

Shift Theorem and Schwinger Mechanism in the Presence of Arbitrary Time-Dependent Background Electric Field

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- Introduction:
Schwinger Mechanism in the Presence of
Constant Electric Field: A historical sketch
- Shift Theorem Involving Sum
of Non-Commuting Operators in Path Integrals
- Schwinger Mechanism in the Presence
of Arbitrary Time Dependent Electric Field
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Introduction:

- Schwinger Obtained the Following Non-Perturbative Formula for e^+e^- Pair Production From Constant Electric Field via Vacuum Polarization by Using Proper Time Method:

- $$\frac{dW}{d^4x} = e^2 E^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} e^{-\frac{n\pi m^2}{|eE|}}$$

- The p_T Distribution Can not Be Obtained by using Proper Time Method

- The p_T Distribution Can be Obtained by Direct Path Integration :

- $$\frac{dW}{d^4x d^2p_T} = -|eE| \text{Log}\left[1 - e^{-\frac{\pi(p_T^2 + m^2)}{|eE|}}\right]$$

★ However, Schwinger Mechanism or the Calculation of One-loop Effective Action in Physics is so far Restricted to Constant Background Fields

★ What Our Work is About:

- We Study, for the first time, Schwinger Mechanism in the Presence of Arbitrary Time Dependent Background Electric Field $E(t)$
- We Encounter Infinite Number of Non-Commuting Terms Between $E(t)$ and $\frac{d}{dt}$ in The Exponential
- All These Terms Were Zero in Schwinger's Original Calculation Because The Constant Field E Commutes with $\frac{d}{dt}$

- We develop a "Shift Theorem" Involving Sum of Non-Commuting Operators Inside Exponential in Path Integrals to Solve This Problem:
- "Shift Theorem" We Found is Given by:(hep-th/0609192)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) \langle x | e^{-[(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2 + b(\frac{d}{dx}) + c(y)]} | x \rangle f_2(y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) \langle x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} | e^{-[a^2(y)x^2 + b(\frac{d}{dx}) + c(y)]} | x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \rangle f_2(y).$$

- Using This We Find The Following Non-Perturbative Formula For Charged Scalar Production From Arbitrary Time Dependent Electric Field $E(t)$ via Schwinger Mechanism:(hep-th/0611125)

- $\frac{dW}{d^4x d^2p_T} = |eE(t)| \text{Log} \left[1 + e^{-\frac{\pi(p_T^2 + m^2)}{|eE(t)|}} \right]$

- Now I Will Present the Derivation of These Results

- General Formulation of Schwinger Mechanism in Scalar QED

- $$\langle 0|0 \rangle^A = \frac{\int [d\phi^\dagger][d\phi] e^{i \int d^4x \phi^\dagger M[A] \phi}}{\int [d\phi^\dagger][d\phi] e^{i \int d^4x \phi^\dagger M[0] \phi}} = \text{Det}^{-1}[M[A]] / \text{Det}^{-1}[M[0]] = e^{iS^{(1)}}$$

- where for scalar field theory $M[A] = (\hat{p} - eA)^2 - m^2$
and The one loop effective action is given by

- $$S^{(1)} = i\text{Tr} \ln[(\hat{p} - eA)^2 - m^2] - i\text{Tr} \ln[\hat{p}^2 - m^2]$$

$$= -i \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^4x \langle x | [e^{-is[(\hat{p}-eA)^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon]} - e^{-is(\hat{p}^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon)}] | x \rangle$$

- We assume that the time dependent electric field $E(t)$ is along the z-axis. We choose the Axial gauge $A_3 = 0$ so that $A_0 = -E(t)z$

- $S^{(1)} = -i \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx \langle x | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dy \langle y | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \langle z |$
 $e^{-is[(\hat{p}_0 + eE(t)z)^2 - \hat{p}_z^2 - \hat{p}_T^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon]} - e^{-is(\hat{p}^2 - m^2 - i\epsilon)}$
 $|z \rangle |y \rangle |x \rangle |t \rangle$

