# **THE HARVARD-SMITHSONIAN REFERENCE ATMOSPHERE**

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**Abstract.** We present a model of the solar atmosphere in the optical depth range from  $\tau_{5000} = 10^{-8}$ to 25. It combines an improved model of the photosphere that incorporates recent EUV observations with a new model of the quiet lower chromosphere. The latter is based on OSO 4 observations of the Lyman continuum, on infrared observations, and on eclipse electron densities.

Our model differs from the Bilderberg Continuum Atmosphere (BCA) in the low chromosphere  $(\tau_{5000} < 10^{-4})$ , where deviations from local thermodynamic equilibrium in hydrogen and carbon have been taken into account. It also differs in the transition region between the chromosphere and the photosphere ( $10^{-4} < \tau_{5000} < 10^{-2}$ ), where the temperature is lower than in the BCA, and in the convective region ( $\tau_{5000} \gtrsim 2$ ), where the temperature is higher than in the BCA.

### **1. Introduction**

Empirical solar model atmospheres have traditionally used limb-darkening measurements as the means for probing different layers of the Sun's atmosphere, but a far more powerful technique became available with the advent of absolute-intensity determinations over a wide wavelength region. Because of the large opacity in the infrared and ultraviolet, the solar temperature structure can be examined through the temperature minimum and into the low chromosphere by means of continuum observations alone. One model to exploit this procedure extensively was the Bilderberg Continuum Atmosphere (Gingerich and de Jager, 1968), hereafter referred to as the BCA model. Since the time it was prepared, critical new observations have been obtained from above the earth's atmosphere, and these permit a significant improvement of the BCA model.

Rocket observations obtained in September 1968 by Parkinson and Reeves (1969) and again in 1970 include the particularly interesting ultraviolet region around 1650 A, where the radiation arises from the coolest layers of the solar atmosphere. The brightness temperature they obtain there is below 4400K, in contrast to the 4600K minimum of the BCA. Their measured brightness temperature is also about 300K below that measured by Widing *et al.* (1970); this difference corresponds to a factor of 3 change in absolute intensity. The source of the discrepancy is not yet determined.

However, independent evidence for a lower temperature minimum has been reported by Eddy *et al.* (1969b). Their airborne observations made at about 300  $\mu$ yield a brightness temperature of about 4300 K. The limb-darkening observations



Fig. 1. Variation of temperature with optical depth  $\tau_{5000}$  for three model solar atmospheres. The physical depth scale h (km) is the height above  $\tau_{5000} = 1$  for the HSRA model.

of Léna (1970) at 10  $\mu$  and 20  $\mu$  provide additional evidence in this direction. Furthermore, analysis of the H and K line profiles seems to demand a lower temperature minimum, near 4300 K (Linsky and Avrett, 1970).

In light of these new observations, a preliminary revision of the BCA, calculated entirely with the assumption of local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE), was presented at the Pasadena Solar-Physics Meeting of the American Astronomical Society in February 1969, and copies of that model, known as SAO 5, were distributed to a few investigators. It represented an attempt to drive to its ultimate limit a singlestream, LTE solar model. The Harvard-Smithsonian Reference Atmosphere (HSRA), shown in Figure 1, is a somewhat improved version. It differs from the SAO 5 for layers above  $\tau_{5000} = 10^{-3}$ ; in this model, the temperature minimum is slightly deeper, the low chromospheric temperatures have been adjusted in the light of Cuny's (1971) non-LTE calculations, and the temperature in the chromospheric layers above  $\tau_{5000}$  = 10<sup>-5</sup> has been determined by Noyes and Kalkofen (1970) with the hydrogen populations in statistical equilibrium (non-LTE).

The BCA was characterized by a broad temperature plateau extending from  $\tau_{5000} =$  $= 10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-4.5}$ ; this seemed necessary in order to reproduce the observed absence of limb brightening or darkening around 1650 Å. However, the gentle downward temperature gradient of the present model still agrees with the rather qualitative center-to-limb observations around 1650 A. In this model, the temperature minimum is reached only at  $\tau_{5000} = 10^{-4}$ , and the minimum zone is so narrow that its radiation cannot be investigated independently of the hotter surrounding layers. In other words, the actual minimum of 4170K is a somewhat arbitrary choice, not well determined (see Figure 1).

The HSRA differs from the BCA in another important respect. In the deepest layers, where the model is convectively unstable, this model has temperatures several hundred degrees hotter, consistent with a mixing-length theory of convection. The problem of establishing these temperatures is intimately connected with the difficult and unresolved question of the ultraviolet opacity; it will be discussed in Section 4B.

In the remainder of this paper we discuss the observational data that have led us to

this new reference model. The details of the model are given in several tables, which appear at the end of the paper.

