

Plan: Unruh effect through Bogolubov transformations



Hawking effect

Unruh effect in 1+1 dimensions (Metric convention: $\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$)

Consider an observer's trajectory $x^\mu(\tau)$ and use the observer's proper time τ as the parameter.

□ Velocity $\dot{x}^\mu(\tau) := \frac{dx^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau}$

Proposition: $\eta_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\nu(\tau) = 1 \quad \forall \tau$

Proof: At any point in time, τ , in rest frame: $x^\mu(\tau) = (\tau, 0)$

$\Rightarrow \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = (1, 0)$

$\Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\nu(\tau) = 1$ which is a scalar:

$\Rightarrow \eta_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\nu(\tau) = 1$ in all cd systems for all τ .

□ Acceleration: $\ddot{x}^\mu(\tau) := \frac{d\dot{x}^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau}$

Proposition: $\ddot{x}_\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = 0 \quad \forall \tau$

Proof: $0 = \frac{d}{d\tau} (\dot{x}_\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\mu(\tau)) = 2 \ddot{x}_\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\mu(\tau)$

"proper acceleration"
 \downarrow
 $a(\tau) := \frac{d^2 x^\mu(\tau)}{d\tau^2}$
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\Rightarrow In rest frame: $\dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = (1, 0)$ and $\ddot{x}^\mu(\tau) = (0, a(\tau))$

\Rightarrow In every frame: $\ddot{x}_\mu(\tau) \dot{x}^\mu(\tau) = -a^2(\tau)$

Special case of uniform acceleration: $a(\tau) = a \quad \forall \tau$

Proposition: A trajectory of uniform acceleration a is given by:

$$x^\mu(\tau) = (t(\tau), x(\tau)) = \left(\frac{1}{a} \sinh(a\tau), \frac{1}{a} \cosh(a\tau) \right)$$

Proof: $\dot{x}_\mu(\tau) = (\cosh(a\tau), \sinh(a\tau))$

is obeying $\dot{x}_\mu \dot{x}^\mu = 1 \quad \checkmark$

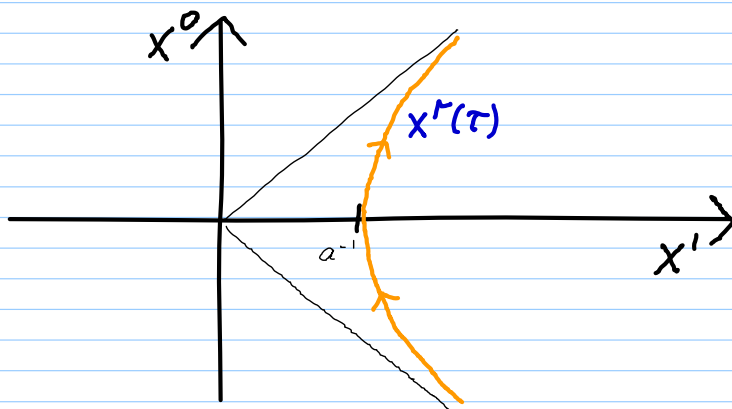
$\Rightarrow \tau$ really is the proper time

And, crucially:

$\ddot{x}_\mu(\tau) = (a \sinh(a\tau), a \cosh(a\tau))$ obeying $\ddot{x}_\mu \ddot{x}^\mu = -a^2 \quad \checkmark$

This trajectory also obeys:

$$x_\mu(\tau) x^\mu(\tau) = x^0(\tau)^2 - x^1(\tau)^2 = -\frac{1}{a^2}$$



i.e., it is a hyperbola of deceleration followed by acceleration.

Notice: Our uniformly accelerated traveler has horizons:

- can't influence events below the line $x^0 = -x^1$, i.e., with $x^0 + x^1 \leq 0$
 - can't be influenced by events above the line $x^0 = x^1$, i.e., with $x^0 - x^1 \geq 0$
- } (A)

Inertial light cone coordinate system:

The inertial cartesian coordinates are fine to describe particle motion.

