

Linear and angular momentum of the quantum vacuum



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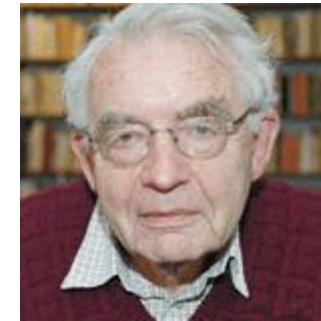
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Casimir energy



1. Isotropic radiation with power spectrum ω^3 is Lorentz-invariant (Einstein, 1917);
2. Van der Waals force $1/r^6$ (London, 1930)
3. Relation to Cosmological constant (Pauli, 1934, Davies, 1984)
4. Casimir Polder Force $1/r^7$ (1947)
5. Attraction between metallic plates (Casimir, 1948) [comments](#)
6. Lifshitz theory for dielectric media (Lifshitz, 1956, Dzyaloshinskii 1961)
7. Observation of Casimir effect (Spohnay, 1958,
Lamoureux (5%), 1997), Chan et al, (1%), 2001)
8. Unruh effect & Hawking radiation (Hawking 1974, Unruh 1976)
9. Sonoluminescence (Schwinger, 1993, Eberlein, 1996) [comments!](#)
10. Quantum friction and sheering the quantum vacuum (Pendry, 1998),
[comments!](#)
11. Casimir momentum in magneto-electric media (Feigel, 2004). [Comments!](#)
12. Casimir momentum of magneto-chiral media (Donaire, BVT, 2015)

Photons in Homogeneous media

Photons interact with a magnetic field (T)

$$n^2 \frac{\omega(\mathbf{k}, \sigma, \mathbf{B})^2}{c_0^2} = (\mathbf{k} + \sigma V \mathbf{B})^2 \quad \text{Faraday effect (1846)}$$

Photons are bent by a magnetic field

$$\mathbf{v}_G = \frac{c_0}{n} \left(\hat{\mathbf{k}} + \sigma \frac{V}{k} \mathbf{B} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Landau \& Lifshitz ECM exercice} \\ \text{Rikken \& Van Tiggelen (1997).} \end{array}$$

Photons probe chirality of matter (P)

$$n^2 \frac{\omega(\mathbf{k}, \sigma)^2}{c_0^2} = (1 + \sigma g) \mathbf{k}^2 \quad \text{Rotatory power (1811)}$$

Photons probe magneto-chirality (PT)

$$n^2 \frac{\omega(\mathbf{k}, \sigma, \mathbf{B})^2}{c_0^2} = (\mathbf{k} + V g \mathbf{B})^2$$

Magneto-chiral effect. Pasteur, 1884.....
Groenewege, Mol. Phys. (1962)
Kleindienst \& Wagnière, CPL 288 (1998)
Rikken \& Raupach, Nature (1997)



Photons in Bi-anisotropic Media

$$\mathbf{D}(\omega) = \epsilon(\omega)\mathbf{E}(\omega) + \mathbf{g}(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{B}(\omega)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\omega) = \mathbf{g}^T(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega) + \mu(\omega)^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\omega)$$

