

Luminosity, relative intensity

- ◆ Species ID and line wavelength
- ◆ Intensity ($\text{erg cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) or luminosity (erg s^{-1}) of line
 - depending on case

- ◆ Intensity relative to normalization line, default H β

– 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
6	4	10.5076	-4.004	5.0157

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 in LTE, photon emission proportional to $n_u A_{ul}$

Emissivity of two-level atom

$$4\pi j = n_u A_{ul} h\nu \quad [\text{erg cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}]$$

$$n_l q_{lu} n_e = n_u (A_{ul} + q_{ul} n_e)$$

$$\frac{n_u}{n_l} = \frac{q_{lu} n_e}{A_{ul} + q_{ul} n_e}$$

$$n_l + n_u = n_{total}$$

u _____

l _____

Critical density n_{crit}

◆ $A_{ul} = q_{ul}n_{crit}$, so $n_{crit} = A_{ul}/q_{ul}$

◆ Low density limit, $n_e \ll n_{crit}$

◆ $4\pi j = n_e n_l q_{ul} h\nu \propto n^2$

◆ High density limit, $n_e \gg n_{crit}$

◆ $4\pi j = n_l \frac{q_{lu}}{q_{ul}} A_{ul} h\nu \propto n$

Table 3.15

Critical densities for collisional deexcitation

Ion	Level	n_e (cm ⁻³)	Ion	Level	n_e (cm ⁻³)
C II	$2P_{3/2}^o$	5.0×10^1	O III	$1D_2$	6.8×10^5
C III	$3P_2^o$	5.1×10^5	O III	$3P_2$	3.6×10^3
N II	$1D_2$	6.6×10^4	O III	$3P_1$	5.1×10^2
N II	$3P_2$	3.1×10^2	Ne II	$2P_{1/2}^o$	7.1×10^5
N II	$3P_1$	8.0×10^1	Ne III	$1D_2$	9.5×10^6
N III	$2P_{3/2}^o$	1.5×10^3	Ne III	$3P_0$	3.1×10^4
N IV	$3P_2^o$	1.1×10^6	Ne III	$3P_1$	2.1×10^5
O II	$2D_{3/2}^o$	1.5×10^4	Ne V	$1D_2$	1.3×10^7
O II	$2D_{5/2}^o$	3.4×10^3	Ne V	$3P_2$	3.5×10^4
S II	$2D_{3/2}^o$	5.4×10^4	Ne V	$3P_1$	6.2×10^3
S II	$2D_{5/2}^o$	1.6×10^4			

NOTE: All values are calculated for $T = 10,000$ K.

Luminosity of a line

◆ Below critical density

- emissivity (emission per unit volume) is proportional to the electron-ion collision rate

$$j \propto n_{ion}n_e \propto n^2,$$

- Luminosity proportional to emission measure, n^2V ; AG3 eqn 5.12

◆ Above critical density

- Atom is in LTE so emissivity is proportional to ion density n_{ion}
- Luminosity proportional to mass, $n_{ion}V$

Rutten text

- ◆ **Radiative Transfer in Stellar Atmospheres**
- ◆ **Rutten, R. J.**
- ◆ **<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2003rtsa.book.....R>**
- ◆

Vary density over extreme range

- ◆ **Plot emissivity vs density over wide range to see how emissivity changes**
- ◆ **Recombination line, [O III] forbidden lines**
- ◆ **varyn.in**

Recombination lines

- ◆ $\text{H}^+ + \text{e} \rightarrow \text{H}^{0*} \rightarrow \text{H}^0 + \text{photons}$
- ◆ Critical densities of H I, He I, and He II optical lines are very high, $n > 1 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, so they are usually in low density limit
- ◆ Emissivity goes as n^2 for $n < 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- ◆ 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]
- ◆ $\text{O}^{++} + e \rightarrow \text{O}^{++*} + e \rightarrow \text{O}^{++} + e + \text{photons}$
– $n_e n(\text{O}^{++}) q_{ul}$
- ◆ **Critical densities of many forbidden lines**
 $n \sim 1e3 - 1e5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$, so they can be in low density limit or high density limit
- ◆ **Emissivity goes as n^2 or n**

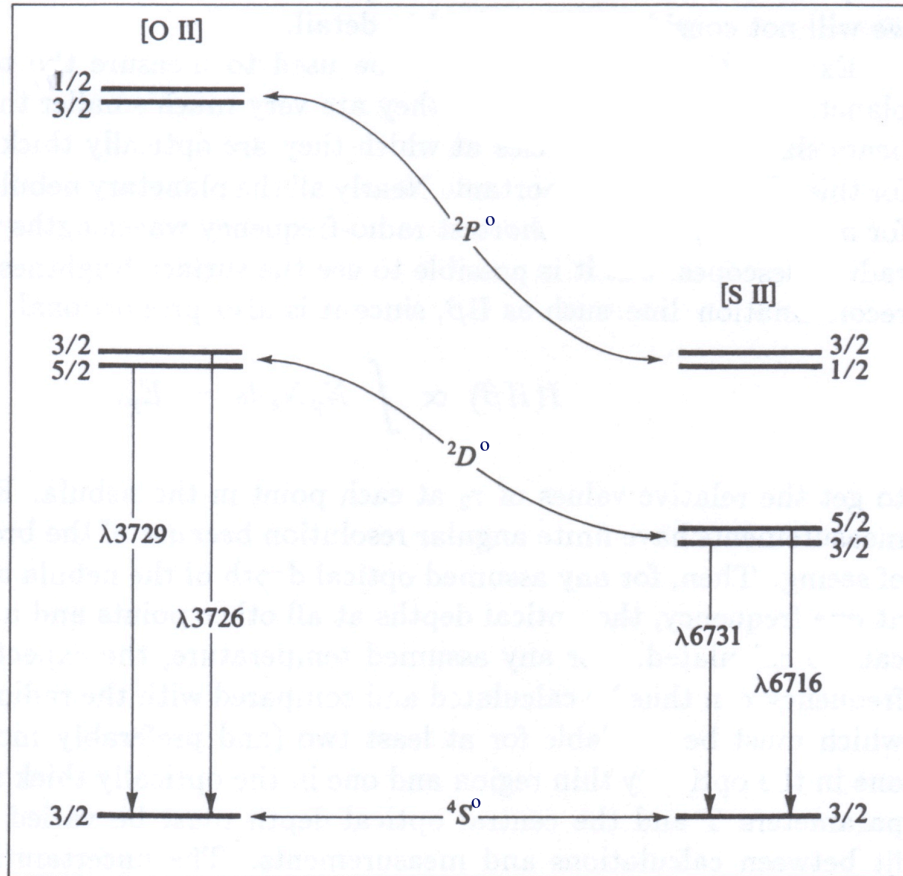
Compute spectrum of clouds with two very different densities

