


Particle creation and energy conditions for a quantized scalar field in the presence of an external, time-dependent, Mamaev-Trunov potential

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We study the behavior of a massless, quantized, scalar field on a two-dimensional cylinder spacetime as it responds to the time-dependent evolution of a Mamaev-Trunov potential of the form $V(x, t) = 2\xi\delta(x)\theta(-t)$. We begin by constructing mode solutions to the classical Klein-Gordon-Fock equation with potential on the whole spacetime. For a given eigenmode solution of the IN region of the spacetime ($t < 0$), we determine its evolution into the OUT region ($t > 0$) through the use of a Fourier decomposition in terms of the OUT region eigenmodes. The classical system is then second quantized in the canonical quantization scheme. On the OUT region, there is a unitarily equivalent representation of the quantized field in terms of the OUT region eigenmodes, including zero-frequency modes which we also quantize in a manner which allows for their interpretation as particles in the typical sense. After determining the Bogolubov coefficients between the two representations, we study the production of quanta out of the vacuum when the potential turns off. We find that the number of “particles” created on the OUT region is finite for the standard modes, and with the usual ambiguity in the number of particles created in the zero-frequency modes. We then look at the renormalized expectation value of the stress-energy tensor on the IN and OUT regions for the IN vacuum state. We find that the resulting stress tensor can violate the null, weak, strong, and dominant energy conditions because the standard Casimir energy density of the cylinder spacetime is negative. Finally, we show that the same stress tensor satisfies a quantum inequality on the OUT region.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Quantum inequalities

In quantum field theory (QFT), it is well known that the renormalized expectation value of the energy-density operator for a free, quantized field can be negative. Epstein, Glaser, and Jaffe [1] demonstrated this to be a generic property of QFTs under relatively weak assumptions. Also, negative energies seem to be a generic property for the vacuum state of a QFT in many curved spacetimes, and additionally, for the vacuum state in both flat and curved spacetimes with boundaries. The effect of a nonzero value for the renormalized expectation value of the vacuum state is often referred to as vacuum polarization, vacuum energy, zero-point energy, or the Casimir energy [2].

Negative energy densities also occur for multiparticle states where interference terms arise in the expectation value of the stress-energy tensor with sufficient magnitude to overpower any positive terms. (See [3] for an example and [4] for a thorough discussion.) It was noted by Ford [4] that unrestrained negative energies can be used to violate the second law of thermodynamics. He also argues that no breakdown would occur in two dimensions if

a negative-energy flux F obeys an inequality of the form $|F| \lesssim \tau^{-2}$, where τ is the duration over which the flux occurs. In a subsequent paper [5], Ford was able to derive such an inequality constraining negative-energy fluxes directly from QFT which applies to all possible quantum states for the massless scalar field in flat spacetimes.

A few years later, Ford and Roman [6] extended their analysis to the energy density observed along the worldline of a geodesic. They begin with the derivation of a *difference quantum inequality* on the two-dimensional, spatially compactified, cylinder spacetime ($\mathbb{R} \times S^1$). Consider a timelike geodesic $\gamma(\tau)$ parametrized by proper time τ , whose tangent vector is denoted by $u^\mu(\tau)$. Letting $|\psi\rangle$ be an arbitrary quantum state and $|0_C\rangle$ be the Casimir vacuum state on the cylinder spacetime, they define the difference in the expectation value of the energy density between these states as

$$D\langle T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu \rangle \equiv \langle \psi | T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu | \psi \rangle - \langle 0_C | T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu | 0_C \rangle. \quad (1)$$

On their own, each of the two terms in the difference are divergent, but both have the same singular structure; thus, the difference is finite. In the specific case of an inertial observer, and again using a Lorentzian weighting function with characteristic width τ_0 , they derive the lower bound

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$$\hat{D}\langle\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu\rangle\equiv\frac{\tau_0}{\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{D\langle\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu\rangle}{\tau^2+\tau_0^2}d\tau\geq-\frac{1}{8\pi\tau_0^2}. \quad (2)$$

The important thing to note, which is true for most all forms of inequalities, is that the lower bound is on the difference between the expectation values between two different states. The difference quantum inequality can be converted to bounds on the renormalized value of the energy density by noting that

$$D\langle\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu\rangle=\langle\psi|\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu|\psi\rangle_{\text{Ren}}-\langle 0_C|\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu|0_C\rangle_{\text{Ren}}. \quad (3)$$

Thus, an *absolute quantum inequality* takes the form

$$\frac{\tau_0}{\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\langle\psi|\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu|\psi\rangle_{\text{Ren}}}{\tau^2+\tau_0^2}d\tau\geq\frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2}\langle 0_C|\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}|0_C\rangle_{\text{Ren}}-\frac{1}{8\pi\tau_0^2}. \quad (4)$$

In the same paper, Ford and Roman go on to derive a *quantum inequality* in four-dimensional Minkowski spacetime;

$$\hat{\rho}\equiv\frac{\tau_0}{\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{\langle:\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu:\rangle}{\tau^2+\tau_0^2}d\tau\geq-\frac{3}{32\pi^2\tau_0^4}. \quad (5)$$

Here, the colons denote normal ordering with respect to the standard Minkowski space vacuum; in other words, it is again a lower bound on the difference between expectation values between two states.

Since their initial discovery, quantum inequalities have been developed for an assortment of QFTs in a variety of spacetimes. Additionally, they have been proven for a large class of weighting function beyond the Lorentzian; first by Flanagan [7] for the scalar field in two-dimensional Minkowski spacetime, and followed by Fewster and Eveson [8] for the massive scalar field in $(n+1)$ -dimensional Minkowski spacetime.

Significant improvements in the mathematical rigor for the derivation of quantum inequalities were made by Fewster [9] by employing microlocal analysis in the context of algebraic QFT in curved spacetime. The pairing quantum inequality now serves as an umbrella term, of which the most frequently studied type is the *quantum weak energy inequality* (QWEI), which typically takes the form [9,10]

$$\int\langle\omega|:\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu:_{\omega_0}|\omega\rangle f(\tau)d\tau\geq-\mathcal{Q}(\omega_0,\gamma,f). \quad (6)$$

Here, f is a smooth, compactly supported test function, ω and ω_0 are Hadamard states, and the colon with the subscript denotes normal ordering with respect to ω_0 ; thus, these are again a form of difference inequality, with ω_0

serving as the reference state. Finally, the functional \mathcal{Q} is independent of the state ω , and microlocal analysis is used to prove that it is finite. These can again be recast in terms of the renormalized expectation values to obtain absolute inequalities. In applications, it is commonplace for the reference state ω_0 to be the Casimir vacuum state, although this is not a requirement.

B. Claims of violations of quantum inequalities

In two papers, Solomon [11,12] puts forth models of a massless, quantized, scalar field in two-dimensional Minkowski spacetime with the presence of an external, time-dependent potential of the form $V(x,t)=\theta(-t)V_\xi(x)$. Here, θ is the Heaviside unit-step function and ξ is the coupling constant between the potential and the field. The scalar field obeys the wave equation

$$\square\Phi(x,t)+V(x,t)\Phi(x,t)=0. \quad (7)$$

Such models can be interpreted as a quantum field that transitions from a field interacting with the potential to being a free field at the $t=0$ Cauchy surface. We call the causal past/future of this Cauchy surface the IN and OUT regions, respectively.

The classical wave equation associated with the equation above can be solved independently in both regions using standard PDE techniques. For the IN region, the positive-frequency modes are given by

$$\phi^{\text{IN}}(x,t)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_{\xi,j}}}\chi_{\xi,j}(x)e^{-i\omega_{\xi,j}t}, \quad (8)$$

where the $\chi_{\xi,j}(x)$'s are a complete set of orthonormalized eigenfunctions to the equation

$$[-\partial_x^2+V_\xi(x)]\chi_{\xi,j}(x)=\omega_{\xi,j}^2\chi_{\xi,j}(x) \quad (9)$$

and j is a label for uniquely identifying an eigenfunction.

The transition across the $t=0$ Cauchy surface is then handled by assuming C^1 continuity conditions in time, i.e.,

$$\phi^{\text{IN}}(x,0)=\phi^{\text{OUT}}(x,0) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t\phi^{\text{IN}}(x,0)=\partial_t\phi^{\text{OUT}}(x,0). \quad (10)$$

From a physical standpoint, this is reasonable; one evolves a solution to the wave equation with potential up to the $t=0$ Cauchy surface, at which point $\phi^{\text{IN}}(x,0)$ and $\partial_t\phi^{\text{IN}}(x,0)$ serve as the Cauchy data for the continued evolution of the wave into the causal future of the $t=0$ Cauchy surface. In two-dimensional Minkowski spacetime, the future evolution is determined using d'Alembert's solution to the wave equation. Thus, we have mode solutions to the classical wave equation on the whole spacetime of the form

$$\phi_j(x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi^{\text{IN}}(x, t) & \text{for } t \leq 0, \\ \phi^{\text{OUT}}(x, t) & \text{for } t \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Using canonical quantization, one then *lifts* the general solution to the classical wave equation to a self-adjoint operator,

$$\Phi(x, t) = \int d\mu(j) [\mathbf{a}_j \phi_j(x, t) + \mathbf{a}_j^\dagger \overline{\phi_j(x, t)}], \quad (12)$$

where $d\mu(j)$ is an appropriate measure for the labeling set of the j 's, \mathbf{a}_j^\dagger and \mathbf{a}_j are the standard creation and annihilation operators, respectively, with the usual commutation relations, and we use the standard QFT Fock space on which these operators act. In particular, the IN vacuum state $|0\rangle$ is defined such that $\mathbf{a}_j|0\rangle = 0$ for all j .

The stress-tensor operator associated with the quantized scalar field for the wave equation can be separated into two parts, where, using the terminology of Solomon, the *kinetic tensor* is defined as the portion of the stress tensor that is explicitly free of the potential, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{K}_{\mu\nu} \equiv (\nabla_\mu \Phi)(\nabla_\nu \Phi) - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\nabla^\alpha \Phi)(\nabla_\alpha \Phi), \quad (13)$$

while the *potential tensor* is everything in the stress tensor explicitly involving the potential, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{U}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} V(x, t) \Phi^2. \quad (14)$$

In regions where the potential vanishes, the stress tensor equals the kinetic tensor.¹ Solomon's *kinetic energy density* is just the K_{00} component of the kinetic-tensor.² Solomon calculates the expectation value of the kinetic energy density for the IN vacuum state $|0_\xi\rangle$ on the IN region, finding

$$\langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0_\xi \rangle(x) = \int \frac{d\mu(j)}{4\omega_{\xi,j}} (\omega_{\xi,j}^2 |\chi_{\xi,j}(x)|^2 + |\chi'_{\xi,j}(x)|^2), \quad (15)$$

where the prime denotes differentiation of the function with respect to the argument. After a lengthy calculation, the

¹Because of the potential, all three of the tensors defined above have nontrivial traces and nontrivial divergences. The traces are given by $K^\mu{}_\mu = (1 - \frac{n}{2})(\nabla^\alpha \phi)(\nabla_\alpha \phi)$, $U^\mu{}_\mu = \frac{n}{2} V(x, t) \phi^2$, and $T^\mu{}_\mu = (1 - \frac{n}{2})(\nabla^\alpha \phi)(\nabla_\alpha \phi) + \frac{n}{2} V(x, t) \phi^2$, where n is the dimension of the spacetime. The divergences are $\nabla^\mu K_{\mu\nu} = -V(x, t) \phi(\nabla_\nu \phi)$, $\nabla^\mu U_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_\nu V(x, t)) \phi^2 + V(x, t) \phi(\nabla_\nu \phi)$, and $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_\nu V(x, t)) \phi^2$.

²Solomon uses the letter T to represent both the stress tensor and the kinetic tensor. We choose the alternate notations of T and K to avoid any unintended confusion between them.

expectation value of the energy density for the IN vacuum state on the OUT region is

$$\langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{T}_{tt}^{\text{OUT}} | 0_\xi \rangle(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0_\xi \rangle(x + t) + \langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0_\xi \rangle(x - t)], \quad (16)$$

where the basis eigenfunctions are chosen to be real valued.³ In regions of the spacetime where the potential is zero, Solomon conjectures that we may use any of the standard renormalization schemes to determine the renormalized values of both of these expressions. Thus, if there is a stationary Casimir effect due to the potential in any portion of the IN region of the spacetime, this will become a left and right moving pulse of energy on the OUT region of the spacetime. For example, one model that Solomon presents is that of a double-delta function potential of the form

$$V_\xi(x) = \xi[\delta(x - a/2) + \delta(x + a/2)], \quad (17)$$

for which Mamaev and Trunov [13] have shown that there is a constant, negative-valued, Casimir effect for the vacuum expectation value of the energy density in the region of space between the two delta functions and vanishing outside;

$$\langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0_\xi \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(x) = -\eta[\theta(x + a/2) - \theta(x - a/2)], \quad (18)$$

where η is a positive function of the coupling constant ξ and separation a . Mamaev and Trunov are silent on what the renormalized expectation value of the energy density is at the locations of the delta-function potentials ($x = \pm a/2$). They do state in [14] that additional renormalization terms are required that depend on the potential and its derivatives to determine $\langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{T}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0_\xi \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\pm a/2)$.

Solomon uses the Mamaev and Trunov double-delta function potential on the IN region of his spacetime. For the OUT region of the spacetime, he posits

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_\xi | \mathbf{T}_{tt}^{\text{OUT}} | 0_\xi \rangle_{\text{Ren}} &= -\frac{\eta}{2} [\theta(x + t + a/2) - \theta(x + t - a/2)] \\ &\quad - \frac{\eta}{2} [\theta(x - t + a/2) - \theta(x - t - a/2)]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

As was the case with Mamaev and Trunov, Solomon is silent about the value of the renormalized kinetic tensor on the IN region at $x = \pm a/2$, and consequently for the

³If the basis of eigenfunctions is not real valued, then the expression for the energy density in the OUT region would be $\langle 0 | \mathbf{T}_{tt}^{\text{OUT}} | 0 \rangle(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\langle 0 | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0 \rangle(x + t) + \langle 0 | \mathbf{K}_{tt}^{\text{IN}} | 0 \rangle(x - t)] - \frac{1}{4} \int d\mu(j) \text{Im}[\chi'_{\xi,j}(x + t) \overline{\chi_{\xi,j}(x + t)}] + \frac{1}{4} \int d\mu(j) \text{Im}[\chi'_{\xi,j}(x - t) \overline{\chi_{\xi,j}(x - t)}]$.

renormalized stress tensor at points along the future-pointing null rays emanating from the points $(t, x) = (0, \pm a/2)$ on the OUT region. Solomon then goes on to show that this particular expression for the vacuum expectation value of the energy density would indeed violate the quantum inequalities of Flanagan [7] on the OUT region of the spacetime.

However, Solomon's conclusions are incorrect, as Eqs. (18) and (19) are incomplete expressions for both the IN-region kinetic energy density and the OUT-region energy density, respectively. For a time-independent double-delta-function potential, it has been shown by Graham and colleagues [15], in the context of a massive scalar field, that the renormalized energy density has nonzero contributions at the points $x = \pm a/2$. Unfortunately, there is no straightforward way to take the $m \rightarrow 0$ limit of the results of Graham *et al.* and then separate the renormalized kinetic energy density out of the expression for the renormalized energy density. However, for the massless field we can conjecture that the renormalized OUT-region energy density is of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | T_{tt}^{\text{OUT}} | 0 \rangle_{\text{Ren}} &= -\frac{\eta}{2} [\theta(x+t+a/2) - \theta(x+t-a/2)] \\ &\quad + \frac{q}{2} \delta(|x+t| - a/2) \\ &\quad - \frac{\eta}{2} [\theta(x-t+a/2) - \theta(x-t-a/2)] \\ &\quad + \frac{q}{2} \delta(|x-t| - a/2), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where $q = q(\xi, a)$ is another function of the coupling constant ξ and separation a . Physically, this describes two square-wave pulses of negative energy with amplitude $-\eta/2$ traveling outward at the speed of light from the initial location of the potential; one moving to the left and one moving to the right. Additionally, on the leading and trailing edges of the square-wave pulses are delta-function spikes of energy, with magnitude $q/2$, which, as we will see below for a related model, are positive. The positive energy comes from the creation of particles out of the vacuum by the quantum field in response to the shutting off of the potential.

