

Can the Differential Emission Measure constrain the timescale of the energy deposition in the solar corona ?

Application to Hinode/EIS



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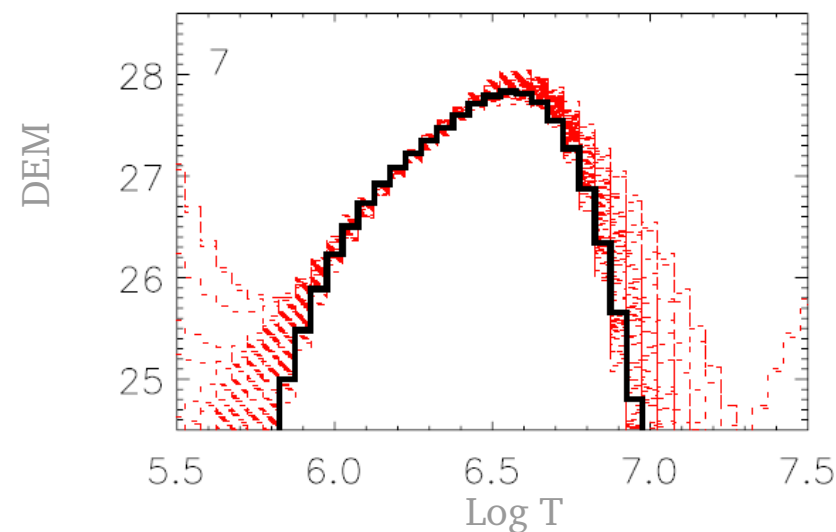
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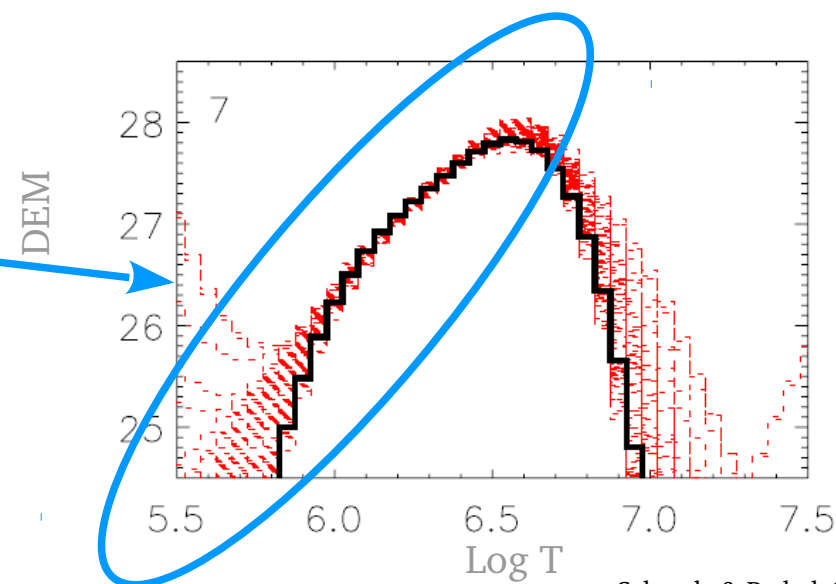
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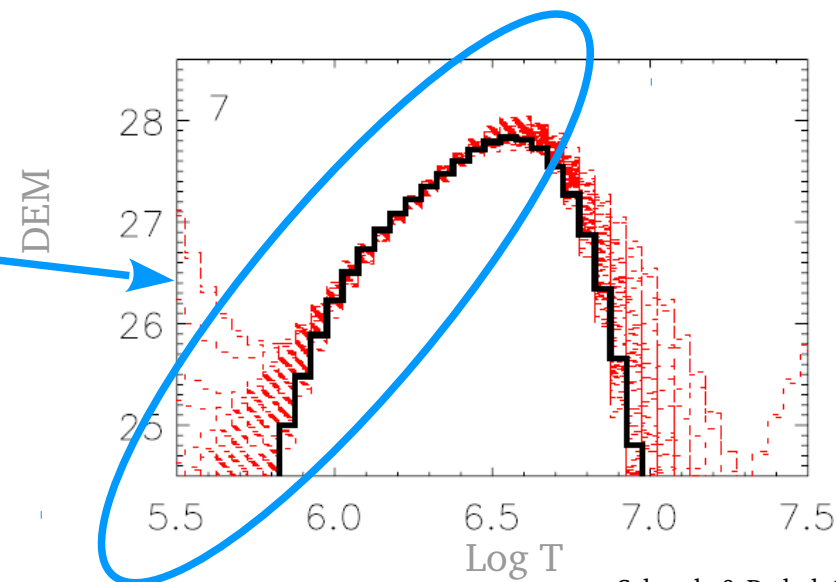
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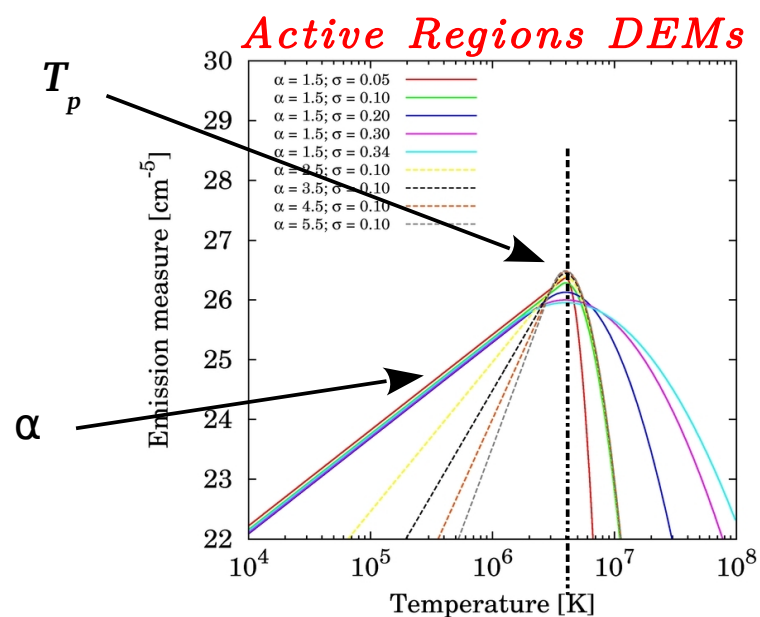
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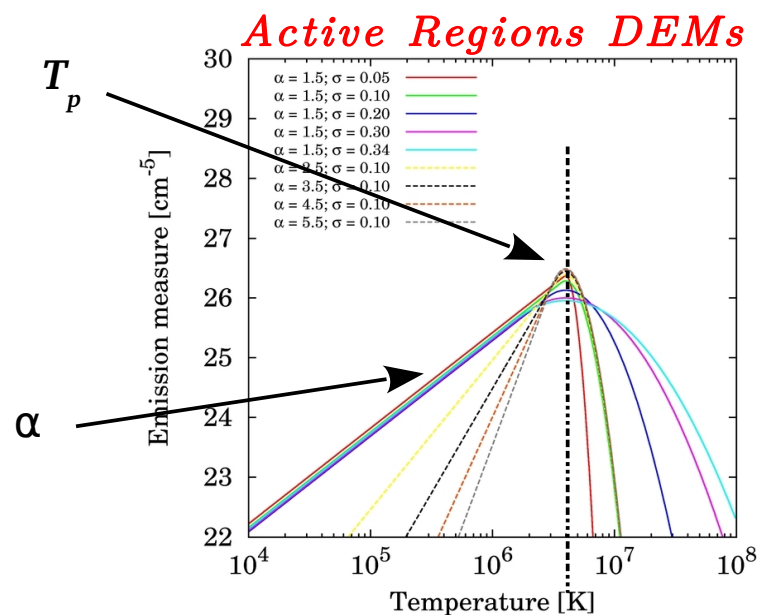
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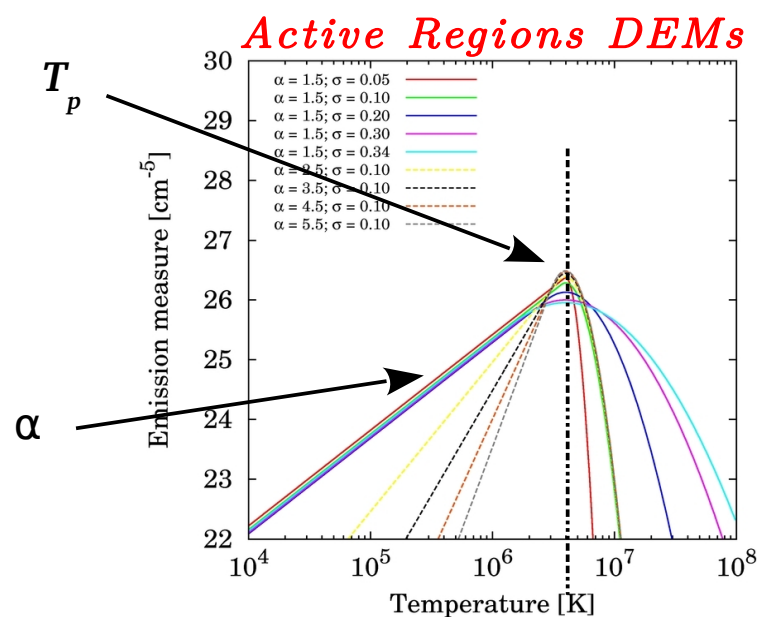
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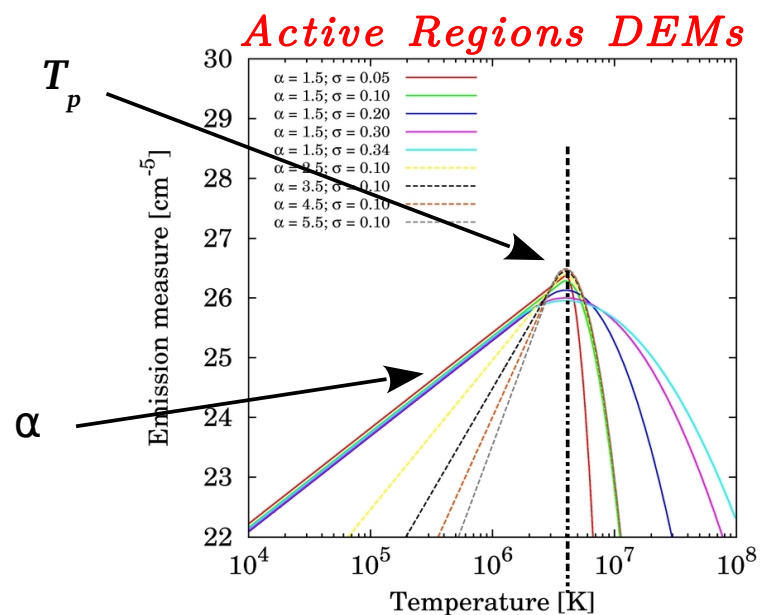
