Analogue Gravity: theory & experiment





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Analogue Gravity in a nutshell

analogue simulations of classical and quantum field theory in curved spacetimes





The Big Bang Theory





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Black hole horizons in gravity

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Illustration by Roger Penrose

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point of no return = event horizon



Black hole horizons in gravity













Analogue gravity



fluids can exhibit effective horizons as seen by small fluctuations (e.g. sound waves and surface waves)





Analogue gravity a strong analogy



The equations of motion for linear perturbations in an analogue/effective/ emergent gravity system experience an effective/acoustic/emergent metric tensor (an effective gravitational field).

Simple example:

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(ii) "minimal substitution" **curved** spacetime :

$$\left(\sqrt{-g} g^{ab} \partial_b \psi\right) = 0 \qquad \text{where} \qquad g_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{00}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{01}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{02}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{03}(\mathbf{x},t) \\ g_{01}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{11}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{12}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{13}(\mathbf{x},t) \\ g_{02}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{12}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{22}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{23}(\mathbf{x},t) \\ g_{03}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{13}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{23}(\mathbf{x},t) & g_{33}(\mathbf{x},t) \end{bmatrix}$$

QFT in CS > Analogue/Effective Gravity

Analogue gravity systems:

The equations of motion for linear perturbations in an analogue/effective/emergent gravity system can be simplified to

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}}\partial_a\left(\sqrt{-g}g^{ab}\partial_b\psi\right) = 0$$

defining an effective/acoustic/emergent metric tensor:

$$g_{ab} \propto \begin{bmatrix} -\left(c^2(\mathbf{x},t) - v^2(\mathbf{x},t)\right) & -\vec{v}^T(\mathbf{x},t) \\ -\vec{v}(\mathbf{x},t) & \mathbf{I}_{d \times d} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where do we expect such a behavior?

Broad class of systems with various dynamical equations, e.g. electromagnetic waveguide, fluids, ulatracold gas of Bosons and Fermions.

In example below: Fluid dynamics derived from conservation laws:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0 \quad \text{Continuity equation}$$
$$\rho \frac{D \mathbf{v}}{D t} = -\nabla p \qquad \text{Euler equation}$$

Euler equation

Simple example:

Small fluctuations in inviscid, irrotational, incompressible fluid flow

1981: W.G. Unruh







Analogue spacetimes do they exist in nature?







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Analogue gravity applications





Big Bang Theory small corrections ...

Hawking wants to detect Unruh radiation

Unruh

wants to detect Hawking radiation

in a hydrodynamic system

at the North Pole

in an **undergraduate laboratory** in Canada



Black hole evaporation in the laboratory

1981: Experimental black hole evaporation? 2 H J-(b)

Experimental Black Hole Evaporation



Illustration by David Simonds The Economist, **Dumb insolence**



Black hole evaporation in a nutshell



Experimental Black Hole Evaporation (1) What is Hawking radiation?

(2) How can we set up a table-top experiments to "conclusively" test Hawking/Unruh's prediction?

(3) Why is of scientific interest to carry out analogue simulations of Hawking radiation?



Black hole evaporation in a nutshell



Experimental Black Hole Evaporation Classically NOTHING can escape a black hole, but including quantum effects it can evaporate away!



Hawking radiation: how black holes lose their mass



Black hole evaporation how does it work



Pair-creation:

Separation of particle-anti-particle pairs from the quantum vacuum; Negative norm modes absorbed by black hole;

[Particle Creation by Black Holes, by Stephen Hawking, in 1974]



Let's try to understand <u>Hawking radiation</u> as a simple <u>scattering process</u>...











Right moving modes

Left moving modes









Modes moving into potential

Modes moving out of potential







Conserved quantity: energy/norm/

particle current



















Black holes: Linear Classical and Quantum Field Amplifier!





pair-creation process
 Boltzmann distribution
 surface gravity





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quantum correlations

BHE process ➤ the UV-**problem**





EXP. #1 surface waves on open channel flows

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Measurement of Stimulated Hawking Emission in an Analogue System

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Hawking argued that black holes emit thermal radiation via a quantum spontaneous emission. To address this issue experimentally, we utilize the analogy between the propagation of fields around black holes and surface waves on moving water. By placing a streamlined obstacle into an open channel flow we create a region of high velocity over the obstacle that can include surface wave horizons. Long waves propagating upstream towards this region are blocked and converted into short (deep-water) waves. This is the analogue of the stimulated emission by a white hole (the time inverse of a black hole), and our measurements of the amplitudes of the converted waves demonstrate the thermal nature of the conversion process for this system. Given the close relationship between stimulated and spontaneous emission, our findings attest to the generality of the Hawking process.










