

IV. Line Formation in Expanding Atmospheres

1. Doppler - Effect

Stellar winds \rightarrow velocity fields \rightarrow need to be accounted for in radiative transfer

$$\vec{V}(\vec{r})$$

$$\frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\kappa_\nu(s)I_\nu + \epsilon_\nu(s) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{dI_\nu}{ds} = -\kappa_\nu(s, \vec{V})I_\nu + \epsilon_\nu(s, \vec{V})$$

velocity fields affect κ_ν, ϵ_ν through Doppler - Effect

$$\nu' = \nu \gamma (1 - \beta \cos\theta)$$

$$\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\beta = |\vec{V}| / c$$

ν' = frequency of photon in moving system
 ν = observer

θ = angle between photon direction and $\vec{V}(\vec{r})$

Relativistic formula including "transversal" effect at $\theta=90^\circ$

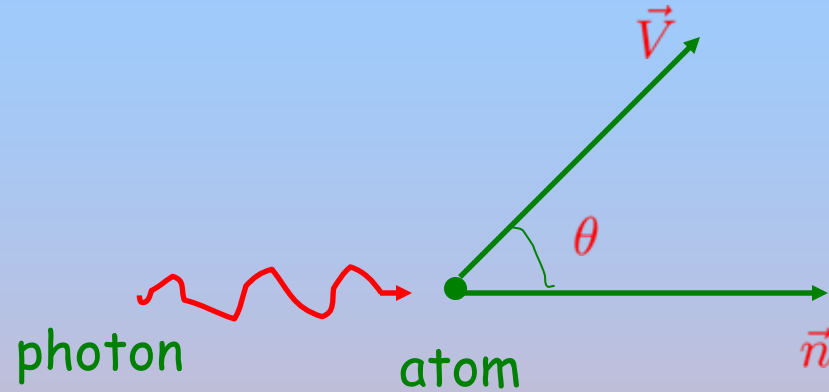
stellar winds are non-relativistic with $V/c \ll 1$



$$\nu' = \nu (1 - \beta \cos\theta)$$

$$\nu' = \nu \left(1 - \frac{|\vec{V}|}{c} \cos\theta\right)$$

$$\nu' = \nu \left(1 - \frac{1}{c} \vec{V} \cdot \vec{n}\right)$$



Atom moving with \vec{V}

"sees" photon with ν'

non-moving observer

"sees" photon with ν

non-moving photosphere

emits photon with ν

2. The line absorption coefficient

line absorption coefficient in static case with $\vec{V} = 0$

$$\kappa_{\nu}^{line} = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} f_{lu} \left\{ n_l(s) - \frac{g_l}{g_u} n_u(s) \right\} \phi(\nu)$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the line absorption coefficient equation:

- $\frac{\pi e^2}{mc}$: "classical" cross section
- f_{lu} : oscillator strength
- $n_l(s)$: occupation numbers l
- $\frac{g_l}{g_u} n_u(s)$: occupation numbers u
- $\phi(\nu)$: line broadening

$\phi(\nu)$ contains thermal line broadening, natural pressure

$$\phi(\nu) = \frac{1}{\Delta\nu_D} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} e^{-\left(\frac{\nu-\nu_0}{\Delta\nu_D}\right)^2}$$

$$\Delta\nu_D = \nu_0 \frac{v_{th}}{c} = \frac{\nu_0}{c} \left\{ \frac{2kT}{m_{ion}} \right\}^{1/2}$$

in winds \rightarrow thermal broadening

thermal Doppler width

Introducing the "dimensionless frequency" x

$$x = \frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\Delta\nu_D} \quad \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2}} e^{-x^2}$$

and the line profile $\phi(x)$

$$\kappa_\nu^{line}(s) = k(s) \phi(x)$$

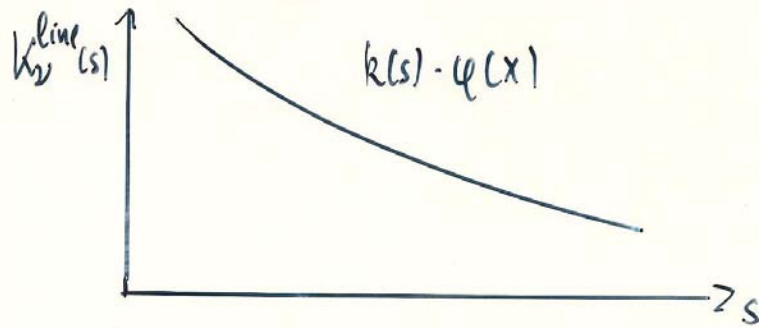
$$k(s) = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} f_{lu} \left\{ n_l - \frac{g_l}{g_u} n_u \right\} \frac{1}{\Delta\nu_D}$$

we obtain the static line
absorption coefficient

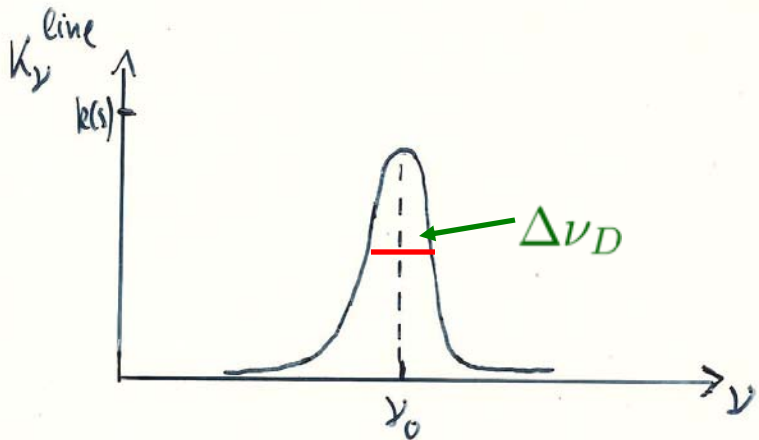
Note: the static line absorption coefficient is

- (i) is isotropic (no dependence on angle θ)
- (ii) varies smoothly as a function of s through $k(s)$
- (iii) varies strongly as a function of x through $\phi(x)$

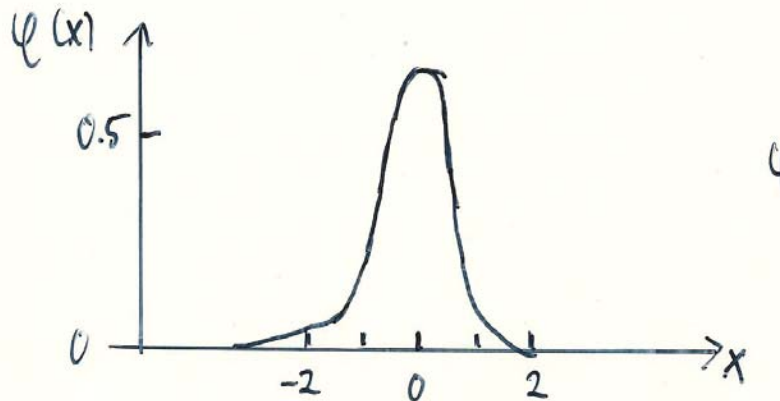
hydrostatic atmosphere



smooth function of s



strong function of ν
width determined
by $\Delta\nu_D$



$\phi(x)$

Hydrodynamic atmosphere with $\vec{V} \neq 0$

→ Atom moving with $\vec{V}(s)$ sees shifted frequencies

$$\nu \longrightarrow \nu' \quad \nu' - \nu = -\nu_0 \mu \frac{V(s)}{c}$$

$$\mu = \cos \theta \quad V(s) = |\vec{V}(s)|$$

→ profile function changes from

$$\phi(x) = \pi^{-1/2} e^{-x^2} = \pi^{-1/2} e^{-\left(\frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\Delta\nu_D}\right)^2}$$

to

$$\phi\left(x - \frac{\nu_0}{c} \frac{\mu V(s)}{\Delta\nu_D}\right) = \pi^{-1/2} e^{-\left(\frac{\nu - \nu_0}{\Delta\nu_D} - \frac{\nu_0}{c} \frac{\mu V(s)}{\Delta\nu_D}\right)^2}$$

Introducing

$$\vec{v}(r) = \frac{1}{v_{th}} \vec{V}(r)$$

velocity in units of
thermal velocity

and using $v_{th} = \frac{c}{\nu_0} \Delta\nu_D$

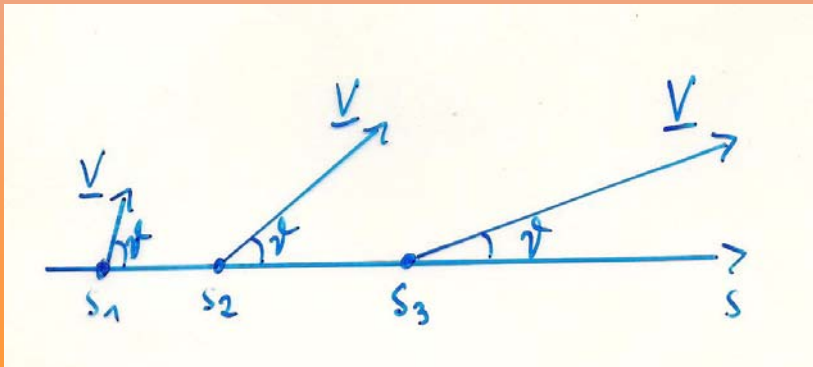
$$\phi(x) \longrightarrow \phi(x - \mu v(r)) = \pi^{-1/2} e^{-(x - \mu v)^2}$$

we obtain the absorption coefficient in the hydrodynamic case

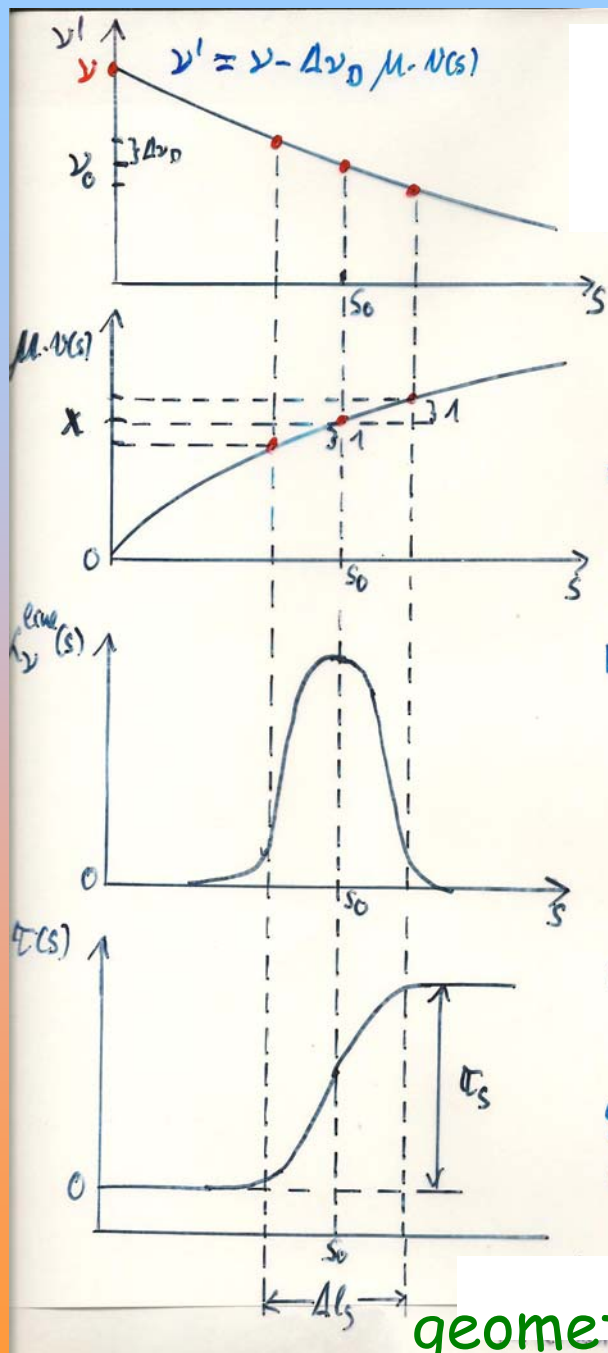
$$\kappa_\nu^{line} = k(s) \phi(x - \mu v(s))$$

$\phi(x - \mu v(s)) \rightarrow$ anisotropic

$\phi(x - \mu v(s)) \rightarrow$ extreme depth
dependent



light ray passes through
velocity field absorbed by
atoms with different
Doppler shifts



frequency of photon as seen by gas

at $s = s_0$: $\nu' = \nu_0$ resonance absorption

projected velocity

at $s = s_0$: $x = \mu v$ resonance absorption

κ_ν has strong maximum at $s = s_0$:

$\tau(s) = \int \kappa ds$ optical depth is step function

τ_s optical thickness of interaction region

geometrical width of interaction region

radiative line transfer with $V(r) \gg v_{th}$ 

photon - gas interaction restricted to thin
interaction zone around the resonance condition defined by

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \mu v(r) \\ \text{or} \\ x &= \vec{n} \bullet \vec{v}(r) \end{aligned}$$

