

Title: Causal structures in Massive gravity and Gauss-Bonnet gravity

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Abstract: In General Relativity, gravitons propagate to null directions, because of its well-organized structures. Modifying the gravity theory slightly, meanwhile, the beautiful structure is broken and gravitons can easily propagate superluminally. Here, applying the characteristic method, which is the well-established powerful way to analyze causal structures, the causal structures in Massive gravity and Gauss-Bonnet gravity are analyzed. We discuss the superluminality, acausality and black holes.

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Gauss-Bonnet Gravity

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Modification of Gravity

- IR physics (cosmology)
Dark energy, Dark matter
- UV physics
Singularity
Quantization



Modified
Gravity

- Modification of Lagrangian : $f(R)$, Gauss-Bonnet
- Modification of vacuum state : ghost condensation
- Modification of concept of geometry
higher dimension : Braneworld
other manifold : Teleparallel gravity
- Introducing mass of graviton : massive gravity



Consistency Check of modified gravity

0-th order (of cosmology) : FLRW universe without perturbation

Consistency with standard cosmology
DM and DE??

1-th order : perturbation on FLRW background

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Main topic in this talk



Quantization

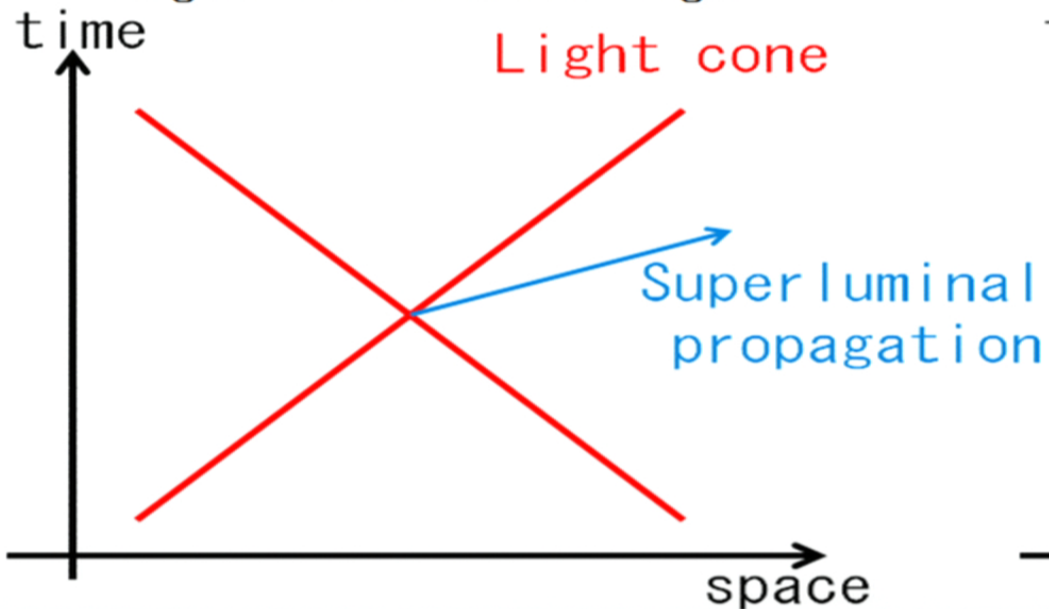
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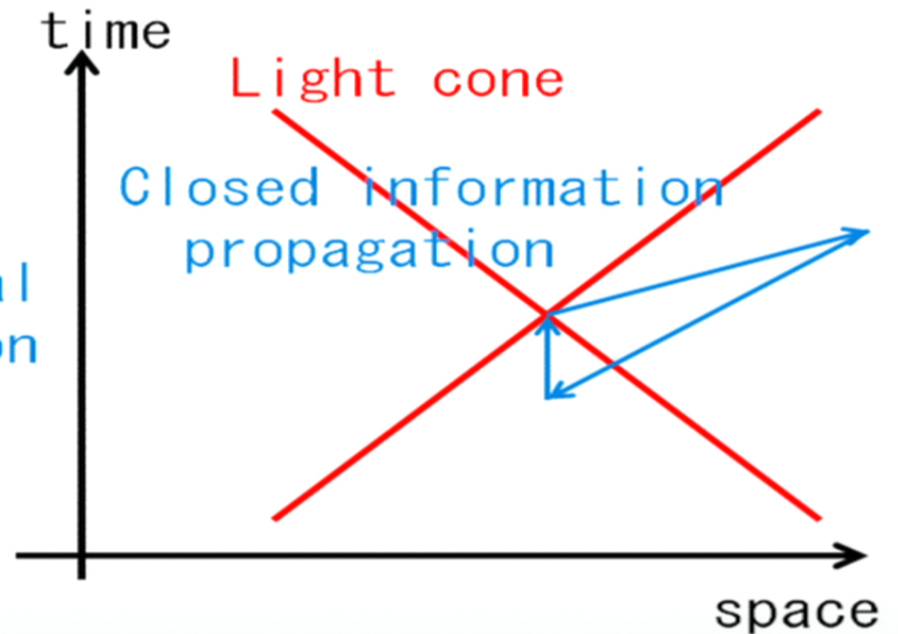
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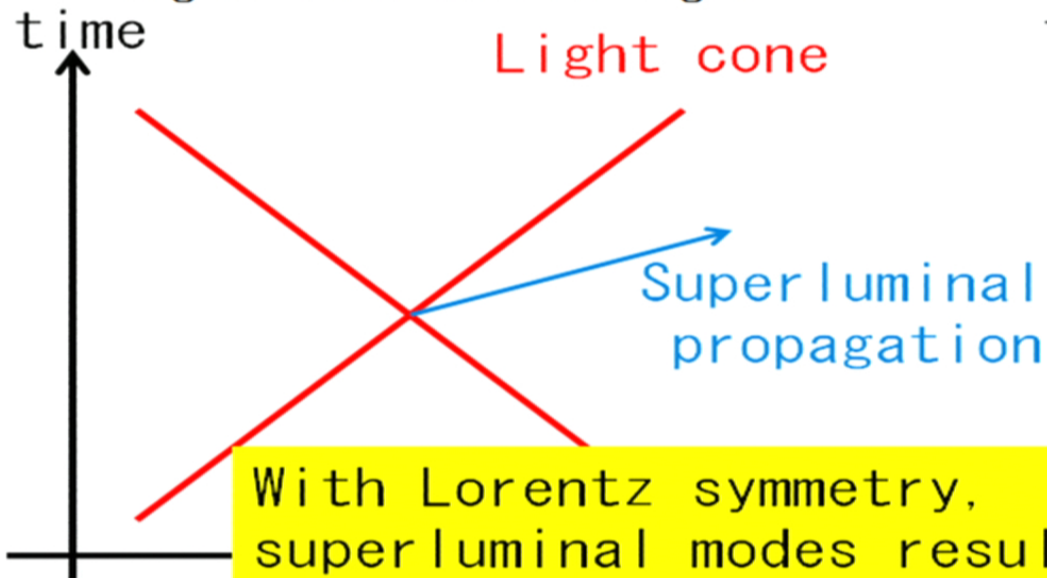
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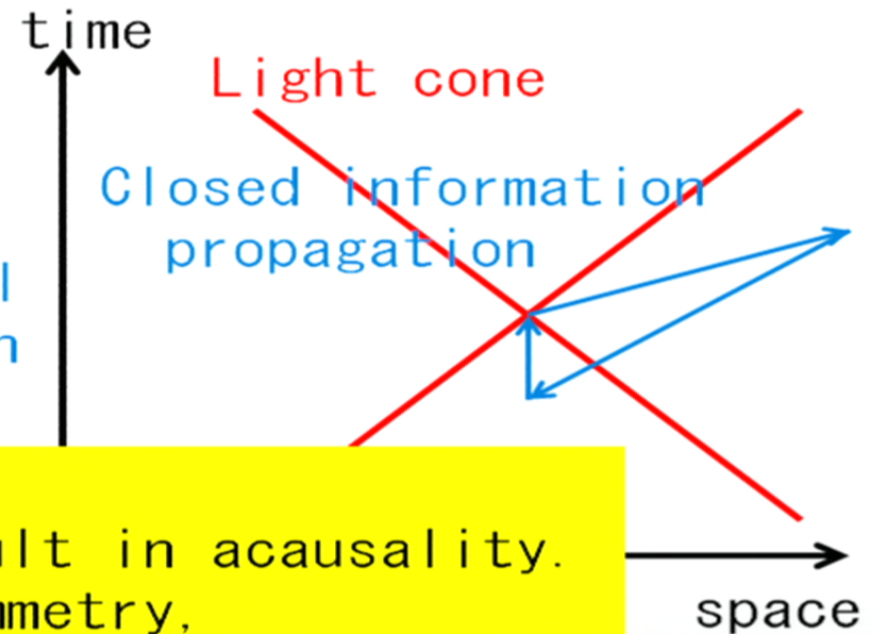
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With Lorentz symmetry, superluminal modes result in acausality. But without Lorentz symmetry, it is not always true.