- Inserting complete set of $|p_T \rangle$ states ($\int d^2 p_T |p_T \rangle \langle p_T| = 1$):

- $S^{(1)} = \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^2 x_T \int d^2 p_T e^{is(p_T^2 + m^2 + i\epsilon)} [\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t |$
 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \langle z | e^{-is[(-i\frac{d}{dt} + eE(t)z)^2 - \hat{p}_z^2]} |z \rangle |t \rangle - \int dt \int dz \frac{1}{4\pi s}]$

- This Involves Infinite Number of Non-Commuting Terms Between $E(t)$ and $\frac{d}{dt}$ in The Exponential

- Hence This is a Much Difficult Problem Than the Schwinger's Constant Electric Field E Problem

- "Shift Theorem" Involving Sum of Non-Commuting Operators in the Exponential inside Path Integrals

- $x \pm \frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} = e^{\pm \frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} x e^{\mp \frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$

- $a(y)x + \hbar \frac{d}{dy} = e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} \left[e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} a(y) e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} x \right] e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$

- $(a(y)x + \hbar \frac{d}{dy})^2 = e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} \left[\left(e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} a(y) e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} x \right)^2 \right] e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$

- $(a(y)x + \hbar \frac{d}{dy})^2 + b\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) + c(y) = e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} \left[\left(e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} a(y) e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} x \right)^2 + b\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right) + e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} c(y) e^{\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} \right] e^{-\frac{\hbar}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$

- $$e^{-[(a(y)x+h\frac{d}{dy})^2+b(\frac{d}{dx})+c(y)]} = e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}$$

$$e^{-[(e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}a(y)e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}x)^2+b(\frac{d}{dx})+e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}c(y)e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}]}$$

$$e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}$$

- Hence

$$I(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) < x | e^{-[(a(y)x+h\frac{d}{dy})^2+b(\frac{d}{dx})+c(y)]} | x > f_2(y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) < x | e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}$$

$$e^{-[(e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}a(y)e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}x)^2+b(\frac{d}{dx})+e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}c(y)e^{\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}}]}$$

$$e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}\frac{d}{dx}} | x > f_2(y)$$

- Next we change the x integration variable to x' where

$$x = x' - \frac{h}{a(y)}\frac{d}{dy}$$

- The limits for x' remain $\pm\infty$. Under this change of integration variable one also has $dx = dx'$. Hence

- $$I(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) < x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \Big| e^{\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$$

$$e^{-[(e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} a(y) e^{\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} (x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy}))^2 + b(\frac{d}{dx}) + e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} c(y) e^{\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}]}$$

$$e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} \Big| x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} > f_2(y)$$

- Using,
$$x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} = e^{-\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}} x e^{\frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dx}}$$

- $$I(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) < x \Big| e^{-[(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2 + b(\frac{d}{dx}) + c(y)]} \Big| x > f_2(y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) < x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \Big| e^{-[a^2(y)x^2 + b(\frac{d}{dx}) + c(y)]}$$

$$\Big| x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} > f_2(y)$$

- Explicit Verification of "Shift Theorem" For a Special Case:

- $$W = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) \langle x | e^{-(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2} | x \rangle f_2(y)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) \langle x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} | e^{-a^2(y)x^2} | x - \frac{h}{a(y)} \frac{d}{dy} \rangle f_2(y)$$

- The Left Hand Side Gives

$$\frac{dW}{dp} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) e^{-(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2} f_2(y)$$

- The Right Hand Side Gives

$$\frac{dW}{dp} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx f_1(y) e^{-a^2(y)x^2} f_2(y)$$

- Hence as a result of the shift theorem we find

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2} f(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-a^2(y)x^2} f(y) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{a(y)} f(y)$$

