Impacts of photon bending on observational aspects of Two Component Advective Flow

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Nature of photon trajectories in a curved spacetime around black holes are studied without constraining their motion to any plane. Impacts of photon bending are separately scrutinized for Keplerian and CENBOL components of Two Component Advective Flow (TCAF) model. Parameters like Red shift, Bolometric Flux, temperature profile and time of arrival of photons are also computed.

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1. Introduction

It is a well known that hard X-rays originate from regions very close to black holes (Chakrabarti & Titarchuk, 1995, hereafter CT95). Thus, the effects of photon bending (Luminet, 1979; Weinberg, 1972) are of major importance. Furthermore, a power-law tail produced by the bulk motion Comptonization from regions between the inner sonic point and the horizon is expected to be dominated by such effects.

We solve 3D photon trajectory equations (Weinberg 1972) to trace the path of each ray from the emission region to the observer plane. In CT95, major components are the geometrically thin Keplerian disk in the pre-shock flow and geometrically thick torus or CENBOL is the post-shock region. Images of optically thick Keplerian disk and thick accretion disk (Chakrabarti, 1985) are developed separately. In future, these will be merged and the composite spectra will be showed.

1.1. Photon Trajectory Equations

In four dimensions, the motion of free particles or photons are governed by the following equation,

\[
\frac{d^2x^\mu}{dp^2} + \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \frac{dx^\nu}{dp} \frac{dx^\lambda}{dp} = 0, \tag{1}
\]

with \( \mu = [0,1,2,3] \); \( x^0 = t, x^1 = r, x^2 = \theta \) and \( x^3 = \phi \), where \( p \) is our affine parameter and \( \Gamma^\mu_{\nu\lambda} \) is Christoffel symbols.

Expanding equation (1), we get 1 + 3 coupled differential equations of second order. Specific energy \( P_t = E = (1 - \frac{1}{r}) \frac{dt}{dp} \) and specific angular momentum \( P_\phi = L = r^2 \sin^2 \theta \frac{d\phi}{dp} \) are two physical quantities which characterizes a trajectory (Chandrasekhar 1983). Since, the path of a photon are is guided by it’s energy, we can consider \( P_t = E = 1 \) which will be modified later by flux equation. However,
$P_\phi = L$ is a variable which changes impact parameters as defined by $b = L/E$ (Luminet 1979).

This condition allows us to drop one equation by substituting the derivative from affine parameter ($p$) to time ($t$) co-ordinate. Thus we get in Schwarzschild geometry as:

$$
\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{r(r-1)} \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right)^2 - (r-1) \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 - (r-1) r \sin^2 \theta \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right)^2 + \frac{r-1}{2 r} = 0,
$$

$$
\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{2 r - 3}{r(r-1)} \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right) - \sin \theta \cos \theta \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right)^2 = 0
$$

and

$$
\frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} + \frac{2 r - 3}{r(r-1)} \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right) + 2 \cot \theta \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right) = 0.
$$

We have three second order coupled differential equations which govern the path of a photon in this curved geometry. Three spatial velocity components are

$$
v^\hat{r} = \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \frac{r}{(r-1)} \frac{dr}{dt}, \quad v^\hat{\theta} = \frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} = \frac{r \sqrt{r}}{(r-1) \sqrt{r}} \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \quad \text{and} \quad v^\hat{\phi} = \frac{d\hat{\phi}}{dt} = \frac{r \sqrt{r \sin \theta}}{(r-1) \sqrt{r}} \frac{d\phi}{dt}.
$$

The set of six ($r_\circ, \theta_\circ, \phi_\circ, v^\hat{r}_\circ, v^\hat{\theta}_\circ$ and $v^\hat{\phi}_\circ$) initial conditions are supplied to solve this set of equations.

2. Redshifts of Photons

To generate spectrum and image one must introduce the concept of redshift. There are two contributors of the redshift. One comes from the Doppler effect caused by rotational motion of the disk and another is gravitational redshift caused by the black hole. So, redshift can be written as:

$$
1 + z = z_{\text{grav}} z_{\text{rot}},
$$

where, $z_{\text{grav}}$ and $z_{\text{rot}}$ are gravitational and rotational contributions. By definition, redshift $z$ is:

$$
1 + z = \frac{E_{\text{em}}}{E_{\text{obs}}} = \frac{(P_\alpha u_\alpha)^{\text{em}}}{(P_\alpha u_\alpha)^{\text{obs}}},
$$

where, $E_{\text{em}}$ and $E_{\text{obs}}$ are energy of emitted and observed photons. Taking and inner product of 4-momentum and 4-velocity gives the energy of emitted photon as

$$
E_{\text{em}} = P_t u^t + P_\phi u^\phi = P_t u^t \left( 1 + \Omega_4 \frac{P_\phi}{P_t} \right),
$$

where $\Omega_4 = \frac{u^\phi}{u^t}$. From earlier definition, $\frac{P_\phi}{P_t} = \frac{L}{E}$ (for Keplerian disk $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$) known as the projection of impact parameter along the $z$-axis. So, like Luminet (1979), we
consider the final form of redshift as
\[ 1 + z = (1 - 3/r)^{-1/2}[1 + (1/r^{3/2})b \sin \theta \sin \alpha], \]
(7)
where, \((1 - 3/r)^{-1/2} = z_{\text{grav}}\) and \((1 + (1/r^{3/2})b \sin \theta \sin \alpha) = z_{\text{rot}}.\)

3. Disk Radiation

We use the time averaged radiation profile given by Page and Thorne (1974). Bolo- metric flux from a Keplerian disk is written as
\[ F_{\text{disk}}^k(r) = \frac{F_c(\dot{M}) (r - 3/2) r^{5/2}}{(r - 3/2)r^{5/2}} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3} / 2}{2 \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{r} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{r} - \sqrt{3}} \right)} \right], \]
(8)
where, \(F_c(\dot{M}) = \frac{3M \dot{M}}{8 \pi r_g},\) with \(\dot{M}\) being the disk accretion rate in Eddington unit.

