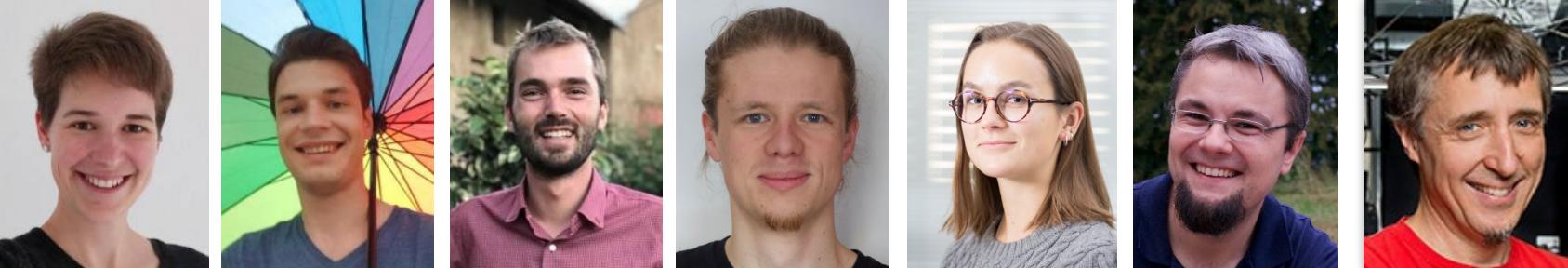




# Quantum Field Simulator for a relativistic scalar field in curved space time

Experiment



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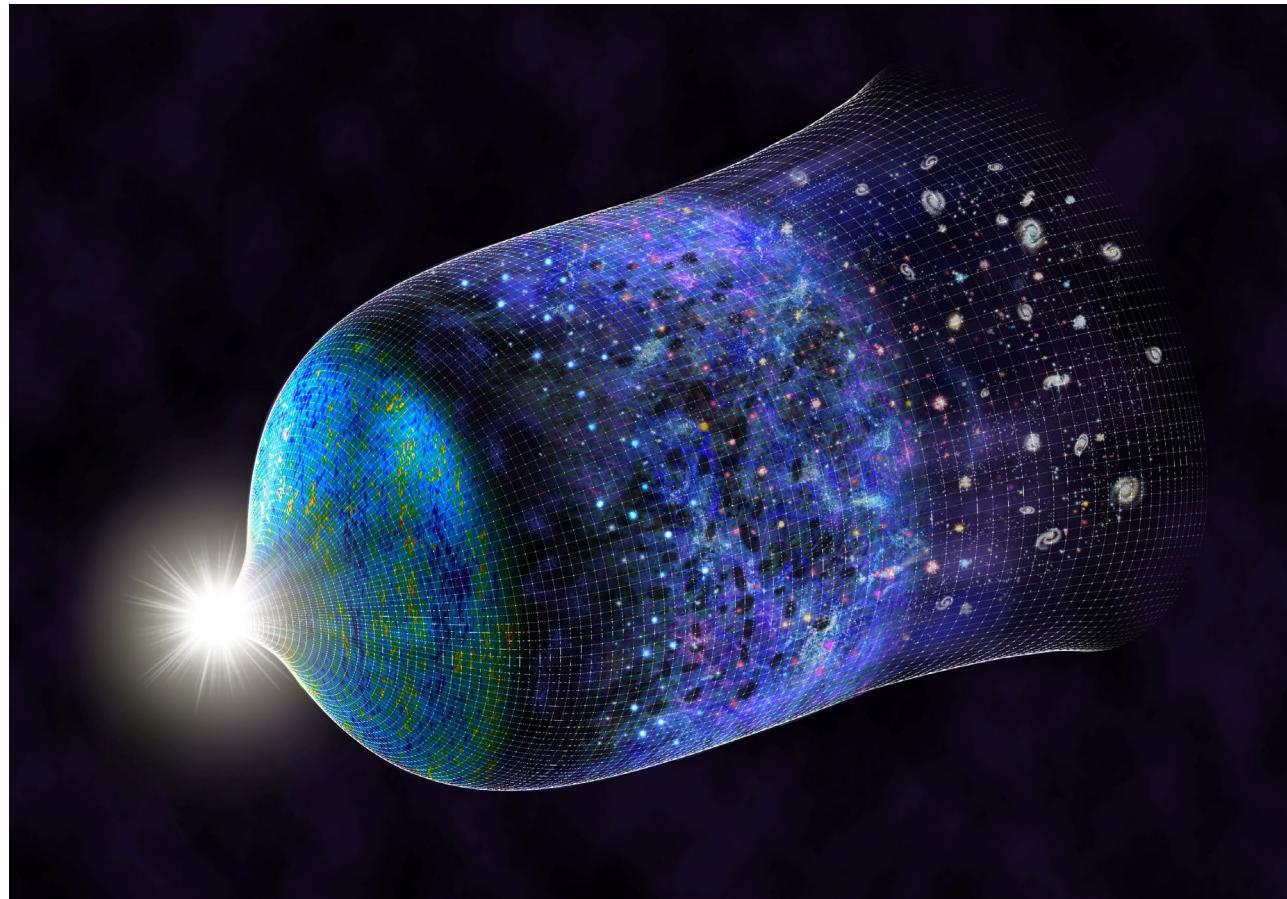
Theory



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# Curved Spacetimes



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- Quantum field with fluctuations in expanding spacetime
- Homogeneous and isotropic universe
  - Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) Metric of 2D – spacetime:

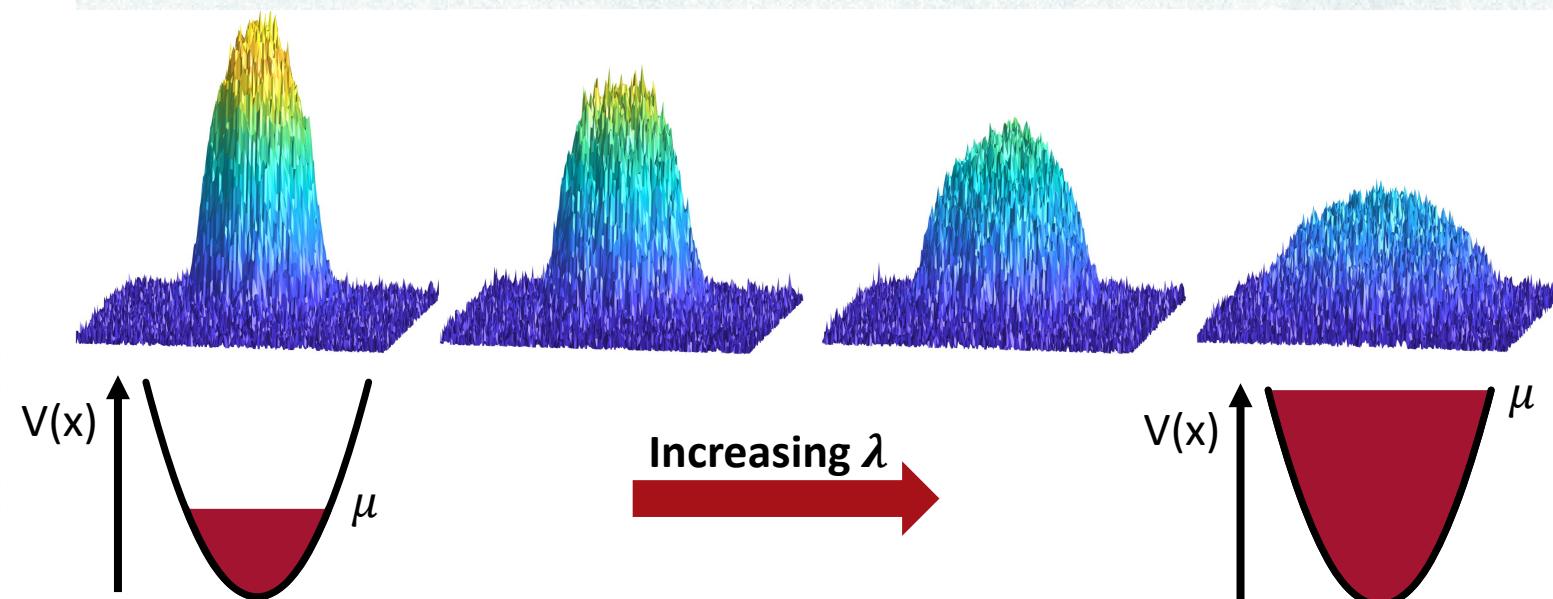
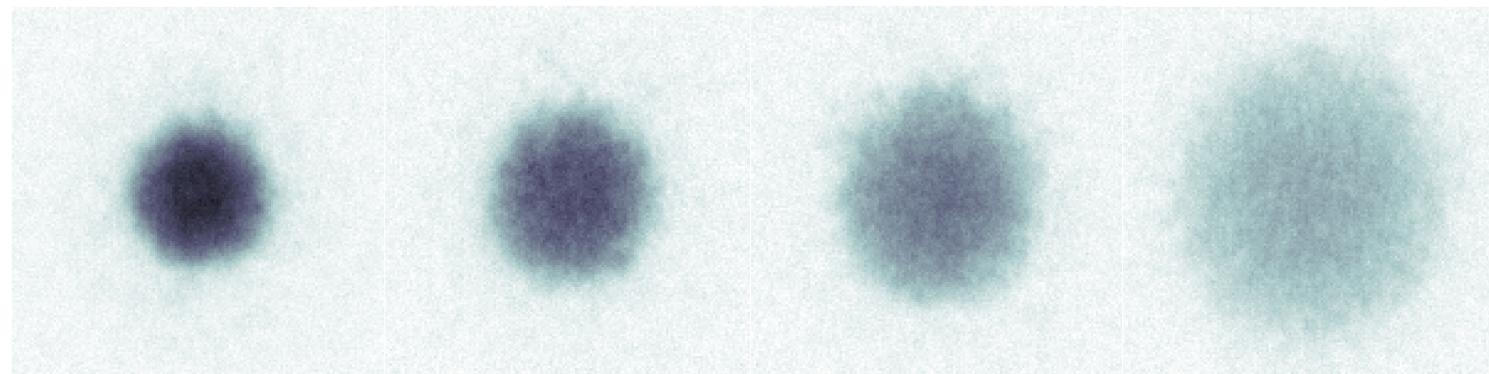
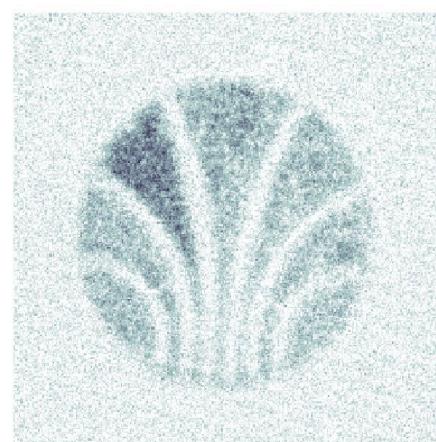
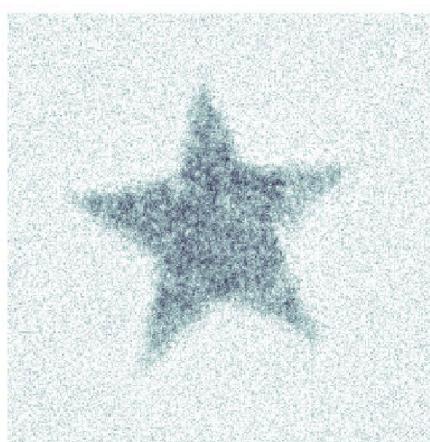
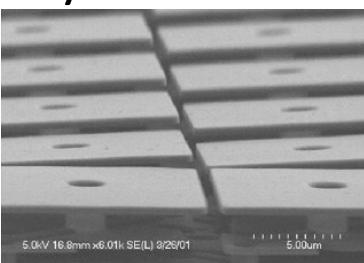
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left( \frac{du^2}{1 - \kappa u^2} + u^2 d\varphi^2 \right)$$

**Time-dependent scale factor**      **Spatial curvature**

Previous work by: S. Weinfurtner, I. Carusotto, J. Steinhauer, G. K. Campbell, C. Chin...