We wish to emphasize that the HSRA, like all models that have preceded it, should not be interpreted as an accurate description of the true solar atmosphere. The model describes an idealized plane-parallel homogeneous atmosphere in hydrostatic equilibrium; however, it is well known that in the Sun, and especially in the chromosphere, perturbations due to magnetic and hydrodynamic effects grossly distort the local structure from its mean configuration.

In addition, we expect this model, like the BCA and the Utrecht Reference Photosphere that preceded it, to be relatively short-lived. For example, new observations and analyses in the ultraviolet and infrared can be counted on to improve the mean structure in the chromospheric layers, and to shed light on inhomogeneities. Nevertheless, we hope the HSRA, in spite of its imperfections, will provide a useful framework for future improvements.

# **2. The Temperature Minimum Region**

A. THE NATURE OF THE SOLAR SPECTRUM FROM 1500 Å TO 1800 Å

The ultraviolet solar spectrum can be divided into three distinct regions:

 $\lambda$  > 1683 Å Photospheric

 $1683~\AA>\lambda>1525~\AA$  Photosphere-chromosphere transition zone

 $1525 \text{ Å} > \lambda$  Chromospheric

Longward of 1683 Å (corresponding to the absorption edge from the  ${}^{1}D$  first excited level of silicon), there is extremely heavy line absorption, mainly from Fe, Si, and CO. Recent photoelectric scans obtained by Parkinson and Reeves (1970) from a rocket-borne spectrometer dramatically reveal this blanketing; preliminary inspection has created a strong impression not only that 'windows' or continuum will be impossible to find, but that the average highest points are depressed far below the continuum, possibly by an order of magnitude.

The spectrum between 1683 Å and 1525 Å (the silicon  ${}^{3}P$  ground-state edge, in emission) presents an entirely different appearance from the region longward of 1683 Å. The absolute intensity is lower, and the variations are smaller (except for the strong chromospheric emission lines primarily of CI, CIV, and FeII). No atomic absorption lines are found here; an interesting test example is Si<sub>I</sub>, where multiplet 27 (longward of the opacity discontinuity) is in absorption, but multiplet 18 (shortward of the discontinuity) is found in emission (Parkinson and Reeves, 1970). The nature of the temperature run in the present model is consistent with the absence of atomic absorption lines in this spectral region. All easily ionized species such as All or NaI, which would be relatively abundant in the temperature minimum zone, have their ultimate lines and ground-state absorption edges redward of the  ${}^{1}D$  Si limit at 1683 Å. The principal neutral lines falling between 1683 Å and 1525 Å are those of FeI (with its edge at 1580 Å) and of SiI (with its  ${}^{3}P$  edge bounding the region at 1525 Å). These species are more difficult to ionize, and therefore they persist into the higher temper-

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atures of the low chromosphere. The known lines tend to be strong; hence, they tend to be formed in the chromosphere, and consequently they may actually appear in emission.

A contrary situation exists for carbon monoxide. The formation of CO is very sensitive to pressure, and hence CO rapidly vanishes with the diminished pressures in the low chromosphere. (In spite of its high dissociation energy, its greatest abundance occurs not at the temperature minimum itself but somewhat deeper, near  $\tau_{5000} = 0.03$ . This explains why a temperature minimum lower than that of the BCA is still compatible with the observed CO line strengths: the temperature minimum lies where the pressure is too low for significant CO formation.) Because the CO lines are formed below the temperature minimum, they are found in absorption in the spectral region near 1600 A; however, their weakness would prevent identification except for their occurrence in rhythmic groups.

If we assume that the CO lines are formed in LTE, their presence indicates a temperature still lower than the brightness temperature of the higher spectrum points in this region - points that fall around 4400 K according to Parkinson and Reeves (1969). Therefore, we conclude that the actual temperature minimum lies lower than  $4400 \text{ K}$ ; this line of reasoning was previously expounded by Widing *et al.* (1970), albeit with higher temperatures. Our finally adopted temperature minimum of 4170K is somewhat arbitrary; what seems clear, however, is the great potential importance of the CO lines in establishing an improved temperature structure in these layers. For this reason, we have included the number density of CO per cubic centimeter, that is,  $N_{CO}$ , in the tabulation of the model (Table V).

At the  ${}^{3}P$  ground-state edge of SiI at 1525 Å, the spectrum shows an emission edge with a brightness temperature of about 4500K, and the solar disk exhibits limb brightening. Both features are consonant with the model; the radiation arises from the low chromosphere, and the HSRA predicts a brightness temperature of 4480K. The entire region is interrupted by numerous chromospheric emission lines, but these dwindle in number with shorter wavelength, making the continuum increasingly easier to define.

