

# On the disk accretion onto a relativistic radiating star

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# Eddington luminosity

$$F_r = \frac{\sigma}{c} \frac{L}{4\pi r^2}$$
$$F_g = \frac{GmM}{r^2}$$



$$L_{\text{Edd}} = \frac{4\pi c G m M}{\sigma}$$

- ▶ Radiation changes the dynamics

→ Momentum transfer

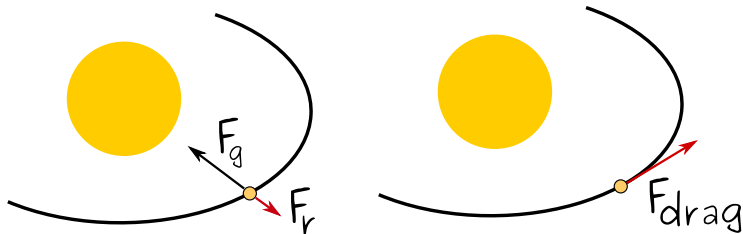
- ▶ Many (neutron) stars accrete close to Eddington limit.

→ How does the momentum transfer changes the disk accretion?

# Three effects of irradiation

*“Never start to solve the problem before you know the answer”*

1. The irradiation changes the local **thermal balance** in the disk  
⇒ **Different energetics.**
2. The radiation force changes the **radial momentum balance**  
⇒ **Different rotation profile.**
3. The radiation changes the **angular momentum balance**  
⇒ **Different viscous heating.**



# Constructing the model (ingredients)

- ▶ **Spacetime**: Static axially symmetric spacetime metric

$$ds^2 = g_{tt}dt^2 + g_{rr}dr^2 + g_{\varphi\varphi}d\varphi^2 + dz^2$$

- ▶ **Fluid**: Stress-energy tensor including ( $\alpha$ -)shear viscosity:

$$T_{\beta}^{\alpha} = (e_{\text{gas}} + p_{\text{gas}})u^{\alpha}u_{\beta} + p_{\text{gas}}\delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} + w_{\beta}^{\alpha}$$

- ▶ **Dynamics**: Relativistic conservation laws

$$\nabla_{\alpha}(\rho u^{\alpha}) = 0$$

$$\nabla_{\alpha}T_{\beta}^{\alpha} = \phi_{\beta}$$

- ▶ **Simplified radiative transfer**:
  - grey material, isotropic emissivity, opacity and scattering
  - Radiation force  $\phi_{\beta}$  evaluated in the fluid comoving frame
- ▶ **Vertical integration**
- ▶ **no advection**

# Dynamical equations (Standard with RHSs)

Mass conservation:

$$\boxed{(-g)^{1/2} g_{rr}^{-1/2} \gamma_r \Sigma V = -\frac{\dot{M}}{2\pi}}$$

Angular momentum conservation:

$$\boxed{-\frac{\dot{M}}{2\pi} \frac{d\ell}{dr} + \frac{d}{dr} (\sqrt{-g} W_\varphi^r) = \sqrt{-g} \Phi_\varphi}$$

Radial momentum conservation:

$$\boxed{\Sigma \left[ \gamma_r^2 v \frac{dV}{dr} + \frac{g_{\varphi\varphi,r}}{2g_{tt}} \gamma_\varphi^2 (\Omega^2 - \Omega_K^2) \right] + \frac{dP_{\text{gas}}}{dr} = \frac{1}{\gamma_r^2} h_r^\beta \Phi_\beta}$$

Vertical momentum conservation:

$$\boxed{\Sigma \Omega_\perp^2 z + \frac{\partial p_{\text{gas}}}{\partial z} = \phi_z}$$

Energy conservation:

$$\boxed{q_{\text{vis}}^+ = q_{\text{rad}}^-}$$

# Simplified radiative transfer

We **split** the radiation field into two components:

$$I(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}}) = I_1(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}}) + I_2(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}})$$

- ▶  $I_1(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}})$ : **Incident radiation** from the star (*highly anisotropic*)
- ▶  $I_2(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}})$ : **Reprocessed** and **thermal radiation** (*nearly isotropic*)

⇒ Two radiative-transfer equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu \frac{dI_1}{d\tau} &= I_1, \\ \mu \frac{dI_2}{d\tau} &= I_2 - J_1 - J_2 - q.\end{aligned}$$

$I_1(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}}) \rightarrow$  formal solution,  $I_2(\tau, n^{\hat{\alpha}}) \rightarrow$  Eddington approximation.

$$\frac{dH_2}{d\tau} = -J_1 - q, \quad \frac{dJ_2}{d\tau} = 3H_2, \quad q \equiv \frac{q_{\text{rad}}^-}{4\pi\rho(\kappa^{\text{a}} + \kappa^{\text{s}})}$$

