

Gravity, Bose-Einstein Condensates and  
Analogue Models  
from Theory to Experiment,  
(also from Kinematics to  
Thermo-Dynamics ?)

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towards the microscopic origin of geometry  
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  - Dynamical Casimir Effect
- 3 From Kinematics to Thermo-Dynamics
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  - Thermodynamics (speculative)

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# Analog Models of Gravity in Hydrodynamics

• W.G. Unruh, PRL 46 (1981)

- Sound-phonon propagation  $\rightarrow$  massless scalar field in curved st
- Hydrodynamical fluids  $\rightarrow$  curved space-time
- **HOMOGENEOUS SYSTEM  $\rightarrow$  FLAT SPACETIME**
- **INHOMOGENEITIES  $\rightarrow$  CURVED SPACETIME**
- Tool to investigate effects otherwise **NOT** accessible

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- Putting  $n_1$  into the first eq....

...one gets:

$$\left\{ -\partial_t \left[ \frac{n}{2c^2} (\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \right] + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{v}n}{c^2} (\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) + n\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right] \right\} \theta_1 = 0$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \square \theta_1 = \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu) \theta_1 = 0$$

□: D'Alembertian in curved space

described by the "acoustic metric"  $g_{\mu\nu}$ :

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# Analog Models

Core of the Analogy:  $\square\theta_1 = 0$

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- Sound propagates along null geodesics of  $g_{\mu\nu}$ .
- Geometrical analogy
- $\theta_1$  massless scalar field propagating on curved spacetime with  $c, v, n$  functions of  $(t, \vec{x})$ .
- Choosing different space-time profiles for  $c, v, n \rightarrow$  different metrics
- For  $v = c \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}$  black hole metric.

# ANALOG MODELS OF GRAVITY IN CONDENSED MATTER

POWERFUL TOOL TO THEORETICALLY AND EXPERIMENTALLY INVESTIGATE QFT IN CURVED (also flat) SPACES PROBLEMS

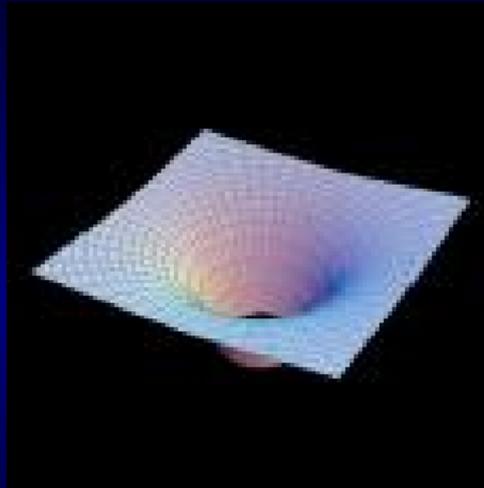
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- Black Holes evaporation: **Hawking Effect**
- Cosmological expansion
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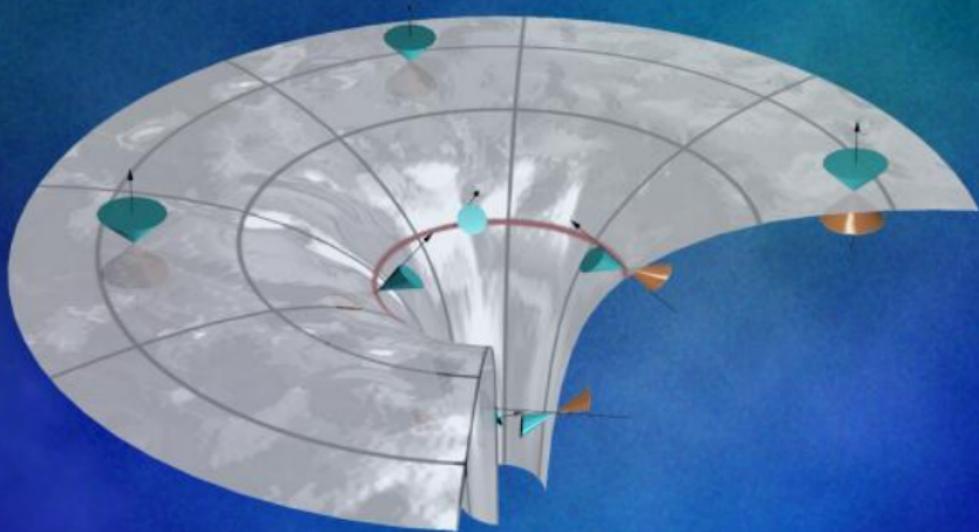
## THEORETICAL:

- Trans-Planckian problem: Effects of modified dispersion relations
- Extreme black holes
- Black Holes thermodynamics (?)

