

Laws of BH thermodynamics

Lecture # 12

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Last lecture: briefly saw 1st law
of BH mechanics

Using covariant phase space formalism
for classical stationary BH solns

$$\delta E = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \delta S + \Omega_H \delta J$$

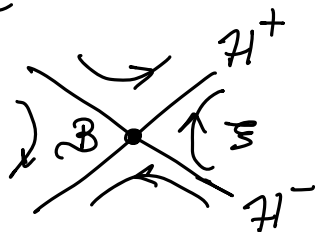
δE (mass of BH) asymptotic energy, generating time translations
 $\frac{\kappa}{2\pi}$ surface gravity
 Ω_H angular velocity of horizon
 δJ asymptotic angular momentum, generating rotations

Wald entropy

$$S = 2\pi \int_{\mathcal{B}} \tilde{Q}$$

(aptly normalized)
charge aspect of
KVF $\xi = \partial_t + \Omega_H \partial_\phi$

Bifurcation
surface



For simplicity, here
consider Kerr solns
in 4d

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 \tilde{Q} : • local geometric qty.

- for a generic differ-invariant Lagrangian, can written in terms of

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}}, \quad \nabla_{a_1} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \nabla_{a_1} R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}}, \quad \dots, \quad \nabla_{(a_1 \dots a_m)} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \nabla_{(a_1 \dots a_m)} R_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}}$$

But, famous discovery : $S_{BH} \propto$ horizon area

(historically, first not using techniques presented in previous lecture)

For vacuum GR, $L = \sqrt{-g} R$, above

Wald entropy reduces to

$$S = \frac{A}{4 l_p^2}$$

$$\left(l_p^2 = \frac{\hbar G}{c^3} \right)$$

Planck length

→ Bekenstein-Hawking entropy

Originally proposed by Bekenstein :

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(based on Hawking's area law,
and before that, Christodoulou (et.al)'s
irreducible mass results)

$$S = \eta \frac{A}{l_p^2}$$

↑
(universal) real constant

Key insight : S is the physical
entropy of a BH,
encoding our "lack of
knowledge" about the
full details of the
system [thanks to Jaynes]

η : • Bekenstein expected η to be determined
from detailed knowledge of underlying
fundamental QG description

- But was fixed soon after

$$\eta = 1/4$$

Hawking radiation

(return to all this later)

Vast subject, so in this lecture:

- Discuss details that we think were crucial in establishing the foundations
- Do not work in covariant phase space formalism \rightarrow only 1st law (as mentioned in previous lecture) has been clarified rigorously in this formalism (to the best of our knowledge)
 - \rightarrow here, aim is to give an introduction to some essential aspects of this topic (more or less as done historically), regardless of the choice of the formalism used to set up the full system.

Plan: \rightarrow Laws of BH mechanics

\rightarrow Why and how we can understand these laws as genuine TD laws and BHs as actual TD systems

Since 1st law was derived in generality in previous lecture, we will not derive it again using "traditional"/historically used methods. Simply state, for now, and return to it later for interpretation:

$$\delta M = \frac{\kappa}{8\pi} \delta A + \Omega_H \delta J + \Phi_H \delta Q$$

\uparrow perturbation
b/w stationary
BHs.

cf. $\delta E = T dS - p dV + \mu dN$

$M \leftrightarrow E$ (know that really true)

$T dS \leftrightarrow \frac{\kappa}{8\pi} \delta A$... formal analogy
(for now)

For 2nd law: need to set up some preliminaries, for properties of Killing horizons (5)

