



Photodissociation Region (PDR) Models

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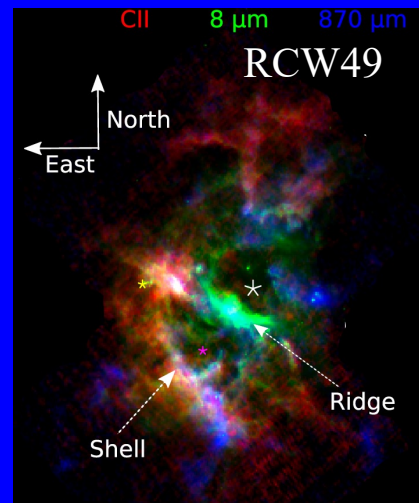
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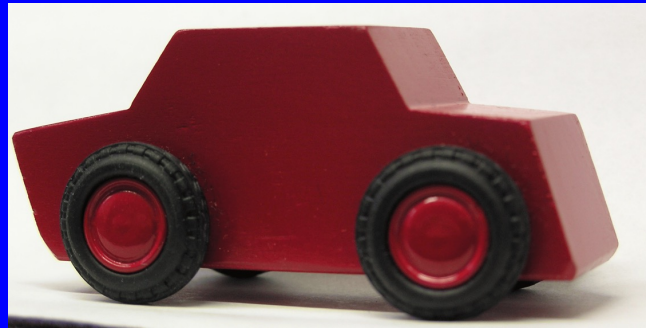


and PDRs

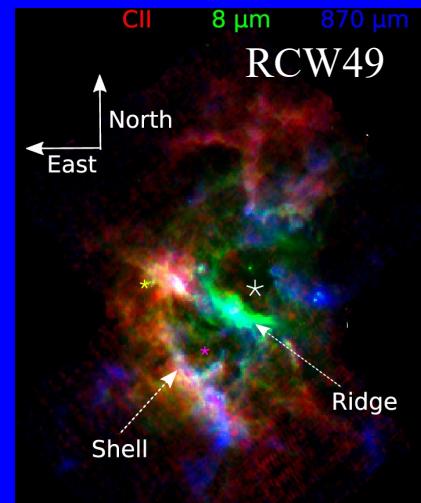


Introduction to PDRs: - What are they? Where are they found?

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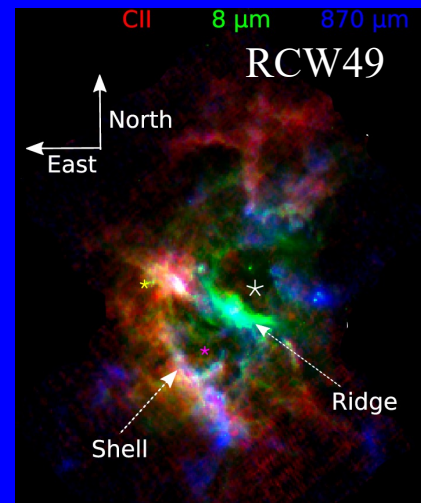
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Introduction to PDRs: - What are they? Where are they found?

Structure and Chemistry, Heating Processes,
Cooling Processes and Dominant Cooling Lines,
Gas Line Diagnostics

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**PDR Models and Comparison to Observations
Geometry, Metallicity, Self-Absorption**

PDR: PhotoDissociation Region

Gas phase in which UV radiation plays a role in the heating and/or chemistry

UV: 6 eV – 13.6 eV

$G_0 = 1$ Interstellar field

1.6×10^{-3} erg cm⁻² s⁻¹

10^8 ph cm⁻² s⁻¹

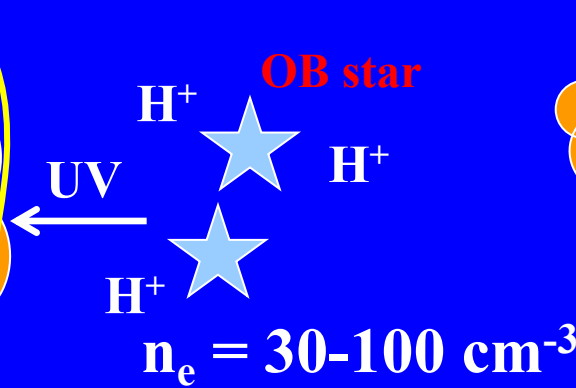
$G_0 = 10^5$ Orion Nebula

WNM
Warm H
T = 8000 K
n = 0.3 cm⁻³
r ~ 100s pc

r ~ 10s pc C⁺/HI

Cold H₂
T = 10 K
 $A_v = 8$

Classic PDR



C⁺/H₂ “Dark” molecular gas

CNM
Cold H
T = 80 K
n = 30 cm⁻³
r ~ few pc
1 pc = 3x10¹⁸ cm

Most of the non-stellar baryons in galaxies are in PDRs!!



