

The Hawking Energy in Linearly Perturbed FLRW

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Motivation & Context

- Challenge of defining energy in GR:
 - Equivalence Principle: can locally set the gravitational field to zero
→ standard (**local**) definition of gravitational energy momentum via $T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{|g|}} \frac{\delta S}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}$ not working
 - Go quasi-local: assign energy to finitely-sized spacetime domains, connecting to asymptotic mass/energy definitions

Question: definition in a restricted, yet relevant set-up possible?

- Set-up → **lightcone**: cosmological data collected on that hypersurface, unique geometrical structure
- E_H defined in terms of expansion scalars of null congruences
⇒ intuitive choice when applied to lightcone generating null congruence

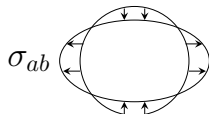
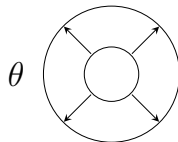
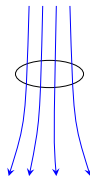
"Study E_H as tentative measure of the observable universe for a given observer to address cosmological questions"

Governing Equations

- $C^-(p)$ is a null hypersurface generated by the past null geodesic congruence issued at p with tangent vectors l^a
- The shape of cross sections of null congruence described by **expansion** θ and **shear** tensor σ_{ab}
- Their change along l^a is given by the optical equations:

$$\dot{\theta} = -\frac{1}{2}\theta^2 - \sigma_{ab}\sigma^{ab} - R_{ab}l^al^b \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{\sigma}_{ab} = -\theta\sigma_{ab} - C_{acbd}l^cl^d \quad (2)$$



Definition of the Hawking Energy

- Given a spacetime (M, g) , take a spacelike (topol.) 2-sphere S with area $A(S) = \int_S dS$.
- \exists past-directed outgoing and ingoing null geodesic congruences $\perp S$ with expansion scalars θ_+ & θ_- .
- Idea: energy in 3-volume surrounded by S affects the light bending on S .

Def. Hawking Energy E (Hawking 1968)

Given a spacelike 2-sphere S , the Hawking energy E is defined as

$$E_H(S) := \frac{\sqrt{A(S)}}{(4\pi)^{3/2}} \left[2\pi + \frac{1}{4} \int_S \theta_+ \theta_- dS \right] \quad (3)$$

- Many useful properties & connections to energy definitions in special cases were established

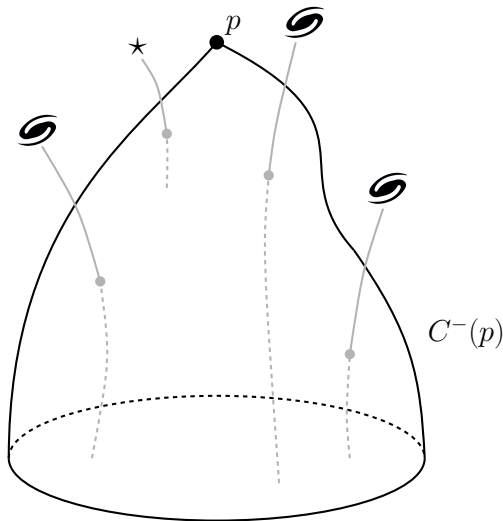
Properties of E_H

- In the limit of S degenerating to a point, $E(S) \rightarrow 0$.
- Positivity for small sphere of radius r around $p \in M$ in the limit $r \rightarrow 0$ (Horowitz & Schmidt 1982):
 - non-vacuum: $E \sim r^3 T_{ab} t^a t^b \geq 0$ if DEC holds
 - vacuum: $E \sim B_{abcd} t^a t^b t^c t^d \geq 0$

T_{ab} : energy-momentum tensor, B_{abcd} : Bel-Robinson tensor, t^a unit timelike vector

- For a section of the Kerr-Newman horizon: $E = M_{\text{irr}}$.
- For large spheres near \mathcal{I}^+ : $E \rightarrow E_{\text{Bondi-Sachs}}$ (Hawking 1968).
- For large spheres near i^0 : $E \rightarrow E_{\text{ADM}}$ (Eardley 1979).
- In spherical symmetry: $E = E_{\text{Misner-Sharp}}$ (Hayward 1996).

