

Title: Gravitational Casimir Effect

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Abstract: I will derive the gravitonic Casimir effect with non-idealized boundary conditions. This allows the quantification of the gravitonic contribution to the Casimir effect from real bodies. I will show how to use this formula to calculate the meagre gravitonic Casimir effect in ordinary matter. I will also apply this formula to the speculated Heisenberg-Coulomb (HC) effect in superconductors, thereby providing a test for the validity of the HC theory, and, consequently, the existence of gravitons.

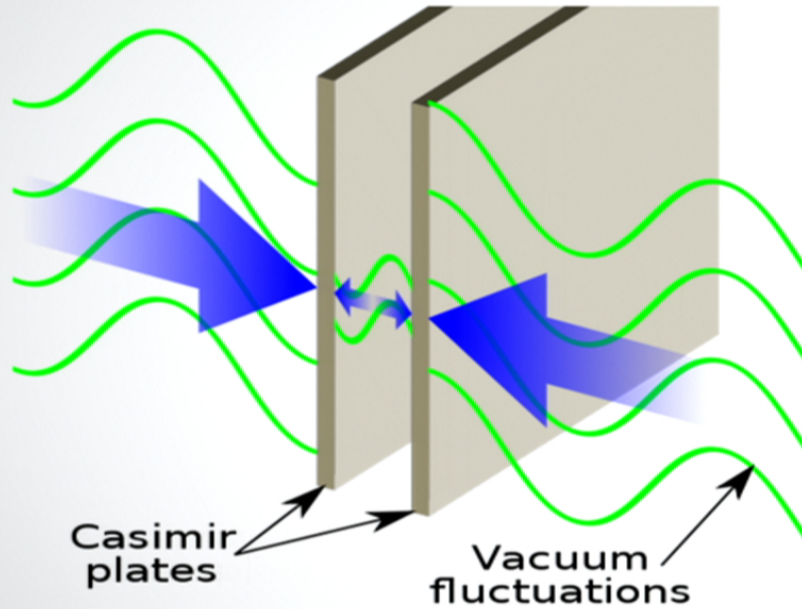
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Quach, PRL 114, 081104 (2015)



# Casimir Effect



Hendrik Casimir (1948)

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

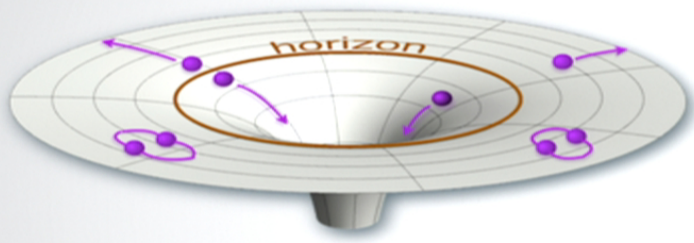
$$E_0 = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$$

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

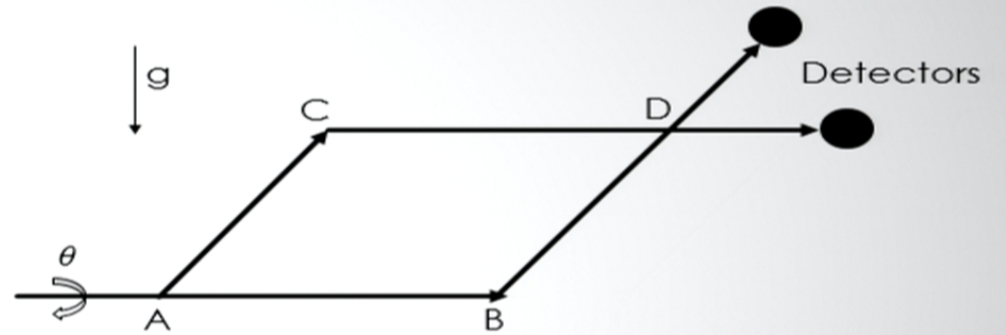
# Outline

- ❖ **Motivation**
- ❖ **Gravitational Casimir Effect**
- ❖ **Ordinary Materials**
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- ❖ **Dirac Hamiltonian in GW-background**