JWST PDRs4All ERS

The inner Orion Nebula seen with JWST

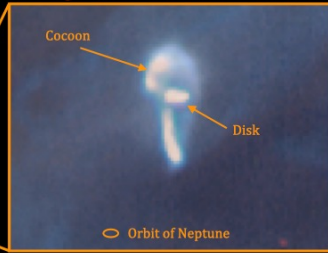
Young star inside globule



Protostar

Towards Trapezium cluster

Young star with disk inside its cocoon



**Protostellar Disk
+ Outflow**

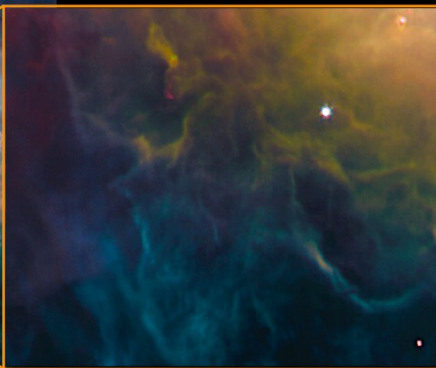
Orion Bar

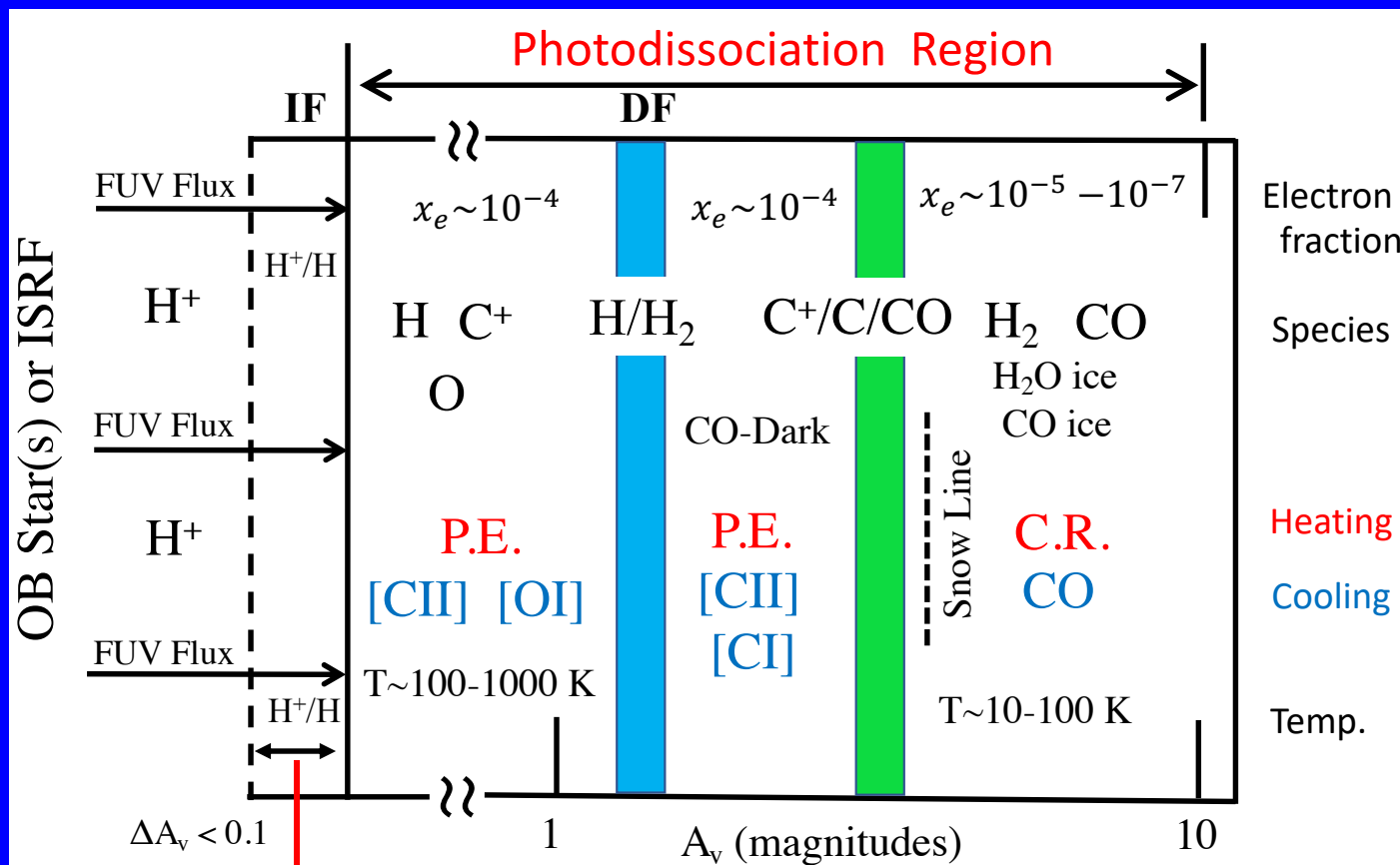
θ^2 Orionis A



Evolved Star + Shells

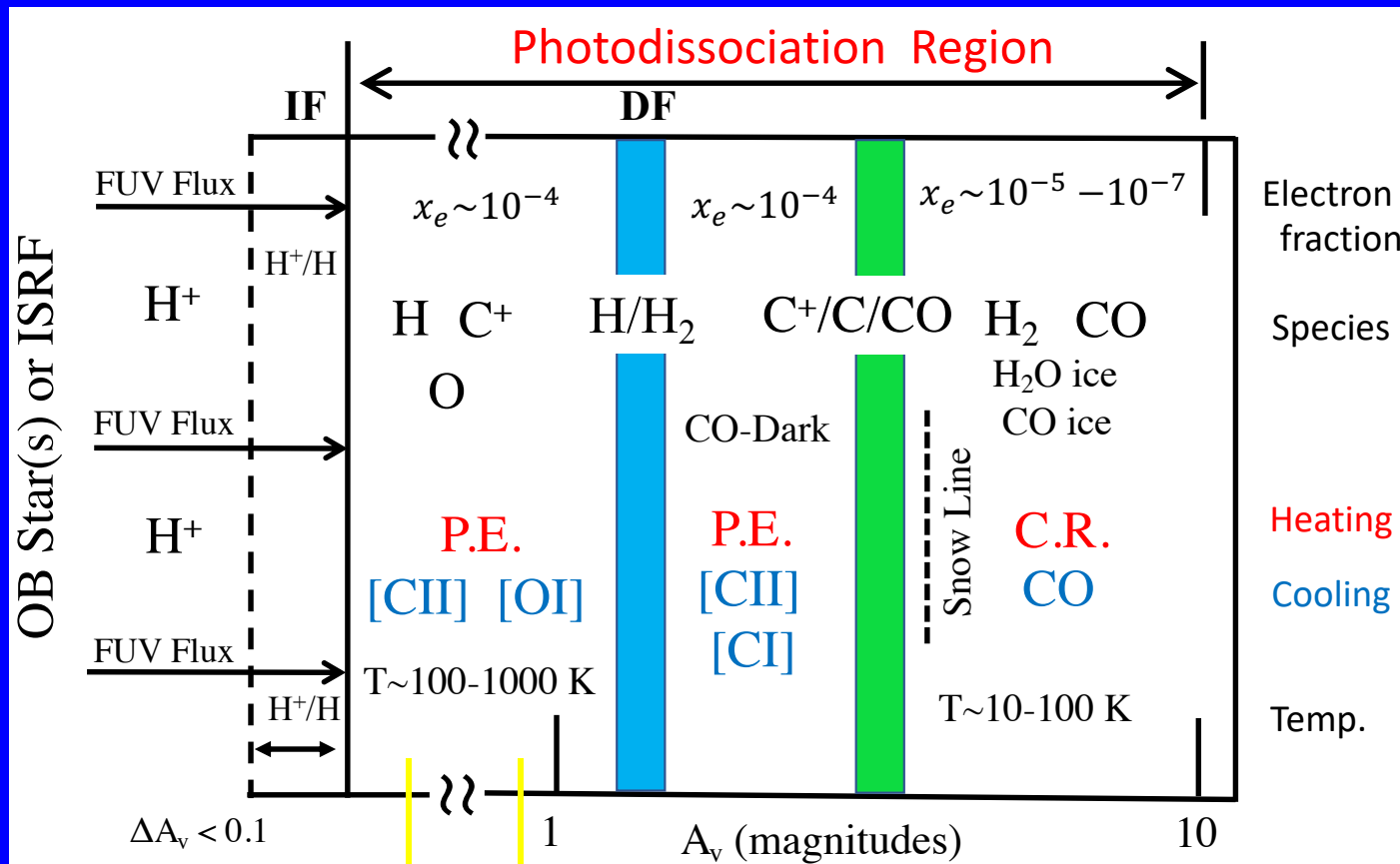
Filaments





Diagnostics: H I, He
 [SiII], [FeII], [SIV],
 [NeII], [ArIII], [SIII]
 Optical Lines