Our experiment setup

Our flume (7.47m long and 15.4cm wide):





Basic Idea



Let's recall the acoustic line-element:

$$g_{ab} \propto \begin{bmatrix} -\left(c^2 - v^2\right) & -\vec{v}^T \\ -\vec{v} & \mathbf{I}_{d \times d} \end{bmatrix}$$



Our experiment black and white hole horizons

effective effective black hole white hole





Our experiment in motion





Our experiment in motion





Our experiment how we did it



✓ pair-creation process (classical correlations)







(i) Amplitudes of converted waves depending on ingoing frequency:



(ii) what is a wave (particle) nearbythe white hole horizon..?





(ii) Norm is conserved: $\int \frac{|A(f,\kappa)|^2}{f+\kappa} d\kappa$



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Boltzmann distribution depends on surface gravity



Our experiment surface gravity

Excitations on free surface:



$$\frac{|\beta_{\omega}|^2}{|\alpha_{\omega}|^2} = e^{-\frac{2\pi\omega}{g_{\rm H}}}$$

surface gravity (Hz) via **excitations:** 0.12 HZ

surface gravity (Hz) via **background:** 0.08-0.18 Hz



Our experiment surface gravity

Assumption: Linear amplifier over a huge range!

pair-creation process
 (classical correlations)

Boltzmann distribution
 surface gravity

Lesson: The thermal emission is a universal phenomenon, surviving fluiddynamic deviations (viscosity, vorticity) and vastly altered dispersion relations, and linear over an amazing input range!!!







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However: Spontaneous emission straightforward, but undetectable (6x10^-12 K); NO QUANTUM EFFECT superfluid experiments necessary...





EXP. #2 optical analogues of the event horizon





Sound waves/surface wave —

the equivalent of the river flow needs to exceed the speed of light in medium!!



light

to reduce the speed of light in vacuum drastically...



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optical (fibre-optic) telecommunication:
 information care light pulses confined to the core of optical fibres.

light



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light

every pulse adds a slight contribution to the refractive index of the fibre (prop. to the refractive index of intensity profile)



Sound waves/surface wave — light

the pulse is establishing a moving media (Kerr effect in ninliear fibre optics)

medium naturally moves with the speed of sound











dispersion releases the blue shifted pulse





optical dispersion releases the blue shifted pulse





optical probe is slowed down by the dispersion pulse until its group velocity releases matches the pulse speed the blue (a)shifted pulse black hole horizon probe white hole horizon



dispersion releases the blue shifted pulse



Without probing pulse:



White hole emits photon pairs; Note: optical shock has steepened the pulse edge (increasing the surface gravity at the effective white hole horizon)



Hawking radiation subtitle

"we report experimental evidence of photon emission that on the one hand bears the characteristics of Hawking radiation and on the other is distinguishable and thus separate from other known photon emission mechanisms. We therefore interpret the observed photon emission as an indication of Hawking radiation induced by the analogue event horizon."





in a bulk medium and

(i)

(ii) in a few-millimeter-long photonic-crystal fiber



Negative-Frequency Radiation on 742?

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Negative-Frequency Resonant Radiation

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Optical solitons or solitonlike states shed light to blueshifted frequencies through a resonant emission process. We predict a mechanism by which a second propagating mode is generated. This mode, called negative resonant radiation, originates from the coupling of the soliton mode to the negative-frequency branch of the dispersion relation. Measurements in both bulk media and photonic-crystal fibers confirm our predictions.







Negative resonant radiation pair-creation

Introduction.—Resonant radiation (RR), often also referred to as dispersive-wave or Cherenkov radiation, is a nonlinear optical process by which a soliton propagating in an optical fiber in the presence of higher-order dispersion sheds light through a resonantlike process to a shifted frequency [1-5]. This process and the precise frequency

Analogue gravity studies predicted the existence of Negative resonant radiation (NRR)







EXP. #3 superfluid analogues of black holes

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Realization of a Sonic Black Hole Analog in a Bose-Einstein Condensate

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We have created an analog of a black hole in a Bose-Einstein condensate. In this sonic black hole, sound waves, rather than light waves, cannot escape the event horizon. A steplike potential accelerates the flow of the condensate to velocities which cross and exceed the speed of sound by an order of magnitude. The Landau critical velocity is therefore surpassed. The point where the flow velocity equals the speed of sound is the sonic event horizon. The effective gravity is determined from the profiles of the velocity and speed of sound. A simulation finds negative energy excitations, by means of Bragg spectroscopy.





Alternative proposals ring geometry



Quantum de Laval nozzle: Stability and quantum dynamics of sonic horizons in a toroidally trapped Bose gas containing a superflow

Phys. Rev. A 76, 023617 – Published 31 August 2007

P. Jain, A. S. Bradley, and C.W. Gardiner

Sonic black holes in dilute Bose-Einstein condensates

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Boundaries (open versus closed flow) do matter!





Cosmological particle production in the laboratory



Cosmological particle production







Cosmological particle production in a nutshell



Cosmological particle production

(1) How does it work?

