# Constructions of outermost apparent horizons with non-trivial topology

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- $(M^n, g)$  asymptotically Euclidean Riemannian manifold.
  - A bounding hypersurface is *outer trapped* if mean curvature H < 0 in direction of the asymptotically euclidean end.
  - A domain is a *trapped set* if its boundary is outer trapped.
  - The trapped region  ${\mathcal T}$  is the union of all trapped sets.
  - The *outermost apparent horizon* is the boundary of the trapped region.
- **Theorem.** (Eichmair and others) Assume  $n \leq 7$ . If  $\mathcal{T} \neq \emptyset$  then  $(M^n, g)$  has an outermost apparent horizon  $\Sigma$  which is
  - a smooth stable minimal hypersurface,
  - outer area minimizing.



- **Theorem.** (Hawking, Galloway-Schoen, Galloway) An outermost apparent horizon has a metric of positive scalar curvature.
- Is existence of a PSC metric only obstruction for a bounding manifold to be an outermost apparent horizon?
- Examples:
  - Emparan-Reall Black rings, Black Saturn, etc...,
  - Schwartz  $S^p \times S^q$ .
- Construction of PSC metrics on compact manifolds:
  - Schoen-Yau, Gromov-Lawson: codim  $\geq$  3 surgery,
  - Carr: "tubes" around codim  $\geq$  3 embedded cell complexes.

•  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  smooth submanifold, dim(S) = m,  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$U_{\epsilon}(x) \coloneqq 1 + \epsilon^{n-m-2} \int_{S} |x-y|^{-(n-2)} dy.$$

• Riemannian metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S$ 

$$g_{\epsilon} := U_{\epsilon}^{4/(n-2)}\delta,$$

where  $\delta$  is the Euclidean metric.

- $\Delta U_{\epsilon} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S, g_{\epsilon})$  is scalar flat.
- $U \to 1$  at infinity  $\Rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S, g_{\epsilon})$  is asymptotically Euclidean.

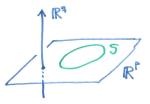
## Theorem

#### Theorem (D.-Larsson)

Let  $p \ge 1$  and  $q \ge 2$ . Suppose that  $n = p + q \le 7$ . Let

$$S \subset \mathbb{R}^p \times \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q = \mathbb{R}^n.$$

be a smooth, embedded, compact submanifold of dimension m < p. For small  $\epsilon > 0$  it holds that  $(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S, g_{\epsilon})$  has an outermost apparent horizon  $\Sigma_{\epsilon}$ , which is diffeomorphic to a tube around S.



Works also if S has components of different dimensions,

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#### Proof: rescaling and localization

For 
$$(x, \epsilon) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^+$$
 define  $\varphi_{x,\epsilon} \colon T_x \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$   
 $\varphi_{x,\epsilon}(\zeta) \coloneqq \exp_x^{\delta}(\epsilon \zeta) = "x + \epsilon \zeta"$ 

If  $x \in S$  and  $\epsilon \to 0$  then

$$\epsilon^{\gamma-m} \int_{\mathcal{S}} |\varphi_{\mathsf{x},\epsilon}(\zeta) - \mathsf{y}|^{-\gamma} \, d\mathsf{y} \to \int_{\mathcal{T}_\mathsf{x}\mathcal{S}} |\zeta - \eta|^{-\gamma} \, d\eta$$

$$\begin{array}{c} T_{x} \mathbb{R}^{n} \\ \hline & & \\ & &$$

and

$$\epsilon^{-2}(\varphi_{\mathsf{x},\epsilon})^*(g_\epsilon) \to U^{4/(n-2)}_{\infty}\delta$$

where

$$U_\infty(\zeta) \coloneqq 1 + \int_{\mathcal{T}_{\mathsf{x}} \mathsf{S}} |\zeta - \eta|^{-(n-2)} \, d\eta.$$

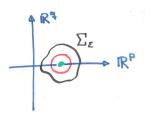
T<sub>x</sub>S S

#### Proof: inner bound

**Proposition.**  $\exists C_{\text{inner}}$  so that the tubular hypersurface  $\text{Tub}(S, C_{\text{inner}}\epsilon)$  is outer trapped in  $(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S, g_{\epsilon})$ .

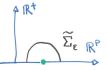
$$H^{\delta}_{\mathsf{Tub}(S,C\epsilon)} = (n-m-1)(C\epsilon)^{-1} + O(1)$$
$$H^{g_{\epsilon}}_{\mathsf{Tub}(S,C\epsilon)} = U^{-2/(n-2)}_{\epsilon} \left( H^{\delta}_{\mathsf{Tub}(S,C\epsilon)} + 2\frac{n-1}{n-2}d(\ln U_{\epsilon})(\nu) \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow \text{ horizon } \Sigma_{\epsilon} \text{ in } (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus S, g_{\epsilon}) \text{ outside } \text{Tub}(S, C_{\text{inner}} \epsilon).$ 



## Proof: the horizon after symmetry

 $\mathsf{SO}(q)$ -symmetry of  $(\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^q, g_\epsilon) \Rightarrow \Sigma_\epsilon$  has quotient  $\tilde{\Sigma}_\epsilon$  in  $\mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^+$ .



