

# Static vacuum black hole solutions in Einstein Gauss Bonnet gravity

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## Outline

- Lovelock theory and Einstein Gauss Bonnet gravity.
- Static black holes in  $D > 4$  GR, horizons of constant curvature and more general Einstein manifolds (EM) as possible horizons.
- Limitations to the horizon geometry in EGB.
- Stability of EGB BHs with constant curvature horizons.

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## Lovelock theory, EGB gravity

Lovelock gravity is given by

$$G_b^a = \sum_{p=0}^{[(d-1)/2]} c_p G_{(p)b}^a$$

$$G_{(p)b}^a = g_{[b}^{[a} R^{i_1 i_2}_{i_1 i_2} R^{i_3 i_4}_{i_3 i_4} \dots R^{i_{2p-1} i_{2p}}_{i_{2p-1} i_{2p}}]$$

$G_{ab}$  is the most general symmetric, divergence free tensor that can be made using up to second derivatives of the metric

$$G_{(0)ab} = g_{ab} \quad \text{and} \quad G_{(1)ab} = R_{ab} - \frac{R}{2} g_{ab}$$

Einstein Gauss Bonnet gravity is the special case  $c_p = 0, p > 2$

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## Gauss Bonnet corrections to GR

The Gauss-Bonnet tensor is:

$$G_{(2)b}^a = R_{cb}^{de} R_{de}^{ca} - 2R_d^c R_{cb}^{da} - 2R_b^c R_c^a + R R_b^a - \frac{1}{4} \delta_b^a (R_{cd}^{ef} R_{ef}^{cd} - 4R_c^d R_d^c + R^2)$$

It shows up as a low energy string theory correction to Einstein's gravity

$$\propto G_{(2)b}^a + R_b^a - \frac{1}{2} R g_b^a + \Lambda g_b^a = T_b^a$$

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## Static black holes in $D > 4$ GR

The ansatz  $ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + g(r)dr^2 + r^2 \bar{g}_{ij} dx^i dx^j$

(  $\bar{g}_{ij}$  the metric of  $\Sigma_n$ , an  $n$ -dimensional “horizon manifold” )

inserted in  $D=n+2$  (vacuum) Einstein's equations (with c.c.  $\Lambda$ ), gives

$$R_{ij} = \kappa(n-1)g_{ij} \qquad g(r) = 1/f(r)$$

$$\text{and } f(r) = \kappa - \frac{2\mu}{nr^{n-1}} - \frac{2\Lambda r^2}{n(n+1)}$$

There is a large zoo of static black hole solutions in higher dimensional Einstein gravity

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## About Einstein manifolds

- $n=3$  ( $D=5$ ): the EM condition implies  $\Sigma_3$  is a constant curvature manifold:

$$\bar{R}_{ij}{}^{kl} = \kappa (\bar{g}_i^k \bar{g}_j^l - \bar{g}_i^l \bar{g}_j^k)$$

- $n > 3$  ( $D > 5$ ): the EM condition (EM) implies that

$$\bar{R}_{ij}{}^{kl} = \bar{C}_{ij}{}^{kl} + \kappa (\bar{g}_i^k \bar{g}_j^l - \bar{g}_i^l \bar{g}_j^k),$$

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## Static vacuum BHs in EGB gravity

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## Constant curvature horizon BHs in EGB (JT Wheeler '85,...)

If the horizon  $\Sigma_n$  is a **constant curvature manifold** there are solutions:

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)}dr^2 + r^2 \bar{g}_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$f(r) = \kappa + \frac{r^2}{\alpha(n-1)(n-2)} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\alpha(n-1)(n-2)}{n(n+1)} \left[ \frac{\mu(n+1)}{r^{n+1}} + \Lambda \right]} \right)$$

where  $\mu$  is an integration constant

Note that  $\mu=0$  gives 2 cosmological solutions, the constants of the theory can be fine tuned to give a single effective cosmological constant (degenerate theory)

In the  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  limit, the (-) branch reduces to the GR solution

$$f(r) = \kappa - \frac{2\mu}{nr^{n-1}} - \frac{2\Lambda r^2}{n(n+1)} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$$

