

Quantum black holes and unitarity test

Amplitudes and semiclassical optical theorem for fields and gravity

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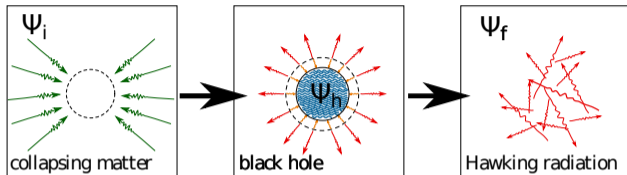
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Information loss in a nutshell



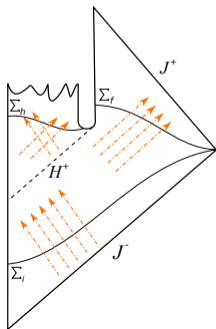
Apparent unitarity violation:

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_f^2) < 1.$$

This is paradoxical!

S.W. Hawking (1976)

$$\hat{\rho}_i = |\Psi_i\rangle\langle\Psi_i| \mapsto \hat{\rho}_f = \text{Tr}_{\Sigma_h} (|\Psi_f\rangle|\Psi_h\rangle\langle\Psi_h|\langle\Psi_f|)$$



Gravitational S-matrix:

$$\langle\Psi_f|\hat{S}|\Psi_i\rangle = \int_{\Phi:=\{g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, \chi\}} \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{iS[\Phi]} \Psi_f^* \Psi_i, \quad (PI)$$

does not seem to exist...

Goal: check the identities $\hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} = \hat{S} \hat{S}^\dagger = \hat{1}$ directly as formally defined path integral.

Evaporation as tunnelling

Tunneling of particles through dynamical black hole spacetime:

ArXiv: 9907001 [hep-th] Parikh, Wilczek (1999)

- Semiclassical amplitude:

$$\langle \Psi_f | \hat{S} | \Psi_i \rangle \simeq F[\Phi_s] e^{\frac{i}{\hbar} S[\Phi_s]} (1 + O(\hbar)) , \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi} S[\Phi_s] = 0 .$$

- **Scattering:** find (analytic) solution Φ_s with asymptotics corresponding to boundary problem $\Psi_{in} \mapsto \Psi_{out}$. Real (non singular) solutions trivially exist at energy below black hole formation.
- **Analytic continuation:** deform saddles to avoid singularities to describe $\Psi_{in} \mapsto \Psi_{out}$ for energy above black hole formation. Trickiest part!

ε -regularization method

- Faddeev–Popov–like trick: insert into path integral $\langle \Psi_f | \hat{S} | \Psi_i \rangle$ a unity

$$1 \equiv \int_0^{+\infty} dT \int_{-i\infty}^{+i\infty} \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\pi i} e^{\varepsilon(T - T_{int}[\Phi])} .$$

Find deformed saddle points from complexified action,

$$S_\varepsilon[\Phi] = S[\Phi] + i\varepsilon T_{int}[\Phi] - i\varepsilon T ,$$

and then the amplitude $\mathcal{A} = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \mathcal{A}_\varepsilon$.

ArXiv: 0707.0433, Levkov, Panin, Sibiryakov (2007)

- Applied to shells models: "interaction time" $T_{int}[\Phi]$ follows:
 - diffeomorphism invariant
 - positive-definite for real solutions
 - diverges for eternal black holes (to ensure asymptotic flatness)

Limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{fi} = |\mathcal{A}_{fi}|^2 \approx \exp(-2\Im m S_{tot}) = \exp(-S_{BH})$, where $S_{BH} = \frac{1}{4} \text{Area}$ - black hole entropy.

ArXiv: 1503.07181, Bezrukov, Levkov, Sibiryakov (2015)

Dynamical boundary model

CGHS model with boundary of spacetime $\phi = \phi_0$

$$S = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} (R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + 4\lambda^2) + \int d\tau e^{-2\phi} (2K + 4\lambda) - m \int ds .$$

Minimal BH mass $M_{cr} = 2\lambda e^{-2\phi_0}$ chosen so that coupling is weak.

