

Cloudy summer school, 2012
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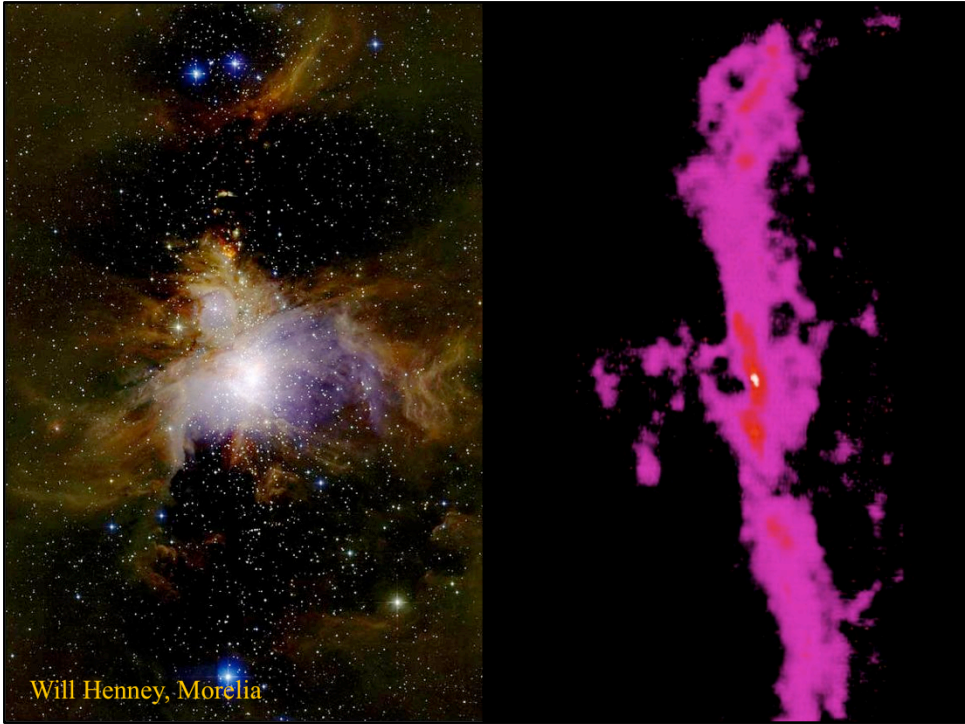


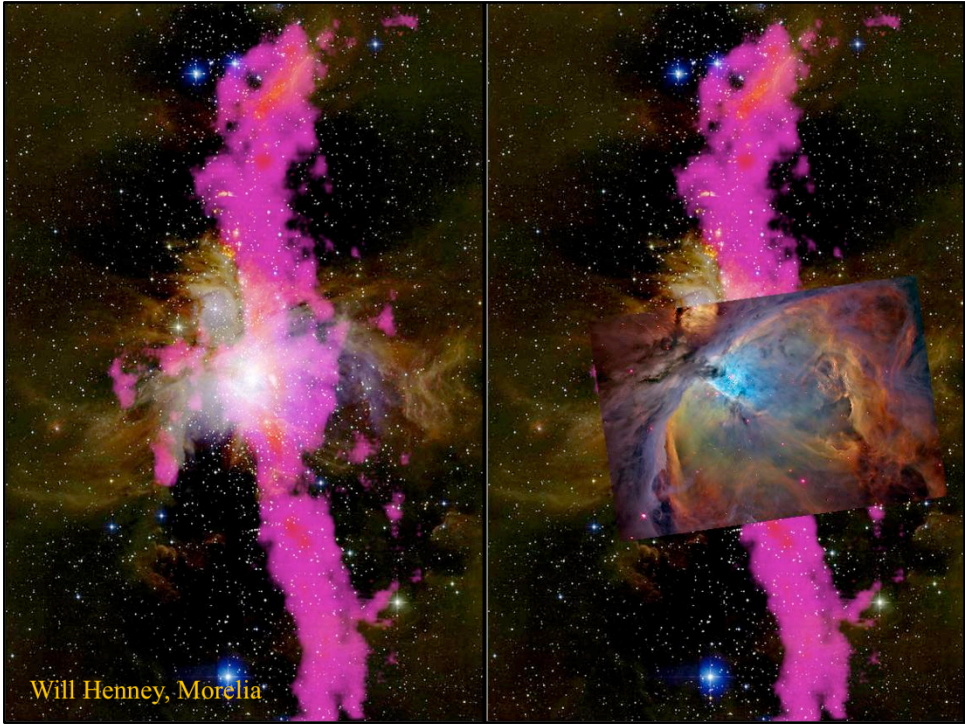


Active star formation – bernard's loop – windblown bubble, stars forming within last 10^6 yrs old
Not in plane of milky way
Outline molecular clouds, total mass, actual associations about 500 pc away

