# Strong curvature naked singularities in spherically symmetric perfect fluid collapse

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We investigate here the locally naked singularity formed due to a spherically symmetric inhomogeneous collapsing cloud having nonzero isotropic pressure, in terms of its strength. A sufficient condition provided by Clarke and Krolak for it to be Tipler strong has been used to restrict the parameters that represent the nonlinear relation between the physical radius and the radial coordinate of the outgoing radial null geodesic at the singular center. Studying an end state of a collapsing cloud requires information about the dynamics of collapse, which is unknown in a general scenario. Hence we study small perturbations to the mass profile for inhomogeneous dust, which is possible using the formalism developed here. This perturbed mass profile, in turn, gives rise to nonzero pressure. We show the existence of a nonzero measure set of initial data giving rise to such strong curvature naked singularity.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

When a sufficiently massive astrophysical body undergoes unhindered gravitational collapse, the end state is an infinitely dense spacetime singularity according to the general theory of relativity. Such a singularity is, however, always hidden from an outside observer, according to the cosmic censorship hypothesis (CCH) [\[1\].](#page-7-0) The strong form of CCH, suggesting that no nonspacelike geodesics can escape the singularity, has lately been under scrutiny because it can now be shown that the weak energy condition or the positivity of energy density guarantees a nonzero measured set of such geodesics. Formation of such locally naked singularity due to the gravitational collapse of a Lemaitre-Tolman-Bondi (LTB) dust cloud, which has zero pressure, was shown to be possible by Joshi and Dwivedi [\[2\]](#page-7-1), under generic initial conditions. The significant role played by the inhomogeneity of the collapsing cloud was highlighted in such a phenomena. However, unlike the LTB dust cloud, a more realistic star does have nonzero pressure. Additionally, the matter is expected to behave like a perfect fluid at the center of the cloud as discussed in [\[3\]](#page-7-2). The formalism developed to investigate the end state of a collapsing cloud having nonzero pressure suggests that the local nakedness or otherwise of the singularity thus formed, depends upon the polarity of the smallest nonzero component of the Taylor expansion of the singularity curve [\[4,5\].](#page-7-3) The positivity of such component

implies that the tangent of the outgoing radial null geodesic (ORNG) is positive at the singularity, implying that the singularity is at least locally naked.

Such locally naked singularities, however, may not be considered as evidence for the defiance of cosmic censorship if they are gravitationally weak. Any object hitting the singularity, if crushed to zero volume, is called "strong" curvature singularity according to Tipler [\[6\]](#page-7-4). It was shown by Newman [\[7\]](#page-7-5) that naked singularities investigated by Eardley and Smarr [\[8\]](#page-7-6) and Christodoulou [\[9\]](#page-7-7) formed in the classes of LTB cloud collapse are weak. Using the sufficient condition given by Clarke and Krolak [\[10\]](#page-7-8) for a singularity to be strong in the sense of Tipler, naked singularity formation due to collapsing self-similar marginally bound singularity was studied by Waugh and Lake [\[11\]](#page-7-9) and independently by Ori and Piran [\[12\]](#page-7-10). Later, Joshi and Dwivedi investigated the naked singularity formed due to the collapse of an LTB dust cloud under generic initial conditions for collapse, and derived the value of a certain parameter  $\alpha$  for which the singularity is gravitationally strong [\[2\].](#page-7-1) The parameter  $\alpha$  physically signifies the nonlinear relation between the physical radius of the cloud and the radial coordinate of the ORNG at the singular center  $(\alpha = 1$  corresponds to a linear relation). The stability of such singularities against some perturbations in the initial data was later shown by Deshingkar, Joshi, and Dwivedi [\[13\]](#page-7-11). Coming to the collapsing cloud having nonzero pressure, many models have been studied in which naked singularities are shown to arise (see e.g., [14–[30\]](#page-7-12) and [\[31\]](#page-7-13) for a review). Here, we study the singularities formed due to a collapsing spherical cloud made up of a perfect fluid with nonzero pressure and derive an analogous criterion needed

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to be imposed on  $\alpha$  for the singularity to be strong. Our basic purpose here is thus to examine and characterize the conditions that ensure that the naked singularities forming in collapse with nonzero pressure are strong curvature in nature.