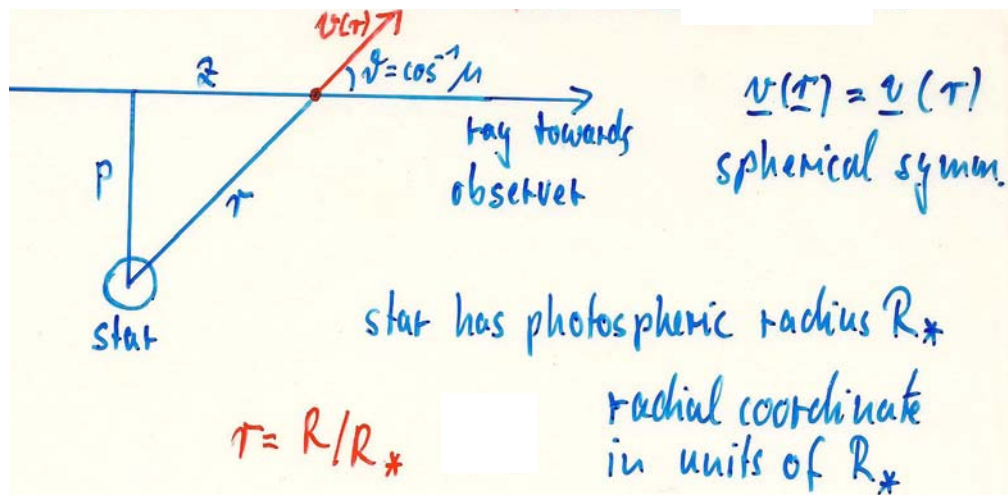
Note: hydrostatic radiative line transfer

photons reach observer from layers
with $\tau \approx 1$

hydrodynamic radiative line transfer

photons come from interaction zone
defined by resonance condition
independent of value of τ

3. Interaction surfaces in spherical symmetry



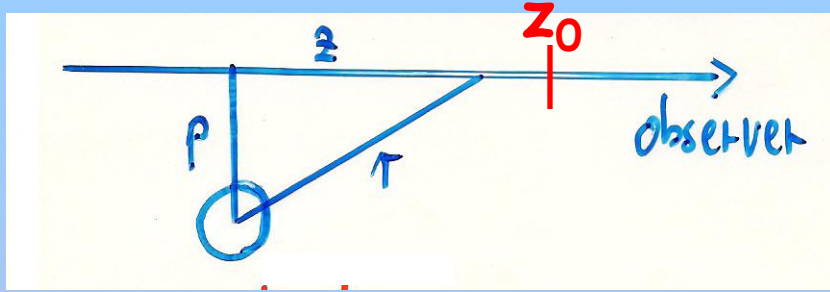
"(p,z) - geometry"

$$r^2 = p^2 + z^2$$

$$z = \mu r$$

$$p = r (1 - \mu^2)^{1/2}$$

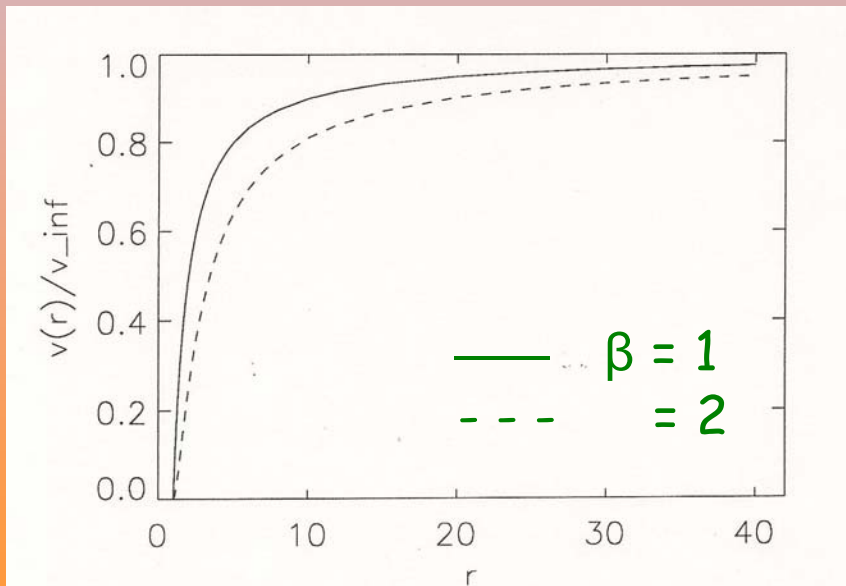
- all rays characterized by impact parameter p
- z coordinate along ray
- p, z, r all in units of stellar photospheric radius R_*



For each ray with frequency x and impact parameter p exists interaction point z_0 where $x = \mu v$

the set of all interaction points is $z_0(x, p)$ "interaction surface"

the shape of $z_0(x, p)$ depends on the velocity field $v(r)$ observed $v(r)$ for hot stars

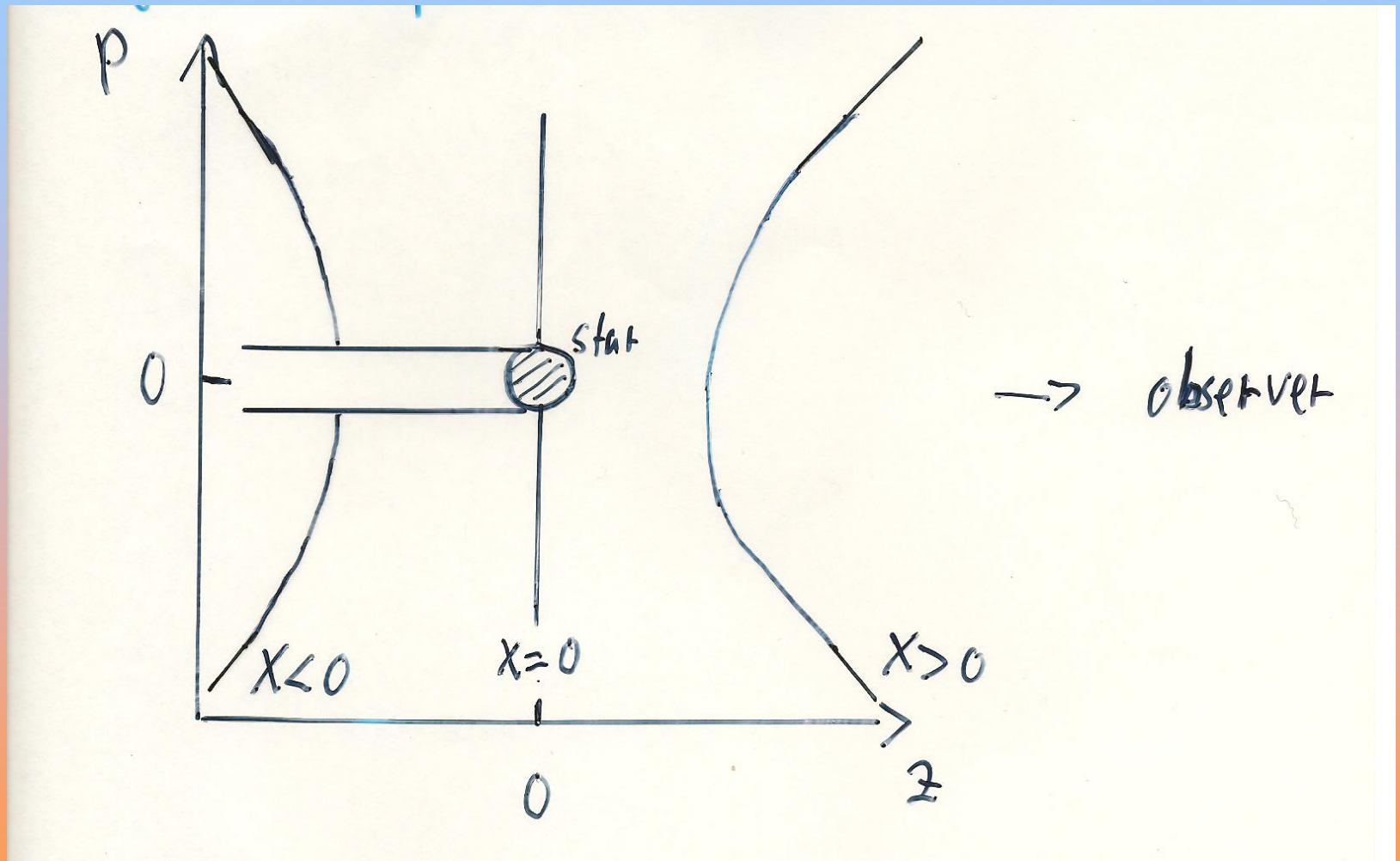


$$v(r) = v_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)^{\beta}$$

$$\beta = 0.5..4.0$$

$$\frac{dv}{dr} \geq 0 \quad v \rightarrow v_{\infty}, \quad r \gg 1$$

general shape of interaction surfaces

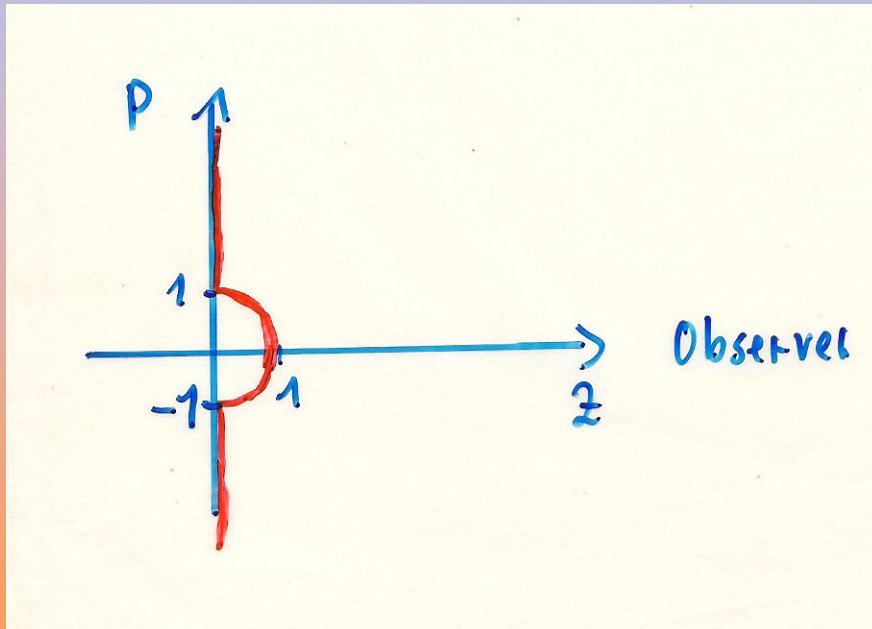


discussion of $z_0(x, p)$

a) line center frequency $x=0$

resonance condition

$$x = \mu v(r) = \frac{z}{r} v(r) \quad \mu = \frac{z}{r}$$



interaction surface

for $p \leq 1$: $r = 1$, since $v(r) = 0$
for $p > 1$: $z = 0$, since $r > 1$
and $v(r) > 0$

b) radial axis towards observer with $p = 0, x \neq 0$

$$x = \mu v(r) \quad \text{but} \quad p = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu = 1$$

$$p = r (1 - \mu^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\rightarrow x = v(r)$$

$$r^2 = p^2 + z^2$$

$$\rightarrow x = v_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}} \right)^{\beta} = v_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z_0} \right)^{\beta}$$

$$\rightarrow z_{0,p=0} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{x}{v_{\infty}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}$$

for $x < x_{\max} = v_{\infty}$

max. Doppler-shift

c) $p \neq 0$, but $x/v_\infty \rightarrow 1$

x/v_∞ approaching 1 $\rightarrow z_0(x, p) \gg 1$

$$r^2 = p^2 + z^2$$

$$\mu = z/r$$

resonance
condition
 $x = \mu v(r)$

$$x = \frac{z_0}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}} v_\infty \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}}\right)^\beta$$



$$\left(\frac{x}{v_\infty}\right)^2 (p^2 + z_0^2) = z_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}}\right)^{2\beta}$$

$$\approx z_0^2 \left(1 - \frac{2\beta}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}}\right)$$

$$(1 + \epsilon)^n \approx 1 + n\epsilon$$

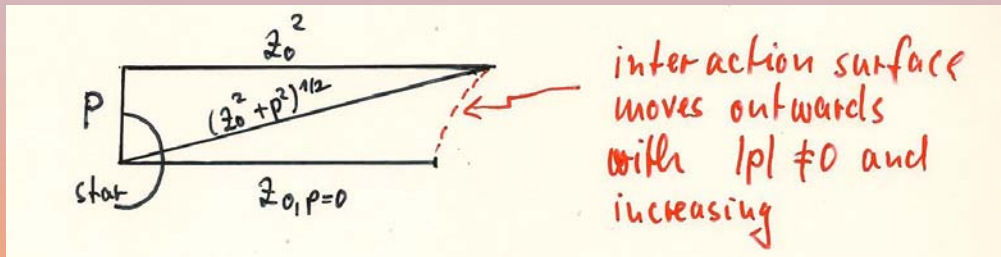
$$|\epsilon| \ll 1$$

solve for $z_0^2 \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow z_0^2(x, p) = \frac{(x/v_\infty)^2}{\left\{1 - \frac{x^2}{v_\infty^2} - \frac{2\beta}{(p^2 + z_0^2)^{1/2}}\right\}} p^2$$

for $p=0 \rightarrow \{ \} = 0 \rightarrow z_{0,p=0} = \frac{2\beta}{1 - \frac{x^2}{v_\infty^2}} = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{x}{v_\infty}} \frac{\beta}{1 - \frac{x}{v_\infty}}$

