

Gravitational Casimir Effect

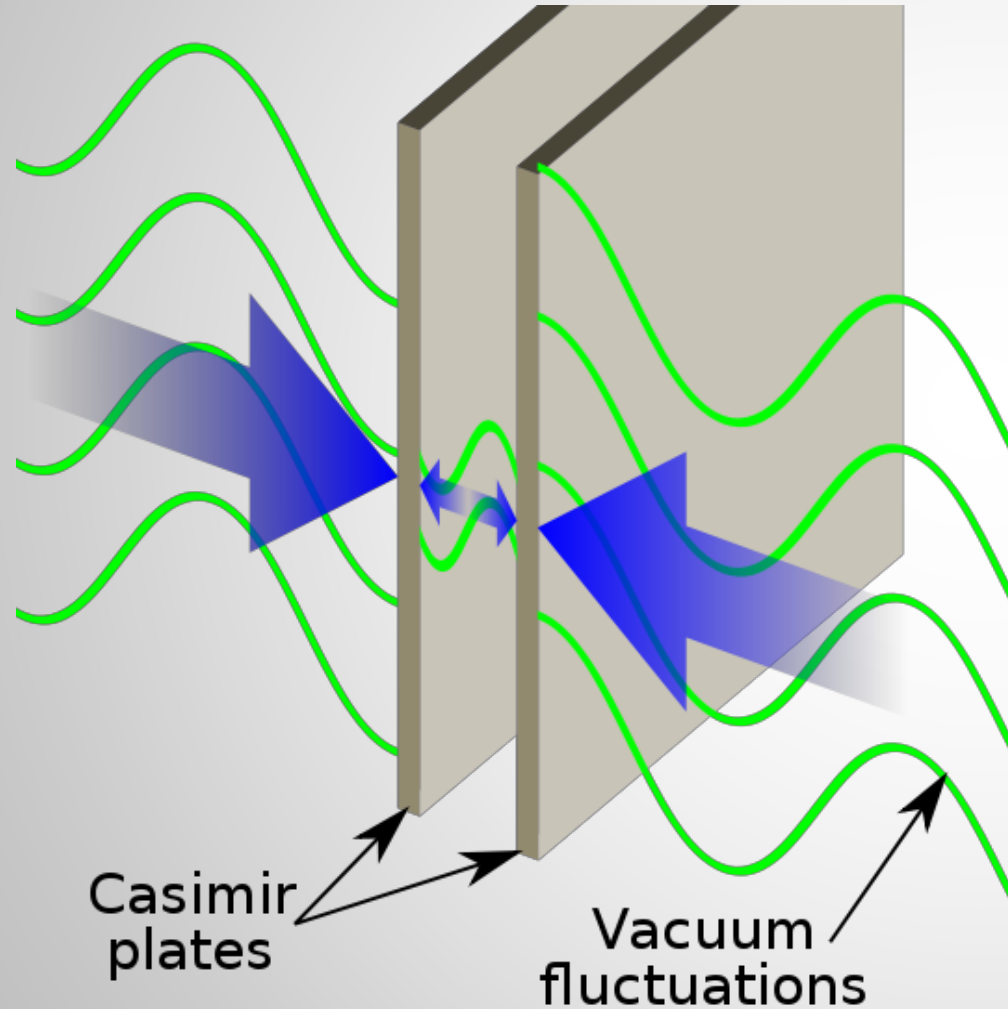
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Casimir Effect



Hendrik Casimir (1948)