$$g_{ij}(\omega) = i\omega g\delta_{ij}$$

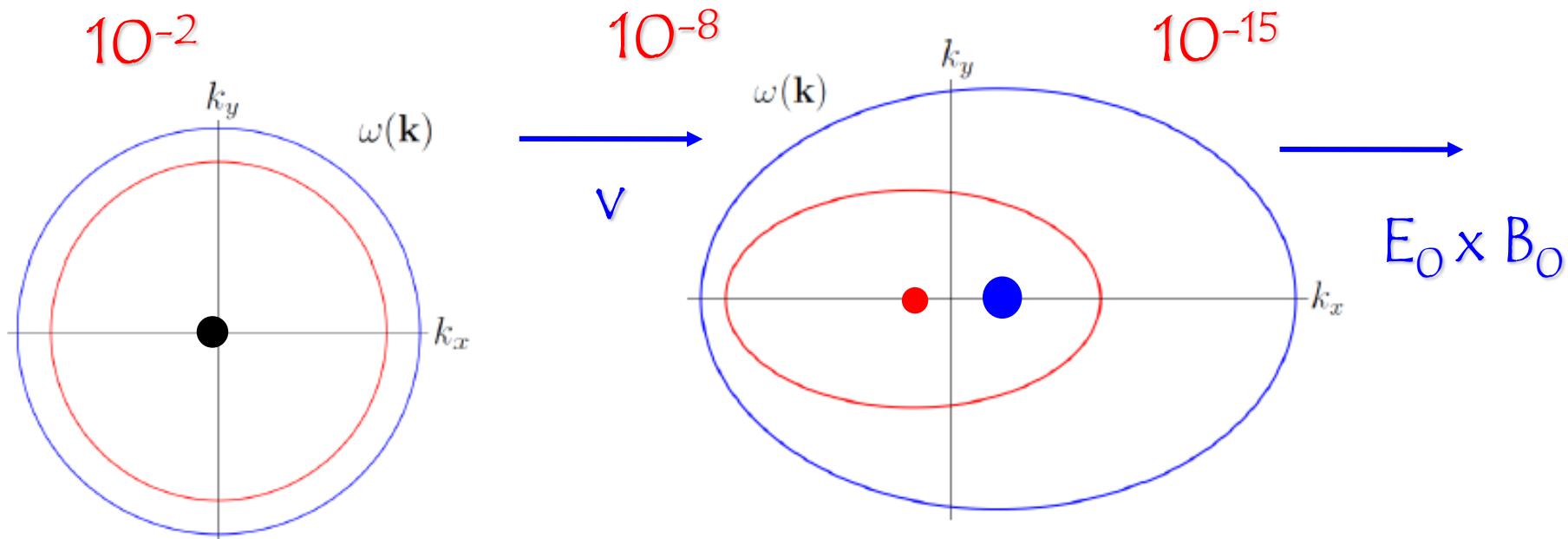
Rotatory power

$$g_{ij}(\omega) = (1 - \epsilon) \epsilon_{ijl} \frac{\nu_l}{c_0}$$

Fizeau effect

$$g_{ij}(\omega) = g (E_i^0 B_j^0 - B_i^0 E_j^0)$$

Magneto-electric birefringence



Quantum Vacuum Contribution to the Momentum of Dielectric Media

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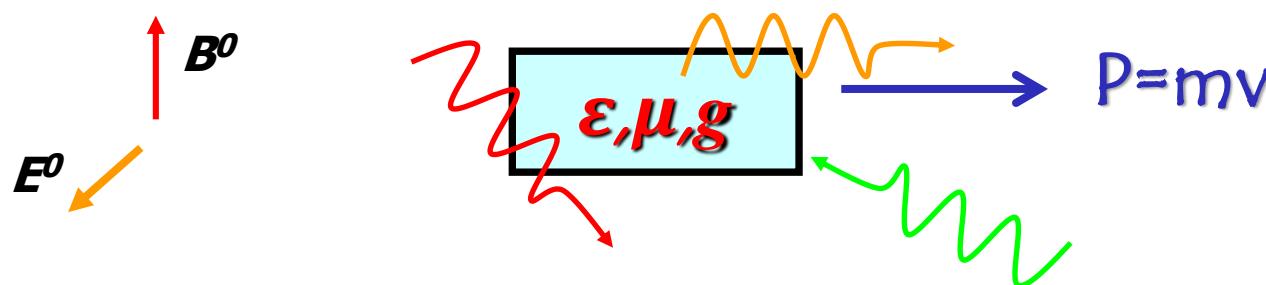
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Momentum transfer between matter and electromagnetic field is analyzed. The related equations of motion and conservation laws are derived using relativistic formalism. Their correspondence to various, at first sight self-contradicting, experimental data (the so-called Abraham-Minkowski controversy) is demonstrated. A new, Casimir-like, quantum phenomenon is predicted: contribution of vacuum fluctuations to the motion of dielectric liquids in crossed electric and magnetic fields. Velocities of about 50 nm/s can be expected due to the contribution of high frequency vacuum modes. The proposed phenomenon could be used in the future as an investigating tool for zero fluctuations. Other possible applications lie in fields of microfluidics or precise positioning of micro-objects, e.g., cold atoms or molecules.

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Photons in EM Semi-classical quantum vacuum

force on particle	dispersive force	Abraham force
$\partial_t(\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = +P_m \nabla E_m + M_m \nabla B_m + \frac{1}{c_0} \partial_t(\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{B})$	$+P_m \nabla E_m + M_m \nabla B_m + \frac{1}{c_0} \partial_t(\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{B})$	$\frac{1}{c_0} \partial_t(\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{B})$
$\frac{1}{4\pi c_0} \partial_t(\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T} = -P_m \nabla E_m - M_m \nabla B_m - \frac{1}{c_0} \partial_t(\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{B})$		
$\partial_t \left(M \mathbf{v} + \frac{1}{4\pi c_0} \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \right) + \int d^2 \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{T}_0 = 0$		
force on particle	EM momentum	radiative force

$$\langle 0 | \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{4\pi c_0} | 0 \rangle \propto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{c_0} \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k \times g(\omega) \mathbf{E}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0 & = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\hbar \omega_c^4}{\pi^3 c_0^4} g \mathbf{E}_0 \times \mathbf{B}_0 \\ \frac{1}{c_0} \int d^3 \mathbf{k} \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k \times [\epsilon(\omega) - 1] \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c_0} & = \rho_{casi} \mathbf{v} \end{cases}$$