Geodesic Congruences

[Defn.] 1-parameter family of geodesics

[Reall, p49 onward]

$$\gamma: I_1 \times I_2 \rightarrow M \quad (I_1, I_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R} \text{ open})$$

$$s, \lambda \mapsto \gamma(s, \lambda)$$

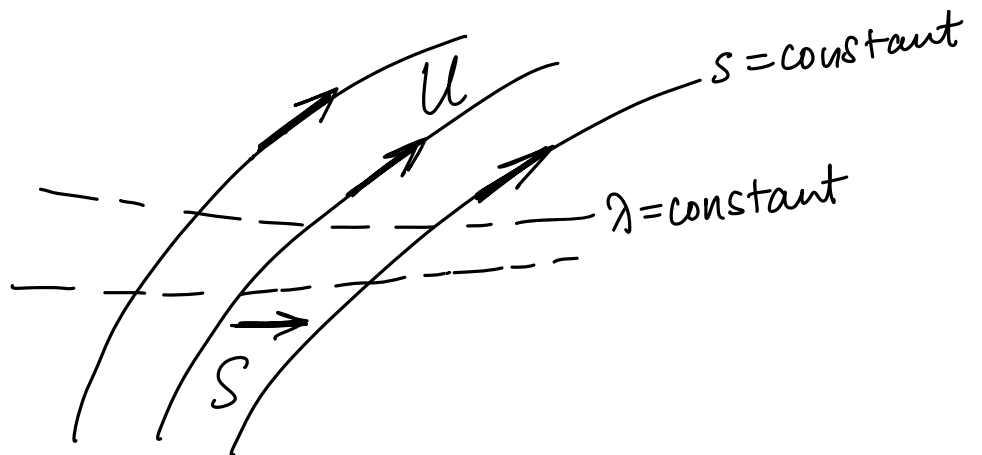
labels the geodesic

affine parameter on geodesic γ for fixed s

In some coords.

$$S = \partial/\partial s$$

$$U = \partial/\partial \lambda$$



$$[S, U] = 0 \iff \nabla_U S^M = \nabla_S U^M \quad (6)$$

$$= S^\nu \nabla_\nu U^M$$

$$=: B^M{}_\nu S^\nu$$

$$B^M{}_\nu := \nabla_\nu U^M$$



↑ tangent vector to the geodesics

↑ deviation vector
(taking b/w nearby geodesics)

quantifies by how

much the deviation/displacement

S fails to be parallelly-transported along γ 's

i.e. how much the deviation "evolves" or changes as we move along a geodesic.

Geodesic Congruence:

family of geodesics s.t. exactly one geodesic passes through each pt.

Here: interested in

Null geodesic Cong.

↳ each geodesic in the congruence is null.

$$\nabla_U S = B \cdot S$$

$$B^M{}_\nu U^\nu = \nabla_U U^M = 0$$

$$B^M{}_\nu U_\mu = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\nu (U^2)$$

$$= 0$$

↑ choice of const. normalisation
 $U^2 \in \{0, 1, -1\}$

Notice: $\nabla_U (U^m S_m) = 0$

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i.e. $U \cdot S$ is constant along any geodesic in the congruence.

But ambiguity in S :

affine param not unique

→ can shift it by a constant

$$\lambda \mapsto \lambda - a$$

In fact, this shift can be different for different geodesics i.e. $a = a(s)$

Thus,

$$S' = S + \tilde{a}(s) U$$

$$\left(\tilde{a}(s) = \frac{da(s)}{ds} \right)$$

both take us to/displace to
(starting from a given geodesic)
the same nearby geodesic

Now, notice $U \cdot S' = U \cdot S + \tilde{a}(s) U^2$

Spacelike, Timelike: $U^2 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ ambiguity resolved by choice of $\tilde{a}(s)$ (8)

e.g. choose \tilde{a} s.t. $U \cdot S = 0$ @ some pt. on each geodesic (i.e. for every s ,
Choose $\tilde{a}(s)$ s.t. $U \cdot S = 0$ for some λ)
Then $\because U \cdot S = \text{const}$ along λ (for a given s) $\Rightarrow U \cdot S = 0$ everywhere.

While, $U \cdot S'$ remains non-zero.

Null: $U^2 = 0 \rightarrow$ need a different way to
 $\Rightarrow U \cdot S = U \cdot S'$ fix ambiguity

Issue: when U is null, the 3d space of vectors orthogonal to U now includes U itself \Rightarrow deviation vectors S orthogonal to U now only specify a 2-parameter family of geodesics \leftrightarrow missing one dimension
 \rightarrow Introduce N^m (not orthogonal to U)
to reach these other null geodesics in the cong.

