

# Gravitational Waves and Black Hole perturbations in Acoustic Analogues

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

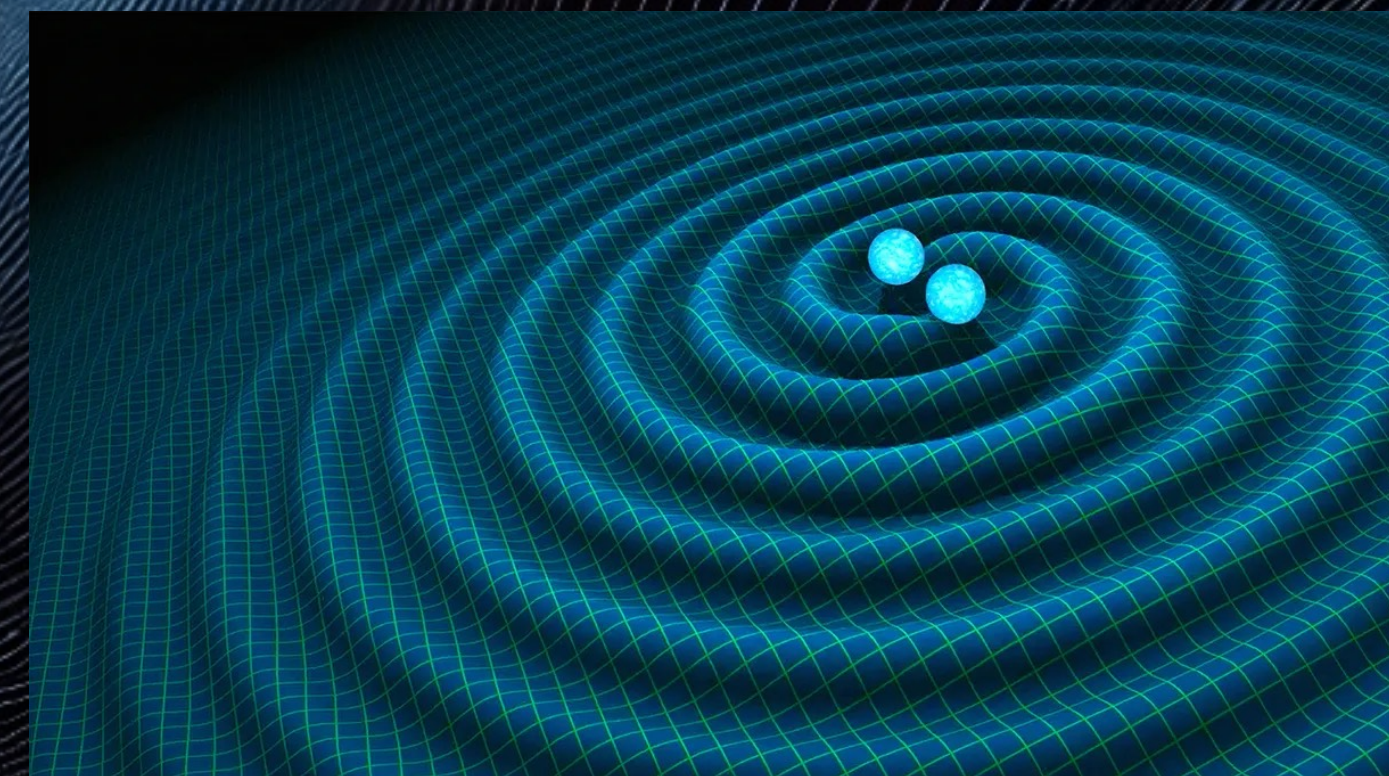
- Analogue Gravity

- Results

analogue gravitational wave

acoustic black hole perturbation

- Conclusions and future perspectives



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# ANALOGUE GRAVITY



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- **reproduce gravitational phenomena:**

light waves in a curved spacetime  
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sound waves in a moving fluid

- **experimentally accessible** → Hawking radiation

*S. W. Hawking, Nat. 1974*

- **universal properties of black holes?**



# EMERGENT ACOUSTIC METRIC

Continuity

$$\partial_t mn + \nabla \cdot (mn\mathbf{v}) = 0$$

linearize around some background

$$n = n_0 + \epsilon n_1$$

$$p = p_0 + \epsilon p_1$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \epsilon \theta_1$$

Euler

$$mn[\partial_t \mathbf{v} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{v}] = \mathbf{f}$$

inviscid  $\mathbf{f} = -\nabla p$

irrotational  $\mathbf{v} = \nabla \theta / m$

$$-\partial_t \left( \frac{n_0}{c_s^2 m} (\partial_t \theta_1 + \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \nabla \theta_1) \right) + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{n_0}{m} \nabla \theta_1 - \frac{n_0}{c_s^2 m} \mathbf{v}_0 (\partial_t \theta_1 + \mathbf{v}_0 \cdot \nabla \theta_1) \right) = 0$$



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rewriting

$$\square \theta_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu \left( \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \theta_1 \right) = 0$$

with

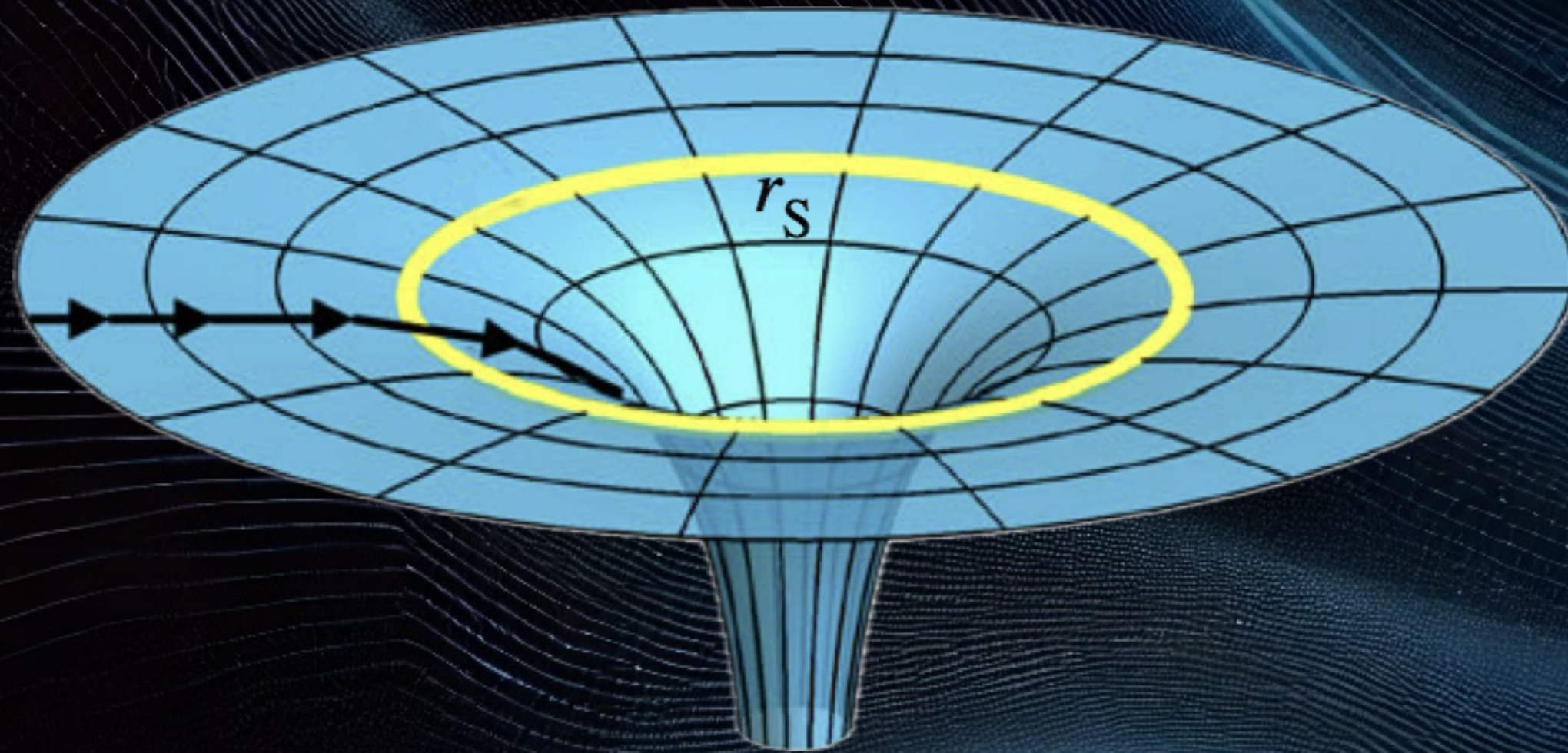
**acoustic metric**

$$g_{\mu\nu}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{n_0}{m c_s} \begin{pmatrix} -(c_s^2 - v_0^2) & -(v_0)_j \\ -(v_0)_i & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$