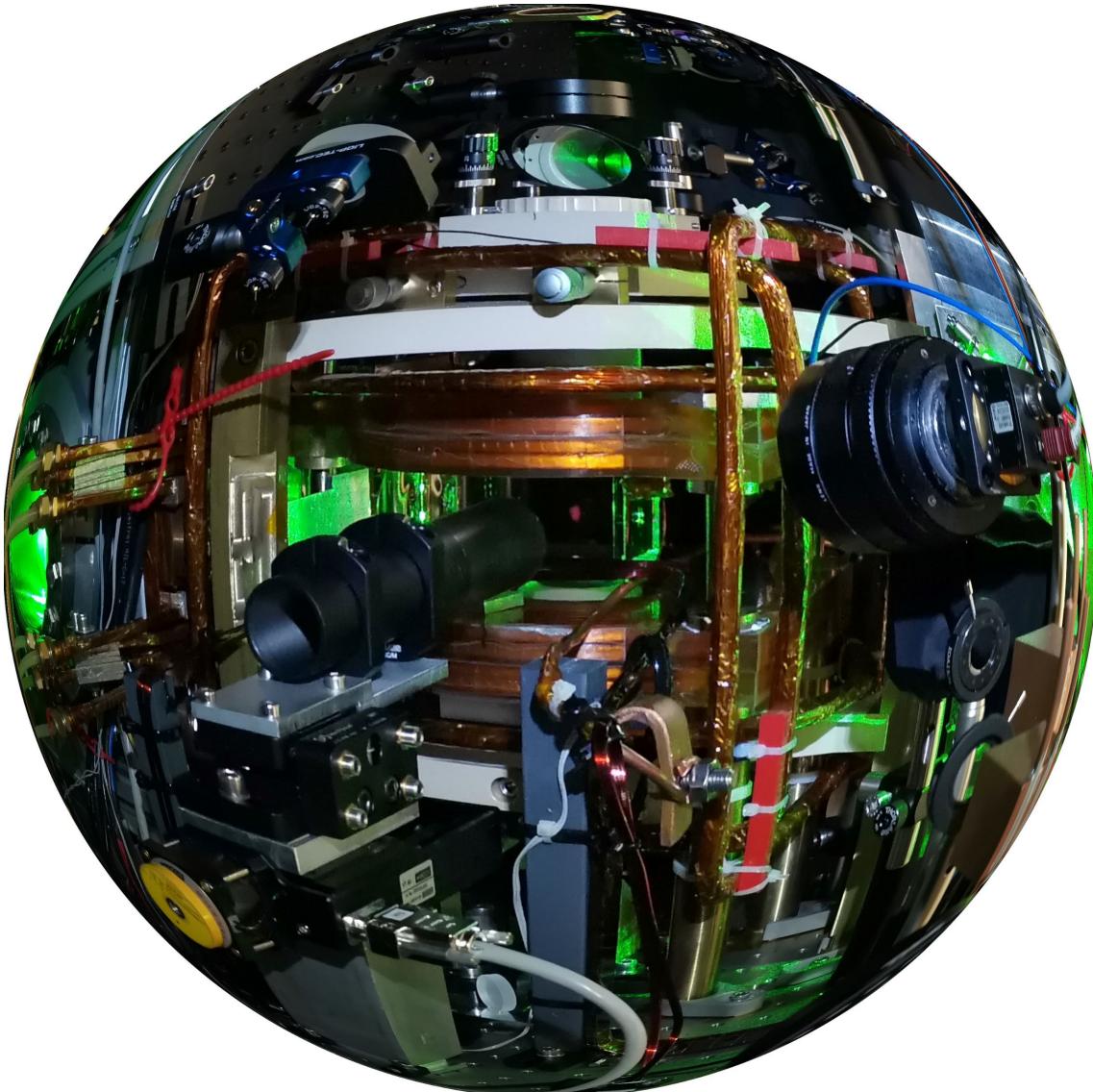
# 2D – Bose-Einstein Condensate of 39-K

- Precise control over magnetic field
  - Tunable interactions  $\lambda(t) = g_{2D}$
- Adjustable potentials  $V(x, t)$  via a Digital Micromirror Device
  - Arbitrary 2D-densities  $n(x)$



[1] Andrew B. Sontheimer, IEEE Int. Rel. Phys. Symposium. Proceedings. 40th Annual (Cat. No.02CH37320) (2002): 118-121.

# Curved Spacetimes in the Lab



# Curved Spacetimes in a BEC

## Scalar Quantum Field in 2D - Spacetime:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left( \frac{du^2}{1 - \kappa u^2} + u^2 d\varphi^2 \right)$$

- Global curvature  $\kappa$ ,  
and scale factor  $a(t)$
- Speed of light  
 $c = const.$

## Phononic Excitations of a 2D – BEC of 39-K:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} (dr^2 + r^2 d\varphi^2)$$

- Speed of sound
- $$c = \sqrt{\frac{n(r)\lambda(t)}{m}}$$



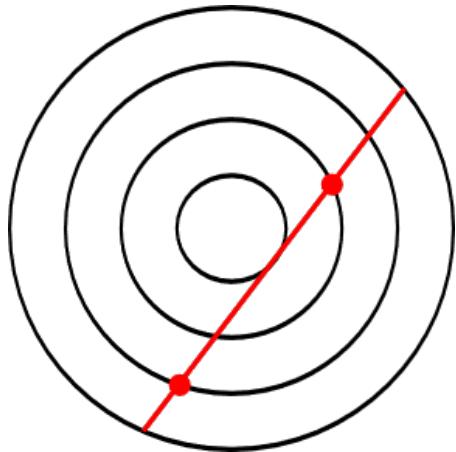
Incorporate  $\kappa$  and  $a(t)$  in  $c(r, t)$  and coordinate transformation  $r \rightarrow u$

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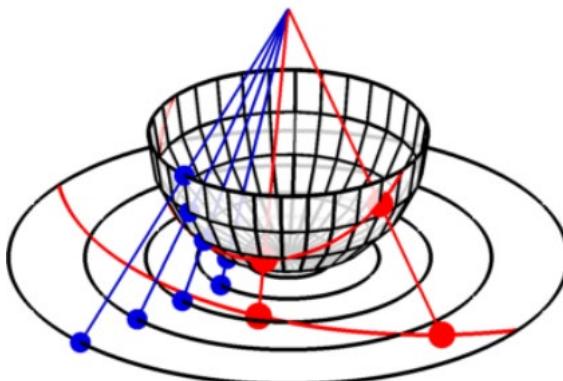
# Spatial Curvature – Phonon trajectories

Flat  $\kappa = 0$

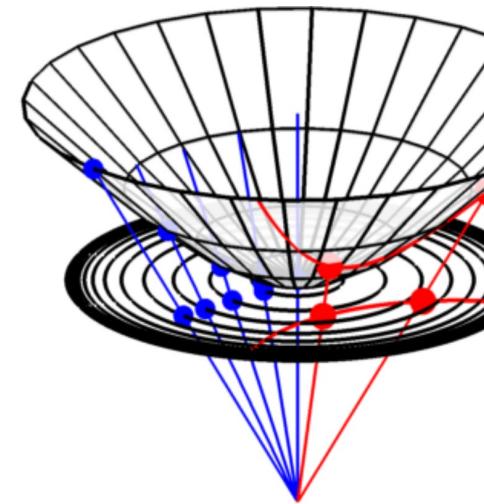
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Space:



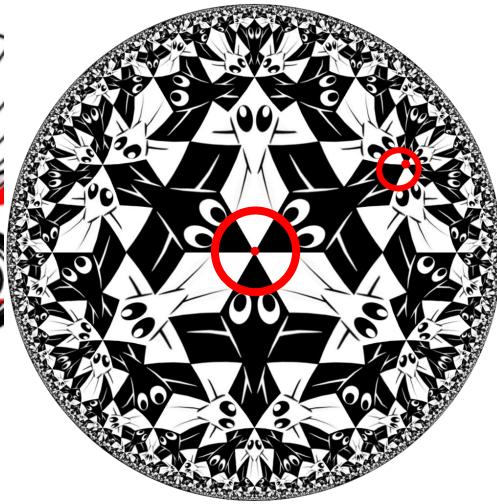
Spherical  $\kappa > 0$



Hyperbolic  $\kappa < 0$

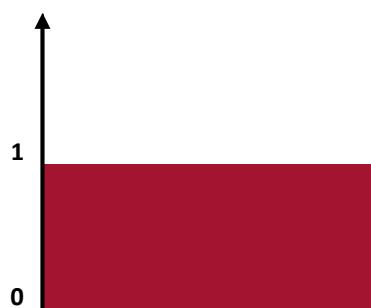


[github.com/loeeee/hyperbolic-tiling](https://github.com/loeeee/hyperbolic-tiling)

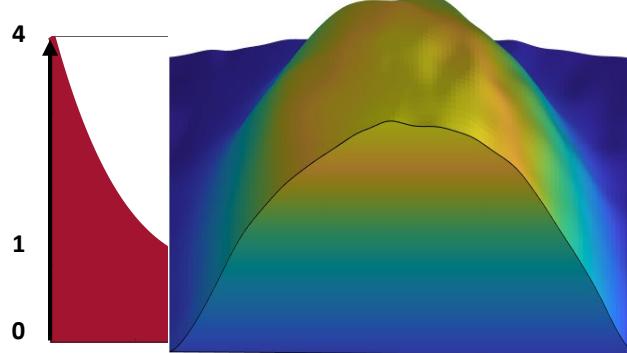


Density:

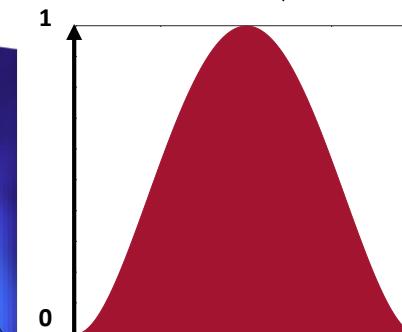
$$n_0(r) = \bar{n}_0$$



$$n_0(r) = \bar{n}_0 \left( 1 + \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)^2$$



$$n_0(r) = \bar{n}_0 \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{R^2} \right)^2 \quad \kappa = \mp 4/R^2$$

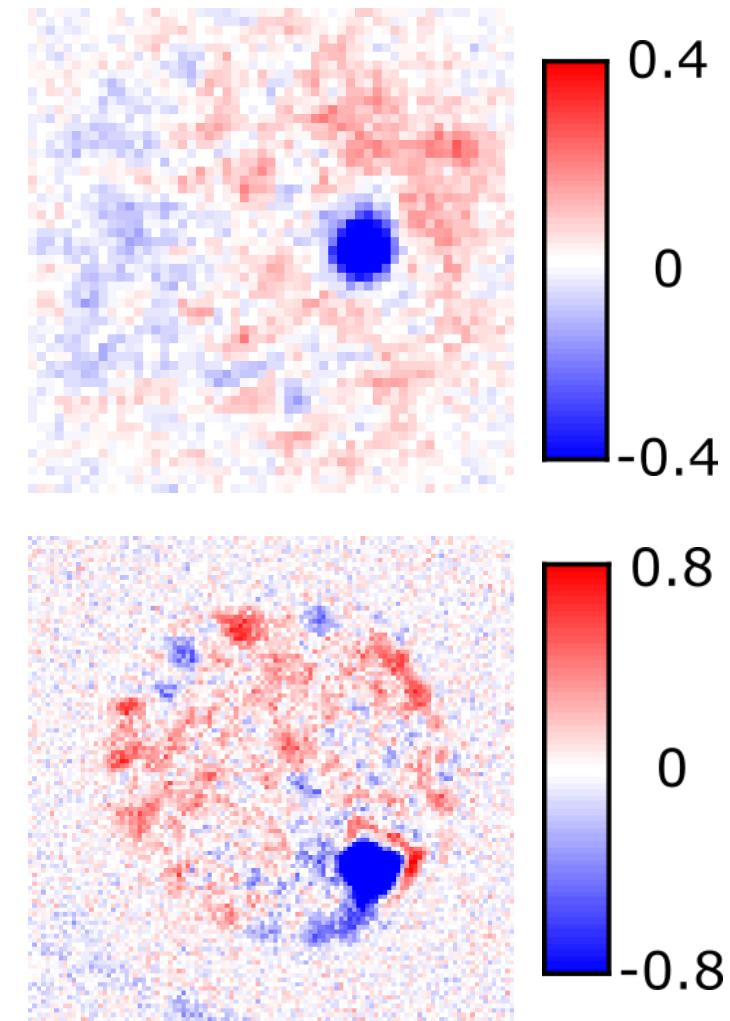
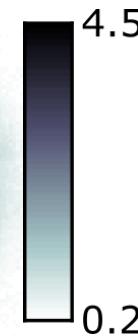
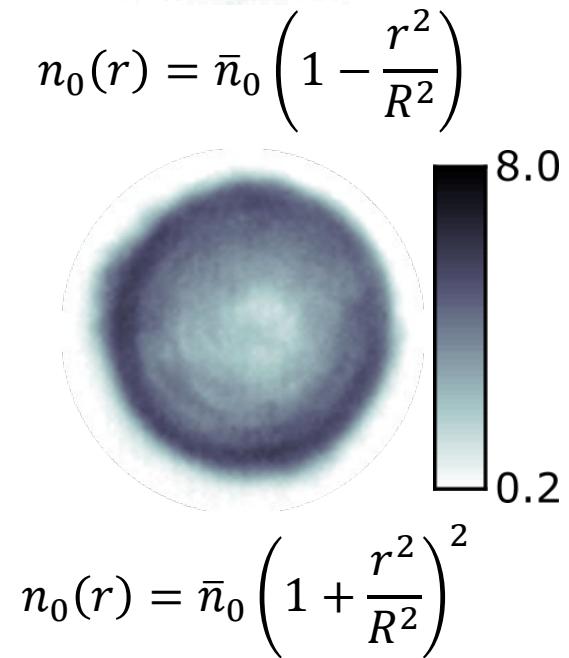
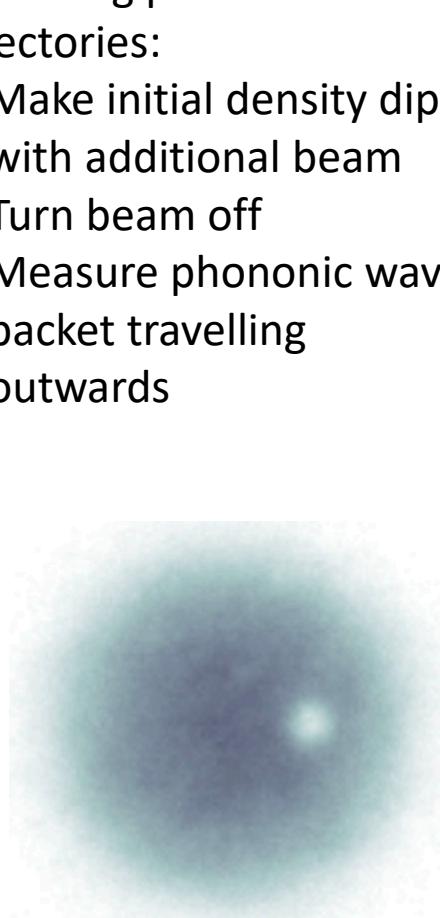


