

# ISM

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We have not yet discussed collisions, which we will do in a later stage.

Today: atomic interstellar medium.

HI 21 cm line: hyperfine splitting structure in the ground state of HI (coupling of electron and nuclear spins)

$n=2 \rightarrow n=1$

Ly $\alpha$  line at 10.2 eV.

Proton and electron both have spin, so HI 21 cm is  $\Delta E$  for the two states  $\uparrow\uparrow$  and  $\uparrow\downarrow$

$h\nu/k = 0.07 K$ ,  $h\nu = 6 \mu\text{eV}$ . Ground state is antiparallel. Transition is highly forbidden and thus very unlikely.

$A_{10} = 2.9 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . So lifetime is very long,  $\tau = 11 \cdot 10^6 \text{ yr}$ . But there is so much IS Hydrogen thus we can still observe in this.

HI is detected everywhere. Point sources in HI is quasars. Dark clouds in HI consists of cold and warm HI. Hole in HI in center of galaxy means that gas became molecular, e.g. H<sub>2</sub>.

Rotation curve from HI  $\rightarrow$  key application.

$$I_\nu = I_0 \exp(-\tau_\nu) + \frac{j_\nu}{k_\nu} (1 - \exp(-\tau_\nu))$$

$$\frac{j_\nu}{k_\nu} = B_\nu(T_{\text{ex}})$$

Since we're in radio regime we can use Rayleigh Jeans, and  $T_{\text{ex}} = T$ .



$$j_\nu = n_\nu \frac{A_{ul}}{4\pi} h\nu_{ul} \phi_\nu \quad \int \phi_\nu = 1$$

$$\frac{n_u}{n_l} = \frac{g_u}{g_l} e^{-h\nu_{ul}/kT_{\text{ex}}} \quad \downarrow \quad T_s \text{ spin temperature} \\ (= \text{excitation temperature of HI})$$

For HI we know the numbers

$$\frac{n_u}{n_l} = \frac{3}{1} \exp(-0.0682/T_s) \\ \sqrt{(2S+1)} = 2(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) + 1$$

We can easily show that  $T_s = T_{\text{kinetic}}$ , since level populations are totally dominated by the collisions

$$\left( - \frac{0.0682}{T_{\text{kin}}} \right) = 3e$$

Kinetic temperatures are mostly 50-100 K in warm neutral medium, and ~1000 K in warm neutral medium. So,  $n_u/n_l = 3$  to very high precision!

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n_u}{n_l} = n_u = \frac{3}{4} n_{\text{HI}} \text{ and } n_l = \frac{1}{4} n_{\text{HI}}$$

Plugging in in  $j_\nu$

$$\hookrightarrow j_\nu = \frac{3}{16\pi} A_{ul} h\nu_{ul} n_{\text{HI}} \phi_\nu$$

$$k_\nu = n_l \frac{g_u}{g_l} \frac{A_{ul}}{8\pi} \lambda_{ul}^2 \phi_\nu (1 - e^{-\frac{h\nu_{ul}}{kT_s}}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{3}{32\pi} A_{ul} \frac{hc\lambda_{ul}}{kT_s} n_{\text{HI}} \phi_\nu$$



Now write down optical depth too.

$$\rightarrow \tau_\nu = \int \kappa_\nu ds = \frac{3}{32\pi} A_{ul} \phi_\nu \frac{hc\lambda_{ul}}{kT_S} N(\text{HI})$$

$$\phi_\nu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{c}{v_{ul}} \frac{1}{\sigma_\nu} \exp\left(\frac{-v^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_\nu = \frac{3}{32\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{A_{ul}}{\sigma_\nu} \frac{hc}{kT_S} \exp\left(\frac{-v^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}\right) N(\text{HI})$$

Put in numbers to see how large this is.

$$\tau_\nu = 2.190 \cdot 2.190 \cdot \frac{N(\text{HI})}{10^2 \text{ cm}^{-2}} \cdot \frac{100 \text{ K}}{\sigma_\nu} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ km s}^{-1}}{T_S} e^{-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}} \approx 2$$

$\tau_\nu$  can be large, but much HI is quite a lot hotter, yielding lower T.

$$\Rightarrow T_S(v) = T_{\text{bg}} e^{-\tau_\nu} + T_{\text{ex}} (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$

