

Revised formalism for slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars in general relativity

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We discuss slowly rotating, general relativistic, superfluid neutron stars in the Hartle-Thorne formulation. The composition of the stars is described by a simple two-fluid model which accounts for superfluid neutrons and all other constituents. We apply a perturbed matching framework to derive a new formalism for slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars, valid up to second order perturbation theory, building on the original formulation reported by Andersson and Comer in 2001. The present study constitutes an extension of previous work in the single-fluid case where it was shown that the Hartle-Thorne formalism needs to be amended since it does not provide the correct results when the energy density does not vanish at the surface of the star. We discuss in detail the corrections that need to be applied to the original two-fluid formalism in order to account for nonvanishing energy densities at the boundary. In the process, we also find a correction needed in the computation of the deformation of the stellar surface in the original two-fluid model in all cases (irrespective of the value of the energy density at the surface). The discrepancies found between the two formalisms are illustrated by building numerical stellar models, focusing on the comparison in the calculation of the stellar mass, the deformation of the star, and in the Kepler limit of rotation. In particular, using a toy-model equation of state for which the energy density does not vanish at the boundary of the star we demonstrate that the corrections to the formalism we find impact the structure of slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars in a significant way.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In their seminal work in the 1960s, Hartle and Thorne (HT hereafter) formulated the general relativistic treatment of isolated slowly rotating compact stars in equilibrium [1,2] composed of a perfect fluid interior rotating rigidly. This analytical model provides a perturbative framework to describe the equilibrium configuration of an isolated compact body up to second order in perturbations in general relativity, around a static, spherically symmetric configuration. The slow-rotation approximation entails expanding the metric fields and the matter fields to $O(\Omega^2)$, where Ω is the angular velocity of the star. The resulting formalism accurately describes equilibrium models of typical pulsars but it is inappropriate for relativistic stars when rotation approaches the mass-shedding limit [3,4].

Recent studies have shown that the mass of a slowly rotating relativistic star described by a barotropic equation of state (EOS) computed using the HT formalism needs to

be amended if the energy density does not vanish at the surface of the star, since that produces discontinuities of the second order perturbation fields there, i.e. at the matching surface between the interior and exterior solutions for the Euler-Einstein system [5–8]. Only for EOS for which the energy density vanishes at the boundary of the star, the expression provided by [1] to compute the mass of the star yields the correct value. However, there may be situations for which the energy density can exhibit a discontinuity at the stellar surface, notably in the case of EOS describing strange stars (see e.g. [9]). In particular [7] computed equilibrium configurations of the rotating strange stars configurations studied in [9] finding significantly higher values for the total mass when accounting for the correction to the computation of the mass in the HT formalism. More precisely, the maximum mass found is $\sim 11\%$ larger than that attained in the original HT model. In addition, the perturbed-matching approach of [5] was also applied in [7] to the tidal problem in binary systems. It was found that it fully accounts for the correction to the Love numbers needed to obtain truly universal I-Love-Q relations, i.e. valid for *both* neutron stars and strange stars, yielding in a natural way the *ad hoc* corrections used in [10].

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The equilibrium stellar models built using the HT formalism (including those in [7]) typically assume that relativistic star matter can be described by a single fluid, an oversimplified but widely used premise. However, the composition of a neutron star is far from being made of one single fluid but rather it includes different constituents. The interior of the star has a $\sim 1\text{--}2$ km deep solid crust in the outer layers with ions, electrons, nuclei, and a superfluid neutron gas in the inner crust and a ~ 10 km core containing superfluid neutrons, superconducting protons, and electrons. Close to the center of the star the composition is almost unknown and proposals involve the possible existence of exotic particles like hyperons, kaon/pion condensates due to phase transitions, or deconfined quarks. A formalism to build slowly rotating models of superfluid neutron stars in general relativity was presented by Andersson and Comer in [11] (AC hereafter) within the framework of the HT model. This formalism describes the neutron star matter as a two-fluid model where one of the fluids is the superfluid neutron and the other fluid is a mixture of all other constituents, including protons. As we show here, the amendment of the computation of the mass of the star found in the HT formalism for the single-fluid case is also necessary for the two-fluid model. This has implications in the formalism to build equilibrium configurations of slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars [11] or the computation of observables like quasinormal modes of oscillation [12]. The aim of this work is to present the correction in the HT formalism for the two-fluid model.

In this paper we apply the perturbed matching framework of [5,8] to derive a new formalism for slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars, valid up to second order perturbation theory, building on the original two-fluid formulation put forward by AC [11]. Incidentally, we also find that the computation of the deformation of the star in [11] by following surfaces of constant energy density needs to be replaced by surfaces of constant “pressure.” Note that in the single-fluid (perfect) case with barotropic EOS, those two approaches lead to the same result (as is done in [1]), but for the two-fluid model that is not the case. We discuss the corrections that need to be applied in order to account for the possibility of discontinuous matter fields at the matching surface and the determination of the deformation. We first apply our approach to the specific star model considered by [11], highlighting the discrepancies found between the two approaches. Next, using a toy-model EOS for which the energy density does not vanish at the boundary of the star we show that the amendments of the AC formalism we present in this work must be taken into account as they impact the structure and equilibrium of stationary models of superfluid neutron stars, namely their total mass and radius. This has also consequences for the deformation of the star as well as for the tidal problem, as it was shown for the single-fluid model previously discussed by [7].

This article is organized as follows: In Secs. II and III we discuss the two-fluid model, following the formulation described in [12], and our perturbative scheme for the two-fluid case, respectively. These first two sections serve as an introduction to the formalism and lay the foundation for the notation that will be used later. The following sections focus on developing the model to obtain the equations in the background configuration (Sec. IV), both at first order (Sec. V) and at second order (Sec. VI). Each of these sections deals with the inner problem, the outer problem, the link between both regions, and the computational procedures carried out to solve both problems. Next, in Sec. VII we study the deformation of the star comparing our results with those from [11] and in Sec. VIII we discuss the Kepler or mass-shedding limit of rotation. Numerical results are reported in Sec. IX by employing, first, the same two-fluid EOS as that used by [11] and, second, a toy-model EOS for which the matter fields are discontinuous at the stellar surface. Finally, our conclusions are presented in Sec. X.

II. SUPERFLUID NEUTRON STARS

We start by briefly introducing the formalism of the two-fluid model for superfluid neutron stars as presented by [12,13]. We leave the proper physical motivation and the description of the model to those references and [11], and we here focus only on the operational procedures involved.

The central quantity to model general relativistic superfluid neutron stars is the so-called master function

$$\Lambda = \Lambda(n^2, p^2, x^2), \quad (1)$$

which depends on $n^2 = -n_\alpha n^\alpha$, $p^2 = -p_\alpha p^\alpha$, and $x^2 = -p_\alpha n^\alpha$, where n^α and p^α are given by

$$n^\alpha = n u^\alpha, \quad p^\alpha = p v^\alpha, \quad (2)$$

and u^α and v^α are the unit timelike vectors describing the flow of protons and neutrons, respectively, and n (p) is the neutron (proton) number density. As stated in [12], the master function encodes the local thermodynamic state of the fluid and serves as a Lagrangian for deriving the superfluid field equations. When taking the limit to a perfect fluid, Λ corresponds to minus the total energy density of the fluid.

A. Auxiliary definitions and energy-momentum tensor

From these quantities [12] define the following set of convenient auxiliary objects. First, using the short-hand notation for the first derivatives of Λ with respect to its three arguments

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &:= -\frac{\partial\Lambda(n^2, p^2, x^2)}{\partial x^2}, & \mathcal{B} &:= -2\frac{\partial\Lambda(n^2, p^2, x^2)}{\partial n^2}, \\ \mathcal{C} &:= -2\frac{\partial\Lambda(n^2, p^2, x^2)}{\partial p^2},\end{aligned}$$

the following one-forms are defined

$$\mu_\alpha := \mathcal{B}n_\alpha + \mathcal{A}p_\alpha, \quad \chi_\alpha := \mathcal{C}p_\alpha + \mathcal{A}n_\alpha,$$

which are dynamically and thermodynamically conjugate to n^α and p^α , respectively [12]. After defining the generalized pressure as

$$\Psi := \Lambda - n^\alpha\mu_\alpha - p^\alpha\chi_\alpha, \quad (3)$$

the energy-momentum tensor of the fluid is then given by

$$T^\alpha{}_\beta = \Psi\delta^\alpha_\beta + p^\alpha\chi_\beta + n^\alpha\mu_\beta. \quad (4)$$

B. Equations of the fluid

The equations of motion are given by the number density conservation equations

$$\nabla_\alpha n^\alpha = 0, \quad \nabla_\alpha p^\alpha = 0, \quad (5)$$

and by the Euler equations

$$n^\alpha(\nabla_\alpha\mu_\beta - \nabla_\beta\mu_\alpha) = 0, \quad p^\alpha(\nabla_\alpha\chi_\beta - \nabla_\beta\chi_\alpha) = 0. \quad (6)$$

Equations (5) and (6) imply $\nabla^\alpha T_{\alpha\beta} = 0$.

C. Stationary and axisymmetric configurations, circularity condition, and rigid rotation

We next assume that the spacetime and the fluid are stationary and axisymmetric, and that the flows satisfy the circularity condition, i.e. they rotate around the axis (there are no convective motions), and rotate rigidly. In consequence, following the conventions and notation in [11], we take a coordinate system $\{t, r, \theta, \phi\}$ adapted to the symmetries, so that ∂_t is a timelike Killing vector field and ∂_ϕ is an axial Killing vector field (with regular axis), the pair $\{\theta, \phi\}$ coordinates the sphere, and the metric has the form

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\text{STAX}} &= -(N^2 - \sin^2\theta K(N^\phi)^2)dt^2 + Vdr^2 \\ &\quad - 2\sin^2\theta KN^\phi dt d\phi + K(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2),\end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where all functions depend only on r and θ , and the vectors u and v (we use index-free notation when convenient) satisfy

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^2 - \sin^2\theta K(N^\phi - \tilde{\Omega}_n)^2}}(\partial_t + \tilde{\Omega}_n\partial_\phi), \\ v &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^2 - \sin^2\theta K(N^\phi - \tilde{\Omega}_p)^2}}(\partial_t + \tilde{\Omega}_p\partial_\phi),\end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

for some constants $\tilde{\Omega}_n$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_p$, which represent the angular velocities of neutrons and protons, respectively.

Equation (5) are automatically satisfied, and Eq. (6) are equivalent to [11]

$$\mu_c = -g(\partial_t + \tilde{\Omega}_n\partial_\phi, \mu), \quad \chi_c = -g(\partial_t + \tilde{\Omega}_p\partial_\phi, \chi), \quad (9)$$

for some constants μ_c and χ_c . Note we use $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ for the scalar product in the index-free notation.

The functions (of r and θ) involved in the two-fluid problem are thus given by the list $\{N, N^\phi, K, V\}$ plus the four constants $\{\tilde{\Omega}_p, \tilde{\Omega}_n, \mu_c, \chi_c\}$.

D. Global configuration: Vacuum exterior and surface of the star

The global configuration for an isolated finite star is built by the matching of two spacetimes with boundary, one to describe the interior region (\mathcal{M}^+, g^+) with boundary Σ^+ , that solve the two-fluid model just described, and a vacuum exterior region (\mathcal{M}^-, g^-) with boundary Σ^- . The matching procedure ensures the point-to-point identification of the two boundaries to form the so-called matching hypersurface $\Sigma \equiv \Sigma^+ = \Sigma^-$. The interior and exterior problems consist of the corresponding equations, with ‘‘regularity’’ conditions at the origin and at infinity, plus some relations of the boundary data on Σ^\pm provided by the matching conditions (so that there are no energy surface layers at the boundary). The matching conditions determine also the form of Σ , and thus provide the surface of the star. In this section we obtain the equation that determines the surface of the star in the two-fluid model. In the following we use the $+$ and $-$ indexes to refer to interior and exterior quantities, respectively.

Given that the exterior region is vacuum, the matching conditions imply

$$Ein(g^+)_{\alpha\beta}\mathbf{n}_+^\alpha|_{\Sigma^+} = 0, \quad (10)$$

where \mathbf{n}_+^α is normal to the hypersurface Σ^+ , and we use $Ein(g)$ to denote the Einstein tensor computed from g . The vector \mathbf{n}_+^α , defined in principle only on Σ^+ , is an unknown of the problem.

The assumption that the whole configuration is stationary and axisymmetric, that is, that both the interior and exterior regions are stationary and axisymmetric and that the boundaries Σ^+ and Σ^- preserve those symmetries (see [14]), implies that \mathbf{n}_+^α must be orthogonal to the Killings ∂_t and ∂_ϕ . This implies, in particular, that \mathbf{n}_+^α is

spacelike. It is then chosen to point from \mathcal{M}^+ inwards, and normalized to one. Analogously, we will have another normal \mathbf{n}^α defined on Σ^- to point \mathcal{M}^- outwards, to be identified to \mathbf{n}_+^α at each point of Σ .

For the two-fluid model above, for which in particular Eq. (8) holds, we have necessarily that the vectors u^α and v^α (on Σ^+) are orthogonal to \mathbf{n}_+^α , and hence also are n^α , p^α , μ^α , and χ^α by construction. Therefore, given (4), condition (10) is written equivalently as

$$(\Psi \mathbf{n}_+^\alpha + p^\alpha \chi_\beta \mathbf{n}_+^\beta + n^\alpha \mu_\beta \mathbf{n}_+^\beta)|_{\Sigma^+} = \Psi \mathbf{n}_+^\alpha|_{\Sigma^+} = 0,$$

and thus

$$\Psi|_{\Sigma^+} = 0. \quad (11)$$

In terms of the chart $\{t, r, \theta, \phi\}$ introduced above, this equation can be written as

$$\Psi(r, \theta) = 0,$$

which is the equation that defines Σ^+ in an implicit manner in terms of r and θ .

Condition (11) is a necessary condition for the matching, but it is not sufficient. Nevertheless, as shown in [15] (see also [16]) that condition will be the only one involving only the interior side. The rest of the matching conditions provide the matching hypersurface from the other side Σ^- and relations between the boundary data for the interior and exterior problems.

III. PERTURBATION SCHEME TO SECOND ORDER

In this section we introduce the ingredients and procedures we will follow in subsequent sections to set and solve the stationary and axisymmetric perturbative model of the two-fluid star around static and spherically symmetric background configuration. We follow the stationary and axisymmetric perturbative scheme to second order around a static and spherically symmetric background (\mathcal{M}, g) as described in [5] (see also [8]) based in an abstract perturbation parameter ε . We refer to [17] for the set of definitions involved in a perturbation scheme, which basically consists of a family of spacetimes $(\mathcal{M}_\varepsilon, \hat{g}_\varepsilon)$ with $(\mathcal{M}_0, \hat{g}_0) = (\mathcal{M}, g)$ together with a class of point identification (gauges). On the other hand, we will try to stick close to the notation in [11] for the names of the functions relative to the background, first and second order perturbations.