Spitzer, JWST
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 HST, VLT



Diagnostics: C^+ 158 μm

O 63 μm , 145 μm

Si^+ 35 μm , Fe^+ 26 μm

Dust Continuum

PAH 3.3, 6.2, 7.7, 8.6

11.2 μm

Herschel, SOFIA

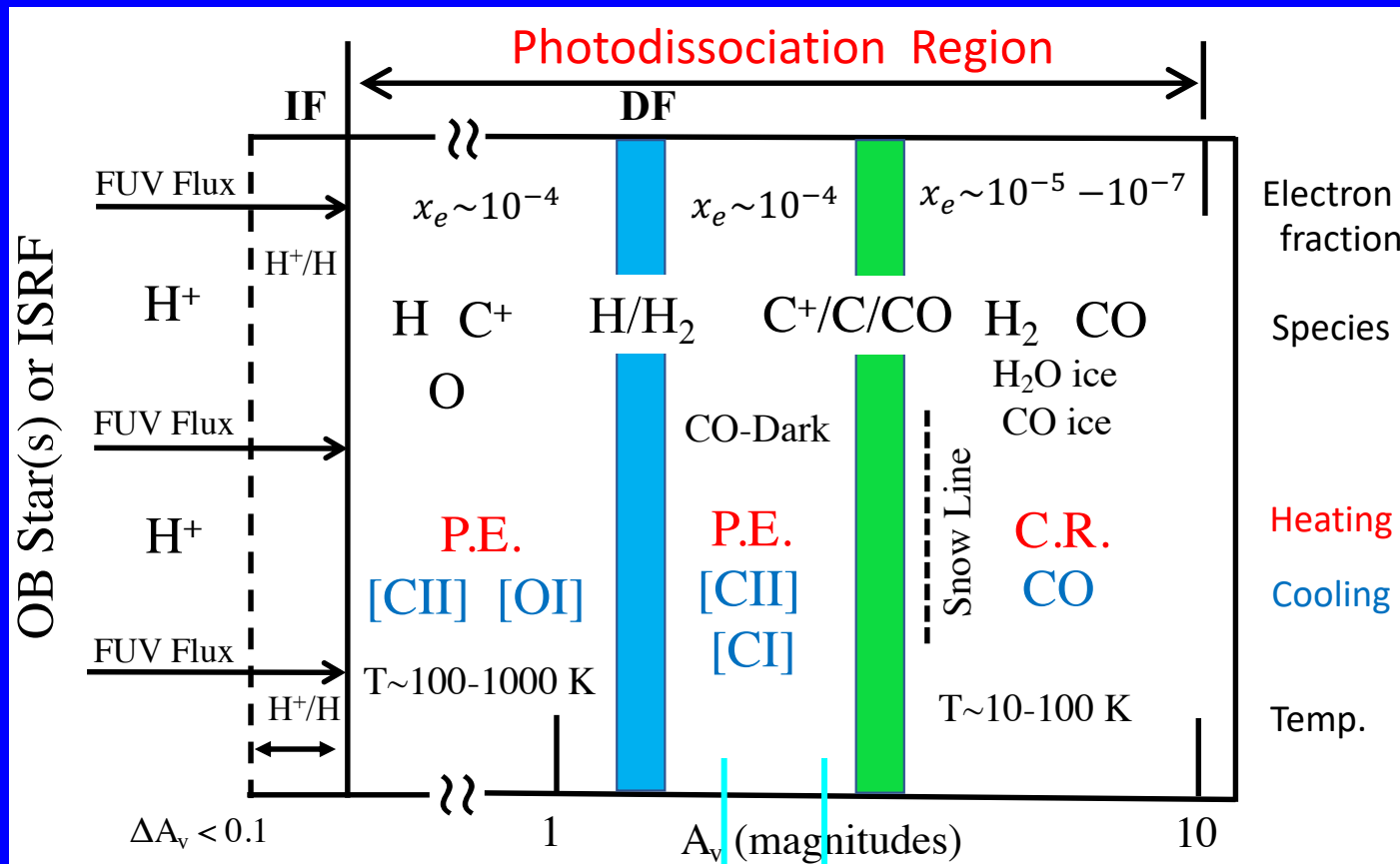
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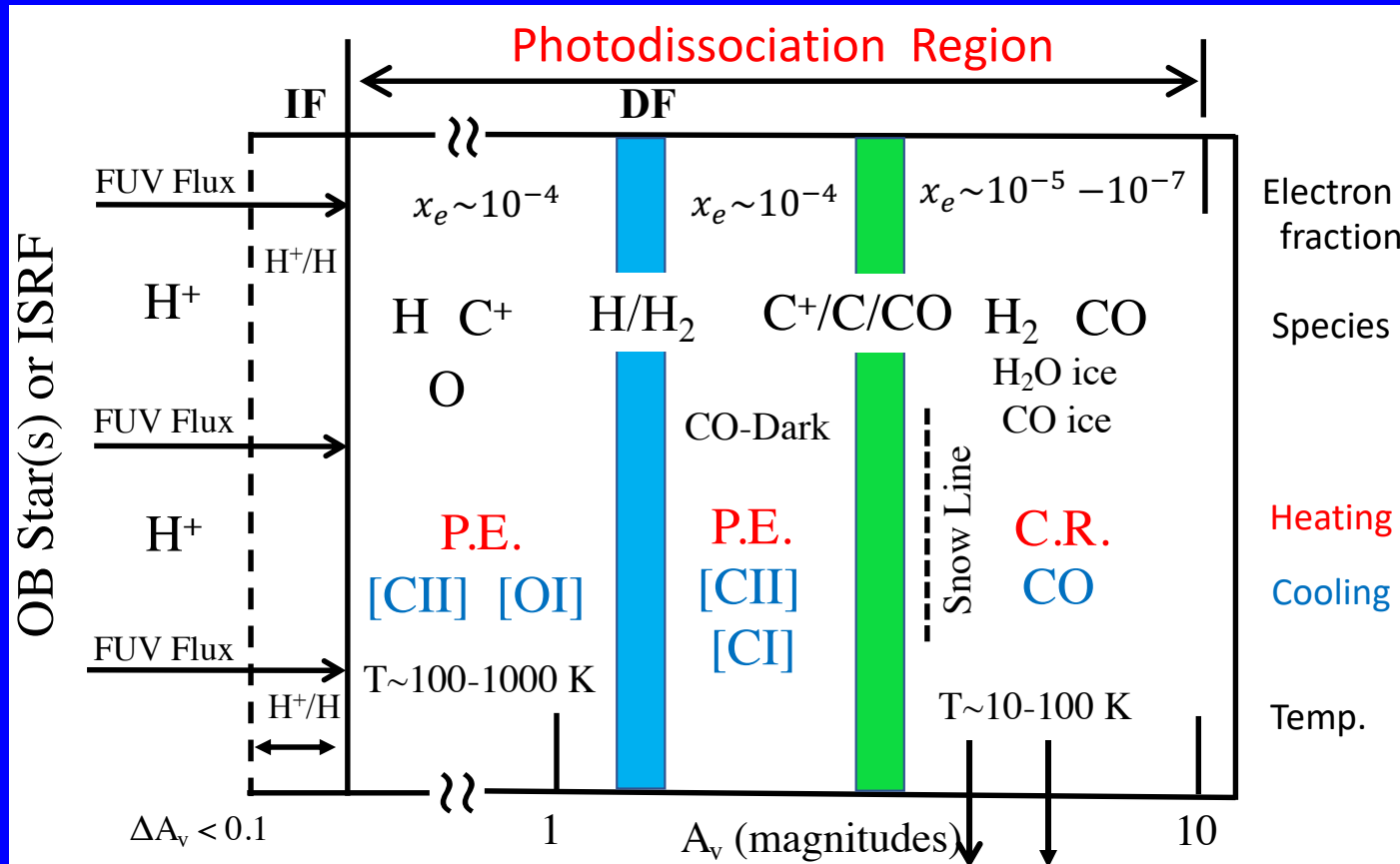
Herschel, SOFIA, JWST

