

Laboratory analogues of black hole evaporation and its partner particles

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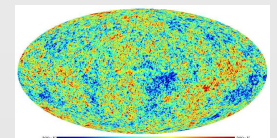
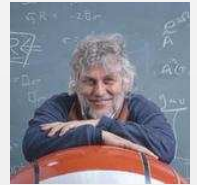
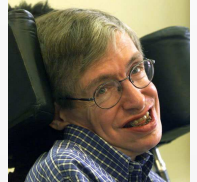
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Quantum Radiation

Relativistic quantum fields (\hbar, c) in vacuum state $|0\rangle_{\text{in}}$

- Hawking radiation
→ gravitational field
- Sauter-Schwinger effect
→ electric field
- Unruh radiation
→ acceleration
- Dynamical Casimir effect
→ mirror motion
- Cosmological particle creation
→ expansion



“Particles are created in pairs”

Squeezing

Bogoliubov transformation (linear)

$$\hat{a}_k^{\text{out}} = \int dk' \alpha_{kk'}^* \hat{a}_{k'}^{\text{in}} + \int dk' \beta_{kk'} (\hat{a}_{k'}^{\text{in}})^\dagger$$

Time evolution for bi-linear Hamiltonian

$$\hat{U} = \mathcal{T} \left[\exp \left\{ -i \int dt \hat{H}(t) \right\} \right]$$

Generalized squeezing operation

$$|0\rangle_{\text{in}} = \exp \left\{ \int dk dk' \xi_{kk'} (\hat{a}_k^{\text{out}})^\dagger (\hat{a}_{k'}^{\text{out}})^\dagger - \text{h.c.} \right\} |0\rangle_{\text{out}}$$

Creation of particles $\langle 0 | \hat{n}_k^{\text{out}} | 0 \rangle_{\text{in}} \neq 0$ in pairs

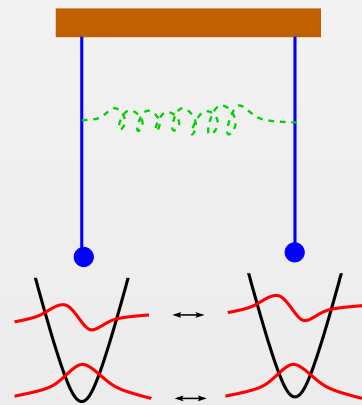
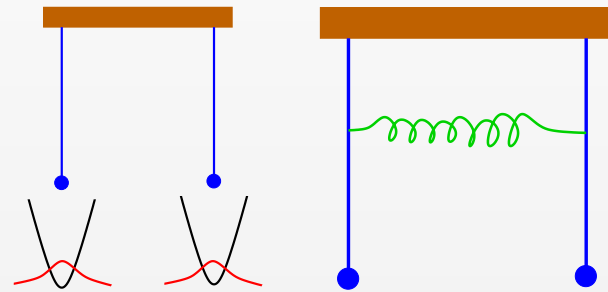
$$|0\rangle_{\text{in}} = |0\rangle_{\text{out}} + \int dk dk' \xi_{kk'} |k, k'\rangle_{\text{out}} + \dots$$

Note: asymptotics...

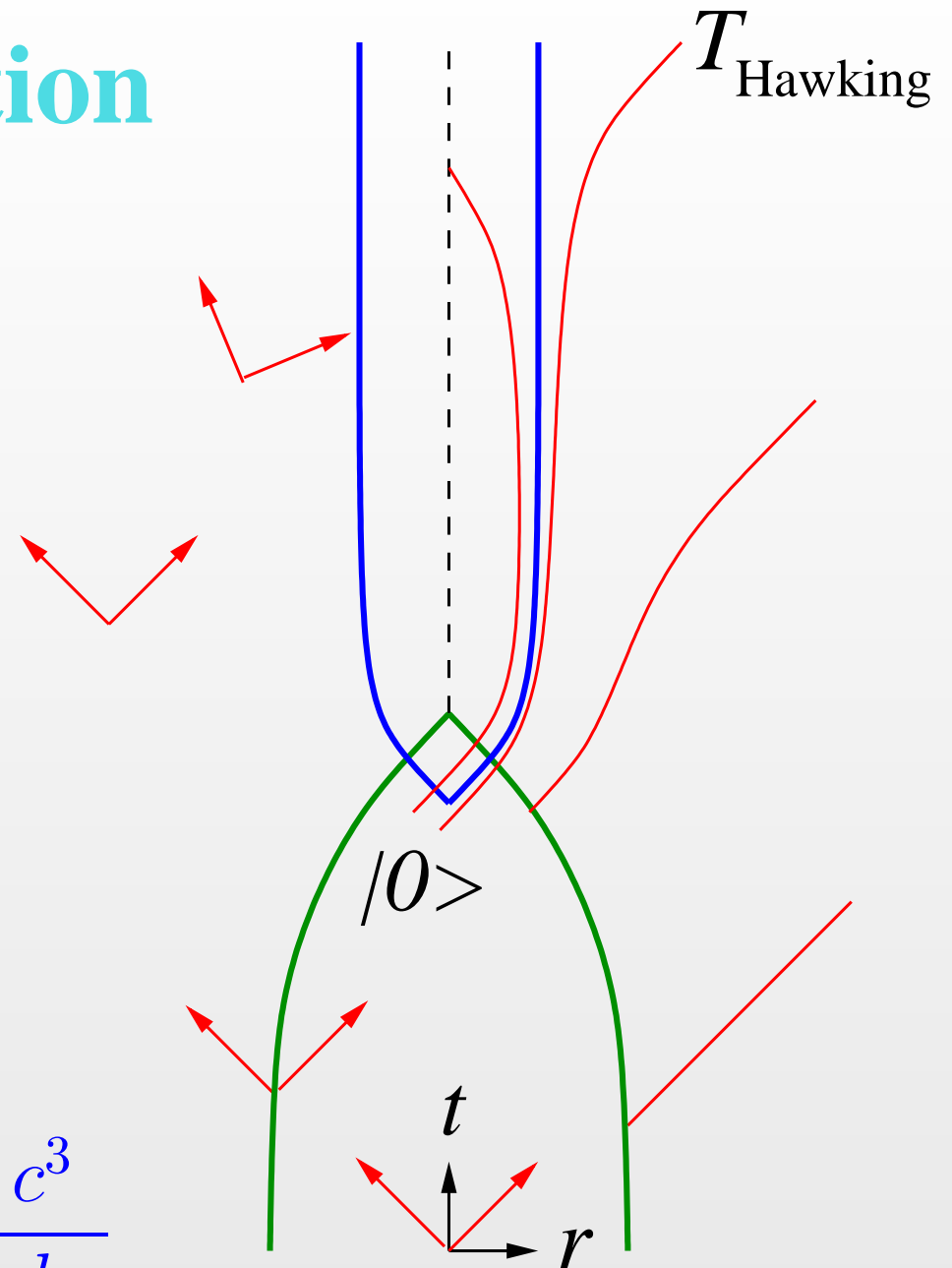
Hawking Radiation

S. W. Hawking, Nature **248**, 30 (1974);

Comm. Math. Phys. **43**, 199 (1975).



$$T_{\text{Hawking}} = \frac{1}{8\pi M} \frac{\hbar c^3}{G_N k_B}$$



But: trans-Planckian problem, information puzzle etc.

Definition of Partner Particle

A) reduced density matrix for Hawking mode plus partner $\hat{\rho}_{\text{HP}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{rest}} \{ |0\rangle_{\text{in}} \langle 0|_{\text{in}} \}$ is a pure state

→ only correlations between Hawking mode and its partner – but not with any other modes

Note: $\hat{\rho}_{\text{H}} = \text{Tr}_{\text{P}} \{ \hat{\rho}_{\text{HP}} \}$ is a mixed (thermal) state

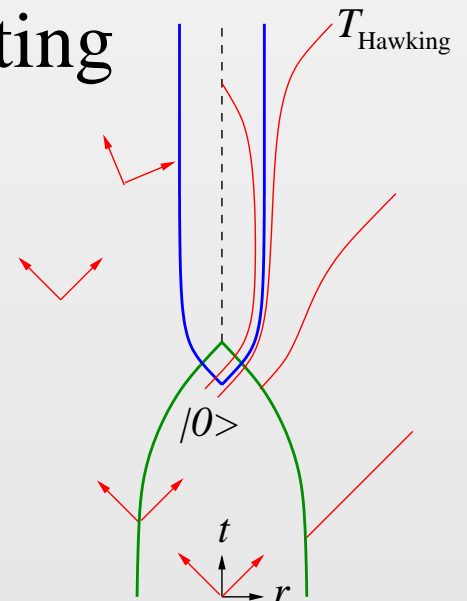
B) state after annihilating one Hawking particle is the same (up to normalization) as after creating

one partner particle $\hat{a}_{\text{H}} |0\rangle_{\text{in}} \propto \hat{a}_{\text{P}}^\dagger |0\rangle_{\text{in}}$

