

Control of Casimir forces

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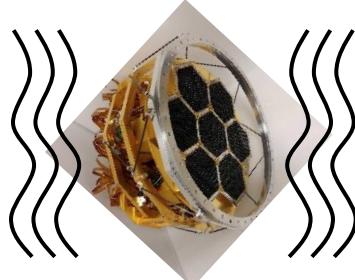
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Research scope of QUP quantum sensor cluster^{2/22}

Active vibration isolation for CMB



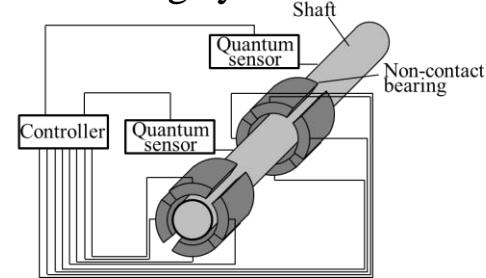
New physics search



Circuit diagnosis



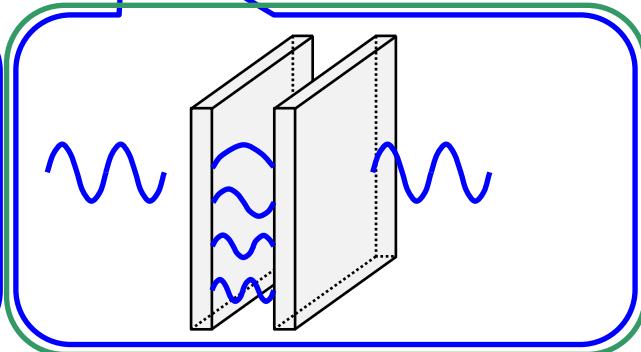
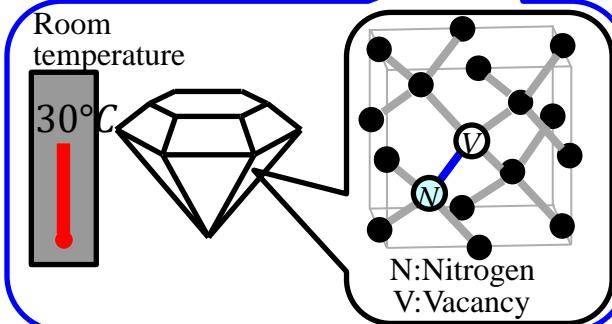
Non-contact shaft-bearing system



Particle physics/Universe

Industry/Social implementation

Casimir forces
Quantum sensors



Today's talk

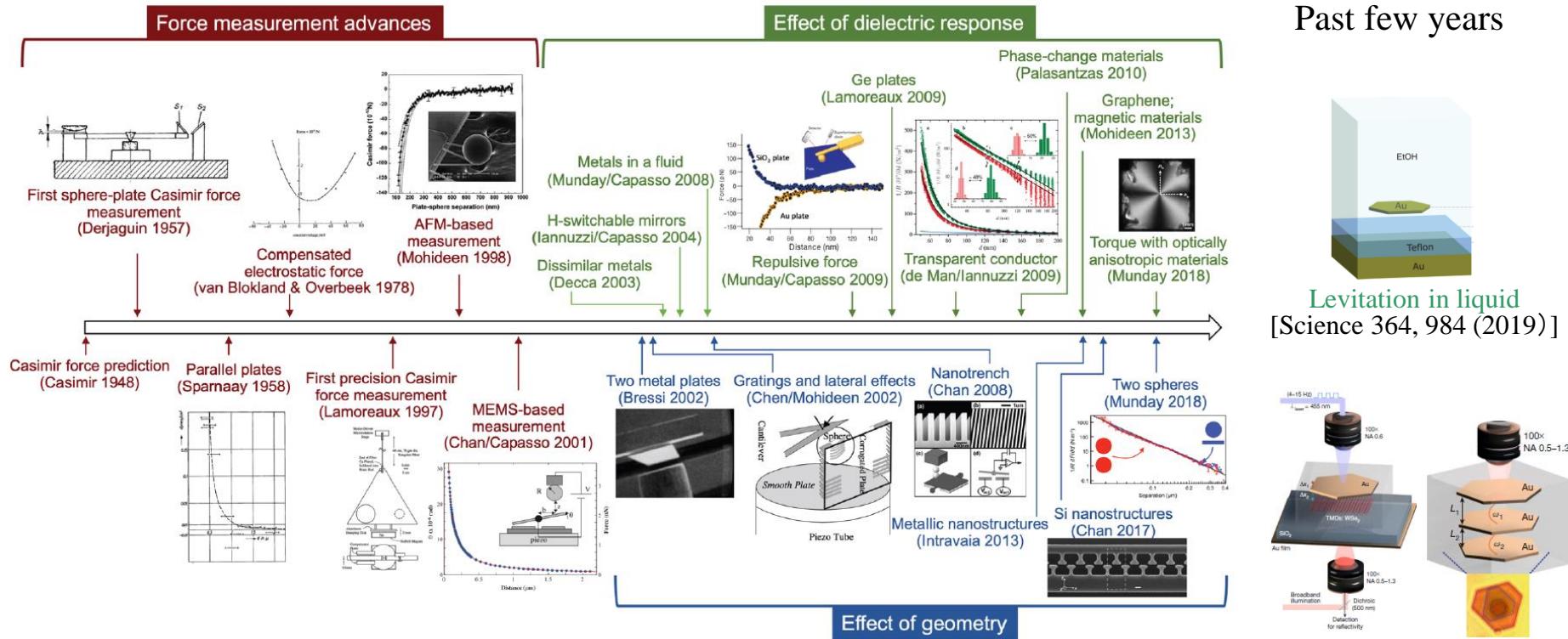
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Brief overview of Casimir forces

Symmetry of Casimir forces in wavevector space

Conclusions

History of Casimir force research



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Literature of Casimir forces towards new force research^{5/22}

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Constraining New Forces in the Casimir Regime Using the Isoelectronic Technique

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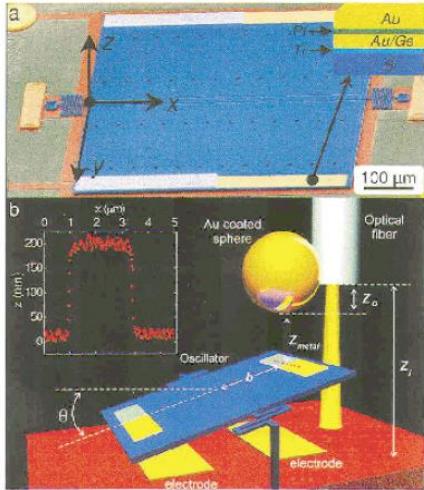


FIG. 1 (color). (a) Scanning electron microscope image of the MTO with the composite sample deposited on it. The coordinate system used in the Letter is indicated. Inset: schematic of the sample deposited on the MTO. The thickness of the different layers are (in order of deposition): $d_{\text{Ti}} = 1 \text{ nm}$, $d_{\text{Ge}} = 200 \text{ nm}$, $d_{\text{Pt}} = 1 \text{ nm}$, and $d_{\text{Au}}^p = 150 \text{ nm}$. The thickness of the layers deposited on the sphere (not shown) are: $d_{\text{Cr}} = 1 \text{ nm}$ and $d_{\text{Au}}^s = 200 \text{ nm}$. (b) Experimental setup. The red dotted line indicates where AFM line cuts were taken. Inset: AFM profile of the sample interface.

