

From cosmology to cold atoms: Sakharov acoustic oscillations in atomic superfluids



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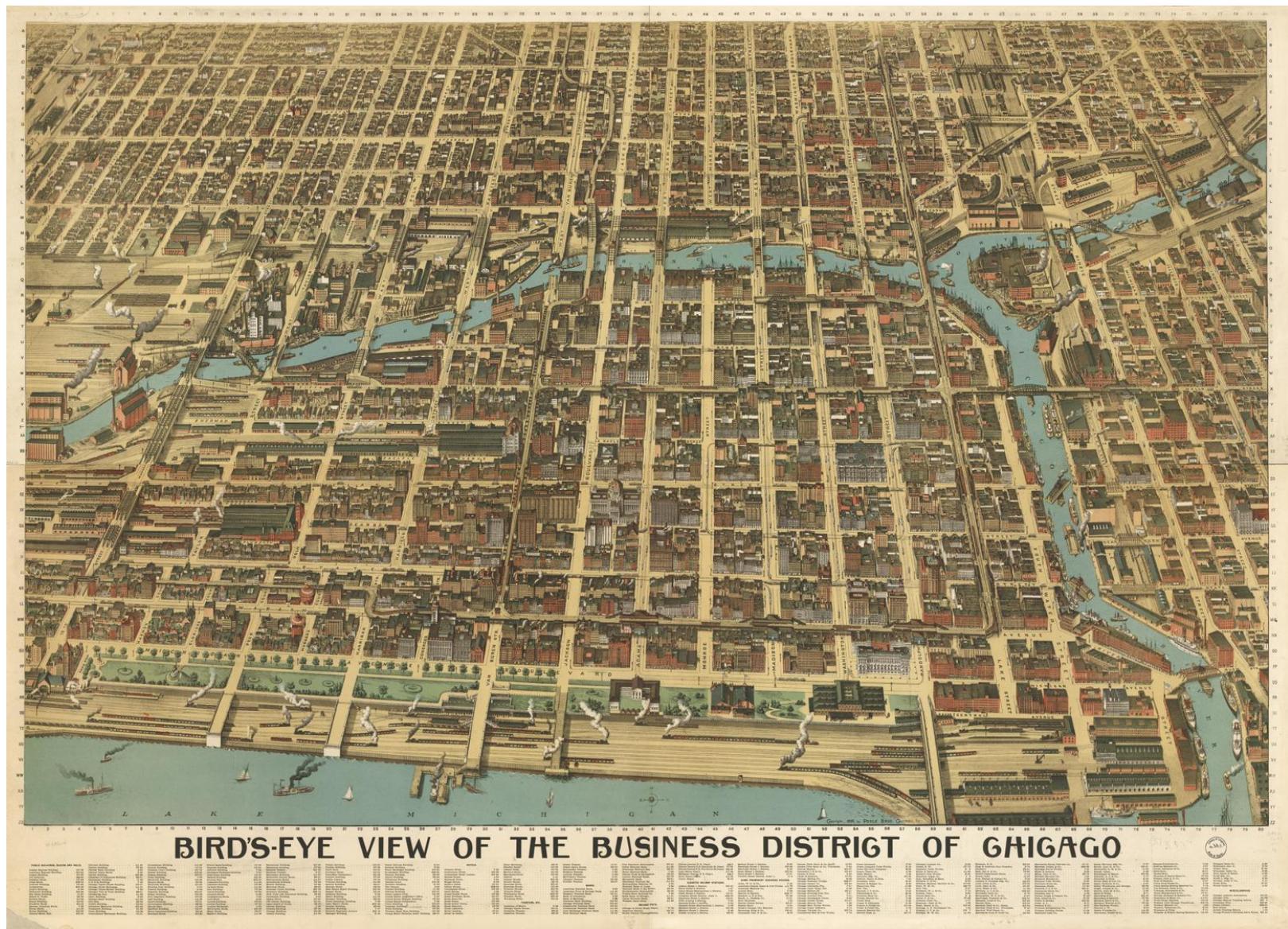


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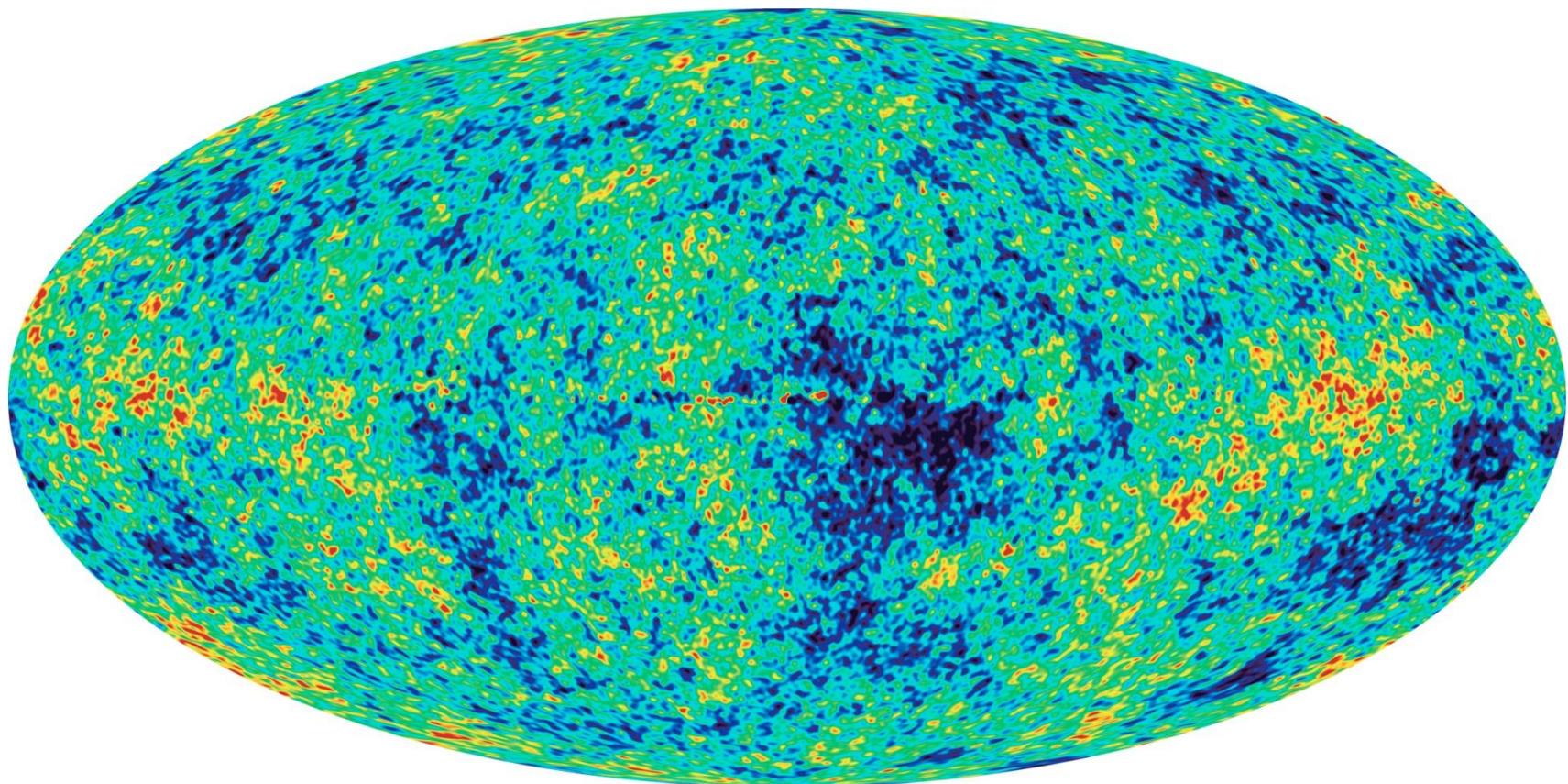
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Chicago in 1898

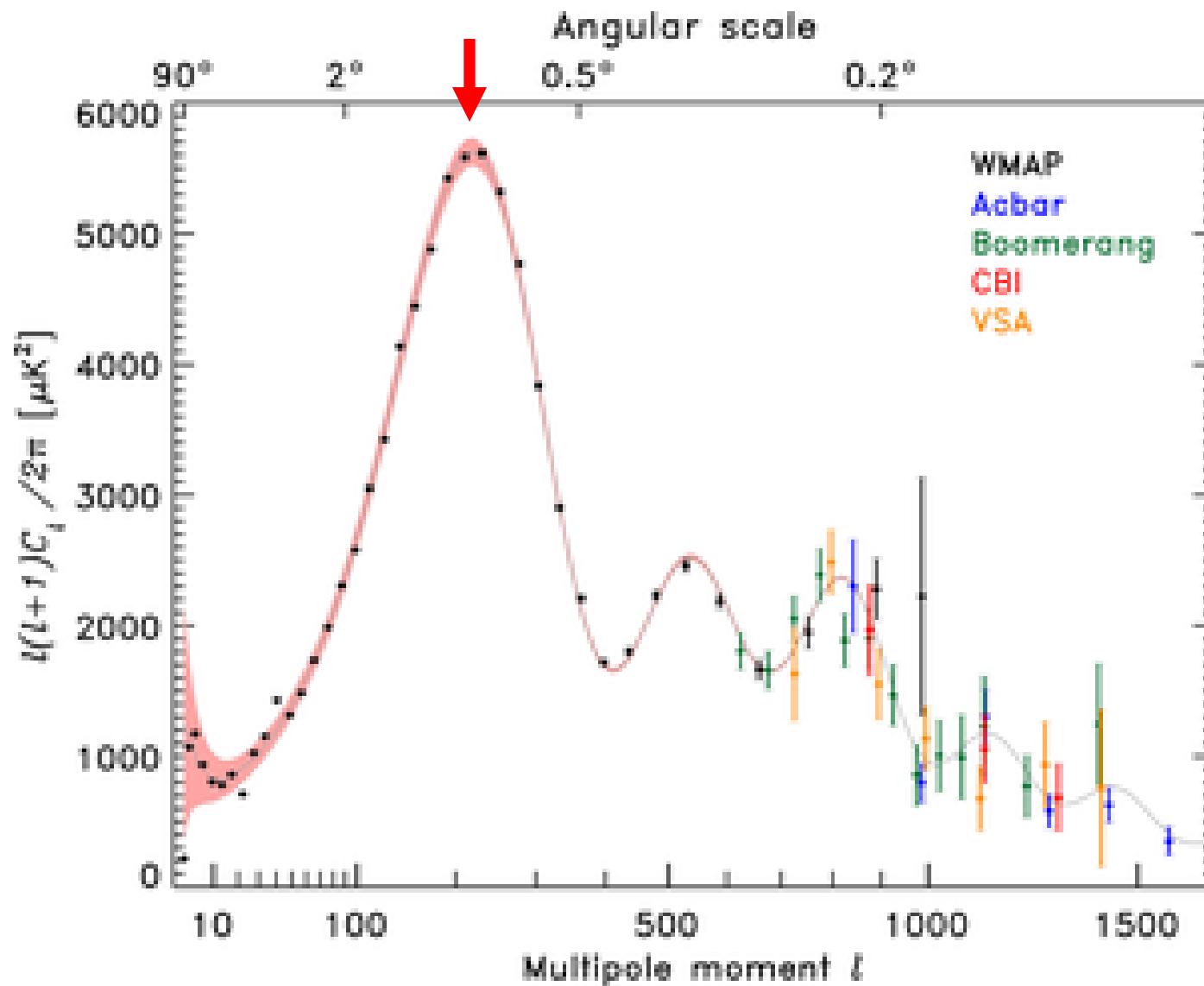




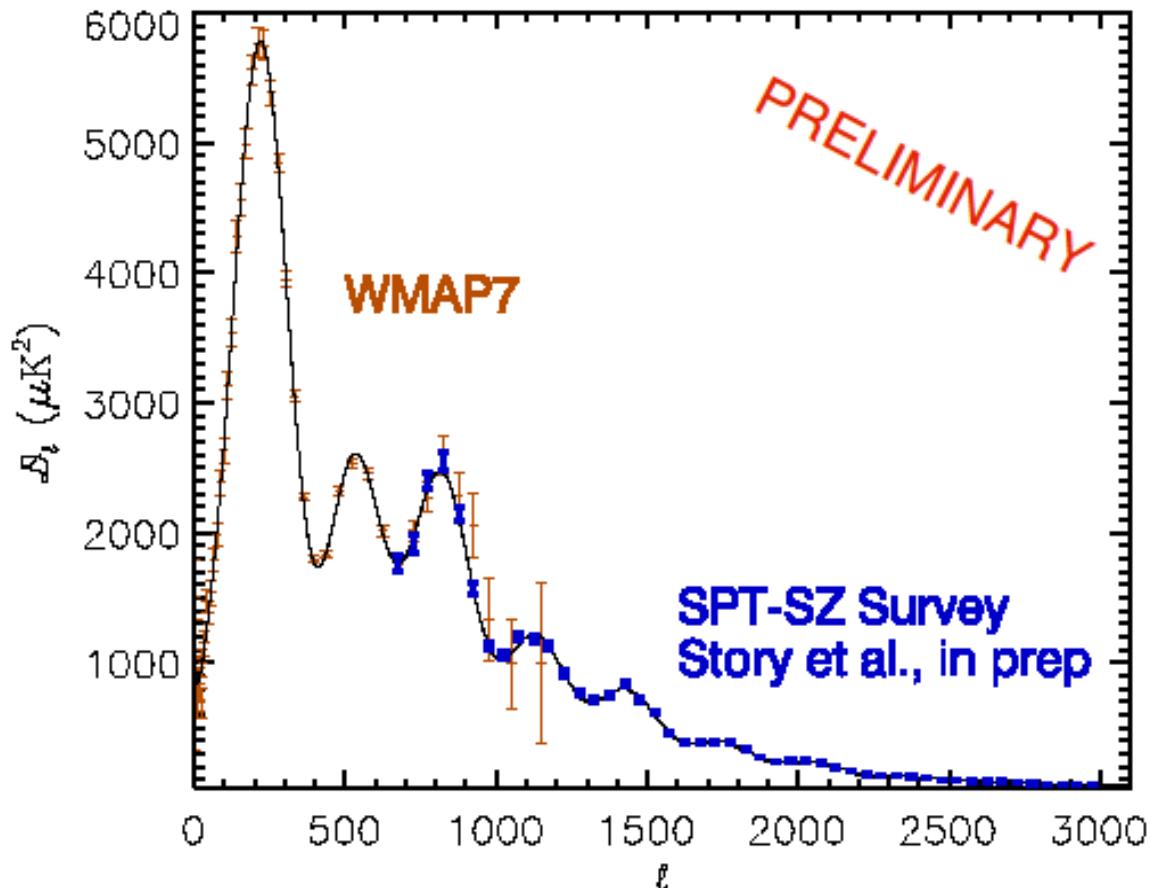
Cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation



CMB angular power spectrum



South Pole Telescope Survey (University of Chicago)



Courtesy of Kyle Story (John Carlstrom group)

Sakharov acoustic oscillations (1965)

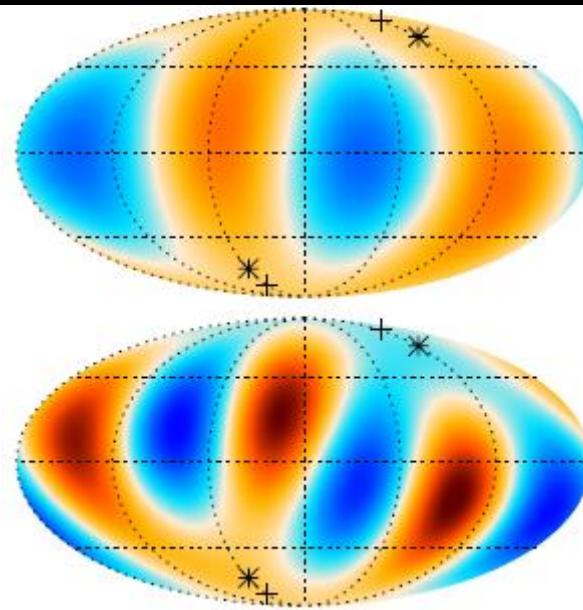
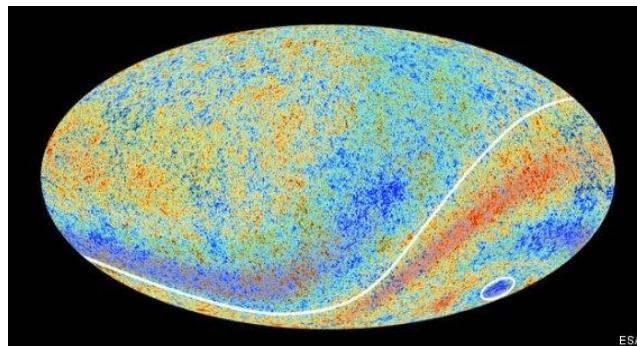


Size = velocity \times time

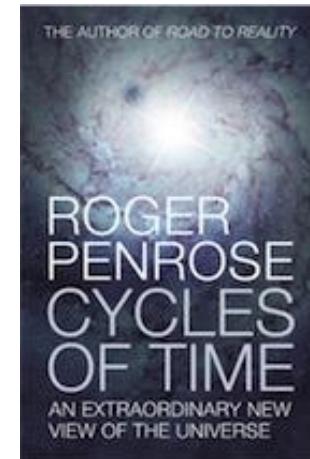


(Andrei Sakharov)

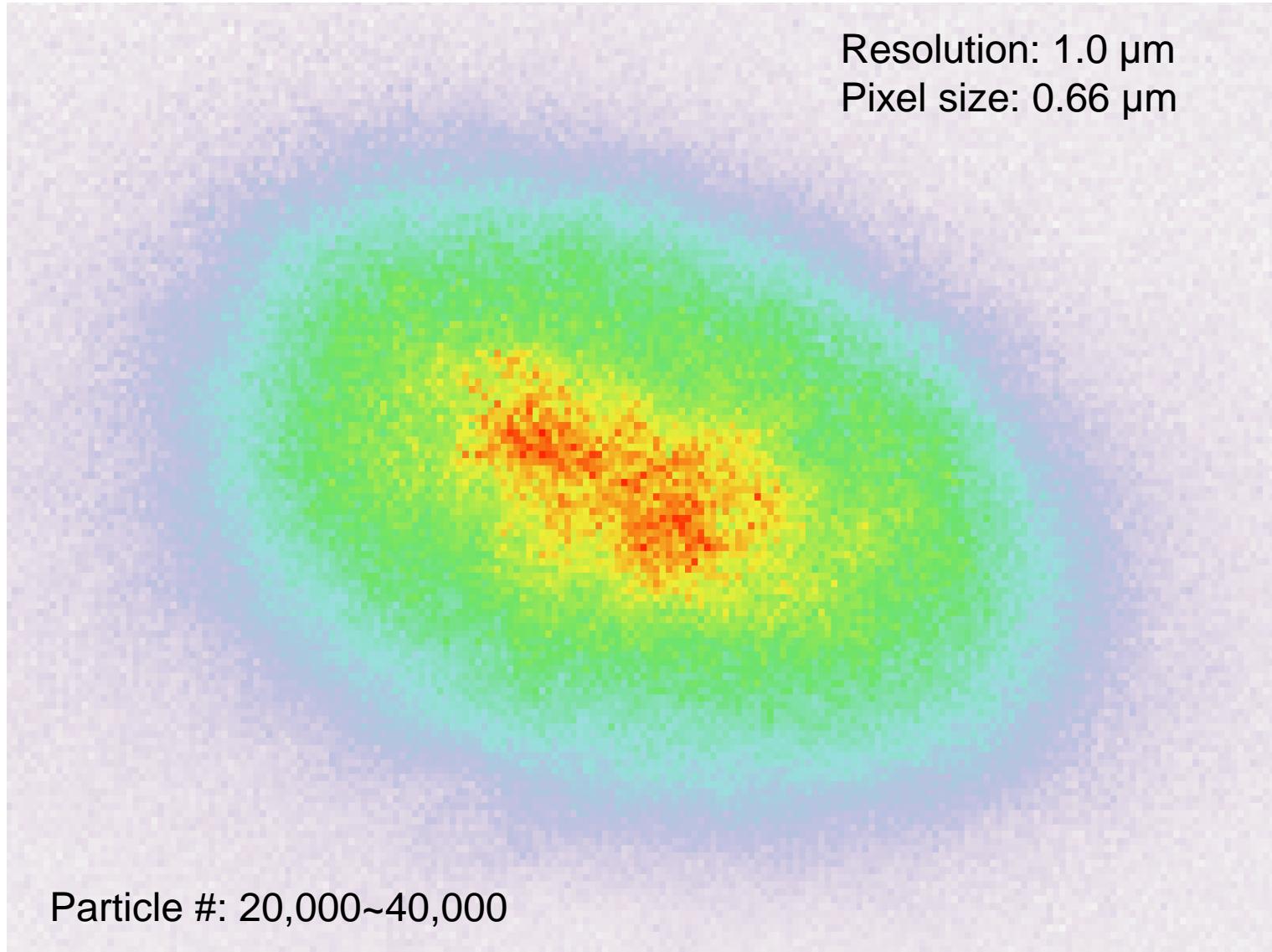
CMB anomalies and physics before Big Bang (?)



axis of evil, cold spot
cyclic universe (Penrose)



Bose-Einstein condensate of atomic cesium



Synopsis

New experimental tools and observables

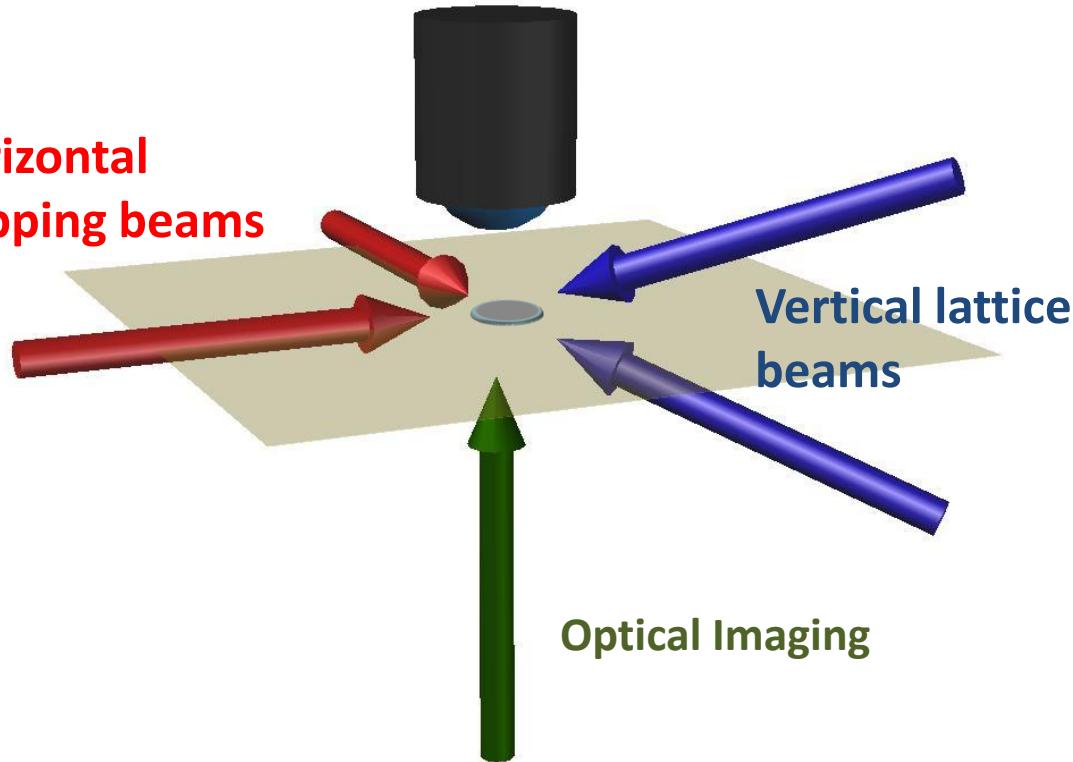
- Density, correlations and fluctuations
- Inspiration from cmb radiation anisotropy
- Sakharov acoustic oscillations

Future projects: Black hole and gauge-gravity duality

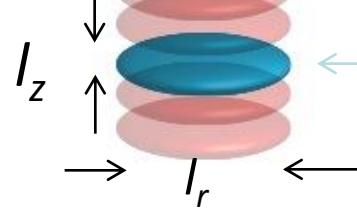
In situ probing a monolayer of 2D quantum gases

**High resolution
optical imaging**

**Horizontal
trapping beams**



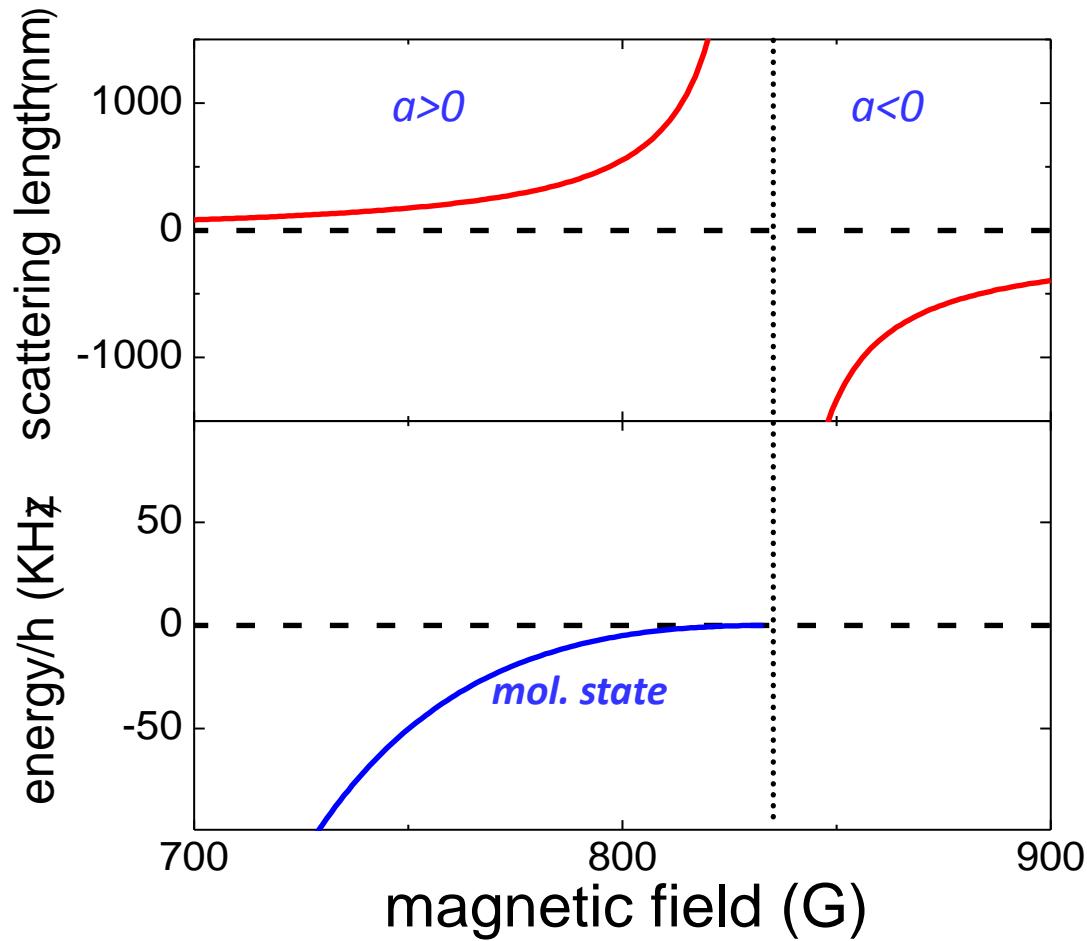
10^4 cesium atoms all in
a single 2D trap