→ particles come in pairs

Note: in most simple cases symmetric,

i.e., equivalent to $\hat{a}_{\text{P}} |0\rangle_{\text{in}} \propto \hat{a}_{\text{H}}^\dagger |0\rangle_{\text{in}}$



Partner Particle

Hawking mode in terms of in-operators $\hat{a}_k^{\text{in}} |0\rangle_{\text{in}} = 0$

$$\hat{a}_{\text{H}} = \int dk \alpha_k^* \hat{a}_k^{\text{in}} + \int dk \beta_k (\hat{a}_k^{\text{in}})^\dagger$$

Assume orthogonality (most simple case)

$$\int dk \alpha_k^* \beta_k = 0$$

Unique partner mode from conditions A and B

$$\hat{a}_{\text{P}} = \coth \xi \int dk \beta_k^* \hat{a}_k^{\text{in}} + \tanh \xi \int dk \alpha_k (\hat{a}_k^{\text{in}})^\dagger$$

with squeezing parameter

$$\sinh^2 \xi = \int dk |\beta_k^2| \rightsquigarrow |0\rangle_{\text{in}} = e^{\xi \hat{a}_{\text{H}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\text{P}}^\dagger - \text{h.c.}} |0\rangle_{\text{HP}}$$

$$\hat{a}_{\text{H}} |0\rangle_{\text{HP}} = \hat{a}_{\text{P}} |0\rangle_{\text{HP}} = 0$$

Moving Mirror in 1+1 D

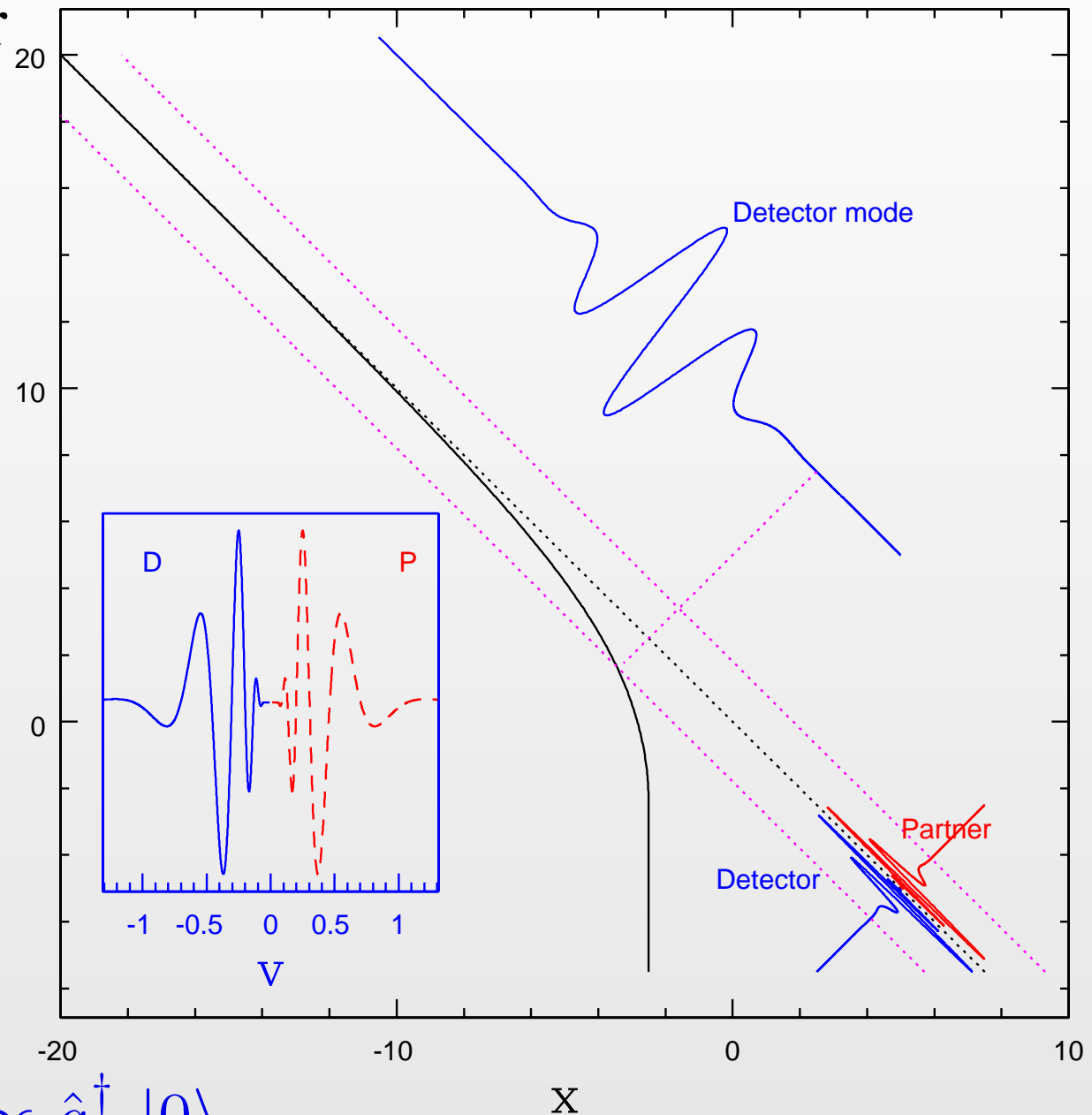
Toy model for
black hole
evaporation:
accelerated
mirror with
$$v = -\frac{e^{-\kappa u}}{\kappa}$$

$$v = t + x$$

$$u = t - x$$

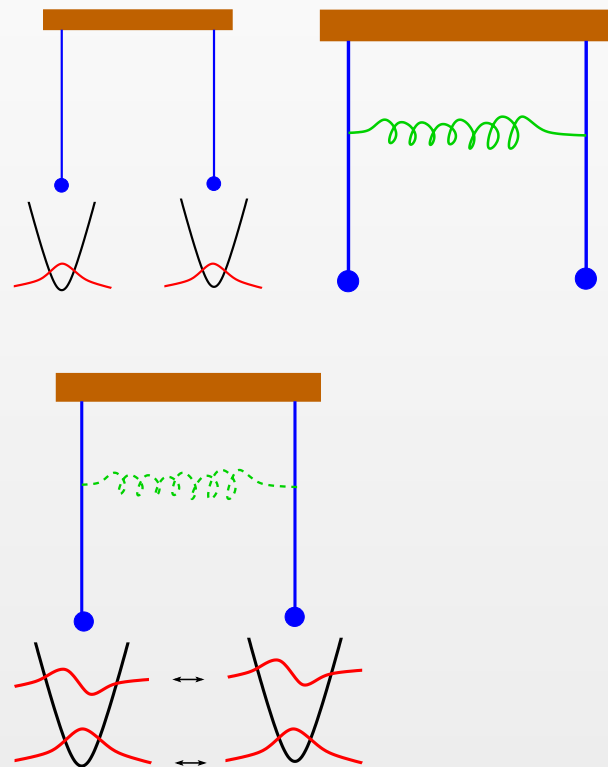
emits thermal
radiation with
$$T = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi}$$

Partner mode
in local
vacuum!

