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Casimir Momentum of a Chiral Molecule in a Magnetic Field

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gneto-electric medium crossed external fields



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Equation of motion for the liquid reads,

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.Applying the fluctuation-dissipation theorem,

$$\label{eq:prod} \rho \mathbf{v} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{k}}\hbar}{3\pi^2 c^4} \int_0^\infty \frac{1+\epsilon\mu}{\mu} \gamma_\perp \omega^3 \mathrm{d}\omega \ ,$$

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which is equivalent to the momentum of 'dressed' radiative modes,

$$\rho \mathbf{v} = \mathcal{V}^{-1} \sum_{(\omega/c)\hat{\mathbf{k}}} \hbar(\omega/c) \hat{\mathbf{k}} [n_{+\hat{\mathbf{k}}}(\omega) + n_{-\hat{\mathbf{k}}}(\omega)]$$
O.A.Croze, Proc.R.Soc. A (2012)

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Flaws found in the semi-classical approach:

a. Lack of an explicit interaction between matter and radiation. Use of Lorentz force and constitutive equations instead yields different prefactors.

D.F.Nelson, Phys.Rev. A (1991) B.van Tiggelen, Eur.Phys.J. D (2008)

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$$\rho \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{k}\hbar}{3\pi^2 c^4} \int_0^\infty \frac{1+\epsilon\mu}{\mu} \gamma_{\perp} \omega^3 d\omega$$
 is generally UV-divergent.

c. Usage of macroscopic magneto-chiral parameters yields different result to (still semi-classical) microscopic calculation. B.van Tiggelen, Eur.Phys.J. D (2008)

Therefore, a fully quantum and microscopic approach is needed.

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III- Quantum approach (nonrelativistic)

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

 $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_{N} - \mathbf{r}_{e}$, **p** are the relative position vector and its canonical conjugate momentum. $\mathbf{R} = (m_N \mathbf{r}_N - m_e \mathbf{r}_e)/M$, **P** are the center of mass position vector and its canonical conjugate momentum Toulouse QVG2013

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$$W = -\frac{e}{m_N} \left(\mathbf{p} + \frac{m_N}{M} \mathbf{P} - \frac{e}{2} \mathbf{B}_0 \wedge \mathbf{r} \right) \cdot \mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{R} + \frac{m_e}{M} \mathbf{r} \right)$$
$$- \frac{e}{m_e} \left(\mathbf{p} - \frac{m_e}{M} \mathbf{P} + \frac{e}{2} \mathbf{B}_0 \wedge \mathbf{r} \right) \cdot \mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{m_N}{M} \mathbf{r} \right)$$
$$+ \frac{e^2}{2m_N} \mathbf{A}^2 \left(\mathbf{R} + \frac{m_e}{M} \mathbf{r} \right) + \frac{e^2}{2m_e} \mathbf{A}^2 \left(\mathbf{R} - \frac{m_N}{M} \mathbf{r} \right).$$

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.The Total Hamiltonian *H* possesses a conserved momentum,

$$\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{kin}}+e\mathbf{B}_0\wedge\mathbf{r}+\mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\mathrm{Cas}}+\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^{\mathrm{Cas}}$$
 , [H,K]=0, where

$$\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^{\text{Cas}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k},\epsilon} \hbar \mathbf{k} (a_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon} + 1/2), \qquad \mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\text{Cas}} = e [\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{N}) - \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{e})]_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon} - \int \mathbf{d}^{3} r \, \mathbf{E}_{\perp} \wedge \mathbf{B} \text{ (radiative)} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\text{Cas}} = e [\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{N}) - \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{e})]_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon} - \int \mathbf{d}^{3} r \, \mathbf{E}_{\parallel} \wedge \mathbf{B} \text{ (electrostatic)}$$

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Relation between <**P**^{Cas}> **and** <**P**_{kin}> **in the ground state**

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.Therefore, any variation of $\langle \mathbf{P}_{kin} \rangle$ is compensated by a variation of $\langle \mathbf{P}^{cas} \rangle$,

$$\delta \langle \mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{kin}} \rangle = -\delta \langle \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle$$

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.3rd order perturbation (*V*_c*V*_z*W*) for $\langle \mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle$

. 4th order perturbation (*V*_C*V*_Z*W*²) for $\langle \mathbf{P}_{\perp}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle$