A. The geometry

We are thus given a static and spherically symmetric background spacetime (\mathcal{M}, g) with

$$g = -e^{\nu(r)} dt^2 + e^{\lambda(r)} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2), \quad (12)$$

and first and second order perturbation tensors on (\mathcal{M}, g)

$$K_1 = -2r^2 \omega(r) \sin^2\theta dt d\phi, \quad (13)$$

$$K_2 = (-4e^{\nu(r)} h(r, \theta) + 2r^2 \omega^2(r) \sin^2\theta) dt^2 + 4e^{\lambda(r)} v(r, \theta) dr^2 + 4r^2 k(r, \theta) (d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2). \quad (14)$$

The family of tensors relative to the perturbation scheme to second order in terms of a (so far abstract) parameter ε , $g_\varepsilon = g + \varepsilon K_1 + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} K_2 + O(\varepsilon^3)$, corresponds to the form (7) with the correspondences

$$\begin{aligned} N &= e^{\nu(r)/2} (1 + \varepsilon^2 h(r, \theta)), \\ V &= e^{\lambda(r)} (1 + 2\varepsilon^2 v(r, \theta)), \\ K &= r^2 (1 + 2\varepsilon^2 k(r, \theta)), \quad N^\phi = \varepsilon \omega(r, \theta). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

B. The two-fluid interior

The two-fluid interior is assumed to be based on some function Λ with three arguments. The form of Λ is given by the background configuration, and it is assumed that such form is kept in the perturbative scheme (see [17]). This is analogous to the single-fluid case (the HT model) in which the same barotropic EOS is imposed at all the perturbative levels, in particular at the background. Explicitly, one demands that $\Lambda_\varepsilon(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2) = \Lambda(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)$, where n_ε , p_ε , and x_ε will correspond to the fluid functions for each value of ε .

Following [11] we use the expansions

$$\begin{aligned} n_\varepsilon(r, \theta) &= n_0(r) (1 + \varepsilon^2 \eta(r, \theta)), \\ p_\varepsilon(r, \theta) &= p_0(r) (1 + \varepsilon^2 \Phi(r, \theta)), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

and the notation $\Lambda_\varepsilon := \Lambda(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)$, so that $\Lambda_0 := \Lambda(n_0^2, p_0^2, x_0^2)$. More explicitly we will also use $\Lambda_0(r) := \Lambda(n_0^2(r), p_0^2(r), x_0^2(r))$ and equivalently for $\Psi_0(r)$.

The perturbation of the velocity vector of the fluids is assumed to be driven by the rotations

$$\tilde{\Omega}_n = \varepsilon \Omega_n, \quad \tilde{\Omega}_p = \varepsilon \Omega_p, \quad (17)$$

for some constants Ω_n and Ω_p , so that the rotation enters at first order of ε (and not at second order, see [8]). Introducing the correspondences (15) into (8) we have $u_\varepsilon = u_{(0)} + \varepsilon u_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 u_{(2)} + O(\varepsilon^3)$ and $v_\varepsilon = v_{(0)} + \varepsilon v_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 v_{(2)} + O(\varepsilon^3)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} u_{(0)} &= e^{-\nu(r)/2} \partial_t, & u_{(1)} &= e^{-\nu(r)/2} \Omega_n \partial_\phi, \\ u_{(2)} &= (-2e^{-\nu(r)/2} h(r, \theta) + e^{-3\nu(r)/2} r^2 \sin^2\theta (\omega(r) - \Omega_n)) \partial_t, \\ v_{(0)} &= e^{-\nu(r)/2} \partial_r, & v_{(1)} &= e^{-\nu(r)/2} \Omega_p \partial_\phi, \\ v_{(2)} &= (-2e^{-\nu(r)/2} h(r, \theta) + e^{-3\nu(r)/2} r^2 \sin^2\theta (\omega(r) - \Omega_p)) \partial_t. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from $n_\varepsilon^\alpha = n_\varepsilon u_\varepsilon^\alpha$ and $p_\varepsilon^\alpha = p_\varepsilon v_\varepsilon^\alpha$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} n_\varepsilon^\alpha &= n_0 \left\{ u_{(0)}^\alpha + \varepsilon u_{(1)}^\alpha + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} (u_{(2)}^\alpha + 2\eta u_{(0)}^\alpha) \right\} + O(\varepsilon^3), \\ p_\varepsilon^\alpha &= p_0 \left\{ v_{(0)}^\alpha + \varepsilon v_{(1)}^\alpha + \frac{\varepsilon^2}{2} (v_{(2)}^\alpha + 2\Phi v_{(0)}^\alpha) \right\} + O(\varepsilon^3), \end{aligned}$$

from where, using the definition $x_\varepsilon^2 = -p_{\varepsilon\rho} n_\varepsilon^\rho$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x_\varepsilon^2(r, \theta) &= n_0(r) p_0(r) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2 (2\Phi(r, \theta) + 2\eta(r, \theta)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + e^{-\nu(r)} r^2 \sin^2 \theta (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\} + O(\varepsilon^3). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Then, in particular,

$$x_0^2(r) = n_0(r) p_0(r). \quad (19)$$

The Einstein field equations must hold now for each member of the family of the perturbation scheme parametrized with ε , that is

$$\text{Ein}(g_\varepsilon)^\alpha{}_\beta = \varkappa T_\varepsilon{}^\alpha{}_\beta, \quad (20)$$

where $\varkappa = 8\pi G/c^4$ and with the obvious extensions of the previously defined quantities to the ε family given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_\varepsilon{}^\alpha{}_\beta &= \Psi_\varepsilon \delta_\beta^\alpha + p_\varepsilon^\alpha \chi_{\varepsilon\beta} + n_\varepsilon^\alpha \mu_{\varepsilon\beta}, \\ \Psi_\varepsilon &= \Lambda_\varepsilon - n_\varepsilon^\rho \mu_{\varepsilon\rho} - p_\varepsilon^\rho \chi_{\varepsilon\rho}, \\ \mu_{\varepsilon\alpha} &= \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon n_{\varepsilon\alpha} + \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon p_{\varepsilon\alpha}, \quad \chi_{\varepsilon\alpha} = \mathcal{C}_\varepsilon p_{\varepsilon\alpha} + \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon n_{\varepsilon\alpha}, \\ \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon &= -\frac{\partial \Lambda(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)}{\partial x_\varepsilon^2}, \quad \mathcal{B}_\varepsilon = -2 \frac{\partial \Lambda(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)}{\partial n_\varepsilon^2}, \\ \mathcal{C}_\varepsilon &= -2 \frac{\partial \Lambda(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)}{\partial p_\varepsilon^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The explicit dependence on r and θ of these quantities is obtained once we introduce the expressions of the corresponding functions n_ε and p_ε from (16) and x_ε from (18). In the following we will use the notation $\mathcal{O}_0 := \mathcal{O}_\varepsilon|_{\varepsilon=0}$ for any object \mathcal{O} . Observe that \mathcal{A}_0 , \mathcal{B}_0 , and \mathcal{C}_0 are functions that depend only on r .

As mentioned above, the only remaining equations we have to impose are the Eulerian equations for the fluid (9). These equations applied to each member of the family of the perturbation scheme just read

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{c\varepsilon} &= -g_\varepsilon (\partial_t + \varepsilon \Omega_n \partial_\phi, \mu_\varepsilon), \\ \chi_{c\varepsilon} &= -g_\varepsilon (\partial_t + \varepsilon \Omega_p \partial_\phi, \chi_\varepsilon). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The expansions on ε of the left-hand sides are taken to be of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{c\varepsilon} &= \mu_\infty (1 + \varepsilon^2 \gamma_n) + O(\varepsilon^3), \\ \chi_{c\varepsilon} &= \chi_\infty (1 + \varepsilon^2 \gamma_p) + O(\varepsilon^3), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

which define the four constants $\mu_\infty (= \mu_{c0})$, $\chi_\infty (= \chi_{c0})$, γ_n , and γ_p .

1. The perturbation parameter ε

The introduction of the perturbation parameter ε by means of (17) has been performed, as mentioned earlier, to incorporate the rotation at first (and only at first) order. The fact that this can be done in the perfect fluid case has been argued many times in the literature (see e.g. [1]), and has been finally shown in full in [8]. In doing so we have passed from two parameters in the ‘‘full exact’’ case, $\tilde{\Omega}_n$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_p$ to three, namely ε , Ω_n , and Ω_p . The scalability property of perturbative schemes introduces the freedom of redefining the perturbation parameter, and that freedom has translated here into the introduction of the spurious information provided by one extra parameter. The perturbation scheme does not depend on that choice (let us refer to [8] for a full account on the subject in the perfect fluid case).

From a computational point of view the procedure consists on choosing freely the value of one parameter amongst Ω_p , Ω_n , and ε , solve the problems, and then simply use the scalability property to fix the model to the data we want. A particular choice can consist on setting $\varepsilon = 1$. Instead, following [11] in essence, we will use the parameter

$$\Delta = \frac{\tilde{\Omega}_n}{\tilde{\Omega}_p}, \quad (23)$$

which equals, by construction, $\Delta = \Omega_n/\Omega_p$, and eventually fix $\varepsilon = \tilde{\Omega}_p$, so that $\Omega_p = 1$ and the perturbation depends on two parameters, $\Delta (= \Omega_n)$ and $\varepsilon = \tilde{\Omega}_p$. With this choice ε contains the numerical value of the (rigid) rotation of the fluid of protons.

This choice of parametrization will be imposed only when needed, when we eventually describe the computational process. The reason is for convenience, since we prefer to leave all the construction in terms of Ω_n and Ω_p and keep all expressions symmetric with respect to the two fluids. Motivated by the notation used in some parts of [11], we will use a ‘‘little hat’’ notation to indicate that some quantity f has been calculated by setting $\Omega_n = \Delta$, $\Omega_p = 1$ in the corresponding equations to obtain \hat{f} . This means that, for any quantity f_1 at first order we have $\hat{f}_1 = f_1/\Omega_p$ by definition, while for any quantity f_2 at second order, $\hat{f}_2 = f_2/\Omega_p^2$. Observe that $\varepsilon f_1 = \tilde{\Omega}_p \hat{f}_1$ and $\varepsilon^2 f_2 = \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \hat{f}_2$ because $\varepsilon = \tilde{\Omega}_p/\Omega_p$.

Finally, let us note that given (17), the parameters $\tilde{\Omega}_p$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_n$ here correspond to Ω_p and Ω_n used in [11].

C. The global perturbation scheme

The background configuration follows the construction as described in Sec. II D, and it is thus divided into the interior part (\mathcal{M}^+, g^+) with boundary Σ^+ and the exterior part (\mathcal{M}^-, g^-) with boundary Σ^- , with g^\pm of the form (12) and identified boundaries as $\Sigma \equiv \Sigma^+ = \Sigma^-$. Although we ought to be using $\{t_+, r_+, \theta_+, \phi_+\}$ and $\{t_-, r_-, \theta_-, \phi_-\}$ for the charts at the exterior and interior domains, respectively, we are going to use a common name $\{t, r, \theta, \phi\}$ to simplify the notation whenever that does not lead to confusion.

For a global static and spherically symmetric background configuration, the matching in the background configuration is performed assuming that the spherical symmetry and staticity of the exterior and interior regions is preserved by the matching [14]. As a result, the boundaries Σ^\pm are defined in each case by $r_+ = R_+$ and $r_- = R_-$, respectively, for some pair of positive reals R_+ and R_- , and we take $r_+ \in (0, R_+)$ for the interior and $r_- \in (R_-, \infty)$ for the exterior. The normal vectors are then given by $\mathbf{n}_0^\pm = -e^{-\lambda_\pm(R_\pm)/2} \partial_r^\pm$, that are to be identified by the matching procedure. We will then use the usual notation $[f] := f_+|_{r_+=R_+} - f_-|_{r_-=R_-}$, where f_+ and f_- are functions defined on \mathcal{M}^+ and \mathcal{M}^- , respectively.

From the perturbation scheme one constructs the set of interior and exterior problems for the families of metrics g_ε^+ and g_ε^- . In the interior the equations at first and second order correspond to the first and second derivatives of (20) for g_ε^+ with respect of ε evaluated at $\varepsilon = 0$, respectively. The equations on the exterior are obtained equivalently, but now using (20) for g_ε^- with the right-hand side set to zero. At first order the functions involved will be those appearing in K_1 , and at second order, those in K_2 plus those in K_1 feeding the ‘‘inhomogeneous’’ part of the equations. If we call f^+ and f^- the set of functions involved at some order on each region, the procedure thus provides equations on (\mathcal{M}^+, g^+) and (\mathcal{M}^-, g^-) for f^+ and f^- .

The matching procedure using the perturbation scheme provides, first, relations between the boundary data of the functions f on Σ^+ and Σ^- by means of their differences, or jumps, $[f]$, and possibly $[f']$. The equations that determine these jumps will depend, in general, on the two classes of (spacetime) gauges used to construct the interior and exterior problems (one gauge at the interior and another at the exterior), and also on the class of gauges involved in the construction of the family of matching hypersurfaces $\Sigma_\varepsilon \equiv \Sigma_\varepsilon^+ = \Sigma_\varepsilon^-$ as subsets in the corresponding \mathcal{M}^\pm (see [5] for an expanded description), which we refer to as the hypersurface gauge [18,19].

Second, the matching procedure provides the deformation of the matching hypersurface, that is encoded in the family of hypersurfaces Σ_ε^\pm (one family at each side). That deformation is described at each point on the respective $\Sigma^\pm = \Sigma_0^\pm$ by a vector Z_1^\pm at first order and Z_2^\pm at second order. At the interior, Z_1^+ corresponds to the velocity vector at points on Σ^+ of the curves that follow the points on the

family Σ_ε^+ identified by the hypersurface gauge followed by the spacetime gauge at the + side, and Z_2^+ corresponds to the acceleration of that curve on Σ^+ . The same goes for the exterior region with $-$. Each of the four vectors $Z_{1/2}^\pm$ can be decomposed as tangent $T_{1/2}^\pm$ and normal parts to the corresponding Σ^\pm as $Z_1^\pm = T_1^\pm + Q_1^\pm \mathbf{n}_0^\pm$ and $Z_2^\pm = T_2^\pm + Q_2^\pm \mathbf{n}_0^\pm$, where Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm are two pairs of functions defined on their respective Σ^\pm . The deformation of Σ described by Σ_ε as a set of points corresponds then, at each side, to the normal part of $Z_{1/2}^\pm$, that is Q_1^\pm at first order, and Q_2^\pm at second order. The deformations refer to the (spacetime) gauges used at each side. To sum up, the perturbed matching conditions to second order will provide relations between

- (i) the jumps of the functions, and possibly derivatives, of the background configuration,
- (ii) the jumps $[f]$, and possibly $[f']$, of the functions f involved in K_1 and K_2 ,
- (iii) the differences of the tangent vectors T_1^\pm and T_2^\pm ,
- (iv) two pairs of functions Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm (at each corresponding side) that describe the deformation of the surface of the star (as seen from each side and with respect to the gauge used).

Let us stress that these relations follow from a pure geometrical setting. The perturbed matching between the two sides \pm will exist if there exist functions Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm and vectors T_1^\pm and T_2^\pm such that all the perturbed matching conditions are satisfied. On the other hand, in principle, those conditions may not provide a closed system for all the jumps and Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm , that is, that some freedom can be left (and some not even fixed by a choice of gauge, see [19]).

Nevertheless, when the field equations are imposed, possibly complemented with some other matter-field conditions at the boundary (as for instance no layer of electrical charge), more conditions on the jumps of the relevant functions may appear. One expects that the system of equations for the jumps and the functions Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm in terms of background quantities closes, and that the solution exists.

Finally, let us remark that the quantities involved in this perturbative scheme are, in general, gauge dependent. Part of the analysis of the problem consists of the control over all those dependencies. In particular, Q_2^\pm are both spacetime and hypersurface-gauge dependent. However, in the case of stationary and axisymmetric perturbations around static and spherically symmetric backgrounds, the deformation of the hypersurface (at second order) appears in the matching equations in terms of alternative functions Ξ^\pm constructed from Q_2^\pm , as shown in [5,8], that are hypersurface-gauge invariant if $Q_1 = 0$ and also invariant under the class of gauges at second order that maintain the form of the second order perturbation tensor used in the more general analysis there. In the present case, that is, for the class of gauges in which K_1 and K_2 have the form (13) and (14), we have

$$\Xi^\pm = Q_2^\pm + \kappa(T_1^\pm, T_1^\pm).$$

A hypersurface gauge (see [5,8]) can always be chosen so that either T_1^+ or T_1^- vanishes (but not both). Choosing, e.g. $T_1^- = 0$ we are left with $\Xi^- = Q_2^-$.

