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In varying  $S_{EH}$ , get  
non-standard Euler-Lagrange

$$\begin{aligned}\delta R_{ab} &= \nabla_c \delta T_{ab}^c - \nabla_a \delta T_{bc}^c \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \square(\delta g^{-1})_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_a \nabla_b (\delta g^{-1})^c_c \\ &\quad - \nabla_c \nabla_a \delta g_{(b)}^{-1c}\end{aligned}$$

Note, am ta  
of inverse metric

Note, am taking variation  
of inverse metric in action

$$\begin{aligned}(\delta g^{-1})_{ab} &= g_{ac} g_{bd} \delta g^{cd} \\ &= -\delta g_{ab}\end{aligned}$$

So that

$$\delta S_{EH} = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ R_{ab} \delta g^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} \delta g^{ab} + \delta R_{ab} g^{ab} \right]$$

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$$\delta g_{ab} = g_{ac} g_{bd} \delta g^{cd} = -\delta g^{ab}$$

Therefore the variation has the  
 boundary term

$$\int_{\partial \mathcal{M}} d^3x \sqrt{g} n_a \left[ \nabla^a (\delta g^b)_c - \nabla_b \delta g^{ab} \right]$$



$$= -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ R_{ab} \delta g^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} \delta g^{ab} + \delta R_{ab} g^{ab} \right] \quad \left( R_{ab} V^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_a (\sqrt{g} V^a) \right)$$

Since bdy term has normal  
derivs, cannot (strictly) set to zero

The boundary

Look for a geometric boundary  
term that accounts for this extra  
piece in  $\delta S_{EH}$ .

Take Gaussian Normal gauge

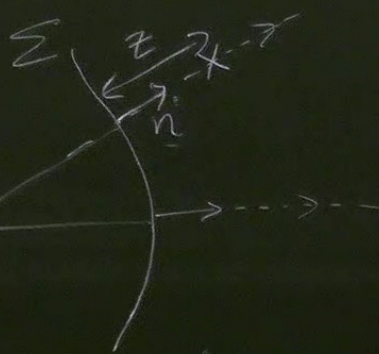
$z$  = proper distance from  $\Sigma$ .

Valid within radius of curvature

of  $\Sigma$ .

$$ds^2 = h_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2$$

$h_{\mu\nu}(0)$  1<sup>st</sup> f.f. of  $\Sigma$



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$$\vec{n} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$n^z = 1 = -n_z$$

Therefore  $\delta g^{ab} = \delta h^{ab}$ ,  $\delta n^a = 0$ .

$$\delta g_{az} = 0.$$

Look at  $K_{ab} = \nabla_a n_b = \Gamma_{ab}^z = g_{ab,z}$

$$\delta K_{ab} = \delta \Gamma_{ab}^z = -\frac{1}{2} n^c (\nabla_a \delta g_{bc} + \nabla_b \delta g_{ac} - \nabla_c \delta g_{ab})$$

(note  $\delta g$  here)

$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta g_{bc} \nabla_a n^c \dots \dots ek$$

form that depends  
piece in  $\delta S_{EH}$ .

$$\delta K_{ab} = K_{(a}{}^c \delta g_{b)c} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_n \delta g_{ab}.$$

$$= -K_{c(a} \delta g^{-1}{}^c{}_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g^{-1})_{ab}.$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{ab} \delta K_{ab} = -K_{ac} (\delta g^{-1})^{ac} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g^{-1})^c{}_c$$

$$\text{Also, } n_a \nabla_b \delta g^{-1ab} = \nabla_b (n_a \delta g^{-1ab}) - K_{ab} \delta g^{-1ab}$$



$$\nabla_n \delta g_{ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g^{-1})_{ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g)^c_c$$

$$K^{(ab)} - K_{ab} \delta g^{ab}$$

$$h^{ab} \delta K_{ab} + K_{ab} \delta h^{ab}$$

$$= \delta (h^{ab} K_{ab}) = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g^{-1})^c_c$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta (K \sqrt{h}) = -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_n (\delta g^{-1})^c_c \sqrt{h}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} K h_{ab} (\delta g^{-1})^{ab}$$

So unwanted boundary term can be expressed as

$$\nabla_n \delta g^{-1} - n_a \nabla_b \delta g^{-1 ab} = -2 \frac{\delta(K\sqrt{h})}{\sqrt{h}} - K h_{ab} \delta h^{ab} + K_{ab} \delta h^{ab}$$

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$$= -\delta$$

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$$\int_{\partial M} d^3x \sqrt{g} n_a \left[ \nabla^a (\delta g^b)_c - \nabla_b \delta g^{ab} \right]$$

(note  $n$  points  
OUTWARDS  
 here)



$$\delta E_H = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ R_{ab} \delta g^{ab} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{ab} \delta g^{ab} + \delta R_{ab} g^{ab} \right]$$

$$\left( \nabla_a V^a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \partial_a (\sqrt{g} V^a) \right)$$

Thus if we add a boundary term to  $S_{EH}$

$$-\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} R \quad (+) \quad \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int d^3x \sqrt{h} K$$

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 conventionally normal points INWARDS

Gibbons-Hawking boundary term

our variation becomes

$$-\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} G_{ab} \delta g^{ab} + \frac{1}{8\pi G} \int d^3x \sqrt{h} \delta h^{ab} (K_{ab} - K h_{ab})$$

From E-L perspective, set  $\delta h_{ab} = 0$ . Note, although derived in a GN gauge, expressions are covariant, hence general.

