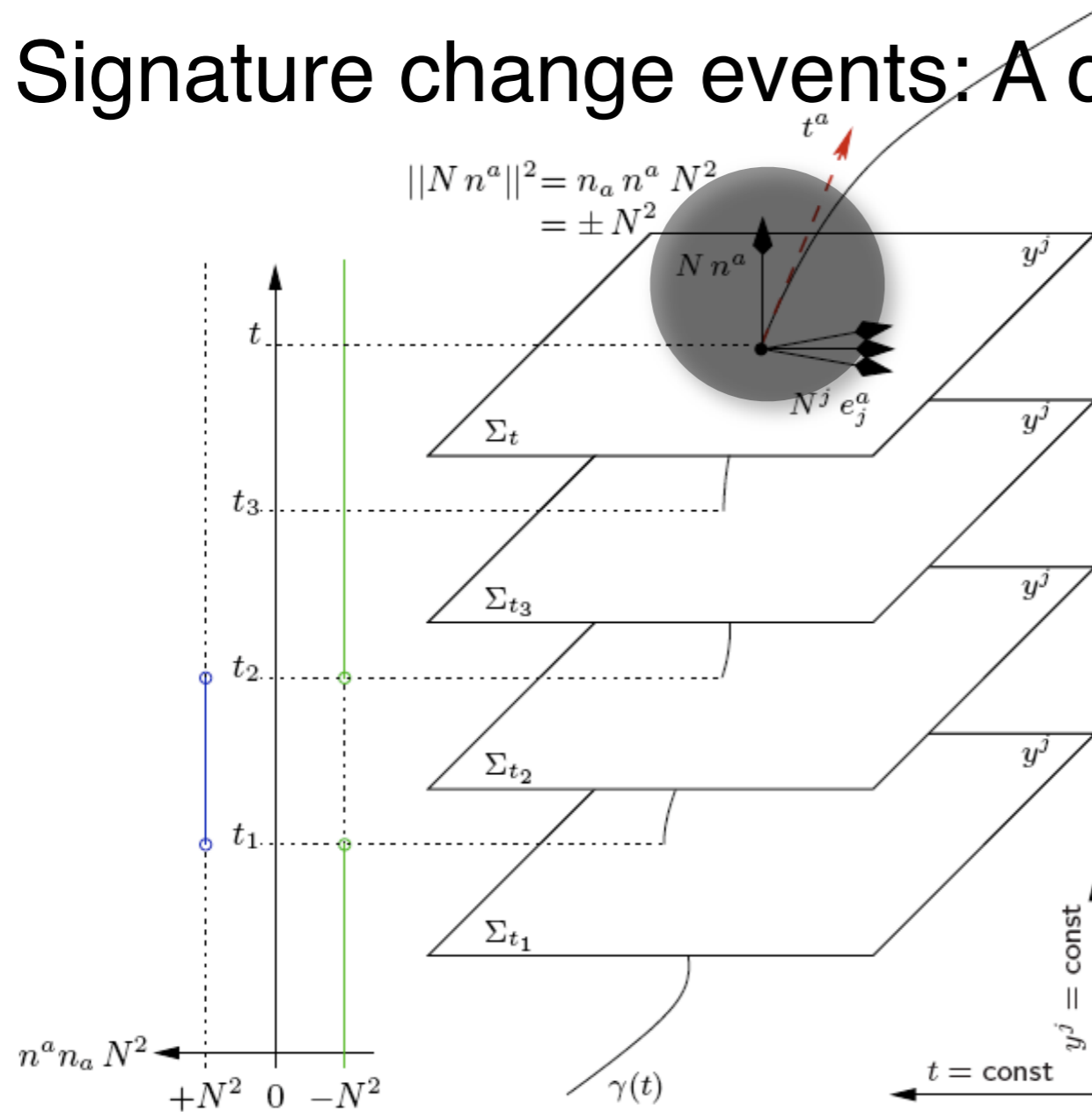


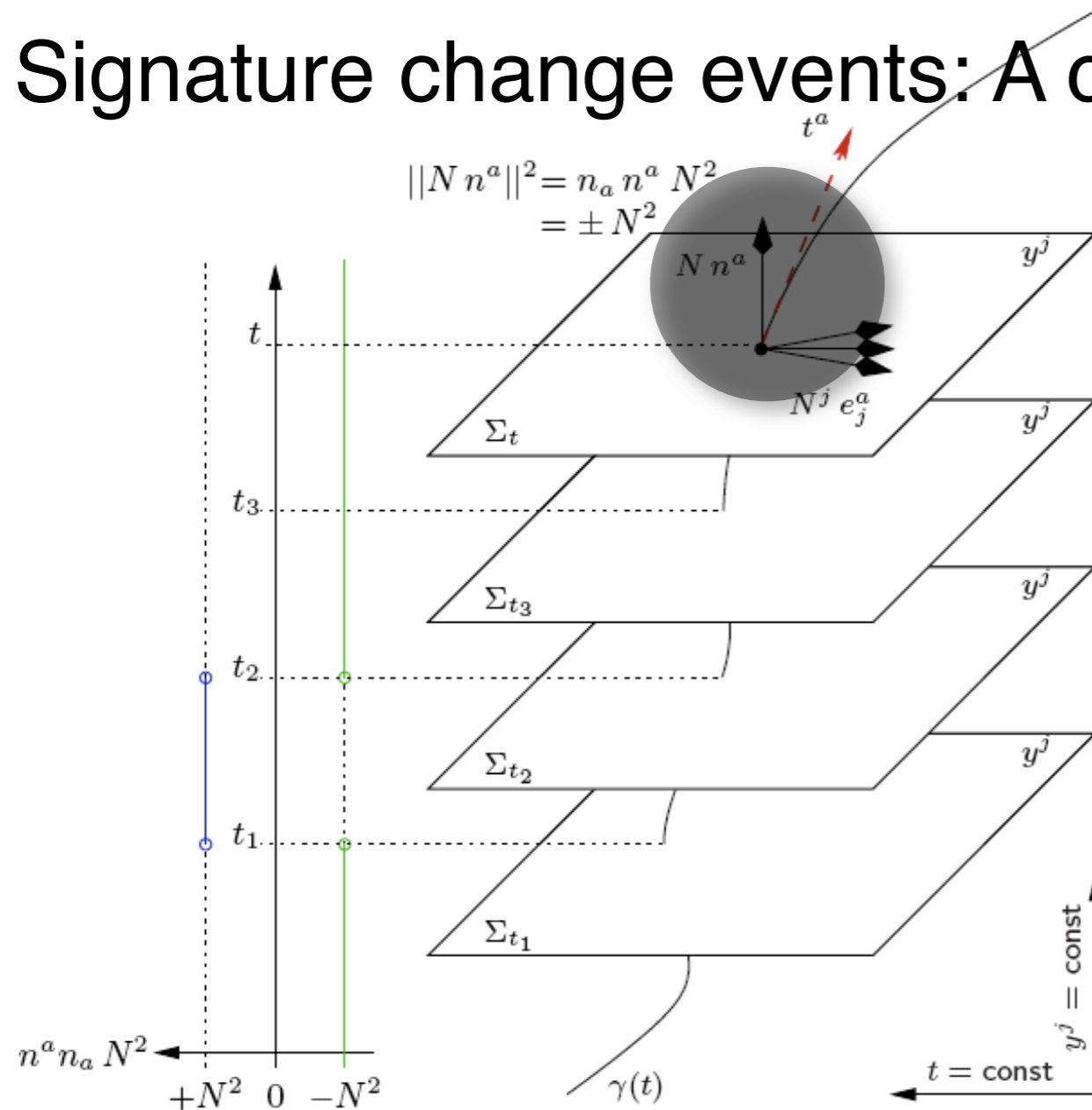
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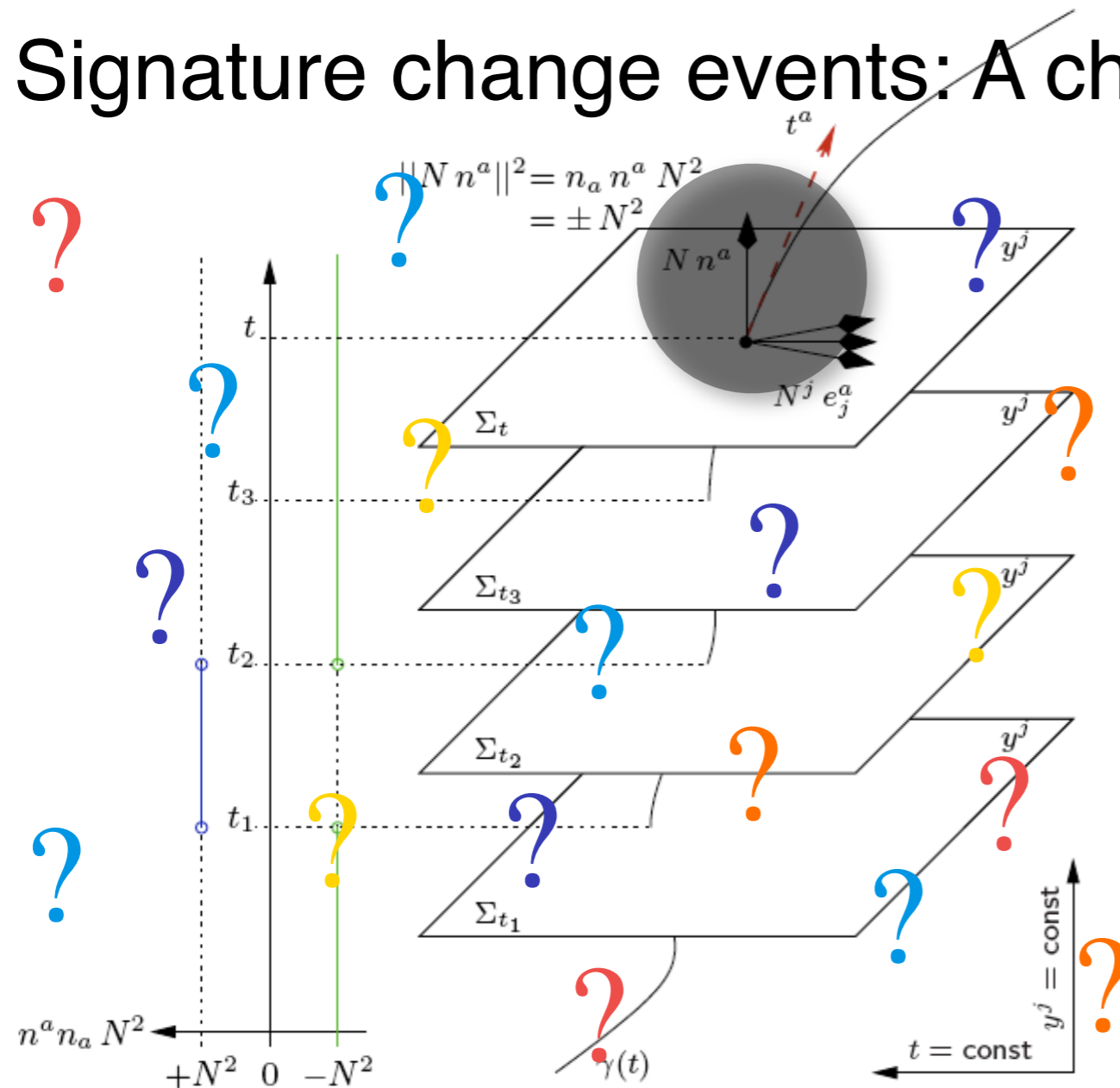
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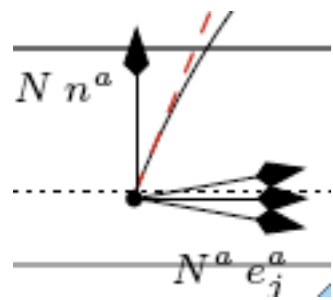
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# Outlook

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What, **if** anything at all, did we learn from this!?

**A really really long...**



Motivation from Emergent spacetimes

# The concept of emergence

## Emergent spacetimes involve...

- A microscopic system of fundamental objects (e.g. strings, atoms or molecules);
- a dominant mean field regime, where the microscopic degrees of freedom give way to collective variables;
- a geometrical object (e.g. a symmetric tensor dominating the evolution of linearized classical and quantum excitations around the mean field;
- An emergent Lorentz symmetry for the long-distance behavior of the geometrical object;



# Example BEC [microscopic degrees of freedom]

## Emergent spacetimes from Bose-gas

- A microscopic system of fundamental objects:  
*ultra-cold dilute gas of weakly interacting Bosons*

Microscopic theory well understood:

$$\hat{H} = \int d\mathbf{x} \left( -\hat{\Psi}^\dagger \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \hat{\Psi} + \hat{\Psi}^\dagger V_{\text{ext}} \hat{\Psi} + \frac{U}{2} \hat{\Psi}^\dagger \hat{\Psi}^\dagger \hat{\Psi} \hat{\Psi} \right)$$

