Schwinger Effect in Curved Spacetimes

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Why Schwinger Effect in Curved Spacetimes?

What is Schwinger Effect?

• Constant E-field changes energy spectra in Minkowski spacetime:

$$\varepsilon_{\pm} = \left| eE \right| x \pm \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}$$

• Spontaneous creation of a particleantiparticle pair from the Dirac sea (quantum mechanical tunneling)

$$N_s = \exp\left(-\frac{m}{2T_s}\right), \ T_s = \frac{1}{2\pi}\left(\frac{qE}{m}\right)$$

Critical (Schwinger) field to energetically separate the pair

$$eE_c \times \left(\frac{\hbar}{mc}\right) = mc^2$$



Schwinger Effect in Charged Black Holes Zaumen (*74) Carter ('74)Gibbons ('75) Damour, Ruffini ('76) Khriplovich ('99) Gabriel ('01) SPK, Page ('04), ('05), ('08) Ruffini, Vereshchagin, Xue ('10) Chen, SPK, Lin, Sun, Wu ('12); Chen, Sun, Tang, Tsai ('15) Ruffini, Wu, Xue ('13) SPK ('13) Cai, SPK ('14) SPK, Lee, Yoon ('15); SPK ('15) Chen, SPK, Tang, Kerr-Newman BH, in preparation ('16)

Why Schwinger Effect in (A)dS₂? Near-Horizon Geometry of RN BHs



Near-horizon Geometry of Near-extremal RN BH

 $\mathrm{AdS}_2\!\!\times\!\!\mathrm{S}^2$



G. t'Hooft & A. Strominger, "conformal symmetry near the horizon of BH," MG14, July 2015.

Schwinger Effect in (A)dS [Cai, SPK ('14)]



Effective Temperature for Unruh Effect in (A)dS [Narnhofer, Peter, Thirring ('96); Deser, Levin ('97)]



Perturbation Theory & Borel Summation & Vacuum Persistence

Borel Summation

• Large-order perturbation theory may have a divergent power series with the asymptotic form with three real constant ρ , μ >0 and ν [Le Guillou, Zinn-Justin ('90)]

$$f(g) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n g^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \rho^n \Gamma(\mu n + \nu) g^n, \ (n \to \infty)$$

 Leading Borel approximation for alternating case (+ sign)/ nonalternating case (- sign) and vacuum persistence

$$f(g) = \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \left(\frac{1}{1 \pm s} \right) \left(\frac{s}{\rho g} \right)^{\nu/\mu} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{s}{\rho g} \right)^{1/\mu} \right]$$
$$\operatorname{Im} f(-g) = \frac{\pi}{\mu} \left(\frac{1}{\rho g} \right)^{\nu/\mu} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{1}{\rho g} \right)^{1/\mu} \right]$$

Borel Summation

• Heisenberg-Euler-Schwinger QED action in a constant electric field E

$$a_n^{(1)} = (-1)^n \frac{m^4 g^2}{4\pi^6} \frac{\Gamma(2n+2)}{\pi^{2n}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^{2n+4}} + \frac{1}{3^{2n+4}}\right), \quad g = -\left(\frac{eE}{m^2}\right)^2$$

• Borel summation leads to the vacuum persistence in a constant electric field E [one-loop by Dunne, Hall ('99); two-loop by Dunne, Schubert ('00)]

$$2 \operatorname{Im} L_{eff}(E) = \frac{m^4}{4\pi^3} \left(\frac{eE}{m^2}\right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \exp\left[-\frac{m^2 \pi k}{eE}\right]$$

 Borel summation of real effective action for dS (AdS) and vacuum persistence for Gibbons-Hawking radiation [Dunne, Das ('06)]

