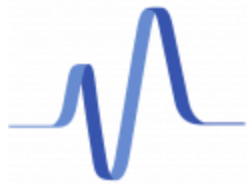


Sagittarius A\* imaged by the Event Horizon Telescope, 2017.

# Toward the observation of Hawking Radiation in a fluid of polaritons

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# Analog Gravity



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## Experimental Black-Hole Evaporation?

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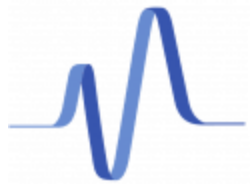
(Received 8 December 1980)

It is shown that the same arguments which lead to black-hole evaporation also predict that a thermal spectrum of sound waves should be given out from the sonic horizon in transsonic fluid flow.

which result in an equation for  $\tilde{\psi}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\rho_0} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\rho_0}{g'(\xi_0)} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\rho_0 \vec{v}_0}{g'(\xi_0)} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\psi} + \nabla \cdot \left( \frac{\rho_0 \vec{v}}{g'(\xi_0)} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}}{\partial t} \right) - \nabla \cdot \rho_0 \nabla \tilde{\psi} + \nabla \cdot \left( \vec{v} \frac{\rho_0}{g'(\xi_0)} \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\psi} \right) \right] = 0 .$$

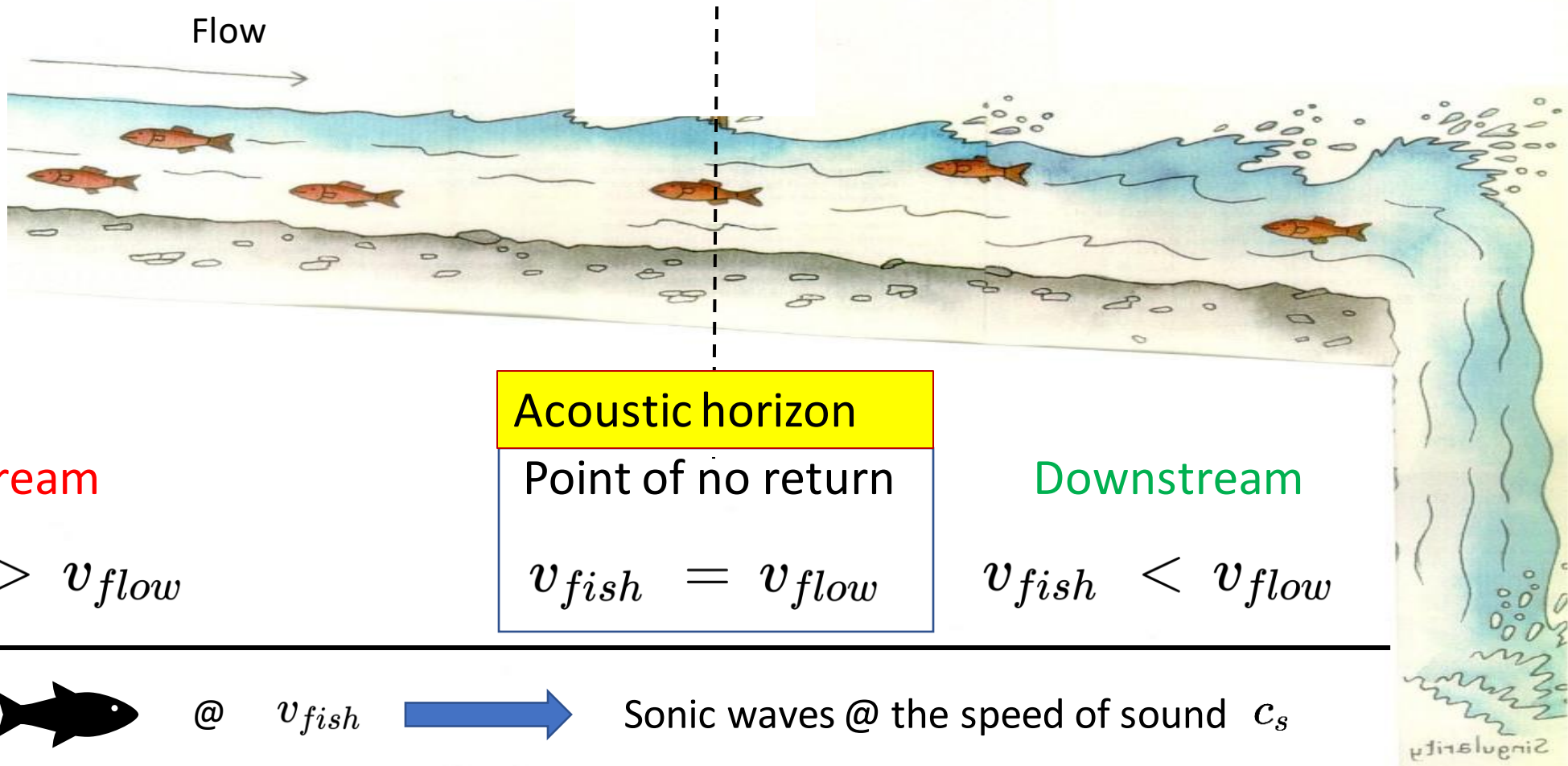
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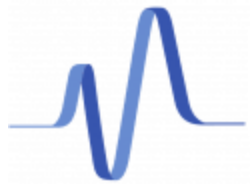


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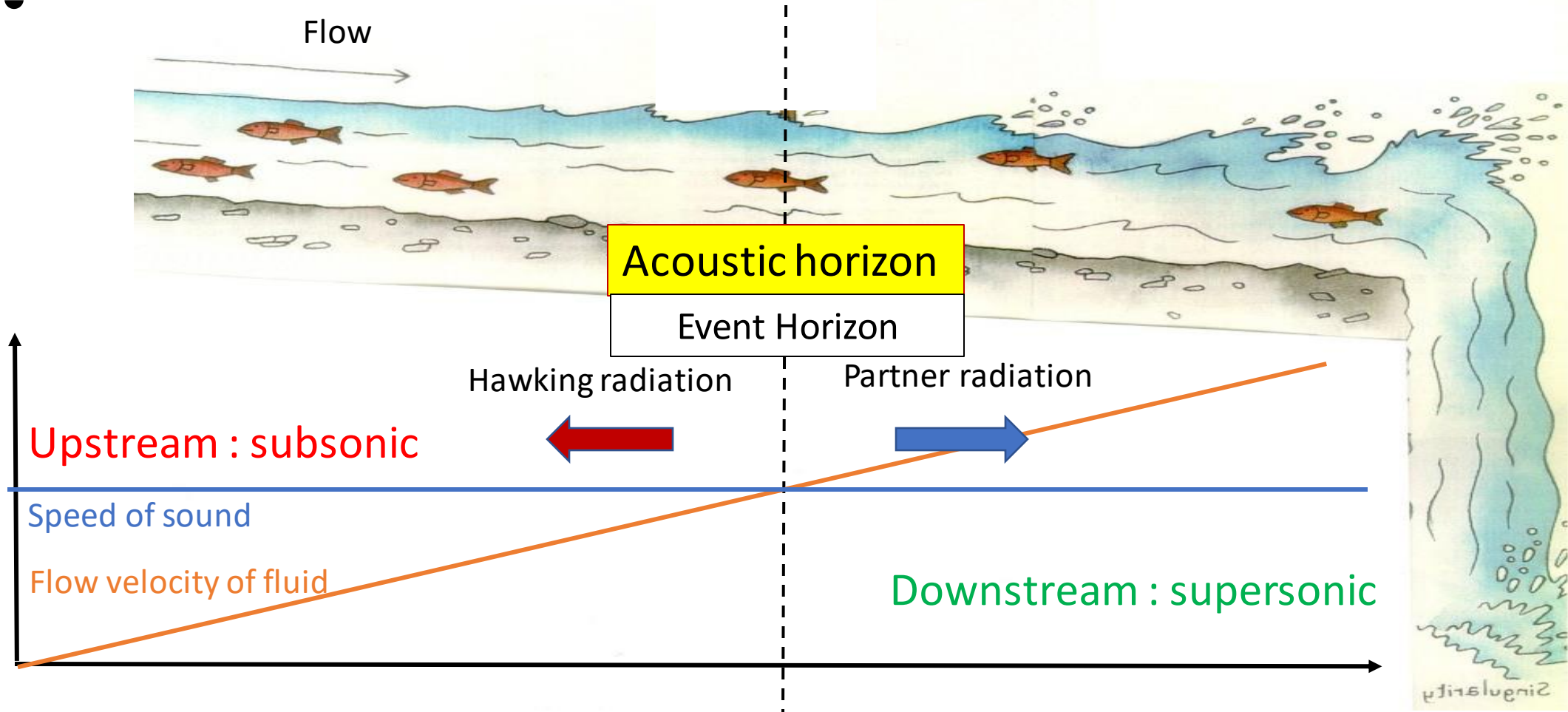


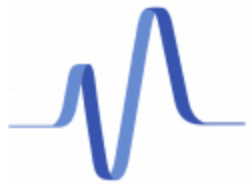


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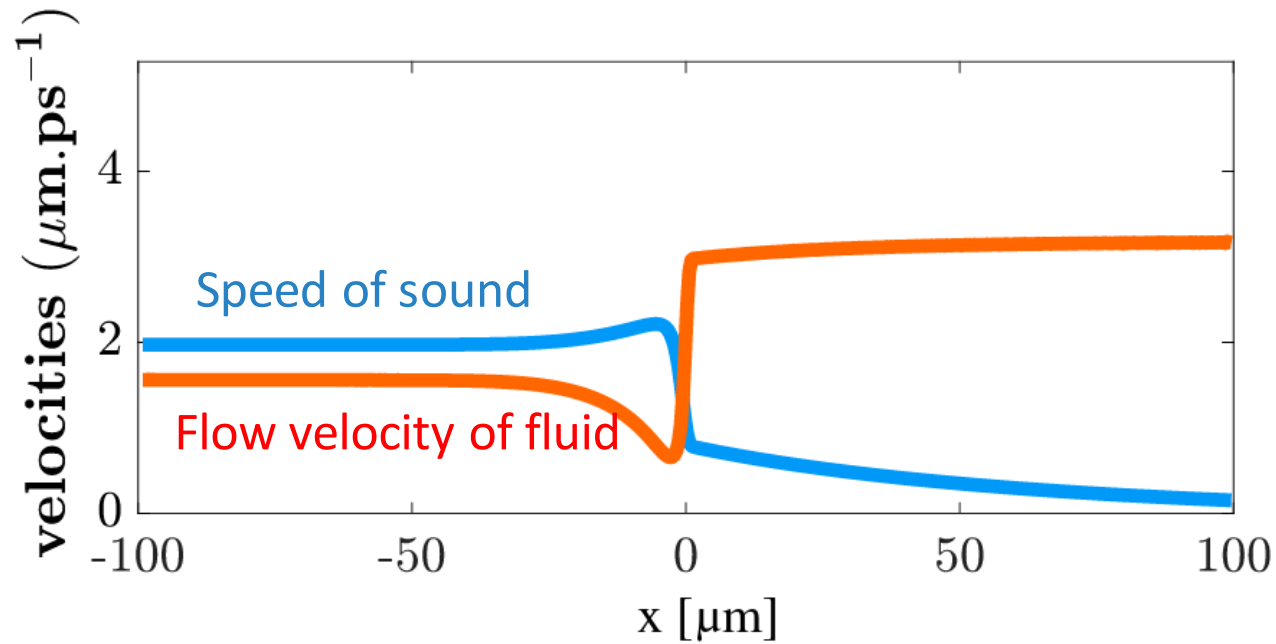
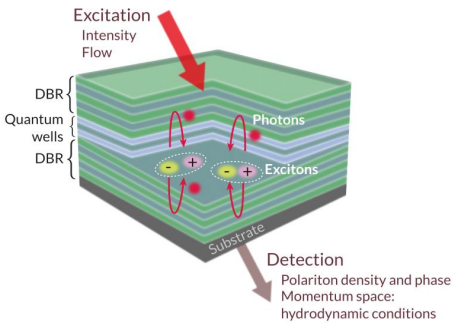
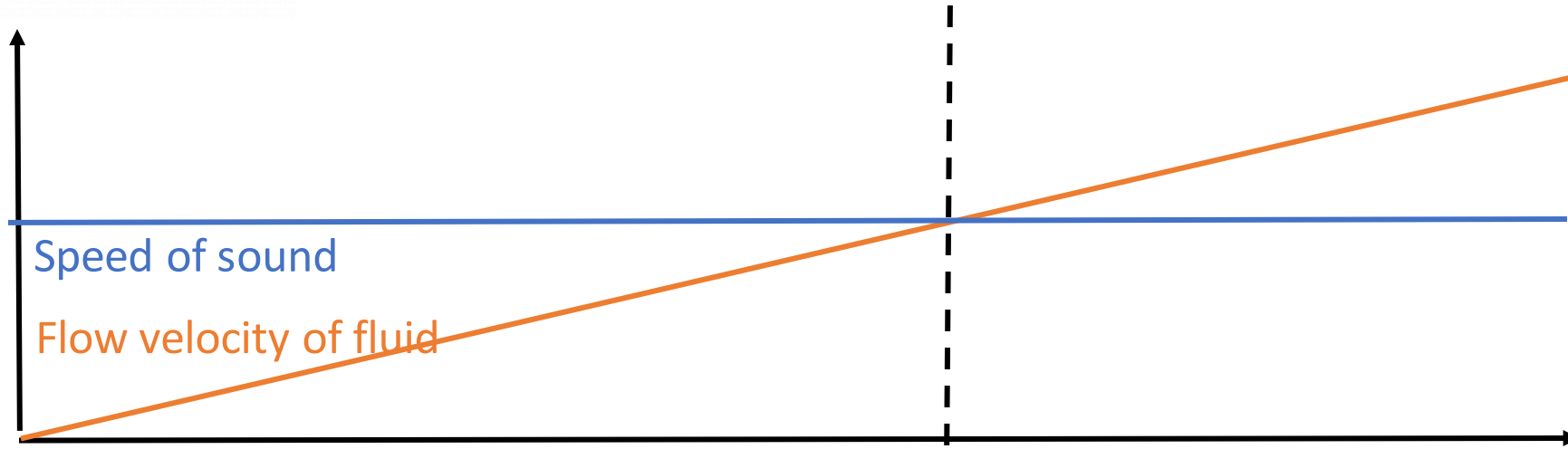


