

# Compact objects in 4D Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet gravity

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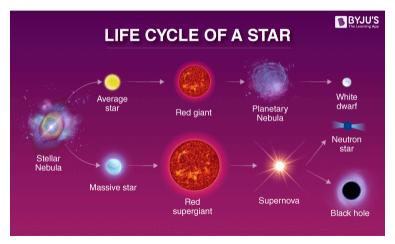
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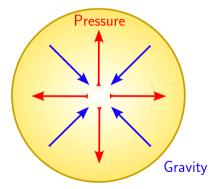
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Compact objects - white dwarfs, neutron stars, and black holes - are "born" when normal stars "die", that is, when most of their nuclear fuel has been consumed.

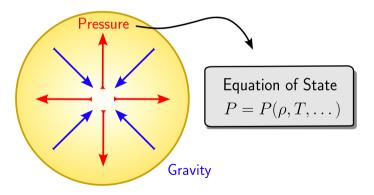


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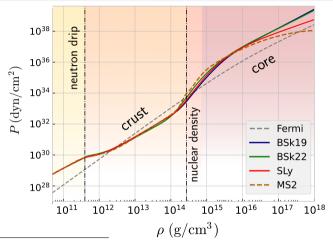
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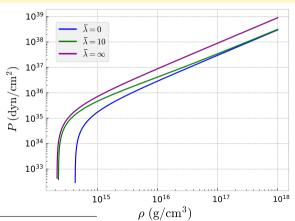
## EOS's for a Neutron Star



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# EOS for a Quark Star

$$P = \frac{1}{3} \left( \rho c^2 - 4B_{\text{eff}} \right) + \frac{4\lambda^2}{9\pi^2} \left( -1 + \text{sgn}(\lambda) \sqrt{1 + 3\pi^2 \frac{(\rho c^2 - B_{\text{eff}})}{\lambda^2}} \right)$$



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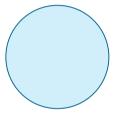
## 4D Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet

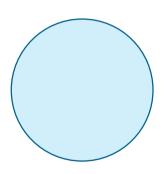
The action of 4DEGB gravity is given by [1,2]

#### Acción de 4DEGB:

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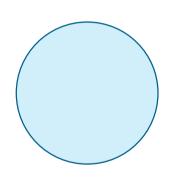
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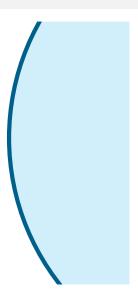
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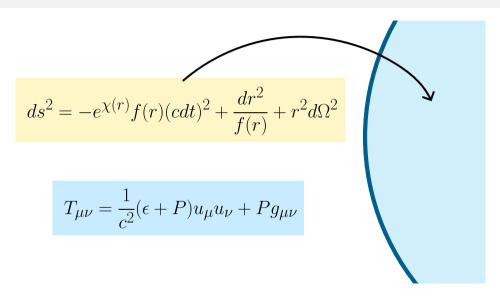


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Initial conditions

$$f(0) = 1$$
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## Neutron star solutions

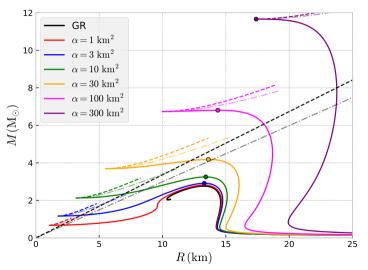


Figure 1: Mass versus radius for NS using the MS2 EOS in 4DEGB.

# Quark star solutions

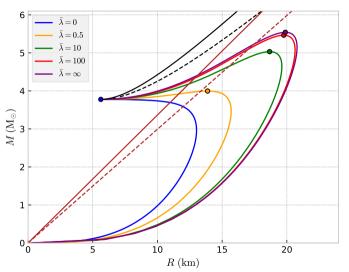
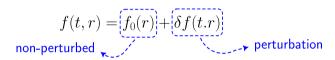


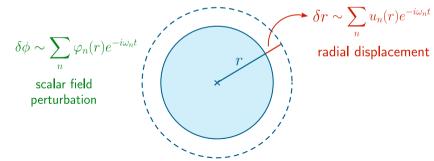
Figure 2: Mass versus radius for quark stars with positive  $\lambda$  in 4DEGB for  $\bar{\alpha}=0.01$ .

