

Wald-Zoupas charges in asymptotically de Sitter spacetimes

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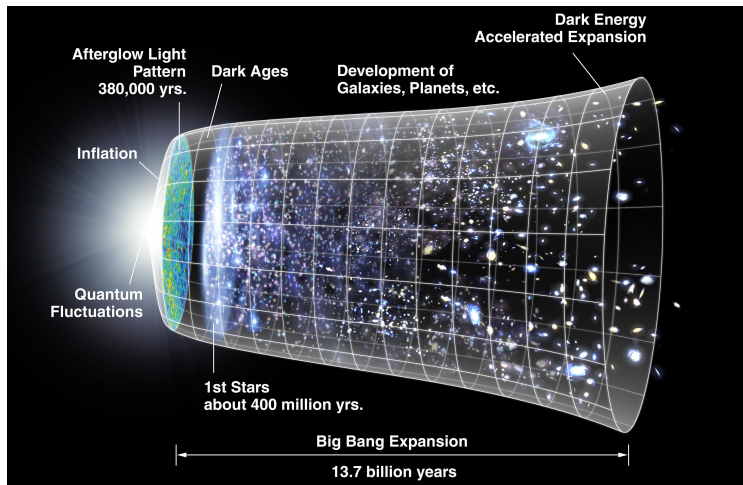
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- Asymptotic symmetries: $Diff(\mathcal{I}^+)$ – no distinguished generators!

Can we measure differences using GW astronomy?

Outline

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Moreover, we assume that g satisfies Einstein equations

$$R_{ab} - \frac{1}{R}g_{ab} + \Lambda g_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}\tag{2}$$

with such asymptotics that $\Omega^{-1}T_{ab}$ is smooth up to \mathcal{I} .

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Example II - $k = 0$ cosmology

Let us consider

$$g = a^2(\eta) \left(d\eta^2 + q_{\mathbb{R}^3} \right) \quad (4)$$

with a determined by Friedmann equations with Λ and a reasonable matter content (say, dust and radiation). Then, we can take $\Omega = a^{-1}$, metric induced on \mathcal{I} is simply $q_{\mathbb{R}^3}$ and $\mathcal{I} = \mathbb{R}^3 = S^3 \setminus \{p\}$. If there is any matter, we cannot choose different Ω to enlarge \mathcal{I} to S^3 .

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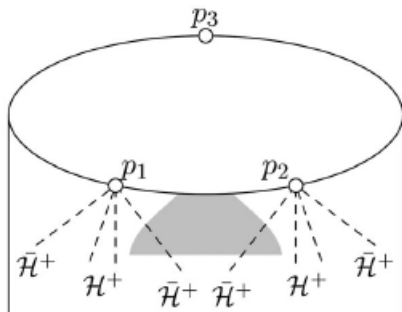
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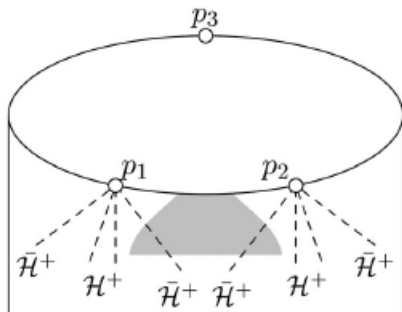
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Behaviour near \mathcal{I}

We use Fefferman-Graham gauge

$$ds^2 = -\frac{3}{\Lambda} \frac{d\rho^2}{\rho^2} + \gamma_{ab}(\rho, x^c) dx^a dx^b \quad (7)$$

where γ_{ab} has an expansion

$$\gamma_{ab} = \rho^{-2} g_{ab}^{(0)} + \rho^{-1} g_{ab}^{(1)} + g_{ab}^{(2)} + \rho g_{ab}^{(3)} + O(\rho^2). \quad (8)$$

$g_{ab}^{(1)}$ and $g_{ab}^{(2)}$ are determined by $g_{ab}^{(0)}$ and Einstein equations, $g_{ab}^{(3)}$ is freely prescribed up to the constraints

$$g^{(0)ab} g_{ab}^{(3)} = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$D^{(0)a} g_{ab}^{(3)} = 0. \quad (10)$$

