## A Generally Covariant Theory of Quantized Dirac Field in de Sitter Spacetime

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## Abstract

As a sequel to our previous work [1], we propose in this paper a quantization scheme for Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime. Our scheme is covariant under both general transformations and Lorentz transformations. We first present a Hamiltonian structure, then quantize the field following the standard approach of constrained systems. For the free field, the time-dependent quantized Hamiltonian is diagonalized by Bogliubov transformation and the eigen-states at each instant are interpreted as the observed particle states at that instant. The measurable energy-momentum of observed particle/antiparticles are the same as obtained for Klein-Gordon field. Moreover, the energy-momentum also satisfies geodesic equation, a feature justifying its measurability. As in [1], though the mathematics is carried out in terms of conformal coordinates for the sake of convenience, the whole theory can be transformed into any other coordinates based on general covariance. It is concluded that particle/antiparticle states, such as vacuum states in particular are time-dependent and vacuum states at one time evolves into non-vacuum states at later times. Formalism of perturbational calculation is provided with an extended Dirac picture.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

As is well-known, one of the biggest challenges in theoretical physics is quantizing gravity, to which huge efforts have been paid since decades ago. Yet, the light of the other end of the tunnel is still not close, if not out of sight [2]. As a less ambitious middle step, quantizing all fields except gravity in curved spacetime has been attempted at for decades [3]-[6]. Nevertheless, most endeavors prior to [1] ended up being not quite satisfactory, even for a particular curved spacetime, due to various reasons as discussed in [1]. The importance of quantum field theory (QFT) in de Sitter spacetime has long been realized. Recent loop quantum gravity also suggests that QFT in de Sitter spacetime is a good approximation to the physics of gravity-matter system described by the product of gravitational Kodama Chern-Simons wave functional and the matter wave functional [2], though the normalizability might impose a difficulty [7]. In our previous work [1], a real Klein-Gordon field is quantized with the help of vierbein and the approach is generally covariant. In parallel with QFT in Minkowski spacetime, Hamiltonian, particles states and perturbation theory were consistently defined. In particular, the measurable energy-momentum, which can be used to discuss cosmological redshift if the universe can be approximated by de Sitter spacetime, was also obtained. It is understood that the first quantization fields in curved spacetime can be implemented in a broad range of curved spacetimes whereas second quantization heavily depends the specific spacetime under consideration. The reason is that second quantization requires expansion in terms of field modes, which heavily depends on some convenient choice of coordinate system of the particular spacetime. Once the convenient set of basis solutions is available, second quantization can be implemented and transformed to any other coordinate system. Hence the whole scheme is made generally covariant. Not all sets of basis solutions are created equal since it is required that the basis can be interpreted as the states of a free particle. In Minkowski spacetime, that is the set of plane waves. Similar basis are also viable in de Sitter spacetime.

The key point in our approach is that the canonical conjugate of a generic field  $\varphi$  in cured spacetime is the partial derivative of Lagrangian density with respect to the time derivative projected onto the vierbein. There are two benefits of this definition. First, it renders the definition generally covariant. Second, the "time" derivative is with respect to *measurable time* instead of *coordinate time*. Suppose  $\mathscr{D}_{\mu}$  is the covariant derivative (e.g., generally for a scalar/vector or Lorentzian for a spinor) of  $\varphi$ , then the "time" derivative is  $e_0^{\mu} \mathscr{D}_{\mu} \varphi$  where  $e_a^{\mu}$  is the vierbein field.

Quantization of Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime was discussed in literatures [8]-[22]. Most discussion on the same topic so far are not generally covariant, not consistent with the requirement of general covariance and hence not fulfilling the original purpose. As is well-understood, when a field interacts with time-dependent external field, the whole system will be non-conservative and the Hamiltonian, which usually governs the evolution of the system, is supposed to be in general time-dependent. The Hamiltonian and particle-antiparticle states in [8] are constant. In [10], there is no appropriate quantization procedure and there is no creation of particles. Yet, a free field in de Sitter spacetime is actually an assembly of time-dependent oscillators hence all the concepts therein such as Hamiltonian, particle/antiparticle states should be timedependent as in [23]-[28]. As is well understood, external lines in Feynman diagrams represent observable free particles. Without this interpretation of external lines, the physical meaning of all calculations will be at least vague since the calculated amplitude does not tell about scattering. The (loop) calculations in [12]-[15] are based on the assumption that the external lines of Feynman diagrams represents plane wave  $e^{ik \cdot x}$  with a timedependent factor. Actually, the free-particle state in de Sitter spacetime is a mixture of  $e^{ik \cdot x}$  and  $e^{-ik \cdot x}$ , as has been understood [29]. Works [16]-[22] mainly focus on the mathematical features/generation of solutions. The quantization procedure is not based on time-dependent Hamiltonian and hence the particle states are time-independent and the Green's functions

do not describes the propagation of physical particle from one state at one time to another state at another time. In this work, we present a fundamentally different approach to quantizing Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime. As in [1], our approach will be not only generally covariant under coordinate transformations but also Lorentz covariant under local Lorentz transformations.

The present paper is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we present the canonical structure and quantization of free Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime following the standard approach for constrained systems. New fundamental fields are also introduced. In Section 3, the system is quantized in Schrödinger picture using the new fundamental fields. Section 4 provides fundamental solutions of Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime, as a preparation of second quantization. Section 5 presents in detail the field 2nd quantization and the quantized Hamiltonian both in Heisenberg picture and Schrödinger picture. The Hamiltonians are diagonalized and quasi-particle creation/annihilation operators are defined. Discussions of difference as well as things in common in the two pictures are provided. Time dependent vacuum and particles states are defined. Particularly, the observed energy-momentum is obtained based on our previous work and the on-shell relation for free particles is obtained. Some simple matrix elements are calculated. In Section 6, we define a generation functional which can be used to calculate various matrix elements. In Section 7, transition amplitude between two states at different times is formulated. Section 8 is devoted to formulation of perturbation theory for interacting field, with the help of Dirac picture. Section 9 is a discussion of local Lorentz covariance of our approach. Section 10 is conclusional discussion.

## 2. CANONICAL STRUCTURE AND QUANTIZATION OF DIRAC FIELD IN DE SITTER SPACETIME

We use the same notational convention as in [1]:  $ds^2 = C(\zeta)[d\zeta^2 - \sum_i (dx^i)^2]$  with conformal factor  $C(\zeta) = (\ell/\zeta)^2$ ,  $x = (\zeta, x)$ ,  $\mu = \zeta$ , 1, 2, 3 and  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab}e^a_{\mu}e^{\nu}_b$ . The symmetric, real Lagrange of a free Dirac field is [30]-[31]

$$\mathscr{L}_{\psi} = \frac{i}{2} \left[ \overline{\psi} \gamma^{a} e^{\mu}_{a} \mathbf{D}_{\mu} \psi - \overline{\psi} \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu} e^{\mu}_{a} \gamma^{a} \psi \right] - m_{\psi} \overline{\psi} \psi \tag{1}$$

with  $\mathbf{D}_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + \frac{i}{4}\omega_{\mu m n}\Sigma^{m n} = \partial_{\mu} - \frac{1}{4}\omega_{\mu m n}\gamma^{m}\gamma^{n} = \partial_{\mu} - \mathbf{A}_{\mu}, \mathbf{A}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{4}\omega_{\mu m n}\gamma^{m}\gamma^{n}, \gamma^{0}\mathbf{A}_{\mu}^{\dagger}\gamma^{0} = -\mathbf{A}_{\mu}, \Sigma_{m n} = \frac{i}{2}[\gamma_{m}, \gamma_{n}], \overline{\psi}\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu} := \partial_{\mu}\overline{\psi} + \overline{\psi}\mathbf{A}_{\mu}.$  The Euler-Lagrangian equation  $[e\mathscr{L}_{\psi}]_{\overline{\psi}} = 0$  is

$$\frac{i}{2}e\gamma^{a}e^{\mu}_{a}\mathbf{D}_{\mu}\psi - \frac{i}{2}e\mathbf{A}_{\mu}e^{\mu}_{a}\gamma^{a}\psi - em_{\psi}\psi + \partial_{\mu}(\frac{i}{2}ee^{\mu}_{a}\gamma^{a}\psi) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Since  $[\mathbf{A}_{\mu}, \gamma^{a}] = -\omega_{\mu}{}^{an}\gamma_{n}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}_{\mu}e^{\mu}_{a}\gamma^{a} = e^{\mu}_{a}\gamma^{a}\mathbf{A}_{\mu} + \omega_{n}\gamma^{n}$ with  $\omega_{a} = \nabla_{\mu}e^{\mu}_{a}$ . Using  $\partial_{\mu}(ee^{\mu}_{a}) = e\nabla_{\mu}e^{\mu}_{a}$ ,  $\nabla_{\mu}e^{\nu}_{b} = \omega_{\mu b}{}^{c}e^{\nu}_{c}$ , we have

$$i\gamma^a e^\mu_a \mathbf{D}_\mu \psi - m_\psi \psi = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$i\overline{\psi}\,\overline{\mathbf{D}}_{\,\mu}\gamma^{a}e^{\mu}_{a} + m_{\psi}\overline{\psi} = 0 \tag{4}$$

The Dirac current is defined as

$$J_{\text{Dirac}}^{\mu}(\psi,\varphi) = \overline{\psi}\gamma^{a}e_{a}^{\mu}\varphi$$
(5)

It can be easily verified that  $\nabla_{\mu} J^{\mu}_{\text{Dirac}} = 0$ . The inner-product is defined

$$(\psi \mid \varphi)_{\text{Dirac}} := \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma_{\mu} \overline{\psi} \gamma^{a} e^{\mu}_{a} \varphi = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \psi^{\dagger} \varphi \tag{6}$$

So we have  $(\psi \mid \varphi)_{\text{Dirac}}^* = (\varphi \mid \psi)_{\text{Dirac}}$  which is general-Lorentz invariant.

