# On the spherically-symmetric turbulent accretion



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### Hydrodynamical limit

- axisymmetric  $(\partial/\partial \phi = 0)$
- stationary  $(\partial/\partial t = 0)$
- ideal (viscosity and heat conduction neglected)



$$n\mathbf{v}_{\rm p} = \frac{\nabla\Phi \times \mathbf{e}_{\varphi}}{2\pi r \sin\theta}.$$
 (1)

- $\nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{v}) = 0$  is satisfied automatically.
- $\bullet \, \mathrm{d} \Phi = \textit{n} \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathrm{d} \mathbf{S}$
- As v · ∇Φ = 0, the velocity vectors v are located on the surfaces Φ(r, θ) = const.



$$E = E(\Phi) = \frac{v^2}{2} + w + \varphi_g, \qquad (2)$$
  

$$L = L(\Phi) = v_{\varphi} r \sin \theta, \qquad (3)$$
  

$$s = s(\Phi), \qquad (4)$$

where w is the specific enthalpy, and  $\varphi_{\rm g}$  is the gravitational potential.



We consider  $s = s(\Phi) = const$ . Thus, equation for stream function (no more than Euler equation) looks like (Heyvaerts, 1996):

$$\varpi^2 \nabla_k \left( \frac{1}{\varpi^2 n} \nabla^k \Phi \right) + 4\pi^2 n L \frac{\mathrm{d}L}{\mathrm{d}\Phi} - 4\pi^2 \varpi^2 n \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}\Phi} = 0, \qquad (5)$$

where  $\varpi = r \sin \theta$ .

For spherically symmetric case, i.e., for  $E(\Phi) = \text{const}$ ,  $L(\Phi) = 0$ , the solution is: it has the solution

$$\Phi = \Phi_0(1 - \cos \theta). \tag{6}$$



Angular operator (appears in (5))

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\theta} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right), \tag{7}$$

its eigenfunctions:

$$Q_0 = 1 - \cos \theta, \tag{8}$$

$$Q_1 = \sin^2 \theta, \tag{9}$$

$$Q_2 = \sin^2 \theta \ \cos \ \theta, \tag{10}$$

$$Q_m = \frac{2^m m! (m-1)!}{(2m)!} \sin^2 \theta \ \mathcal{P}'_m(\cos \ \theta), \tag{11}$$

and eigenvalues

$$q_m = -m(m+1).$$
 (12)



$$\Phi = \Phi_0[1 - \cos \theta + \varepsilon^2 f(r, \theta)], \qquad (13)$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the small parameter  $\ll 1$ . Equation (5) can be linearised, while the equation for the perturbation function  $f(r, \theta)$  is written as:

$$-\varepsilon^{2}D\frac{\partial^{2}f}{\partial r^{2}} - \frac{\varepsilon^{2}}{r^{2}}(D+1)\sin\theta\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}(\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial f}{\partial\theta}) + \varepsilon^{2}N_{r}\frac{\partial f}{\partial r} =$$

$$= -\frac{4\pi^{2}n^{2}r^{2}}{\Phi_{0}^{2}}\sin\theta(D+1)\frac{dE}{d\theta} \qquad (14)$$

$$+\frac{4\pi^{2}n^{2}}{\Phi_{0}^{2}}(D+1)\frac{L}{\sin\theta}\frac{dL}{d\theta} - \frac{4\pi^{2}n^{2}}{\Phi_{0}^{2}}\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^{2}\theta}L^{2}.$$

Here  $D = -1 + c_s^2/v^2$ , and  $N_r = 2/r - 4\pi^2 n^2 r^2 GM/\Phi_0^2$ .

