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# *Yukawa Casimir Wormholes*

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# The traversable wormhole metric

M. S. Morris and K. S. Thorne, Am. J. Phys. 56, 395 (1988).

$$ds^2 = -\exp(-2\phi(r))dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}} + r^2 d\theta^2 + r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$

*Condition*

$b(r)$  is the shape function

$$r \in [r_0, +\infty)$$

$$b_{\pm}(r_0) = r_0$$

$\phi(r)$  is the redshift function

$$b_{\pm}(r) < r$$

Proper radial distance

$$l(r) = \pm \int_{r_0}^r \frac{dr'}{\sqrt{1 - b_{\pm}(r')/r'}}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} b_{\pm}(r) = b_{\pm} \quad \text{Appropriate asymptotic}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \phi_{\pm}(r) = \phi_{\pm} \quad \text{limits}$$

# *Einstein Field Equations*

Orthonormal frame

$$b'(r) = 8\pi G \rho c^2 r^2$$

$$\phi'(r) = \frac{b + 8\pi G p_r r^3}{2r^2(1 - b(r)/r)} \quad \tau(r) = -p_r$$

$$p'_r(r) = \frac{2}{r}(p_t(r) - p_r(r)) - (\rho(r) + p_r(r))\phi'(r)$$

*Exotic Energy*

$$\rho(r) + p_r(r) < 0 \quad r \in [r_0, r_0 + \varepsilon] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad b'(r) < b(r)/r \quad r \in [r_0, r_0 + \varepsilon]$$

Flare-Out Condition

Candidate



Casimir Energy

# Casimir Effect

Hendrik Casimir 1909-2000

H.B.G.Casimir and D.Polder,  
Phys. Rev., 73, 360, 1948

(ZPE) responsible for the Casimir effect. This was predicted by Casimir [1] and confirmed experimentally in the Philips laboratories†. This is induced when the presence of electrical conductors distorts the zero-point energy of the quantum electrodynamics vacuum. Two parallel conducting surfaces, in a vacuum environment, attract one another by a very weak force that varies inversely as the fourth power of the distance between them. This kind of energy is a purely quantum effect; no real particles are involved, only virtual ones. The difference between the stress-energy computed in the presence and in the absence of the plates with the same boundary conditions gives

$$\Delta\langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle = \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle_{\text{vac}}^p - \langle T^{\mu\nu} \rangle_{\text{vac}} = \frac{\pi^2}{720a^4} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

It is evident that separately, each contribution coming from the summation over all possible resonance frequencies of the cavities is divergent and devoid of physical meaning but the *difference* between them in the two situations (with and without the plates) is well defined. Note that the energy density

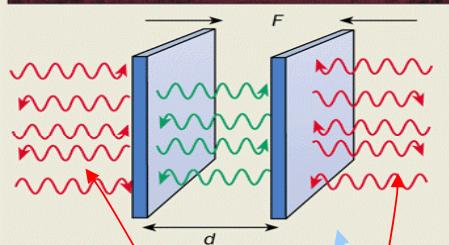
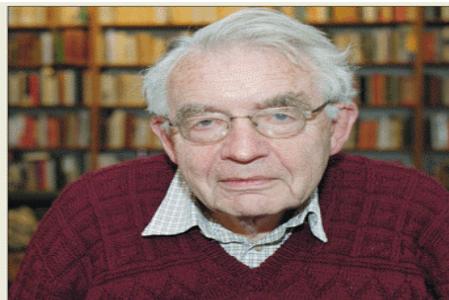
$$\rho = E/V = \Delta\langle T^{00} \rangle = -\frac{\pi^2}{720a^4}$$

Very Tiny       $S = 1\text{cm}^2$   
 $a = 1\mu\text{m}$

Only wavelength less than  $d$

Any wavelength is possible

$F \approx 1.7 \times 10^{-7}\text{N}$



*Take seriously the Casimir Energy → State of the Art*

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle^{Ren}$$

See also

[M.S. Morris, K.S. Thorne, U. Yurtsever \(Caltech\)](#). 1988. 4 pp. Published in Phys.Rev.Lett. 61 (1988) 1446-1449

M. Visser, Lorentzian Wormholes: From Einstein to Hawking (American Institute of Physics, New York), 1995.

$$\rho(a) = -\frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{720 a^4} \quad p_r(a) = -3 \frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{720 a^4} \quad p_t(a) = \frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{720 a^4} \quad \longrightarrow \quad b(r) = r_0 - \frac{\pi^3}{270 a^4} \left( \frac{\hbar G}{c^3} \right) (r^3 - r_0^3),$$

This is not a TW because there is no A. Flatness.

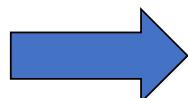
It is Asymptotically de Sitter

It can be transformed into a TW with the junction condition method matching the solution with the Schwarzschild metric at some point  $r=c$

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R.G. Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019) 11, 951 ArXiv: 1907.03623 [gr-qc].

