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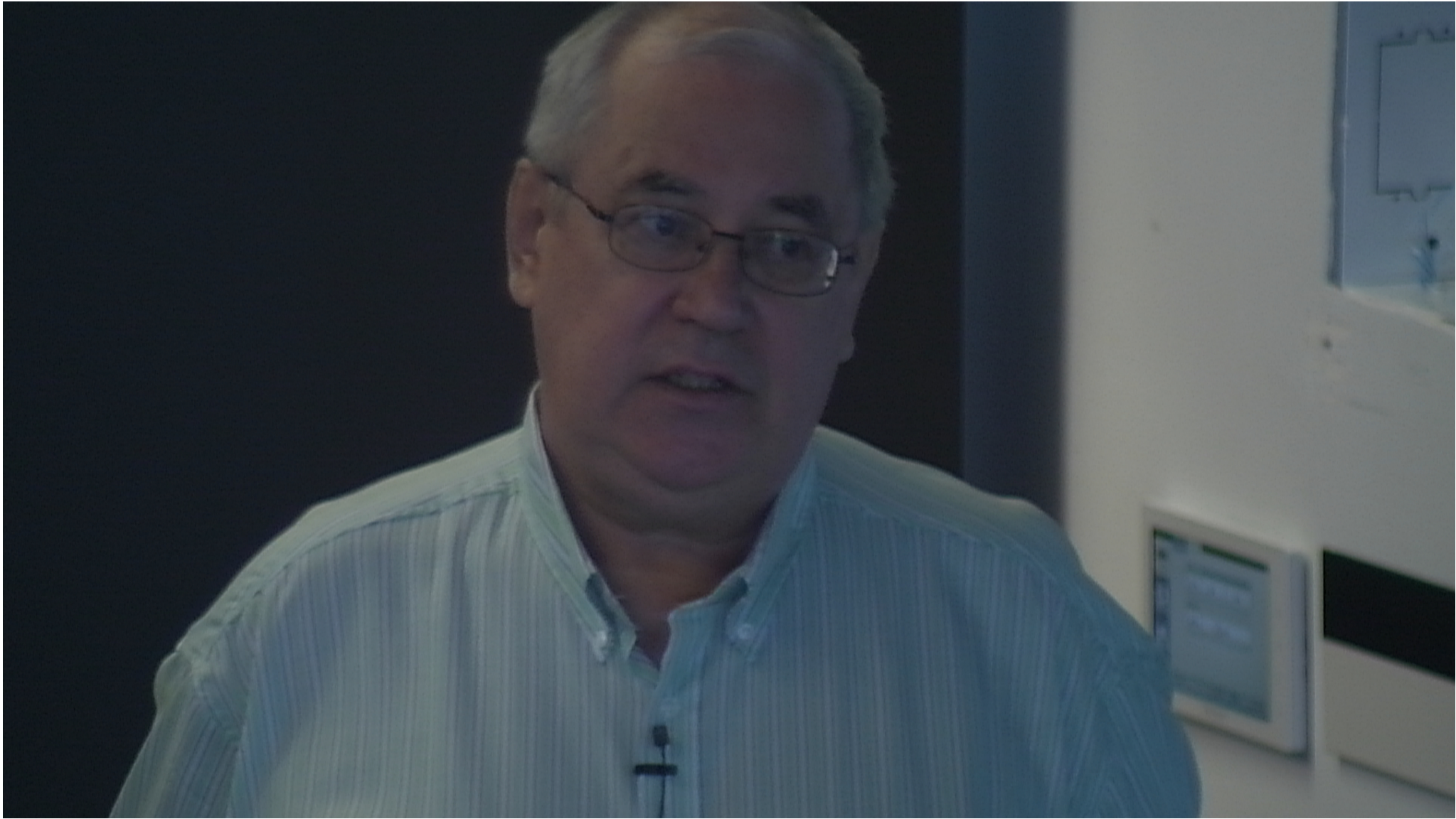
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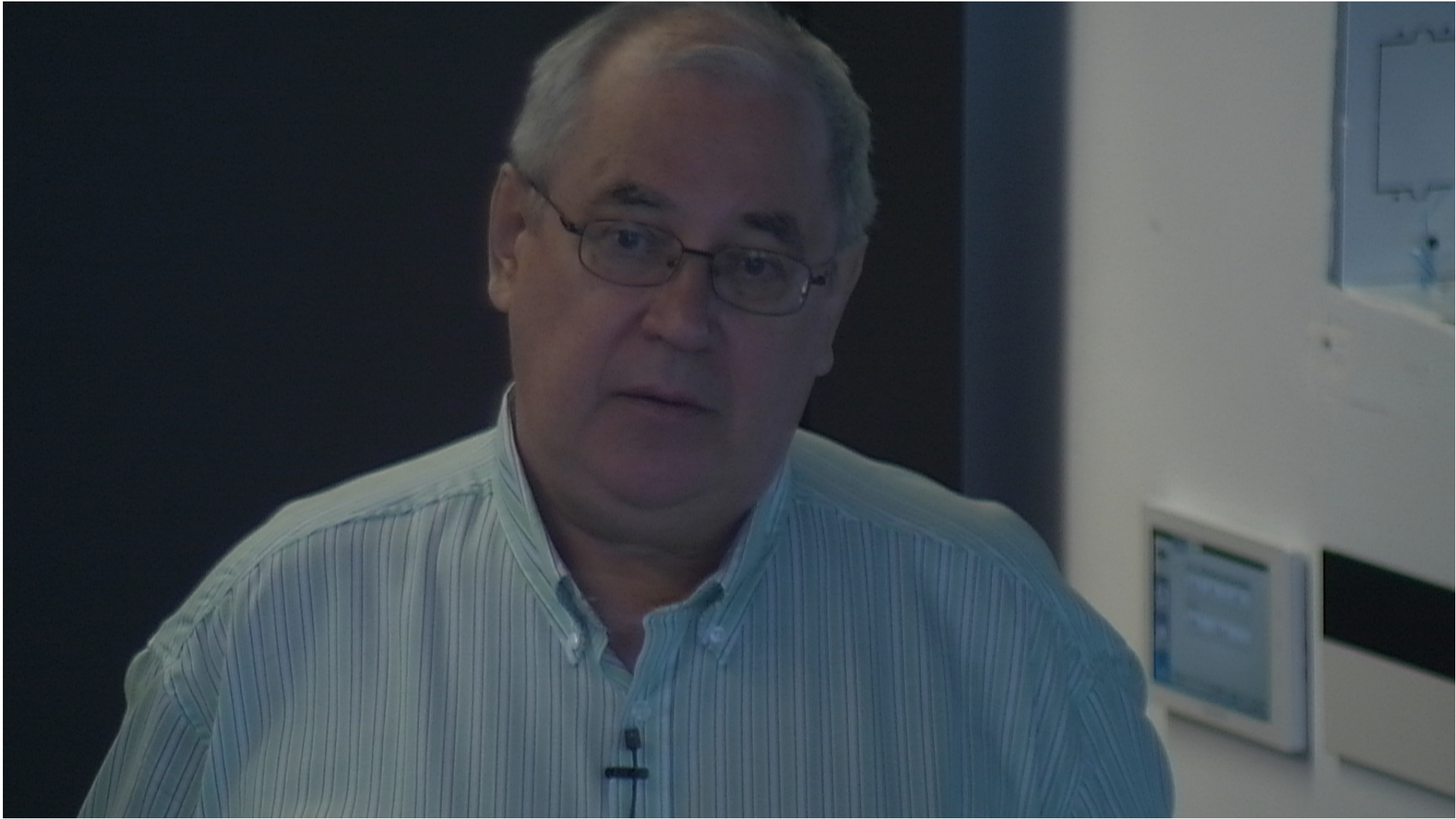
Abstract: <p>We discuss a problem of a black hole formation in the ghost-free gravity. We demonstrate how a non-local modification of gravity equations regularizes static and dynamical solutions. We focus on the problem of a collapse of small masses in the ghost-free gravity, and demonstrate that there exists a mass gap for mini-black-hole formation in this model.</p>

