

Parity violating thin shells in the framework of QED

Or better to say

QFT systems with 2d spatial defects

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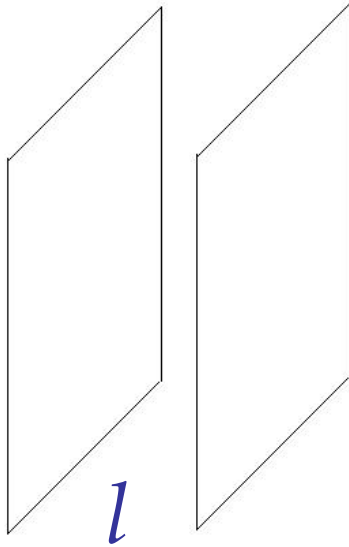
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Casimir motivation



in vacuum
neutral
 ∞ -thin
conducting plates

$$F = -\frac{\pi^2}{240} \frac{1}{l^4}$$

Casimir, 1941

also known under the names

- vacuum polarization
- vacuum energy
- Casimir-Polder interaction

Essential: modification of the ground vacuum state and *its energy* in presence of boundaries (=spatial defects)

Usually: boundary conditions, simple (scalar fields!) models + ζ -function regularization
Brings only the force, no way in principle for loop corrections.

Most recent Reviews

Mostepanenko, [quant-ph/0702061](#)

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Need for self consistent method for calculation of

- interaction of charge, wire current with the defect
- quantum corrections to classical fields of the defect
- all other observables in all loops (at least in principle)



QFT

- Locality
- Gauge invariance
- Lorenz invariance
- Renormalizability

QFT model construction

2d objects:

singular (delta-function) potentials into Lagrangian

L_{def} - defect Lagrangian

- Lorenz & Gauge invariance - known from volume (ordinary) terms
- Locality: L_{def} must be polynomial in fields and derivatives taken in one point at the defect
- Renormalizability - **Simanzik, 1981**
 - all possible terms with constants of non-negative dimension
 - no terms with with constants of negative dimension
- **for QED we would like to reconstruct known physics**

Defect Lagrangian

Defect surface equation $\Phi(x) = 0$

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | L_0 | L_{def} |
| Scalar field | $\phi(\partial^2 + m^2)\phi$ | $\lambda^2 \delta(\Phi(x))\phi^2, \phi\partial_n\phi$ |
| Fermion field | $\psi(i\hat{\partial} + m)\psi$ | $\delta(\Phi(x))\bar{\psi}\hat{Q}\psi$ $\hat{Q} = \lambda + q_\mu\gamma^\mu + a_{\mu\nu}\sigma^{\mu\nu}$ |
| EM field | $F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$ | $a\delta(\Phi(x))\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\partial^\mu\Phi(x)A^\nu F^{\rho\sigma}$ |

$\lambda, q_\mu, a_{\mu\nu}, a$ describe physical properties of the defect

Path Integral Approach

$$Z[J] = \int D\varphi e^{i\int dx(L_0 + L_{def}) + J\varphi}$$

$\varphi = \phi, \psi, A_\mu, \dots$

Calculations

Knowledge of $Z[J]$ gives complete quantitative description of all physical phenomena in the system

$$\text{Vacuum energy} \quad E = -\frac{1}{T} \ln Z[0] \quad \text{Propagator} \quad D = \frac{\delta^2}{\delta J} Z[J] |_{J=0}$$

To calculate $Z[J]$ explicitly we introduce auxiliary fields living on the surface S of the defect

$$e^{-\lambda^2 \int \phi^2 dS} = N \int D\psi e^{\int (\frac{1}{4\lambda} \psi^2 + \phi \psi) dS}$$



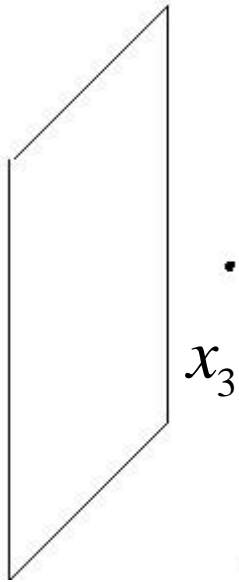
$$Z[J] = (\text{Det} Q)^{-1/2} e^{\frac{1}{2} JSJ}$$

$$S = D - 2\lambda(D\Omega)Q^{-1}(\Omega D) \quad Q = 1 + 2\lambda(\Omega D\Omega)$$

