

## Cloudy

- ◆ **Accurate simulation of physical processes at the atomic & molecular level**
  - “universal fitting formulae” to atomic processes fail when used outside realm of validity, and are not used
- ◆ **Assumptions:**
  - energy is conserved
  - (usually) atomic processes have reached steady state
- ◆ **Limits:**
  - Kinetic temperature  $2.7 \text{ K} < T < 10^{10} \text{ K}$
  - No limits to density (low density limit, LTE, STE)
  - Radiation field 30 m to 100 MeV

## Simultaneous solution of

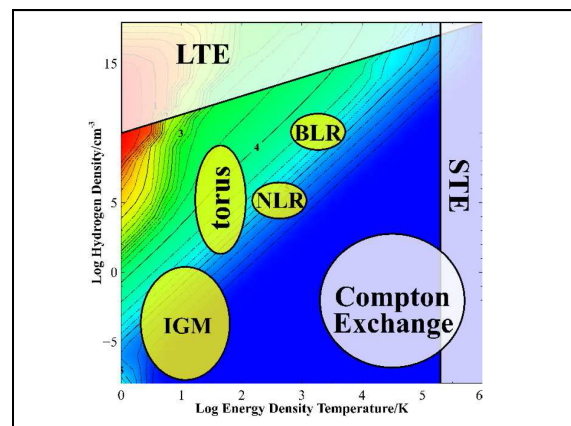
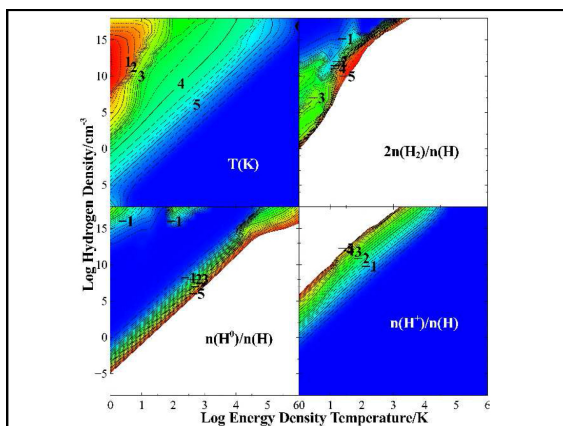
- ◆ **Gas ionization**
  - From ionization balance equations
- ◆ **Chemistry**
  - Large network based on UMIST
- ◆ **Gas kinetic temperature**
  - Heating and cooling
- ◆ **Grain physics**
  - Charging, CX, photoejection, quantum heating
- ◆ **The observed spectrum**
  - Radiative transport

## Cloudy and its physics

- ◆ Osterbrock & Ferland 2006, *Astrophysics of Gaseous Nebulae and Active Galactic Nuclei*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (AGN3)
- ◆ Ferland+2013, Rev Mex 49, 137, *The 2013 Release of Cloudy*
- ◆ Ferland 2003, ARA&A, 41, 517, *Quantitative Spectroscopy of Photoionized Clouds*

## Some applications to astronomy

- ◆ Hamann & Ferland, ARA&A, 37, 487, *Elemental Abundances in Quasistellar Objects: Star Formation and Galactic Nuclear Evolution at High Redshifts*
- ◆ Ferland 2001, PASP, 113, 41, *Physical Conditions in the Orion H II Region*
- ◆ And the ~200 papers that cite its documentation each year

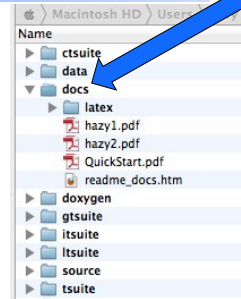


## Open source since 1978

- ◆ All versions, all data, on svn at nublado.org
- ◆ You are most welcome to help!

## Documentation

- ◆ Quick start guide
- ◆ Hazy 1, all commands
- ◆ Hazy 2, description of output, comparison with observations
- ◆ Hazy 3, not compiled, badly out of date, some physics is described there



Quick Start Guide to CLOUDY C13.1

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Each version of the code has a set of pages giving updates. The [HotFixes](#) page lists corrections that need to be made to the do source. These are bug fixes that were not included in the version of the code available for download and used to generate the test suite. So the hot fixes should be applied after the test suite has been run and your system validated. A [KnownProblem](#) known problems with that version of the code. The [RevisionHistory](#) page lists improvements.

