

Casimir Effect and Black Hole Entropy

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Motivation

- Bekenstein, Hawking:

$$S_{BH} = \frac{A}{4l_p^2}$$

A : the area of horizon.

- Boltzmann:

$$S = k_B \log \Omega$$

Ω : number of microstates.

\Rightarrow Microscopic origin of black hole entropy?

- Casimir energy (vacuum energy):

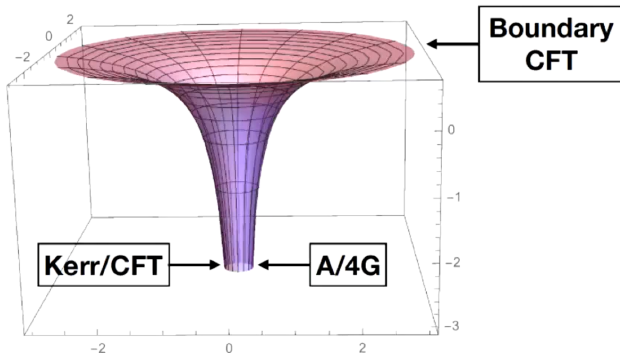
$$E_{vac}(\partial\Gamma) = E_0(\partial\Gamma) - E_0(0)$$

$\partial\Gamma$: an arbitrary boundary.

\Rightarrow Arises from field quantization.

Introduction

- Different approaches:



- Information paradox; hints for quantum gravity.

Brief History

- The existence of a force between two polarizable atoms and between such an atom and a conducting plate. ('47 Casimir, Polder)
- Neutral perfectly conducting parallel plates placed in the vacuum attract each other. ('48 Casimir)

$$F = \hbar c \frac{\pi^2}{240} \frac{1}{a^4} = 0.013 \frac{1}{a_\mu^4} \text{dyne/cm}^2$$

Although the effect is small, an experimental confirmation seems not unfeasable and might be of a certain interest.

*Natuurkundig Laboratorium der N.V. Philips'
Gloeilampenfabrieken, Eindhoven.)*

- Experimental verification of this attraction. ('57 B.V.Deriagin and I.I.Abriksova)

Brief History

- Investigations of the Casimir energy of the electromagnetic field under constraints.
('49 H.B.G.Casimir, J.Chim)
⇒ the zero-point energy of the electromagnetic field can be usefully applied to explain van der Waals attraction,
⇒ the existence of repulsive Casimir forces of electromagnetic origin seems to be contradictory.
- Presently, Casimir energies of quantized fields are studied in connection with a variety of problems, ranging from applications in particle physics, e.g. in QCD bag models, to gravitational physics, where its possible influence on the structure of space-time is studied.

Problems

- The evaluation of vacuum energies remains a problematic exercise, because the available methods, in most cases, only allow an approximate calculation.
 - ⇒ Mode summation method
 - ⇒ Local Green function method
- Correct results for the Casimir energy should be independent of the applied methods and the regularization scheme
- Energy density of the vacuum in cosmology

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = -8\pi G(\tilde{T}_{\mu\nu} - E g_{\mu\nu})$$
$$\lambda = 8\pi GE$$

⇒ Vacuum fluctuation produces way more!

Black Hole Thermodynamics

- Consider a Schwarzschild black hole:

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right) dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

- Hawking radiation:('74 Hawking)
Thermal spectrum of emitted particles

$$n_E \propto \Gamma_I(E) \left[e^{\frac{E}{T_H}} - 1 \right]^{-1} \quad \text{with} \quad T_H \equiv \frac{1}{8\pi M}$$

- In Schwarzschild metric, we have BH entropy

$$A = 16\pi M^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad dM = \frac{1}{8\pi M} d\frac{A}{4} \equiv T dS$$

