



Calculate Cooling Function of ISM Using cloudy

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Introduction to cloudy and example

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Cloudy - Introduction

Designed to simulate physical conditions within clouds

Ranging from the intergalactic medium to the high-density LTE limits

Predicts the thermal, ionization, and chemical structure of a cloud according to given conditions, and predicts its observed spectrum



Cloudy - Calculation

Divide a given cloud into a set of thin concentric shells (zones)

Solve radiative transfer, iteratively adjust to find a self-consistent solution

- Ionization / recombination balance
- Heating / cooling balance ←

Report the results

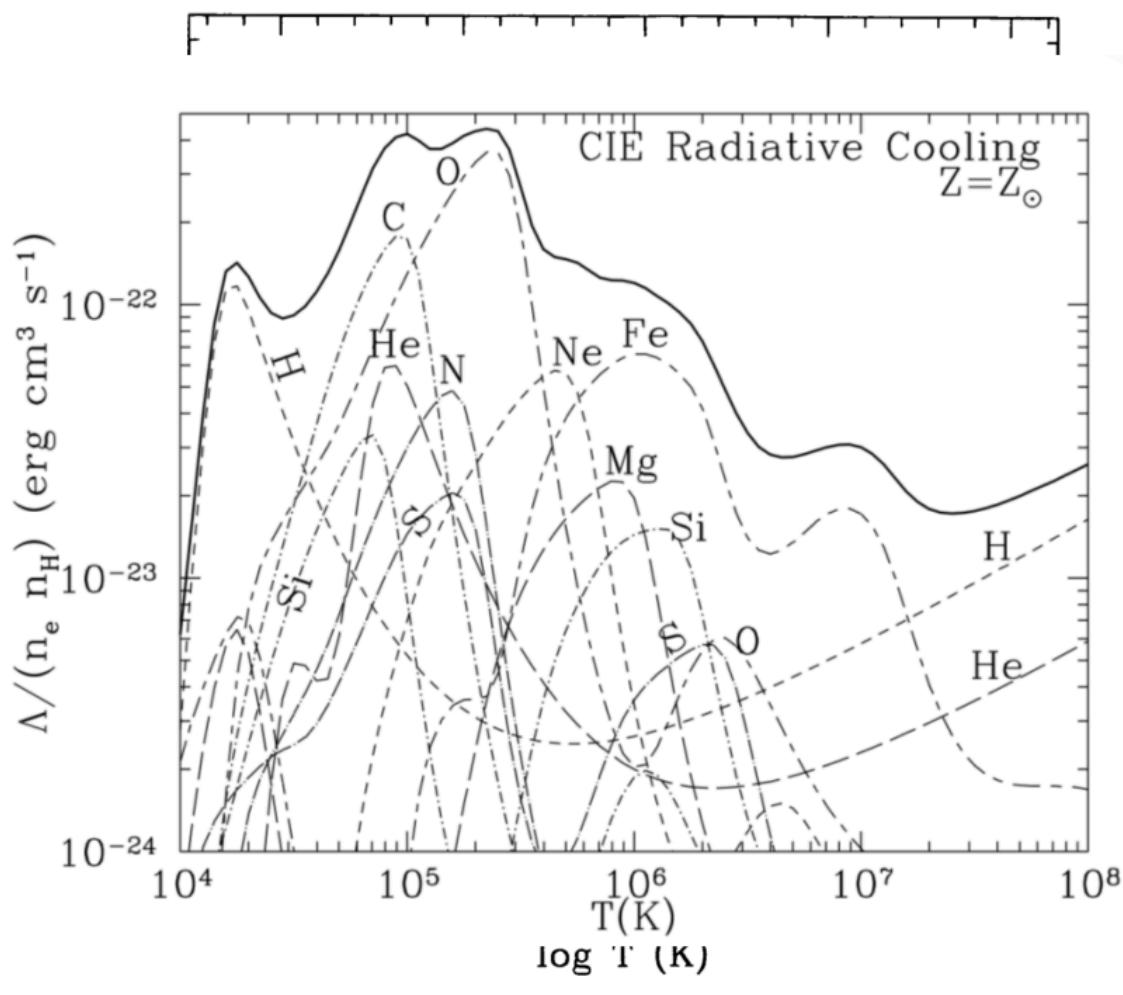


Cloudy - Calculation of the cooling

Key cooling processes

- Collisional excitation
- Collisional ionization
- Recombination
- Bremsstrahlung
- Molecules

Intensity of emission lines recorded



Calculate the cooling function – An example

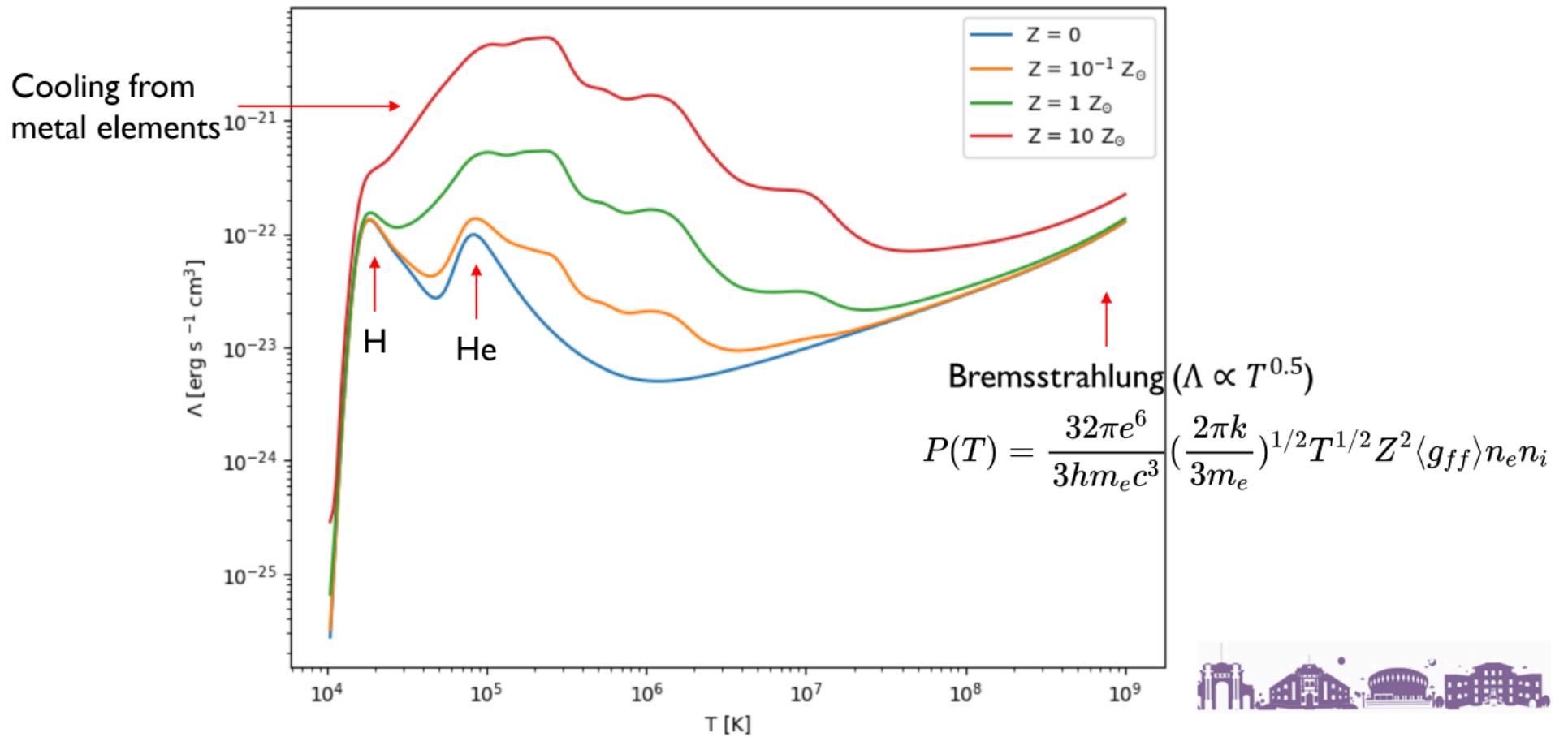
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1 iterate to convergence  
2 stop zone 1  
3 set dr 0  
4 hden 0  
5 metals 0  
6 constant temperature 4.0 vary  
7 grid 4.0 to 9.0 step 0.02  
8 save cooling last "cooling.out"
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← Calculate only one zone (time-saving)
← Set geometry (shape & size)
← Set hydrogen density
← Set metallicity ($\log(Z/Z_{\odot})$)
← Set temperature as a varying parameter
← Perform a simulation for every temperature
← Save the cooling rate ($\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$)

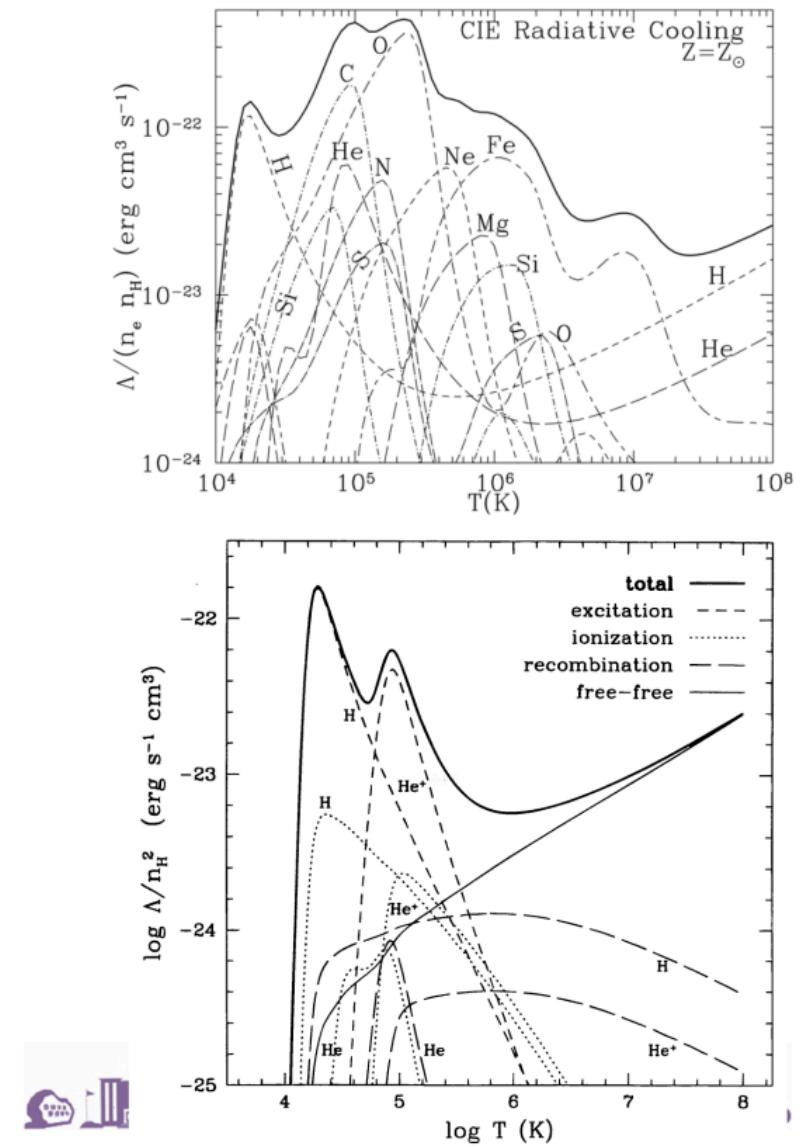
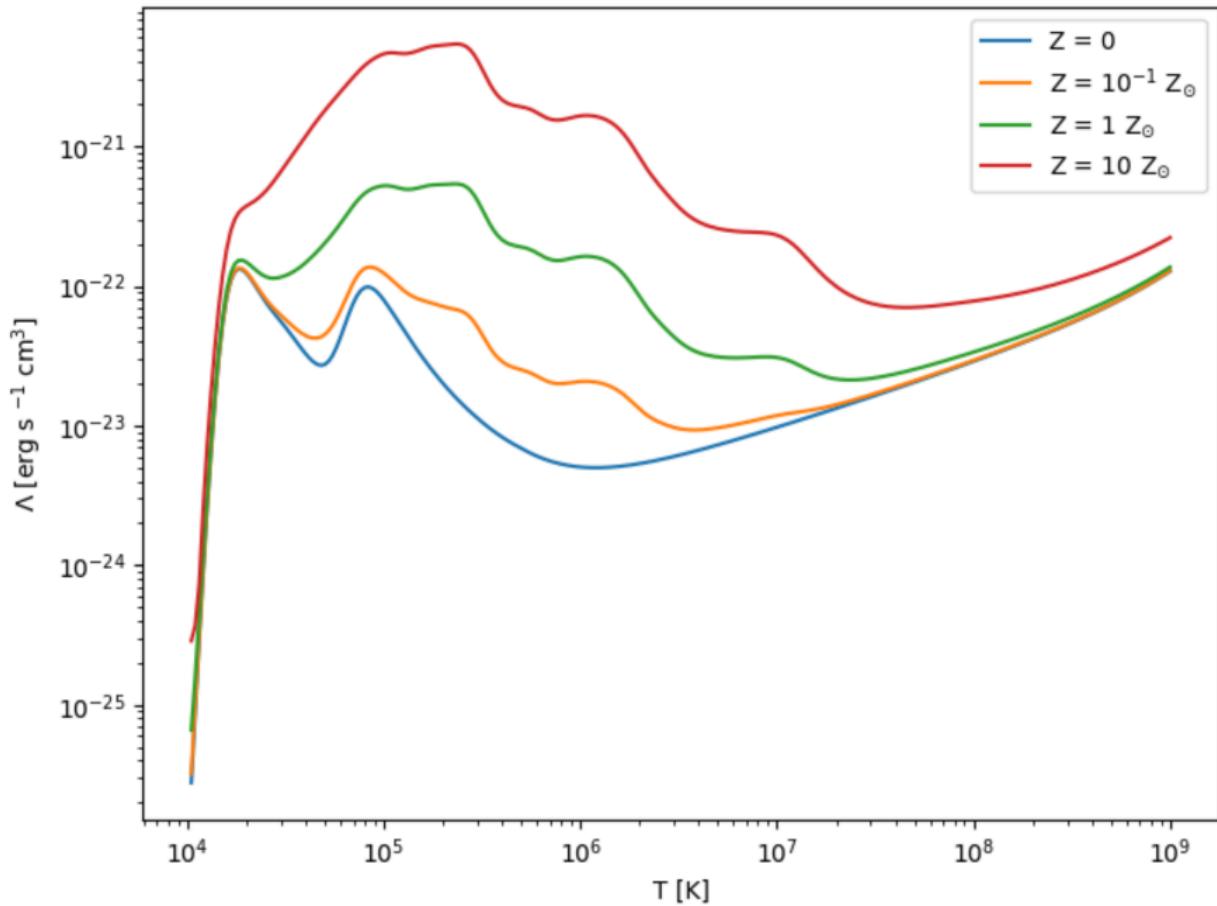
No external radiation field: collisional ionization equilibrium