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## EM horizon BHs in EGB (Dotti-Gleiser, PLB'05)

If the horizon  $\Sigma_n$  is an EM of non constant curvature, its Weyl tensor must satisfy the **Horizon Condition**:

$$\sum_{kls} \bar{C}_{ki}{}^{ls} \bar{C}_{ls}{}^{kj} = \theta \delta_i^j$$

where  $\theta$  is a constant.

$$f(r) = \kappa + \frac{r^2}{\alpha(n-1)(n-2)} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\alpha(n-1)(n-2)}{n(n+1)} \left[ \frac{\mu(n+1)}{r^{n+1}} - \frac{\alpha(n+1)\theta}{4(n-3)r^4} + \Lambda \right]} \right)$$

If the EGB theory is non degenerate, the horizon **has to be Einstein** (Troncoso, Oliva & Dotti, work in progress)

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## Obstructions on the horizon geometry in EGB gravity

- The horizon condition (HC)

$$\sum_{klm} \bar{C}_{ki}{}^{lm} \bar{C}_{lm}{}^{kj} = \theta \delta_i^j$$

- is both an algebraic and a differential constraint on the Weyl tensor since  $\nabla_k \theta = 0$
- The algebraic constraint is always met if  $n=4$  ( $D=6$ ), although in general  $\theta$  is non constant.
- For  $n > 4$  ( $D > 6$ ), the algebraic constraint does not hold in general.

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## Example: Bohm metrics

The Bohm metrics EM locally given by

$$ds^2 = d\rho^2 + a(\rho)^2 d\Omega_p^2 + b(\rho)^2 d\Omega_q^2$$

$$0 \leq \rho \leq \rho_f \quad a(\rho), b(\rho) > 0$$

They can be extended to  $S^{p+q+1}$  or  $S^{p+1} \times S^q$

If appropriate boundary conditions are imposed to  $a(\rho)$  and  $b(\rho)$

There is a countably infinite family of non trivial metrics on  $S^{p+q+1}$  and  $S^{p+1} \times S^q$  besides the standard ones.

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Any Bohm horizon is possible in GR, although the resulting BHs are unstable under linear perturbations of the metric (Gibbons, Hartnoll & Pope, PRD '03).

None of the (non-trivial) Bohm metrics satisfies the HC! There are no BHs in EGB with Bohm horizons.

The only BH with a non constant curvature horizon found (so far) has  $S^p \times S^p$  as a horizon (then even spacetime dimension)

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**First conclusion:** GB term severely restricts the possibilities for the horizon geometry of a static BH

Do we get further GB restrictions from linear stability considerations ?

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### Linear stability of EGB BHs with CC horizons

(with R. Gleiser, *gr-qc/0510069*, *gr-qc/0503117*, *gr-qc/0409005* - CQG & PRD 2005)

Linear perturbations  $g_{ab} \rightarrow g_{ab} + h_{ab}$  around

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)}dr^2 + r^2\bar{g}_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

can be decomposed following Kodama et al:

$$h_{ab} = c_1 h_{ab}^{(tensor)} + c_2 h_{ab}^{(vector)} + c_3 h_{ab}^{(scalar)}$$

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### Example: Tensor mode

$$h_{tt}^{(tensor)} = h_{tr}^{(tensor)} = h_{rr}^{(tensor)} = 0$$

$$h_{ij}^{(tensor)}(t, r, x) = r^2 \phi(r, t) \bar{h}_{ij}(x)$$

where the  $\Sigma_n$  tensor  $\bar{h}_{ij}$  satisfies

$$(\bar{\Delta} + k_T^2) \bar{h}_{ij} = 0, \quad \bar{\nabla}^i \bar{h}_{ij} = 0, \quad \bar{g}^{ij} \bar{h}_{ij} = 0$$

This mode has as one unknown function:  $\phi(r, t)$

### Equivalent Schrödinger equation

For every mode, the linearized equations reduce to a single equation on one unknown function  $\phi$ :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r^{*2}} + V(r^*) \Phi = 0 \quad (dr^*/dr = 1/f)$$

