

# New exact cylindrically symmetric solutions of GR

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# Introduction

# Cylindrical analytic solutions: the pioneers

## Cylindrically symmetric vacuum (exterior)

- 1919 Levi-Civita: vacuum static cylindrical spacetimes
- 1932 Lewis: vacuum exterior gravitationally sourced by an infinite cylinder of **stationary** matter rotating around its symmetry axis
- 1937 Einstein-Rosen: time-dependent vacuum exterior

## Cylindrically symmetric source (interior)

- 1924 Lanczos (1937 van Stockum): stationary rigidly rotating infinite dust cylinder with (Lanczos) and without (Lanczos and van Stockum) a cosmological constant
- and more: static, stationary, (non) rigidly rotating, dust, isotropic perfect fluid, thin shells, etc. But **no** known exact solution for **anisotropic** fluid

# Stationary sources: a new approach

## Continuation of a couple of previous works:

- Preliminary study of rigidly rotating stationary cylindrical anisotropic fluids  
[Debbasch, Herrera, Pereira, Santos \(2006\) GRG 38, 1825](#)
- Generalization to non-rigid rotation and deeper analysis of rigid rotation with an emphasis on gravito-electromagnetic properties [MNC, Santos \(2020\) PRD 102, 044026](#)

**New results:** Exact interior solutions for a rigidly rotating fluid with anisotropic pressure bounded by a cylindrical hypersurface and matched to an exterior Lewis-Weyl vacuum:

- Purely axial pressure [MNC \(2021\) PRD 104, 064040](#)
- Purely azimuthal pressure [MNC \(2021\) arXiv 2111.13938](#)

# General framework

# Cylindrical spacetime inside the source

## The general stress-energy tensor

$$T_{\alpha\beta} = (\rho + P_r)V_\alpha V_\beta + P_r g_{\alpha\beta} + (P_\phi - P_r)K_\alpha K_\beta + (P_z - P_r)S_\alpha S_\beta$$

$$V^\alpha V_\alpha = -1, \quad K^\alpha K_\alpha = S^\alpha S_\alpha = 1, \quad V^\alpha K_\alpha = V^\alpha S_\alpha = K^\alpha S_\alpha = 0$$

## The stationary cylindrically symmetric line element

$$ds^2 = -f dt^2 + 2k dt d\phi + e^\mu (dr^2 + dz^2) + l d\phi^2,$$

$$-\infty \leq t \leq +\infty, \quad 0 \leq r, \quad -\infty \leq z \leq +\infty, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$$

Stationarity + cylindrical symmetry = metric coefficients functions of the radial coordinate only

# Purely axial pressure solution



# Equation of state and 4-velocity of the fluid

## Equation of state

$$P_r = P_\phi = 0 \qquad \frac{P_z}{\rho} = h(r)$$

## Corotating frame

$$V^\alpha = v\delta_0^\alpha \qquad f v^2 = 1$$

$$S^\alpha = e^{-\mu/2}\delta_2^\alpha$$

Intermediate function:  $D^2 = fl + k^2$

# Field equations

$$-f\mu'' - 2f\frac{D''}{D} + f'' - f'\frac{D'}{D} + \frac{3f(f'l' + k'^2)}{2D^2} = 2\kappa\rho f e^\mu$$

$$k\mu'' + 2k\frac{D''}{D} - k'' + k'\frac{D'}{D} - \frac{3k(f'l' + k'^2)}{2D^2} = -2\kappa\rho k e^\mu$$

$$\frac{\mu'D'}{2D} + \frac{f'l' + k'^2}{4D^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{D''}{D} - \frac{\mu'D'}{2D} - \frac{f'l' + k'^2}{4D^2} = \kappa P_z e^\mu$$

$$l\mu'' + 2l\frac{D''}{D} - l'' + l'\frac{D'}{D} - \frac{3l(f'l' + k'^2)}{2D^2} = 2\kappa\rho\frac{k^2 e^\mu}{f}$$