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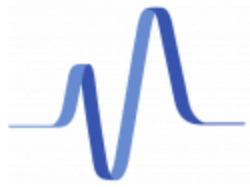


# Acoustic horizon in Quantum fluid of polaritons



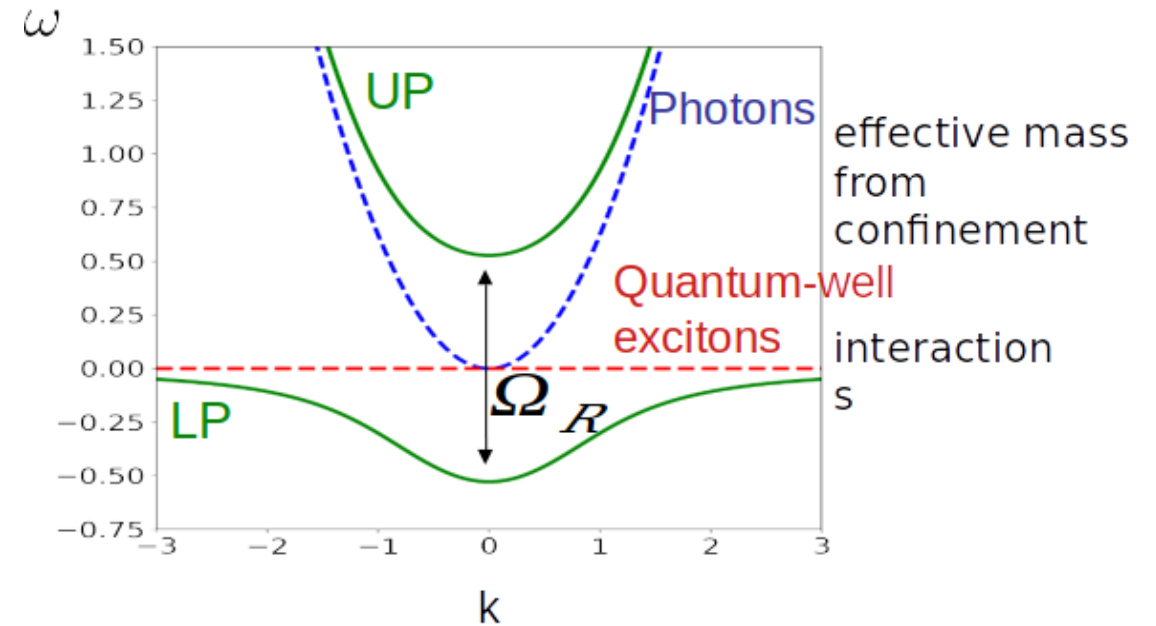
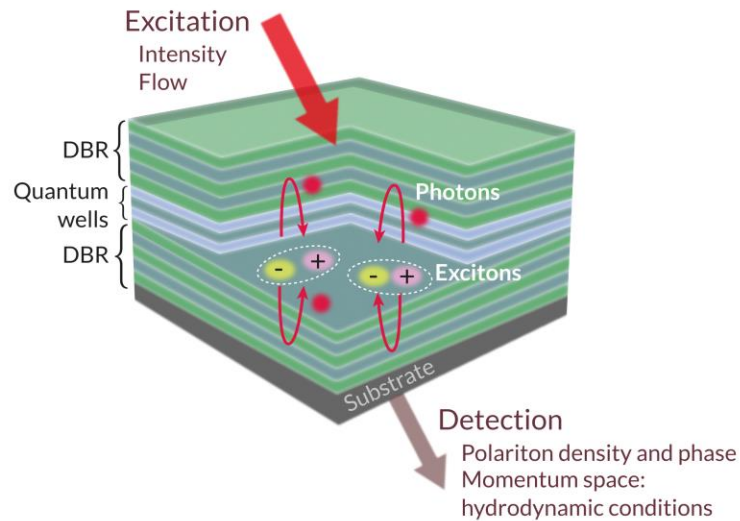
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# Microcavity polaritons

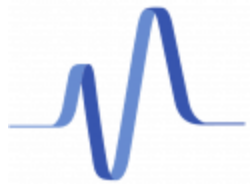
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**Strong coupling** regime :  $\gamma_X, \gamma_C \ll \Omega_r$   
→ Photons/Excitons energies anticrossing

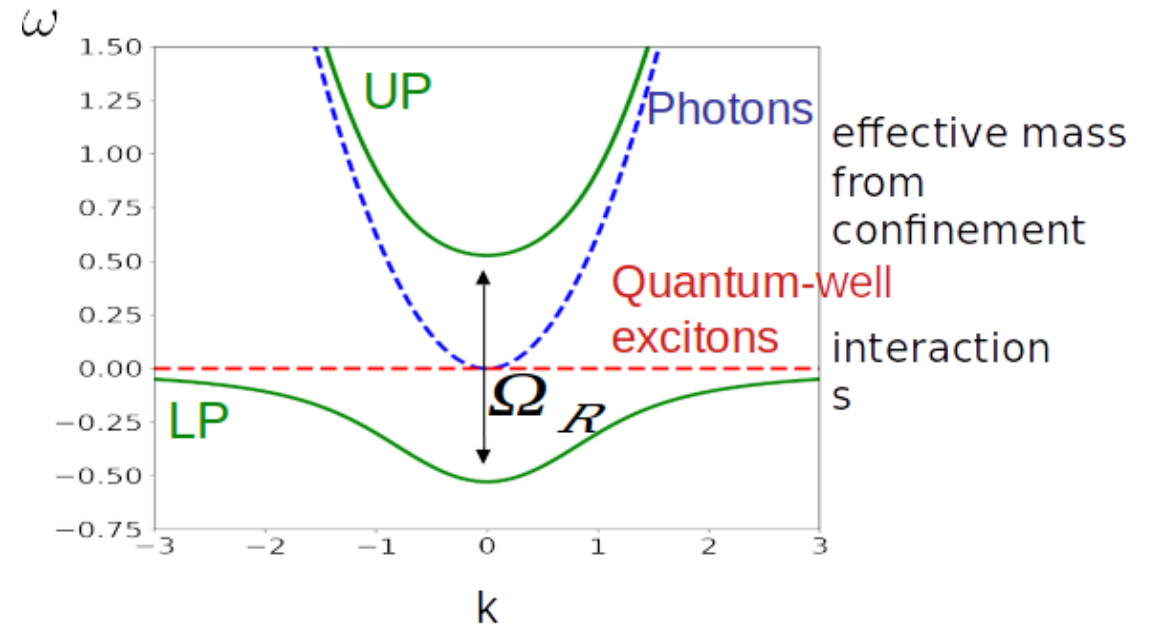
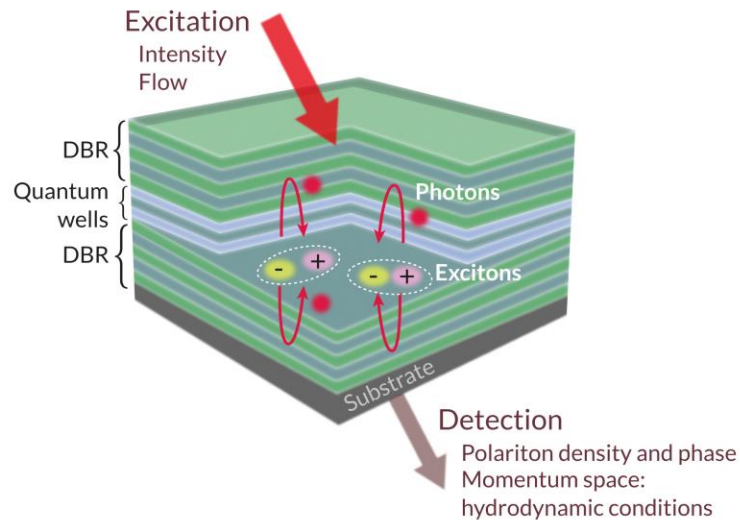
**New eigenstates** : Upper Polariton (UP) and Lower Polariton (LP) = half light/ half matter quasi particles

**Ref** : Quantum fluid of light, 2012 – Carusotto & Ciuti



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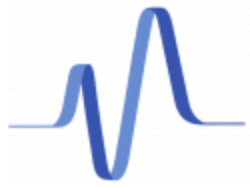


Dynamics described by the Driven Dissipative Gross Pitaevskii Equation

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- $g$  : Interaction constant
- $\gamma$  : Polariton lifetime (loss rate)
- $P$  : Pump term

Driven Dissipative dynamics ➡ Out of Equilibrium system



# Full optical experiment

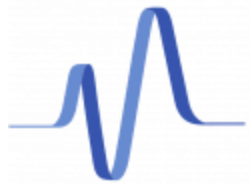
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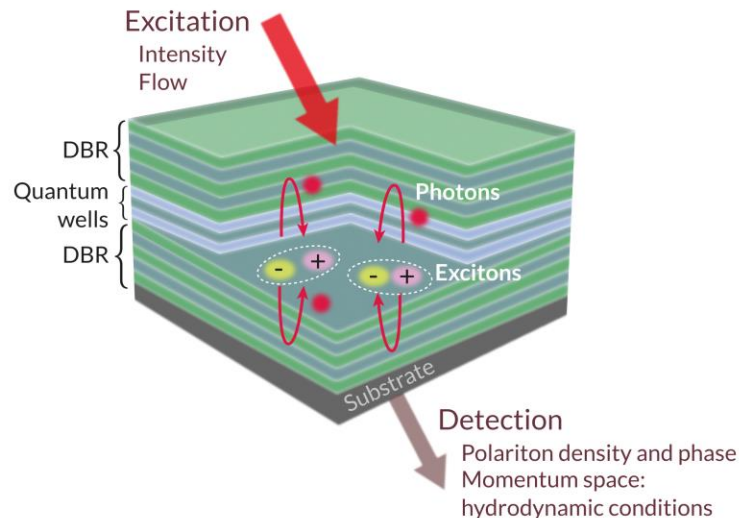
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$$I_{pump} \Rightarrow n$$

$$\phi_{pump} \Rightarrow v$$



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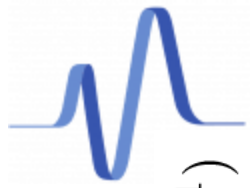
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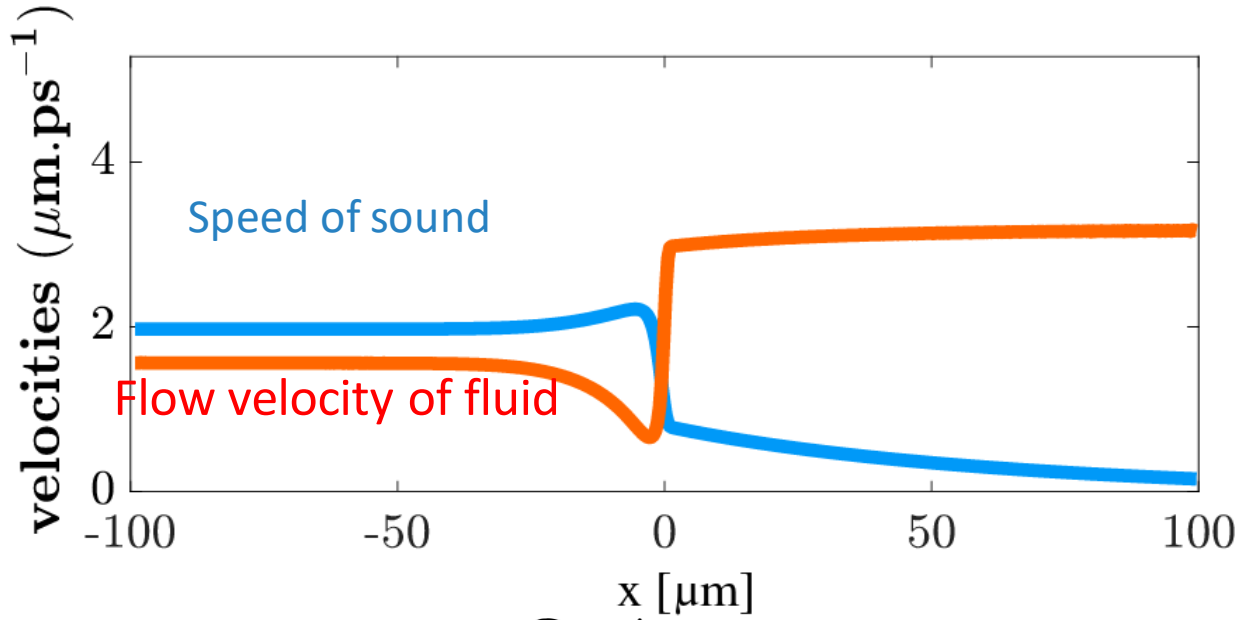
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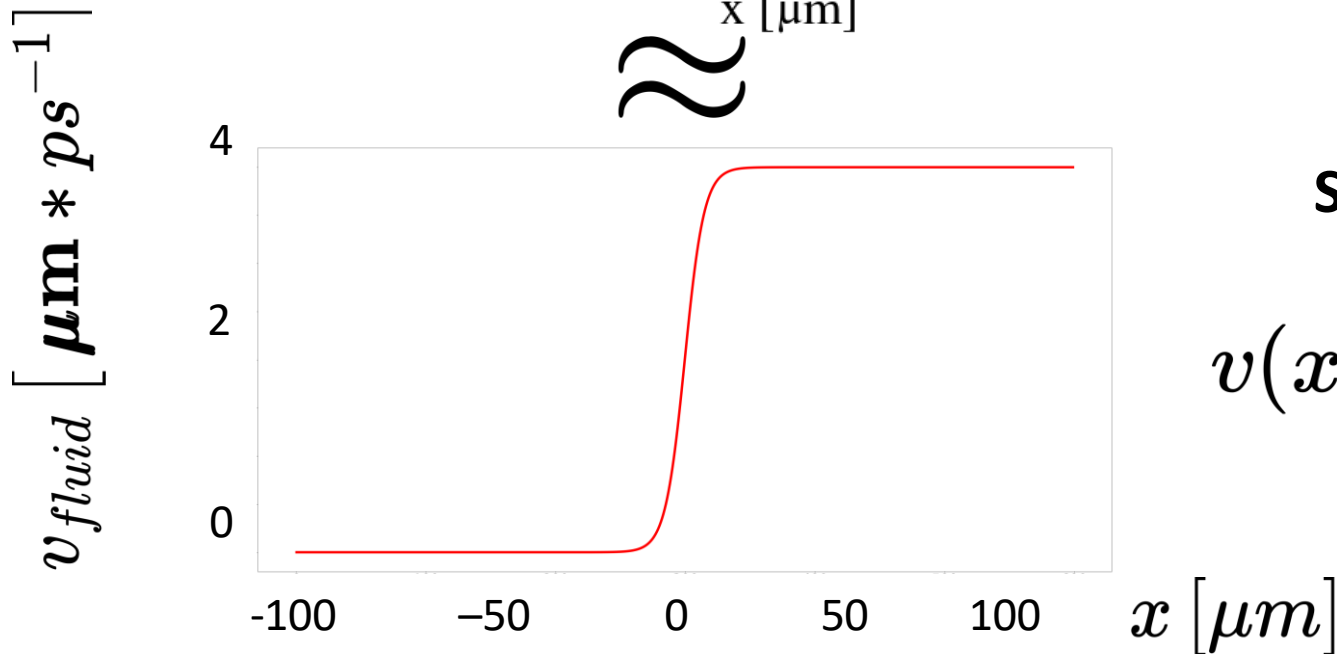
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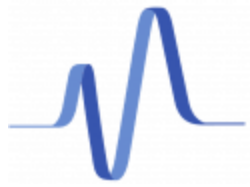