- We Will Explicitly Verify This by Direct Expansion of the Exponential and Then Integrating Over x From $-\infty$ to $+\infty$

- For Sum of Two Non-Commuting Operators A and B :

$$e^{-(A+B)} = e^{-A} \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^{x_i-1} dx_i e^{x_i A} B e^{-x_i A} \right] \right]$$

- $e^{-(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2} f(y) =$

$$e^{-A} \left[1 - \int_0^1 dx_1 e^{x_1 A} B e^{-x_1 A} + \int_0^1 dx_1 e^{x_1 A} B e^{-x_1 A} \int_0^{x_1} dx_2 e^{x_2 A} B e^{-x_2 A} - \int_0^1 dx_1 e^{x_1 A} B e^{-x_1 A} \int_0^{x_1} dx_2 e^{x_2 A} B e^{-x_2 A} \int_0^{x_2} dx_3 e^{x_3 A} B e^{-x_3 A} + \dots \right] f(y)$$

- Where

$$(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2 = A + B,$$

$$A = a^2(y)x^2,$$

$$B = 2xa(y)h \frac{d}{dy} + xh \frac{da(y)}{dy} + h^2 \frac{d^2}{dy^2}$$

- Integrating over x from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$ We Write

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-(a(y)x + h \frac{d}{dy})^2} f(y) =$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-a^2(y)x^2} [1 - I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4 + \dots]$$

- Where

$$I_n = \frac{a(y)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-a^2(y)x^2} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^{x_{i-1}} dx_i e^{x_i a^2(y)x^2} B e^{-x_i a^2(y)x^2} \right] \right] f(y)$$

- After Performing the x'_i 's and x Integration We Find

$$-I_1 = -\frac{f[y]a'[y]^2}{2a[y]^2} + \frac{a'[y]f'[y] + \frac{1}{2}f[y]a''[y]}{a[y]} - f''[y]$$

- $I_2 = \frac{5f[y]a'[y]^4}{24a[y]^4} +$
 $\frac{-a'[y]^3 f'[y] - f[y]a'[y]^2 a''[y]}{a[y]^3} + \frac{1}{a[y]^2} \left(\frac{1}{2}f[y]a'[y]^2 + 2a'[y]f'[y]a''[y] + \right.$
 $\left. \frac{3}{8}f[y]a''[y]^2 + \frac{4}{3}a'[y]^2 f''[y] + \frac{7}{12}f[y]a'[y]a^{(3)}[y] \right) + \frac{1}{a[y]} \left(-a'[y]f'[y] - \right.$
 $\left. \frac{1}{2}f[y]a''[y] - \frac{7}{6}a''[y]f''[y] - \frac{2}{3}f'[y]a^{(3)}[y] - \right.$
 $\left. a'[y]f^{(3)}[y] - \frac{1}{6}f[y]a^{(4)}[y] \right) + \left(f''[y] + \frac{1}{2}f^{(4)}[y] \right)$

- Two Powers of $\frac{d}{dy}$ Are Contained Only in I_1 and I_2

- Adding $(-I_1)$ and I_2 We Find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bullet \quad I_2 - I_1 = & \frac{5f[y]a'[y]^4}{24a[y]^4} - \frac{a'[y]^2(a'[y]f'[y]+f[y]a''[y])}{a[y]^3} + \\
 & \frac{1}{a[y]^2} \left(\frac{3}{8}f[y]a''[y]^2 + \frac{4}{3}a'[y]^2f''[y] + a'[y](2f'[y]a''[y] + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{7}{12}f[y]a^{(3)}[y]) \right) + \frac{1}{6a[y]} \left(-7a''[y]f''[y] - 4f'[y]a^{(3)}[y] - \right. \\
 & \left. 6a'[y]f^{(3)}[y] - f[y]a^{(4)}[y] \right) + \frac{1}{2}f^{(4)}[y]
 \end{aligned}$$

