

So at.  $R \gg R_{in}$

$$U_r = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{v}{R} \quad (5)$$

So indeed  $|U_r| \uparrow$  as  $|v| \uparrow$

### Lecture 18

Now, energy eqn

We have written

$$eT \frac{DS}{dt} = \frac{6\pi c^2 \dot{\epsilon}_i}{2\eta}$$

For thin disk, we need to include radiative cooling, because if the <sup>viscous</sup> heat is not radiated the disk will puff up.

In this case

$$\underbrace{\Sigma T U_r \frac{dS}{dR}}_{\text{Entropy advected}} = \underbrace{\nu \Sigma \left( R \frac{d\Omega}{dR} \right)^2}_{\text{Entropy generated by viscous flux}} - \underbrace{F_c}_{\text{cooling radiative}}$$

If nothing is advected inward and all energy is radiated away locally, then

$$F_c = \nu \Sigma \left( R \frac{dR}{dr} \right)^2 \quad \xrightarrow{(4)}$$

$$F_c = \frac{\dot{M}}{3\pi} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_{in}}{R} \right)^{1/2} \right] \left[ \frac{3}{2} R \left( \frac{GM}{R^3} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow F_c = \frac{3GM\dot{M}}{4\pi R^3} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_{in}}{R} \right)^{1/2} \right] \quad (5)$$

This is the most important result in the theory of thin disks because

(I) Flux radiated away from each annulus is independent of viscosity!

Assuming black body emission we can define an effective temp.

$$F_c = \sigma T_{eff}^4 \quad \text{so } (5) \Rightarrow$$

$$T_{eff} = \left( \frac{3GM}{4\pi\sigma} \right)^{1/4} \dot{M}^{1/4} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_{in}}{R} \right)^{1/2} \right]^{1/4} R^{-3/4} \quad (6)$$

(II) In steady state, at  $R \gg R_{in}$

the energy radiated is larger than the grav. potential energy released locally by a factor of 3!

~~(6)  $\frac{L}{4\pi R^2} = 3 \left( \frac{GM\dot{M}}{R} \right)$~~

Consider an annulus of width  $\Delta R$  at  $R \gg R_{in}$ , and assume an amount of mass  $\Delta m$ , drifts from  $R + \Delta R$  to  $R$ . The potential  $E$  released is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta U &= \Delta m \left[ -\frac{GM}{R + \Delta R} + \frac{GM}{R} \right] = \\ &= \Delta m \frac{GM}{R} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta R}{R}} \right] = \\ &= \frac{GM \Delta m}{R} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\Delta R}{R}} \right) = \\ &= -\frac{GM}{R^2} \Delta m \cdot \Delta R \end{aligned}$$

If matter passes at rate  $\dot{M}$ ,  
then  $\Delta m = \dot{M} \cdot \Delta t$

So, energy release rate is

$$\left| \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t} \right| = \frac{G M \dot{M}}{R^2} \cdot \Delta R$$

Assuming that this energy is released  
locally, the flux of radiation  
would be

$$2 \cdot F \cdot 2\pi R \cdot \Delta R = \left| \frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t} \right| = \frac{G M \dot{M}}{R^2} \Delta R$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{G M \dot{M}}{4\pi R^3}$$

Comparing to Eq. (6), we  
see that this is 3 times  
smaller.

Why? The inner B.C. plays  
an important role.

The total  $E$  released throughout the disk is

$$L = \int_{R_{in}}^{\infty} F_c m R dR = \frac{3}{2} GM \dot{M} \int_{R_{in}}^{\infty} R^{-2} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_{in}}{R} \right)^2 \right] dR$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = \frac{GM}{2R_{in}} \dot{M}}$$

So, half of the potential  $E$  released in the disk is radiated

If the central object is a star the other half is radiated as accreted material hits the surface or in a baryonic layer.

If it's a BH it's advected into the BH

Let's define the radiative efficiency as

$$L = e \dot{M} c^2$$

$$\text{So, } \epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \frac{GM}{R_{in} c^2}$$

The radiative efficiency in this disk depends on the inner edge of the accretion flow !!!