The paper is arranged as follows: Einstein's field equations, regularity conditions, and the mathematical formalism to understand the final state of a collapsing spherically symmetric perfect fluid with arbitrary pressure are discussed in Sec. [II.](#page-1-0) The strength of singularity and related results are discussed in Sec. [III.](#page-3-0) An example showing the existence of a nonzero measured set of initial data giving rise to locally naked Tipler strong singularity is then illustrated and worked out in Sec. [IV.](#page-4-0) Concluding remarks are given in Sec. [V.](#page-6-0)

## II. COLLAPSE FORMALISM

<span id="page-1-0"></span>The collapse of a spherically symmetric cloud made up of perfect fluid is governed by three functions  $\nu(t, r)$ ,  $\psi(t, r)$ , and  $R(t, r)$ , and the metric is expressed as

$$
ds^{2} = -e^{2\nu(t,r)}dt^{2} + e^{2\nu(t,r)}dr^{2} + R^{2}(t,r)d\Omega^{2}
$$
 (1)

in the comoving coordinates  $t$  and  $r$ . The stress-energy tensor for a general type I matter field, more specifically a perfect fluid, has nondiagonal terms as zero, and diagonal terms as

$$
T_t^t = -\rho, \qquad T_r^r = T_\theta^\theta = T_\phi^\phi = p. \tag{2}
$$

Here the  $\rho$  is the energy density and  $p$  is the isotropic pressure of the collapsing cloud. The matter field under consideration is assumed to be satisfying the weak energy condition thereby restricting the components of the stressenergy tensor in the following way:

$$
\rho \ge 0, \qquad \rho + p \ge 0. \tag{3}
$$

<span id="page-1-4"></span><span id="page-1-3"></span>In the units of  $8\pi G = c = 1$ , the Einstien's field equations relates the metric functions  $\nu(t, r)$ ,  $\nu(t, r)$ , and  $R(t, r)$  with the components of the stress-energy tensor in the following way:

$$
\rho = \frac{F'}{R^2 R'},\tag{4}
$$

$$
p = -\frac{\dot{F}}{R^2 \dot{R}},\tag{5}
$$

<span id="page-1-1"></span>
$$
\nu' = -\frac{p'}{\rho + p},\tag{6}
$$

$$
2\dot{R}' = R'\frac{\dot{G}}{G} + \dot{R}\frac{H'}{H},\tag{7}
$$

<span id="page-1-5"></span>where,

$$
G(t,r) = e^{-2\psi} R^2; \qquad H(t,r) = e^{-2\psi} \dot{R}^2. \tag{8}
$$

<span id="page-1-2"></span>The superscript dot and prime are the notations used for the partial derivative with respect to time and radial coordinates, respectively. Here  $F$  is the Misner-Sharp mass function given by

$$
F = R(1 - G + H). \tag{9}
$$

It physically signifies the mass of the cloud inside a shell of radius r at time t. It can be expressed as  $F = r<sup>3</sup>M$ , where  $M$  is such that it maintains regularity. By regularity, we mean that  $M$  is a suitably differentiable function which does not blow up or vanish as  $r \to 0$ . Doing so ensures that the energy density at the regular center does not blow up before the formation of central shell focusing singularity. Another regularity condition needed to be fulfilled by the collapsing matter field to be well behaved is the absence of cusp in the energy density at the center which is taken care of by the equation

$$
\mathcal{M}'(t,0) = 0.\tag{10}
$$

The physical radius of the cloud is represented by the component of metric,  $R(t, r)$ . For different shells to avoid crossing each other, R has to follow the inequality  $R' > 0$ . To get a collapsing solution of Einstein's field equations, we have to restrict  $R(t, r)$  to be less than zero. This indicates that given a shell of radial coordinate  $r$ , the corresponding physical radius R decreases as time passes until it becomes a singularity, i.e.,  $R(t, r) = 0$ . It is to be noted that  $R(t, r)$  vanishes also at the regular center, i.e., at  $r = 0$ . This means that vanishing  $R(t, r)$  does not necessarily imply the formation of a singularity. The representation of the distinction in both the cases can be achieved by expressing  $R$  as

$$
R(t,r) = rv(t,r), \tag{11}
$$

where  $v(t, r)$  can be viewed as a scale factor. The scaling freedom accessible for r can be used to define  $R(t_i, r) = r$ , where  $t_i$  is the initial epoch. This allows us to write the following:

$$
v(t_i, r) = 1; \qquad v(t_s(r), r) = 0; \qquad \dot{v} < 0, \quad (12)
$$

where  $t<sub>s</sub>(r)$  is called the singularity curve which gives the time of formation of singularity due to collapsing shell having radial coordinate r. Now it can be said that this shell collapses to form a singularity if  $v(t_s, r) = 0$ , thereby distinguishing the case from a regular center. An additional benefit of introducing the scale factor  $v$ , also known alternatively as the scaling function, is the freedom to study the collapse formalism in the transformed  $(r, v)$ coordinates, instead of  $(t, r)$  coordinates, which will be apparent in the forthcoming approach.

