

Analog models of pre-heating and the back-reaction effect

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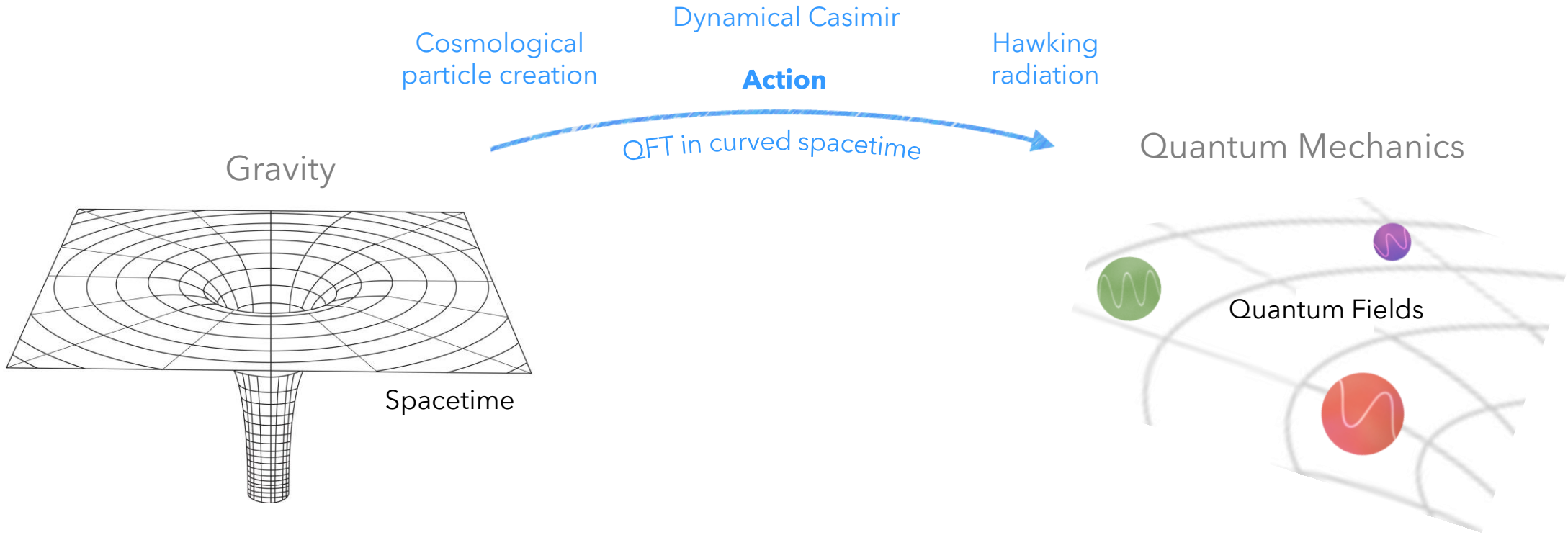
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See books:
 Birrell & Davies; Parker & Toms; Fulling
QFT in curved spacetime (CUP)

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Existing theories

Cosmological
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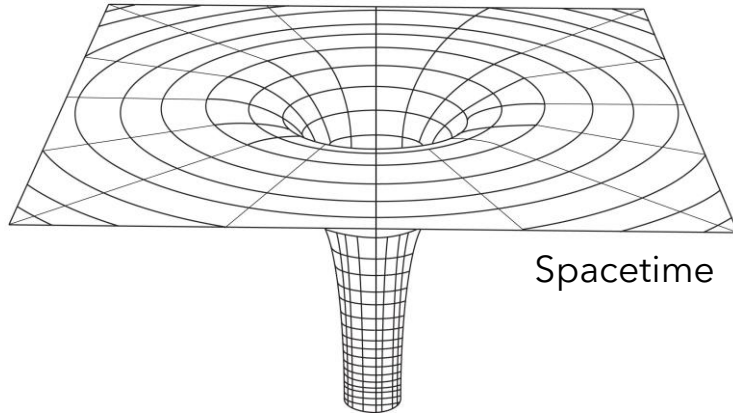
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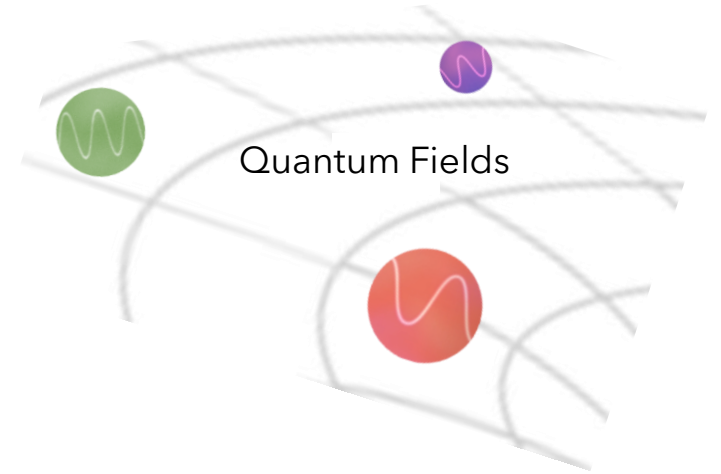
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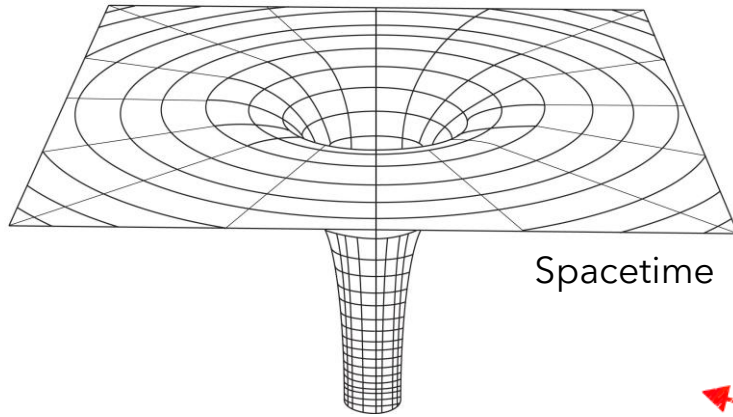
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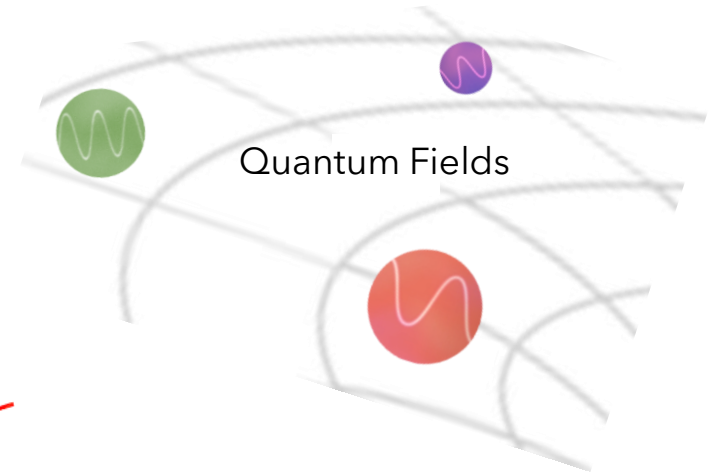
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Semi-classical gravity

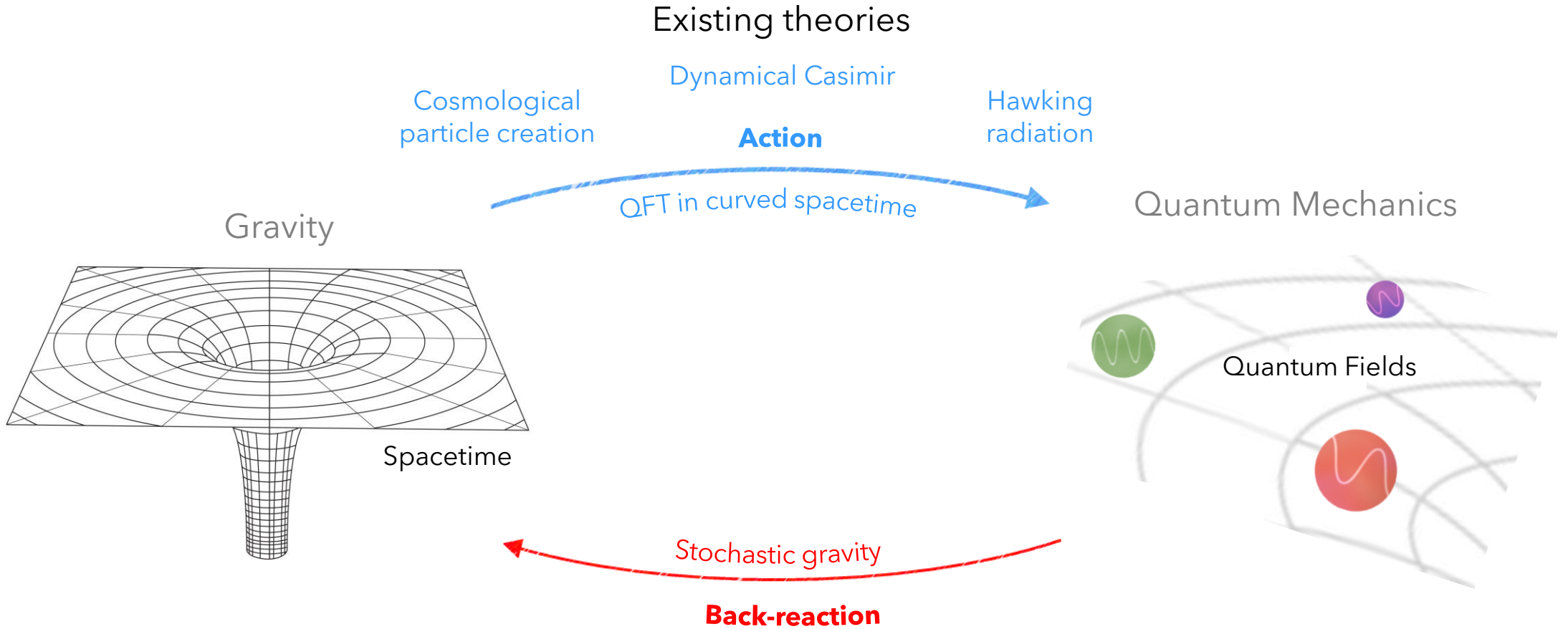
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Zeldovich & Starobinsky 72; Parker & Fulling 73; Hu & Parker 78;
Fischetti Hartle & Hu 79; Hartle & Hu 79, 80; Hartle 80; ...

The back-reaction problem



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$$\langle \xi_{\alpha\beta} \xi_{\gamma\delta} \rangle_s \sim \langle \hat{T}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{T}_{\gamma\delta} \rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu \left(\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \hat{\phi} \right) = 0$$

Calzetta & Hu 94; Hu & Sinha 95; Hu & Matacz 95; Hu Roura & Verdaguer 04; ...
 (See also Hu & Verdaguer, *Liv. Rev. Rel.* 08 ; Hu & Verdaguer, *Class. Quant. Grav.* 03)

The back-reaction problem

Top-down approach

Macroscopic
theory

- (0) Classic Gravity
No quantum effects
- (1) Semi-classical Gravity
Meanfield approximation
- (2) Stochastic Gravity
Stress-tensor fluctuations
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...
- (∞) Quantum Gravity

Matter sector

$$T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{cl}}$$



Spacetime

$$g_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$\langle \hat{T}_{\alpha\beta} \rangle$$



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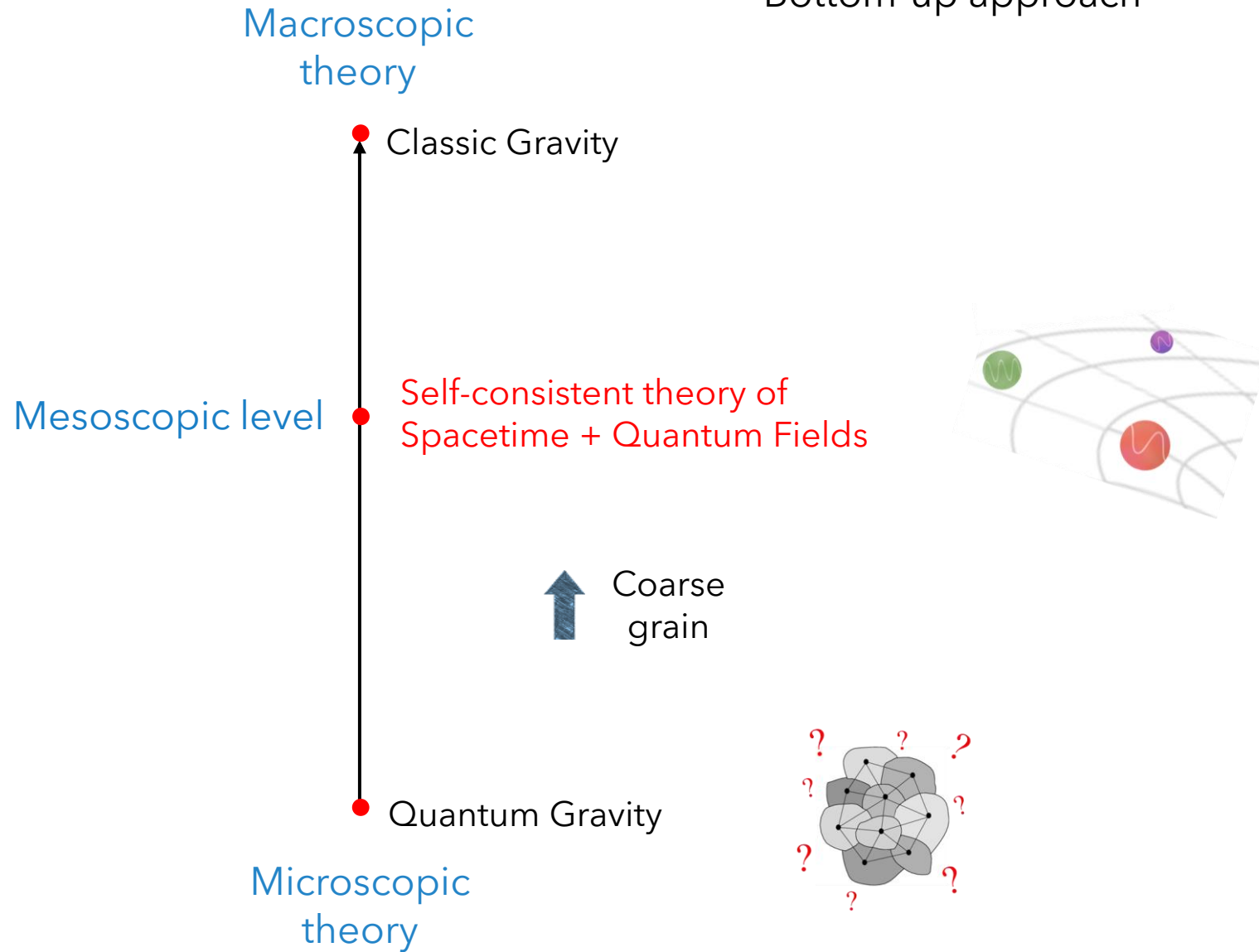
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Microscopic
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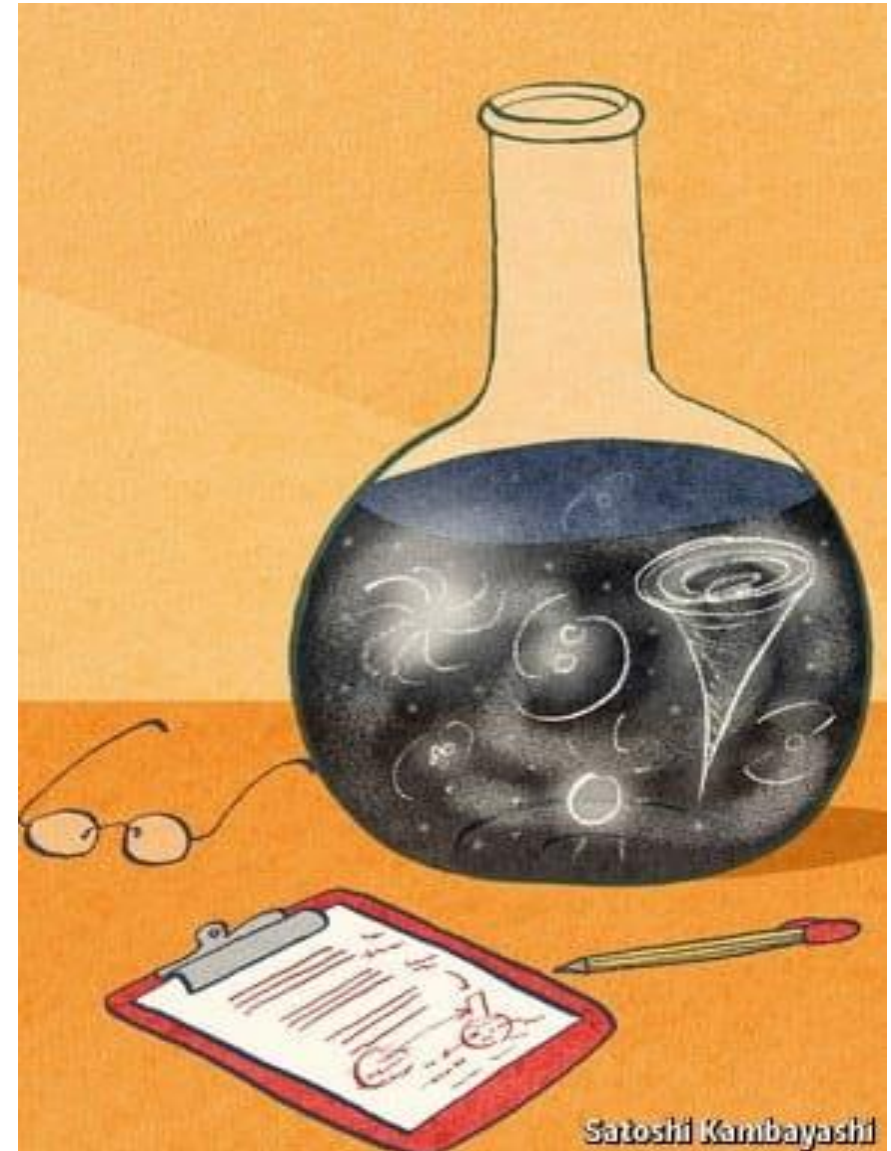