SO(2) – symmetry

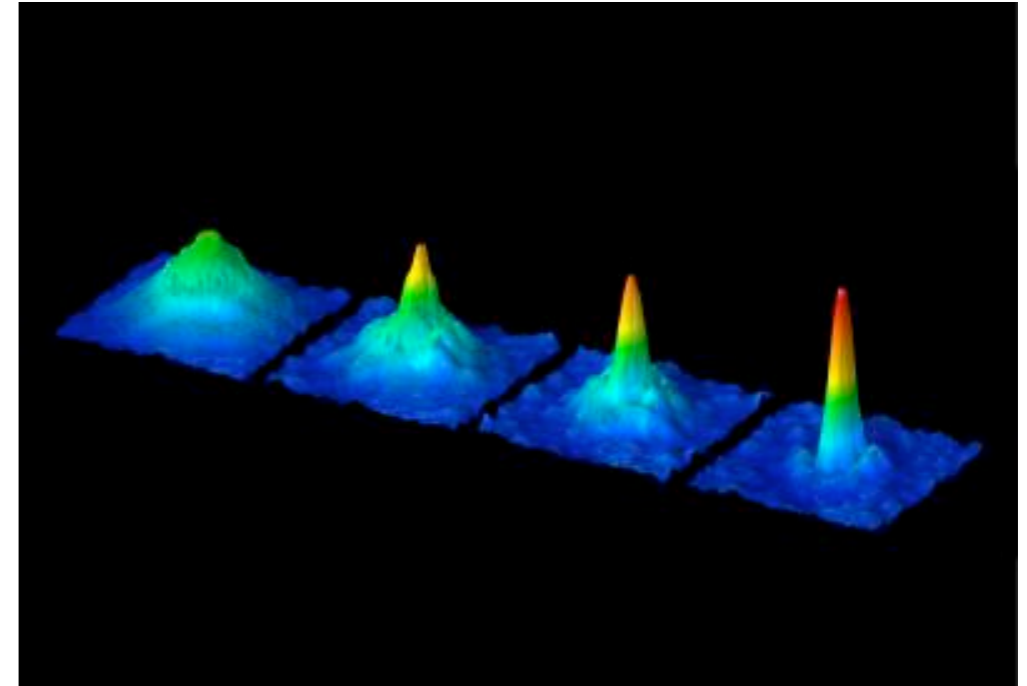
$$\hat{\Psi} \rightarrow \hat{\Psi}^* = \hat{\Psi} \exp(i\alpha)$$



# Example BEC [macroscopic variables]

## Emergent spacetimes from Bose-gas

- A dominant mean field regime:  
*Bose-Einstein condensate*



Spontaneous symmetry breaking:

$$\langle \hat{\Psi}(t, \mathbf{x}) \rangle = \psi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{n_0(t, \mathbf{x})} \exp(i\phi_0(t, \mathbf{x})) \neq 0$$





# Example BEC [geometrical object]

## Emergent spacetimes from Bose-gas

Small perturbations - linear in density and phase - in the macroscopic mean-field emerging from an ultra-cold weakly interacting gas of bosons are inner observers experiencing an effective spacetime geometry,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|\det(g_{ab})|}} \partial_a \left( \sqrt{|\det(g_{ab})|} g^{ab} \partial_b \hat{\phi} \right) = 0$$

where

$$g_{ab} = \left( \frac{c_0}{U/\hbar} \right)^{\frac{2}{d-1}} \begin{bmatrix} -(c_0^2 - v^2) & -v_x & -v_y & -v_z \\ -v_x & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -v_y & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -v_z & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} ;$$



# Semi-classical quantum geometry

C. Barcelo, S. Liberati, and M. Visser. Analog gravity from field theory normal modes?

*Class. Quant. Grav.*, 18:3595–3610, 2001.

*Effective curved-spacetime quantum field theory description of the linearization process:*

Small perturbations around some background solution  $\phi_0(t, \mathbf{x})$ .

$$\phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \phi_0(t, \mathbf{x}) + \epsilon \phi_1(t, \mathbf{x}) + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \phi_2(t, \mathbf{x})$$

In a generic Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}(\partial_a \phi, \phi)$ , depending only a single Scalar field and its first derivatives yields an effective

Spacetime geometry

$$g_{ab}(\phi_0) = \left[ -\det \left( \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_a \phi) \partial(\partial_b \phi)} \right) \right]_{\phi_0}^{\frac{1}{d-1}} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial(\partial_a \phi) \partial(\partial_b \phi)} \right)_{\phi_0}^{-1}$$

For the classical/ quantum fluctuations. The equation of Motion for small perturbations around the background

Are then given by  $(\Delta_{g(\phi_0)} - V(\phi_0)) \phi_1 = 0$

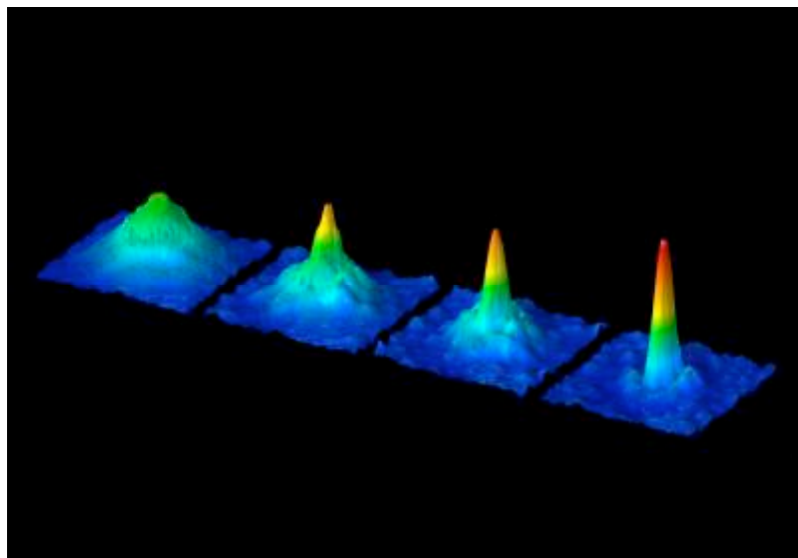
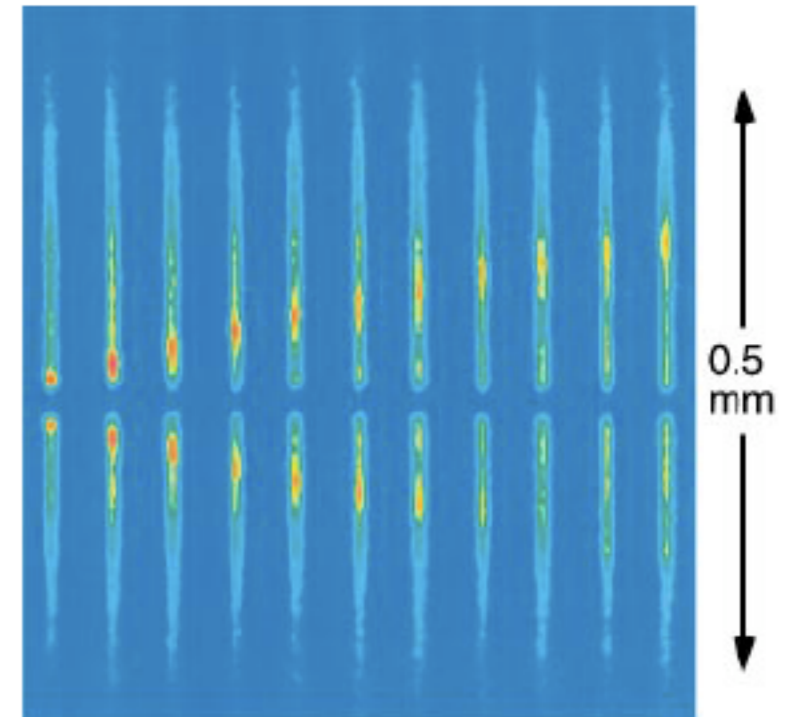
**Kinematics versus dynamics!**



# Inner and out observer/ absolute time

## Inner observer:

Small excitations in the system experience an effective spacetime geometry represented by the macroscopic mean-field variables!



## Outer observer:

Live in the preferred frame - the laboratory frame, such that the condensate parameters are functions of lab-time (absolute time).



# Interactions and spacetime signature

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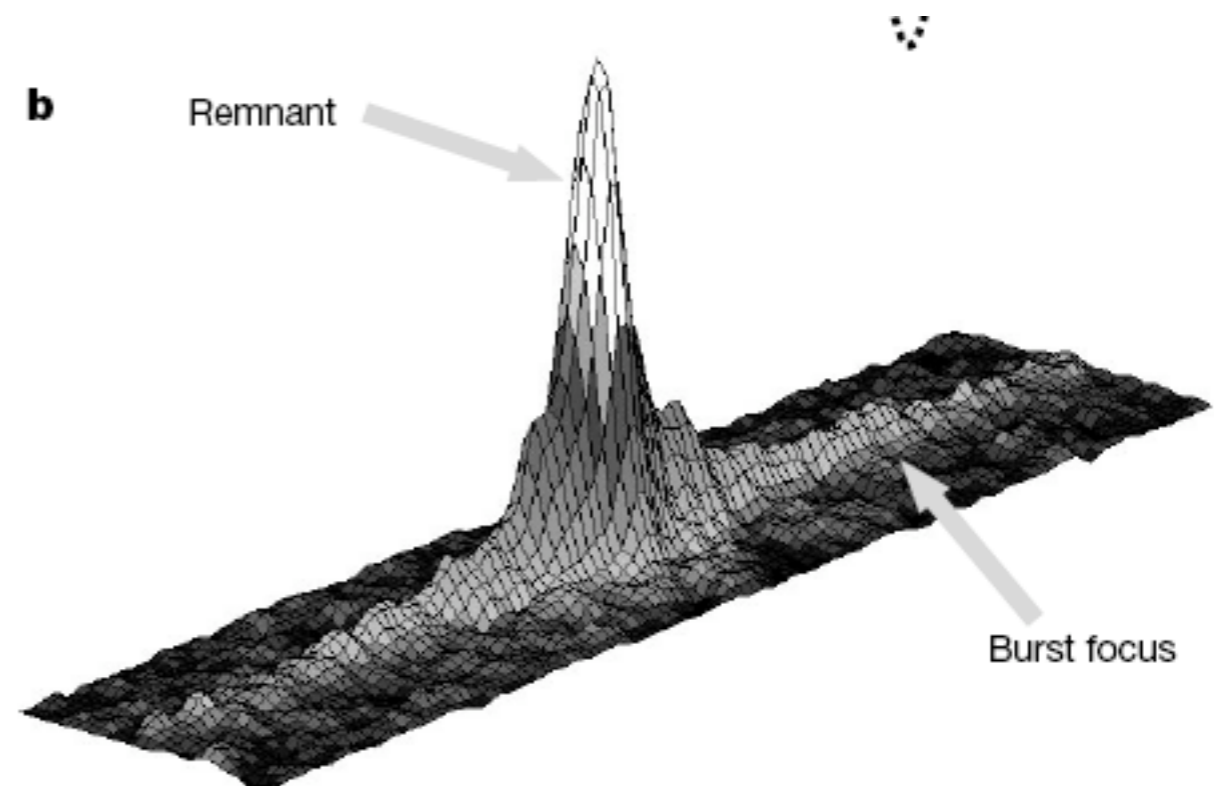
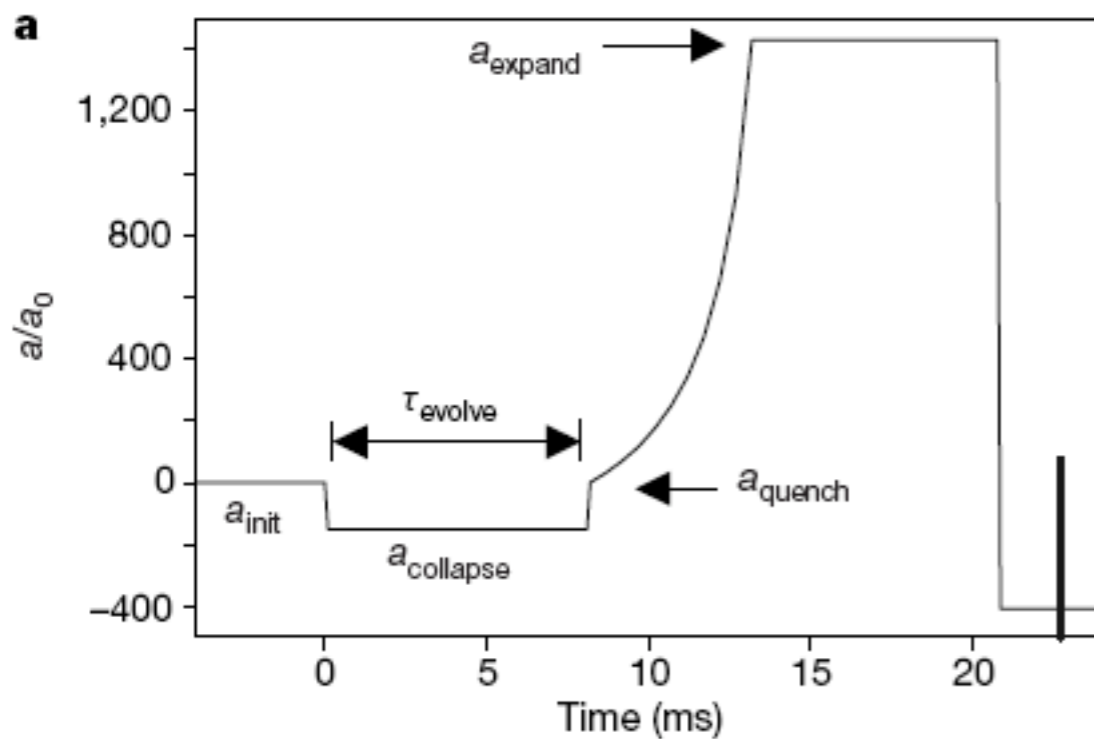
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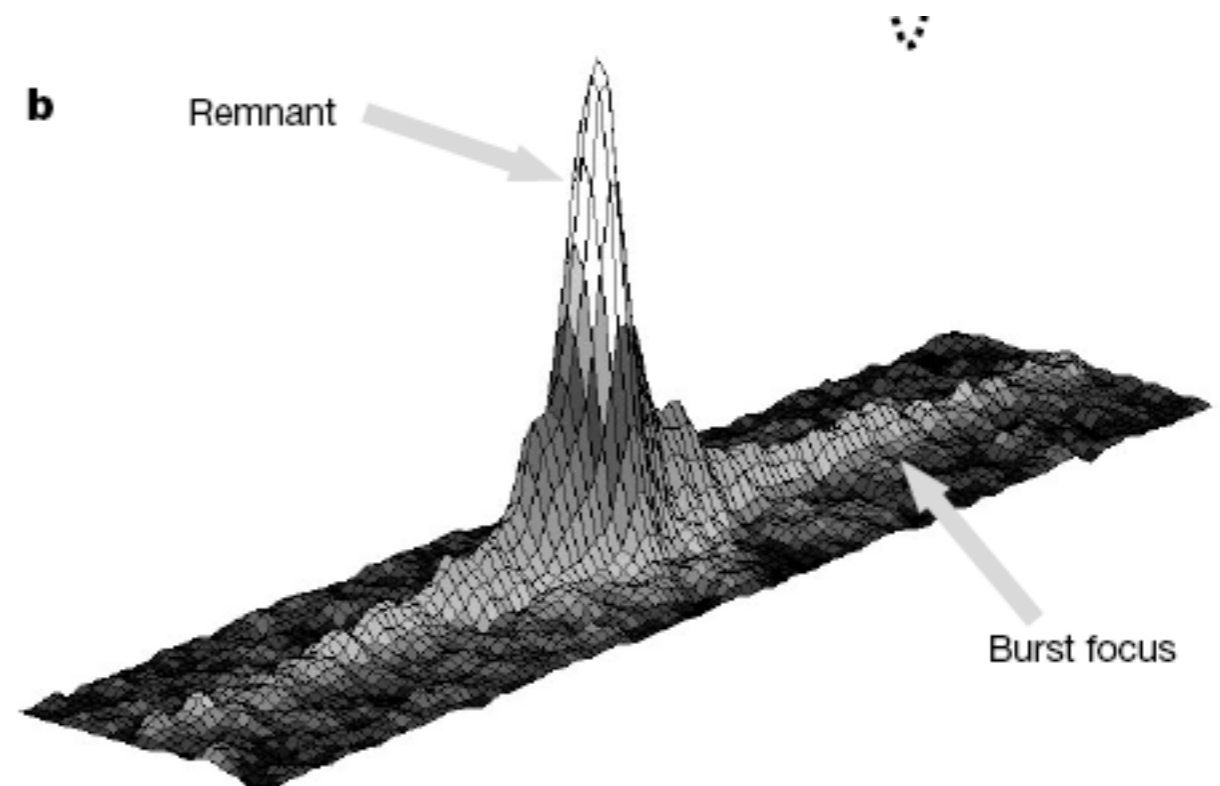
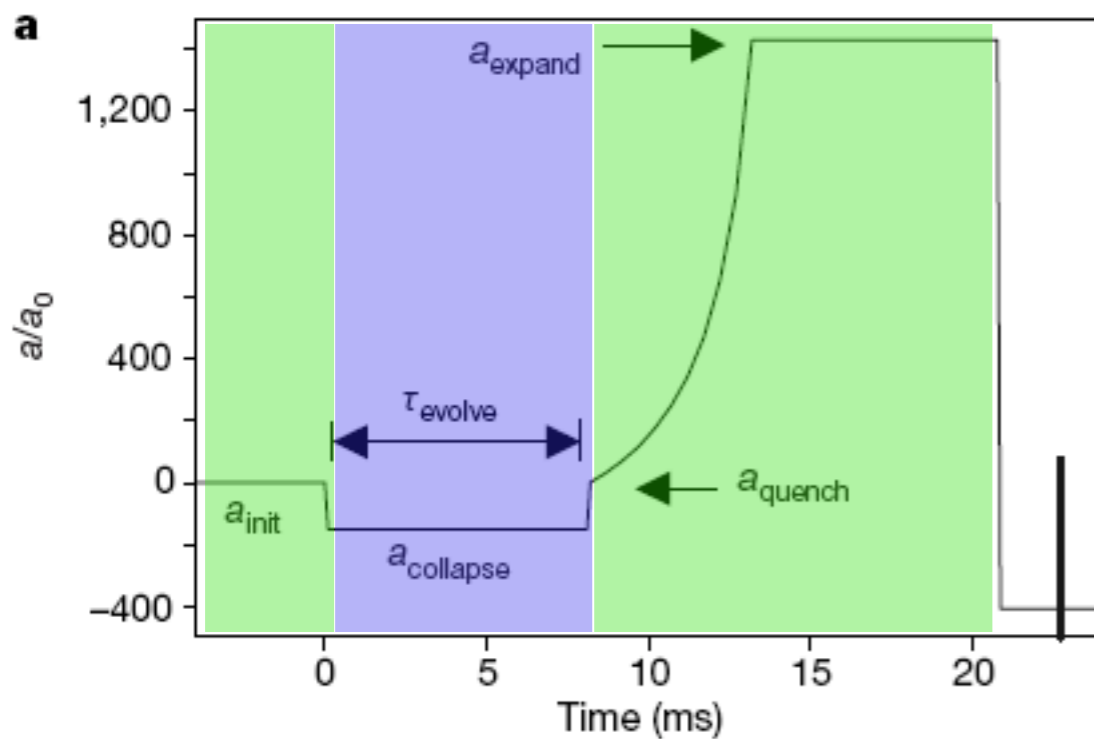
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**Main Theme** We show that in the collapse of a Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) <sup>1</sup> certain processes involved and mechanisms at work share a common origin with corresponding quantum field processes in the early universe such as particle creation, structure formation and spinodal instability. Phenomena associated with the controlled BEC collapse observed in the experiment of Donley et al [2] (they call it ‘Bose-Nova’, see also [3]) such as the appearance of bursts and jets can be explained as a consequence of the squeezing and amplification of quantum fluctuations above the condensate by the dynamics of the condensate. Using the