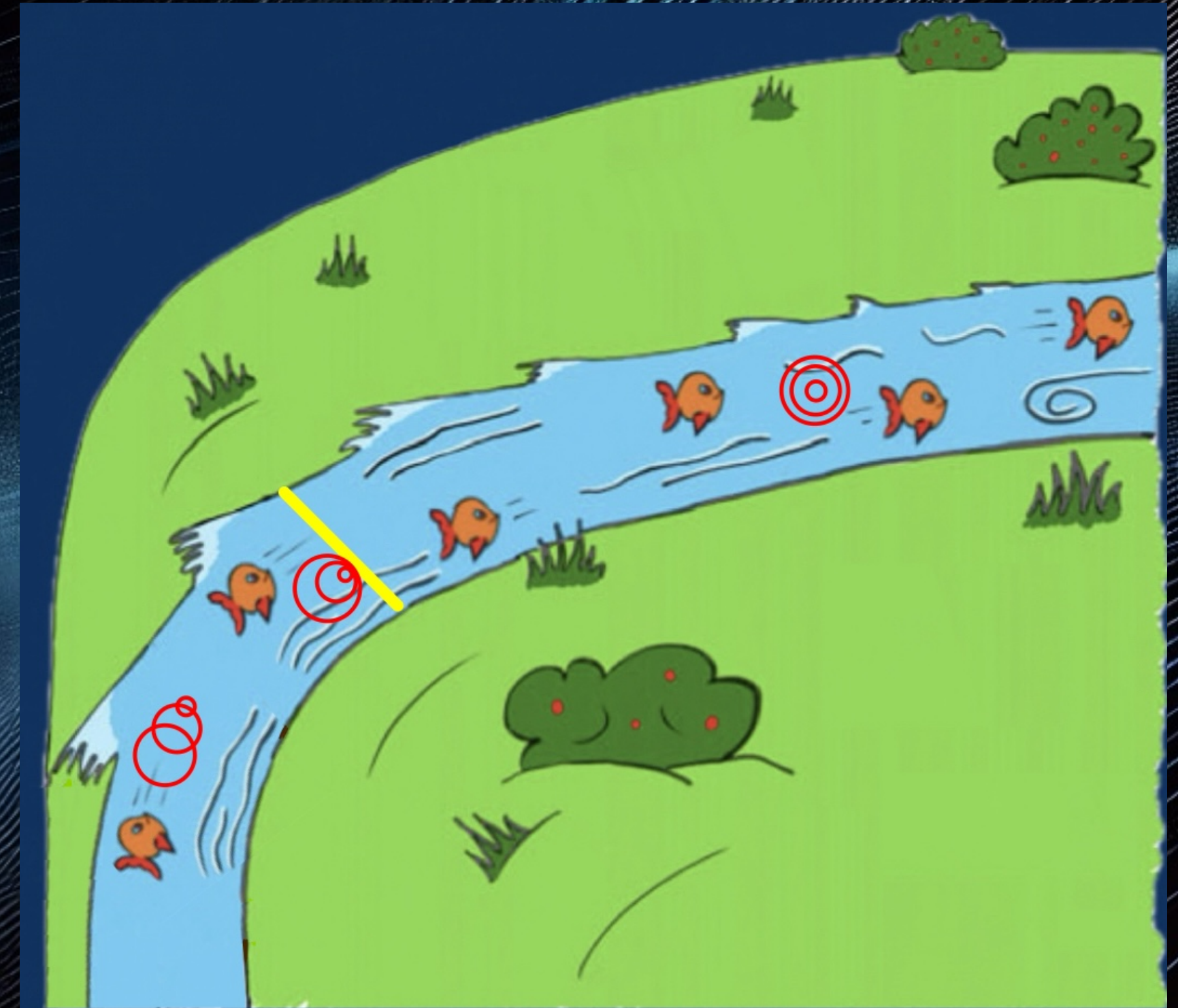
# ANALOGUE BLACK HOLE

*black hole*



*analogue black hole*

W. Unruh, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1981



photons crossing the event horizon



phonons transitioning subsonic → supersonic



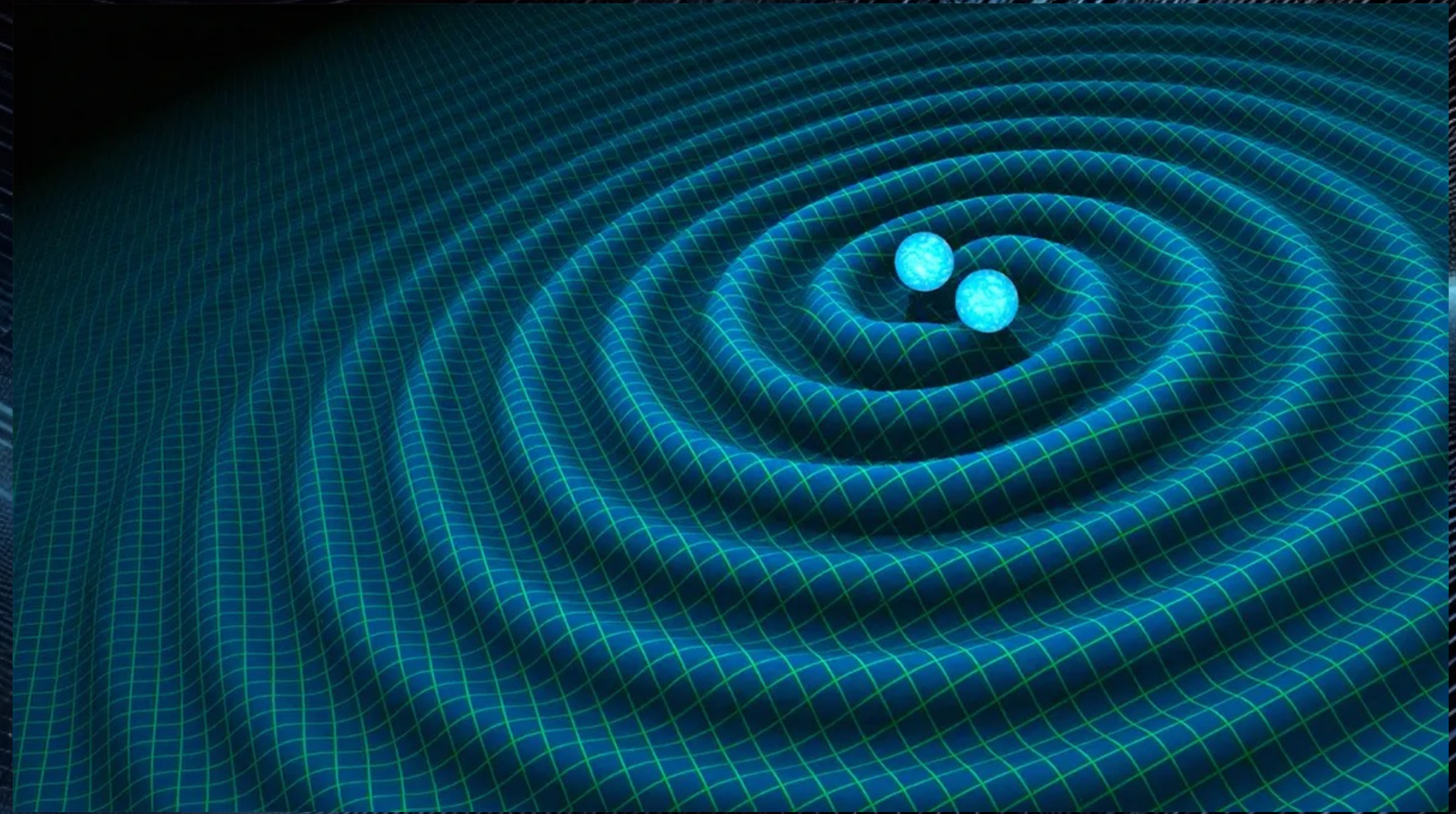
# RESULTS



# PURPOSE

**Acoustic horizon excited by a gravitational wave-like perturbation**

dynamical situation



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Steps:

1. Analogue of a gravitational wave
2. Introduce the acoustic horizon



STEP 1:

# ANALOGUE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE



# ACOUSTIC METRIC IN A BOSE-EINSTEIN CONDENSATE

Gross-Pitaevskii

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi = \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_{ext} + \frac{4\pi a \hbar^2}{m} \psi^\dagger \psi \right) \psi$$

$$\psi = \sqrt{n_c} e^{-i\theta/\hbar}$$

hydrodynamic regime  
linearization

phonon's equation  
of motion

$$\square \delta\theta = 0$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} = \frac{n_c}{m c_s} \begin{pmatrix} -(c_s^2 - v^2) & -v_j \\ -v_i & \delta_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$

emergent  
acoustic metric



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

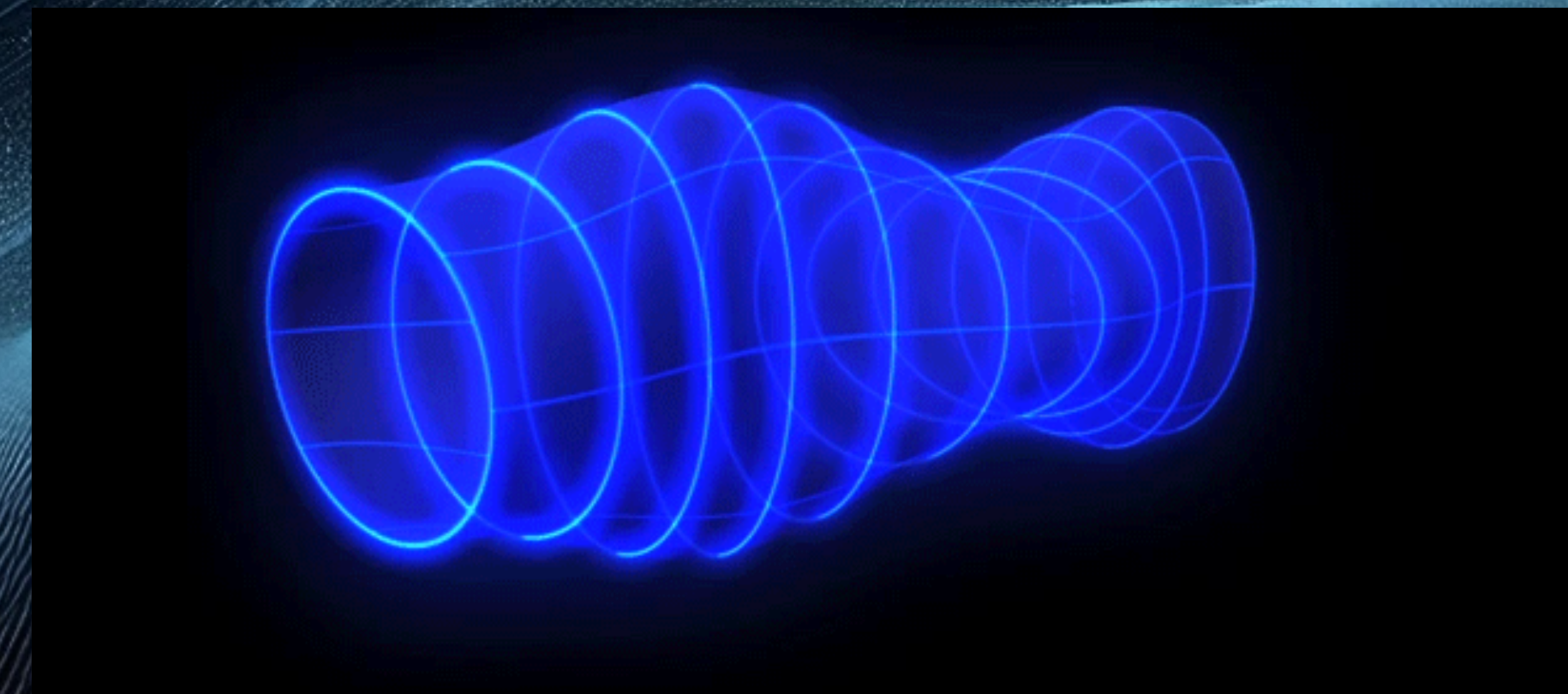
Einstein's equations  
in vacuum

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 0$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{linearized theory}$$

Gravitational wave moving along  $z$  in the TT gauge

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{TT}(t, z) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+ & h_\times & 0 \\ 0 & h_\times & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\omega(t - z/c))$$



gauge  
symmetry

$$x^\mu \rightarrow x'^\mu = x^\mu + \epsilon \zeta^\mu, \text{ implying } h_{\mu\nu}(x^\rho) \rightarrow h'_{\mu\nu}(x'^\rho) = h_{\mu\nu} - \epsilon(\partial_\mu \zeta_\nu + \partial_\nu \zeta_\mu)$$



# GOAL: ANALOGUE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE

**goal:**  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} = \eta_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)}$

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Minkowski          gravitational wave

**scale separation**

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- two types of fluctuations:
- background's → metric perturbations
  - phonons → propagate on top of acoustic metric



# METHOD

- Perturb background quantities

$$\begin{aligned} n_c &\rightarrow n_c + \epsilon \delta n_c \\ v_i &\rightarrow v_i + \epsilon \delta v_i \\ c_s &\rightarrow c_s + \epsilon \delta c_s \end{aligned} \longrightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} = \eta_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} + \epsilon h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)}$$

- Ad hoc coordinate transformations have been invented to match  $h_{\mu\nu}$  with  $h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)}$
- Align condensate characteristics for shared math expressions between  $h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)}$  and  $h_{\mu\nu}$



# PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Check physical requirements:

- *irrotational condition*  $\nabla \times \mathbf{v} = 0$

- *continuity equation*  $\partial_t n_c + \nabla \cdot (n_c \mathbf{v}) = 0$

- *Euler's equation*  $m \partial_t \mathbf{v} + \nabla \left( m \frac{v^2}{2} + V_{ext} + \frac{4\pi a \hbar^2}{m} n_c - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{n_c}}{\sqrt{n_c}} \right) = 0$



# RESULT

background metric

$$\eta_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} = \frac{n_c}{mc_s} \text{diag}(-1, +1, +1, +1) \quad \text{if } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

constant and uniform

perturbation metric

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)} = \frac{n_c}{mc_s} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{\delta v_x}{c_s} & -\frac{\delta v_y}{c_s} & 0 \\ -\frac{\delta v_x}{c_s} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\delta v_y}{c_s} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

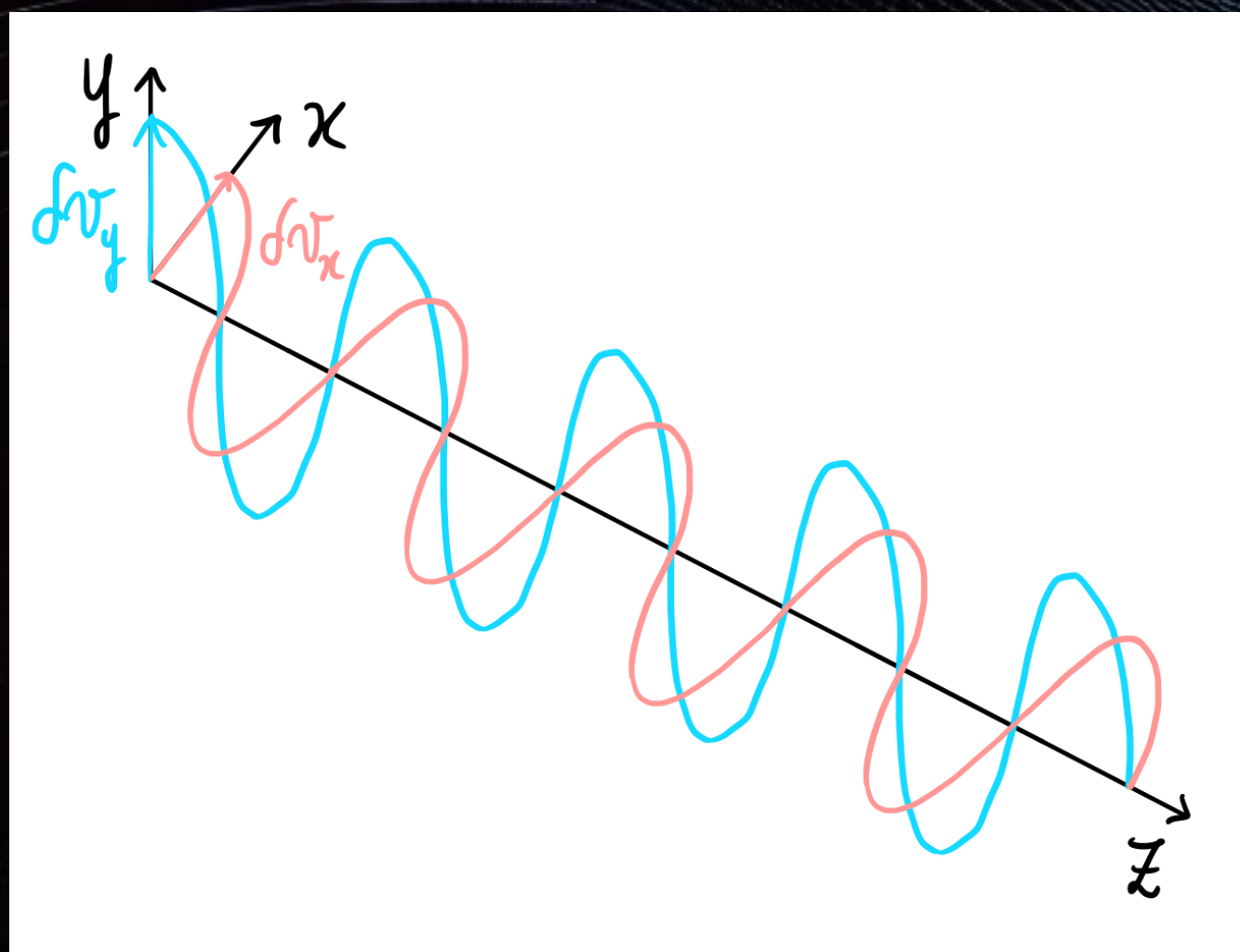
$$\frac{\delta v_x}{c_s} = l(fh_+ + gh_x)\cos(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

$$\frac{\delta v_y}{c_s} = b(fh_+ + gh_x)\cos(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

$$l, b, f, g \in \mathbb{R}$$

the same of  $h_{\mu\nu}$  of a gravitational wave written in a given gauge

with  $x\omega/c_s \ll 1$  and  $y\omega/c_s \ll 1$





STEP 2:

# ACOUSTIC BLACK HOLE PERTURBATION



# METHOD

- Choose a geometry for the acoustic black hole  $\longrightarrow$  *cylindrical*
- Extend the gravitational wave-like perturbation in the new geometry
- Check physical requirements:
  - $\longrightarrow$  *irrotational condition*
  - $\longrightarrow$  *continuity equation*
  - $\longrightarrow$  *Euler's equation*
- Study the deformation of the horizon



# ACOUSTIC BLACK HOLE

cylindrical geometry

*M. Visser, Class. Quantum Grav. 1998*

more general calculation

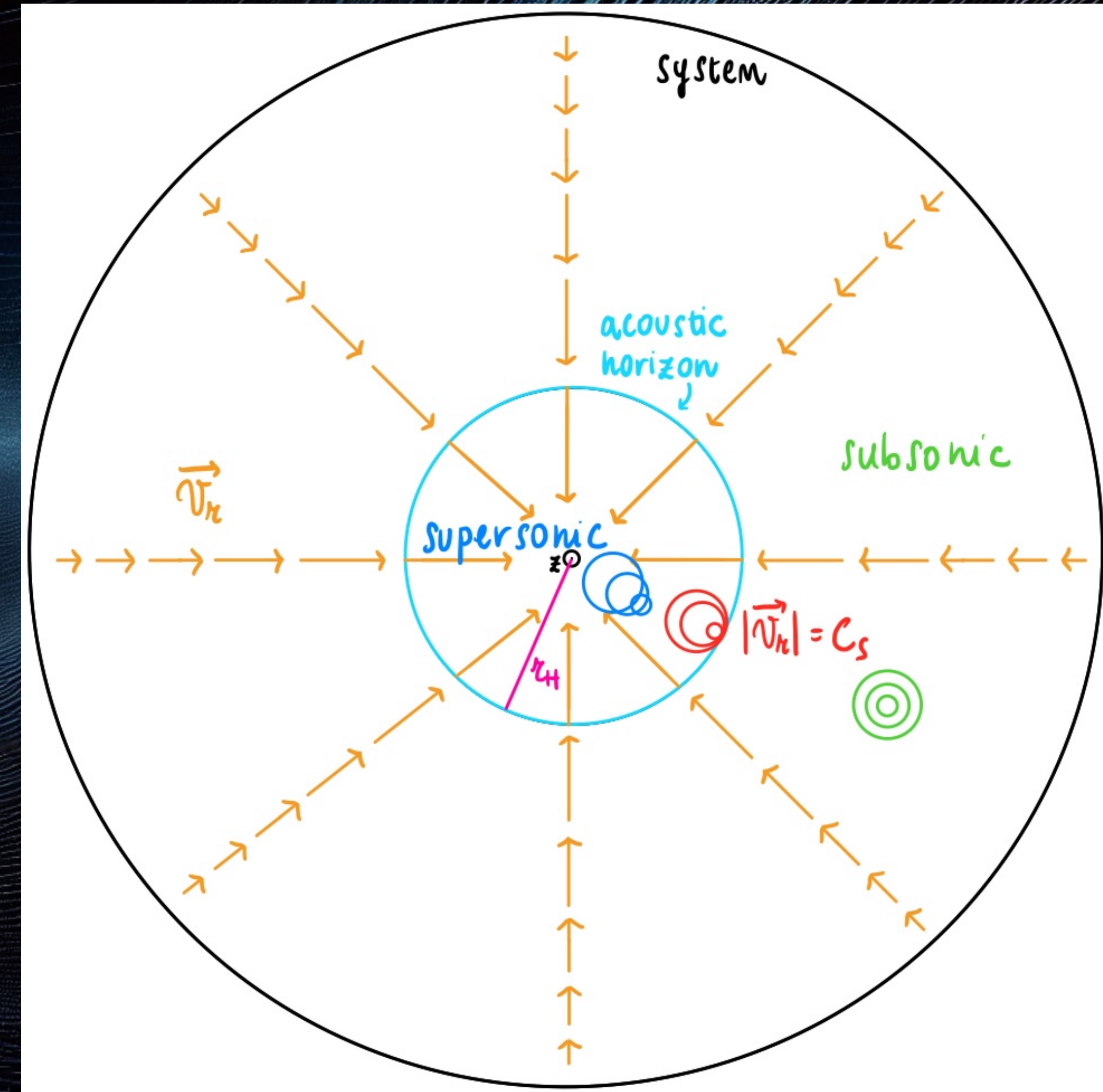
experimentally accessible with Bose-Einstein condensates

$$ds^2 \propto -c_s^2 dt^2 + \left( dr - \frac{A}{r} dt \right)^2 + r^2 d\theta^2 + dz^2$$

with  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{A}{r} \hat{r}$  and  $n_c, c_s$  constant and uniform

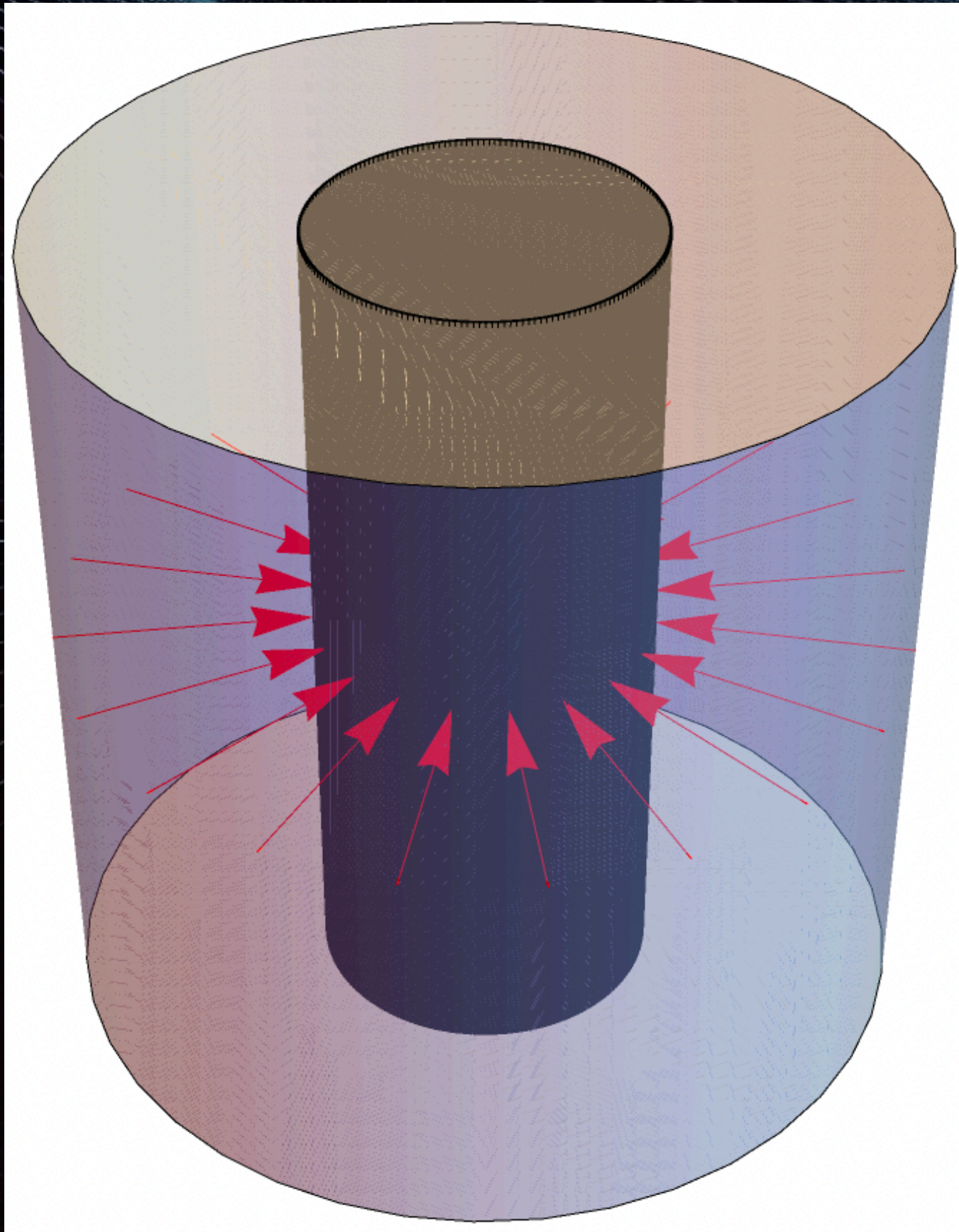
the acoustic event horizon forms where  $|\mathbf{v}_r| = c_s$

$$r_H = |A|/c_s$$





# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE-LIKE PERTURBATION



$$\frac{\delta v_\phi}{c_s} = \frac{r_0}{r} b (f h_+ + g h_\times) \cos(\omega(t - r/c_s))$$