(2) How can we set up a table-top experiments to mimic the mechanism that created particles in our universe?

(3) Why is of scientific interest to carry out analogue simulations of cosmological particle production?



FRW spacetime evolution of the universe as a whole

 $\mathrm{d}s^2 = g^{ab} \,\mathrm{d}x^a \,\mathrm{d}x^b = -\mathrm{d}t^2 + a(t)^2 \,\mathrm{d}\mathcal{L}^2$

Gravitational field matching our observations

our universe on cosmic scales is:

* expanding (redshift of spectra of distance galaxies)

isotropic (uniform in all directions)

homogeny (no large scale formation)

Friedmann-Robertson-Walker spacetime

only maximally symmetric three-dimensional subspace with pos. eigenvalues





Superfluics with a time-dependent speed of sound

Ultra-cold weakly interacting gas of bosons

external trapping potential

$$\psi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{n(t, \mathbf{x})} \exp(i\theta(t, \mathbf{x}))$$

phase

time-dependent condensate density

Small excitations around the ground state see a superfluid and their propagation speed proportional to the condensate density and interaction strength:

$$= \frac{n(t) U(t)}{m}$$

cold-collision regime

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inter atomic potential





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Superfluics as an effective expanding universe

Scale factor for Boson interactions

$$b(t) = \begin{cases} \exp(-t/t_s) & \text{for } d = 2; \\ t_s/(t+t_s) & \text{for } d = 3; \end{cases}$$

Hubble Rate of parameter 1

A specific timedependent change in the interaction strength/ condensate density results in an effective de-Sitter universe.

> FRW-scale factor $a(\tau) = \exp(H \tau)$



Cosmological particle production

Simple example: assume cyclic universe, that is a cyclic scale factor (cyclic variations in the speed of sound in our analogue), this leads to parametric resonance.



Tibetan singing bowls

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Cosmo. particle production in BEC



Parametric resonance in BEC simulation



Cosmo. particle production in BEC



Parametric resonance in BEC simulation



Inflation and particle production (in gft as well as bec's)



FIG. 8: Schematic description of the freezing and melting of quantum modes.



Exp. #4 particle creation in an effective cyclic universe



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We have modulated the density of a trapped Bose-Einstein condensate by changing the trap stiffness, thereby modulating the speed of sound. We observe the creation of correlated excitations with equal and opposite momenta, and show that for a well-defined modulation frequency, the frequency of the excitations is half that of the trap modulation frequency.





Pair-particle process at half of the driving freq.



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Why is it useful..? quantum versus classical

Up until now: we have <u>not</u> managed to mimic any quantum aspect of field theory in curved spacetimes!!!

(i) we need to gain more insights into the difficulties in generating quantumcorrelated (entangled) pairs of phonons in such a controllable setting, and then try to apply our findings to cosmology;

(ii) we should be able to apply the mechanisms behind cosmological particle production for quantum information purposes, or at least to enhance our understanding of entanglement in weakly interaction systems (e.g. thermalization versus loss of non-classical behavior due to interaction);

Cosmology inspired ultra-cold atom experiments

Atom-chips: Prof. Joerg Schmiedmayer and Prof. Peter Kruger

highly controllable atom traps

More experiments planned: Chris Westbrook (e.g. repeat the experiment looking for non-classical correlations...)

Superradiant scattering in the laboratory

Superradiant scattering from rotating black holes

Superradiant scattering in a nutshell

Black Hole Regions

'Black Holes in the Bathtub' by MARISSA CEVALLOS (ScienceNews)

Bathtub vortex flow: stationary draining flow with non-zero angular momentum

Rotating black hole or bathtub vortex flow

Bathtub vortex flow: stationary draining flow with non-zero angular momentum

Superradiant scattering water equivalent

 $h_{\rm inf} = 10 \, \rm cm$

to understand the scattering process it is essential to change from fluid parameter to effective spacetime parameters...

Aharonov-Bohm-effect water equivalent

Aharonov-Bohm-effect and beyond

Scattering by a draining bathtub

vortex, Sam R. Dolan and Ednilton S. Oliveira

fluid of light: graphene dissolved in methanol

Exp. #6 rotating black holes in a fluid of light

analogue gravity and beyond

analogy d beyond Gener how robust are effects how much can we experiments predicted within C control those analogue classical and quantum systems? field theory in curved classical versus spacetimes? classical and quantum gravity quantum classica hard h theory in c can we apply the observatio acquired experimental ...using super-radiant scattering frg expertise to real * fluids and superfluids rotating black holes * condensed matter systems QFT in CS and/or ongoing experime * quantum information quantum gravity black-hole radiation theoretical, NUMERICAL first results from fluid experiments superfluids, and optical sys & experimental studies. • cosmological particle production first results from superfluids

how much can we control those analogue systems? classical versus quantum how robust are effects predicted within classical and quantum field theory in curved spacetimes? classical and quantum

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