





Line ratio diagnostics for XRISM

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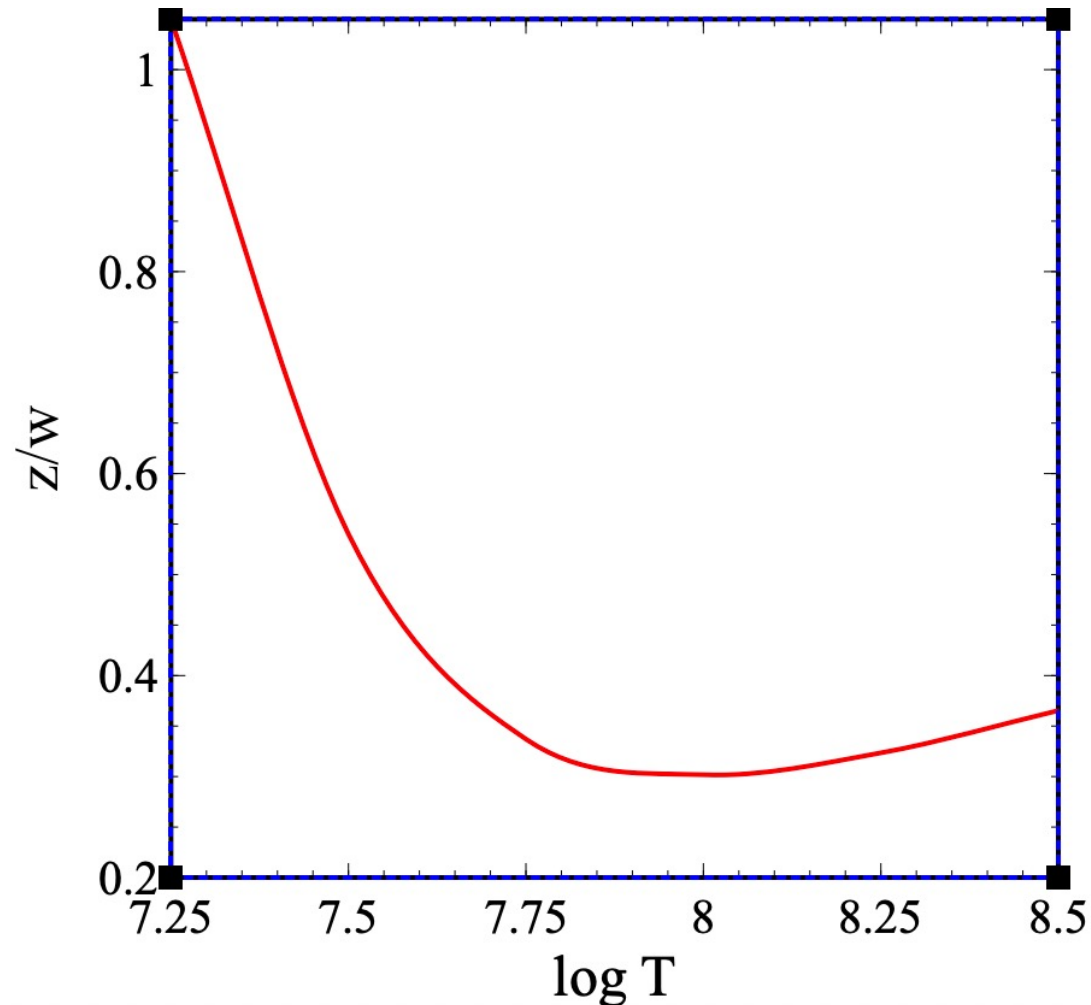
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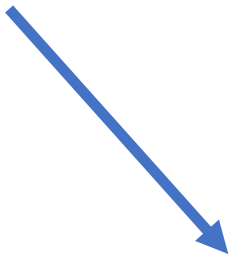
Why line ratio diagnostics

A technique used in astrophysics and spectroscopy to infer the physical conditions (such as temperature, density, and ionization state) of astronomical objects by analyzing the ratios of emission or absorption lines in their spectra.