# B. THE TEMPERATURE MINIMUM IN THE INFRARED

The spectral region 20  $\mu$  to 700  $\mu$ , in which the minimum brightness temperature occurs, is essentially inaccessible from the ground, and when the BCA was constructed in 1967, no observations were available within this wavelength range. Since that time several groups have carried out high-altitude measurements (Mankin and Strong, 1969; Mankin, 1969; Eddy *et al.,* 1969b; and Gay, 1970).

The infrared region has the great advantage of a smooth and presumably wellknown opacity  $(H^-$  free-free), but the intensity of the Planck radiation is comparatively insensitive to temperature in this region. This fact, combined with the rather large error bars on the available observations, has thus far prevented a precise determination of the temperature minimum from measurements in the infrared. Nevertheless, these observations provide an invaluable consistency check on the model. The



Fig. 2. Brightness temperature  $T_B$  of the disk center in the far infrared as predicted by the HSRA (solid line) and observed brightness temperatures from several authors. The crosses at wavelengths longer than 1 mm are taken from Figure 12 of Linsky and Avrett (1970), and references to the original observations are given there.

present model predicts a brightness temperature of 4390 K at 200  $\mu$  and of 4470 K at 300  $\mu$ , somewhat above the values obtained by Eddy *et al.* (see Figure 2).

This model, like the BCA before it, is comparatively poorly determined around  $\tau_{5000}$  = 10<sup>-2</sup>. The observations of Mankin and Strong, while confirming the gradual downward temperature gradient, do not seem precise enough to require a contortion in the smooth temperature distribution of the model. The agreement with Mankin's (1969) limb darkening is reasonably satisfactory. The model predicts a change from limb darkening to brightening between 100  $\mu$  and 200  $\mu$ , and the only observation in this region that we are aware of, Mankin's at 115  $\mu$ , still shows limb darkening.

### **3. The Chromosphere**

### A. EVIDENCE FROM THE LYMAN CONTINUUM

Observations in this region of the solar spectrum were obtained in the autumn of 1967 by a Harvard College Observatory spectroheliometer aboard the OSO 4 spacecraft (Goldberg *et al.,* 1968). The observed brightness temperature at the head of the Lyman continuum is 6450 K, but the spectrum departs considerably from that of a blackbody. The continuous spectrum in this region agrees closely with that of an 8300K blackbody whose intensity is decreased by a factor of 200; as Noyes and Kalkofen (1970) have discussed, the dilution by a factor of 200 is due to a departure from LTE.

The determination of the chromospheric temperature distribution above 6200K in the HSRA rests primarily on these Lyman-continuum observations, but also takes into account the observed brightness temperatures in the millimeter region, the chromospheric electron densities observed at eclipse, and the height of formation of the Ha line (see Noyes and Kalkofen, 1970). The fit of the model to these several sets of observations is not perfect; rather, the model was chosen to fit all observations reasonably well, and as a result none is fit perfectly. For example, the electron density at a height 1500 km above  $\tau_{5000} = 1$  lies a factor of 1.6 below that from Henze's (1969) eclipse analysis, while the brightness temperature at 3 mm, which originates at the same height, is about 500 K higher than the mean of the observed values (Linsky and Avrett, 1970). We are unable to remove both of these discrepancies with a homogeneous model. This is no doubt due to the well-known inhomogeneous nature of the chromosphere above the temperature minimum, in particular to the chromospheric emission network and its associated spicular structure. Therefore, the model above the temperature minimum should be considered as representative of mean conditions only; it probably does not correspond in detail to the structure of any particular solar feature.

The chromospheric temperature distribution of SAO 5, a purely LTE model that satisfies the millimeter data but not the Lyman continuum, has been included in Figure 1. The difference between the SAO 5 and the BCA arises solely from an error in the BCA that came about when the chromospheric temperatures, originally on a 1-mm optical-depth scale, were transformed to  $\tau_{5000}$ . The HSRA has considerably higher temperatures in the 6000K to 7000K range in order to produce the higher chromospheric electron densities required by the eclipse observations (Henze, 1969). To further this goal and to provide support for an overlying corona, an initial pressure of 0.15 dyne/cm<sup>2</sup> has been postulated (cf. Athay, 1969). As can be seen in Figure 2, the millimeter observations are only approximately satisfied, with the predicted brightness temperatures of the present model falling in the upper parts of the error bars. If the starting pressure is assumed to be zero, the agreement is much better with the millimeter observations, but the electron density is then unacceptably low.

