# Black Hole Evaporation from the perspective of Quantum Gravity

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# Plan:

Standard picture of BH Evaporation and ensuing Information Loss Problem

- The Ashekar- Bojowald paradigm as a possible solution to Info Loss Problem
- Detailed analysis of 2 dimensional BHs

Classical Black Hole:



# Hawking's Picture of BH Evaporation:



- **BH** radiates at  $\mathbf{kT}_{\mathbf{H}} = rac{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{P}}}{\mathbf{M}} \ \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{P}} \mathbf{c}^{\mathbf{2}}$ .
- $\blacksquare$  More it radiates, the hotter it gets. But temp small for large black holes.  ${\bf M}$  =Solar mass,  ${\bf T_H}\sim 10^{-8}{}^{\circ}{\bf K}$
- So evaporation very slow till  $\mathbf{M} \sim \mathbf{m_P}$ . Quasistatic process.
- Endpt =  $m_P$  + Hawking Radiation. Initial matter = pure quantum state  $\Rightarrow$  INFO LOSS.



- A quantum extension of classical sptime opens up beyond singularity.
- Info recovered thru correlations of Hawking Radiation with matter on "other side of singularity"

#### CGHS Model:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{ab}}, \phi) - \frac{1}{2} \int \mathbf{d}^2 \mathbf{x} \sqrt{\mathbf{g}} \mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{ab}} \nabla_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{f} \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{f}$$

Coupling constants:  $[\mathbf{G}] = \mathbf{M^{-1}}\mathbf{L^{-1}}$   $[\kappa] = \mathbf{L^{-1}}$ 

2d: 
$$g^{ab} = \Omega \eta^{ab}$$
,  $\eta \to -(dt)^2 + (dz)^2$ , null coordinates:  $z^{\pm} = t \pm z$ 

Equations of Motion:

$$\partial_+\partial_-\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_+(\mathbf{z}^+) + \mathbf{f}_-(\mathbf{z}_-)$$

Remaining eqns can be solved for the metric and dilaton in terms of stress energy of f. Thus, true degrees of freedom  $= f_+(z^+), f_-(z^-)$ 



- QFT on CS calculation a'la Hawking (Giddings, Nelson) yields Hawking radiation at  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  with  $\mathbf{kT}_{\mathbf{H}} = \kappa \hbar$  indep of mass.
- Remark: BH Sptime occupies only part of  $(z^+, z^-)$  plane.

#### FULL QUANTUM THEORY:

$$\partial_+\partial_-\mathbf{\hat{f}} = \mathbf{0}: \mathbf{\hat{f}} = \mathbf{\hat{f}}_+(\mathbf{z}^+) + \mathbf{\hat{f}}_-(\mathbf{z}_-)$$

 $\mathbf{f} = \mathsf{free} \mathsf{scalar} \mathsf{field} \mathsf{on} \eta_{\mathbf{ab}}.$ 

Fock repn: $\mathcal{F}^+ \times \mathcal{F}^-$ .

#### Arena for Quantum Theory is entire Minkowskian Plane

- Note:  $\mathcal{F}^+ \times \mathcal{F}^-$  is Hilbert space for gravity-dilaton-matter system, not only for matter.
- Dilaton, Metric are operators on this Hilbert space and satisfy (at the moment, formal) operator eqns relating them to  $\hat{T}_{ab}$ .
- Open Issue: QFT on Quantum sptime,  $\mathbf{\hat{T}_{ab}}=\mathbf{\hat{T}_{ab}}(\mathbf{\hat{\Omega}})$
- Despite this, framework itself allows an analysis of Info Loss Problem.

Info Loss Issue Phrased in Full Quantum Theory Terms:

- Choose "quantum black hole" state  $|{\bf f}_+\rangle\times|0_-\rangle$  analog of classical data  ${\bf f}={\bf f}_+({\bf z}^+), {\bf f}_-=0$
- Info loss issue takes the form: What happens to  $|0_-\rangle$  part of the state during BH evaporation?

We shall extract physics from the operator equations using different approximations/Ansatz:

- Trial Solution to the Operator eqns using  $\eta_{ab}$  to define stress energy operator
- Mean Field approximation (analog of semiclassical gravity)

#### Trial Solution to Oprtr Eqns:

- Use  $\eta_{ab}$  to define  $\mathbf{\hat{T}}_{ab}$ . Then  $\mathbf{\hat{T}}_{+-} = \mathbf{0}$ , can solve oprtrequations explicitly
- Exp value  $\langle \hat{\mathbf{\Omega}} 
  angle = \mathbf{\Omega_{classical}}!$
- $\blacksquare$  On singularity  $\langle \hat{\Omega} \rangle = 0$  but  $\hat{\Omega}$  still well defined as operator.
- Near classical singularity: Certain physically relevant operators (related to the quasilocal energy) have large fluctuations
  - $\Rightarrow$  Exp values not to be trusted.
- Ω well defined on whole Minkowskian plane, even "above" singularity: Quantum Extension of Classical Spacetime.



