

# 1 Introduction

These objects were discovered as six knots compact emission lines located very close to the high-mass stars of the Trapezium in the Orion Nebula (?). Later observations, particularly those of Hubble Space Telescope in direct imaging of emission lines (???) have allowed a clear picture of these objects: are accretion disks around young low-mass stars, which are being evaporated by ultraviolet radiation from of a nearby massive star (???). Until today, there has not been a comprehensive study of the abundance of heavy elements in the gas phase of any of these objects, even when found evidence of the evolution of dust properties in proplyd's molecular opaque disks (?) and in the photoevaporated and ionized flow (?).

The models developed in this research are semi 3-D models using the 1D photoionization code CLOUDY (?) which makes a detailed calculation of radiative transfer. The hydrodynamic of the gas in these models is being taken into account from the introduction of the density and velocity profiles calculated from self-consistent manner the conservation of mass and momentum. Both profiles are specified for both the photoionized zone as well as the ionization front, based on analytical models of W. Henney et al. (??).

For the low mass stars in the Orion Nebula, the external radiation field  $\theta^1C$  is much more efficient than the internal one in the photoevaporation of the accretion disk. In this case we have:

- Far Ultraviolet flux ( $6\text{ eV} < h\nu < 13.6\text{ eV}$ ): This flux photodissociates molecules and heat the gas to  $100 - 1000\text{ K}$  and it produce a heated thermic neutral wind.
- Extreme Ultraviolet flux ( $13.6\text{ eV} < h\nu$ ): This radiation ionized the gas and grows the gas temperature to  $\sim 10^4\text{ K}$  and it produce a photoevaporated ionized flux.

# 2 Model

We follow the analytic model of a photoevaporated wind described in Henney & Arthur (1998).

The simplest assumption is that there is a static semi-spherical distribution of gas around the central lowmass star. This gas is being evaporated and ionizing by the radiation coming from  $\theta^1C$

- Ionizing radiation incident from only one direction.
- Assuming a cylindrical geometry with symmetry in the coordinate  $\Phi$
- Semi-spheric ionization front.  $S_\theta = S_0(\cos \theta)$
- The photoionized gas flows radially from the border of ionization
- The gas flow is not isothermic

We construct 1D Cloudy models of a series of individual radial cuts from the center of the protoplanetary disk, at different angles  $\theta$  from the protoplanetary axis. From these models, we interpolate the physical conditions to create a semi-3D model assuming symmetry in the  $\phi$  angle.

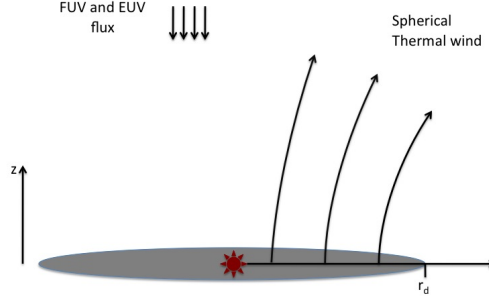


Figure 1: A sketched disk photoevaporation wind.

We suppose that the disk conditions and physical properties does not change significantly in the  $r$  direction. Due that the thermal wind will be only in the  $z$  direction, and for those, the ionic structure will be only in the  $z$  direction.

## 2.1 Geometry

Unlike H II regions, in the case of disk photoevaporation the geometry is open, in the sense that the ionization front does not enclose the ionized gas. One characteristic of this geometry is that the gas will accelerate when crossing the ionization front, and this will be expand too. Following the Henney et al. model we consider a critical “R type” expansion. This expansion is distinguished by a subsonical flow in the neutral part and a supersonic flow in the ionized part (velocity gas exactly or just a little high than the sonic velocity). It produce a ionization front with small changes in the gas density.

$\Delta$  is the ionization front width in terms of the mean free path at 1 Rydberg. That is,  $\Delta = W / n_0 \sigma_0$  where  $n_0$  is the density at the sonic point,  $\sigma_0$  is the Hydrogen cross section and  $W$  is the number of the mean free paths.

For simplicity and clarity of the model we chose to use a dimensionless radial coordinate  $R = r / r_0$  where  $r$  is the radial coordinate in cm starting in the low-mass star inside the protoplanetary disk and  $r_0$  is the distance between the protoplanetary center, the low-mass star, and the sonic point.

