

# *Ghost-Free Gravity and Black Holes*

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## Based on:

"Spherical collapse of small masses in the ghost - free gravity",

V.F, A. Zelnikov and T. Netto, JHEP 1506 (2015) 107;

"Mass - gap for black hole formation in higher derivative and ghost free gravity", V. F., Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) 5, 051102;

"Head - on collision of ultrarelativistic particles in the higher - derivative and ghost - free theories of gravity",

V.F, and A. Zelnikov, Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) 064048;

"Radiation from an emitter in the ghost free scalar theory"

V.F. and A. Zelnikov, e - Print : arXiv : 1603.00826 (2016)

## Plan of the talk:

1. Linearized ghost-free gravity;
2. Static field of a point mass;
3. Penrose limit;
4. Spherical collapse of a small mass;
5. BH formation in the collision of UR particles;
6. Time-dependent source
7. Brief summary

# Linearized ghost-free gravity

$$S \sim \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} a(\square) h^{\mu\nu} - h_{\mu}^{\sigma} a(\square) \partial_{\sigma} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + hc(\square) \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} hc(\square) h \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} h^{\lambda\sigma} (a(\square) - c(\square)) \square^{-1} \partial_{\sigma} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right].$$

IR GR limit :  $a(0) = c(0) = 1$

There are no extra poles (ghosts) if  $a$  and  $c$  are entire functions  $\sim \exp(P(\square))$ .

Special cases: Ghost free gravity  $\text{GF}_N$

$$a = c = \exp(q(\square/\mu^2)^N)$$

# Static solutions of a point mass

Stress-energy tensor:  $\tau_{\mu\nu} = \rho(\vec{r})\delta_{\mu}^0\delta_{\nu}^0$ ,  $\delta^{ij}\tau_{ij} = 0$ .

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\varphi)dt^2 + (1 - 2\psi + 2\varphi)d\ell^2.$$

$$c = a: \quad \psi = \frac{d-1}{d-2}\varphi,$$

$$\kappa_d = 8\pi G^{(D)}, \quad D = d + 1$$

Biswas, Gerwick, Koivisto, Mazumdar (2012); V.F. and Zelnikov (2015);

Stelle (1978); Modesto, Netto, Shapiro (2014)

$$a(\Delta)\Delta\psi = \kappa_d \tau_{00}.$$

$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\varphi) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2}{d-2}\varphi\right) d\ell^2;$$

$$GR : c = a = 1: \quad \varphi = -\frac{\kappa_d m \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2}\right)}{2(d-1)\pi^{d/2}} \frac{1}{r^{d-2}};$$

$$\varphi = -\frac{\kappa_3 m}{8\pi r}.$$

## Static solutions of linearized GF gravity

$$\psi_d = -\kappa_d m D_d(r),$$

$$\exp(-(\Delta / \mu^2)^N) \Delta D_d(x, x') = -\delta^d(x - x'),$$

Large distance,  $r\mu \gg 1$ :  $\psi_d(r)|_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sim -\kappa_d m \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2}-1)}{4\pi^{d/2} r^{d-2}}.$

Short distance,  $r\mu \ll 1$ :

$$\psi_d(r) \sim -\kappa_d m \frac{\mu^{d-2}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{1}{N \Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \left[ \Gamma\left(\frac{d-2}{2N}\right) - \frac{r^2 \mu^2}{2d} \Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2N}\right) \right] + O(r^4 \mu^4)$$



$$GF_1 : \psi_d(r) = -\kappa_d m \frac{\gamma\left(\frac{d}{2} - 1, \frac{r^2 \mu^2}{4}\right)}{4\pi^{d/2} r^{d-2}},$$

$\gamma(n, x)$  is the lower incomplete gamma function.