<span id="page-2-6"></span>Let us now recall briefly the formalism developed earlier [\[4,5\]](#page-7-3) to study the end state of the collapse. We start with defining an appropriately differentiable function  $A(r, v)$  as follows:

$$
A_{,v} = \nu' \frac{r}{R'}.\tag{13}
$$

<span id="page-2-5"></span>Equation  $(6)$ , after integrating, can be used to express  $G$  in terms of  $A(r, v)$  as

$$
G(r,v) = b(r)e^{2A(r,v)}, \qquad (14)
$$

where the integration constant  $b(r)$  is related to the velocity with which the matter shell falls in. It can be expressed near the regular center as

$$
b(r) = 1 + r^2 b_0(r). \tag{15}
$$

<span id="page-2-0"></span> $b_0(r)$  is interpreted in analogy with the Lemaitre-Tolman-Bondi dust model in which  $b_0 < 0$  means bounded,  $b_0 > 0$ means unbounded, and  $b_0 = 0$  means marginally bound dust collapse. The equation of motion can be found using Eq.  $(9)$  as

$$
\sqrt{v}\dot{v} = -e^{\nu}\sqrt{\mathcal{M} + \frac{v(be^{2A} - 1)}{r^2}}.\tag{16}
$$

This can be integrated to achieve the time curve  $t(r, v)$  as follows:

$$
t(r, v) = t_i + \int_v^1 \frac{e^{-\nu}}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{M}}{v} + \frac{be^{2\lambda} - 1}{r^2}}} dv.
$$
 (17)

<span id="page-2-7"></span>The time curve dictates the time required for a collapsing shell of radial coordinate  $r$  to arrive at an event  $v$ . This could now be used to get the singularity curve,

$$
t_s(r) = t(r, 0) = t_i + \int_0^1 \frac{e^{-\nu}}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{M}}{v} + \frac{be^{2\lambda} - 1}{r^2}}} dv \qquad (18)
$$

<span id="page-2-2"></span>which tells us the time required for a shell of radial coordinate  $r$  to collapse to a singularity. Near the center, the time curve can be Taylor expanded around  $r = 0$  as

<span id="page-2-3"></span>
$$
t(r, v) = t(0, v) + r\chi_1(v) + r^2\chi_2(v) + r^3\chi_3(v) + O(r^4),
$$
\n(19)

where

$$
\chi_i(v) = \frac{1}{i!} \frac{d^i t}{dr^i}\bigg|_{r=0}.\tag{20}
$$

For a singularity to be at least locally naked, there have to be families of timelike or null geodesics leaving the singularity. If the trapped surfaces in the neighborhood around the center are formed before the formation of the singularity, the geodesics will not be able to escape, thereby giving a black hole as the end product. The existence or otherwise of such escaping geodesics can be investigated by considering the equation for outgoing radial null geodesics as follows:

$$
\frac{dt}{dr} = e^{\psi - \nu}.\tag{21}
$$

If these geodesics were to be incomplete in the past at the singularity,  $R \to 0$  as  $t \to t_s$  (or  $v \to 0$ ) along these curves, that ensures a visible singularity. The above equation can be expressed using chain rule in terms of R and  $u = r^{\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha > 1$ , as

$$
\frac{dR}{du} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{R'}{r^{\alpha - 1}} \left( 1 + \frac{\dot{R}}{R'} e^{\psi - \nu} \right),\tag{22}
$$

<span id="page-2-1"></span>which can be rewritten as

$$
\frac{dR}{du} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \frac{R}{u} + \frac{\sqrt{v}v'r^{\frac{5-3a}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{R}{u}}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - \frac{F}{R}}{\sqrt{G}(\sqrt{G} + \sqrt{H})} \right). \tag{23}
$$

Here we have used the relation obtained from Eq. [\(9\)](#page-1-2). Along constant v surface,  $dv = v'dr + \dot{v}dt = 0$ , and hence,  $\sqrt{v}v'$ , appearing in the above equation, could be obtained from Eq. [\(16\)](#page-2-0) as

$$
\sqrt{v}v' = e^{\psi}\sqrt{e^{2A}vb_0 + vh + \mathcal{M}},\tag{24}
$$

where

$$
h(r,v) = \frac{e^{2A} - 1}{r^2}.
$$
 (25)

<span id="page-2-4"></span>For a singularity to be naked (at least locally), the tangent to the future directed radially null geodesic, which ceases at the singularity in the past, should have  $\frac{dR}{du} > 0$  at the singularity in the  $(R, u)$  plane [\[4\].](#page-7-3) Also, it should be finite. L'Hospital's rule then gives us

$$
X_0 = \lim_{(R,u)\to(0,0)} \frac{R}{u} = \frac{dR}{du}.
$$
 (26)

The mass profile  $M$  near the center can be Taylor expanded around  $r = 0$  as

$$
\mathcal{M}(r, v) = M_0(v) + M_2(v)r^2 + M_3(v)r^3
$$
  
+  $M_4(v)r^4 + o(r^5)$ . (27)