Null geodesic congruences

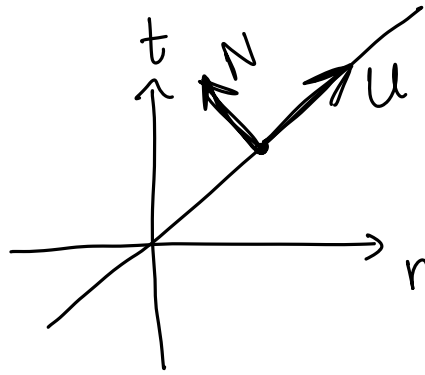
Construct a vector field N^m s.t.

$$N^2 = 0$$

i.e. null

$$U \cdot N = -1$$

if U tangent to outgoing radial null geodesic, then N tangent to an ingoing one



$$\nabla_U N^m = 0$$

//-transported along the geodesics

Can decompose any S uniquely as: ambiguity fixed with N

$$S^m = a U^m + \hat{S}^m + b N^m$$

where \hat{S}^m is s.t. $U \cdot \hat{S} = 0 = N \cdot \hat{S}$

part orthogonal to U

$$\because U^2 = 0, U \cdot \hat{S} = 0$$

(but: $\nabla_U \hat{S} = \nabla_U S = B \cdot S \neq 0$
not // - transported)

(orthogonal to both)

part // - transported along each γ

$$\because \nabla_U N^m = 0$$

(but: $U \cdot N = -1 \neq 0$
not orthogonal to U)

Can write $\hat{S}^m = P^m_{\nu} S^{\nu}$

Projector $P^m_{\nu} = \delta^m_{\nu} + N^m U_{\nu} + U^m N_{\nu}$
($P^2 = P$)

projects onto 2d vector space @ p , T_p^{\perp}
orthogonal to U and N ,
spanned by \hat{S} .

$$\nabla_U P^m_{\nu} = 0 \quad \parallel\text{-transported along } U$$

\because both N and U are.

Now: $P\eta = \eta \implies \nabla_U \eta^m = \hat{B}^m_{\nu} \eta^{\nu}$

(i.e. any $\eta \in T^{\perp}$)

where $\hat{B}^m_{\nu} = P^m_{\sigma} B^{\sigma}_{\nu} P^{\sigma}_{\nu}$

i.e. any $\eta \in T^{\perp}$ remains in this subspace under evolution along the geodesics.

Interested in BH horizons: null hypersurfaces \mathcal{N}
 \rightarrow to understand behaviour of \mathcal{N} , must understand behav. of (null) congruence of generators of \mathcal{N}

i.e. Consider null congruences on a null hyp. \mathcal{N}

→ S tangent to \mathcal{N}

i.e. $U \cdot S = 0 \iff b = 0$

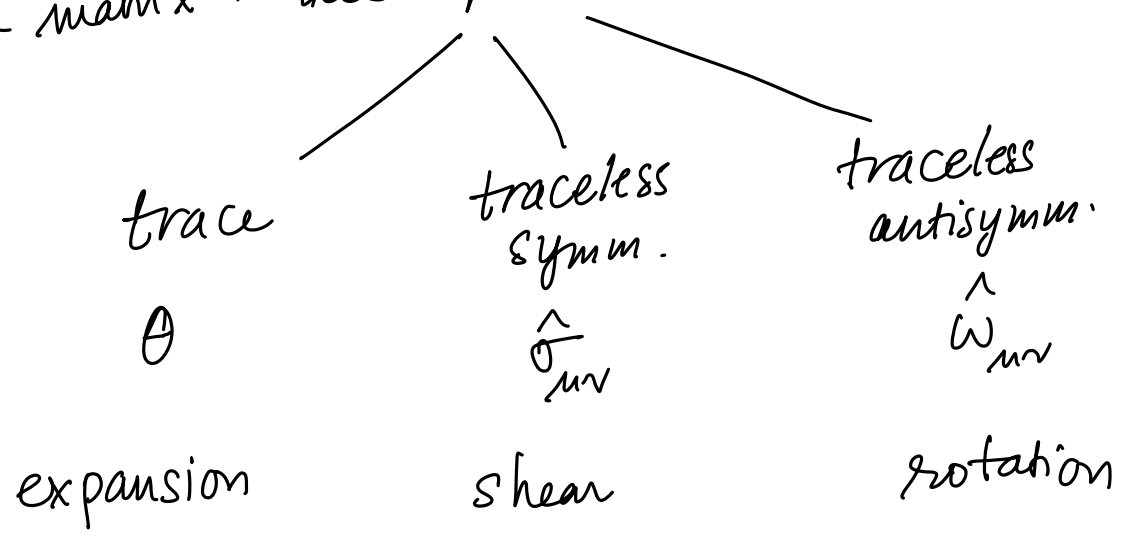
($\because U$ null and normal to \mathcal{N})