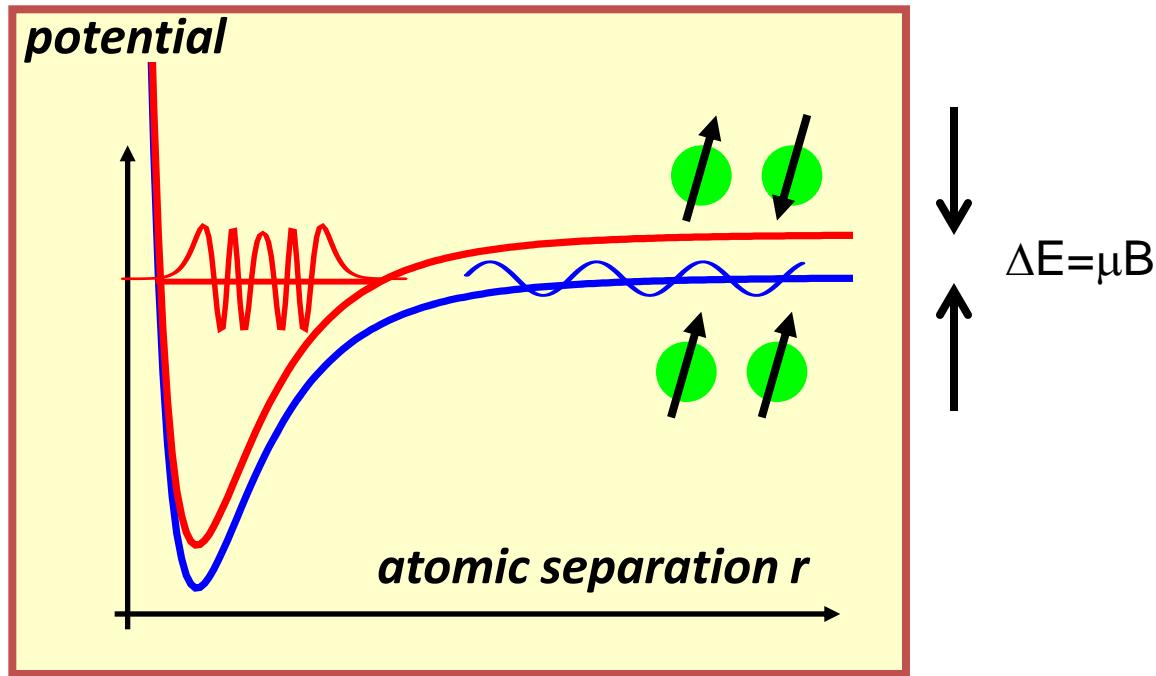
Oscillator length I_z : 200nm
Radial size: 50 μm

Quantum gas experiments in Taiwan: Ming-Shien Chang and Yuju Lin

Feshbach resonance: control atomic interaction



Feshbach resonances in cold atom collisions



Transition matrix

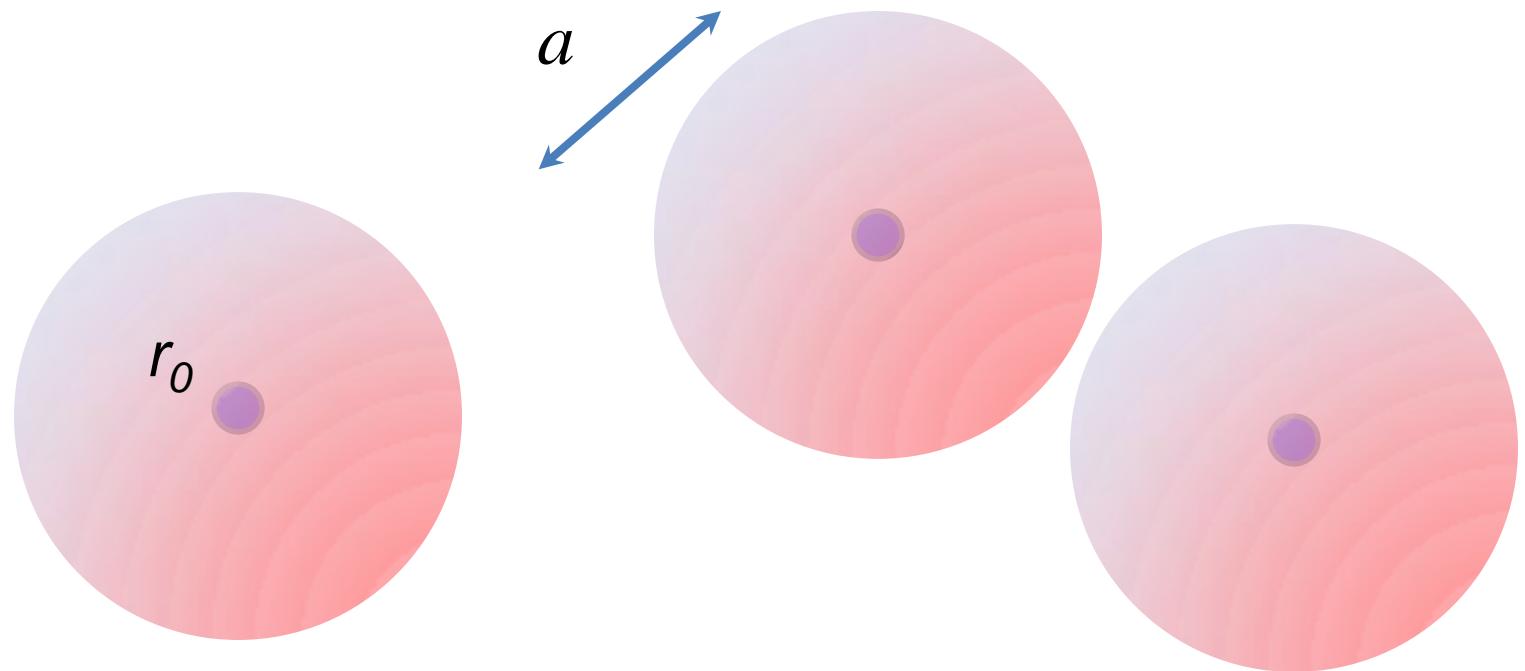
$$T_{fi} = T_{fi}^0 + \frac{\langle \chi_f^- | V | \phi \rangle \langle \phi | V | \chi_i^+ \rangle}{E - E_\phi + i \Gamma / 2}$$



Scattering length:

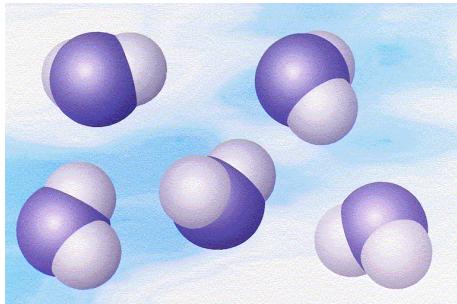
$$a = a_{bg} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta B}{B - B_0} \right)$$

Low energy scattering



$$\text{Cross section: } \sigma = 8\pi a^2$$

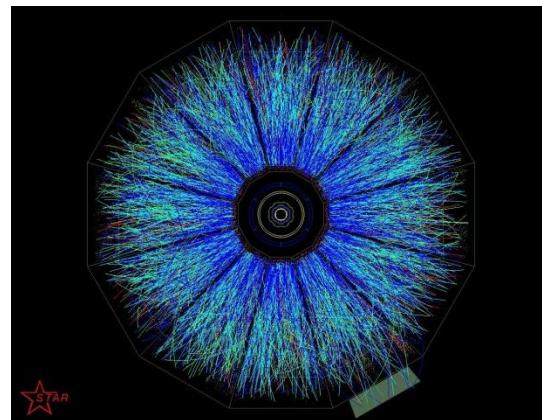
Quantum Simulation based on



Ultracold atoms and molecules

Systems being simulated:
condensed matter,
nuclear physics,
HEP,
cosmology...

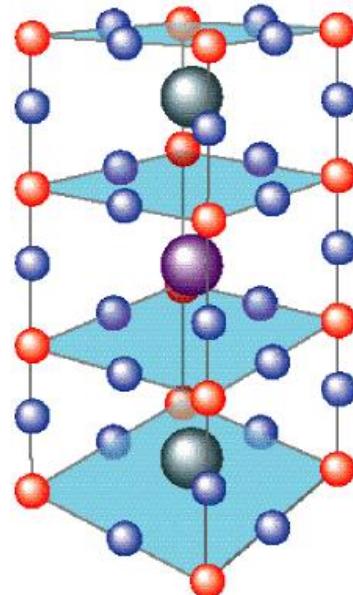
Nuclear physics



**Efimov trimer
states**

Theory: (1970)
Experiment: (2006)

Condensed matter

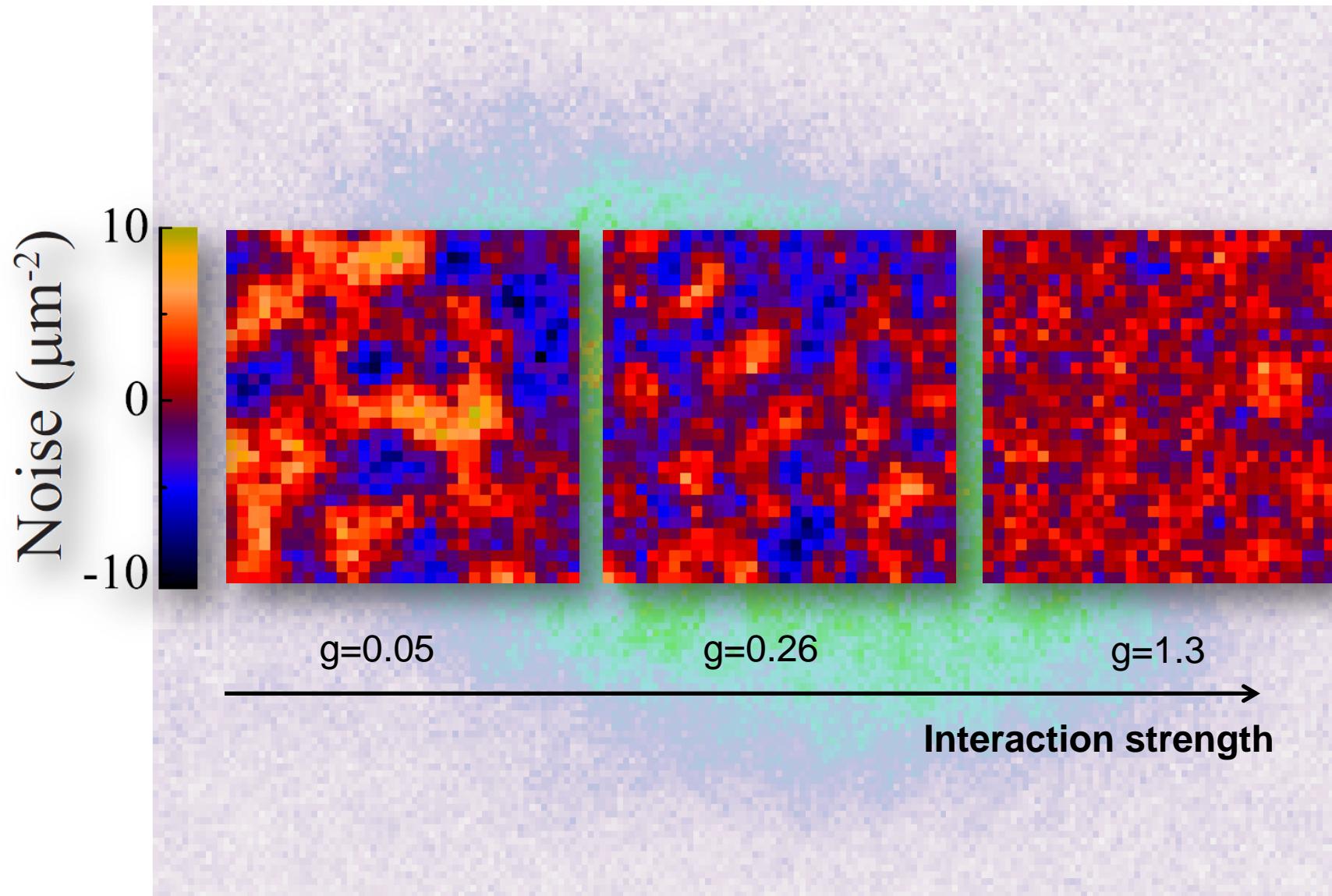


Superconductivity

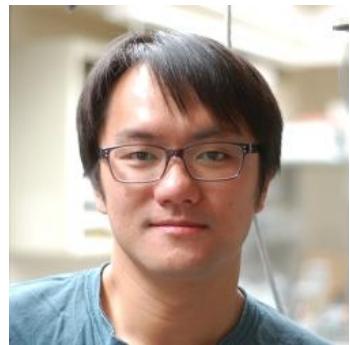
BCS = BEC??
Eagles (1969) Leggett (70)

Experiment: (2004)

Can we see the same anisotropic oscillations?