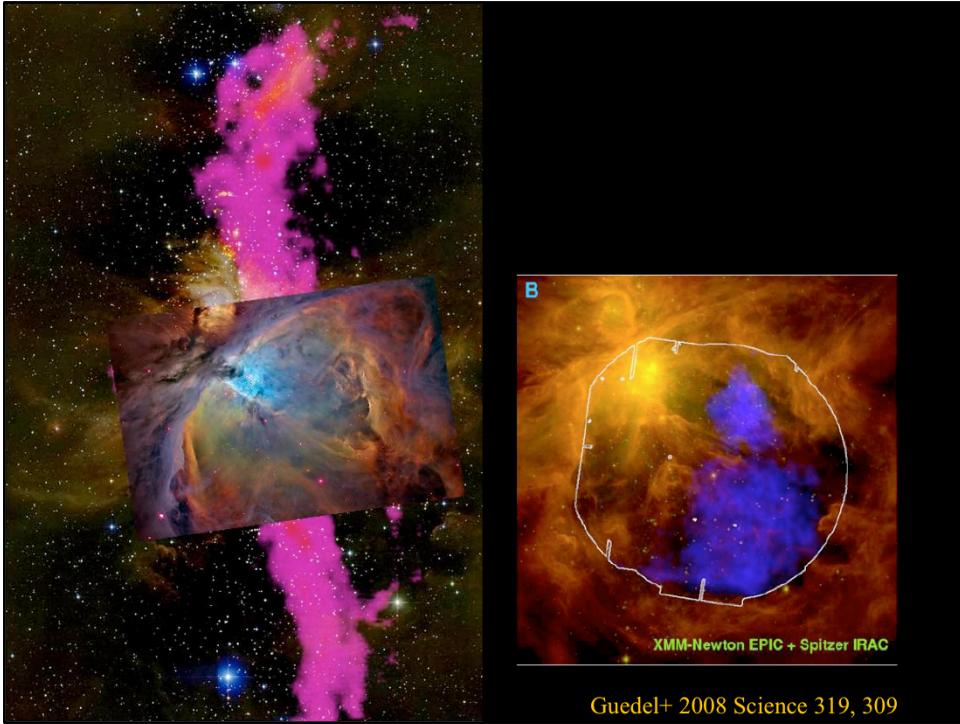


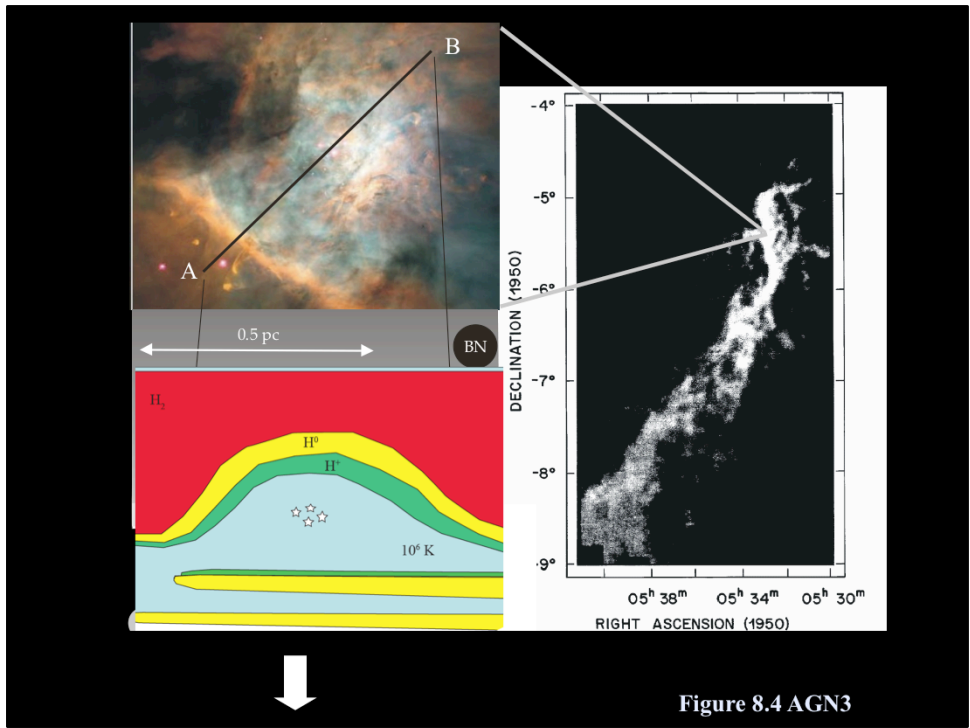
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