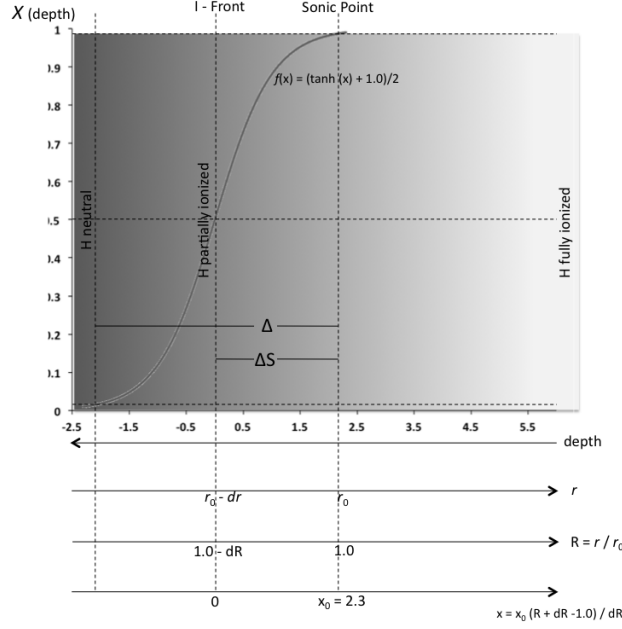


Figure 2: A sketched geometry of the 1D Cloudy model.

## 2.2 Radiation field

Due that the proplyds cusp is the only part that is directly exposed to the radiation field of  $\theta^1\text{C}$  this is the brightest part of the proplyd at least in  $\text{H}\alpha$  and ions of high and medium ionization. The diffuse radiation of the nebulae is negligible in comparison with the  $\theta^1\text{C}$  in the cusp at least for those proplyds that are very close to  $\theta^1\text{C}$ , nevertheless we take it into account as a fraction of the main radiation field.

- Direct radiation field: The  $\theta^1\text{C}$  flux that reach the proplyd is  $S_0 = Q_H / 4\pi D^2$ .  $Q_H$  is the number of H ionizing photons, and  $D$  is the physical distance between  $\theta^1\text{C}$  and the proplyd. Due that the model is constructed based on a 1D code, the only part of the radiation that we take into account is that is radial to the Ionization Front in each point, it means,  $S'_0 = S_0 \cos\theta$ . From the ionization equilibrium,  $S_0 \sim n_0^2 r_0$ , we can find the density at the ionization front

$$n_0 = \left( \frac{S_0 \cos\theta}{r_0} \right)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

so the greater peak density is for  $\theta = 0$

- Diffuse radiation field: This is introduced to the models as constant:

$$D_\beta = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_B} \frac{\sigma_{star}}{\sigma_{diffuse}} \quad (2)$$

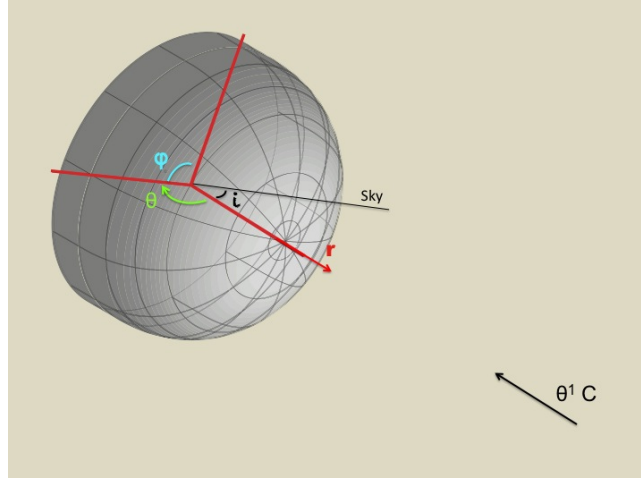


Figure 3: A sketched geometry of the semi-3D model.

where  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_B$  are the recombination coefficients to the ground level and to the case B respectively.  $\sigma_{star}$  and  $\sigma_{diffuse}$  are the star and diffuse radiation field mean effective cross section respectively.  $D_\beta = 0.004$  means that  $\sigma_{star} = 2.5 \sigma_{diffuse}$  that is likely for those proplyds nearest to  $\theta^1 C$ . For those in the outer zones of the nebulae (where the diffuse radiation field is more important) the  $D_\beta \sim 0.1$

The total radiation field that we consider for the proplyd ionization is:

$$S'_0 = S_0(\cos\theta + D_\beta) \quad (3)$$

In this first step of the model we constructed a model for only the proplyd cusp with the influence of the main radiation field,  $\theta^1 C$ , and the diffuse radiation as a  $\theta^1 C$  fraction.