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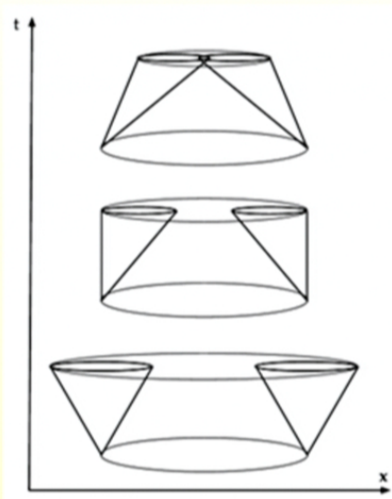


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"Spherical collapse of small masses in the ghost-free gravity
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"Mass-gap for black hole formation in higher derivative and
ghost free gravity", V. F. ,arXiv:1505.00492 (2015);

'Quasi-local definition' of BH: Apparent horizon



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A trapped region is a region inside B .

A boundary of all trapped regions is called an apparent horizon.

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Higher-derivative theory.

Source-smearing vs non-locality:

$$\Delta\varphi_{reg} = 4\pi G\tilde{\rho}, \tilde{\rho} = (1 + \Delta/\mu^2)^{-1}\rho = Me^{-\mu r}/r.$$

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Towards Singularity- and Ghost-Free Theories of Gravity

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Higher derivative theories of gravity are generally better

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[15]. Finally, it is known starting from the free quadratic theory for $h_{\mu\nu}$ by consistently coupling to its own stress energy tensor. Similarly, can one obtain *unique* consistent covariant extensions of the higher derivative quadratic actions that we have considered? We leave these questions for future investigations.

