

# PLANE SYMMETRIC VACUUM COSMOLOGICAL MODEL IN LAU & PROKHOVNIK THEORY OF GRAVITATION

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## Abstract

*The vacuum plane symmetric model has been obtained in scalar tensor relativistic theory formulated by Lau and Prokhovnik (1986) under the assumption of a certain relationship between the cosmological term and scalar field  $\psi$ . The dynamical behavior of the model have been studied.*

## 1. Introduction

Lau and Prokhovnik (1986) formulated a scalar tensor theory in terms of an action principle. This theory is a generalization of Einstein's general relativity and Lau's theory (1985). This developed theory is applied to a cosmological model compatible with large number of hypothesis and  $\psi$  is then deduced. Further, Maharaj and Beesham (1988) pointed out an error in field equations obtained by Lau and Prokhovnik (1986). They have obtained a vacuum solution to the generalized field equations given by Lau and Prokhovnik (1986) for the Robertson-Walker space-time. This is in contrast to the earlier theory of Lau (1985) in which the vacuum solutions turned out to be identical to the corresponding general relativistic solutions with constant  $\lambda$ . Der Sarkissian (1985), Beesham (1987) discussed various cases of Lau's theory. Alfonso-Faus(1986) has studied variable G-cosmology based on Einstein's field equations.

In this paper we have studied the plane symmetric cosmological model in vacuum. Its dynamical behavior has been discussed.

## 2. Metric & Field equations:

Lau and Prokhovnik in 1986 have started with the variation of action given by

$$I = \int \sqrt{-g} (R - 2\lambda + g^{ij} \psi_{,i} \psi_{,j} - 16\pi G L_m) d^4x \quad , \quad (2.1)$$

Where  $R$  is Ricci scalar,  $L_m$  is mass Lagrangian density including all non-gravitational fields,  $\psi$  is scalar field,  $\lambda$  and  $G$  depend upon time  $t$ .

The variation of action given by equation (2.1) with respect to  $g_{ij}$  gives required field equations as

$$R_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ij} R + \Lambda g_{ij} = -8\pi G T_{ij} \quad , \quad (2.2)$$

where  $T_{ij}$  is energy momentum tensor given by

$$T_{ij} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial g^{ij}} (\sqrt{-g} L_m) \quad (2.3)$$

$R_{ij}$  is Ricci tensor and  $\Lambda$  is a new cosmological term depends upon the spatial coordinates and  $t$ .

For spatially homogeneous space time (as  $g^{44}$  is unity),  $\Lambda$  is given by

$$\Lambda = \lambda - \frac{1}{2} \dot{\psi}^2 \quad (2.4)$$

In case of vacuum  $L_m = 0$ ,  $T_{ij} = 0$ .

Consider the plane symmetric metric given by

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - A^2(dx^2 + dy^2) - B^2 dz^2, \quad (2.5)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are functions of  $t$  only.

In this case, the vacuum field equations (2.2) for metric (2.5) reduce to

$$\frac{\dot{A}}{A} + \frac{\dot{B}}{B} + \frac{\dot{A}\dot{B}}{AB} = \Lambda \quad (2.6)$$

$$\frac{2\dot{A}}{A} + \left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A}\right)^2 = \Lambda \quad (2.7)$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A}\right)^2 + \frac{2\dot{A}\dot{B}}{AB} - \dot{\psi}^2 = \Lambda \quad (2.8)$$

We have three equations in four unknowns  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $\psi$ .

By subtracting equation (2.7) from equation (2.6), we get

$$\frac{\ddot{B}}{B} + \frac{\dot{A}\dot{B}}{AB} - \frac{\ddot{A}}{A} - \left(\frac{\dot{A}}{A}\right)^2 = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

To solve the above field equations, let we consider

$$A = B^n$$

Differentiating, we get

$$\dot{A} = nB^{n-1}\dot{B}$$

&

$$\ddot{A} = nB^{n-1}\ddot{B} + n(n-1)B^{n-2}\dot{B}^2$$

Using these values of  $A$ ,  $\dot{A}$ ,  $\ddot{A}$  in equation (2.9), we obtain

$$\frac{\ddot{B}}{B} - \frac{2n^2}{1-n} \left(\frac{\dot{B}}{B}\right)^2 = 0 \quad (2.10)$$