$$E_n = \hbar\omega\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$$

$$P_I(a) = -\frac{\pi^2 \hbar c}{240 a^4}$$

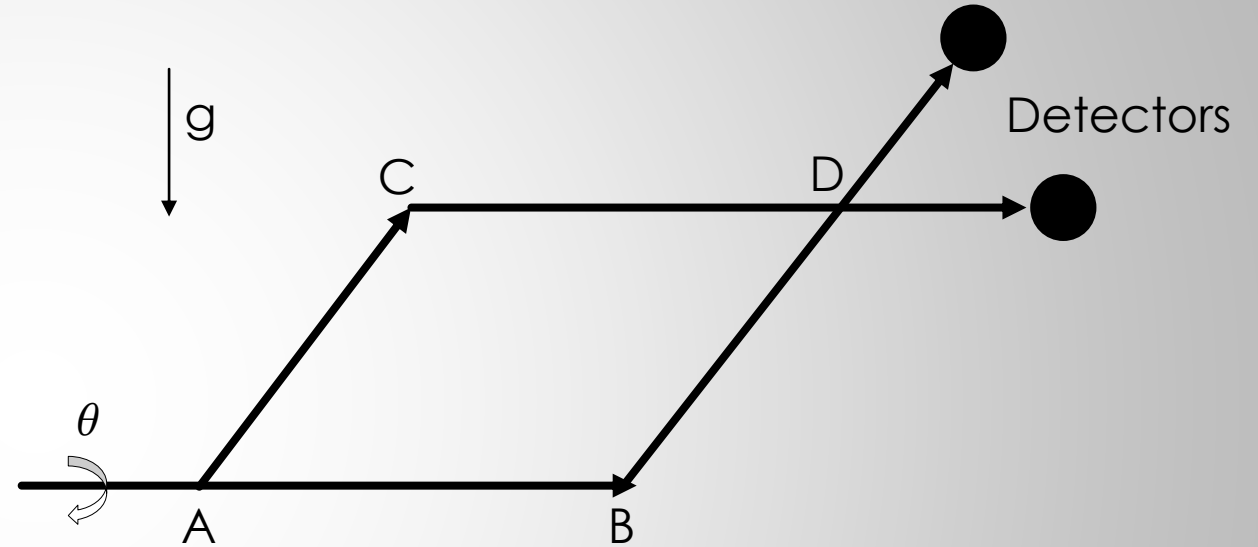
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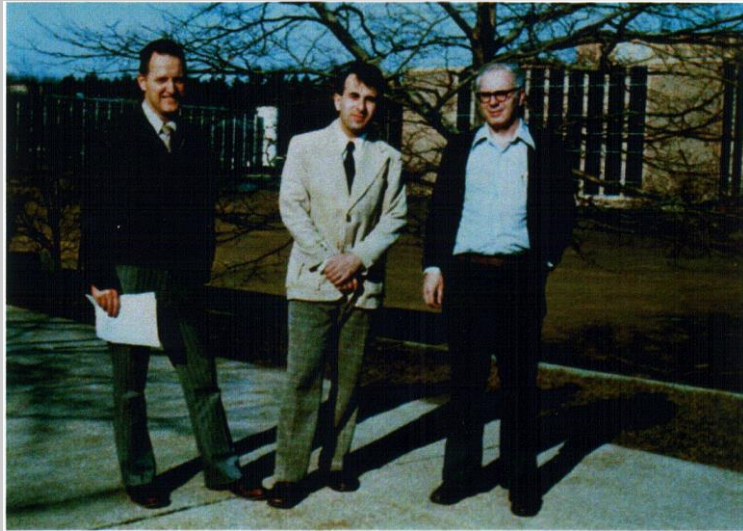