# QM & GR Interface

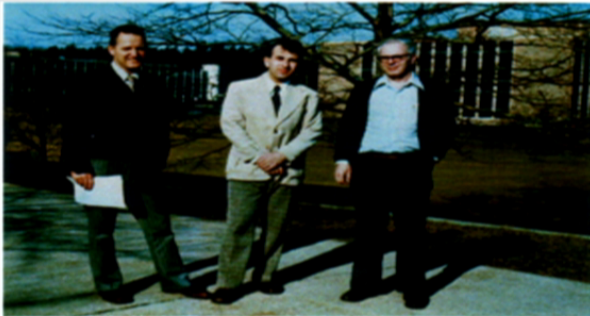


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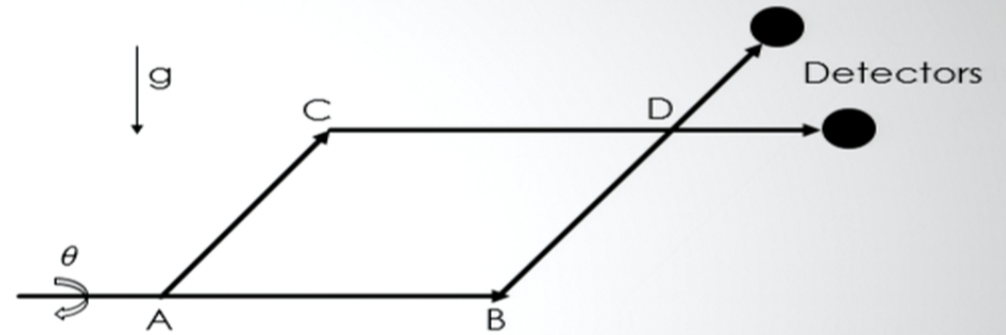
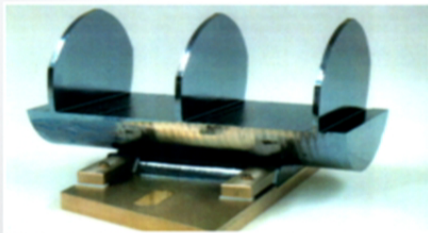


**COW Experiment**

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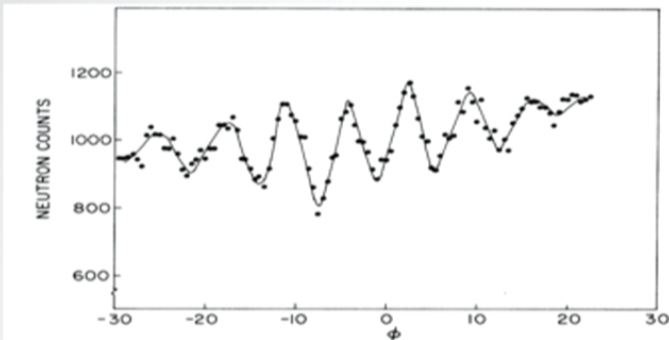


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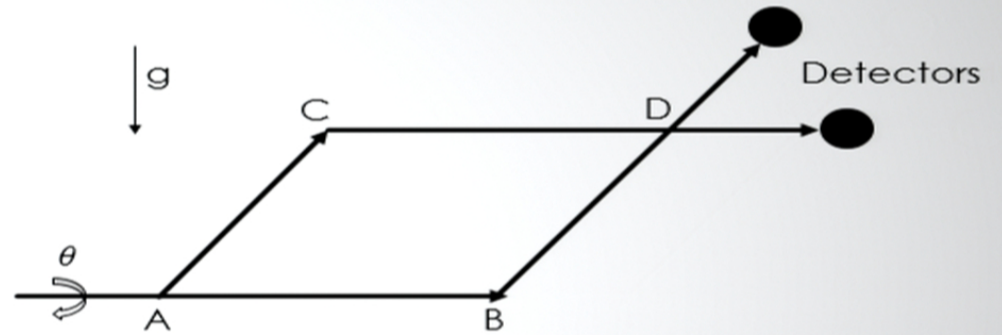
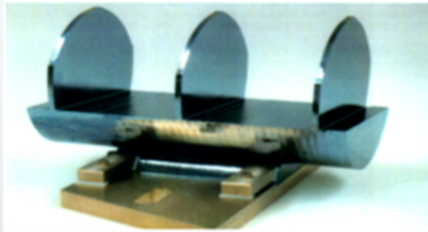