Perturbative QED Action in Curved Spacetime [Davila, Schubert ('10)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm spin}^{R(4)} = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{m^2} \Biggl[-\frac{1}{72} R(F_{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{1}{180} R_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\alpha} F^{\nu}{}_{\alpha} + \frac{1}{36} R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{180} (\nabla_{\alpha} F_{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{1}{36} F_{\mu\nu} \Box F^{\mu\nu} \Biggr] \\ - \frac{1}{36} R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{180} (\nabla_{\alpha} F_{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{1}{36} F_{\mu\nu} \Box F^{\mu\nu} \Biggr] \\ - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{1}{m^6} \Biggl[-\frac{1}{432} R(F_{\mu\nu})^4 + \frac{7}{1080} R \, \mathrm{tr} [F^4] \\ - \frac{1}{945} R_{\alpha\beta} (F^4)^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{540} R_{\alpha\beta} (F^2)^{\alpha\beta} (F_{\gamma\delta})^2 + \frac{1}{540} R_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} (F^2)^{\alpha\beta} (F^2)^{\mu\nu} \\ + \frac{11}{360} R_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} (F^3)^{\alpha\mu} F^{\beta\nu} + \frac{1}{108} R_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu} F^{\alpha\mu} F^{\beta\nu} (F_{\gamma\delta})^2 \\ - \frac{11}{945} F_{\alpha\beta;\gamma} F_{\mu}^{\beta;\gamma} (F^2)^{\alpha\mu} + \frac{2}{945} F_{\alpha\beta;}^{\mu} F_{\mu;\delta}^{\alpha} (F^2)^{\beta\delta} \\ + \frac{7}{270} (F^3)^{\mu\nu} \Box F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{108} F^{\mu\nu} \Box F_{\mu\nu} (F_{\gamma\delta})^2 + \frac{1}{216} F_{\mu\nu;\alpha\beta} (F^2)^{\alpha\beta} F^{\mu\nu} \\ + \frac{1}{540} F_{\mu\nu;\alpha\beta} (F^2)^{\alpha\nu} F^{\beta\mu} - \frac{1}{540} (F_{\alpha\beta;\gamma})^2 (F_{\mu\nu})^2 \\ - \frac{2}{189} F_{\alpha\beta;\gamma} F_{\mu;\gamma}^{\nu;\gamma} F^{\alpha\mu} F^{\beta\nu} - \frac{2}{189} F_{\alpha\beta;\gamma} F_{\mu;\beta}^{\alpha} F^{\beta\mu} F^{\gamma\delta} \Biggr].$$
(3.2)

Borel summation? Find large-order perturbation for vacuum persistence!

Effective Actions in In-Out Formalism

In-Out Formalism for QED Actions

• In the in-out formalism, the vacuum persistence amplitude gives the effective action [Schwinger ('51); DeWitt ('75), ('03)] and is equivalent to the Feynman integral

$$e^{iW} = e^{i\int (-g)^{1/2} d^D x L_{\text{eff}}} = \langle 0, \text{out} | 0, \text{in} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1}}$$

• The complex effective action and the vacuum persistence for particle production

$$\left|\left\langle 0, \text{out} \mid 0, \text{in}\right\rangle\right|^2 = e^{-2\operatorname{Im}W}$$
, $2\operatorname{Im}W = \pm VT\sum_k \ln(1\pm N_k)$

Effective Actions at T=0 & T

 Zero-temperature effective actions in proper-time integral via the gamma-function regularization [SPK, Lee, Yoon ('08), ('10); SPK ('11)]; gamma-function & zeta-function regularization [SPK, Lee ('14)]; quantum kinematic approach [Bastianelli, SPK, Schubert, in preparation ('16)]

$$W = \pm i \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \ln \alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^* = \pm i \sum_{l} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \ln \Gamma \left(a_l + i b_l(\mathbf{k}) \right)$$

finite-temperature effective action [SPK, Lee, Yoon ('09), ('10)]

$$\exp\left[i\int d^3x dt L_{\text{eff}}\right] = \langle 0, \beta, \text{in} | U^+ | 0, \beta, \text{in} \rangle = \frac{\text{Tr}(U^+ \rho_{\text{in}})}{\text{Tr}(\rho_{\text{in}})}$$

Γ-Regularization

• Assumption: Bogoliubov coefficients of the form

$$\alpha_{k} = \prod \frac{\Gamma(a \pm ib)}{\Gamma(c \pm id)}; \quad \beta_{k} = \prod \frac{\Gamma(f \pm ig)}{\Gamma(h \pm ik)}$$

• The effective action from Schwinger variational principle

$$W_{\text{eff}} = -i \ln \langle 0, \text{out} | 0, \text{in} \rangle = \pm i \sum_{k} \ln \alpha_{k}^{*}$$

• The integral representation for gamma-function

$$\ln \Gamma(a \pm ib) = \int_0^z \frac{dz}{z} \left[\underbrace{\frac{e^{-(a \pm ib)z}}{1 - e^{-z}}}_{\text{term to be renormalized}} - \underbrace{\frac{e^{-z}}{1 - e^{-z}} + (a \pm ib - 1)e^{-z}}_{\text{terms to be regulated away}} \right]$$

Γ-Regularization

Γ-regularization [SPK, Lee, Yoon ('08), ('10); SPK (10), ('11)]