$f, g > 0$

$$\frac{\delta v_z}{c_s} = l (f h_+ + g h_\times) \cos(\omega(t - r/c_s))$$

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

+ dimensionless coordinates ( $\tilde{r}, \tilde{z} \in [0, 1]$ ),  $\omega_r = 2\pi c_s / L_r$

analogue  
"GW"

$$\frac{\delta v_z}{c_s} = \frac{1}{2\pi} (f h_+ + g h_\times) \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}/\omega_r)), \quad \delta v_\phi = 0$$

induced  
perturbation

$$\frac{\delta v_r}{c_s} = \tilde{z} \frac{\omega}{\omega_r} (f h_+ + g h_\times) \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}/\omega_r))$$

deforms the horizon



# PERTURBED ACOUSTIC HORIZON

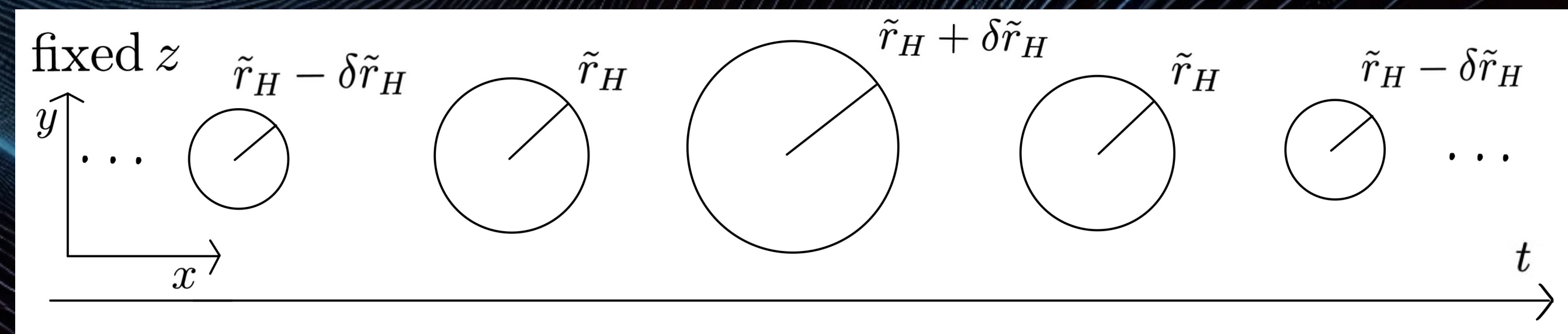
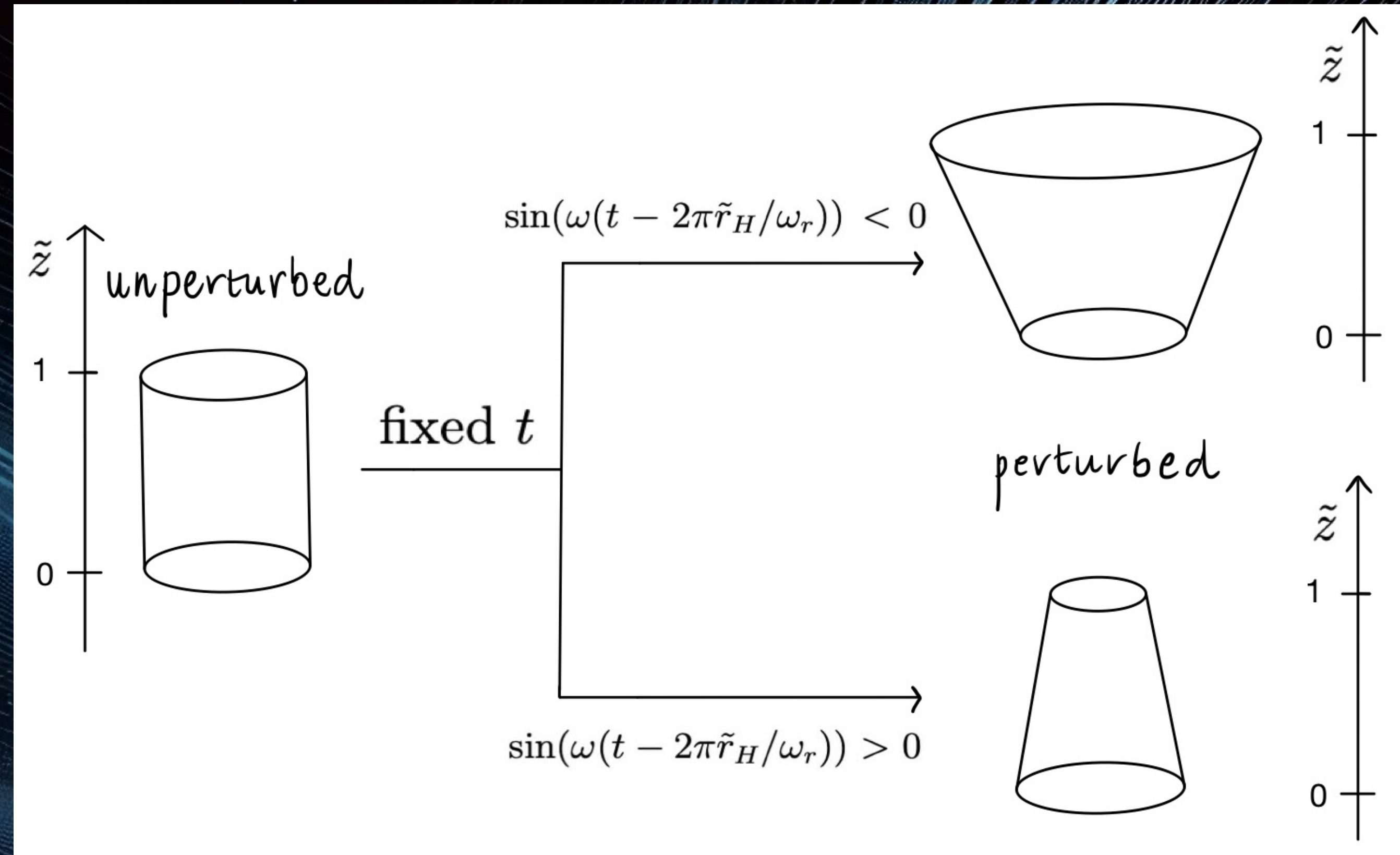
the perturbed acoustic horizon forms where:

$$|v_r + \epsilon \delta v_r|_{\tilde{r}_H^{new}} = c_s$$

with  $\tilde{r}_H^{new} = \tilde{r}_H + \epsilon \delta \tilde{r}_H$ ,  $\tilde{r}_H = \frac{|A|}{c_s L_r}$ ,

$$\frac{\delta \tilde{r}_H}{\tilde{r}_H} = -\tilde{z} \frac{\omega}{\omega_z} (f h_+ + g h_x) \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi \tilde{r}_H / \omega_r))$$