ArXiv: 2006.03606, MF, Levkov, Sibiryakov (2020)

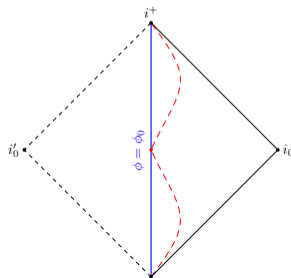
Metric inside (T, r) and outside (t, r) :

$$ds_-^2 = -dT^2 + dr^2, \quad ds_+^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f(r)},$$

$$f(r) = 1 - \frac{M}{2\lambda} e^{-2\lambda r}, \quad \phi = -\lambda r .$$

Israel condition $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{dr}{d\tau}\right)^2 + V_{eff}(r) = 0$,

where $V_{eff}(r) = 1 - \left(\frac{M}{m} + \frac{m}{8\lambda} e^{-2\lambda r}\right)^2$.

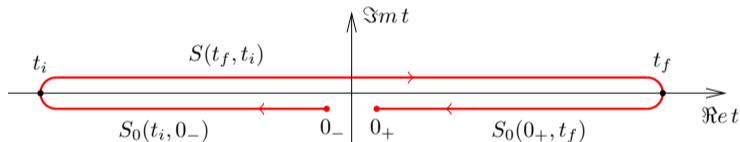


Calculation of total action S_{tot}

Semiclassical scattering amplitude $\mathcal{A}_{fi} = \langle \Psi_f | \hat{S} | \Psi_i \rangle \simeq e^{iS_{tot}}$,

$$S_{tot}^C = S(t_f, t_i) + S_0(t_i, 0_-) + S_0(0_+, t_f) - i \ln(\Psi_i \Psi_f^*),$$

where S and S_0 are interacting and free actions (from $\hat{S} = \hat{U}_0 \hat{U} \hat{U}_0$), and $\Psi_{f,i} = e^{ip_f, i^x}$ are semiclassical wave functions of particle.

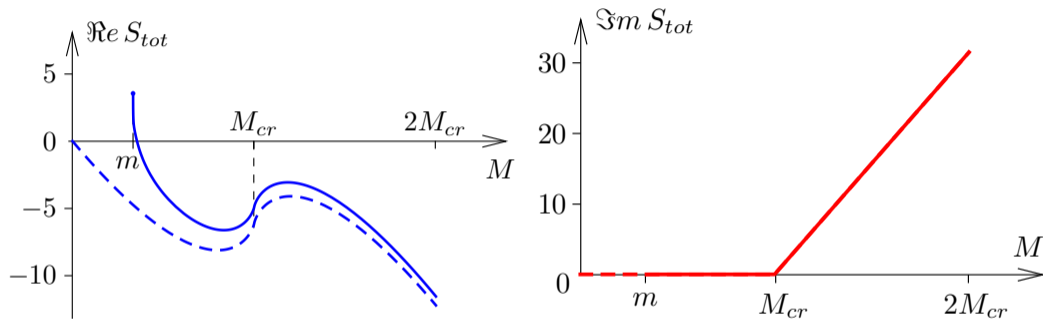


For massless particle

$$S_{tot} = -\frac{M - M_{cr}}{\lambda} \log \left(1 - \frac{M + i\epsilon}{M_{cr}} \right) + \frac{M}{\lambda} \left(1 - \log \frac{M_{cr}}{2\lambda} \right),$$

where $+i\epsilon$ follows from specific T-functional.

Point-particle scattering amplitude



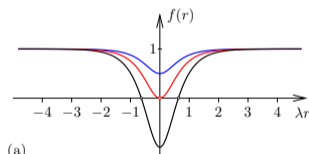
- Imaginary part of action $\Im S_{tot} = \frac{\pi}{\lambda}(M - M_{cr})\theta(M - M_{cr})$ contributes to suppression exponent for transition probability $\mathcal{P}_{fi} = \exp(-S_{BH})$, where $S_{BH} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(M - M_{cr})$ is corrected Bekenstein entropy.
- Apparent non-unitarity, but consistent with interpretation of point-like particle as exclusive QFT state. Analogy: Klein paradox in QM. Second quantization of the boundary?