The first law of thermodynamics (generalized to Kerr-Newman metric):

$$dM = T dS + \Phi_I dQ_I + \Omega_i dJ_i$$

Tree-level BH Thermodynamics

- Euclidean action of a 2D dilaton gravity:
('96 Frolov, Israel, Solodukhin)

$$W_{cl} = -\frac{1}{4G} \int_{M^2} [r^2 R + 2(\nabla r)^2 + 2U(r)] \sqrt{\gamma} d^2 z \\ - \frac{1}{2G} \int_{\partial M^2} r^2 k dz - \frac{\pi r_+^2}{G} (1 - \alpha)$$

- We are free to define other thermal quantities with the action

$$F = \frac{1}{2\pi\beta} W_{cl}, \quad S = (\beta \partial_\beta - 1) W_{cl}, \quad E = \frac{1}{2\pi} \partial_\beta W_{cl}$$

- Extremal black hole (defined as $T_H = 0$):

$$W_{ext} = 2\pi\beta E, \quad S_{ext} = 0$$

AdS/CFT

- Maldacena('97)

$$4D \text{ U(N) } \mathcal{N} = 4 \text{ SYM} \iff \text{IIB string theory on } AdS_5 \times S^5$$

- Witten; Gubster, Klebanov, Polyakov ('98)

$$Z_{CFT} = Z_{AdS},$$

$$N^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{L^3}{G_5}, \quad \lambda \equiv g_{YM}^2 N = \left(\frac{L}{l_s} \right)^2$$

- Compute Z_{CFT} from the field side $\Rightarrow Z_{AdS}$
 BPS black hole free energy $\Rightarrow F = \log Z_{AdS}$
 BPS black hole entropy $\Rightarrow S \simeq F$
- In the presence of chemical potentials

$$Z(\Delta, \omega) = \sum_{Q, J} \Omega(Q, J) e^{Q\Delta} e^{J\omega}, \quad S_{BH} = \log \Omega(Q, J)$$

Brief History

- 5d asymptotically flat BPS black hole:
(['96 Strominger, Vafa](#))
Type II string theory compactified on $K_3 \times S^1$
 \Rightarrow BPS black hole in 5d flat spacetime
 \Rightarrow take nBPS limit to study AdS_3 black hole
- Black Hole Entropy from Near-Horizon Microstates (apply Cardy formula to near-horizon AdS_3 BPS black hole)
(['97 Strominger](#))
- Works have been done on asymptotically flat black holes
- Black hole microstates in AdS_4 from supersymmetric localization:
(['15 Benini, Hristov, Zaffaroni](#))
 \Rightarrow Topologically twisted index of ABJM theory on $S^1 \times S^2$
 \Rightarrow AdS_4 magnetically charged BPS black hole entropy

AdS_5 : Difficulty

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM theory partition function on $S^1 \times S^3$:

$$Z(\beta, \Delta_I, \omega_i) = \text{Tr} \left[e^{-\beta E} e^{\sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_l Q_l} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^2 \omega_i J_i} \right]$$

Different boundary conditions for fermion and boson along S^1

\Rightarrow break SUSY!

- $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM superconformal index on $S^1 \times S^3$:
(['07 Kinney, Maldacena, Minwalla, Raju](#))

$$\mathcal{I}(\beta, \Delta_I, \omega_i) = \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^F e^{-\beta E} e^{\sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_l Q_l} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^2 \omega_i J_i} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{I} \sim \mathcal{O}(1), \quad S_{BH} \sim \mathcal{O}(N^2)$$

\Rightarrow Index cannot reproduce the black hole entropy!