The back-reaction problem

Analog models of gravity

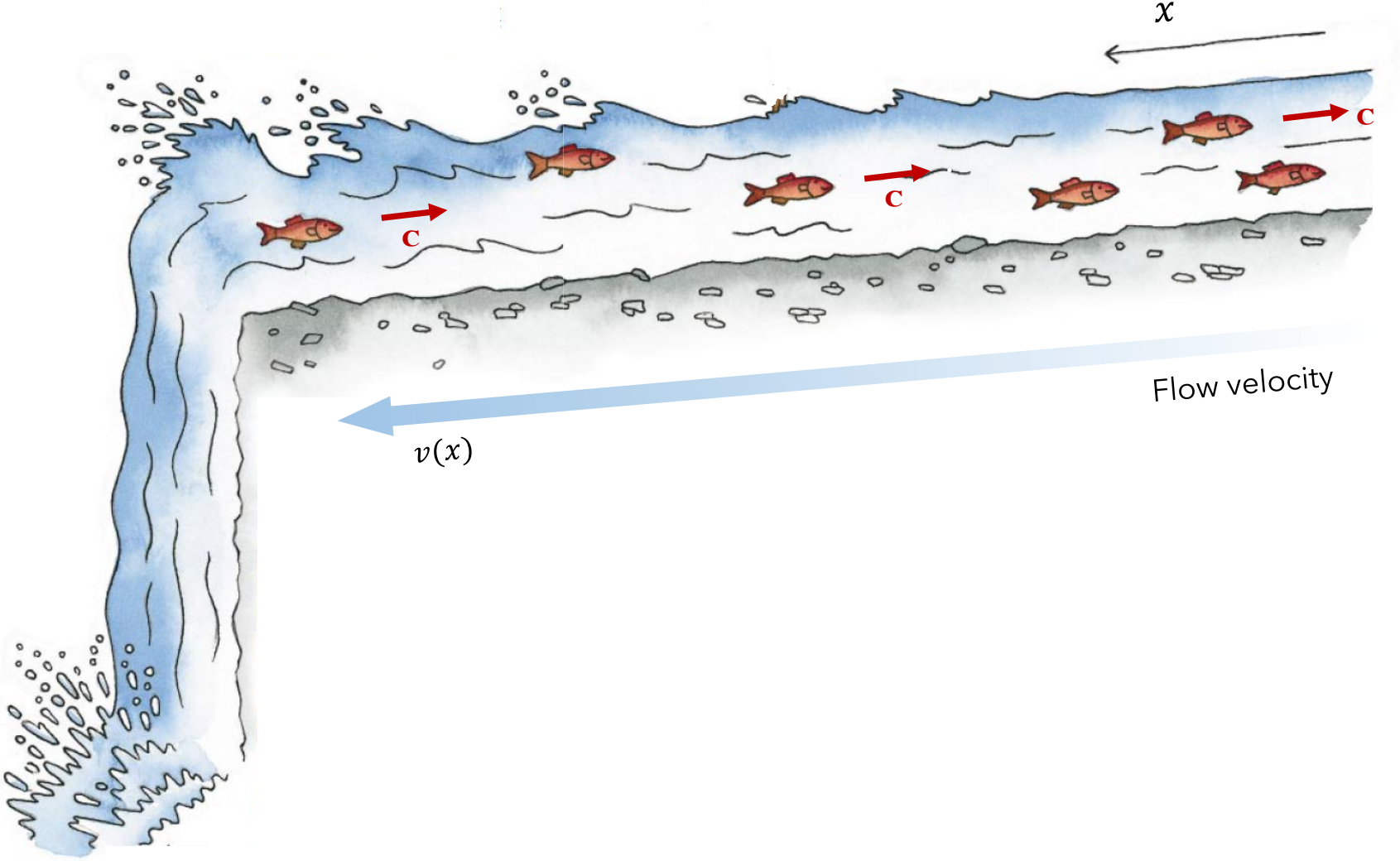
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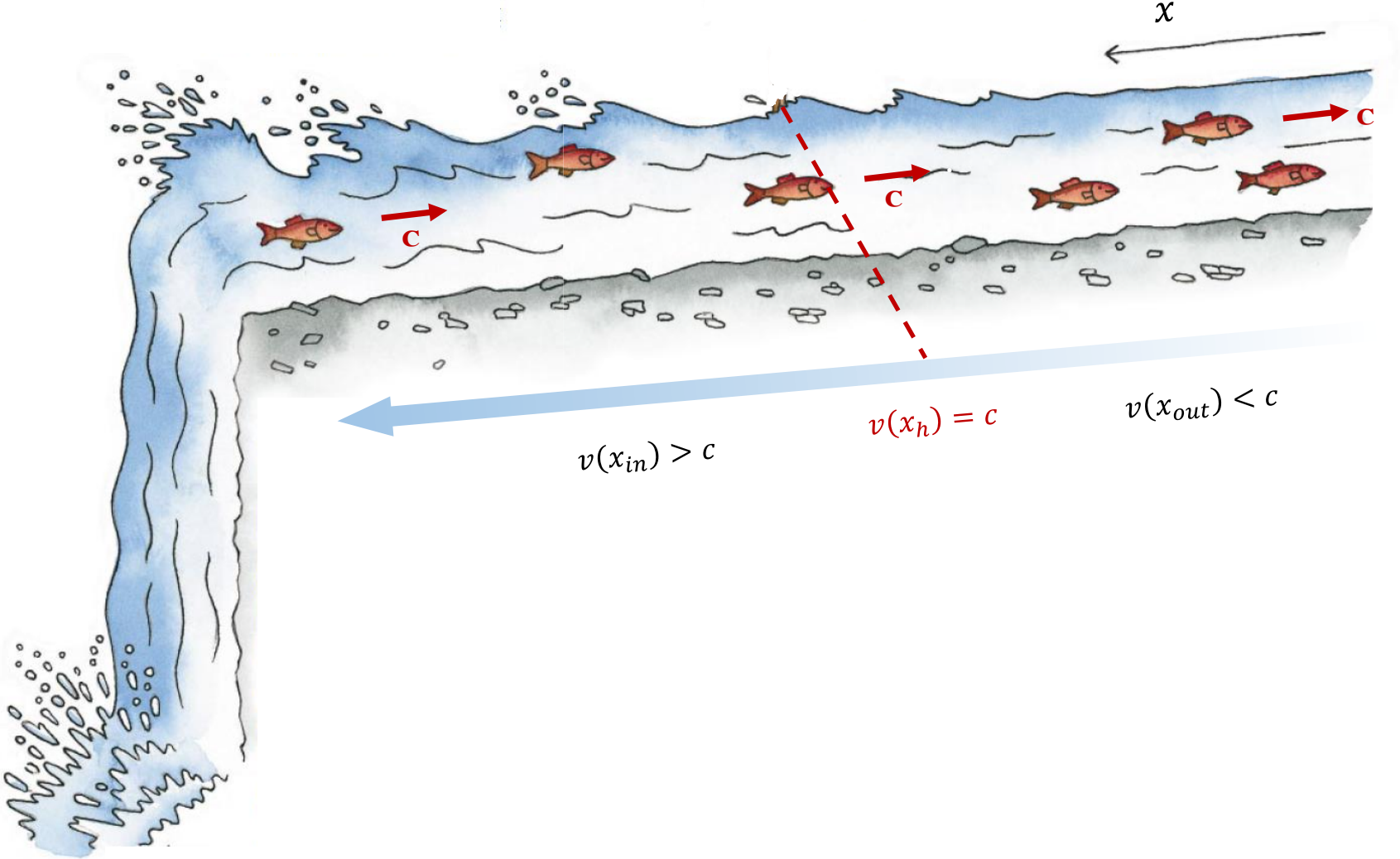
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A fish black hole



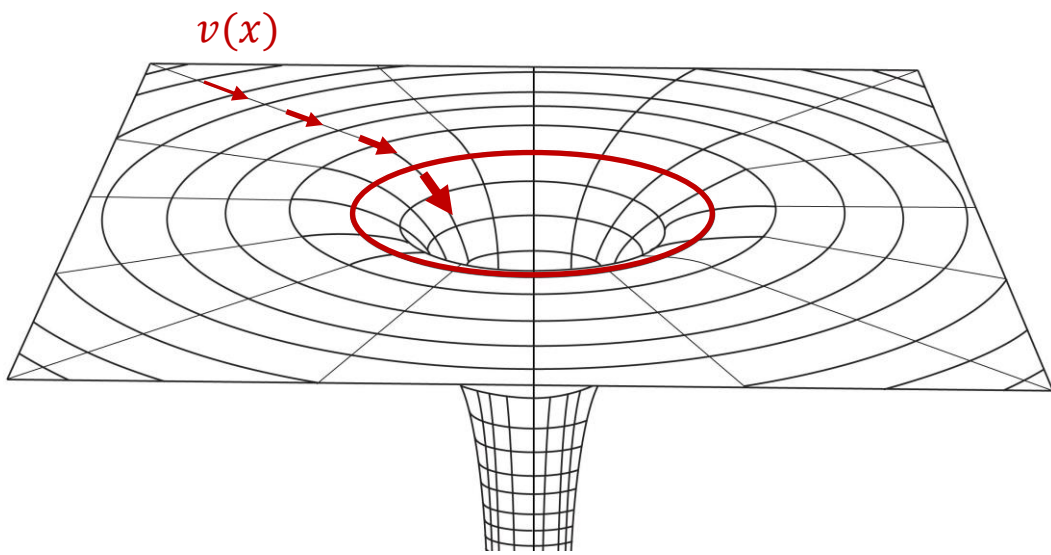
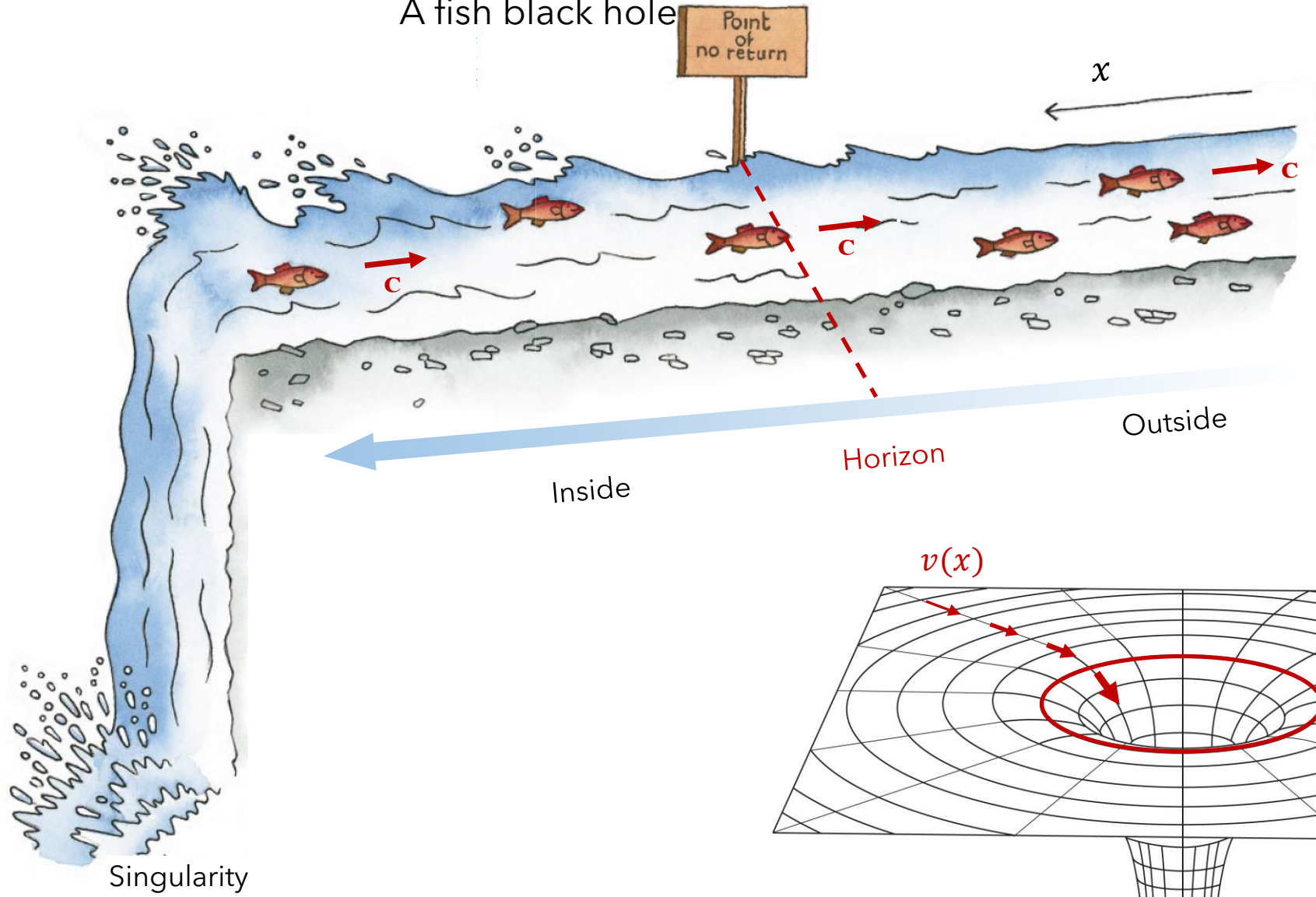
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Effective spacetime

In the case of (i) irrotational flow (no viscosity)

$$\text{Velocity} \rightarrow v \equiv -\nabla S \leftarrow \text{Velocity potential}$$

and (ii) barotropic medium

$$\text{Density} \rightarrow \rho = \rho(p)$$

Linear excitations evolve as a field in curved spacetime:

$$S = S_0 + \epsilon S_1, \text{ etc.}$$

White hole in the sea



W. G. Unruh., *PRL* **46**, 1351 (1981)

C. Barcelo' et al., *Liv. Rev. Rel.* **14**, 3 (2011)

$$\text{Eq. of motion: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left(\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial x^\nu} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Metric: } g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\rho_0}{c_0} \begin{pmatrix} -(c_0^2 - v_0^2) & -v_{j0} \\ -v_{i0} & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

Background density $\rightarrow \rho_0$ Background velocity $\rightarrow v_{j0}$
Speed of sound $\rightarrow c_0$

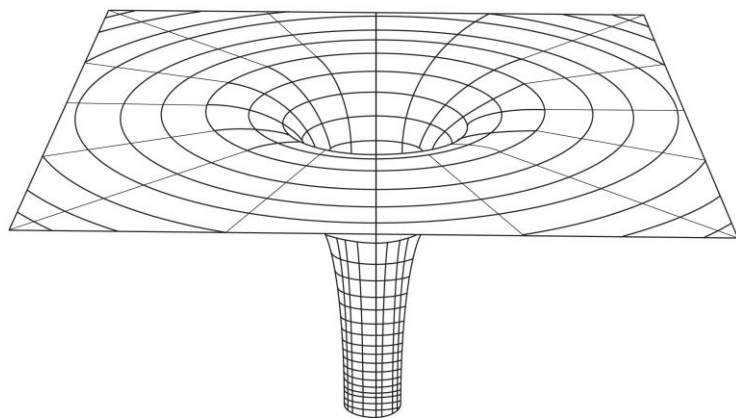
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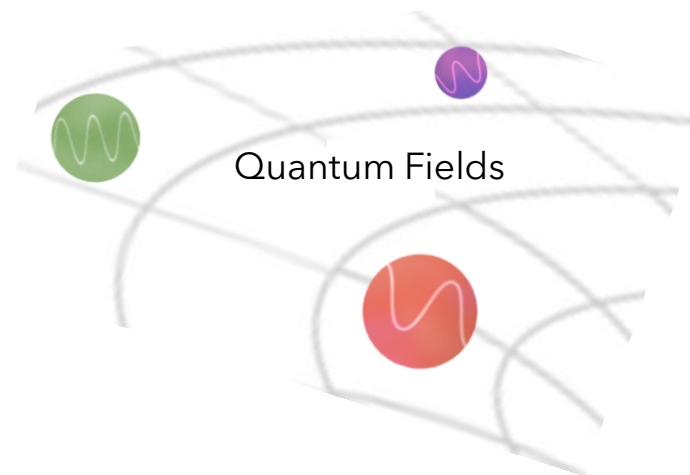
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Hydrodynamic equations
of the analog system



Excitation fields



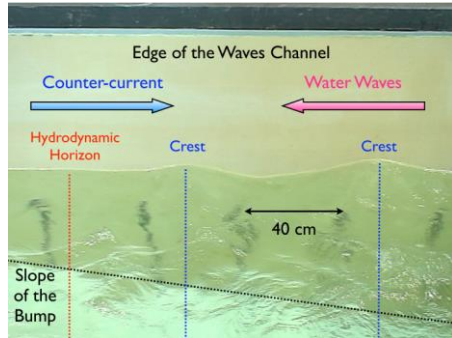
Effective field equation

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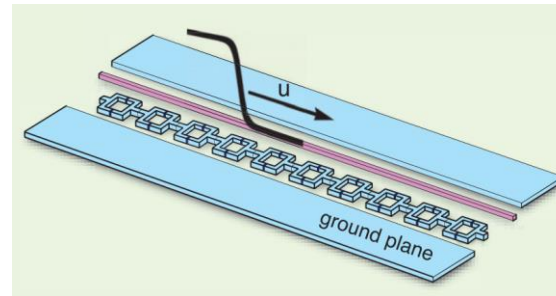
In the lab

Surface waves in water



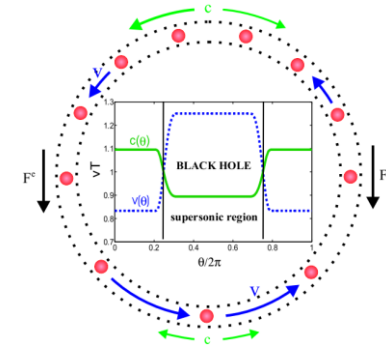
G. Rousseaux et al., *NJP* (2010)