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Three cases

FP vacuum

Time evolution from any spacelike hypersurface is unique.

(Cauchy–Kovalevskaya theorem) *Class.Quant.Grav.* 30 (2013) 184008, K. I., Y.C. Ong

Any null hypersurface is characteristics. *arXiv: 1504.?????* (2015), K. I, N. Tanahashi

Around FP vacuum (Perturbation on FP vacuum)

Superluminal modes. *arXiv: 1504.?????* (2015), K. I, N. Tanahashi

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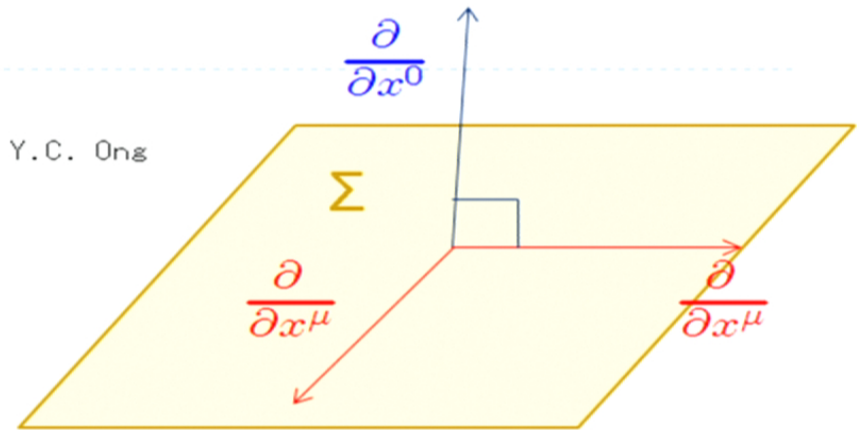
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Spacelike hypersurface

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For simplicity,
take the vector normal to hypersurface
Any spacelike hypersurface never
be a characterisitcs.

Unique time evolution
(Cauchy–Kovalevskaya theorem).



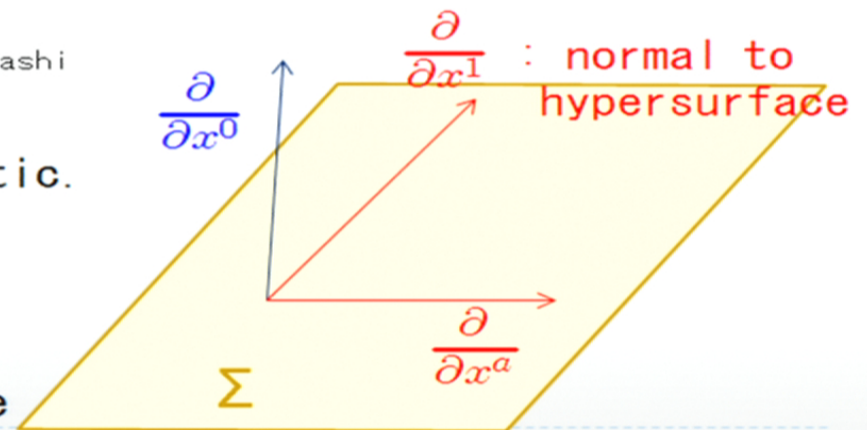
Null hypersurface

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Check that any null hypersurface is
a characteristic.