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Seeking for solution in the form

$$f(r,\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} g_m(r) Q_m(\theta).$$
(15)

Introducing dimensionless variables

$$x = \frac{r}{r_*}, \ u = \frac{n}{n_*}, \ I = \frac{c_{\rm s}^2}{c_*^2},$$
 (16)

where the \*-values correspond to the sonic surface. Thus, equation for radial functions  $g_m(r)$ 

$$(1 - x^{4} lu^{2})g_{m}'' + 2\left(\frac{1}{x} - x^{2} u^{2}\right)g_{m}' + m(m+1)x^{2} lu^{2}g_{m} = = k_{m}\frac{R^{2}}{r_{*}^{2}}x^{4} lu^{4} - \lambda_{m}\frac{R^{2}}{r_{*}^{2}}u^{2} - \sigma_{m}x^{6} lu^{4}.$$
(17)

#### Basic equations Expansion coefficients and new variables



$$\sin \theta \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = \varepsilon^2 c_*^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sigma_m Q_m(\theta), \qquad (18)$$

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} L^2 = \varepsilon^2 c_*^2 r_*^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \lambda_m Q_m(\theta), \qquad (19)$$

$$\frac{L}{\sin \theta} \frac{\mathrm{d}L}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = \varepsilon^2 c_*^2 r_*^2 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} k_m Q_m(\theta). \qquad (20)$$

$$l(x) \text{ and } u(x): P(n,s) = A(s) n^{\Gamma-1} \to l = u^{\Gamma-1}.$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}x} = -2 \frac{u}{x} \frac{(1-x^3 u^2)}{(1-x^4 l u^2)} \qquad (21)$$

$$u(x)|_{x=1} = 1, \qquad (22)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{x=1} = -\frac{4 - \sqrt{10 - 6\Gamma}}{\Gamma + 1}. \qquad (23)$$



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Figure: u(x) in region  $1 \le x \le R/r_* = 10$ ,  $\Gamma$  from 1.1 to 5/3



 $v_{\theta}|_{r=R} = 0$  and absense of singularity on sonic surface give

$$\varepsilon^{2}g_{m}(1) = \frac{(2m)!}{2^{m}(m+1)m!} \left[ \frac{(\delta E_{n})_{m}}{c_{*}^{2}} - \frac{(L_{n}^{2}/\sin^{2}\theta)_{m}}{2c_{*}^{2}r_{*}^{2}} \right], \quad (24)$$
$$g_{m}^{\prime}(R/r_{*}) = 0, \quad (25)$$

where  $(...)_m$  stands for the expansion in terms of the Legendre polynomials.



- quasi-spherical accretion
- small and axisymmetric perturbation ( $\epsilon \ll 1$  and  $\delta heta_{
  m curl} \ll 1$ )
- the goal is to find  $f(r, \theta)$  and determine  $v_{\theta}$  and  $v_{\phi}$  velocity components.



$$\Omega(\theta) = \Omega_0 \exp[-\alpha^2 (1 + \cos \theta)].$$
 (26)

 $\Omega_0$  and  $\alpha\simeq 10$  are free parameters of our model. Disturbances of energy and momentum integrals

$$\delta E_{\rm n}(\theta) = \frac{\Omega_0^2 \exp[-2\alpha^2 (1 + \cos \theta)] R^2 \sin^2 \theta}{2}, \qquad (27)$$

$$\delta L_{\rm n}(\theta) = \Omega_0 \exp[-\alpha^2 (1 + \cos \theta)] R^2 \sin^2 \theta.$$
 (28)

It gives  $\varepsilon = \Omega_0 R / c_*$ .





Figure:  $f(r, \theta)$  in region  $1 \le x \le R/r_* = 10$ ,  $0 \le \theta \le \pi$ ,  $\Gamma = 4/3$ 

#### Solitary curl Asymptotic solution



$$g_m'' + \frac{3}{2x}g_m' + \frac{m(m+1)}{2^{\Gamma+1}}x^{-(3\Gamma+1)/2}g_m + \lambda_m \frac{R^2}{r_*^2}\frac{1}{4x^3} = O(x^{-3}).$$
(29)