AdS_5 : Recent Progress

- Entropy of BPS AdS_5 black hole:
(['17 Hosseini, Hristov, Zaffaroni](#))
Legendre transformation of $\log Z$
- Different approaches (allow complex chemical potentials):
(['18](#))
 - Localization of $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM in complex backgrounds
([Cabo-Bizet, Cassani, Martelli, Murthy](#))
 - Free $Z_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ SYM}}$ with complex fugacities
([Choi, Kim, Kim and Nahmgoong](#))
 - $\mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4 \text{ SYM}}$ with complex fugacities
([Benini, Milan](#))
- Later, generalized to other dimensions

Compute $\log Z$ from field theory

$$\log Z \simeq \mathcal{F} = \frac{N^2 - 1}{2} \frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} \quad \text{with} \quad \sum_l \Delta_l - \sum_i \omega_i = 2\pi i n$$

Define its entropy via Legendre transform

$$S(\Delta_l, \omega_i; Q_l, J_i) = \frac{N^2}{2} \frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_2 \Delta_3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} + \sum_{l=1}^3 Q_l \Delta_l + \sum_{i=1}^2 J_i \omega_i \\ - \Lambda \left(\sum_{l=1}^3 \Delta_l + \sum_{i=1}^2 \omega_i - 2\pi i \right)$$

Extremization:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \Lambda} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial \Delta_l} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial S}{\partial \omega_i} = 0$$

Results from the gravity side ('06 Kim, Lee)

Generalization of Casimir Energy

- Casimir energy in curved space $S^{d-1} \times \mathbb{R}$:
(’15 Assel, Cassani, Pietro, Komargodski, Lorenzen, Martelli)

$$E_0 = \int_{S^{d-1}} d^{d-1}x \sqrt{g} \langle T_{\tau\tau} \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 2 \quad E_0 = -\frac{c}{12r_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 4 \quad E_0 = \frac{3}{4r_3} \left(a - \frac{b}{2} \right)$$

c : central charge; b : scheme related parameter;

- SUSY Casimir energy independent of coupling constants
(’13 Closset, Dumitrescu, Festuccia, Komargodski)

$$E_{susy} = - \lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d}{d\beta} \log Z_{M_3 \times S^1_\beta}^{susy}$$

$$Z_{M_3 \times S^1_\beta}^{susy} \equiv \text{Tr} [(-1)^F e^{-\beta H_{susy}}]$$

Casimir Energy and Gravity

The Casimir energy of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ 4d field theory with R -symmetry:

$$E_{susy} = \frac{4}{27r_3}(a + 3c)$$

\Rightarrow Anomaly Polynomial Interpretation of $a + 3c$
(['15 Bobev, Bullimore, Kim](#))

\Rightarrow Prefactor \mathcal{F}

$$\mathcal{F}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi) = -(3c - 2a) \frac{16}{27} \frac{\varphi^3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} + (a - c) 16\pi i \Psi_2^{(0)}$$

$$Z(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi) = e^{-\mathcal{F}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi)} \mathcal{I}(\omega_1, \omega_2, \varphi)$$

The index scales at large N limit:

$$-\log \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{N}=4} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N^2}{2} \frac{\varphi_1 \varphi_2 \varphi_3}{\omega_1 \omega_2} = -\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{N}=4}$$

Which matches precisely the gravitational on-shell action.

Euclidean Method

- The density matrix of a canonical ensemble

$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} \quad Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sum_i \langle i | e^{-\beta \hat{H}} | i \rangle$$

- The matrix elements of a time revolution operator $e^{-i\hat{H}t}$

$$\langle i | e^{-i\hat{H}t} | j \rangle$$

\Rightarrow

$$\beta = \int i dt \equiv \int d\tau$$

- Test on a static spherically symmetric metric (near-horizon)^{*}

$$ds^2 = f'_+ R d\tau^2 + \frac{dr^2}{f'_+ R} + r_+^2 d\Omega^2 \equiv d\rho^2 + \rho^2 d\theta^2 + r_+^2 d\Omega^2$$

\Rightarrow On-shell condition: $\beta = 4\pi/f'_+ = 1/T_H$

Euclidean Method

$$F = \beta^{-1}W, \quad S = (\beta\partial_\beta - 1)W$$

① Partition function of a black hole system

$$Z(\beta) = \int [D\phi] e^{-I[\phi]} \equiv e^{-W(\beta)}$$

$I[\phi]$: Euclidean Einstein-Hilbert action;

