

# Casimir wormholes with a scalar field

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# Plan of Talk

- ① Traversable Wormhole (TW)
- ② Casimir Source + Scalar "Massless" Field
- ③ Casimir Source + Scalar "Massive" Field

# 1. Traversable Wormhole: An Overview

- The Metric (*Morris & Thorne 1987*):

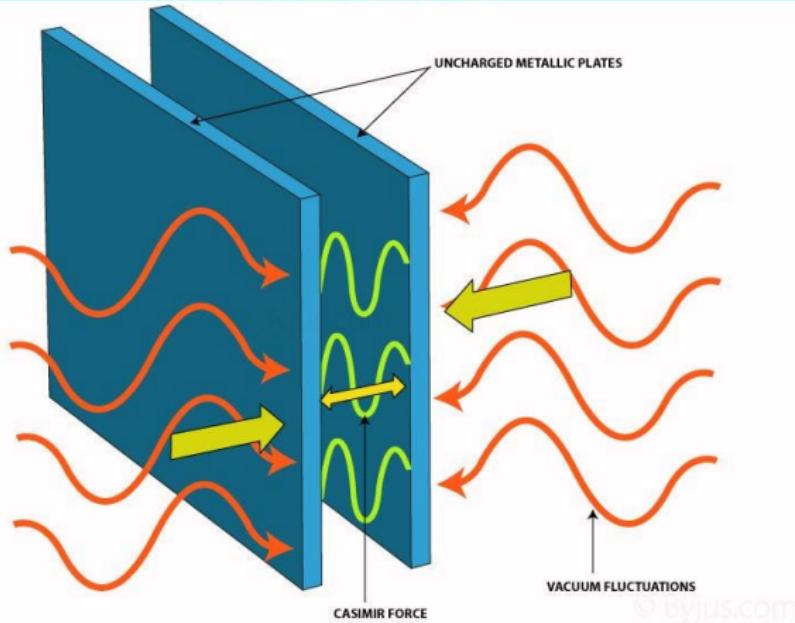
$$ds^2 = -e^{2\Lambda(r)} dt^2 + \frac{dr^2}{1 - b(r)/r} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

$\Lambda(r) \rightarrow$  Redshift Function

$b(r) \rightarrow$  Shape Function

- Existence of a Throat  $r_0 \rightarrow$  Flaring-out Condition:  $\left. \frac{d^2 r}{dz^2} \right|_{r_0} > 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  Violation of the NEC:  $\boxed{\rho(r_0) + p_r(r_0) \leq 0}$  Exotic Matter!!  
(for  $T_\nu^\mu = \text{Diag}[-\rho(r), p_r(r), p_t(r), p_t(r)]$ )

## CASIMIR EFFECT



$$\rho_c = -\frac{\hbar c \pi^2}{720 d^4}$$

# Gravitational Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2\kappa} - \frac{1}{2}(\nabla\psi)^2 - V(\psi) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{cas}} \right]$$

where  $\kappa = 8\pi\ell_P^2$  ( $c = \hbar = 1$ ) and  $\psi = \psi(r)$

## 1. Einstein Field Equations (EFE):

$$\frac{b'(r)}{r^2} = \kappa \rho(r)$$

$$\frac{2\Lambda'(r)}{r} \left(1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}\right) - \frac{b(r)}{r^3} = \kappa p_r(r)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}\right) \left(\Lambda''(r) + \Lambda'(r)^2 + \frac{\Lambda'(r)}{r}\right) + \left(\frac{b(r) - rb'(r)}{2r^3}\right) (r\Lambda'(r) + 1) \\ = \kappa p_t(r)$$

## 2. Scalar Field Equation:

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{dV(\psi)}{d\psi} = \frac{V'(r)}{\psi'(r)}$$

## 3. Stress-Energy Tensor (SET) Conservation:

$$\nabla_\mu T_\nu^\mu = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p'_r(r) = \frac{2}{r} (p_t(r) - p_r(r)) - (\rho(r) + p_r(r)) \Lambda'(r)$$

where

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}\right) \psi'(r)^2 + V(r) + \rho_c$$

$$p_r(r) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}\right) \psi'(r)^2 - V(r) + p_{r,c}$$

$$p_t(r) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{b(r)}{r}\right) \psi'(r)^2 - V(r) + p_{t,c}$$

with

$$\rho_c = -\frac{r_1^2}{\kappa d^4} = \frac{p_{r,c}}{3} = -p_{t,c}$$

and

$$r_1^2 = \frac{\hbar G}{c^3} \frac{\pi^3}{90} = \frac{\pi^3 \ell_P^2}{90}$$

## 2. Set $V(\psi) = 0$

From SET Conservation:

$$\Lambda(r) = 2 \ln \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{r} \right)$$

and

$$\rho(r) = \rho = \frac{C}{2\bar{r}^4} - \frac{r_1^2}{\kappa d^4} \geq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad C \gtrless 2\bar{r}^4 r_1^2 / (\kappa d^4)$$

