



# Relativistic Quantum Information and Metrology

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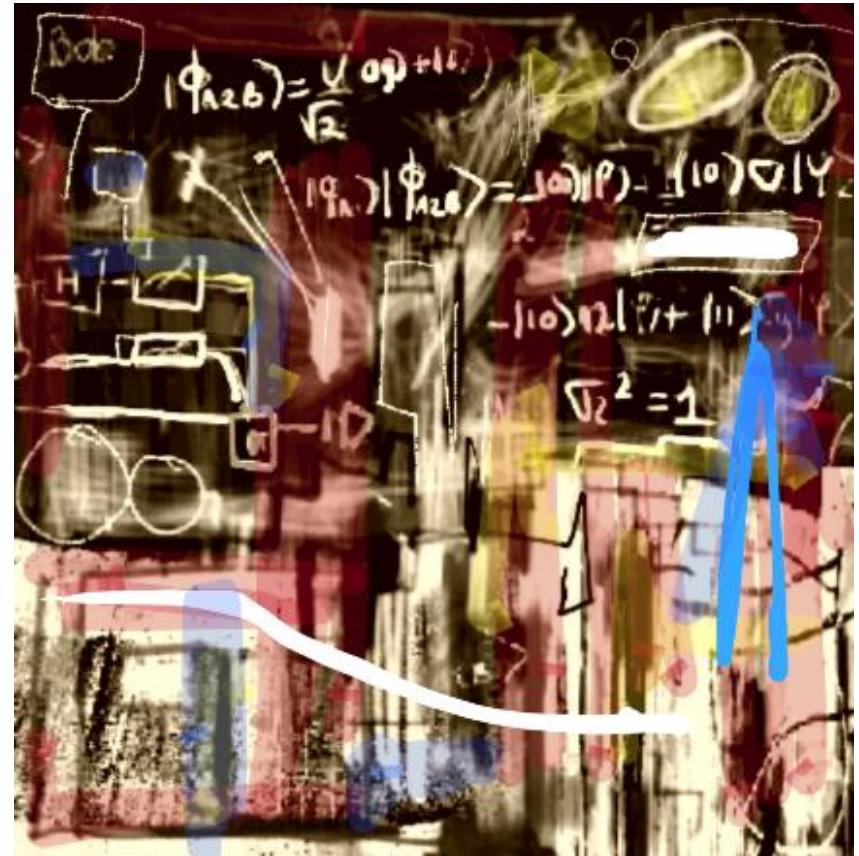


# Syllabus for PG course

1. QUANTUM INFORMATION & METROLOGY
2. GENERAL RELATIVITY
3. QUANTUM FIELD THEORY IN CURVED SPACETIME
4. ENTANGLEMENT IN FLAT AND CURVED SPACETIME
5. COVARIANCE MATRIX FORMALISM
6. SYSTEMS FOR RQI
7. RELATIVISTIC QUANTUM METROLOGY

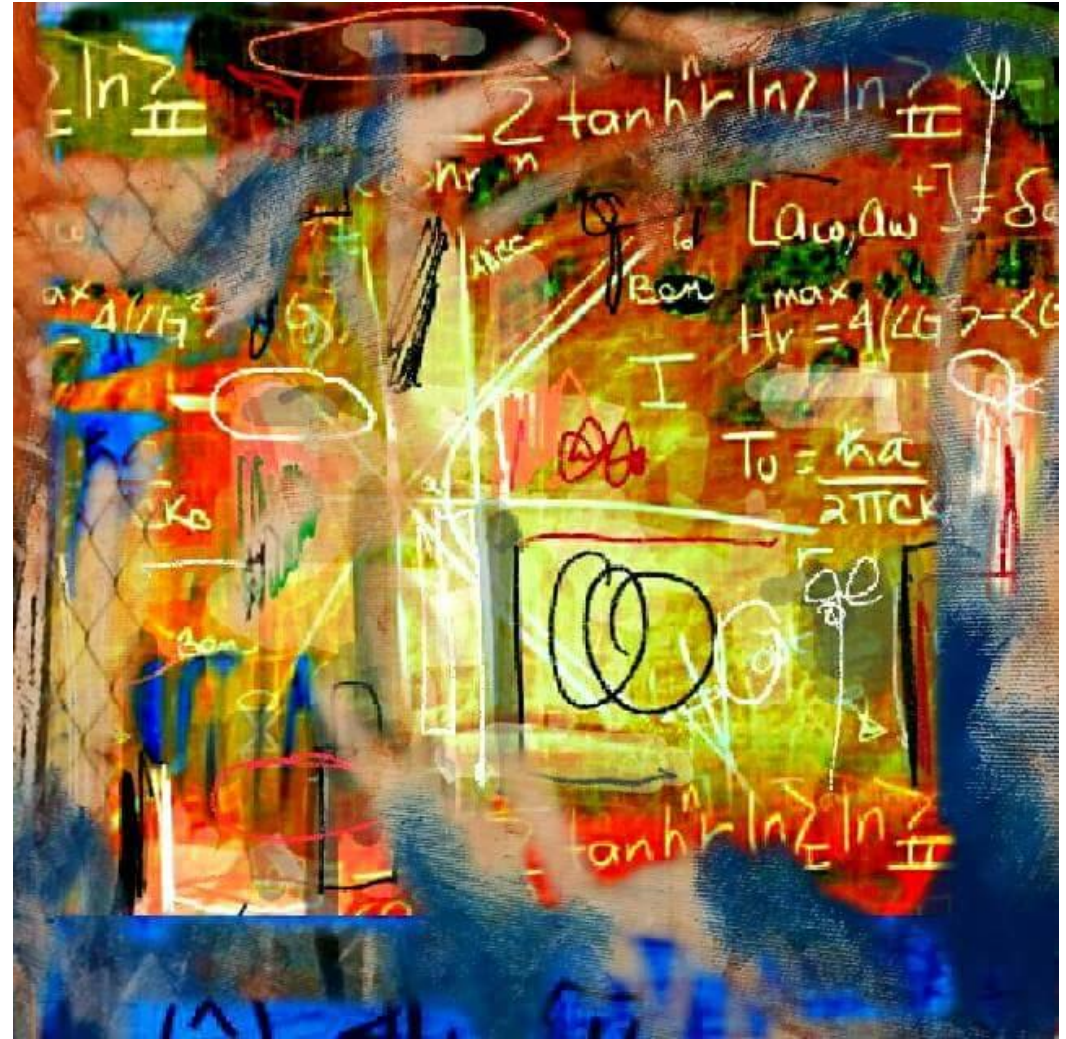


- Motivation
- Technical tools
  - entanglement
  - quantum field theory
  - covariance matrix formalism
  - quantum metrology
  - BECs on spacetime
- Applications
  - Entanglement in flat and curved spacetime
  - Metrology: phononic detector concept for gravity
  - Clocks at the interface of quantum physics and General Relativity





# Motivation and background



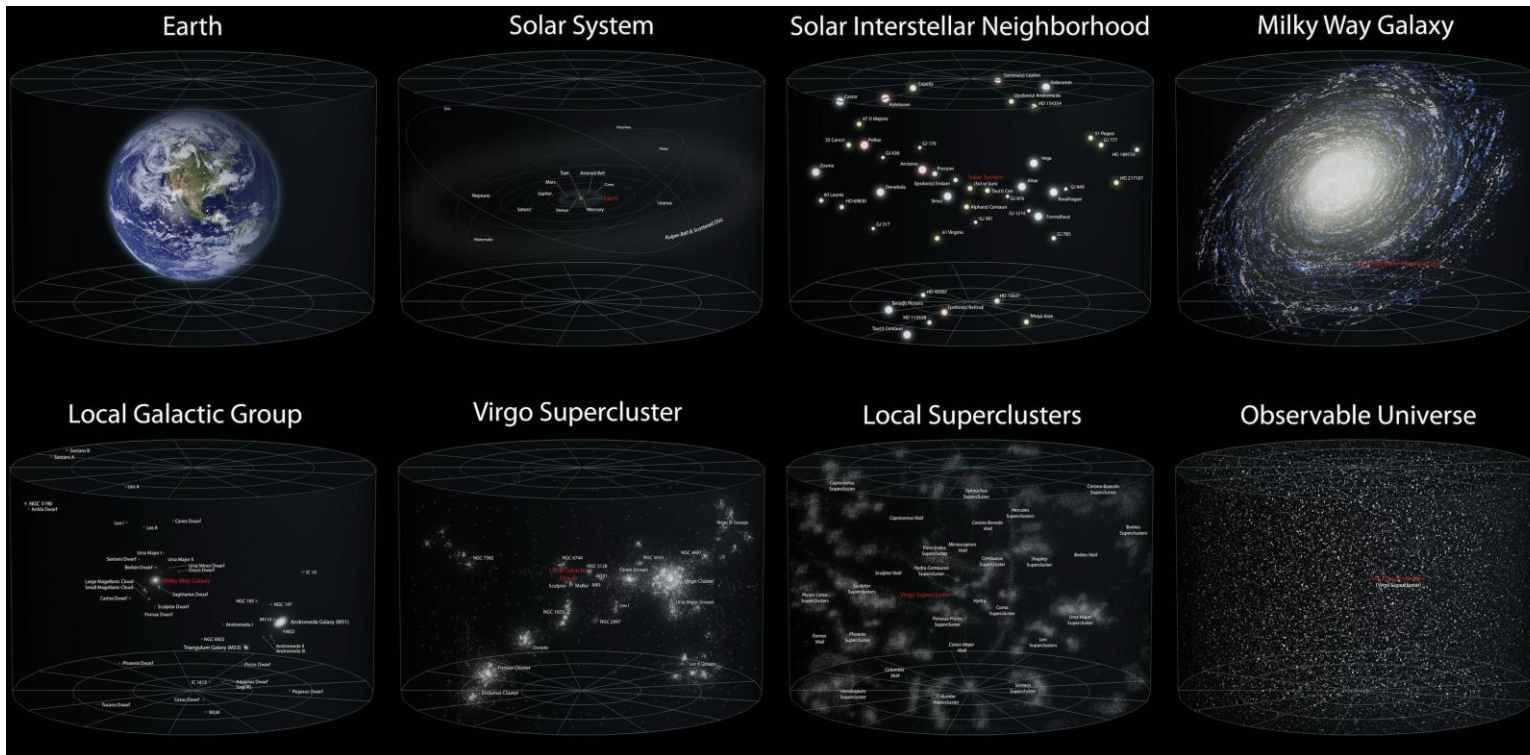
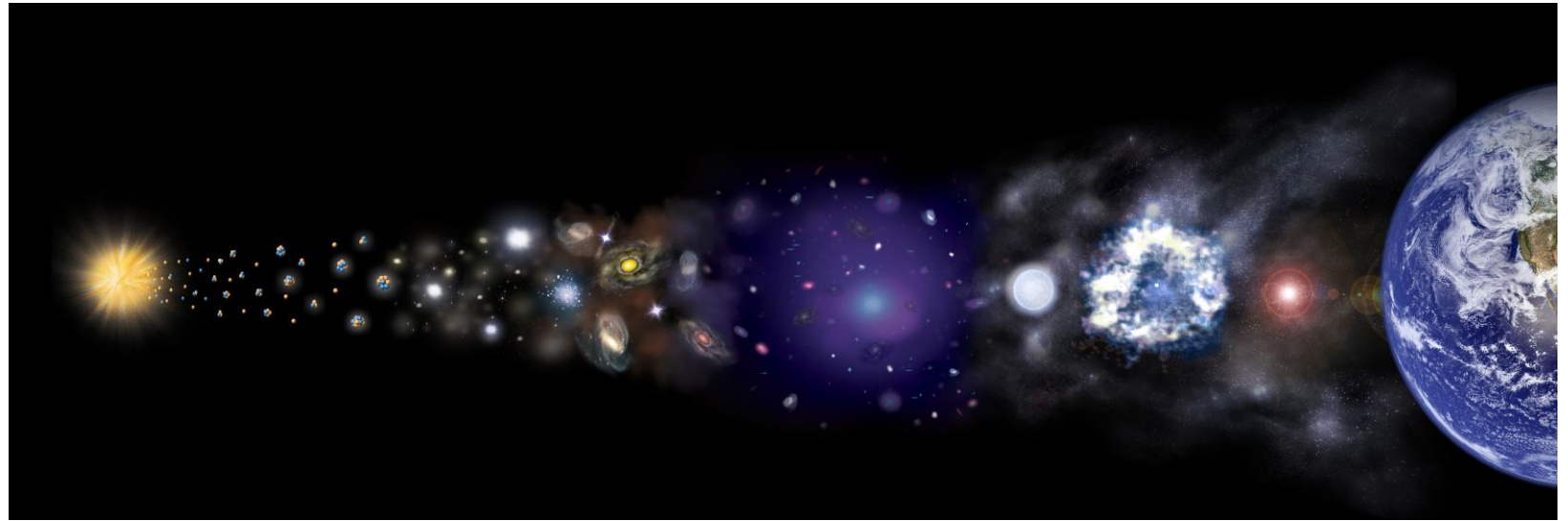


## The quantum era reached relativistic regimes

- Practical aspects (necessary corrections)
- Innovation: new technologies
- Fundamental aspects



# Quantum Physics Small scales



# General Relativity Large Scales









# Teleportation of entanglement over 143 km

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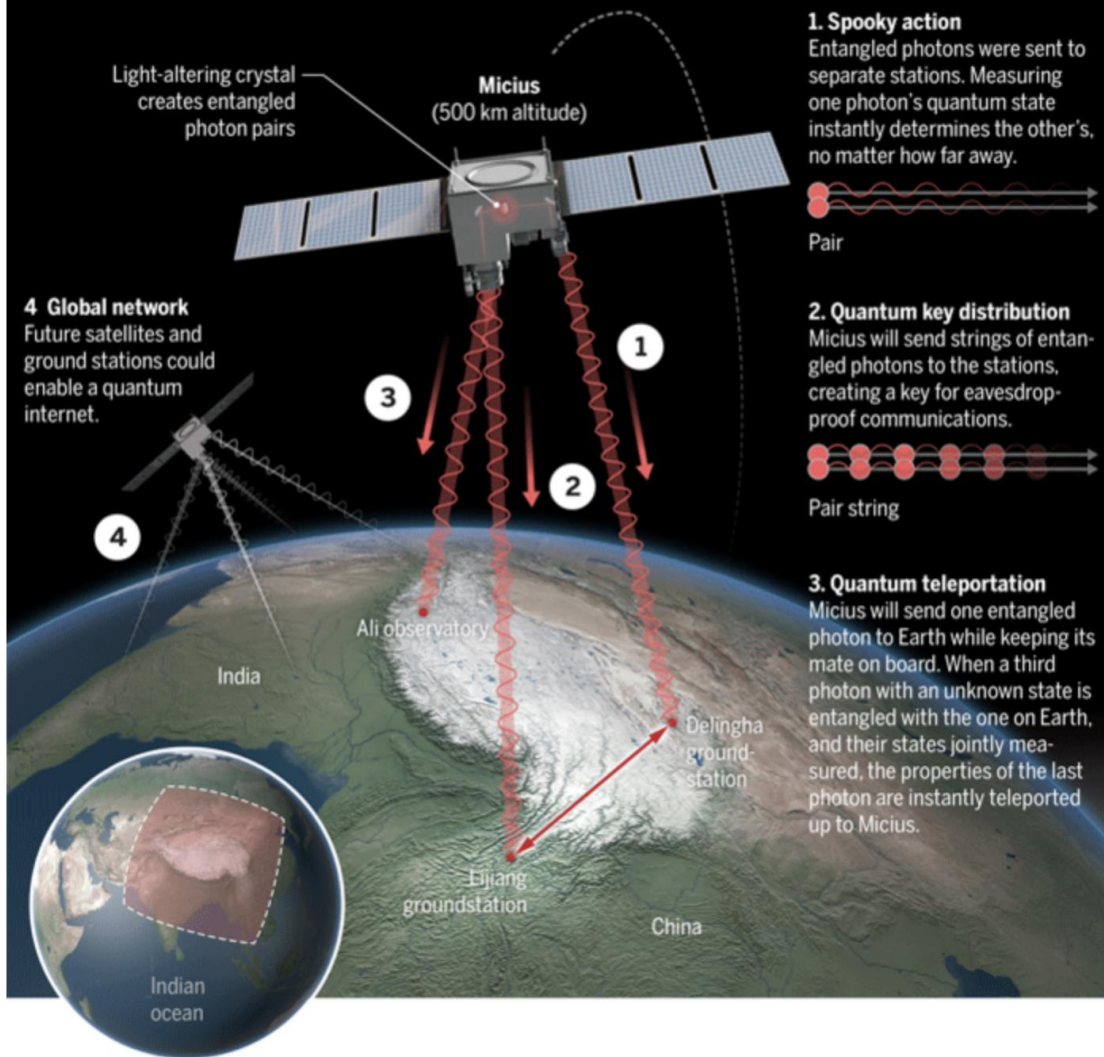
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## Quantum leaps

China's Micius satellite, launched in August 2016, has now validated across a record 1200 kilometers the "spooky action" that Albert Einstein abhorred (1). The team is planning other quantum tricks (2–4).



**1. Spooky action**  
Entangled photons were sent to separate stations. Measuring one photon's quantum state instantly determines the other's, no matter how far away.

Pair

**2. Quantum key distribution**  
Micius will send strings of entangled photons to the stations, creating a key for eavesdrop-proof communications.

Pair string

**3. Quantum teleportation**  
Micius will send one entangled photon to Earth while keeping its mate on board. When a third photon with an unknown state is entangled with the one on Earth, and their states jointly measured, the properties of the last photon are instantly teleported up to Micius.

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China's quantum satellite demonstrates entanglement at distances of  $\sim 10^3$  km

GPS: At these regimes relativity kicks in!

What are the effects of gravity and motion on quantum properties?

Spacetime effects on satellite-based quantum communications

David Edward Bruschi, Timothy C. Ralph, Ivette Fuentes, Thomas Jennewein, and Mohsen Razavi  
Phys. Rev. D **90**, 045041 – Published 28 August 2014

Testing the effects of gravity and motion on quantum entanglement in space-based experiments

David Edward Bruschi<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Sabín<sup>2</sup>, Angela White<sup>3,6</sup>, Valentina Baccetti<sup>4</sup>, Daniel K L Oi<sup>5</sup> and Ivette Fuentes<sup>2</sup>

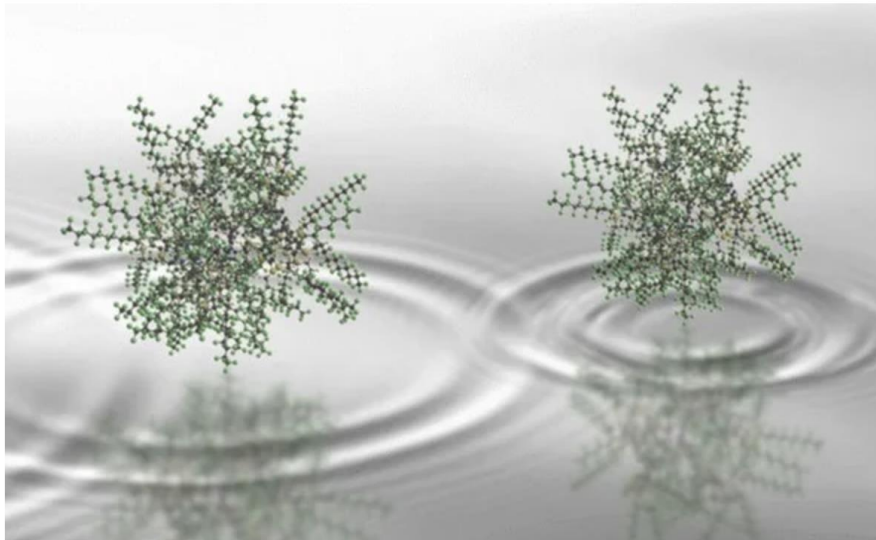
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# How massive can a system be in a quantum superposition?

Molecules: Markus Arndt



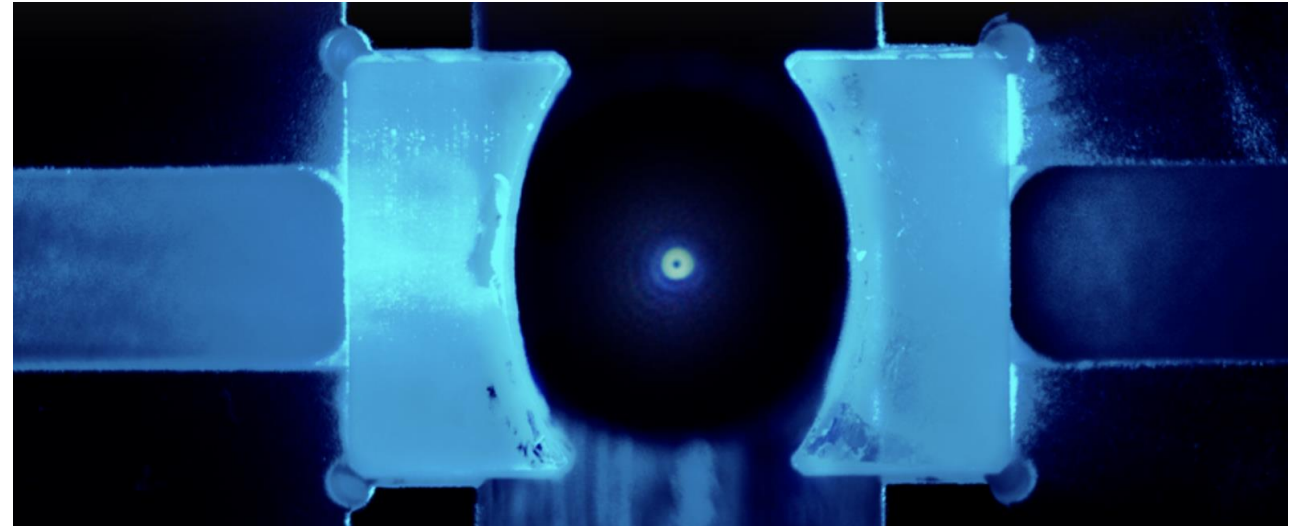
Letter | [Published: 23 September 2019](#)

## Quantum superposition of molecules beyond 25 kDa

[Yaakov Y. Fein](#), [Philipp Geyer](#), [Patrick Zwick](#), [Filip Kiałka](#), [Sebastian Pedalino](#), [Marcel Mayor](#), [Stefan Gerlich](#) & [Markus Arndt](#) 

[Nature Physics](#) **15**, 1242–1245 (2019) | [Cite this article](#)

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Nano-particles: Markus Aspelmeyer ground state  
 $10^8$  atomic masses

Diamonds



# Bose-Einstein Condensate: $10^{10}$ atoms

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Exploring the unification of quantum theory and general relativity with a Bose–Einstein condensate

Richard Howl<sup>1</sup> , Roger Penrose<sup>2</sup> and Ivette Fuentes<sup>1</sup>

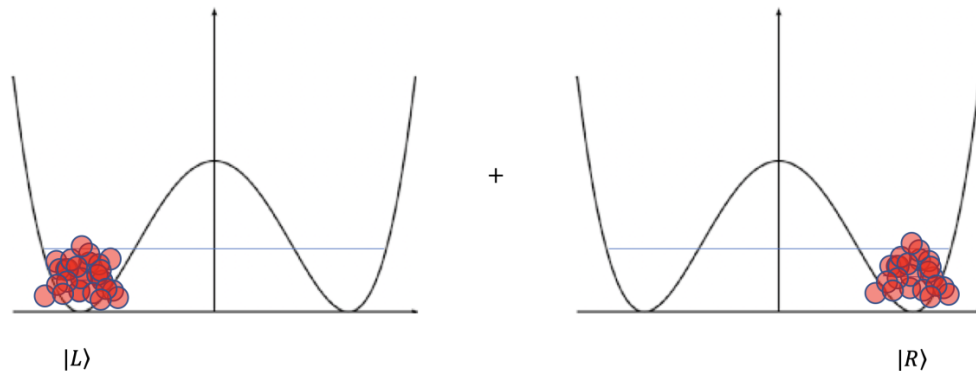
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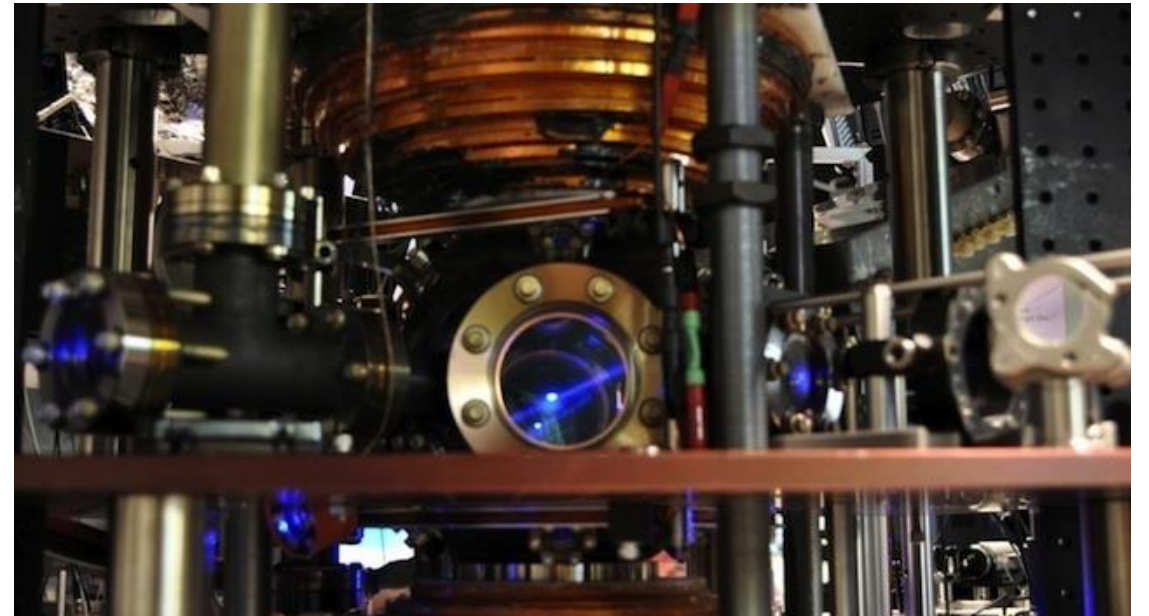
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Citation Richard Howl et al 2019 *New J. Phys.* 21 043047

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|N_L 0_R\rangle + |0_L N_R\rangle)$$



Massive system  
Can reach picoKelvin temperatures  
and exhibit quantum behavior



# Precision of quantum clocks

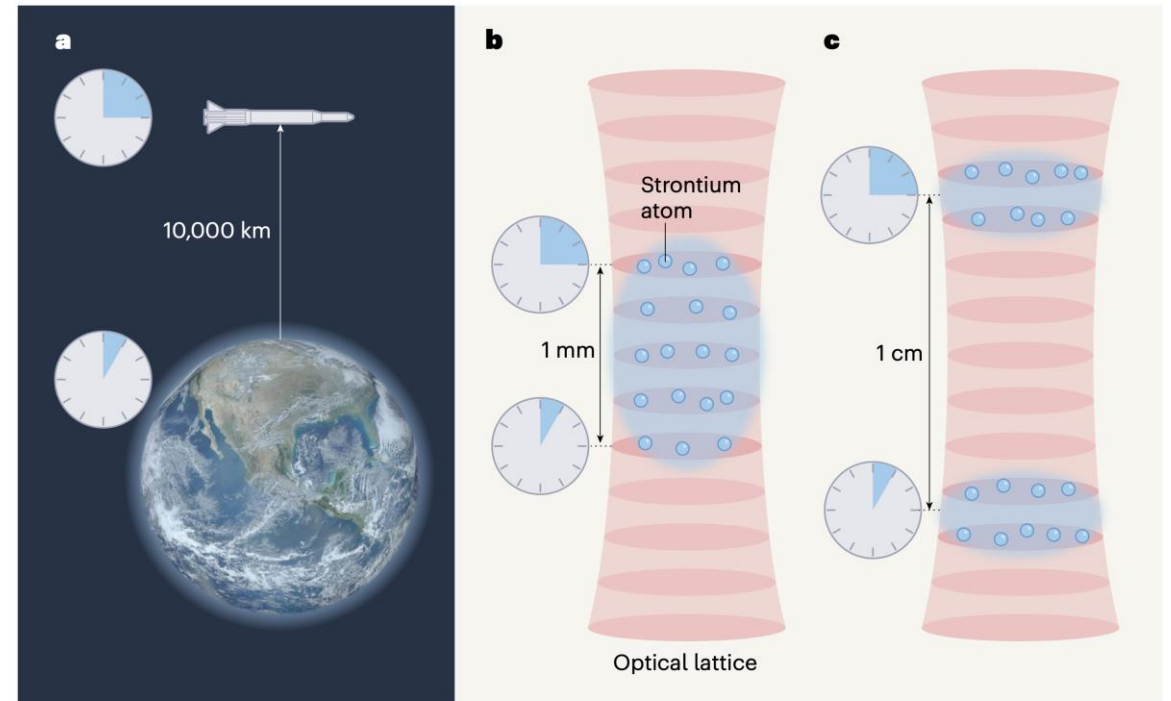
Article | [Published: 16 February 2022](#)

## Resolving the gravitational redshift across a millimetre-scale atomic sample

[Tobias Bothwell](#) , [Colin J. Kennedy](#), [Alexander Aeppli](#), [Dhruv Kedar](#), [John M. Robinson](#), [Eric Oelker](#), [Alexander Staron](#) & [Jun Ye](#) 

[Nature](#) **602**, 420–424 (2022) | [Cite this article](#)

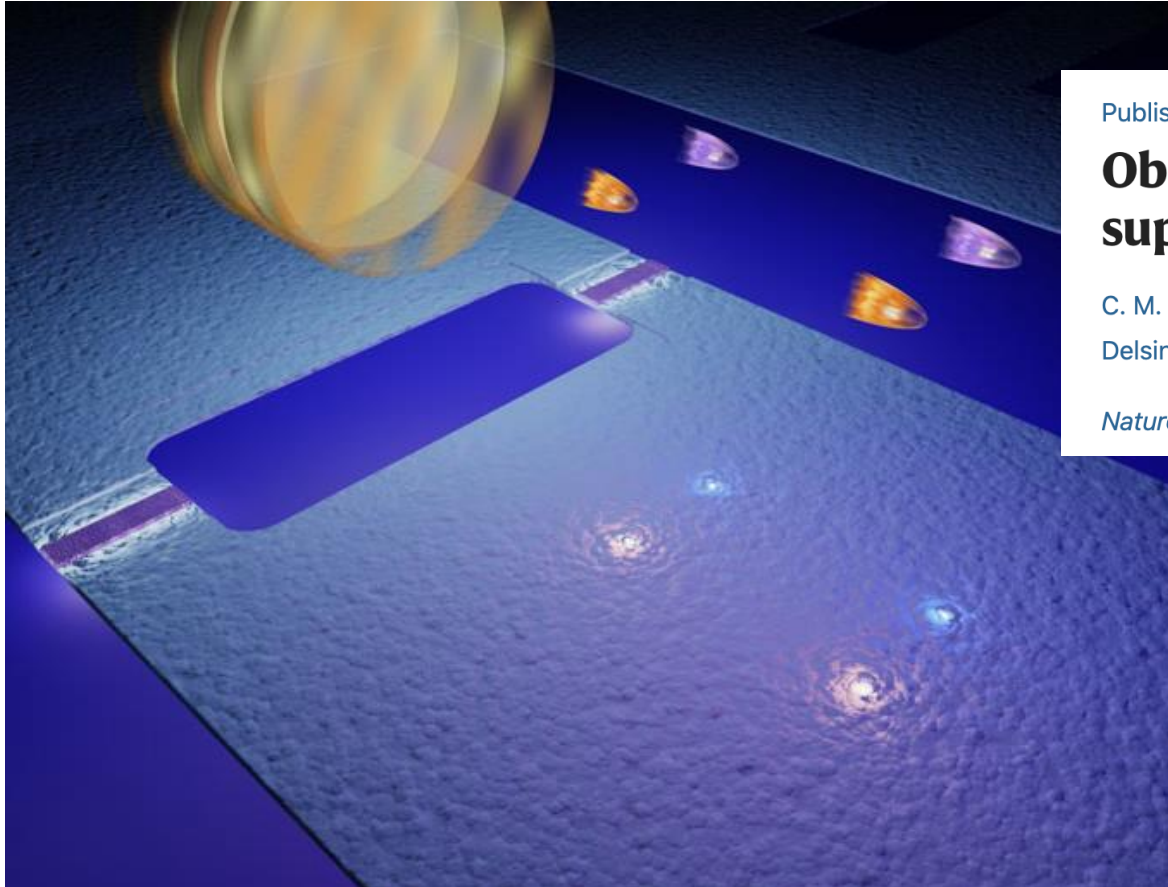
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**Figure 1 | Measuring time differences in vertically separated clocks.** **a**, The Gravity Probe A experiment<sup>3</sup> measured gravitational redshift (a metric for how gravity changes time) using two clocks separated by a vertical distance of 10,000 kilometres – one was on a spacecraft and the other remained on Earth's surface. The clock on the spacecraft ran faster than the clock on Earth. **b**, Bothwell *et al.*<sup>1</sup> showed that it is possible to measure gravitational redshift even on the submillimetre scale, by probing the timing of electronic transitions in a single cloud of strontium atoms trapped in an optical lattice (formed by the interference pattern of lasers). This required the team to measure an effect that was 20 billion times less pronounced than that detected in the Gravity Probe A experiment. **c**, Zheng *et al.*<sup>2</sup> demonstrated a similar set-up for such measurements using clouds of strontium atoms separated by one centimetre.