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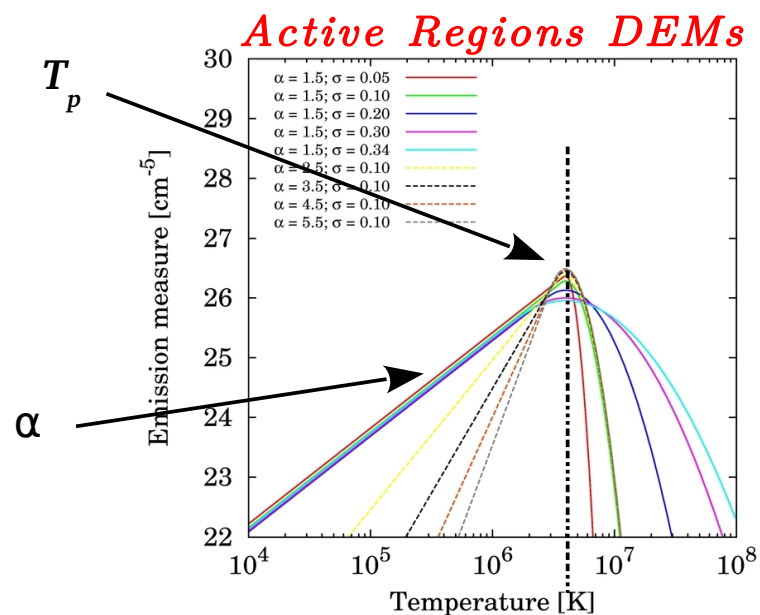
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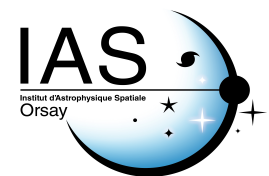
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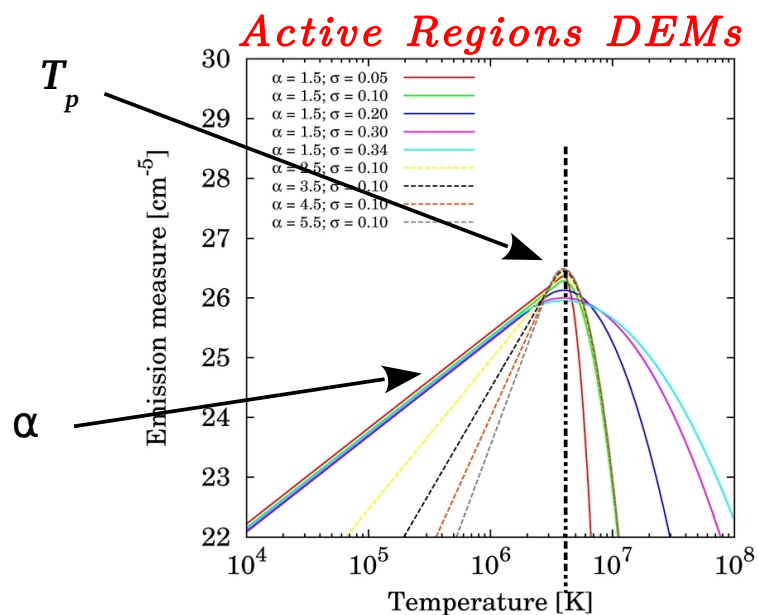
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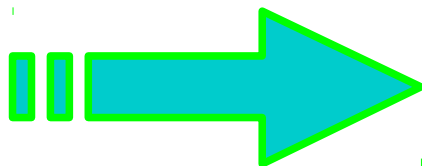
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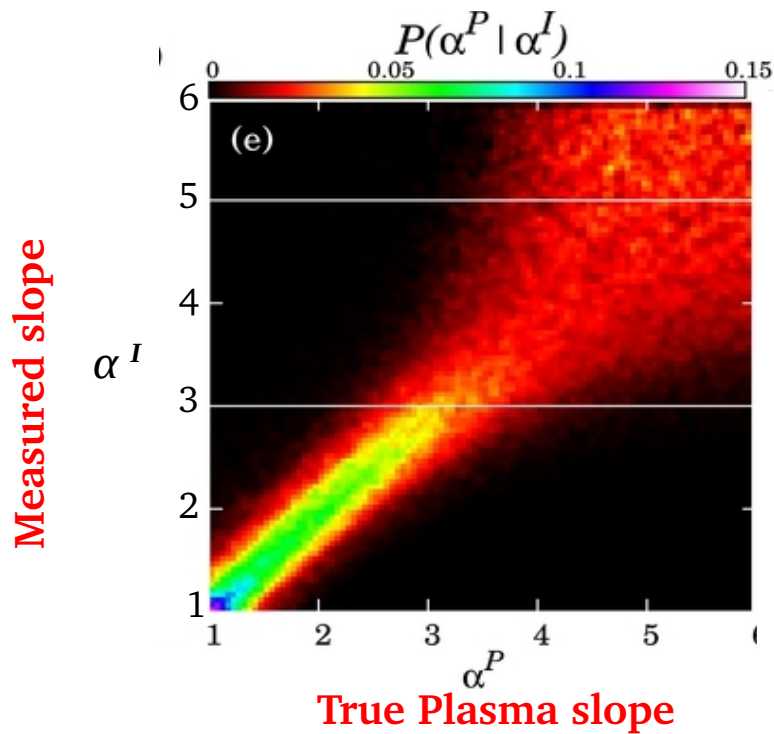
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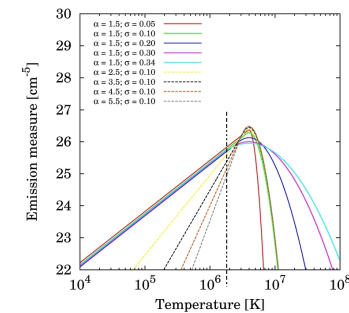
Compute *all the solutions consistent with the data*
+ associated probabilities
→ *to derive confidence level* on the estimated
DEM slopes



