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”PHYSICS OF PHOSPHORUS FOR A CLUE FOR EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE”

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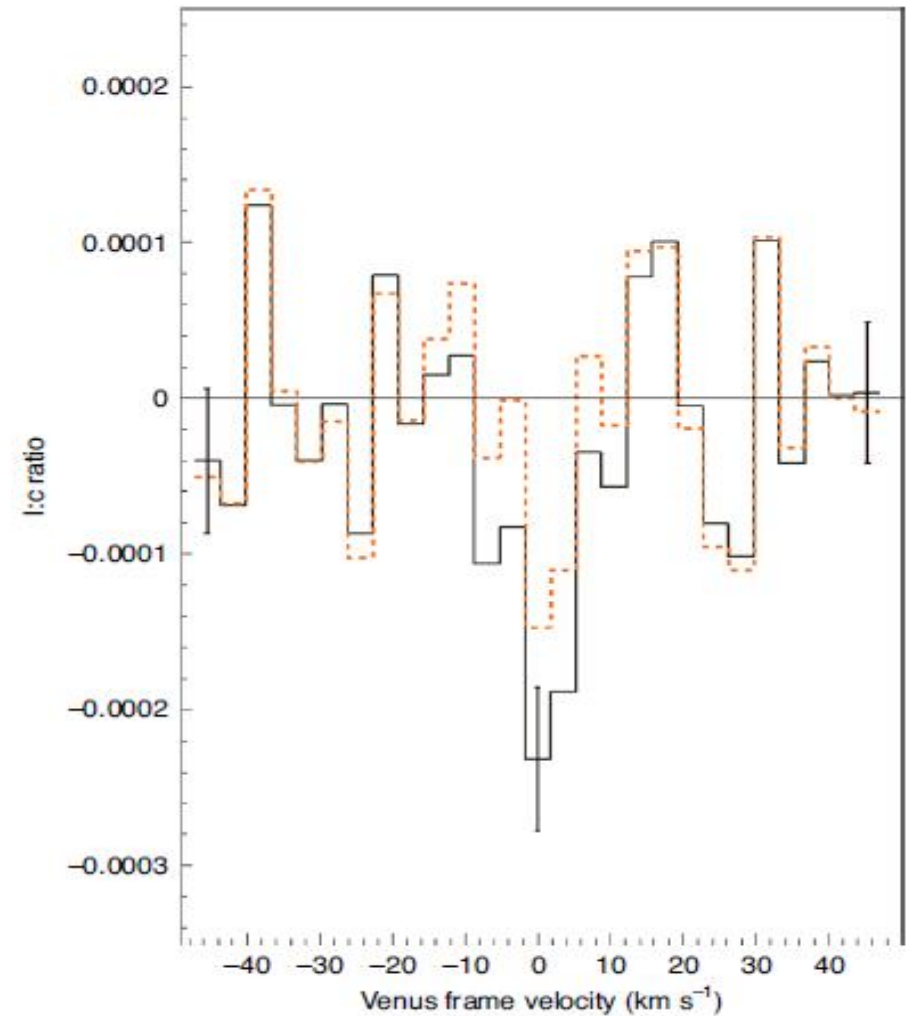
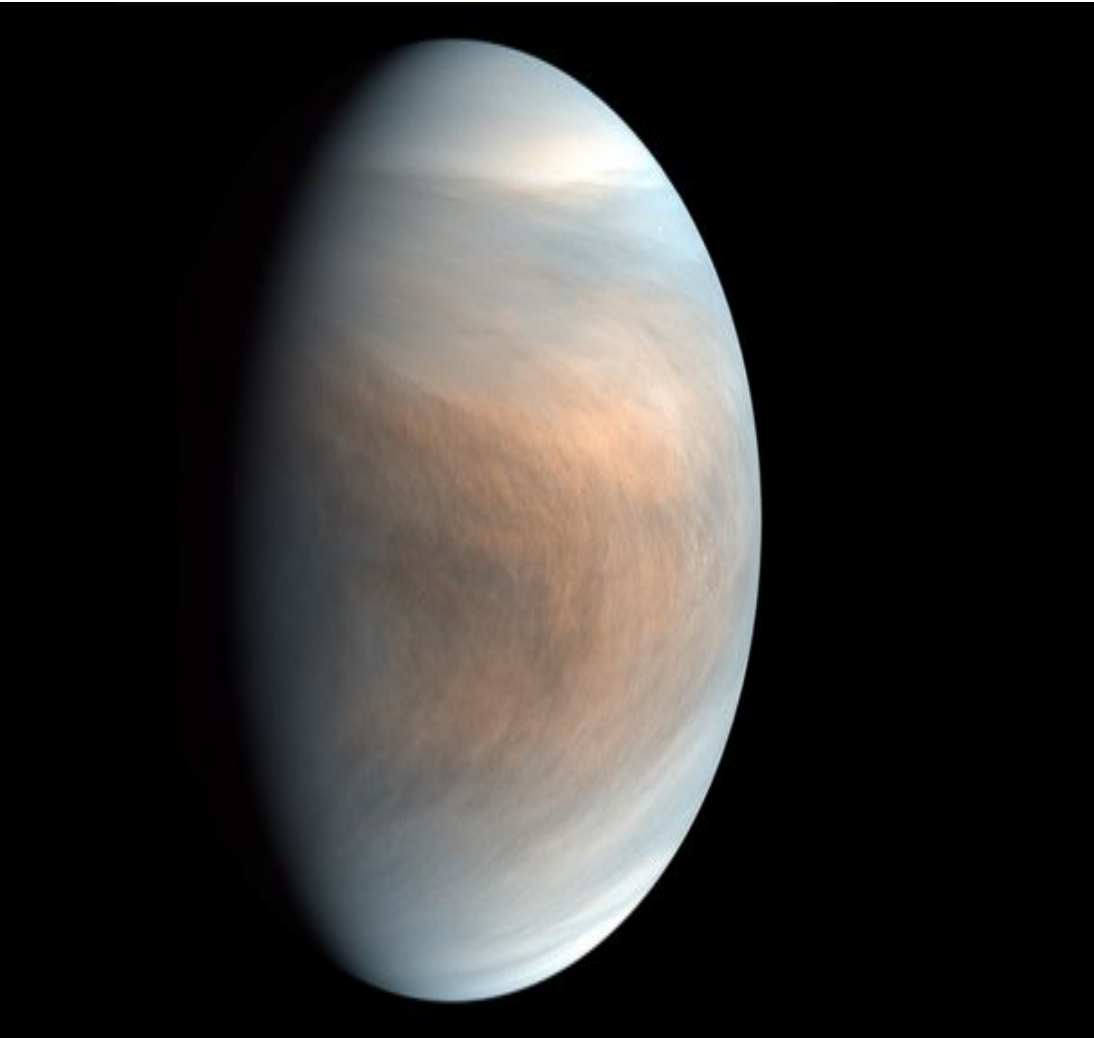
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”is ALIEN life living in the clouds of Venus”, Sep 2020 news

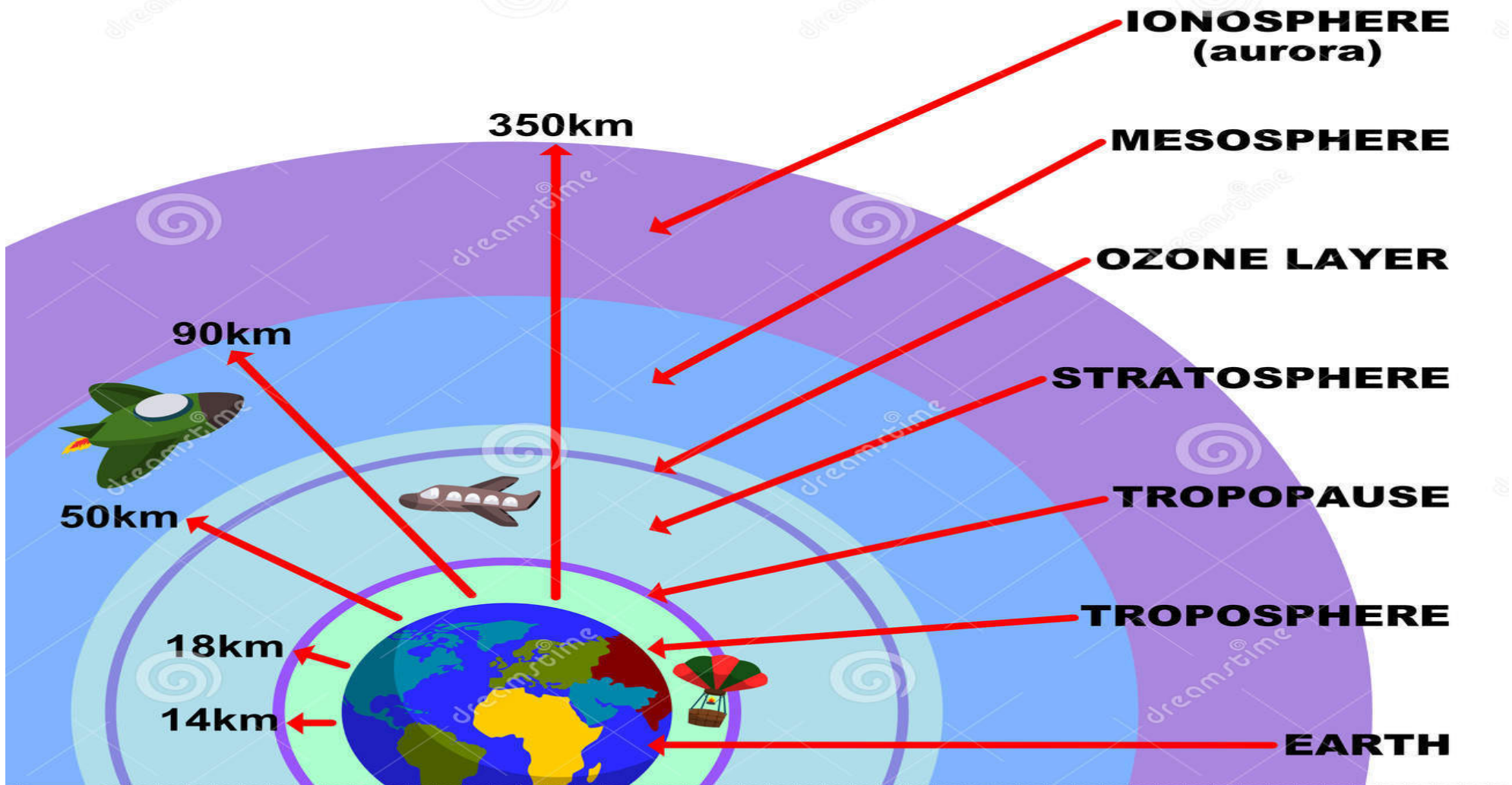


Venus Surface; $T = 900 \text{ K}$, Density = $90 \times$ Earth, CO_2 , Sulfuric acid, hostile to living form, upper atmosphere: cooler & high velocity gas.
Fig. R: Spectra of PH_3 1-0 in Venus atmosphere, 50 km up, as observed with ICNT (Greaves et al 2020)

Predicted maximum photo-chemical production of PH_3 found to be insufficient to explain observations by more than 4 orders of magnitude.

- Discrepancy \sim Lack of accuracy in underlying science data

Layers of the Atmosphere



- Microbes are found 60-70 km above the earth surface.
- Grazing theory: Asteroid carried earth microbes to Venus (Siraj and Loeb 2020)

Our of the galaxies, The MILKY WAY, Our Galaxy!



- Milky Way: 200-400 billion stars, including the Sun
- Life is speculated in other stars
- Why do the stars shine? Light or radiation is emitted by excited or “HOT” atoms, molecules in them

”EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE - ALIENS”:



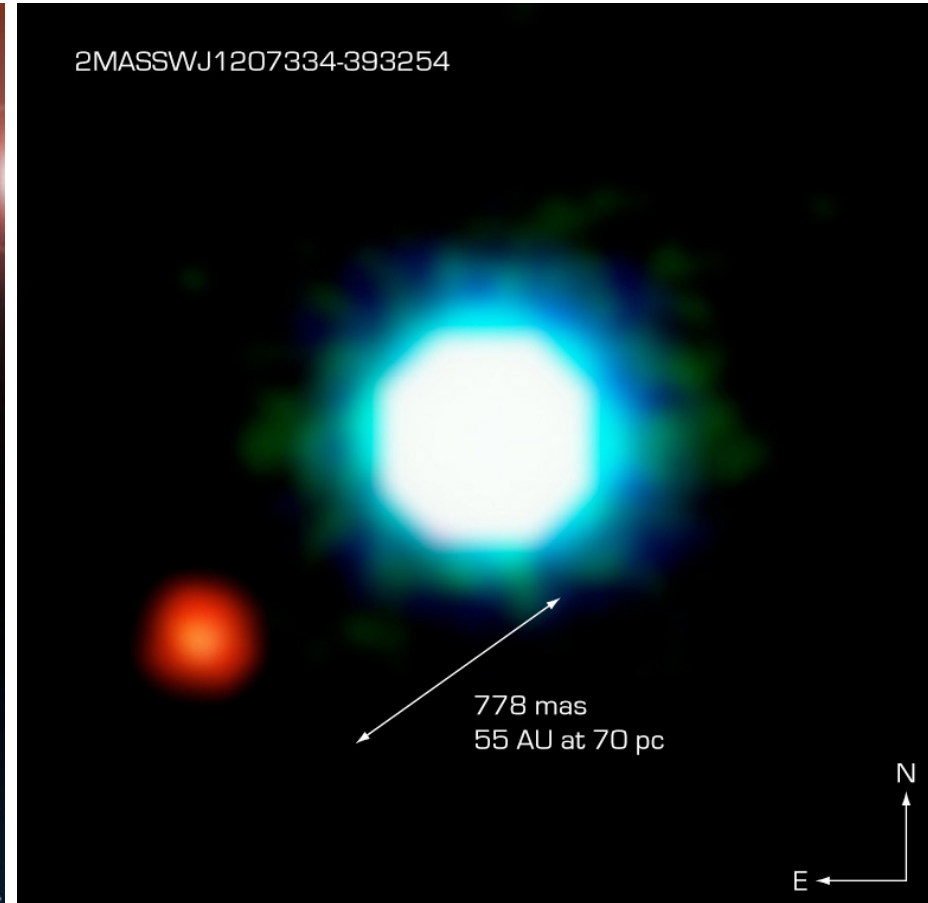
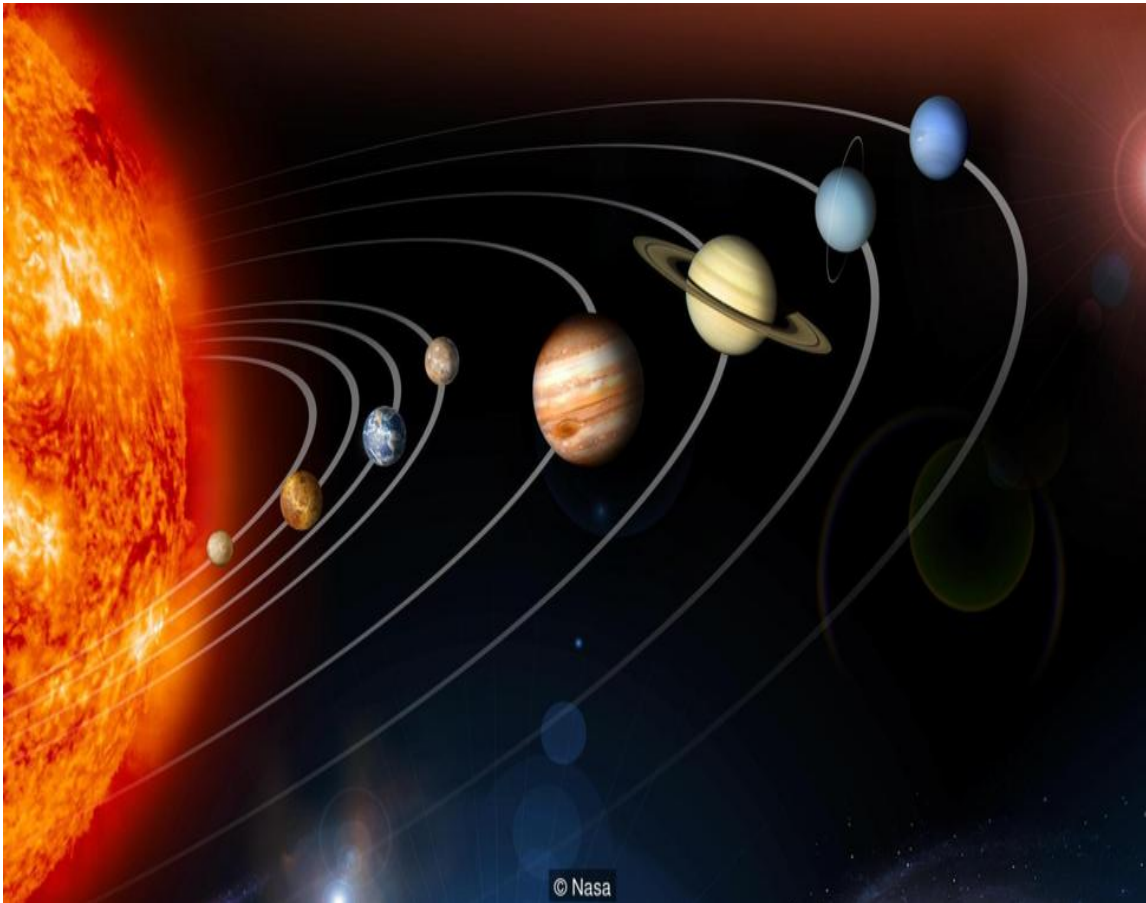
- All our body elements are found in space - ”we are made of star dusts”.
- Science shows that life on Earth is intimately connected to extraterrestrial processes
- It is natural to expect aliens out there.

SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE



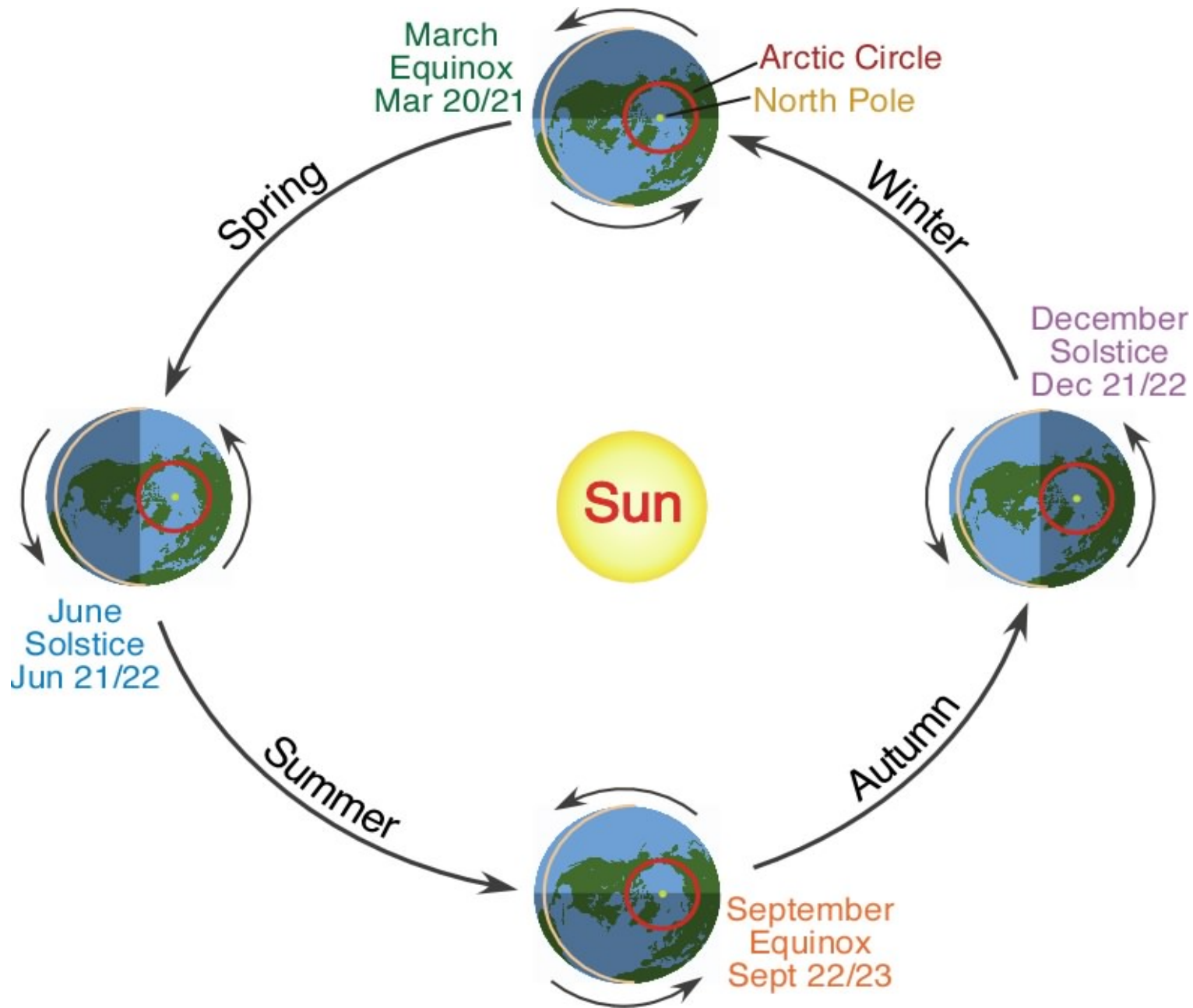
- Since started in 1984, SETI (based in California) has not confirmed the detection of any ETI signals except some - e.g. of SHGb02+14a in 2004 that needs analysis
- It is searching 20,000 red dwarf stars for signs of intelligent life and hopes to a confirmation by 2040.

STARS WITH PLANETS AND EXOPLANETS



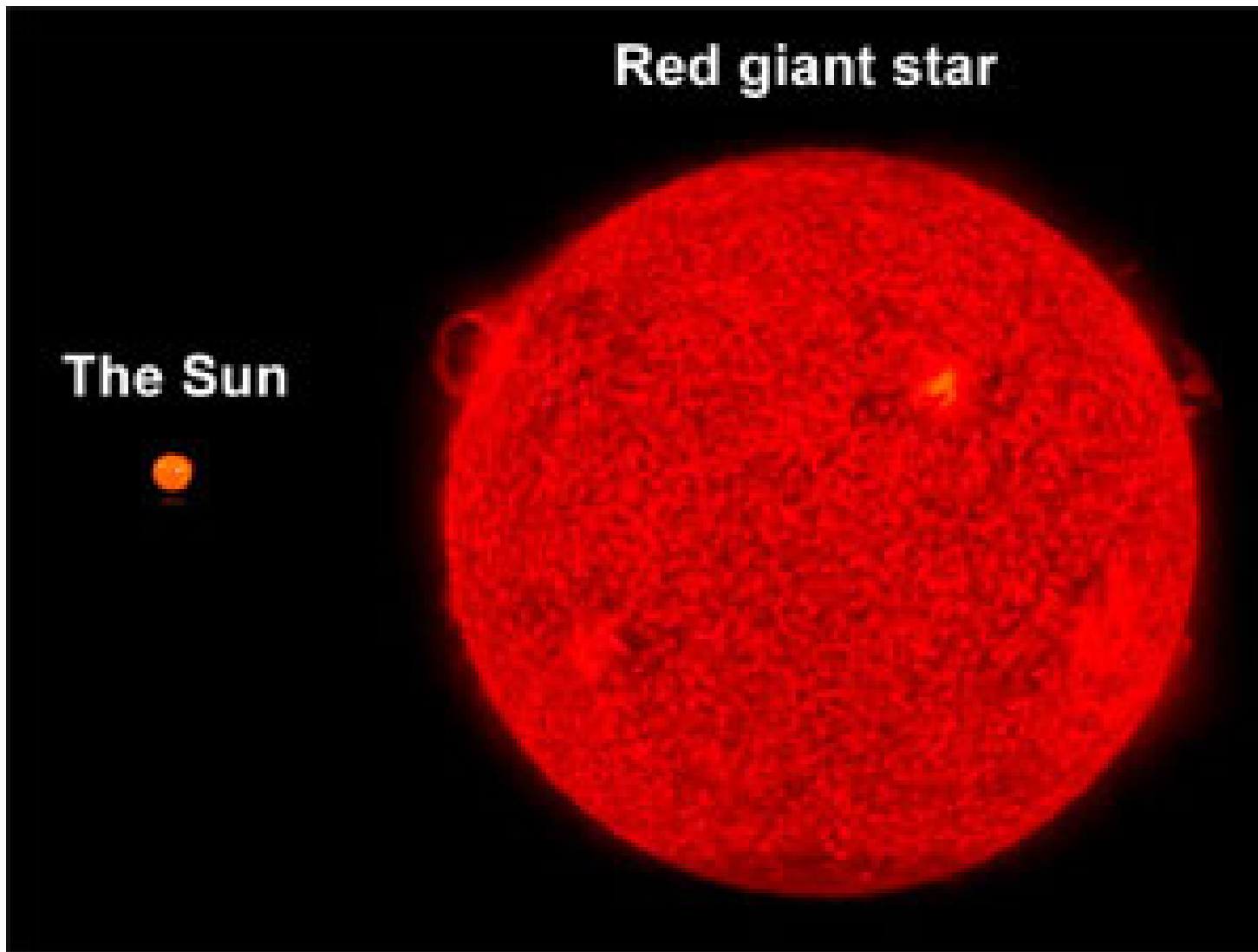
- **L: Solar planets:** Planets around our sun
- **R: Exoplanets:** Planets around a star except the sun. The first direct picture of an exoplanet, 2M1207b-ESO2004, by HARPS spectrograph of ESO telescope in Chile in 2004
- 4000 exoplanets detected during 1988 - 2020, over 2000 by Kepler (space, NASA) & over a hundred by HARPS (Chile, ESO), others by HST, Spitzer, KELT, TRAPPIST, etc

The SUN, Our STAR



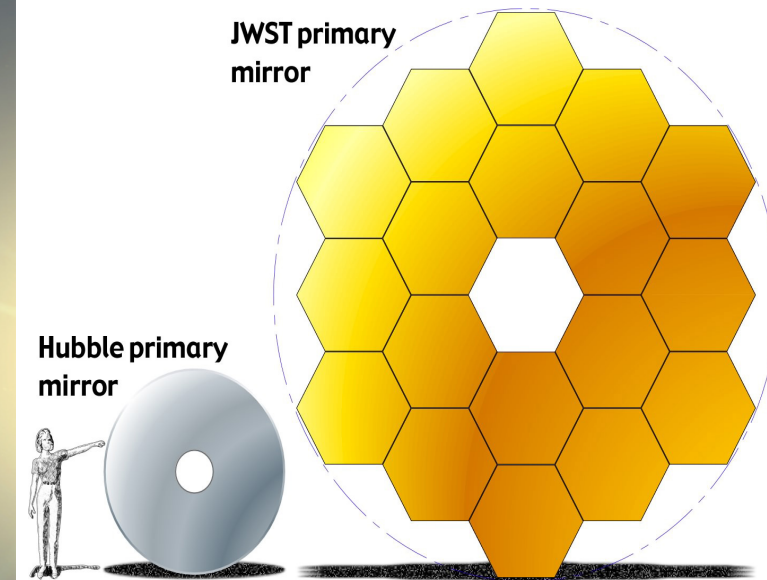
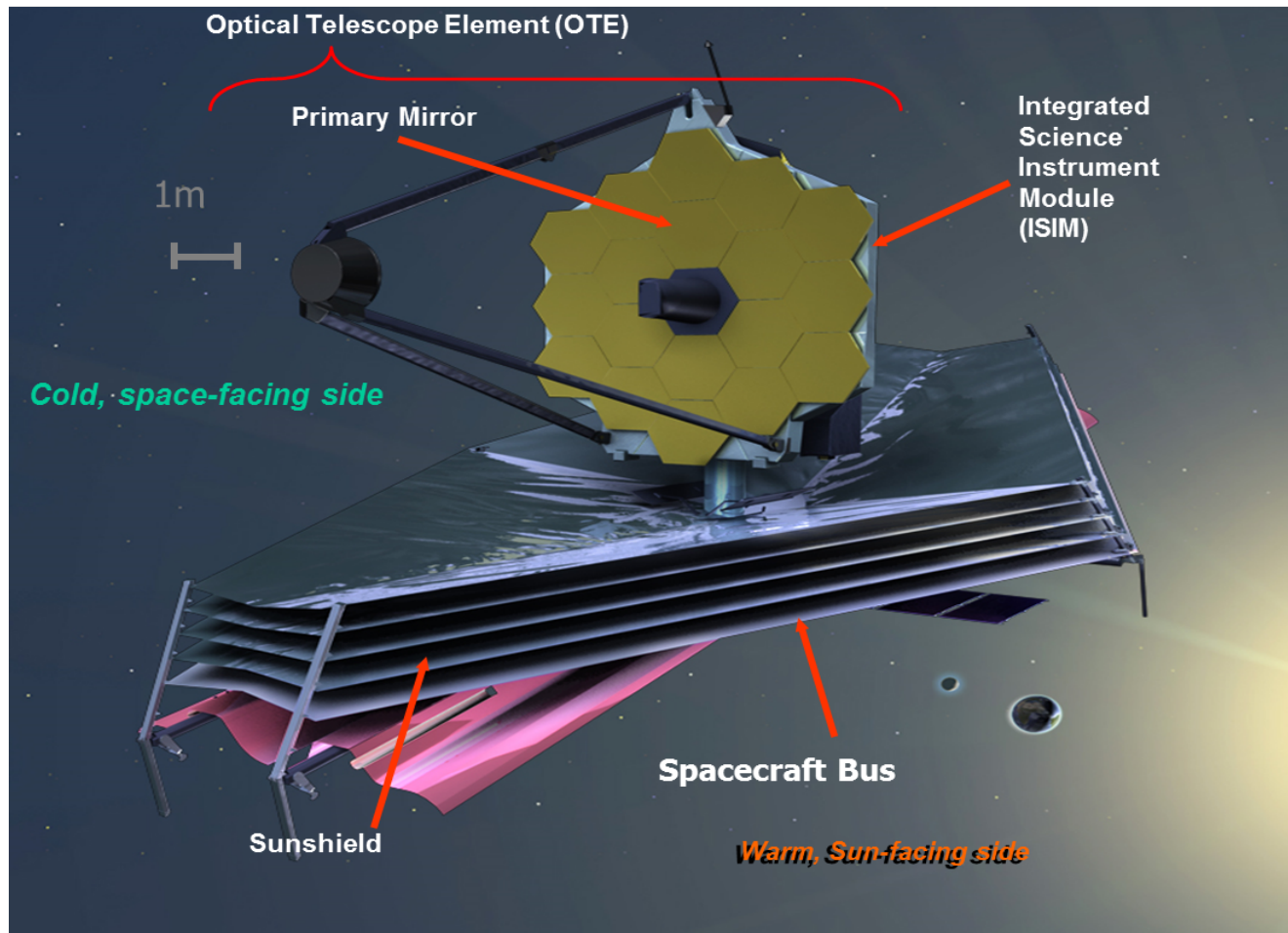
- Sun is the source of energy for our Earth, its planet
 - It is the standard for studying other stars

FATE OF OUR SUN IN 6-7 BYR: RED GIANT



- Red Giant is a dying expanded star with H fuel gone
- Sun is fusing H to He in the core at 15 MK
- Core becomes hotter and denser as He sinks in. Slowly H fusion will spread outward until all H burnt out.
- At 300 MK, He fusion will form Be (slow), C, N (slow), O.
- Mostly carbon, mostly in diamond -

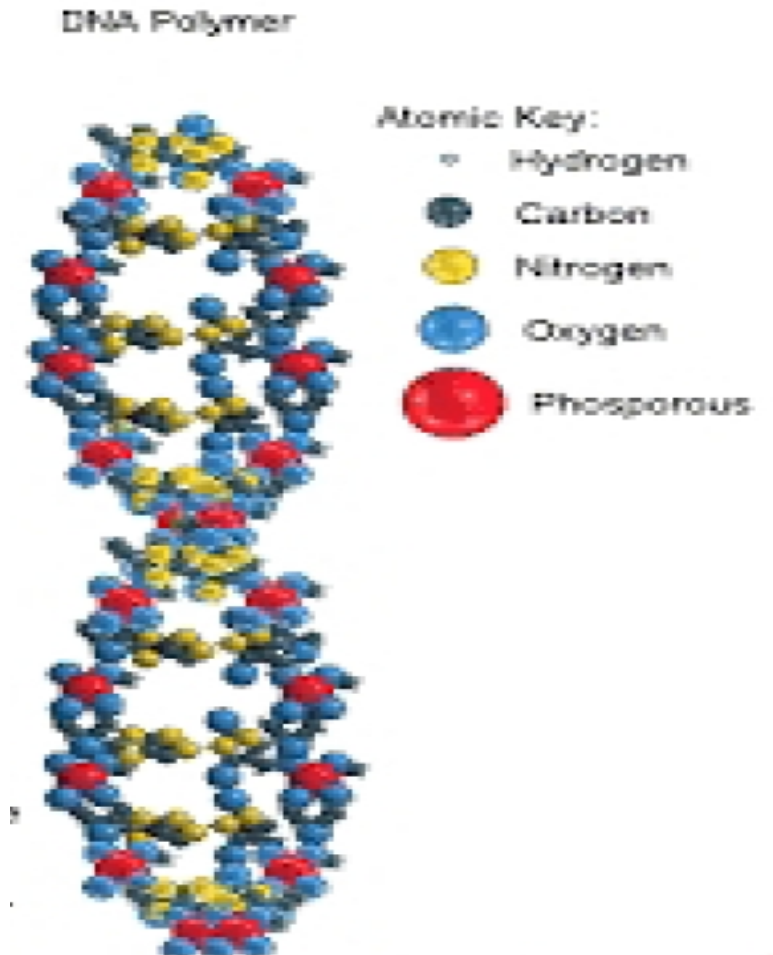
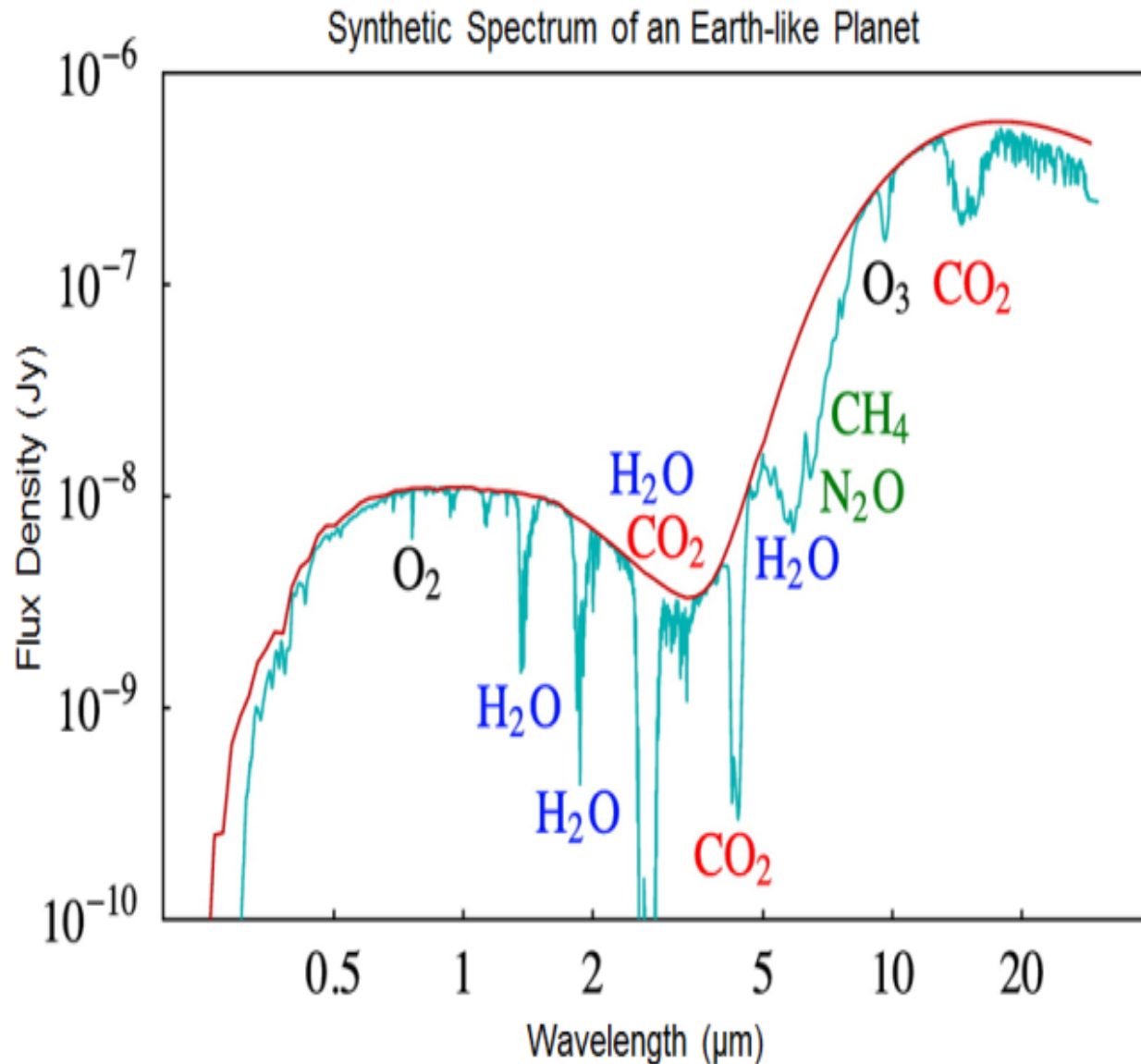
James Webb Space Telescope (JWST): Infrared 0.6 - 28.5 μm