# Relativistic effects in quantum fields



Published: 16 November 2011

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

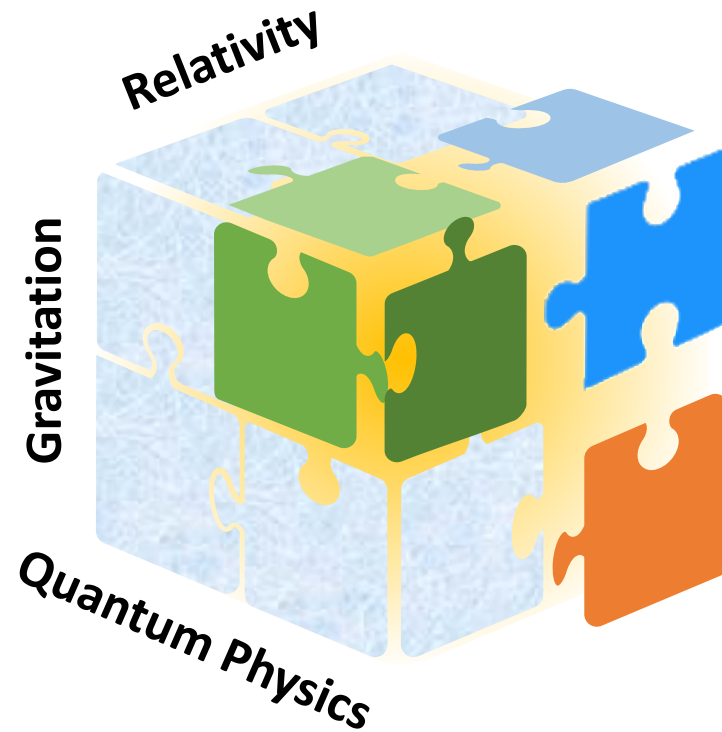
C. M. Wilson [✉](#), G. Johansson, A. Pourkabirian, M. Simoen, J. R. Johansson, T. Duty, F. Nori & P. Delsing

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Quantum effects in time dilation

Testing QFT: particle creation by a moving boundary

# Quantum physics and General Relativity are incompatible



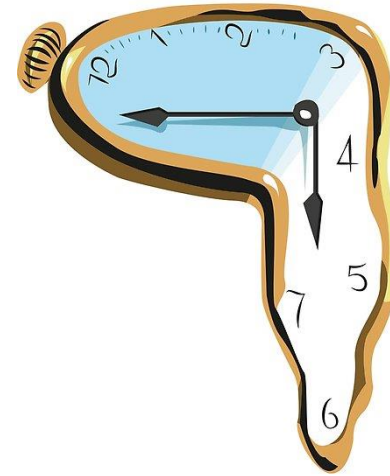
# Quantize gravity or “gravitize” quantum theory?

## Quantum theory

Time is absolute

Space and time are different notions

Particles can be in a superposition of positions at once.



## Relativity

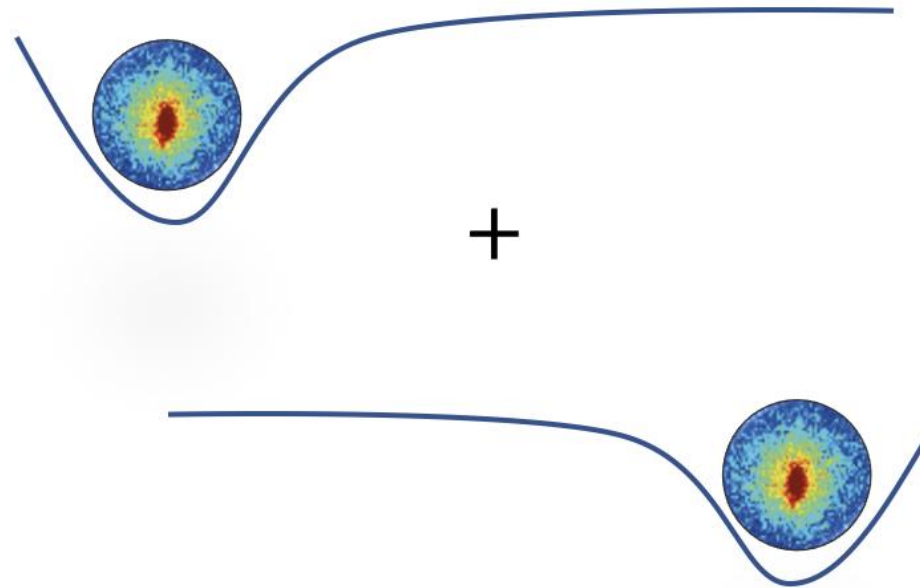
Time is observer dependent

Space and time belong together: spacetime

Time flows at different rates in different points in space

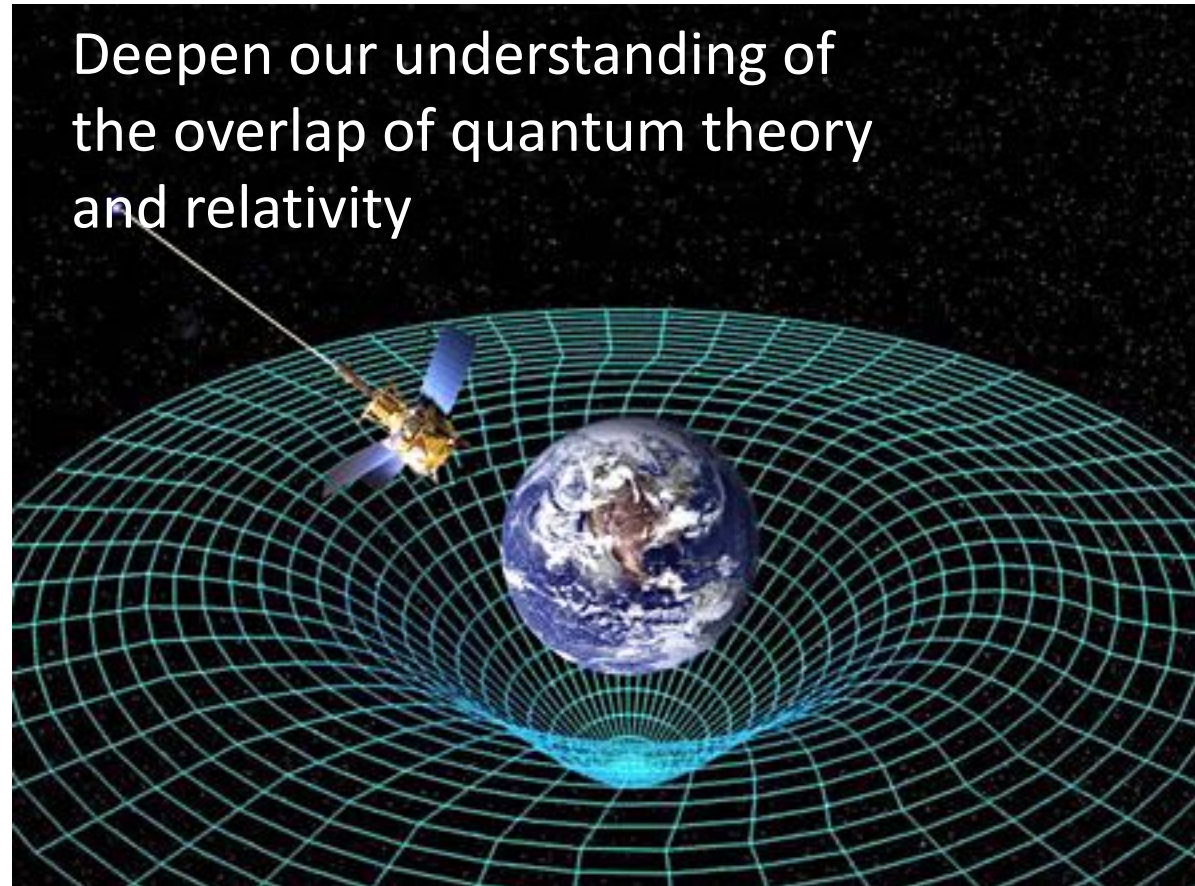


# Quantize gravity or “gravitize” quantum theory?



Can spacetime be in a superposition of different configurations?

# Future relativistic quantum technologies



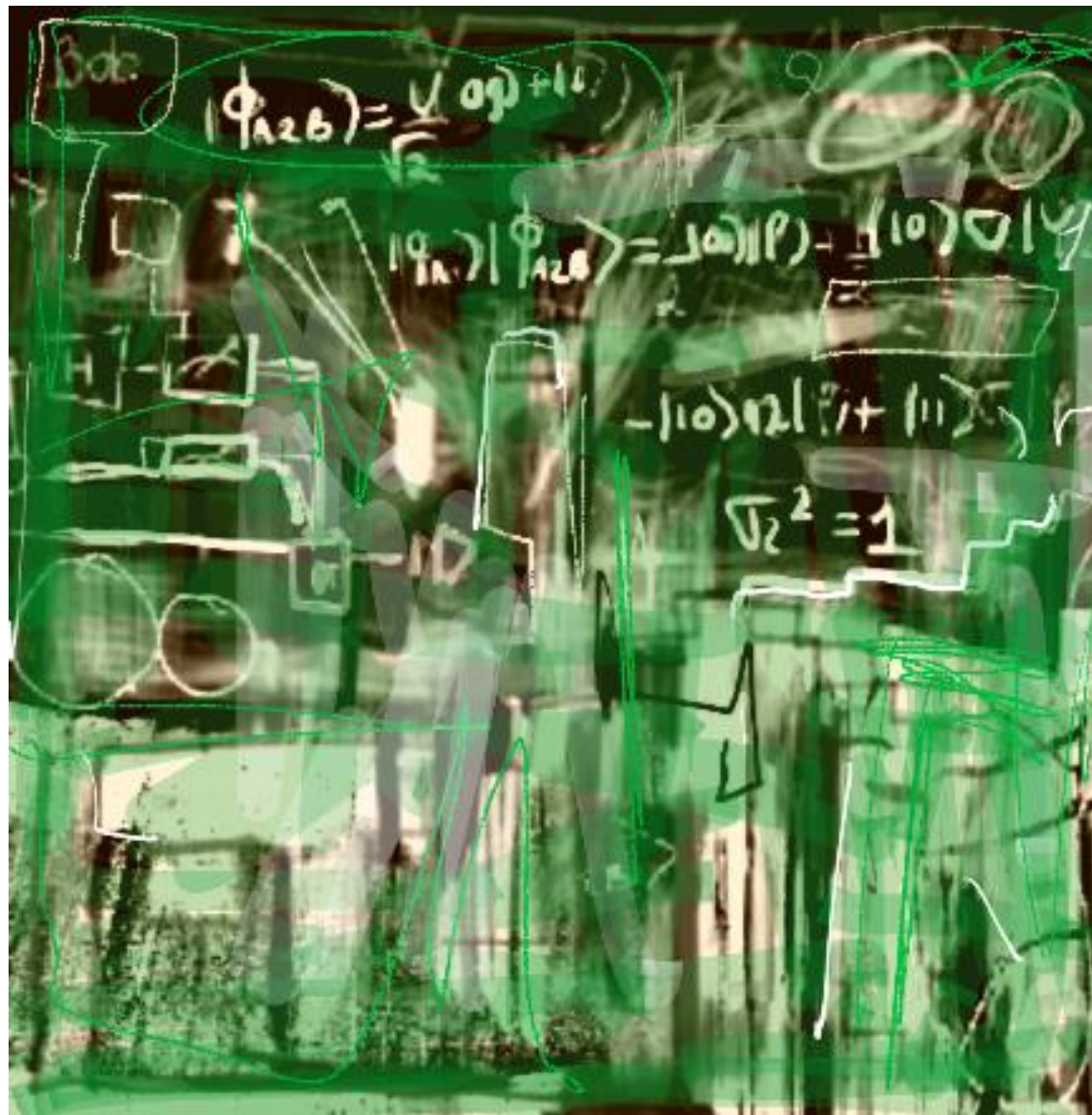
How relativity affects quantum technologies?

Can relativistic effects help?

New generation of Gravimeters, sensors, clocks



# Technical tools



# ENTANGLEMENT

$$|\psi_{ab}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$$



entangled pair

# Quantifying entanglement

## PURE STATES:

Schmidt basis

$$|\Phi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_{ij} \omega_{ij} |i\rangle_A \otimes |j\rangle_B \rightarrow |\Phi\rangle_{AB} = \sum_n \omega_n |n\rangle_A \otimes |n\rangle_B$$

Measure of entanglement: use density matrix  $\rho_{AB} = |\Phi\rangle\langle\Phi|_{AB}$

Reduced density matrix (subsystem A)  $\rho_A = \mathbf{Tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$

Entanglement between A and B  $S(\rho_A) = S(\rho_B)$

von Neumann entropy  $S(\rho) = -\mathbf{Tr}(\rho \log_2(\rho))$

## MIXED STATES



no analogue to Schmidt decomposition  
(entropy no longer quantifies entanglement)

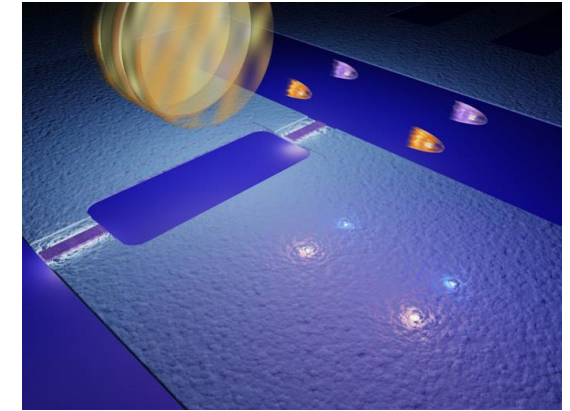
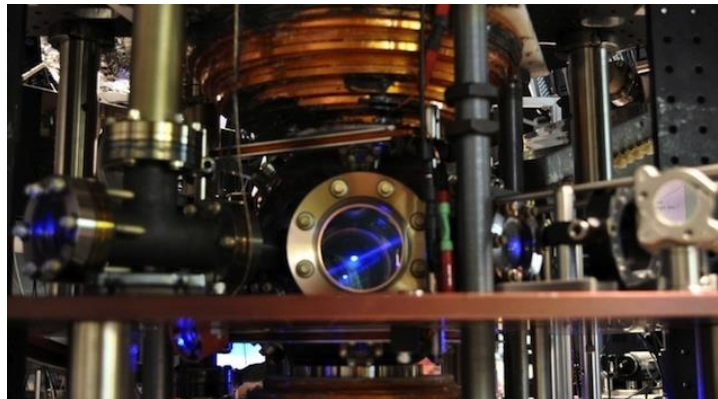
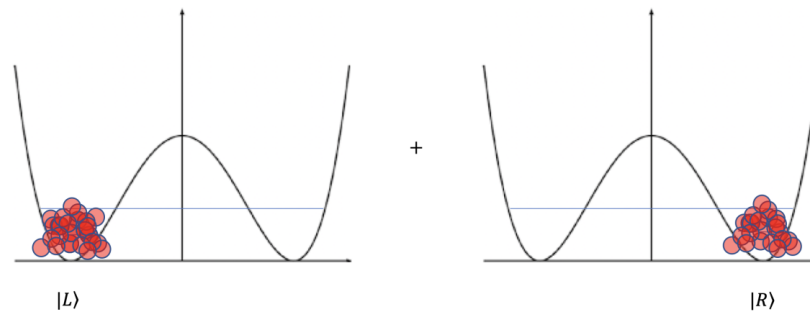
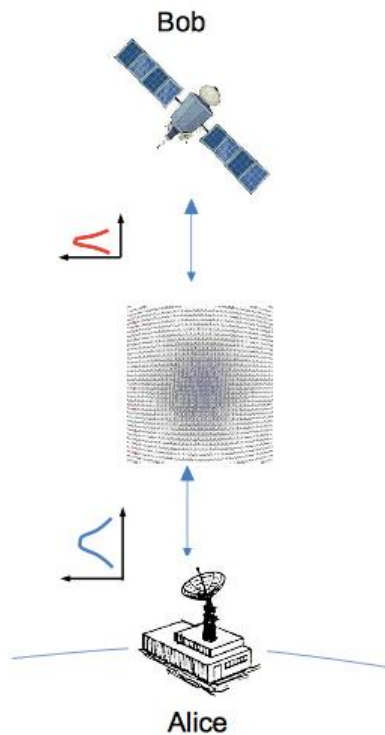
but necessary condition for separability (no negative eigenvalues) suggest to use

negativity = sum of negative eigenvalues of  $\rho_{AB}^{PT}$



# Entanglement and Relativity

How do we quantify entanglement?



# Quantum field theory in curved spacetime



## **Classical spacetime + quantum fields**

Combines QT with GR at low energies  
scales reachable by cutting-edge  
experiments

## **Theoretical predictions**

Particle creation by spacetime dynamics

Hawking radiation

Davies-Fulling-Unruh effect



# PARTICLES FROM FIELDS

Quantum field theory on curved spacetime

Quantum field fundamental



Particles derived notion (if at all)

## QUANTUM FIELD THEORY

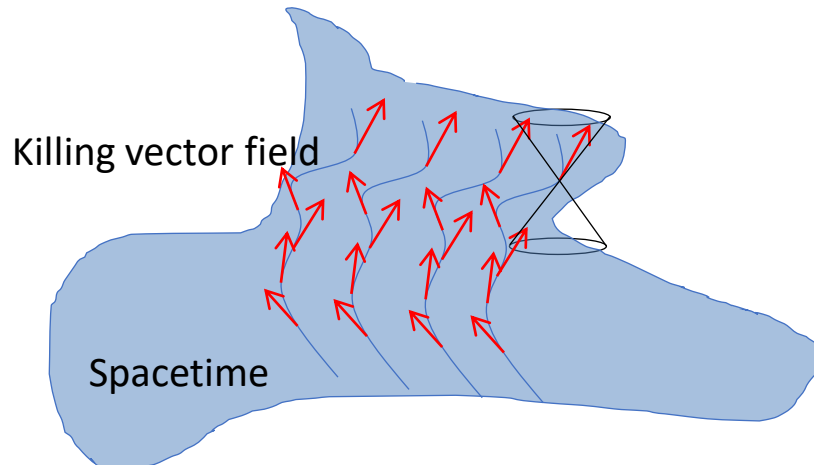
linear field equation  $(\square + m^2)\Phi = 0$



vectorspace of solutions  $\text{span}\{\tilde{\Phi}_k\}$

$$\tilde{\Phi} \in \mathcal{H} \quad (\phi, \psi) = i \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma^{\mu} [\psi^* \partial_{\mu} \phi - \phi \partial_{\mu} \psi^*]$$

Inner product not positive definite!



## PARTICLE INTERPRETATION

requires classification of modes into positive  $\leftrightarrow$  negative frequency  $\omega$

$$i\partial_T \tilde{\Phi} = \omega \tilde{\Phi} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\Phi}^* \text{ pos.} \\ \tilde{\Phi} \text{ neg.} \end{array} \right.$$

timelike Killing vector field

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H} \circ \mathcal{H} \oplus \dots \oplus \mathcal{H}^n$$

boson Fock space

$$\phi(x) = \int dk \left[ a_k^+ \tilde{\Phi}_k + a_k^- \tilde{\Phi}_k^* \right]$$

creation

annihilation



# Massless scalar fields in curved spacetime

field equation for massless fields:  
Klein Gordon

$$\square\Phi = 0$$

determinant of the metric

$$\square = (\sqrt{-g})^{-1} \partial_\mu \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu$$

When the spacetime admits a  
time-like Killing vector field

solutions

$$\Phi = \int \phi_n a_n + \phi_n^* a_n^\dagger$$

metric

creation and annihilation operators

$$\hat{a}_n |0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{vacuum state}$$

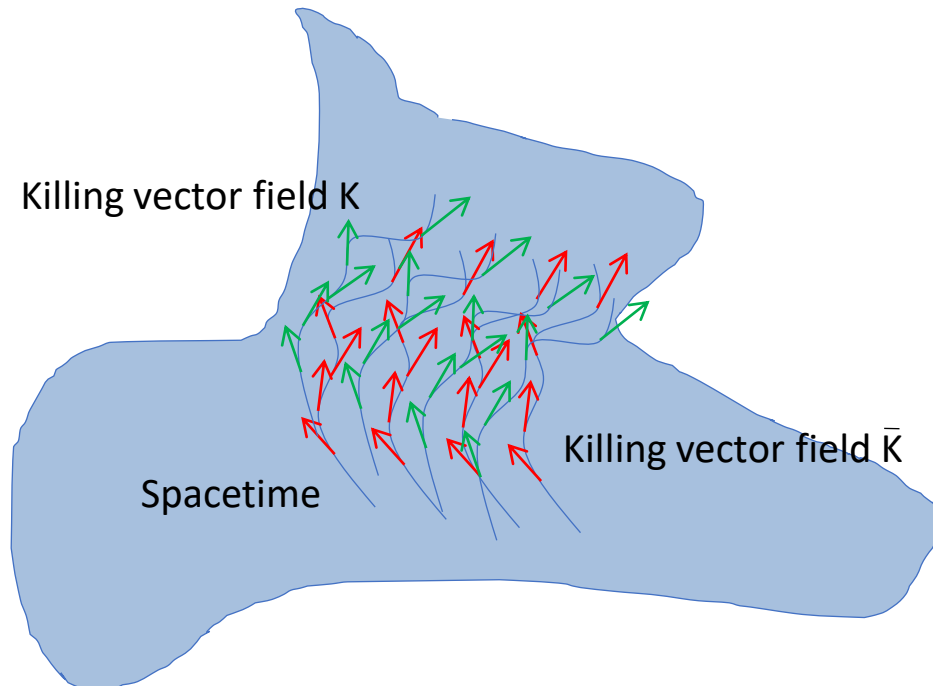
$$|m_n\rangle = \hat{a}_n^{\dagger m} |0\rangle$$

Particle states

# KILLING OBSERVERS

## INSIGHTS

- particles present ill-defined subsystems!
- particles well-defined only for killing observers
- particle interpretation may change with change of Killing vector field



## KILLING OBSERVERS

different timelike Killing vectors  $\bar{K}$  and  $K$

$\Rightarrow$  different splits of basis in pos/neg

$$\{u_p, u_p^*\} \longrightarrow \{\bar{u}_p, \bar{u}_p^*\}$$

Bogoliubov transformation

$$\bar{a}_p = \int_{q \in \mathcal{P}} [\alpha_{pq}^* a_q - \beta_{pq}^* a_q^\dagger],$$

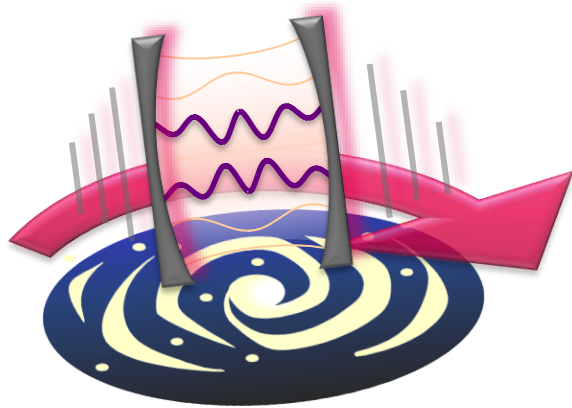
Squeezed states

$$|0\rangle = e^{\sum_{i \neq j} \gamma_{ij} a_i^\dagger a_j^\dagger - \gamma_{ij}^* a_i a_j} |\bar{0}\rangle$$

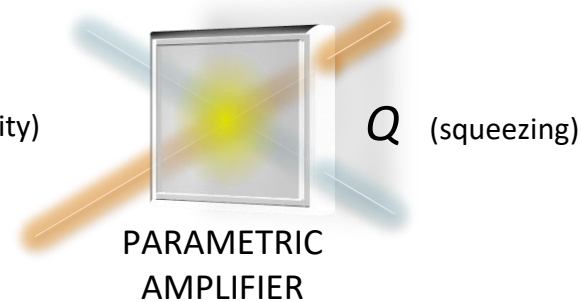
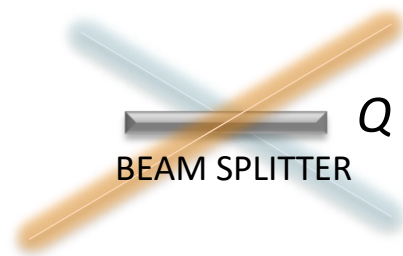


# Bogoliubov transformations

## Bogoliubov transformation



- Realizes a linear transformation of the modes:  $\tilde{a}_m = \sum_n (\alpha_{mn} a_n + \beta_{mn}^* a_n^\dagger)$
- *Alphas*: passive terms (beam-splitter like)
- *Betas*: active terms (two-mode squeezers)



Examples: change of observer, space-time dynamics, moving cavity



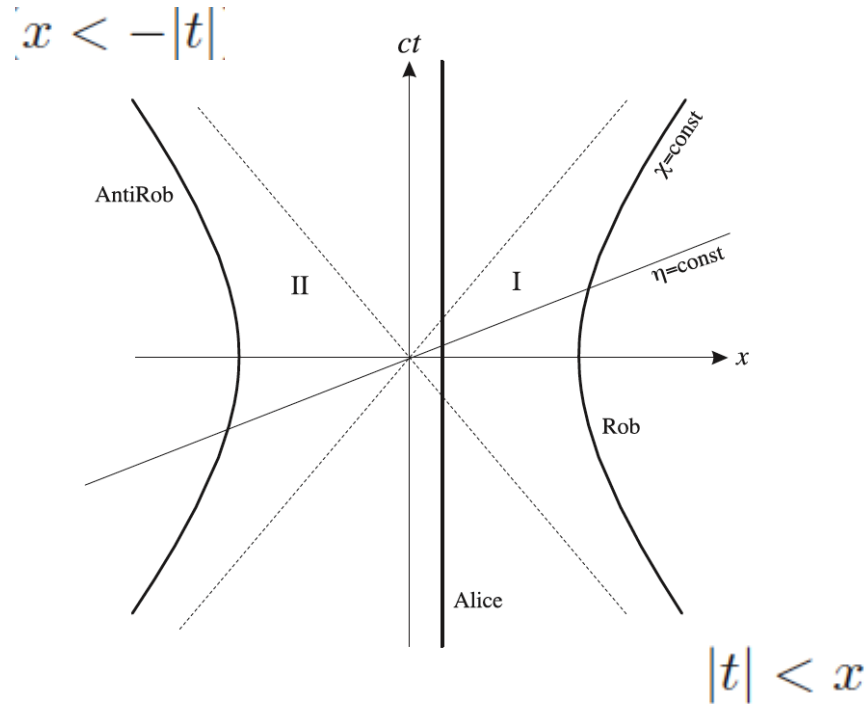


**Entanglement  
in  
flat and curved  
spacetime**

# Minkowski and Rindler coordinates

Minkowski coordinates  $(x,t)$ : inertial observers

Rindler coordinates  $(\chi,\eta)$ : accelerated observers



$$\eta = a \operatorname{atanh}\left(\frac{t}{x}\right), \quad \chi = \sqrt{x^2 - t^2},$$

$$0 < \chi < \infty \text{ and } -\infty < \eta < \infty$$

$$\chi = 1/a.$$

proper acceleration

## Timelike killing observers

(a) inertial observer

(b) uniformly accelerated observers

# Example: Klein-Gordon equation in flat spacetime

$$\square = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \nabla^2 \quad \text{wave equation}$$

In 1+1 dimensions  $(\partial_t^2 - \partial_x^2)\phi = 0$ .  $c=1$

The solutions to this equation are plane waves

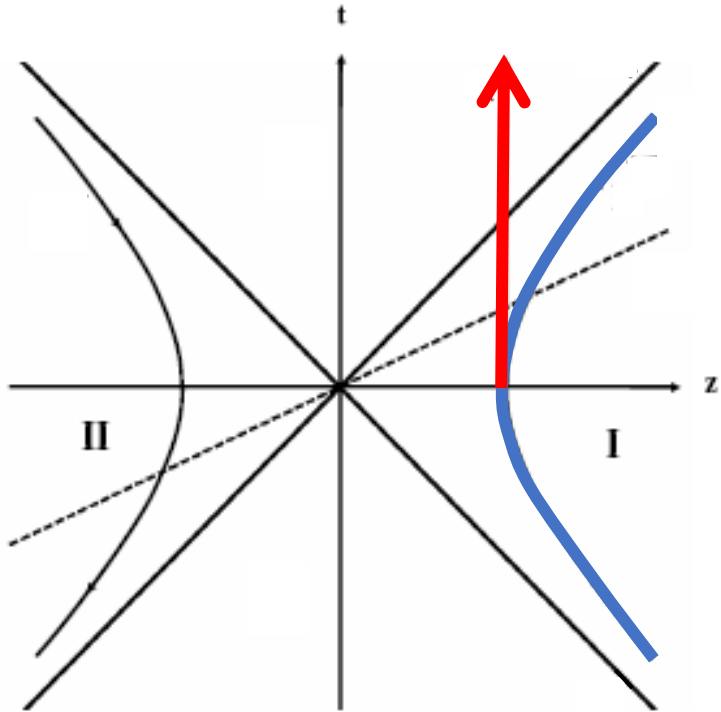
$$u_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\omega}} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \quad \text{with } \omega = |k| \text{ and } -\infty < k < \infty.$$
$$u_k^* = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\omega}} e^{-i(kx - \omega t)}$$



# EXAMPLE: UNRUH EFFECT

Minkowski spacetime in 1+1 dimensions

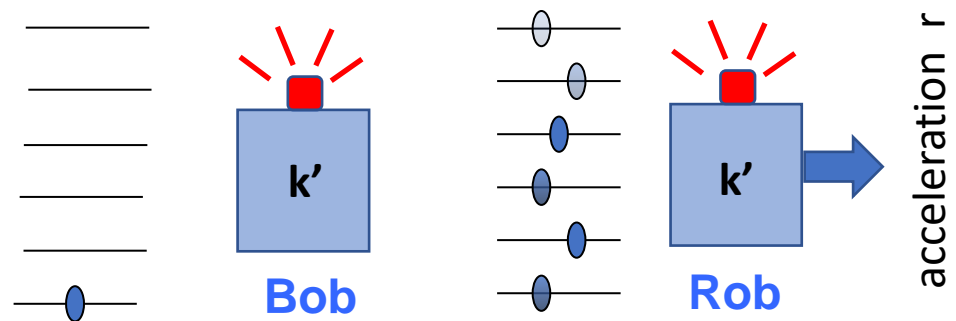
(flat spacetime = no gravity!)