Superconducting circuits



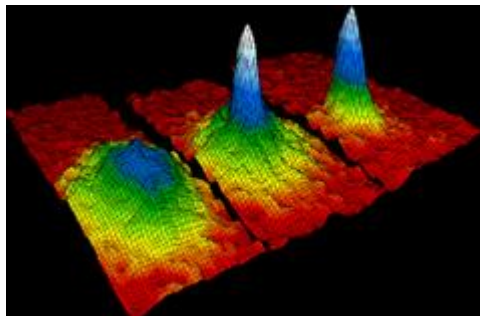
P. D. Nation et al., *RMP* (2012)

Rings of trapped ions



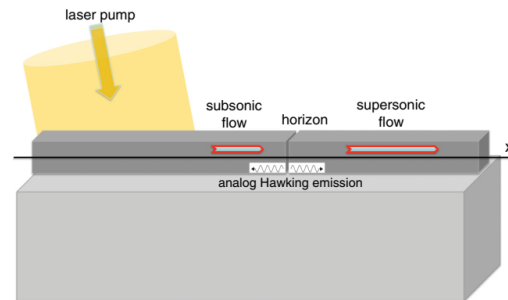
B. Horstmann et al., *PRL* (2010)

BECs of ultra-cold atoms



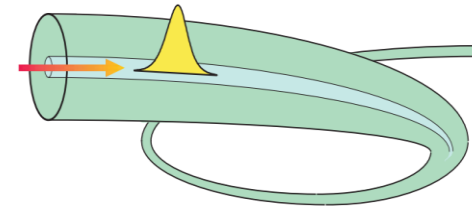
M. H. Anderson et al., *Science* (1995)

Quantum fluids of light



D. Gerace et al., *PRB* (2012)

Nonlinear optical systems



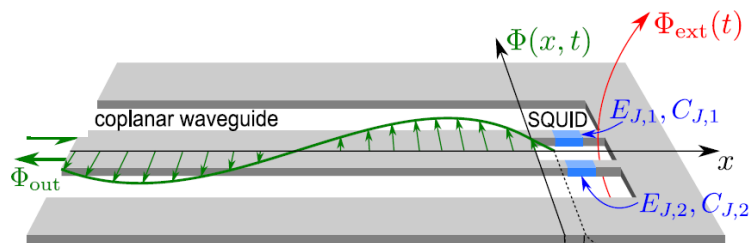
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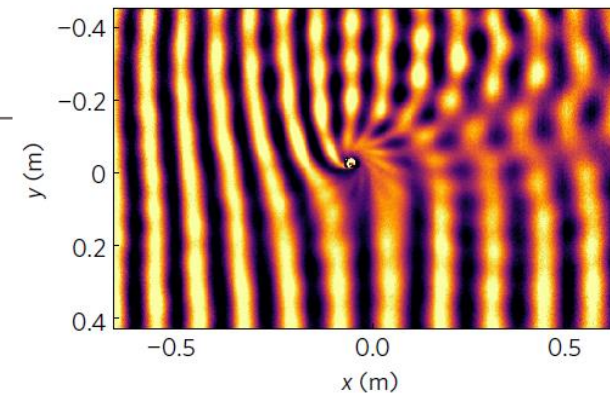
Observation of the **dynamical Casimir** effect in a superconducting circuit

C. M. Wilson et al., *Nature* **479**, 376–379 (2011)



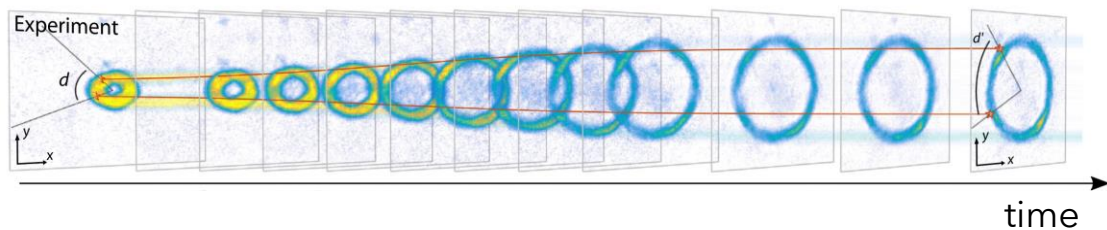
Rotational **superradiant** scattering in a vortex flow

S. Weinfurter et al.,
Nat. Phys. **13**, 833 (2017)



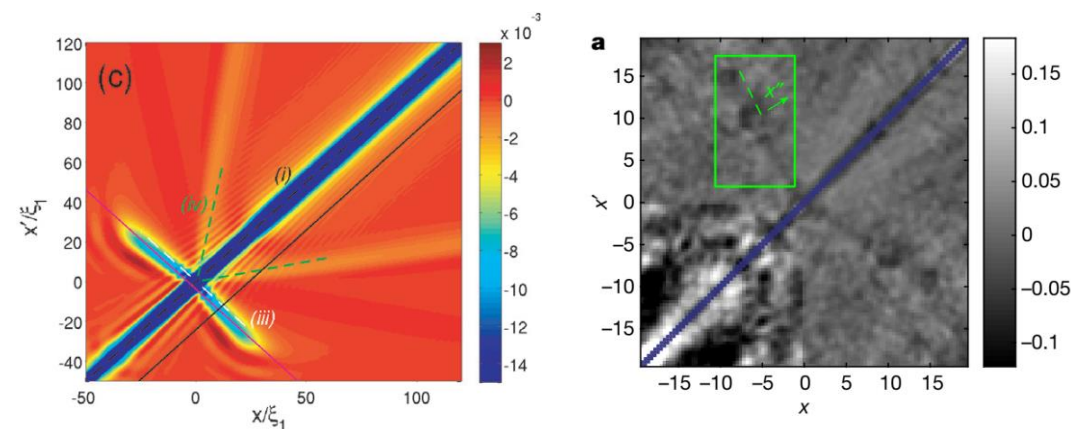
A Rapidly Expanding Bose-Einstein Condensate: An **Expanding Universe** in the Lab

S. Eckel et al., *PRX* **8**, 021021 (2018)



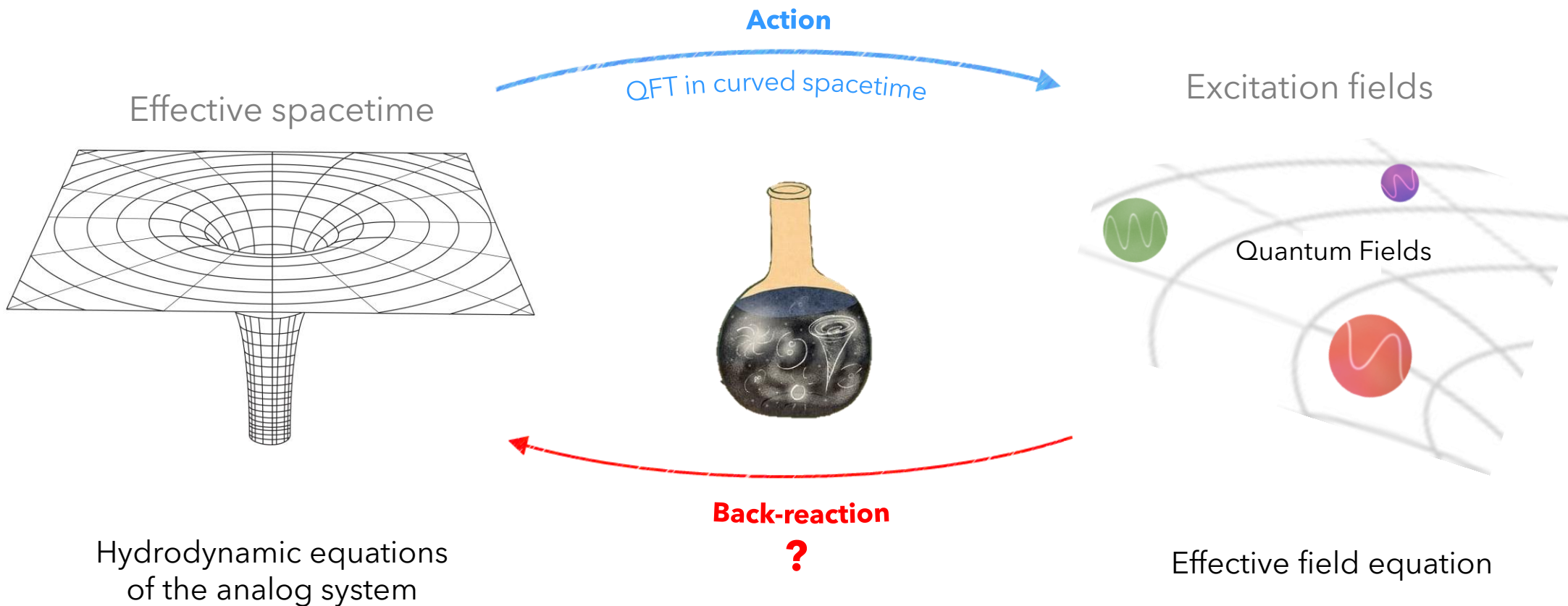
Observation of thermal **Hawking** radiation and its temperature in an analogue black hole

J. Steinhauer et al., *Nature* **12**, 688 (2019)



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Back-reaction



See:

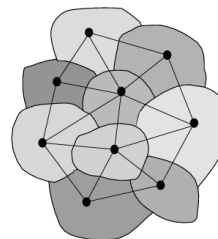
R. Balbinot et al., PRL **94**, 161302 (2005)

Schutzhold et al. PRD **72** 105005 (2005)

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WARNING!

The microscopic physics is different

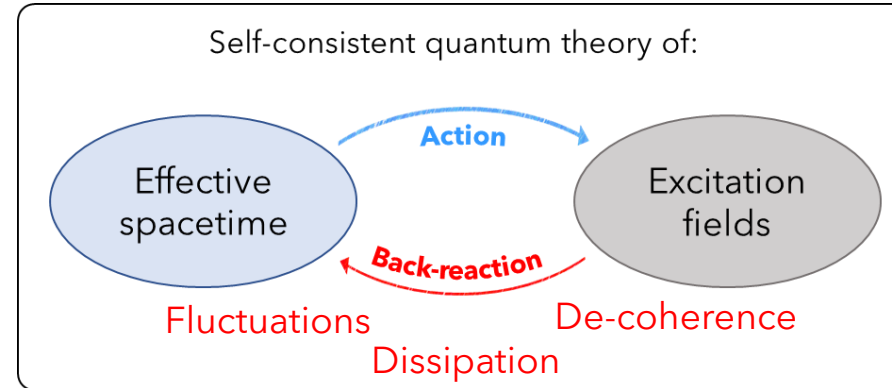


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Back-reaction

Mesoscopic level



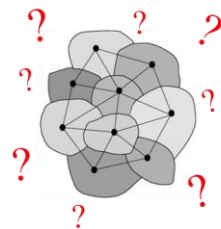
Microscopic details are blurred. Mesoscopic back-reaction effects are Universal!

Gravity

Self-consistent theory of Spacetime + Quantum Fields

↑ Coarse grain

Quantum Gravity



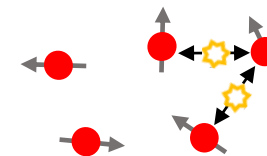
Microscopic theory

Analogue systems

Self-consistent theory of Effective Spacetime + Quantum excitation Fields

↑ Coarse grain

Atoms, electrons, light, etc.



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Based on:

S. Butera and I. Carusotto , *arXiv: 2207.00311* (2022)

S. Butera and I. Carusotto , *PRD* **104** 083503 (2021)

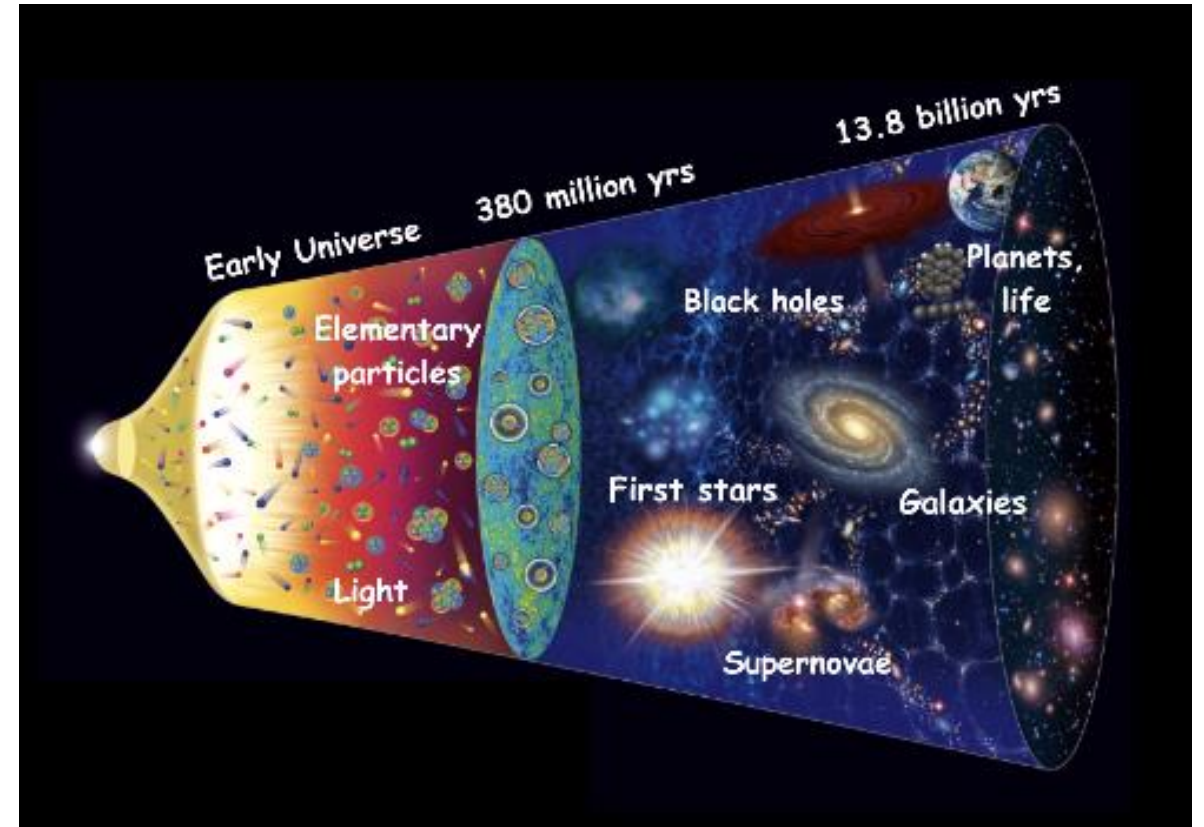
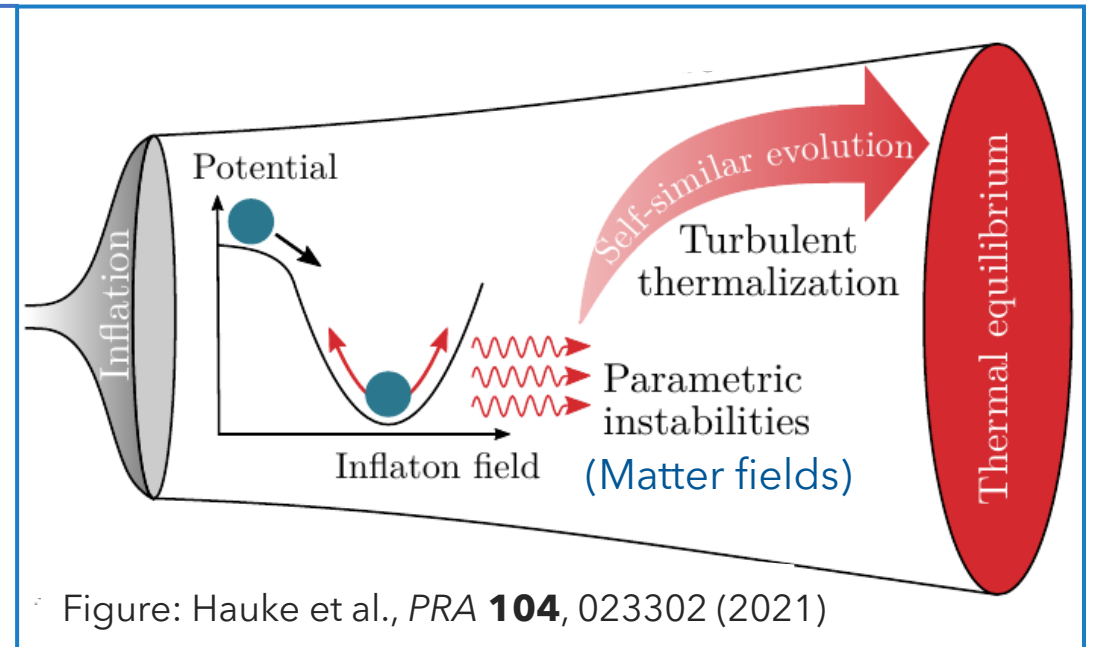
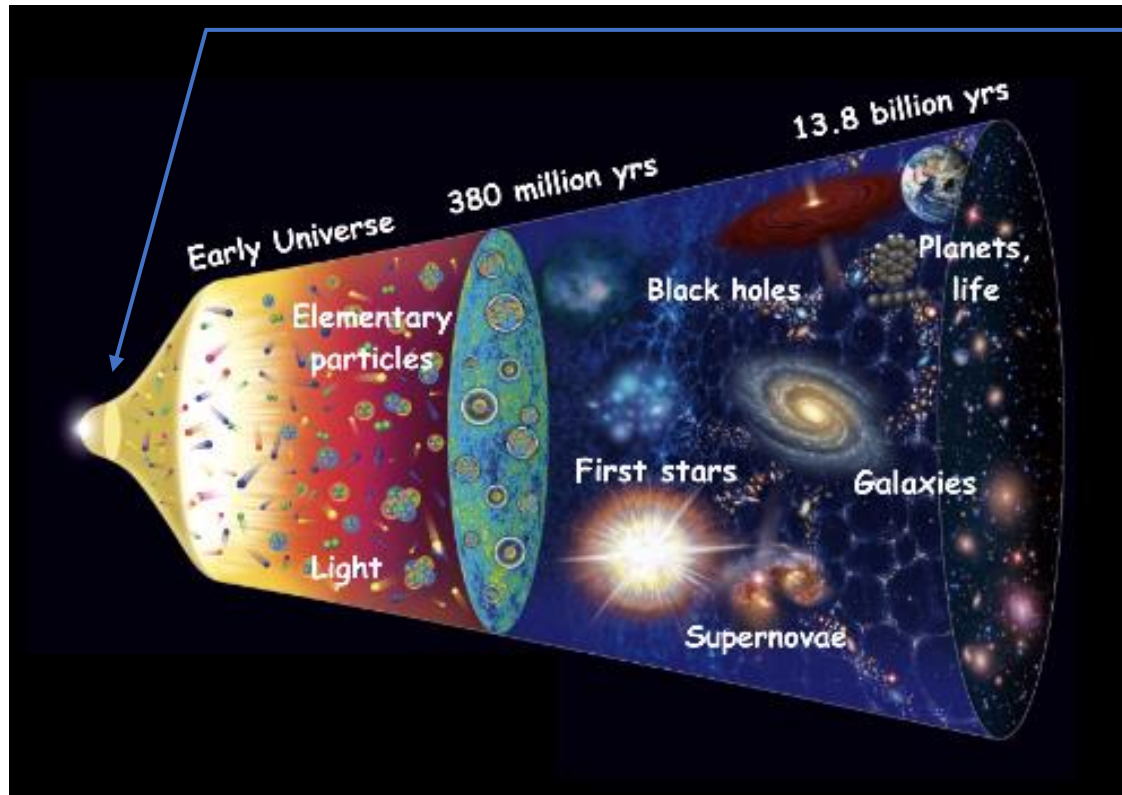