Denoting  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}_a = e_a^{\mu} \mathbf{D}_{\mu}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}_a = e_a^{\mu} \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu}$  (here  $e_a^{\mu}$  plays the role of parameter  $\lambda(t)$  in [32]). The canonical conjugates are defined as [33]

$$\pi_{\psi} := \frac{\partial \mathscr{L}_{\psi}}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\psi} = \frac{1}{2}i\overline{\psi}\gamma^{0}, \quad \pi_{\overline{\psi}} := \frac{\partial \mathscr{L}_{\psi}}{\partial\overline{\psi}\overset{c}{\mathbf{D}}_{0}} = -\frac{1}{2}i\gamma^{0}\psi \qquad (7)$$

Unlike the situation of Klein-Gordon field, there does not exist the inverse  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}_0 \psi = \hat{\mathbf{D}}_0 \psi(\psi, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_i \psi, \pi_{\psi}, \overline{\psi}, \overline{\psi}, \overline{\hat{\mathbf{D}}}_i, \pi_{\overline{\psi}}, x)$ . Instead, the system is a constrained system with two primary constraints [34]

$$C_1 = \pi_{\psi} - \frac{1}{2}i\overline{\psi}\gamma^0 \approx 0 \tag{8}$$

$$C_2 = \pi_{\overline{\psi}} + \frac{1}{2}i\gamma^0\psi \approx 0 \tag{9}$$

Hence the canonical Hamiltonians  $\mathscr{H}$  and the total Hamiltonian  $\mathscr{H}_T$  can be constructed via

$$\mathscr{H} = \overline{\psi} \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_0 \pi_{\overline{\psi}} + \pi_{\psi} \mathbf{\hat{D}}_0 \psi - \mathscr{L}_{\psi}$$
(10)

$$\mathscr{H}_T = \mathscr{H} + \mathcal{C}_1 \lambda^1 + \lambda^2 \mathcal{C}_2 \tag{11}$$

where  $\lambda^i$ , i = 1, 2 are odd variables. Classical Poisson brackets between the primary constraints  $C_i$  and the total Hamiltonian  $\mathscr{H}_T$  determine  $\lambda^i$ s completely. Consequently, there are no secondary constraints and the system has only primary secondclass constrains. The canonical Hamiltonian is expressed as

$$H[\psi,\psi;\pi_{\psi},\pi_{\overline{\psi}};\zeta] = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \Big[\frac{i}{2}(-\overline{\psi}\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\psi + \overline{\psi}\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\gamma^{a'}\psi) + m_{\psi}\overline{\psi}\psi\Big]$$
(12)

and the total Hamiltonian is then

$$H_{T}[\overline{\psi},\psi;\pi_{\psi},\pi_{\overline{\psi}};\zeta] = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \Big[\frac{i}{2}(-\overline{\psi}\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\psi + \overline{\psi}\hat{\overline{\mathbf{D}}}_{a'}\gamma^{a'}\psi) + m_{\psi}\overline{\psi}\psi + c_{1}\lambda^{1} + \lambda^{2}c_{2}\Big]$$
(13)

Equal-time Poisson brackets are defined by

$$\{\psi_A(x), \pi_{\psi B}(y)\}_{x^0 = y^0}^{\text{P.B.}} = \delta_{AB}\delta^3(Z^i)$$
(14)

$$\left\{\psi_A(x), \overline{\psi}_B(y)\right\}_{x^0 = y^0}^{\text{P.B.}} = 0 \tag{15}$$

$$\left\{\overline{\psi}_{A}(x), \pi_{\overline{\psi}B}(y)\right\}_{x^{0}=y^{0}}^{\text{P.B.}} = \delta_{AB}\delta^{3}(Z^{i})$$
(16)

$$\left\{\pi_{\psi A}(x), \pi_{\overline{\psi}B}(y)\right\}_{x^0=y^0}^{\text{P.B.}} = 0$$
 (17)

where  $Z^i$  is defined as in [1]. The Poisson bracket matrix of the two constraints is

$$\Theta = \left\{ \mathcal{C}_{iA}(x), \mathcal{C}_{jB}(y) \right\}_{x^0 = y^0}^{\text{P.B.}} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & i\gamma^0 \\ -i\gamma^{0T} & 0 \end{array} \right) \delta^3(Z^i) \quad (18)$$

and the inverse is

$$\Theta^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\gamma^{0T} \\ -i\gamma^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \delta^3(Z^i)$$
(19)

Hence the Dirac brackets are

$$\{\psi_A, \overline{\psi}_B(x)\}_{x^0=y^0}^{\text{D.B.}} = -i\gamma^0_{AB}\delta^3(Z^i)$$
(20)

We can choose a new set of canonical variables and constraints.

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2}\psi + i\gamma^0 \pi_{\overline{\psi}}, \pi_\omega = \pi_\psi + \frac{1}{2}i\overline{\psi}\gamma^0 \tag{21}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2}\overline{\psi} + i\pi_{\psi}\gamma^{0}, \pi_{\Omega} = \pi_{\overline{\psi}} + \frac{1}{2}i\gamma^{0}\psi$$
(22)

with inverse transformation

$$\psi = \omega - i\gamma^0 \pi_{\Omega}, \pi_{\psi} = \frac{1}{2}(\pi_{\omega} - i\Omega\gamma^0)$$
(23)

$$\overline{\psi} = -i(\pi_{\omega}\gamma^{0} + i\Omega), \pi_{\overline{\psi}} = -\frac{i}{2}(\gamma^{0}\omega + i\pi_{\Omega})$$
(24)

With these new variables, the Poisson brackets and Dirac brackets are equal. The physical Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{phy}} = -i(\pi_{\omega}\gamma^{0} + i\Omega) \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left[ -\gamma^{a'} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} + \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} \gamma^{a'} \right] + m_{\psi} \right] \\ \times (\omega - i\gamma^{0}\pi_{\Omega})_{|\Omega = \pi_{\Omega} = 0} \\ = -i\pi_{\omega}\gamma^{0} \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left[ -\gamma^{a'} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} + \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} \gamma^{a'} \right] + m_{\psi} \right] \omega$$
(25)

Still denoting  $\omega$  as  $\psi$ , and  $\pi_{\omega}$  as  $i\overline{\psi}\gamma^0$ ,  $(\psi,\overline{\psi})$  are now a canonical pair. We arrive at the conventional expression of Hamiltonian

$$\mathscr{H}_{\text{phy}}[\psi,\overline{\psi};\zeta] = \overline{\psi} \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left[ -\gamma^{a'} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} + \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} \gamma^{a'} \right] + m_{\psi} \right] \psi \quad (26)$$

It might be worthwhile noting that this agrees with the Faddeev-Jackiw method for first-order Lagrangians [35]. The purpose of our approach is not just to quantize the system but also in a covariant way, which many literatures have failed to address/emphasize so far. The P.B. as eq. (20), with which we can reproduce the original equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\psi(x) &= \left\{\psi, H_{\text{phy}}[\overline{\psi}, \psi]\right\}^{\text{P.B.}} \\ &= \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \left\{\psi(x), \frac{i}{2}(-\overline{\psi}\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\psi + \overline{\psi}\hat{\overline{\mathbf{D}}}_{a'}\gamma^{a'}\psi) + m_{\psi}\overline{\psi}\psi\right\}^{\text{P.B.}} \\ &= -i\gamma^{0}(-i\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\psi + m_{\psi}\psi) \end{aligned}$$
(27)

i.e.,

$$ie_0^{\mu}\gamma^0 \mathbf{D}_{\mu}\psi = -i\gamma^{a'}e_{a'}^{\mu}\mathbf{D}_{\mu}\psi + m_{\psi}\psi$$
(28)

Similarly

$$ie_0^{\mu}\overline{\psi}(x)\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu}\gamma^0 = -i\overline{\psi}\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\mu}e_{a'}^{\mu}\gamma^{a'} - m_{\psi}\overline{\psi}$$
(29)

We are now facing a similar issue encountered in KG case, i.e., the rhs of eq. (20) depends on time  $\zeta$ , which will cause inconsistency when introducing Schrödinger picture. We need to extract partial information of the fields  $\psi, \overline{\psi}$ , information of which *Schrödinger picture can be well-defined.* For this, we introduce fields

$$\xi = e^{\Omega/2}\psi, \bar{\xi} = e^{\Omega/2}\overline{\psi}$$
(30)

These fields are not Dirac *spinors in curved spacetime* and they do not transform the way the original fields do under local Lorentz transformations. From these definitions, we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\xi = \frac{1}{2}\gamma^{0}\gamma^{a}e^{\mu}_{a}(\mathbf{D}_{\mu}\Omega)\xi - \gamma^{0}\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\xi - i\gamma^{0}m_{\psi}\xi \qquad (31)$$

This can also be obtained as

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\xi = \left\{\xi, H_{\text{phy}}[\psi, \overline{\psi}; \zeta]\right\}^{\text{P.B.}} + \frac{1}{2}e_{0}^{\zeta}\partial_{\zeta}\Omega \cdot \xi$$
(32)

If we choose  $\xi, \overline{\xi}$  as fundamental fields and define the Poisson bracket for any two functionals  $F[\xi, \overline{\xi}; \zeta] = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \mathscr{F}, G[\xi, \overline{\xi}; \zeta] = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \mathscr{G}$  as

$$\{F,G\}^{\text{P.D.}} := -i\gamma^{0}_{AB} \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma e^{\Omega} \left( \frac{\delta \mathscr{F}}{\delta \xi_{A}(x)} \frac{\delta \mathscr{G}}{\delta \overline{\xi}_{B}(x)} - \frac{\delta \mathscr{G}}{\delta \overline{\xi}_{A}(x)} \frac{\delta \mathscr{F}}{\delta \overline{\xi}_{B}(x)} \right)$$
(33)

Since  $\xi(x) = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma' \delta^3(x - x') C^{-3/2}(\zeta) \xi(x')$ ,  $\overline{\xi}(y) = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma' \delta^3(y - y') C^{-3/2}(\zeta) \overline{\xi}(y')$ , we have then

$$\left\{\xi(\mathbf{x}), \bar{\xi}(\mathbf{y})\right\}^{\text{P.B.}} = -ie^{\Omega}\gamma^0\delta^3(Z^i) = -i\gamma^0\delta^3(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$
(34)

Thus with the Hamiltonian

$$\mathscr{H}_{\text{phy}}[\xi,\bar{\xi};\zeta] = e^{-\Omega}\bar{\xi}\Big[\frac{i}{2}(-\gamma^{a'}\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}+\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{a'}\gamma^{a'}) + m_{\psi} + i\gamma^{0}\frac{1}{2}C^{-1/2}\omega_{0}\Big]\xi \quad (35)$$

we have

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\boldsymbol{\xi} = \{\boldsymbol{\xi}, H_{\text{phy}}[\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\bar{\xi}}; \boldsymbol{\zeta}]\}^{\text{P.B.}}$$
(36)

In general, for any  $O[\xi, \overline{\xi}; \lambda(x)]$ 

$$O[\xi, \bar{\xi}; \lambda(x)] = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \mathscr{O}(\xi, \bar{\xi}; \lambda(x))$$
(37)

which is a function of  $\zeta$  and a functional of  $\xi$ ,  $\overline{\xi}$ 

$$\hat{d}_{0}O[\xi,\bar{\xi};\lambda(x)](\zeta) = \int_{\Sigma} e_{0}^{\zeta}(x)\partial_{\zeta}(d\sigma)\mathscr{O} + \left\{O,H_{\text{phy}}\right\}^{\text{P.B.}} + \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \frac{\delta\mathscr{O}}{\delta\lambda(x)}\hat{\nabla}_{0}\lambda$$
(38)

where  $\hat{d}_0$  is defined as  $e_0^{\zeta}(\zeta)d/d\zeta$ , bearing in mind that  $\zeta = \text{const.}$  defines the surface  $\Sigma$ , i.e., the l.h.s. depends on the surface  $\Sigma$ . In particular,

$$\hat{d}_{0}H_{\rm phy}[\xi,\bar{\xi};\cdots] = \int_{\Sigma} e_{0}^{\zeta}(x)\partial_{\zeta}(d\sigma)\mathscr{H}_{\rm phy} -\int_{\Sigma} d\sigma \frac{\delta\mathscr{H}_{\rm phy}}{\delta e_{a}^{\mu}}\hat{\nabla}_{0}e_{a}^{\mu}$$
(39)

Quantization is realized by the correspondence

$$\{,\}^{\text{D.B.}} \to \frac{1}{i\hbar}\{,\} \tag{40}$$

Hence we have anticommutator

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$$\xi(x), \bar{\xi}(y) \} = \gamma^0 \delta^3(x - y) \tag{41}$$

In the sequel, we write  $H_{phy}$  as H for brevity.