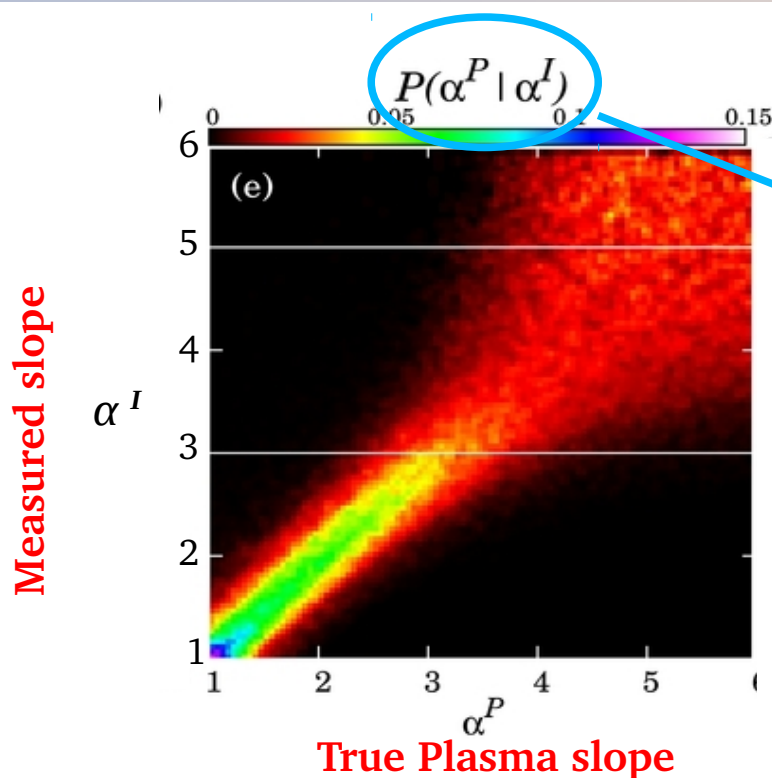
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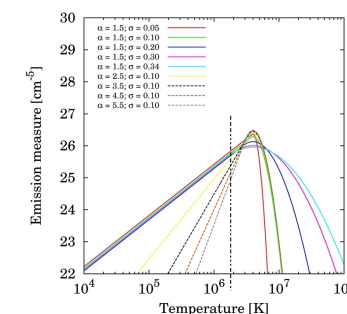