Hypothetical force difference

$$\Delta F_h = -4\pi^2 G \alpha \lambda^3 e^{-z/\lambda} R K_s K_p,$$

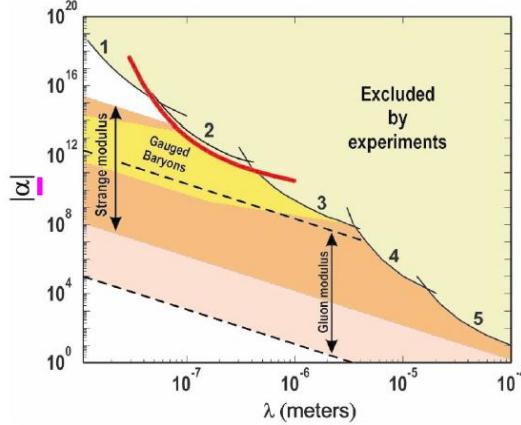


FIG. 4 (color). Values in the $\{\lambda, \alpha\}$ space excluded by experiments. The red curve represents limits obtained in this work. Curves 1 to 5 were obtained by Mohideen's group [7], our group [1], Lamoreaux [6], Kapitulnik's group [8], and Price's group [5], respectively. Also shown are theoretical predictions [21].

G : Gravitational constant

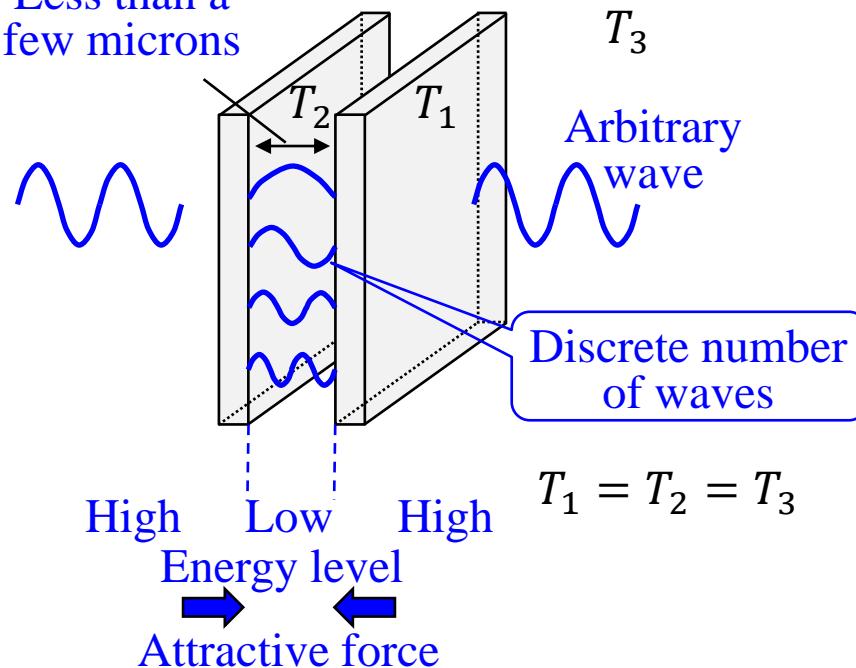
K_s, K_p : Terms relating to densities of the sphere and the plate

R : Radius of the sphere

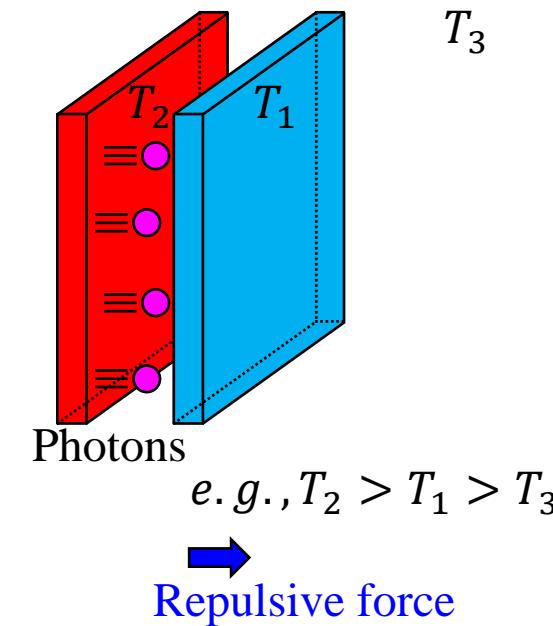
Equilibrium and non-equilibrium Casimir forces

Equilibrium Casimir force
(Attractive in vacuum)

Less than a
few microns



Non-equilibrium Casimir force
(Can be repulsive in vacuum)



Note: The plates consist of reciprocal materials.

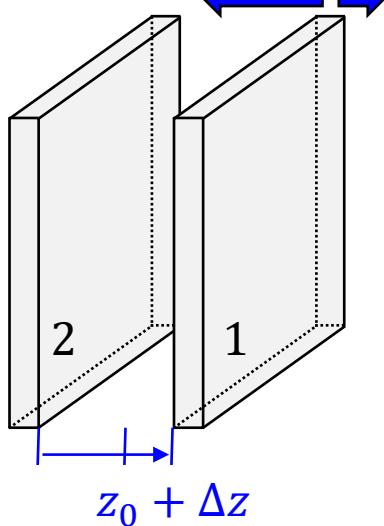
Stable and unstable Casimir force systems

When attractive and repulsive force components acting on body 1 are balanced, zero-force position can exist.