## 3. SCHRÖDINGER PICTURE

Upon quantization, the classical canonical variables  $\psi$ ,  $\overline{\psi}$  are replaced by operators  $\hat{\psi}$ ,  $\hat{\overline{\psi}}$  in a Hilbert space and Poisson brackets become anti-commutators. In standard QFT in Minkowski spacetime, the Hamiltonian is time-independent and three pictures can be utilized. Similarly, we can define Schrödinger picture for  $O = \xi$ ,  $\overline{\xi}$ 

$$O^{\mathsf{S}}(\zeta) = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H[\xi,\bar{\xi},\eta] e^{0}_{\zeta}(\eta) d\eta} O(\zeta) \hat{T} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H[\xi,\bar{\xi},\eta] e^{0}_{\zeta}(\eta) d\eta}$$
(42)

where  $\hat{T}$  is the time-ordering operator define as  $\hat{T}\xi(\zeta_1)\xi(\zeta_2) = \xi(\zeta_1)\xi(\zeta_2)\theta(\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) - \xi(\zeta_2)\xi(\zeta_1)\theta(\zeta_1 - \zeta_2)$ . It should be emphasized that here what is employed is  $H[\xi, \bar{\xi}; \eta]$  instead of  $H[\psi, \bar{\psi}; \eta]$ . The two pictures agree at  $\zeta = \ell$ 

$$\xi^{\mathsf{S}}(x) = \xi(\ell, x) = \psi(\ell, x) \tag{43}$$

For Hamiltonian

$$H^{\mathbf{S}}(\zeta) = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H(\eta) e^{0}_{\zeta}(\eta) d\eta} H(\zeta) \hat{T} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H(\eta) e^{0}_{\zeta}(\eta) d\eta}$$
  
=  $H[\xi^{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{x}), \bar{\xi}^{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{x}); e^{\mu}_{a}(\mathbf{x})](\zeta)$  (44)

and  $H^{S}(\ell) = H(\ell)$ . So time-independent  $\xi^{S}(x)$ ,  $\overline{\xi}^{S}(x)$  play the roles of x, p while  $\xi(x), \overline{\xi}(x)$  play the role  $x_{\pm}, p_{\pm}$  in [36]:

$$H(t) = f(t)p^2/2m + g(t)\frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2,$$
  
$$H_+(t) = f(t)p_+^2(t)/2m + g(t)\frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x_+^2(t)$$

As suggested in

$$dH(t)/dt = \dot{f}(t)p^2/2m + \dot{g}(t)\frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x^2,$$
  
$$dH_+(t)/dt = \dot{f}(t)p_+^2(t)/2m + \dot{g}(t)\frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2 x_+^2(t),$$

though the initial condition  $H(0) = H_+(0)$ , we have  $H(t) \neq H_+(t)$  since  $p_+(t), x_+(t)$  depend on time *t*. The time-dependence of  $H^{S}$  is

$$i\hat{d}_0 H^{\rm S}(\zeta) = ie_0^{\zeta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} H[\xi^{\rm S}(\mathbf{x}), \bar{\xi}^{\rm S}(\mathbf{x}); e_a^{\mu}(\mathbf{x})](\zeta)$$
(45)

Quantum anticommutator is

$$\{\hat{\xi}^{S}(x), \hat{\xi}^{S}(y)\}_{x^{0}=y^{0}} = \gamma^{0}\hbar\delta^{3}(x-y)$$
(46)

Quantum mechanical Schrödinger equation for wave functional is

$$i\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{0}\Psi[\xi^{\mathrm{S}}(\mathbf{x}),\zeta] = H^{\mathrm{S}}[\xi^{\mathrm{S}}(\mathbf{x}),\bar{\xi}^{\mathrm{S}}(\mathbf{x});\zeta]\Psi[\xi^{\mathrm{S}}(\mathbf{x}),\zeta]$$
(47)

where in  $H^{S}$  (As in conventional quantum field theories, this is not unique!)  $\xi_{A}^{S}(\mathbf{x}) \mapsto \hbar \gamma_{AB}^{0} \delta / \delta \tilde{\xi}_{B}^{S}(\mathbf{x})$ . So

$$H^{S}(\zeta) = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma e^{-\Omega} \bar{\zeta}^{S}(\mathbf{x}) \left[ -i\gamma^{a'} \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{a'} + m_{\psi} + i\gamma^{0} \frac{1}{2} C^{-1/2} \omega_{0} \right] \\ \times \hbar \gamma^{0} \delta / \delta \bar{\zeta}^{S}(\mathbf{x})$$
(48)

One can discuss wave functional based on this Hamiltonian. But this is left out of the main scope of the present paper.

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## 4. FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR FREE FIELD

With choosing viebein as  $e^a_\mu = \delta^a_\mu C^{1/2}(\zeta)$  and the Dirac representation of  $\gamma$ -matrices, the spin connections  $\omega_{uab}$  are

 $\mathbf{A}_0 = 0, \mathbf{A}_i = -\frac{1}{2\zeta} \gamma^0 \gamma_a \delta_i^a$ . The Dirac's derivative is  $\mathbf{D}_0 = \partial_0, \mathbf{D}_i = \partial_i + \frac{1}{2\zeta} \gamma^0 \gamma_a \delta_i^a$ . Hence,

$$i\gamma^{a}e_{a}^{\mu}\mathbf{D}_{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{i(2\xi\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} & 0 & \frac{i\xi\partial_{3}}{\ell} & \frac{\zeta(i\partial_{1}+\partial_{2})}{\ell} \\ 0 & \frac{i(2\xi\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} & \frac{i\zeta(\partial_{1}+i\partial_{2})}{\ell} & -\frac{i\xi\partial_{3}}{\ell} \\ -\frac{i\xi\partial_{3}}{\ell} & -\frac{\zeta(i\partial_{1}+\partial_{2})}{\ell} & -\frac{i(2\xi\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} & 0 \\ \frac{\zeta(\partial_{2}-i\partial_{1})}{\ell} & \frac{i\xi\partial_{3}}{\ell} & 0 & -\frac{i(2\xi\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} \end{pmatrix}$$
(51)

Let  $\psi(x; k) = A_k \Theta_k(\zeta) e^{ik \cdot x}$ , then Dirac equation reads

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{i(2\zeta\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} - m_{\psi} & 0 & \frac{\zeta k_{3}}{\ell} & \frac{\zeta (k_{1}-ik_{2})}{\ell} \\ 0 & \frac{i(2\zeta\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} - m_{\psi} & \frac{i\zeta(-ik_{1}+k_{2})}{\ell} & -\frac{\zeta k_{3}}{\ell} \\ -\frac{\zeta k_{3}}{\ell} & -\frac{\zeta (k_{1}-ik_{2})}{\ell} & -\frac{i(2\zeta\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} - m_{\psi} & 0 \\ \frac{\zeta(-ik_{2}-k_{1})}{\ell} & \frac{\zeta k_{3}}{\ell} & 0 & -\frac{i(2\zeta\partial_{0}-3)}{2\ell} - m_{\psi} \end{pmatrix} \Theta_{k}(\zeta) = 0$$

$$(52)$$

Denote 
$$\Theta_{k} = (\varphi_{k}, \chi_{k})^{T}$$
. Then

$$\left[\frac{i(2\zeta\partial_0 - 3)}{2\ell} - m_{\psi}\right]\varphi_k + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\zeta k_3}{\ell} & \frac{\zeta(k_1 - ik_2)}{\ell} \\ \frac{i\zeta(-ik_1 + k_2)}{\ell} & -\frac{\zeta k_3}{\ell} \end{pmatrix}\chi_k(\zeta) = 0$$
(53)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\zeta k_3}{\ell} & \frac{\zeta(k_1-ik_2)}{\ell} \\ \frac{i\zeta(-ik_1+k_2)}{\ell} & -\frac{\zeta k_3}{\ell} \end{pmatrix} \varphi_k(\zeta) + \left[ \frac{i(2\zeta\partial_0 - 3)}{2\ell} + m_\psi \right] \chi_k = 0$$
(54)

Let  $\varphi_k = \zeta^2 f_k$  and  $\nu = 1/2 + i\ell m_{\psi}$ , we have solution

$$f_{k}(\zeta) = H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\zeta); H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k\zeta);$$
(55)

Given  $\varphi_k(\zeta)$ , we have

$$\chi_{k}(\zeta) = \frac{i}{\zeta k} \hat{k} \cdot \sigma[\zeta \partial_{0} + \nu - 2] \varphi_{k}$$
(56)

Consider solution

$$\varphi_{k}(\zeta) = e^{\ell \pi m_{\psi}} k^{2} \zeta^{2} H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k\zeta) \begin{pmatrix} c_{1k} \\ c_{2k} \end{pmatrix} + \hat{k} \cdot \sigma k^{2} \zeta^{2} H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\zeta) \begin{pmatrix} d_{3k} \\ d_{4k} \end{pmatrix}$$
(57)

Then

$$\chi_{k}(\zeta) = e^{\ell \pi m_{\psi}} i(k\zeta)^{2} H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}(k\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma \begin{pmatrix} c_{1k} \\ c_{2k} \end{pmatrix} + i(k\zeta)^{2} H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\zeta) \begin{pmatrix} d_{3k} \\ d_{4k} \end{pmatrix}$$
(58)

Thus

$$\psi_k(\zeta) = k^2 \zeta^2 K \begin{pmatrix} c_k \\ d_k \end{pmatrix}$$
(59)

where

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\ell \pi m_{\psi}} H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k\zeta) & \hat{k} \cdot \sigma H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\zeta) \\ e^{\ell \pi m_{\psi}} i H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}(k\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma & i H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\zeta) \end{pmatrix}$$
(60)

These basis solutions were provided in [8]. Using recurrence relations of Bessel function, we have  $K^{\dagger}K = \frac{4}{\pi k \zeta}$ . Hence we have  $\Theta_k^{\dagger}(\zeta)\Theta_k(\zeta) = \frac{4}{\pi}k^3\zeta^3(c_k^{\dagger}c_k + d_k^{\dagger}d_k)$ . Thus we have Dirac inner-product

$$(\psi(x;k)|\psi(x;k'))_{\text{Dirac}} = A_k^2 \frac{4}{\pi} k^3 \ell^3 \delta_{k,k'} (c_k^{\dagger} c_k + d_k^{\dagger} d_k), \quad (61)$$

which suggests  $A_k = (\frac{4}{\pi}k^3\ell^3)^{-1/2}$  with normalization  $c_k^{\dagger}c_k + d_k^{\dagger}d_k = 1$ . We have for each k 4 basis solutions  $(c_k, d_k)^T$ :  $w^1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)^T, w^2 = (0, 1, 0, 0)^T, w^3 = (0, 0, 1, 0)^T, w^4 = (0, 0, 0, 1)^T$ .