For wave equations, often light cone coordinates have advantages. (Esp. in 1+1D):

$$\tilde{x}^\mu(x^0, x^1) := (u(x^0, x^1), v(x^0, x^1))$$

$$\text{with: } \left. \begin{aligned} u(x^0, x^1) &:= x^0 - x^1 \\ v(x^0, x^1) &:= x^0 + x^1 \end{aligned} \right\} (B)$$

The metric: In inertial, cartesian cds x^μ : $g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 0 \\ 0, & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

In inertial light cone cds \tilde{x}^μ : $g_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & 1/2 \\ 1/2, & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
i.e.: $ds^2 = du dv$

Exercise: Check this, using $g_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) = \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial \tilde{x}^\mu} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial \tilde{x}^\nu} g_{\alpha\beta}(x)$.

The trajectory above in inertial light cone cds:

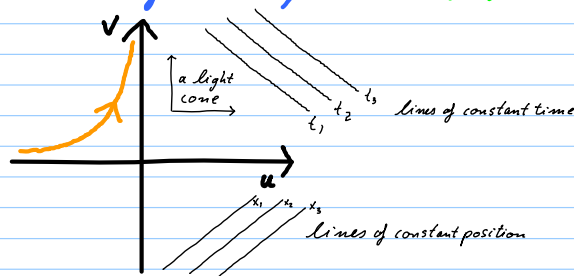
$$\tilde{x}(\tau) = (u(\tau), v(\tau))$$

$$\text{with } u(\tau) = t(\tau) - x(\tau) = -\frac{1}{a} e^{-a\tau}$$

$$v(\tau) = t(\tau) + x(\tau) = \frac{1}{a} e^{a\tau}$$

Notice: From (A) \wedge (B): the traveller

- can't influence events (u, v) with $v \leq 0$
- can't be influenced by events (u, v) with $u \geq 0$



A coordinate system that is comoving with the traveler

We want a coordinate system ξ^μ so that our traveler's trajectory is:

$$\xi^\mu(\tau) = (\tau, 0)$$

But this fixes the new cds only on the trajectory!

Q: How to continue the new cds to elsewhere?

A: We can require (in 1+1 dimensions) that the light cones are still at 45° , i.e., that

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\xi) = f(\xi) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{i.e. } ds^2 = f(\xi) (d\xi^0{}^2 - d\xi'^2), \text{ i.e., } \underbrace{ds^2=0}_{\text{condition for light-like tangent}} \Rightarrow d\xi' = \pm d\xi^0$$

Proposition:

Under the change of coordinates

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^0(\xi) &= a^{-1} e^{a\xi'} \sinh(a\xi^0) \\ x^1(\xi) &= a^{-1} e^{a\xi'} \cosh(a\xi^0) \end{aligned} \right\} (T)$$

we have that the trajectory $\xi^\mu(\tau) = (\tau, 0)$

is indeed the trajectory of our traveler:

$$x^\mu(\tau) = (a^{-1} \sinh(a\tau), a^{-1} \cosh(a\tau))$$

And in addition: The Minkowski metric $g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ reads in the ξ coordinates:

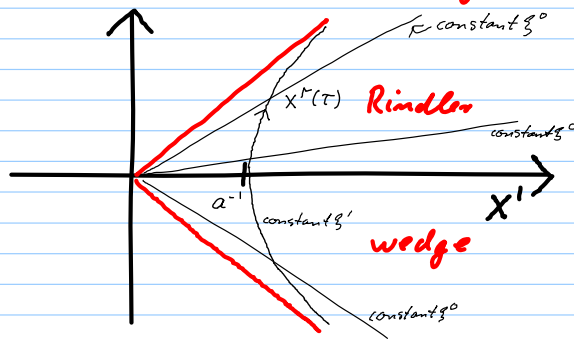
$$g_{\mu\nu}(\xi) = e^{2a\xi'} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow In this cds, light travels still at 45° .

