FRADO explains the Low Ionized Broad Emission Lines of AGNs

Dust an important driver of line shape

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ABSTRACT

Context. Broad emission lines (BELs) are the most characteristic features in the spectra of active galaxies. They mostly show either a single-peaked or double-peaked profiles; and originate from a complex dynamics of the likely discrete clouds moving in a spatially extended region so-called Broad Line Region (BLR).

Aims. In this paper, we provide a large grid of results based on which we aim at testing the model with calculation of the spectral line generic profiles.

Methods. We follow a non-hydrodynamical single-cloud approach to the BLR dynamics based on the dust-driving model of Czerny & Hryniewicz. We previously showed in details that the 2.5D version of the model could provide us with the 3D geometry of the BLR.

Results. We show that the shape of profiles not only depends on the accretion rate of the source, the black hole mass, and the viewing angle, but also it is most significantly affected by the adopted dust-to-gas mass ratio regulating the strength of the radiation pressure.

We also show that the model can nicely/consistently explain the low ionized broad lines of the mean spectrum of quasars, such as MgII and Hβ.

Conclusions. The 2.5D version of the FRADO model can appropriately account for the low-ionized part of BLR of AGNs.

Key words. Active Galaxies – Accretion Disk – Radiation Pressure – Broad Line Region – FRADO Model – Shielding Effect – DustOpacity – Broad Emission Lines

1. Introduction

Broad Line Region (BLR) in active galaxies is a turbulent and spatially rather extended region (Wandel et al. 1999; Kaspi et al. 2000; Netzer 2020) which has not yet been fully resolved, except of a few cases with magnified BLR due to gravitational lensing (Sluse et al. 2012; Guerras et al. 2013). Hence, studies of broad emission lines stemming from this region have been based on the analysis of the spectra, and their time dependence (Boroson & Green 1992; Lawrence et al. 1997; Sulentic et al. 2000; Reeves & Turner 2000; Gaskell 2009; Le & Woo 2019; Raimundo et al. 2020). However, the broad emission lines (BELs) from BLR are a unique probe to understand the physics of AGNs and eventually can help to measure the mass of the central supermassive black hole. These emission lines are divided into two categories of High Ionization Lines (HIL) and Low Ionization Lines (LIL) (Collin-Souffrin et al. 1988; Netzer 2013); and they are frequently observed in the form of single-peaked or double-peaked profiles (Osterbrock 1977, 1981; gezari et al. 2007; Shen et al. 2011; Negrete et al. 2018; Zhang et al. 2019; Lu et al. 2021; Li et al. 2021). The shape of BELs depends on the distribution and dynamics of material within BLR. There have been two mainstream studies for years on the theoretical side to recover the observed shape of emission lines: one based on proposing theoretically-motivated mechanisms for the formation of BLR, and the other one on the basis of assuming a certain distribution of material in BLR, so-called parametric models.

The BLR in parametric models can have different geometries of interest depending on the purpose, for example a ring, a disk, a shell, or a cone filled with clouds in which the density of clouds is assumed to follow a certain function (Netzer & Laor 1993; Ward et al. 2014; Adhikari et al. 2016, 2018; Gravity Collaboration et al. 2018b). As the name of these models implies, the distribution, density, and other physical properties of clouds in the BLR are parameterized in order to optimize the shape of emission lines and time-delays map (Pancoast et al. 2011, 2014; Li et al. 2013).

In order to fit the data, they either infer the transfer function (Blandford & McKee 1982; Horne et al. 1991; Krolik & Done 1995; Li et al. 2016), or provide a quantitative constraints on the dynamics and geometry of BLR (Li et al. 2013; Pancoast et al. 2014).

Although these models are useful, providing us with an insight into the connection between the BLR geometry and line shape, and they can fit the observational data, they are not supposed to provide a theoretically-motivated scenario behind the picture.
Fig. 1. The schematic illustration of BLR shape and its components in FRADO. The components of BLR are represented as (a) an outer tail consisting of dusty failed winds (simple up/down motions), (b) an inner region with slightly to largely elongated elliptical orbits, and (c) a funnel-shaped outflow stream of clouds. The red and blue solid lines show the peak height of the trajectories of dustless and dusty clouds, respectively. The black solid line represents the sublimation location. The Region I marks the hot region above the sublimation location where dust can not survive; the central disk UV radiation reaches the clouds via scattering by the hot gas in this region. The Region II underneath of the sublimation location and cold enough for dust survival is obscured by the outflow stream; it prevents the BLR material to receive the scattered ionizing radiation.