Regular model

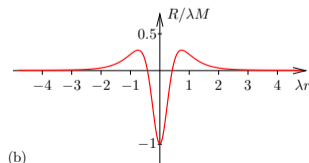
Consider a deformed CGHS action

$$S_{\text{sinh}} = -2 \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \sinh(2\phi) (R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + 4\lambda^2)$$

Vacuum solutions: $ds^2 = -f dt^2 + dr^2/f$, $f(r) = 1 - \frac{M}{4\lambda \cosh(2\lambda r)}$

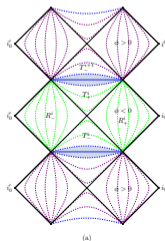


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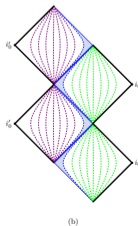
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Non-extremal
 $M > M_{\text{ext}}$



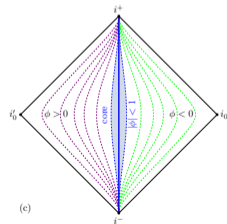
(a)

Extremal
 $M = M_{\text{ext}}$



(b)

Horizonless $M < M_{\text{ext}}$



(c)

ArXiv: 2507.17933, MF (2026)

Transition amplitude

- Shock wave: $t = \int^r dr' / f(r')$, energy $E = M_i - M_f$.
- Amplitude:

$$\mathcal{A}_{fi} := \langle \Psi_f | \hat{S} | \Psi_i \rangle = \lim \int \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{iS_0(0, t_f) + iS(t_f, t_i) + iS_0(t_i, 0)} \Psi_f^*[\Phi] \Psi_i[\Phi].$$

- Total action

$$S_{tot} = S_{sw} + S_{gr} + S_{GH} + S_{free} - i \log(\Psi_f^* \Psi_i)$$

includes

- shock wave action $S_{sw} = 0$
- pure gravitational term

$$S_{LDV} \simeq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dr \left(\frac{M_f}{f_L(r) \cosh^2(2\lambda r)} - \frac{M_i}{f_R(r) \cosh^2(2\lambda r)} \right)$$

- Gibbons–Hawking term $S_{GH} = (M_i - M_f) / \lambda$
- free evolution action $S_{free} = \int p dr - \int E dt$
- wave functions $\Psi_{f,i} = \exp(iEr_{f,i})$

$$S_{free} - i \log(\Psi_f^* \Psi_i) = (M_i - M_f)(t_f - r_f - t_i + r_i) + iM_f T_{delay}$$

Transition amplitude

- The answer: $\mathcal{A}_{fi} = \lim_{\epsilon, \epsilon' \rightarrow +0} \exp(i\varphi(M_i + i\epsilon) - i\varphi(M_f + i\epsilon'))$,

$$\varphi(M) = \frac{M}{\lambda} - \frac{2M_{\text{ext}}}{\lambda} \sqrt{1 - \frac{M^2}{M_{\text{ext}}^2}} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{M_{\text{ext}} + M}{M_{\text{ext}} - M}}$$

- Transition probability: $\mathcal{P}_{fi} = |\mathcal{A}_{fi}|^2 \simeq \exp(-\Delta S_{BH})$
- Statistical ensemble of interior situated shock waves:

$$\langle M_f \rangle = M_i - T_H(M_i)$$

for large M_i .

Numerically: if M_i becomes comparable with M_{ext}

$$\langle M_f \rangle < M_{\text{ext}} ,$$

black hole decays completely.