G-H in action

Self action was degenerate for physically distinct solns: Kerr, Schwarzschild, GW's

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G-H in action  
 SEW action physically

SCH as a test case

Consider analytic ctn of SCH to Euclidean signature "t  $\rightarrow$  i $\tau$ "

$$|ds^2| = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)} + r^2 d\Omega_{E}^2$$

$$r \rightarrow 2GM$$

$$\frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)} \approx \frac{2GM dr^2}{(r - 2GM)} \propto d\sqrt{r - 2GM}^2$$

$$\text{Try } \rho^2 = \lambda(r - 2GM)$$

$$\rightarrow 2\rho d\rho = \lambda dr$$

$$4\rho^2 d\rho^2 = 4\lambda(r - 2GM) d\rho^2 = \lambda^2 dr^2$$

$$\frac{2GM dr^2}{(r - 2GM)} = \underbrace{2GM \cdot \frac{4}{\lambda}}_{\lambda} d\rho^2$$

$$\lambda = 8GM$$

$\rho$  = proper distance from  $2GM$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 &= \frac{\rho^2}{8GM \cdot 2GM} \frac{d\tau^2}{(4GM)^2} \\ &= \rho^2 d\left(\frac{\tau}{4GM}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

DEH  
physically distinct solns: KERR  
SCH  
G.W.

Thus  $\tau = 4\pi M$   
is identified with  
periodicity

$$\Delta\tau = \beta = 8\pi G M$$

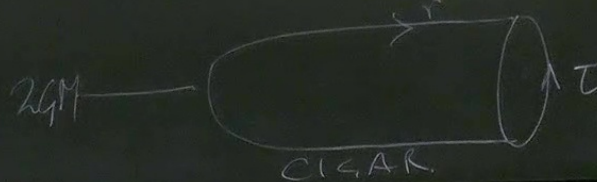
$$ds^2_{\text{reg}} \rightarrow dp^2 + p^2 d\theta^2$$

origin of polars.

i.e.  $r = 2GM$  is regular &  
 $\tau$  is periodic.

SCH gives thermal interpretation  
at  $r_{\text{emp}}$

$$T = 1/\beta = \frac{1}{8\pi G M}$$





$$\Rightarrow 2p dp - \dots$$

$$4p^2 dp^2 = 4\lambda(r - 2GM) dp^2 = \lambda dr^2$$

$$= p^2 d\left(\frac{r}{4GM}\right)^2$$

Compute action

Set boundary at large  $r = R_0$ .

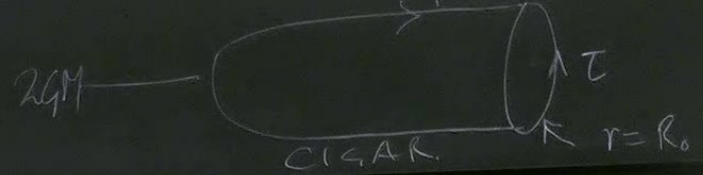
$\partial M$  is an  $S^2 \times S^1$  at  $r = R_0$ .

$$ds_{\partial M}^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}\right) dt^2 + R_0^2 d\Omega_{S^2}^2$$

with inward pointing normal  $\underline{n} = -\sqrt{\frac{1 - 2GM}{R_0}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

$$= \rho^2 d \left( \frac{r}{4GM} \right)^2$$

origin of polars.



$$K = \nabla_a n^a = \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_a r^2 n^a \Big|_{r=R_0}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2}{r} + \frac{GM}{r(r-2GM)} \right] n^r \Big|_{r=R_0}$$

$$\sqrt{h} = R_0^2 \sin \theta \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}}$$

$$K \sqrt{h} = -R_0^2 \sin \theta \left[ \frac{2}{R_0} \left( 1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0} \right) + \frac{GM}{R_0^2} \right]$$

$$= -\sin \theta [2R_0 - 3GM]$$

- now we have a problem

$$\Rightarrow \int K_0 \sqrt{h_0} d^3x = -4\pi \beta_0 \cdot 2R_0$$

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 periodicity  
 of  $\tau_0$

also diverge!

To subtract, must match  $\partial M$ 's

$$\tau_0 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}} \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta_0 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}} \beta = \left(1 - \frac{GM}{R_0} + \dots\right) \beta$$

$$1 = -\beta z$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_{bc} \text{var}$$

$$\int \rho_0 d^3x = -4\pi \beta_0 \cdot 2R_0$$

↑  
periodicity  
of  $\tau_0$

length!

act, must match  $\partial M$ 's

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}} \tau$$

$$\beta_0 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{R_0}} \beta = \left(1 - \frac{GM}{R_0} + \dots\right) \beta$$

Hence

$$\int K_{TH}|_0 = -4\pi \beta_0 \cdot 2R_0$$

$$= -8\pi R_0 \beta \left(1 - \frac{GM}{R_0}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{GH, SCH} - S_{GH, D} = \frac{-4\pi\beta}{8\pi G} [2R_0 - 3GM]$$

$$+ \frac{8\pi\beta}{8\pi G} [R_0 - GM]$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{2G} \cdot GM \pm \boxed{\frac{RM}{2}}$$

## LECTURE 7: The Gravitational Action

$$S_{E-H} = -\frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} R$$

- \* Variation not strictly Euler-Lagrange
- \* Action vanishes for many physically distinct spacetimes

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