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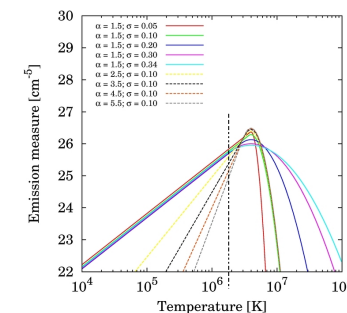
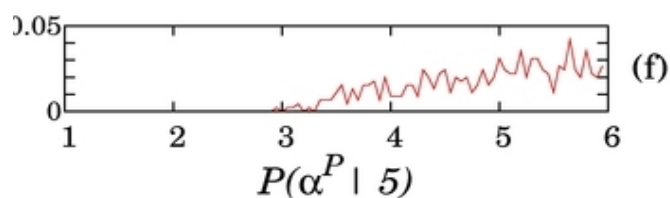
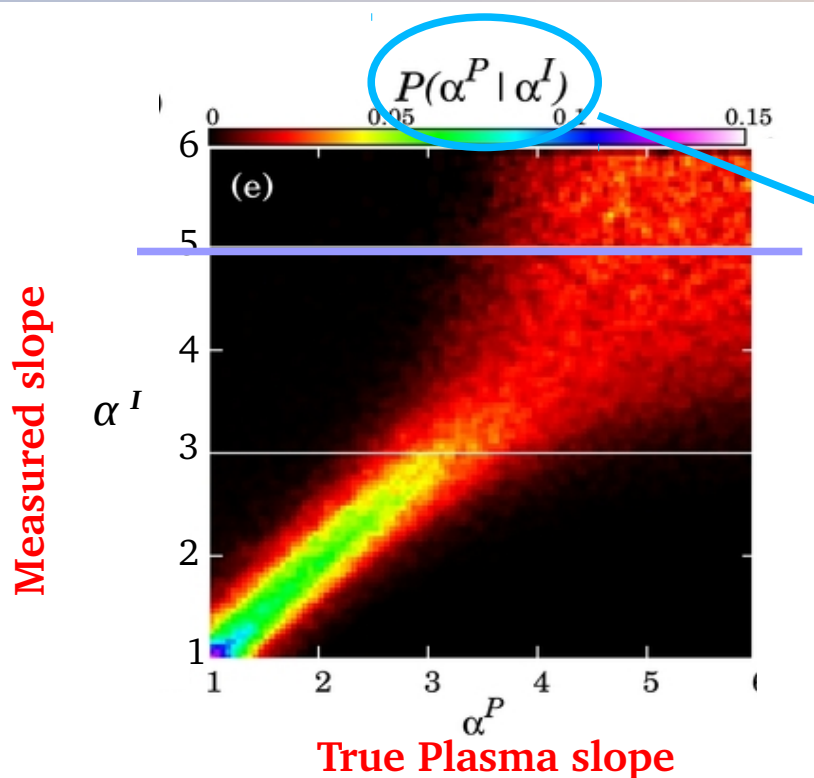
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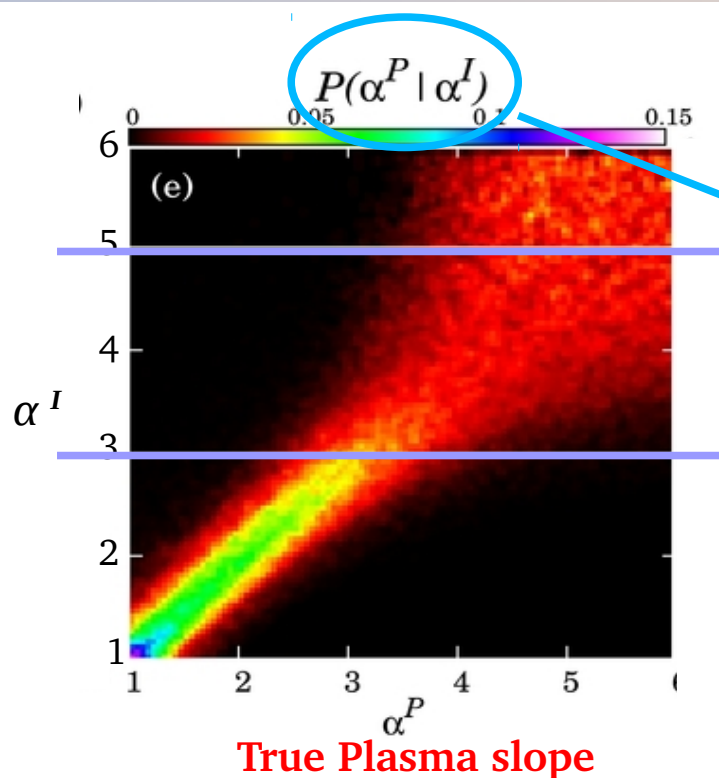


