

abstract

In this paper we investigate the possibility of the acoustic analogue of a phenomenon like superradiance, that is, the amplification of a sound wave by reflection from the ergo-region of a rotating acoustic black hole in the fluid "draining bathtub" model in the presence of a disclination being amplified or reduced in agreement with the value of the deficit angle.

Introduction

Acoustic analogue of a black hole has been a lot studied in the literature as a concrete laboratory model for probe several aspects of curved space quantum field theory.

In 1981, Unruh[1, 2] showed that if a fluid is barotropic and inviscid, and the flow of the fluid is irrotational, the equation of motion that fluctuation of the velocity potential of acoustic disturbance obeys, is identical to that of a minimally coupled massless scalar field propagating in an effective curved spacetime Lorentzian geometry, which can simulate an artificial black hole[1, 2].

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we obtain the effective acoustic geometry. In section 3, we will show the Klein-Gordon equation in the sonic black hole scenario. In section 4, we describe the acoustic black hole in the presence of a disclination and the amplification sound wave. Section 5 is devoted to present our conclusions.

Effective acoustic geometry

In the absence of chemical reactions, the number of particles entering and leaving a collision in a fluid will be conserved. For non relativistic process, the total mass of the particles involved in the collision process will also be conserved. As a result, if we consider a volume element of the fluid, $dV(t)$ (with a given set of fluid particles), which moves with the fluid, the amount of mass inside this volume element must remain constant. Let be $\rho = \rho(\vec{r}, t)$ the mass density (mass per unit volume) and let M denote the total mass in the volume, $V(t)$. Then

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \int_{V(t)} \rho dV = \int_{V(t)} \left(\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot \vec{v} \right) dV = 0, \quad (1)$$

where $\vec{v} = \vec{v}(\vec{r}, t)$ is the average velocity of the fluid at point \vec{r} and time t . Since the volume element, $dV(t)$, is arbitrary, the integrand must be zero and we find

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot \vec{v} = 0. \quad (2)$$

If we that the convective derivative is given by $d/dt = \partial/\partial t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r$, then we can also write

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla}_r \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0, \quad (3)$$

where $\rho \vec{v}$ is the mass flux. The eq. (3) is a continuity equation and it is a direct consequence of the conservation of mass in the fluid. The Euler equation is given by

$$\rho \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \equiv \rho \left(\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_r) \vec{v} \right) = \vec{f} + \vec{F}, \quad (4)$$

where \vec{f} is a force per unit volume acting on the walls of the volume element and \vec{F} is an external force per unit volume which couples to the particles inside the volume element (it could be an electric or magnetic field for example). We consider a fluid been inviscid (zero viscosity), with the only forces present being those due to pressure p , i.e., $\vec{f} = -\vec{\nabla} p$. In this case, \vec{F} equal to zero. In the sense, we consider that the fluid is locally irrotational (free vortex), that is, $\vec{v} = -\vec{\nabla} \phi$, and the fluid is barotropic, i.e., the density ρ is a function of pressure p only. In this case, we can define the enthalpy h as

$$h(p) = \int_0^p \frac{dp'}{\rho(p')} \quad (5)$$

or

$$\vec{\nabla} h = \frac{\vec{\nabla} p}{\rho}. \quad (6)$$

The equation (4) now reduce to

$$-\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + h + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \phi)^2 = 0. \quad (7)$$

We will follow to study sound wave, the usual procedure and linearize the continuity and Euler's equations around some background flow, by setting $\rho = \rho_0 + \epsilon \rho_1$, $p = p_0 + \epsilon p_1$, $\phi = \phi_0 + \epsilon \phi_1$, and discarding all terms of order ϵ^2 or higher.

Then, the continuity equation leads to

$$\frac{\partial \rho_0}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho_0 \vec{v}_0) = 0. \quad (8)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \rho_1}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho_1 \vec{v}_0 + \rho_0 \vec{v}_1) = 0, \quad (9)$$

Expanding $h(p)$ as $h(p_0 + \epsilon p_1) \simeq h(p_0) + \epsilon \frac{dh}{dp}|_{p=p_0} = h_0 + \epsilon \frac{p_1}{\rho_0} = h_0 + \epsilon h_1$, the eq. (4) becomes

$$-\frac{\partial \phi_0}{\partial t} + h_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\nabla} \phi_0)^2 = 0, \quad (10)$$

and

$$-\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \frac{p_1}{\rho_0} - \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 = 0,$$

that is

$$p_1 = \rho_0 \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 \right). \quad (11)$$

