



AN INTRODUCTION TO “CLOUDY”

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WHAT IS CLOUDY?

- Cloudy is a spectral synthesis code created by Gary Ferland that has been developed and improved over the last 40 years. The code website URL is: <https://nublado.org/>
- The most recent version is called C17.01, and it is discussed in this paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.10877>
- Cloudy models the interaction of radiation with the interstellar medium to predict the physical conditions in the gas and its emitted spectrum

WHAT CLOUDY NEEDS TO RUN

To create a physically consistent model, Cloudy must be able to determine the number and energy distribution of photons striking the face of a cloud with known composition and geometry.

THE CLOUDY DOCUMENTATION

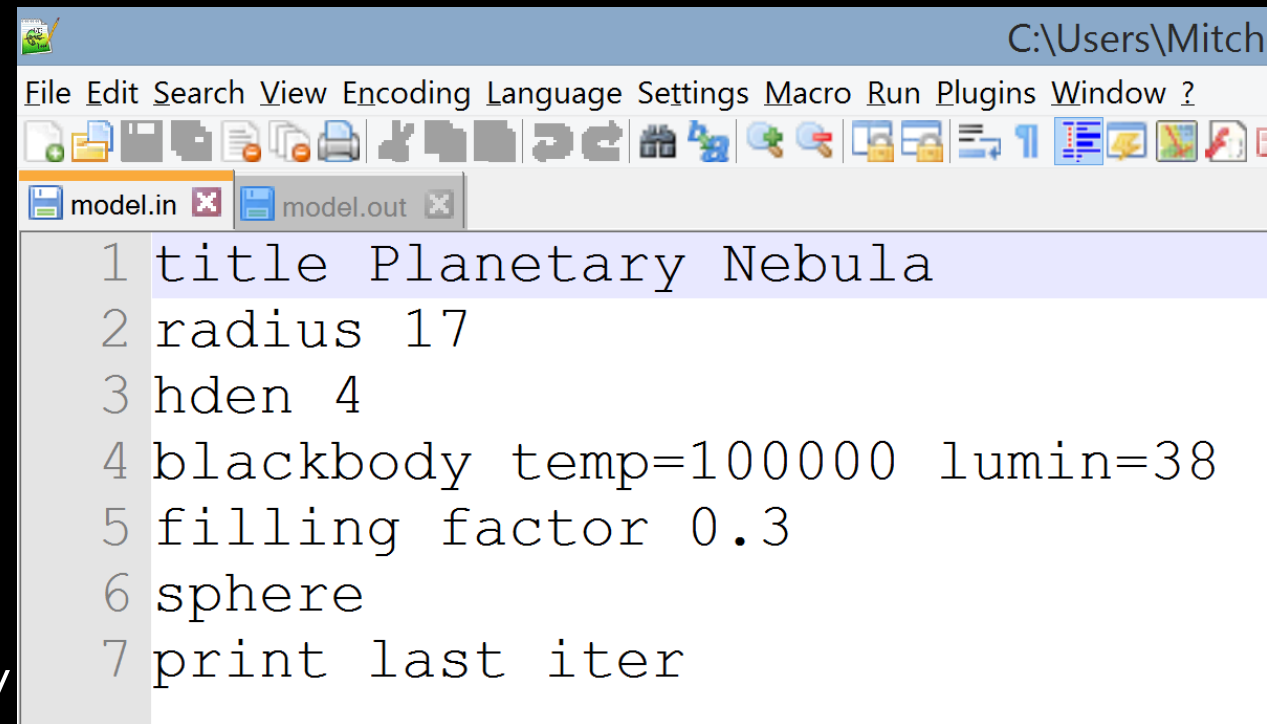
- The full operation of Cloudy is described in the code's documentation:
- Quick Start Guide – basic info on running Cloudy and understanding output
- Hazy 1 – a complete list and description of all input commands
- Hazy 2 – a complete description of the output generated by Cloudy
- Hazy 3 – simulation physics, out of date, refer to ISM textbook “AGN2”.