Normal vector to hypersurface is
on the hypersurface.

Take a vector NOT tangent to hypersurface



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$$S = \int \epsilon_{abcd} \left[-\frac{1}{4} e^a e^b (d\omega^{cd} + \omega_e^c \omega^{ed}) + m^2 e^a \left(\frac{\beta_0}{4} e^b e^c e^d + \frac{\beta_1}{3} e^b e^c f^d + \frac{\beta_2}{2} e^b f^c f^d + \beta_3 f^b f^c f^d \right) \right]$$

Perturbation (GW) without matter

Flat background \Rightarrow $\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 0$
 $f_t^1 = f_x^2 = f_y^3 = f_z^4 = 1$

Graviton has mass. \Rightarrow Rest frame.

Perturbative solution: $e_t^1 = e_x^2 = 1$ $e_y^2 = (1 + \delta)$ $e_z^3 = (1 - \delta)$

$$\delta = A \exp(i M_{FP} t) \quad M_{FP}^2 = m^2 (\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 + 3\beta_3)$$



Characteristic equations are perturbed.

Null characteristics on FP vacuum \Rightarrow spacelike, timelike, or null?

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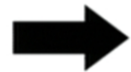
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There may be negative energy solutions around FP vacuum.



How to define energy??

In the sense of positive energy theorem,
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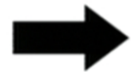
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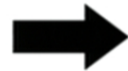
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MG cannot be a fundamental, but should be effective theory.

What is the cutoff scale? $k_{cutoff} = (M_{pl}^a m^b)^{1/(a+b)}$??

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We need not only the cutoff scale of momentum
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Gauss-Bonnet gravity

action

$$S = \int d^n x \left[\frac{1}{2\kappa^{D-2}} \{ R - 2\Lambda + \alpha(R^2 - 4R_{AB}R^{AB} + R_{ABCD}R^{ABCD}) \} + L_m \right]$$

GB terms

Matter contribution

$$\text{EoM} \quad G_{AB} + \Lambda g_{AB} - \frac{\alpha}{2} H_{AB} = 2\kappa^{D-2} T_{AB}$$

$$H_{AB} := (R^2 - 4R_{CD}R^{CD} + R_{CDEF}R^{CDEF})g_{AB} - 4(RR_{AB} - 2R_{AC}R_B^C - 2R_{ACBD}R^{CD} + R_{ACDE}R_B^{CDE})$$

Check the characteristic for EoM

Assumption : T_{AB} does not involve the highest order derivatives of metric

Decomposition

A hypersurface Σ

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$ are vectors on Σ

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^0}$ is independent vector from $\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu}$

$$\xi^A \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^A} \right) := \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$\zeta_A dx^A = dt$$