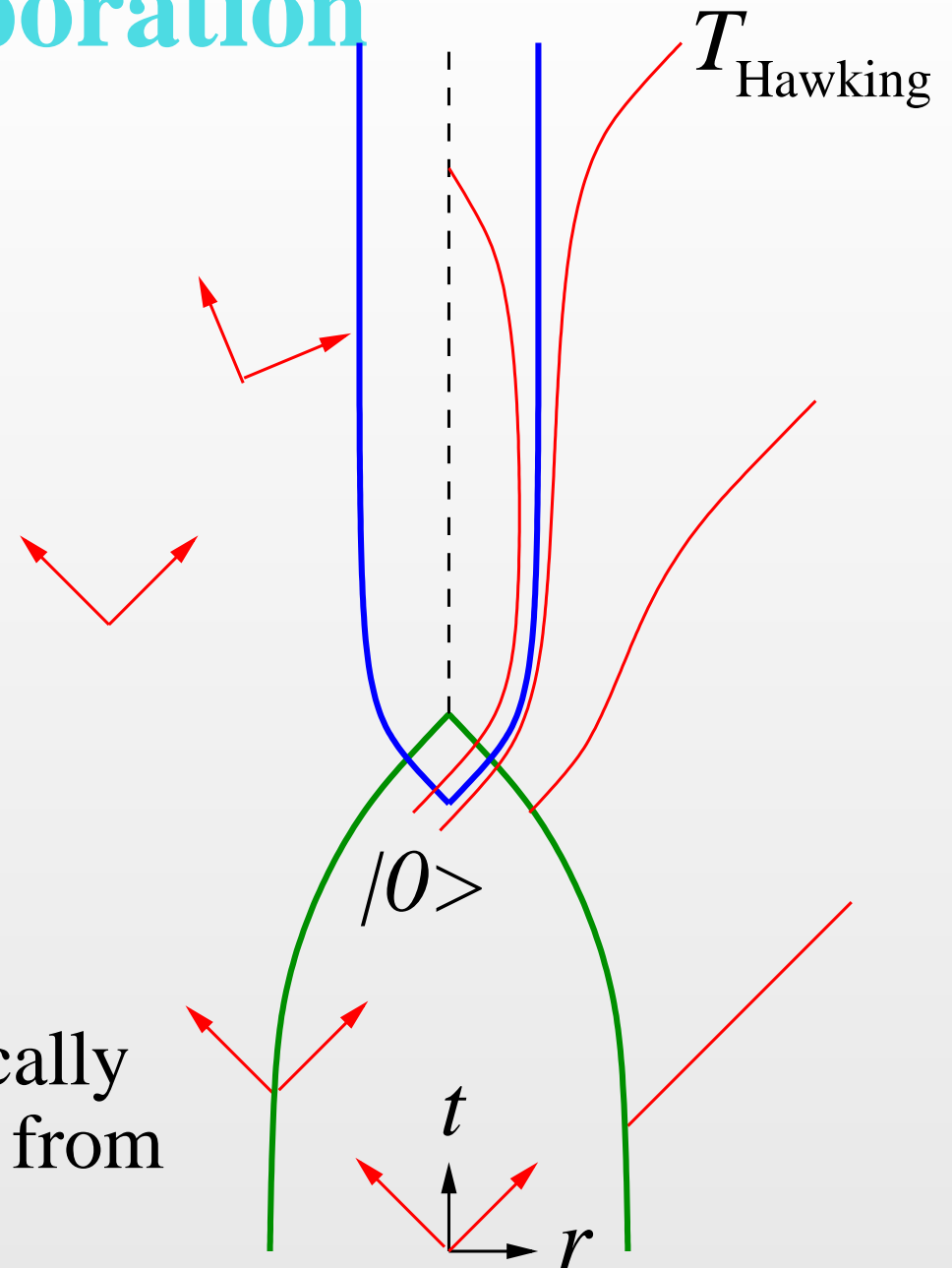


But: $\hat{a}_H |0\rangle_{\text{in}} \propto \hat{a}_P^\dagger |0\rangle_{\text{in}}$

Black Hole Evaporation



Infalling partners are locally nearly indistinguishable from vacuum fluctuations!

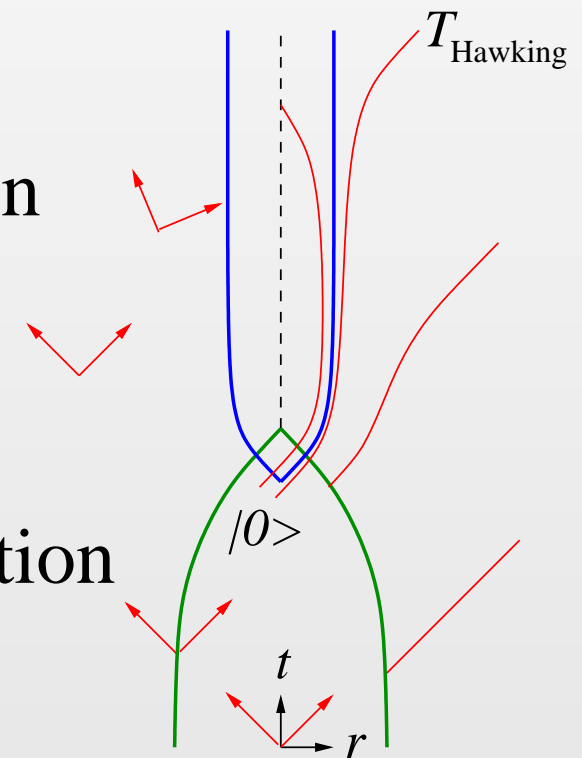


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Black Hole Information Puzzle

Is black hole formation \rightarrow evaporation unitary?

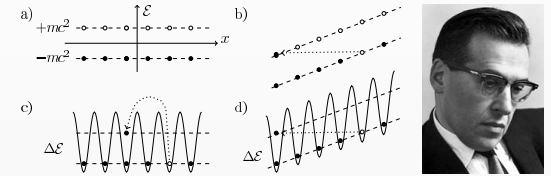
- regularity near horizon (\leftrightarrow firewall etc.)
- correlations between Hawking particles and vacuum fluctuations falling towards singularity
 - a) information is lost
 \rightarrow “non-unitarity”?
 - b) singularity stores information
 \rightarrow black-hole entropy?
 \rightarrow simple picture:
one qubit per ℓ_{Planck}^3 ?
 - c) singularity re-emits information
 \rightarrow causal structure?
- information \neq energy



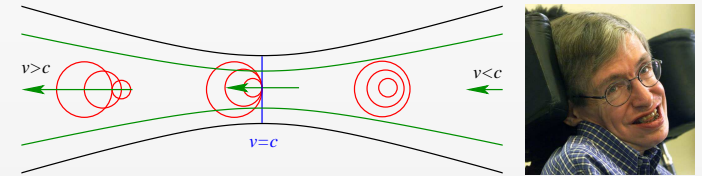
Laboratory Analogues

- Sauter-Schwinger effect
→ atoms in optical lattices

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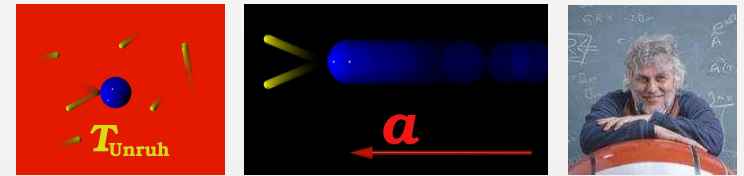


- Hawking radiation
→ trans-sonic fluids



- Unruh effect
→ electrons in lasers

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- Dynamical Casimir effect
→ wave-guides C.M. Wilson *et al*, Nature **479**, 376 (2011).

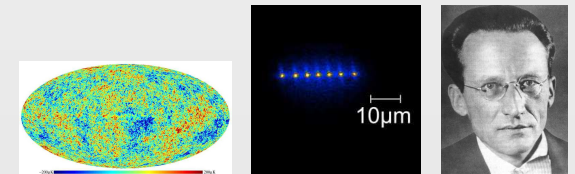
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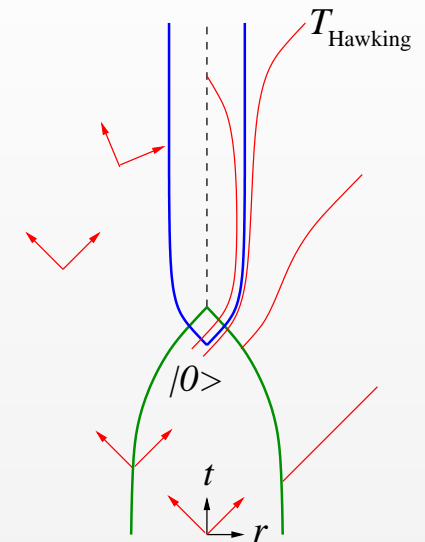
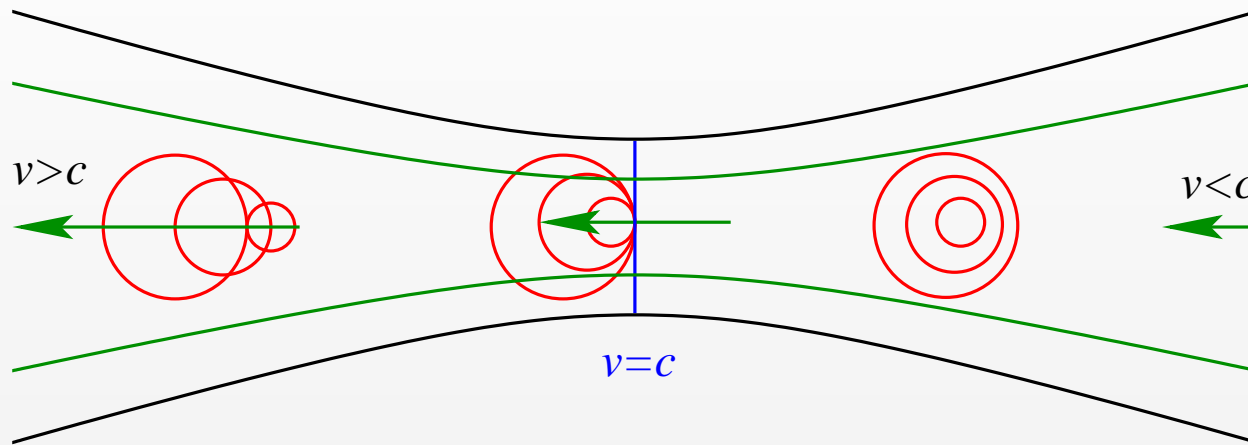
- cosmological particle creation
→ ion traps, condensates