Hawking Radiation

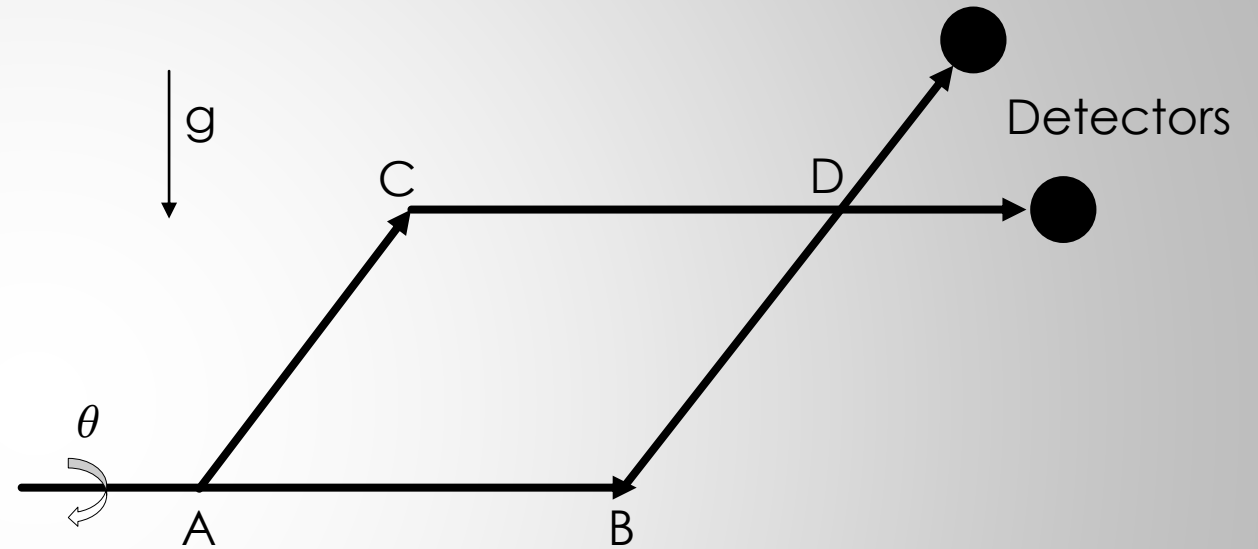


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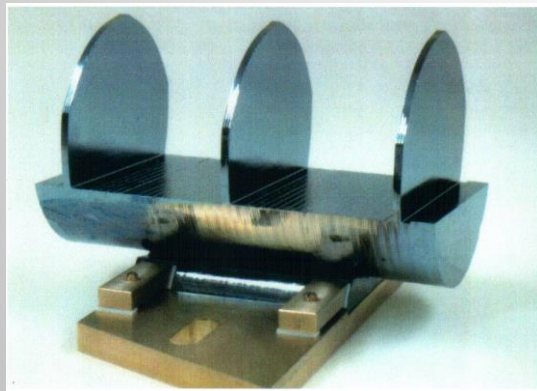
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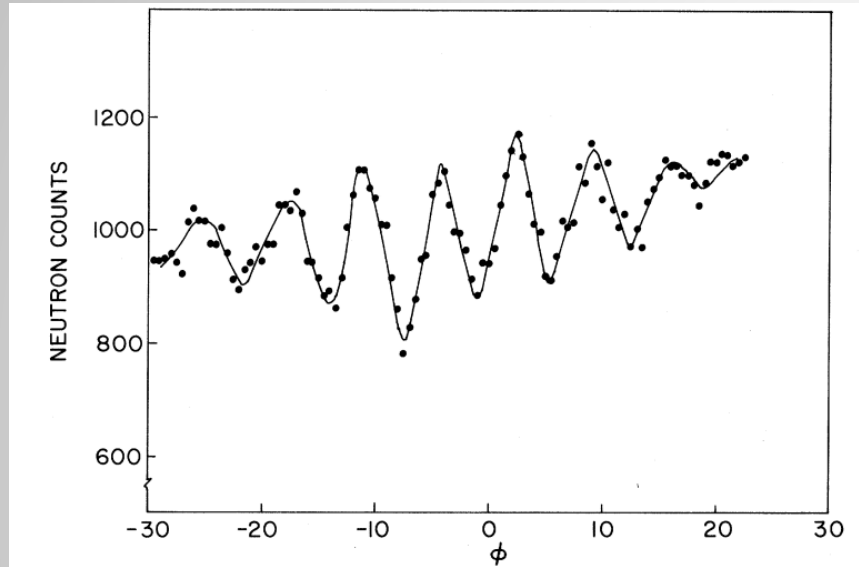
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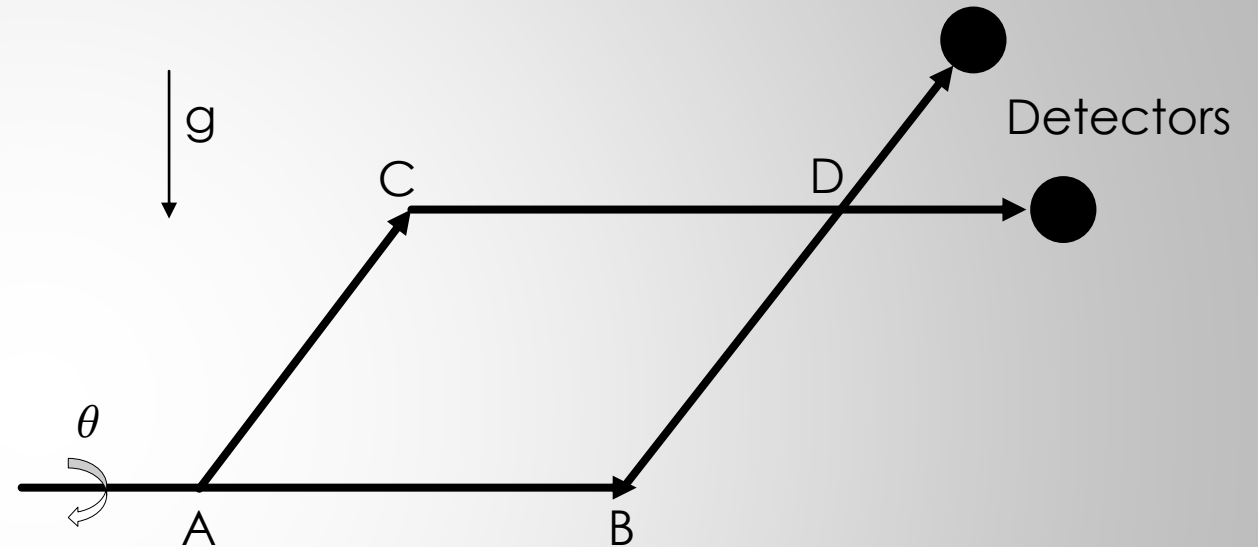
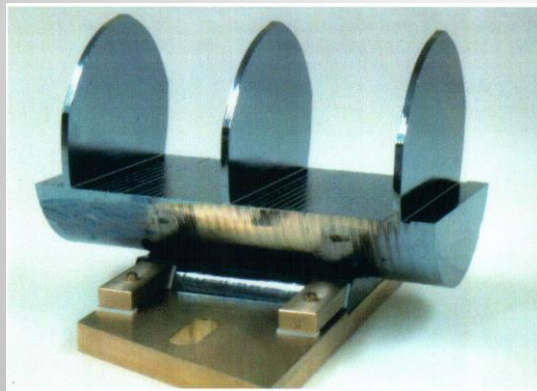
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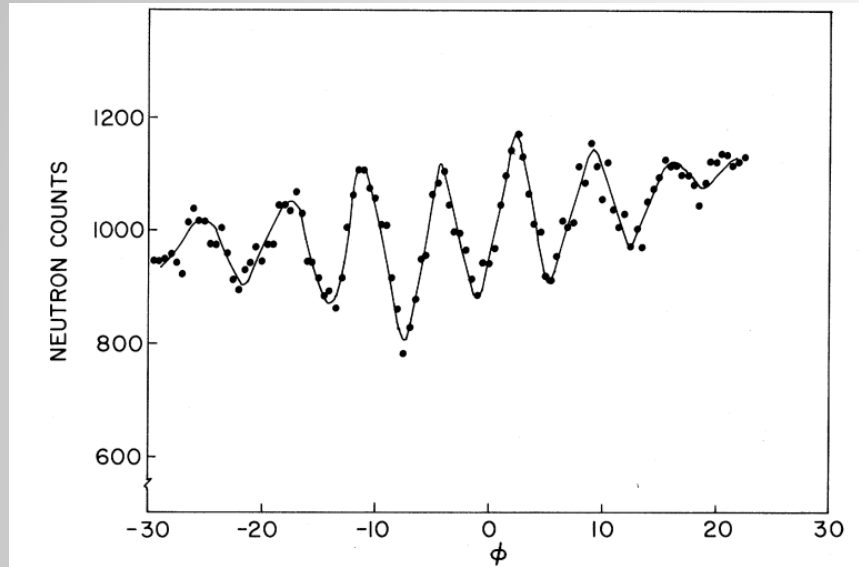


