



On the entanglement of quasiparticles in a Bose-Einstein Condensate

From Faraday Waves to the Dynamical Casimir Effect

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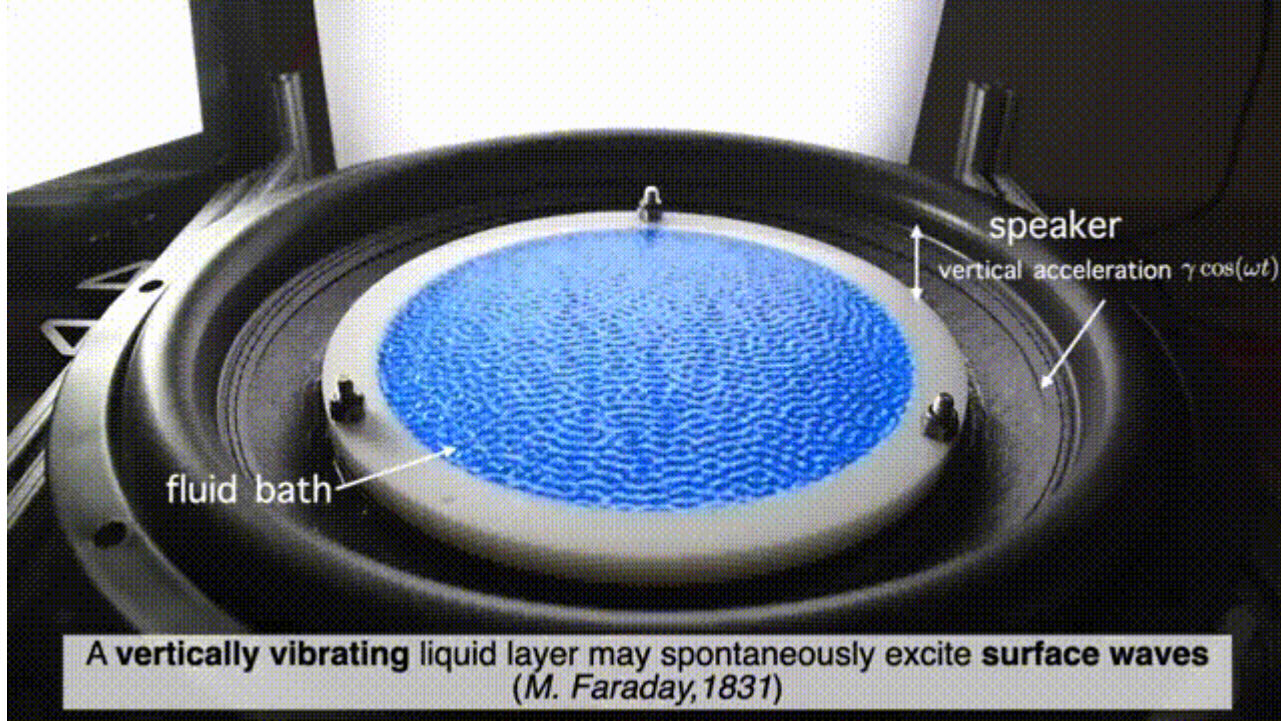


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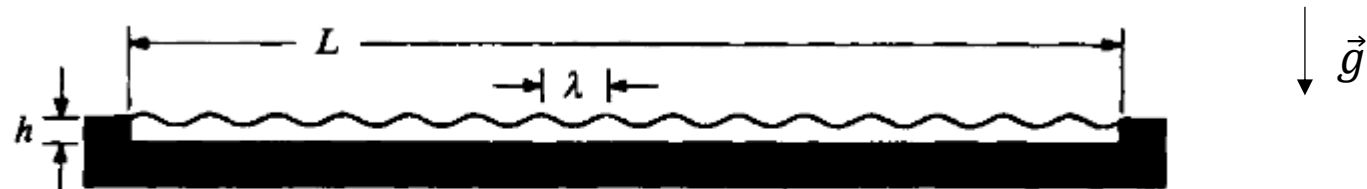
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Theory: Amaury Micheli & Scott Robertson



Guan *et al.* PR Fluids (2023), Edwards & Fauve J. Fluid Mech. (1994)



Oscillation of the container
at frequency Ω .



Dispersion relation

$$\omega_k = \sqrt{\tanh(hk) [gk + \gamma k^3]} = \Omega/2$$



Broughton Suspension Bridge collapsed in 1831

Parametric oscillation \neq forced oscillation

$\Omega/2$

Variation of an
internal parameter

Ω

External force

Parametric or forced excitation of a swing



Forced excitation



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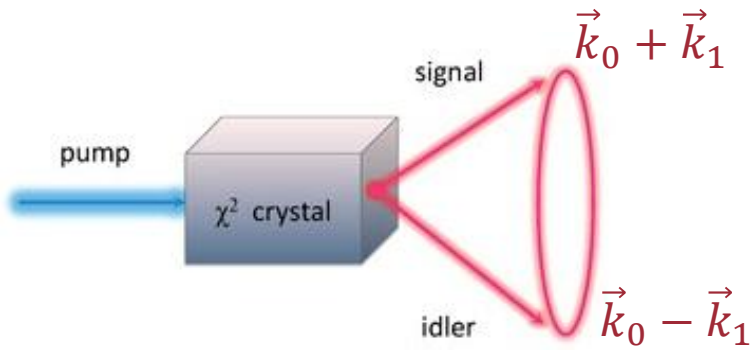
External force

Growth
triggered by
fluctuations

Growth
initialized by
the force

- experimental imperfections,
- thermal fluctuations,
- quantum fluctuations.

Parametric amplification across various scales

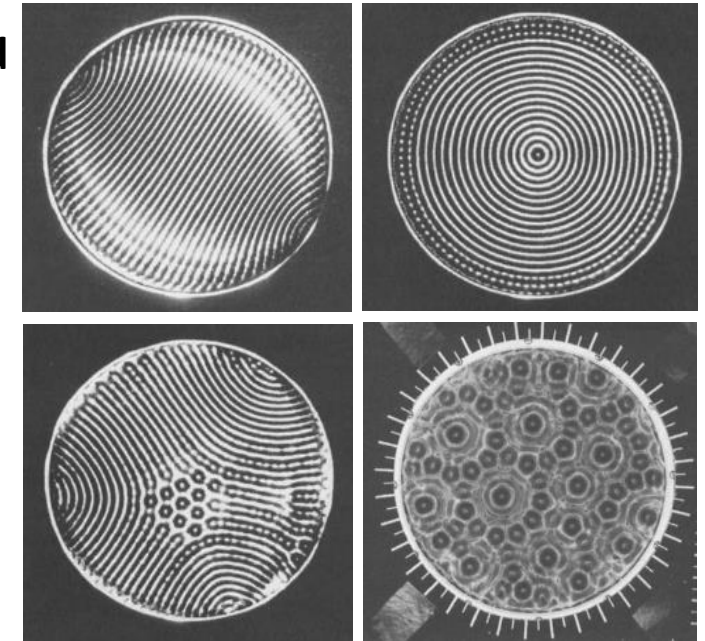


Dynamical Casimir effect
Moore (1970)



Photons

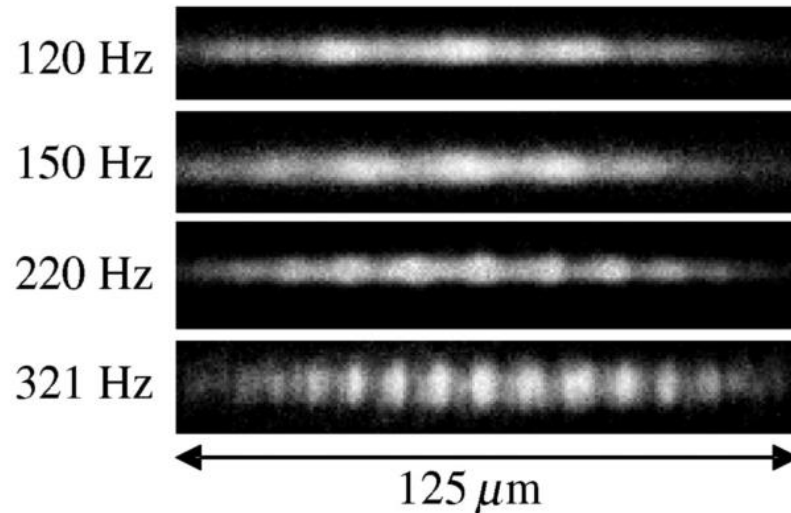
Fluid



Edwards & Fauve J. Fluid Mech. (1994)

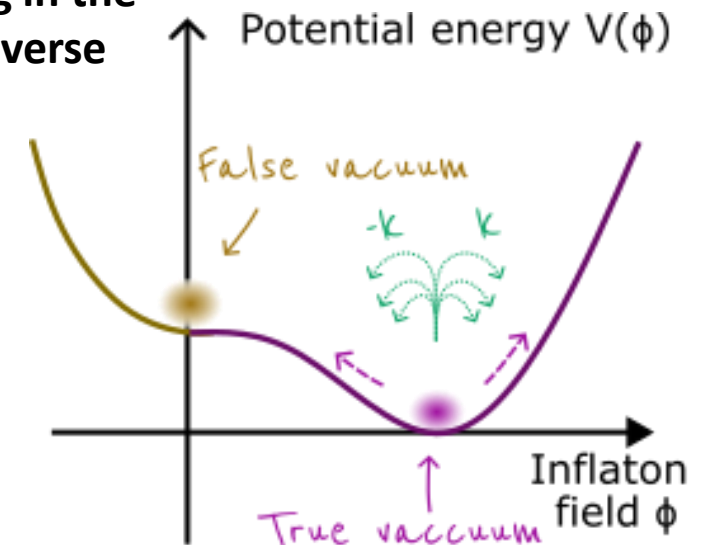
Quantum vacuum fluctuations trigger amplification which leads to entanglement.

Engels *et al* PRL (2007)



BEC

Preheating in the early universe



Reheating after inflation

The **inflaton** *slowly rolls* from its initial false vacuum state. Its almost constant potential energy **drives the inflation**.

A. Linde, Phys. Lett. 129B, 177 (1983).

It starts to oscillate around its minimum and, coupled to matter fields, it creates particles through broad **parametric resonance**.

L. Kofman, A. Linde & A. Starobinsky, Phys. Rev. D 56, (1997).

Particles are created in **pairs** with **opposite momenta from vacuum** in a two modes squeezed state.

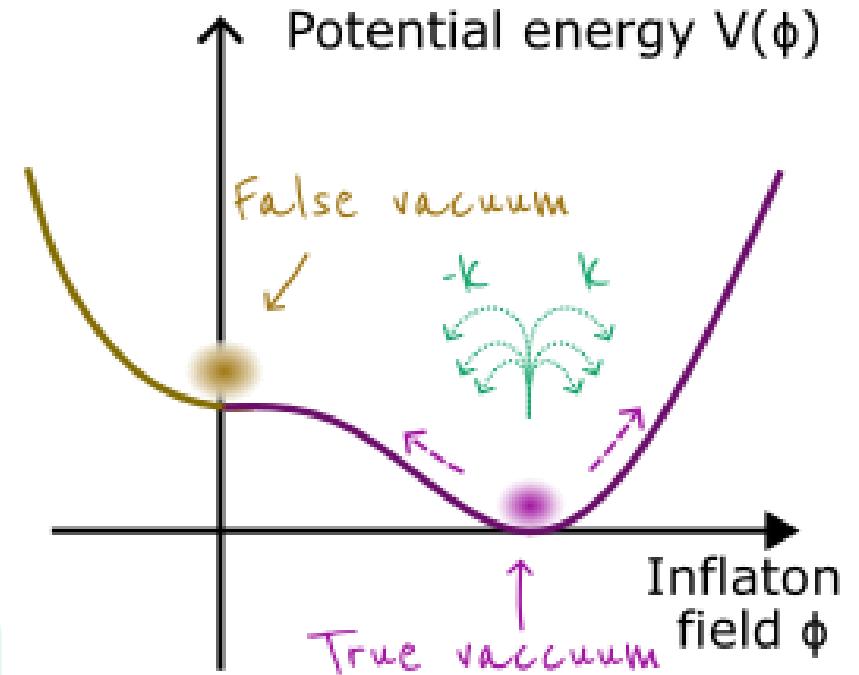
Interactions lead to decoherence and thermalization

D. Campo & R. Parentani, Phys. Rev. D **74**, 025001 (2006).



Analog gravity & cosmology: reproduce and study effects of quantum field theory in curved space time with collective excitations on strong background.

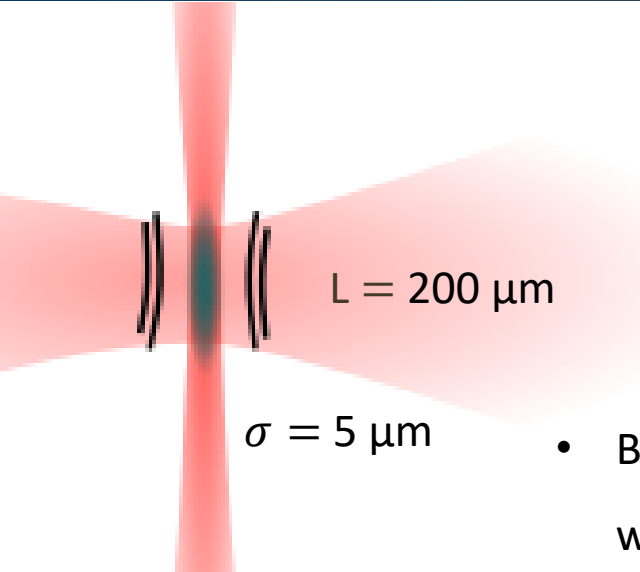
Unruh, Phys. Rev. Lett. **46**, 1351 (1981)



- Does parametric amplification of quasiparticles in a BEC lead to an entangled state?
- How these quasiparticles thermalize?

Can we witness the role played by vacuum fluctuations i.e.
observe momentum space entanglement between
quasiparticles in a BEC?

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- BEC of metastable helium He⁴ in 10 s with 5-15 000 atoms at 50(10) nK
- 1 kHz & 50 Hz: effective 1D dynamics

Description: Bose gas with contact interaction

- $\hat{\Psi} \sim \frac{\sqrt{n_1}}{\sigma} e^{-r^2/2\sigma^2} [1 + \hat{\phi}(z)]$
- $n_1 = N/L$
- $g_1 \sim 1/\sigma^2$ 1D effective interaction

Theoretical approach: Bogoliubov 1D (linearize)

We study collective excitations:

- \hat{b}_k annihilates a longitudinal quasiparticle at k
- $\hat{\phi}_k = u_k \hat{b}_k + v_k \hat{b}_{-k}^\dagger$

\hat{b}_k diagonalizes the Hamiltonian

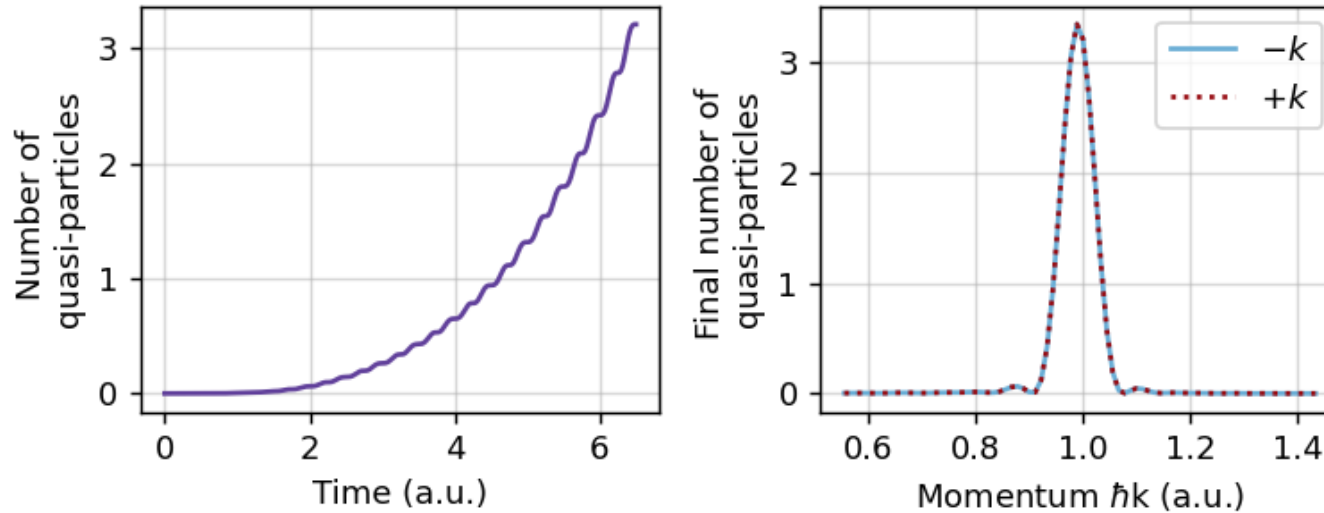
$$i\hbar\partial_t \hat{b}_k = \omega_k \hat{b}_k + i \frac{\dot{\omega}_k}{2\omega_k} \hat{b}_{-k}^\dagger$$

with Bogoliubov dispersion relation

$$\omega_k = \sqrt{2g_1 n_1 \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \right)^2}$$

What if g_1 is time dependant?