Using this new expression for the renormalized energy density, we can again consider Flanagan's quantum inequality on the OUT region. To do this, we use unit-area test functions with the constraint that they only have support on the OUT region of the spacetime. Then, substituting the above energy density into the quantum inequality, and using a geodesic parametrized by $\gamma^\mu(\tau) = (\tau, x_0)$, where $x_0 > a/2$ and $\tau \in [0, \infty)$, results in

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{q}{2} [f(x_0 - a/2) + f(x_0 + a/2)] - \frac{\eta}{2} \int_{x_0 - a/2}^{x_0 + a/2} f(\tau) d\tau \\ &\geq -\frac{1}{24\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{|f'(\nu)|^2}{f(\nu)} d\nu. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

To determine if the quantum inequality is violated will depend on the relative strength of the delta-function contributions to the negative-energy contribution of the square-wave part of the energy density.

We will put off definitively settling whether or not Flanagan's quantum inequality is violated for a follow-up paper. Instead, for the remainder of this paper, we determine the renormalized kinetic tensor on the IN region and the renormalized stress tensor on the OUT region of a two-dimensional cylinder spacetime with a single delta-function potential that is abruptly shut off at $t = 0$. We find that particle creation in our model causes a left- and right-moving delta function of positive energy in the OUT-region stress tensor. We also show that all of the classical point-wise energy conditions fail on this spacetime because of a negative-energy Casimir effect, but that the positive-energy pulses are sufficiently large enough to ensure that the quantum inequality for this spacetime is satisfied for all inertial observers on the OUT region of the spacetime, and for all values of the coupling constant ξ .

C. Outline

We consider a massless, quantized, scalar field coupled to a scalar potential on the spatially compact, two-dimensional, cylinder spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$. The quantized scalar field obeys the wave equation, Eq. (7), with a Mamaev-Trunov potential of the form

$$V(x, t) = 2\xi \delta(x) \theta(-t), \quad (22)$$

where ξ is a positive coupling constant and $\delta(x)$ is the Dirac delta function. The factor of 2 is included solely for convenience. The Mamaev-Trunov potential breaks the spacetime into two regions: a static IN region for $t < 0$ where the scalar field is coupled to a nonzero delta-function potential, and a static OUT region for $t > 0$ where the scalar field is free from the potential. A graphical representation of this spacetime with the potential is presented in Fig. 1.

In Sec. II, we determine the orthonormal, positive-frequency mode solutions to the wave equation. On the whole spacetime, there exist antisymmetric mode solutions given by Eq. (61). Because these modes vanish at $x = 0$, they do not interact with the potential. There also exist symmetric mode solutions given by Eq. (69), which are sensitive to the potential. The IN portions of these mode solutions, given by Eq. (40), have a corner at the location of the delta-function potential, while the OUT portions have corners that propagate outward from the origin of the spacetime at the speed of light. Negative-frequency mode solutions are given by the complex conjugate of either type of mode.

The OUT portion of the symmetric mode solution is given by a Fourier series, Eq. (68), in terms of the "standard" basis of symmetric modes for the potential-free wave equation, of which there are two kinds: a) an infinite

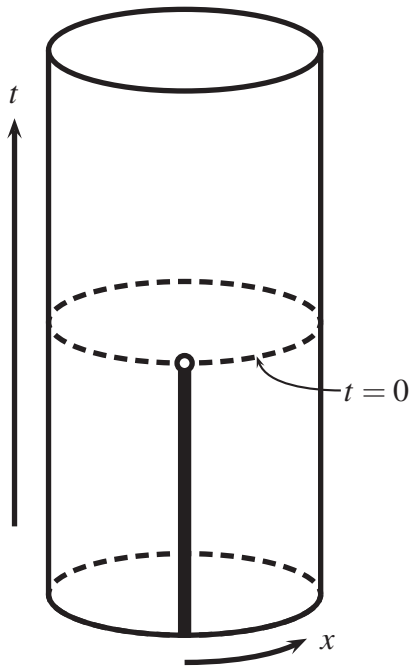


FIG. 1. A graphical representation of the spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$, with time increasing in the vertical direction. The dashed circle midway up the cylinder shows the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface. The thick vertical line ending in an open point shows the location of the delta-function potential that is turned off at $t = 0$.

family of time-oscillatory mode solutions, with the positive-frequency solutions given by Eq. (48), and b) two topological, zero-frequency mode solutions given by Eq. (49) and its complex conjugate. The topological modes exist because the spatial sections of the cylinder spacetime are compact, and they are necessary to have a complete basis set to represent a solution to the Cauchy problem for all initial data.

To determine the Fourier coefficients for the OUT portion of the symmetric mode solution, we require C^1 continuity in time across the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface. The resulting Fourier series has nonzero Fourier coefficients, Eqs. (62) and (64), for both the topological modes and the positive- and negative-frequency even mode solutions. The antisymmetric mode solutions do not appear in the Fourier representation for the OUT portion of the symmetric mode solutions.

In Sec. III, we second quantize our system, following the standard canonical quantization scheme in the literature (see, e.g., Birrell and Davies [16]). In this scheme, one promotes the real-valued classical field Φ to a self-adjoint operator $\mathbf{\Phi}$ on a Hilbert space of states. The typical Hilbert space is given by a standard Fock space. For a Bosonic field theory, the field operator and its conjugate momenta $\mathbf{\Pi}$ also satisfy a set of equal time commutation relations.

On the IN region of the spacetime, the Fock space associated with the field algebra has the usual form, and we define the IN vacuum state $|0_L\rangle$ to be the state destroyed by

all of the annihilation operators of the field algebra, Eq. (77). The subscripted L is included in the notation to remind us that this is the ground state on a spatially closed spacetime of circumference L , and not the standard Minkowski-space vacuum state, which we will denote by $|0\rangle$. States with higher particle content can be constructed in the usual way by acting with the creation operators.

On the OUT region of the spacetime, there exists an unitarily equivalent field algebra based upon the “standard” mode solutions to the potential-free wave equation. So we also present the second quantization of this equivalent system. However, we do make one modification to the standard quantization procedure; along with the time-oscillatory modes, we also second quantize the topological modes using the method developed by Ford and Pathinayake [17]. At the classical level, the topological modes given by Eq. (49) have nonzero conjugate momenta; therefore, they can be included in the classical symplectic form that gets lifted to the commutator relation of the field algebra. It has been found that such a process produces an algebra with a nontrivial center [18].

Because the OUT region had two equivalent field algebras and Fock spaces, we determine the Bogolubov transformation between the elements of the algebras. Since the OUT portion of the symmetric mode solutions is already given by a Fourier series in terms of the “standard” modes, determining the explicit form of the Bogolubov coefficients is simply a task of identifying the correct Fourier coefficient.

Working in the Heisenberg picture, we then calculate the number of “standard” quanta created on the OUT region of the spacetime for the IN vacuum state $|0_L\rangle$. We find that (a) no quanta are created in the odd modes, (b) a finite, nonzero number of quanta are created in the topological modes, Eq. (95), (c) a finite, nonzero number of quanta are created in the time-oscillatory even modes, Eq. (96), and (d) the total number of quanta created is finite. All the quanta created in this model come into existence at the moment the potential is shut off, i.e., at $t = 0$.

In Sec. IV, we determine the renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the IN ground state $|0_L\rangle$ on both the IN and OUT regions of the spacetime. For the IN region of the spacetime, we find

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad (23)$$

which holds everywhere except at the location of the delta-function potential. The $-\pi/6L^2$ part of this expression is the standard Casimir energy density for the cylinder spacetime. The $(\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C})/L^2$ is the correction to the ground state energy density due to the presence of the potential. Here, both coefficients \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} are positive functions of $\chi \equiv \xi L/2$, given by infinite summations over the transcendental eigenvalues—Eqs. (115) and (129), respectively—and are plotted in Fig. 2. We prove that both are convergent,

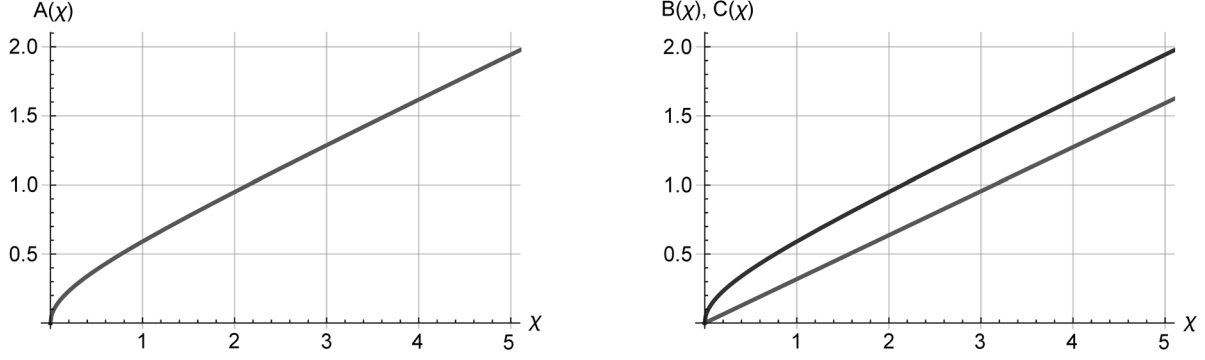


FIG. 2. Plots of the coefficients \mathcal{A} (left graph), \mathcal{B} (right graph, upper curve), and \mathcal{C} (right graph, lower curve) as a function of the dimensionless variable χ . The plots were generated in Mathematica by calculating the partial sum for the first 2^{15} terms of each infinite series. The plots seem to indicate that $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$. The analysis in Appendix C shows that $\mathcal{C} = \chi/\pi$, i.e., it is a straight line.

and we determine that the difference between them always satisfies $0 \leq (\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}) \leq \pi/6$.

We also determine the renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor on the OUT region for the same state;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} &= \left\{ -\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right. \\
 &+ \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \Big\} \delta_{\mu\nu} \\
 &+ \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) - \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

It is covariantly conserved, and we find the standard Casimir energy density for the cylinder spacetime followed by a correction given by the $(\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C})/L^2$ term. The remaining terms are the contributions due to the quanta excited (i.e., particle creation) from the shutting off of the potential. The simple expression of two classical, pointlike particles moving outward from the origin to the left and right with equal amplitude $\mathcal{C}/2$ is the result of a detailed analysis of the properties of the Bogolubov coefficients and identities, and their application to the expression for the “moving” parts of the stress tensor given by the Fourier series in Eq. (117).

In Sec. V, we evaluate the energy conditions from general relativity on the OUT region of the spacetime, using the expression above for the renormalized stress tensor. For a timelike geodesic, the renormalized expectation value of the energy density is given by Eq. (170), and for a null geodesic worldline by Eq. (175). We find that the null energy condition (NEC), weak energy condition (WEC), the strong energy condition (SEC), and the dominant energy condition (DEC) all fail on some region of the spacetime for the OUT-region stress tensor because the difference $\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} \leq \pi/6$, and is therefore insufficient to

overcome the usual $-\pi/6L^2$ term of the Casimir energy. We then calculate the total energy in a constant-time Cauchy surface on the OUT region, Eq. (185). Because of the dependence of \mathcal{B} on the value of χ , the total energy in the Cauchy surface is negative for values of $\chi \leq 0.82$, positive for values of $\chi \geq 0.83$, and it passes through zero somewhere in the range $0.82 < \chi < 0.83$.

In the final part of Sec. V, we use our normal-ordered expectation value of the energy density for the IN vacuum state on the OUT region in an absolute QWEI for the two-dimensional cylinder spacetime without potential, given by Eq. (186). The derivation of this QWEI, with the inclusion of the topological modes, is contained in Appendix E. We can use this inequality on the OUT region of our spacetime if we restrict the set of test functions to only those which have compact support to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface.

Evaluating the left-hand side of the QWEI for the IN vacuum state $|0_L\rangle$ on the OUT region yields Eq. (189). Only the first of the four terms in the result is negative, and it is identical to the first term on the right-hand side of the QWEI. The remaining terms on the right-hand side are negative. Thus, the QWEI is satisfied by the stress-energy tensor of the IN vacuum state on the OUT region of the spacetime for all allowed test functions $g(t)$ with support to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, and for all values of ξ .

The main body of the paper concludes with some comments and conjectures in Sec. VI. There are also five appendices containing technical information necessary for the paper to be complete. They include: a proof of the equivalence of the IN and OUT region mode functions on a bow-tie shaped domain surrounding the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface; the construction of the advanced-minus-retarded Green’s function on the cylinder spacetime when topological modes are included; the convergence and properties of certain summations over the eigenvalues of the transcendental equation; notes on an alternative way to determine the IN vacuum stress tensor on the IN region and why it

fails; and the derivation of the QWEI on the cylinder spacetime.

D. Mathematical notation

We use units in which \hbar , c , and G are set to unity throughout the paper. The complex conjugate of a complex number $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is denoted by \bar{z} , and similarly for functions. For complex-valued functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$, we use the standard L^2 inner product,

$$(u, v)_{L^2} \equiv \int_{S^1} u(x) \overline{v(x)} dx. \quad (25)$$

The normalization for mode solutions of the wave equation is chosen such that the modes are pseudo-orthonormal with respect to the standard bilinear product used in QFT [16],

$$(\phi_1, \phi_2)_{\text{QFT}} \equiv -i \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} [\phi_1(x, t) (\partial_t \overline{\phi_2}(x, t)) - (\partial_t \phi_1(x, t)) \overline{\phi_2}(x, t)] dx. \quad (26)$$

Operators will be typeset in bold face to distinguish them from variables and functions. The Hermitian conjugate of an operator \mathbf{a} will be denoted by \mathbf{a}^\dagger .

II. THE CLASSICAL FORMALISM

Let \mathcal{M} be an n -dimensional, globally hyperbolic Lorentzian spacetime with smooth metric \mathbf{g} of signature $(+, -, \dots, -)$. On this spacetime, we have a real-valued scalar field $\phi: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, which interacts with a scalar potential $V(x)$. This situation is described by the action

$$S_{\text{matter}}(\phi, g^{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} \int [g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial_\nu \phi) - V(x) \phi^2] \sqrt{-g} d^n x, \quad (27)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the spacetime metric, $g = \det g_{\mu\nu}$, $g^{\mu\nu}$ is the inverse of the metric, and ∂_μ is the partial derivative. Variation of the action with respect to the scalar field yields the standard Klein-Gordon-Fock wave equation

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \phi + V\phi = 0, \quad (28)$$

or, more succinctly, $\square\phi + V\phi = 0$. Similarly, the stress tensor is found by varying the action with respect to the inverse metric. When considered with the gravitational action [19], the stress tensor for minimal coupling has the form

$$T_{\mu\nu} = (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial_\nu \phi) - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} [g^{\alpha\beta} (\partial_\alpha \phi) (\partial_\beta \phi) - V\phi^2]. \quad (29)$$

We now make two choices so that the mathematics which follows is more tractable. First, we choose to work

on the standard two-dimensional cylinder spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$. This is done for two reasons: a) the spacetime is boundaryless so there are no boundary conditions to consider, and b) the spectrum of the Laplace operator on S^1 , with and without the potential, is discrete. We use the standard Minkowski space (t, x) coordinates with the identification of points such that $(t, x) = (t, x + L)$. Here, L is the circumference of the spatial sections of the universe. Secondly, on this spacetime we have a Mamaev-Trunov potential given by Eq. (22).

The classical mode functions to the wave equation can be solved for independently in both regions. To determine mode functions on the whole spacetime, we take each mode function from the IN region and require that the function and its first derivative match across the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface to a general Fourier decomposition of the wave function in the OUT region, i.e., we require C^1 continuity in t of the wave functions. This matching is used to determine the Fourier coefficients for the OUT solution of the wave solution. We now present the details of this process.

A. Mode solutions on the IN region, $t < 0$

For our spacetime, and upon substitution of the potential, the wave equation for the IN region is

$$\partial_t^2 \phi - \partial_x^2 \phi + 2\xi \delta(x) \phi = 0. \quad (30)$$

Using the standard techniques for separation of variables, we assume a solution of the form $\phi(x, t) = u(x)T(t)$, such that the time dependence solves

$$T_{tt}(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0, \quad (31)$$

while the space dependence leads to the Schrödinger-like equation

$$-u_{xx}(x) + 2\xi \delta(x) u(x) = \lambda u(x). \quad (32)$$

Here, λ is the separation constant, playing a role akin to the energy in ordinary quantum mechanics. The operator

$$\mathbf{O} = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2\xi \delta(x) \quad (33)$$

is Hermitian, i.e., $(u, \mathbf{O}v)_{L^2} = (\mathbf{O}u, v)_{L^2}$, with respect to the standard L^2 inner product on S^1 .

