#### How to make sense of all these lines



Isobaric (constant pressure) non-equilibrium cooling from 1keV, solar abundances



# **Peter's atomic line list**

- http://www.pa.uky.edu/~peter/atomic/
- http://www.pa.uky.edu/~peter/newpage/
  - Beta version with new features
- Search wavelength range to find what lines are present



#### http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/asd.cfm



#### Version 4

Welcome to the NIST Atomic Spectra Database, NIST Standard Reference Database #78. The spectroscopic data may be selected and displayed according to wavelengths or energy levels by choosing one of the following options:



Spectral lines and associated energy levels displayed in wavelength order with all selected spectra intermixed or in multiplet order. Transition probabilities for the lines are also displayed where available.



Energy levels of a particular atom or ion displayed in order of energy above the ground state.



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#### **NIST Atomic Spectra Database Levels Form**

Best viewed with the latest versions of Web browsers and Jav

This form provides access to NIST critically evaluated data on atomic energy levels.

Spectrum:	o iii	C.g., Fe I	
Default Values	1. 1.		Retrieve Data

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# **O** III



# **Two types of lines**

### Recombination AGN3 sec 4.2

- e + p radiative recombination
- Rate coefficient q~10<sup>-13</sup> cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- Mainly H, He

### Collisionally excited AGN3 3.5

- Inelastic e + ion collision
- $-q \sim 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Heavy elements



# **Selection rules for transitions**

#### ◆ AGN3

### Appendix 4 Nebular quantum mechanics

Appendix 6 Molecular quantum

# **O** III



### Species vs spectra

### ◆ H<sup>0</sup>, C<sup>3+</sup>, O<sup>2+</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>, CO are baryons

- H I, C IV, O III, H<sub>2</sub>, and CO are the spectra they emit / absorb
- O III is a permitted line produced by O<sup>2+</sup>, while [O III] is a forbidden line
- C III] is a semi-forbidden line, often an intercombination line

# Species vs spectra

### ◆ H I Lyα *emission* can be produced by

- Recombination of H<sup>+</sup>
- Impact excitation of H<sup>0</sup>
- ◆ H I absorption can only be produced by H<sup>0</sup>
- ◆ H I is not the same as H<sup>0</sup>
  - Ambiguous for emission lines

# Lines in the main output

Print lines column

### Print lines sort wavelength

Print lines faint

# **Finding lines in Cloudy**

- Run smoke test with command
- Save line labels
- Spectral label, wavelength, identifies a line
- Save output file has label, wavelength, comment about line
- Pick lines from this save file

# Line blends

Blnd 3727
Blnd 2798
Blnd 1549

 Two or more lines that appear as a single line in most spectra

# Luminosity, relative intensity

### Intensity or luminosity of line

-depending on case

### Intensity relative to normalization line, default Hβ

 Change with normalize command

0	3 88.3323m	-5.577	1.5126
0	3 51.8004m	-5.106	4.4704
0	3 4931.23A	-8.339	0.0026
0	3 4958.91A	-4.876	7.5973
0	3 5006.84A	-4.401	22.6702
0	3 2320.95A	-7.193	0.0366
0	3 4363.21A	-6.593	0.1456
0	3 1660.81A	-7.187	0.0371
0	3 1666.15A	-6.720	0.1087
-	1 10 5050		

# Why use the laser at all

- Cloudy has lots of lines and does many levels for many ions
- A single zone (which we do for speed) is optically thin
- So continuum fluorescent excitation can be important.
- But would not happen with a finite column density
- Show fig with energy levels for H, C IV etc and say continuum photons would excite to all upper levels

# Two level atom AGN3 Sec 3.5

- Excitation, deexcitation rates
- Transition probabilities
- Critical density
- Two limits
  - Low densities, every excitation leads to emission of a photon
  - high densities, levels are n LTE, photon emission proportional to n<sub>u</sub> A<sub>ul</sub>

41TT j= Au Aue hu Errg cm 51]

lle gen ne Au [Aue+quele] Flulle que le

critical dencity Aug = gue Acrit

Ne << norit 4mg= Ae Aequ hv Ne >> Acrit 4pj= Ne fur Aneho

# Why we set the ionization

- If most O were O3+ the process
- ◆ O3+ + e -> O2+ + hn
- Would be fast, and would make O III recombination lines
- This can happen in nature, but it would confuse our homework problem

# **Emissivity vs density, temperature**

### Recombination line, O III forbidden lines

### Vary density over extreme range

 Plot emissivity vs density over wide range to see how emissivity changes

# **Recombination lines**

- ♦  $H^+ + e \rightarrow H^{0*} \rightarrow H^0 + photons$
- Critical densities of H I, He I, and He II optical lines are very high, n > 1e15 cm<sup>-3</sup>, so they are usually in LDL
- ◆ Emissivity goes as n<sup>2</sup> for n < 10<sup>20</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>
- Case B predictions
- H I, He I, He II are the strongest in UV/ Opt/ IR
  Second row (C,N, O, Ne) & Fe in X-ray

## **Forbidden lines**

### • [O III]

### • $O^{++} + e \rightarrow O^{++*} \rightarrow O^{++} + photons$

- Critical densities of many forbidden lines n ~ 1e3 cm<sup>-3</sup>, so they can be in LDL or HDH
- Emissivity goes as n<sup>2</sup> or n

# **Compute spectrum of clouds with two very different densities**

# **Density indicators**



AGN3 Fig 5.7

### **Temperature indicators**

 Lines from same species which have different excitation potentials



# **Inward vs total emission**

#### "Inwd" label for line

#### Inward/outward emission computed on second and later iterations

- Iterate to convergence
- Print last

## Line to continuum contrast

### ◆ Hazy 1, sec 16.43.2, 19.14.44

- Line to continuum contrast in save continuum



# **Databases in Cloudy**

- Stout (atoms & low ionization)
- Chianti (higher ionization)
- LAMDA (heavy-element molecules)

# H<sub>2</sub> (Shaw+05) "species H2"



# **Controlling model atoms**

### Series of SPECIES XXX commands

#### Compare exec time species limit vs small

Cloudy workshop