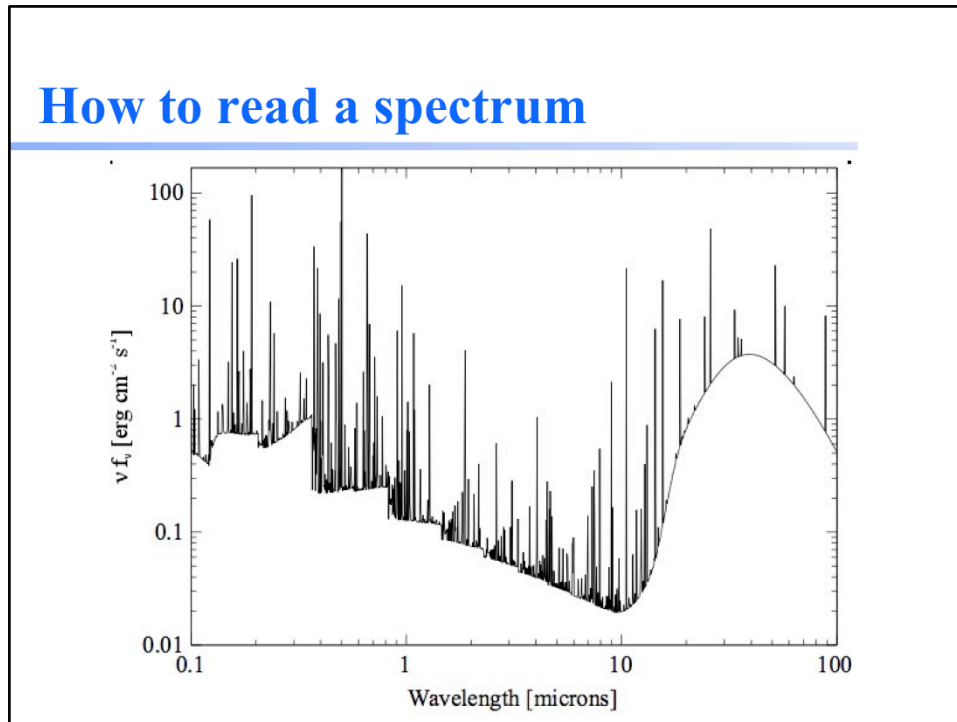
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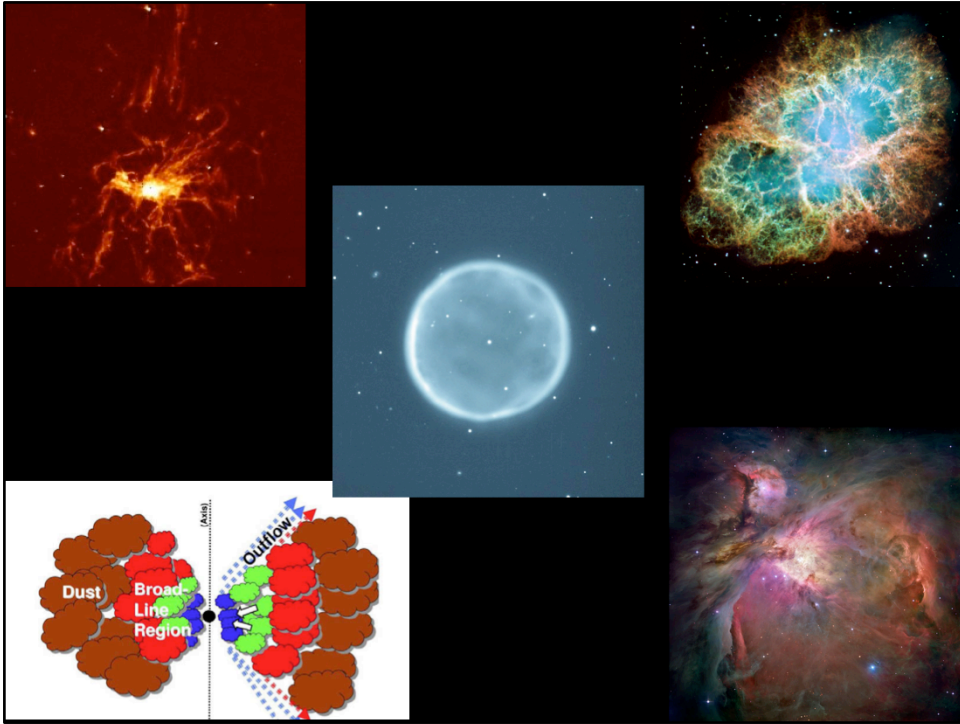