Observation of the Abraham Force

Ex: Helium

$$EO=450 \text{ V/mm}; BO=1 \text{ T}$$

$$\alpha(0)=0.22 \cdot 10^{-40} \text{ Cm}^2/\text{V} \quad (16.6a_0^3)$$

$$\rho=0.17 \text{ kg/m}^3 \text{ (room } T\text{)}$$

$$g=0.017 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ m/VT}$$

(SI units)

$$v_{\text{abr}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \alpha(0) EB}{2m_p} \approx 0.3 \text{ nm/sec}$$

Classical Abraham
Force

$$F_{\text{abr}} \approx 7 \cdot 10^{-32} \text{ N}$$

$$v_{\text{Feigel}} = \frac{\pi}{4} \frac{h}{\rho \lambda_c^4} gEB \approx 0.02 \text{ nm/sec}$$

Semi-classical QED with cut-off
0.1 nm (Feigel)

$$v_{QED} \propto v_{\text{abr}} \times (\cancel{Z?} a)^2 \approx 0.001 \text{ nm/sec}$$

Rigorous QED (Kawka, 2012)



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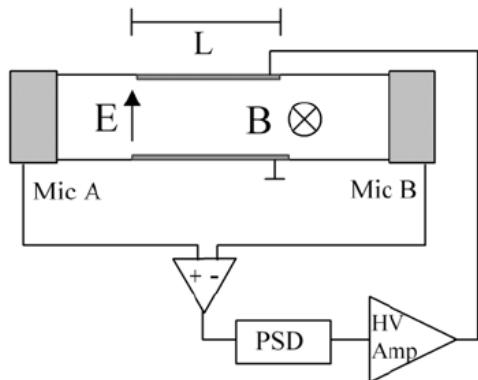
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$$\frac{dp}{dt} = \alpha(0) \frac{dE}{dt} \times \mathbf{B} \quad \text{Abraham force}$$

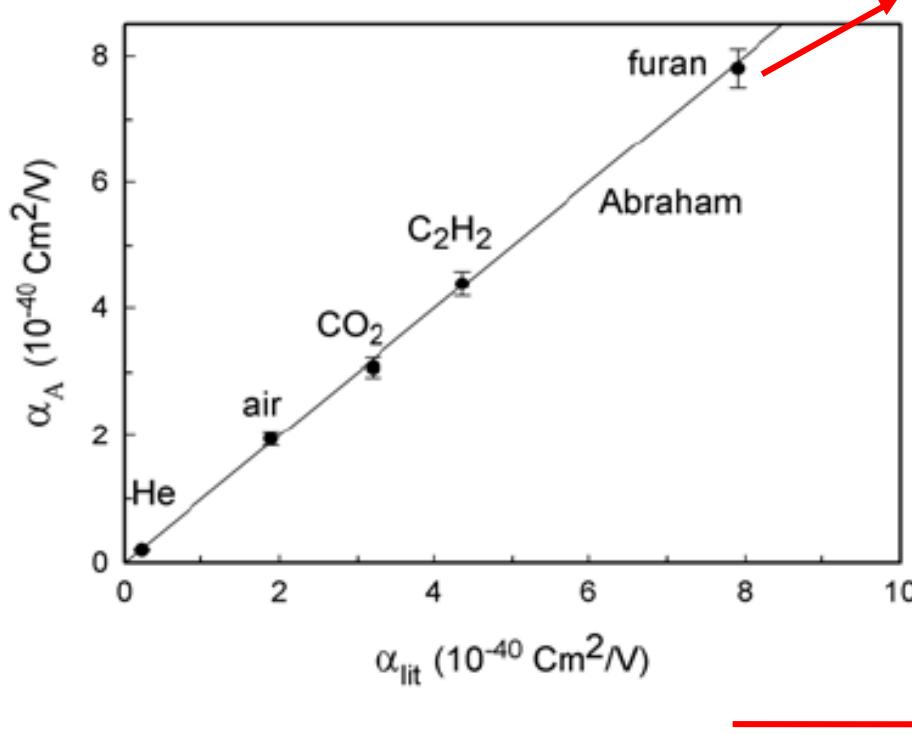
Acoustic
pressure

$$P(\omega) = P_0 + \alpha(0) \times E \times B \times \omega \times \cos \omega t \times n \times L$$



