




Global simulation of thermal torques

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ABSTRACT



1. INTRODUCTION

We follow up [Hankla et al. \(2020\)](#) :

2. METHODS

2.1. Disk model

Isentropic disk model from [Fung et al. \(2017\)](#). The simulations are performed in spherical coordinates, where r , ϕ , and θ denote the usual radial, azimuthal, and polar coordinates, respectively.

$$\Phi = -\frac{G(M_* + M_p)}{1 + q} \left[\frac{1}{r} + \frac{q}{\sqrt{r^2 + R_p^2 - 2rR_p \cos \phi' + \epsilon^2}} - \frac{qR_p \cos \phi'}{R_p^2} \right] \quad (1)$$

In eq. 1, $q = M_p/M_*$ is the mass ratio of a protoplanet to a star, ϵ is the smoothing length of the planet's potential, and $\phi' = \phi - \phi_p$ denotes the azimuthal separation from the planet. $GM = 1$, $R_p = 1$.

Keplerian velocity $v_k = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r}}$ and keplerian frequency $\Omega_k = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{r^3}}$ equal to 1 at the planet's orbit.

v_p - planet's orbital speed. $q = 1.5 \times 10^{-5} \approx 5M_\oplus$

The planet is introduced to the disk gradually, where its mass increases to the desired value over the first orbit.

The simulation domain spans $0.65R_p$ to $1.35R_p$ in the radial, and the full 2π in azimuth.

The Hill radius of a planet is:

$$r_H = R_p \left(\frac{q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (2)$$

r_s is a small fraction of r_H , between 3% to 10% of r_H .

The isentropic equation of state:

$$p = \frac{c_0^2 \rho_0}{\gamma} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^\gamma \quad (3)$$

In Eq. 3, c_0 is the isothermal sound speed when $\rho = \rho_0 = 1$. The disk's scale height $H = 0.05$ scales the sound speed as $c_0 = H\Omega = 0.05$.

2.1.1. Initial conditions

For hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$\rho = \rho_0 \left[\left(\frac{R}{R_p} \right)^{(-\beta + \frac{3}{2}) \frac{2(\gamma-1)}{\gamma+1}} - \frac{GM(\gamma-1)}{c_0^2} \left(\frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{r} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma-1}} \quad (4)$$

$\beta = \frac{3}{2}$ defines the surface density profile $\Sigma \propto R^{-\beta}$.

The orbital frequency of the disk:

$$\Omega = \sqrt{\Omega_k^2 + \frac{1}{r\rho} \frac{\partial P}{\partial r}} \quad (5)$$

$$v_r = v_\theta = 0$$

2.1.2. Resolution

We tried two different sets of resolutions with two different static mesh refinement (SMR) levels around the location of a planet: SMR2 (for SMR level $l = 2$) and SMR3 (for SMR level $l = 3$).

The resolution for non-refined disk is [192, 80, 384] cells for r -, θ -, and ϕ -directions, and the sizes of one cell in r -, θ -, and ϕ -directions are $[3.65 \times 10^{-3} r_p, 3.75 \times 10^{-3}, 1.6 \times 10^{-2}]$.

I increased the resolution in the following regions: $0.9 - 1.1r_p$ in r -direction, $87^\circ - 93^\circ$ in θ -direction, and $177^\circ - 183^\circ$ in ϕ -direction. The resolution for refined disk with level $l = 3$ is [360(222 + 69 + 69), 160(106 + 67 + 67), 410(24 + 193 + 193)] cells for r -, θ -, and ϕ -directions, and the sizes of one refined cell in r -, θ -, and ϕ -directions are $[9 \times 10^{-4} r_p, 9.36 \times 10^{-4}, 4 \times 10^{-3}]$. Look at the Figure 1 to see the comparison of the total torques for different levels of refinement.

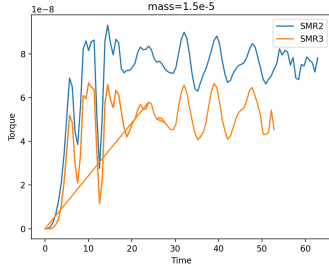


Figure 1. The comparison between the torques.

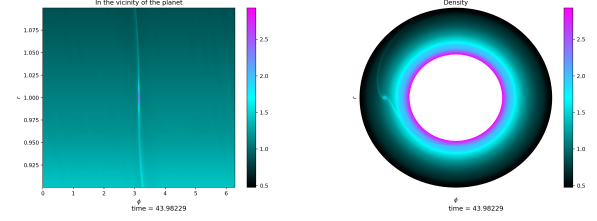


Figure 2. The density profile of the disk with a perturber with SMR level $l = 3$ at the 7th global orbit.

2.2. Energy injection and transport

I injected the energy of value $L_c = 24 \times 10^{-11}$ (times the time) into the sphere of radius $0.003r_p$ (8 cells) around the planet location.

The thermal diffusivity is $\chi = 0.00013H^2\Omega$ with $\lambda_c = 0.5r_p$. The Eq. 6 is taken from the Eq. 17 in Hankla et al. (2020). Look at the Figure 2 to see how the disk looks like with these parameters (including the thermal diffusivity).

$$\chi = \frac{3\lambda_c^2\gamma\Omega_0}{8\pi^2} \quad (6)$$

2.3. Athena++ simulations

3. RESULTS

4. DISCUSSION

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