# B. EVIDENCE FROM THE ULTRAVIOLET SPECTRUM BETWEEN 912 Å AND 1525 Å

This spectral region, which includes the C and Si continua, is shown in Figure 3. Here we bridge from the Harvard rocket observations to those reduced from orbit 393 of



Fig. 3. Comparison of some observed EUV intensities with predictions (solid line) of the HSRA. Dashed lines are curves of constant-brightness temperature.

the OSO 4 spectrometer; the agreement between rocket and satellite data is excellent. The absolute intensities appear to be accurate within a factor of 2. Throughout this region, the continuum is comparatively easy to locate between strong chromospheric emission lines. Besides the Lyman limit, the edges from the ground state of carbon and its first excited level and from the ground state of sulfur are indicated. Both the first excited carbon edge and the sulfur edge lie in the wings of the Lyman-alpha line, and it is a moot point as to whether the S discontinuity is actually observed.

The small T's in Figure 3 indicate measurements published as an upper limit by Tousey (1963). These agree with the OSO 4 data at the two C edges, but his observations were essentially limited by noise in the intervening region. The brightness temperature indicated by the OSO observations in this region lies between 5000K and 5600K and therefore refers to points low in the chromosphere, the very early part of the temperature rise.

In calculating the model, we took the carbon cross sections from Peach (1967) and set the sulfur ground-state cross section somewhat arbitrarily at 15 Mb (1 Mb =  $10^{-18}$ )  $\text{cm}^2$ ). We note that Peach's quantum-defect cross section for oxygen is roughly half the hydrogenic value; the same scaling applied to the hydrogenic cross section for sulfur yields 2 Mb, in contrast to the value of 59.5 found by McGuire (1968) using Hartree-Fock-Slater parameters. More recently, Conneely *et al.* (1970) found 14 Mb with a close coupling approximation.

Cuny (1971) has shown that when the carbon ground-state continuum is calculated in non-LTE, the predicted intensity level is about 300K lower than when calculated on the assumption of LTE. Similarly, for the first excited continuum of carbon, the depression is somewhat less than 200 K. Accordingly, the temperature distribution in the low chromosphere has been adjusted upward in the present model, so that by the LTE calculations presented here, the predicted brightness temperature is deliberately higher than that observed. We have not raised the electron temperature as much as Cuny's calculations require in order to reproduce the observed brightness temperature; however, since the uncertainty of the observations may be as high as 200K, it seems at present futile to press for closer agreement.

### **4. The Photosphere**

### A. AGREEMENT WITH THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM

The most consistent set of solar continuum observations is without doubt that presented by Labs and Neckel (1968, 1970), but to understand the relation between their data and our model, we find it convenient to distinguish between the 'true' continuum and the 'quasi' continuum. We define the former as the intensity level of the spectrum computed with continuous opacity sources only; the numbers given in our tables refer to this true continuum. It has recently become recognized, however, that the so-called 'windows' observed in the solar ultraviolet spectrum do not coincide with this true continuum (Carbon *et al.,* 1968; Holweger, 1970); instead, there is an additional opacity produced by a veil of numerous weak lines, which we call the *haze.* Hence, we

**define the quasi-continuum as the observed intensity in the most transparent windows, but lower than the true continuum because of the line haze.** 

**Labs and Neckel give the necessary information to find the quasi-continuum in Figure 2a of their 1968 paper, where they have plotted the highest observed intensities. In their Table VI, 'the continuous spectrum of the solar center', they attempt to give the true continuum, which is, however, a model-dependent quantity in the spectral regions below about 5000 A, where the true continuum and quasi-continuum begin to differ. Because we wish to estimate the amount of line haze predicted by this particular model, we shall need the quasi-continuum in order to compare it against the true continuum predicted by the model.** 

**In their 1970 supplement, Labs and Neckel note the small correction required for their solar-radiation data when they adopt the International Practical Temperature**  Scale of 1968; this lowers the earlier values by  $0.006/\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is in microns. At the **same time, they recognize (from Holweger's (1970) quantitative estimates of the line haze) that the true continuum and quasi-continuum differ not only below 4300 A but even at 5000 A, and this effect almost exactly cancels the change in the temperature scale to produce the same true continuum as before. In order for us to have the**  quasi-continuum, however, we shall apply the first correction only (Table I). (This procedure applies between 4300 Å and 5000 Å; below 4300 Å, the quasi-continuum **must be found from their Figure 2a, with the temperature-scale correction to be applied.)** 