Next we deal with the building of the background configuration, and follow with the first and the second order problems. In each case we present the equations of the interior region, the solution of the vacuum exterior, and the equations that provide the matching of the two problems, that will be taken from the geometrical analysis in [8] (see also [5]).¹ Each section will end with an account on the explicit procedure used to solve the corresponding global interior-exterior problem.

IV. THE BACKGROUND CONFIGURATION

A. Interior problem

Once the function Λ is set the list of quantities that describe the background configuration of the interior of the star is given by $\{\lambda_+(r), \nu_+(r), n_0(r), p_0(r)\}$ plus the pair of constants $\{\mu_\infty, \chi_\infty\}$. The equations are found from (20) and (21), evaluated at $\varepsilon = 0$. From Eq. (20) we obtain

$$\lambda'_+ = +\frac{1 - e^{\lambda_+}}{r} - xre^{\lambda_+}\Lambda_0, \quad (24)$$

$$\nu'_+ = -\frac{1 - e^{\lambda_+}}{r} + xre^{\lambda_+}\Psi_0, \quad (25)$$

while Eq. (21) yields [12]

$$\mu_\infty e^{-\nu_+(r)/2} = \mathcal{B}_0(r)n_0(r) + \mathcal{A}_0(r)p_0(r) =: \mu_0(r), \quad (26)$$

$$\chi_\infty e^{-\nu_+(r)/2} = \mathcal{A}_0(r)n_0(r) + \mathcal{C}_0(r)p_0(r) =: \chi_0(r), \quad (27)$$

where we take advantage of the expressions to introduce two auxiliary functions μ_0 and χ_0 .² It is important to stress that if μ_0 vanishes at some point then it vanishes everywhere, and the same for χ_0 . The radial derivatives of the two equations in (26)–(27) provide, respectively,

$$\mathcal{A}_0^0 p'_0 + \mathcal{B}_0^0 n'_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{B}_0 n_0 + \mathcal{A}_0 p_0)\nu'_+ = 0, \quad (28)$$

$$\mathcal{C}_0^0 p'_0 + \mathcal{A}_0^0 n'_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{A}_0 n_0 + \mathcal{C}_0 p_0)\nu'_+ = 0, \quad (29)$$

with³

¹The perturbed matching (and thus the quantities Q_1^\pm and Q_2^\pm and the vector fields T_1^\pm and T_2^\pm) is assumed in [5] to be axially symmetric. The general analysis is made in [8], where it is shown that axial symmetry of the perturbed matching is a necessary consequence of the whole setting.

²Then, for the one-form $\mu_{\varepsilon\alpha}$ we have $\mu_{0\alpha} dx^\alpha = \mu_0(r) e^{\nu(r)/2} dt$.

³Our \mathcal{A}_0^0 , etc. correspond to $\mathcal{A}_0|_0$, etc. in [11].

$$\mathcal{A}_0^0 := \mathcal{A}_0 + 2\frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_0}{\partial p_0^2}n_0p_0 + 2\frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial n_0^2}n_0^2 + 2\frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial p_0^2}p_0^2 + \frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2}n_0p_0,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_0^0 := \mathcal{B}_0 + 2\frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_0}{\partial n_0^2}n_0^2 + 4\frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial n_0^2}n_0p_0 + \frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2}p_0^2,$$

$$\mathcal{C}_0^0 := \mathcal{C}_0 + 2\frac{\partial\mathcal{C}_0}{\partial p_0^2}p_0^2 + 4\frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial p_0^2}n_0p_0 + \frac{\partial\mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2}n_0^2.$$

Observe that with our notation the following chain of identities (and the analogous) holds

$$\frac{\partial\mathcal{B}_0}{\partial p_0^2} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{B}(n_0^2, p_0^2, x_0^2)}{\partial p_0^2} = \frac{\partial\mathcal{B}(n_\varepsilon^2, p_\varepsilon^2, x_\varepsilon^2)}{\partial p_\varepsilon^2} \Big|_{\varepsilon=0}.$$

For convenience, let us define the auxiliary functions (for each region + and -) $j(r)$ and $M(r)$ by

$$j(r) := e^{-(\lambda(r)+\nu(r))/2}, \quad 1 - \frac{2M(r)}{r} := e^{-\lambda(r)}.$$

The function $M(r)$ corresponds to the (Misner-Sharp) mass, and (24) can be reexpressed as [11]

$$M(r) = 4\pi \int_0^r s^2(-\Lambda_0(s))ds.$$

We end this subsection with some remarks. First, the invertibility of the system (28)–(29) must be kept under control. For that we can reexpress (28)–(29) as

$$\mathfrak{A} \begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}' = -\frac{1}{2}\nu'_+ \mathfrak{B} \begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\mathfrak{A} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_0^0 & \mathcal{A}_0^0 \\ \mathcal{A}_0^0 & \mathcal{C}_0^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathfrak{B} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{B}_0 & \mathcal{A}_0 \\ \mathcal{A}_0 & \mathcal{C}_0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (30)$$

Therefore Λ will have to satisfy the condition that \mathfrak{A} is invertible in all the range $r \in (0, R_+)$, so that the system (28)–(29) is equivalent to

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}' = -\frac{1}{2}\nu'_+ \mathfrak{A}^{-1} \mathfrak{B} \begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

It must be kept in mind, however, that we had (26)–(27), which reads

$$\mathfrak{B}(r) \begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_0 \\ \chi_0 \end{pmatrix}(r) = e^{-\nu_+(r)/2} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_\infty \\ \chi_\infty \end{pmatrix},$$

and therefore (31) can be also written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_0 \\ p_0 \end{pmatrix}' = -\frac{1}{2}\nu'_+ \mathfrak{A}^{-1} e^{-\nu_+/2} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_\infty \\ \chi_\infty \end{pmatrix}. \quad (32)$$

The importance of this form of the equations for $n_0(r)$ and $p_0(r)$ is that it provides n'_0 and p'_0 at all points where \mathfrak{A} is invertible, even at points where n_0 and p_0 vanish, where \mathfrak{B} necessarily diverges.

Also, we have by construction the equalities, cf. (26)–(27),

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(r) - \Lambda_0(r) &= n_0(r)\mu_0(r) + p_0(r)\chi_0(r), \\ &= e^{-\nu_+(r)/2}(\mu_\infty n_0(r) + \chi_\infty p_0(r)), \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

and also

$$\Psi_0(r) - \Lambda_0(r) = -\frac{1}{\kappa} \frac{(j_\pm^2(r))' e^{\nu_+(r)}}{r} \quad (34)$$

by (24) and (25) in terms of the metric functions.

A straightforward calculation using the chain rule with (31) and (33) allows us to write

$$\Psi'_0(r) = -\frac{1}{2}\nu'(r)(\Psi_0(r) - \Lambda_0(r)), \quad (35)$$

and (we avoid the r dependence and the + “interior” subindex)

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda'_0 &= \frac{1}{2}\nu' \frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{A}} (C_0^0 \mu_0^2 - 2\mu_0 \chi_0 \mathcal{A}_0^0 + \mathcal{B}_0^0 \chi_0^2), \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\nu' e^{-\nu} \frac{1}{\det \mathfrak{A}} (C_0^0 \mu_\infty^2 - 2\mu_\infty \chi_\infty \mathcal{A}_0^0 + \mathcal{B}_0^0 \chi_\infty^2) \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

after using (32) in the last equality.

Differentiating Eq. (25), and using (35) together with (24)–(25), we get an equation for ν'' only in terms of λ

$$2r\nu''_+ + \nu'_+(r\nu'_+ - 2) - \lambda'_+(2 + r\nu'_+) + \frac{4}{r}(e^{\lambda_+} - 1) = 0, \quad (37)$$

which is the same equation that in the perfect fluid case arises because of the isotropy of the pressure.

The fact that the metric g is smooth at the origin implies that $\lambda(r)$ and $\nu(r)$ are smooth up to the boundary and admit the expansions (see a full proof, e.g. in [8])

$$\lambda(r) = \lambda_0 + \lambda_2 r^2 + O(r^4), \quad \nu(r) = \nu_0 + \nu_2 r^2 + O(r^4).$$

Introducing this in the field equations (24) and (25) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(0) = \lambda_0 = 0, \quad \lambda_2 &= -\frac{1}{3}\kappa\Lambda_0(0), \\ \nu_2 &= \frac{1}{2}\kappa \left(\Psi_0(0) - \frac{1}{3}\Lambda_0(0) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Observe that ν_0 remains free, and that accounts to the freedom of shifting the “Newtonian” potential. Asking that the potential is zero at infinity in the global problem will fix that value, see below. It is also worth noticing that, *a priori*, the functions $n_0(r)$ and $p_0(r)$ need not follow the same pattern as the metric functions around the origin (expansion in even powers of r). However, taking

$$\begin{aligned} n_0(r) &= n_0(0) + n_{0,1}r + n_{0,2}r^2 + O(r^3), \\ p_0(r) &= p_0(0) + p_{0,1}r + p_{0,2}r^2 + O(r^3), \end{aligned}$$

the Eulerian equations (31) evaluated on $r = 0$, since $\nu'(0) = 0$, imply that $n_{0,1} = p_{0,1} = 0$ in particular.

Let us now stress the fact that the existence of the solution to the perturbative scheme for perfect fluids requires that the sum of the central energy density and pressure does not vanish at the origin [8]. Although the full problem has not been dealt with rigour, later we will find that in the two-fluid model we will need to ask, equivalently, that $\Psi_0(0) - \Lambda_0(0) \neq 0$. As a result, cf. (33), we shall demand that

A.1 μ_∞ and χ_∞ cannot both be zero.

The assumption $\Psi_0(0) - \Lambda_0(0) \neq 0$ can be motivated on physical grounds by requiring the positivity of the mass $M(r)$ around the origin, and thus that $-\Lambda_0(0) > 0$, plus the positivity of the effective pressure.

B. Exterior solution

The outer vacuum region (\mathcal{M}^-, g^-) is defined by $\Lambda = 0$, $n_0 = 0$, $p_0 = 0$, and is thus described by the set $\{\lambda_-(r), \nu_-(r)\}$. The solution of field equations is

$$e^{-\lambda_-(r)} = e^{\nu_-(r)} = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}, \quad (39)$$

for some constant M , that hold over some domain $r \in (R_-, \infty)$ for some $R_- > 0$. Observe that the solution can equivalently be characterized by $M_-(r) = M$ and $j_-(r) = 1$ for $r \in (R_-, \infty)$. We assume in the following that

A.2 $M > 0$.

so we trivially recover Schwarzschild with mass M on $r \in (R_-, \infty)$ with the “usual” coordinates.

C. Matching of the problems

The matching of the background configuration is given by the conditions (see e.g. [8])

$$R_- = R_+ =: R, \quad [\nu] = 0, \quad [\nu'] = 0, \quad [\lambda] = 0. \quad (40)$$

Using that the exterior solution is given by (39), these conditions imply

$$e^{\lambda_+(R)} = e^{-\nu_+(R)} = \frac{R}{R - 2M}, \quad (41)$$

and

$$\nu'_+(R) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{2M}{R-2M}. \quad (42)$$

In terms of M and j we have

$$M = M_-(R), \quad j_-(R) = 1.$$

Introducing these relations on (25) we obtain

$$[\Psi_0] = 0. \quad (43)$$

This is the only consequence the matching conditions have on the functions describing the matter content.

Note $[\Lambda_0] = \Lambda_0(R) := \Lambda(n_0^2(R), p_0^2(R), x_0^2(R))$ and equivalently $[\Psi_0] = \Psi_0(R)$ because the corresponding functions on the exterior vanish identically. From (33) we can write $\Psi_0(R) = 0$ equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_0(R) &= -e^{-\nu_+(R)/2} (\mu_\infty n_0(R) + \chi_\infty p_0(R)), \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{R}{R-2M}} (\mu_\infty n_0(R) + \chi_\infty p_0(R)), \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

after using (41) in the last equality. Equation (43) shows that *the matching hypersurface (the value of R in this case) is determined by the vanishing of Ψ_0* , i.e. the first solution of $\Psi_0(R) = 0$, whereas $\Lambda_0(R)$ attains the value given by (44). That value will depend upon the explicit form of Λ in terms of its three arguments. In the perfect fluid case that corresponds to the equation of state, see e.g. [5,8].

A rigorous treatment of the existence and uniqueness problem (that will be presented elsewhere) will also need an assumption on the behavior of Λ_0 at the boundary, namely that if it vanishes then both n_0 and p_0 must also vanish, that is,

$$\mathbf{A.3} \quad \Lambda_0(R) = \Lambda(n_0^2(R), p_0^2(R), x_0^2(R)) = 0 \implies n_0(R) = p_0(R) = 0.$$

Let us stress that if one demands $\mu_\infty = \chi_\infty$, as in the models in [11], assumption A.1 as well as A.3 [because of (44)] are automatically satisfied.

The first and second order matching conditions will contain jumps of higher derivatives of λ and ν . For later use, then, we present next the expressions relating those differences with the fluid quantities on the surface. Using (40) taking into account the field equations (24) and (37) (and yet another radial derivative) we obtain

$$[\lambda'] = -\varkappa R e^{\lambda(R)} [\Lambda_0], \quad (45)$$

$$[\lambda''] = -R e^{\lambda(R)} \varkappa [\Lambda'_0] + [\lambda'^2], \quad (46)$$

$$[\nu''] = -\varkappa \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2} \right) e^{\lambda(R)} [\Lambda_0], \quad (47)$$

$$[\nu'''] = \frac{1}{R} \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2} \right) [\lambda'''] + C_\nu [\lambda'], \quad (48)$$

where C_ν is a constant whose explicit form will not be needed, that relate the geometrical jumps with the jumps of the matter field.

In the following, for any quantity f satisfying $[f] = 0$ we will use simply $f(R) = f_+(R) = f_-(R)$ and just f if f is only defined on the boundary.

D. Solving the background global problem

To sum up, given a function of three arguments Λ , the background interior is described by four functions $\{\lambda_+(r), \nu_+(r), n_0(r), p_0(r)\}$ that satisfy Eqs. (24), (25), (31) on the domain $r \in (0, R)$ for some constant $R > 0$ that is fixed by the matching procedure below. Two first integrals to the system are given by (26)–(27). Moreover, it must be stressed that $\nu_+(r)$ only enters the equations algebraically through $\nu'_+(r)$. As a result, the system of equations provide $\nu'_+(r)$, and thus $\nu_+(r)$ up to a free additive constant. This is equivalent to the fact that $\nu_0 := \nu_+(0)$ is left undetermined by the interior problem, and has to be fixed *a posteriori* by imposing that $\nu_+(R) = -\lambda_+(R)$ [cf. (40)] as follows.

The procedure is to integrate Eqs. (24), (25), (31), replacing $\nu(r)$ by some function $\tilde{\nu}(r)$, from the origin (at $r = 0$) given the conditions (38) plus finite values for $n_0(0)$ and $p_0(0)$, together with the condition $\tilde{\nu}(0) = 0$. The interior problem thus integrated, which is independent of $\tilde{\nu}(0)$, provides $\lambda_+(r)$, $n_0(r)$, and $p_0(r)$, and therefore also $\Psi_0(r)$. Because of the matching condition (43), and given that the exterior is vacuum, R is obtained as the (first) zero $\Psi_0(R) = 0$. Now we just have to set $\nu_+(r) = \tilde{\nu}(r) - \tilde{\nu}(R) - \lambda_+(R)$ to have the complete solution for the interior.