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- If the code has sufficient information to run, then Cloudy generates the *output block*.
- To the right is an example of a planetary nebula input file (model.in):
 - **title Planetary Nebula**
 - (gives a title on output)
 - **radius 17**
 - (log of inner radius in cm)
 - **hden 4**
 - (log of hydrogen density)
 - **blackbody temp=100000 lumin=38**
 - (temperature, log of luminosity in ergs/sec)
 - **filling factor 0.3**
 - (fraction of geometry that is filled)
 - **Sphere**
 - (radiation field allowed to interact with other side)
 - **print last iter**
 - (print results from last zone, 1st zone is always printed)

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EXAMINING THE OUTPUT

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File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Macro Run Plugins Window ?
model.in model.out
1 Cloudy 17.01
2 www.nublado.org
3
4 *****17Jun01*****
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14 *****
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23 Q(1.0-1.8): 47.9252 Q(1.8-4.0): 47.9690 Q(4.0-20): 47.0417 Q(20--): 37.0070 Ion pht flx:1.498E+13
24 L(gam ray): 0.0000 Q(gam ray): 0.0000 L(Infred): 35.4329 Alf(ox): 0.0000 Total lumin: 38.0000
25 log L/Lsun: 4.4170 Abs bol mg: -6.3000 Abs V mag: 0.0378 Bol cor: -6.3378 nuFnu(Bbet): 35.5356
26 U(1.0----):4.998E-02 U(4.0----):2.922E-03 T(En-Den):4.328E+01 T(Comp):9.580E+04 nuJnu(912A):1.978E+02
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30 Gas Phase Chemical Composition
31 H : 0.0000 He : -1.0000 Li : -8.6904 Be : -10.5800 B : -9.2097 C : -3.6108 N : -4.0701 O : -3.3098 F : -7.5200
```

CLOUDY OUTPUT

- First, Cloudy will print the code version number, and the input commands:

```
Cloudy 17.01  
www.nublado.org
```

```
*****17Jun01*****  
*  
* title Planetary Nebula  
* radius 17  
* hden 4  
* blackbody temp=100000 lumin=38  
* filling factor 0.3  
* sphere  
* print last iter  
*  
*****
```


CLOUDY OUTPUT

- Next, Cloudy prints information on the radiation field and gas composition:

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Ne: -4.0000  Na: -5.6696  Mg: -4.4597  Al: -5.5302  Si: -4.4597  P : -6.4949  S : -4.7352  Cl: -6.7190  Ar: -5.6003  
K : -6.8794  Ca: -5.6402  Sc: -8.8297  Ti: -6.9788  V : -8.0000  Cr: -6.3298  Mn: -6.5406  Fe: -4.5498  Co: -7.0799  
Ni: -5.7496  Cu: -7.7905  Zn: -7.4001
```

CLOUDY OUTPUT

- This is followed by physical and simulation information, and **warnings**:

```
#### 1 Te:1.551E+04 Hden:1.000E+04 Ne:1.201E+04 R:1.001E+17 R-R0:7.520E+13 dR:1.504E+14 NTR: 6 Htot:6.413E-16 T912: 1.00e+0
Hydrogen 1.49e-04 1.00e+00 H+o/Hden 1.00e+00 8.31e-12 H- H2 4.37e-19 3.30e-13 H2+ HeH+ 2.98e-14 Ho+ ColD 6.71e+13 4.51
Helium 2.31e-06 2.06e-02 9.79e-01 HeI 2s3S 5.02e-08 Comp H,C 4.10e-22 6.64e-23 Fill Fac 3.00e-01 Gam1/tot 1.00e+00
He singlet n 2.26e-06 3.85e-13 2.94e-20 4.55e-20 2.04e-20 4.44e-20 He tripl 5.02e-08 2.83e-17 2.10e-19 7.87e-19 1.55e-19
Pressure NgasTgas 3.57e+08 P(total) 4.93e-08 P( gas ) 4.93e-08 P(Radtn) 0.00e+00 Rad accl 1.99e-05 ForceMul 2.23e+03
Texc(La) 3.78e+03 T(I con) 4.32e+01 T(D con) 6.17e+00 T(U tot) 4.32e+01 nT (c+d) 1.19e+07 Prad/Gas 0.00e+00 Pmag/Gas 0.00
Molecules CH/Ctot: 7.96e-21 CH+/Ctot 5.19e-18 CO/Ctot: 1.66e-28 CO+/Ctot 6.45e-27 H2O/Otot 3.71e-34 OH/Otot1 3.87e-21
Lithium 7.87e-06 8.75e-02 8.98e-01 1.44e-02 Berylliu 1.10e-05 1.32e-03 9.97e-01 1.25e-03 0.00e+00 sec ion: 4.85e-14
```

Planetary Nebula

Calculation stopped because lowest Te reached. Iteration 1 of 1

The geometry is a thick shell.