The spatial sections of the universe are compact; therefore, the eigenvalues λ are discrete. Furthermore, the eigenvalues are real-valued and greater than or equal to zero. A convenient L^2 -orthonormalized basis of eigenfunctions to Eq. (32) is given by (a) a family of antisymmetric eigenfunctions,

$$u^{\text{odd}}(n, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(k_n x), \quad (34)$$

where $k_n = 2\pi n/L$, $\lambda_n = (k_n)^2$ and $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, and (b) a family of symmetric eigenfunctions,

$$u^{\text{even}}(j, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} A_j \left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x|) \right], \quad (35)$$

where $\kappa_j = 2Z_j/L$, $\lambda_j = (\kappa_j)^2$ and Z_j is the j th positive root of the transcendental equation

$$Z = \frac{\xi L}{2} \cot(Z). \quad (36)$$

For any value of j , the value of Z_j lays in the interval between $(j-1)\pi$ and $(j-\frac{1}{2})\pi$. For $(j-1) > \xi L/2\pi$, the values of the Z_j 's approach the poles of the cotangent function from above. A good approximation for Z_j using the first two terms in the Taylor series of the cotangent function is

$$\begin{aligned} Z_j &\approx (j-1)\pi + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{3}\right)^{-1} \\ &\times \left[\sqrt{(j-1)^2 \pi^2 + 4\chi \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{3}\right)} - (j-1)\pi \right] \\ &= (j-1)\pi \\ &+ 2\chi \left[(j-1)\pi + \sqrt{(j-1)^2 \pi^2 + 4\chi \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{3}\right)} \right]^{-1}, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

where $\chi = \xi L/2$. The exact value of Z_j is always less than the value of the approximation above.

The normalization constant for the symmetric eigenfunctions is

$$A_j = \cos(Z_j) \left[1 + \frac{\sin(Z_j) \cos(Z_j)}{Z_j} \right]^{-1/2}. \quad (38)$$

There do not exist any eigenfunctions with eigenvalue $\lambda = 0$.

From the above L^2 eigenfunctions, we can define positive-frequency mode solutions to the wave equation on the IN-region,

$$\phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) = (2k_n)^{-1/2} u^{\text{odd}}(n, x) e^{-ik_n t} \quad (39)$$

and

$$\phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = (2\kappa_j)^{-1/2} u^{\text{even}}(j, x) e^{-i\kappa_j t}. \quad (40)$$

The normalization for these mode solutions has been chosen such that the modes are orthonormal with respect to the standard bilinear product used in QFT, Eq. (26).

Negative-frequency mode solutions are given by the complex conjugate of the above expressions.

B. Mode solutions on the OUT region, $t > 0$

The OUT region is simply the spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ with no potential, i.e., it is the standard cylinder spacetime. Assuming a solution of the form $\psi(x, t) = v(x)T(t)$, we find that the time dependence again solves Eq. (31), while the space dependence leads to

$$-v_{xx}(x) = \lambda v(x). \quad (41)$$

Here, λ is again the separation constant. The eigenvalues and eigenfunctions to the spatial equation are well known; There are (a) antisymmetric eigenfunctions

$$v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) = u^{\text{odd}}(n, x), \quad (42)$$

(b) symmetric eigenfunctions

$$v^{\text{even}}(n, x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos(k_n x), \quad (43)$$

and (c) a zero-eigenvalue topological solution

$$v^{\text{top}}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L}}. \quad (44)$$

Both the symmetric and antisymmetric eigenfunctions have $k_n = 2\pi n/L$ with $\lambda_n = (k_n)^2$. A generic function on the circle can be represented as a Fourier series in this basis as

$$f(x) = c v^{\text{top}}(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) + b_n v^{\text{even}}(n, x)), \quad (45)$$

where c , $\{a_n\}$, and $\{b_n\}$ are all Fourier coefficients. In particular, the Dirac delta function on S^1 has the representation

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(x - x') &= v^{\text{top}}(x) v^{\text{top}}(x') + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(n, x') \\ &+ v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(n, x')). \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

The positive-frequency mode solutions to the wave equation on the OUT region for the antisymmetric and symmetric eigenfunctions are

$$\psi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) = (2k_n)^{-1/2} v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) e^{-ik_n t} \quad (47)$$

and

$$\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) = (2k_n)^{-1/2} v^{\text{even}}(n, x) e^{-ik_n t}, \quad (48)$$

respectively. The negative-frequency solutions are given by the complex conjugate of the above expressions. The topological eigenfunction leads to an often neglected solution of the wave equation,

$$\psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) = \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2}} v^{\text{top}}(x) \left(1 - i \frac{t}{\ell}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{\ell}{2L}} \left(1 - i \frac{t}{\ell}\right), \quad (49)$$

where ℓ is an arbitrary constant that sets a length scale [17]. Unlike the time-oscillatory solutions, the topological solution is not an eigenfunction of the energy operator $i\partial_t$. The complex conjugate of the topological solution is also a

linearly independent solution of the wave equation. All three types of solutions are orthonormal with respect to the bilinear product Eq. (26), i.e., they satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi_j, \psi_{j'})_{\text{QFT}} &= \delta_{jj'}, & (\overline{\psi_j}, \overline{\psi_{j'}})_{\text{QFT}} &= -\delta_{jj'}, & \text{and} \\ (\psi_j, \overline{\psi_{j'}})_{\text{QFT}} &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

where the labels j and j' specify both the type of mode and the value of n .

A generic, complex-valued, classical solution to the wave equation in the OUT region is given by the Fourier series

$$\psi(x, t) = a\psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) + b\overline{\psi^{\text{top}}(x, t)} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n\psi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) + b_n\overline{\psi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t)} + c_n\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) + d_n\overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)}], \quad (51)$$

where $a, b, \{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$, and $\{d_n\}$ are complex-valued constants.

C. Mode solutions on the whole spacetime

Next, we determine mode solutions on the whole of the spacetime for the time-dependent potential. Let $\phi(x, t)$ be any solution to the wave equation on the IN region. We know that a general solution in the OUT region is given by

Eq. (51) above. At the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface where the potential abruptly turns off, we require continuity of the wave function and its first time derivative, i.e.,

$$\phi(x, 0) = \psi(x, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \partial_t \phi(x, 0) = \partial_t \psi(x, 0). \quad (52)$$

Upon substitution, we find

$$\phi(x, 0) = \sqrt{\frac{L}{2}} v^{\text{top}}(x) (a + b) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k_n}} [v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) (a_n + b_n) + v^{\text{even}}(n, x) (c_n + d_n)] \quad (53)$$

and

$$\partial_t \phi(x, 0) = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2L}} v^{\text{top}}(x) (a - b) - i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{2}} [v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) (a_n - b_n) + v^{\text{even}}(n, x) (c_n - d_n)]. \quad (54)$$

Next, we apply Fourier's trick: put the above expressions into the first slot of the L^2 inner product with one of the OUT basis functions in the second slot. Permuting through all the basis functions results in

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\ell}} (\phi(x, 0) + i\ell \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{top}}(x))_{L^2}, \quad (55)$$

$$b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\ell}} (\phi(x, 0) - i\ell \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{top}}(x))_{L^2}, \quad (56)$$

$$a_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{2}} \left(\phi(x, 0) - \frac{1}{ik_n} \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) \right)_{L^2}, \quad (57)$$

$$b_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{2}} \left(\phi(x, 0) + \frac{1}{ik_n} \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) \right)_{L^2}, \quad (58)$$

$$c_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{2}} \left(\phi(x, 0) - \frac{1}{ik_n} \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{even}}(n, x) \right)_{L^2}, \quad (59)$$

$$d_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{2}} \left(\phi(x, 0) + \frac{1}{ik_n} \partial_t \phi(x, 0), v^{\text{even}}(n, x) \right)_{L^2}. \quad (60)$$

We now determine these coefficients for the basis of IN mode solutions:

Odd Mode Solutions: If $\phi(x, t) = \phi^{\text{odd}}(m, x, t)$ for $t \leq 0$, then $\phi(x, 0) = (2k_m)^{-1/2} v^{\text{odd}}(m, x)$ and $\partial_t \phi(x, 0) = -ik_m (2k_m)^{-1/2} v^{\text{odd}}(m, x)$. Upon substitution into the above

expressions, we find $a = b = b_n = c_n = d_n = 0$ for all n , and $a_n = \delta_{nm}$. So the antisymmetric, positive-frequency mode solutions to the wave equation on the whole spacetime are given by

$$\Phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) = (2k_n)^{-1/2} u^{\text{odd}}(n, x) e^{-ik_n t} \quad \text{with} \\ k_n = \frac{2\pi n}{L} \quad \text{and} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (61)$$

This family of solutions, as well as its complex conjugate, are ignorant to the presence of the potential.

Even Mode Solutions: If $\phi(x, t) = \phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)$ for $t \leq 0$, then $\phi(x, 0) = (2\kappa_j)^{-1/2} u^{\text{even}}(j, x)$ and $\partial_t \phi(x, 0) = -i(\kappa_j/2)^{1/2} u^{\text{even}}(j, x)$. Because both of the preceding expressions are even functions in the variable x , it is immediately obvious that $a_n = b_n = 0$ for all n . Additionally,

$$a = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\kappa_j \ell}} (1 + \kappa_j \ell) Y_{j,0} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\kappa_j \ell}} (1 - \kappa_j \ell) Y_{j,0}, \quad (62)$$

where the coefficient

$$Y_{j,0} = (u^{\text{even}}(j, x), v^{\text{top}}(x))_{L^2} = \frac{\xi L A_j}{\sqrt{2} Z_j^2}. \quad (63)$$

The remaining two sets of coefficients are found to be

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{\kappa_j}} \left(1 + \frac{\kappa_j}{k_n}\right) Y_{j,n} \quad \text{and} \quad d_n = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{k_n}{\kappa_j}} \left(1 - \frac{\kappa_j}{k_n}\right) Y_{j,n}, \quad (64)$$

where

$$Y_{j,n} = (u^{\text{even}}(j, x), v^{\text{even}}(n, x))_{L^2} = \frac{\xi L A_j}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2}. \quad (65)$$

Note, $Y_{j,0}$ is not the $n = 0$ expression of $Y_{j,n}$; the two differ by a factor of $\sqrt{2}$. The $Y_{j,n}$'s turn out to be the Fourier coefficients for the Fourier series of $u^{\text{even}}(j, x)$ when written in the OUT eigenfunctions, i.e.,

$$u^{\text{even}}(j, x) = Y_{j,0} v^{\text{top}}(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} v^{\text{even}}(n, x). \quad (66)$$

From the Bogolubov identities below, Eq. (99), one can demonstrate that the $Y_{j,n}$ coefficients satisfy

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n} = \delta_{mn}, \quad (67)$$

where the allowed m and n also include zero.

Substituting the coefficients back into the Fourier decomposition of $\psi(x, t)$, we have that the time evolution of an IN mode solution into the OUT region is

$$\phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [c_n \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) + d_n \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)}]. \quad (68)$$

Here we are abusing our notation a bit with $\psi^{\text{even}}(0, x, t) = \psi^{\text{top}}(x, t)$, $c_0 = a$, and $d_0 = b$. We also wish to alert the reader that all of the Fourier coefficients given above are dependent upon the value of j for the mode in question, although we have not explicitly written it that way. This notational deficiency will be rectified when the Bogolubov coefficients are defined below.

On the whole of the spacetime, we have that the symmetric mode solutions to the wave equation are of the form

$$\Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) & \text{for } t \leq 0, \\ \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) & \text{for } t \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (69)$$

The symmetric modes start out as purely positive frequency; however, the shutting off of the potential at $t = 0$ causes them to develop topological and negative-frequency components.

There is one more important property of the symmetric mode solutions to the wave equation; we prove in Appendix A below that

$$\phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) \quad (70)$$

on the domain $\mathcal{D} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$, where the open, bow-tie-shaped domain

$$\mathcal{D} \equiv \left\{ (x, t) \in \left[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right] \times \left[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right] \mid -|x| < t < |x| \right\}. \quad (71)$$

In other words, we can extend the IN mode solutions to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, and likewise extend the OUT mode solutions to the past of the same Cauchy surface. This is because of causality in the spacetime, i.e., the mode solutions do not alter their behavior until information has had time to propagate outward from the location of the shutting off of the potential. Thus, physically and mathematically we have

$$\Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \begin{cases} \phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) & \text{for } t < |x|, \\ \phi^{\text{even}}(j, 0, 0) = \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, 0, 0) & \text{for } t = x = 0, \\ \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) & \text{for } t > -|x|. \end{cases} \quad (72)$$

A generic complex-valued classical solution to the wave equation on the whole spacetime is given by the Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, t) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\alpha_n \Phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) + \alpha_n^* \overline{\Phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t)}] \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [\beta_j \Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) + \beta_j^* \overline{\Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)}] \end{aligned} \quad (73)$$

where $\{\alpha_n\}$, $\{\alpha_n^*\}$, $\{\beta_n\}$, $\{\beta_n^*\}$ are complex-valued constants.

We have seen that the odd mode solutions are unaffected by the delta-function potential, and therefore remain monochromatic with the same positive frequency. On the other hand, the even mode solutions change behavior when the delta function is turned off, so even classically, the initially monochromatic positive-frequency solution develops polychromatic positive- and negative-frequency components in the OUT region. Also, notice that the mode solutions contain a contribution from the topological mode. In the quantum treatment of this problem, we will see that both of these give rise to particle creation at the moment the potential turns off.

III. CANONICAL QUANTIZATION

To second quantize our system, we will follow the standard canonical quantization scheme in literature (see, e.g., Birrell and Davies [16]). In this scheme, one lifts the real-valued classical field Φ to a self-adjoint operator Φ on a Hilbert space of states. The typical Hilbert space is usually given by a Fock representation. For a Bosonic field theory, the field operator and its conjugate momenta Π must also satisfy a standard set of equal time commutation relations. This process works well for our spacetime because it has a convenient timelike Killing vector.

A. Quantization of the field operator on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ with potential

For real-valued fields based on Eq. (73), we must require $\alpha_n^* = \bar{\alpha}_n$ and $\beta_n^* = \bar{\beta}_n$. Next, we promote the Fourier coefficients to operators on a Hilbert space, i.e., $a_n \mapsto \mathbf{a}_n$ and $b_j \mapsto \mathbf{b}_j$, to form a self-adjoint field operator

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, t) = & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\mathbf{a}_n \Phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) + \mathbf{a}_n^\dagger \overline{\Phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t)}] \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [\mathbf{b}_j \Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) + \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger \overline{\Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)}]. \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

Here, \dagger specifies the Hermitian conjugate. The field operator must also satisfy the equal time commutation relations

$$\begin{aligned} [\Phi(x, t), \Phi(x', t)] &= 0 = [\Pi(x, t), \Pi(x', t)] \quad \text{and} \\ [\Phi(x, t), \Pi(x', t)] &= i\delta(x - x')\mathbb{I}, \end{aligned} \quad (75)$$

where $\Pi(x, t) \equiv \partial_t \Phi(x, t)$ and \mathbb{I} is the identity operator. These commutation relationships hold if the operators \mathbf{a}_n and \mathbf{b}_j are required to satisfy

$$[\mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{a}_m^\dagger] = \delta_{nm}\mathbb{I} \quad \text{and} \quad [\mathbf{b}_j, \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger] = \delta_{jj}\mathbb{I}, \quad (76)$$

with all other commutators vanishing.

The vacuum state for the IN region, which we will denote by $|0_L\rangle$, satisfies

$$\mathbf{a}_n|0_L\rangle = 0 = \mathbf{b}_j|0_L\rangle \quad (77)$$

for all n and j . One-particle states are created by acting on the vacuum state with the creation operators \mathbf{a}_n^\dagger and \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger , i.e.,

$$|1_{L,n}\rangle = \mathbf{a}_n^\dagger|0_L\rangle \quad \text{and} \quad |1_{L,j}\rangle = \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger|0_L\rangle. \quad (78)$$

One can construct higher number particle states by repeated action of the creation operators.

The positive-frequency Wightman's function is the vacuum expectation value of the point-split field-squared operator,

$$\begin{aligned} G^+(x, t; x', t') &= \langle 0_L | \Phi(x, t) \Phi(x', t') | 0_L \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n^{-1} u^{\text{odd}}(n, x) \overline{u^{\text{odd}}(n, x')} e^{-ik_n(t-t')} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) \overline{\Phi^{\text{even}}(j, x', t')}. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

The form of the Wightman's function varies depending on the time coordinates, i.e., if t and t' are on the IN or OUT regions of the spacetime. In particular, for the IN region, the Wightman's function has the form

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{IN}}^+(x, t; x', t') &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_n} u^{\text{odd}}(n, x) \overline{u^{\text{odd}}(n, x')} e^{-ik_n(t-t')} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} u^{\text{even}}(j, x) \overline{u^{\text{even}}(j, x')} e^{-i\kappa_j(t-t')} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

The form for the Wightman function for the OUT region will be given after the definition of the Bogolobuv coefficients below. [See Eq. (101) for the explicit form.]