<span id="page-3-1"></span>At the limit  $(r, v) \rightarrow (0, 0)$  we obtain

$$
\lim_{(r,v)\to 0} \sqrt{v} \, v' = (\chi_1(0) + 2r\chi_2(0) + 3r^2\chi_3(0) + 4r^3\chi_4(0) + o(r^4))\sqrt{M_0(0)}.
$$
 (28)

<span id="page-3-2"></span>Substituting for  $\sqrt{v}v'$  from Eq. [\(28\)](#page-3-1) in the limiting case of Eq. [\(23\)](#page-2-1) along with using Eqs. [\(19\)](#page-2-2) and [\(20\)](#page-2-3) and Eq. [\(26\)](#page-2-4) gives

$$
X_0^{\frac{3}{2}} = \lim_{r \to 0} \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} (\chi_1(0) + 2r\chi_2(0) + 3r^2\chi_3(0) + 4r^3\chi_4(0) + o(r^4))\sqrt{M_0(0)}r^{\frac{5-3\alpha}{2}}.
$$
 (29)

It can be seen from the above equation that the problem of determining the local nakedness of the singularity is reduced to determining the polarity of  $X_0$ . Equation [\(29\)](#page-3-2) depicts the relation between the tangent of ORNG at singularity  $X_0$  and the components  $\chi_i$  of the Taylor expansion of the singularity curve. Here, a specific value of  $\alpha$  is chosen so that  $X_0 \neq 0$ . For instance, if  $\chi_1 \neq 0$  then  $\alpha = 5/3$  has to be chosen, and Eq. [\(29\)](#page-3-2) is reduced to

$$
X_0^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3}{2} \chi_1(0) \sqrt{M_0(0)} \tag{30}
$$

at the limit  $r \to 0$ . This implies that polarity of  $\chi_1(0)$  is the deciding factor for the local visibility or otherwise of the singularity.

Another possible value which  $\alpha$  can take is  $\alpha = \frac{7}{3}$ , for which the deciding factor is  $\chi_2$  as seen in the following specific form of Eq. [\(29\)](#page-3-2) as follows:

$$
X_0^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{3}{2}\chi_2(0)\sqrt{M_0(0)}.\tag{31}
$$

<span id="page-3-3"></span>Here,  $\chi_1(0)$  should be of the order of r in order to avoid the blowing up of  $X_0$ , hence  $\chi_1(0)$  has to be zero in the limit  $r \to 0$ . Generally,  $\alpha$  is restricted to the following values so that  $X_0 \neq 0$ :

$$
\alpha \in \left\{ \frac{2n+3}{3}; n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.
$$
 (32)

<span id="page-3-6"></span>Additionally, near  $(r, v) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ , we should have

$$
\chi_i(v) \sim O(r^{\frac{3\alpha-1}{2}-i}), \quad \forall \ i < \frac{3}{2}(\alpha-1).
$$
 (33)

This ensures that  $\chi_i(0) = 0$  and thereby preventing  $X_0$  from blowing up. Whether or not these values of  $\alpha$  in [\(32\)](#page-3-3) corresponds to a singularity which is strong, in the sense of Tipler, is investigated in the next section.

# III. STRENGTH OF SINGULARITIES

<span id="page-3-4"></span><span id="page-3-0"></span>The tangents of the outgoing timelike or null geodesic from a singularity formed due to gravitational collapse of an inhomogeneous spherically symmetric perfect fluid with nonzero pressure are as follows:

$$
K^{t} = \frac{dt}{d\lambda} = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{R},
$$
  

$$
K^{r} = \frac{dr}{d\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{G}}{RR'} \sqrt{\mathcal{P}^{2} \frac{\dot{R}^{2}}{H} - l^{2} + BR^{2}},
$$
  

$$
K^{\theta^{2}} + \sin^{2} \theta K^{\phi^{2}} = \frac{l^{2}}{R^{4}}.
$$
 (34)

Here the value of  $B$  denotes the type of geodesics such that for null geodesic  $B = 0$  and for timelike geodesic  $B = -1$ . Also, l is called the impact parameter which vanishes for radial geodesics. The function  $P(t, r)$  satisfies the following geodesic equation:

$$
\frac{dP}{d\lambda} - \frac{P^2}{R} \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} - \frac{\dot{H}}{2H} + \frac{\ddot{R}}{\dot{R}} - \frac{\dot{R}'}{R'} + \frac{\dot{G}}{2G} \right) - \frac{P\sqrt{G}}{R} \sqrt{\frac{P^2 \dot{R}^2}{H} - l^2 + BR^2} \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{R'} \left( \frac{2\dot{R}'}{\dot{R}} - \frac{H'}{H} \right) \right) + \frac{H}{\dot{R}} \left( \frac{l^2}{R} \left( \frac{1}{R} + \frac{\dot{G}}{2G\dot{R}} - \frac{\dot{R}'}{\dot{R}R'} \right) + \frac{BR}{\dot{R}} \left( \frac{\dot{R}'}{R'} - \frac{\dot{G}}{2G} \right) \right) = 0.
$$
\n(35)