Need to understand particle production process via sudden variations in atomic-interactions...





# Atom-interactions, universe and quasiparticles

Variations in the speed of sound modify the size of emergent universe!

$$c_0^2 = \frac{n_0(t, \mathbf{x}) U(t)}{m}$$

Outer observer: For an decreasing sound velocity signals.

Inner observer: The size of the universe has increased.

Time-dependent atom-interactions correspond to FRW-type universe

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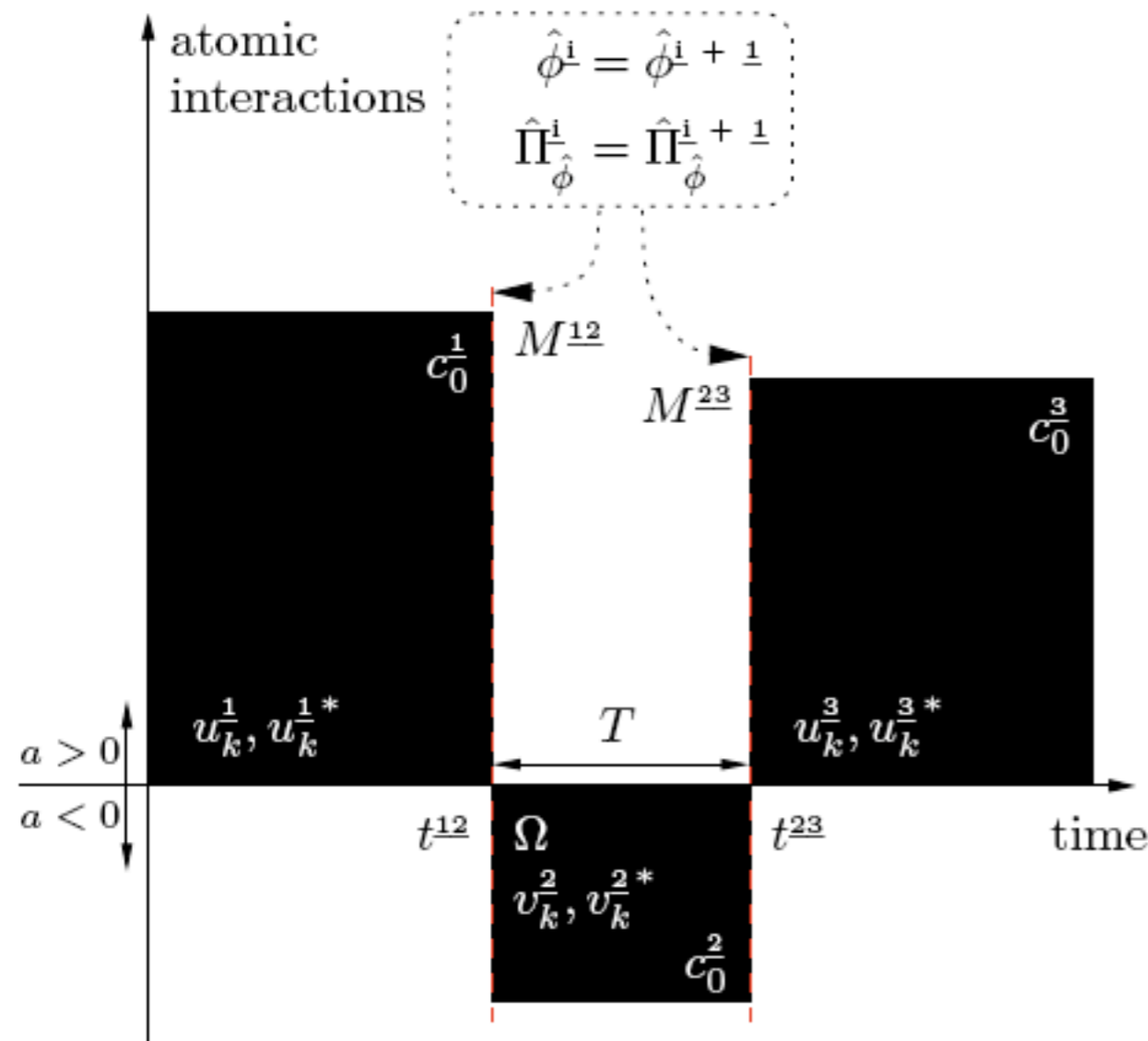
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+ no meaning of quasiparticles in the intermediate regime!!!

+ upper / lower bound

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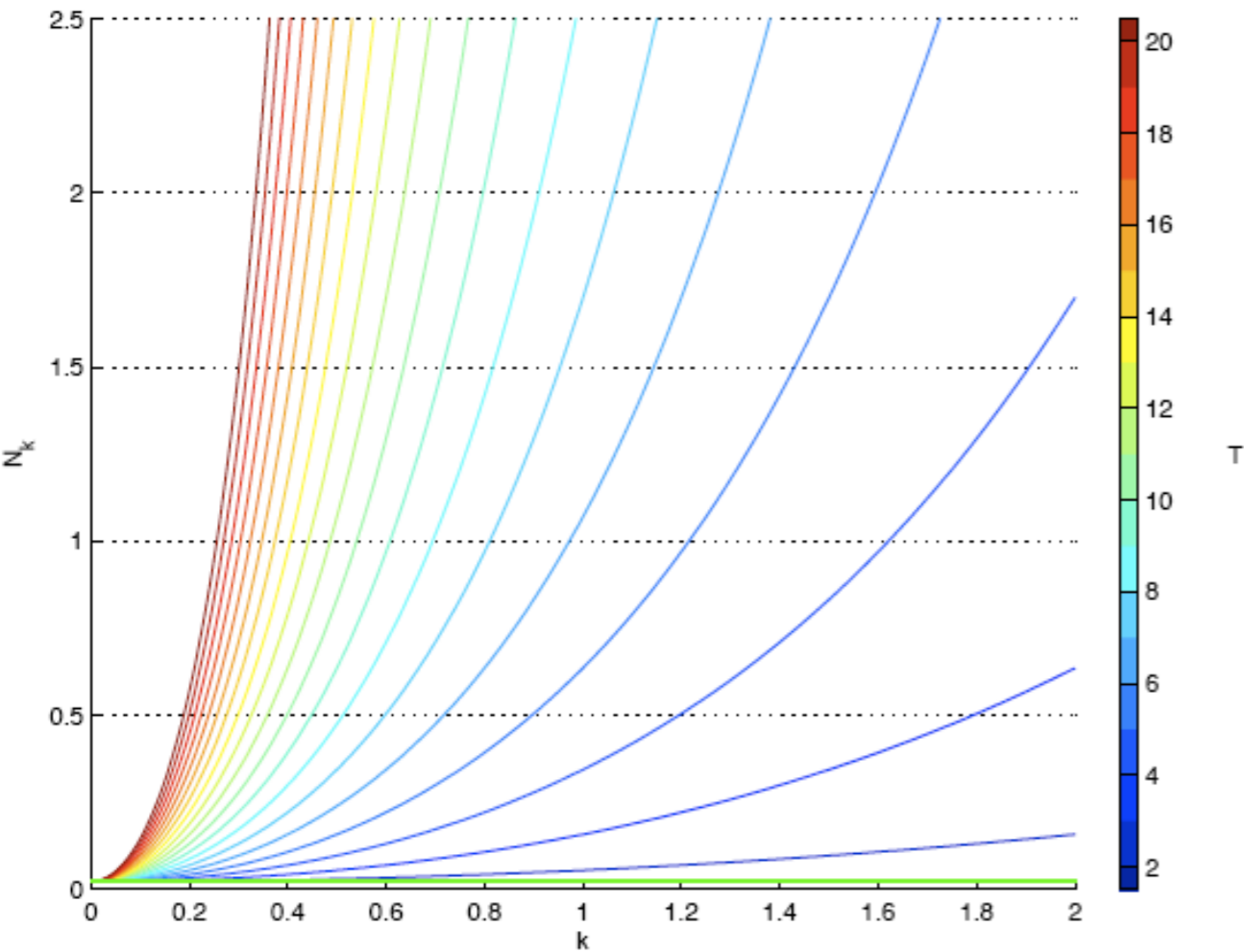
+ connection conditions

$$\left[ \hat{\phi} \right]_{\Sigma} = 0; \quad \left[ \hat{\Pi}_{\hat{\phi}} \right]_{\Sigma} = 0.$$