Reconstructing Effective Action

Conjecture

- Can one find the effective action from the pair-production rate? inverse procedure of Borel summation (Gies, SPK, Schubert)
- If the imaginary part (vacuum persistence) of the effective action can be factorized into a product of one plus or one minus exponential factors, then the structure of simple poles and their residues of these factors uniquely determine the analytical structure of the proper-time integrand of the effective action (vacuum polarization) (modulo entire function independent of renormalization via Mittag-Leffler theorem):

$$2 \operatorname{Im}(L_{\text{eff}}) = \pm \sum_{\text{states}} \ln(1 \pm N) = \sum_{\text{states}\{I\}} (\pm) \ln(1 \pm e^{-\pi S^{\{I\}}})$$

Reconstructing Effective Action from Pair-Production Rate

 Scalar/Spinor effective action (Real part) vs Imaginary part (Cauchy theorem vs Mittag-Leffler theorem/Borel summation)

$$P\int_{0}^{\infty} ds \frac{e^{-Ss}}{s^{2}} \left[\frac{1}{\sin s} - \frac{1}{s} - \frac{s}{6} \right] \Leftrightarrow i \ln \left(1 + e^{-\pi S} \right) = i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} e^{-n\pi S}$$
$$- P\int_{0}^{\infty} ds \frac{e^{-Ss}}{s^{2}} \left[\frac{\cos s}{\sin s} - \frac{1}{s} + \frac{s}{3} \right] \Leftrightarrow -i \ln \left(1 - e^{-\pi S} \right) = i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} e^{-n\pi S}$$

 Most of imaginary parts from the pair-production rate (Schwinger formula in E & B, Bose-Einstein or Fermi-Dirac distribution) can be written as a sum of the form

$$2\operatorname{Im}(L_{\text{eff}}) = \sum_{\text{states}} \left[\sum_{\{I\}} \ln(1 \pm e^{-\pi S^{\{I\}}}) - \sum_{\{II\}} \ln(1 \pm e^{-\pi R^{\{II\}}}) \right]$$

QED in (A)dS

Schwinger formula in (A)dS

• (A)dS metric and the gauge potential for E

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + e^{2Ht} dx^{2}, \quad A_{1} = -(E/H)(e^{Ht} - 1)$$
$$ds^{2} = -e^{2Kx} dt^{2} + dx^{2}, \quad A_{0} = -(E/K)(e^{Kx} - 1)$$

• Schwinger formula (mean number) for scalars in dS_2 [Garriga ('94); SPK, Page ('08)] and in AdS_2 [Pioline, Troost ('05); SPK, Page ('08)]

$$N = e^{-S} , \quad S = \frac{\pi m^2}{qE} \left(\frac{2 - \frac{R}{4m^2}}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2 R}{2(qE)^2}} - \frac{R^2}{16(qE)^2}} \right)$$

Effective Temperature for Schwinger formula

• Effective temperature for accelerating observer in (A)dS [Narnhofer, Peter, Thirring ('96); Deser, Levin ('97)]

$$N = e^{-m/T_{\rm eff}}, \ T_{\rm eff} = \sqrt{T_{\rm U}^2 + \frac{R}{8\pi^2}}, \ R = 2H^2, \ (-2K^2)$$

• Effective temperature for Schwinger formula in (A)dS [Cai, SPK ('14)]

$$\begin{split} N &= e^{-\overline{m}/T_{\rm eff}} \ , \ \overline{m} = \sqrt{m^2 - \frac{R}{8}} \ , \ T_{\rm U} = \frac{qE/\overline{m}}{2\pi} \ , \ T_{\rm GH} = \frac{H}{2\pi} \\ T_{\rm dS} &= \sqrt{T_{\rm U}^2 + T_{\rm GH}^2} + T_{\rm U} \ ; \ T_{\rm AdS} = \sqrt{T_{\rm U}^2 + \frac{R}{8\pi^2}} + T_{\rm U} \end{split}$$

Scalar QED Action in dS_2

• Mean number for pair production and vacuum polarization from the in-out formalism [Cai, SPK ('14)]

$$\begin{split} N_{\rm dS} &= \frac{e^{-(S_{\mu} - S_{\lambda})} + e^{-2S_{\mu}}}{1 - e^{-2S_{\mu}}}, \ 2\,{\rm Im}W_{\rm dS}^{(1)} = \ln(1 + N_{\rm dS}) \\ L_{\rm dS}^{(1)} &= \frac{H^2 S_{\mu}}{2(2\pi)} P \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \Biggl[e^{-(S_{\mu} - S_{\lambda})s/2\pi} \Biggl[\frac{1}{\sin(s/2)} - \overbrace(\frac{2}{s} + \frac{s}{12}) \Biggr] \\ &- e^{-S_{\mu}s/\pi} \Biggl[\frac{\cos(s/2)}{\sin(s/2)} - \Biggl(\frac{2}{s} - \frac{s}{6}) \Biggr] \Biggr] \\ S_{\mu} &= 2\pi \sqrt{\Biggl[\left(\frac{qE}{H^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{H}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}, \ S_{\lambda} = 2\pi \frac{qE}{H^2} \end{split}$$