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Appendix.—The quadratic action in curvature reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_q = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [& RF_1(\square)R + R_{\mu\nu}F_2(\square)R^{\mu\nu} \\
 & + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}F_3(\square)R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + RF_4(\square)\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\nabla_\lambda\nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\
 & + R^{\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1}F_5(\square)\nabla_{\rho_1}\nabla_{\sigma_1}\nabla_{\nu_1}\nabla_{\nu_2}\nabla_{\rho_2}\nabla_{\sigma_2}R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\
 & + R^{\mu_1\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1}F_6(\square)\nabla_{\rho_1}\nabla_{\sigma_1}\nabla_{\nu_1}\nabla_{\mu_1}\nabla_{\nu_2}\nabla_{\rho_2}\nabla_{\sigma_2}R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}],
 \end{aligned} \tag{A1}$$

where we have used the Bianchi identities:

$$\nabla_\sigma R_{\mu\nu\lambda\rho} + \nabla_\rho R_{\mu\nu\sigma\lambda} + \nabla_\lambda R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = 0, \tag{A2}$$

to absorb all the other covariant terms into the above six. Further, in the F_4 , F_5 , and F_6 terms, one ends up with anticommutator of the covariant derivatives due to the antisymmetric properties of the Riemann tensor, but these anticommutators produce a third curvature term, and therefore these terms are at least $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$. Thus, the coefficients of the free theory (3) in terms of the F 's are given by

$$a(\square) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}F_2(\square)\square - 2F_3(\square)\square, \tag{A3}$$

$$f(\square) = -2F_1(\square)\square - F_2(\square)\square - 2F_3(\square)\square \tag{A7}$$

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$$a + b = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$c + d = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$b + c + f = 0, \quad (6)$$

so that we are left with only two independent arbitrary functions.

The field equations can be derived straightforwardly to yield

$$\begin{aligned} a(\square)\square h_{\mu\nu} + b(\square)\partial_\sigma(\partial_\nu h_\mu^\sigma + \partial_\mu h_\nu^\sigma) \\ + c(\square)(\eta_{\mu\nu}\partial_\rho\partial_\sigma h^{\rho\sigma} + \partial_\mu\partial_\nu h) + \eta_{\mu\nu}d(\square)\square h \\ + f(\square)\square^{-1}\partial_\sigma\partial_\lambda\partial_\mu\partial_\nu h^{\lambda\sigma} = -\kappa\tau_{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

While the matter sector obeys stress energy conservation, the geometric part is also conserved as a consequence of the generalized Bianchi identities:

$$\begin{aligned} -\kappa\tau_\nu^\mu{}_{;\mu} = 0 = (a+b)\square h_{\nu;\mu}^\mu + (c+d)\square\partial_\nu h \\ + (b+c+f)h_{,\alpha\beta\nu}^{\alpha\beta}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

It is now clear why Eqs. (4)–(6) had to be satisfied.

Propagator and physical poles.—We are now well equipped to calculate the propagator. The above field equations can be written in the form

$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{-1\lambda\sigma} h_{\lambda\sigma} = \kappa\tau_{\mu\nu} \quad (9)$$

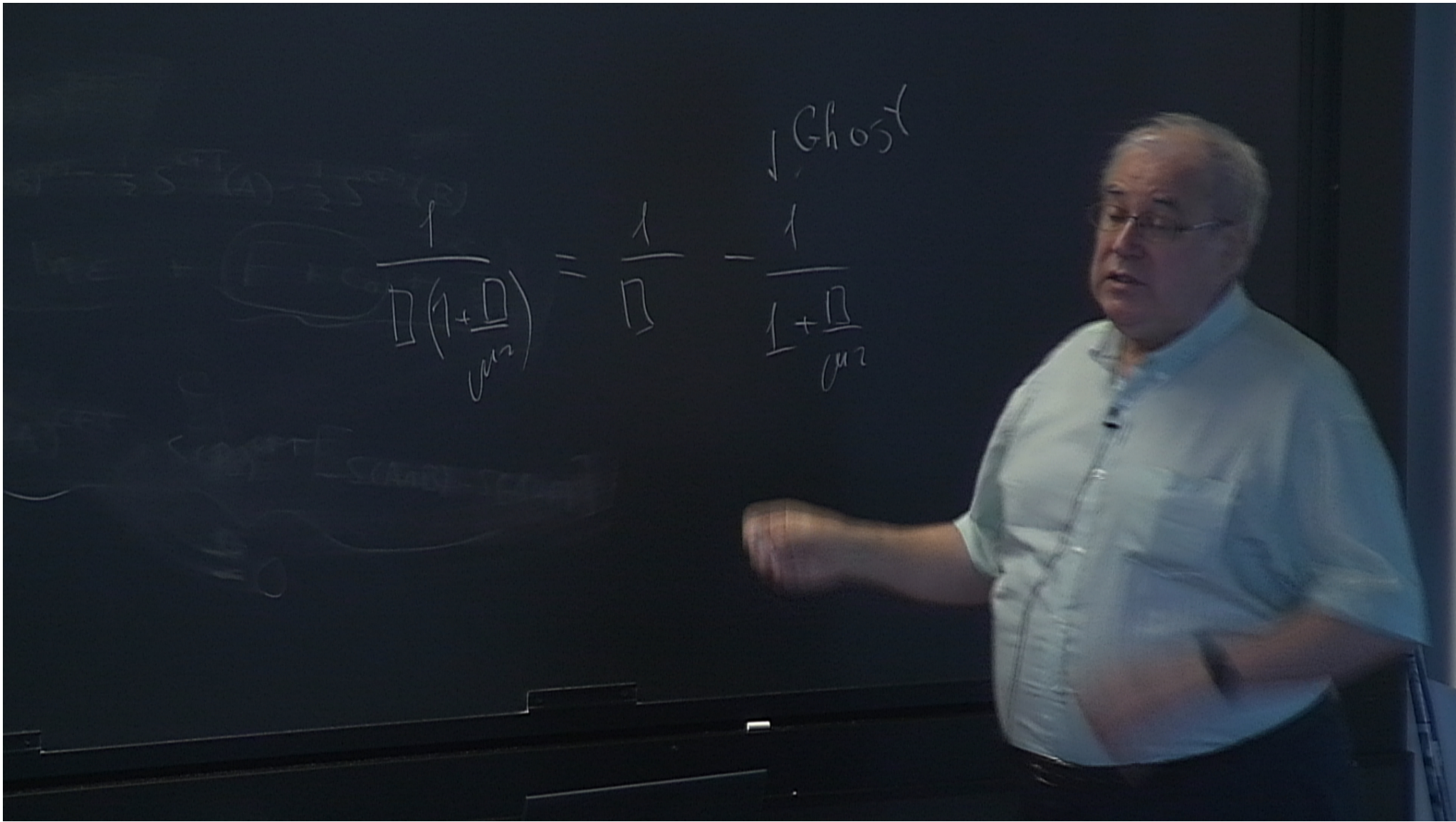
where $\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{-1\lambda\sigma}$ is the inverse propagator. One obtains the propagator using the spin projection operators

