

# Can anisotropic expansion of the spacetime generate quantum interference in light propagation?

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Let's consider the [Bianchi type I metric](#)

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - b_1^2(t) [dx^2 + dy^2] - b_2^2(t) dz^2$$

[Maxwell equations](#) in a curved spacetime without electromagnetic sources are

$$\nabla_{\mu} F^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

where

$$F_{\mu\nu} \equiv \nabla_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \nabla_{\nu} A_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}$$

After imposing the generalized **Coulomb gauge**  $A_0 = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial_1 A_1}{b_1(t)} + \frac{\partial_2 A_2}{b_1(t)} + \frac{\partial_3 A_3}{b_2(t)} = 0$  let us expand fields in **normal modes**:

$$A_i(t, \vec{r}) = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3 \sqrt{2k}} \sum_{\alpha=1,2} \epsilon_{i\vec{k}\alpha} a_{i\vec{k}\alpha} A_{ik}(t) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + h.c.$$

and require the usual **bosonic commutation rule** in order to quantize fields:

$$[a_{\perp\vec{k},\alpha}, a_{\perp\vec{k}',\beta}^+] = \delta_{\vec{k}\vec{k}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$[a_{\parallel\vec{k}\alpha}, a_{\parallel\vec{k}',\beta}^+] = \delta_{\vec{k}\vec{k}'} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

All others = 0

In such a way, we obtain two different evolutions

$$\ddot{A}_{\perp k}(t) + \left( 2 \frac{\dot{b}_1}{b_1} - \frac{\dot{b}_2}{b_2} \right) \dot{A}_{\perp k}(t) + k^2 A_{\perp k}(t) = 0$$

$$\ddot{A}_{\parallel k}(t) + \frac{\dot{b}_2}{b_2} \dot{A}_{\parallel k}(t) + k^2 A_{\parallel k}(t) = 0$$

respectively referring to the evolution along  $b_2$  direction and the perpendicular one.

Let us consider the generalized hamiltonian

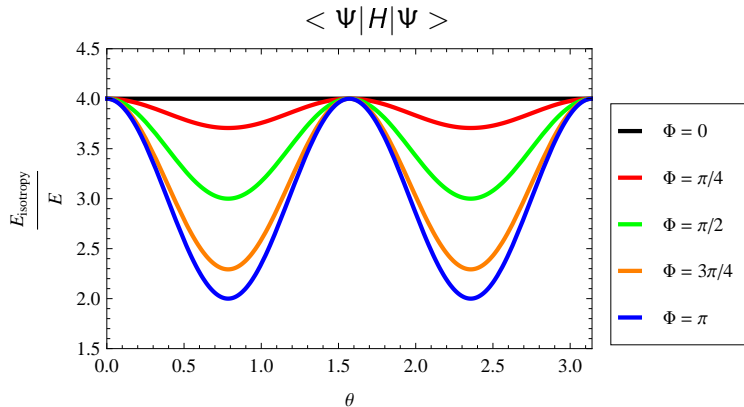
$$H \equiv \sum_{\vec{k}} \left( E_{\parallel \vec{k}} a_{\parallel \vec{k}}^+ a_{\parallel \vec{k}} + E_{\perp \vec{k}} a_{\perp \vec{k}}^+ a_{\perp \vec{k}} \right)$$

that collapse to the usual normal ordered one in of the [Minkowski spacetime](#) ( $b_1 = b_2 = 1$ ).

In such a way, the [one particle](#) state and the [two particle](#) one are respectively:

$$|\psi\rangle = \cos \theta a_{\perp \vec{k}}^+ |0\rangle + e^{i\alpha} \sin \theta a_{\parallel \vec{k}}^+ |0\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left( \cos \theta a_{1\perp}^+ + e^{i\alpha} \sin \theta a_{1\parallel}^+ \right) \left( \cos \phi a_{2\perp}^+ + e^{i\beta} \sin \phi a_{2\parallel}^+ \right) |0\rangle$$



where  $\Phi = \alpha - \beta$  and  $\theta = \phi$ .