$\delta P/(EB)$

$V = 8 \text{ nm/sec} \pm 0.8$
Feigel correction: 2 nm/sec
Excluded by errorbars



$E = 450 \text{ V/mm};$
 $B = 1 \text{ T};$
 $f = 7.6 \text{ kHz}$

$\alpha(0)$

Photons in Heterogeneous, chiral media

I call any geometrical figure, or group of points, chiral, and say it has chirality, if its image in a plane mirror, ideally realized, cannot be brought to coincide with itself

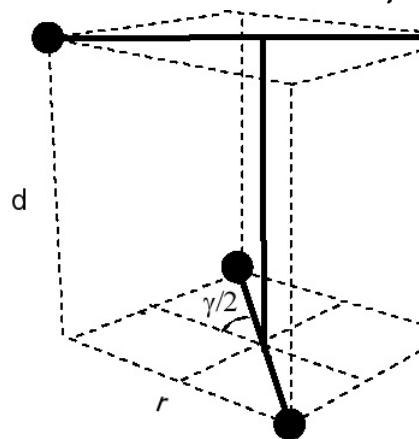
Lord Kelvin, 1904

Chirality is quantified by a rotationally invariant pseudo-scalar

$$g(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots) = -g(-\mathbf{r}_1, -\mathbf{r}_2, -\mathbf{r}_3, \dots) = g(R\mathbf{r}_1, R\mathbf{r}_2, R\mathbf{r}_3, \dots)$$

Harris, Kamien & Lubensky, 1999

Twisted H



$$g = r^2 d \sin(2\gamma)$$

Photons in Heterogeneous, magnetochiral media

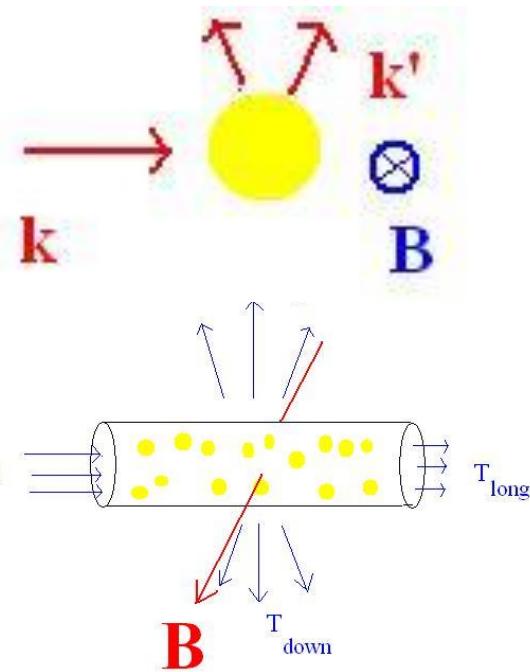
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', g, \mathbf{B}) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-\mathbf{k}', -\mathbf{k}, g, -\mathbf{B}) = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(-\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}', -g, \mathbf{B})$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = F_0(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}') + V F_H(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}') \det(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}') + V F_{MC}(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}') \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}')$$

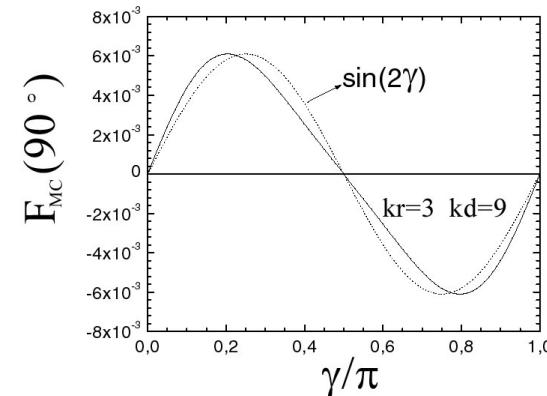
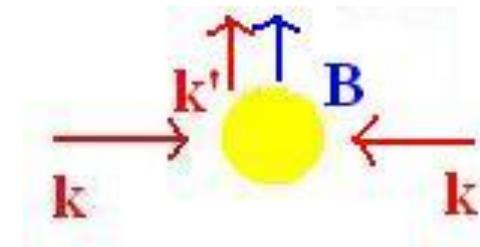
Mie scattering
1908



Photon Hall Effect:
Rikken BVT 1996



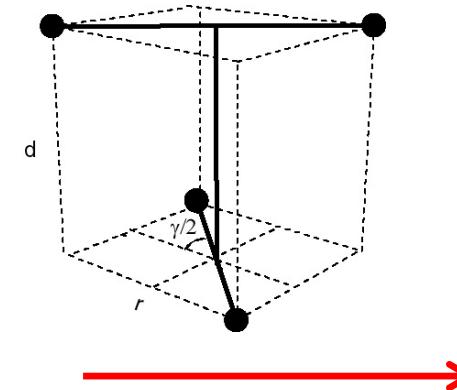
Magneto-chiral super-current:
never observed



