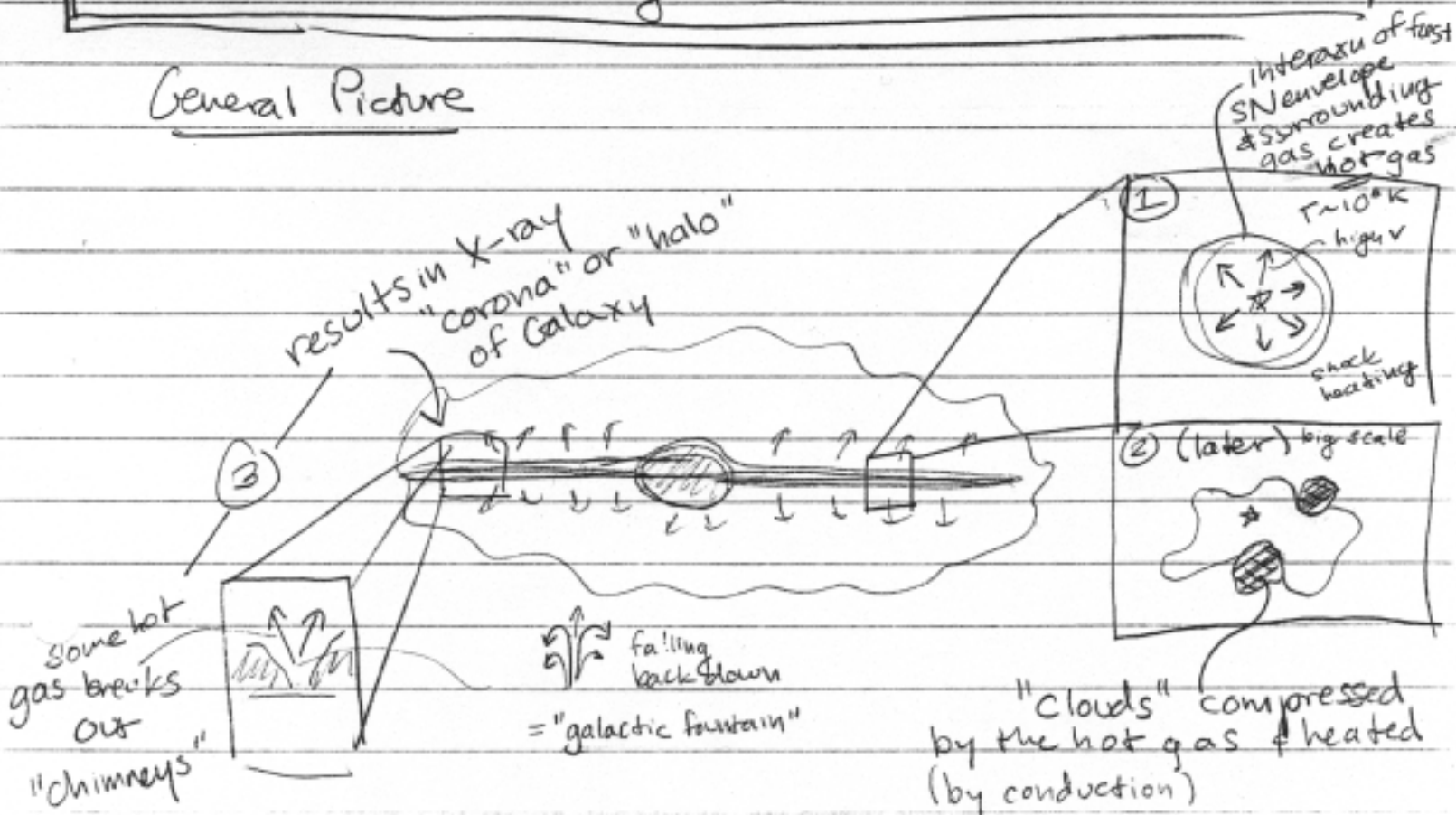
### 3.6 The "Hot" ISM \*

Why should it exist... theories see Spitzer 1990, ARA&A, 28, 71-101.

but here's an important quote from:

"Understanding the processes that occur as the hot interstellar gas evolves in our Galaxy is an ambitious goal that we are far from achieving."

#### General Picture



# History

1962 Shklovsky calculated expansion of non-radiating SNR into ISM

1940's known that  $T$ 's would be very high behind SN shock, but no way available (then) to obs. this very hot gas

Note: resolution of X-ray "telescopes" as very low

1968 start of rocket-borne obs'ns of diffuse X-rays (Bowyer, Field & Mack 1968)

1973 source of diffuse X-ray emission still unclear - suggestions were about hot gas - was it galactic or intergalactic?

1974 [Copernicus Obs. ultraviolet] → ① detection of OVI abs. lines in ISM

Soft 0.1 to 1 keV

major support for idea of hot (soft) X-ray emitting galactic gas.

② detection of Fe XIV from Cygnus Loop, which was strong source of (thermal) free-free & mostly X-rays @  $T \sim 2 \times 10^6$  K

③ about 6 SNe shown to have X-ray spect consistent w/ <sup>soft</sup> thermal radiation @  $2 < T < 15 \times 10^6$  K (a little non-thermal) actually line emission from ionized atoms

100 to 1000 eV  
 $10^6$  to  $10^7$  K

post-1974 SNe "believed" as source of hot gas in ISM

Today: "FUSE" Far Ultraviolet Spectral Explorer - launched 6/99

# Where do the X-rays come from? ← on a microscopic level

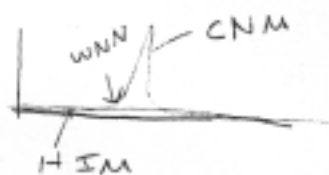
- mixture of ionic emission lines &
- continuum: from the hot plasma (see J. Raymond)  
free-free + some synchrotron

Big problem: DXRB = (local) + (distant) + (extragalactic)  
these could be prod. by different processes  
e.g. Xgal could be inverse Compton b/wn relativistic  $e^-$  & CMB ← see handout

In general, though:

X-ray emission modelling →  $T \approx 10^6$   $n_e = 3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$\Delta V_{HI}(T=10^6 \text{ K}) = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{kT}{m_{\text{amu}}}} \approx \underline{\underline{200 \text{ km/s}}}$  very low density & high-ionization makes this



impossible to see in HI

- easier to look @ X-rays directly -
- ROSAT has made a large contribution
- CHANDRA to move
- XMM will do spectroscopy!

note: T from X-rays consistent w/ T needed for OVI UV absorption

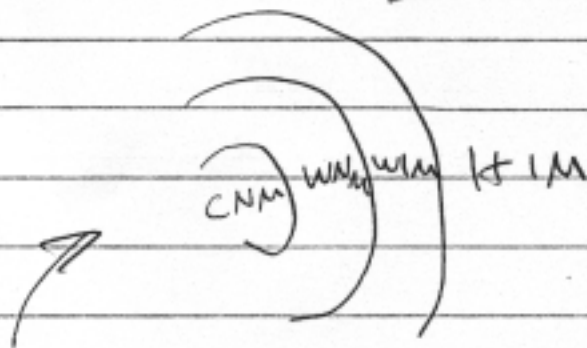
## Why does H I M stay hot?

- Density very low collisions infrequent
- Ionization states  $\rightarrow$  mostly just nuclei, no bound  $e^-$  — not even possible to cool by line radiation (some free-free matters)

WIM ( $T \sim 8000\text{K}$ ) represents transition zone

## What is Overall Distribution (even just in the Galaxy) of H I M?

McKee & Ostriker: individual clouds



Convexity/concavity problem: <sup>Rosen</sup> Bregman & Kelson '96.

$\downarrow$  or? cold



$\downarrow$   
soft X from nearby  
harder from further



The general picture is that the Diffuse XRB is produced in a "Local Bubble" of hot gas  $\sim 100$  pc of  $\odot$   $T \sim 10^6$  K

Absorption lines OVI in the disk } more extended gas  
CIV & NV in halo } @ lower T

↑  
this also produces CIV & OIII emission lines

? Shadows or holes?

We're back to Barnard!

How exactly would shadows be made?

↳ How do these high h $\nu$  photons actually interact with "regular" ISM?

4.4. 'Effect(s) of High Energy Photons' (≠ X-ray shadows)   
 when  $\nu \sim 10^{20}$  then  $h\nu \sim mc^2$

FXS An example

Consider:  $h\nu = 3 \text{ keV} = k(3.5 \times 10^7 \text{ K})$   
 $= 4.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ erg / photon!!}$

$\left( \frac{h\nu}{mc^2} = 6 \times 10^{-3} \right)$

(recall OVI was uv 114 eV)

$\Rightarrow \nu = 7 \times 10^5 \text{ THz} = 7 \times 10^{17} \text{ Hz}$   
 $\lambda = 4 \text{ \AA}$



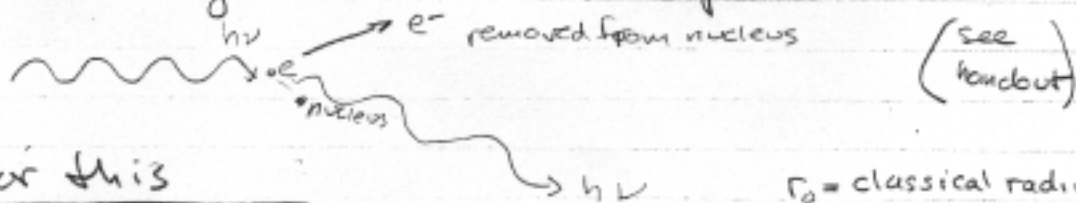
This photon hardly sees the atom as a unit anymore...

? How would/do such short- $\lambda$  photons interact w/ISM?

Not exactly like ionizing photons @ shorter  $\lambda$ ...