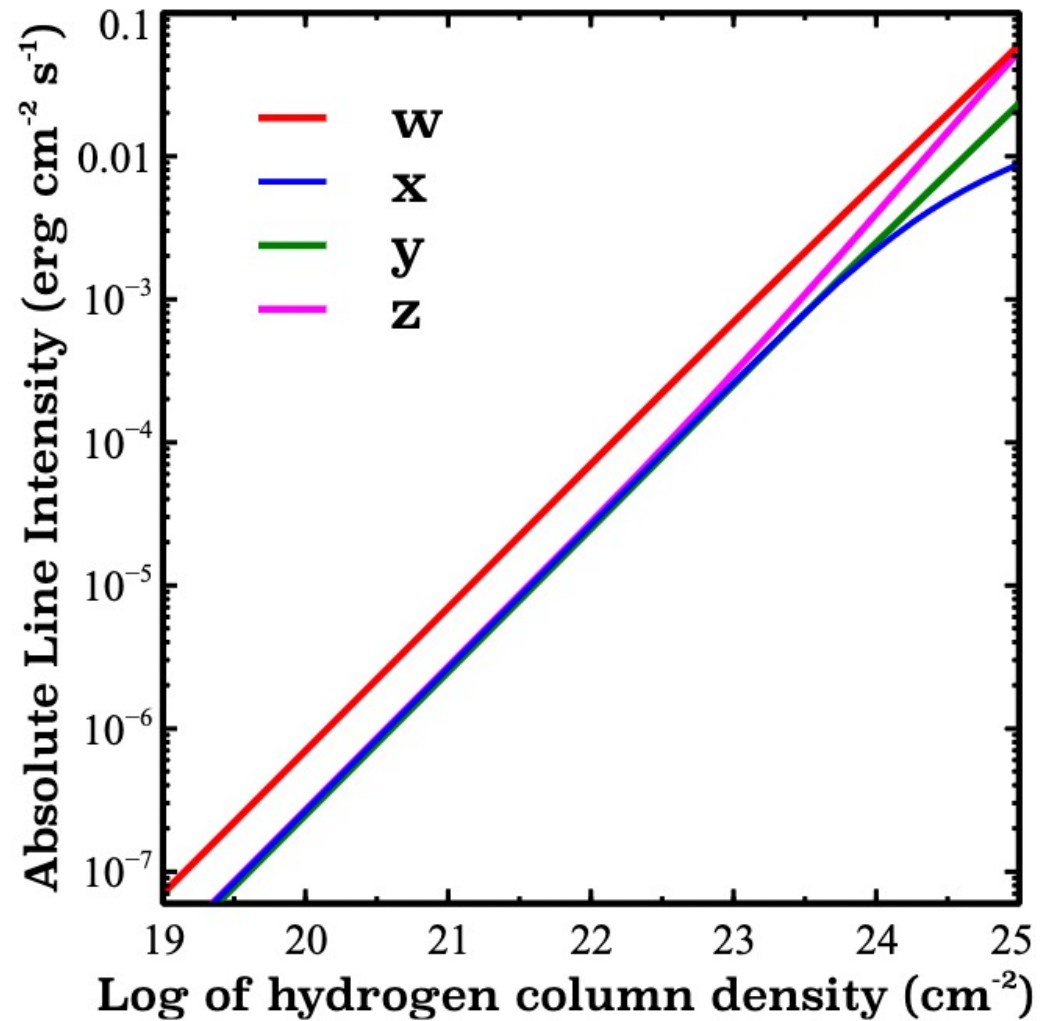
Line ratio diagnostics within Cloudy

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save grid "output.grd"
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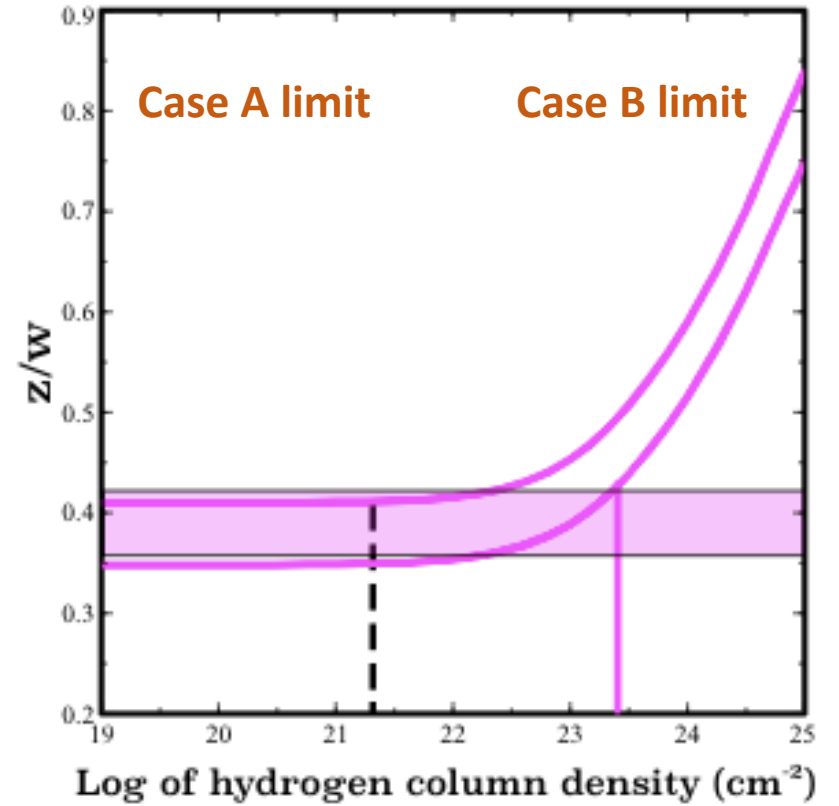
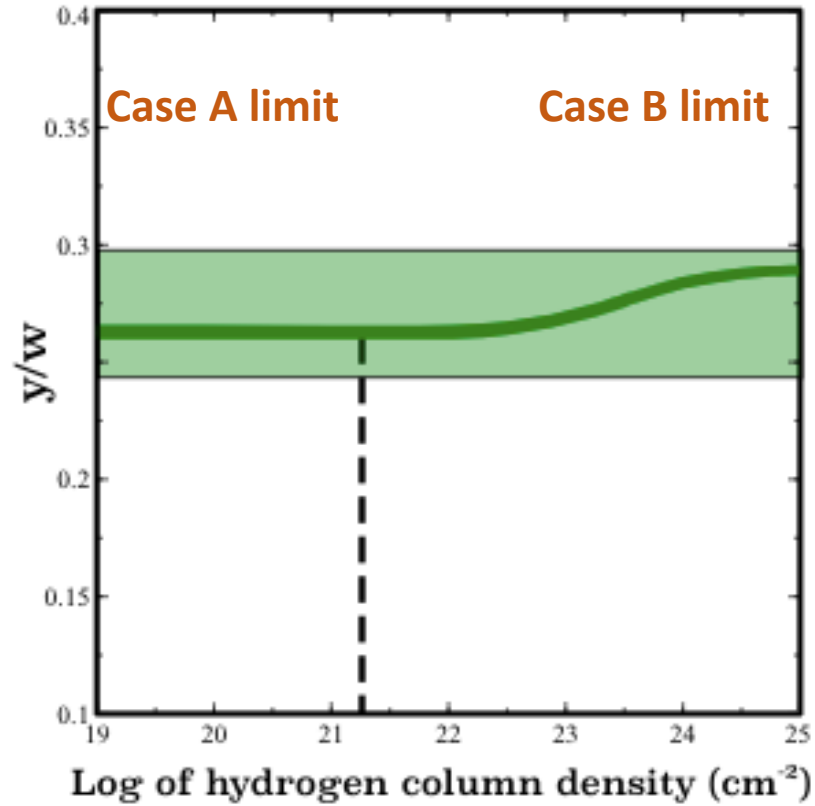
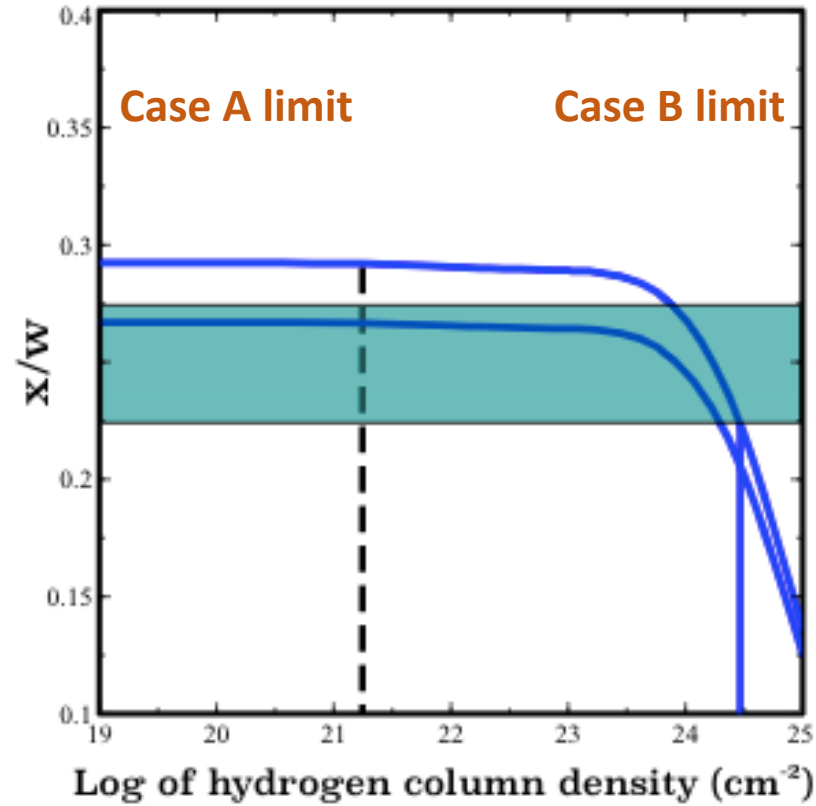
Fe25	1.86819A
Fe25	1.85040A
##	
Fe25	1.85541A
Fe25	1.85040A
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Why line ratio diagnostic is better than line intensity diagnostic





Collisionally ionized case:

Case A to B transition in Perseus
(novel method of measuring column density)



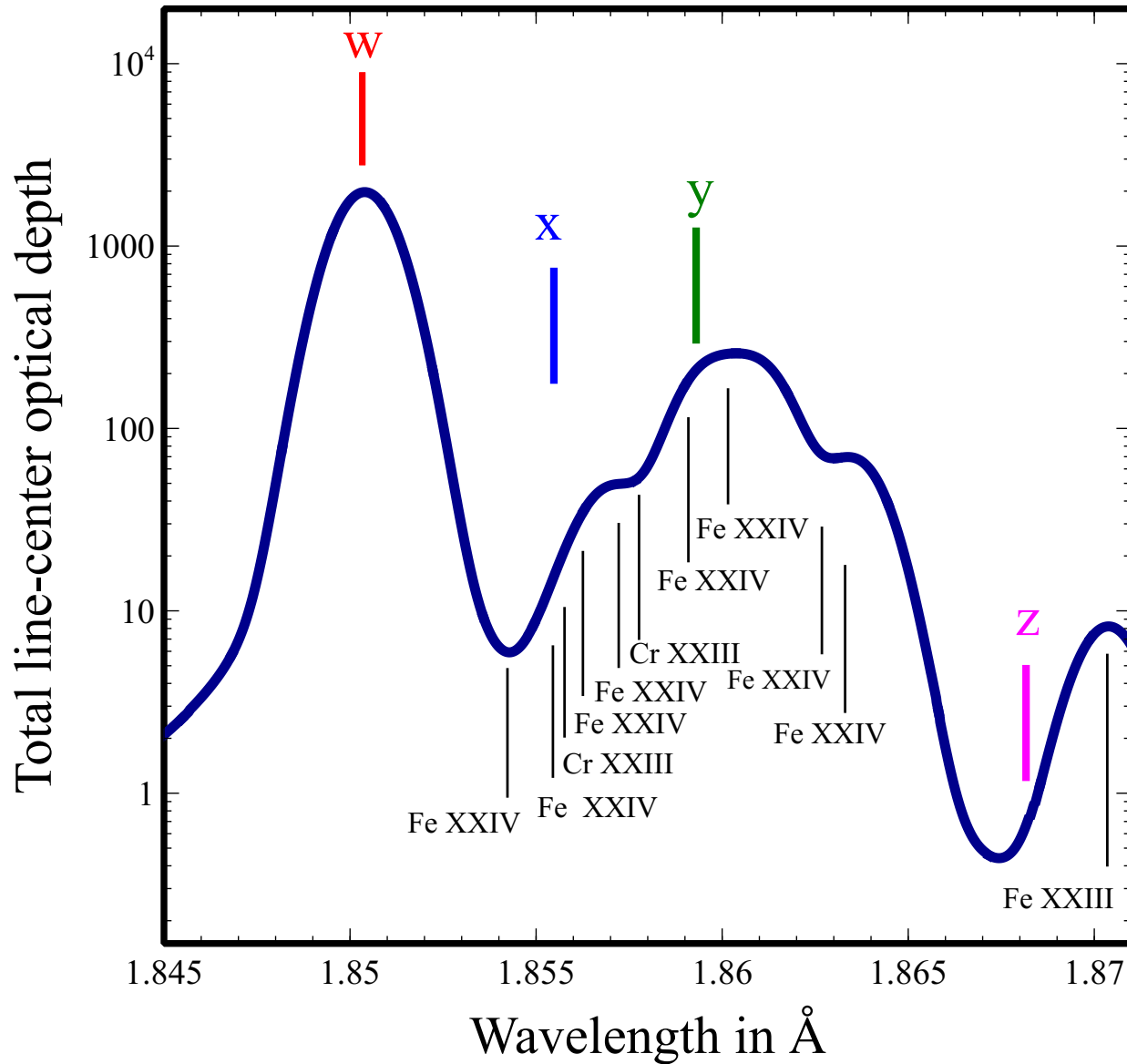
Various atomic processes contributing to change in line intensity:

- 1) Case A to B transition  Collisionally ionized/ Photoionized cloud
or
Case C to D transition  Photoionized cloud

Case A, Case B, Case C, Case D are different line formation conditions

- 2) Line interlocking and Resonant Auger Destruction (RAD)
- 3) Electron scattering escape (ESE)
- 4) Photoelectric absorption