$|p| > 0 \rightarrow \{ \} > 0 \rightarrow \{ \} = 2\beta \left(\frac{1}{z_{0,p=0}} - \frac{1}{(z_0^2 + p^2)^{1/2}} \right)$



$$(z_0^2 + p^2)^{1/2} > z_{0,p=0}$$

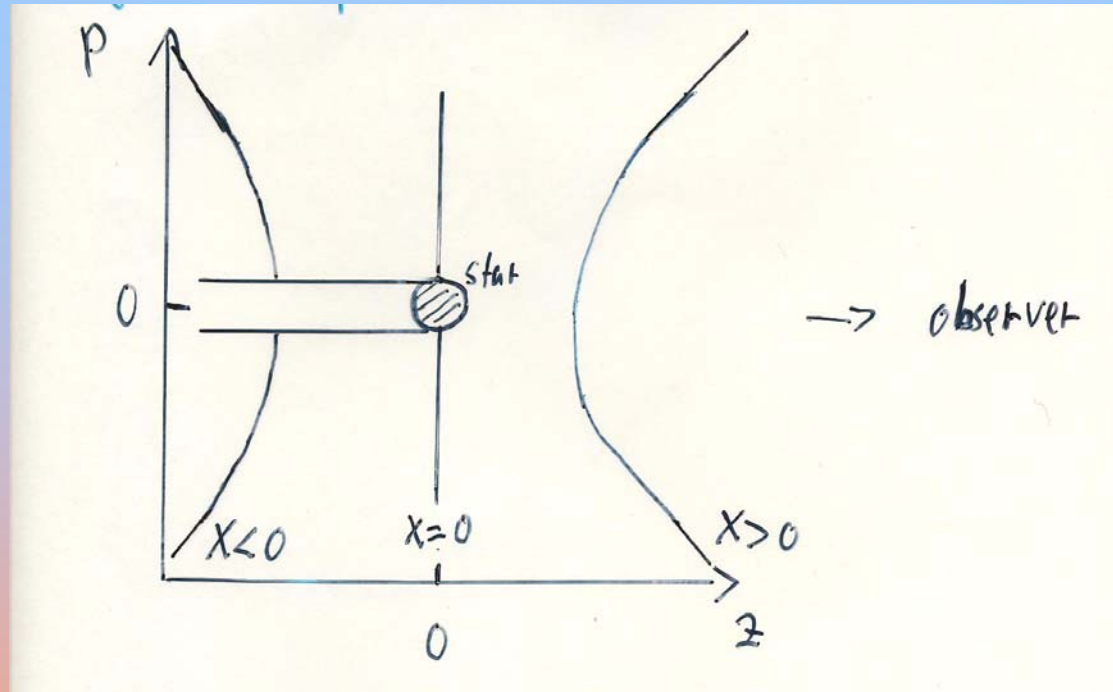
$|p| \gg 1 \rightarrow$

$$(z_0^2 + p^2)^{1/2} \gg z_{0,p=0}$$

$$z_0(x, p) = \frac{x/v_\infty}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{v_\infty^2}\right)^{1/2}} p$$

interaction surface linear with p at large p

general shape of interaction surfaces



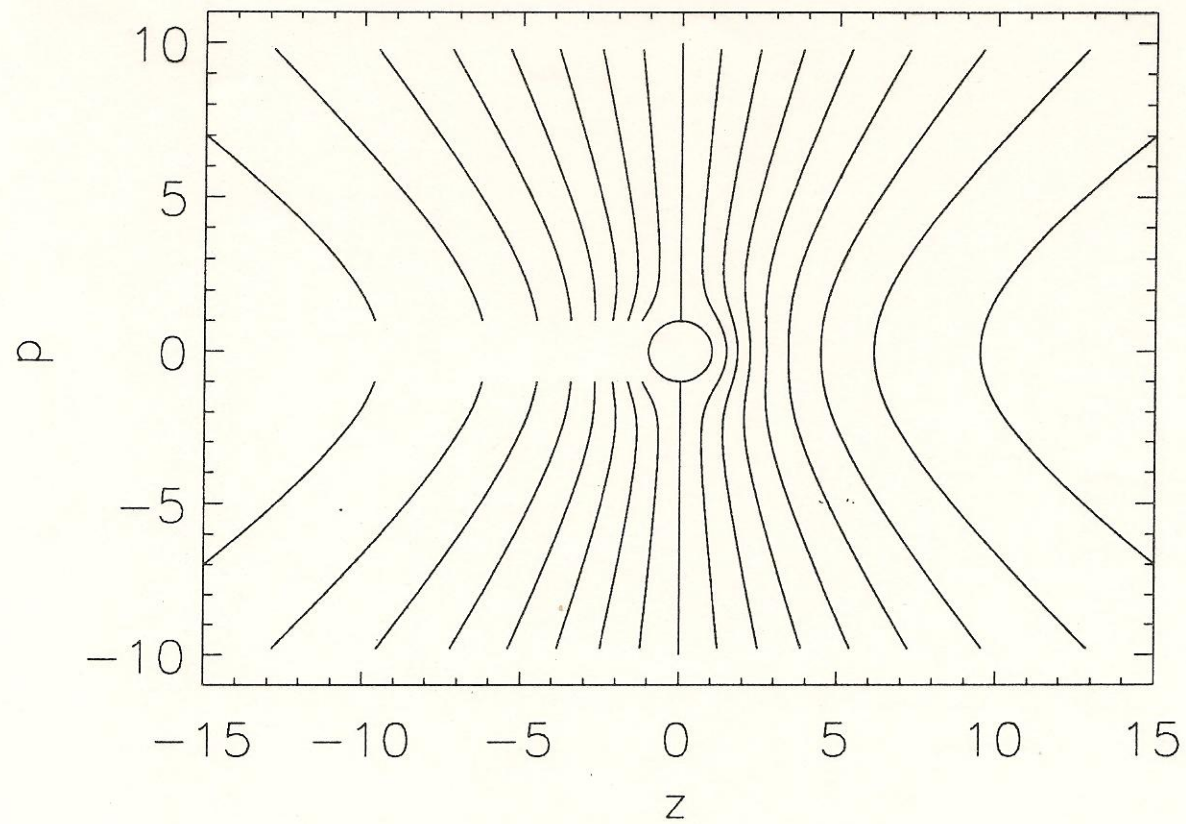
detailed calculation by numerical solution of

$$f(z_0, x, p, \beta) = 0$$

$$f = \frac{x}{v_\infty} - \frac{z_0}{r_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r_0}\right)^\beta \quad r_0 = (z_0^2 + p^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\beta = 2$$

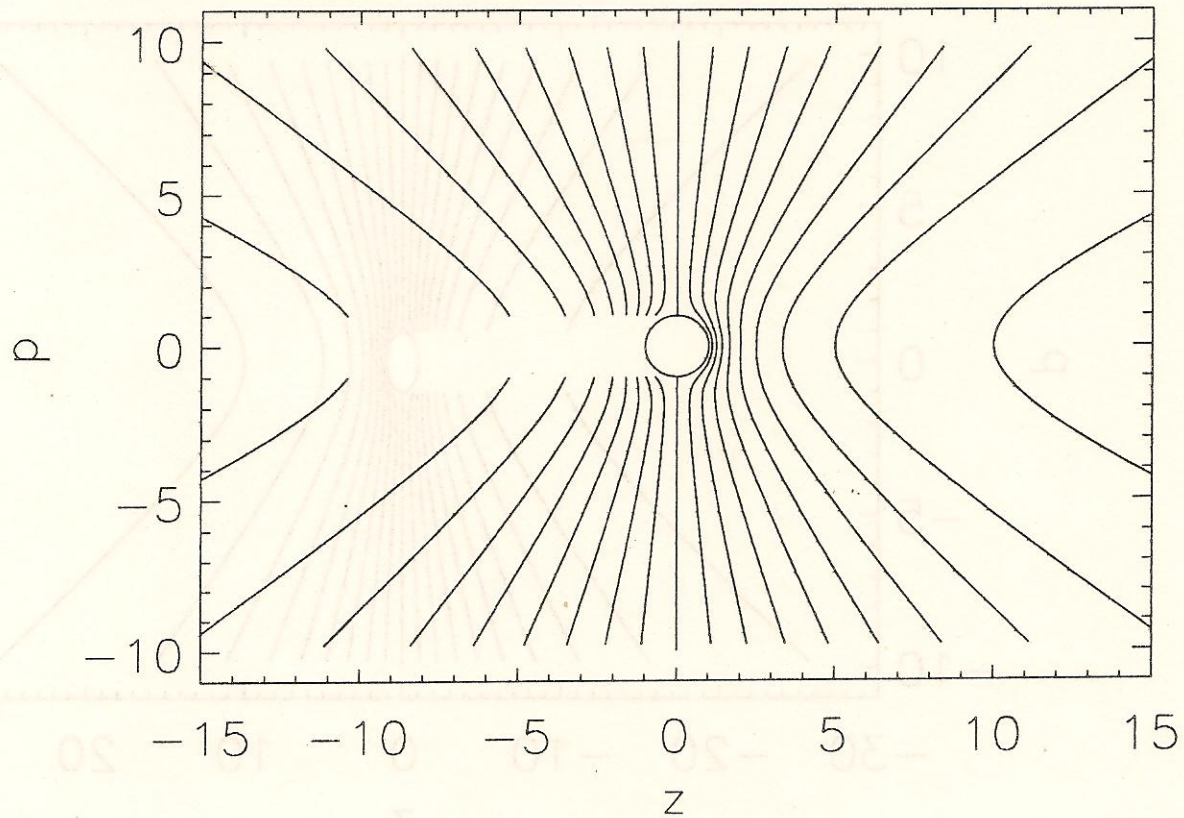
interaction surfaces



$$x/v_\infty = -0.9, -0.8, -0.7 \dots +0.7, +0.8, +0.9$$

$$\beta = 1$$

interaction surfaces



$$x/v_{\infty} = -0.9, -0.8, -0.7 \dots +0.7, +0.8, +0.9$$

a very simple case: linear velocity fields

$$v(r) = a \bullet r$$

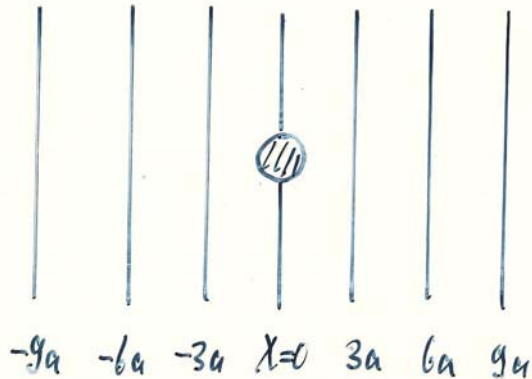
resonance condition $\rightarrow x = \mu v(r) = \frac{z_0}{r} v(r)$

$$x = \frac{z_0}{r} a r = z_0 a$$

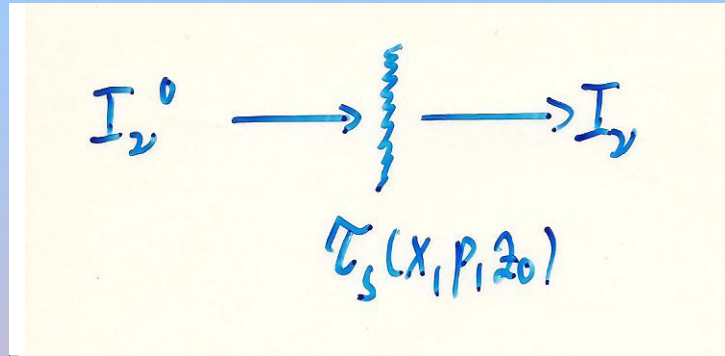
$\rightarrow z_0 = \frac{x}{a}$ independent of p !!!

plane interaction
surfaces

Supernovae have
linear velocity fields



4. Optical thickness of interaction surface



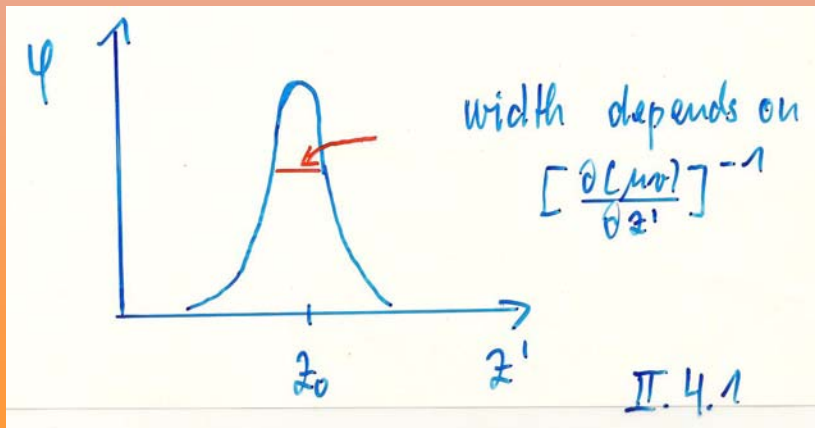
Optical thickness of interaction surface determines how much is absorbed and re-emitted

→ calculate τ along ray with $p = \text{const.}$

$$\tau(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{\min}}^z k[r(\tilde{z}, p)] \phi[x - \mu(\tilde{z}, p) v(r(\tilde{z}, p))] d\tilde{z}$$



integrand has peak at interaction point z_0 , where $x - \mu(z_0, p) v(r(z_0, p)) = 0$