$$|0_k\rangle^{\mathcal{M}} \sim \frac{1}{\cosh r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tanh^n r |n_k\rangle_I |n_k\rangle_{II},$$

$$\cosh r = (1 - e^{-2\pi\Omega})^{-1/2}, \quad \Omega = |k|c/a$$

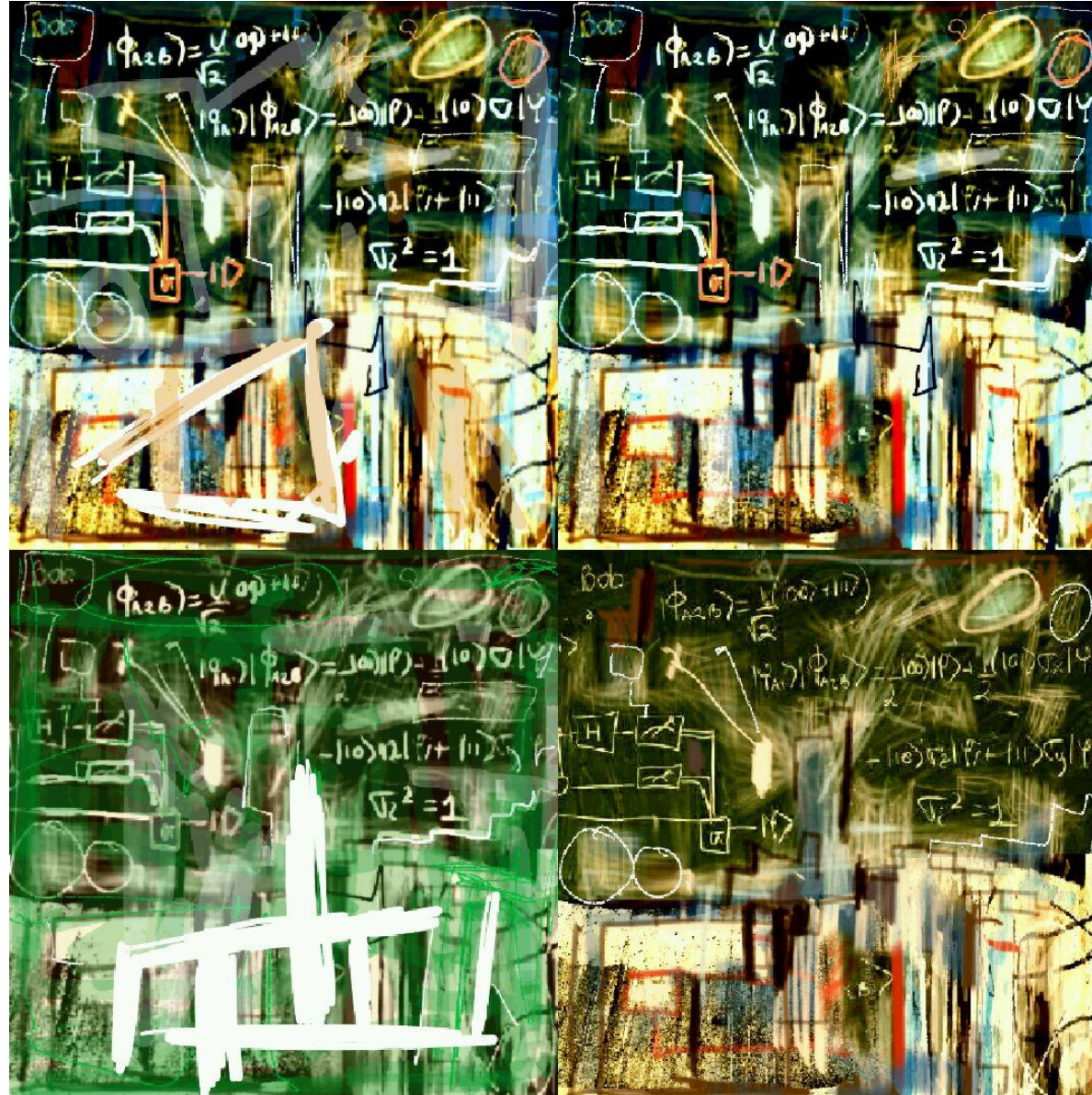
Rob is causally disconnected from region II



trace  $\rightarrow$  thermal state

Similar effect in black holes: Hawking radiation

# some results



# FLAT SPACETIME

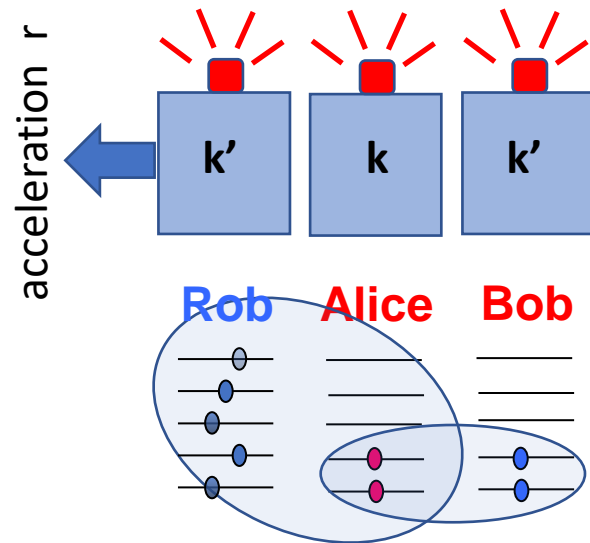


# Alice and Rob

I. Fuentes-Schuller & R. Mann PRL (2005)

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

## To Escape From Quantum Wierdness, Put the Pedal to the Metal



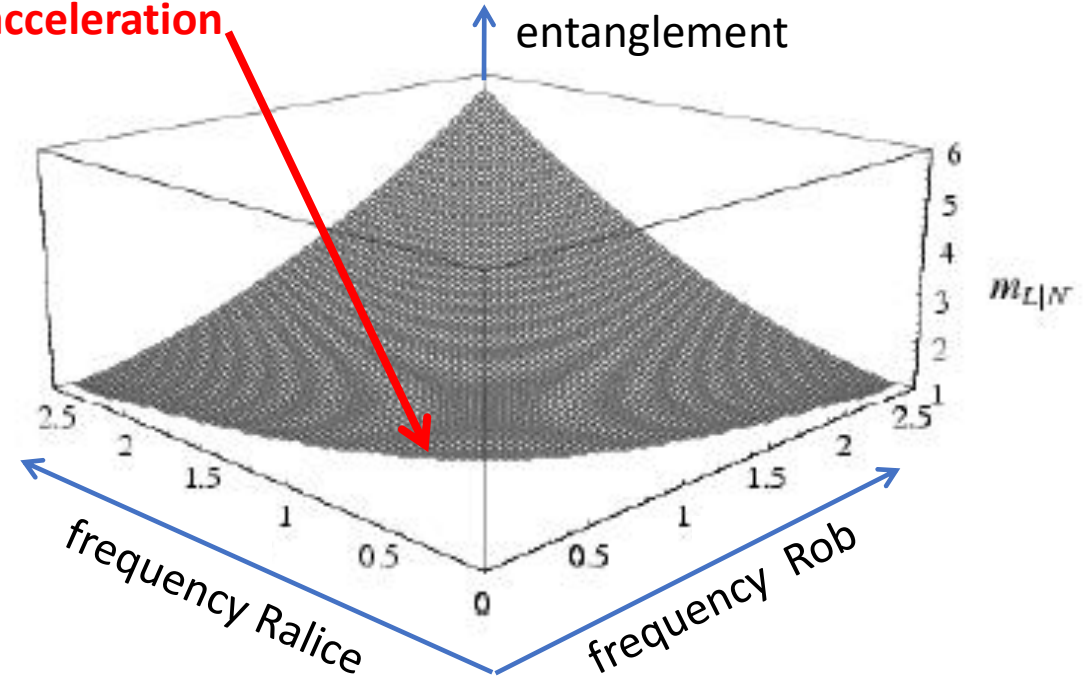
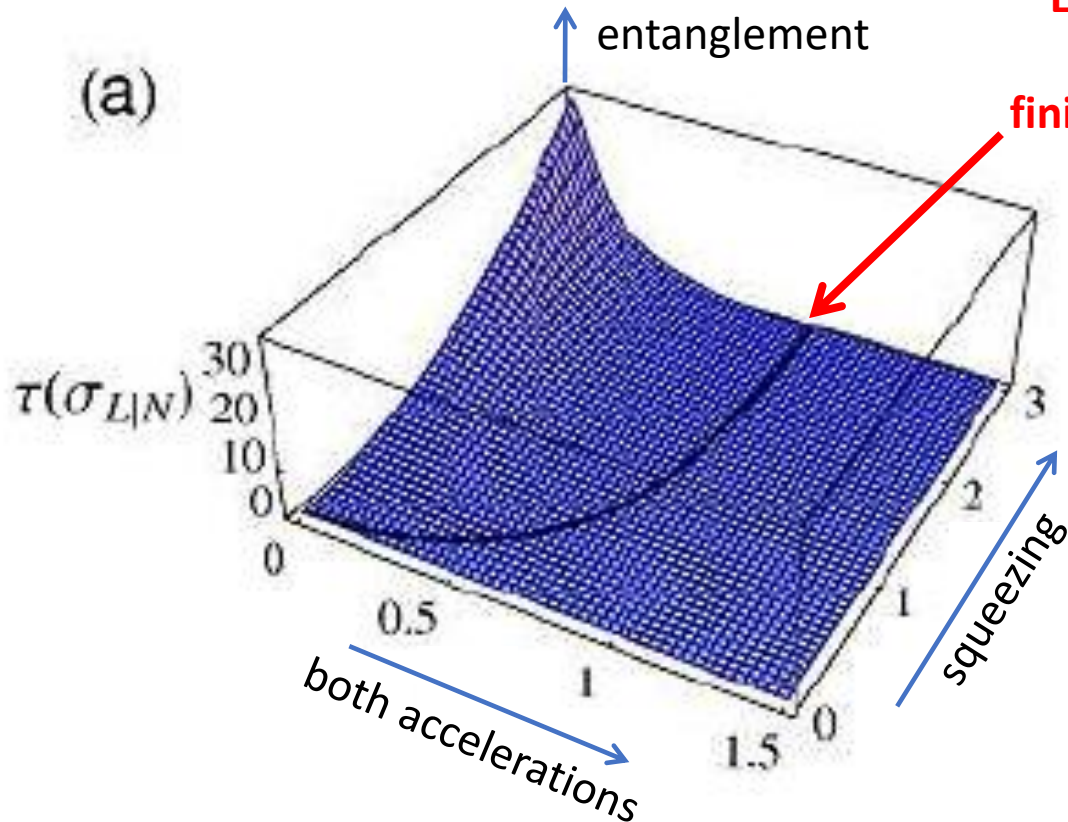
A. Cho, Science (2005)

- Entanglement
- observer-dependent
  - degrades with acceleration , vanishes for  $\infty$  acceleration

# Ralice and Rob

TWO ACCELERATED OBSERVERS (same direction, same acceleration)

Entanglement Adesso, Fuentes, Ericsson PRA 2007  
vanishes at finite acceleration



fixed detection frequencies  $k, k'$   
Entanglement very fragile (gravity in the lab!)

fixed acceleration & squeezing  
but high frequencies help

# Entanglement sharing

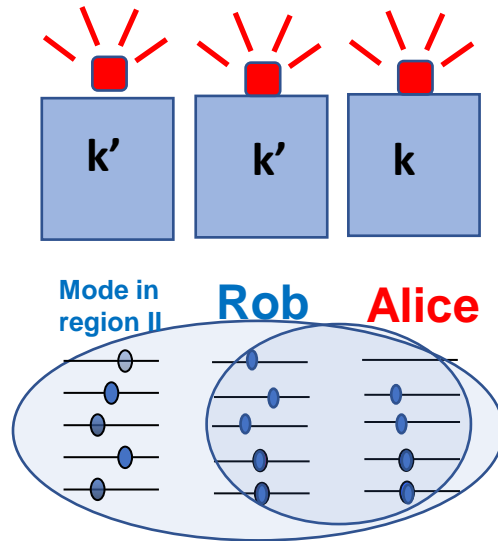
Where did the lost entanglement between Alice and Bob go?

$$|0_k\rangle^{\mathcal{M}} \sim \frac{1}{\cosh r} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tanh^n r |n_k\rangle_I |n_k\rangle_{II},$$

Alsing, Fuentes-S, Mann, Tessier PRA 2006

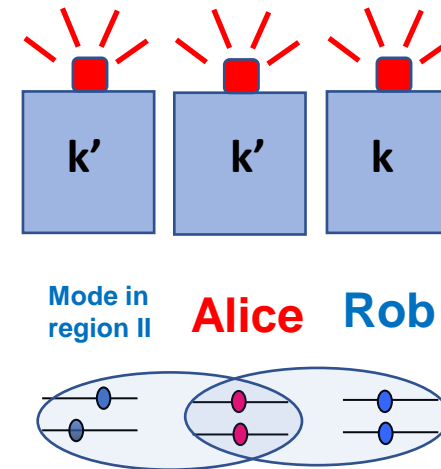
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**Bosonic field**



**multipartite entanglement!**

**Fermionic field**



**Bipartite entanglement between Alice and mode in region II**

Again important differences between fermions and bosons.

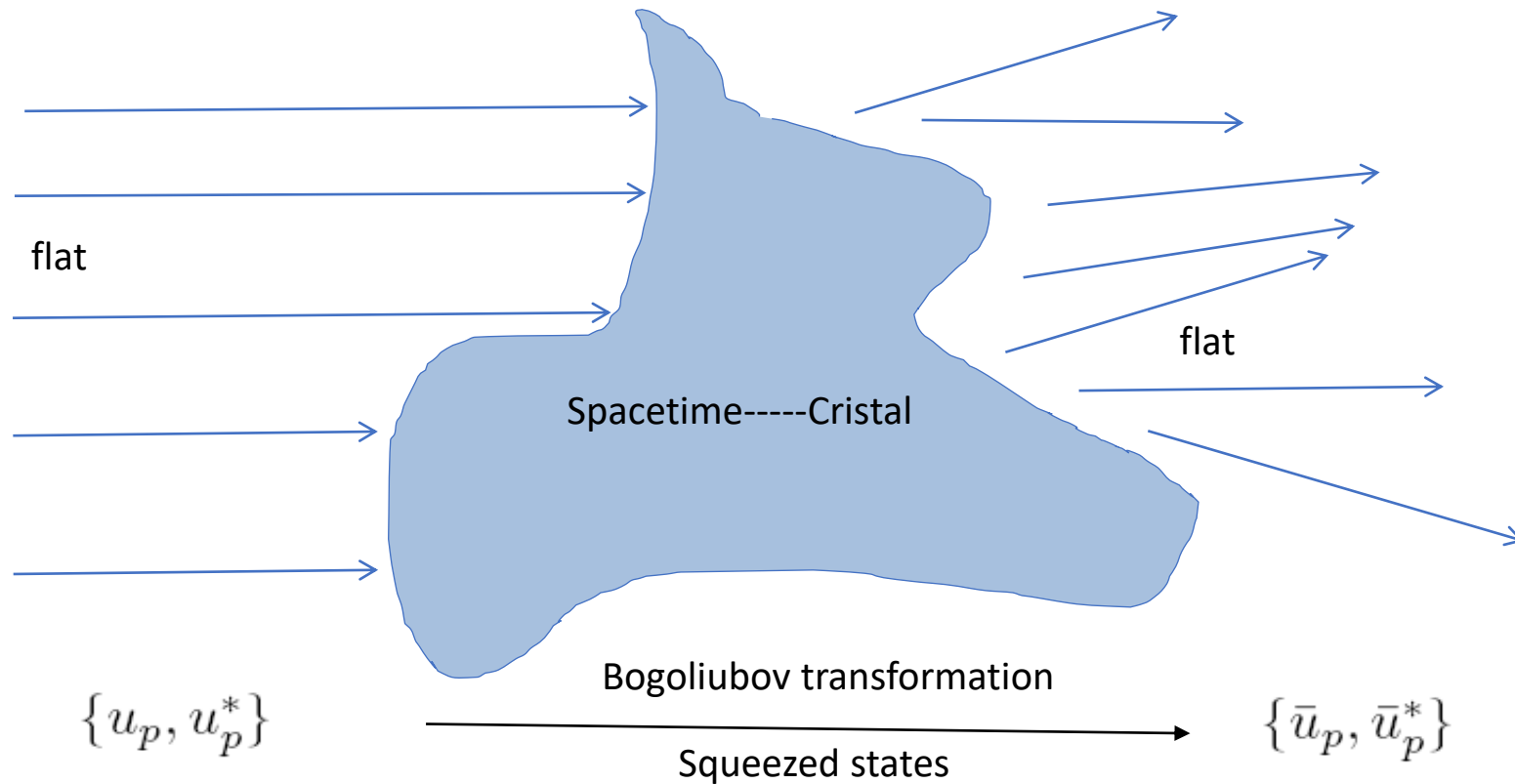


# CURVED SPACETIME

# SPACETIME AS A CRISTAL

Curve spacetimes generally do not admit timelike killing vector fields...

particular spacetimes with asymptotically flat regions



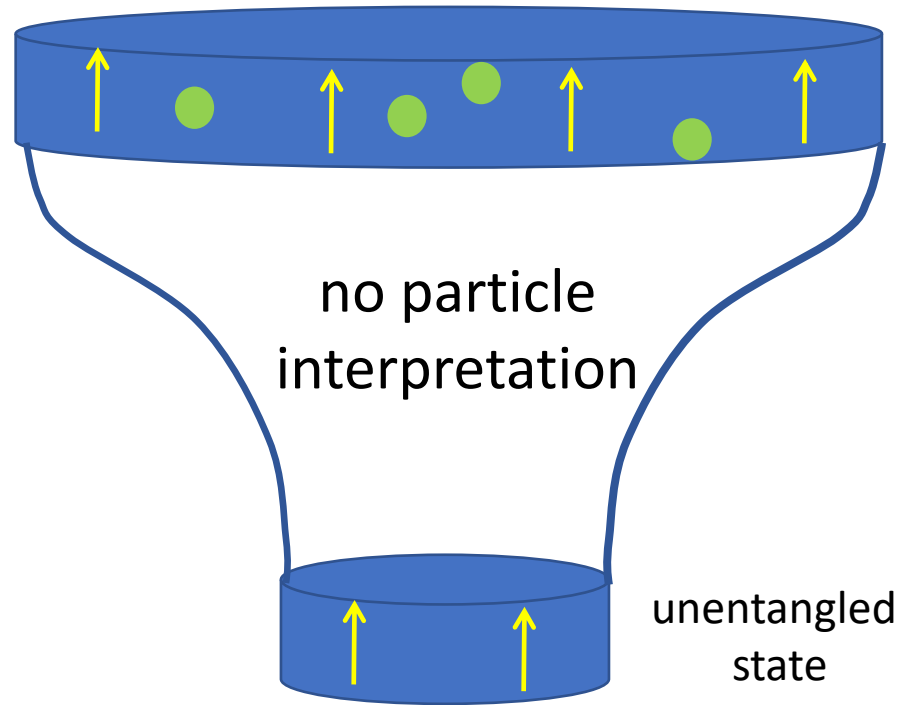
Just like in quantum optics!

COSMOLOGY  
and  
BLACK HOLES



# Entanglement cosmology

Ball, Fuentes-S, Schuller PLA 2006



“History of the universe  
encoded in entanglement”

toy model

expansion rate  $\sigma$

expansion factor  $\epsilon$

- calculate entanglement

asymptotic past  $S = 0$

asymptotic future  $S = S(\sigma, \epsilon)$

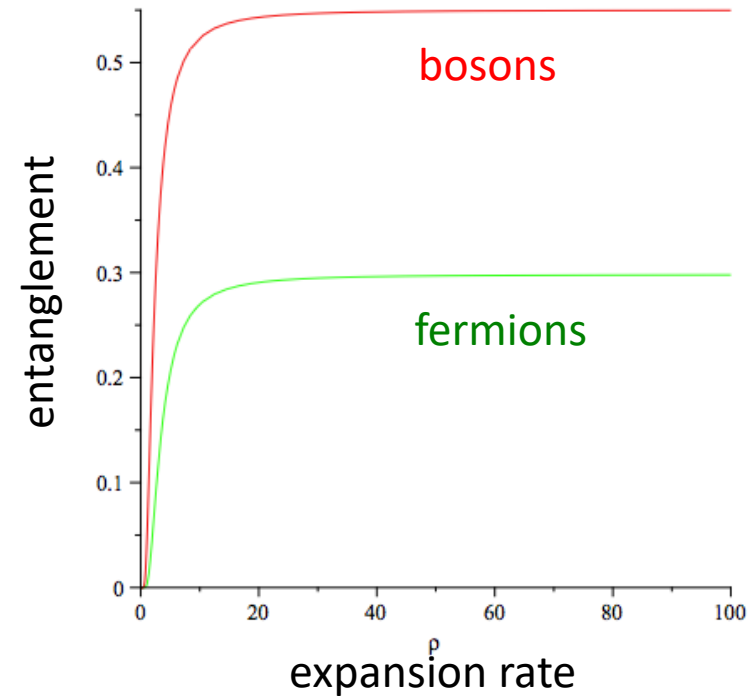
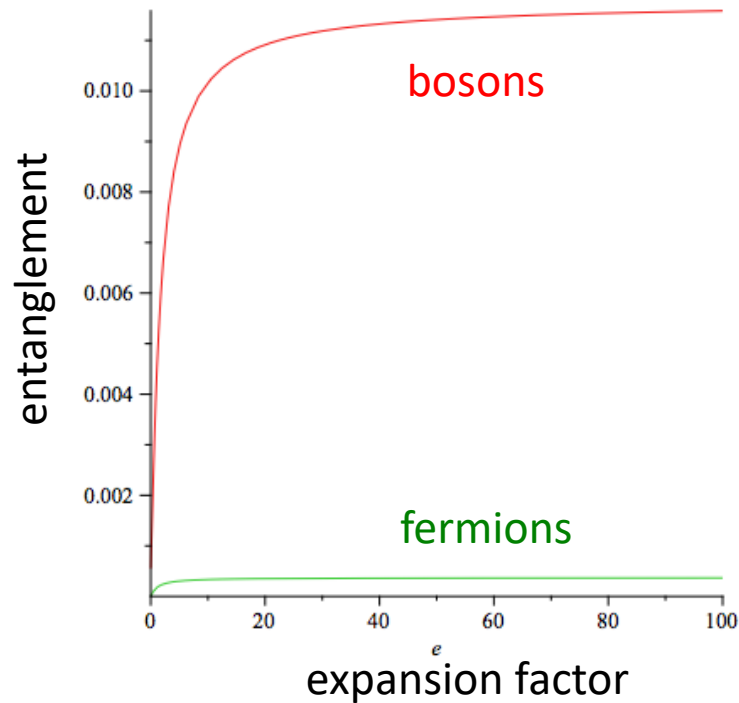
- excitingly, can solve for

$$\sigma = \sigma(S) \quad \epsilon = \epsilon(S)$$

# Fermionic entanglement cosmology

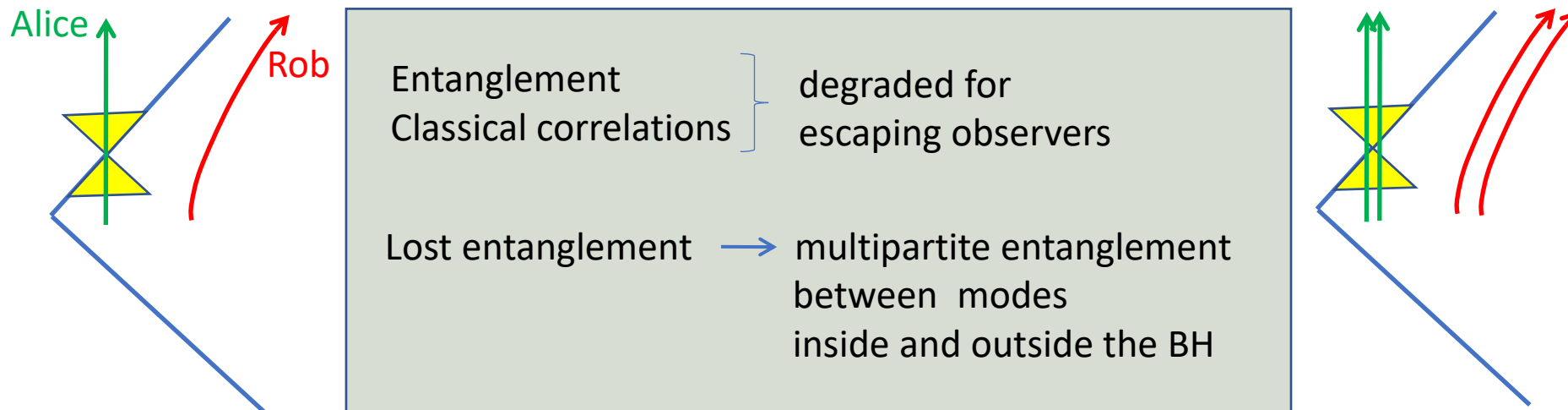
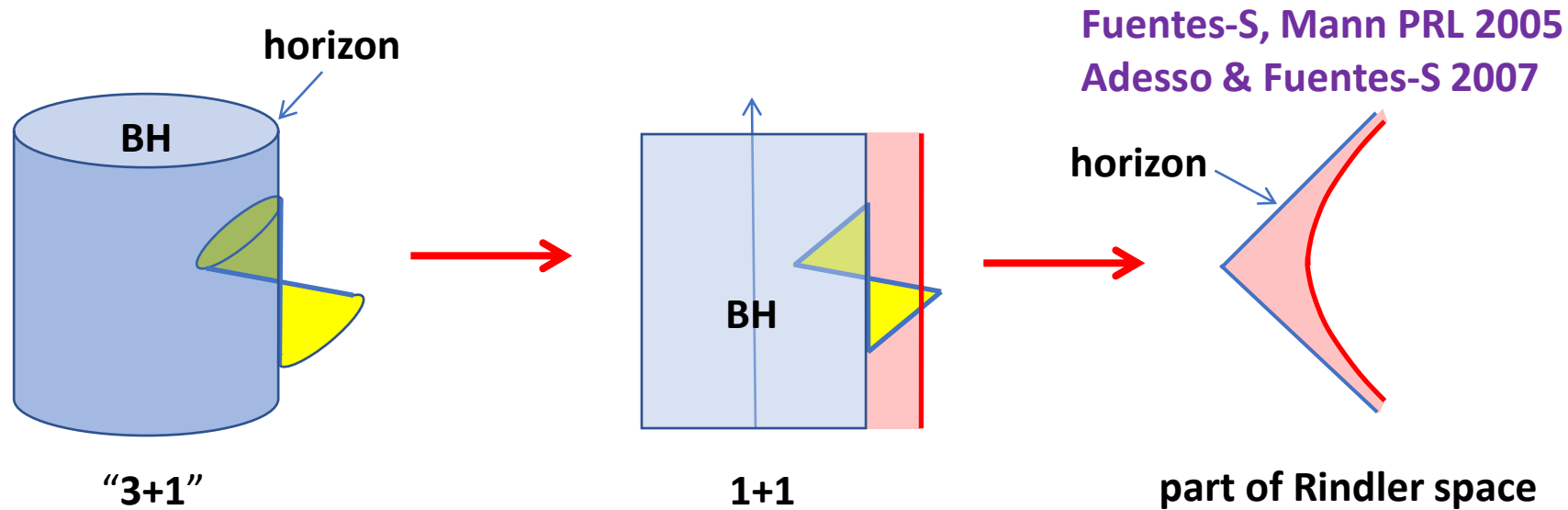
Fuentes, Mann, Martin-Martinez, Moradi PRD 2010

Fermionic fields in 3+1 dimensions: more realistic model



“The Universe entangles less fermionic fields”

# Alice falls into a black hole



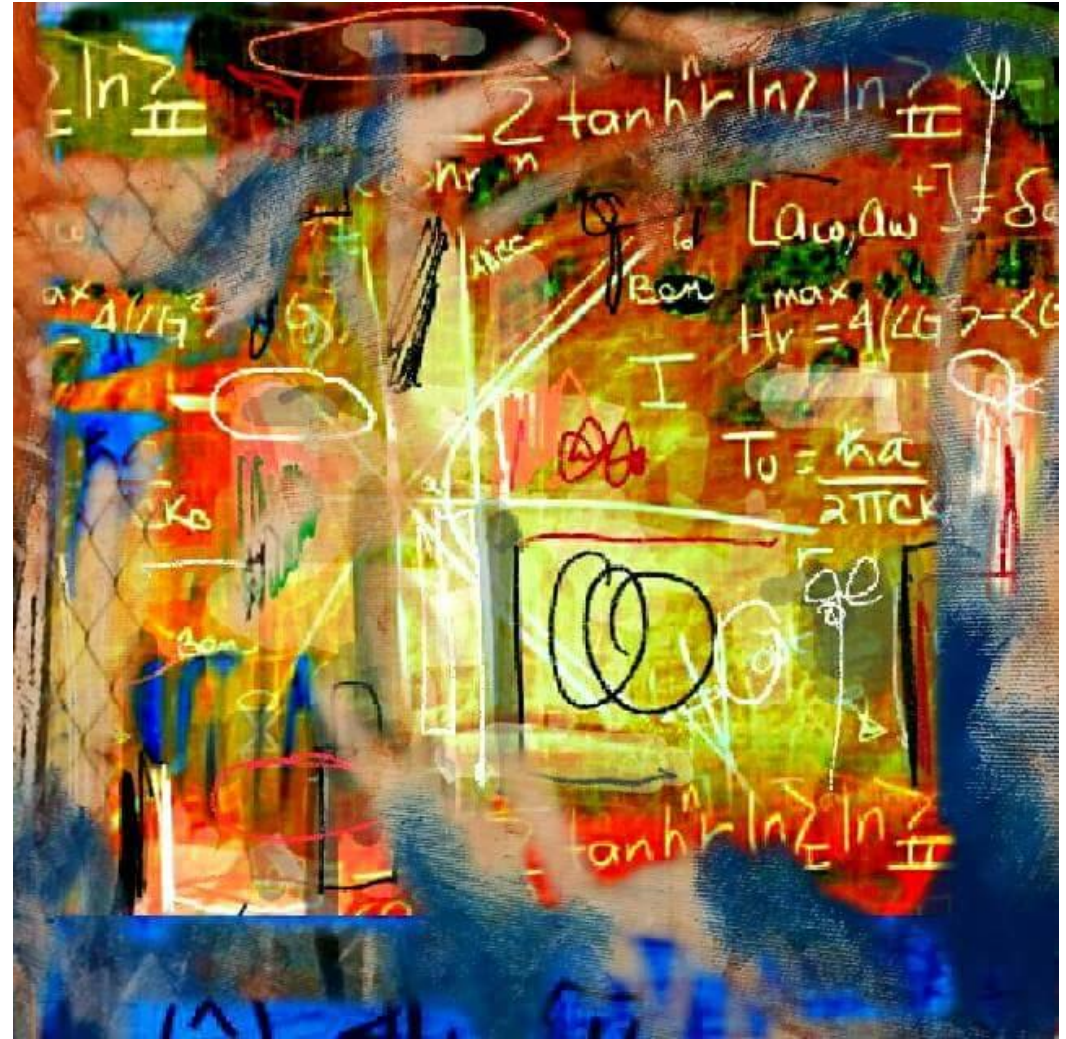


# Entanglement in quantum field theory

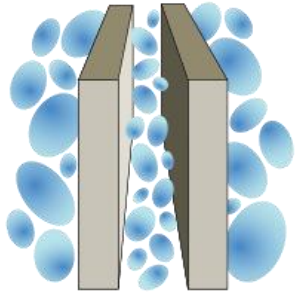
- Entanglement between global modes
- Entanglement is observer dependent
- Spacetime dynamics create entanglement
- Horizons (black holes) degrade entanglement



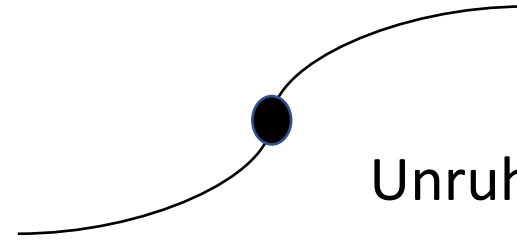
# Localized systems for Relativistic Quantum Information



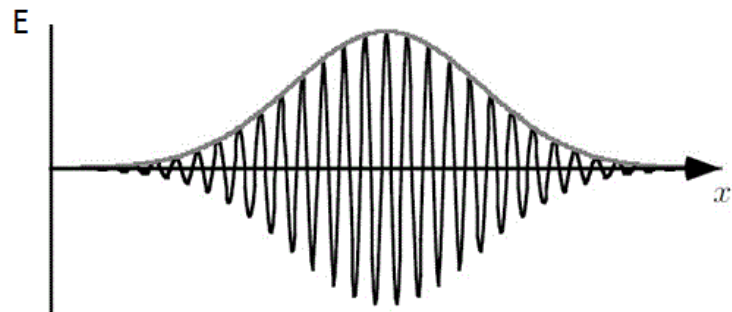
# Systems for relativistic quantum information



Localized fields:  
Cavities (EM fields)  
Trapped BECs



Unruh-DeWitt detectors



Traveling wave-packets



- Entanglement between localized systems
  - cavities
  - detectors
  - localized travelling wave-packets
- gravity effects on quantum properties
- Propose earth-based and space-based experiments



# Covariance Matrix Formalism

Convenient for systems consisting of N bosonic modes  $\longrightarrow$  N harmonic oscillators

$$\hat{x}_{(2n-1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_n + \hat{a}_n^\dagger) \quad \text{generalized position}$$

$$\hat{x}_{(2n)} = \frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_n - \hat{a}_n^\dagger) \quad \text{generalized momentum}$$

Collect in vector form:  $\hat{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \hat{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}_{2n} \end{pmatrix}$

Covariance matrix:  $\sigma_{ij} = \langle \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j + \hat{x}_j \hat{x}_i \rangle - 2 \langle \hat{x}_i \rangle \langle \hat{x}_j \rangle$

Displacement vector:

$$\hat{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \hat{x}_1 \rangle \\ \langle \hat{x}_2 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle \hat{x}_{2n} \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$\langle \hat{x}_j \rangle \longrightarrow$  First moments

$\langle \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j \rangle \longrightarrow$  Second moments

For Gaussian states the covariance matrix and displacement vector replace the density matrix

# Example: vacuum state

$$|0\rangle = |0_1\rangle |0_2\rangle \dots |0_N\rangle = |0\rangle^{\otimes N}$$

First moments:

$$\langle \hat{x}_i \rangle = \langle 0 | \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_i + \hat{a}_i^\dagger) | 0 \rangle = 0$$

Displacement vector:  $\hat{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Second moments:

$$\langle \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

Covariance matrix:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}$$

$$\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle 0 | (\hat{a}_i + \hat{a}_i^\dagger)^2 | 0 \rangle = 1/2.$$

# Example: single-mode squeezed coherent state

$$|\phi(r, \alpha)\rangle = U(r)D(\alpha)|0\rangle \quad U(r) = e^{\frac{r}{2}(\hat{a}^2 - \hat{a}^{\dagger 2})} \quad \text{Displacement vector:} \quad \hat{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \alpha^* \end{pmatrix}$$
$$S(r, \alpha) = U(r)D(\alpha) \quad D(\alpha) = e^{(\alpha\hat{a} - \alpha^*\hat{a}^\dagger)}$$

Second moments:

$$\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \phi | (\hat{a}_i + \hat{a}_i^\dagger)^2 | \phi \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \cosh(2r) = \langle \hat{p}^2 \rangle \quad \langle \hat{x}\hat{p} \rangle = \frac{-i}{2} \langle \phi | (\hat{a}_i + \hat{a}_i^\dagger)(\hat{a}_n - \hat{a}_n^\dagger) | \phi \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \sinh(2r) = \langle \hat{p}\hat{x} \rangle$$

$$\text{Covariance matrix:} \quad \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(2r) & -\sinh(2r) \\ -\sinh(2r) & \cosh(2r) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Separable state:} \quad S_a(r_a, \alpha_a) \otimes S_b(r_b, \alpha_b) |00\rangle$$



# Example: two-mode squeezed state

$$|\psi_{ab}\rangle = \frac{1}{\cosh(r)} \sum_n \tanh^n(r) |n_a\rangle |n_b\rangle$$

First moments:

$$\langle \hat{x}_a \rangle = \langle \psi_{ab} | \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_a + \hat{a}_a^\dagger) | \psi_{ab} \rangle = 0 = \langle \hat{x}_b \rangle$$

Displacement vector:  $\hat{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Second moments:

$$\langle \hat{x}_a \hat{x}_a \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \psi_{ab} | (\hat{a}_a + \hat{a}_a^\dagger)^2 | \psi_{ab} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \cosh(2r)$$

Covariance matrix:

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh(2r) & 0 & \sinh(2r) & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh(2r) & 0 & -\sinh(2r) \\ \sinh(2r) & 0 & \cosh(2r) & 0 \\ 0 & -\sinh(2r) & 0 & \cosh(2r) \end{pmatrix}$$

# State Evolution

$$\sigma_f = S^T \sigma_i S$$

S is the symplectic matrix  
It plays an important role in QFT

$$S^T \Omega S = \Omega$$

symplectic form

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2i\Omega_{ij} = [\hat{x}_i, \hat{x}_j]$$