# GRAVITATIONAL BLACK HOLES

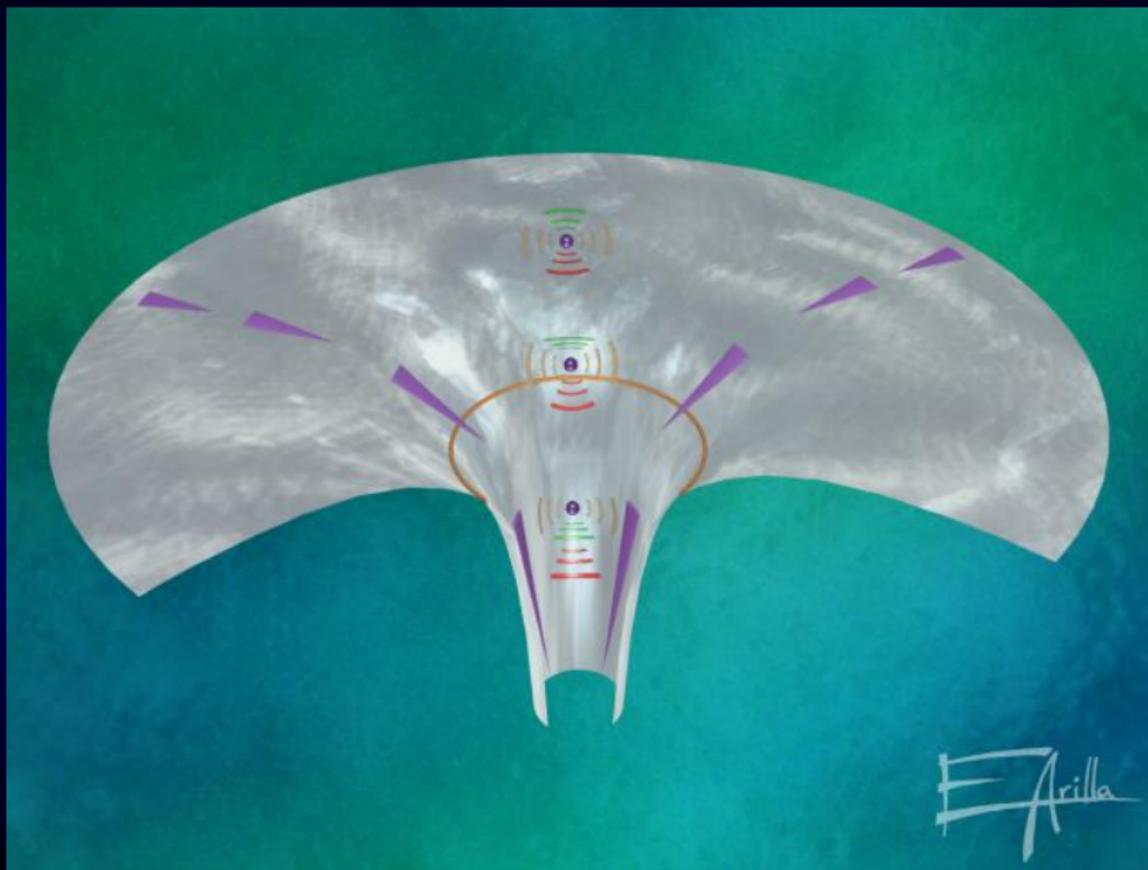


- Geometrical Objects
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# What is an acoustic Black Hole ?