- Hence we Find $I_2 - I_1$ is Independent of two Powers of $\frac{d}{dy}$

- Similarly, Four Powers of $\frac{d}{dy}$ Are Contained Only in I_2 , I_3 and I_4 . We Find For $-I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4$:

- $$\begin{aligned}
& -I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4 = \\
& \frac{30203(f[y]a'[y]^8)}{1920a[y]^8} + \frac{a'[y]^6(2675a'[y]f'[y]+8734f[y]a''[y])}{120a[y]^7} - \\
& \frac{1}{6720a[y]^6}(a'[y]^4(80a'[y](6699f'[y]a''[y] + 1118a'[y]f''[y]) + \\
& f[y](134120a'[y]^2 + 659013a''[y]^2 + \\
& 177750a'[y]a^{(3)}[y]))) + \frac{1}{336a[y]^5}(a'[y]^2(12997f[y]a''[y]^3 + \\
& 6a'[y]a''[y](4076f'[y]a''[y] + \\
& 2839f[y]a^{(3)}[y]) + 126a'[y]^3(62f'[y] + 9f^{(3)}[y]) + \\
& 3a'[y]^2(3617a''[y]f''[y] + 2556f'[y]a^{(3)}[y] + \\
& f[y](6034a''[y] + 663a^{(4)}[y]))) + \frac{1}{13440a[y]^4} \\
& (-28261f[y]a''[y]^4 - 4a'[y]a''[y]^2(46496f'[y]a''[y] + \\
& 53199f[y]a^{(3)}[y]) - 4a'[y]^2(16a''[y] \\
& (2913a''[y]f''[y] + 4988f'[y]a^{(3)}[y]) + f[y](102158a''[y]^2 + \\
& 16201a^{(3)}[y]^2 + 22440a''[y]a^{(4)}[y])) - \\
& 168a'[y]^4(852f''[y] - 53f^{(4)}[y]) - 8a'[y]^3(20188f[y]a^{(3)}[y] +
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& 6708f''[y]a^{(3)}[y] + 2520a''[y]f^{(3)}[y] + \\
& 240f'[y](287a''[y] + 18a^{(4)}[y]) + 987f[y]a^{(5)}[y]) + \\
& \frac{1}{1680a[y]^3}(a''[y](a''[y](19a''[y]f''[y] + \\
& 2464f'[y]a^{(3)}[y]) + 2f[y](1428a''[y]^2 + 775a^{(3)}[y]^2 + \\
& 471a''[y]a^{(4)}[y])) + 2a'[y](-a''[y](2335f''[y]a^{(3)}[y] + 2877a''[y]f^{(3)}[y]) + \\
& f'[y](6888a''[y]^2 + 206a^{(3)}[y]^2 - 328a''[y]a^{(4)}[y]) + \\
& f[y](368a^{(3)}[y]a^{(4)}[y] + a''[y](4053a^{(3)}[y] + \\
& 33a^{(5)}[y]))) + 1680a'[y]^3(f^{(3)}[y] - f^{(5)}[y]) + \\
& a'[y]^2(-6132a^{(3)}[y]f^{(3)}[y] + 658f[y]a^{(4)}[y] - \\
& 3432f''[y]a^{(4)}[y] + 84a''[y](122f''[y] - 83f^{(4)}[y]) + \\
& 6f'[y](868a^{(3)}[y] - 187a^{(5)}[y]) - 165f[y]a^{(6)}[y])) \\
& + \frac{1}{240a[y]^2}(99f[y]a^{(3)}[y]^2 + 244f''[y]a^{(3)}[y]^2 + \\
& 184f'[y]a^{(3)}[y]a^{(4)}[y] + 16f[y]a^{(4)}[y]^2 + \\
& a''[y]^2(560f''[y] + 373f^{(4)}[y]) + 30f[y]a^{(3)}[y]a^{(5)}[y] +
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& a''[y](720a^{(3)}[y]f^{(3)}[y] + 186f[y]a^{(4)}[y] + \\
& 434f''[y]a^{(4)}[y] + 10f'[y](68a^{(3)}[y] + 15a^{(5)}[y]) + \\
& 160a'[y](7f^{(3)}[y] + 3f^{(5)}[y]) + 23f[y]a^{(6)}[y]) + \\
& 120a'[y]^2(3f^{(4)}[y] + f^{(6)}[y]) + 2a'[y](258f^{(3)}[y]a^{(4)}[y] + \\
& 307a^{(3)}[y]f^{(4)}[y] + 64f[y]a^{(5)}[y] + \\
& 6f''[y](90a^{(3)}[y] + 23a^{(5)}[y]) + f'[y](288a^{(4)}[y] + 43a^{(6)}[y]) + 6f[y]a^{(7)}[y])) \\
& \frac{1}{120a[y]}(-320a^{(3)}[y]f^{(3)}[y] - 234f''[y]a^{(4)}[y] - \\
& 260a''[y]f^{(4)}[y] - 86a^{(4)}[y]f^{(4)}[y] \\
& - 94f'[y]a^{(5)}[y] - 62f^{(3)}[y]a^{(5)}[y] - 120a'[y]f^{(5)}[y] \\
& - 80a^{(3)}[y]f^{(5)}[y] - 16f[y]a^{(6)}[y] - \\
& 29f''[y]a^{(6)}[y] - 50a''[y]f^{(6)}[y] - \\
& 8f'[y]a^{(7)}[y] - 20a'[y]f^{(7)}[y] - f[y]a^{(8)}[y]) \\
& + \frac{1}{24}(8f^{(6)}[y] + f^{(8)}[y])
\end{aligned}$$