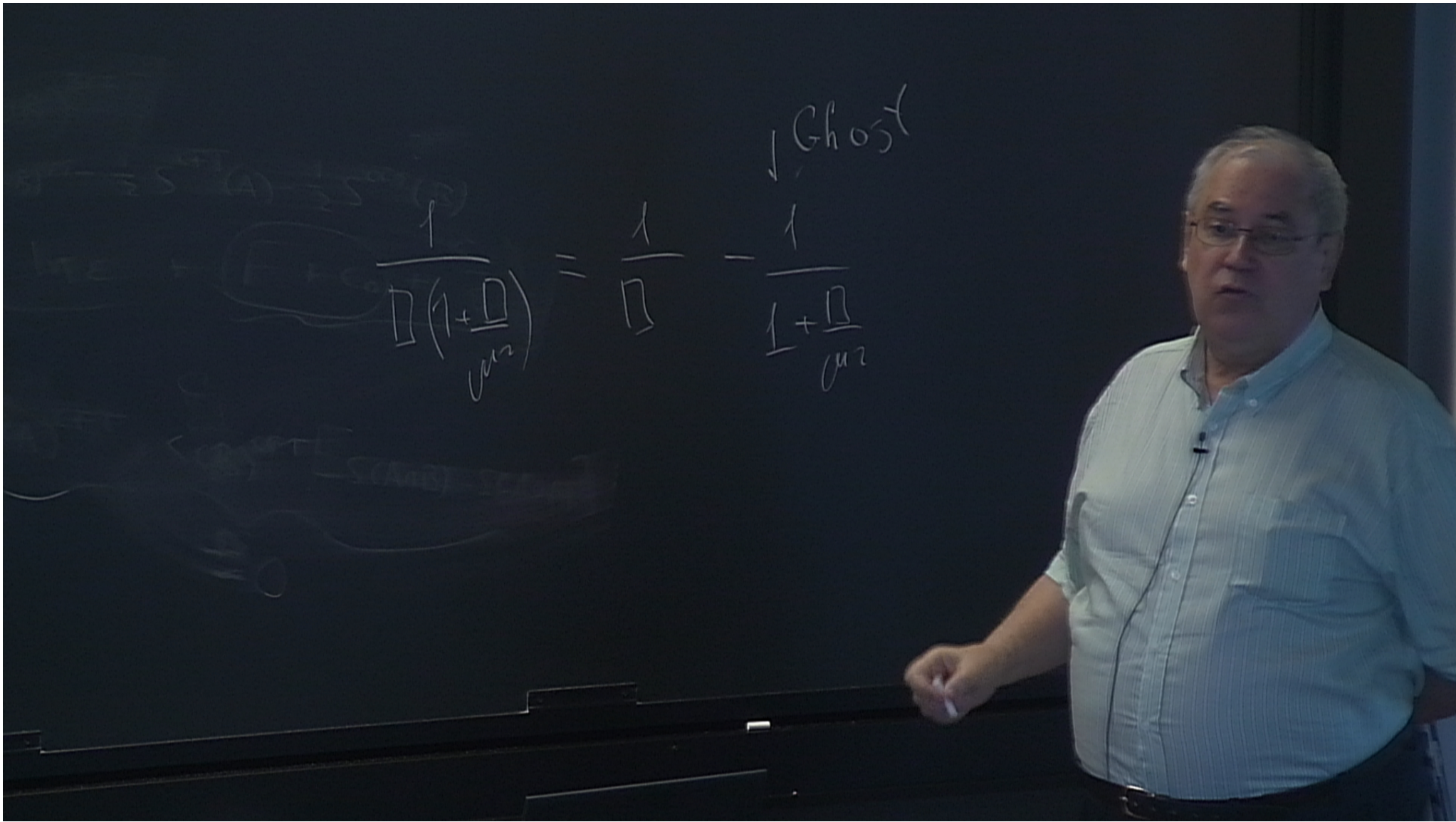
satisfied, the $k^2 = 0$ pole just describes the physical graviton state. Second, Eq. (11) essentially means that a and c are nonsingular analytic functions at $k^2 = 0$, and therefore cannot contain nonlocal inverse derivative operators (such as $a(\square) \sim 1/\square$).