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Spatial Light Modulator (SLM)



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Laser

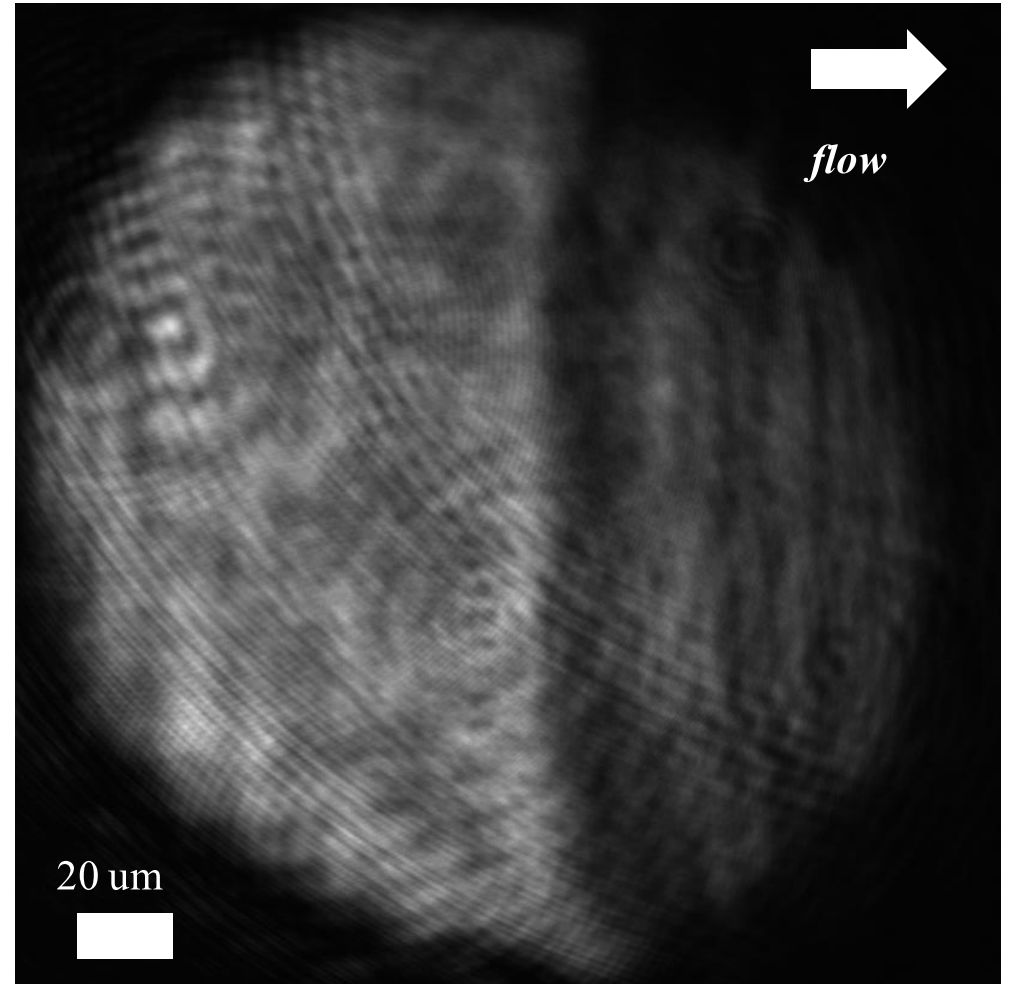
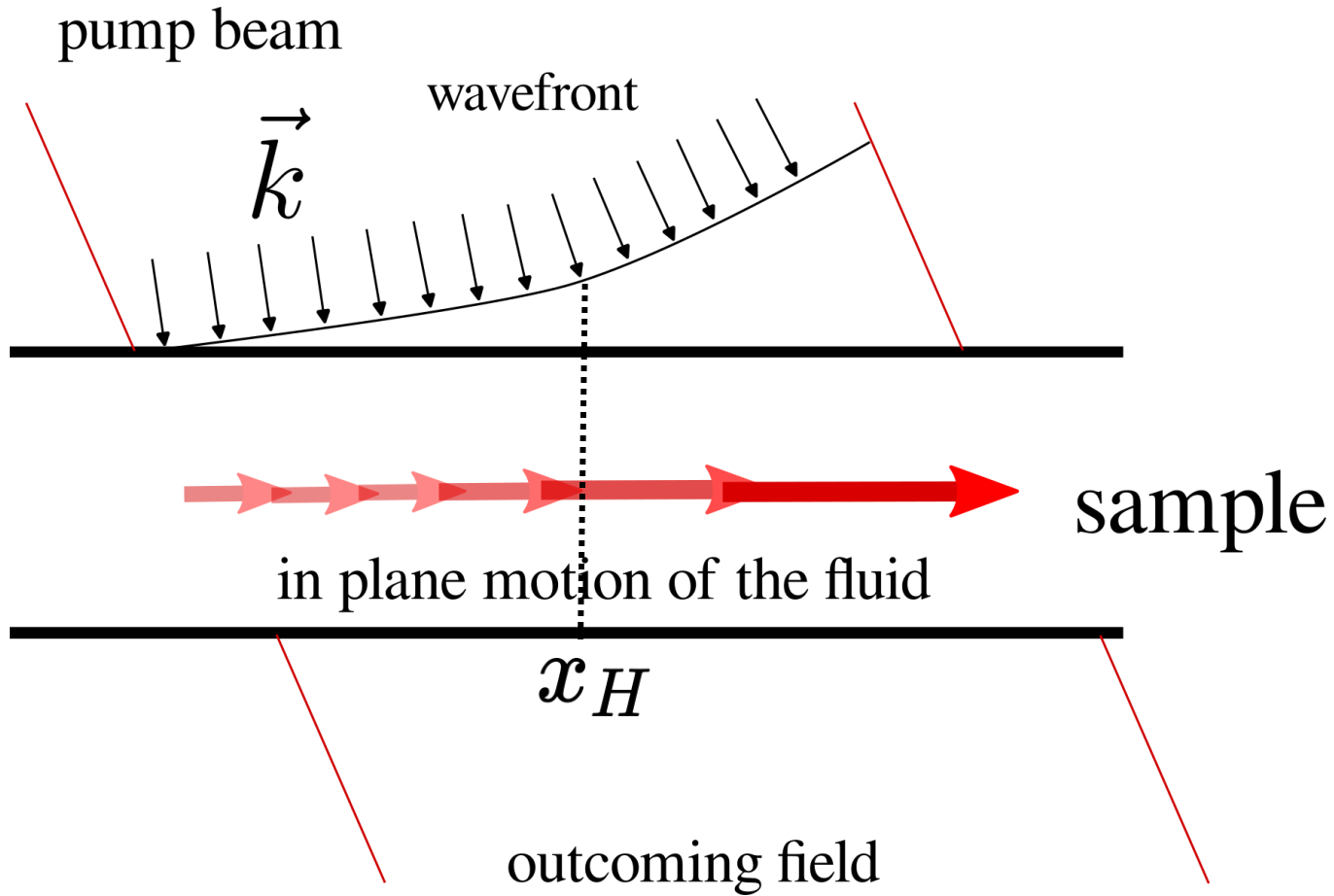
$$\phi_{laser} = \phi_{SLM}(x)$$

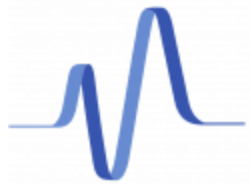
SAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(x) &= a_1 \cdot w_1 \ln \left( \cosh \left( \frac{x-x_1}{w_1} \right) \right) + a_2 x \\ &= \int v(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

# LKB Wavefront imprinting

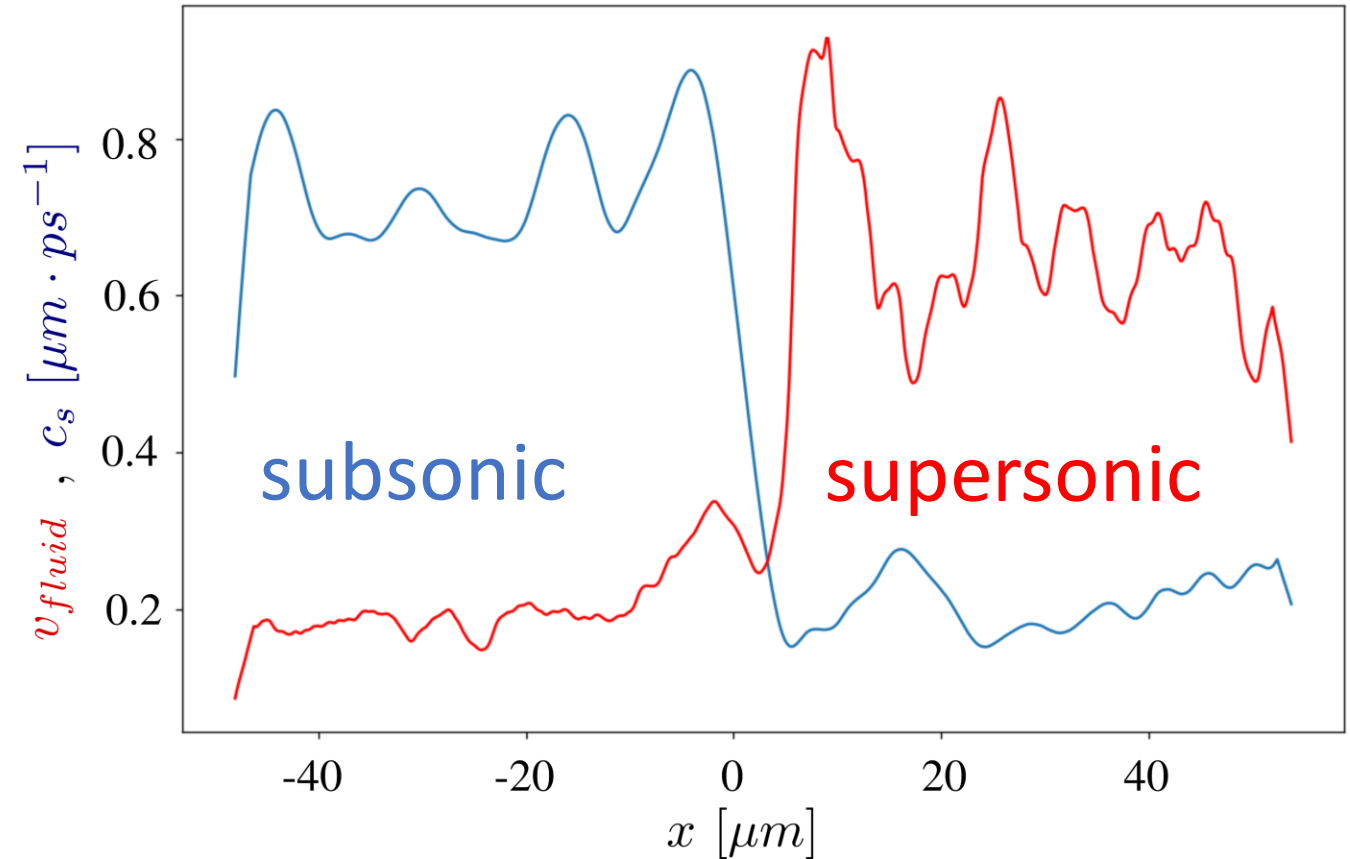
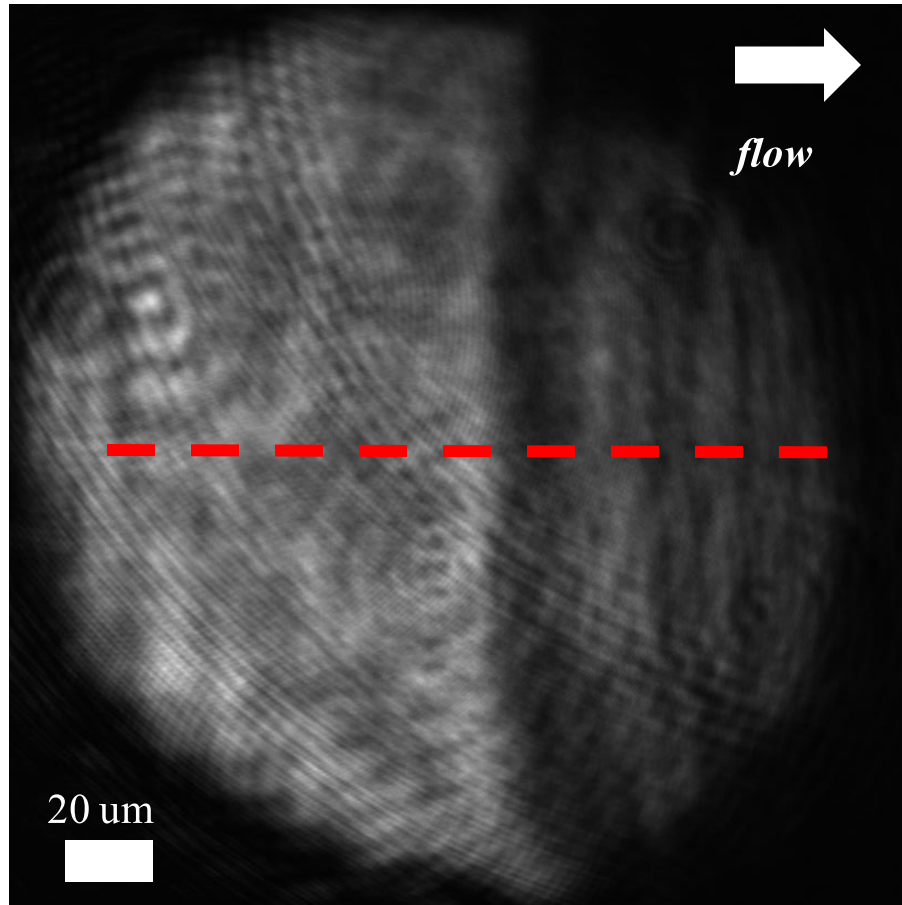
Real space image of the fluid