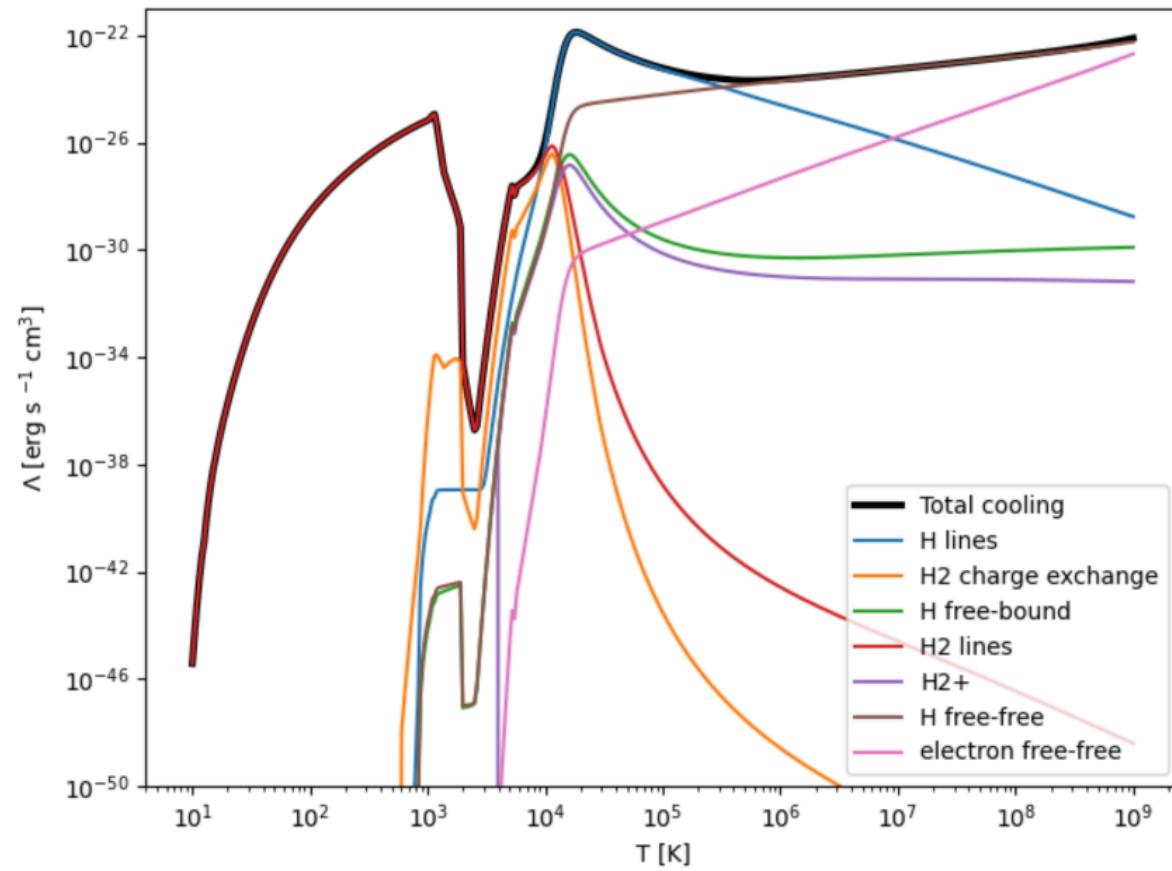
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Pure hydrogen - distribution of cooling components

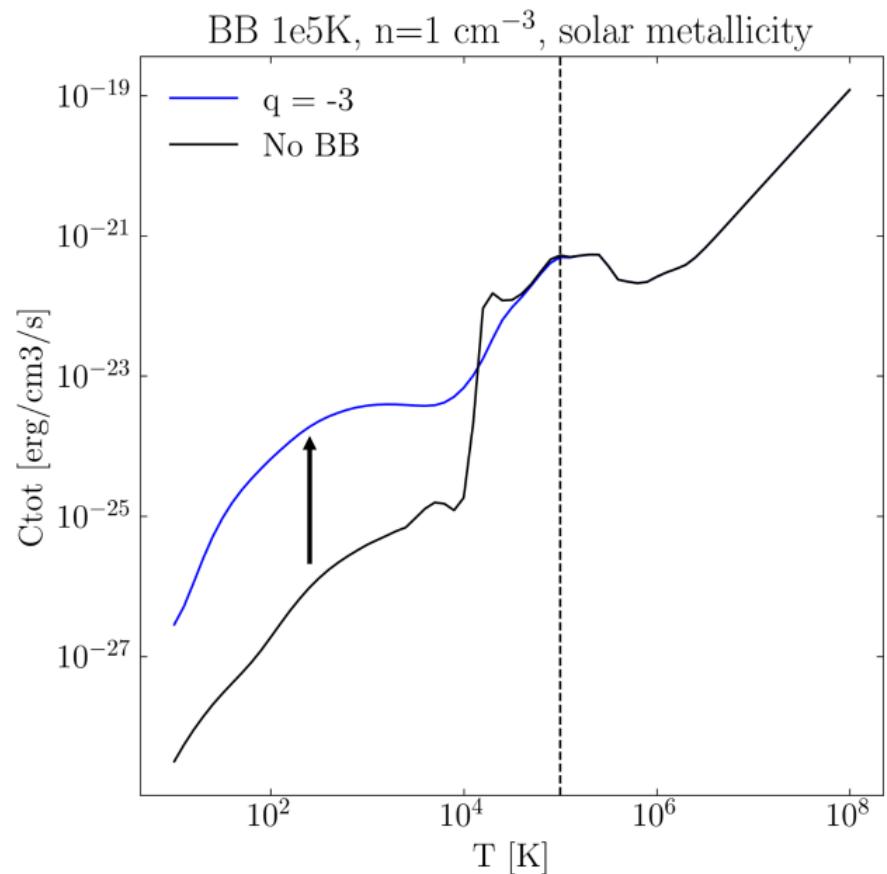


Effect of Radiation Field

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Effect of Radiation Field: H II Region Like, 1e5K Blackbody

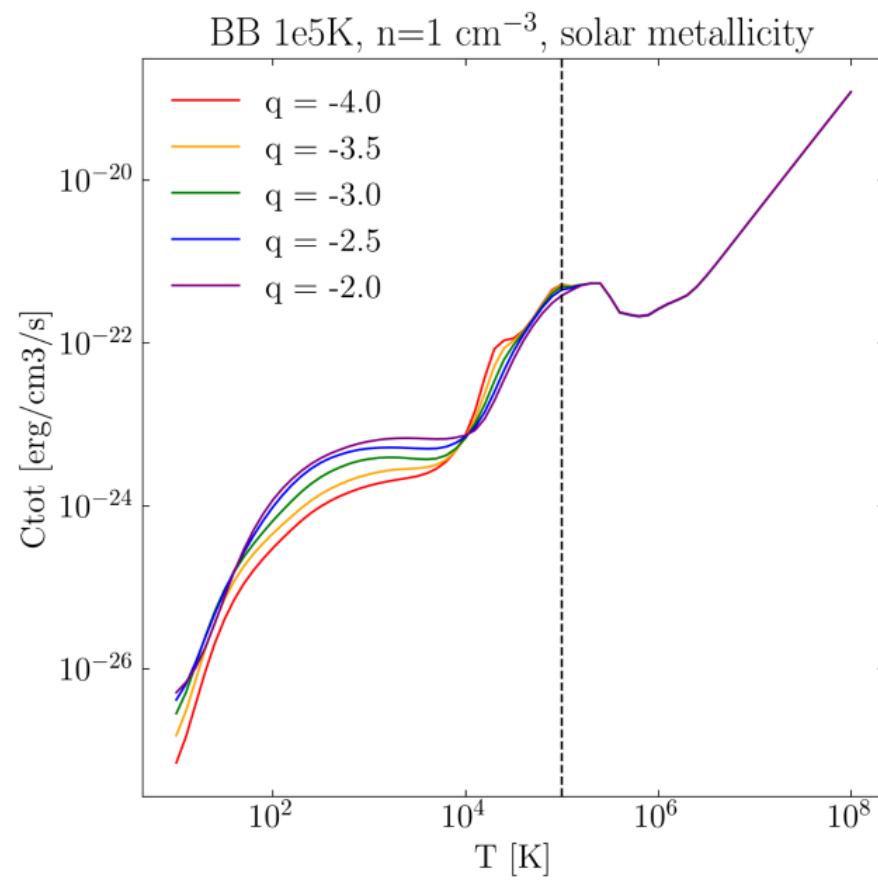


$$q \equiv \log U$$

Low temperature end (< 1e5 K) is significantly enhanced.



1e5K Blackbody, Effect of Ionization Parameter

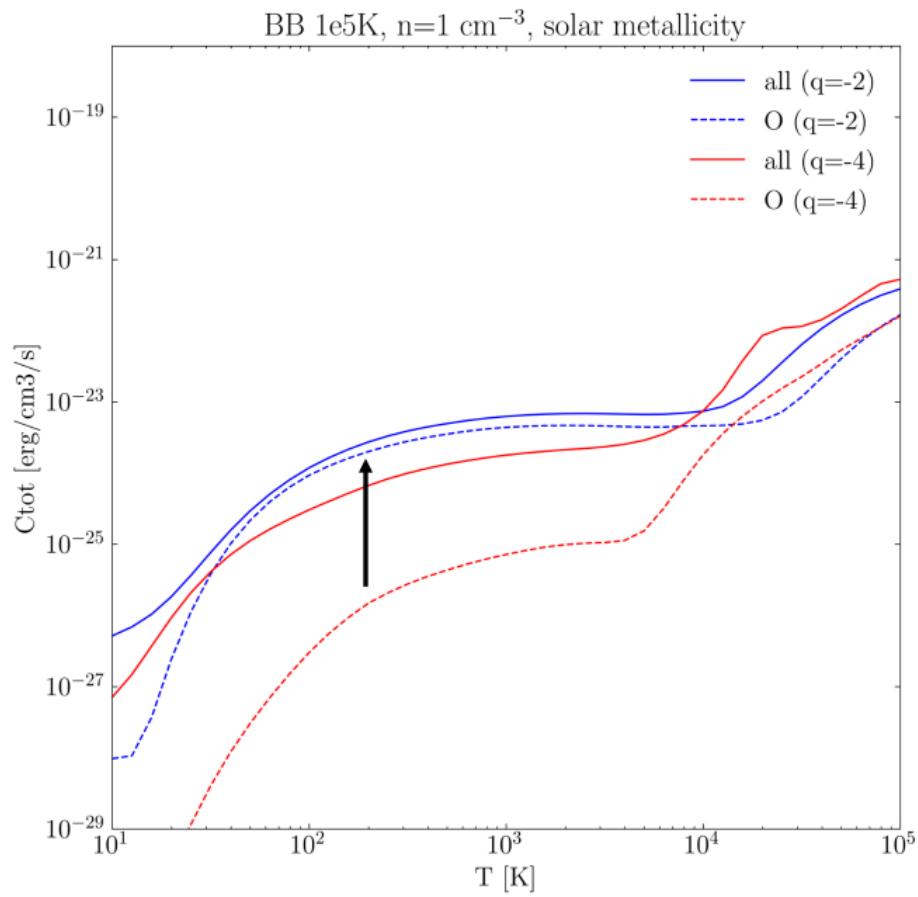


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Only low temperature end ($< 1 \text{ e}5 \text{ K}$) is affected by ionization parameter.



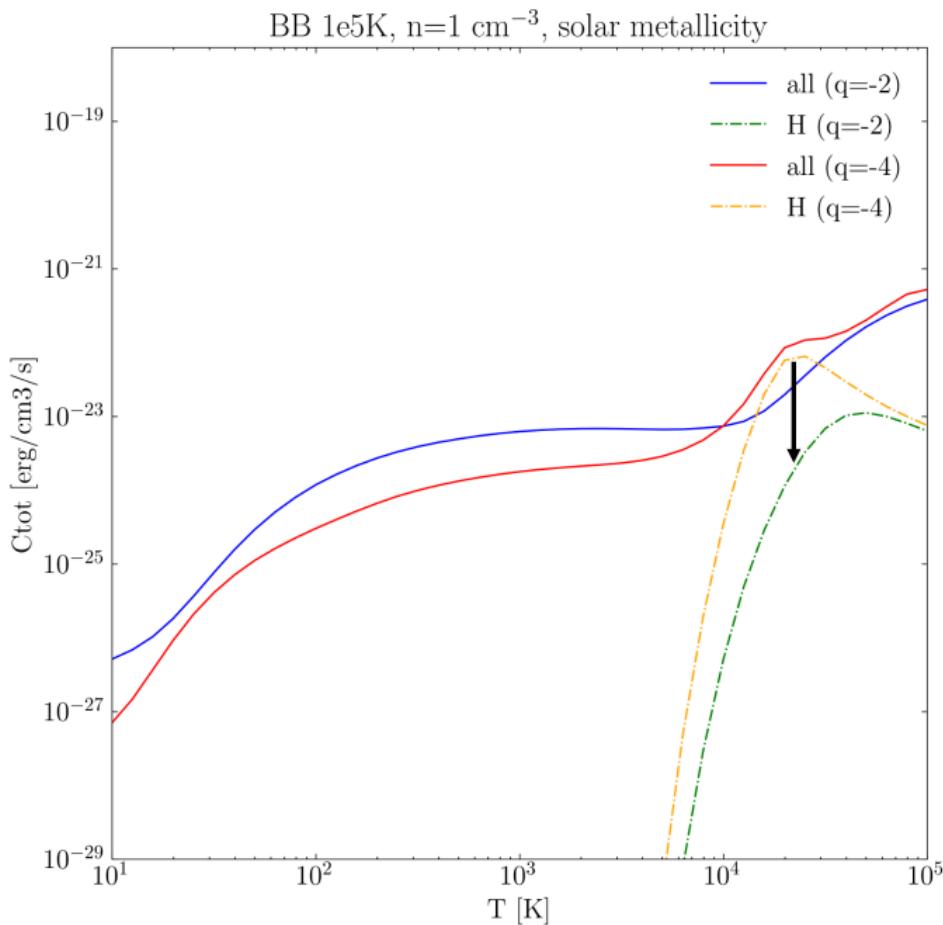
1e5K Blackbody, Effect of Ionization Parameter



Cooling by Oxygen is significantly enhanced due to radiation field.