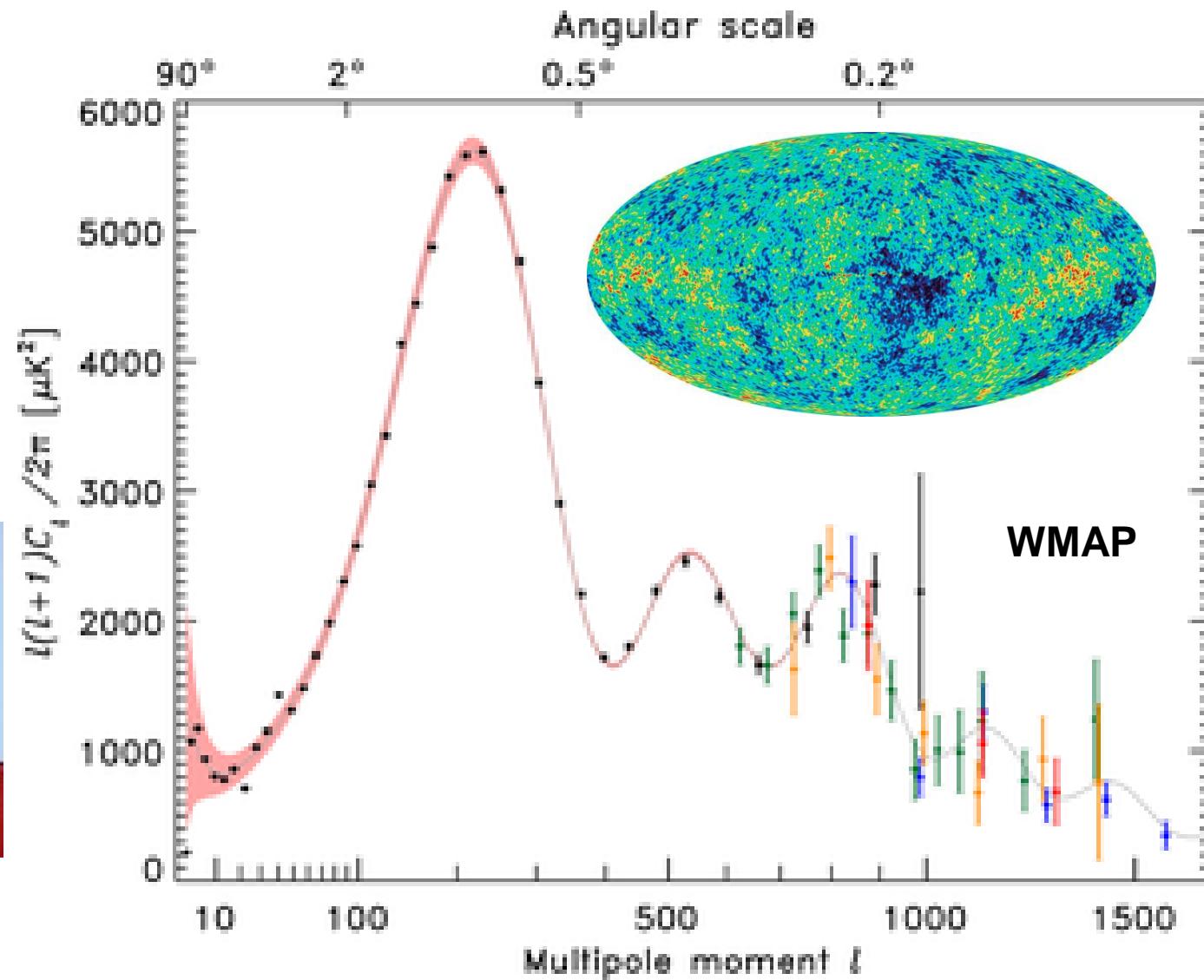
Sakharov acoustic oscillations in CMB



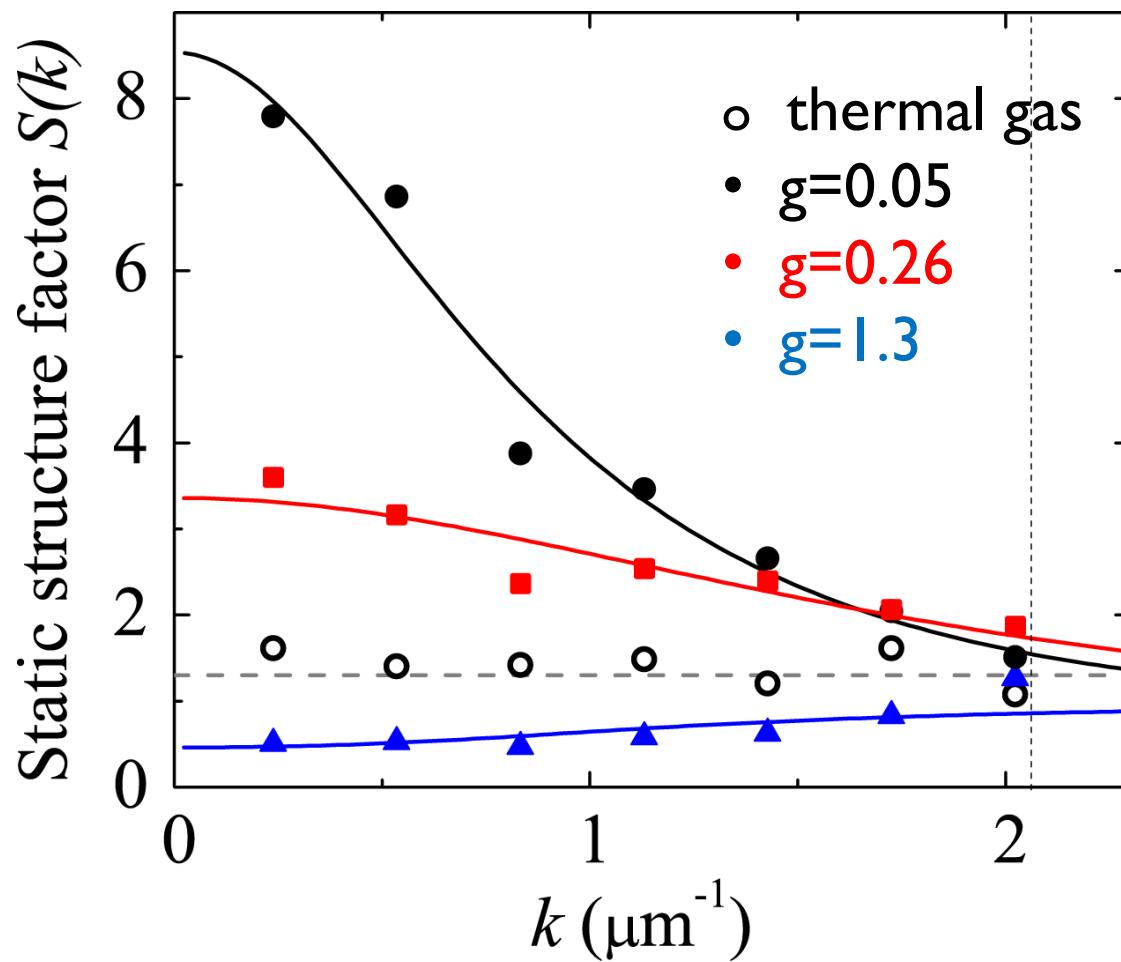
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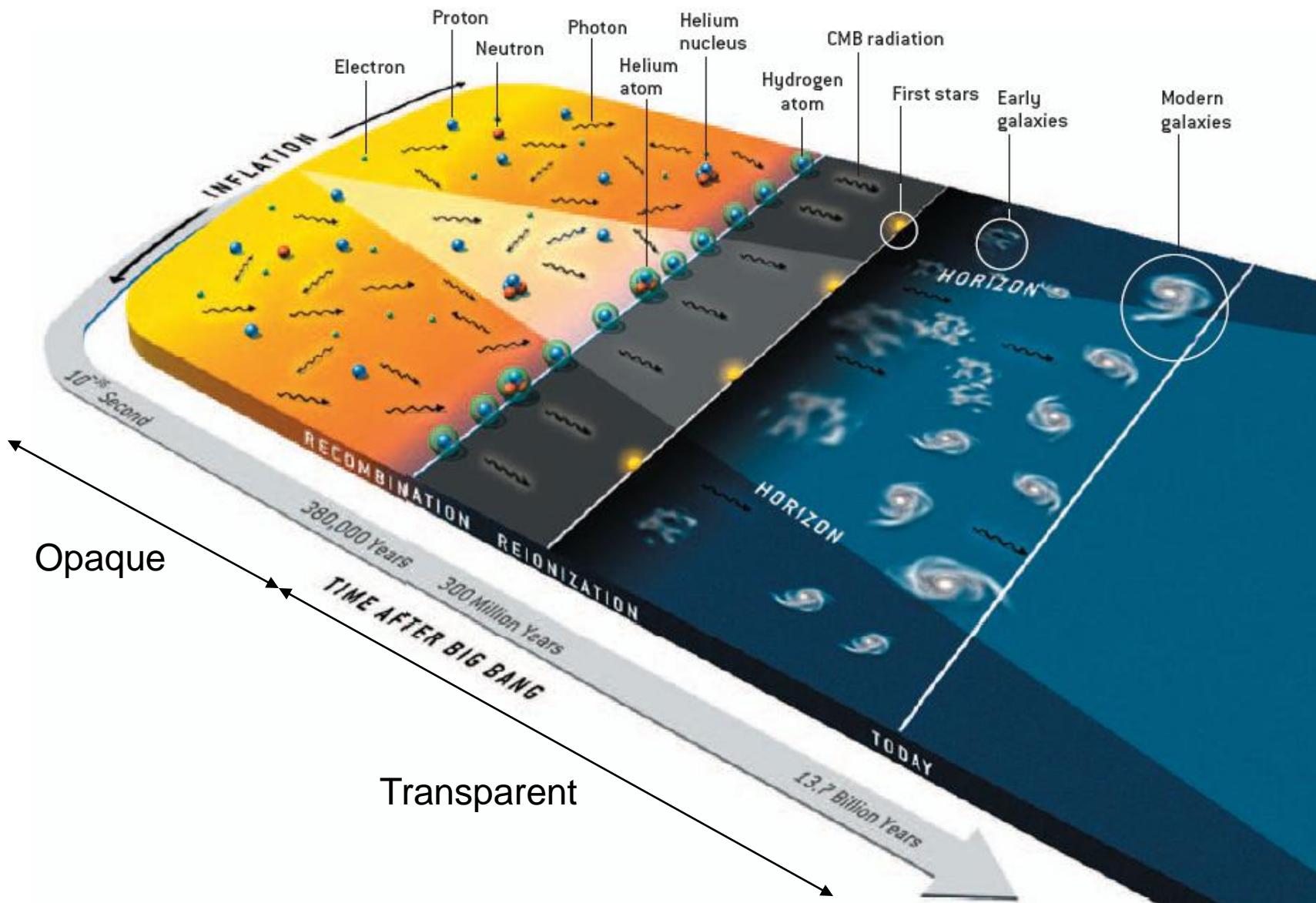
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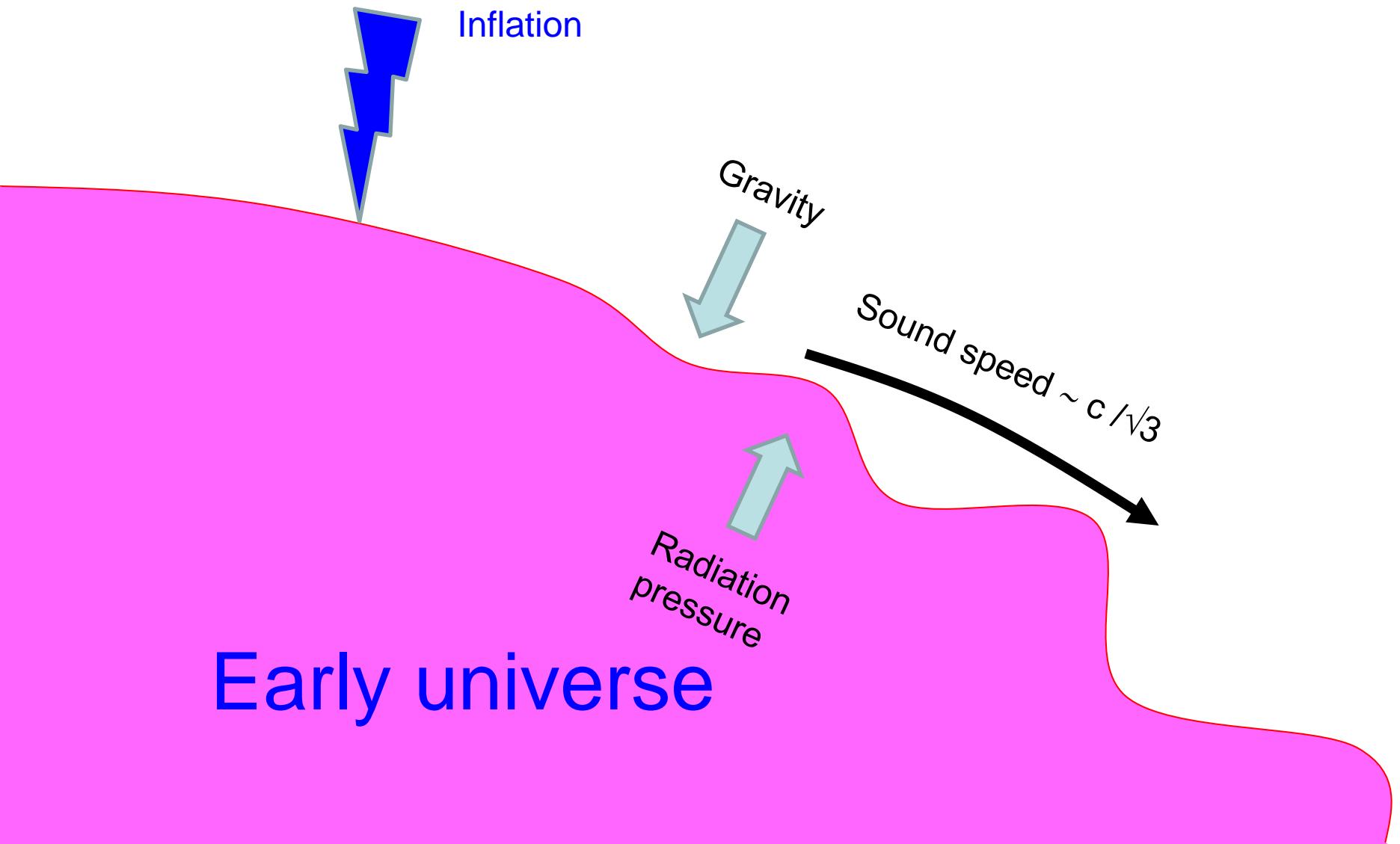
Power spectrum of fluctuations $S(k)$