Coherent states formalism

Choose basis $|a\rangle$: $\hat{a}_k|a\rangle = a_k|a\rangle \forall k$, where \hat{a}_k is free field annihilation operator,

$$\hat{\chi}(t, x) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \sqrt{2\omega_k}} \left(\hat{a}_k e^{-i\omega_k t + ikx} + \hat{a}_k^\dagger e^{i\omega_k t - ikx} \right), \quad \omega_k = \sqrt{k^2 + m^2}.$$

Crucially, the wave functional is exponent of gaussian integral,

$$\log \langle \chi | a \rangle = \int d^d k \left(-\frac{1}{2} \omega_k \chi(k) \chi(-k) + \sqrt{2\omega_k} \chi(k) a_k - \frac{1}{2} a_k a_{-k} \right),$$

where $\chi(t, k) = \int \frac{d^d x}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} e^{ikx} \chi(t, x)$ is spatial Fourier transform.

Original application: multiparticle scattering $A_{2 \rightarrow \text{many}}$.

Rubakov, Son, Tinyakov et al. (~ 1990)

Matrix elements to calculate:

$$\langle b | \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} | a \rangle = \langle b | \hat{S} \hat{S}^\dagger | a \rangle = \langle b | a \rangle \equiv e^{\int d^d k b_k^* a_k}.$$

In-in formalism for unitarity test

Rewrite coherent states matrix element as path integral:

$$\langle b|\hat{S}^\dagger\hat{S}|a\rangle = \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}\chi_a \mathcal{D}\chi_b \mathcal{D}\chi_f \langle b|\chi_b\rangle \langle \chi_b|\hat{S}^\dagger|\chi_f\rangle \langle \chi_f|\hat{S}|\chi_a\rangle \langle \chi_a|a\rangle ,$$

where propagators $\langle \Phi''|\hat{S}|\Phi'\rangle = \int_{\Phi(t')=\Phi'}^{\Phi(t'')=\Phi''} \mathcal{D}\Phi e^{iS[\Phi]}$. Integrating out gaussian integrals we get

$$\langle b|\hat{S}^\dagger\hat{S}|a\rangle = \boxed{\mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}\chi_+ \mathcal{D}\chi_- e^{iS_{BP}[\chi_+] - iS_{BP}[\chi_-]} \langle b|a\rangle}$$

with action $S_{BP} = - \int d^d x \left(\frac{1}{2} \chi \square \chi + V(\chi) \right)$.

Boundary value problem:

$$\omega_k \chi_+(t_i, k) + i\dot{\chi}_+(t_i, k) = \sqrt{2\omega_k} e^{-i\omega_k t_i} a_{-k}, \quad t_i \rightarrow -\infty ,$$

$$\omega_k \chi_-(t'_i, k) - i\dot{\chi}_-(t'_i, k) = \sqrt{2\omega_k} e^{i\omega_k t'_i} b_k^*, \quad t'_i \rightarrow -\infty ,$$

$$\chi_+(t_f, k) = \chi_-(t'_f, k), \quad \dot{\chi}_+(t_f, k) = \dot{\chi}_-(t_f, k), \quad t_f, t'_f \rightarrow +\infty .$$

Quartic scalar field

Extract self-interaction coupling λ in front of the action,

$$S_{BP} = \frac{\tilde{S}_{BP}}{\lambda}, \quad a_k, b_k \mapsto a_k, b_k/\sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$\tilde{S}_{BP} = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x (\chi \square \chi + \chi^4), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \square \chi_{\pm}^{cl} + (\chi_{\pm}^{cl})^3 = 0.$$

Note the BVP solution $\chi_{\pm}^{cl}(t, x) = \chi^{cl}(t, x)$ because of final condition at $t_f \rightarrow +\infty$. We linearize fluctuations of the field around classical solution,

$$\chi_+ = \chi_+^{cl} + \delta\chi_+, \quad \chi_- = \chi_-^{cl} + \delta\chi_-,$$

to satisfy vacuum (Feynman) boundary condition,

$$\omega_k \delta\chi_+ + i \delta \dot{\chi}_+ = 0, \quad t_i \rightarrow -\infty,$$

$$\omega_k \delta\chi_- - i \delta \dot{\chi}_- = 0, \quad t_i \rightarrow -\infty,$$

$$\delta\chi_+ = \delta\chi_+, \quad \delta \dot{\chi}_+ = \delta \dot{\chi}_-, \quad t_f \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Saddle point calculation