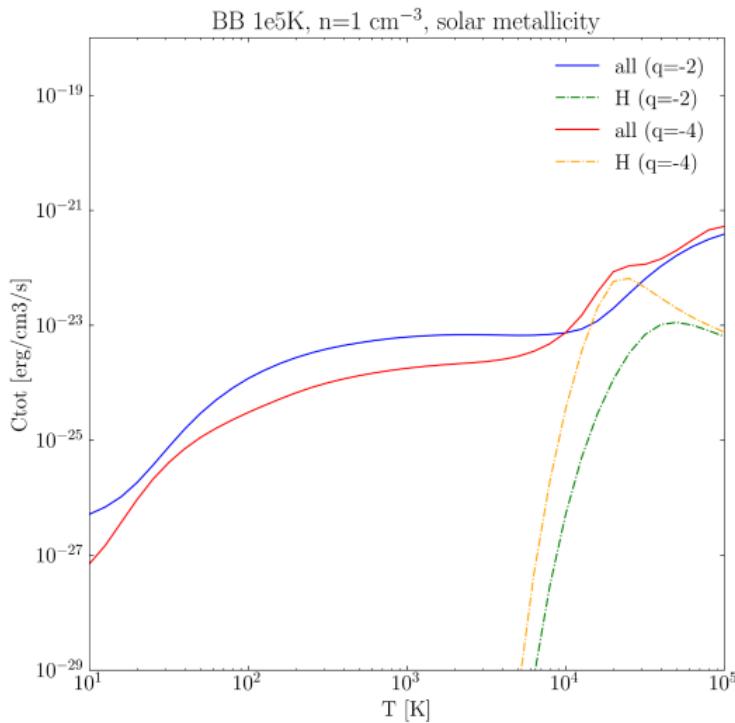
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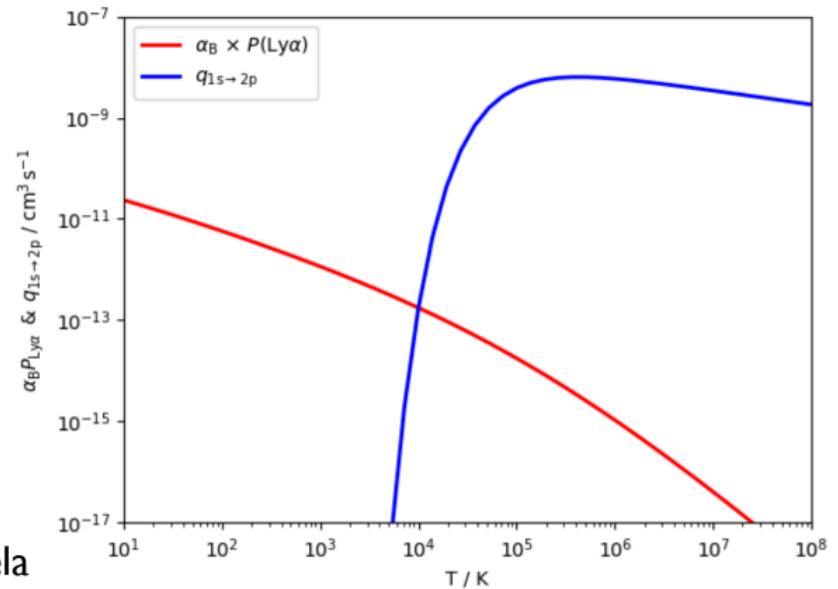


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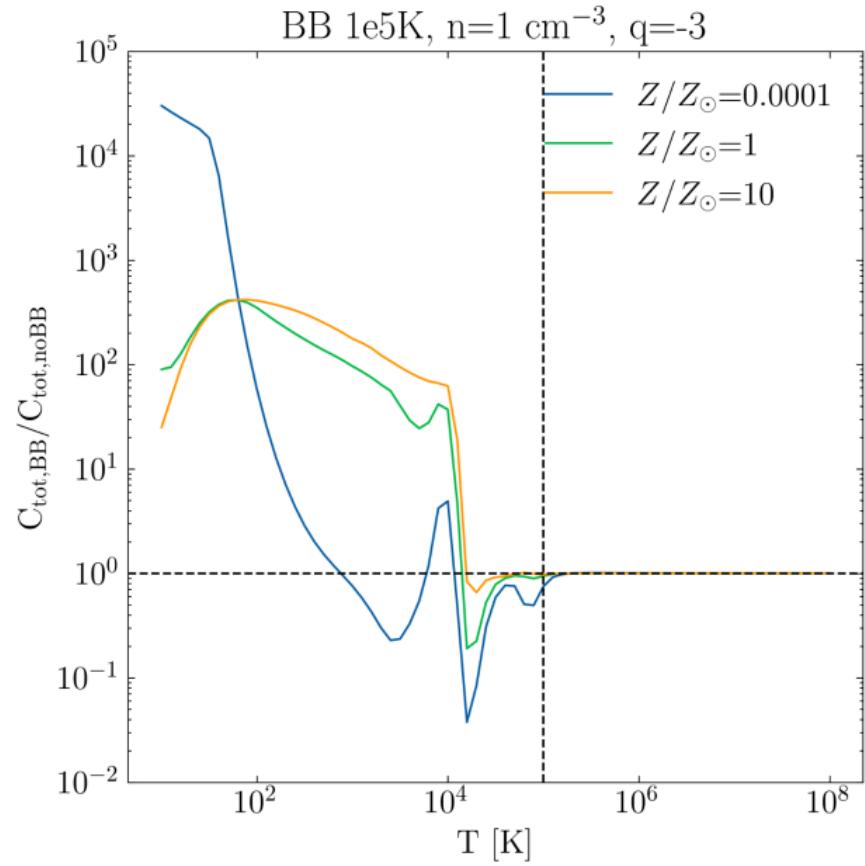
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$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{\text{Ly}\alpha} &= \varepsilon_{\text{rec}} + \varepsilon_{\text{coll}} \\ &= P(\text{Ly}\alpha) h\nu_0 n_e n_{\text{HII}} \alpha_B(T) + h\nu_0 n_e n_{\text{HI}} q_{1s \rightarrow 2p}(T),\end{aligned}$$



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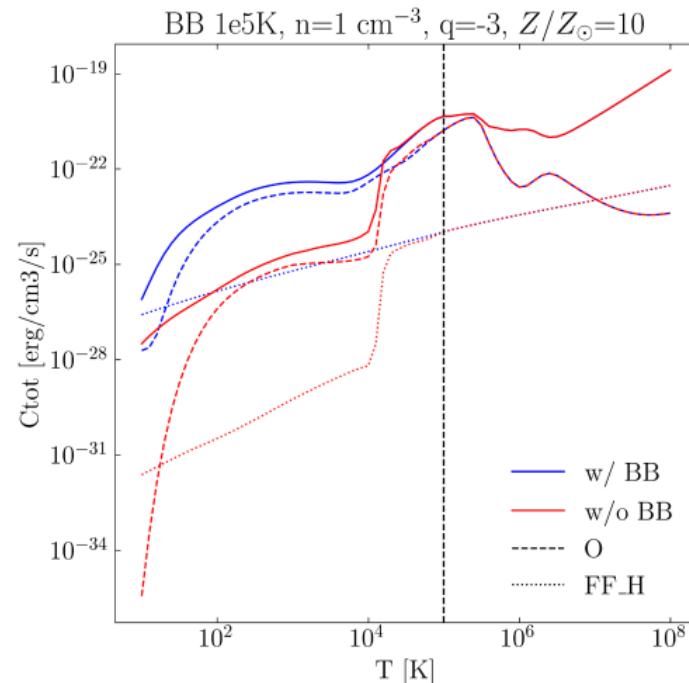
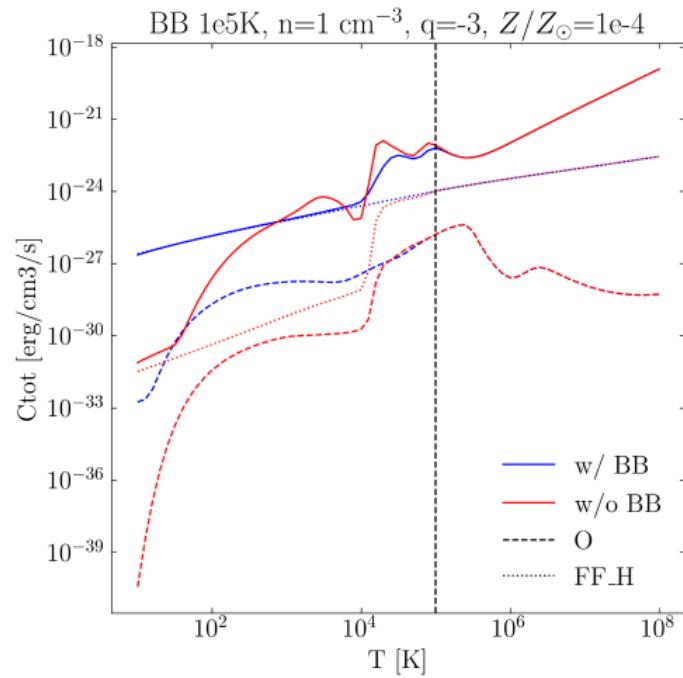
1e5K Blackbody, Effect of Metallicity



Effect of Radiation is different for ISM with different metallicities



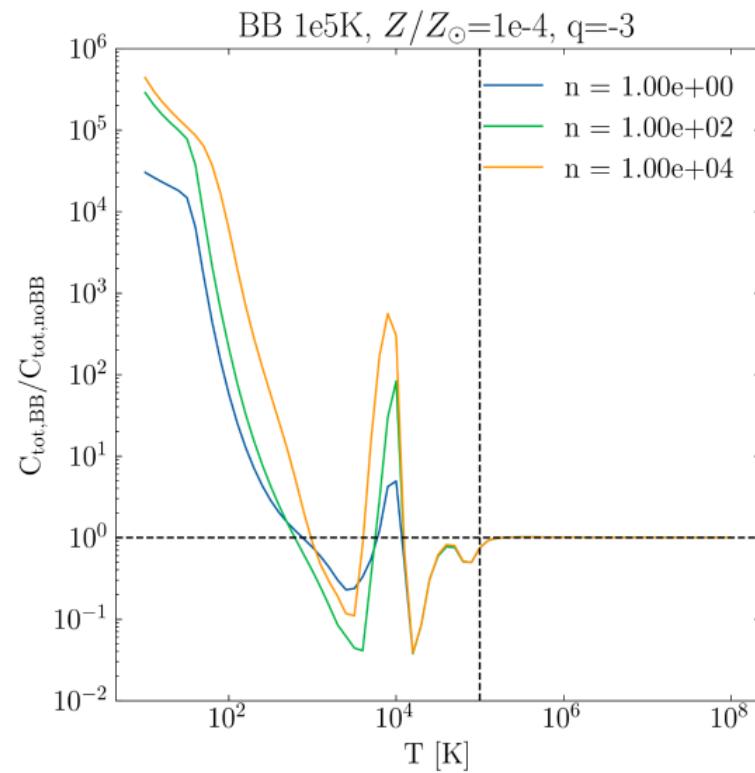
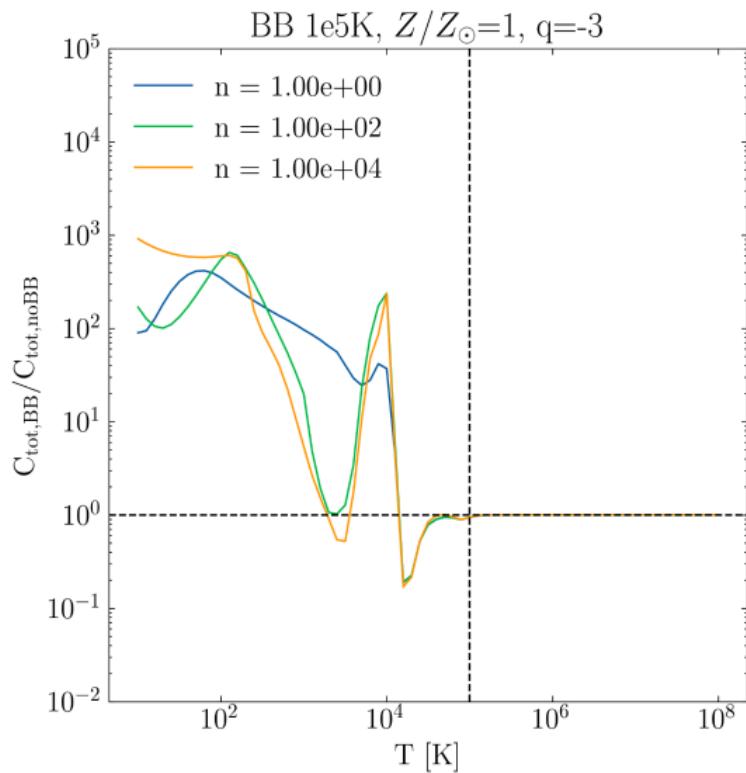
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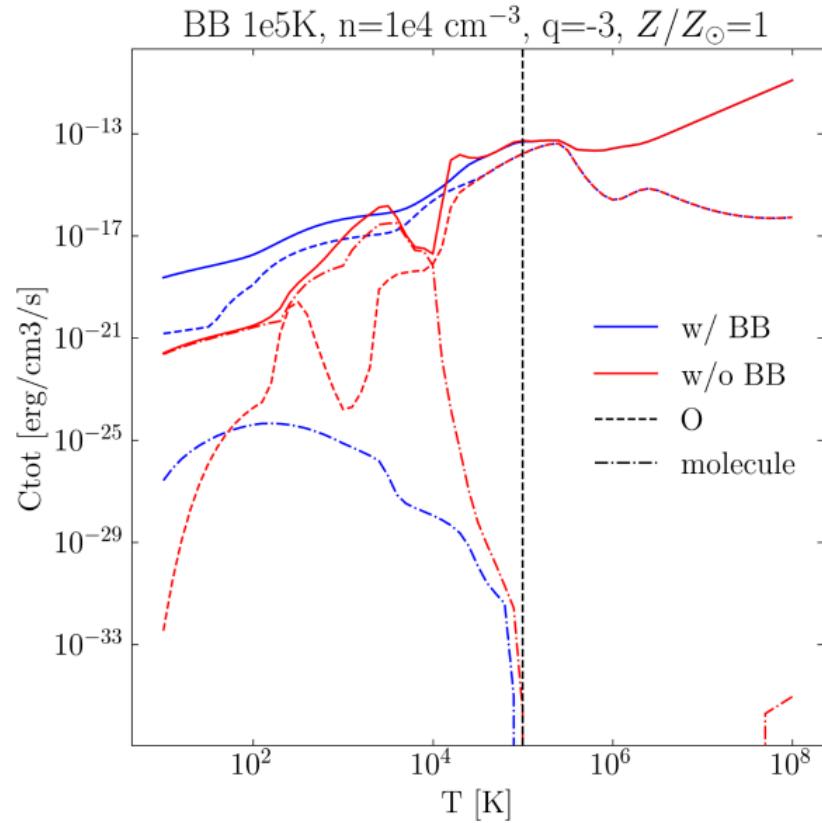
- Low Z: enhance free-free emission
- High Z: enhance Oxygen emission