- 18 mirrors combine to create 6.5m - Hubble: 2.4m diameter lens
- Mass: 6500 kg - Launch: March 2021
- One of the objectives: Characterize exoplanets and see what molecules their atmospheres contain

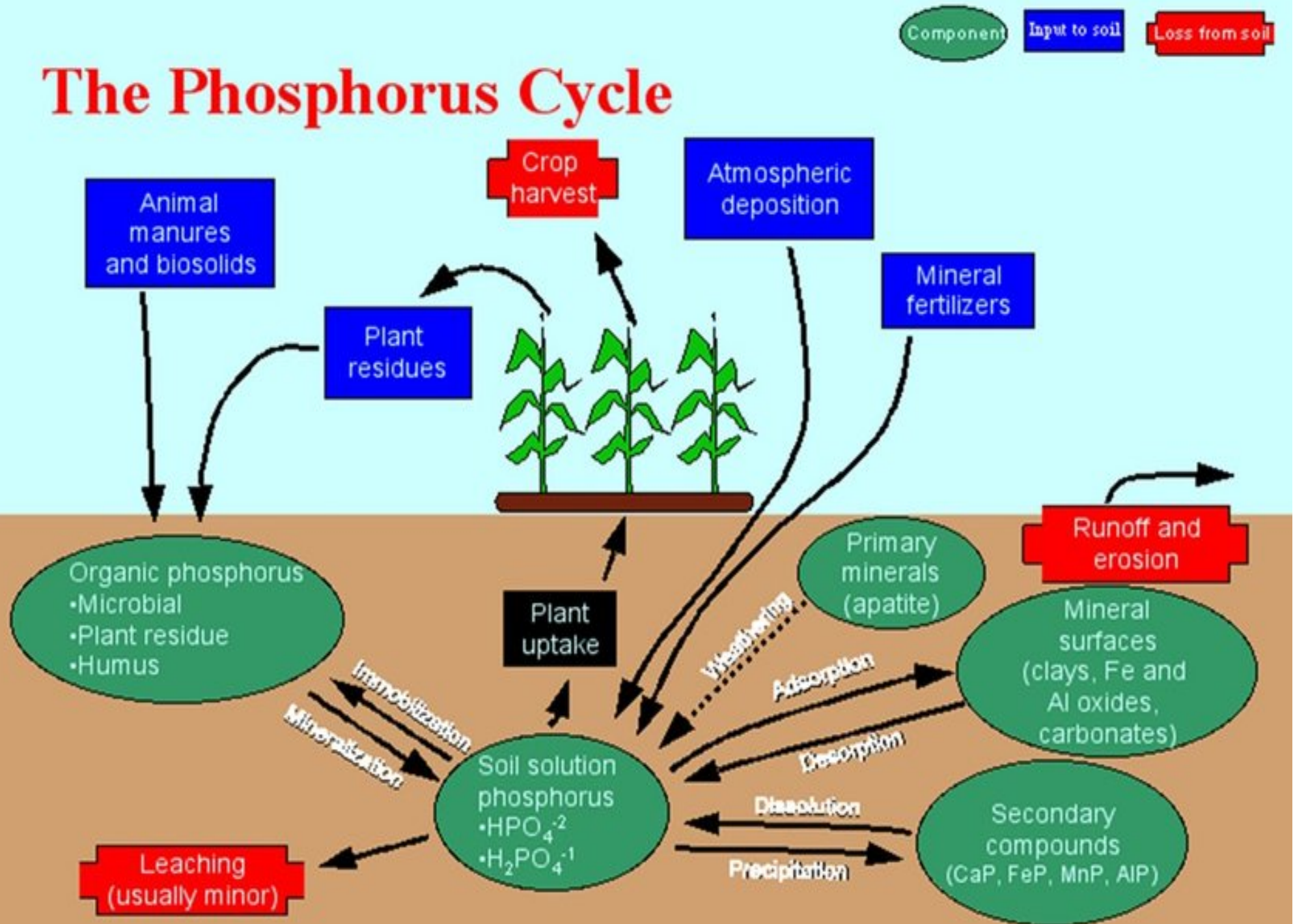
BIO-SIGNATURE ELEMENTS

- Biosignatures: H_2O , CH_4 , CO_2 , CN , H_2C_6 , NO_3 , NH_3
- Basic element of evolution: C, N, O, K, Ca, Fe, .., P
- Phosphorus, a component of DNA, RNA, ATP, cells, teeth, bone



PHOSPHORUS CYCLE:

The Phosphorus Cycle

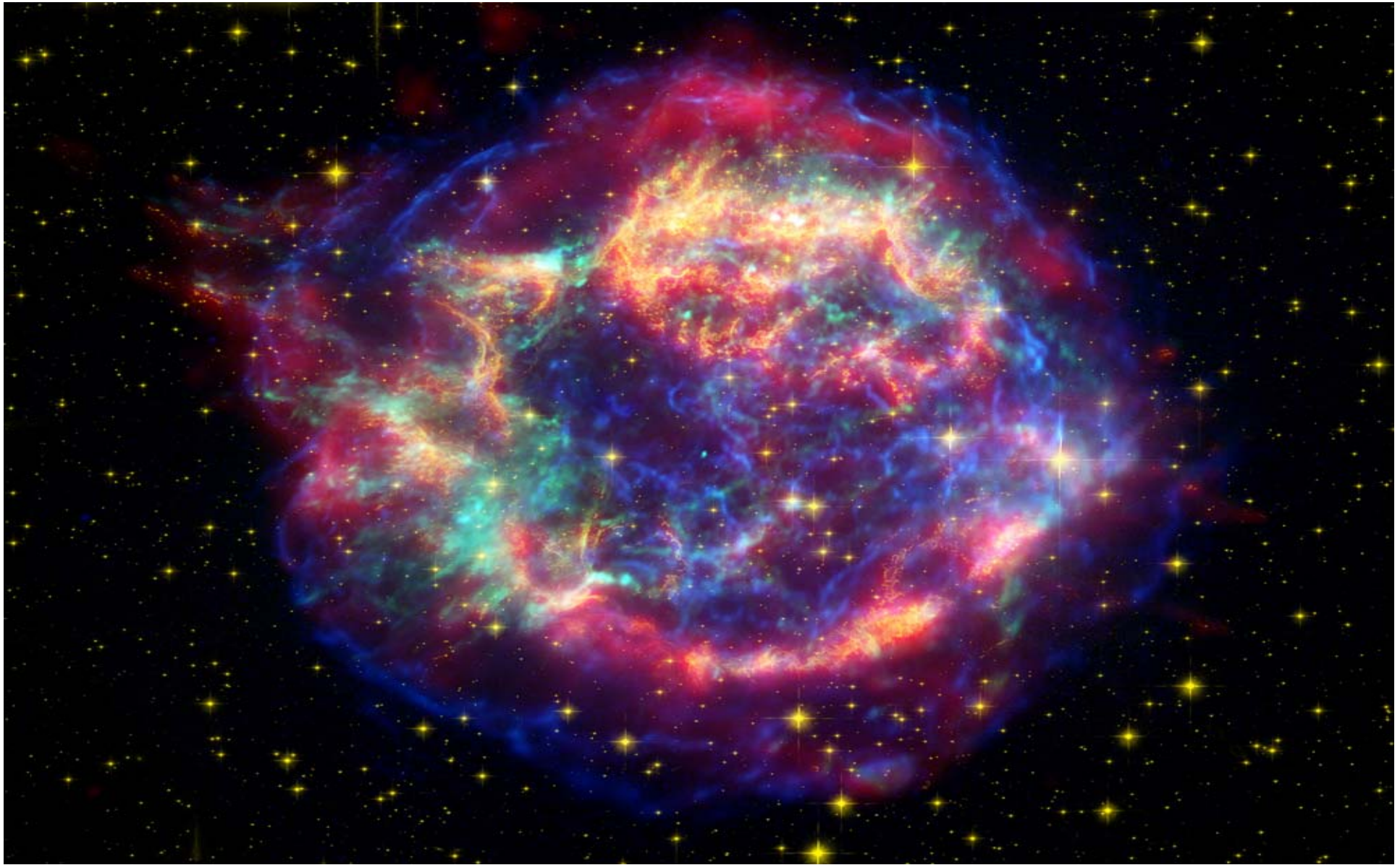


”OUR COSMIC SELVES”: (NY Times, April 13, 2015)



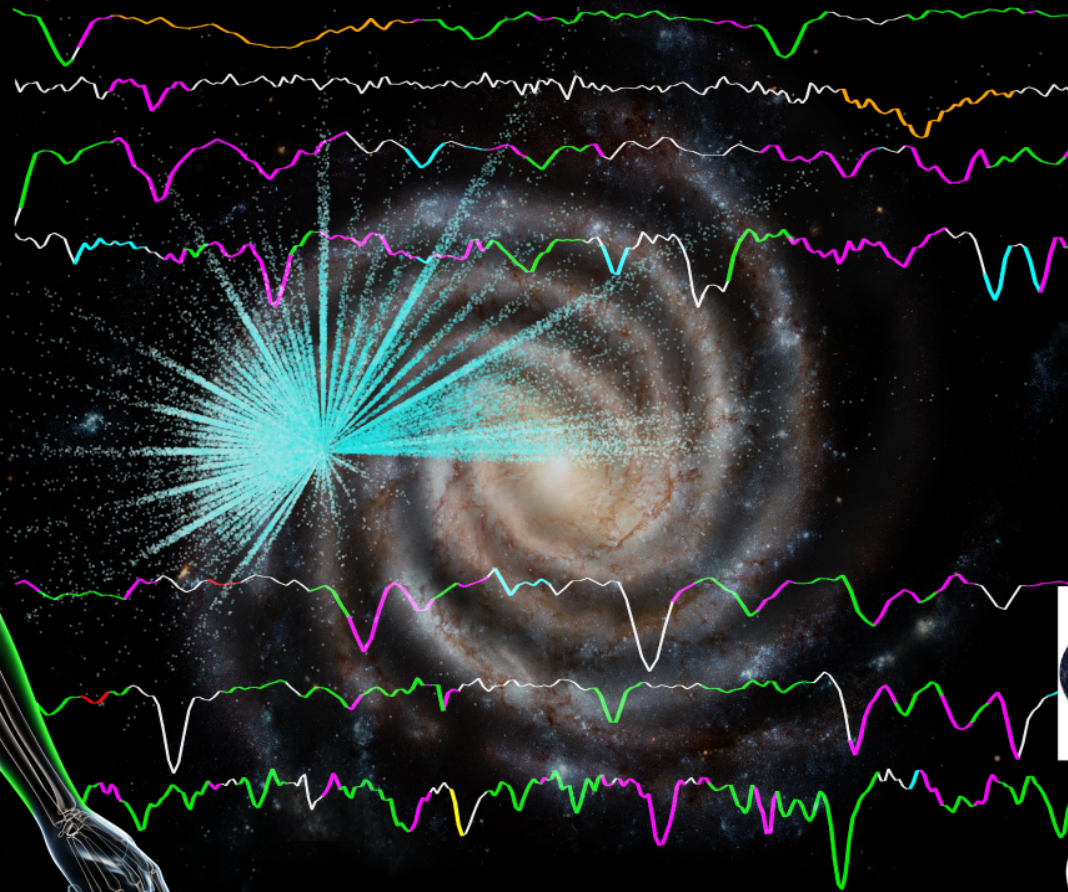
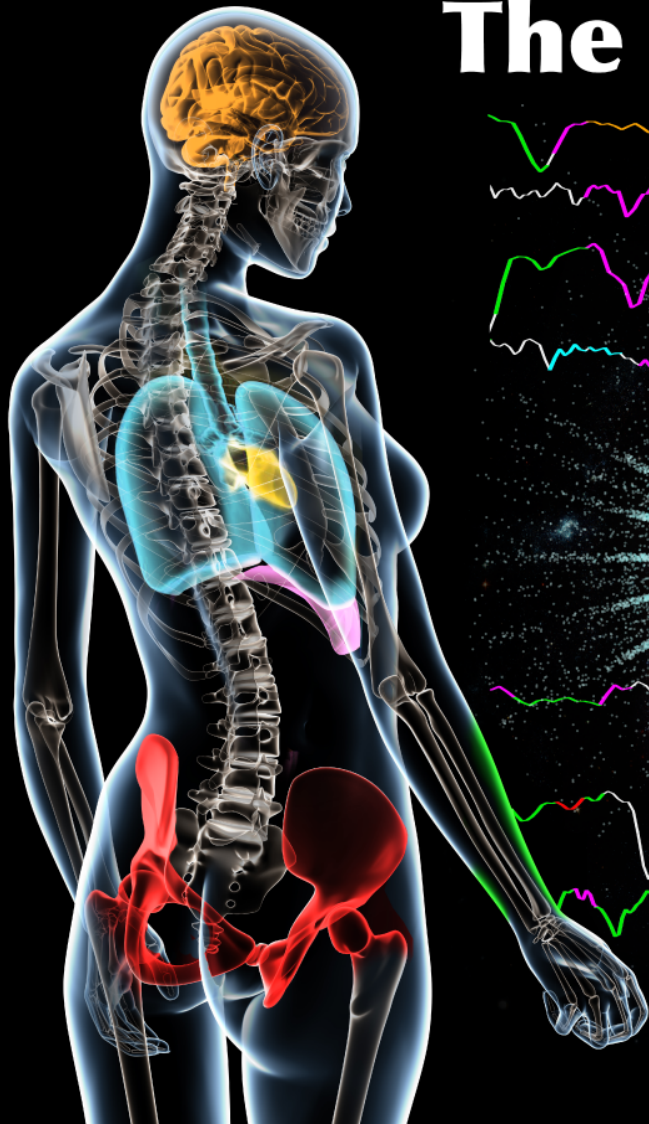
- Article: Found abundance of bio-elements in space: C, N, O, Fe, Ca - except P until recently ● Does it hold one critical clue for the search for extra-terrestrial life?

SUPERNOVA REMNANT CASSIOPEIA A



- Photometric Observation: Spitzer (Infrared - red), Hubble (Visible - yellow), Chandra (X-ray - green & blue)
- In 2013, astronomers detected phosphorus in Cassiopeia A, which confirmed that this element is produced in supernovae as a byproduct of supernova nucleosynthesis. Not all SNe creates P.