At high energies (e.g.  $h\nu \approx 3 \text{ keV}$ )  $a_\nu$ , the "standard" bound-free abs. x-section becomes vanishingly small (see eq 2.4 and fig 2.2 of Osterbrock)

but, a Compton scattering term becomes important



Cross sections for this

$a_\nu = a_T \left( \frac{h\nu}{E_0} \right)^{-s}$

$h\nu > E_0$

$E_0 =$  classical radius of  $e^-$

$s \sim 3$

$a_T$  } tabulated in Table 11.6 of Osterbrock

Note: At very high energies ( $\nu \approx 10^{20} \text{ Hz}$ )  $\sim \text{MeV}$  photons  $\frac{h\nu}{mc^2} \gtrsim 1$  and yet more complications arise

In Summary, the  
Whole process by which keV X-rays interact w/ISM:

1. incident X-ray w/  $h\nu \geq 3 \text{ keV}$   
 removes an inner electron of some  
 heavy element, X ( $1e^-$  ejected, photon  $\lambda \downarrow$ )
2. X undergoes re-distribution of  $e^-$  by  
Auger transition  $\rightarrow$  produces no photon  
 instead ejects another  
very energetic  $e^-$
3.  $e^-$ 's from ① & ② interact w/surrounding  
 gas, causing production of additional  
 photons, those photons can still go  
 back & start from ① again
4. Ultimately 1 energetic X-ray produces  
many  $e^-$

Approximations are possible

e.g. Jean Najita tells me  $\sim$   $30e^-$  per keV of  
 photons

## Where does one care about X-rays interacting w/ISM?

### (1) X-ray shadows

- very low  $E$  X-rays can be absorbed in the usual way (processes involving valence electrons)
- higher energy ( $\geq 3 \text{ keV}$ ) X-rays scattered (ultimately diluted) by scattering, primarily off inner  $e^-$  in heavy elements

### (2) Near X-ray sources

- AGN accretion disks
- (smaller than) black hole & other compact object accretion disks
- Young star accretion disks & "envelopes"  
 ↑ e.g. TTS detected in X-rays

② "Thermal" vs "Non-Thermal" (Definitions)

history: 2 broad classes down whole page

"Thermal"

a (quasi-) equilibrium process with an associated Temperature  
 e.g. early obs of the  $\odot$  thermal emission at cm- $\lambda$ 's is from ionized solar atmosphere's  
 'Free-free = bremsstrahlung'

Note: various components can have their own T's eg  $T_e$   
 $T_i$

"Non-thermal"

non-equilibrium processes not easily characterized by a temperature  
 e.g. meter- $\lambda$   $\odot$  emission in big outbursts - spectrum cannot be modeled as "thermal"  
 also: SNRs, radio jets, etc.  
 often power-laws...

Examples & Origins

Thermal

Continuum rad'n from dust  
 e.g. in a dark cloud characterized by  $T_{dust}$

Free-free (bremsstrahlung) from ionized gas characterized by  $T_e$   
 e.g. HII Region

Non-thermal

Emission from transiently-heated dust, not characterized by a real 'T.'

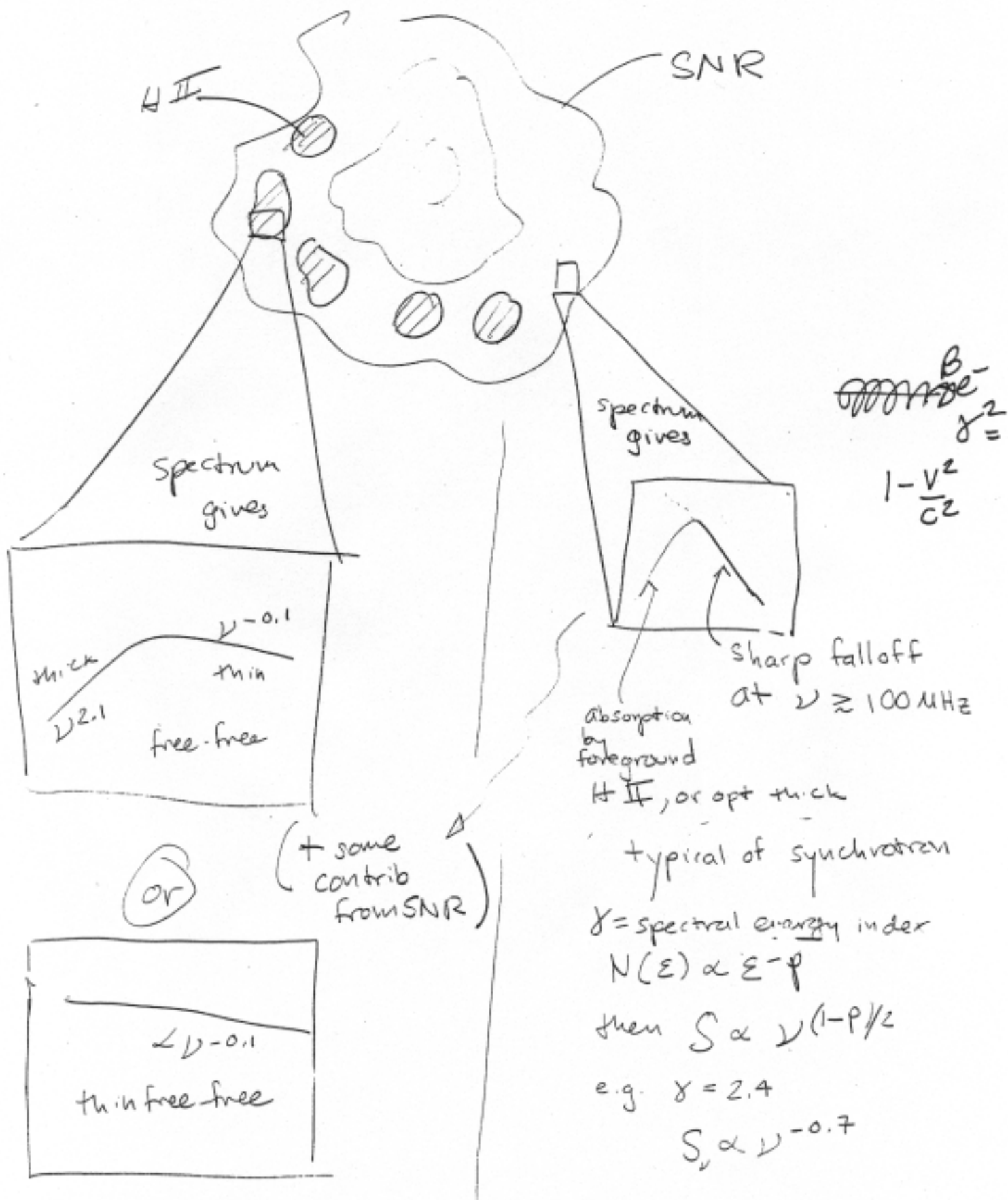
Synchrotron emission from ionized gas w/ relativistic electrons  
 e.g. SNR

see Kassim & Weiler 1990 example for "some of each"

b) "Mixed" Cases

(5)

e.g. SNR + H II Regions see (Kassim & Weiler handout)



A+ 100

Ag 208 - ISM

Problem Set 4

5/12/00

Jonathan Mackay

This is how the solution set  
- thanks! ~~to~~

The spectrum I found is plotted in Mathematica (see over)  
I plotted  $\log(\nu F_\nu)$  vs  $\log(\nu)$ .

The spectrum is of the region within 5 arcminutes (radius)  
of the Trapezium cluster.

Region is roughly centred on J2000 (R.A.  $5^h 35^m 15^s$ ; Dec  $-05^\circ 23' 30''$ )  
which is the centre of the trapezium cluster.

I define a number of regions in the spectrum as follows:

Radio	$\nu < 10^8 \text{ Hz}$
IR	$10^8 \text{ Hz} < \nu < 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$
Optical/UV	$10^{14} \text{ Hz} < \nu < 10^{16} \text{ Hz}$
X-ray	$10^{16} \text{ Hz} < \nu$

There are a number of upper limits on gamma ray emission from  
the Orion nebula, but no detections so I have not put in any  
gamma ray points.

From what we have learned in class, I expect free-free emission  
in radio, Dust in IR, stars or reflected/scattered starlight in  
optical/UV, and not sure what in X-ray. This is indeed what  
I found, with a high temperature plasma dominating X-ray emission.

Although line emission is important for cooling the HII region, I have <sup>not</sup>  
found a single reference that claims line emission dominates over  
continuum in any waveband, so I have ~~not~~ not plotted any lines.  
The important lines are of course the Hydrogen lines H $\alpha$ , H $\beta$  etc,  
along with the cooling lines of ionized oxygen (eg OIII) and  
sulphur (SIII), among many others.  
Also prominent is the H $_2$  ~~line~~ line at  $2.1 \mu$  (Hyland et al, 1986)

In the following discussion I will take each of the 4 sections  
defined above & discuss them separately. I will list references  
used in each section, rather than all together at the end.

Note on collaboration:

References were exchanged fairly frequently with other students; however all other work is my own unless otherwise stated (like when I get numbers from someone's paper...).

Ref Hyland, A.R., Allen, D.A., Barnes, P.J., Ward, M.J.  
1984, MNRAS, 206, 465.



# Spectrum Of The Orion Nebula. (Central 5 ArcMinutes)

■ Data points are ones taken from the literature as described in the notes accompanying these graphs.

