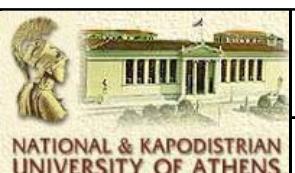


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Introduction

HD 149757 (ζ Oph) is a bright O9V star (van Groot 1973), rapidly rotating and a strong non radial pulsator (Gough, Ando & Hanes 1995; Freij et al. 1995) but, on occasion, shows distinct line profiles (Barker & Brown 1976). It is a favorite target for spectroscopic studies due to its high luminosity and the presence of a strong emission region of dense gas which is probably localized in space (e.g. Lampherth et al. 1991; Hafford et al. 1993) and Haugewinkel, R. et al. (2003) measured the intensity ratio of the two main absorption features of the star. They also measured the ratio of the emission C II Ophakite infrared flux of the nearby pulsar PSR 1912+14 about 1 Myr ago, to the young stellar group Upsilon Orionis. They proposed that there was a significant variation in the pulsation period of the pulsar over a history shorter than one century. We deduce that the pulsar received a kick velocity of about 10 km/s.

In this paper we apply the model proposed by Danezis et al. (2005), Nikolaidis et al. (2006) and Danezis et al. (2007) for the outermost regions of Oe and the stars, to the star HD 149757. This model allows the existence of many absorption shells in many independent density regions, each with its own spectral lines and its own independent density profile. We study the effect of the rotation of the star on the spectral lines able to reproduce the profiles of all the spectral lines with great accuracy. We also study the effect of the rotation of the star on the spectral lines as well as the column density of the independent regions of matter which produces the main spectral lines of C IV, N V and N V regions and their components. Finally, we present the time – scale changes for all the calculated profiles.

Observational data

This project is based on eleven different spectra of HD 149757 taken with the IUE – Data archive. We study the structure of the spectral lines:

CIV 33 1548.155 Å, 1550.774 Å
NV 4 1718.80 Å
NV 4 2238.821, 1242.804 Å

Method of spectral analysis

In order to study the C IV, N IV and N V spectral lines of HD 149757 we use the so-called GausseRorulation – Model proposed by Danezis et al. (2005, 2007). It is already known that two dominant reasons for line breaking are the rotation of the spherical region, which creates the line and the random velocities of the ions, causing Doppler broadening. Danezis et al. (2005, 2007) proposed a new approach, which includes both the rotation and the calculation of the final line function. We consider that the ion motion, when a specific spectral line is created, consists of independent absorbing shells followed by independent shells that both absorb and emit and an outermost shell. We use the same procedure as Danezis et al. (2005, 2007), Nikolaidis et al. (2006) and Danezis et al. (2007) on spectra of the star HD 149757 and we examine the timescale variation of the physical parameters stated below.

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In Figs. 1, 2 and 3 we present a spectral line from each of C IV, N IV and N V regions and their best fit. In the graph below each profile we present the difference between the fit and the real spectral line. Below the fit we present the analysis of the observed profile to its SACS.

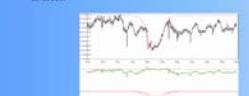


Figure 1: The best fit of the C IV resonance lines with two components in the spectrum SWP1470 of the star HD 149757. The graph below the fit indicates the differences between the observed spectrum and the fit. Below the fit we present the analysis of the observed profile to its SACS.

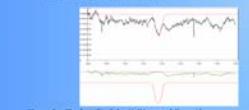


Figure 2: The best fit of the N V spectral line with one component in the spectrum SWP21160 of the star HD 149757. The graph below the fit indicates the differences between the observed spectrum and the fit. Below the fit we present the analysis of the observed profile to its SACS.

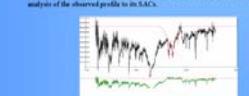


Figure 3: The best fit of the N V spectral line with two components in the spectrum SWP21160 of the star HD 149757. The graph below the fit indicates the differences between the observed spectrum and the fit. Below the fit we present the analysis of the observed profile to its SACS.

A. The study of the C IV density region
In Figs. 4 – 6 we present the time – scale changes of the apparent rotational velocity, radial velocity and random velocities, as well as the column density of the $\lambda\lambda$ 1548.155, 1550.774 Å C IV resonance lines for the independent density regions of matter which create the two satellite components.



