

BOUNDARY STRESS TENSORS IN A TIME DEPENDENT SPACETIME

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Abstract

We take a null hypersurface (causal horizon) generated by a congruence of null geodesics as the boundary of the Doran - Lobo - Crawford spacetime to be the place where the Brown - York quasilocal energy is located. The components of the outer and inner stress tensors are computed and depend on time and the impact parameter b of the test particle trajectory.

The surface energy density σ on the boundary is given by the same expression as that obtained previously for the energy stored on the Rindler horizon. For long time intervals with respect to b (when the stretched horizon tends to the causal one), the components of the stress tensors become constant.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Einstein's equations of General Relativity, like Newton's law for gravitation, indicate that matter is the source for gravity. On the grounds of the Equivalence Principle, Khoury and Parikh [1] ask the question : if gravity depends on matter, can acceleration be attributed to matter? But the matter distribution is encoded in the stress-energy tensor. Therefore, where the energy and stresses are localized, as we could accelerate even in Minkowski space, which is empty, at least according to the actual view?

There has been an increased interest in boundary matter in recent years. Usually, the boundary conditions for the metric are in the form of an induced metric and extrinsic curvature for some hypersurface. It appears, for example, in the so called black hole's fluid membrane model of the stretched horizon [2] [3]. It is worth to note that the Gibbons - Hawking term in the Einstein -

Hilbert action is a surface integral over the outer boundary of spacetime and not over the stretched horizon.

As Khoury and Parikh have conjectured, "matter refers to both bulk and boundary stress tensors". They uniquely specify the geometry of spacetime. This may be recognized from the fact that the bulk stress tensor does not fully determine the Riemann tensor.

Our purpose in this paper is to find the expressions for the stress tensors for the boundary matter, i.e. the Brown - York gravitational energy for the inner and outer regions of the boundary, as well as for the stress tensor constructed from the intrinsic geometry on the boundary. We start with the black hole interior geometry [4] and take a hypersurface orthogonal to a congruence of null geodesics [5] [6] as the boundary of spacetime (it plays the same role as the stretched horizon in the Parikh-Wilczek membrane paradigm of the horizon, for long time intervals).

2 THE DORAN-LOBO-CRAWFORD SPACE-TIME

It is a well-known fact that the geometry inside the horizon of a Schwarzschild black hole is dynamic since the radial coordinate becomes timelike and the metric is time dependent. It is given by

$$ds^2 = - \left(\frac{2m}{t} - 1 \right)^{-1} dt^2 + \left(\frac{2m}{t} - 1 \right) dz^2 + t^2 d\Omega^2 \quad (2.1)$$

where m is the mass of the black hole, z plays the role of the radial coordinate, with $-\infty < z < +\infty$ and $d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2$. Throughout the paper the velocity of light $c = 1$.

Doran et al. [7] have taken into consideration the case of a time-dependent $m(t)$, when the metric (2.1) is no longer a solution of the vacuum Einstein equations. They observed that the spacetime acquires an instantaneous Minkowski form for $m(t) = t$, although the curvature is nonzero

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + dz^2 + t^2 d\Omega^2 \quad (2.2)$$

A geodesic particle with constant angular coordinates moves exactly as in flat space.

Our aim is to apply the Khoury - Parikh prescription to compute the boundary stress tensor replacing the boundary conditions by boundary sources (the knowledge of the bulk geometry from Einstein's equations is not sufficient : we need also to add matter on the boundary). The authors of [1] localize the boundary stress energy on the horizon of the spacetime (be it de Sitter, Rindler or anti de Sitter horizon).

The situation is different in Minkowski space : because of the lack of a horizon, the location of the boundary was chosen to be a two-sphere at some fixed large radius r_0 [1], where the geometry is just the Einstein static universe.

But what is the physical meaning of r_0 or of its order of magnitude? Our choice for the location of the boundary matter is a null hypersurface generated by a congruence of null geodesics (the causal horizon). The null geodesics for the metric (2.2) have been computed in [4]. From (2.2) we have

$$\dot{t}^2 - \dot{z}^2 - t^2 \dot{\phi}^2 = 0, \quad (\theta = \pi/2) \quad (2.3)$$

where an overdot denotes the derivative with respect to the affine parameter λ along the null geodesic. Keeping in mind that $\dot{z} = \text{const.} \equiv p_z$ and $\dot{\phi} = L/t^2$, where the conserved quantities p_z and L are the momentum along the z - direction per unit mass and, respectively, the angular momentum per unit mass, one obtains

$$z(t) = \pm \sqrt{t^2 + b^2}, \quad \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \pm \frac{b}{t\sqrt{t^2 + b^2}} \quad (2.4)$$

where $b \equiv L/p_z$ plays the role of an impact parameter .

We observe that the projection of the null particle trajectory on the z - axis is a hyperbola where $a \equiv 1/b$ may be interpreted as the rest-system acceleration. It is worth to note that $d\phi/dt$ decreases very fast with time while dz/dt tends to unity. Therefore we neglect $d\phi/dt$ in the regime $t \gg b$, a situation when the null test particle moves approximately on the z - axis. That means to replace the causal horizon with a "stretched" horizon [1] and take $t \rightarrow \infty$ in the final result for the components of the boundary (which now becomes timelike) stress tensor.