Photons in semi-classical quantum vacuum

$$\langle 0 | \mathbf{E}_a(x', \omega') \mathbf{E}_b^\dagger(x, \omega) | 0 \rangle = \frac{\hbar\omega^2}{2i\pi c^2 \epsilon_0} \delta(\omega' - \omega)$$

$$\times (\mathbf{G}_{ab}(x', x | \omega) - \mathbf{G}_{ba}(x, x' | \omega)^*),$$



an electromagnetic "London" super current ? B

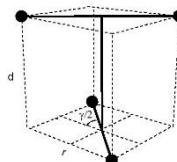
$$J = q\rho A \Rightarrow \langle 0 | \mathbf{S} | 0 \rangle \sim gV\varepsilon \mathbf{B} ?$$

Photons in semi-classical quantum vacuum

(partially) unproven theorem:

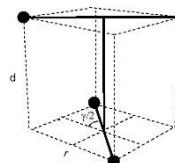
$$FDT \Rightarrow \langle 0 | \int d^3r \, E \times H | 0 \rangle = 0$$

twisted electric dipoles



$$P_{EM} = \left\langle 0 \left| \frac{1}{4\pi c_0} \int d^3r \, E \times B \right| 0 \right\rangle = 0 \text{ because } B=H$$

twisted magnetic dipoles



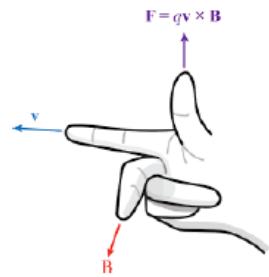
$$P_{EM} \sim \hbar V B \frac{\chi(0)^5}{(k_0 L)^{14}} \sin(2\gamma)$$

finite & nonzero

negligible



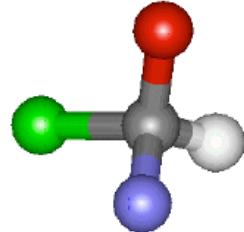
Casimir momentum in QED



$$F = q(E + v \times B)$$
 Lorentz force



$$F = \alpha(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (E \times B)$$
 Abraham force



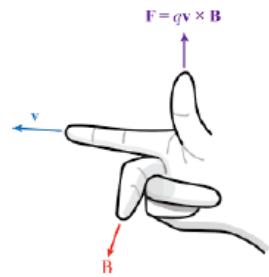
$$F = e \frac{\beta(0)}{\alpha(0)} \frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$
 NO Maxwell

$$F = - \left(\frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \right)^2 \alpha(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (E \times B)$$

$$F = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t}$$

Yes Feynman !

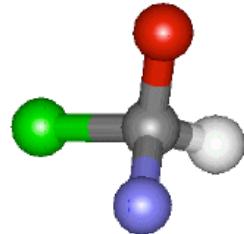
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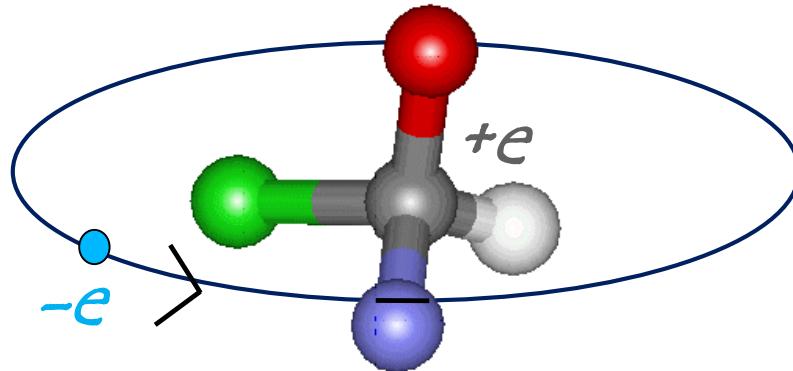
Magneto-chiral Casimir momentum in QED

A chiral group + chromophoric electron bound anisotropically
+ magnetic field + quantum vacuum beyond ED approximation

$$H_0 = \sum_{i=e,N} \frac{1}{2m_i} [\mathbf{p}_i - q_i \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{r}_i)]^2 + V^{HO} + V_C, \quad (1)$$

$$H_{EM} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \epsilon} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{k}} (a_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int d^3r \mathbf{B}_0^2, \quad (2)$$

$$W = \sum_{i=e,N} \frac{-q_i}{m_i} [\mathbf{p}_i - q_i \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{r}_i)] \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_i) + \frac{q_i^2}{2m_i} \mathbf{A}^2(\mathbf{r}_i).$$



$$V_C = C \hat{\mathbf{x}} \hat{\mathbf{y}} \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$V^{HO} = \frac{\mu}{2} (\omega_x^2 x^2 + \omega_y^2 y^2 + \omega_z^2 z^2)$$