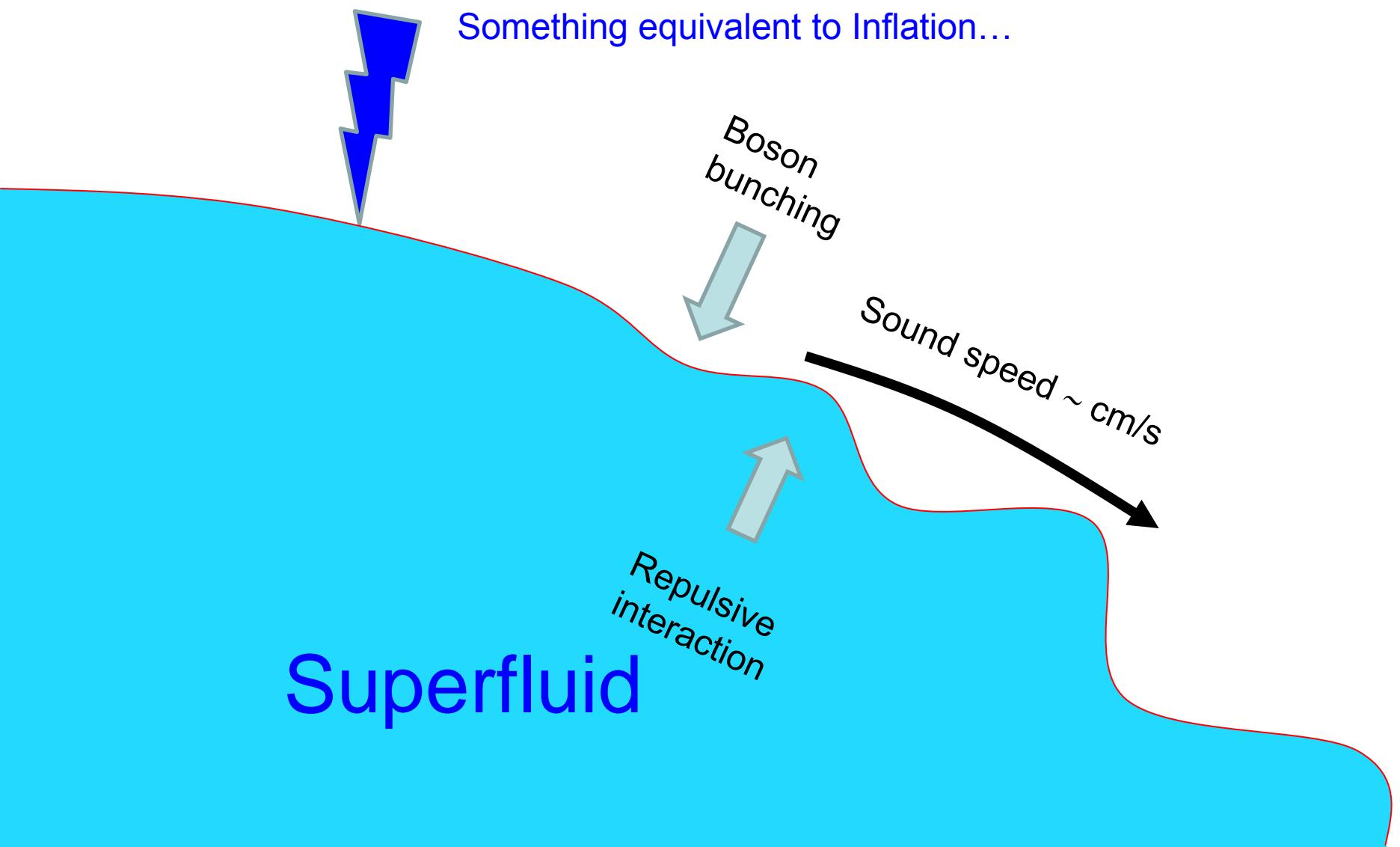
Evolution of the universe



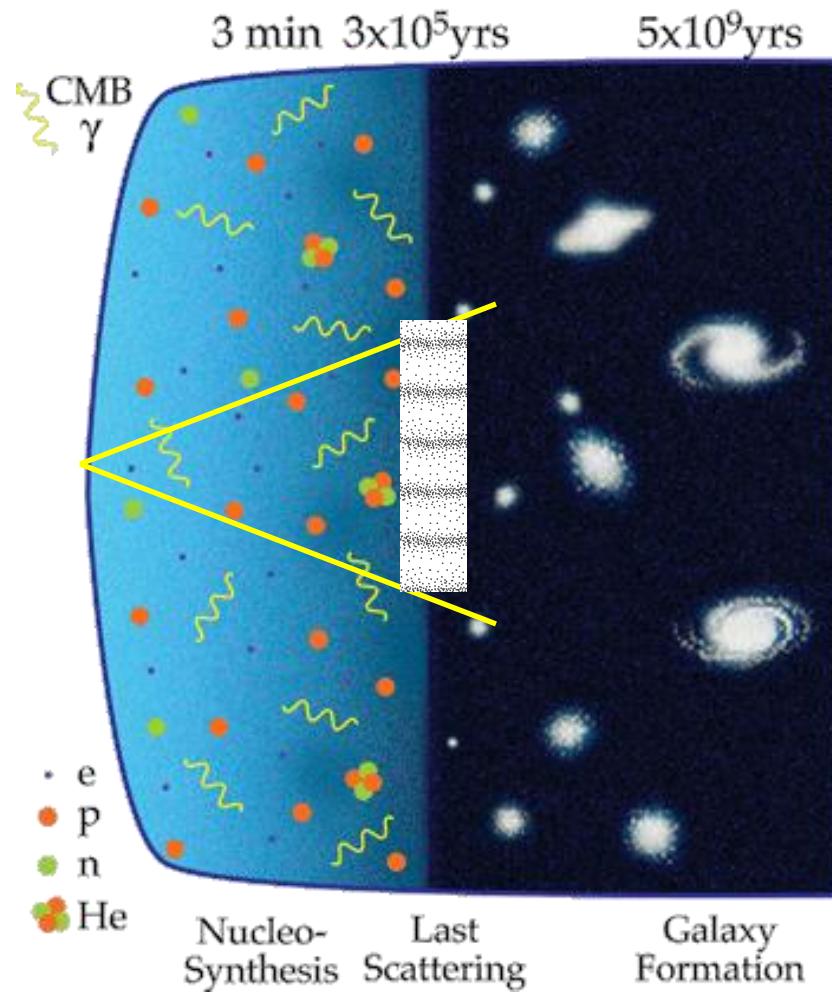
Sakharov acoustic oscillations in **early universe**



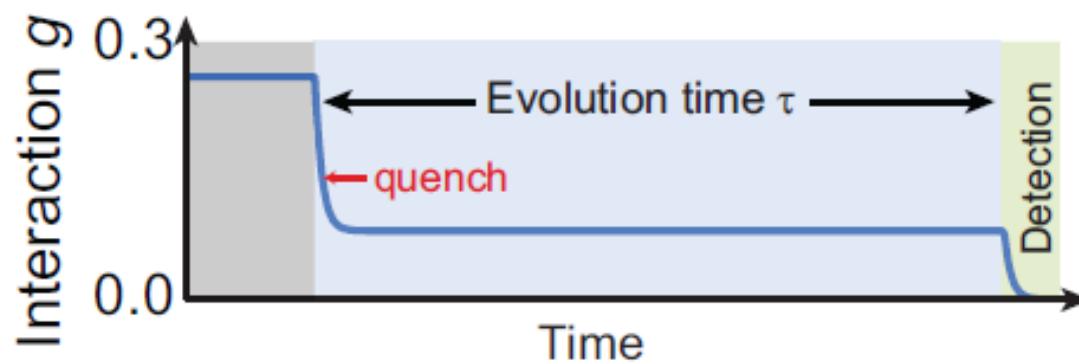
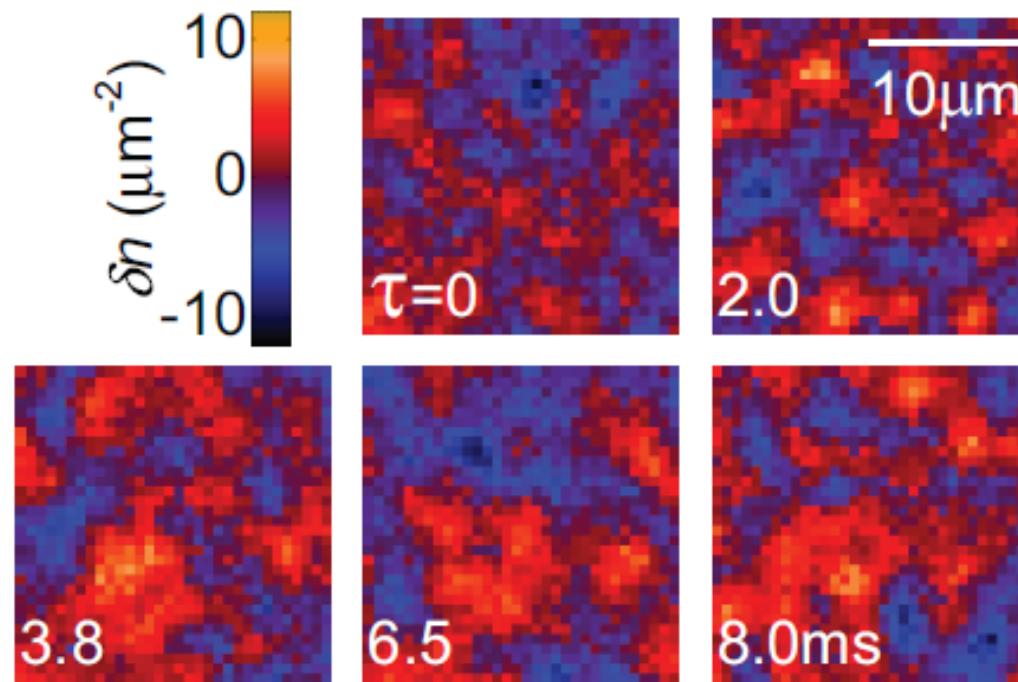
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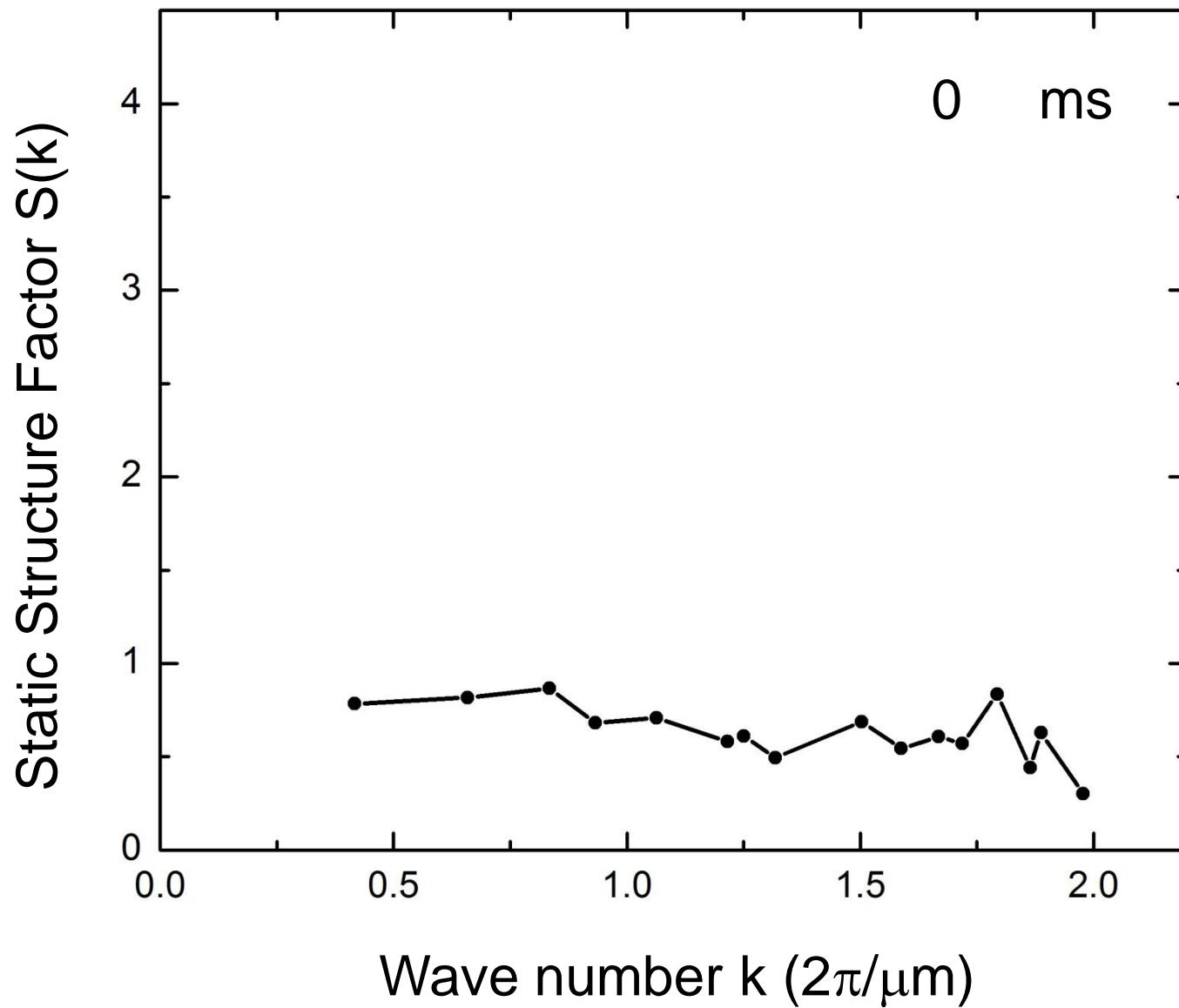
Origin of the oscillations in the cmb angular spectrum