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{k} A_{k} k^{2} \zeta^{2} K(k, \zeta) (\sum_{i=1,2} c_{ik} w^{i} + \sum_{j=3,4} d_{jk} w^{j}) e^{ik \cdot x}$$
(62)

## 5. SECOND QUANTIZED FREE DIRAC FIELD

#### 5.1. Heisenberg Picture

Second quantization is fulfilled by anticommutators  $\{c_{ik}, c_{jk'}^{\dagger}\} = \{d_{ik}, d_{ik'}^{\dagger}\} = \delta_{ij}\delta_{k,k'}$  so that

$$\{\psi_A(x), \psi_B^{\dagger}(y)\}_{|\Sigma} = \delta_{AB}\delta^3(Z).$$
(63)

The second quantized Hamiltonian is accordingly

$$H[\psi,\overline{\psi};\zeta] = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\ell^3}{\zeta^3} \sum_{k} A_k^2 k^4 \zeta^4 (c_k^{\dagger}, d_k^{\dagger}) \\ \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \varepsilon_1(k,\zeta) & \Delta(k,\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma \\ \Delta^*(k,\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma & \varepsilon_2(k,\zeta) \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} c_k \\ d_k \end{array} \right) + h.c.$$
(64)

where  $(z = k\zeta)$ 

Using the definition of Hankel functions, we have

$$\varepsilon_1(\mathbf{k},\zeta) + \varepsilon_1^*(\mathbf{k},\zeta) = 2\varepsilon = -(\varepsilon_2(\mathbf{k},\zeta) + \varepsilon_2^*(\mathbf{k},\zeta))$$
(67)

with

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{k},\zeta) = e^{\ell\pi m_{\psi}} \left[ -i(H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}H_{\nu}^{(2)} + H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}H_{\nu}^{(1)})m_{\psi} + \frac{z}{\ell}(H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} + H_{\nu}^{(1)}(z)H_{\nu}^{(2)}) \right]$$
(68)

and

$$\begin{split} |\Delta|^{2} &= e^{2\ell\pi m_{\psi}} \Big[ 4m_{\psi}^{2} H_{\nu}^{(1)} H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} H_{\nu}^{(2)} H_{\nu-1}^{(2)} + 2im_{\psi} \frac{z}{\ell} H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} H_{\nu}^{(1)} \\ &\times \left( H_{\nu}^{(2)} H_{\nu}^{(2)} + H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}(z) H_{\nu-1}^{(2)} \right) \\ &+ 2im_{\psi} \frac{z}{\ell} H_{\nu-1}^{(2)} H_{\nu}^{(2)} \left( H_{\nu}^{(1)} H_{\nu}^{(1)} + H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(z) H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} \right) \\ &- \left( \frac{z}{\ell} \right)^{2} \left( H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} H_{\nu-1}^{(1)} + H_{\nu}^{(1)}(z) H_{\nu}^{(1)} \right) \\ &\times \left( H_{\nu}^{(2)} H_{\nu}^{(2)} + H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}(z) H_{\nu-1}^{(2)} \right) \Big] \tag{69}$$

Since

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta) - \lambda & \Delta(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)\hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \Delta^{*}(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)\hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} & -\varepsilon(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta) - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \det (\varepsilon(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta) - \lambda)(-\varepsilon(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta) - \lambda)\mathbb{I} - \Delta(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)\Delta^{*}(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)\mathbb{I}) \quad (70)$$

we find eigenvalues

$$\lambda^{2} = \varepsilon^{2}(\mathbf{k},\zeta) + |\Delta|^{2} = (m_{\psi}^{2} + \frac{z^{2}}{\ell^{2}})\frac{16}{\pi^{2}z^{2}}$$
(71)

So the dispersion relations

$$\omega_k(\zeta) = \pm \sqrt{m_\psi^2 + \frac{z^2}{\ell^2}} \tag{72}$$

which are the same as Klein-Gordon fields of *complementary series* obtained in [1]. Recalling that in Minkowski QFT, both Klein-Gordon field and Dirac field have the same dispersion relation. In de Sitter spacetime, after disentangling and unveiling all the intricacies of first/second quantization and diagonalization, the resulting dispersion relations are still the same. This is not supposed to be considered coincidental to the authors. To diagonalize the Hamiltonian, we define  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  operators via

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_k \\ d_k \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1k} \\ \alpha_{2k} \\ \beta_{1-k}^{\dagger} \\ \beta_{2-k}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$
(73)

in which

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} u_{k}(\zeta) & v_{k}(\zeta)\hat{k} \cdot \sigma \\ -v_{k}^{*}(\zeta)\hat{k} \cdot \sigma & u_{k}(\zeta) \end{pmatrix}$$
(74)

where  $\hat{k} = k/k$  and

$$u_{k}(\zeta) = \frac{\omega_{k}(\zeta) + \varepsilon(k,\zeta)}{\sqrt{[\omega_{k}(\zeta) + \varepsilon(k,\zeta)]^{2} + |\Delta(k,\zeta)|^{2}}}$$
(75)

$$v_{k}(\zeta) = \frac{-\Delta(k,\zeta)}{\sqrt{[\omega_{k}(\zeta) + \varepsilon(k,\zeta)]^{2} + |\Delta(k,\zeta)|^{2}}}$$
(76)

Then

$$H(\zeta) = \sum_{k} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \omega_{k}(\zeta) \left[ \alpha_{ik}^{\dagger}(\zeta) \alpha_{ik}(\zeta) + \beta_{ik}^{\dagger}(\zeta) \beta_{ik}(\zeta) \right] - 2 \sum_{k} \omega_{k}(\zeta)$$
(77)

According to standard quantum theory of many-body systems [37],  $\alpha_{ik}^{\dagger}(\zeta)$ ,  $\beta_{ik}^{\dagger}(\zeta)$  generate observed quasi-particles/ excitations. From the inverse

$$\alpha_{k}(\zeta) = u_{k}(\zeta)c_{k} - v_{k}(\zeta)\hat{k} \cdot \sigma d_{k}, \qquad (78)$$

$$\beta_{-k}^{\dagger}(\zeta) = v_k^*(\zeta)\hat{k} \cdot \sigma c_k + u_k(\zeta)d_k, \tag{79}$$

we have the anticommutation relations

$$\{\alpha_{ik}(\zeta_1), \alpha_{jp}^{\dagger}(\zeta_2)\} = (u_k(\zeta_1)u_k^{*}(\zeta_2) + v_k(\zeta_1)v_k^{*}(\zeta_2))\delta^3(k-p)$$

$$\{\alpha_{ik}(\zeta_1), \beta_{i-p}(\zeta_2)\}$$
(80)

$$= (u_k(\zeta_1)v_{-p}(\zeta_2) - v_k(\zeta_1)u_{-p}(\zeta_2))$$
  
 
$$\times \hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{ij}\delta^3(k-p)$$
(81)

$$\{\beta_{i-k}(\zeta_1), \beta_{j-p}^{\dagger}(\zeta_2)\} = (u_k(\zeta_1)u_p(\zeta_2) + v_k(\zeta_1)v_p^*(\zeta_2))\delta^3(k-p)$$
(82)

So  $\alpha_{ik}(\zeta_1)$ ,  $\beta_{j-p}(\zeta_2)$  do not anticommute if  $\zeta_1 \neq \zeta_2$ . The momentum operata

$$P := \sum_{k} k(c_{k}^{\dagger}c_{k} + d_{k}^{\dagger}d_{k}) = \sum_{k} \sum_{i} k \left[ \alpha_{ik}^{\dagger}(\zeta)\alpha_{ik}(\zeta) + \beta_{ik}^{\dagger}\beta_{ik}(\zeta) \right]$$
(83)

According to our previous definition,  $p^a(\zeta) = (\omega_k(\zeta), C^{-1/2}(\zeta)k)$  is the measured 4-energy-momentum. It can be verified that this measurable energy-momentum satisfies the onshell condition  $p^a(\zeta)p_a(\zeta) = m_{\psi}^2$  and the geodesic equation  $p^{\mu}(\zeta)\nabla_{\mu}p^{\nu}(\zeta) = 0$ , which can be written as  $p^{\mu}D_{\mu}p_a = 0$ , i.e.  $p^{\mu}(\partial_{\mu}p^a - \omega_{\mu}{}^a{}_bp^b) = 0$ . Recalling that Erenfest's theorem proves the classical equation of motion of expected observables in quantum mechanics, this geodesic feature of measured energy-momentum can be considered playing a similar role in quantum field theory in curved spacetime.

#### 5.2. Schrödinger Picture

In Schrödinger picture, we have to use  $\xi$ . The canonical fields are constant and agree with Heisenberg pictures fields at the chosen time  $\zeta = \ell$ .

$$\xi^{\rm S}(\mathbf{x}) = \psi(\ell, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} A_{\mathbf{k}} k^2 \ell^2 K(\mathbf{k}, \ell) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\mathbf{k}} \\ d_{\mathbf{k}} \end{pmatrix}$$
(84)

The second-quantized Hamiltonian is then

$$H^{S}[\xi^{S}, \bar{\xi}^{S}; \zeta] = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k} A_{k}^{2} k^{4} \ell^{4}(c_{k}^{\dagger}, d_{k}^{\dagger}) \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{1}^{S}(\boldsymbol{k}, \ell) & \Delta^{S}(\boldsymbol{k}, \ell) \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \\ \Delta^{S^{*}}(\boldsymbol{k}, \ell) \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} & \varepsilon_{2}^{S}(\boldsymbol{k}, \ell) \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{k} \\ d_{k} \end{pmatrix} + h.c.$$
(85)

 $\varepsilon_1^{\rm S}(\mathbf{k},\ell)$  can be obtained from  $\varepsilon_1(\mathbf{k},\zeta)$  by replacement  $\frac{3i}{2\ell} \rightarrow \frac{3i}{2\ell} + iC^{-1/2}(\zeta)\omega_0(\zeta)$  and  $z = k\zeta \rightarrow k\ell$  in Hankel functions.