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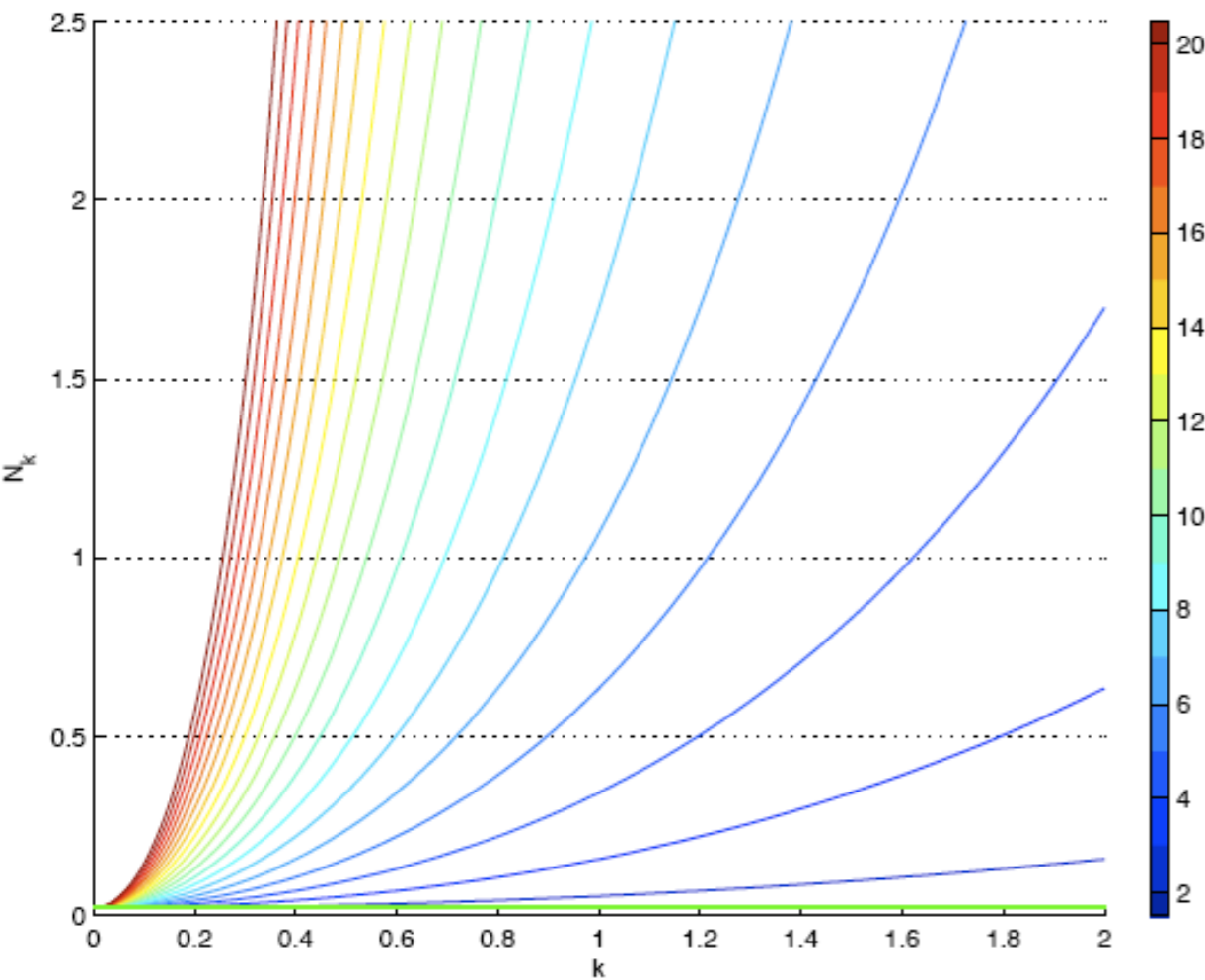


Number of quasiparticles  
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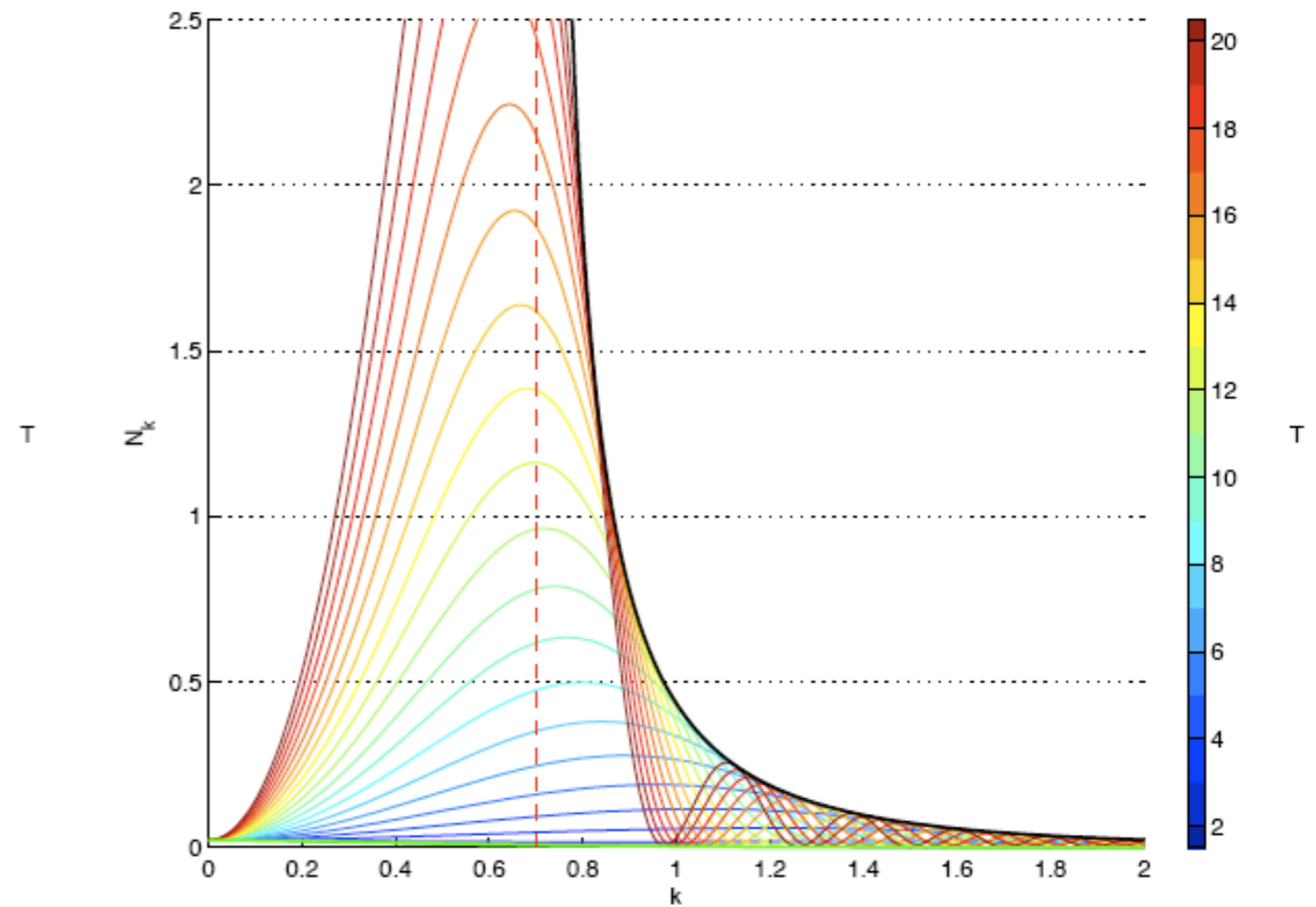


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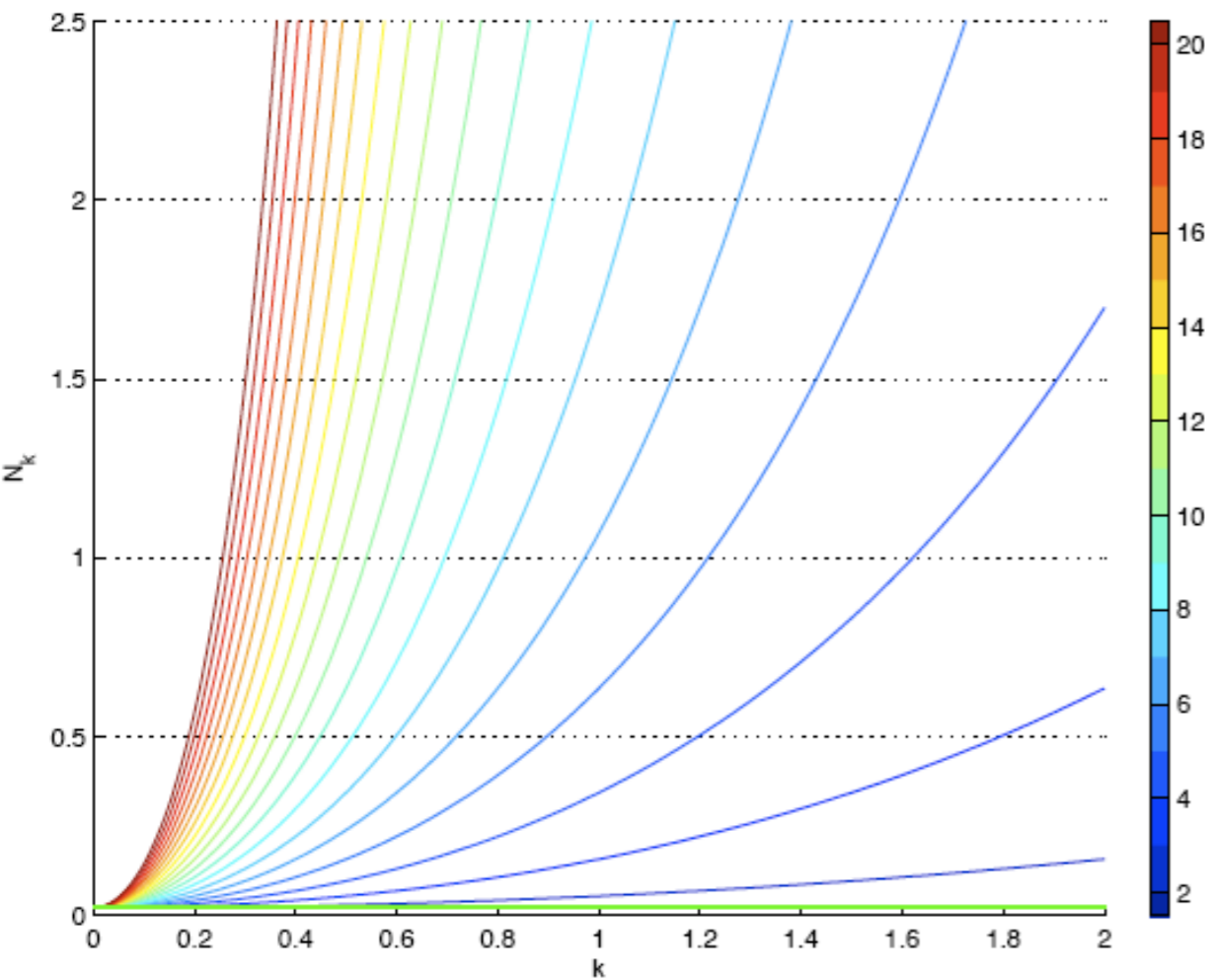
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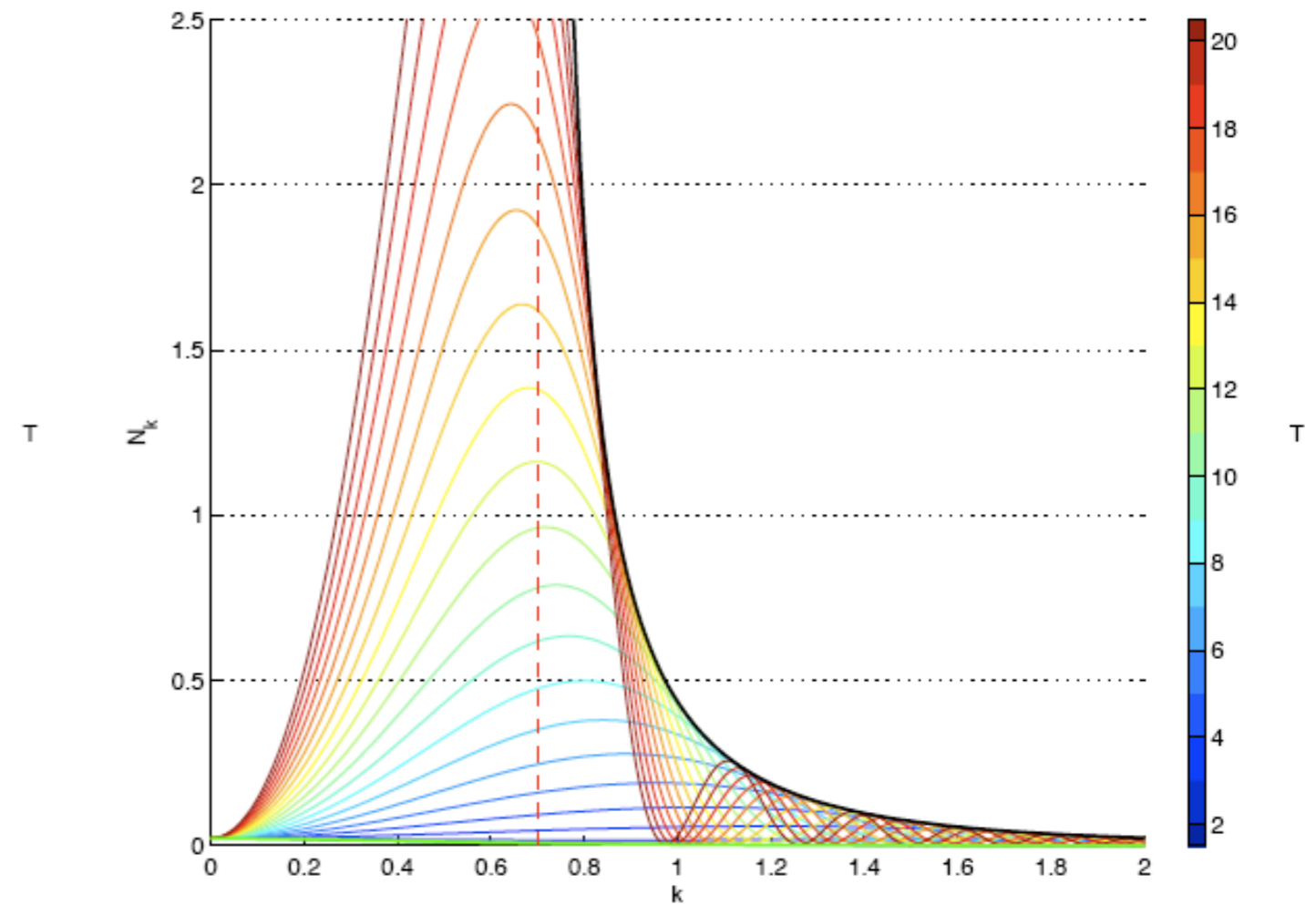


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$$\mathcal{U}|_{\nabla \rightarrow -ik} \rightarrow U_k = U + \frac{\hbar^2}{4mn_0} k^2$$



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Hydrodynamic approximation: Variations in the kinetic energy of the condensate are considered to be negligible, compared to the internal potential energy of the Bosons.