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Quantitative Analogy



W. G. Unruh, Phys. Rev. Lett. **46**, 1351 (1981).

“The same equations have the same solutions.”

$$T_{\text{Hawking}} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (v - c) \right|$$



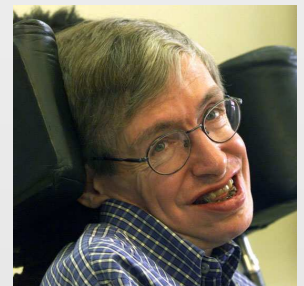
Theory: toy model for quantum gravity

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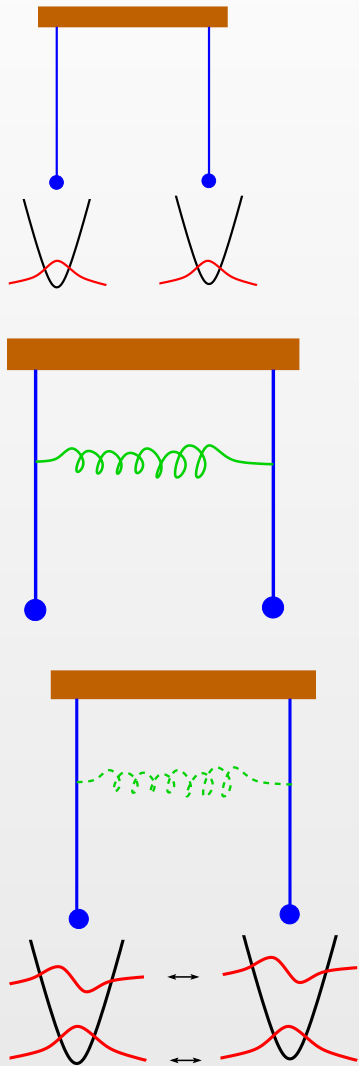
Experiments? J.Steinbauer, Nature Physics **10**, 864 (2014).

S.Weinfurtner, E.W.Tedford, M.C.J.Penrice, W.G.Unruh, G.A.Lawrence,

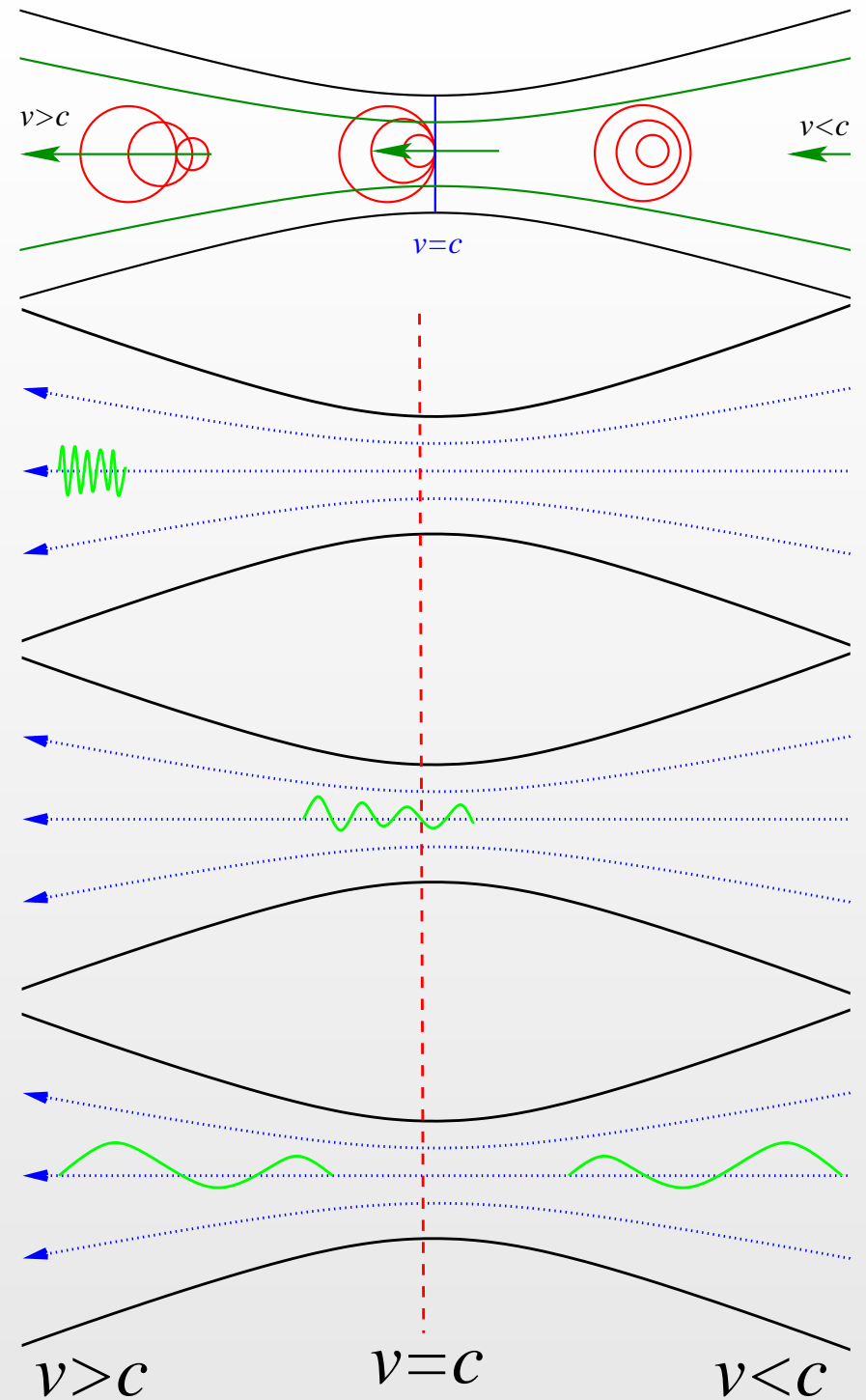
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Pair Creation

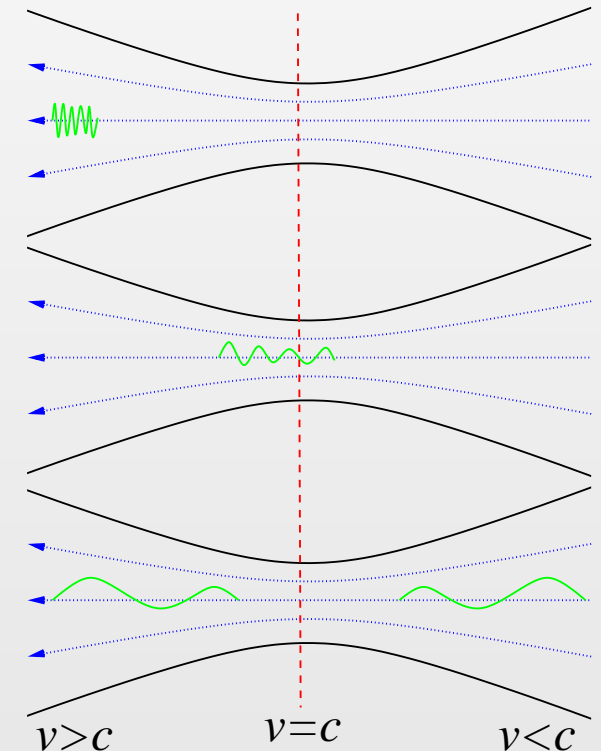
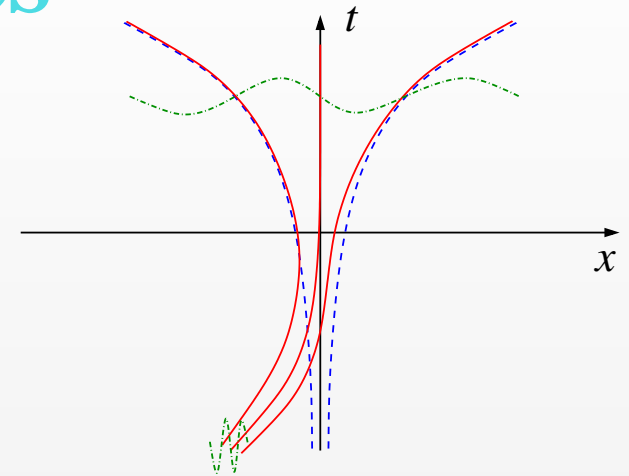


