

Particle creation in (2 + 1) circular dust collapse

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We investigate the quantum particle creation during the circularly symmetric collapse of a 2 + 1 dust cloud, for the cases when the cosmological constant is either zero or negative. We derive the Ford-Parker formula for the 2 + 1 case, which can be used to compute the radiated quantum flux in the geometric optics approximation. It is shown that no particles are created when the collapse ends in a naked singularity, unlike in the 3 + 1 case. When the collapse ends in a Banados-Teitelboim-Zanelli black hole, we recover the expected Hawking radiation.

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I. INTRODUCTION

There are many analytical examples of formation of black holes and naked singularities in the classical theory of general relativity [1]. In order to study physical phenomena in the vicinity of the spacetime singularity, where the curvature is extremely high, one must take into account quantum effects such as particle creation, and also the effects resulting from quantization of the gravitational field. In the case of a black hole, the presence of the event horizon makes the study relatively easier, and particle creation is described by the well-known Hawking radiation, except possibly in the end stages of black hole evaporation, where quantum gravitational effects can modify physics in a manner that is not yet properly understood.

In the investigation of quantum particle creation in the vicinity of a naked singularity, one cannot apply standard methods from black hole physics, such as Bogoliubov transformations, because the presence of a Cauchy horizon leads to a breakdown of predictability, and the future null infinity in the spacetime is not well defined [2]. Nonetheless, useful information about the energy associated with the quantum particle creation in the approach to a naked singularity can be obtained through approximate methods. One such approximation, developed by Ford and Parker [3], is to calculate the radiated power, in the geometric optics approximation, when one quantizes a massless scalar field on the background of a collapsing spherical body. Another useful method is to calculate the vacuum expectation value of the two dimensional stress-energy tensor of a quantized scalar field, by suppressing the angular coordinates [4], in a collapsing spherical geometry. In more recent times, the study of quantum mechanics of naked singularities was heralded by Vaz and Witten [5,6].

In a series of papers [7–11] we have applied both these methods to study quantum particle creation in the spherical four dimensional collapse of a pressureless inhomogeneous dust cloud, described by the Lemaitre-Tolman-Bondi (LTB) model. The nature of singularities in classical LTB

collapse, and their dependence on initial data, has been studied in great detail [12–14]. For some initial data, the LTB collapse ends in a black hole, and for other (generic) initial data it ends in a naked singularity. When the LTB collapse ends in a black hole, the quantum particle creation is described by Hawking radiation, as expected.

However, when the collapse ends in a naked singularity, the nature of particle creation is very different—it is typically found that in the approach to the Cauchy horizon the integrated quantum flux diverges. This signals a breakdown of the semiclassical approximation and the need for a full quantum gravitational treatment, as the Cauchy horizon is approached. This conclusion is reaffirmed by the result that if the semiclassical analysis is terminated at the epoch when curvatures reach Planck scale, the integrated flux is only of the order of one Planck unit [15].

Subsequently, in order to study the role of quantum gravity effects in LTB collapse, we set up a midisuperspace quantization scheme, in the framework of canonical quantum general relativity [16], following earlier pioneering work by Vaz and Witten [17,18]. A Wheeler-DeWitt equation for describing the quantum gravitational collapse of a spherical dust cloud, matched to a Schwarzschild exterior, was set up. In order to arrive at a solution of the Wheeler-DeWitt equation, it is necessary to implement a regularization, and we investigated the consequences of a lattice regularization. We could show how Hawking radiation arises as an approximation to quantum gravity, when the classical collapse results in a black hole [19–22]. However, as things stand, it is not clear that the lattice regularization is well suited to address the behavior of the collapse near the curvature singularity, in particular, near the naked singularity.

Considering the difficulty encountered in finding a sufficiently general and useful regularization scheme for the midisuperspace Wheeler-DeWitt equation in the 3 + 1 case, it was felt desirable to adapt the above quantization program to the lower dimensional 2 + 1 case of circularly symmetric dust collapse. In the first of this series of papers on 2 + 1 dust collapse [23], classical inhomogeneous dust collapse was studied. For the relatively less interesting case of a flat exterior spacetime with a zero cosmological con-

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stant, it was found that the collapse ends in a naked singularity. When a negative cosmological constant is present and the exterior is an AdS spacetime, then for certain initial conditions the collapse ends in the well-known Banados-Teitelboim-Zanelli (BTZ) black hole [24], whereas for other initial conditions it ends in a naked singularity.

In this paper, which is the second in this series on quantization of lower dimensional collapse, we will apply the methods of Ford and Parker to calculate the quantum particle creation, both in the black hole case and in the naked singularity case, with and without the cosmological constant. This study serves as a prelude to the full quantum gravitational treatment of the $2 + 1$ collapse using canonical methods, which will be taken up subsequently. The unusual structure of the spacetime infinity in the AdS case necessitates a careful treatment of the quantum field theoretic problem on an AdS background (in particular the definition of an initial quantum vacuum), which has been undertaken in [25]. Following the work of [26,27] we will assume reflecting boundary conditions at spacelike infinity. Hawking radiation in $2 + 1$ collapse has been studied also by [28].