Geometry, extinction is in the veil – here emphasize the veil

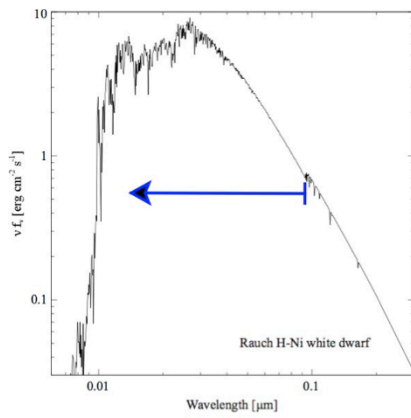
How to read a spectrum



Contains dust
Most gas is hydrogen
Temperature is around 1e4 K

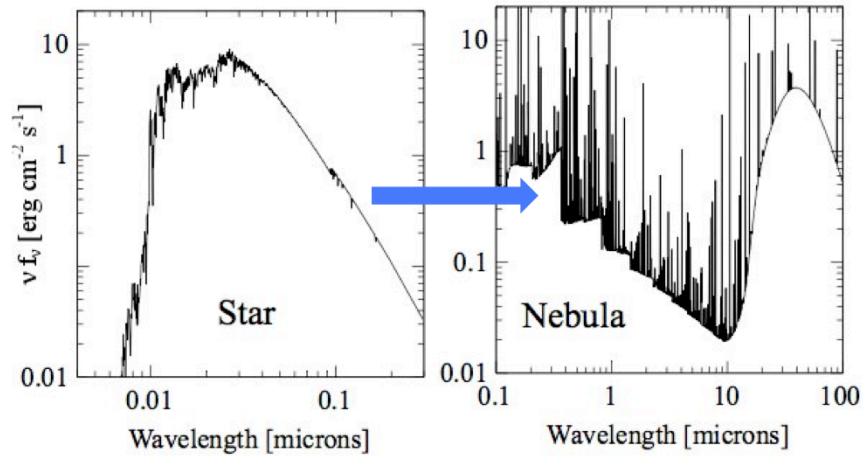


The primary mechanism



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Energy is conserved



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Some jargon – AGN3, Appendix 1

- ◆ **Mean intensity J (AGN3 eq A1.5)**
 - Mostly deal with $4\pi J$, [$\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2}$]
- ◆ **Emissivity j (AGN3 Sec A1.7)**
 - Emission per unit volume, [$\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-3}$]
- ◆ **Luminosity L**
 - $L = 4\pi j \times \text{Volume}$ (if optically thin) [erg s^{-1}]
- ◆ **Opacity κ**
 - Absorption per unit length [cm^{-1}]
- ◆ **Optical depth τ**
 - $\kappa \times \text{Length}$, with attenuation $\exp(-\tau)$