Attractive force \longleftrightarrow Repulsive force

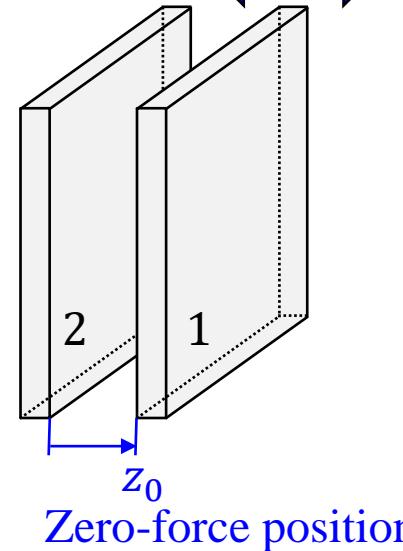
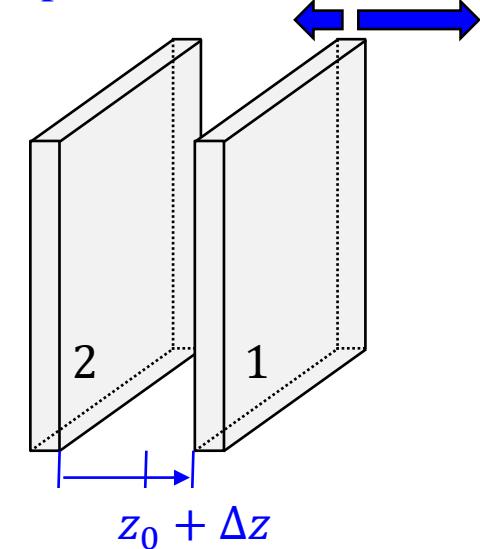
Stable

Attractive force is enhanced.



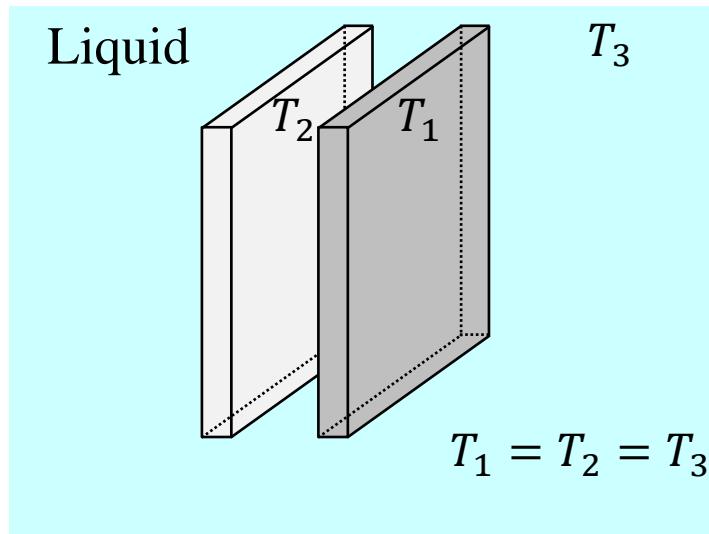
Unstable

Repulsive force is enhanced.

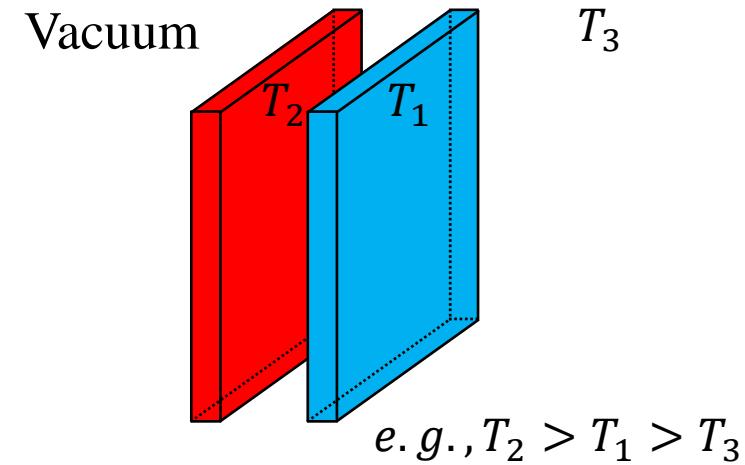


Examples of stable and unstable systems

Equilibrium Casimir force in liquid
(Can be stable)



Non-equilibrium Casimir force in vacuum
(Unstable)

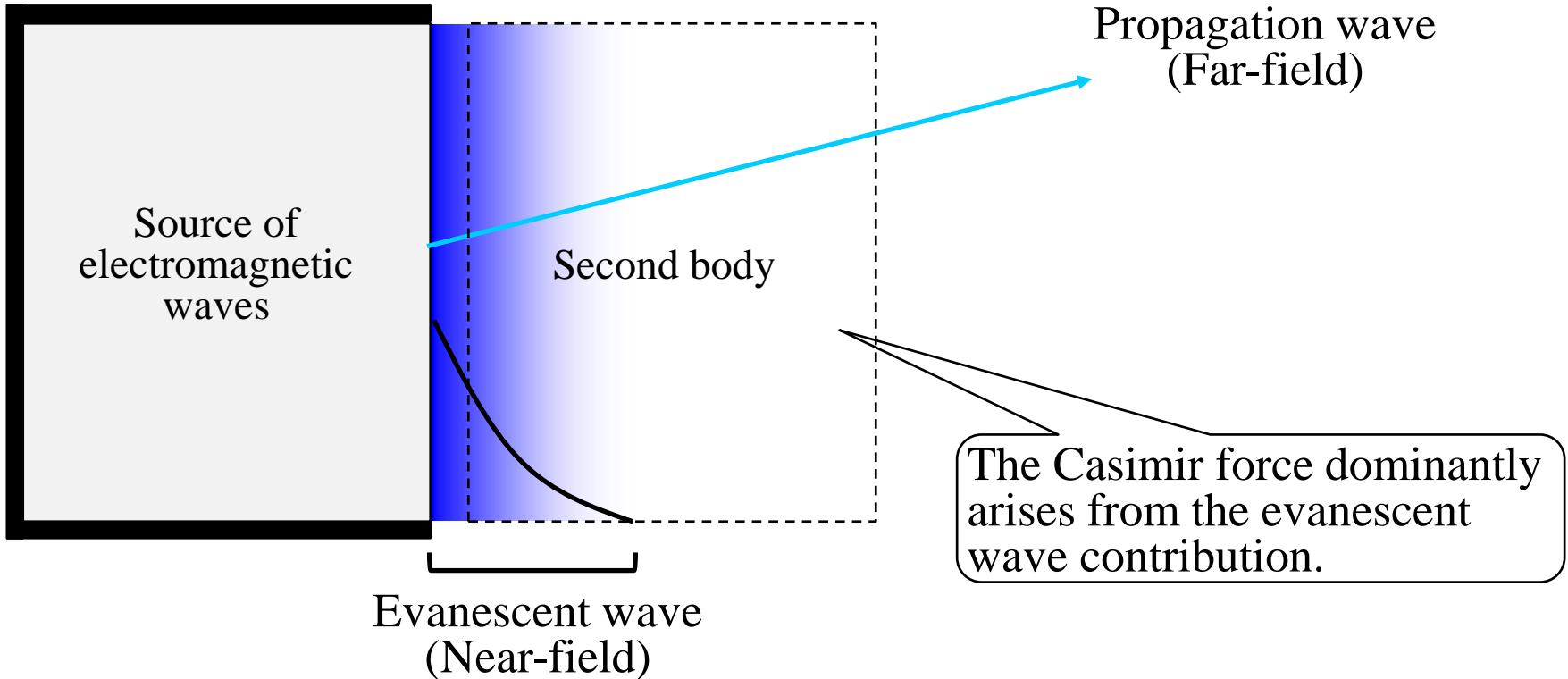


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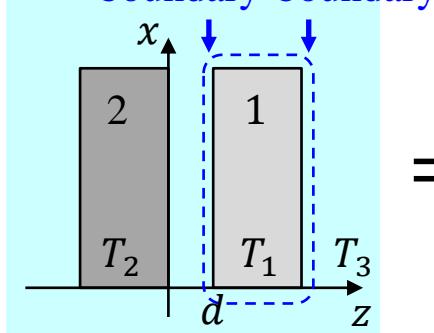
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Propagation and evanescent waves