On the other hand, we previously showed that the Failed Radiatively Accelerated Dusty Outflow (FRADO) model (Czerny & Hryniewicz 2011), among all other already proposed theoretical mechanisms, may effectively account for the formation and the dynamics of the LIL part of BLR such as Hβ and MgII (Naddaf et al. 2021). A preliminary test of the model also showed that it reproduces the reverberation-known location of the LIL BLR (Peterson et al. 2004; Bentz et al. 2009, 2013) without including any arbitrary parameter, and also can successfully explain the observed dispersion in Hβ radius-luminosity (RL) relation based on the accretion rate (Naddaf et al. 2020).

In this paper, we aim at testing the model with calculating the line-profiles by introducing a relatively large grid table of results for a range of black hole masses, accretion rates, and dust-to-gas mass ratio of clumps. Therefore we structure the paper as follows. We briefly explain the physics of BLR dynamics in 2.5D FRADO in section 2. The Numerical setup is introduced in section 3. The physics of LIL BLR emission lines and the method of line profile calculation is addressed in the section 4. We then present our results in section 5, followed by discussion in section 6.

2. BLR Dynamics in 2.5D FRADO

The 2.5D FRADO model (see Naddaf et al. 2021, for full details) is a nonhydrodynamical single-cloud approach to the LIL BLR dynamics. It is the enhanced version of the basic 1D model of (Czerny & Hryniewicz 2011), a model based on the existence of dust in the atmosphere of accretion disk at large radii where it is cold enough (Rees et al. 1969; Dong et al. 2008). FRADO model works on the basis of radiatively dust-driving mechanism, so the disk radiation pressure acting on the initially dusty material (clumps) at the surface layers of the accretion disk leads to a (mostly failed) outflow from the accretion disk. We should stress here that only dust processes do the job in this model, and the line-driving or electron scattering forces are negligible at these radii, hence making the model appropriate for the LIL BLR. General relativistic effect are also negligible at these large radii, so neglected.

In the 2.5D FRADO, the model is enhanced with the realistic description of the dust opacities interacting with the radiation field. Geometrical configurations as proxies for the shielding effect necessary to launch an efficient outflow, hinted by numerous authors (Shlosman et al. 1985; Voit 1992; Murray et al. 1995; Proga & Kallman 2004; Risaliti & Elvis 2010; Mizumoto et al. 2019), are incorporated into the model that can protect the dusty clumps from the intense central disk radiation, hence avoiding too early sublimation of the dust content of the clouds. Clumps at initially circular local Keplerian orbits are launched (with a zero vertical velocity) from the disk surface by the disk radiation pressure and move under the radiative force from the accretion disk and gravitational field of the central black hole. The radial dependent height of the disk (disk surface) for the range of initial conditions in our model was calculated using a separate code (Różańska et al. 1999; Czerny et al. 2016). Upon attaining high altitudes, depending on the launching radius, clumps may lose their dust content due to strong central disk radiation and continue their motion in the form a free-fall in the black hole.
gravitational potential; otherwise they remain dusty during the motion. Moreover, depending on the launching location clumps may escape into infinity or come back to disk surface but they cannot cross the disk.

The whole pattern of the trajectories of clouds depends on the initial physical parameters, and the geometry of BLR in our model was determined by the kinematics of the clouds. As previously studied, it does not resemble the simple (or complicated) shapes in parametric models. We showed that the overall picture of BLR can be either very complex or just as simple as up/down motion depending on the accretion rate. The general pattern of motion in FRADO consists of 3 components, as indicated in figure 1: (a) an outer tail consisting of dusty failed winds (simple up/down motions) that resembles the static puffed-up irradiated disk model of Baskin & Laor (2018), this component is always present regardless of the accretion rate and for the very low rates the full BLR is in this form; (b) an inner region with slightly to largely elongated elliptical orbits; and (c) a funnel-shaped stream of escaping clouds similar to empirical picture of AGNs (Elvis 2000). This last component can optionally develop, depending on the accretion rate so that the larger Eddington rate is the broader stream becomes. As previously discussed but not calculated, it can be expected that the first component may give rise to a double-peaked (disky shape) line profile consistent with observational data for low Eddington sources, however, single-peaked profiles are likely expected from the two latter components (see Naddaf et al. 2021, for more details).

