

# *Elasticity and spherical symmetry*

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## overview

- Relativistic elasticity: general description
- Killing vectors and consequences in physics
- The energy-momentum tensor for elastic materials
- The spherically symmetric case: setting up the problem
- The EFE's
- Finding solutions

# aim and method

- to study the spherically symmetric case, in general
- the results extend previous work done by G Magli , Gen Rel Grav **25**, 441-460 (1993) : “The dynamical structure of the EFE’s for a non-rotating star”

# spacetime and material space

- $(M, g)$  is the **spacetime**,  $g$  being a **Lorentz metric** with signature  $(-, +, +, +)$
- coordinates in  $M$ :  $(x^a)$ , with  $a=0, 1, 2, 3$
- $(X, \gamma)$  is the **material space**:
  - $\dim X=3$
  - $\gamma$  is a Riemannian metric – the **material metric**
- coordinates in  $X$ :  $(y^A)$ , with  $A=1, 2, 3$

# spacetime configuration of the material

- is specified when a mapping  $\Psi: M \rightarrow X$  ( a submersion) is given,
- $\Psi$  is represented in local charts by the 3 fields  $y^A = y^A(x^b)$
- then  $\Psi_* : T_p M \rightarrow T_{\Psi(p)} X$  is represented by the rank 3 matrix  $(y^A_b)_p = (\partial y^A / \partial x^b)_p$  – the relativistic deformation gradient

# the velocity field of the matter

- since  $\Psi_*$  has maximal rank 3, its kernel is spanned at each point by a single timelike vector (which we will take as normalized to unity);

- the resulting vector field  $\mathbf{u} = u^a \partial_a$  satisfies then (if we choose it to be future oriented)

$$y^A_b u^b = 0, \quad u^a u_a = -1, \quad u^0 > 0$$

- $\mathbf{u}$  is called the **velocity field of the matter**

# the strain tensor $K_{ab}$

- we will take the following definition for the strain tensor:

$$K_{ab} = k_{ab} - u_a u_b ,$$

where

$$k_{ab} \equiv (\Psi^* \gamma)_{ab} \text{ and } K_{ab} u^b = u_a$$

- the material space is said to be in a **locally relaxed state** at an event  $p \in M$  if, at  $p$ ,  $k_{ab} = h_{ab}$ , where  $h_{ab} = g_{ab} + u_a u_b$ ; otherwise it is said to be **strained**,
- therefore, the strain gives a “measure” of the state of strain of the material, given by the difference between  $k_{ab}$  and  $h_{ab}$

# constitutive equation of the material

- the strain tensor determines the elastic energy stored in an infinitesimal volume element of the material (or energy per particle), hence that energy will be a scalar function of  $K_{ab}$ , named the constitutive equation of the material:

$$v = v(I_1, I_2, I_3)$$

with  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  any suitable chosen set of scalar invariants associated with and characterizing  $K_{ab}$  completely

# the invariants

- we will follow Magli and choose

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Tr } K - 4)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{4} [\text{Tr } K^2 - (\text{Tr } K)^2] + 3$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\det K - 1)$$

# the energy density $\rho$

- $\rho = \varepsilon v (l_1, l_2, l_3)$

where  $\varepsilon$  is the particle number density, or

$$\rho = \varepsilon_0 (\det K)^{1/2} v (l_1, l_2, l_3)$$

with  $\varepsilon_0$  the particle number density as measured in the material space

- one might show that  $\varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon_0$  are the particle number densities as measured with respect to the volume forms associated to  $h_{ab}$  and  $k_{ab}$ , respectively

## the energy-momentum tensor $T_{ab}$

Any symmetric, second order covariant tensor field may be decomposed with respect to a timelike unit vector field  $v$  as:

$$T_{ab} = \rho v_a v_b + p h_{ab} + \Pi_{ab} + v_a q_b + q_a v_b$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} h_{ab} &= g_{ab} + v_a v_b & \Pi_{ab} &= h_a^m h_b^n (T_{mn} - 3p h_{mn}) \\ q_a &= -(T_{ab} v^b + \rho v_a) & \rho &= T_{ab} v^a v^b \\ \rho &= 1/3 h^{ab} T_{ab} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$h_{ab} v^b = 0 \quad \Pi_{ab} v^b = g^{ab} \Pi_{ab} = 0 \quad q^a v_a = 0.$$

# the energy-momentum tensor for elastic matter

Decomposing the energy-momentum tensor  $T_{ab}$  with respect to the velocity field of the matter  $\mathbf{u}$ , one has

$$T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p h_{ab} + \Pi_{ab}$$

Thus, for elastic matter

- $q^a = 0$
- $T_{ab}$  is of the diagonal Segre type  $\{1, 111\}$  or any of its degeneracies, with  $\mathbf{u}$  its (unit) timelike eigenvector.