Momentum of Quantum Vacuum

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\tilde{\Psi}_0\rangle &= \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{i\mathbf{Q}n} \frac{|W_{i\mathbf{Q}n,0\mathbf{Q}_00}|^2}{(E_{0\mathbf{Q}_00} - E_{i\mathbf{Q}n})^2} \right] |0\mathbf{Q}_0\{0\}\rangle \\
 &+ \sum'_{i\mathbf{Q}n} \frac{W_{i\mathbf{Q}n,0\mathbf{Q}_00}}{E_{0\mathbf{Q}_00} - E_{i\mathbf{Q}n}} |i\mathbf{Q}n\rangle \quad \frac{8\pi e^2 \hbar}{3 c_0} \sum_k \frac{1}{k} \frac{1}{\hbar\omega_k + \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m} = \delta m \\
 &+ \sum'_{i\mathbf{Q}n} \sum'_{i'\mathbf{Q}'n'} \frac{W_{i\mathbf{Q}n,i'\mathbf{Q}'n'} W_{i'\mathbf{Q}'n',0\mathbf{Q}_00}}{(E_{0\mathbf{Q}_00} - E_{i\mathbf{Q}n})(E_{0\mathbf{Q}_00} - E_{i'\mathbf{Q}'n'})} |i\mathbf{Q}n\rangle \\
 &- W_{0\mathbf{Q}_00,0\mathbf{Q}_00} \sum'_{i\mathbf{Q}n} \frac{W_{i\mathbf{Q}n,0\mathbf{Q}_00}}{(E_{0\mathbf{Q}_00} - E_{i\mathbf{Q}n})^2} \rangle |i\mathbf{Q}n\rangle \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Magneto-chiral Casimir momentum in QED

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$$K = \underset{\substack{\text{kinetic} \\ \text{momentum}}}{P_{kin}} + eB_0 \times \underset{\substack{\text{Longitudinal Casimir} \\ \text{momentum}}}{r_{Ne}} + eA(r_N) - eA(r_e) + \sum_{kg} \hbar k \ a_{kg}^* a_{kg}$$

Conserved Pseudo momentum *Abraham momentum* *Transverse Casimir momentum*

$$\langle 0 | P_{kin} | 0 \rangle = \frac{2\alpha}{9\pi} \left[\text{Log} \left(\frac{m_N}{m_e} \right) + 1 \right] \frac{\beta(0)}{\alpha(0)} eB_0$$

C₈H₁₈O: 0.06 nm/sec/Tesla

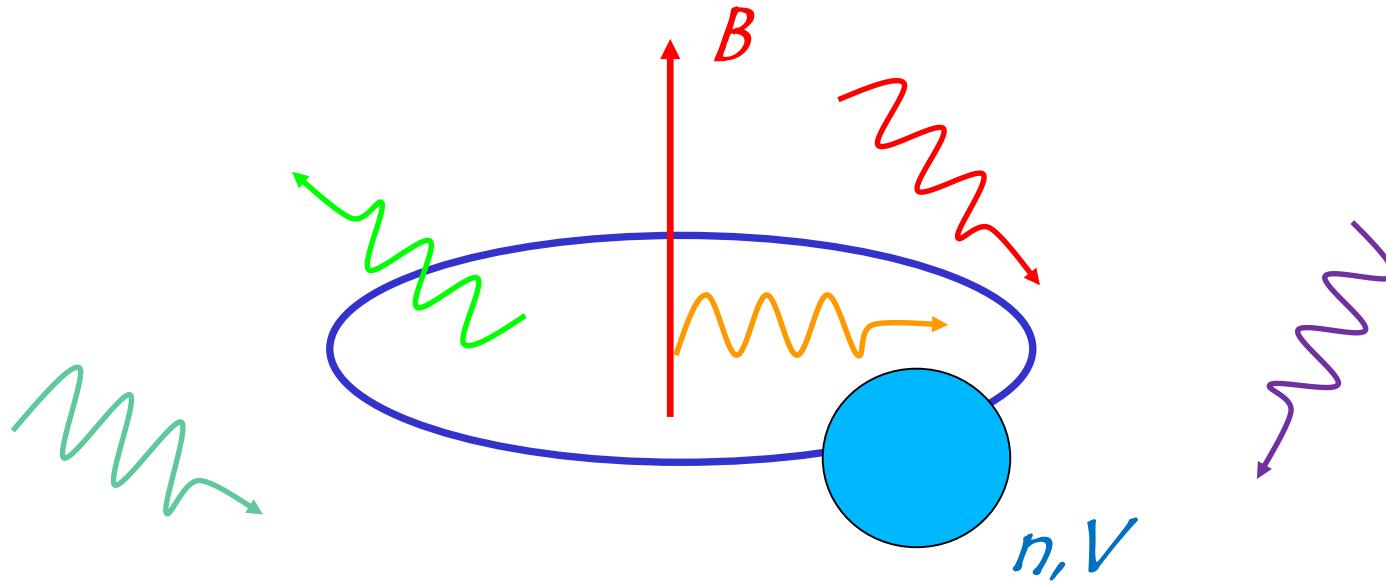


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Angular Momentum of Quantum Vacuum

