

1 TSC envelope

To find the midplane density of the TSC envelope model, we have to estimate The TSC density structure is given by

$$\rho(r, \theta) = \rho_0 \left(\frac{r}{R_c} \right)^{-3/2} \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} + \frac{2\mu_0^2 R_c}{r} \right)^{-1} \quad (1)$$

Writing $\gamma \equiv r/R_c$, this is

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \gamma^{-3/2} \left(1 + \frac{\mu}{\mu_0} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0} + \frac{2\mu_0^2}{\gamma} \right)^{-1} \quad (2)$$

We now have to find μ_0 for $\mu = 0$. The streamline equation is:

$$\mu_0^3 + \mu_0 (\gamma - 1) - \mu \gamma = 0 \quad (3)$$

If $\mu = 0$, this gives

$$\mu_0 [\mu_0^2 + (\gamma - 1)] = 0 \quad (4)$$

This has solution $\mu_0 = 0$ and $\mu_0^2 = (1 - \gamma)$.

1.1 Outside R_c

For $\gamma > 1$, neither of these are satisfactory (since μ/μ_0 will be undefined for the former, and μ_0 is imaginary for the latter. The solution is 0, but we need to compute μ/μ_0 by some other means. We can multiply the streamline equation by μ^2/μ_0^3 , giving

$$\mu^2 + (\mu/\mu_0)^2 (\gamma - 1) - (\mu/\mu_0)^3 \gamma = 0 \quad (5)$$

For $\mu = 0$, this is

$$(\mu/\mu_0)^2 (\gamma - 1) - (\mu/\mu_0)^3 \gamma = 0 \quad (6)$$

which can be factorized as

$$(\mu/\mu_0)^2 [(\gamma - 1) - (\mu/\mu_0) \gamma] = 0 \quad (7)$$

This has two unique solutions, $\mu/\mu_0 = 0$ and $\mu/\mu_0 = (\gamma - 1)/\gamma$. The former is not acceptable, because combined with $\mu_0 = 0$, this gives an undefined density. Therefore, we have:

$$\begin{cases} \mu_0 = 0 \\ \mu/\mu_0 = \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Which gives

$$\rho(r, \theta) = \rho_0 \gamma^{-3/2} \left(\frac{2\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \right)^{-1} \quad (9)$$

This can be simplified:

$$\rho(r, \theta) = \rho_0 (2\gamma - 1)^{-1/2} (\gamma - 1)^{-1} \quad (10)$$

1.2 Inside R_c

For $\gamma < 1$, The ratio equation only has one real positive solution, which is 0. However, both solutions for μ , i.e. 0 and $1 - \gamma$ are valid. Since the ratio is 0, this means the only solution which does not give an undefined density is $1 - \gamma$. Therefore,

$$\begin{cases} \mu_0^2 = 1 - \gamma \\ \mu/\mu_0 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Which gives

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \gamma^{-3/2} \left[\frac{2(1 - \gamma)}{\gamma} \right]^{-1} \quad (12)$$

i.e.

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{2} \frac{\gamma^{-1/2}}{1 - \gamma} \quad (13)$$

In cumulative terms, this is

$$\Sigma(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{2} \times \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_1} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{\gamma_1}} \right] - \ln \left[\frac{\sqrt{\gamma_0} + 1}{1 - \sqrt{\gamma_0}} \right] \right\} \quad (14)$$