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Pre-heating in the early Universe

The back-reaction problem

Explosive creation of matter at the end of inflation → Creates the hot soup that feeds the standard Big Bang evolution



Schematic of physical processes

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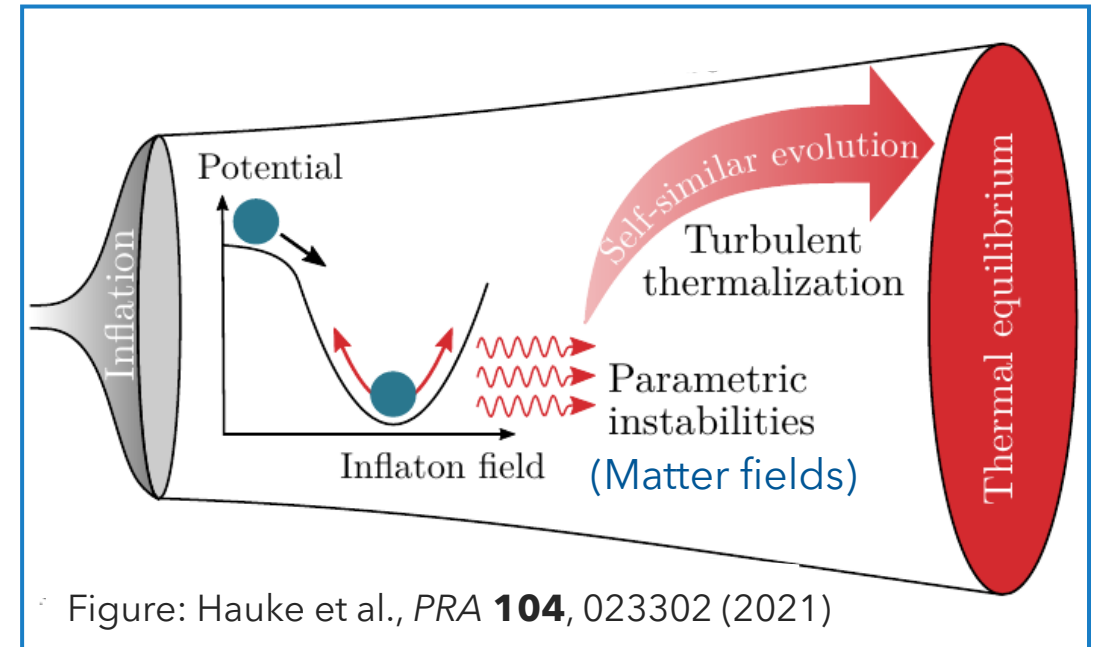
The back-reaction problem

Why we need an analogue simulator?

- The objective is study the dynamics of the inflaton field, induced by the creation of matter: **back-reaction** problem.
- It is a non-perturbative effect. Interaction are strong and **quantum effects are important**.
- We have a clear understanding of the microscopic dynamics of analogue systems, and we can perform table-top experiments.

(See experiments at BEC-Center in Trento, Italy)

- The characteristic effects of the back-reaction are **universal** and the basic mechanism are qualitatively the same.



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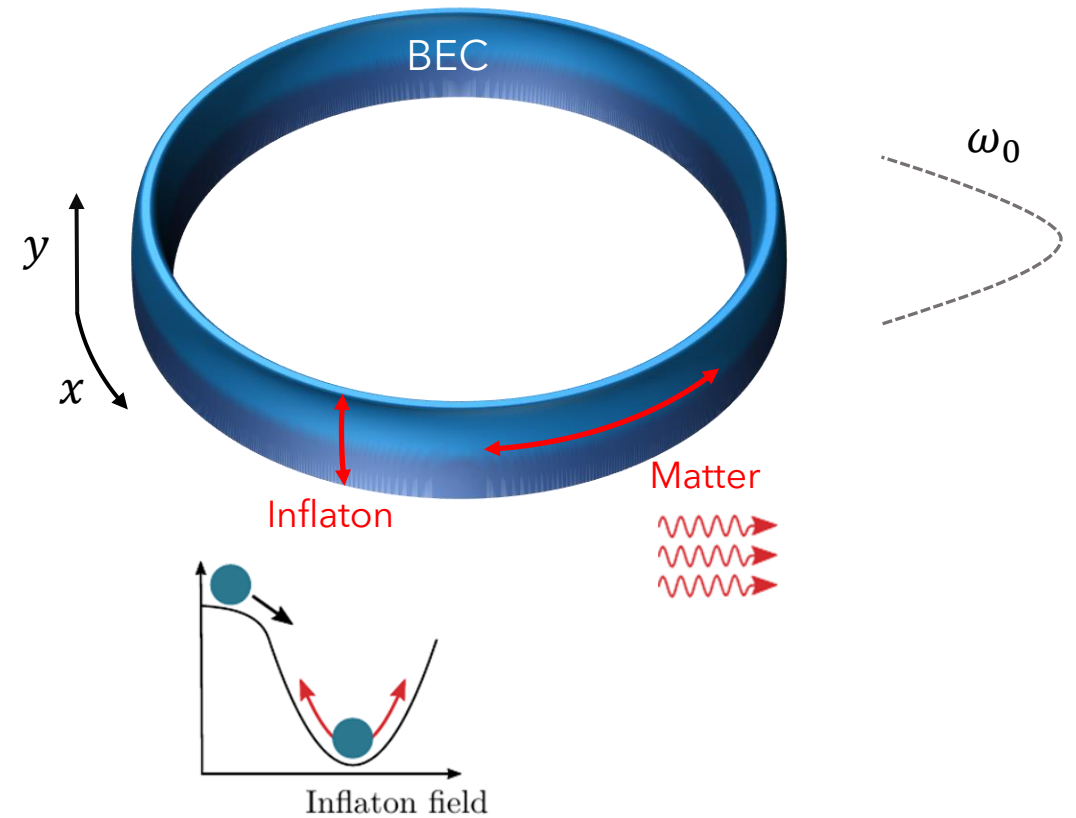
The analogue system

2D BEC

- Degrees-of-freedom

Inflaton field \longrightarrow (High energy) Transverse modes

Matter field \longrightarrow (Low energy) Longitudinal modes



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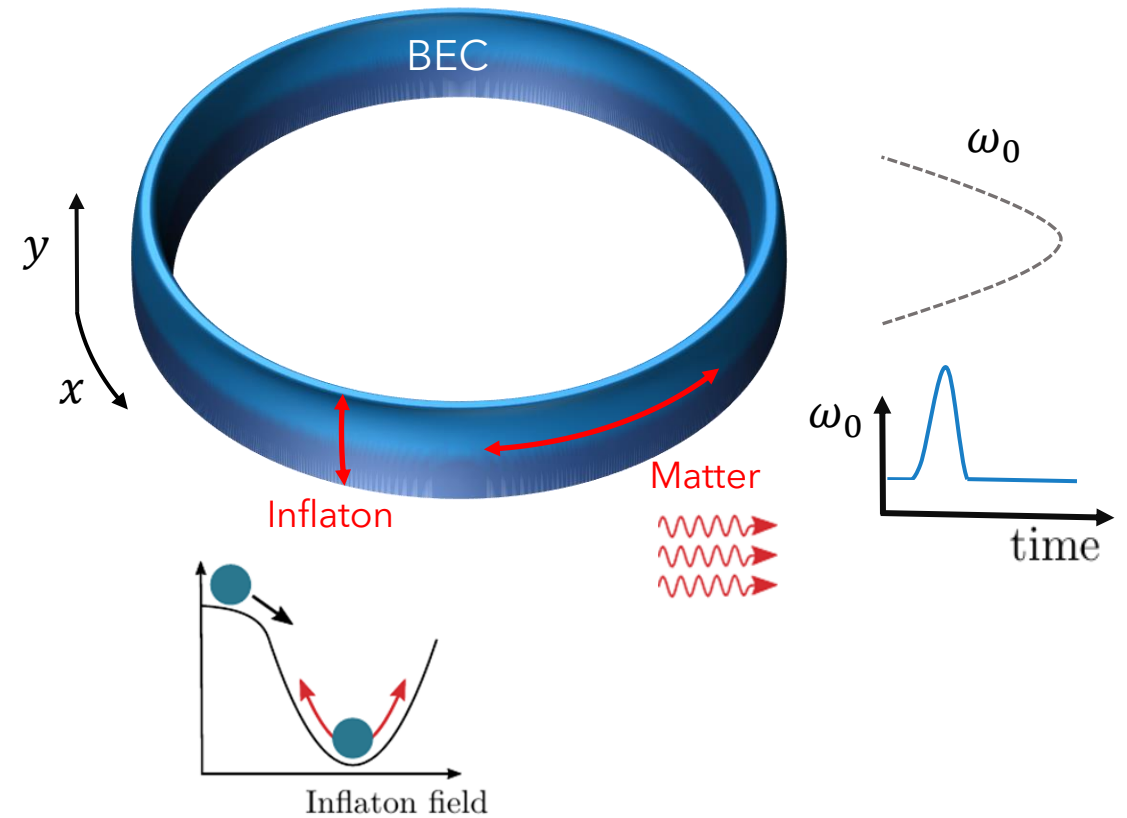
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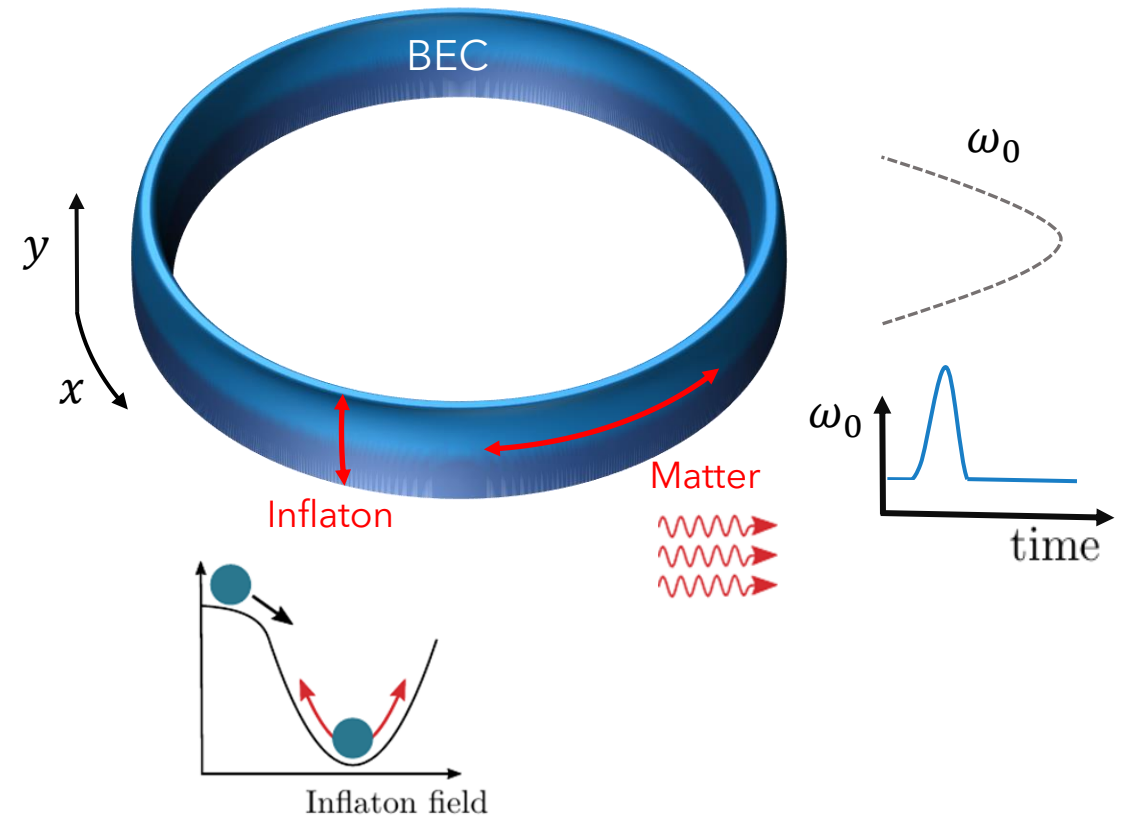
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- Inflaton \longleftrightarrow matter interaction

Collisional atomic interactions



The method

Semiclassical phase-space representation

Characteristic function

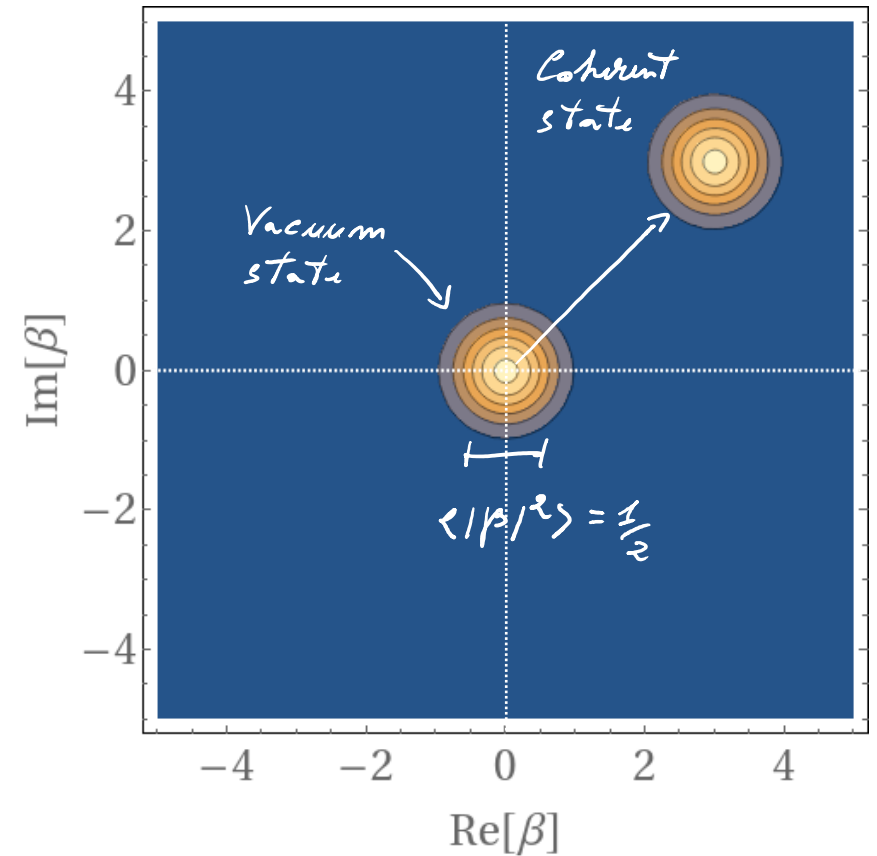
$$\chi_S(z, z^*) \equiv \text{Tr} \left(\hat{\rho} e^{iz^* \hat{b}^\dagger + iz \hat{b}} \right)$$

Wigner function (quasi-probability distribution)

$$W(\beta, \beta^*) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int d^2 z \chi_S(z, z^*) e^{-iz^* \beta^*} e^{-iz \beta}$$

Symmetric averages

$$\left\langle \left(\hat{b}^{\dagger p} \hat{b}^q \right)_S \right\rangle = \int d^2 \beta W(\beta, \beta^*) \beta^{*p} \beta^q$$



The method

Semiclassical phase-space representation

Dynamics of the BEC in the phase space

$$i\hbar \frac{d\hat{\rho}}{dt} = [\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial W(\psi, \psi^*)}{\partial t} = i \int dx \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{\delta}{\delta\psi} [h\psi + g(|\psi|^2 - 1)\psi]}_{\text{Meanfield}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \frac{\delta^3}{\delta^2\psi\delta\psi^*} \psi}_{\text{Quantum fluctuations}} \right\} W(\psi, \psi^*) + \text{c.c.}$$

- BEC Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger h\psi + \frac{g}{2} \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}$$

The method

Semiclassical phase-space representation

Dynamics of the BEC in the phase space

Truncated Wigner
approximation

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- The system evolves classically, according to the Gross-Pitaevskii equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = h\psi + g|\psi|^2\psi$$

- Quantum fluctuations are accounted for **only** in the initial condition.