$$\psi_3 = -\kappa_3 m \frac{\operatorname{erf}(r\mu/2)}{4\pi r};$$

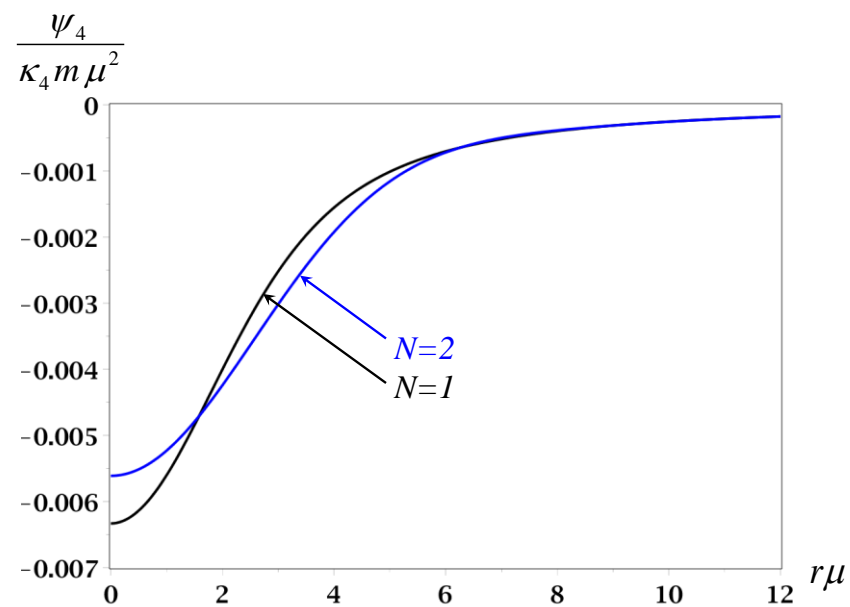
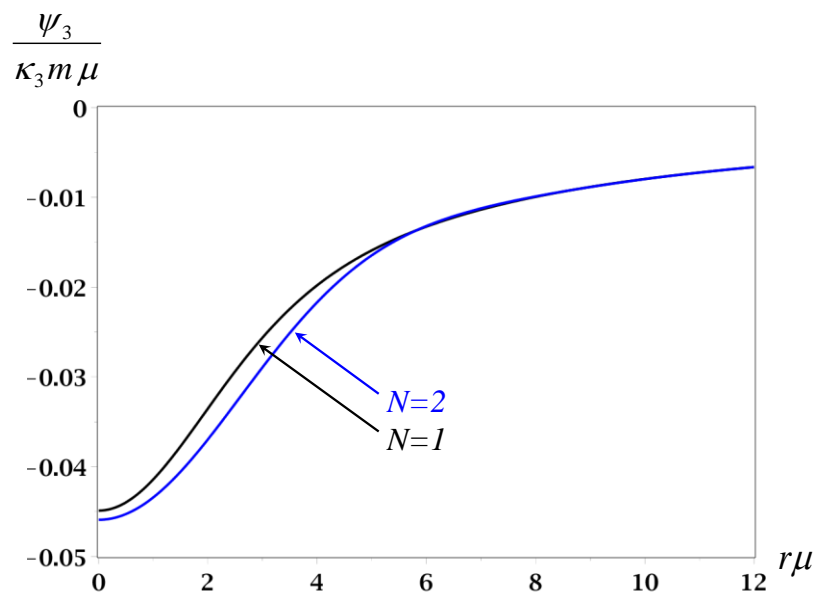
$$\psi_4 = -\kappa_4 m \frac{1 - \exp(-r^2 \mu^2 / 4)}{4\pi^2 r^2}.$$

$$GF_2 : a(\Delta) = \exp(\Delta^2 / \mu^4),$$

$$\psi_d(r) = -\frac{\kappa_d m \mu^{d-2}}{d(d-2) 2^{\frac{3d-2}{2}} \pi^{\frac{d-1}{2}}} \left[ \frac{d}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{4}\right)} {}_1F_3\left(\frac{d}{4} - \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{d}{4}, \frac{d}{4} + \frac{1}{2}; y^2\right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{2(d-2)y}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} {}_1F_3\left(\frac{d}{4}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{d}{4} + 1, \frac{d}{4} + \frac{1}{2}; y^2\right) \right]$$

$$y = \frac{r^2 \mu^2}{16}, \quad {}_pF_q \text{ is the generalized hypergeometric function}$$

$GF_{2n}$  : explicit form of  $\psi_d$  in terms of generalized hypergeometric functions.



