

# Ground state for a massive scalar field in BTZ spacetime with Robin boundary conditions

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It is a general, stationary, axisymmetric  $(2 + 1)$  dimensional solution of the vacuum Einstein field equations with a negative cosmological constant  $\Lambda = -1/\ell^2$ .

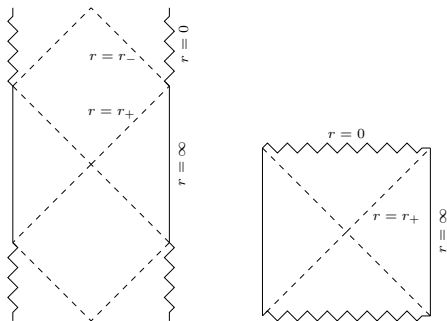
$$ds^2 = -N(r)^2 dt^2 + N(r)^{-2} dr^2 + r^2 (d\phi + N^\phi(r) dt)^2$$

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- As a manifold it is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R} \times I \times \mathbb{S}^1$ ,  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  open interval
- For  $M > 0$ ,  $|J| \leq M\ell$  it has an outer and inner horizon  $r = r_+, r_-$

$$r_{\pm}^2 = \frac{\ell^2}{2} \left( M \pm \sqrt{M^2 - \frac{J^2}{\ell^2}} \right)$$



- Two Killing vectors:  $\partial_t$  and  $\partial_\phi$

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- $r = r_+$  is a Killing horizon for the Killing vector

$$\chi \doteq \partial_t - N^\phi(r_+) \partial_\phi = \partial_t + \Omega_{\mathcal{H}} \partial_\phi$$

- $\Omega_{\mathcal{H}}$  is the angular velocity of the horizon
- The Killing vector  $\chi$ 
  - ▷ timelike in the exterior region  $(r_+, \infty)$
  - ▷ direction to foliate the spacetime in spacelike hypersurfaces

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- For  $M = -1$ ,  $J = 0$ , one recovers the anti-de Sitter spacetime

$$ds^2 = -[1 + (r/\ell)^2] dt^2 + [1 + (r/\ell)^2]^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\phi^2 .$$

- BTZ can be obtained by an identification of boundaries of  $\text{AdS}_3$ , hence locally it is a region of constant curvature
- The BTZ black hole is locally isometric to  $\text{AdS}_3$

- Real massive scalar field  $P\Phi = (\square_g - m^2 - \xi R)\Phi = 0$
- Dimensionless parameter  $\mu^2 \doteq m^2 \ell^2 + \xi R \ell^2$
- $m$  and  $\xi$  st the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound holds:  $\mu^2 \geq -1$

! **non** globally hyperbolic spacetime  
(initial data + Boundary conditions)

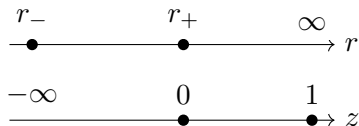
- Using coordinates  $(t, r, \phi)$
- $\partial_t$  and  $\partial_\phi$  are Killing fields of the metric
- Fourier expansion of  $\Phi$

$$\Phi(t, r, \phi) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t + ik\phi} \Psi_{\omega k}(r)$$

# Scalar field radial equation

## Change of radial variable

We focus on the exterior region  $r_+ < r < \infty$ . Boundary conditions will apply. We change variable as  $z = \frac{r^2 - r_+^2}{r^2 - r_-^2}$



The radial mode of the field obeys

$$\left[ z(1-z)\partial_z^2 + (1-z)\partial_z + \left( \frac{\ell^2(\omega r_+ - k r_-)^2}{4(r_+^2 - r_-^2)^2 z} - \frac{\ell^2(\omega r_- - k r_+)^2}{4(r_+^2 - r_-^2)^2} - \frac{\mu^2}{4(1-z)} \right) \right] \Psi_{\omega k}(z) = 0$$

# Hypergeometric equation

With the ansatz  $\Psi_{\omega\kappa}(z) = z^\alpha(1-z)^\beta F_{\omega\kappa}(z)$

$$\alpha = -i \frac{\ell(\omega - \Omega_{H\kappa})r_+}{2(r_+^2 - r_-^2)}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \mu^2} \right)$$

we obtain an hypergeometric equation

$$z(1-z)\partial_z^2 F_{\omega\kappa} + [c - (a+b+1)z]\partial_z F_{\omega\kappa} - abF_{\omega\kappa} = 0$$

with

$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \mu^2} + i\ell \frac{\omega - k}{r_+ - r_-} \right) \\ b = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \mu^2} + i\ell \frac{\omega + k}{r_+ + r_-} \right) \\ c = 1 - i \frac{\ell(\omega - \Omega_{H\kappa})r_+}{r_+^2 - r_-^2} \end{cases}$$