The plan of this paper is as follows. In Sec. II we recall the key results from [23] on classical $2 + 1$ dust collapse. In order to study particle creation in the geometric optics approximation, the Ford-Parker formula for the case of a zero cosmological constant is worked out in Sec. III. In Sec. IV this formula is used to show that no particle creation takes place when the collapse ends in a naked singularity. One of the key results of this paper is given in Sec. V, where we derive, from first principles, the Ford-Parker formula on an AdS background. In Secs. VI, VII, and VIII, this formula is used to show that while the BTZ black hole resulting from collapse emits Hawking radiation, the collapse ending in a naked singularity on an AdS background again gives rise to no quantum particle creation.

It is important to ask why one should investigate gravitational collapse in the apparently “physically unrealistic” $2 + 1$ dimensional case, considering that the observed Universe has at least four spacetime dimensions. Is such a study carried out only because it is simpler than the four dimensional case, with the simplification having been bought at the expense of introducing “physical unrealism”? The answer is no. One can definitely learn useful physics about gravitational collapse in four or higher dimensions by examining the corresponding situation in $2 + 1$ dimensions. This is because there are no gravitational waves in $2 + 1$ gravity, since the Weyl tensor here is exactly zero. Yet, gravity in a $2 + 1$ spacetime is nontrivial; it admits the formation of the BTZ black hole, and also of a naked singularity. The absence of gravitational waves holds out the promise that one can build an exact model of a quantum black hole in $2 + 1$ dimensions, something

that may well be impossible in complete generality in a $3 + 1$ quantum gravity. Such a $2 + 1$ model may well possess features (such as counting of microstates that lead to the Bekenstein-Hawking entropy) which are universal and independent of spacetime dimensions; but this is something which we can ascertain only after we have built such a model. It is just that the presence of a nonzero Weyl tensor in four or higher dimensions complicates attempts to construct a general exact model of a quantum black hole. Further, the $2 + 1$ BTZ black hole is the simplest nontrivial and useful black hole system. (An exact solution with a black hole might exist in $1 + 1$ dimensions [29], but since there is only one space dimension, the horizon of the black hole consists of only two points and hence one cannot meaningfully talk of the area of a black hole horizon in this case.)

Furthermore, one could question the introduction of a negative cosmological constant, as is done in this paper, when the observed Universe has a cosmological constant which is perhaps positive, or at best zero, but certainly not negative. The reason is that in $2 + 1$ dimensions a black hole solution arises only when the cosmological constant is negative. When it is zero or positive, the gravitational collapse necessarily ends in a naked singularity. Thus, if we want to build an exact quantum model of the BTZ black hole, we must restrict ourselves to the case of a negative cosmological constant. There are also reasons to believe that it would not make sense to directly construct a quantum black hole model in a higher dimensional space with a positive cosmological constant, because quantum gravity in such a spacetime may not exist nonperturbatively [30,31]. Pure quantum gravity with a positive cosmological constant may hence not exist as an exact theory, but only as a part of a larger system [31].

Thus, for the reasons described in the previous two paragraphs, it is useful to investigate semiclassical gravitational collapse in $2 + 1$ dimensions, as is done in this paper, as a prelude to constructing a model of a quantum gravitational black hole.

II. INHOMOGENEOUS DUST COLLAPSE IN $(2 + 1)$ DIMENSIONS

We summarize here the classical collapse solution for inhomogeneous dust collapse for the cases with zero and negative cosmological constant, analyzed in [23]. The collapse of homogeneous dust in $(2 + 1)$ dimensions was first studied by [32]. This was followed by other interesting work in $(2 + 1)$ dimensions, including shell collapse, [33,34] and other scenarios [35–37]. We consider circularly symmetric dust and set up a comoving and synchronous coordinate system

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{2b(t,r)} dr^2 + R(t,r)^2 d\phi^2, \quad (1)$$

where t is the comoving time, r is the shell label, and ϕ is the angular coordinate. We evaluate the Einstein equations

and solve for the metric components. For the case with zero cosmological constant the metric (1) becomes

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{(c_1' t + 1)^2 dr^2}{c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1} + (c_1 t + r)^2 d\phi^2, \quad (2)$$

where c_1 is a function of r alone and $'$ denotes derivative with respect to r . $R = c_1(r)t + r$ has the interpretation of being the physical radius of a shell with label r . c_1 is interpreted as the initial velocity of the shell with label r . The function $\rho_i(s)$ is the initial density profile of the dust. A curvature singularity develops when the physical radius of a shell becomes zero. A shell becomes singular only if the initial velocity c_1 is negative. The time for singularity formation for a given shell is given by $t = -r/c_1$. The analysis of outgoing null rays shows that the singularity is always locally naked. In (2 + 1) dimensions the circularly symmetric vacuum solution for the case of zero cosmological constant is a flat conical spacetime [34] of the form

$$ds^2 = -dT^2 + dR^2 + \alpha^2 R^2 d\phi^2, \quad (3)$$

where T is the time coordinate, R is the radial coordinate, and ϕ is the angle, with the deficit angle given by $2\pi(1 - \alpha)$ when ϕ goes from 0 to 2π .

