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# THE EVOLUTIONS OF CLOUDY

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# PLASMA SIMULATION CODE

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  - Outer R (e.g. recomb)
  - filling and covering factors
- PDR
- Dust

## Atomic data

- (photo)ionization
- recombination [di-electronic]
- collisional (de)excitation
- transition probabilities
- energy levels
- charge exchange
- fluorescence

## Dust properties

## Molecular properties

CODE



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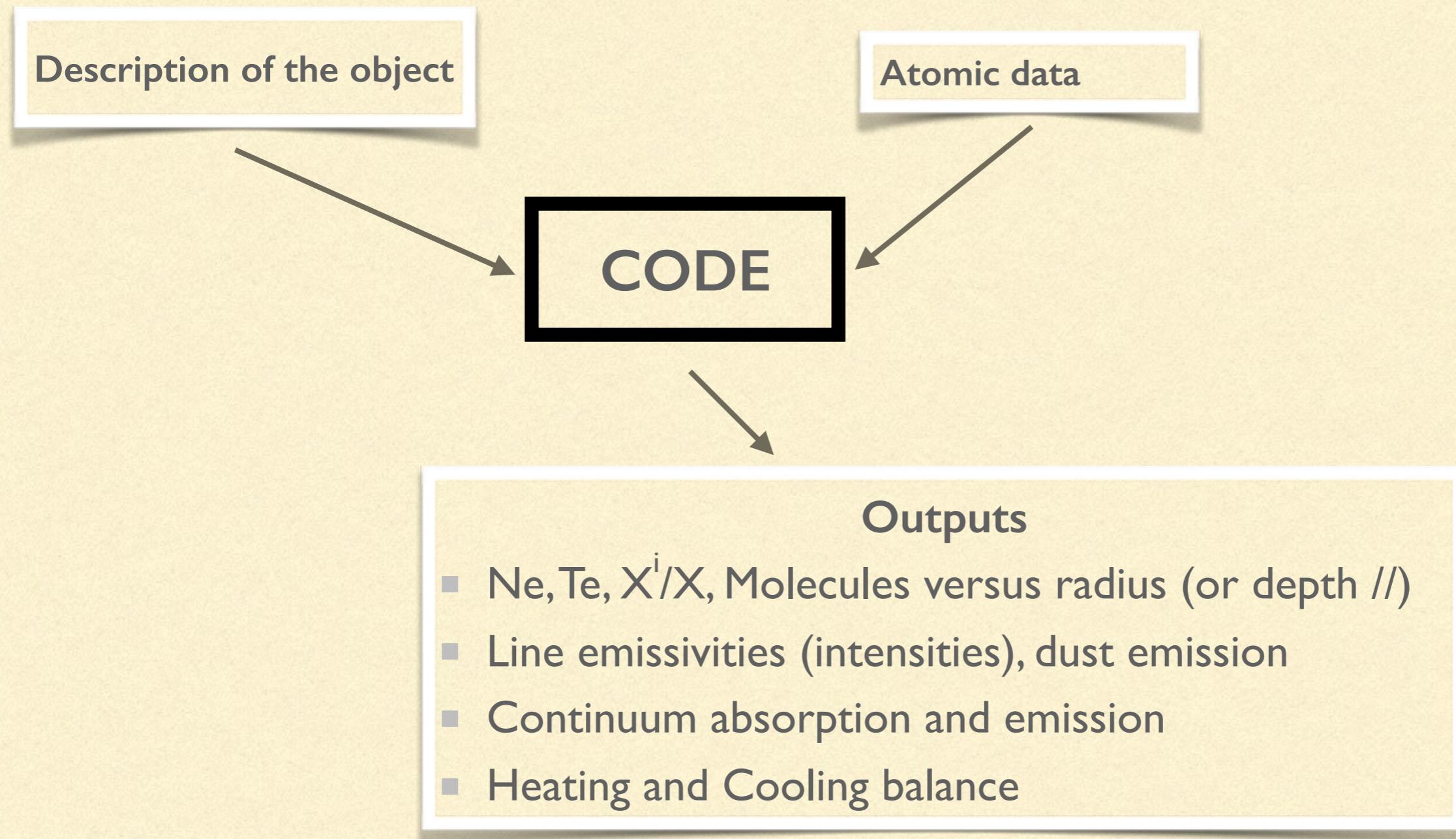
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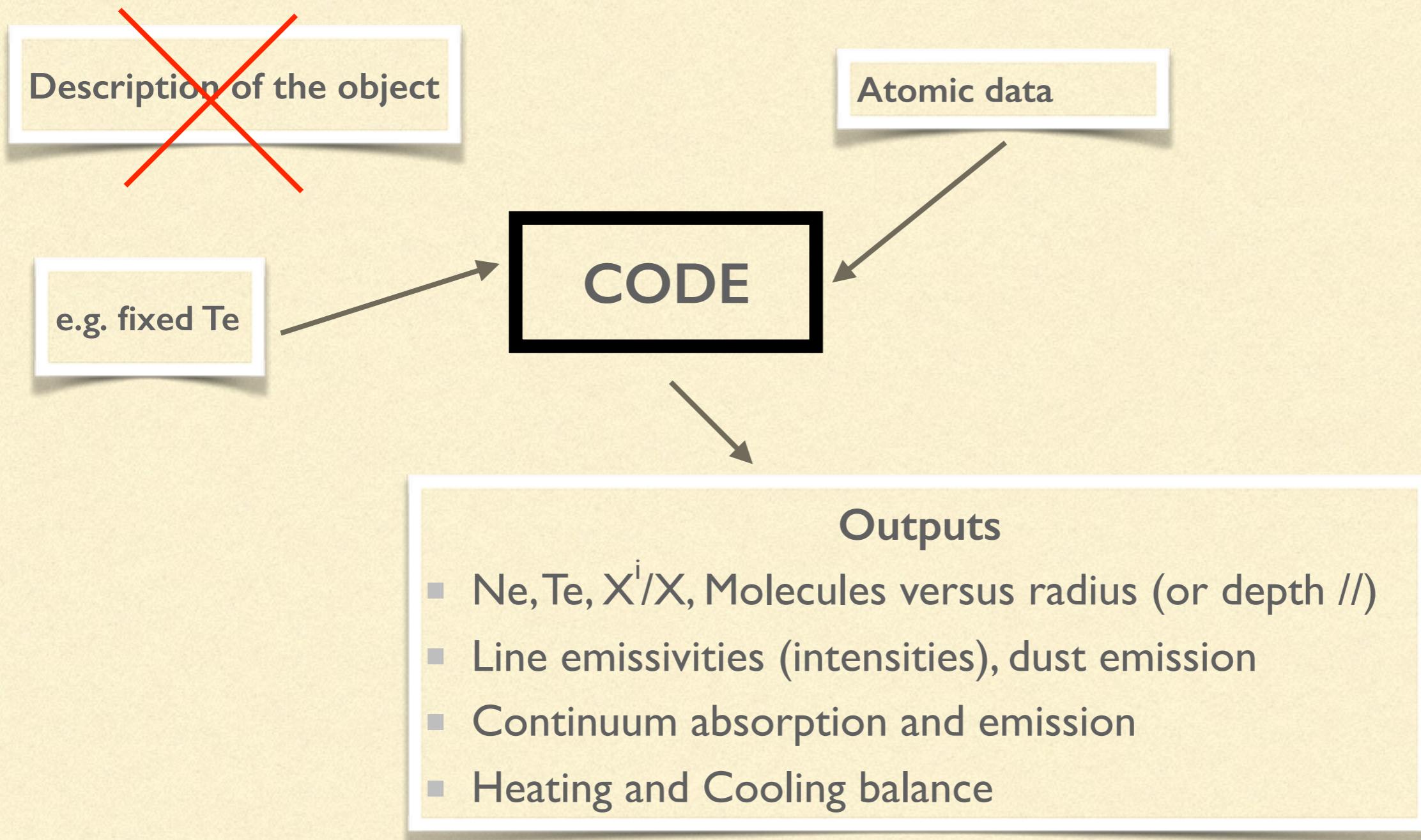
**computes at each radial step:**

- radiative transfert
- ionization equilibrium
- thermal equilibrium
- molecular equilibrium

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Model  
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What we want!