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Keeping quantum pressure term leads to “effective interaction” seen by inner observer:

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harmonic trap

[position dependent sound speed]



condensate in box

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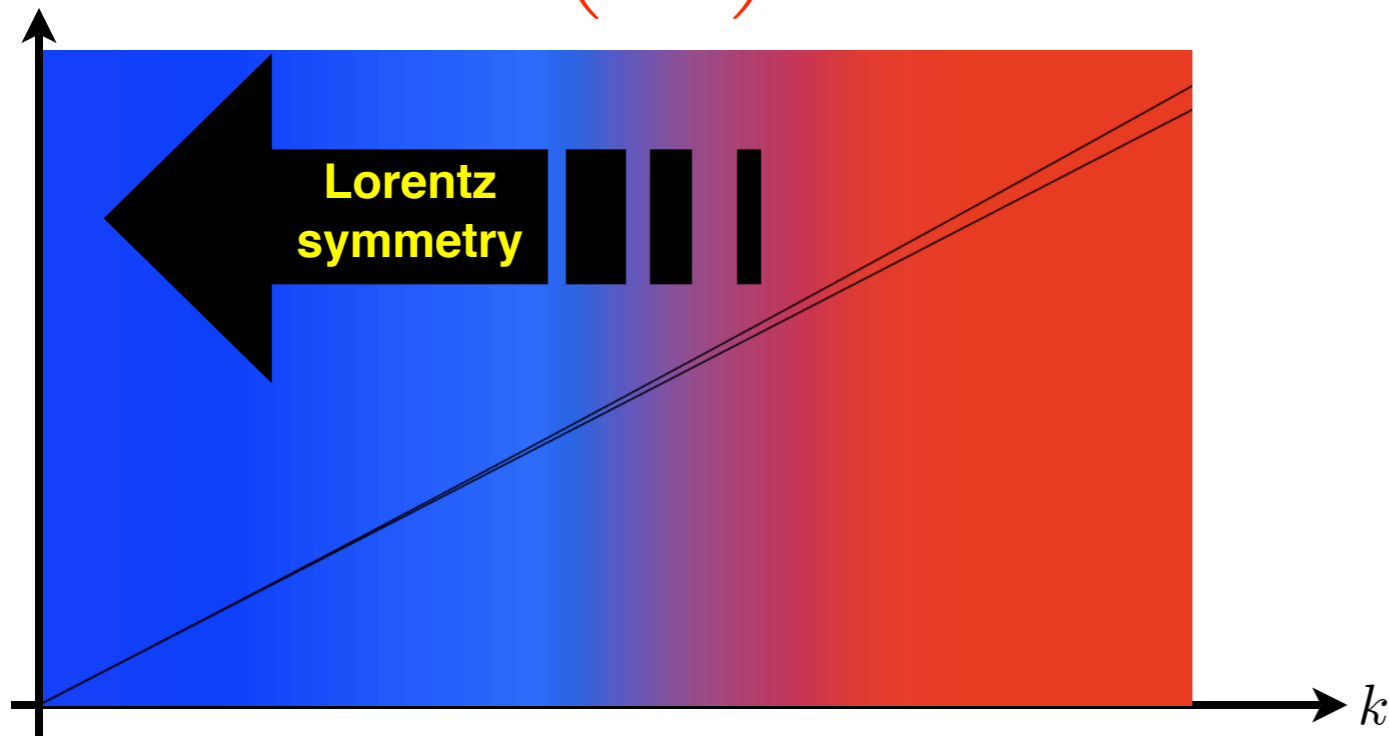


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$$c^2(U) = \frac{n_0 U}{m} \rightarrow c_k^2(\mathcal{U}) = c^2(U) + \left( \frac{\hbar}{2m} \right)^2 k^2$$

condensate in box  
[uniform number density]

$$\omega_k^2 = c(t) k^2 + \left( \frac{\hbar}{2m} \right)^2 k^4$$



$$\omega_k \approx c(t) k$$

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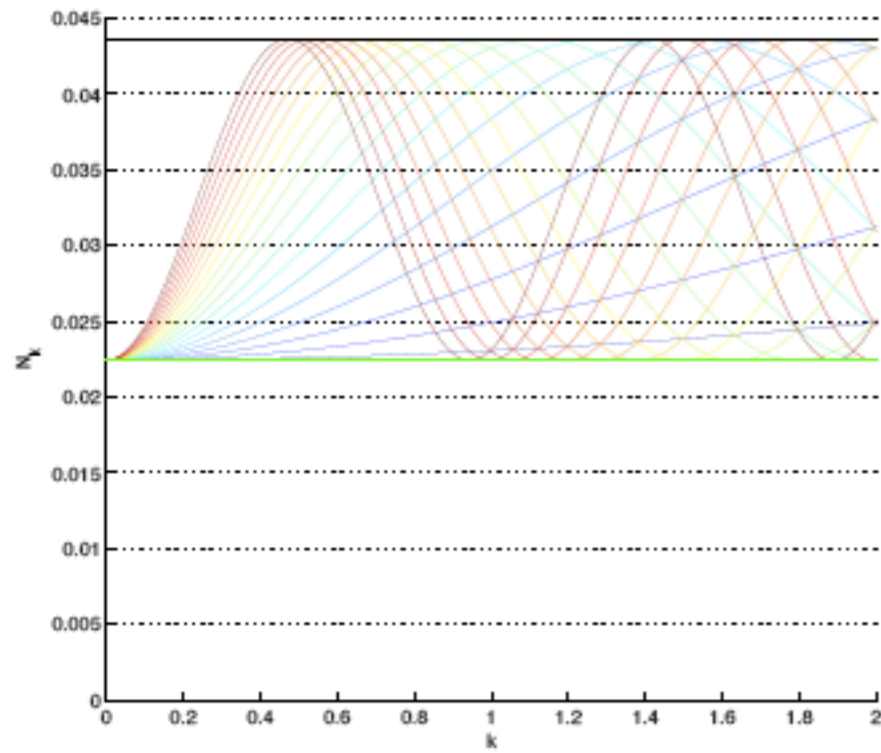
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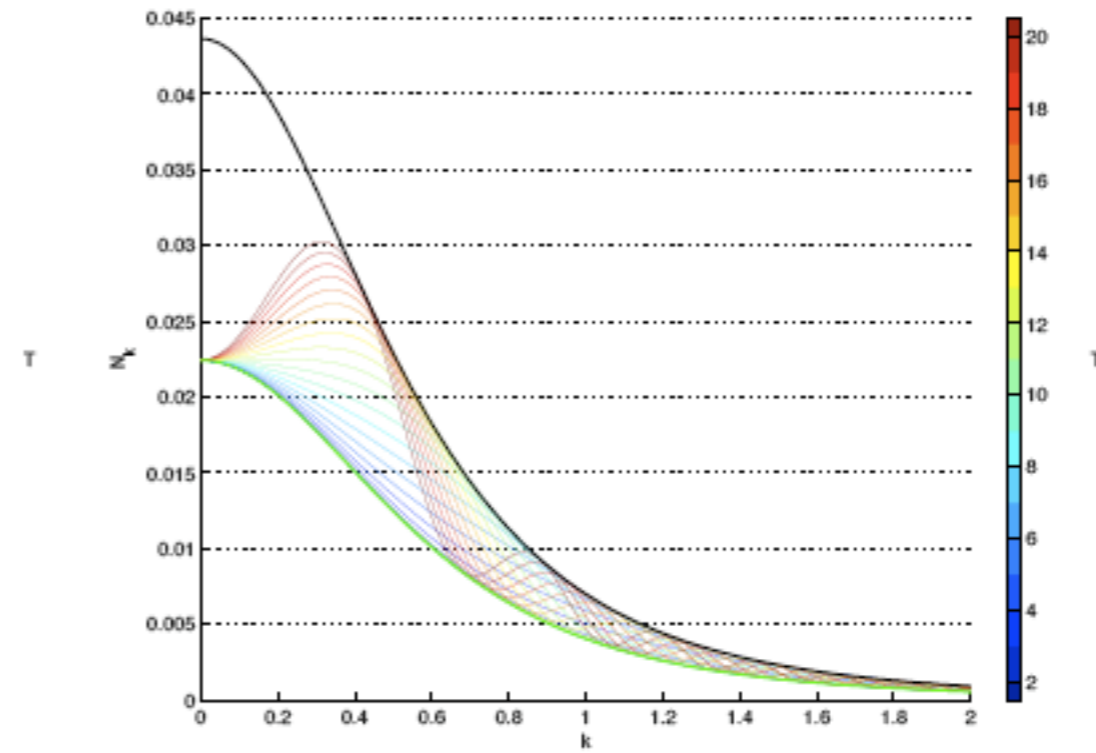