B. Unitarily equivalent representation of the field operator for the OUT region

For the OUT region of the spacetime, we have seen above that there is a second complete set of orthonormal mode solutions to the wave equation given in terms of the odd modes [Eq. (47)], the even modes [Eq. (48)], and the topological modes [Eq. (49)]. As in the preceding

subsection, we can promote Eq. (51) to a real-valued, self-adjoint field operator, with

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t) &= \tilde{\mathbf{a}}\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{top}}(x, t) + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}^\dagger\overline{\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{top}}(x, t)} \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) + \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^\dagger\overline{\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t)} \\ &+ \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) + \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n^\dagger\overline{\boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)}], \end{aligned} \quad (81)$$

where we assume the commutation relations [17]

$$[\tilde{\mathbf{a}}, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}^\dagger] = \mathbb{I} \quad \text{and} \quad [\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_m^\dagger] = \delta_{nm}\mathbb{I} = [\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n, \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_m^\dagger], \quad (82)$$

with all other commutators vanishing.

It is straightforward to show that this yields the correct equal time commutation relations for the field operator and its conjugate momenta $\boldsymbol{\pi}(x, t) \equiv \partial_t \boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t)$. Substituting, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t), \boldsymbol{\pi}(x', t)] &= i \left[v^{\text{top}}(x)v^{\text{top}}(x') + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (v^{\text{odd}}(x)v^{\text{odd}}(x') \right. \\ &\left. + v^{\text{even}}(x)v^{\text{even}}(x')) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

By Eq. (46) above, this expression reduces to the standard $[\boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t), \boldsymbol{\pi}(x', t)] = i\delta(x - x')\mathbb{I}$. It is also straightforward to demonstrate that

$$\begin{aligned} [\boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t), \boldsymbol{\psi}(x', t)] &= [\boldsymbol{\pi}(x, t), \boldsymbol{\pi}(x', t)] = 0 \quad \text{and} \\ [\boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t), \boldsymbol{\psi}(x', t')] &= iE(x, t; x', t')\mathbb{I}, \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

where $E(x, t; x', t')$ is the advanced-minus-retarded two-point function on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ constructed in Appendix B.

The Hilbert space on which these operators act is given by the conventional Fock space used in QFT; the ground state with respect to this field operator is $|\tilde{0}_L\rangle$, such that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}|\tilde{0}_L\rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n|\tilde{0}_L\rangle = 0 = \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n|\tilde{0}_L\rangle \quad \forall n. \quad (85)$$

The positive-frequency Wightman function is found to be

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}^+(x, t; x', t') &= \langle \tilde{0}_L | \boldsymbol{\psi}(x, t) \boldsymbol{\psi}(x', t') | \tilde{0}_L \rangle \\ &= \frac{\ell}{2L} \left(1 - i\frac{t}{\ell} \right) \left(1 + i\frac{t'}{\ell} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n^{-1} \cos[k_n(x - x')] e^{-ik_n(t - t')} \quad (86) \\ &= \frac{\ell}{2L} \left(1 - i\frac{t}{\ell} \right) \left(1 + i\frac{t'}{\ell} \right) \\ &- \frac{1}{4\pi} \ln \{ [1 - e^{-i2\pi(\Delta t - \Delta x)/L}] [1 - e^{-i2\pi(\Delta t + \Delta x)/L}] \} \quad (87) \end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta x = x - x'$ and $\Delta t = t - t'$.

One final note before we leave this section. With the specification and properties of the Bogolubov coefficients

below, it is a straightforward exercise to check that for the OUT region $\langle \tilde{0}_L | \boldsymbol{\Phi}(x, t) \boldsymbol{\Phi}(x', t') | \tilde{0}_L \rangle = \tilde{G}^+(x, t; x', t')$, as expected.

C. Bogolubov transform and particle creation

For the OUT region, we have two representations for the field operator, one given in terms of the mode solutions on the whole spacetime, Eq. (74), and one given by the standard modes on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$, Eq. (81). It is obvious that the odd mode solutions are common to both representations, i.e., $\phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) = \boldsymbol{\psi}^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t)$; therefore, $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n = \mathbf{a}_n$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_n^\dagger = \mathbf{a}_n^\dagger$. In keeping with the notation of Birrell and Davies [16], one can read the remaining Bogolubov coefficients from Eq. (68). We have

$$\overline{\alpha_{0j}} = a \quad (88)$$

$$\beta_{0j} = -b \quad (89)$$

$$\overline{\alpha_{nj}} = c_n \quad (90)$$

$$\beta_{nj} = -d_n \quad (91)$$

Therefore, on the OUT region, it is possible to express the $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ annihilation and creation operators in terms of the annihilation and creation operators on the whole spacetime, i.e.,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\overline{\alpha_{0j}} \mathbf{b}_j - \overline{\beta_{0j}} \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\overline{\alpha_{nj}} \mathbf{b}_j - \overline{\beta_{nj}} \mathbf{b}_j^\dagger). \quad (92)$$

If the quantum state of the system is initially in the IN vacuum state, $|0_L\rangle$, then observers in the OUT region will observe the creation of field quanta with an expectation value per mode given by

$$\langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_0 | 0_L \rangle = \langle 0_L | \tilde{\mathbf{a}}^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{a}} | 0_L \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{0j}|^2 \quad (93)$$

for the topological modes, and

$$\langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_n | 0_L \rangle = \langle 0_L | \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n^\dagger \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n | 0_L \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{nj}|^2 \quad (94)$$

for the even modes. No quanta are created in the odd modes. By definition, the number of quanta created is a strictly positive quantity. Substituting the expressions for the Bogolubov coefficients and using Eq. (67), we find

TABLE I. Expectation values for the number of quanta excited per mode when the potential is turned off for various values of the coupling constant ξ . The values were generated using $L = 1$ and summing the first 500 terms in the series using Mathematica. The $n = 0$ values were determined with $\ell = L$.

n	$\langle 0_L \tilde{N}_n 0_L \rangle$			
	$\xi = 1$	$\xi = 5$	$\xi = 10$	$\xi = 100$
0	0.023987	0.255469	0.416834	1.082297
1	0.003875	0.024742	0.047086	0.198755
2	0.000665	0.005465	0.011781	0.070152
3	0.000231	0.002154	0.004975	0.036841
4	0.000108	0.001091	0.002639	0.022904
5	0.000059	0.000637	0.001594	0.015659
6	0.000036	0.000408	0.001048	0.011386
7	0.000024	0.000277	0.000731	0.008647
8	0.000017	0.000200	0.000533	0.006782
9	0.000012	0.000149	0.000402	0.005455
10	0.000009	0.000114	0.000312	0.004477

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_0 | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\kappa_j \ell} + \kappa_j \ell \right) Y_{j,0}^2 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{\xi L}{2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\ell}{L} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[Z_j^2 + \left(\frac{L}{2\ell} \right)^2 \right] \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^5} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell}{L} F_3(\chi) + \frac{1}{4} \frac{L}{\ell} F_5(\chi), \quad (95)
 \end{aligned}$$

where the function $F_n(x)$ is defined in Appendix C, and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_n | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k_n}{\kappa_j} + \frac{\kappa_j}{k_n} \right) Y_{j,n}^2 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{\xi L}{2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\pi n} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{Z_j^2 + (\pi n)^2 A_j^2}{[Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2]^2 Z_j}. \quad (96)
 \end{aligned}$$

Both $\langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_0 | 0_L \rangle$ and $\langle 0_L | \tilde{N}_n | 0_L \rangle$ are absolutely convergent. Furthermore, the sum formed from the upper bound of these two sums is also absolutely convergent. Therefore, the total number of particles created at the shutting off of the potential is finite. Numerical values found using Mathematica for the first ten coefficients are presented in Table I. The dominant pathway for particle creation is into the topological mode.

With the definition of the Bogolubov coefficients completed, we now give the expression for the Wightman's function of the IN ground state on the OUT region of the spacetime. Making use of the series expansion of $\phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)$ in terms of the conventional modes on the OUT region, i.e.,

$$\phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [\bar{\alpha}_{nj} \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) - \beta_{nj} \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)}], \quad (97)$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{\text{OUT}}^+(x, t; x', t') &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) \overline{\phi^{\text{odd}}(n, x', t')} \\
 &+ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} [\bar{\alpha}_{nj} \alpha_{mj} \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} - \bar{\alpha}_{nj} \bar{\beta}_{mj} \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t') \\
 &- \beta_{nj} \alpha_{mj} \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)} \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} + \beta_{nj} \bar{\beta}_{mj} \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t)} \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')]. \quad (98)
 \end{aligned}$$

Swapping the order of the j summation with the n and m summations and using the properties of the Bogolubov coefficients,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_{mj} \bar{\alpha}_{nj} - \beta_{mj} \bar{\beta}_{nj}) = \delta_{nm} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\alpha_{mj} \beta_{nj} - \beta_{mj} \alpha_{nj}) = 0, \quad (99)$$

we can simplify the above expression to

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{\text{OUT}}^+(x, t; x', t') &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^{\text{odd}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{odd}}(n, x', t')} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(n, x', t')} \\
 &+ 2\text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \bar{\beta}_{nj} \beta_{mj} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} \right. \right. \\
 &\left. \left. - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}_{nj} \bar{\beta}_{mj} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t') \right] \right\}. \quad (100)
 \end{aligned}$$

However, the first two summations are the definition of the positive-frequency Wightman function for the OUT ground state given by Eq. (87); thus,

$$G_{\text{OUT}}^+(x, t; x', t') - \tilde{G}^+(x, t; x', t') = 2\text{Re} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{nj}} \beta_{mj} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{nj}} \overline{\beta_{mj}} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t') \right] \right\}. \quad (101)$$

We will determine the renormalized expectation value of the stress-energy tensor in the OUT region using this expression in the next section. Two final notes: first, both of the summations over j in the above expression are absolutely convergent, and second, on the domain $\mathcal{D} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$ the IN and OUT Wightman functions can be used interchangeably, i.e.,

$$G_{\text{OUT}}^+(x, t; x', t') = G_{\text{IN}}^+(x, t; x', t'). \quad (102)$$

This second property follows from the mode solutions being equal on the domain $\mathcal{D} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$.

IV. STRESS-ENERGY TENSOR

With the second quantization of the field now completed, we address the expectation value of the stress tensor. The classical stress tensor, Eq. (29), is promoted to the self-adjoint operator

$$\mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \{ (\partial_\mu \Phi)(\partial_\nu \Phi) + (\partial_\nu \Phi)(\partial_\mu \Phi) - g_{\mu\nu} [g^{\alpha\beta} (\partial_\alpha \Phi)(\partial_\beta \Phi) - V\Phi\Phi] \}. \quad (103)$$

For any normalized state $|\chi_L\rangle$ in the Fock space, it is well known that the expectation value of the stress tensor is divergent. For free fields in Minkowski spacetime, the divergences are removed by the normal ordering process, but in curved spacetimes and flat spacetimes of nontrivial topology, we are required to employ renormalization to obtain finite results. For a quantum field interacting with a potential, as here, further local renormalization counterterms are required which are dependent upon the potential. Mamaev and Trunov discuss this in their paper and the references therein [14]. Further work has been carried out by others, including Graham, Jaffe, and colleagues [15,20], working primarily in Minkowski spacetime.

This leaves us in an awkward position. Progress has been made on the two fronts, but we are unaware of both renormalizations being combined to treat the problem at hand. To do so here would be beyond the intent of this paper, so we follow the path of Mamaev and Trunov who calculate the renormalized stress tensor in regions of the spacetime where the potential is zero. For such localized

potentials, the potential-dependent counterterms are not necessary outside of the support of the potential. This is the same path that Solomon takes, which gives rise to his notion of the kinetic tensor. Thus, outside the support of the potential, we define

$$\langle \chi_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \chi_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} \equiv \langle \chi_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \chi_L \rangle - \langle 0 | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle, \quad (104)$$

where $|0\rangle$ is the Minkowski vacuum state. The rigorous mathematical interpretation of this renormalization scheme is discussed by Kay [21].

The renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the OUT vacuum state on the OUT region of the spacetime is identical to the determination of the Casimir effect in the standard $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ spacetime that is found in literature. (For example, see Chapter 4 of Birrell and Davies, or Kay [21] and the references therein.) With the inclusion of the topological modes [17], we have the simple expression

$$\langle \tilde{0}_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \tilde{0}_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \left(\frac{1}{4\ell L} - \frac{\pi}{6L^2} \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}. \quad (105)$$

Notice that the topological modes add a positive-constant term to the renormalized stress tensor. The additional term is dependent upon the arbitrary constant ℓ .

For the calculation to follow below, we define normal ordering of the unrenormalized stress tensor in any allowable state $|\chi_L\rangle$, with respect to any other allowable state $|\rho_L\rangle$, as

$$\langle \chi_L | : \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} :_{\rho_L} | \chi_L \rangle = \langle \chi_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \chi_L \rangle - \langle \rho_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \rho_L \rangle. \quad (106)$$

It is useful to combine this with the renormalization scheme defined above, yielding

$$\langle \chi_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \chi_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \langle \chi_L | : \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} :_{\rho_L} | \chi_L \rangle + \langle \rho_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \rho_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}. \quad (107)$$

The remainder of this section is dedicated to determining expressions for each of the terms above when $|\chi_L\rangle = |0_L\rangle$ and $|\rho_L\rangle = |\tilde{0}_L\rangle$. Because the mode decomposition of the field changes at the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, the expression for the stress tensor can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} &= \begin{cases} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}^{IN} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle + \langle \tilde{0}_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \tilde{0}_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} & \text{for } t \leq 0, \\ \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}^{OUT} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle + \langle \tilde{0}_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \tilde{0}_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} & \text{for } t \geq 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (108)$$

A. Renormalized stress tensor for $|0_L\rangle$ on the OUT region

For the OUT region, we can make progress toward an explicit expression if we first look at the ingoing ground state's normal-ordered, point-split, field-squared operator,

$$\Delta G^+(x, t; x', t') = \langle 0_L | : \Phi(x) \Phi(x') :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle = \langle 0_L | \Phi(x) \Phi(x') | 0_L \rangle - \langle \tilde{0}_L | \Phi(x) \Phi(x') | \tilde{0}_L \rangle. \quad (109)$$

However, the right-hand side is the difference of the positive-frequency Wightman functions we determined above in Eq. (101). Recall that the $n = 0$ topological mode is unique from the rest of the even modes, so we expand the products out;

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G^+(x, t; x', t') = 2\text{Re} \left\{ \right. & \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{0j}|^2 \right) \psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{top}}(x', t')} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{0j}} \overline{\beta_{0j}} \right) \psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) \psi^{\text{top}}(x', t') \right] \\ & + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{0j}} \beta_{mj} \right) \psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{0j}} \overline{\beta_{mj}} \right) \psi^{\text{top}}(x, t) \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t') \right] \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{nj}} \beta_{0j} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{top}}(x', t')} - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{nj}} \overline{\beta_{0j}} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \psi^{\text{top}}(x', t') \right] \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{nj}} \beta_{mj} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \overline{\psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t')} \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{nj}} \overline{\beta_{mj}} \right) \psi^{\text{even}}(n, x, t) \psi^{\text{even}}(m, x', t') \right] \left. \right\}. \quad (110) \end{aligned}$$

The expectation value of the normal-ordered energy density for the IN ground state on the OUT region can be found from this expression by

$$\langle 0_L | : T_{tt} : | 0_L \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{(t', x') \rightarrow (t, x)} (\partial_t \partial_{t'} + \partial_x \partial_{x'}) \Delta G^+(x, t; x', t'). \quad (111)$$

Evaluating the derivatives and taking the limit as the spacetime points come together yields

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : T_{tt} : | 0_L \rangle &= \frac{1}{L} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{nj}|^2 + \frac{1}{2\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [|\beta_{0j}|^2 + \text{Re}(\alpha_{0j} \beta_{0j})] \right\} + \text{Re}[\rho(t-x) + \rho(t+x)] \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{\mathcal{B}}{L^2} + \text{Re}[\rho(t-x) + \rho(t+x)], \quad (112) \end{aligned}$$

where we have made use of the properties of the Bogolubov coefficients to simplify the summation,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} [|\beta_{0j}|^2 + \text{Re}(\alpha_{0j} \beta_{0j})] = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{0j} + \overline{\alpha_{0j}}|^2, \quad (113)$$

in order to define the positive constant

$$\mathcal{B} \equiv L \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{nj}|^2 + \frac{1}{4\ell} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\beta_{0j} + \overline{\alpha_{0j}}|^2 \right). \quad (114)$$

Upon substitution of the expressions for the Bogolubov coefficients, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B} &= \frac{(\xi L)^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j(Z_j + \pi n)^2} + \frac{(\xi L)^2}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^3} \\ &= \frac{(\xi L)^2}{2\pi^2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j} \left[\psi^{(1)}\left(1 + \frac{Z_j}{\pi}\right) + \frac{\pi^2}{2Z_j^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (115)$$

where $\psi^{(1)}(x)$ is the polygamma function of order one (p. 260 of [22]). $\psi^{(1)}(x)$ is a positive, strictly decreasing function on the interval $x \in (0, \infty)$, with a pole of order-2 at $x = 0$. (We have no interest in the polygamma function for values of $x < 1$.) Also, $\psi^{(1)}(1) = \zeta(2) = \pi^2/6$; thus,

$$\pi^2/6 \geq \psi^{(1)}\left(1 + \frac{z}{\pi}\right) > 0 \quad (116)$$

on the interval $z \in [0, \infty)$. One remarkable fact to note is that the constant \mathcal{B} is independent of ℓ .