Observable Universe & Cosmological Set-up



- Observable Universe at p (observer) given by the past lightcone $C^-(p)$
- $C^-(p)$ unique geometric object
- Approximate observations to happen instantaneously at p , because $t_{\text{obs}} \ll t_{\text{cosm}}$
- **Weak gravitational lensing regime:** $C^-(p)$ deformed, but no multiple imaging
 $\Rightarrow C^-(p) \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^2$

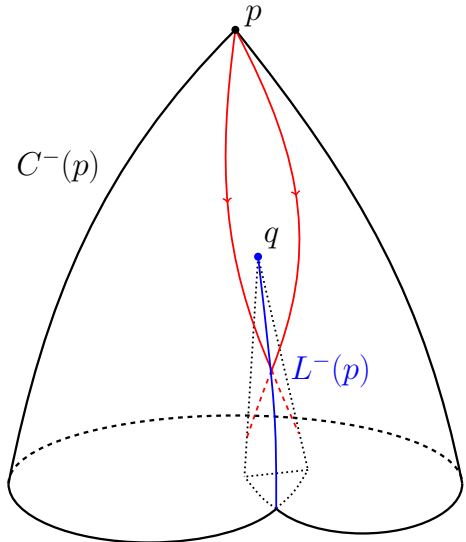
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- Topology of $C^-(p)$ changes

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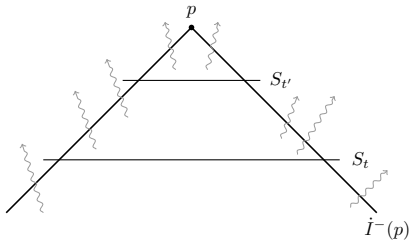


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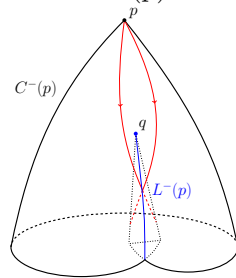
The Hawking Energy on the Lightcone (I)

Goal: to study behaviour of the Hawking energy down the past lightcone for a given affine parameter slicing S_λ .

Monotonicity intuitively clear:



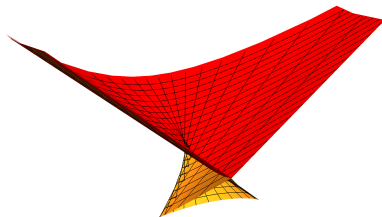
Take only the exterior of the lightcone $C^-(p) \cap \dot{I}^-(p)$!



\Rightarrow Study $E(S_\lambda)$ with $S_\lambda \simeq S^2$ and $C^-(p) \cap \dot{I}^-(p) = \cup_\lambda S_\lambda$.

The Hawking Energy on the Lightcone (II)

- **Weak Lensing regime:**
monotonicity intuitively clear,
can be shown rigorously
(Eardley 1978)
- **Strong Lensing regime:**
 E well-defined for (isolated)
stable strong lenses; in general
not monotonic anymore



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{E}(S) = & \frac{E(S)}{2A(S)} \int_S \theta_+ \, dS + \frac{\sqrt{A(S)}}{(4\pi)^{3/2}} \int_S \left\{ -(\theta_- \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_+^{ab} + \theta_+ \sigma_{ab}^- \sigma_+^{ab}) \right. \\ & \left. - 8\pi \left(\theta_- T_{ll} + \theta_+ \left[T_{ln} + \frac{1}{6} T \right] \right) + \theta_+ D_a \Omega^a \right\} dS \end{aligned}$$