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Diagnostics: C^+ 158 μm , OI 63 μm | Herschel, SOFIA
 C 609 μm , 370 μm | Herschel, Alma
 H_2 0-0 S(2) 12.3 μm | Spitzer, JWST
 H_2O, H_2O^+, OH^+ | Herschel, SOFIA



Diagnostics: High –J CO Herschel, ALMA, SOFIA
Low –J CO ALMA

POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS AND THE UNIDENTIFIED INFRARED
EMISSION BANDS: AUTO EXHAUST ALONG THE MILKY WAY!

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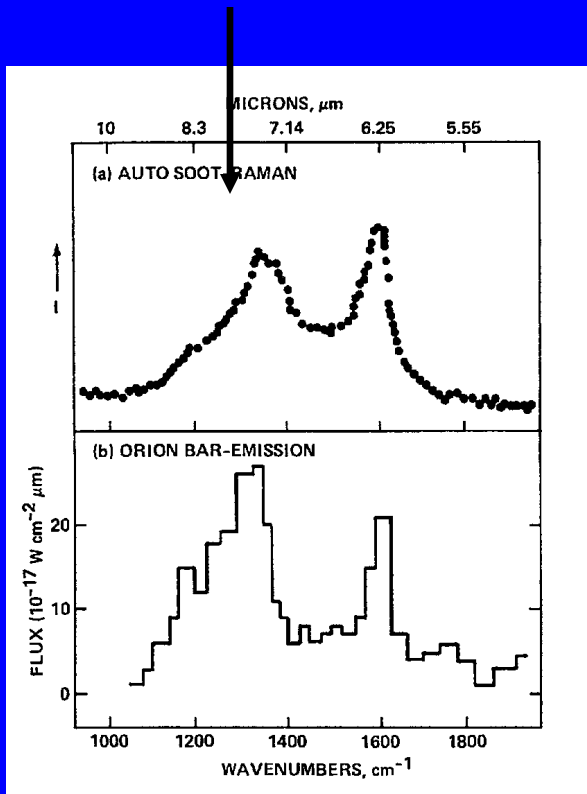
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PAHs: 1) Dominate the photoelectric heating
Bakes+ 1994, Weingartner+ 2001, Berné+ 2022

2) Govern the electron fraction
e.g., Hollenbach+ 2012, Shaw+ 2021

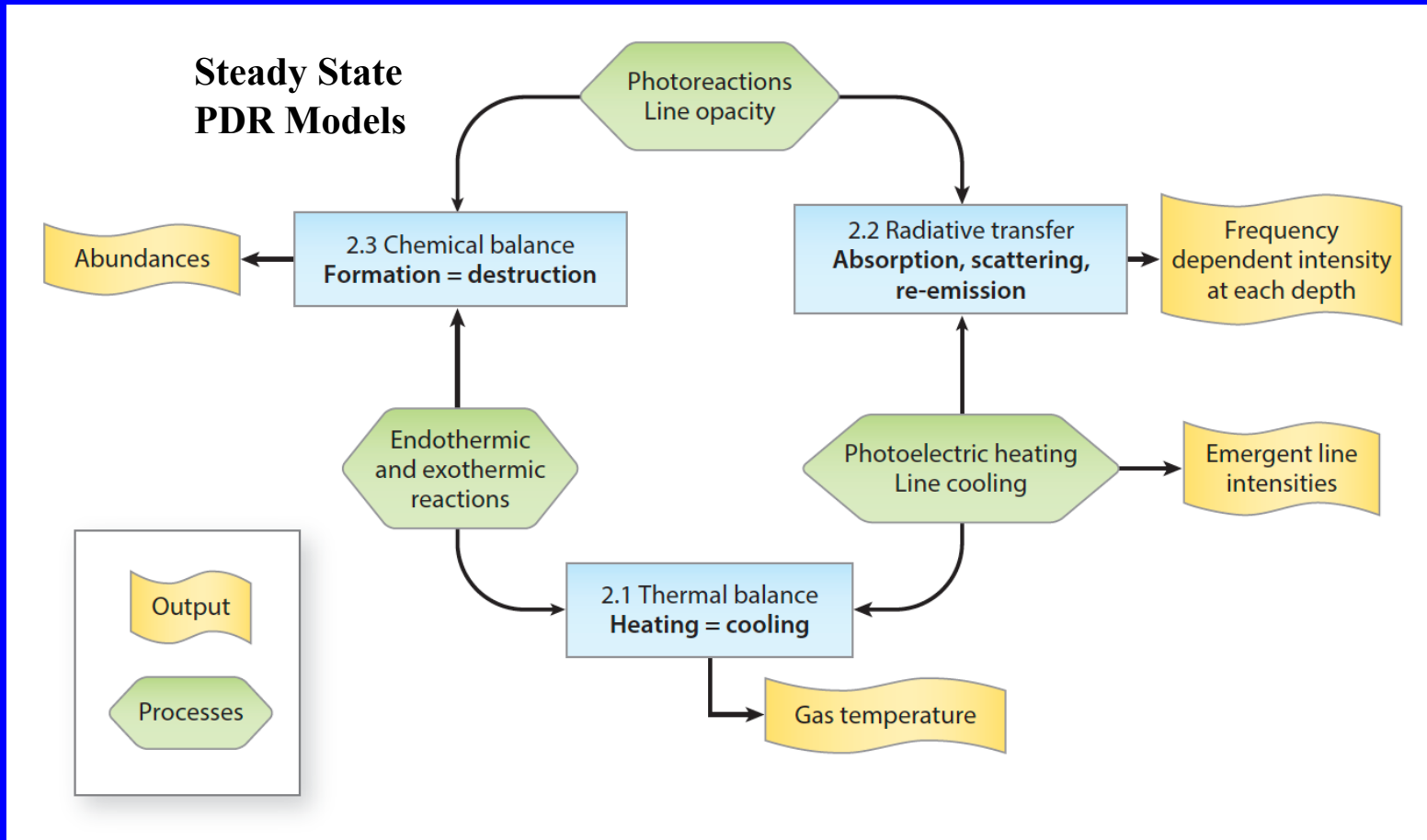
3) Might be sites of H₂ formation
Tielens 2021, Wolfire+ 2022