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tilted oscillating horizon





# CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

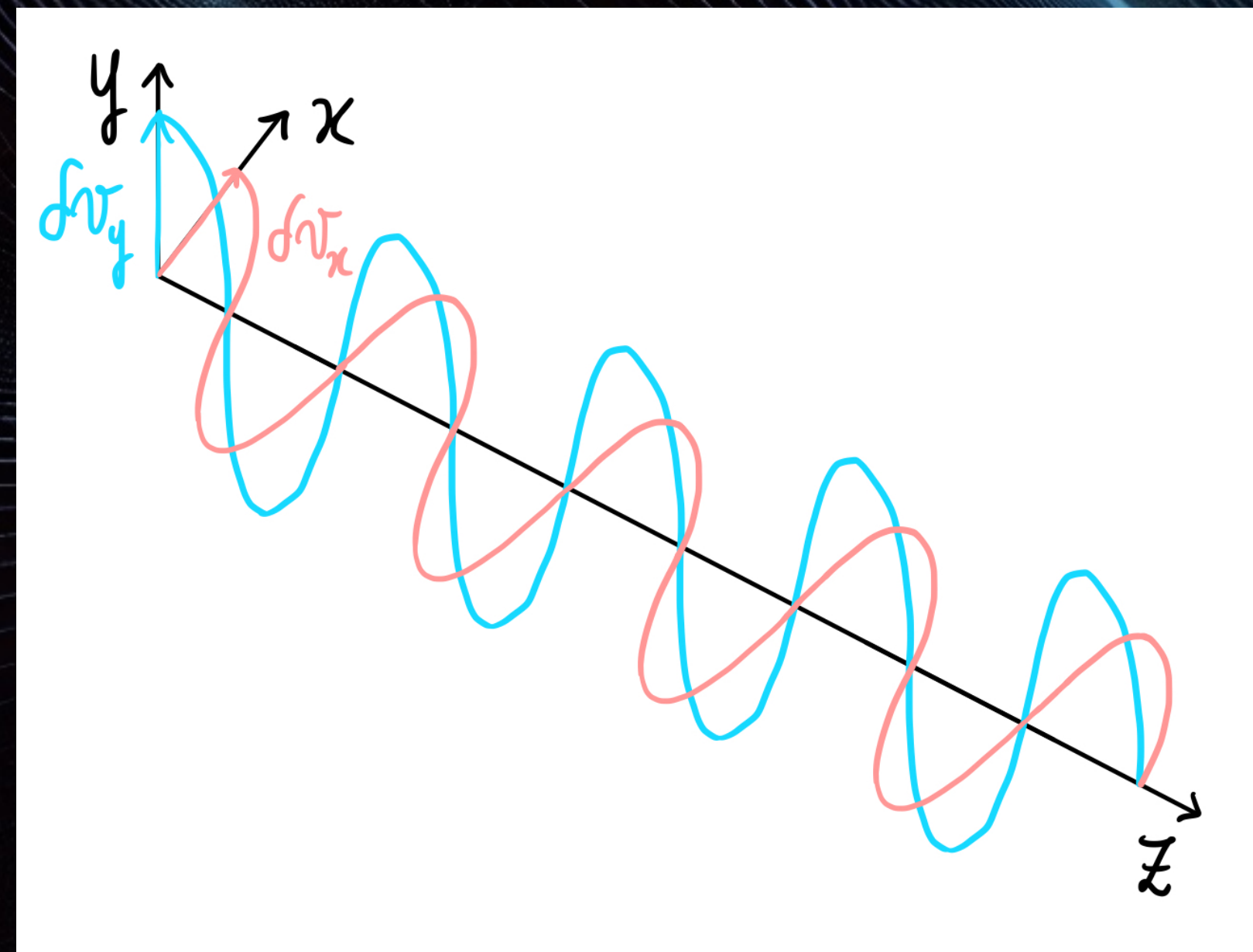


# CONCLUSIONS

We have obtained the following results:

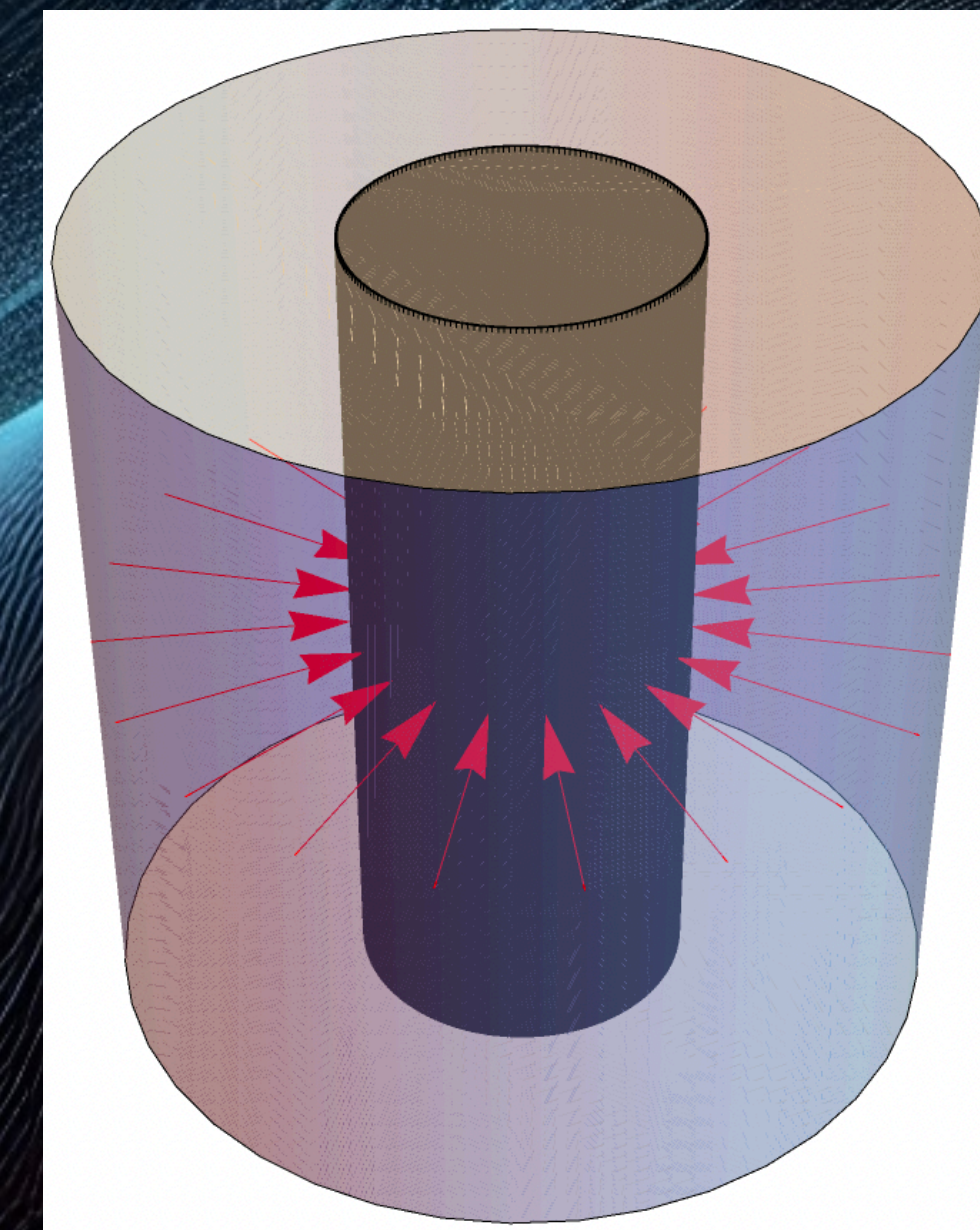
1.

analogue gravitational wave



2.

perturbed acoustic black hole



Laboratory-reproducible system where to study how an acoustic horizon responds to perturbations closely modeled after GWs



# FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

- **Dissipative properties of acoustic horizons**

$$\frac{\eta}{s} \geq \frac{1}{4\pi} \text{ Kovtun-Son-Starinets bound } \longrightarrow \text{ saturated? universal?}$$

*P. Kovtun, D. T. Son, A. O. Starinets, JHEP 2003*

- **Reflectivity properties of acoustic horizons**

*for astrophysical black holes: N. Oshita et al., JCAP 2020*

- **Quantization of our spin-2 perturbation of the metric?**

- **Quasi-normal modes of the analogue black hole**

*for astrophysical black holes: B. Toshmatov et al., Phys. Rev. D, 2015*

- **Gravitational memory?**

*M. Favata, Class. Quantum Gravity., 2010*

- **Experimental implementation**

*A. L. Gaunt et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 2013*



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !**



# BACKUP SLIDES



# RESULT I: ANALOGUE GW

$$\frac{\delta v_x}{c_s} = l(fh_+ + gh_\times)\cos(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

$$\frac{\delta v_y}{c_s} = b(fh_+ + gh_\times)\cos(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

continuity: homogeneous  $n_c$

Euler:

$$\delta V_{ext} = m\omega c_s(lx + by)(fh_+ + gh_\times)\sin(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

$$\frac{\delta v_z}{c_s} = \frac{\omega}{c_s}(lx + by)(fh_+ + gh_\times)\sin(\omega(t - z/c_s))$$

irrotationality:

negligible

$h_{\mu\nu}^{(an)}$  the same of  $h_{\mu\nu}$  of a gravitational wave written in the gauge obtained from the TT using:

$$\zeta^\mu = \left( -(lx + by)(fh_+^{TT} + gh_\times^{TT}), \frac{1}{2}(xh_+^{TT} + yh_\times^{TT}), \frac{1}{2}(xh_\times^{TT} - yh_+^{TT}), 0 \right)$$

with  $x\omega/c_s \ll 1$  and  $y\omega/c_s \ll 1$



## RESULT II: ANALOGUE BH+GW

$$\delta S = \frac{2\pi}{3} n_c \frac{\bar{z}\bar{r}^3}{\bar{r}_H^2} \frac{\omega^3}{\omega_r \omega_z} (fh_+ + gh_x) \times \left( -1 - \frac{\bar{r}_H}{\bar{r}} \right) \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\bar{r}/\omega_r))$$

$$\frac{\delta n_c}{n_c} = \frac{\bar{z}\bar{r}}{\bar{r}_H} \frac{\omega}{\omega_z} (fh_+ + gh_x) \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\bar{r}/\omega_r)) + \frac{2\pi}{3} \frac{\bar{z}\bar{r}^3}{\bar{r}_H^2} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_r \omega_z} (fh_+ + gh_x) \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\bar{r}/\omega_r))$$

$$\frac{\delta a}{a} = - \frac{\delta n_c}{n_c} \longrightarrow \delta c_s = 0$$

$$\delta V_{\text{ext}} = \left( \frac{3}{8\pi} \frac{\bar{z}(\bar{r} - \bar{r}_H)}{\bar{r}_H^2} \frac{\omega^2 \omega_r}{\omega_z c_s^2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{\bar{z}\bar{r}^3}{\bar{r}_H^2} \frac{\omega^4}{\omega_z \omega_r c_s^2} \right) \frac{\hbar^2}{m} (fh_+ + gh_x) \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\bar{r}/\omega_r)) - \left( \frac{\bar{z} c_s^2 \omega}{\omega_z} m + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{r}\bar{r}_H} \frac{\omega \omega_r^2 \hbar^2}{\omega_z c_s^2 m} + \frac{\bar{z}\bar{r}}{\bar{r}_H^2} \left( \frac{7}{12} \bar{r} - \frac{1}{4} \bar{r}_H \right) \frac{\omega^3 \hbar^2}{\omega_z c_s^2 m} \right) (fh_+ + gh_x) \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\bar{r}/\omega_r))$$