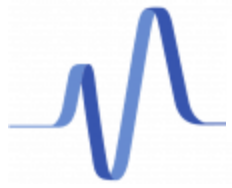




# Experimental creation of an acoustic black hole

Off axis interferometry technique to get phase measurements.





# Hawking effect – Bogoliubov theory

- Gross-Pitaevskii linearization around the steady state solution

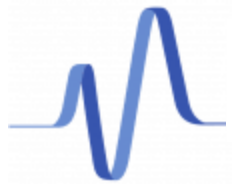
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Eigenvalues ?




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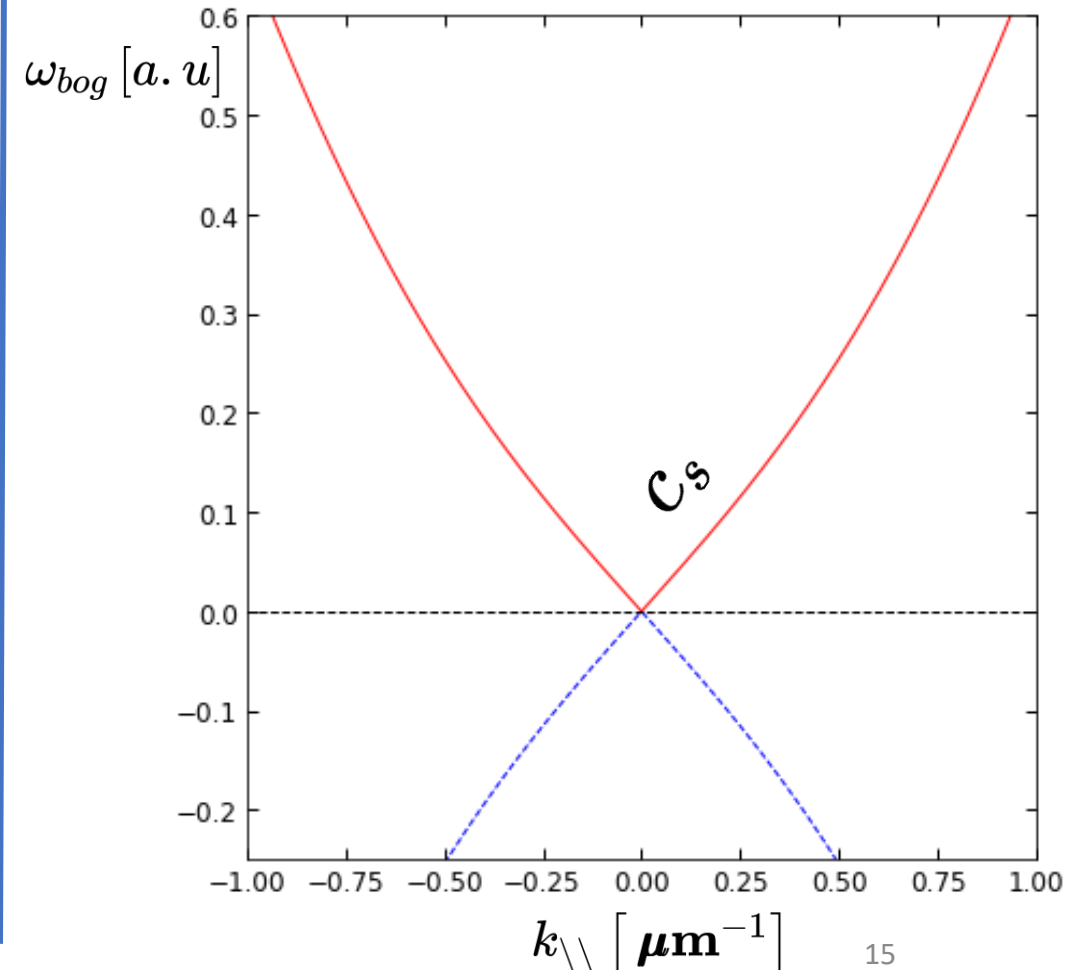
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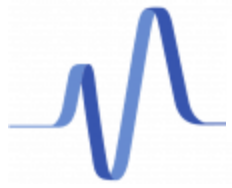
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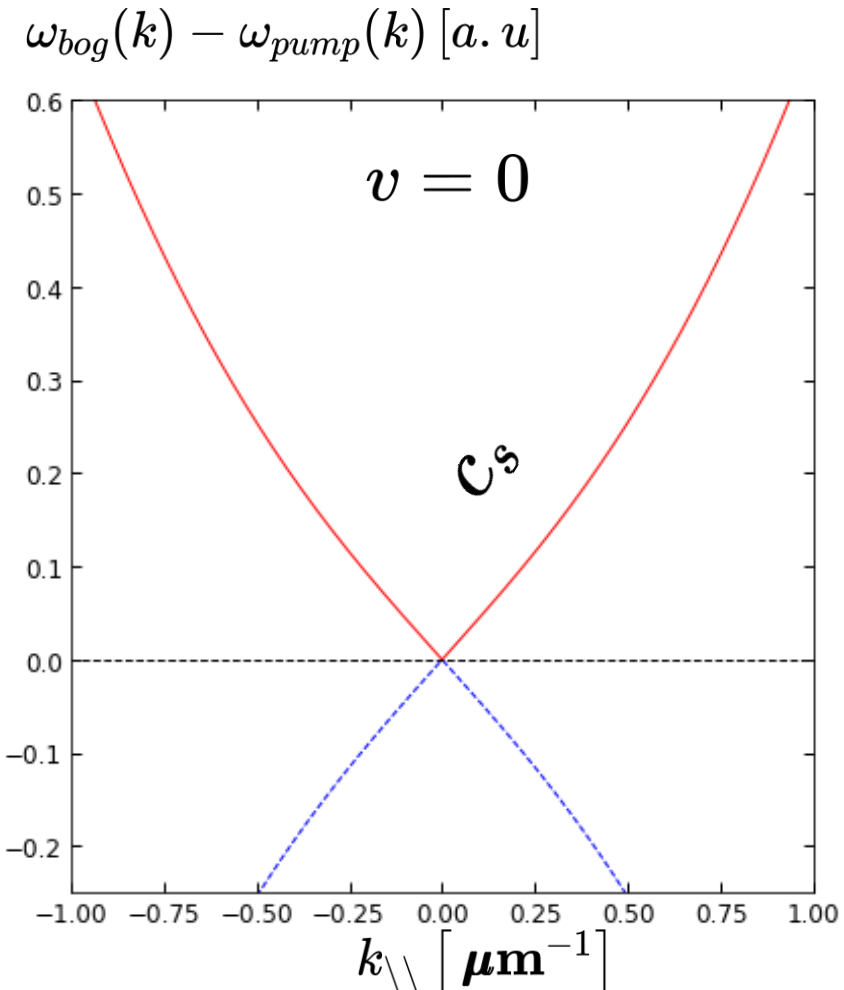
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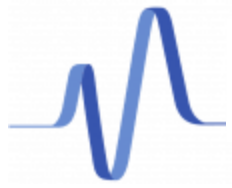


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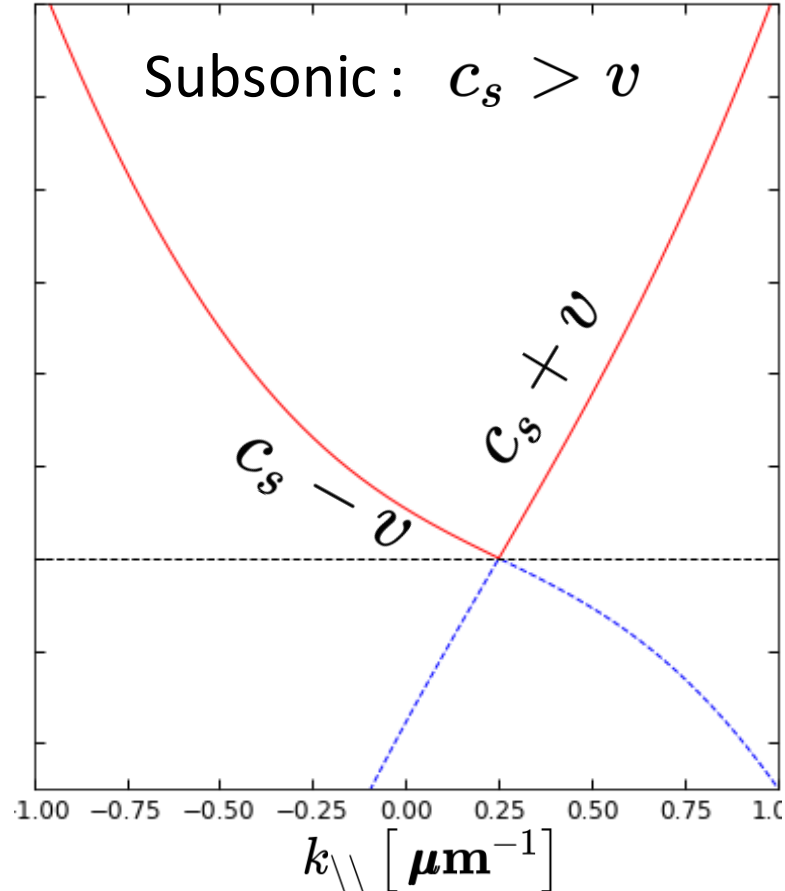
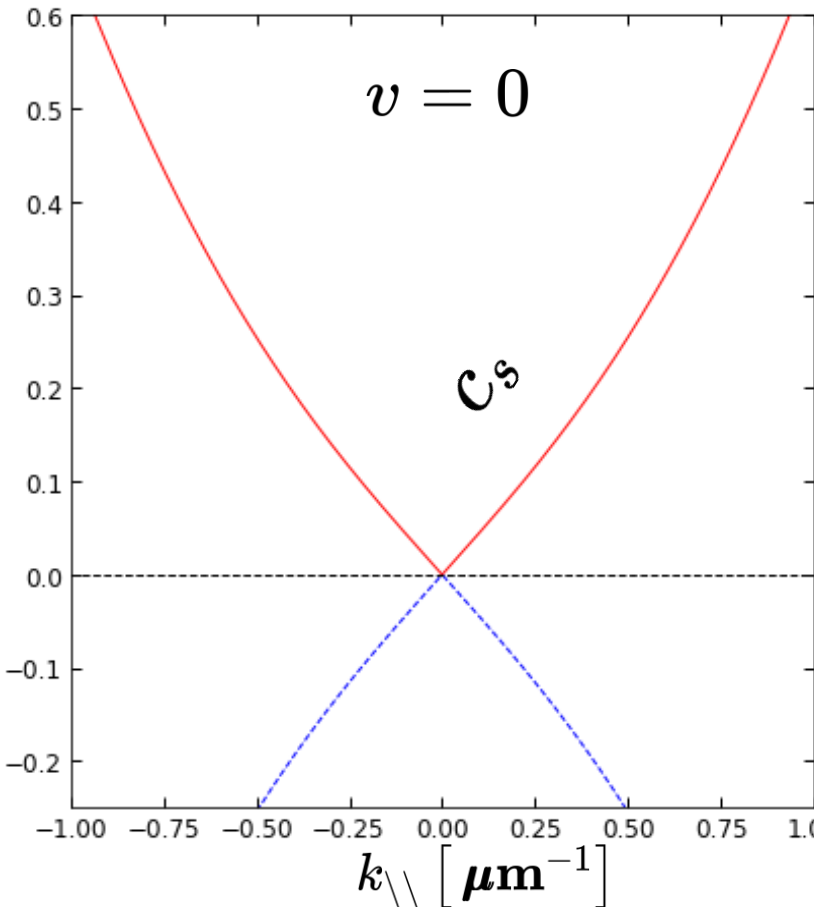