Height function z = projection on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

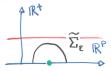
$$H^{g_{\epsilon}}_{\Sigma} = U^{-2/(n-2)}_{\epsilon} \left( (q-1) \frac{dz(\nu)}{z} + H^{\delta}_{\tilde{\Sigma}} + 2 \frac{n-1}{n-2} d(\ln U_{\epsilon})(\nu) \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  equation for  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ :

$$(q-1)rac{dz( ilde{
u})}{z}+H^{\delta}_{ ilde{\Sigma}}+2rac{n-1}{n-2}d(\ln U_{\epsilon})( ilde{
u})=0.$$

# Proof: upper bound

**Proposition.**  $\exists C_{upper} \text{ so that } z(x) < C_{upper} \epsilon \text{ for } x \in \Sigma_{\epsilon}.$ 



Proof: evaluate

$$(q-1)rac{dz( ilde{
u})}{z}+H^{\delta}_{ ilde{\Sigma}}+2rac{n-1}{n-2}d(\ln U_{\epsilon})( ilde{
u})=0.$$

at maximum of z.

• Construct surfaces graph( $W_a$ ) rotationally symmetric in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  around  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  solving

$$eta rac{dz(
u)}{z} + H^{\delta}_{ ext{graph}(W_{a})} = 0,$$

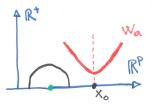
with minimum at height a above  $x_0$ .

•  $W_a(x) \coloneqq w_a(|x-x_0|)$  for  $w_a$  satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\ddot{w}_{a}(t)}{1+(\dot{w}_{a}(t))^{2}} = \frac{\beta}{w_{a}(t)} - \frac{\dot{w}_{a}(t)}{t},\\ w_{a,\delta}(0) = a, \quad \dot{w}_{a,\delta}(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

• Regularize ODE  $\Rightarrow$  existence and properties of solutions  $w_a$ .

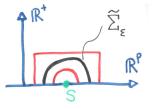
• Contradiction if graph( $W_a$ ) tangent to  $\Sigma_{\epsilon}$  far from S.



Proposition. ∃C<sub>side</sub> so that the horizontal distance from Σ<sub>ε</sub> to S is at most C<sub>side</sub>ε.

## Proof: convergence

• Bounds scaling  $\sim \epsilon$ .



• Study convergence of rescaled  $\Sigma_{\epsilon}$ . For  $\epsilon_k o 0$  and  $x \in S$  set

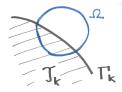
$$h_k \coloneqq \epsilon_k^{-2} \left( \varphi_{\mathsf{x},\epsilon_k} 
ight)^* \left( \mathsf{g}_{\epsilon_k} 
ight) o h_\infty \coloneqq U_\infty^{4/(n-2)} \delta$$

and

$$\Gamma_k \coloneqq (\varphi_{x,\epsilon_k})^{-1} (\Sigma_{\epsilon_k}).$$

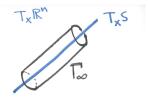
# Proof: convergence (continued)

- Theorem. (Schoen-Simon, Wickramasekera) n ≤ 7, Γ<sub>k</sub> smooth stable minimal surface for metric h<sub>k</sub>,
  - uniform area bound,
  - all intersect a compact set,
  - $\Rightarrow$  subsequence converges smoothly to  $\Gamma_{\infty}$  stable minimal for  $h_{\infty}$ .
- Outward area minimizing property  $\Rightarrow$  uniform area bound.



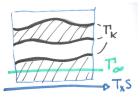
$$\mathsf{Vol}(\mathsf{\Gamma}_k \cap \Omega) \leq \mathsf{Vol}(\partial \Omega)$$

- In the metric  $h_{\infty}$  we have foliation of  $T_x \mathbb{R}^n \setminus T_x S$  by CMC cylinders around  $T_x S$ .
- Maximum principle argument  $\Rightarrow \Gamma_\infty$  is the unique zero mean curvature cylinder.



# Proof: identifying the limit (continued)

•  $\Gamma_k \to \Gamma_\infty$  smooth convergence with multiplicities  $\Rightarrow \Gamma_k$  finite number of graphs over the limit.



- Outward area minimizing  $\Rightarrow$  only one graph over  $\Gamma_{\infty} =$  cylinder around  $T_x S$ .
- Patching  $\Rightarrow \Sigma_{\epsilon_k}$  diffeomorphic to tube around *S*.