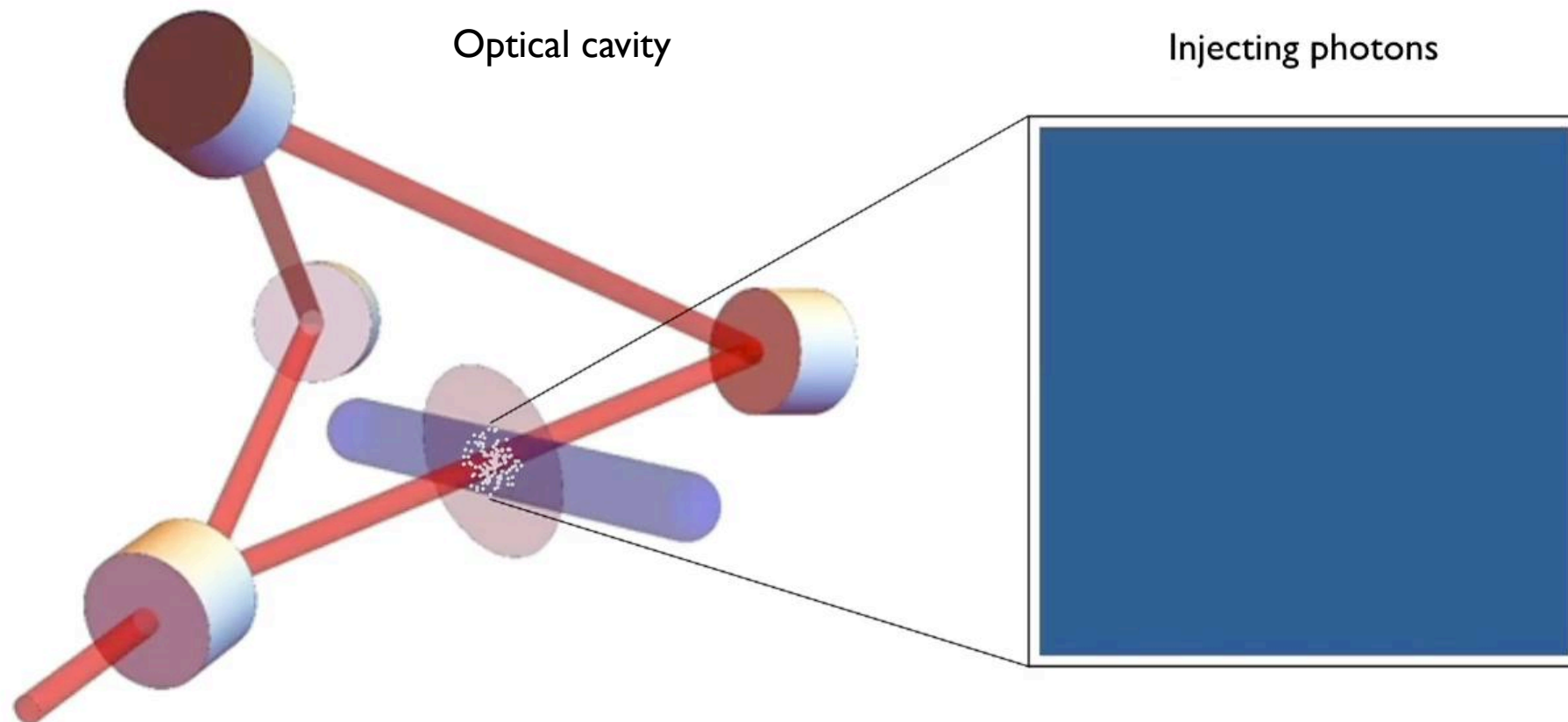


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# Other projects during PhD

## Published:

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- Dynamics of spin impurities in a Bose lattice gas  
- [PRA 88, 053601 \(2013\)](#)
- Dimensional crossover in a spin-imbalanced Fermi gas  
- [PRA 94, 063627 \(2016\)](#)