Introducing new function  $y_m = g_m/(\lambda_m R^2/r_*^2)$ , Eqn. (29) can be rewritten as

$$y_m'' + \frac{3}{2x}y_m' + \frac{m(m+1)}{2^{\Gamma+1}}x^{-(3\Gamma+1)/2}y_m + \frac{1}{4x^3} = O(x^{-3}).$$
(30)

This equation has an universal solution independent of the boundary conditions on the outer boundary r = R

$$y(x) = -\frac{8}{x}.$$
 (31)

Solitary curl  $v_{\theta}/v_{\varphi}$  ratio



$$\frac{v_{\theta}}{v_{\varphi}} = 2\sqrt{2}\varepsilon\pi \left(\frac{r_{*}}{R}\right)^{7/2} \rho(r,\theta), \qquad (32)$$

where

$$p(r,\theta) = \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} g'_m(r) Q_m(\theta)}{u(r) \sin^2 \theta \exp[-\alpha^2 (1 + \cos \theta)]}.$$
 (33)

In our calculation,  $r_*/R = 0.1$ ,  $|p(r, \theta)| < 20$ .  $|f(r, \theta)| < 20 \rightarrow \varepsilon = 10^{-3}$ .

## $\begin{array}{c} \text{Solitary curl} \\ v_\theta / v_\varphi \text{ ratio profile} \end{array}$





Figure:  $|v_{\theta}/v_{\varphi}|$  ratio.



 $v_\theta \ll v_\varphi$  around the curl, so we neglect all terms in Navier-Stokes equations that contain  $v_\theta.$ 



$$v_{r}\frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial r} + v_{\theta}\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial v_{\theta}}{\partial \theta} + \frac{v_{r}v_{\theta}}{r} - \frac{v_{\varphi}^{2}}{r}\cot\theta = -\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial P/\partial\theta}{\rho}.$$
 (34)  
$$-\frac{v_{\varphi}^{2}}{r}\cot\theta = -\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial P/\partial\theta}{\rho}.$$
 (35)

Expanding near the axis  $\theta \ll 1$ 

$$v_{\varphi} = \frac{L}{r\sin\theta} = \frac{K\theta}{r},$$
 (36)

where K = const,

$$\rho \frac{K^2 \theta}{r^2} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial \theta},\tag{37}$$

which gives for the pressure P

$$P \sim \frac{\rho K^2}{\alpha^2 r^2},\tag{38}$$

where  $\alpha^{-1}$  is an approximate size of a curl.





$$\nabla(n\mathbf{v}) = 0, \qquad (39)$$

$$(\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v} = -\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} - \nabla \varphi_{\mathrm{g}},$$
 (40)

$$(\mathbf{v}\cdot\nabla)s = 0.$$
 (41)

+ polytropic EOS  $P = P(n, s) = k(s)n^{\Gamma}$ 

$$c_{\rm s}^2 = \frac{\Gamma k}{m_p} n^{\Gamma-1}, \qquad (42)$$
$$w = \frac{c_{\rm s}^2}{\Gamma-1}, \qquad (43)$$
$$T = \frac{m_p}{\Gamma} c_{\rm s}^2. \qquad (44)$$





Assuming that  $v_r \gg v_{\varphi} \gg v_{\theta}$ ,

$$v_{\varphi}(r,\theta) = \Omega(\theta) \frac{R^2}{r} \sin \theta.$$
 (45)

Here  $\Omega(\theta)$  is a smooth function of  $\theta$  that can be approximately described as:

$$\Omega(\theta) \approx \begin{cases} \Omega_0, & \pi - \alpha^{-1} < \theta < \pi, \\ 0 & 0 < \theta < \pi - \alpha^{-1}. \end{cases}$$
(46)

$$E(\theta) = \frac{v_r^2(r)}{2} + \omega(r) + \varphi_g(r) + \frac{L^2(\theta)}{2r^2 \sin^2 \theta}, \qquad (47)$$
$$L(\theta) = v_{\varphi} r \sin \theta = \Omega(\theta) r^2 \sin^2 \theta. \qquad (48)$$