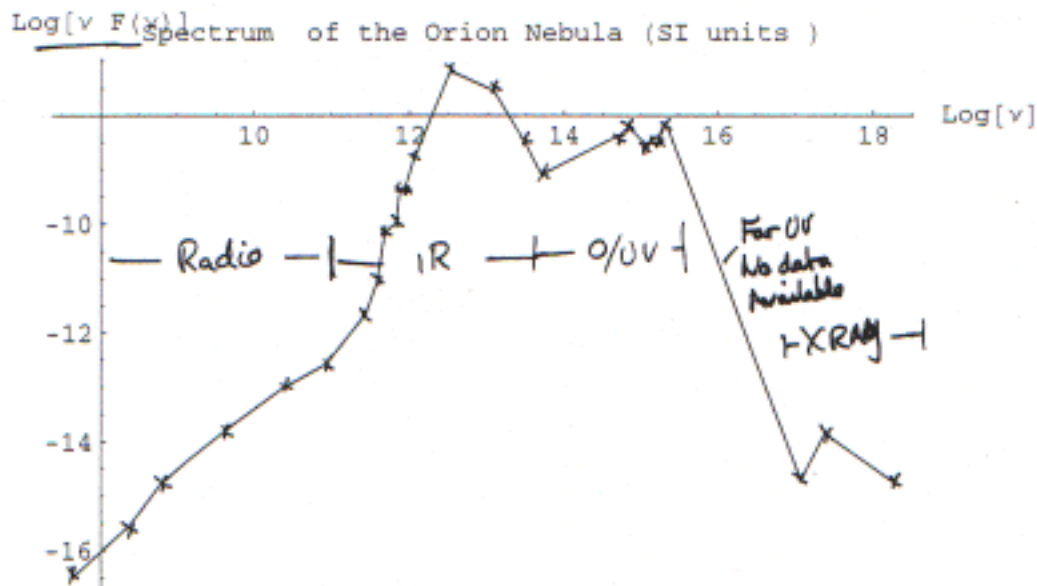
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In[75]:= linear = {{42**6, 74}, {240**6, 120}, {600**6, 268},
  {1.4**9, 324}, {5**9, 380}, {23**9, 400}, {86**9, 307}, {273**9, 800},
  {380**9, 2136}, {480**9, 14000}, {670**9, 16000}, {750**9, 60000},
  {790**9, 50000}, {850**9, 48000}, {1.1**12, 0.13**6}, {3.3**12, 2**6},
  {1.2**13, 0.24**6}, {3**13, 11000}, {5**13, 1620}, {5.45**14, 810},
  {6.8**14, 910}, {1.24**15, 215}, {1.33**15, 230}, {1.64**15, 190},
  {2.14**15, 333}, {1.2**17, 1.6**-6}, {2.41**17, 5.8**-6}, {1.8**18, 1**-7}};
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In[76]:= nufnulin = linear;
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In[77]:= Do[nufnulin[[i, 2]] = linear[[i, 2]] + linear[[i, 1]] * 1**-26, {i, 1, 28}]
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In[78]:= nufnalog = N[Log[10, nufnulin]];
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In[79]:= ListPlot[nufnalog, PlotJoined -> True,
  PlotLabel -> "Spectrum of the Orion Nebula (SI units)",
  AxesLabel -> {"Log[v]", "Log[v F(v)]"}]
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the units used are :  $F [W m^{-2} Hz^{-1}]$   
 $v [Hz]$

The straight lines are of course artifacts of the poor resolution I have in some parts of the spectrum.

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In[80]:= fnulin = linear;
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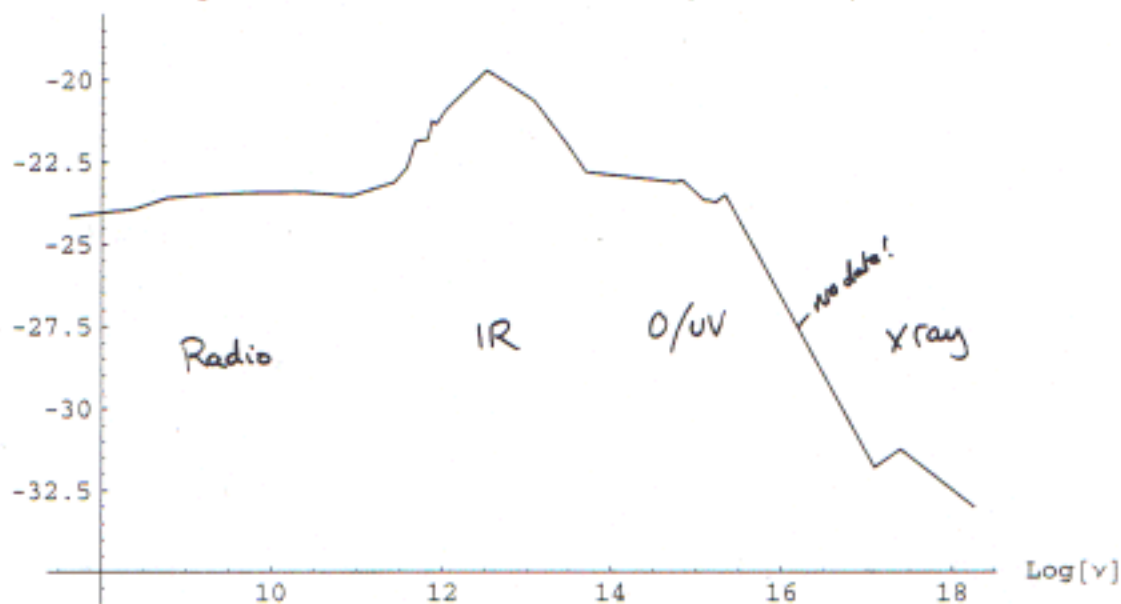
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In[81]:= Do[fnulin[[i, 2]] = linear[[i, 2]] + 1**-26, {i, 1, 28}]
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In[82]:= fnulog = N[Log[10, fnulin]];
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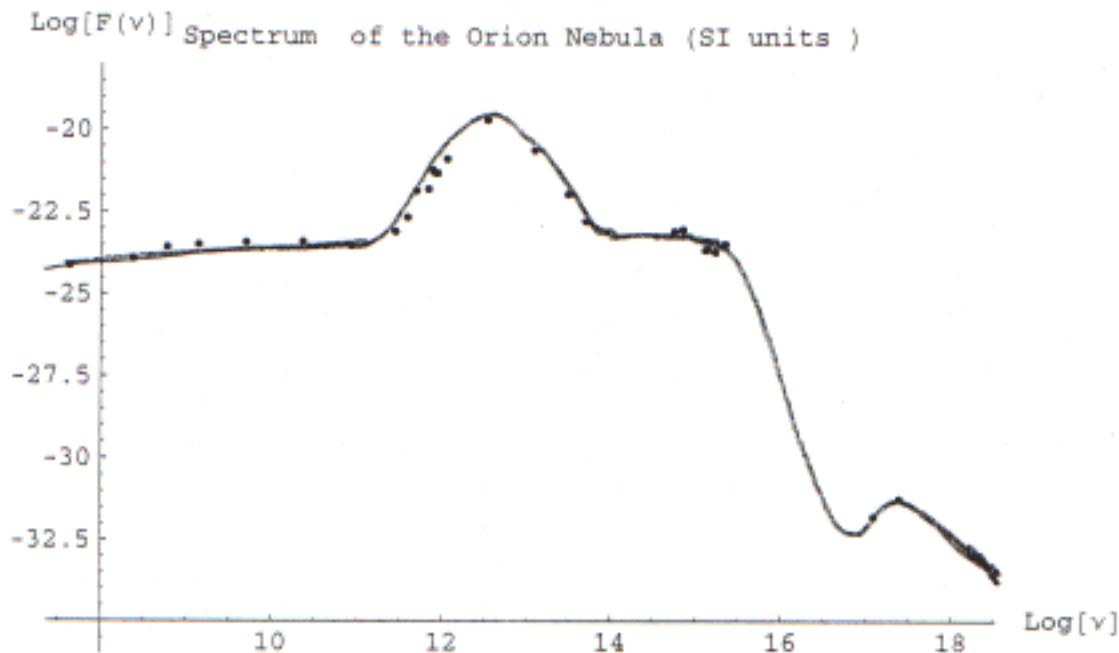
P.T.O. for  
 $\log(F_\nu)$  vs  $\log(\nu)$

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In[83]:= ListPlot[fnulog, PlotJoined -> True,  
  PlotLabel -> "Spectrum of the Orion Nebula (SI units)",  
  AxesLabel -> {"Log[ν]", "Log[F(ν)]"}, PlotRange -> {-36, -18}]
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Log[F(ν)] Spectrum of the Orion Nebula (SI units)