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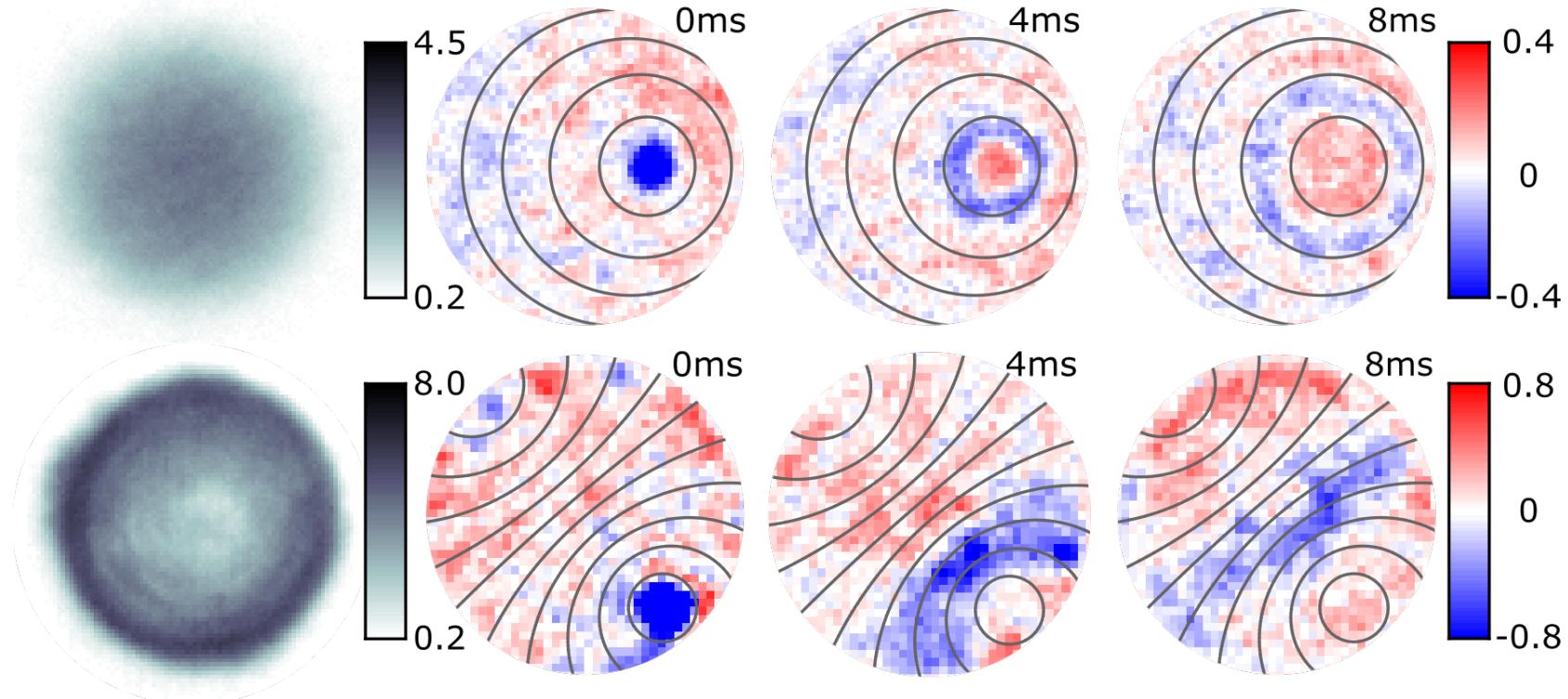
Measuring phonon  
trajectories:

- Make initial density dip  
with additional beam
- Turn beam off
- Measure phononic wave  
packet travelling  
outwards



