

# Symmetry in Szekeres Models

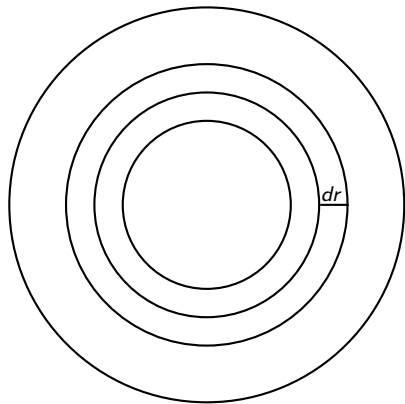
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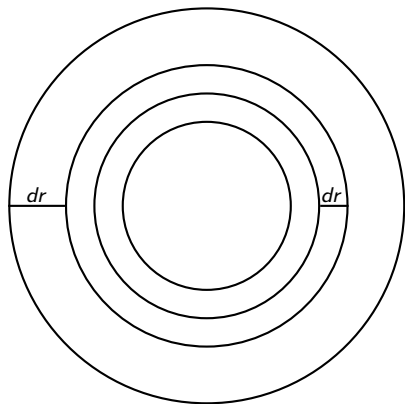
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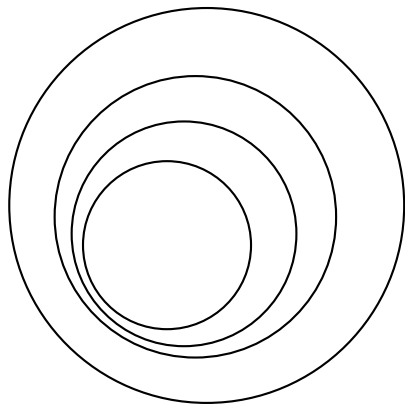
Szekeres metric:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{(R' - R\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E})^2}{\epsilon + f} dr^2 + \frac{R^2}{\mathcal{E}^2} (dp^2 + dq^2)$$

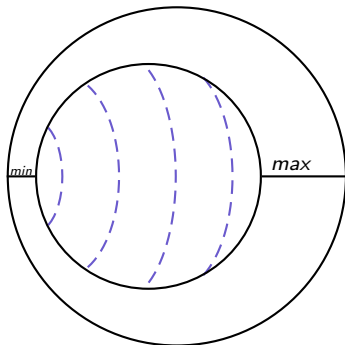
where  $S, P, Q, f$  are functions of  $r$  only, and  $R = R(t, r)$

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{S}{2} \left[ \epsilon + \left( \frac{p-P}{S} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{q-Q}{S} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Szekeres metric



- “radial” proper distance
$$\frac{R' - R\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}}{\sqrt{1+f(r)}} dr$$
- $r$  merely labels shells
- shells cannot agree on a radial direction
- proper distance depends on all coordinates  $r, p, q, t$
- shell-crossing



- there is a minimum and a maximum distance between two “neighbouring” shells
- points on a curve of latitude have same distance to the next shell
- points on curves of latitude are constant in  $\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}$

⇒ Dipole structure on shells.

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- $M' \neq 0, f' \neq 0$  for  $\epsilon = \pm 1$  and  $\frac{f}{M^{2/3}} \neq \text{const.}$  for  $\epsilon = 0$
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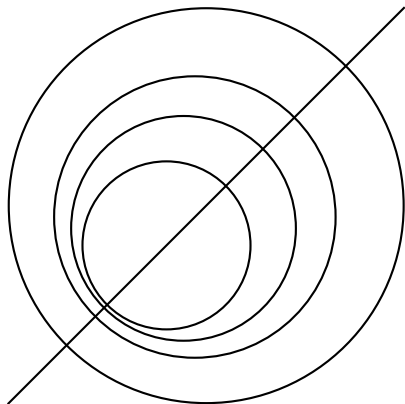
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# Motivation

- We started with a simple question: what models are axisymmetric? If the most general Szekeres models have no symmetry what restrictions on the free functions then lead to a symmetry?  
BST: "It would be interesting to enumerate the types of symmetry that arise for special choices of the arbitrary functions in Szekeres solution."
- Models with one symmetry can be considered as stepping stones between full symmetry and no symmetry.

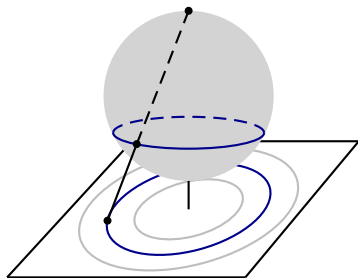
# Guess



- dipoles align
- looking down the axis: we find rotational symmetry
- the axis must be a "straight line", i.e. a geodesic
- along the axis all shells agree on this radial direction

What about  $\epsilon \neq 1$ ?