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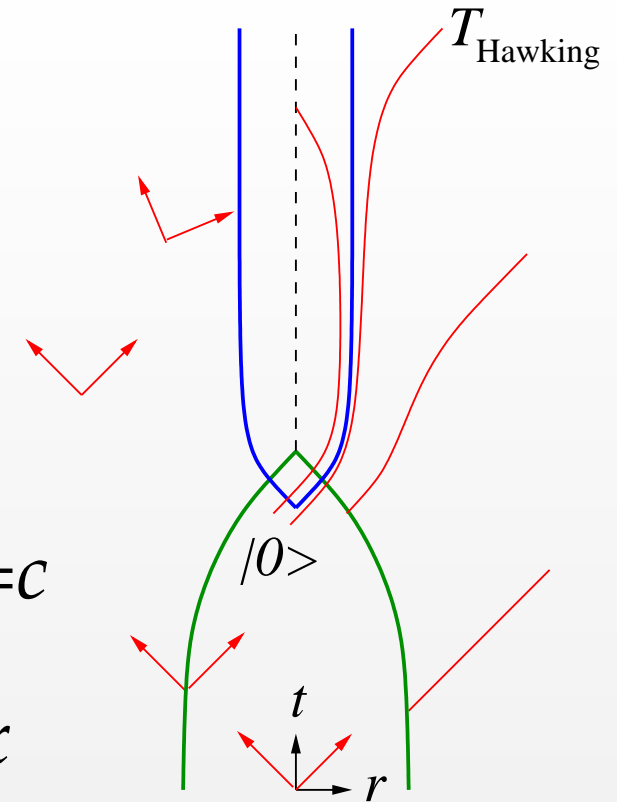
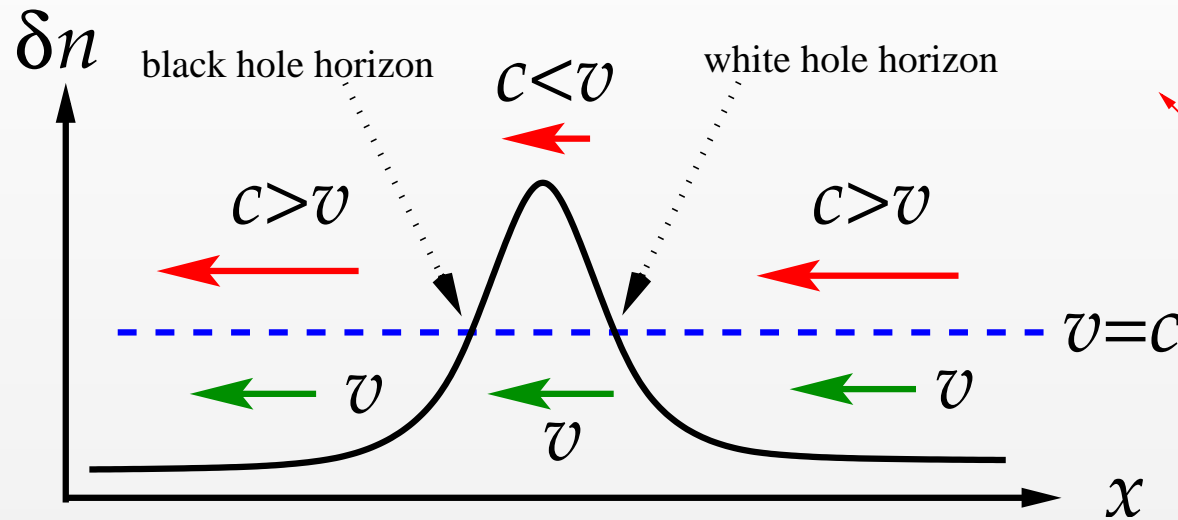
Lessons from Analogues

- Hawking radiation is robust for freely falling “space-time foam” (and mild singularity)
- tearing apart of waves (tunnelling??) (particle–anti-particle??)
- time of creation is ill-defined
- correlations with partners
- but: no Bekenstein entropy (no Einstein equations)



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Moving Pulse



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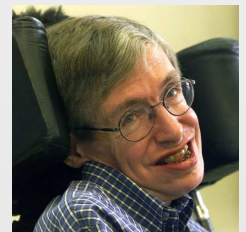
Moving pulse in non-linear dielectric medium

“The same equations have the same solutions.”

$$T_{\text{Hawking}} = \frac{1}{8\pi M} \frac{\hbar c^3}{G_N k_B} \rightarrow \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B} \frac{\partial c}{\partial r}$$

F. Belgiorno *et al*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **105**, 203901 (2010).

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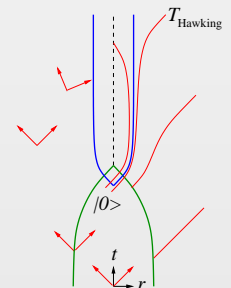
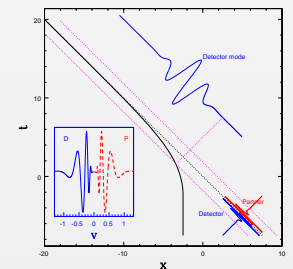


Summary

- quantum radiation: “particles in pairs”

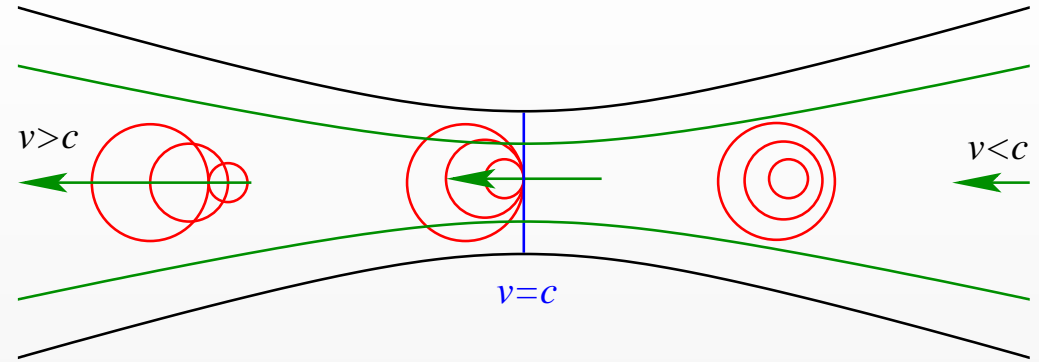


- determination of partner “particle”
- moving mirror and black hole
- partners \approx vacuum fluctuations
- information \neq energy
- black hole information puzzle
- laboratory analogues



Detectability?

A few phonons
with small energies
 $k_B T = \mathcal{O}(10^{-13} \text{ eV})$
(thermal spectrum)

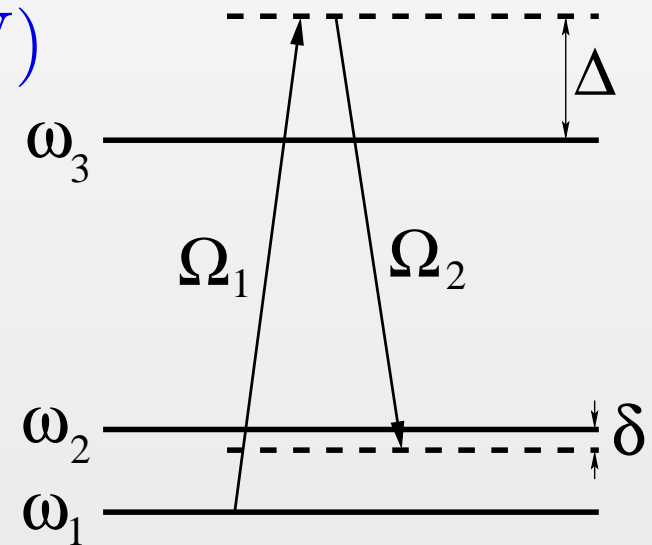


Idea: doubly detuned optical Raman transitions

Missing energy $\delta = \mathcal{O}(10^{-13} \text{ eV})$

Compensation by absorption
of a phonon with this
(or a higher) energy δ

Single $\mathcal{O}(10^{-13} \text{ eV})$ phonons
→ single atoms (countable)