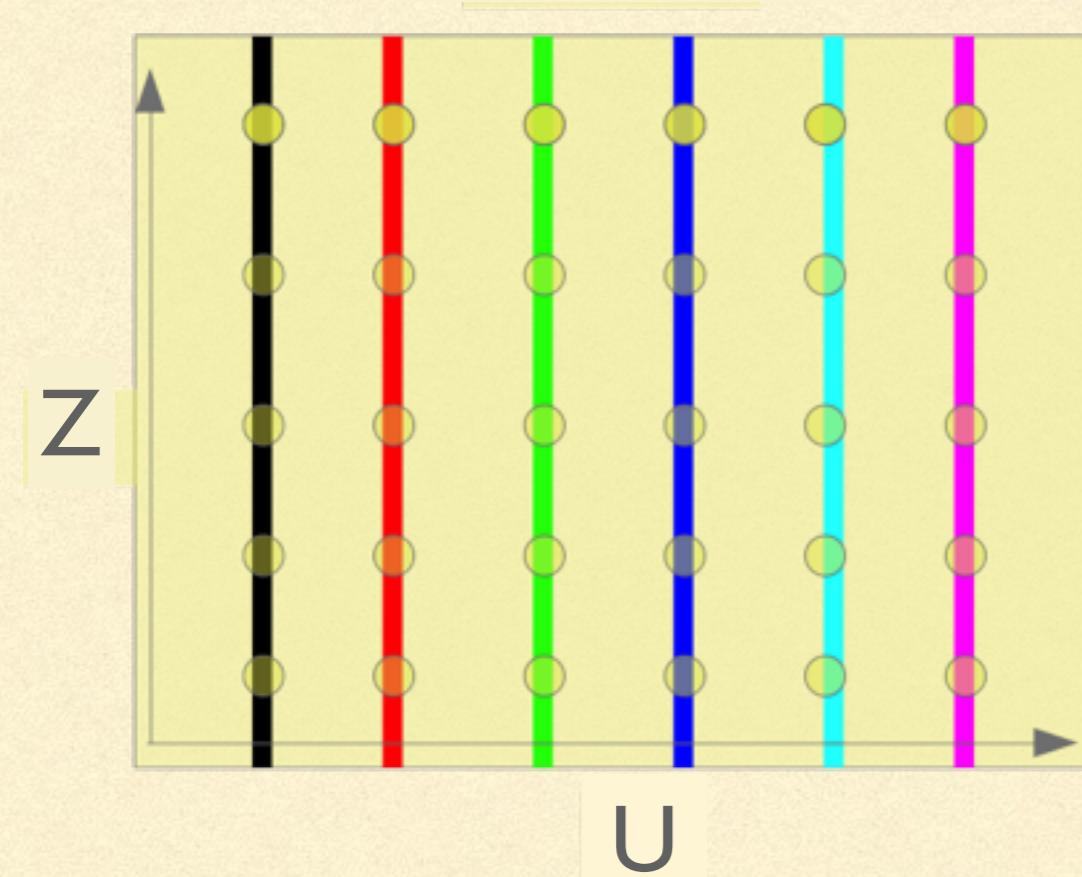


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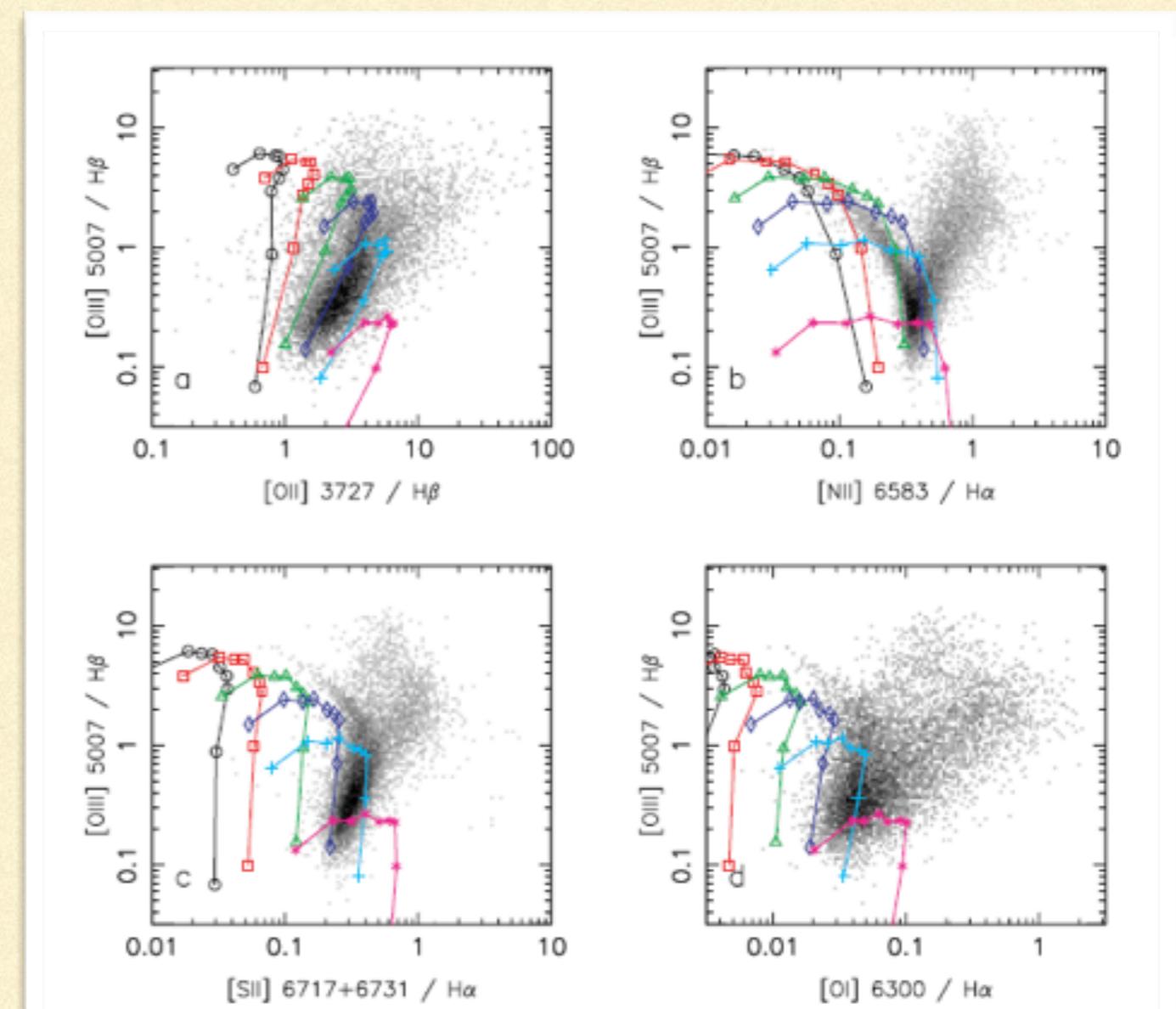
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# NO LINEARITY

## P-space



## O-space



# THE FIRST CODES (50 YEARS AGO!)

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- Hjellming 1966, Rubin 1968 for HII regions
  - Goodson 1967, Flower 1968, Harrington 1968 for Planetary Nebulae
  - Williams 1967 for Supernova (Crab Nebula)
  - Bahcall 1969, Tarter 1969, Davidson 1972, Mac Alpine 1972, Shields 1974, Netzer 1976 for QSO, Seyfert
  - Kirkpatrick 1970 first 3D PN model (yes!)
  - Tylenda 1977, Shields & Ferland 1978, Ferland & Shields for Nova
  - Péquignot & Stasinska 1978 compute Charge exchange rates for NGC 7027
  - Ferland & Truran 1981 Nova DQ Herculis, X-rays
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## AN X-RAY MODEL FOR THE NEBULA OF NOVA DQ HERCULIS 1934

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### *a) Model Calculations*

A model photoionization program is used to study the thermal and ionization structure of a nebula surrounding the X-ray source discussed in § II. Calculations are performed with a newly developed computer program similar to those described by Williams (1967), Davidson (1972), MacAlpine (1972), Shields (1976), Netzer (1976), and Péquignot, Aldrovandi, and Stasinska (1976). The nebula is divided into a set of thin concentric zones, and the equations of statistical and thermal equilibrium are solved in the standard manner. The ionizing continuum is then extinguished by the photoelectric optical depth of that zone, and the conditions in the next zone are determined.

First publication using Cloudy

***Invited Review***

**CLOUDY 90: Numerical Simulation of Plasmas and Their Spectra**

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**ABSTRACT.** CLOUDY is a large-scale spectral synthesis code designed to simulate fully physical conditions within an astronomical plasma and then predict the emitted spectrum. Here we describe version 90 (C90) of the code, paying particular attention to changes in the atomic database and numerical methods that have affected predictions since the last publicly available version, C84. The computational methods and uncertainties are outlined together with the direction future development will take. The code is freely available and is widely used in the analysis and interpretation of emission-line spectra. Web access to the Fortran source for CLOUDY, its documentation Hazy, and an independent electronic form of the atomic database is also described.

***Review***

## THE 2013 RELEASE OF CLOUDY

G. J. Ferland,<sup>1</sup> R. L. Porter,<sup>2</sup> P. A. M. van Hoof,<sup>3</sup> R. J. R. Williams,<sup>4</sup> N. P. Abel,<sup>5</sup> M. L. Lykins,<sup>1</sup> Gargi Shaw,<sup>6</sup> W. J. Henney,<sup>7</sup> and P. C. Stancil<sup>2</sup>

### ABSTRACT

This is a summary of the 2013 release of the plasma simulation code CLOUDY. CLOUDY models the ionization, chemical, and thermal state of material that may be exposed to an external radiation field or other source of heating, and predicts observables such as emission and absorption spectra. It works in terms of elementary processes, so is not limited to any particular temperature or density regime. This paper summarizes advances made since the last major review in 1998. Much of the recent development has emphasized dusty molecular environments, improvements to the ionization/chemistry solvers, and how atomic and molecular data are used. We present two types of simulations to demonstrate the capability of the code. We consider a molecular cloud irradiated by an X-ray source such as an active nucleus and show how treating EUV recombination lines and the full SED affects the observed spectrum. A second example illustrates the very wide range of particle and radiation density that can be considered.

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- *O or I* (C or Fortran)? 1978, when Gary became Martin Rees' postdoc at Cambridge University

### A model photoionization program

- 33 1983
- 67 1987-1988 1986: Meudon workshop
- 72 1988-1989
- 74 1989-1991
- 80 1991-1993
- 84 1993-1996 1994: Lexington 1rst workshop
- 90 1996-1999 Ferland, Korista, Verner, Ferguson, Kingdon and Verner 1998,

### A large scale spectral synthesis code

- *switch Fortan to C*
- 94 2000-2004 Gold version of C code 2001: Lexington 2nd workshop
- 96 2004 Oct 16 to 2005 July 08
- C05.07 2005 Jul to 2006 Jan
- C06.02 2006 Feb to 2007 Feb
- C07.02 2007 Feb to 2008 Aug
- C08 2008 Aug
- C10 2011 July
- C13 2012 Nov 16 Ferland, Porter, van Hoof, Williams, Abel, Lykins, Shaw, Henney and Stancil 2013

### A plasma simulation code

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# CLOUDY AT 10



From left to right, Jack Baldwin, Peter Martin, and Gary Ferland, the occupants of room 5 in the Institute of Astronomy's Hoyle Building in mid 1978.



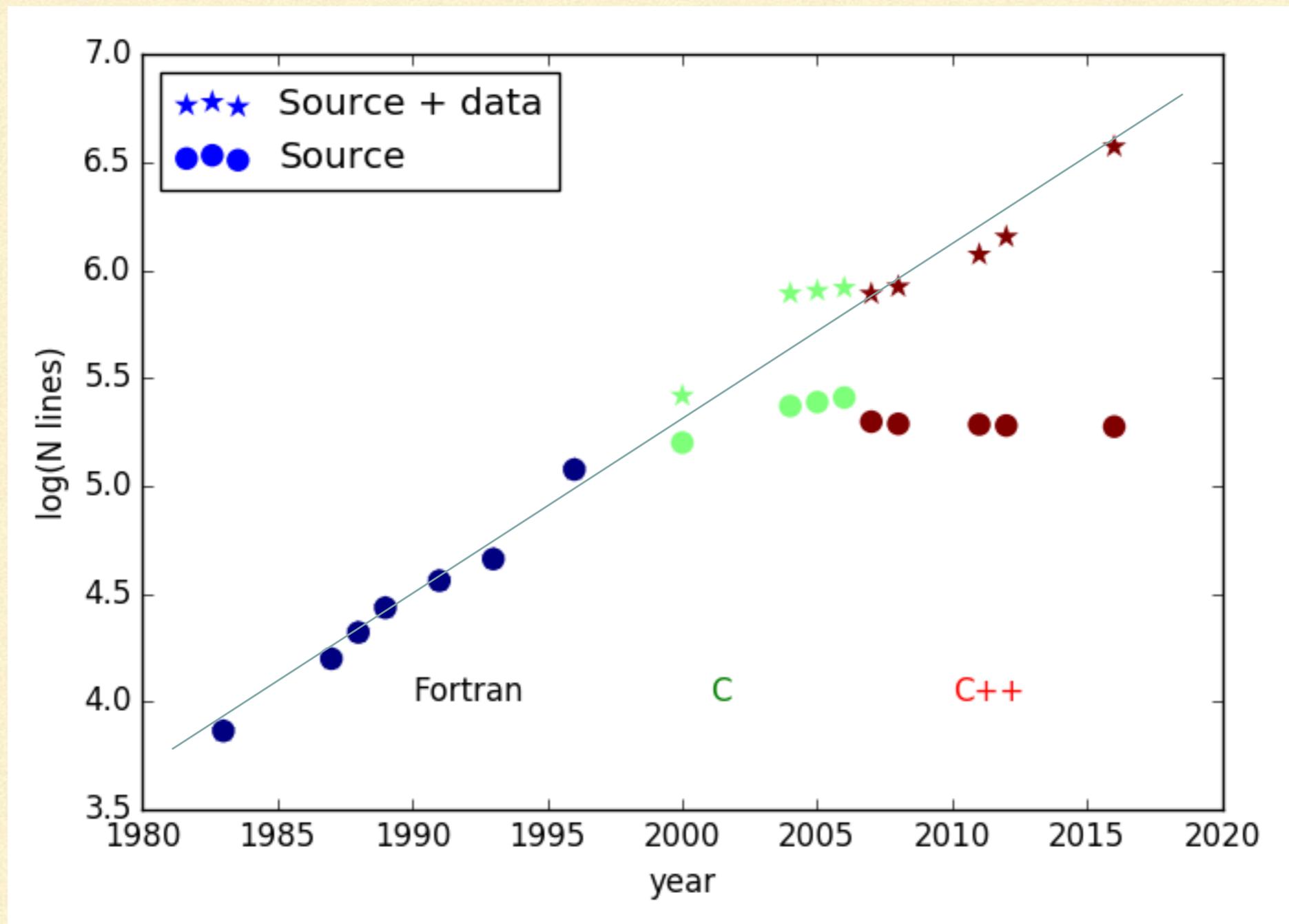
In late summer of 1988. From left to right, Hagai Netzer (the father of Cloudy's old friend ION), Gary Ferland, Cloudy, and Jack Baldwin.



# CLOUDY AT 21

Tom Troland, Gary Ferland, and Jack Baldwin in front of a simulation of Cloudy.

# SIZE EVOLUTION



# NOW CLOUDY IS 38

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- 200,000 lines of code
- 3,500,000 lines of data
- Would be 1850 boxes of 2,000 punched cards each!