$$\Rightarrow S^m = a U^m + \hat{S}^m$$

Also, $U \cdot S = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_u \hat{S}^m = \hat{B}^m_{\nu} \hat{S}^{\nu}$

\hat{B}^m_{ν} tensor on T^{\perp}_p (2d)

→ 2x2 matrix: decompose



$$\Theta = \hat{B}^m_m, \quad \hat{\sigma}_{mv} = \hat{B}_{(mv)} - \frac{1}{2} P_{mv} \Theta$$

↑
interested
in this

$$\hat{\omega}_m = \hat{B}_{[mv]}$$

i.e. $\hat{B}^m_n = \frac{1}{2} \Theta P^m_n + \hat{\sigma}^m_n + \hat{\omega}^m_n$

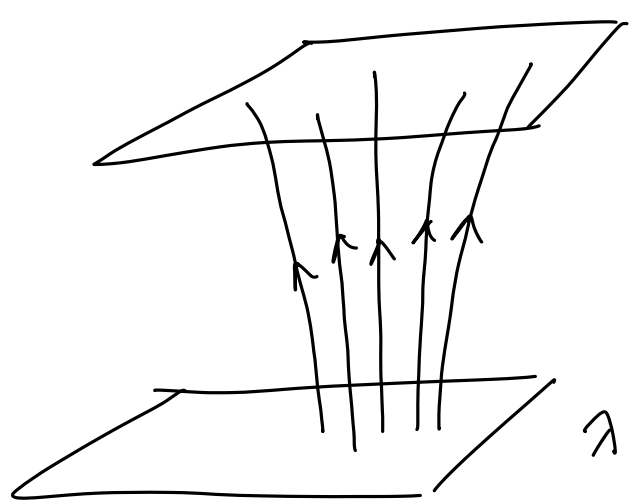
Back to

For null congruences : $\hat{\omega}_{mv} = 0$ on \mathcal{N}
on \mathcal{N}

In fact, U normal to a family of null hypersurfaces (i.e. $\lambda = \text{const.}$)

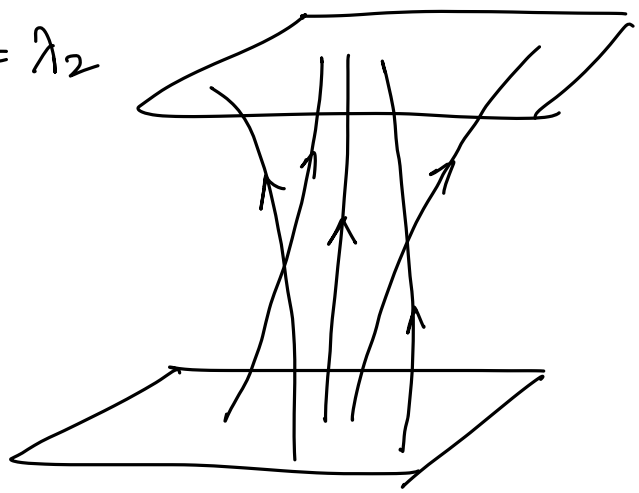
$$\iff \hat{\omega} = 0.$$

[Townsend, p. 105]



expansion

$$\lambda = \lambda_2$$



shear

$$\lambda = \lambda_1$$

expansion: neighbouring geodesics move apart ($\theta > 0$) or closer together ($\theta < 0$) as "evolve in λ "

shear: neighbouring geodesics move apart in one direction, and closer in orthogonal direction, keeping constant cross-section area
↑ :: traceless