- Collective modes of a soliton train in a Fermi superfluid  
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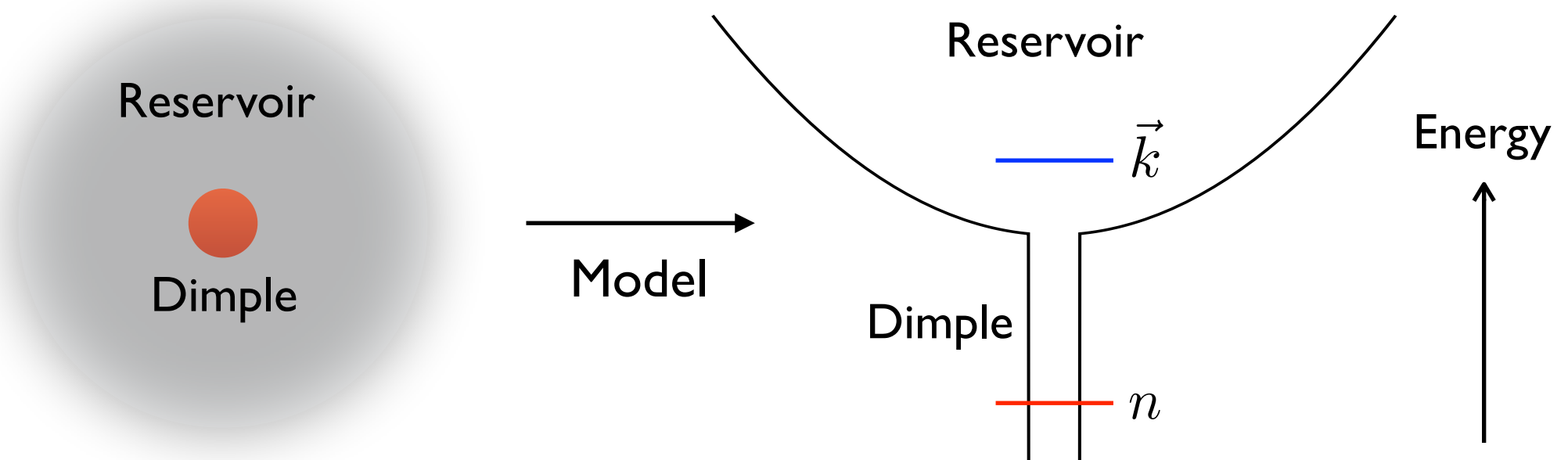
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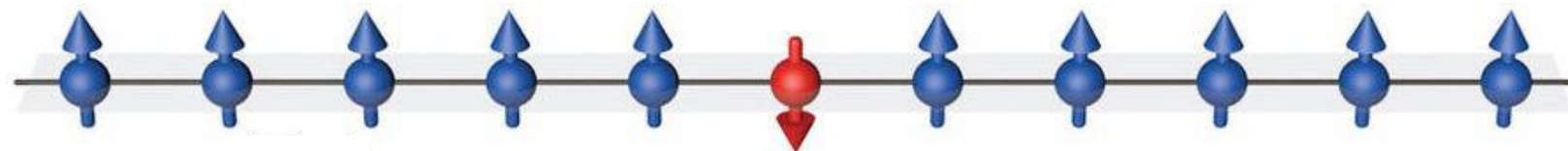
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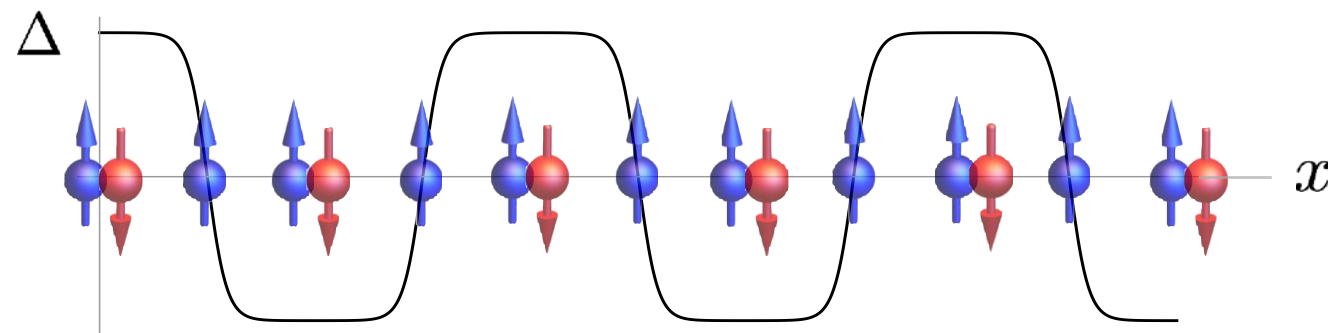
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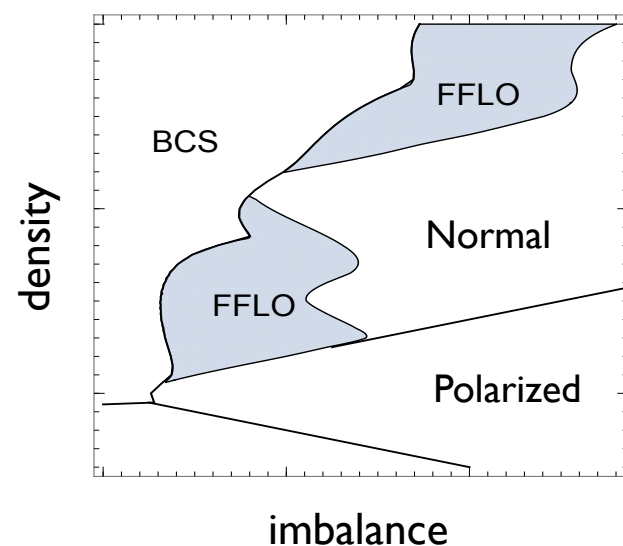