In (T), why did we map the new cds to the old: $\xi^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu$?

There is no inverse $x^\mu \rightarrow \xi^\mu$!

Why? Because all of $(\xi^0, \xi^1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ maps only on to the Rindler wedge $x^1 > |x^0|$



From (T):

For each ξ^1 , obtain a hyperbola within the Rindler wedge.

Together they cover exactly only the Rindler wedge.

We knew that the traveler has horizons.

His comoving cds ξ^μ reaches only as far as to his horizons.

Accelerated light cone coordinates.

In ξ^μ cds, light still travels at 45° .

\Rightarrow It will be useful for wave equations to introduce accelerated light cone coordinates:

$$\tilde{\xi}^\mu(\xi) = (\tilde{\xi}^0(\xi), \tilde{\xi}^1(\xi)) = (\bar{u}(\xi), \bar{v}(\xi))$$

$$\text{where: } \bar{u}(\xi) = \xi^0 - \xi^1$$

$$\bar{v}(\xi) = \xi^0 + \xi^1$$

In the cds $\tilde{\xi}^\mu$ we have:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{\xi}) = e^{a(\bar{v}-\bar{u})} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{i.e.: } ds^2 = e^{a(\bar{v}-\bar{u})} d\bar{u}d\bar{v}$$

Remark: We can also directly map the accelerated light cone cds $\tilde{\xi} = (\bar{u}, \bar{v})$ into the inertial light cone coordinates $\tilde{x} = (u, v)$: (Exercise: show this)

Important later! →

$$u(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = -\frac{1}{a} e^{-a\bar{u}}$$

$$v(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \frac{1}{a} e^{a\bar{v}}$$

Summary:

Coordinate system

$$x = (x^0, x^1)$$

$$\tilde{x} = (u, v)$$

These cds cover only the Rindler wedge

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi = (\xi^0, \xi^1) \\ \bar{\xi} = (\bar{u}, \bar{v}) \end{array} \right.$$

Form of the metric

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\tilde{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\xi) = e^{2a\xi^1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\bar{\xi}) = e^{a(\bar{v}-\bar{u})} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Observation: These metrics are pairwise conformally related:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) := \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

In 2 dimensions, the K.G. action is invariant:

$$\begin{aligned} S'_g[\phi] &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} g^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{,\alpha} \phi_{,\beta} \sqrt{|g|} d^2x \\ &= S'_{\bar{g}}[\phi] \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

$$\text{We have } g^{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \bar{g}^{\mu\nu}(x) = \Omega^{-2}(x) g^{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$\text{and } \sqrt{|g|} \rightarrow \sqrt{|\bar{g}|} = \Omega^2(x) \sqrt{|g|} \text{ in 2 dimensions.}$$

⇒ The Klein Gordon action

$$S[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int g^{\alpha\beta} \phi_{,\alpha} \phi_{,\beta} \sqrt{|g|} d^2x \quad \text{general cds}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\partial_x \phi)^2 - (\partial_t \phi)^2 dx^0 dx^1 \quad \text{inertial cartesian cds}$$

$$= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\partial_u \phi)(\partial_v \phi) du dv \quad \text{inertial light cone cds}$$

On Rindler Wedge: (easy to see because of conformal invariance)

$$S'_{RW}[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\partial_{\xi^0} \phi)^2 - (\partial_{\xi^1} \phi)^2 d\xi^0 d\xi^1 \quad \text{accelerated cartesian cds}$$

$$= 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} (\partial_u \phi)(\partial_v \phi) du dv \quad \text{accelerated light cone cds}$$

↙ because massive action is not conformal

Remark: A massive field would have a different equation motion in accelerated frames.

i.e.: accelerated observer can find out he's accelerating using masses.