→ DS, Class.Quant.Grav. 2021, arXiv:2003.13583

Energy in Spatially Flat FLRW Spacetimes

- Matter: perfect fluid with density $\rho(z) = \rho_0 \exp \left[3 \int_0^z \frac{1+w(\tilde{z})}{1+\tilde{z}} d\tilde{z} \right]$,
EOS $P(z) = w(z)\rho(z)$, satisfying DEC $|w| \leq 1$,
- E_H for const. redshift lightcone slices:

$$E(z) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho(z) D^3(z) \quad ,$$

with area/angular diameter distance $D(z) = \frac{1}{1+z} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$

Monotonicity for $z \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'(z) &= \underbrace{\frac{4\pi\rho(z)}{(1+z)^3} \left(\int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')} \right)^2}_{=: \alpha \geq 0} \cdot \left[\underbrace{\frac{w(z)}{1+z} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}}_{\geq \frac{z}{H(z)}} + \frac{1}{H(z)} \right] \\
 &\geq \frac{\alpha}{H(z)} \left(1 - \frac{z}{z+1} \right) \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Linearly Perturbed FLRW

- Standard framework to analyse & interpret cosmological observations & data

⇒ *Can E be linked to observables?*

- Here: scalar perturbations in longitudinal gauge for simplicity:

$$ds^2 = a^2(t) \left[-(1 + 2\Psi) dt^2 + (1 - 2\Phi) (dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega) \right] ,$$

with Bardeen potentials Ψ and Φ Energy-momentum tensor:

$$\begin{aligned} T_0^0 &= -\bar{\rho}(1 + \delta) \quad , \quad T_j^i = \bar{P} [(1 + \pi_L)\delta_j^i + \Pi_j^i] \\ T_0^j &= -(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})v^j \quad , \quad T_j^0 = (\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})v_j \end{aligned}$$

with density perturbation δ , isotropic stress perturbation π_L , anisotropic stress Π_j^i , velocity perturbation v^j

E in linearly perturbed FLRW

(R. Durrer et D. Stock in prep.)

$$E(z) = \bar{E} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{S_z} \left[3 \frac{\delta D}{\bar{D}} + \frac{3}{4} (\Psi + \Phi) + \frac{1}{2} \delta - \frac{3}{4} \bar{w} \Pi_r^r \right] d\bar{\Omega} \right)$$

Terms appearing:

- $\bar{E} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho D^3$: energy of the FLRW background
 - $\frac{\delta D}{\bar{D}}$: (rel.) area distance fluctuations
 - $\Psi + \Phi$: Sachs-Wolfe effect
 - δ : matter density fluct.
 - Π_r : (radial) anisotropic stress
- $\Rightarrow E$ is a gauge-invariant quantity based on observables!

How to measure the contributions?

- For perfect fluids: $\Pi_r^r = 0$.
- Area distance fluctuation: $\frac{\delta D}{D} = \frac{\delta D_L}{D_L}$, D_L : luminosity distance
- δ related to galaxy number count fluctuations Δ and volume perturbation δV (Bonvin, Durrer):

$$\Delta(\theta, \phi, z) = b \delta(\theta, \phi, z) + \frac{\delta V(\theta, \phi, z)}{\bar{V}(z)}$$

b: bias factor

Given two tracer populations "1" and "2", we find:

$$\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 = (b_1 - b_2) \delta$$

- $\Psi + \Phi$: standard lensing term in LSS analysis

In Practice: Variance of E_H

- Found that: $E(z) = \bar{E}(1 + \int \epsilon d\bar{\Omega})$; write $E(z) = \bar{E}(z) + \delta E(z)$
- Cannot measure background quantities, only expectation values $\langle . \rangle$ in the statistical ensemble
- Assuming that $\langle E \rangle = \bar{E}$:

$$\langle \delta E \rangle = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \langle \delta E^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

- $\int \epsilon d\bar{\Omega}$ just contains a monopole
- Can study the angular decomposition of the "energy surface density" $\epsilon(z, \theta, \varphi)$

Summary & Outlook

- Hawking energy E_H interesting & well-behaved physical quantity on the lightcone
 - Monotonicity & positivity can be established in the weak lensing regime (no caustics); also for flat FLRW spacetimes with matter obeying the DEC
 - E_H is a gauge invariant quantity and within linear perturbation theory can be directly related to standard cosmological observables
- ⇒ Next step: study magnitude of the different contributions

Thank you for your attention!



