

# Addendum to: *Bose-Einstein Condensate and Spontaneous Breaking of Conformal Symmetry on Killing Horizons*, J. Math. Phys. 46, 062303 (2005).

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**Abstract.** In the paper cited in the title local scalar QFT (in Weyl algebraic approach) has been constructed on degenerate semi-Riemannian manifolds  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \Sigma$  corresponding to the extension of Killing horizons by adding points at infinity to the null geodesic forming the horizon. It has been proved that the theory admits a natural representation of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  in terms of  $*$ -automorphisms and this representation is unitarily implementable if referring to a certain invariant state  $\lambda$ . Among other results it has been proved that the theory admits a class of inequivalent algebraic (coherent) states  $\{\lambda_\zeta\}$ , with  $\zeta \in L^2(\Sigma)$ , which break part of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry. These states, if restricted to suitable portions of  $\mathbb{M}$  are invariant and extremal KMS states with respect a surviving one-parameter group symmetry. In this *addendum* we clarify the nature of that  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry breaking. We show that, in fact, *spontaneous* symmetry breaking occurs in the natural sense of algebraic quantum field theory: if  $\zeta \neq 0$ , there is no unitary representation of whole group  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  which implements the  $*$ -automorphism representation of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  itself in the GNS representation of  $\lambda_\zeta$ .

## 1 Summary of some achieved results.

In the paper cited in the title [1] local scalar QFT (in Weyl algebraic approach) is constructed on degenerate semi-Riemannian manifolds  $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \Sigma$  corresponding to the extension of future Killing horizons by adding points at infinity to the null geodesic forming the horizon. Above the transverse manifold  $\Sigma$  has a Riemannian metric inducing the volume form  $\omega_\Sigma$ , whereas  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is equipped with the null metric. To go on, fix a standard frame (see section II A of [1])  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$  on  $\mathbb{S}^1$  of  $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \Sigma$  – so that  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is realized as  $(-\pi, \pi]$  with the endpoints identified – and consider the  $C^*$ -algebra of Weyl  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{M})$  generated by non-vanishing elements  $V(\omega)$  in Eq. (12) in section II E in [1], the smooth forms  $\omega$  of the space  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{M})$  being the space of forms  $\epsilon_\psi$  defined in Eq.(1) in section II A in [1]. We shall exploit the group of  $*$ -automorphisms  $\alpha$  defined in Eq. (19) in [1] representing the Möbius group  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  viewed as a subgroup of diffeomorphisms of  $\mathbb{S}^1$  and

thus of  $\mathbb{M}$  (see Section III A of [1]):

$$\alpha_g(V(\omega)) = V(\omega^{(g^{-1})}), \quad (1)$$

$\omega^{(g)} := g^*\omega$  being the natural pullback action of  $g \in PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  on forms. In the following  $\{\alpha_t^{(\mathcal{X})}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$  indicates the one-parameter subgroup associated with the vector field  $\mathcal{X}$  on  $\mathbb{M}$  corresponding to an element of the Lie algebra of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . In particular the vector field on  $\mathbb{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}$ , generating a one-parameter subgroup of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ , is that defined in Eq. (16) in [1]. If  $\zeta \in L^2(\Sigma, \omega_\Sigma)$  and  $\lambda_\zeta$  is the pure coherent state on  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{M})$  defined by means of (33) of Section IV B in [1], we indicate its GNS triple by  $(\mathfrak{H}_\zeta, \Pi_\zeta, \Psi_\zeta)$ . Those states are constructed as follows with respect to  $\lambda := \lambda_0$ . The map  $V(\omega) \mapsto V(\omega) e^{i \int_{\mathbb{M}} \Gamma(\zeta \omega_+ + \overline{\zeta \omega_+})}$ ,  $\omega \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{M})$ , uniquely extends to a  $*$ -automorphism  $\gamma_\zeta$  on  $\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{M})$  such that  $\gamma_\zeta \circ \alpha_t^{(\mathcal{D})} = \alpha_t^{(\mathcal{D})} \circ \gamma_\zeta$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The function  $\Gamma := \ln |\tan(\theta/2)|$  and the  $\mathcal{D}$ -positive-frequency part of  $\omega$ ,  $\omega_+$ , are respectively defined and discussed in section IV B (Eq. (32)) and in Lemma 3.1 of section III B of [1].

$$\lambda_\zeta(w) := \lambda(\gamma_\zeta w), \quad \text{for all } w \in \mathcal{W}(\mathbb{M}). \quad (2)$$

Among other results it has been proved that (theorems 4.1, 4.2, 5.1) the pure states  $\lambda_\zeta$  are inequivalent states and, they are restricted to the algebra localized at the “half circle times  $\Sigma$ ”, they give rise to different extremal KMS states at rationalized Hawking temperature  $T = 1/2\pi$  with respect to  $\{\alpha_t^{(\mathcal{D})}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ . If one is dealing with a bifurcate Killing Horizon of a black hole the “half circle times  $\Sigma$ ” is nothing but  $\mathbb{F}_+$ , the future right branch of the Killing horizon (see Section I and figure in [1]). In this case  $-\zeta^{-1}\mathcal{D}$ , with  $\zeta^{-1} = \kappa$  being the surface gravity of the examined black hole, can be recognized as the restriction to the horizon to the Killing vector field defining Schwarzschild time,  $kT$  becomes proper Hawking’s temperature and the order parameter associated with the breakdown of symmetry can be related with properties of the black hole.