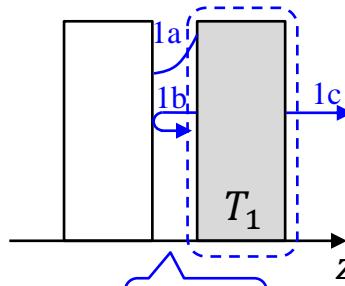
The propagation wave goes away from the electromagnetic source.
The evanescent wave stays around the electromagnetic source.



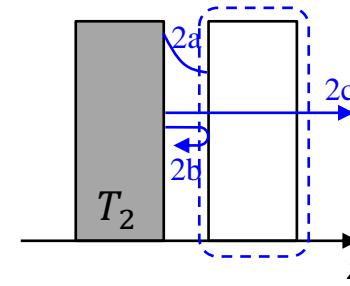
Casimir force calculation



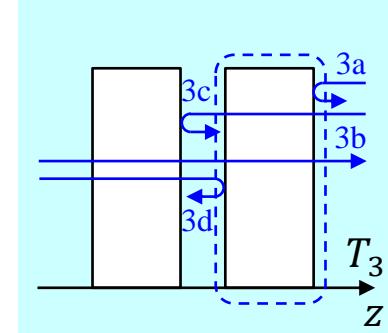
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Maxwell stress tensor

Multiple reflection

$$T_{ij} = \epsilon_0 E_i E_j + \mu_0 H_i H_j - \delta_{ij} \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_0 E^2 + \mu_0 H^2), \quad (1)$$

Casimir force acting on body 1 in the two-body system (isotropic materials)

$$F_z = \int_S \langle T_{zz} \rangle dz, \quad (2)$$

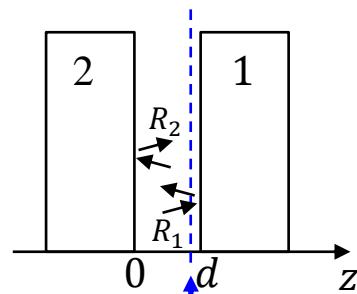
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= - \sum_{p,s} \frac{\hbar}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty d\omega \left\{ \left[n(\omega, T_1) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \underbrace{\left[\int_{k_0}^\infty k_\parallel dk_\parallel \kappa_0 \frac{\text{Im}(\tilde{r}_{01}) \text{Re}(\tilde{r}_{02}) e^{-2\kappa_0 d}}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{-2\kappa_0 d}|^2} + \int_0^{k_0} k_\parallel dk_\parallel k_{z0} \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{(1 - |\tilde{r}_{01}|^2 - |\tilde{t}_{01}|^2)(1 + |\tilde{r}_{02}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} + 1 - \left| \tilde{r}_{31} + \frac{\tilde{r}_{02}\tilde{t}_{01}^2 e^{i2k_{z0}d}}{1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}} \right|^2 - \frac{|\tilde{t}_{01}|^2(1 - |\tilde{r}_{02}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} \right) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left[n(\omega, T_2) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \left[\int_{k_0}^\infty k_\parallel dk_\parallel \kappa_0 \frac{\text{Im}(\tilde{r}_{02}) \text{Re}(\tilde{r}_{01}) e^{-2\kappa_0 d}}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{-2\kappa_0 d}|^2} + \int_0^{k_0} k_\parallel dk_\parallel k_{z0} \frac{1}{4} \left(-\frac{(1 - |\tilde{r}_{02}|^2 - |\tilde{t}_{02}|^2)(1 + |\tilde{r}_{01}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} + \frac{|\tilde{t}_{01}|^2(1 - |\tilde{r}_{02}|^2 - |\tilde{t}_{02}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} \right) \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left[n(\omega, T_3) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \int_0^{k_0} k_\parallel dk_\parallel k_{z0} \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \left| \tilde{r}_{31} + \frac{\tilde{r}_{02}\tilde{t}_{01}^2 e^{i2k_{z0}d}}{1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}} \right|^2 + \frac{|\tilde{t}_{01}|^2 |\tilde{t}_{02}|^2}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} - \frac{|\tilde{t}_{01}|^2(1 + |\tilde{r}_{02}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} - \frac{|\tilde{t}_{02}|^2(1 + |\tilde{r}_{01}|^2)}{|1 - \tilde{r}_{01}\tilde{r}_{02} e^{i2k_{z0}d}|^2} \right) \right] \right\} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

\tilde{r}_{0j} : reflection coefficient

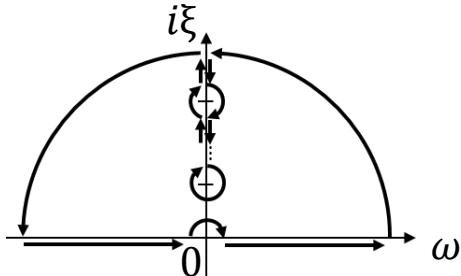
\tilde{t}_{0j} : transmission coefficient

Casimir force calculation in equilibrium

Calculations of equilibrium Casimir forces can be simplified since photon exchange is balanced at the exterior boundary. (The interior boundary is only considered.)



$$T \equiv T_1 = T_2 = T_3$$



Casimir force formula, integration along the real frequency axis

$$P_t = \sum_{j=p,s} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{k_{\parallel} dk_{\parallel}}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} 4\hbar \left[n(\omega, T) + \frac{1}{2} \right] k_z Z(\omega, \beta), \quad (11a)$$

$$Z(\omega, \beta) = \frac{R_1(\omega, \beta) R_2(\omega, \beta) e^{i2k_z d}}{1 - R_1(\omega, \beta) R_2(\omega, \beta) e^{i2k_z d}}, \quad (11b)$$