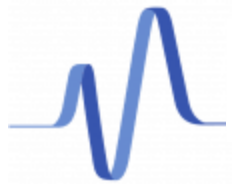


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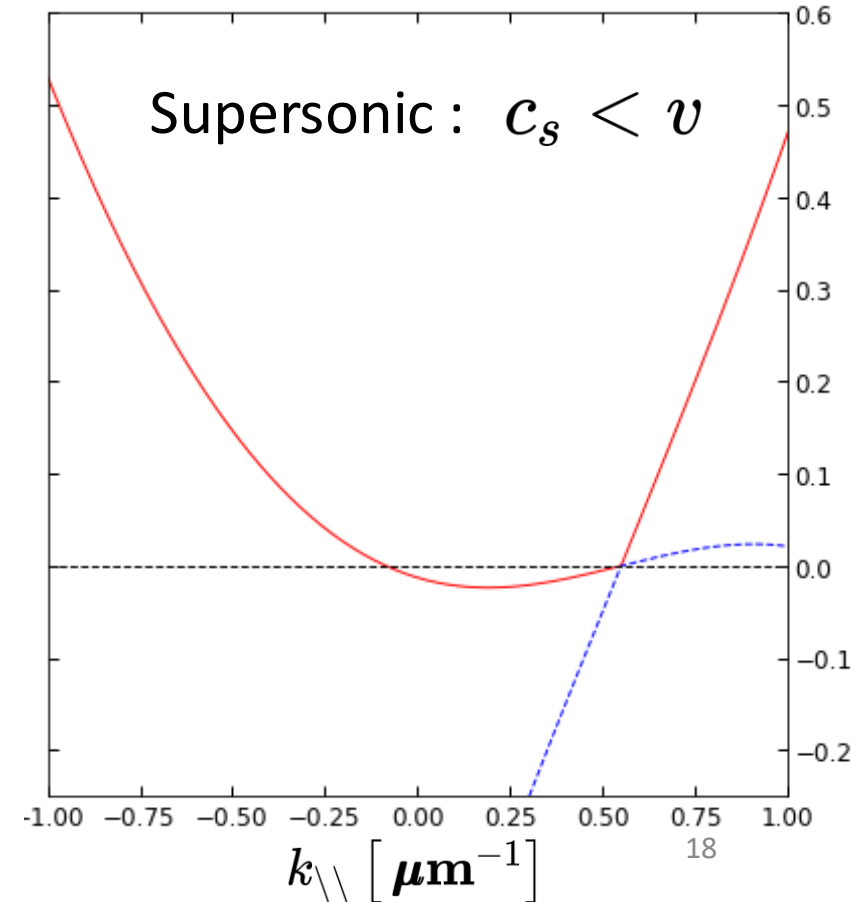
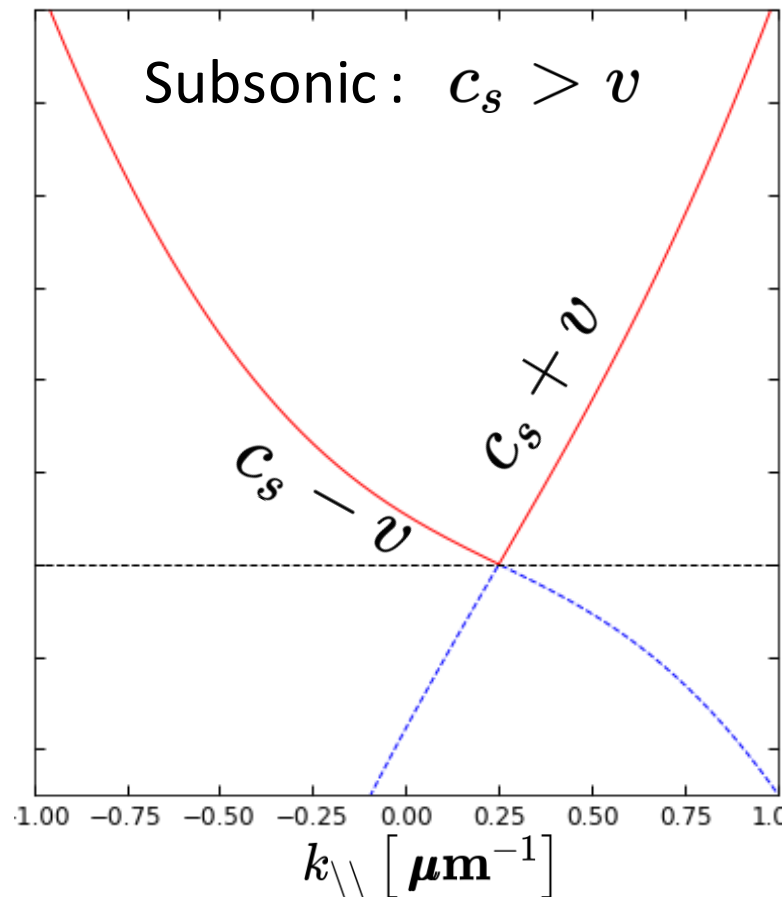
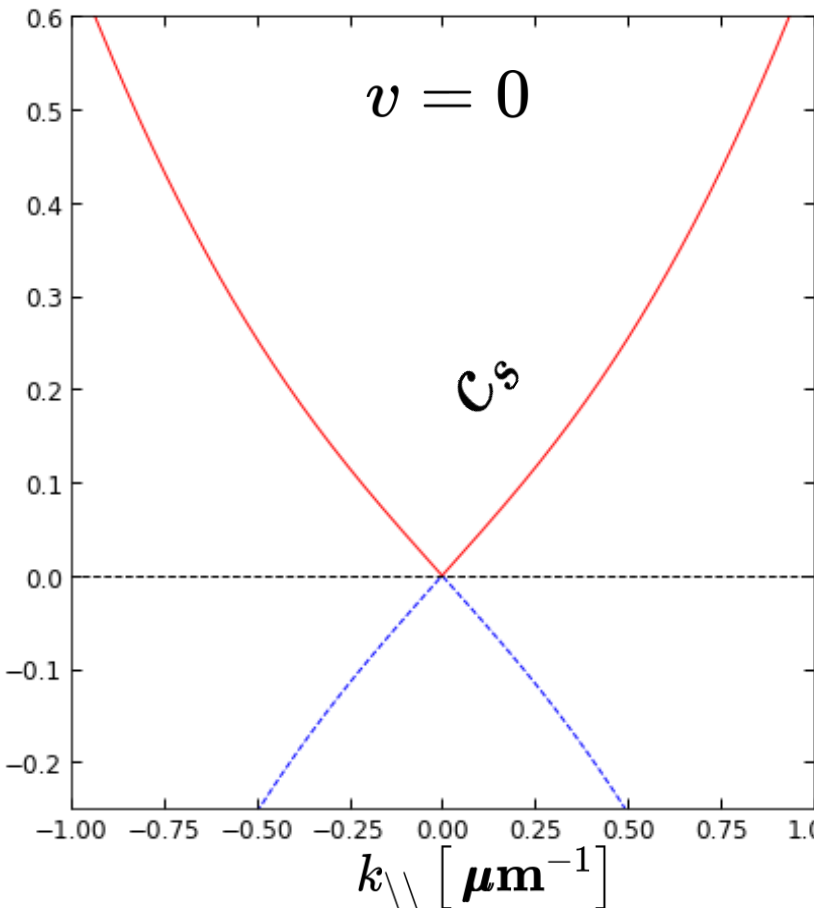


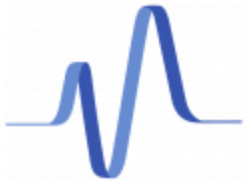


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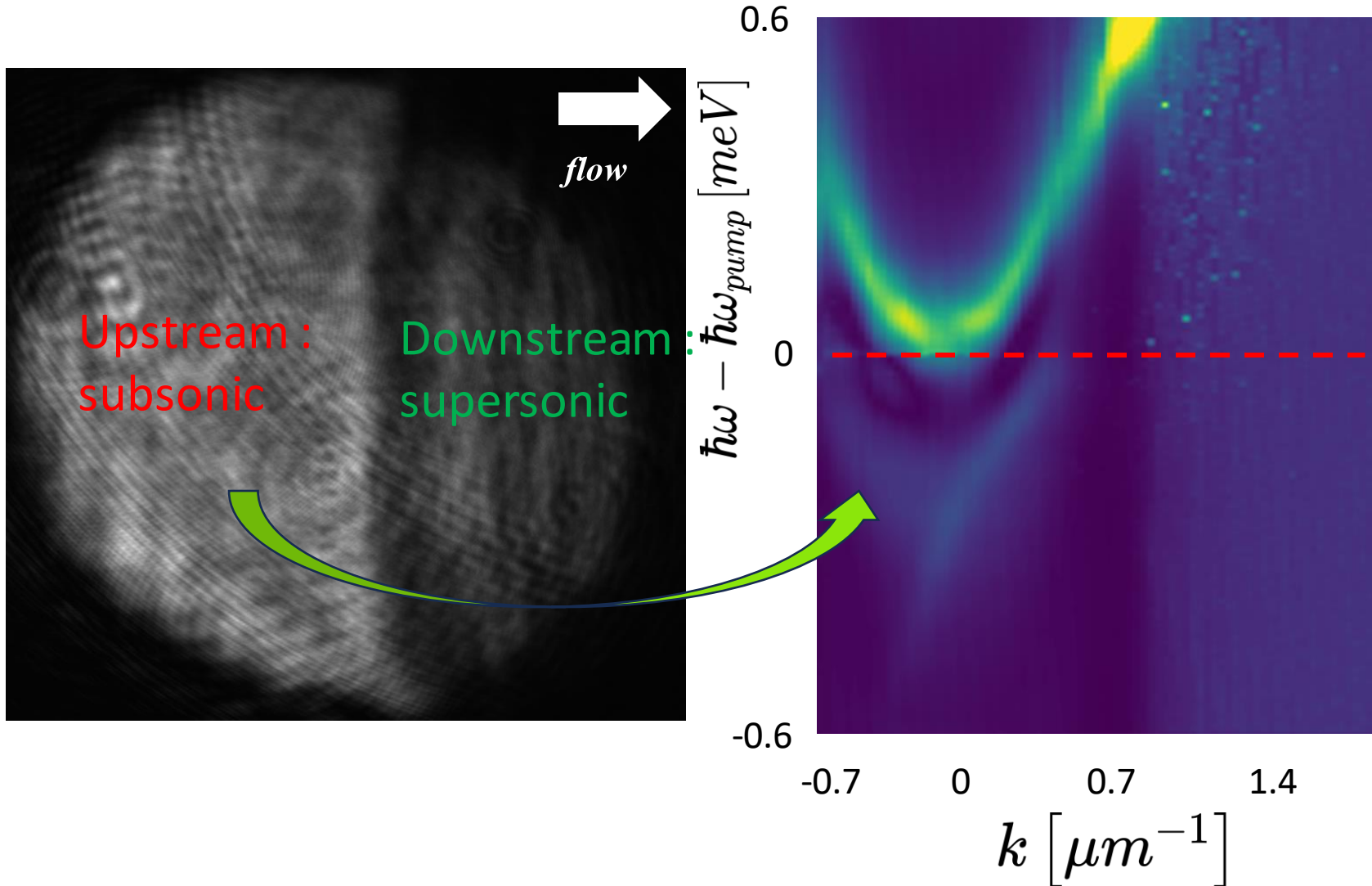


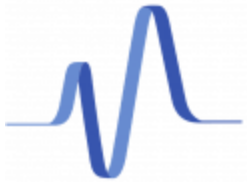


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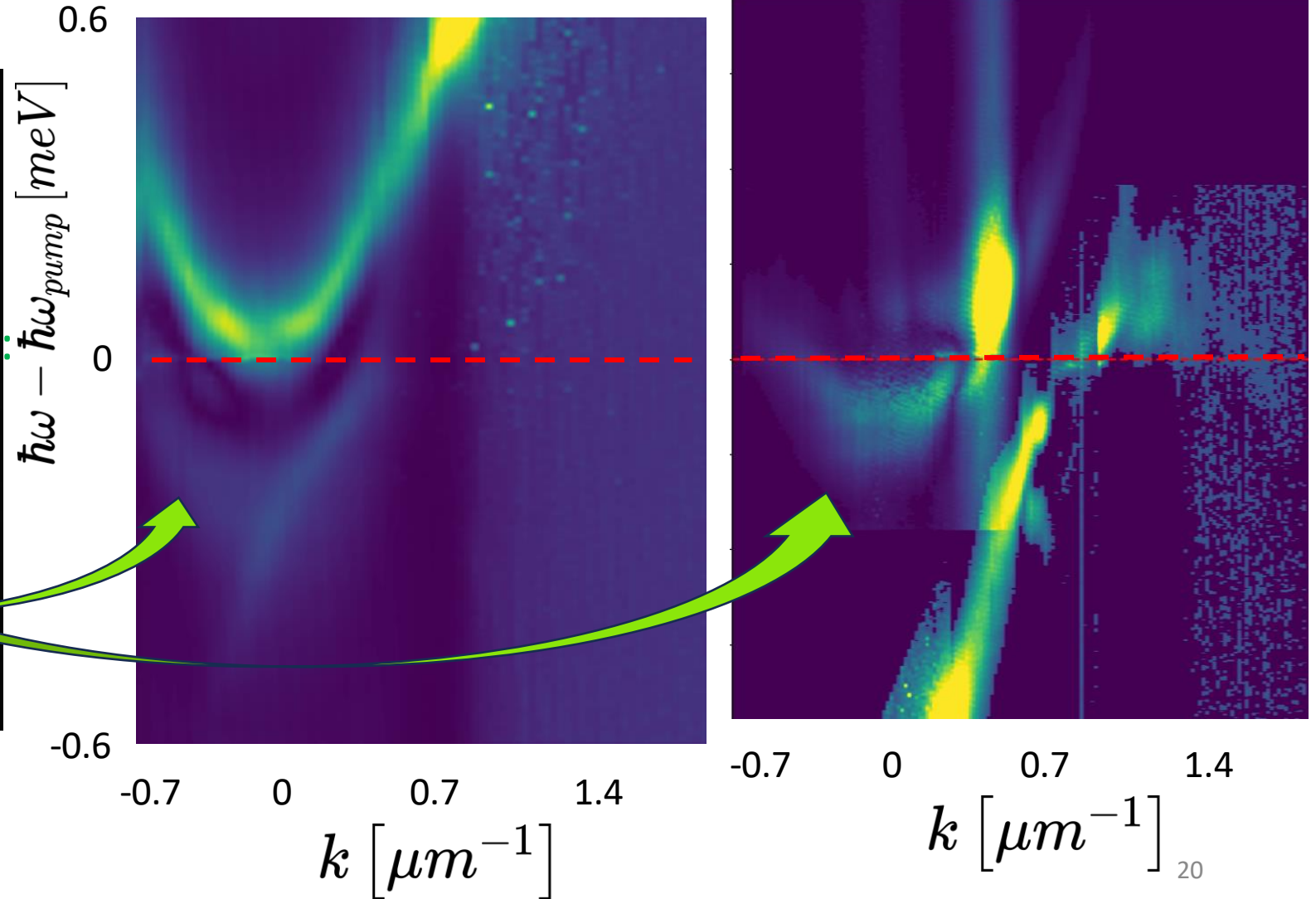
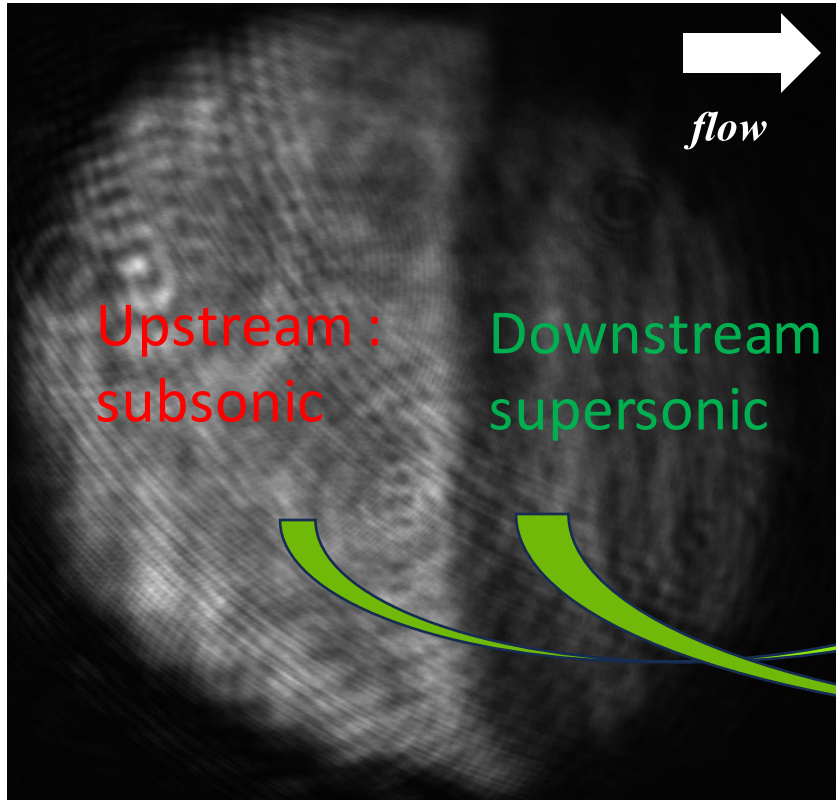


