

# Effects of bulk gas rotation on the emergent Lyman- $\alpha$ line in distant galaxies

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## ABSTRACT

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Due to the resonant nature of the Lyman alpha line, gas kinematics play an important role in the shape of this line. In particular we study the case in which this gas is spherically symmetric and its rotating.

## 2 IMPLEMENTATION OF BULK GAS ROTATION

We implement into CLARA the simplest model whereby a sphere rotates with homogeneous angular velocity. We define a cartesian coordinate system with its origin at the center of the sphere and the rotation axis to be the  $z$ -axis, the components in the bulk velocity field,  $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{i} + v_y \hat{j} + v_z \hat{z}$ . in the gas can be written as

$$v_x = -\frac{y}{R} V_{\max}, \quad (1a)$$

$$v_y = \frac{x}{R} V_{\max}, \quad (1b)$$

$$v_z = 0, \quad (1c)$$

where  $R$  is the radius of the sphere and  $V_{\max}$  is the linear velocity at the sphere's surface. The minus sign in the  $x$ -component of the velocity is due to the direction of rotation, in this case we assume that the angular velocity vector goes in the  $\hat{k}$  direction.

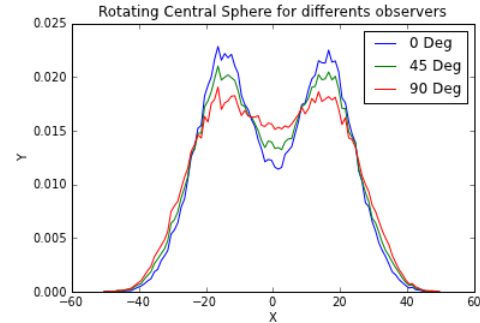
## 3 GRID OF SIMULATED MODELS

We compute the emergent Lyman- $\alpha$  line for several models with different values for the maximal rotational velocity, hydrogen optical depth, dust optical depth and initial distributions of the photons with respect to the gas. There are in total 60 models with the input parameters summarized in Table 1.

Additionally in the postprocessing process we will take

Velocity (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{\max}$	0, 50, 100, 200, 300
Hydrogen Optical Depth	$\tau_H$	10 <sup>5</sup> , 10 <sup>6</sup> , 10 <sup>7</sup>
Dust Optical Depth	$\tau_A$	XXX
Photons Distributions		Central, Homogeneous

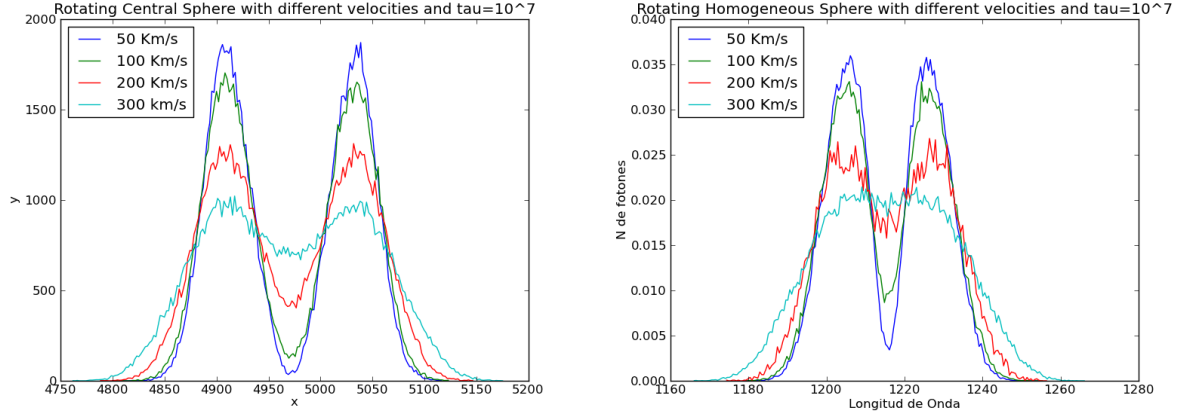
**Table 1.** Values for the varying input parameters in CLARA. Taking into account all the possible combinations for these models



**Figure 2.** Spectra for different observers. Model:  $V = 300 \text{ km/s}$ , Optical Depth  $\tau = 10^7$  and Central Distribution without dust.

into account different observer positions with respect to the cloud rotation axis.