The Elements of Life

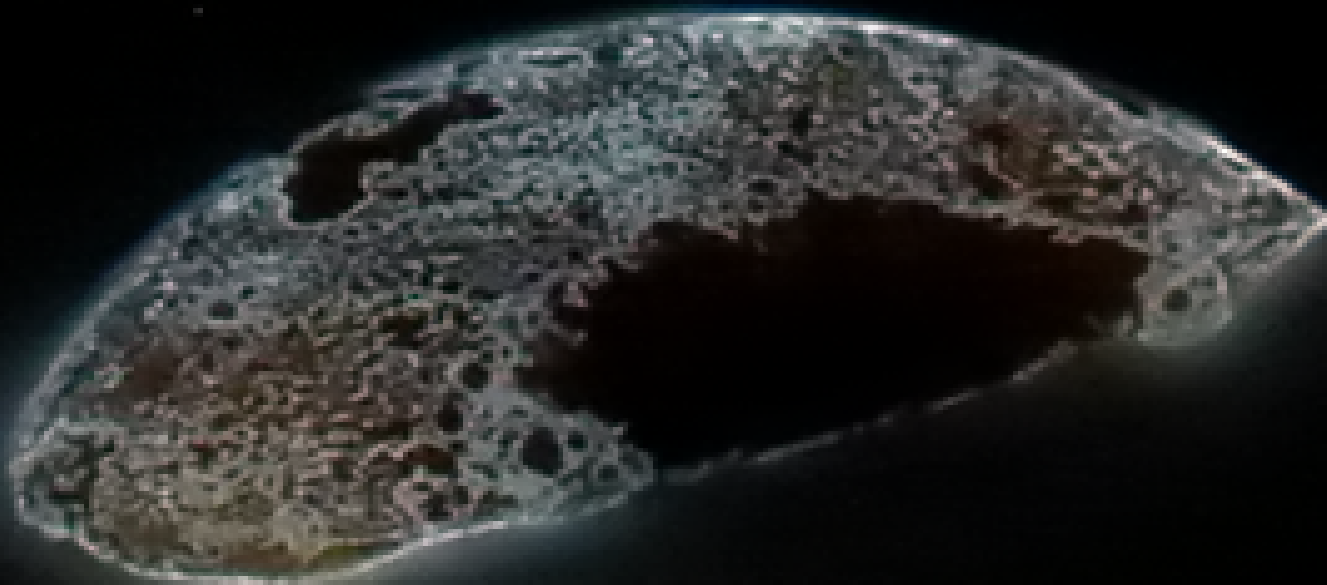


Hydrogen
Carbon
Nitrogen
Oxygen
Sulfur
Phosphorus



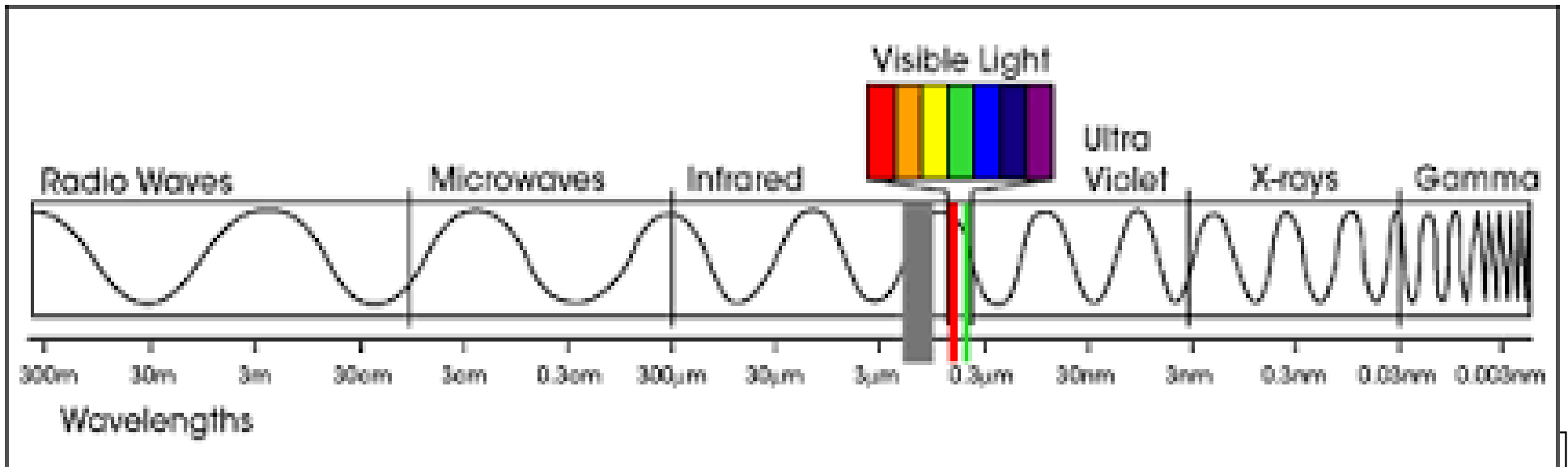
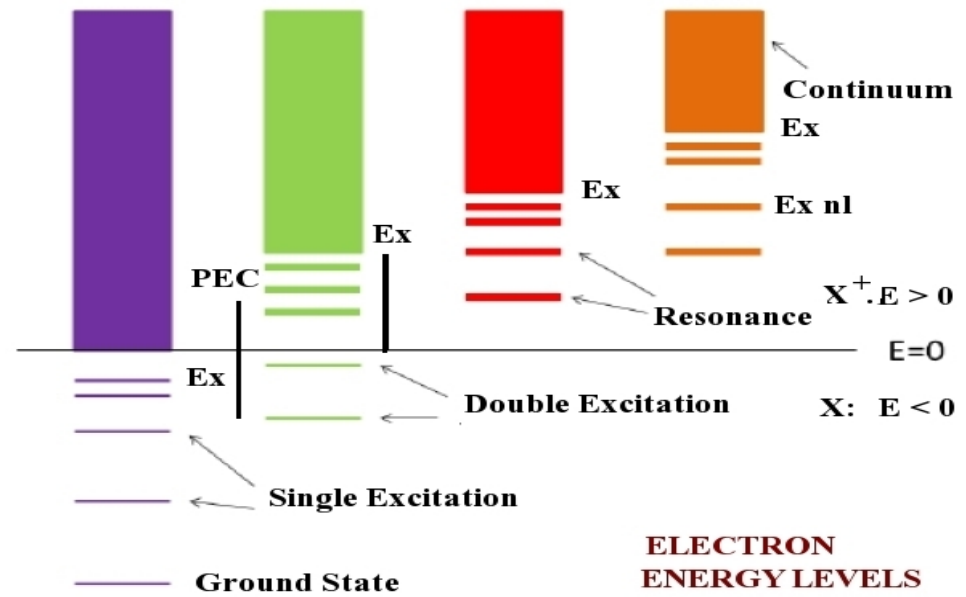
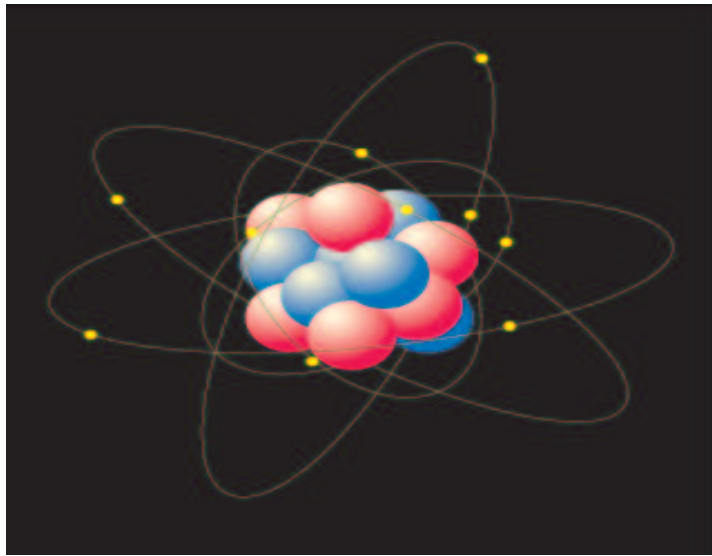
- Very little P has been detected. P is abundant in the solar system but not in others.
- How do we determine the existence of elements in space - through spectroscopy

PHOSPHORUS: A HIGHLY REACTIVE ELEMENT



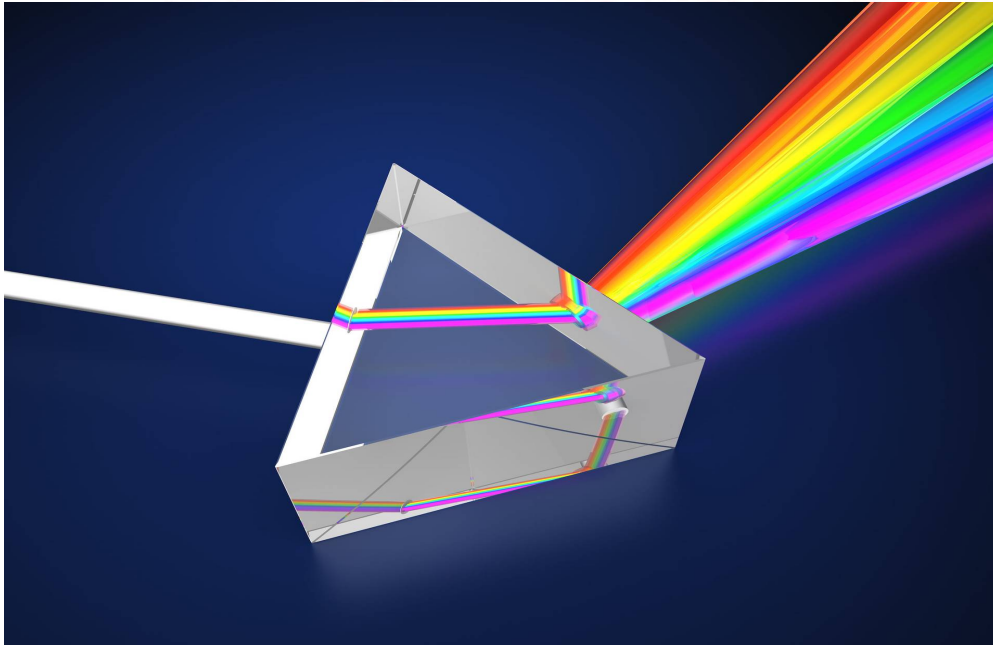
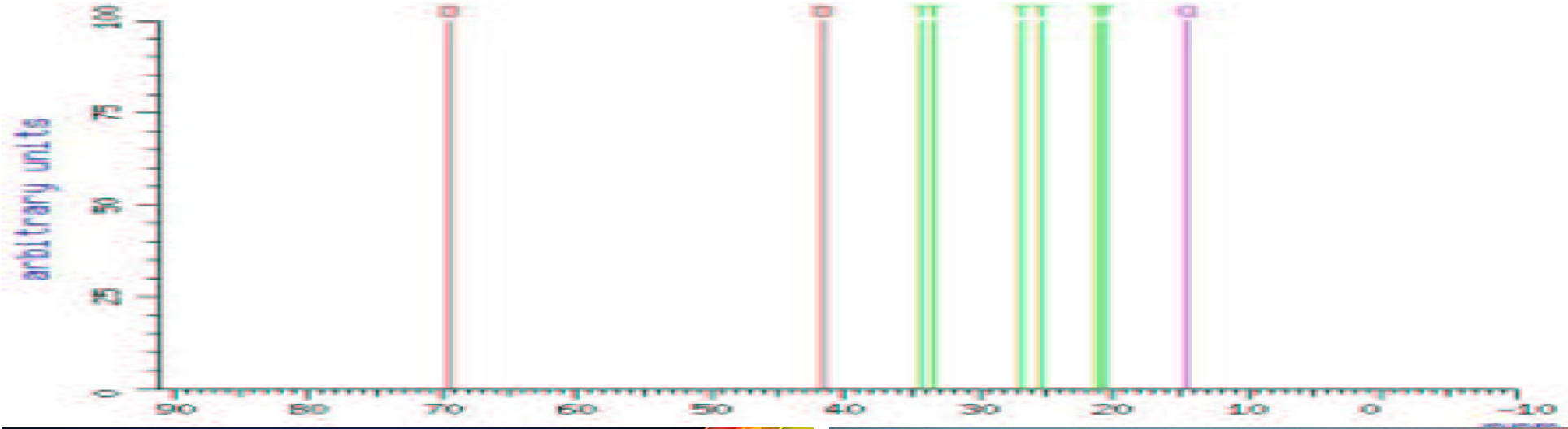
- It glows when exposed to air, highly reactive
- It is used extensively in industries, fertilizers, detergents, pesticides, plasticizers, etc
- The least studied element - was not seen much in space

RADIATION FROM HOT ATOMS



- An electron can be excited to higher levels
- When dropping down, depending on excitation it gives out a photon over a wide wave length range. Only a fraction of radiation is visitable
- Each atom has its own set of colors that form spectral lines

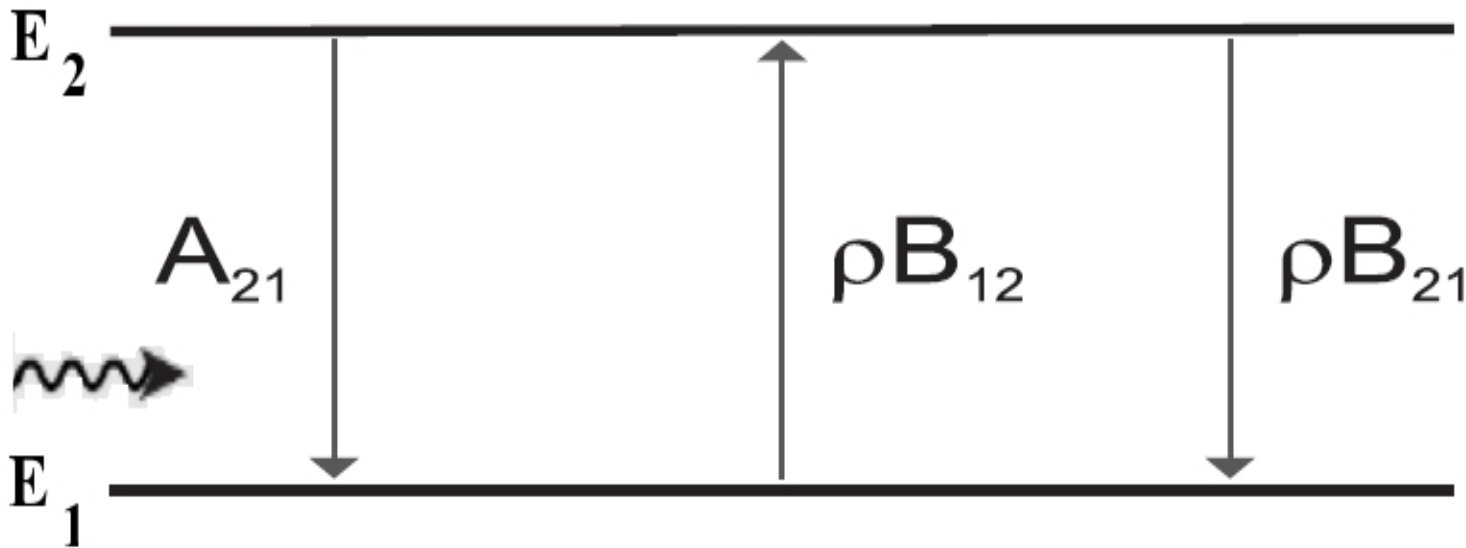
RADIATION FROM ATOMS & SPECTRUM



- Energy levels are quantized
- An electron can be excited to higher levels. While dropping down, it gives out a photon. Radiation contains photons of many energies
- SPECTRUM: Splitting the radiation into its colors: Rainbow, C lines quantum states can broaden the lines.

ATOMIC PROCESS FOR LINE FORMATION IN PLASMAS

1. PHOTO-EXCITATION & DE-EXCITATION:

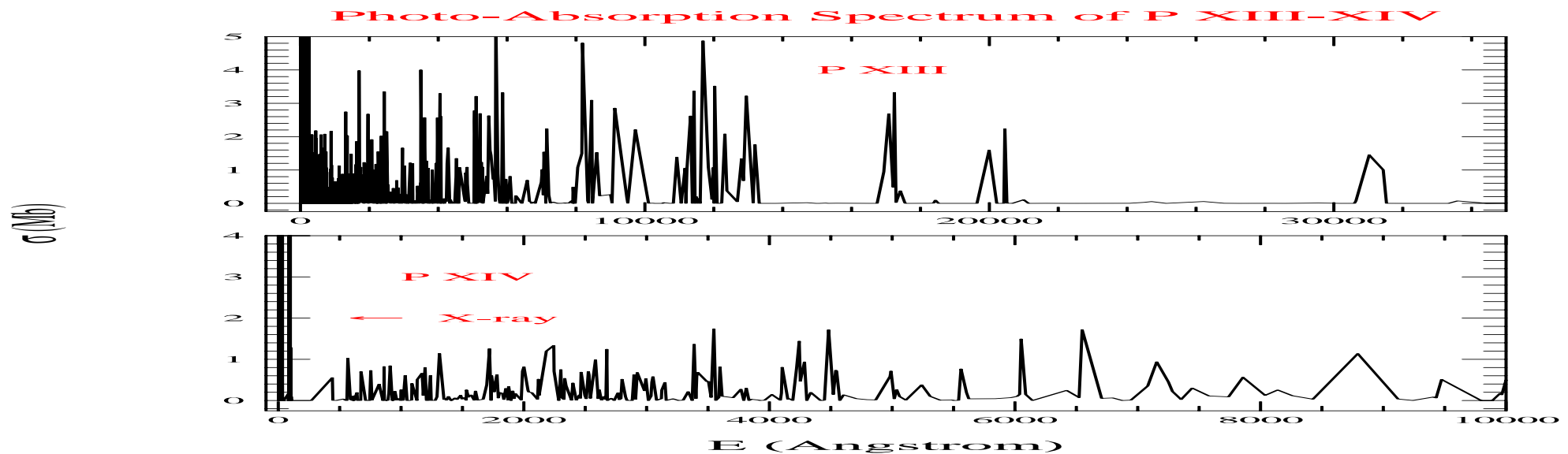
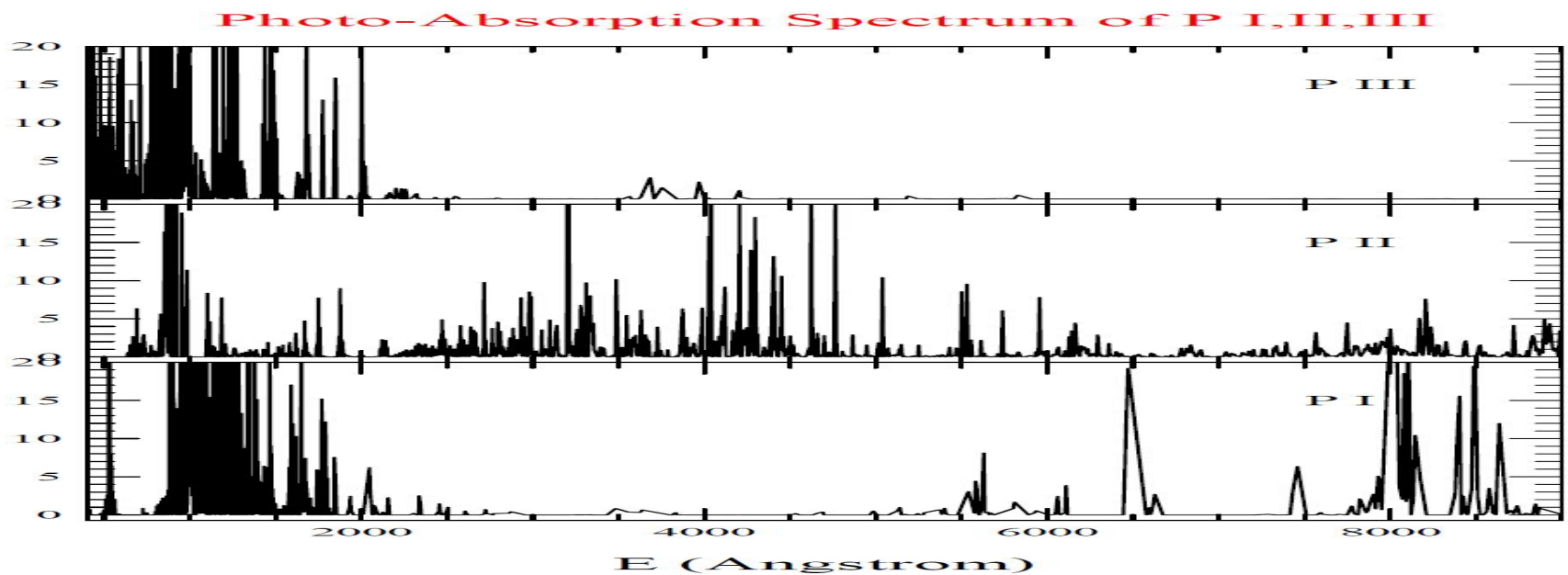