Numerical simulation



Oscillation of $g_1 n_1$ at frequency Ω parametrically excites quasiparticles by pairs with $\omega_k = \Omega/2$

How to change $g_1 n_1$ (or gn) ?

- Feshbach resonance: Chicago, Rice, Heidelberg,
- Trap frequency modulation: NIST, Palaiseau, Mexico...

$g_1 \sim 1/\sigma^2$ 1D effective
interaction with σ BEC radius.

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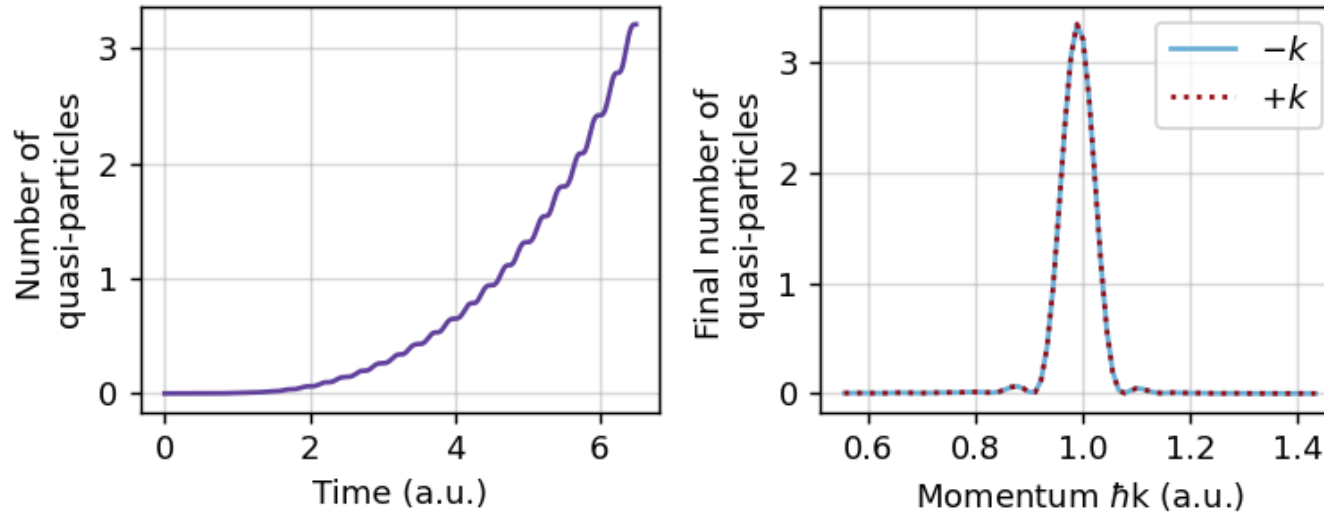
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If zero temperature, we expect a two-mode squeezed vacuum state

$$|\phi\rangle \sim \sum_i \tanh^i r |i, i\rangle_{-k, k}$$

i.e. vacuum fluctuations \rightarrow entanglement.



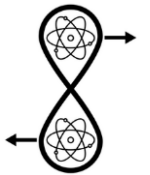
Theoretical cheatsheet

Carusotto *et al.* EPJD (2010),
Busch *et al.* PRA (2014),
Robertson *et al.* PRD (2017, 2018)



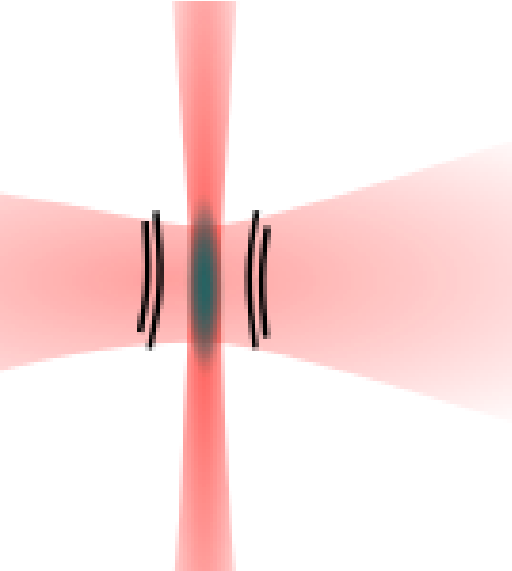
If non-zero temperature, both thermal and vacuum fluctuations trigger the growth.

Amplification of quantum fluctuations is witnessed by two-mode entanglement: $|\langle \hat{b}_k \hat{b}_{-k} \rangle|^2 > n_k n_{-k}$



Beyond Bogoliubov: quasiparticle interactions further destroy entanglement.

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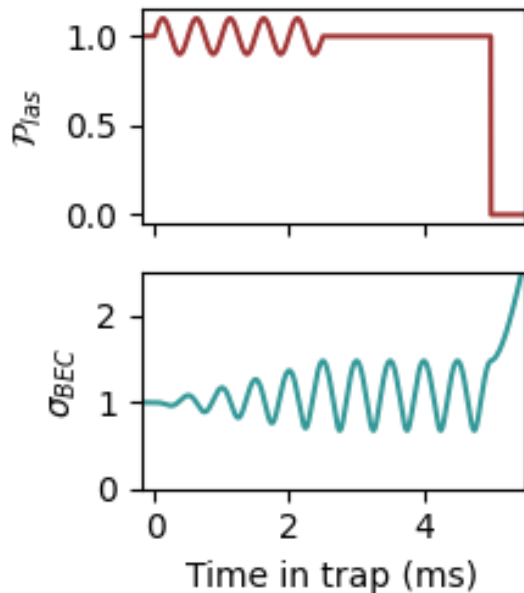


Any excitation frequency could work but we excite only the transverse breathing mode of the BEC at $2\omega_{\perp}$

Chevy *et al* PRL (2002)

- This mode is (almost) not damped
- “Accidental Suppression of Landau Damping of the Transverse Breathing Mode in Elongated Bose-Einstein Condensates” Jackson & Zaremba PRL (2002)

Because both the BEC and the thermal cloud oscillate at $2\omega_{\perp}$



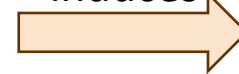
Excitation procedure does not heat the cloud.

We can hope to get an entangled state!

Excitation at
resonance of the
transverse breathing
mode

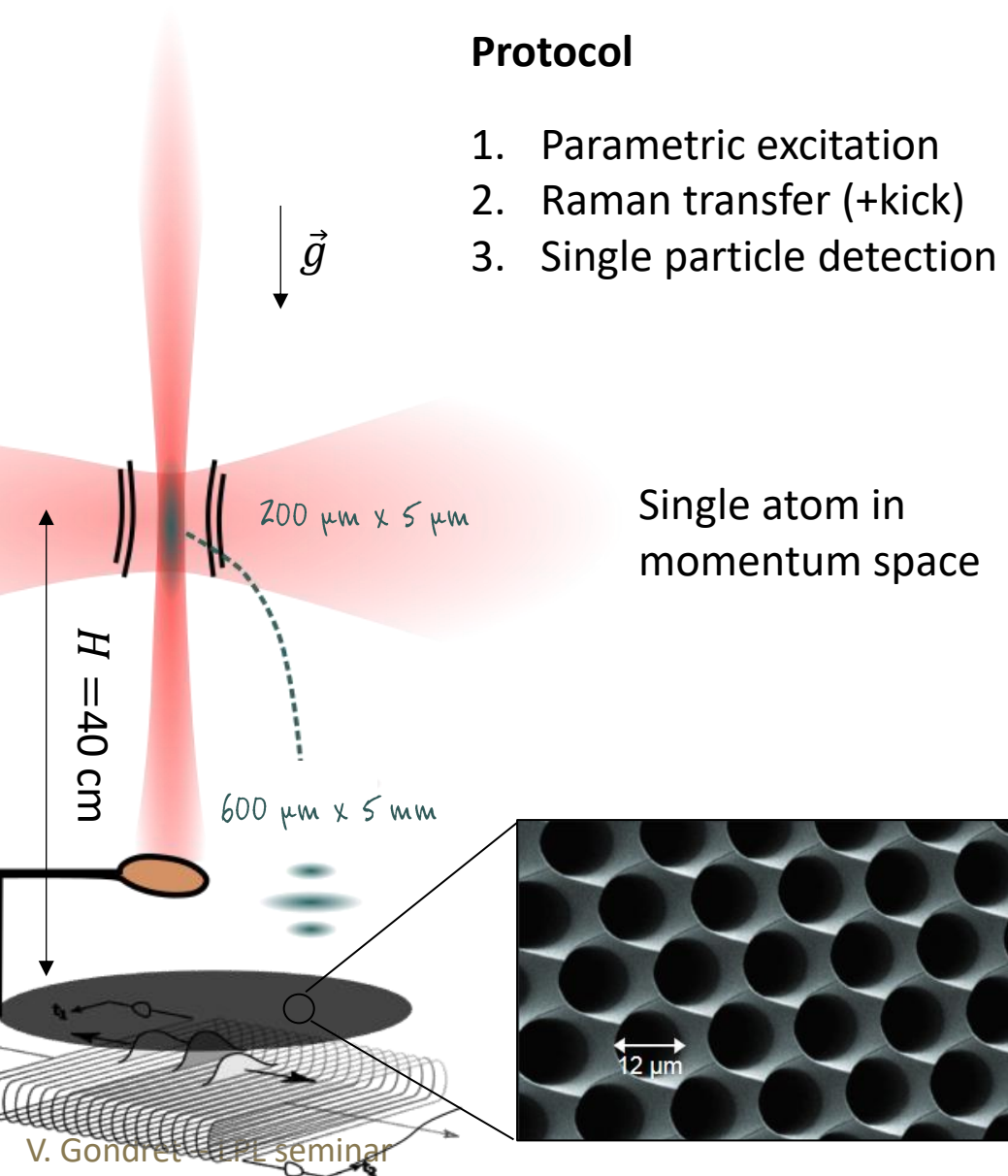
induces

Parametric excitation
of the longitudinal
modes



Protocol

1. Parametric excitation
2. Raman transfer (+kick)
3. Single particle detection

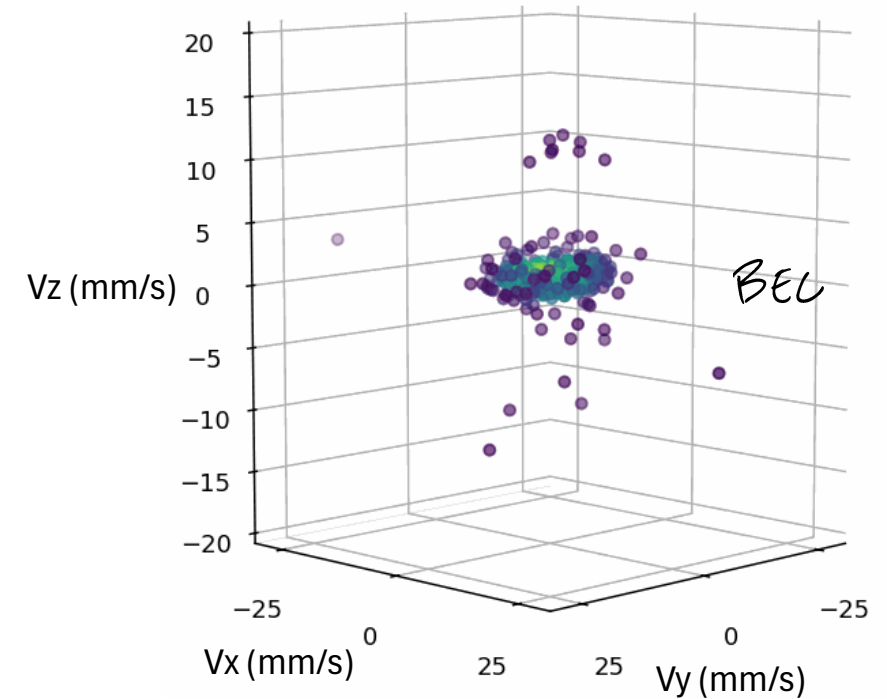


$$\begin{cases} v_x = X/T \\ v_y = Y/T \\ v_z = gT/2 - H/T \end{cases}$$

Metastable He^4 :
electronic detection of
individual atoms (X, Y, T)