# Penrose limit

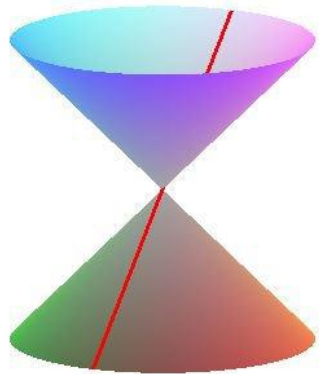
$$E = \gamma m = \text{const}, \gamma \rightarrow \infty$$

$$ds^2 = -dudv + d\vec{\rho}^2 + F_d(\rho) \delta(u) du^2,$$

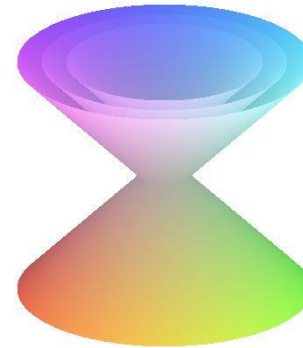
$$F_d(\rho) = 2\kappa_d E D_{d-1}(\rho),$$

$$\exp(-(\Delta / \mu^2)^N) \Delta D_d(x, x') = -\delta^d(x - x'),$$

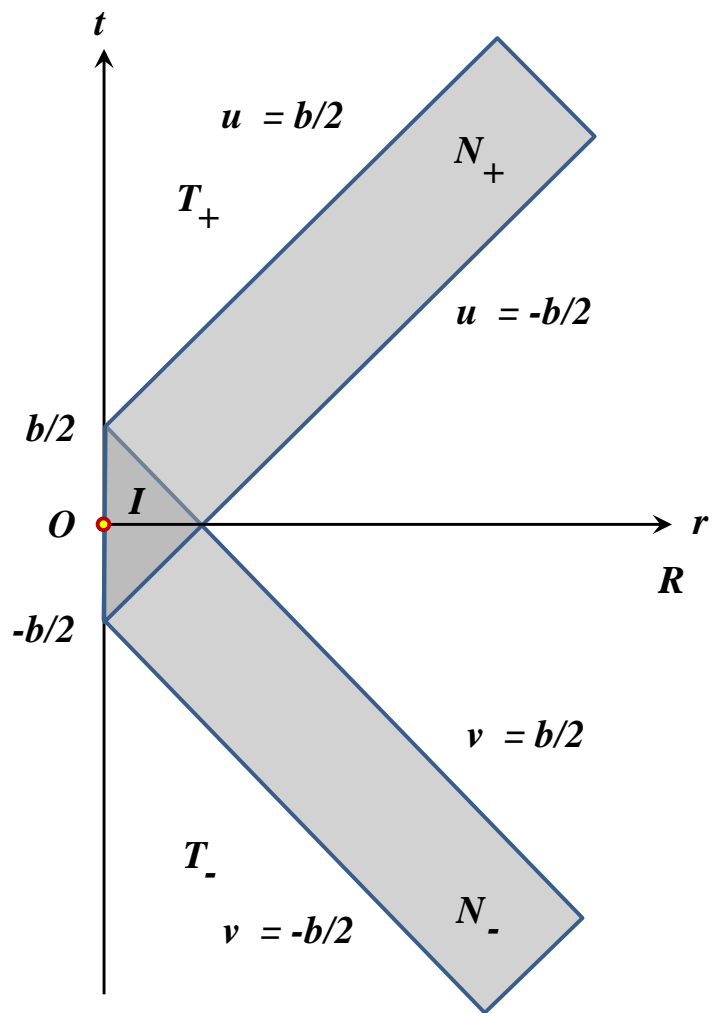
# Spherical collapse of small mass



Thin null shell collapse



Thick null shell collapse



1. If  $GM\mu \ll 1$  then there is no apparent horizon. This means that there is map gap for mini-black hole creation in the gravitational collapse.