## using an orthonormal tetrad

This means that an **orthonormal tetrad** exists

$$\{u_a, x_a, y_a, z_a\}$$

with

- $u_a u^a = -1$ ,  $x^a x_a = y^a y_a = z^a z_a = +1$
- the mixed products equal to zero

with respect to which the **energy-momentum tensor** may be written as

$$T_{ab} = \rho u_a u_b + p_1 x_a x_b + p_2 y_a y_b + p_3 z_a z_b$$

with

$$p = 1/3 (p_1 + p_2 + p_3), \quad h_{ab} = x_a x_b + y_a y_b + z_a z_b, \quad \text{etc}$$

## KV's and elastic matter

If  $\xi$  is a KV and  $T_{ab}$  represents elastic matter, then

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}\rho = \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}u_a = \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}h_{ab} = \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}\Pi_{ab} = \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}p = 0.$$

Therefore density, matter 4-velocity, projection tensor, anisotropic tensor and pressure all stay invariant along Killing vectors.

Also, if  $\mathbf{v}$  is a non-degenerate unit eigenvector of  $T_{ab}$ , with eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}\lambda = \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}}v^a = 0$$

## comparison with a general $T_{ab}$

- for a general energy-momentum tensor such that  $q_a \neq 0$ , if one assumes that the Lie derivative of  $u_a$  with respect to  $\xi$  vanishes, then the Lie derivative of  $q_a$  with respect to  $\xi$  also vanishes. But in this case the assumption has to be made, since  $u$  is no longer an eigenvector of the energy-momentum tensor.

## homothetic vector fields and elastic matter

Similar conclusions (although not the same) can be drawn when  $\xi$  is a **proper homothetic vector** field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} g_{ab} = 2k g_{ab} \qquad \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} T_{ab} = 0$$

with  $k \neq 0$ , in which case one has

$$\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} u_a = -k u_a, \qquad \mathcal{L}_{\vec{\xi}} \rho = k \rho, \qquad \dots$$

## spherically symmetry

Coordinates  $t, r, \theta, \phi$ , exist such that the metric can be written as

$$ds^2 = -a(r, t)dt^2 + b(r, t)dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$$

This metric admits the following KV's:

$$\vec{\xi}_1 = -\cos \phi \partial_\theta + \cot \theta \sin \phi \partial_\phi$$

$$\vec{\xi}_2 = \partial_\phi$$

$$\vec{\xi}_3 = -\sin \phi \partial_\theta - \cot \theta \cos \phi \partial_\phi$$

They generate the 3-dimensional [Lie algebra](#)  $so(3)$ .

# spherical symmetry: consequences

- Any timelike vector field that stays invariant along the three KV's can be written as

$$\vec{v} = v^t(t, r) \partial_t + v^r(t, r) \partial_r.$$

There exists a coordinate transformation taking  $(t, r)$  into  $(t', r')$  such that  $\vec{v} = v^{t'}(t', r') \partial_{t'}$

- Any symmetric, second order tensor  $\Pi_{ab}$  such that  $\Pi_{ab} v^b = 0$ ,  $g^{ab} \Pi_{ab} = 0$  and with zero Lie derivative with respect to those Killing vectors, is proportional to the shear tensor  $\sigma_{ab}$  of  $\mathbf{v}$  (provided it is non-zero)

# consequences

- For the class of space times under consideration (elastic and spherically symmetric), the previous 2 comments apply for  $\mathbf{u}$  (the velocity field of the matter) and  $\Pi_{ab}$  (the anisotropic pressure tensor) since

(i)  $\mathbf{u}$  is the unique timelike eigenvector of  $T_{ab}$  invariant under  $so(3)$

(ii)  $\Pi_{ab}$  is invariant under  $so(3)$ , traceless and orthogonal to  $\mathbf{u}$ ; therefore, whenever the shear of  $\mathbf{u}$  is non-zero,

$$\Pi_{ab} = 2\lambda\sigma_{ab},$$

with

$$\sigma_{ab} = u_{(a;b)} + u_{(a} u_{b)} - 1/3\theta h_{ab}, \quad \theta = u^a{}_{;a}, \quad \lambda = \lambda(t,r)$$

# the 2 cases arising

- **Non-shearfree** – it is always possible to formally treat the elastic material as a viscous fluid with zero heat flow; the pressure anisotropy may then be explained as an effect of the viscosity
- **Shearfree** – the pressure anisotropy could only be a consequence of the elastic properties of the material

# assumptions to build up models

- we demand that the mapping

$$\Psi: M \longrightarrow X$$

preserves the KV's, i.e.

$$\Psi_{\star}(\xi_A) = \eta_A \quad (A=1,2,3)$$

are KV's for the material metric  $\bar{\gamma}$  defined on the material space  $X$ .