$$p = mv = \hbar k$$

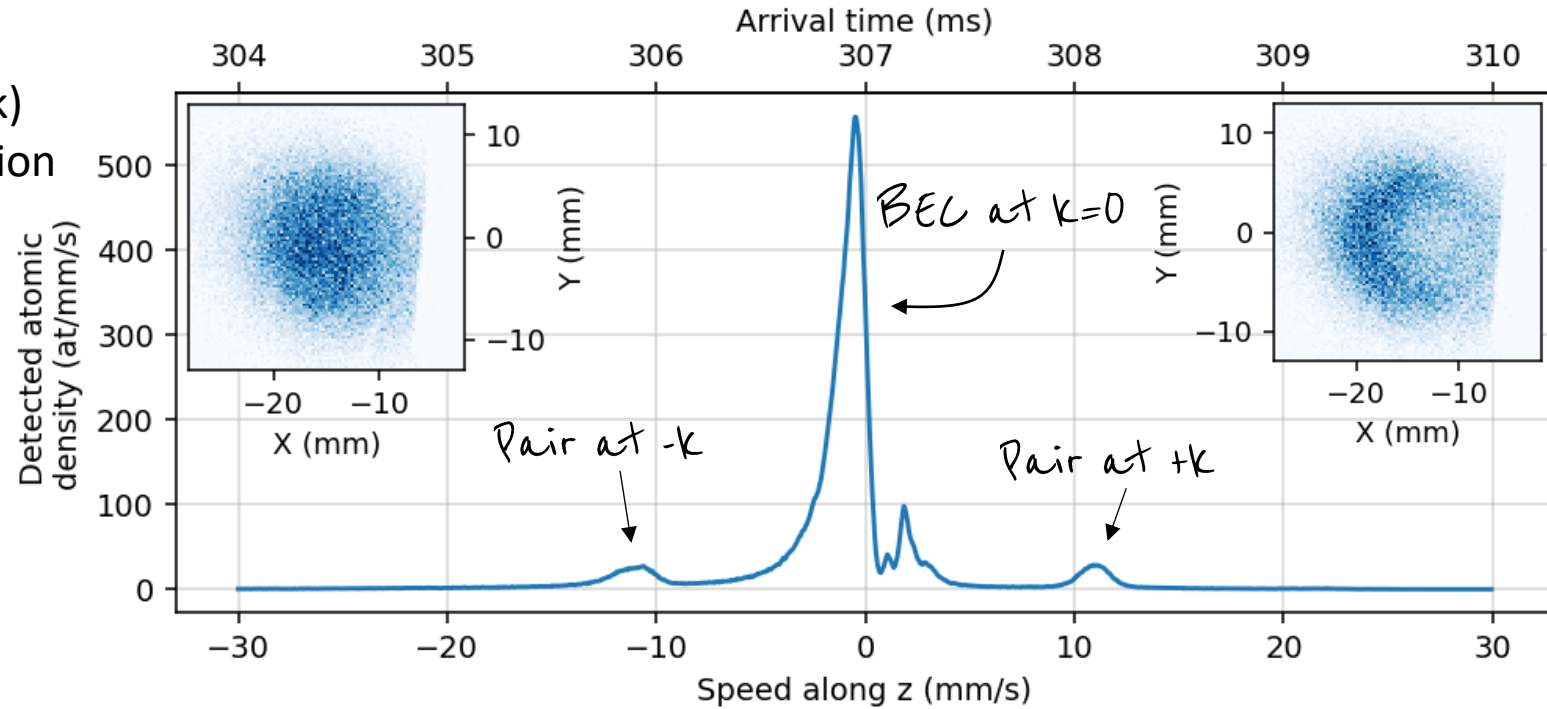
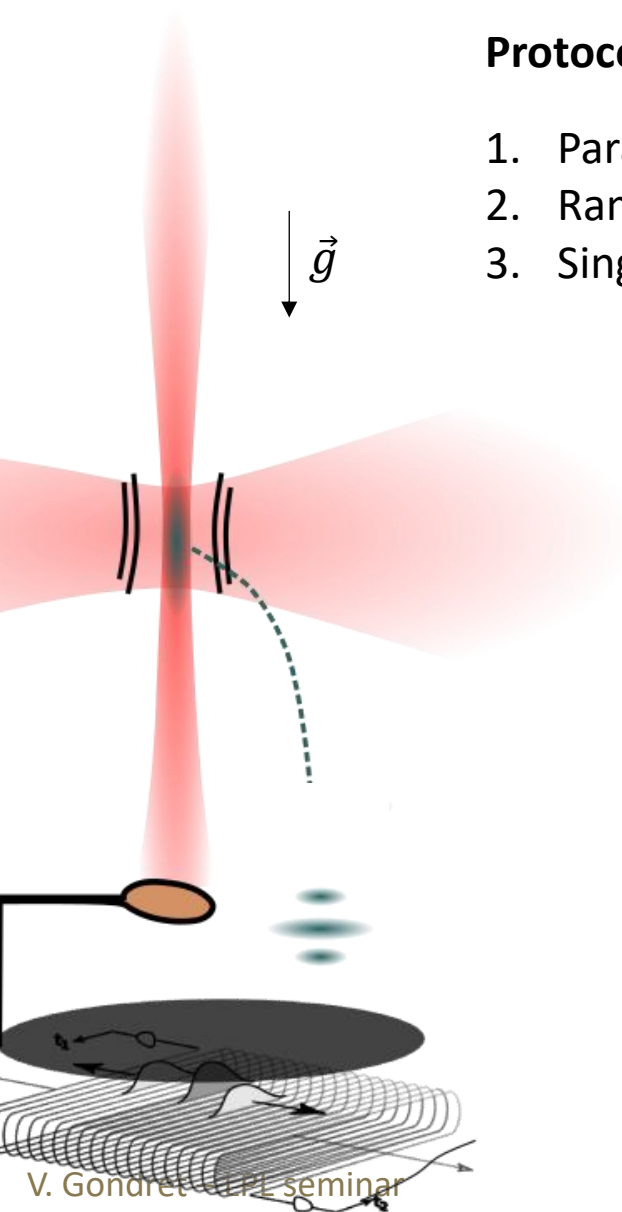
\hbar Planck constant
 m mass



Single shot images

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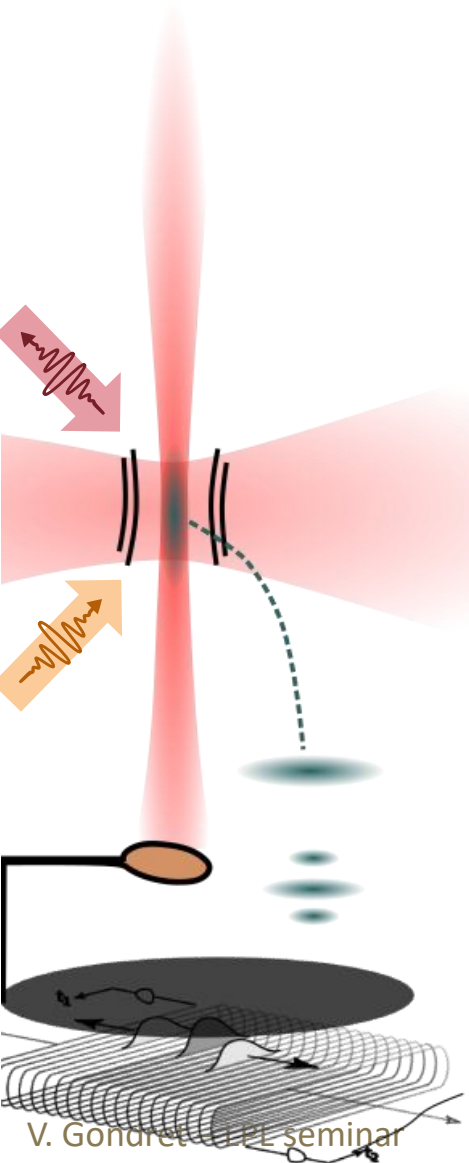
The BEC saturation affects the 2nd pair detectivity....



Use a velocity selective two-photon process to deflect only the BEC.

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3. Bragg deflection of the BEC
4. Single particle detection

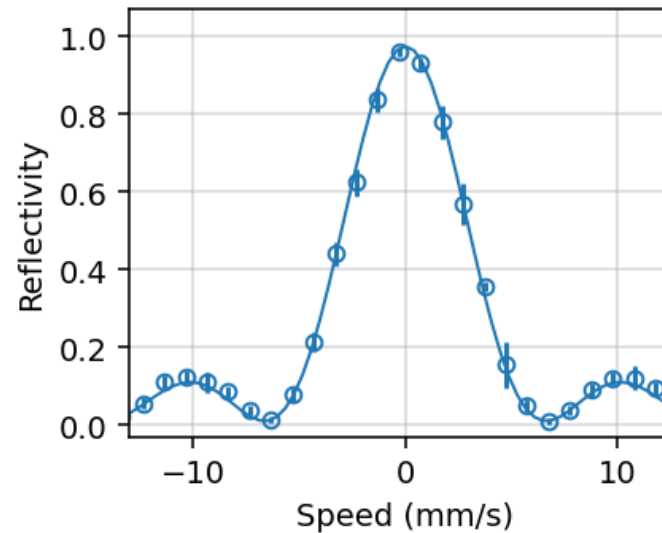


Two-photon transition couples two momenta $|k\rangle \leftrightarrow |k + k_B\rangle$



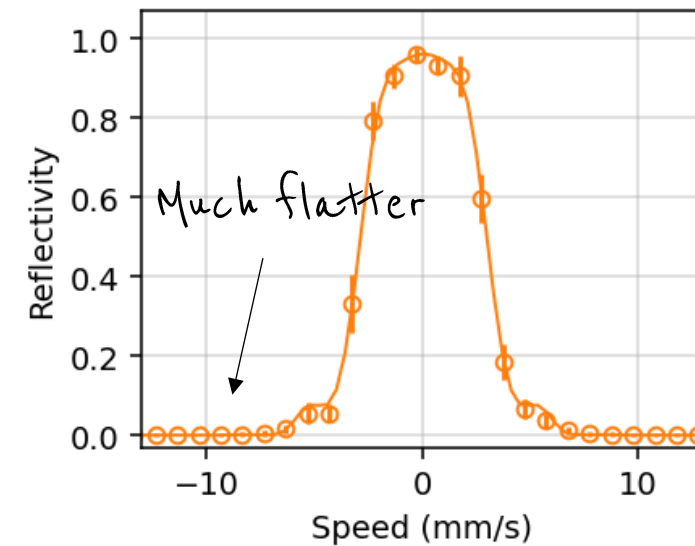
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π pulse with constant Rabi frequency



(which looks like a $|\text{sinc}|$ function)

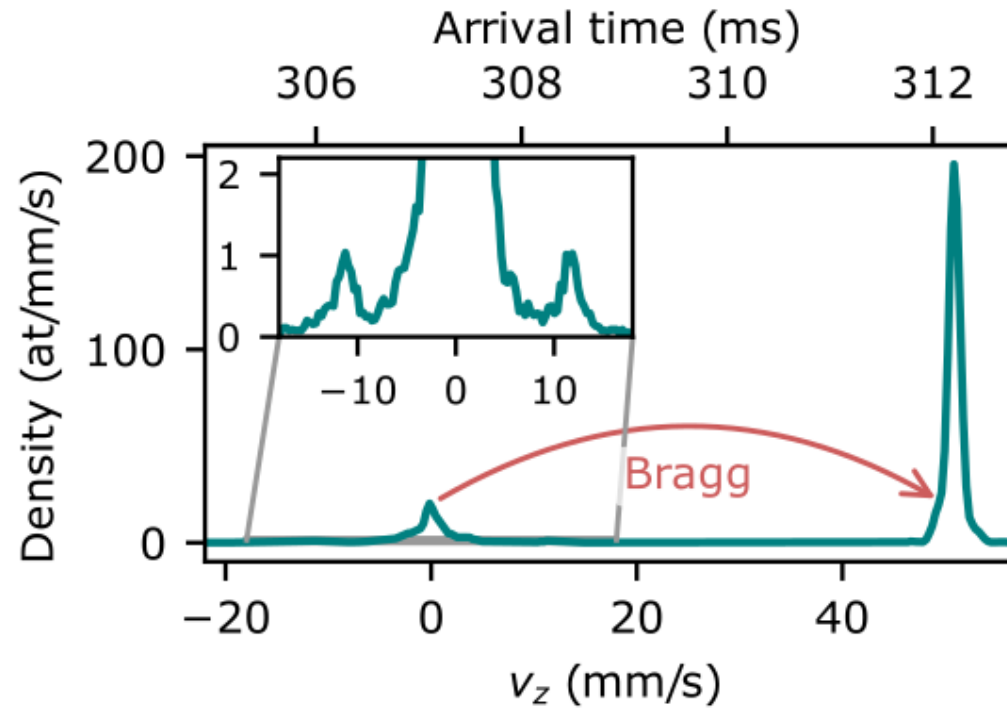
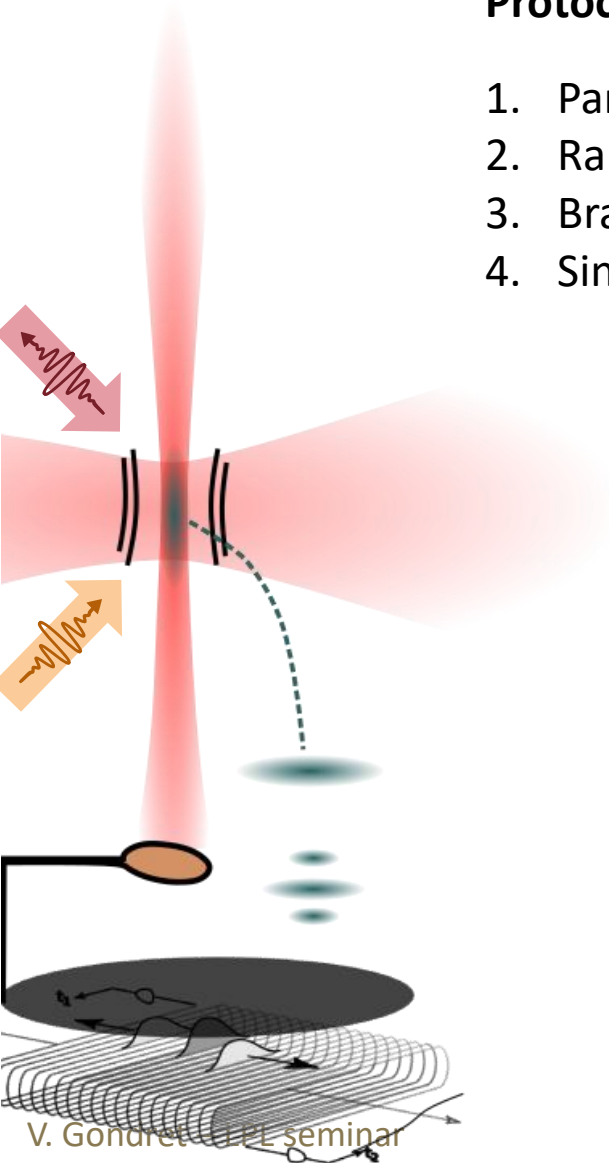
Time dependant Rabi freq as a sinc function



(which looks more like a square)

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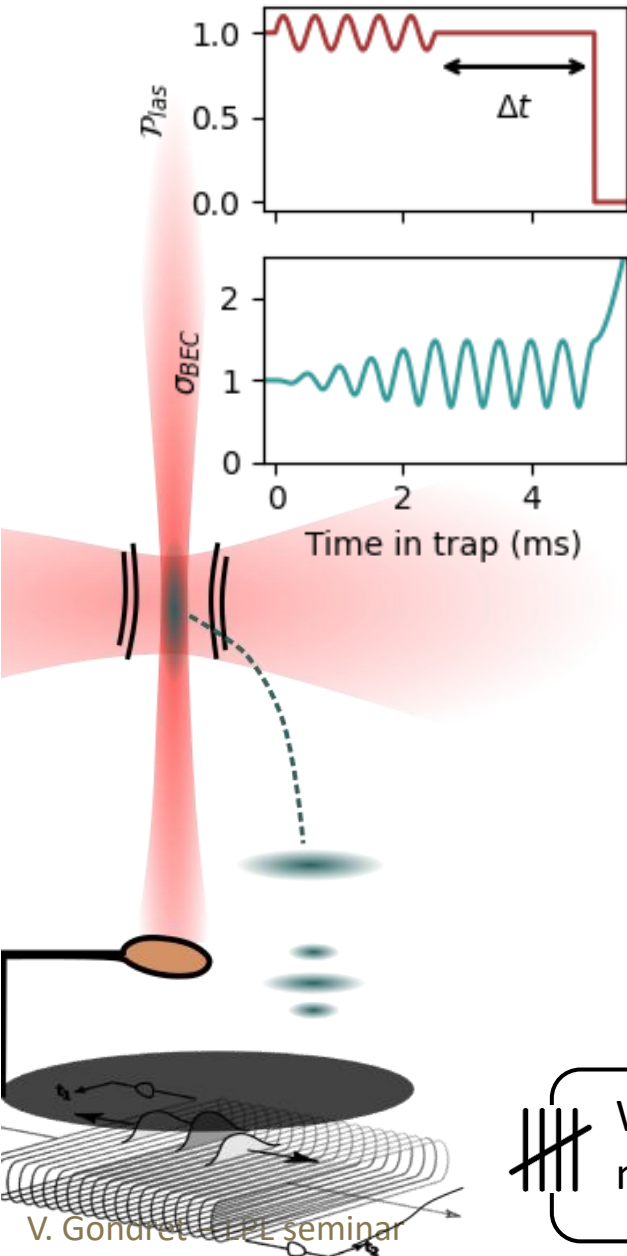
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In the following, we use a pulse-shaped Bragg deflector