Ω - Projector operator to the surface of the defect

Results

Fermion field with a single defect plane



$$L = \psi(i\hat{\partial} + m)\psi + \lambda\delta(x_3)\bar{\psi}\gamma_0\psi$$

Mean Electromagnetic Field

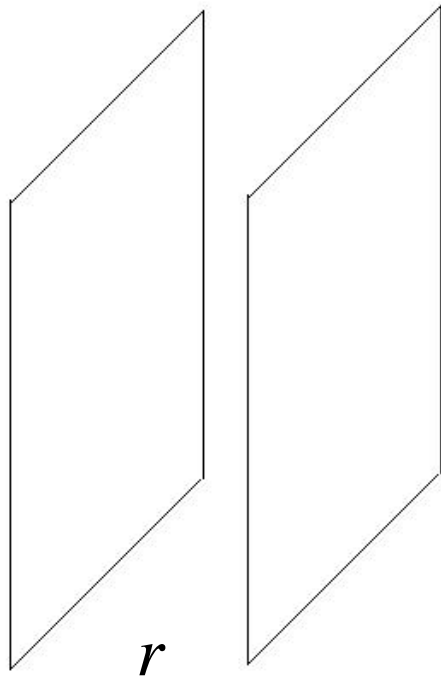
$$E \approx \frac{ekm^2}{8\pi^2\lambda^2} \left((1 + \lambda^2) \text{Arctr}(\lambda) - \lambda \right) \left(\frac{1}{m^2 x_3^2} - 2 \right) \quad x_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$E \approx -\frac{em^2}{8\pi^2\lambda^2} \left(\text{Arctr}(\lambda) - \lambda \right) + O\left(e^{-m|x_3|}\right) \quad x_3 \rightarrow \infty$$

- Classical behavior at large distances
- Quantum corrections at short distances

Results

EM field, two defect planes



$$L = F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + a(\delta(x_3) + \delta(x_3 - r)) \varepsilon_{3\nu\rho\sigma} A^\nu F^{\rho\sigma}$$

Casimir Force

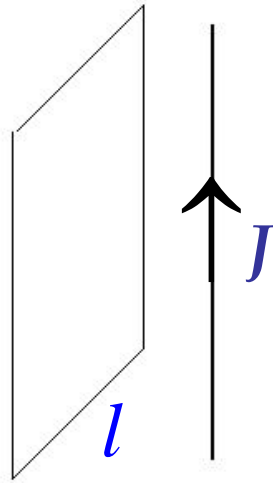
$$F = -\frac{\pi^2}{240r^4} f(a)$$

$a \rightarrow \infty$ Reproduces perfectly conducting case

- No parity violation manifest
sign of the force depending on a

Results

EM defect plane, interaction with a current



Usual magnetic field H

Anomalous electric field E

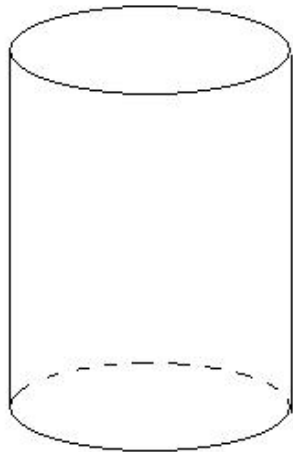
$$E_2 = \frac{2Ja}{a^2 + 1} \frac{x^2}{\tau^2} \quad E_3 = \frac{2Ja}{a^2 + 1} \frac{|x_3| + l}{\tau^2}$$

$$\tau = \sqrt{x_2^2 + (|x_2| + l)^2}$$

- Parity violation manifest

Behavior similar to magnetoelectrics

Results



EM field: circular cylinder shell

$$L = F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + a\delta(\Phi(x))\varepsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\partial^\mu\Phi(x)A^\nu F^{\rho\sigma}$$

$$\Phi(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - R^2$$

Casimir energy (divergent)

$$E = \frac{1}{2(2\pi)^2 R^2} \int_0^\infty p dp \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \ln\left(1 + a^2 p^2 I_n(p) K_n(p) I'_n(p) K'_n(p)\right)$$

With Pauli-Villars regularization

$$E = E_{Cas} + RM^3 A_3 + M^2 A_2 + \frac{M}{R} A_1$$

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Results

EM field: circular cylinder shell

$$E_{Cas} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 R^2} \int_0^\infty p dp \mathcal{E}_{fin} + \frac{c_1 + 2c_2}{4\pi R^2}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{fin} = \ln\left(\frac{1+a^2 Y_0(p)}{1+a^2/4}\right) - F(1) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{1+a^2 Y_n(p)}{1+a^2/4}\right) - F(N) \right]$$

$$c_1 = \frac{a^2}{4+a^2} \left(\frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{16} \right) \quad c_2 = \frac{a^2}{32(4+a^2)} (4 \ln \pi - 4 \ln 2 - 1)$$

$$Y_n(p) = -p^2 I_n(p) K_n(p) I'_n(p) K'_n(p)$$

$F(n)$ – first order term of asymptotic expansion of $Y_n(p, M)$