# Stereographic Projection



# $\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}$ contour lines

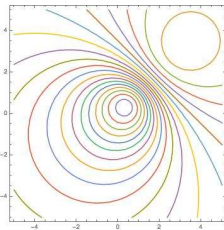
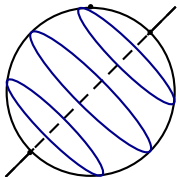


Figure: Dipole on  $p, q$  plane

Figure: Dipole on sphere

# Killing equation

$$\mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \xi_{\nu;\mu} + \xi_{\mu;\nu} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} 1. hP' = \text{const.} \\ 2. hQ' = \text{const.} \\ 3. h(\epsilon SS' + PP' + QQ') = \text{const.} \end{array}$$

where  $h(r)$  is a function of integration.

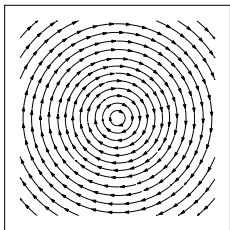
**Case 1**  $P' = 0 = Q'$ . No constraint on  $S$ . This is the well known case.

**Case 2** Let one of  $P', Q'$  be zero and the other one nonzero, say  $P' \neq 0$ ,  $Q' = 0$ . Then

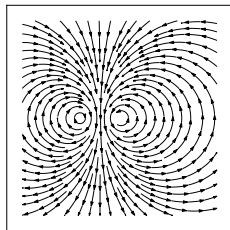
$$\epsilon S^2 = -P^2 + 2c_2 P + c_3 .$$

**Case 3** Let both  $P', Q' \neq 0$ . Then

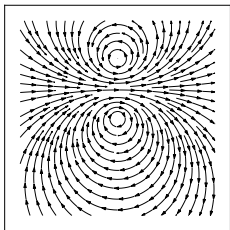
$$\begin{aligned} Q &= cP + c_Q , \\ \epsilon S^2 &= -(1 + c^2)P^2 + 2c_2 P + c_3 . \end{aligned}$$



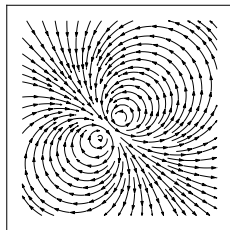
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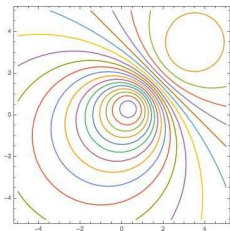
(b) Case 2,  $Q' = 0$



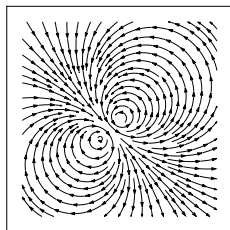
(c) Case 2,  $P' = 0$



(d) Case 3,  
 $P' \neq 0, Q' \neq 0$



(e) contour lines of  $\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}$



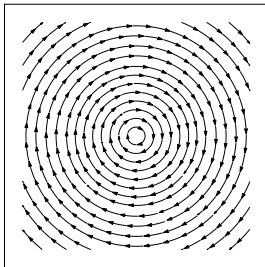
(f) Case 3

extreme points = fixed points if extreme points exists but there are KVF with fixed points even though the extreme points do not exists (hyperbolic geometry)

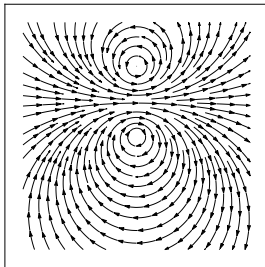
$$\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}|_e \stackrel{\text{case 3 cond.}}{=} \pm \frac{P'}{\epsilon S^2} \sqrt{d}$$

$$d = c_2^2 + (1 + c^2)c_3$$

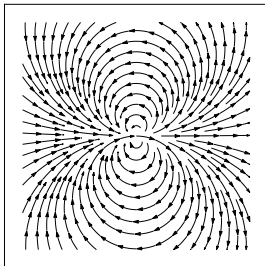




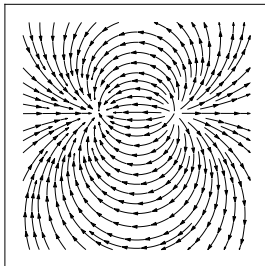
(g) type 1,  $d = \infty$



(h) type 1,  $d > 0$



(i) type 2,  $d = 0$



(j) type 3,  $d < 0$

# Conclusion

**quasi-spherical:** The well known axisymmetric models are all there is except for conformal coordinate transformations

**quasi-planar:** There is either full symmetry or no symmetry.

**quasi-hyperbolic:** There are rotational symmetric models but also models with a single symmetry (horolation, h-translation) that are not rotational. However the latter then suffer from shell-crossings.

- BST is generalisable to all  $\epsilon$
- in the case of axial symmetry  $\mathcal{E}'/\mathcal{E}$  coincides with the Killing Vector field streamlines.
- axis of symmetry is geodesic

Thank You!