Cite the code by giving the version number and a reference to the last major review of Cloudy, Ferland et al. (1998); PASP, 11C available [here](#). An example would be "We used version 05.07b of Cloudy, last described by Ferland et al. (1998)". Then, yes when someone wants to know how an answer was obtained, the version used to obtain it can be retrieved from the old version web site. The [print citation](#) command will print the correct citation for the version you are using.

**Setting up this version**

1. [Download](#) the code, data, and documentation. This creates several directories, Each contains a [readme.htm](#) file describing that directory.
2. [EditPath](#) - instructions for how to specify where the data files are located. **Important!** The code will not run if it cannot find it.
3. [CompileCode](#) - how to compile the code using a variety of compilers.
4. [RunCode](#) - This explains how to execute the code and run a smoke test.
5. [MpiParallel](#) describes how to use the optimize and grid commands on a parallel cluster, using either MPI or a makefile.
6. [CompileStars](#) - You must compile some stellar data files if you want to use the some of the table star command to include [rc continua](#).
7. [TestSuite](#) is a large number of test cases that you should run to confirm that all is well. This is a critical step since it will check your compiler. That directory also contains a group of programs that show how to call the code as a subroutine.

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**Where to go for help**

- ◆ [https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/cloudy\\_simulations/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/cloudy_simulations/info)

Topics (List as Individual Messages)	Messages	Latest Post
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<a href="#">compile grain failed.</a> I was trying to compile a new grain with optical constant data, but the extrapolation failed with a message 'something went wrong' in the .out file. What I...	1	May 30, 2012 12:28 pm of8115
<a href="#">Molecular Hydrogen Reaction Rates</a> Hello, I have been using Cloudy to look at the molecular hydrogen fraction of the ISM at various densities, temperatures etc., however I have run into some...	3	May 30, 2012 11:00 am Gary J. Ferland gary_ferland
<a href="#">PROBLEM DISASTER PROBLEM DISASTER</a> This is in the middle of some experiments, but since the log file has the request to report the problem -- the input file and the log file are here: ...	1	May 19, 2012 12:59 pm notsochank
<a href="#">Understanding Compton effects</a> Hi, I'm currently working to extend the capabilities of Knox Long's Python radiative transfer code into the X-ray regime. As part of this I'm putting Compton...	3	May 9, 2012 2:41 pm Nicholas Higginbottom nick_soton
<a href="#">Re: beednner</a>	1	May 8, 2012

**Definitions**

- ◆ **Ionization fractions**
  - Fraction of an element in that ionization state
- ◆ **Kirchoff's laws of spectroscopy**
  - Hot transparent gas makes emission lines
  - Cool gas in front of continuum source make absorption lines
  - Warm optically thick makes continuum, perhaps blackbody
- ◆ **Luminosity**
  - Energy emitted per second

**Definitions**

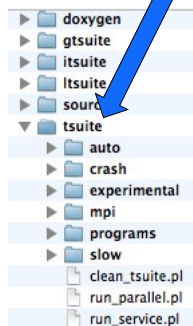
- ◆ **Emissivity  $4\pi j$** 
  - Emission per unit volume, per second
- ◆ **Optical depth  $\tau$** 
  - Number of mean free paths through a medium
- ◆ **Opacity  $\kappa$** 
  - $T = \kappa \rho$
- ◆ **Planck function  $B = j/\kappa$**
- ◆ **Rob Rutten's course notes describes this and more**
  - [http://www.staff.science.uu.nl/~rutte101/Radiative\\_Transfer.html](http://www.staff.science.uu.nl/~rutte101/Radiative_Transfer.html)

**Running cloudy**

- ◆ "run" file contains  
`path-to-cloudy.exe -r $`
- ◆ If file "model.in" contains input, then
- ◆ run `model &`
- ◆ Produces output "model.out"