From free scalar theory

$$\langle b | \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} | a \rangle = \mathcal{N} \int \mathcal{D}\delta\chi_+ \mathcal{D}\delta\chi_- e^{-\frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \delta\chi_+ \square \delta\chi_+ - \frac{1}{2} \int d^d x \delta\chi_- \square \delta\chi_-}$$

we define the normalization factor:

$$\mathcal{N} = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\det G_F^{-1} \det G_{\bar{F}}^{-1}}} = \langle 0 | \hat{S}^\dagger \hat{S} | 0 \rangle^{-1},$$

where $G_F(p) = \frac{i}{p^2 + i\epsilon}$ ($G_{\bar{F}}(p)$) is Feynman (anti-Feynman) propagator.

For quartic scalar field theory

$$\frac{i}{\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}^C[\chi_{cl}] - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log[G_F \cdot G_F^{-1}[\chi_{cl}]] - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \log[G_{\bar{F}} \cdot G_{\bar{F}}^{-1}[\chi_{cl}]] = 2\pi i n + O(\lambda),$$

where $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}^C = -\frac{1}{2} \int_C dt \int d^3x (\chi_{cl} \square \chi_{cl} + (\chi_{cl})^4/2)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Contour C is closed and given no singularities of χ_{cl} one has $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}^C = 0$.

Perturbation series

Trace of log can be expanded into

$$\text{Tr} \log[G_F G_F^{-1}[\chi_{cl}]] = \text{Tr} \left[- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3i)^n}{n} (G_F \chi_{cl}^2)^n \right].$$

$$(G_F \chi_{cl}^2) = \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{k^2 + i\epsilon} \int d^4 x \chi_{cl}^2(x),$$

$$(G_F \chi_{cl}^2)^2 = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} [\chi^2]_{cl}(p) [\chi^2]_{cl}(-p) \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{-1}{(k^2 + i\epsilon)((k+p)^2 + i\epsilon)}.$$

$$\text{Tr} \log[\dots] = -3i(G_F(0) - G_{\bar{F}}(0)) \int d^4 x \chi_{cl}^2(x) + \frac{9}{2} \int d^4 x d^4 y \chi_{cl}^2(x) [G_F(x-y)^2 + G_{\bar{F}}(x-y)^2] \chi_{cl}^2(y)$$

First term is zero, the second is non trivial.

“Quantization”

Second term:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{9}{2} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \chi_{cl}^2(q) \chi_{cl}^2(-q) \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} (G_F(p) G_F(p+q) + G_{\bar{F}}(p) G_{\bar{F}}(p+q)) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \chi_{cl}^2(q) \chi_{cl}^2(-q) (\mathcal{M}_{s,1-loop}(q) - \mathcal{M}_{s,1-loop}^*(q)) . \end{aligned}$$

We find

$$\frac{i}{\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}^C[\chi_{cl}] - \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \chi_{cl}^2(q) \chi_{cl}^2(-q) \cdot \Im \mathcal{M}_{1-loop}(q) + \dots = 2\pi i n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} .$$

For massless quartic field ($\Im \mathcal{M}_{1-loop}(k) = 9/4\pi$, $\lambda = 1$) we obtain a weird “quantization” rule:

$$\frac{i}{\lambda} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}^C[\chi_{cl}] - \frac{9}{4\pi} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{BP}[\chi_{cl}] + \dots = 2\pi i n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z} ,$$

which is necessary for QFT unitarity around classical scattering solution. Let us check this out!

Lipaton

Solution in massless quartic scalar theory (Euclid: $ds^2 = d\tau^2 + dx^2$):

$$\chi(\tau, x) = \frac{\sqrt{8}\rho}{\tau^2 + x^2 - \rho^2},$$

Fourier:

$$\chi(\tau, k) = \frac{2\sqrt{\pi}\rho}{k} e^{-\text{sign}(\Re(\sqrt{\tau^2 - \rho^2}k))\sqrt{\tau^2 - \rho^2}k},$$

falls off in the limit $\tau \rightarrow \pm\infty$.