The initial state
Bogoliubov vacuum

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, t=0) = \underbrace{\phi(\mathbf{r})}_{\text{Condensate}} + \underbrace{\sum_{n,r} (\beta_n^r u_n^r(\mathbf{r}) + \beta_n^{r*} v_n^{r*}(\mathbf{r}))}_{\text{Vacuum fluctuations}}$$

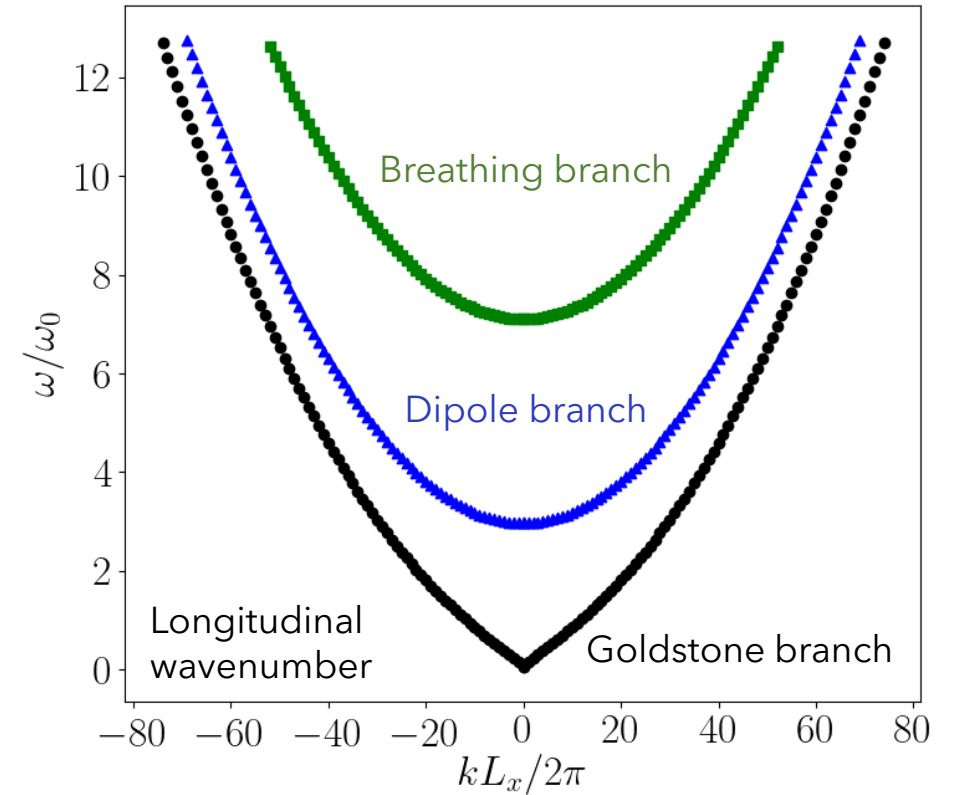
Bogoliubov modes

$$\{u_n^r, v_n^r\} \in \mathbb{N}$$

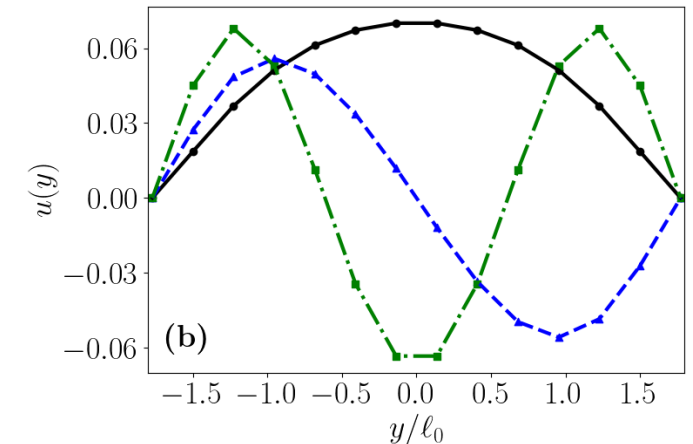
Gaussian random variables

$$\overline{\beta_n^r \beta_m^s} = 0, \quad \overline{\beta_n^{r*} \beta_m^s} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{nm} \delta_{rs}$$

Bogoliubov spectrum

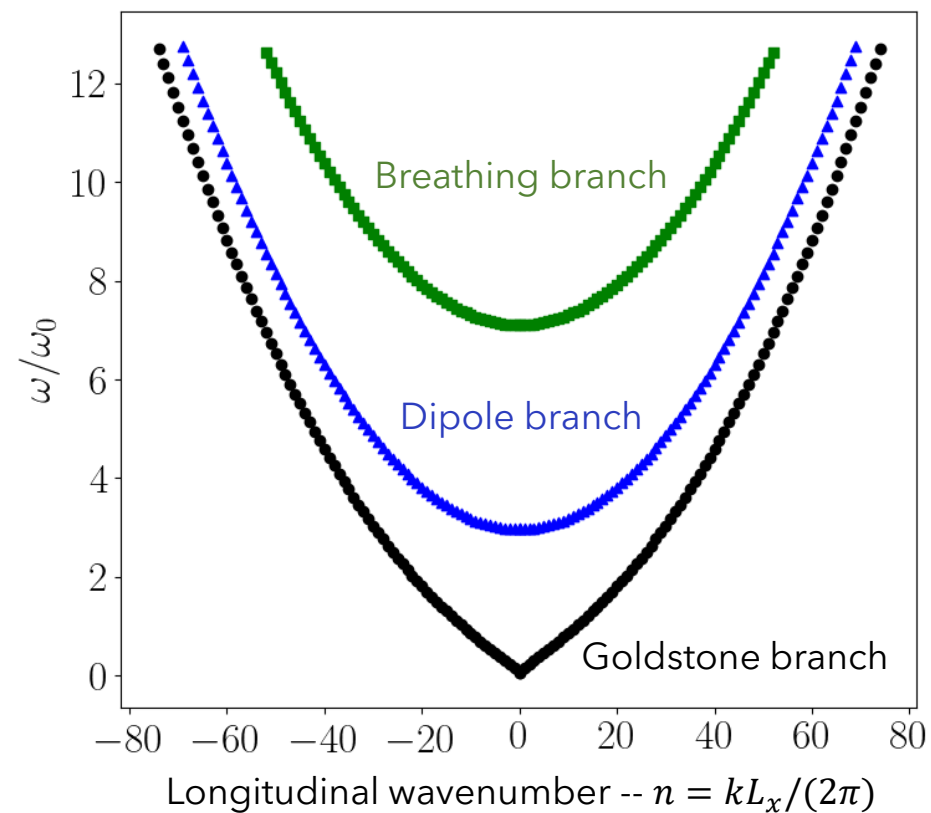
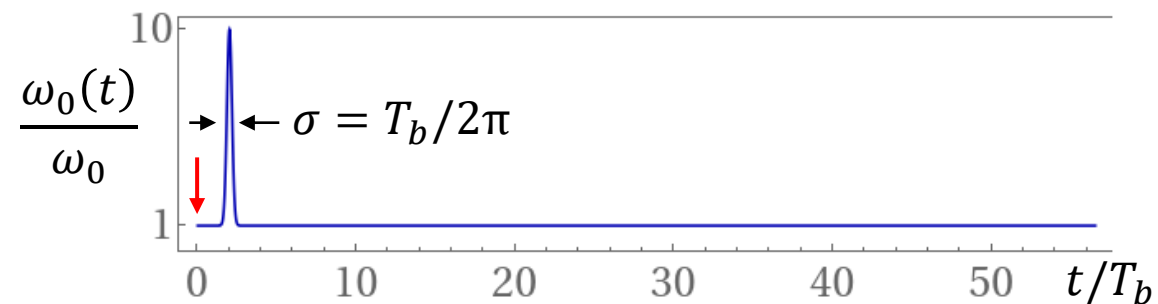
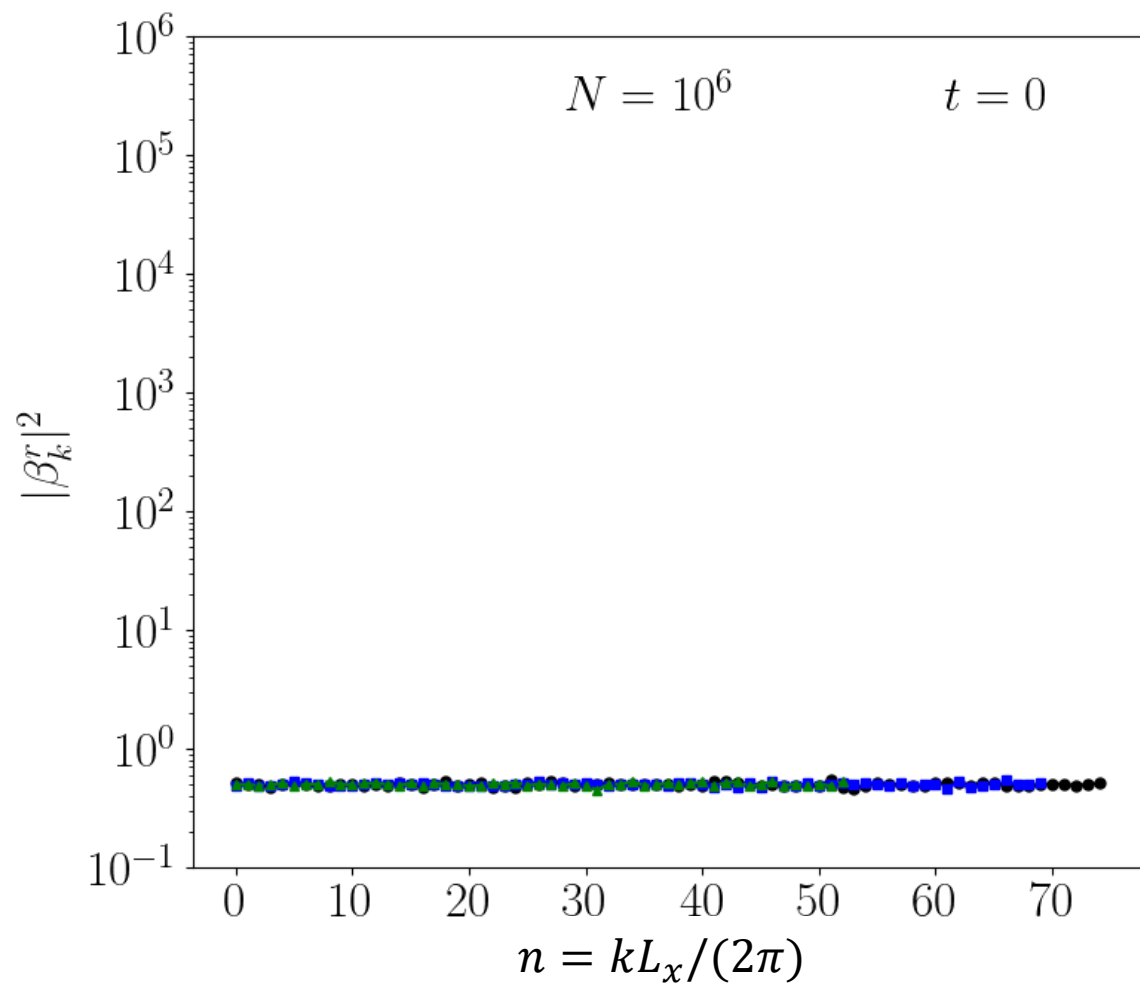


Transverse profiles



Results

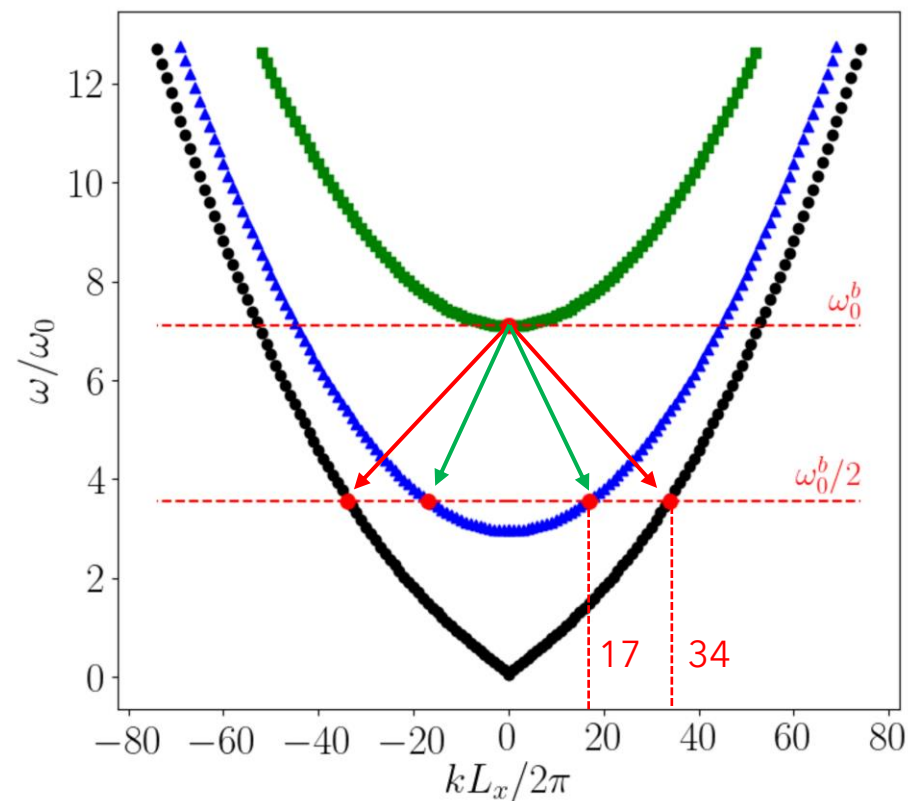
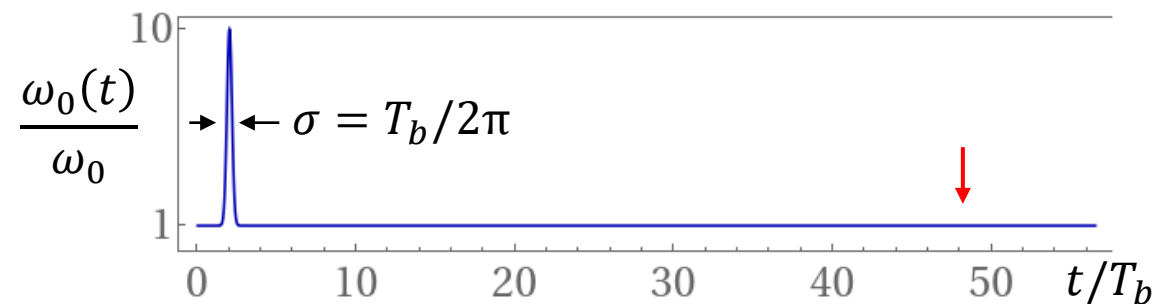
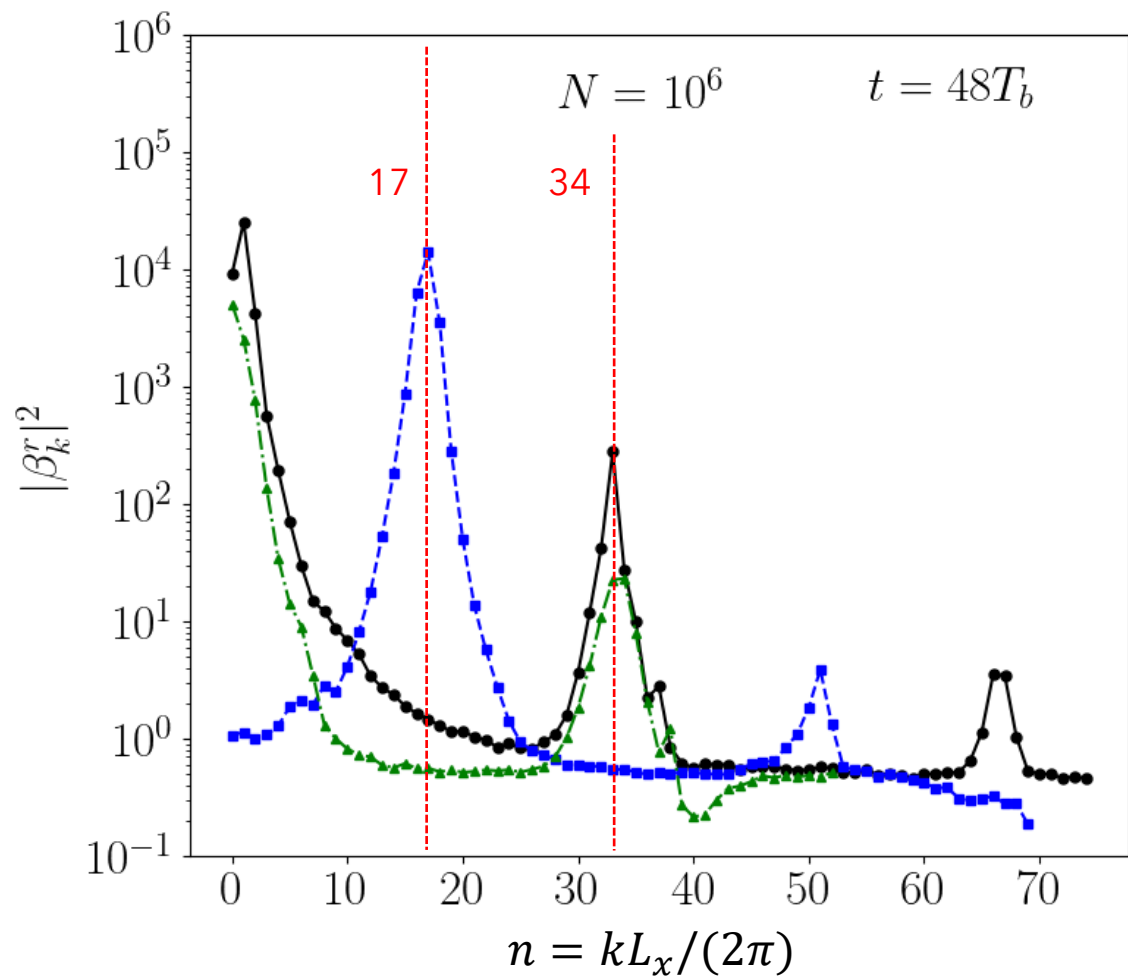
Bogoliubov modes evolution