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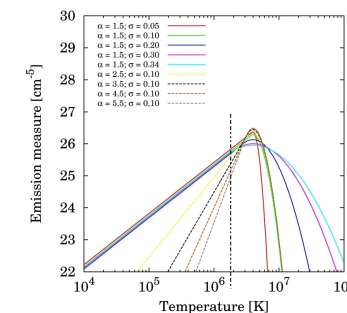
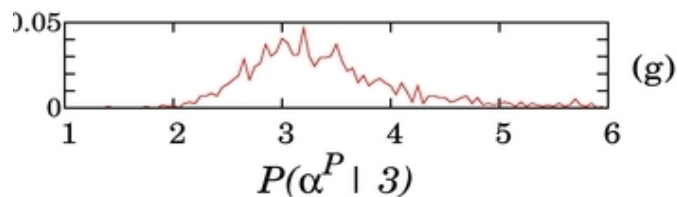
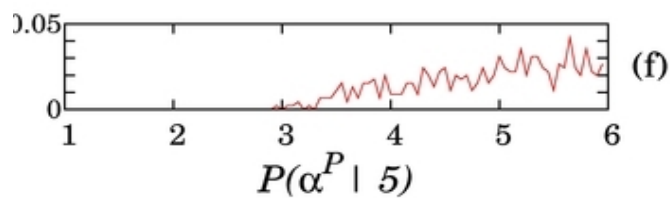