Linearization: vacuum coherent state limit is $\rho \rightarrow 0$.

Classical action

$$\tilde{S}_{BP} = 64\pi\rho^4 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \int_0^{+\infty} dr \frac{r^2}{(r^2 - t^2 - \rho^2)^4} = -\frac{8\pi^2}{3}i$$

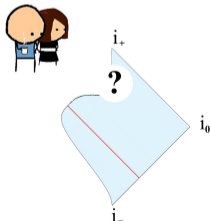
$$-\frac{9}{4\pi}\tilde{S}_{BP}[\chi_{cl}] = 2\pi i n, \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{n=3}.$$

Unitarity test: passed.

Final remarks

- We presented a semiclassical method to calculate scattering amplitudes in gravity with examples:
 - Model with regular core and shock wave tunneling from the black hole.
 - Model with dynamical boundary and massive particle consistent with thermodynamics.
- The test for unitarity of the model in terms of the path integral is proposed:
 - We derive a “quantization” condition for classical action in quartic scalar theory.

Thank you!



ε-regularization for dilaton gravity

We choose explicitly

$$T_{\text{int}} = \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \frac{f(\phi)}{\lambda^2} (\lambda^2 - (\partial_\mu \phi)^2)^2$$

where $f(\phi(r))$ has support on $r \gg r_0$

The metric has form $ds^2 = -e^{\nu(r)} dt^2 + e^{\zeta(r)} dr^2$ and $\phi = -\lambda r$, complexified field equations, e.g.

$$\partial_r (1 - e^{-\zeta}) + 2\lambda (1 - e^{-\zeta}) + \frac{i\varepsilon\lambda}{2} f(-\lambda r) e^{-2\lambda r} (1 - e^{-\zeta})^2 = 0,$$

have solution

$$1 - e^{-\zeta(r)} = \frac{M}{2\lambda} e^{-2\lambda r} \left(1 - \frac{i\varepsilon M}{4\lambda} \int_{-\infty}^{\phi(r)} d\phi f(\phi) \right)^{-1}$$

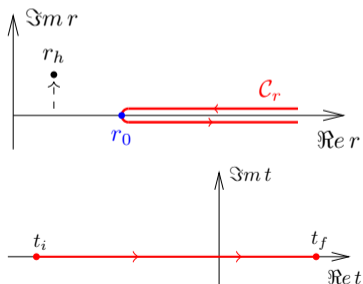
We see that inserting iT_{int} is equivalent to imaginary shift $M \mapsto M + i\varepsilon$.

How to deform time contour C

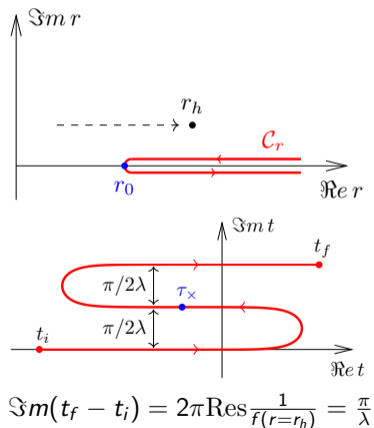
$$t(r) = \int dr \frac{\sqrt{f(r) - V_{\text{eff}}(r)}}{f(r)\dot{r}_*(r)},$$

$$\dot{r}_*(r) = \mp \sqrt{-V_{\text{eff}}(r)}$$

$M < M_{\text{cr}}$



$M > M_{\text{cr}}$



Calculation S_{tot} in boundary model

Gravitational part

- CGHS action

$$S_{CGHS} = 2 \int d^2x \sqrt{-g} \square e^{-2\phi}$$

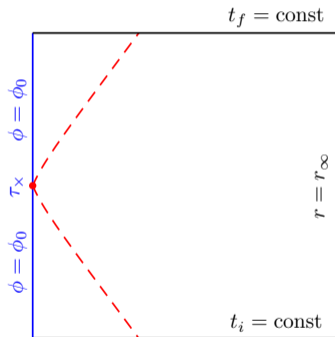
- Gibbons-Hawking action

$$S_{GH} = 2\kappa \int d\sigma e^{-2\phi} (K - K_0)$$

- $K_0 = 2\lambda$, $\kappa = 1$ at $r \rightarrow +\infty$
- $K_0 = 0$, $\kappa = -1$ at $t \rightarrow \pm\infty$