In the previous work, aimed at testing the model, the black hole mass was fixed to $10^6 M_\odot$ and we studied the cases with dust-to-gas ratio equivalent to solar metallicity for a range of accretion rates. We did not investigate how changing the black hole mass and other parameters can affect the overall picture. So in this paper we present a large table of results for a relatively wide range of physical parameters of AGNs as introduced in the section 3 for which we test the 2.5D FRADO model with calculation of line shapes.

3. Numerical Setup

In order to have a relatively comprehensive and large table of results, the following numerical setup is considered. The main initial physical parameters in this setup, i.e. black hole mass $M_{BH}$, dimensionless accretion rate $\dot{m}$, and dust-to-gas mass ratio $\Psi$ are:

- $M_{BH}$ of $10^6$, $10^7$, $10^8$, and $10^9 M_\odot$.
- $\dot{m}$ of 0.01, 0.1 and 1 in Eddington units defined as

$$M_{edd} = \frac{4\pi G M_{BH} \dot{m} \mu}{\mu \sigma_T c}, \quad (1)$$

where $\mu$ is the accretion efficiency fixed to 0.1. For a reference, the Eddington value for the black hole mass of $10^6 M_\odot$ is as

$$M_{edd}(6) = 1.399 \times 10^{24} \text{[g/s]} \quad (2)$$

- $\Psi$ of 0.005 and 0.025 equivalent to 1 and 5 times solar metallicity, respectively.

The first two almost cover the observed range of BH mass and Eddington rate of AGNs (Shen et al. 2011; Panda et al. 2018). On the other hand, many studies indicate that the metallicity in AGNs can super-solar (see e.g. Hamann & Ferland 1992; Artymowicz et al. 1993; Artymowicz 1993; Matteucci & Padovani 1993; Ferland et al. 1996; Hamann 1997; Warner et al. 2002; Dietrich et al. 2003; Castro et al. 2017; Xu et al. 2018; Shangguan et al. 2018; Śniegowska et al. 2020), although an observational study by Esparza Arredondo et al. (2021) shows that the value of dust-to-gas ratio for the torus can range from 0.01 to 1 times of the interstellar medium. Studies also show that there is no correlation between the metallicity in AGNs with either Eddington rate or BH mass, or total luminosity (see Du et al. 2014, and references therein). So in this paper, in addition to solar value adopted in our previous work, we present our results for 5 times solar metallicity, as in Baskin & Laor (2018).

Sublimation temperature of dust is kept at 1500 K (Baskin & Laor 2018) as before. The values of wavelength-dependent dust opacities kept as before are based on the prescriptions of Röllig et al. (2013) and Szczerba et al. (1997) for the classical MRN dust model (Mathis et al. 1977) consisting of silicate and graphite grains. The standard extended optically thick, geometrically thin disk model of Shakura & Sunyaev (1973) is the source of radiation in our model. As our two previously proposed geometrical configurations for the shielding effect did not show any significant difference we arbitrarily choose the $\alpha$-patch model, with an $\alpha$ parameter equal to 3 as before for the matter of consistency (Naddaf et al. 2021).

4. LIL BLR line profiles

The observed line profiles reflect the distribution of the BLR material, the velocity field and finally the local emissivity. In our model the velocity field is determined, but we still need to provide the amount of material along the trajectories, and the efficiency of the line formation at each location. Particularly this last aspect is not simple, despite many years of studies. Reverberation mapping shows that lines do respond to the irradiation by the central source, and the formation of LIL lines like H$\beta$, MgII or Fe II requires incident hard continuum (far UV). However, the response of the medium to irradiation is complex. The dust radiation pressure alleviating the clouds does not guarantee any line formation in a cloud as long as the cloud does not receive some UV radiation from the central parts. Particularly in the case of LIL lines, the density of the medium is large, and in principle the collisional excitation, self-shielding, dust content, complex coupling between the continuum and line transfer, and local turbulence should be considered (see e.g. Baldwin 1997; Ilić et al. 2012). Such a complete 3-D model is still beyond the scope of the current paper.

4.1. Calculation of line profile

Given a distribution of position and velocity of clouds within BLR, one can find the overall shape of line emission by the clouds. On one hand, the emission wavelengths of clouds are shifted from the rest-frame wavelength depending on their velocity component toward/against the observer due to relativistic Doppler shift. On the other hand, the position of clouds can provide some weight to the amount of central flux they receive, and also to their transparency to the observer, thereby the amount of flux re-emitted by each cloud in the form of LIL. The emission by the clouds depending on their location might be subject to gravitational redshift as well.