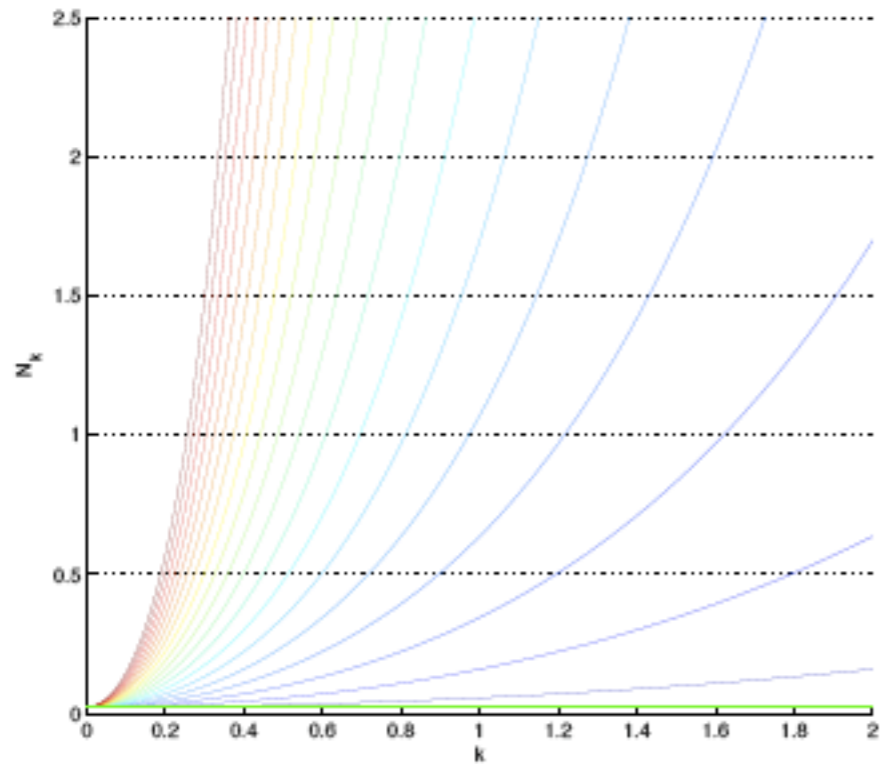
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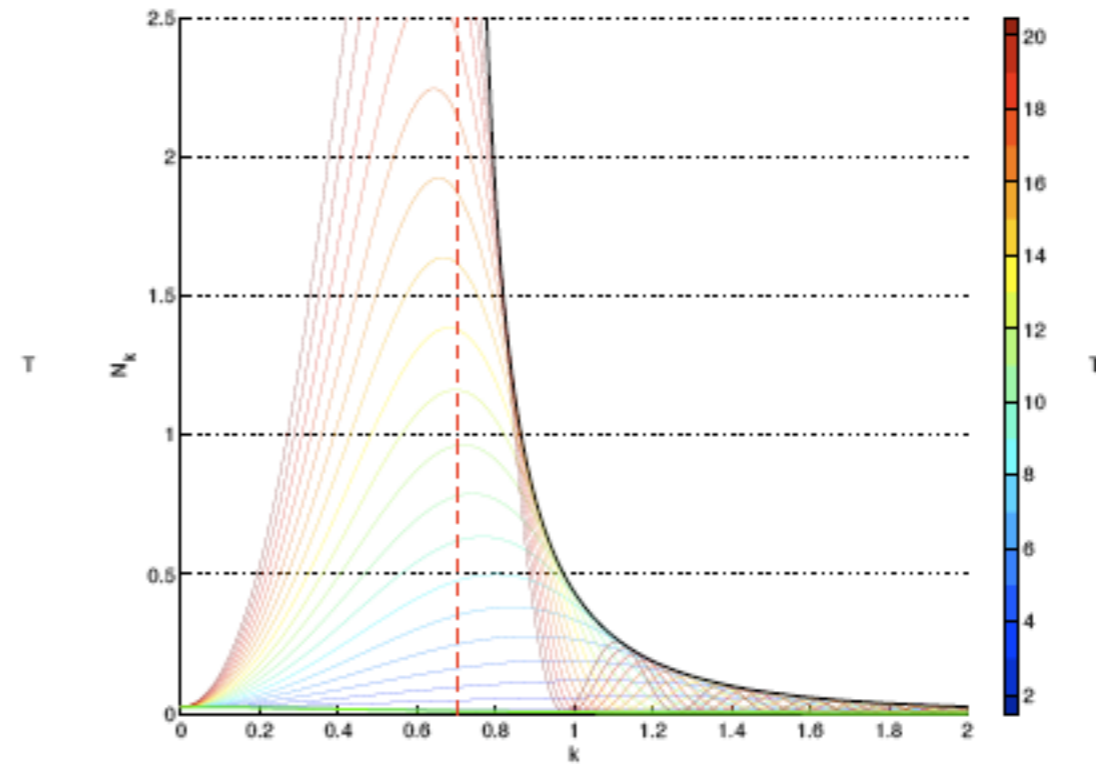
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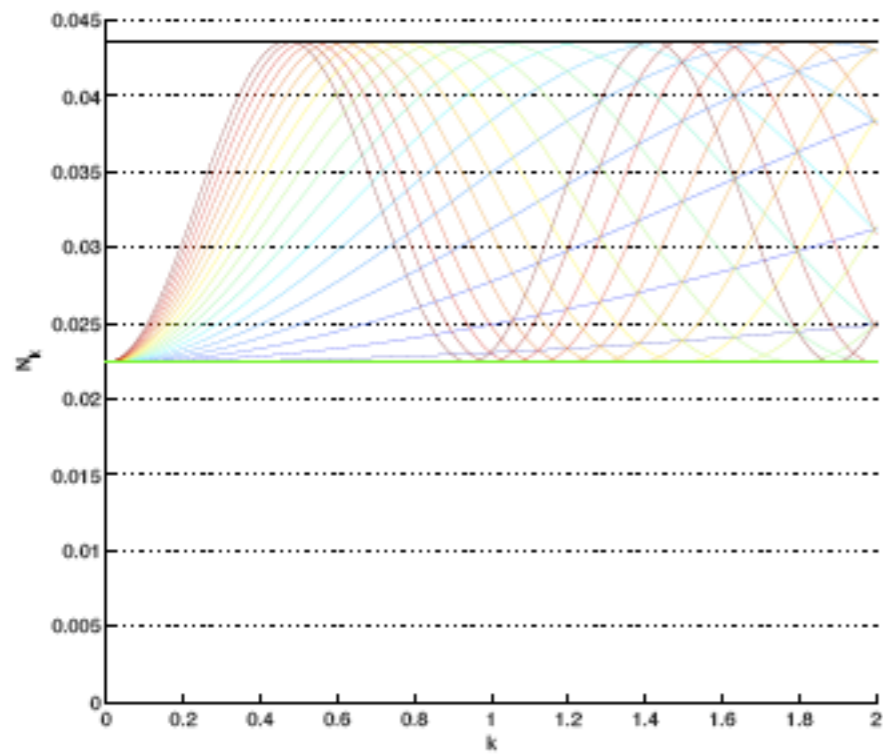
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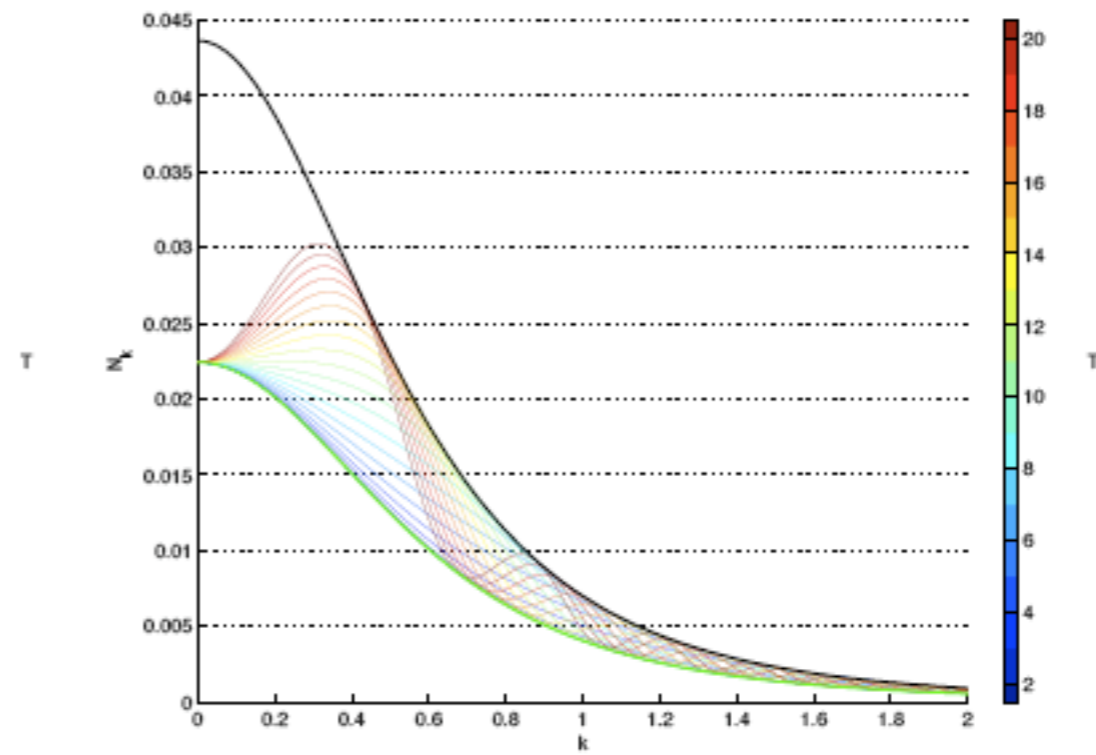
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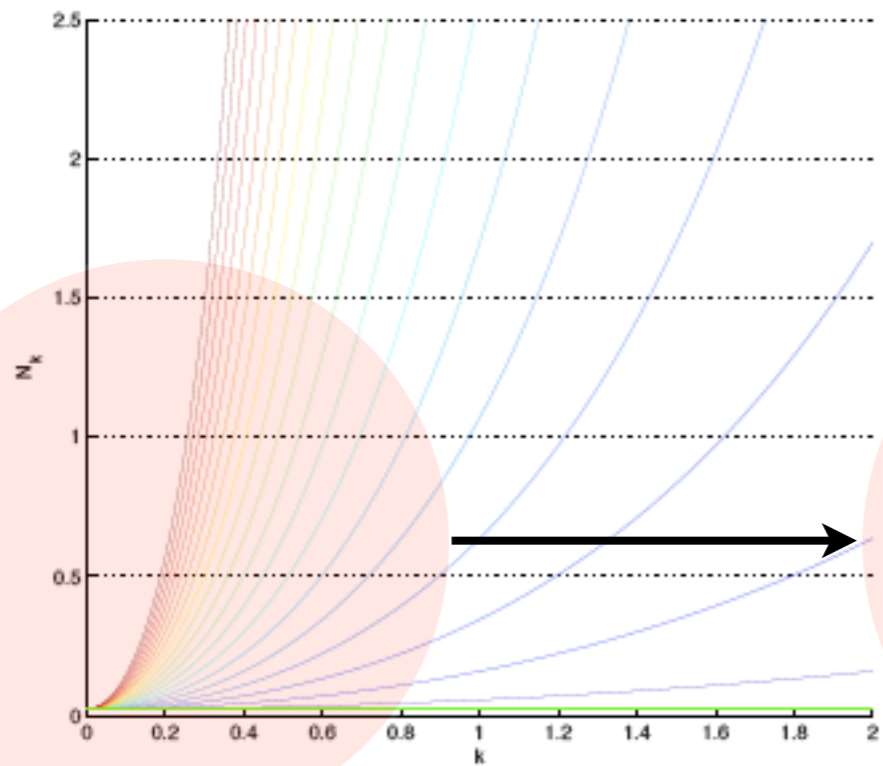
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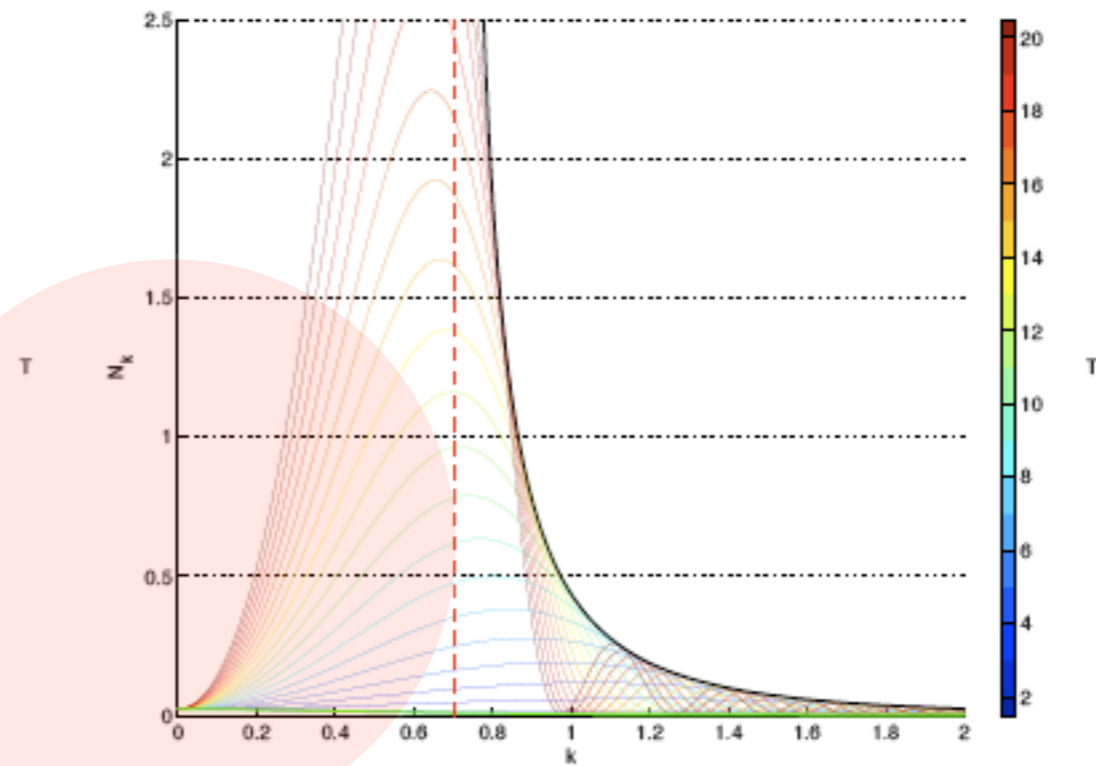
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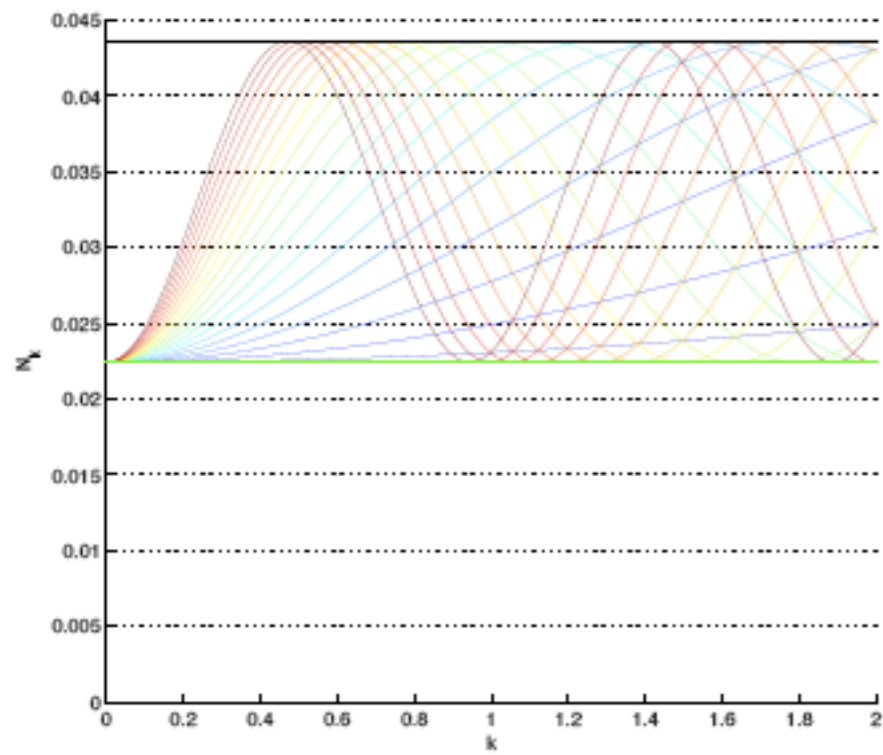
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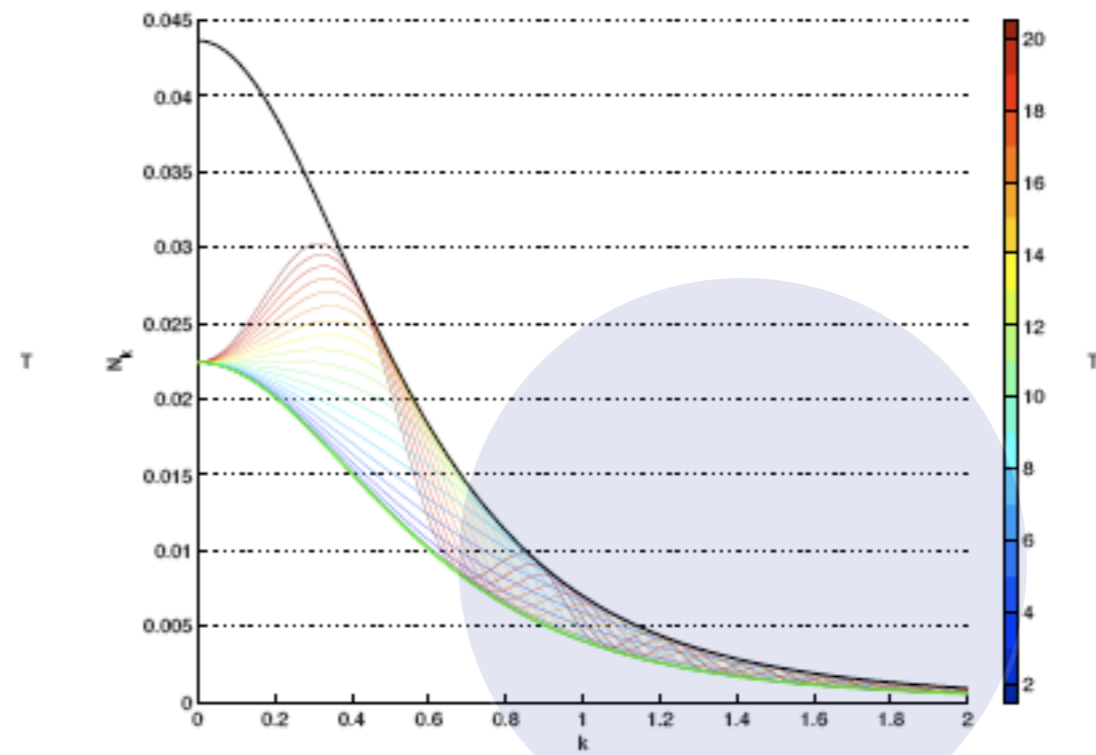
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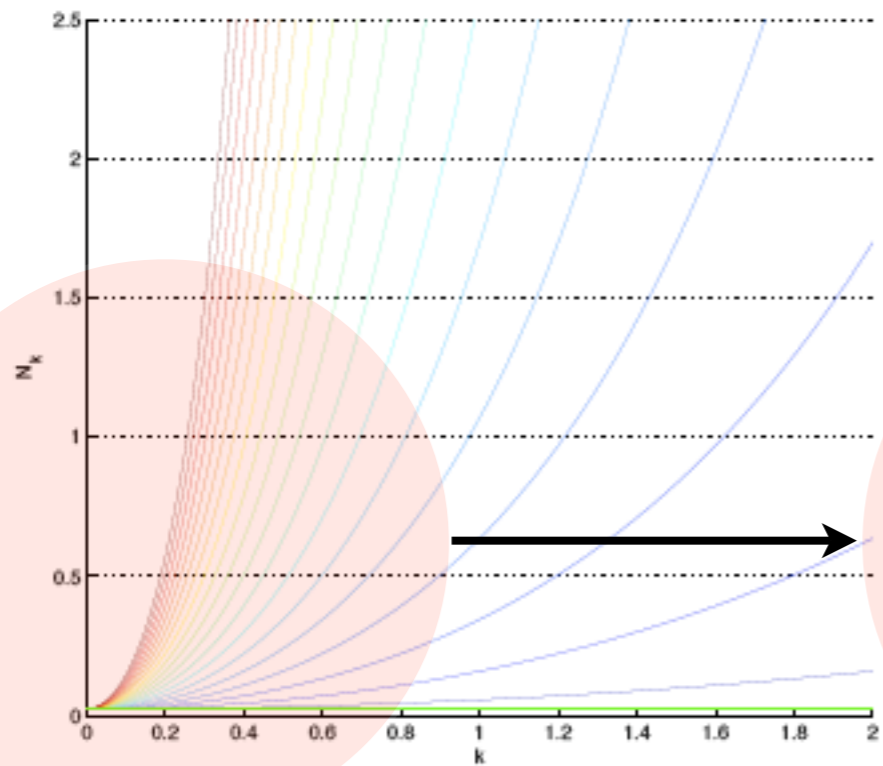
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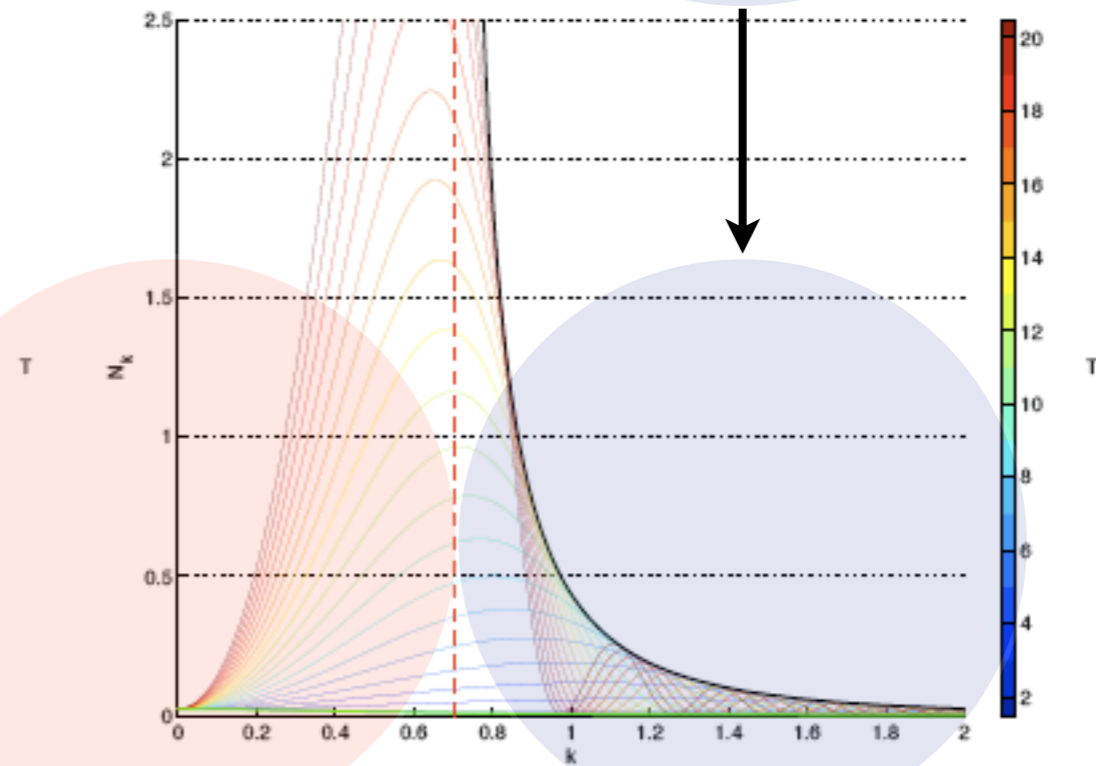
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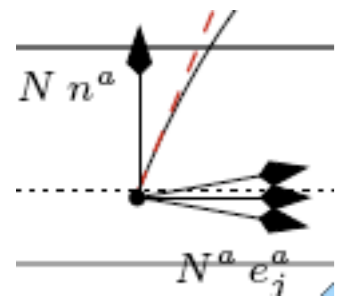
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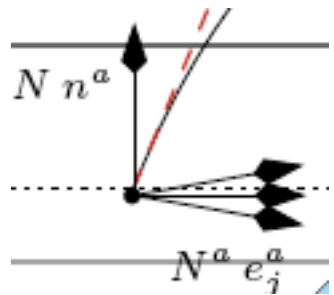
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Signature of spacetime - where does it come from?