Separating variables  $\Phi(r^*, t) = \phi(r^*) e^{\omega t}$  we get a stationary Schrödinger equation (the potentials are different for different modes and depend on the harmonic number)

$$\mathcal{H}\phi \equiv -\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial r^{*2}} + V\phi = -\omega^2 \phi \equiv E\phi$$

Instability iff  $E < 0$



## The results: tensor mode

$$V(r) = q + \frac{f}{K} \frac{d}{dr} \left( f \frac{dK}{dr} \right)$$

$$K(r) = r^{n/2-1} \sqrt{r^2 + \alpha(n-2) \left( (n-3)(\kappa-f) - r \frac{df}{dr} \right)}$$

$$q = \left( \frac{f(2\kappa + k_S^2)}{r^2} \right) \left( \frac{(1 - \alpha f')r^2 + \alpha(n-3) \left[ (n-4)(\kappa-f) - 2rf' \right]}{r^2 + \alpha(n-2) \left[ (n-3)(\kappa-f) - rf' \right]} \right)$$

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## S-deformation analysis

We are interested in a lower bound for the spectrum of

$$A := -\frac{d^2}{dr^{*2}} + V$$

The expectation value of this operator for a test function  $\phi$  can be written:

$$(\phi, A\phi) = \int_{r_1^*}^{r_2^*} (|D\phi|^2 + \tilde{V}|\phi|^2) dr^{*}$$

$$D = \frac{d}{dr^*} + S, \quad \tilde{V} = V + f \frac{dS}{dr} - S^2$$

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Choosing  $S = -f \frac{d}{dr} \ln(K)$  one gets

$$\begin{aligned} (\phi, A\phi) &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} |D\phi|^2 dr^* + \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{|\phi|^2 q}{f} dr \\ &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} |D\phi|^2 dr^* + (2\kappa + k_S^2) \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{|\phi|^2 H}{r^2} dr \end{aligned}$$

Factorization of S-deformed potential tells us that a black hole is static under tensor perturbations if and only if  $H(r) \geq 0$  for all  $r$

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## Any interesting tensor instability ?

- Spherical, asymptotically euclidean BHs are stable in GR under tensor perturbations if  $D \neq 6$
- A tensor mode instability was found for *low mass* 6D spherical, AE, EGB BHs

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## The results: vector mode

- Equations much more complicated than tensor mode, had to interpolate in dimension.
- Potential can be S-deformed into one which factors out the harmonic eigenvalue.
- No interesting BH instability found (as happens in GR)

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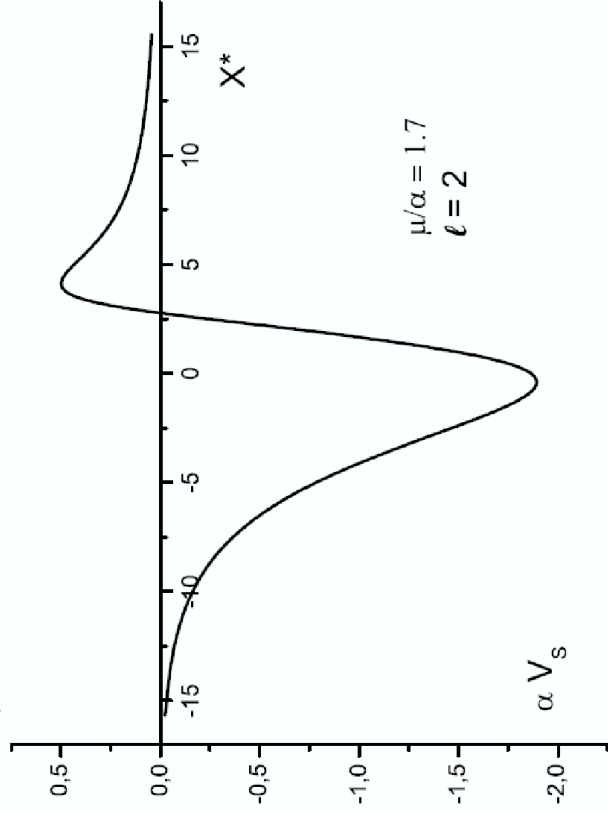
## The results: scalar mode