Figure 4: Time-scale changes of the random velocities (Vrand) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1548.155 Å.



Figure 5: Time-scale changes of the apparent rotational velocity (Vrot) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1548.155 Å.



Figure 6: Time-scale changes of the radial velocity (Vrad) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1548.155 Å.



Figure 7: Time-scale changes of the column density (CD) (10^15 cm^-2) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1548.155 Å.



Figure 8: Time-scale changes of the random velocities (Vrand) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.



Figure 9: Time-scale changes of the apparent rotational velocity (Vrot) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.

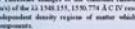


Figure 10: Time-scale changes of the radial velocity (Vrad) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.



Figure 11: Time-scale changes of the column density (CD) (10^15 cm^-2) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.



Figure 12: Time-scale changes of the random velocities (Vrand) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.



Figure 13: Time-scale changes of the apparent rotational velocity (Vrot) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.

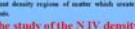


Figure 14: Time-scale changes of the radial velocity (Vrad) (km/s) of the ion which contributes to the broadening of the N V spectral line at $\lambda\lambda$ 1550.774 Å.

Conclusions

The model
Applying the GR – Model (Danezis et al., 2005, Nikolaidis et al. 2006 and Danezis et al. 2007), we can fit accurately all the studied spectral lines.

Radiial velocities

The important differences in the radial velocities in the three studied regions are remarkable. Specifically, in the C IV region we can fit the apparent radial velocity with Gaussian way for each satellite absorption component. However, in the N V region the apparent radial velocities are about -500 km/s and in the N IV region measured apparent radial velocities about -1100 km/s for each satellite absorption component (see Figures 5, 8 and 11).

Rotational velocities

We can fit the variation of the rotational velocities only in the C IV region, where the best fit of the spectral lines has been obtained in 7 of the 11 cases with the rotational way with Gaussian correction (see Figure 6). In the N IV region the mean values of the rotational velocities are about 100 km/s and correspond to the spectra fitted with the Gaussian way. Appropriate to the spectra fitted with the Gaussian way, appear about 100 km/s for the first component and about 200 km/s for the second component of the N V spectral lines. The mean values of the apparent rotational velocities, with values about 1100 km/s for the first component and about 950 km/s for the second.