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In[84]:= ListPlot[fnulog, PlotJoined -> False,  
  PlotLabel -> "Spectrum of the Orion Nebula (SI units)",  
  AxesLabel -> {"Log[ν]", "Log[F(ν)]"}, PlotRange -> {-36, -18}]
```



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Out[84]= - Graphics -
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1) Radio  $\nu \lesssim 10^{11}$  Hz

This is the simplest region of the spectrum in terms of continuum emission. There are literally millions of lines all over the spectrum, but they contribute negligibly to the total flux (anything less than "comparable" is treated as "negligible" in the approximations made for this homework set).

The spectrum is essentially flat for all observed ~~wavelengths~~ frequencies less than  $10^{11}$  Hz. This is characteristic of bremsstrahlung emission, and ~~most~~<sup>all</sup> authors I have found attribute all of the flux to bremsstrahlung.

The first & primary reference is Goudis (1975), who in table 1 lists all the observations of radio emission from the Orion Nebula (M42) up to 1975. The spectra do include emission from M43, but M42 completely dominates the emission.

The beam sizes of the telescopes used are not given, & some (especially at longer wavelengths) are undoubtedly larger than our 5' radius region, but there are no other nearby sources of free-free to contaminate the signal, so it is ok to use the data.

I basically used this table to fill out gaps in the spectrum where I couldn't find more recent references.

I used data from Felli et al (1993) at 20 cm (1.4 GHz).

They took 100 m Effelsberg telescope data & integrated the flux over the whole nebula.

I did not use their other data from the VLA because interferometers filter out large angular scale power, which is important, as the authors point out.

I used Gordon et al (1987) data at 3.5 mm (86 GHz). They integrated over a 10'x10' field centred on BN/KL nebula ( $\leq 1'$  from trapezium cluster). This is larger than a circle of radius 5', but only by 25%, so it shouldn't make much difference. The data was taken with the Kitt Peak 12-m mm-wave telescope.

Wilson & Paulo (1984) also used the Effelsberg 100m telescope to map the Orion Nebula at 2.3 GHz (1.3 cm). They also give an integrated flux density over the whole map. From inspection of their figure 2, almost all of the emission is within 5' of the central region of the nebula.

Other points are from Goudis (1975) & references therein. As can be seen from the  $\log F_\nu$  vs  $\log \nu$  plot, the spectrum is very flat at all wavelengths/freq.  $\nu < 10^{11}$  Hz. This indicates that the H II region is not becoming optically thick <sup>to free-free</sup> even at the longest wavelengths of  $\lambda \sim 10$  m.

Radio Refs

Felli, M., Churchwell, E., Wilson, T.L., Taylor, G.B.  
 1993, A&AS, 98, 137.

Gordon, H.A., Jewell, P.R., Kefton-Kassin, H.A., Salter, C.J.,  
 1986 Ap.J., 308, 288.

Goudis, C., 1975, Ap. & S.S., 35, 409.

Wilson, T.L., & Pauls, T., 1984, A.G.A., 138, 225.

## 2) Infrared

From the  $\nu F_\nu$  plot, it is clear that this wavelength region emits most of the energy from the Orion Nebula. This is thermal emission from dust in the Orion nebula or in the surrounding molecular gas.

For dust at  $T \sim 400\text{K}$ , the peak of the BB spectrum ( $\lambda \nu$ ) is at  $\sim 2 \times 10^{12}\text{Hz}$ .

For  $T = 100\text{K}$ , the peak is closer to  $10^{13}\text{Hz}$ .

Bally, Langer & Liu (1991) give IRAS data for M42. In Figure 8 they plot the intensity of emission in a cut through the nebula in declination.

Unfortunately the  $60\mu$  &  $100\mu$  ~~data~~ integrations are saturated or so cannot be used to calculate flux.

In the end I decided not to use the  $12\mu$  &  $25\mu$  data either as they are only 1-D emission curves and I do not know the beam shape or orientation of IRAS.

Keene, Hildebrand & Whitcomb (1982) report a  $400\mu$  measurement integrated over their  $3'$  beam of  $6000\text{Jy}$ .

Our region is  $5'$  radius & so has area  $\pi(5')^2 \approx 80\text{sq}'$

A  $3'$  diameter beam has area  $\sim 7\text{sq}'$ .

To convert between different beam sizes in the Far-IR I just multiplied by the ratio of the beam areas. This is effectively assuming that emission is uniform over the whole region. While this is a very bad assumption, it is not going to make a factor of more than 3 or 4 difference. Also in the FIR, dust is pretty extended over the whole Orion molecular cloud, although it is very clumpy or wispy.

So I multiplied the Keene et al point by 10 to get  $60\text{kJy}$ .

Lis et al (1993) use the SHARC camera on the CSO to image the OMC. They give the integrated flux over a  $12' \times 12'$  region centred on the nebula as  $60\text{kJy}$ . I divided this

by 1.25 to reduce the area.

Goldsmith, Bergin & Lis (1997) also image a  $12' \times 12'$  region centred on M42 at  $450\mu$ ,  $790\mu$ , and  $1100\mu$ .

They also give integrated fluxes, which I again divide by 1.25 to reduce the area somewhat. I should really divide by about 1.8 to get to  $80''$ , but I am weighting the outer regions less than the inner ones here, or so excluding them reduces the flux by less than the geometric area reduction. Admittedly I do this <sup>reduction</sup> in a somewhat arbitrary manner...