The global solution is completed once the exterior parameter M is obtained from (41).

V. FIRST ORDER PROBLEM

The equations are found by differentiating once (21) and (20) with respect to ε and evaluating at $\varepsilon = 0$. From (21) we do not obtain anything, while the field equations provide the equations for $\omega_+(r)$ and $\omega_-(r)$ on their respective regions. The matching will be provided by Proposition 1 in [5] (see also [8]).

A. Equations at the interior

On the interior region the equation for $\omega_+(r)$ is given by

$$\frac{1}{r^3} (r^4 j \omega'_+)' = 2j \mathcal{L}, \quad (49)$$

where here we use the convenient definition

$$\mathcal{L} := \varkappa r e^{\lambda_+} (L_n n_0 \mu_0 + L_p p_0 \chi_0),$$

with [11]

$$L_n := \omega_+ - \Omega_n, \quad L_p := \omega_+ - \Omega_p.$$

Later we will use the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= xre^{\lambda_+} L_n (\Psi_0 - \Lambda_0) + xre^{\lambda_+} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p) \chi_0 p_0, \\ &= L_n (\nu'_+ + \lambda'_+) + xre^{\lambda_+} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p) \chi_0 p_0 \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

that follows from (33), (24), and (25).

B. Exterior solution

The equation for $\omega_-(r)$ is (49) with $\mathcal{L} = 0$. The solution that vanishes at infinity is

$$\omega_-(r) = \frac{2J}{r^3} \quad (51)$$

for some constant J . Observe that we can always choose this exterior solution, vanishing at infinity, fixing the first order gauge on the exterior region [5,8].

C. First order matching

The first order matching is provided by Proposition B.1 in [8], see also Proposition 1 in [5]. Let us recall that the result in [8] generalizes that in [5] in that Q_1^\pm and the vectors T_1^\pm can depend on all the coordinates on the boundary $\{\tau, \vartheta, \varphi\}$, and the condition $\nu'(R) \neq 0$ was missing in the statement in Proposition 1 in [5]. Observe first that the conditions $\nu'(R) \neq 0$ and $2e^{\lambda(R)} - 2 + R\nu'(R) \neq 0$ are satisfied because $M \neq 0$. By fixing the first order gauge on the interior region (using the gauge vector $V_1 = b_1 t \partial_\varphi$, see Proposition 2.5. in [8]) we can also choose $b_1 = 0$ in Proposition B.1 in [8]) so that the interior and exterior problems are matched (in those fixed first order gauges) by

$$[\omega] = 0, \quad [\omega'] = 0, \quad (52)$$

and the deformation quantities $Q_1^\pm(\tau, \vartheta, \varphi)$ satisfy

$$[Q_1] = 0, \quad Q_1[\lambda'] = 0, \quad Q_1[\nu''] = 0. \quad (53)$$

Using (45) and (47) the above three conditions turn into

$$[Q_1] = 0, \quad Q_1 \Lambda_0(R) = 0. \quad (54)$$

Consequently, given assumption **A.3**, we also have

$$Q_1 p_0(R) = 0, \quad Q_1 n_0(R) = 0. \quad (55)$$

It is convenient, for later use, to use these matching conditions together with Eq. (49) on each region to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} [\omega''] &= \frac{2}{R} \mathcal{L}(R) + \frac{1}{2} (\lambda'_+(R) + \nu'_+(R)) \omega'(R) \\ &= xe^{\lambda(R)} \left\{ -\Lambda_0(R) \left(2(\omega(R) - \Omega_n) + \frac{1}{2} R \omega'(R) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2(\Omega_n - \Omega_p) \chi_0(R) p_0(R) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

The above properties of Q_1 thus imply

$$Q_1[\omega''] = 0.$$

D. Solving the first order global problem

To be consistent with [11] we follow initially the procedure used there to calculate the first order global problem for the functions ω_+ and ω_- . We already have the exterior solution (51). As for the interior, instead of computing ω_+ , we use $\hat{L}_n(r) := \omega_+(r)/\Omega_p - \Omega_n/\Omega_p$, and use the quotient $\Delta = \Omega_n/\Omega_p$ as the free parameter of the problem together with $\tilde{\Omega}_p$.

Equation (49) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r^4} \left(r^4 j(r) \hat{L}'_n(r) \right)' - 2xe^{(\lambda_+(r) - \nu_+(r))/2} (\Psi_0 - \Lambda_0) \hat{L}_n \\ = 2xe^{(\lambda_+(r) - \nu_+(r))/2} (\Delta - 1) \chi_0(r) p_0(r) \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

after making use of (50). This equation corresponds to (44) in [11] before dividing by Ω_p . Given (51), the matching conditions (52) imply [compare with (62) and (63) in [11]]

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{L}_n(R) &= -\Delta + \frac{1}{\Omega_p} \frac{2J}{R^3}, \quad \hat{L}'_n(R) = -\frac{1}{\Omega_p} \frac{6J}{R^4} \\ \implies \hat{L}'_n(R) &= -\frac{3}{R} (\hat{L}_n(R) + \Delta). \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

The pole structure of (57) under the assumption that $\Psi_0(0) - \Lambda_0(0)$ does not vanish implies that the homogeneous part of (57) admits a unique bounded solution up to a scaling factor (see e.g. Lemma D.2 in [8]). Therefore, operationally, to integrate the interior problem we start with a function $G(r)$ that satisfies the homogeneous part of (57) (the left-hand side) and assume $G(0) = 1$. Next, we take a particular solution $F(r)$ of the full equation (57) integrating from the origin under the assumption $F(0) = 0$. It can be shown that such particular solution, vanishing at the origin, is unique. Then

$$\hat{L}_n(r) = \alpha G(r) + F(r),$$

with

$$\alpha = -\frac{3(F(R) + \Delta) + RF'(R)}{3G(R) + RG'(R)}$$

solves (57) and satisfies (58). The global solution for ω is thus given by

$$\omega_+(r) = \Omega_p(\alpha G(r) + F(r) + \Delta), \quad \omega_-(r) = \frac{2J}{r^3}$$

with

$$J = -\frac{1}{6}R^4\omega'_+(R) = -\frac{1}{6}\Omega_p R^4(\alpha G'(R) + F'(R)). \quad (59)$$

Using Eq. (49) one can rewrite the value of J as an integral of \mathcal{L} , and thus recover the integral expression for J found in Eq. (59) in [11].

As explained in Sec. III B 1, we use the ‘‘little hat’’ notation $\hat{f} := f/\Omega_p$ for any first order quantity f , in particular $\hat{\omega}_\pm := \omega_\pm/\Omega_p$.

1. Rotation and angular momentum

Let us recall that the rotation of the fluids are given by (17), and $\tilde{\Omega}_n$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_p$ are taken to be the two parameters of the model, that we take to be in the form of Δ and $\tilde{\Omega}_p$. Also, the cross term in $dt d\phi$ at first order in the family of metrics g_ε is given by $\varepsilon\omega(r)$ with (59). As a result, the total angular momentum J^S of the solution (to first order), and thus of the star configuration, is given by $J^S = \varepsilon J = \tilde{\Omega}_p \hat{J}$, and therefore

$$J^S = -\frac{1}{6}\tilde{\Omega}_p R^4(\alpha G'(R) + F'(R)). \quad (60)$$

VI. SECOND ORDER PROBLEM

The problem at second order is tackled using an expansion in Legendre polynomials $P_\ell(\cos\theta)$. We follow [11] and take the usual form for the functions $h(r, \theta)$, $v(r, \theta)$, and $k(r, \theta)$ at both domains (the interior \mathcal{M}^+ and the exterior \mathcal{M}^-), given by

$$\begin{aligned} h^\pm(r, \theta) &= h_0^\pm(r) + h_2^\pm(r)P_2(\cos\theta), \\ v^\pm(r, \theta) &= v_0^\pm(r) + v_2^\pm(r)P_2(\cos\theta), \\ k^\pm(r, \theta) &= k_2^\pm(r)P_2(\cos\theta), \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

where $P_2(\cos\theta) = (3\cos^2\theta - 1)/2$, and also

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(r, \theta) &= \eta_0(r) + \eta_2(r)P_2(\cos\theta), \\ \Phi(r, \theta) &= \Phi_0(r) + \Phi_2(r)P_2(\cos\theta) \end{aligned}$$

at the interior. The second order problem eventually separates onto a problem involving only $\ell = 0$ functions and another for $\ell = 2$ functions (see below). This form of the functions entering the second order perturbation tensor is assumed in [11] for the two-fluid problem following the arguments used in the original Hartle-Thorne model (for a perfect fluid). Let us stress here that the fact that there exist gauges at the interior and exterior regions such that the perturbation tensors to second order for any stationary and axisymmetric perturbation for a perfect fluid have this form has been shown only recently, and with no need of equatorial symmetry, in the two works [8,17]. Here we just follow [11] and take this form of the second order perturbation functions by assumption.

In order to have more compact expressions, and to ease the comparison with the expressions found in [5], we introduce some convenient auxiliary definitions related with the second order pressure that shall be used to substitute the set $\{\eta_\ell(r), \Phi_\ell(r)\}$. Since \mathfrak{A} is invertible, for each $\ell = 0, 2$ we define the set of (four) functions $\{\mathcal{P}_{\ell n}(r), \mathcal{P}_{\ell p}(r)\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} n_0\eta_\ell \\ p_0\Phi_\ell \end{pmatrix} &= \mathfrak{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{P}_{\ell n} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\ell p} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad - (1 - \ell) \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \mathfrak{A}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p_0\mathcal{D}_n \\ n_0\mathcal{D}_p \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

holds, with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_n &:= \mathcal{A}_0 + 2n_0^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial n_0^2} + n_0 p_0 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2}, \\ \mathcal{D}_p &:= \mathcal{A}_0 + 2p_0^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial p_0^2} + n_0 p_0 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

It is also convenient to define a quantity that depends on r and is constructed from the background and first order solutions, plus the parameters Ω_n and Ω_p , and can be therefore already computed. That is

$$\begin{aligned} f_\omega &:= \frac{1}{6} e^{-(\lambda+\nu)} r^4 \omega'^2 \\ &\quad + \varkappa \frac{r^4}{3e^\nu} (L_n^2 n_0^2 \mathcal{B}_0 + L_p^2 p_0^2 \mathcal{C}_0 + 2L_n L_p n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0), \\ &= \frac{1}{6} e^{-(\lambda+\nu)} r^4 \omega'^2 + \varkappa \frac{r^4}{3e^\nu} \{(\Psi_0 - \Lambda_0) L_n^2 \\ &\quad - \chi_0 p_0 (L_n^2 - L_p^2) - n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, let us finally introduce the convenient auxiliary quantities

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}_\ell &:= n_0 \mathcal{P}_{\ell n} + p_0 \mathcal{P}_{\ell p}, \\
\Upsilon_0 &:= \eta_0 n_0^2 \mathcal{B}_0 + \Phi_0 p_0^2 \mathcal{C}_0 + (\eta_0 + \Phi_0) x_0^2 \mathcal{A}_0, \\
&= -\frac{2}{\nu'} \left\{ \left(\mathcal{P}_{0n} - \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \mathcal{D}_n p_0 \right) n'_0 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\mathcal{P}_{0p} - \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \mathcal{D}_p n_0 \right) p'_0 \right\}, \quad (64)
\end{aligned}$$

A. Equations at the interior

The equations are found by differentiating twice (20) and (21) with respect to ε and evaluating at $\varepsilon = 0$. We do not specify the + superindex in this subsection. The Euler equations (21) with (22), using (26)–(27), provide

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}_{0n} - \mu_0 \left\{ \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} L_n^2 - h_0 + \gamma_n \right\} &= 0, \\
\mathcal{P}_{0p} - \chi_0 \left\{ \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} L_p^2 - h_0 + \gamma_p \right\} &= 0, \quad (65)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{P}_{2n} + \mu_0 \left\{ \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} L_n^2 + h_2 \right\} &= 0, \\
\mathcal{P}_{2p} + \chi_0 \left\{ \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} L_p^2 + h_2 \right\} &= 0. \quad (66)
\end{aligned}$$

From the field equations (20) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(re^{-\lambda} v_0)' &= \frac{\kappa}{2} r^2 \left\{ \Upsilon_0 + \frac{r^2}{3} e^{-\nu} n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\} \\
&\quad + f_\omega - \frac{1}{12} r^4 e^{-(\lambda+\nu)} \omega'^2, \quad (67)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h'_0 - \left(\nu' + \frac{1}{r} \right) v_0 \\
= \frac{\kappa}{2} r e^\lambda \mathcal{P}_0 - \frac{r^3}{12 e^\nu} (2\kappa e^\lambda n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 + \omega'^2), \quad (68)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$v_2 = f_\omega - h_2, \quad (69)$$

$$(k_2 + h_2)' = -\nu' h_2 + f_\omega \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{\nu'}{2} \right), \quad (70)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
h'_2 = - \left\{ \nu' + \frac{1}{r\nu'} \left(\frac{2}{r} (e^\lambda - 1) - \lambda' - \nu' \right) \right\} h_2 \\
- 4 \frac{h_2 + k_2}{r^2 \nu'} e^\lambda - \frac{r^2 e^{-\nu}}{3\nu'} \omega'^2 + \frac{1}{2r^2} \left(\frac{2}{\nu'} e^\lambda + r^2 \nu' \right) f_\omega. \quad (71)
\end{aligned}$$

The comparison with the equations in [11] is given by the following. Equations {(65), (66), (67), (68), (69)} correspond to {(42), (43), (47), (49), (45) in [11]} one by one, respectively, while the set {(69), (70), (71)} is equivalent to {(45), (46), (50) in [11]}. The remaining equation (48) in [11] can be shown to be a consequence of the rest.

B. Exterior solution

The functions in the exterior region $\{h_\ell, v_\ell, k_2\}$ satisfy Eqs. (67)–(71) with vanishing n_0, p_0 (and thus vanishing Υ_0 and \mathcal{P}_0) and $\omega = \omega_-$ given by (51). The solutions are given for $r \in (R, \infty)$ by [5,11]

$$h_0^-(r) = -v_0^-(r) = -\frac{\delta M}{r-2M} + \frac{J^2}{r^3(r-2M)}, \quad (72)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
h_2^-(r) = -C \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \frac{r^2}{M^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \log \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right. \\
\left. + \frac{(r-M)(3-6M/r-2(M/r)^2)}{M(1-2M/r)} \right\} \\
+ \frac{J^2}{Mr^3} \left(1 + \frac{M}{r} \right), \quad (73)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_2^-(r) = C \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \frac{r^2}{M^2} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \log \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right) \right. \\
\left. + \frac{3(r-M) - 8(M/r)^2(r-M/2)}{M(1-2M/r)} \right\} \\
- \frac{J^2}{Mr^3} \left(1 + \frac{2M}{r} \right), \quad (74)
\end{aligned}$$

$$v_2^-(r) = -h_2^-(r) + \frac{2J^2}{Mr^3} \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right), \quad (75)$$

where δM and C are constants. Let us note that, as in the first order case, the gauge at the exterior is fixed so that the solution vanishes at infinity (see [8]).