Colella, Overhauser, Werner, PRL 1975



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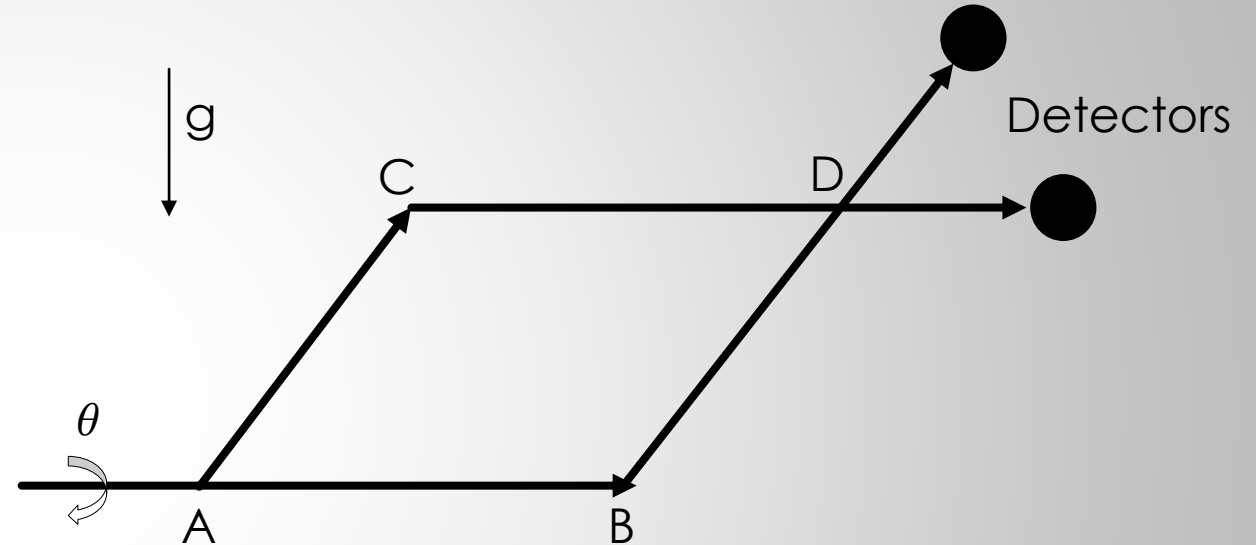