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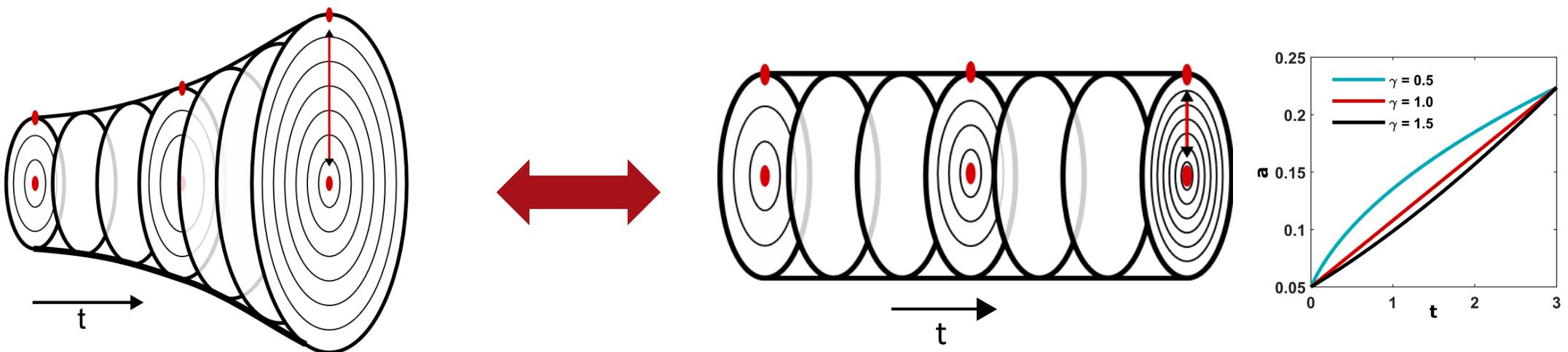
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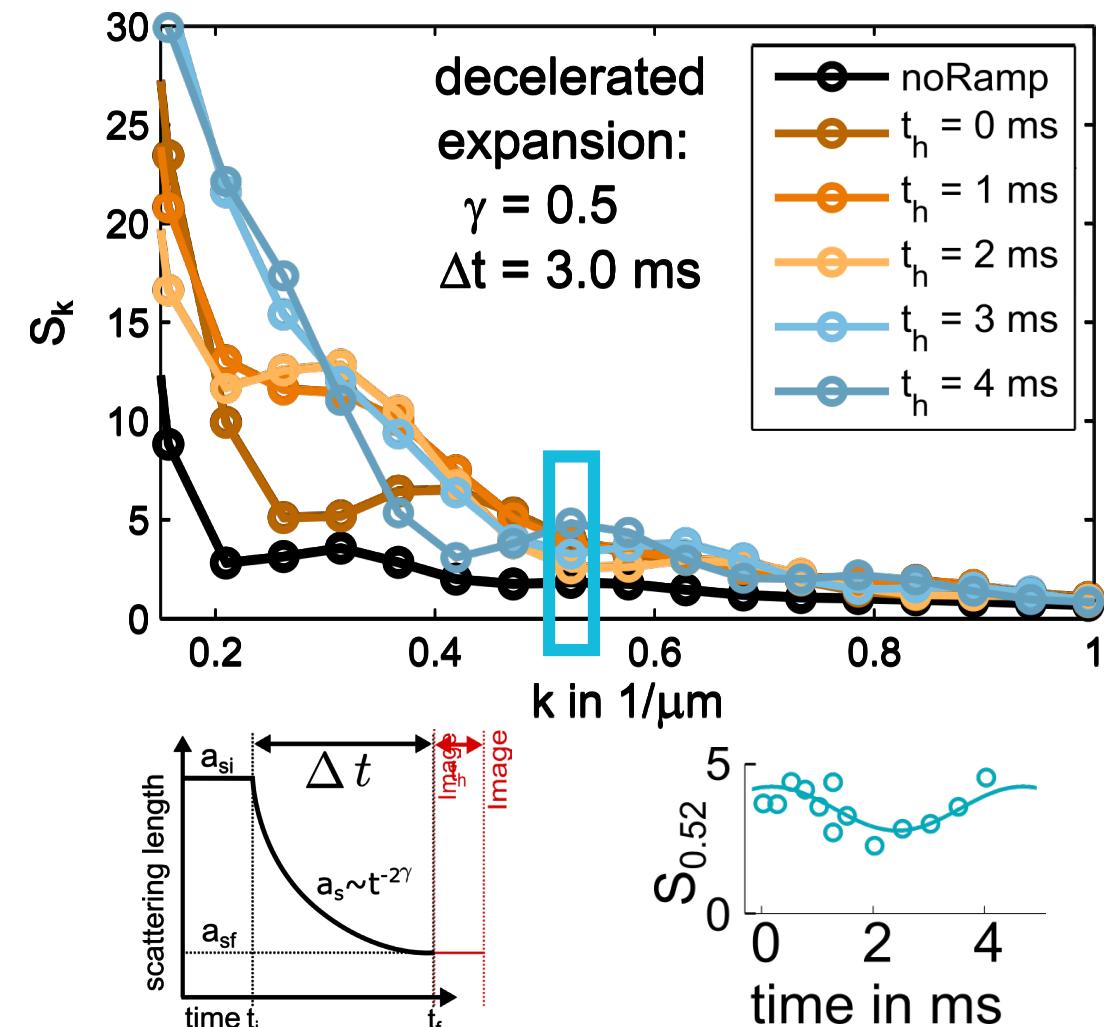
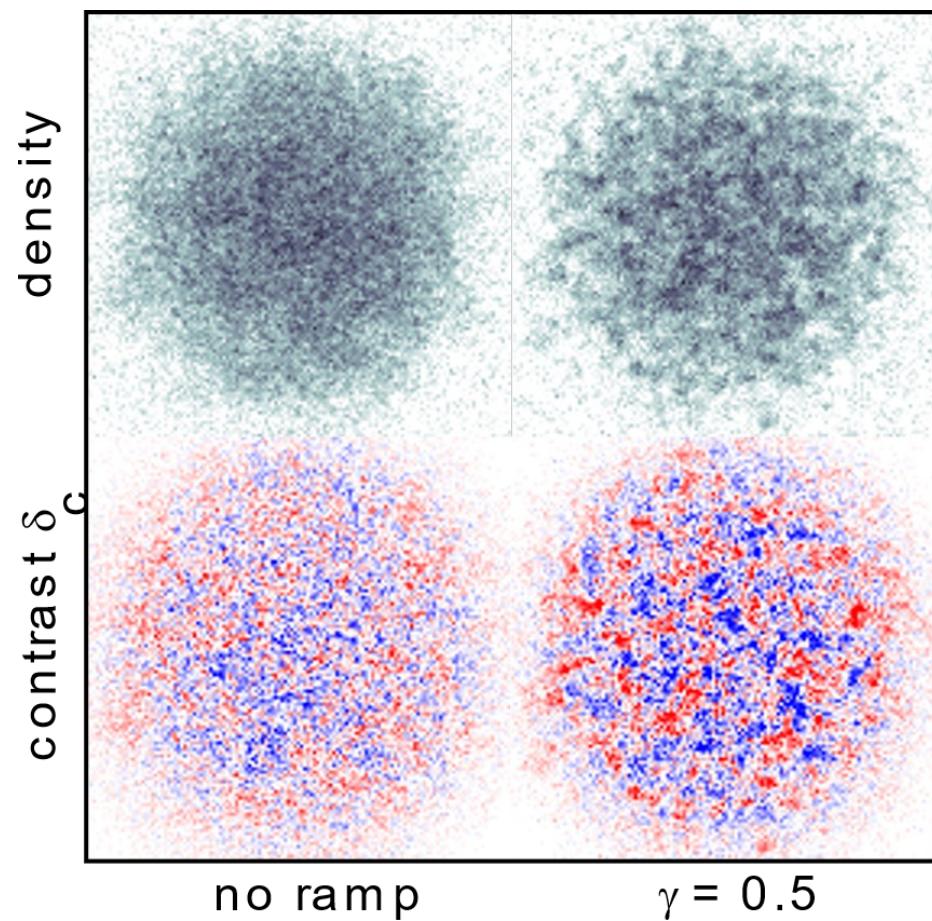
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \boxed{a^2(t)} \left( \frac{du^2}{1 - \kappa u^2} + u^2 d\varphi^2 \right)$$