# MEUDON WORKSHOP 1986

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TABLE 1. LISTE OF CODES

CODES	AUTHORS	A	B	C	D	Mg Si S	Cl Ar	Fe	OTHERS
<b>a) PHOTOIONIZATION</b>									
1	P. Harrington	2	1	1		x x x			
2	R. Rubin	1	1	1		x	x		
3	H. Netzer	3	2	1	1	x x x		x	
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5	G. Ferland	3	2	1	1	x x x	x	x	
6	L. Binette	3	2	2-1	2	x x x	x x		
7	S. Kraemer (fm1)	3	3	1		x x x			
8	S. Aldrovandi (fm4)	3	2	2		x x			
9	J. Köppen	2	3	3		x x x	x x		
10	M. Perinotto	2	3	3-1		x x x	x x	x	x
11	R. Tylenda	2	2	2	2	x			
12	S. Torres-Peimbert	2	3	2		x x x			
13	W. Deuel	2	2	2		x x			
14	{ M. Baesgen G. Maluck	2	1	2		x x x	x		
15	J. Raymond	2	2	1		x x x	x x	x	x
16	S. Collin et al	3	1		1	x		x	
<b>b) STEADY SHOCKS</b>									
17	J. Raymond		2	1		x x x	x x	x	x
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16 codes

# LEXINGTON WORKSHOP 1994

"The Analysis of Emission Lines", Proc. STScI Symposium May 16--18, 1994, Eds. R.E. Williams & M. Livio, Cambridge University Press.

## THE LEXINGTON BENCHMARKS FOR NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF NEBULAE

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### Abstract

We present the results of a meeting on numerical simulations of ionized nebulae held at the University of Kentucky in conjunction with the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Profs. Donald Osterbrock and Michael Seaton.

# LEXINGTON WORKSHOP 2001

*Spectroscopic Challenges of Photoionized Plasmas*  
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## Photoionization Model Nebulae

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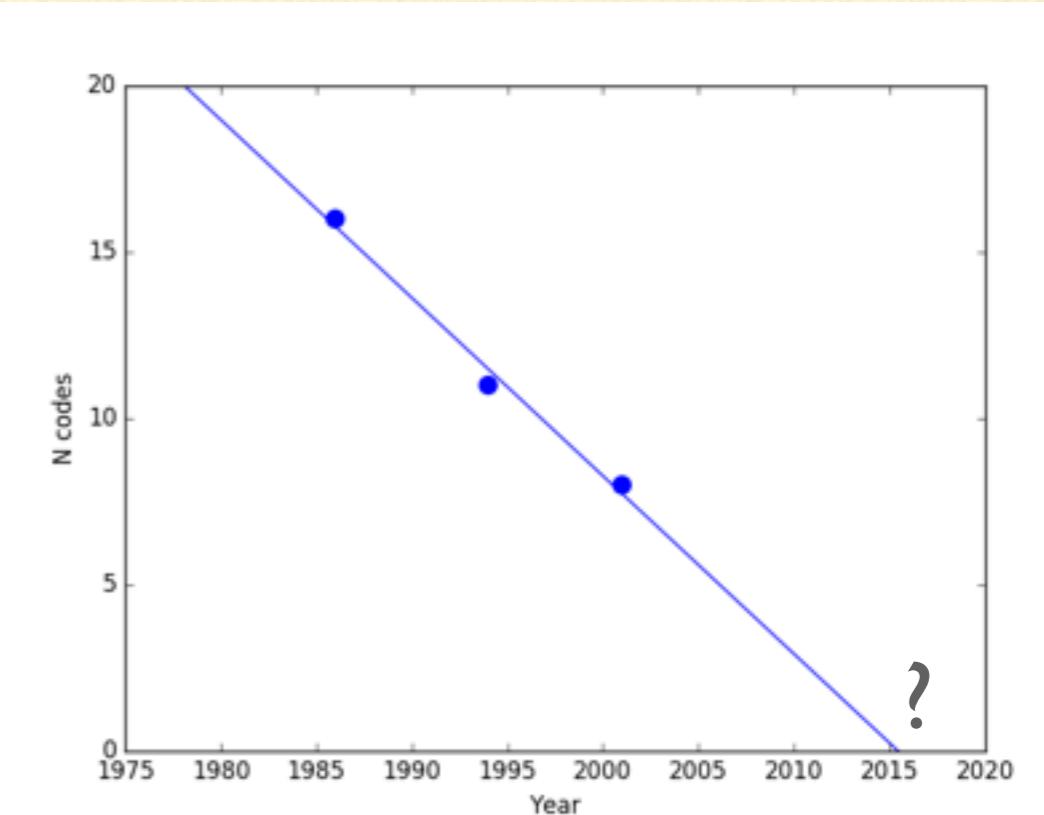
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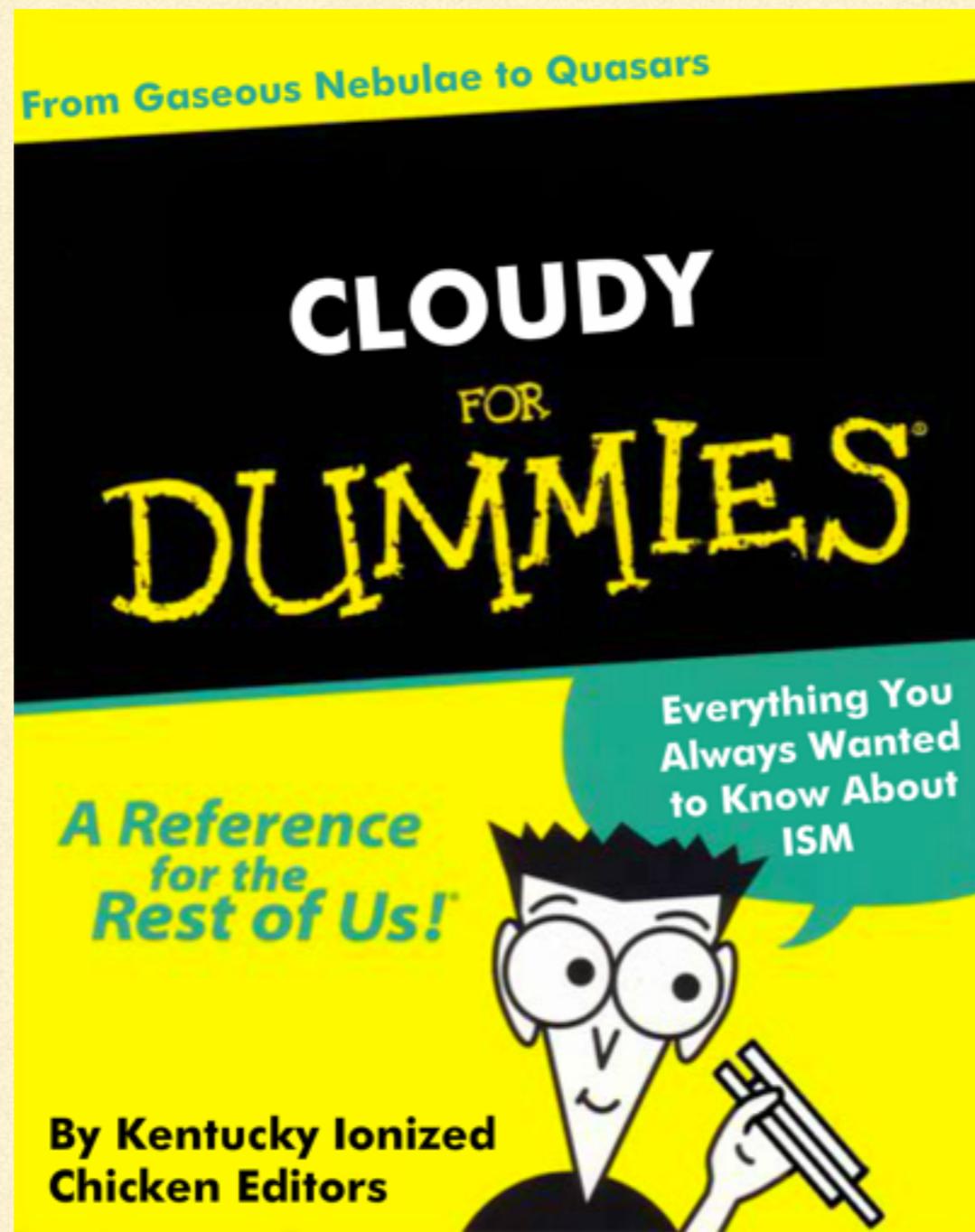
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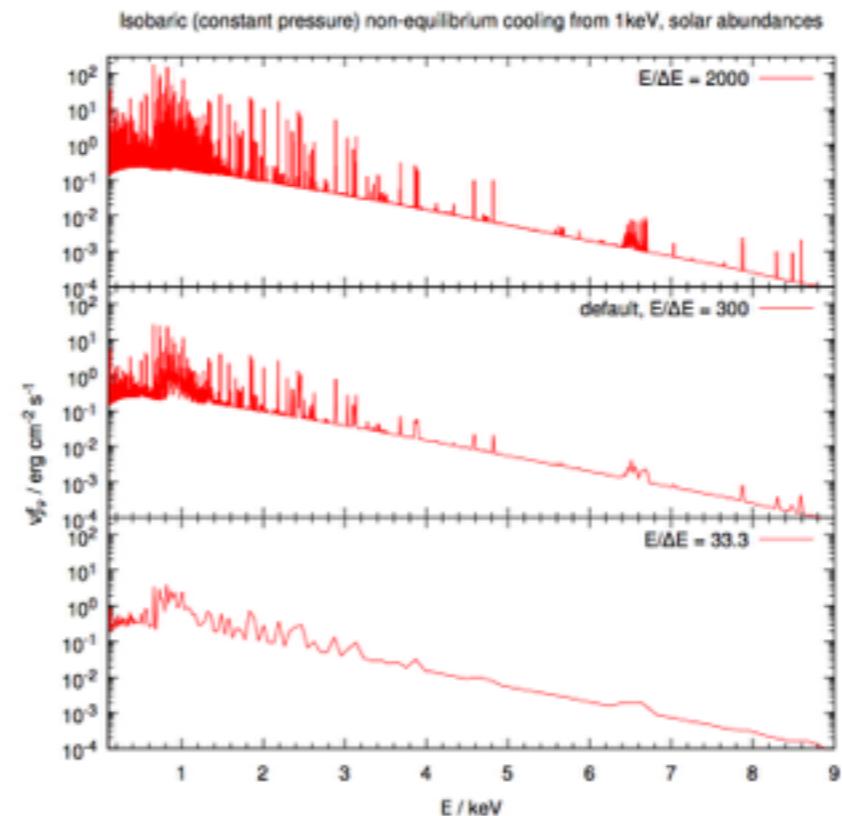
REVOLUTION:Transferring the *Modeling* Power to the People