Random velocities

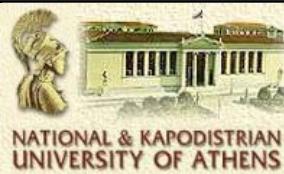
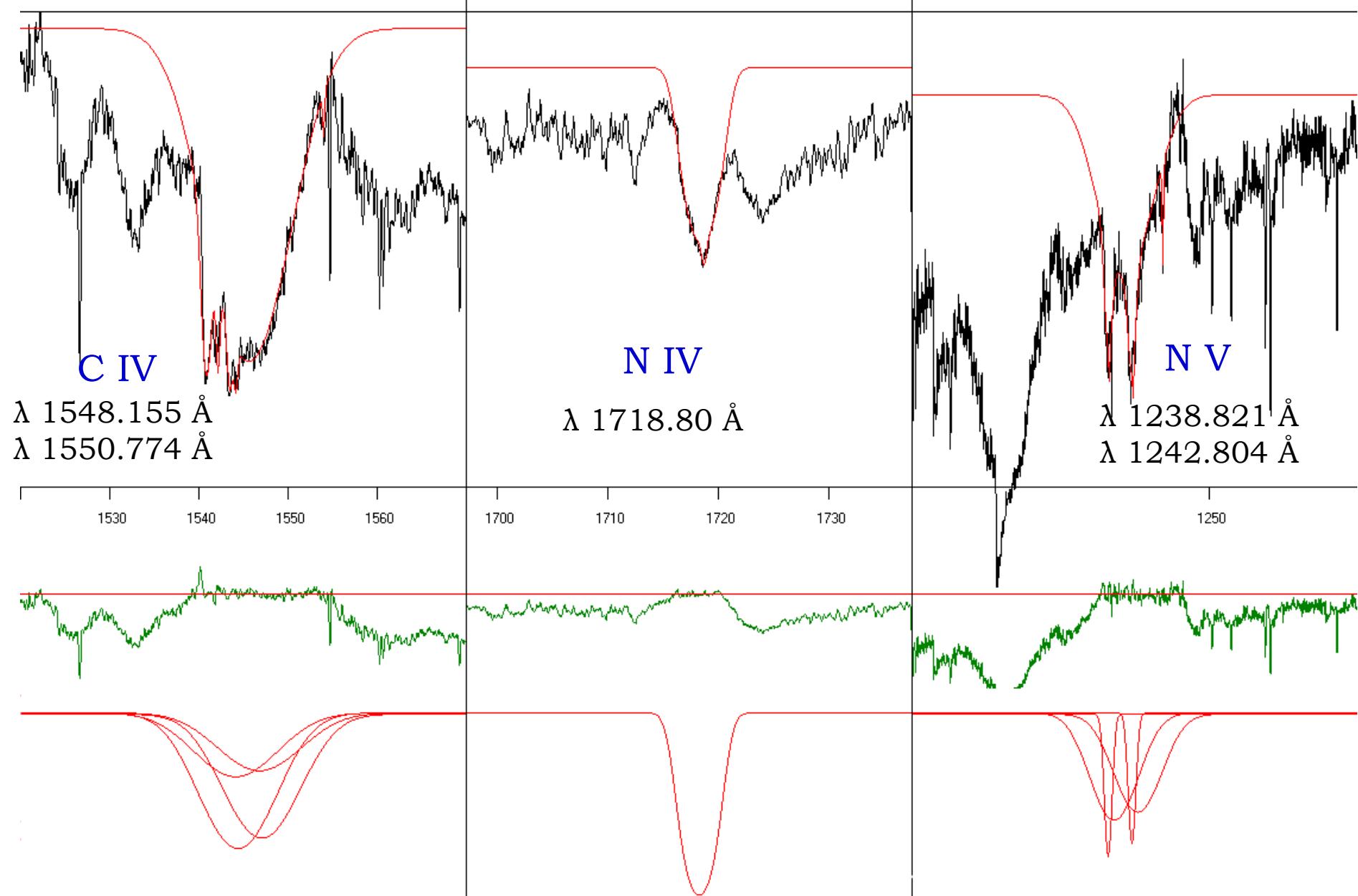
In the C IV region we detected two groups of random velocities. The first group has values around 1000 km/s. The second group has values between 100 and 350 km/s. The random velocities in the C IV region are fitted with Gaussian way. The random velocities in the N IV region are fitted with Gaussian correction (see Figure 7). In the N IV region the mean values of random velocities are about 100 km/s and correspond to the spectra fitted with the rotational way. The values between 350 and 600 km/s are the first component of the N IV spectral lines fitted with the Gaussian way (see Figure 8). In the N V region the mean values of random velocities are about 1000 km/s for one satellite component and values about 200 km/s for the others (see Figure 12). In each region and for each fitting way, the mean values of the random velocities are almost constant.

Column density

Until now the Column Density was measured considering that the spectral density represents only one component. Our hypothesis is that the observed complex profile of the studied lines consists of a number of satellite components, we calculate Column Density in two ways. Specifically, we calculate Column Density in two ways: (i) we fit the spectra with the Gaussian way and (ii) we fit the spectra with the SACS method. The values between 10^15 and 10^16 cm^-2 are the first component of the N V spectral lines fitted with the Gaussian way and 10^15 cm^-2 are the second. These values are lower than the typical values which are about 10^15 (Pava & Potatz, 1985) or 10^16 cm^-2 (Howarth & Pringle, 1986). Besides, it is generally accepted that the calculation of the Column Density values depends on the method which one uses. (Howarth & Pringle, 1986).