- Ramp scale factor via interaction
- Keep density profile that defines curvature constant
- Non-adiabatic change results in excitations

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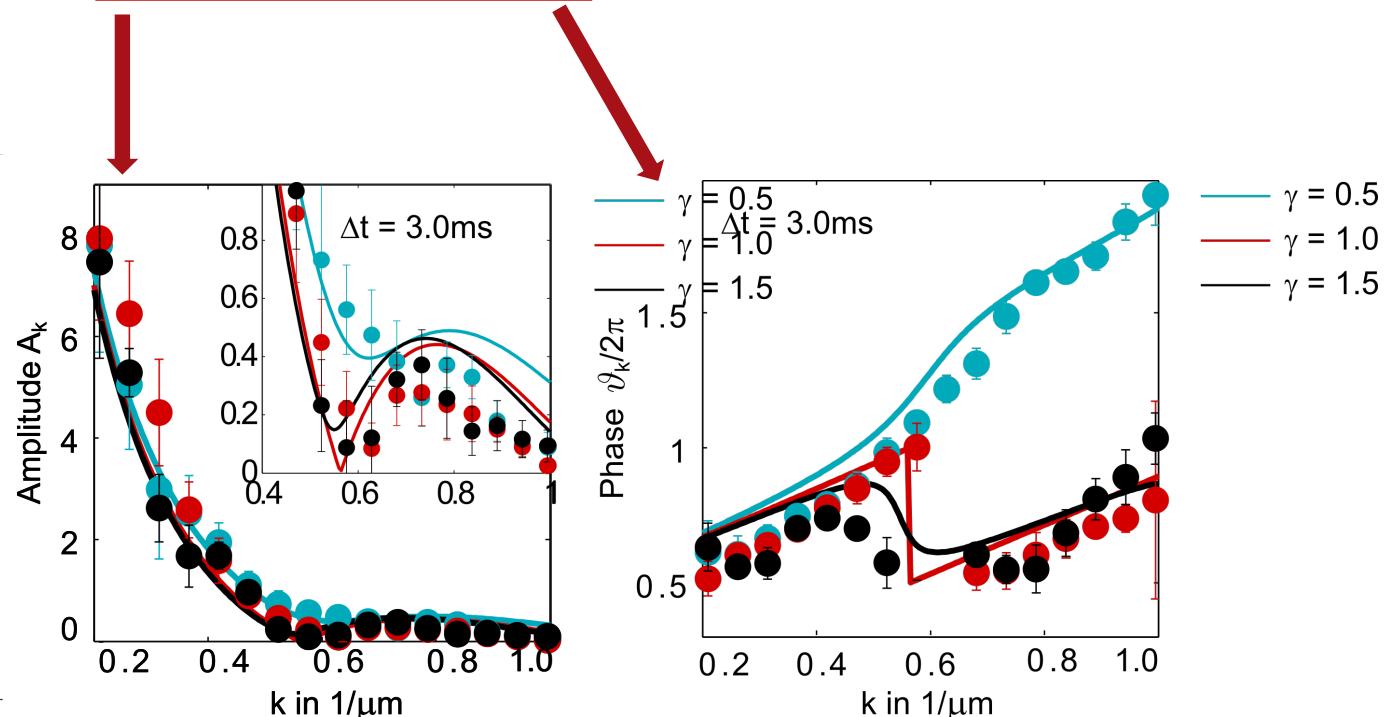
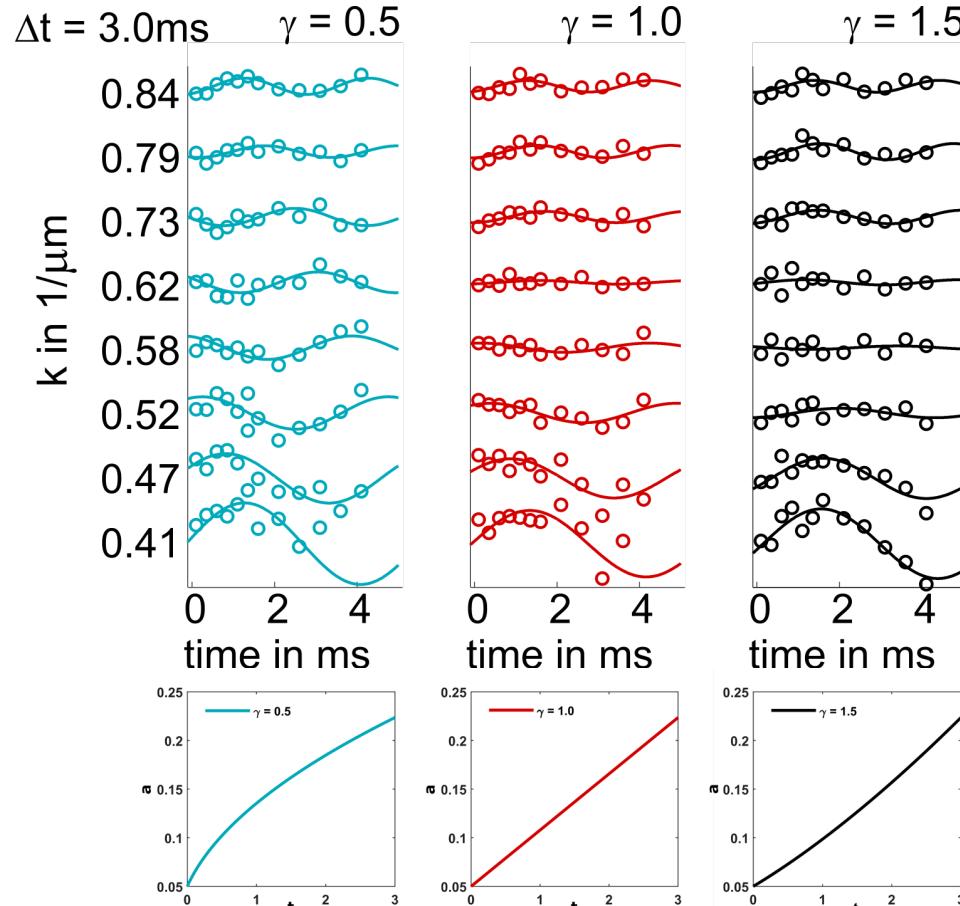
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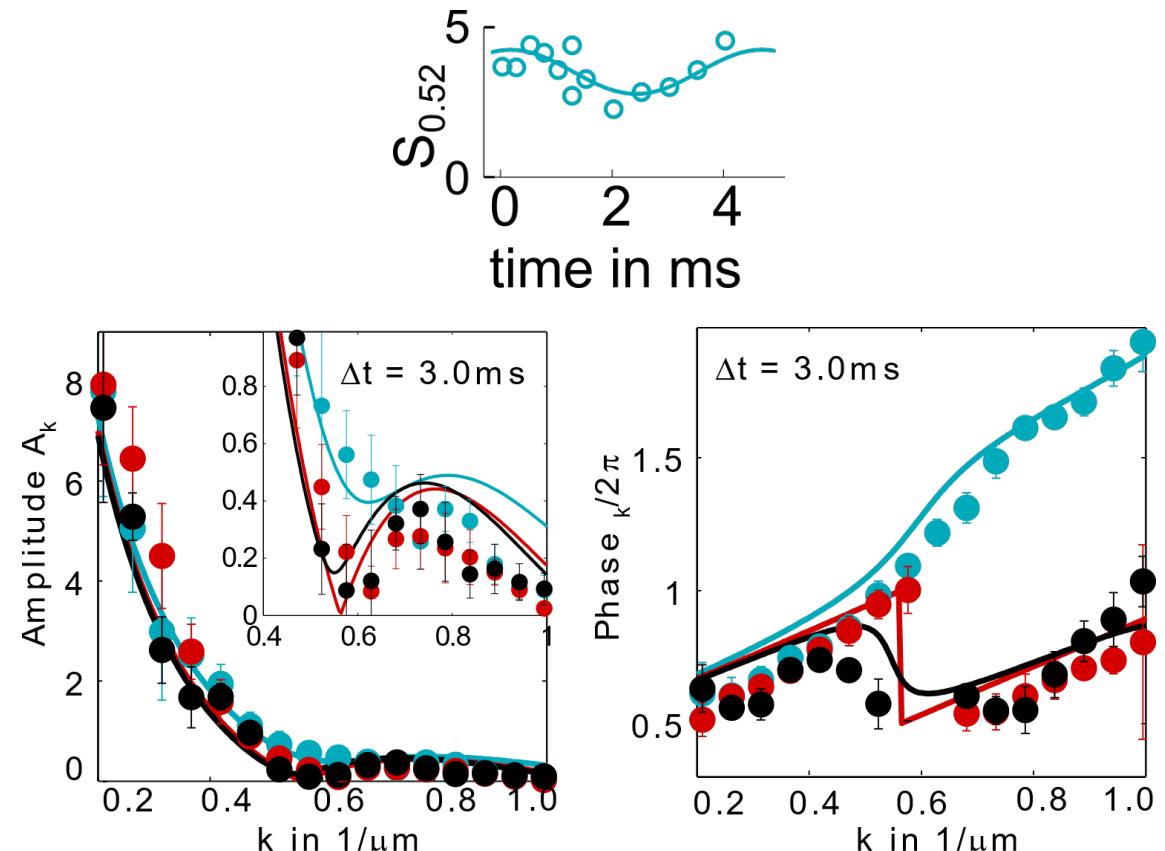