The coordinate-dependent function ρ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(z) &\equiv \frac{1}{2L\sqrt{2\ell}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n^{1/2} \left[e^{-ik_n z} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\overline{\beta_{nj}}\beta_{0j} + \overline{\alpha_{nj}}\overline{\beta_{0j}} + \overline{\alpha_{0j}}\overline{\beta_{nj}}) + e^{ik_n z} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{0j}}\beta_{nj} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (k_n k_m)^{1/2} \left[(1 - \delta_{nm}) e^{-i(k_n - k_m)z} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\beta_{nj}}\beta_{mj} + e^{-i(k_n + k_m)z} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{\alpha_{nj}}\overline{\beta_{mj}} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (117)$$

For this particular case, the Bogolubov coefficients are all real-valued and we find

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\rho(z) &= \frac{1}{2L\sqrt{2\ell}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n^{1/2} \cos(k_n z) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2\beta_{nj}\beta_{0j} + \alpha_{nj}\beta_{0j} + \alpha_{0j}\beta_{nj}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (k_n k_m)^{1/2} \left\{ (1 - \delta_{nm}) \cos[(k_n - k_m)z] \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \beta_{nj}\beta_{mj} + \cos[(k_n + k_m)z] \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{nj}\beta_{mj} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (118)$$

The double summations of n and m over the above range can be reorganized to simplify our expression.

Upon substitution for the Bogolubov coefficients, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\rho(z) &= \frac{1}{2L} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(2\kappa_j - k_n - \frac{1}{\ell} \right) Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} \right] \right. \\ &+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j - k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n+m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n+m} \right] \\ &\left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{1}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j + k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n-m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n-m} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (119)$$

The first j summation may be simplified by using the orthogonality relation, Eq. (67), which eliminates two of the terms;

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(2\kappa_j - k_n - \frac{1}{\ell} \right) Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} - \left(k_n + \frac{1}{\ell} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n}. \quad (120)$$

Making the further substitutions to obtain an expression in terms of Z_j , we find

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\rho(z) = & \frac{\xi^2}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j(Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2)} \right] \right. \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j(Z_j + \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n+m))} \right] \\ & \left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j(Z_j - \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n-m))} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (121)$$

Interchanging the order of the m and j summations in the second and third terms gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\rho(z) = & \frac{\xi^2}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j(Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2)} \right] \right. \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(Z_j + \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n+m))} \right] \\ & \left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(Z_j - \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n-m))} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (122)$$

Next, we use two facts,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(Z_j + \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n+m))} = \frac{1}{\pi n} \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_j + \pi m} \quad (123)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{(\pi m)^2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2} - \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2} \right] = 0. \quad (127)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(Z_j - \pi m)(Z_j + \pi(n-m))} = \frac{1}{\pi n} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \frac{\pi m}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2}. \quad (124)$$

Both of the above terms in the summation are individually convergent; therefore, we conclude that for all m

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2}. \quad (128)$$

Upon substitution, one finds that it is possible to combine the three summations into a single compact expression,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}\rho(z) = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{\xi^2}{\pi n} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} A_j^2 \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2} \right] \\ = & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) \left[\frac{\xi^2}{\pi n} \sum_{m=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (125)$$

To simplify the expression for the moving part of the energy density, we define the positive constant

$$C \equiv \frac{(\xi L)^2}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2} = \frac{(\xi L)^2}{2\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2}. \quad (129)$$

Next, consider Eq. (67) when $m \neq 0$ and $n = 0$. Substituting the definition of the $Y_{j,n}$'s, we find

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2[Z_j^2 - (\pi m)^2]} = 0. \quad (126)$$

C is dependent upon the product of the coupling constant ξ and the size of the universe L , but it is independent of the free parameter ℓ . It is shown in Appendix C that the series of the form above for even powers of the Z_j in the denominator often result in a simple analytic expression in terms of the variable $\chi = \xi L/2$, such that

The summation itself is convergent; therefore, we can write the above as

$$C = \frac{2}{\pi} F_2(\chi) = \frac{\xi L}{2\pi}. \quad (130)$$

Substituting \mathcal{C} into Eq. (125) yields

$$\text{Re}\rho(z) = \frac{\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n z) = \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} [\delta(z/L) - 1], \quad (131)$$

where we have made use of the definition of the delta function, Eq. (46). Finally, this yields a simple expression for the normal-ordered energy density of the IN vacuum state in the OUT region of the spacetime,

$$\langle 0_L | : \mathbf{T}_{tt} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle = -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) \right]. \quad (132)$$

Although not immediately obvious, the summation over n is necessary in the above expression to account for the spacial periodicity of the spacetime.⁴ A similar analysis yields the expectation value of the remaining components of the stress tensor. Combining leads to the complete expression for the expectation value of the normal-ordered stress-tensor,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle = & \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \right\} \mathbb{I} \\ & + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) - \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (133)$$

Adding the Casimir energy for the OUT region of the spacetime leads to the renormalized stress tensor on the OUT region,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = & \left\{ -\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) + \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \right\} \mathbb{I} \\ & + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta\left(\frac{t+x}{L} - n\right) - \delta\left(\frac{t-x}{L} - n\right) \right] \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (134)$$

The first term in the stress tensor is the ‘‘standard’’ expression for the Casimir energy on the spacetime. Further, since both positive constants \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} are independent of ℓ , the expectation value of the stress tensor is also independent of ℓ . The trace of this stress tensor vanishes.

Finally, the energy-density and pressure terms for the OUT region depend on the difference between the constants

$$\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} = \frac{(\xi L)^2}{2\pi^2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j} \left[\psi^{(1)}\left(1 + \frac{Z_j}{\pi}\right) + \frac{\pi^2}{2Z_j^2} - \frac{\pi}{Z_j} \right]. \quad (135)$$

To show that this is positive, we begin by defining the function

$$f(y) \equiv \psi^{(1)}(1+y) + \frac{1}{2y^2} - \frac{1}{y} \quad (136)$$

over the domain $y \in [0, \infty)$. By the recurrence formula for polygamma functions, $f(y)$ can also be written as

$$f(y) \equiv \psi^{(1)}(y) - \frac{1}{2y^2} - \frac{1}{y}. \quad (137)$$

We now use two facts: the integral definition of the polygamma function,

$$\psi^{(1)}(y) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{te^{-yt}}{1-e^{-t}} dt, \quad (138)$$

and the relation

$$\frac{1}{y^n} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1} e^{-yt} dt. \quad (139)$$

Substituting both into the definition of $f(y)$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-yt} \left(\frac{t}{1-e^{-t}} - \frac{1}{2}t - 1 \right) dt \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-yt}}{1-e^{-t}} \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}t - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}t + 1 \right) e^{-t} \right] dt. \end{aligned} \quad (140)$$

⁴The expression $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n(t \pm x))$ is inherently periodic in the t coordinate on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$. However, the expression $\delta[(t \pm x)/L] - 1$ is not periodic at all. While Eq. (131) is correct on the circle, to lift it to the cylinder spacetime requires a restoration of the time periodicity. This can be accomplished in a number of ways, e.g., with the modulo operator or as an infinite series as given here.

It is straightforward to see that the integrand is positive when $t > 2$. To show that the integrand is always positive, it is sufficient to demonstrate that

$$g(t) = \left(\frac{1}{2}t - 1\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2}t + 1\right)e^{-t} \quad (141)$$

is positive over the remainder of the domain of integration, i.e., $t \in [0, 2]$.

The real-valued function $g(t)$ is continuous on $[0, 2]$; thus, by the extreme value theorem in calculus, we know that $g(t)$ achieves both a minimum and a maximum on $[0, 2]$. The extrema can occur at either endpoint of the interval or at critical points of the function. For the end points, we have $g(0) = 0$ and $g(2) = 2e^{-2} > 0$. Checking for critical points using the first derivative test, we need to determine the root(s) of the equation

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(t+1)e^{-t} = 0. \quad (142)$$

Rearranging, we have $t+1 = e^t$. This is only satisfied at $t = 0$; therefore, we conclude the minimum of $g(t)$ on the interval $[0, 2]$ occurs at $t = 0$. Combining this with the straightforward positivity for $t > 2$, we can deduce that the integrand in Eq. (140) is always positive, thus implying that $f(y) \geq 0$. So far we can conclude that

$$\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} \geq 0. \quad (143)$$

To find an upper bound on our expression, we define the function

$$h(t) \equiv \frac{12 + 6t + t^2}{12 - 6t + t^2} \quad \text{for } t \geq 0. \quad (144)$$

A straightforward calculation shows that $h(0) = 1$ and

$$h(t) - h'(t) = \frac{t^4}{(12 - 6t + t^2)^2} \geq 0. \quad (145)$$

This is equivalent to the set

$$\ln h(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad [\ln h(t)]' \leq 1. \quad (146)$$

Integrating this equation with respect to t over the range of 0 to t yields

$$h(t) \leq e^t. \quad (147)$$

Substituting the definition of $h(t)$ and rearranging the terms yields

$$\frac{t}{1 - e^{-t}} - \frac{1}{2}t - 1 \leq \frac{1}{12}t^2. \quad (148)$$

This is an upper bound on the integrand of Eq. (140); thus,

$$f(y) \leq \frac{1}{12} \int_0^\infty e^{-yt} t^2 dt = \frac{1}{6y^3}. \quad (149)$$

When applied to Eq. (135), we have

$$\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \chi^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^4} = \frac{\pi}{3} F_4(\chi). \quad (150)$$

Consulting Appendix C, we find $F_4(\chi) = 1/2$; therefore, we can conclude that the difference between \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{C} always satisfies

$$0 \leq (\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}) \leq \frac{\pi}{6}. \quad (151)$$

B. Renormalized stress tensor for $|0_L\rangle$ on the IN region

For a moment, let us consider the static cylinder spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$ with the potential $V(x, t) = 2\xi\delta(x)$. From the time independence of the potential, and the symmetry of the potential along the x direction, we can expect that the renormalized vacuum expectation value of the stress-energy tensor to be time-independent, and a symmetric function in the x variable,⁵ i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(x, t) &= \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(x) \\ &= \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(-x). \end{aligned} \quad (152)$$

If we now consider our time-dependent potential, for times $t < 0$ we expect the renormalized expectation value of the IN-state stress tensor to be of the same functional form as above, i.e., a time-independent, symmetric function in x . Additionally, on the open, bow-tie-shaped region \mathcal{D} , causality enforces the condition

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{IN}} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(x) &= \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{OUT}} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(x, t) \\ &= \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (153)$$

The above expression is missing the moving delta-function terms of Eq. (134) because they have support on the

⁵For a free field in a static spacetime, we would also expect that the renormalized stress tensor is conserved. The addition of the background potential complicates the conservation equation; before renormalizing we have $\nabla^\mu \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_\nu V(x)) \langle 0_L | \Phi(x, t) \Phi(x, t) | 0_L \rangle$. This equation gives insight into the comment by Mamaev and Trunov [14], ‘‘In the presence of an external field, in addition to normal ordering it is necessary to carry out renormalizations which depend locally on the potential and its derivatives.’’ Therefore, to enforce conservation of the renormalized stress tensor everywhere, we would need to have one or more renormalization counterterms that would cancel the right-hand side of the above equation.

boundary of \mathcal{D} , i.e., on the future and past light cone of the origin, and not on \mathcal{D} itself. Therefore, on \mathcal{D} , the expectation value of the stress tensor for the IN vacuum state is a position-independent constant. However, it is a function of the parameter χ .

Because of the static nature of the $t < 0$ portion of the spacetime, we can then extend the above expression back to $t = -\infty$ for all spacetime points except those along the line $x = 0$, where the delta-function potential exists. In other words, Eq. (153) is the renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the IN vacuum state on the IN region, outside of the support of the potential.

We now confirm that the above analysis yields the correct expression by deriving the renormalized stress tensor directly. From Sec. III A above, we already know the IN mode-solution representation of the IN-region

Wightman function, Eq. (80). One can substitute the explicit form of the eigenfunctions, Eqs. (39) and (40), and then proceed to take the appropriate derivatives to calculate the unrenormalized stress tensor. The details of this approach are given in Appendix D. Unfortunately, this method is fraught with the technical difficulties of having to explicitly determine the difference between two divergent sums to obtain a renormalized answer. Furthermore, this approach seems to yield only one of the two terms of the Casimir energy on the IN region.

Instead, we proceed by first substituting the Fourier expansion of the IN-region, even-parity eigenfunctions in terms of the OUT-region eigenfunctions given by Eq. (66). We then define the difference between the Wightman functions on the IN region as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_{\text{IN}}^+(x, t; x', t') &\equiv G_{\text{IN}}^+(x, t; x', t') - \tilde{G}^+(x, t; x', t') \\ &= -\frac{\ell}{2L} \left(1 - i\frac{t}{\ell}\right) \left(1 + i\frac{t'}{\ell}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ik_n(t-t')}}{k_n} v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(n, x') \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ik_j(t-t')}}{\kappa_j} \left\{ \frac{Y_{j,0}^2}{L} + \frac{Y_{j,0}}{\sqrt{L}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} [v^{\text{even}}(n, x) + v^{\text{even}}(n, x')] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(n, x') \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (154)$$

Next, to determine any of the normal-ordered components of the kinetic tensor, we act with the appropriate point-split derivative operator on the difference of the Wightman's functions and then take the limit as the spacetime points come together. For example, the tt component of the kinetic tensor is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_{tt} :_{\bar{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} - \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n + \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v^{\text{even}}(n, x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} [\kappa_j^2 v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(m, x) + k_n k_m v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(m, x)]. \end{aligned} \quad (155)$$

Our goal now is to pull out of the final triple summation a divergent piece that cancels the second term of the expression. This is accomplished by separating out a term proportional to

$$\kappa_j (k_n + k_m) [v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(m, x) + v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(m, x)], \quad (156)$$

such that the final triple summation can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_{tt} :_{\bar{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} - \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n + \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{L}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} v^{\text{even}}(n, x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} (2\kappa_j - k_n - k_m) v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(m, x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} \left(\frac{2k_n k_m}{\kappa_j} - k_n - k_m \right) v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(m, x) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} (k_n + k_m) [v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(m, x) + v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(m, x)]. \end{aligned} \quad (157)$$

Notice, in the final triple-summation term, that the only j dependence is in the $Y_{j,n}$; thus, we can use Eq. (67) to eliminate both the j summation and the m summation. Recalling the property of the modes that

$$v^{\text{even}}(n, x)^2 + v^{\text{odd}}(n, x)^2 = \frac{2}{L}, \quad (158)$$

we find that this final term cancels the second term of the kinetic energy density, yielding a fully regularized expression,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_H : \tilde{\rho}_L | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \cos(k_m x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (2\kappa_j - k_n - k_m) Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sin(k_n x) \sin(k_m x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2k_n k_m}{\kappa_j} - k_n - k_m \right) Y_{j,n} Y_{j,m}. \end{aligned} \quad (159)$$

The next step is to use the product rule for sine and cosine to rewrite the summations;

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_H : \tilde{\rho}_L | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} + \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa_j - k_n)^2}{\kappa_j} Y_{j,n}^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{4L} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j + k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n-m}) - k_m + k_{n-m} \right] Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n-m} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j - k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n+m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n+m}. \end{aligned} \quad (160)$$

Because of Eq. (67), we note that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-k_m + k_{n-m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n-m} = 0, \quad (161)$$

because the only value where the Kronecker delta is nonzero occurs when $m = n/2$, but for this value of m , the $k_{n-m} - k_m = 0$. Reorganizing our terms leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_H : \tilde{\rho}_L | 0_L \rangle &= -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{1}{4L} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa_j - k_n)^2}{\kappa_j} Y_{j,n}^2 \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{L} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0} Y_{j,n} \right] \right. \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \left[\frac{1}{4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j + k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n-m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n-m} \right] \\ &\left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos(k_n x) \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (\kappa_j - k_m)(\kappa_j - k_{n+m}) Y_{j,m} Y_{j,n+m} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (162)$$

Comparing with Eqs. (119) from the preceding subsection, we can identify the three cosine series terms with $2\text{Re}\rho(x)$; thus,

$$\langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_H : \tilde{\rho}_L | 0_L \rangle = -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{1}{4L} \left[\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j Y_{j,0}^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\kappa_j - k_n)^2}{\kappa_j} Y_{j,n}^2 \right] + 2\text{Re}\rho(x). \quad (163)$$

After substituting the explicit form κ_j , k_n , and the Fourier coefficients into the remaining summations and comparing with Eq. (115), we find

$$\langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_{tt} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle = -\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \delta(x/L). \quad (164)$$

From the definition of the kinetic tensor and the fact that we are working in two dimensions, we have that

$$\langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_{xx} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle = \langle 0_L | : \mathbf{K}_{tt} :_{\tilde{0}_L} | 0_L \rangle. \quad (165)$$

A similar calculation can be performed for the remaining components of the kinetic tensor.