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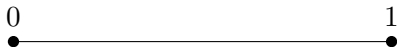
$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \mu^2} + i\ell \frac{(\omega - \Omega_{H\kappa}) - (1 - \Omega_{\mathcal{H}})k}{r_+ - r_-} \right) \\ b = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \mu^2} + i\ell \frac{(\omega - \Omega_{H\kappa}) + (1 + \Omega_{\mathcal{H}})k}{r_+ + r_-} \right) \\ c = 1 - i \frac{\ell(\omega - \Omega_{H\kappa})r_+}{r_+^2 - r_-^2} \end{cases}$$

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- What is  $\omega$ ?  $\mathcal{L}_{\partial_t} \Phi = -i\omega \Phi$       $\Phi \propto e^{i\omega t} e^{i\kappa\phi} \Psi_{\omega\kappa}(z)$
- $\tilde{\omega} := \omega - \Omega_H \kappa$
- What is  $\tilde{\omega}$ ?  $\mathcal{L}_\chi \Phi = -i\tilde{\omega} \Phi$
- $\chi = \partial_t + \Omega_H \partial_\phi$  is the Killing vector defining the event horizon

Solutions: Gaussian hypergeometric functions  $F(p, q, s; z)$



- For  $\mu^2 \geq -1$  and  $\mu^2 \neq (n-1)^2 - 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\Psi_1(z) = z^\alpha (1-z)^\beta F(a, b, a+b-c+1; 1-z)$$

$$\Psi_2(z) = z^\alpha (1-z)^{1-\beta} F(c-a, c-b, c-a-b+1; 1-z)$$

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# Hypergeometric solutions

Solutions in the general case  $\mu^2 \geq -1$  and  $\mu^2 \neq (n-1)^2 - 1$

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**Principal solution at  $z=1$ :**  $\Psi_1$

The unique solution  $\text{st} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \Psi_1(z)/\Psi(z) = 0$  for every other  $\Psi$

- For  $-1 \leq \mu^2 < 0$ , both solutions are  $L^2((z_0, 1), d\nu)$
- For  $\mu^2 \geq 0$  only  $\Psi_1$  is  $L^2((z_0, 1), d\nu)$

With  $d\nu = \sqrt{|g|} g^{tt} dr d\phi$  over a spacelike hypersurface  $\Sigma_t$  of constant  $t$

- ▶ **Aim** - Identify *all the possible boundary conditions* that can be applied at the boundary  $z = 1$ , aka  $r = \infty$ .
- ▶ Imposing the physical principle of zero energy flux at infinity is equivalent to impose **Robin boundary conditions** to the scalar field at infinity.

## Regular ODE at the boundary

- Construct a convenient basis of fundamental solution  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$
- Identify the *principal solution* at the boundary, let it be  $\varphi_1$
- Write a general solution in the form

$$\Psi(z) = \mathcal{N}[\cos(\zeta)\varphi_1(z) + \sin(\zeta)\varphi_2(z)] \quad \zeta \in [0, \pi)$$

- The most general homogeneous boundary condition is then a *Robin boundary condition* in the form

$$\cos(\zeta)\Psi(1) + \sin(\zeta)\Psi'(1) = 0$$

$$\Psi(z) = \mathcal{N}[\cos(\zeta)\varphi_1(z) + \sin(\zeta)\varphi_2(z)]$$
$$\cos(\zeta)\Psi(1) + \sin(\zeta)\Psi'(1) = 0$$

- ▶ The case which selects the principal solution  $\varphi_1$ , namely  $\zeta = 0$ , corresponds to the *Dirichlet boundary condition*,  $\Psi(1) = 0$
- ▶ The case  $\zeta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  corresponds to the *Neumann boundary condition*



## Singular ODE at the boundary

- Basis of fundamental solution  $\{\Psi_1, \Psi_2\}$
- Identify the *principal solution*  $\Psi_1$
- Define  $\mathcal{W}_z[u, v] \doteq u(z)v'(z) - v(z)u'(z)$
- For a solution  $\Psi_{\omega k}$ , a Robin boundary condition at  $z = 1$  is

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \{\cos(\zeta)\mathcal{W}_z[\Psi_{\omega k}, \Psi_1](z) + \sin(\zeta)\mathcal{W}_z[\Psi_{\omega k}, \Psi_2](z)\} = 0, \zeta \in [0, \pi)$$