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## Radial oscillations

Perturbed metric 
$$ds^2 = -e^{\chi(t,r)}f(t,r)(cdt)^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(t,r)} + r^2d\Omega^2$$





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$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(a_1\frac{du}{dr}\right) + (a_2 + \omega^2 a_3)u + a_4\frac{d\varphi}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dr}\left(b_1\frac{d\varphi}{dr}\right) + b_2\frac{du}{dr} + b_3u = 0$$

#### **Boundary conditions:**

$$u|_{r=0}=0,$$
  $a_1\frac{du}{dr}\Big|_{r=0}\stackrel{!}{=}1,$   $\frac{d\varphi}{dr}\Big|_{r=0}=0,$   $a_1\frac{du}{dr}\Big|_{r=R}=0.$ 

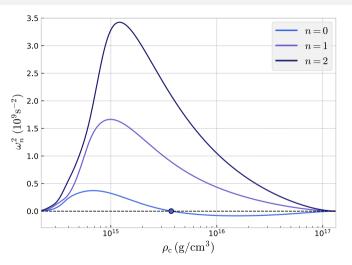


Figure 3: Eigenfrequencies of the first three oscillation modes for  $\alpha=10~\mathrm{km^2}$  using the SLy EOS.

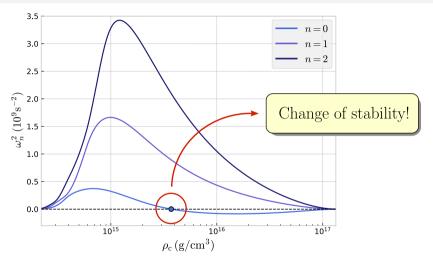


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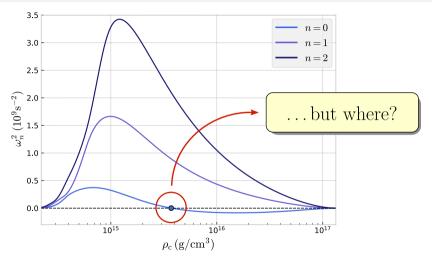


Figure 5: Eigenfrequencies of the first three oscillation modes for  $\alpha=10~\mathrm{km^2}$  using the SLy EOS.

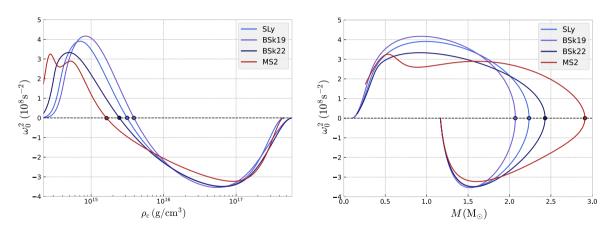


Figure 6: Fundamental eigenfrequency versus central density and mass for NS in 4DEGB for  $\alpha=3~\mathrm{km^2}$ .

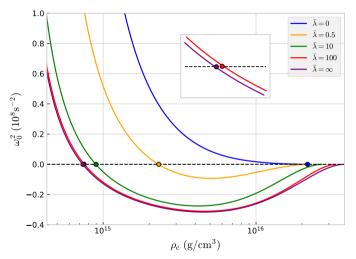


Figure 7: Fundamental eigenfrequency versus central density for QS with positive  $\lambda$  in 4DEGB for  $\bar{\alpha}=0.01$ .

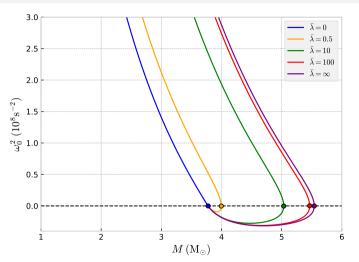


Figure 8: Fundamental eigenfrequency versus mass for QS with positive  $\lambda$  in 4DEGB for  $\bar{\alpha}=0.01$ .

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- ♦ Improvements: Use other equations of state, analyze gravitational perturbations (gravitational waves/tidal love numbers), etc.

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