### The test suite

- ◆ Fully tests the code after any changes
  - “Monitors” allow automatic comparison of current with previous results
- ◆ Provides examples of how to use Cloudy
  - But may include extraneous commands for testing
  - Or backwards compatible
- ◆ Useful examples of how to set up a simulation



### The “main output”

- ◆ The \*.out file created when code is executed
  - QSG 7.1 & Hazy 2 Chapter 1
- ◆ Gas & grain composition
- ◆ Physical conditions in first and last zone
- ◆ Emission-line spectrum
- ◆ Mean quantities
  
- ◆ Cloudy is designed to be autonomous and self aware
- ◆ Will generate notes, cautions, or warnings, if conditions are not appropriate.

### “Save” output

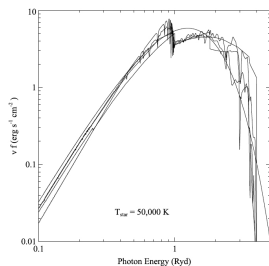
- ◆ Requested with various “save” commands
  - Hazy 1 Section 16.35 and later
- ◆ The main way the code reports its results

### Minimum to run Cloudy

- ◆ Must specify
  - SED – shape of the radiation field
  - Flux of photons per unit area
  - Gas density
- ◆ May specify
  - Gas composition, grains (grain-free solar by default)
  - Gas equation of state (often constant density)
  - Stopping criterion, often physical thickness

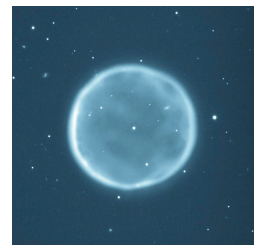
### Parameters – the SED shape

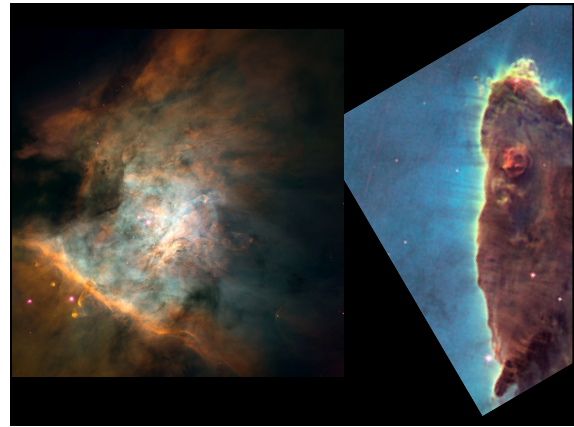
- ◆ Quick start guide Chapter 5
- ◆ Hazy 1, Chapters 4, 6
- ◆ Can be specified as a fundamental shape such as a blackbody
- ◆ Generally entered as table of points



### SED brightness – the luminosity case

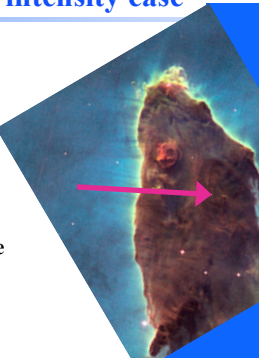
- ◆ Specify Q (H) – photon luminosity
  - Inner radius of cloud must be specified, since  $\varphi(H) = Q(H) / 4\pi r^2$
  - predicts emission line luminosities  $\text{erg s}^{-1}$





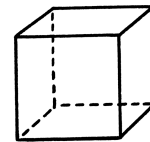
### SED brightness – the intensity case

- ◆ Specify  $\phi(H)$  – flux of photons per unit area
  - The “intensity case”
  - predicts surface brightness, emission per unit area  $\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
  - Inner radius of cloud does not need to be specified
- ◆ Ionization parameter can be used to set  $\phi(H)$

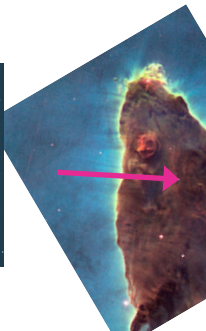


### A “unit cell”

- ◆ We will model a cubic cm of matter in many of the atomic calculations
- ◆ A “unit cell”,  $1 \text{ cm}^3$
- ◆ Intensity case plus commands
  - Stop zone 1
  - Set dr 0