The Klein Gordon equation:

In inertial light cone coordinates:

$$\frac{\delta S'}{\delta \phi} = \partial_u \frac{\delta S'}{\delta \partial_u \phi} + \partial_v \frac{\delta S'}{\delta \partial_v \phi} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \partial_u \partial_v \phi(u,v) = 0$$

Easily solved: $\phi(u,v) = A(u) + B(v)$, with A, B arbitrary functions.

For example: $\phi(u,v) = e^{-i\omega u} = e^{-i\omega(t-x)} = e^{i\omega(x^0 - x^1)}$

is a right-moving positive frequency solution.

The usual Minkowski space quantum field solution $\hat{\phi}(x^0, x^1)$ can be written this way:

$$\hat{\phi}(u,v) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \left(\underbrace{e^{-i\omega u} a_k + e^{i\omega u} a_k^\dagger}_{\text{right movers}} + \underbrace{e^{-i\omega v} a_{-k} + e^{i\omega v} a_{-k}^\dagger}_{\text{left movers}} \right) \text{ and } \omega = |k|$$

The Klein Gordon equation in the accelerated frame:

In accelerated light cone coordinates: (covering only the Rindler wedge)

$$\frac{\delta S_{RW}}{\delta \phi} = \partial_{\bar{u}} \frac{\delta S_{RW}}{\delta \partial_{\bar{u}} \phi} + \partial_{\bar{v}} \frac{\delta S_{RW}}{\delta \partial_{\bar{v}} \phi} \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \partial_{\bar{u}} \partial_{\bar{v}} \phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = 0$$

Easily solved: $\phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = A(\bar{u}) + B(\bar{v})$, with A, B arbitrary functions.

For example: $\phi(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = e^{-i\omega \bar{u}} = e^{-i\omega(\xi^0 - \xi^1)}$

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In the accelerated frame, the quantum field in the Rindler wedge is:

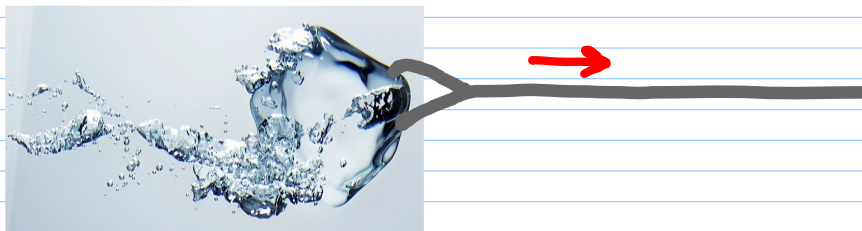
$$\hat{\phi}(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dk}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \left(\underbrace{e^{-i\omega \bar{u}} \hat{b}_k + e^{i\omega \bar{u}} \hat{b}_k}_{\text{right movers}} + \underbrace{e^{-i\omega \bar{v}} \hat{b}_{-k} + e^{i\omega \bar{v}} \hat{b}_{-k}}_{\text{left movers}} \right) \text{ and } \omega = |k|$$

Notice: hermiticity conditions, K.G. eqn and CCRs obeyed.

For the inertial observer, the vacuum state obeys: $a_k |0_M\rangle = 0$

But for the accelerated observer, the vacuum state obeys: $b_k |0_R\rangle = 0$

We will assume that the state of the system is $|\Psi\rangle = |0_M\rangle$.



Will acceleration melt ice?

We arrived at a typical situation:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\phi}(u,v) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \left(e^{-i\omega u} \hat{a}_k + e^{i\omega u} \hat{a}_k^\dagger + e^{-i\omega v} \hat{a}_{-k} + e^{i\omega v} \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger \right) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \left(e^{-i\omega \bar{u}} \hat{b}_k + e^{i\omega \bar{u}} \hat{b}_k^\dagger + e^{-i\omega \bar{v}} \hat{b}_{-k} + e^{i\omega \bar{v}} \hat{b}_{-k}^\dagger \right)\end{aligned}\quad (A)$$

There must exist a Bogolubov transformation linking the a_k, a_k^\dagger and b_k, b_k^\dagger !

Observation:

The left and right movers won't mix.