# Solution of the RTEs

1. Incident radiation:

$$I_1(\tau, n^{\hat{z}}) = \begin{cases} I_{\text{irr}}(n^{\hat{z}}) e^{\tau/n^{\hat{z}}} & (n^{\hat{z}} < 0) \\ I_{\text{irr}}(-n^{\hat{z}}) e^{-(2\tau_h - \tau)/n^{\hat{z}}} & (n^{\hat{z}} > 0) \end{cases}$$

2. Reprocessed and thermal radiation:

$$H_2(\tau) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{n^{\hat{z}} < 0} \left[ e^{\tau/n^{\hat{z}}} + e^{(2\tau_h - \tau)/n^{\hat{z}}} \right] I_{\text{irr}}(n) d\Omega + \int_{\tau}^{\tau_h} q(t) dt$$

At the surface of the disk ( $\tau = 0$ ) this can be written as

$$F_2(0) = 4\pi H_2(0) = -T_{\text{irr}}^{\hat{t}\hat{z}} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{\text{rad}}^-$$

The expression for  $H_2(\tau)$  is too complicated

# Radiation force

In general it is given by

$$\phi^{\hat{\alpha}} = \oint \rho \left[ (\kappa^a + \kappa^s) I - \frac{j}{4\pi} - \kappa^s J \right] n^{\hat{\alpha}} d\Omega.$$

Using the RTE solutions

$$\phi^{\hat{t}} = -Q_{\text{rad}}^-$$

$$\phi^{\hat{r}} = 2 \int_{n^{\hat{z}} < 0} \left( 1 - e^{2\tau_h/n^{\hat{z}}} \right) I_{\text{irr}}(n) n^{\hat{r}} n^{\hat{z}} d\Omega \approx 2T_{\text{irr}}^{\hat{r}\hat{z}}$$

$$\phi^{\hat{\phi}} = 2 \int_{n^{\hat{z}} < 0} \left( 1 - e^{2\tau_h/n^{\hat{z}}} \right) I_{\text{irr}}(n) n^{\hat{\phi}} n^{\hat{z}} d\Omega \approx 2T_{\text{irr}}^{\hat{\phi}\hat{z}}$$

$$\phi^{\hat{z}} = \rho (\kappa^a + \kappa^s) \int_0^z q_{\text{rad}}^-(z) dz$$

→ Lorentz boost to the Boyer-Lindquist coordinates, etc...



# Vertical structure

Radiation pressure dominated disk, electron-scattering opacity:

$$\Omega_{\perp}^2 z = \kappa_{\text{es}} \int_0^z q_{\text{rad}}^- dz$$

Taking z-derivative:

$$\boxed{q_{\text{vis}}^+ = \frac{\Omega_{\perp}^2}{\kappa_{\text{es}}} = \text{const}}, \quad h = \frac{\kappa_{\text{es}} Q_{\text{rad}}^-}{2\Omega_{\perp}^2}$$

...Shakura & Sunyaev (1976)

Additional assumption needed  $\Rightarrow q_{\text{vis}}^+ \propto \rho \Rightarrow \boxed{\rho = \text{const}}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Profiles of other quantities follows.

## Standard-like disk equations in Schwarzschild

Neglecting the advective and pressure terms in radial equation

Radial momentum balance (radiation force):

$$\bar{\Omega}^2 - \bar{\Omega}_K^2 = -\alpha \dot{m} \Gamma \frac{\gamma_\varphi^3}{6x^2 \bar{\Omega}_\perp^2} \left( \frac{d\bar{\Omega}}{dx} \right)^2 t_{\text{irr}}^{\bar{z}} y$$

Azimuthal momentum balance (drag):

$$-2 \frac{d\bar{\ell}}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dx} = -\gamma_\varphi \bar{\ell} \left[ 2 \frac{\Gamma}{\dot{m}} x t_{\text{irr}}^{\bar{z}} - \frac{x^{1/2}}{(x-2)^{1/2}} \frac{d\bar{\Omega}}{dx} y \right]$$

Dimensionless quantities:

$$r \equiv Mx, \quad \Omega \equiv M^{-1} \bar{\Omega} \quad \ell \equiv M\bar{\ell} \quad rW_\varphi^r \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi} M\dot{M}y \quad T_{\text{irr}}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{L_\infty}{4\pi M^2} t_{\text{irr}}^{\alpha\beta}$$

Parameters:

$$\alpha, \quad \boxed{\frac{\dot{M}}{L_{\text{Edd}}} \equiv \dot{m},} \quad \boxed{\frac{L_\infty}{L_{\text{Edd}}} \equiv \Gamma,}$$

⇒ There is a regime where drag dominates

# Eddington vs. critical luminosity

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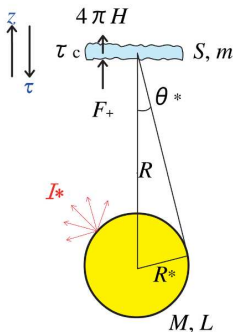