- Which is Independent of Four Powers of $\frac{d}{dy}$

- Hence We Find $-I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4$ is Independent of Four Powers of $\frac{d}{dy}$.
- This Pattern Continues and the Coefficients of Each n Power of $\frac{d}{dy}$ (where $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty$) Vanish.
- Hence We Explicitly Verify That:

$$-I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4 - I_5 + I_6 + \dots = 0$$
- As a Result of Shift Theorem We Find That
- $$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-(a(y)x + h\frac{d}{dy})^2} f(y) =$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-a^2(y)x^2} [1 - I_1 + I_2 - I_3 + I_4 + \dots]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dx e^{-a^2(y)x^2} f(y) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{f(y)} a(y)$$

- Using Shift Theorem We Find For the Schwinger Mechanism:

$$\begin{aligned}
S^{(1)} &= \frac{-i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^2x_T \int d^2p_T e^{is(p_T^2+m^2+i\epsilon)} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t | \right. \\
&\quad \left. \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \langle z | e^{-is\left[(-i\frac{d}{dt}+eE(t)z)^2-\hat{p}_z^2\right]} |z \rangle |t \rangle - \int dt \int dz \frac{1}{4\pi s} \right] \\
&= \frac{i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^2x_T \int d^2p_T e^{is(p_T^2+m^2+i\epsilon)} \\
&\quad \left[\int dt \int dz \frac{1}{4\pi s} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t | \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \right. \\
&\quad \left. \langle z + \frac{i}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} | e^{-is\left[(e^2 E^2(t)z^2-\hat{p}_z^2\right]} |z + \frac{i}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \rangle |t \rangle \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- Inserting Complete Set of $|p_z \rangle$ States We Find:

$$\begin{aligned}
S^{(1)} &= \frac{i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^2x_T \int d^2p_T e^{is(p_T^2+m^2+i\epsilon)} \\
&\quad \left[\int dt \int dz \frac{1}{4\pi s} - \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t | \int dp_z \int dq_z \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \langle z + \frac{i}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} | p_z \rangle \right. \\
&\quad \left. \langle p_z | e^{is\left[-e^2 E^2(t)z^2+\hat{p}_z^2\right]} |q_z \rangle \langle q_z | z + \frac{i}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \rangle |t \rangle \right] \\
&= \frac{i}{(2\pi)^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^2x_T \int d^2p_T e^{is(p_T^2+m^2+i\epsilon)} \left[\int dt \int dz \frac{1}{4\pi s} - F \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- Where