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$$H = \frac{p^2}{2m_i} + m_g g r - \omega L$$

$$\Delta\beta_g \approx \frac{m_g}{m_i} g K T T'$$

Lammerzahl, Gen. Rel. Grav. 1996



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WEP violation in QM

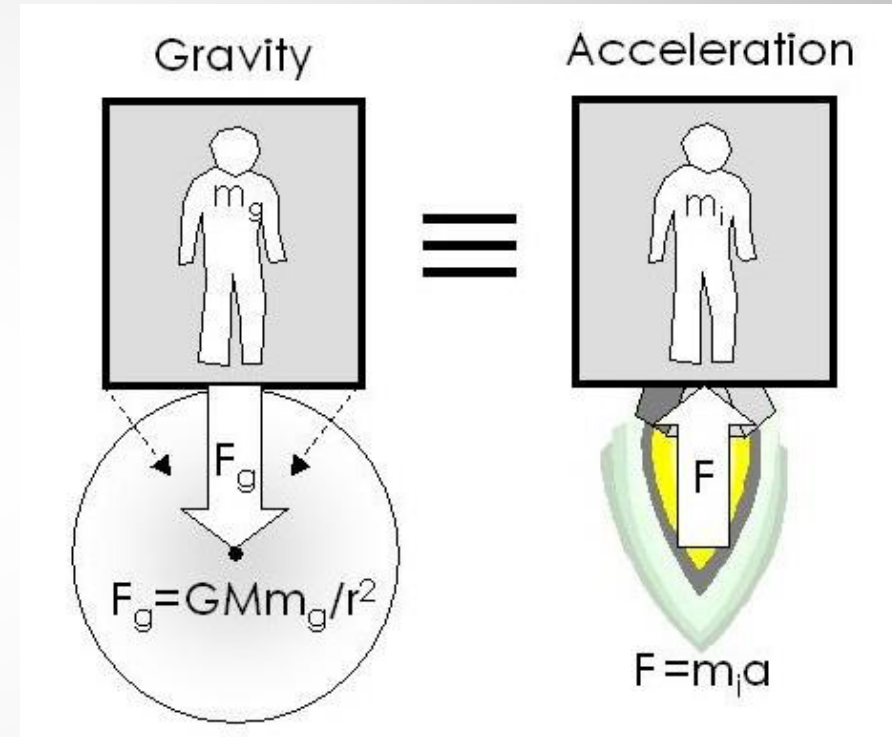
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Obukhov, PRL, 2001



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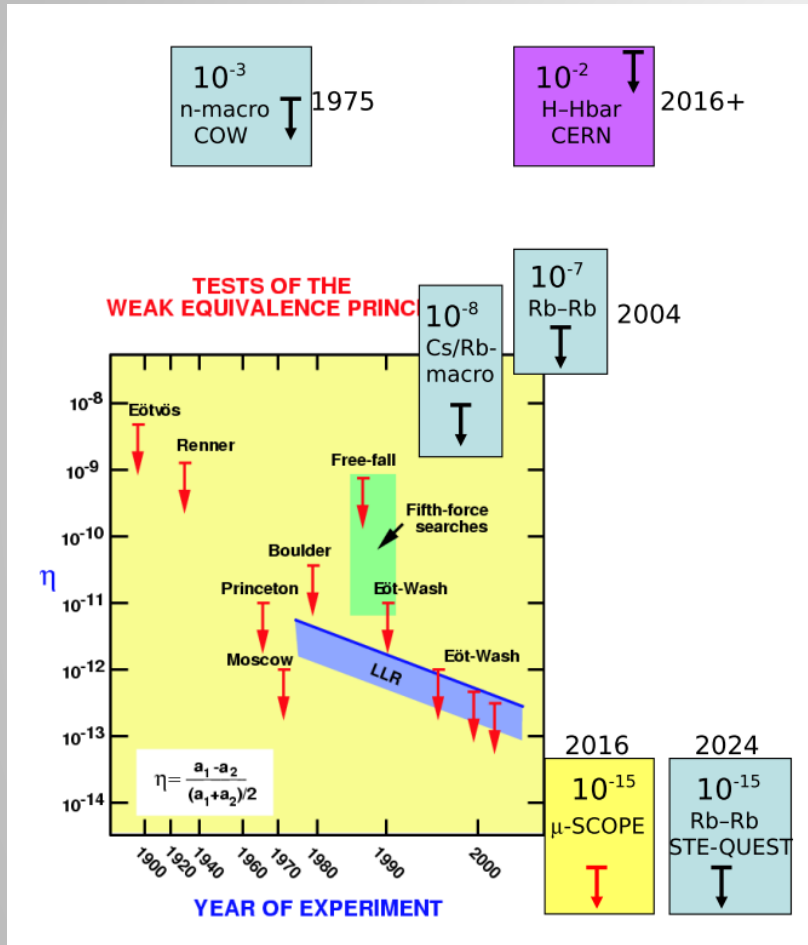
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Altschul, et al., Advances in Space Research (2015)