Fig. 1. Stratus above a spherical luminous source at a distance  $R$ . The quantities of the source are mass  $M$ , radius  $R_*$ , luminosity  $L$ , and surface intensity  $I_*$ ;  $4\pi I_* R_*^2 = L$ . The quantities of the stratus are mass  $m$ , surface area  $S$ , and optical depth  $\tau_c$ ;  $\tau_c = \kappa_{es} \Sigma = \kappa_{es} m / S$  for electron scattering opacity  $\kappa_{es}$ . The angle  $\theta_*$  subtended by the source at the stratus distance is expressed as  $\sin \theta_* = R_* / R$ ;  $\mu_* = \cos \theta_*$ . (Color online)

- ▶ The **optical depth** does matter.
- ▶ Approximate behavior of the critical Eddington factor:

$$\Gamma_{\text{crit}} \equiv \frac{L_{\text{crit}}}{L_{\text{Edd}}} \approx \frac{1}{2} (1 + \mu_* + \tau)$$

...Fukue 2015, PASJ 67,1

## Radiatively-dragged Keplerian disks

When  $\alpha \dot{m} \Gamma \ll 1$ , but  $\dot{m} / \Gamma \sim 1 \Rightarrow$  **Keplerian rotation**,  $\ell = \ell_K$ .

Azimuthal equation becomes

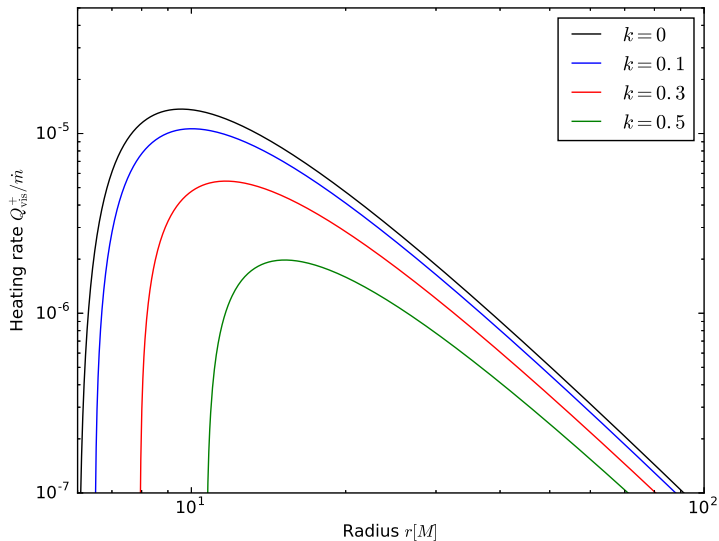
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3y}{2x(x-3)} = \frac{x-6}{(x-3)^{3/2}} - \frac{k}{(x-3)x^{1/2}}, \quad k \equiv \frac{4\Gamma x_*^{3/2}}{3\pi \dot{m} (x_* - 2)^{1/2}}$$

It even has the analytic solution

$$y(x) = 2 \sqrt{\frac{x}{x-3}} \left[ \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{3} \text{ArcTanh} \sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} - \frac{k}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ArcTan} \sqrt{\frac{x-3}{3}} - C(k) \right]$$

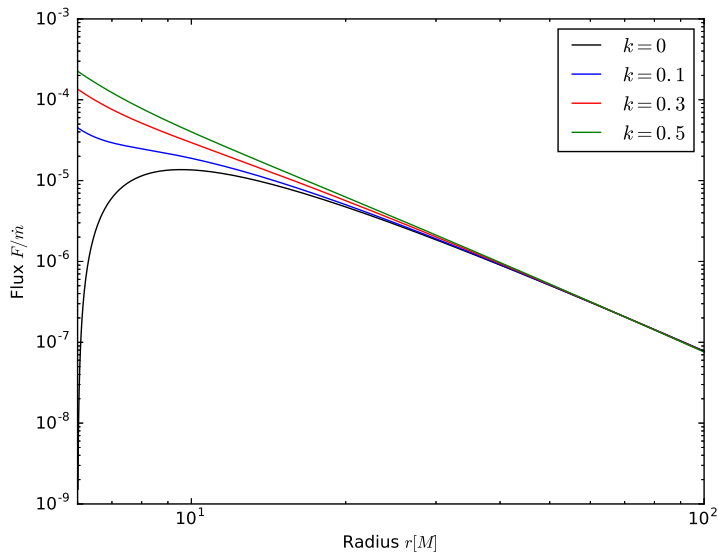
- The integration constant  $C(k)$  depends on the inner BC.
- We use  $C(k)$  corresponding to vanishing viscous torque at  $r_{\text{ms}}$ .
- Proper way would be to construct transonic solutions.

# Viscous heating rate



→ Disks are less heated by viscosity

# Local flux



→ Spectral hardening

# Conclusions

Work in progress...