This implies that the metric  $\bar{\gamma}$  is also spherically symmetric and therefore coordinates

$$y^A = (y, \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{\phi})$$

exist with

$$y = y(t, r), \quad \tilde{\theta} = \theta, \quad \tilde{\phi} = \phi$$

and are such that  $\vec{\eta}_A = \vec{\xi}_A$  are KVs of the metric  $\bar{\gamma}$  and therefore, the line elements of  $\bar{g}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}$  may be written as:

## spacetime metric and material metric

$$d\bar{s}^2 = -\bar{a}(t, r)dt^2 + \bar{b}(t, r)dr^2 + r^2d\theta^2 + r^2\sin^2\theta d\phi^2$$

$$d\bar{\Sigma}^2 = f^2(y)(dy^2 + y^2d\theta^2 + y^2\sin^2\theta d\phi^2),$$

## relationship with a flat material metric

The situation corresponding to  $f(y)=1$  (i.e. flat material metric) was studied by Magli.

The relationship between his material metric and the material metric just obtained is

$$\bar{\gamma}_{AB} = f^2(y)\gamma_{AB}$$

Applying the methodology of Magli's paper to this nonflat material metric one can generalize his results and explore the consequences of having the function  $f(y)$ .

# procedure

- Calculate the pulled back material metric  $\bar{k} = \Psi^*(\bar{\gamma})$
- Determine the matter velocity field  $\mathbf{u}$
- Obtain the projection tensor  $h_{ab} = u_a u_b + g_{ab}$
- Obtain the eigenvalues and invariants of the strain tensor  $K$
- Obtain the energy-momentum tensor
- Use the contracted Bianchi identities
- Obtain a constitutive equation

# eigenvalues of the strain tensor

- Eigenvalues of  $K$ : one is equal to 1 and the others are

$$\bar{s} = f^2(y) s = f^2(y) \frac{y^2}{r^2}$$

$$\bar{\eta} = f^2(y) \frac{\gamma^2 b}{\bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{b}} \eta = f^2(y) \frac{y'^2}{\bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{b}}$$

where  $\bar{s}$  is an eigenvalue of algebraic multiplicity two,  $s = \frac{y^2}{r^2}$  and  $\eta = \frac{y'^2}{\gamma^2 b}$ .

Invariants of  $\bar{K}$ :

$$\bar{I}_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\text{Tr} \bar{K} - 4)$$

$$\bar{I}_2 = \frac{1}{4} [\text{Tr} \bar{K}^2 - (\text{Tr} \bar{K})^2] + 3$$

$$\bar{I}_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\det \bar{K} - 1)$$

where

$$\text{Tr} \bar{K} = \bar{\eta} + 2\bar{s} + 1$$

$$\text{Tr} \bar{K}^2 = \bar{\eta}^2 + 2\bar{s}^2 + 1$$

$$\det \bar{K} = \bar{\eta} \bar{s}^2.$$

## Relations between the invariants

$$\bar{I}_1 = f^2 I_1 + \frac{3}{2} (f^2 - 1) + \frac{1}{2} f^2 \eta \left( \frac{\gamma^2 b}{\bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{b}} - 1 \right)$$

etc

- Write

## Expression for the energy-momentum tensor

$$\bar{T}_b^a = \bar{\rho} \delta_b^a - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_3} \det \bar{K} \bar{h}_b^a + \left( \text{Tr} \bar{K} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_2} - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_1} \right) \bar{k}_b^a - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_2} \bar{k}_c^a \bar{k}_b^c$$

## Components of the energy-momentum tensor

$$\bar{T}_0^0 = \bar{\rho} + \frac{\dot{y}^2}{\bar{a}} \bar{\Sigma},$$

$$\bar{T}_0^1 = -\frac{\dot{y}y'}{\bar{b}} \bar{\Sigma},$$

$$\bar{T}_1^0 = -\frac{\bar{b}}{\bar{a}} \bar{T}_0^1,$$

$$\bar{T}_1^1 = \bar{\rho} - \frac{y'^2}{\bar{b}} \bar{\Sigma},$$

and

$$\bar{T}_2^2 = \bar{T}_3^3 = \bar{\rho} - \frac{y^2}{r^2} \left[ \bar{\Sigma} + \left( \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_2} - f^2(y) \frac{y^2}{r^2} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_3} \right) \left( f^4(y) \frac{y^2}{r^2} - f^4(y) \frac{y'^2}{\bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{b}} \right) \right],$$

where

$$\bar{\Sigma} = f^2(y) \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_1} - \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_2} \left( 1 + 2 f^2(y) \frac{y^2}{r^2} \right) + \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial \bar{I}_3} f^4(y) \frac{y^4}{r^4} \right].$$