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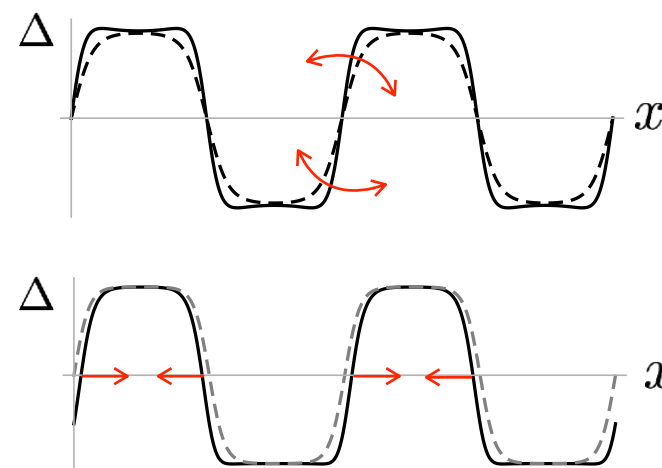
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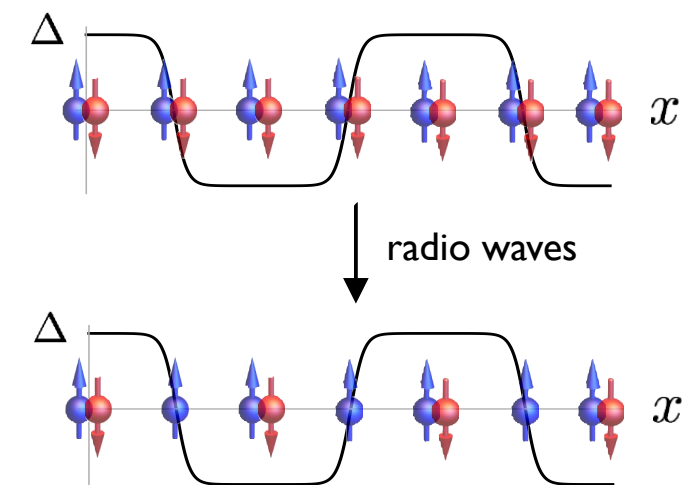
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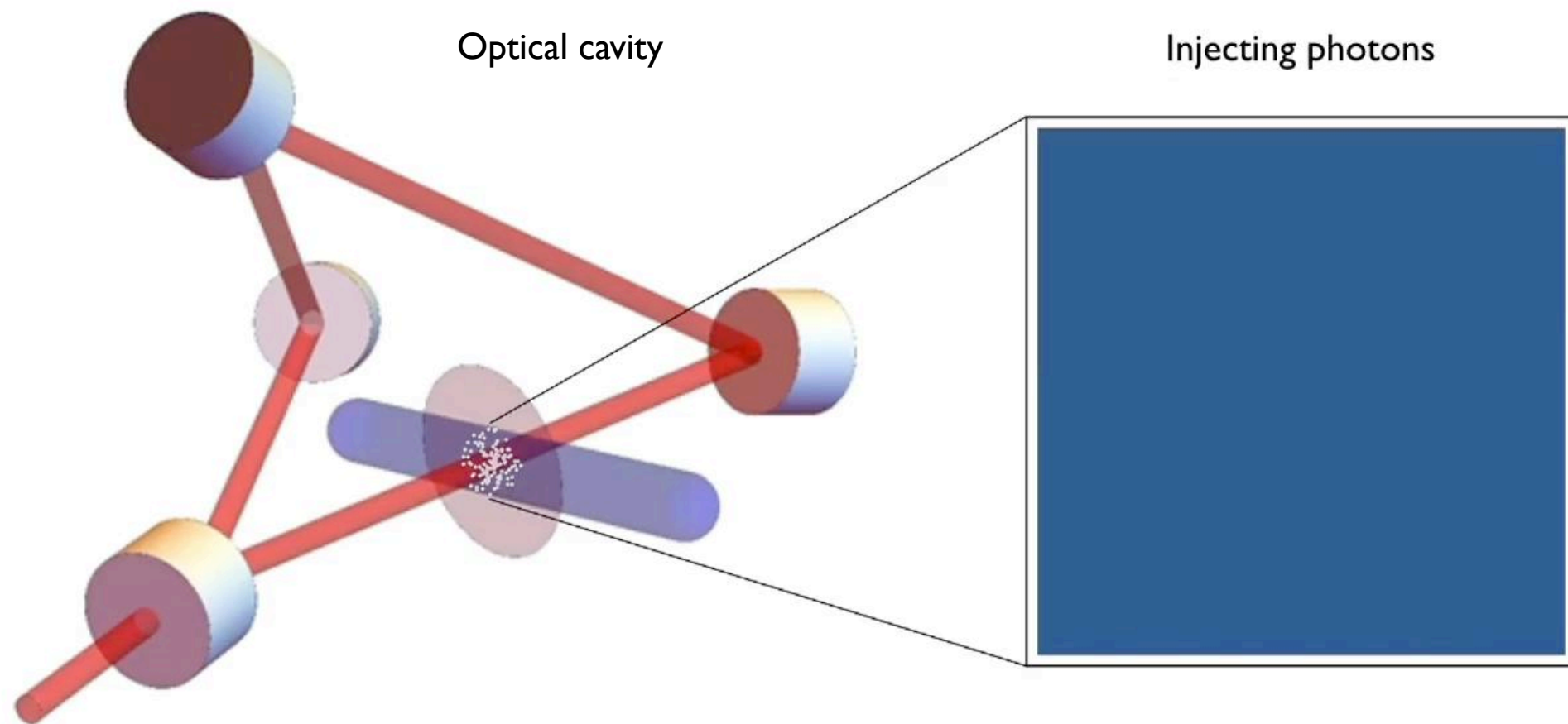
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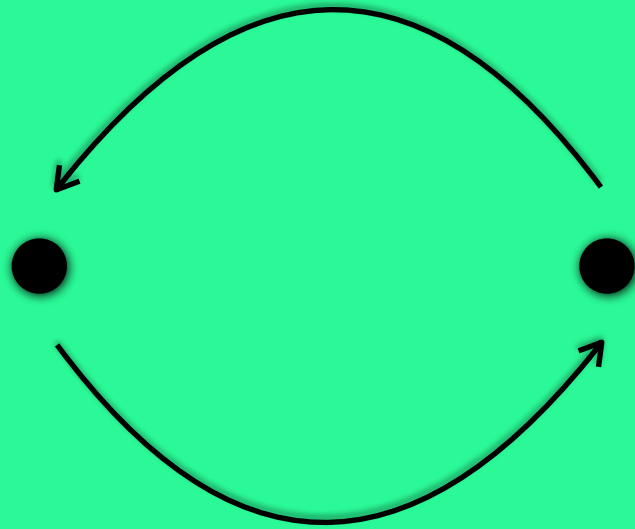