But the factor  $\frac{z}{\ell}$  in front of Hankel funcitons remain. In the calculation of  $\varepsilon_1 + h.c.$ ,  $\frac{3i}{2\ell}$  is canceled out and does not appear in the final expression. So we actually have

$$e^{\mathsf{s}}(\mathbf{k},\zeta) = e^{\ell\pi m_{\psi}} \left[ -i \left( H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\ell) H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k\ell) + H_{\nu-1}^{(2)}(k\ell) H_{\nu}^{(1)} \right) (k\ell) m_{\psi} + \frac{k\zeta}{\ell} \left( H_{\nu-1}^{(2)} H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\ell) + H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\ell) H_{\nu}^{(2)}(k\ell) \right) \right]$$
(86)

$$\Delta(\mathbf{k},\zeta) = -2iH_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\ell)H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\ell)m_{\psi} + \frac{k\zeta}{\ell}(H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\ell)H_{\nu-1}^{(1)}(k\ell) + H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\ell)H_{\nu}^{(1)}(k\ell))$$
(87)

Hence

$$H^{S}[\xi,\bar{\xi};\zeta] = \sum_{k} A_{k}^{2} k^{4} \ell^{4}(c_{k}^{\dagger},d_{k}^{\dagger}) \\ \times \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^{S}(k,\zeta) & \Delta^{S}(k,\zeta)\hat{k}\cdot\sigma \\ \Delta^{S*}(k,\zeta)\hat{k}\cdot\sigma & -\varepsilon^{S}(k,\zeta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{k} \\ d_{k} \end{pmatrix}$$
(88)

So

$$\omega_{k}^{S} = \pm A_{k}^{2} k^{4} \ell^{4} \frac{4}{\pi k \ell} \sqrt{m_{\psi}^{2} + \frac{z^{2}}{\ell^{2}}} = \omega_{k}(\zeta)$$
(89)

Similar to Heisenberg picture, using

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{k} \\ d_{k} \end{pmatrix} = M^{S} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1k}^{S} \\ \alpha_{2k}^{S} \\ \beta_{1-k}^{S+} \\ \beta_{2-k}^{S+} \end{pmatrix}$$
(90)

(91)

where

and

$$u_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}(\zeta) = \frac{\omega_{k}(\zeta) + \varepsilon^{\mathrm{S}}(k,\zeta)}{\sqrt{[\omega_{k}(\zeta) + \varepsilon^{\mathrm{S}}(k,\zeta)]^{2} + |\Delta^{\mathrm{S}}(k,\zeta)|^{2}}}$$
(92)

 $M^{\rm S} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} u^{\rm S}_k(\zeta) & v^{\rm S}_k(\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma \\ -v^{\rm S*}_k(\zeta) \hat{k} \cdot \sigma & u^{\rm S}_k(\zeta) \end{array} \right)$ 

$$v_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{\mathrm{S}}(\zeta) = \frac{-\Delta^{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)}{\sqrt{[\omega_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\zeta) + \varepsilon^{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)]^{2} + |\Delta^{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{k},\zeta)|^{2}}}, \qquad (93)$$

then

 $H^{S}(7)$ 

$$=\sum_{k}\sum_{i=1}^{2}\omega_{k}(\zeta)\left[\alpha_{ik}^{S^{\dagger}}(\zeta)\alpha_{ik}^{S}(\zeta)+\beta_{ik}^{S^{\dagger}}(\zeta)\beta_{ik}^{S}(\zeta)\right]-2\sum_{k}\omega_{k}(\zeta)$$
(94)

We define  $|\mathbf{O}; \zeta\rangle^{S}$  s.t.

$$\alpha_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}(\zeta)|\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} = \beta_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}(\zeta)|\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} = 0, \quad \forall k,$$
(95)

i.e.

 $|\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} = \prod_{k} |\mathbf{O}_{k};\zeta\rangle_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}$ (96)

where

$$\alpha_{k}^{S}|\mathbf{O}_{k};\zeta\rangle_{k}^{S} = \beta_{k}^{S}|\mathbf{O}_{k};\zeta\rangle_{k}^{S} = 0.$$
(97)

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Denoting  $|0\rangle$  as the state s.t.  $c_k |0\rangle = d_k^{\dagger} |0\rangle = 0$ ,  $\forall k$ , since

$$\langle 0|H^{\mathcal{S}}(\zeta)|0\rangle = -2\sum_{k} \varepsilon_{k}^{\mathcal{S}} > {}^{\mathcal{S}}\langle \mathbf{O};\zeta|H^{\mathcal{S}}(\zeta)|\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle^{\mathcal{S}} = -2\sum_{k} \omega_{k}(\zeta),$$
(98)

 $|0\rangle$  is therefore not the ground-state. Here we have a system of fermionic time-dependent oscillators. As the case of Klein-Gordon field [1], the vacuum states are time-dependent. The vacuum state at one time will evolve into a non-vacuum state at a later time. Thus particles can be generated.

We now look for the relation between  $|0\rangle$  and  $|\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle^{S}$ . The following discussion holds for both Schrödinger picture and Heisenberg pictures. Since (for convenience, denoting  $f = d^{\dagger}$ ).

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{1k} \\ \alpha_{2k} \\ \beta_{1-k}^{\dagger} \\ \beta_{2-k}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = M^{\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} c_k \\ f_k^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$
(99)

i.e.,

$$\alpha_k = u_k c_k - v_k \hat{k} \cdot \sigma f_k^{\dagger}, \quad \beta_{-k}^{\dagger} = v_k^* \hat{k} \cdot \sigma c_k + u_k f_k^{\dagger}$$
(100)

the canonical transformation eq. (90) can be written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} b \\ b^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_k \\ \beta_{-k} \\ \alpha_k^{\dagger} \\ \beta_{-k}^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} u_k & 0 & 0 & -v_k \hat{k} \cdot \sigma \\ 0 & u_k & v_k (\hat{k} \cdot \sigma)^T & 0 \\ 0 & -v_k^* (\hat{k} \cdot \sigma)^T & u_k & 0 \\ v_k^* \hat{k} \cdot \sigma & 0 & 0 & u_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(101)$$

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in which

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ a^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_k \\ f_k \\ c_k^{\dagger} \\ f_k^{\dagger} \end{pmatrix}$$
(102)

Compared with [38], we have

$$T = \left(\begin{array}{cc} U & V \\ Y & X \end{array}\right) \tag{103}$$

where

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u_{k} & 0 \\ 0 & u_{k} \end{pmatrix} = X, \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -v_{k}\hat{k} \cdot \sigma \\ v_{k}(\hat{k} \cdot \sigma)^{T} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -v_{k}^{*}(\hat{k} \cdot \sigma)^{T} \\ v_{k}^{*}\hat{k} \cdot \sigma & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(104)

So

$$S =: \exp[-\frac{1}{2}a^{\dagger}U^{-1}Va^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}aYU^{-1}a + a^{\dagger}(U^{-1} - 1)a].$$
(105)

Hence we have

$$\mathbf{O};\zeta\rangle = \hat{A}(\zeta)|0\rangle = \otimes_{k}|\mathbf{O}_{k};\zeta\rangle_{k}$$
(106)

where

$$\hat{A}(\zeta) = \mathcal{A}(\zeta) \exp\left[\sum_{k} \frac{v_k}{u_k} (c_{1k}^{\dagger}, c_{2k}^{\dagger}) (\hat{k} \cdot \sigma) \begin{pmatrix} d_{1k} \\ d_{2k} \end{pmatrix}\right]$$
(107)

with  $\Re(\zeta) = \prod_k \Re_k(\zeta)$ . Denoting  $\gamma_p(\zeta) = \frac{v_p(\zeta)}{u_p(\zeta)}$ , then  $\hat{A}(\zeta) = \prod_k \hat{A}_k(\zeta)$  with  $\hat{A}_k(\zeta) = \Re_k(\zeta) \exp[\gamma_k(\zeta)(c_{1k}^{\dagger}, c_{2k}^{\dagger})(\hat{k} \cdot \sigma) \begin{pmatrix} d_{1k} \\ d_{2k} \end{pmatrix}]$ . We need to find  $\Re_k(\zeta)$  by

$$|\mathcal{A}_{k}(\zeta)|^{-2} = \langle 0|e^{\gamma_{k}^{*}(\zeta)(d_{1k}^{\dagger}, d_{2k}^{\dagger})(\hat{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \begin{pmatrix} c_{1k} \\ c_{2k} \end{pmatrix}} \times e^{\gamma_{k}(\zeta)(c_{1k}^{\dagger}, c_{2k}^{\dagger})(\hat{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}) \begin{pmatrix} d_{1k} \\ d_{2k} \end{pmatrix}} |0\rangle$$
(108)

Hence we have  $\mathcal{A}_k(\zeta) = u_k^2(\zeta)$ . We can calculate  $\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta_1 | \mathbf{O}; \zeta_2 \rangle$  as

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta_1 | \mathbf{O}; \zeta_2 \rangle = \prod_k [u_k(\zeta_1) u_k(\zeta_2) + v_k^*(\zeta_1) v_k(\zeta_2)]^2$$
(109)

By direct calculation, one can obtains the following expectations

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | c_{ik}^{\dagger} c_{jp} | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle$$
  
=  $\delta_{k,p} \delta_{ij} v_k^{\star}(\zeta'') v_k(\zeta') [ u_k(\zeta'') u_k(\zeta') + v_k^{\star}(\zeta'') v_k(\zeta') ]$ (110)  
 $\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | d_{ik} d_{ip}^{\dagger} | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle$ 

$$= \delta_{k,p} \delta_{ij} v_k^*(\zeta'') v_k(\zeta') \left[ u_k(\zeta'') u_k(\zeta') + v_k^*(\zeta'') v_k(\zeta') \right]$$
(111)