$$F = \frac{1}{(2\pi)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \langle t | \int dp_z \int dq_z \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz e^{izp_z} e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} \langle p_z | e^{is[(-e^2 E^2(t) z^2 + \hat{p}_z^2)]} | q_z \rangle e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} q_z} e^{-izq_z} | t \rangle$$

- Inserting Complete Sets of $|z\rangle$ and $|p_0\rangle$ States:

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \int dp_0 \int dp'_0 \int dp''_0 \int dp'''_0 \int dp_z \int dq_z \int dz_1 \int dz_2 \\ &\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \langle t | p_0 \rangle \langle p_0 | e^{izp_z} e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle \langle p'_0 | \langle p_z | z_1 \rangle \\ &\langle z_1 | e^{is[(-e^2 E^2(t) z^2 + \hat{p}_z^2)]} | z_2 \rangle \langle z_2 | q_z \rangle | p''_0 \rangle \langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} q_z} e^{-izq_z} | p'''_0 \rangle \\ &\langle p'''_0 | t \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \int dp_0 \int dp'_0 \int dp''_0 \int dp'''_0 \int dp_z \int dq_z \int dz_1 \int dz_2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz \\ &e^{itp_0} e^{izp_z} \langle p_0 | e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle e^{-iz_1 p_z} \langle p'_0 | \langle z_1 | e^{is[(-e^2 E^2(t) z^2 + \hat{p}_z^2)]} | z_2 \rangle \\ &| p''_0 \rangle e^{iz_2 q_z} \langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} q_z} | p'''_0 \rangle e^{-izq_z} e^{-itp'''_0} \end{aligned}$$

- Inserting complete set of harmonic oscillator states ($\sum_n |n_t\rangle\langle n_t| = 1$)

$$F = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \int dp_0 \int dp'_0 \int dp''_0 \int dp'''_0 \int dp_z \int dq_z \int dz_1$$

$$\int dz_2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz e^{itp_0} e^{iz(p_z - q_z)}$$

$$\langle p_0 | e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle e^{-iz_1 p_z} \langle p'_0 | \langle z_1 | n_t \rangle$$

$$e^{-seE(t)(2n+1)} \langle n_t | z_2 \rangle | p''_0 \rangle e^{iz_2 q_z} \langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} q_z} | p'''_0 \rangle e^{-itp'''_0}$$

- Performing the z Integration From $-\infty$ to $+\infty$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dz e^{iz(p_z - q_z)} = 2\pi \delta(p_z - q_z),$$

and Inserting Complete Set of $|t\rangle$ States We Find

- $F = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_n \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt \int dt_1 \int dp_0 \int dp'_0 \int dp''_0 \int dp'''_0 \int dp_z \int dz_1 \int dz_2$

$$e^{itp_0} \langle p_0 | e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle e^{-iz_1 p_z} e^{-it_1 p'_0} \langle z_1 | n_{t_1} \rangle e^{-seE(t_1)(2n+1)}$$

$$\langle n_{t_1} | z_2 \rangle e^{it_1 p''_0} e^{iz_2 p_z} \langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'''_0 \rangle e^{-itp'''_0}$$