- Atomic quantities:
 - A_{21} for Spontaneous Decay or Radiative Decay Rate
 - f (Oscillator Strength) or B_{12} for Excitation
- Monochromatic opacity (κ_ν) depends on f_{ij}

$$\kappa_\nu(i \rightarrow j) = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} N_i f_{ij} \phi_\nu$$

N_i = ion density in state i , ϕ_ν = profile factor

Phosphorus spectra from X-ray - FIR (Nahar et al in progress)



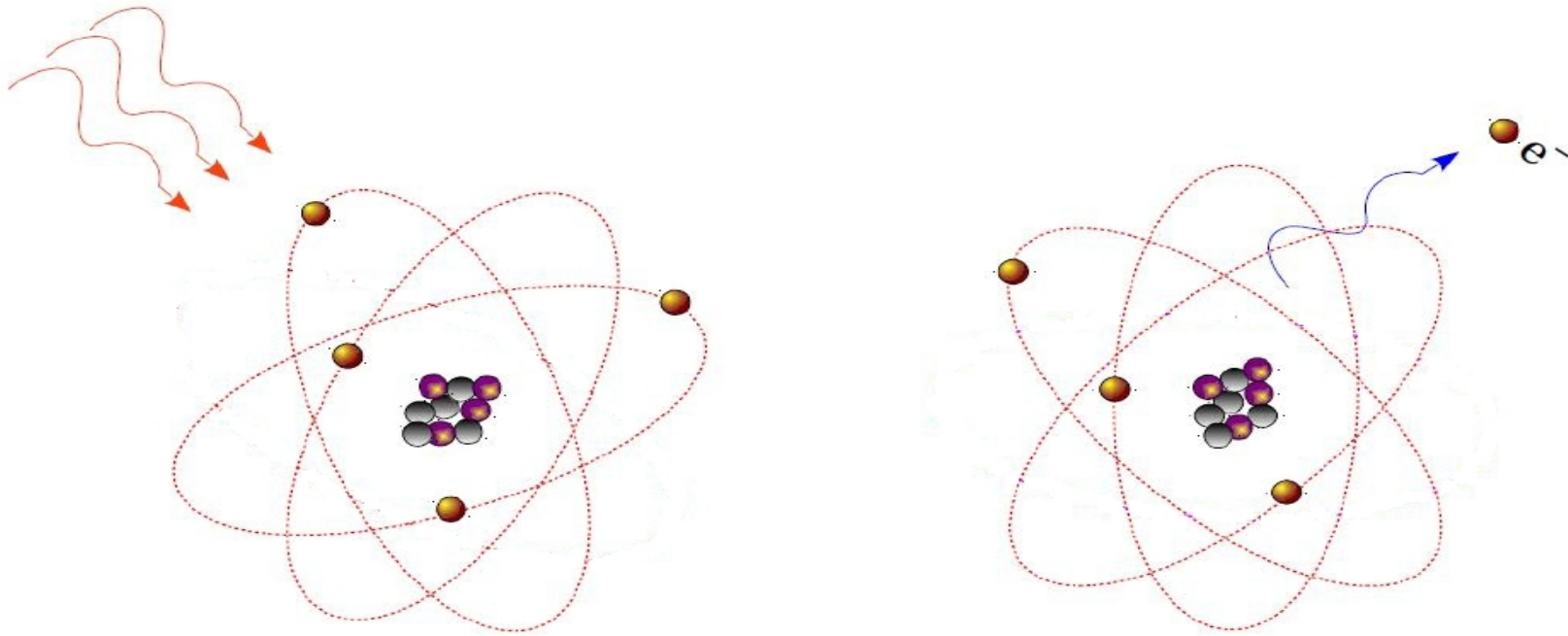
- We have obtained radiative decay rates of all ionization stages of P, I - XV. Ex. Spectra: P I,II,III (top) and XIV,XV (bottom)
- λ 1500 - 9000 (top) and 0 - 10000, 30000 (bottom), show regions of dominance from x-ray to far infrared

Accuracy: Our calculated A-values agree reasonably with existing ones.

Table 1: Comparison of A-values for different transitions of **P-I- XV** calculated from **SUPERSTRUCTURE** with published values

K	KP	E1	E2	Transition	Ass	Others
6	1	0.6141	0	$3s^2 3p^2 4s(^4 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	5.666E+07	1.997E+08
7	1	1.4356	0	$3s^2 3p^2 4s(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	5.184E+07	2.013E+08
8	1	1.4356	0.9815	$3s^2 3p^2 4s(^4 P_{5/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	4.392E+07	2.043E+08
11	1	2.0653	0	$3s 3p^4(^4 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	2.099E+08	3.568E+05
10	1	2.0653	0	$3s 3p^4(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	2.147E+08	4.332E+05
7	1	0.5825	0	$3s 3p^3(^3 D_1) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	5.654E+05	8.312E+06 (Huang 1985)
11	1	0.6929	0	$3s 3p^3(^3 P_0^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	5.768E+07	2.853E+07 (Huang 1985)
82	1	1.2644	0	$3s 3p^3(^1 P_0^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	2.282E+05	3.215E+08 (Huang 1985)
48	1	1.1270	0	$3s 3p^3(^3 S_1) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.243E+09	3.113E+09 (Huang 1985)
27	1	0.9383	0	$3s^2 3p 3d(^3 P_0^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.931E+09	2.413E+09 (Huang 1985)
3	1	0.5087	0	$3s 3p^2(^1 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	1.111E+04	6.276E+03 (Huang 1986)
8	1	0.9941	0	$3s 3p^2(^2 S_{1/2}) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	1.144E+09	8.164E+08 (Huang 1986)
9	1	1.0334	0	$3s 3p^2(^2 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	4.693E+09	4.474E+09 (Huang 1986)
4	1	0.5103	0	$3s 3p^2(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	8.957E+01	4.195E+01 (Huang 1986)
6	1	0.7055	0	$3s 3p^2(^2 D_{3/2}) \rightarrow 3s^2 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	6.267E+07	5.044E+07 (Huang 1986)
4	1	0.6141	0	$3s 3p(^3 P_2^o) \rightarrow 3s^2(^1 S_0)$	3.058E-02	2.09E-2 (Ray 1989) / 3.12E-02 (Lin
6	1	1.4356	0	$3p^2(^1 D_2) \rightarrow 3s^2(^1 S_0)$	2.694E+04	2.422E+04 (Godefroid 1985)
6	5	1.4356	0.9815	$3p^2(^1 D_2) \rightarrow 3s 3p(^1 P_0^o)$	8.729E+07	1.01E+08 (Godefroid 1985)
14	1	2.0653	0	$3s 3d(^1 D_2) \rightarrow 3s^2(^1 S_0)$	2.081E+05	1.960E+05 (Godefroid 1985)
14	5	2.0653	0.9815	$3s 3d(^1 D_2) \rightarrow 3s 3p(^1 P_0^o)$	9.105E+09	8.38E+09 (Godefroid 1985)
5	1	1.8434	0	$2p^6 3d(^2 D_{5/2}) \rightarrow 2p^6 3s(^2 S_{1/2})$	8.643E+04	8.51E+04 (Godefroid 1985)
4	2	1.8428	0.8001	$2p^6 3d(^2 D_{3/2}) \rightarrow 2p^6 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	3.247E+09	4.088E+09 (Godefroid 1985)
2	1	0.8001	0	$2p^6 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 2p^6 3s(^2 S_{1/2})$	1.221E+09	1.219E+09 (Johnson 1996)
3	1	0.8073	0	$2p^6 3p(^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 2p^6 3s(^2 S_{1/2})$	1.255E+09	1.253E+09 (Johnson 1996)
6	2	2.4543	0.8001	$2p^6 4s(^2 S_{1/2}) \rightarrow 2p^6 3p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	2.477E+09	2.447E+09 (Johnson 1996)
3	1	9.8291	0	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 3s(^3 P^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6(^1 S_0)$	1.418E+10	2.830E+10 (Hibbert 1993)
5	1	9.9214	0	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 3s(^1 P^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6(^1 S_0)$	6.107E+10	1.781E+11 (Hibbert 1993)
17	1	11.8406	0	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 3d(^3 P^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6(^1 S_0)$	1.204E+09	3.819E+09 (Hibbert 1993)
23	1	11.9808	0	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 3d(^3 D_1) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6(^1 S_0)$	3.070E+10	1.103E+11 (Hibbert 1993)
27	1	12.1263	0	$1s^2 2s^2 2p^5 3d(^1 P_1^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6(^1 S_0)$	5.525E+11	1.475E+12 (Hibbert 1993)
3	1	5.3016	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^6(^2 S_{1/2}) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5(^2 P_{3/2}^o)$	2.658E+10	2.557E+10
4	1	3.8413	0	$1s^2 2s p^5(^4 P_{5/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5(^2 P_{3/2}^o)$	3.069E+08	1.797E+08
5	1	5.3016	0	$1s^2 2s p^5(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5(^2 P_{3/2}^o)$	4.775E+09	2.840E+09
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7	1	5.3016	0	$1s^2 2s p^5(^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^5(^2 P_{3/2}^o)$	1.133E+11	1.114E+11
7	3	5.3016	0.0848	$1s^2 2s p^5(^3 P^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4(^3 P_0^o)$	5.481E+09	6.387E+09
8	2	3.8413	0.0627	$1s^2 2s p^5(^3 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4(^3 P_1^o)$	1.727E+10	2.000E+10
7	2	5.3016	0.0627	$1s^2 2s p^5(^3 P_1^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4(^3 P_1^o)$	4.206E+09	4.886E+09
6	2	3.7529	0.0627	$1s^2 2s p^5(^3 P_2^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4(^3 P_0^o)$	4.011E+09	4.701E+09
7	1	5.3016	0	$1s^2 2s p^5(^3 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^4(^3 P_2^o)$	7.404E+09	8.535E+09
8	1	3.2357	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^4(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3(^4 S_{3/2})$	5.230E+09	5.764E+09
7	1	3.2066	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^4(^4 P_{5/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3(^3 P_2^o)$	5.071E+09	5.606E+09
6	1	3.1532	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^4(^4 P_{5/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3(^3 P_0^o)$	4.813E+09	5.355E+09
9	1	4.4363	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^4(^2 D_{3/2}) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3(^3 P_0^o)$	6.113E+05	4.588E+05
10	1	4.4394	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^4(^2 D_{5/2}) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^3(^3 P_1^o)$	1.478E+05	3.416E+04
6	2	1.4807	0.0411	$1s^2 2s 2p^3(^5 S_2) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.557E+05	1.040E+05
6	3	1.4807	0.1026	$1s^2 2s 2p^3(^5 S_2) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^2(^3 P_2^o)$	3.566E+05	2.478E+05
8	1	3.0036	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^3(^3 D_1) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.993E+09	2.101E+09
8	2	3.0036	0.0411	$1s^2 2s 2p^3(^3 D_1) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.008E+09	1.131E+09
7	2	3.0027	0.0411	$1s^2 2s 2p^3(^3 D_2) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	2.544E+09	2.708E+09
10	9	4.069	4.010	$1s^2 2s 2p^2(^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p^2(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	2.301	7.717 / 8.184
2	1	0.101	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^2(^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p^2(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	1.228E+01	8.16 / 8.19
3	1	1.596	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^2(^4 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	7.236E+05	5.972E+05
4	1	1.633	0	$1s^2 2s 2p^2(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s^2 2p(^2 P_{1/2}^o)$	1.706E+04	1.311E+04
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3	2	1.705	1.669	$1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_0^o)$	1.139	5.94E-01
4	3	1.783	1.705	$1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_2^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_0^o)$	8.431	4.98
5	4	3.346	1.783	$1s^2 2s 2p(^1 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_2^o)$	1.231E+02	7.04E+01
5	2	3.346	1.669	$1s^2 2s 2p(^1 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_2^o)$	1.171E+02	6.62E+01 / 8.43E+01
5	3	3.346	1.705	$1s^2 2s 2p(^1 P_0^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s 2p(^3 P_1^o)$	8.719E+01	4.88E+01 / 5.98E+01
7	6	4.453	4.409	$1s^2 2p^2(^3 P_1^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2p^2(^3 P_0^o)$	1.997	1.16 / 1.14
20	1	156.616	0	$1s 2s 2p(^2 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	4.101E+13	¹ 4.089E + 13
25	1	157.297	0	$1s 2s 2p(^3 S) (^2 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	6.446E+12	¹ 6.828E + 12
17	1	155.139	0	$1s 2s 2p(^4 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	1.954E+10	¹ 2.754E + 10
21	1	156.670	0	$1s 2s 2p(^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	4.426E+13	¹ 3.141E + 12
18	1	155.166	0	$1s 2s 2p(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	5.276E+10	¹ 7.394E + 10
7	1	158.200	0	$1s 2s 2p(^2 P_{1/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	5.108E+13	15.022E + 13, 5.018E + 13 5.03E + 13, 5.02E + 13, 5.021E + 13
4	1	157.295	0	$1s 2s 2p(^3 S) (^2 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	2.614E+11	¹ 6.828E + 12
4	2	157.295	156.152	$1s 2s 2p(^4 P_{3/2}^o) \rightarrow 1s^2 2s(^2 S_{1/2})$	1.623E+08	¹ 2.754E + 10

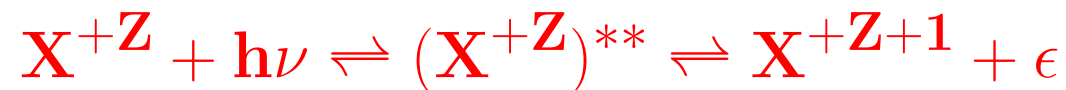
2. PHOTOIONIZATION (PI):



i) Direct Photoionization (background):



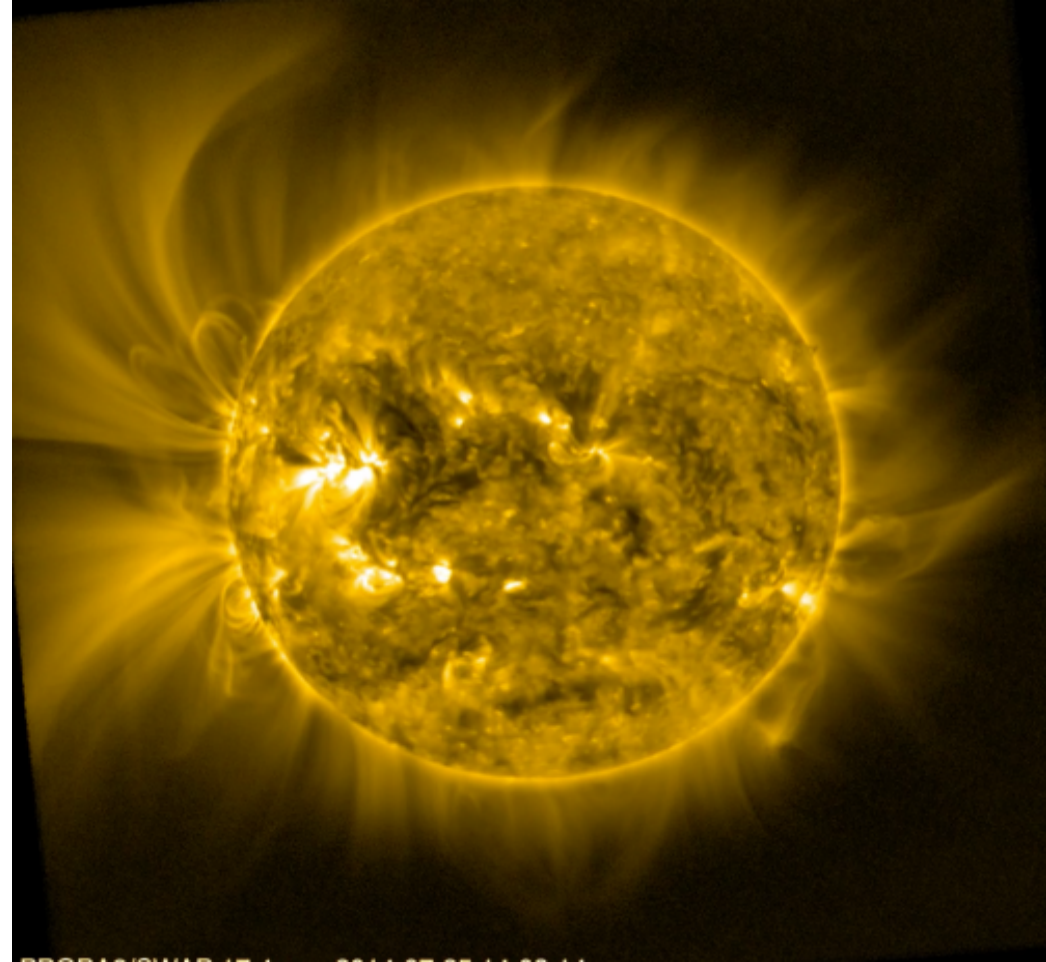
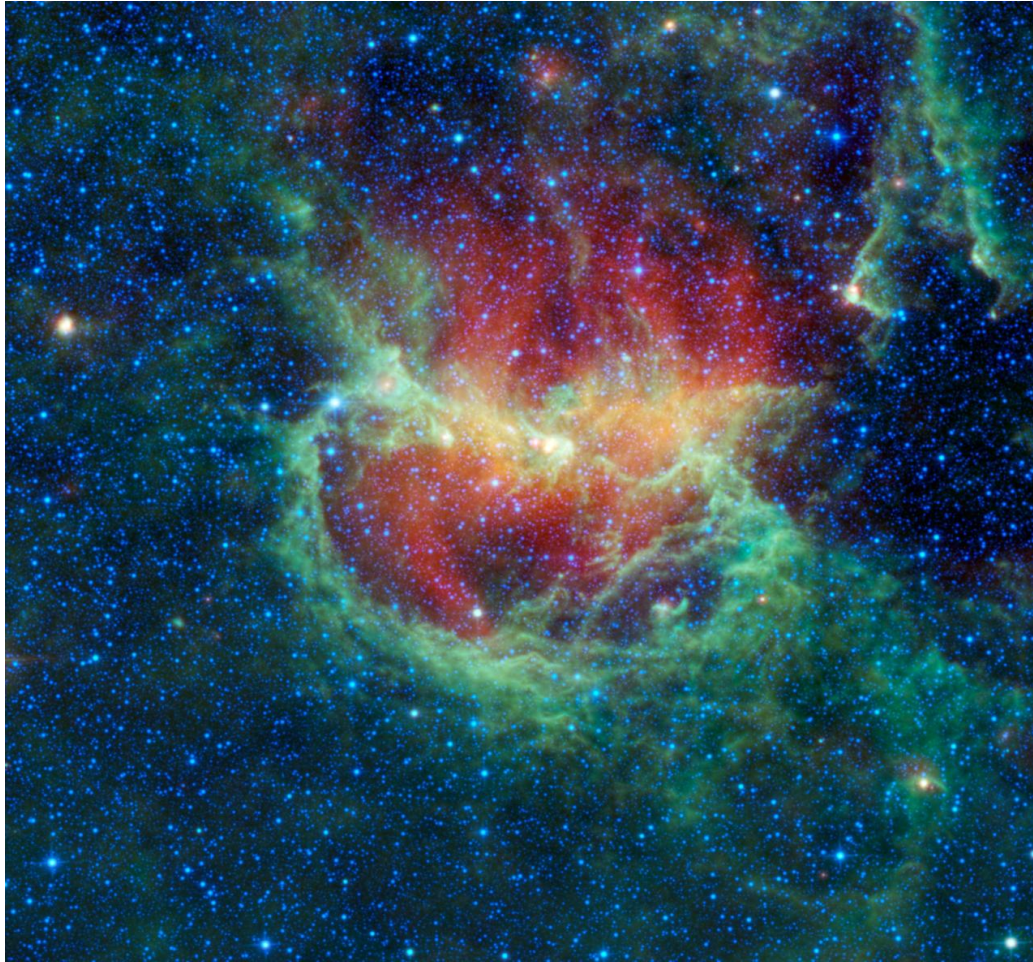
ii) Resonant Photoionization: an intermediate state before ionization \rightarrow "Autoionizing state" \rightarrow RESONANCE