- The solution is given by

$$\Psi_{\omega k}(z) = \mathcal{N}_{\omega k} [\cos(\zeta)\Psi_1(z) + \sin(\zeta)\Psi_2(z)]$$

Natural generalization of the standard Robin boundary condition

$$\Psi_{\omega k}(z) = \mathcal{N}_{\omega k} [\cos(\zeta)\Psi_1(z) + \sin(\zeta)\Psi_2(z)]$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \{ \cos(\zeta)\mathcal{W}_z[\Psi_{\omega k}, \Psi_1](z) + \sin(\zeta)\mathcal{W}_z[\Psi_{\omega k}, \Psi_2](z) \} = 0$$

▷  $\zeta = 0$  corresponds to the standard *Dirichlet boundary conditions*

! A Robin boundary condition at  $z = 1$  leads to a well-posed problem if  $\Psi_1$  and  $\Psi_2$  are  $L^2$  near  $z = 1$  with  $d\nu = \sqrt{|g|} g^{tt} dr d\phi$

# A brief recap

- Up to now everything is classical
  - ▷ Scalar field on spacetime with symmetries
  - ▷ Mode expansion
  - ▷ Radial mode solutions
- We aim to quantize the system
- We want to build the Two Point Function
- Possibly a Hadamard ground state
- Green operators and CCR

# Two Point Function and causal propagator

Bidistribution  $\Lambda_2 \in \mathcal{D}'(M \times M)$  such that

$$(P \otimes \mathbb{I})\Lambda_2 = (\mathbb{I} \otimes P)\Lambda_2 = 0 \quad \text{(equations of motion)}$$

We assume that  $\Lambda_2$  admits a mode expansion

$$\Lambda_2(x, x') = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty d\tilde{\omega} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-i(\tilde{\omega}(t-t') - k(\phi - \phi') - i\epsilon)} \widehat{\Lambda}_{\tilde{\omega}k}(z, z'),$$

The CCR impose that the antisymmetric part of  $\Lambda_2$  is proportional to the causal propagator:  $iE(x, x') = \Lambda_2(x, x') - \Lambda_2(x', x)$

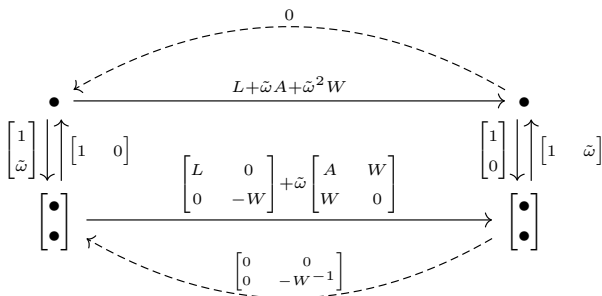
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty d\tilde{\omega} \tilde{\omega} \widehat{\Lambda}_{\tilde{\omega}k}(z, z') = \frac{\delta(z - z')}{J(z)}$$

# Quadratic operator pencil

No standard eigenvalue problem: How to reconstruct the delta?

$$(L + \tilde{\omega}A + \tilde{\omega}^2W)\Psi = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} L & 0 \\ 0 & -W \end{bmatrix} Z = -\tilde{\omega} \begin{bmatrix} A & W \\ W & 0 \end{bmatrix} Z, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi \\ \tilde{\omega}\Psi \end{pmatrix}$$



1. Appendices of the present work
2. I. Khavkine <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1711.00585.pdf>

$$\delta(z - z') = \oint_{\gamma_\infty} d\tilde{\omega} \tilde{\omega} \mathcal{G}_{\tilde{\omega}}(z, z') J(z)$$

- Where

$$(L \otimes \mathbf{1})\mathcal{G}_{\tilde{\omega}} = (\mathbf{1} \otimes L)\mathcal{G}_{\tilde{\omega}} = \delta(z - z')$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\tilde{\omega}}(z, z') = C_{\tilde{\omega}}[\theta(z - z')u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z')v_{\tilde{\omega}}(z) + \theta(z' - z)u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z)v_{\tilde{\omega}}(z')]$$

- We need  $u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z) \in L^2$  near the horizon  $z = 0$