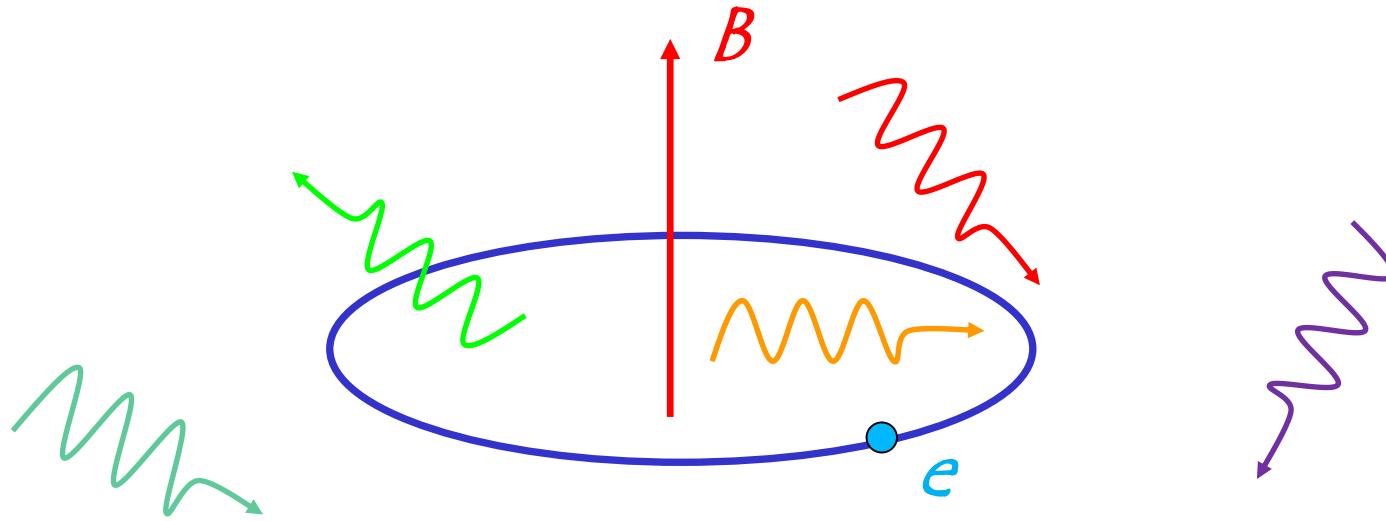


Momentum of Quantum Vacuum Conclusions and outlook



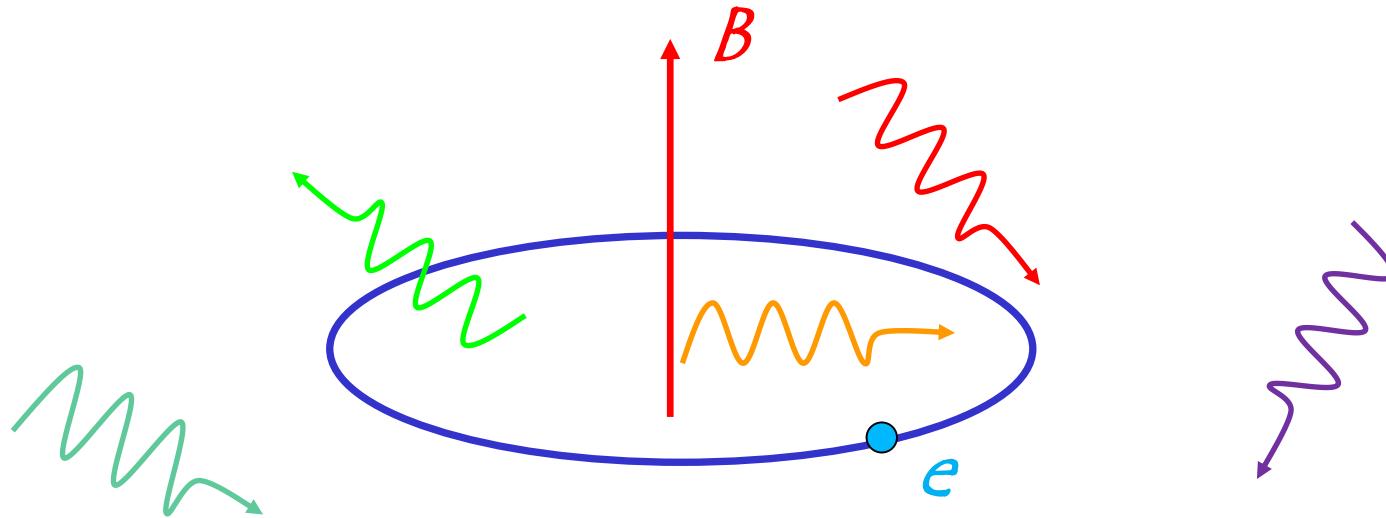
- Quantum vacuum possesses momentum and angular momentum in presence of chirality and magnetic fields
- Non-zero but small .
- Semi-classical approaches are inadequate
 - Unable to absorb UV divergencies
 - Unable to include « longitudinal » momentum of gauge field
 - Unable to cope with recoil induced by vacuum photons
- Quid cavity QED? Quid excited states?