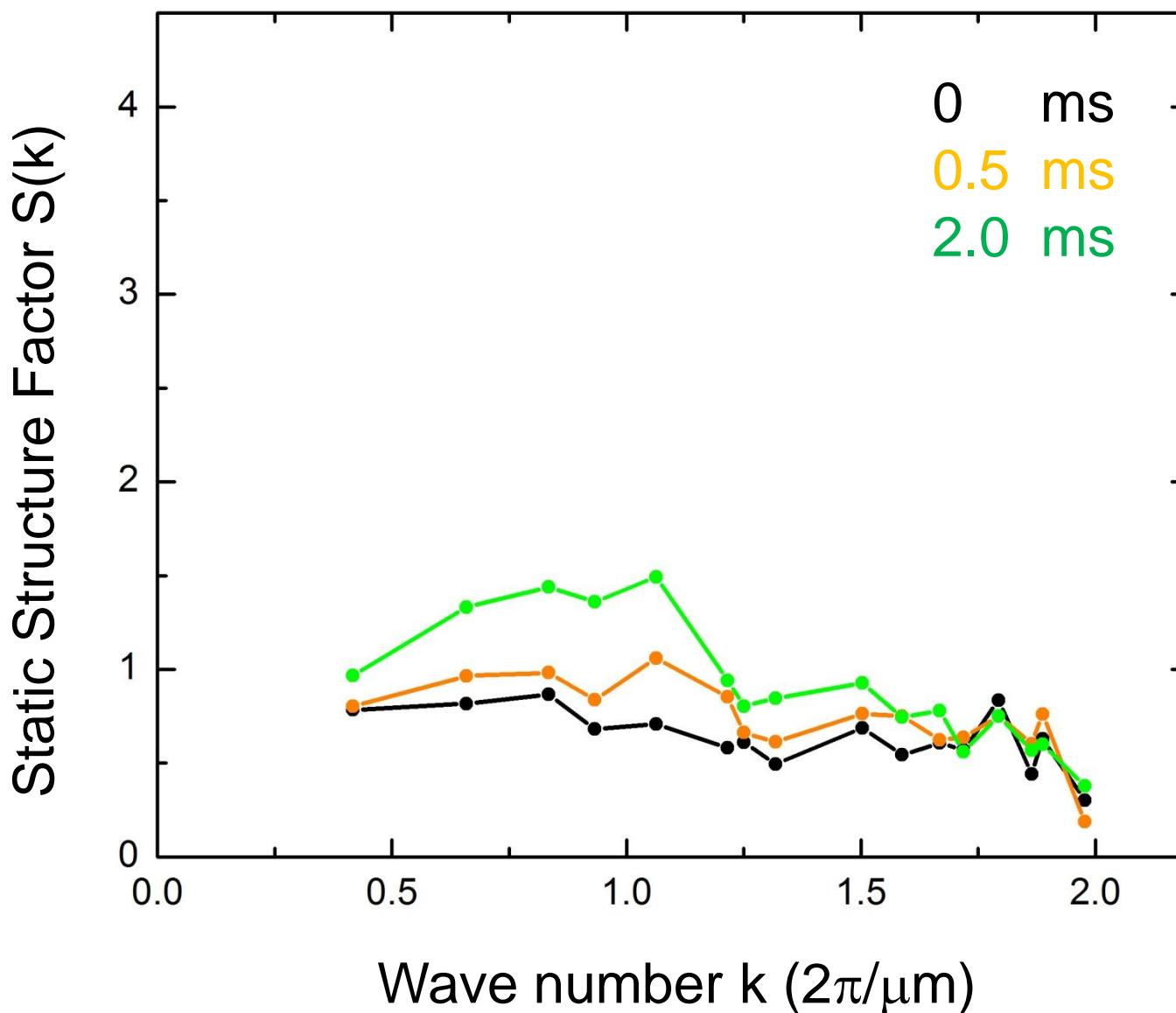
Quantum Quench (from $g=0.26$ to 0.05)



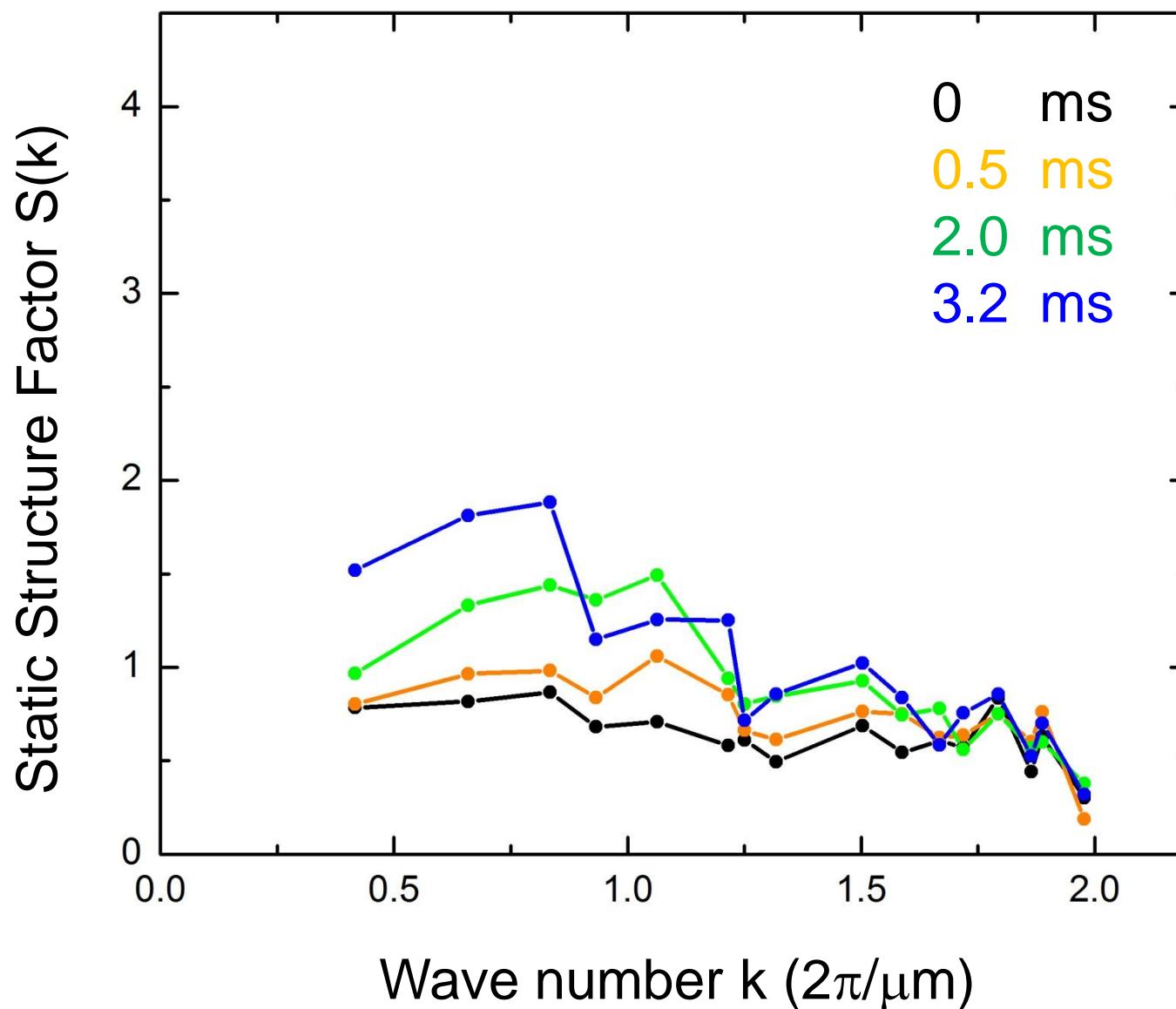
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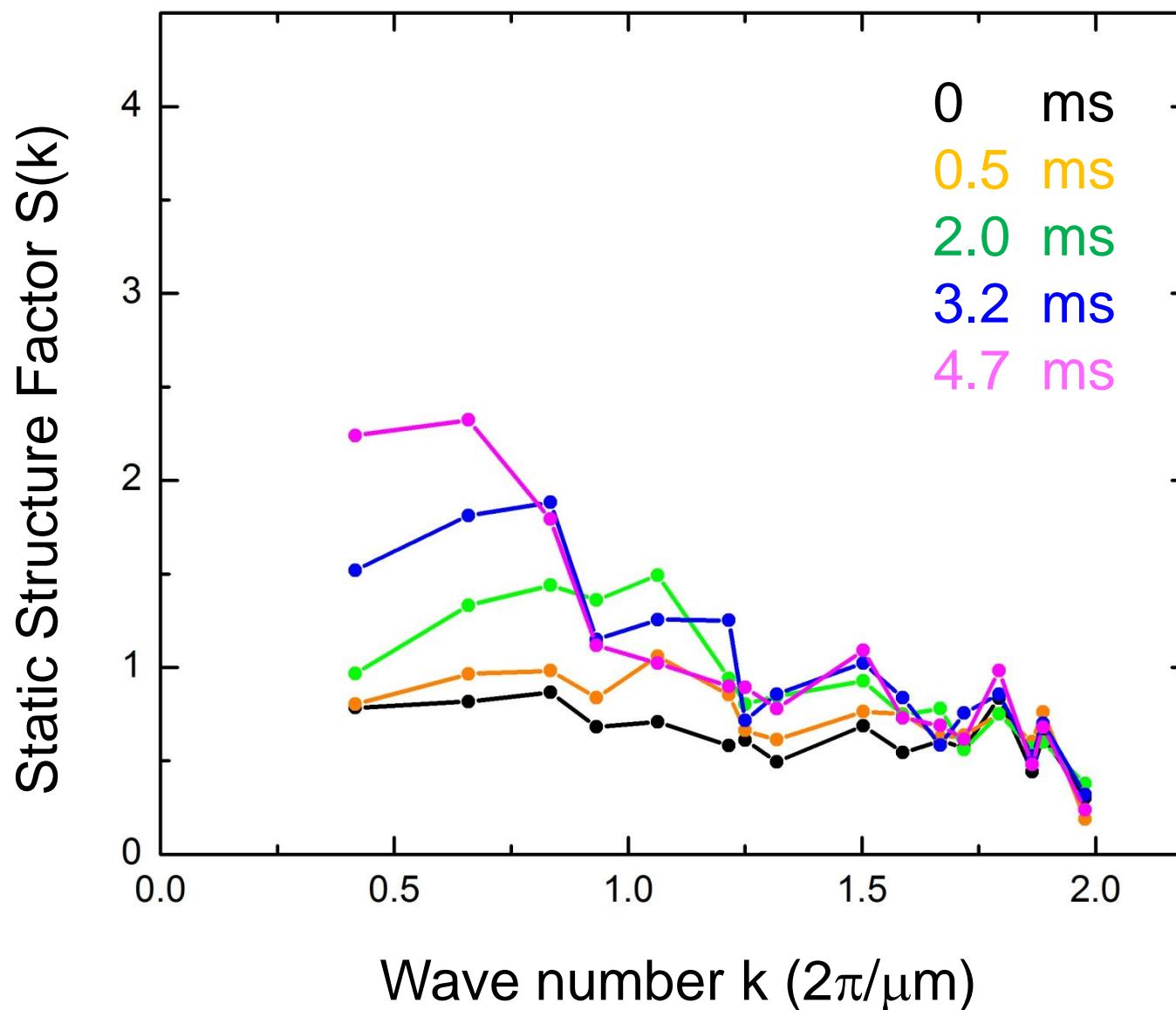
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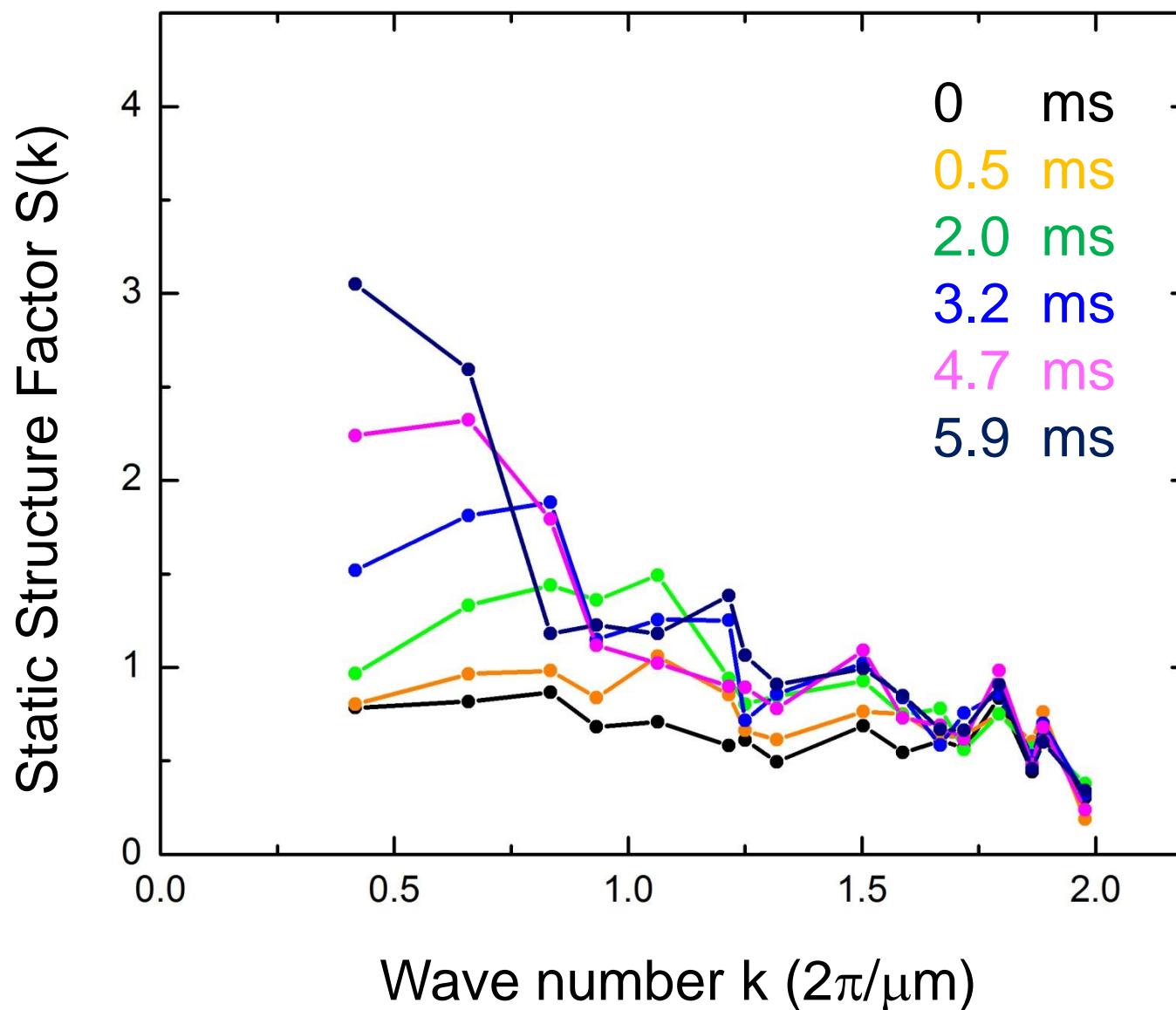
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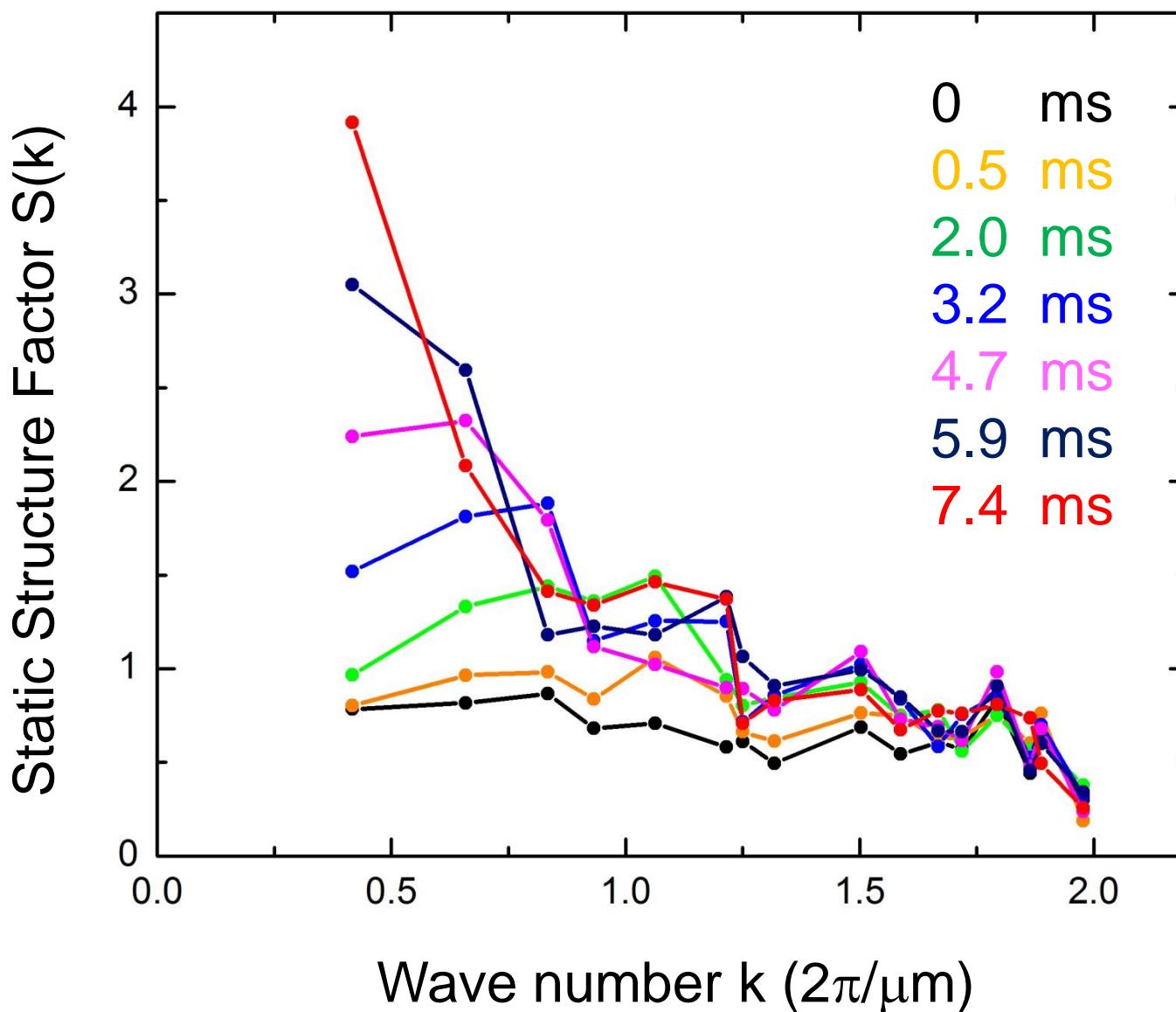
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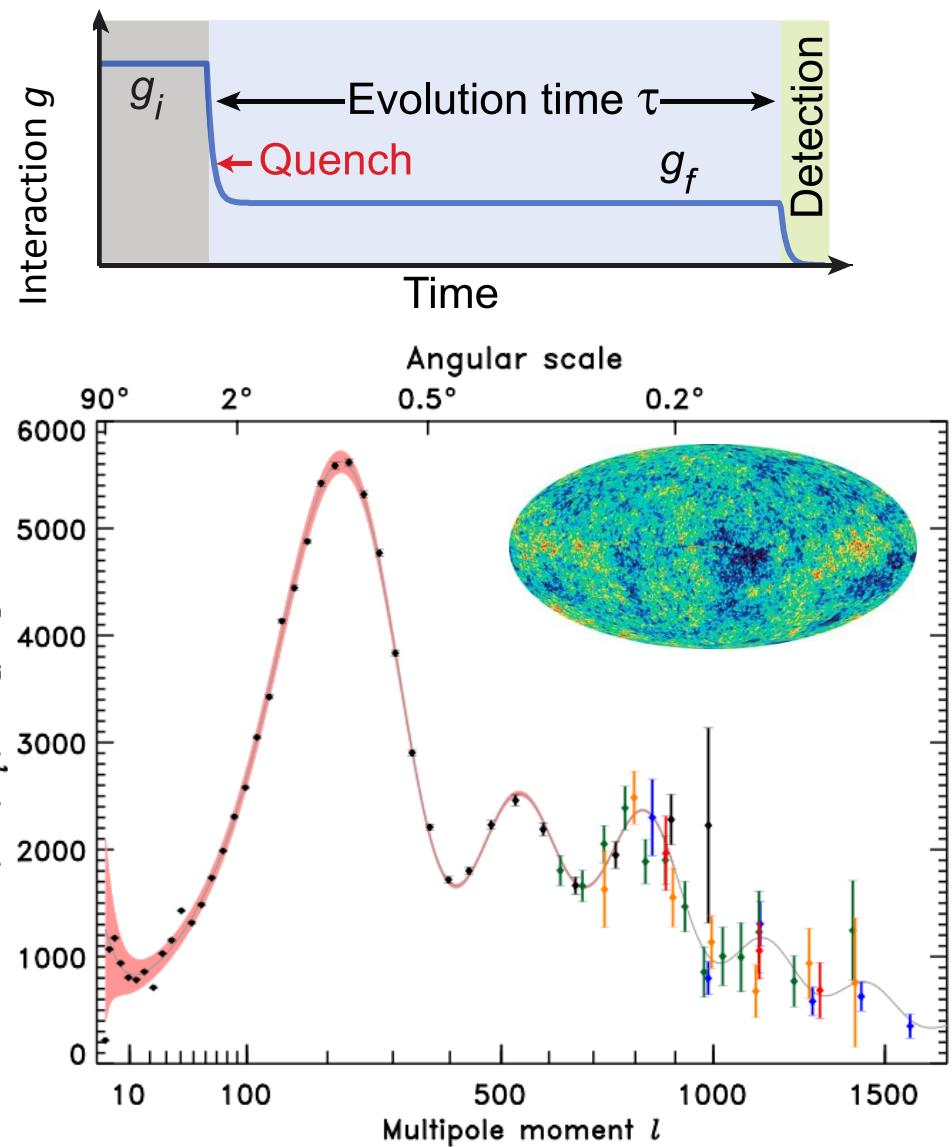
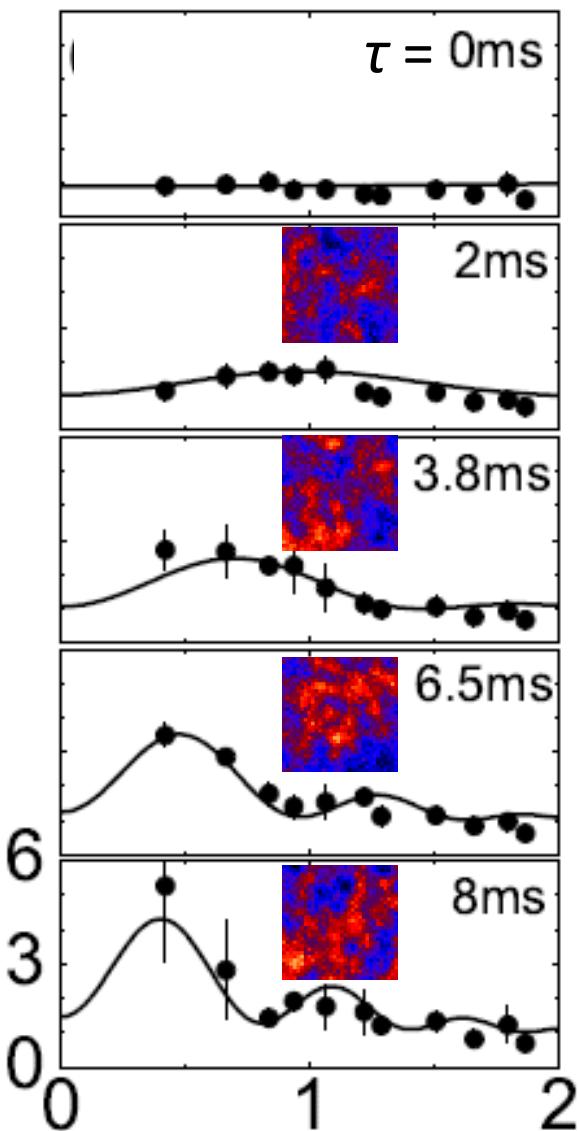