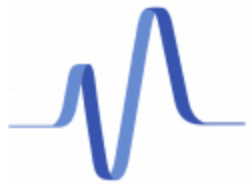


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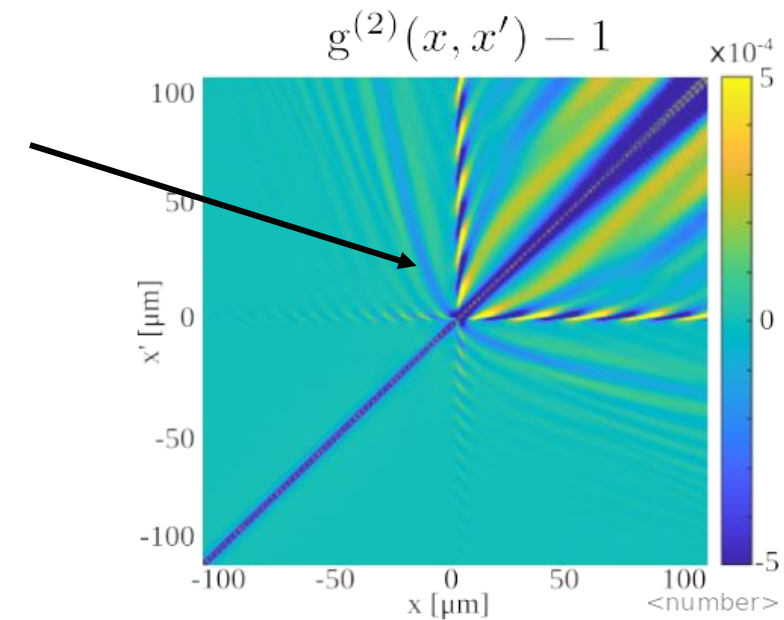




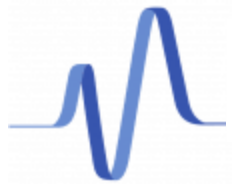
# Conclusion

- Microcavity polaritons are a well suited system to perform analog gravity experiments :
  - Optical engineering of the spacetime
  - Optical measurement of the fluid property both in real and momentum space
- Stimulated Hawking effect
- Great platform for the study of Quantum Field on Curved Spacetime
- Correlation between normal and ghost branch

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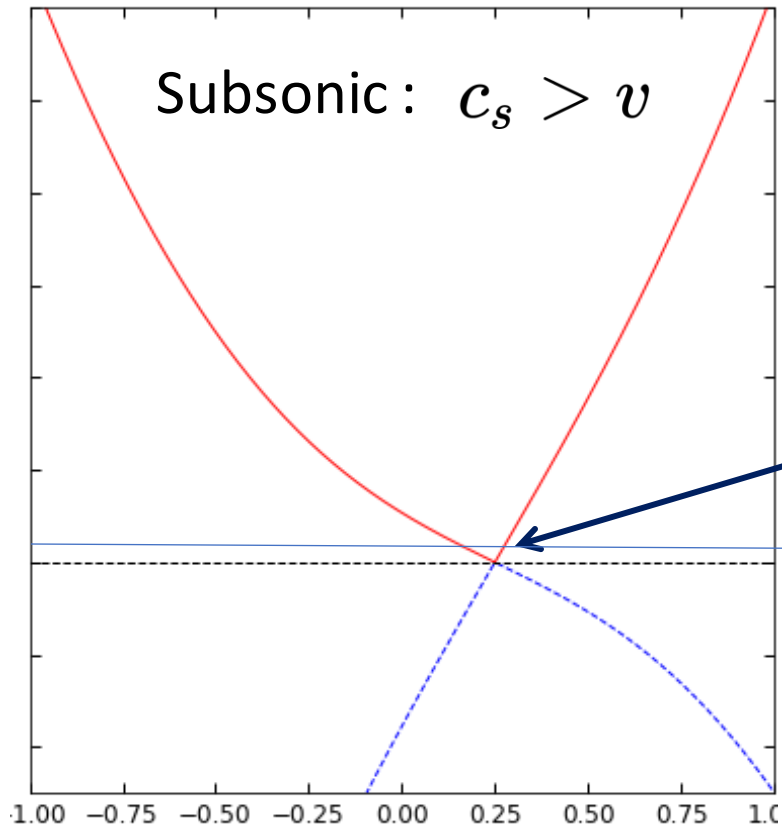






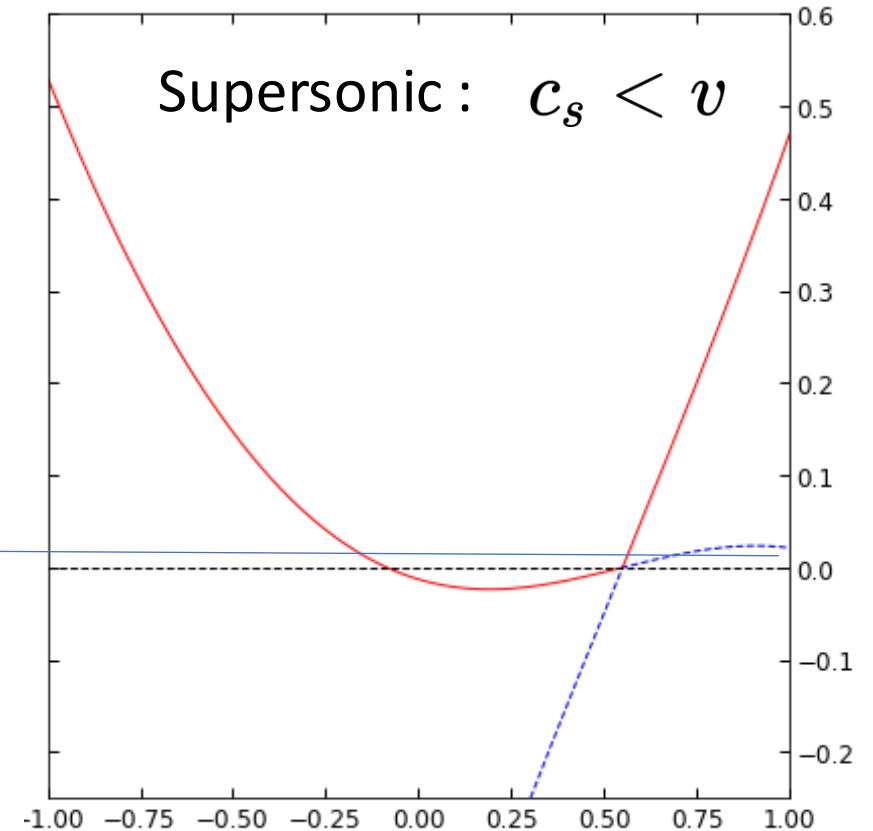
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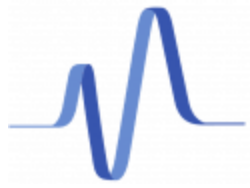


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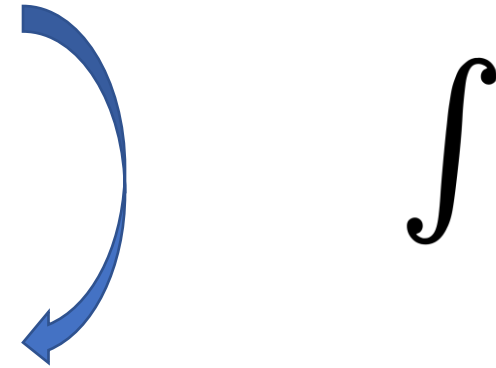
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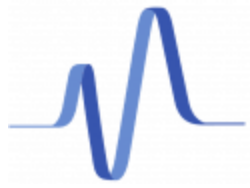
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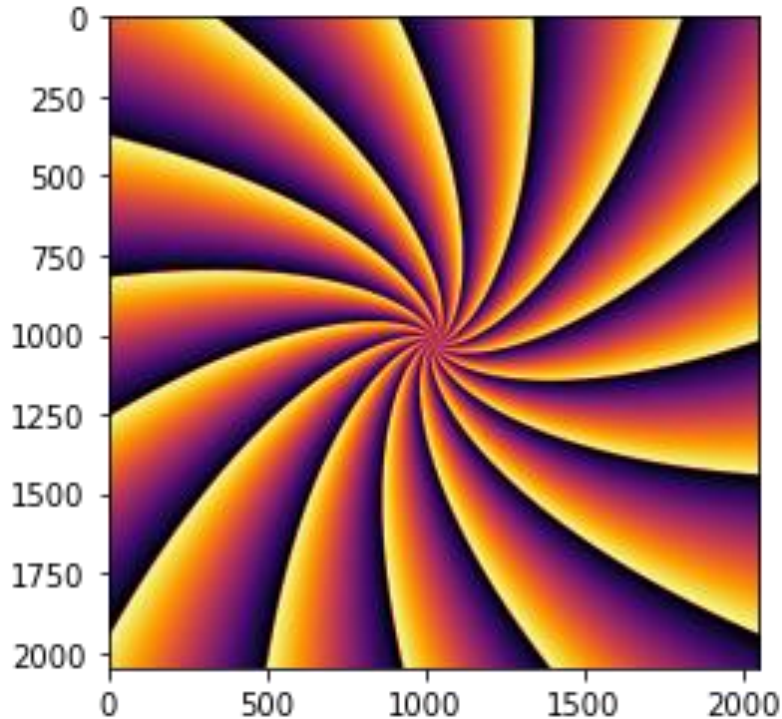




# Towards rotating geometries – Giant vortex

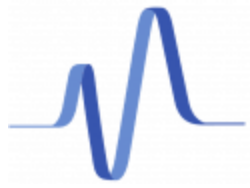
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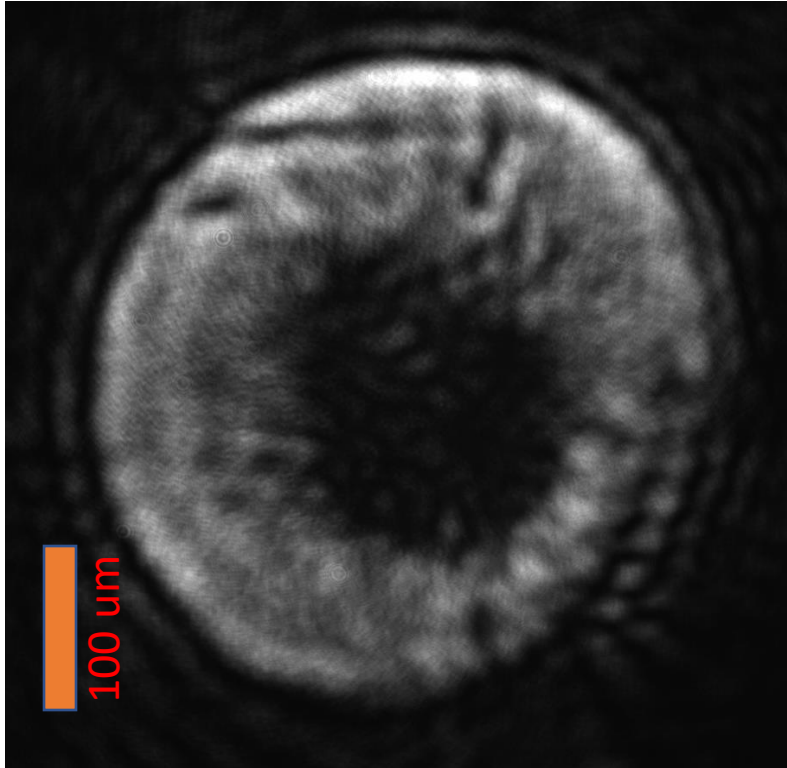