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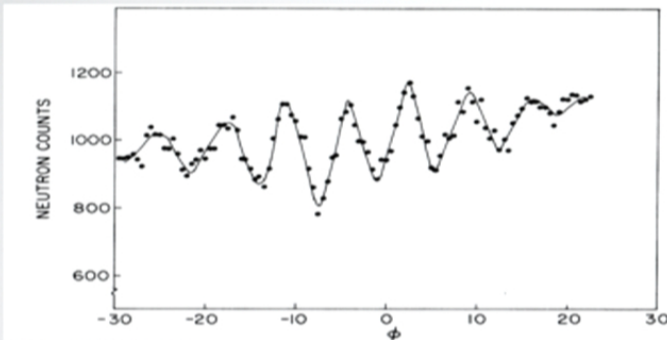


Colella, Overhauser, Werner, PRL 1975



## COW Experiment

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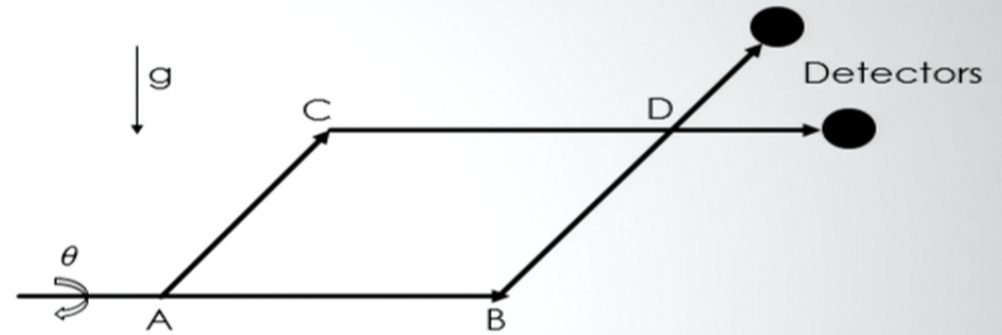


