Spatial Analysis of the PAH and Ionic Features Southeast of the Orion Bar

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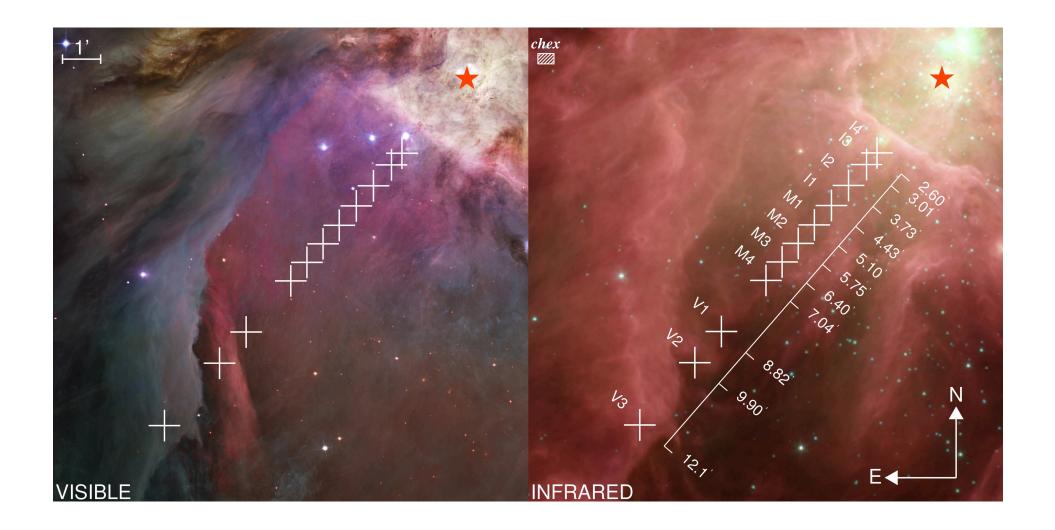
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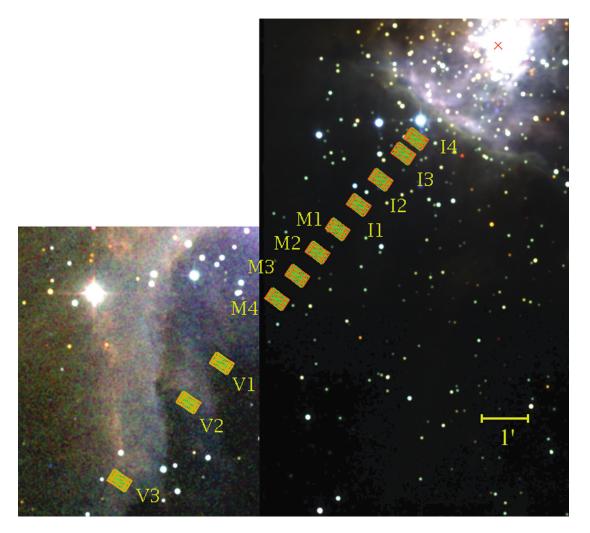
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Outline

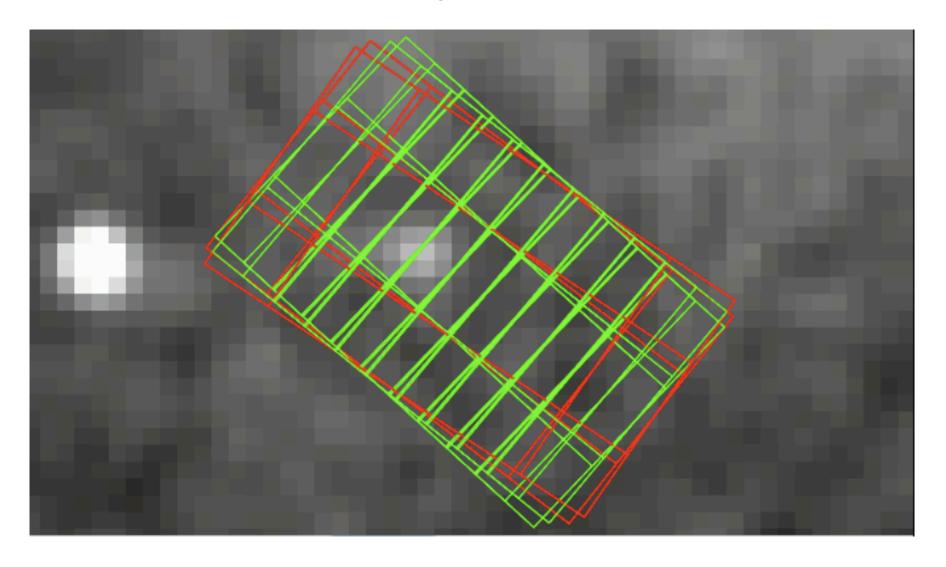
- New observations with Spitzer & CTIO of outer Orion Nebula from SE of Bright Bar to optical boundary
- Electron density distribution from optical & IR
- Elemental abundance ratios
- ·Variation in degree of ionization with distance from θ^1 Ori C
- ·Characterization of the PAHs with distance
- Evidence for high ionization to the optical boundary as well as an H II region/PDR interface at this outer Veil location