Loss of identity due to line interlocking

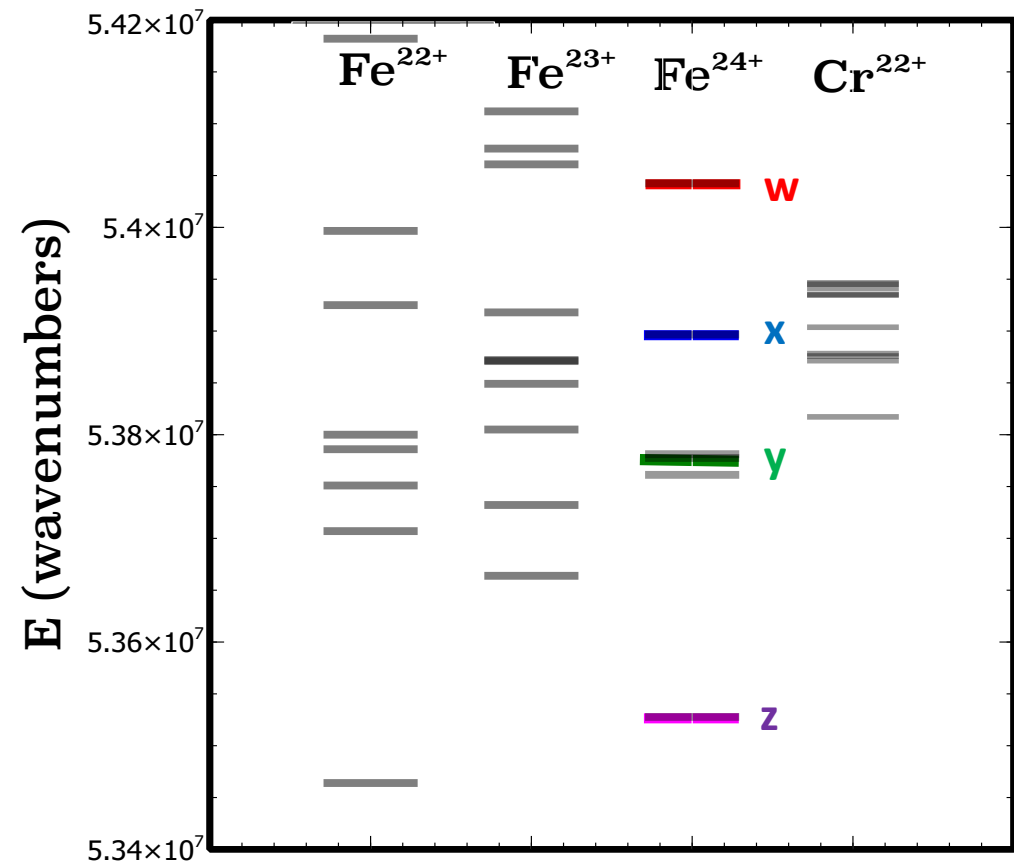
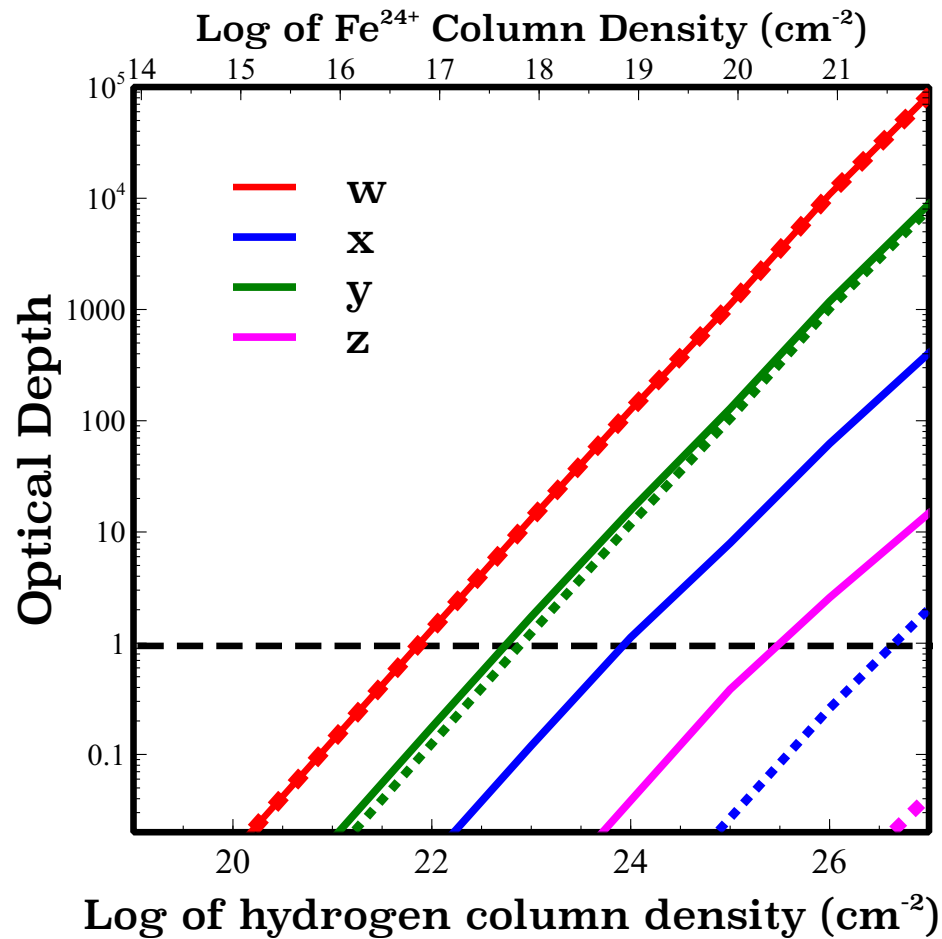


Loss of identity due to line interlocking

The total line optical depth (solid line) is greater than the optical depth of the Fe XXV lines when other lines overlap.

Are the energies similar?

Many satellite lines overlap



Chakraborty et al. (2020b)

Greatly expanded energy level diagram

What is Resonant Auger Destruction (RAD)?

Fe XXV line photons (mainly x) are absorbed by Fe^{23+} and Cr^{22+} due to line interlocking



Absorbing ion autoionizes depending on its autoionizing rate



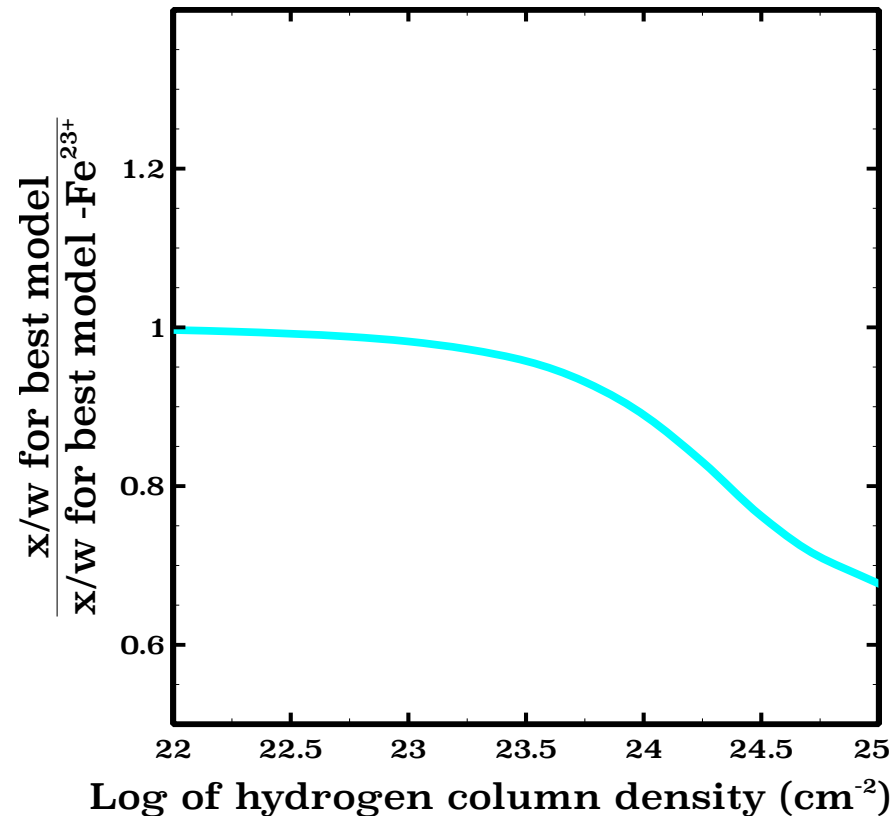
The absorbed line photon is destroyed



Deficit in the absorbed line photon intensity

What role does the Fe XXIV satellite play?

Which Fe XXV K α line is affected the most by RAD?





- RAD of x photons important for $N_H \geq 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

- At $N_H = 10^{25} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

- ~32% of x photons are destroyed from our calculations with **CLOUDY**.

- ~29% of x photons are destroyed according to analytical theory.

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Electron Scattering Escape(ESE)

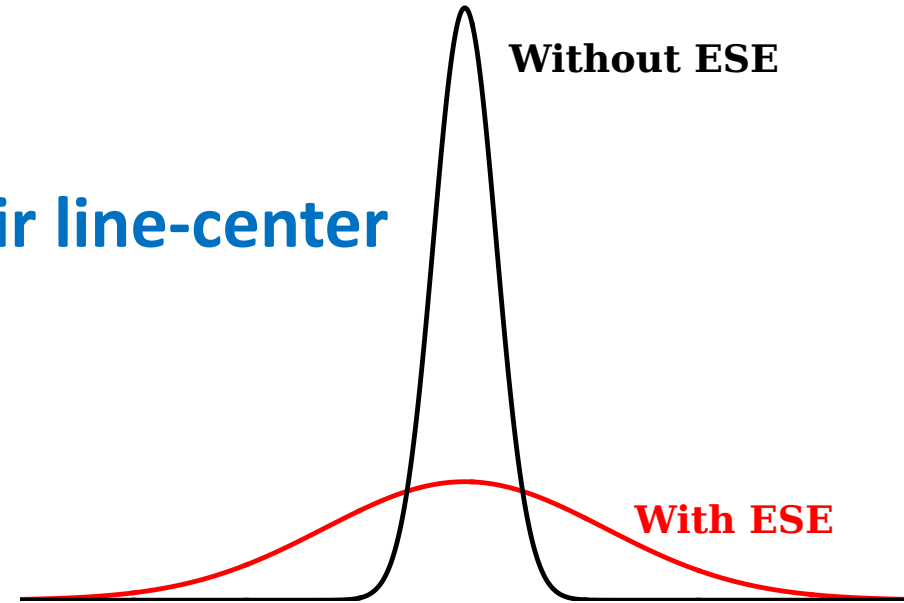
The presence of fast thermal electrons in the cloud may lead to one-scattering-escape in some fraction of the line photons.



Line photons receive large Doppler shift from their line-center upon scattering off high-speed electrons.



Line profiles are broadened.