Angular Momentum of Quantum Vacuum



classically $L_z + \frac{e}{2\pi c_0} \Phi = \text{conserved}$

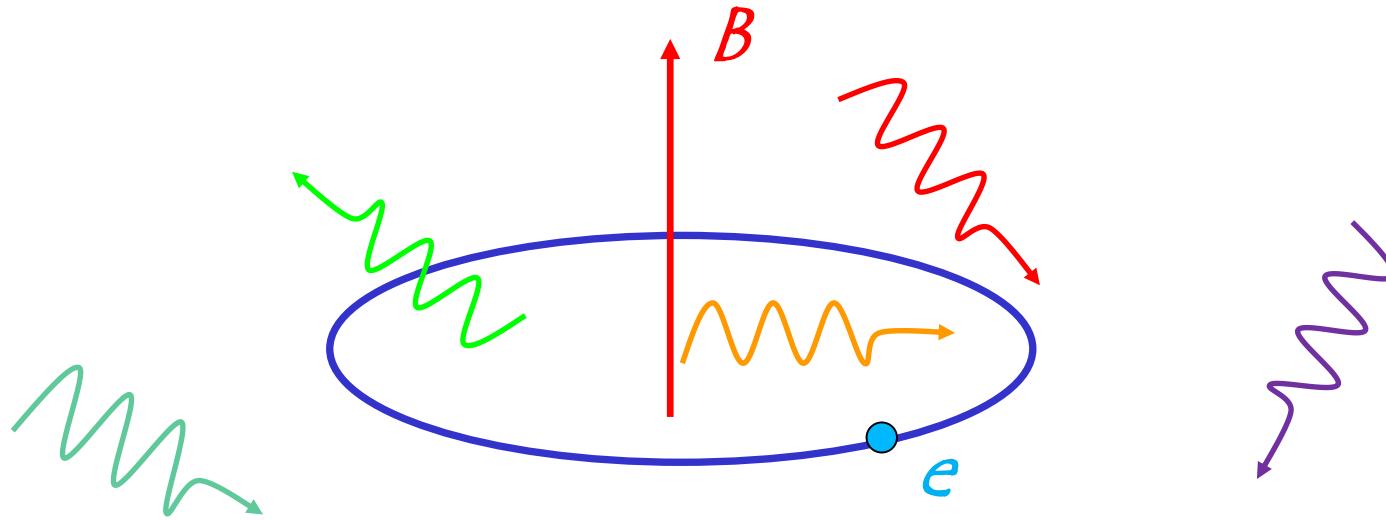
Angular Momentum of Quantum Vacuum



$$J_z = L_z(kin) + \frac{e}{c_0} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{A}_0(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{e}{c_0} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) \\ + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\Pi} \frac{1}{k^2} (a_{\mathbf{k}\Pi}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}\Pi} + a_{\mathbf{k}\Pi} a_{\mathbf{k}\Pi}^\dagger) [\Phi_\Pi^*(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \cdot \gamma_z \cdot \Phi_\Pi(\hat{\mathbf{k}})]$$

$$\gamma_{z,nm} = -i\hbar\delta_{nm}(\mathbf{k} \times \nabla_{\mathbf{k}})_z - i\hbar\epsilon_{znm}$$

Angular Momentum of Quantum Vacuum



$$\langle \mathbf{0}, N = 0, m | J_z(\text{kin}) | \mathbf{0}, N = 0, m \rangle =$$

$$\hbar \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{\hbar \omega_c}{mc_0^2} \text{Log} \left(\frac{2mc_0^2}{\hbar \omega_c} \right) + \hbar \frac{2}{5\pi} \frac{\hbar \omega_c}{mc_0^2}$$