There are computable measures of entanglement if the states are Gaussian

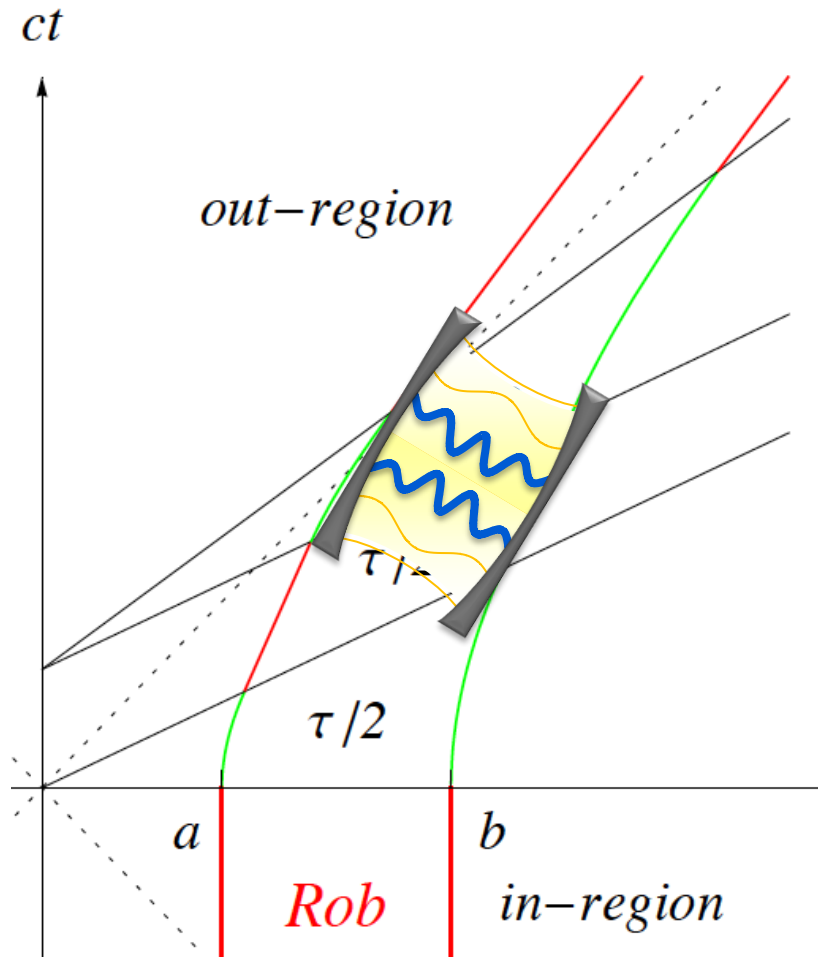
Example:

Negativity  $N(\nu_i)$

$\nu_i$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $i\Omega\sigma^{PT}$

Partial transpose

# QFT in the symplectic formalism



Articles

## Entanglement generation in relativistic quantum fields

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$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11} & \mathcal{M}_{12} & \mathcal{M}_{13} & \dots \\ \mathcal{M}_{21} & \mathcal{M}_{22} & \mathcal{M}_{23} & \dots \\ \mathcal{M}_{31} & \mathcal{M}_{32} & \mathcal{M}_{33} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{mn} = \begin{pmatrix} \Re(\alpha_{mn} - \beta_{mn}) & \Im(\alpha_{mn} + \beta_{mn}) \\ -\Im(\alpha_{mn} - \beta_{mn}) & \Re(\alpha_{mn} + \beta_{mn}) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Inertial cavity

Minkowski coordinates  $(t, x)$

$$\square \phi(t, x) = 0 \quad \text{field equation}$$

solutions: plane waves+ boundary

$$u_k(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k\pi}} \sin \left[ \frac{k\pi}{L} (x - x_A) \right] e^{-i\omega_k t},$$

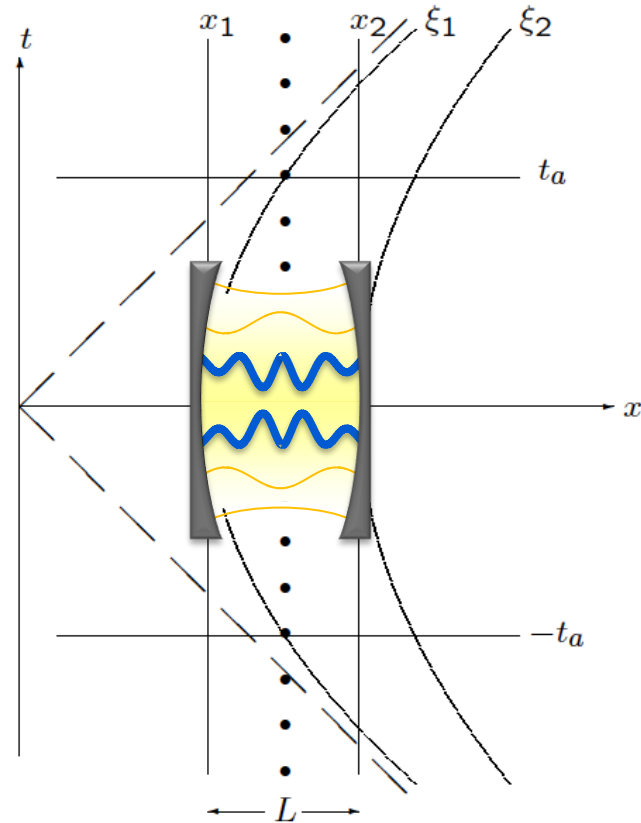
$$\omega_k = \frac{1}{L} \sqrt{(k\pi)^2 + m^2}, \quad \text{discrete spectrum}$$

creation and annihilation operators

$$\hat{\phi}(x, t) = \sum_n (u_n(t, x) \hat{a}_n + u_n^*(t, x) \hat{a}_n^\dagger)$$

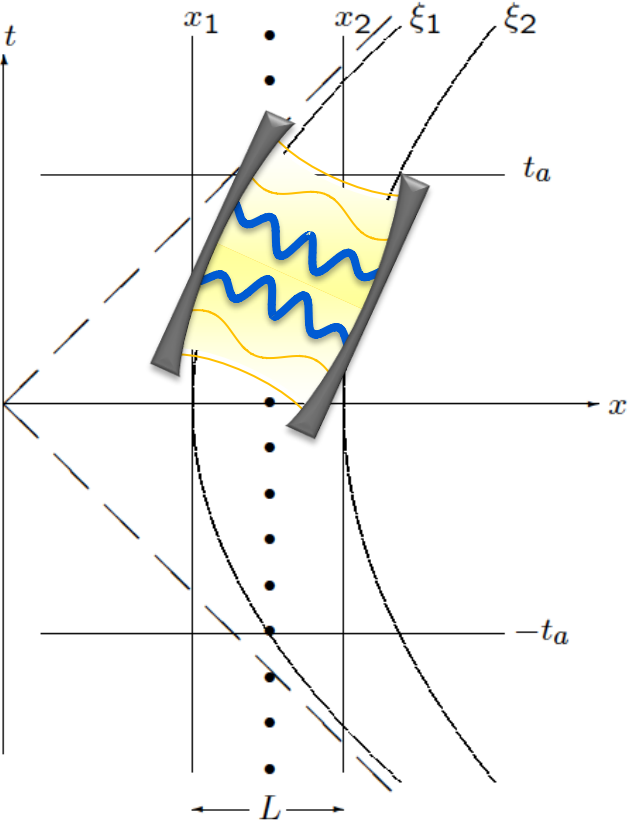
$$\hat{a}_n |0\rangle = 0 \quad \text{vacuum state}$$

$$|m_n\rangle = \hat{a}_n^{\dagger m} |0\rangle \quad \text{particle states}$$





# Uniformly accelerated cavity



Rindler coordinates

$$\eta = a \operatorname{atanh} \left( \frac{t}{x} \right), \quad \chi = \sqrt{x^2 - t^2},$$

The Klein-Gordon equation again is a simple wave equation

$$\square \phi(\eta, \chi) = 0$$

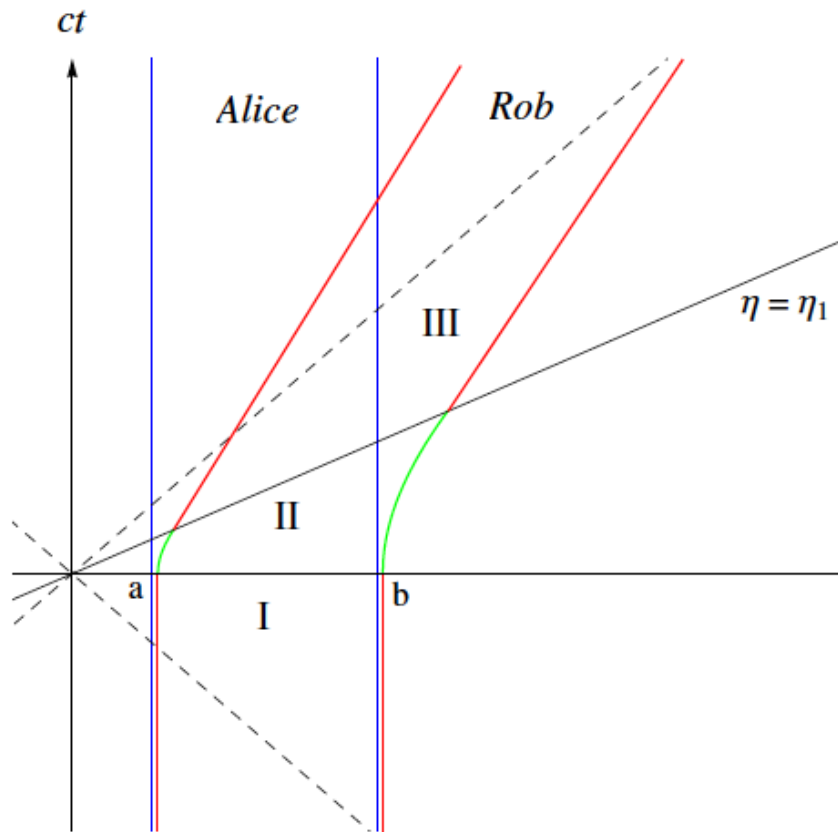
Entangling Moving Cavities in Noninertial Frames

T. G. Downes, I. Fuentes, and T. C. Ralph  
 Phys. Rev. Lett. **106**, 210502 – Published 25 May 2011

# Non-uniform motion

Voyage to Alpha Centauri: Entanglement degradation of cavity modes due to motion

David Edward Bruschi, Ivette Fuentes, and Jorma Louko  
Phys. Rev. D **85**, 061701(R) – Published 15 March 2012



## Bogoliubov transformations

$$\tilde{a}_m = \sum_n (\alpha_{mn}^* a_n - \beta_{mn}^* a_n^\dagger)$$

$$\alpha_{mn} = (\tilde{\phi}_m, \phi_n) \text{ and } \beta_{mn} = -(\tilde{\phi}_n, \phi_m^*)$$

## Bogoliubov transformations

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}'_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}'_{2n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Re(\alpha_{11} - \beta_{11}) & \cdots & \Im(\alpha_{1n} + \beta_{1n}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\Im(\alpha_{n1} + \beta_{n1}) & \cdots & \Re(\alpha_{nn} + \beta_{nn}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{x}_{2n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_{nm} = (u'_n, u_m) \quad \beta_{nm} = (u'_n, u_m^*)$$

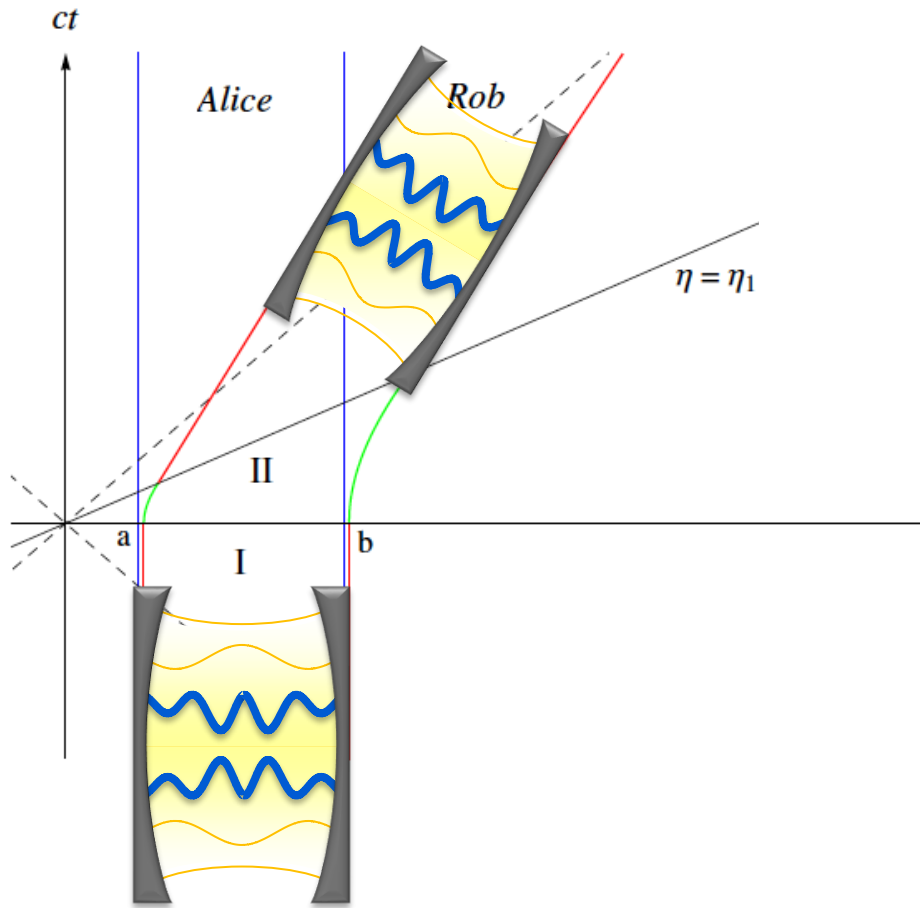
$$(\phi, \psi) = i \int_{\Sigma} d\Sigma^{\mu} [\psi^* \partial_{\mu} \phi - \phi \partial_{\mu} \psi^*]$$

Can't be computed but...

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{11} & \mathcal{M}_{12} & \mathcal{M}_{13} & \cdots \\ \mathcal{M}_{21} & \mathcal{M}_{22} & \mathcal{M}_{23} & \cdots \\ \mathcal{M}_{31} & \mathcal{M}_{32} & \mathcal{M}_{33} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{mn} = \begin{pmatrix} \Re(\alpha_{mn} - \beta_{mn}) & \Im(\alpha_{mn} + \beta_{mn}) \\ -\Im(\alpha_{mn} - \beta_{mn}) & \Re(\alpha_{mn} + \beta_{mn}) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Approximation...



$$h = aL$$

acceleration  $\swarrow$   $\nwarrow$  length

$$\alpha = \alpha^{(0)} + \alpha^{(1)} + \alpha^{(2)} + O(h^3),$$

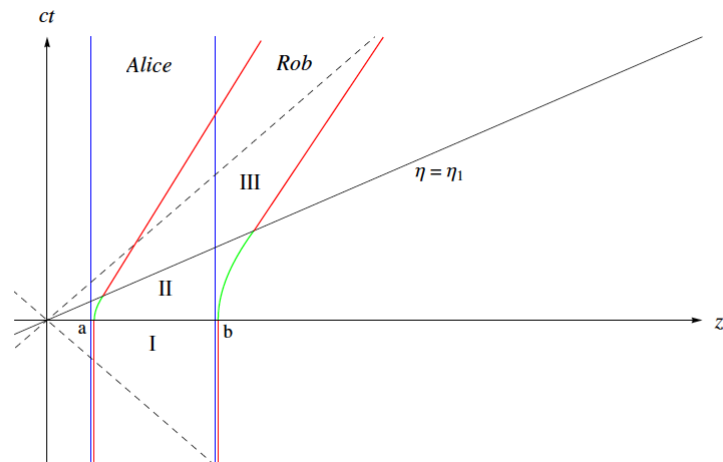
$$\beta = \beta^{(1)} + \beta^{(2)} + O(h^3),$$

$h \ll 1$  computable transformations

During periods of inertial or uniformly accelerated motion

$$T_t = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} e^{i\omega_1 t} & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & e^{i\omega_n t} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & e^{-i\omega_1 t} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & e^{-i\omega_n t} \end{array} \right)$$

$$T_\tau = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} e^{i\omega_1 \tau} & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & e^{i\omega_n \tau} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & e^{-i\omega_1 \tau} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & e^{-i\omega_n \tau} \end{array} \right)$$



Consider the vacuum as the initial state in region 1

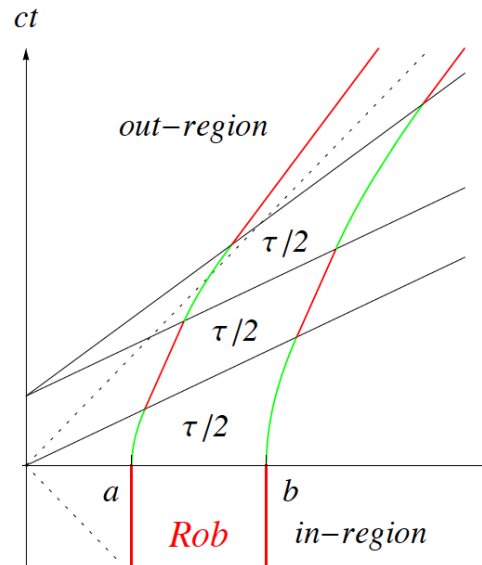
Region I  $\sigma_0 = I$

Region II  $\sigma_{II} = S^T I S$

Region III  $\sigma_{III} = S^{-1T} T_\tau^T S^T S T_\tau S^{-1}$



# Basic building block



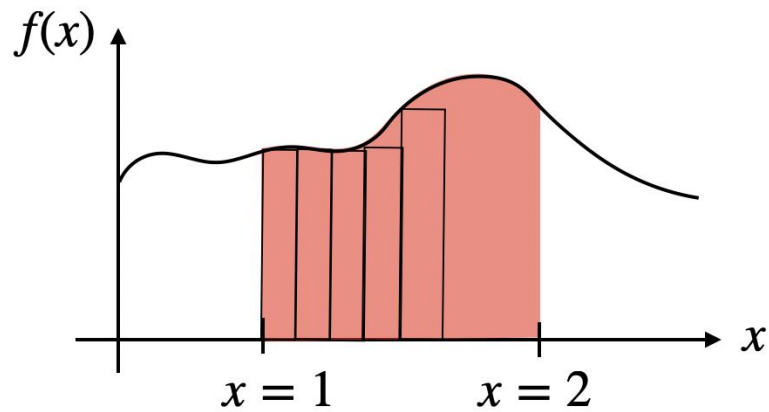
$$B = T_t S T_\tau S^{-1}$$
$$\sigma_B = B^T B$$

General trajectory: grafting

$$B_F = B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$$

We can approximate any trajectory

# “Integration” method for quantum fields



$$\hat{A}_{mn} = i(\omega_m - \omega_n) \hat{\alpha}_{mn} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_f} e^{-i(\omega_m - \omega_n)(\tau - \tau_0)} h(\tau) d\tau ,$$

$$\hat{B}_{mn} = i(\omega_m + \omega_n) \hat{\beta}_{mn} \int_{\tau_0}^{\tau_f} e^{-i(\omega_m + \omega_n)(\tau - \tau_0)} h(\tau) d\tau .$$

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# Entanglement

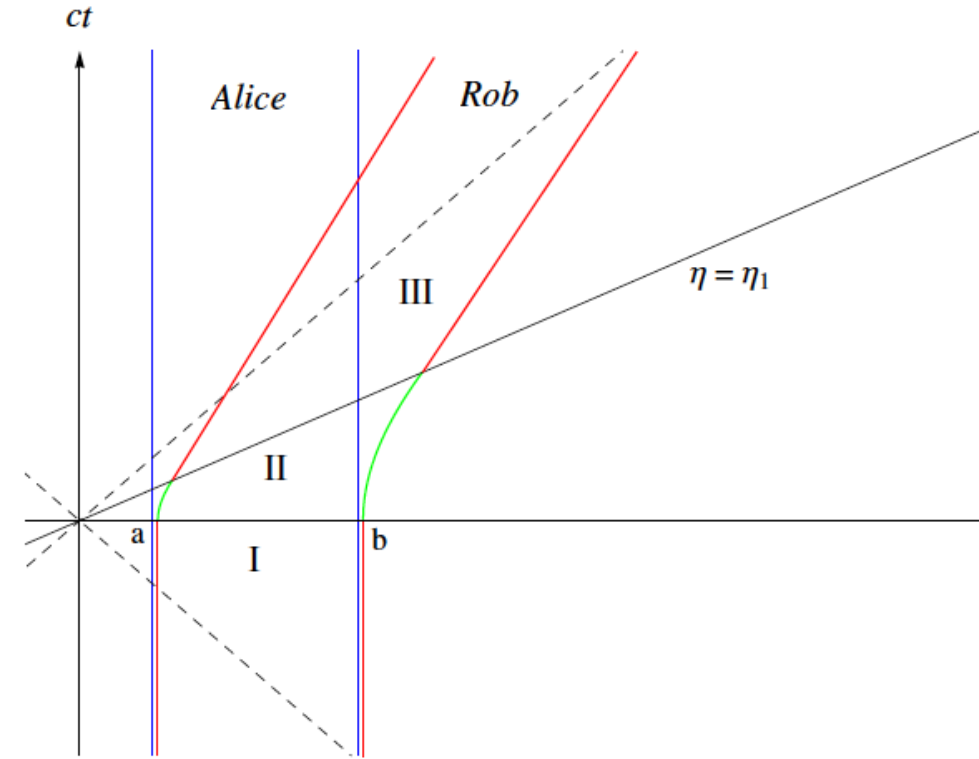
Computable measures for Gaussian states

Separable initial states of two modes  $S_a(s) \otimes S_b(s)|00\rangle$

Negativity  $N(v_i)$   $v_i$  is the smallest eigenvalue of  $i\Omega\sigma^{PT}$

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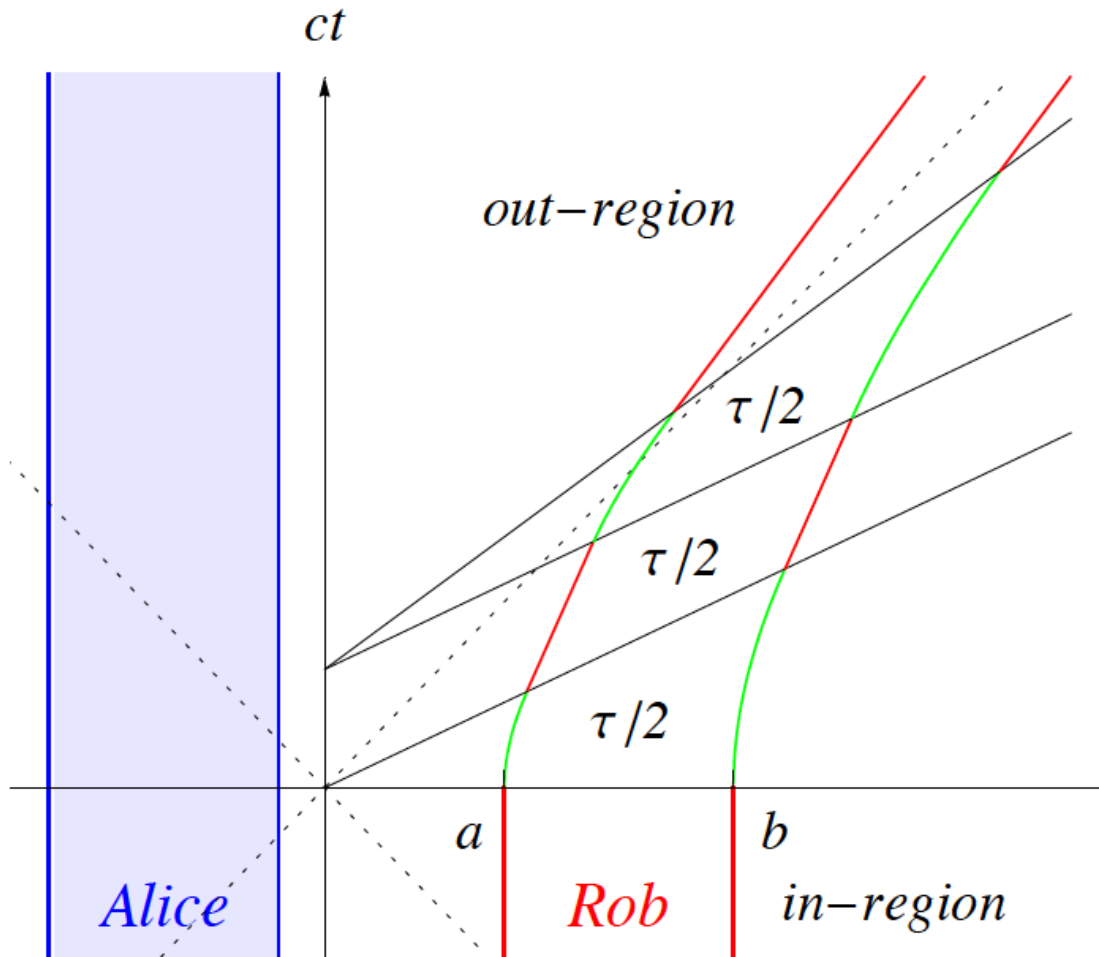
$$\beta = \beta^{(1)} + \beta^{(2)} + O(h^3),$$



$$\mathcal{N} = (\Re(e^{i\omega_a\tau}\beta_{ab}))^2 + (\Im(e^{i\omega_a\tau}\beta_{ab}) \cosh(s) - \Im(e^{i\omega_a\tau}\alpha_{ab}) \sinh(s))^{1/2}$$

# motion and gravity create entanglement

Friis, Bruschi, Louko, Fuentes PRD (R) 2012



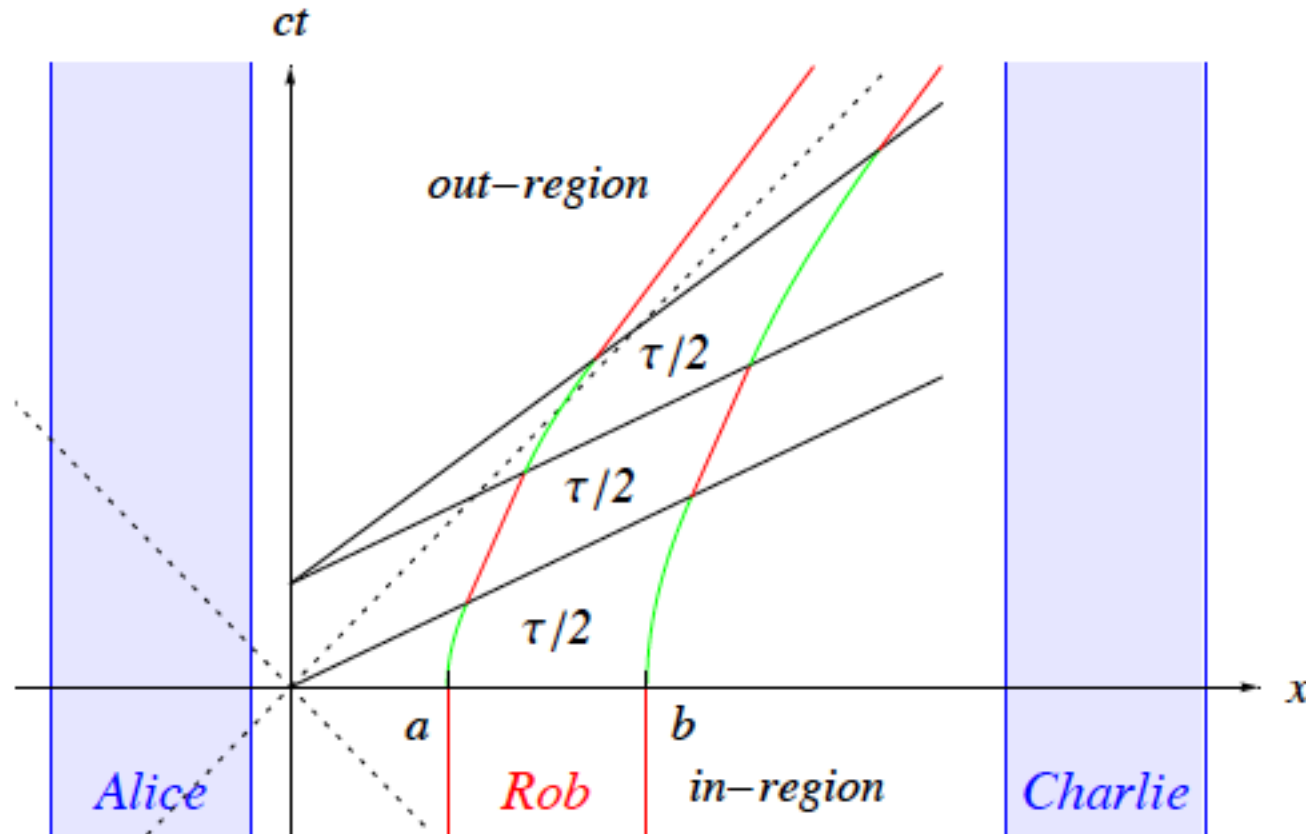
## results

non-uniform motion creates entanglement

gravity creates entanglement

# multipartite case

Friis, Huber, Fuentes, Bruschi PRD 2012



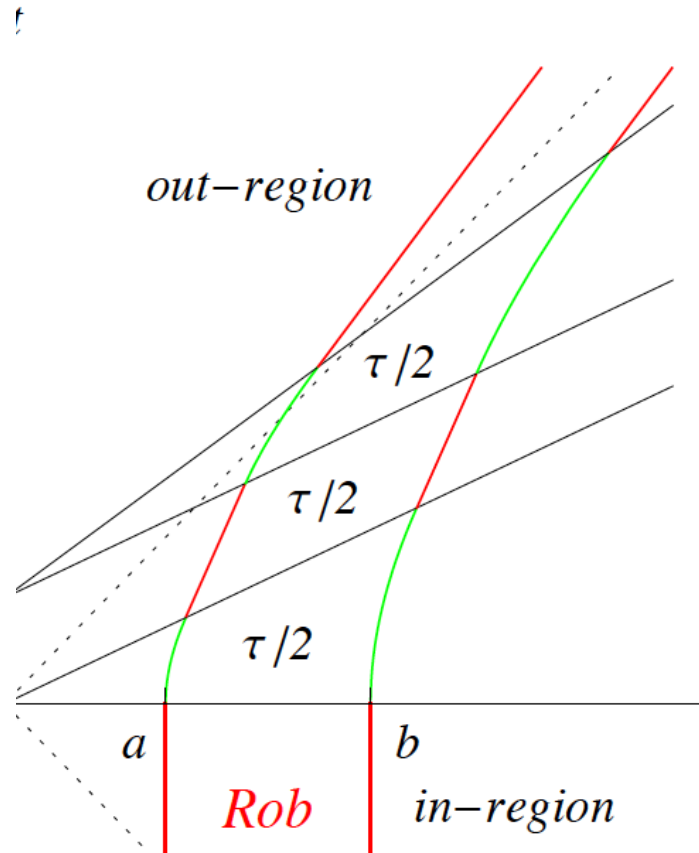
resonance:

$$|\beta_{k k'}^{(1)}| |\beta_{k' k''}^{(1)}|$$

Entanglement: genuine multipartite entanglement created



# quantum gates



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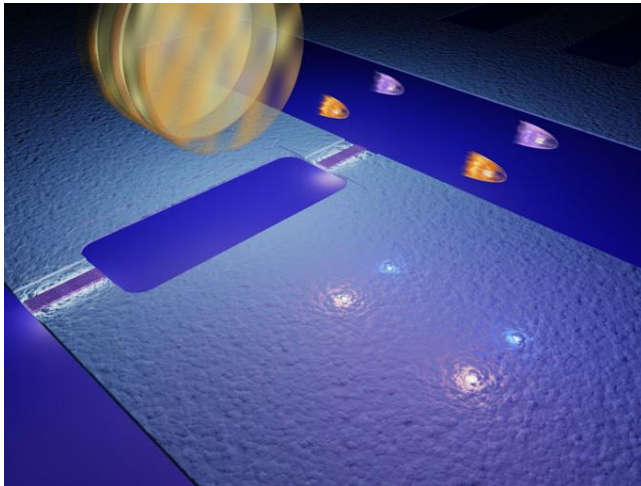
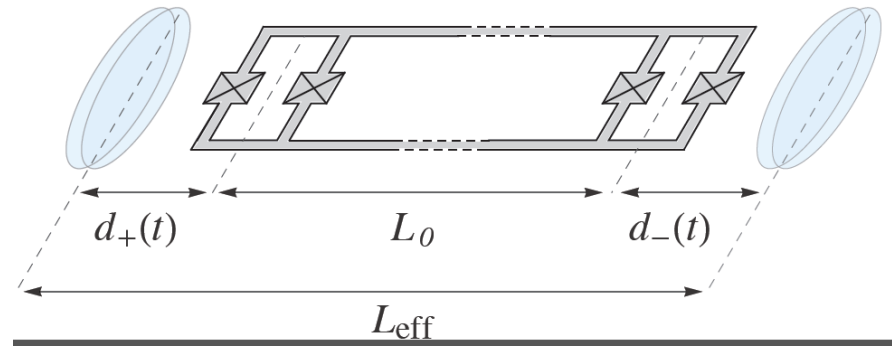
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the relativistic motion of quantum systems can be used to produce quantum gates

two-mode squeezer  
beam splitter

multi-qubit gates:  
Dicke states  
Multi-mode squeezer  
Cluster states

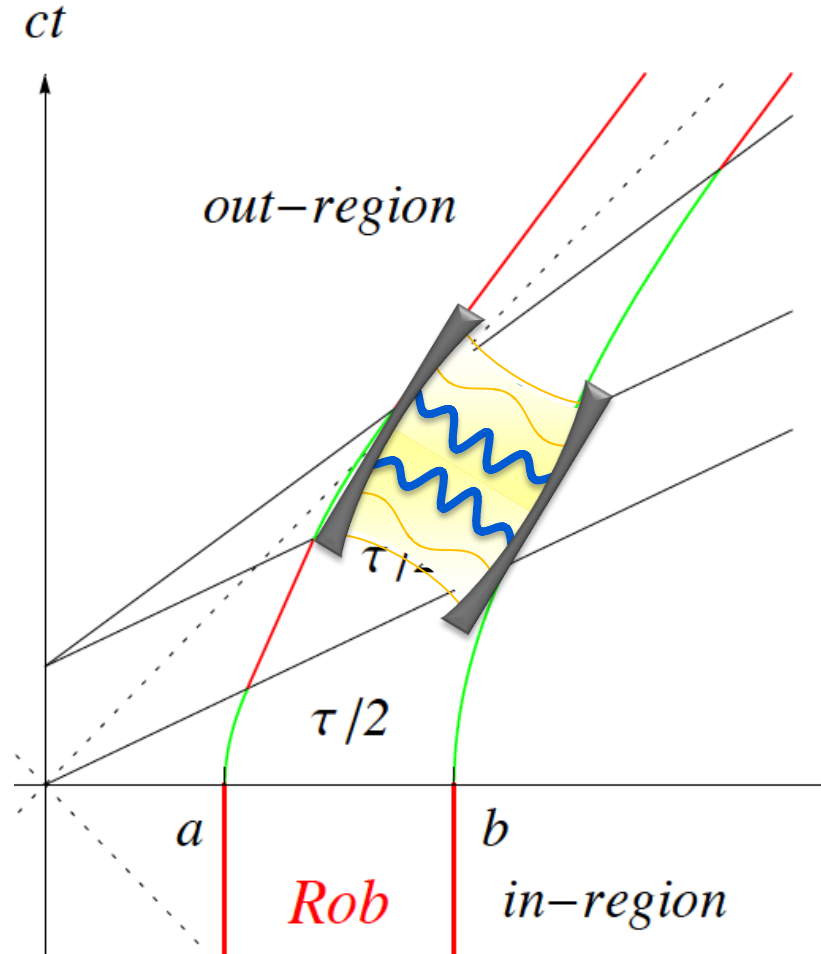
# Cavity moving at relativistic speeds using superconducting circuits