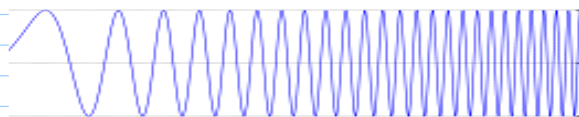
→ For simplicity we'll consider only the right movers.

Observation:

Among right movers all frequencies may mix:

$$b_\Omega = \int_0^\infty d\omega (\alpha_{\Omega\omega} a_\omega - \beta_{\Omega\omega} a_\omega^\dagger) \quad \text{with } \omega = k \quad (B)$$

Intuition: To the traveller, any monochromatic wave sounds like a chirp.



Exercise: Check that $[a_k, a_k^\dagger] = \delta(k-k')$ and $[b_k, b_k^\dagger] = \delta(k-k')$ imply:

$$\int_0^\infty d\omega (\alpha_{\Omega\omega} \alpha_{\Omega'\omega}^* - \beta_{\Omega\omega} \beta_{\Omega'\omega}^*) = \delta(\Omega - \Omega') \quad (C)$$

Calculation of $\alpha_{\Omega w}$ and $\beta_{\Omega w}$: (lengthy, for more details, see Mukhanov & Winitzki text.)

□ Substitute (B) into (A) and collect coefficients of a_w

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\omega}^{-1/2} e^{-i\omega u} = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\Omega'}{\sqrt{\Omega'}} \left(\alpha_{\Omega' w} e^{-i\Omega' \bar{u}} - \beta_{\Omega' w}^* e^{i\Omega' \bar{u}} \right)$$

□ Act with $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{u} e^{\pm i\Omega \bar{u}}$ on the equation

and then use that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(\Omega - \Omega') \bar{u}} d\bar{u} = 2\pi \delta(\Omega - \Omega')$.

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} + \text{ case: } \alpha_{\Omega w} \\ - \text{ case: } \beta_{\Omega w} \end{array} \right\} = \pm \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega}{w}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\mp i\omega u + i\Omega \bar{u}} d\bar{u}$$

Recall:

$$u(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = -\frac{1}{a} e^{-a\bar{u}} \quad (\text{encoding the chirping})$$

and, therefore: $\frac{du}{d\bar{u}} = e^{-a\bar{u}} \Rightarrow d\bar{u} = (-au) du$

\Rightarrow

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha_{\Omega w} \\ \beta_{\Omega w} \end{array} \right\} = \pm \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega}{w}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{\mp i\omega u + i\Omega \bar{u}} d\bar{u} = \pm \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega}{w}} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{\mp i\omega u} (-au)^{-i\frac{\Omega}{a}-1} du$$

□ Now, using $\Gamma(r) = \int_0^{\infty} s^{r-1} e^{-s} ds$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha_{\Omega w} \\ \beta_{\Omega w} \end{array} \right\} = \pm \frac{1}{2\pi a} \sqrt{\frac{\Omega}{w}} e^{\pm \frac{\pi\Omega}{2a}} e^{i\left(\frac{\Omega}{a} \ln \frac{w}{a}\right)} \Gamma\left(-\frac{i\Omega}{a}\right) !$$

Observation: $\Rightarrow |\beta_{\omega\Omega}|^2 = e^{-\frac{2\pi\Omega}{a}} |\alpha_{\omega\Omega}|^2 \quad (D)$

So for acceleration $a \rightarrow 0$ we have $|\beta_{\omega\Omega}| \rightarrow 0$,
i.e. then no particles observed in travelers frame.

How many particles does an accelerated observer see if $a \neq 0$?