### 2.3 Radial Density Structure

As we mentioned above one way to develop models that take into account both, the radiative transfer and the hydrodynamics of the gas, is to introduce an approximate hydrodynamics in the radiative models that are availables and such are stables. This is our case and the way to introduce the hydrodynamic of the gas is using the electron density structure that is a result of the hydrodynamic teorical models.

We divide the proplyd flow into two zones:

- $r > r_0$ : An outer, fully ionized supersonic flow.
- $r < r_0$ : An inner, partially ionized subsonic flow.

This is equivalent to say that the behavior of the physical conditions are diferent in both zones. We suppose that the flow in the partially ionized zone, that correspond to the thin ionization front, is a subsonic flow that is acelerated to be supersonic in the

outer fully ionized zone. The boundary between them are exactly the sonic point. The conditions there, and in every point of the proplyd, are fixed by continuity, it means that the electron density change as the gas-phase velocity change and visceversa.

### 2.3.1 The outer fully ionized zone

This is similar to what Will did in (Henney et al., 2002)

In the outer zone we assume an isothermal, supersonic, complete ionized flow. From mass conservation, in spherical geometry and in the steady state, the radial gas velocity is given by Dyson solution (Dyson, 1968)

$$R = U^{(-1/2)} \exp \left[ \frac{1}{4} (U^2 - 1) \right] \quad (4)$$

where  $U(R) = u/c_0$  with  $u(R)$  is the gas velocity and  $c(R)$  is the sound speed. Due that we can not have an analytic solution for  $U$  as a function of  $R$ , from this equation generate a table of values for  $U$  and  $R$  and interpolate this table for each  $R$  that is necessary in the Cloudy model.

At each point the density is calculated by the continuity equation:

$$\rho(R) = \rho(R_{max}) \left( \frac{U(R_{max})}{U(R)} \right) \left( \frac{R_{max}}{R} \right)^2 \quad (5)$$

### 2.3.2 The boundary

Because the gas velocity is the property that determines the behavior of other physical properties of the proplyd, the logical boundary between the regions is exactly the sonic point.

This point is also where the criterion of Stromgren for a density bounded region is met. That is, where the photoionization balance is broken

$$N_{H^0} \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_\nu}{h\nu} a_\nu(H^0) d\nu = N_e N_p \alpha_B(H^0, T) \quad (6)$$

and the recombination start to overcome the photoionization.

$$\rho(R = 1) = \rho(R_{max}) U(R_{max}) R_{max}^2 \quad (7)$$

$r = r_0 X_H \simeq 0.99$ ;  $X_H$  is the hydrogen ionization fraction  $u = c_0$  by definition of the boundary

### 2.3.3 The inner partially ionized zone

Partially ionized region: Density is function of sound speed

In this zone, we follow the simplified analytic model for weak-D ionization front described in Appendix of the Henney et al. (2005) paper. Even when this model is for a plane-parallel ionization front (the momentum conservation assumes plane parallel geometry) and this is not our case (we have an divergent geometry) this is an approximation that could give us a good idea of the advection effects on the I-front.

Following the A8 equation,

$$c(X) = c_0 \left[ \frac{T(X)}{T_0} \frac{1+X}{1+X_0} \right]^{1/2} \quad (8)$$

If we see the electronic temperature behavior for the weak-D solutions, Fig.18 from Henney et al. (2005), we can see that the temperature could be assume constant in first approximation, at least in  $0.25 \leq X \leq 1.0$ . This is our case in the inner zone, then the sound speed will be:

$$c(X) = c_0 \left[ \frac{1+X}{1+X_0} \right]^{1/2} \quad (9)$$

As in the Cloudy models the ionization fraction is one of the physical quantities that are calculated in each zone, we can not use it for calculate the sound speed in each zone. Then, we made an approximation for the behavior of  $X$  in the recombination zone,

$$X_H = 0.5(\tanh(x) + 1.0) \quad (10)$$

where

$$x = x_0 \frac{R + dR - 1.0}{dR} \quad (11)$$

$x_0$  is where the H ionization fraction is 0.99, i.e. in the sonic point where  $R = 1$ .