# PERTURBED HORIZON'S GENERATORS

$l^\mu \partial_\mu$  tangent to the null geodesic congruence that generates the horizon

$$l^0 = c_s + \epsilon(fh_+ + gh_\times) \left[ 3c_s \frac{\omega}{\omega_z} \tilde{z} \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}_H/\omega_r)) - \frac{8\pi}{3} c_s \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_r \omega_z} \tilde{r}_H \tilde{z} \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}_H/\omega_r)) \right]$$

$$l^1 = \epsilon \tilde{r}_H \tilde{z} \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_z} (fh_+ + gh_\times) \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}_H/\omega_r))$$

$$l^2 = 0$$

$$l^3 = \epsilon(fh_+ + gh_\times) \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\omega_z \omega}{\omega_r} \tilde{r}_H \sin(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}_H/\omega_r)) + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \omega_z \cos(\omega(t - 2\pi\tilde{r}_H/\omega_r)) \right]$$



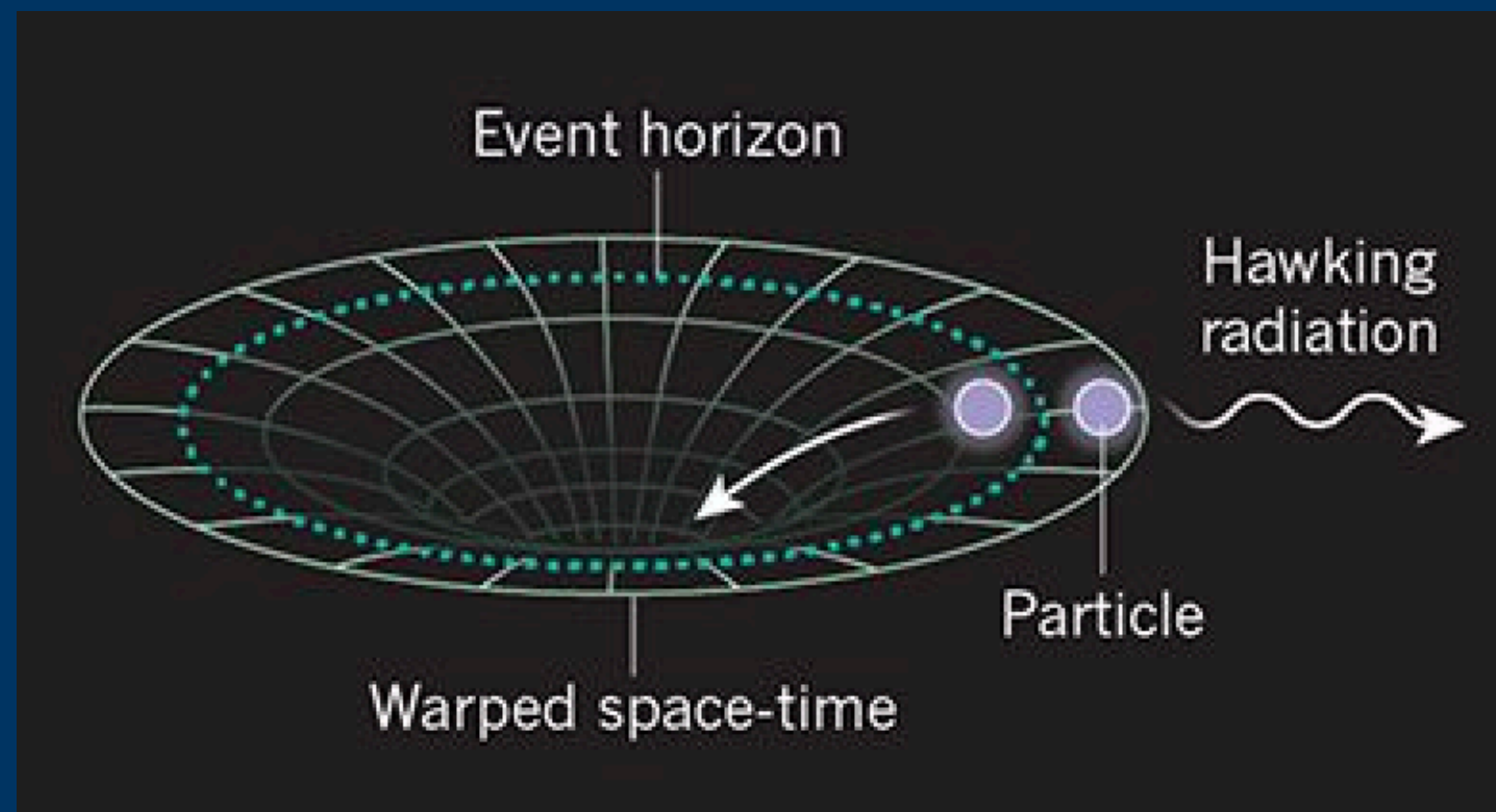
useful to study the horizon's evolution



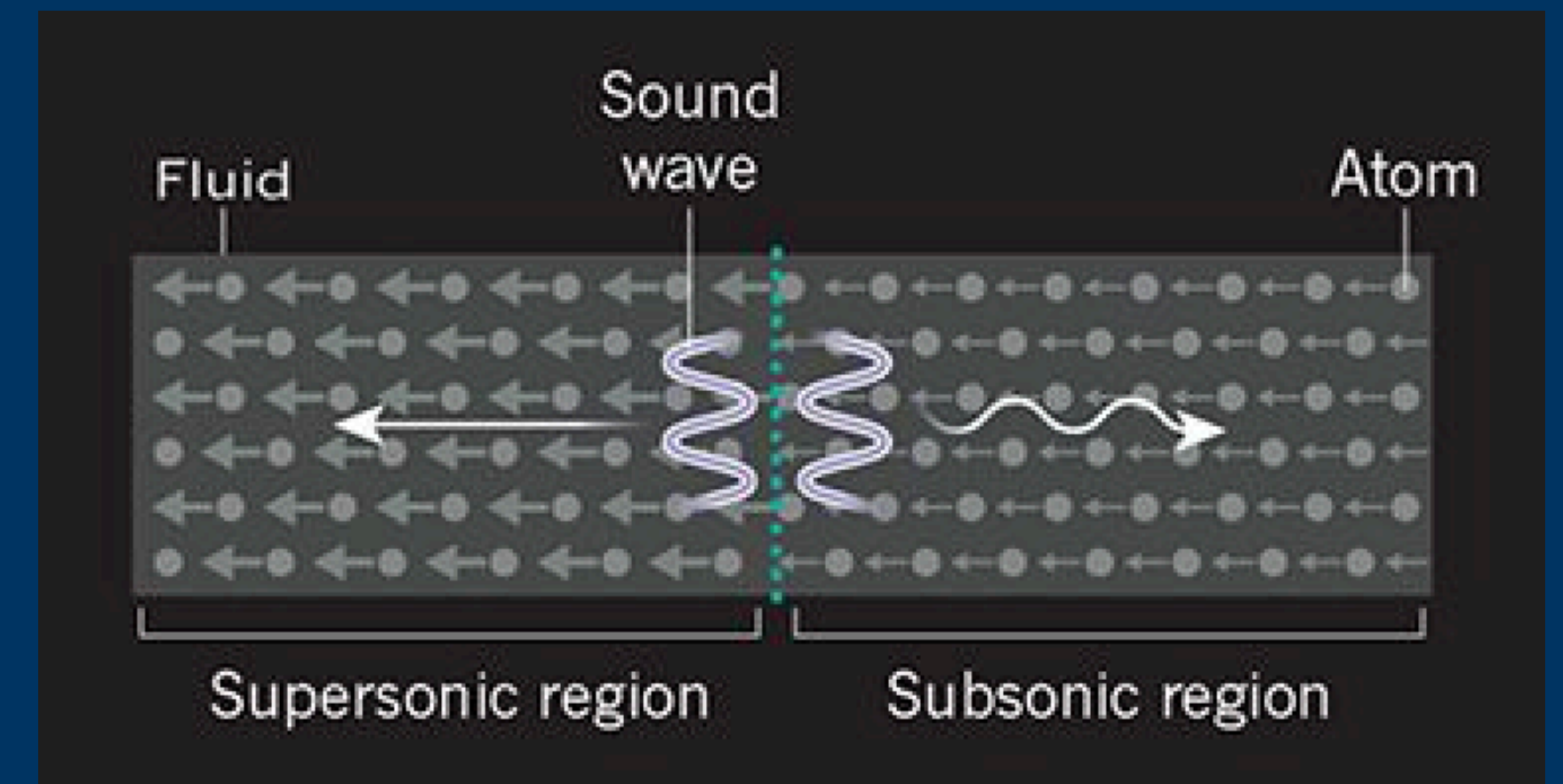
# HAWKING RADIATION

A distant observer will detect a thermal radiation flux emitted from the black hole at  $T_h = \frac{\hbar\kappa}{2\pi ck_B}$

## astrophysical black hole



## analogue black hole



From S. Weinfurtner, Nat.