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$$\text{Eötvös ratio: } \eta = 2 \frac{a_A - a_B}{a_A + a_B}$$

Enhanced gravitational interaction with quantum systems

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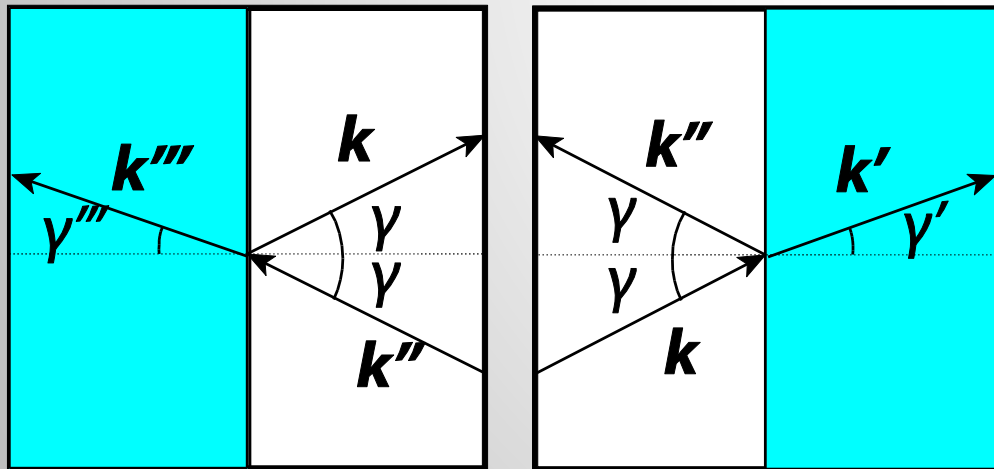
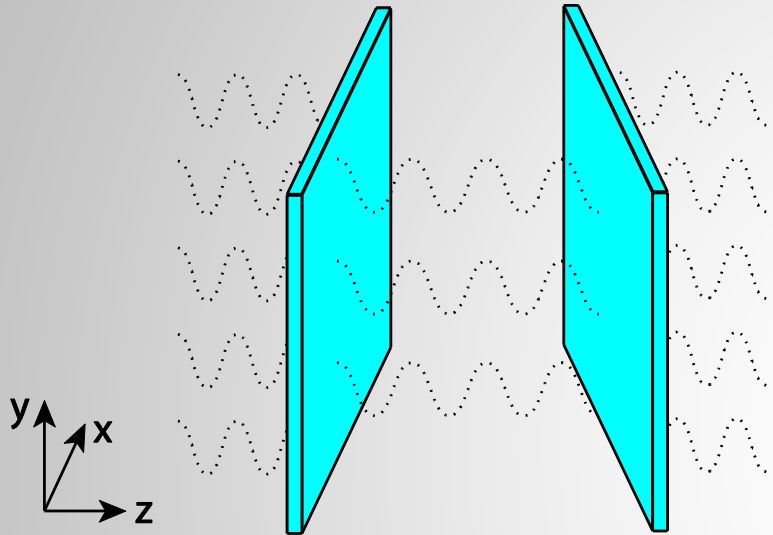
Gravitoelectromagnetism (GEM)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} &= \kappa \rho^{(E)} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= \kappa \rho^{(M)} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{E} &= -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} - \kappa \mathbf{J}^{(M)} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{B} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \kappa \mathbf{J}^{(E)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa &= \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \\ E_{ij} &= C_{0i0j} \\ B_{ij} &= \star C_{0i0j}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}J_{\mu\nu\rho} &= -T_{\rho[\mu,\nu]} + \frac{1}{3}\eta_{\rho[\mu}T_{,\nu]} \\ \rho_i^{(E)} &= -J_{i00} \\ \rho_i^{(M)} &= -\star J_{i00} \\ J_{ij}^{(E)} &= J_{i0j} \\ J_{ij}^{(M)} &= \star J_{i0j}\end{aligned}$$

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$$E_0 = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi} \int_0^\infty k_{\parallel} dk_{\parallel} \sum_n (\omega_n^+ + \omega_n^x) \sigma$$

$$\Delta \left[\left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2} \right) \mathbf{E}^{TT} \right] = 0$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{B}^{TT} = 0 \quad (\text{smoothness principle})$$