The Doppler shift and gravitational redshift together causes the emitted wavelength $\lambda_{emitted}$ of the cloud line emission to shift toward the observed wavelength $\lambda_{obs}$. However, as the radial distance of a cloud in LIL BLR to the center is large enough of order of few 100 to few 1000 $r_g$, the gravitational redshift is negligible, hence, we only address the Doppler shift.

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In the current paper, we assume a uniform constant cloud density within BLR as the line fitting in LIL BLR (e.g. Adhikari et al. 2016; Panda et al. 2018) supports the universal value for the cloud density. It can be further enhanced in future by assuming a certain density function for the hot surrounding medium, thereby the pressure balance can yield the density of clouds as a function of cloud position (Różańska et al. 2006; Baskin & laor 2018). We also do not address the radiative transfer in our non-hydrodynamic simplified model.

The most important effect is the issue of theshielding. In the dynamics, the shielding effect is included which leads to efficient acceleration of the cloud. But fully shielded clouds do not produce emission lines. When we check a posteriori which clouds are finally well exposed to the central flux we see that only a tiny (maybe negligible) fraction of levitated dust-sublimated clouds in the inner BLR can directly see the central UV radiation. Thus the illumination must be predominantly indirect. This is in agreement with arguments that LIL part of the BLR does not see the
full emission from the disk central parts. First argument comes from shorter than expected time delays in higher Eddington ratio sources and it introduces the geometrical concept of two BLR regions - one is closer to the symmetry axis and exposed to irradiation while the second one is hiding behind the geometrically thick accretion disk (Wang et al. 2014). The other argument comes directly from estimates of the line equivalent width which imply that only a small fraction, of order of 1% of the nuclear emission is reprocessed to give the LIL lines like Hβ, FeII and CaII triplet (Panda 2021). We thus assume that this emission comes from the scattering of the central UV radiation which is consistent with the observed level of polarization in Seyfert 1 galaxies (see e.g. Popović et al. 2021, and the references therein). This radiation scattered by the surrounding hot medium reaches to the clouds as illustrated in figure 1.

Our previous calculation of column density (Naddaf et al. 2021) indicates that the clouds at higher altitudes are more transparent to the scattered central flux and also to the observer. This

Fig. 3. Predicted dependence of line Profiles (normalized flux to one) on the accretion rate, black hole mass, and dust-to-gas ratio. The numbers in brackets are as in figure 2. Lines are color coded with red, green, and blue for the corresponding viewing angles of 15, 30, and 45, respectively.
motivates to define a weighting function to the emissivity of clouds as a function of their vertical position.

As shown in figure 1, we assume that in case of formation of stream it may block the ionizing scattered central radiation to reach outer BLR, so no efficient line emission is expected from that part. In the absence of the stream, lines can be produced by the whole BLR.

It should be noted that in our model no line emission is expected from the disk itself due to shielding effect. Also, we do not include moon effect in the line calculation so that all the clouds just reflect what they receive, in the form of low ionized emission toward the observer. Although the model is symmetric with respect to the equatorial plane, only the clouds above the disk can contribute in the line production as the clouds on the other side are obscured by the disk itself.

4.2. Location of clouds in FRADO

In order to find the distribution of clouds in 2.5D FRADO, we need first to know the number of clouds to be launched at any given radius within the LIL BLR, or equivalently, the disk mass loss rate as a function of radius. The total mass loss rate results directly from our dynamical model (Naddaf et al. 2021), however, in order to have it as a function of radius we adopt a method based on the optically-thin approximation in stellar winds. Applying this approach to accretion disk, as in Czerny et al. (2017), yields the mass loss rate as

\[ M_c \propto r^{-7/5} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3)

Assuming a constant cloud density, we can then calculate the total number of clouds that we have to launch per given radius in our model. We set the cloud density, arbitrarily and case-specifically, with the aim to have a total number of around two millions of clouds building the LIL BLR. Knowing the theoretical number of clouds launched at a given radius, a uniform random number generator (URNG) is then used in the following way to provide a non-biased random distribution of clouds. For each cloud launched at a radius, a URNG is used to randomly determine the azimuthal angle at which the cloud should be launched; This is due to that fact that we have azimuthal symmetry in our model but we finally need a 3D distribution of clouds since the inclined observer breaks the symmetry. We use URNG again for the same launched cloud to find its random position along its trajectory, taking into account the velocity profile along the trajectory.

5. Results

The results of our numerical computations are presented as follows.