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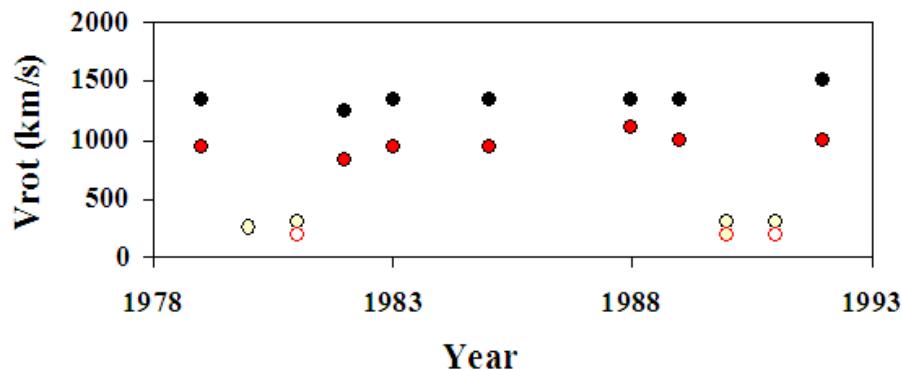
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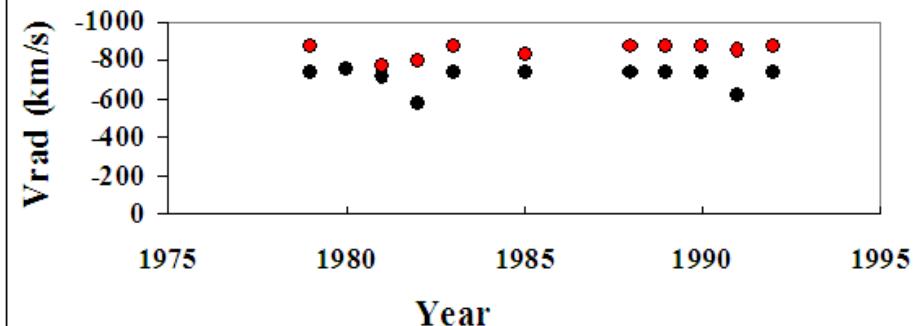


C IV regions

C IV regions
Rotational Velocities (km/s)

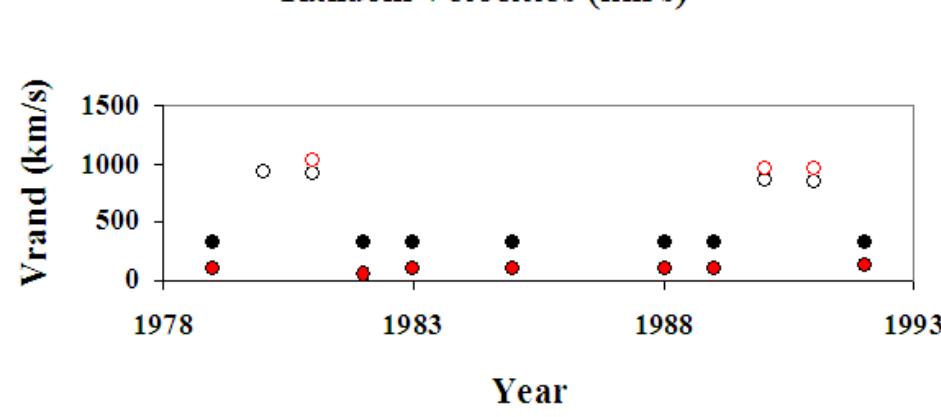


C IV regions
Radial Velocities (km/s)



Vrot, Vrad, Vrand: Constant with time

C IV regions
Random Velocities (km/s)



Rotational Velocities:

a component: 1400 km/s
b component: 950 km/s

Radial Velocities:

a component: -800 km/s
b component: -700 km/s

Random Velocities:

a component: 320 km/s
b component: 90 km/s

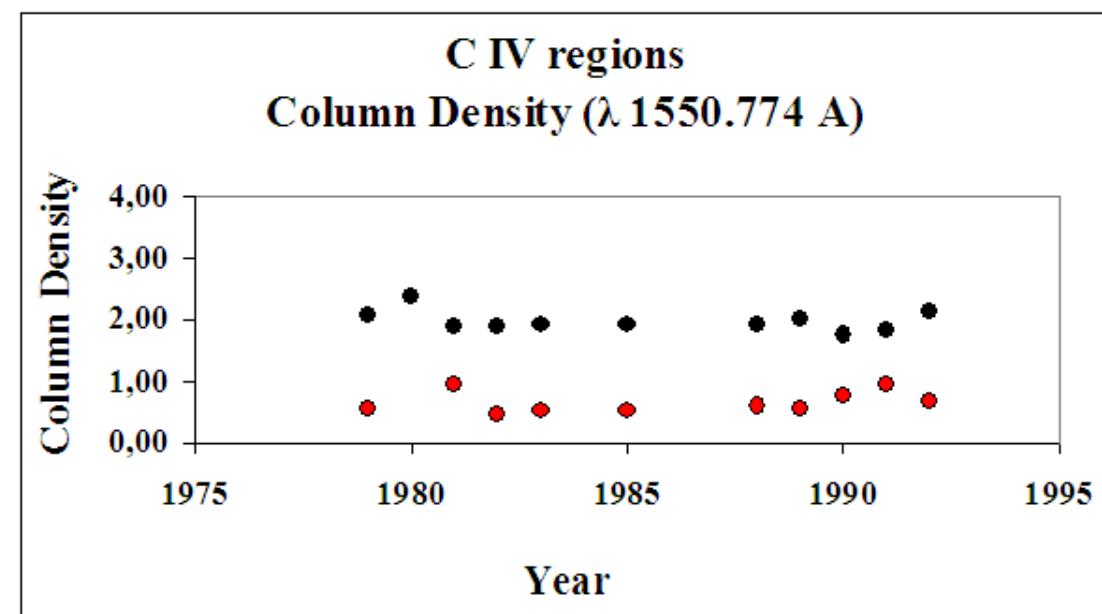
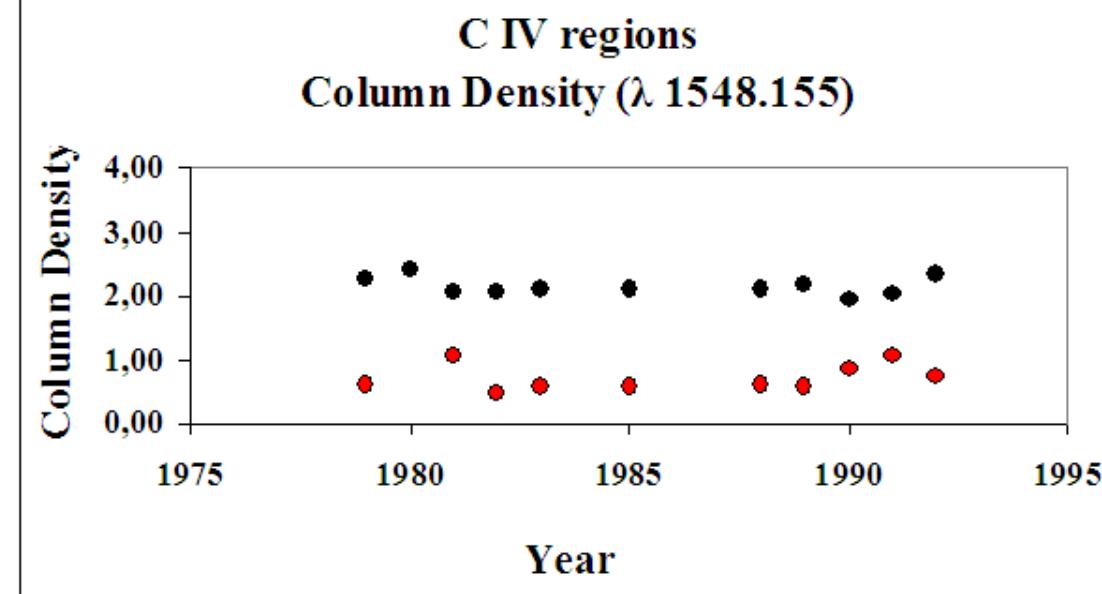
Column Density (CD) in 10^{10} cm^{-2} of each one of the C IV resonance lines for the independent density regions of matter which create the satellite components.

$\lambda 1548.155 \text{ \AA}$

a component: $2.15 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 b component: $0.72 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