λ	Labs and Neckel		<b>HSRA</b>	<b>HSRA</b>	HSRA-
	True	Quasi	True	$T_{Br}$	L & N Quasi $\binom{9}{0}$
0.40	0.471	0.453	0.485	6559	7.0
0.42	0.462	0.454	0.472	6503	4.0
0.44	0.451	0.444	0.457	6451	2.9
0.46	0.437	0.431	0.440	6402	2.0
0.48	0.422	0.417	0.422	6357	1.3
0.50	0.407	0.402	0.408	6327	1.5
0.55	0.367	0.363	0.364	6242	0.3
0.60	0.325	0.322	0.322	6175	0.0
0.70	0.254	0.252	0.250	6081	$-0.8$
0.80	0.197	0.195	0.194	6031	$-0.7$
1.00	0.1235	0.1227	0.1218	6051	$-0.7$
1.20	0.0810	0.0806	0.0804	6184	$-0.2$
1.40	0.0563	0.0561	0.0561	6428	0.0
1.65	0.0365	0.0363	0.0367	6735	$+1.1$
2.00	0.0184	0.0183	0.0183	6489	0.0
2.50	0.00810	0.00807	0.00803	6229	$-0.5$
5.00	0.000568	0.000567	0.000562	5560	$-0.9$
10.00	3.69E-5	3.69E-5	3.66E-5	5107	$-0.8$

TABLE I The continuous spectrum of the solar center ( $\lambda$  in microns,  $I_{\lambda}(0)$  in W cm<sup>-2</sup> ster<sup>-1</sup>  $\AA$ <sup>-1</sup>)

Table I reveals the generally excellent agreement between the photosphere of the HSRA and the observations and shows the increasing amount of haze at shorter wavelengths. Holweger tabulates  $2.5\%$  and  $7.7\%$  line absorption in windows at 5000 A and 4000 A, respectively, based on lines recorded in the MIT Wavelength Tables; the difference between the true continuum in the HSRA and the Labs and Neckel quasi-continuum is 1.5% and 7.0% at these wavelengths.

Table VI gives limb-darkening predictions for the HSRA. These results show gratifying agreement with observations in the visible spectrum, particularly at 4000 A, 5000 Å, and 6000 Å, and thus meet objections raised by Elste (1968) to the BCA. The HSRA predicts far too much limb darkening in the ultraviolet region between 1683 A and 2500 A because of the absence of a major opacity source there, presumablys lines, as we shall discuss below.

Note added in press. Dr. Neckel points out that this procedure misinterprets their data and corrections. The Labs and Neckel (1968) Table 6 is more model-dependent than we had realized, so that the values above 0.6  $\mu$  were actually tabulated lower than the observations because of the normalization of the continuum to a model. With the correction for the International Practical Temperature Scale of 1968 and a new normalization at 6000 Å to avoid the problems of the haze at 5000 Å, the values above 6000 A are fortuitously the same as before, and we should not have lowered them in this region to obtain the quasi-continuum. As a result, the HSRA predicts intensities generally between 1% and 2% too low in the  $0.6-2.0~\mu$  region, although still within the observational error. According to Dr. Neckel, the intensities could be appropriately increased by a temperature rise of about 20 K in the shallower layers and 30 K at  $\tau = 1$ . Furthermore, the discrepancy at 1.65  $\mu$  no longer suggests a lowering of the temperature in the convective zone.

#### B. THE CONVECTIVE ZONE

The  $1\%$  discrepancy shown in Table I at 1.65  $\mu$ , where the atmosphere is particularly transparent, suggests that the deeper layers in the convective zone of the HSRA are too hot, possibly by as much as 200K at optical depth 10. (In comparison, the BCA is about 600K cooler at  $\tau = 10$ , and Elste's (1968) model is 400K cooler at  $\tau = 10$ .) It is difficult to establish the temperature distribution empirically at great depths; the *1.65 #* opacity window offers little leverage, since it is only twice as transparent as the 5000 A standard. If the line-haze opacity were more quantitatively understood, the region just above the Balmer discontinuity, around 3800 A, could provide critical evidence about the deeper layers, since the Planck function rises more rapidly here than at 16500 Å and the radiation from the hot convective layers could have a detectable influence on the emergent intensity.

Convection theory offers at least some guidance concerning the shape of the temperature distribution in the deeper layers. Carbon and Gingerich (1969) have computed a series of theoretical blanketed models with a mixing-length theory; the behavior of the convective zone in the theoretical models is quite close to that in the empirical model given here. Again, a lowering of the temperatures at  $\tau = 10$  and deeper is suggested, but only by a few score degrees.

# C. THE ULTRAVIOLET FROM  $3646$  Å TO  $1683$  Å

The crowding of lines in this spectral region virtually prevents observation of the continuum. The highest intensity points, to the extent that they can be observed, constitute the quasi-continuum, which is far different from the true-continuum level given in Table VI. The disparity is strikingly shown on Figure 4, where near 1800 A the true continuum lies more than an order of magnitude above the rocket observations of Parkinson and Reeves. *This discrepancy reflects our inadequate knowledge of the opacity and does not result from the choice of the temperature distribution, which is well determined by other spectral regions.* A detailed discussion of the difference between the true continuum and the quasi-continuum, which presumably arises from line blanketing in this region, will be the subject of a further paper. Here it will suffice to remark on the continuous-opacity sources of the model.