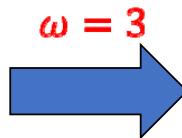
When  $\omega = \frac{r_0^2}{r_1^2}$



Traversable Wormhole

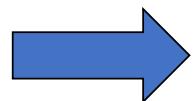
$$r_1^2 = \frac{\pi^3 l_p^2}{90}$$

$$\phi(r) = \frac{1}{2}(\omega - 1) \ln\left(\frac{r(\omega + 1)}{(\omega r + r_0)}\right)$$

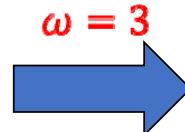


$$\phi(r) = \ln\left(\frac{4r}{3r + r_0}\right)$$

Planckian



$$b(r) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega}\right)r_0 + \frac{r_0^2}{\omega r}$$



$$b(r) = \frac{2}{3}r_0 + \frac{r_0^2}{3r}$$

$$SET \quad T_{\mu\nu} = \left(\frac{r_0^2}{3kr^4}\right) \left[ diag(-1, -3, 1, 1) + \left(\frac{6r}{3r + r_0}\right) diag(0, 0, 1, 1) \right]$$

# *Other Profile → Generalized Absurdly Benign TW*

R.G. Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020) 12, 1172 ArXiv: 2008.05901 [gr-qc]

Identify the  
Casimir Energy  
Density

$$b(r) = \frac{1}{r_0^{\alpha-1}} \left[ r_0 - \frac{\rho_0 \kappa}{3\alpha} (r^3 - r_0^3) \right]^\alpha, \quad \alpha > 1; \quad \Phi(r) = 0; \quad r_0 \leq r \leq \bar{r}$$

$$b(r) = 0, \quad \Phi(r) = 0; \quad r \geq \bar{r},$$

Close to the throat  $b(r) \simeq r_0 \left( 1 - \frac{r_0 l_P^2 \pi^3}{90 a^4} (r - r_0) \right)$

Plate separation  $nm$



$$r_0 = \frac{3}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{10}{\pi}} \frac{a^2}{l_P} \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{17} m$$

Absurdly Benign  
Traversable Wormhole



$$b(r) = r_0 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r - r_0}{a} \right) \right)^2, \quad \Phi(r) = 0; \quad r_0 \leq r \leq r_0 + a$$

$$b(r) = 0, \quad \Phi(r) = 0; \quad r \geq r_0 + a.$$

Plate separation  $pm$



$$r_0 \simeq 10^{11} m.$$

# *Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes*

## Motivations

Yukawa in 1935 proposed a potential to describe nonrelativistic strong interactions between nucleons

$$V(r) = -\frac{\alpha}{r} \exp(-\mu r)$$

Yukawa corrections to the Newton potential



$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} \left(1 + \alpha \exp(-\mu r)\right)$$

such deviations are important also for the Casimir effect

- Nuclear Physics
- Yukawa constraints on the recent measurement of the Casimir force  
(*Bordag, Gillies and Mostepanenko Phys. Rev. D56:6-10, 1997 arXiv:hep-th/9705101*)
- Van der Waals forces described in a Yukawa form  
(*Milonni The Quantum Vacuum: An Introduction to Quantum Electrodynamics*)
- Black Holes in Modified Gravity (MOG)  
(*J.W. Moffat, arXiv:1412.5424 [gr-qc]*)
- Modified Theory of Gravity
- Many other contexts!!!

# *Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes*

Eur.Phys.J.C 81, Article number: 824 (2021)

arXiv:2107.09276 [gr-qc]

$$b(r) = \frac{r_0^2}{r} \text{ EB Wormhole}$$

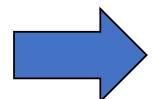


$$b(r) = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{r_0^2}{r} e^{-\mu(r-r_0)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Yukawa} \\ \text{Wormhole} \end{matrix}$$

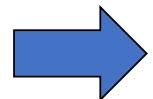
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho(r) &= -\frac{r_0^2}{8\pi G r^4} e^{-\mu(r-r_0)} (1 + \mu r) \rightarrow -\frac{1+\mu r_0}{8\pi G r_0^2} \\ p_r(r) &= -\frac{r_0^2}{8\pi G r^4} e^{-\mu(r-r_0)} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{8\pi G r_0^2} \\ p_t(r) &= \frac{r_0^2}{16\pi G r^4} e^{-\mu(r-r_0)} (2 + \mu r) \rightarrow \frac{2+\mu r_0}{16\pi G r_0^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{On the throat}$$

$$M(r) = \frac{r_0^2 \exp(-\mu(r-r_0))}{2Gr} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } r \rightarrow \infty$$

Zero Mass Wormhole



But  $\mp \frac{\pi r_0}{4G} \leq M^P(r) \leq 0$  when  $r \rightarrow \infty$



$$\pm \frac{\pi r_0}{4G} \geq E_G(r) \geq 0$$

Total Energy

Out of the throat  $b(r)$  and  $b'(r) \rightarrow 0$  for  $\mu \rightarrow \infty$