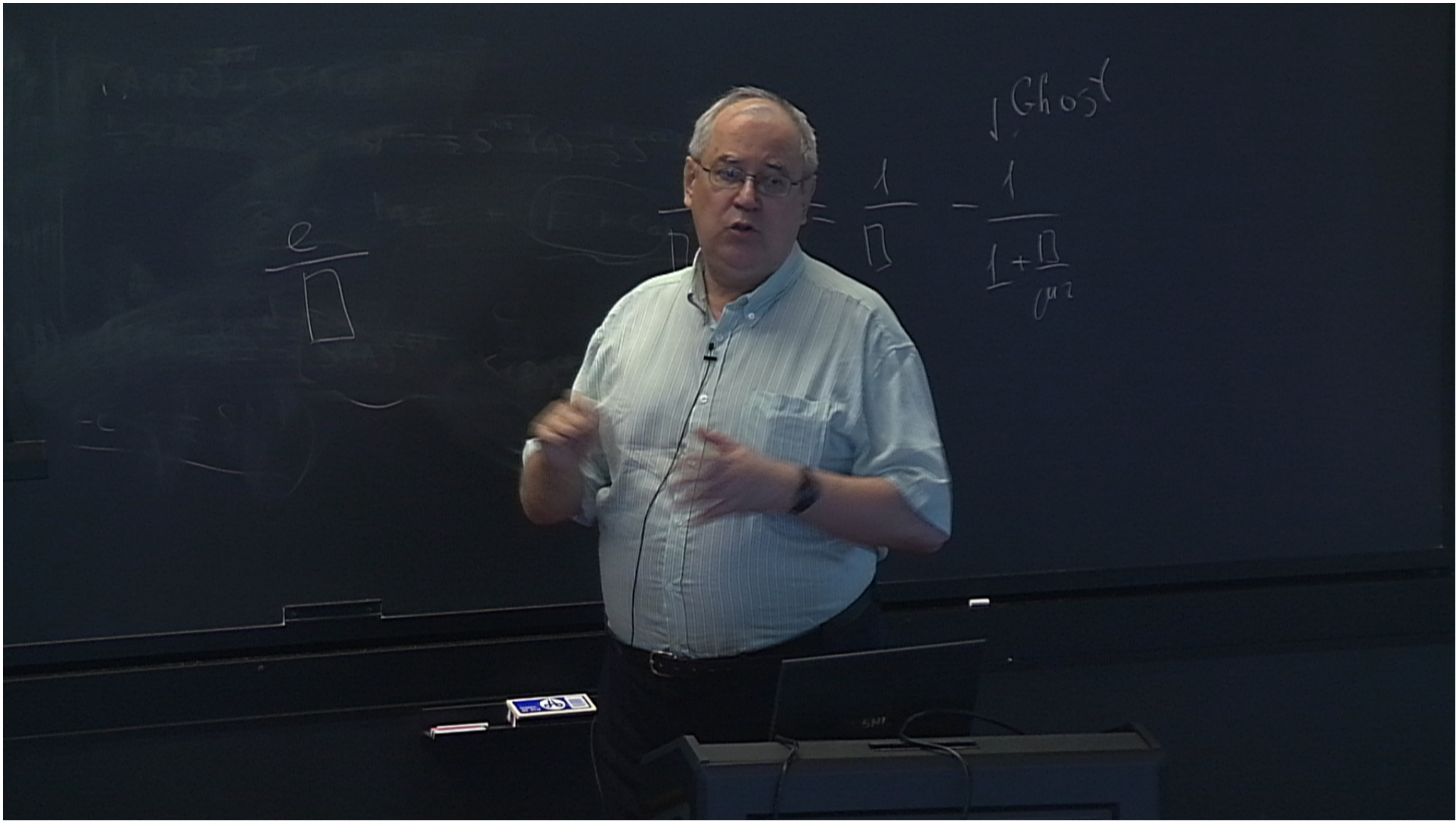
Let us next scrutinize some of the well known special cases: *f(R) gravity*: they are a subclass of scalar-tensor theories and are studied in great detail both in the context of early Universe cosmology and dark energy phenomenology. Here, only the F_1 appears as a higher derivative contribution (see Appendix). According to our preceding arguments, we obtain the physical states from the R^2 term. Since $a = 1$, it is easy to see that only the s multiplet propagator is modified. It now has two poles: $\Pi \sim -1/2k^2(k^2 - m^2) + \dots$. The $k^2 = 0$ pole has, as usual, the wrong sign of the residue, while the second pole has the correct sign. This represents an additional scalar degree of freedom confirming the well known fact [5,6]. *Fourth order modification in $R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu}$* : They have also been considered in the literature. This corresponds to having an F_2 term (see Appendix), which modifies the spin-2 propagator: $\Pi \sim P_2/k^2(k^2 - m^2) + \dots$. The second pole necessarily has the wrong residue sign and corresponds to the well known Weyl ghost, Refs. [5,6]. In fact, this situation is quite typical: *f(R)* type models can be ghost-free, but they do not improve UV behavior, while modifications involving $R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}$'s can improve the UV behavior [3] but typically contain the Weyl ghost.