## 2 Spontaneous breaking of $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ symmetry.

In the physical literature there are several, also strongly inequivalent, definitions of *spontaneous* breaking of symmetry related to different approaches to quantum theories. We adopt the following elementary definition which is quite natural in algebraic QFT.

**Definition 1.** Referring to a  $C^*$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , one says that:

- (a) A Lie group  $\mathcal{G}$  is a **group of symmetries** for  $\mathcal{A}$  if there is a representation  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  made of  $*$ -automorphisms of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If some notion of time evolution is provided, it is required that it corresponds to a one parameter subgroup of  $\mathcal{G}$ . (This subgroup may or may not belong to the center of the group, in the latter case, the self-adjoint generators of unitary representations of  $\mathcal{G}$  implementing  $\beta$  define constant of motion which depend explicitly on time)
- (b) Assuming that (a) is valid, **spontaneous breaking of  $\mathcal{G}$  symmetry** occurs with respect to an algebraic state  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\beta$ , if there are elements  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  such that  $\beta_g$  are not implementable

unitarily in the GNS representation of  $\mu$ .

Considering the inequivalent GNS triples  $(\mathfrak{H}_\zeta, \Pi_\zeta, \Psi_\zeta)$ , theorems 3.2<sup>1</sup> and 3.3 in [1] show that, if  $\zeta = 0$  the group of automorphisms  $\alpha$  representing  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  can be unitarily implemented in the space  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}_0$  and the cyclic vector  $\Psi := \Psi_0$  of the GNS representation is invariant under that (strongly continuous) unitary representation of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Conversely, if  $\zeta \neq 0$ ,  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry turns out to be broken. Indeed, theorem 4.1 states that each state  $\lambda_\zeta$  with  $\zeta \neq 0$  is invariant under  $\{\alpha_t^{(\mathcal{D})}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ , but it is not under any other one-parameter subgroup of  $\alpha$  (barring those associated with  $c\mathcal{D}$  for  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  constant). In the general case this is not enough to assure occurrence of *spontaneous* breaking of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry as defined in Def.1. (However, it is possible to show that – see section III.3.2 of [2] – if  $\mathcal{G}$  is Poincaré group or an internal symmetry group for a special relativistic system and the reference state  $\mu$  is a primary vacuum state over the net of algebras of observables, then non- $\mathcal{G}$  invariance of the vacuum state implies – and in fact is equivalent to – spontaneous breaking of  $\mathcal{G}$  symmetry. Our considered case is far from that extent and thus there is no *a priori* guarantee for the occurrence of spontaneous breaking of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  symmetry for states  $\lambda_\zeta$  with  $\zeta \neq 0$  and the issue deserve further investigation. The following theorem give an answer to the issue.

**Theorem 1.** *If  $L^2(\Sigma, \omega_\Sigma) \ni \zeta \neq 0$ , spontaneous breaking of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ -symmetry occurs with respect to  $\lambda_\zeta$  and the representation  $\alpha$ . (In particular, there is no unitary implementation of the nontrivial elements of the subgroup of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  generated from the vector field  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$ .)*

*Proof.* Referring to the GNS triple of  $\lambda_\zeta$  define  $\hat{V}_\zeta(\omega) := \Pi_\zeta(V(\omega))$ . The existence of a unitary implementation,  $L_g : \mathfrak{H}_\zeta \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_\zeta$ , of  $\alpha$  in the GNS triple  $(\mathfrak{H}_\zeta, \Pi_\zeta, \Psi_\zeta)$  implies, in particular, that

$$L_g \hat{V}_\zeta(\omega) L_g^\dagger = \alpha_g \left( \hat{V}_\zeta(\omega) \right), \quad \text{for all } \omega \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{M}) \text{ and every } g \in PSL(2, \mathbb{R}). \quad (3)$$

By construction,  $(\mathfrak{H}_\zeta, \Pi, \Psi_\zeta)$  (notice that we wrote  $\Pi$  instead of  $\Pi_\zeta$ ) is a GNS triple of  $\lambda$  (notice that we wrote  $\lambda$  instead of  $\lambda_\zeta$ ) if

$$\Pi : V(\omega) \mapsto \hat{V}(\omega) := \hat{V}_\zeta(\omega) e^{-i \int_{\mathbb{M}} \Gamma(\zeta \omega_+ + \overline{\zeta \omega_+})} \quad (4)$$