The spacetime exterior to the collapsing dust cloud is given by Eq. (3). Matching the first and second fundamental forms across the outer boundary (r_b) of the collapsing cloud yields the value

$$\alpha = \sqrt{1 - 2\kappa \int_0^{r_b} \rho_i(s) s ds}. \quad (4)$$

Solving the Einstein equations with a negative cosmological constant case yields the following metric,

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{(\cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + B' \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t))^2 dr^2}{\Lambda r^2 + \Lambda B^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1} + (r \cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + B \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t))^2 d\phi^2, \quad (5)$$

where Λ is the absolute value of the cosmological constant. The function $B(r)$ defines the initial velocity profile of the dust cloud. The physical radius is given by $R = r \cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + B \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t)$. A shell with label r becomes singular when the physical radius R shrinks to zero size. The shell becomes singular at the time $t_s = \arctan(-r/B)/\sqrt{\Lambda}$. The nature of the singularity can be deduced by analyzing the outgoing null rays. It is shown in [23] that the outgoing null rays can emerge from the singularity until the time when the critical shell becomes singular. The critical shell is defined as the shell r_c for which $\int_0^{r_c} \rho_i(s) s ds = 1/\kappa$. This implies that during the collapse the singularity will be at least locally naked until the time when the critical shell becomes singular. The singularity is therefore timelike for the shells $r < r_c$. It becomes null for $r = r_c$ and is spacelike for $r > r_c$. The

exterior spacetime in the case of a negative cosmological constant in (2 + 1) dimensions is given by the BTZ metric [24] with zero angular momentum,

$$ds^2 = -(\Lambda R^2 - M)dT^2 + \frac{dR^2}{(\Lambda R^2 - M)} + R^2 d\phi^2. \quad (6)$$

Matching the first and second fundamental forms across the boundary of the cloud yields

$$M = 2\kappa \int_0^{r_b} \rho_i(s) s ds - 1. \quad (7)$$

As demonstrated in [23,32], when M is negative, the collapse ends in a naked singularity, whereas it ends in a BTZ black hole when M is positive. For suitable initial conditions the naked singularity is globally naked—we will show below that in such a case no quantum particle creation takes place.

III. FORD-PARKER FORMULA FOR ZERO COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

If one considers the quantization of a massless scalar field on the classical gravitational background of a collapsing spherical object, the radiated flux can be calculated in the geometric optics approximation, using point-splitting regularization [3]. This calculation yields the correct Hawking flux for a black hole, and is especially useful for computing the quantum flux in the approach to the Cauchy horizon, when the background collapse terminates in a naked singularity. The key input in the calculation is the map from ingoing null rays coming from I^- to outgoing null rays arriving at I^+ . In this section we will adapt the Ford-Parker formula to the case of the 2 + 1 circular collapse with zero cosmological constant. The 2 + 1 Ford-Parker formula in an AdS exterior background is derived in Sec. V.

The exterior spacetime metric is given by (3). A massless scalar field Φ propagating in the background geometry satisfies the equation $\square\Phi = 0$. We analyze the mode solutions when R goes to infinity. We assume that the scalar field is purely incoming on I^- . The radial ingoing modes pass through the collapsing cloud, get reflected about the point $r = 0$, and reemerge as outgoing modes. The ingoing null ray $v = t + r$ on I^- gets mapped to $u = F(v)$ where $u = t - r$ on I^+ . Retracing back from I^+ to I^- gives a mapping $v = G(u)$. Given a map between the ingoing and outgoing modes $[G(u)]$, the particle flux can be calculated in the asymptotic region using the method of Ford and Parker [3].

Let $f_{\omega m}$ be the solution of the massless scalar wave equation with the form given by

$$f_{\omega m} = \frac{e^{-im\phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi\alpha}} \left(\frac{e^{-i\omega v} - e^{-i\omega G(u)}}{\sqrt{r}\sqrt{4\pi\omega}} \right). \quad (8)$$

The scalar field Φ can be expanded in terms of negative

and positive frequency modes given by

$$\Phi = \sum_m \int_0^\infty d\omega (a_{\omega m} f_{\omega m} + a_{\omega m}^\dagger \bar{f}_{\omega m}), \quad (9)$$

which corresponds to an outgoing plane wave on I^+ . It is normalized using the scalar product defined by

$$(f, h) = -i \int_\Sigma d\Sigma^\mu \sqrt{g_\Sigma} [f(\partial_\mu h^*) - (\partial_\mu f)h^*], \quad (10)$$

where Σ is a spacelike hypersurface. This implies the normalization,

$$(f_{\omega m}, f_{\omega' m'}) = \delta(\omega - \omega') \delta_{mm'}. \quad (11)$$

The $a_{\omega m}$, $a_{\omega m}^\dagger$ have the interpretation of creation and annihilation operators, respectively. The energy-momentum tensor for the scalar field is given by the expression

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \Phi_{,\mu} \Phi_{,\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \Phi_{,\alpha} \Phi^{,\alpha}. \quad (12)$$

The energy radiated to I^+ can be calculated from the expectation value of the energy-momentum tensor, $\langle 0|T_{RT}|0\rangle$, where the component T_{RT} is given by the expression

$$T_{RT} = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi_{,T} \Phi_{,R} + \Phi_{,R} \Phi_{,T}). \quad (13)$$

This operator is ill defined because it is quadratic in fields given at the same spacetime point. The expectation value $\langle 0|T_{RT}|0\rangle$ is evaluated using the point-splitting regularization, as in [3]. The leading order for the energy radiated to I^+ works out to be the same as the expression obtained by [3] in the four dimensional case, except for the factor of $1/4\pi R$. We obtain

$$\langle 0|T_{RT}|0\rangle = \frac{1}{(4\pi R)(2\pi\alpha)} \sum_m |e^{-im\phi}| \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{G''}{G'} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{G'''}{G'} \right], \quad (14)$$

where a prime on G denotes derivative with respect to u . The power radiated across a disk of radius R in the asymptotic region is given by integrating over the angle ϕ ,

$$P = \int \langle 0|T_{RT}|0\rangle R d\phi = \sum_m P_m(u) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_m \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{G''}{G'} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{G'''}{G'} \right], \quad (15)$$

where $P_m(u)$ is the power radiated for the mode m .