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \boldsymbol{\zeta}'' | c_{ik}^{\mathsf{T}} d_{jp}^{\mathsf{T}} | \mathbf{O}; \boldsymbol{\zeta}' \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \boldsymbol{\zeta}'' | c_{ik}^{\mathsf{T}} d_{im} | \mathbf{O}; \boldsymbol{\zeta}' \rangle$$
(112)

$$= \delta_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{p}} \mathcal{A}_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}'') \mathcal{A}_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}') \cdot \gamma_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{*}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}'') (\hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{ji} [1 + \gamma_{\boldsymbol{k}}^{*}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}'') \gamma_{\boldsymbol{k}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}')]$$
(113)

As is wellknown in QFT, generation functions can be used to evaluate these expectations. Using the fermionic coherent states  $|z, w\rangle = e^{c^{\dagger}z + f^{\dagger}w}|0\rangle$ , we have

$$\langle 0|e^{\gamma^*(\zeta'')f_i\sigma_{ij}c_j}e^{\lambda_i^*c_i}e^{\mu_i^*f_i}e^{f_i^*\mu_i}e^{c_i^*\lambda_i}e^{\gamma(\zeta')c_i^*\sigma_{ij}f_j^*}|0\rangle$$

$$= \int dz^*dzdw^*dwe^{W}$$
(114)

where

$$W = -z_i^* z_i - w_i^* w_i + \gamma^* (\zeta'') w_i \sigma_{ij} z_j + \lambda_i^* z_i + \mu_i^* w_i + w_i^* \mu_i$$
  
+  $z_i^* \lambda_i + \gamma(\zeta') z_i^* \sigma_{ij} w_j^*$  (115)

Letting  $w^* = u$  and denoting  $\chi = \begin{pmatrix} z_i \\ u_i \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $J = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_i \\ -\mu_i^* \end{pmatrix}$ , then *W* can be written as

$$W = \chi^{\dagger} \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} & \gamma(\zeta')\sigma \\ \gamma^{*}(\zeta'')\sigma & \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} \end{pmatrix} \chi + J^{\dagger}\chi + \chi^{\dagger}J$$
(116)

Therefore

$$\langle 0|e^{\gamma^*(\zeta'')f_i\sigma_i c_j}e^{\lambda_i^*c_i}e^{\mu_i^*f_i}e^{f_i^+\mu_i}e^{c_i^+\lambda_i}e^{\gamma(\zeta')c_i^+\sigma_i f_j^+}|0\rangle = \det\Theta e^{-J^+\Theta^{-1}J} = \det\Theta e^{-(1+\gamma^*(\zeta'')\gamma(\zeta'))^{-1}J^+\Theta J}$$
(117)

where

$$\Theta = \begin{pmatrix} -\mathbb{I}_{2\times 2} & \gamma(\zeta')\sigma\\ \gamma^*(\zeta'')\sigma & \mathbb{I}_{2\times 2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(118)

Using eq. (110)-eq. (113), one can calculate

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \alpha_{ik}(\zeta_1) \alpha_{jk}^{\dagger}(\zeta_2) | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle}{1 + \gamma_k^*(\zeta'') \gamma_k(\zeta')}$$

$$\times [u_k(\zeta_1) + v_k(\zeta_1) \gamma_k^*(\zeta'')] [u_k(\zeta_2) + v_k^*(\zeta_2) \gamma_k(\zeta')] \delta_{ij} \quad (119)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \beta_{i-k}(\zeta_1) \beta_{j-k}^{\dagger}(\zeta_2) | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle}{1 + \gamma_k^*(\zeta'') \gamma_k(\zeta')}$$

$$\times [u_k(\zeta_1) + v_k(\zeta_1) \gamma_k^*(\zeta'')] [u_k(\zeta_2) + v_k^*(\zeta_2) \gamma_k(\zeta')] \delta_{ij} \quad (120)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \alpha_{ik}(\zeta_1) \beta_{j-k}(\zeta_2) | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{O}; \zeta'' | \mathbf{O}; \zeta' \rangle}{1 + \gamma_k^*(\zeta'') \gamma_k(\zeta')} \hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\times [u_k(\zeta_1) + v_k(\zeta_1) \gamma_k^*(\zeta'')] [v_k(\zeta_2) - u_k(\zeta_2) \gamma_k(\zeta')] \quad (121)$$

Expectations of more  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  operators can be evaluated by the following generation functionals.

# 6. GENERATION FUNCTIONAL OF VACUUM EXPECTATIONS

We define generation functional

$$Z[\theta, \theta^*, \rho, \rho^*; \zeta'', \zeta']$$

$$:= \prod_k {}_k \langle \mathbf{O}_k; \zeta'' | e^{\int d\eta \theta^{\dagger}_k(\eta) \alpha_k(\eta)} e^{\int d\eta \alpha^{\dagger}_k \theta_k(\eta)} \times e^{\int d\eta' \rho^{\dagger}_k(\eta') \beta_{-k}(\eta')} e^{\int d\eta' \beta^{\dagger}_{-k}(\eta') \rho_k(\eta')} | \mathbf{O}_k; \zeta' \rangle_k$$
(122)

The  $\theta_k(\eta)$ ,  $\theta_k^*(\eta)$ ,  $\rho_k(\eta)$ ,  $\rho_k^*(\eta)$  are external Grassmann *c*-fields and are independent of each other, instead of being mutually complex conjugate. For a particular *k*, we define

$$Z_{\mathbf{k}}[\theta, \theta^{*}, \rho, \rho^{*}; \zeta^{\prime \prime}, \zeta^{\prime}]$$

$$:=_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta^{\prime \prime} | e^{\int d\eta \theta^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) \alpha_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta)} e^{\int d\eta \alpha^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}}\theta_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta)}$$

$$\times e^{\int d\eta^{\prime} \rho^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) \beta_{-\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime})} e^{\int d\eta^{\prime} \beta^{\dagger}_{-\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) \rho_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime})} | \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta^{\prime} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$=_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta^{\prime \prime} | e^{\int d\eta \theta^{*}_{i\mathbf{k}}(\eta) [u_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) c_{i\mathbf{k}} - v_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \sigma_{im} d_{mk}]}$$

$$\times e^{\int d\eta [u_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) c^{\dagger}_{i\mathbf{k}} - v^{*}_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta) d^{\dagger}_{m\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \sigma_{mi}] \theta_{i\mathbf{k}}(\eta)}$$

$$\times e^{\int d\eta^{\prime} \rho^{*}_{j\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) \left[ v_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) c^{\dagger}_{n\mathbf{k}} \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \sigma_{nj} + u_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) d^{\dagger}_{j\mathbf{k}} \right]}$$

$$\times e^{\int d\eta^{\prime} \left[ v^{*}_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \sigma_{jn} c_{n\mathbf{k}} + u_{\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime}) d_{j\mathbf{k}} \right] \rho_{j\mathbf{k}}(\eta^{\prime})} | \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta^{\prime} \rangle_{\mathbf{k}}$$
(123)

Denoting

$$\theta[u] = \int d\eta \theta_k(\eta) u_k(\eta), \quad \theta^*[v] = \int d\eta \theta_k^*(\eta) v_k(\eta),$$
  
$$\theta^*[u] = \int d\eta \theta_k^*(\eta) u_k(\eta), \quad \theta[v^*] = \int d\eta \theta_k(\eta) v_k^*(\eta) \quad (124)$$

then (omitting *k* in *c*, *f*, *v*, *u*,  $\theta$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $\gamma$  for notational convenience)

$$Z_{k}[\theta, \theta^{*}, \rho, \rho^{*}; \zeta'', \zeta']$$

$$=_{k} \langle \mathbf{O}_{k}; \zeta''|e^{\theta_{i}^{*}[u]c_{i}}e^{-\theta_{i}^{*}[v]\hat{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{im}f_{m}^{\dagger}}e^{-f_{m}(\hat{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{mi}\theta_{i}[v^{*}]+\rho_{m}^{*}[u])}$$

$$\times e^{c_{n}^{\dagger}(\theta_{n}[u]-\hat{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{nj}\rho_{j}^{*}[v])}e^{-\rho_{j}[v^{*}]\hat{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{jn}c_{n}}e^{f_{j}^{\dagger}\rho_{j}[u]}|\mathbf{O}_{k}; \zeta'\rangle_{k}$$
(125)

So

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_{\mathbf{k}}[\theta, \theta^*, \rho, \rho^*; \zeta'', \zeta'] \\ &= e^{-\theta_i^*[v]\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{im} \rho_m^*[u] - \theta_i^*[v]\theta_i[v^*]} e^{-\rho_i[v^*]\hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{in} \theta_n[u] + \rho_i[v^*]\rho_i^*[v]} \\ &\times_{\mathbf{k}} \langle \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta''| \exp\left[\lambda_i^* c_i + \mu_i^* f_i\right] \exp\left[c_i^{\dagger} \lambda_i + f_i^{\dagger} \mu_i\right] |\mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{k}}; \zeta'\rangle_{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$
(126)

where

$$\lambda_i^* = \theta_i^*[u] - \rho_j[v^*]\hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{ji}) \tag{127}$$

$$\lambda_i = \theta_i[u] - \hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{ij} \rho_i^*[v] \tag{128}$$

 $\mu_m^* = \hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{mi} \theta_i [v^*] + \rho_m^* [u] \tag{129}$ 

$$\mu_m = \rho_m[u] + \theta_i^*[v]\hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{im} \tag{130}$$

From eq. (117), we have

$$Z_{\boldsymbol{k}}[\theta, \theta^*, \rho, \rho^*; \zeta'', \zeta']$$

$$= \mathcal{A}(\zeta'') \mathcal{A}(\zeta') e^{-\theta_i^*[v]} \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{im} \rho_m^*[u] - \theta_i^*[v] \theta_i[v^*]$$

$$\times e^{-\rho_i[v^*]} \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{in} \theta_n[u] + \rho_i[v^*] \rho_i^*[v] \det \Theta e^{-(1+\gamma^*(\zeta'')\gamma(\zeta'))^{-1}J^{\dagger} \Theta J}$$
(131)

In particular, we have

$$Z_{k}[\theta, \theta^{*}, 0, 0; \zeta'', \zeta'] = \mathcal{A}(\zeta'') \mathcal{A}(\zeta') e^{-\theta^{*}_{i}[v]\theta_{i}[v^{*}]}$$

$$\times \det \Theta e^{-(1+\gamma^{*}(\zeta'')\gamma(\zeta'))^{-1}J^{\dagger}\Theta J}$$
(132)

with

$$J^{\dagger} \Theta J = -\theta_i^*[u]\theta_i[u] - \gamma^*(\zeta'')\theta_i^*[v]\theta_i[u] - \gamma(\zeta')\theta_i^*[u]\theta_i[v^*] + \theta_i^*[v]\theta_i[v^*]$$
(133)

and  $\lambda_i^* = \theta_i^*[u]$ ,  $\lambda_i = \theta_i[u]$ ,  $\mu_m^* = \hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{mi}\theta_i[v^*]$ ,  $\mu_m = \theta_i^*[v]\hat{k} \cdot \sigma_{im}$ ,  $\mu_i\mu_i^* = \theta_i^*[v]\theta_i[v^*]$ . The previous amplitudes eq. (119) can be therefore evaluated.