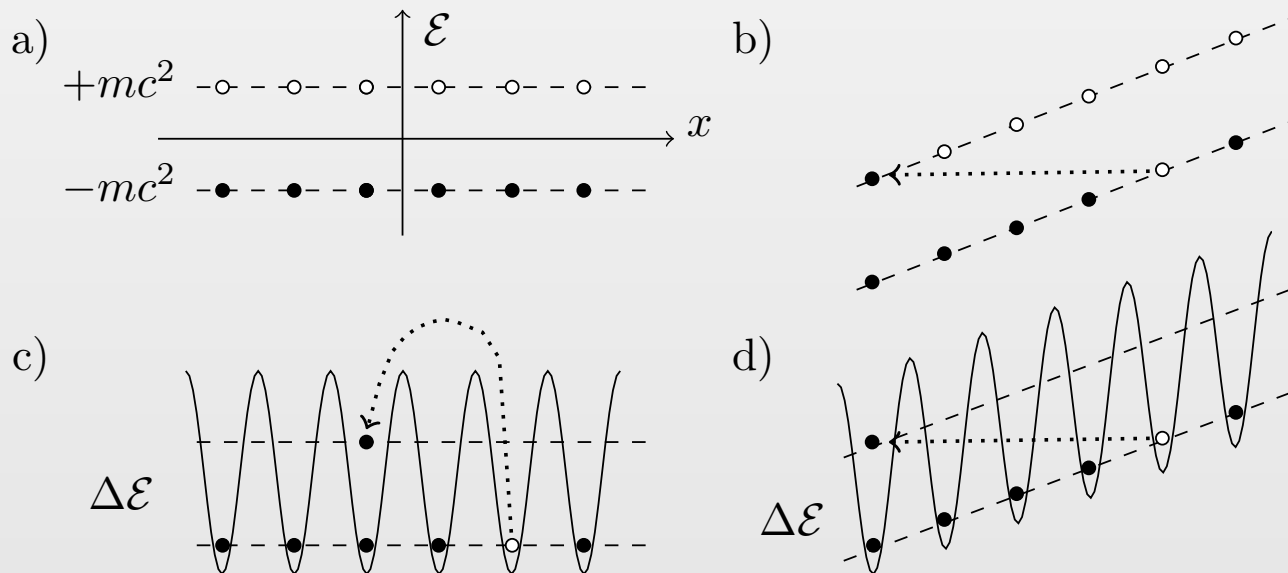
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Alternative: correlation measurements

Sauter-Schwinger Effect

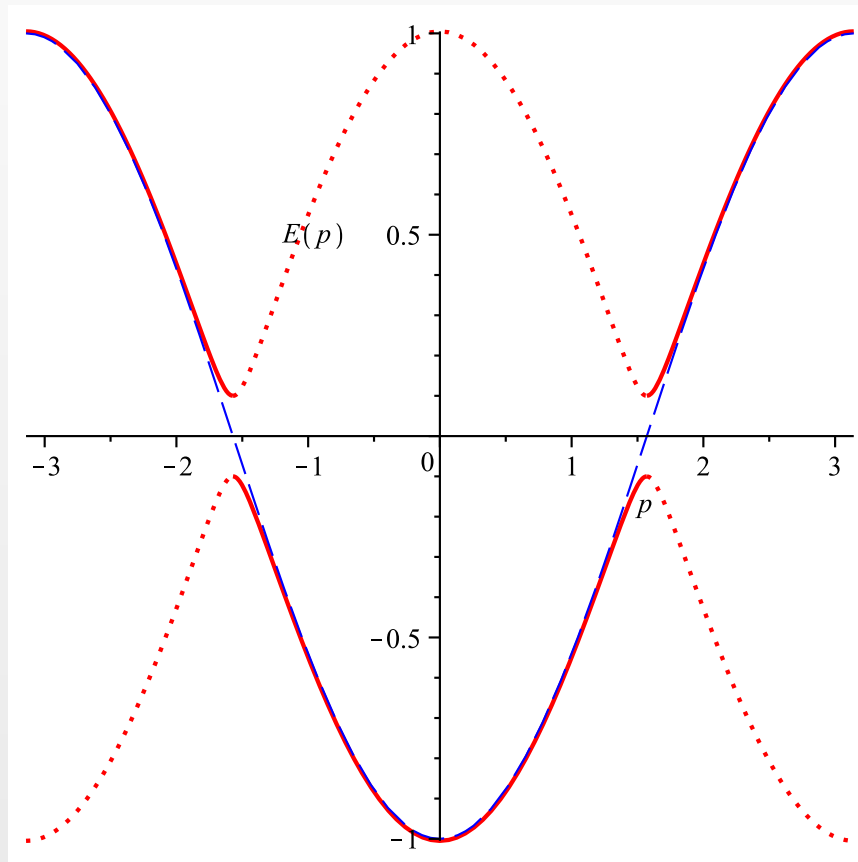
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Sauter-Schwinger effect	Bose-Hubbard model
electrons & positrons	particles & holes
Dirac sea	Mott state
mass of electron/positron	energy gap $\Delta\mathcal{E}$
electric field $\mathbf{E}(t)$	lattice tilt $V_\mu(t)$
speed of light c	velocity c_{eff}



Alternative Set-up

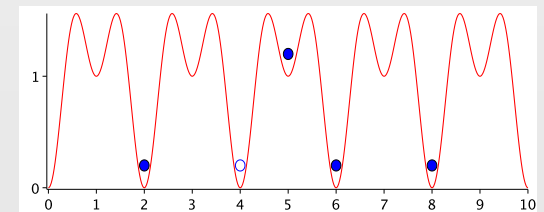
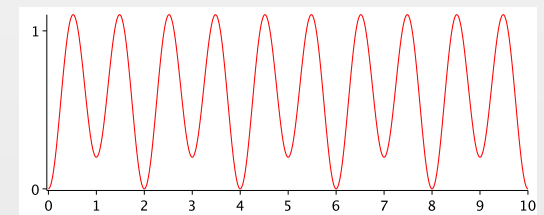
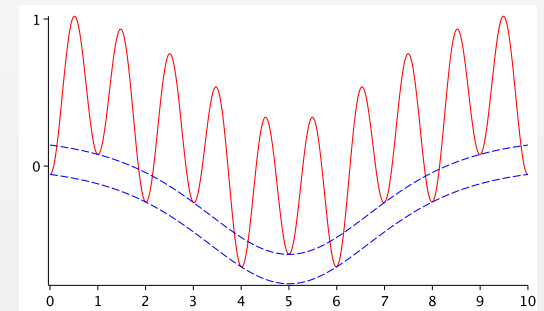
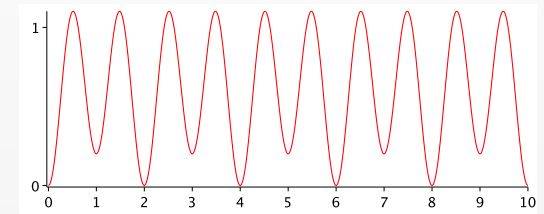
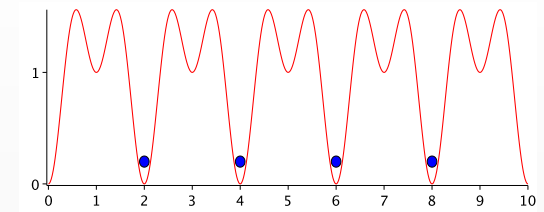
Fermions in bi-chromatic lattice
Mott insulator \rightarrow band insulator



Lower band \rightarrow Dirac sea

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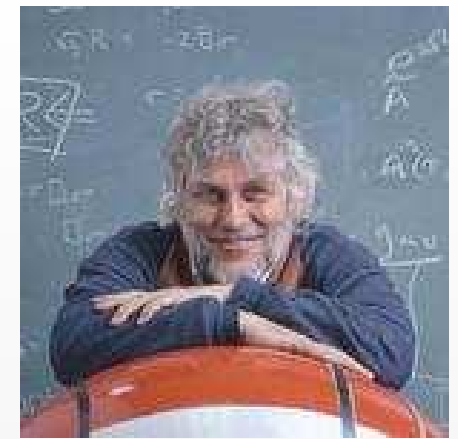
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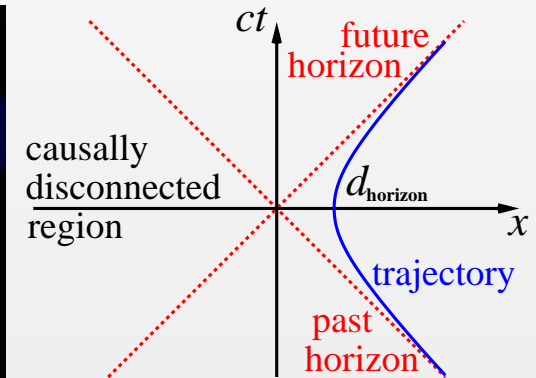
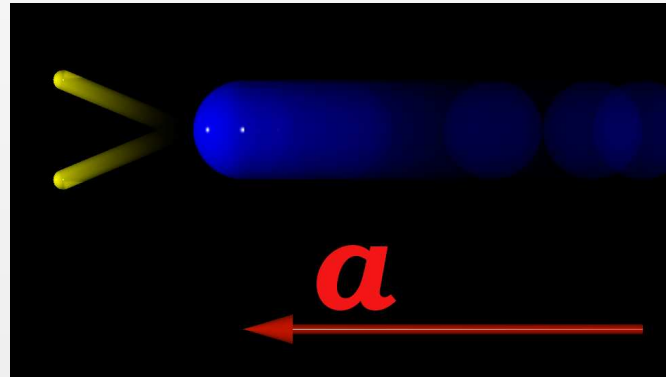
Unruh Effect

$$T_{\text{Unruh}} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi k_B c} a$$