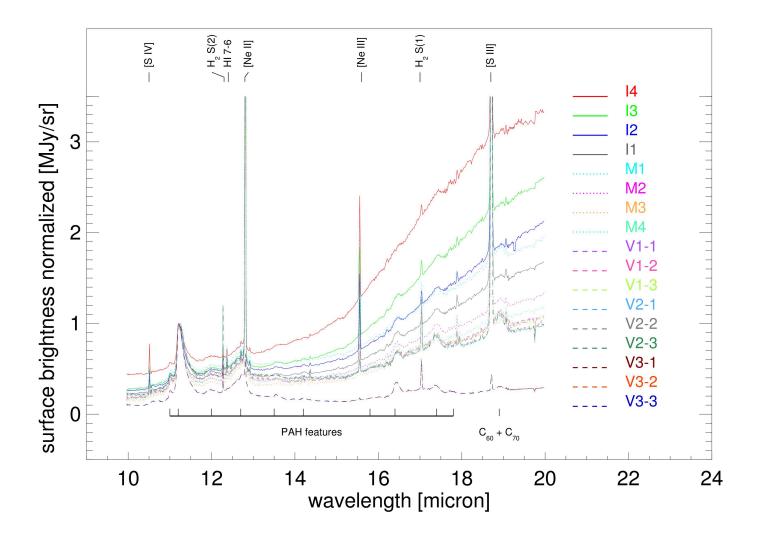


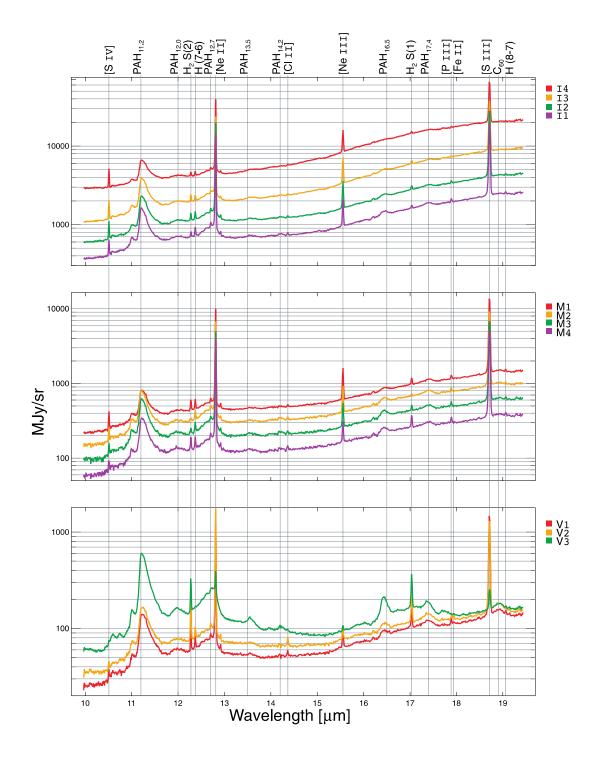


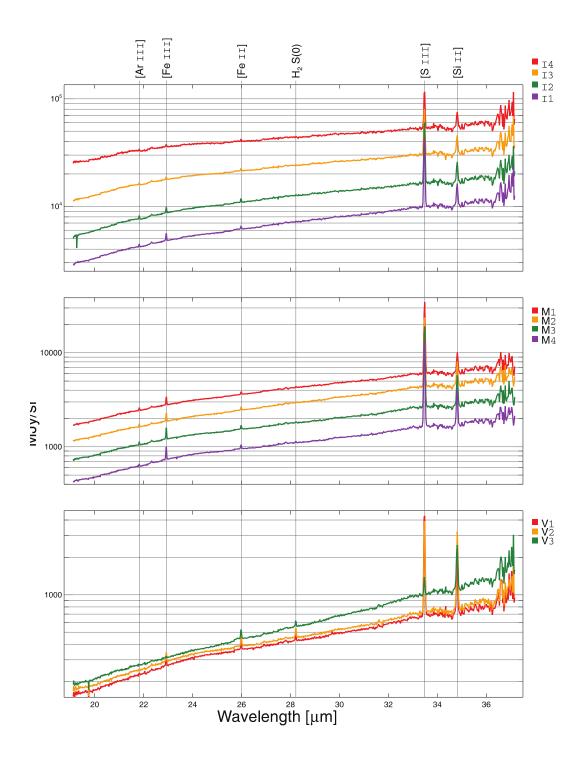


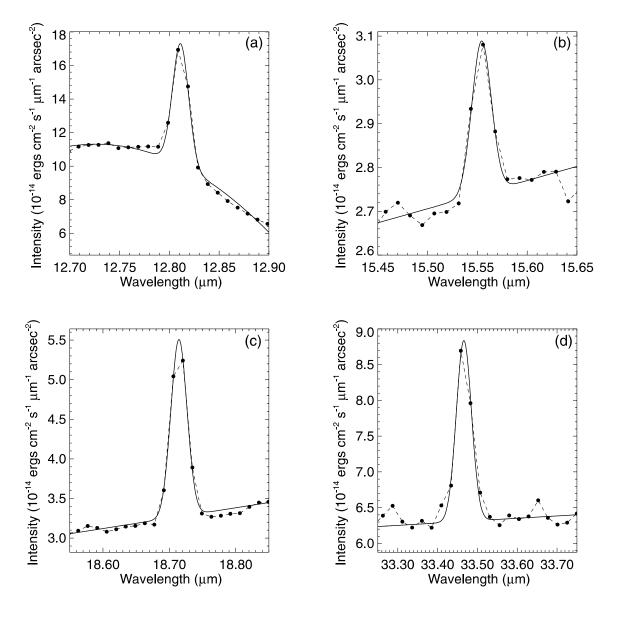


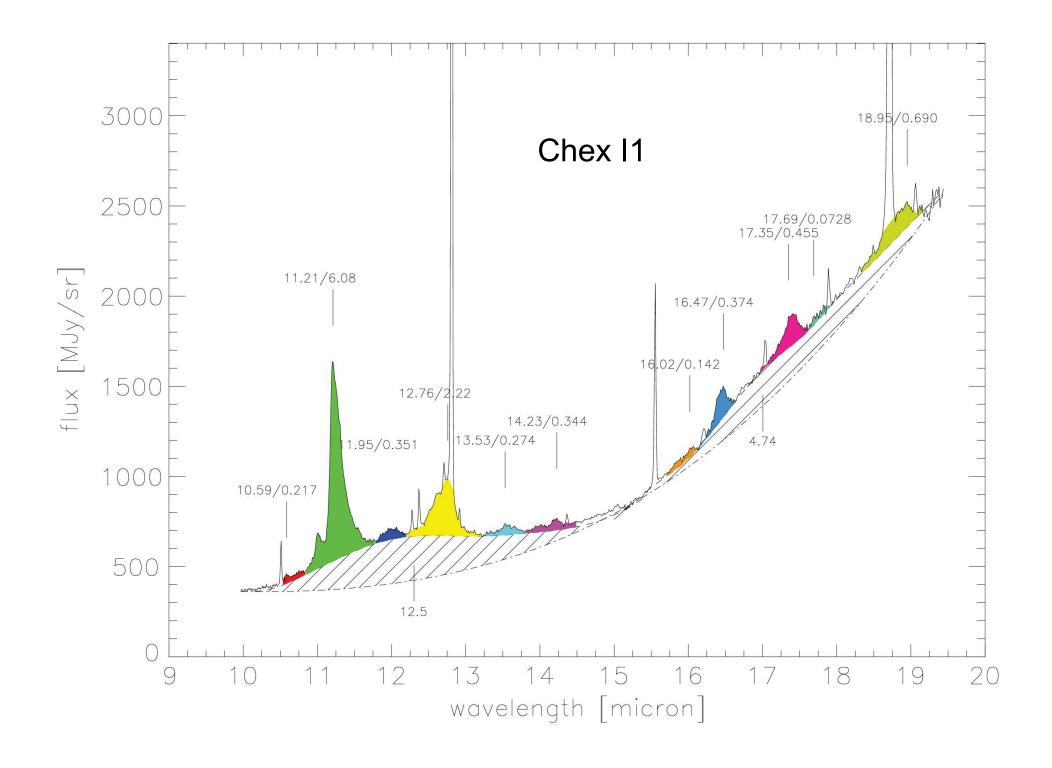


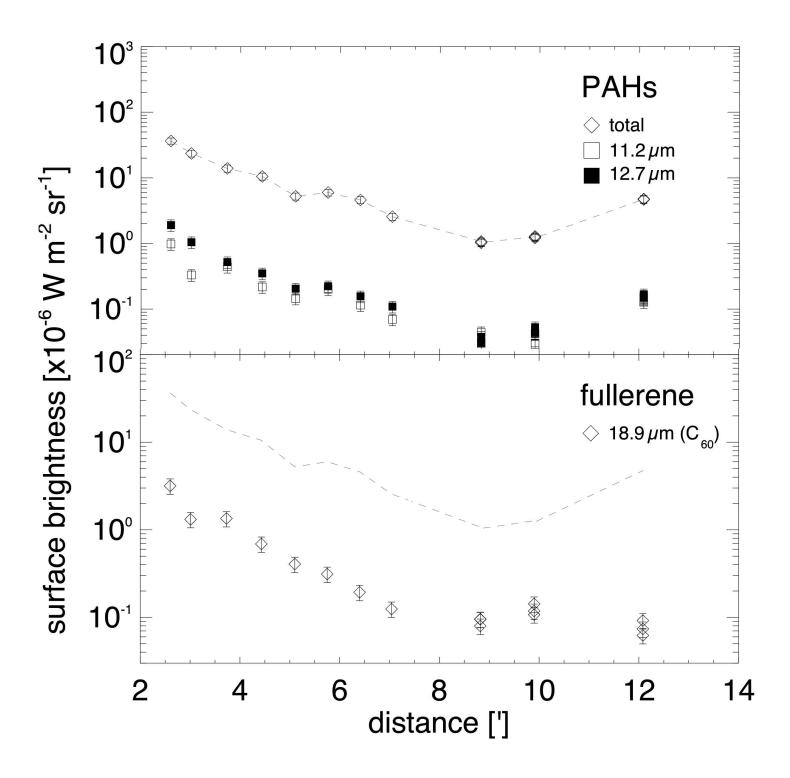






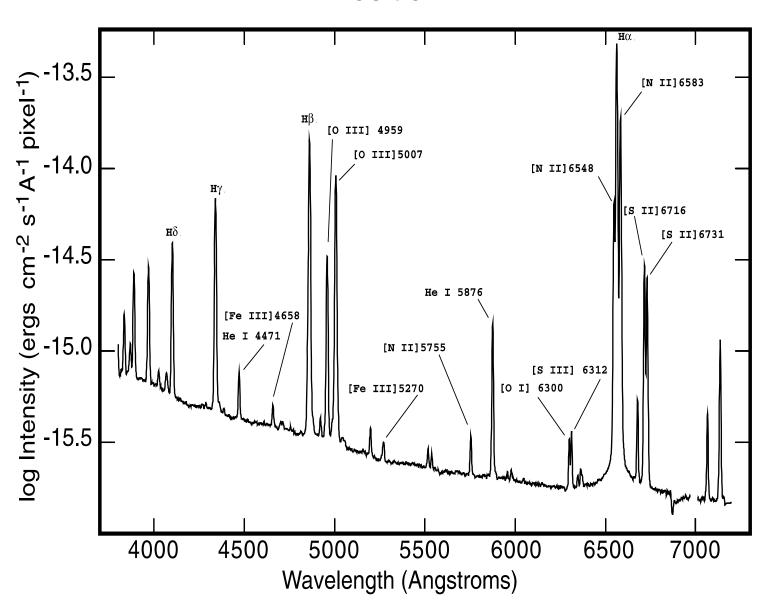


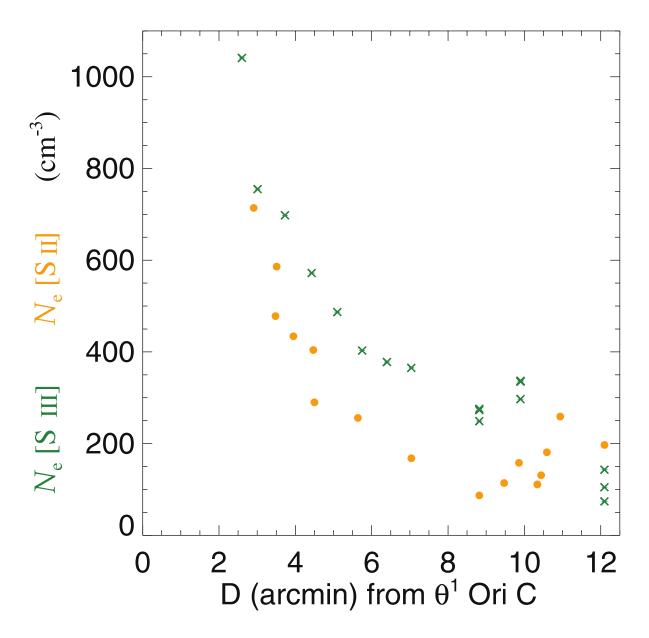


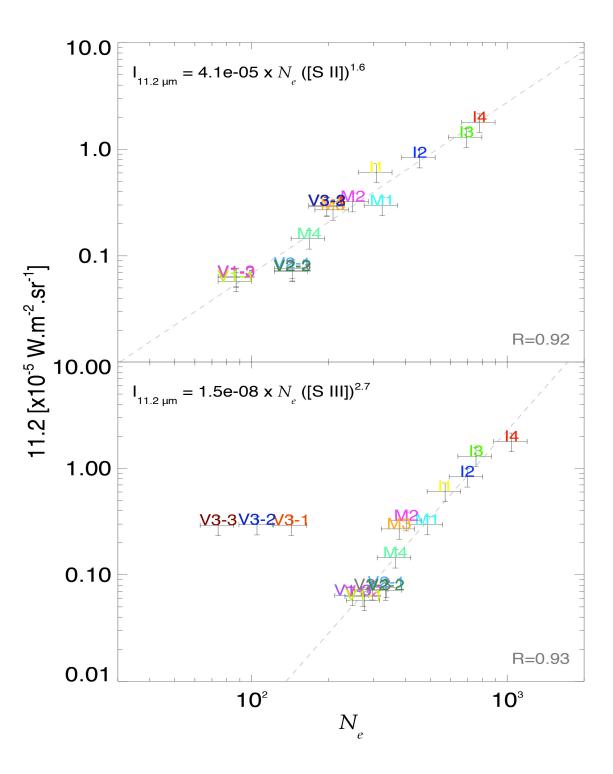