<span id="page-3-5"></span>For radial null geodesic, close to  $\lambda = 0$ , i.e., near the singularity, using L'Hospital's rule in the above equation gives us the expression of  $P$  as follows:

$$
\mathcal{P} = \lim_{r \to 0} \frac{R}{\lambda} \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} - \frac{\dot{H}}{2H} + \frac{\ddot{R}}{R} + \frac{\dot{G}}{2G} - \frac{\dot{R}'}{R'} + \sqrt{\frac{G}{H}} \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{R} - \frac{H'\dot{R}}{HR'} + \frac{2\dot{R}'}{R'} \right) \right)^{-1} .
$$
 (36)

The sufficient condition for a singularity to be strong in the sense of Tipler [\[6\],](#page-7-4) provided by Clarke and Krolak [\[10\]](#page-7-8), is that at least along one null geodesic with the affine parameter  $\lambda$ , with  $\lambda = 0$  at the singularity, the following inequality should be satisfied:

$$
\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \lambda^2 R_{ij} K^i K^j > 0. \tag{37}
$$

Equations [\(4\)](#page-1-3) and [\(5\)](#page-1-4) give

$$
R_{ij}K^{i}K^{j} = \frac{1}{2R^{2}} \left( \frac{\dot{R}}{HR'} (F'\dot{R} - 3\dot{F}R')(K^{t})^{2} + \frac{R'}{G\dot{R}} (F'\dot{R} + \dot{F}R')(K^{r})^{2} \right).
$$
 (38)

<span id="page-4-1"></span>Substituting for the tangents to the radial null geodesic from Eq. [\(34\),](#page-3-4) we get

$$
\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \lambda^2 R_{ij} K^i K^j = 3 \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \left( \frac{\lambda \sqrt{F} \mathcal{P} \dot{R}}{R^2 \sqrt{rR'} \sqrt{H}} \right)^2.
$$
 (39)

Here, we have used the following limiting values arising from the regularity conditions:

$$
\lim_{r \to 0} \frac{rF_{,r}}{F} = 3, \qquad \lim_{v \to 0} \frac{vF_{,v}}{F} = 0.
$$
 (40)

The particular case of LTB collapse reduces the expression Eq. [\(39\)](#page-4-1) to

$$
\lim_{\lambda \to 0} \lambda^2 R_{ij} K^i K^j = 3 \lim_{\lambda \to 0} \left( \frac{\lambda \sqrt{F} \mathcal{P}}{R^2 \sqrt{rR'}} \right)^2, \tag{41}
$$

<span id="page-4-7"></span>which agrees with the result obtained in [\[2\].](#page-7-1) The above equation is obtained by substituting  $H = \dot{R}^2$  in Eq. [\(39\)](#page-4-1). Using Eqs. [\(36\)](#page-3-5) and [\(39\),](#page-4-1) the Clarke and Krolak's criteria is restated as

$$
\lim_{(r,v)\to(0,0)} \left(\frac{F'}{R'} - \frac{\dot{F}}{\dot{R}}\right) \left(\sqrt{G} \left(1 - \frac{H'R}{HR'} + \frac{2R\dot{R}'}{\dot{R}R'}\right) + \sqrt{H} \left(1 - \frac{\dot{H}R}{2H\dot{R}} + \frac{\dot{R}R}{\dot{R}^2} + \frac{R\dot{G}}{2\dot{R}G} - \frac{R\dot{R}'}{\dot{R}R'}\right)\right)^{-2} > 0, \quad (42)
$$

<span id="page-4-2"></span>which should hold at least along one null geodesic which is past incomplete at the singularity, for the singularity to be Tipler strong. H can be expressed using Eqs.  $(8)$  and  $(16)$  as

$$
H(r, v) = \frac{\mathcal{M}r^2}{v} + be^{2A} - 1.
$$
 (43)

<span id="page-4-3"></span>Differentiating Eq.  $(43)$  with respect to r can lead to

$$
\lim_{(r,v)\to(0,0)}\frac{H'}{H} = \lim_{r\to 0}\frac{1}{r} + \frac{M_{,r}}{M}.
$$
\n(44)

<span id="page-4-4"></span>Differentiating  $H$  in Eq. [\(8\)](#page-1-5) with respect to  $t$  gives the following equation:

$$
\frac{\ddot{R}R}{\dot{R}^2} - \frac{\dot{H}R}{2H\dot{R}} = \nu_{,v}v.\tag{45}
$$