Scalar QED Action in AdS_2

• Mean number for pair production and vacuum polarization

$$N_{\text{AdS}} = \frac{e^{-(S_{\kappa} - S_{\nu})} - e^{-(S_{\kappa} + S_{\nu})}}{1 + e^{-(S_{\kappa} + S_{\nu})}}, \ 2 \operatorname{Im} W_{\text{AdS}}^{(1)} = \ln(1 + N_{\text{AdS}})$$
$$L_{\text{AdS}}^{(1)} = -\frac{K^2 S_{\nu}}{2(2\pi)} P \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} e^{-S_{\kappa} s/2\pi} \cosh(S_{\nu} s/2\pi) \left[\frac{1}{\sin(s/2)} - \frac{2}{s} - \frac{s}{12}\right]$$
$$S_{\nu} = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{K^2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{m}{K}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}}, \ S_{\kappa} = 2\pi \frac{qE}{K^2}$$

Spinor QED Action in dS_2

• Mean number for pairs and vacuum polarization [SPK ('15)]

$$\begin{split} N_{\rm ds}^{\rm sp} &= \frac{e^{-(S_{\mu} - S_{\lambda})} - e^{-2S_{\mu}}}{1 - e^{-2S_{\mu}}}, \ 2\,{\rm Im}W_{\rm dS}^{(1)} = -\ln\left(1 - N_{\rm ds}^{\rm sp}\right)\\ L_{\rm dS}^{\rm sp} &= -\frac{H^2 S_{\mu}}{2\pi} P \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \left(e^{-(S_{\mu} - S_{\lambda})s/2\pi} - e^{-S_{\mu}s/\pi}\right) \left(\cot(\frac{s}{2}) - \frac{2}{s} + \frac{s}{6}\right)\\ S_{\mu} &= 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{H^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m}{H}\right)^2}, \ S_{\lambda} = 2\pi \frac{qE}{H^2} \end{split}$$

Spinor QED Action in AdS₂

• Mean number for pairs and vacuum polarization

$$N_{\text{AdS}}^{\text{sp}} = \frac{e^{-(S_{\kappa} - S_{\nu})} - e^{-(S_{\kappa} + S_{\nu})}}{1 - e^{-(S_{\kappa} + S_{\nu})}}, \ 2 \text{Im} W_{\text{AdS}}^{\text{sp}} = -\ln\left(1 - N_{\text{AdS}}^{\text{sp}}\right)$$
$$L_{\text{AdS}}^{\text{sp}} = -\frac{K^{2}S_{\nu}}{2\pi} P \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \left(e^{-(S_{\kappa} - S_{\nu})s/2\pi} - e^{-(S_{\kappa} + S_{\nu})s/2\pi}\right) \left(\cot(\frac{s}{2}) - \frac{2}{s} + \frac{s}{6}\right)$$
$$S_{\nu} = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{K^{2}}\right)^{2} - \left(\frac{m}{K}\right)^{2}}, \ S_{\kappa} = 2\pi \frac{qE}{K^{2}}$$

Schwinger Effect in D-dimensional dS

- The Schwinger effect in a constant E in a D-dimensional dS should be independent of t and x_{\parallel} due to the symmetry of spacetime and the field, and the integration of k_{\parallel} gives the density of states *D*.
- dS radiation in E=0 limit and Schwinger effect in H=0 limit

$$\frac{d^{D}N_{dS}}{dtd^{D-1}x} = \frac{(2|\sigma|+1)H^{2}S_{\mu}}{2(2\pi)}\int \frac{d^{D-2}k_{\perp}}{(2\pi)^{D-2}} \left(\frac{e^{-(S_{\mu}-S_{\lambda})}\pm e^{-2S_{\mu}}}{1-e^{-2S_{\mu}}}\right)$$
$$S_{\mu} = 2\pi\sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{H^{2}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{m}{H}\right)^{2} - \left[\left(\frac{D-1}{2}\right)^{2}\right]}, S_{\lambda} = 2\pi\frac{qE}{H^{2}}\left(\frac{qE/H}{\sqrt{(qE/H)^{2} + \vec{k}_{\perp}^{2}}}\right)$$