# Bianchi identity

$$T_{1;\beta}^{\beta} = \frac{1}{2}\rho\frac{f'}{f} - \frac{1}{2}P_{z\mu'} = 0$$

$$\frac{f'}{f} - h\mu' = 0$$

# Solving the field equations

Particular choice of coordinates issuing from the degree of gauge freedom

$$\mu' = \frac{2h'}{1-h} + \frac{2h'}{h} \qquad e^\mu = c_\mu \frac{h^2}{(1-h)^2}$$

Inserted into Bianchi

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{2h'}{1-h} \qquad f = \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2}$$

$G_{00}$  combined with  $G_{03}$   $kf' - fk' = 2cD,$

$$k = \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2} \left[ c_0 - \frac{2c}{c_f^2} \int_{r_0}^r (1-h(v))^4 D(v) dv \right]$$

# Interim results

$$D^2 = c_f^2 c_k^2 \frac{(-2 \ln h + 4h - h^2 + c_\beta)}{(1-h)(1+h)},$$

$$k = \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2} [c_0 + c_k(-2 \ln h + 4h - h^2 + c_\beta)],$$

$$l = c_f c_k^2 \frac{(1-h)}{(1+h)} (-2 \ln h + 4h - h^2 + c_\beta) - \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2} [c_0 + c_k(-2 \ln h + 4h - h^2 + c_\beta)]^2.$$

# Axisymmetry and regularity conditions

From **axisymmetry** and to ensure **elementary flatness** in the vicinity of the axis of rotation

$$l \stackrel{0}{=} 0, \quad f \stackrel{0}{=} e^{\mu} \stackrel{0}{=} 1, \quad k \stackrel{0}{=} 0, \quad D \stackrel{0}{=} 0, \quad l' \stackrel{0}{=} 0.$$

$$f' \stackrel{0}{=} k' \stackrel{0}{=} k'' - k' \frac{D'}{D} \stackrel{0}{=} 0$$

Implying

$$c_f \stackrel{0}{=} (1 - h)^2, \quad c_{\mu} \stackrel{0}{=} \frac{c_f}{h^2}, \quad c_0 = 0, \quad c_{\beta} \stackrel{0}{=} 2 \ln h - 4h + h^2.$$

# Junction conditions through $\Sigma$

Stationary system = the Weyl class of the Lewis metric used to represent the exterior vacuum spacetime

$$ds^2 = -F dt^2 + 2K dt d\phi + e^M (dR^2 + dz^2) + L d\phi^2$$

$$F = aR^{1-n} - a\delta^2 R^{1+n},$$

$$K = -(1 - ab\delta)\delta R^{1+n} - abR^{1-n},$$

$$e^M = R^{(n^2-1)/2},$$

$$L = \frac{(1 - ab\delta)^2}{a} R^{1+n} - ab^2 R^{1-n},$$

$$\delta = \frac{c}{an},$$

Darmois' junction conditions imply

$$P_r \stackrel{\Sigma}{=} 0$$

# Final form of the solution

$$f = \left( \frac{1 - h_0}{1 - h} \right)^2, \quad e^\mu = \left( \frac{1 - h_0}{h_0} \right)^2 \left( \frac{h}{1 - h} \right)^2,$$

$$k = (1 - h_0)^2 \frac{[2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h} + 4(h - h_0) - (h^2 - h_0^2)]}{(1 - h)^2}$$

$$l = (1 - h_0)^2 \left[ 2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h} + 4(h - h_0) - (h^2 - h_0^2) \right] \left\{ \frac{1 - h}{1 + h} - \frac{[2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h} + 4(h - h_0) - (h^2 - h_0^2)]}{(1 - h)^2} \right\}$$

$$r = \frac{(1 - h_0)^2}{c} \int_{h_0}^h \left\{ \frac{1 + u}{u^2(1 - u)^3 [2 \ln \frac{h_0}{u} + 4(u - h_0) - (u^2 - h_0^2)]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} du$$

$$\rho = \frac{2c^2 h_0^2}{\kappa(1 - h_0)^4} \frac{(1 - h)^4}{h^2(1 + h)^2} \left\{ \frac{h [2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h} + 4(h - h_0) - (h^2 - h_0^2)]}{(1 + h)} + 2(1 - h)^2 \right\}$$