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- Since the analogy with fluids is both classical and quantum, in acoustic black holes Hawking radiation is expected as a thermal **phonons emission**

# Acoustic Black Holes

Possible candidates:

- **Atomic Bose-Einstein condensates**
  - Garay, Anglin, Cirac, Zoller, PRL 85(2000)
- Quasi-particle excitations in superfluid Helium
  - Jacobson, Volovik, PRD 58 (1998)
- Fermi gases
  - Giovanazzi, PRL 94 (2005)
- Slow-light
  - Leonhardt, Piwnicki, PRL 85(2000)
- Nonlinear electromagnetic waveguides
  - Schutzhold, Unruh, PRL 95 (2005)
  - Philbin et al., Science 319 (2008)
- Ion rings
  - Horstmann, Reznik, SF, Cirac, PRL 104 (2010)
- Laser pulse filaments
  - Belgiorno et al. NJP 12 (2010)

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**Bose Einstein condensates:**

- Pure quantum systems
- Ultra-cold temperature ( $< 100$  nK)  
→ Hawking temperature  $\sim 10$  nK
- Huge technological improvement
- Hydrodynamical description

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Again linearizing :  $n + \hat{n}_1$  and  $\theta + \hat{\theta}_1$

$\hat{n}_1, \hat{\theta}_1$ : quantum fluctuations,

- Technical details: **The Analogy in BEC**

Bogoliubov-De Gennes equations in hydrodynamical approximation:

$$\square \hat{\theta}_1 = 0 \quad \hat{n}_1 = -g^{-1}(\partial_t \hat{\theta}_1 + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \hat{\theta}_1)$$

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For **acoustic BH**:  $T_H = \frac{\hbar k}{2\pi c K_b}$

with  $k = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (c^2 - v^2)|_H$  surface gravity on H

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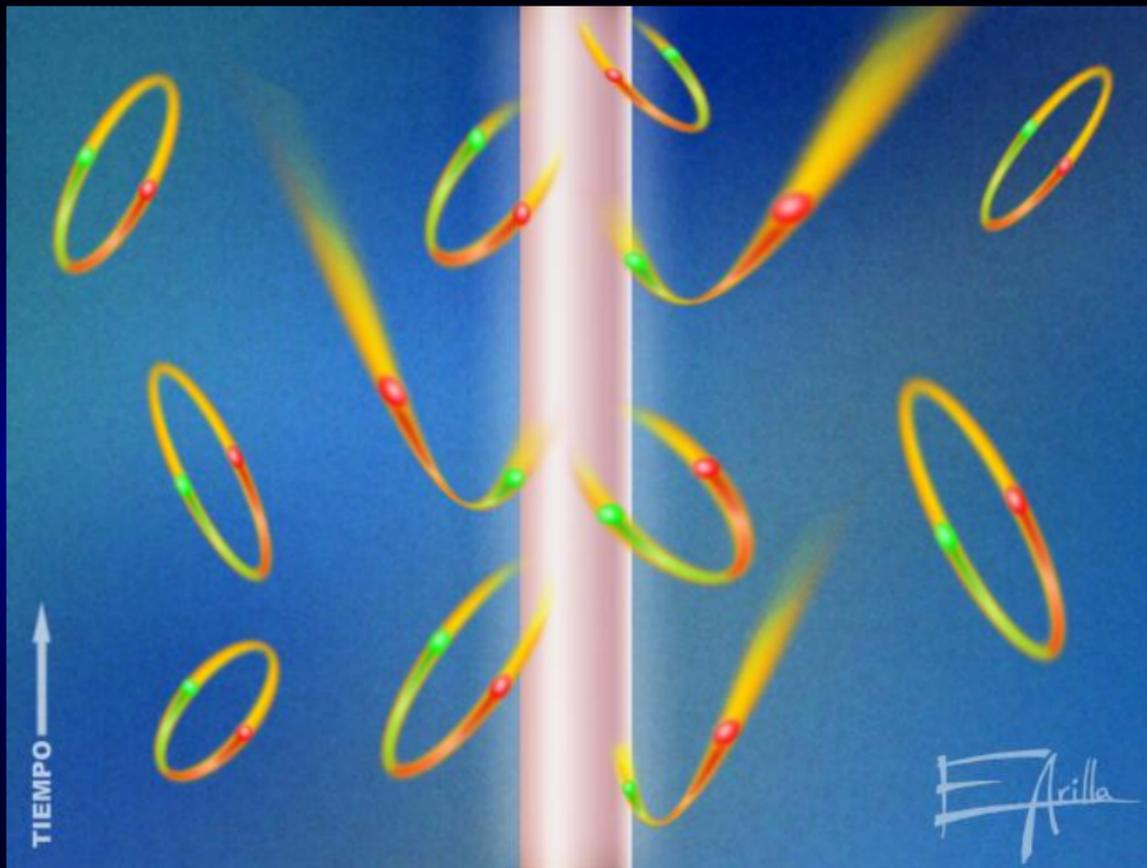
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- Go to Non-local Correlations



PARTICLES PRODUCED IN PAIRS !!