C. Second order matching

For the matching of the second order problem we use Proposition B.7 in [8] (see also Proposition 2 in [5], bearing in mind that Proposition B.7 allows *a priori* for an arbitrary deformation of the surface, while in [5] the deformation is assumed to be axially symmetric). Let us stress that this is a geometrical result, that is, independent of the field equations. We apply Proposition B.7 in [8] for $\mathcal{R} = r$, $\mathcal{W} = 0$, and $\mathbf{n} = -e^{\lambda(R)/2} \partial_r$, noting that the present class of gauges correspond to $k_0^\pm(r) = f^\pm(r, \theta) = 0$ as they appear in [8] and that m in [8] is v here. First, given that h, m, k satisfy (61) we get $c_0 = c_1 = H_1 = 0$. Then, after

using the background matching (40) and (53) [so that $Q_1[\omega''] = 0$ and the relations involving $(Q_1)^2$ after (5.68) in [8] hold], we obtain the following set of relations:

$$[\Xi] = 0, \quad (76)$$

$$[k] = 0, \quad [h] = \frac{1}{2}H_0, \\ [v] - R[k'] = \frac{e^{-\lambda(R)}}{4} \{e^{\lambda(R)/2}\Xi[\lambda'] - (Q_1)^2[\lambda'']\}, \quad (77)$$

$$[h'] - \frac{R}{2}\nu'(R)[k'] = \frac{e^{-\lambda(R)}}{4} \{e^{\lambda(R)/2}\Xi[\nu''] - (Q_1)^2[\nu''']\}. \quad (78)$$

So far we have not used the field equations, neither at the background level nor at first and second order. This result is, so far, purely geometric. As explained in [5,8] (see Proposition 2.5 in [8]), a change of gauge driven by the vector $V_2^+ = H_0 t \partial_t$ in the interior region only affects h_0^+

and allows us to set $H_0 = 0$ in the matching without loss of generality (but keeping in mind this change has been already used). This corresponds with a trivial shift of the function h at the interior, and this is, in turn, a consequence of the usual freedom in the shift of the Newtonian potential (and ν in the background configuration). This choice leaves us with no freedom left in the spacetime gauges.

If we introduce the background field equations through the relations (45)–(48) and write down explicitly the above relations in terms of the functions introduced in the decompositions (61) plus

$$(Q_1)^2(t, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^2 Q_\ell(t, \phi) P_\ell(\cos \theta) + Q_\perp(t, \theta, \phi),$$

$$\Xi(t, \theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell=0}^2 \Xi_\ell(t, \phi) P_\ell(\cos \theta) + \Xi_\perp(t, \theta, \phi),$$

then the relations (77)–(78) are equivalent to

$$[h_0] = 0, \quad [v_0] = -\frac{1}{4}R e^{\lambda(R)/2} \Xi_0 \chi \Lambda_0(R) + \frac{1}{4}R Q_0 \chi[\Lambda'_0], \quad (79)$$

$$[h'_0] = -\frac{1}{4}e^{\lambda(R)/2} \Xi_0 \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2}\right) \chi \Lambda_0(R) + \frac{1}{4}Q_0 \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2}\right) \chi[\Lambda'_0], \quad (80)$$

$$[k_2] = 0, \quad [h_2] = 0,$$

$$[v_2] - R[k'_2] = -\frac{1}{4}R e^{\lambda(R)/2} \Xi_2 \chi \Lambda_0(R) + \frac{1}{4}R Q_2 \chi[\Lambda'_0], \quad (81)$$

$$[h'_2] - \frac{R}{2}\nu'(R)[k'_2] = -\frac{1}{4}e^{\lambda(R)/2} \Xi_2 \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2}\right) \chi \Lambda_0(R) + \frac{1}{4}\Xi_2 \left(1 + \frac{R\nu'(R)}{2}\right) \chi[\Lambda'_0], \quad (82)$$

and

$$\Xi_1 = \Xi_\perp = Q_1 = Q_\perp = 0. \quad (83)$$

For the above we have used repeatedly the identity $[ab] = a^+[b] + b^-[a]$ to find that e.g. $Q_1[\lambda'^2] = 0$. Observe that because of (54), if $\Lambda_0(R) \neq 0$ then $Q_1 = 0$, in all the above relations either Q_1 or Ξ appear, never both.

We next compute the differences (the interior and exterior quantities on $r = R$) of the second order field equations [the set (67)–(71)] to find relations between the jumps of functions implied by the field equations that will have to be used in combination with the set of matching conditions above. Note that the Eulerian equations (65)–(66) only provide information on $r = R$ at the interior related to $\mathcal{P}_{\ell n}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\ell p}$, which do not appear in the matching conditions above. Likewise, the difference of (67) involves $[v'_0]$ and thus does not provide any

information that enters the matching conditions above. We only have to focus on (68)–(71).

It is convenient to compute first $[f_\omega]$, which using the identity $[ab] = a^+[b] + b^-[a]$ yields

$$[f_\omega] = \chi \frac{R^4}{3} e^{\lambda(R)} \{-\chi_0(R) p_0(R) (L_n^2 - L_p^2)(R) \\ - \Lambda_0(R) L_n^2(R) - n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2\}. \quad (84)$$

The difference of Eq. (68) reads

$$[h'_0] - \left(\nu'(R) + \frac{1}{R}\right)[v_0] = \frac{\chi}{2} R e^{\lambda(R)} \mathcal{P}_0(R) \\ - \frac{R^3}{6} e^{2\lambda(R)} \chi n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2, \quad (85)$$

while the differences of (69)–(71) read, respectively,

$$[v_2] = [f_\omega] - [h_2], \quad (86)$$

$$[h'_2] + [k'_2] = -\nu'(R)[h_2] + [f_\omega] \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{\nu'(R)}{2} \right), \quad (87)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [h'_2] = & - \left(\nu'(R) + \frac{1}{R\nu'(R)} \left(\frac{2}{R} (e^{\lambda(R)} - 1) - \lambda'_-(R) - \nu'(R) \right) \right) [h_2] - h_2^+(R) \frac{1}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)} \varkappa \Lambda_0(R) \\ & - 4 \frac{1}{R\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)} ([h_2] + [k_2]) + \frac{1}{2R^2} \left(\frac{2}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)} + R^2 \nu'(R) \right) [f_\omega], \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

where we have used the background field equations and the difference of products in the last equation.

Now we combine the (geometrical) matching conditions with the jumps of the functions that provide the field equations and find the necessary and sufficient set of conditions for the matching to exist plus a relation to obtain the deformation. We start with the $\ell = 0$ sector. A simple calculation shows that the set of four equations in {(79)–(80), (85)} is equivalent to the set formed by (85) (which is implied by the equations) plus the two conditions

$$[h_0] = 0, \quad (89)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [v_0] = & \varkappa \frac{R}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)} \\ & \times \left\{ \frac{1}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 - \mathcal{P}_0(R) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

and the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_0 \Lambda_0(R) - e^{-\lambda(R)/2} \mathcal{Q}_0 \Lambda'_0(R) = & \frac{4}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)/2} \\ & \times \left\{ \mathcal{P}_0(R) - \frac{1}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

for the deformation (for $\ell = 0$).

As for the $\ell = 2$ sector, the set of (seven) equations in {(81), (82), (86), (87), (88)} are not all independent and, after some algebra, they can be found to be equivalent to the set formed by the set of relations {(86), (87), (88)}, which

we recall are implied by the field equations, plus the two conditions

$$[k_2] = 0, \quad [h_2] = 0, \quad (92)$$

and the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_2 \Lambda_0(R) - e^{-\lambda(R)/2} \mathcal{Q}_2 \Lambda'_0(R) \\ = \frac{4}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)/2} \left\{ \Lambda_0(R) h_2(R) - \frac{1}{\varkappa R^2} [f_\omega] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

To sum up, the necessary and sufficient conditions for the matching of the interior and exterior problems at second order are (89) and (90) together with (92). Moreover, the deformation quantities are given by (91) and (93). It is crucial that (90) exhibits a jump which has been overlooked in all the previous literature on two-fluid models, and is, of course, directly related to the correction to the Hartle-Thorne model presented in [5] (see also [8]). That jump has consequences on the calculation of δM , and the expression given in [11] needs to be corrected. We will provide that expression later, when we compute the global solution of the second order global problem.

D. Solving the second order global problem

We separate the second order problem into the $\ell = 0$ and $\ell = 2$ sectors.

1. $\ell = 0$

In order to integrate the system in the interior region we work with the set of functions $\{v_0^+, \mathcal{P}_{0n}, \mathcal{P}_{0p}\}$, as follows. We differentiate the two equations in (65) and (66) and substitute h'_0 from (68) to obtain (we drop the + indicators)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}'_{0n} = & -\frac{\nu'}{2} \mathcal{P}_{0n} + \mu_0 \left\{ -\frac{\varkappa}{2} r e^{\lambda} (n_0 \mathcal{P}_{0n} + p_0 \mathcal{P}_{0p}) + \frac{\varkappa}{6} r^3 e^{\lambda-\nu} n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\nu' + \frac{1}{r} \right) v_0 + \frac{1}{3} (r^2 e^{-\nu} L_n^2)' + \frac{1}{12} r^3 e^{-\nu} \omega'^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (94)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}'_{0p} = & -\frac{\nu'}{2}\mathcal{P}_{0p} + \chi_0 \left\{ -\frac{\kappa}{2} r e^\lambda (n_0 \mathcal{P}_{0n} + p_0 \mathcal{P}_{0p}) + \frac{\kappa}{6} r^3 e^{\lambda-\nu} n_0 p_0 \mathcal{A}_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\nu' + \frac{1}{r} \right) v_0 + \frac{1}{3} (r^2 e^{-\nu} L_p^2)' + \frac{1}{12} r^3 e^{-\nu} \omega'^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

The system to integrate is thus given by Eqs. (67), (94), and (95). The conditions we impose at the origin are $\mathcal{P}_{0n}(0) = 0$ and $\mathcal{P}_{0p}(0) = 0$, which correspond to the conditions $\eta_0(0) = \Phi_0(0) = 0$ in [11] [cf. Eq. (62)]. Operationally we set $\Omega_p = 1$ and $\Omega_n = \Delta$ in the equations. The solutions thus provide, in fact, the set $\{\hat{v}_0^+, \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}, \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}\} := \{v_0^+/\Omega_p^2, \mathcal{P}_{0n}/\Omega_p^2, \mathcal{P}_{0p}/\Omega_p^2\}$ in terms of Δ . The equations, given the known behavior of λ and ν near the origin as shown in Sec. IV D, present a structure of the poles at the origin that imply that the only solution to the homogenous problem is the trivial one. This means that if there is a bounded solution, that is the unique solution $\{\hat{v}_0^+(r), \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}(r), \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}(r)\}$. Moreover, \hat{v}_0^+ is $O(r^4)$ and $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}$ and $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}$ are $O(r^2)$. This is analogous to the perfect fluid case (see [8]).

It is important to note that the combination $\chi_0 \times (95) - \mu_0 \times (96)$ can be readily integrated to get

$$\chi_0 \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n} - \mu_0 \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p} = \mu_0 \chi_0 \frac{r^2}{3e^\nu} (2\hat{\omega}_+(1 - \Delta) + \Delta^2 - 1), \quad (96)$$

after using that $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}$ and $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}$ vanish at the origin. Introducing both equations from (65) in this relation it is straightforward to obtain

$$\gamma_n = \gamma_p.$$

We will use these relations later.

Once the solution $\{\hat{v}_0^+(r), \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}(r), \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}(r)\}$ is found, we use the matching conditions (89)–(90) (conveniently divided by Ω_p^2) to obtain the value of δM , which is the only constant on the exterior solution (72) for $\ell = 0$ that needs to be determined. We thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \hat{M} := & \frac{1}{\Omega_p^2} \delta M = \frac{1}{\Omega_p^2} \left(\frac{J^2}{R^3} + (R - 2M)(v_0^+(R) - [v_0]) \right), \\ = & \frac{\hat{J}^2}{R^3} + (R - 2M) \hat{v}_0^+(R) - \kappa \frac{R(R - 2M)}{\nu'(R)} e^{\lambda(R)} \left\{ \frac{1}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Delta - 1)^2 - \hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}(R) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (97)$$

Observe that expression (60) in [11] needs to be corrected with the term containing the factor within curly brackets.

With the value of $\delta \hat{M}$ we have thus determined $\hat{h}_0^-(r) := h_0^-(r)/\Omega_p^2$ and therefore also $\hat{h}_0^+(R) = \hat{h}_0^-(R)$ because of $[h_0] = 0$. It only remains to evaluate either one in (65) on $r = R$ using the values of the integrated functions $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0p}(R)$ [or $\hat{\mathcal{P}}_{0n}(R)$] to obtain the value of $\hat{\gamma}_p = \hat{\gamma}_n$. The whole function $h_0^+(r)$ is then obtained by isolating it from either relation in (65).

2. The total mass

The computation of the total mass (using e.g. the approach in [20] of the family of geometries given by g_ε with (7) and (15) at $r \rightarrow \infty$, which depends on the background configuration and the central values of n_0 and p_0 , leads to

$$\begin{aligned} M_T(n_0, p_0) &= M(n_0, p_0) + \varepsilon^2 \delta M(n_0, p_0), \\ &= M(n_0, p_0) + \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \delta \hat{M}(n_0, p_0), \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

using $\varepsilon = \tilde{\Omega}_p/\Omega_p$, with $\delta \hat{M}$ given by (97).

3. $\ell = 2$

In the $\ell = 2$ sector the problem is set for the pair of functions $\{\hat{k}_2, \hat{h}_2\}$, and the system to integrate in the interior region is given by the set of equations {(70), (71)} (setting $\Omega_p = 1$ and $\Omega_n = \Delta$). This time, the structure of the poles at $r = 0$ implies that the bounded solutions to the homogeneous problem are all proportional to some homogeneous solution, that we shall denote by $\{k_{2H}, h_{2H}\}$. Therefore, the general solution of the interior problem is given by

$$\hat{k}_2(r) = A k_{2H}(r) + k_{2P}(r), \quad \hat{h}_2(r) = A h_{2H}(r) + h_{2P}(r),$$

with $A \in \mathbb{R}$, where $k_{2P}(r) + h_{2P}(r)$ and $h_{2P}(r)$ are particular solutions of {(70), (71)} (with $\Omega_p = 1$ and $\Omega_n = \Delta$). Recalling that the exterior solution is given by the expressions (73) and (74), we have two constants to fix, namely A and $\hat{C} := C/\Omega_p^2$. These two constants are determined by the (only) two matching conditions (92) in the $\ell = 2$ sector, explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} Ak_{2H}(R) + k_{2P}(R) &= \hat{k}_2^-(R), \\ Ah_{2H}(R) + h_{2P}(R) &= \hat{h}_2^-(R), \end{aligned}$$

with k_2^- and h_2^- given by (73) and (74). Once we have determined the pair $\{\hat{k}_2(r), \hat{h}_2(r)\}$, the perturbation metric function $\hat{v}_2(r)$ is determined by the algebraic equation (69).

4. Quadrupole moment

Having obtained the value of the constant \hat{C} in the exterior solution, we can compute the quadrupole moment of the star using the procedure in [20] (see also [21]; we observe that this is $-Q$ as defined in [11]) to obtain

$$Q^S = \varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{8CM^3}{5} + \frac{J^2}{M} \right) = \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \left(\frac{8\hat{C}M^3}{5} + \frac{\hat{J}^2}{M} \right).$$

VII. DEFORMATION

Once we have the whole perturbed solution (at second order) in terms of the perturbation functions $\{v, h, k\}$, it only remains to determine the deformation of the surface of the star with respect to the spherical hypersurface at $r = R$.