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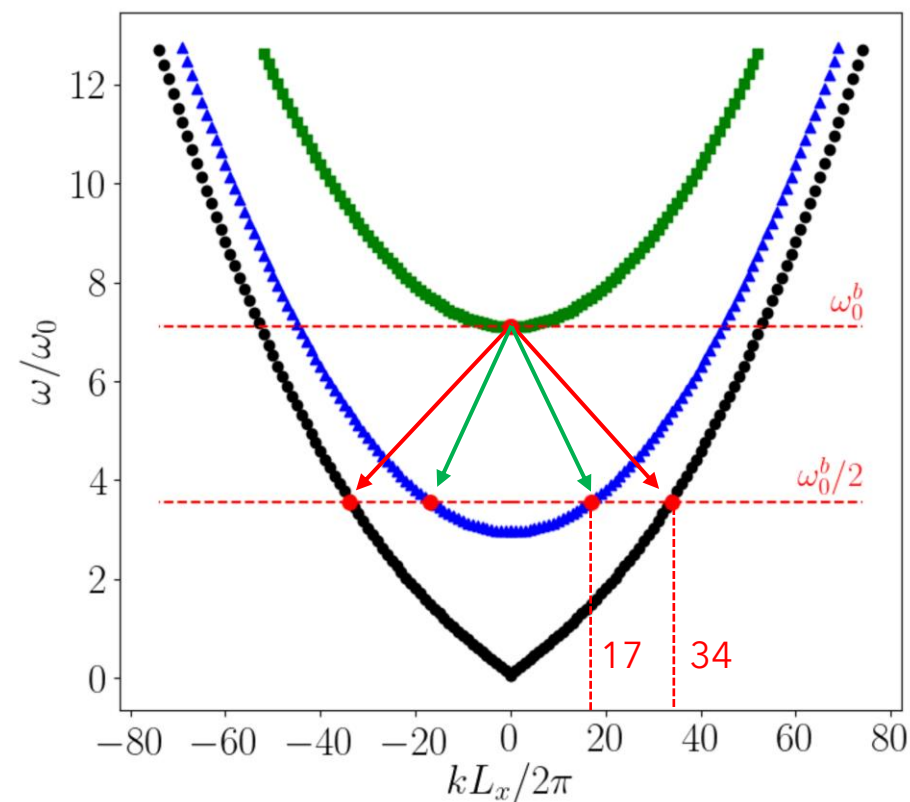
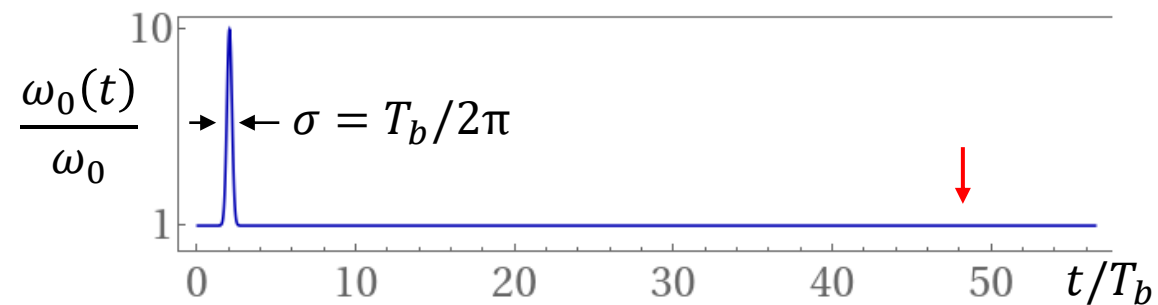
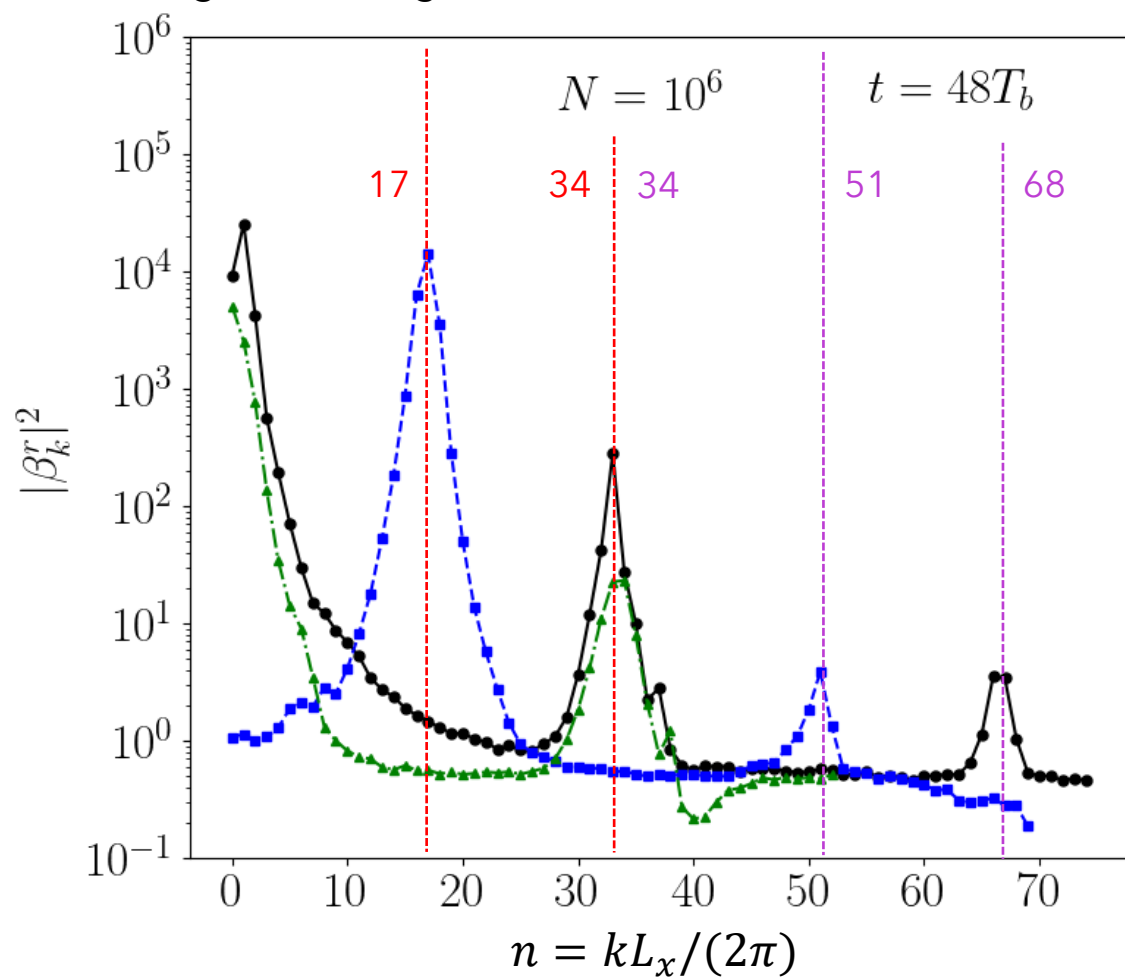
Parametric amplification of vacuum fluctuations in the resonant modes



Results

Bogoliubov modes evolution

Non-linear scattering between quasi-particles generate higher harmonics



Results

Trento experiments

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Observation of Massless and Massive Collective Excitations with Faraday Patterns in a Two-Component Superfluid

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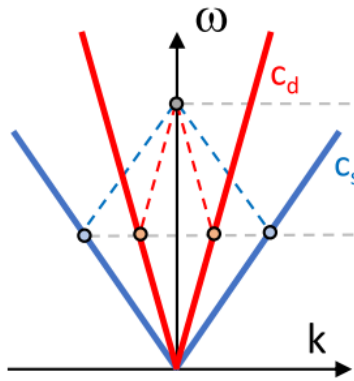
Particle creation in the spin modes of a dynamically oscillating two-component Bose-Einstein condensate

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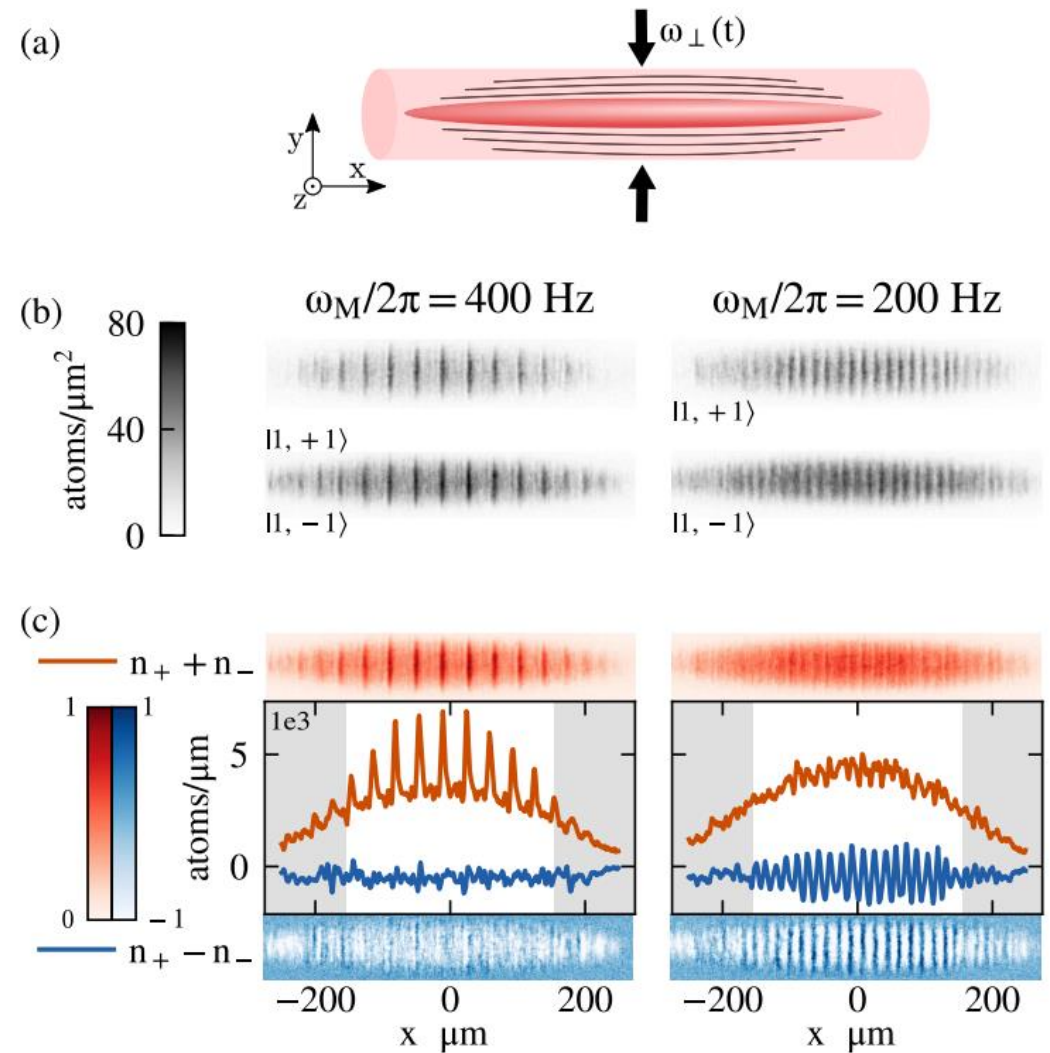
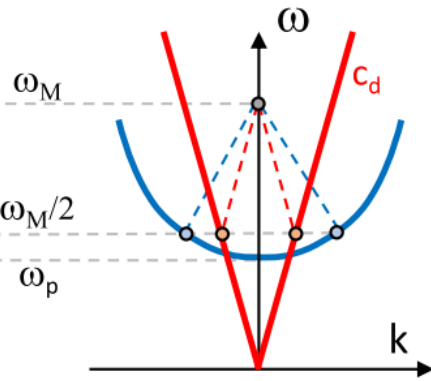
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Massless density excitation
 Massless spin excitation



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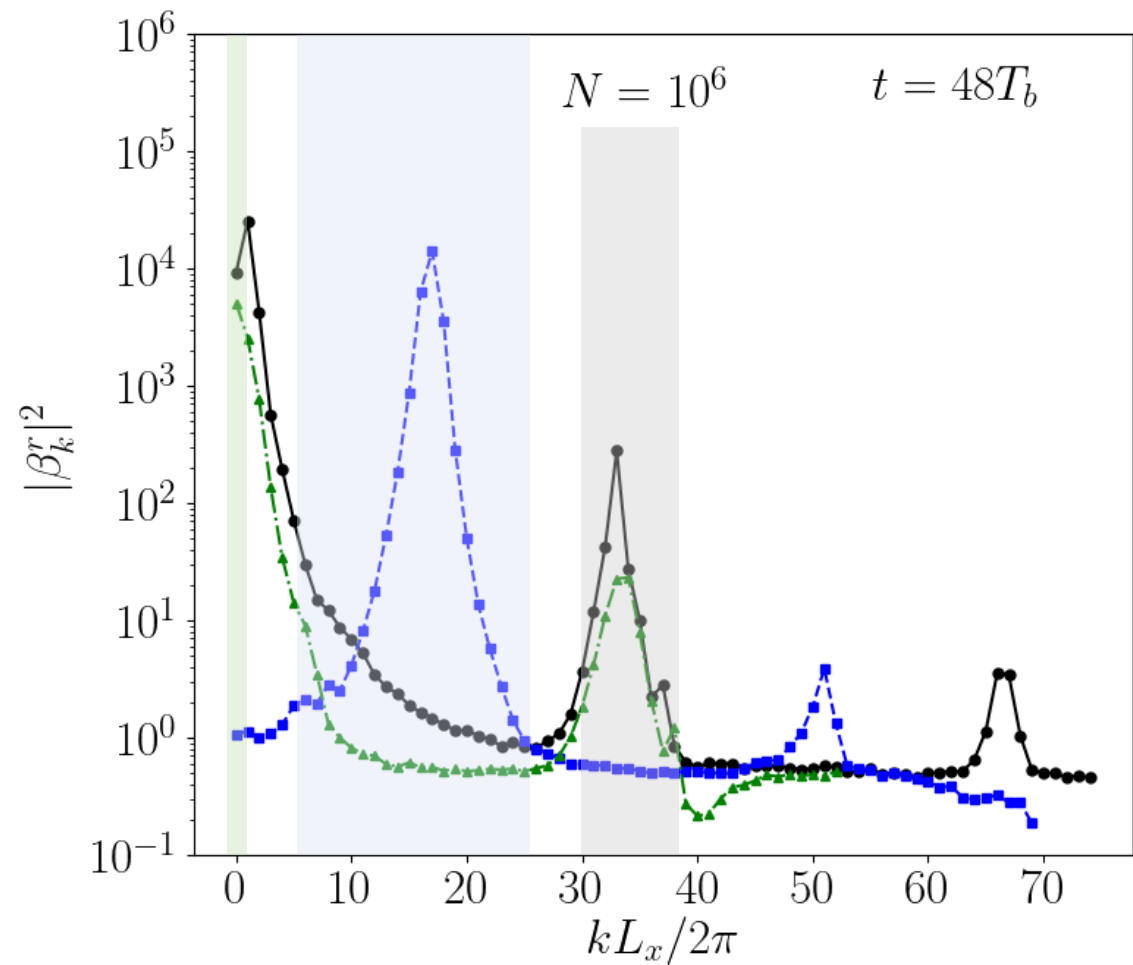
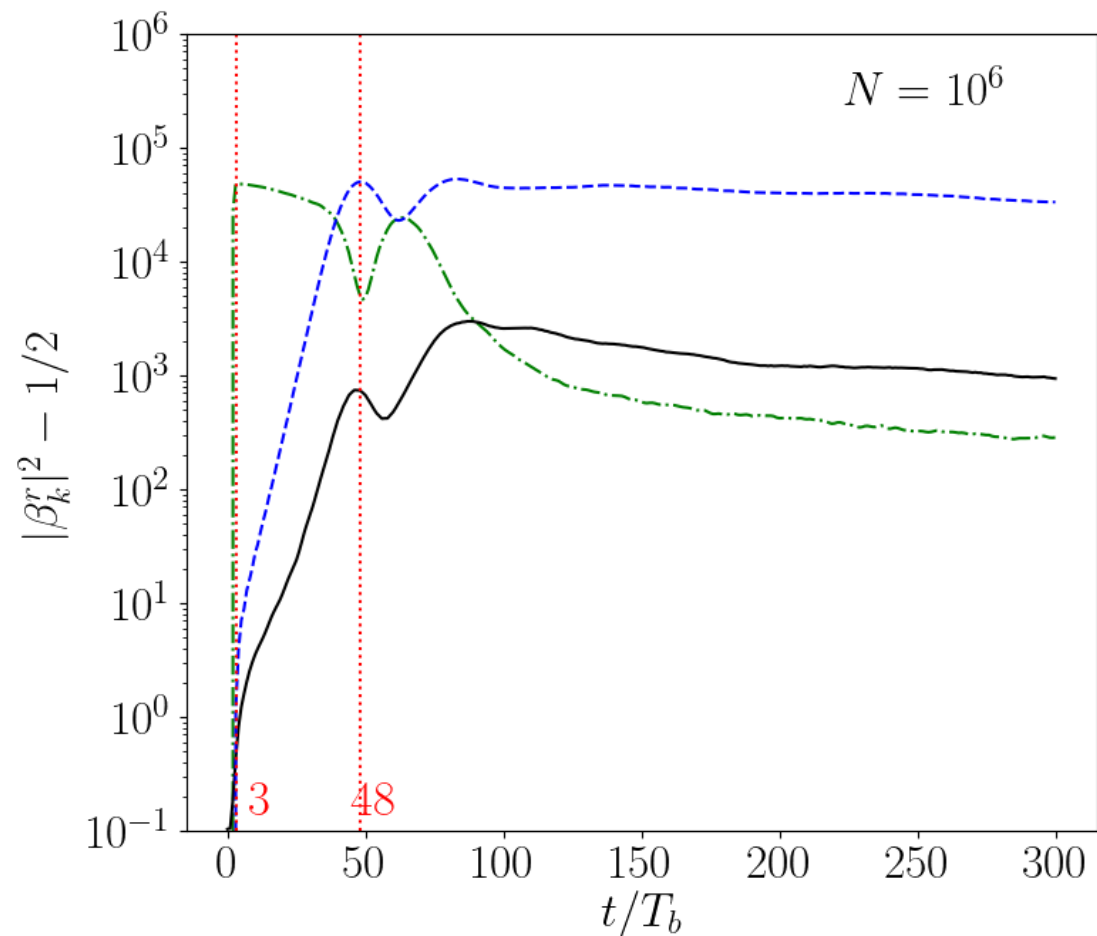
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Results