### The three geometries



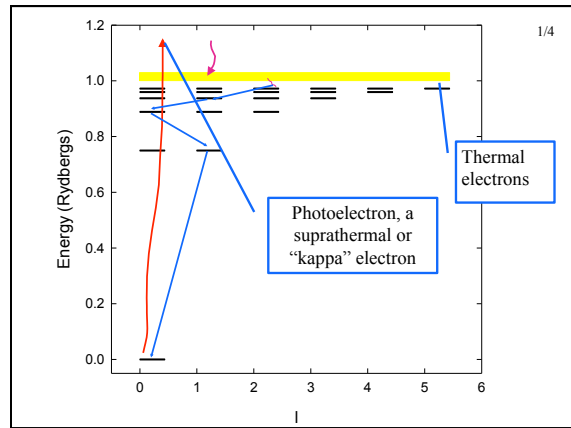
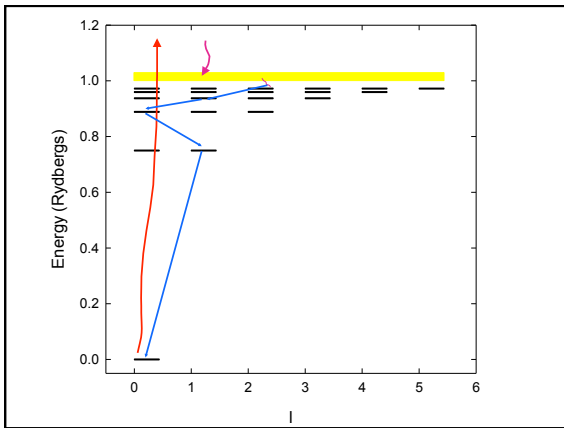
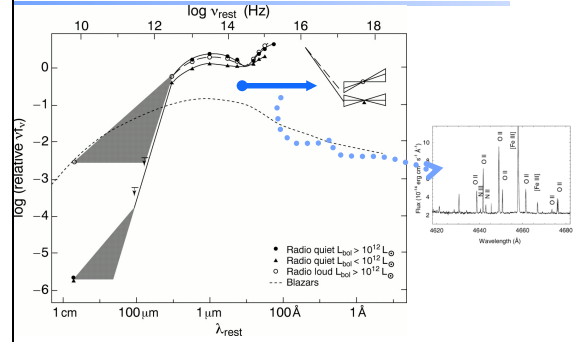
### Cloud density, Hazy 1 Chap 8

- ◆ “hden” command set H density  $\text{cm}^{-3}$
- ◆ Constant density by default
  - the H density is the same across the cloud
- ◆ Other equations of state possible
  - Constant pressure, flows, power-laws

### Composition, Hazy 1 Chap 7

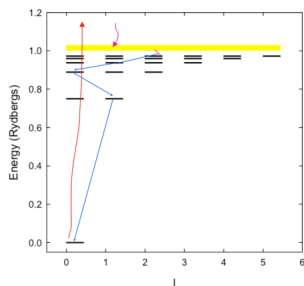
- ◆ Solar, no grains, by default
- ◆ Other standard mixtures possible,
- ◆ Stored in data / abundances

### The “primary mechanism” Continuum → emission lines



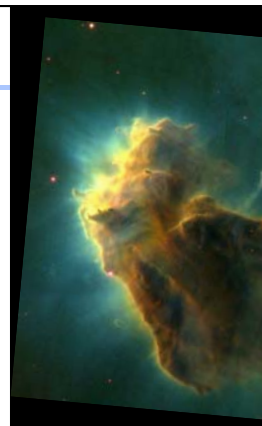
### Life history of an Orion electron

- ◆  $H^0$  ground state  
– 1 day
- ◆ Suprathermal  
– 1 second
- ◆ Thermal  
– 1 yr
- ◆  $H^0$  excited states  
–  $10^{-7}$  s
- ◆  $H^0$  ground state