# Creating and Braiding Anyons in an Optical Cavity



# Motivation: Anyons

- Fractional Exchange Statistics: exotic physics in flatland



Bosons:  $+1$

Fermions:  $-1$

Anyons:  $e^{i\phi_s}$

Non-Abelian:  $U$

- Proposed hardware for topological quantum computation

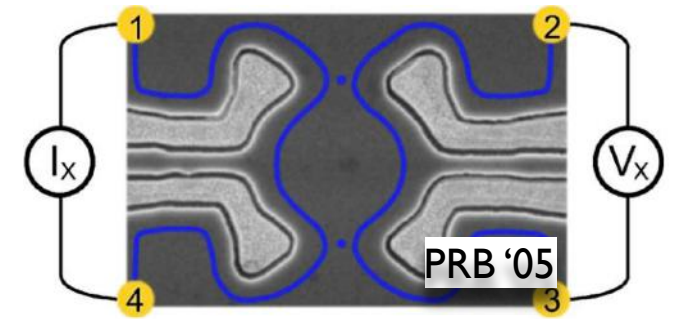
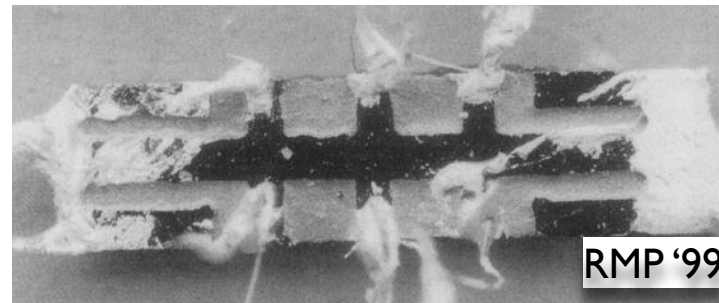
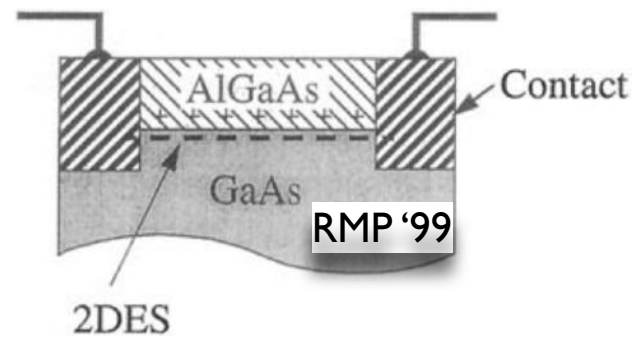
(A. Kitaev '03; C. Nayak et al. '08)

- Challenge:
1. Create many-body state with anyonic excitations
    - fractional quantum Hall (FQH) states
  2. Create quasiparticles
  3. Move them around one another
  4. Measure accumulated phase