W. G. Unruh, Phys. Rev. D **14**, 870 (1976).



Scattering in accelerated frame (thermal bath)



Translation back into inertial (laboratory) frame

W. G. Unruh and R. M. Wald, Phys. Rev. D **29**, 1047 (1984).

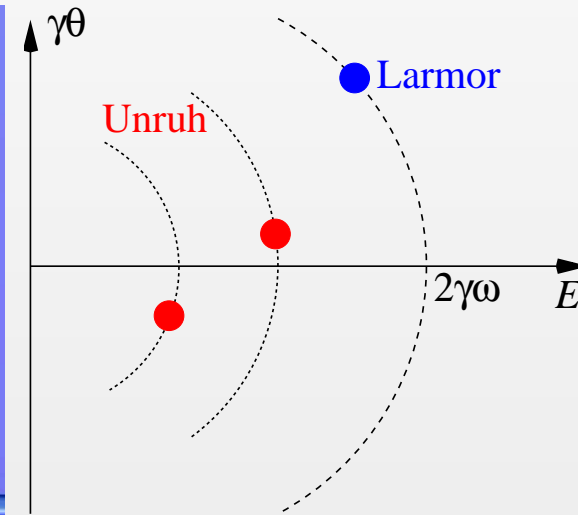
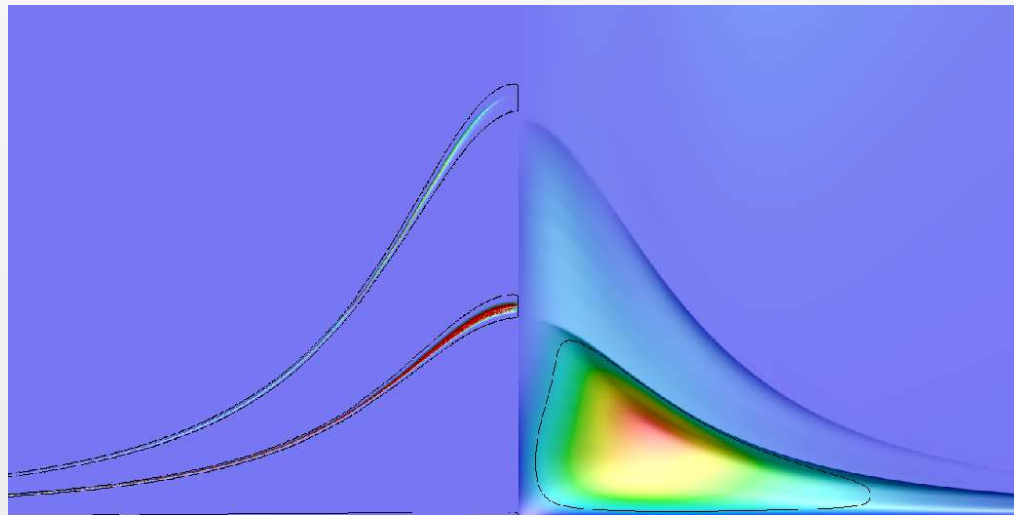
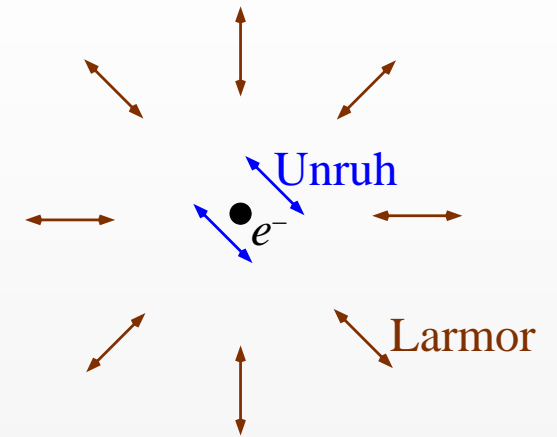
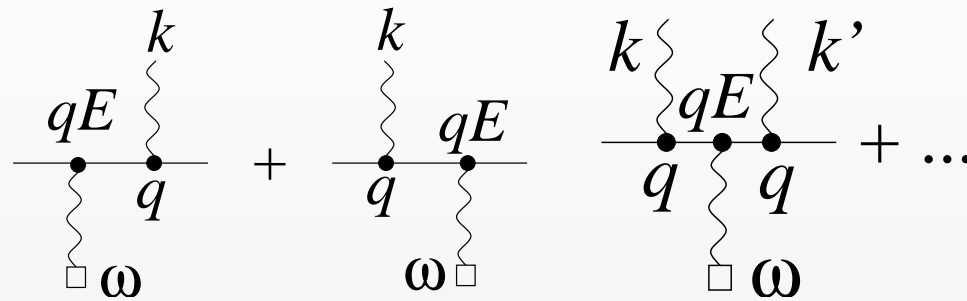
Creation of entangled photon *pairs*

E.g., electron in strong laser field

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Distinguishability



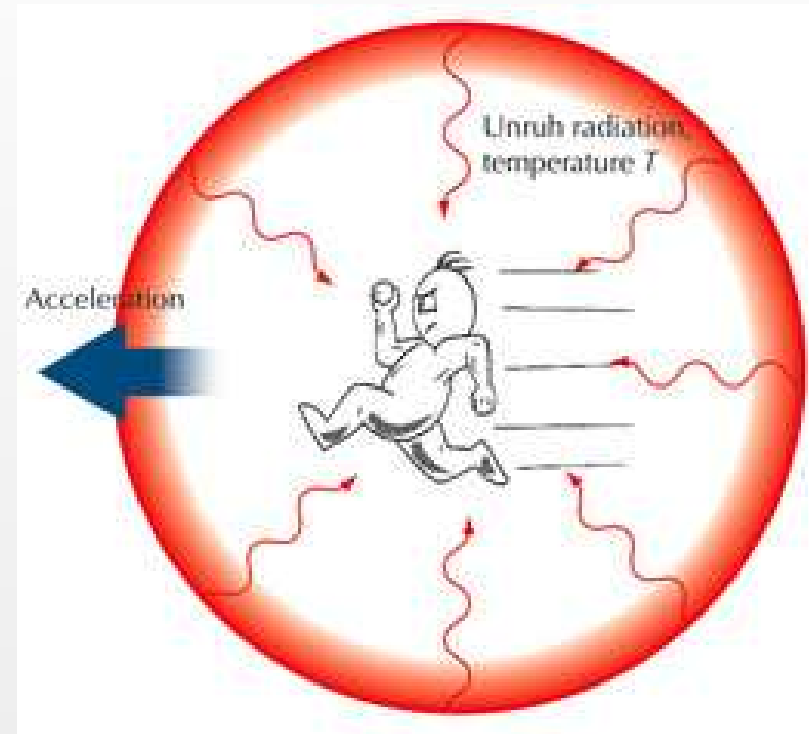
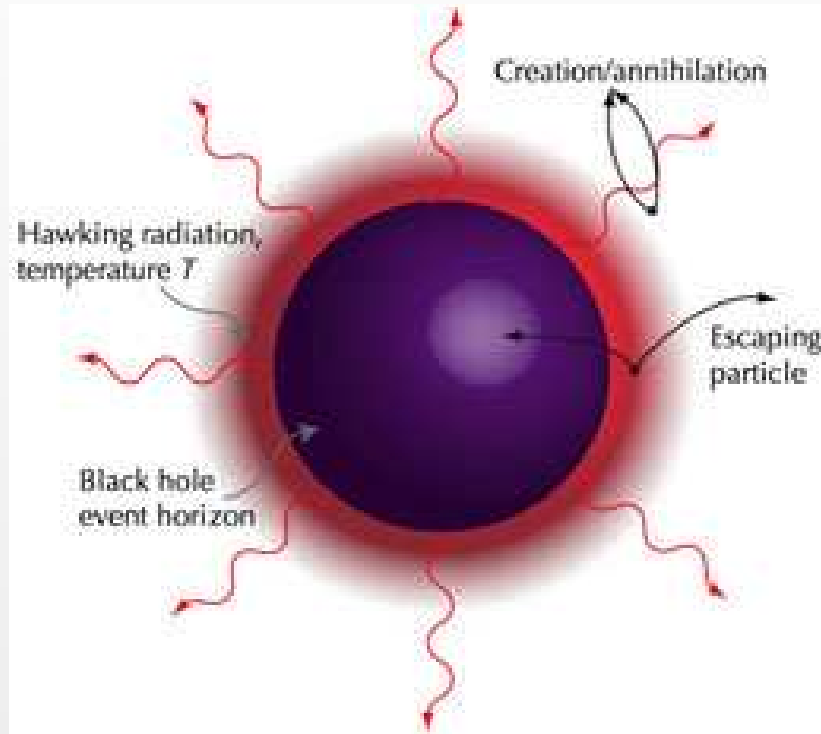
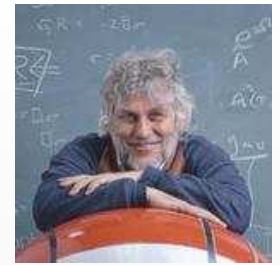
Larmor (classical) \leftrightarrow Unruh (quantum)