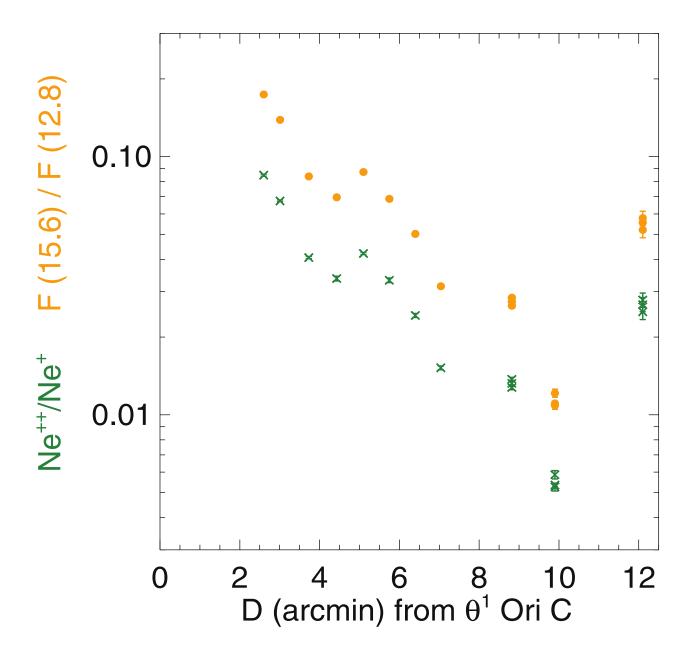


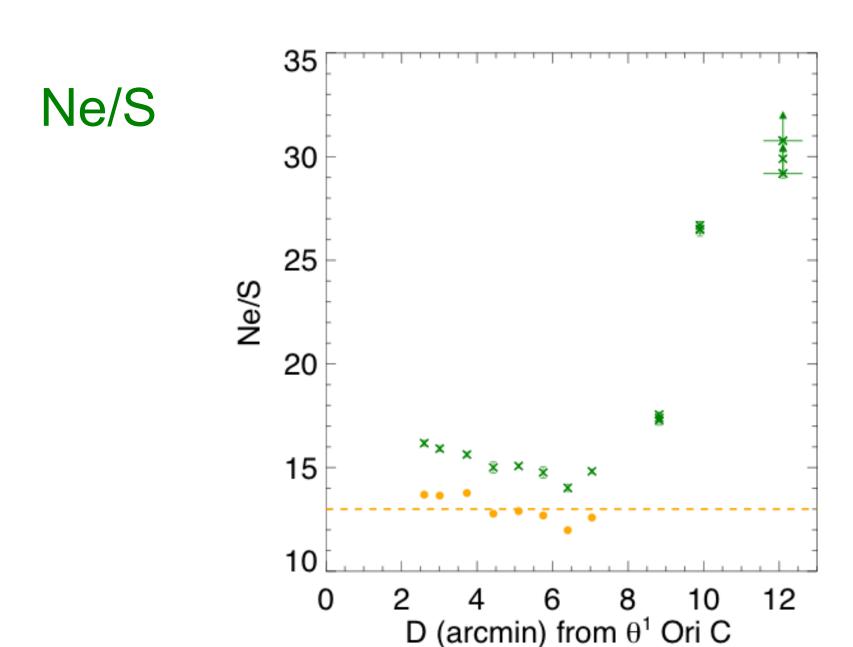
Position M4











Median Value: 15.1 Mean Value: 15.2 (excluding all veils) Mean Value adjusted for the optical S+/S++ ratio: 13.0

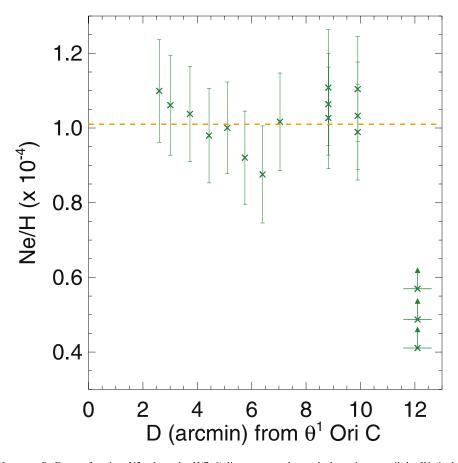


Figure 12. Plot of Ne/H versus D. Except for chex V3 where the H(7–6) line was not detected, the ratios vary little. We include the six independent measurements at V1 and V2 and take the mean for the 10 innermost chex as the best value, Ne/H = $(1.02 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4}$. In terms of the conventional expression, this is $12 + \log(\text{Ne/H}) = 8.01 \pm 0.01$. This may well be the *gold standard* for a determination of metallicity in an H II region (see text).

 $\frac{GOLD \, STANDARD}{12 + \log(Ne/H) = 8.01 \pm 0.01}$

Results and Conclusions

- The Bright Bar is a localized, high-density feature an H II region/ PDR interface over a very limited solid angle.
- Tracking outbound from the Bright Bar, the outer Orion Nebula has high ionization with Ne⁺⁺ existing to the outer Veil. This IR result is robust, whereas the optical conclusion suffers uncertainty because of the scattering of emission.
- The Veil seen in projection at position V3 is a prominent "new" H II region/PDR.
- $N_{\rm e}$ [S III] is greater than $N_{\rm e}$ [S II] essentially at all D.
- Improved Ne/S, Ne/H abundances.
- PAHs provide details of 3-D structure





The Orion Door

Google: "Orion Door Collection"