# Superposing Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes

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arXiv:2107.09276 [gr-qc]

$$b(r) = r_0 \left( \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) + (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^c \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \right)$$

$$\omega(r) = \frac{r_0 \left( \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) + (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^c \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \right)}{r \left( r_0 \mu \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) + (1 - \alpha) \left( \frac{r_0}{r} \right)^c \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \left( \nu r_0 + c \frac{r_0}{r} \right) \right)}$$

$$r_0 = \frac{3}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{10}{\pi}} \frac{a^2}{l_P} \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{17} m$$

Plate separation  $pm$



$$r_0 \simeq 10^{11} m.$$

Zero Tidal Forces

$$\Phi(r) = 0$$

# *Superposing Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes Reverse Procedure*

$$\rho(r) = \frac{r_0 \rho_C}{r} \left( \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) - (1 - \alpha) \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \right)$$

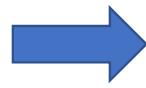
$$b(r) = r_0 + \frac{r_0 (1 + \nu r_0) (\alpha - 1) \rho_C \kappa}{\nu^2} + \frac{\alpha r_0 \kappa \rho_C (1 + \mu r_0)}{\mu^2}$$

$$- \frac{r_0 \kappa \rho_C (\nu r + 1) (\alpha - 1) e^{-\nu(r - r_0)}}{\nu^2} - \frac{\alpha r_0 \kappa \rho_C (\mu r + 1) e^{-\mu(r - r_0)}}{\mu^2}$$

Zero Tidal Forces

If  $\alpha = \frac{\mu^2 (\kappa \nu r_0 \rho_C + \rho_C \kappa - \nu^2)}{(\mu^2 \nu r_0 + \mu \nu^2 r_0 + \mu^2 + \nu^2) \rho_C \kappa}$ .

$$\Phi(r) = 0$$



$$b(r) = r_0 \frac{(e^{-\nu(r - r_0)} (\rho \kappa (1 + \mu r_0) + \mu^2) (\nu r + 1) - e^{-\mu(r - r_0)} (\rho \kappa (1 + \nu r_0) - \nu^2) (\mu r + 1))}{(\nu r_0 + 1) \mu^2 + \mu \nu^2 r_0 + \nu^2}$$

# *Superposing Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes*

## *Reverse Procedure*

$$\rho(r) = \frac{r_0 \rho}{r} \left( \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) - (1 - \alpha) \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \right) \quad \kappa = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}$$

On the throat

$$\omega(r_0) = \frac{(1 + \nu r_0) \mu^2 + (1 + \mu r_0) \nu^2}{2\nu^2 r_0^2 \mu^2 + r_0^3 \rho \kappa \nu \mu (\nu - \mu) + r_0^2 \rho \kappa (\nu^2 - \mu^2)}. \quad \text{Zero Tidal Forces}$$

$$\Phi(r) = 0$$

$$\mu = \frac{m}{r_0}; \quad \nu = \frac{n}{r_0} \quad \text{and} \quad r_0 = \frac{x}{\sqrt{\rho \kappa}}; \quad m, n \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

$$\omega(r_0) = 1$$



Plate separation  $pm$



$$r_0 \simeq 10^{11} m.$$

$$\frac{(1 + n) m^2 + (1 + m) n^2}{(2n^2 m^2 + x^2 nm (n - m) + x^2 (n^2 - m^2))} = 1,$$

# *Superposing Yukawa-Casimir Wormholes Reverse Procedure*

$$\rho(r) = \frac{r_0 \rho}{r} \left( \alpha \exp(-\mu(r - r_0)) - (1 - \alpha) \exp(-\nu(r - r_0)) \right)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}$$

Solution



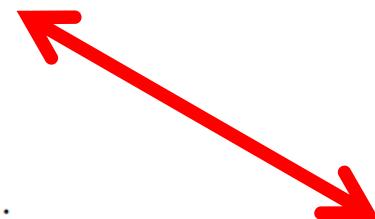
$$x = \frac{\sqrt{(2n^2 - n - 1)m^2 - n^2m - n^2}}{\sqrt{((n + 1)m + n)(m - n)}}.$$

Zero Tidal Forces

$$\Phi(r) = 0$$

$$m_{\pm} = n \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{9n^2 - 4n - 4}}{2(2n^2 - n - 1)}$$

$$n \geq \frac{2}{9} \left( 1 + \sqrt{10} \right) \simeq 0.92495.$$



$$r_0 \simeq x \times 10^{17} m.$$

# Conclusions and Perspectives

- Casimir energy is the only source of exotic matter that can be generated in laboratory.
- Traversable wormholes can be sustained by Casimir Energy.
- The Wormhole is traversable in principle but not in practice.
- Generalized Absurdly Benign Traversable Wormholes seem to have the right properties for traversability together with Yukawa–Casimir wormholes → Need to be carefully investigated
- Including quantum fluctuations.
- Adding Extra Sources
- TW relevant for GW as BH mimickers.

Thank You for Your Attention

# *Outlook*