The aluminum ground-state cross section is taken as 22 Mb, in agreement with preliminary unpublished results from the Harvard Shock Tube Laboratory and with



Fig. 4. Observed brightness temperatures in the ultraviolet, compared with the predictions (solid line) of the HSRA.

recent theoretical determinations. It also agrees with recent experimental results of Kozlov and Startsev (1969). We have used the higher aluminum abundance of Lambert and Warner (1968). Although the size of the observed discontinuity at 2077  $\AA$ is reproduced fairly well, it may well diminish in size when further opacity is added.

The cross section for the first excited state  $({}^3P^0)$  of magnesium was determined experimentally by Bötticher (1958) with respect to the Mg  $\lambda$ 3338 line; as pointed out to us by Dr. T. Simon, the  $gf$  value of that line has recently been redetermined, so that the  ${}^{3}P^{0}$  cross section appears to be 25 instead of 45 Mb. This smaller value leads to a fairly good representation of the discontinuity at 2518  $\AA$ .

The large Si  ${}^{1}D$  discontinuity predicted at 1683 Å has been the subject of repeated inquiry, but attempts to find a significant new continuous opacity source have thus far failed. Doyle (1968) carried out detailed calculations on quasi-molecular hydrogen, and his absorption coefficients have been included in our model. Cuny (1969) proposed that the resonance-broadening wing of the Lyman-alpha line might have a pervasive effect throughout this entire ultraviolet region, but Sando *et al.* (1969) pointed out that for such close encounters of neutral atoms, the hydrogen essentially becomes molecular and has a band head at  $1623~\text{\AA}$ . When rotational structure is taken into account, absorption extends to longer wavelengths only over a short interval redward of 1683  $\AA$ ; Sando's (1969) quantum-mechanical absorption coefficients have been used in the model in this region, but this opacity is actually negligible here. (E. H. Avrett has pointed out to us that we should not have neglected the resonancebroadening wing of the Lyman-alpha line in the wavelengths shorter than  $1623 \text{ Å}$ ; when included in the form used by Cuny, it raises the continuum and produces a significantly better agreement with the observations.) We have incorporated boundfree transitions from many low-lying levels of iron; this creates a discontinuity at 1700 A, but it does not affect the longer wavelengths. Even with the higher iron abundance proposed by Garz *et al.* (1969), this does not appear to be a very important absorber, contrary to their and our expectations (Gingerich, 1970).

Although the search for additional continuous absorbers in the ultraviolet must proceed, we believe that the principal opacity not included in the model can be attributed to the lines, perhaps in part to the veil of weak-line haze invoked to explain the near ultraviolet and in part to the wings of numerous strong and intermediate lines. As mentioned in Section 2 A, the new observations of Parkinson and Reeves (1970) lend support to this interpretation.

### **5. Computational Aspects**

The computations shown here were carried out on a Control Data Corporation 6400 with Gingerich's stellar atmosphere program, which is the same as that used for the BCA. The program has been slightly modified to accept the departure coefficients

	Lichtents cheening the equation of state					
Element	Relative abundance	Abundance $\log \epsilon + 12$	Ionization potential	log $2U_{\rm II}/U_{\rm I}$		
н	1.00	12.00	13.595	0.000		
He	0.10	11.00	24.581	0.602		
C	3.55E-4	8.55	11.256	0.110		
О	5.90E-4	8.77	13.614	$-0.004$		
Na	1.51E-6	6.18	5.138	$-0.010$		
Mg	$3.02E - 5$	7.48	7.644	0.600		
Al	$2.51E-6$	6.40	5.984	$-0.470$		
Si	$3.55E-5$	7.55	8.149	0.080		
S	1.62E-5	7.21	10.357	0.000		
Fe	3.16E-5	7.50	7.830	0.491		

TABLE II

Elements entering the equation of state

 $(b<sub>1</sub>)$  for the hydrogen ground state, which were calculated by Noyes and Kalkofen (1970). This was done simply by multiplying the hydrogen partition function by  $b_1$  in **the Saha equation of state and then changing the hydrogen-opacity routine so that higher levels and the free-free absorption were not affected by the overpopulation of**  the ground state. The  $b_1$  values are listed in Table V; beginning at  $\tau = 0.0000158$ , they **have been arbitrarily taken as unity.** 