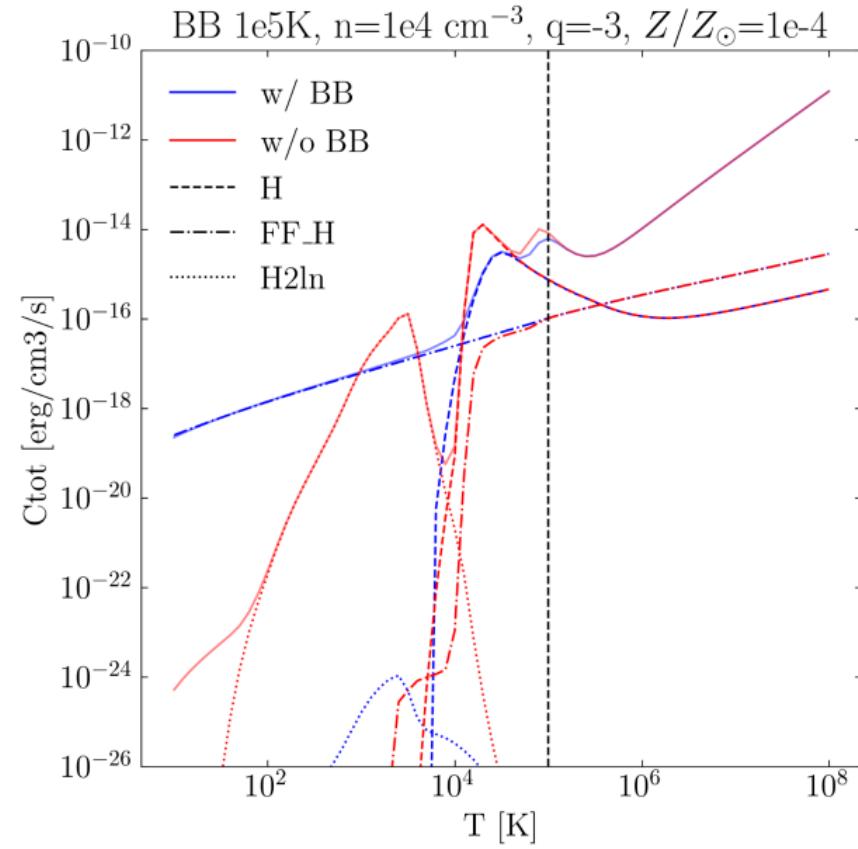
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H2ln - line cooling within simple H₂ molecule (rotation)



Cooling at Low Temperature

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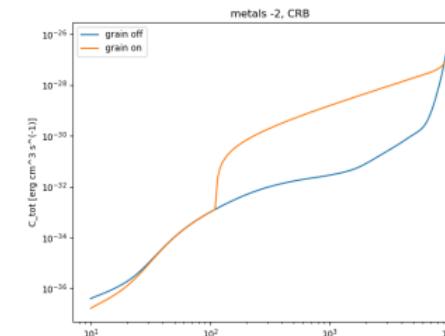
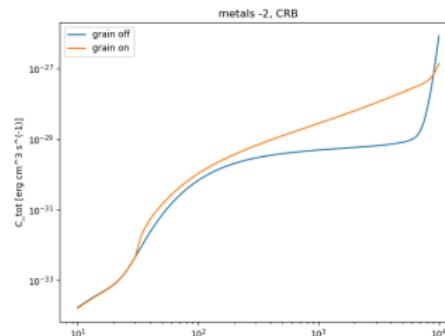
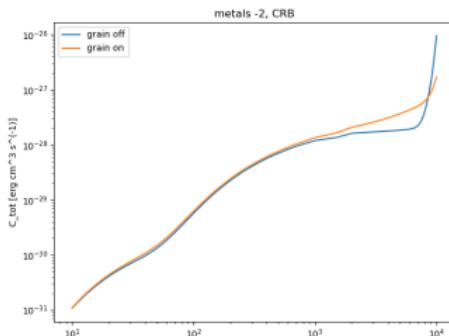
Effect of dust on the total cooling rate

- Use command "grains ISM"
 - Grain sizes range: $5 \times 10^{-3} \sim 0.15 \mu\text{m}$
 - Distribution: $p(a)da \propto a^{-3.5}da$
 - Abundances per H (for solar metallicity): $10^{-9.811}$ for graphite, $10^{-9.748}$ for silicates
- Use command "no H₂ molecules"
 - To better compare the cooling contribution between gas and grains.
- Parameters in simulation:
 - $Z = 10^{-2} Z_{\odot}$, $n_H = 10^3, 10^6, 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - $n_H = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $Z = 10^{-2}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-6} Z_{\odot}$

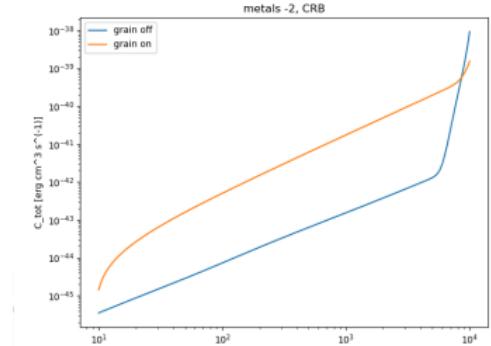
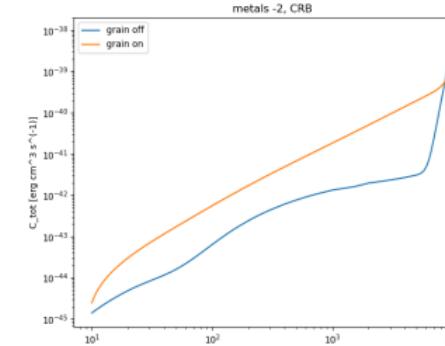
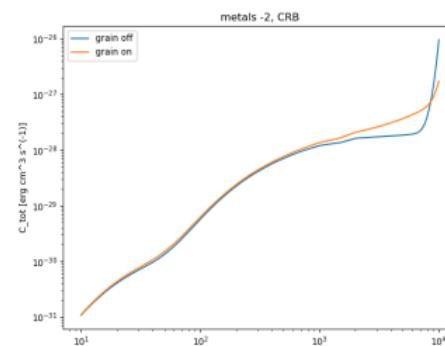


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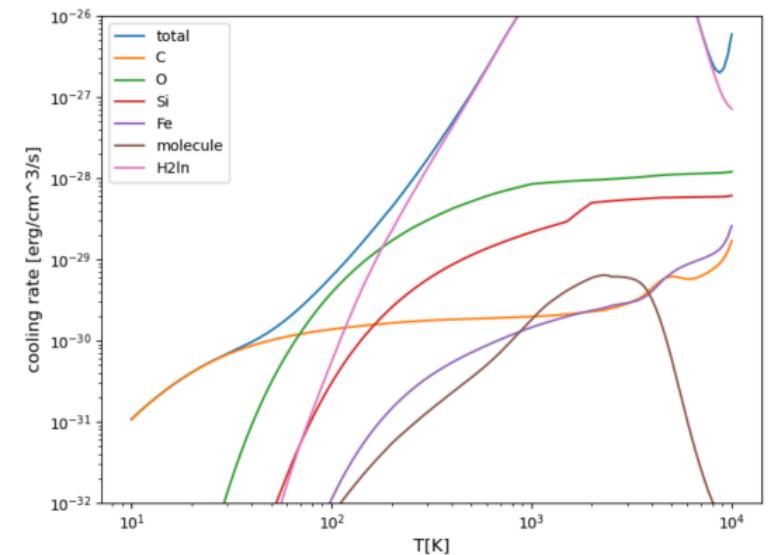
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Components in low temperature

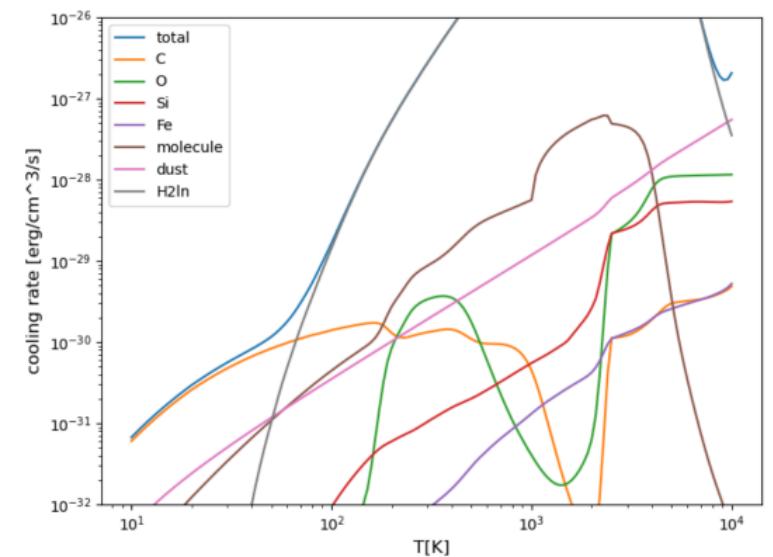
- Our default condition:

- cosmic rays background; $n_H = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$; $Z = 10^{-2} Z_\odot$
- upper: without dust; bottom: with dust——have more molecules via grain catalysis



- Cooling rate by H₂ molecule:

- >85.4 K: rotational transitions.
- > 6.10×10^3 K : vibrational transitions.
- T>5000K: limited by molecular hydrogen dissociation.



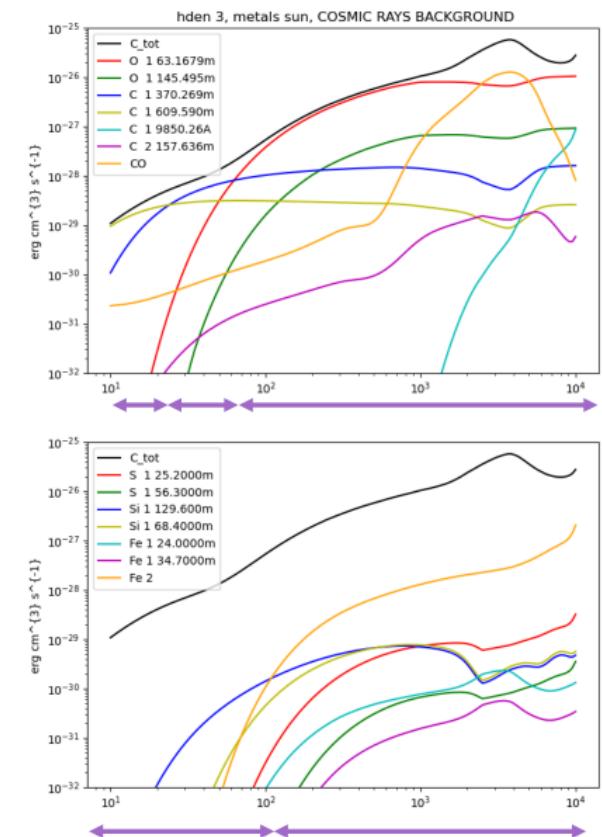
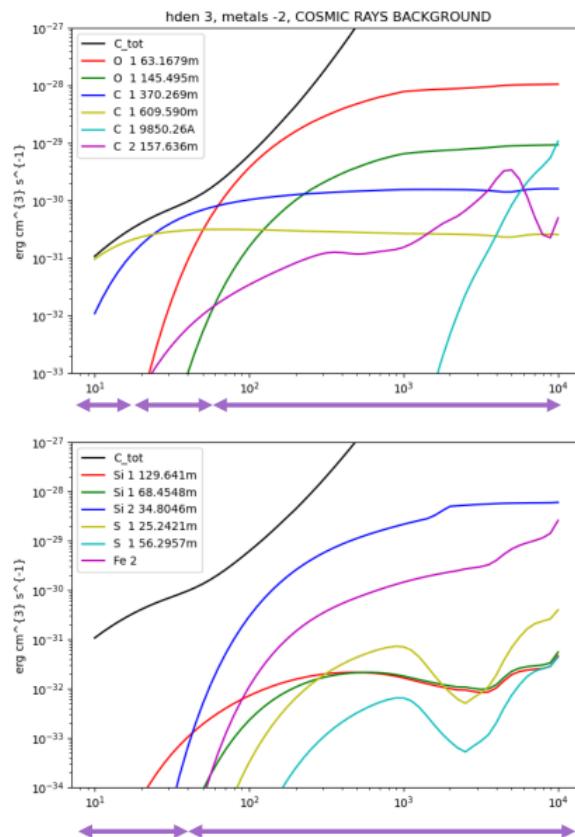
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- Simulation condition:

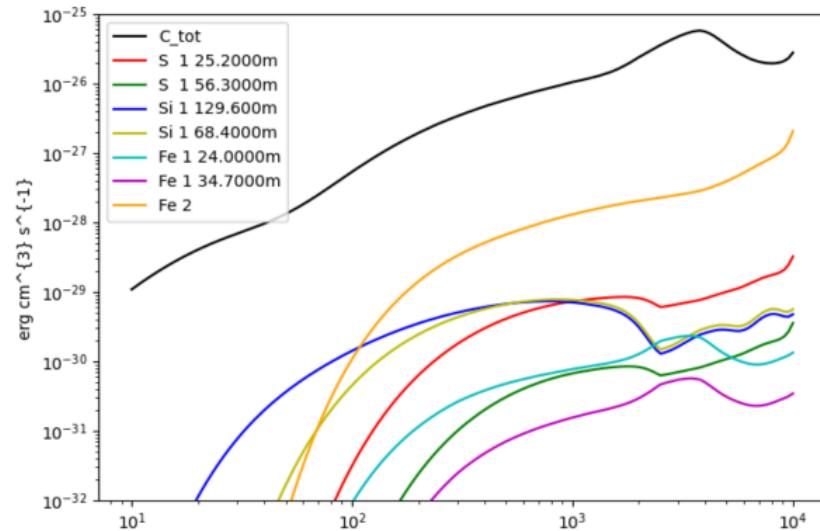
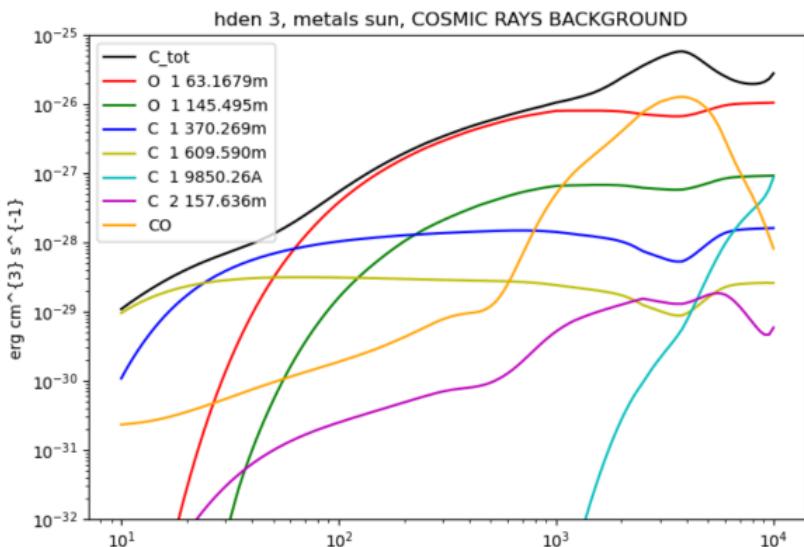
- $n_H = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- $Z = 10^{-2}, 10^0 Z_\odot$
- have molecules, cosmic rays background

- Dominate component:

- low metallicity:
 - C I 609.6 um -- C I 370.3 um -- O I 63.2 um
 - Si I 129.6 um -- Si II 34.8 um
- high metallicity:
 - C I 609.6 um -- C I 370.3 um -- O I 63.2 um + CO
 - Si I 129.6 um -- Fe II



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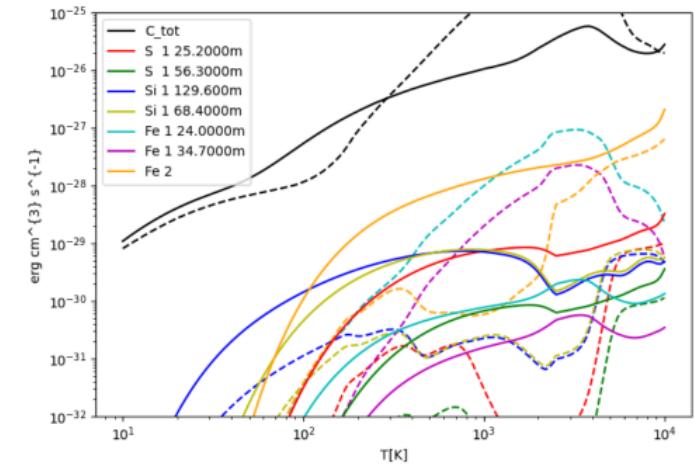
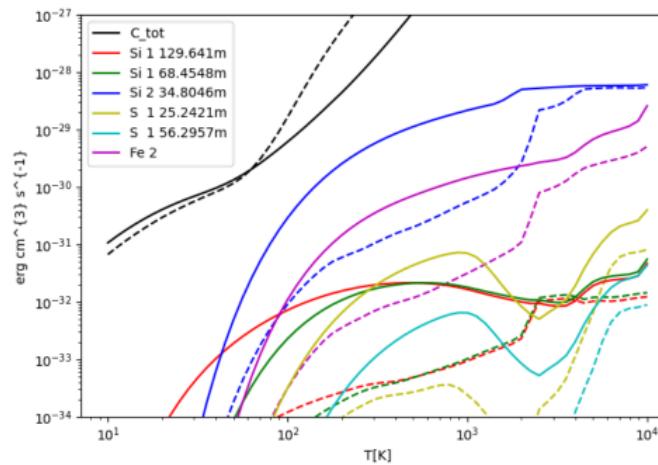
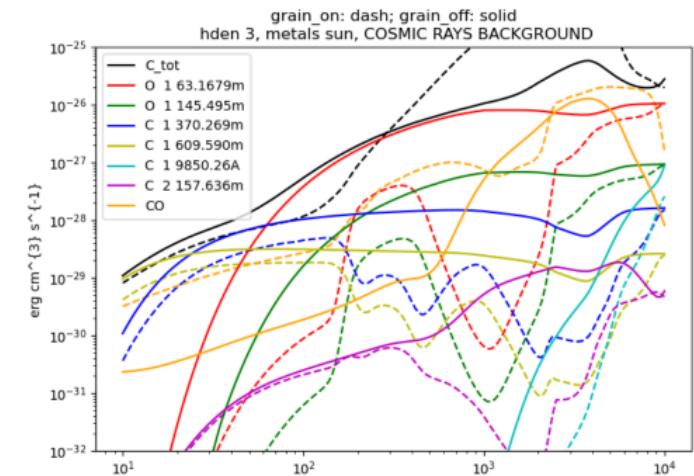
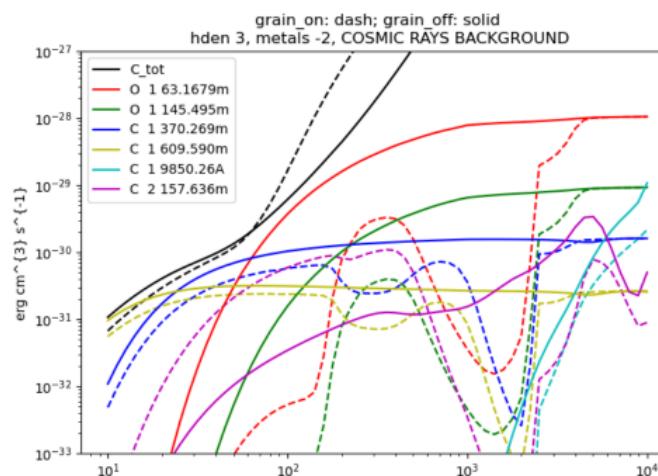
- C I: ${}^3P_0 - {}^3P_1 \rightarrow {}^3P_1 - {}^3P_2 \rightarrow {}^3P_2 - {}^1D_2$
- O I: ${}^3P_0 - {}^3P_1 < {}^3P_1 - {}^3P_2$

- Si I: ${}^3P_0 - {}^3P_1 \rightarrow {}^3P_1 - {}^3P_2$
- Fe I: ${}^5D_2 - {}^5D_3 < {}^5D_3 - {}^5D_4$



Main emissivity in low temperature (with dust)

- The code does not now solve for ^{12}C and ^{13}C abundances and ionic fractions. The $^{12}C/^{13}C$ ratio depends on both location in the galaxy and age. It is ≈ 90 in the solar system (Asplund et al., 2009) .



Cooling at High Temperature

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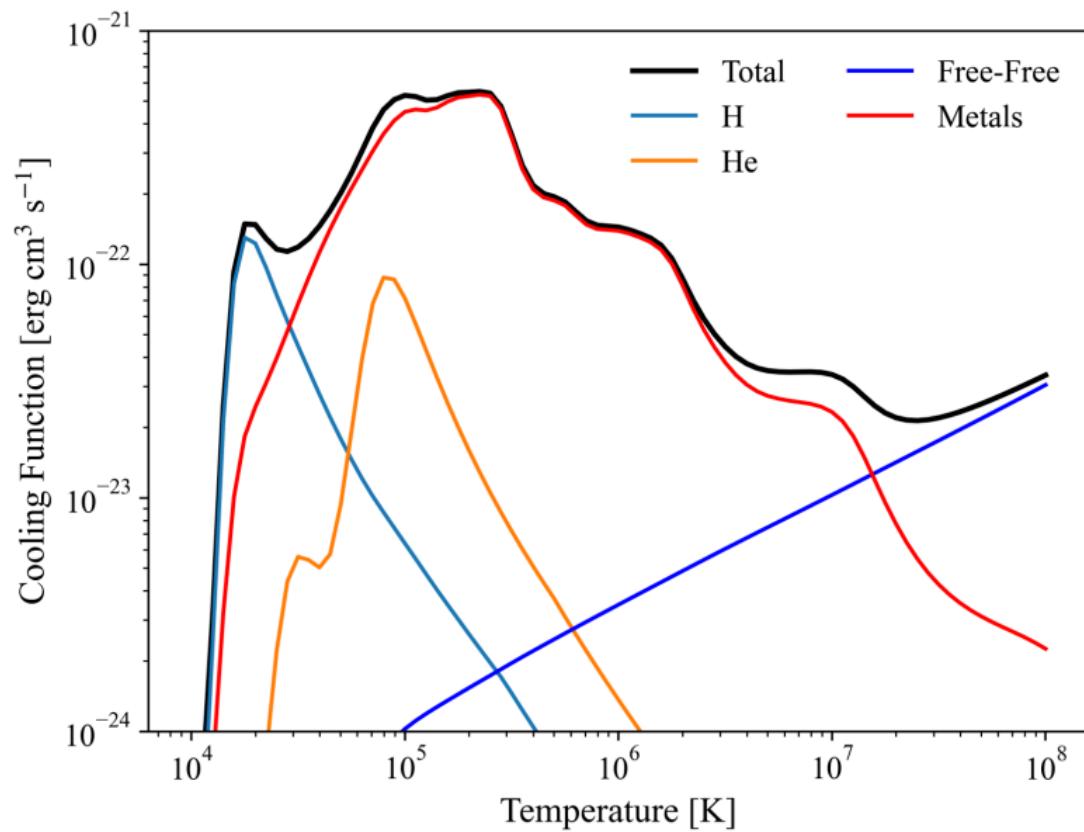


Cooling at High Temperature

Our default condition:

- Solar metallicity
- Low density ($n_{\text{H}} = 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$)
- No dust, no molecules
- No radiation field

Collisional Ionization Equilibrium (CIE)

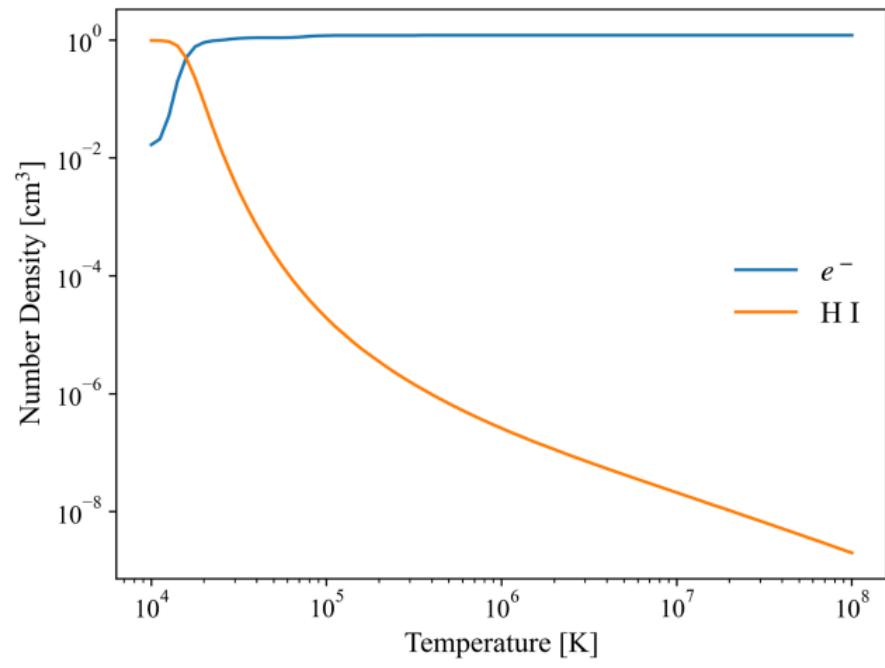
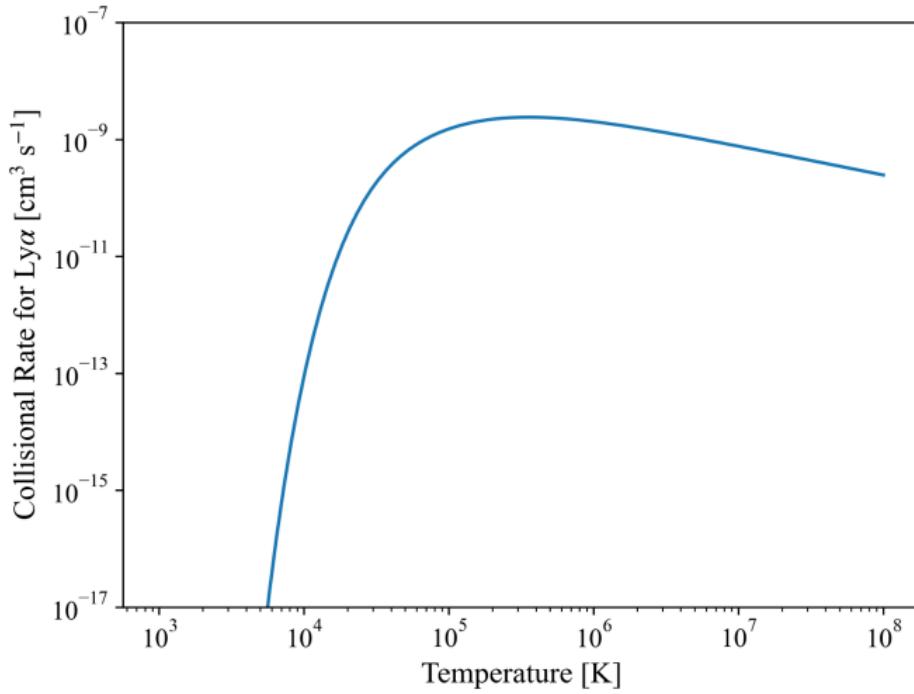