- Understanding the mechanism
- Long calculation time

Wick rotation approach, integration along the imaginary frequency axis (E.M. Lifshitz, Sov. Phys. 1956)

$$P_t = \sum_{j=p,s} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{k_{\parallel} dk_{\parallel}}{2\pi} 2k_B T \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q_{0,n} Z(i\xi_n, \beta), \quad (12a)$$

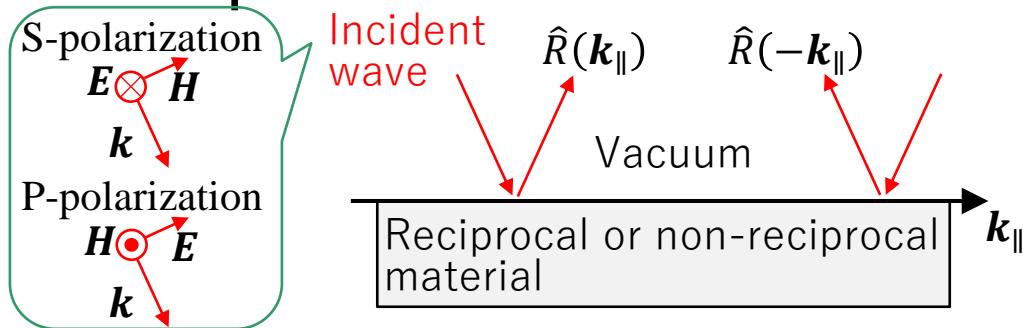
$$Z(i\xi_n, \beta) = \frac{R_1(i\xi_n, \beta) R_2(i\xi_n, \beta) e^{-2q_{0,n} d}}{1 - R_1(i\xi_n, \beta) R_2(i\xi_n, \beta) e^{-2q_{0,n} d}}, \quad (12b)$$

- Significantly reduced calculation time
- Little observation of the mechanism

Reciprocal and non-reciprocal materials

Reflection matrix

$$\hat{R}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) = \begin{bmatrix} R^{s \rightarrow s}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) & R^{p \rightarrow s}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) \\ R^{s \rightarrow p}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) & R^{p \rightarrow p}(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$



Reciprocal materials

$$\hat{R}(-\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) = \hat{\sigma}_z \hat{R}^T(\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) \hat{\sigma}_z, \quad (22)$$

$$\left(\hat{\sigma}_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Bulk
(Isotropic)



$$\hat{\epsilon}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_p & & \\ & \epsilon_p & \\ & & \epsilon_p \end{bmatrix}, \quad (23)$$

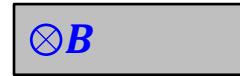
$$\hat{\epsilon}^S = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_d & \epsilon_f & \\ \epsilon_p & \epsilon_d & \\ \epsilon_f & \epsilon_d & \end{bmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

Inclined nanowires
(Anisotropic)



Non-reciprocal materials
Eq. (22) can be violated.

InSb



Magnetic Weyl
semimetals

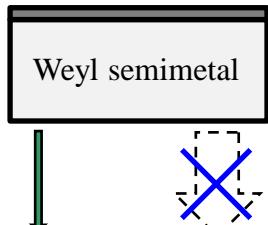


$$\hat{\epsilon}^A = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_d & i\epsilon_f & \\ \epsilon_p & \epsilon_d & \\ -i\epsilon_f & \epsilon_d & \end{bmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

Our Casimir force research

Particle physics

New force search via zero Casimir force[1]



New force Zero Casimir force



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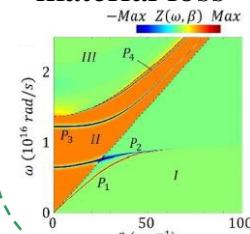
Fundamental understanding

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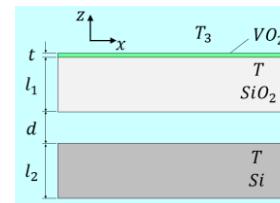
Non-reciprocal

Show detail

[3] Casimir force is insensitive to material loss

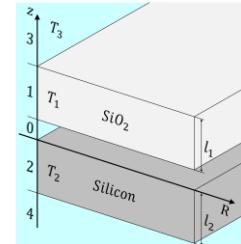


[4] Exterior control of non-equilibrium Casimir force

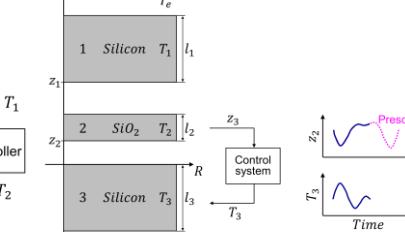


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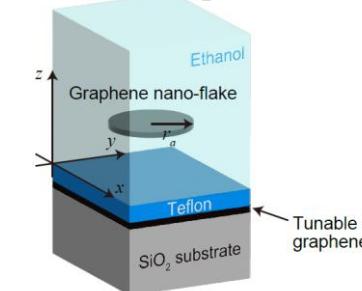
Dynamic control of Casimir forces in vacuum
Control theory[5]



Trajectory tracking[6]



Dynamic control of Casimir forces in liquid[7]



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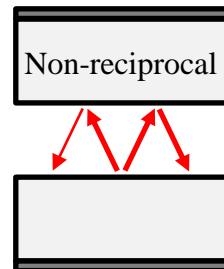
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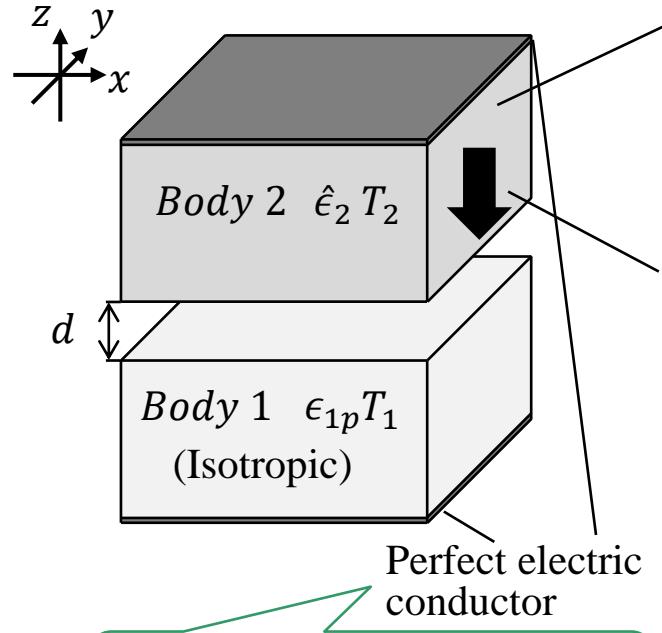
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Two-plate system