The He/H ratio by number is set at  $\frac{1}{10}$  as in the BCA, but the abundances for the **other elements except iron have been taken from Lambert and Warner (1968), as** 

	FUNCTION AVEE (TH+ER)	AVEF	10
	L-----HYDROGENIC APPROXIMATION FOR BOUND+FREE IRON OPACITY - 6 OCT. 69. AVFE DIMENSION WLIMI61	AVFE	20 30
	DATA WLIM /1570.1680.1700.1730.1815.1860./.F/0/	AVFE	60
	IF(FR.GT.19.63E14) GO TO 7 TK= 43429/TH	<b>AVFF</b> AVEE	50 60
	IF(FR-F) 20.24.20	AVFE	70
	20 F=FR	AVFE	80
	w=2,9979E18/F HV=4,1352E-15+F	AVFE <b>AVFE</b>	90 100
	F3=(F+),E=15)**3	AVFE	110
	DO 22 I=1.6	<b>AVFE</b> <b>AVFE 130</b>	120
	IF(#LIM(I)=#) 22+24+24 22 CONTINUE	AVFE 140	
	C-CORP ABSORPTION REDWARD OF 1860A OR SHORT OF 1526A.	AVFE	150
	$1 - 7$ 7 AVFE=0.	<b>AVFE 160</b> AVFE 170	
	<b>RETURN</b>	AVFE 180	
	$24$ $1 = 1$	AVFE AVFE	190 200
	$SUM=0$ .	AVFE	210
	GO TO (1,2,3,4,5,6,7),1 C-----COEFFICIENTS ARE CROSS SECTION IN MEGABARNS, FREQUENCY CUBED	AVFE	220
	C-----SCALED DOWN BY E45, STATISTICAL WEIGHT FOR LEVEL. 1 504=594.	AVFE <b>AVFE</b>	230 240
	2 SUM=187./EXP(2.18/TK)+88./EXP(4.59/TK)+5UM	AVFE	250
	3 SUM=660./EXP(0.67/TK)+5UM 4 SUM=278./EXP(2.70/TK)+81./EXP(3.04/TK)+394./EXP(3.26/TK)+5UM	AVFE AVFE 270	260
	5 SUM=BO./EXP(3.06/TK)+23./EXP(3.42/TK)+114./EXP(3.56/TK)+SUM	<b>AVFE 280</b>	
	6 SUM=328./EXP(1.49/TK).88./EXP(2.84/TK).SUM	AVFE <b>AVFE 300</b>	290
	AVFE=SUM/F3=1.E8+(1EXP(-HV/TK))/25. RETURN	AVFE 310	
	FND	<b>AVFE</b>	320
			10
	AVLY SUBROUTINE AVLYMITH,FR) C-----OPACITY PER NEUTRAL HYDROGEN ATOM FOR RESONANCE BROADENING OF ANLY AVLY C-----LYMAN ALPHA LINE, BASED ON CALCULATIONS OF KENRETH SANDO, JULY 69,AVLY		20 30
	WAVE=2.9979518/FR	AVLY	40
	IF((WAVE.GT.1950.).OR.(WAVE.LT.1530)) GO TO 40	AVLY <b>AVLY</b>	50 60
	C-----O.M. TREATMENT FOR 1950A - 1630A. T=5040.4/TH	<b>AVLY</b>	70
	$B = 0471 + 35.7$	AVLY	80
	AVLYM=4.035-12/SORT(T)*EXP(B+11620.-WAVE)) RETURN	AVLY <b>AVLY</b>	90 100
	40 AVLYM=0.	AVLY	110
	<b>RETURN</b>	<b>AVLY 120</b>	
	END	<b>AVLY 130</b>	
		AVOH	10
	FUNCTION AVOID (THETA, FREQ)	<b>AVOH</b>	20
	C-----WOOT-APPROXIMATES THE OUASI-HYDROGEN MOLECULAR ABSORPTION C-----COEFFICIENTS GIVEN IN THE DOYLE THESIS, MARVARD 1968. C------4 APRIL 1968 VERSION MUST BE MULTIPLIED BY M/CC.	<b>AVOR</b>	30
Ł.		AVOH AVOH	60 50
	DIMENSION FRLIM(5)	<b>AVON</b>	60
L L---NU FOR	2350A 2750A 1645* 1875A 21004	AVOH AVOH	70 яO
	DATA FRL1M/18.224E14, 15.989E14, 14.276E14, 12.757E14, 10.901E14/ AVOH		90
c		<b>AVOH 100</b>	
	4 TEMP=5.040/THET4 IF (FRLIM(5) FRED) 15,15.5	AVOH 110 <b>AVOH 120</b>	
	5 AV2H2=0.0	<b>AVOH 130</b>	
	<b>RETURN</b>	AVOH 140 <b>AVOH 150</b>	
	15 DO 20 INDEX=1,4 IF(FREQ=FRLIM(INDEX)) 20.25.25	<b>AVOIT 160</b>	
	20 CONTINUE C-----COEFFICIENT AT 2500A	AVOH 170 <b>AVOH 180</b>	
	AVOH2=79.057+(-57.532+10.191*TEMP)*TEMP	AVOH 190	
	25 GD TO (30.40.50.60), INDEX	AVOH 200	
	C-----COEFFICIENT AT 1540A 30 AVQH2=-1.5527E3+(2.0309E3-1.2391E2*TEMP)*TEMP	AVOH 210 AVOH 220	
	GO TO 10	AVOH 230	
	C+++++CDEFFICIENT AT 1750A 40 AV2H2=-2.2983E3+11.1117E3-40.873*TEMP1*TEMP	AVOH <b>AVOH 250</b>	240
	GO TO 10	<b>AVOH 260</b>	
	C-----COEFFICIENT AT 2000A	<b>AVOH 270</b>	
	50 AV2H2=-462.84+(140.64+11.809*TEMP)*TEMP GO TO 10	AVOH 280 <b>AVOH 290</b>	
	C-----COEFFICIENT AT 2200A	<b>AVOH 300</b>	
	60 AVOM2=-24,813+(-32,670+14,373*TEMP)*TEMP 10 AVOH2=AVOH2=1.E-19	AVOH 310 <b>AVDH 320</b>	
	RETURN	AVOH 330	
	END	<b>AVOH 340</b>	