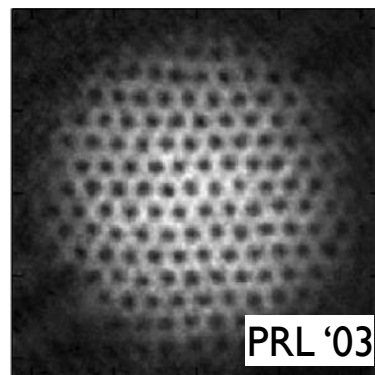
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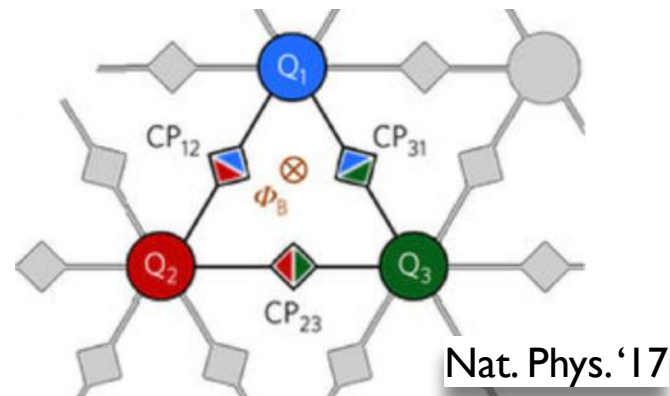
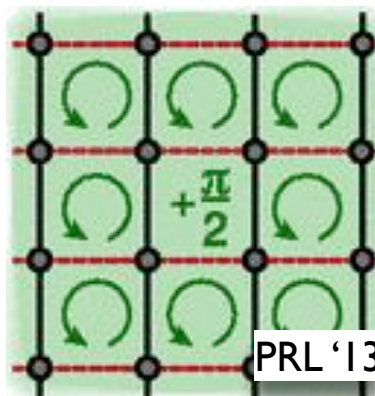
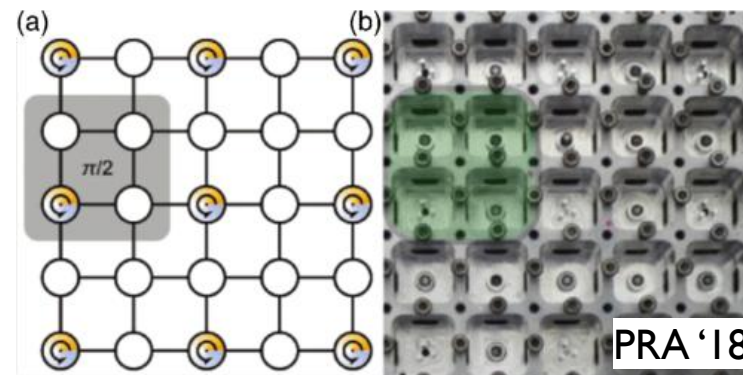