High-resolution telescopes will ONLY detect the narrow line component

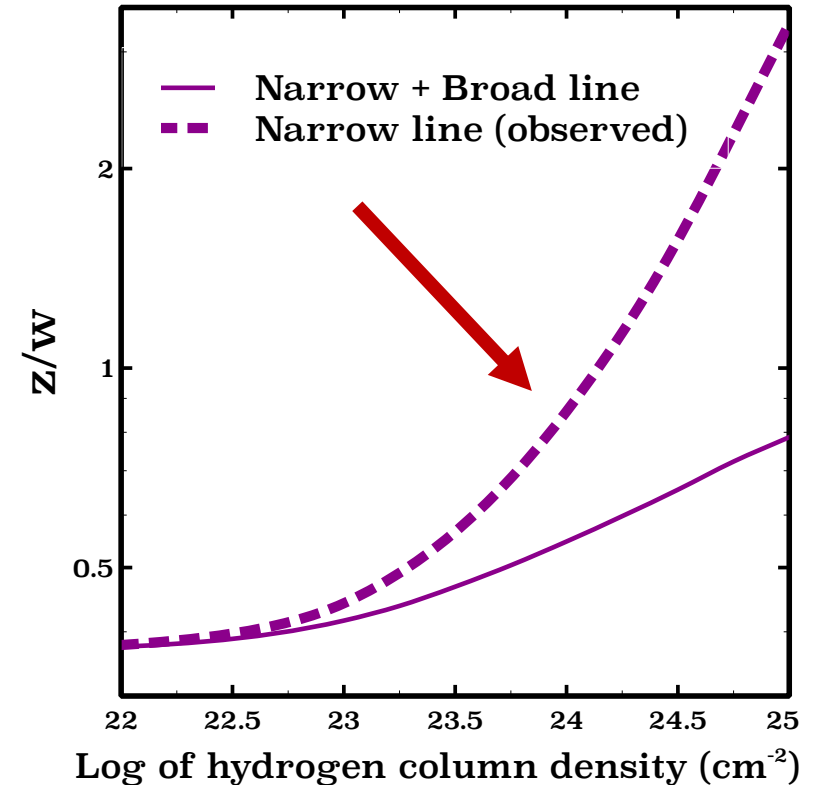
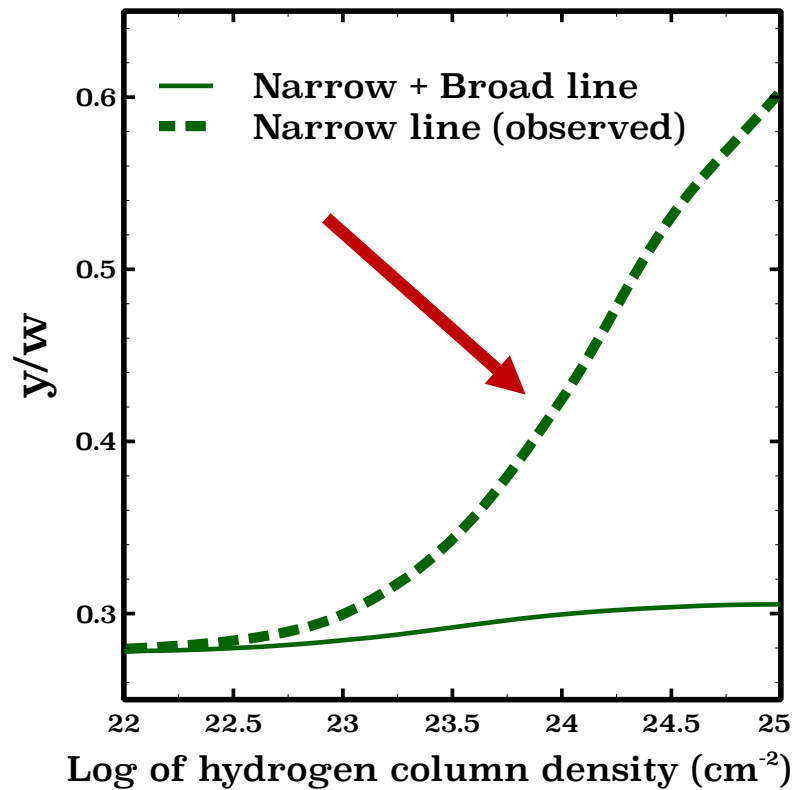
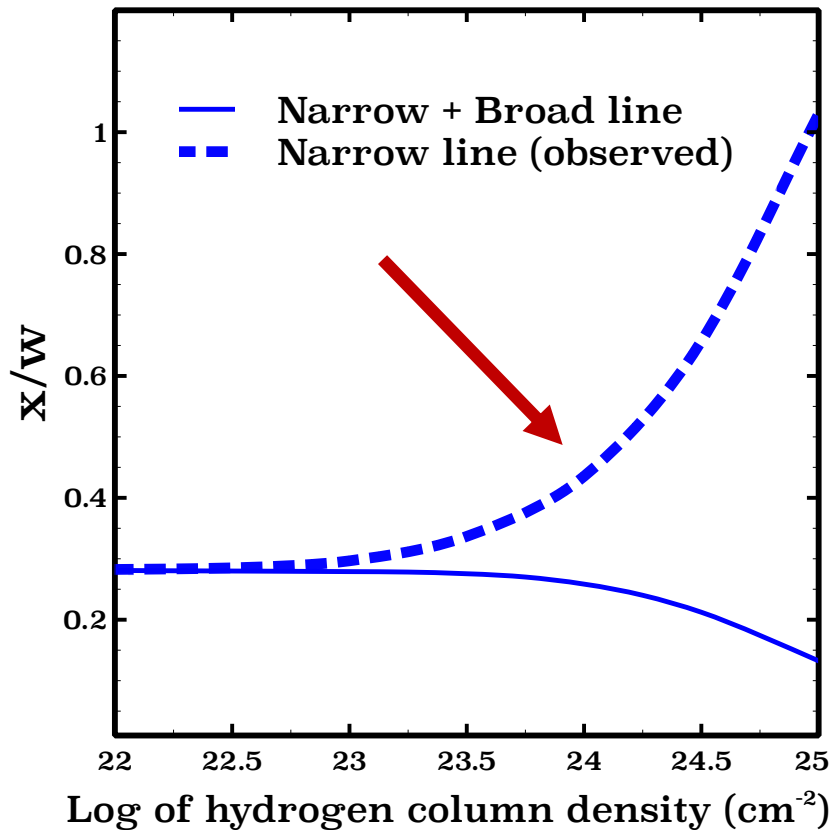
$$\frac{\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}^{\text{broad}}}{\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}^{\text{sharp}}} = \sqrt{m_{\text{Fe}}/m_e} \sim 300$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}^{\text{sharp}} \sim 0.004 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{FWHM}}^{\text{broad}} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$$

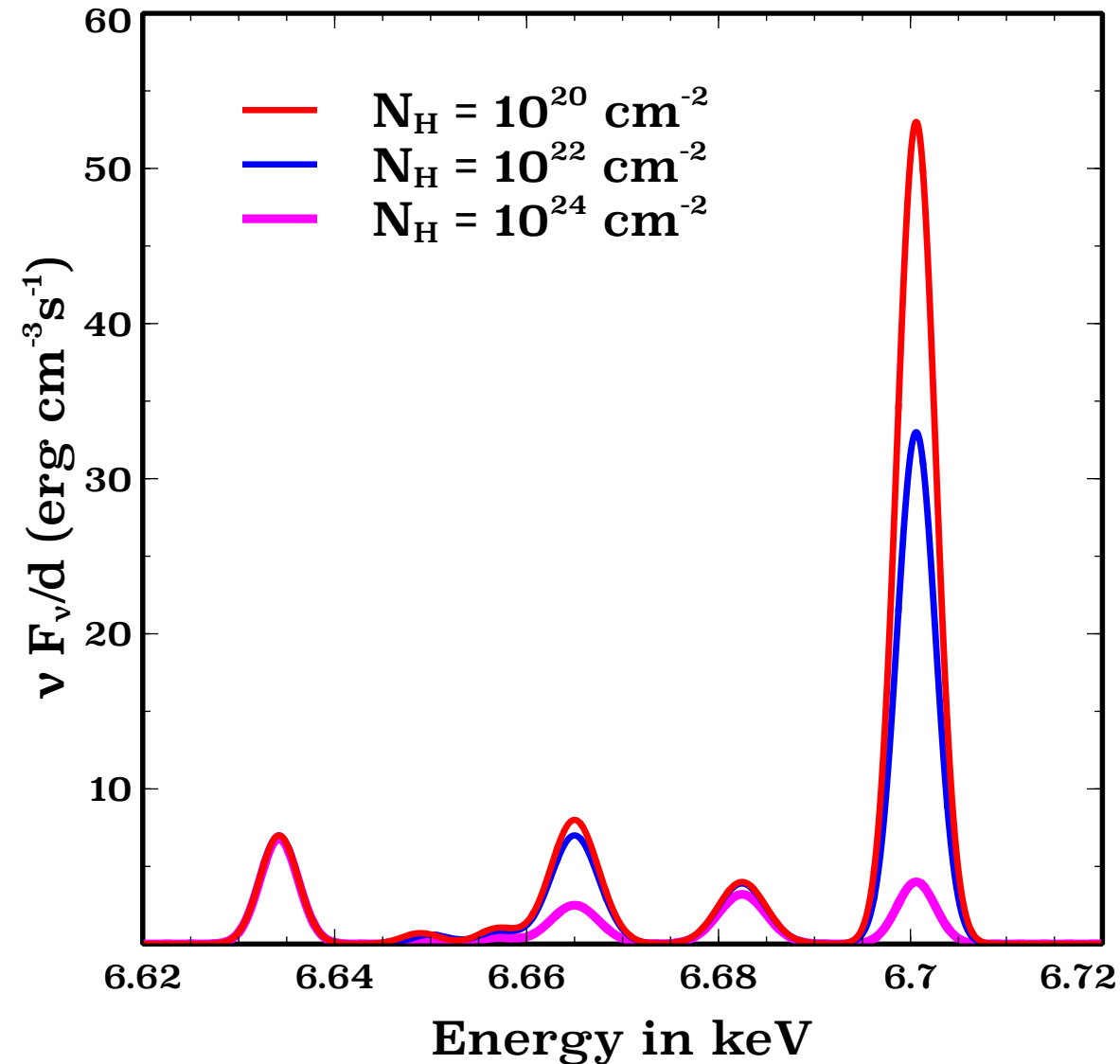
What will a high-resolution telescope see?

Collisionally ionized cloud



What will a high-resolution telescope see?





Photoionized Cloud





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In Cloudy, these broad Gaussian profiles can be excluded with the following Cloudy command:

no scattering intensity

This will report only the intensities of the sharp line profiles, which you will need for XRISM