## Non-local Density Correlations Acoustic Black Hole using supersonic BEC

Diluted BEC:  $n$  (density) and  $\theta$  (phase) solution of the GP eqs.

Fluctuations:  $n + \hat{n}_1$  ;  $\theta + \hat{\theta}_1$

- $G_2(x, x') = \langle \hat{n}(x)\hat{n}(x') \rangle - \langle \hat{n}(x) \rangle \langle \hat{n}(x') \rangle = \langle \hat{n}_1(x)\hat{n}_1(x') \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow x$  and  $x'$  on opposite sides wrt the horizon

**FIND**  $\langle \hat{\theta}_1(x)\hat{\theta}_1(x') \rangle!$

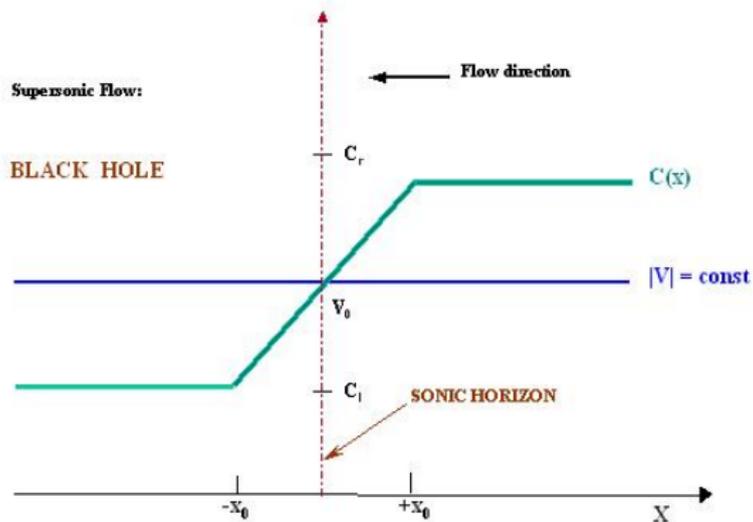
- Technical details:  
QFT in curved space - Black Holes

In 1D:  $\langle \hat{\theta}_1(x) \hat{\theta}_1(x') \rangle_U \propto \ln [\Delta X^-(x, x') \Delta X^+(x, x')]$

- $\Delta X^-, \Delta X^+$ : light-cone distance
- Motion of downstream modes unaffected:  $X^+ = ct + x$
- Distortion of upstream propagating modes is Universal:  
 $X^- = \pm 1/k e^{-kx^-}$
- Surface gravity on the sonic horizon:  $k = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dx} (c^2 - v^2)|_H$

- Unruh, PRL 46 (1981)
- Visser, CQG 15 (1998)
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# BEC Setup Proposal

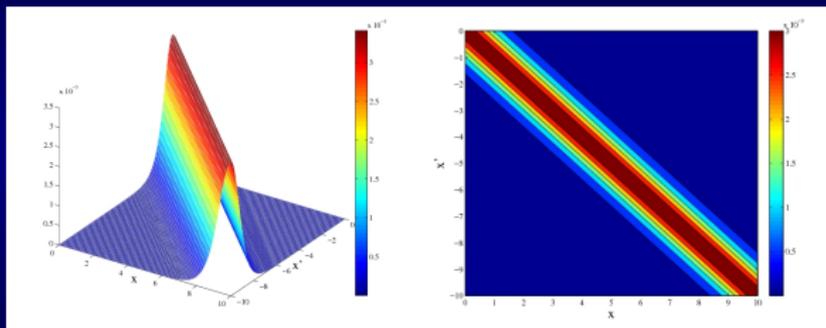


## Non-Local IN/OUT Density Correlations

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{n}_1(x) \hat{n}_1(x') \rangle &= \frac{\hbar^2}{16\pi g_1 g_2} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{\xi_1 \xi_2}} \frac{c_1 c_2}{(c_1 - v_0)(c_2 - v_0)} \\ &\times \frac{k^2}{\cosh^2 \left[ \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{x}{c_1 - v_0} - \frac{x'}{c_2 - v_0} \right) \right]} + O(x - x')^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