Extensions & Generalisations of E_H

- For a metric 2-sphere in Minkowski: $E = 0$; not the case for general 2-sphere.
- Hayward (1993) generalised the Hawking energy to achieve a vanishing energy for any sphere in Minkowski space by including shear & twist terms; however, $E < 0$ for small spheres in vacuum
- Hawking energy can also be defined for higher genus surfaces (S, g) :

$$E(S) = \frac{\pi^{3/2}}{32} \sqrt{A(S)} \left(8\pi(1 - g) + \int_S \theta_+ \theta_- \right)$$

- Domain additivity:
Assume two disconnected pieces $S = S_1 \cup S_2$ with $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$, then

$$\frac{E(S)}{\sqrt{A(S)}} = \frac{E(S_1)}{\sqrt{A(S_1)}} + \frac{E(S_2)}{\sqrt{A(S_2)}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad E(S) > E(S_1) + E(S_2)$$

\Rightarrow Superadditivity!

Appendix A: Comparing (In)homogeneous Domains

- Consider a spacetime filled with an ideal fluid, and S a non-trapped sphere with area radius D .
- The Hawking energy of S with $A(S) =: 4\pi D^2$ can also be written as

$$E(S) = D^3 \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \langle \rho \rangle_S + \frac{1}{2} \langle \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_{-}^{ab} \rangle_S \right) .$$

- Comparing the energies of a general and a shear-free domain of **equal size D and average density $\langle \rho \rangle_S$** $\Rightarrow \delta E = \frac{D^3}{2} \langle \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_{-}^{ab} \rangle_S$
- Integrating the Gauss equation yields a bound on the shear term:

$$\langle \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_{-}^{ab} \rangle_S \leq \frac{4\pi}{A} - \frac{8\pi}{3} \langle \rho \rangle_S$$

If $\langle \rho \rangle_S > \frac{3}{2A}$, a shear-free domain maximises the energy for given size A and $\langle \rho \rangle_S$.

Appendix B: Towards Addressing the Fitting Problem

RW reference slices can be constructed based on E and A for e.g. given affine parameter λ :

- From $E(S_\lambda) = E(\bar{S}_\lambda) \Rightarrow \bar{\rho}(\lambda) = \langle \rho \rangle_{S_\lambda} + \frac{3}{8\pi} \langle \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_{-}^{ab} \rangle_{S_\lambda}$
- From $A(S_\lambda) = A(\bar{S}_\lambda)$ and equality of first and second derivative \Rightarrow

$$\bar{\rho}(1 + \bar{w})(1 + \bar{z})^2 = \underbrace{\langle \rho(1 + w)(1 + z)^2 \rangle_{S_\lambda}}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \underbrace{\langle \sigma_{ab}^+ \sigma_{+}^{ab} \rangle_{S_\lambda}}_{\geq 0} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \underbrace{\left(\langle \theta_{+} \rangle_{S_\lambda}^2 - \langle \theta_{+}^2 \rangle_{S_\lambda} \right)}_{\leq 0}$$

- Slicewise procedure is a step towards fitting problem based on geometric quantities
- Construction of FLRW reference lightcone possible, if **either** A **or** E are fixed \Rightarrow full fitting problem

Appendix C: Fitting Problem Based on A or E_H

A whole FLRW-reference lightcone can in principle be constructed by fixing either energy **or** area by solving

$$H[(1+z)^2 HD']' = -4\pi\rho(1+w)D \quad (4)$$

recalling that $H = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi}{3}\rho - K(1+z)^2}$ and $1+w = \frac{1}{3}(1+z)\frac{\rho'}{\rho}$

- For given area distance D : \Rightarrow solve for $\rho(z)$
- For given energy E , use $\rho = \frac{3}{4\pi} \frac{E}{D^3}$
 \Rightarrow solve for $D(z)$

Fitting problem based on lightcones can be addressed geometrically