# CLOUDY REVOLUTIONS



# WHAT MAKES CLOUDY UNIQUE?

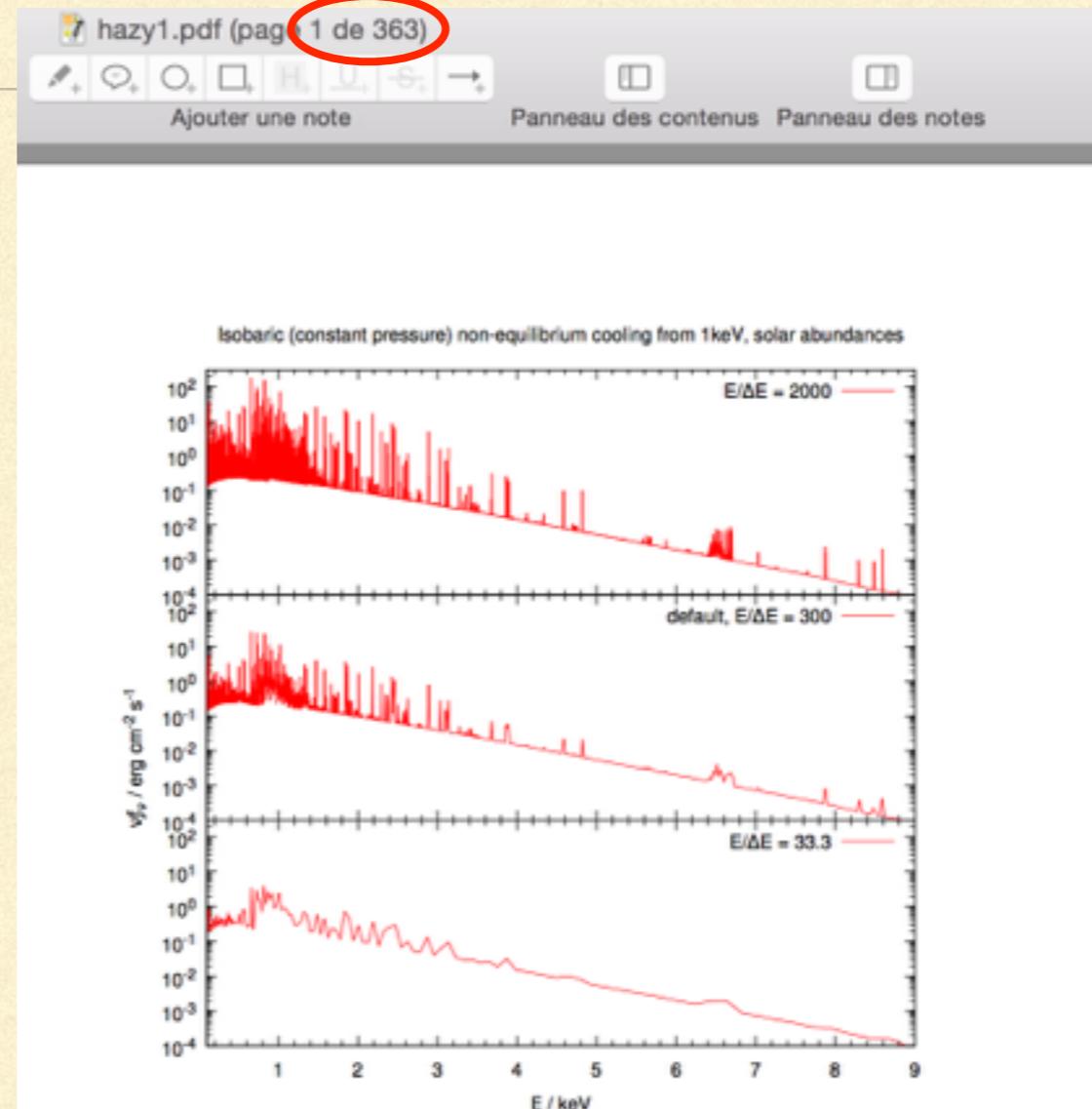
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*a brief introduction to CLOUDY C16*  
1. Introduction and commands

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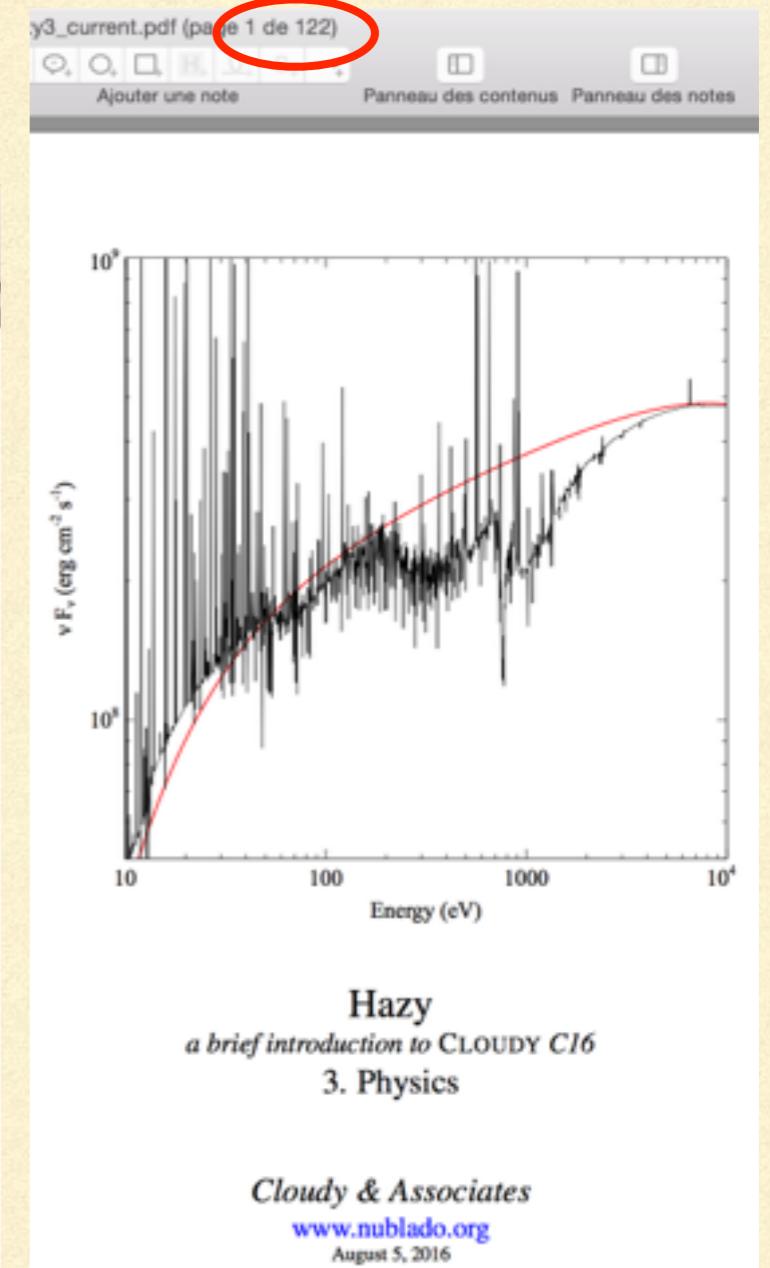
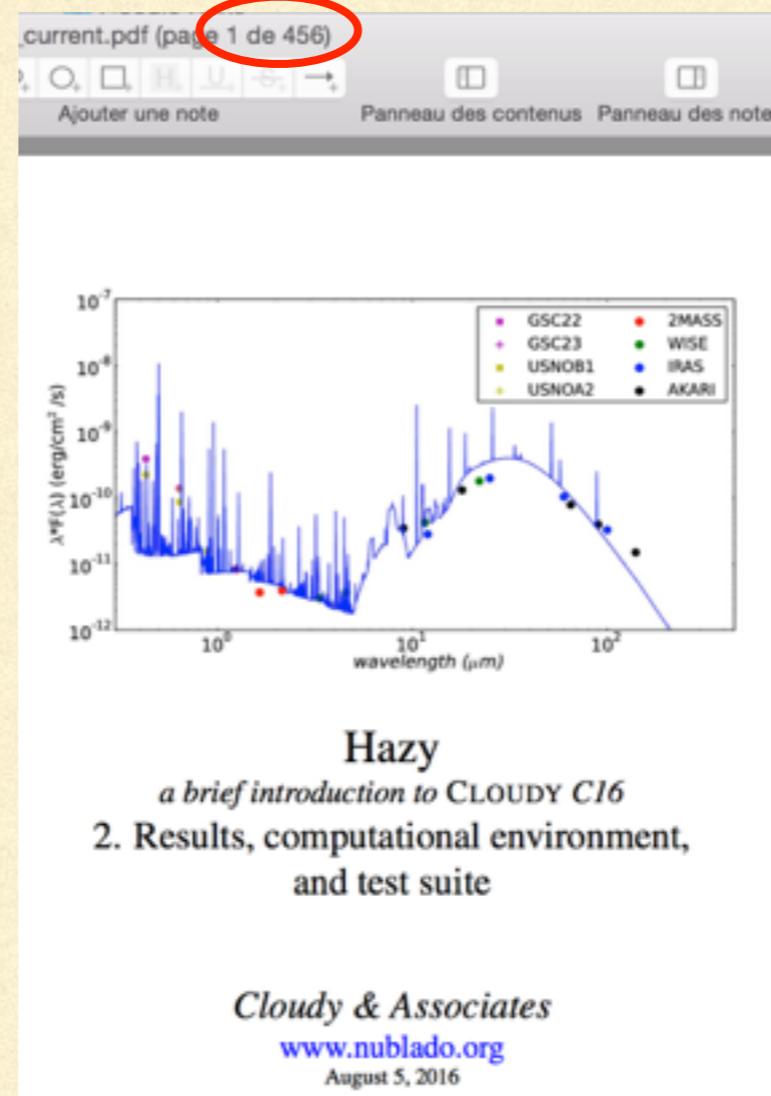
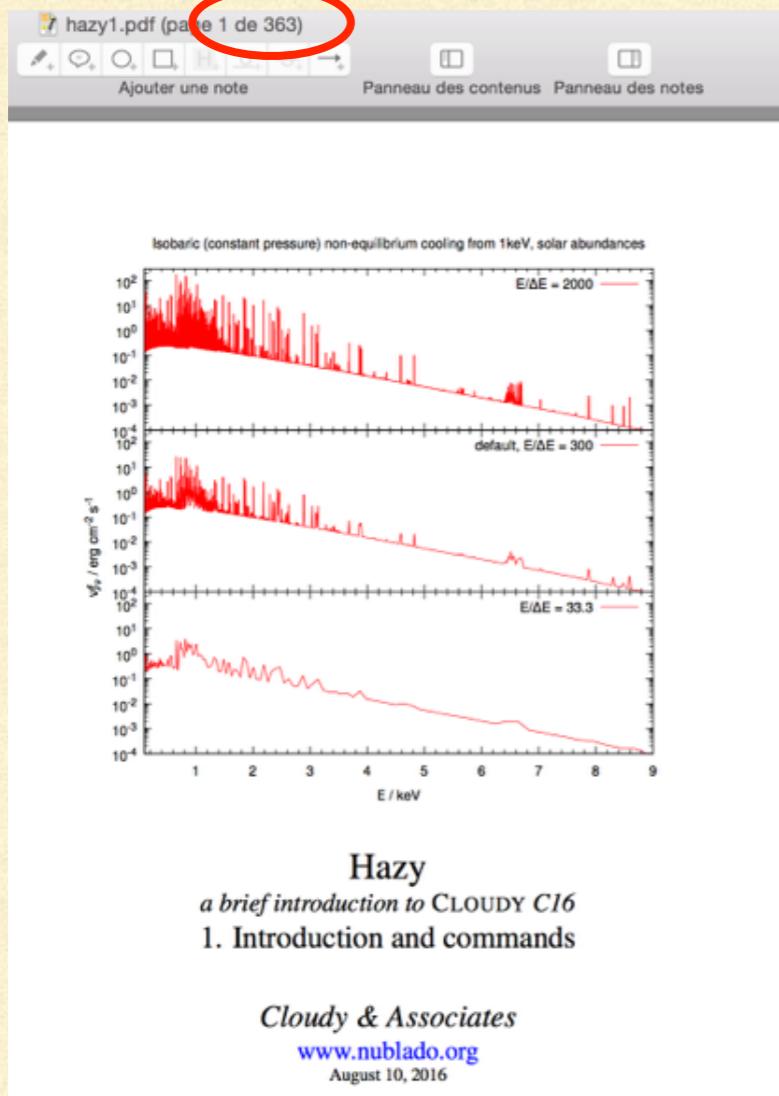
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# WHAT MAKES CLOUDY UNIQUE?