- Equations much more complicated than tensor and vector modes, had to interpolate.
- Cannot write compact form for the potential.
- Harmonic eigenvalue appears in rather involved non linear way
- Cannot S-deform into something reasonable.
- Can only draw curves....
- Found an instability in  $D=5$ , for low mass

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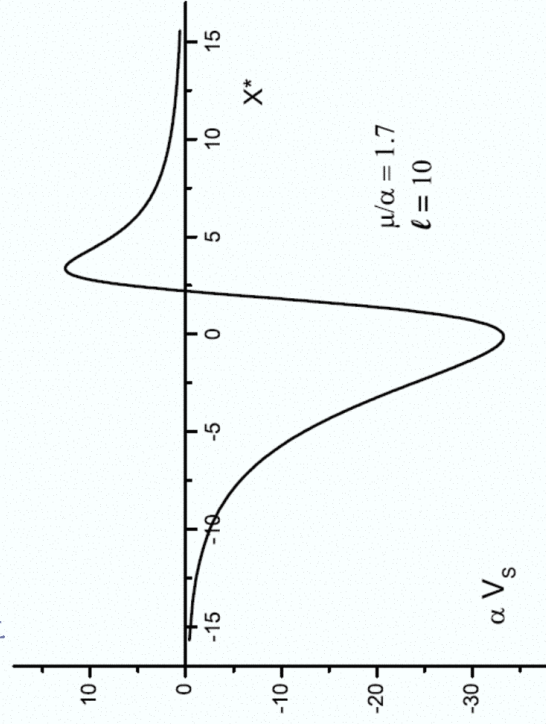
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A scalar instability in low mass, 5D, asymptotically euclidean BHs potential for  $\mu/\alpha=1.7$  and  $l=2$



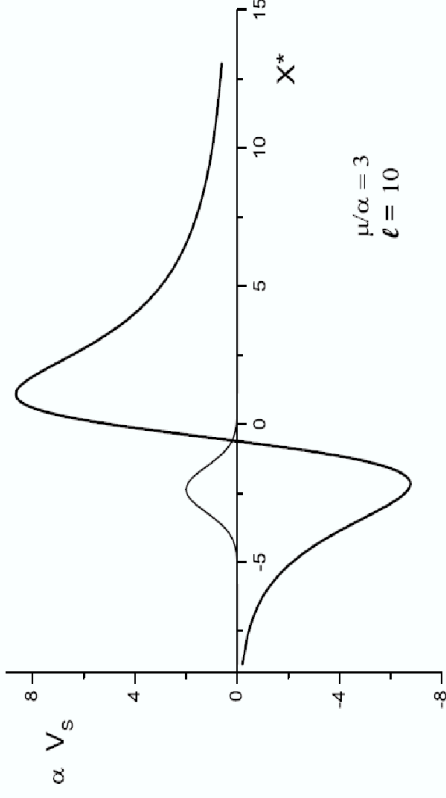
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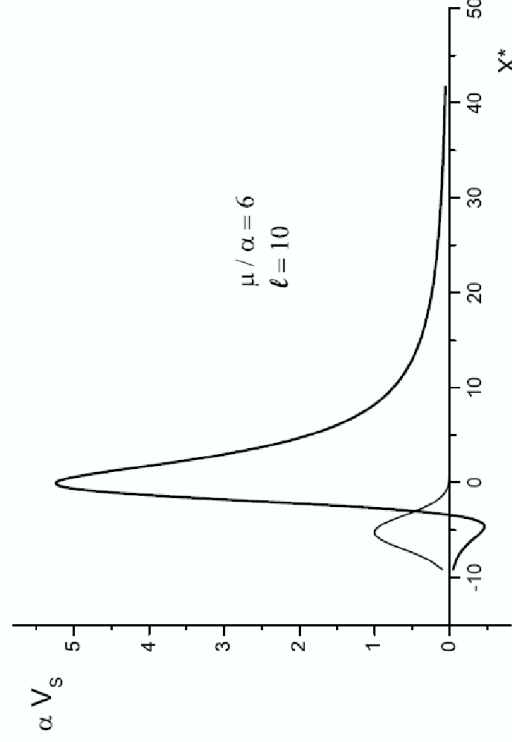
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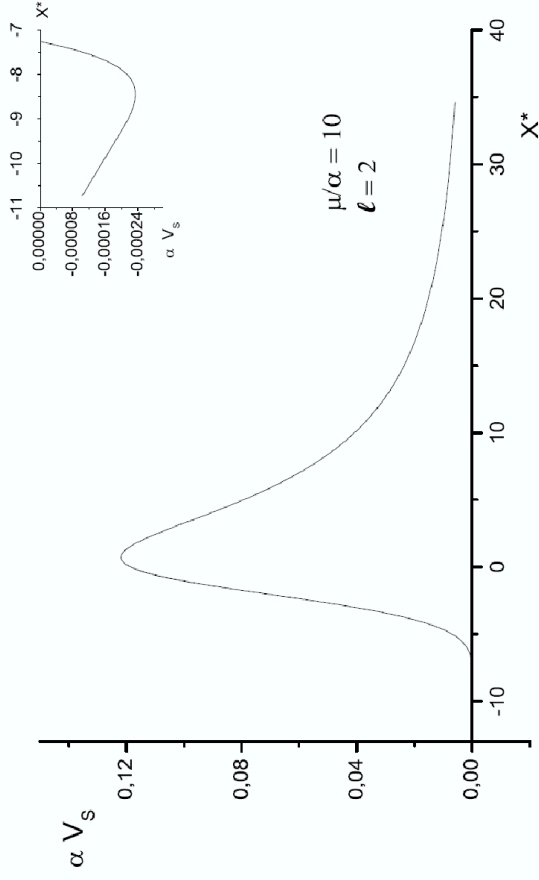
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A scalar instability in low mass, 5D, asymptotically euclidean BHs: potential for  $\mu/\alpha=10$  and  $l=2$  shows stability for high enough mass