$W(\beta)$: effective action

② Consider fluctuation around a classical solution ϕ_0

$$I[\phi_0 + \tilde{\phi}] = I[\phi_0] + I_2[\tilde{\phi}] + \cdots$$

$I_2[\tilde{\phi}]$ denotes for a second order correction

③ Correction for effective action

$$W_1(\beta) = -\log Z_1(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \log \det [-\mu^2 D_j(\phi_0)]$$

Calculation

('95 Frolov, Fursaev, Zelnikov)

$$W_1(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \log \det(-\Delta)$$

Heat Kernel Expansion

$$W_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \text{Tr} e^{s\Delta}$$

Expand the factor $\text{Tr} e^{s\Delta}$

$$\text{Tr} e^{s\Delta} = \frac{1}{(4\pi s)^{d/2}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}} a_n^{(d)} s^n$$

For $d=2$, only $a_1^{(d)}$ contributes to W_1

$$W_1 = W_1^{\text{bare}} - W_1^{\text{div}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \lim_{d \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{d-2} [a_1^{(d)}(\tilde{\gamma}) - a_1^{(d)}(\gamma)]$$

Calculation

('95 Frolov, Fursaev, Zelnikov)

$$W_1(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \log \det(-\Delta)$$

ζ -Function Regularization

$$W_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log \det \mathcal{O} = - \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{d\zeta_{\mathcal{O}}(s)}{ds} \right|_{s=0}$$

where

$$\zeta_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \equiv \sum_n \frac{1}{\lambda_n^s}$$

\mathcal{O} : an operator with positive definite eigenvalues λ_n , here the operator is taken as $-\mu^2 \Delta$

$$W_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \zeta'_{-\mu^2 \Delta}(0) = \frac{1}{2} \zeta_{\Delta}(0) \log \mu^2 - \frac{1}{2} \zeta'_{\Delta}(0)$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_n$ can be obtained from specific models.

On-shell Conclusion

Classical action of 2D dilaton gravity

$$W_{cl} = -\frac{1}{4} \int_{M^2} [r^2 R + 2(\nabla r)^2 + 2] \sqrt{\gamma} d^2 x \\ - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial M^2} r^2 (k - k_0) dy + \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{\gamma} \phi_{,\mu} \phi^{,\mu} dx$$

Ansatz of the corresponding EoMs gives a Gibbs-Hawking instanton:

$$ds^2 = f d\tau^2 + f^{-1} dr^2, \quad f = 1 - r_+/r$$

Which can be conformally transformed

$$ds^2 = f d\tau^2 + f^{-1} dr^2 \equiv e^{2\sigma} d\tilde{s}^2, \\ d\tilde{s}^2 = \mu^2 (x^2 d\tilde{\tau}^2 + dx^2)$$

Then we can perform the calculation under a flat background.

Off-shell Models

Define a shared term of effective action:

$$U(\beta, \alpha, y) \sim \left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \log \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{W}_1^{BW}(\beta, \alpha, y, \epsilon) = & U(\beta, \alpha, y) + \frac{1}{12} \left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \log \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}\right) \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\pi \alpha}{\log(\beta/2\pi\alpha\epsilon)} \end{aligned}$$

- Conical Singularity Method ('94 Susskind, Uglum):

$$\tilde{W}_1^{CS}(\beta, \alpha, y) = U(\beta, \alpha, y) + C(\alpha) \simeq \tilde{W}_1^{BC}$$

- Blunt Cone Method ('95 Solodukhin):
- Volume Cut-off Method('93 Frolov, Novikov):

$$\tilde{W}_1^{VC}(\beta, \alpha, y, \epsilon) = U(\beta, \alpha, y) + \frac{1}{12} \left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right) \log \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}\right)$$

Statistical-Mechanical Entropy

We expect the statistical-mechanical entropy to take this form

$$S = -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \log \hat{\rho})$$

Q: the density matrix $\hat{\rho}$?