2. Denote  $\mu^{-1} = \lambda$ . Then  $R \sim GM / (T\lambda^2)$ .

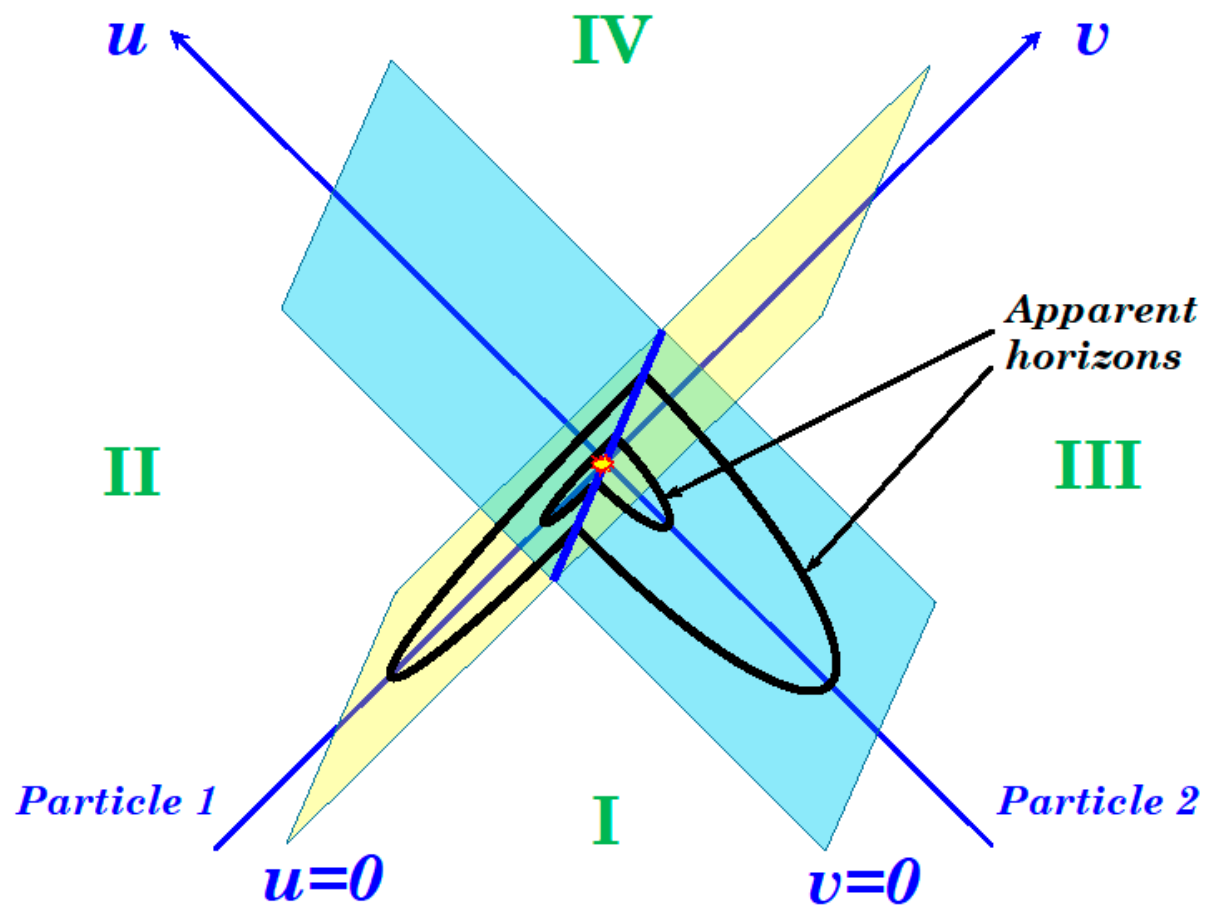
For  $T \geq \lambda \Rightarrow R \leq GM\mu\lambda^{-2}$ .

If  $GM\mu \ll 1 \Rightarrow R \ll R_{crit} = \lambda^{-2}$ . Then one can neglect all higher in curvature corrections (weak field regime!)

# BH formation in the collision of UR particles

Head-on collision of  
ultra-relativistic particles





## Main results:

1. Mass-gap for BH creation in the gravitational collapse and particle collision;
2. Existence of the inner branch of the apparent horizon for particle collision.

## Time-dependent source

$$a(\square)\square\varphi = qe^{i\Omega t} \delta(\vec{x}), \quad a(\square) = \exp[(\square/\mu^2)^N]$$