## 7. TRANSITION OF STATES OF FREE DIRAC FIELD

As in conventional quantum field theories [30], suppose that at time  $\zeta_1$ , the system is in a vacuum state, the state at  $\zeta_2$  has some computable probability to contain multiple particles. In Schrödinger picture, the state

$$|\Psi_0(\zeta_2;\zeta_1)\rangle^{\mathsf{S}} = \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2}H^{\mathsf{S}}[\xi(\mathbf{x}),\xi(\mathbf{x});\eta]e_{\xi}^0(\eta)d\eta}|\mathbf{O};\zeta_1\rangle^{\mathsf{S}}$$
(134)

is a formal solution to

$$i\hat{\nabla}_{0}|\Psi_{0}(\zeta;\zeta_{1})\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} = H^{\mathrm{S}}[\xi(\mathbf{x}),\bar{\xi}(\mathbf{x});\zeta]|\Psi_{0}(\zeta;\zeta_{1})\rangle^{\mathrm{S}}$$
(135)

with initial condition  $|\Psi_0(\zeta_1;\zeta_1)\rangle^{\rm S} = |\mathbf{O};\zeta_1\rangle^{\rm S}$ . The transition amplitude from state  $|\{n_k^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}\};\zeta_1\rangle^{\rm S}$  to state  $|\{m_k^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}\};\zeta_2\rangle^{\rm S}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{T}(|\{n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}\}; \zeta_{1}\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} \rightarrow |\{m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}\}; \zeta_{2}\rangle^{\mathrm{S}})$$

$$= {}^{\mathrm{S}}\langle\{m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}\}; \zeta_{2}|\hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta_{1}}^{\zeta_{2}}H^{\mathrm{S}}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}|\{n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}\}; \zeta_{1}\rangle^{\mathrm{S}}$$
(136)

For a particular *k*,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{T}(|n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{\mathrm{S}} \to |m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}\rangle_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}) \\ &= {}_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}\langle m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}|\hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta_{1}}^{\zeta_{2}}\omega_{k}(\eta)\left[\alpha_{k}^{\mathrm{St}}(\eta)\alpha_{k}^{\mathrm{S}}(\eta) + \beta_{-k}^{\mathrm{St}}(\eta)\beta_{-k}^{\mathrm{S}}(\eta) - 2\right]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta} \\ &\times |n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{\mathrm{S}} \end{aligned}$$
(137)

Slicing the time as 
$$\eta_{0} = \zeta_{1}, \eta_{j} = \eta_{j-1} - \Delta, \Delta = \frac{\zeta_{1} - \zeta_{2}}{N}, \eta_{N} = \zeta_{2}.$$
  

$$\mathscr{T}(|n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{S} \to |m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}\rangle_{k}^{S})$$

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} {}^{S}_{k} \langle m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}|$$

$$\times e^{-i\omega_{k}(\eta_{N-1})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-1})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{N-1}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-1})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{N-1}) - 2]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{N-1})\Delta}$$

$$\times e^{-i\omega_{k}(\eta_{N-2})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-2})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{N-2}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-2})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{N-2}) - 2]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{N-2})\Delta}$$

$$\times \cdots e^{i\omega_{k}(\eta_{1})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{1})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{1}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{1})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{1}) - 2]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{0})\Delta}|n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{S}$$

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} {}^{S}_{k} \langle m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}|e^{2i\int_{\zeta_{1}}^{\zeta_{2}}\omega_{k}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}$$

$$\times e^{-i\omega_{k}(\eta_{N-1})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-1})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{N-1}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-1})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{N-1})]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{N-1})\Delta}$$

$$\times e^{-i\omega_{k}(\eta_{N-2})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-2})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{N-2}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{N-2})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{N-2})]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{N-2})\Delta}$$

$$\times \cdots e^{i\omega_{k}(\eta_{1})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{1})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{1}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{1})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{1})]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{1})\Delta}$$

$$\times e^{-i\omega_{k}(\eta_{0})[\alpha_{k}^{S+}(\eta_{0})\alpha_{k}^{S}(\eta_{0}) + \beta_{-k}^{S+}(\eta_{0})\beta_{-k}^{S}(\eta_{0})]e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{0})\Delta}|n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{S}$$
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Using coherent states  $j = 0, 1, \cdots, N$ 

$$|z_{jk}, z_{j-k}\rangle = e^{z_{jk}\alpha_k^{\text{St}}(\eta_j) + z_{j-k}\beta_{-k}^{\text{St}}(\eta_j)} |\mathbf{O}_k; \eta_j\rangle_k$$
(139)

$$\mathcal{T}(|n_{k}^{\alpha}, n_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{1}\rangle_{k}^{S} \to |m_{k}^{\alpha}, m_{-k}^{\beta}; \zeta_{2}\rangle_{k}^{S})$$

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} e^{2i\int_{\zeta_{1}}^{\zeta_{2}} \omega_{k}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta} \int \left[\prod_{j=0}^{N} dz_{jk}dz_{jk}^{*}\right]$$

$$\times z_{Nk}^{m_{k}} z_{0k}^{*n_{k}} \exp\left[-z_{0k}^{*} z_{0k}\right]$$

$$\times \prod_{j=1}^{N} \exp\left[-z_{jk}^{*} z_{jk} + z_{jk}^{*} z_{j-1,k} - i\omega_{k}(\eta_{j-1})z_{jk}^{*} z_{j-1k}e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta_{j-1})\Delta\right]$$

$$\times \int \left[\prod_{j=0}^{N} dz_{j-k}dz_{j-k}^{*}\right] z_{N-k}^{m_{-k}} z_{0-k}^{*n_{-k}} \exp\left[-z_{0-k}^{*} z_{0-k}\right]$$

$$\times \prod_{j=1}^{N} \exp\left[-z_{j-k}^{*} z_{j-k} + z_{j-k}^{*} z_{j-1,-k} - i\omega_{k}(\eta_{j-1})z_{j-k}^{*} z_{j-1,-k}\right]$$

$$(140)$$

which can be written as a path-integral by shorthand. It is easy to see that starting from a vacuum state at  $\zeta_1$ , the state will evolve into a mixed states at later time  $\zeta_2$ , which is not unusual for systems in external fields in Minkowski quantum field theories [30] and time-dependent harmonic oscillators [23]-[28].

## 8. PERTURBATION

In parallel with the discussion of  $\lambda^4$ -theory in [1], we present a formal discussion of an interacting Dirac field.

$$\mathscr{L} = \mathscr{L}_0 + \mathscr{L}_{\text{int}}(\overline{\psi}, \psi; e_a^{\mu})$$
(141)

where  $\mathcal{L}_0$  is the Lagrangian of free Dirac field eq. (1) and  $\mathcal{L}_{int}$  is the interacting Lagrangian such as current-current interaction. The full Hamiltonian is

$$H[\psi, \overline{\psi}; \zeta] = H_0[\psi, \overline{\psi}; \zeta] + H_I[\psi, \overline{\psi}; \zeta]$$
(142)

of which  $\mathscr{H}_0$  is the Hamiltonian eq. (26) of free Dirac field and  $\mathscr{H}_{\mathrm{I}} = -\mathscr{L}_{\mathrm{int}}(\overline{\psi}, \psi; e_a^{\mu})$ . In terms of fields  $\xi, \overline{\xi}$ , the Schrödinger state follows

$$i\hat{\nabla}_{0}|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{S} = H[\xi^{S}(\boldsymbol{x}),\xi^{S}(\boldsymbol{x});\zeta]|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{S}$$
(143)

where the free part of  $H[\xi^{S}(x), \xi^{S}(x); \zeta]$  is defined as in eq. (35) and the interacting part is supposed to be appropriate substitution of  $\xi$ ,  $\overline{\xi}$  into  $\mathscr{L}_{I}$ . Defining Dirac picture state

$$|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathcal{D}} := \hat{T}^{-1} e^{i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H_0^{\mathcal{S}}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta} |\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathcal{S}}$$
(144)

hence the two pictures coincide at time  $\zeta = \ell, |\Psi(\ell)\rangle^S =$  $|\Psi(\ell)\rangle^{\rm D}$  we thus have equation of motion

$$i\hat{\nabla}_0|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\rm D} = H_{\rm I}^{\rm D}(\zeta)|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\rm D}$$
(145)

where

$$H_{\rm I}^{\rm D}(\zeta) = U_0^{\rm S-1}(\zeta,\ell)H_{\rm I}^{\rm S}(\zeta)U_0^{\rm S}(\zeta,\ell)$$
(146)

with

$$U_0^{\rm S}(\zeta'',\zeta') = \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta'}^{\varsigma} H_0^{\rm S}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^0(\eta)d\eta}$$
(147)

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The Dirac picture field and operators are defined

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}^{\mathrm{D}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}, \boldsymbol{x}) := \boldsymbol{U}_{0}^{\mathrm{S}-1}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}, \ell) \boldsymbol{\xi}^{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \boldsymbol{U}_{0}^{\mathrm{S}}(\boldsymbol{\zeta}, \ell)$$
(148)

$$H_0^{\rm D}(\zeta) := U_0^{\rm S-1}(\zeta,\ell) H_0^{\rm S}(\zeta) U_0^{\rm S}(\zeta,\ell), \tag{149}$$

from which it follows that

$$ie_0^{\zeta}(\zeta)\frac{\partial}{\partial\zeta}\xi^{\mathrm{D}}(\zeta,\boldsymbol{x}) = [\xi^{\mathrm{D}}(\zeta,\boldsymbol{x}), H_0^{\mathrm{D}}]$$
(150)

$$ie_0^{\zeta}(\zeta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \bar{\xi}^{\mathrm{D}}(\zeta, \mathbf{x}) = [\bar{\xi}^{\mathrm{D}}(\zeta, \mathbf{x}), H_0^{\mathrm{D}}]$$
(151)

Hence  $\xi^{D}(\zeta, \mathbf{x}), \overline{\xi}^{D}(\zeta, \mathbf{x})$  follow equation of motion of a noninteracting field, of which the time-dependence was discussed previously. Defining

$$U_0^{\rm D}(\zeta'',\zeta') = \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta'}^{\zeta''}H_0^{\rm D}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^0(\eta)d\eta}$$
(152)

we have

$$U_0^{\text{D}\dagger}(\zeta'',\zeta') = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{i \int_{\zeta'}^{\zeta''} H_0^{\text{D}}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta} = U_0^{\text{D}-1}(\zeta'',\zeta')$$
(153)