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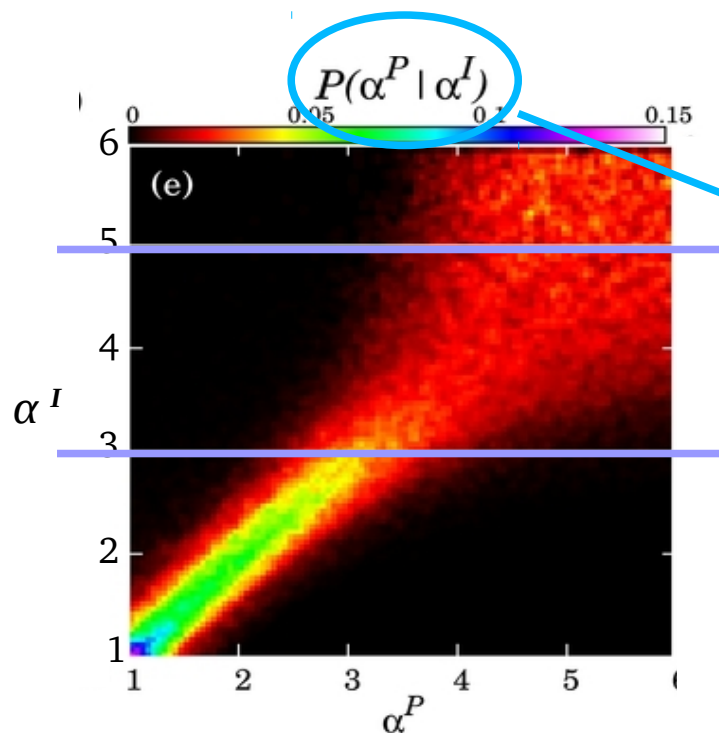
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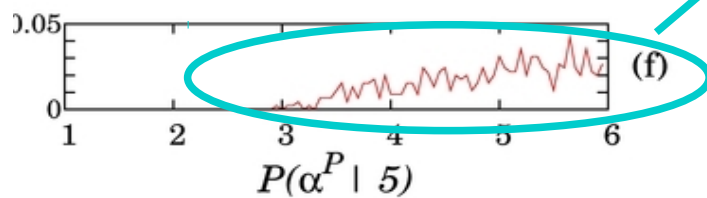
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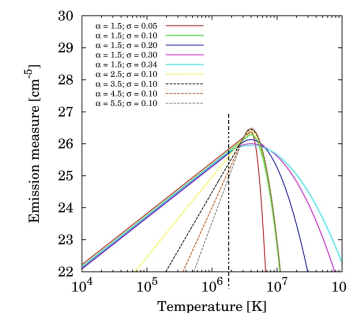
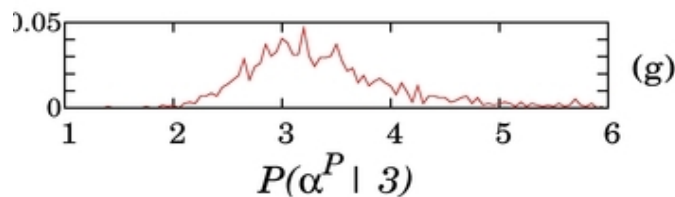


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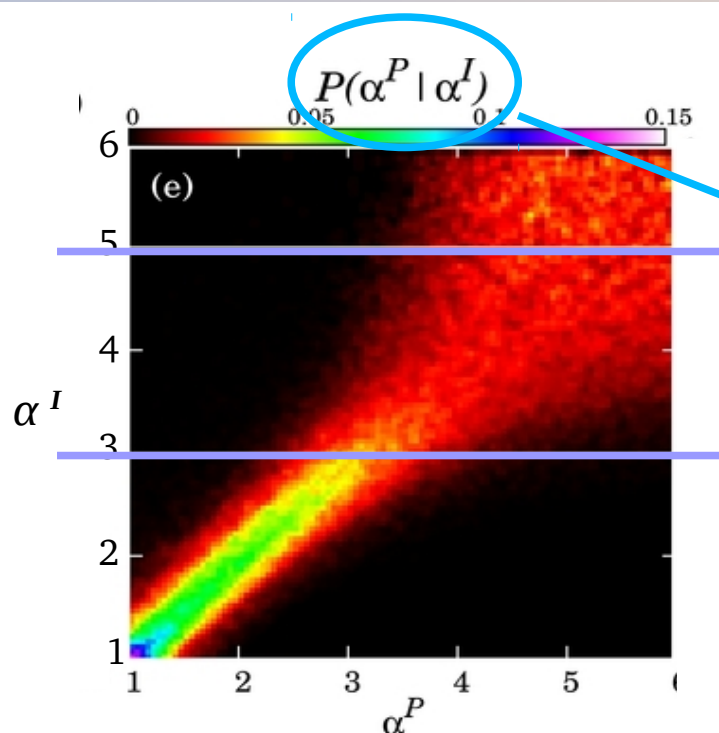
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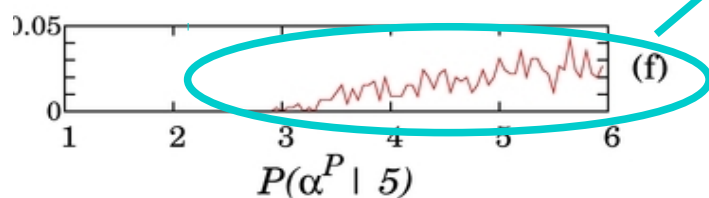
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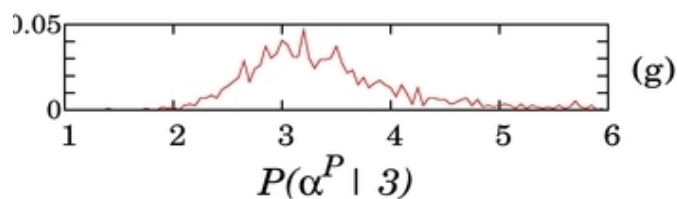
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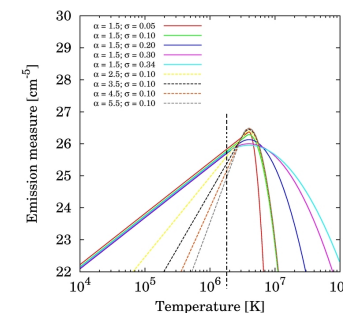