Environment $\epsilon_0 T_3$



Anisotropic reciprocal material



$$\epsilon_2^S = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_d & \epsilon_f \\ \epsilon_p & \epsilon_d \\ \epsilon_f & \epsilon_d \end{bmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

non-reciprocal material

InSb/Weyl

$$\epsilon_2^A = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_d & i\epsilon_f \\ \epsilon_p & \epsilon_d \\ -i\epsilon_f & \epsilon_d \end{bmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

Casimir pressure acting on body 2

$$F_2^Z(T_1, T_2, T_3) = \int_0^\infty d\omega \int_{-\infty}^\infty d\mathbf{k}_\parallel F_2^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_1, T_2, T_3), \quad (31)$$

$$\underline{F_2^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_1, T_2, T_3)} = -F_{1 \rightarrow 2}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_1) - F_{2 \rightarrow 1}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_2) + F_{ext,2}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_3), \quad (32)$$

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 2}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel, T_1) = \left[n(\omega, T_1) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \frac{\hbar |k_{z0}|}{8\pi^3} \underline{\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel)}, \quad (33)$$

$$\underline{\tilde{F}_{l \rightarrow m}^Z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_\parallel)} = \begin{cases} Tr \left[- \left(\hat{I} + \hat{R}_m^\dagger \hat{R}_m \right) \hat{D}_{lm} \left(\hat{I} - \hat{R}_l \hat{R}_l^\dagger \right) \hat{D}_{lm}^\dagger \right], & (k_\parallel < k_0) \\ Tr \left[-i \left(\hat{R}_m^\dagger + \hat{R}_m \right) \hat{D}_{lm} \left(\hat{R}_l - \hat{R}_l^\dagger \right) \hat{D}_{lm}^\dagger e^{-2\kappa_{z0}d} \right], & (k_\parallel > k_0) \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

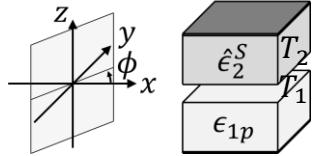
T₁ = T₂ = T₃ = T (Equilibrium) Exchange function

T₁ ≠ T₂ (Non-equilibrium)

Casimir pressure, reciprocal

Equilibrium Casimir pressure is symmetric for \mathbf{k}_{\parallel} for reciprocal systems.

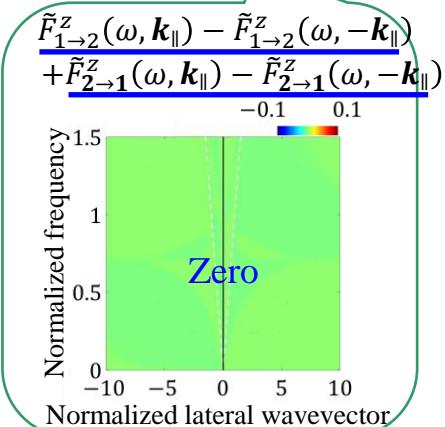
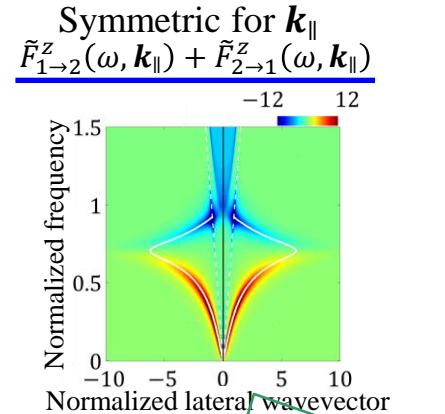
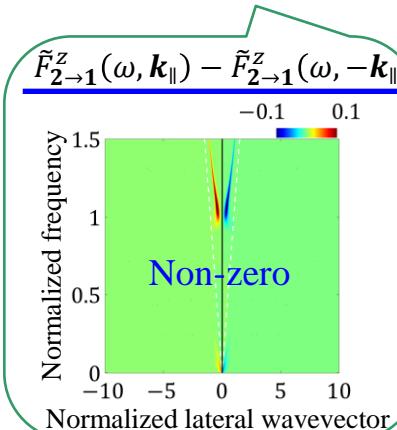
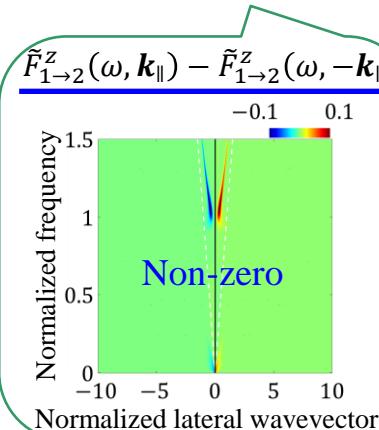
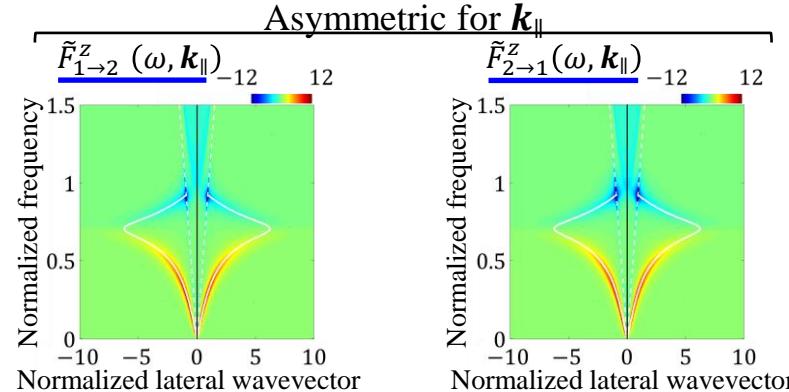
$$\tilde{F}_2^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T, T, T) = \tilde{F}_2^z(\omega, -\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T, T, T), \quad (35)$$



Casimir pressure
in $(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$ space
 $F_2^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3)$

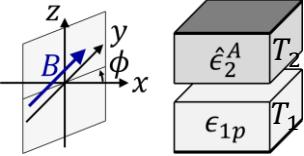
Exchange function
 $\tilde{F}_{l \rightarrow m}^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$

White lines:
Dispersion curves



Eq. (35) is not true for non-equilibrium Casimir forces. $a\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) + b\tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$

Casimir pressure, non-reciprocal



Casimir pressure
in $(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$ space
 $F_2^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3)$