IV. PARTICLE CREATION: CASE WITH ZERO COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

In order to apply the Ford-Parker formula (15) for the case with zero cosmological constant, we now calculate the map $G(v)$ using the classical solution summarized in Sec. II. As noted above, for zero cosmological constant the collapse ends in a naked singularity. A radial null ray from I^- in the exterior passes through the dust cloud, goes

through the center, and reemerges as an outgoing null ray which escapes to I^+ . To evaluate the quantum particle creation by the singularity, we note that the nonsingular spacetime terminates on the Cauchy horizon. We then obtain the map between the ingoing and the outgoing null rays in the neighborhood of the Cauchy horizon and calculate the quantum flux using the Eq. (15).

The conical exterior spacetime is given by (3). The radial null rays in the exterior are given by $V = T + R$ and $U = T - R$. These are obtained by using the null condition on the metric. In the interior of the dust cloud, the metric is given by (2). The expressions for the radial null rays are obtained by imposing the null condition on the metric. This gives the following equation:

$$\frac{dt}{dr} = \pm \frac{(c_1' t + 1)}{\sqrt{c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1}}. \quad (16)$$

We can integrate the equation and get $v = t + F_-(r)$ and $u = t - F_+(r)$ where

$$F_\pm = \left[e^{\pm \int (c_1' dr / \sqrt{c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1})} \times \left[\int \frac{e^{\mp \int (c_1' dr / \sqrt{c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1})}}{\sqrt{c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1}} + b \right] \right]. \quad (17)$$

Now the functions $F_\pm(r)$ are differentiable in r . (They are independent of time, and if they are not well behaved for some r it implies there is a problem defining the null geodesics at all times at that r . We exclude such possibilities.) The function $c_1^2 - 2\kappa \int_0^r \rho_i(s) s ds + 1$ should be positive for the metric (2) to be well defined.

The singularity is first formed at $t = 0$, $r = 0$. The first null ray which escapes from the singularity is the Cauchy horizon. The ingoing null ray which passes through the coordinate $(0, 0)$ is given by

$$v_0 = t + F_-(r) = 0 + F_-(0) = F_-(0). \quad (18)$$

This null ray becomes an outgoing null ray which passes through the same point $(0, 0)$. The outgoing null ray is given by

$$u_0 = t - F_+(r) = 0 - F_+(0) = -F_+(0). \quad (19)$$

This null ray forms the Cauchy horizon. We want to find out the map between the null rays V_0 (defined in the exterior, which becomes v_0 in the interior) and U_0 (the ray in the exterior which is formed when the interior null ray u_0 reaches the outer boundary of the collapsing cloud). Let the outer boundary of the dust cloud be denoted by r_b . The interior time t_i when the null ray $v_0 = t + F_-(r) = F_-(0)$ was at r_b is given by $t_i = F_-(0) - F_-(r_b)$. Now the exterior time is given in terms of the time in the interior cloud as

$$T = t\sqrt{1 + c_1^2(r_b)}. \quad (20)$$

At the boundary r_b , the null ray V becomes v . The map is linear of the form $V = av + b$, where a, b are constants. The reasoning is as follows. The physical radius $R(t, r_b)$ is $c_1(r_b)t + r_b$. So the ingoing exterior null ray $V = T + R$ is

$$V = t\sqrt{1 + c_1^2(r_b)} + c_1(r_b)t + r_b = kt + r_b, \quad (21)$$

where k is a constant. Similarly, at the boundary the interior null ray is $v = t + F_-(r_b)$. Hence the map is of the form $V = av + b$. The outgoing null ray u in the interior is given by $u = t - F_+(r_b)$ at the outer boundary. By a similar analysis, it can be shown that the map between the interior outgoing rays and the exterior outgoing rays is linear, of the form $U = cu + d$. The map between the ingoing and outgoing modes at $r = 0$ is $v = u$. So since all the relations are linear, the map between exterior V and U is linear. Hence the map $V = G(U)$ is linear.

To analyze the particle creation due to the singularity, we use the formula (15). When the function is linear, the particle flux is zero since the formula involves second and third derivatives of $G(U)$ with respect to U . This is to be contrasted with the (3 + 1) case [8,10] where a similar analysis in the neighborhood of the singularity yields an infinite flux of particles. The present result is not unexpected, considering that the 2 + 1 exterior (for zero cosmological constant) is conical spacetime.