At  $1100\mu$ , the authors estimate about 20% of the flux is from free-free emission while the rest is thermal dust emission kicking in. Incidentally they find  $\beta \approx 1.8$  for the Orion Nebula.

Ristorcelli et al. (1998) use a  $3.5'$  beam for their flux results. This has about  $100''$ , so I multiply their results by 8 to get total fluxes, again under the uniform emission hypothesis. They have data at  $90\mu$ ,  $210\mu$ ,  $270\mu$ ,  $380\mu$ ,  $630\mu$ , and I have used all of these data points on my plot.

The peak of the ~~rest~~ dust spectrum seems to be somewhat ~~higher~~ higher frequency than  $3.3\text{THz}$  ( $90\mu$ ) ( $90\mu$ ).

For the nearer infrared - higher  $\nu$  than the dust BB peak ~~is~~ - I used the data of Simpson et al (1998) who took MSX spectra of the nebula.

Their beam was  $\sim 6' \times 9'$ , so I didn't correct their results for area - they are close enough.

I used Fig. 2, where they plot  $I_\lambda$  against  $\lambda$ .

I convert to  $F_\nu$  via  $F_\nu = F_\lambda \left( \frac{\lambda^2}{c} \right)$ . They plot

$I_\nu$ , so I convert this to a flux by multiplying by the solid

True, but as  
OK guess



angle I am using i.e.  $80^\circ$ .

I picked 3 points on their graph  $8\mu$ ,  $10\mu$ , and  $25\mu$ , corresponding to  $5 \times 10^{13}$  Hz,  $3 \times 10^{13}$  Hz and  $1.2 \times 10^{12}$  Hz.

These points, taken ~~at~~ altogether, show the dust spectrum very well with a clearly defined peak around  $7 \times 10^{12}$  Hz, indicating a dust temperature in the region of  $60 \text{ K} \lesssim T_{\text{DUST}} \lesssim 100 \text{ K}$ .

Near infrared ( $1 - 3\mu$ ) <sup>information</sup> was hard to come by and I couldn't find any satisfactory references. There are many references to line emission, but this is not important to the overall flux.

OK one paper - Hyland et al (1984). They look at small regions in Orion - conclude that lines contribute at most 16% of the flux in the  $2\mu$  window, even counting the prominent  $\text{H}_2$  line.

Their spectrum in Fig 1, shows some continuum increasing to longer wavelength.

Mostly point-source surveys in near IR - hard to map emission properly for extended can (it is) be (ing) done. See L-band work of Haisch et al. (2000+)

IR References

Bally, J., Langer, G.D., Liu, W. 1991, Ap.J., 383, 645.

Keane, J., Hildebrand, R.H., Whitcomb, S.E., ~~et al.~~  
1982, Ap.J., 252, 211.

Lis, D.C., Sarabyn, E., Keane, J., et al.  
1998, Ap.J., 509, 299.

Goldsmith, P.F., Rogin, E.A., Lis, D.C.,  
1997, Ap.J., 491, 615.

Ristorcelli, I., Serra, G., Lemas, J.M., et al.  
1998, Ap.J., 496, 267.

Simpson, J.P., Witteborn, F.C., Price, S.D., Cohen, M.  
1998, Ap.J., 508, 268.

Hyland, A.R., Allen, D.A., Barnes, P.J., Ward, M.J.  
~~1984~~ 1984, MNRAS, 206, 465.

3) Optical/UV

I found B & V data for emission from the nebula in Greve, Van Genderen & Augusteijn (1993) - this was surprisingly hard to find.

They give the Johnson Visual (V) & Blue (B) magnitudes of the nebula as a function of distance from the centre (trapezium). They use a radial brightness profile which they fit with their data.

To a radius of  $300''$  they find  $V = 3.67 \text{ mag}$   $B = 3.97 \text{ mag}$ . For reference the trapezium stars (summed) have  $V = 4.69 \text{ mag}$ , so the nebula far outshines the stars. See Table 3 for more details.

I converted this to flux using ~~the~~ Zorbeck's ~~HSA & A~~ HSA & A p100, which lists the flux from Vega in Johnson V & B filters. Vega is defined to have  $\text{Mag} = 0$ .

$$\text{So } m_1 - m_2 = 2.512 \log \frac{f_2}{f_1}$$

$$z = \text{vega} \quad m_2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow f_1 = f_2 \exp \left[ \frac{-m_1}{2.5} \right]$$

-  $f_2$  is from the table in Zorbeck  
-  $m_1$  is from Greve et al data.

In UV, I found Bohlin et al's (1982) treatment to be the most comprehensive & helpful, especially Table 3. They give the integrated flux from the nebula in 4 wave bands for lots of annuli around the centre of the nebula. To get the total flux out to some radius you just sum the ~~annuli~~ <sup>annuli</sup> out that far. They also give the stellar flux from  $\theta_1$ , Ori and  $\theta_2$  Ori combined, & this is larger than the nebular flux out to  $r = 5'$ .

So for the first time, the stellar spectra are now dominating the spectrum.

I integrated nebular emission out to  $4.4'$  (the nearest contour to  $5'$ ) and added this to the stellar fluxes to get the total signal. Bohlin et al. get the stellar fluxes from Bohlin & Savage (1981).

For an O star with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 40,000 \text{ K}$ , the peak of the BB curve is at  $710 \text{ \AA}$  (peak in wavelength) so it is not surprising that the flux is increasing to shorter wavelengths. ~~Again to get flux~~ (Bohlin et al look at  $1820 \text{ \AA} < \lambda < 2420 \text{ \AA}$ ).

Again to get to  $F_{\nu}$  I use  $F_{\nu} = F_{\lambda} \frac{\lambda^2}{c}$

### Optical/UV references

Greve, A., Van Genderen, A.M., Augusteijn, Th.,  
1993, A&AS, 99, 577.

Bohlin, R.C., Hill, J.K., Stecher, T.P., Witt, A.N.  
1982, Ap.J., 255, 87.

Bohlin, R.C., & Savage, B.D., 1981, "ApJ.", 249, 109.

Zombek, M., v. 1990 "Handbook of Space Astronomy & Astrophysics"  
p100.

#### 4) X-Ray

Useful for getting an idea of the region is Garnire et al. (2008). They took Chandra ACIS data of the nebula & explain well what's going on. Their resolution is just too good though.