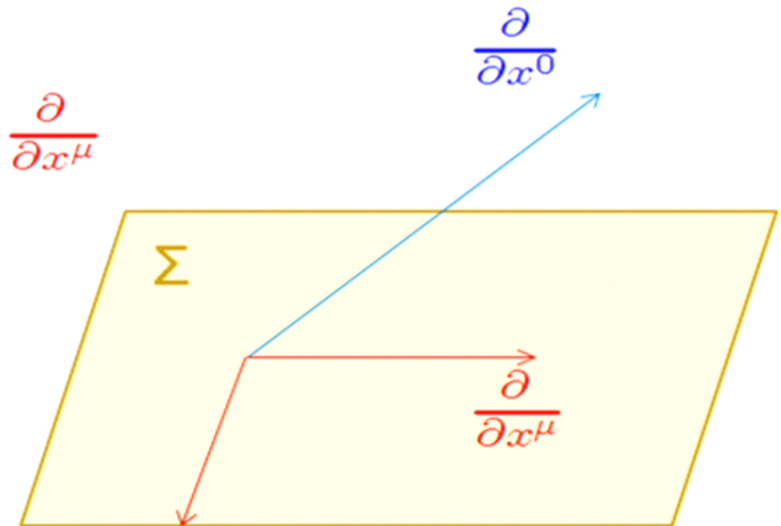
Projection operator

$$P_B^A = \delta_B^A - \xi^A \zeta_B$$

Decomposition of vector

$$V_A : V_0 := \xi^A V_A \quad , \quad V_\mu := P_\mu^A V_A$$

$$V^A : V^0 := \zeta_A V^A \quad , \quad V^\mu := P_A^\mu V^A$$




Gauge modes

We have fixed time evolution of g_{AB} , $\Gamma_{00\alpha}$, $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$, $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta 0}$

Remaining variables are Γ_{000} , $\Gamma_{\alpha 00}$, $\Gamma_{0\alpha\beta}$
DoF: 1 , $(D-1)$, $(D-1)D/2$

Diff. inv. : # of gauge DoF is D

$\partial_0\Gamma_{000}$, $\partial_0\Gamma_{\alpha 00}$ never appear in EoM.  Gauge modes

$\Gamma_{0\alpha\beta}$ are physical.

Check the characteristics for $\Gamma_{0\alpha\beta}$!

General Relativity

$$(\partial_0 \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} = -\partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta} + \dots)$$

$\partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta}$ appears only in $R_{0\alpha 0\beta}$ ($= -R_{\alpha 0 0\beta} = \dots$)

$$G^{AB} = R_{0\alpha 0\beta} A^{AB, \alpha\beta} + \dots \quad \longrightarrow \quad \boxed{A^{AB, \alpha\beta} \partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta} + \dots = 0}$$

$$A^{00, \alpha\beta} = A^{0\mu, \alpha\beta} = A^{\mu 0, \alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$h^{\mu\nu} := g^{\mu\nu} - g^{0\mu} g^{0\nu} / g^{00}$$

($h_{\mu\nu}$ is induced metric of Σ)

Characteristic equation

$$A^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta} = g^{00} (h^{\alpha\mu} h^{\beta\nu} - h^{\alpha\beta} h^{\mu\nu})$$

Null hypersurface $g^{00} = 0$ $h_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(0, 1, 1, \dots)$ $h^{11} = O[(g^{00})^{-1}]$

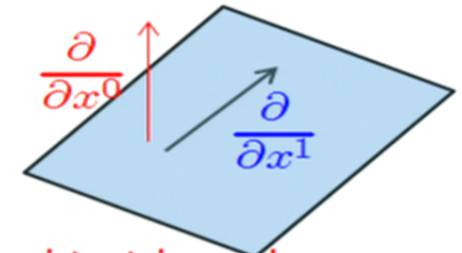
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$$g^{00} h^{11} \partial_0 \Gamma_{01i} + \dots = 0 \quad (1, i) \text{-component}$$

$$-g^{00} h^{11} \partial_0 \Gamma_{011} \delta_{ij} + \dots = 0 \quad (i, j) \text{-component}$$

1: null direction

i : normal to 1



All component have the same kinetic term

$D(D - 3)/2$ degeneracies

Gravitational wave

Gauss-Bonnet correction

$$G_{AB} + \Lambda g_{AB} - \frac{\alpha}{2} H_{AB} = 2\kappa^{D-2} T_{AB}$$

$$H^{AB} = R_{0\alpha 0\beta} B^{AB, \alpha\beta} + \dots$$

$$B^{00, \alpha\beta} = B^{0\mu, \alpha\beta} = B^{\mu 0, \alpha\beta} = 0$$

$$B^{\mu\nu, \alpha\beta} = 4g^{00} R_{\lambda\omega\gamma\delta} (h^{\lambda\gamma} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\mu\nu} h^{\alpha\beta} - h^{\lambda\gamma} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\mu\alpha} h^{\nu\beta} + 2h^{\lambda\mu} h^{\gamma\alpha} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\nu\beta} + 2h^{\lambda\nu} h^{\gamma\alpha} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\mu\beta} - 2h^{\lambda\alpha} h^{\gamma\beta} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\mu\nu} - 2h^{\lambda\mu} h^{\gamma\nu} h^{\omega\delta} h^{\alpha\beta} + 2h^{\lambda\mu} h^{\omega\alpha} h^{\gamma\nu} h^{\delta\beta}).$$

$$\text{GR: } \underline{A^{AB, \alpha\beta} \partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta} + \dots = 0}$$