Multiplying by  $B^2$  we get,

$$B\ddot{B} - \frac{2n^2}{1-n} (\dot{B})^2 = 0 \quad (2.11)$$

Let  $\dot{B} = f(B)$

$$\ddot{B} = ff' \quad , \quad \text{where} \quad f' = \frac{df}{dB}$$

The equation (2.11) gives

$$Bff' - \frac{2n^2}{1-n}(f)^2 = 0$$

Dividing by  $B$ , we get

$$ff' - \frac{2n^2}{1-n} \left( \frac{f^2}{B} \right) = 0$$

Multiply by 2 we get

$$2ff' - \frac{4n^2}{1-n} \left( \frac{f^2}{B} \right) = 0$$

Further calculation and simplifications and integration give us

$$B^{\frac{-4n^2}{1-n}} f^2 = K \quad , \quad \text{where } K \text{ is constant of integration.}$$

$$f^2 = KB^{\frac{4n^2}{1-n}} \tag{2.12}$$

$$\text{But } f = \dot{B} = \frac{dB}{dt} \Rightarrow f^2 = \left( \frac{dB}{dt} \right)^2$$

$$\left( \frac{dB}{dt} \right)^2 = KB^{\frac{4n^2}{1-n}}$$

$$B^{\frac{-4n^2}{1-n}} (dB)^2 = K(dt)^2$$

Taking square root of both sides, we get

$$\left[ B^{\frac{-4n^2}{1-n}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} dB = \sqrt{K} dt$$

$$B^{\frac{-2n^2}{1-n}} dB = \sqrt{K} dt$$

Integrating, we get

$$B = K_3 (K_1 t + K_2)^{\frac{1}{N}} \quad , \quad \text{where } K_3 = (N)^{\frac{1}{N}} \tag{2.13}$$

But, we have  $A = B^n$

Therefore

$$A = K_4 (K_1 t + K_2)^{\frac{n}{N}} \quad , \quad \text{where } K_4 = (K_3)^n \tag{2.14}$$

Now we consider, special volume as  $V^3 = A^2 B$

Using values of  $A$  and  $B$  from equation (2.13) and equation (2.14), we get

$$V = K_5 (K_1 t + K_2)^{\frac{2n+1}{3N}} \quad , \quad \text{where } K_5 = (K_3 K_4^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \tag{2.15}$$

### 3. Dynamical parameters:

The dynamical parameters calculated for the above metric and found to be as

Shear scalar  $\sigma^2$  is given by

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{2K_1(n-1)}{3N(K_1t + K_2)^2} \quad (3.1)$$

And the scalar expansion  $\theta$  is given by

$$\theta = 3K_6(K_1t + K_2)^{-1}, \text{ where } K_6 = K_1 \frac{2n+1}{3N} \quad (3.2)$$

The Hubble parameter  $H$  is given by

$$H = K_6(K_1t + K_2)^{-1} \quad (3.3)$$

The deceleration parameter  $q$  is given by,

$$q = \frac{3N}{2n+1} - 1 \quad (3.4)$$

The cosmological term  $\Lambda$  is given by

$$\Lambda = K_7(K_1t + K_2)^{-2}, \text{ where } K_7 = K_1^2 \frac{n}{N} \left( 3 \frac{n}{N} - 1 \right) \quad (3.5)$$

$$\text{And } \psi = K_8 \log(K_1t + K_2), \quad (3.6)$$

$$\text{Where } K_8 = \frac{\left( -2K_1^2 \frac{n}{N} \left( 3 \frac{n}{N} - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{K_1}$$

#### 4. Conclusion:

We have studied the plane symmetric cosmological model in vacuum.

The solutions are consistent with physical nature of the field equations.

This universe has singularity at  $t = -\frac{K_2}{K_1}$ .

The parameters  $\theta$ ,  $\sigma$ ,  $\Lambda$  and  $H$  decreases continuously and after long time shear scalar vanishes.

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