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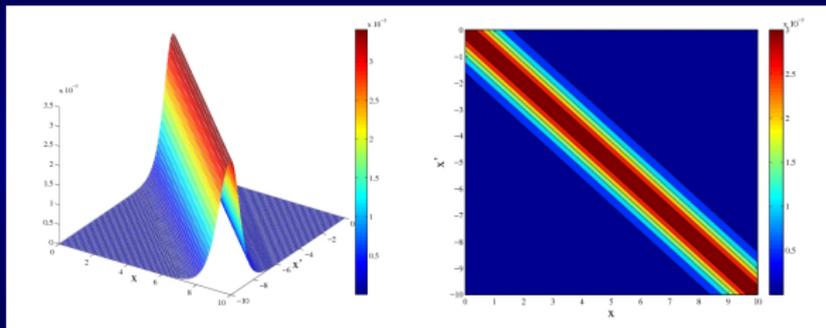


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No Black Hole:  $\langle \hat{n}_1(x) \hat{n}_1(x') \rangle \propto (x - x')^{-2}$

Approximated analytical result confirmed by  
**TIME DEPENDENT FORMATION OF AN  
ACOUSTIC HORIZON**

**FULL MICROSCOPIC MANY-BODY PHYSICS  
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT  
IN A BOGOLIUBOV-LIKE NUMERICAL  
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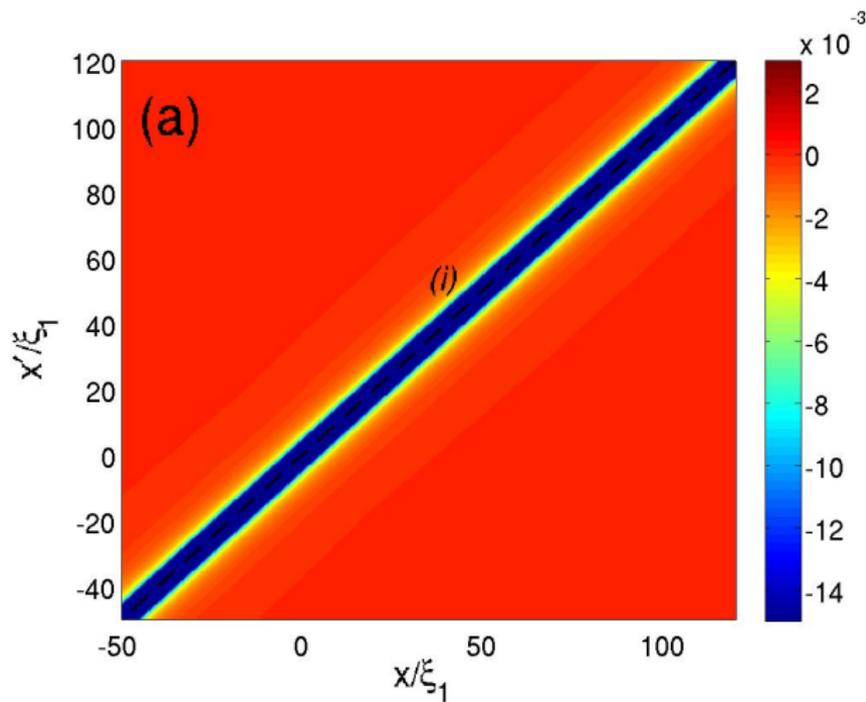
Full dispersion relation (quadratic at high frequency), beyond hydrodynamical approximation, finite Temperature, time-evolution (backreaction)...