Cooling at High Temperature

H Cooling:

- Dominated by collisional excitation

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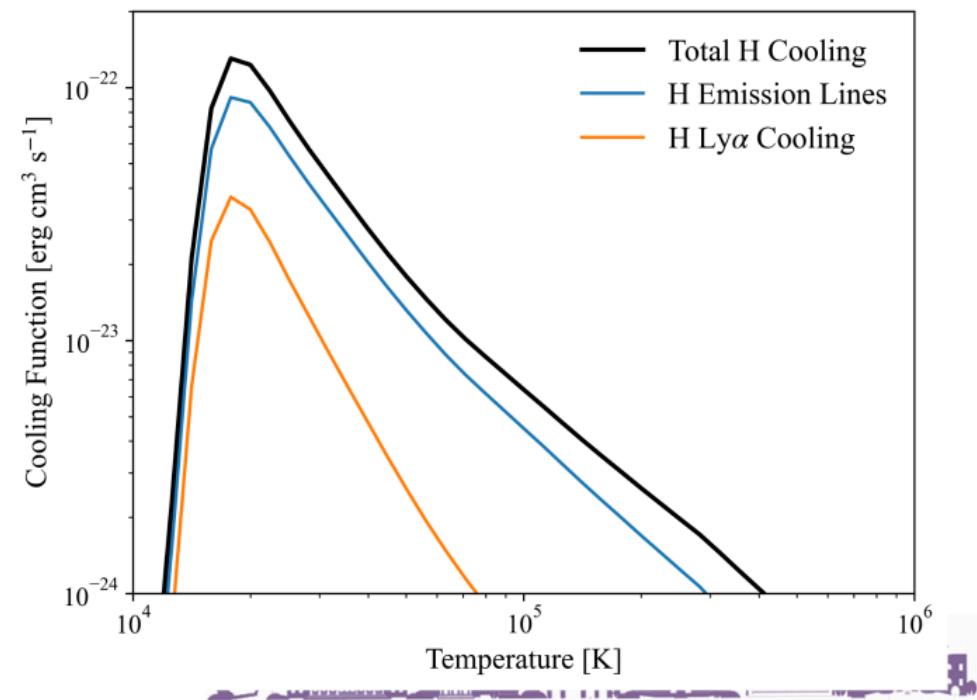
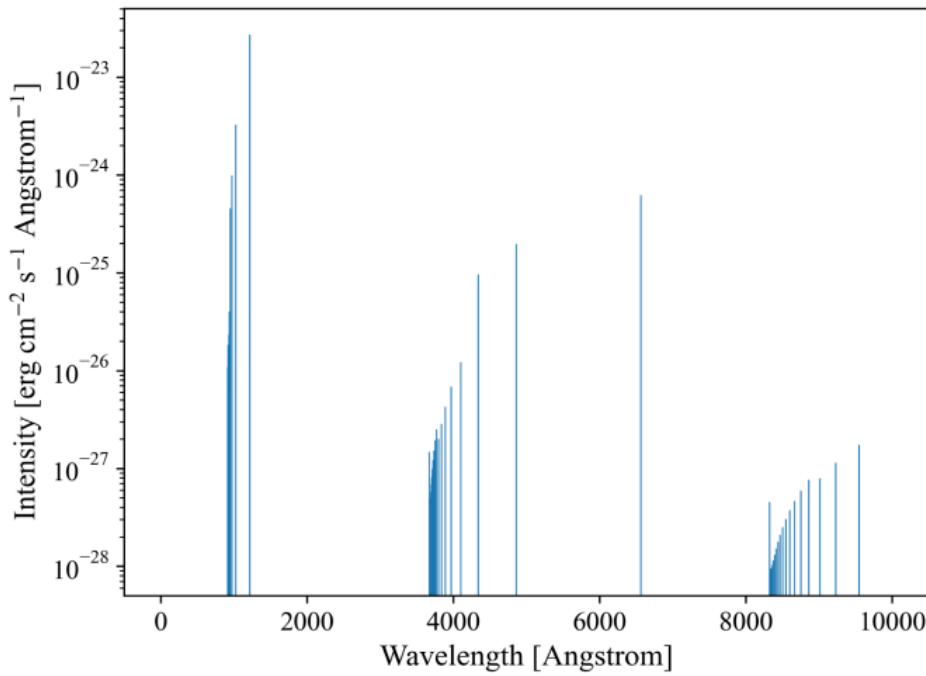


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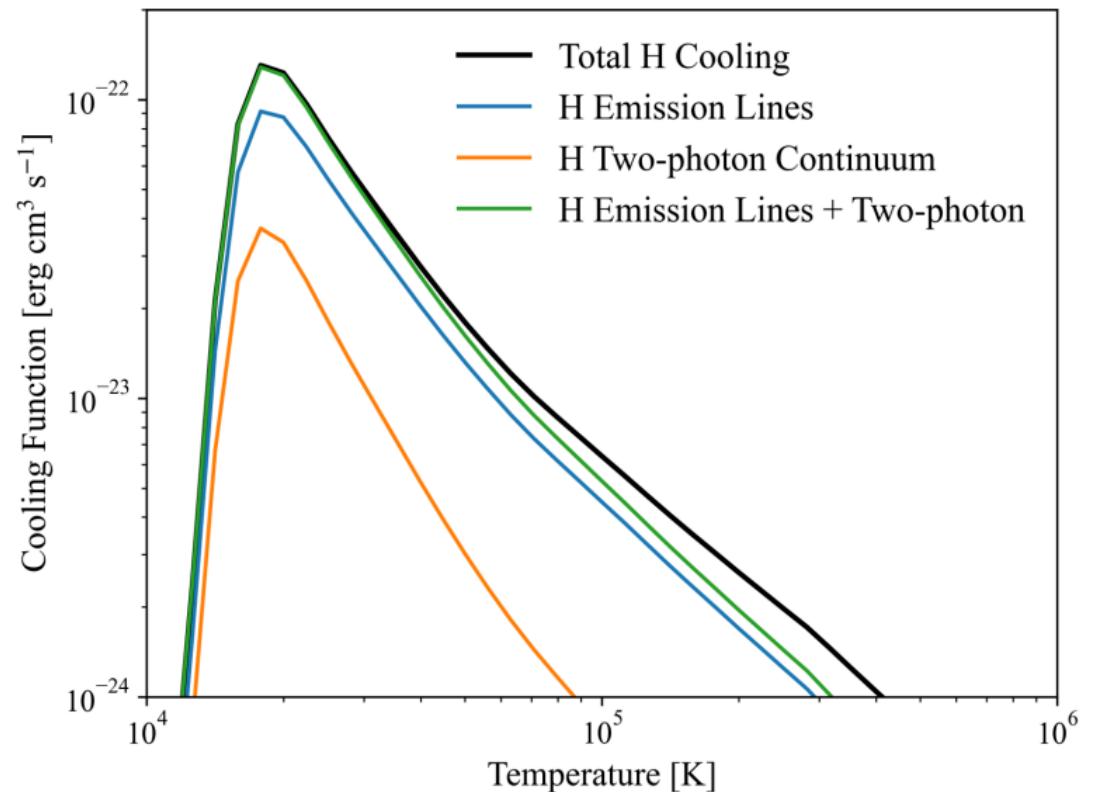
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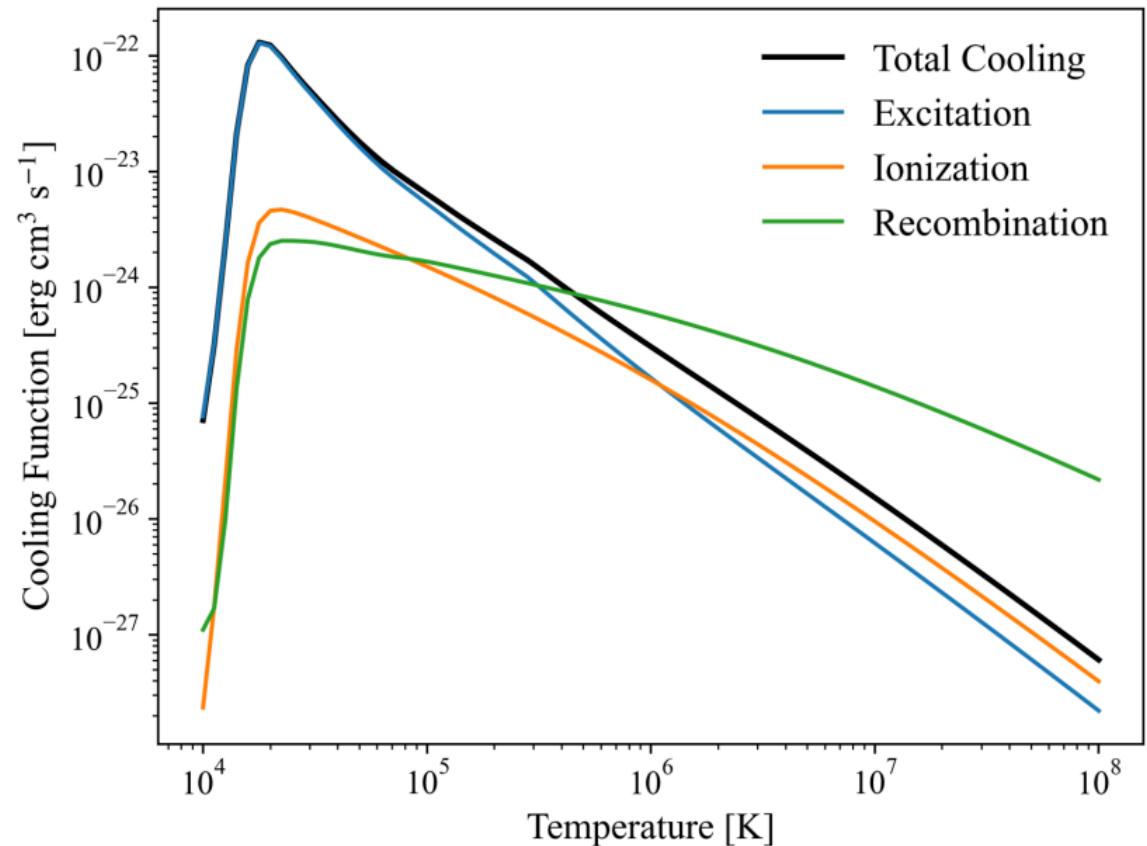
- Two photon decay:



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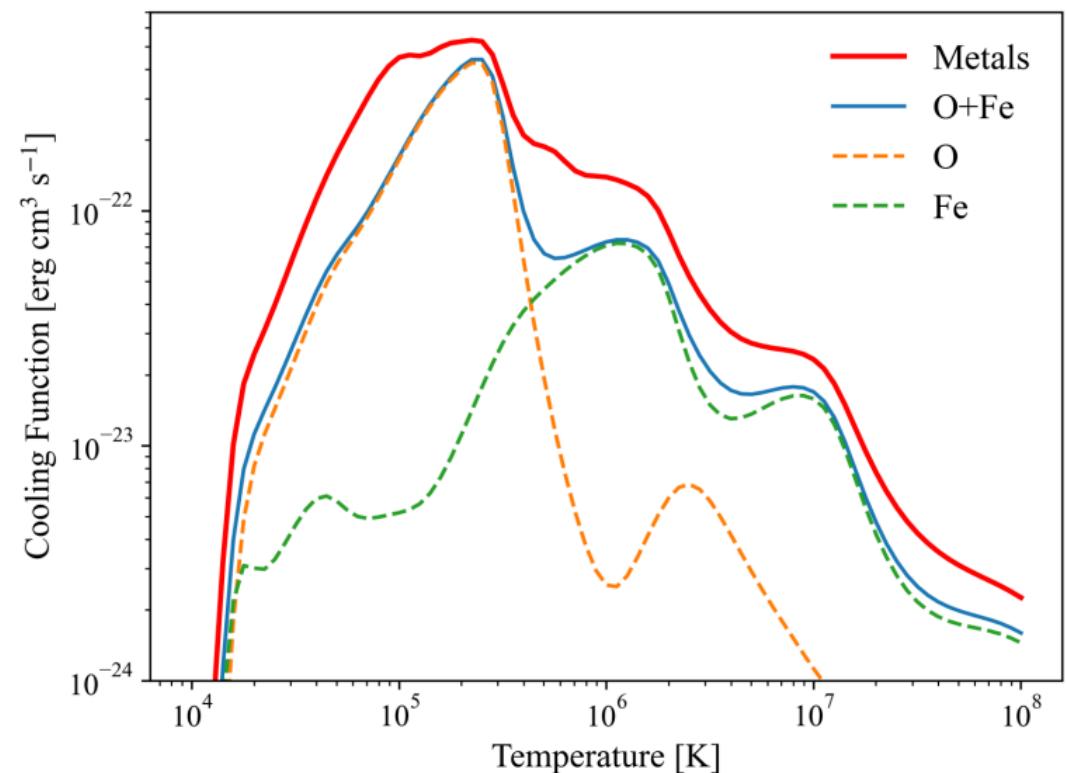
- Collisional Ionization
- Recombination