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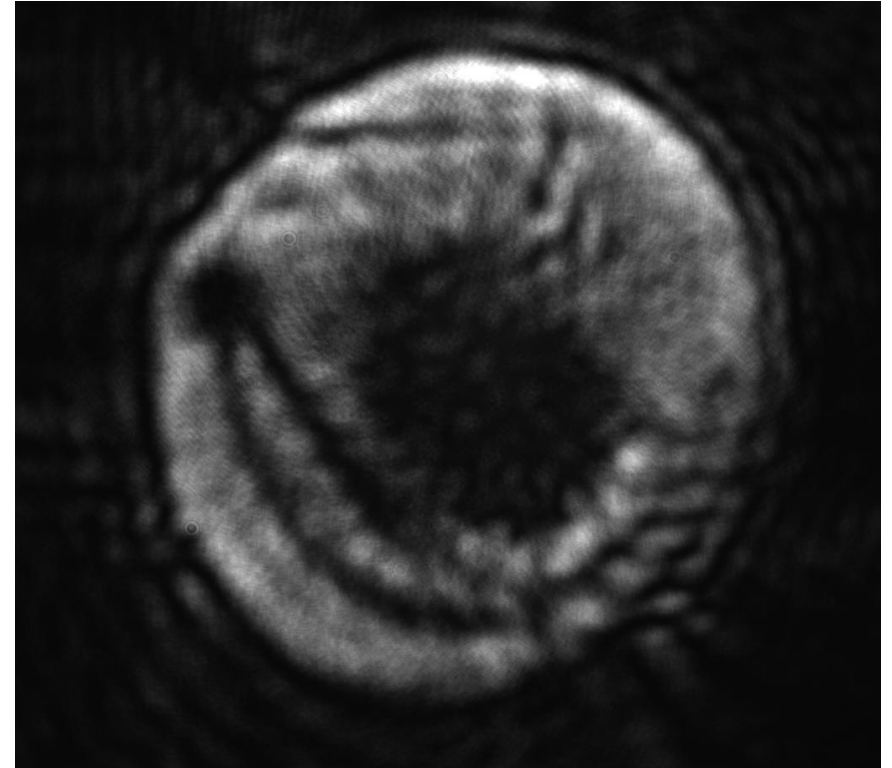
- Ergoregion :  $\|\mathbf{v}_{polaritons}(\mathbf{r})\| > c_s$
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# Solitons to probe the spacetime

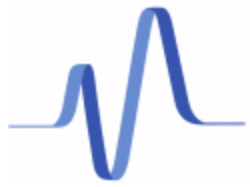


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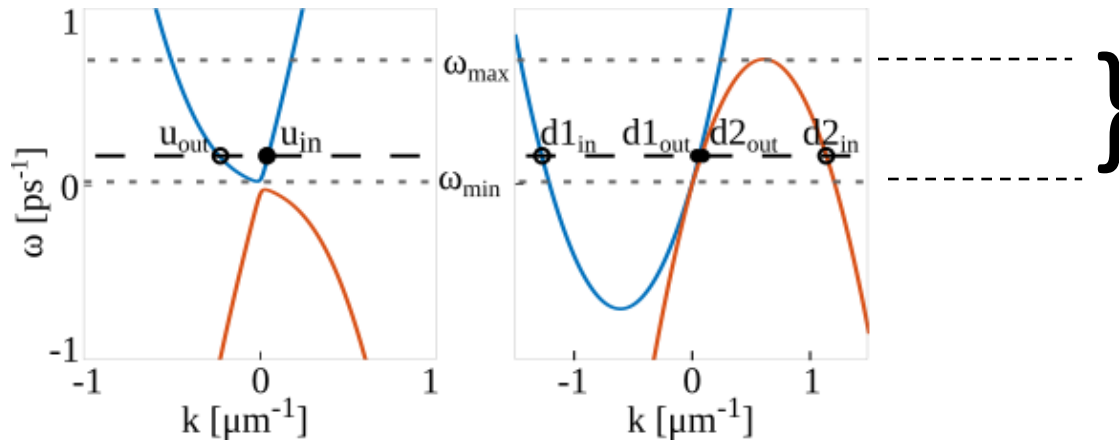


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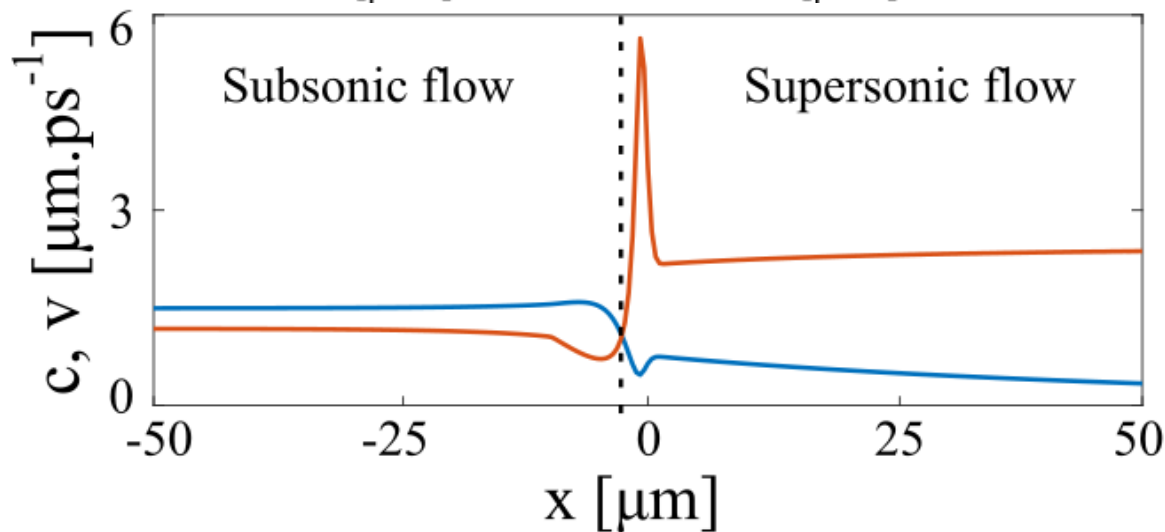
- **Mise en place d'un autre set-up avec Cryostat en circuit fermé**
- **Utilisation de solitons pour sonder l'espace temps**



Ref: -Jacquet et al, PTRSA 2020  
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 --> **Strong signal** ( $10^{-4}$ )

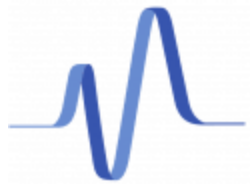


Energy and phase matching possible



4 wave mixing processes for any  $\omega \in [\omega_{min}, \omega_{max}]$  :

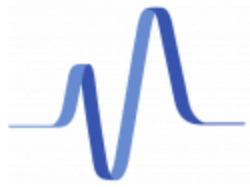
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# Missions réalisées

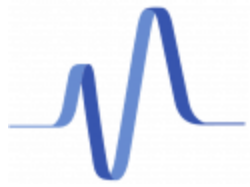
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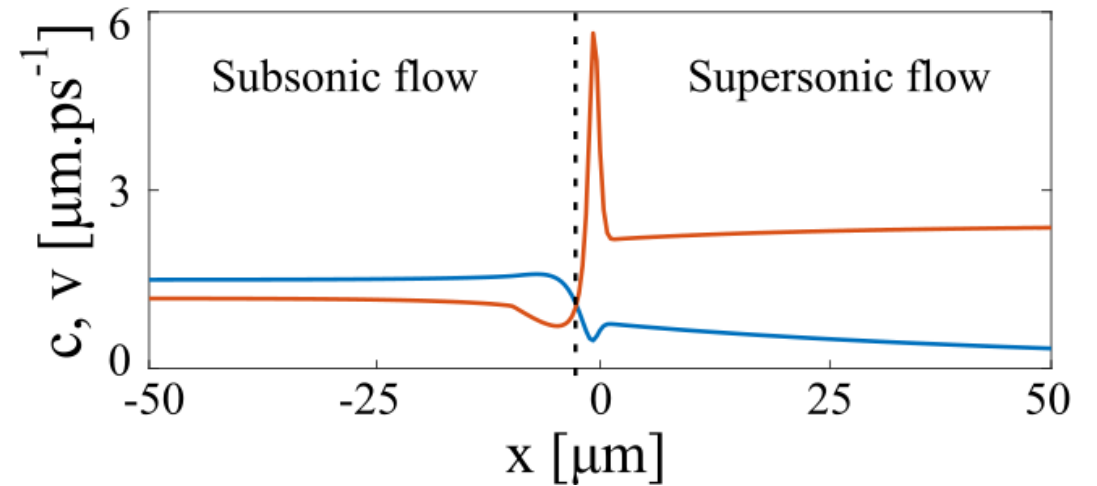
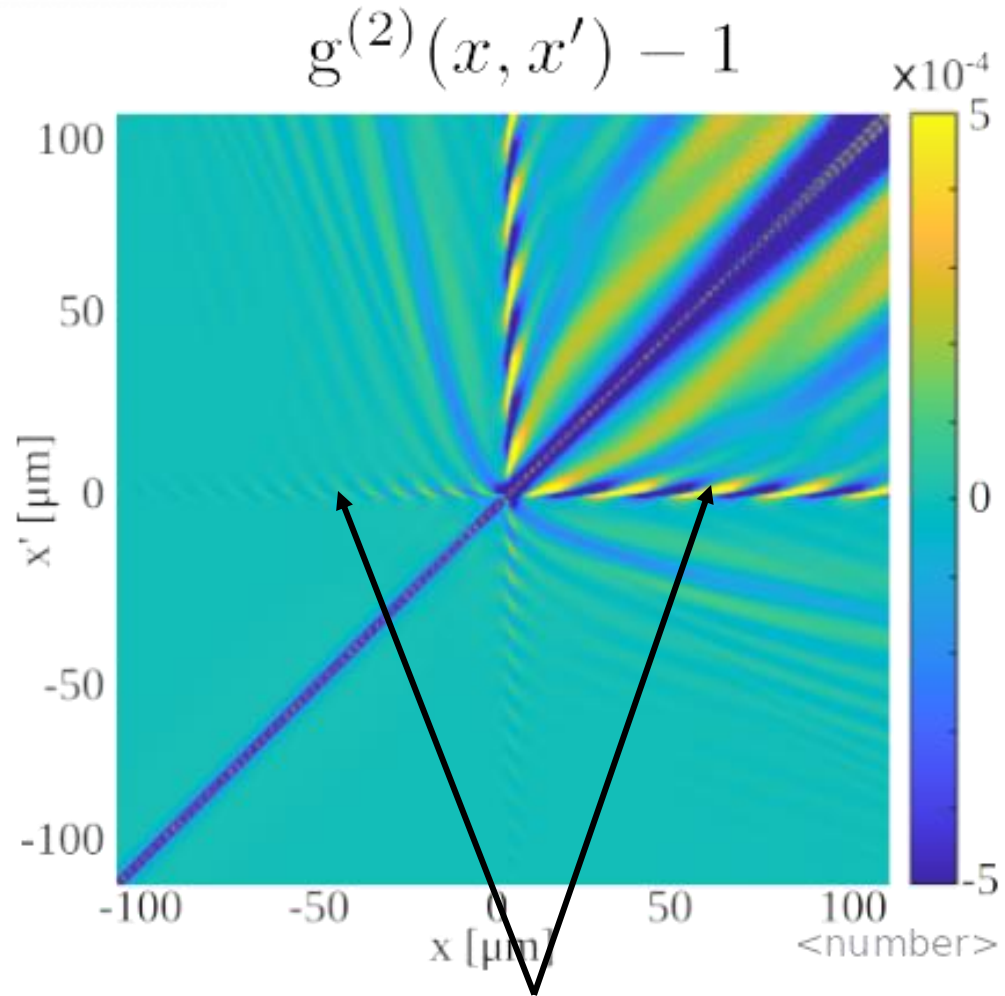


