

Wind accretion in Supergiant X-ray binaries

II. Disc formation

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ABSTRACT

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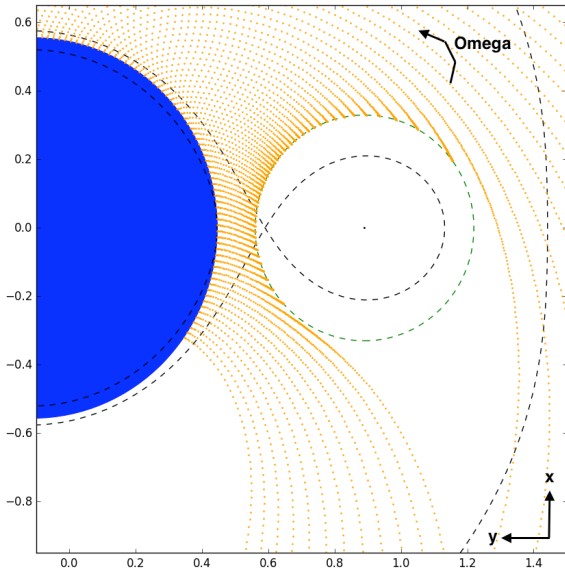


Figure 1. Computed streamlines (orange dots) from the star (dark blue) to the Roche lobe of the accretor on the right (green dashed circle), in the orbital plane. The black dashed lines represent the critical Roche surface passing by the first Lagrangian point.

Table 1. Parameters and integrated quantities at the outer edge of the simulation space for the 2 models considered.

	LF	HS
M_1	20.2 M_\odot	
R_1	28.4 R_\odot	
P	8.964357 days	
\dot{M}_1	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-7} M_\odot \cdot \text{yr}^{-1}$	
M_2	1.5 M_\odot	2.5 M_\odot
Boosted	Yes	No
\dot{M}_{out}/M_1	XXX	XXX
$\dot{j}_{\text{out}}/\dot{j}_{\text{SL}}$	XXX	XXX
$R_{\text{circ}}/R_{\text{mag}}$	XXX	XXX

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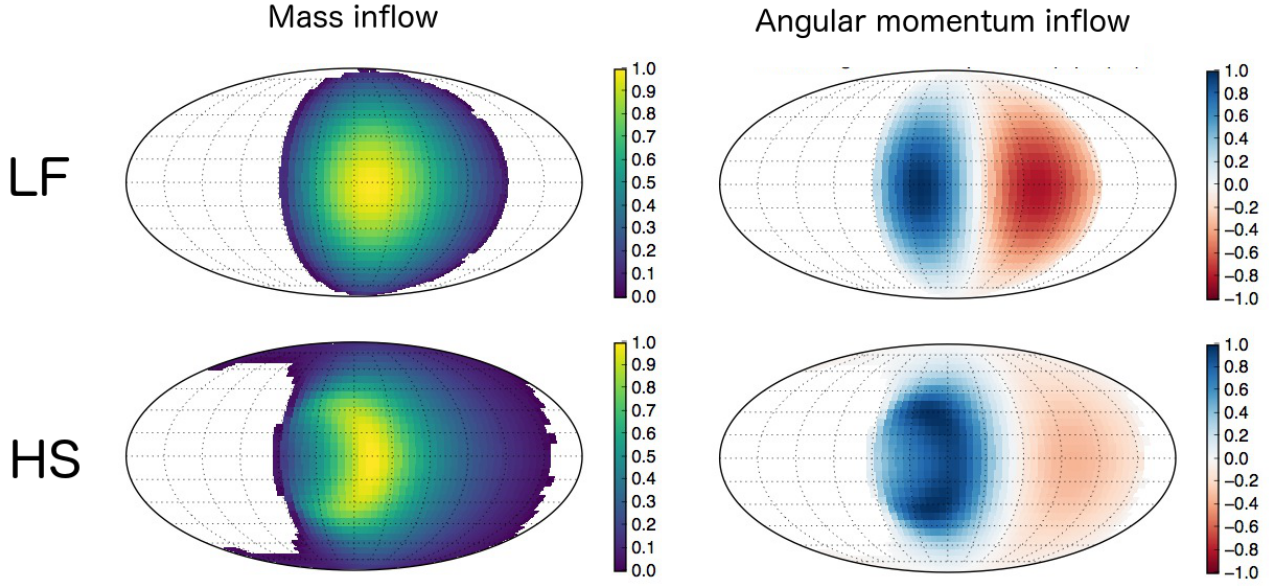


Figure 2. Mollweide projections of local mass and angular momentum inflows within the simulation space centered on the accretor (dashed green sphere on Figure 1). The upper row corresponds to the light fast (LF) case while the bottom row is for the heavy slow (HS) case. Each map is scaled to its maximum (absolute) value and centered on the axis from the accretor to the donor star. Positive (resp. negative) values of angular momentum stands for locally prograde (resp. retrograde) flow with respect to the orbital motion.

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