**TABLE III Additional ultraviolet opacity routines** 

*Note:* **Following line AVQH 190 the statement GO TO 10 has been accidentally omitted in the reproduction copy above.** 

# TABLE IV

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# **TABLE VI**



Table VI (continued)

 $\begin{array}{ccc}\n\bullet & \bullet & \bullet\n\end{array}$ 



shown in Table II. The adopted iron abundance reflects the higher determination by Garz et al. (1969); however, the model is relatively little affected by this choice. Oxygen is included in order to calculate  $N_{CO}$ , and sulfur is included because of its ultraviolet absorption edge.

The number density of CO has been calculated from the equation

$$
N_{CO} = N_C \cdot N_O / [214 \ T^{1/2} (e^{49.57 - 128800/T}) (1 - e^{3100/T})],
$$

which uses the simple harmonic oscillator and rigid rotator approximations in the CO partition function. The formation of CO locks up a substantial proportion of the neutral C and O, and these abundances were iterated accordingly. No attempt was made in the same calculation to allow for the ionization of C or O, and therefore the  $N_{CO}$  column in Table V is inaccurate where C is ionized. Since the carbon absorption edges are formed in layers where CO is insignificant, the depletion of neutral carbon by the formation of CO was not considered in the carbon-opacity calculations.

The sources of opacity used in establishing the monochromatic opacity at 5000 Å (Table IV) were neutral H, H<sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, an analytic hydrogenic summation of high levels of Si and Mg, and Rayleigh and electron scattering. Electron scattering predominates nearly to  $\tau_{5000} = 10^{-5}$ , and soon thereafter H<sup>-</sup> contributes over 90% of the opacity.

### **TABLE VII**

Monochromatic optical depths at selected wavelengths, Harvard-Smithsonian reference atmosphere





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The FORTRAN versions of the key opacity routines are appended to the article by Carbon and Gingerich (1969) - AVMETS is here changed as indicated in the preceding section - and certain additional ultraviolet-opacity routines are reproduced here as Table III.

The columns of Table IV are self-explanatory; the appearance of the letter  $\mathcal{C}'$  in the penultimate column indicates that the model is convectively unstable according to the Schwarzschild criterion. The columns of Table V should also be obvious after the explanation in the preceding paragraphs. Note that in Table VI there are *two* columns for each wavelength; the first gives the specific intensity per unit frequency, that is, in ergs cm<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> Hz<sup>-1</sup> ster<sup>-1</sup>, whereas the second gives  $\Phi$ , the intensity ratio with respect to the center  $(\mu = 1)$ , except for the initial number, which is the monochromatic specific intensity *per unit wavelength*, that is, in ergs cm<sup>-3</sup> ster<sup>-1</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup>. Toward the end of Table VI, the long wavelengths are designated in microns instead of angstroms. Finally, Table VII gives the monochromatic optical depths with respect to 5000 A, as well as brightness temperatures. (The tabulated equivalence at 5000 A itself is not exact because electron scattering has been omitted in calculating the optical depths in Table VII.)

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