◆ **Hden = 4**

◆ **Hden = 14**

- How will emissivity (emission per unit volume) from these cloud compare?
- How can we “trick” the model into having roughly the same emission?

Density indicators



AGN3 Fig 5.7

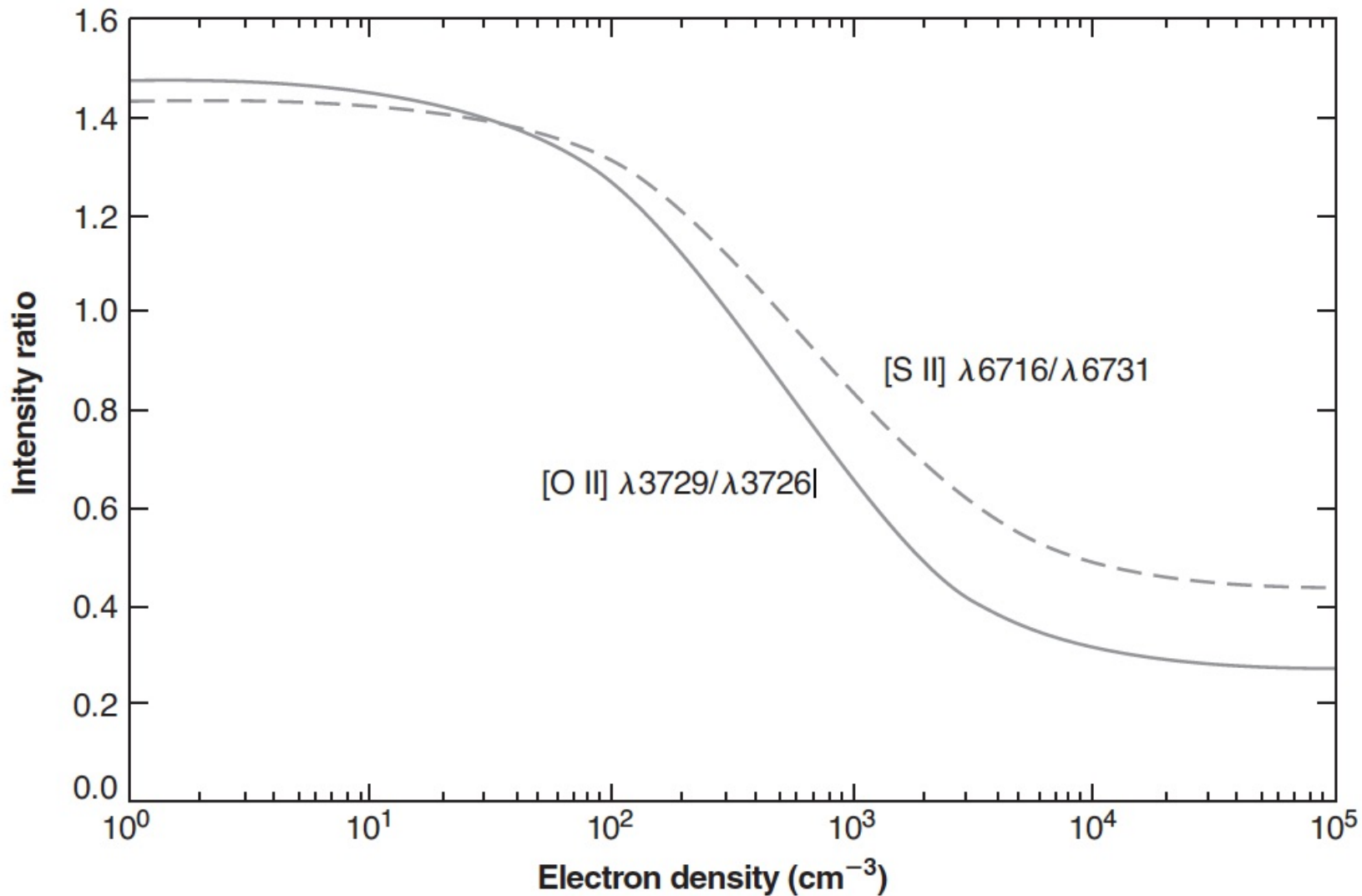


Figure 5.8

Calculated variation of [O II] (*solid line*) and [S II] (*dashed line*) intensity ratios as functions of n_e at $T = 10,000$ K. At other temperatures the plotted curves are very nearly correct if the horizontal scale is taken to be $n_e(10^4/T)^{1/2}$.