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Photoelectric absorption

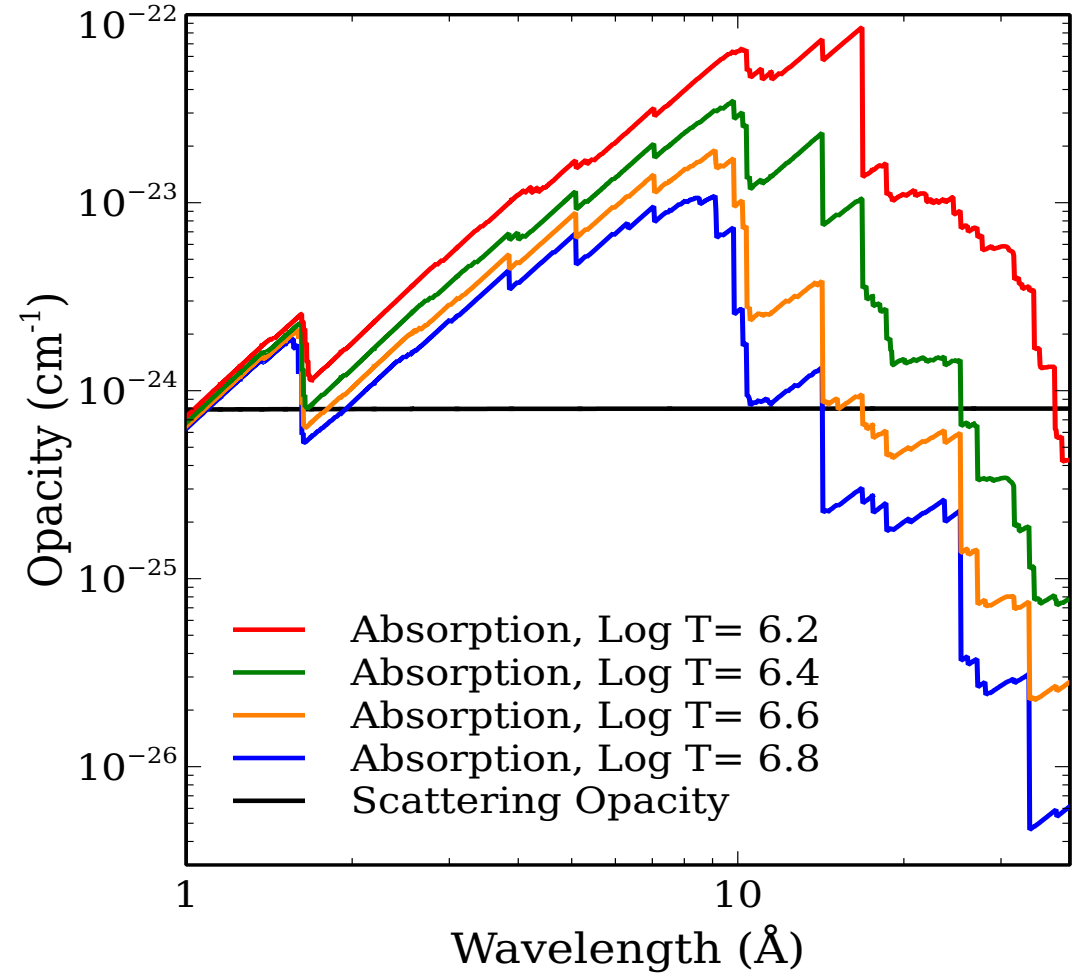
Photoelectric absorption of line photons can significantly decay the line intensities.

Strongly varies with temperature

$$N = \frac{1.11\tau^{1.071}}{1 + (\log\tau/5.5)^5}, \text{ if } \tau \geq 1$$

(Ferland & Netzer, 1979)

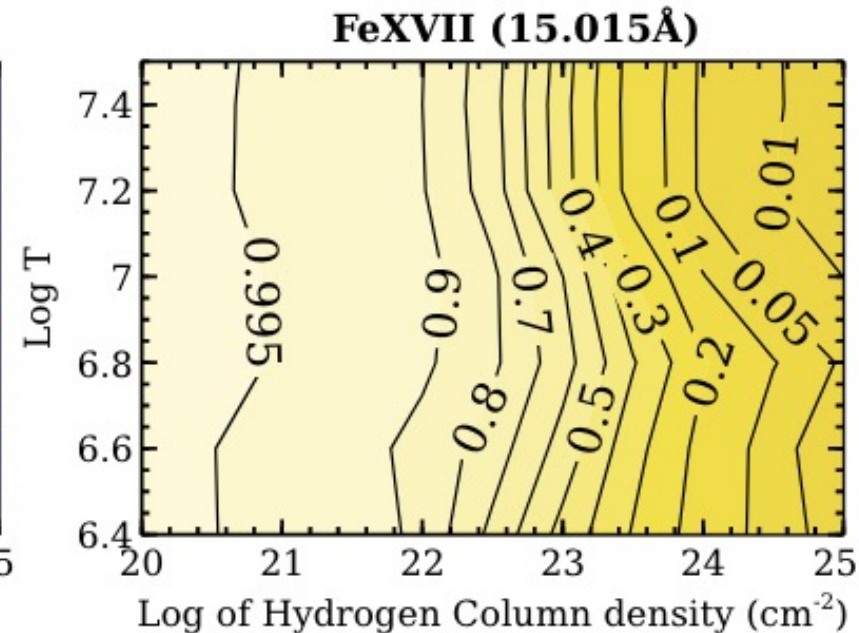
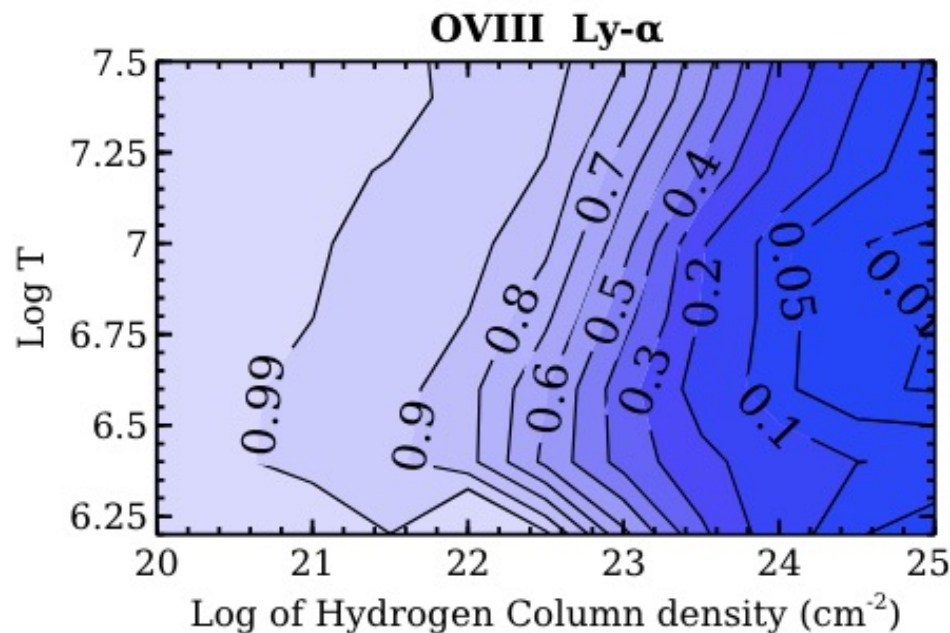
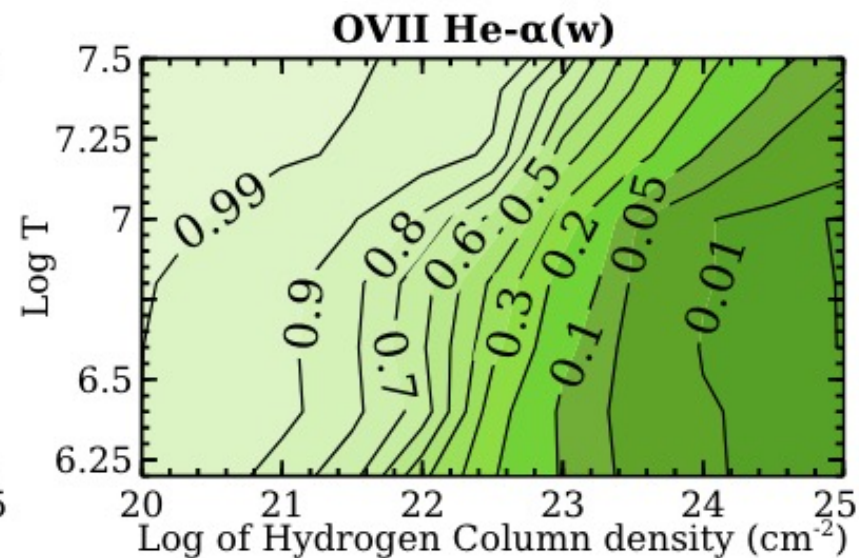
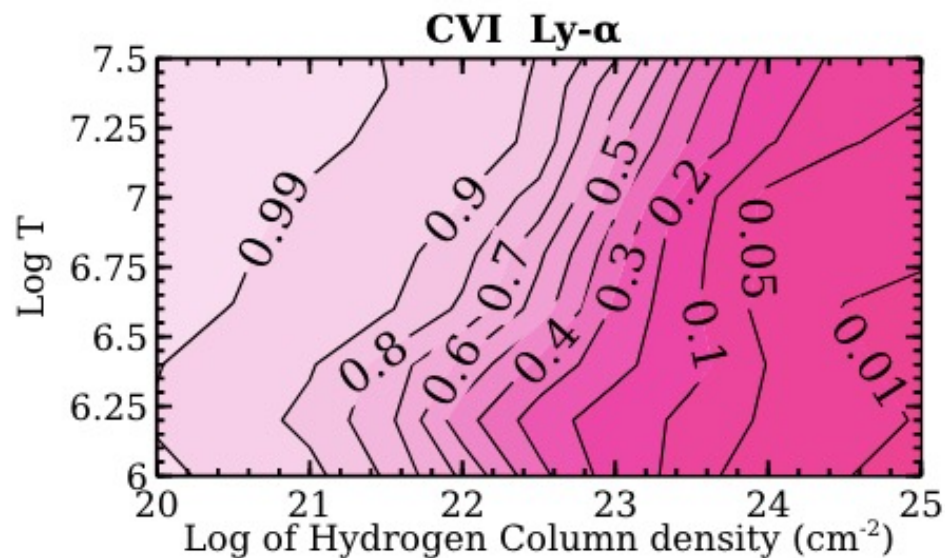
$$P_{\text{photoelectric}} = \frac{\kappa_{\text{photoelectric}}}{\kappa_{\text{total}}} \quad P_{\text{scattering}} = \frac{\kappa_{\text{scattering}}}{\kappa_{\text{total}}}$$



$$f_{\text{modification}} = (1 - P_{\text{photoelectric}} - P_{\text{scattering}})^N$$

