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Western culture has long regarded black female sexuality with a strange mix of fascination and condemnation, associating it with everything from desirability, hypersexuality, and liberation to vulgarity, recklessness, and disease. Yet even as their bodies and sexualities have been the subject of countless public discourses, black women's voices have been largely marginalized in these discussions. In this groundbreaking collection, feminist scholars from across the academy come together to correct this omission-illuminating black female sexual desires marked by agency and empowerment, as well as pleasure and pain, to reveal the ways black women regulate their sexual lives. The twelve original essays in Black Female Sexualities reveal the diverse ways black women perceive, experience, and represent sexuality. The contributors highlight the range of tactics that black women use to express their sexual desires and identities. Yet they do not shy away from exploring the complex ways in which black women negotiate the more traumatic aspects of sexuality and grapple with the legacy of negative stereotypes. Black Female Sexualities takes not only an interdisciplinary approach-drawing from critical race theory, sociology, and performance studies-but also an intergenerational one, in conversation with the foremothers of black feminist studies. In addition, it explores a diverse archive of representations, covering everything from blues to hip-hop, from Crash to Precious, from Sister Souliah to Edwidge Danticat. Revealing that black female sexuality is anything but a black-and-white issue, this collection demonstrates how to appreciate a whole spectrum of subjectivities, experiences, and desires.

Record Nr. UNINA9910760280203321 Autore Xu Zhujing **Titolo** Optomechanics with Quantum Vacuum Fluctuations / / by Zhujing Xu Cham:,: Springer Nature Switzerland:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2024 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9783031430527 3031430522 Edizione [1st ed. 2024.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (120 pages) Springer Theses, Recognizing Outstanding Ph.D. Research, , 2190-Collana 5061 Disciplina 535.15 Soggetti Quantum optics **Optics** Quantum computing Quantum theory **Quantum Optics Applied Optics** Quantum Information Fundamental concepts and interpretations of QM Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: Measurement and Calculation of Casimir Force -- Chapter 3: Experimental Realization of a Casimir Diode: Non-Reciprocal Energy Transfer By Casimir Force -- Chapter 4: Experimental Realization of a Casimir Transistor: Switching and Amplifying Energy Transfer In A Three-Body Casimir System -- Chapter 5: Proposal On Detecting Rotational Quantum Vacuum Friction --Chapter 6: Proposal On Detecting Casimir Torque -- Chapter 7: Conclusion And Outlook. This thesis presents the first realization of non-reciprocal energy Sommario/riassunto transfer between two cantilevers by quantum vacuum fluctuations. According to quantum mechanics, vacuum is not empty but full of

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fluctuations can lead to an attractive force between two neutral plates in vacuum – the so-called Casimir effect – which has attracted great

attention as macroscopic evidence of quantum electromagnetic fluctuations, and can dominate the interaction between neutral surfaces at small separations. The first experimental demonstration of diodelike energy transport in vacuum reported in this thesis is a breakthrough in Casimir-based devices. It represents an efficient and robust way of regulating phonon transport along one preferable direction in vacuum. In addition, the three-body Casimir effects investigated in this thesis were used to realize a transistor-like three-terminal device with quantum vacuum fluctuations. These twobreakthroughs pave the way for exploring and developing advanced Casimir-based devices with potential applications in quantum information science. This thesis also includes a study of the non-contact Casimir friction, which will enrich the understanding of quantum vacuum fluctuations.