Grain Photoelectric Effect

Stellar Photons → **PAHs** → **PDRs**

Auto Exhaust



Codes:

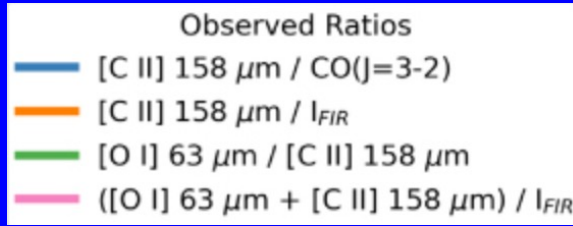
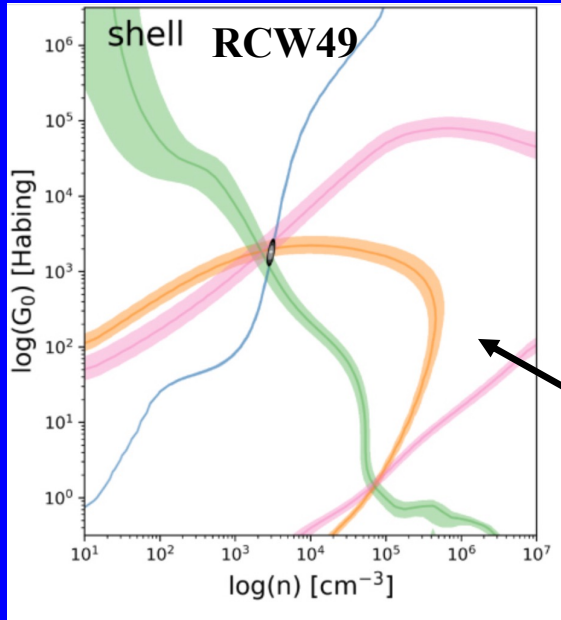
UMD: Tielens & Hollenbach 1985, Wolfire et al. 2010, Neufeld & Wolfire 2016

Meudon Code: Le Petit, et al. 2006, Bron et al. 2014, Bron et al. 2021 (ismdb.obspm.fr)

KOSMA-Tau: Röllig et al. 2016, Röllig et al. 2013, Röllig & Ossenkopf-Okada 2022

Cloudy: Shaw et al. 2005, Ferland et al. 2013, 2017, Shaw et al. 2022

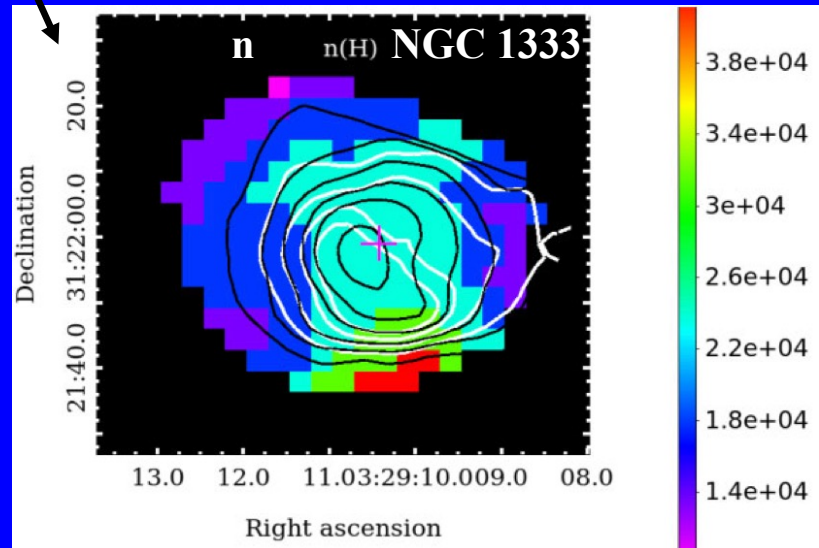
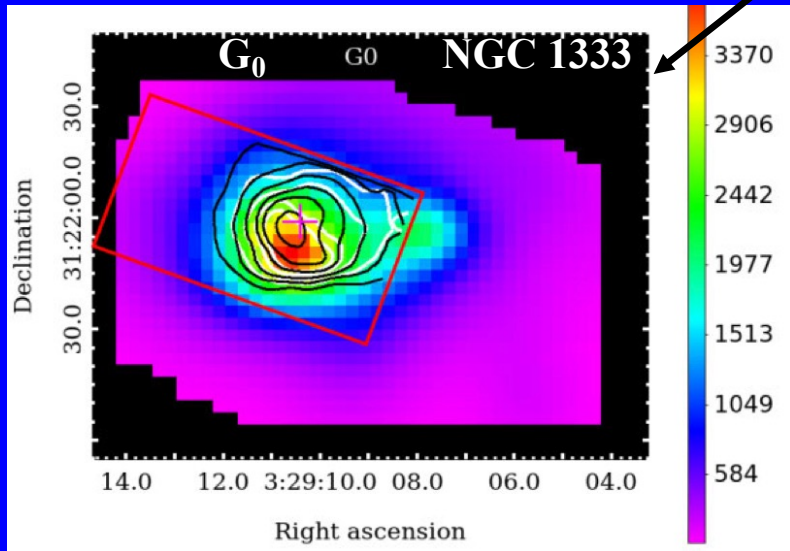
UCL-PDR: Bell et al. 2006, Priestley et al. 2017, Holdship, et al. 2017