Partition function in Hamiltonian formalism

$$Z = \text{Tr} e^{-\beta \hat{H}} = \sum_n e^{-\beta \omega_n} \equiv e^{-\beta \mathcal{F}}$$

Define

$$\hat{\rho} \equiv \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{-\beta \omega_n} |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n|$$

$$\Rightarrow -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \log \hat{\rho}) = \beta \sum_n \omega_n \frac{e^{-\beta \omega_n}}{Z} + \log Z$$

Compared with

$$S = \frac{1}{T} E - \frac{F}{T}$$

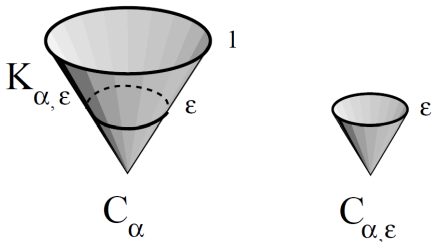
Quantum Fluctuation on Boundary

QFT path integral \mathcal{Z} is given by

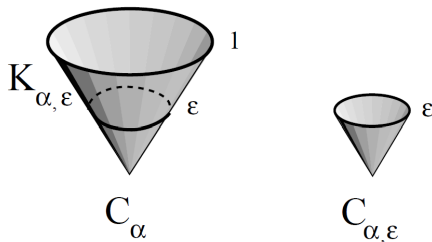
$$\mathcal{Z} = e^{-W_1}, \quad Z = e^{-\beta\mathcal{F}}$$

where $W_1 = \beta\mathcal{F} + C\beta$ (C : a constant).

The linear term of β does not change the entropy.



Quantum Fluctuation on Boundary



Brick-wall model:

$$W_1^{BW} = W_1[K_{\alpha, \epsilon}] = W_1[C_{\alpha}] - W_1[C_{\alpha, \epsilon}] + W_1(2\pi\alpha, \alpha, \epsilon)$$

Calculate with appropriate boundary conditions

$$W_1(2\pi\alpha, \alpha, \epsilon) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\pi\alpha}{\log(1/\epsilon)}$$

Zero Point Energy

- The Casimir force calculated using vacuum fluctuations of the electromagnetic field

$$\mathcal{F} = -\frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{240 d^4}$$

- Drude model (Landau, Lifshitz, *Electrodynamics of Continuous Media*)

Casimir effect depends on fine structure constant α

$$\mathcal{F} \sim \frac{c}{d} \ll \omega_{pl} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \alpha \gg \frac{mc}{4\pi\hbar nd^2}$$

ω_{pl} : plasma frequency.

- Difference: $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow \infty}$ finite value;
Common ground: \mathcal{F} vanishes as $\alpha \rightarrow 0$.

The Casimir Effect Without the Vacuum ('05 Jaffe)

Casimir effect in modern language

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} \int d\omega \omega \text{Tr} \int d^3x [\mathcal{G}(x, x, \omega + i\epsilon) - \mathcal{G}_0(x, x, \omega + i\epsilon)]$$

\mathcal{G} : full Greens function for the fluctuating field;

\mathcal{G}_0 : free Greens.

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} \int [\mathcal{G}(x, x, \omega + i\epsilon) - \mathcal{G}_0(x, x, \omega + i\epsilon)] = \frac{d\Delta N}{\Delta\omega}$$

Consider the Casimir effect for a scalar field ϕ , the interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \frac{1}{2} g \sigma(x) \phi^2(x)$$

Summing up all one loop Feynman diagram will give the
Casimir energy.

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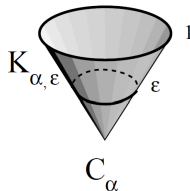
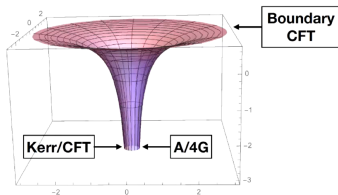
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- Different dimensions SUSY Casimir energy;
- The origin of Casimir energy as fluctuation on black hole boundary;
- Cosmological constant problem;
- ...

Thank You!