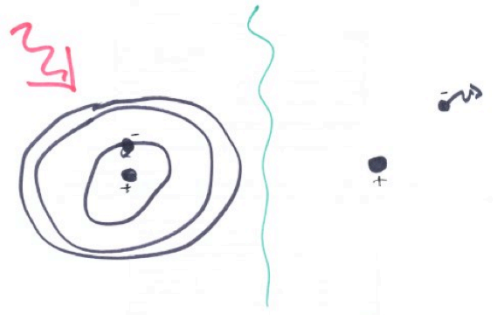
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More jargon – H I vs H⁰

- ◆ H⁰ is atomic hydrogen, a proton and an electron, H⁺ is its ion, H₂ its molecule
- ◆ H I is the spectrum emitted by H⁰. H I is a collection of photons
- ◆ It is not correct to speak of the H I column density, although an H I absorption line does measure the H⁰ column density
- ◆ In an ionized gas recombining H⁺ also makes H I lines, so an H I emission line indicates the H⁺ column density
- ◆ There is no such thing as H II

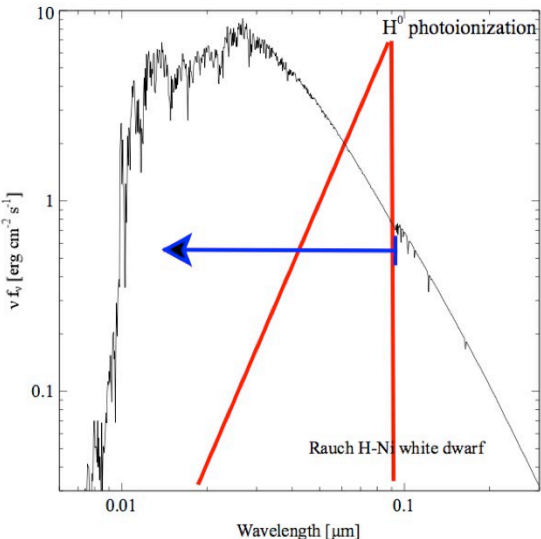
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Photoionization AGN3 2.2

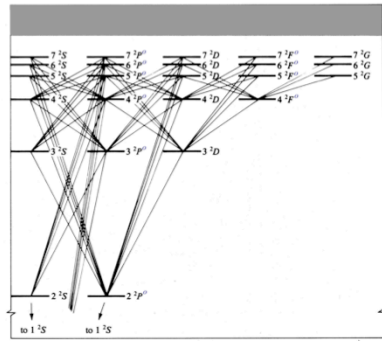
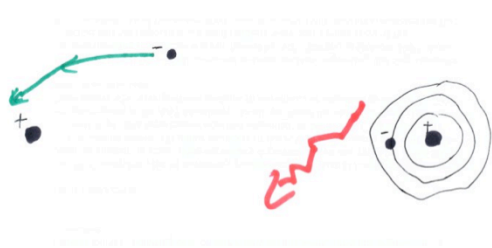


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Photoionization



Recombination



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Photoionization balance

◆ AGN3 eq 2.1

recombination = ionization

$$n_e n_p \alpha_B(T) = n(H^0) \int_{\nu_0}^{\infty} \frac{4\pi J_\nu}{h\nu} a_\nu d\nu = n(H^0) \varphi(H) \bar{a} [\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}],$$

Number of ionizing photons

◆ Total emitted into 4π

5.14 `Q(H) = 56.789 [range...]`

This is the log of the total number of ionizing photons emitted by the central object [s^{-1}]

$$Q(H) = 4\pi R_{\text{var}}^2 \int_{\nu_1}^{\nu_2} \frac{\pi F_{\nu}}{h\nu} d\nu. \quad (5.7)$$

The default energy range is 1 Ryd to 7.354×10^6 Ryd and the `range` option can be used to change the energy bounds ν_1 and ν_2 . The photon flux (the number of photons per unit area of cloud surface) can be specified with the `phi(H)` command³.