Finally, recalling that the Mamaev-Trunov potential $V(x, t)$ only has support at $x = 0$ for times $t < 0$ and adding the Casimir energy for the cylinder spacetime yields the *almost-everywhere* renormalized stress tensor on the IN region;

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}. \quad (166)$$

This expression does not hold along the half line where the potential is nonzero.

V. ENERGY CONDITIONS ON THE OUT REGION

On the covering space of this spacetime, a timelike geodesic can be parametrized as

$$\gamma^\mu(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}(\tau, v\tau) + (t_0, x_0), \quad (167)$$

where v is the speed of the observer, $\gamma = (1 - v^2)^{-1/2}$, and (t_0, x_0) is the location in spacetime of the geodesic at proper time $\tau = 0$. At every point along the geodesic, we have the tangent

$$u^\mu(\tau) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}(1, v) \quad (168)$$

and the orthogonal spacelike vector

$$r^\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}(v, 1). \quad (169)$$

Both of these vectors can be extended to vector fields on the whole of the manifold, which we will denote as $v_0^\mu = u^\mu$ and $v_1^\mu = r^\mu$. For a given (t_0, x_0) , the geodesic is contained within the IN region for $\tau \in (-\infty, -\gamma^{-1}t_0)$, on the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface when $\tau = -\gamma^{-1}t_0$, and contained within the OUT region for $\tau \in (-\gamma^{-1}t_0, \infty)$.

The renormalized expectation value of the energy density along the worldline of any timelike geodesic observer on the OUT region is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \rho | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\tau) &= \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} u^\mu u^\nu \\ &= \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tt} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} + \frac{2v}{1-v^2} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tx} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} \\ &= \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1+v}{1-v} \delta\left(\frac{t_0 + x_0 + (1+v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \delta\left(\frac{t_0 - x_0 + (1-v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (170)$$

The interpretation of this expression is straightforward. The geodesic observer “measures” that the universe is filled with (a) a static, uniform cloud of negative energy density given by

$$\langle \rho_{\text{cloud}} \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \quad (171)$$

and (b) two Dirac-delta-function pulses of particles that were created by the shutting off of the potential which circle around the Universe, one moving in the $+x$ direction and the other moving in the $-x$ direction, and that repeatedly cross with the observers worldline with fixed periods of

$$T_{\text{right}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}}L \quad \text{and} \quad T_{\text{left}} = \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}}L, \quad (172)$$

respectively. Both pulses have positive energy density. Similarly, the renormalized expectation value of the momentum density in the r^ν direction [19] is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | p | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\tau) &= -\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} u^\mu r^\nu \\ &= -\frac{2v}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{1+v}{1-v} \delta\left(\frac{t_0 + x_0 + (1+v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \delta\left(\frac{t_0 - x_0 + (1-v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (173)$$

For a right-going (+) or left-going (−) null geodesic parametrized by the variable λ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_\pm^\mu(\lambda) &= (\lambda, \pm\lambda) + (t_0, x_0) \quad \text{with} \\ K_\pm^\mu &= \frac{d}{d\lambda} \eta_\pm^\mu(\lambda) = (1, \pm 1), \end{aligned} \quad (174)$$

we determine that the renormalized energy density along the worldline of a null geodesic observer on the OUT region of the spacetime to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} K_{\pm}^{\mu} K_{\pm}^{\nu}(\tau) \\
 &= 2 \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tt} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} \pm 2 \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tx} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} \\
 &= 2 \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) + 2 \frac{\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \left(\frac{2\lambda + t_0 \pm x_0}{L} - n \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{175}$$

Notice that the null observer only picks up a contribution from the positive-energy delta-function pulse that is moving in the opposite direction to that of the observer. The comoving delta-function pulse never crosses the null observer's worldline.

A. Classical energy conditions on the OUT region

With the expressions for the renormalized energy density along the worldline of both a timelike and null observer, we can now evaluate whether the stress tensor for our scalar quantum field obeys or violates each of the point-wise classical energy conditions of general relativity on the OUT region of the spacetime:

- (a) *Null Energy Condition:* A stress tensor is said to satisfy the null energy condition from general relativity if it obeys

$$T_{\mu\nu} K^{\mu} K^{\nu} \geq 0 \tag{176}$$

at all points in the spacetime. From Eq. (175), the renormalized expectation value of the stress-energy tensor for the IN vacuum state on the OUT region *fails* to satisfy the NEC for all values of χ because $\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} < \pi/6$.

- (b) *Weak Energy Condition:* A stress tensor is said to satisfy the weak energy condition from general relativity if it obeys

$$T_{\mu\nu} u^{\mu} u^{\nu} \geq 0 \tag{177}$$

at all points in the spacetime. From Eq. (170), the renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the IN vacuum state on the OUT region *fails* to satisfy the WEC for all values of χ . This was the same situation as for the NEC.

- (c) *Strong Energy Condition:* A stress tensor is said to satisfy the strong energy condition from general relativity if it obeys

$$\left(T_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} T g_{\mu\nu} \right) u^{\mu} u^{\nu} \geq 0 \tag{178}$$

at all points in the spacetime. The renormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the IN vacuum state on the OUT region, Eq. (134), is traceless; thus, the SEC is equivalent to the WEC for our problem and will *fail* under the same circumstances.

- (d) *Dominant Energy Condition:* A stress tensor is said to satisfy the dominant energy condition from general relativity if, for every future-pointing causal vector field Y^{μ} (timelike and null), the vector

$$V^{\mu} \equiv T^{\mu}_{\nu} Y^{\nu} \tag{179}$$

is also a future-pointing and causal. Using the above definition of V^{μ} and the expectation value of our normalized stress tensor, the future-pointing condition is

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tt} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} Y^t + \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tx} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} Y^x > 0 \tag{180}$$

and the causal condition is

$$(\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tt} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}^2 - \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{tx} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}^2) [(Y^t)^2 - (Y^x)^2] \geq 0. \tag{181}$$

If Y^{μ} is everywhere null, then the causal condition is satisfied. As for the future-pointing condition, setting $Y^{\mu} = K_{\pm}^{\mu}$ reduces the condition to

$$-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta \left(\frac{t \pm x}{L} - n \right) > 0. \tag{182}$$

However, $\mathcal{B} - \mathcal{C} \leq \pi/6$, so the above inequality fails on large regions of the spacetime. We can therefore conclude that the DEC is also violated under the same condition as all the other energy conditions.

B. Total energy in a constant-time hypersurface

Let $t_s > 0$ determine a constant time Cauchy surface on the OUT region of the spacetime. The unit normal to the Cauchy surface is given by $n^{\mu} = (1, 0)$. Contracting Eq. (134) with the unit normal twice yields the energy density contained in the Cauchy surface,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho_L(x, t_s) &= -\langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} n^{\mu} n^{\nu} \\
 &= -\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\delta \left(\frac{t_s - x}{L} - n \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \delta \left(\frac{t_s + x}{L} - n \right) \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{183}$$

To determine the ‘‘total’’ energy contained in the Cauchy surface, we integrate the above expression over the spatial direction; thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}(t_s) &= -\frac{\pi}{6L} + \frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L} + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L} \int_0^L \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} [\delta(t_s - x - nL) \\
 &\quad + \delta(t_s + x - nL)] dx.
 \end{aligned} \tag{184}$$

Only two of the delta functions in the infinite sum give nontrivial contributions to the integral. They occur when $n = \text{IntegerPart}(t_s/L)$, and the positions $x = \text{Remainder}(t_s/L)$ for the right-moving pulse and $x = L - \text{Remainder}(t_s/L)$ for the left-moving pulse. The result for the energy in the Cauchy surface is

$$\mathcal{E}(t_s) = -\frac{\pi}{6L} + \frac{\mathcal{B}}{L}, \quad \text{for } t_s > 0. \quad (185)$$

This expression is a time-independent constant; thus, energy is conserved on the OUT region of the spacetime by the scalar field. From the numerical simulations of \mathcal{B} as a

function of χ , the total energy in the Cauchy surface is negative for values of $\chi \leq 0.82$, positive for values of $\chi \geq 0.83$, and it passes through zero somewhere in the range $0.82 < \chi < 0.83$.

C. Quantum weak energy inequality on the OUT region

In Appendix E, we derive a QWEI for the quantized scalar field on the cylinder spacetime with no potential that includes the contributions from the topological modes. For a timelike geodesic observer moving through the spacetime, the QWEI is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \langle \omega | : \rho :_{\tilde{0}_L} | \omega \rangle (\tau) [g(\tau)]^2 &\geq \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{1}{4\ell L} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 - \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \left[\frac{1+v}{1-v} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\pi} \left| \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}} \right) \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\pi} \left| \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}} \right) \right|^2 \right], \end{aligned} \quad (186)$$

where $|\omega\rangle$ is any Hadamard state on the spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$, $g(\tau)$ is a smooth, real-valued, compactly supported test function on the real line, $\hat{g}(\alpha)$ is the Fourier transform of $g(\tau)$, and normal ordering is done with respect to the OUT ground state $|\tilde{0}_L\rangle$. We emphasize that the above form of the QWEI is a difference inequality. To convert the above inequality into one for the renormalized energy density, we must include the energy density due to the Casimir effect, which adds to both sides of the inequality a term of the form

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \langle \tilde{0}_L | \rho | \tilde{0}_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\tau) [g(\tau)]^2 = \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(\frac{1}{4\ell L} - \frac{\pi}{6L^2} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau [g(\tau)]^2. \quad (187)$$

Thus, the *absolute* QWEI for the scalar field on the cylinder spacetime with no potential is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \langle \omega | \rho | \omega \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\tau) [g(\tau)]^2 &\geq \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} \right) \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 - \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \left[\frac{1+v}{1-v} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\pi} \left| \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}} \right) \right|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\alpha}{\pi} \left| \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}} \right) \right|^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (188)$$

All the terms on the right-hand side of our QWEI are negative.

To apply this QWEI to states of the quantized scalar field living on the OUT region of the cylinder spacetime with potential, we appeal to the causal isometric embedding arguments of Fewster and Pfenning [23]. The OUT region of our spacetime is causally isometric to the $t \geq 0$ portion of the cylinder spacetime without potential. (It is assumed we maintain the time orientation in the isometry.) By the principle of local causality, an observer who performs local experiments in the $t > 0$ portion of either of these spacetimes should not be able to discern which spacetime they actually inhabit. An observer whose experiments do not extend back in time beyond the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface is not able to determine that the stress tensor they are measuring is due to the IN vacuum state of a field that used to interact

with a potential, or just some highly prepared state of a quantum field that never interacted with the potential. So by this locality argument, quantum inequalities on the OUT region of our spacetime should be the same as those on the quantum inequalities on the $t > 0$ portion of the standard cylinder spacetime. Thus, to apply the QWEI above to states on the OUT region of our spacetime, all we have to do is restrict the space of allowable test functions to only those which have support to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, i.e., our test function space for $g(\tau)$ is a subspace of the full test function space on $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$.

Next, we evaluate the left-hand side of the QWEI when the state of interest is the IN ground state $|0_L\rangle$ with $g(\tau)$ being any test function from the restricted space of test functions. Substituting the expression for the renormalized energy density on the OUT region, Eq. (170), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{L.H.S} &= \int d\tau \langle 0_L | \rho | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}}(\tau) [g(\tau)]^2 \\
&= \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} \right) \int d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 + \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(\frac{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{C}}{L^2} \right) \int d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{\mathcal{C}}{2L^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1+v}{1-v} \int d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 \delta \left(\frac{t_0 + x_0 + (1+v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \int d\tau [g(\tau)]^2 \delta \left(\frac{t_0 - x_0 + (1-v)\gamma\tau}{L} - n \right) \right]. \tag{189}
\end{aligned}$$

Only the first term of this expression is negative and it is identical to the first term on the right-hand side of the absolute QWEI above. As we pointed out above, all the remaining terms on the right-hand side of the QWEI are negative; therefore, we conclude that the IN state $|0_L\rangle$ obeys the QWEI on the OUT region of the spacetime for all $g(\tau)$ in the restricted space of test functions.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we studied the behavior of a quantized scalar field coupled to an external, time-dependent, Mamaev-Trunov potential on the cylinder spacetime $\mathbb{R} \times S^1$. We found for a quantum field that begins in the IN vacuum state that the shutting off of the potential at time $t = 0$ causes the field to respond with the creation of particles out of the vacuum on the OUT region of the spacetime. We determined analytic expressions for the number of particles created and showed that the number of particles in each mode is finite, and that the total number of particles is also finite. We then determined the renormalized stress tensor on both the IN and OUT regions of the spacetime. For the IN region, we found the *almost-everywhere* expression, Eq. (166), consisted of the standard Casimir effect of $-\pi/6L^2$ and an additional term of $(\mathcal{B}(\chi) - \mathcal{C}(\chi))/L^2$ that is due to the potential. This result was valid on the IN region away from the location of the potential. For the OUT region, we found that the stress tensor, Eq. (134), consisted of the same two parts as the IN region, plus additional terms that describe the positive energy density and flux of the particles created out of the vacuum. We went on to show that all of the point-wise energy conditions of general relativity are violated by this stress tensor. However, we also found that the stress tensor for the IN vacuum state satisfies a quantum inequality for all timelike geodesic observers on the OUT region of the spacetime, with the constraint that the compactly supported test functions have support only to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface. The quantum inequality was satisfied because of the positive-energy contributions to the stress tensor from the particles created out of the vacuum.

With regard to Solomon's claims of violations of the quantum inequalities for the double-delta function potential of Mamaev and Trunov, we see from the analysis of this paper that the particle creation and their resulting positive-energy contributions to the renormalized stress tensor cannot be ignored. In all likelihood, if these contributions could be determined and added to the partial results of Solomon, we would find that the quantum inequalities hold. This is a topic we will return to in the future.

Finally, a great deal of the research work of this paper was directed toward determining the behavior of infinite series over the positive solutions of the transcendental equation $Z = \chi \cot Z$. This includes $\mathcal{B}(\chi)$ and $\mathcal{C}(\chi)$ in the main body, and $F_p(\chi)$ and $\mathcal{A}(\chi)$ in Appendices C and D, respectively. From Eq. (C26) below, the functions $F_p(\chi)$ look like the derivative of a some form of generalized Riemann zeta function. This probably explains why it was possible to determine analytic expressions for $F_p(\chi)$ when $p > 1$ was an even integer. We have two conjectures about the functions $\mathcal{A}(\chi)$ and $\mathcal{B}(\chi)$ which are based on the numerical simulation of each in Mathematica: that $\mathcal{A}(\chi) = \mathcal{B}(\chi)$ and that \mathcal{B} is a hyperbola of the form $\mathcal{B}(\chi) = (\pi)^{-1} \sqrt{\chi(\chi - 2b)}$ where $0 < b \leq \pi^2/6$. The Mathematica plots seem to indicate that $b \approx 12/\pi^2$ is a good fit.