Further, by definition eq. (149) of  $H_0^D(\zeta)$ , we have

$$H_0^{\mathcal{D}}(\zeta)e_{\zeta}^0(\zeta) = U_0^{\mathcal{S}-1}(\zeta,\ell)i\partial_{\zeta}U_0^{\mathcal{S}}(\zeta,\ell)$$
(154)

Therefore

$$i\partial_{\zeta} U_0^{S-1}(\zeta,\ell) = -H_0^D(\zeta) e_{\zeta}^0(\zeta) U_0^{S-1}(\zeta,\ell)$$
(155)

Hence we have the following relations

$$\mathcal{U}_0^{\mathrm{S}-1}(\zeta,\ell) = \hat{T}e^{i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_0^{\mathrm{D}}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^0(\eta)d\eta}$$
(156)

$$U_0^{\rm S}(\zeta,\ell) = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\varsigma} H_0^{\rm D}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta}$$
(157)

$$\hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_{0}^{S}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta} = \hat{T}^{-1}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_{0}^{D}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}$$
(158)

we have inverse transformation

$$H_{0}^{S}(\zeta) = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H_{0}^{D}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta) d\eta} H_{0}^{D}(\zeta) \hat{T} e^{i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H_{0}^{D}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta) d\eta}$$
(159)

and

$$|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\varsigma} H_0^{\mathrm{D}}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta} |\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathrm{D}}$$
(160)

Suppose at the initial time  $\zeta = \ell$ , the system is in the eigenstate  $|A; \ell\rangle_0^S$  of  $H_0^S(\ell)$ , then interaction is turned on adiabatically. At time  $\zeta = 0$ , the interaction is turned off and the state evolves into a state which can be expanded in terms of eigenstates  $\{|B; 0\rangle_0^S\}$  of  $H_0^S(0)$ . The probability of the transition is the square of the amplitude  ${}_0^S \langle B; 0 | U^S(0, \ell) | A, \ell\rangle_0^S$  [39, p.323], where the Schrödinger picture evolution operator is

$$U^{S}(\zeta_{2},\zeta_{1}) = \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\zeta_{1}}^{\zeta_{2}}H^{S}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}$$
(161)

For a free field, we have

$${}^{S}_{0}\langle B; 0|U^{S}(0;\ell)|A,\ell\rangle_{0}^{S} = {}^{S}_{0}\langle B; 0|\hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{0}H_{0}^{S}(\eta)e_{0}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}|A,\ell\rangle_{0}^{S},$$
(162)

which was discussed previously. In the interacting case, in terms of Dirac picture

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathrm{D}} &= \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_{\mathrm{I}}^{\mathrm{D}}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}|\Psi(\ell)\rangle^{\mathrm{D}} \end{aligned} \tag{163} \\ |\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} &= \hat{T}^{-1}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_{0}^{\mathrm{D}}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}\hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{\zeta}H_{\mathrm{I}}^{\mathrm{D}}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta}|\Psi(\ell)\rangle^{\mathrm{S}} \end{aligned} \tag{164}$$

Hence we have expression of Schrödinger picture evolution operator using only Dirac picture operators

$$U^{\mathsf{S}}(\zeta,\ell) = \hat{T}^{-1} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H_0^{\mathsf{D}}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta} \hat{T} e^{-i \int_{\ell}^{\zeta} H_1^{\mathsf{D}}(\eta) e_{\zeta}^0(\eta) d\eta}$$
(165)

and  $|\Psi(\zeta)\rangle^S = U^S(\zeta, \ell) |\Psi(\ell)\rangle^S$ . We have the transition amplitude [39, p.484]

$$\begin{split} & \overset{S}{}_{0} \langle B; 0 | U^{S}(0,\ell) | A; \ell \rangle_{0}^{S} \\ &= \overset{S}{}_{0} \langle B; 0 | \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{0}H_{0}^{S}(\eta)e_{\zeta}^{0}(\eta)d\eta} \hat{T}e^{-i\int_{\ell}^{0}H_{1}^{D}(\eta)e_{0}^{0}(\eta)d\eta} | A; \ell \rangle_{0}^{S} \quad (166) \end{split}$$

This is the basis for perturbational calculations since the second factor can be expanded in terms of powers of interacting parameter in  $\mathscr{L}_1$ . In this relation, dependence of fields in  $H_1^D$  on time is the same as in the Heisenberg fields in the non-interacting case while  $H_0^S$  is the same as in Schrödinger fields in the non interacting case.  $H_1^D$  is supposed to be expressed in terms of  $\alpha_k(\zeta)\alpha_k^{\dagger}(\zeta), \beta_k(\zeta), \beta_k(\zeta), \beta_k^{\dagger}(\zeta)$  while  $H^S$  in terms of  $\alpha_k^S(\zeta), \alpha_k^{S\dagger}(\zeta), \beta_k^S(\zeta), \beta_k^{S\dagger}(\zeta)$ . These two set of quasi-particles operators are related to  $c_k, c_k^{\dagger}, d_k, d_k^{\dagger}$  in two different ways.

## 9. LOCAL LORENTZ COVARIANCE

For free Klein-Gordon field, we can define, using the stressenergy tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_{\mu}\phi\nabla_{\nu}\phi - g_{\mu\nu}\mathscr{L}_{\phi} \tag{167}$$

that

$$H_{a} = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma^{\mu} e_{a}^{\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma^{\zeta} e_{\zeta}^{b} (\hat{\nabla}_{b} \phi \hat{\nabla}_{a} \phi - \eta_{ab} \mathscr{L}_{\phi})$$
(168)

then  $(d\sigma^{\zeta} = g^{0\mu}d\sigma_{\mu} = C^{-1}C^{2}d^{3}x, e^{b}_{\zeta} = \delta^{b}_{0}C^{1/2}, \dot{g}^{*}_{k}g_{k} - \dot{g}_{k}g^{*}_{k} = i(2\pi)^{-3}\ell^{-2}\zeta^{2}.$  [1]

$$H_0 = H \tag{169}$$

$$H_{a'} = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma^{\zeta} e^b_{\zeta} \hat{\nabla}_b \phi \hat{\nabla}_{a'} \phi = C^{-1/2}(\zeta) \delta^i_{a'} \sum_k k_i a^{\dagger}_k a_k \qquad (170)$$

Hence we have local Lorentz covariant Heisenberg equation

$$i\hat{
abla}_a\phi = [\phi, H_a]$$
 (171)

and  $H_a$  is precisely the *measured* 4-energy-momentum in frame  $e_{\mu a}$ . If the quantization is implemented using a different Lorentz gauge,  $e'_{\mu a} = \Lambda_a{}^b(x)e_{\mu b}$ , the resulting  $H'_a$  will be different and relation  $H'_a = \Lambda_a{}^bH_b$  holds only when  $\Lambda$  is a global transformation. So in general,  $H_a$  will not be the measured energy-momentum by a local observer at *x*. Instead, the measured energy-momentum of a quanta should be boosted by  $\Lambda(x)$ , i.e.,  $\Lambda_a{}^b(x)H_b$ . Therefore, though the quantization can be implemented in any Lorentz gauge, the measured local physical quantities should be related to a particular choice of vierbein. This is expected [40]-[41].

For free Dirac field, we use

$$\mathscr{T}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} (\overline{\psi} \gamma_a e^a_\mu \mathbf{D}_\nu \psi - \overline{\psi} \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_\nu \gamma_a e^a_\mu \psi) - g_{\mu\nu} \mathscr{L}_\psi$$
(172)

and define

$$H_a = \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma^{\mu} e_a^{\nu} \mathscr{T}_{\mu\nu} \tag{173}$$

(174)

Then we have

and

$$H_{a'} = \frac{i}{2} \int_{\Sigma} d\sigma^{\zeta} (\overline{\psi} \gamma_{b} e^{b}_{\zeta} e^{i}_{a'} \mathbf{D}_{i} \psi - \overline{\psi} \overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{i} \gamma_{b} e^{b}_{\zeta} e^{i}_{a'} \psi)$$
  
$$= C^{-1/2}(\zeta) \sum_{k} \delta^{i}_{a'} k_{i} (\alpha^{\dagger}_{k}(\zeta) \alpha_{k}(\zeta) + \beta_{-k}(\zeta) \beta^{\dagger}_{-k}(\zeta)) \quad (175)$$

 $H_0 = H_{\rm phy}$ 

Using

$$\overline{\psi}\overleftarrow{\mathbf{D}}_{\nu}e^{b}_{\mu}\gamma_{b}\psi = \partial_{\nu}(\overline{\psi}e^{b}_{\mu}\gamma_{b}\psi) - \overline{\psi}e^{b}_{\mu}\gamma_{b}\mathbf{D}_{\nu}\psi$$
(176)

we have

$$i\hat{\mathbf{D}}_a\psi = [\psi, H_a],\tag{177}$$

which shows both general covariance and local Lorentz covariance.

#### **10. DISCUSSIONS**

General relativity and QFT are two pillars of modern theoretical physics. As a preamble of a complete unified quantum theory of gravity and matter systems, quantum field theories in classical curved spacetimes have long been called for. Following our previous work, we here proposed a generally covariant framework for quantizing Dirac field in de Sitter spacetime. The framework is formulated in conformal coordinate which is specifically chosen. It can be transformed into other coordinate systems x'. The fundamental solutions will still be labelled by quantum numbers  $\underline{k}$  but the functions will take a more complex appearance depending on the coordinates x'. The surfaces  $\Sigma$  will be defined by functions  $\zeta = \zeta(x') = \text{Const.}$  In the new coordinate system x', the *time-dependence* becomes actually  $\Sigma$ -*dependence*.

As our previous work on Klein-Gordon field, our framework of quantizing Dirac field is covariant under both general coordinates transformations and Local Lorentz transformations. This framework provides many quantum concepts in parallel with the standard quantum field theories in Minkowski spacetime. Our approach is fundamentally different from other discussions in the literatures. Two features show consistency of our approach with standard QFT in Minkowski spacetime and general relativity. The energy of free particles are the same as Klein-Gordon fields. The measurable energymomentum 4-vector satisfies geodesic equation.

Our framework also enjoys the three traditional pictures: Heisenberg, Schrödinger and Dirac in an extended fashion. The Hamiltonians in Heisenberg and Schrödinger pictures are not identical anymore and so are not the non-interacting Hamiltonians of Dirac and Schrödinger picture equal. Yet, we can nevertheless devise a way to calculate perturbatively the impact of interaction provided the coupling is weak.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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