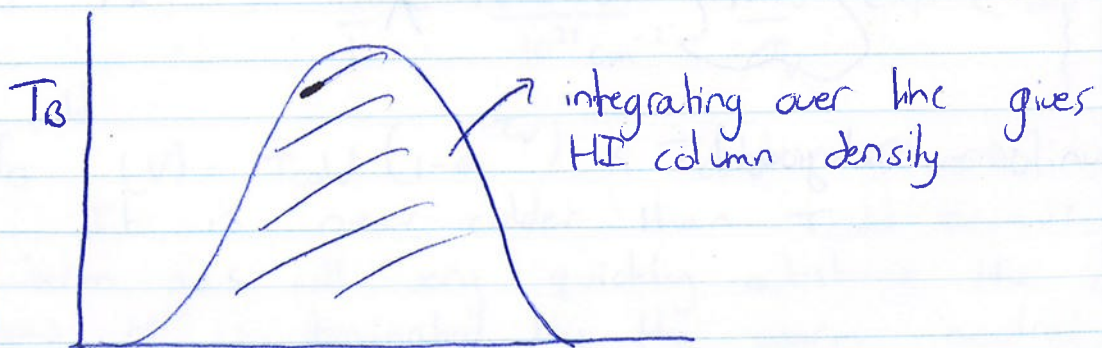
very simple in brightness units terms.

•  $\tau$  small

$$T_S(v) = \tau_\nu T_S$$

$$\hookrightarrow \int T_B(v) dv = \frac{3}{32\pi} A_{ul} \frac{hc\lambda_{ul}}{k} N(\text{HI}) \int \phi dv$$

If HI is optically thin





$$N(\text{HI}) = \frac{32\pi k}{3hc \lambda_0^2 A_{ul}} \int T_B dv$$

$\tau \ll 1$   
HI emission

Optically thin observations & directly probe HI column density!

$$\tau_\nu \propto \frac{N(\text{HI})}{T_s} \quad \text{specific to HI. Most cases have } \tau_\nu \propto N, \text{ not } T_s$$

↑  
not general! But for long wavelength emission lines probably often valid

Insert some numbers:

$$N_{\text{HI}} [\text{cm}^{-2}] = 1.813 \cdot 10^{18} \frac{\int T_B dv}{\text{K km s}^{-1}}$$

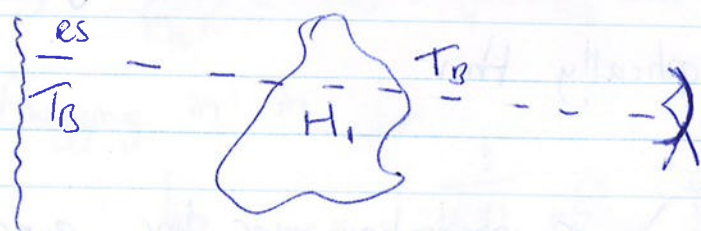
Now to mass density

$$M_{\text{HI}} \approx \frac{16\pi m_H}{3A_{ul} h c} D^2 \int S_\nu dv$$

$$\hookrightarrow A = d \Omega D^2$$

$$\hookrightarrow M_{\text{HI}} = \frac{2.343 \cdot 10^5}{M_\odot} \left( \frac{D}{\text{Mpc}} \right)^2 \frac{\int S_\nu dv}{\text{Jy km s}^{-1}}$$

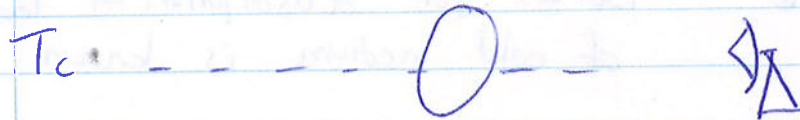
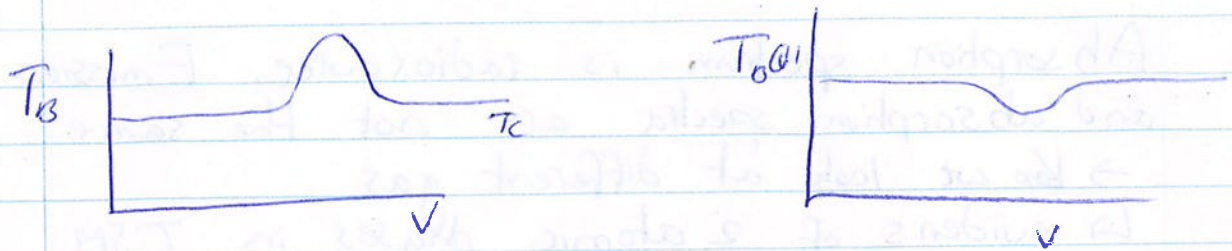
With  $\tau \gg 1$ , can no longer look through cloud thus numbers become smaller.



$$T_B(\nu) = \frac{(T_{\text{RS}} + T_{\text{sky}})}{e^{-\tau_\nu} + T_s(1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})}$$

uniform background

# Absorption and emission



The radiative transfer is the same for absorption and emission.