Dissipation

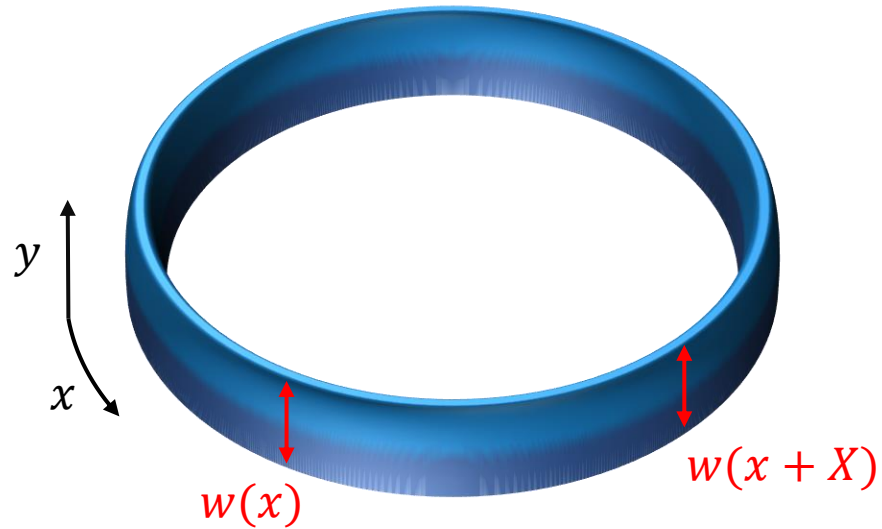
Effect of the back-reaction that can be captured by a semiclassical theory



Results

Decoherence

Effect of the back-reaction beyond the semiclassical level (that is due to quantum fluctuations)



Transverse BEC size

$$w(x, t) \equiv \frac{\int_0^{L_y} dy |\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 y^2}{\int_0^{L_y} dy |\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2}$$

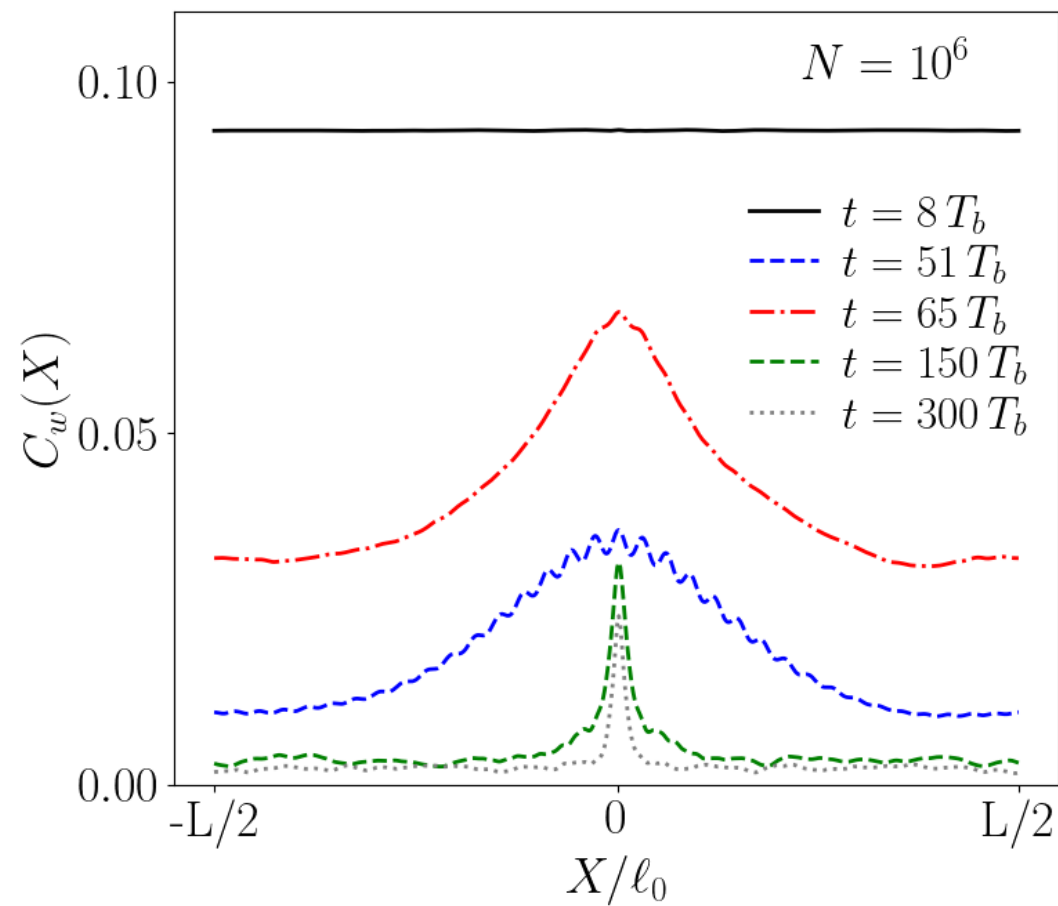
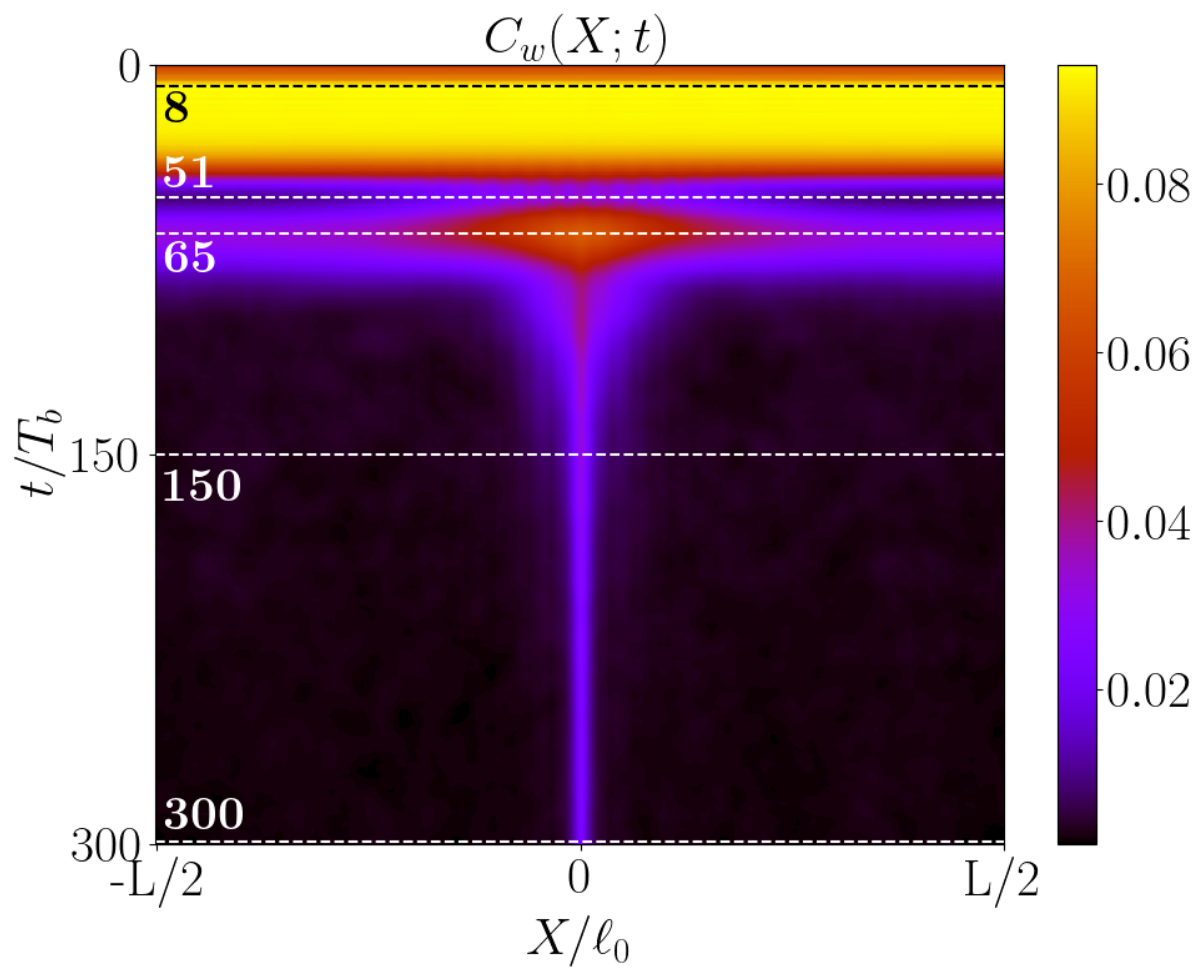
Spatial correlation of the transverse oscillations

$$C_w(X; t) \equiv \left\langle \frac{\delta w(x, t) \delta w(x + X, t)}{\bar{w}^2(0)} \right\rangle_w$$

- $\delta w(x, t) = w(x, t) - \bar{w}(0)$

Results

Decoherence

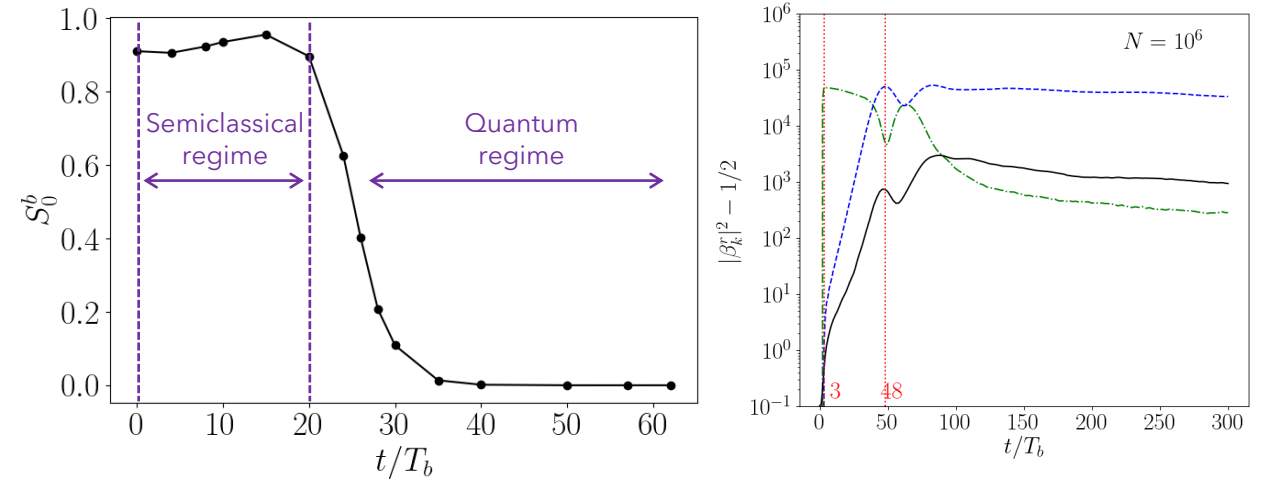


Results

Tripartite entanglement

Linear entanglement entropy of the breathing mode:

$$S_0^b \equiv \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{b,0}^2) = \pi \int d^2\beta W_{b,0}(\beta, \beta^*)$$



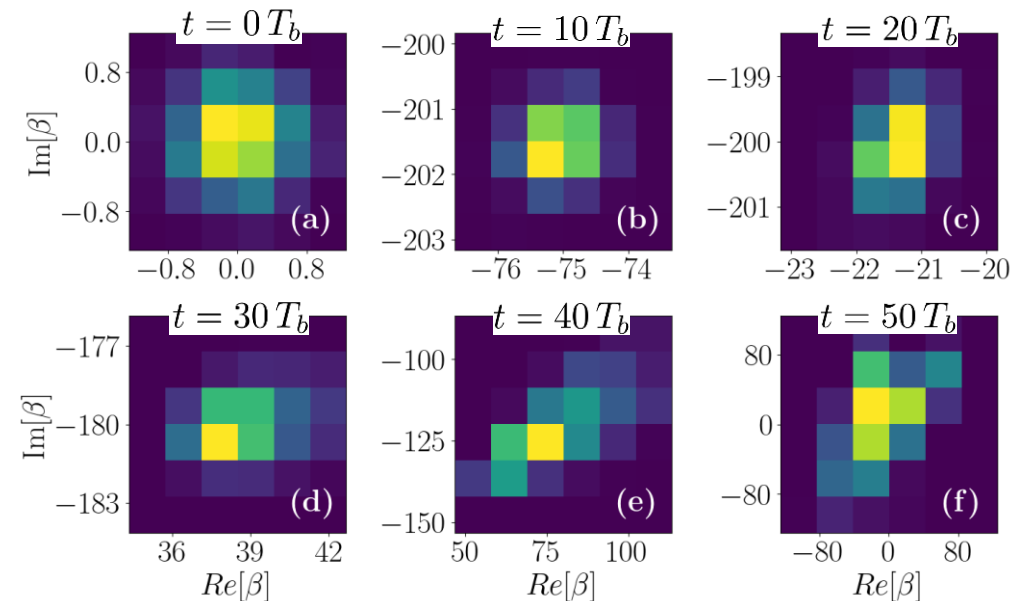
- Pure state:

$$S_{b,0} = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{b,0}^2) = \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{b,0}) = 1$$

- Mixed state:

$$S_{b,0} < 1$$

Wigner distribution of the breathing mode



Conclusions

- Analogue models are a powerful [quantum simulation platform](#) that can be used to investigate the physics of the back-reactions.
- Despite the microscopic physics of analogue systems is expected to be different from the (unknown) physics of gravity at the Planck scale, the qualitative, [mesoscopic effects of the back-reaction are universal](#).
- We used a 2D BEC as analogue simulator of the [pre-heating of the early universe](#), identifying the inflaton dofs in the transverse breathing mode, while the matter dofs in the longitudinal modes.
- We observed the test field effect of [the parametric excitations](#) of the vacuum fluctuations of the longitudinal modes, induced by the transverse modes oscillations of the system.
- We observed back-reaction effects in
 1. [Damping](#) (semiclassical)
 2. [Decoherence](#) (beyond semiclassical - quantum fluctuations)
 3. [Entanglement](#) (beyond semiclassical - quantum fluctuations)of the transverse modes oscillations.

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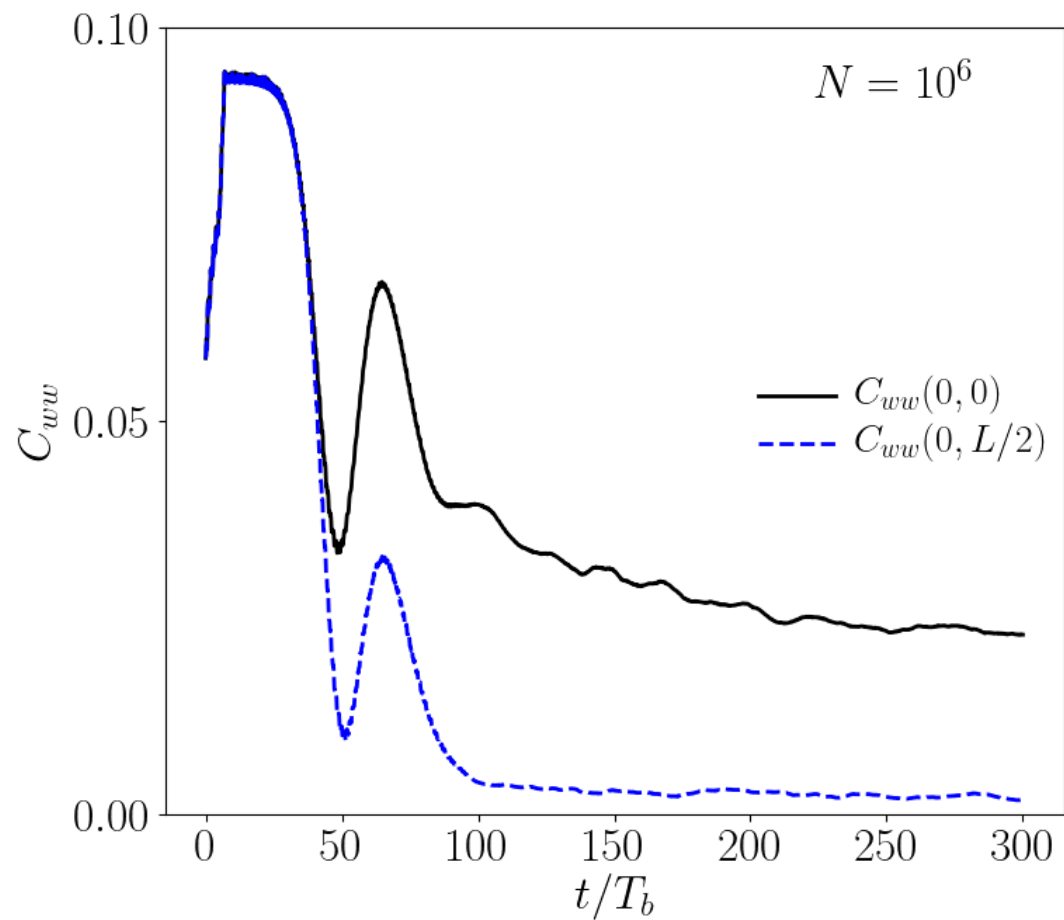
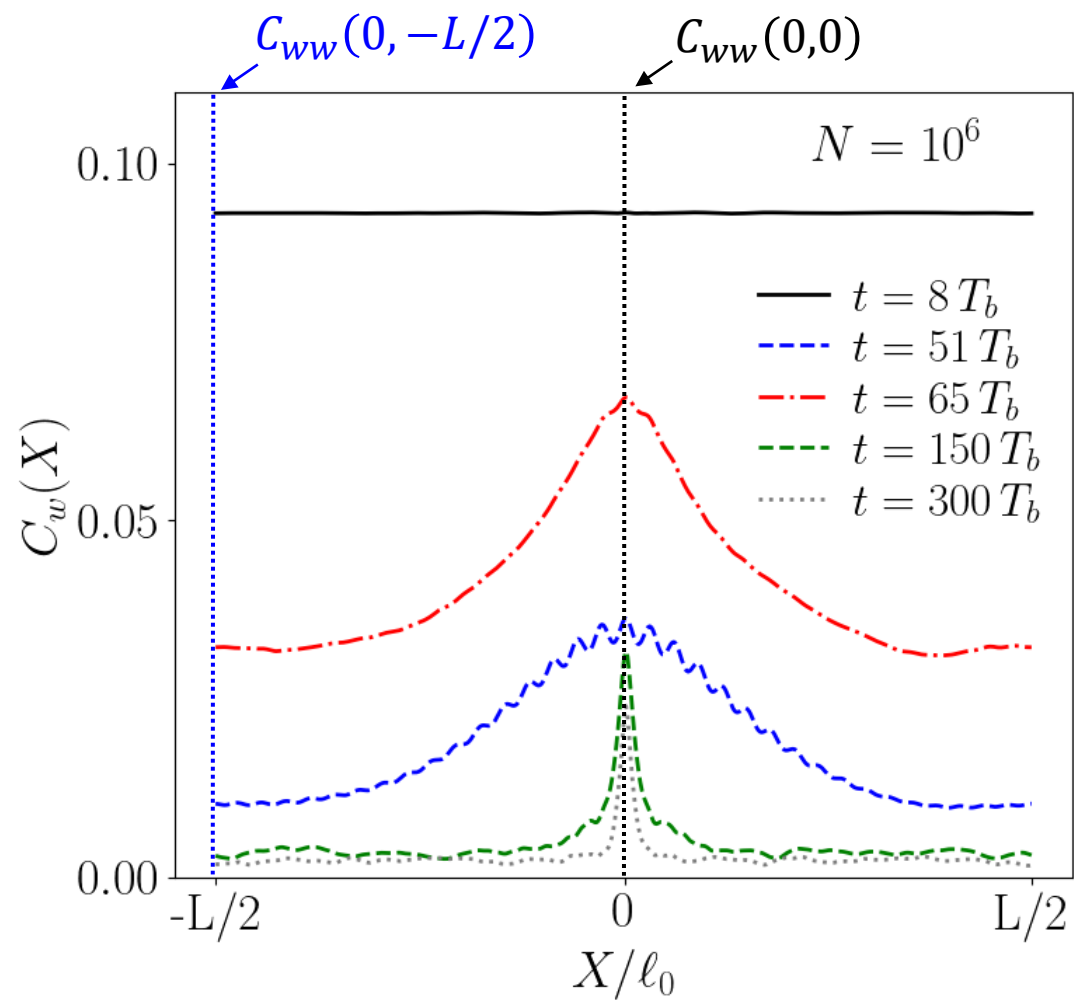