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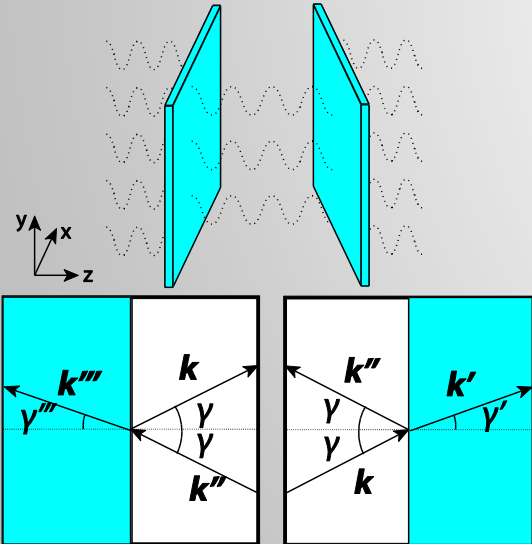
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$$q^2 = -k_z^2 = k_{\parallel}^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

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$$\Delta^+ = e^{-aq'} \left\{ \left[C'(S^2 - 2) - \left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C(S'^2 - 2) \right]^2 e^{-aq} - \left[C'(S^2 - 2) + \left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C(S'^2 - 2) \right]^2 e^{aq} \right\} = 0$$

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$$\sum_n \omega_n(q) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[\int_{i\infty}^{-i\infty} \omega(q) d\ln\Delta(q) + \int_{C^+} \omega(q) d\ln\Delta(q) \right]$$

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$$E(a) = \frac{E_0}{\sigma} - \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_0}{a}$$

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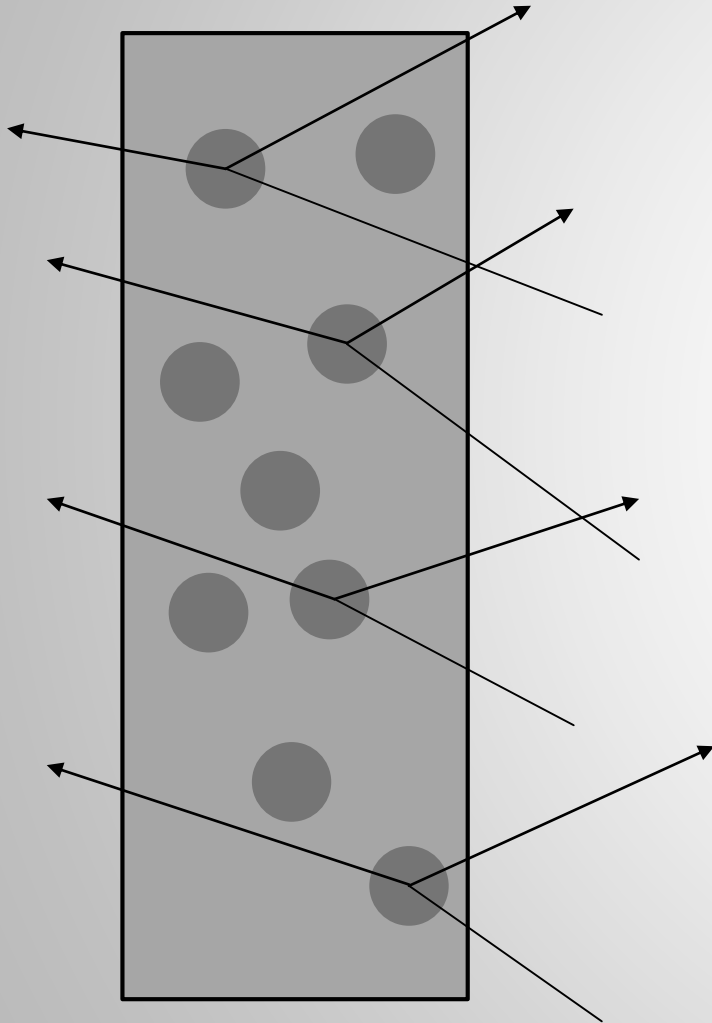
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Ordinary material



$$n = 1 + \frac{2\pi G\rho}{\omega^2}$$
$$\chi = \frac{1 - n(\omega)^2}{\kappa c^2}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$$