5.1. trajectories of BLR clouds

The figure 2 displays the trajectories of clouds launched at different radii within BLR for the range of our main 3 initial physical parameters, i.e. black hole mass, accretion rate, and metallicity. Computation of trajectories are done for a very dense equally spaced set of initial radii within the region but only a small fraction of them are plotted for the matter of better visibility. The 3 blank panels in the figure 2 indicate that radiation pressure was not efficient in those cases to launch any material from the disk.

The results are expressed in terms of blackhole mass corresponding gravitational radius defined as

\[ r_g = \frac{G M_{BH}}{c^2} \]  \hspace{1cm} (4)

which is the minimum for the smallest black hole mass of \(10^6 M_{\odot}\) in our sample, that is

\[ r_g(6) = 4.78 \times 10^{-8} \text{ [pc]} = 5.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ [lt − day]} \]  \hspace{1cm} (5)

As can be seen, the funnel-shaped stream of material can form and get broader with an increase of not only black hole mass and accretion rate but also with an increase of the dust-to-gas ratio parameter. The stream shows the smallest inclination for the largest values of initial parameters in our model grid, as visible in the bottom-right panel of figure 2. The radial extension of BLR also becomes larger with the increase of the values of initial parameters. In our previous study done for the fixed black hole mass of \(10^8 M_{\odot}\), we showed that the character of motion in 2.5D FRADO strongly depends on the accretion rate. Now, for the large grid of initial parameters one can already see that it strongly depends not only on the Eddington rate of the source, but also strongly on the black hole mass and dust-to-gas ratio.

As seen from the results plotted in figure 2, there are 8 cases in our model grid, for different set of initial parameters, for which the component c (i.e. the outflow stream) is formed so that the component a (i.e. the outer tail) is not expected to contribute in line production as it does not receive the ionizing scattered radiation.

5.2. line profiles

The figure 3 shows the full grid of predicted line profiles for the distribution of clumps building the BLR seen at different viewing angles. The line shapes shown in this figure were smoothed with spline technique for better appearance.

We have set the values of 15, 30, and 45 degree as the representative values of viewing angle for the type 1 AGNs. For these sources the viewing angle is never very large as the BLR is then obscured by the torus (Antonucci 1993; Netzer 2015).

Consistently with observation, the lines get narrower with Eddington ratio (Pounds et al. 1995; Du et al. 2016) of the source and become broader with black hole mass. Except for the high Eddington rate and high black hole masses, the predicted lines at solar metallicity are dominated by the disk-like shape. However, the higher value of metallicity changes the picture as it allows the efficient rise of material above the disk with vertical velocities comparable to rotational Keplerian one. Generally, an overall view shows that all cases in which the component c of BLR (as shown in figure 1) is developed, a single-peaked profile can be expected; other cases without this component give rise to double-peaked line profiles. Comparing the line shapes by eye for the metallicity, one can argue that the increase of the metallicity by 5 times corresponds to increase of the Eddington ratio of the source by 10 times. Likewise, one can expect single-peaked profiles for all super-Eddington sources regardless of the black hole mass and metallicity.

There are two important features in the single-peaked predicted profiles: asymmetry and blue-shift. The asymmetry can not be due to the difference between the time duration of rise and fall of the clouds since in all cases only a very small fraction of failed clouds pass the sublimation location and lose their dust content and continue their motion as a ballistic motion. It means most of clouds finish their full orbit keeping their dust content so
that their motion are not expected to cause line asymmetry. As can be implied from both figures 2 and 3, the more intense and broader the outflow stream is the more asymmetry and blue-shift in the line shape is visible. So these two features are interrelated and they imply that the outflow is dominant compared to failed part of BLR.

6. Discussion

6.1. comparison with 1D FRADO

The line shapes predicted by 2.5D FRADO model show considerable improvement approaching to characteristic Lorentzian profiles for high Eddington high black hole mass sources compared to 1D FRADO in which the double-peaked structure was always yielded (Czerny et al. 2017).

Compared to 1D model with constant wavelength-averaged opacities, the 2.5D model is enhanced with the advanced realistic wavelength-dependent values of dust opacities where the dust-to-gas ratio regulates the strength of the radiative force. Increasing the dust-to-gas from solar value to 5 times solar (appropriate for quasars as discussed before) leads to a major improvement of the line shape toward single-peaked profiles characteristic for high accretors; whereas this could be obtained in 1D model if the wavelength-averaged dust opacity was hugely increased by a (not likely realistic) factor of 1000 (Czerny et al. 2017).

