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String theory provides motivation to investigate critical phenomena in microscopic black hole formation in higher dimensional gravity theories. We investigate gravitational collapse in higher dimensional spherically symmetric Einstein and Einstein-Gauss-Bonnet (EGB) gravity. Our previous work has suggested the existence of a mass gap in odd dimensional EGB gravity. With adaptive mesh refinement code I have developed we are now able to investigate in more detail the possibility of such a mass gap as well as the difference in the scaling relation between even and odd dimensions. In addition, work on gravitational collapse in spherically symmetric anti-deSitter spacetime is being done.

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