Then, since the fluid is barotropic we have

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} p_1. \quad (12)$$

Substituting eq. (11) into (12) we get

$$\rho_1 = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \rho_0 \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 \right). \quad (13)$$

Now, substituting eq. (13) into eq. (9) we obtain

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \rho_0 \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 \right) \right] + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[\rho_0 \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p} \rho_0 \vec{v}_0 \left(\frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_0 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \phi_1 \right) \right] = (14)$$

The eq. (14) describes the propagation of the linearized scalar potential ϕ_1 , if ϕ_1 is determined, eq. (11) determines ρ_1 . Thus, this wave equation completely determines the propagation of acoustic disturbances, where the local speed of sound is defined by

$$c^{-2} \equiv \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial p}. \quad (15)$$

Thus, it can now be shown that the eq. (14) can also be obtained from the usual curved space Klein Gordon equation[wisser]

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \phi) = 0, \quad (16)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is a metric tensor (with Lorentzian signature), not of spacetime itself, but an acoustic "analog spacetime".

Klein-Gordon equation in the sonic black hole scenario - Draining bathtub flow model

In this model, the velocity potential, in polar coordinates is given by[wisser]

$$\phi(r, \theta) = A \log r + B\theta, \quad (17)$$

where A and B are real constants and ϕ present a sink in the origin. This leads to the velocity profile

$$\vec{v} = \frac{A}{r} \hat{r} + \frac{B}{r} \hat{\theta}, \quad (18)$$

then, the metric in the exterior region, i.e., outside of core at $r = 0$, turns out

$$ds^2 = - \left(c^2 - \frac{A^2 + B^2}{r^2} \right) dt^2 - \frac{2A}{r} dr dt - 2B d\theta dt + dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2, \quad (19)$$

where c is the velocity of sound. Defining[sou]

$$dt \rightarrow dt + \frac{|A|r}{(r^2 c^2 - A^2)} dr; \quad d\theta \rightarrow d\theta + \frac{B|A|r}{r(r^2 c^2 - A^2)} dr$$

we obtain, after a rescaling of the time coordinate by c

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{A^2 + B^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{c^2 r^2} \right)^{-1} dr^2 - 2 \frac{B}{c} d\theta dt + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2 \quad (20)$$

where r_c the radius of the ergosphere is given by the vanishing of g_{00} , i.e., $r_c = (A^2 + B^2)^{1/2}/c$, and it has a singularity at $r_h = |A|/c$, which signifies the event horizon. We observe on eq. (18) that for $A > 0$ we are dealing with a past event horizon, i.e., acoustic white hole and for $A < 0$ we dealing with a future acoustic horizon, i.e., acoustic black hole.

Acoustic black hole in the presence of a disclination and amplification sound wave

In a recent paper[F] we have discussed the phenomenon of sound amplification in the acoustic black hole analogue.

Thus, in this paper we propose to analyze the influence of an acoustic black hole analogue in the presence of a disclination in the sound wave amplification. In the geometric approach, the medium with a disclination has the line element given by

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{A^2 + B^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{c^2 r^2} \right)^{-1} dr^2 - 2 \frac{B}{c} \alpha d\theta dt + r^2 \alpha^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2 \quad (21)$$

in cylindrical coordinates. This metric is equivalent to the boundary condition with periodicity of $2\pi\alpha$ instead of 2π around the z -axis. In the Volterra process[Kle] of disclination creation, this corresponds to remove ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$) or insert ($2\pi > \alpha \geq 1$) a wedge of material of dihedral angle $\lambda = 2\pi(\alpha - 1)$ [G]. But, for the velocity potential given by eq. (18), the analogue black hole metric is basically a (2+1) dimensional flow with a sink at the origin. The metric given by (21) reduce to

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{A^2 + B^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) dt^2 - \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{c^2 r^2} \right)^{-1} dr^2 - 2 \frac{B}{c} \alpha d\theta dt + r^2 \alpha^2 d\theta^2 \quad (22)$$

Now, we write the Klein-Gordon equation (16) in the background metric (22) and we can separate variables by the substitution

$$\phi(t, r, \theta) = \exp i(\omega t - m\theta) R(r),$$

where m is an integer, we assume that $\omega > 0$, then, the radial function satisfies the equation given by

$$\frac{1}{r} \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) \frac{d}{dr} \left[r \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) \frac{d}{dr} \right] R(r) + \left[\omega^2 - \frac{2Bm\omega}{\alpha c r^2} - \frac{m^2}{\alpha^2 r^2} \left(1 - \frac{A^2 + B^2}{c^2 r^2} \right) \right] R(r) = 0. \quad (23)$$