Averaging now these integrals in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and introducing a new value

$$L_{\rm av}^2 \equiv \langle \frac{L^2(\theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} \rangle \tag{49}$$

we can indite a new equation for averaged energy integral

$$E_{\rm av} \equiv \langle E_{\rm n}(\theta) \rangle = \frac{v_r^2(r)}{2} + \omega(r) + \underbrace{\varphi_{\rm g}(r) + \frac{L_{\rm av}^2}{2r^2}}_{\varphi_{\rm eff}(r)}, \qquad (50)$$

Using the total particle flux

$$\Phi = 4\pi r^2 n(r) v_r(r) = const, \qquad (51)$$

and the entropy s, one can rewrite the energy integral (50) as

$$E_{\rm av} = \frac{\Phi^2}{32\pi^2 n^2 r^4} + \frac{\Gamma k(s)}{\Gamma - 1} \frac{n^{\Gamma - 1}}{m_p} - \frac{GM}{r} + \frac{L_{\rm av}^2}{2r^2}.$$
 (52)

It gives the following expression for the logarithmic r-derivative of the number density

$$\eta_1 = \frac{r}{n} \frac{\mathrm{d}n}{\mathrm{d}r} = \frac{2 - \frac{GM}{v_r^2 r} + \frac{L_{\mathrm{av}}^2}{v_r^2 r^2}}{-1 + \frac{c_{\mathrm{s}}^2}{v_r^2}}.$$
(53)

As for Bondi accretion, this derivative has a singularity on the sonic surface  $v_r = c_s = c_*$ .

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This implies that for smooth transition through the sonic surface  $r = r_*$ , the additional condition is to be satisfied:

$$2 - \frac{GM}{c_*^2 r_*} + \frac{L_{\rm av}^2}{c_*^2 r_*^2} = 0.$$
 (54)

Solving this equation in terms of  $r_*$  and assuming that  $L_{\rm av}c_*/(GM)\ll 1$ , we find

$$r_{*} = \frac{GM}{2c_{*}^{2}} \left(1 - \frac{4L_{\rm av}^{2}c_{*}^{2}}{G^{2}M^{2}}\right), \qquad (55)$$

$$c_{*} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{5 - 3\Gamma}} c_{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{12(\Gamma - 1)}{(5 - 3\Gamma)^{2}} \frac{L_{\rm av}^{2}c_{\infty}^{2}}{G^{2}M^{2}}\right), \qquad (56)$$

where  $c_\infty$  is evaluated from

$$E_{\rm av} = \frac{c_{\infty}^2}{\Gamma - 1}.$$
 (57)

$$\frac{r_{*}}{r_{*B}} = 1 - \left[\frac{16}{(5-3\Gamma)^{2}} \frac{L_{av}^{2} c_{\infty}^{2}}{G^{2} M^{2}}\right]$$

$$\frac{c_{*}}{c_{*B}} = 1 + \left[\frac{12(\Gamma-1)}{(5-3\Gamma)^{2}} \frac{L_{av}^{2} c_{\infty}^{2}}{G^{2} M^{2}}\right],$$
(58)
(59)

where  $c_{*B}$  and  $r_{*B}$  correspond to classical Bondi accretion. As we see, the nonzero angular momentum effectively decreases the gravitational force.



- axisymmetric  $(\partial/\partial \phi = 0)$
- stationary  $(\partial/\partial t = 0)$
- viscous flow ( $\eta = \rho \nu = const$ )

Again,  $v_r \gg v_{arphi} \gg v_{ heta}$  gives ( $\phi$ -component of Euler eqn.)

$$v_r \frac{\partial v_{\varphi}}{\partial r} + \frac{v_r v_{\varphi}}{r} = \nu \left( \nabla^2 v_{\varphi} - \frac{v_{\varphi}}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \right).$$
(60)

$$v_{\varphi} = \Omega(r, \theta) r \sin \theta,$$
 (61)

where we will use the following form for the angular velocity  $\Omega(r, \theta)$ :

$$\Omega(r,\theta) = \Omega_0(r) \exp\left[-\frac{\theta^2}{2\delta(r)}\right].$$
 (62)

Here  $\Omega_0 = \Omega_0(r)$  is an amplitude, and  $\delta = \delta(r)$  is an effective angular width of an individual curl.

