

Consider a point of mass M moving through a homogeneous medium along the z -axis at a constant velocity $\vec{V} = V_0 \vec{k}$. To find the turbulence inside the medium, we employ the equations of hydrodynamics in the absence of viscous and thermal dissipations,

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \nabla) \vec{v} \right) = -\nabla p - \rho \nabla \Phi, \quad (2)$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \left[\rho + M \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{V}_0 t) \right], \quad (3)$$

$$p = c_s^2 \rho / \gamma \quad (4)$$

where ρ, \vec{v}, p are density, velocity and pressure of the medium as functions of \vec{r} and t . Let $\rho = \rho_0 + \delta\rho(\vec{r}, t)$ and to the lowest order (here \vec{v} and $\delta\rho$ are small perturbations), equation (1)-(4) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial \delta\rho}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot (\vec{v}) = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\rho_0 \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} \right) = -\nabla p - \rho_0 \nabla \Phi, \quad (6)$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \left[\rho_0 + M \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{V}_0 t) \right], \quad (7)$$

$$p = c_s^2 \rho / \gamma. \quad (8)$$

Introducing $\psi = \delta\rho / \rho_0$, we obtain a wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{c_s^2}{\gamma} \nabla^2 \psi - c_s^2 k_J^2 = 4\pi G M \delta(\vec{r} - V_0 t \vec{k}). \quad (9)$$

where $k_J^2 = 4\pi G \rho_0 / c_s^2$. Since there is no fluctuation at $t = 0$, we have the initial conditions $\psi(\vec{r}, 0) = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}|_{t=0} = 0$. If we ignore the self gravitational interaction, or equivalently omit $c_s^2 k_J^2$, Eq (9) is reduced to

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - c_s'^2 \nabla^2 \psi = 4\pi G M \delta(\vec{r} - V_0 t \vec{k}), \quad (10)$$

where $c_s'^2 = c_s^2 / \gamma$. Using the Kirchhoff formula, the solution can be written as

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \int_0^t \left[\frac{GM}{c_s'^2(t-\tau)} \iint_{S_{c_s'(t-\tau)}} \delta(\vec{r} + \vec{\xi} - V_0 \tau \vec{k}) dS \right] d\tau, \quad (11)$$

where the sphere $S_{c_s'(t-\tau)} = \{\xi \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid |\xi| = c_s'(t-\tau)\}$. The integral of δ function vanishes unless

$$c_s'^2(t-\tau)^2 = (z - V_0 \tau)^2 + x^2 + y^2, \quad (12)$$

here we use the connections between $\vec{r}, \vec{\xi}$ and τ : $x = -\xi_1, y = -\xi_2, z + \xi_3 = V_0 \tau$ and $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2 = c_s'^2(t-\tau)^2$. If the τ that satisfies Eq (12) exists, one requires

$$c_s'^2(z - V_0 t)^2 - r_z^2(V_0^2 - c_s'^2) \geq 0, \quad (13)$$

where $r_z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$. One case of interests is the hypersonic motion of the mass, say $V_0 > c_s'$, where the existence of non-zero solution requires

$$r_z \leq \frac{|z - V_0 t|}{\sqrt{\mathcal{M}^2 - 1}} \quad (14)$$

where $\mathcal{M} = V_0 / c_s'$. As we can see, inequality (14) defines the down stream of a conic shock whose cone angle is $\Theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{c_s'}{V_0}$ and the density in this region is given by ψ . Now our task is to find ψ analytically

in the spherical coordinates. In the spherical coordinate system $\vec{\xi} = (r_\xi, \theta_\xi, \phi_\xi)$, $\vec{r} = (r, \theta, \phi)$ and $\vec{r} - V_0\tau\vec{k} = (r', \theta', \phi')$, where

$$r' = \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + (r \cos \theta - V_0\tau)^2}, \quad (15)$$

$$r_\xi = c'_s(t - \tau) \quad (16)$$

$$(17)$$

Note that

$$\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \delta(r - r_0) \delta(\theta - \theta_0) \delta(\phi - \phi_0), \quad (18)$$

$\delta(\vec{r} + \vec{\xi} - V_0\tau\vec{k})$ can be written as

$$\delta(\vec{r} + \vec{\xi} - V_0\tau\vec{k}) = \frac{1}{c_s'^2(t - \tau)^2 \sin \theta_\xi} \delta[r' - c'_s(t - \tau)] \delta(\theta_\xi + \theta') \delta(\phi_\xi + \phi'). \quad (19)$$

