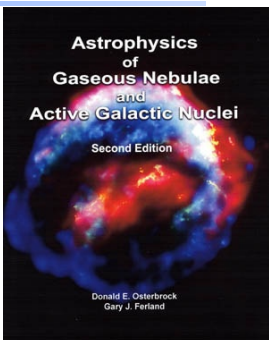


Spectrum of a non-equilibrium gas

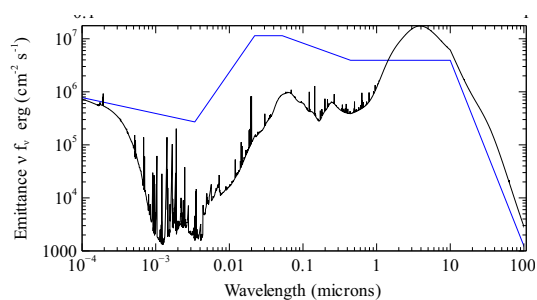
- ◆ Detailed microphysics
- ◆ Energetic radiation & particles interact with gas
- ◆ Ejected electrons heats, excite & ionize gas
- ◆ Ionization drives chemistry
- ◆ Full spectrum predicted
 - Detailed chemistry, grain physics



Model atoms with self-consistent interactions with environment

- ◆ Many-level atom solvers within Cloudy
 - Fe II with $\sim 10^3$ levels
 - H₂ with $\sim 10^5$ levels
 - Lamda molecular data base Schoeier+05
 - Chianti ionic data base Dere+09
- ◆ Self consistent with environment
 - Collisional effects
 - Line optical depths
 - Photon pumping
 - Line absorption by continuous opacities

AGN spectrum



The He-like iso-sequence

- ◆ He I, remainder of He-iso sequence
 - Porter PhD, Porter & Ferland 07

REVISITING He-LIKE X-RAY EMISSION-LINE PLASMA DIAGNOSTICS

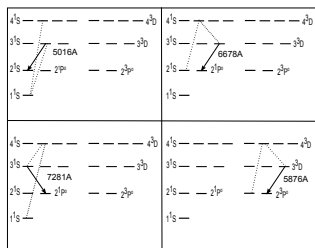
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- ◆ Adjustable number of levels
- ◆ Constantly improved atomic data
- ◆ "single zone" with very large atom
 - Specified kinetic temperature and density
- ◆ Within self-consistent model of nebula, with modest number of levels

Case A, B, C, D

FLUORESCENT EXCITATION OF BALMER LINES IN GASEOUS NEBULAE: CASE D

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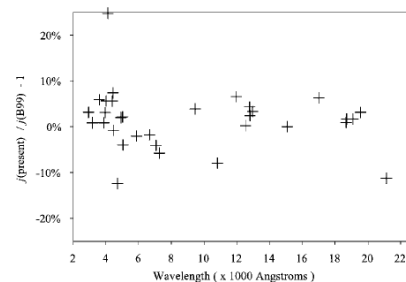


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Paper 1 Case B, Porter+05

THEORETICAL He I EMISSIONS IN THE CASE B APPROXIMATION

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Paper 2, single triplet mixing

J-RESOLVED He I EMISSION PREDICTIONS IN THE LOW-DENSITY LIMIT

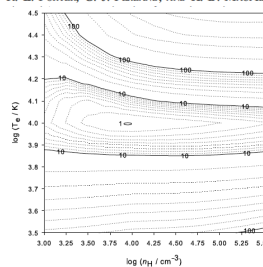
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Conditions in Orion Nebula

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Uncertainties

Uncertainties in theoretical He I emissivities: H II regions, primordial abundance and cosmological recombination

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Individual uncertainties

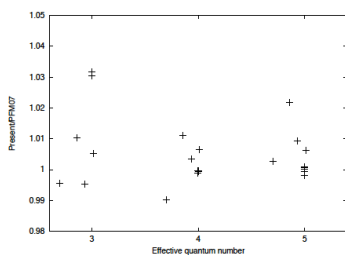
Table 1. Assumed uncertainties in helium atomic data.

Conditions	Optimistic (per cent)	Pessimistic (per cent)
Rad. recomb. coefficients (direct)		
$n \geq 5$ and $L > 3$	0	0.1
$n \geq 5$ and $L < 3$	0.01-0.7	≤ 4
$n < 5$	0.01-0.7	≤ 4
EI transition probabilities		
$n_e, n_i < 10$ and $L < 7$	0.01	0.2
$n_e, n_i < 10$ and $L > 7$	0	0.01
$n_e > 10, n_i < 5$ and $L < 2$	0.02	0.2
$n_e > 10, n_i \geq 2$ and $L \geq 2$	0.6	4
$n_e > 10, n_i < 10$ other	1	7
$n_e, n_i \geq 10$	10	10
Other transition probabilities		
$2p^2P_1 - 1s^1S$	1	5
$2p^2P_2 - 1s^1S$	1	1
$2s^1S - 1s^1S(2s)$	10	30
$2s^1S - 1s^1S(MI)$	1	20
$2s^1S - 1s^2S$	1	5
All others	1	1
Collisional de-excitation		
$n_e < 5$ and $n_i < 2$	10	30
$\Delta n = 0$	20	30
Otherwise	20	30

Optimistic case 2% errors
Pessimistic case 7% errors

Improved recombination coefficients

- ◆ Porter et al. in preparation
- ◆ Storey & Hummer photoionization cross sections



He I in H II regions

- ◆ Detisch et al. in preparation