## Formation réalisées/prévues

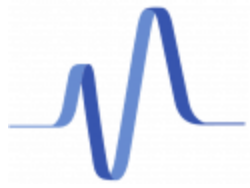
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- **Stage de formation sur les risques liés aux liquides cryogéniques, Septembre 2022– 3h30**
- **CdF – Interactions entre particules dans les gaz quantiques, mars-avril 2023- Cours de Jean Dalibard – 18h**
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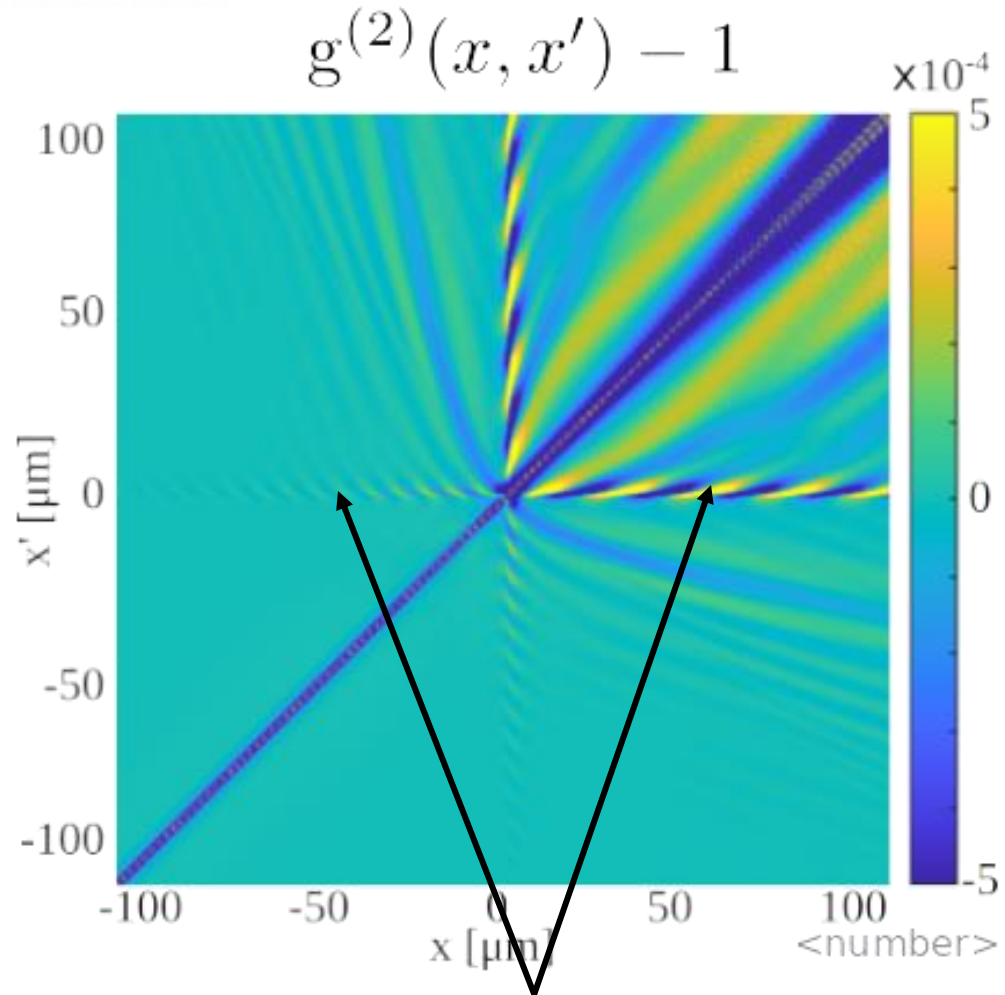
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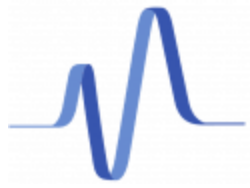


Signature of the black hole **ring down**, intrinsic to the BH.

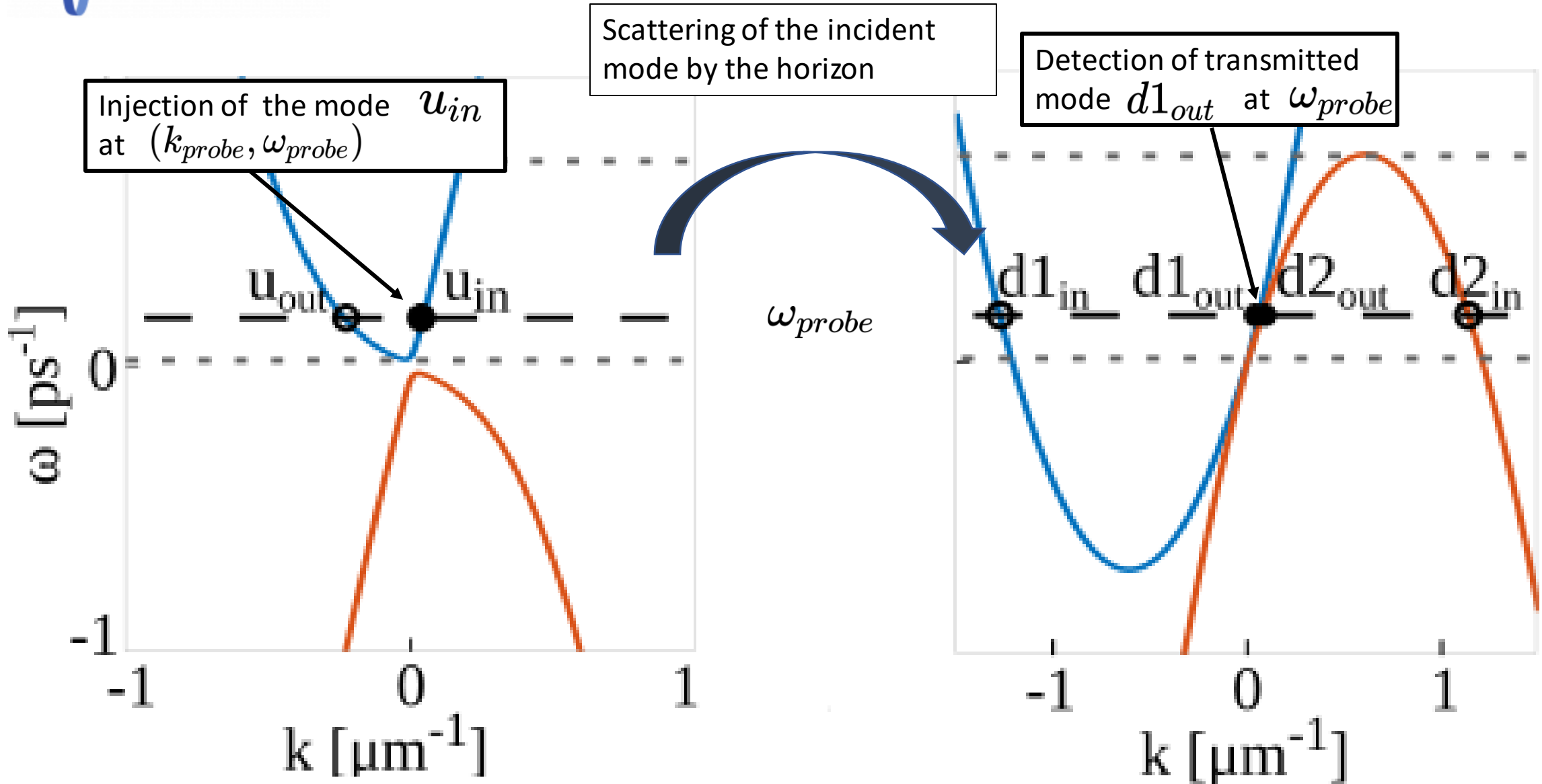


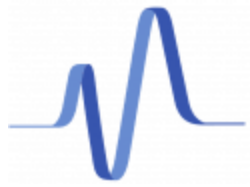
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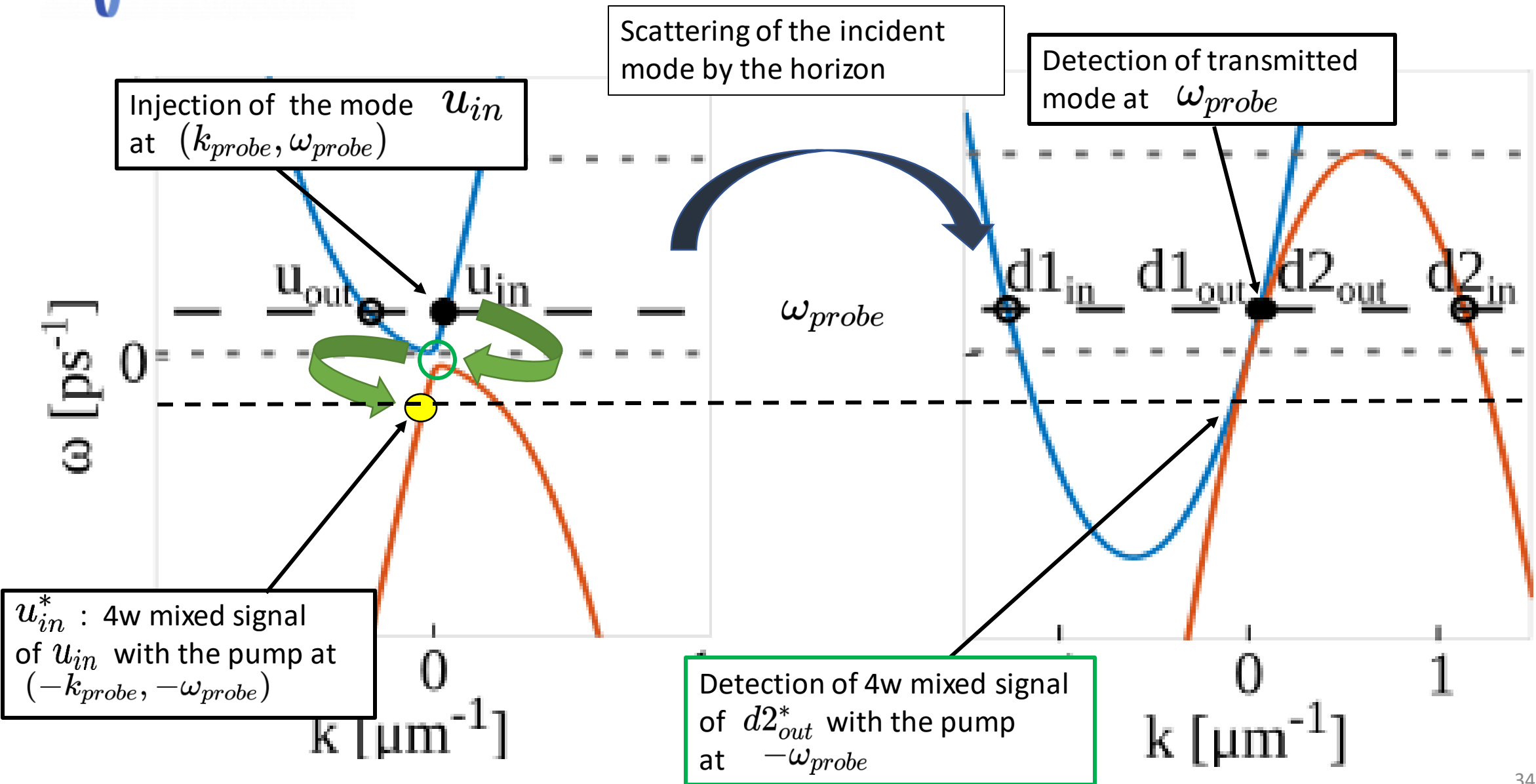


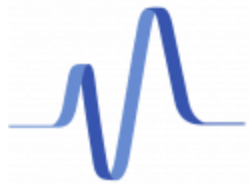
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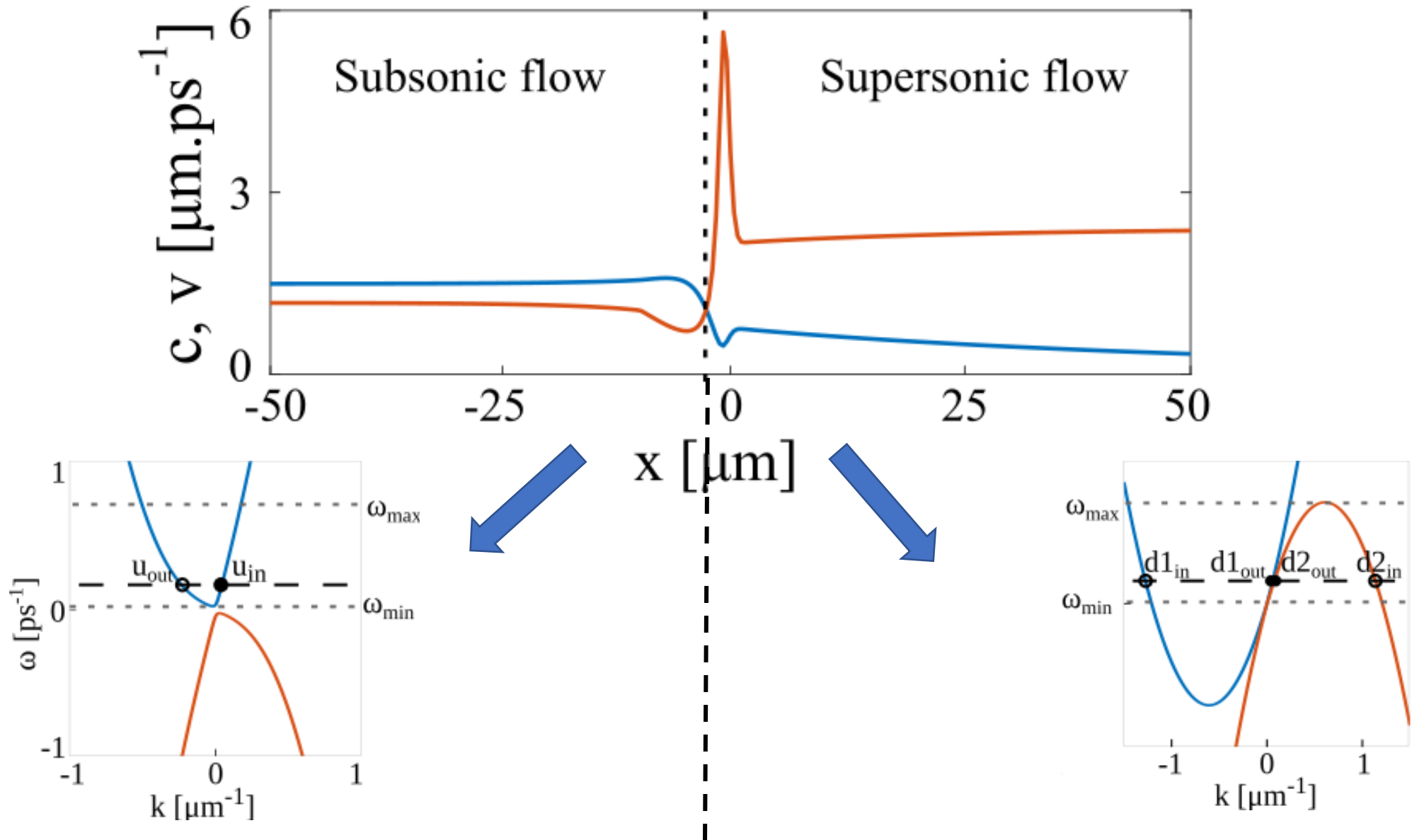


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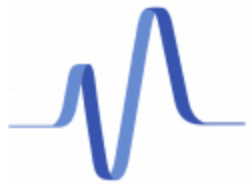




# Bogoliubov dispersion to probe the "space-time"







# Experimental Set up