For a non-spinning BH

$$R_{in} = R_{isco} = \frac{6GM}{c^2} \Rightarrow \epsilon = \frac{1}{12} \approx 8.33\%$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon \approx 6\% \text{ with} \\ \text{GR effects} \end{array} \right\}$

for prograde accretion onto  
a maximally spinning BH

$$R_{in} = R_{isco} = \frac{GM}{c^2} \Rightarrow \epsilon = 50\%$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon \approx 42\% \text{ with GR} \end{array} \right\}$

for a retrograde disk

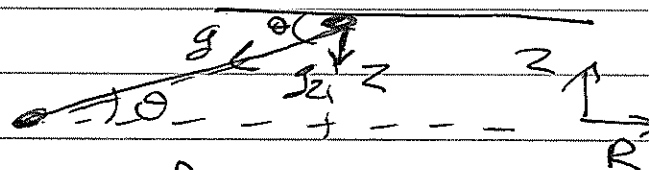
~~$$R_{in} = R_{isco} = \frac{9GM}{c^2} \Rightarrow \epsilon = \frac{1}{18} \approx 5.55\%$$~~

Radiative efficiency in ADAF is  
very different because energy is  
not radiated away locally and  
the advection term dominates

# Vertical structure of disk

Hydrostatic equilib.

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = g_z$$



$$g_z = g \sin \theta = - \frac{GM}{R^2 + z^2} \frac{z}{R} \approx - \frac{GM}{R^2} \frac{z}{R} \quad \left( \frac{h}{R} \ll 1 \right)$$

$$\approx - \frac{GM}{R^3} z$$

so  $\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dz} = - \frac{GM}{R^3} z$

Assume an isothermal disk

$$P = \frac{\rho}{m} kT$$

$$\left( \frac{kT}{m} \right) \frac{d\rho}{\rho dz} = - \frac{GM}{R^3} z \Rightarrow d \ln \rho = - \frac{GM}{R^3 c_s^2} z dz$$

$$c_s^2 = \left( \frac{z}{2H} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho = \rho_c e$$

where

$$H = \frac{R^3 c_s^2}{GM}$$

Scale height

$$H = \frac{G_s}{\Omega^2}$$

We have so far assumed  
radiation forces are negligible

When is radiation important?

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\chi F_c}{c} = \rho g_z \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{3GM\dot{M}}{4\pi R^3} \frac{\chi}{c} \approx \rho \frac{GM}{R^3} H$$

If dominant cross section is  
e<sup>-</sup> scattering (as usually is  
the case in the  
inner parts of  
the accretion  
disks)

$$\chi = n_e \sigma_T$$

$$\rho = m_p n_p = m_p n_e \left. \vphantom{\rho} \right\} \chi = \frac{\rho}{m_p} \sigma_T$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{3GM\dot{M}}{4\pi R^3} \frac{\rho \sigma_T}{m_p c} = \rho \frac{GM}{R^3} H \Rightarrow$$

$$\dot{M}_{crit} = \frac{8\pi R m_p c}{3\sigma_T} H$$



Total luminosity is  $L = \epsilon \dot{M} c^2$

so

$$L_{\text{crit}} = \frac{GM}{2R_{\text{in}}} \dot{M}_{\text{crit}} \Rightarrow$$

$$L_{\text{crit}} = \frac{4\pi GM_{\text{mp}} \cdot c}{\sigma_T} \left( \frac{H}{3R_{\text{in}}} \right)$$

$\nearrow$   
 $L_{\text{edd}}$

geometric factor

Eddington luminosity for spherical  
emission

Thus, the theory of thin accretion  
disks will break down as

$$L \sim L_{\text{edd}} \Rightarrow \dot{M} \sim \dot{M}_{\text{crit}}$$

What about the temperature of  
thin accretion disks?

$$T_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{3GM}{4\pi\sigma} \right)^{1/4} \dot{M}^{1/4} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{R_{\text{in}}}{R} \right)^{3/2} \right]^{1/4} R^{-3/4}$$

Max. temp.

$$\left. \frac{dT_{\text{eff}}}{dR} \right| = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{R_{\text{max}} = 1.36 R_{\text{H}}}$$

$$T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{max}} = \left( \frac{36\pi M}{4r_{\text{g}}} \right)^{1/4} \dot{M}^{1/4} [1 - 1.36^{-1/2}]^{1/4} (1.36)^{-3/4} R_{\text{H}}^{-3/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{max}} \sim M^{1/4} \dot{M}^{1/4} R_{\text{H}}^{-3/4} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{For BH } R_{\text{H}} \sim M \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{max}} \sim M^{-1/2} \dot{M}^{1/4}$$

If we require  $\dot{M} \leq \dot{M}_{\text{edd}} = \frac{8\pi m_p c}{3\sigma_T} \left( \frac{H}{R_{\text{H}}} \right) R_{\text{H}}$

$$\approx \frac{8\pi m_p c}{3\sigma_T} \left( \frac{c}{v_{\text{e,sc}}} \right) R_{\text{H}} \sim M$$

Thus  $T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{max}} \sim M^{-1/2} \cdot M^{1/4} \sim M^{-1/4}$

i.e. larger BH mass, the smaller  
max T in the disk