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Exponential growth of the phonon number



Fit function:

$$n_k(t) = \eta \left[n_k^{(\text{in})} + \left(n_k^{(\text{in})} + n_{-k}^{(\text{in})} + 1 \right) \sinh^2(G_k(\Delta t - t_0)/2) \right] \times (1 + A_k \cos(2\omega_k \Delta t + \varphi))$$

Efficiency

thermal vacuum

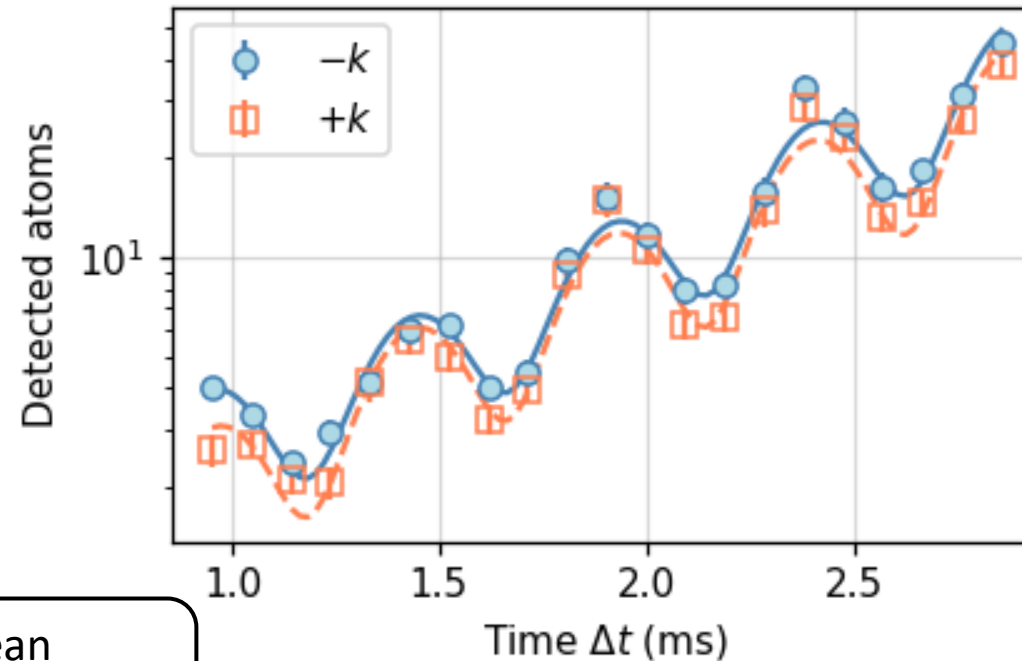
Fluctuations

Growth rate

Empirical oscillation

Oscillation
amplitude

Quasi-particle
frequency



Fit parameters:

$$G_k, n_k^{(\text{in})}, t_0, A_k, \omega_k$$

We count the mean
number of atoms n_k, n_{-k}

Measuring the growth rate

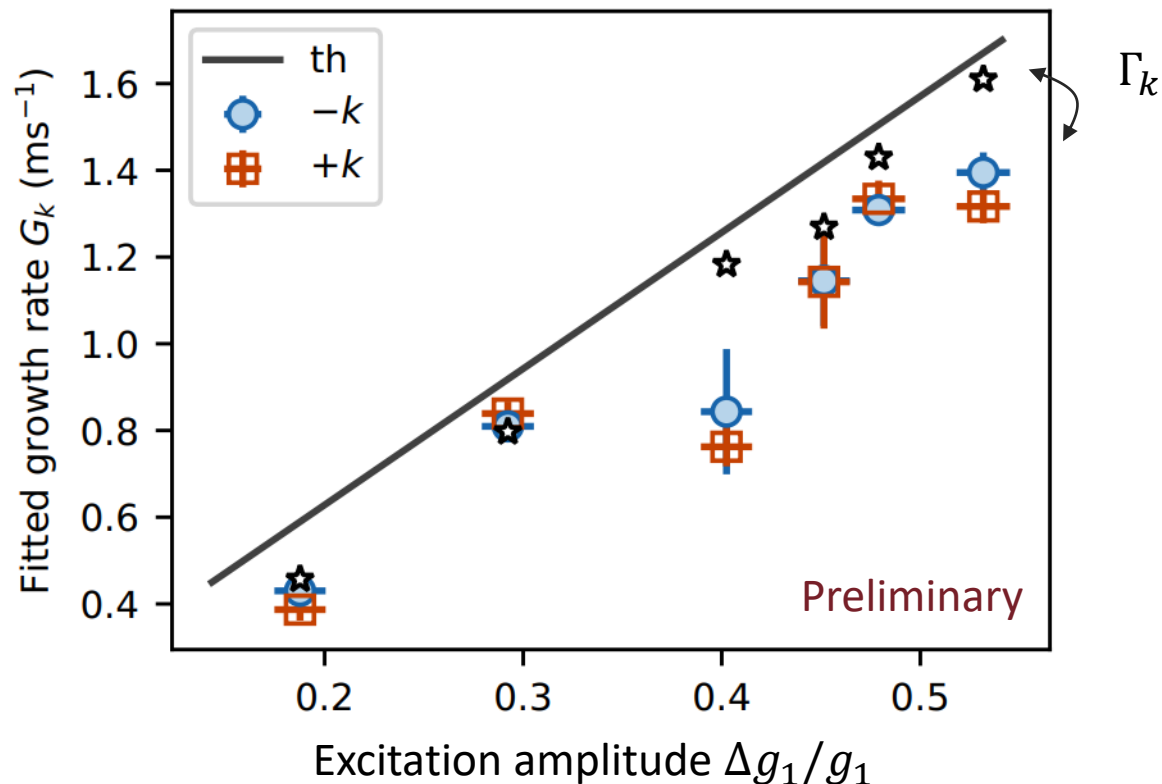
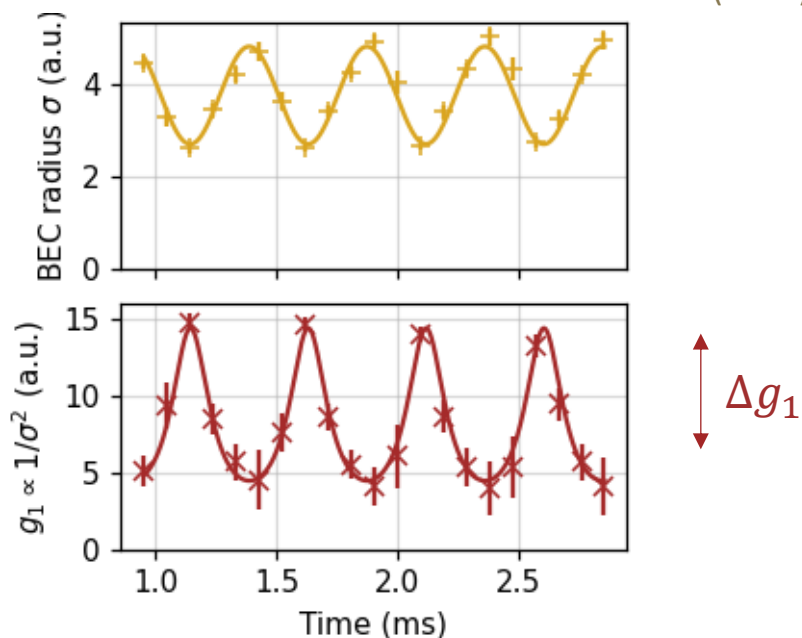
- ✓ We fit the growth rate $G_k^{(exp)}$ from the population growth.

Measure the theoretical growth rate from the BEC

$$G_k^{(th)} = \frac{\omega_k}{2} \frac{\Delta g_1 / g_1}{1 + k^2 \xi^2}$$

healing length

Busch *et al.* PRA (2014)

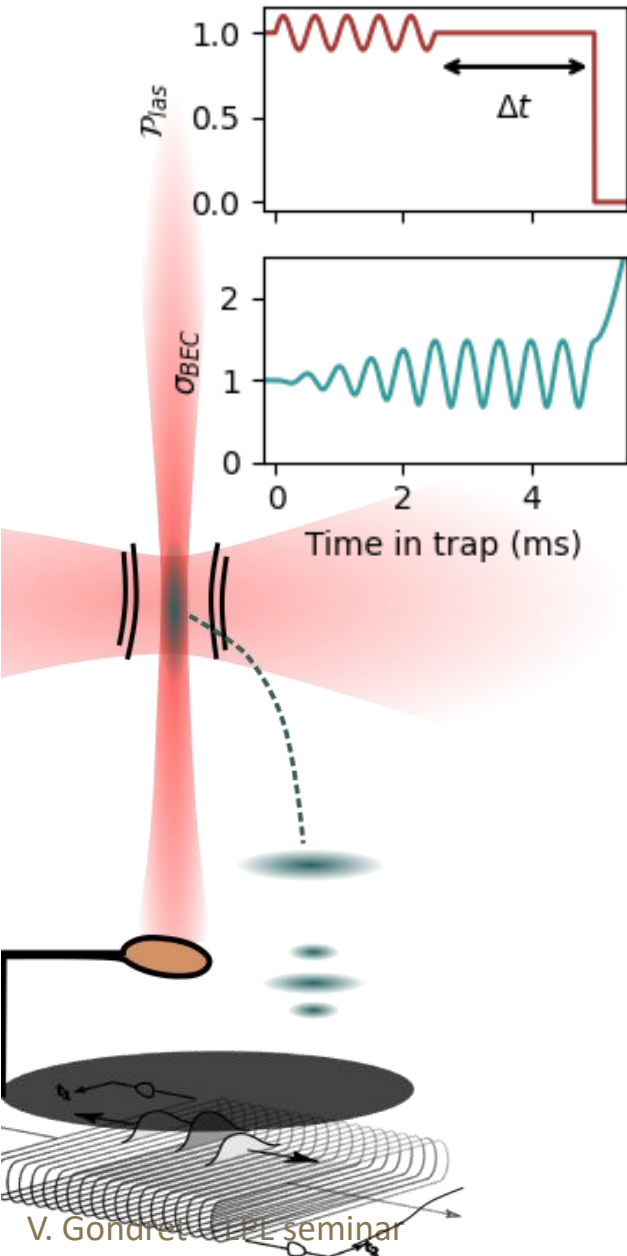


Beyond Bogoliubov quasiparticle interactions decrease the growth rate $\Gamma_k = G_k^{(th)} - G_k^{(exp)}$.



The slowing of the growth (*i.e.* the decay rate) we measure in qualitative agreement with theoretical predictions (black stars, large error bars not shown).

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thermal vacuum

Fluctuations

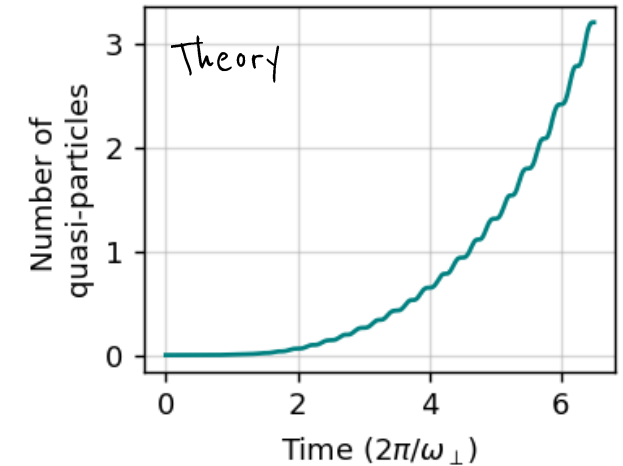
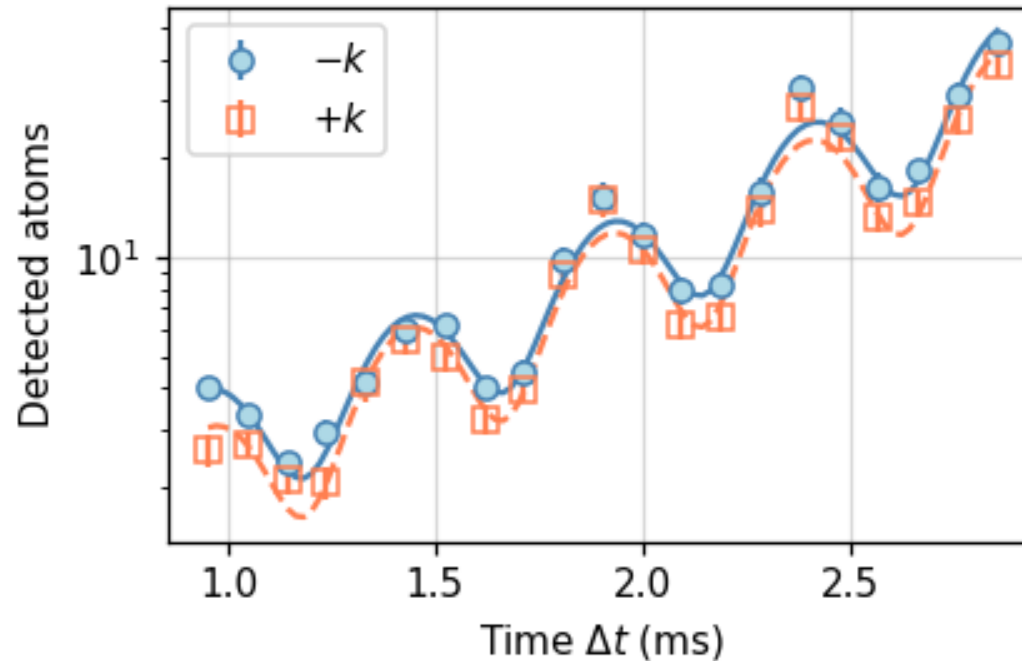
Theoretical quasi-particle
growth dynamics

Growth rate

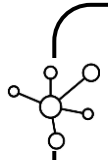
Empirical oscillation

Oscillation
amplitude

Quasi-particle
frequency



Such oscillation in the quasi-particle growth is not expected...



We measure atoms and not quasi-particles :
how does the *collective excitations* state \hat{b}_k
maps to the *atomic* state $\hat{\phi}_k$?