The obtaining of the deformation in the perturbation scheme we have developed in the previous sections amounts to the computation of the function Ξ (and Q_1 at first order) by means of (83), (91), and (93) together with (55). Therefore, the procedure only determines the deformation, by means of Ξ_0 and Ξ_2 , if $\Lambda_0(R) \neq 0$. This is analogous to what happens in the perfect fluid case with barotropic equation of state, as shown in [5] (see also [8]). If $\Lambda_0(R) \neq 0$, then $Q_1 = 0$ by (55) and Ξ reads

$$\Xi(\theta) = \Xi_0 + \Xi_2 P_2(\cos \theta)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_0 &= \frac{4e^{\lambda(R)/2}}{\nu'(R)\Lambda_0(R)} \\ &\times \left\{ \mathcal{P}_0(R) - \frac{1}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (99)$$

$$\Xi_2 = \frac{4e^{\lambda(R)/2}}{\nu'(R)} \left\{ h_2(R) - \frac{1}{xR^2 \Lambda_0(R)} [f_\omega] \right\}, \quad (100)$$

which, we observe, are constants. Using Eqs. (66) and (84) it is straightforward to obtain the equality

$$\begin{aligned} n_0(R) \mathcal{P}_{2n}(R) + p_0(R) \mathcal{P}_{2p}(R) &= h_2 \Lambda_0(R) - \frac{[f_\omega]}{xR^2} \\ &- \frac{1}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \end{aligned}$$

that allows us to conveniently reexpress the above pair of equations in the compact form

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_\ell &= \frac{4e^{\lambda(R)/2}}{\nu'(R)\Lambda_0(R)} \left\{ \mathcal{P}_\ell(R) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{1-\ell}{3} R^2 e^{\lambda(R)} n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$

Let us stress that in the perfect fluid case with barotropic equation of state the factor $E(R)$ (the energy density at the boundary) appears multiplying both left and right hand sides of the equations analogous to (91) and (93) and thus disappears from the denominators in the expressions for the deformation. In the present case the fact that we need $\Lambda_0(R) \neq 0$ is made explicit in the expressions. Despite that, as argued in [5], the perturbative procedure eventually determines the deformation if it is continued further to higher orders, providing the same result. Moreover, it is shown that the result of that procedure is equivalent to use the argument presented in [1], based on the Newtonian approach in [22] (see [6]), in which the perturbative configuration is assumed to be the second order expansion of a given exact configuration. Observe that following a strict perturbative procedure one cannot ensure the sum of all the orders, and therefore the existence of the full configuration.

The argument to obtain the deformation using the full configuration follows the exact result, see Sec. IID, by which the surface of the star is determined by $\Psi(r, \theta) = 0$, a curve on the plane $\{r, \theta\}$. Observe that in the perfect fluid case (no equation of state needed) that corresponds to $P(r, \theta) = 0$ (where P is the pressure). The computation in [1], however, is made in terms of the surface levels of the energy density function E . Nevertheless, since it is assumed a barotropic equation of state of the form $E(P)$, those surface levels correspond also to the surface levels of the pressure function P and the result is therefore the same.

In the present case, however, the computation in [11] [see Eqs. (33)–(39) there] is made using the function Λ , while the correct computation requires using the function Ψ . Following the argument in [11] but replacing Λ with Ψ , the deformation to second order $\xi(R, \theta)$ is defined by the second order term of the total deformation (we add the parameter ε here)

$$\tilde{r}_\varepsilon(r, \theta) = r + \varepsilon^2 \xi(r, \theta) + O(\varepsilon^3),$$

determined by $\Psi_\varepsilon(\tilde{r}_\varepsilon(r, \theta), \theta) = \Psi_0(r)$ and thus given by

$$\Psi_\varepsilon(r, \theta) = \Psi_0(r) - \Psi'_0(r) \varepsilon^2 \xi(r, \theta) + O(\varepsilon^3) \quad (102)$$

[mind, for all $r \in (0, R)$]. On the other hand, the expansion of $\Psi_\varepsilon(r, \theta) = \Psi(n_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2, p_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2, x_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2)$ in ε is given by [cf. Eq. (106) in [11]]

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_\varepsilon = \Psi_0 + \varepsilon^2 & \left\{ (n_0 \mathcal{B}_0^0 + p_0 \mathcal{A}_0^0) n_0 \eta + (p_0 \mathcal{C}_0^0 + n_0 \mathcal{A}_0^0) p_0 \Phi \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} n_0 p_0 \left(\mathcal{A}_0 + 2n_0^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial n_0^2} + 2p_0^2 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial p_0^2} + 2n_0 p_0 \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}_0}{\partial x_0^2} \right) r^2 \sin^2 \theta e^{-\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (103)$$

Introducing this into (102), using $\sin^2 \theta = 2/3(P_0(\cos \theta) - P_2(\cos \theta))$, together with (35) and (63) we find

$$\xi(r, \theta) = \xi_0(r) + \xi_2(r) P_2(\cos \theta)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\ell &= \frac{2}{\nu' \Psi_0 - \Lambda_0} \left\{ (n_0 \mathcal{B}_0^0 + p_0 \mathcal{A}_0^0) n_0 \eta_\ell + (p_0 \mathcal{C}_0^0 + n_0 \mathcal{A}_0^0) p_0 \Phi_\ell + (1 - \ell) n_0 p_0 (\mathcal{D}_n + \mathcal{D}_p - \mathcal{A}_0) \frac{r^2}{3e^\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}, \\ &= \frac{2}{\nu' \Psi_0 - \Lambda_0} \left\{ (n_0 p_0) \mathfrak{A} \left(\frac{n_0 \eta_\ell}{p_0 \Phi_\ell} \right) + (1 - \ell) n_0 p_0 (\mathcal{D}_n + \mathcal{D}_p - \mathcal{A}_0) \frac{r^2}{3e^\nu} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (104)$$

Using (62), in terms of $\mathcal{P}_{\ell n}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\ell p}$, this reads

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\ell(r) &= \frac{2}{\nu'(r) \Psi_0(r) - \Lambda_0(r)} \left\{ n_0(r) \mathcal{P}_{\ell n}(r) + p_0(r) \mathcal{P}_{\ell p}(r) \right. \\ & \left. - (1 - \ell) n_0(r) p_0(r) \mathcal{A}_0(r) \frac{r^2}{3e^{\nu(r)}} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (105)$$

Finally, evaluating $\xi_\ell(r)$ on $r = R$, using that $\Psi_0(R) = 0$ and $\nu(R) = -\lambda(R)$, plus the auxiliary definition (64), we directly obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\ell(R) &= -\frac{2}{\nu'(R) \Lambda_0(R)} \left\{ \mathcal{P}_\ell(R) \right. \\ & \left. - (1 - \ell) n_0(R) p_0(R) \mathcal{A}_0(R) \frac{R^2}{3} e^{\lambda(R)} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (106)$$

and therefore, by comparing with (101),

$$\xi_\ell(R) = -\frac{1}{2} e^{-\lambda(R)/2} \Xi_\ell.$$

The factors in this expression account for the $1/2$ that ought to be included in ξ for being a second order quantity (the $\frac{1}{2} \varepsilon^2$ factor), while $-e^{-\lambda/2}$ corresponds to the direction and normalization of the normal to the (background) surface $\mathbf{n}_0 = -e^{-\lambda/2} \partial_r$ (see Sec. III C).

Let us stress that the expressions of $\xi_\ell(R)$ contain also $\Lambda_0(R)$ in the denominators. The advantage of this procedure, assuming that the exact configuration exists, is that (105) hold for all $r \in (0, R)$, and therefore $\xi_\ell(R)$ are to be obtained as the limits of $\xi_\ell(r \rightarrow R)$ if they exist. It is interesting to note that if $\mathcal{A}_0 = 0$ then Δ does not affect the deformation.

As mentioned, the procedure to obtain the deformation presented in [11] is just the analog to the above but using Λ instead of Ψ . Explicitly, the deformation is claimed in [11] to be the function $\xi^{\text{AC}}(r, \theta)$ that solves the equation (we add the perturbation parameter ε)

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon(r, \theta) = \Lambda_0(r) - \Lambda_0' \varepsilon^2 \xi^{\text{AC}}(r, \theta) + O(\varepsilon^3). \quad (107)$$

This function ξ^{AC} here is denoted by ξ in [11]. Next we show that the outcome is just different, and therefore ξ^{AC} does not provide the deformation. From (107) and the expansion of $\Lambda_\varepsilon(r, \theta) = \Lambda(n_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2, p_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2, x_\varepsilon(r, \theta)^2)$ in ε , which is given by [cf. Eq. (105) in [11]]

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_\varepsilon &= \Lambda_0 - \varepsilon^2 \left\{ \mu_0 n_0 \eta + \chi_0 p_0 \Phi \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2e^\nu} r^2 \sin^2 \theta \mathcal{A}_0 n_0 p_0 (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

and using (36) for Λ_0' and (26)–(27), we obtain

$$\xi^{\text{AC}}(r, \theta) = \xi_0^{\text{AC}}(r) + \xi_2^{\text{AC}}(r) P_2(\cos \theta)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(r) &= \frac{2}{\nu'(r) \mathcal{C}_0^0(r) \mu_\infty^2 - 2\mu_\infty \chi_\infty \mathcal{A}_0^0(r) + \mathcal{B}_0^0(r) \chi_\infty^2} \\ & \times \left\{ \mu_\infty(r) n_0(r) \eta_\ell(r) + \chi_\infty(r) p_0(r) \Phi_\ell(r) + (1 - \ell) \frac{r^2}{3e^{\nu(r)}} \mathcal{A}_0(r) n_0(r) p_0(r) (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (109)$$

In terms of $\mathcal{P}_{\ell n}$ and $\mathcal{P}_{\ell p}$ using (62), this reads (we avoid making the r dependence explicit now)

$$\xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}} = \frac{2}{\nu'} \frac{e^{\nu/2}}{C_0^0 \mu_{\infty}^2 - 2\mu_{\infty} \chi_{\infty} A_0^0 + B_0^0 \chi_{\infty}^2} \left\{ (\mu_{\infty} C_0^0 - \chi_{\infty} A_0^0) \mathcal{P}_{\ell n} + (\chi_{\infty} B_0^0 - \mu_{\infty} A_0^0) \mathcal{P}_{\ell p} \right. \\ \left. + (1 - \ell) \frac{r^2}{3e^{\nu}} (\Omega_n - \Omega_p)^2 (\det \mathfrak{A} \mathcal{A}_0 n_0 p_0 - p_0 \mathcal{D}_n (\mu_{\infty} C_0^0 - \chi_{\infty} A_0^0) - n_0 \mathcal{D}_p (\chi_{\infty} B_0^0 - \mu_{\infty} A_0^0)) \right\}. \quad (110)$$

In the particular (numerical) case studied in [11], that we will retake in the following Sec. IX, the function Λ is such that $\mathcal{A}_0 = 0$ (and therefore $\mathcal{D}_n = \mathcal{D}_p = 0$ by definition), and it is assumed $\chi_{\infty} = \mu_{\infty}$. For any given model with those two assumptions, Eq. (105) using (33), and the above expressions simplify to

$$\xi_{\ell}(r) = \frac{2}{\nu'(r)} \frac{e^{\nu(r)/2}}{\mu_{\infty}} \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\ell}(r)}{n_0(r) + p_0(r)}$$

and

$$\xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}}(r) = \frac{2}{\nu'(r)} \frac{e^{\nu(r)/2}}{\mu_{\infty}} \frac{(C_0^0 - A_0^0) \mathcal{P}_{\ell n} + (B_0^0 - A_0^0) \mathcal{P}_{\ell p}}{C_0^0(r) - 2A_0^0(r) + B_0^0(r)}.$$

Therefore, in general $\xi_{\ell}(r) \neq \xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}}(r)$ even in that case. To check the equality, or not, of the limits $\xi_{\ell}(r \rightarrow R)$ and $\xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}}(r \rightarrow R)$ requires the integration of the whole system, and we leave that to Sec. IX. However, if we also demand $\Omega_n = \Omega_p$ then (66) and (96) with $\mu_{\infty} = \chi_{\infty}$ lead to

$$\mathcal{P}_{\ell n}(r) - \mathcal{P}_{\ell p}(r) = 0,$$

so that $\mathcal{P}_{\ell} = (n_0 + p_0) \mathcal{P}_{\ell n}$ and therefore

$$\xi_{\ell} = \xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}} = \frac{2}{\nu'(r)} \frac{e^{\nu(r)/2}}{\mu_{\infty}} \mathcal{P}_{\ell n}.$$

Let us stress that if one imposes $\mu_{\infty} = \nu_{\infty}$ and $\Omega_n = \Omega_p$ then $\xi_{\ell} = \xi_{\ell}^{\text{AC}}$ irrespective of the form of Λ .

$$\tilde{\Omega}_K = \sqrt{\frac{M}{R^3}} - \tilde{\Omega}_p \frac{\hat{J}}{R^3} + \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \sqrt{\frac{M}{R^3}} \left\{ \frac{\delta \hat{M}}{2M} + \frac{(R + 3M)(3R - 2M)}{4R^4 M^2} \mathcal{J}^2 - \frac{3}{4R} (2\hat{\xi}_0(R) - \hat{\xi}_2(R)) + \beta \hat{C} \right\} + O(\varepsilon^3) \quad (113)$$

after using $\varepsilon = \tilde{\Omega}_p / \Omega_p$, and where

$$\beta = \frac{3(R^3 - 2M^3)}{4M^3} \log \left(1 - \frac{2M}{R} \right) \\ + \frac{3R^4 - 3R^3 M - 2R^2 M^2 - 8RM^3 + 6M^4}{2RM^2(R - 2M)}.$$

The expression (113) (see also [23]) differs slightly from expression (77) in [11] in the square root factor at second order, the sign in front of ξ_2 , and its denominator

VIII. KEPLER LIMIT

The mass-shedding (Kepler) limit $\tilde{\Omega}_K$ is the maximum angular velocity of a particle rotating at the equator of the star as seen by an observer at infinity. Therefore, this sets the limit on the angular momentum of the fluids forming the star. For the present two-fluid model, the Kepler limit will correspond to the limit of the fastest-spinning component, i.e. $\tilde{\Omega}_K = \max(\tilde{\Omega}_n, \tilde{\Omega}_p)$.

As stated in [11] the Kepler limit is given by

$$\tilde{\Omega}_K = \frac{Nv}{\sqrt{K}} + N\phi, \quad (111)$$

where

$$v = \frac{K^{3/2} N \phi'}{NK'} + \sqrt{\frac{2KN'}{NK'} + \left(\frac{K^{3/2} N \phi'}{NK'} \right)^2},$$

in terms of the functions in (7).

Using (15) this relation reads

$$\tilde{\Omega}_K = \frac{e^{\nu/2}}{r} \sqrt{\frac{r\nu'}{2}} + \varepsilon \left(\omega + \frac{r\omega'}{2} \right) + \varepsilon^2 e^{\nu/2} \sqrt{\frac{\nu'}{2r}} \\ \times \left[h - k + \frac{h'}{\nu'} - \frac{rk'}{2} + \frac{r^3(\omega')^2}{4\nu'e^{\nu}} \right] + O(\varepsilon^3), \quad (112)$$

which, evaluated on the equator ($\theta = \pi/2$) of the perturbed boundary of the star, $r = R + \varepsilon^2 \xi(R)$, yields

with R^2 , which may simply be typos. Since the Kepler limit will correspond to the fastest rotating fluid, for $\Delta > 1$ we have $\tilde{\Omega}_K = \tilde{\Omega}_n = \Delta \tilde{\Omega}_p$, whereas for $\Delta < 1$ we have $\tilde{\Omega}_K = \tilde{\Omega}_p$. In any case, we solve the quadratic equation for $\tilde{\Omega}_p$ and take the smallest result among the two solutions.

IX. NUMERICAL RESULTS

We turn now to solve numerically the differential equations of the formalism we present here in order to

see the differences arising from the corrections discussed in this article. The results obtained following the amended description will be compared with those in [11]. We will focus on the comparison of three results: the contribution to second order to the mass, δM , and thus the computation of the total mass, the deformation of the star ξ_0 and ξ_2 , and the Kepler limit $\tilde{\Omega}_K$.