- When HAZY is not enough (!):Yahoo discussion group



The screenshot shows the interface of a Yahoo discussion group titled "Cloudy - plasma simulations". The group has 429 members and is categorized as a public group. The main navigation bar includes "Conversations", "Photos", "Files", "More", "Membership", and a help icon. Below the header, there are two tabs: "Topics" and "Messages". The "Topics" tab is currently selected, displaying several posts:

- C13.04 is rel...**  
Version 13.04 of Cloudy is available for download on nublado.org <https://trac.nublado.org/>. This page <https://trac.nublado.org/wiki/NewC13> gives a summary of  
[gary\\_ferland](#) • 1 post • 10:49 AM
- Ionization...**  
Thanks for the response! The best answer I found regarding the data was here [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/cloudy\\_simulations/conversations/topics/987](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/cloudy_simulations/conversations/topics/987).  
[pmasterson4@gmail.com](#) • 3 posts • Aug 5
- OIII 3...**  
Hello Peter, Thank you for the reply and the information. Look forward to seeing many of you at the conference next week! Have a nice day, - Mitchell ... Hi  
[moonman1867](#) • 3 posts • Aug 1
- Evolution of Cloudy in ...**  
Dear colleagues, I have been asked to present a review at the Mexico symposium in honor to Gary Ferland. The title of this review is "Evolutions of Cloudy".  
[chris\\_morisset](#) • 1 post • Jul 26
- About continuum ...**  
Hi Debjit, ... I assume you mean the SAVE CONTINUUM command here? In that case it is not possible. You need to save the entire continuum and then restrict the  
[chatterjeedebj@92](#) • 2 posts • Jul 25
- Multiple Starburst9...**  
Hi Joshua, ... You can include multiple TABLE STAR commands, and as you already suspected, each will need its own luminosity or intensity. Remember that this  
[joshuajdagostino](#) • 2 posts • Jul 13
- Should I run TestSuite when upgrading to Clo...**  
Hi Hassan, ... No, as long as you don't recompile the code, results will stay the same. Cloudy has no memory

On the right side of the screen, there is a sidebar titled "Trending Topics" which lists the most active discussions:

- Ionization rate • 3 Posts
- OIII 3133 • 3 Posts
- Transmitted radiation intensity... • 6 Posts
- Re: Output failure with grids • 14 Posts
- Multi-Core Single Node Modeling • 5 Posts

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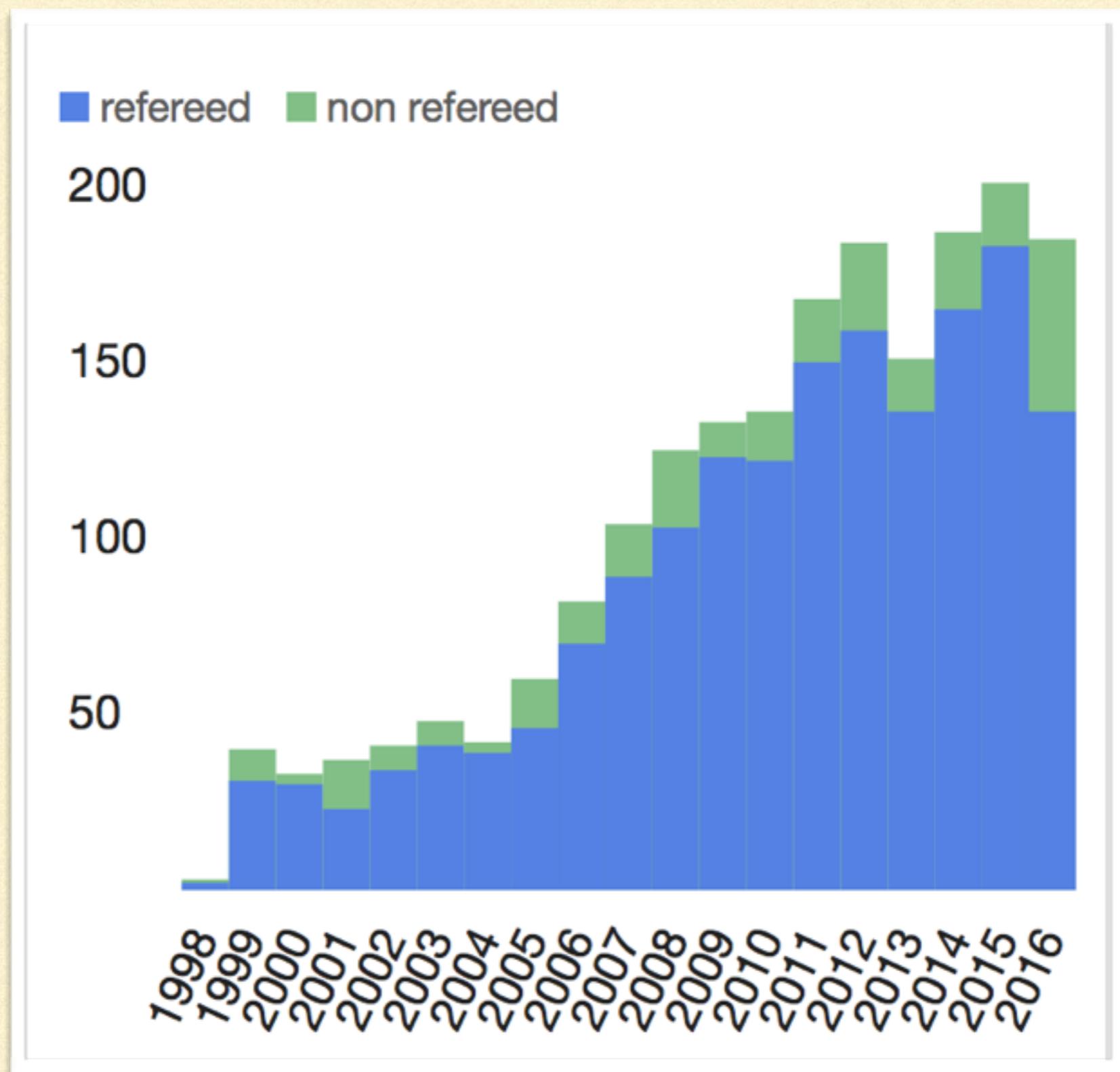
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## WARNING

- CLOUDY is a « physical » code, it does not know about astrophysics.
- That's why it can model an HII region and a PN changing a few numbers in the input file, while those objects are *astrophysically* totally different.
- A « stupid » set of input parameters will gives you... a model.

citations(2013RMxAA..49..137F) OR citations(1998PASP..110..761F)  
1960 citations (2016, July 27)



# MOST CITED PAPERS CITING CLOUDY

1	<a href="#">□</a>	2001ApJ..556..121K	2001/07	cited: 936	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Theoretical Modeling of Starburst Galaxies</b>					
		Kewley, L. J.; Dopita, M. A.; Sutherland, R. S. and 2 more					
2	<a href="#">□</a>	2003ApJ..588..65S	2003/05	cited: 847	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Rest-Frame Ultraviolet Spectra of z&gt;3 Lyman Break Galaxies</b>					
		Shapley, Alice E.; Steidel, Charles C.; Pettini, Max and 1 more					
3	<a href="#">□</a>	2002ApJS..142...35K	2002/09	cited: 594	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Using Strong Lines to Estimate Abundances in Extragalactic H II Regions and Starburst Galaxies</b>					
		Kewley, L. J.; Dopita, M. A.					
4	<a href="#">□</a>	2008ApJ..681.1183K	2008/07	cited: 593	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Metallicity Calibrations and the Mass-Metallicity Relation for Star-forming Galaxies</b>					
		Kewley, Lisa J.; Ellison, Sara L.					
5	<a href="#">□</a>	2006MNRAS.373.1265O	2006/12	cited: 350	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Cosmological simulations of intergalactic medium enrichment from galactic outflows</b>					
		Oppenheimer, Benjamin D.; Davé, Romeel					
6	<a href="#">□</a>	2010MNRAS.402.1536S	2010/03	cited: 348	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>The physics driving the cosmic star formation history</b>					
		Schaye, Joop; Dalla Vecchia, Claudio; Booth, C. M. and 7 more					
7	<a href="#">□</a>	2009MNRAS.398..53B	2009/09	cited: 341	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Cosmological simulations of the growth of supermassive black holes and feedback from active galactic nuclei: method and tests</b>					
		Booth, C. M.; Schaye, Joop					
8	<a href="#">□</a>	2004ApJ..609..667S	2004/07	cited: 340	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Star Formation Thresholds and Galaxy Edges: Why and Where</b>					
		Schaye, Joop					
9	<a href="#">□</a>	2013RMxAA..49..137F	2013/04	cited: 323	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>The 2013 Release of Cloudy</b>					
		Ferland, G. J.; Porter, R. L.; van Hoof, P. A. M. and 6 more					
10	<a href="#">□</a>	2007ApJ..655..98N	2007/01	cited: 323	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Testing X-Ray Measurements of Galaxy Clusters with Cosmological Simulations</b>					
		Nagai, Daisuke; Vikhlinin, Alexey; Kravtsov, Andrey V.					
11	<a href="#">□</a>	2006RvMP..78..755R	2006/07	cited: 321	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>Experimental astrophysics with high power lasers and Z pinches</b>					
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		<b>Effects of Galaxy Formation on Thermodynamics of the Intracluster Medium</b>					
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		<b>Elemental Abundances in Quasistellar Objects: Star Formation and Galactic Nuclear Evolution at High Redshifts</b>					
		Hamann, Fred; Ferland, Gary					
14	<a href="#">□</a>	2015MNRAS.446..521S	2015/01	cited: 315	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>The EAGLE project: simulating the evolution and assembly of galaxies and their environments</b>					
		Schaye, Joop; Crain, Robert A.; Bower, Richard G. and 19 more					
15	<a href="#">□</a>	2009MNRAS.393..99W	2009/02	cited: 315	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">BIB</a>	<a href="#">REF</a>
		<b>The effect of photoionization on the cooling rates of enriched, astrophysical plasmas</b>					
		Wiersma, Robert P. C.; Schaye, Joop; Smith, Britton D.					

# ABSTRACT: « CLOUDY »

Concept Cloud: terms frequently found in the abstract of papers

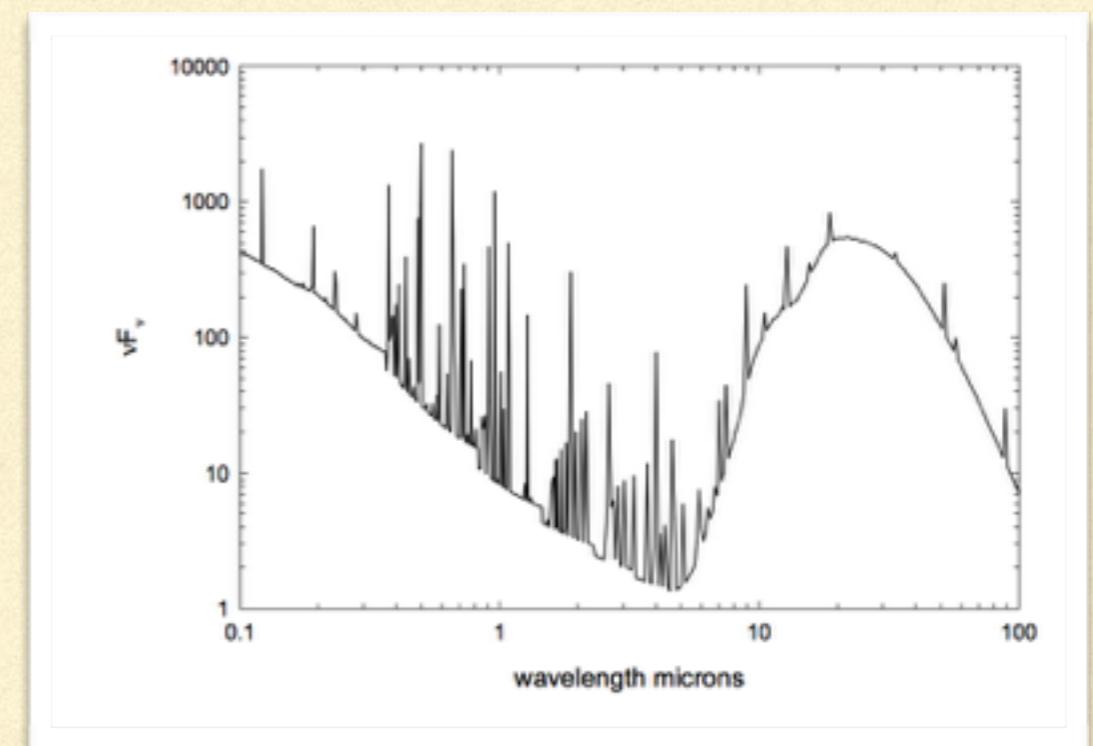
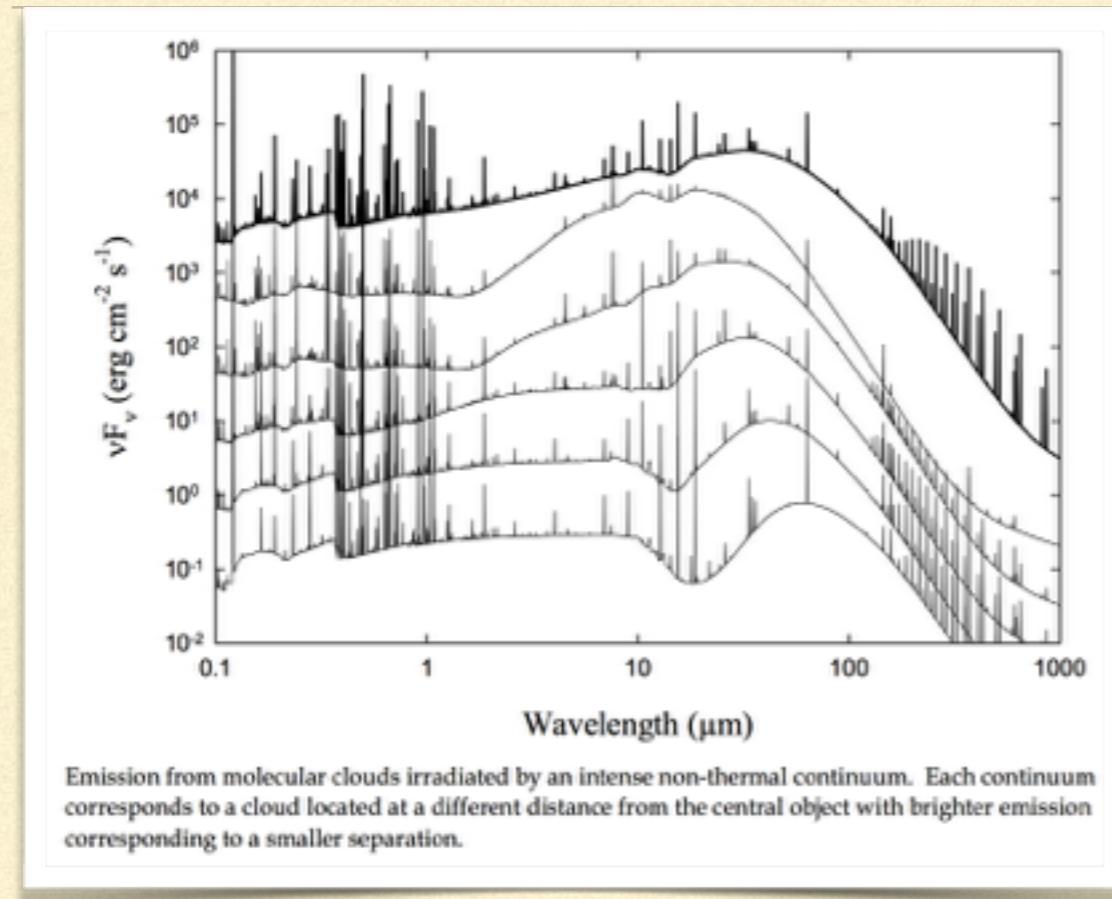
A concept cloud visualization where words are represented by their size and color. The most prominent word is 'models' in dark purple. Other large words include 'observed' (dark purple), 'CLOUDY' (dark purple), 'ionization' (dark purple), 'photoionization' (dark purple), 'temperature' (light blue), 'region' (light blue), 'density' (dark purple), 'star' (dark purple), 'emission' (dark purple), 'code' (light blue), 'radiation' (light blue), 'data' (light blue), 'present' (light blue), 'find' (light blue), 'lines' (dark purple), 'range' (light blue), 'dust' (light blue), 'stellar' (light blue), 'galaxy' (light blue), 'use' (light blue), 'study' (light blue), 'high' (light blue), 'parameters' (light blue), 'metallicity' (light blue), 'source' (light blue), 'nebula' (light blue), 'physical' (light blue), and 'different' (light blue). Some words have small numbers (II, III, IV) next to them.