<span id="page-4-5"></span>Differentiating  $G$  in Eq. [\(8\)](#page-1-5) with respect to  $t$  and using Eq. [\(14\)](#page-2-5) gives the following equation:

$$
\frac{r\dot{v}'}{\dot{v}} = 2vA_{2,v}r^2 + 2\psi_{,v}v.\tag{46}
$$

<span id="page-4-6"></span>In the  $(r, v)$  coordinate, we have

$$
\lim_{(t,r)\to(t_s,0)} \frac{F'}{R'} - \frac{\dot{F}}{\dot{R}} = \lim_{(r,v)\to(0,0)} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{F_{,r}}{v} - \frac{F_{,v}}{r} \right)
$$

$$
= \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mathcal{M}(0,0)}{X_0} \lim_{r \to 0} r^{3-\alpha}.
$$
(47)

<span id="page-4-8"></span>Using Eqs. [\(44\),](#page-4-3) [\(45\),](#page-4-4) [\(46\),](#page-4-5) [\(47\)](#page-4-6) in Eq. [\(42\)](#page-4-7) we obtain the condition of Clarke and Krolak as

$$
\lim_{(r,v)\to(0,0)} \left( \sqrt{\frac{|X_0|}{\mathcal{M}(0,0)}} r^{\frac{(\alpha-3)}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{M_{,r}r}{2M} + 2\psi_{,v}v + 2vA_{2,v}r^2 \right) + 1 + \nu_{,v}v - \psi_{,v}v \right)^{-2} > 0
$$
\n(48)

<span id="page-4-9"></span>at least along one null geodesic. The above inequality can be satisfied only if

$$
\alpha \ge 3,\tag{49}
$$

for if  $\alpha$  < 3, then the denominator on the left-hand side of the inequality [\(48\)](#page-4-8) will blow up in the limit  $(r, v) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ , thereby not satisfying the inequality anymore.

From Eqs. [\(33\)](#page-3-6) and [\(49\)](#page-4-9) it can be seen that in order to maintain the finiteness of  $X_0$ ,  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  should be of the order of at least  $r^2$  and r respectively, implying that

$$
\chi_1(0) = \chi_2(0) = 0. \tag{50}
$$

It is to be noted that  $\alpha$  can take values as follows:

$$
\alpha \in \left\{ \frac{2n+1}{3} ; n \ge 4; n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.
$$
 (51)

<span id="page-4-0"></span>We now carry out a case study for one such value of  $\alpha$  in the next section.

## IV. COLLAPSE END STATES

<span id="page-4-10"></span>If  $\alpha = 3$ , the equation for tangent of the null geodesic at the singularity for  $r = 0$  follows from Eq. [\(29\)](#page-3-2) as

$$
X_0^{\frac{3}{2}} = \lim_{r \to 0} \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{M_0(0)} \chi_3(0). \tag{52}
$$

Polarity of  $\chi_3$  then determines the polarity of  $X_0$  which in turn determines the nakedness or otherwise of the Tipler strong singularity. Substituting for density and pressure of the cloud from Eqs.  $(4)$  and  $(5)$  in Eq.  $(6)$  gives us

$$
\nu' = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{,vr} v + (\mathcal{M}_{,vv} v - 2\mathcal{M}_{,v})w}{(3\mathcal{M} + r\mathcal{M}_{,r} - \mathcal{M}_{v} v)v}R'. \tag{53}
$$

Here,  $v'$ , which is the partial derivative of v in  $(t, r)$ coordinate has been expressed as a function  $w(r, v)$  in the  $(r, v)$  coordinate. One could use the above equation in Eq. [\(13\)](#page-2-6) for obtaining the integral expression of  $A(r, v)$  as

<span id="page-5-0"></span>
$$
A(r,v) = \int_v^1 \frac{\mathcal{M}_{,vr} v + (\mathcal{M}_{,vv} v - 2\mathcal{M}_{,v}) w}{(3\mathcal{M} + r\mathcal{M}_{,r} - \mathcal{M}_{v} v)v} r dv. \tag{54}
$$

Also regularity condition demand that  $A \simeq r^2$ . Hence one can Taylor expand it around  $r = 0$  as

$$
A(r, v) = A_2(v)r^2 + A_3(v)r^3 + \cdots
$$
 (55)

<span id="page-5-2"></span>where the components  $A_i(v)$ ,  $i \geq 2$ , can be obtained using Eq. [\(54\)](#page-5-0) as follows:

$$
A_2(v) = \int_v^1 \frac{2M_{2,v} + (M_{0,vv} - \frac{2M_{0,v}}{v})w_{,r}}{3M_0 - M_{0,v}v} dv, \quad (56)
$$

$$
A_3(v) = \int_v^1 \frac{6M_{3,v} + (M_{0,vv} - \frac{2M_{0,v}}{v})w_{,rr}}{3M_0 - M_{0,v}v} dv, \quad (57)
$$

$$
A_4(v) = \int_v^1 \frac{1}{(3M_0 - M_{0,v}v)^2} \left( 2M_{2,v}(vM_{2,v} - 5M_2) + 4M_{4,v}(3M_0 - vM_{0,v}) + w_{,r} \left( M_0 \left( 3M_{2,vv} - \frac{6M_{2,v}}{v} \right) + M_{0,v} \left( \frac{10M_2}{v} - vM_{2,vv} \right) + M_{0,v}(vM_{2,v} - 5M_2) \right) \right) + w_{,rrr} \frac{(M_{0,vv}v - 2M_{0,v})}{6v(3M_0 - M_{0,v}v)} dv,
$$
(58)