- . Carusotto, Fagnocchi, Recati, Balbinot, Fabbri, New J. Phys. 10 (2008)

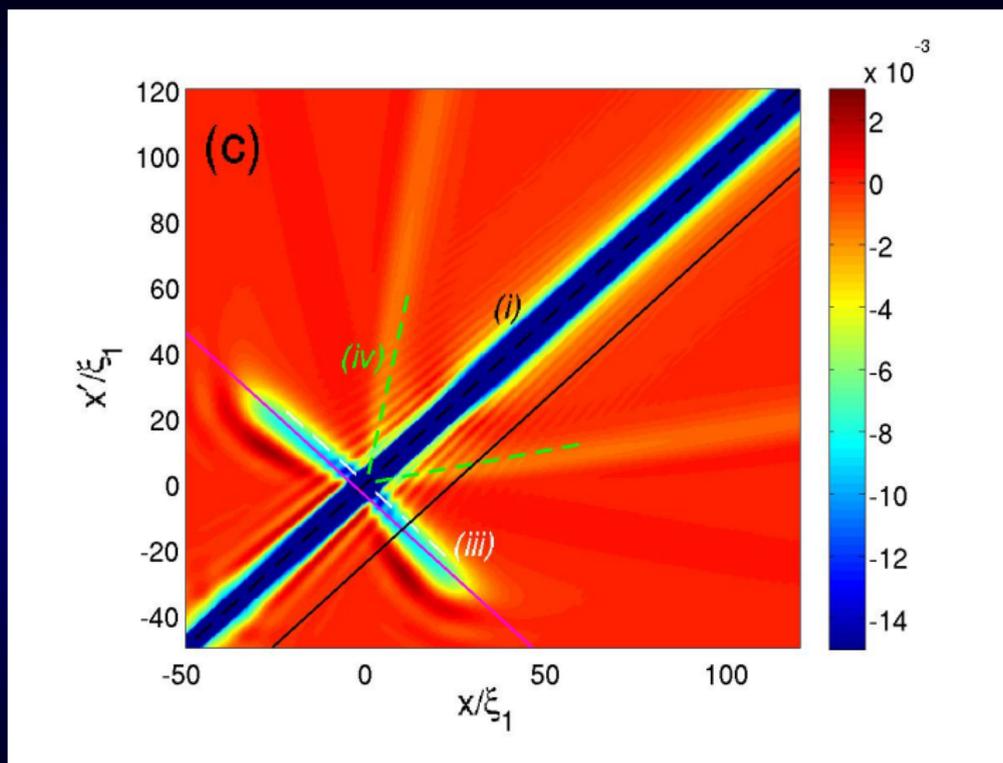
Semi-analytical analysis:

- . Recati, Pavloff, Carusotto, PRA 80 (2009)

# Numerical simulation - Initial: $G_2(x, x')/n^2$



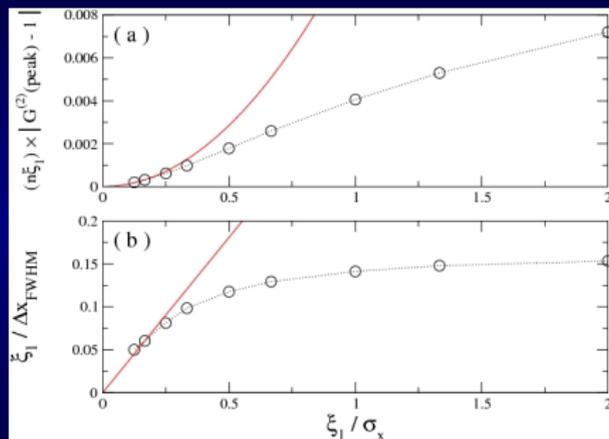
# Numerical simulation Results: $G_2(x, x')/n^2$



System parameters:  $v_0/c_1 = 0.75$ ,  $v_0/c_2 = 1.5$ ,  
H spatial width =  $\sigma/\xi_1 = 0.5$ ,  $T_0 = 0$

# Numerical simulation Results

Comparison with the analytical predictions:



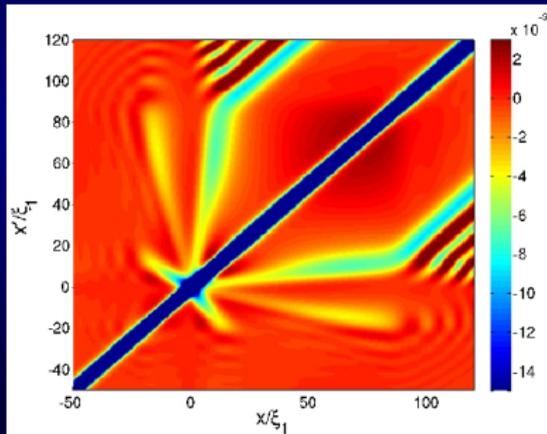
Excellent agreement in the hydrodynamical limit.