Atomic field: $\hat{\phi}_k \sim u_k \hat{b}_k + v_k \hat{b}_{-k}^\dagger$

The detected atom number:

At equilibrium:
thermal and quantum depletion^{1,2}

$$n_k = \langle \hat{\phi}_k^\dagger \hat{\phi}_k \rangle = |u_k|^2 \langle \hat{b}_k^\dagger \hat{b}_k \rangle + |v_k|^2 (\langle \hat{b}_{-k}^\dagger \hat{b}_{-k} \rangle + 1) + 2 \operatorname{Re}(u_k v_k^* \langle \hat{b}_{-k} \hat{b}_k \rangle)$$

with $\hat{b}_k \sim \hat{b}_k^{(out)} e^{-i\omega_k t}$

It oscillates

👍 $\langle \hat{b}_{-k} \hat{b}_k \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ pair creation process

👎 We don't measure quasiparticles

In situ: \hat{b}_k

$$\omega_k = \sqrt{2g_1 n_1 \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \left(\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \right)^2}$$

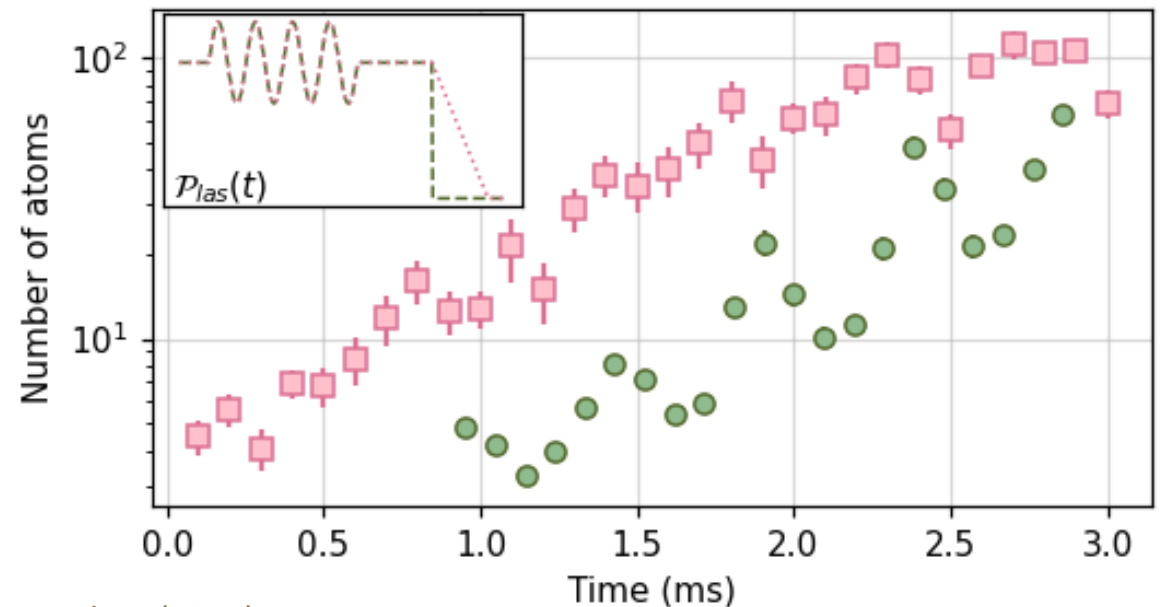
At the detector: $\hat{\phi}_k^{det}$

$$\omega_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$



If ω_k changes adiabatically w.r.t. ω_k^{-1} :

$$\hat{b}_k \sim \hat{\phi}_k^{det}$$



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What is entanglement?

HOW?



Just violate a Bell inequality

Bell *Physics* (1964)
CHSH *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1969)

Entanglement \Leftrightarrow Bell inequalities

\Leftrightarrow Distillability

\Leftrightarrow Teleportation

EQUIVALENCE ONLY FOR PURE STATES

Gisin, *Phys. Lett. A* (1991)
Gisin & Peres, *Phys. Lett. A* (1992)
Popescu & Rohrlich, *Phys. Lett. A* (1992)

WHAT ABOUT MIXED STATES?



Teleportation \nRightarrow Bell inequalities

Popescu *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1994)

Define a partition 1-2 (two modes here). Any **separable** state can be written as

$$\rho = \sum_i \alpha_i \rho_{i,1} \otimes \rho_{i,2}$$

where $\alpha_i \geq 0$ are probabilities.

Other states are non-separable / entangled.

Werner *Phys. Rev. A* (1989)

How to probe entanglement?

SO HOW?



Many entanglement witnesses and criteria in the literature

PPT:

$$\hat{\rho}^{t_2} \geq 0$$

Peres, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (1996)

$$|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2 \leq n_1 n_2$$

Hillery & Zubairy *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2006)

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EXPERIMENTAL TOOLS NEEDED

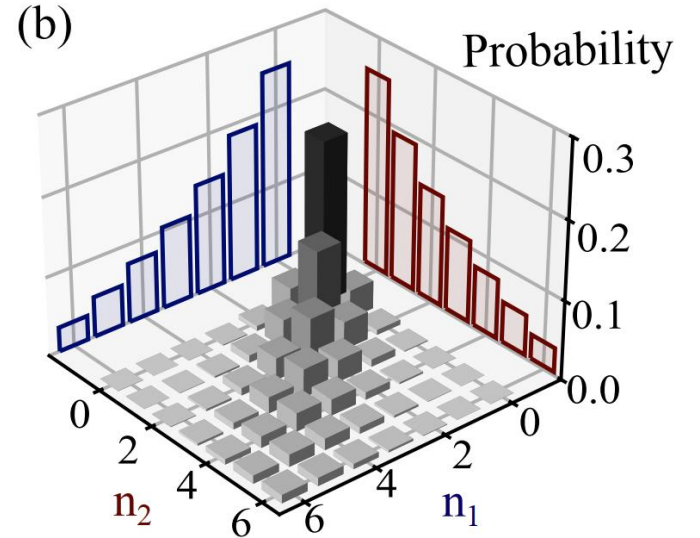
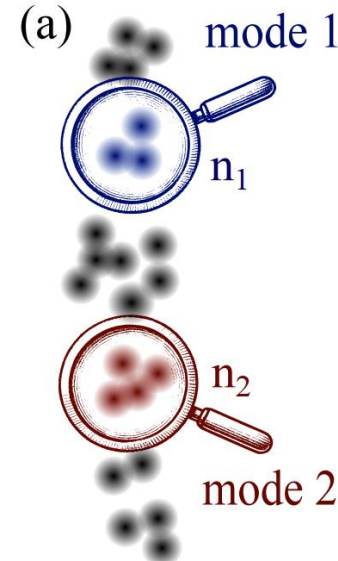


To measure the mean/variances of field operators, one needs homodyne-like detection schemes¹ or to reconstruct the state measuring non-commuting operators² (e.g. \hat{x} and \hat{p})

[1] Gross *et al.* *Nature* (2011)

[2] Bergschneider *et al.* *Nat. Phys.* (2019)

COULD WE USE THE FULL COUNTING STATISTICS?



Yields any order of *particle number* correlation function $G_{12}^{(m,p)} = \langle (\hat{a}_1^\dagger)^m (\hat{a}_2^\dagger)^p \hat{a}_1^m \hat{a}_2^p \rangle$

See also Barasiński *et al* PRL (2023)

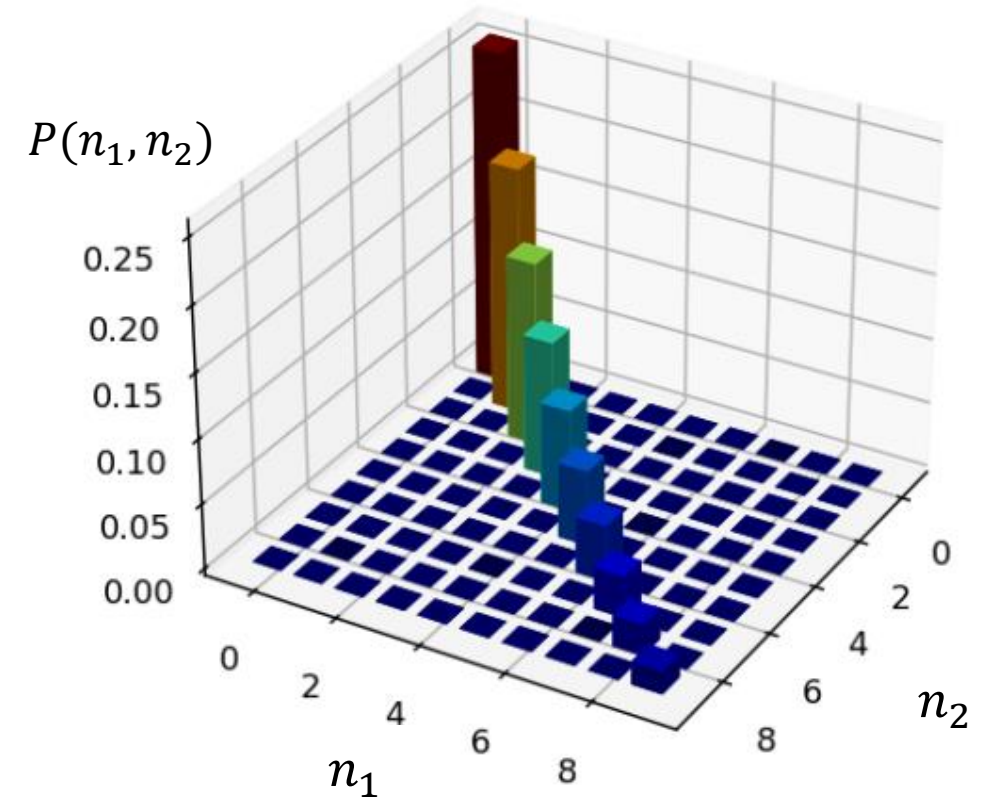
Consider a two-mode squeezed vacuum state

$$|TMSv\rangle(r) \sim \sum_i \tanh^i r |i, i\rangle_{12}$$

$$\rho_{TMSv} \sim \sum_{i,k} \tanh^i r \tanh^k r |i, i\rangle_{12} \langle k, k|_{12}$$

ρ_{TMSv} is a non-separable state in the partition 1-2.

Can we prove the entanglement of this state from its FCS?



Ex: the state describe by

$$\rho_{sep} \sim \sum_i \tanh^i r |i, i\rangle \langle i, i|$$

is a separable state which has the same two-mode probability distribution as a TMSv.

One cannot assess the entanglement of *any* quantum state from its full counting statistics.

It only measures the diagonal terms of the density matrix

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION !

Wait a minute... Not true for *Gaussian* states!

GAUSSIAN STATES



A Gaussian state: $G_C^{(n>2)}(\hat{a}_1^\dagger \dots \hat{a}_2) = 0$.

[Gaussianity is preserved under evolution of 2nd order Hamiltonian (including Bogoliubov theory).]

PROPERTIES



Any operator that involves more than 2 fields can be expressed with 1- and 2-field operators.

$$G_{12}^{(2)} = \langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle = n_1 n_2 + \underbrace{|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2}_{\text{Anomalous correlation}} + \underbrace{|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2}_{\text{Coherence}}$$

LINK TO ENTANGLEMENT



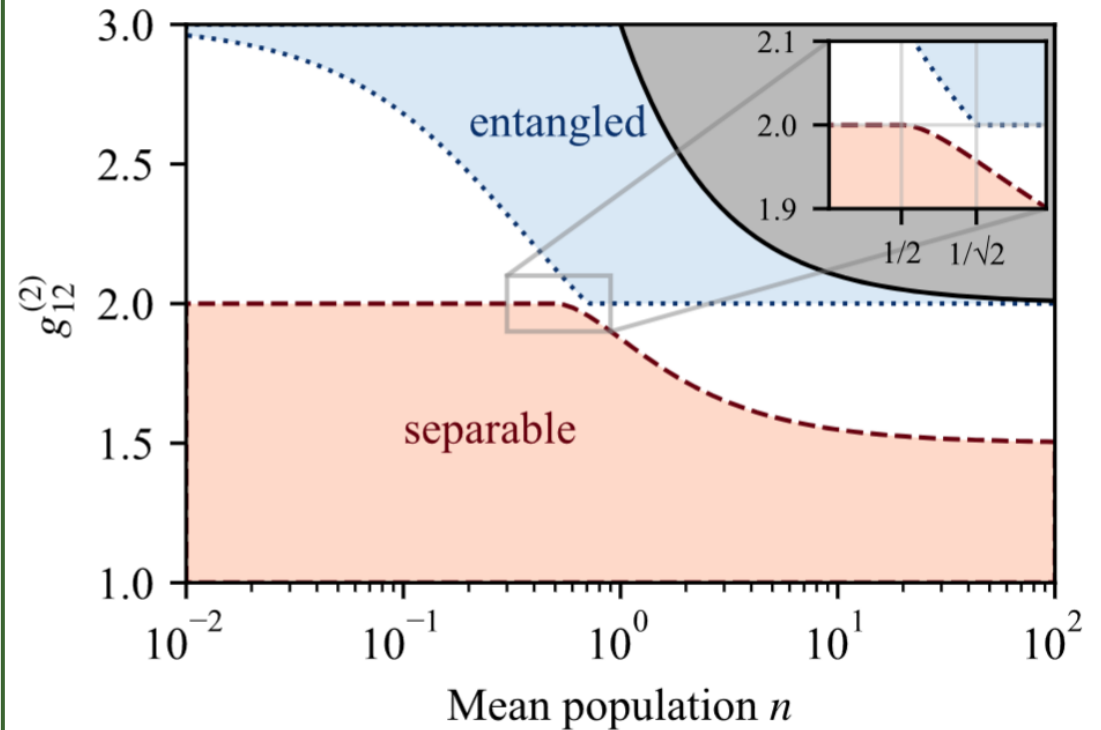
If $\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle = 0$, observation of

$$g_{12}^{(2)} = G_{12}^{(2)} / n_1 n_2 > 2$$

implies entanglement because $n_1 n_2 < |\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2$

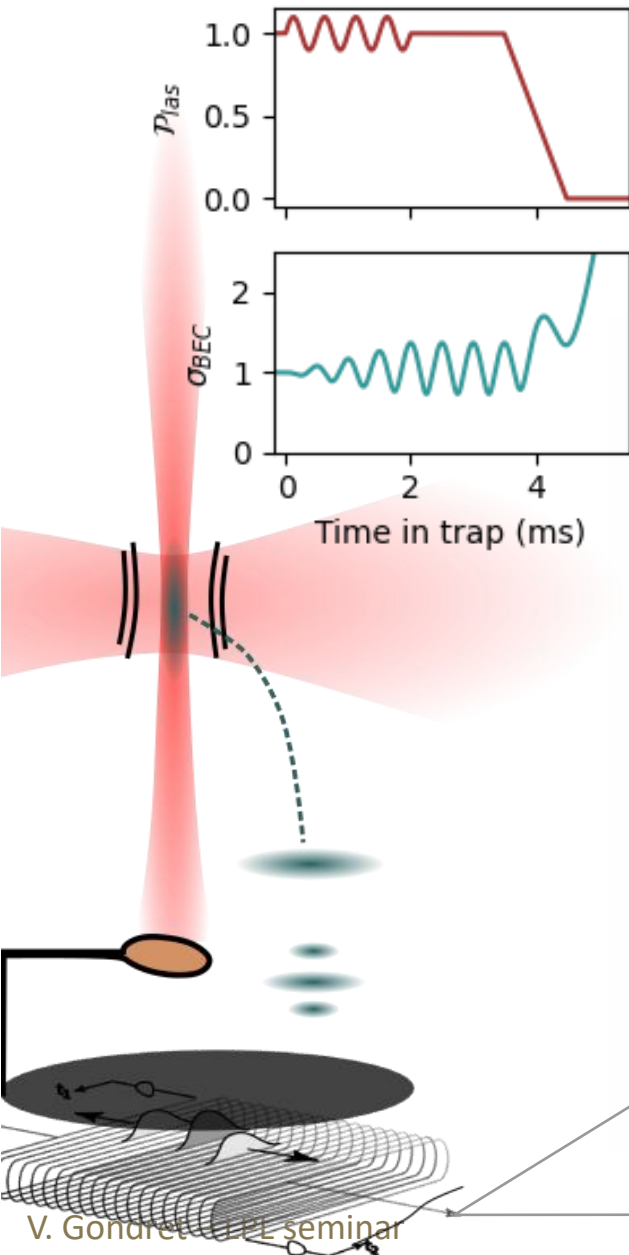
Our $g^{(2)}$ WITNESS

For two-mode Gaussian states with each mode having thermal statistics, $g_{12}^{(2)}$ is an entanglement witness

