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z = 2.3Mv = 3.5 x 10¹¹ M_{sun} R_v = 72 kpc

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Lyman alpha blobs LAB 2 (z = 3.09) wilman et al., 2005





origin of the lyman alpha blobs

- cooling emission from infall
 e.g., haiman+ 2000, fadal+ 2001, dijkstra&loeb 2009,
 goerdt+ 2010, faucher-giguere+ 2010
- photoionization by stars
 but c.f. matsuda+ 2004, nilsson+ 2006
- photoionization by AGN
 e.g., geach+ 2009
- scattering in circumgalactic gas/outflows
 e,g., zheng+ 2010, steidel+ 2011

what does theory predict when line scattering, photoionization and dust are taken into account?



transport of ionizing and $L\alpha$ radiation

multi-wavelength monte carlo transport no on the spot approximation arbitrary distribution of ionizing sources isotropic UVB plus ~5000 star particles using an AMR grid 10 levels of refinement, $\Delta x \sim 60$ pc for 280 kpc box dust absorption + scattering included dust opacity constructed from metal distribution

transport done in post-processing assumes ionization equilibrium, approximate heating scattering/absorption on unresolved scales?

lyman alpha cooling emission

no stellar or AGN photoionization; $L = 7 \times 10^{42}$ ergs/s

L α surface brightness (ergs s⁻¹ cm⁻² arcsec⁻²)





orientation dependence of L α emission

MW3 z = 2.33 (cooling emission, no photoionization)



orientation dependence of $L\alpha$ emission

MW3 z = 2.33 (cooling emission, no photoionization)



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MW3 z = 2.33 $SFR = 30 M_{sun}/yr$ $f_{esc,L\alpha} = 5\%$







H alpha from photoionization

dependence on mass/redshift model SFGI

gas column density

dependence on mass/redshift model SFGI

lyman alpha emission

summary

Extended lyman alpha emission (blobs) a multi-faceted phenomenon

Cooling emission with transport produces general features of some LABs (but line profiles, temperature uncertainty?)

Photoionization by stars/AGN produces extended emission tracing out circumgalactic gas

No scattering in outflows here, but we should consider a multi-phase medium