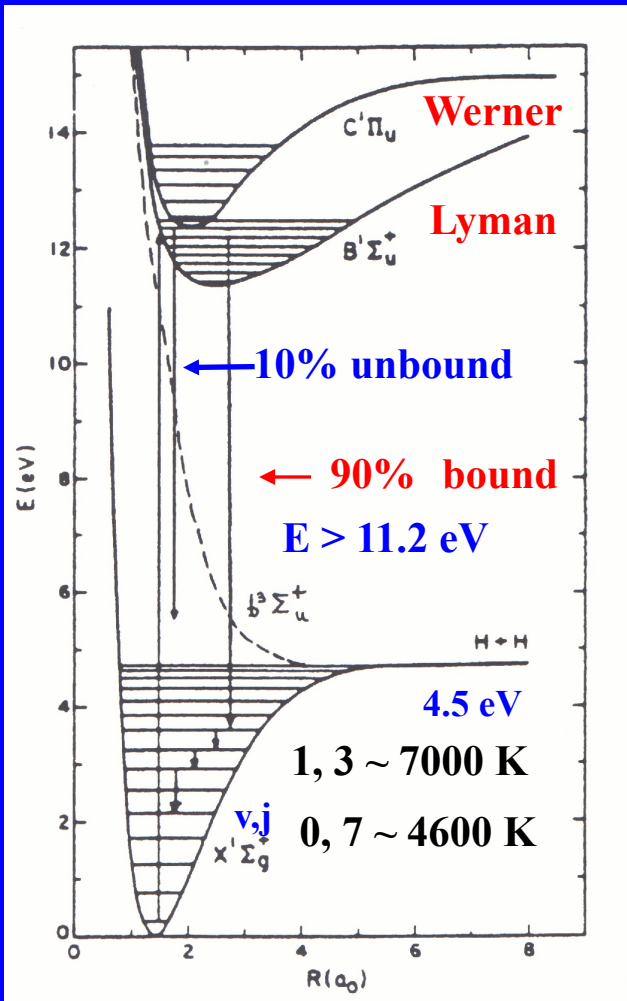
PDR Toolbox: dustem.astro.umd.edu

Fit for Single Position

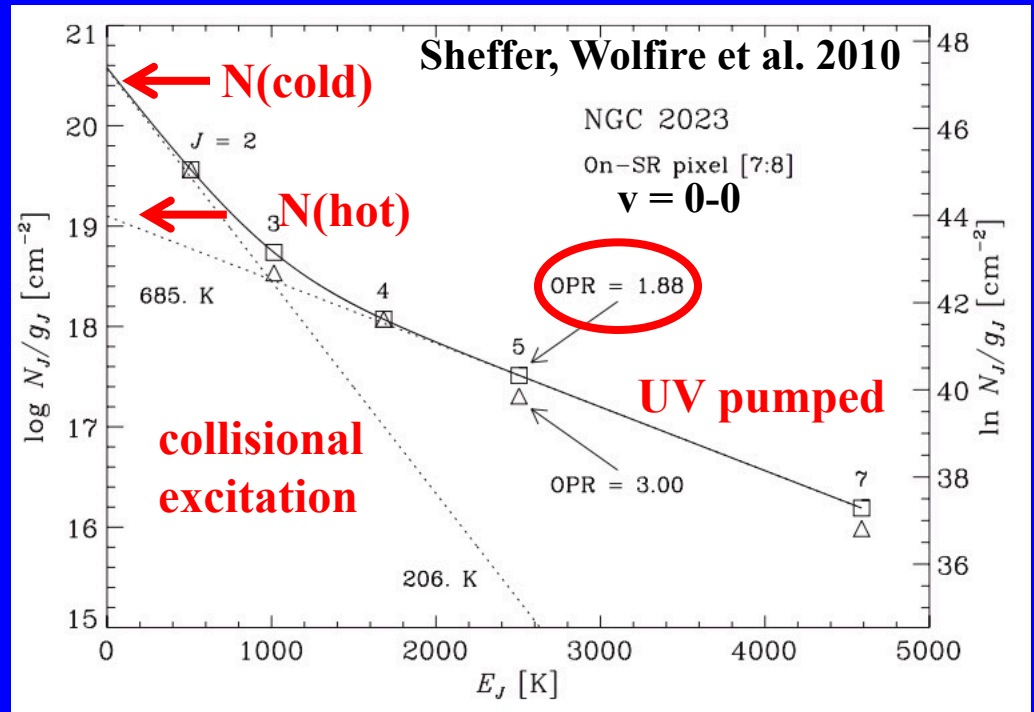
Fits for Line Maps



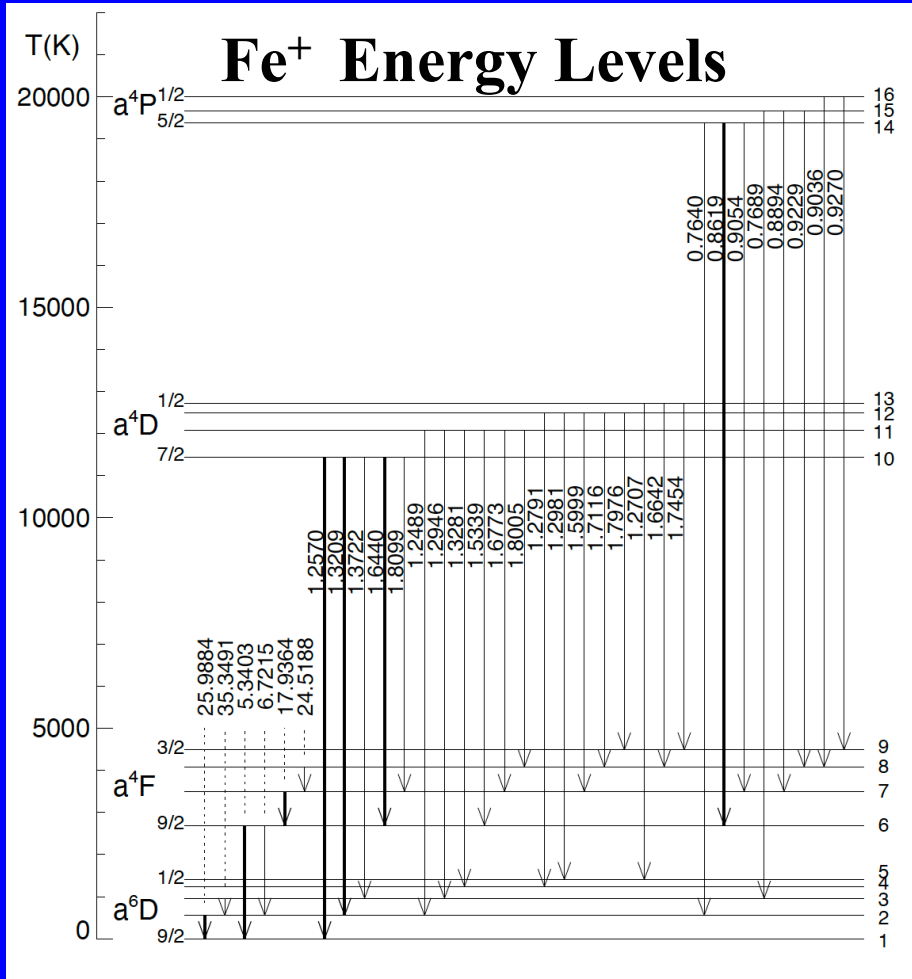
H₂ Energy Levels



H₂ Excitation Diagram

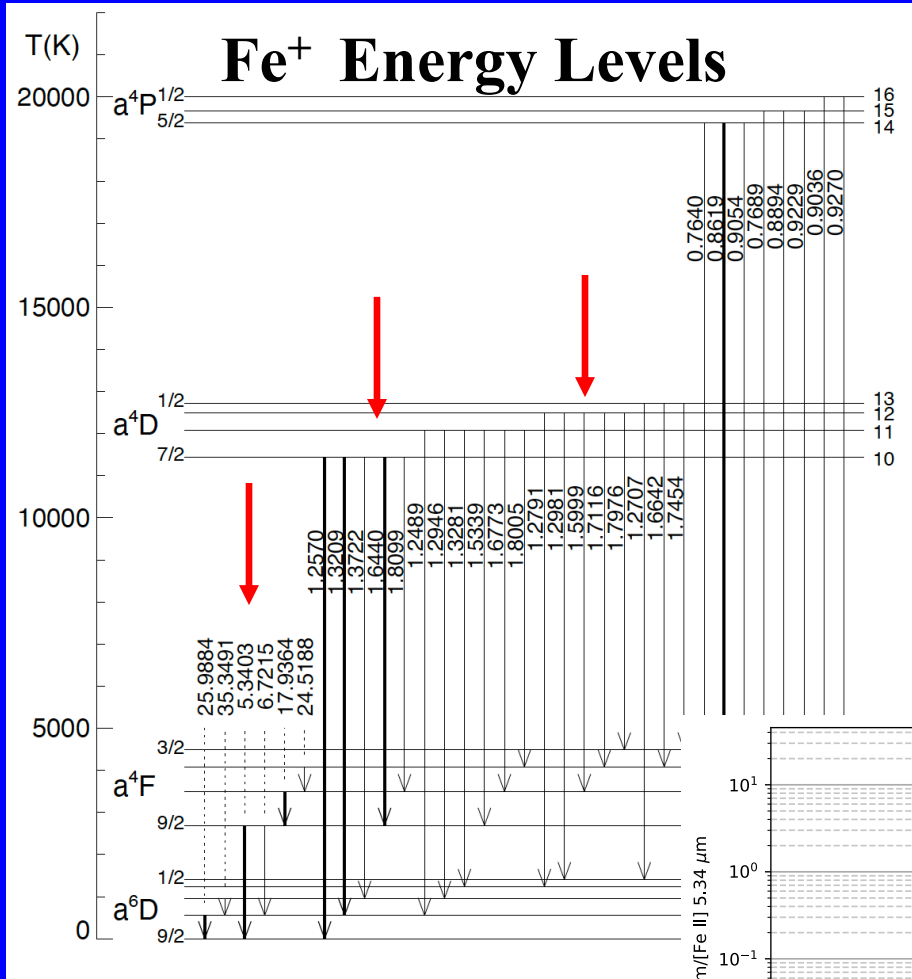


Trondheim, Norway



HII Region Diagnostics

[FeII], [ArIII], [ArV]



[FeII] 1.64/[FeII] 5.34 → T_e
 [FeII] 1.60/[FeII] 1.64 → n_e

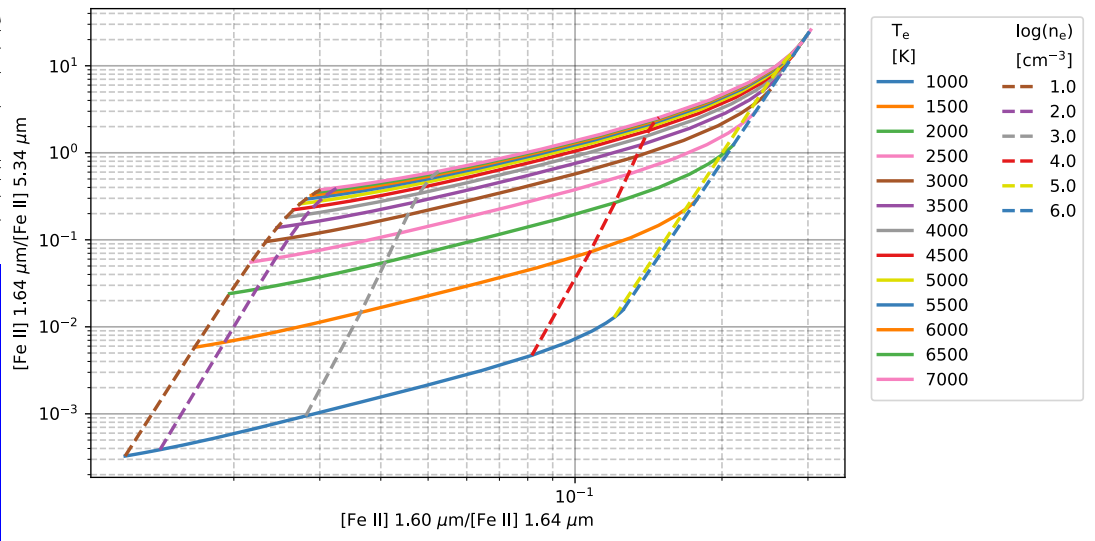
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Volume emissivities from (modified) CHIANTI