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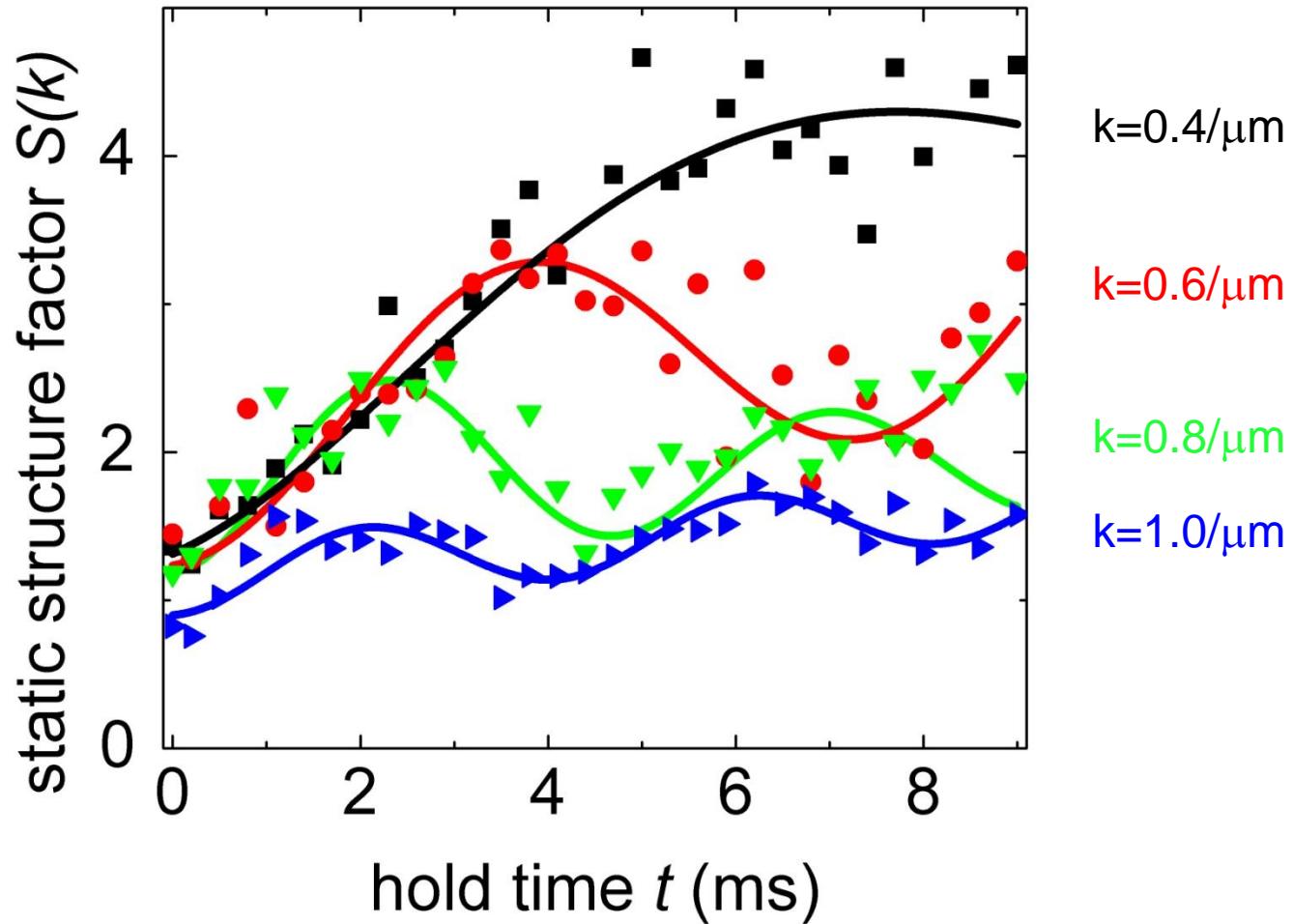