V. THE FORD-PARKER FORMULA FOR ADS BACKGROUND

The AdS spacetime can be obtained by embedding a hyperboloid $-U^2 - V^2 + X^2 + Y^2 = -\Lambda^2$ in a spacetime which has a metric given by $ds^2 = -dU^2 - dV^2 + dX^2 + dY^2$. The induced metric expressed in global coordinates (covering AdS) is [38]

$$ds^2 = \sec^2\rho(-dt^2 + d\rho^2) + \tan^2\rho d\phi^2. \quad (22)$$

The BTZ spacetime can be constructed by dividing the hyperboloid into three regions [26] and making one of the coordinates periodic. The BTZ spacetime can be considered a patch of the AdS spacetime covered by the global coordinates. A quantum vacuum can be constructed in global coordinates and can be expressed in terms of modes of the BTZ black hole to derive the Hawking radiation. In this section we derive the radiated flux of a massless scalar field in an AdS spacetime. The particle creation in AdS black holes of arbitrary dimension was studied in [27]. Following their approach, we compute a way of deriving radiation from the map of incoming and outgoing null rays in the asymptotic region. We assume that in the far past, the AdS spacetime is in a vacuum state constructed using the global AdS coordinates. The normalizable modes for the global AdS coordinates can be found in [26]. We consider a massless scalar field propagating in the AdS background.

We adopt the reflecting boundary condition at spatial infinity. In the AdS case this is necessary since the spatial infinity is timelike. There is no Cauchy surface for the AdS case since the timelike nature of the spatial infinity allows information to enter through the spatial infinity. So we assume a reflecting boundary condition. The Klein-Gordon equation in the global coordinates is given by $\square\Phi = 0$, written explicitly as

$$\frac{1}{\sec^2\rho} \left(-\frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial\rho^2} \right) + \frac{1}{\tan\rho} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\rho} + \frac{1}{\tan^2\rho} \frac{\partial^2\Phi}{\partial\phi^2} = 0. \quad (23)$$

We assume the solution to be of the variables separable type ($\Phi = \Phi_t\Phi_\rho\Phi_\phi$). We find the spherical wave solution by putting $\partial^2\Phi_\phi/\partial\phi^2 = 0$. The equation for the time dependent part is $\partial^2\Phi_t/\partial t^2 + \omega^2\Phi_t = 0$. The equation for Φ_ρ becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2\Phi_\rho}{\partial\rho^2} + \frac{\sec^2\rho}{\tan\rho} \frac{\partial\Phi_\rho}{\partial\rho} + \omega^2\Phi_\rho = 0. \quad (24)$$

We change the variables to $x = \cos(2\rho)$ to bring this equation to a known form called the Jacobi differential equation. Then the equation becomes

$$(1 - x^2)\Phi''_\rho - (1 + x)\Phi'_\rho + \frac{\omega^2}{4}\Phi_\rho = 0. \quad (25)$$

Now comparing the above equation to the standard Jacobi differential equation [39], which is

$$(1 - x^2)\Phi''_\rho - (\beta - \alpha - (\alpha + \beta + 2)x)\Phi'_\rho + n(n + \alpha + \beta + 1) = 0, \quad (26)$$

we get $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = -1$, and $n = \omega/2$. This implies that ω cannot have arbitrary values. The solution is convergent if ω is an even integer. The solution is the Jacobi polynomial $P_n^{(\alpha\beta)}(\cos 2\rho)$. So the positive frequency solution is of the form

$$\Phi_n = e^{-i\omega_n t} P_n^{(0,-1)}(\cos 2\rho). \quad (27)$$

The high frequency limit for Jacobi polynomials is given by [39]

$$P_n^{(\alpha\beta)}(\cos(\theta)) = \frac{\cos((n + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta + 1))\theta - \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4})}{\sqrt{\pi n}(\sin(\theta/2))^{\alpha+1/2}(\cos(\theta/2))^{\beta+1/2}}. \quad (28)$$

For $n = \omega/2$, $\alpha = 0$ and $\beta = -1$, and $\theta = 2\rho$, the form of the asymptotic modes can be written as

$$\Phi_{\omega_n} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2 \cot\rho}{\pi\omega_n}} e^{-i\omega_n t} \cos\left(\omega_n \rho - \frac{\pi}{4}\right). \quad (29)$$

The modes are required to be orthonormal under the norm (10) which can be written as

$$(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) = i \int_{\Sigma} d^d x \sqrt{g} g^{tt} (\Phi_1^* (\partial_t \Phi_2) - (\partial_t \Phi_1^*) \Phi_2). \quad (30)$$

Taking the positive frequency solution and the negative frequency solution of Eq. (29) and calculating the norm in the high frequency limit ($\omega_n = 2n$) $n, m \gg 1$, we get

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{4n}{\sqrt{\pi n \pi m}} \tan(\rho) \sqrt{\cot(\rho)} \sqrt{\cot(\rho)} \\ \times \cos\left(2n\rho - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cos\left(2m\rho - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) d\rho d\theta = \delta_{mn}. \quad (31)$$