• κ_ν depends on photoionization cross section σ_{PI}

$$\kappa_\nu = N_i \sigma_{\text{PI}}(\nu)$$

PHOTOIONIZED PLASMAS

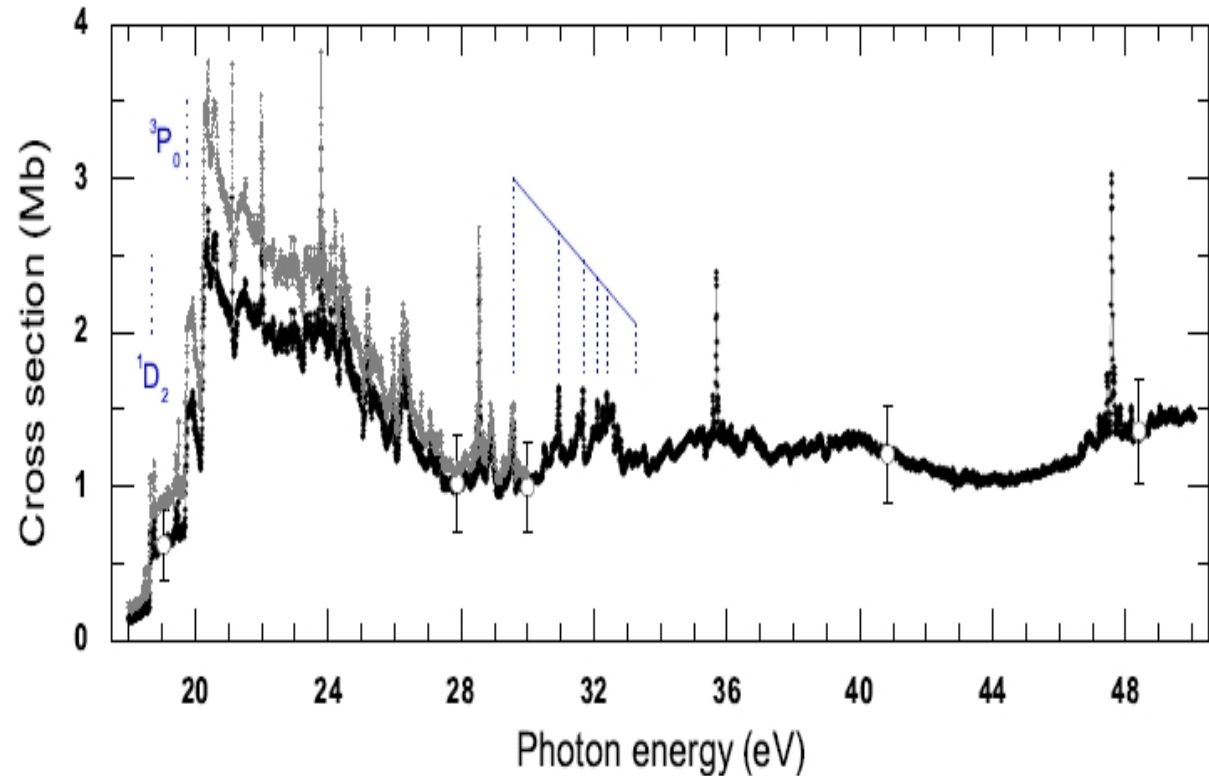
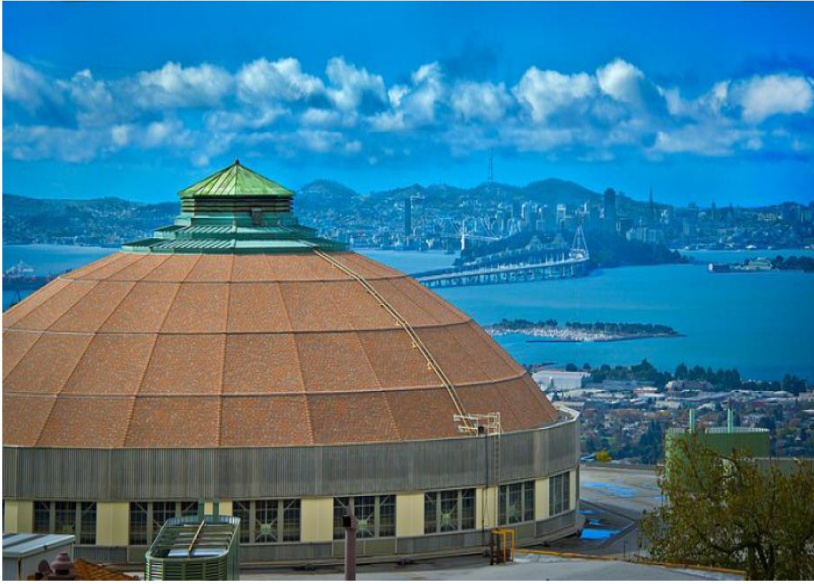


- Photoionization occurs with any light source
- Lambda Centauri nebula with radiation sources of stars
- Solar corona: a rarefied atmosphere of super-heated plasma that blankets the Sun and extends out into space for millions of kilometers.

PHOTOIONIZATION OF P II: Experiment (ALS, Berkeley)

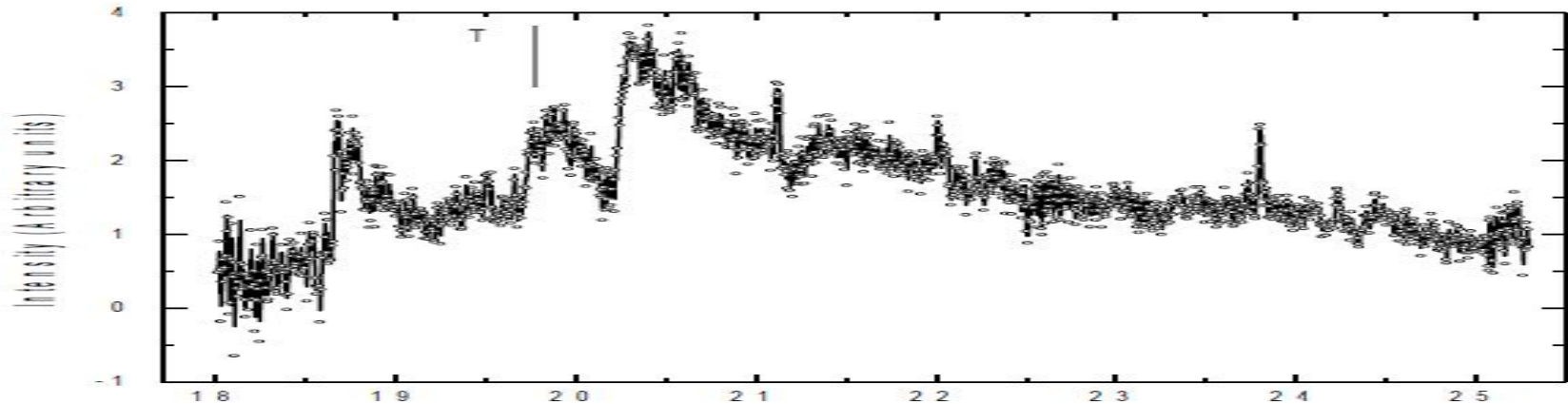
(Guillermo et al. 2015)

The ALS at Lawrence Berkeley National
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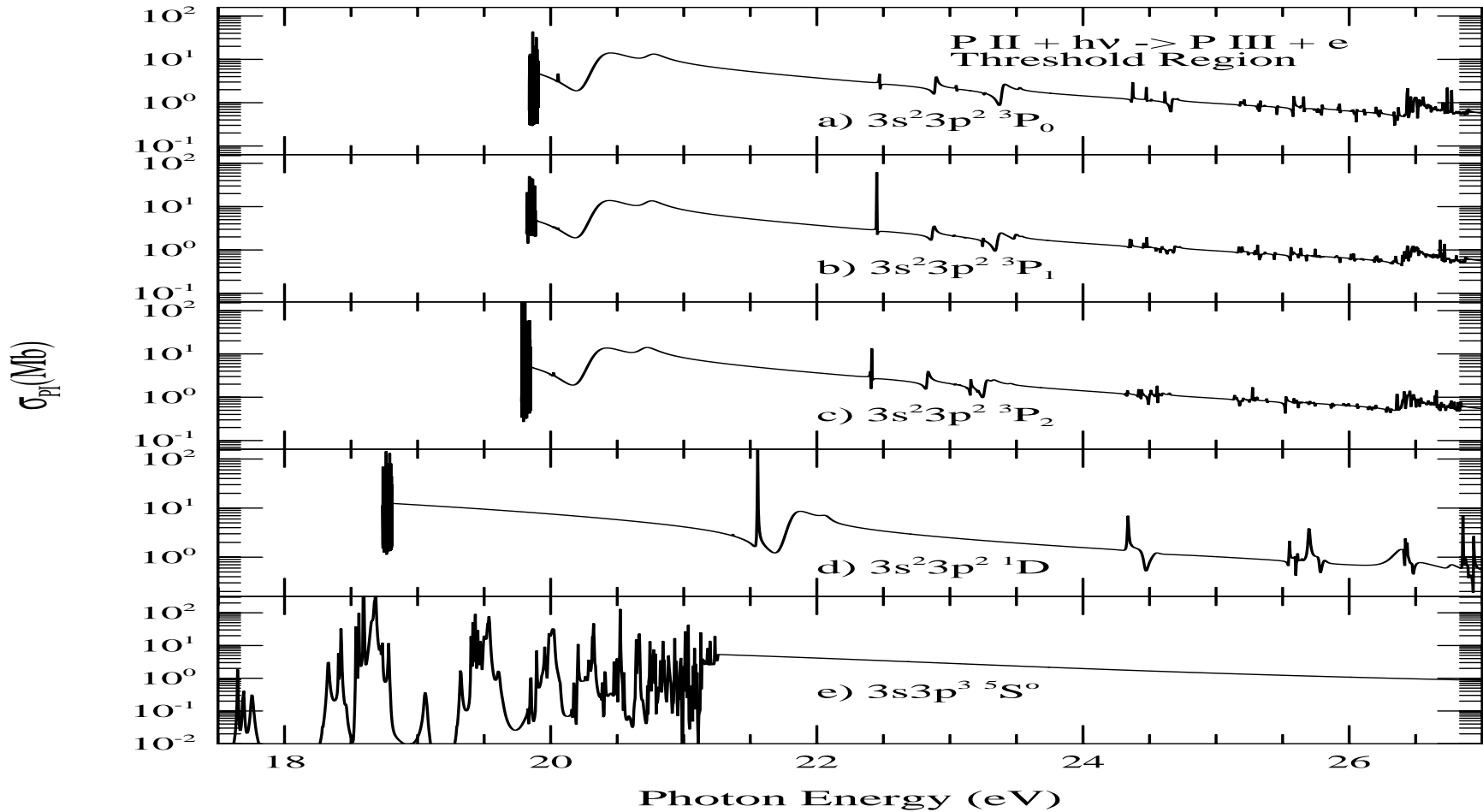


- Synchrotron based Advanced Light Source (ALS) at BLNB produces high resolution photoionization spectra
- Figure shows combined features of states in target beam
- Needs theoretical spectral analysis for identification of features and abundance of states

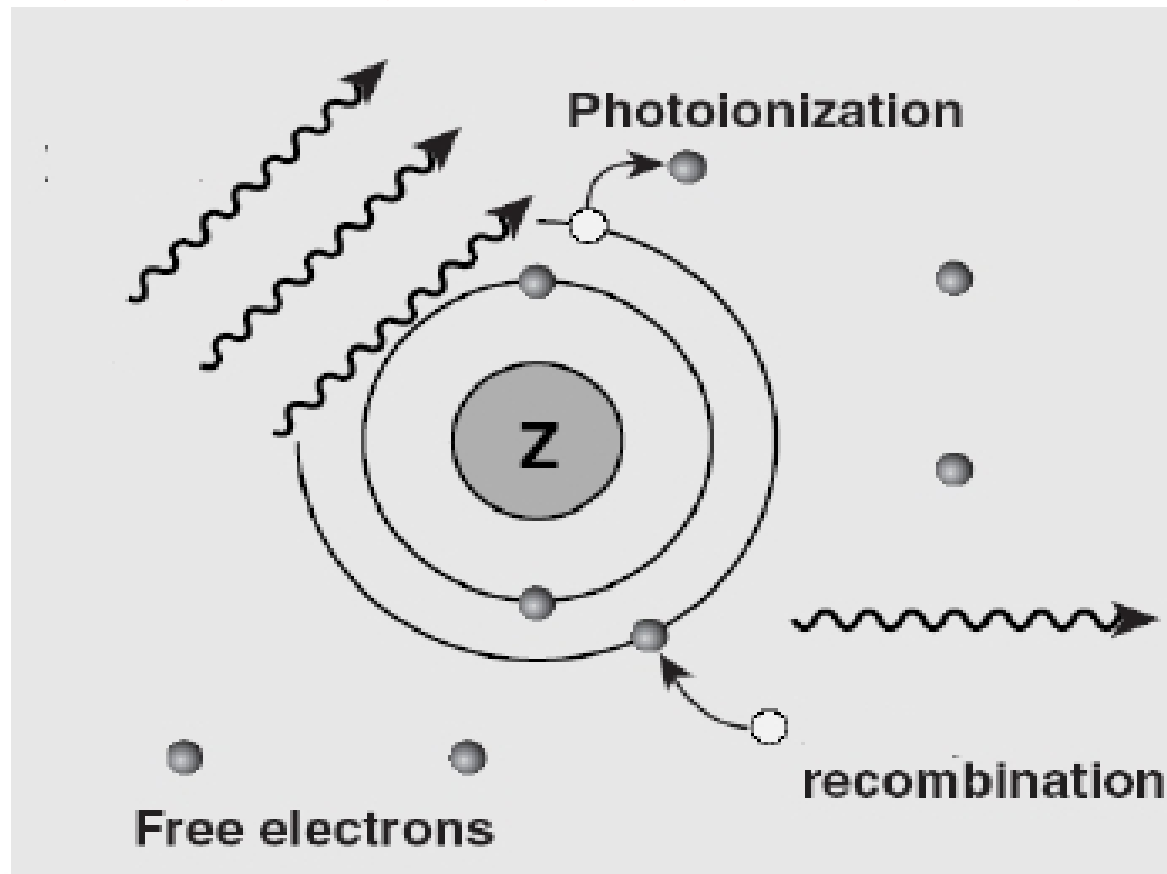
MEASURED PHOTOIONIZATION CROSS SECTIONS OF P II: BENCHMARK WITH R-MATRIX METHOD (Nahar et al 2016)