Now if we take into account the position of the observer and compute this for different angles of observation  $\theta$  the outgoing spectra is modified as is shown in figure[2]. The main feature here is that as the angle increases the line height decreases. It means that an observer in the poles will observe a higher double peak than an observer in the equator. We will understand this in more details when we present the results of the escape fraction in section[.].



**Figure 1.** Shape of the Lyman alpha line for different velocities. The left panel shows the central distribution while the right panel shows the homogeneous distribution.

## 4 RESULTS

In the previous section we describe the models that we study the effect of rotation in the Lyman alpha line and see the effect of rotation in the spectra. Now we show the main results that we obtain, in particular we pay special attention to the position of the maximums, the width of the line and the escape fraction in function of the rotational velocity and the angle of observation  $\theta$ .

In Figure[1] the effect that rotation has in the spectra is shown, for both distributions central (Left) and homogeneous (right). This is a general case in the sense that is independent of the position of an external observer.

### 4.1 Maximums Position

(comparar con la grafica del apendice de clara con el eje x el optical depth y en el eje-y los maximums)

The maximum position gives information about the wavelength of the majority of the outgoing photons after they interact with the gas, in addition as a photon has more scatterings its wavelength would be larger than the initial which is 1216 Å. As we can see in Fig.[3] the position of the maximums does not change with rotational velocity. But it changes from homogeneous and central.

### 4.2 Line Width

Another effect that the rotation of the gas produces is in the width of the Lyman alpha line. The width of the line provides information of how many photons escape with a particular wavelength, in the ideal case in which all the photons escape with the same wavelength the outgoing spectrum would be narrow. For all the models we study we found that as the rotational velocity increases the line width increases this is shown in Fig.[4].

We also found that the width for a particular model is not the same for different angles of observation in particular as the angle increases the width also increases, it means that as the angle increases the number of scatterings of the photons increases for this reason we see a broader

Velocity (Km/s)	Maximum 1 position	Maximum 2 position
50	-16.2695	16.23705
100	-15.66496	15.33504
200	-16.93149	14.56851
300	-13.40048	16.09952

**Table 2.** Optical Depth  $\tau = 10^7$ , Central Distribution

line. Fig.[5]

### 4.3 Escape Fraction

The fraction of photons that escape from the cloud of gas and dust is defined as:

$$F_e = \frac{\sum_{NI} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{\sum_{NF} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}} \quad (2)$$

Where NI is the initial number of photons and NF is the final. This escape fraction is computed for all the models which results are shown in Fig.[6]

When the distribution is homogeneous the effect of velocity in the escape fraction is clear while in the central model the effect is not noticeable. The main effect is that the escape fraction increases as the velocity increases.