Much more useful is Yamauchi et al. (1996). They took ASCA data of the Orion nebula & integrated over a 6' region around the trapezium. This is close enough to my radius, and X-ray data is uncertain enough, that there is ~~no~~ need to do an area correction.

Page 733 figure 6(e) is the one I used to get spectra. Unfortunately this spectrum, while nicely integrated over the area, is convolved with the detectors frequency response.

To deconvolve, I used a Chandra utility on the WWW which will convert ASCA counts into a flux in  $\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  over a specified energy range (thanks to Craig Hecker for this).

URL is <http://asc.harvard.edu/toolkit/pimms.jsp>

I input a Raymond-Smith source model,  $N_{\text{H}} = 2 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ,  $T = 3 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$ , & the count rate from various parts of the curve in fig. 6(e). These are the parameters that Yamauchi et al. ~~used for their~~ either input to their best fit model or derive from that model.

As expected the flux is much lower in X-ray than in G/R. This flux seems to be dominated by a very hot plasma at  $T \sim 3 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$ , due to shocks from stellar winds, outflows or ionization <sup>produced</sup> shocks which are known to be present in Orion.

X-Ray References

Garnire, G., Feigelson, E.D., Broos, P., et al.  
2000, AJ, 120, 1426.

Yamauchi, S., Koyama, K., Sekano, H., Okada, K.,  
1996 P.A.S.J., 48, 719.

Heinke, C. ~~XXXX~~ (private communication)

## Summary

Overall the region looks much like I expected when I drew a "guessed" spectrum last week (in 30 minutes.):

- Free-Free dominates radio emission
- Thermal dust emission dominates submm / IR
- Starlight or scattered starlight dominates Optical + Near IR.
- UV is dominated by stellar emission
- X-ray is ~~is~~ mostly high temperature plasma.

I ~~did~~ expected the optical or UV light to dominate though, whereas the IR contains most of the power output. This is because of the BN/KL nebula which is an obscured ~~region~~ region of massive star formation. It is invisible at short wavelengths and almost all its luminosity comes out in the IR. It is located within 1' of Trapezium, so it is all contained in my field of view.

Line cooling is of course important in the HII region, & some spectra I saw have ~~huge~~ huge H $\alpha$  and OIII and SII ~~emission~~ emission lines, but I have not plotted these as they do not contribute much overall power as compared to the continuum. Also, there are so many lines on such a wide range of frequency, that there's no way I could even put in a representative sample.

My spectrum looks like a cross section of one of my back teeth or gum...

# Appendix A ~~Table~~ : Spectral Coverage

$\lambda$	$\nu$	Band	Coverage
1m	300kHz	radio	20cm 324 Jy
10cm	3GHz	radio	
1cm	30GHz	<del>cm</del> cm	23GHz 400 Jy $d = 10'$
1m	300GHz	mm	3.5mm 307 Jy $10' \times 10'$
			1.1mm 989 Jy $12' \times 12'$
			790 $\mu$ 2671 $12 \times 12$
			$\uparrow$ good coverage!
<del>100</del> 100 $\mu$	3THz	FIR	210 35500 $d = 3.5'$
			90 $\mu$ 250 kJy $d = 3.5'$
			25 $\mu$ 18 GJy/yr at peak ? $\checkmark$
			<del>15<math>\mu</math></del> <del>50<math>\mu</math></del> $\rightarrow r = 5'$
10 $\mu$	$3 \times 10^3$	MIR	12 $\mu$ 5 GJy/yr at peak ? $\checkmark$
			10 $\mu$
			5 $\mu$
1 $\mu$	$3 \times 10^4$	NIR	$B = 4400 \text{ \AA}$ ? $\checkmark$
			$V = 5500 \text{ \AA}$ $\checkmark$
		Optical	2420 $\text{ \AA}$ ? $\checkmark$
			2240 $\text{ \AA}$ ? $\checkmark$
			1820 $\text{ \AA}$ Bohlin et al
			1400 $\text{ \AA}$
0.1 $\mu = 100\text{nm}$	$3 \times 10^5$	UV	
100 $\text{ \AA}$	$3 \times 10^6$	<del>0.1 keV</del>	?
10 $\text{ \AA}$	$3 \times 10^7$	1 keV	$L_{\text{X}} \sim 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$ in 0.5-10 keV $\checkmark$
			better - 3 data points



# Appendix B: Data used

Band	Freq (Hz)	$F_{\nu}$	$\nu F_{\nu}$
Radio	$42 \times 10^6$	$74 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$240 \times 10^6$	$120 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$600 \times 10^6$	$268 \times 10^{-26}$	
(20cm)	$1.4 \times 10^9$	$324 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$5 \times 10^9$	$380 \times 10^{-26}$	
(1m)	$23 \times 10^9$	$400 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$86 \times 10^9$	$307 \times 10^{-26}$	
(1.4m)	$273 \times 10^9$	$800 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$350 \times 10^9$	2136	
Submm	480	14000	
	670	16000	
FIR	750	60000	
	790	50000	
	850	48000	
	$1.1 \times 10^{12}$	$0.13 \times 10^{-20}$	
MIR (90 $\mu$ )	$3.3 \times 10^{12}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-20}$	
	$1.2 \times 10^{13}$	<del><math>8200 \times 10^{-26}</math></del>	IRAS points, no good
75 $\mu$	$1.2 \times 10^{13}$	<del><math>1410 \times 10^{-26}</math></del>	$2.4 \times 10^{-21}$
17 $\mu$	$2.5 \times 10^{13}$	<del><math>11000 \times 10^{-26}</math></del>	
10 $\mu$	$3 \times 10^{13}$	<del><math>1000 \times 10^{-26}</math></del>	
5 $\mu$	$5 \times 10^{13}$	<del><math>510 \times 10^{-26}</math></del>	
V	$5.45 \times 10^{14}$	$910 \times 10^{-26}$	
B	$6.8 \times 10^{14}$	$215 \times 10^{-26}$	