Peters, PRD, 1974

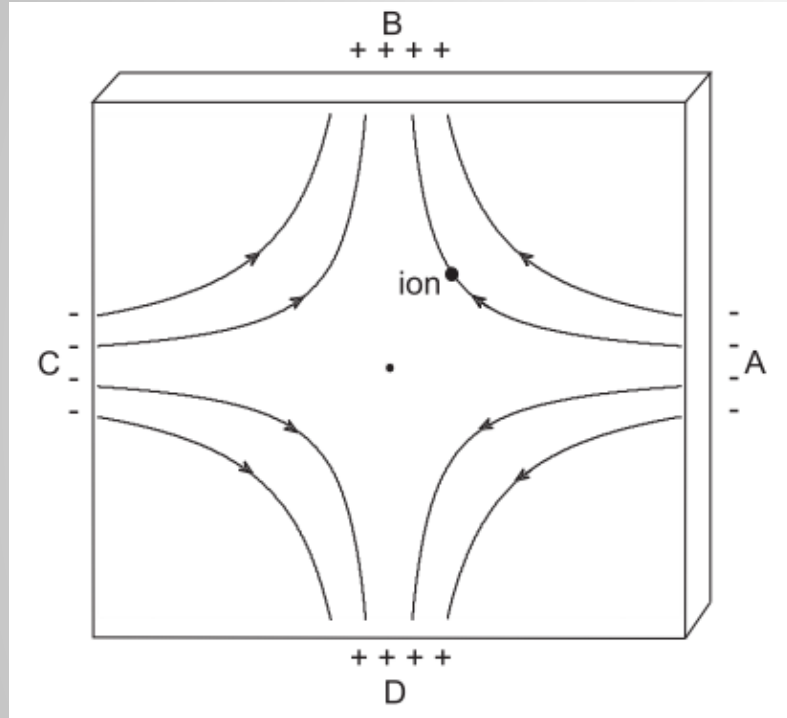
$$P(a) = -\frac{\partial E(a)}{\partial a}$$

$$O[\rho] = 10^4 \text{kg m}^{-3}$$

$$P(10^{-6}) \approx 10^{-21} \text{nPa}$$

$$O[\rho] = O\left[\frac{c^2}{G}\right] \approx 10^{27} \text{kg/m}^3$$

Superconductor



Heisenberg-Coulomb effect

Minter, Wegter-McNelly, Chiao, Physica E, 2010

$$H = \frac{(\mathbf{p} - q\mathbf{A} - m\mathbf{h})^2}{2m} + V$$

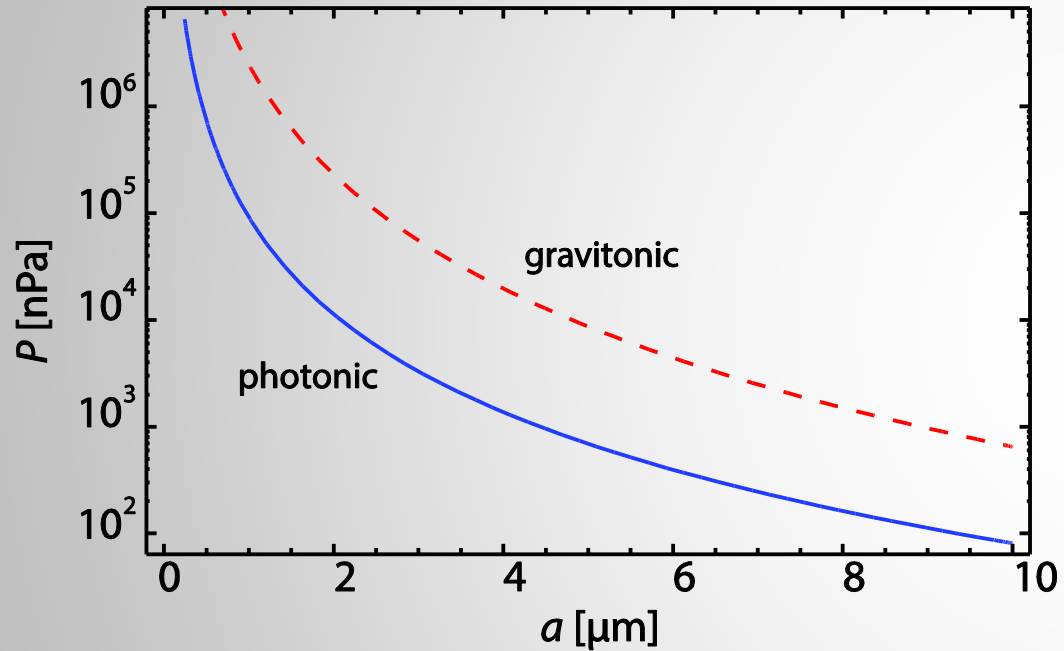
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_G &= \frac{1}{m} \operatorname{Re} \left[\psi^* \left(\frac{\hbar}{i} \nabla - q\mathbf{A} - m\mathbf{h} \right) \psi \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{m} (-q\mathbf{A} - m\mathbf{h}) \psi^* \psi \end{aligned}$$

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Superconductor



$$d = 2 \text{ nm} \quad \delta = 37 \text{ nm} \quad \lambda = 83 \text{ nm}$$

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