Colella, Overhauser, Werner, PRL 1975

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

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

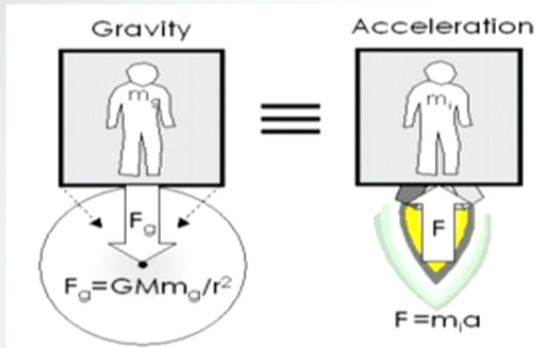
Lammerzahl, Gen. Rel. Grav. 1996



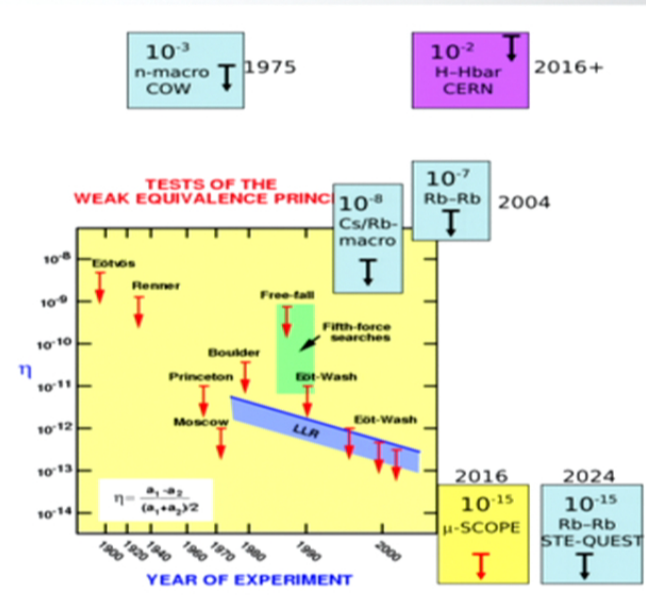
**COW Experiment**



# WEP violation in QM



There is no experiment that can be done, in a small confined space, which can detect the difference between a uniform gravitational field and an equivalent uniform acceleration.



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# Gravitational Casimir Effect

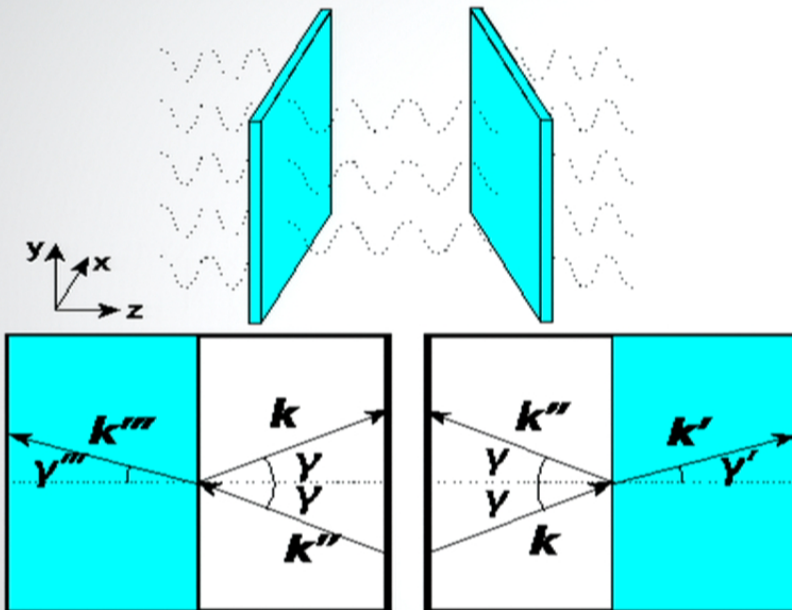
## Gravitoelectromagnetism (GEM)

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

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

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

# Gravitational Casimir Effect



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

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

$$\Delta \mathbf{B}^{TT} = 0$$

Ingraham, GRG 29, (1997)

$$\mathbf{E}^{TT} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \left( 1 - \frac{\sin^2 \gamma}{2} \right) & \beta \cos \gamma \\ \beta \cos \gamma & -\alpha \left( 1 - \frac{\sin^2 \gamma}{2} \right) \end{bmatrix} e^{i(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$$

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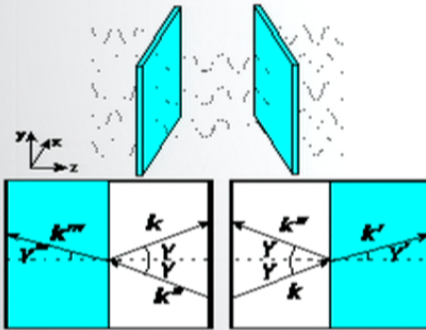
$$\alpha' \left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{S'}{2}\right) e^{-q'a/2} = \alpha \left(1 - \frac{S^2}{2}\right) e^{-qa/2} + \alpha'' \left(1 - \frac{S^2}{2}\right) e^{qa/2}$$

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$S = \sin y$   
 $C = \cos y$

$$\alpha' C' e^{-\frac{q'a}{2}} = \alpha C e^{-\frac{qa}{2}} - \alpha'' C e^{qa/2}$$

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

$$q'^2 = -k_z'^2 = k_{\parallel}^2 - (1 + \kappa\chi) \frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