# USES OF CLOUDY

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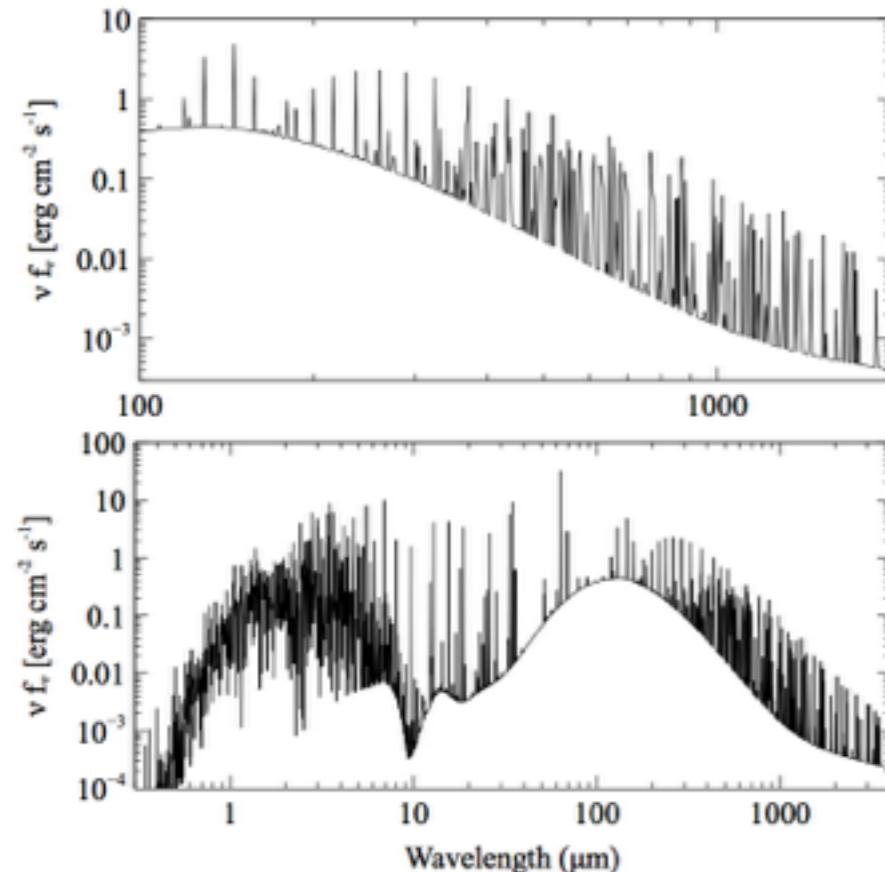
- Detailed photoionization models of a given object, e.g. for abundance determination.
  - Theoretical studies of physical effects (origin of heating), line transfer, ...
  - (Large) grid of models(3MDB)
  - Cooling rates/functions
  - Atomic data (HeI, FeII, ...)
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# HAZY ILLUSTRATIVE PLOTS



IR dust emission

**Cover image:** The spectrum emitted by a dusty filament exposed to ionizing radiation and particles. Moderate to low ionization species emit in the optical and ultraviolet, the left part of the lower panel. Strong H<sub>2</sub> emission is present in the near infrared (1 – 10  $\mu$ m). Lines from other molecules dominate in the infrared and sub-mm, as shown in the upper panel. Thermal dust emission peaks at roughly 150  $\mu$ m. The entire spectrum is computed self consistently by specifying only the composition, density, and column density of the gas, and the SED and flux of ionizing photons and particles.