- Interacting 2D bosons in an effective magnetic field

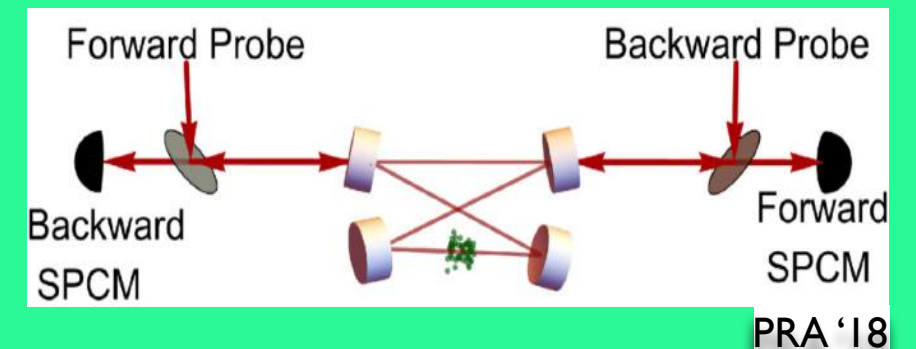
Cold atoms



Coupled  $\mu$ -wave cavities



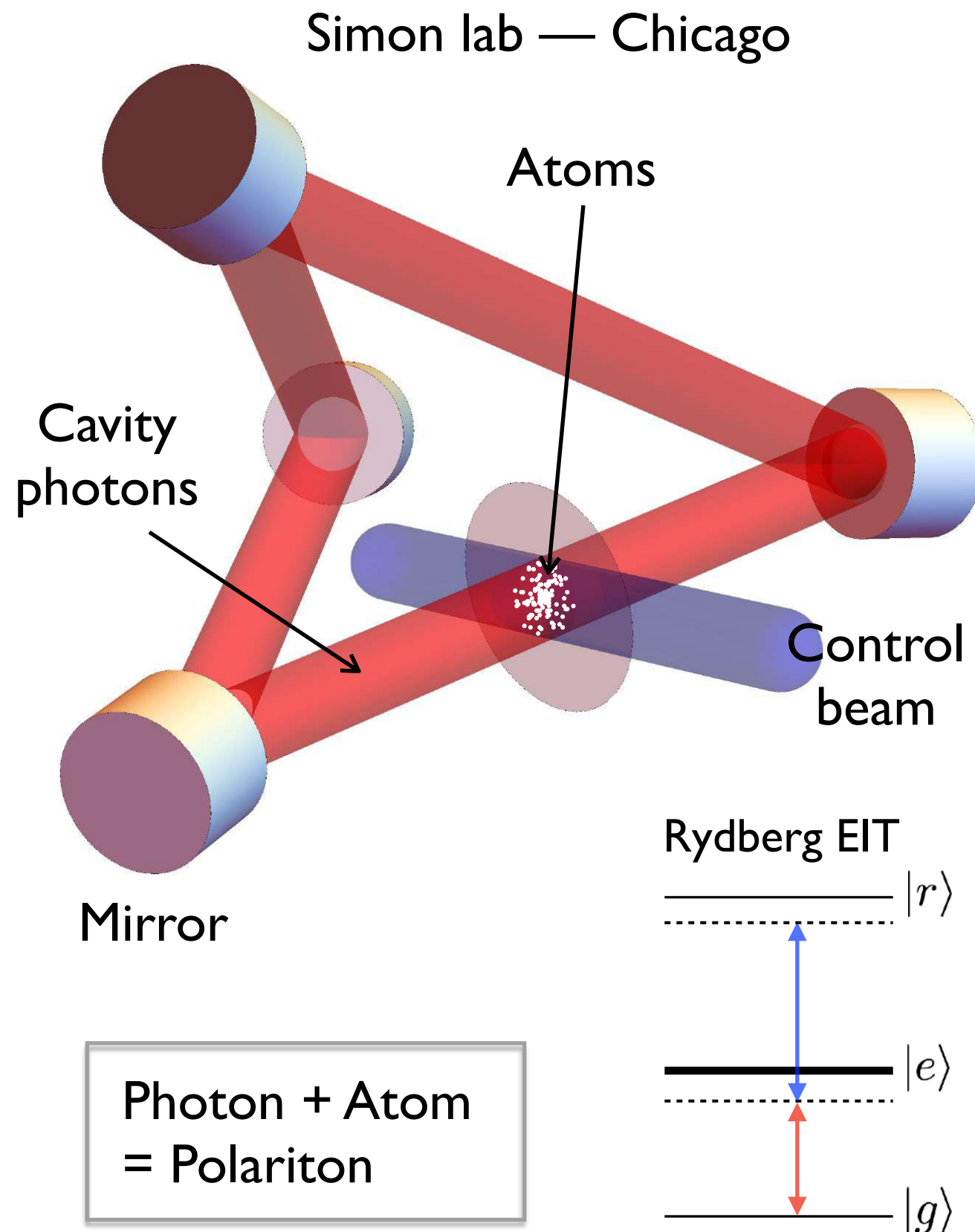
Multimode optical cavity



pros: driven state preparation  
versatile in/out coupling

cons: photon loss  