Field equations of motion \Rightarrow

$$S_{gr} = 2\kappa \oint d\sigma e^{-2\phi_0} K$$



Calculation S_{tot} in boundary model

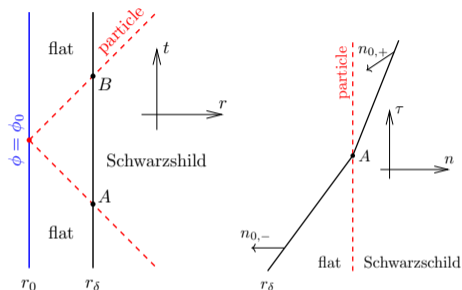
- Boundary $\phi = \phi_0$

$$S_{\phi_0} = 2e^{-2\phi_0} \int_{\phi=\phi_0} d\tau K$$

$$(n^\tau, n^n) = (-\text{sh}\psi(\tau), -\text{ch}\psi(\tau))$$

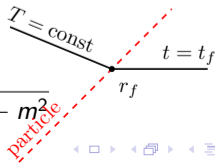
$$\int_{\phi=\phi_0} d\tau K = \psi_+ - \psi_-$$

$$K = 2\delta(\tau - \tau_0) \left(\text{arsh}\sqrt{-V_{\text{eff}}(r_0)} - \text{arsh}\sqrt{-V_{\text{eff}}(r_0)/f(r_0)} \right)$$



- Cauchy surfaces $t = t_{f,i}$

$$S_{t_f} = -2 \int d\sigma e^{-2\phi} K, \quad S_{t_f} = S_{t_i} \simeq \frac{p}{2\lambda}, \quad p = \sqrt{M^2 - m^2}$$



Calculation S_{tot} in boundary model

- Point particle action $S_m = -m \left[\int_{r_0}^{r_i} + \int_{r_0}^{r_f} \right] \frac{dr}{\sqrt{-V_{\text{eff}}(r)}}$

$$S_m = \frac{m^2}{\lambda p} \ln \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{Mm^2}{8M_{\text{cr}}p^2} + \frac{p_0}{2p} \right] - \frac{m^2(r_i + r_f - 2r_0)}{p}$$

- Contributions from in- and out- states

$$\Psi_{f,i} = \exp(\mp i p r_{\mp})$$

- Free point particle action $S_{m,0}$

$$S_0(t_i, 0_-) = p(r_- - r_i) - Mt_i, \quad S_0(0_+, t_f) = p(r_+ - r_f) + Mt_f$$

$$t_f - t_i = \frac{M(r_i + r_f - 2r_0)}{p} + \dots$$

Calculation S_{tot} in boundary model

Nasty crocodile

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{tot}} = & -\frac{M - M_{\text{cr}}}{\lambda} \ln \left(1 - \frac{M + i\varepsilon}{M_{\text{cr}}} \right) + \frac{p}{\lambda} \left(1 - \ln \frac{M_{\text{cr}}}{2\lambda} \right) + \\
 & -\frac{p}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{Mm^2}{8M_{\text{cr}}p^2} + \frac{p_0}{2p} \right) + \frac{2M_{\text{cr}}}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{4M_{\text{cr}}(p_0 + M) + m^2}{4M_{\text{cr}}(p_0 + M) - m^2} \right) + \\
 & + \frac{M}{\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{4M^3 - 3m^2M + (4M^2 - m^2)p_0}{(p + M)^3} + \frac{m^2(4M^2 + m^2)}{4M_{\text{cr}}(p + M)^3} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $p_0 = \sqrt{(M + m^2/4M_{\text{cr}})^2 - m^2}$.

Part which survives in the limit $m \rightarrow 0$.