Substituting now  $v_{\varphi}$  into Eqn. (60), we obtain

$$\dot{M}\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}r}(\Omega r^2 \sin \theta) = \frac{4\pi r^2 \eta}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\theta} \left[ \sin^3 \theta \frac{\mathrm{d}\Omega}{\mathrm{d}\theta} \right], \tag{63}$$

where

$$\dot{M} = 4\pi r^2 \rho v_r \tag{64}$$

is the accretion rate remaining constant in stationary flow. Using now Eqn. (63), one can show that the total angular momentum of an individual vortex conserves (dL/dr = 0). Indeed,

$$dL = \rho \Omega r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi \sin \theta d\theta r^2 dr$$
(65)

can be rewritten as a full  $\theta$ -derivative.



(62) ightarrow (63) and expanding in heta

$$\frac{\dot{M}}{2\pi\eta}r\Omega_{0}(r) + \frac{4r^{2}\Omega_{0}(r)}{\delta(r)} + \frac{\dot{M}}{4\pi\eta}r^{2}\Omega_{0}'(r) = 0, \qquad (66)$$
$$-18r^{2}\Omega_{0}(r) - \frac{3\dot{M}}{2\pi\eta}r\delta(r)\Omega_{0}(r) - 10r^{2}\delta(r)\Omega_{0}(r) - 3\dot{M}$$

$$\frac{\dot{M}}{2\pi\eta}r\delta^2(r)\Omega_0(r) + \frac{3\dot{M}}{4\pi\eta}r^2\delta'(r)\Omega_0(r) - \frac{\dot{M}}{4\pi\eta}r^2\delta^2(r)\Omega_0'(r) = 0,$$
(67)

that has simple solutions

$$\delta(r) = \delta_0 + \frac{8\pi\eta(r_0 - r)}{\dot{M}},$$
(68)
$$\Omega_0(r) = \Omega_0(\frac{r_0}{r})^2 \left[\frac{8\pi\eta(r_0 - r)}{\dot{M}\delta_0} + 1\right]^{-2}.$$
(69)



$$\frac{8\pi\eta r_0}{\dot{M}} \ll 1. \tag{70}$$

Introducing Reynolds number as

$$Re = \frac{\rho v l}{\eta},\tag{71}$$

where  $\rho$ , v and l are characteristic values of a flow and  $\eta$  is a dynamical viscosity, we can transform it using expression (64) and get

$$Re = \frac{M}{4\pi r_0 \eta} \gg 1. \tag{72}$$



$$\Omega(r,\theta) = \Omega_0(r) \exp(-\frac{\theta^2}{2\delta^2})(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{2\delta^2}\theta^2), \qquad (73)$$

where parameter  $\alpha$  is chosen from the condition on total angular momentum

$$\int_{|\vec{r}| \le R} dL = 0, \tag{74}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\int_0^{\pi} d\theta \sin^3 \theta \,\Omega(r,\theta) = 0. \tag{75}$$





Figure: Ratio  $\Omega/\Omega_0 = F(\theta)$ ,  $0 \le \theta \le \pi/30$ 



$$\Omega_0(r) = \Omega_0 \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^2 \exp\left[\frac{16\pi\eta}{\dot{M}}\frac{(1+\alpha^2)}{\delta^2}(r_0-r)\right].$$
 (76)

According to classical prediction of Shakura and Sunyaev, we set kinematical viscosity as

$$\nu = \alpha_{\rm ss} r_{\rm curl} v_{\rm curl} \approx \alpha_{\rm ss} r_0^2 \delta^2 \Omega_0.$$
(77)