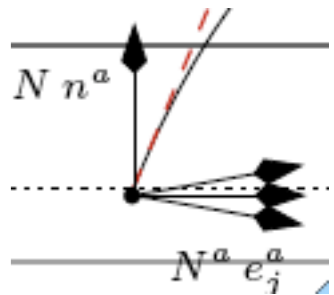


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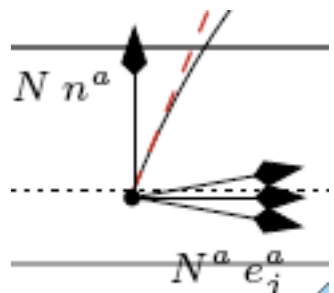
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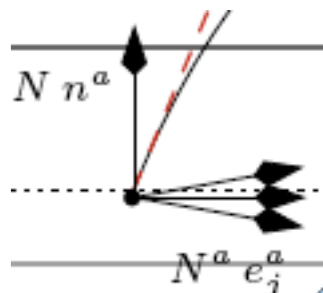
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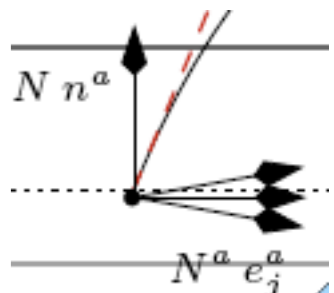


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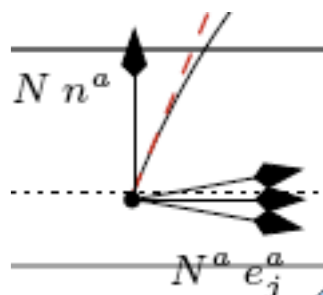
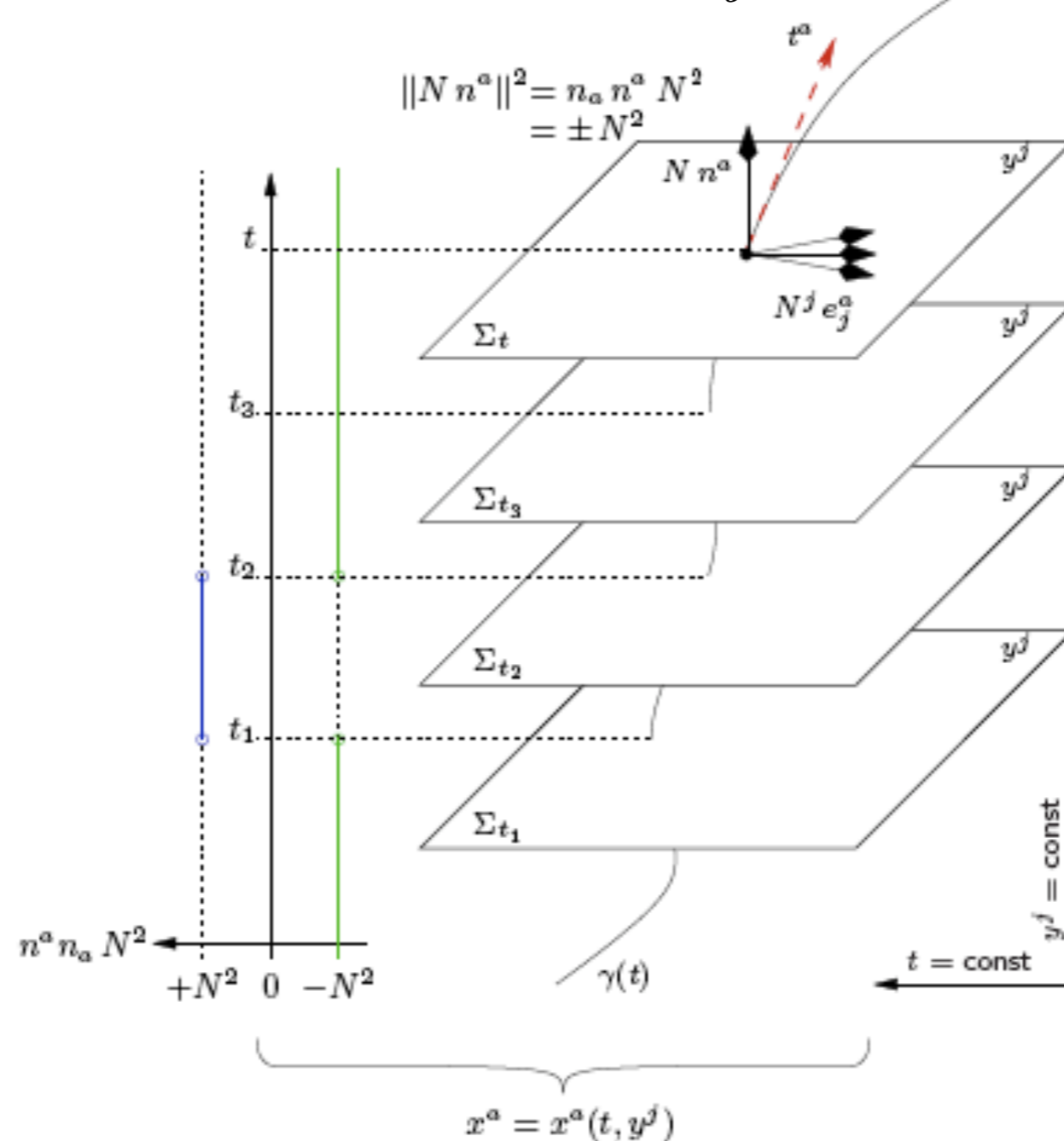
- There is no driving mechanism within GR that drives changes in the signature of the geometry...



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# What about the non-dynamical side?



Quantum field theory on Riemannian manifolds

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## Spacetime kinematics:

FRW spacetimes,  $k = 0$ , shift vectors are zero,  $N^j = 0$ :

$$ds^2 = -B(t) dt^2 + A(t) d\vec{x}^2$$

We are interested in the case where  $B = N^2$  alone changes sign:

$$- + + \dots \rightarrow + + + \dots \rightarrow - + + \dots$$

*Note that we can always use the coordinate freedom of general relativity make the signature change “discontinuous”.*

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# Quantum field theory on Riemannian manifolds

## QFT – canonical quantization scheme:

Lagrange density:  $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} \left( g^{ab} \partial_a \hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{r}) \partial_b \hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{r}) + m^2 \hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{r})^2 \right)$

Conjugate momentum:  $\hat{\Pi}_\phi := \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_t \hat{\phi})} = -\sqrt{-g} g^{tb} \partial_b \hat{\phi} \equiv -f^{tb} \partial_b \hat{\phi}$

Equation of motion:  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_a \left( \sqrt{-g} g^{ab} \partial_b \hat{\phi} \right) = m^2 \hat{\phi}$

Continuity of field operators:  $[\hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{r})] = 0$  and  $[\hat{\Pi}_\phi(t, \mathbf{r})] = 0$

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## QFT – Bogliubov coefficients:

$$\hat{\phi}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{d^{(d)}k}{(2\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ u_k^*(t) \hat{a}_k + u_k(t) \hat{a}_{-k}^\dagger \right\}$$

Bogoliubov coefficients algebraically relate the mode functions beyond regions with different signatures:

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi_{out}^* u_{in} - \pi_{in} u_{out}^*}{W_{out}} \Big|_{\Sigma} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \frac{\pi_{in} u_{out} - \pi_{out} u_{in}}{W_{out}} \Big|_{\Sigma}$$

The mean number of *out*-particles in the *in*-vacuum is given by

$$\langle 0_{in} | \hat{a}_{k,out}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k,out} | 0_{in} \rangle = |\beta_k|^2 \delta^d(0)$$

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## Effective equation of motion:

The only computational difficulty lies in finding the mode functions. It is convenient for our purposes to introduce auxiliary mode functions

$$u_k(t) := A(t)^{-d/4} v_k(t)$$

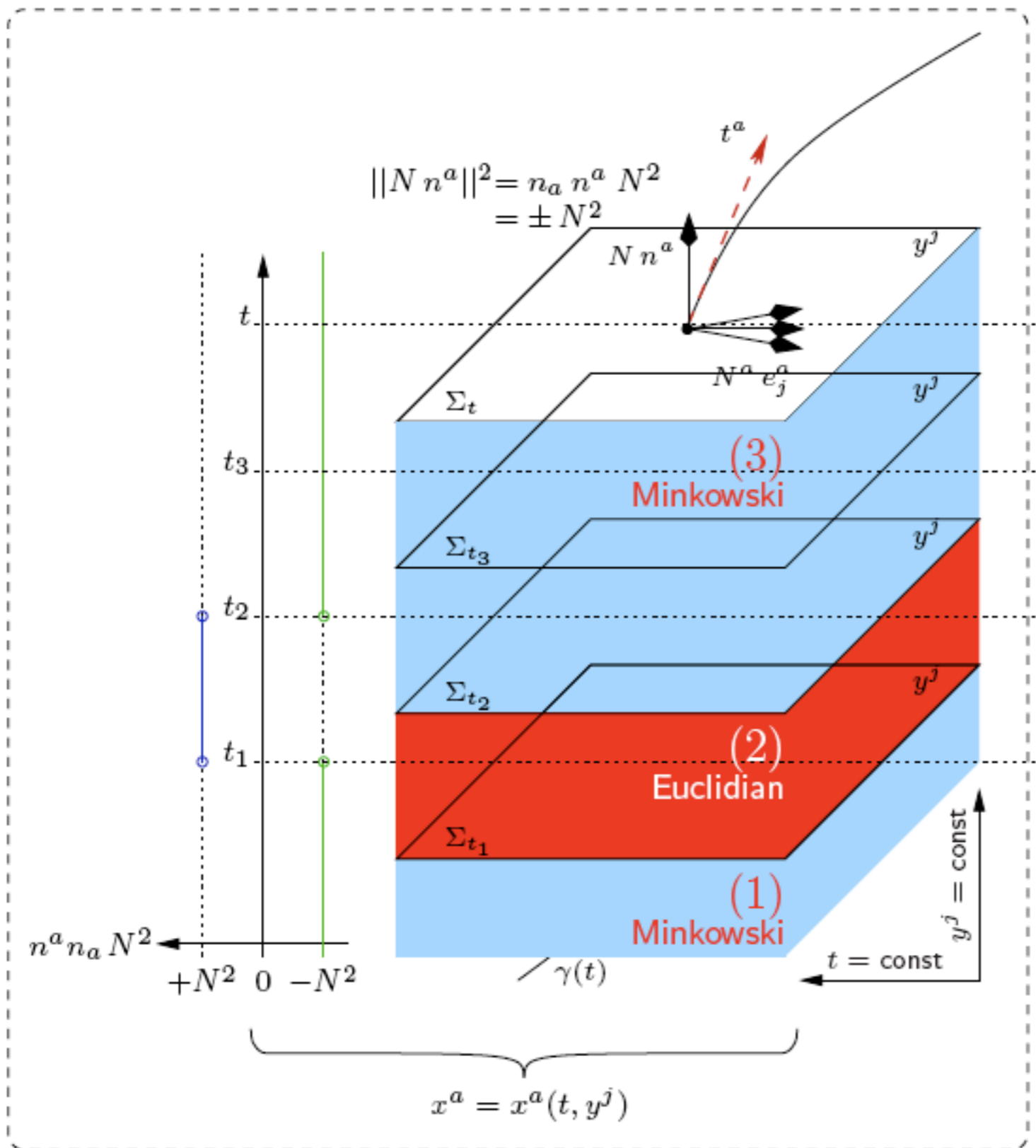
and its complex conjugate. (Notice, that here we are assuming  $A(t) > 0$ , and  $B(t) = B$ .) The wave equation for the auxiliary field in Fourier space reads

$$\ddot{v}_k(t) + \Omega_{\text{eff}}^2 v_k(t) = 0,$$

where the effective frequency  $\Omega_{\text{eff}}$  is given by

$$\Omega_{\text{eff}}^2 := \left( \frac{d}{4} - \frac{d^2}{4^2} \right) \frac{\dot{A}^2}{A^2} - \frac{d}{4} \frac{\ddot{A}}{A} + B \left( \frac{k^2}{A} + m^2 \right).$$

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## Euclidean flat signature change events:

$$N_k = \sinh \left[ \left( \frac{k^2}{A} + m^2 \right) (t_2 - t_1) \right]^2$$

The quantum field modes in region  $t < t_1$  and  $t > t_2$  are given by

$$u_k = \frac{\exp(-i\omega_k t)}{A^{d/4} \sqrt{\omega_k}} \quad \text{and} \quad u_k^* = \frac{\exp(+i\omega_k t)}{A^{d/4} \sqrt{\omega_k}},$$

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such that  $W = \pi_k^* u_k - \pi_k u_k^* = 2i$ , and  $\omega_k^2 = \frac{k^2}{A} + m^2$ .

## Dispersion relation in intermediate regime:

$$\Omega_{\text{flat}}^2 = - \left( \frac{k^2}{A} + m^2 \right)$$

$$u_k = \frac{\cosh(|\Omega_{\text{flat}}|t) + i \sinh(|\Omega_{\text{flat}}|t)}{A^{d/4} \sqrt{|\Omega_{\text{flat}}|}} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{c.c.};$$

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The transmission coefficient for quantum tunneling through a rectangular barrier is given by

$$T = \frac{4E(V - E)}{4E(V - E) + V^2 \sinh^2[\sqrt{2m(V - E)} L]},$$

where  $V$  is the height of the barrier,  $L$  is its width, and  $E$  is the incident energy. If we now take the special case  $E = \frac{1}{2}V$  we have

$$T = \frac{1}{1 + \sinh^2[\sqrt{2m(V - E)} L]} = \frac{1}{\cosh^2[\sqrt{2m(V - E)} L]},$$

from which, using the standard equivalences

$$|\alpha|^2 \leftrightarrow 1/T \quad \text{and} \quad |\beta|^2 \leftrightarrow (1 - T)/T = R/T,$$

we see

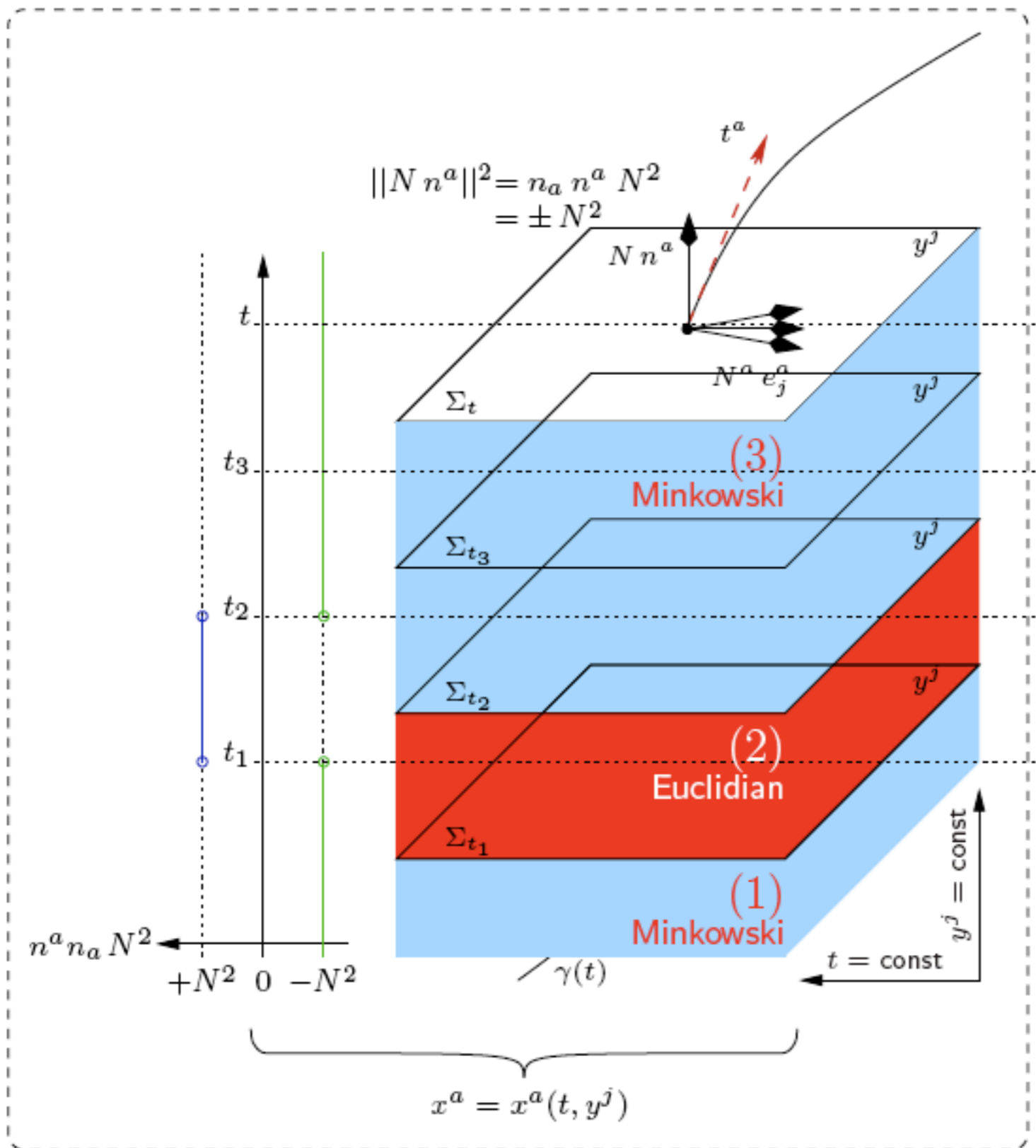
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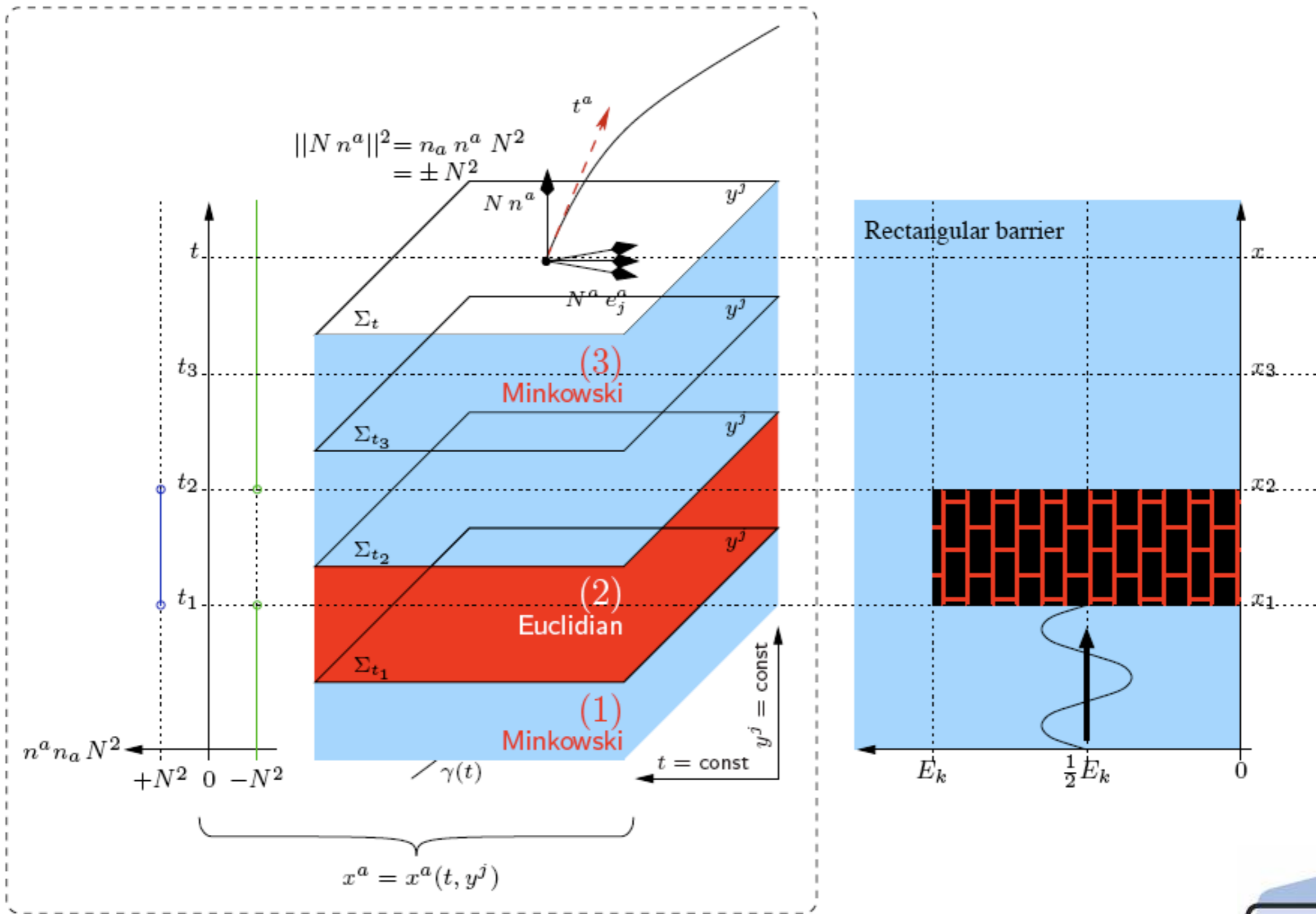
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Significant particle production on **ALL** scales!???

**There is always hope...**



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Particle production in analogue \*world\* - a BEC - with quantum pressure correction to the mean-field:

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**If there is a way to drive sig. change events within the realm QG, there should be a mechanism to regularize the infinities..! (Analogue to the situation in the BEC)**





# The end...

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books on the **Emergent Spacetime / Analogue Models** for Gravity:

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Artificial black holes (Novello, Visser, Volovik)

The universe in a helium droplet (Volovik)

Quantum Analogues: From phase transitions to black holes and cosmology (Unruh, Schuetzhold)

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