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## Self-consistent gradient corrections to false vacuum decay for a U(1) gauge theory

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Following previous work on self-consistent methods geared towards dealing with false vacuum decay in quantum field theory; a U(1)-gauge theory with a complex scalar is considered together with a polynomial potential which presents a metastable vacuum at tree level. Fluctuations around an inhomogeneous bounce-type background interpolating between vacua are studied and computed within a 1-PI effective action treatment and through a self-consistent prescription in order to incorporate gradients of the background. The selfconsistent methodology also includes renormalization of the theory: coupling counterterms in a MS-like scheme and the wave-function renormalization obtained through a gradient expansion methodology. Corrections to the life-time of the metastable vacuum comprise: leading order contribution from the action at the tree-level bounce, plus self-energy corrections, counterterm contributions and corrections to the bounce background.

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