Note: A values and collision strengths are uncertain and will be updated following more observations.

Phase Space Plot



Effects of Geometry

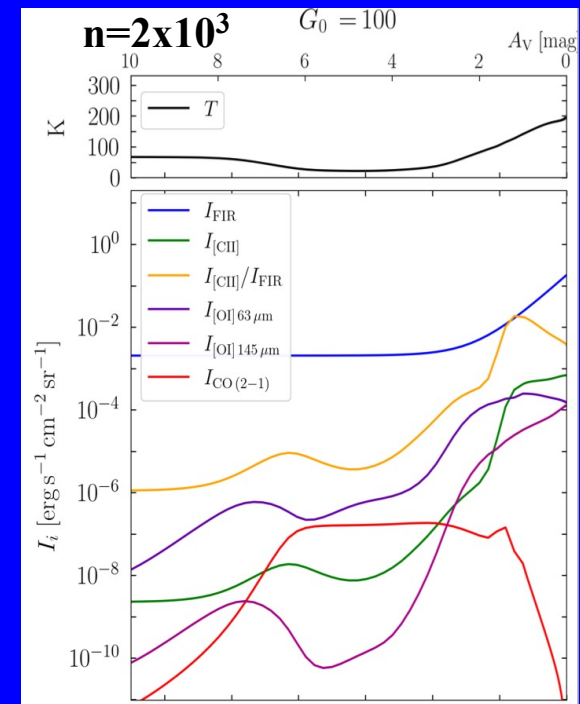
Not all sources are face-on!

For edge-on sources:

Optically thin lines increase by geometrical factor
e.g., H_2 , $[\text{OI}] 145$

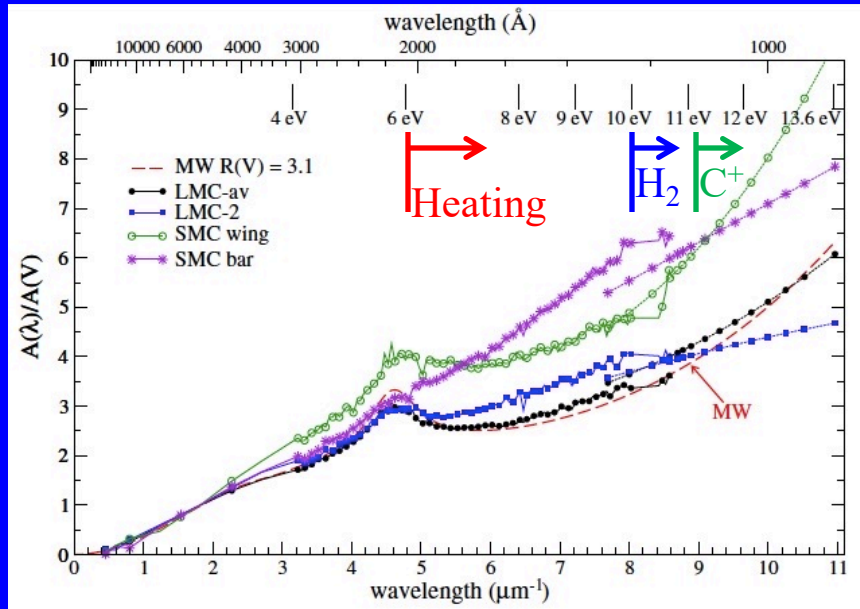
Optically thick or marginally thick increase by
a factor of a few e.g., $[\text{OI}] 63\mu\text{m}$, $[\text{CII}]$