- **Hawking Effect:** Quantum State of gravity-dilaton-matter system  $|\mathbf{f}_+\rangle \times |\mathbf{0}_-\rangle$ .  $|\mathbf{0}_-\rangle$  interpreted by asymptotic inertial observers in expectation-value- geometry at  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{Rclassical}}$  as Hawking radiation!
- But: No backreaction of this radtn

#### Mean Field Approximation:

- Take exp value of oprtr equations w.r.to  $|{f f}_+
  angle imes |{f 0}_angle.$
- Neglect fluctuations of gravity-dilaton but not of matter
- Get exact analog of "semiclassical gravity" 4d eqns, " $\mathbf{G}_{ab} = 8\pi \mathbf{G} \langle \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{ab} \rangle$ ".
- $\blacksquare$  Here  $\langle {\bf \hat{T}_{ab}} \rangle \sim$  classical  $+0(\hbar)$  (geometry)

#### Mean Field Numerical Soln:

MF eqns for CGHS studied numerically by Piran-Strominger-Lowe, analytically by Susskind-Thorlacius:



#### Asymptotic Analysis near $\mathcal{I}_R^+$ :

- Knowledge of underlying quantum state of CGHS system + MFA eqns near  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  dictate the response of asympt geometry to energy flux at  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$ .
- Analysis of eqns implies:
- If Bondi flux smoothly vanishes along  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  then  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}|_{\mathrm{MFA}}$  is exactly as long as  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}|_{\eta_{\mathbf{ab}}}$
- $|0-\rangle$  is a normalized pure state in Hilbert space of freely falling observers (for  $g_{ab}$ ) at  $\mathcal{I}_{R}^{+}$  $\Rightarrow$  **NO INFO LOSS**.

## FINAL PICTURE:



- Interior to past of MFA singularity: MFA numerics.
- Near  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$ : Asymptotic Analysis
- Conceptual underpinnings provided by oprtr equations suggest:
  - singularity resolution
  - extension of classical sptime

- $\blacksquare \left| 0_{-} \right\rangle$  is pure state populated with particles in Hilbert space of asymp observers
- Information emerges in correlations between ptcles emitted at early and late times
- Open issue: How fast does the information come out? What exactly is information in QFT?

## BACK TO NUMERICS



- Interesting questions: Is  $\mathcal{I}_R^+$  of Mean Field Sptime complete? Is curvature finite near last ray?
- No! and Yes! due to state of the art numerical simulations (see Ashtekar- Pretorius- Ramazanoglu)

#### SUMMARY:

Non-pert quantization + MFA numerics + asympt analysis point to unitary pic of BH evaporation with key features:

Singularity Resolution.

Extension of Classical Sptime.

No such thing as classically empty sptime.

**NOTE:** MFA requires large N, can be taken care of.

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#### IMPORTANT CAVEAT:

- Symptotic analysis  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_R^+|_{MFA} = \mathcal{I}_R^+|_{\eta_{ab}}$ " rests on key assumption of **SMOOTH** vanishing of Bondi flux.
- With a  $(\frac{1}{\text{distance}})^2$  fall off, Asympt Analysis admits the pbility that  $\mathcal{I}_R^+$  of MFA sptime ends **BEFORE**  $\mathcal{I}_R^+|_{\eta_{ab}}$  ends. This pbility implies Info Loss with respect to observers at physical  $\mathcal{I}_R^+$  and suggests a "Thunderbolt" null singularity.

#### INFO LOSS PROBLEM:



- $|0_{-}\rangle$  is pure state in Hilbert space of asymp observers
- Intuitively "nothing emmitted after  $\mathbf{P}''$ , "All info emerges before  $\mathbf{P}$  in Hawking radtn".

 $\Rightarrow |\Psi\rangle = |vac\rangle_{>\mathbf{P}} \otimes |\mathbf{purestate}\rangle_{<\mathbf{P}}.$ NOT TRUE!  $\langle \mathbf{\hat{f}}(\mathbf{P_1})\mathbf{\hat{f}}(\mathbf{P_0}) \rangle \neq 0$  - Correlations! Where does intuition go wrong? Impossible (?) to localise states (Reeh-Schlieder?)to before/after  $\mathbf{P} \Rightarrow$  no split  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{>\mathbf{P}} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{<\mathbf{P}}$ 

- Can we do this split "approximately" and say that Hawking radtn is "approximately" pure?
- Use ptcle basis. Ptcle concept nonlocal. Can't localise ptcles only to future/past of P. Use orthornormal set of peaked modes. Localiztn approximate because modes always have tails.
- Find  $\hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{P}} = \mathbf{Tr}_{>\mathbf{P}} |\mathbf{0}_{-}\rangle \langle \mathbf{0}_{-}|$ . Calculate  $\mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{P}} = -\mathbf{Tr}\hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{P}} \ln \hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{P}}$ .
- Is S<sub>P</sub> "approx" zero? How fast does S<sub>Q</sub>|<sub>Q→P</sub> decrease? (Depends on how peaked the modes are.Ones in use have very long tails. Can we do better?) Imp to know vis a vis remnants.