Making use of the Mach number  $M = u/c$  and the fact of  $c_0/c = \frac{1}{2}(M + M^{-1})$ . Then, once more by continuity, the electronic density in this zone is:

$$\rho(X) = \rho_0 / \left( 1.0 - \sqrt{1.0 - \left[ \frac{1+X(R)}{1+X_0} \right]} \right) \quad (12)$$

in contrast to the static case where the density is:  $\rho \sim 1/c^2$

## 3 Results and Predictions

### 3.1 Physical properties

- **Electron Density:** It has an almost constant increase reaching the maximum value in the I-front (after the sonic point) where the Hydrogen is partially ionized. In this zone, the electron density reach the critical electron density for some ions, making the collisional deexcitation a process that need to take into account at least for those ions that has an important contribution to their emissivity from this zone.

This could be negligible in the outer parts of the flow since they are highly ionized, which means that [O III] is the dominant coolant. The critical density of this ion is about  $1e6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , which is reached just near of the sonic point, that is, where the [O III] emission is less than the 10% of the total [O III] emission. (See Sect. 3.3).

- Temperature: The electron temperature is almost constant in the outer zone. As we approach to the He recombination front the  $T_e$  increase reaching the maximum value just before the I-front, where the He is neutral and the H still fully ionized.

It is due for two reasons: The first one is that as the radiation field goes into the gas-phase of the proplyd, the less energy photons are absorbed. This cause a hardening of the radiation field increasing the mean electron kinetic energy. That is, increasing the photoelectric heating per recombination. The second one is the electron density increase. It causes collisional deexcitation of the main cooling lines.

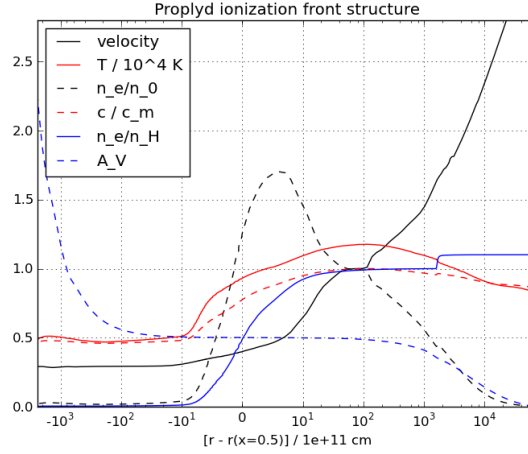


Figure 4: 1D model structure of several physical properties.

### 3.2 Ionization structure

### 3.3 Emissivities

All the high ionization lines are all wholly outside the sonic point.

[Ne II],  $H\alpha$ , [N II] and [O II] have almost the 90% of their emission in the super-sonic zone and the 10% in the sub-sonic zone.

[S II] is about 70% outside the sonic point and 30% inside.

[O I] is about 20% outside and 80% inside the sonic point.

So if we take into account the full emission of the proplyd, and the sub-sonic zone is not well modeled, the effect of this should be not very important since it is only going to affect two lines. Nevertheless, if we want to compare the model predictions with observations that takes only a little aperture of the proplyd and it is near of the center (near the I-front), the sub-sonic zone will be very important.

There are a clear separation of 3 km/s (about 15%) between the median velocity of the [O III] 5007 and 4363 lines.

Discutir tambien la diferencia que hay entre la linea auroral y la nebular de [N II] para ver la importancia de las desexcitaciones colisionales. Una es mas afectada que la otra y por lo tanto conforme vamos a las zonas de mayor densidad la razon entre ellas debe ir cambiando, aumentando de hecho.

### **3.4 Aperture and Inclination**

## **4 Conclusion**

We will construct Cloudy models of a series of individual radial cuts from the center of the proplyd, at different angles  $\theta$  from the proplyd axis.

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