Photoionization Cross sections of P II at Thresholds



3. ELECTRON-ION RECOMBINATION



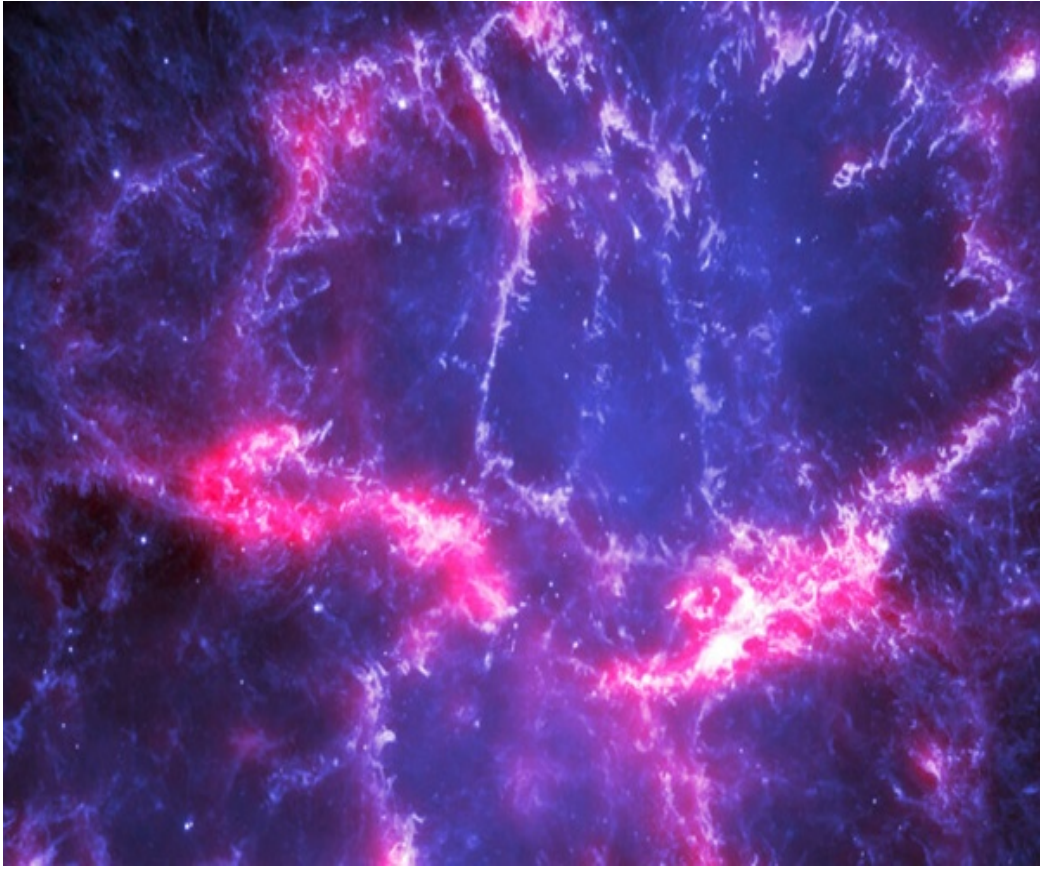
i) Photoionization (PI) & Radiative Recombination (RR):



ii) Indirect PI & Dielectronic Recombination (DR) with intermediate autoionizing state \rightarrow RESONANCE:



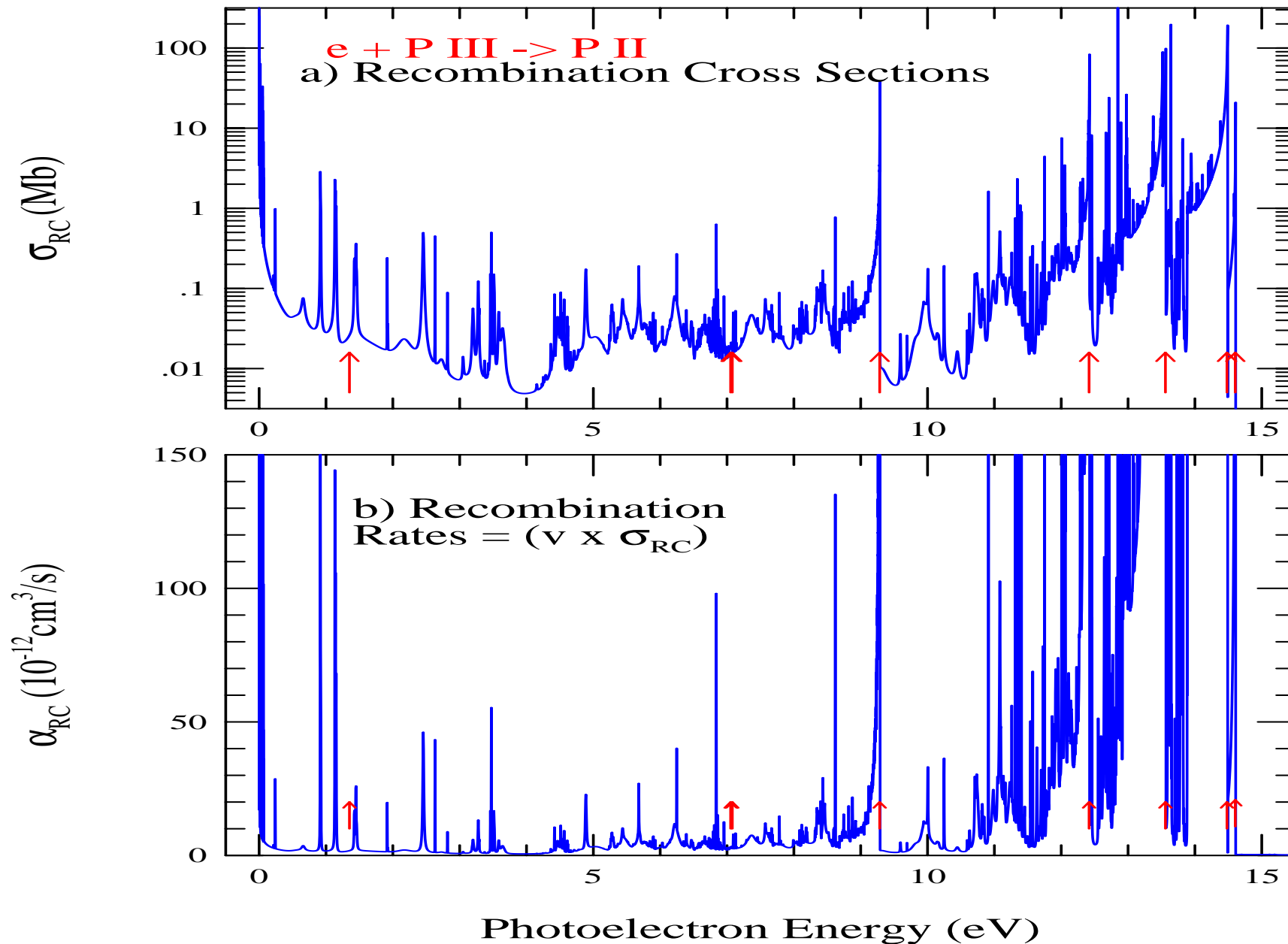
ELECTRON-RECOMBINATION IS COMMON IN ALL ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS



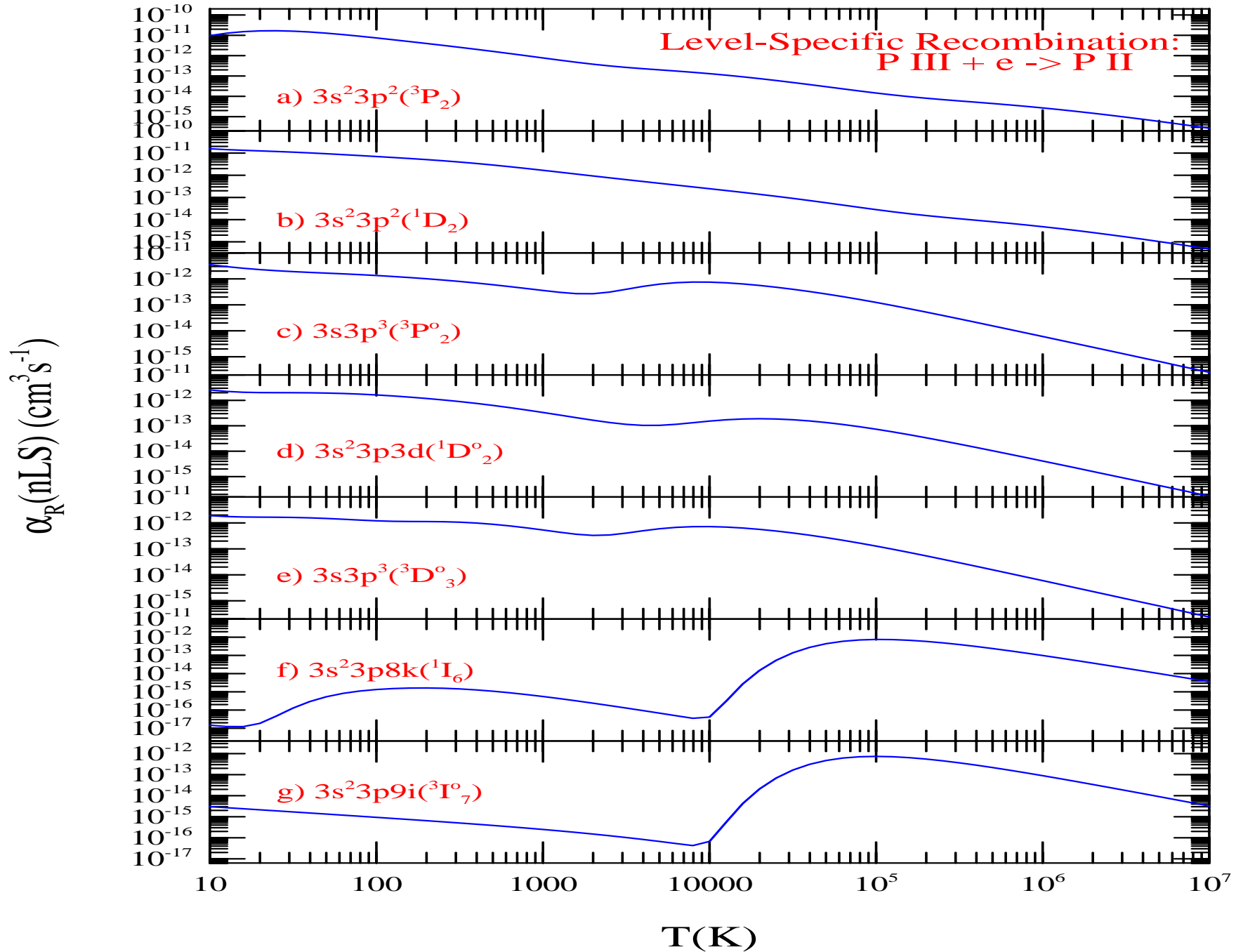
- Crab nebula with stars radiating the plasma - photoionization and electron ion recombination
- Intergalactic region with no light source - recombination
- Even in dark, cold space there are electrons and ions which go through recombination process
- **Unified Method of Nahar and Pradhan → total recombination**

Recombination Cross Sections and Collision Strength of P II (Nahar 2017)

- TOP - Recombination Cross Sections σ_{RC} of P II
- BOTTOM - Recombination Rates α_{RC} with E_{PE}
- ARROWS: Enhancement due to DR at dipole excitations of the core

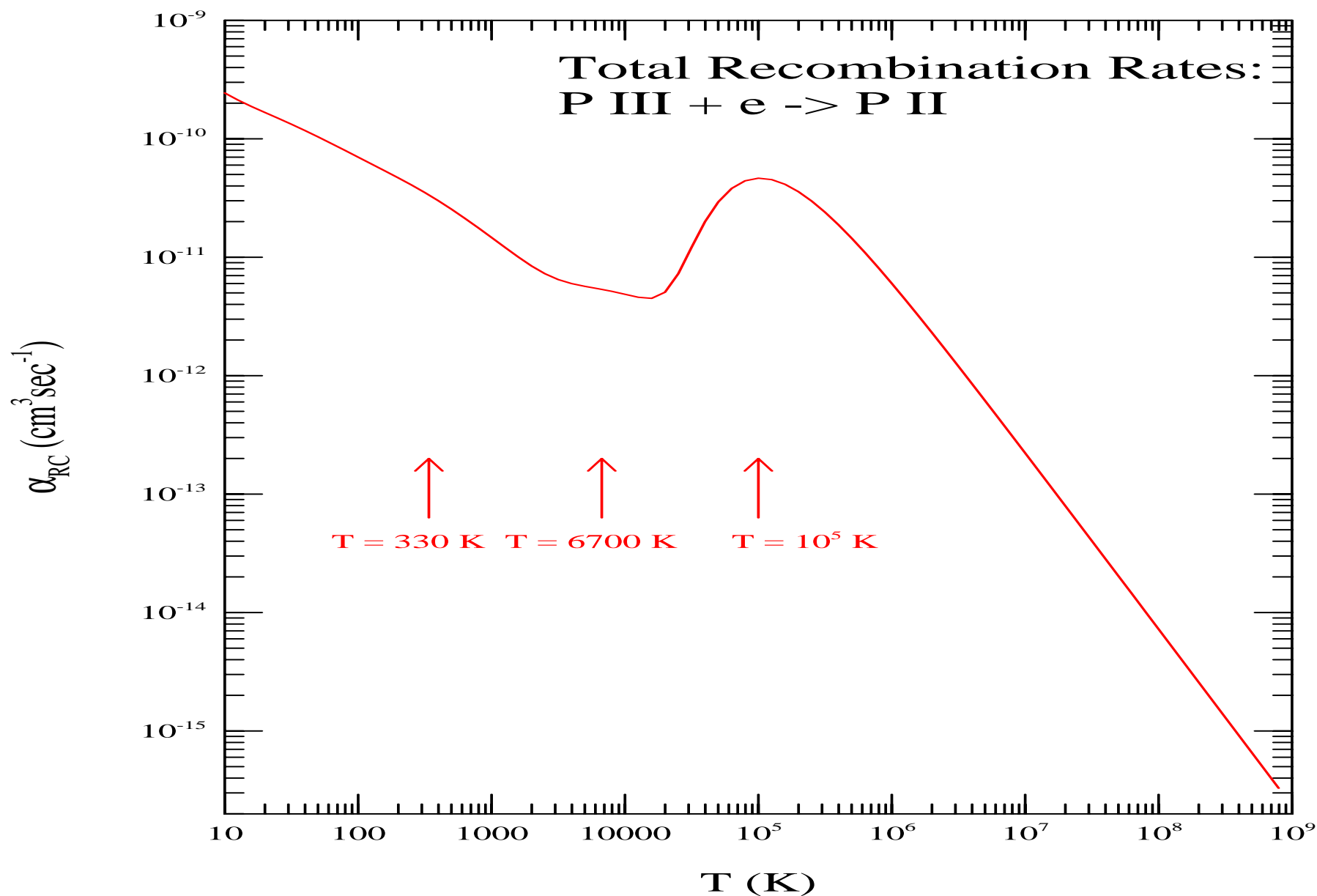


FEATURES OF THE LEVEL-SPECIFIC RRC OF P II (Nahar 2017)



FEATURES OF THE TOTAL RRC OF P II (Nahar 2017)

- Curve around $T = 330$ K (arrow) due to low energy resonances
- Shoulder around $T = 6700$ K (arrow) due to interference between RR & DR,
- High T DR bump around $T = 10^5$ K (arrow)