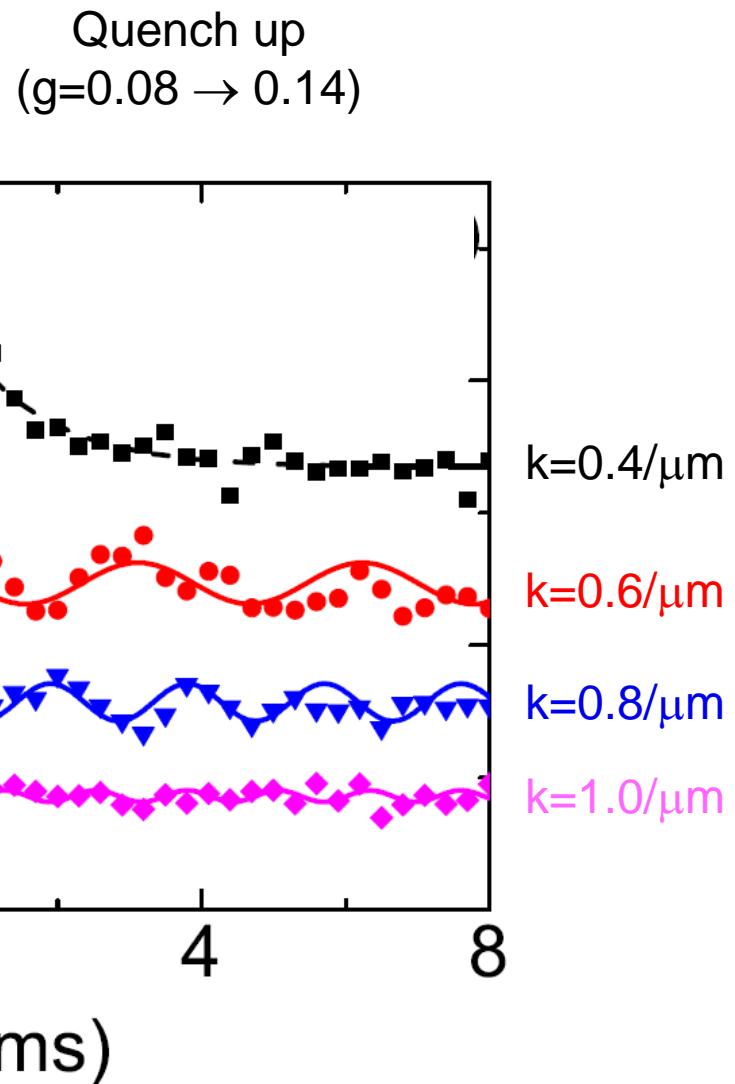
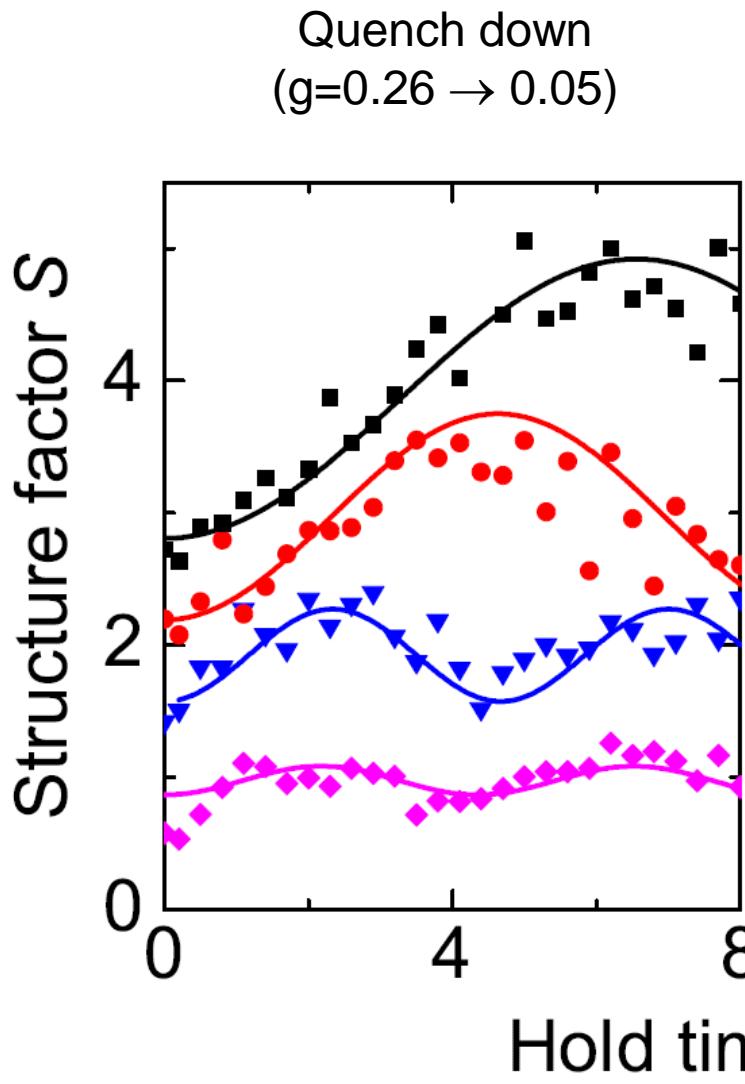
Sakharov acoustic oscillations in space coordinate

Structure factor S



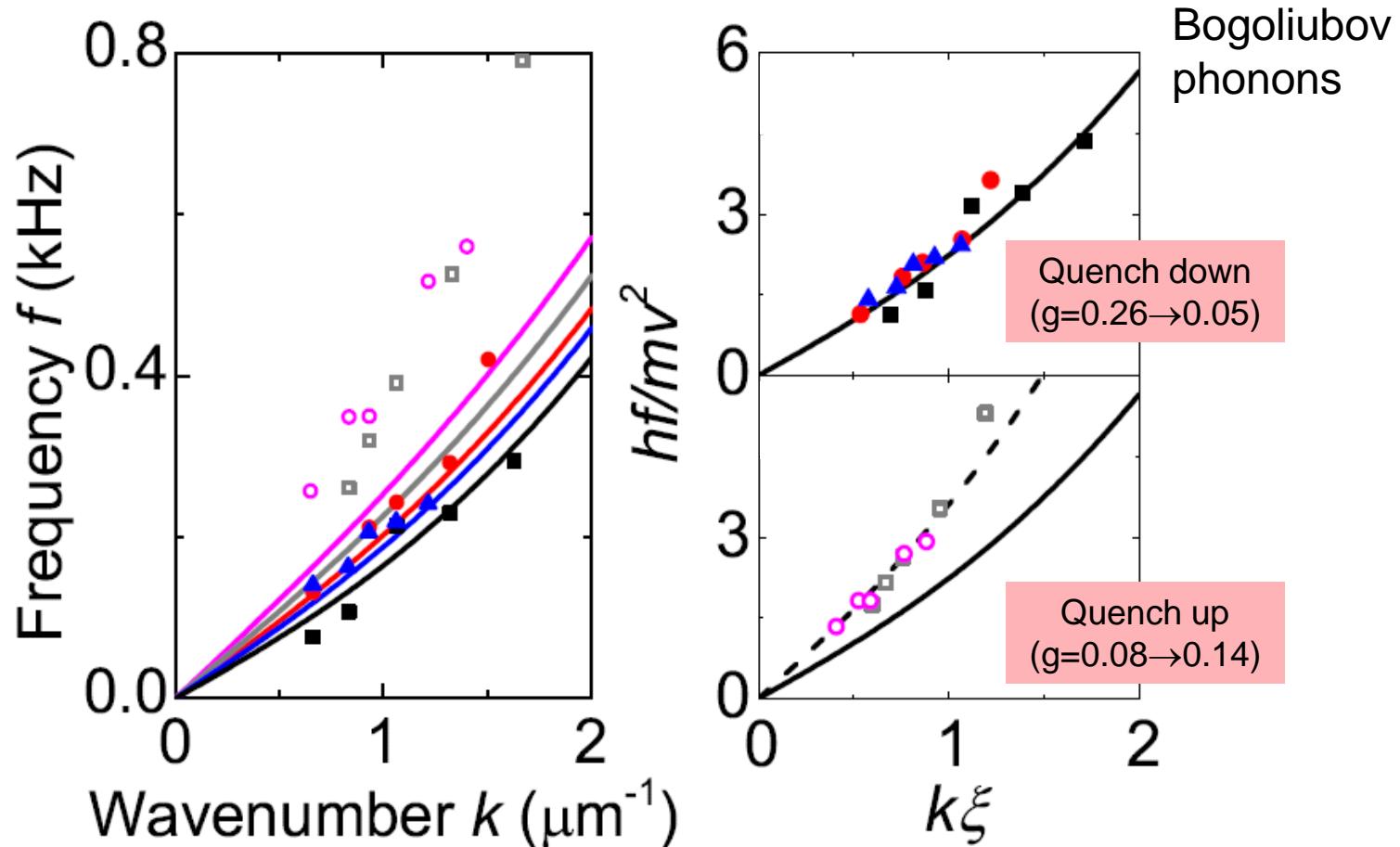
Sakharov oscillations in time domain





*each curve is offset by 0.5 for clarity

Time and length scales of Sakharov oscillations

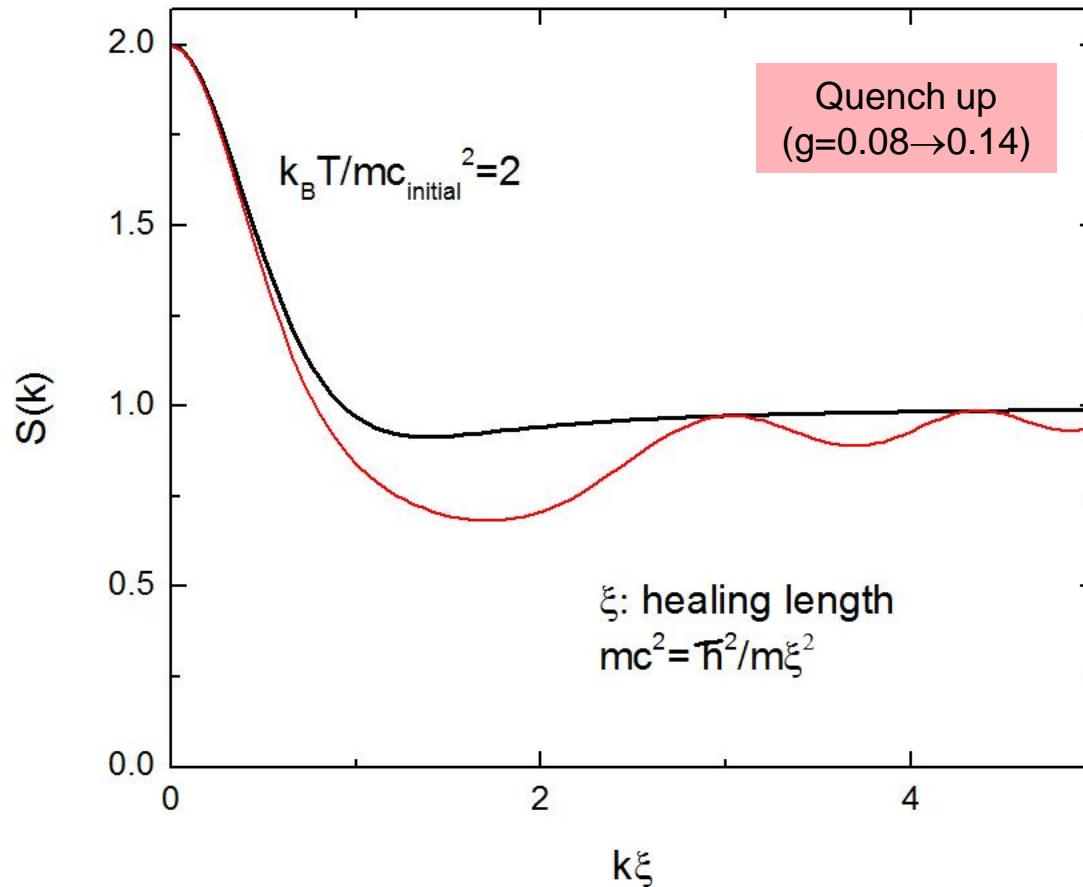


ξ : healing length
 v : sound speed

Theoretical model (Bogoliubov approximation)

$$S(k) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m\epsilon_0(k)} \coth \frac{\epsilon_0(k)}{2kT} \left[1 - \frac{\epsilon(k)^2 - \epsilon_0(k)^2}{\epsilon(k)^2} \sin^2 \epsilon(k)t \right]$$

Equilibrium contribution Interference of acoustic waves



Conclusion

Quenched superfluids and Sakharov oscillations

- Inference of acoustic waves
- Correlations in time and spatial scales
- Questions: Damping of Sakharov oscillations?

Related projects

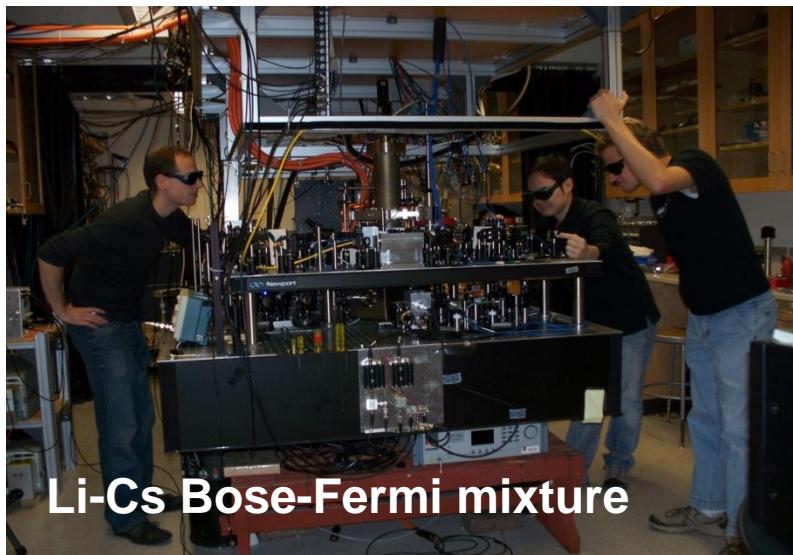
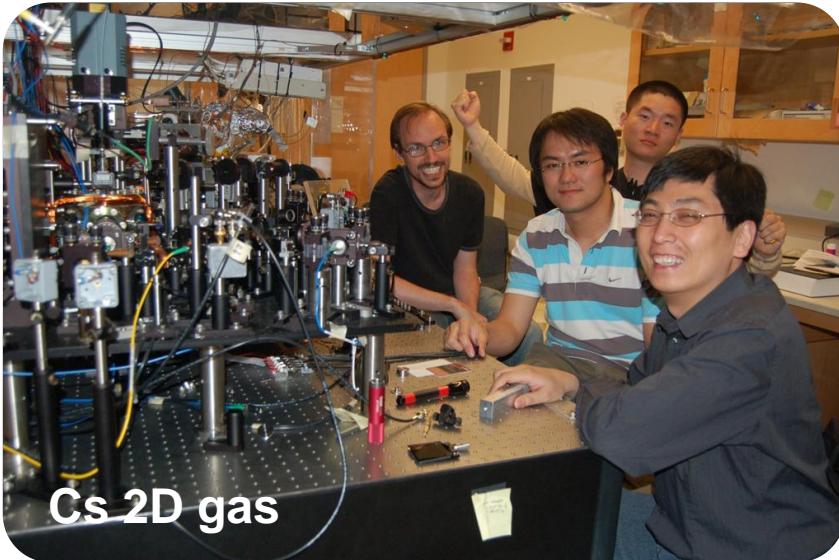
Quantum analog of gravitational physics

- Sonic black hole and Hawking radiation and Unruh effect
- Quantum criticality and AdS-CFT correspondance

Discrete scaling symmetry

- Discrete scaling symmetry in Efimov three-body bound states
- Universality in far from equilibrium quantum dynamics

Experiments



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