The scalar field in the collapse geometry, where the ingoing null rays become outgoing null rays after being reflected at the center, can then be expanded in terms of the mode functions

$$\Phi = \sum_{\omega_n} (a_{\omega_n} \Phi_n + a_{\omega_n}^\dagger \bar{\Phi}_n), \quad (32)$$

where the modes are given by the standard form in the collapse setting,

$$\Phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi \omega_n}} (\cot(\rho))^{1/2} (e^{-i\omega_n F(V)} - e^{-i\omega_n U}), \quad (33)$$

where U, V are the outgoing and ingoing rays defined by $U = t - \rho$ and $V = t + \rho$. Computing $\langle 0|T_{t\rho}|0\rangle$ using the modes of the asymptotic form (33) where $\rho = \pi/2$ (putting $\sin\pi/2 = 1$) gives

$$\langle 0|T_{t\rho}|0\rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \cos(\rho) \sum_{\omega_n} [\omega_n (F'(V)F'(V + \epsilon)) \\ \times e^{i\omega_n [F(V+\epsilon) - F(V)]} - e^{i\omega_n \epsilon}] \quad (34)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\pi^2} (1 - F'(V)) \sum_{\omega_n} \sin(\omega_n (F(V) - U)), \quad (35)$$

where ϵ is introduced for regularization. The expression is split into two parts (34) and (35). The expression (35) vanishes because in the collapsing solution the map of rays satisfies $U = F(V)$. The expression (34) is a sum over even integers. In the high frequency limit the sum can be replaced by an integral. Evaluating the integral and integrating over the disk of radius $\tan\rho$ (at $\rho = \pi/2$) gives the flux of particles. The quantum flux is evaluated to give

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \langle 0|T_{\rho t}|0\rangle \tan(\rho) d\theta = \frac{1}{12\pi} \left[\frac{F'''}{F'^3} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{F''}{F'^2} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (36)$$

For simplicity, we have worked out only the case $m = 0$ ($e^{im\phi} = 1$), and, as before, carried out a point-splitting regularization. Written in terms of the inverse function $V = G(U)$ the expression (36) for the radiated power becomes

$$P = \int \langle 0|T_{\rho t}|0\rangle R d\phi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{G''}{G'} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{G'''}{G'} \right], \quad (37)$$

which should be compared with the expression for the radiated power (15) in the flat case. The two expressions are essentially identical, except for a factor of 2.

VI. NULL RAYS FOR COLLAPSE ON AN ADS BACKGROUND

The interior metric in the AdS case is given by (5) and the BTZ exterior by (6). In this section we evaluate the formula required to derive the map between the ingoing and outgoing null rays. In the exterior, the null geodesic equation is given by $V = T + R^*$ and $U = T - R^*$, where V is an ingoing null ray and U is an outgoing null ray. R^* is the tortoise coordinate defined as

$$dR^* = \frac{dR}{\Lambda R^2 - M}. \quad (38)$$

For the case $M < 0$, we have

$$R^* = \frac{\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{\Lambda/mR})}{\sqrt{m\Lambda}}, \quad (39)$$

where $m = -M$. For the case $M = 0$, we have

$$R^* = -\frac{1}{\Lambda R}. \quad (40)$$

For the case $M > 0$, we have

$$R^* = \frac{\log\left|\frac{\sqrt{\Lambda R} - \sqrt{M}}{\sqrt{\Lambda R} + \sqrt{M}}\right|}{2\sqrt{M\Lambda}}. \quad (41)$$

The exterior time T can be expressed in terms of the interior time t by matching the first fundamental form. Comparing the coefficients of $d\phi^2$ for the metrics (5) and (6) yields

$$R = r_0 \cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + B \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t), \quad (42)$$

where r_0 is the outer boundary of the dust cloud. Comparing the remaining coefficients of the first fundamental form gives

$$-dt^2 = -(\Lambda R^2 - M)dT^2 + \frac{dR^2}{(\Lambda R^2 - M)}. \quad (43)$$

Equation (42) can be differentiated with respect to t to obtain \dot{R} . This gives

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda r_0^2 + \Lambda B^2 - M}}{\Lambda R^2 - M} \\ = \frac{q}{\Lambda(r_0 \cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + B \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t))^2 - M}, \quad (44)$$

where $q = \sqrt{\Lambda r_0^2 + \Lambda B^2 - M}$. The above equation is solved for the three cases. For $M > 0$, we get

$$T = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\Lambda M}} \ln \left| \frac{q + \sqrt{M} \tan(t')}{q - \sqrt{M} \tan(t')} \right|. \quad (45)$$

For $M = 0$, we have

$$T = \frac{\tan(t')}{\sqrt{\Lambda}q} + c. \quad (46)$$

For $M < 0$, we define $m = -M$, and get

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Lambda}m} \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{m} \tan(t')}{q}\right), \quad (47)$$

where $t' = \sqrt{\Lambda}t + s$ and $s = \arccos(r_0/\sqrt{r_0^2 + b^2})$.

For the interior, the radial null geodesic equation is obtained by imposing the null condition on the metric (5). We take the initial velocity $B(r)$ and the initial density $\rho_0(r)$ to be constants b , $2k$, respectively. We get

$$dt \sec(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) = \pm \frac{dr}{\sqrt{\Lambda r^2 + \Lambda b^2 - kr^2 + c}}. \quad (48)$$

Solving the above equation we can show the interior ingoing null ray v to be

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \ln|\sec(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + \tan(\sqrt{\Lambda}t)| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{d}{a}} r, \quad (49)$$

and the interior outgoing null ray u is

$$u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \ln|\sec(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + \tan(\sqrt{\Lambda}t)| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{d}{a}} r, \quad (50)$$

where $a = \Lambda b^2 + c$ and $d = (\Lambda - k)r^2$.