<span id="page-5-3"></span>and

$$
A_{5}(v) = \int_{v}^{1} \frac{1}{(3M_{0} - M_{0,v}v)^{2}} \left( -12M_{3}M_{2,v} - 15M_{2}M_{3,v} + 5vM_{2,v}M_{3,v} + w_{,r} \left( -\frac{6M_{0}M_{3,v}}{v} + M_{3} \left( \frac{12M_{0,v}}{v} - 6M_{0,v}v \right) + M_{0,v}M_{3,v}v + 3M_{0}M_{3,vv} - M_{0,v}M_{3,v}v \right) + w_{,rr} \left( 5M_{2} \left( \frac{M_{0,v}}{v} - \frac{M_{0,v}v}{2} \right) + 3M_{0} \left( -\frac{M_{2,v}}{v} + \frac{M_{2,v}v}{2} \right) + \frac{v}{2} \left( M_{2,v}M_{0,vv} - M_{0,v}M_{2,vv} \right) \right) + w_{,rrrr} \frac{\left( -\frac{M_{0,v}}{12v} + \frac{M_{0,vv}}{24} \right)}{3M_{0} - M_{0,v}v} dv.
$$
\n
$$
(59)
$$

<span id="page-5-1"></span>These components of Taylor expansion of  $A(r, v)$  around  $r = 0$  are then used to determine  $\chi_3$  by differentiating the singularity curve thrice. We also have

$$
\frac{be^{2A} - 1}{r^2} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ((i+2)A_{i+2} + b_{0i})r^i
$$
 (60)

<span id="page-5-4"></span>near the center. Here,  $b_{0i}$  are the coefficients of r<sup>i</sup> in the Taylor expansion of  $b_0(r)$  around  $r = 0$ . Substituting from Eq. [\(60\)](#page-5-1) in Eq. [\(18\)](#page-2-7) along with using Eqs. [\(19\)](#page-2-2) and [\(20\),](#page-2-3) we obtain the expression of  $\chi_3$  as

$$
\chi_3 = \int_v^1 \frac{3A_3 + b_{01}}{\left(\frac{M_0}{v} + 2A_2 + b_{00}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(\frac{g_2}{2} - \frac{5}{16} \left(\frac{3A_3 + b_{01}}{\frac{M_0}{v} + 2A_2 + b_{00}}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{\frac{M_2}{v} + 4A_4 + b_{02}}{\frac{M_0}{v} + 2A_2 + b_{00}}\right)\right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left(\frac{M_3}{v} + 5A_5 + b_{03}\right)}{\left(\frac{M_0}{v} + 2A_2 + b_{00}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} dv. \tag{61}
$$

Here,  $g_2 = \frac{1}{2} A_{2,v} v$ . As is apparent from Eq. [\(52\),](#page-4-10) polarity of  $\chi_3$  is the deciding factor for local visibility of Tipler strong singularity. The expressions for  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$ ,  $A_4$ , and  $A_5$ can be obtained from Eqs.  $(56)$ – $(59)$  for a given mass profile  $\mathcal{M}(r, v)$ , which is then substituted in Eq. [\(61\)](#page-5-4). However, while calculating the  $A_i$ s, we also require the derivatives of  $w(r, v)$  with respect to r, which is not known in general. Nevertheless, for a well-chosen mass profile

such that the components nonminimally coupled with the derivatives of  $w(r, v)$  in the integral expressions for  $A_i$ vanish, we could bypass the requirement of the information of the collapse dynamics. Since there is no mention of equation of state here, we have total five field equations in six unknown parameters namely  $p, \rho, \nu, \psi, R$ , and F, i.e., two matter variables, three metric tensor components, and the Misner-Sharp mass function. Therefore, there is one

<span id="page-6-1"></span>degree of freedom left, thereby allowing us to specify the evolution of mass profile  $M$ . The idea is to give a small perturbation to the mass profile corresponding to inhomogeneous dust which up to fourth order is expressed close to the center as

$$
\mathcal{M}(r, v) = m_0 + m_2 r^2 + m_3 r^3 + m_4 r^4, \qquad (62)
$$

where  $m_0$ ,  $m_2$ ,  $m_3$ , and  $m_4$  are constants. The perturbation term  $\delta(v)$  is then coupled minimally to the fourth order component of  $M$ . The reason for this form of perturbation is to vanish the terms involving the derivative of  $w(r, v)$  in the expression of  $A_i$ . One such example of a perturbed mass profile is as follows:

$$
\mathcal{M}(r, v) = m_0 + m_2 r^2 + m_3 r^3 + m_4 r^4 + \delta(v) r^4. \tag{63}
$$

This mass profile can give rise to nonzero pressure near the center.