3 THE STRESS TENSOR OF THE BOUNDARY SOURCES

Let us compute now the components of the extrinsic curvature of the timelike hypersurface S , given by

$$z - \sqrt{t^2 + b^2} = 0. \quad (3.1)$$

Using the Berezin- Kuzmin - Tkachev method [8], we obtain the components of the normal vector

$$n_\alpha = \left(-\frac{t}{b}, \frac{z}{b}, 0, 0\right) \quad (3.2)$$

with $z = \sqrt{t^2 + b^2}$ and $n_\alpha n^\alpha = 1$. Using (3.2), the induced metric on S , embedded in the spacetime (2.2), is

$$h_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} - n_\alpha n_\beta \quad (3.3)$$

Therefore, for the tt , $\theta\theta$ and $\phi\phi$ components of the extrinsic curvature tensor

$$K_{\alpha\beta} = -\nabla_\alpha n_\beta \quad (3.4)$$

one obtains

$$K_t^t = K_\theta^\theta = K_\phi^\phi = -\frac{1}{b} \quad (3.5)$$

Let us find now the Ricci tensor on the surface (3.1), namely the intrinsic curvatures of S , using the Gauss - Codazzi equations [9] [10]

$${}^3R + K_{ij}K^{ij} - (K_i^i)^2 = -2G_{\alpha\beta}n^\alpha n^\beta \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$G_j^i = {}^3G_j^i - K_l^i K_j^l + \frac{1}{2}\delta_j^i [(K_l^l)^2 + K_l^l K_j^l] \quad (3.7)$$

where i, j correspond to (t, θ, ϕ) , and 3R , ${}^3G_j^i$ are the scalar curvature and Einstein's tensor on S , respectively. By means of (3.2), (3.5) and the fact that, in the spacetime (2.2) [4],

$$R_{tt} = R_{zz} = R_{zt} = 0, \quad R_{\theta\theta} = \frac{R_{\phi\phi}}{\sin^2\theta} = 2, \quad R_\alpha^\alpha = \frac{4}{t^2} \quad (3.8)$$

we reach at the following expressions

$${}^3R = \frac{4}{t^2} + \frac{6}{b^2}, \quad {}^3R_t^t = 0, \quad {}^3R_\theta^\theta = {}^3R_\phi^\phi = \frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{3}{b^2} \quad (3.9)$$

and

$${}^3G_t^t = -\frac{2}{t^2} - \frac{3}{b^2}, \quad {}^3G_\theta^\theta = {}^3G_\phi^\phi = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

We are now in a position to find the expressions of the quasi-local stress energy $T_{\alpha\beta}^{in}$ defined on the boundary of the inner spacetime region M_{in}

$$8\pi G_4 T_{\alpha\beta}^{in} = K_\nu^\nu h_{\alpha\beta} - K_{\alpha\beta} \quad (3.11)$$

and of the stress tensor $T_{\alpha\beta}^{out}$ for the boundary matter (the Brown - York holographic stress tensor for the outer spacetime M_{out}) [1]

$${}^3G_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi G_3 (T_{\alpha\beta}^{in} + T_{\alpha\beta}^{out}) \quad (3.12)$$

From the viewpoint of an observer in M_{in} , S encodes the effects of M_{out} . In the previous equations, G_4 and G_3 are the 4-dimensional Newton's constant and the 3-dimensional one, respectively, ${}^3G_{\alpha\beta}$ is the intrinsic Einstein tensor on the boundary surface, obtained from (3.10).

The equations (3.11) and (3.5) yield

$$8\pi G_4 T_t^{t,in} = 8\pi G_4 T_\theta^{\theta,in} = 8\pi G_4 T_\phi^{\phi,in} = -\frac{2}{b} \quad (3.13)$$

Combining (3.10) and (3.13), one obtains

$$-\frac{2}{b} \frac{G_3}{G_4} + 8\pi G_3 T_t^{t,out} = -\frac{2}{t^2} - \frac{3}{b^2} \quad (3.14)$$

and

$$-\frac{2}{b} \frac{G_3}{G_4} + 8\pi G_3 T_\theta^{\theta,out} = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

We make the conjecture that

$$\frac{G_3}{G_4} = \frac{1}{b}, \quad (3.16)$$

to be in accordance with the brane-world scenarios (see also [1]). Therefore, the components of $T_{\alpha\beta}^{out}$ are given by

$$T_t^{t,out} = -\frac{1}{8\pi G_3} \left(\frac{2}{t^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \quad (3.17)$$

and

$$T_\theta^{\theta,out} = T_\phi^{\phi,out} = \frac{1}{8\pi G_3} \frac{2}{b^2} \quad (3.18)$$

Let us notice that, in our sign conventions, $T_t^{t,in}$ is minus the surface energy density σ on S . Keeping in mind that $b = 1/a$, we have

$$a = 4\pi G_4 \sigma, \quad (3.19)$$

a result already obtained in [11] for the energy stored on the Rindler horizon. In addition, when $t \gg b$, the surface S becomes null (the causal horizon) since $z(t) \approx t$ and the term $2/t^2$ may be neglected from the expression of $T_{\alpha\beta}^{out}, T_{\alpha\beta}^{in}$ and all the components depend only on the impact parameter b . From (3.16) one infers that a very large b leads to the cancellation of gravity (G_3 tends to zero) on the boundary S .

4 CONCLUSIONS

On the same line as Khoury and Parikh, we underlined in this paper the role played by the boundary matter in determining the geometry of a spacetime, besides the bulk matter.

The boundary where the Brown - York gravitational energy is localized was chosen to be the causal horizon of the Doran - Lobo - Crawford geometry, generated by a congruence of null geodesics.

Using the 3+1 ADM splitting of Einstein's equations, we found the intrinsic geometry on the "stretched" horizon and the components of the interior and exterior stress tensors corresponding to the Brown - York gravitational energy of the two spacetime regions.

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