UV	$9.24 \times 10^{15}$	$230 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$1.33 \times 10^{15}$	$190 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$1.64 \times 10^{15}$	$333 \times 10^{-26}$	
	$2.14 \times 10^{15}$		
X			
0.5keV	$1.2 \times 10^{17}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-32}$	
1keV	$2.41 \times 10^{17}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-32}$	
5keV	$1.8 \times 10^{18}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-33}$	

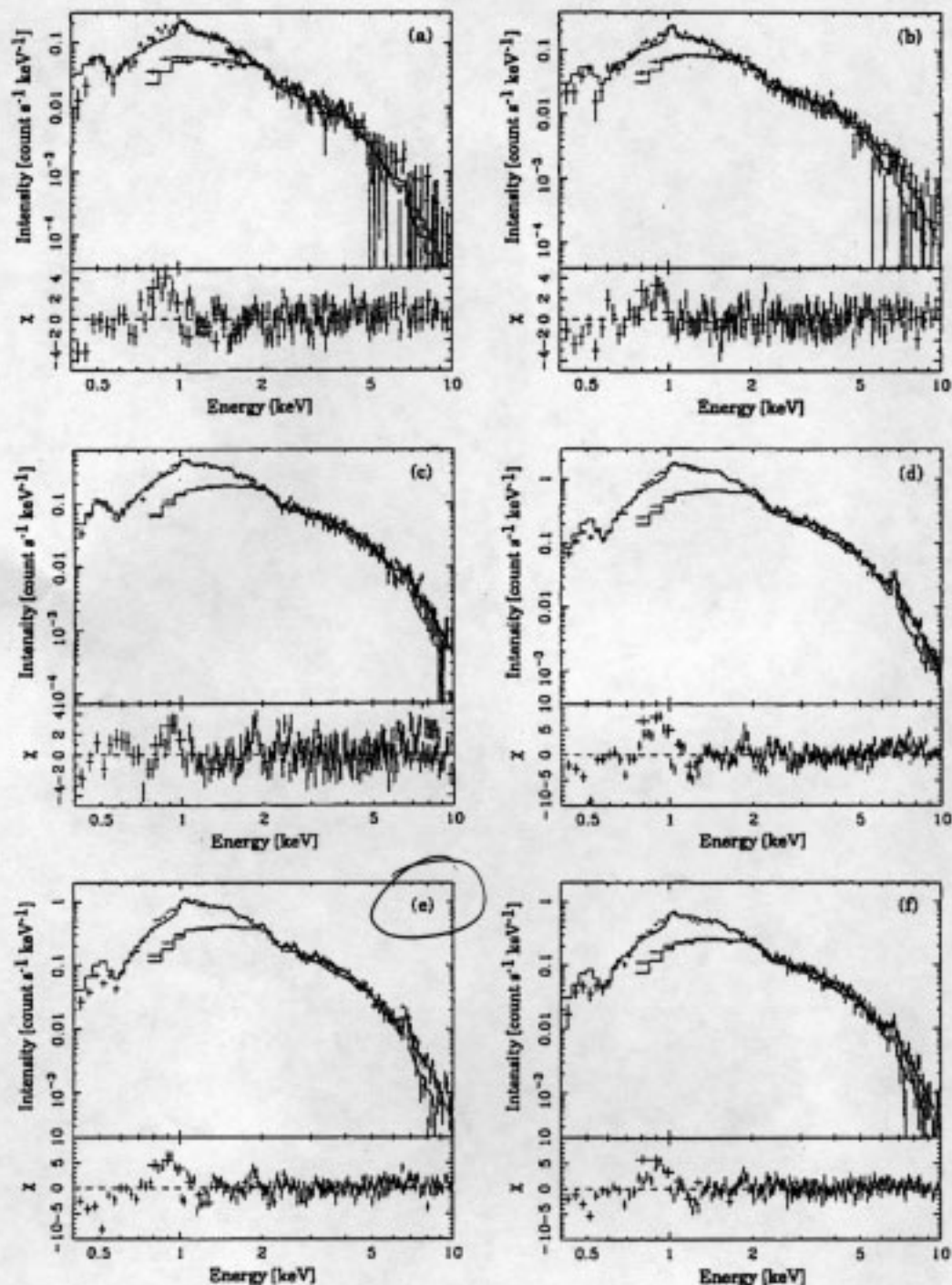


Fig. 5. Composite spectra extracted from large areas with the best-fit 1-temperature Raymond-Smith model (solid lines). (a) "field 1 north" including NGC 1977, (b) "field 1 south," (c) "field 2 north" including OMC-2, (d) "field 2 south" including Orion Trapezium, (e) "Trapezium region" extracted from a 6' diameter region centered on the Trapezium, and (f) "outer Trapezium region." Data from SIS 0 and SIS 1 were combined, as were GIS 2 and GIS 3.

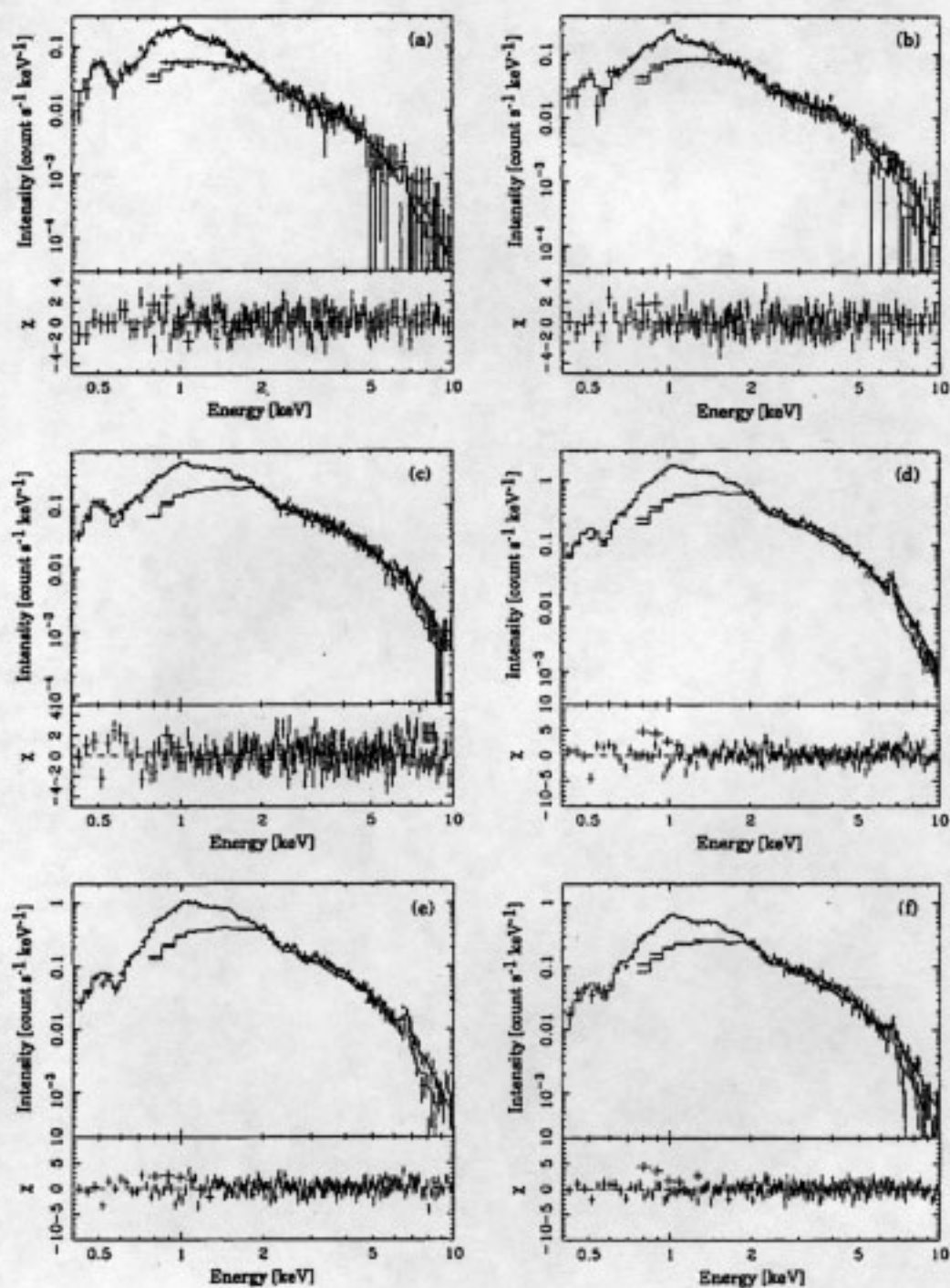


Fig. 6. Same as figure 4, but with the 2-temperature Raymond-Smith model.

seen in all regions containing luminous IR sources, it is most obvious in the Mon R2 region.

3.4.4. Orion Nebula (M42) and NGC 1977

The H II region M42, the most luminous region in our study, is located in the midsection of a 1° long north-south filament of high density [on average,  $n(\text{H}_2) > 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ] gas in the northern portion of the Orion A molecular cloud (see the photographic illustration of the  $^{13}\text{CO}$  emission in Bally et al. 1987a). The H II region forms a blister on the near side of the molecular ridge which contains a high-luminosity embedded source, IRc 2, located at a projected distance of only 1' north of the Trapezium cluster (which is responsible for ionizing the visible nebula). The infrared morphology of M42 is very different from that of the molecular cloud; all four IRAS bands show M42 to consist of a very bright core surrounded by a ring of emission located just outside the optical boundary of the H II region.

A less luminous and more evolved H II region, NGC 1977, is located at the northern end of the molecular ridge. Just like M42, this region is also surrounded by a ring of infrared emission, a morphology very different from that of the associated molecular cloud.

In a  $15' \times 12'$  region which contains the core of the Orion A cloud and the Orion Nebula (M42), neither the  $100 \mu\text{m}$  intensity nor opacity appears to correlate well with  $I(^{13}\text{CO})$  (Fig. 8). However, these quantities do correlate with  $I(^{12}\text{CO})$  up to about  $200 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$  corresponding to  $I(100 \mu\text{m})$  of about  $20 \text{ GJy sr}^{-1}$ . At higher values of  $I(^{12}\text{CO})$ , the dust opacity and  $100 \mu\text{m}$  intensity do not vary. These high values correspond to the BN-KL source and the high-velocity outflow surrounding IRc 2. The north-south cuts through the BN-KL source in all four bands show that the peaks in  $100$  and  $60 \mu\text{m}$  emission are flat, while  $25$  and  $12 \mu\text{m}$  emission exhibit sharp peaks, suggesting saturation in the long-wavelength bands.

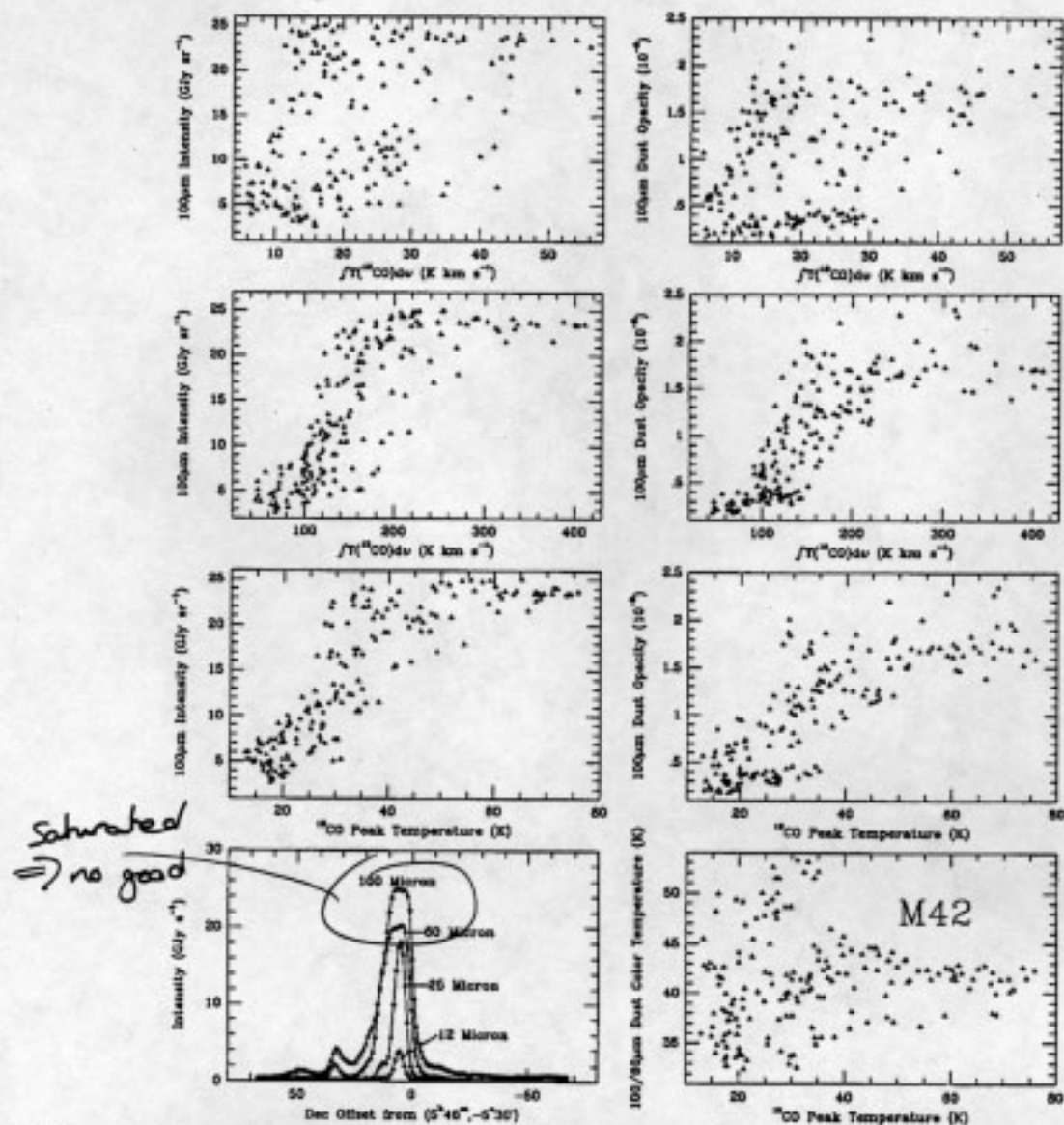


FIG. 8.—Comparison of dust and gas properties near the Orion Nebula (M42 region). Slices of intensities in all the four bands from north to south across the infrared peak of the H II region are also shown.

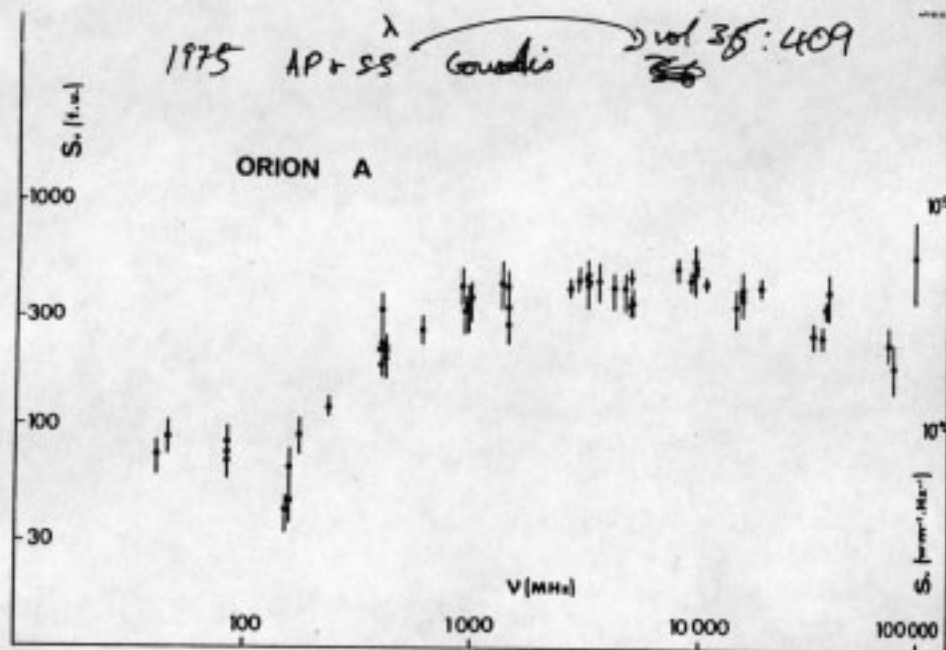


Fig. 1. The radio spectrum of the Orion nebula (M42 and M43).

TABLE I  
Orion nebula - Radio spectrum

1 No.	2 Frequency $\nu$ (MHz)	3 Wavelength $\lambda$ (m, cm or mm)	4 Flux density $S_\nu$ ( $f_u$ ) ( $1 f_u = 10^{-26}$ $W m^{-2} Hz^{-1}$ )	5 References
1	42.2	7.10 m	$73.7 \pm 15$	Haynes and Hamilton (1968)
2	47.3	6.35 m	$89.0 \pm 18$	Haynes and Hamilton (1968)
3	85.5	3.55 m	$69 \pm 14$	Mills <i>et al.</i> (1958)
4	86.0	3.50 m	$85.0 \pm 17$	Risbeth (1958)
5	86.0	3.50 m	$74 \pm 15$	Mills <i>et al.</i> (1956)
6	153	1.96 m	$41.6 \pm 9$	Hamilton and Haynes (1967)
7	159	1.90 m	$65 \pm 13$	Risbeth (1958)
8	159	1.90 m	$45 \pm 9$	Edge <i>et al.</i> (1959)
9	178	1.80 m	$90 \pm 18$	Conway <i>et al.</i> (1963)
10	240	1.25 m	$120 \pm 12$	Menon and Terzian (p.c.) (1964)
11	400	75 cm	$230 \pm 46$	Seeger <i>et al.</i> (1956)
12	400	75 cm	$325 \pm 65$	Seeger <i>et al.</i> (1961)
13	400	75 cm	$220 \pm 44$	Howard <i>et al.</i> (1965)
14	405	74 cm	$188 \pm 9$	Menon and Terzian (p.c.) (1965)
15	408	73.5 cm	$200 \pm 40$	Long <i>et al.</i> (1963)

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16	408	73.5 cm	$213 \pm 17$	Mills and Shaver (1968)
17	408	73.5 cm	$213 \pm 43$	Parkes Catalogue*
18	600	50 cm	$268 \pm 40$	Piddington and Trent (1956)
19	910	33 cm	$420 \pm 84$	Denisse <i>et al.</i> (1957)
20	960	31 cm	$342 \pm 10$	Harris and Roberts (1960)
21	960	31 cm	$360 \pm 72$	Wilson and Bolton (1960)
22	960	31 cm	$343 \pm 68$	Conway <i>et al.</i> (1963)
23	1370	22 cm	$430 \pm 86$	Westerhout (1958)
24	1410	21.3 cm	$289 \pm 58$	Parkes Catalogue*
25	1420	21 cm	$420 \pm 84$	Hagen <i>et al.</i> (1954)
26	1420	21 cm	$331 \pm 50$	Hagen <i>et al.</i> (1954)
27	2700	11 cm	$411 \pm 41$	Altenhoff <i>et al.</i> (1961)
28	2930	10.3 cm	$454 \pm 55$	Sloanecker and Nichols (1960)
29	3130	9.6 cm	$412 \pm 62$	Kuzmin <i>et al.</i> (1960)