$\frac{\partial(\mu v)}{\partial z}$ large → peak narrow

→ $k(r) = k(r_0) = \text{const}$ over peak

substitute

$$u = x - \mu v \rightarrow d\tilde{z} = -\left\{\frac{\partial(\mu v)}{\partial \tilde{z}}\right\}^{-1} du$$

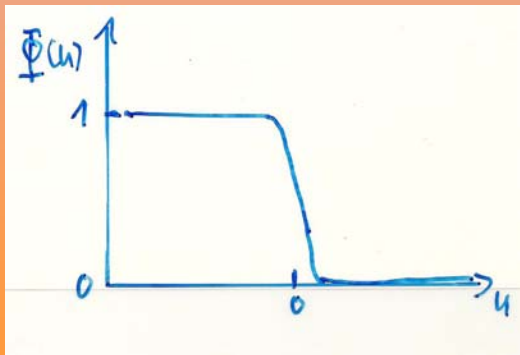
→

$$\tau(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{u(x, p, z)}^{u(x, p, z_{min})} k(r) \left\{\frac{\partial(\mu v)}{\partial \tilde{z}}\right\}^{-1} \phi(u) du$$

$$\approx R_* k(r(z_0, p)) \left\{\frac{\partial(\mu v)}{\partial z}\right\}^{-1} \int_u^{u(z_{min})} \phi(u) du$$

$\tau_s(p, z_0)$
 $\Phi(u)$

since $u(z_{min}) \gg 1 \rightarrow \Phi(u) \approx \int_u^\infty \phi(\tilde{u}) d\tilde{u} = \pi^{-1/2} \int_u^\infty e^{-\tilde{u}^2} d\tilde{u} = \text{Erfc}(u)$



step function

$$\Phi(u) = 0, u > 0$$

$$\Phi(u) = 1, u \leq 0$$

complementary
error function

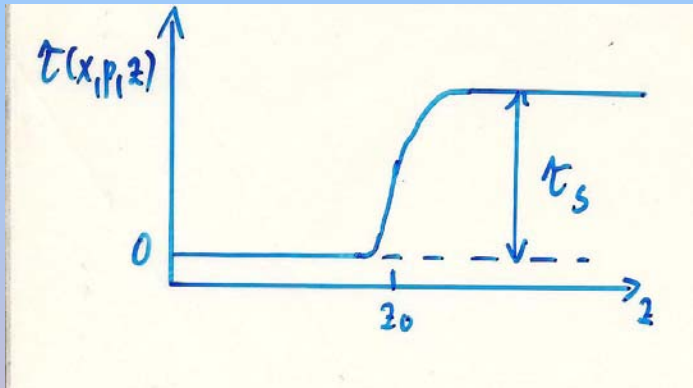
explanation for previous page

u as a function of z

$$u = x - \mu \quad v = x - \frac{z}{(z^2 + p^2)^{1/2}} \quad v_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)^{\beta}$$

For $z = z_{\min} \rightarrow -\infty \quad \rightarrow \quad u \rightarrow u = x + v_{\infty}$

$$\rightarrow \tau(x, p, z) \approx \tau_s(p, z_0) \Phi[u(x, p, z)]$$



τ_s optical thickness of interaction surface for ray with p, x

$$\tau_s = R_* k(r) \frac{\partial(\mu v)}{\partial z}^{-1} \quad p = \text{const.}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \{ \mu(z, p) v(r(z, p)) \} = \mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} + v \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial z} \quad \begin{aligned} p^2 + z^2 &= r^2 & z &= r\mu \\ \rightarrow r \partial r &= z \partial z \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (\mu v) = \mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{v}{r} (1 - \mu^2)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \frac{z}{r} = \mu$$

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{z}{r^2} \mu$$

$$\tau_s = R_* \frac{k(r)}{Q(r, \mu)} = R_* \frac{k(r)}{\mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}}$$

discussion:

$$\tau_s = R_* \frac{k(r)}{Q(r, \mu)} = R_* \frac{k(r)}{\mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}}$$

$$Q(r, \mu) = \mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}$$

radial

tangential

symmetric in μ

velocity gradient

$$Q(r, \mu) = \frac{v}{r} (1 + \sigma \mu^2)$$

$$\sigma = \frac{\partial \ln v}{\partial \ln r} - 1$$

departure from
homologous expansion

$$v \propto r$$

$$\tau_s \approx R_* k \Delta l_s$$

$$\Delta l_s = \frac{1}{Q(r, \mu)}$$

geometrical width of interaction
region (dimensionless)

5. The Sobolev Approximation

we made approximation

$$\tau(x, p, z) \approx R_* k(r(z_0, p)) \int \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z}$$

only justified, if $k(r) \sim \text{const}$ over peak of integrand
width of peak is

$$\Delta l_s = \frac{1}{Q(r, \mu)}$$

$k(r)$ varies with density ρ or on comparable scale

$$\Delta l_{dyn} = \left| \frac{d\rho}{dr} \frac{1}{\rho} \right|^{-1}$$

approximation is ok, if

$$\Delta l_s \ll \Delta l_{dyn}$$

Sobolev
approximation

in winds (as we will learn later)

$$\rho(r) \propto r^{-n}, n = 1...4$$

→ $\Delta l_{dyn} = \frac{r}{n}$

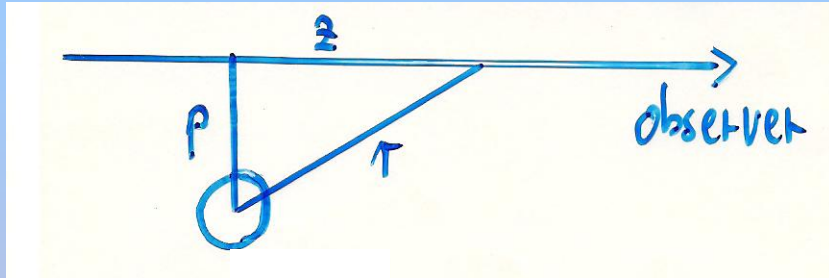
on the other hand

$$\Delta l_s \approx \frac{r}{v}$$

→ if $v \gg n$ which is the case for strongly
supersonic winds with $v \gg 1$

Sobolev approximation is ok

6. Radiative transfer



solution of transfer eq.
in (p,z) - geometry

$$\frac{1}{R_*} \frac{dI(x, p, z)}{dz} = \kappa_x(r(p, z)) \{I(x, p, z) - S(r(p, z))\}$$

$$\kappa_x = \kappa_\nu^{bg} + n_E \sigma_E + k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) \quad \text{total absorption coefficient}$$

background
opacity/
emissivity

Thomson
scattering

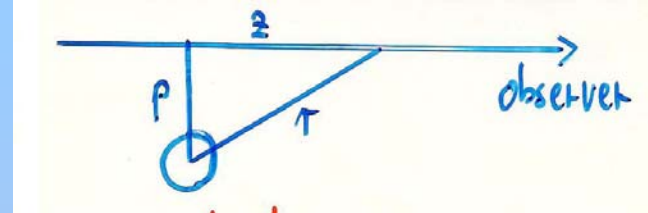
line
absorption
emission

$$\epsilon_x = \epsilon_\nu^{bg} + n_E \sigma_E J_\nu + \epsilon(r) \phi(x - \mu v) \quad \text{total emission coefficient}$$

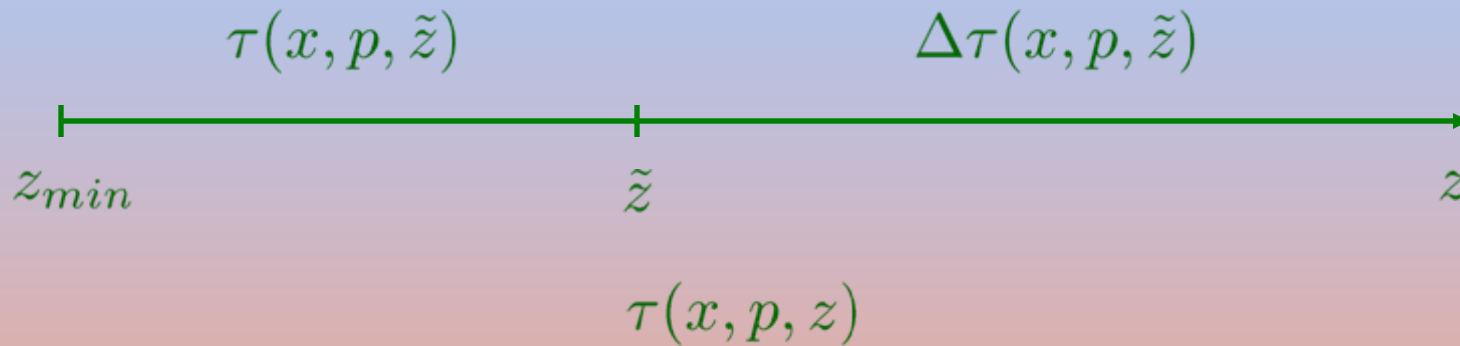
$$S(r) = \frac{\kappa_\nu^{bg}}{\kappa_x} S_{bg}(r) + \frac{n_E \sigma_E}{\kappa_x} J_\nu + \frac{k(r)}{\kappa_x} S_L(r) \quad \text{total source function}$$

$$S_{bg}(r) = \frac{\epsilon_\nu^{bg}}{\kappa_\nu^{bg}}, \quad S_L = \frac{\epsilon(r)}{k(r)}$$

formal solution along ray with $p = \text{const.}$



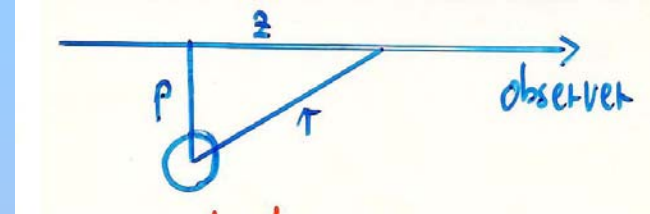
$$I(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S(r(p, \tilde{z})) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} \kappa_x(r(p, \tilde{z})) d\tilde{z} + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(x, p, z)}$$



$$\tau(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z \kappa_x(r(p, \tilde{z})) d\tilde{z} \quad \text{optical path } z_{min} \text{ to } z$$

$$\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z}) = \tau(x, p, z) - \tau(x, p, \tilde{z}) \quad \text{optical path } \tilde{z} \text{ to } z$$

discussion of formal solution



$$I(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S(r(p, \tilde{z})) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} \kappa_x(r(p, \tilde{z})) d\tilde{z} + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(x, p, z)}$$

$I_{z_{min}}$

incident radiation at initial point

$$I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(\tilde{z})}$$

fraction of incident radiation
arriving at z weakened by absorption

$$S(\tilde{z}) \kappa_x(\tilde{z}) = \epsilon_x(\tilde{z})$$

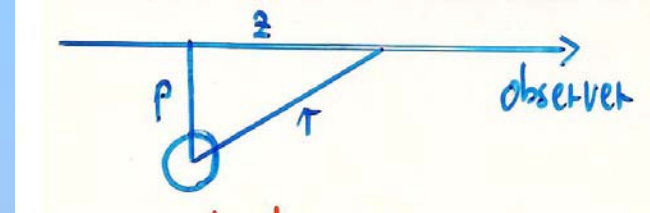
re-emitted intensity at \tilde{z}

$$S(\tilde{z}) \kappa_x(\tilde{z}) e^{-\Delta\tau(\tilde{z})}$$

fraction of intensity emitted at \tilde{z}
arriving at z ; weakened by
absorption between \tilde{z} and z

$$R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z ... d\tilde{z}$$

Integration of contributions
from all \tilde{z}



$$I(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S(r(p, \tilde{z})) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} \kappa_x(r(p, \tilde{z})) d\tilde{z} + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(x, p, z)}$$

$I_{z_{min}}(p)$ depends on impact parameter p

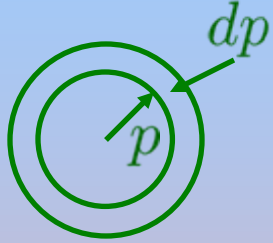
$0 \leq |p| \leq 1$ $I_{z_{min}}(p) = I_c(p)$ continuum intensity from stellar core