C-Continuum zero at some energies.

!Charge transfer H => H+ reached 1480.3% of the local H ionization rate.

!AGE: Cloud age was not set. Longest timescale was 2.90e+09 s = 9.20e+01 years.

!The CMB was not included. This is added with the CMB command.

!The radiation pressure jumped by 675% at zone 49, from 2.63e-09 to 2.12e-10 to 2.28e-10

Charge transfer heating reached 2.13% of the local heating.

Destruction of He 2TriS reached 3.7% of the total He0 dest rate at zone 1, 1.5% of that was photoionization.

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Non-collisional excitation of [O III] 4363 reached 0.96% of the total.

Grains were not present but might survive in this environment (energy density temperature was 4.33e+01K)

The continuum optical depth at the lowest energy considered (3.045e-09 Ryd) was 1.477e+04.

The ratio of radiation to gas pressure reached 8.26e-02 at zone 49. Caused by Lyman alpha.

CLOUDY OUTPUT

- The input is printed again, followed by **intrinsic** and **emergent** line strengths:
- The format is: *line label, wavelength (A or m), flux (cgs), and ratio relative to H β*

Emission Line Spectrum. Constant Density Model. Closed geometry. Iteration 1 of 1.
Luminosity (erg/s) emitted by a shell with full coverage.

general properties.....				Intrinsic line intensities							
Inci	0	38.000	109.9358	H 1	3.48198m	33.264	0.0020	Ca 5	4.15739m	33.819	0.0072
TotH	0	37.627	46.6179	H 1	19.0565m	33.455	0.0031	Ca 5	5309.11A	33.645	0.0049
TotC	0	37.627	46.5803	H 1	11.3055m	33.349	0.0025	Cl 2	14.3639m	33.000	0.0011
BFH1	0	37.538	37.9240	H 1	8.75760m	33.228	0.0019	Cl 2	8578.70A	33.495	0.0034
BFHe	0	36.806	7.0319	H 1	7.50599m	33.067	0.0013	Cl 3	5537.87A	33.981	0.0105
TotM	0	36.054	1.2458	H 1	6.77008m	32.967	0.0010	Cl 3	5517.71A	33.685	0.0053
CT H	0	35.571	0.4091	H 1	4.84633m	33.065	0.0013	Cl 3	3342.80A	33.305	0.0022
H FB	0	36.314	2.2659	H 1	27.7955m	33.125	0.0015	Cl 4	20.3197m	33.722	0.0058
HFBC	0	36.314	2.2659	H 1	16.2045m	33.039	0.0012	Cl 4	11.7629m	34.049	0.0123
H 1c	0	36.363	2.5371	Ca A	303.784A	36.666	5.0995	Cl 4	7530.54A	33.670	0.0051
He 1c	0	36.146	1.5383	Ca A	256.317A	35.952	0.9849	Cl 4	8045.62A	34.033	0.0119
Al 3c	0	34.359	0.0251	Ca A	243.027A	35.524	0.3671	Fe 4	3094.96A	33.931	0.0094
Ar 2c	0	33.704	0.0056	Ca A	237.331A	35.215	0.1805	Fe 4	2835.74A	35.556	0.3955
				Ca A	234.347A	34.973	0.1033	Fe 4	2829.36A	35.293	0.2159

TIPS ON THE CLOUDY OUTPUT

- There are a variety of SAVE commands in Cloudy
- These allow you to control the main output, and save additional files
- See Hazy 1, Chapter 16 (C17.01) for further information on SAVE options
- Be careful with linear vs. logarithmic quantities, and check the output!
- Make sure it says “Cloudy exited OK” at the end of your model!