# Gravitational Casimir Effect

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

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

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

$$E(a) = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi^2} \int_0^\infty k_\parallel dk_\parallel \int_0^\infty [\ln(1 - r_+^2 e^{-2qa}) + \ln(1 - r_\times^2 e^{-2qa})] d\xi$$

$$r_+ = \frac{C'(S^2 - 2) - \left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C(S'^2 - 2)}{C'(S^2 - 2) + \left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C(S'^2 - 2)}, \quad r_\times = \frac{\left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C'(S^2 - 2) - C(S'^2 - 2)}{\left(1 + \frac{\kappa\chi}{2}\right) C'(S^2 - 2) + C(S'^2 - 2)}$$

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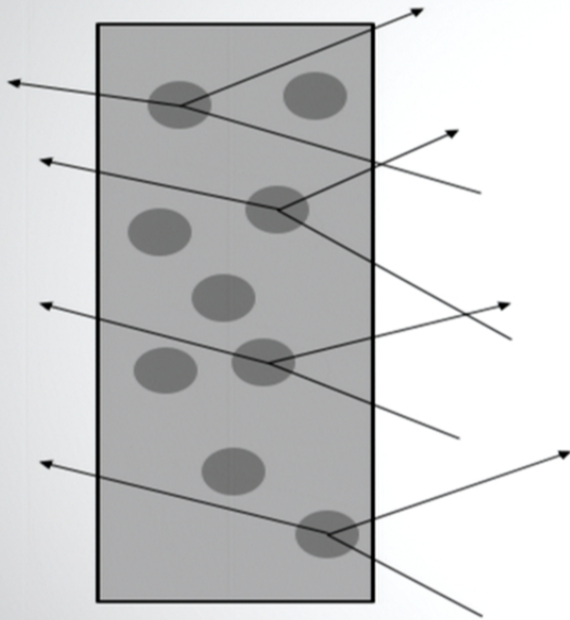
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# Ordinary material



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

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

Peters, PRD, 1974

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

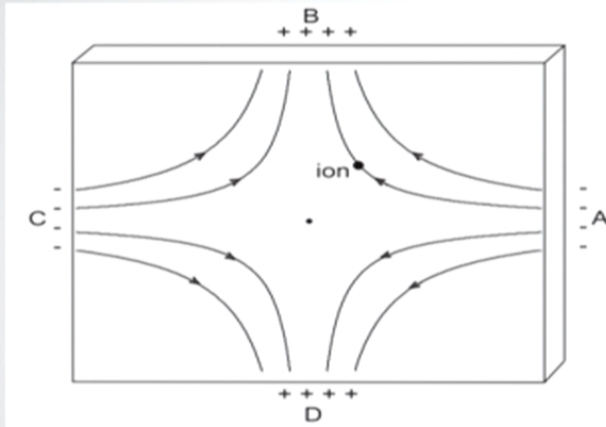
$$O[\rho] = 10^4 \text{kg m}^{-3}$$

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

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

# Superconductor

DeWitt, PRL 16 , 1092 (1966)



Heisenberg-Coulomb effect

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

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

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

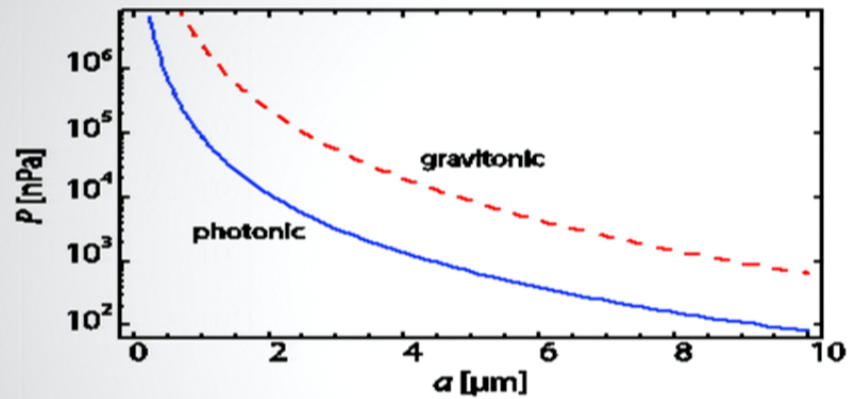
$$\mathbf{j}_G = \sigma_G \mathbf{E}_G$$