## 5 DISCUSSION

## 6 OBSERVATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

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## APPENDIX A: TABLES

Line width

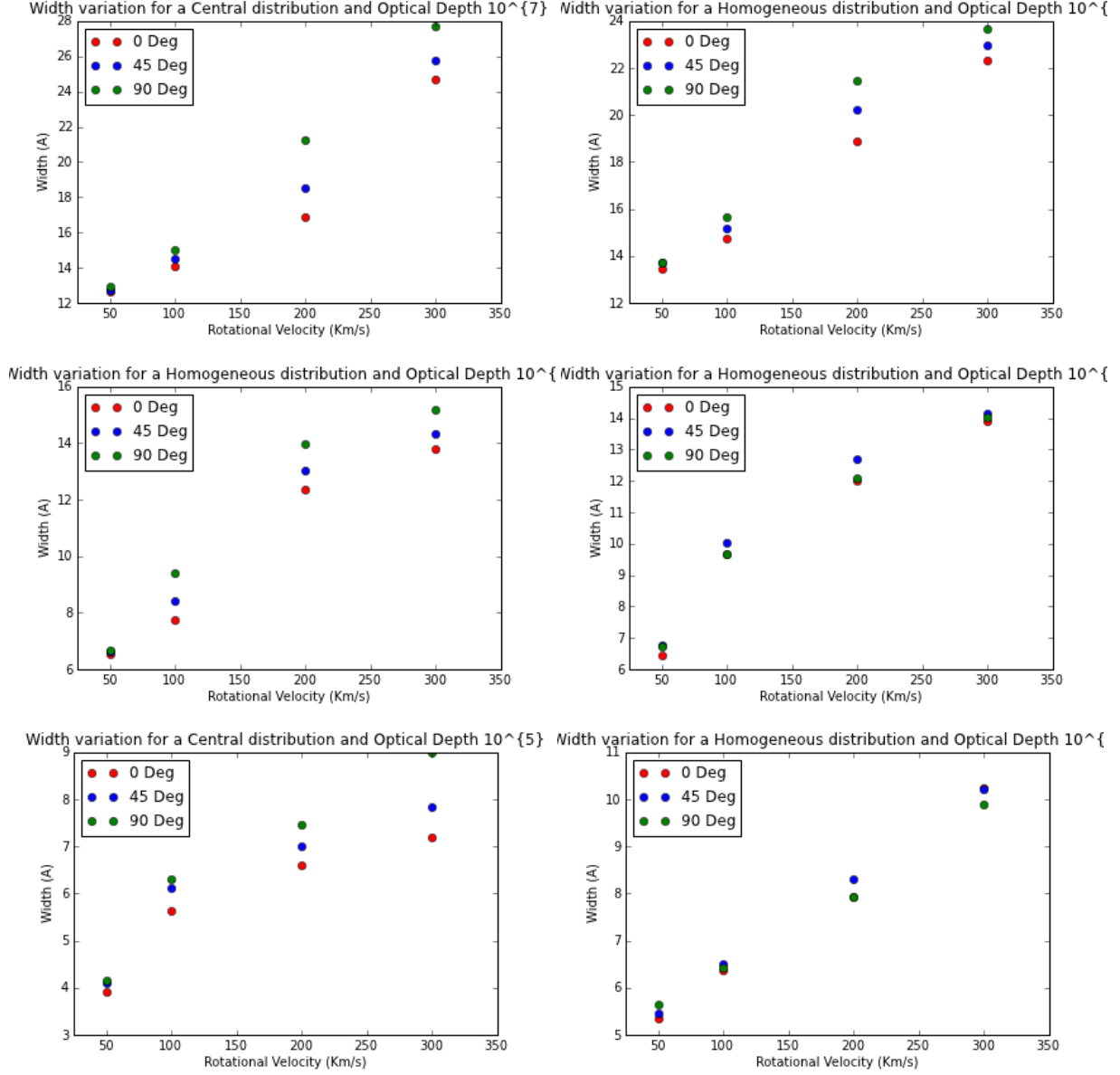


Figure 4. Width of the lyman-alpha line for all the models.