30	3200	9.4 cm	$426 \pm 43$	Haddock <i>et al.</i> (1954)
31	3200	9.4 cm	$450 \pm 90$	Pariskii (1961)
32	3200	9.4 cm	$460 \pm 12$	Medd (p.c.) (1964)
33	3600	8.3 cm	$450 \pm 90$	Pariskii (1961)
34	4170	7.2 cm	$410 \pm 82$	Yokoi <i>et al.</i> (1966)
35	4700	6.4 cm	$410 \pm 82$	Golnev <i>et al.</i> (1965)
36	5000	6 cm	$342 \pm 23$	Mezger and Henderson (1967)
37	5000	6 cm	$470 \pm 33$	Baars <i>et al.</i> (1965)
38	5000	6 cm	$344 \pm 69$	Gardner and Morimoto (1968)
39	8000	3.7 cm	$502 \pm 60$	Menon (1961)
40	9360	3.2 cm	$450 \pm 30$	Lazarevskii <i>et al.</i> (1963)
41	9400	3.2 cm	$540 \pm 108$	Kaidanovskii <i>et al.</i> (1955)
42	9400	3.2 cm	$480 \pm 96$	Zakharenkov <i>et al.</i> (1963)
43	9520	3.15 cm	$480 \pm 96$	Haddock and McCullough (1955)
44	10700	2.8 cm	$434 \pm 20$	McLeod and Doherty (1968)
45	14500	2 cm	$343 \pm 69$	Baars <i>et al.</i> (1965)
46	15350	1.95 cm	$390 \pm 79$	Terzian <i>et al.</i> (1968)
47	15350	1.95 cm	$400 \pm 80$	Schraml and Mezger (1969)
48	15550	1.94 cm	$365 \pm 21$	Gordon (1969)
49	18750	1.6 cm	$420 \pm 42$	Kuzmin and Salomonovich (1963)
50	31400	9.55 mm	$253 \pm 37$	Johnston and Hobbs (1969)
51	35000	8.5 mm	$250 \pm 30$	Tolbert (1965)
52	36500	8.2 mm	$330 \pm 30$	Sorochenko and Berulis (1970)
53	37000	8.1 mm	$500 \pm 100$	Kuzmin and Salomonovich (1963)
54	67800	4.3 mm	$233 \pm 40$	Hobbs <i>et al.</i> (1969)
55	72800	4.1 mm	$182 \pm 45$	Kaifu <i>et al.</i> (1973)
56	94000	3.2 mm	$585 \pm 200$	Tolbert (1965)

\* Parkes Catalogue = Bolton *et al.* (1964); Price and Milne (1965); Day *et al.* (1966).  
(p.c.) = private communication cited in Baars *et al.* (1965).

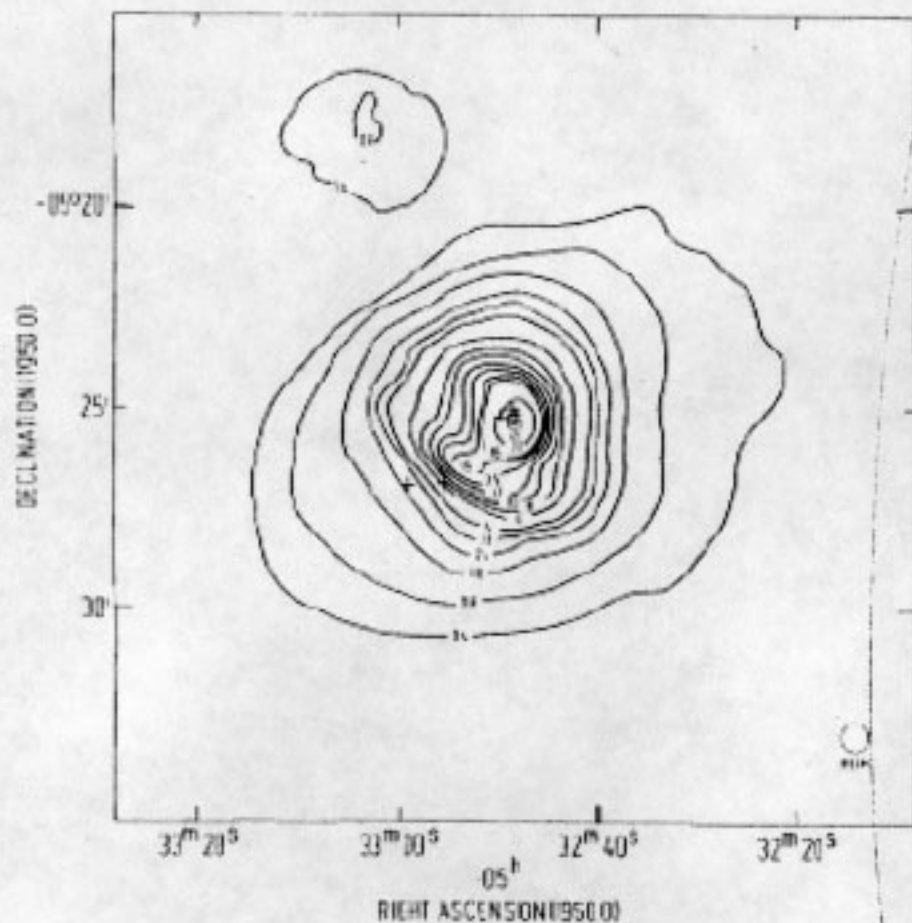


Fig. 2. The radio continuum map, as in Fig. 1, with crosses showing the positions of the 4 Trapezium stars and the two  $^{20}$  Orionis stars

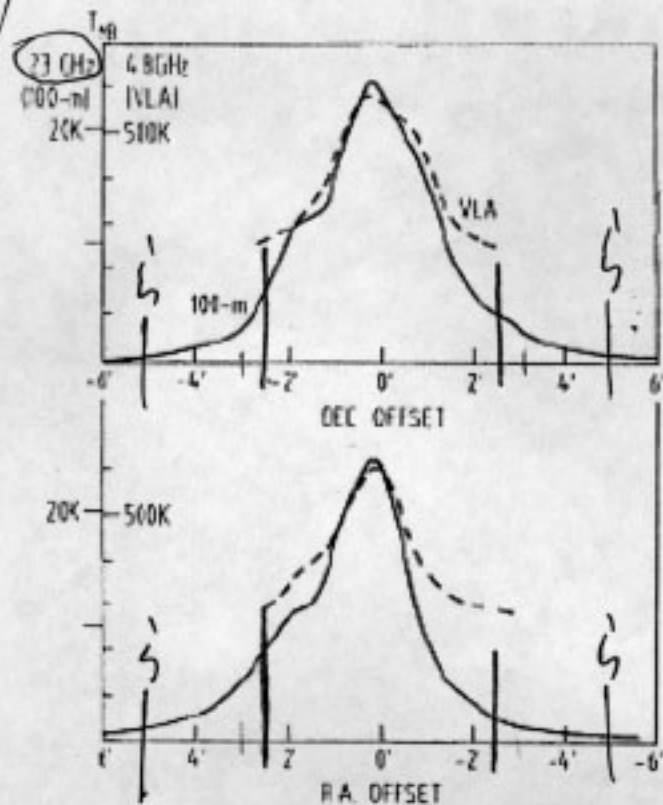


Fig. 3. Cuts in RA and Dec through the peak of the continuum (RA =  $05^{\text{h}}32^{\text{m}}48^{\text{s}}.2$ , Dec =  $-05^{\circ}25'30''$  (1950.0)) are shown as solid lines. The dashed curves are taken from the VLA map of Johnston et al. (1983) made at 4.8 GHz and smoothed to an angular resolution of  $28''$ . The main beam brightness temperature scale,  $T_B$ , on the far left (marked 23 GHz) refers to our 100-m data. To the right, marked 4.8 GHz, is the VLA temperature scale in  $T_B$ . The temperatures are arranged to agree if the continuum were an optically thin plasma

TABLE 3  
 TOTAL NEBULAR FLUXES AND RELATIVE SURFACE BRIGHTNESS RATIOS

Bin	Limiting Values of H(1820 Å)	$F_{1400}^a$	$F_{1820}^a$	$F_{2240}^a$	$F_{2620}^a$	$\frac{(S/F_*)_{1400}}{(S/F_*)_{1820}}$	$\frac{(S/F_*)_{2240}}{(S/F_*)_{1820}}$	$\frac{(S/F_*)_{2620}}{(S/F_*)_{1820}}$	$\langle r \rangle$ (arcmin)
1	≤ 8	2.48 <sup>b</sup>	1.40 <sup>b</sup>	0.927 <sup>b</sup>	0.910	1.06 <sup>b</sup>	1.41 <sup>b</sup>	1.75 <sup>b</sup>	22.7
2	9-16	1.32	0.744	0.414	0.485	1.06	1.41	1.75	17.6
3	17-32	1.61	0.933	0.590	0.532	1.03	1.34	1.53	13.6
4	33-64	2.39	1.37	0.812	0.742	1.04	1.26	1.46	10.4
5	65-128	2.51	1.32	0.791	0.704	1.14	1.38	1.44	7.5
6	129-256	3.22	1.61	0.972	0.773	1.19	1.28	1.29	6.0
7	257-512	6.47	3.04	1.69	1.34	1.27	1.18	1.19	4.4
8	513-1024	4.94	2.42	1.24	0.945	1.22	1.09	1.05	2.6
9	1025-2048	5.19	2.33	1.21	1.04	1.33	1.10	1.20	2.0
10	2049-4096	4.69	1.98	0.987	0.781	1.42	1.06	1.06	1.8
11	> 4096	2.82 <sup>c</sup>	1.19 <sup>c</sup>	0.592 <sup>c</sup>	0.469 <sup>c</sup>	...	...	...	...
Total		37.6	18.3	10.1	8.72	1.23	1.20	1.28	
Trapezium		13.9	8.31	3.91	3.09				
Total/Trapezium		2.7	2.2	2.6	2.8				
$\theta^1 + \theta^2$ Ori		27.9	16.1	8.06	6.22				
Total/ $\theta^1 + \theta^2$		1.35	1.14	1.28	1.40				

<sup>a</sup> In  $10^{-16}$  ergs  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{Å}^{-1}$ .

<sup>b</sup> For bin 1 ( $H_{1820} < 8$ ),  $F_{1400}$ ,  $F_{1820}$ , and  $F_{2240}$  were determined by requiring that their ratios to  $F_{1820}$  be the same as for bin 2.

<sup>c</sup> For bin 11 ( $H_{1820} > 4096$ ),  $F_{1400}$ ,  $F_{1820}$ ,  $F_{2240}$ , and  $F_{2620}$  were determined by requiring that the mean surface brightness be the same as for bin 10.

# Spectrum Of The Orion Nebula. (Central 5 ArcMinutes)

*Curves fit by eye.*

■ Data points are ones taken from the literature as described in the notes accompanying these graphs.

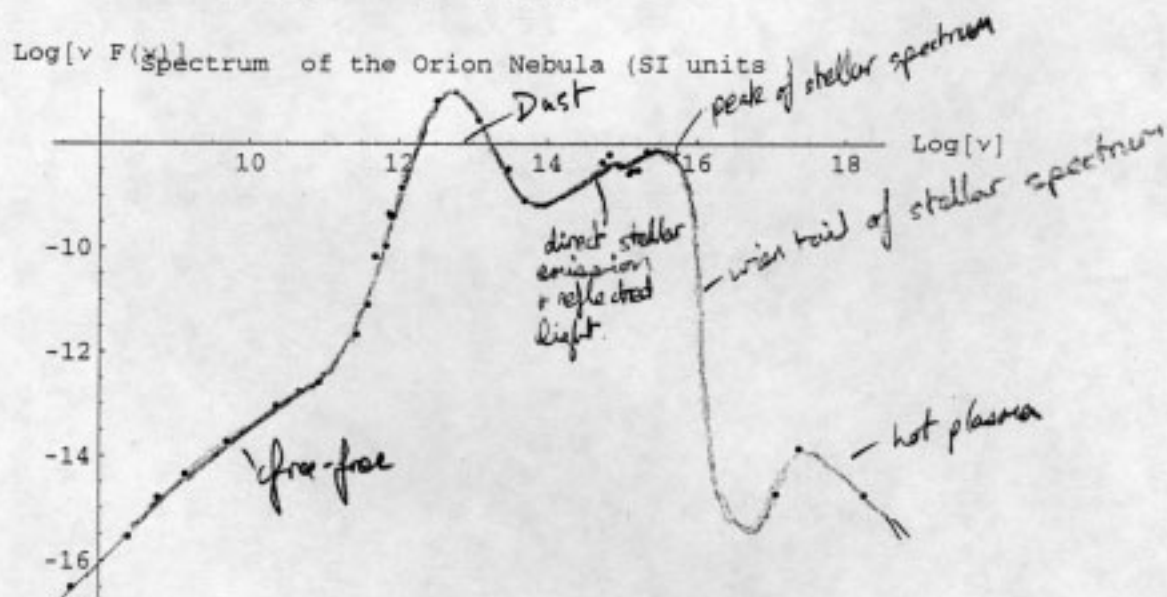
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  {380^9, 2136}, {480^9, 14000}, {670^9, 16000}, {750^9, 60000},
  {790^9, 50000}, {850^9, 48000}, {1.1^12, 0.13^6}, {3.3^12, 2^6},
  {1.2^13, 0.24^6}, {3^13, 11000}, {5^13, 1620}, {5.45^14, 810},
  {6.8^14, 910}, {1.24^15, 215}, {1.33^15, 230}, {1.64^15, 190},
  {2.14^15, 333}, {1.2^17, 1.6^-6}, {2.41^17, 5.8^-6}, {1.8^18, 1^-7}};
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In[76]:= nufnulin = linear;
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In[78]:= nufnalog = N[Log[10, nufnulin]];
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  PlotLabel -> "Spectrum of the Orion Nebula (SI units)",
  AxesLabel -> {"Log[v]", "Log[v F(v)]"}]
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Out[85]= - Graphics -
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the units used are :  $F [W m^{-2} Hz^{-1}]$   
 $v [Hz]$

The straight lines are of course artifacts of the poor resolution I have in some parts of the spectrum.

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