Null hypersurface

$-g^{00} h^{11} \sum_i \partial_0 \Gamma_{0ii} + \dots = 0$	(1, 1) -component
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$$\text{GB: } \left(A^{AB, \alpha\beta} - \frac{\alpha}{2} B^{AB, \alpha\beta} \right) \partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta} + \dots = 0$$

Gauss-Bonnet correction

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{0\alpha\beta} \sim \partial_0 \Gamma_{0\alpha\beta}$$

$$-g^{00}h^{11} \left[\sum_i \bar{\Gamma}_{0ii} + 2\alpha \left(\sum_{i,k,l} R_{klkl} \bar{\Gamma}_{0ii} - 2 \sum_{i,j,k} R_{ikjk} \bar{\Gamma}_{0ij} \right) \right] + \dots = 0 \quad (1,1) \text{ -component}$$

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$$-g^{00}h^{11} \left[\delta_{ij} \bar{\Gamma}_{011} + 2\alpha \left(\sum_{k,l} R_{klkl} \delta_{ij} - 2R_{ikjk} \right) \bar{\Gamma}_{011} + \alpha \sum_k (R_{1ijk} + R_{1jik}) \bar{\Gamma}_{01k} \right. \\ \left. + 4\alpha \left\{ \delta_{ij} \sum_{k,l} (R_{1k1k} \bar{\Gamma}_{0ll} - R_{1k1l} \bar{\Gamma}_{0kl}) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \sum_k (R_{1i1k} \bar{\Gamma}_{0kj} + R_{1j1k} \bar{\Gamma}_{0ki} - R_{1k1k} \bar{\Gamma}_{0ij} - R_{1i1j} \bar{\Gamma}_{0kk}) \right\} \right] + \dots = 0 \quad (i,j) \text{ -component}$$

Example 1: All degeneracies are resolved

$$R_{ijkl} = R_{1ijk} = 0$$

$$R_{1i1j} = C\delta_{ij}$$

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$$-g^{00}h^{11}\left[\delta_{ij}\bar{\Gamma}_{011} + 4\alpha(D-4)C\left(\delta_{ij}\sum_k\bar{\Gamma}_{0kk} - \bar{\Gamma}_{0ij}\right)\right] + \dots = 0$$

(i,j) -component

Characteristic hypersurface is not null.

The speed of graviton is not that of light.

Dynamical case

(spherically symmetric case)

$$R_{AB}U^AU^B > 0$$

Subluminal

$$R_{AB}U^AU^B < 0$$

Superluminal

Einstein Branch

H. Maeda, M. Nozawa (2008)

$$T_{AB}U^AU^B \geq 0 \Rightarrow R_{AB}U^AU^B \geq 0$$

GB Branch

$$T_{AB}U^AU^B \geq 0 \Rightarrow R_{AB}U^AU^B \leq 0$$

Evaporating BH

Contraposition of Area-increasing law

$$R_{AB}U^AU^B < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Superluminal}$$

Graviton can escape from Evaporating “BH” defined by null curves

Summary of Gauss-Bonnet gravity

In GB gravity, gravitational propagation potentially becomes superluminal.

Causal structure based on null curve is meaningless.
We need to analyze it by using the fastest propagation.

Causal structure is analyzed with method of characteristics, which is powerful technique.

Killing horizon is the event horizon in the sense of causality.

On spherically symmetric background,

$R_{AB}U^AU^B = 0$ luminal.

$R_{AB}U^AU^B > 0$ subluminal. \Rightarrow gravitational Cherenkov

$R_{AB}U^AU^B < 0$ superluminal. \Rightarrow Acausality? Need to check it.