$1 \leq |p|$ integration starts at $z = -\infty$

$$I_{z_{min}}(p) = 0$$

With $\kappa_x(r)$ and $S(r)$ known we can calculate

$$I(x, p, z = z_{max})$$



intensity arriving at observer

observer sees integral over all p
weighted by area from ring with
 $\sim 2pdp$

observer sees flux

$$F(x) \propto R_*^2 \int_0^\infty I(x, p, z_{max}) 2p dp$$

continuum flux from
stellar surface

$$F_{cont}(x) \propto R_*^2 \int_0^1 I_c(x, p) 2p dp$$

observed normalized line profile

$$P(x) = \frac{\int_0^\infty I(x, p, z = z_{max}) p dp}{\int_0^1 I_c(p) p dp}$$

standard stellar wind diagnostics

$\kappa_x(r)$
 $S(r)$ from solution of NLTE rate equations

then numerical solution to calculate line profile $P(x)$

→ spectral diagnostics of line profiles

→ determination of $v(r)$, $\rho(r)$, \dot{M}

for better understanding of wind diagnostics

2 approximations in the following

1. Line opacity dominates

$$k(r) \gg \kappa_{\nu}^{bg}, n_E \sigma_E$$

2. assumption $\frac{dv}{dr}$ large

→ Sobolev approximation

radiative transfer only in interaction zones

Approximation 1

$$\kappa_x = k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) \qquad \epsilon_x = \epsilon(r) \phi(x - \mu v)$$

$$S(r) = S_L(r) = \frac{\epsilon(r)}{k(r)}$$

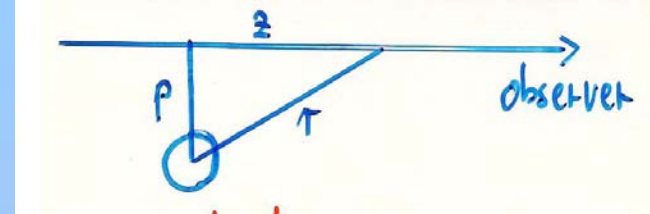
with exakt expression for $\epsilon(r), k(r)$

$$k(r) = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} f_{lu} \left\{ n_l - \frac{g_l}{g_u} n_u \right\} \frac{1}{\Delta \nu_D}$$

$$\epsilon(r) = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} f_{lu} \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{g_l}{g_u} n_u \frac{1}{\Delta \nu_D}$$

$$\rightarrow S_L(r) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{\frac{n_l/g_l}{n_u/g_u} - 1}$$

formal solution in p-z geometry (p. 28)



$$I(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S(r(p, \tilde{z})) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} \kappa_x(r(p, \tilde{z})) d\tilde{z} + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(x, p, z)}$$

changes to

$$I(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S_L(r) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z} + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau(x, p, z)}$$

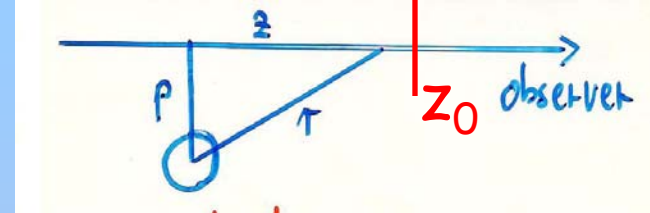
$$\tau(x, p, z) = R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z}$$

$$\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z}) = \tau(x, p, z) - \tau(x, p, \tilde{z})$$

$$r = r(p, \tilde{z})$$

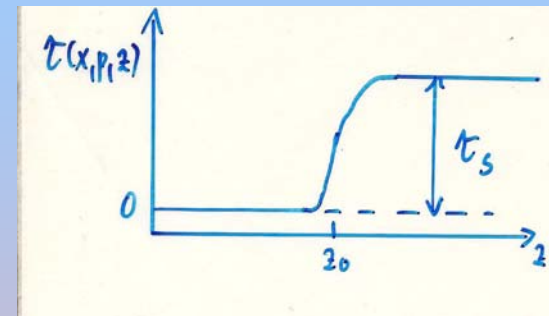
$$\mu = \mu(p, \tilde{z})$$

Approximation 2 see pages 20 to 26



$$\tau(x, p, z) \approx \tau_s(p, z_0) \Phi[u(x, p, z)]$$

$$\Phi \approx 0, z < z_0 \quad \Phi \approx 1, z \geq z_0$$



$$R_* \int_{z_{min}}^z S_L(r) e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z} \\ \approx R_* S_L(r(p, z_0)) \int_{z_{min}}^z e^{-\Delta\tau(x, p, \tilde{z})} k(r) \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z}$$

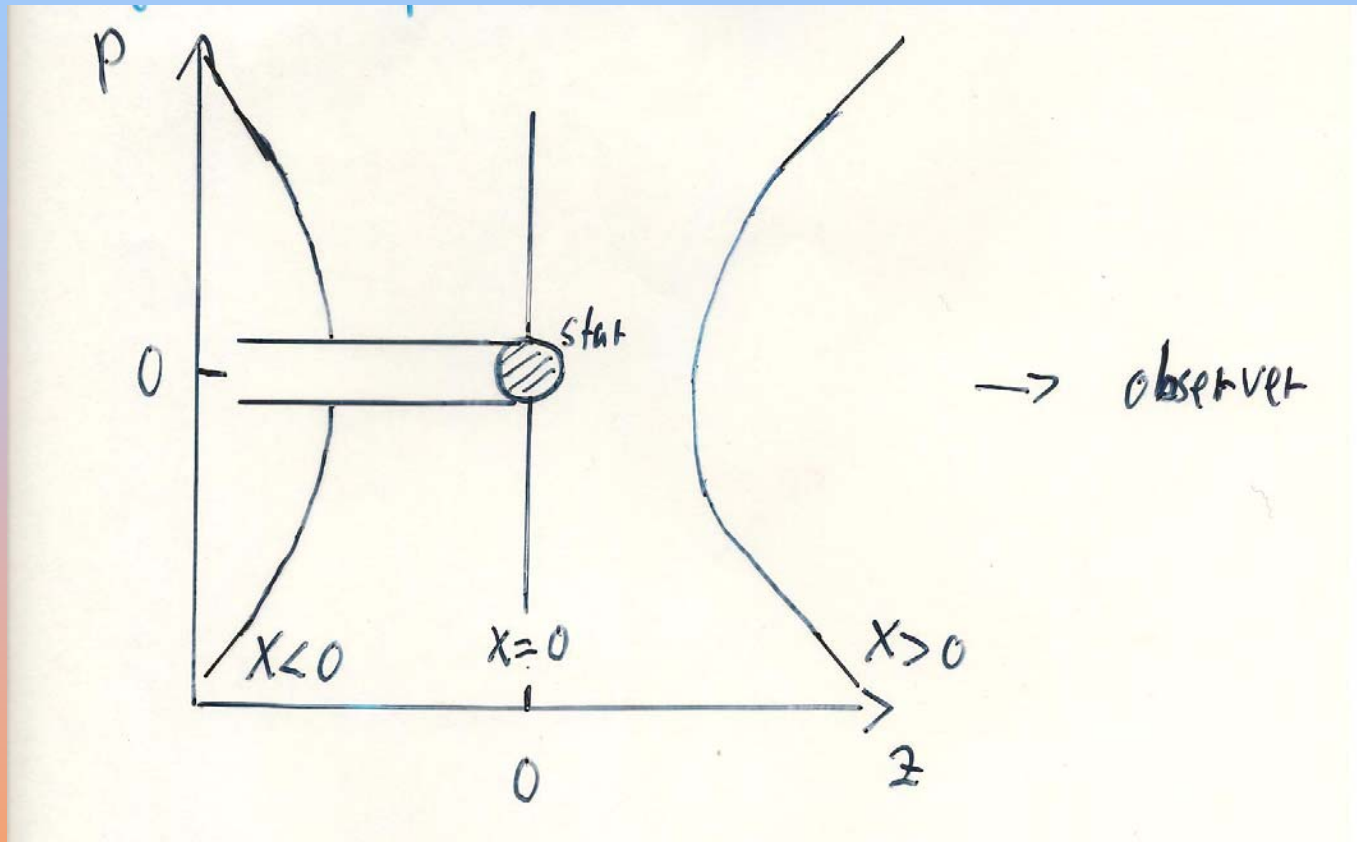
substituting $\tilde{z} \rightarrow \Delta\tau(\tilde{z})$ \rightarrow $d(\Delta\tau) = -R_* k(\tilde{z}) \phi(x - \mu v) d\tilde{z}$

$\Delta\tau(\tilde{z}) = \tau(z) - \tau(\tilde{z})$ \rightarrow $\Delta\tau(z) = 0 \quad \Delta\tau(z_{min}) = \tau(z) = \tau_S \Phi$

$$= S_L(r_0(p, z_0)) \int_0^{\tau_S \Phi} e^{-\Delta\tau} d\Delta\tau = S_L(r_0(p, z_0)) (1 - e^{-\tau_S \Phi})$$

note: z_0 is z-value of interaction zone along $p = \text{const.}$
for frequency x

Remember: general shape of interaction surfaces

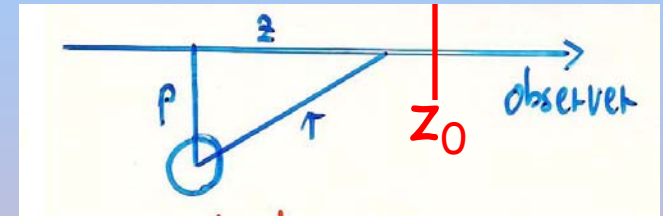


now we can calculate line profile by integrating over pdp along interaction surface

→ Intensity determined by $S_L(r_0), \tau_S(r_0))$ at interaction zone

$$I(x, p, z) = S_L(r_0(p, z_0))(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)\Phi(z)}) + I_{z_{min}} e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)\Phi(z)}$$

with, $I_{z_{min}}(p) = 0$ $1 \leq |p|$
 see p. 30 $I_{z_{min}}(p) = I_c(p)$ $0 \leq |p| \leq 1$



Intensity arriving at telescope has $\Phi(z \geq z_0) = 1$ →

$x \geq 0$ blue frequencies

$$I(x, p, z = \infty) = S_L(r_0(p, z_0))(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)}) + I_c e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)} \quad 0 \leq |p| \leq 1$$

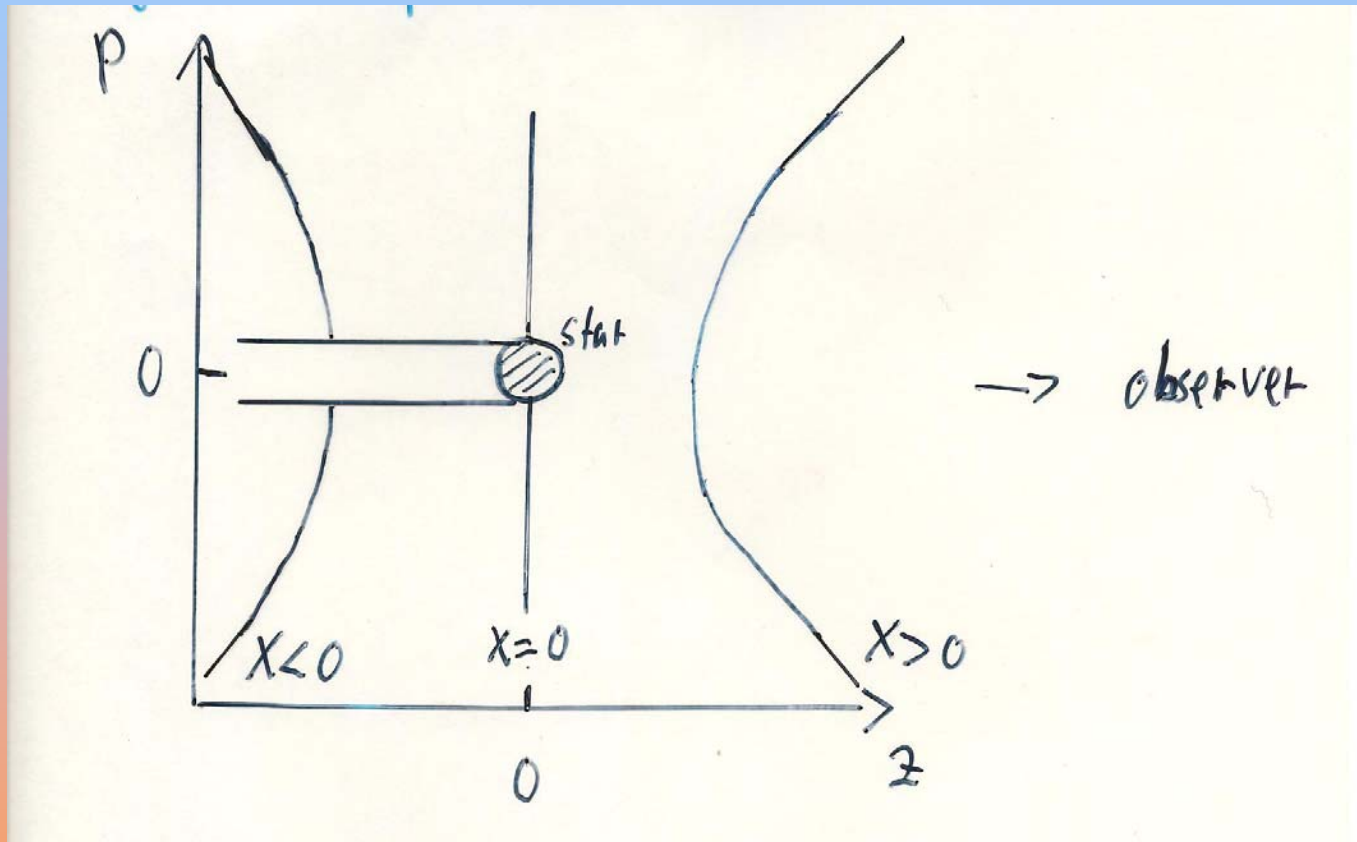
$$I(x, p, z = \infty) = S_L(r_0(p, z_0))(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)}) + 0 \quad |p| \geq 1$$

$x \leq 0$ red frequencies

$$I(x, p, z = \infty) = I_c(p) \quad 0 \leq |p| \leq 1$$

$$I(x, p, z = \infty) = S_L(r_0(p, z_0))(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)}) \quad |p| \geq 1$$