In this realization  $\alpha$  can be unitarily implemented (theorem 3.2 in [1]): There is a (strongly continuous) unitary representation  $U$  of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$U_g \hat{V}(\omega) U_g^\dagger = \alpha_g \left( \hat{V}(\omega) \right), \quad \text{for all } \omega \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{M}) \text{ and every } g \in PSL(2, \mathbb{R}). \quad (5)$$

Suppose that  $\alpha$  can be implemented also in  $(\mathfrak{H}_\zeta, \Pi_\zeta, \Psi_\zeta)$ , where now  $\Pi_\zeta : V(\omega) \mapsto \hat{V}_\zeta(\omega)$ , and let  $L$  be the corresponding unitary representation of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  satisfying (3). That equation

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<sup>1</sup>In the proof theorem 3.2 in all occurrences of the symbol  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  before the statement “...is in fact a representation of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .” it has to be replaced by  $\widetilde{PSL(2, \mathbb{R})}$ , it denoting the universal covering of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

together with (4) entail that the unitary operator  $S_g := U_g^\dagger L_g$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} S_g V(\omega) S_g^\dagger &= e^{i c_{g,\omega}} V(\omega), \\ c_{g,\omega} &:= \int_{\mathbb{M}} \left( \zeta \left( \omega^{(g^{-1})} \right)_+ + \overline{\zeta \left( \omega^{(g^{-1})} \right)_+} - \zeta \omega_+ - \overline{\zeta \omega_+} \right) \Gamma. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Now, dealing with exactly as in the proof of (ii) of (b) of theorem 4.1 (where the role of our  $S_g$  was played by the operator  $U$  and the role of  $c_{g,\omega}$  was played by the simpler phase  $\int_{\mathbb{M}} (\zeta \omega_+ + \overline{\zeta \omega_+}) \Gamma$ ) one finds that (6) entails that  $\langle \Psi_\zeta, S_g \Psi_\zeta \rangle \neq 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_g \Psi_\zeta\|^2 &= |\langle \Psi_\zeta, S_g \Psi_\zeta \rangle|^2 e^{\sum_{n,j}^\infty |\lambda_{n,j}|^2}, \\ \lambda_{n,j} &:= -2i \int_{\mathbb{M}} \Gamma(\theta) \overline{\zeta(s)} u_j(s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{e^{i\theta g(\theta)} - e^{i\theta}}{\sqrt{4\pi n}} d\theta d\omega_\Sigma(s). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Above the real compactly-supported functions  $u_j$  defines a Hilbert base in  $L^2(\Sigma, \omega_\Sigma)$ , and  $\theta_g(\theta)$  is the  $\theta$  component of the point  $g(\theta, s) \in \mathbb{M}$  obtained by the action of  $g \in PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  on  $(\theta, s)$ . Now take  $g \in \{\alpha_t^{(\mathcal{K})}\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ , the one-parameter subgroup of  $PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  generated by the vector field  $\mathcal{K} := \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$ , and realize the factor  $\mathbb{S}^1$  of  $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \Sigma$  as  $[-\pi, \pi)$  with the identification of its endpoints. In this case, obviously,  $\theta_g(\theta) = \theta + t$ . A direct computation shows that, for some  $j_0$  with  $\int_\Sigma u_j(s) \overline{\zeta(s)} \omega_\Sigma(s) = 0$  (which does exist otherwise  $\zeta = 0$  almost everywhere)

$$|\lambda_{2n+1, j_0}|^2 = C \left[ \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{\cos((2n+1)t)}{2n+1} \right]$$

for some constant  $C > 0$  independent from  $n$ . The series of elements  $-\cos((2n+1)t)/(2n+1)$  converges for  $t \neq 0, \pm\pi$  (it diverges to  $+\infty$  for  $t = \pm\pi$ ), whereas that of elements  $1/(2n+1)$  diverges to  $+\infty$ . Thus the exponent in (7) and  $L_g$  cannot exist, if  $g = \alpha_t^{(\mathcal{K})}$  with  $t \neq 0$ .  $\square$

As a final comment we notice that the automorphism  $\gamma_\zeta$  is a symmetry of the system because it commutes with time evolution  $\alpha_t$ . (It is worth noticing that, if restricting to real functions  $\zeta$ ,  $\zeta \mapsto \gamma_\zeta$  defines a group of automorphisms.) Since  $\lambda_\zeta \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{F}_+)} \neq \lambda_{\zeta'} \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{W}(\mathbb{F}_+)}$  for  $\zeta \neq \zeta'$ , and all these states are extremal  $\alpha^{(\mathcal{D})}$ -KMS states at the same temperature, following Haag (V.I.5 in [2]), we can say that *spontaneous symmetry breaking* with respect to  $\gamma_\zeta$  occurs in the context of extremal KMS states theory.

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