#### Asymptotic Analysis near $\mathcal{I}_R^+$ :

- Knowledge of underlying quantum state of CGHS system + MFA eqns near  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  dictate the response of asympt geometry to energy flux at  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$ .
- But where is  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  located ?
- want MFA soln = classical soln at early times i.e., at  ${\cal I}_{\bf L}^-, {\cal I}_{\bf R}^-$  and early on  ${\cal I}_{\bf R}^+$
- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{L},\mathbf{R}}^{-}|_{\mathrm{class}} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{L},\mathbf{R}}^{-}|_{\eta_{\mathbf{ab}}}, \ \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+}|_{\mathrm{class}}^{\mathrm{early}} = \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+}|_{\eta_{\mathbf{ab}}}^{\mathrm{early}}, \\ \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+}|_{\mathrm{MFA}} = \text{null line} \\ \Rightarrow \ \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+}|_{\mathrm{MFA}}^{\mathrm{early}} = \ \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+}|_{\eta_{\mathbf{ab}}}^{\mathrm{early}} \text{ (along } \mathbf{z}^{+} = +\infty) \end{array}$

Analysis of eqns implies (almost) uniquely:

- If Hawking flux smoothly vanishes along  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$  then  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}|_{\mathrm{MFA}}$  is exactly as long as  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}|_{\eta_{\mathbf{ab}}}$
- $|0-\rangle$  is a normalized pure state in Hilbert space of freely falling observers (for  $g_{ab}$ ) at  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{NO}$  INFO LOSS.

# In Detail

- Ansatz for  $\mathbf{\Phi}, \mathbf{\Theta}$  consistent with asymp flatness near  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$
- Eqns constrain fnal dependence of Ansatz. Left with 1 eqn relating 2 functions  $\mathbf{y}^-(\mathbf{z}^-), \beta(\mathbf{z}^-)$
- $\begin{array}{l} \bullet (\mathbf{y}^{-}, \mathbf{z}^{+}) \text{ are asymp inertial null coordinates,} \\ \mathbf{ds^{2}}|_{\mathbf{MF}} \rightarrow -\mathbf{dy}^{-}\mathbf{dz}^{+} \Rightarrow \mathbf{y}^{-} \rightarrow \infty \equiv \text{complete } \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{+} \end{array}$

$$\mathbf{\square}\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{s^2}|_{\mathbf{MF}} = -rac{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{y}^-\mathrm{d}\mathbf{z}^+}{\mathbf{1}+eta\mathbf{e}^{-\kappa\mathbf{y}^-}\mathbf{e}^{-\kappa\mathbf{z}^+}}$$
 near  $\mathcal{I}^+_{\mathbf{R}}$ 

Eqn relates  $\beta$  to  $\langle {\bf T_{y^-y^-}}\rangle.$  Since state is vacuum wrto  ${\bf z^-}$  , can show that

$$\langle \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{y}^{-}\mathbf{y}^{-}} 
angle = rac{\hbar \mathbf{G}}{48} ((rac{\mathbf{y}^{-\prime\prime}}{\mathbf{y}^{-\prime2}})^2 + 2(rac{\mathbf{y}^{-\prime\prime}}{\mathbf{y}^{-\prime2}})').$$

- Reinterpret eqn as balance eqn for Bondi mass  $\frac{dBondi}{dy^{-}} = -\frac{\hbar G}{48} (\frac{y^{-\prime\prime}}{y^{-\prime2}})^2$ , Bondi determined by  $\beta, y^-$ .
- Bondi stops decreasing  $\Rightarrow y^- = Cz^-$  so  $\mathcal{I}^+_R$  coincides with  $\mathcal{I}^+_R|_{\eta_{ab}}$ ,  $\langle T_{y^-y^-} \rangle$  vanishes,  $|0_-\rangle$  is pure state in  $y^-$  Hilbert space.

Oprtr Evoltn Eqns for  $\hat{\Phi}, \hat{\Theta}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{+}\partial_{-}\hat{\Phi} + \kappa^{2}\hat{\Theta} - \hat{\Phi}\partial_{+}\partial_{-}\ln\hat{\Theta} &= \mathbf{0} \\ \partial_{+}\partial_{-}\hat{\Phi} + \kappa^{2}\hat{\Theta} &= \mathbf{2}\mathbf{G}\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{+-} \\ \text{Oprtr Valued Bdry Condtns.} \\ -\partial_{+}^{2}\hat{\Theta} + \partial_{+}\hat{\Theta}\partial_{+}\ln\hat{\Theta} &= \mathbf{G}\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{++} \text{ on }\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{R}}^{-} \\ -\partial_{-}^{2}\hat{\Theta} + \partial_{-}\hat{\Theta}\partial_{-}\ln\hat{\Theta} &= \mathbf{G}\hat{\mathbf{T}}_{--} \text{ on }\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{L}}^{-} \end{aligned}$$