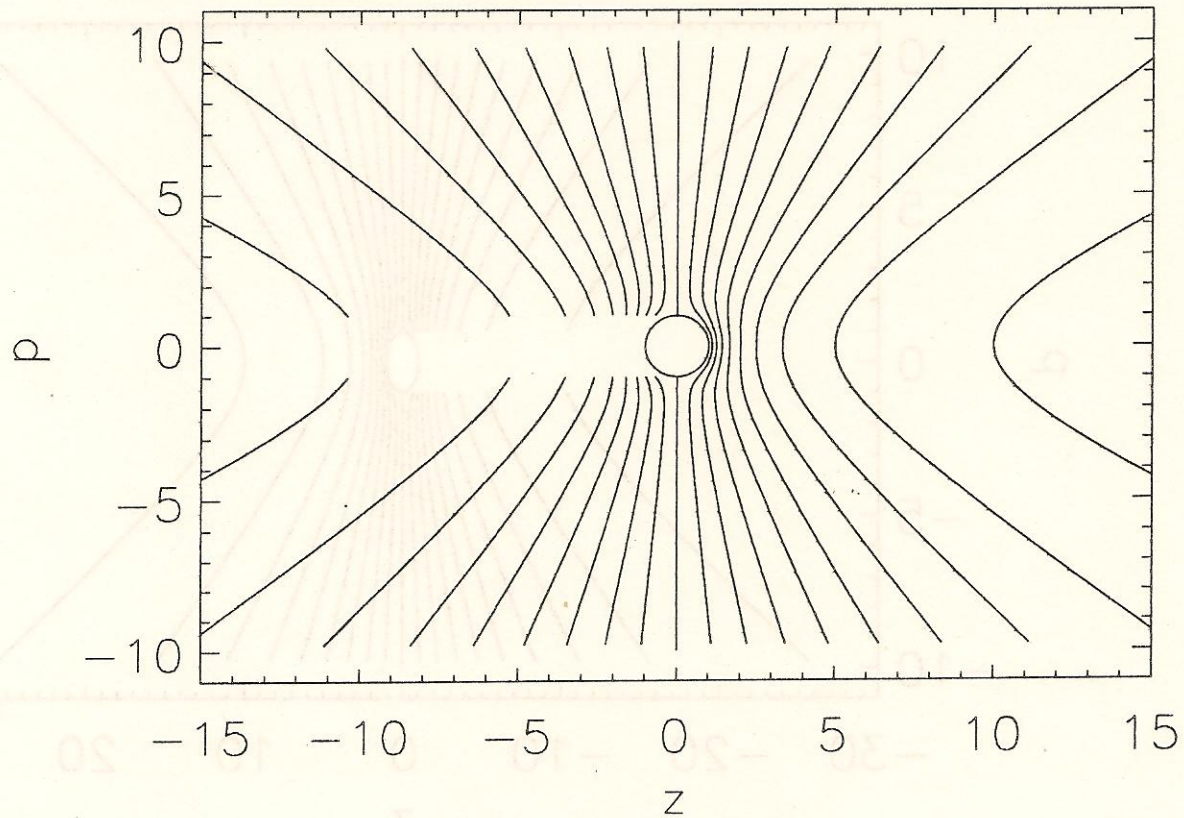
Remember: general shape of interaction surfaces



now we can calculate line profile by integrating over pdp along interaction surface

$$\beta = 1$$

interaction surfaces



$$x/v_{\infty} = -0.9, -0.8, -0.7 \dots +0.7, +0.8, +0.9$$

now we can calculate the line profile

$$P(x) = \frac{\int_0^\infty I(x, p, z = \infty) p dp}{\int_0^1 I_c(p) p dp}$$

If we neglect limb-darkening of continuum radiation from stellar photosphere, then $I_c(p) = I_c = \text{const.}$ $\rightarrow \int_0^1 I_c p dp = \frac{1}{2} I_c$

$x \geq 0$ blue frequencies

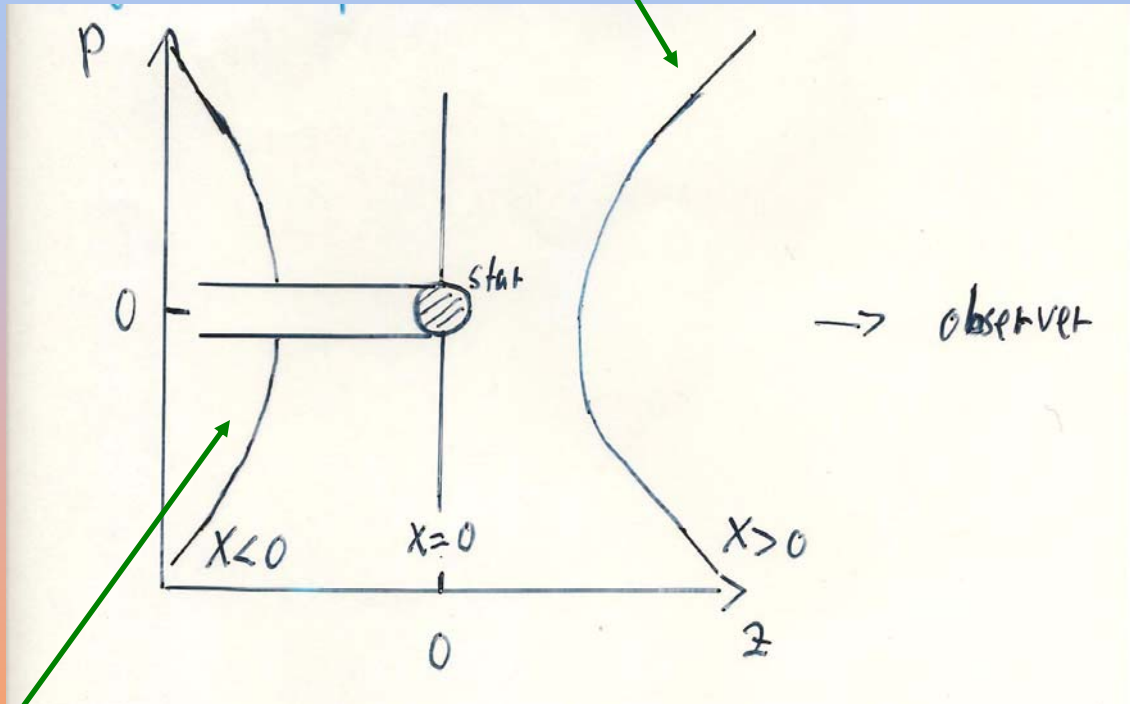
$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \frac{2}{I_c} \left\{ \int_0^\infty S_L(r_0) (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) p dp + I_c \int_0^1 e^{-\tau_S(r_0)} p dp \right\} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{S_L(r_0)}{I_c} (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) 2p dp + \int_0^1 e^{-\tau_S(r_0)} 2p dp \end{aligned}$$

$x \leq 0$ red frequencies

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= \frac{2}{I_c} \left\{ \int_0^1 I_c p dp + \int_1^\infty S_L(r_0) (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) p dp \right\} \\ &= 1 + \int_1^\infty \frac{S_L(r_0)}{I_c} (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) 2p dp \end{aligned}$$

$$P(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{S_L(r_0)}{I_c} (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) 2p dp + \int_0^1 e^{-\tau_S(r_0)} 2p dp$$

blue emission integral from 0 to ∞



red emission integral from 1 to ∞

$$P(x) = 1 + \int_1^\infty \frac{S_L(r_0)}{I_c} (1 - e^{-\tau_S(r_0)}) 2p dp$$

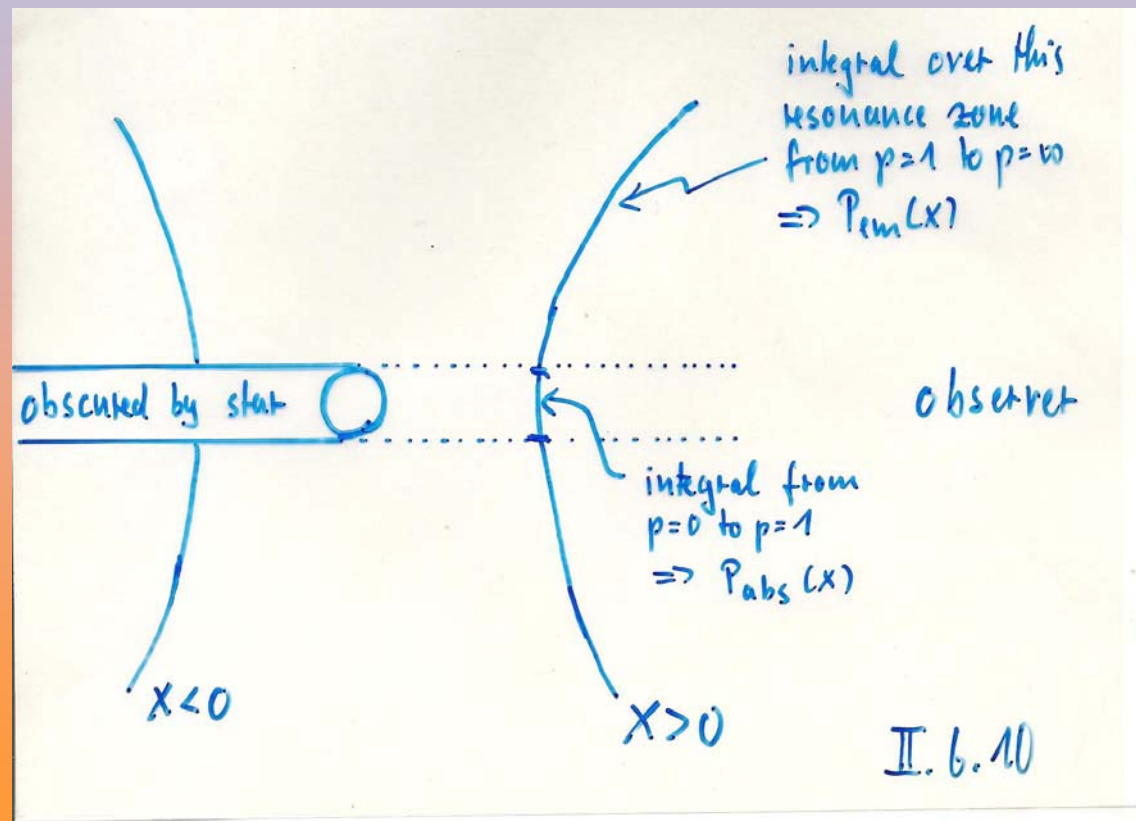
with
definitions

$$P_{em}(x) = \int_1^\infty \frac{S_L}{I_c}(p, z_0)(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)})2pdp$$

$$P_{abs}(x) = \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{S_L}{I_c}(p, z_0)(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)}) + e^{-\tau(p, z_0)} \right\} 2pdp$$

→ line profiles $x \leq 0$ red $x \geq 0$ blue

$$P(x) = 1 + P_{em}(x) \quad P(x) = P_{abs}(x) + P_{em}(x)$$



Discussion

1. Red part of line profile $x < 0$

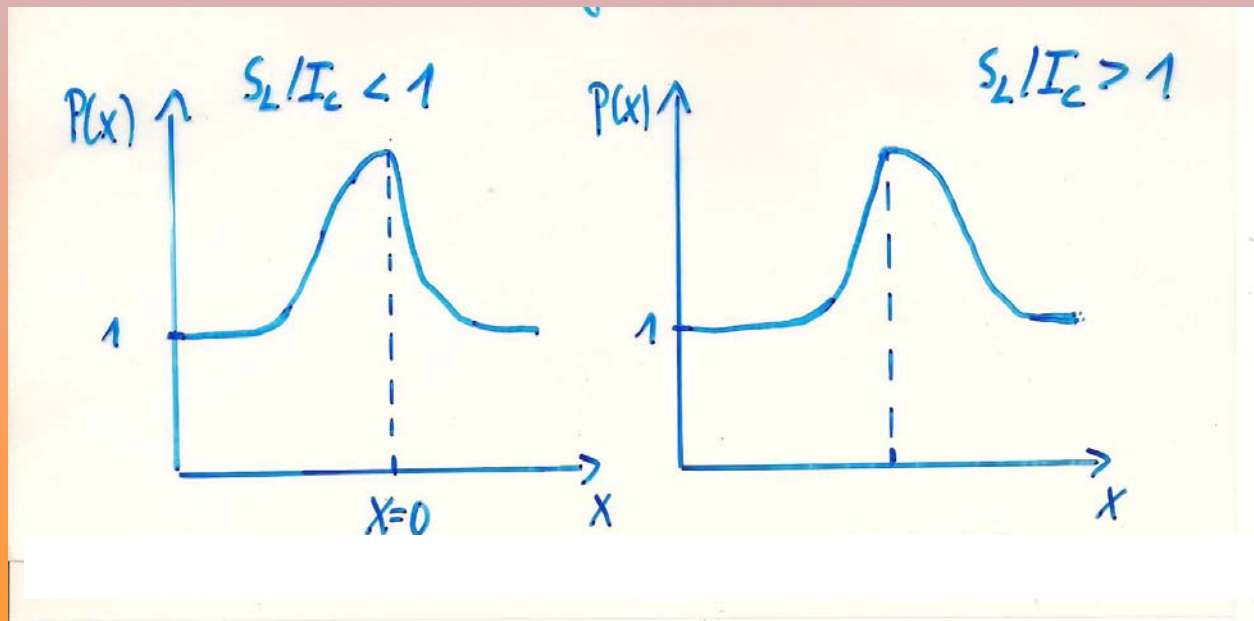
since $P_{em}(x) > 0 \rightarrow P(x) > 1$
always in emission!!!!