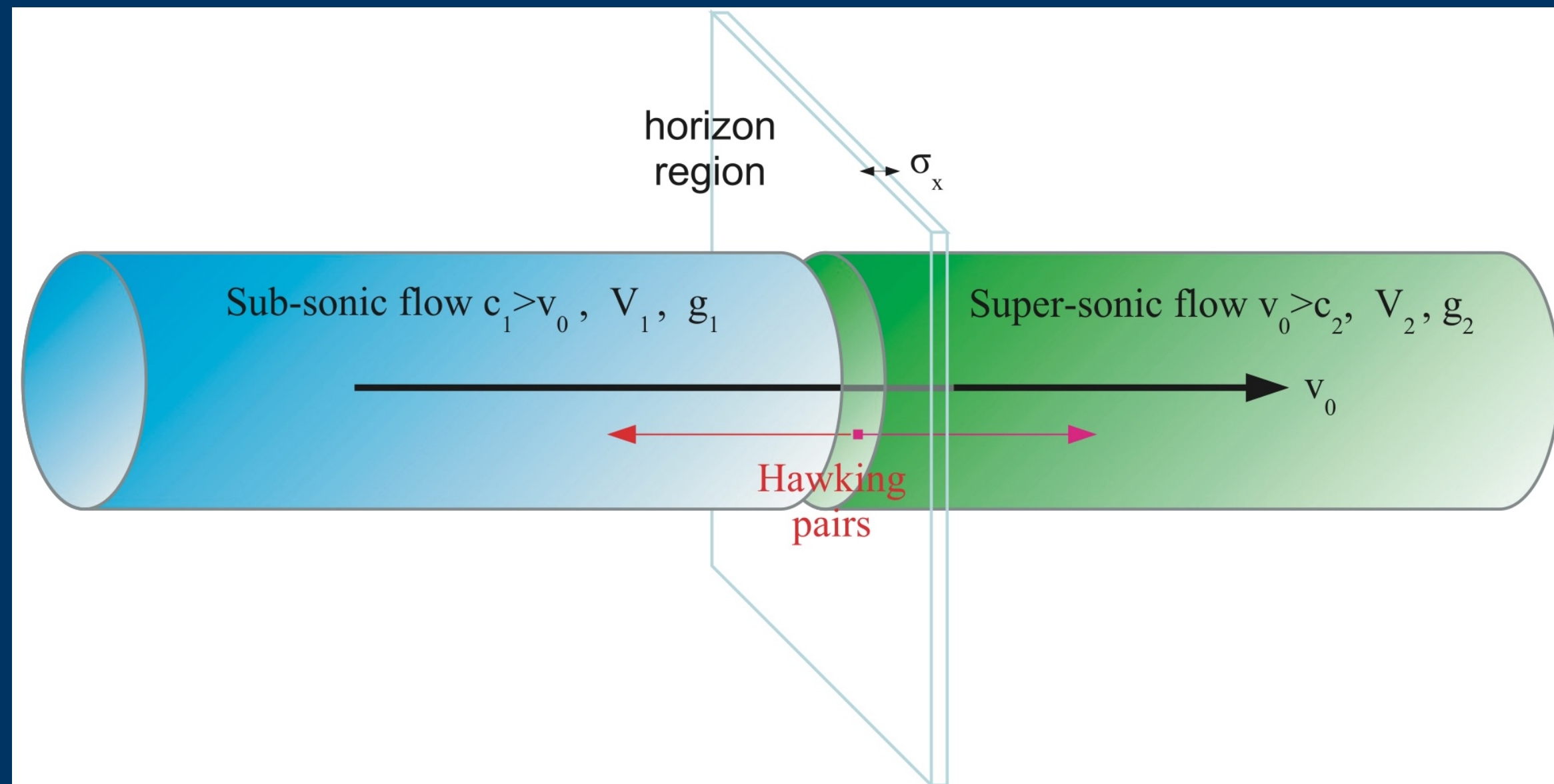
$T_h \sim 10^{-8}K$   
 $T_{cmb} \sim 3K$  → no direct measurement

evidence in the laboratory

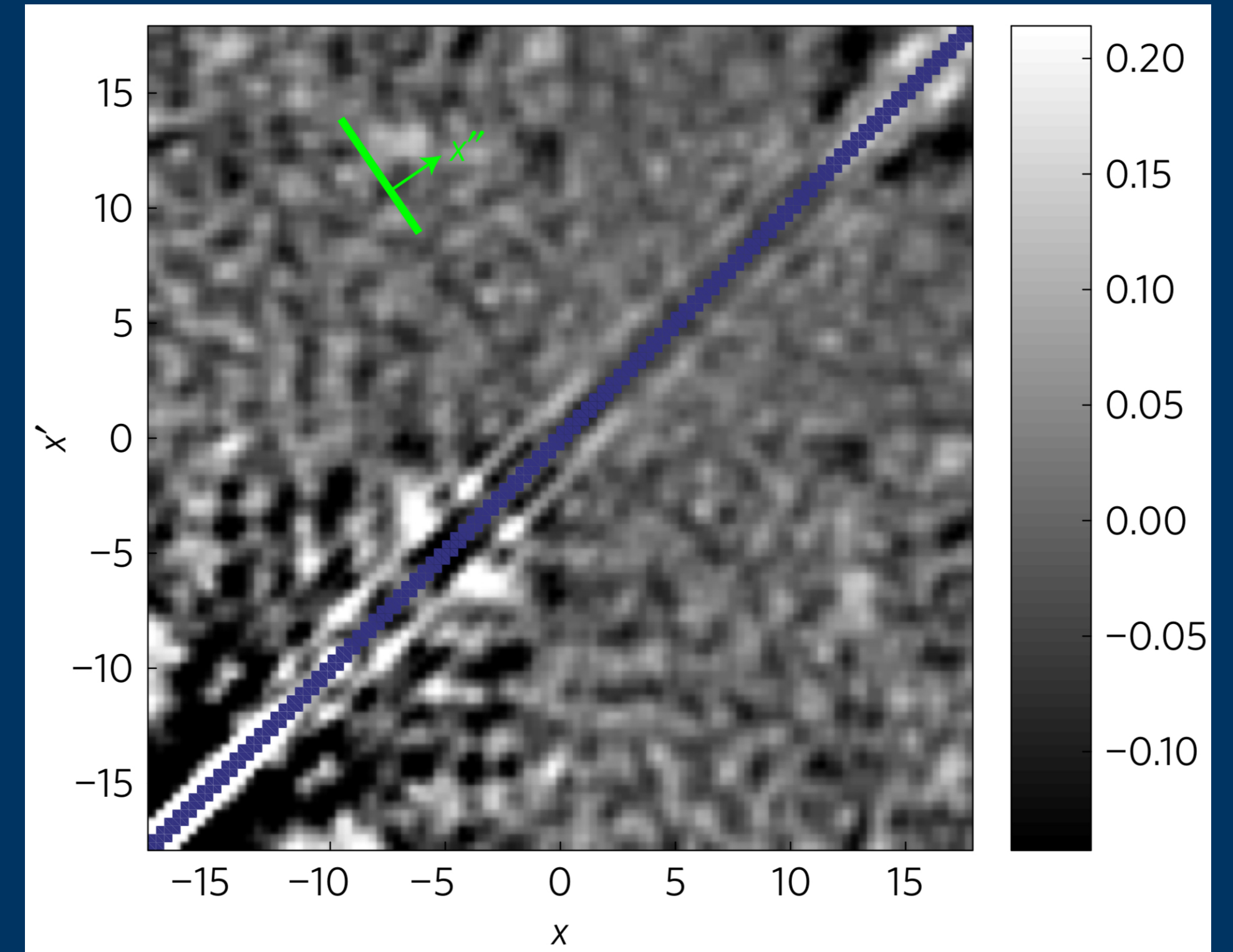
J. Steinhauer, Nat. 2016



# OBSERVATION OF THE ANALOGUE HAWKING RADIATION



R. Balbinot, A. Fabbri, S. Fagnocchi, A. Recati, I. Carusotto, Phys. Rev. A 2008



J. Steinhauer, Nat. 2016

$$T_h^{meas} = 0.348(7) \text{ nK}$$

$$T_h^{expec} = 0.351(4) \text{ nK}$$