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APPENDIX A: EQUIVALENCE OF IN-MODE FUNCTIONS WITH THE FOURIER TIME EVOLUTION ON THE BOW-TIE SHAPED REGION $-|x| \leq t \leq |x|$

In this Appendix, we show that $\phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)$ on the region $\mathcal{D} \cup \{(0, 0)\}$, where the open, bow tie-shaped domain

$$\mathcal{D} \equiv \left\{ (x, t) \in \left[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right] \times \left[-\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right] \mid -|x| < t < |x| \right\}. \quad (\text{A1})$$

In other words, the explicit form of the IN-region mode functions can be used to the future of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, i.e., to the portion of the IN-region where $0 \leq t < |x|$. Similarly, the explicit form of the OUT-region solutions can be used to the past of the $t = 0$ Cauchy surface, i.e., to the portion of the IN-region where $-|x| < t \leq 0$. On this domain, one can use the expressions for the IN and OUT forms of the mode solutions interchangeably.

Substituting the definitions of the mode functions and Fourier coefficients into the above expression, we need to show that

$$\left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x|) \right] e^{-i\kappa_j t} = \frac{\xi L}{2} \left\{ \frac{1 - i\kappa_j t}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(k_n x)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \left[\cos(k_n t) - i \frac{\kappa_j}{k_n} \sin(k_n t) \right] \right\} \quad (\text{A2})$$

on the specified region. It is easier to handle the real and imaginary parts separately; thus, the above expression breaks into two conditions which we must prove,

$$\left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x|) \right] \cos(\kappa_j t) = \frac{\xi L}{2} \left[\frac{1}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(k_n x) \cos(k_n t)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right] \quad (\text{A3})$$

for the real part, and

$$-\left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x|) \right] \sin(\kappa_j t) = -\frac{\xi L}{2} \left[\frac{\kappa_j t}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\kappa_j}{k_n} \right) \frac{\cos(k_n x) \sin(k_n t)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right] \quad (\text{A4})$$

for the imaginary part.

To begin, it is a straightforward exercise of Fourier analysis on the circle of circumference L to show that

$$f(x) \equiv \cos(\kappa_j x) + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x|) = \frac{\xi L}{2} \left[\frac{1}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(k_n x)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right]. \quad (\text{A5})$$

From this, it is easy to see that Eq. (A3) holds when $t = 0$, while Eq. (A4) is trivially true along the same line. Next, using the product identities for cosines, it is possible to rewrite the right-hand side of the real-part equation as

$$f(x) \cos(\kappa_j t) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\xi L}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos[k_n(x-t)]}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right\} + \frac{\xi L}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos[k_n(x+t)]}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right\} \right), \quad (\text{A6})$$

or more simply,

$$f(x) \cos(\kappa_j t) \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} [f(x-t) + f(x+t)]. \quad (\text{A7})$$

Using the product identities of the trigonometric functions on the left-hand side of this equation, substituting the compact definition of $f(x)$ on the right-hand side, and simplifying results in us having to determine the domain of validity of the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin[\kappa_j(|x-t|)] + \sin[\kappa_j(|x+t|)] \\ & \stackrel{?}{=} \sin(\kappa_j|x-t|) + \sin(\kappa_j|x+t|). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$

This equation is satisfied if we can meet either of the following conditions:

$$\text{a) } |x| - t = |x - t| \quad \text{and} \quad |x| + t = |x + t|, \quad (\text{A9})$$

or

$$\text{b) } |x| - t = |x + t| \quad \text{and} \quad |x| + t = |x - t|. \quad (\text{A10})$$

However, for both cases, it is always true that $|x \pm t| \geq 0$, which implies that we would simultaneously need $|x| - t \geq 0$ and $|x| + t \geq 0$. These are compatible conditions which hold on the nontrivial domain $-|x| \leq t \leq |x|$.

$$\int_{x-t}^{x+t} \left[\cos(\kappa_j x') + \frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \sin(\kappa_j |x'|) \right] dx' = \frac{\xi L}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \left[\frac{1}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(k_n x')}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right] dx', \quad (\text{A11})$$

resulting in

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{\kappa_j} \left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \left(\frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \right) \Theta^+(x, t) \sin(\kappa_j x) \right] \sin(\kappa_j t) - \frac{2\xi}{\kappa_j^2} \Theta^-(x, t) [\cos(\kappa_j x) \cos(\kappa_j t) - 1] \\ & = 2 \left(\frac{\xi L}{2} \right) \left[\frac{t}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_n} \frac{\cos(k_n x) \sin(k_n t)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A12})$$

where we have simplified using trigonometric identities and the definition

$$\Theta^{\pm}(x, t) \equiv \frac{1}{2} [\text{sign}(x+t) \pm \text{sign}(x-t)] \quad (\text{A13})$$

with the sign function being the numerical sign of the argument, i.e., it equals +1 for positive arguments, equals -1 for negative arguments, and is undefined at zero. Notice that the right-hand side of Eq. (A12) is, up to a factor of $\kappa_j/2$, identical to the right-hand side of Eq. (A4).

The final step is to determine if there exist any regions where

$$\Theta^+(x, t) = \text{sign}(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \Theta^-(x, t) = 0. \quad (\text{A14})$$

The second of these two conditions is equivalent to $\text{sign}(x+t) = \text{sign}(x-t)$, which is satisfied within the bow-tie region \mathcal{D} . Furthermore, for all $x < 0$ inside of \mathcal{D} we have $\Theta^+(x, t) = -1$, and for all $x > 0$ inside of \mathcal{D} we have $\Theta^+(x, t) = 1$. Therefore, we have $\Theta^+(x, t) = \text{sign}(x)$ on \mathcal{D} . Because both relations hold within \mathcal{D} , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{\kappa_j} \left[\cos(\kappa_j x) + \left(\frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \right) \sin(\kappa_j |x|) \right] \sin(\kappa_j t) \\ & = 2 \left(\frac{\xi L}{2} \right) \left[\frac{t}{Z_j^2} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_n} \frac{\cos(k_n x) \sin(k_n t)}{Z_j^2 - (\pi n)^2} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A15})$$

holds within \mathcal{D} . Multiplying both sides of this equation by $\kappa_j/2$, we can conclude that Eq. (A4) indeed holds on \mathcal{D} . Recall from above that Eqs. (A3) and (A4) also hold for all values of x when $t = 0$, which includes the origin point $(0,0)$. Because the real and imaginary parts hold on $\mathcal{D} \cup \{(0,0)\}$, we can finally conclude that $\phi^{\text{even}}(j, x, t) = \phi_{\text{OUT}}^{\text{even}}(j, x, t)$ on this region.

Therefore, this implies that the real part, Eq. (A3), holds on the domain \mathcal{D} , and on the boundary of the domain.

We now turn our attention to proving that on the domain \mathcal{D} the imaginary part, Eq. (A4), is true. We begin with Eq. (A5) and integrate it in x from $x-t$ to $x+t$, i.e.,

APPENDIX B: CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADVANCED-MINUS-RETARDED GREEN'S FUNCTION ON $M \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^1$

In this Appendix, we derive the advanced-minus-retarded Green's function for the scalar wave equation on $\mathcal{M} \approx \mathbb{R} \times S^1$ without a potential. We use the conventions of Fulling [24]. Let $\mathcal{J} \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M}; \mathbb{R})$ be a smooth, compactly supported function on \mathcal{M} ; then by spectral theory, the advanced-minus-retarded operator $E: C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow C^\infty(\mathcal{M})$ is given by

$$(E\mathcal{J})(x, t) = - \int dt' \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\hat{K})^j}{(2j+1)!} (t-t')^{2j+1} \mathcal{J}(x, t'), \quad (\text{B1})$$

where the operator $\hat{K} = -\partial_x^2$ is Hermitian under integration on the circle. The completeness theorem for functions on S^1 tells us

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}(x, t') &= (v^{\text{top}} \mathcal{J})(t') v_{\text{top}}(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(v_n^{\text{odd}} \mathcal{J})(t') v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) \\ & \quad + (v_n^{\text{even}} \mathcal{J})(t') v^{\text{even}}(n, x)] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B2})$$

where we define

$$(v^{\text{top}} \mathcal{J})(t') \equiv \int_{S^1} v^{\text{top}}(x') \mathcal{J}(x', t') dx', \quad (\text{B3})$$

$$(v_n^{\text{odd}} \mathcal{J})(t') \equiv \int_{S^1} v^{\text{odd}}(n, x') \mathcal{J}(x', t') dx', \quad (\text{B4})$$

$$(v_n^{\text{even}} \mathcal{J})(t') \equiv \int_{S^1} v^{\text{even}}(n, x') \mathcal{J}(x', t') dx'. \quad (\text{B5})$$

The advanced-minus-retarded Green's function smeared in both slots by $\mathcal{J}_1, \mathcal{J}_2 \in C_0^\infty(M; \mathbb{R})$ is defined as

$$E(\mathcal{J}_1, \mathcal{J}_2) = \int dt \int_{S^1} dx \mathcal{J}_1(x, t) (E\mathcal{J}_2)(x, t). \quad (\text{B6})$$

Substituting into this expression yields

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathcal{J}_1, \mathcal{J}_2) &= - \int dt \int dt' (t - t') (v^{\text{top}} \mathcal{J}_1)(t) (v^{\text{top}} \mathcal{J}_2)(t') \\ &\quad - \int dt \int dt' \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin[k_n(t - t')]}{k_n} [(v_n^{\text{odd}} \mathcal{J}_1)(t) (v_n^{\text{odd}} \mathcal{J}_2)(t') + (v_n^{\text{even}} \mathcal{J}_1)(t) (v_n^{\text{even}} \mathcal{J}_2)(t')]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B7})$$

The kernel of this expression is seen to be

$$\begin{aligned} E(x, t; x', t') &= -(t - t') v^{\text{top}}(x) v^{\text{top}}(x') \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin[k_n(t - t')]}{k_n} [v^{\text{odd}}(n, x) v^{\text{odd}}(n, x') + v^{\text{even}}(n, x) v^{\text{even}}(n, x')], \\ &= -\frac{(t - t')}{L} - \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_n} (\sin \{k_n[(t - t') - (x - x')]\} + \sin \{k_n[(t - t') + (x - x')]\}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B8})$$

It consists of a smooth topological part, a purely “right”-moving part and a purely “left”-moving part, both moving parts propagating at the speed of light. Also, from the above expression we see that the kernel is antisymmetric under the interchange of the coordinates, i.e., $E(x', t'; x, t) = -E(x, t; x', t')$, which in turn implies $E(\mathcal{J}_2, \mathcal{J}_1) = -E(\mathcal{J}_1, \mathcal{J}_2)$.

By elementary Fourier analysis, it is straightforward to show that the function below, constructed from the modulo operation, has the Fourier representation

$$\frac{L}{4} \left[1 - \frac{2}{L} (x \bmod L) \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k_n} \sin(k_n x), \quad (\text{B9})$$

whereby, we may express the kernel of the advanced-minus-retarded Green's function as

$$\begin{aligned} E(x, t; x', t') &= -\frac{(t - t')}{L} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2L} \{ [(t - t') - (x - x')] \\ &\quad \times \bmod L + [(t - t') + (x - x')] \bmod L \}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B10})$$

For the Cauchy problem, where the initial data is given by $\phi(x, 0) = f(x)$ and $\partial_t \phi(x, 0) = g(x)$, the unique classical solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, t) &= - \int_{S^1} [(\partial_t E(x, t; x', 0)) f(x') \\ &\quad + E(x, t; x', 0) g(x')] dx'. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B11})$$

APPENDIX C: CONVERGENCE OF SERIES

In this Appendix, we are interested in the properties of series of the form

$$F_p(x) \equiv x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^p}, \quad (\text{C1})$$

where $x \in [0, \infty)$, p is a positive real number greater than one, Z_j is the j th positive root of the transcendental equation

$$Z = x \cot(Z), \quad (\text{C2})$$

and

$$A_j^2 = \frac{\cos^2 Z_j}{1 + \frac{\sin Z_j \cos Z_j}{Z_j}} = \frac{Z_j^2}{Z_j^2 + x^2 + x}. \quad (\text{C3})$$

We remind the reader that Z_j is an implicit function of x . The transcendental equation implies the trigonometric relations

$$\begin{aligned} \sin Z_j &= (-1)^{j-1} \frac{x}{\sqrt{Z_j^2 + x^2}} \quad \text{and} \\ \cos Z_j &= (-1)^{j-1} \frac{Z_j}{\sqrt{Z_j^2 + x^2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C4})$$

which were used to obtain the final equality of Eq. (C3). For the main body of the paper, we had $x = \xi L/2$. Also, the

Bogolubov relations imply, via Eq. (67) with $m = n = 0$, that $F_4(x) = 1/2$. (Numerical simulation in Mathematica seems to confirm this fact.)

We wish to demonstrate that such sums are convergent for $p > 1$. First, note that every term in the summation above is positive; therefore, the summation is bounded below by zero. Next, we determine an upper bound. Using the definition of A_j and separating out the first term in the summation, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^p} = \frac{\cos^2(Z_1)}{Z_1^{p-1}[Z_1 + \sin(Z_1)\cos(Z_1)]} + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{\cos^2(Z_j)}{Z_j^{p-1}[Z_j + \sin(Z_j)\cos(Z_j)]}. \quad (\text{C5})$$

Recall from above that the Z_j 's always satisfy

$$(j-1)\pi \leq Z_j \leq \left(j - \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi. \quad (\text{C6})$$

On each of these intervals, the product of the sine and cosine functions is a positive number; thus,

$$\frac{\cos^2(Z_j)}{Z_j^{p-1}[Z_j + \sin(Z_j)\cos(Z_j)]} \leq \frac{1}{Z_j^{p-1}[Z_j + \sin(Z_j)\cos(Z_j)]} \leq \frac{1}{Z_j^p} \leq \frac{1}{(j-1)^p \pi^p}. \quad (\text{C7})$$

Therefore, we have an upper bound

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^p} \leq \frac{\cos^2(Z_1)}{Z_1^{p-1}[Z_1 + \sin(Z_1)\cos(Z_1)]} + \frac{1}{\pi^p} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(j-1)^p}. \quad (\text{C8})$$

The summation over j is the series definition of the Riemann zeta function; thus,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^p} \leq \frac{\cos^2(Z_1)}{Z_1^{p-1}[Z_1 + \sin(Z_1)\cos(Z_1)]} + \frac{\zeta(p)}{\pi^p}. \quad (\text{C9})$$

The zeta function is convergent for all $p > 1$, and the value of Z_1 , which may be very small as the product ξL tends to 0, is strictly greater than zero; thus, our summation is convergent for all $p > 1$.

We now wish to show that the functions $F_p(x)$ and $F_{p+2}(x)$ are related to one another. Beginning with definition (C1), we have

$$F_{p+2}(x) = x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^p} \left(\frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2} \right). \quad (\text{C10})$$

It is a simple matter of algebra to demonstrate that

$$(x^2 + x) \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2} = 1 - A_j^2, \quad (\text{C11})$$

whereby,

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}(x) = x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{Z_j^p} - \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^p} \right). \quad (\text{C12})$$

Each of the terms under the summation are individually convergent for $p > 1$; therefore,

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}(x) + F_p(x) = x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^p}. \quad (\text{C13})$$

Next, take the derivative of this expression with respect to x ,

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}'(x) + (2x + 1)F_{p+2}(x) + F_p'(x) = 2x \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^p} - px^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^{p+1}} \left(\frac{dZ_j}{dx} \right). \quad (\text{C14})$$

Similarly, differentiation of the transcendental equation with respect to x yields

$$\frac{dZ_j}{dx} = \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j}. \quad (\text{C15})$$

Substituting, we arrive at

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}'(x) + (p-1)F_{p+2}(x) + F_p'(x) - \frac{2}{x}F_p(x) = 0. \quad (\text{C16})$$

We already know that $F_4(x) = 1/2$; therefore, let us set $p = 2$ in the above expression, which yields the ordinary differential equation

$$xF_2'(x) - 2F_2(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x, \quad (\text{C17})$$

whose general solution is

$$F_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + cx^2, \quad (\text{C18})$$

where c is a constant of integration. Because all the terms of the series form of $F_2(x)$ are positive for all values of the allowed range of x , we have the constraint $c \geq 0$.