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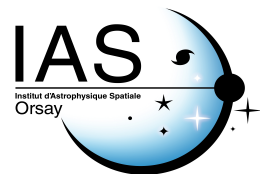
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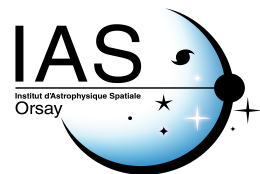
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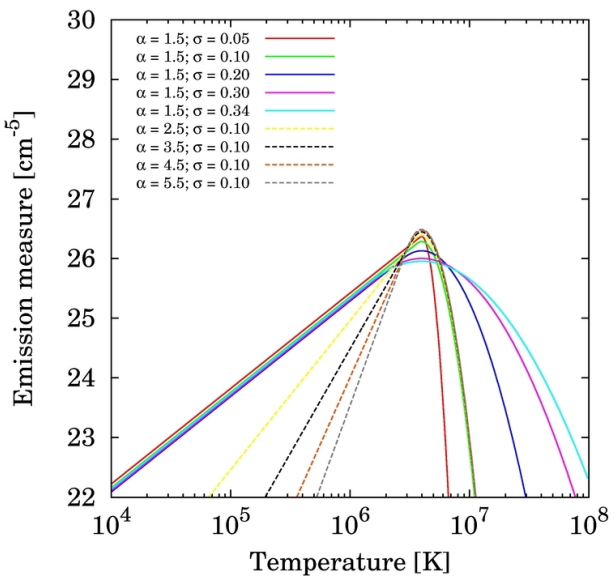


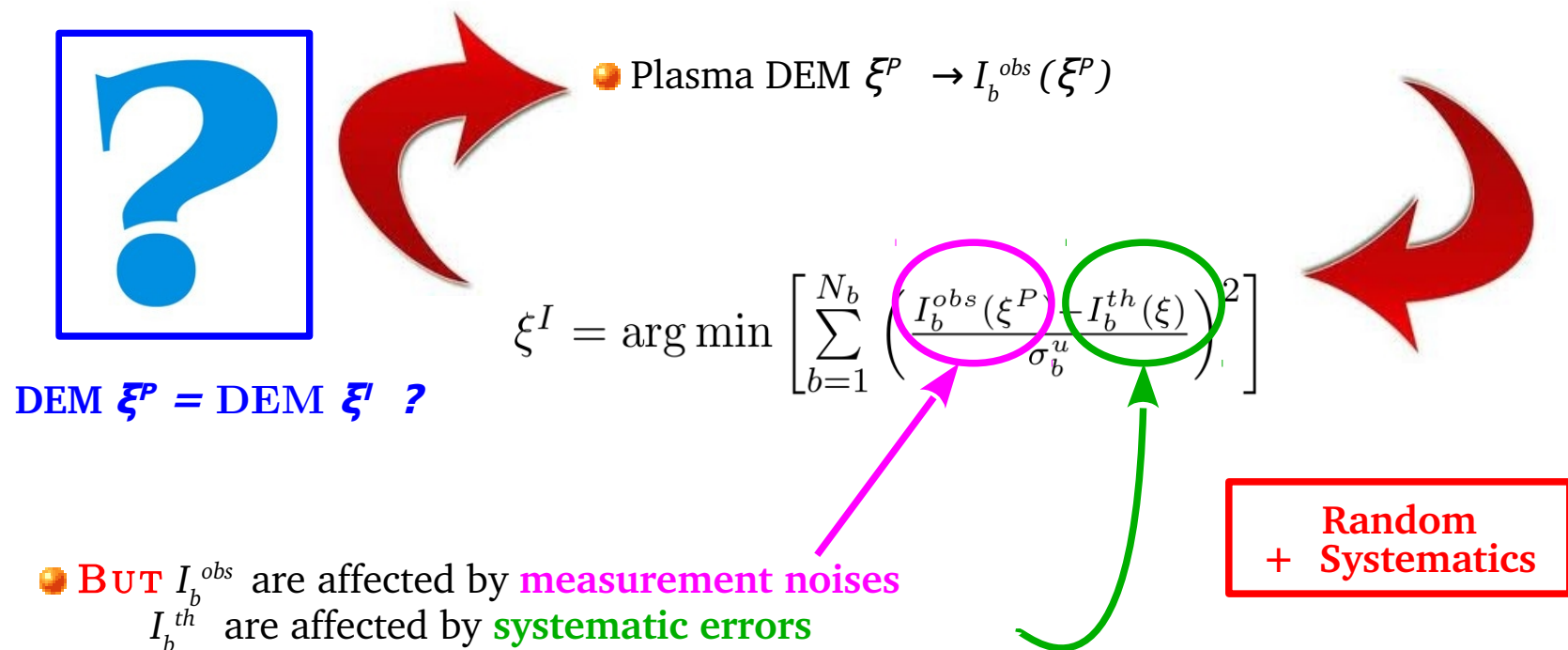
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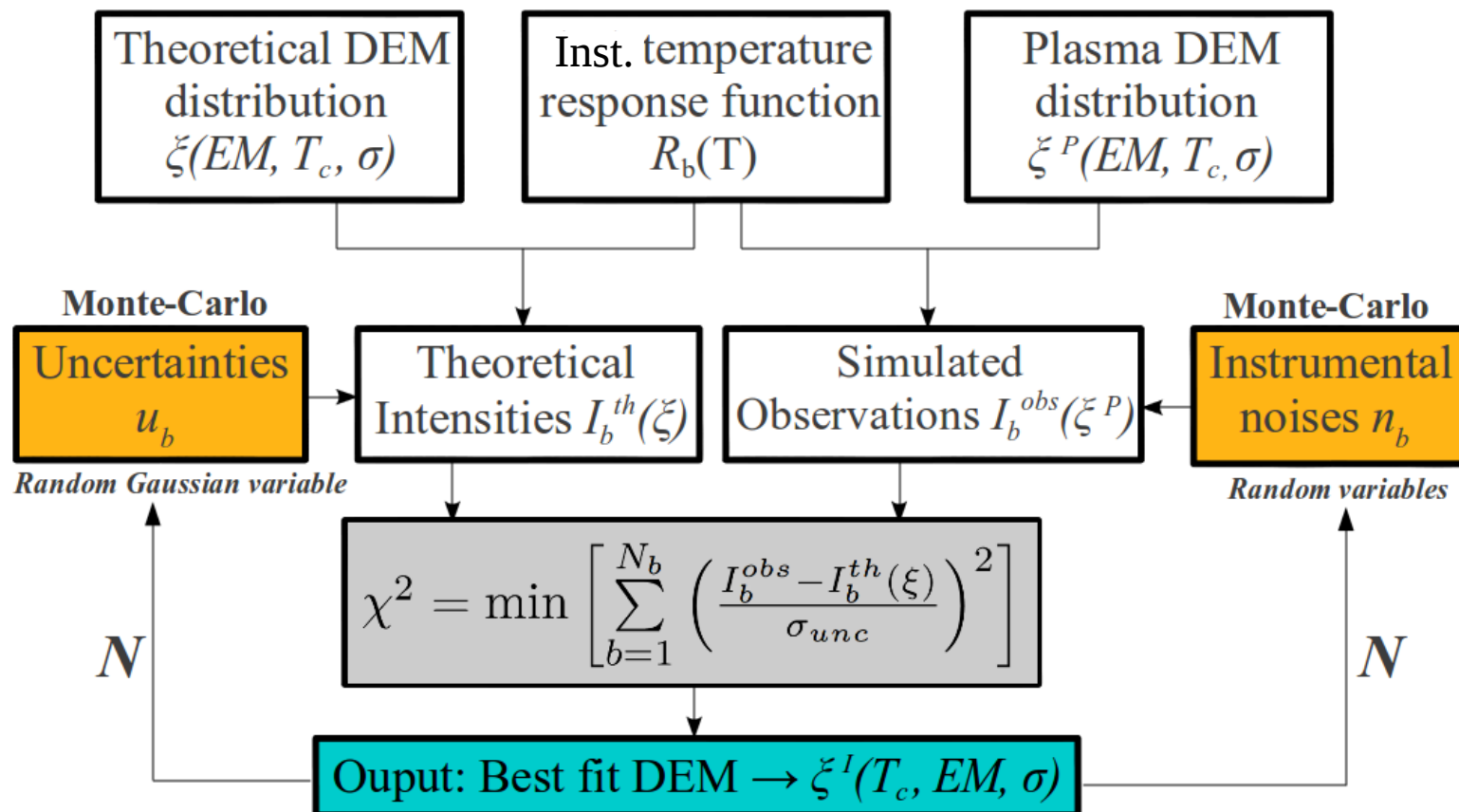
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- Random and systematics errors are taken into account