To reconcile the two problems, we now propose first to look at a special class of nonlocal models with $f = 0$ or equivalently $a = c$. The propagator then simplifies to:

1. General Relativity (GR): $L = R, a = c = 1$;
2. Gauss-Bonnet (GB) gravity: $L = R + \alpha(\square)G$;
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3. $L(R)$ gravity: $L(R) = L(0) + L'(0)R + 1/2L''(0)R^2 + \dots$;
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4. Weyl gravity: $L = R - \mu^{-2}C_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}C^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$, $a = 1 - \mu^{-2}\square$,
 $c = 1 - \frac{1}{3}\mu^{-2}\square$;
5. Higher derivative (HD) gravity: $a = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \mu_i^{-2}\square)$,
 $c = \prod_{k=1}^{n_c} (1 - \nu_k^{-2}\square)$.
6. Ghost free (GF) gravity: $a = c = \exp(-\square/\mu^2)$.







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A finite solution is not necessary regular one.

$$R^2 = R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \frac{A_2}{r^2} + \frac{A_1}{r} + O(1),$$

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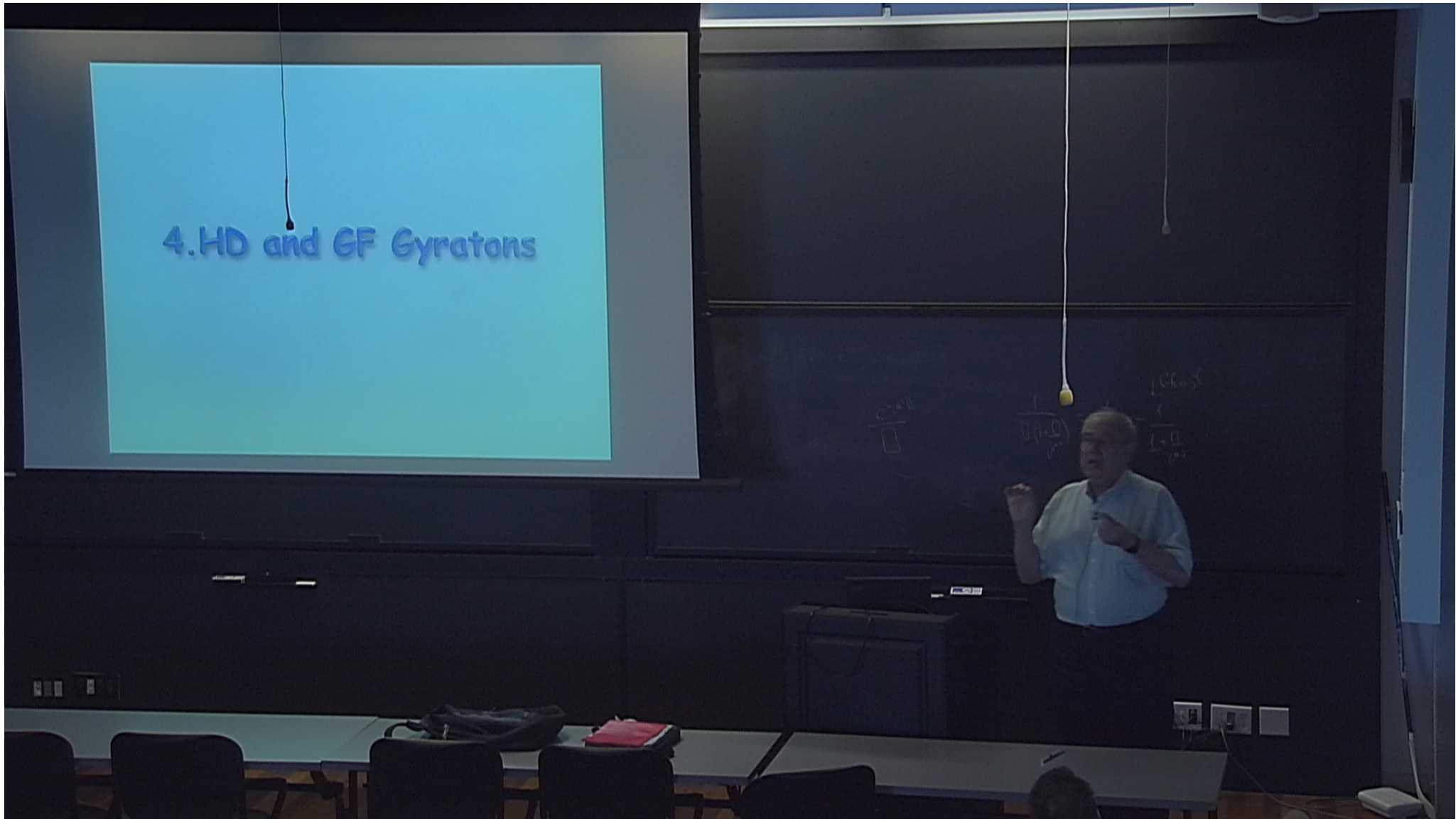
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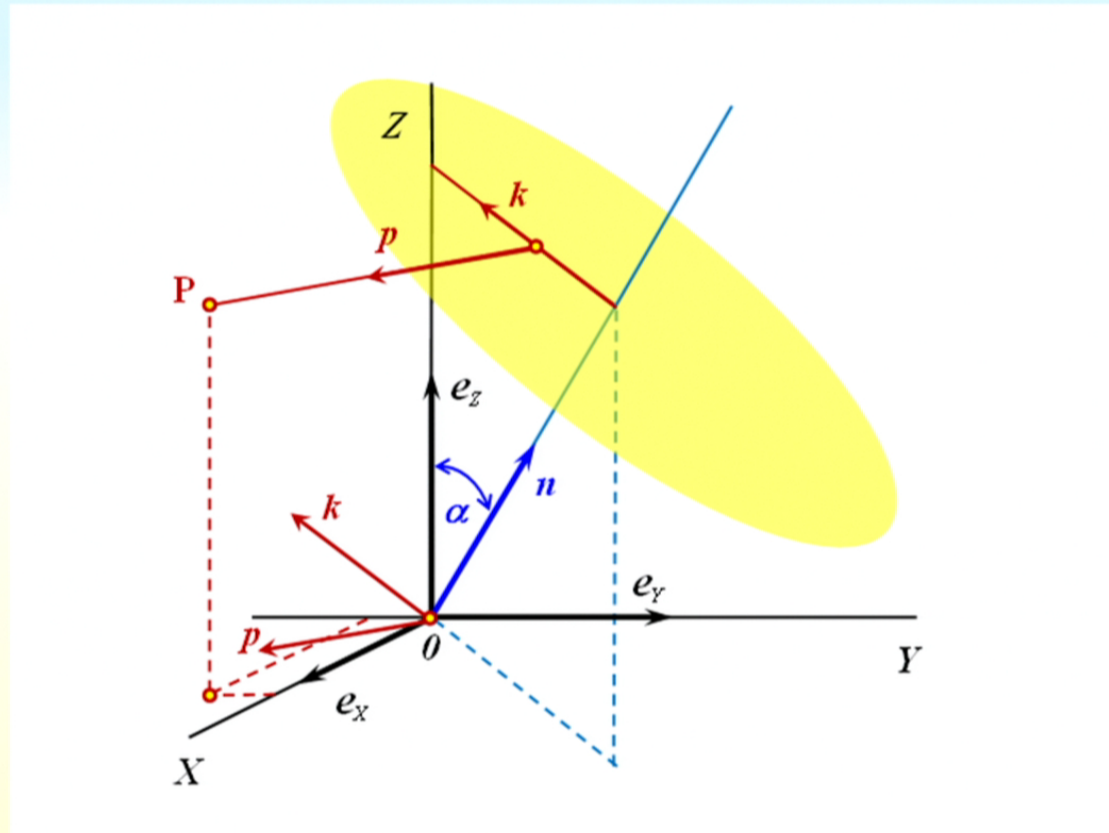
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$$c = 1 + \ln 2 - \gamma, \quad S = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2 \ln(\mu_i^2) P_i^{-1}.$$