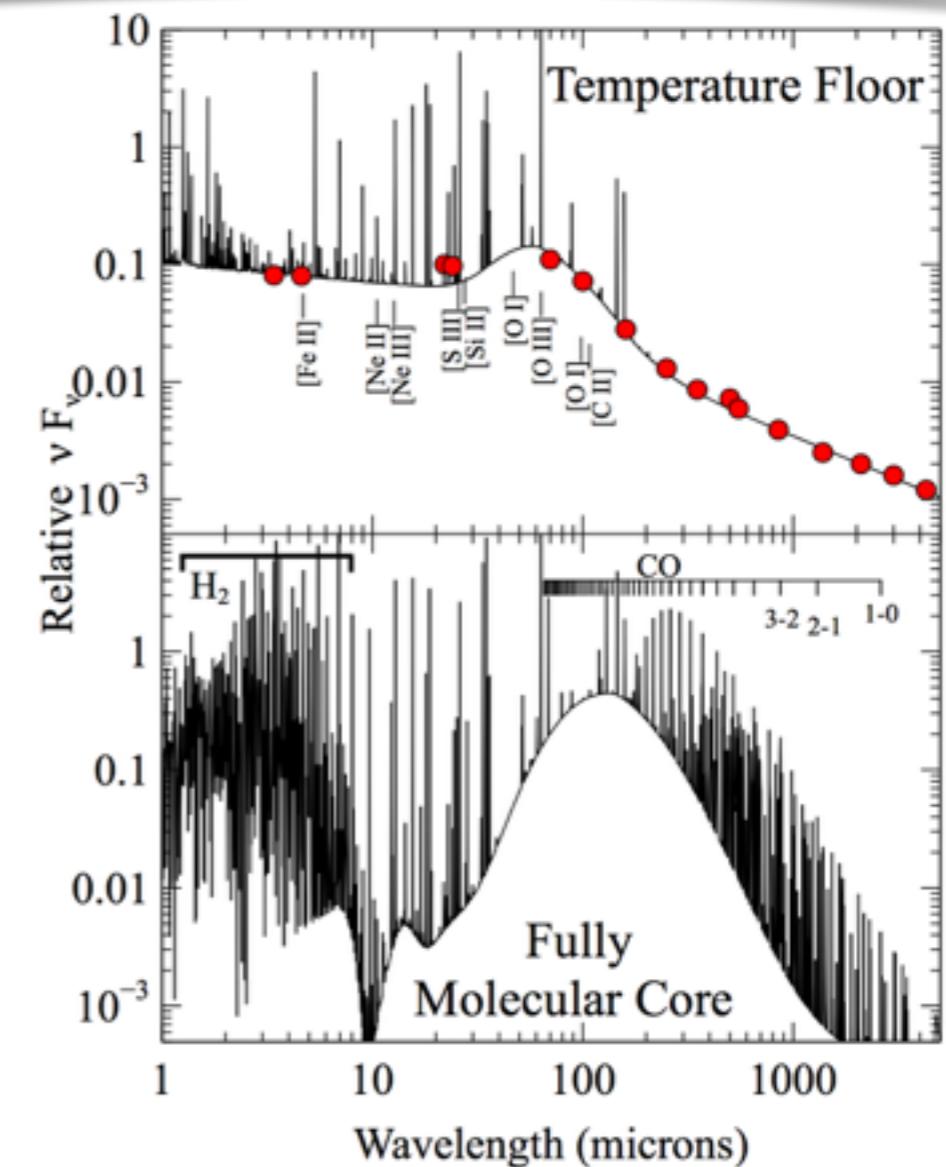


## Hazy

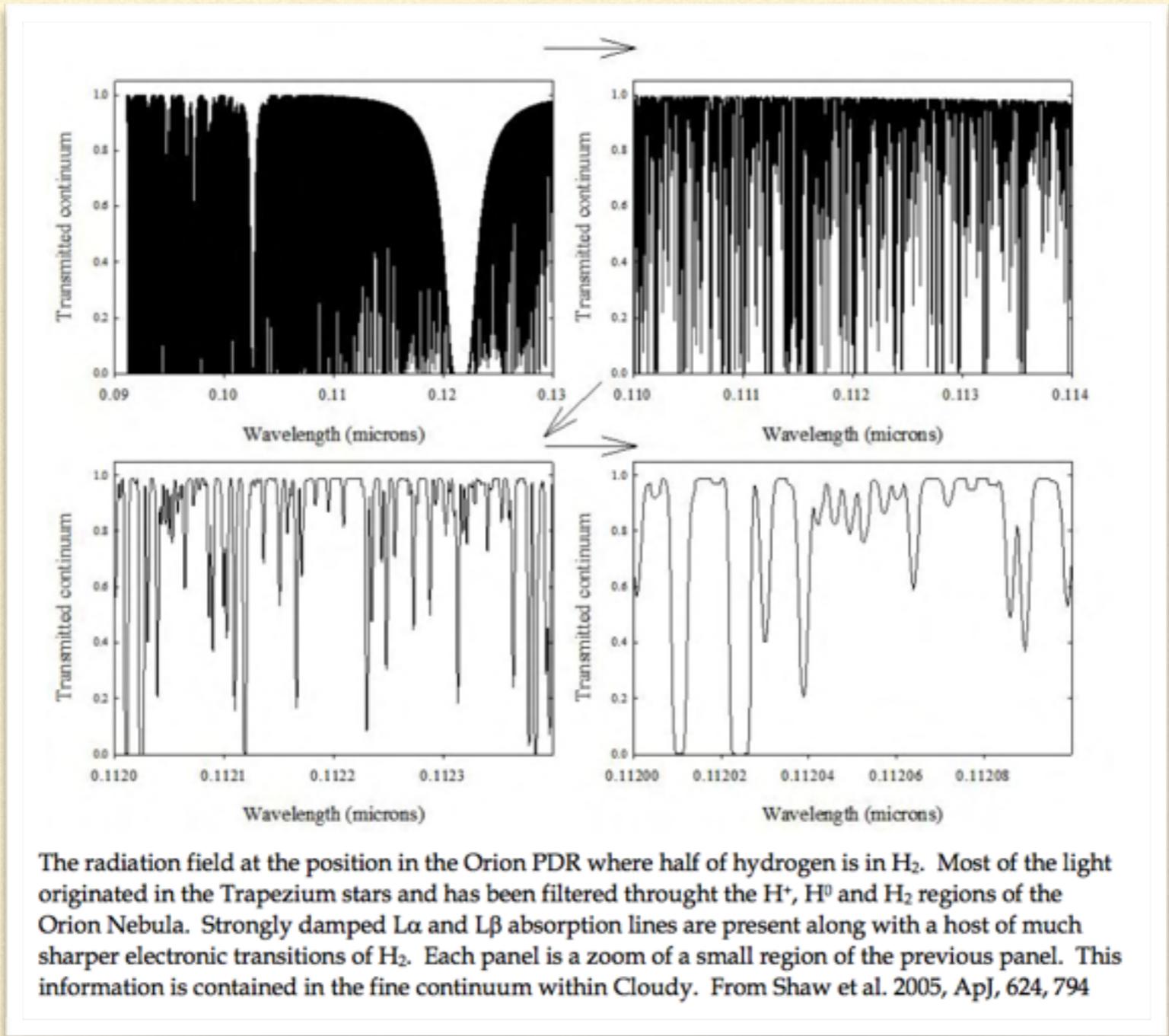
*a brief introduction to CLOUDY C10*

2. Results, computational environment, and test suite

**Cover image:** Two models of the molecular cores in Crab Nebula filaments are shown. The upper panel is a scenario where shocks or other energy sources maintain the temperature of the filament while the lower panel shows the case where the synchrotron continuum energizes the filaments. H<sub>2</sub> and CO emission lines are labeled in the lower panel. The red circles in the upper panel compares the predicted shape of the dust thermal emission peak at 70 microns with the shape found from the Herschel observations by Gomez et al. The entire spectrum, including H<sub>2</sub>, CO, and dust emission, is computed self consistently by specifying only the composition, density, and column density of the gas, and the SED and flux of ionizing photons and particles. Figure prepared by Jack Baldwin and is from Richardson et al. (2012).



## Molecular lines



## A forest of molecular lines

# (PDR)

## THE H II REGION/PDR CONNECTION: SELF-CONSISTENT CALCULATIONS OF PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN STAR-FORMING REGIONS

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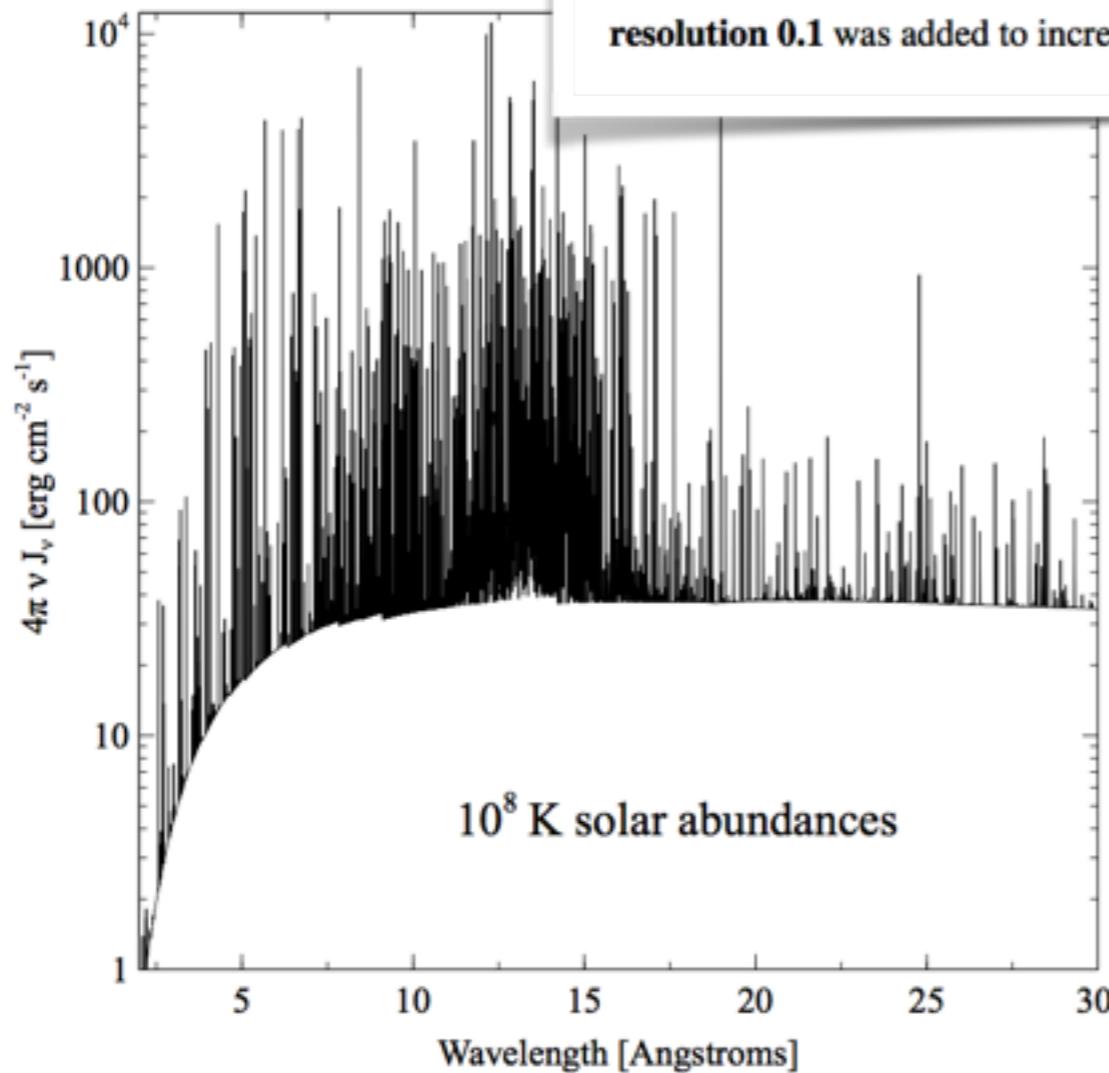
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## PDR diagnostics study with CLOUDY

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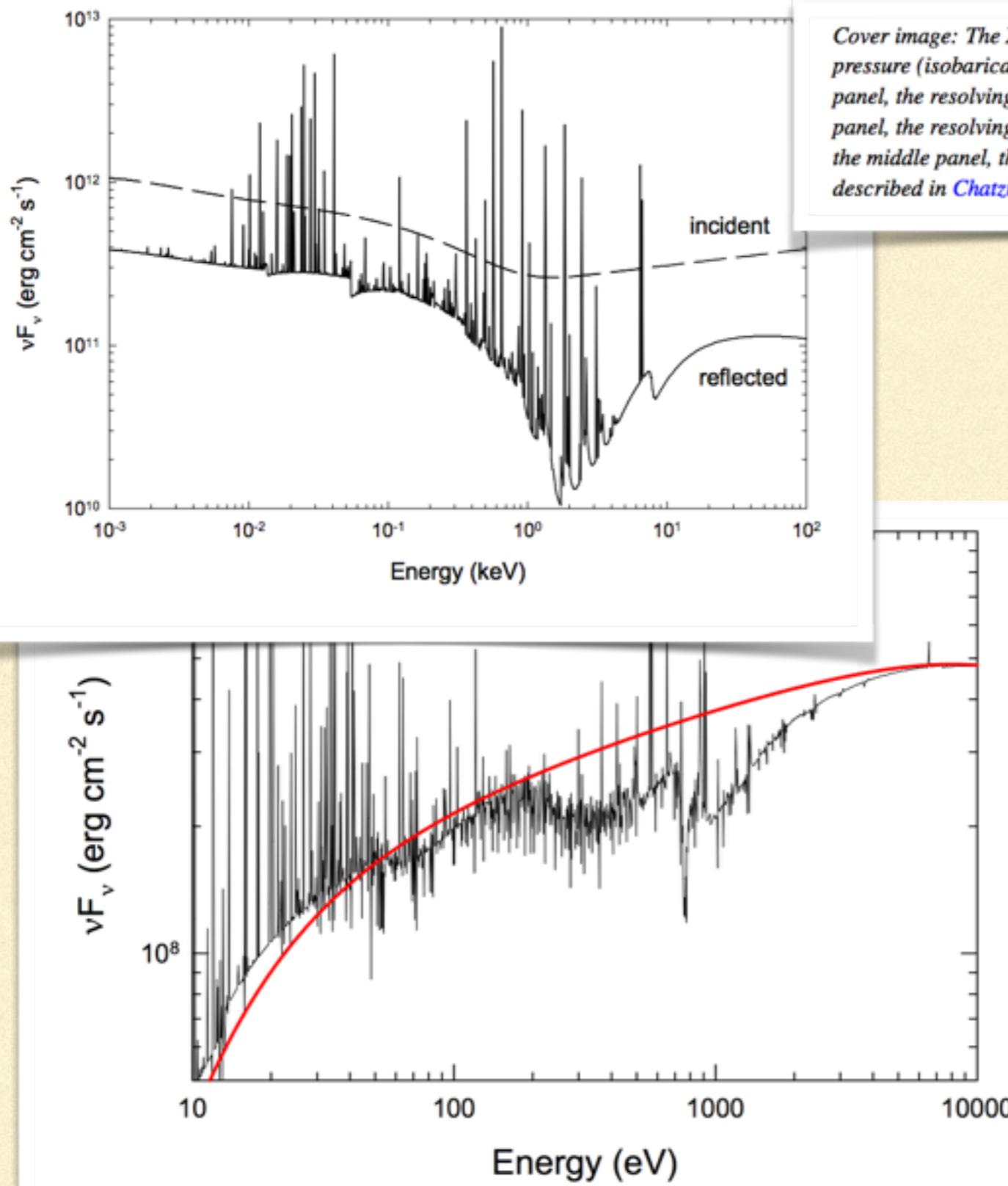


*Cover image:* The spectrum emitted by a cloud with solar abundances, a temperature of  $10^7$  K, a density of  $10^{10}$  cm $^{-3}$ , and a column density of  $10^{15}$  cm $^{-2}$ . This shows recent improvements in the X-ray spectrum and was done with the test case `coll.t7.in` located in `tsuite/auto`. The command **set continuum resolution 0.1** was added to increase the continuum resolution by a factor of ten.

## X ray spectrum

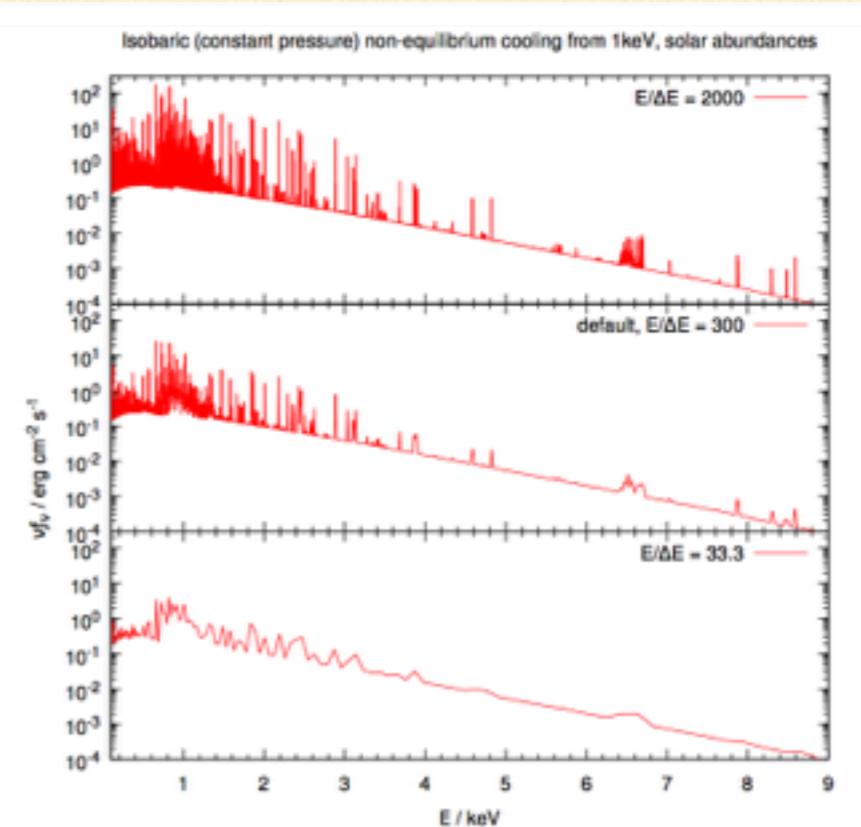
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## 2. Results, computational environment, and test suite



The predicted X-ray spectrum of a warm absorber in an Active Galactic Nucleus. Prominent emission and absorption lines are present along with broad UTA absorption features. The parameters are from Reynolds & Fabian (1995, MNRAS, 273, 1167)..