We obtain an upper bound on c by returning to Eq. (C13) and separating the first term out of the summation on the right-hand side,

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}(x) + F_p(x) = x^2 \left(\frac{1}{Z_1^p} + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^p} \right). \quad (\text{C19})$$

Next, we recall that $Z_j \geq (j-1)\pi$; thus, employing the series definition of the Riemann zeta function $\zeta(p)$, we find

$$(x^2 + x)F_{p+2}(x) + F_p(x) \leq x^2 \left(\frac{1}{Z_1^p} + \frac{\zeta(p)}{\pi^p} \right). \quad (\text{C20})$$

Setting $p = 2$ and substituting the expressions for $F_2(x)$ and $F_4(x)$ leads to the upper bound

$$c \leq \frac{1}{Z_1^2} - \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \right), \quad (\text{C21})$$

which must hold for all positive values of x . The strongest bound occurs when $x \rightarrow 0$; a condition under which Z_1 is also going to zero, but they approach zero at different rates. We may use the transcendental equation to put the entire expression in terms of Z_1 , and then use the series expansion for $\cot Z_1$ about zero to obtain

$$c \leq \left(\frac{Z_1^2}{45} + \frac{2Z_1^4}{945} + \mathcal{O}(Z_1^6) + \dots \right). \quad (\text{C22})$$

In the limit of $Z_1 \rightarrow 0$, we find that $c \leq 0$. Combining this bound with the lower bound implies that $c = 0$.

So far, we have found

$$F_2(x) \equiv x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^2} = \frac{1}{2}x \quad \text{and} \quad F_4(x) \equiv x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^4} = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (\text{C23})$$

An identical analysis can be used to determine

$$F_6(x) \equiv x^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^6} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3} \right). \quad (\text{C24})$$

Substituting back into Eq. (C13), we also find

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^4} = \frac{1}{6} \left(1 + \frac{4}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2} \right). \quad (\text{C25})$$

Numerical simulations in Mathematica appear to confirm (23) through (26) over a wide range of x . Finally, for $p > 1$ we note the relationship

$$F_{p+2}(x) = -\frac{x^2}{p} \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Z_j^p}. \quad (\text{C26})$$

APPENDIX D: A FLAWED DERIVATION OF THE IN-REGION STRESS-TENSOR

In Sec. IV B, we determined the renormalized stress tensor for the state $|0_L\rangle$ on the IN region of the spacetime, with a final result of Eq. (166). The derivation used the Fourier representation of the IN-region even-parity eigenfunctions in terms of the OUT-region eigenfunctions, given by Eq. (66). The strength of this approach is that one can cancel all of the divergent terms in the OUT-region mode expansion of the normal-ordered kinetic tensor early in the calculations. It is natural to ask if the same result is found by using the explicit form of the IN-region eigenfunctions $u^{\text{even}}(j, x)$, instead of its Fourier representation. We explore this approach in this Appendix.

For the IN vacuum state $|0_L\rangle$, we know from Eq. (103) that the unrenormalized expectation value of the components of the stress tensor on the IN region is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{k_n}{2} (u^{\text{odd}}(n, x))^2 + \frac{1}{2k_n} (\partial_x u^{\text{odd}}(n, x))^2 \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\kappa_j}{2} (u^{\text{even}}(j, x))^2 + \frac{1}{2\kappa_j} (\partial_x u^{\text{even}}(j, x))^2 \right] \right\} \delta_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + \frac{\xi}{2} \delta(x) g_{\mu\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\kappa_j} (u^{\text{even}}(j, 0))^2. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D1})$$

The derivative in x can be evaluated everywhere except at $x = 0$, where it is indeterminate for the even modes. Looking at the kinetic part separately from the potential part, and substituting the modes, we have that the unrenormalized expectation value of the kinetic tensor is

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{K}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle = \frac{1}{2L} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \kappa_j A_j^2 \left[1 + \left(\frac{\xi}{\kappa_j} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{D2})$$

which has support everywhere on the IN region except at the support of the potential. The unrenormalized potential tensor, which only has support on the support of the potential, is

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{U}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle = \frac{\xi}{2} \delta(x) g_{\mu\nu} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j}. \quad (\text{D3})$$

Similarly, the unrenormalized expectation value of the stress tensor for the OUT ground state on the OUT region is given by

$$\langle \tilde{0}_L | \mathbf{T}_{\mu\nu} | \tilde{0}_L \rangle = \left(\frac{1}{4\ell L} + \frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}. \quad (\text{D4})$$

By subtracting this expression from the kinetic tensor, and then adding the renormalized OUT ground state expectation value, we find

$$\langle 0_L | \mathbf{K}_{\mu\nu} | 0_L \rangle_{\text{Ren}} = \left(-\frac{\pi}{6L^2} + \frac{\mathcal{A}}{L^2} \right) \delta_{\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{D5})$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} Z_j A_j^2 \left(1 + \frac{\chi^2}{Z_j^2} \right) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j-1)\pi \quad (\text{D6})$$

is implicitly a function of the product $\chi \equiv \xi L/2$.

A bit of algebra and substituting the transcendental equation allows us to rewrite the above equation as

$$\mathcal{A} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[Z_j - \tan Z_j + (\chi+1)\chi^2 \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^3} \right] - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j-1)\pi. \quad (\text{D7})$$

Next, let us define ϵ_j by the relation

$$\epsilon_j \equiv Z_j - (j-1)\pi; \quad (\text{D8})$$

thus, ϵ_j satisfies the transcendental equation

$$(j-1)\pi + \epsilon_j = \chi \cot \epsilon_j \quad (\text{D9})$$

and its value lies in the interval from 0 to $\pi/2$ for all j . Substituting into the first two terms, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = & \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[(j-1)\pi + \epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j + (\chi+1)\chi^2 \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^3} \right] \\ & - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j-1)\pi. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D10})$$

We now have to make sense of this expression. Let p be any integer that is much greater than χ/π , and define the partial sum

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_p = & \sum_{j=1}^p \left[(j-1)\pi + \epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j + (\chi+1)\chi^2 \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^3} \right] \\ & - \sum_{j=1}^p (j-1)\pi, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D11})$$

such that $\mathcal{A} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{A}_p$. Because partial sums are convergent, we can write this as

$$\mathcal{A}_p = \sum_{j=1}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) + (\chi+1)\chi^2 \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{A_j^2}{Z_j^3} \quad (\text{D12})$$

which we can interpret as a mode-by-mode difference of the first p energies. Notice, the second summation is proportional to the partial sum of the function $F_3(\chi)$ as defined in Appendix C, and where we show that it is convergent. Considering the limit of $p \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\mathcal{A} = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) + (\chi+1)F_3(\chi). \quad (\text{D13})$$

We now show that the remaining summation in ϵ_j is convergent. First, the tangent function is greater than or equal to its argument on the interval $(0, \pi/2)$. Every term in the summation is negative, so the sum is bounded above by zero. Next we show that the sum is also bounded from below by recalling the Taylor series for the tangent function, from which we find

$$\tan \epsilon_j - \epsilon_j = \frac{\epsilon_j^3}{3} + \frac{2\epsilon_j^5}{15} + \frac{17\epsilon_j^7}{315} + \dots \quad (\text{D14})$$

Next, there exists a j^* such that $\epsilon_j < 1$ for all $j \geq j^*$. For these ϵ_j 's, we know $\epsilon_j^3 \geq \epsilon_j^5 \geq \epsilon_j^7 \geq \dots$; therefore,

$$\tan \epsilon_j - \epsilon_j \leq (\tan 1 - 1)\epsilon_j^3 \quad (\text{D15})$$

which results in

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{j^*-1} (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) + \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=j^*}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) \\ &\geq \sum_{j=1}^{j^*-1} (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) + (1 - \tan 1) \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=j^*}^p \epsilon_j^3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D16})$$

From the text following Eq. (37), we know

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_j &< 2\chi \left[(j-1)\pi + \sqrt{(j-1)^2\pi^2 + 4\chi \left(1 + \frac{\chi}{3} \right)} \right]^{-1} \\ &< \frac{\chi}{(j-1)\pi}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D17})$$

Upon substitution, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) &> \sum_{j=1}^{j^*-1} (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) \\ &+ (1 - \tan 1) \left(\frac{\chi}{\pi} \right)^3 \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=j^*}^p \frac{1}{(j-1)^3}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D18})$$

The first sum of the above expression is bounded because there are a finite number of terms. The second sum we recognize as the majority of the series for the Riemann zeta function; thus, we find the bounds

$$0 > \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^p (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) > \sum_{j=1}^{j^*-1} (\epsilon_j - \tan \epsilon_j) + (1 - \tan 1) \left(\frac{\chi}{\pi}\right)^3 \zeta(3). \quad (\text{D19})$$

Therefore, we conclude that \mathcal{A} is convergent.

A plot of \mathcal{A} as a function of χ is given in Fig. 2. The plot was generated in Mathematica by calculating the first 2^{15} terms in the partial sum of \mathcal{A} for each value of χ . Comparing the plot of \mathcal{A} with the plot of \mathcal{B} , we conjecture that the two functions are the same, i.e., $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$. Presently, we have no way of proving this assertion.

Unfortunately, Eq. (D5) does not yield the complete expression for the stress tensor on the IN region of the spacetime. In Sec. IV B above, we saw that the Fourier representation of the even-parity modes allowed for the derivative to be taken at the point $x = 0$, which gave rise to the delta-function contributions in the renormalized stress tensor. On the circle, the Fourier representation of the delta function, Eq. (46), has a constant term, which results in an additional constant term of $-C/L^2$ in the renormalized stress tensor. The approach used in this Appendix does not allow the derivative to be evaluated at $x = 0$. Therefore, it fails to give rise to a delta-function portion of the stress tensor and its associated constant term.

APPENDIX E: QUANTUM WEAK ENERGY INEQUALITY ON $\mathcal{M} \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^1$

In this Appendix, we sketch the proof of a QWEI that we can use on the OUT region of our spacetime. We will be brief, as most of the technical details for the rigorous derivation have been worked out by Fewster [9]. All we are seeking here is the contribution to the QWEI due to the topological modes. Note, we define the Fourier transform pair on a Schwartz class function $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$, as

$$\hat{f}(\alpha) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{i\alpha x} dx \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\alpha) e^{-i\alpha x} d\alpha. \quad (\text{E1})$$

Consider the complete cylinder spacetime $\mathcal{M} \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^1$ with no potential. On this spacetime, we have the space of smooth, compactly supported, complex-valued test functions, which we denote by $C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$. For $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$, we define the smeared quantum field operator by

$$\psi(f) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} \psi(x) f(x) d\text{Vol}_g, \quad (\text{E2})$$

where $\psi(x)$ is given by Eq. (81). By the properties described in the main body of the paper, we have that the smeared quantum field operator satisfies the following relations:

- (1) Linearity, $\psi(c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2) = c_1 \psi(f_1) + c_2 \psi(f_2)$ for all $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$ and $f_i \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$,
- (2) Hermiticity, $\psi(f)^\dagger = \psi(\bar{f})$ for all $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$,
- (3) Field equation, $\psi(\square f) = 0$ for all $f \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$, and
- (4) Canonical commutation relations, $[\psi(f_1), \psi(f_2)] = iE(f_1, f_2)\mathbb{I}$ for all $f_i \in C_0^\infty(\mathcal{M})$,

where the smeared advanced-minus-retarded Green's function $E(f_1, f_2)$ is defined in Appendix B.

These four properties look identical to the relations used by Fewster to quotient a free, unital, $*$ algebra in the framework of algebraic QFT. The first three relations are indeed the same. The fourth relation looks identical, but it has a subtle difference: the advanced-minus-retarded Green's function used by Fewster does not include the topological modes, so the resulting $*$ algebra has a trivial center. The advanced-minus-retarded Green's function above does include a contribution from the topological modes, and thus the resulting $*$ algebra has a nontrivial center. The quantization of the topological modes within an algebraic field theory and the resulting nontrivial center has been discussed by Dappiaggi and Lang [18].

In Sec. V, we saw that a timelike geodesic can be parametrized by Eq. (167) and that there exist vector fields v_0^μ and v_1^μ of unit length, which are parallel and perpendicular, respectively, to the tangent vector of the geodesic. On $M \times M$, we define the unrenormalized, point-split, energy-density operator as

$$\rho(t, x; t', x') \equiv \frac{1}{2} [(v_0^\mu \partial_\mu)(v_0^\nu \partial_\nu) + (v_1^\mu \partial_\mu)(v_1^\nu \partial_\nu)] \psi(x, t) \psi(x', t'), \quad (\text{E3})$$

where ∂_ν is understood as taking the derivative with respect to the primed variables and v_i^μ is also in the primed variables. It has been shown [9] that the energy density along the geodesic of an observer is given by the pullback of the above expression onto the observer's geodesic $\gamma(\tau)$, i.e.,

$$\rho(\tau) = \rho(\gamma(\tau); \gamma(\tau)). \quad (\text{E4})$$

Let ω_L and ω_0 be any Hadamard state on the $*$ algebra for our spacetime, and $g \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ be a smooth, real-valued, compactly supported test function on the real line. Then, we have the smeared, normal-ordered energy density along the worldline given by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \langle \omega_L | : \rho(\tau) :_{\omega_0} | \omega_L \rangle g(\tau)^2. \quad (\text{E5})$$

The derivation of the quantum inequality on this expression now follows the steps found in Fewster. In fact, the entire

derivation is identical, including his Theorem 4.1 which yields the quantum inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} d\tau \langle \omega_L | : \rho(\tau) :_{\omega_0} | \omega_L \rangle g(\tau^2) \geq -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\alpha \langle \omega_0 | \rho | \omega_0 \rangle (\bar{g}_\alpha \otimes g_\alpha), \quad (\text{E6})$$

where $g_\alpha(\tau) = g(\tau) e^{i\alpha\tau}$ and the energy-density operator on the right-hand side is still point-split along the proper time. All of this comes about because the topological modes only

contribute a smooth function piece to the two-point functions of the Hadamard states. This contribution can be seen directly as the $(t' - t)/L$ term in the advanced-minus-retarded Green's function above. Therefore, the topological modes do nothing to alter the wavefront set of any of the distributions we work with in the derivation of the quantum inequality.

We now wish to evaluate the right-hand side of this expression for our spacetime. Upon substitution of the explicit form of the vector fields v_0^μ and v_1^μ , the expectation value of the point-split energy-density operator is

$$\langle \omega_0 | \rho | \omega_0 \rangle(t, x; t', x') = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} (\partial_t \partial_{t'} + \partial_x \partial_{x'}) + \frac{2v}{1-v^2} (\partial_t \partial_{x'} + \partial_x \partial_{t'}) \right] \langle \omega_0 | \Psi(x, t) \Psi(x', t') | \omega_0 \rangle. \quad (\text{E7})$$

Next, we choose our reference state for normal ordering to be the OUT vacuum state $|\tilde{0}_L\rangle$, such that

$$\langle \tilde{0}_L | \Psi(x, t) \Psi(x', t') | \tilde{0}_L \rangle = \tilde{G}^+(x, t; x', t') \quad (\text{E8})$$

is the positive-frequency Wightman function, whose series representation is given by Eq. (86) above. Upon substitution, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{0}_L | \rho | \tilde{0}_L \rangle(t, x; t', x') &= \frac{1}{2L} \left(\frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\ell} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \cos[k_n(x-x')] e^{-ik_n(t-t')} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{4iv}{1-v^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \sin[k_n(x-x')] e^{-ik_n(t-t')} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E9})$$

For the above point-split energy density, the topological modes contribute a constant of $1/2\ell$.

Next, pulling back onto the worldline of the observer, still point split in the proper time used to parametrize the geodesic, we find

$$\langle \tilde{0}_L | \rho | \tilde{0}_L \rangle(\gamma(\tau); \gamma(\tau')) = \frac{1}{2L} \left\{ \frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\ell} \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \left[\frac{1-v}{1+v} e^{-i(\tau-\tau')k_n \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}}} + \frac{1+v}{1-v} e^{-i(\tau-\tau')k_n \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}}} \right] \right\}. \quad (\text{E10})$$

Therefore, the right-hand side of the QWEI, Eq. (E6), becomes

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.S &= -\frac{1}{\pi} \left[\frac{1+v^2}{1-v^2} \left(\frac{1}{4\ell L} \right) \int_0^\infty d\alpha \hat{g}(-\alpha) \hat{g}(\alpha) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1-v}{1+v} \left(\frac{1}{2L} \right) \int_0^\infty d\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \hat{g} \left(-\alpha - k_n \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}} \right) \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1-v}{1+v}} \right) \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1+v}{1-v} \left(\frac{1}{2L} \right) \int_0^\infty d\alpha \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} k_n \hat{g} \left(-\alpha - k_n \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}} \right) \hat{g} \left(\alpha + k_n \sqrt{\frac{1+v}{1-v}} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E11})$$

This expression can be further simplified by recalling that for real-valued test functions, the Fourier transforms satisfy $\hat{g}(-\alpha) = \overline{\hat{g}(\alpha)}$, whereby, we can then use Parseval's theorem on the first term. Finally, swapping the order of summation and integration, we arrive at Eq. (186).

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