◆ Photons per sq cm

5.13 `phi(H) = 12.867 [range...]`

This command specifies the log of $\Phi(H)$, the surface flux of hydrogen-ionizing photons [$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$] striking the illuminated face of the cloud. It is defined as

$$\Phi(H) \equiv \frac{Q(H)}{4\pi r_0^2} \equiv \frac{R_{\text{var}}^2}{r_0^2} \int_{\nu_1}^{\nu_2} \frac{\pi F_{\nu}}{h\nu} d\nu [\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}] \quad (5.6)$$

and is proportional to the optical depth in excited lines, such as the Balmer lines (Ferland et al., 1979; AGN3). The `range` option can be used to change the default energy range, given by the values of ν_1 and ν_2 .

Photoionization balance

- ◆ **Photoionization rate set by radiation field, not related to temperature**
- ◆ **Recombination depends on temperature, $\alpha \sim T^{-1}$**
 - Tables in Ch 2, Appendix 5; discussed in Appendix 4

Photoionization balance

◆ AGN3 eq 2.1

$$\varphi(H) n(H^0) \langle \sigma \rangle = \Lambda_p \Lambda_p \alpha$$

$$\frac{\Lambda_p}{n(H^0)} = \frac{\varphi(H)}{n_e} \frac{\langle \sigma \rangle}{\alpha}$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle \sim 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$\langle \sigma \rangle \sim 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Ionization parameter

◆ AGN eq 14.7

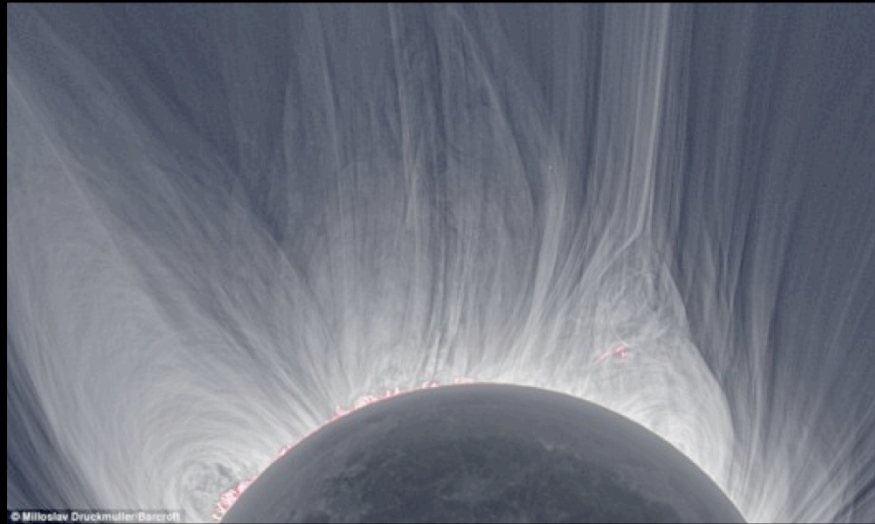
5.8 ionization parameter = -1.984

The ionization parameter is the dimensionless ratio of hydrogen-ionizing photon to total-hydrogen densities. It is defined as

$$U \equiv \frac{Q(\text{H})}{4\pi r_o^2 n(\text{H}) c} \equiv \frac{\Phi(\text{H})}{n(\text{H}) c} \quad (5.4)$$

(AGN3, equation 14.7, page 357). Here r_o is the separation [cm] between the center of the source of ionizing radiation and the illuminated face of the cloud, $n(\text{H})$ [cm^{-3}] is the total¹ hydrogen density (ionized, neutral, and molecular), c is the speed of light, $Q(\text{H})$ [s^{-1}] is the number of hydrogen-ionizing photons emitted by the central object, and $\Phi(\text{H})$ [$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$] is the surface flux of ionizing photons. The number is interpreted as the log of U unless the keyword **linear** appears. The ionization parameter is a useful quantity in plane-parallel, low-density, constant-density, models, because of homology relations between models with different photon and gas densities but the same ionization parameter (see Davidson, 1977).

Coronal equilibrium



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Coronal (Collisional) ionization

- ◆ q_{ion} – collisional ionization rate coefficient
- ◆ Rate set by gas temperature & ionization potential of a species
 - Radiation field does not matter
- ◆ AGN3 eq 12.6, 12.7

$$n(H^+) n_e q_{ion} = n_p n_e \alpha$$

$$q_{ion} \sim K \exp(-T_{ion}/T_{gas})$$

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