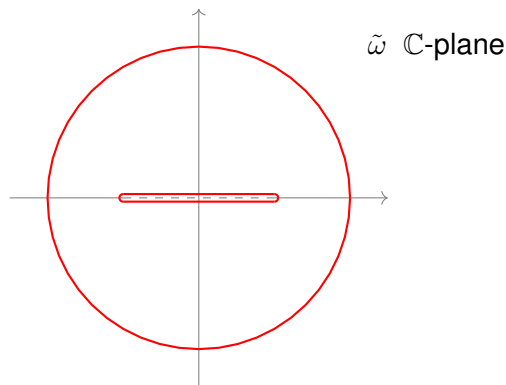
- $u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z) \propto z^\alpha = z^{-i\frac{\ell\tilde{\omega}r_+}{2(r_+^2 - r_-^2)}}$

- Branch choice  $u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z) = \begin{cases} u_{\tilde{\omega}}^+(z), & \text{Im } \tilde{\omega} > 0 \\ u_{\tilde{\omega}}^-(z), & \text{Im } \tilde{\omega} < 0 \end{cases}$

- Arbitrariness in the definition of  $\tilde{\omega} = +\sqrt{\tilde{\omega}^2} \dots$  or  $\dots \tilde{\omega} = -\sqrt{\tilde{\omega}^2}$

# Resolution of identity

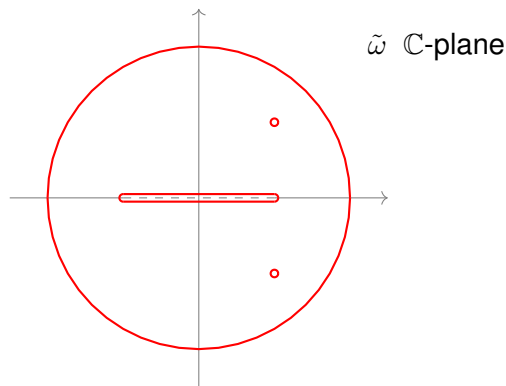
$$\delta(z - z') = \oint d\tilde{\omega} \tilde{\omega} C_{\tilde{\omega}} u_{\tilde{\omega}}(z_{<}) v_{\tilde{\omega}}(z_{>}) J(z)$$



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# Ground state $\mu^2 \in (-1, 0)$

- ▶ Boundary condition at  $z = 1$
- ▶ A different TPF for each Robin boundary condition

1)  $\zeta \in [0, \zeta_*)$ ,  $\zeta_* > \frac{\pi}{2}$ : No additional poles, just the branch cut on the  $\tilde{\omega}$  real axis

$$\Lambda_2^\zeta(x, x') = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{ik(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}')} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}(\tilde{t} - \tilde{t}' - i\epsilon)} \frac{(\overline{AB} - \overline{AB})C}{|\cos(\zeta)B - \sin(\zeta)A|^2} \Psi_\zeta(z) \Psi_\zeta(z')$$

- ground state built only out of positive  $\tilde{\omega}$ -frequencies
- using the results of Sahlmann - Verch (2000) it is Hadamard

# Bound states $\mu^2 \in (-1, 0)$

- ▶ Boundary condition at  $z = 1$
- ▶ A different TPF for each Robin boundary condition

2)  $\zeta \in [\zeta_*, \pi)$ ,  $\zeta_* > \frac{\pi}{2}$ : One additional pole

$$\Lambda_2^\zeta(x, x') = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{ik(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}')} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}(\tilde{t} - \tilde{t}' - i\epsilon)} \frac{(\overline{AB} - \overline{AB})C}{|\cos(\zeta)B - \sin(\zeta)A|^2} \Psi_\zeta(z) \Psi_\zeta(z')$$
$$+ i \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{ik(\tilde{\phi} - \tilde{\phi}')} \left( e^{-i\tilde{\omega}_\zeta(\tilde{t} - \tilde{t}')} + e^{-i\overline{\tilde{\omega}_\zeta}(\tilde{t} - \tilde{t}')} \right) \Re[CD(\tilde{\omega})\Psi_\zeta(z)\Psi_\zeta(z')] \Big|_{\tilde{\omega}=\tilde{\omega}_\zeta}$$

- No ground state
- Hadamard?

# To summarize

- Scalar field on rotating BTZ
- Symmetries and mode decomposition
- Solutions for different mass values (with or without boundary conditions)
- All possible Robin boundary conditions
- Construction of TPF in all mass ranges and for all boundary conditions
- Two regimes of boundary conditions:
  - ▷ Ground state and Hadamard
  - ▷ Bound states

## Characterization of Hawking radiation for the scalar field in BTZ

- 3D generalization of the Moretti-Pinamonti's approach
- local computation
- scaling limit towards the Killing horizon
- thermal nature of the quantum correlation functions