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# Cavities moving in curved spacetime



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## Dynamical Casimir effect in curved spacetime

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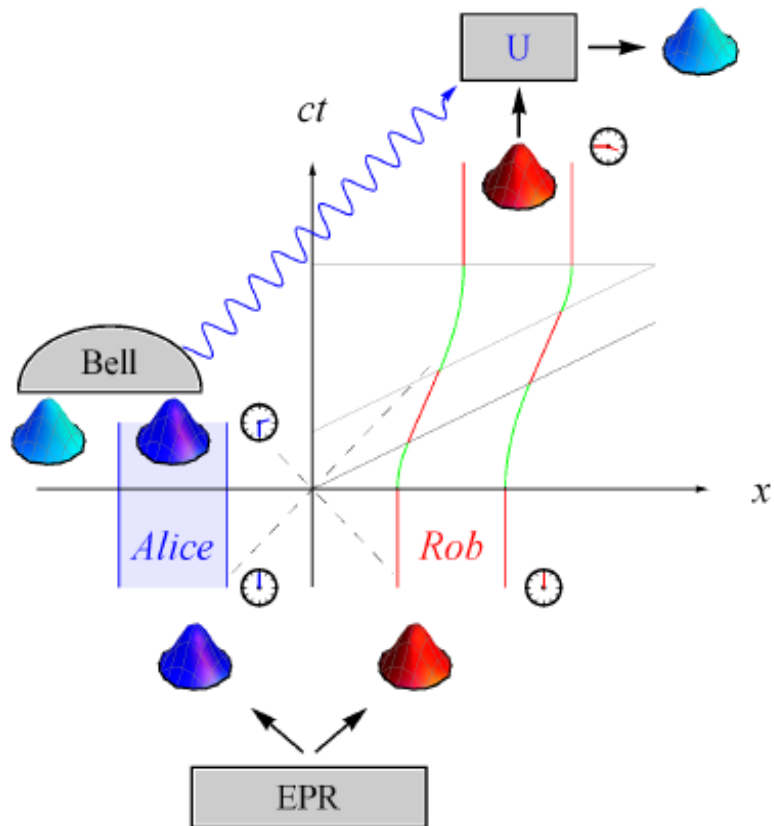
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We find corrections due to  
curvature effects

# Teleportation with an accelerated partner

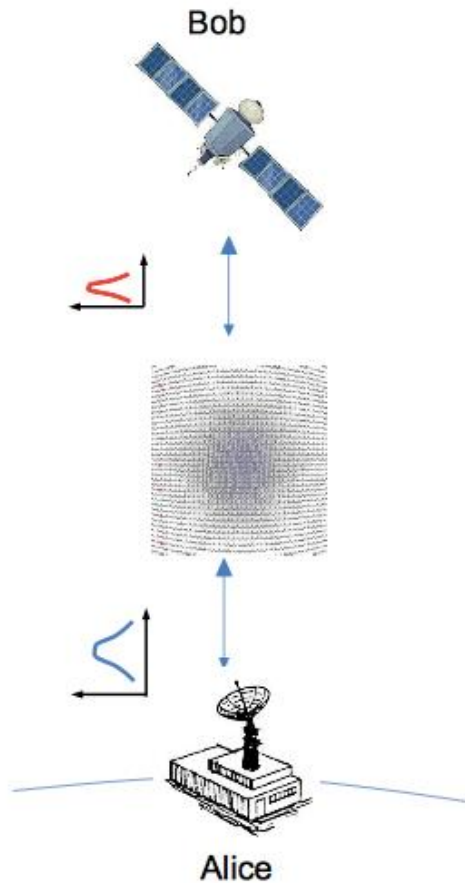
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The fidelity of teleportation is affected by motion  
It is possible to correct by local rotations  
and trip planning

# Spacetime effects on satellite-based quantum communications

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 Phys. Rev. D **90**, 045041 – Published 28 August 2014



## Observable effects in satellite-based quantum cryptography

$$\Phi = \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega \left[ \phi_{\omega}^{(u)} a_{\omega} + \phi_{\omega}^{(v)} b_{\omega} + \text{h.c.} \right]$$

$$a_{\omega_0}(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} d\omega e^{-i\omega t} F_{\omega_0}(\omega) a_{\omega}. \quad \text{Traveling wave-packet}$$

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \Theta \mathbf{1}_2 & \sqrt{1 - \Theta^2} \mathbf{1}_2 \\ -\sqrt{1 - \Theta^2} \mathbf{1}_2 & \Theta \mathbf{1}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Spacetime acts as a beam-splitter

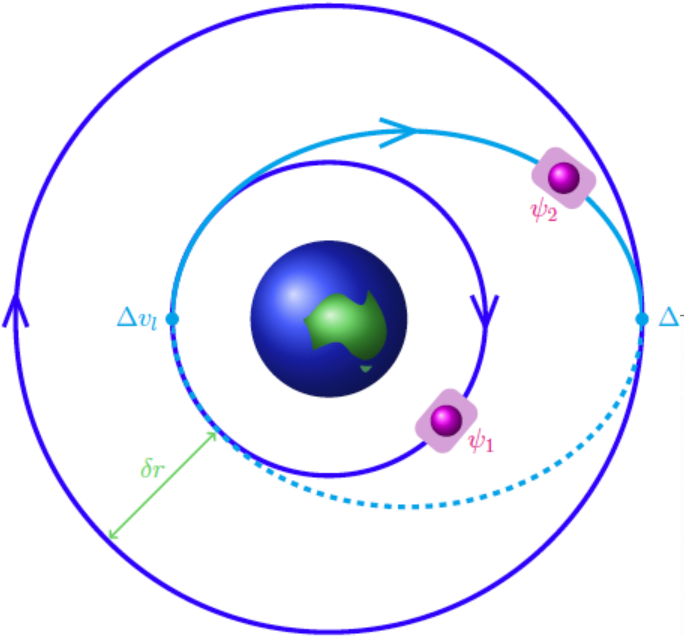


# Testing the effects of gravity and motion on quantum entanglement in space-based experiments

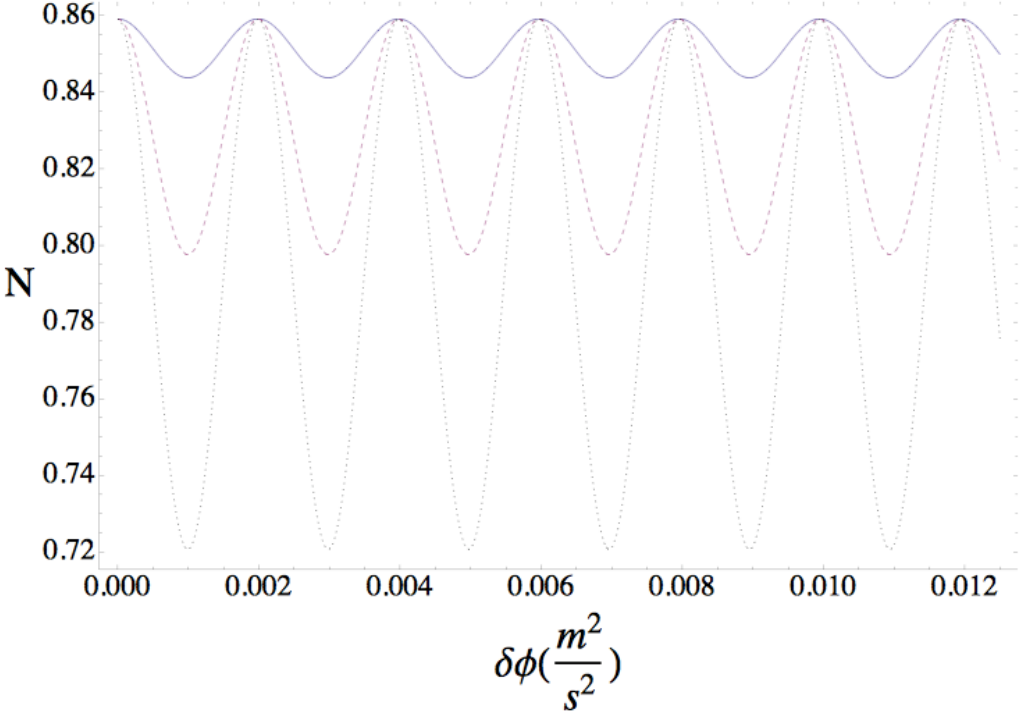
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Effects of gravity and motion on entanglement

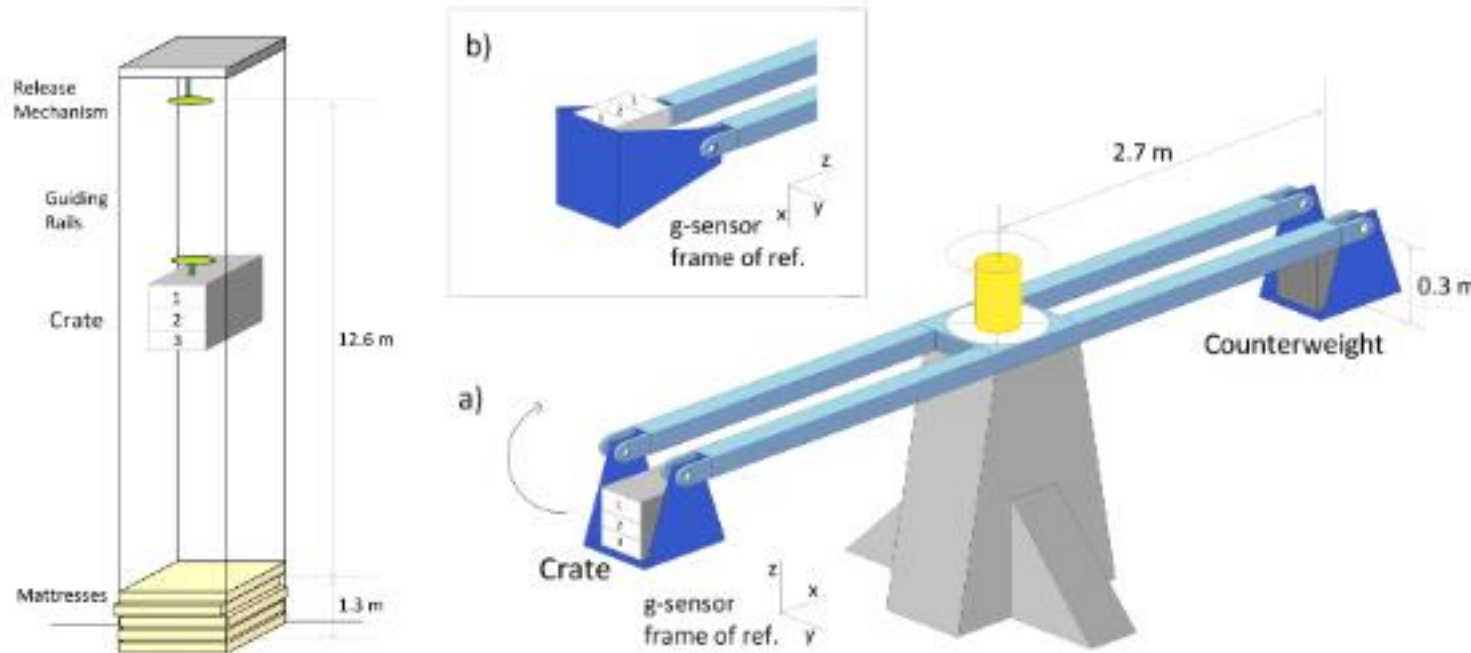


**Figure 2.** Negativity  $N$  vs. difference in gravitational field strength between initial and final orbits  $\delta\phi$ , after the first change in velocity  $\Delta v_1$ . The acceleration of the satellite is  $a = 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}^2$  (solid, blue),  $a = 2 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}^2$  (red, dashed),  $a = 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}^2$  (black, dotted) while  $L = 100 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ ,  $c_s = 1 \text{ mm/s}$ , giving rise to  $\hbar^2 \simeq 0.05$  and  $\Omega_1 = 2\pi \times 50 \text{ Hz}$ . The initial squeezing is  $r = 1/2$ .

# Experimental test of photonic entanglement in accelerated reference frames

[Matthias Fink](#) , [Ana Rodriguez-Aramendia](#), [Johannes Handsteiner](#), [Abdul Ziarkash](#), [Fabian Steinlechner](#), [Thomas Scheidl](#), [Ivette Fuentes](#), [Jacques Pienaar](#), [Timothy C. Ralph](#) & [Rupert Ursin](#) 

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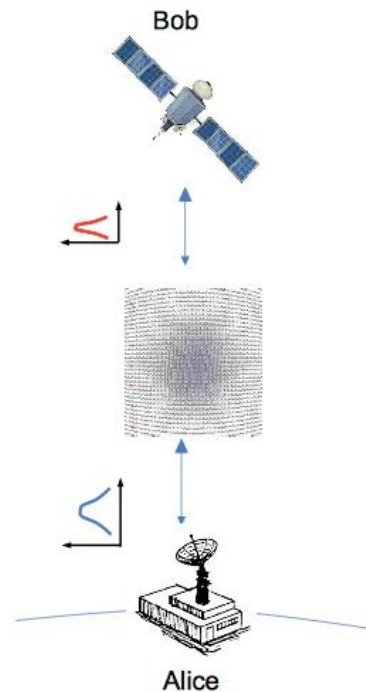


entanglement under uniform acceleration is conserved

Future experiments: non-uniform acceleration and Satellite-based experiments

# Quantum estimation of the Schwarzschild spacetime parameters of the Earth

David Edward Bruschi, Animesh Datta, Rupert Ursin, Timothy C. Ralph, and Ivette Fuentes  
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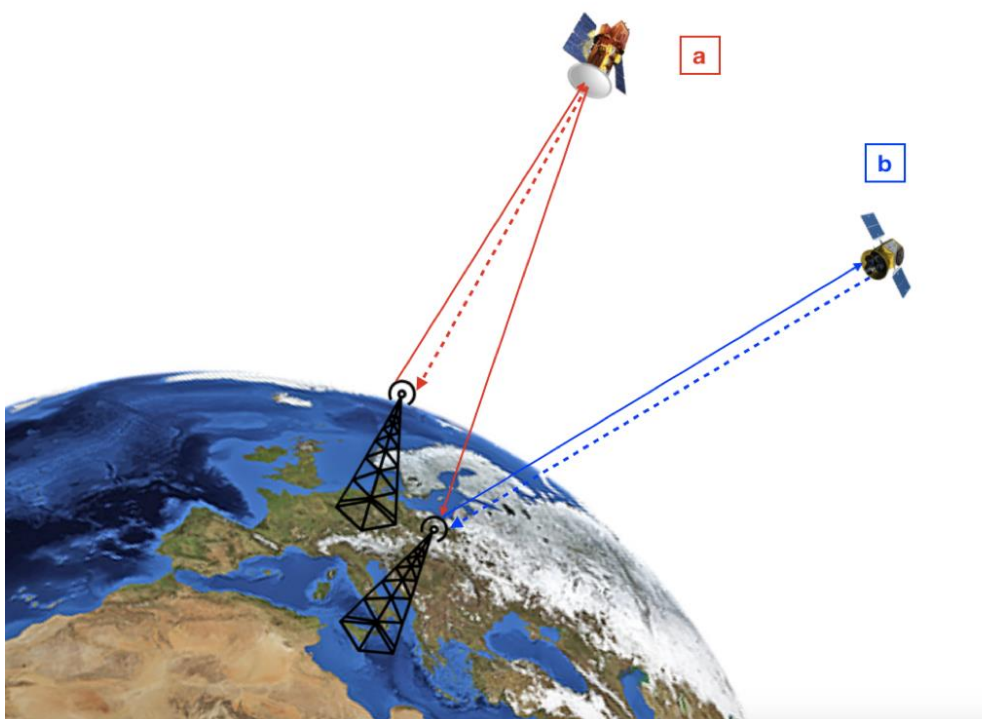
$$g = \text{diag} \left( - \left( 1 - \frac{2M}{r} \right), \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2M}{r}}, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \theta \right)$$

Estimating the Schwarzschild radius of the Earth  
 Using traveling wave-packets

$$\frac{\Delta r_S}{r_S} \geq \frac{8 \sigma r_A (r_A + L)}{\sqrt{N(\Omega_1^2 + \Omega_2^2)} r_S L \sinh r} \sim 5.8 \times 10^{-7}$$

# Quantum-metrology estimation of spacetime parameters of the Earth outperforming classical precision

Jan Kohlrus, David Edward Bruschi, and Ivette Fuentes  
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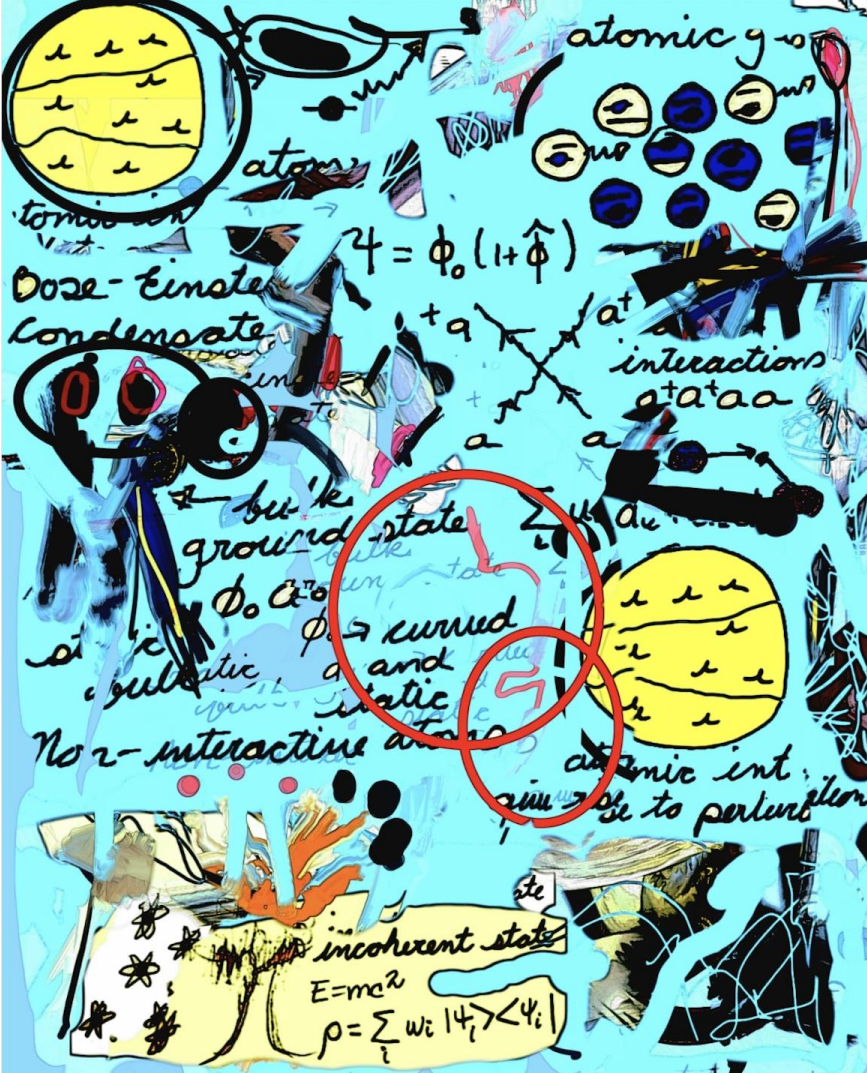


Orbit	Light's trajectory	$\Delta r_S/r_S$	$\Delta R_E/R_E$	$\Delta h/h$
LEO	Lab1 $\leftrightarrow$ Lab2	$8.50 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.56 \times 10^{-9}$
	Lab1 $\rightarrow$ Lab1	$8.87 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.71 \times 10^{-9}$
	Lab2 $\rightarrow$ Lab2	$8.15 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.41 \times 10^{-9}$
	Sat $\rightarrow$ Lab1	$1.77 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.33 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.43 \times 10^{-9}$
	Sat $\rightarrow$ Lab2	$1.63 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.14 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.83 \times 10^{-9}$
VLEO	Lab1 $\rightarrow$ Lab1	$6.06 \times 10^{-10}$	$6.30 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-8}$
	Sat $\rightarrow$ Lab 1	$1.21 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.26 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.15 \times 10^{-8}$

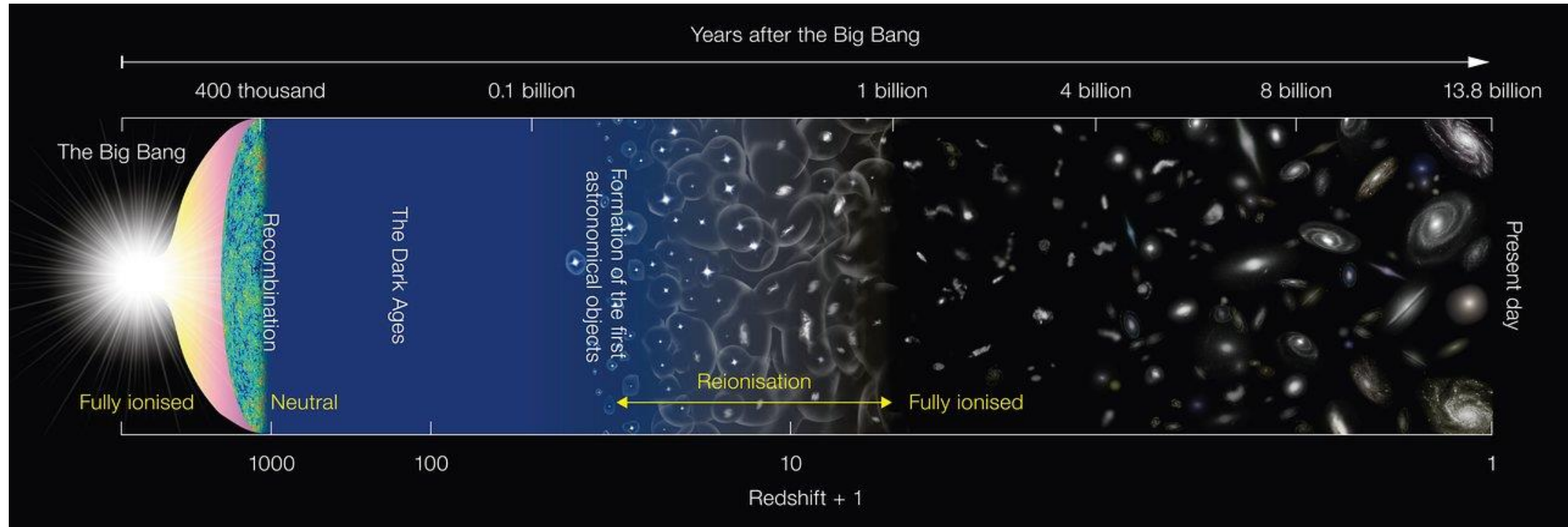
TABLE II: Precision bounds obtained through the quantum metrology scheme described above, for the different possible configurations of the reflecting and downlink schemes. Results for uplinks are very similar to those in downlinks.



# Relativistic Quantum Metrology



# Many fundamental questions unanswered



What is the nature of dark matter?

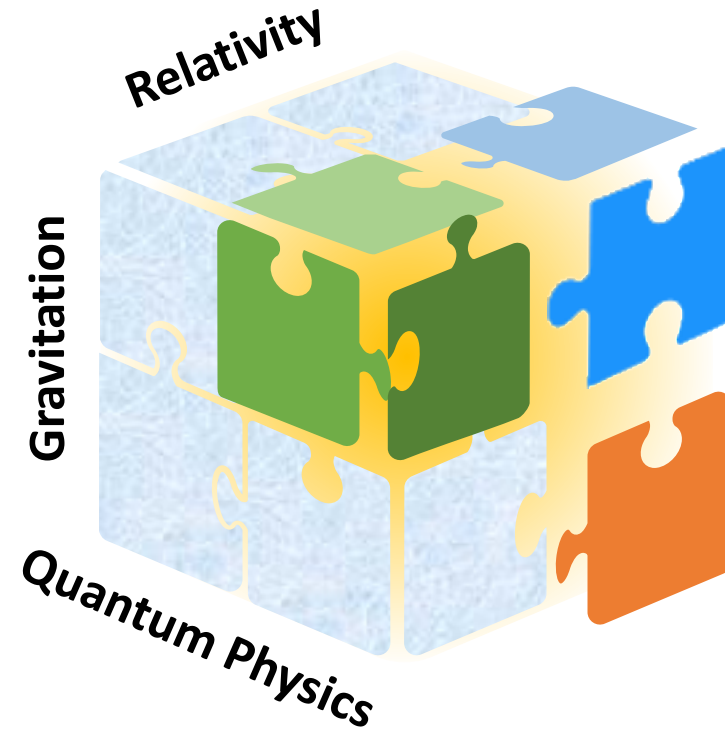
Is dark energy driving the accelerated expansion of the Universe?

What physics dominated the Universe at early times?

Does the equivalence principle hold for quantum systems?



Underpinning our difficulty to find answers



Quantum physics and General Relativity  
are incompatible



# Technology and instruments must be developed first





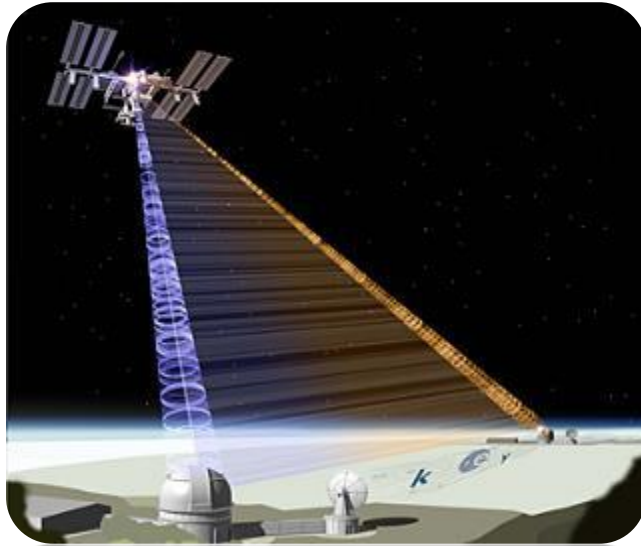
# The interplay of theory and experiment



**Main aim: Develop new instruments  
window to scales that have  
not been explored before  
New Physics!**

Quantum technologies can help us put the pieces of the puzzle together

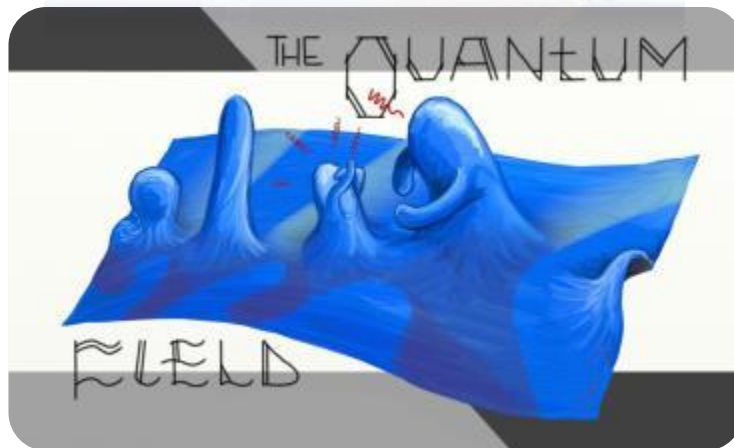
# Quantum metrology



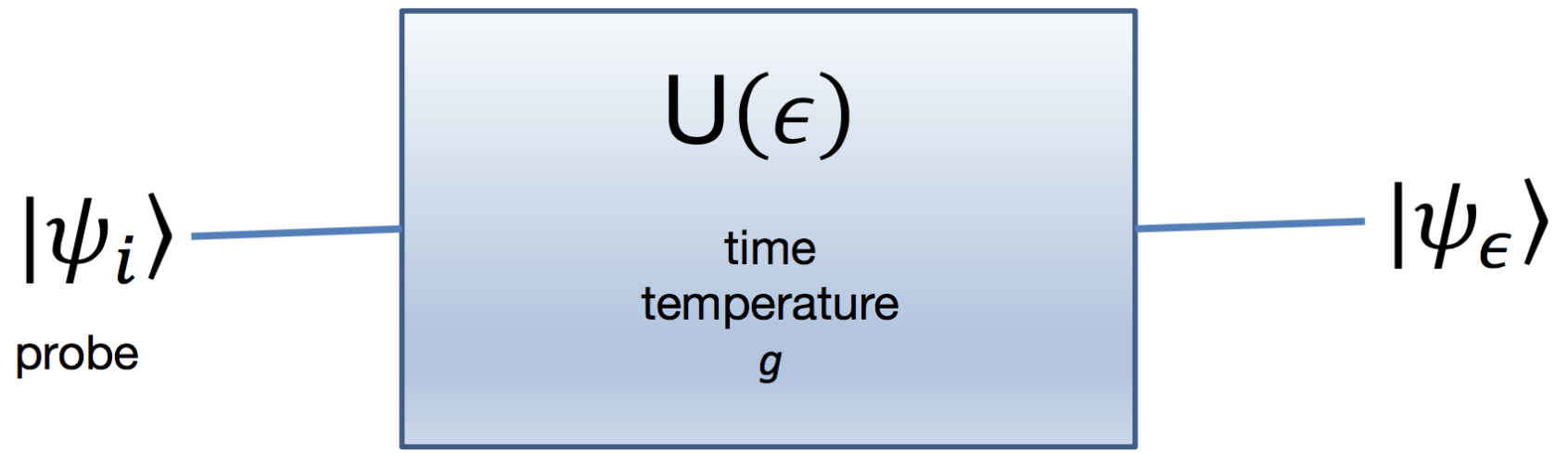
- Enables ultrasensitive devices for measuring fields, frequencies, time
- Quantum clocks and sensors are being sent to space... relativity cannot be ignored

**Used to measure gravitational parameters...**

gravitational field strengths  
accelerations



# Quantum Metrology

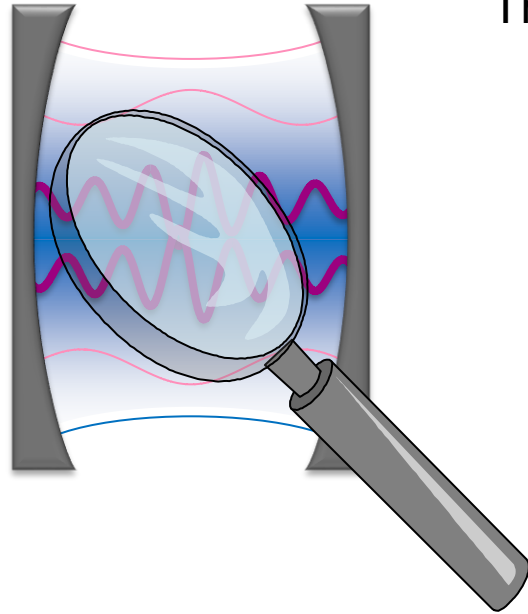


$$\langle \psi_\epsilon | \psi_{\epsilon+d\epsilon} \rangle \ll 1$$

Exploit quantum properties of the probe state to estimate with high precision parameters in the theory (Hamiltonian)



# Quantum Metrology



There is an optimal measurement such that

$$\langle (\Delta \hat{\epsilon})^2 \rangle \geq \frac{1}{M H_\epsilon}$$

Error

parameter

Quantum Fisher information  
*M* number of measurements

$$H_\epsilon = \frac{8(1 - \sqrt{\mathcal{F}(\sigma_\epsilon, \sigma_{\epsilon+d\epsilon})})}{d\epsilon^2}$$

Fidelity

state  $\sigma_\epsilon$

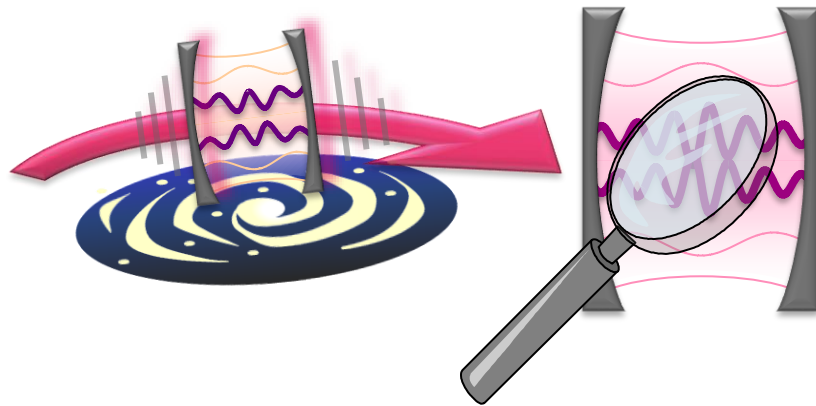
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# General framework for RQM