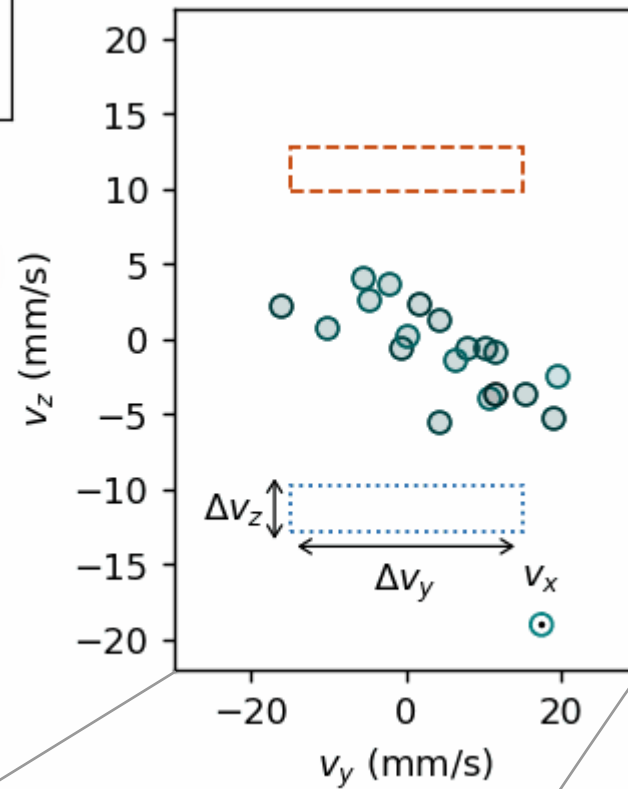


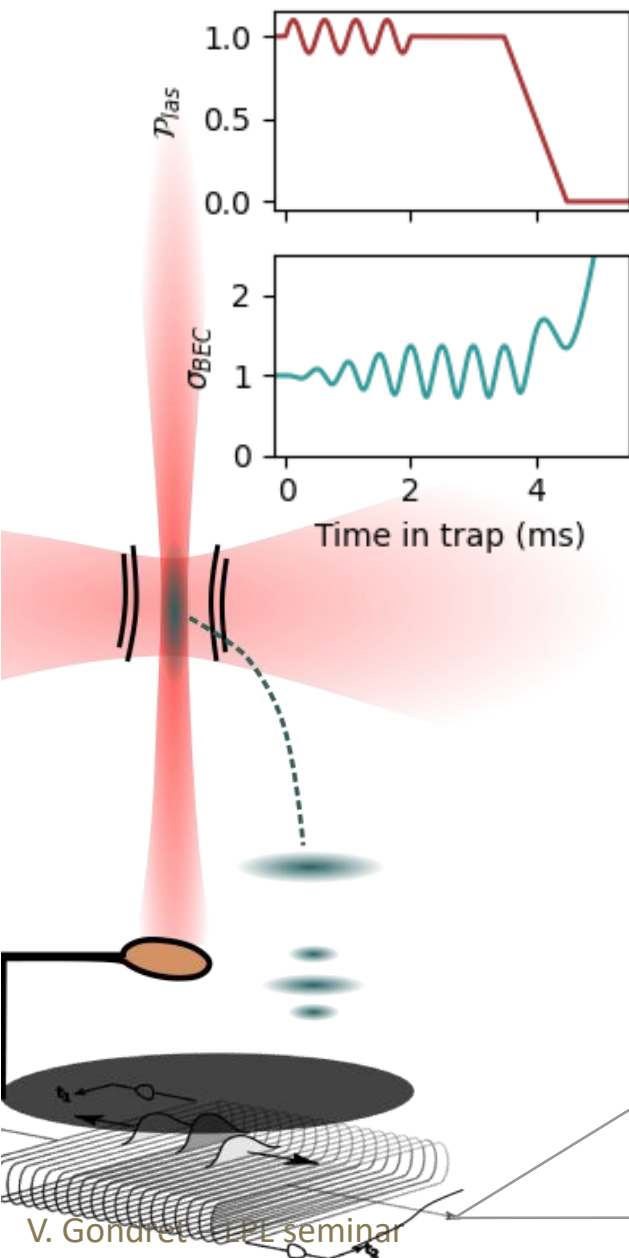
+ the measurement of $g_{12}^{(2)}$ **quantifies** entanglement.

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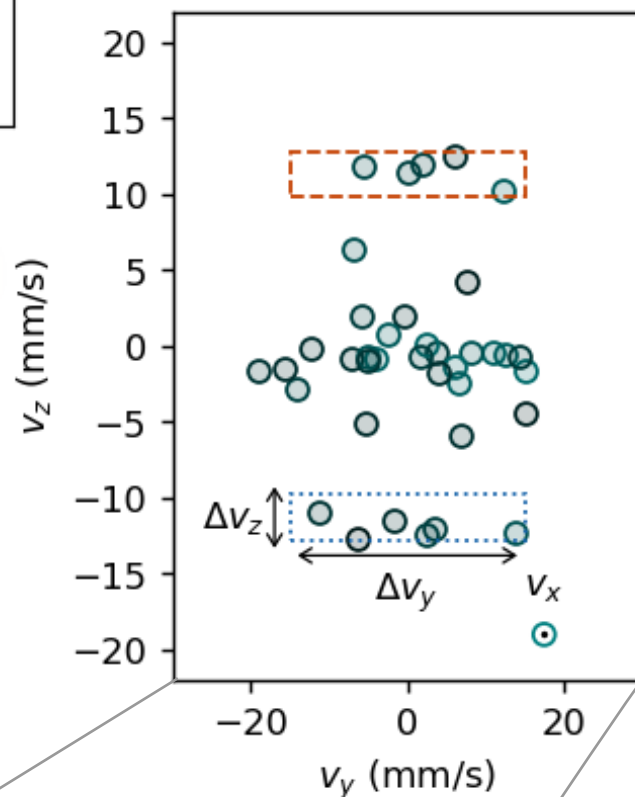


Many repetitions to reconstruct the cross PDF between $-k$ & k .

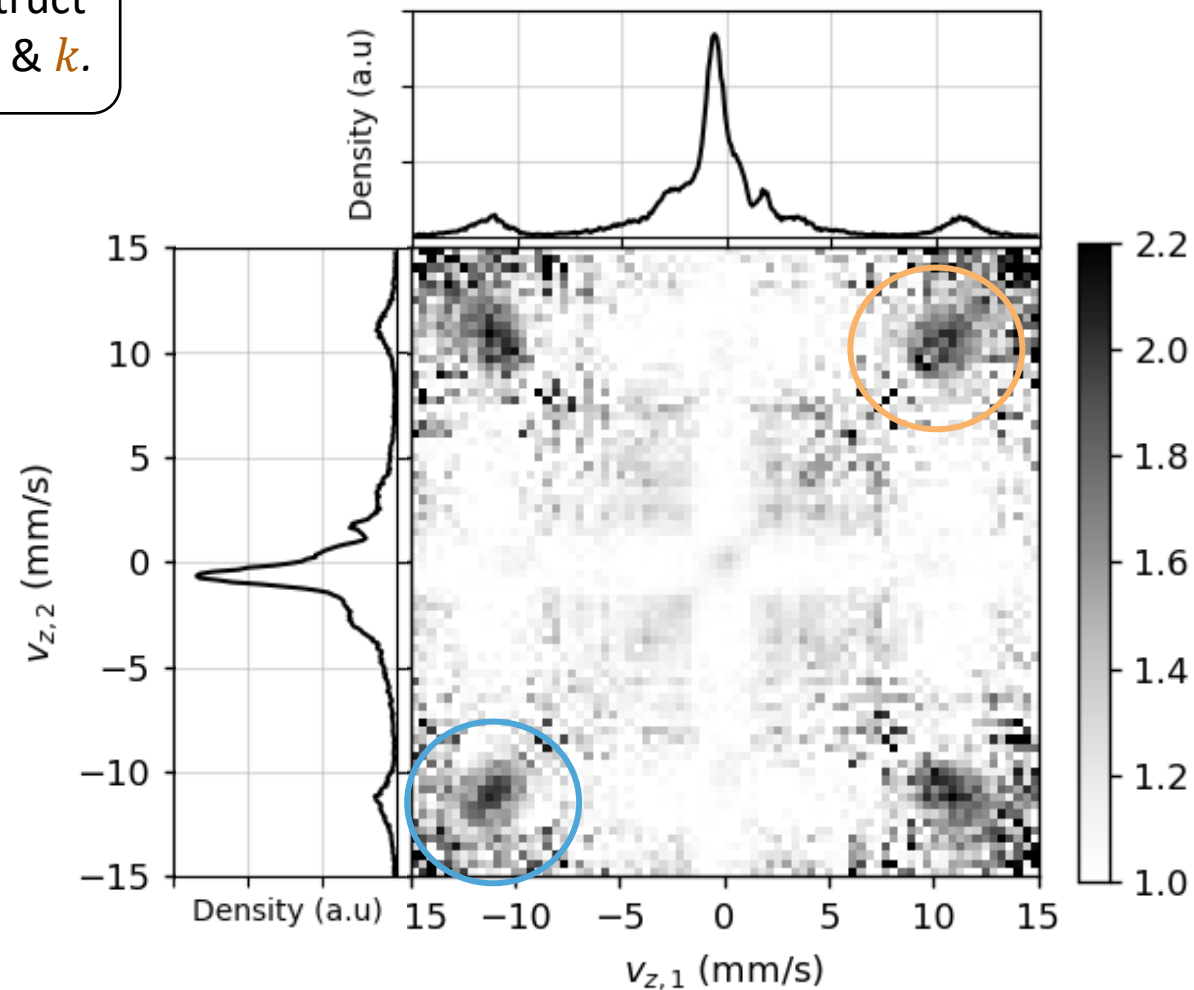




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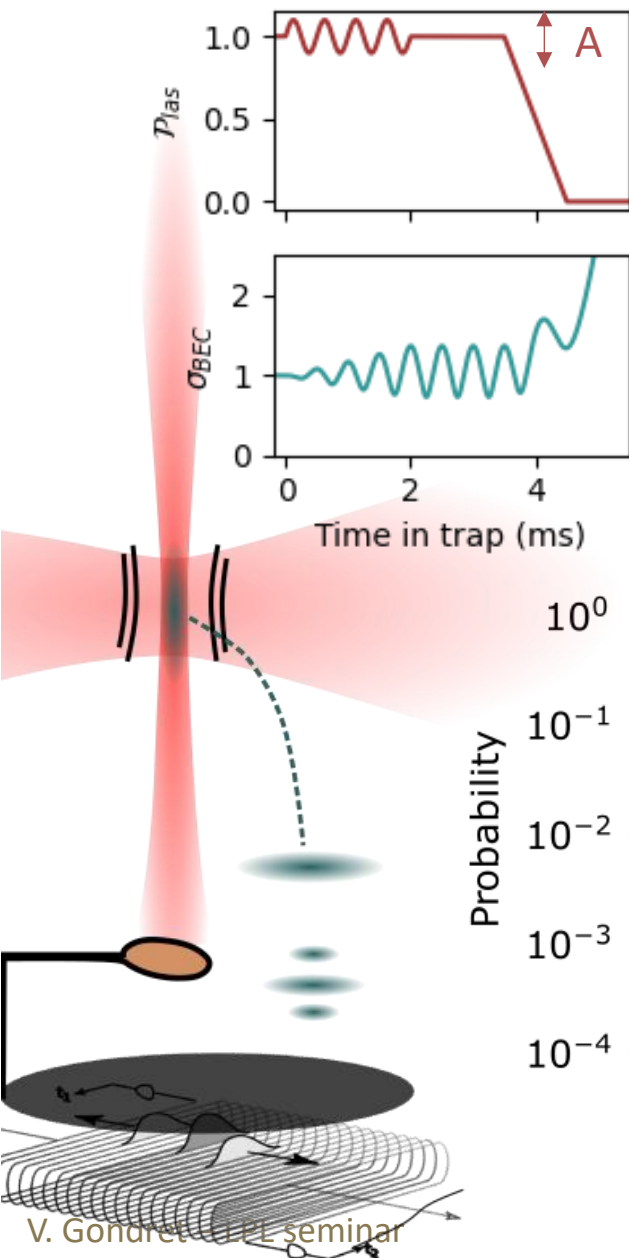


$$\text{Map of } g^{(2)}(v_{z,1}, v_{z,2}) = \frac{\langle \hat{n}_1 \hat{n}_2 \rangle}{\langle \hat{n}_1 \rangle \langle \hat{n}_2 \rangle}$$



$g_{-k,-k}^{(2)} = g_{+k,+k}^{(2)} = 2.0(1)$ bosonic bunching
Set the size of a mode $\Delta k = 2\pi/L$

Entanglement between quasiparticles



Protocol: repeat the experiment for various values of A.

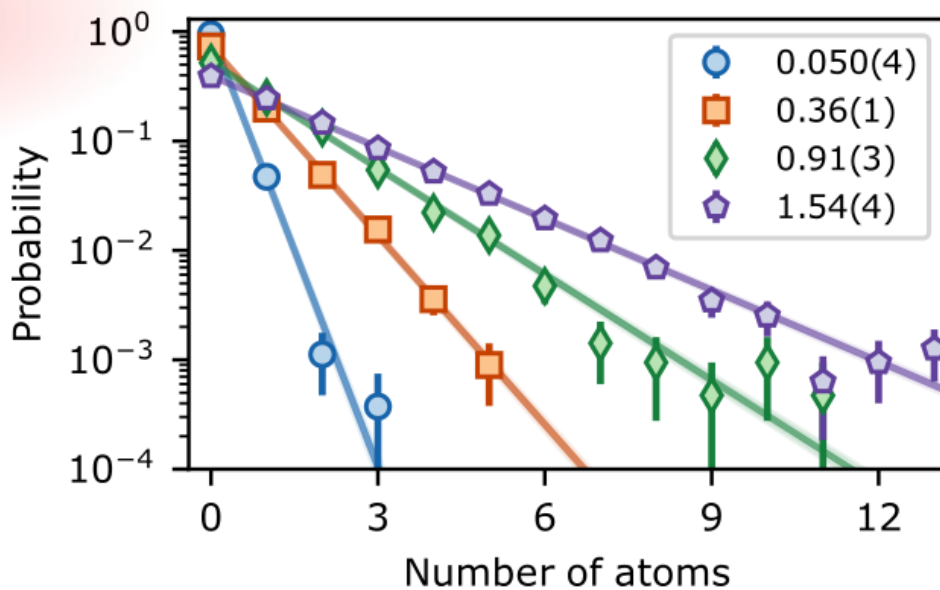


Gaussian?

Numerical checks that (some) connected correlation functions vanish for $n \in [3, 8]$.

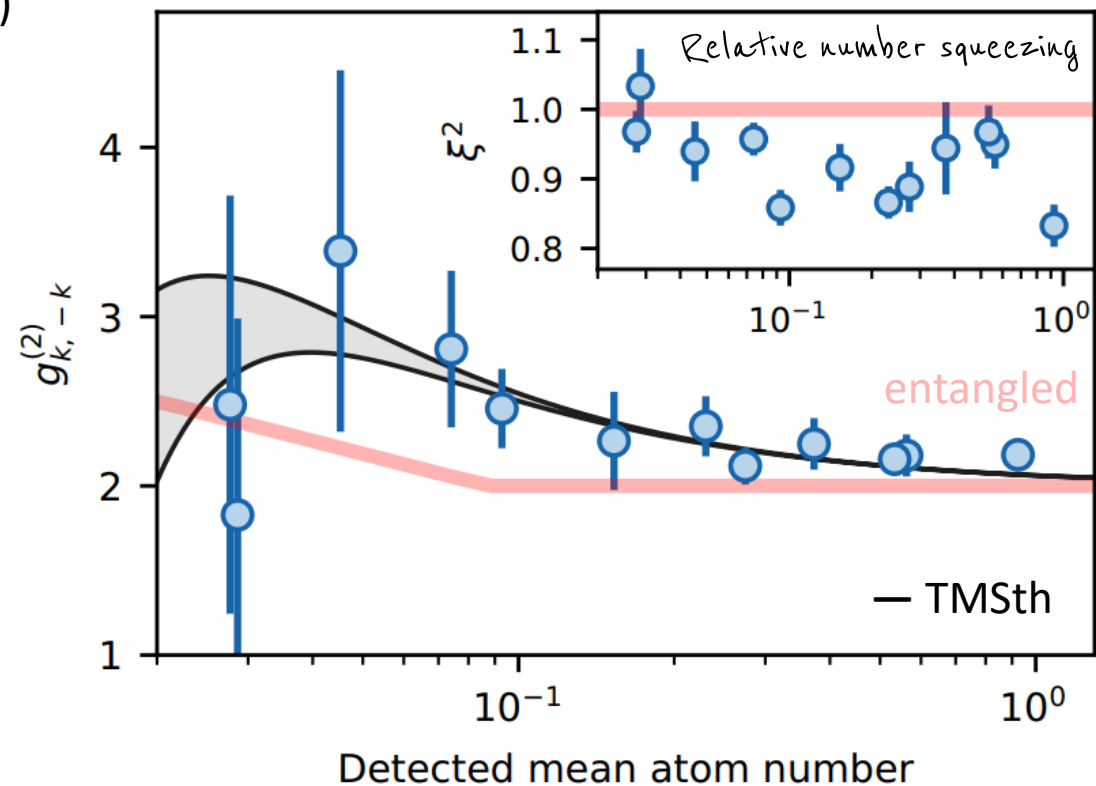
Thermal?