### Let’s model a ...

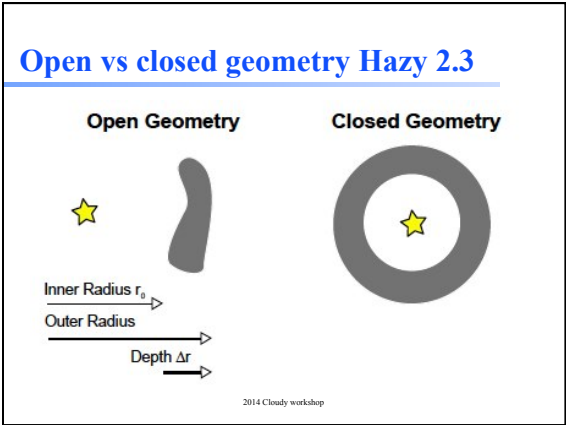
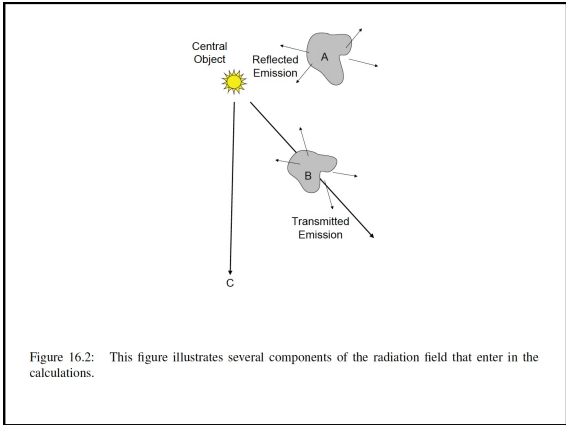
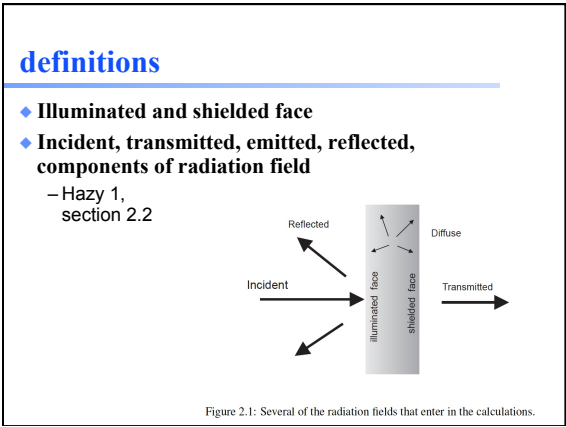
- ◆ Relatively dense,  
 $n_H = 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- ◆ ISM cloud
- ◆ One parsec away from an
- ◆ O6 star



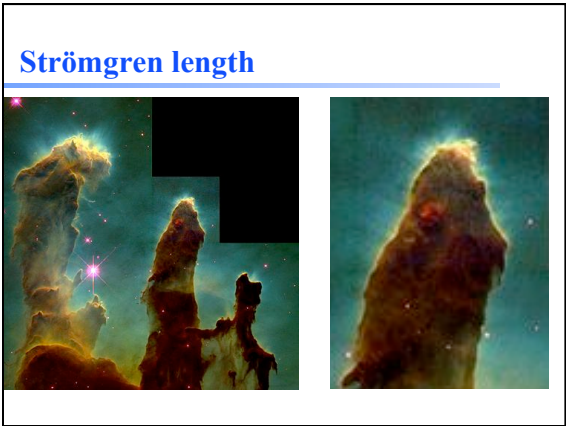
**Table 2.3**  
Calculated Strömgren radii as function of spectral types spheres **AGN3**