Random n_b	Systematics s_b
Read noise	Calibration
Photon noise	Atomic physics



- Abundance of each element : 10%
- Ionization balance : 10%
- combined radiative + excitation rates + atomic structure calculations uncertainties : 10%
- FIP effect → 10% on low FIP elements



Desirable values
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(Bayes' Theorem)

Computed through Monte-Carlo

(Guennou et al., part I,
2012, ApJ, 25)

● Providing confidence level on the DEM parameters



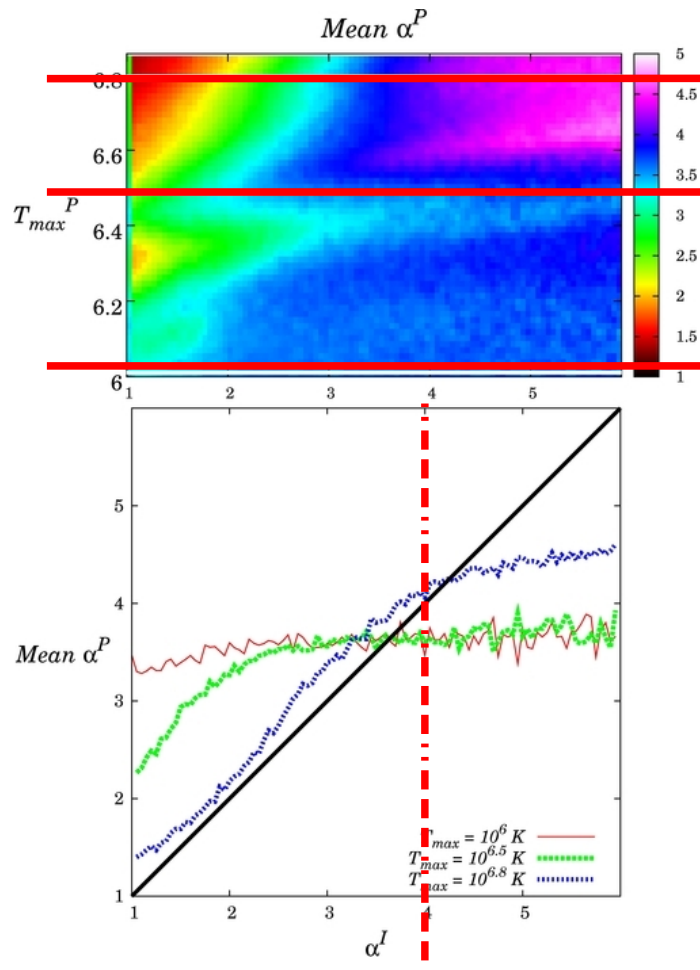
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Slope standard deviation