VII. PARTICLE CREATION FOR THE NAKED CASE $M < 0$

For the case $M < 0$, we have the relation between the interior and the exterior time coordinates, given by (47)

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Lambda}m} \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{m} \tan(t')}{q}\right), \quad (51)$$

where $t' = \sqrt{\Lambda}t + s$ and $s = \arccos(r_0/\sqrt{r_0^2 + b^2})$. And the outer shell is given by $R_0(t') = \sqrt{r_0^2 + b^2} \cos(t')$. The interior null rays are given by (49) and (50). The exterior null rays are given by $V = T + R^*$ and $U = T - R^*$, where R^* is the tortoise coordinate given by (39). Singularity forms when $t = 0$ for the central shell $r = 0$. Let the ingoing null ray in the interior coordinates which gets mapped onto the Cauchy horizon be v_0 . Putting $t = 0$, $r = 0$ in Eq. (49), we get the equation for v_0 to be

$$v_0 = 0 = \frac{\ln|\sec(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + \tan(\sqrt{\Lambda}t)|}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{d}{a}} r. \quad (52)$$

The time t_0 at which this null ray entered the dust cloud is

given by putting the value of r to be the outer shell radius r_0 and solving for t_0 . From this T can be computed using Eq. (51). The exterior R can be computed using the relation $R_0(t') = \sqrt{r_0^2 + b^2} \cos(t')$. So V_0 (the null ray in the exterior which finally becomes the Cauchy horizon) can be evaluated. Now the functions $T(t')$, $R_0(t')$ are differentiable functions in the domain under consideration, so the incoming null rays can be Taylor expanded about V_0 (which gets mapped onto v_0). The mapping in the neighborhood of V_0 is $V = pv + i$ (p, i are constants) since $\dot{T}(t')$ and $\dot{R}_0(t')$ are approximately constant. A dot denotes derivative with respect to t . At the center the ingoing null rays get mapped onto outgoing null rays with the linear relation $v = u$. Let the Cauchy horizon be u_0 . When the interior outgoing null ray reaches the outer shell, it becomes the outgoing null ray in the exterior. At the boundary, the relation between the exterior and interior outgoing null rays becomes $U = wu + y$ where w, y are constants. So the map $U = F(V)$ between V and U is linear even near the Cauchy horizon. For a linear map, Eq. (36) implies that the particle flux is zero since the formula involves second and third derivatives of the map $U = F(V)$. This is unlike in the case of 3 + 1 spherical dust collapse, where the emitted quantum flux diverges on the Cauchy horizon.

VIII. PARTICLE CREATION FOR THE BLACK HOLE CASE $M > 0$

For the case $M > 0$, we have

$$R^* = \frac{\log\left|\frac{\sqrt{\Lambda}R - \sqrt{M}}{\sqrt{\Lambda}R + \sqrt{M}}\right|}{2\sqrt{M\Lambda}}. \quad (53)$$

T in terms of the interior time t is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\Lambda}M} \ln \frac{|q + \sqrt{M} \tan(t')|}{|q - \sqrt{M} \tan(t')|}. \quad (54)$$

Null geodesics are given by $U = T - R^*$ and $V = T + R^*$. The interior null geodesics are given by Eqs. (49) and (50). We shall consider the case where a null ray V_0 enters the dust cloud to become v_0 . It gets mapped onto an outgoing null ray u_0 which forms the event horizon. We analyze the map of the null rays which enter the dust cloud just before the null ray V_0 enters. The event horizon forms when the outer shell's physical radius becomes $R_h = \sqrt{M/\Lambda}$. Expressed in terms of the interior time, the physical radius of the outer shell is $R_h = r_0 \cos(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) + b \sin(\sqrt{\Lambda}t) = \sqrt{r_0^2 + b^2} \cos(t')$, where $t' = \sqrt{\Lambda}t + s$. So $\cos(t') = \sqrt{M/\Lambda(r_0^2 + b^2)}$. The mapping around V_0 when the null ray enters the outer edge will be linear since the functions R^* and T are well behaved at the sufficiently earlier epoch when there is no event horizon formed. So $V = pv + f$. p, f are constants. The mapping at the center of the cloud is

linear $u = v$. The mapping from u to U is nontrivial because T in Eq. (54) tends to infinity since $q = \sqrt{M} \tan(t')$ at the horizon. Similarly, R^* tends to infinity since $\Lambda R^2 - M$ goes to zero. Let t_0 be the interior time when the event horizon gets formed; we Taylor expand the expressions inside the logarithms. For R tending to R_h we get

$$T = \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{\Lambda M}} \ln \left| \frac{\Lambda(r_0^2 + b^2)(t'_0 - t')}{\sqrt{M}} \right|, \quad (55)$$

and R^* is given in the limit R tending to R_h by

$$R^* = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\Lambda M}} \ln |q(t'_0 - t')|. \quad (56)$$