Spectral type	$T_*$ (K)	$M_V$	$\log Q(\text{H}^0)$ (photons/s)	$\log n_e n_p r_1^3$ $n$ in $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , $r_1$ in pc	$\log n_e n_p r_1^3$ $n$ in $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , $r_1$ in pc	$r_1$ (pc) $n_e = n_p$ $= 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
O3 V	51,200	-5.78	49.87	49.18	6.26	122
O4 V	48,700	-5.55	49.70	48.99	6.09	107
O4.5 V	47,400	-5.44	49.61	48.90	6.00	100
O5 V	46,100	-5.33	49.53	48.81	5.92	94
O5.5 V	44,800	-5.22	49.43	48.72	5.82	87
O6 V	43,600	-5.11	49.34	48.61	5.73	81
O6.5 V	42,300	-4.99	49.23	48.49	5.62	75
O7 V	41,000	-4.88	49.12	48.34	5.51	69
O7.5 V	39,700	-4.77	49.00	48.16	5.39	63
O8 V	38,400	-4.66	48.87	47.92	5.26	57
O8.5 V	37,200	-4.55	48.72	47.63	5.11	51
O9 V	35,900	-4.43	48.56	47.25	4.95	45
O9.5 V	34,600	-4.32	48.38	46.77	4.77	39
B0 V	33,300	-4.21	48.16	46.23	4.55	33
B0.5 V	32,000	-4.10	47.90	45.69	4.29	27
O3 III	50,960	-6.09	49.99	49.30	6.38	134
B0.5 III	30,200	-5.31	48.27	45.86	4.66	36
O3 Ia	50,700	-6.4	50.11	49.41	6.50	147
O9.5 Ia	31,200	-6.5	49.17	47.17	5.56	71

Note:  $T = 7,500 \text{ K}$  assumed for calculating  $\alpha_p$ .



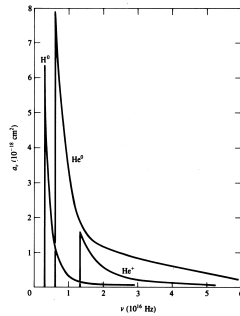
- ### Plot components of radiation field
- ◆ **Incident stellar continuum**
  - ◆ **Total continuum produced**
  - ◆ **Reflected continuum**





### Photoionization

- ◆ Highest cross section at lowest photon energies
- ◆ AGN3 Fig 2.2



### Make plot of total opacity for zone 1 of H II region

- ◆ Nb – make this plot so that it can be directly compared with hardening of radiation field example on next day
- ◆ Do in ryd and list important edges

### Recombination AGN3 Chap 2

- ◆ Electron and ion recombine, emitting energy
- ◆ Radiative recombination for H and He
- ◆ Dielectronic recombination for heavy elements

Table 2.7  
Recombination coefficients (in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for H-like ions

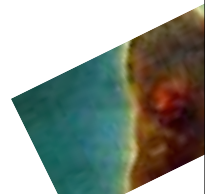
	T				
	1,250 K	2,500 K	5,000 K	10,000 K	20,000 K
$\alpha_A = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \alpha_n$	$1.74 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.82 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.18 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-13}$
$\alpha_B = \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \alpha_n$	$1.28 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.72 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.54 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.59 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.43 \times 10^{-13}$
$\alpha_C = \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} \alpha_n$	$1.03 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.99 \times 10^{-13}$	$3.37 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.50 \times 10^{-14}$
$\alpha_D = \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \alpha_n$	$8.65 \times 10^{-13}$	$4.86 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.64 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.83 \times 10^{-14}$

### Strömrgren length

- ◆ Number of ionizing photons entering layer is balance by number of recombinations along it

$$\Phi(H) = n_e n_p \alpha L$$

$$L \propto \frac{\Phi(H)}{n_e n_p \alpha}$$



### Matter vs radiation bounded



### Beyond the H+ layer

- ◆ Little  $\text{H}^+$  ionizing radiation gets past the  $\text{H}^+$  layer
- ◆ Deeper regions are atomic or molecular
- ◆ Also cold and produce little visible light
- ◆ Large extinction due to dust



### Why did the simulation stop?

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- ◆ **Make plot of  $H^+$  fraction vs depth**
- ◆ **Various stopping reasons given in Hazy 2, Sec 7.6**
- ◆ **Default is to stop when gas temperature falls below 4000 K, probably a region near the  $H^+$  -  $H^0$  ionization front.**
  - But is this what you want?