weak interaction  
(matter mediated)

# Experimental setup



## Near-degenerate cavity

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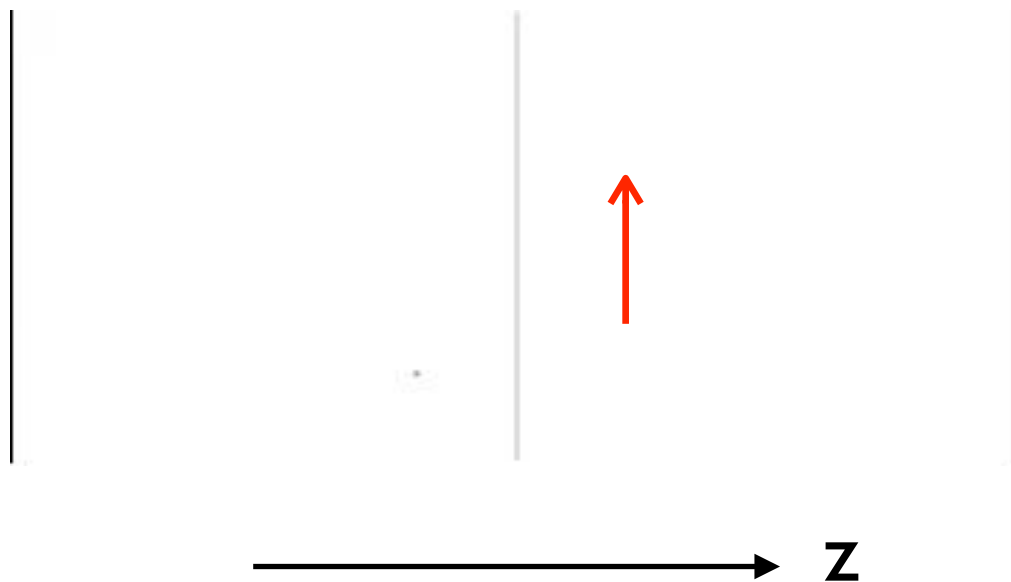
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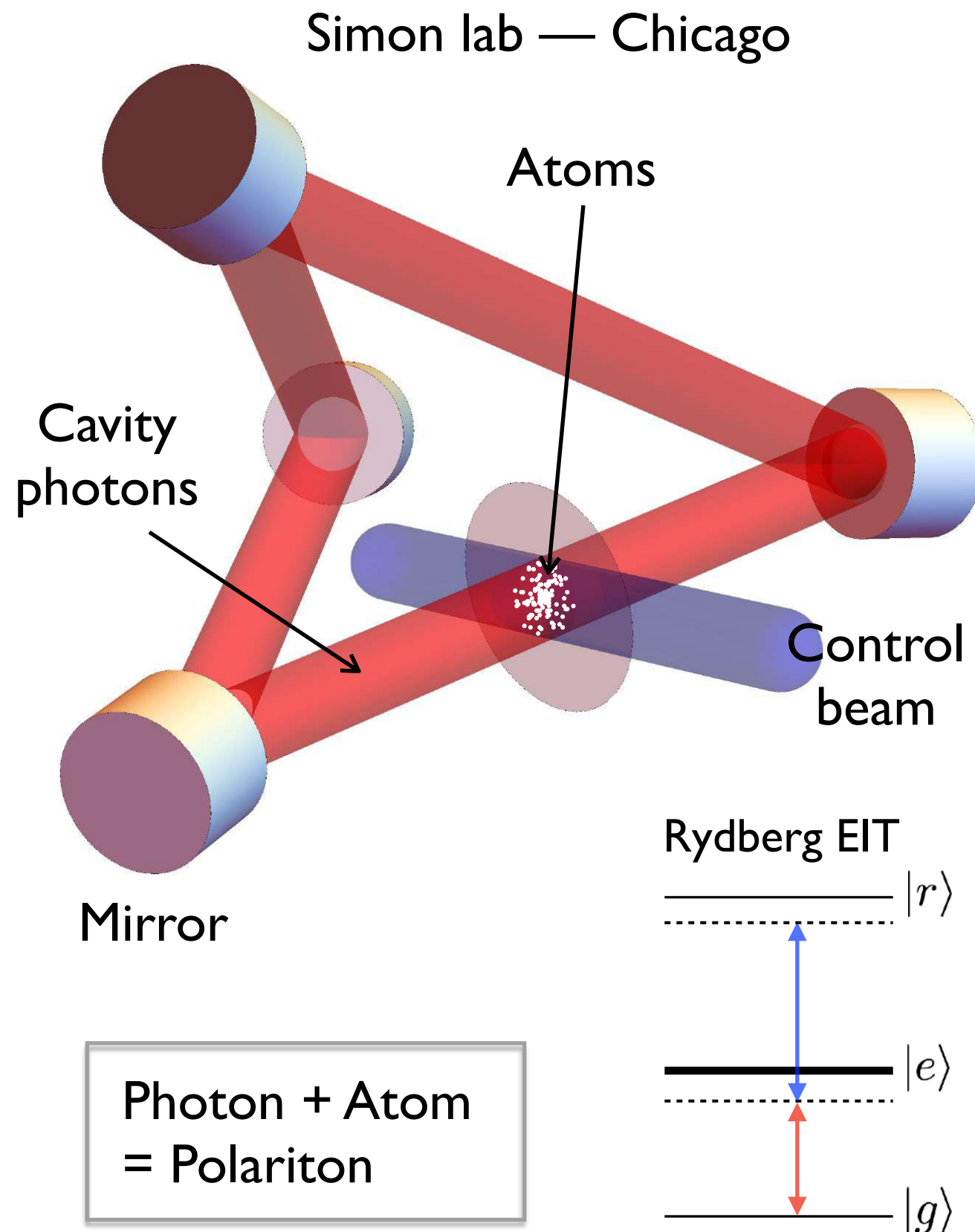