## Positive Energy Density ( $r \in [r_0, \bar{r}]$ )

$$C = \frac{2\bar{r}^2 (2r_0^3 + 9r_0\bar{r}^2 - 8\bar{r}^3)}{3\kappa r_0^3}, \quad b(r) = \frac{1}{r_0^2} \left(1 - \frac{8\bar{r}}{9r_0}\right) r^3 + \frac{8\bar{r}}{9},$$

$$\bar{r} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{d^2}{r_1}, \quad r_0 < \bar{r} < 1.125r_0$$

Need of an extra source:

$$T_{(\text{E.S.})\nu}^\mu = \text{Diag} [0, p_{1,\text{r}}(r), p_{1,\text{t}}(r), p_{1,\text{t}}(r)]$$

with

$$p_{1,\text{r}}(r) = \frac{4}{\kappa r^2} - \frac{8\bar{r}}{3\kappa r^3} - \frac{4}{3\kappa \bar{r}^2}$$
$$p_{1,\text{t}}(r) = -\frac{4}{\kappa r^2} + \frac{4\bar{r}}{\kappa r^3}$$

## Negative Energy Density ( $r \in [r_0, \bar{r}]$ )

$$C = \frac{2\bar{r}^2 (2r_0^3 + 9r_0\bar{r}^2 - 8\bar{r}^3)}{3\kappa r_0^3}, \quad b(r) = \frac{1}{r_0^2} \left(1 - \frac{8\bar{r}}{9r_0}\right) r^3 + \frac{8\bar{r}}{9},$$

$$\bar{r} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{d^2}{r_1}, \quad 1.125r_0 < \bar{r} < 1.278r_0$$

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$$T_{(\text{E.S.})\nu}^\mu = \text{Diag} [0, p_{1,\text{r}}(r), p_{1,\text{t}}(r), p_{1,\text{t}}(r)]$$

with

$$p_{1,\text{r}}(r) = -\frac{4}{\kappa r^2} + \frac{8\bar{r}}{3\kappa r^3} + \frac{4}{3\kappa \bar{r}^2}$$

$$p_{1,\text{t}}(r) = \frac{4}{\kappa r^2} - \frac{6\bar{r}}{\kappa r^3} + \frac{3\bar{r}^3 r_1^2}{\kappa d^4 r^3}$$

## Vanishing Energy Density ( $r \in [r_0, \bar{r}]$ )

$$C = 2\bar{r}^4 r_1^2 / (\kappa d^4) , \quad \rho(r) = p_t(r) = 0 , \quad p_r(r) = -\frac{2r_1^2}{\kappa d^4} ,$$

$$b(r) = r_0 , \quad \bar{r} = \frac{9r_0}{8} , \quad r_0 = \frac{8\sqrt{6}d^2}{27r_1}$$

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$$T_{(\text{E.S.})\nu}^\mu = \text{Diag} [0, p_{1,r}(r), p_{1,t}(r), p_{1,t}(r)]$$

with

$$p_{1,r}(r) = \frac{4}{\kappa r^2} - \frac{3r_0}{\kappa r^3} - \frac{2r_1^2}{\kappa d^4} ,$$

$$p_{1,t}(r) = -\frac{4}{\kappa r^2} + \frac{9r_0}{2\kappa r^3}$$

### 3. Set $V(\psi) \neq 0$ ( $r \in [r_0, \bar{r}]$ )

$$\Lambda(r) = 2 \ln \left( \frac{\bar{r}}{r} \right), \quad b(r) = \frac{4r}{3} - \frac{r^3}{3r_0^2}, \quad V(r) = \frac{2}{3\kappa r^2} - \frac{r_1^2}{\kappa d^4},$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{4}{3\kappa r^2} - \frac{1}{\kappa r_0^2}, \quad \bar{r} = 2r_0$$

No extra source is needed!!

Thank you!