# Hydrodynamical scalars

## Acceleration vector modulus

$$\dot{V}^\alpha \dot{V}_\alpha = \frac{c^2 h_0^2}{(1-h_0)^6} \frac{(1-h)^3}{(1+h)} \left[ 2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h} + 4(h-h_0) - (h^2 - h_0^2) \right]$$

## Rotation scalar

$$\omega^2 = \frac{c^2}{f^2 e^\mu} \text{ with } f \stackrel{0}{=} e^\mu \stackrel{0}{=} 1 \Rightarrow \omega^2 \stackrel{0}{=} c^2 \Rightarrow c = \text{the amplitude of the vorticity on the axis}$$

## Shear and expansion

The shear and expansion vanish owing to rigid and stationary rotation

# Singularities

First singularity  $h = +1$

The whole metric set diverges. The density  $\rho$  vanishes and does not change sign = coordinate singularity.

Second singularity  $h = -1$

The density  $\rho$  diverges and changes sign. Curvature singularity.

Third singularity  $h = 0$

The density diverges and is no more defined for sign  $h \neq \text{sign } h_0$ . Curvature singularity.

# Constraints from mathematical structure

Coming from: the **signature of the metric**

the definition domain of the **logarithm function**  $\Rightarrow \frac{h_0}{h} > 0$

Imply **two classes** of solutions:

- $0 < h_0 < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < h_1 < h < h_2 < 1$
- $-1 < h_0 < 0 \Rightarrow -1 < h < h_3 < 0$

with  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  depending on  $h_0$  according to the relations:

$$(1 - h_1)^3 - (1 + h_1) \left[ 2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h_1} + 4(h_1 - h_0) - (h_1^2 - h_0^2) \right] = 0$$

$$2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h_2} + 4(h_2 - h_0) - (h_2^2 - h_0^2) = 0$$

$$(1 - h_3)^3 - (1 + h_3) \left[ 2 \ln \frac{h_0}{h_3} + 4(h_3 - h_0) - (h_3^2 - h_0^2) \right] = 0$$

# Parameters and constraints, a summary

The solution exhibits two independent constant parameters:  $h_0$  and  $c$

- $h_0$  is the value of  $h(r) \equiv P_z(r)/\rho(r)$  on the axis of symmetry

$h_0 = 1$  implying the vanishing of all the metric functions is forbidden

- $c$  measures the amplitude of the rotation scalar on the axis

## Admissible ranges and singularities

The three singularities which are the limits of the ranges for  $h$  and  $h_0$

$0 < h_0 < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < h_1 < h < h_2 < 1$  and  $-1 < h_0 < 0 \Rightarrow -1 < h < h_3 < 0$

can thus be **ignored**.

# Purely azimuthal pressure solution

# Equation of state and 4-velocity of the fluid

## Equation of state

$$P_r = P_z = 0 \qquad \frac{P_\phi}{\rho} = h(r)$$

## Corotating frame

$$V^\alpha = v\delta_0^\alpha \qquad fv^2 = 1$$

$$K^\alpha = -\frac{kv}{D}\delta_0^\alpha - \frac{fv}{D}\delta_3^\alpha$$

## Intermediate function

$$D^2 = fl + k^2$$

# Field equations

$$-f\mu'' - 2f\frac{D''}{D} + f'' - f'\frac{D'}{D} + \frac{3f(f'l' + k'^2)}{2D^2} = 2\kappa\rho f e^\mu$$

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$$\frac{\mu'D'}{2D} + \frac{f'l' + k'^2}{4D^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{D''}{D} - \frac{\mu'D'}{2D} - \frac{f'l' + k'^2}{4D^2} = 0$$

$$l\mu'' + 2l\frac{D''}{D} - l'' + l'\frac{D'}{D} - \frac{3l(f'l' + k'^2)}{2D^2} = 2\frac{\kappa}{f} (\rho k^2 + P_\phi D^2) e^\mu$$