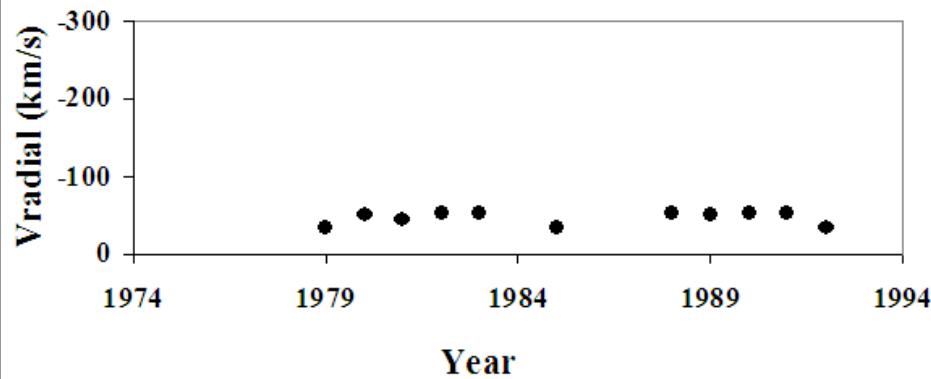
$\lambda 1550.774 \text{ \AA}$

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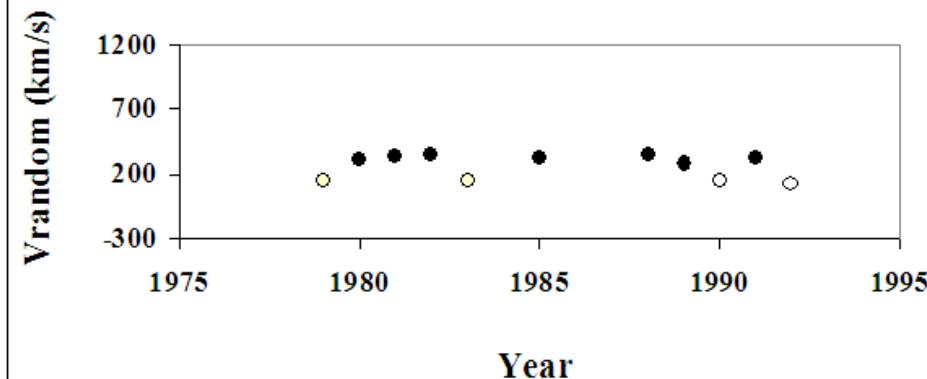


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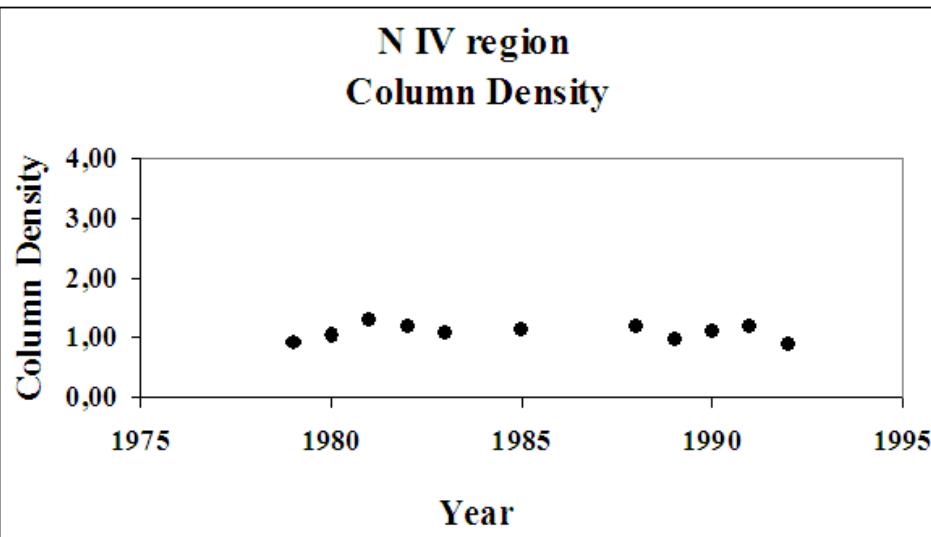
N IV region
Radial Velocities (km/s)



N IV region
Random Velocities (km/s)