The integral in Eq (11) becomes

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \int_0^t \left[\frac{GM}{c_s'^2(t - \tau)} \iint_{S_{c_s'(t-\tau)}} \delta(\vec{r} + \vec{\xi} - V_0\tau\vec{k}) dS \right] d\tau \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{GM}{c_s'^2} \int_0^t d\tau \int_0^\pi d\theta_\xi \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi_\xi \frac{1}{c_s'^2(t - \tau)^3 \sin \theta_\xi} \delta[r' - c'_s(t - \tau)] \delta(\theta_\xi + \theta') \delta(\phi_\xi + \phi') c_s'^2(t - \tau)^2 \sin \theta_\xi \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{GM}{c_s'^2} \int_0^t d\tau \frac{\delta[\sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + (r \cos \theta - V_0\tau)^2} - c'_s(t - \tau)]}{t - \tau} \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{GM}{c_s'^2} \sum_{\tau_i \in [0, t]} \frac{1}{(t - \tau_i) |f'(\tau_i)|}, \quad (23)$$

where $f(\tau) = \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + (r \cos \theta - V_0\tau)^2} - c'_s(t - \tau)$ and τ_i is the i th root of $f(\tau) = 0$. Inside the cone defined by Eq. (14), we have

$$\tau_{1,2} = \frac{rV_0 \cos \theta - c_s'^2 t \pm \sqrt{c_s'^2(r \cos \theta - V_0 t)^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)}}{V_0^2 - c_s'^2} \quad (24)$$

and

$$f'(\tau_i) = c'_s + \frac{V_0(V_0\tau_i - r \cos \theta)}{\sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + (r \cos \theta - V_0\tau_i)^2}} \quad (25)$$

$$= c'_s + \frac{V_0(V_0\tau_i - r \cos \theta)}{c'_s(t - \tau_i)} \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{-c_s'^2 t + V_0 r \cos \theta + \tau_i(c_s'^2 - V_0^2)}{c'_s(t - \tau_i)}. \quad (27)$$

Combining Eqs (23), (24) and (27), we obtain

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{GM}{c_s'^2} \sum_{\tau_{1,2} \in [0, t]} \frac{c'_s}{\sqrt{c_s'^2(r \cos \theta - V_0 t)^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)}} \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{GM}{c_s'^2} \sum_{\tau_{1,2} \in [0, t]} \frac{c'_s}{\sqrt{c_s'^2(r \cos \theta - V_0 t)^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)}}. \quad (29)$$

Now, let's justify the physical meaning of the solution. In the reference frame that is adhered to the mass, (R, θ_m, ϕ_m) , we have

$$R \cos \theta_m = r \cos \theta - V_0 t \quad (30)$$

$$R \sin \theta_m = r \sin \theta, \quad (31)$$

and

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{GM}{c_s'^2 R} \frac{g}{\sqrt{1 - \mathcal{M}^2 \sin^2 \theta_m}}, \quad (32)$$

where $g = 0, 1, 2$ is determined by the distribution of τ_1 and τ_2 . Since τ_i is solved from the equation

$$g(\tau) = (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)\tau^2 + 2(c_s'^2 t - r V_0 \cos \theta)\tau + r^2 - c_s'^2 t^2 = 0, \quad (33)$$

or

$$h(\tau) = (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)\tau^2 + 2(c_s'^2 t - V_0 R \cos \theta_m - V_0^2 t)\tau + R^2 + (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)t^2 + 2R V_0 t \cos \theta_m = 0. \quad (34)$$

Obviously $h(t) = R^2 > 0$ (we only consider the points inside the cone). Hence we only need to consider the symmetric axis

$$s = \frac{-c_s'^2 t + V_0 R \cos \theta_m + V_0^2 t}{V_0^2 - c_s'^2} \quad (35)$$

and

$$h(0) = R^2 + (V_0^2 - c_s'^2)t^2 + 2R V_0 t \cos \theta_m. \quad (36)$$

Case 1: $g=2$, if $0 < s < t$ and $h(0) > 0$. Here $0 < s < t$ gives

$$\frac{c_s'^2 - V_0^2}{V_0} t < x_m = R \cos \theta_m < 0 \quad (37)$$

and $h(0) > 0$ gives

$$0 < R < -V_0 t \cos \theta_m - t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m} \text{ or } R > -V_0 t \cos \theta_m + t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m}. \quad (38)$$

Case 2, $g=1$, if $h(0) < 0$ which is determined by

$$V_0 t \cos \theta_m - t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m} < R < -V_0 t \cos \theta_m + t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m} \quad (39)$$

Case 3, $g=0$, if $h(0) > 0$ and $s \leq 0$ which is determined by

$$x_m \leq \frac{c_s'^2 - V_0^2}{V_0} t \quad (40)$$

and

$$0 < R < -V_0 t \cos \theta_m - t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m} \text{ or } R > -V_0 t \cos \theta_m + t \sqrt{c_s'^2 - V_0^2 \sin^2 \theta_m}. \quad (41)$$

Note: all the discussions are in the case $\pi - \Theta < \theta_m < \pi$.

These solutions are based on the assumption that the distribution of medium gas is initially homogeneous, hence we need to take the limit $t \rightarrow \infty$ in Eq (32), which gives the continuous distribution

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{2GM}{c_s'^2 R} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \mathcal{M}^2 \sin^2 \theta_m}}. \quad (42)$$