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$$\begin{split} \mathbf{Longitudinal\ momentum,\ } \mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\mathrm{Cas}} &= e[\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{N}) - \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_{e})], \\ \langle \mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle &= \sum_{\mathbf{P}, I, \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\epsilon}} \frac{\langle \Omega_{0} | e[\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_{N}) - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_{e})] | \mathbf{P}, I, \gamma \rangle \langle \mathbf{P}, I, \gamma | W | \Omega_{0} \rangle}{E_{0} - E_{P,I,k}} + c.c. \\ ground state of H_{0} & -e\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_{N}) \cdot [\mathbf{P}/M + \mathbf{p}/m_{N}] + e\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_{e}) \cdot [\mathbf{P}/M - \mathbf{p}/m_{e}] \end{split}$$

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Longitudinal momentum, $\mathbf{P}_{\parallel}^{\text{Cas}} = e[\mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_N) - \mathbf{A}_{\perp}(\mathbf{r}_e)],$

Mass renormalization terms

$$\frac{4\hbar^{2}\alpha}{3\pi M}\int k dk \left[\frac{1}{\hbar^{2}k^{2}/2m_{e} + \hbar ck} + \frac{1}{\hbar^{2}k^{2}/2m_{N} + \hbar ck}\right] \langle \Omega_{0}|\mathbf{P}|\Omega_{0}\rangle \\ <\mathbf{P}_{kin} > \delta M/M \qquad \mathbf{P}_{kin} > \delta M/M$$

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$$= \int \mathrm{d}^3 x \, \langle \mathbf{E}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_e) \wedge \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_e) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{E}_{\parallel}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_N) \wedge \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}_N) \rangle$$



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.Doppler shift caused by electron's motion yields *spectral non-reciprocity*.

III- Quantum approach Quantum computation of δ<P^{cas}>

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Result and experimental test

$$\langle \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle \simeq \frac{2\alpha}{9\pi} \frac{\beta(0)}{\alpha_E(0)} [\ln \left(\frac{m_N}{m_e} \right) + 1] e \mathbf{B}_0$$

Eg., 2-octanol, $C_8H_{18}O$, from tabulated data on refractive index and rotatory power, for **B**₀=10T, $\Delta v \sim 1$ nm/s.

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Where does the transferred kinetic energy come from?

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Interaction energy

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$$\langle W_{\parallel} \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{P}, I, \gamma_{\mathbf{k}e}} \frac{\langle \Omega_0 | -e\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_e) / m_e | \mathbf{P}, I, \gamma \rangle \langle \mathbf{P}, I, \gamma | e\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}_e) / M | \Omega_0 \rangle}{E_0 - E_{P,I,k}} + c.c. - [m_e \to m_N]$$

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ii) A second interaction energy comes from the Doppler shift correction term $h\mathbf{kP}_{kin}/M$ to the usual Lamb shift ~ $\langle \mathbf{pA} - \mathbf{pA} \rangle$,



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Interaction energy

The work done over the system during the adiabatic switching of the magnetic field equals the kinetic energy of the center of mass,

$$\int_{0}^{\mathbf{B}_{0}} \delta \langle W_{\parallel} \rangle + \delta \langle W_{\perp} \rangle = \mathbf{P}_{\mathrm{kin}}^{2}(\mathbf{B}_{0})/2M.$$



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IV- Conclusions

. We have shown that the simultaneous breakdown of T&P symmetries allows for the transfer of net momentum from the quantum vacuum to matter.

It is a one-loop quantum effect, like the Casimir effect or the Lamb-shift.

. A chiral molecule in a magnetic field acquires a kinetic momentum directed along \mathbf{B}_0 and proportional to the fine structure const. and the rotatory power,

$$\langle \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{Cas}} \rangle \simeq \frac{2\alpha}{9\pi} \frac{\beta(0)}{\alpha_E(0)} [\ln (m_N/m_e) + 1] e \mathbf{B}_0 .$$

. We conjecture this result is universal --up to factors of order unity.

. For common chiral compounds we estimate $\Delta \mathbf{v} \sim 1$ nm/s for **B**₀=10T.

. A semi-classical approach based on the FDT fails.

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.Two mechanisms operate in this effect:

i) In P^{Cas}_{||}, it is the coupling of the longitudinal field of the charges to the magnetic field generated by their unbalanced currents, ∫ d³x ⟨E_{||}(x - r_q) ∧ B(x - r_q)⟩.
ii) In P^{Cas}_⊥, it is the Doppler shift due to the internal motion of charges

that yields the spectral non-reciprocity for transverse modes, $\Delta \omega(\mathbf{k}) \neq \Delta \omega(-\mathbf{k})$.

. Kinetic energy is supplied by external magnetic field.

IV- Conclusions

. Prospective work on

i) Fully relativistic QED calculation.



- ii) Vacuum in the lab: Chiral superconductors. Observable: Bias supercurrent. Energy from condensation.
- iii) Vacuum in QFT-HEP: Electroweak theory.T,P odd observable? Coupling to EM?

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