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## Generalised Dirac Equation in GW background

$$i\hbar\gamma^a e_a^\mu (\partial_\mu - \Gamma_\mu - \frac{ie}{\hbar} A_\mu)\psi = mc\psi$$

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - dx^2 + (1 + 2f)dy^2 - (1 - 2f)dz^2$$

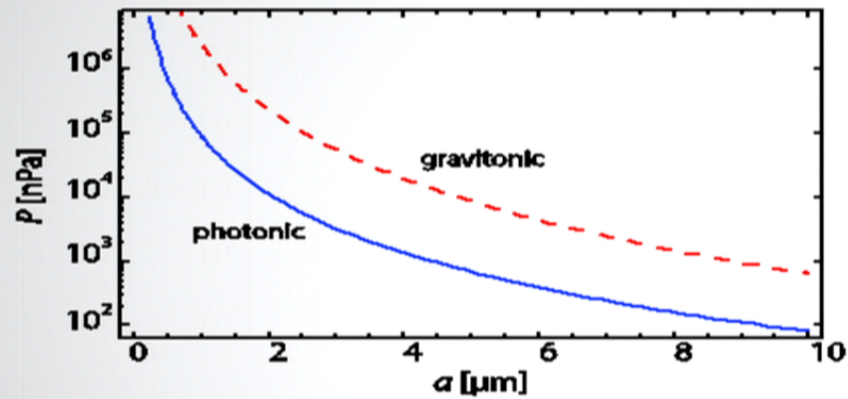
$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi = H\psi \quad f(t - x)$$

$$H = c\alpha^i (p_i - eA_i) - cf\alpha^2 (p_2 - eA_2) + cf^3 (p_3 - eA_3) + \beta mc^2$$

$$(\alpha \equiv \gamma^0 \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \beta \equiv \gamma^0, \mathbf{p} \equiv -i\hbar\nabla)$$

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## Standard Foldy-Wouthuysen Transformation

$$O = \frac{1}{2}(H - \beta H \beta), \quad E = \frac{1}{2}(H + \beta H \beta)$$

$$U = e^{iS}, \quad S = -\frac{i\beta}{2m} O$$

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= U H U^\dagger = \exp(iS) H \exp(-iS) \\ &= H + i[S, H] + \frac{i^2}{2!} [S, [S, H]] + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$i[S, H] \approx -O$$

## Exact Foldy-Wouthuysen Transformation

$$\{H, J\} = 0, \quad J = i\gamma^5\beta$$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + J\Lambda), \quad U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + \beta J), \quad \Lambda \equiv H/\sqrt{H^2}$$

$$U = U_2 U_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} U H U^\dagger &= \frac{1}{2}\beta(\sqrt{H^2} + \beta\sqrt{H^2}\beta) + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{H^2} - \beta\sqrt{H^2}\beta)J \\ &= \left\{\sqrt{H^2}\right\}_{\text{even}}\beta + \left\{\sqrt{H^2}\right\}_{\text{odd}}J \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{H}_{FW} = UHU^+ = \left\{ \sqrt{H^2} \right\}_{\text{even}} \beta + \left\{ \sqrt{H^2} \right\}_{\text{odd}} J$$

$$H_{FW} = \frac{1}{2m} (\delta^{ij} + 2fT^{ij}) [(p_i - eA_i)(p_j - eA_j) + e\hbar\epsilon_{jkl}\sigma^l\partial^k(A_i)]$$

$$+ \frac{\hbar}{2m} \partial^i(f)T^{jl}\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma^k(p_l - eA_l) + mc^2 \quad T \equiv \text{diag}(0, -1, 1)$$



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