2. Blue part of line profile $x > 0$

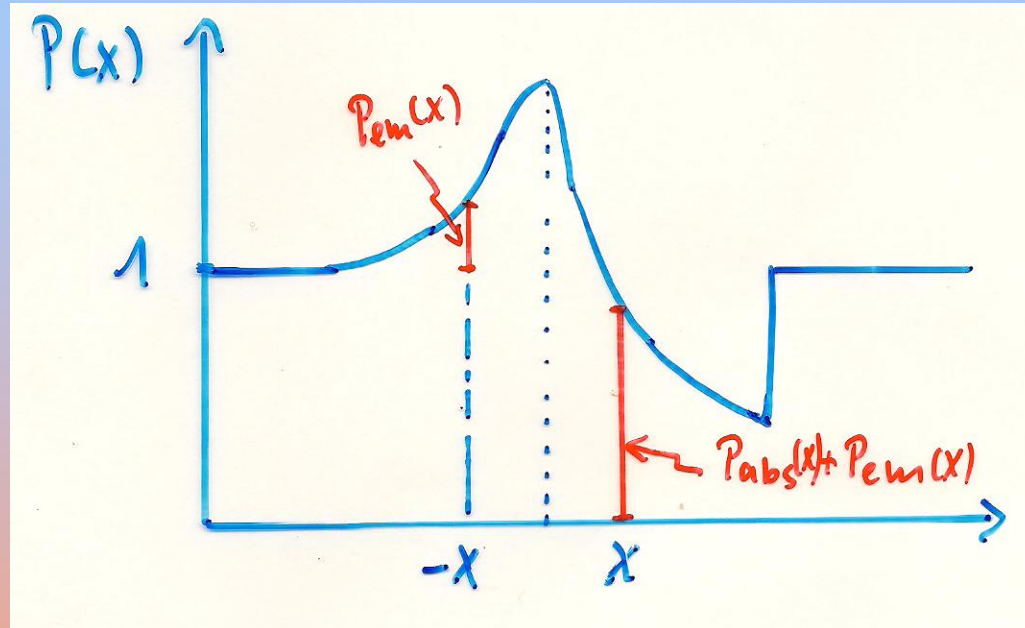
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| $S_L/I_c < 1$ | \rightarrow | $P_{abs}(x) < 1$ |
| $= 1$ | | $= 1$ |
| > 1 | | > 1 |

S_L/I_c determines symmetry of line profile

red/blue equal for $S_L/I_c = 1$ (good test of programs)

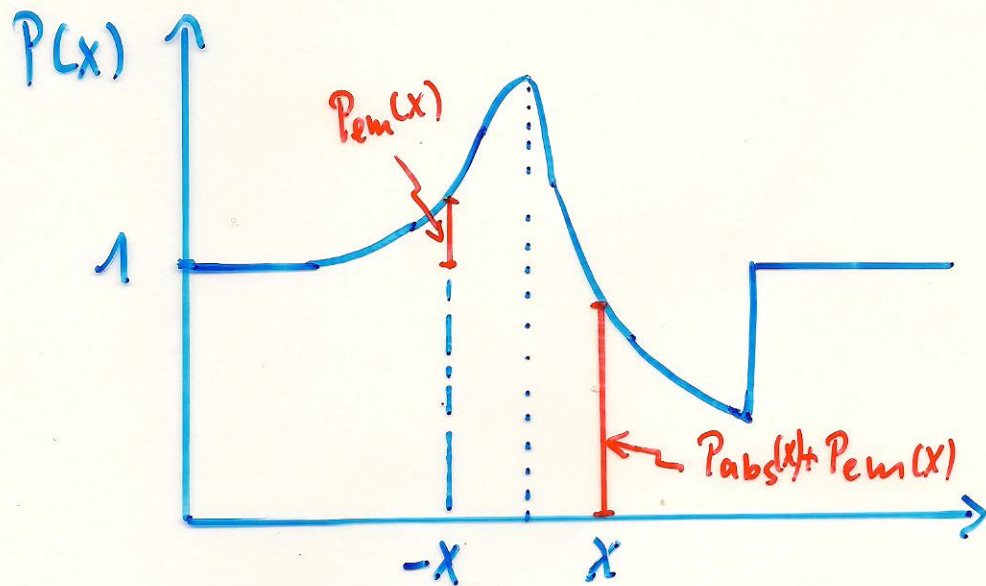


3. If $S_L/I_c < 1$ and if in addition $P_{\text{abs}}(x) + P_{\text{em}}(x) < 1$
→ blue absorption!!!!

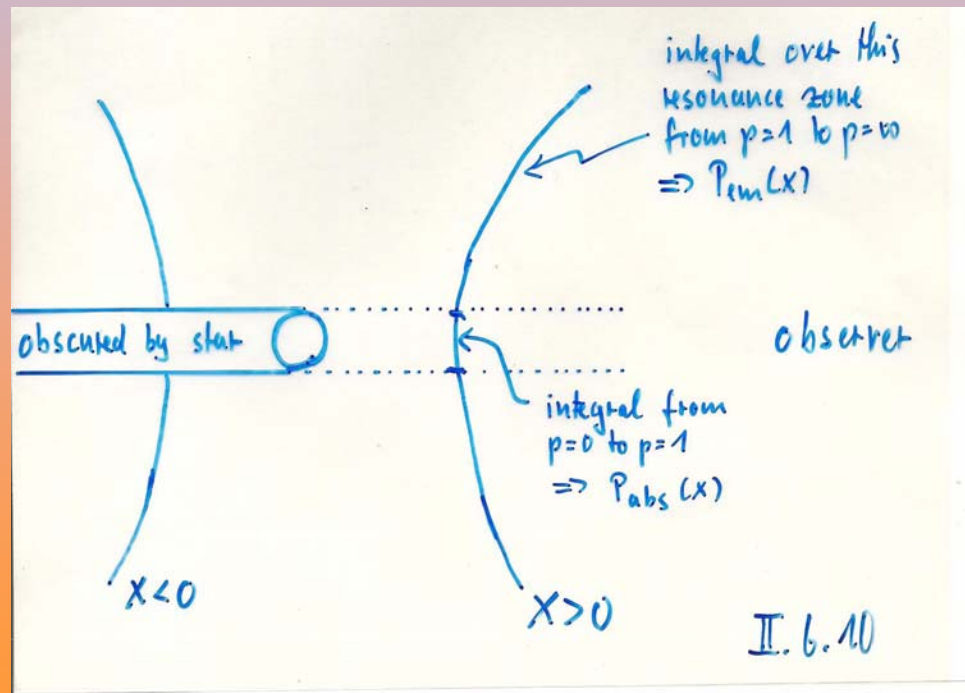


$$P_{\text{abs}}(x) = (P_{\text{abs}}(x) + P_{\text{em}}(x)) - P_{\text{em}}(x)$$

→ disentangling of emission and absorption
integral possible!!!
wind tomography possible!!!!

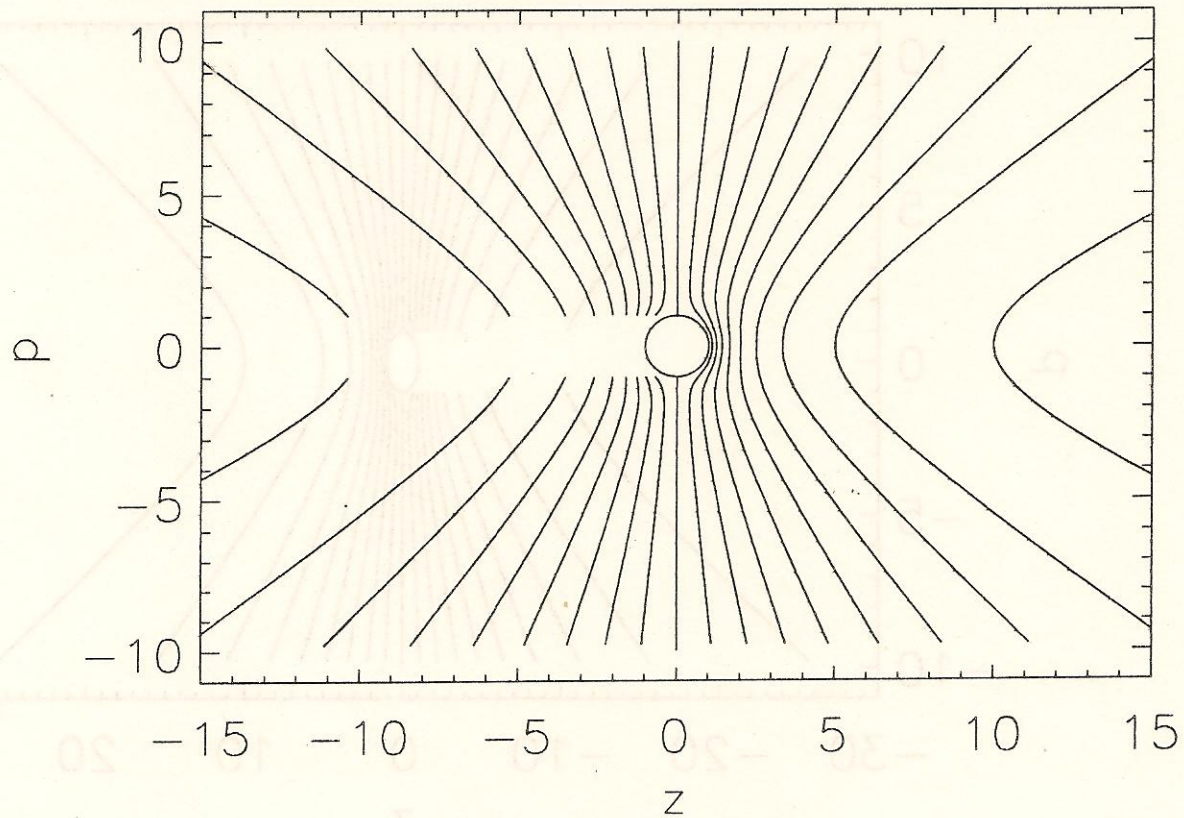


wind tomography



$$\beta = 1$$

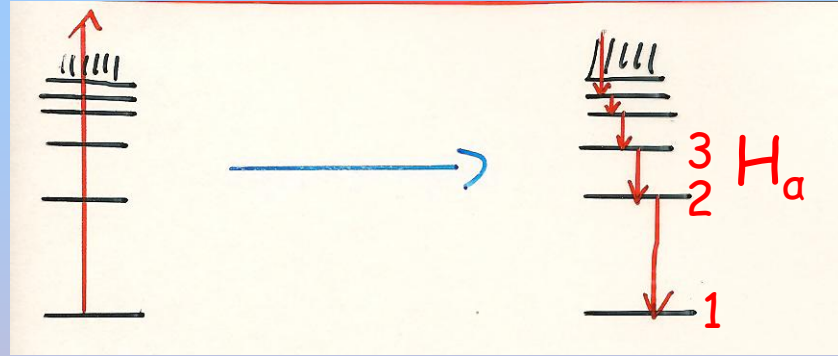
interaction surfaces



$$x/v_{\infty} = -0.9, -0.8, -0.7 \dots +0.7, +0.8, +0.9$$

Examples of stellar wind diagnostics

Example 1: H_α in O-stars



ionization from ground
or excited level

cascade of subsequent
spontaneous emissions

detailed NLTE calculations show $n_3/n_2 \sim \text{const.}$ through winds

$$\rightarrow S_L(r) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \frac{1}{\frac{n_2}{n_3} \frac{g_3}{g_2} - 1} \approx \text{const.}$$

$\rightarrow S_L/I_c \sim \text{const.}$ We adopt $S_L/I_c \sim 1$ for simplicity

$$\rightarrow P_{\text{abs}}(x) = 1$$

\rightarrow emission line with similar red and blue part

$P(x) = 1 + P_{em}(x)$ strength of emission determined by $P_{em}(x)$

$$P_{em}(x) = \int_1^\infty \frac{S_L}{I_c}(p, z_0)(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)})2pdp$$

$$\approx \int_1^\infty (1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)})2pdp$$