## Relation between energy-momentum tensors

$$\bar{T}_b^a = f^3 \frac{\bar{v}}{v} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2 b}{\bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{b}}} \left\{ T_b^a + (1 - f^2) \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial I_3} \det \bar{K} k_b^a \right\}$$

(relation between the energy-momentum tensors for two conformally related material metrics)

# the EFE's

The Einstein field equations, as

$$\bar{G}_b^a = 8\pi \bar{T}_b^a$$

become:

$$\bar{G}_0^0 = 8\pi \bar{T}_0^0:$$

$$-\frac{\bar{b}'}{r\bar{b}^2} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\bar{b}}\right) = \bar{\epsilon} \left[ \bar{v} + \left( \bar{v} + 2\bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{\eta}} \right) \bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{\omega}^2 \right] 8\pi,$$

$$\bar{G}_0^1 = 8\pi \bar{T}_0^1:$$

$$\frac{\dot{\bar{b}}}{r\bar{b}^2} = -\bar{\epsilon} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{a}}{\bar{b}}} \left( \bar{v} + 2\bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{\eta}} \right) \bar{\gamma}^2 \bar{\omega} 8\pi,$$

$$\bar{G}_1^1 = 8\pi \bar{T}_1^1:$$

$$\frac{\bar{a}'}{r\bar{a}\bar{b}} - \frac{1}{r^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\bar{b}}\right) = -\bar{\epsilon} \left[ \bar{\gamma}^2 \left( \bar{v} + 2\bar{\eta} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{\eta}} \right) - \bar{v} \right] 8\pi,$$

$$\bar{G}_2^2 = 8\pi \bar{T}_2^2:$$

$$\frac{1}{2\bar{b}} \left[ \frac{\bar{a}''}{\bar{a}} - \frac{\bar{a}'^2}{2\bar{a}^2} + \frac{1}{r} \left( \frac{\bar{a}'}{\bar{a}} - \frac{\bar{b}'}{\bar{b}} \right) - \frac{\bar{a}'\bar{b}'}{2\bar{a}\bar{b}} \right] - \frac{1}{2\bar{a}} \left( \frac{\ddot{\bar{b}}}{\bar{b}} - \frac{\dot{\bar{b}}^2}{2\bar{b}^2} - \frac{\dot{\bar{a}}\dot{\bar{b}}}{2\bar{a}\bar{b}} \right) = -\bar{\epsilon} \bar{s} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial \bar{s}} 8\pi.$$

## Unknowns

- The metric  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$
- The conformal factor,  $f$ , determining the material metric  $\gamma$
- The material radius,  $y$
- The constitutive function,  $\bar{v}$

# what we mean by solving the problem

- Finding a metric  $g$  and a material metric  $\gamma$  of the forms written previously, such that
  - (i)  $g$  is a solution of the EFE's for a diagonal Segre type energy-momentum tensor, having  $\mathbf{u}$  as its timelike eigenvector and eigenvalues  $\rho, p_1, p_2, p_3$
  - (ii) making sure that the DEC are satisfied
  - (iii) finding  $f(r)$  characterizing the material metric
  - (iv) finding functions  $\varepsilon, v=v(\eta, s)$  such that  $\rho = \varepsilon v, p_1 = -2\varepsilon\eta\partial v/\partial\eta, p_2 = -\varepsilon s\partial v/\partial s$

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- Take the operator  $\bar{K}_b^a = \bar{g}^{ac}\bar{h}_{cb} - \bar{u}^a\bar{u}_b$ , used to measure the state of strain of the material. Then consider its eigenvalues and invariants, as follows

## Special case

So far it was not clear whether one specific spacetime metric  $\bar{g}$  can be associated with different conformally related material metrics. However if one assumes that  $g_{ab} = \bar{g}_{ab}$ , these metrics being associated, respectively, with a flat and a non flat material metric which are conformally related, then the following relationship for constitutive equations must hold:

$$\bar{v} = \frac{1}{f^3} v.$$

## Why?

This is a consequence of the following relationship between energy-momentum tensors

$$\bar{\mathcal{T}}_b^a = f^3 \frac{\bar{v}}{v} \mathcal{T}_b^a$$

together with the assumption on equality of metric tensor which leads to equal energy-momentum tensors.

In this special case one also has

$$\bar{\rho} = \rho.$$