Introducing the tortoise coordinate r^* such that

$$\frac{d}{dr^*} = \left(1 - \frac{A^2}{r^2 c^2} \right) \frac{d}{dr} \quad (24)$$

which implies that

$$r^* = r + \frac{|A|}{2c} \log \left| \frac{r - \frac{|A|}{c}}{r + \frac{|A|}{c}} \right|. \quad (25)$$

Observe that the horizon $r = \frac{|A|}{c}$ maps to $r^* \rightarrow -\infty$ and while $r \rightarrow \infty$ corresponds to $r^* \rightarrow +\infty$. Now, introducing a new radial function $g(r^*) \equiv r^{1/2} R(r)$, we obtain the equation

$$\frac{d^2 g(r^*)}{dr^{*2}} + \left[q(r) - \frac{1}{2r^2} \left(\frac{dr}{dr^*} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{A^2}{r^4 c^2} - \frac{3}{4r^2} \right) \frac{dr}{dr^*} \right] g(r^*) = 0, \quad (26)$$

where

$$q(r) = \frac{A^2 m^2 + B m^2 - c^2 m^2 r^2 - 2B\alpha m r^2 \omega + \alpha^2 r^4 \omega^2}{c^2 \alpha^2 r^4}. \quad (27)$$

Now, analyzing eq. (26) when $r \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$\frac{d^2 g(r^*)}{dr^{*2}} + \omega^2 g(r^*) = 0, \quad (28)$$

whose solution is given by

$$g(r^*) = \exp(i\omega r^*) + \mathcal{R} \exp(-i\omega r^*). \quad (29)$$

The first term of eq. (29) corresponds to an ingoing wave and the second term corresponds to de reflected wave, where \mathcal{R} is the reflection coefficient in the sense of potential scattering. Now using this solution of the differential equation together with its complex conjugate, we calculate the Wronskian of the solutions (29) given by

$$\mathcal{W}(+\infty) = -2i\omega (1 - |\mathcal{R}|^2). \quad (30)$$

Thus, we considering the solution near the horizon, is that, $r^* \rightarrow -\infty$, the eq. (26) becomes

$$\frac{d^2 g(r^*)}{dr^{*2}} + (\omega - m\Omega_{H,\alpha})^2 g(r^*) = 0 \quad (31)$$

where $\Omega_{H,\alpha} \equiv \frac{Bc}{\alpha A^2}$ is the angular velocity of the acoustic black hole in the presence of a disclination. Near the horizon, we suppose that just the solution identified by ingoing wave is physical, is that

$$g(r^*) = \mathcal{T} \exp[i(\omega - m\Omega_{H,\alpha}) r^*], \quad (32)$$

where \mathcal{T} is the transmission coefficient. Once again, we calculate the Wronskian of the solutions (32)

$$\mathcal{W}(-\infty) = -2i(\omega - m\Omega_{H,\alpha}) |\mathcal{T}|^2. \quad (33)$$

Thus, remind that two linearly independent solutions of the same differential equation must lead to a constant Wronskian, so of eqs. (30) and (33) we obtain

$$|\mathcal{R}|^2 = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{m}{\omega} \Omega_{H,\alpha} \right) |\mathcal{T}|^2. \quad (34)$$

We can observe in eq. (34) that, for frequencies in the range $0 < \omega < m\Omega_{H,\alpha}$, the reflection coefficient has a magnitude larger than unity whose imply the amplification relation of the ingoing sound wave near horizon regions. This imply that the ingoing wave removes mass (energy) of the acoustic black hole[F]. As $\Omega_{H,\alpha}$ depends on the disclination, then, the same affects the quantity of removed energy of the hole. When $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ whose corresponds to remove a wedge of material it is possible to accentuate the quantity of retired energy of the acoustic black hole, in other words, larger amplification of the ingoing sound wave and when $2\pi > \alpha \geq 1$ whose corresponds to insert a wedge of material represent to the possibility to attenuate the quantity of removed energy of the acoustic black hole.

Conclusions

In this paper we shown that the presence of the disclination modify the quantity of removed energy of the acoustic black hole and that, it is possible to accentuate or to attenuate the amplification of the removed energy of the acoustic black hole and still exists the possibility to cancel the superradiance effect to α equal to $m\Omega/\omega$ where $\Omega \equiv \frac{Bc}{A^2}$ is the angular velocity of the acoustic black hole in the absence of the disclination, in this case, the reflection coefficient is equal to unity. Those aspects perhaps can be proven in future experimental realizations.

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