A. Andersson-Comer model

In the first place, we solve the background configuration, using the master function provided in [11]

$$\Lambda_0(n_0^2, p_0^2) = -m_n n_0 - \sigma_n n_0^{\beta_n} - m_n p_0 - \sigma_p p_0^{\beta_p}, \quad (114)$$

where m_n is the mass of the neutron. As in [11] we use the following numerical values

$$\sigma_n = 0.2m_n, \quad \beta_n = 2.3, \quad \sigma_p = 2m_n, \quad \beta_p = 1.95. \quad (115)$$

This master function does not account for entrainment between the two fluids, which translates into $\mathcal{A}_0 = \mathcal{A}_0^0 = 0$. If we impose chemical equilibrium $\mu_\infty = \chi_\infty$ (see the

arguments provided in [11]) the following relationship between n_0 and p_0 holds

$$p_0 = \left(\frac{\beta_n \sigma_n}{\beta_p \sigma_p} n_0^{\beta_n - 1} \right)^{1/(\beta_p - 1)}. \quad (116)$$

For this master function we use units such that $m_n = c = G = 1$, and the number densities of protons and neutrons are given in fm^{-3} . We refer to these units as ‘‘code units’’ (CU). The value of Λ_0 in the International System of Units (SI) is obtained through the relation

$$\Lambda_0^{\text{SI}} = \Lambda_0^{\text{CU}} \times c^2 \times m_n \times \text{fm}^{-3}. \quad (117)$$

It must be noted that this distorts the base units, namely the radial distance r , the time t and the mass m . To recover the SI units, we need to rescale each variable:

$$r^{\text{SI}} = r^{\text{CU}} \times c \sqrt{\frac{\text{fm}^3}{Gm_n}}, \quad (118)$$

$$t^{\text{SI}} = t^{\text{CU}} \times \sqrt{\frac{\text{fm}^3}{Gm_n}}, \quad (119)$$

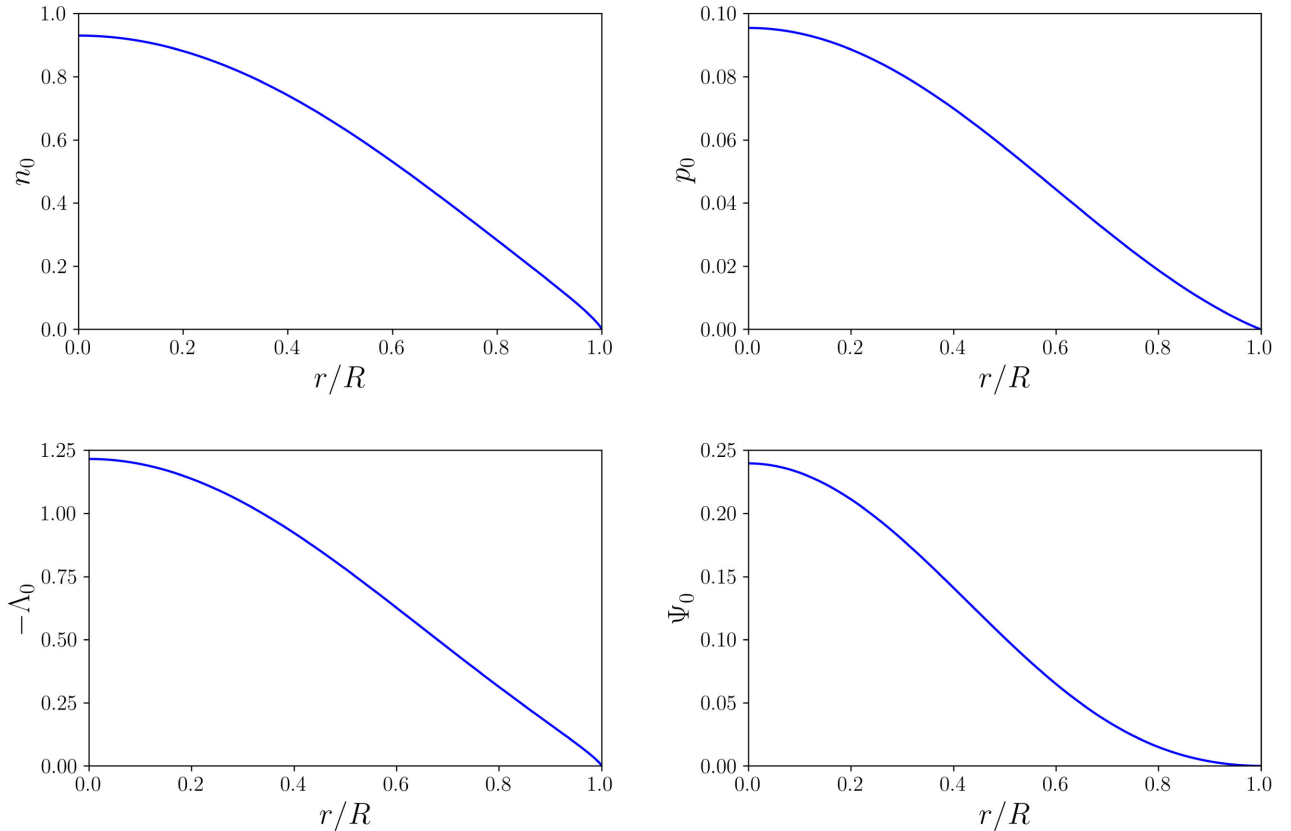


FIG. 1. Normalized radial profiles of relevant quantities of the background configuration for the AC model (in code units): number density of neutrons $n_0(r)$ (top left), number density of protons, $p_0(r)$ (top right), energy density, $-\Lambda_0(r)$ (bottom left), and generalized pressure, $\Psi_0(r)$ (bottom right). All four functions vanish at the boundary of the star.

$$m^{\text{SI}} = m^{\text{CU}} \times c^3 \sqrt{\frac{\text{fm}^3}{G^3 m_n}}. \quad (120)$$

Proceeding with the calculation of the background problem, we take $n_0(0) = 0.93 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ and solve Eqs. (24), (25), and (31), following the procedure of Sec. IV D. As explained above, to determine the surface of the star we integrate the equations from the center until the pressure reaches its first zero, $\Psi_0(R) = 0$. The value R of r for which the pressure first vanishes sets the radius for the background configuration. In accordance with [11], the background mass and radius are given by $M = 1.41M_\odot$ and $R = 10.08 \text{ km}$, respectively.

As mentioned before, in the original HT formalism the functions describing the metric are assumed to be continuous in the interior of the star, in its exterior, and in the hypersurface separating both regions. However, in the correction of the HT formalism carried out in [5], it was shown that $v_0(r)$ presents a discontinuity at the boundary proportional to the energy density at the surface of the star [see Eq. (77)]. This affects the calculation of δM and thus the total mass of the star. For the present two-fluid model, as we can see from Eq. (97), when the number densities of neutrons and protons vanish at the surface of the star, $n_0(R) = p_0(R) = 0$, which implies $\mathcal{P}_\ell(R) = 0$ by definition, the correction has no numerical effect. As shown in Fig. 1 for the AC numerical model, the number density of protons and neutrons tend to zero at the surface. As a result, in this particular model we should obtain the same value for the contribution to the mass at second order as in [11]. However, we have encountered a discrepancy in the values. Explicitly, since $M_T = M + \delta M^{\text{AC}}$ in [11], and here $M_T = M + \varepsilon^2 \delta M$ [see (98)] the comparison is given by the quantities

$$\begin{aligned} \delta M^{\text{AC}} &= 0.091(\nu_p/1 \text{ kHz})^2 M_\odot, \\ \varepsilon^2 \delta M &= \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \delta \hat{M} = 0.084(\nu_p/1 \text{ kHz})^2 M_\odot, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that ν_p as defined in [11] corresponds to $\tilde{\Omega}_p/(2\pi)$ here. We conjecture this discrepancy might be of numerical origin. A direct comparison with the code by [11] might shed light on this issue.

On the other hand, in [11] a very interesting way of calculating the deformation of the star was proposed, that consisted on tracking the surfaces of constant energy density [Eq. (110)]. However, as explained in Sec. VII this analysis has to be carried out using the surfaces of constant pressure [Eq. (105)]. Concerning the deformation of the star, we compare in Fig. 2 the functions ξ_0 and ξ_2 obtained using our formalism (blue curves) with those from the AC formalism [11] (red curves). As explained in Sec. VII, for a model without entrainment, $\Omega_n = \Omega_p$, and in chemical equilibrium, we have $\xi_\ell = \xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}$. However, if we set $\Delta \neq 1$, then we should expect different results, as Fig. 2 shows for $\Delta = 0.5$. The difference between the two results

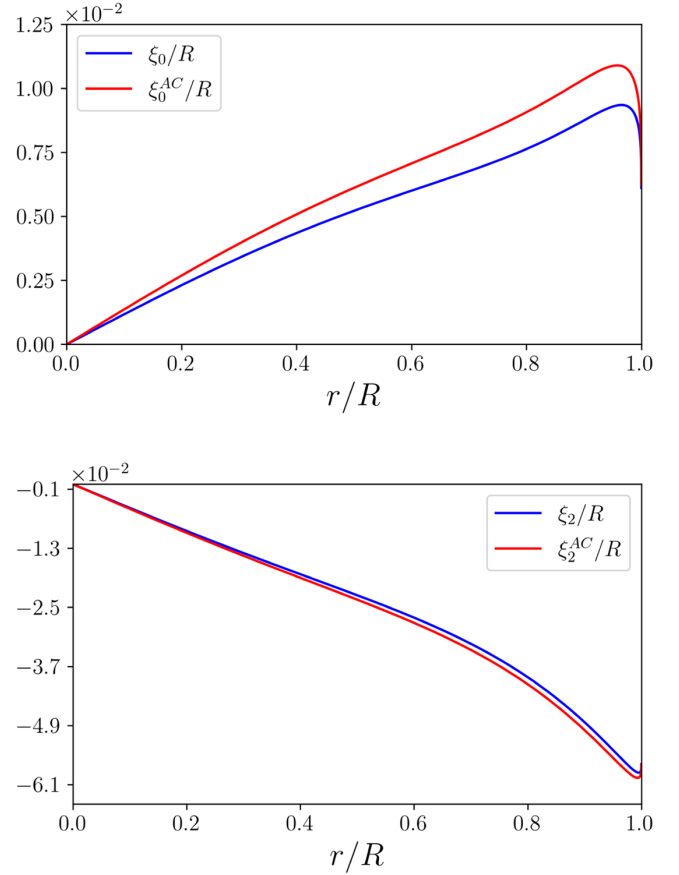


FIG. 2. Normalized radial profiles of the deformations $\xi_\ell(r)$ from Eq. (105) (blue) and the functions $\xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(r)$ from Eq. (110) (red), for $\Delta = 0.5$. The top panel corresponds to $\ell = 0$ and the bottom one to $\ell = 2$.

at the surface of the star is plotted in Fig. 3 for different values of Δ . Note that due to the steepness of $\xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(r)$ [and also $\xi_\ell(r)$] near $r = R$, the exact value of $\xi_\ell(R) - \xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(R)$ will be very sensitive to the precision of the numerical calculations.

The dependence of $\xi_\ell(R) - \xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(R)$ with the perturbation parameter ε is straightforward, as it scales with ε^2 . However, the dependence with Δ is not so clear from the equations, so we illustrate it in Fig. 3.

Concerning the computation of the limiting frequency of the star (the Kepler or mass-shedding limit, $\tilde{\Omega}_K$) we have found a different expression from the one proposed in [11] [their Eq. (77)]. Moreover, this expression also depends on the deformations of the star ξ_0 and ξ_2 , so the correction of the deformation also implies a different result for $\tilde{\Omega}_K$, even using the equation reported in [11]. The Kepler limits for both neutrons and protons are displayed in Fig. 4 as a function of the relative rotation rate Δ .

As we can see from Eq. (113), the mass-shedding limit depends on the frame dragging (FD), i.e. the distortion of the spacetime manifold as a consequence of the rotation of

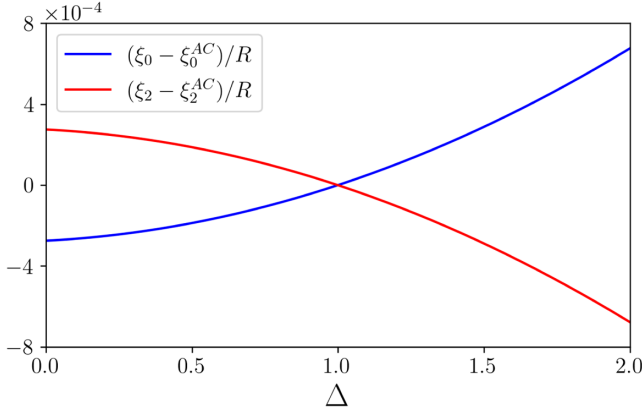


FIG. 3. $(\xi_\ell(R) - \xi_\ell^{\text{AC}}(R))/R$ for different values of Δ , running from $\Delta = 0$ to $\Delta = 2$.

the star. If we do not consider frame dragging, the Kepler limit frequency will be given by

$$\tilde{\Omega}_K^{\text{noFD}} = \sqrt{\frac{M}{R^3}}. \quad (121)$$

As stated in Eq. (19) of [11], the slow-rotation approximation translates into the following inequalities (with $G = 1$):

$$\tilde{\Omega}_n^2 \text{ or } \tilde{\Omega}_p^2 \text{ or } \tilde{\Omega}_n \tilde{\Omega}_p \ll \frac{M}{R^3}. \quad (122)$$

We end this section by mentioning the discrepancy also found with the AC star model for the radial profiles of the rotationally induced change in the proton number density $p_0\Phi_\ell$, depicted in Fig. 5 (compare with the profiles shown in Fig. 10 of [11]).

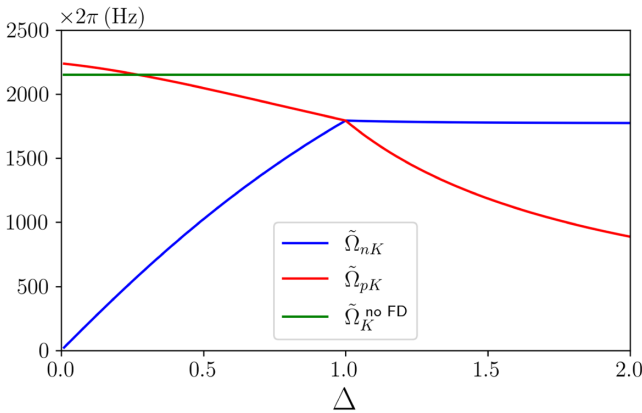


FIG. 4. The mass-shedding limits of the neutron and proton fluids (in blue and red) as a function of the relative rotation rate Δ . The Kepler limit corresponds to the largest value $\tilde{\Omega}_k = \max(\tilde{\Omega}_n, \tilde{\Omega}_p)$. The green line corresponds to the Kepler limit with no frame dragging, $\tilde{\Omega}_k^{\text{noFD}}$.

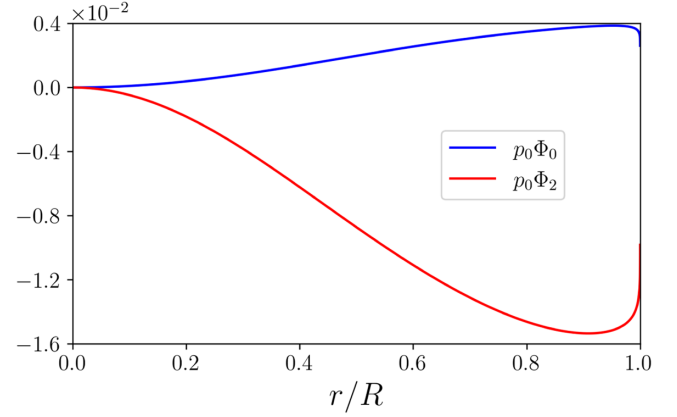


FIG. 5. Radial profiles of the rotationally induced change in the proton number density, $p_0\Phi_\ell(r)$, for the AC star model and for $\Delta = 1$, in code units. The profiles differ from those in Fig. 10 in [11].