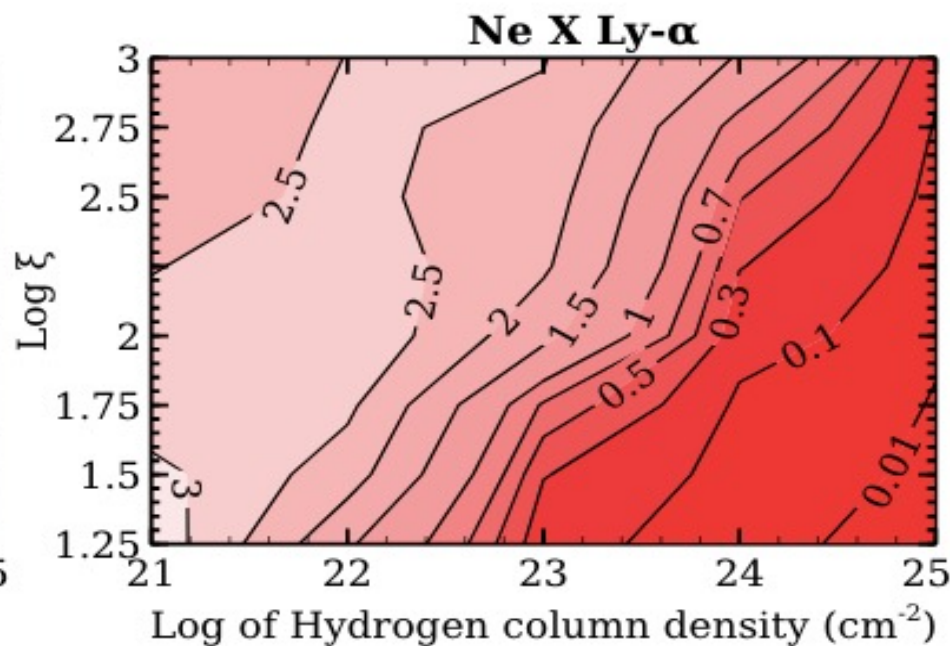
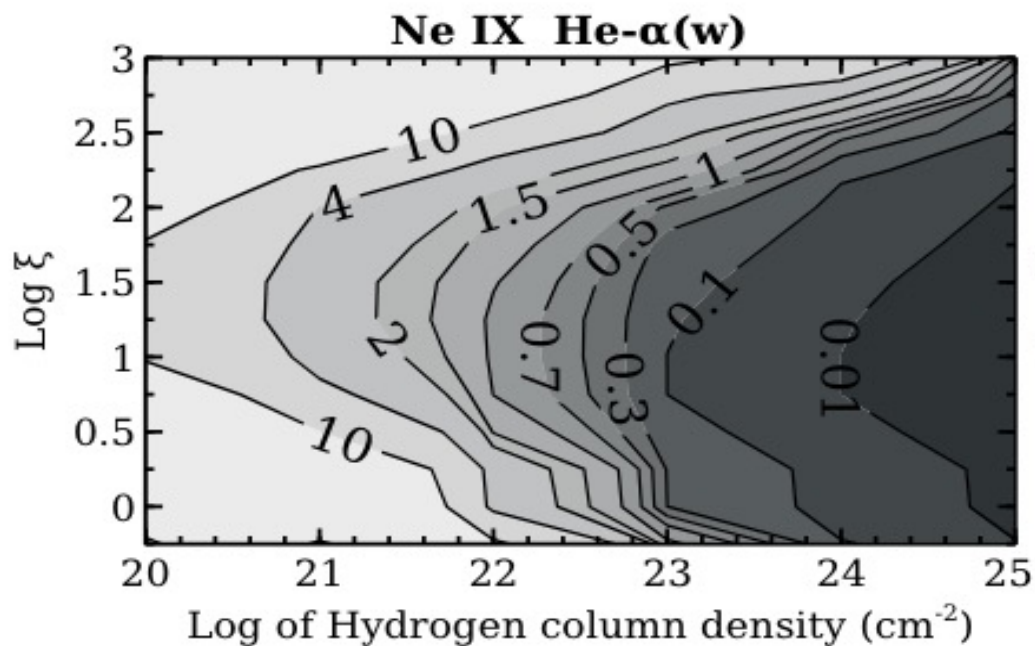
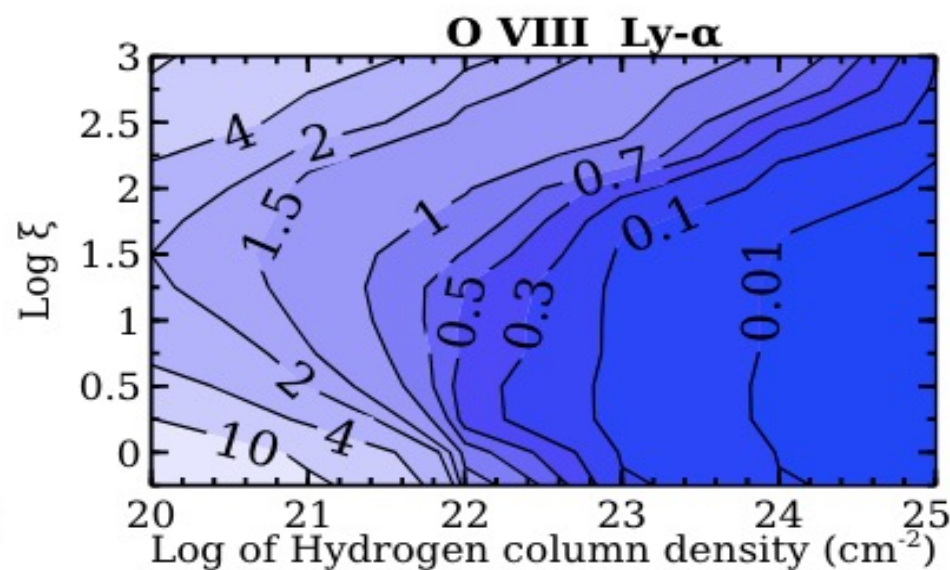
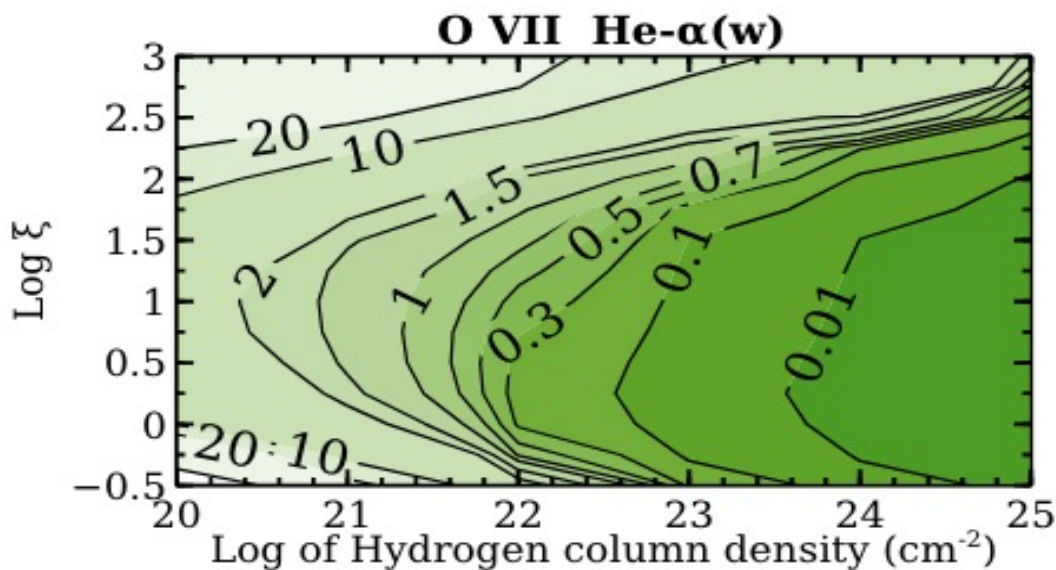
Line modification factor- Collisionally-ionized plasma

$$0 \leq f_{\text{modification}} \leq 1$$

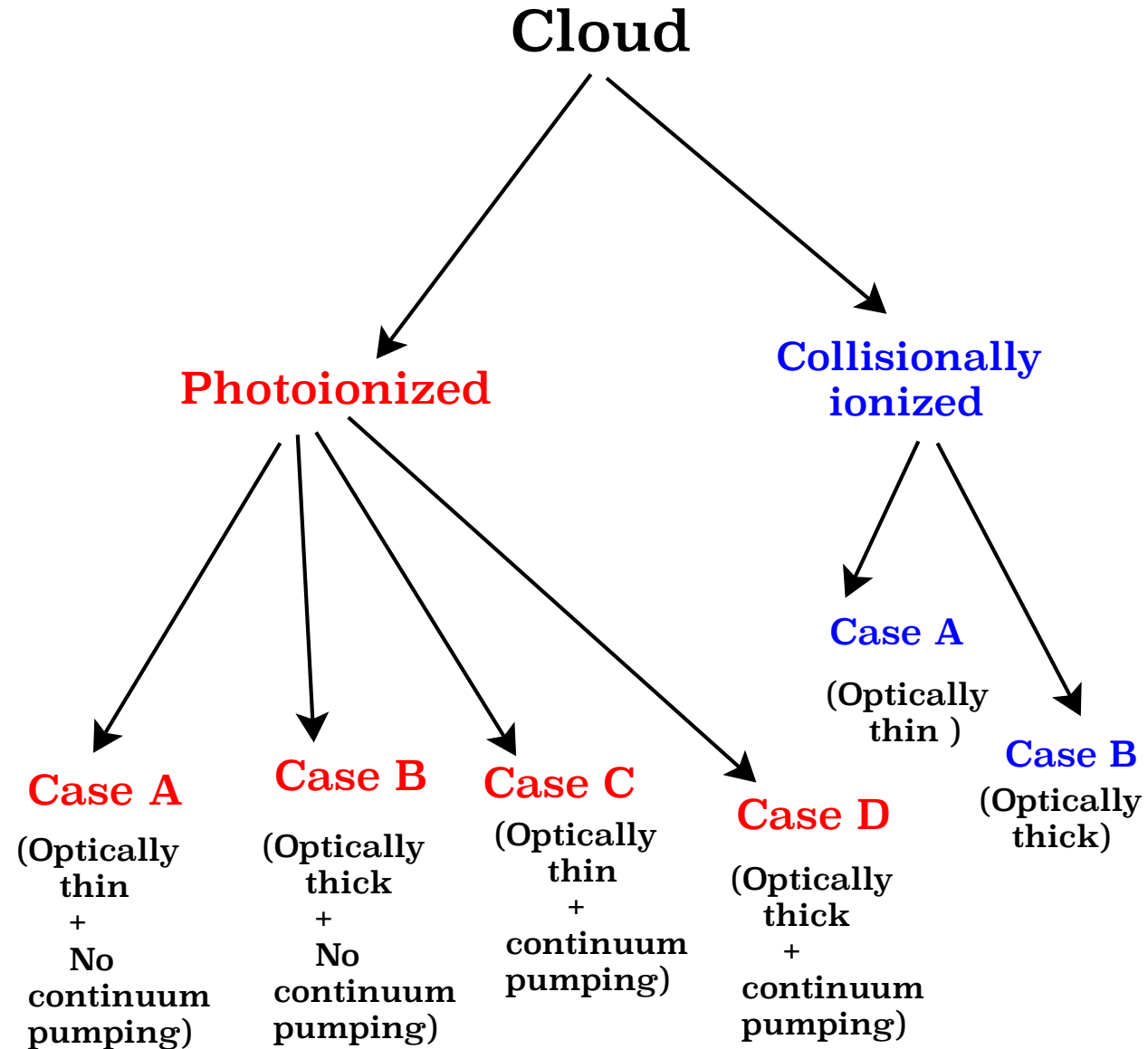


Line modification factor- Photoionized plasma

$$0 \leq f_{\text{modification}} \leq 1 \text{ or } f_{\text{modification}} \geq 1$$