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_i | \hat{N}_\Omega | \psi_i \rangle &= \langle 0_M | \hat{N}_\Omega | 0_M \rangle \\ &= \langle 0_M | \hat{b}_\Omega^\dagger \hat{b}_\Omega | 0_M \rangle \\ &= \langle 0_M | \left(\int_0^\infty d\omega \alpha_{\omega\Omega}^* \hat{a}_\omega^\dagger - \beta_{\omega\Omega}^* \hat{a}_\omega \right) \left(\int_0^\infty d\omega' \alpha_{\omega'\Omega} \hat{a}_{\omega'} - \beta_{\omega'\Omega} \hat{a}_{\omega'}^\dagger \right) | 0_M \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty d\omega |\beta_{\omega\Omega}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using (C) and (D) \Rightarrow

$$\langle \psi_i | \hat{N}_\Omega | \psi_i \rangle = \int_0^\infty d\omega |\beta_{\omega\Omega}|^2 = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{2\pi\Omega}{a}} - 1} \delta(\Omega - \Omega) \quad \uparrow \text{Divergent}$$

Observation:

With infrared cutoff through (accelerating) box of size V we have discrete k , discrete $\Omega(k)$ and $\delta(\Omega - \Omega')$ in (C) becomes $V \delta_{\Omega, \Omega'}$.

Then:

$$\langle \psi_i | \hat{N}_\Omega | \psi_i \rangle = \int_0^\infty d\omega |\beta_{\omega\Omega}|^2 = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{2\pi\Omega}{a}} - 1} V \delta_{\Omega, \Omega}$$

⇒ Number density:

$$\bar{n}_\Omega := \frac{1}{V} \langle \psi_i | \hat{N}_\Omega | \psi_i \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{2\pi\Omega}{a}} - 1}$$

Compare: If a harmonic oscillator of energy levels $E_n = \Omega(n + \frac{1}{2})$ is exposed to a heat bath of temperature T , then its expected excitation number is

$$\bar{n} = \frac{1}{e^{\Omega/T} - 1}$$

⇒ The traveler's mode oscillators are excited as if exposed to a heat bath of the **Unruh temperature:**

$$T = \frac{a}{2\pi}$$

Observation:

□ Could the quantum field be in the state $|0_R\rangle$?

□ We'd expect that then inertial observers would see particles!

□ But $|0_R\rangle$ is not a physically implementable state, even in principle! **Why?**

□ $|0_R\rangle$ is a state with regions of diverging energy density!

Why? If $\hat{\phi}$ is in state $|0_R\rangle$ then, in accelerated cds, energy density is constant throughout that cds.

But this cds piles up at the horizons!

Recall: $T_{\mu\nu} = (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial_\nu \phi) - \eta_{\mu\nu} (\partial_\alpha \phi)(\partial^\alpha \phi)$

\Rightarrow Need to study terms of the form $\langle 0_R | (\partial \phi)^2 | 0_R \rangle$.

Calculate: $\langle 0_R | (\partial_u \hat{\phi})^2 | 0_R \rangle = \langle 0_R | \left(\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial u}\right)^2 (\partial_{\bar{u}} \hat{\phi})^2 | 0_R \rangle$

enters $\langle 0_R | T_{\mu\nu}(u, \nu) | 0_R \rangle$

calculation of
inertial observer!

Recall: $u(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = -\frac{1}{a} e^{-a\bar{u}}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{d\bar{u}} = -a u \Rightarrow$

$$= \frac{1}{(au)^2} \langle 0_R | (\partial_{\bar{u}} \hat{\phi})^2 | 0_R \rangle$$

same b/c calculated exact same way from (A)

$$= \frac{1}{(au)^2} \langle 0_M | (\partial_u \hat{\phi})^2 | 0_M \rangle$$

Finite after renormalization.

But: $u^{-1} \rightarrow \infty$ at the traveler's horizon!

\Rightarrow In states $|\Psi\rangle = |0_R\rangle$, or $|\Psi\rangle = b_{\bar{r}}^+ |0_R\rangle$ etc,

$$\langle \Psi | T_{\mu\nu}(u, \nu) | \Psi \rangle \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } u \rightarrow 0 \text{ (future horizon)}$$

and similarly also for $\nu \rightarrow 0$.