*Cover image: The X-ray spectrum of a unit-volume parcel of gas cooling under conditions of constant pressure (isobarically) from X-ray temperatures (1 keV), computed at three resolving powers. In the top panel, the resolving power is comparable the proposed Athena resolving power around 6 keV. In the bottom panel, the resolving power is comparable to the Chandra non-dispersive resolving power around 1 keV. In the middle panel, the resolving power is at the code default. This functionality is new to CLOUDY, and it is described in Chatzikos et al. (2015), and Section 14.3 below.*



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 1. Introduction and commands

# ATOMIC DATA

## THEORETICAL He I EMISSIVITIES IN THE CASE B APPROXIMATION

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### ABSTRACT

We calculate the He I case B recombination cascade spectrum using improved radiative and collisional data. We present new emissivities over a range of electron temperatures and densities. The differences between our results and the current standard are large enough to have a significant effect not only on the interpretation of observed spectra of a wide variety of objects, but also on determinations of the primordial helium abundance.

*Subject headings:* atomic data — atomic processes — ISM: atoms — ISM: clouds — plasmas

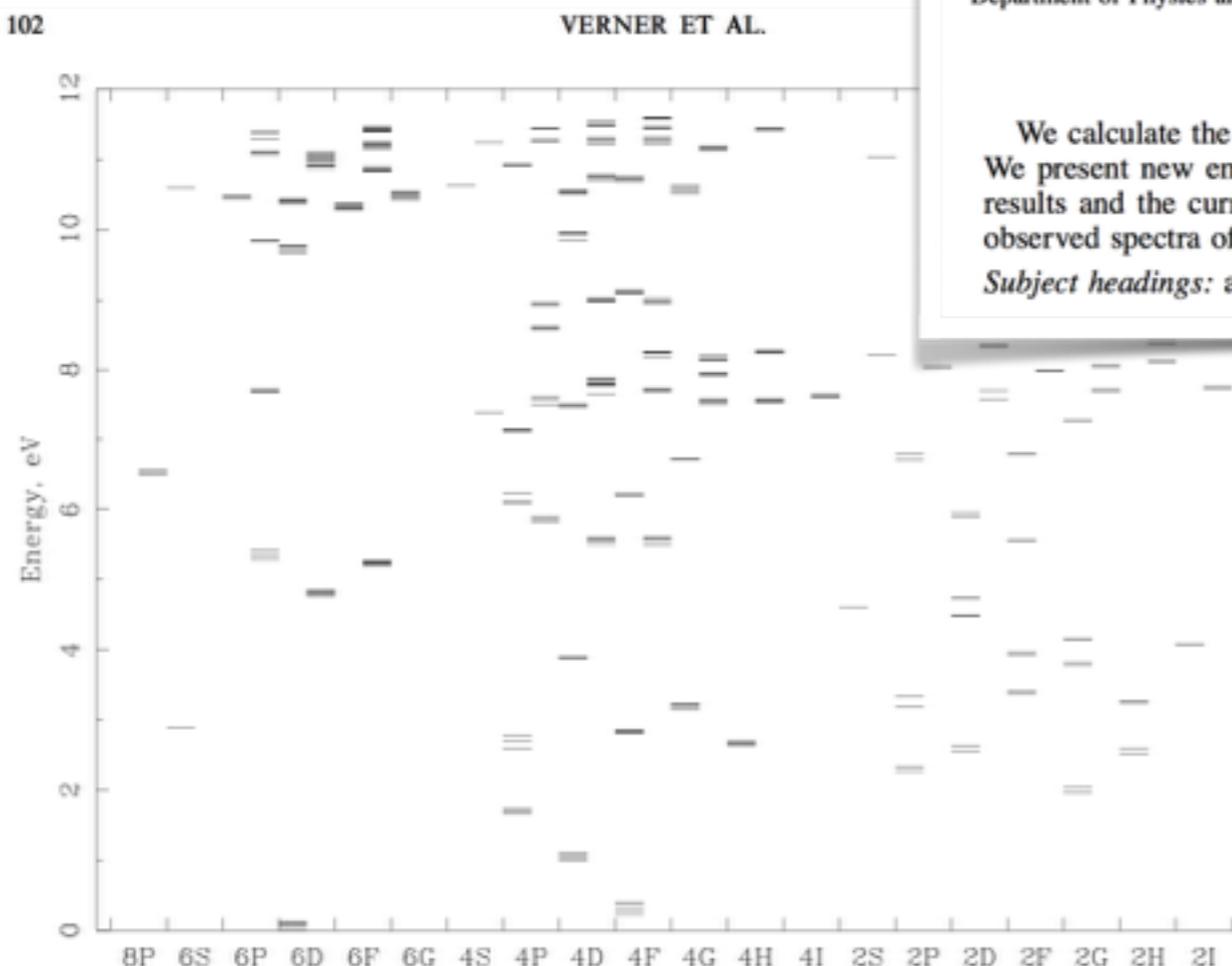


FIG. 1.—Energy distribution of the 371 lowest levels of Fe II that are included in our calculations. The horizontal axis shows terms ranged from octets to doublets right.

## NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF Fe II EMISSION SPECTRA

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# ATOMIC DATA: NEW FORMAT

## STOUT: CLOUDY'S ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR DATABASE

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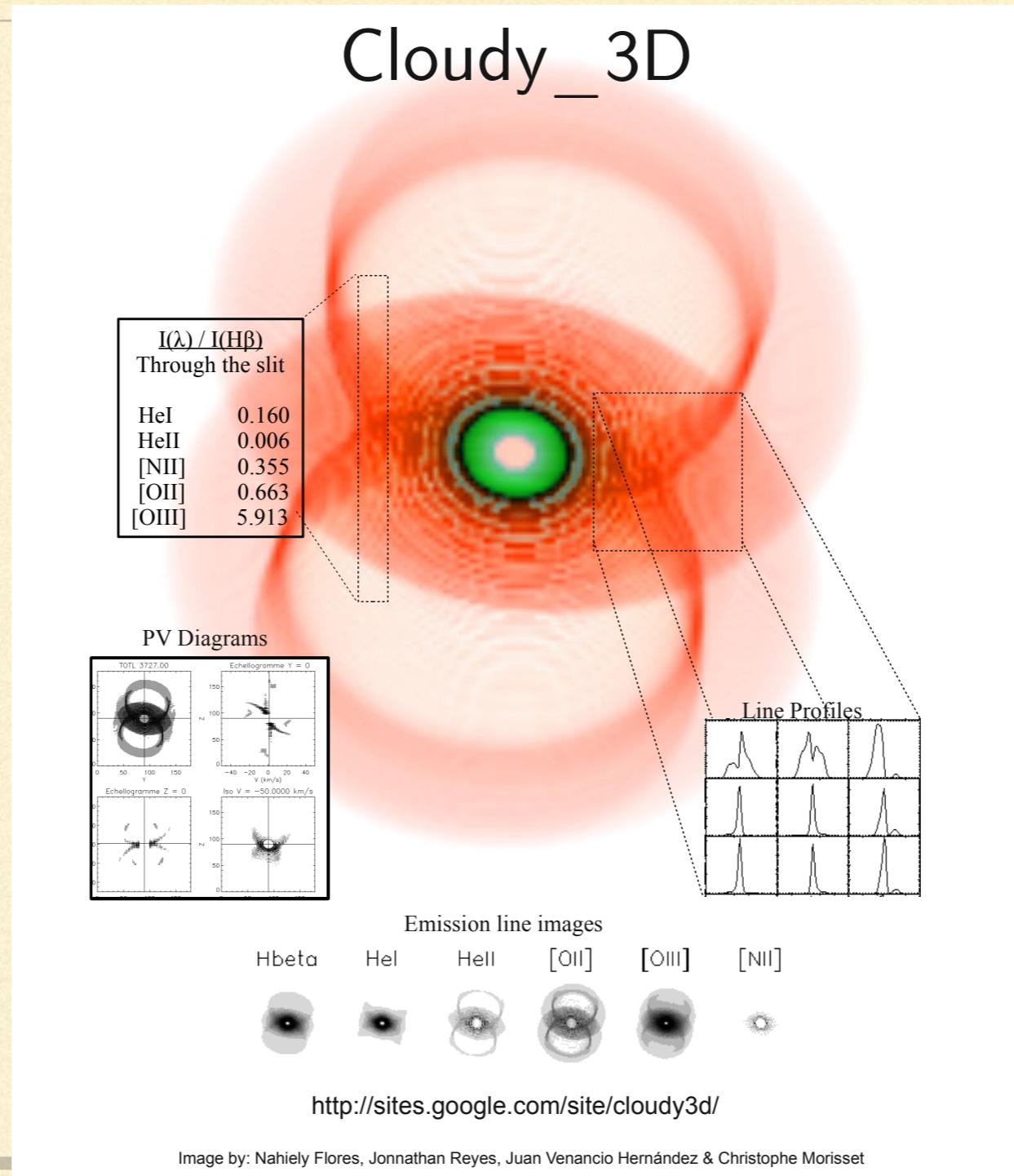
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## ABSTRACT

We describe a new atomic and molecular database we developed for use in the spectral synthesis code Cloudy. The design of Stout is driven by the data needs of Cloudy, which simulates molecular, atomic, and ionized gas with kinetic temperatures  $2.8 \text{ K} < T < 10^{10} \text{ K}$  and densities spanning the low-to high-density limits. The radiation field between photon energies  $10^{-8} \text{ Ry}$  and  $100 \text{ MeV}$  is considered, along with all atoms and ions of the lightest 30 elements, and  $\sim 10^2$  molecules. For ease of maintenance, the data are stored in a format as close as possible to the original data sources. Few data sources include the full range of data we need. We describe how we fill in the gaps in the data or extrapolate rates beyond their tabulated range. We tabulate data sources both for the atomic spectroscopic parameters and for collision data for the next release of Cloudy. This is not intended as a review of the current status of atomic data, but rather a description of the features of the database which we will build upon.

*Key words:* atomic data – atomic processes – molecular data

# PSEUDO-3D MODELS



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# LARGE SCALE EVOLUTION

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- Pure photoionization
  - Dust
  - PDR
  - X-rays
  - High/low Te
  - High Ne
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# FOLLOWING HARDWARE EVOLUTION

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- Many issues in CLOUDY development are due to compiler updates, related to processors upgrades.
  - As computers became more powerful and multi-CPU, CLOUDY provided tools like *grid* and *optimizer* to run multiple models.
  - Next improvements may be achieved using GPUs.
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# C16

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- Mainly developed by Gary Ferland, Robin Williams, Peter van Hoof, Marios Chatzikos and Fran Guzman.
- Atomic data in a more versatile format, *a la* Chianti (stout format).
- Much more emission lines.
- Faster.

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- Parallel processing (CPU and GPU)
  - Ray tracing, 3D geometry
  - ALI radiative transfer (Accelerated Lambda Iteration method, like for stellar atmospheres)
  - shocks? MAPPINGS, M. Dopita, L. Binette
  - hydro? W. Henney
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