Exchange function
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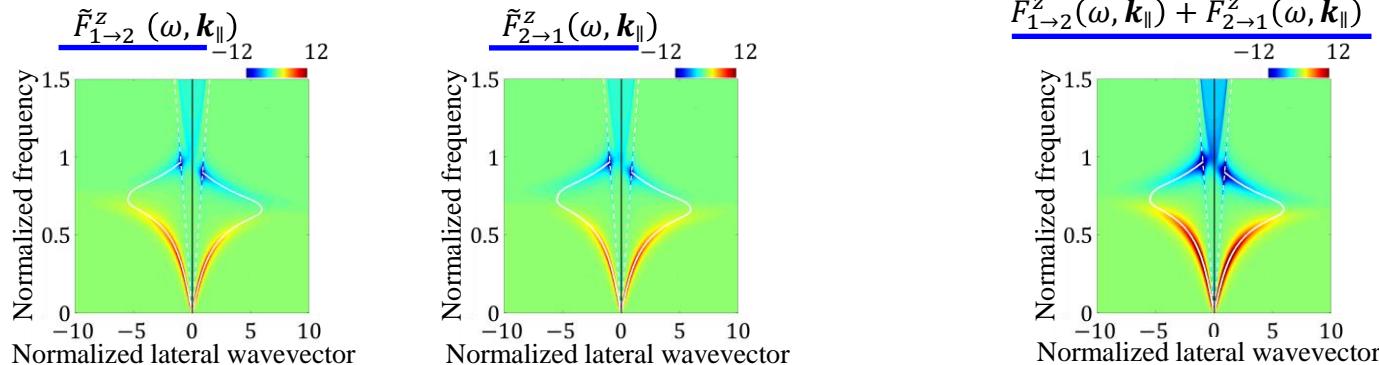
White lines:
Dispersion curves

Symmetry of the Casimir pressure for \mathbf{k}_{\parallel} is broken for non-reciprocal systems in equilibrium and non-equilibrium.

$$\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^z + \tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^z$$

$$a\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^z + b\tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^z$$

Asymmetric for \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}



The analysis of real frequency spectra will be helpful for understanding the mechanism of repulsive Casimir force in equilibrium.

Why repulsive?



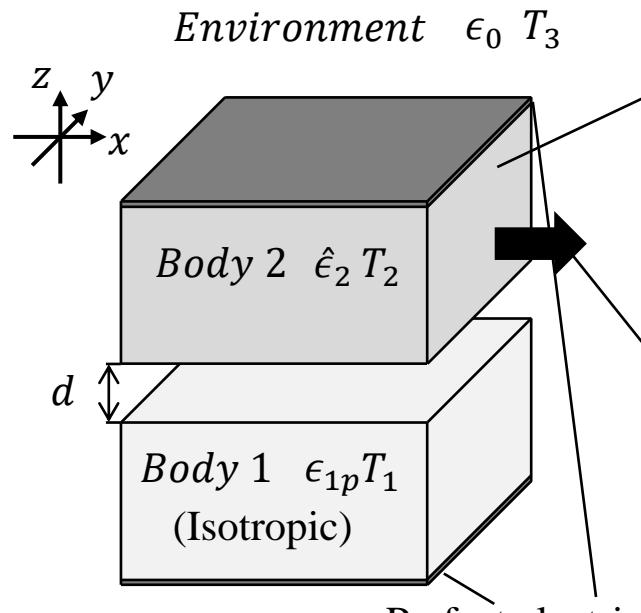
Weyl



Weyl



Casimir lateral force



No photon exchange between the two-body system and the environment.

Anisotropic reciprocal material



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$$\epsilon_2^A = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_d & i\epsilon_f \\ -i\epsilon_f & \epsilon_d \end{bmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

Casimir lateral force acting on body 2

$$\mathbf{F}_2^{\parallel}(T_1, T_2) = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\mathbf{k}_{\parallel} \underline{\mathbf{F}_2^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2)}, \quad (41)$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}_2^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2)} = -\mathbf{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1) - \mathbf{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_2), \quad (42)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1) = \left[n(\omega, T_1) + \frac{1}{2} \right] \frac{\hbar \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}}{8\pi^3} \underline{\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})}, \quad (43)$$

$$\tilde{F}_{l \rightarrow m}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}) = \begin{cases} Tr \left[(-1)^l \left(\hat{I} - \hat{R}_m^\dagger \hat{R}_m \right) \hat{D}_{lm} \left(\hat{I} - \hat{R}_l \hat{R}_l^\dagger \right) \hat{D}_{lm}^\dagger \right], & (k_{\parallel} < k_0) \\ Tr \left[(-1)^l \left(\hat{R}_m^\dagger - \hat{R}_m \right) \hat{D}_{lm} \left(\hat{R}_l - \hat{R}_l^\dagger \right) \hat{D}_{lm}^\dagger e^{-2\kappa_{z0}d} \right], & (k_{\parallel} > k_0) \end{cases}, \quad (44)$$

$T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = T$ (Equilibrium)
 $T_1 \neq T_2$ (Non-equilibrium)

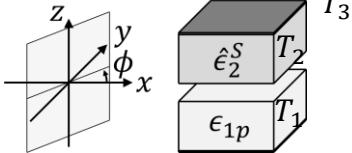
Exchange function

Casimir lateral force, reciprocal

Casimir lateral force is symmetric for reciprocal systems in equilibrium and non-equilibrium.

$$F_2^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2) = -F_2^{\parallel}(\omega, -\mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2), \quad (45)$$

Symmetric for \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}

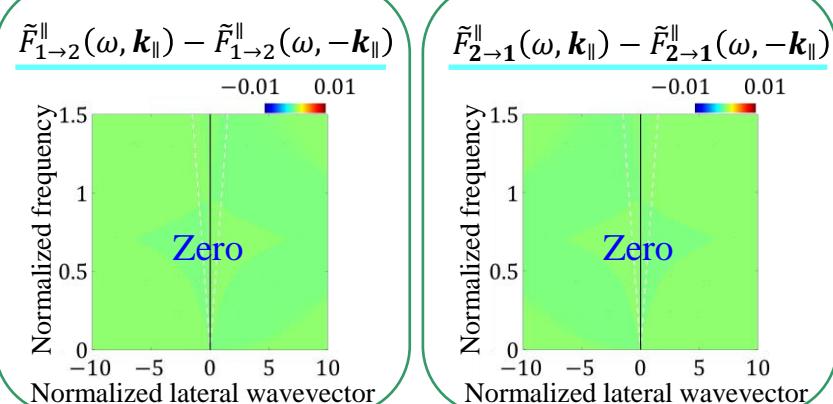
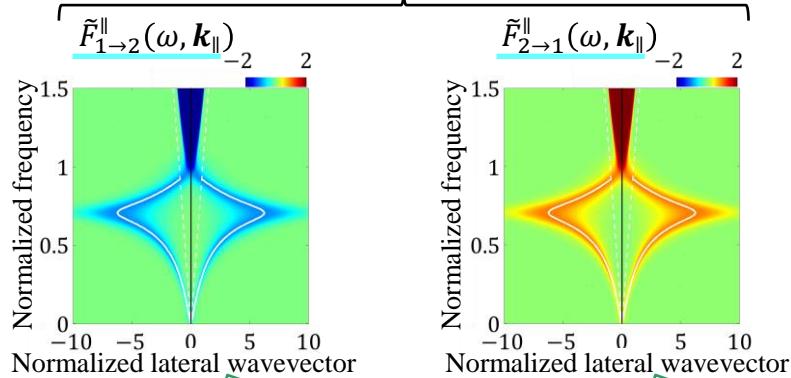