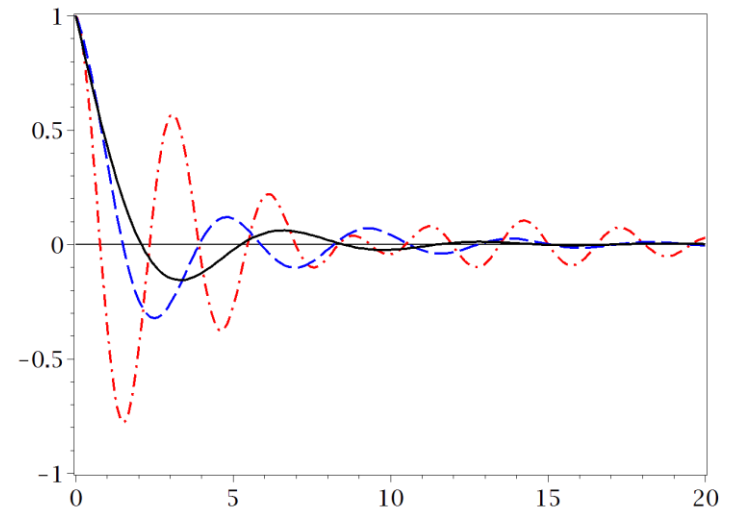
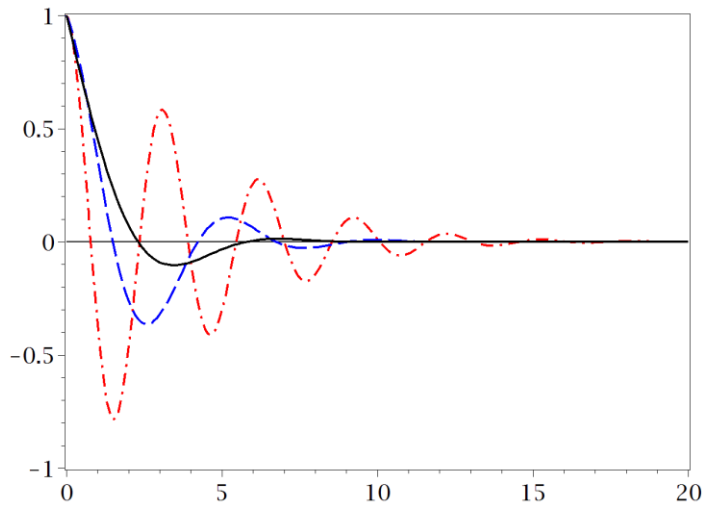
$$\varphi = -\frac{q}{r} e^{i\Omega t} \left[ e^{-i\Omega r} + h(\Omega, r) \right],$$

$$h(\Omega, r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dp \sin(pr) f(p),$$

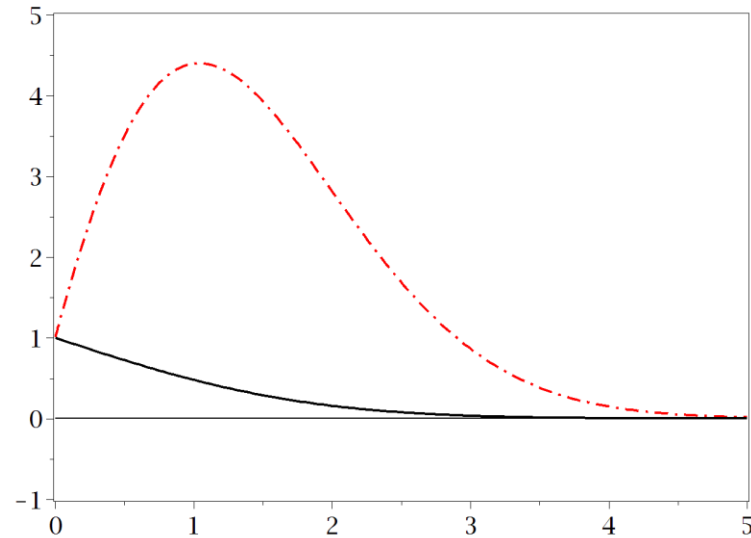
$$f(p) = \frac{p}{\Omega^2 - p^2} \left[ \exp(-((p^2 - \Omega^2)/\mu^2)^N) - 1 \right]$$

$$\mu \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow h \rightarrow 0, \quad \varphi \rightarrow -\frac{q}{r} e^{i\Omega(t-r)}.$$

Plots of  $h(\Omega, r)$  in  $GF_2$  (left) and  $GF_4$  (right) theory as functions of  $r$  for different values of  $\Omega/\mu$ : 0 (solidline), 1 (dashedline), 2 (dottedline).



Plot of  $h(\Omega, r)$  in  $GF_1$  theory as functions of  $r$  for different values of  $\Omega/\mu$ : 0 (solidline) and 2 (dashedline).



$$h(\Omega, r) \sim \exp(\Omega^2 / \mu^2)$$

# Brief Summary

1. Gravitational field from a point source in linearized GF gravity is regular for any  $N$ .
2. Expression for the metric of an ultra-relativistic source.
3. Spherical collapse for null spherical thick shell is regular.
4. No-horizon for  $GM\mu < 1$ .
5. Mass gap for mini-black hole production for UR particle collision.
6. Instability of odd- $N$  GF theories for time-dependent source.