N IV region
Column Density



GR method

V_{rad} , V_{rand} , CD: Constant with time

Radial Velocities: -47 km/s

Random Velocities: 262 km/s

Column Density: $1.09 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



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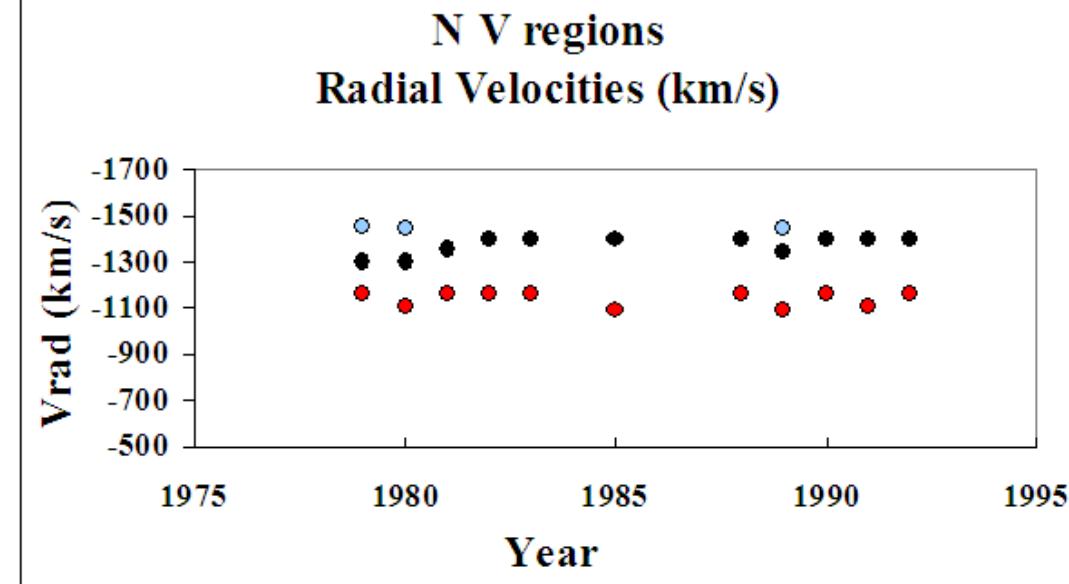
N V regions

GR method

V_{rad} , V_{rand} : Constant with time

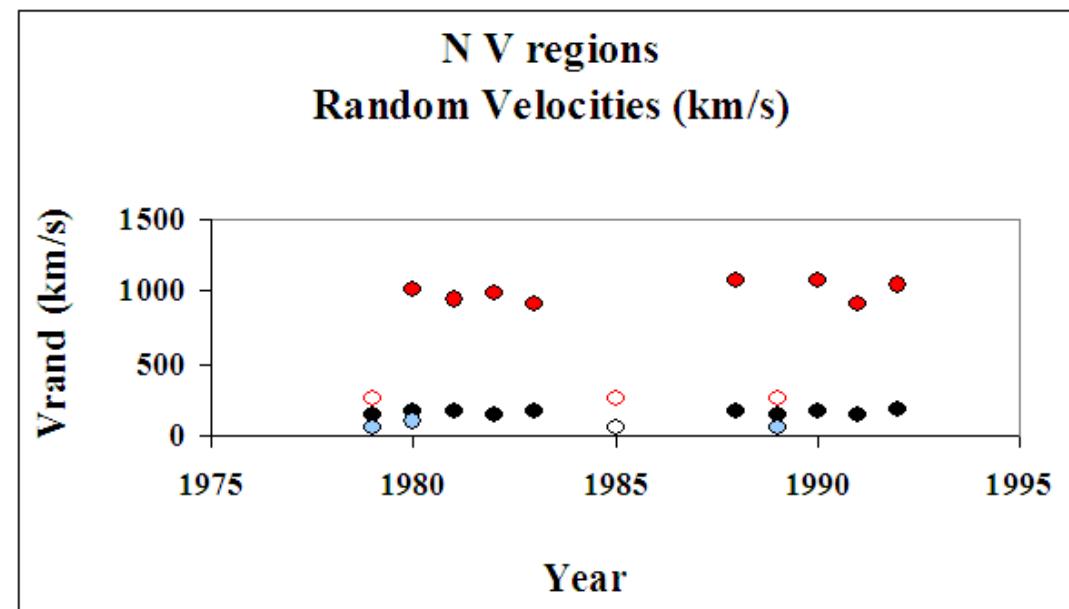
Radial Velocities:

- a component: -1138 km/s
- b component: -1374 km/s
- c component: -1450 km/s



Random Velocities:

- a component: 797 km/s
- b component: 152 km/s
- c component: 71 km/s



Column Density (CD) in 10^{10} cm^{-2} of each one of the N V resonance lines for the independent density regions of matter which create the satellite components.

$\lambda 1238.821 \text{ \AA}$

a component: $1.13 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 b component: $0.25 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 c component: $0.07 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$\lambda 1242.804 \text{ \AA}$

a component: $1.03 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 b component: $0.23 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 c component: $0.06 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