Casimir lateral force
in $(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$ space

$$F_2^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3)$$

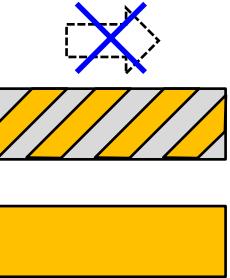
Exchange function
 $\tilde{F}_{l \rightarrow m}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$

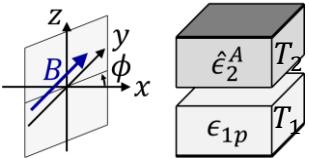
White lines:
Dispersion curves



$$\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel} + \tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{\parallel} \quad a\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel} + b\tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{\parallel}$$

Lateral force does not occur in equilibrium and nonequilibrium for reciprocal systems.





Casimir lateral force
in $(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$ space
 $F_{\parallel}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3)$

Exchange function
 $\tilde{F}_{l \rightarrow m}^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel})$

White lines:
Dispersion curves

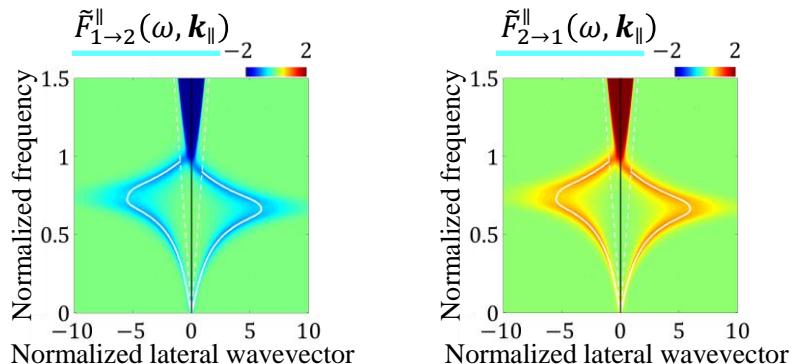
T₃ Casimir lateral force, non-reciprocal

Symmetry of the Casimir lateral force is broken for non-reciprocal systems in equilibrium and non-equilibrium.

$$\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel} + \tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{\parallel} \quad a\tilde{F}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{\parallel} + b\tilde{F}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{\parallel}$$

Cancelled out

Asymmetric for \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}



Lateral force occurs in non-equilibrium
for non-reciprocal systems.



InSb/Weyl

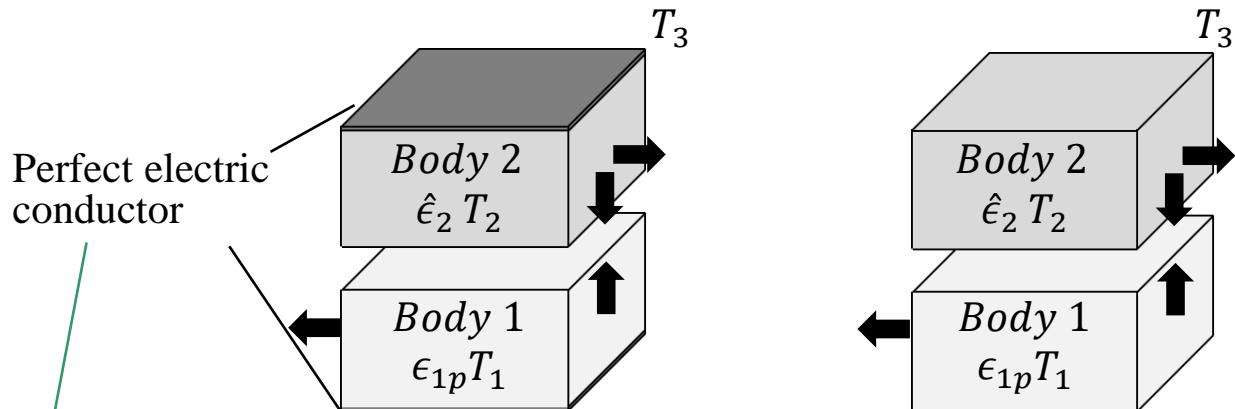


Newton's third law

Newton's third law holds for every frequency and wavevector, as long as no exchange of photons occurs between the two-body system and the environment.

$$\text{Casimir pressure: } \underline{F_1^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3) = -F_2^z(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2, T_3)}$$

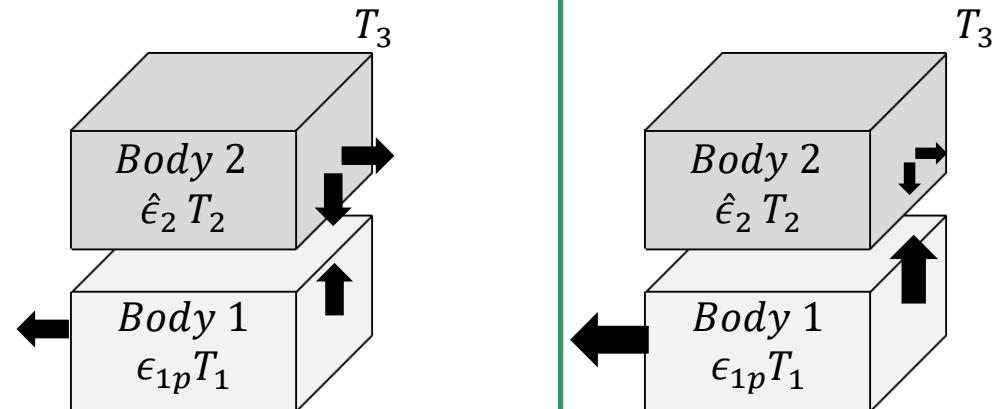
$$\text{Casimir lateral force: } \underline{F_1^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2) = -F_2^{\parallel}(\omega, \mathbf{k}_{\parallel}, T_1, T_2)}$$



Equilibrium ($T_1 = T_2 = T_3$) and
non-equilibrium ($T_1 \neq T_2$)

No exchange of photons

Newton's third law does not hold.



Equilibrium ($T_1 = T_2 = T_3$)

Non-equilibrium
($T_1 \neq T_3$ or $T_2 \neq T_3$)

Exchange of photons

The above is true for both reciprocal $\hat{\epsilon}_2 = \hat{\epsilon}_2^S$ and non-reciprocal $\hat{\epsilon}_2 = \hat{\epsilon}_2^A$ materials.

Conclusions

A brief overview of Casimir forces was presented.

Symmetry of Casimir forces in wavevector space was discussed. This understanding is helpful for investigating Casimir forces using Weyl semimetals.

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