Raychaudhuri's eqn (for null congruences)

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = -\frac{1}{2}\theta^2 - \hat{\sigma}^2 + \hat{\omega}^2 - R_{mn} U^m U^n$$

For null hypersurfaces \mathcal{N} :

For \mathcal{N} Killing horizon of KVF ξ $\hat{B}_{mn} = 0$ and $\frac{d\theta}{d\lambda} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R_{mn} \xi^m \xi^n \Big|_{\mathcal{N}} = 0$$

Also: If $\theta = \theta_0 < 0$ @ some pt. $p \in \gamma$

(Assuming Null Energy Condition and Einstein's eqn)

on a null generator of \mathcal{N} , then

$\theta \rightarrow -\infty$ in finite affine length.

In other words, if $\theta < 0$ @ some pt. p on γ (on \mathcal{N}),

then the geodesics must converge to a

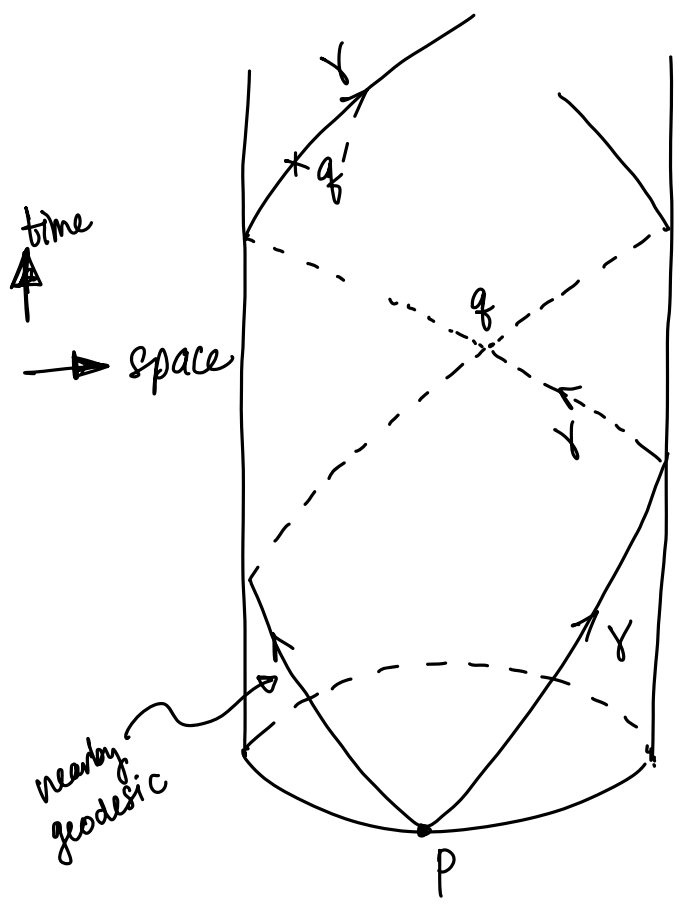
"focus" or "caustic" @ q \rightarrow Conjugate pts. p and q

E.g. Light rays in flat 2d cylindrical spacetime

$\mathbb{R} \times S^2$

points p and q conjugate

\rightarrow any pt q' on γ , in future of q , is timelike separated from p



(Defn) Points p and q on a geodesic γ are conjugate if \exists a Jacobi field (i.e. a soln. of the geodesic deviation eqn.) along γ that vanishes @ p and q but is not identically zero.