B. Our toy model

In order to see the difference of the contribution to the mass at second order $\varepsilon^2\delta M$ between the AC formalism and the one reported in this work we propose an EOS which does exhibit a jump in the energy density at the boundary of the star. To do so we consider the following master function

$$\Lambda_0(n_0^2, p_0^2, x_0^2) = -(an_0 + bp_0 + cx_0^2)m_n, \quad (123)$$

where a , b , and c are constants with dimensions $\dim(a) = \dim(b) = 1$ and $\dim(c) = L^3$. This EOS does not attempt to describe any physical system and should be simply regarded as a toy model. Our only purpose in using it is to show the numerical impact of the correction of δM discussed in this article. Taking $m_n = 1$ leads to

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = c, \quad \mathcal{B}_0 = \frac{a}{n_0}, \quad \mathcal{C}_0 = \frac{b}{p_0}, \quad (124)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_0^0 = c, \quad \mathcal{B}_0^0 = 0, \quad \mathcal{C}_0^0 = 0. \quad (125)$$

Equations (28) and (29) translate into

$$n'_0 = -\frac{1}{2c}(b + cn_0)\nu', \quad (126)$$

$$p'_0 = -\frac{1}{2c}(a + cp_0)\nu', \quad (127)$$

and the generalized pressure (3) reads

$$\Psi_0 = cx_0^2. \quad (128)$$

We impose chemical equilibrium ($\mu_0 = \chi_0$) to set the value of p_0 :

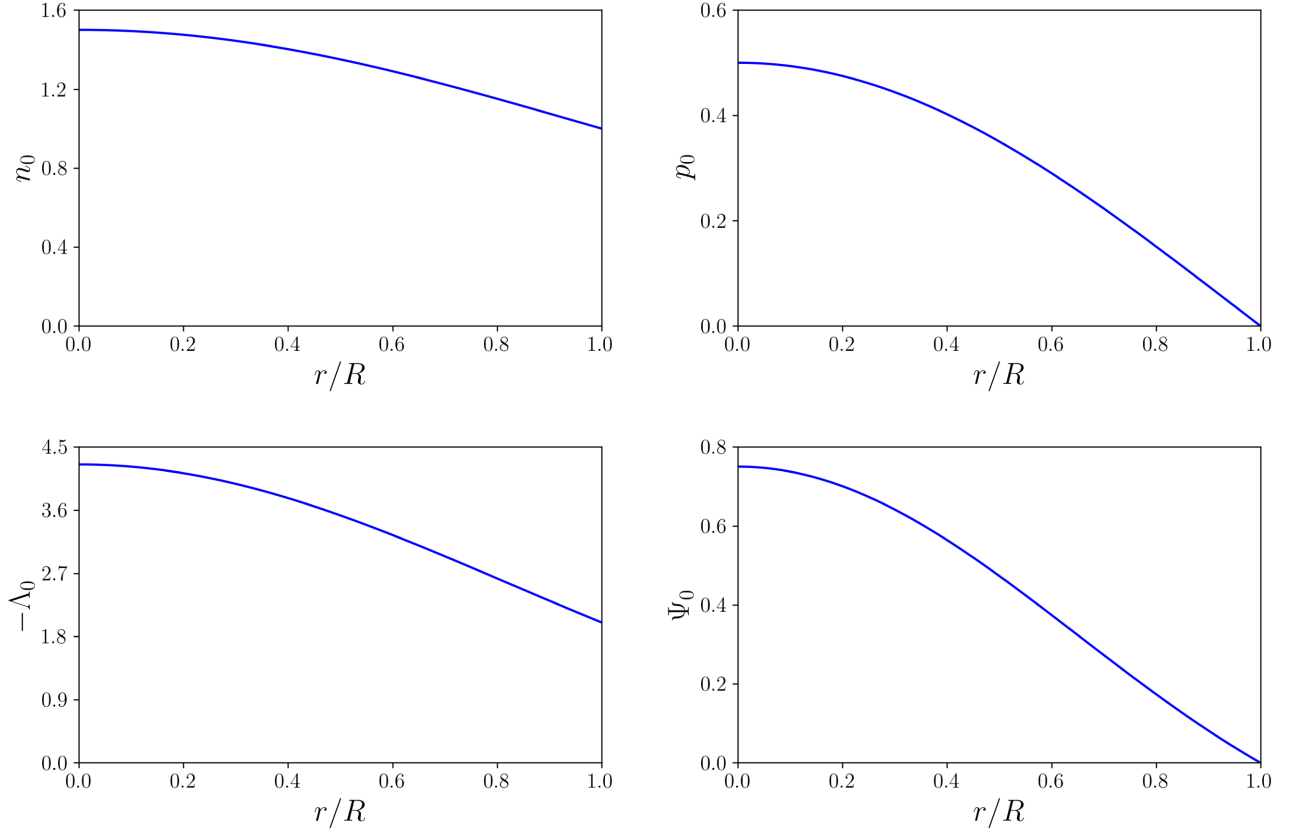


FIG. 6. Normalized radial profiles of relevant quantities of the background configuration for the toy model EOS (in code units): number density of neutrons $n_0(r)$ (top left), number density of protons, $p_0(r)$ (top right), energy density, $-\Lambda_0(r)$ (bottom left), and generalized pressure, $\Psi_0(r)$ (bottom right). For this model $n_0(R) \neq 0$ and $\Lambda_0(R) \neq 0$.

$$p_0 = \frac{b-a}{c} + n_0. \quad (129)$$

Both $-\Lambda_0$ and Ψ_0 must remain positive along the star, so we take the set $\{a, b, c\} = \{2, 1, 1\}$ which satisfies the requirements. For the initial value $n_0(0) = 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ we calculate the profiles of the number densities and pressure of the background configuration. Those are displayed in Fig. 6.

Even though our toy model EOS does not attempt to describe a physical star, we have checked that it is causally consistent with general relativity, i.e. that the speed of sound is lower than the speed of light at every point of the star. We compute the speed of sound as

$$v_s^2 = \frac{\partial \Psi_0}{\partial (-\Lambda_0)} = \frac{\partial \Psi_0 / \partial r}{\partial (-\Lambda_0) / \partial r}. \quad (130)$$

Figure 7 shows that indeed our EOS preserves causality.

Solving the first and second order ($\ell = 0$) system for corotating fluids ($\Delta = 1$), we obtain that the contribution to the mass at second order is

$$\varepsilon^2 \delta M = 0.0078 (\nu_p / 1 \text{ kHz})^2 M_\odot, \quad (131)$$

where $\nu_p = \tilde{\Omega}_p / (2\pi)$, while the formula in [11] for δM , that is, without the correction, leads to

$$\varepsilon^2 \delta M^{\text{uncorrected}} = 0.0033 (\nu_p / 1 \text{ kHz})^2 M_\odot. \quad (132)$$

Again, the impact of this correction affects the total mass linearly with ε^2 , and thus ν_p^2 , but it also depends on the rotation rate between the two fluids.

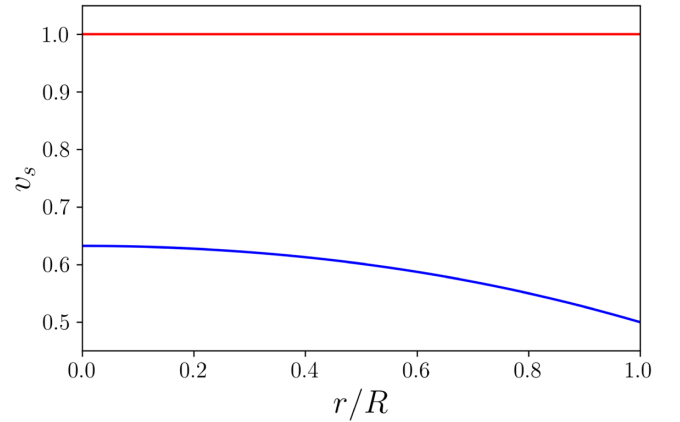


FIG. 7. Radial profile of the sound speed for our toy model EOS (blue) and the speed of light (red) in code units. Our EOS preserves causality at all radial points.

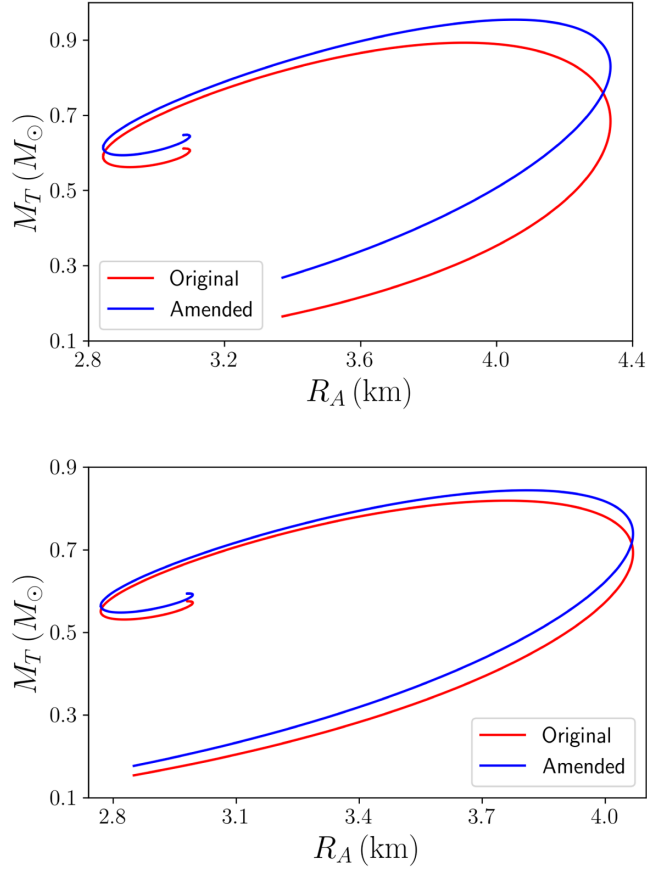


FIG. 8. Total mass M_T as a function of the average radius of the star R_A for $\Delta = 1$. The top panel corresponds to stars rotating at the Kepler limit without considering frame dragging effects. For the models in the bottom panel the ratio of the polar-to-equatorial radius is set to 0.8. Blue curves take into account the correction of δM in the formalism while red curves do not. To prepare these plots we run the initial value of n_0 from $n_0(0) = 1.1 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ to $n_0(0) = 150 \text{ fm}^{-3}$.

To illustrate the relevance of this correction we numerically build stellar configurations based on our toy model EOS, computing the total mass of the stars as a function of their average radius, $R_A = R + \varepsilon^2 \xi_0(R)$. We perform this procedure for two different rotations. Our first choice is to consider stars rotating at the Kepler limit without taking into account frame dragging effects [see Eq. (121)], that is (see Sec. VIII),

$$\varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{M}{R^3}} \frac{1}{\Omega_p} \times \begin{cases} 1 & \Delta \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{\Delta} & \Delta > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (133)$$

The top panel of Fig. 8 shows the mass of the configurations against the average radius for this case. As expected, the correction in the mass affects in a significant way the total mass the configurations can attain.

In our second choice, we set the rotation of the star so that the ratio between the polar and equatorial radii, R_P/R_E , is kept constant, that is,

$$\varepsilon^2 = \frac{(R_P/R_E - 1)R}{\xi^P - R_P/R_E \xi^E}, \quad (134)$$

where $R_{P/E} = R + \varepsilon^2 \xi^{P/E}$ with $\xi^P = \xi_0(R) + \xi_2(R)$ and $\xi^E = \xi_0(R) - \xi_2(R)/2$. Mass vs radius diagrams for this second type of configurations are plotted in the bottom panel of Fig. 8. As for the previous case, the differences between the original HT formulation and our revised formalism are quite visible.

X. CONCLUSIONS

Hartle and Thorne's model [1,2] provides a perturbative framework to describe the equilibrium configuration of a slowly rotating isolated compact body in general relativity. In [5–7] it was found that this formalism had to be amended in order to correctly describe stars with nonvanishing energy density at the surface. The amended version of the formalism yields significant corrections to the total mass of a slowly rotating relativistic star described by a single-fluid barotropic EOS, which also affects the tidal problem in binary systems (i.e. the I-Love-Q relations) [7].

In this paper we have discussed slowly rotating, general relativistic, superfluid neutron stars assuming that the composition of the stars is described by a simple two-fluid model which accounts for superfluid neutrons and all other constituents. Therefore, our work, which has closely followed a previous investigation by Andersson and Comer [11], constitutes an extension of the earlier study in the single-fluid case that amended the HT model. The backbone of this article has been to put forward the analytical corrections of the HT model applied to the two-fluid problem in general, building on the results from [5,8,17]. Our specific goal has been to address if the amendment of the computation of the mass of the star found in the HT formalism for the single-fluid case in the presence of discontinuous fields [5–7] also holds in the two-fluid model. We have found that is indeed the case. Moreover, we have corrected the determination of the deformation of the star, which in [11] is obtained using the surfaces of constant energy density following the arguments in [1]. The perturbative analysis we have presented provides the deformation, and we have shown how that coincides with the outcome obtained by replacing the surfaces of constant energy density with the surfaces of constant “pressure.” Let us stress that both procedures coincide in the single-fluid model (with barotropic EOS), but not in the two-fluid model.

In order to illustrate the impact of the corrections to the formalism we have built numerical stellar models, comparing the calculation of the total mass of the star, the deformation of the star, and the Kepler limit of rotation. We have first compared our results with those in [11] by solving the set of equations for the EOS proposed in the original article along with the same stellar model. Next, we have used a toy-model EOS for which the energy density

does not vanish at the boundary of the star to demonstrate that the corrections of the HT formalism we present in this paper do impact the structure of slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars.

While the toy model used in this investigation should not be regarded by any means as a realistic description of the composition of actual superfluid neutron stars, it has served the purpose of illustrating the effect of the corrections in the formalism. There are physical situations where large non-zero densities can be attained at the stellar surface, the main example being pure quark EOS (as described by e.g. the simple MIT bag model [24]). Quark matter is self-bound such that low density homogeneous quark matter is unstable with respect to the formation of a dense cluster. Homogeneous nuclear matter shows such an instability, too, depending on the proton fraction. Physically this means that at low densities nuclear clusters and a crust form. To improve the “realism” of the results reported in this work, a possible extension would require to obtain the master function of [12,13] for the case of superconducting quark matter, where a two-fluid situation would arise by assuming pairing only between two flavors (up and down quarks) and have a nonpaired third flavor (strange quarks). The master function might be applied in the same way in this case as for the neutron-proton two-fluid model used here, in particular as some models for quark matter resemble technically models applied to the latter case [e.g. Nambu-Jona-Lasinio (NJL) models [25] are very similar to relativistic density functional models for nuclear matter]. Another situation where discontinuities might also affect the computation of stellar equilibrium models within the HT formalism is in the case of superfluid magnetars in

which the matter in the core cannot be described with a single fluid approach (since the neutrons are superfluid). In this situation the density of the charged components of the matter EOS (i.e. protons, electrons, and muons) exhibits a jump at the crust-core interface (see e.g. Fig. 1 in [26]).

Finally, we note that the modifications reported in this work for the total mass of slowly rotating superfluid neutron stars are also present for the tidal problem of a binary system, affecting the I-Love-Q relations of superfluid neutron stars [27]. We plan to study the tidal problem in a future investigation and the results will be reported elsewhere.

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