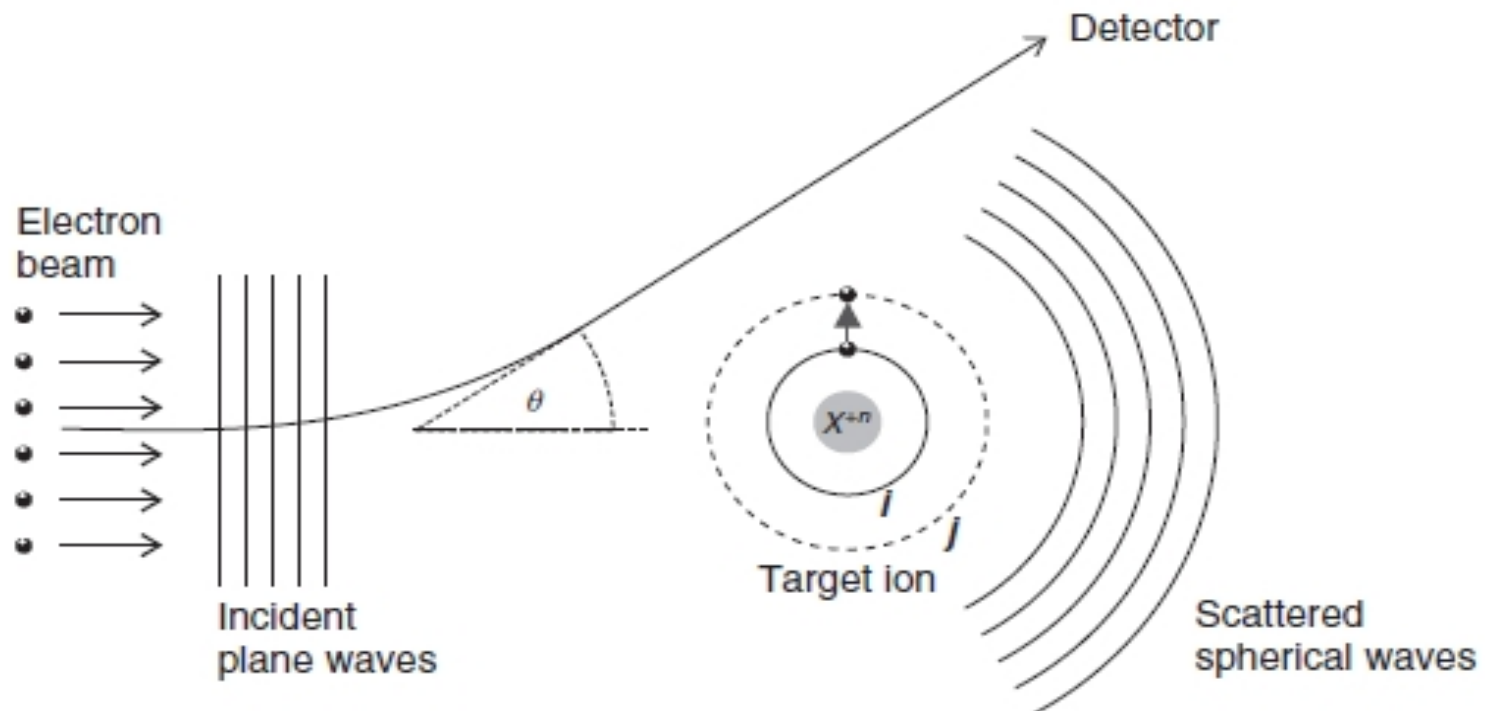


4. ELECTRON-IMPACT EXCITATION (EIE)

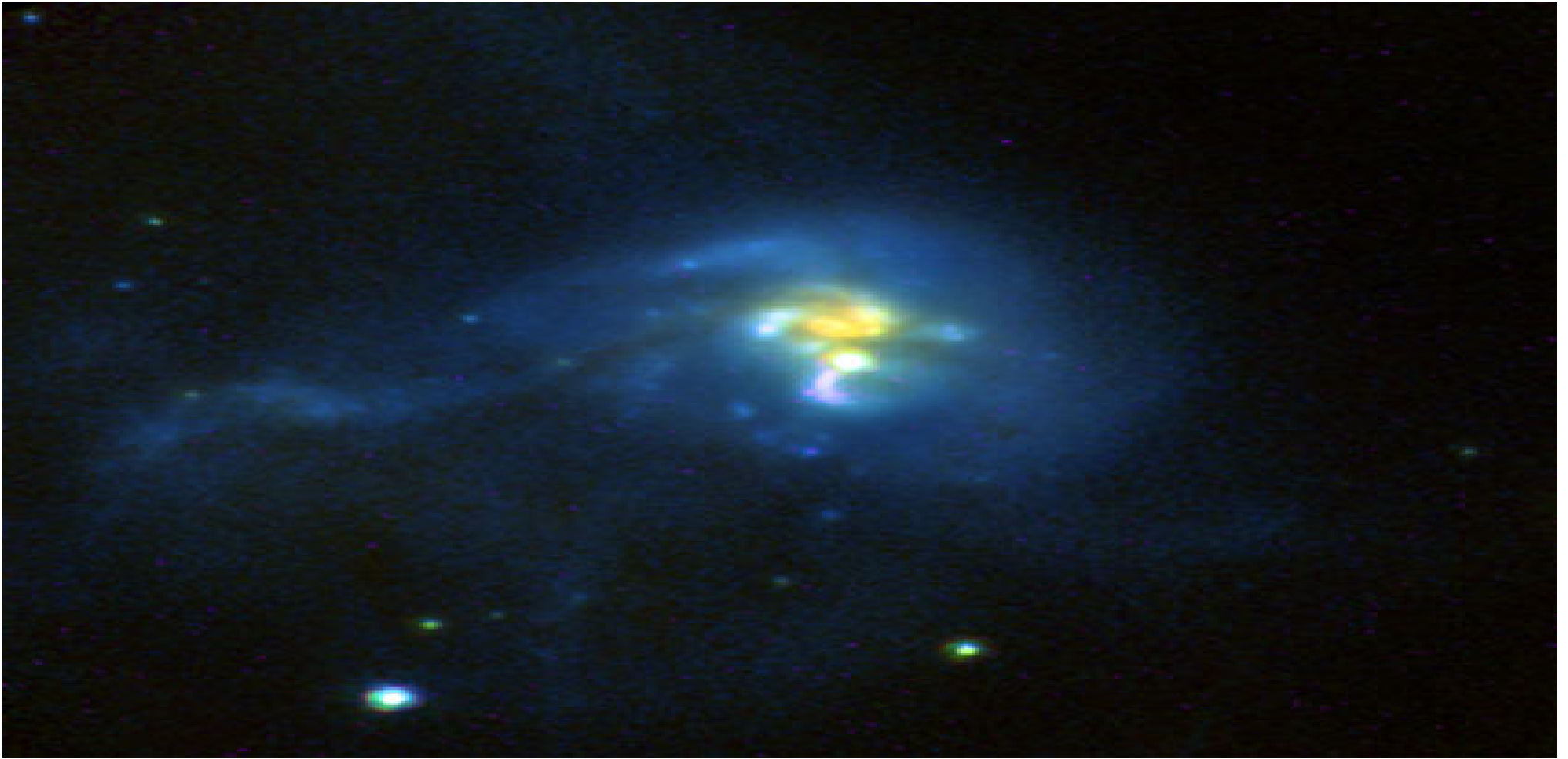


- Light is emitted as the excitation decays
 - seen as most common lines in astrophysical spectra
 - mostly diagnostic forbidden lines
- Scattered electron shows features with energy & can have autoionizing resonances
- Atomic quantity: *Collision Strength* (Ω)

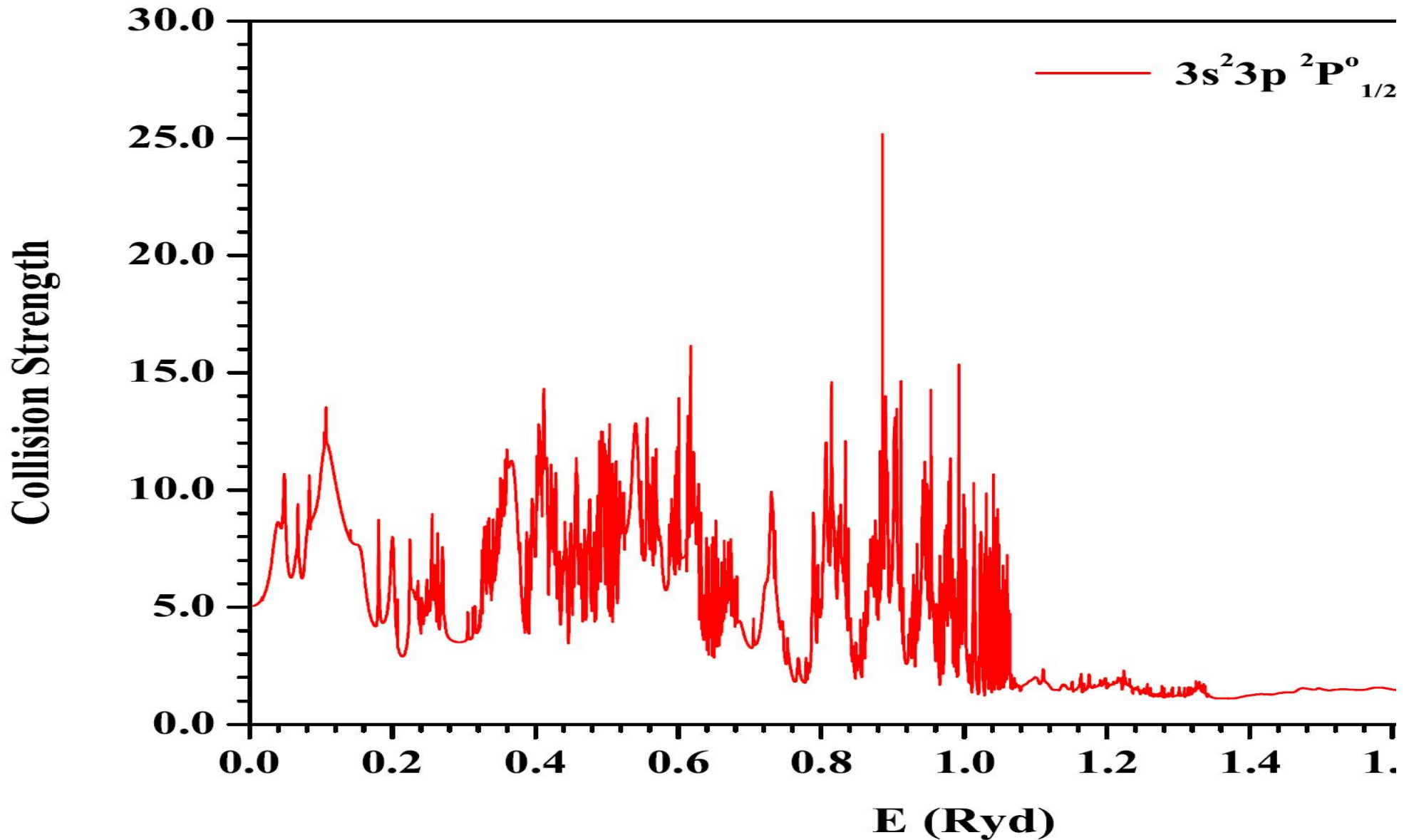
Fig. Excitation by electron impact:



Example study: Ultra Luminous Infrared Galaxy (ULIRG)

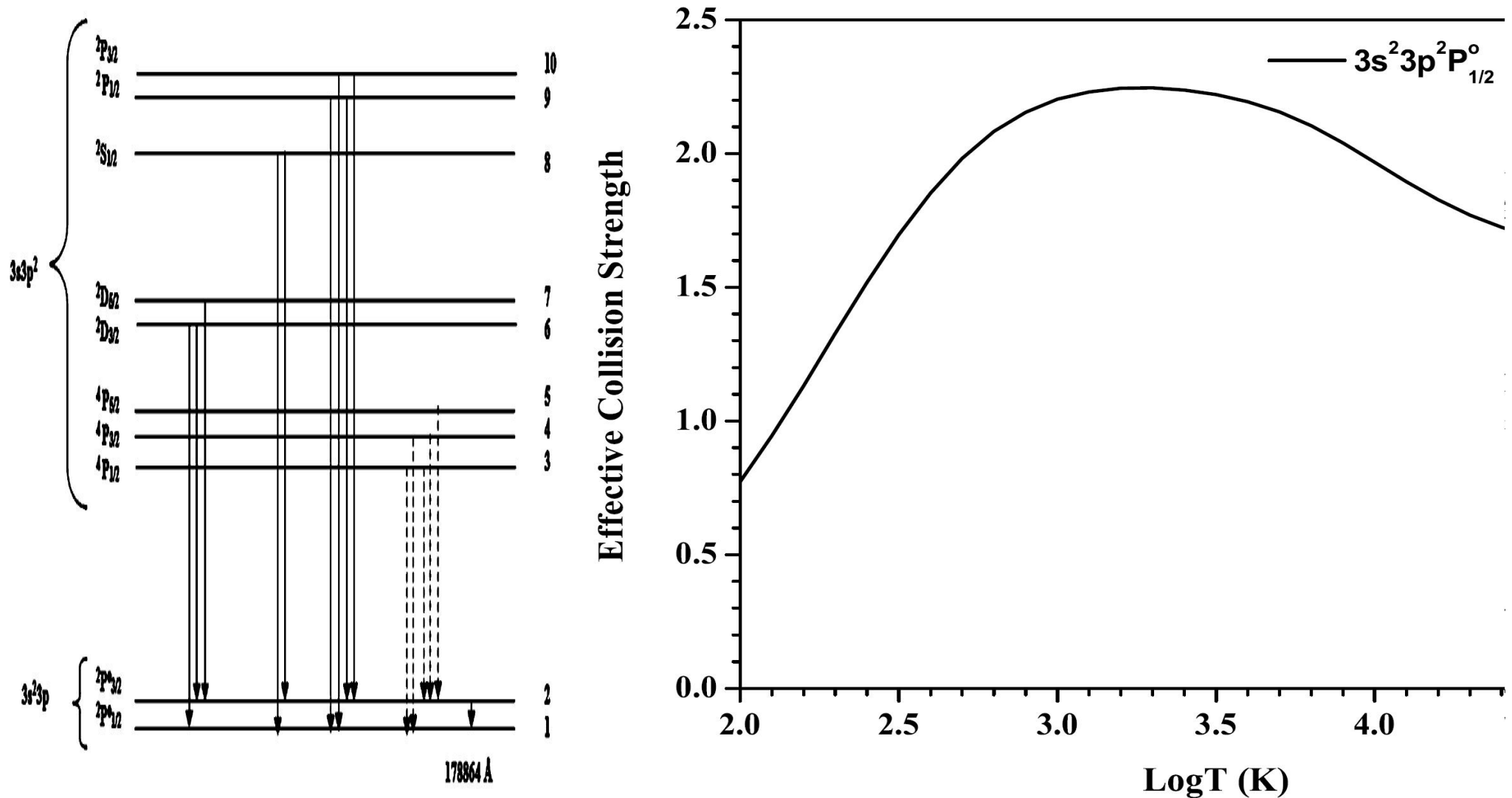


- ULIRG - emits more than 10^{11} solar luminosities in IR (as stars are born), heavily dust obscured
- Only far-infrared photons, produced from EIE, can escape from absorption, and can be observed at high redshift (by SPITZER, HERSCHEL, SOFIA). They provide information on chemical evolution of the galaxy.



- The collision strength, from the lowest excitation, shows resonances, contribute importantly to collision rates, q_{ij} , and lines: $I_{ij}(X_i, \lambda_{ij}) = \left[\frac{h\nu}{4\pi} n_e n_{ion} \right] q_{ij}$

EIE EXCITATION RATE OF P III (Naghma, Nahar, Pradhan, MNRAS Lett 2018)



- The Maxwellian averaged effective collision strength for the FIR $17.9 \mu\text{m}$ transition shows a factor 3 temperature variation broadly peaking at typical nebular temperatures. Its theoretical emissivity with solar phosphorus abundance computed relative to $\text{H}\beta$ found to be similar to observed intensities from planetary nebulae



The OPACITY Project,



The IRON Project

DISCREPANCY IN STUDY OF PULSATIONS OF CEPHEID VARIABLES (RS PUPPIS) (1983 -



The OPACITY Project (OP) & The IRON Project (IP)

AIM: Accurate Study of Atoms & Ions, Applications to Astronomy

- **International Collaborations:** France, Germany, U.K., U.S., Venezuela, Canada, Belgium

- Solve and Study underlying science for astrophysical spectroscopy
- Solve and Solved many astrophysical problems
- Found new physics in photoionization
- Unified method for electron-ion was introduced
- Study included large sets of atomic data ($n \leq 10$)

- Developed Atomic & Opacity Databases

- **TOPbase (OP)** at CDS:

<http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/topbase/topbase.html>

- Energy levels, Oscillator Strengths, Photoionization Cross Sections

- **TIPbase (IP)** at CDS:

<http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/tipbase/home.html>

- Data for Collisional Excitations, and Radiative Processes

- Includes fine structure effects

- **OPserver** for monochromatic opacities and program for mixtures at the OSC: <http://opacities.osc.edu/>

- **NORAD-Atomic-Data** for the latest radiative data (including electron-ion recombination) at OSU:

<http://norad.astronomy.ohio-state.edu>

Bridge between Atomic Physics and Astronomy

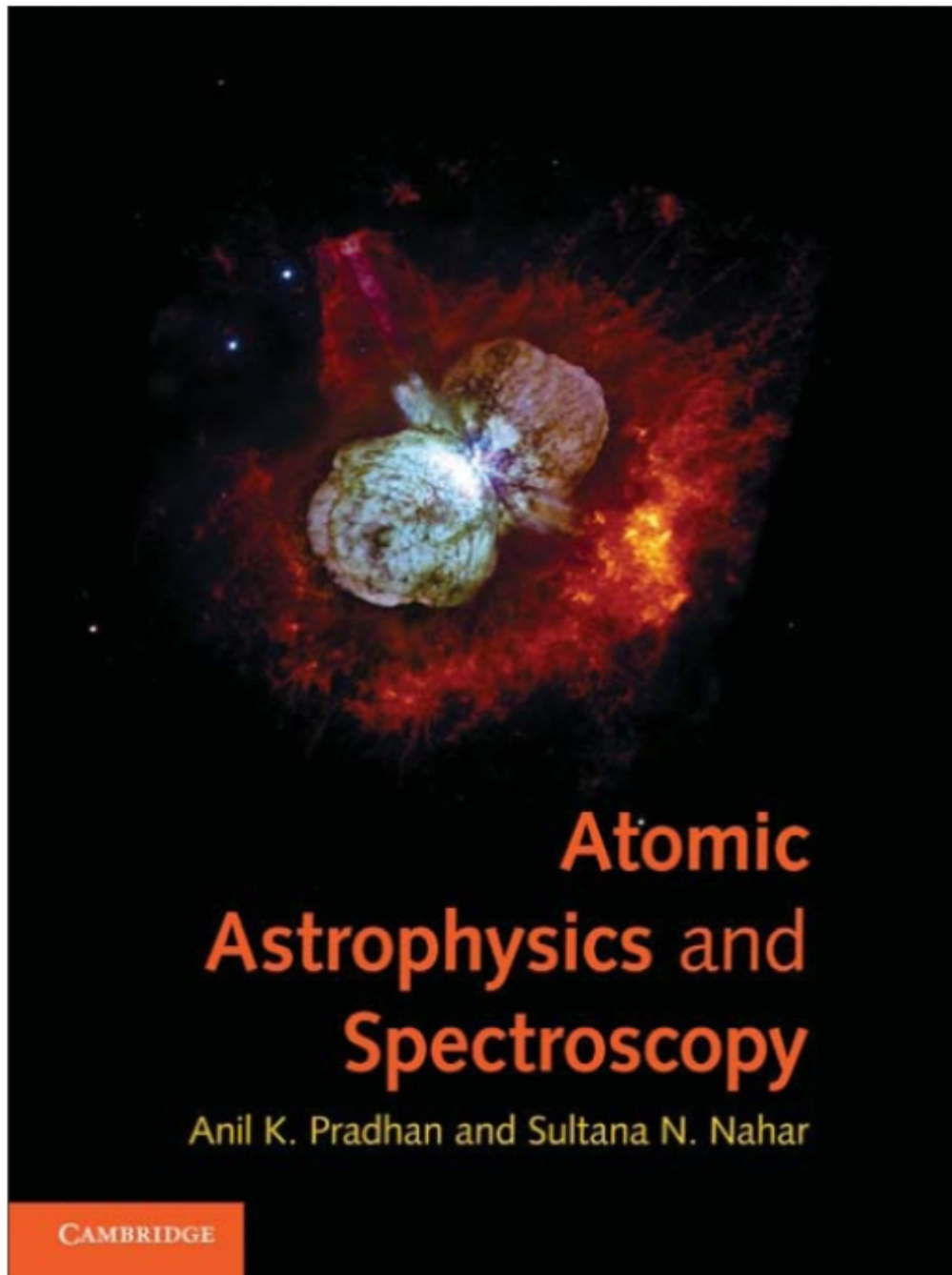
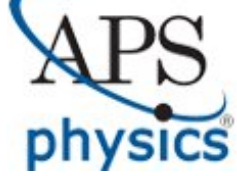


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