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Results

Decoherence



Analogue models of gravity

Hawking radiation

Black hole

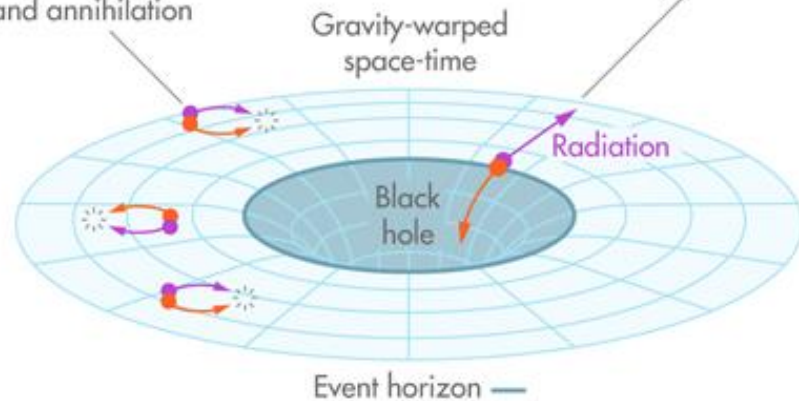
Quantum fluctuations

Throughout space-time, virtual particle-antiparticle pairs spontaneously arise and then annihilate each other.



Hawking radiation

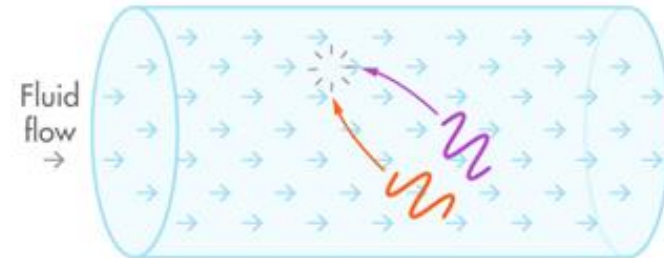
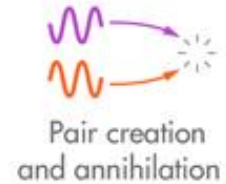
If a pair arises close to the horizon of a black hole, one particle falls in, leaving the other to escape as "Hawking radiation."



Sonic black hole

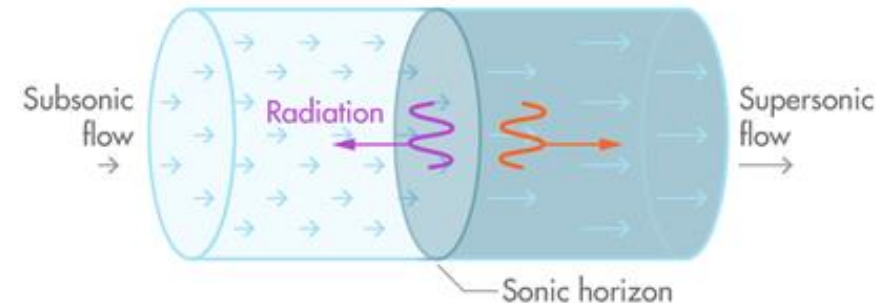
The setup

A fluid of ultra-cooled atoms flows through a tube. The fluid undergoes quantum fluctuations that produce pairs of phonons, or units of sound, which quickly annihilate.



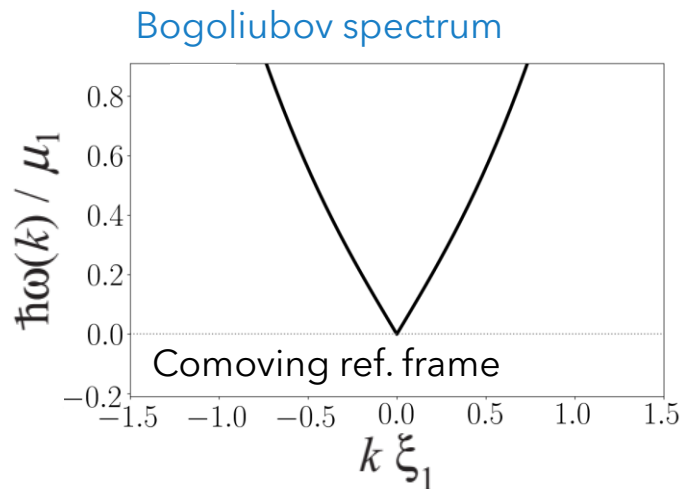
Sonic Hawking radiation

A laser is used to accelerate the fluid to supersonic speeds partway along the tube. If a pair of phonons straddles the "sonic horizon," one phonon is swept into the supersonic side with no chance of annihilating with its partner, which propagates through the subsonic fluid.

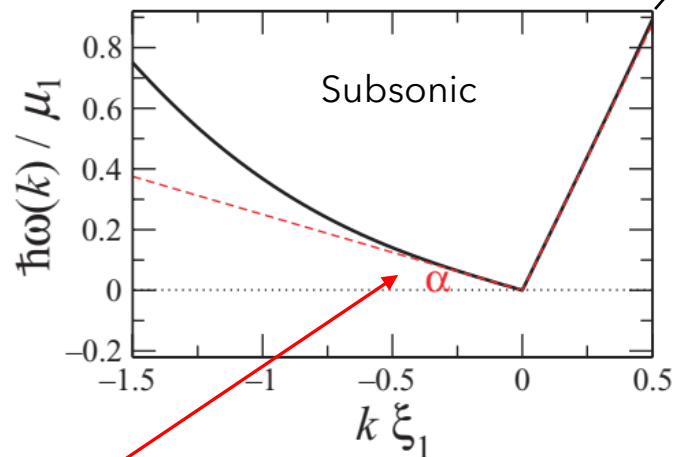
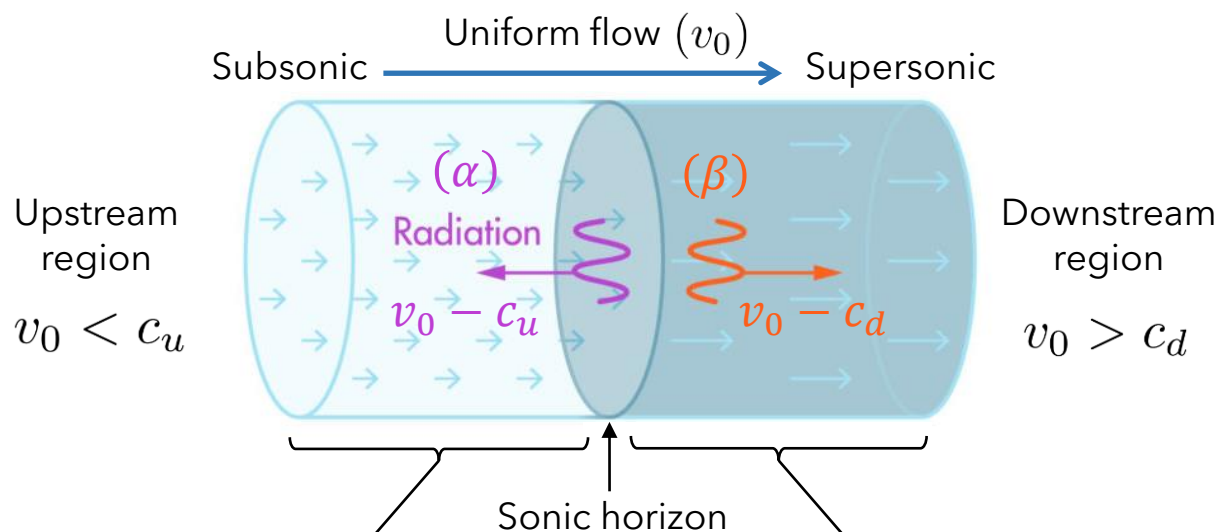


Analogue models of gravity

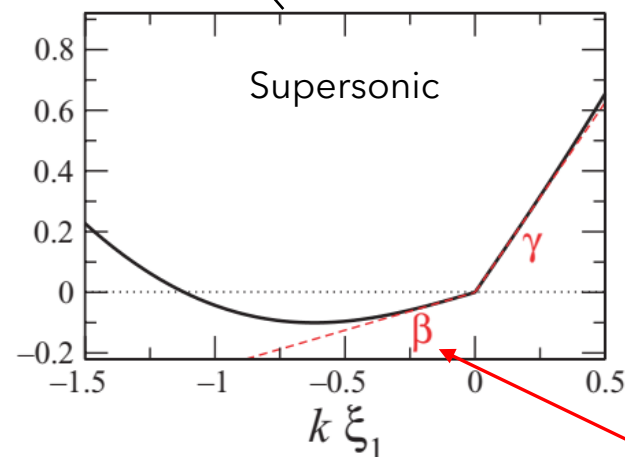
Hawking radiation



Doppler shift: $\omega_{\text{lab}} = \omega_{\text{com}} + kv$



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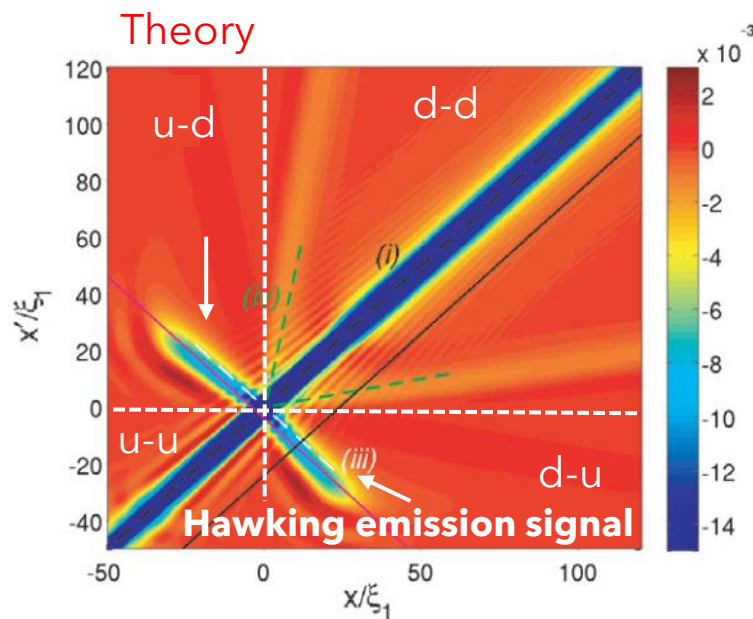


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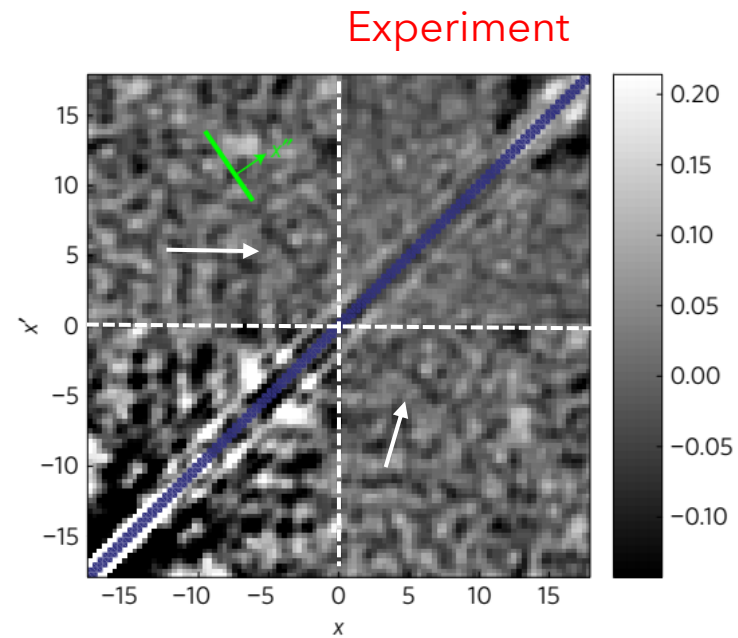
Detecting Hawking radiation in a BEC

Density correlations

$$g^{(2)} = \frac{\langle : \hat{n}(x) \hat{n}(x') \rangle}{\langle \hat{n}(x) \rangle \langle \hat{n}(x') \rangle} - 1$$



I. Carusotto et al, *New J. Phys.* (2008)



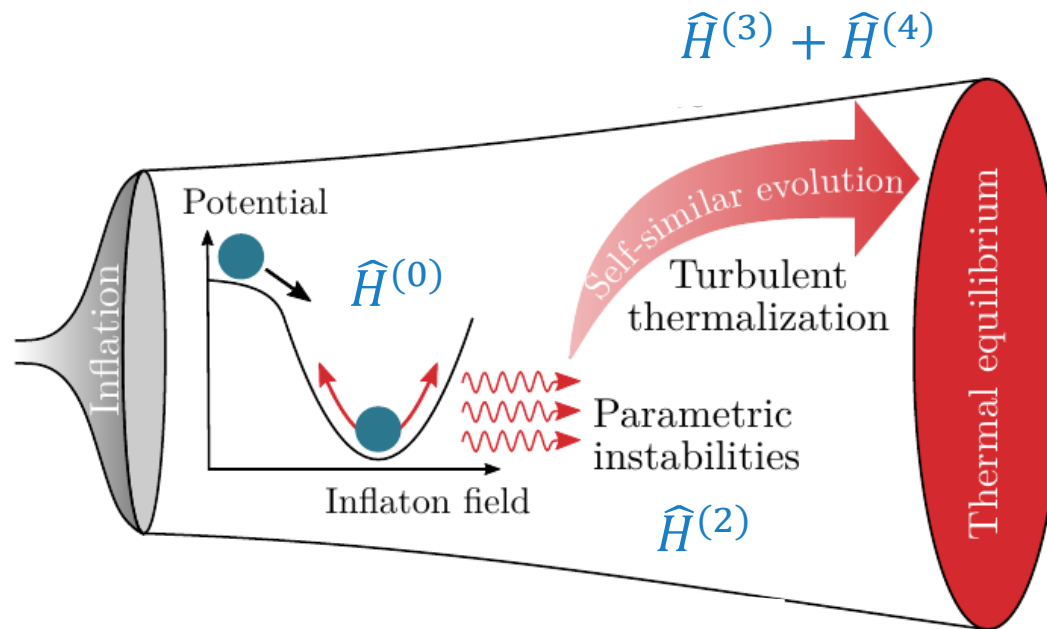
J. Steinhauer, *Nat. Phys.* (2016)

Pre-heating in the early Universe

Analogue BEC system

BEC Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger h \psi + \frac{g}{2} \int dx \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi} \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi} = \phi + \delta\hat{\psi}} \hat{H} = \underbrace{N \hat{H}^{(0)}}_{\text{Bogoliubov-de Gennes}} + \underbrace{\hat{H}^{(2)}}_{\text{GPE}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \hat{H}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{N} \hat{H}^{(4)}}_{\text{Quasi-particles interaction}}$$



Back-reaction from analogue of Pre-heating

Dissipation

$$\hat{H} = \overbrace{N\hat{H}^{(0)}}^{\text{GPE}} + \underbrace{\hat{H}^{(2)}}_{\text{Bogoliubov-de Gennes}} + \overbrace{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\hat{H}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{N}\hat{H}^{(4)}\right)}^{\text{Quasi-particles interaction}}$$

Bogoliubov-de Gennes