(No fit)

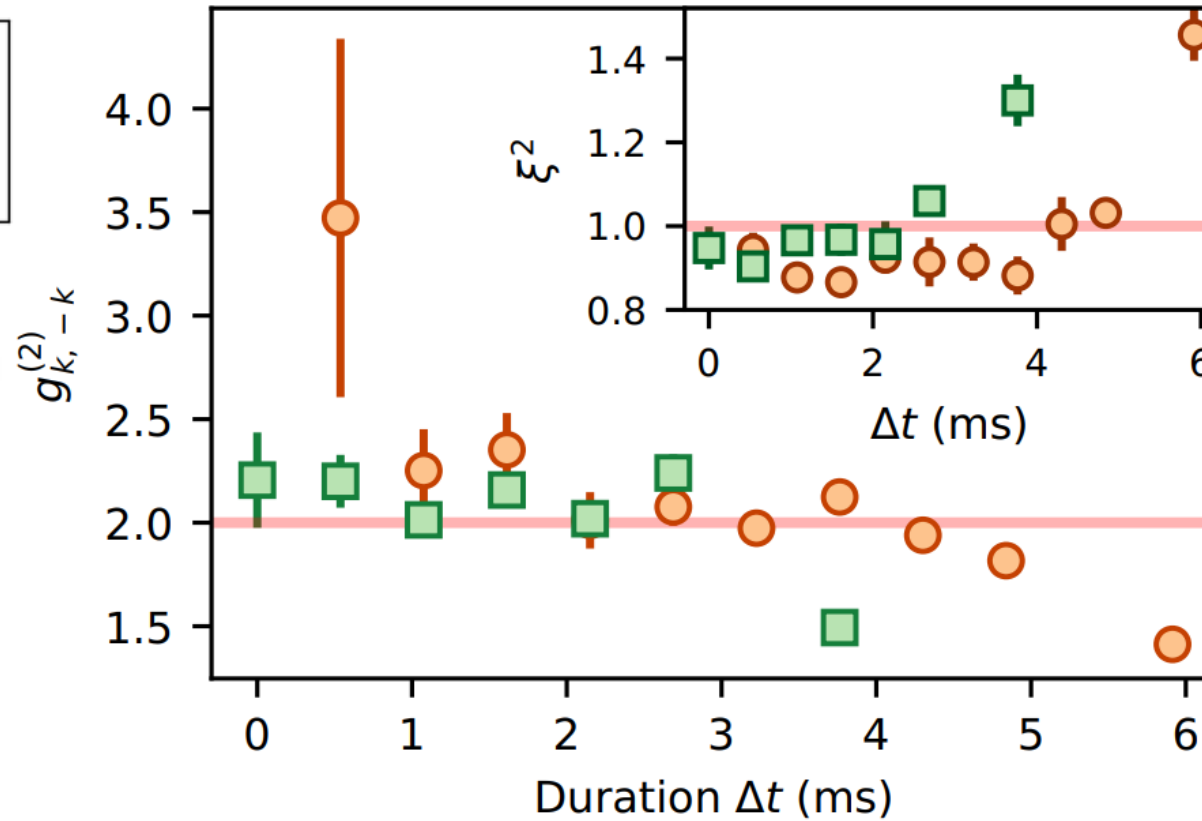
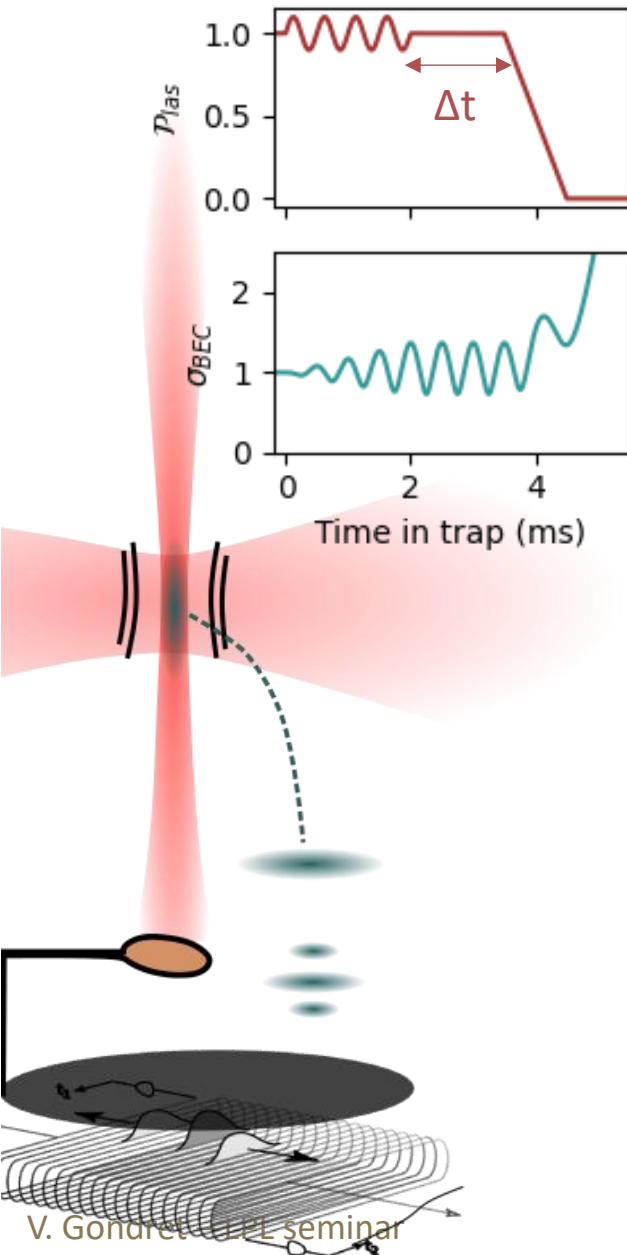


☒ Gaussian state,

☒ Each mode has a PDF which is thermal



How does entanglement correlations evolve in time?



Circles: $A = 18\%$

Squares: $A = 25\%$

Relative number squeezing

$$\xi^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(n_k - n_{-k})}{n_k + n_{-k}}$$

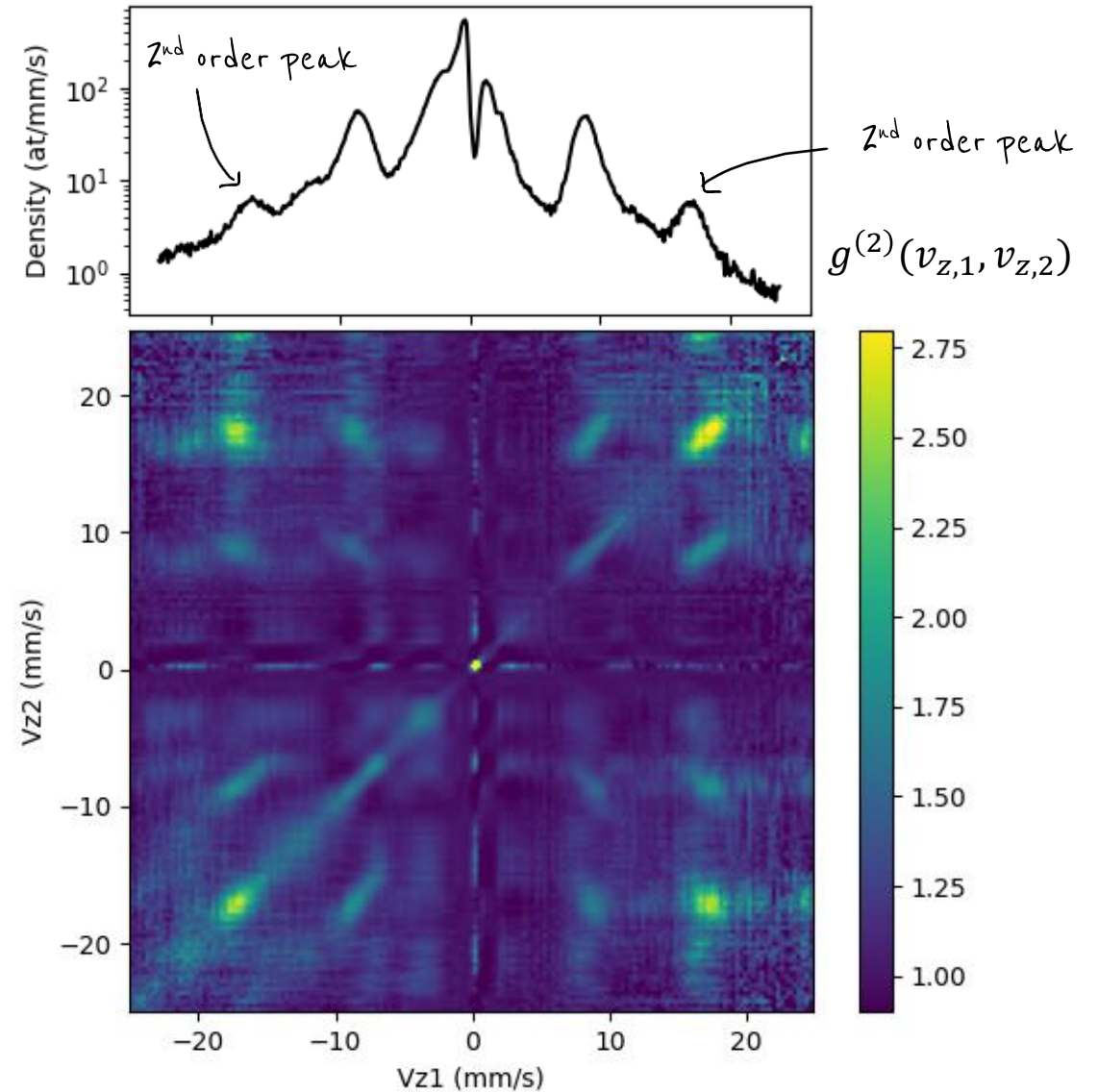
Late time: decrease of non-classical correlation.

Hard to speak about entanglement, we certainly loose our ability to detect it:

- too many particles per mode (saturation for > 60)
- Beyond Bogoliubov physics: failure of the Gaussian hypothesis? Thermalization

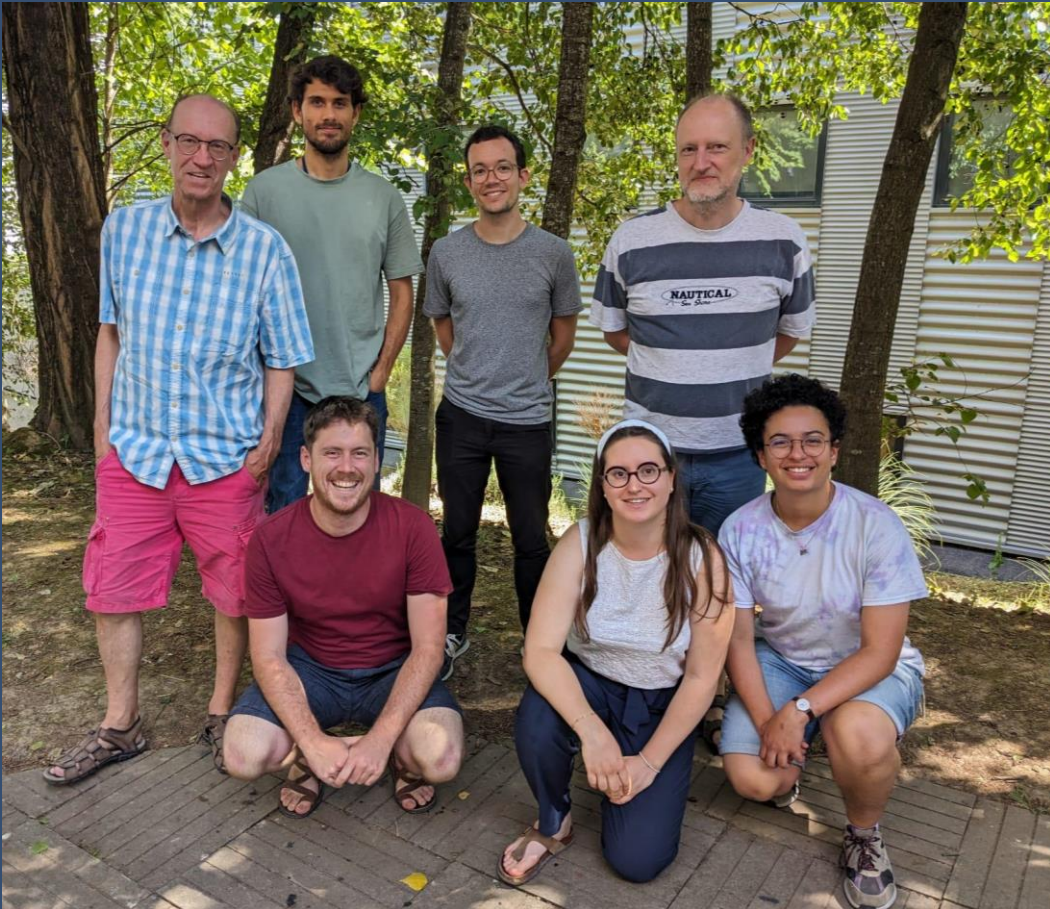
Correlation between non-opposite quasiparticles modes: beyond Bogoliubov model.

- Numerically observed by Robertson *et al* Phys. Rev. D **98**, 056003 (2018)
- Similar experiment in water tanks by Gregory *et al* arXiv:2410.08842 (2024)



Thank you for your attention!

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We can connect N-body correlation functions to 1- and 2-field correlation functions!

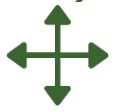
GAUSSIAN STATES



A Gaussian state: $G_C^{(n>2)}(\hat{a}_1^\dagger \dots \hat{a}_2) = 0$.

[Gaussianity is preserved under evolution of 2nd order Hamiltonian (including Bogoliubov theory).]

PROPERTIES



Any operator that involves more than 2 fields can be expressed with 1- and 2-field operators.