# Bianchi identity

$$T_{1;\beta}^{\beta} = \frac{1}{2} (\rho + P_{\phi}) \frac{f'}{f} - P_{\phi} \frac{D'}{D} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} (1 + h) \frac{f'}{f} - h \frac{D'}{D} = 0$$

# Junction conditions

$$P_r \stackrel{\Sigma}{=} 0$$



# Solving the field equations

$$G_{11} + G_{22} \Rightarrow D'' = 0 \quad D = c_1 r + c_2 = r + c_2$$

Particular choice of coordinates similar to that for the axial case

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{2h'}{1-h} \Leftrightarrow f = \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2}$$

Inserted into Bianchi

$$\frac{1+h}{h(1-h)} h' = \frac{D'}{D} \Leftrightarrow D = \frac{h}{c_5(1-h)^2}$$

$G_{00}$  combined with  $G_{03}$   $kf' - fk' = 2cD$

$$k = f \left( c_4 - 2c \int_0^r \frac{D(v)}{f(v)^2} dv \right) - \frac{c_4}{f_0}$$

# Interim results

$$k = \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2} \left\{ c_4 - \frac{2c}{c_f^2} \left[ \frac{h_0^2 - h^2}{2} + 2(h_0 - h) + 2 \ln \left( \frac{1-h_0}{1-h} \right) \right] \right\} - \frac{c_4}{f_0}$$

$$l = \frac{h^2}{c_f(1-h)^2} - \frac{(1-h)^2}{c_f} \left\{ \frac{c_f}{(1-h)^2} [c_4 - \frac{2c}{c_f^2} \left( \frac{h_0^2 - h^2}{2} + 2(h_0 - h) + 2 \ln \left( \frac{1-h_0}{1-h} \right) \right)] - \frac{c_4}{f_0} \right\}^2$$

$$e^\mu = c_\mu \frac{(1-h)^{1+\frac{4c^2}{c_f^2}}}{(1+h)} \exp \left[ \frac{c^2}{c_f^2} h(4+h) \right]$$

$$\frac{h}{(1-h)^2} = r + c_2 c_5$$

# Regularity conditions

To ensure

- axisymmetry  $l \stackrel{0}{=} 0$

- elementary flatness in the vicinity of the axis of rotation, add

$$f \stackrel{0}{=} e^{\mu} \stackrel{0}{=} 1, \quad k \stackrel{0}{=} 0, \quad l' \stackrel{0}{=} 0.$$

Implying

$$c_4 = h_0 = 0 \Leftrightarrow P_\phi \stackrel{0}{=} 0, \quad c_f = c_\mu = 1, \quad c_2 = 0.$$

# The energy density

After rescaling the  $r$  coordinate from a factor  $c_1 c_5$

$$r = D = \frac{h}{(1-h)^2} \quad h = 1 + \frac{1}{2r} + \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{4r^2}} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon = \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad r \neq 0$$

Using them, together with the other intermediate results, into the field equations gives the energy density

$$\rho = \frac{2}{\kappa} (1-h)^{3-4c^2} \left[ 2c^2 + \frac{(1-h)}{h(1+h)^3} \right] \exp[-c^2 h(4+h)]$$

# Behaviour of $h(r)$

First derivative of  $h$  wrt  $r$

$$h' = -\frac{1}{2r^2} \left[ 1 + \epsilon \frac{1+2r}{\sqrt{1+4r}} \right]$$

$\epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow h < 0 \Rightarrow P_\phi < 0$  ruled out