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## Conclusions

- Given  $D > 4$  GR BH solutions, it is natural to look for analogous solutions in EGB. After all,  $D > 4$  is motivated by string theory, and EGB contains the dominant string correction to GR
- Found that most BHs with Einstein manifold horizons are *not allowed* in EGB
- Found that simplest BHs (spherical, AE) are *not stable* for low mass in  $D=5$  (scalar instability) and  $D=6$  (tensor instability)

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Vector mode

$$h_{ab}^{(vec)} = 0, h_{ai}^{(vec)} = r f_a V_i, h_{ij}^{(vec)} = 2r^2 H_T V_{ij}$$

where the  $\Sigma_n$  vector  $V_i$  ( $\bar{\Delta} + k_V^2$ )  $V_i = 0$   $\bar{\nabla}_i V^i = 0$  satisfies

and 
$$V_{ij} \equiv -\frac{1}{2k_V} (\bar{\nabla}_i V_j + \bar{\nabla}_j V_i)$$

Contains three unknown functions:

$$f_r(r, t) \quad f_t(r, t) \quad H_T(r, t)$$

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Scalar mode

$$h_{ab}^{(scalar)} = \mathcal{F}_{ab} S, h_{ai}^{(scalar)} = r \mathcal{F}_a S_i$$

$$h_{ij}^{(scalar)} = 2r^2 (H_L \bar{g}_{ij} S + H_T S_{ij})$$

where the  $\Sigma_n$  scalar  $S$  satisfies  $(\bar{\Delta} + k_S^2) S = 0$

and 
$$S_i \equiv -\frac{1}{k_S} \bar{\nabla}_i S, S_{ij} \equiv \frac{1}{k_S^2} \bar{\nabla}_i \bar{\nabla}_j S + \frac{1}{n} \bar{g}_{ij} S$$

This mode has seven unknown functions:

$$\mathcal{F}_{ab}, \mathcal{F}_a, H_L, H_T$$

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