We keep \(\dot{M} = 0.1M_{\text{edd}}\) throughout our simulation for Keplerian disk. This is the flux emitted from source. Observed flux and emitted flux relation is given by,
\[ F_{\text{obs}}^k = \frac{F_{\text{disk}}^k(r)}{(1 + z)^4}. \]
(9)
Fourth power in the redshift factor comes due to the energy loss of photons (one power), gravitational time dilation (one power) and relativistic correction of detector solid angle (two powers). The maximum observed flux is located at
\[ r(F_{\text{obs}}^{\max}) = 4.77r_g \text{ with } F_{\text{obs}}^{\max} \sim 4 \times 10^{-4}. \] From Stefan-Boltzmann law, one can easily get observed temperature of disk by
\[ T_{\text{obs}}^k = \left( \frac{F_{\text{obs}}^k}{\sigma} \right)^{1/4}, \]
(10)
where \(\sigma = \frac{2\pi^5k^4}{150h^3c^3}\) is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant.

Fig. 1. (a) Doppler tomography of the Keplerian Disk. All photons that are coming towards the observer have been considered in this picture. (b) Keplerian disk seen at an inclination angle \(\theta = 82^\circ\) (only direct photons are considered). (c) Shows all secondary (photons that have come out after encircling the black hole) photons of different energy bands. Color gradient represent normalized temperature.
To correlate energy and temperature we used Wien’s displacement law. Temperature is associated with the radius. So, the obtained most probable frequency will be related to the temperature via \( \nu_m = 5.89 \times 10^{10} T(r) \) Hz.

4. Thick Disks

Basic process of generating thick disks involves a suitable solution of Euler equation which is given by

\[
\frac{\nabla p}{p + \epsilon} = -\ln(u_t) + \frac{\Omega \nabla l}{(1 - \Omega l)},
\]

where, \( p \) is pressure and \( \epsilon \) is total energy density. Also, \( l = -u_\phi/u_t \) is specific angular momentum and \( \Omega = u^\phi/u_t \) is the relativistic angular momentum. If we choose barotropic process \( p = p(\epsilon) \), then constant pressure surfaces and equipotential surfaces coincides. Under such condition, Euler equation becomes

\[
W - W_{in} = \int_0^p \frac{dp}{p + \epsilon} = \int_{u_{in}}^{u_t} \ln(u_t) - \int_{l_{in}}^{l} \frac{\Omega \nabla l}{(1 - \Omega l)}.
\]

where, for a given von Zeipel relation, one can easily integrate the third term of this equation. Of course, making \( l = \text{constant} \) is one easier solution. This type of distribution is effective for the open curves where matter falls onto black hole without transporting angular momentum. When advection is added, the closed curves open up (Chakrabarti 1993). We use a generalized von Zeipel relationship, \( \Omega = \Omega(l) \) from Chakrabarti (1985). The ratio \( l/\Omega = \lambda^2 \) has dimension \([L^2]\). Choosing \( l = c\lambda^n \) (Chakrabarti 1985), where \( c \) and \( n \) are constants, yields the von Zeipel relationship as follows

\[
\Omega = c^{2/n} \lambda^{1 - 2/n}.
\]

From this, one can obtain all the variations such as 1. \( l = l_0 = \text{constant} \) for \( n = 0 \) (Abramowicz et al. 1978), 2. \( l_0 = \frac{1}{1 - l_{in}} = \text{constant} \) for \( n(r_{in}) < 0.268 \) for constant
c (Kozlowski et al. 1978) and many more by using different values of n. The rigid body rotation condition is satisfied using $n = 2$. Constant parameters c and n can be derived from $c \lambda_{in}^n = l_k(r = r_{in}, \theta = \pi/2)$ and $c \lambda_{c}^n = l_k(r = r_c, \theta = \pi/2)$, where, the subscripts $in$ and $c$ correspond for the disk inner edge and center of the disk. Thermodynamical properties, such as temperature, pressure and density inside the thick disk were calculated by using Chakrabarti et al. (1987).

5. Results and Conclusion

We take Keplerian disk with uniform particle density. Radiation from disk particles are isotropic in nature. They are moving in time like circular orbits with no radial velocity. Keplerian angular velocity of disk particles is given as $\Omega_k = r^{-3/2}$.

![Figure 3](image_url)

Fig. 3. (a)-(b) Appearance of a Keplerian disk from 0.01° & 30° inclination angles. A thick disk shell of 4.8 – 20.0 $r_g$ where the inclination angle is 82°. (d), (e) & (f) represent the corresponding time of arrival (in the unit of $2GM/c^3$) of photons to the observer from different azimuthal points on disk. Radial distance is the color bar here. (g), (h) & (i) show parameter spaces consisting of Effective potential, Redshift and Temperature for 0.01°, 30° & 82° respectively.

Observational results suggest that there are time lead or lag between high and
low energy photons which led us to study time of arrival of each photon. We found a significant amount of time difference (6 ms and higher) in higher inclination angle cases. Redshift produces more energetic photons at higher inclination angles. Also, the Doppler line broadening features increase with the increasing inclination angle. We show a particular case of thick disk shell between $4.8 - 20 r_g$. In a TCAF we not only observe multicolor Blackbody radiation from the standard Keplerian disk component, we also observe power law component by Comptonization of the photons intercepted by the thick disk. In future, we present these results, both continuum and line emission around Schwarzschild and Kerr black holes.

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