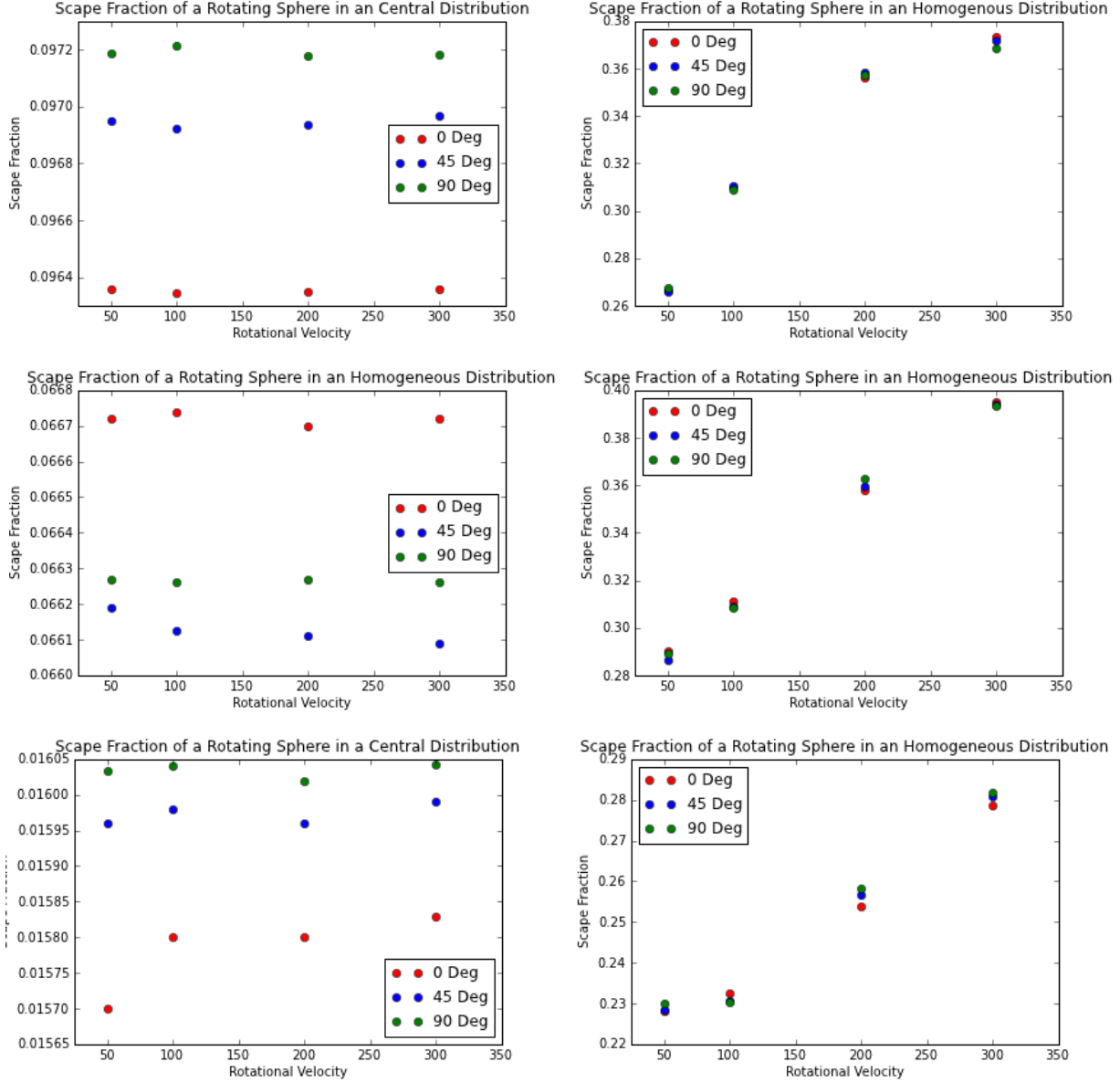
Velocity (km/s)	Maximum 1 position	Maximum 2 position
50	-7.46286	6.53714
100	-7.53357	6.96643
200	-8.17453	7.32547
300	-6.81487	6.18513

Table 3. Optical Depth  $\tau = 10^6$ , Central Distribution

Velocity(Km/s)	Maximum 1 position	Maximum 2 position
50	-4.33708	3.66292
100	-4.27326	3.72674
200	-3.7737	3.7263
300	-3.84903	4.15097

Table 4. Optical Depth  $\tau = 10^5$ , Central distribution

Escape fraction



**Figure 6.** Escape fraction for all the models. Left panels show the central distribution, while right panels show the homogeneous distribution

Velocity(Km/s)	FWHM	$\theta$
50	12.62	$0^\circ$
50	12.72	$45^\circ$
50	12.93	$90^\circ$
100	14.07	$0^\circ$
100	14.48	$45^\circ$
100	15.00	$90^\circ$
200	16.90	$0^\circ$
200	18.51	$45^\circ$
200	21.24	$90^\circ$
300	24.69*	$0^\circ$
300	25.79*	$45^\circ$
300	27.73*	$90^\circ$

**Table 5.** Lines Widths for a Central Distribution and  $\tau = 10^7$

[H]