Various line formation conditions in a cloud



**Real astronomical systems can be hybrid
(collisionally-ionized + photoionized)**

Example shown

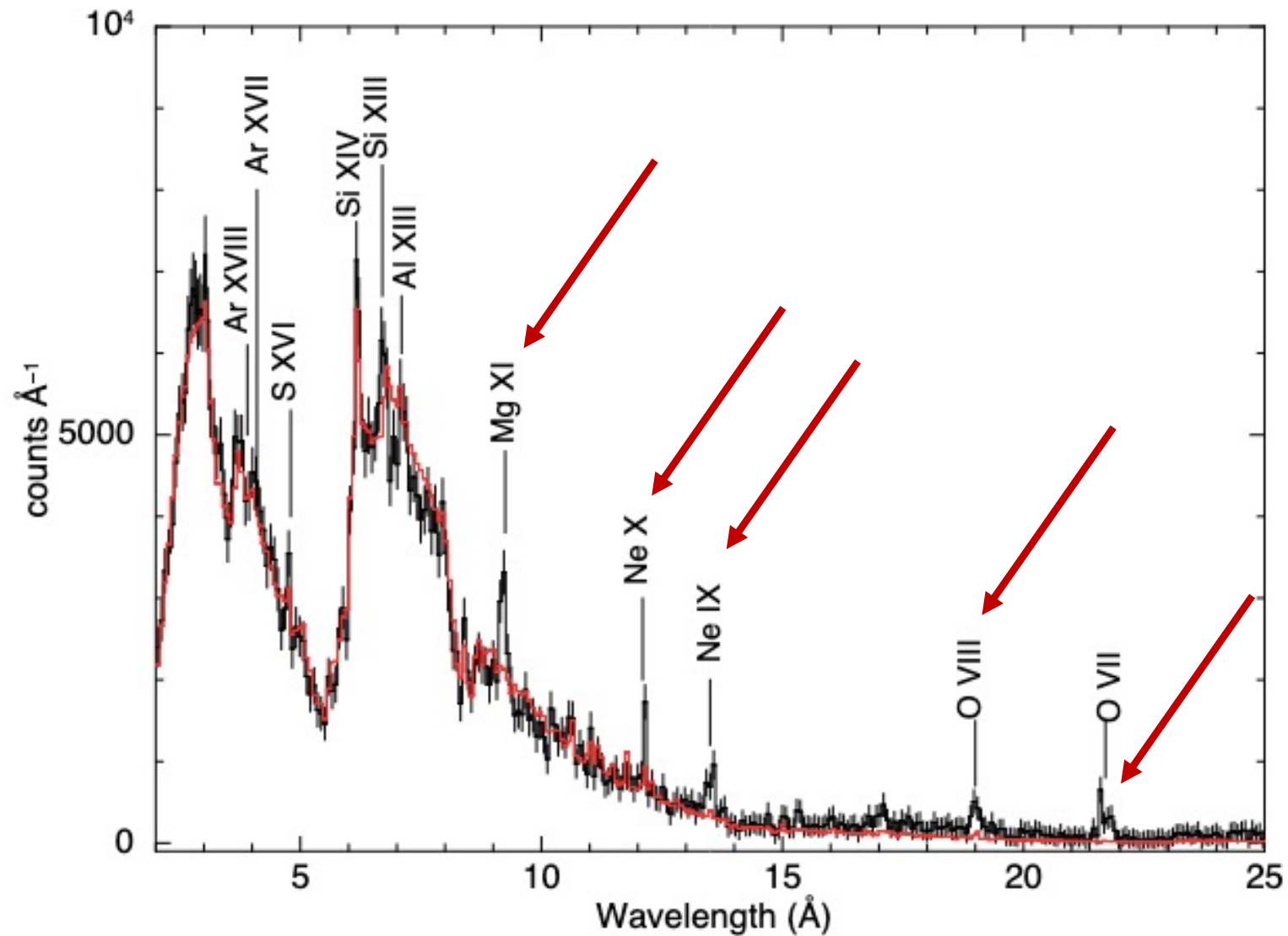


V1223 Sgr, an X-ray emitting binary star system



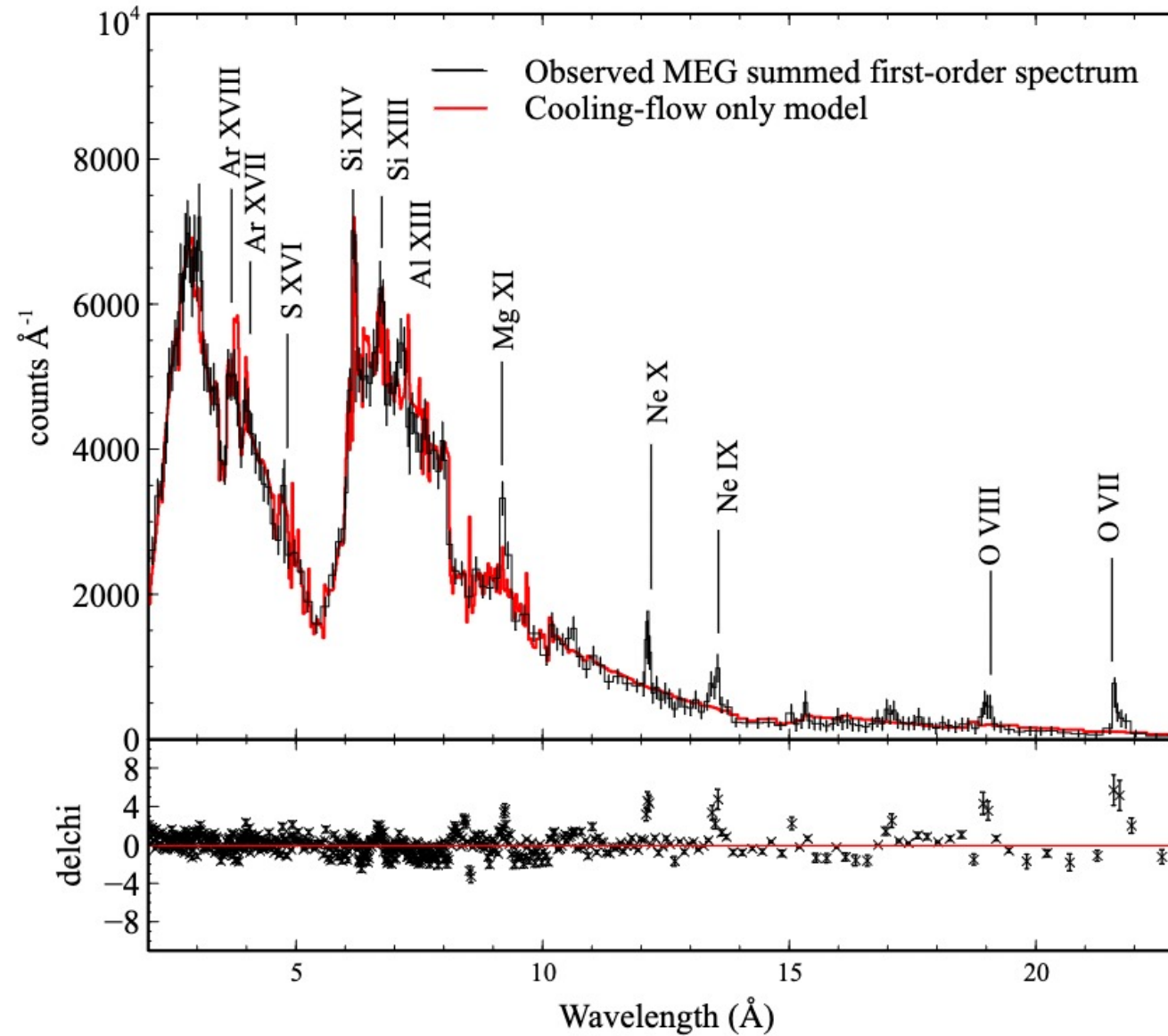
Chandra HETG spectrum of V1223 Sgr is fitted with Cloudy models