So U , which is given by $U = T - R^*$, becomes

$$U - U_0 = \frac{\ln |y(t_0 - t)|}{\sqrt{\Lambda M}}, \quad (57)$$

where $y = \sqrt{q\Lambda(r_0^2 + b^2)}/\sqrt{M}$. Now $t_0 - t = a(V_0 - V) + h$ since the mapping is linear until the null ray comes out of the outer edge. Hence the map for $V < V_0$ is

$$U - U_0 = F(V) = \frac{\ln |y(V_0 - V)|}{\sqrt{\Lambda M}}. \quad (58)$$

Following the method in Sec. VII we derive the Hawking flux in our model of $2 + 1$ circular dust collapse, using the map of incoming and outgoing null rays in the asymptotic region, found in Eq. (58) above. Substituting the map (58) in Eq. (33) we get

$$\Phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi\omega_n} \cot(\rho)} (e^{-i\omega_n(1/\sqrt{\Lambda M}) \ln |y[V-V_0]|} - e^{-i\omega_n U}). \quad (59)$$

For the given modes, we can compute the total power radiated using the formula (36); we get $P = \Lambda M/24\pi$. The rate of absorption of radiation by a black hole immersed in a thermal bath of temperature T is given by $\pi T^2/6$ in $(2 + 1)$ dimensions [40]. Equating the two expressions for power the temperature T of the black hole is found to be

$$T_h = \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda M}}{2\pi} = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi}, \quad (60)$$

where κ is the surface gravity of the black hole [41].

The temperature can be obtained also by computing the Bogoliubov transformation between the modes of the “in” region and the “out” region. The modes in the “in” region and the “out” region can, respectively, be taken to be of the form [11,42]

$$\Phi_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi\omega_n} \cot(\rho)} (e^{-i\omega_n V}), \quad (61)$$

$$\Psi_m = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{\pi\omega_m} \cot(\rho)} (e^{-i\omega_m F(V)}). \quad (62)$$

The Bogoliubov coefficients are given by the expressions

$$\alpha_{\omega_n \omega_m} = (\Phi_n, \Psi_m), \quad (63)$$

$$\beta_{\omega_n \omega_m} = -(\Phi_n, \Psi_m^*), \quad (64)$$

where the bracket is the norm defined in (30). The mean particle number with the frequency ω_m is given by $\sum_n |\beta_{\omega_n \omega_m}|^2$. The expression for (64), upon integrating over the angular variable, gives

$$\beta_{\omega_n \omega_m} = \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_n}{\omega_m}} \int_{-\infty}^{V_0} dV e^{-i\omega_n V} e^{-i\omega_m F(V)}. \quad (65)$$

Equation (65) is evaluated for the map (58). It is a standard integral [42] and can be shown to yield a Planckian spectrum with the mean number of particles given by

$$N_{\omega_n} = \sum_{\omega_m} |\beta_{\omega_n \omega_m}|^2 = \frac{1}{e^{(2\pi/\sqrt{\Lambda M})\omega_n} - 1}. \quad (66)$$

Hence the temperature can be obtained to be $T = \sqrt{\Lambda M}/2\pi$, which agrees with the temperature deduced above from the radiated power.

IX. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Unlike in the case of $3 + 1$ dust collapse, no particle creation takes place when a naked singularity forms in $2 + 1$ collapse. This suggests that the quantum gravitational investigation of singularity avoidance in the $2 + 1$ case may be more tractable compared to the $3 + 1$ case. Further, these results were found using the Ford-Parker formula that we derived afresh for the $2 + 1$ case. Since the Ford-Parker method used here yields the expected Hawking radiation when the collapse ends in a BTZ black hole, the approach can be assumed to be reliable and robust. In a forthcoming work, we will build upon the results presented here to set up a canonical quantum gravitational treatment of $2 + 1$ circularly symmetric dust collapse.

Nonetheless, one should also inquire about the physical reason(s) which make the result in the $2 + 1$ dimensional spacetime different from that in the $3 + 1$ case. The reason for this difference is the presence of a negative cosmological constant in the $2 + 1$ case. This constant softens the radiated power due to the way in which an incoming wave is blueshifted and then, as it turns outgoing, is redshifted along the Cauchy horizon. The difference also arises be-

cause the singularities in the 2 + 1 case are conical in nature. In a future work we also plan to investigate the role of dimensionality—if one studies quantum particle creation in a higher dimensional AdS spacetime admitting a naked singularity, is the radiated power zero or not?

The occurrence of a naked singularity in gravitational collapse in an AdS spacetime is possibly generic, and allowed also in four dimensions, as discussed in [33,43,44]. In [43] the gravitational collapse of a scalar field with a potential $V(\phi)$ in a 4D AdS spacetime was considered. It was then numerically shown that for a large class of potentials an open set of initial data evolves to naked singularities in asymptotically AdS solutions. In [44] asymptotically AdS solutions in $N = 8$ supergravity having a negative total energy were examined. Some of these negative energy solutions were shown to contain classical evolution of regular initial data leading to naked singularities. These numerical results are supported by the analytical work of [23,33].

These results possibly have very important consequences for the AdS/CFT correspondence, which maps a “bulk gravity theory” in an AdS spacetime to a quantum conformal field theory (CFT) on the AdS boundary. Will this correspondence survive if the gravity theory generically admits a naked singularity? This significant issue remains open and deserves to be investigated carefully; it has been argued in [44] that the AdS/CFT correspondence will imply the absence of singularities in a quantum theory of gravity. It is also possible that the occurrence of a naked singularity could compel us to redefine the classical gravity theory and/or the quantum conformal field theory in the AdS/CFT correspondence.

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