Ahmadi, Bruschi, Sabin, Adesso, Fuentes, Nature Sci. Rep. 2014

Ahmadi, Bruschi, Fuentes PRD 2014

Fisher information in QFT:  
Analytical formulas in terms of  
general Bogoliubov coefficients



Single-mode  
Two-mode channels

for small parameters

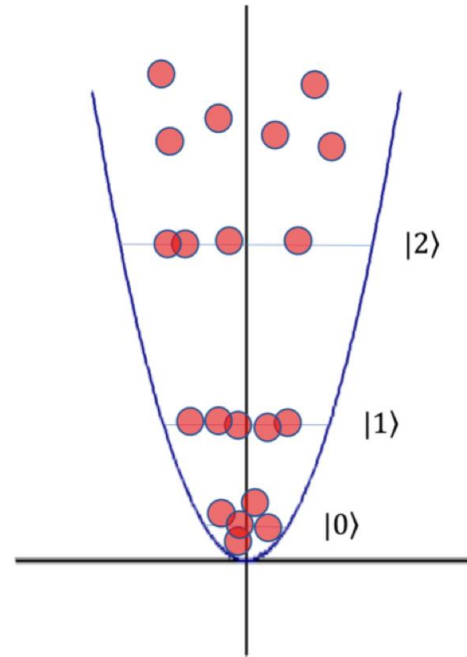
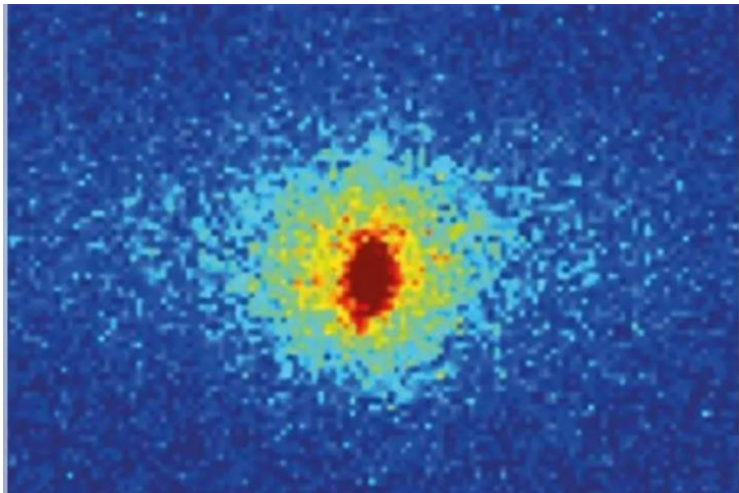
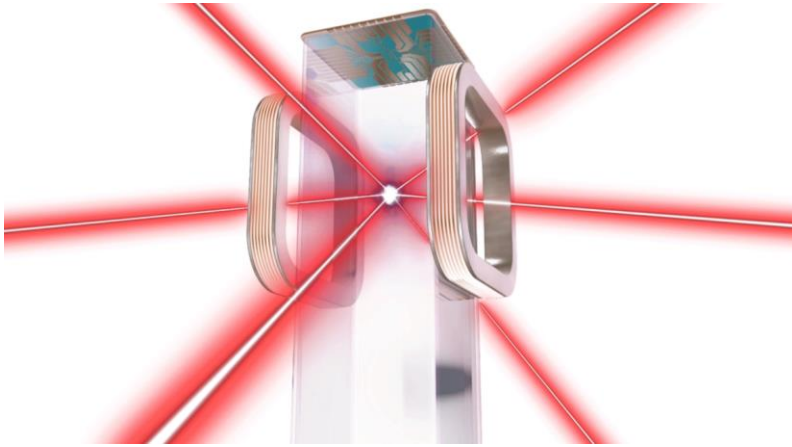
$$\begin{aligned}
 H = \epsilon^{-2} \Re & \left[ 4 \cosh r (f_\alpha^n + f_\beta^n + f_\alpha^m + f_\beta^m) \right. \\
 & + 4 \cosh^2 r (2|\beta_{nm}(t)|^2 - f_\alpha^n + f_\beta^n - f_\alpha^m + f_\beta^m) \\
 & - 4 \sinh^2 r (-f_\alpha^n + f_\beta^n - f_\alpha^m + f_\beta^m + 2\beta_{nm}(t)^2 - 2\alpha_{nm}(t)^2) \\
 & + 4 \sinh r \Re [\mathcal{G}_{nm}^{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{G}_{nm}^{\beta\alpha}] - 4 \cosh^4 r |\beta_{nm}(t)|^2 \\
 & \left. - \frac{1}{2} \sinh^2 2r (2|\alpha_{nm}(t)|^2 - 3|\beta_{nm}(t)|^2 - \beta_{nm}(t)^2) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_\alpha^i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq k, k'} |\alpha_{ni}|^2$$

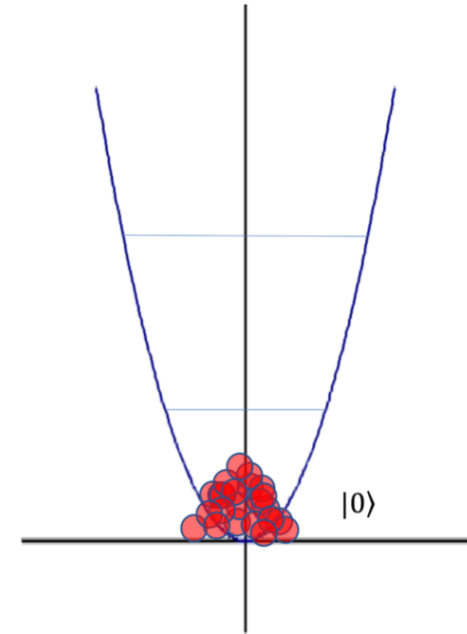
$$f_\beta^i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \neq k, k'} |\beta_{ni}|^2$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{ij}^{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{n \neq k, k'} \alpha_{ni} \beta_{nj}^*$$

# Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC)



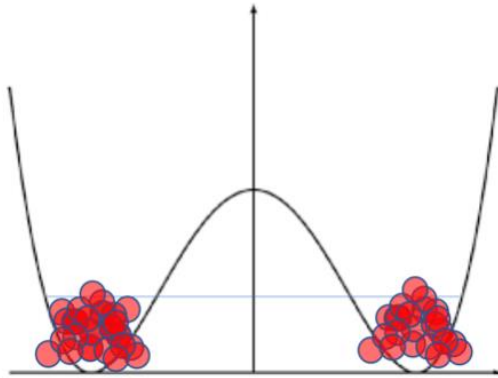
Cold atoms in a thermal distribution



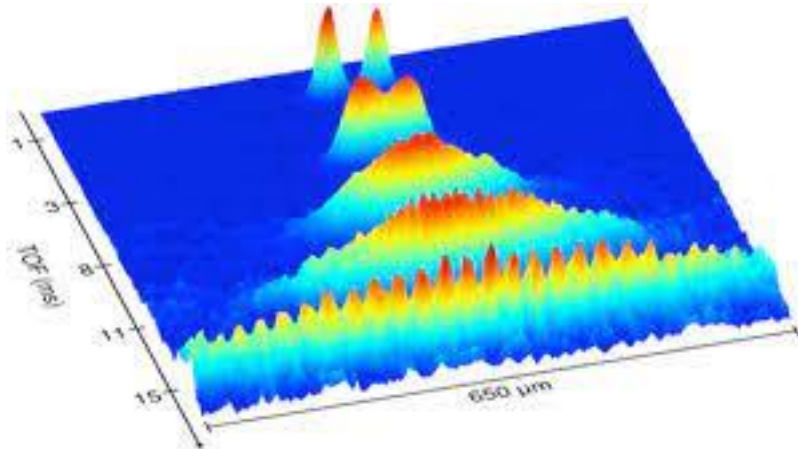
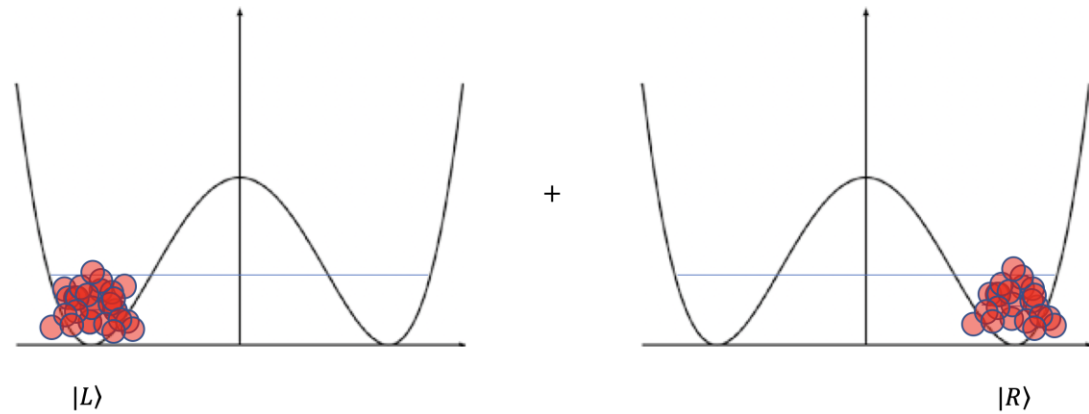
Atoms in a BEC form a lump

# Spatial superpositions in a double-well potential

Schrödinger Cat state



$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|N_L 0_R\rangle + |0_L N_R\rangle)$$



Test Penrose's gravitational induced collapse

Decoherence time must be longer than the collapse time

$$\tau \sim \frac{\hbar}{E_G}$$

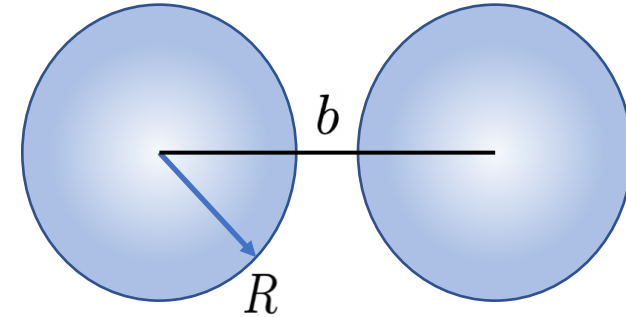
$$E_G = \frac{13Gm^2N^2}{14R}$$

Non-uniform spherical  
just touching

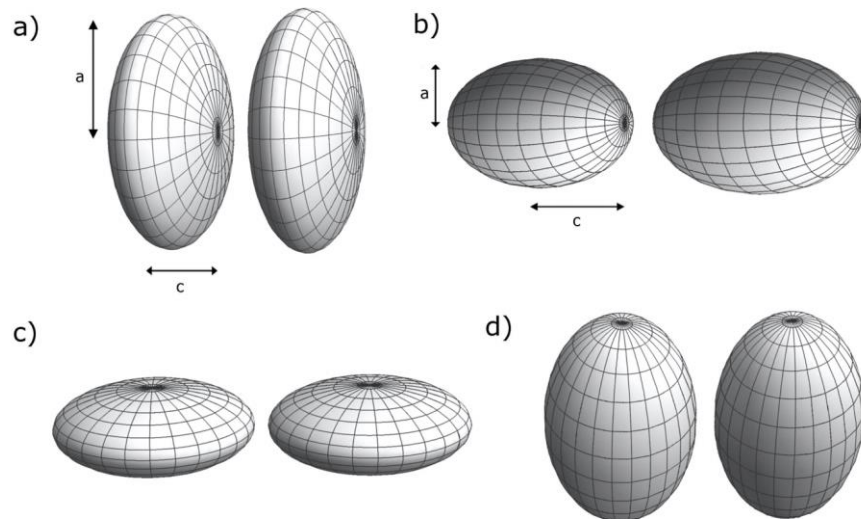
# Gravitational self-energy

For a uniform sphere

$$E_G = \begin{cases} \frac{6GM^2}{5R} \left( \frac{5}{3}\lambda^2 - \frac{5}{4}\lambda^3 + \frac{1}{6}\lambda^5 \right) & \text{if } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, \\ \frac{6GM^2}{5R} \left( 1 - \frac{5}{12\lambda} \right) & \text{if } \lambda \geq 1, \end{cases}$$



where  $\lambda := b/(2R)$



Gravitational collapse depends strongly in the mass geometry: signature

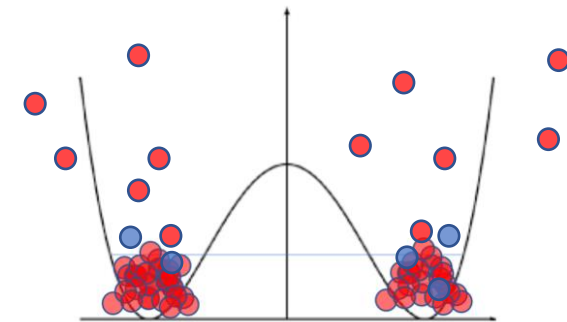
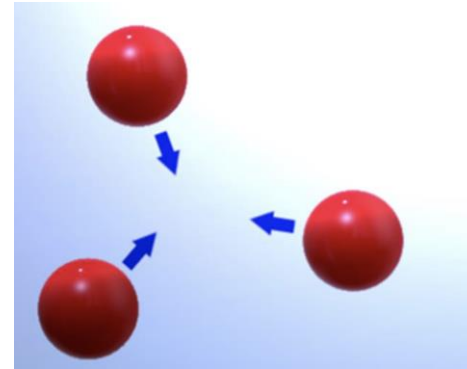
a) and b) can collapse at shorter times depending on the ellipticity



# Decoherence and noise

Howl, Penrose & Fuentes, NJP 2019

- Three-body recombination
- Two-body losses
- Thermal cloud interactions
- Foreign atom interactions
- Decoherence from the trapping potential



Advantage: atom-atom interactions can be controlled in a BEC

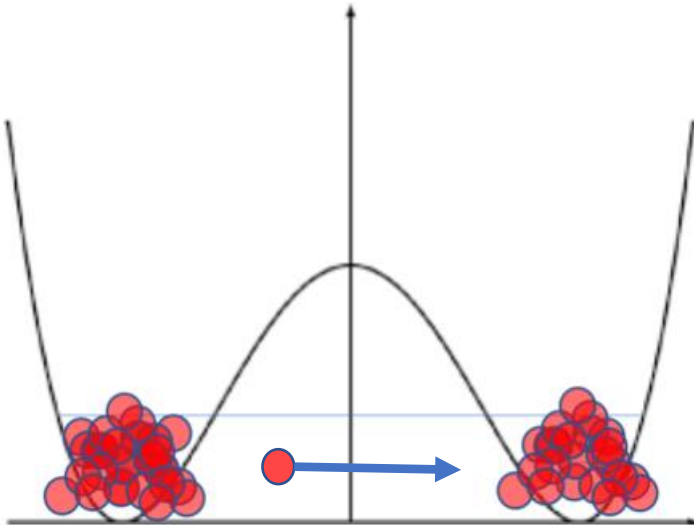
It would be convenient to suppress them after the superposition has been created.

$\gamma = 1/(8\pi)$  A  $^{133}\text{Cs}$  BEC with  $4 \times 10^9$  atoms and  $R = 1 \mu\text{m}$  would collapse in approximately 2 seconds

$\gamma = 8\pi$  2 s would occur when  $N \approx 10^9$  and  $R = 0.1 \text{ mm}$  or  $N \approx 10^8$  and  $R = 1 \mu\text{m}$ .

# Other BEC states

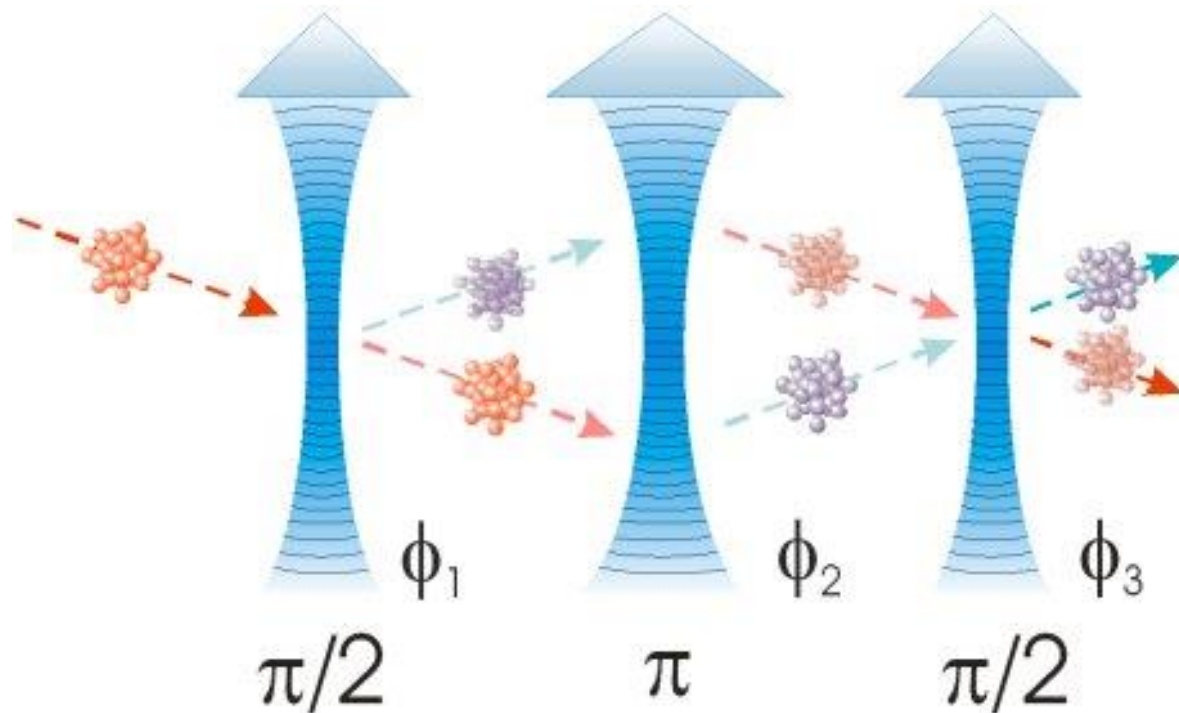
- Work in progress with Penrose & Westbrook



In a BEC atoms are not bound together and can tunnel between left and right wells.

We are studying gravitational self-energy for a variety of BEC quantum states

# Atom interferometer: quantum spatial interferometry



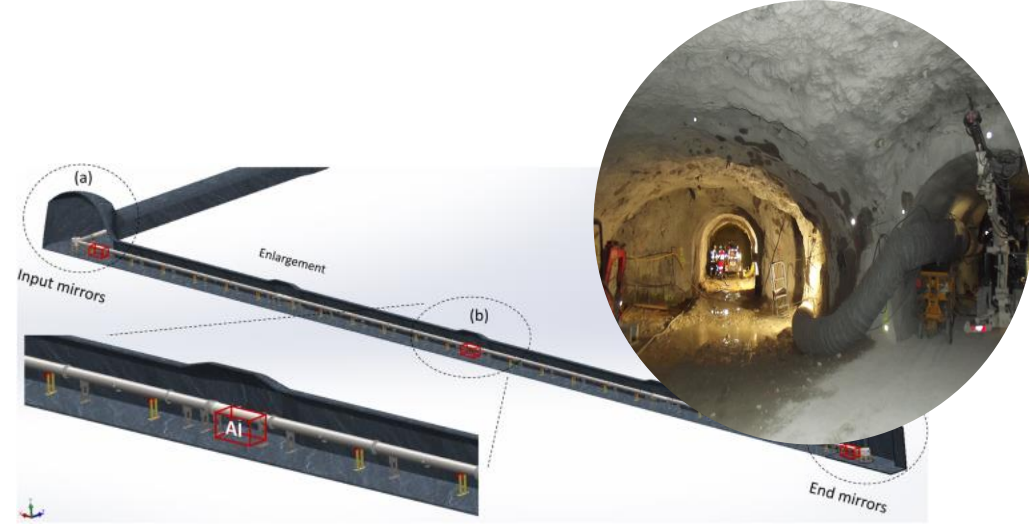
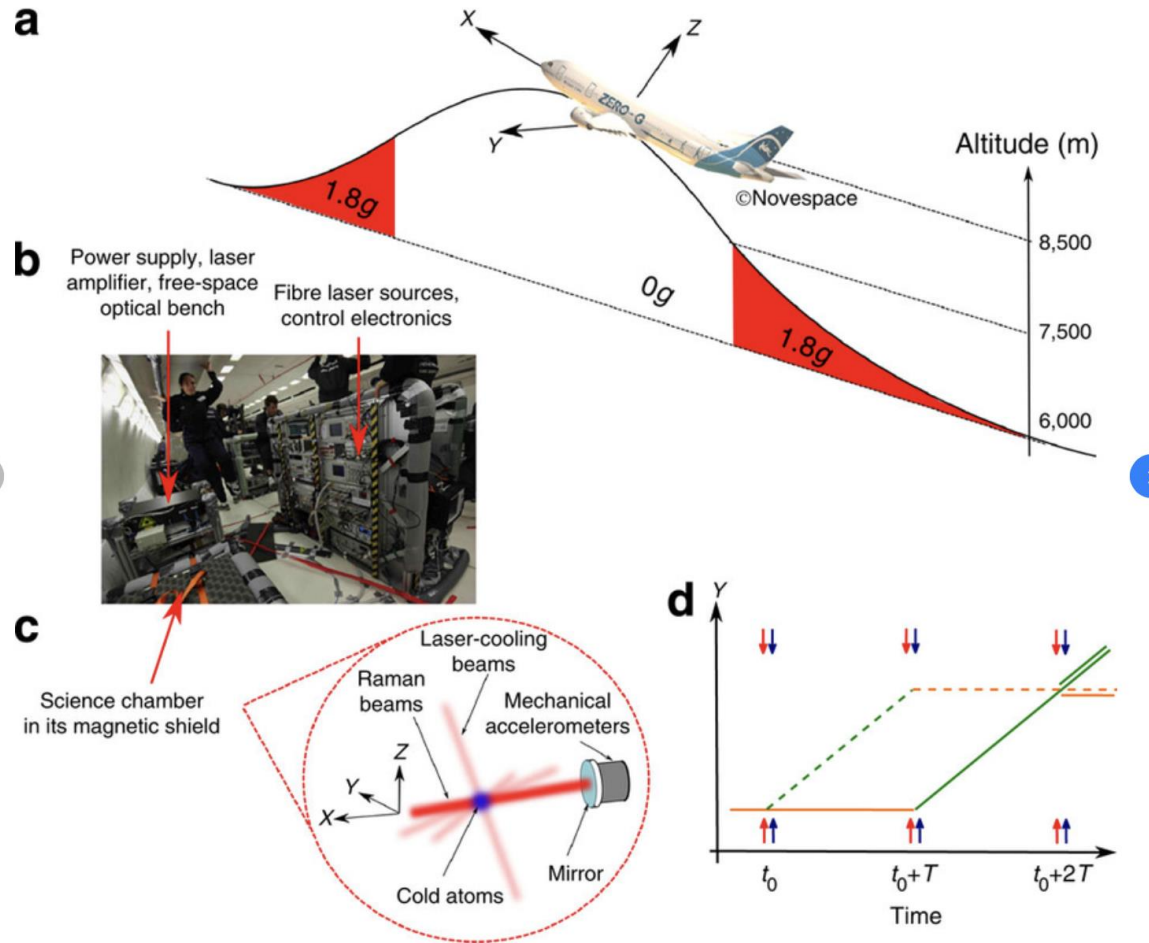
$$\delta a = 1 / \left( \sqrt{N} k T^2 \right)$$

Single particle detector, local

Interferometry in the spatial domain: limited by time of flight

Compatible with Newtonian physics

# Gravimeters are going Big



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## Viewpoint: Free-Falling Interferometry

Markus Arndt, Faculty of Physics, VCQ, QuNaBioS, University of Vienna, Boltzmannngasse 5, A-1090 Vienna, Austr  
 February 25, 2013 • Physics 6, 23  
 Atom interferometry in free fall demonstrates fundamental quantum physics and a new level of technology

# But...I want one in my phone



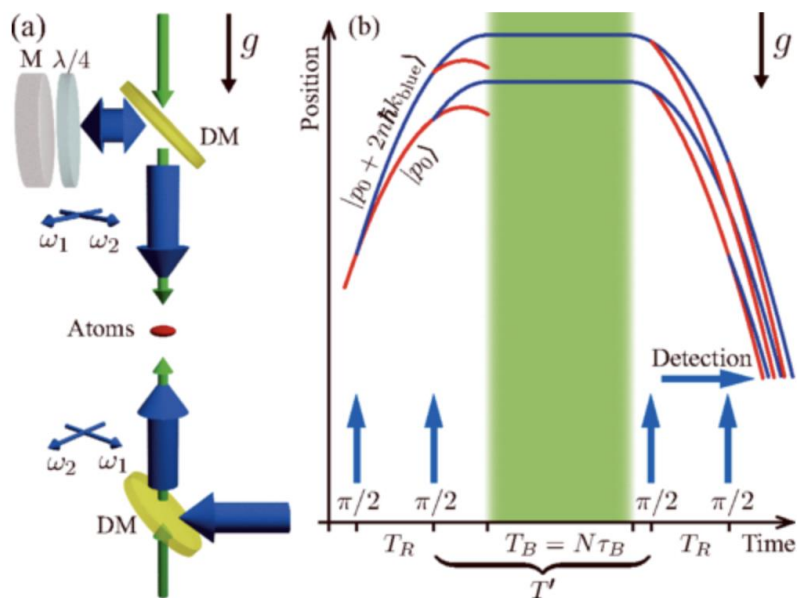
Change of paradigm!



## Trapped-atom interferometer with ultracold Sr atoms

Xian Zhang, Ruben Pablo del Aguila, Tommaso Mazzoni, Nicola Poli, and Guglielmo M. Tino  
 Phys. Rev. A **94**, 043608 – Published 4 October 2016

Images



## MINIATURIZED ATOM-CHIP GRAVIMETER

Matterwave interferometers based on cold atoms are commonly used as gravimeters. They reach accuracies of up to  $10^{-9}g$  and are nowadays even commercially available.

We have demonstrated a compact quantum gravimeter, which employs an atom chip for the rapid and efficient creation of Bose-Einstein condensates (BEC). At the same time, the atom chip serves for complete state preparation of the atomic cloud and as a retroreflector for the laser beam to create an optical lattice. With the lattice, we split, redirect, and recombine the BEC to form a Mach-Zehnder interferometer and measure the local gravitational acceleration.

To extend the interferometer time and increase the device's sensitivity, we employ the optical lattice for an innovative launch mechanism. In this way, we acquire an intrinsic sensitivity of  $\Delta g/g = 10^{-7}$ , while keeping all atom-optical operations in a volume of less than a one-centimeter cube.

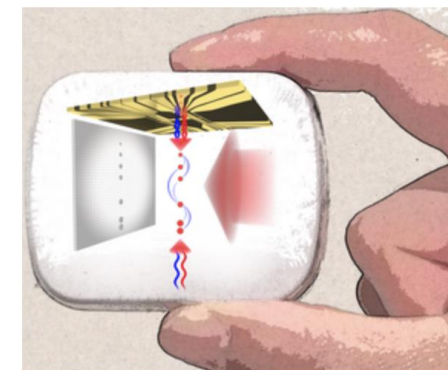


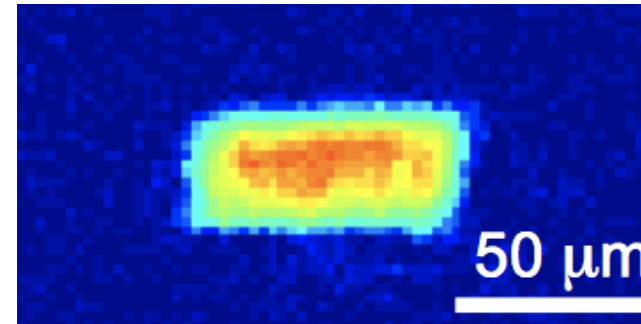
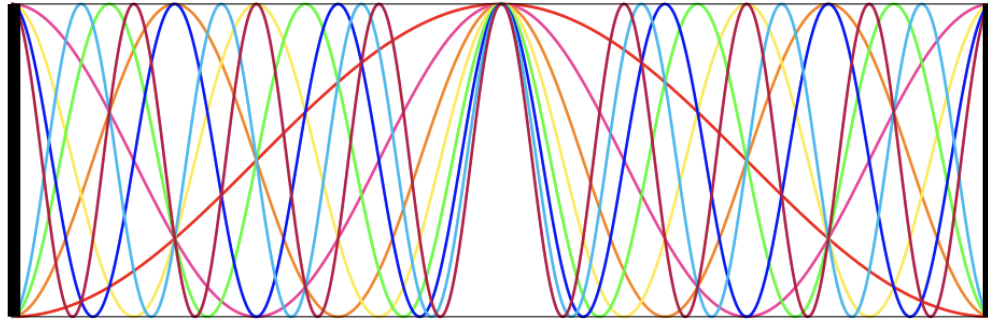
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## RELATED PUBLICATIONS

S. Abend et. al. *Atom-Chip Fountain Gravimeter* Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 203003 (2016)

# Quantum frequency interferometry

Howl & Fuentes [arXiv:1902.09883](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.09883)



Uses interactions: collective excitations, entanglement between atoms

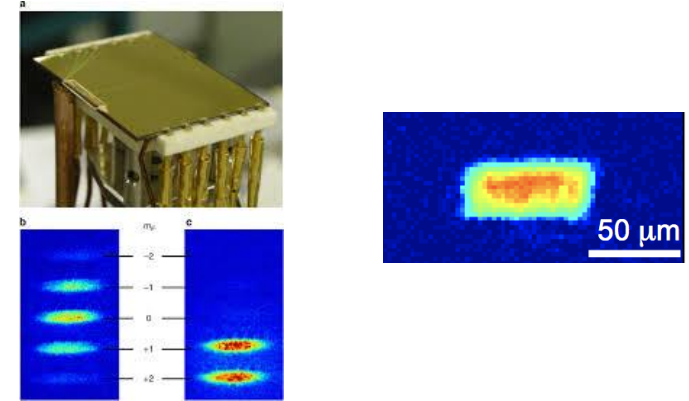
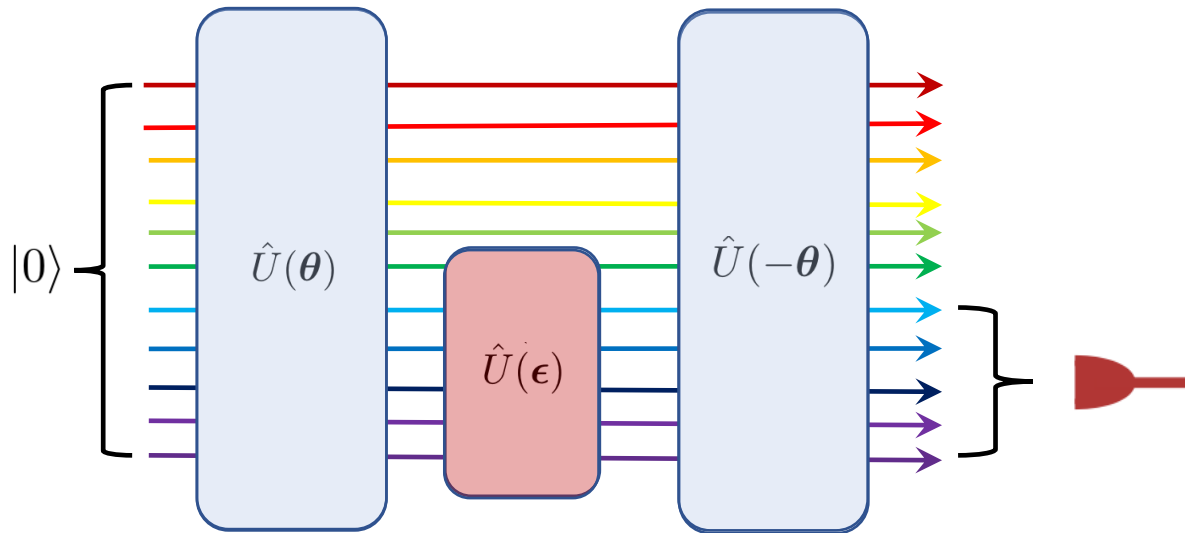
Implementation of frequency modes: phonons in a BEC (massless quantum field)

Interferometry in the frequency (time) domain, non-local

We use parametric amplification produced by the non-linearity introduced by atomic collisions

Compatible with General Relativity: **underpinned by QFT in curved spacetime**

# BECs and quantum frequency interferometry



- Detector can be miniaturized
- High sensitivity
- High resilience to noise

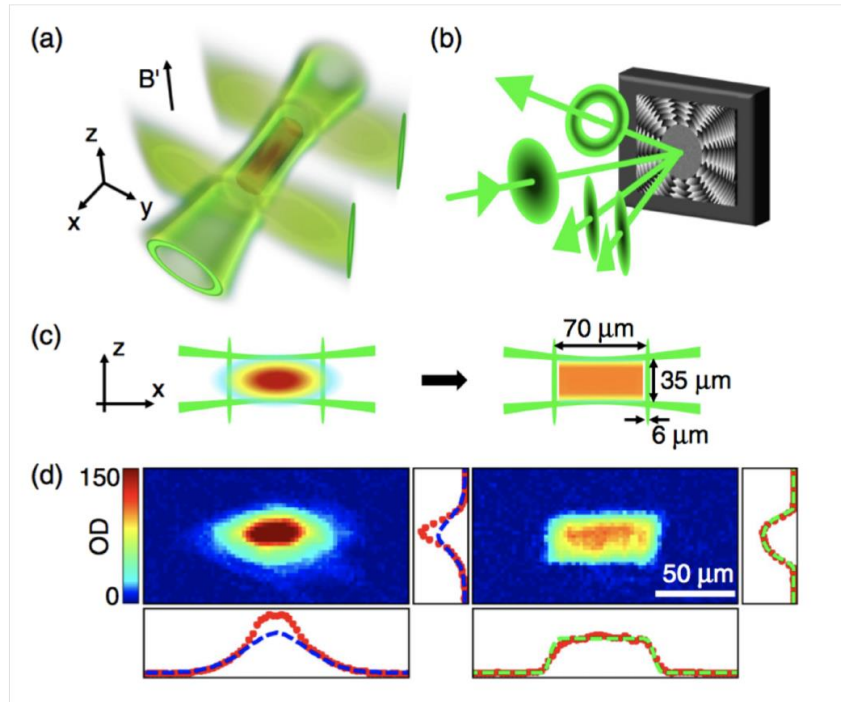
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## Quantum sensors underpinned by QFTCS

- Continuous source gravitational wave detector
- Quantum relativistic clocks
- Dark energy
- Proper acceleration
- Local gravitational fields (UK patent No.1908538.0)
- Gravitational gradient (UK patent No. 2000112.9)
- Curvature
- Spacetime parameters
- Dark Matter!