6.2. Composite Spectrum (Mean Quasar)

The mean composite quasar spectrum (Vanden Berk et al. 2001) from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) corresponding to blackhole mass of $10^8 M_\odot$ and accretion rate of 0.1 Eddington shows that a single-peaked line profile is expected for the LIL BLR. Such a spectrum well represents quasars in SDSS data, where the mean value of the black hole mass is $10^8 M_\odot$, and the mean Eddington ratio is 0.1 (see e.g. Shen et al. 2011; Panda et al. 2018). We thus compared the model taking the parameters appropriate for the mean quasar, and compared to the MgII and Hβ line shape, as shown in figure 4. With this aim we locally subtracted the underlying power-law, and then over-plotted the theoretical shape of the line assuming arbitrary normalization. In the case of Hβ line, prior removal of the narrow Hβ component as well as [OIII] lines coming from the NLR was necessary, and for that we fixed the width of these components at 205 km/s and 220 km/s for Hbeta and OIII, respectively. As for the MgII line, we used the semi-empirical UV FeII template (Kovačević-Dojčinović & Popović 2015; Popović et al. 2019) to remove the FeII pseudo-continuum in the required spectral band.

We see that the results show a nice fit with the data for the LIL part of BLR. Apparently, the predicted line shape gets closer to the data when the quasars mean viewing angle of 39.2° (Lawrence & Elvis 2010) is adopted.

6.3. FWHM vs. $\sigma_{\text{line}}$

The ratio of the FWHM to the line dispersion $\sigma_{\text{line}}$ is an important parameter (Collin et al. 2006) characterizing the line profile, although it does not differentiate between a single and double-peak profiles. We calculated this ratio for the grid of our initial physical parameters. The figure 5 shows the results. Most mod-

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Fig. 4. Right panels shows the comparison of the fully corrected MgII and Hβ lines in the mean composite quasar spectrum from SDSS data to the line profile predicted by 2.5D FRADO for a case corresponding to the mean quasar physical parameters (black hole mass of $10^8 M_\odot$, Eddington rate of 0.1) with metallicity of 5 times solar one, in 3 different viewing angles. In the left panels, the power-law-subtracted MgII and Hβ lines from SDSS data are decomposed into different components as indicated in the legends of plots.
els are roughly consistent with the ratio expected for a Gaussian, but for high mass high Eddington ratio models this ratio dropped considerably, indicating that we approach the Lorentzian profiles. Therefore, although the Lorentzian profiles might be basically only expected for extremely low viewing angles (e.g. Goad et al. 2012), our results show that sources with high mass high Eddington ratio can generally lead to relatively Lorentzian shapes, regardless of the viewing angle. Moreover, the larger the blackhole mass and accretion rate are, the more asymmetry and blue-shift in the line shape we have, as shown in figure 3.

This trend is overall consistent with the data (see e.g. Marziani et al. 2003). The strong trend with the change of the viewing angle is visible for high Eddington sources while for the remaining sources the effect is weak, when FWHM/σ_{line} is used. Somewhat surprising is the very strong trend with the black hole mass which is also visible in figure 3.

Wind models having elements of the radiative transfer show single-peaked lines (Murray et al. 1995; Waters et al. 2016). In our work, with a simplified non-hydrodynamic approach to the dynamics of material in LIL BLR, the single-peaked profiles are obtained without incorporating the process of radiative transfer into the emissivity of clouds.

7. Summary

Following our previous work on the dynamical character and shape of LIL BLR based on the non-hydrodynamic single-cloud 2.5D FRADO model (Naddaf et al. 2021), we here tested the model by calculation of line profiles for the model-concluded distribution of clouds along their trajectories within LIL BLR, for a relatively large grid of initial conditions. We adopted a simple approach with constant cloud density and without the element of radiative transfer included.

The predicted trend in the line shape seems consistent with observations, as the model implies narrower/broader line shape for sources with larger Eddington ratio/smaller blackhole mass. All solutions with a developed outflow stream of material show up single-peaked profiles, and the line shape approaches a Lorentzian shape for high mass high Eddington ratio. In other cases double-peaked disk-like line shape dominates.

Two features: asymmetry and blue-shift seen in the line shapes developed in the cases with outflow streams show that the outflow is dominant compared to outflow/inflow (failed trajectories). These features were more visibly intense for the sources with high black hole mass high Eddington ratios.

Most importantly, we showed that the line profile predicted by our model for the case with initial physical parameters corresponding to those of the mean quasar is consistent with observed mean spectrum seen in the SDSS composite.

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