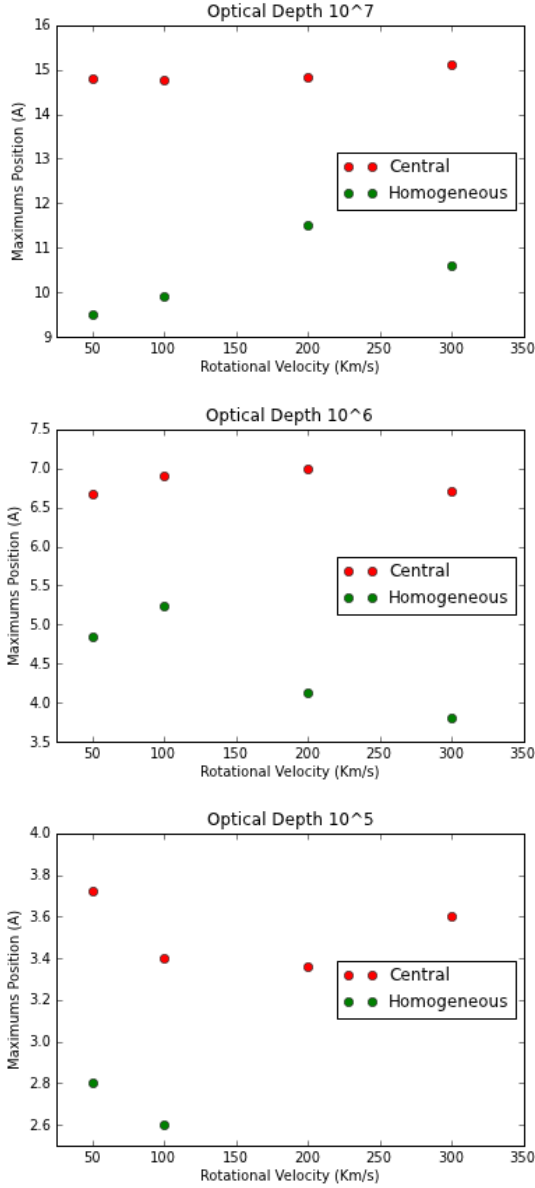


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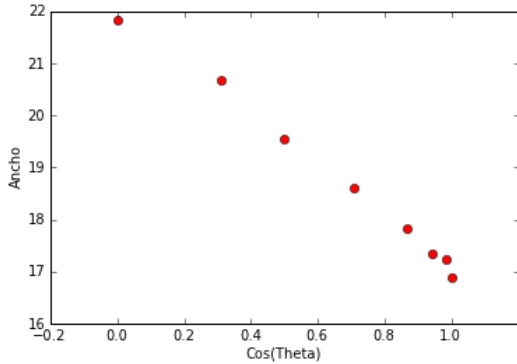


Figure 5. Width variation in function of theta

Model	Velocity (km/s)	$\theta$	Dust $\Sigma(s)$	$\Sigma(s)$
Homogeneous	50	$0^\circ$	13293.06	49939.53
Homogeneous	50	$45^\circ$	13291.04	50001.59
Homogeneous	50	$90^\circ$	13348.76	49922.73
Homogeneous	100	$0^\circ$	15527.69	50114.11
Homogeneous	100	$45^\circ$	15511.56	49967.17
Homogeneous	100	$90^\circ$	15401.71	49833.65
Homogeneous	200	$0^\circ$	17830.85	50078.69
Homogeneous	200	$45^\circ$	17932.87	50064.42
Homogeneous	200	$90^\circ$	17830.85	49931.748
Homogeneous	300	$0^\circ$	18687.33	50048.33
Homogeneous	300	$45^\circ$	18572.12	49922.67
Homogeneous	300	$90^\circ$	18421.79	49979.37

 Table 6. Escape fraction for a Homogeneous Distribution and optical depth  $10^5$ .

Model	Velocity (km/s)	$\theta$	Dust $\Sigma(s)$	$\Sigma(s)$
Central	50	$0^\circ$	4809.881	49917.069
Central	50	$45^\circ$	4829.21	49811.79
Central	50	$90^\circ$	4845.108	49853.039
Central	100	$0^\circ$	4809.665	49921.30
Central	100	$45^\circ$	4828.65	49820.13
Central	100	$90^\circ$	4846.45	49854.0
Central	200	$0^\circ$	4809.63	49917.64
Central	200	$45^\circ$	4829.25	49818.49
Central	200	$90^\circ$	4844.89	49856.66
Central	300	$0^\circ$	4810.56	49922.98
Central	300	$45^\circ$	4831.16	49823.33
Central	300	$90^\circ$	4845.33	49858.48

 Table 7. Escape fraction for the central Distribution and optical depth  $10^5$ .