If p and q are conjugate, then \exists multiple infinitesimally nearby geodesics that pass through p and q .

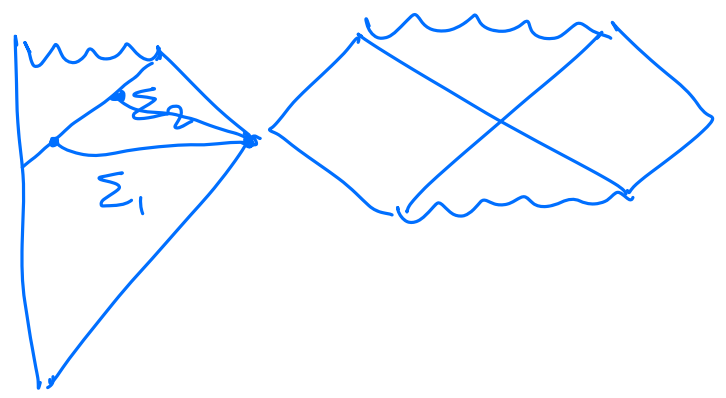
Area law

Consider a strongly asymptotically predictable spacetime satisfying EEgers. with null energy condition.

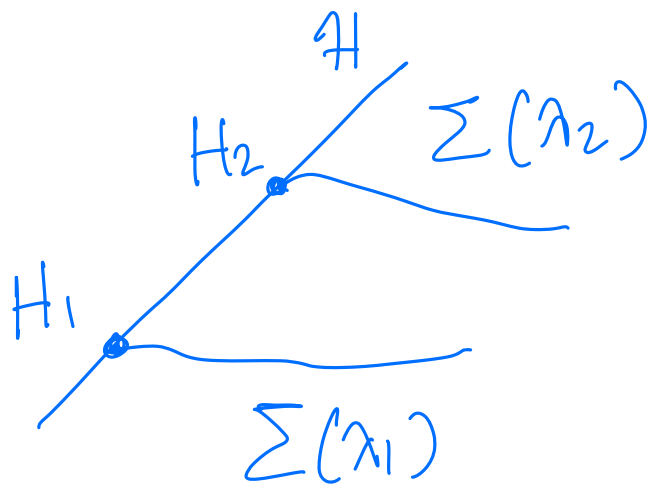


basically means that \exists a globally hyperbolic submfd. $U \subset M$ containing both the exterior spacetime and horizon e.g.

(i.e. singularity not naked and "predictable" spacetime accessible)



$\implies \exists$ a family of Cauchy hypersurfaces $\Sigma(\lambda)$ for λ s.t. $\Sigma(\lambda_2) \subset D^+(\Sigma(\lambda_1))$ if $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$.



"Areas of horizons"

Area(H₁), Area(H₂)

$$H_i = H \cap \Sigma_i$$

$$\text{NEC: } T_{\mu\nu} l^\mu l^\nu \geq 0 \quad \forall \text{ null } l^\mu.$$

$$\text{Then: } \text{Area}(H_2) \geq \text{Area}(H_1)$$

2nd law of BH mech. [Hawking's area theorem]

Sketch of proof

By contradiction, to show that $\theta \geq 0$ on H .

Let $\theta < 0$ on $H \implies$ rays must focus
 $\implies \exists$ conjugate pts. on rays

The existence of a conjugate pt. to the future of a null generator of \mathcal{H} means that this generator leaves \mathcal{H} .

But, it cannot (thm. by Penrose)
(no future endpoints on generators of \mathcal{H})
 $\Rightarrow \theta \geq 0$ everywhere on \mathcal{H}

$$\rightarrow \delta A \geq 0 .$$

Remark: $\theta = 0$ for stationary BH

Zeroth law

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Couple of lectures back:

$$\nabla_{\Xi} K^2 = 0$$

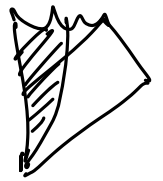
for K surface
gravity of KH \mathcal{N} .

i.e. K constant on each orbit of Ξ

→ but can it change value b/w diff. orbits?