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

$$T_B - T_c = (T_s - T_c) (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$

$$T_s \begin{cases} T_0 > T_c & \text{emission} \\ T_0 < T_c & \text{absorption} \end{cases}$$

Cold cloud :  $< 100$  K  $\tau_\nu$  high  
warm " :  $\sim \text{few } 10^3$  K  $\tau_\nu$  low

$$\tau_\nu \propto \frac{N(\text{HI})}{T_s}$$

$$T_B^{\text{warm}}(\nu) = \frac{3}{32\pi} A_{ul} \frac{hc \lambda_{ul}}{k} N(\text{HI}) \phi_\nu$$

$$= \frac{220}{k} \frac{N(\text{HI})}{10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}} \frac{\text{km s}^{-1}}{\sigma_\nu} \exp\left(-\frac{v^2}{2\sigma_\nu^2}\right)$$

$T_B^{\text{cold}}(\nu) = T_{\text{cold}} (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu}) < T_{\text{cold}} < 100$  K  
It is never colder than  $T_{\text{cold}}$  because  $\tau \gg 1$   
Warm gas will very quickly outshine the cold gas. HI is dominated by the warm neutral



medium. Cold medium dominates in absorption

Absorption spectrum is radio source. Emission and absorption spectra are not the same

→ we look at different gas

↳ evidences of 2 atomic phases in ISM

$$T_b = T_c e^{-\tau_\nu} \text{ works for absorption } \rightarrow T_{em} \text{ of cold medium is known}$$

CNM : 50-100 k clouds

WNM : ~5000 k not continuous distribution

→ Question on exam

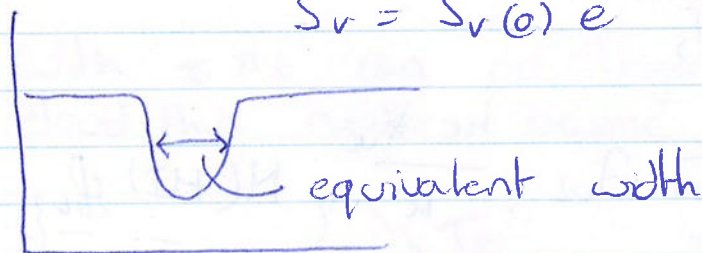
Leave radio and move to optical / UV

Radiative transfer ~~in terms of~~

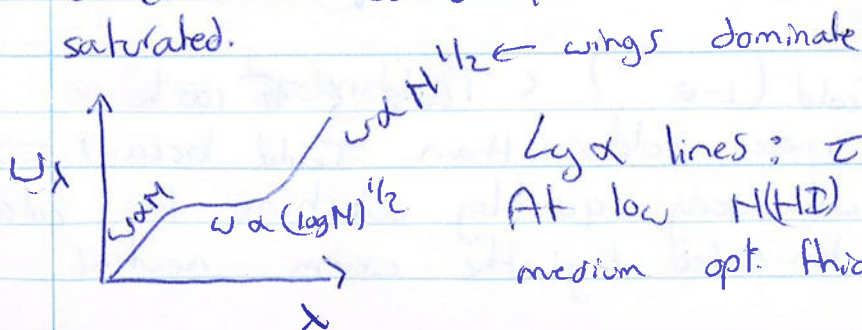
$$S_\nu = S_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu} + B_\nu(T_{ex}) d\Omega (1 - e^{-\tau_\nu})$$

Usually non-prohibited transitions,  $A_{ij}$  is small and decay term dominates so

$$S_\nu = S_\nu(0) e^{-\tau_\nu}$$



$\tau$  cannot become lower than 0. It will become saturated.



$L_\gamma \propto$  lines :  $\tau_0 = 0.59 \left( \frac{N(HI)}{10^{13}} \right) \left( \frac{10 \text{ km s}^{-1}}{v} \right)$   
 At low  $N(HI)$ , ~~large~~ thus medium opt. thick