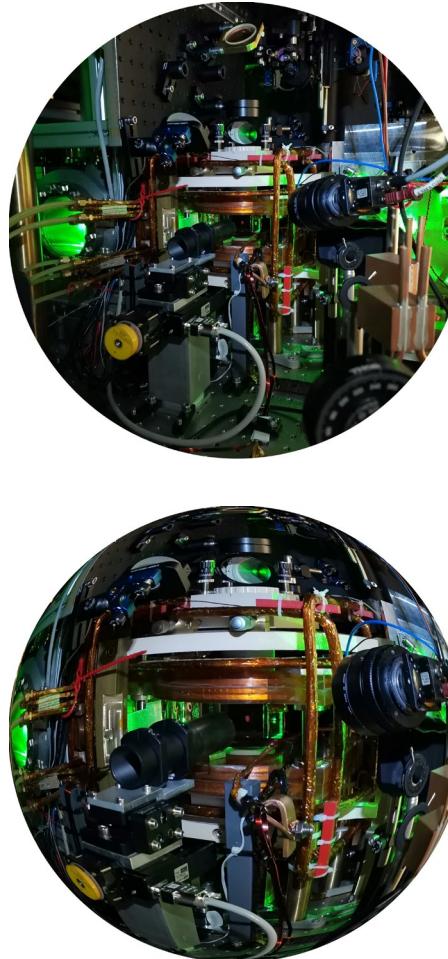
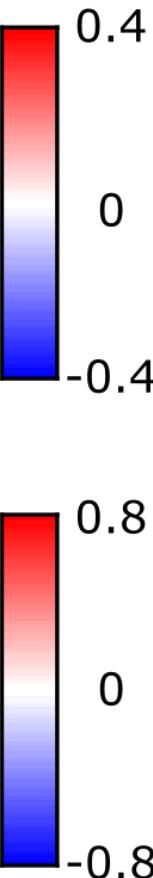
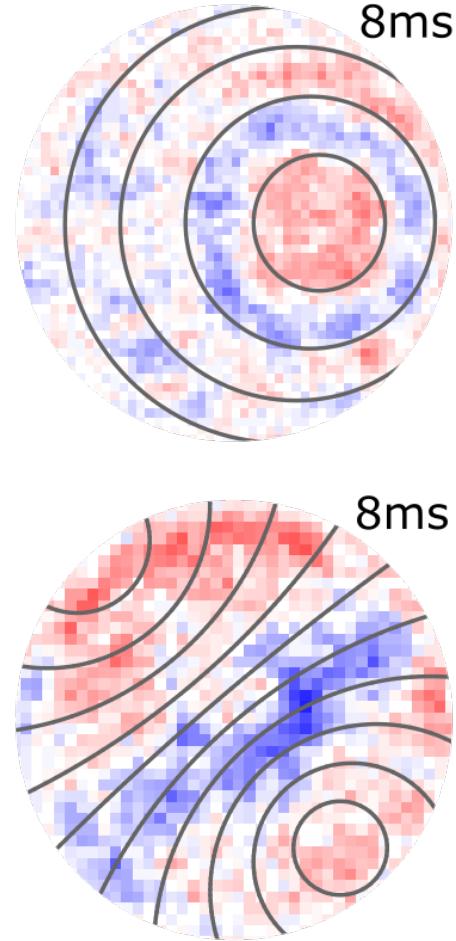
# Expanding Spacetimes – Particle Production

Time Evolution of Spectrum:  $S_k(t) = \frac{1}{2} + N_k + A_k \cos(2\omega_k t + \vartheta_k)$



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# Summary



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