Yes, for bifurcate KHs.

But what about KHs in general eg.



for BH as a result of collapse?

Zeroth law : In a stationary BH spacetime satisfying the Dominant Energy Condition, K is constant on the event horizon.

DEC: $T_{mv} V^m V^v \geq 0$ and $T^m_v V^v$ causal
for all timelike V^m .

Proof: Stationary BH Event horizon \mathcal{H} : Killing horizon of some KVF ξ

Then, on \mathcal{H} :

$$0 = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Raycha}}}{R_{mv} \xi^m \xi^v} \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} \stackrel{EE_{\text{and } \xi|_{\mathcal{H}}=0}}{=} T_{mv} \xi^m \xi^v \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} =: C_m \xi^m \Big|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

$\Rightarrow C^m = T^m_v \xi^v$ tangent to \mathcal{H}

\Rightarrow expand: $C^m = a\xi + b_1 \eta_1 + b_2 \eta_2$
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow$ span T^\perp

$C^2 \geq 0$ on \mathcal{H} $\therefore \xi \cdot \eta \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} = 0, \xi^2 \Big|_{\mathcal{H}} = 0$

But DEC $\Rightarrow C^2 \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow C^2 = 0$ null

$\Rightarrow C \propto \xi$ on \mathcal{H}

i.e. $\xi [{}_{\mu} T_{\nu}] \xi^{\nu} |_{\mathcal{H}} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \xi [{}_{\mu} R_{\nu}] \xi^{\nu} = 0$
EEqm.

$\Rightarrow \xi [{}_{\mu} \partial_{\nu}] K = 0$

$\Rightarrow \partial_{\mu} K \propto \xi_{\mu}$

Thus: $\nabla_u K |_{\mathcal{H}} = 0$ for any tangent u on \mathcal{H} . □

Stationary BHs at "thermal eqm." at constant K .

Third law $\sim K$ cannot be reduced to zero by any physical process (in finite # of steps).

Resemblance of these laws of BH mechanics, to TD laws of material systems, is quite strong, but :

(from what we've seen)

• $S \neq A$ on dimensional grounds
 \uparrow dimensionless \uparrow $[L^2]$

Bekenstein's proposal

• $\delta A \geq 0$ for each BH (separately), but in TD $\delta S_{\text{total}} \geq 0$

Hawking radiation

• BH is "black" : perfect absorber $T_{\text{BH}} = 0$

Bekenstein's proposal: (saw briefly @ the start)

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$$S_{BH} = \frac{\eta A}{\hbar G} \quad \text{physical entropy}$$

($C=1$) \uparrow appearance of "QM"

→ Generalised 2nd law

$\therefore S_{BH}$ is a physical entropy and 2nd law of TD must hold, then total entropy must be

$$S_{tot} = S_{BH} + S_{ext}$$

$$\delta(S_{BH} + S_{ext}) \geq 0$$

\uparrow
ordinary entropy of outside matter

$\hbar \neq 0$ in S_{BH} : must include quantum theory!

Indeed: Classically $T_{BH} = 0$, $S_{BH} = \infty$

QM $T_{BH} \neq 0$ (but tiny), $S_{BH} < \infty$ (but large)

Confirmed by Hawking (radiation)

Interesting to note how QM came to the rescue even earlier for solving an issue in SM/TD: UV catastrophe
→ birth of QM (by Planck, etc.)

Only after "including QM", do we get a physical interpretation of above laws as genuine laws of TD, applied to BHs.

BH temperature (very quick)

- detailed (original) treatment needs QFT on curved spacetimes
- more modern: algebraic treatments

Here: skip details, only give an idea.

A defining property of thermal
eqm. states: KMS condition

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Consider — periodicity in 2-pt. correlators

$$\rho_{\beta} = e^{-\beta H} \quad (\text{eqm. @ temp } \beta^{-1})$$

Then: for any observables $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$

$$\langle A e^{-iH(t+i\beta)} B e^{iH(t+i\beta)} \rangle_{\rho_{\beta}} = \langle e^{-iHt} B e^{iHt} A \rangle_{\rho_{\beta}}$$

Periodicity: $\hbar\beta$ in "imaginary time"

KMS condition \iff State is @
thermal eqm.