- It Can Be Seen That

$$\langle p_0 | e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle \text{ and } \langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'''_0 \rangle$$

are independent of t and $\frac{d}{dt}$

- $\langle p_0 | f(t) \frac{d}{dt} | p'_0 \rangle = \int dt' \int dt'' \int dp''''_0 \langle p_0 | t' \rangle \langle t' | f(t) | t'' \rangle$
 $\langle t'' | p''''_0 \rangle \langle p''''_0 | \frac{d}{dt} | p'_0 \rangle = \int dt' \int dt'' \int dp''''_0$
 $e^{-it'p_0} \delta(t' - t'') f(t'') e^{it''p''''_0} ip'_0 \delta(p''''_0 - p'_0) = ip'_0 \int dt' e^{-it'(p_0 - p'_0)} f(t')$

- Hence t Integration Becomes Simple,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{it(p_0 - p''''_0)} = 2\pi \delta(p_0 - p''''_0)$$

- We Find

$$F = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_n \int dt_1 \int dp_0 \int dp'_0 \int dp''_0 \int dp_z \int dz_1 \int dz_2$$

$$\langle p''_0 | e^{\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p_0 \rangle \langle p_0 | e^{-\frac{1}{E(t)} \frac{d}{dt} p_z} | p'_0 \rangle$$

$$e^{-iz_1 p_z} e^{-it_1 p'_0} \langle z_1 | n_{t_1} \rangle e^{-seE(t_1)(2n+1)} \langle n_{t_1} | z_2 \rangle e^{it_1 p''_0} e^{iz_2 p_z}$$

- Since $\int dp_0 |p_0\rangle \langle p_0| = 1$ We Find

- $$F = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_n \int dt_1 \int dp'_0 \int dp_z \int dz_1 \int dz_2 e^{-iz_1 p_z} \langle z_1 | n_{t_1} \rangle e^{-seE(t_1)(2n+1)} \langle n_{t_1} | z_2 \rangle e^{iz_2 p_z}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)} \sum_n \int dt \int dp'_0 \int dz | \langle z | n_t \rangle |^2 e^{-seE(t)(2n+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi)} \sum_n \int dt \int dp'_0 e^{-seE(t)(2n+1)}$$

- Using the Lorentz force equation

$$dp_\mu = eF_{\mu\nu} dx^\nu, \quad dp_0 = eE(t) dz, \quad \text{We Find}$$

- $$F = \frac{1}{(4\pi)} \int dt \int dz \frac{eE(t)}{\sinh(seE(t))}$$

- Hence the Effective Action becomes

- $$S^{(1)} = \frac{i}{16\pi^3} \int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{s} \int d^4x \int d^2p_T e^{is(p_T^2 + m^2 + i\epsilon)} \left[\frac{1}{s} - \frac{eE(t)}{\sinh(seE(t))} \right]$$

- Using The Series Expansion

$$\frac{1}{\sinh x} = \frac{1}{x} + 2x \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\pi^2 n^2 + x^2}$$

- And Performing the s-Contour Integration Around the Poles

$s = \frac{in\pi}{|eE(t)|}$, We Find For the Imaginary Part of The Effective Action

$$\bullet \quad W = 2ImS^{(1)} = \frac{1}{8\pi^3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \int d^4x \int d^2p_T |eE(t)| e^{-n\pi \frac{p_T^2 + m^2}{|eE(t)|}}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{dW}{d^4x d^2p_T} = \frac{|eE(t)|}{8\pi^3} \text{Log} \left[1 + e^{-\pi \frac{p_T^2 + m^2}{|eE(t)|}} \right]$$

- This is The Final Result for Non-Perturbative Charged Scalar Production From Arbitrary Time Dependent Electric Field $E(t)$ Via Schwinger Mechanism

Conclusions

- We Have Obtained a "Shift Theorem" Involving Sum of Non-Commuting Operators in the Exponential inside Path Integrals
- Using the "Shift Theorem" We have Studied, For the First Time, Schwinger Mechanism in the Presence of Arbitrary Time Dependent Background Electric Field
- The Non-Perturbative Result of Pair Production From Arbitrary Time Dependent Electric Field via Schwinger Mechanism is Found to be Independent of all the Time Derivatives $\frac{d^n E(t)}{dt^n}$