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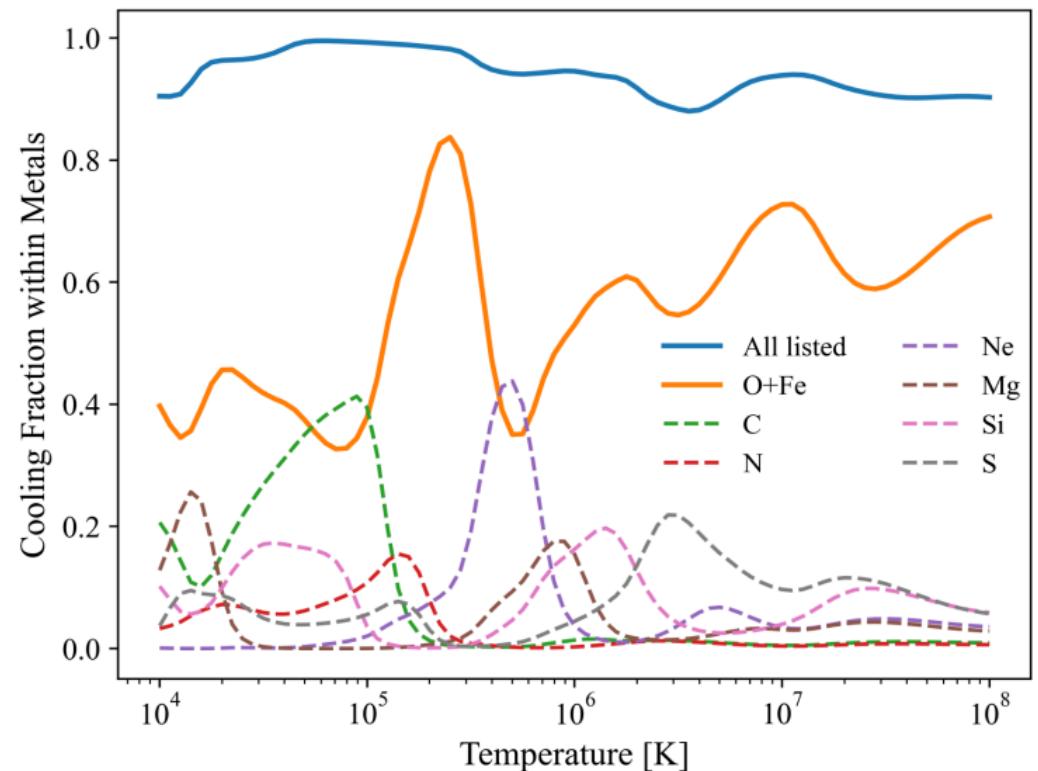
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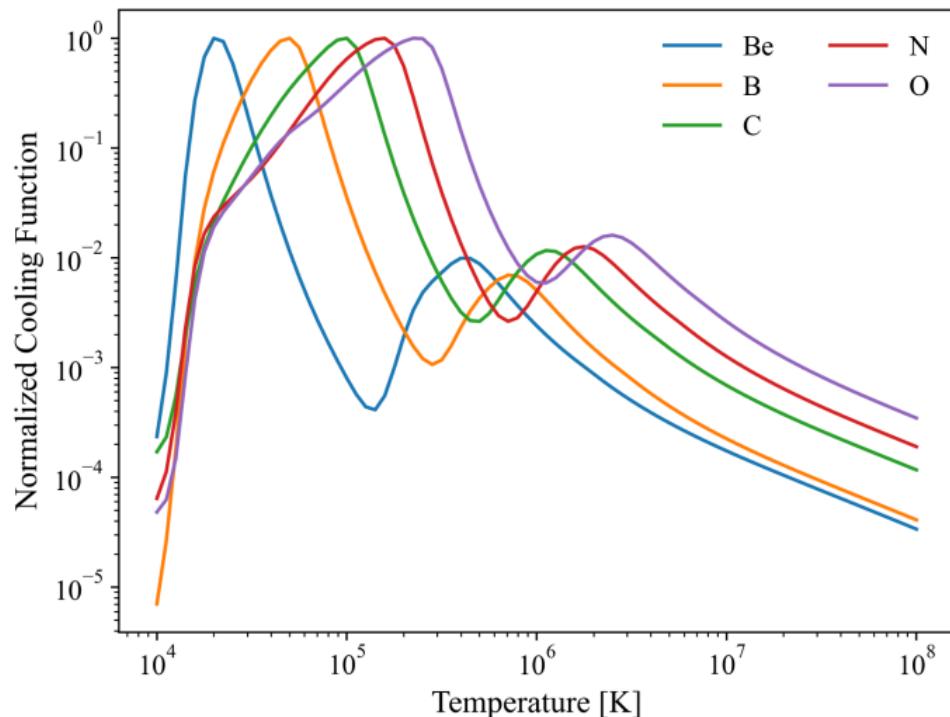
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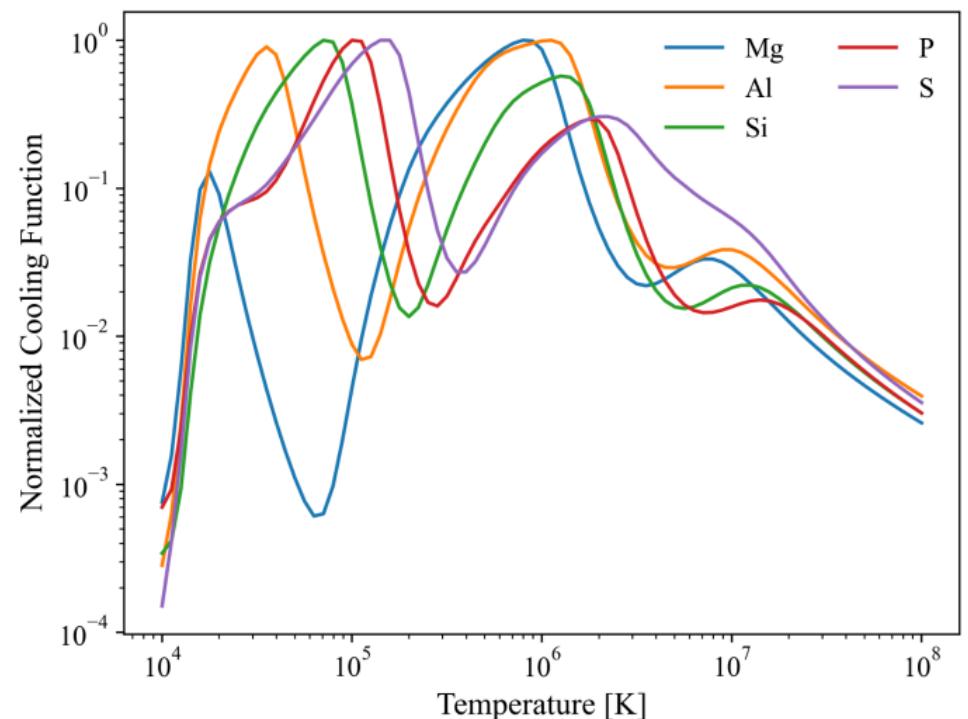
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- $T \sim 10^6$ K : Ne, Mg, Si
- $T \sim 10^4$ K : C, Si, Mg



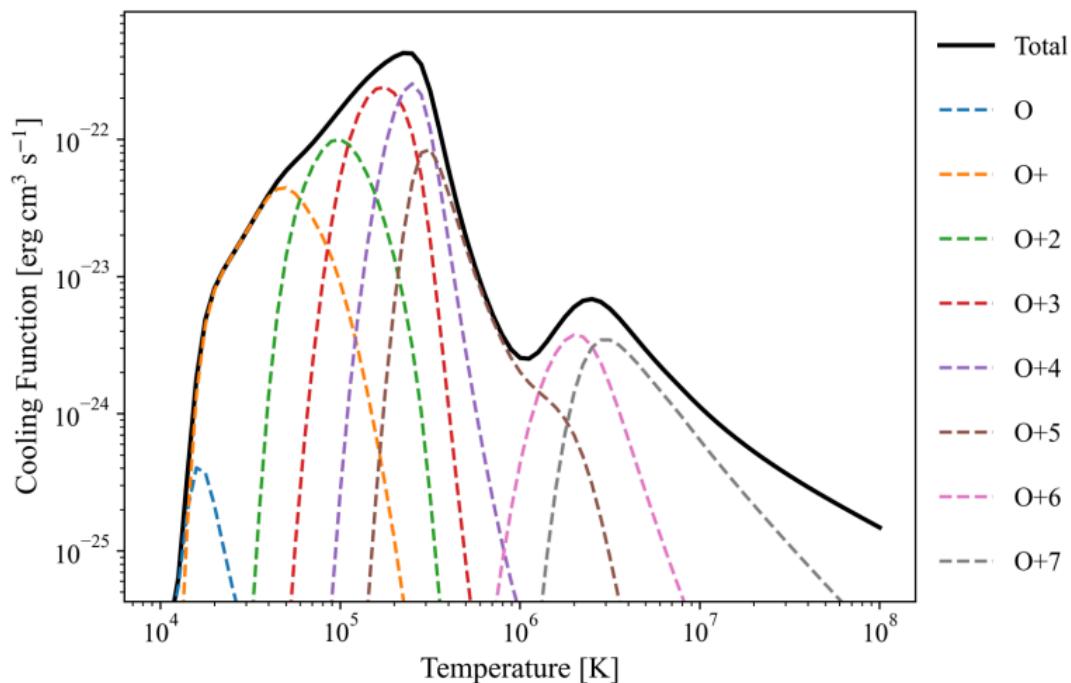
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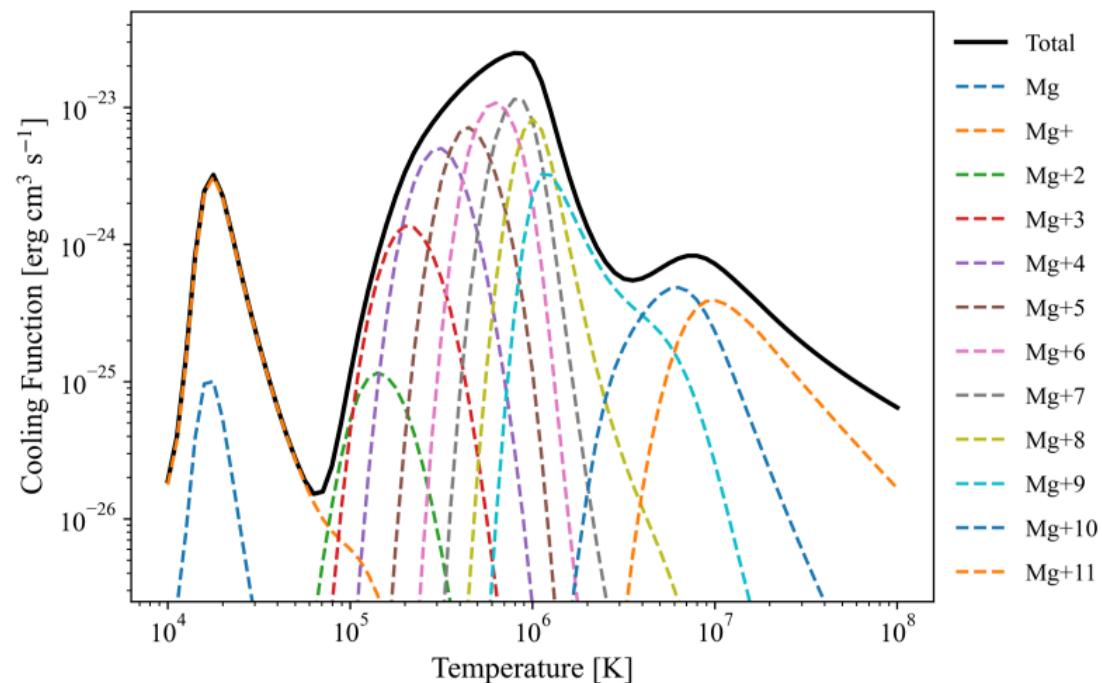
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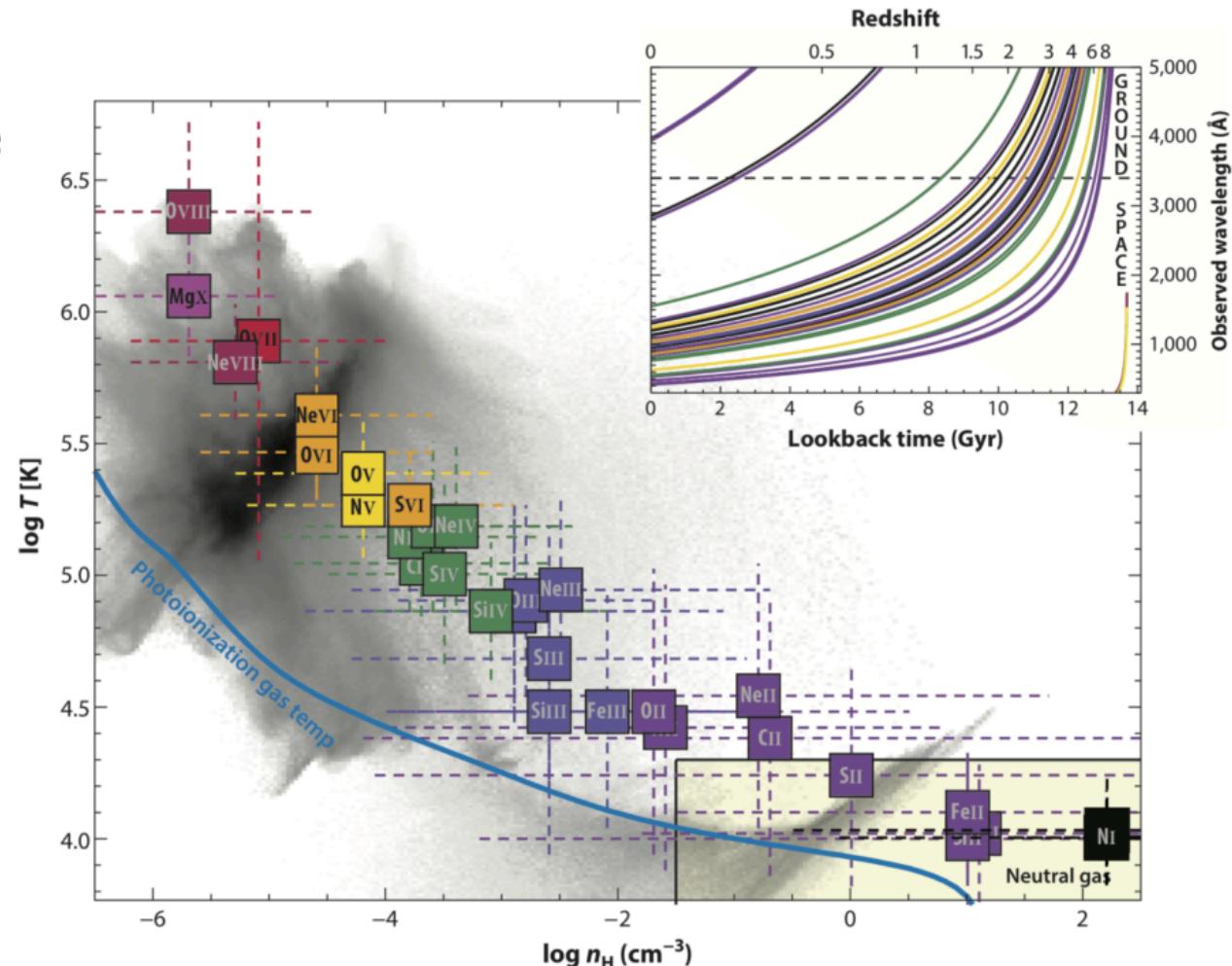
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Metal Lines in CGM Observation:

Tumlinson et al. 2017

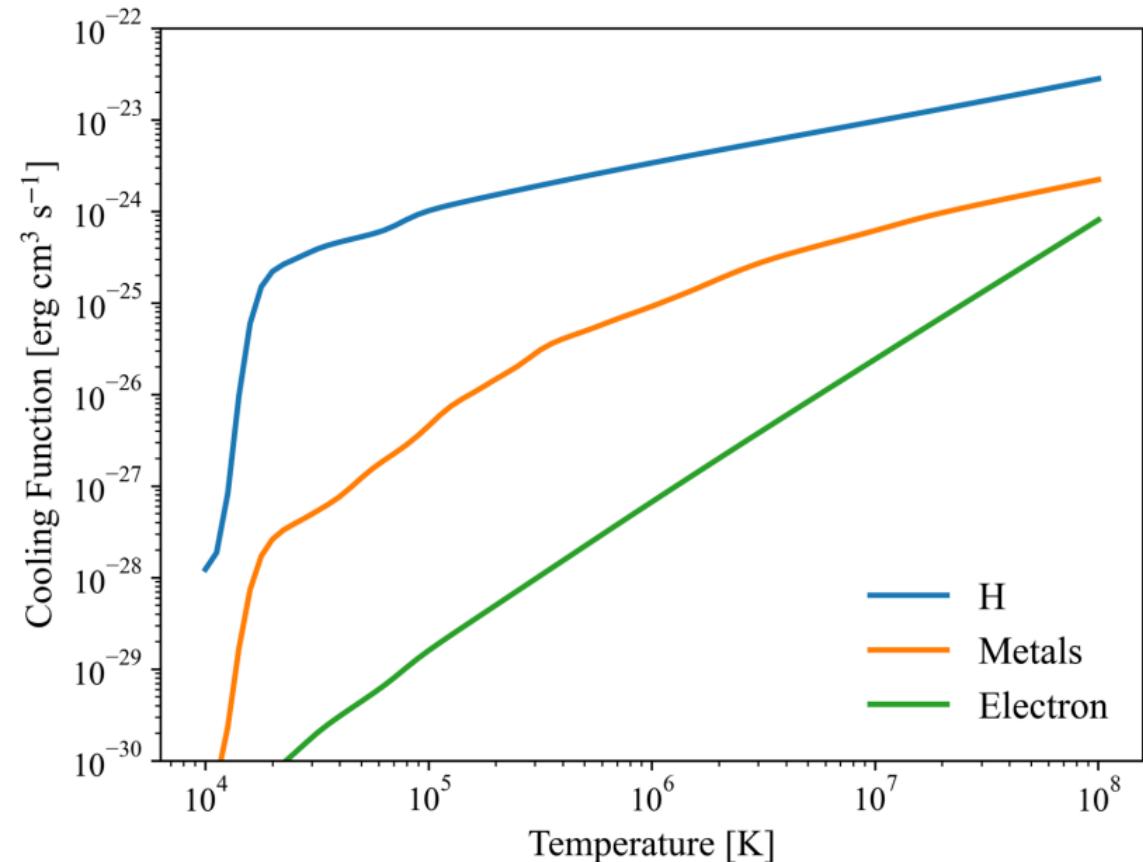


Cooling at High Temperature

Free-Free Cooling (**bremsstrahlung**):

- Efficient at $T \gtrsim 10^7$ K
- Radio emission

$$P(T) = \frac{32\pi e^6}{3hm_e c^3} \left(\frac{2\pi k}{3m_e}\right)^{1/2} T^{1/2} Z^2 \langle g_{ff} \rangle n_e n_i$$



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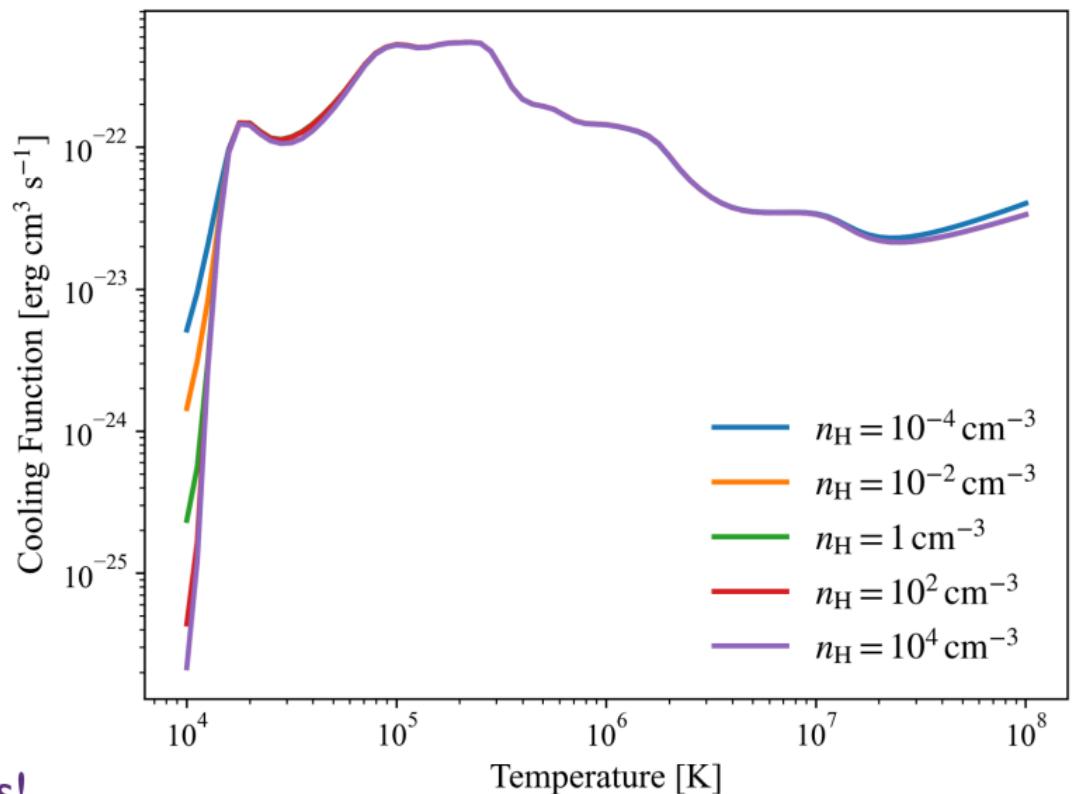
Cooling Function v.s. Density:

Table 4.1 Main contributors to line cooling in H II regions^a

Transition	λ [Å]	$A_{u\ell}$ $[10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}]$	n_{crit} $[10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}]$
$\text{O II } ^4\text{S} - ^2\text{D}$	3726	0.164	0.406
	3729	0.041	0.130
$\text{N II } ^3\text{P} - ^1\text{D}$	6548	0.985	8.86
	6583	2.91	8.86
$\text{O III } ^3\text{P} - ^1\text{D}$	4959	6.97	69.1
	5007	20.46	69.1

Ryden & Pogge, Interstellar and Intergalactic Medium

Radiative de-excitation dominates in most cases!

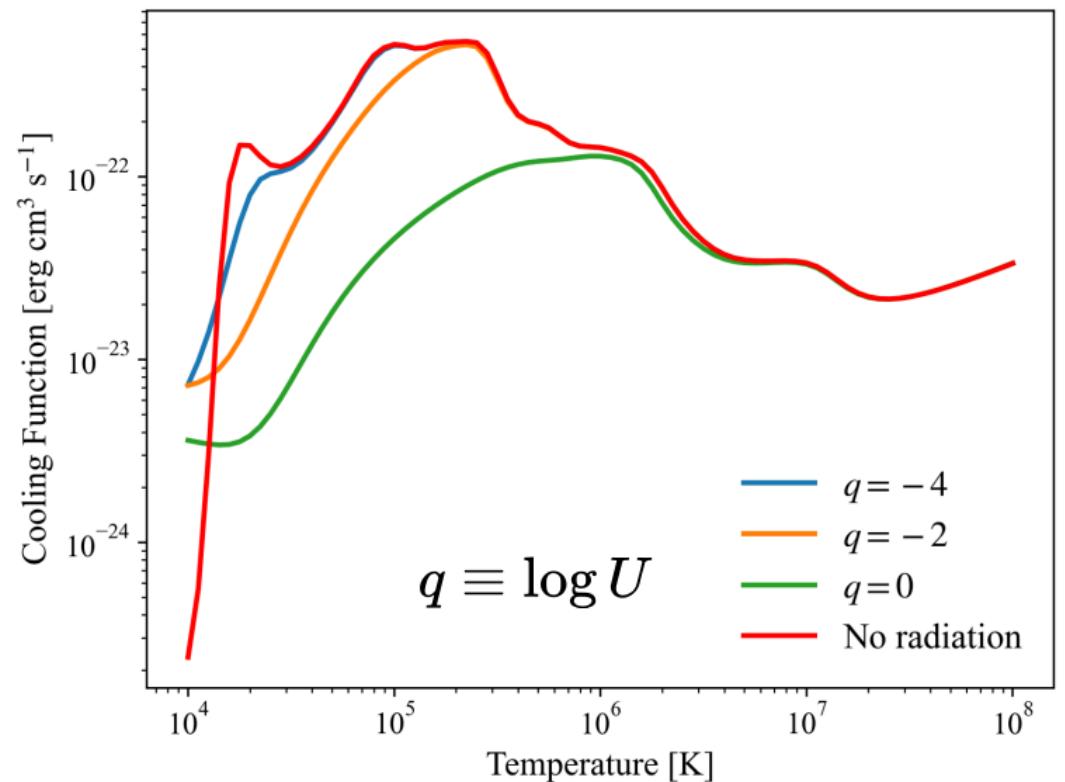


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Cooling Function v.s. Radiation Field:

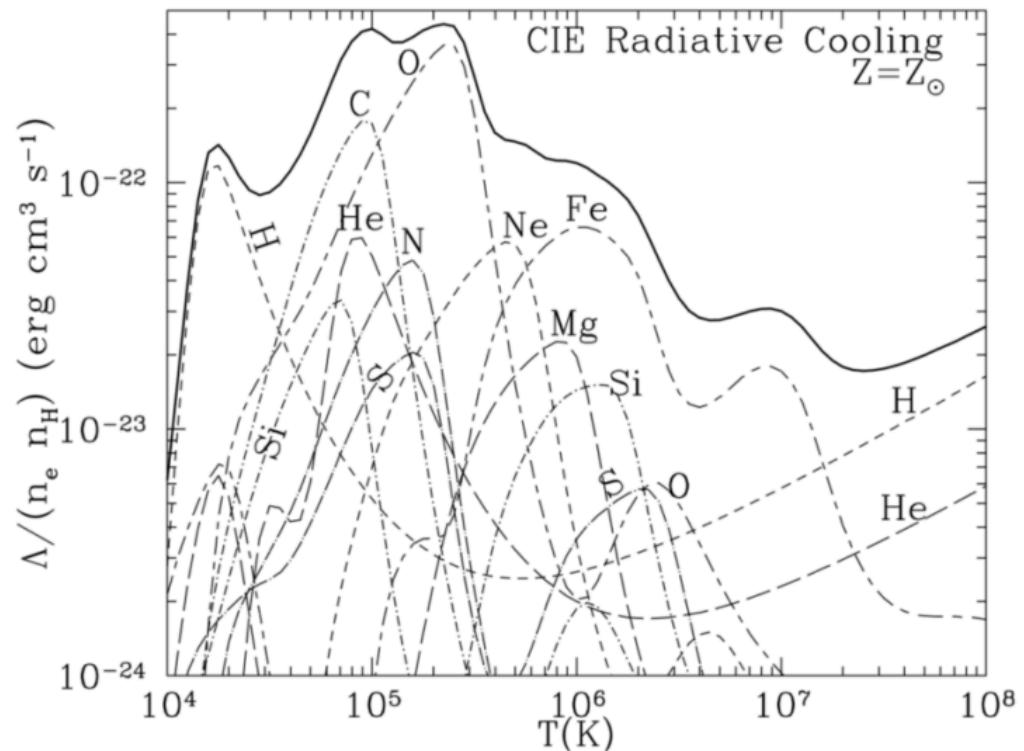
AGN radiation with different ionization parameter:

- Radiation field supresses cooling!
- Ionization equilibrium is forced to deviate from the most cooling-efficient point



Summary

- 1e5 K blackbody radiation affect the cooling below 1e5 K: enhance 1e1-1e4 K, suppress 1e4 -1e5K
- At low temperature, the higher the H density and the lower the metal abundance, the more significant the effect of dust on the cooling function. The dust can also increase the cooling of molecules.
- At high temperature, cooling is dominated by collisional excitation of different ions. While H is the most efficient coolant at T~1e4K, metals dominate the cooling at most temperature ranges.





Thanks!

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