Intensities vary across the source



Effects of Metallicity/Grain Properties

Extinction Curves



A_v conversion to $N(H)$

$$\text{MW} : A_v = \frac{N(H)}{1.9 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}}$$

$$\text{LMC2} : A_v = \frac{N(H)}{7.0 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}}$$

$$\text{SMC-bar} : A_v = \frac{N(H)}{1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-2}}$$

Gas Phase Abundances

LMC ~ 1/2 Milky Way

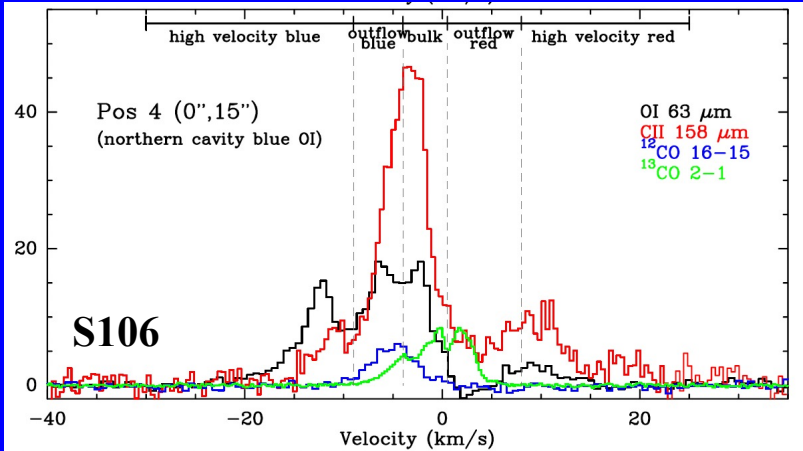
SMC ~ 1/5 Milky Way

Incident Radiation Field Hardness

Hot Star – more UV

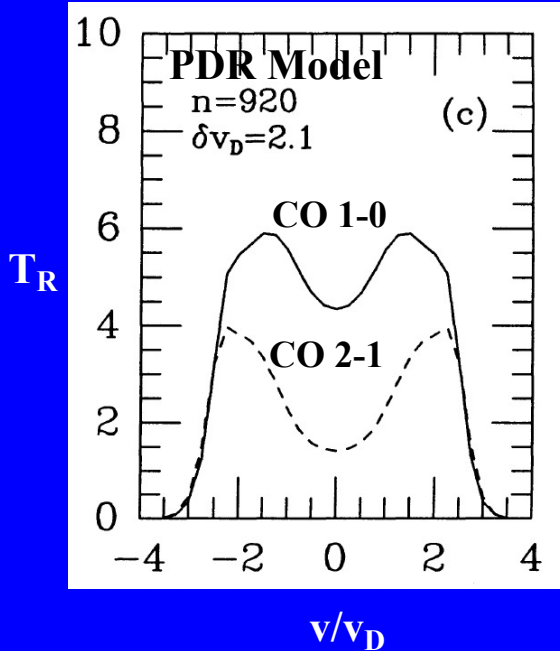
Cool Star – less UV

Self Absorption



Schneider et al. 2018

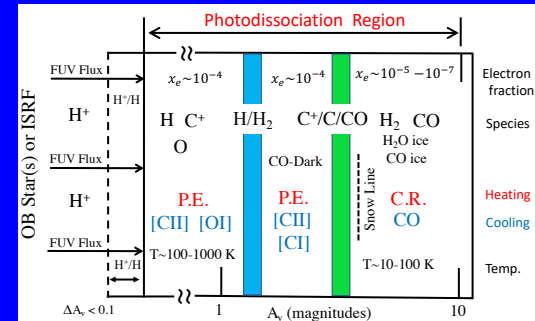
Wolfire et al. 1993



[OI] 63 μm self-absorption

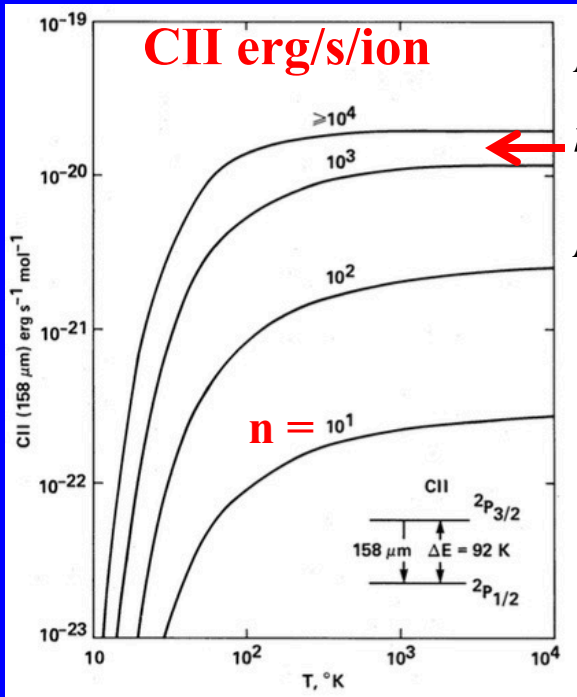
PDR Models account for optically thick lines (self-absorbed or not)!

[OI] 145 μm /[OI] 63 μm > 0.1 not a single face-on PDR. Could be FOREGROUND absorption.



Typically an increase in [OI] 63 μm of 2-4 is required.
Schneider et al. 2018, Goldsmith 2021

Tielens & Hollenbach 1985



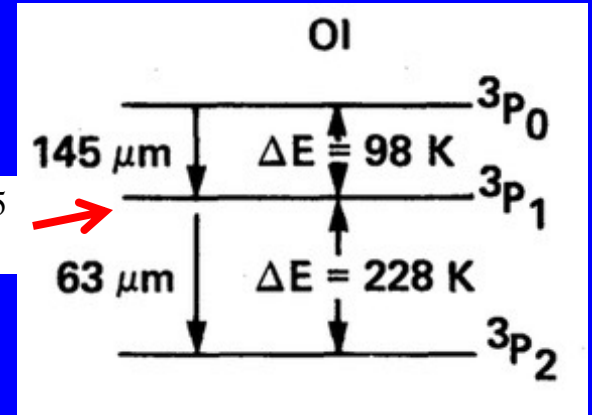
$\Lambda \propto n \text{ (erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}\text{)}$

$n_{cr} = A_{ul} / \gamma_{ul}$

$\Lambda \propto n^2 \text{ (erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}\text{)}$

$n_{cr} \approx 5 \times 10^5$

Tielens & Hollenbach 1985



See also Goldsmith et al. 2012



$n_{cr} \approx 3000$