Schwinger Effect in Nearextremal RN Black Hole

Interpretation of Schwinger Effect

• Thermal interpretation of Schwinger formula for charged scalars (upper signs) and fermions (lower signs) in spherical harmonics [SPK, Lee, Yoon ('15)]





$$T_{U} = \frac{qE_{H} / \overline{m}}{2\pi} = \frac{q}{2\pi \overline{m}Q}$$

Schwinger Effect and Hawking Radiation

• Thermal interpretation of Schwinger formula for charged scalars and fermions [SPK, Lee, Yoon ('15); SPK ('15)]



Schwinger Effect in Nearextremal Kerr-Newman BH Chen, SPK, Tang, in preparation ('16)

Near-Horizon Geometry

- Kerr-Newman (KN) black hole: $M, Q, a = \frac{J}{M}; r_0^2 \equiv Q^2 + a^2$
- Near-horizon geometry warped AdS₂ of near-extremal KN BH

$$r \to r_0 + \varepsilon r, \ \varphi \to \varphi + \frac{a}{r_0^2 + a^2}t, \ t \to \frac{r_0^2 + a^2}{\varepsilon}t, \ M \to r_0 + \frac{(\varepsilon B)^2}{2r_0}$$

$$ds^{2} = \left(r_{0}^{2} + a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta\right)\left(-\left(r^{2} - B^{2}\right)dt^{2} + \frac{dr^{2}}{r^{2} - B^{2}} + d\theta^{2}\right)$$

$$+\frac{\left(r_{0}^{2}+a^{2}\right)\sin^{2}\theta}{r_{0}^{2}+a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta}\left(d\varphi+\frac{2ar_{0}}{r_{0}^{2}+a^{2}}rdt\right)^{2},$$
$$A=-Q\left(\frac{r_{0}^{2}-a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta}{r_{0}^{2}+a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta}rdt+\frac{r_{0}a\sin^{2}\theta}{r_{0}^{2}+a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta}d\varphi\right)$$

Schwinger Effect for Charged Scalars

• Schwinger formula for charged scalars in spheroidal harmonics in near-extremal KN BH

$$\begin{split} N_{NKN} &= \left(\frac{e^{-(S_a - S_b)} - e^{-(S_a + S_b)}}{1 + e^{-(S_a + S_b)}}\right) \times \left(\frac{1 - e^{-(S_c - S_a)}}{1 + e^{-(S_c - S_b)}}\right), \\ S_a &= 2\pi \frac{qQ^3 - 2nar_0}{r_0^2 + a^2}, \ S_b = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{S_a}{2\pi}\right)^2 - m^2 \left(r_0^2 + a^2\right) - \lambda - \frac{1}{4}}, \end{split}$$

 $S_c = 2\pi \frac{\omega}{B}$

Interpretation of Schwinger Effect

• Thermal interpretation of Schwinger formula for charged scalars in spheroidal harmonics in near-extremal KN BH

$$N_{NKN} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{\overline{m}}{T_{KN}}} - e^{-\frac{\overline{m}}{\overline{T}_{KN}}} \\ 1 + e^{-\frac{\overline{m}}{\overline{T}_{KN}}} \\ 1 + e^{-\frac{\overline{m}}{\overline{T}_{KN}}} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 - e^{-\frac{\omega_t}{T_H} + \frac{\overline{m}}{T_M}} \\ 1 + e^{-\frac{\omega_t}{T_H} + \frac{\overline{m}}{T_M}} \end{pmatrix} \\ F_{actor for Near-extremal KN BH} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{KN} = T_U + \sqrt{T_U^2 + \frac{R}{8\pi^2}}, \quad \overline{T}_{KN} = T_U - \sqrt{T_U^2 + \frac{R}{8\pi^2}} \\ \frac{2}{T_M} = \frac{1}{\overline{T}_{KN}} + \frac{1}{T_{KN}}, \quad \frac{2}{\overline{T}_M} = \frac{1}{\overline{T}_{KN}} - \frac{1}{T_{KN}} \\ F_U = \frac{qQ^3 - 2nar_0}{2\pi\overline{m}(r_0^2 + a^2)^2}, \quad R = -\frac{2}{r_0^2 + a^2}, \quad \overline{m} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{\lambda + 1/4}{m^2(r_0^2 + a^2)}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Conclusion

- The in-out formalism is consistent and systematic QFT method for vacuum polarization and vacuum persistence in backgrounds (gauge and/or curved spacetimes) [cf. worldline formalism and instanton in progress with Schubert.]
- The vacuum polarization of QED in (A)dS and near-extremal RN black hole exhibits the gravity-gauge relation (or AdS/CFT).
- The production of charged particles from an near-extremal RN and Kerr-Newman black hole shows a strong interplay of the Schwinger effect and the Hawking radiation and may have a thermal interpretation.