For ψ -regular theory $S_2 = 0$.

5. Null Shell Collapse in HD and GH Gravity



Gyraton frame vs Minkowski frame

The result of averaging:

$$\langle dh^2 \rangle = \frac{-2MF(r^2 - t^2)}{r} \left[\left(dt - \frac{t}{r} dr \right)^2 + \frac{r^2 - t^2}{2} d\omega^2 \right].$$

$F = 0$ inside the null cones.

For $F = \text{const}$ the metric $ds^2 = ds_0^2 + \langle dh^2 \rangle$ is flat.

$\langle dh^2 \rangle$ can be "gauged away".

For $F(z) = \ln z$, $ds^2 = ds_0^2 + \frac{2M}{r}(dt^2 + dr^2)$

Apparent Horizon

$$g = (\nabla\rho)^2, \rho^2 \equiv g_{\theta\theta} = r^2 - \frac{GM}{r} zF(z),$$

$$g = 1 - 2GMr^{-1}q(z), \quad q(z) = zF'(z).$$

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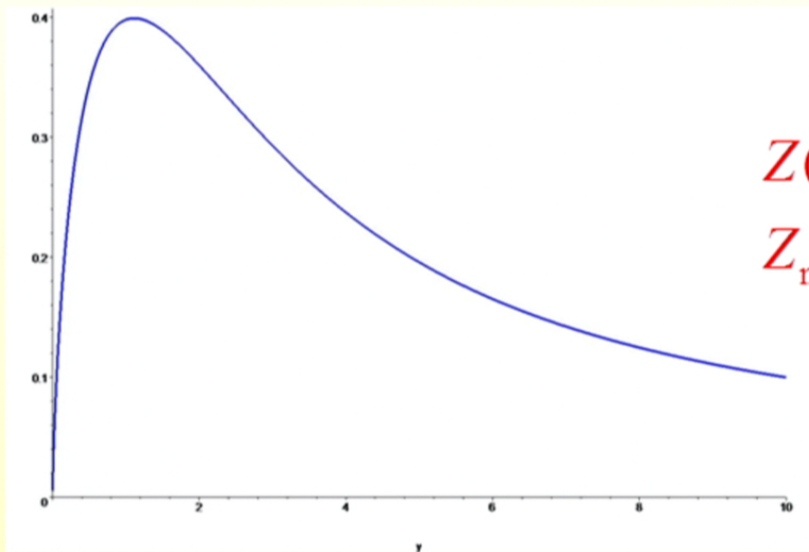
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Outside the null shell $|t|/r \leq 1$, $t = \pm\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}r$,

$$q(z)/r = \beta \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i P_i^{-1} Z(y_i), \quad y_i = \beta \mu_i r,$$

$$Z(y) = \frac{1}{y} - K_1(y).$$



$Z(y)$ is positive,

$$Z_{\max} = 0.399 \text{ at } y = 1.114$$

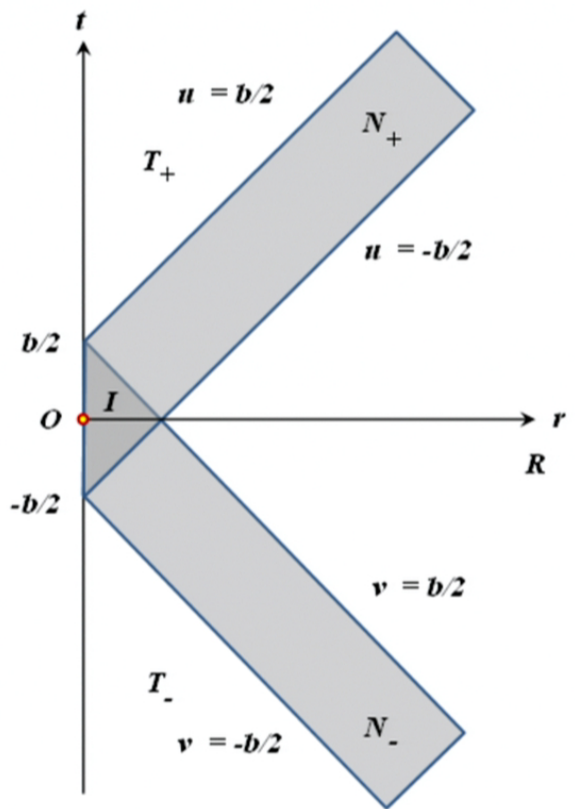
$$|q(z)|/r < 0.4 \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i |P_i|^{-1}$$

If $GM\mu < 1$ there is no apparent horizon.

The same conclusion for the GF gravity.

Metric for Thick Null Shell





Additional averaging results in:

$$\langle\langle dh^2 \rangle\rangle = -\frac{2GM}{br} \left[c_0 dt^2 + c_2 \frac{dr^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{2} (c_0 r^2 - c_2) d\omega^2 \right],$$

$$c_k = \int_{-r}^r dx x^k F(r^2 - x^2),$$

$$c_0 = -\frac{r^3}{9} [(6u - 5)S_2 + 3S], \quad u = \ln r - c - \ln 2,$$

$$c_2 = -\frac{r^5}{225} [(30u - 31)S_2 + 15S].$$

$$R^2 \sim \frac{32}{27} G^2 \dot{M}^2 [(36u^2 + 5)S_2^2 + 36uS_2S + 9S^2].$$

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Summary :

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For a wide class of HD gravity we obtain conditions of regularity of a gravitational potential for a point mass;

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Main result: For a small mass M collapse in the HD and GF gravity an apparent horizon is not formed. Map-gap for mini BH formation.

Curvature remains finite for the thick null shell collapse, provided a potential for a point mass is (ψ -) regular.

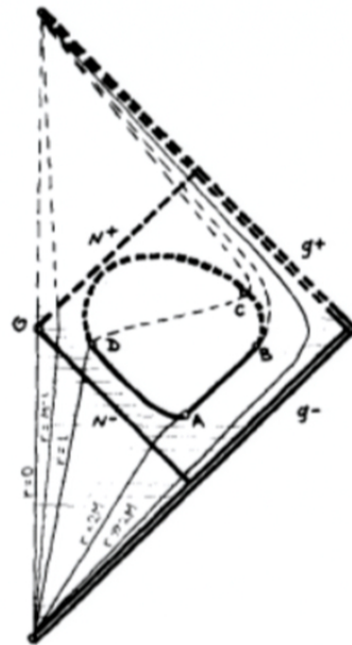


Fig. 1. Penrose diagram for the collapse of the null shell ($M \gg 1$). Solid (dashed) lines are used for the known (hypothetical) details of the picture. The shaded region is the region of validity of the obtained asymptotic solution. The line $N^- \cup N^+$ is the world line of the null shell. The closed and dashed bold line $ABCD$ is the apparent horizon. The light lines are the level lines $r = \text{const.}$

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