For convenience let us write

$$T_{ab} = \frac{\sqrt{3\Lambda}}{16\pi G} g_{ab}^{(3)}. \quad (11)$$

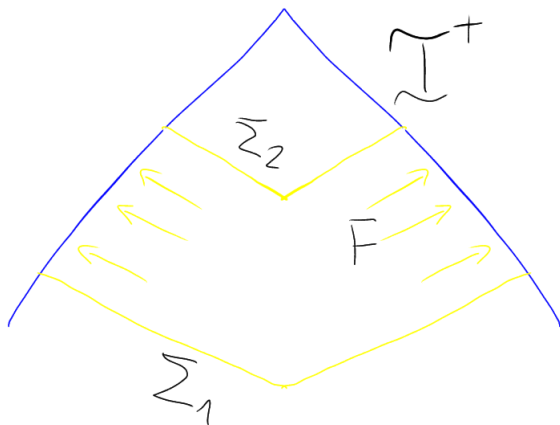
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Such $g^{(0)}$ and T_{ab} are defined up to conformal transformations:

$$(g^{(0)}, T) \sim (\Omega^2 g^{(0)}, \Omega^{-1} T). \quad (12)$$

From the work of Friedrich it follows that $[(g^{(0)}, T)]$ uniquely defines solution (at least in some neighborhood of de Sitter). In the Fefferman-Graham gauge, all $g^{(n)}$ with $n > 3$ satisfy recurrence equations which express them unambiguously in terms of $(g^{(0)}, T)$.

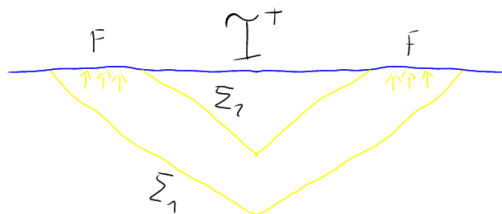
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The idea is to change δH_ξ into a true variation by adding something.

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Of course, we have an ambiguity $\Theta \mapsto \Theta + \delta W(\phi)$.

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One immediately sees that

$$\Theta = \frac{1}{2\ell^2} \sqrt{g^{(0)}} T^{ab} \delta g_{ab}^{(0)} d^3x \quad (19)$$

First guess

According to the general prescription we have

$$\delta H_\xi = \int_{\partial\Sigma} (\delta Q - \xi \cdot \theta) + \int_{\partial\Sigma} \xi \cdot \Theta. \quad (20)$$

With our choice of Θ , H_ξ truly exists: [Anninos, Seng Ng, Strominger 2010]

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Notice that analytical properties are of importance here. Otherwise, we could take for example

$$w = \sqrt{C^{abc} C_{abc}}, \quad (23)$$

where C_{abc} is a Cotton tensor of $g^{(0)}$.

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Q: Can we actually distinguish de Sitter algebra within $\Gamma(T\mathcal{I})$?

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Q: What is the physical meaning of this? What kind of initial and final conditions are allowed?

de Sitter and Schwarzschild-de Sitter

We can use Killing vectors of the de Sitter to calculate charges and fluxes of perturbations of dS. In particular, energy flux reads:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\partial_u} = \frac{1}{16\pi H} \mathcal{E}_{cd} \mathcal{L}_{\partial_u} g_{ab}^{(0)} \dot{g}^{(0)ac} \dot{g}^{(0)bd} \sqrt{\dot{g}^{(0)}} d^3x, \quad (26)$$

which coincides with the results from the linearized theory [Chruściel, Hoque, Smołka 2020; MK, Lewandowski 2020] and have the correct limit as $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$.

We can similarly treat perturbations around the Schwarzschild-de Sitter because we have distinguished rotations generators and 'time'-translation generator (up to a scale) among Killing vectors.

Funnily enough, waves with only magnetic part have no zero energy density (which integrates to zero, though).

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