Still Hawking effect robust even beyond

# Numerical simulation Results

## Role of thermal fluctuations:

- Numerical simulation with  $T = 0.1\mu \gg T_{Hawking} \sim 10^{-2}\mu$



# Correlations in acoustic Black Holes

Realizing any concrete experiment to observe Hawking radiation  
still is a non trivial task.

Interest on this kind of experiments is exponentially increasing

Acoustic black hole:

- . Lahav et al, PRL 105 (2010)

Stimulated Hawking emission:

- . Weinfurtner et al, PRL 106 (2011)

Controversial result:

- . Belgiorno et al, NJP 12 (2010)

# Dynamical Casimir effect - BEC Zipper

- **Casimir Effect:**  
Two plates in vacuum attract each other due to em vacuum. **V**
- **Dynamical Casimir:**  
Plates in non uniformly accelerated motion  $\rightarrow$  real photons are produced. **Not V**
- Originally DCE is a Moving Mirrors problem
  - . Moore, JMP 11 (1970)
  - . Carlitz, Willey, PRD 36 (1987)Then huge literature

# The Moving mirror problem : **THE BEC ZIPPER**

. SF, Altman, Demler, to appear (hopefully)

UNZIPPING A 1-D BEC through a Y-junction.

Dynamics of the **phase difference**  $\varphi$  between the two arms  $\rightarrow$   
well known QFT description. ( . A. Polkovnikov et al, PNAS (2006) )



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## THE BEC ZIPPER– QFT mapping :

- 1D-problem for the phase difference  $\varphi = \varphi_1 - \varphi_2$ :  
$$S = -\frac{K}{2} \int dt dx \left[ (\partial_t \hat{\varphi})^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} (\partial_x \varphi)^2 \right]$$
- Eq. of Motion for  $\varphi$ :  
$$(c^2 \partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2) \varphi = 0$$
- with two boundary conditions:  
 $\varphi|_{x_m(t)} = 0 \rightarrow$  at the spitting point  
 $\partial_x \varphi|_{x=0} = 0 \rightarrow$  at the edge (to avoid current)

Where  $c$  is sound speed !



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## THE BEC ZIPPER

- Natural realization of Dynamical Casimir effect in an ultra-cold atom interferometer
- Emitted radiation can be directly measured by the interference fringes
- It can be experimentally implemented to give the first (maybe second) experimental evidence of this important prediction
  - Wilson et al, arXiv: 1105.4714, DCE from superconducting circuits
  - Westbrook, DCE from BEC, unpublished
- Outcomes will depend just on the trajectory of the splitting point  
i.e. exponential traj. → thermal emission  
(link to Hawking radiation). Possibility to engineer splitting traj. to get new physics

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- **BACKREACTION**  
of Hawking emission in acoustic black holes :
  - . Balbinot et al, PRL 94, PRD 71 (2005), PRA 75 (2007)
  - . Schützhold et al, PRD 76 (2007)
- Some gravitational EoM **mapped into** fluid-dynamics equations under some conditions
  - . Cadoni, Mignemi, PRD 72 (2005)
- **AdS/CFT correspondence** : mapping conformally invariant problems (like phase transitions) into  $AdS_5$ +BH+Charge+Spin problem
  - . Sadchev (2011)

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Some considerations:

- Area comes directly from Einstein eqs, but not only in gravity we find entropy scaling as surfaces (many examples in atomic phys.)
- Entropy of a scalar field in flat-BH spacetime (+cutoff) in the vacuum state restricted on a close surface scales as the surface area . Srednicki, PRL 71 (1993)
  - Bombelli et al, PRD 34 (1986)

But above all.....

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