Recent studies did not fit the spectrum of V1223 Sgr well



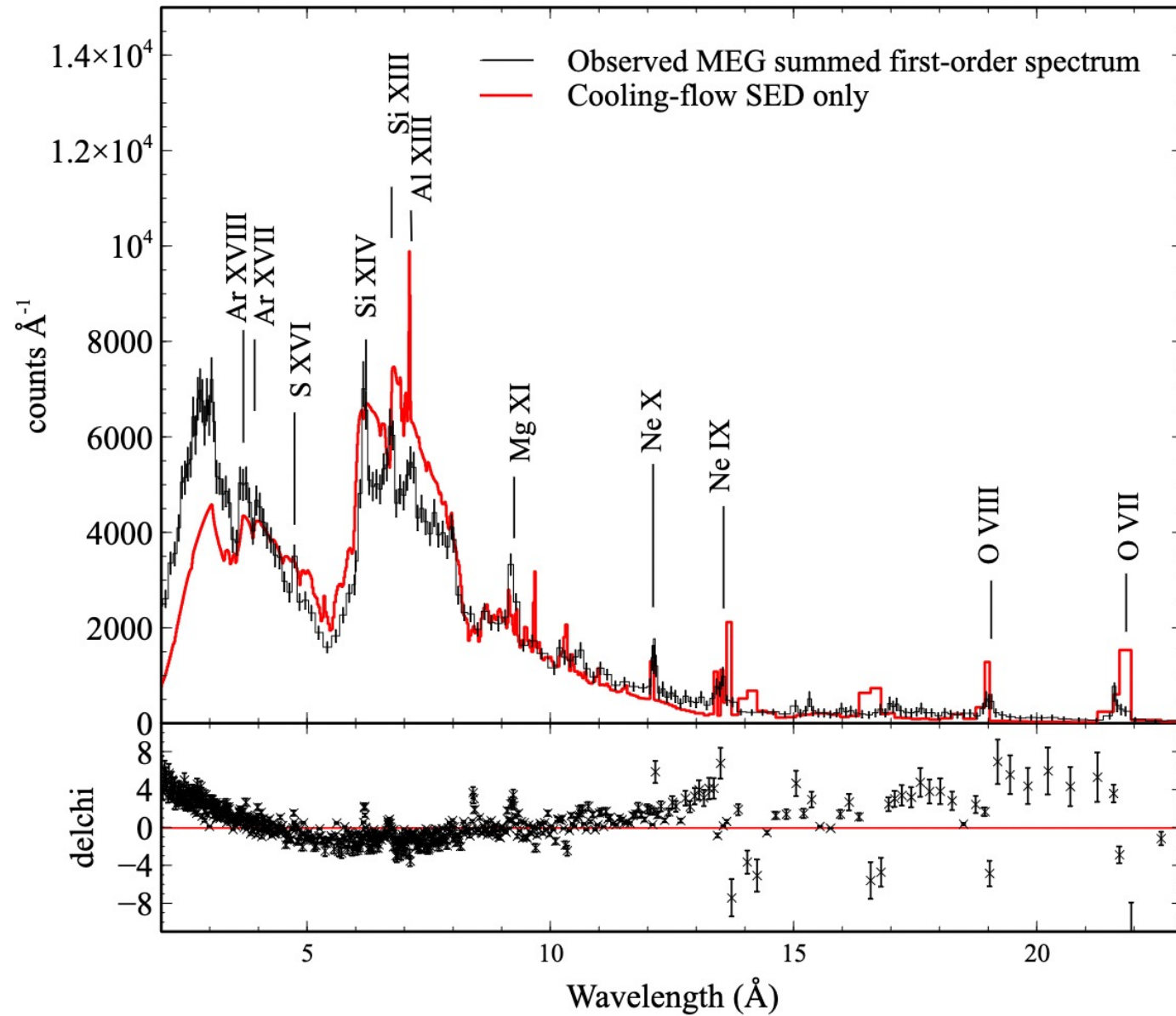
Chandra HETG spectrum of V1223 Sgr overplotted with an absorbed cooling flow model

Cooling flow model with Cloudy - poor fit to the lines

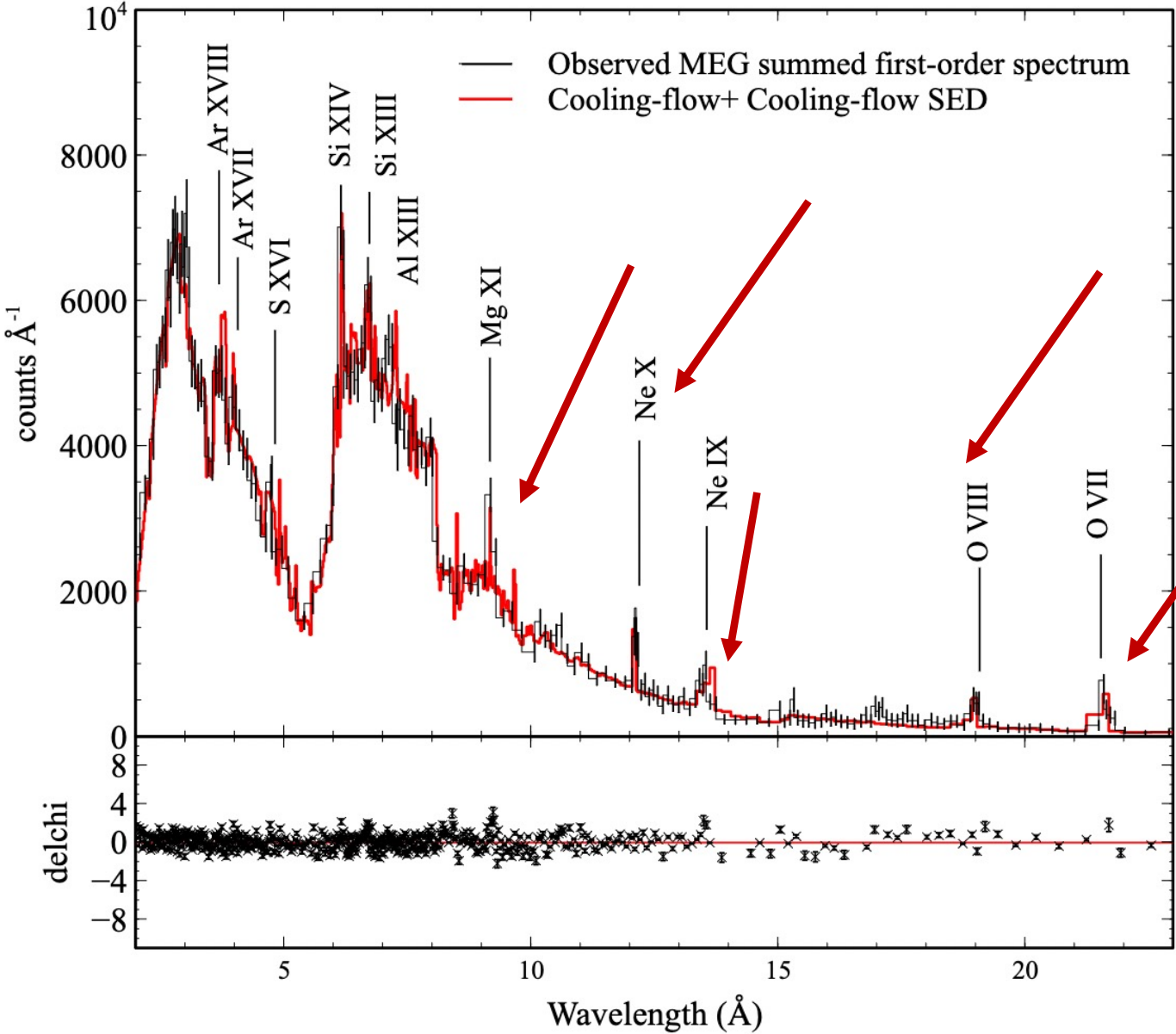


What is producing the excess emission lines?

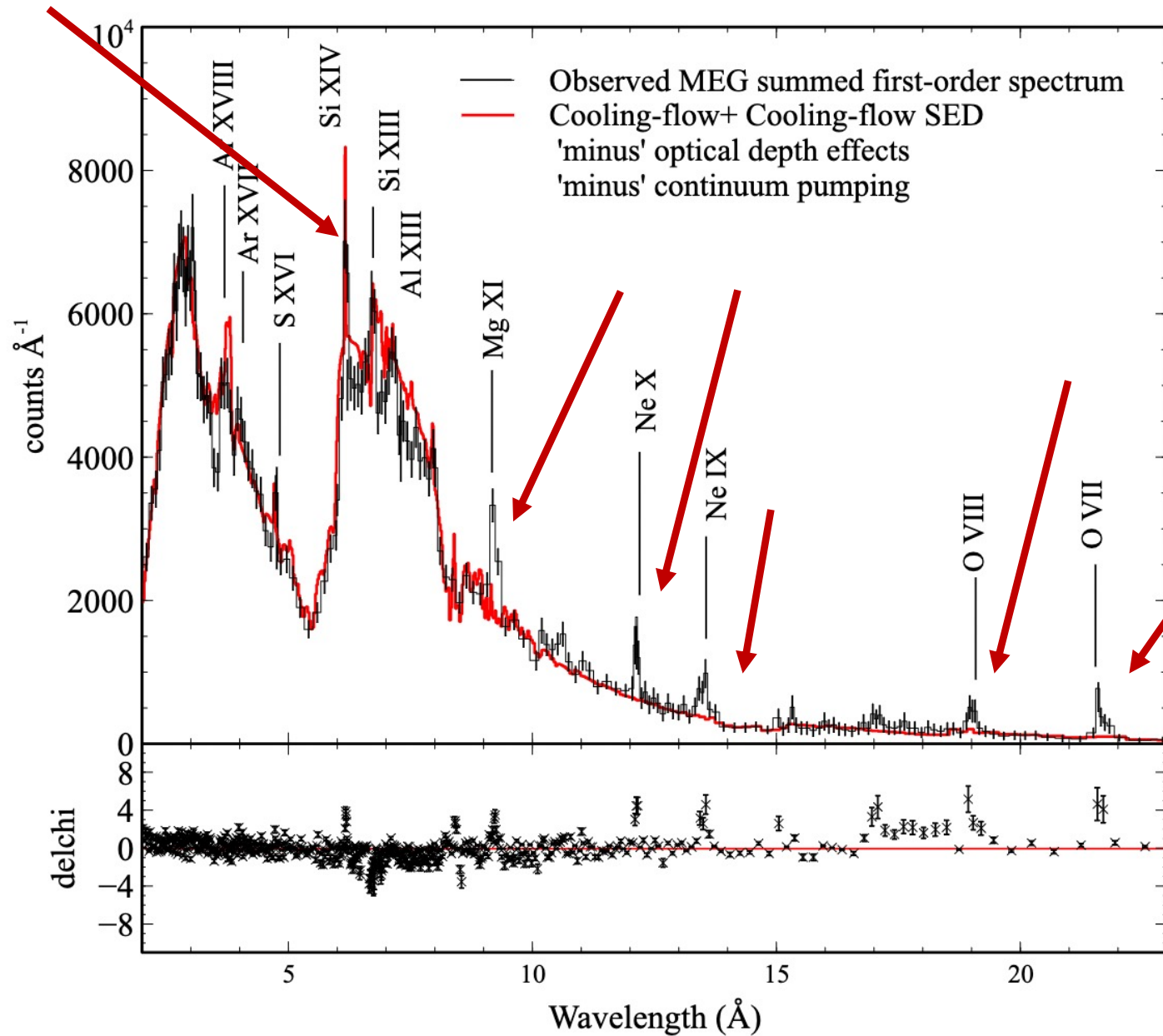
Using cooling flow SED for modeling- poor fit to the spectrum



Best-fit model : cooling-flow+ cooling-flow SED



What happens the atomic processes are not correctly accounted for?



Summary

- Understanding atomic processes in collisionally-ionized and photoionized cloud is important to interpret spectra from XRISM and Athena.
- The physics of Resonant Auger Destruction (RAD) and Electron Scattering escape (ESE) was discussed for a range of column densities ([Chakraborty et al. 2020b, c](#), [Chakraborty et al. 2021](#)).
- Photoelectric absorption opacity and other optical depth effects on the soft X-rays was discussed. The best-fit Cloudy model was used to successfully fit the Chandra HETG spectrum of V1223 Sgr ([Chakraborty et al. 2022](#)).