→ energy, polarization, coincidence

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Hawking \leftrightarrow Unruh

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Principle of Equivalence:

stationary observer $g \neq 0$ accelerated observer $a \neq 0$

observation of thermal spectrum

freely falling observer $g = 0$ inertial observer $a = 0$

no particles observed

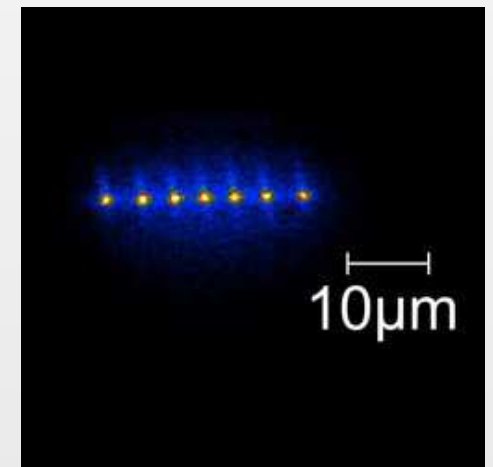
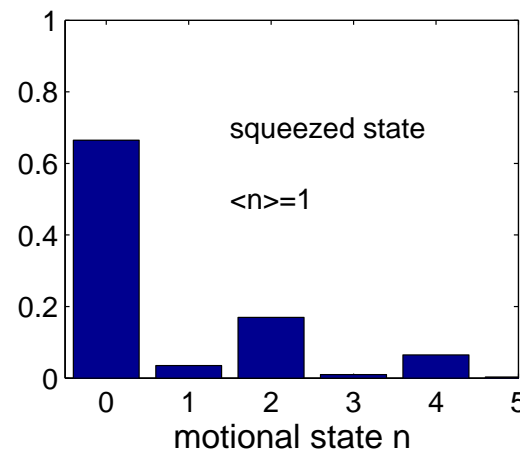
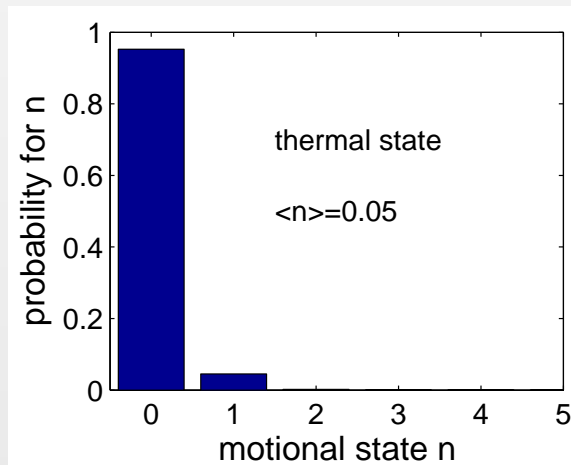
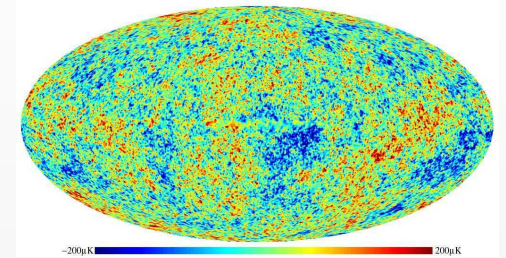
Cosmological Particle Creation

Quantum field in expanding Universe
↔ quantised phonons in ion chain

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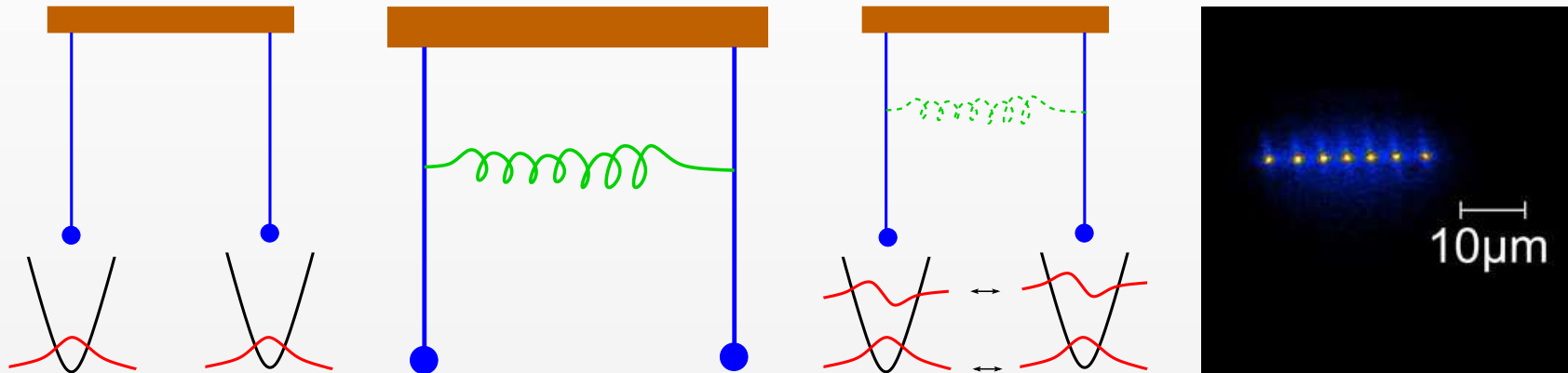
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“The same equations have the same solutions.”
→ phonon pair creation (even for one ion...)



Phonons in fluids: expansion vs changing $c_{\text{sound}}^2(t)$

Ion Trap Analogue



Squeezing \rightarrow creation of phonons $\langle \hat{n} \rangle_{\xi} \approx |\xi^2| \approx 0.1$

$$\xi \approx \exp \left\{ -\pi \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} \left(\frac{\Delta x_{\min}}{\Delta x_{\text{crit}}} \right)^3 \right\}$$

Creation of entanglement if

$$e^{\xi} > 1 + 2n_{\text{thermal}}$$

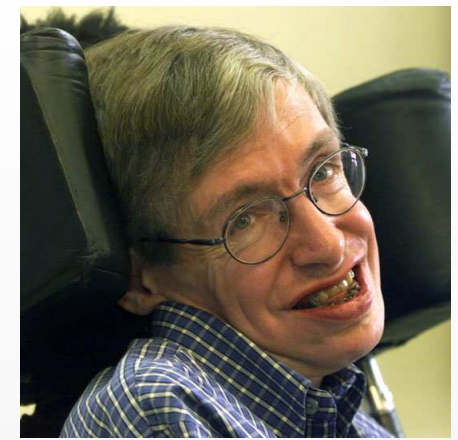
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Black Hole Evaporation

Formula for Hawking temperature

$$T_{\text{Hawking}} = \frac{1}{8\pi M} \frac{\hbar c^3}{G_N k_B}$$



Combines four (apparently) different areas of physics

- quantum theory
- relativity
- gravity
- thermodynamics

\hbar

c

G_N

k_B

Is nature trying to give us a hint?

(\rightarrow black hole entropy \propto area etc.)

Problems: $M_{\text{BH}} = 30M_{\text{sun}} \rightsquigarrow T_{\text{Hawking}} \approx 2\text{nK} \dots$

+ trans-Planckian problem