Demonstrate particle creation by spacetime dynamics!

# Bose Einstein Condensate in a box



mean field (ground state)

$$\hat{\Phi} = \phi(1 + \hat{\psi})$$

phonons  
density fluctuations due to interactions

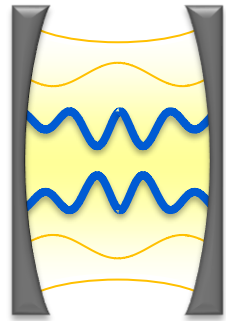
quasi-uniform density

$$\rho = \phi^\dagger \phi$$

# BEC in spacetime

A covariant formalism is available

Phonons are a relativistic quantum field



$$\mathcal{L} = -\sqrt{-g} \left\{ g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \hat{\Phi}^\dagger \partial_\nu \hat{\Phi} + \left( \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} + V \right) \hat{\Phi}^\dagger \hat{\Phi} + U(\hat{\Phi}^\dagger \hat{\Phi}, \lambda_i) \right\}$$

$$U(\hat{\Phi}^\dagger \hat{\Phi}, \lambda_i) \approx \frac{\lambda}{2} \hat{\Phi}^\dagger \hat{\Phi}^\dagger \hat{\Phi} \hat{\Phi}$$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \phi(1 + \hat{\psi})$$

For uniform density

$$\square \psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \psi)$$

effective metric

$$g_{ab} = \rho \frac{c}{c_s} \left[ g_{ab} + \left( 1 - \frac{c_s^2}{c^2} v_a v_b \right) \right]$$

spacetime metric

analogue metric

**Demonstrate QFT in CS**

Fagnocchi et. al NJP 2010 (quantum field flat spacetime)

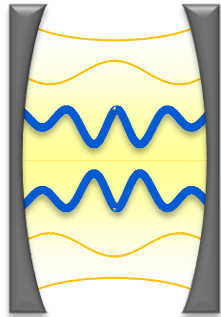
Visser & Molina-Paris NJP 2010 (classical field in curved spacetime)

D. E. Bruschi et. al., NJP 16 5:053041, 2014 (quantum field in curved spacetime)

D. Hartley. et. al., PRD 89 025011, 2018



# BEC in flat spacetime



$$g_{ab} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_0^2 c_s^{-1}}{\rho_0 + p_0} & & & \\ & -c_s^2 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Minkowski space but with speed of sound



$$\tau = (c/c_s)t \quad \rightarrow \quad ds^2 = -cdt^2 + dx^2$$

phonons in a cavity-type 1-dimensional trap

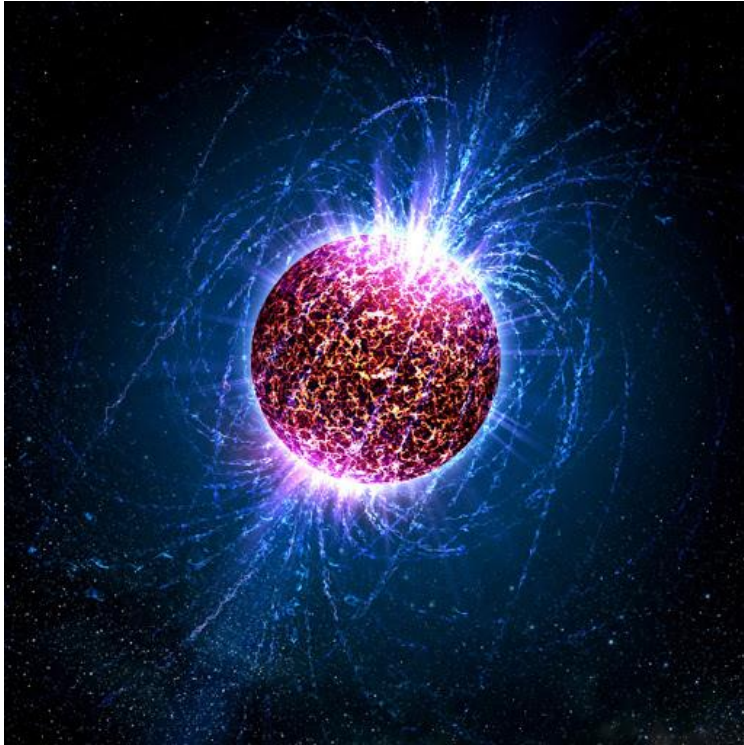
$$\omega_n = \frac{n \pi c_s}{L} \quad \text{spectrum}$$

$$\square \phi(t, x) = 0$$

$$\phi_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n \pi}} \sin \frac{n \pi (x - x_L)}{L} e^{-i \omega_n t}$$

Solutions to the K-G equation

# Gravitational wave spacetime



$$g_{ab} = \left( \frac{n_0^2 c_s^{-1}}{\rho_0 + p_0} \right) \begin{pmatrix} -c_s^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + h_+(t) & h_\times(t) & 0 \\ 0 & h_\times(t) & 1 - h_+(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In a one-dimensional trap

$$ds^2 = -c_s^2 dt^2 + (1 + h_+(t)) dx^2.$$

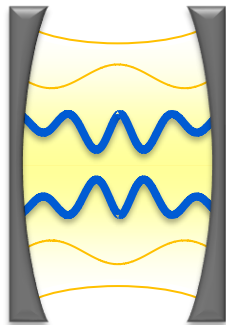
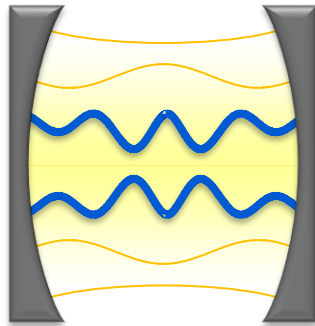
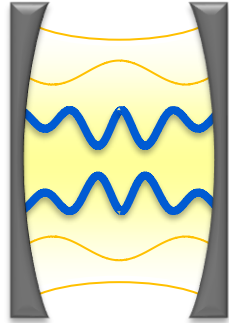
$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+(t) & h_\times(t) & 0 \\ 0 & h_\times(t) & -h_+(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

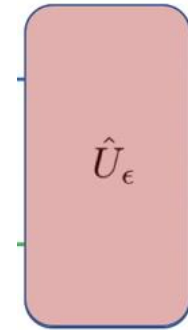
$$h_+(t) = \epsilon \sin \Omega t, \quad \text{Continuous sources}$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{n \pi c_s}{L} \quad \text{Resonance!}$$

# Field transformations



The dynamics of spacetime produces a Bogoliubov transformation on the field modes



$$\tilde{a}_m = \sum_n (\alpha_{mn}^* a_n - \beta_{mn}^* a_n^\dagger)$$

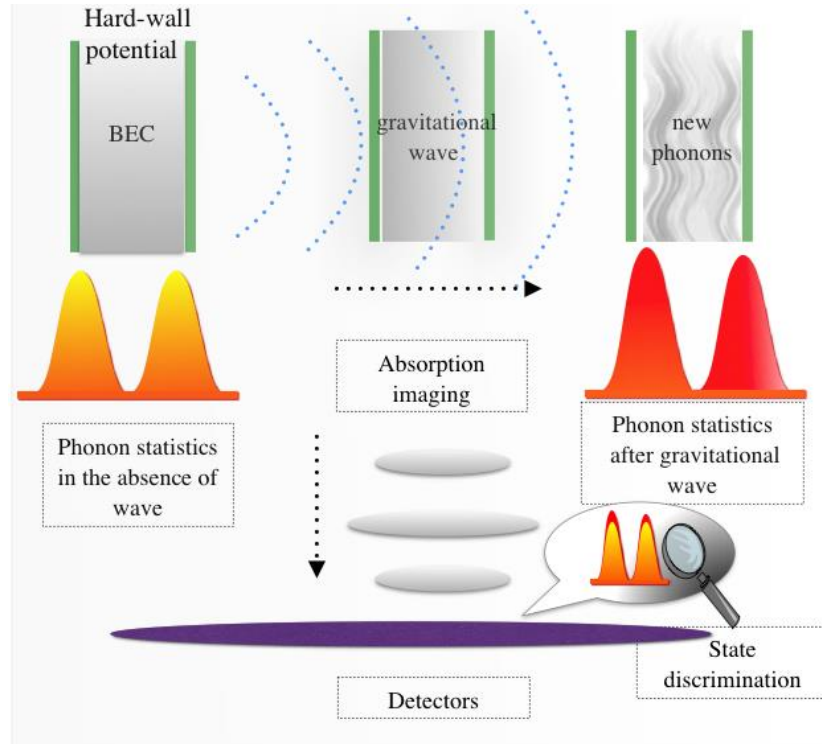
$$\alpha_{mn} = (\tilde{\phi}_m, \phi_n) \text{ and } \beta_{mn} = -(\tilde{\phi}_n, \phi_m^*)$$

Bogoliubov transformation for monochromatic gravitational wave

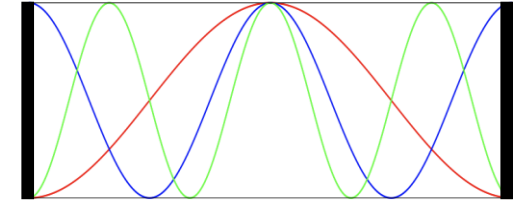
$$\beta_{jk}(t) = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \sqrt{\frac{n}{m}} \omega_m t [-x_L + (-1)^{m+n} (L + x_L)] \delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\alpha_{jk}(t) = 0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2),$$

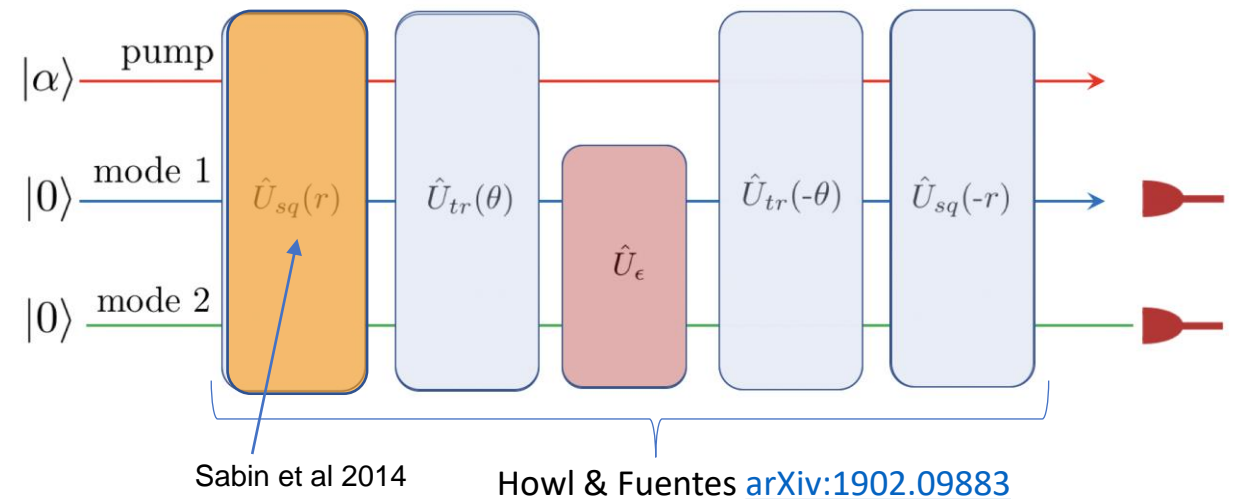
# Application: gravitational wave detector



Three mode application



## Circuit representation

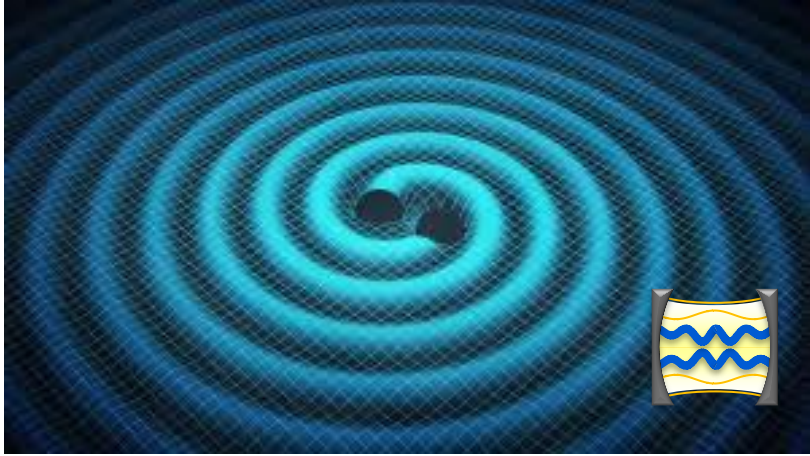


### Phonon creation by gravitational waves

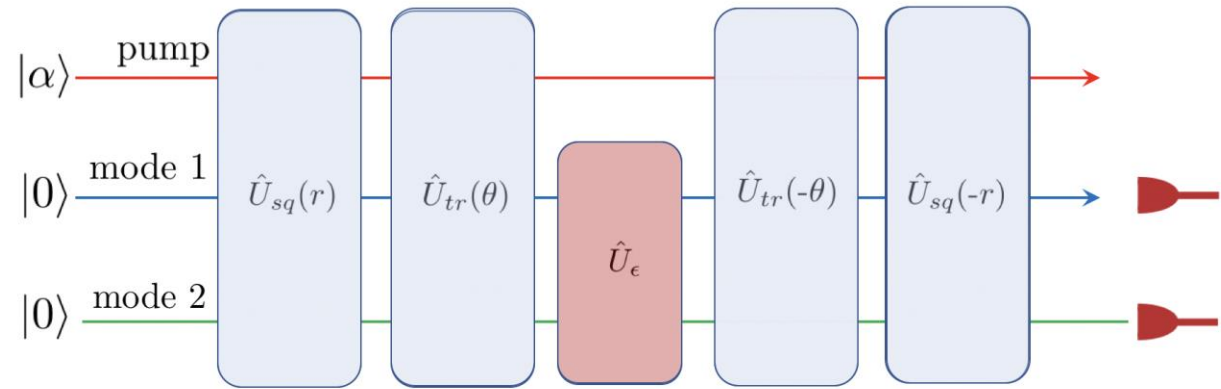
Carlos Sabin<sup>1</sup>, David Edward Bruschi<sup>2</sup>, Mehdi Ahmadi<sup>1</sup> and Ivette Fuentes<sup>1</sup>  
 Published 7 August 2014 • © 2014 IOP Publishing Ltd and Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft  
[New Journal of Physics, Volume 16, August 2014](https://doi.org/10.1088/1751-8113/16/8/083001)

Requires high phonon numbers  $\sim\sqrt{N_0}$   
 and long phonon lifetimes  $\sim 10s$

Improves the sensitivity by several orders of magnitude. Squeezing can be much smaller than assumed previously and the system can suffer from short phononic lifetimes.



# Interferometric transformations



Two-mode squeezing operation

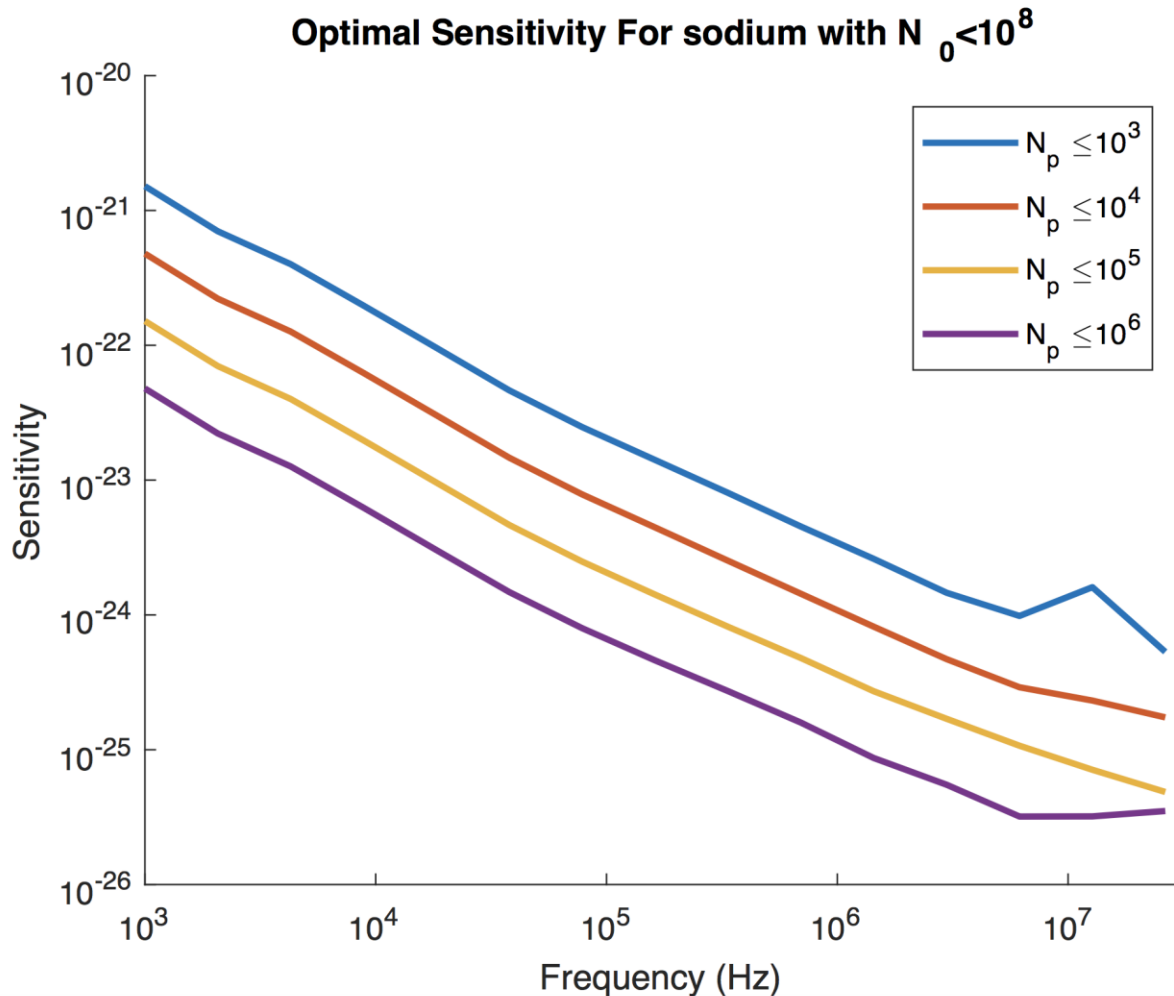
$$\mathbf{S}_s = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \cosh r \mathbf{1} & \sinh r (\cos \vartheta_{sq} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + \sin \vartheta_{sq} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_x) \\ \mathbf{0} & \sinh r (\cos \vartheta_{sq} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z + \sin \vartheta_{sq} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_x) & \cosh r \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix},$$

The tritter transformation is

$$\mathbf{S}_{tr} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \mathbf{1} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta (\sin \vartheta \mathbf{1} + i \cos \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_y) & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta (\sin \vartheta \mathbf{1} + i \cos \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_y) \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta (\sin \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z - i \cos \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_y) & \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \mathbf{1} & -\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \mathbf{1} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta (\sin \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_z - i \cos \vartheta \boldsymbol{\sigma}_y) & -\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \mathbf{1} & \cos^2(\frac{\theta}{2}) \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}.$$



# Detector sensitivity



$$\Delta\epsilon \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{MF_Q}}$$

$$\Delta\epsilon \geq \frac{m}{\sqrt{2\pi\hbar}\theta N_0^2 \sqrt{N_p \tau t}} \sqrt{\frac{L^7}{a^3} \frac{\sqrt{nl}(l-n)^2}{(l^2+n^2)}}$$

$m$  atomic mass

$\theta$  tritter angle

$N_0$  number of atoms in the ground state

$N_p$  number of phonons in the two-mode squeezed state

$\alpha = \sqrt{A}/L$ ,  $A$  area,  $L$  length

$a$  scattering length

$M = \tau/t$  number of measurements

$\tau$  integration time

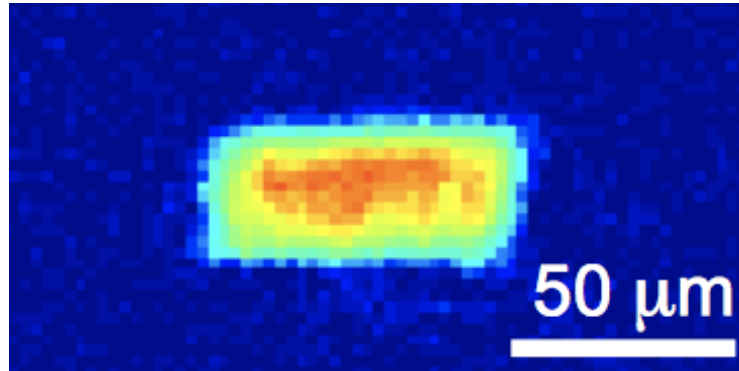
$t$  interaction time (lifetime of the phonons)

$\Omega = \omega_n + \omega_l$  the frequency of the gw

$\omega_j = j\pi c_s/L$  phonon frequency

$n, l$  mode numbers

# Constraints



	$(\gamma_{k_B T \ll \mu}^{La})^{-1}$ (1.56)	$(\gamma_{k_B T \gg \mu}^{La})^{-1}$ (1.56)	$(\gamma^{Be,0})^{-1}$ (1.55)	$t_{1/2}$ (3.3)
$t \approx$	$\frac{640}{3\pi} \frac{\hbar^7 \beta^4 L n_0^3 a_s^2}{l m^3}$	$\frac{8}{\pi} \frac{\beta L}{a_s l}$	$\frac{640}{3\pi^6} \frac{m L^5 n_0}{\hbar l^5}$	$\frac{1}{50} \frac{m}{\hbar n_0^2 a_s^4}$
$r \propto$	$\frac{\hbar^8 \beta^4 L^2 n_0^{9/2} a_s^{7/2}}{l^2 m^4}$	$\frac{\hbar^2 L^2 \beta n_0^{3/2} a_s^{1/2}}{l^2 m}$	$\frac{L^6 n_0^{5/2} a_s^{3/2}}{l^6}$	$\frac{L}{\ln_0^{1/2} a_s^{5/2}}$
$\beta \omega_l$	$2\sqrt{\pi} \frac{\hbar \sqrt{n_0 a_s}}{L m}$		weak interactions	$ a_s  n_0^{1/3} \ll 1$
phonon regime	$\sqrt{\frac{\pi l^2}{L^2 n_0 a_s}} \ll 1$		ultracold regime	$\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{m}{\hbar^2 \beta n_0 a_s} \ll 1$

Table 8.2: Approximate values for the limitations to the phonon and condensate life times and resulting proportionalities of the maximum two-mode squeeze factor from SECTION 8.1 in the case where the respective damping or particle losses become dominant.

The two bottom rows show a measure  $\beta \omega_l$  for the thermal occupation of the initial state, which should be minimal, and restrictions from the diluteness condition and the assumptions of the phononic and the ultracold regime.

To see where one could optimize and which boundaries will be encountered, all quantities above are given in terms of the parameters characterizing an individual experiment.

## Quantum decoherence of phonons in Bose–Einstein condensates

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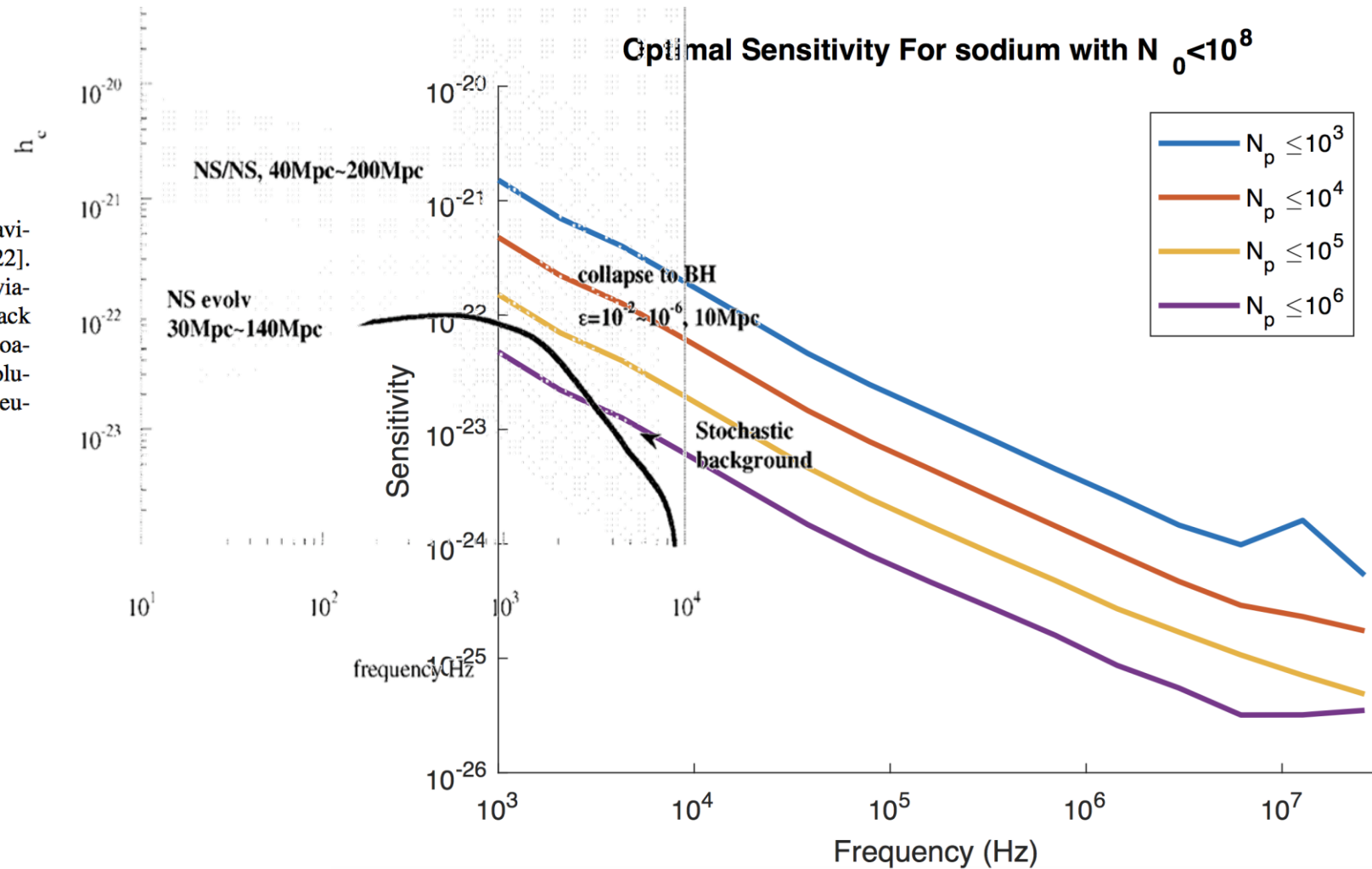
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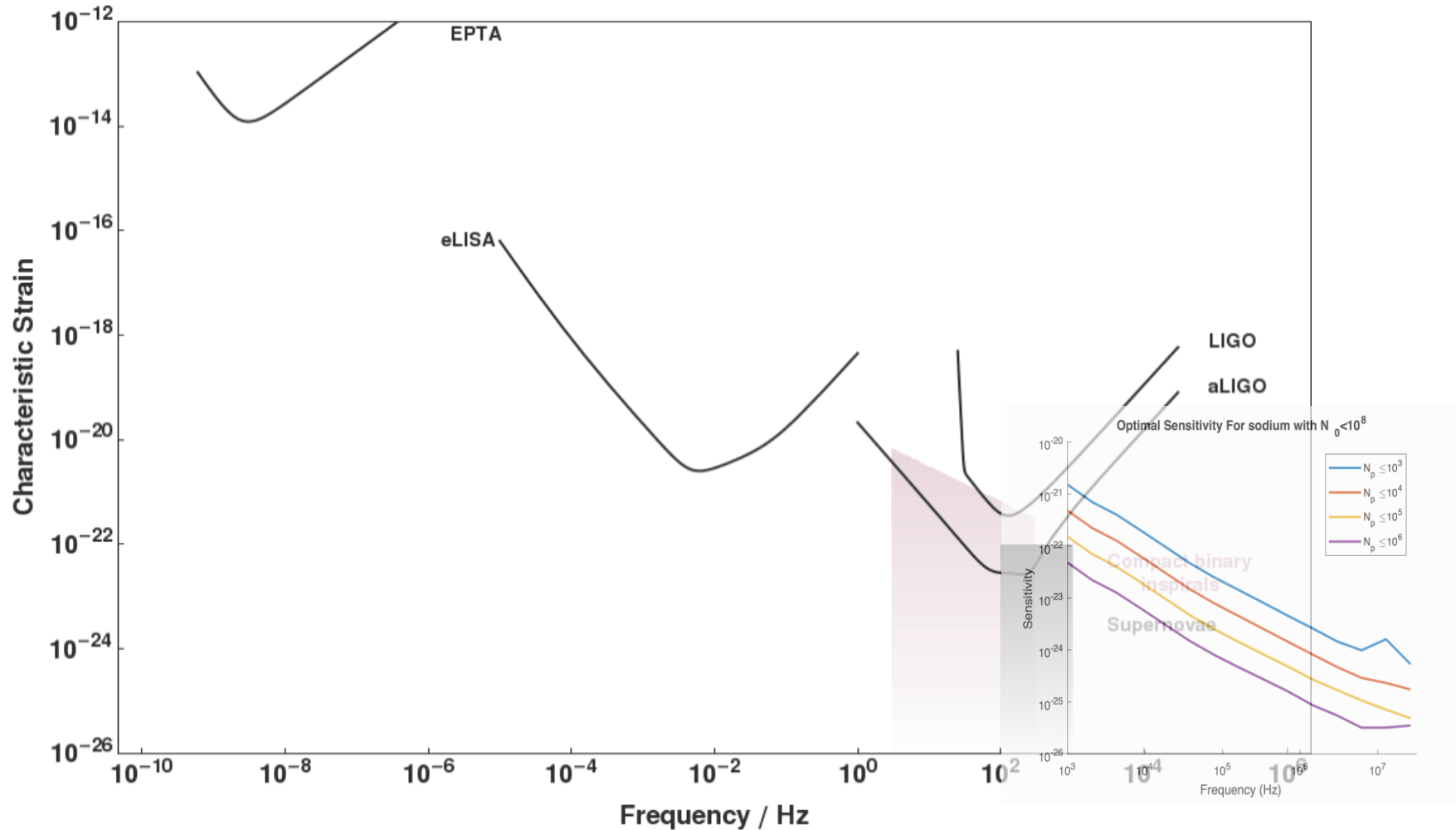
P. Juschitz, Two-mode Phonon Squeezing in Bose-Einstein Condensates for Gravitational Wave Detection [arXiv:2101.05051](#)

# Detector sensitivity

**Figure 8.** Spectrum of gravitational wave sources [18, 22]. In this figure, the abbreviations are: BH, collapse to black hole; NS/NS, neutron star coalescence; NS evol, secular evolution of a nonaxisymmetric neutron star.