$\epsilon < 0$  valid and implies  $h > 0 \Rightarrow P_\phi > 0$

and  $h$  monotonically increasing from the axis to the boundary  $\Sigma$

# Final form of the solution

$$f = \frac{1}{(1-h)^2} \quad e^\mu = \frac{(1-h)^{1+4c^2}}{(1+h)} \exp [c^2 h(4+h)]$$

$$k = \frac{c}{(1-h)^2} [h^2 + 4h + 4 \ln(1-h)]$$

$$l = \frac{1}{(1-h)^2} \left\{ h^2 - c^2 [h^2 + 4h + 4 \ln(1-h)]^2 \right\}$$

$$\rho = \frac{2}{\kappa} (1-h)^{3-4c^2} \left[ 2c^2 + \frac{(1-h)}{h(1+h)^3} \right] \exp [-c^2 h(4+h)]$$

$$D = \frac{h}{(1-h)^2} = r \quad h = 1 + \frac{1}{2r} - \sqrt{\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{4r^2}} \quad r \neq 0$$

# Hydrodynamical scalars of the fluid

- Acceleration vector modulus

$$\dot{V}^\alpha \dot{V}_\alpha = \frac{(1-h)^{3-4c^2}}{1+h} \exp(-c^2 h(4+h))$$

- Rotation scalar

$$\omega^2 = c^2 (1-h)^{3-4c^2} (1+h) \exp(-c^2 h(4+h))$$

- $h = h_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \omega^2 \stackrel{0}{=} c^2 \Rightarrow c =$  the amplitude of the vorticity on the axis

- Shear and expansion

The shear and expansion vanish owing to rigid and stationary rotation

# Sign constraints and metric signature

These constraints arise from:

- the presence of  $\ln(1 - h)$  in the metric functions
- the weak energy condition  $\rho > 0$
- the signature of the metric  $(- + + +)$

Table 1. Sign constraints			
$h$	0	$h > 0$	+1
$c$	$c \rightarrow \infty$	$c > 0$ $c^2 < \frac{h^2}{[h^2 + 4h + 4 \ln(1-h)]^2}$	$c \rightarrow 0$



# Singularities

Two possible singular loci:

- $h = +1$  where  $r$  diverges  $\Rightarrow$  not reached inside the bounded cylinder
- $h = 0$  mere coordinate singularity

# Comparison of both cases, axial and azimuthal

- Three over five **field equations** are strictly the same.
- Same **gauge choice** = same  $f$  metric function.
- However, we end up with very **different other metric functions**.
- $P_\phi$  vanishes on the axis, not  $P_z$ .
- The **modulus of the acceleration vector** vanishes on the axis for axial pressure, it is unity for azimuthal one.
- The **amplitude of the rotation scalar** is the absolute value of  $c$ .
- The pressure can be negative for axial, only positive for azimuthal.
- Three **possible singular loci** for axial, only two for azimuthal. But different nature and relevance.
- **No dust limit in** any case since  $h=\text{const.}$ , hence  $h=0$ , is excluded.

# Applications to astrophysical systems

## Purely axial pressure alone:

- In rigidly rotating stationary cylindrical dust, confinement of test particles occurs in the radial direction, while motion in the axial direction is free. Proposal: relevance to extragalactic jet formation [Opher, Santos, Wang \(1996\)](#) in the axis direction.

## Anisotropic pressure in any direction – axial or azimuthal:

- Rotation can halt cylindrical relativistic gravitational collapse [Apostolatos, Thorne \(1992\)](#)  
Pressure with vanishing radial component = negligible influence on radial collapse.  
Conjecture: such spacetimes = final stage of collapsing cylindrical fluids.
- The finding of these new solutions is a first step towards exploring fluid anisotropy in cylindrical symmetry, e.g., starting point for perturbative or numerical approaches.

# Conclusions

**Gravitational sources:** Stationary rigidly rotating cylindrical anisotropic fluids with pressure directed along the axis of symmetry or azimuthally

**New exact solutions of the GR field equations:** Interior source matched to an exterior stationary Lewis vacuum of the Weyl (real) class

## Analysed physical properties:

- Hydrodynamical tensors, vectors, scalars
- Singularities and definition intervals
- Interpretation of the constant parameters and discussion of the solutions as a whole
- Applications to astrophysical systems

**Future works:** find other exact solutions for, e.g., purely radiative pressure and/or non rigidly rotating fluids