Ex:

$$G_{12}^{(2)} = \langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle = n_1 n_2 + \underbrace{|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2}_{\text{Anomalous correlation}} + \underbrace{|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2}_{\text{Coherence}}$$

LINK TO ENTANGLEMENT

If $\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle = 0$, observation of

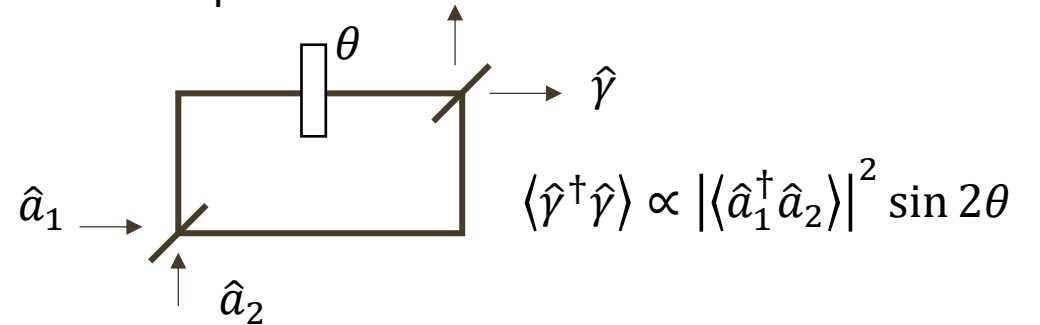
$$g_{12}^{(2)} = G_{12}^{(2)} / n_1 n_2 > 2$$

implies entanglement because $n_1 n_2 < |\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2$

Campo & Parentani, *Phys. Rev D* (2005)
Hillery & Zubairy *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (2006)

HOW TO MEASURE THE COHERENCE?

Sol. 1: set up an interferometer



Sol. 2: use higher-order correlation functions.

ASSUMPTIONS

- ☐ Gaussian state,
- ✓ Each mode has a PDF which is thermal

As a result, $\langle \hat{a}_i \rangle = \langle \hat{a}_i^2 \rangle = 0$

Avagyan et al J. of Phys. B (2023)

TWO- AND FOUR-BODY CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

$$g_{12}^{(2)} = 1 + (|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2 + |\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2) / n_1 n_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_{12}^{(4)} &= \langle (\hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2^\dagger)^2 (\hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2)^2 \rangle / n_1^2 n_2^2 \\ &= f(G_{12}^{(2)}, n_1 n_2) + 8 |\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2 \times |\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|^2 / n_1^2 n_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Symmetric system to find $|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle|$ and $|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|$
yields two solutions β_{\pm}

TWO SOLUTIONS

We have two possible solutions

- “State” μ : $|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle| = \beta_+$ & $|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle| = \beta_-$,
- “State” γ : $|\langle \hat{a}_1 \hat{a}_2 \rangle| = \beta_-$ & $|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle| = \beta_+$.

A “physical” Gaussian state must respect an inequality based on the symplectic eigenvalues of its covariance matrix $\{v_{\pm}\} : v_- \geq 1$

Lemma 1. We can compute $v_-^{(\mu)}, v_-^{(\gamma)}$ from n_1, n_2, β_{\pm}

If only one is physical, we “know” the state

Lemma 2. States μ and γ are PT of each other

If only one is unphysical, the other is entangled!

Criterion: If “state” γ is unphysical, the state is entangled. (and entanglement is quantified with log neg) Gondret et al arXiv (2025)

The $g^{(2)}/g^{(4)}$ entanglement criterion

THE $g^{(2)}/g^{(4)}$ CRITERION

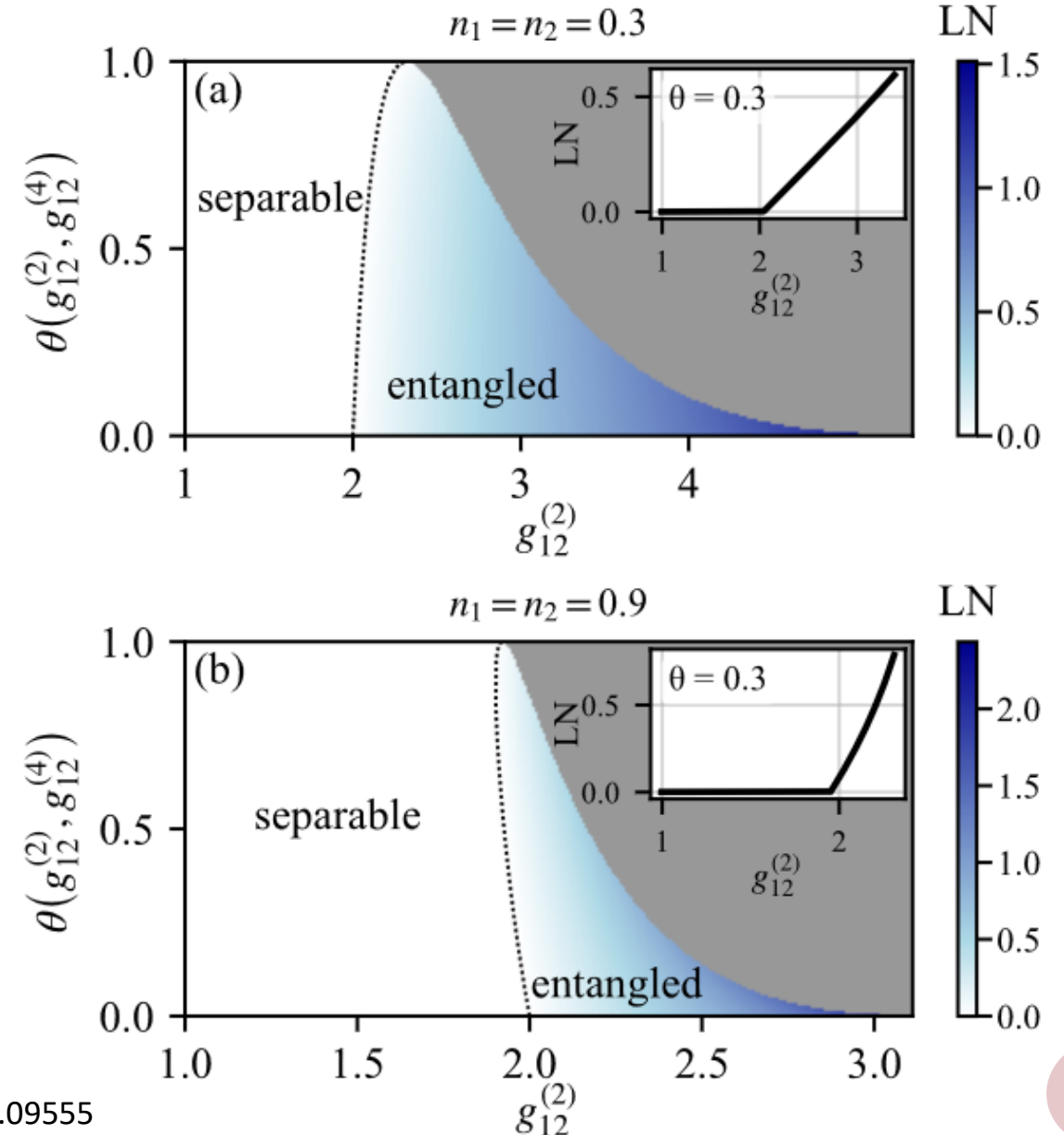
The measurement of $n_1, n_2, g_{12}^{(2)}, g_{12}^{(4)}$ yields λ_- , the smallest symplectic eigenvalue of the state and its PT. If $\lambda_- < 1$, the state is entangled.

$$\text{LN} = \text{Max}(-\log_2(\lambda_-), 0)$$

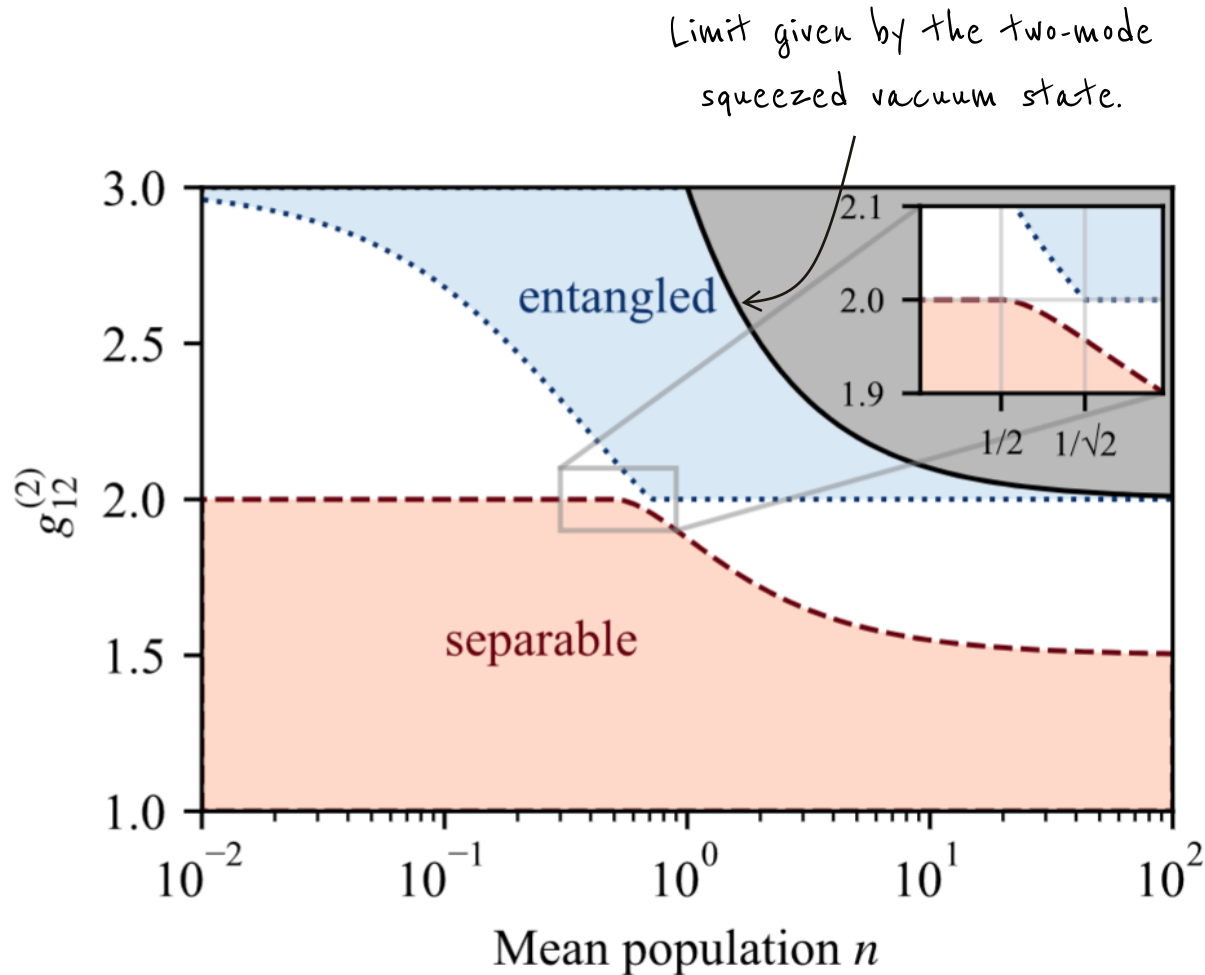
$$\theta = \frac{g_{12}^{(4)} + 12 - 16g_{12}^{(2)} - 4(g_{12}^{(2)} - 1)^2}{(g_{12}^{(2)} - 1)^2} \in [0, 1]$$

THE $g^{(2)}$ WITNESS

- Low population: if $g_{12}^{(2)} \leq 2$ separable state,
- High population : if $g_{12}^{(2)} \leq 2$ entangled state.



The $g^{(2)}$ entanglement witness



- The $g_{12}^{(2)}$ entanglement witness depends on the populations,
- The value of $g_{12}^{(4)}$ is needed to determine the entanglement in the middle region.
- Taking into account the quantum efficiency of the detector can reveal entanglement,

So what is the experimental result ??...

Protocol

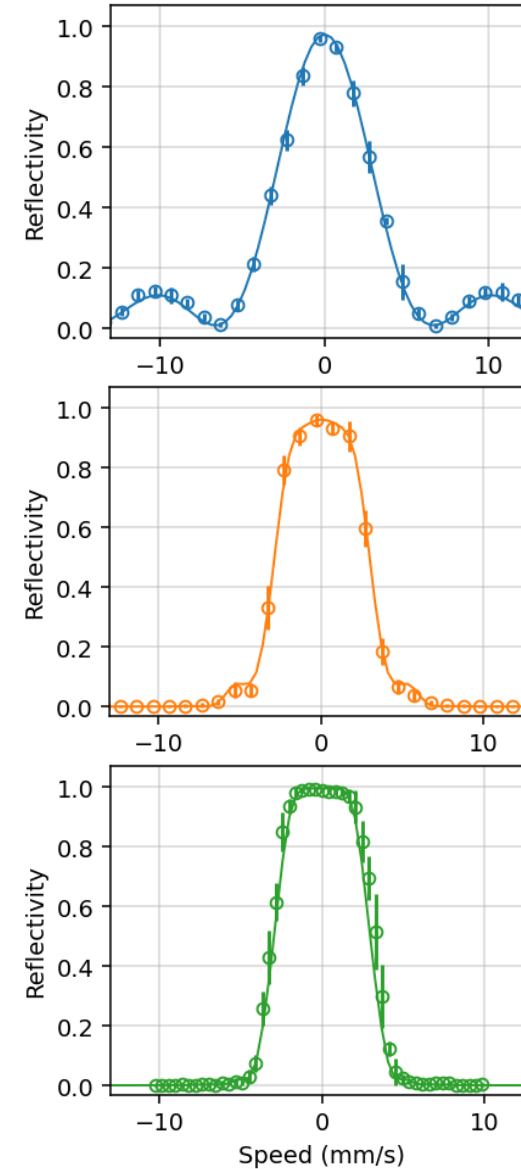
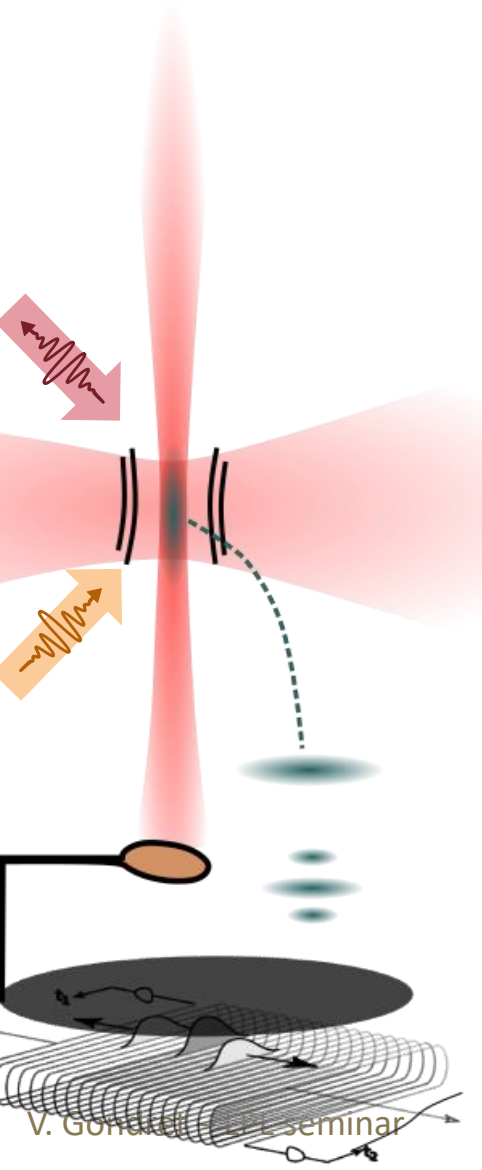
1. Parametric excitation
2. Raman transfer (+kick)
3. Bragg deflection of the BEC
4. Single particle detection analytical

More information in

Leprince *et al* Coherent coupling of momentum states: selectivity and phase control, Phys. Rev. A **111**, 063304 (2025)

→ Analytical (smart) functions as good as optimal control but simpler.

+ applied to interferometry techniques



Constant pulse

Sinc pulse

Reburp pulse