# Search for yet unknown sources



**Know sources: 10 kHz**

**Exotic sources:**

primordial black holes

boson stars

**Early Universe Cosmology**

Phase transitions

Preheating after inflation,

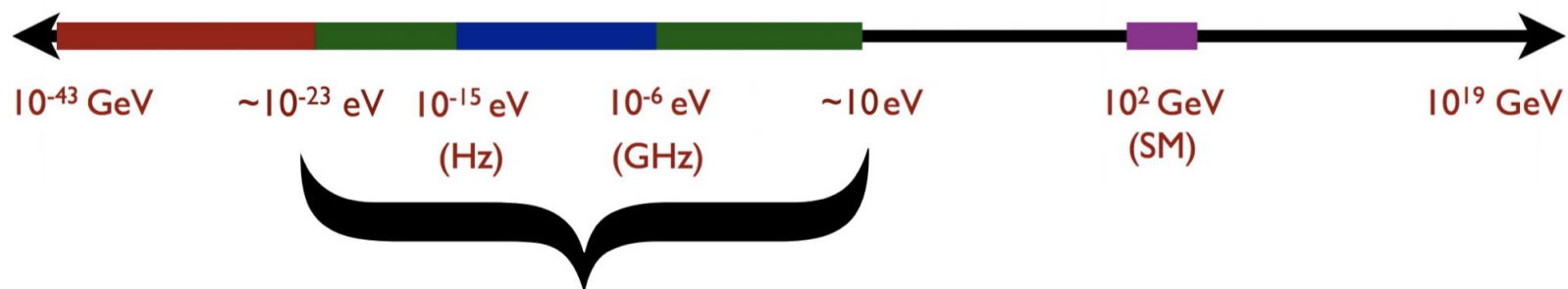
Cosmic strings

**Dark matter**

Ultralight  $10^{-8}$ -  $10^{14}$  Hz

Decay: Penrose CCC

# Ultra-Light Dark Matter (bosonic)

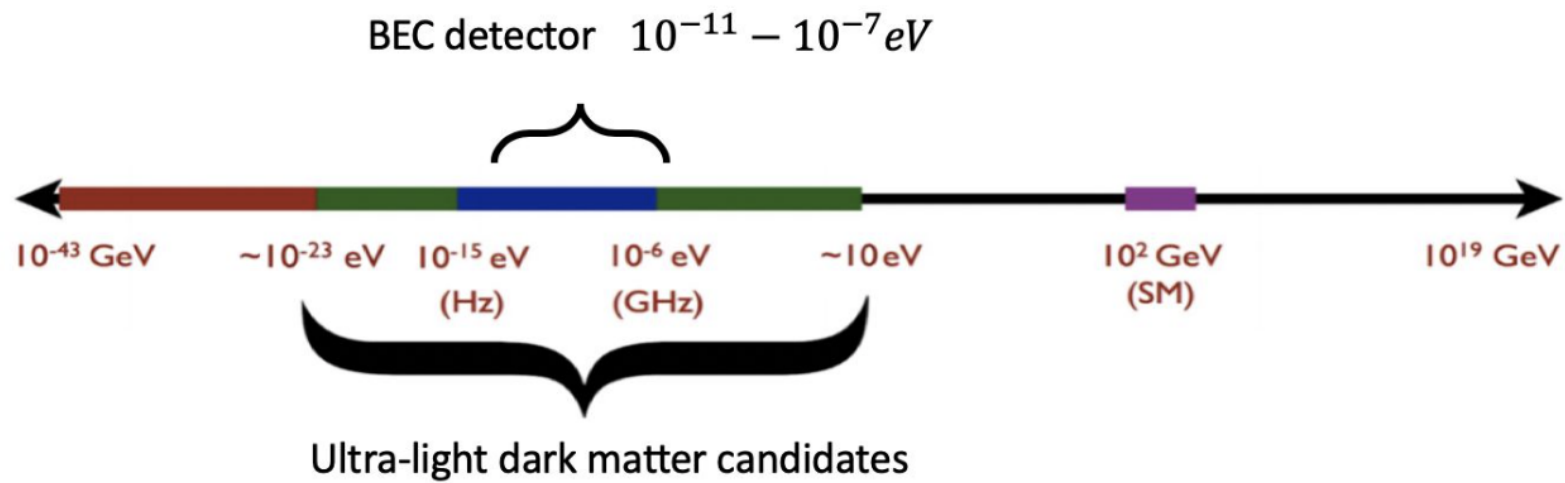


→ search for *coherent effects of the entire field*, not single hard particle scatterings

Select an area to comment on

Generic Candidates: Light pseudo-Nambu-Goldstones (axions and "axion like particles" — ALPs); Massive hidden vector bosons (aka "dark photons"); Light scalars (moduli/dilatons...)





# Different principle

Interferometer arm length  $L$

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

Resonance

$$\Omega = \omega_n + \omega_m$$

↑ wave      ↑ quantum excitations      ↑

# Quantum Weber Bar

## Temperature

Weber bar

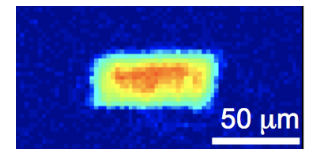
$T \sim 4 \text{ K}$



BEC

$T \sim 5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ K}$

Initial quantum states  
Squeezing  
Parametric amplification



# How can it work if its so small?

$$\omega \sim \frac{C_s}{L}$$

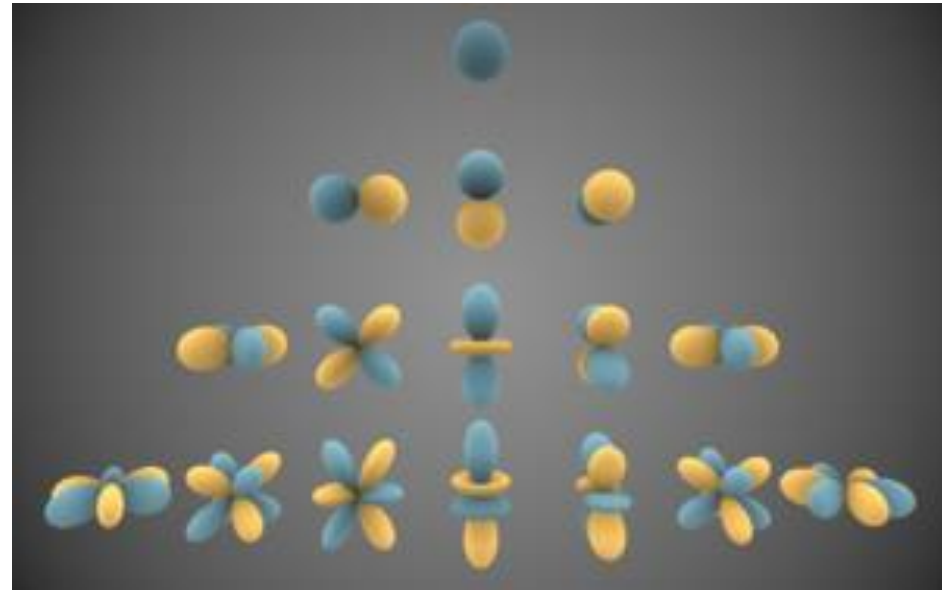
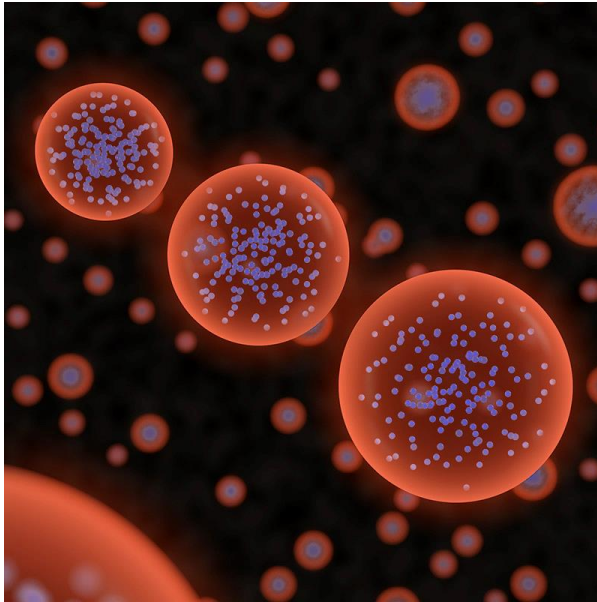
Speed of sound:  $C_s = 10\text{mm/s}$   
 $L = 10^{-1}-10^{-3}\text{mm}$

$$\omega \sim \frac{C}{L}$$

Speed of light:  $C = 2.99 \times 10^{11}\text{mm/s}$   
 $L = 2.99\text{Km}-2990\text{Km}$

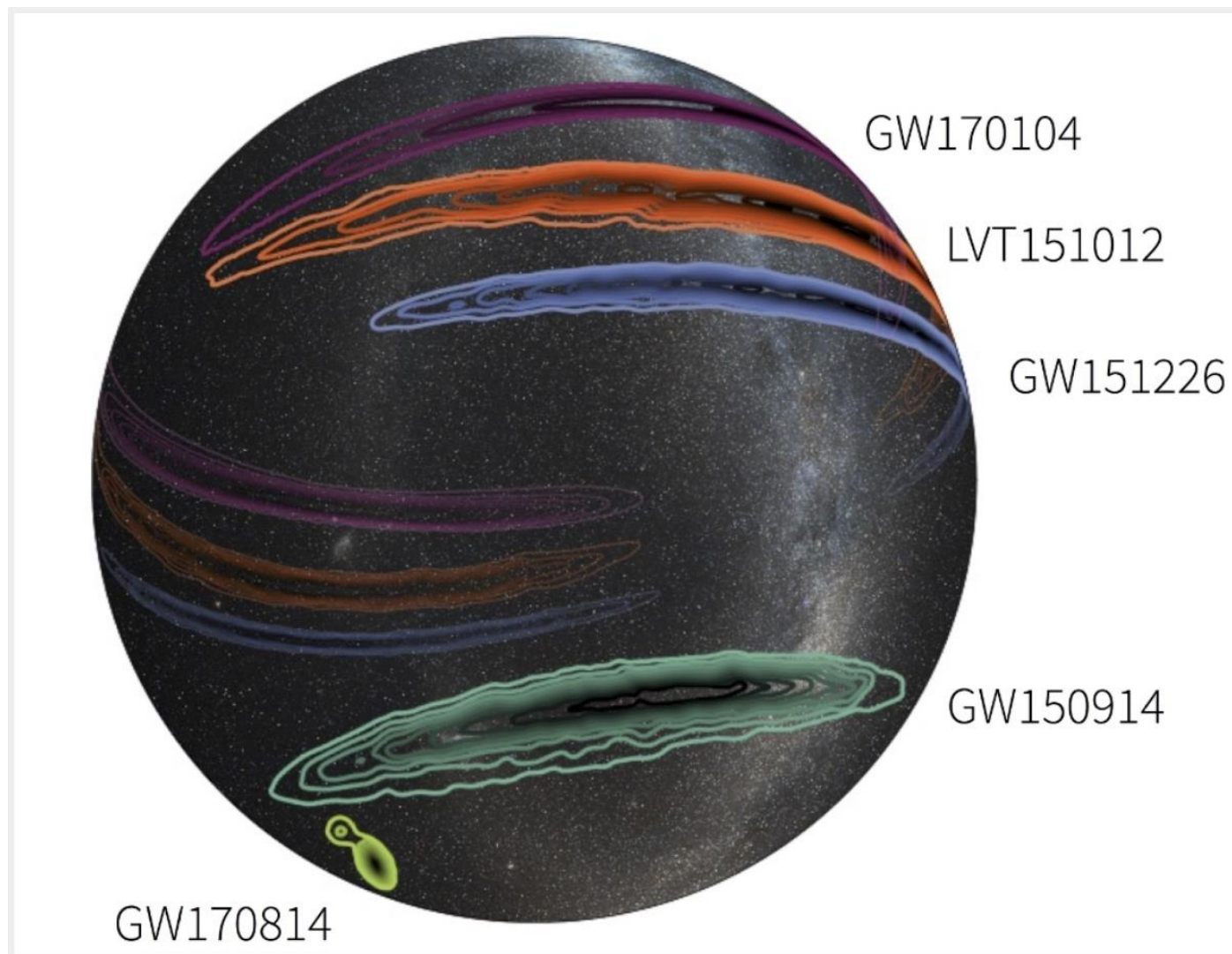
# Broadband: 3D

## Spherical BEC



We are studying different geometries



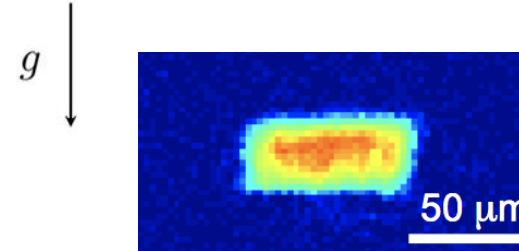


This three-dimensional projection of the Milky Way galaxy onto a transparent globe shows the probable locations of the three confirmed black-hole merger events observed by the two LIGO detectors—GW150914 (dark green), GW151226 (blue), GW170104 (magenta)—and a fourth confirmed detection (GW170814, light green, lower-left) that was observed by Virgo and the LIGO detectors. Also shown (in orange) is the lower significance event, LVT151012. Image credit: LIGO/Virgo/Caltech/MIT/Leo Singer (Milky Way image: Axel Mellinger).

# Commercial applications

$$g = \text{diag} \left( -f(r), \frac{1}{f(r)}, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta \right)$$

$$f(r) = 1 - r_S/r$$



## Phononic gravimeter:

Same sensitivity but much smaller system.

## Phononic gradiometer:

Improves the state of the art by at least two orders of magnitude



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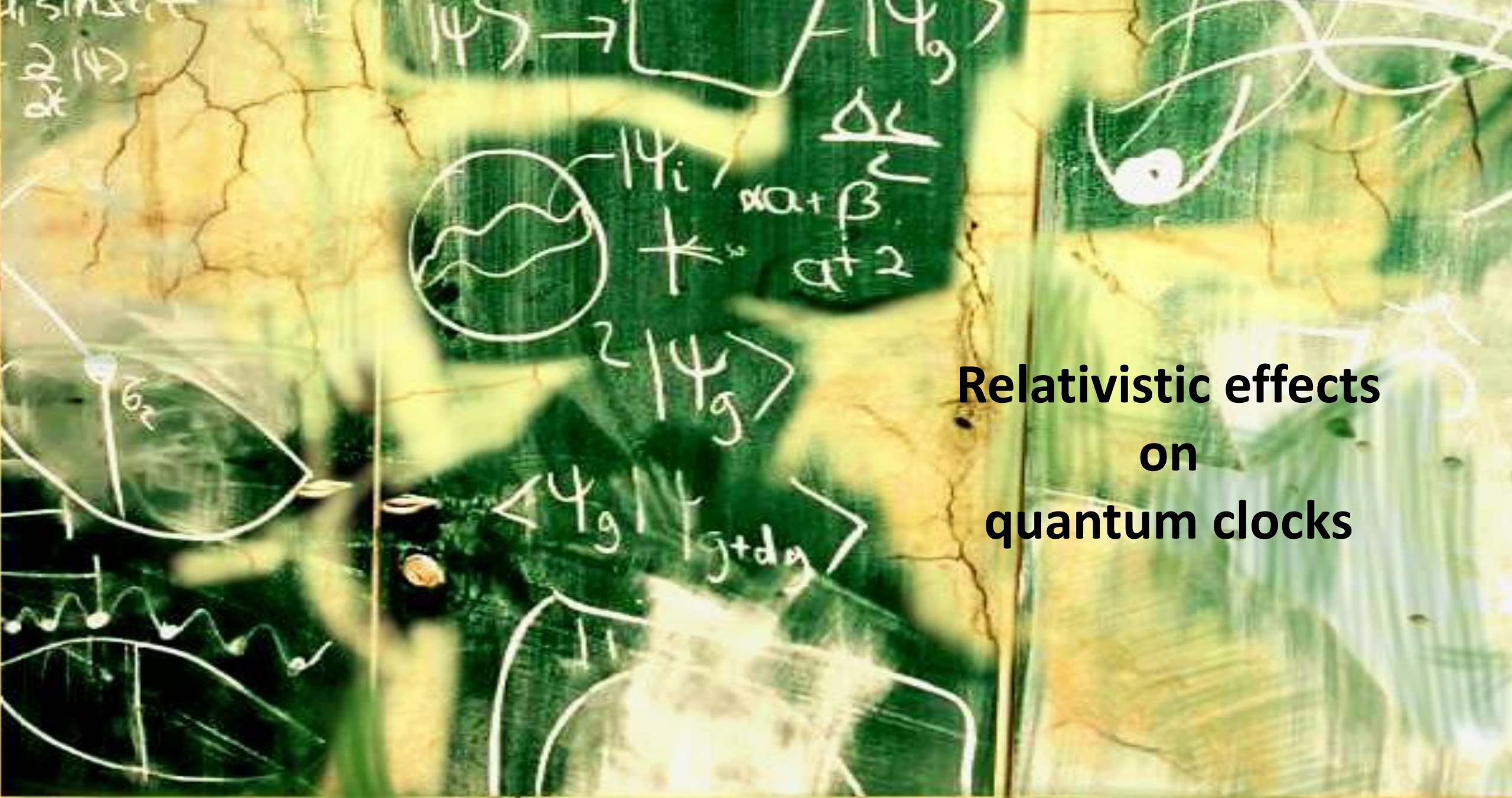
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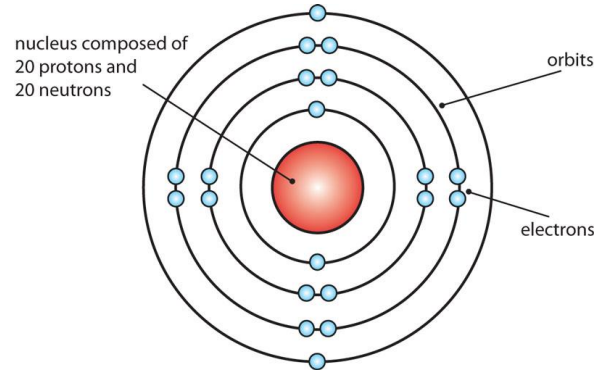
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[16] BEC-chip	100 s	$10^{-2}$ m	$10^{-10}$
Phononic MZI	6 s	$10^{-4}$ m	$10^{-8}$



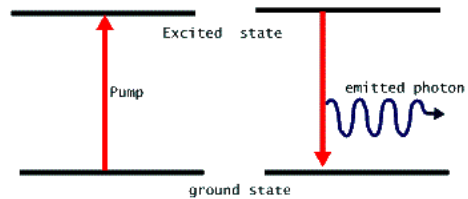


**Relativistic effects  
on  
quantum clocks**

# Quantum clocks (quantum 1.0)



Two-level atom



Optical clocks routinely achieving  $10^{-17}$  -  $10^{-18}$  systematic uncertainty



# Time

## Quantum mechanics

Time is absolute (Galilean trans.).

Space and time are different.

Time is a parameter.

Space is an operator.

Particles can be in a superposition of positions at once.



## Relativity

Space and time are not different.

Time is observer dependent

Time flows at different rates in different points in space (Lorentz trans.)

# Proper time

$$\Delta\tau = \int_P d\tau = \int_P \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu}$$

metric

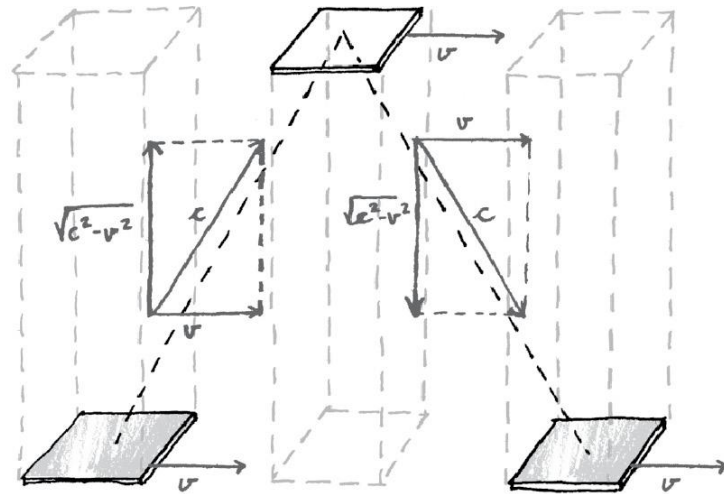
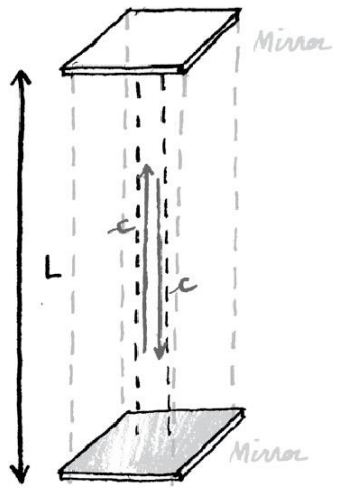


Does quantum theory imposes  
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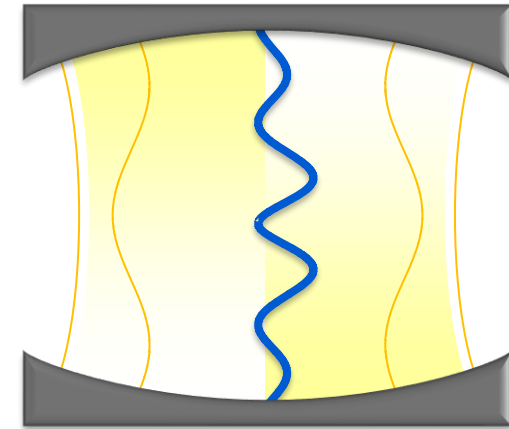


# Einstein's light clock

Classical light



Quantum: photons



# Relativistic quantum clock model

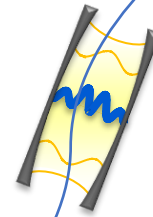
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## Motion and gravity effects in the precision of quantum clocks

[Joel Lindkvist](#), [Carlos Sabín](#), [Göran Johansson](#) & [Ivette Fuentes](#)

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Clock: one mode of the field  
in a coherent or squeezed state



How does motion, curvature and gravity affect the clock ticks and the clock's precision?

# Precision: Quantum Fisher information

Lindkvist, Sabin, Johansson and Fuentes, Sci. Rep. (2015)

$$H_\theta = 4\alpha^2 P [\cosh(2r) + \sinh(2r) \cos \phi] + \frac{4 \sinh^2(2r)}{1 + P^2} \quad P = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\det \sigma}}$$

Coherent state amplitude

Squeezing

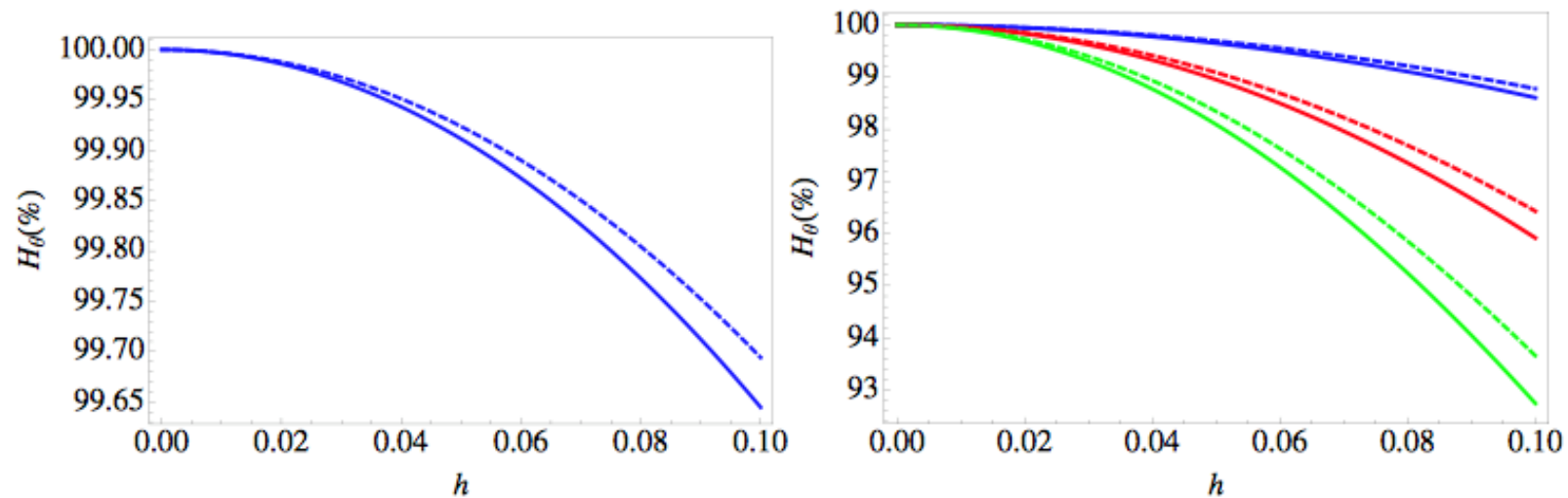
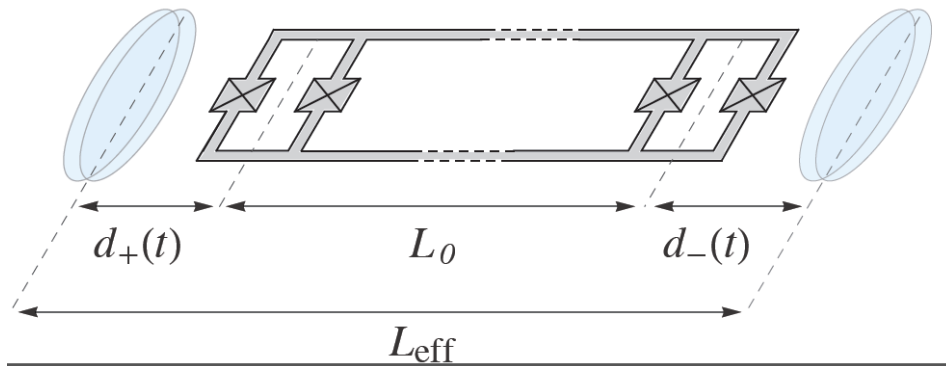
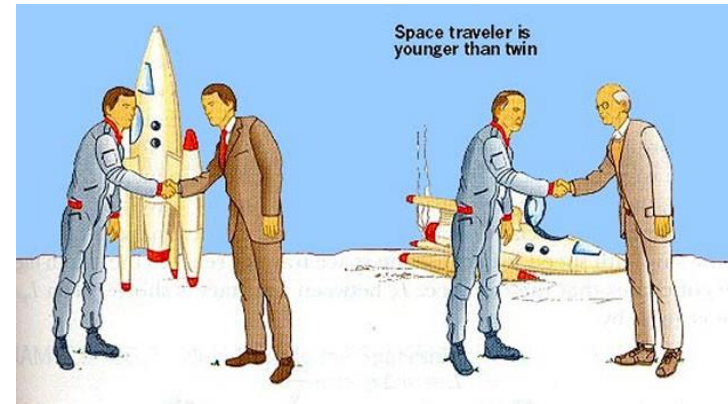
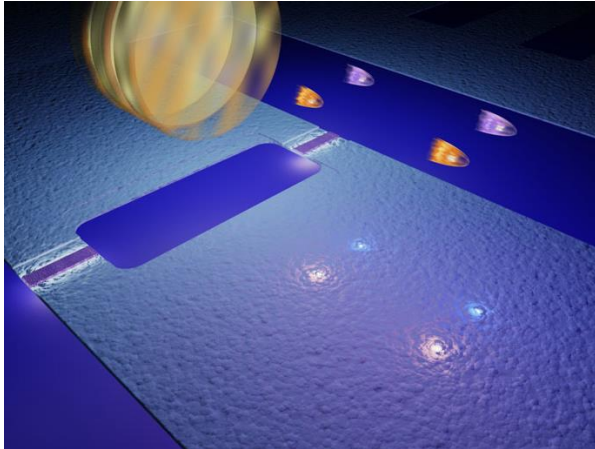


FIG. 2: a) Ratio of the transformed and original QFI for an initial coherent state as a function of  $h$ , for  $\theta_a = \pi$  and initial photon numbers  $N > 1$ . The solid(dashed) curve is for  $\theta_0 = 0(\pi/2)$ . b) Ratio of the transformed and original QFI for an initially squeezed vacuum as a function of  $h$ , for  $\theta_a = \pi$  and initial photon numbers  $N = 1$  (blue),  $N = 5$  (red) and  $N = 10$  (green). The solid(dashed) curves are for  $\theta_0 = 0(\pi/2)$ .

# Implementing the twin-paradox

Lindkvist, Sabin, Fuentes, Dragan, Svensson, Delsing, Johansson PRA (2014)



**What new did we learn:**

**Quantum particle creation makes clock tick slower**

## Gravitational time dilation in extended quantum systems: the case of light clocks in Schwarzschild spacetime

Tupac Bravo, Dennis Rätzel, Ivette Fuentes

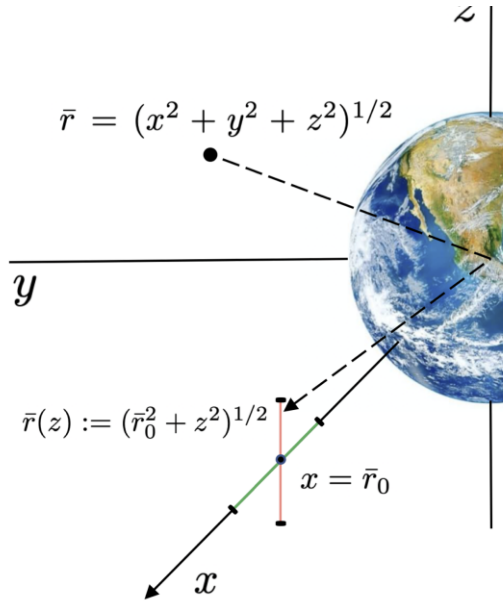
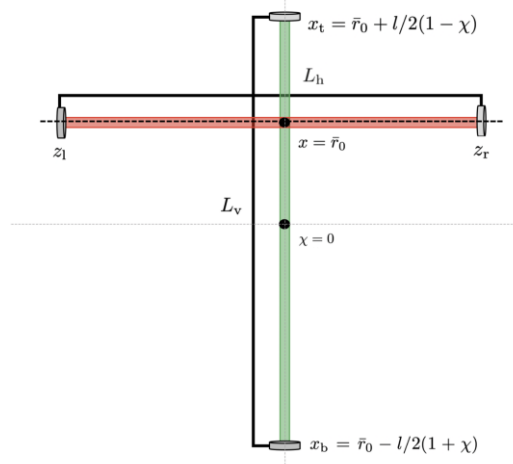


FIG. 1. Coordinate system used to quantize the field in horizontal (red) and vertical (green) cavities.

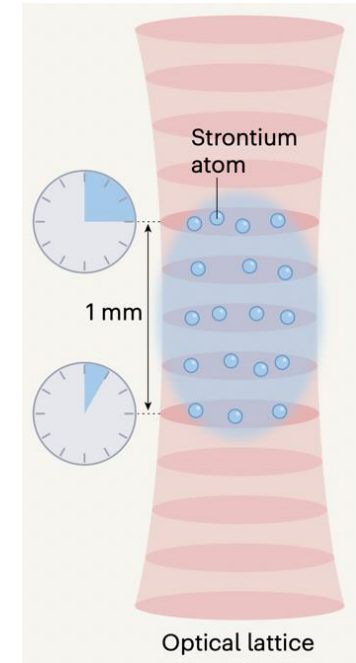
$$\mathbf{g} = \boldsymbol{\eta} + \frac{r_S}{\bar{r}} \mathbb{1} + \frac{r_S^2}{2\bar{r}^2} \text{diag} \left( -1, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4} \right)$$



And for quantum clocks with squeezed vacuum input states

$$\Delta_{h,k}(\tau_0) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\mathcal{M}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p(N_p + 1)}} \frac{L}{\pi c k}$$

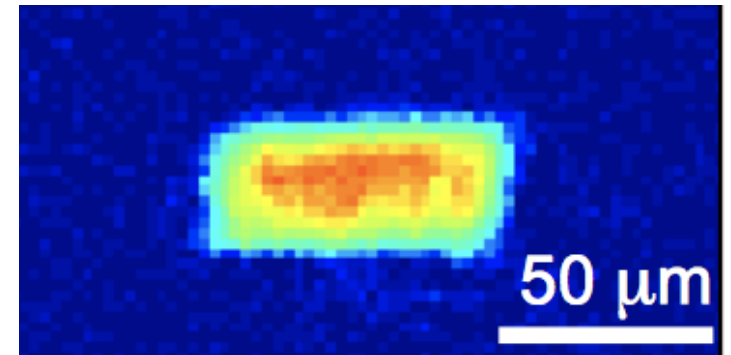
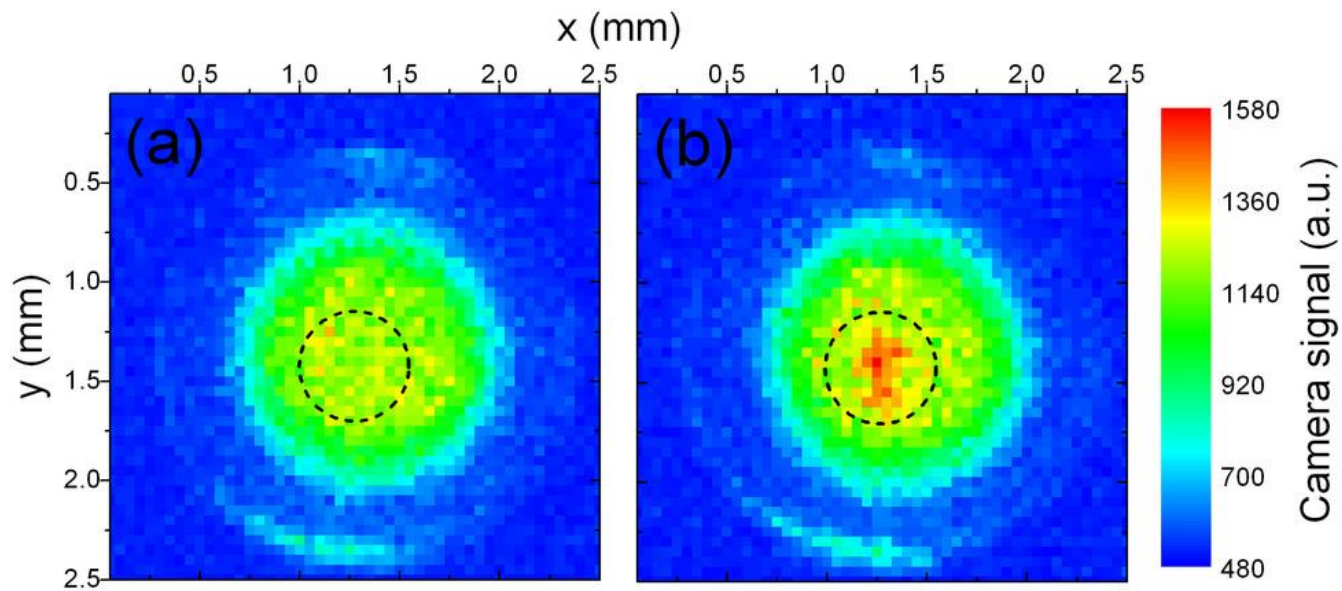
$$\Delta_{v,k}(\tau_0) = \Delta_{h,k}(\tau_0) \left( 1 + \frac{r_S L}{4\bar{r}_0^2} \chi \right)$$





# Clock made of atoms in a trap

Notion of time?



Use collective modes of vibration



Using Quantum technologies we hope to understand better physics at the interplay of quantum and gravity.