Consider, Schwarzschild:

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Wick rotate $t \mapsto i\tau$ to imaginary time

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Euclidean Schw:

$$ds_E^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)} + r^2 d\Omega^2$$

Coord. singularity @ $r=2M$

Near $r=2M$: $r-2M =: \frac{x^2}{8M}$

$$ds_E^2 \approx \underbrace{(Kx)^2 d\tau^2 + dx^2}_{ds_R^2} + \frac{1}{4K^2} d\Omega^2$$

2-dim Rindler!

i.e. Schw. geometry near event horizon
looks like Rindler, with acc. $K = \frac{1}{4M}$

($r > 2M$, $x > 0$: exterior)

$$ds_R^2 = dx^2 + x^2 d(k\tau)^2$$

→ flat 2d Euclidean,
polar coords. x, τ

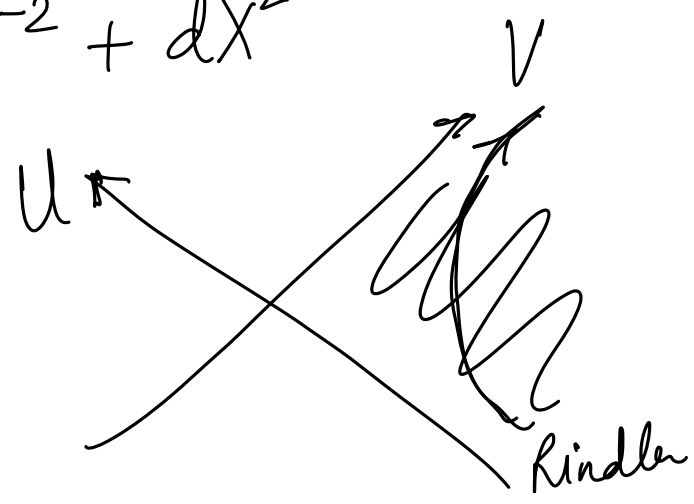
with periodicity $\tau \sim \tau + \frac{2\pi}{k}$



If wanted, as before, can introduce null coords
etc: $U = -xe^{-k\tau}, V = xe^{k\tau}$

$$U = T - X, \quad V = T + X$$

$$ds_R^2 = -dUdV = -dT^2 + dX^2$$



Now, let's have a quantum field on Schw
 $\Phi(\underline{x}, \tau)$ (Wick rotated)

Dynamics $Z = \int [D\Phi] e^{-S_E(\Phi)}$
Euclidean action for Φ

Periodicity in τ from Eucl. Schw. \implies Periodicity in τ in $\Phi(\underline{x}, \tau)$
with period $\hbar\beta$

\rightarrow can write

$$Z = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})$$

Hamiltonian for Φ from S_E

β : physical temp.

But know: $\hbar\beta = \frac{2\pi}{K}$

⇒ QFT can be in eqm. with a BH only @ Hawking temp.

$$T_H = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} \frac{\hbar}{k_B C}$$

Remarkable formula!

- Usually, way to arrive @ this is semi-classically : QM matter Classical spacetime

But result evidently independent of matter details

→ thermal nature of spacetime itself? [Bekenstein, Padma...]

Bekenstein : S_{BH} really counts QG microstates of BH (ie. spacetime)

→ Hints @ underlying quantum,
discrete structure of spacetime

- Physical entropy of BH
 - what does it really mean?
 - thermal entropy?
 - entanglement entropy — Quantum info. and Gravity

Led to the idea of

• Holography : ['tHooft, Susskind]

$$S_{BH} \propto A, \text{ not volume}$$

Hypothesis : info. in a finite region
must be completely
encoded in its 2d boundary

... AdS/CFT, edge modes etc.

- BH evaporation : information loss ?

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