For O-stars $\tau_S^{H\alpha} \ll 1$ optically thin interaction region

$$P_{em}(x) \approx \int_1^\infty \tau_S(p, z_0)2pdp$$

$$\tau_s = R_* \frac{k(r)}{\mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}} \propto R_* k(r) \quad \text{p. 24}$$

$$k(r) = \frac{\pi e^2}{mc} f_{lu} n_2(r) \left\{ 1 - \frac{n_3}{n_2} \frac{g_2}{g_3} \right\} \frac{1}{\Delta \nu_D} \propto n_2(r) \quad \text{p. 34}$$

detailed NLTE calculations show $n_2 \sim n_E n_p \sim \rho^2(r)$

→ $k(r) \sim \rho^2(r)$ with equation of continuity

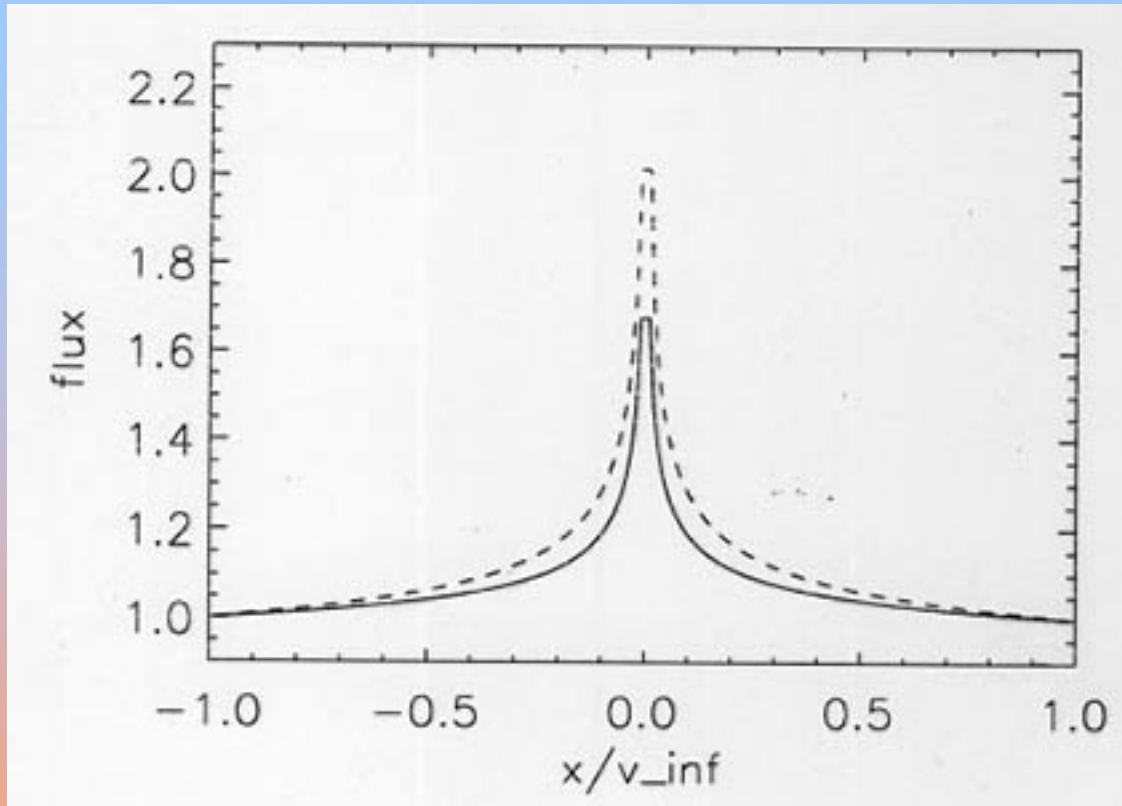
$$\dot{M} = R_*^2 4\pi r^2 \rho v \quad \rightarrow \quad \rho^2(r) = \left(\frac{\dot{M}}{R_*^2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{r^4 v^2}$$

$$P_{em}(x) \approx \frac{S_L}{I_c} \int_1^\infty \tau_S(p, z_0) 2p dp \quad \tau_s = R_* \frac{k(r)}{\mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}}$$

$$P_{em}(x) \propto \left(\frac{\dot{M}}{R_*^{3/2}}\right)^2 \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{r^4 v^2(r)} \frac{1}{\mu^2 \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + (1 - \mu^2) \frac{v}{r}} 2p dp$$

Strength of stellar wind emission depends on $\frac{\dot{M}}{R_*^{3/2}}$
 H_α excellent mass-loss indicator

H_α as mass-loss indicator



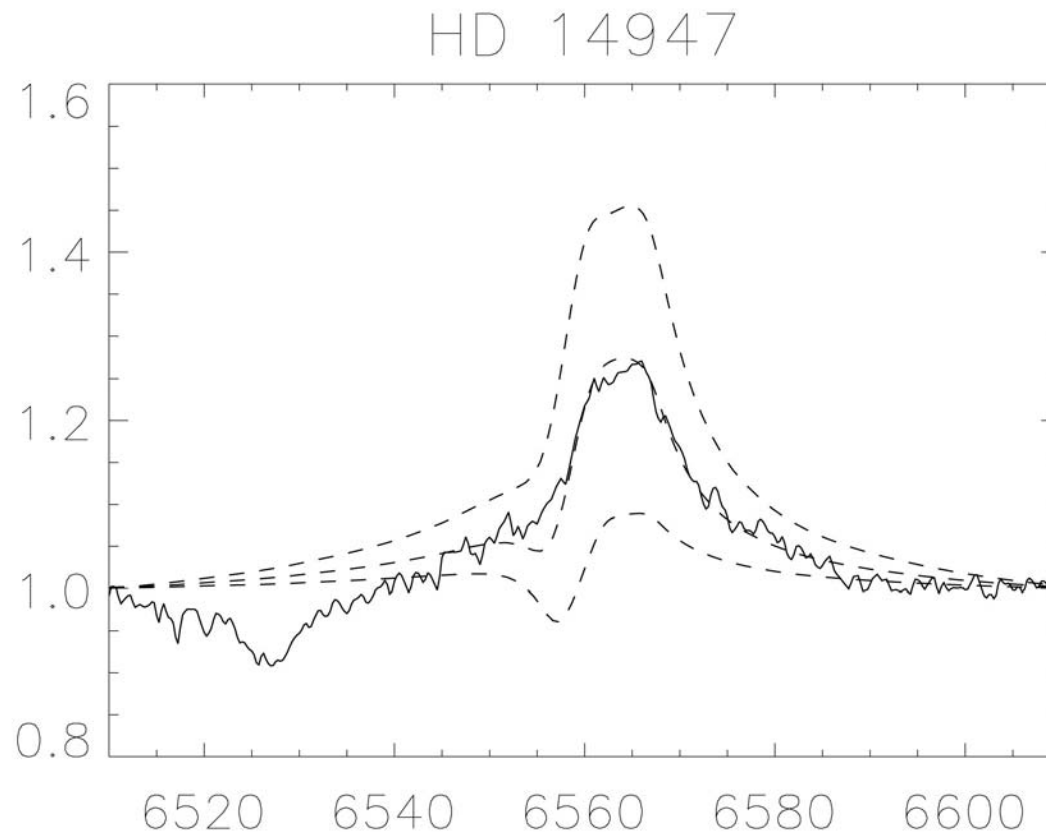
dashed profile
calculated
with 25% higher
mass-loss rate

exact integration of $P_{em}(x)$ along interaction surfaces for each frequency x yields line profile

velocity field adopted was $v(r) = v_\infty (1 - \frac{1}{r})^\beta$, $\beta = 2/3$

H_α emission O-star

Exact NLTE
model calculation

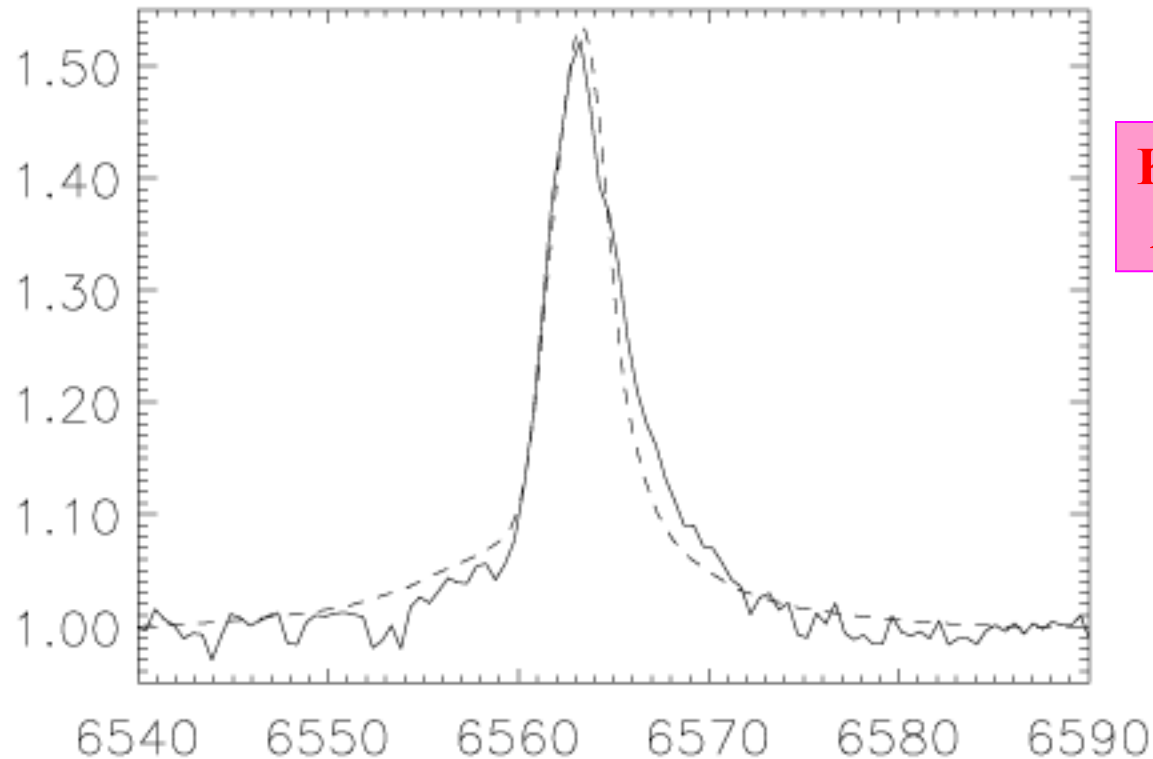


Variation of \dot{M}
by $\pm 20\%$

Kudritzki & Puls, 2000, AARA 38, 613

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Model calculation

**Kudritzki et al. 1999,
A&A 350, 970**

$$R_{ji} = 4\pi \left(\frac{h\nu}{n_j} \right) \int \frac{O_{ij}}{h\nu} \left(\frac{2h\nu}{c^2} + J_\nu \right) \exp(-h\nu/kT) d\nu$$

Example 2: strong UV resonance line $\tau_S \gg 1$

resonance transition

absorption is followed by spontaneous emission

line scattering

detailed NLTE calculations show $S_L(r) \approx \frac{1}{2} I_c \frac{1}{r^3}$
is reasonable approximation

$$P_{em}(x) = \int_1^\infty \frac{S_L}{I_c}(p, z_0)(1 - e^{-\tau_S(p, z_0)})2pdp$$
$$\approx \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{r^3}pdp$$

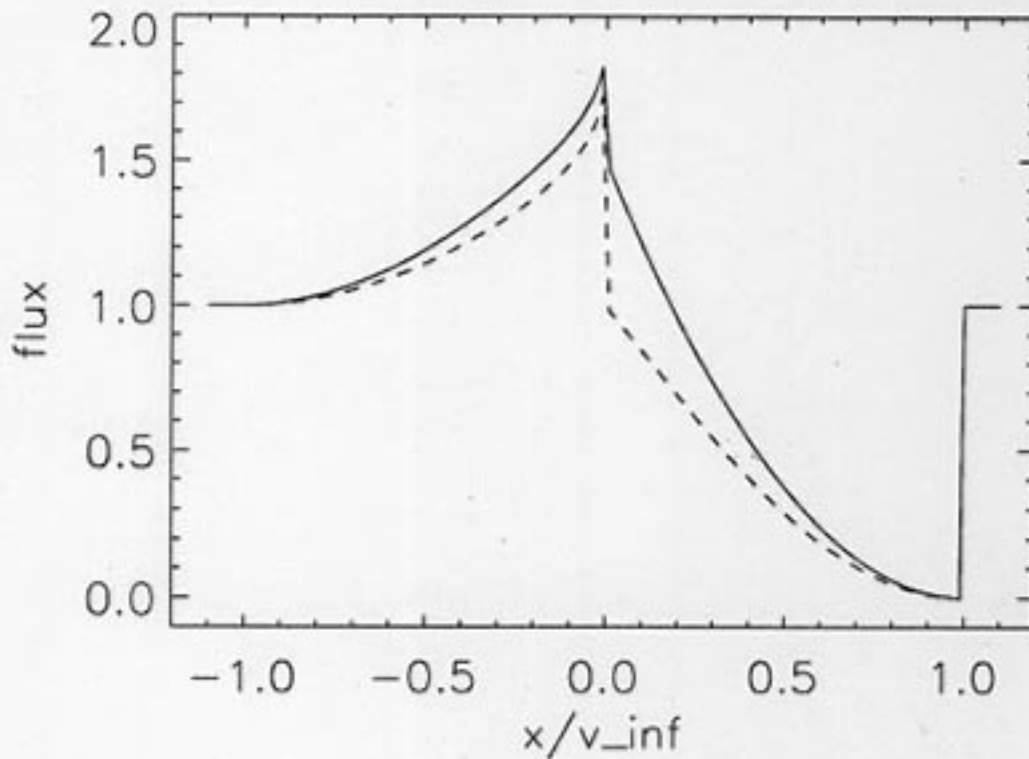
in the same way

$$P_{abs} \approx \int_0^1 \frac{1}{r^3}pdp$$

P Cygni profile, because $P_{abs}(x) + P_{em}(x) < 1$

but no information about mass-loss rates, since $\tau_S \gg 1$

However the shape of velocity field $v(r)$
can be determined



$$v(r) = v_{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{r}\right)^{\beta}$$

solid $\beta = 1$

dashed $\beta = 3/2$

exact integration of $P_{em}(x)$ and $P_{abs}(x)$ along
interaction surfaces for each frequency x
yields line profile

P Cygni profiles and v_{infinity}