Now, let us consider the mass profile Eq. [\(62\)](#page-6-1), with  $m_0 = 1$ ,  $m_2 = -0.1$ ,  $m_3 = 0$ , and  $m_4 = -0.1$ . Let us give a fourth order perturbation,  $\delta(v) = -0.1(1 - v^2)$ . This perturbed mass profile corresponds to a perfect fluid with nonzero pressure associated with it. Fixing  $b_{00} = -0.5$  and  $b_{01} = -0.1$ , a nonzero measured set of initial data  $(b_{02}, b_{03})$  satisfying the inequality

$$
9.46857b_{02} + 48.4614b_{03} < 1
$$

<span id="page-6-0"></span>is obtained for which  $\chi_3 > 0$ , and hence the end state of the collapse for such initial data is a locally visible Tipler strong singularity.

#### V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Some concluding points and open concerns are discussed below:

(1) The necessary criterion for a central shell-focusing singularity formed due to gravitational collapse of a spherically symmetric inhomogeneous perfect fluid with nonzero pressure to be visible is that the relation between the physical radius and the radial coordinate of ORNG should be of the form

$$
R = X_0 r^{\alpha}, \qquad X_0 > 0,
$$

where  $\alpha$  is restricted to the values given by the set

$$
\alpha \in \left\{\frac{2n+3}{3}; n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}.
$$

(2) For this singularity to be strong in the sense of Tipler, the set of possible values of  $\alpha$  is further refined as follows:

$$
\alpha \in \left\{\frac{2n+3}{3}; n \geq 3; n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}.
$$

This restriction on  $\alpha$  concludes that the locally naked singularities in [\[32,33\]](#page-7-14) are not Tipler strong because of the fact that  $\alpha$  was chosen to be  $\frac{5}{3}$  and  $\frac{7}{3}$ .

- (3) While investigating the end state, the requirement of preknowledge of the dynamics of the collapse,  $v(t, r)$ , causes a hindrance to proceed further to determine the visibility of the singularity, as observed in Eqs. [\(56\)](#page-5-2)–[\(61\)](#page-5-4). Nevertheless, due to a degree of freedom available with us, we have freedom of choice of fixing an unknown function. In our case, this unknown function is the mass profile of the fluid. By wisely choosing the mass profile, the requirement of the knowledge of  $v(t, r)$  could be bypassed. To achieve this, we have given a perturbation to the mass profile for dust in such a way that the components nonminimally coupled with the derivative terms of the scaling function in Eqs. [\(56\)](#page-5-2)– [\(59\)](#page-5-3) vanish. One way to obtain such a mass profile is to add a perturbed term of order four in r. For an example of such a form of a mass profile, there indeed exists a nonzero measured set in the  $(b_{02}, b_{03})$  plane for which the end state after the collapse is a Tipler strong locally visible singularity. Existence of such a set of initial data guarantees that the naked singularities forming due to perfect fluid collapse are stable against any perturbation in the initial data from which the collapse begins.
- (4) This acts as a counterexample to at least the strong cosmic censorship hypothesis which does not allow the existence of such locally visible singularity. It is to be noted that the matter fluid formed due to such a perturbed term satisfies the weak energy condition and has nonzero pressure  $p = -\frac{\delta_{xy}}{X^2}$ , not restricted to any equation of state. Nonzero pressure in the collapsing cloud arises because of the time dependence property of the perturbed mass profile. Hence, we have shown that there exists a collapsing cloud having certain mass profile with nonzero pressure which collapses to form a Tipler strong singularity which is locally visible. Also, since the collapsing cloud is scale independent, if its size is very large, an observer sufficiently close to the singularity will be able to detect the singularity even if it is only locally naked. Hence, even a locally naked singularity is a serious defiance of the cosmic censorship.
- (5) In [\[2\],](#page-7-1) in the case of inhomogeneous collapsing dust, it has been shown that  $\alpha \leq 3$  for a singularity to be naked ( $X_0 > 0$ ). This puts a further restriction on  $\alpha$ , fixing it to  $\alpha = 3$  for a singularity to be Tipler strong and locally visible. In our case study, we have shown that  $\alpha = 3$  indeed gives Tipler strong locally visible singularity formed due to a collapsing perfect fluid

cloud with nonzero pressure. Whether or not  $\alpha > 3$ gives a naked singularity is yet to be studied.

(6) Throughout the paper, we have considered the possibility of strong singularities which are locally naked. Whether or not they are globally naked is still unknown. The existence of such singularities would be a big blow to the weak cosmic censorship.

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