Uniform motion along transverse  
direction at speed  $p_{\perp}/M_{\perp}$

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sqrt{p_z^2 + p_{\perp}^2} c \\ &\approx p_z c + \frac{p_{\perp}^2 c}{2p_z} \\ &= E_z + \frac{p_{\perp}^2}{2(E_z/c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

↑  
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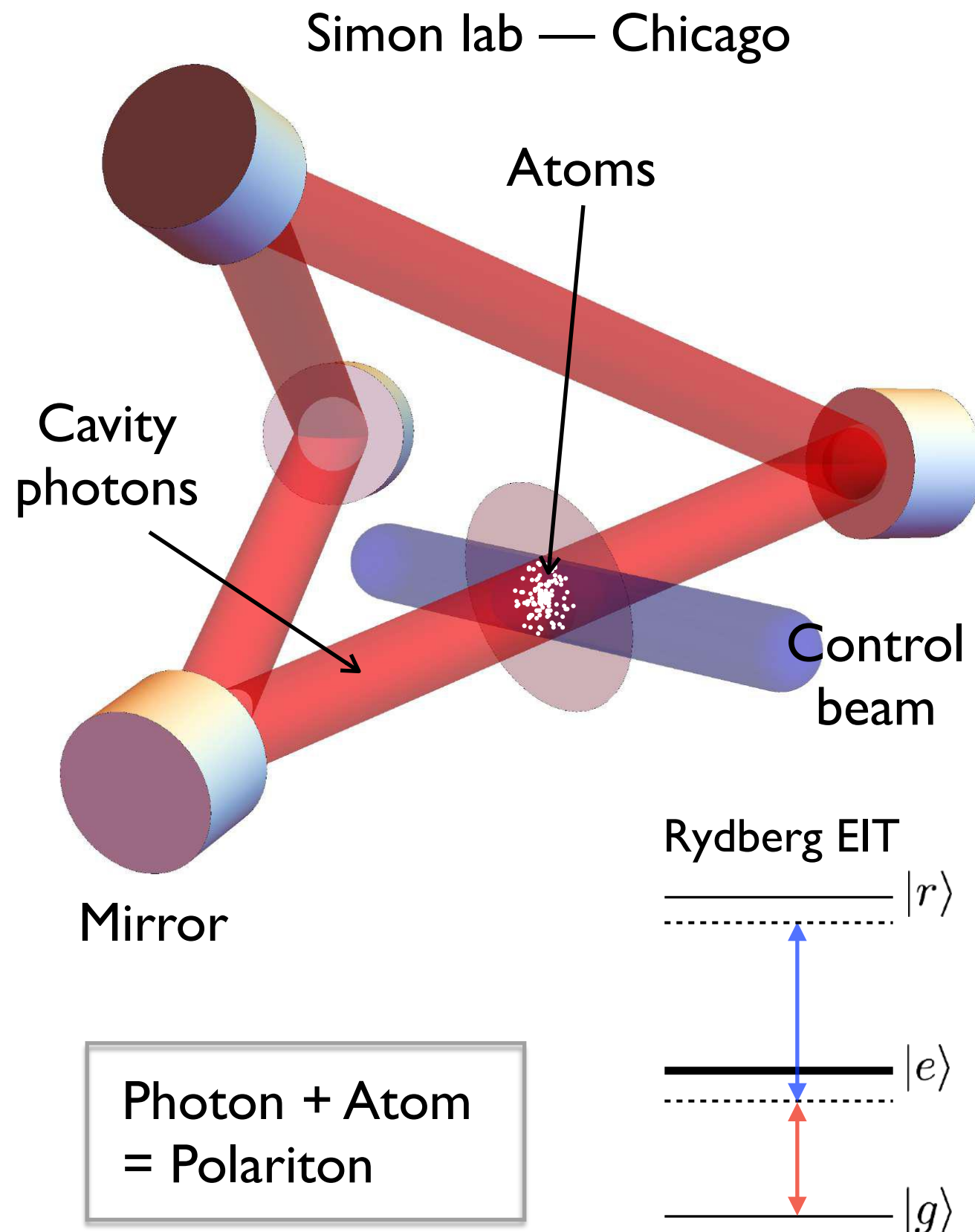
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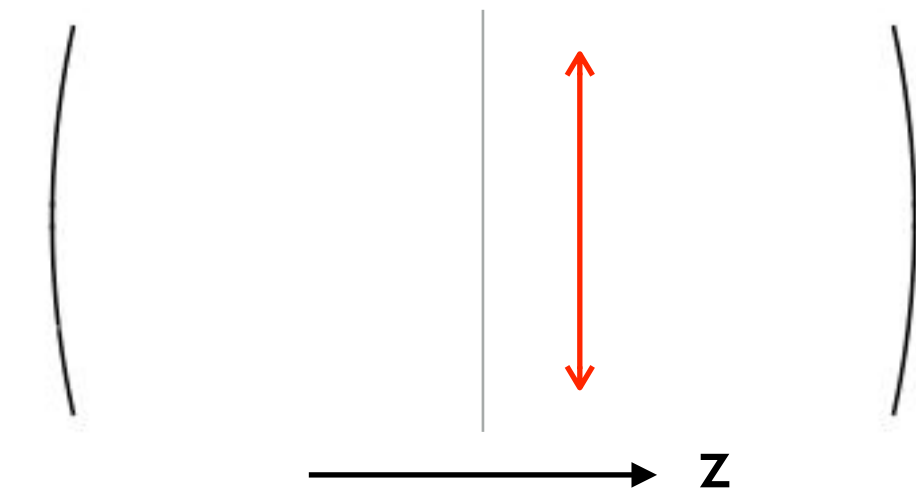
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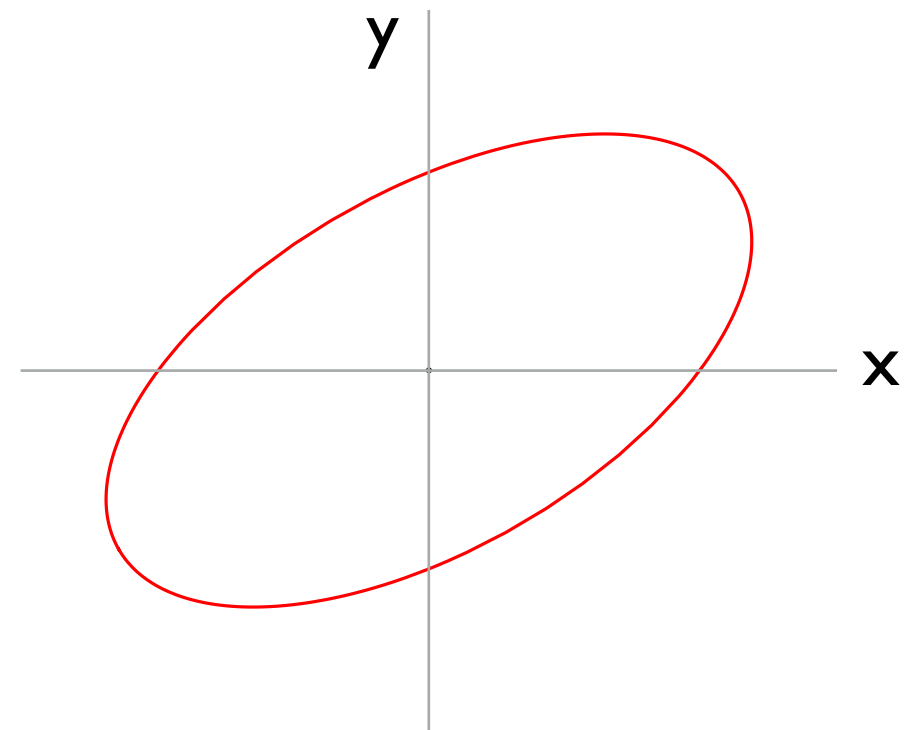
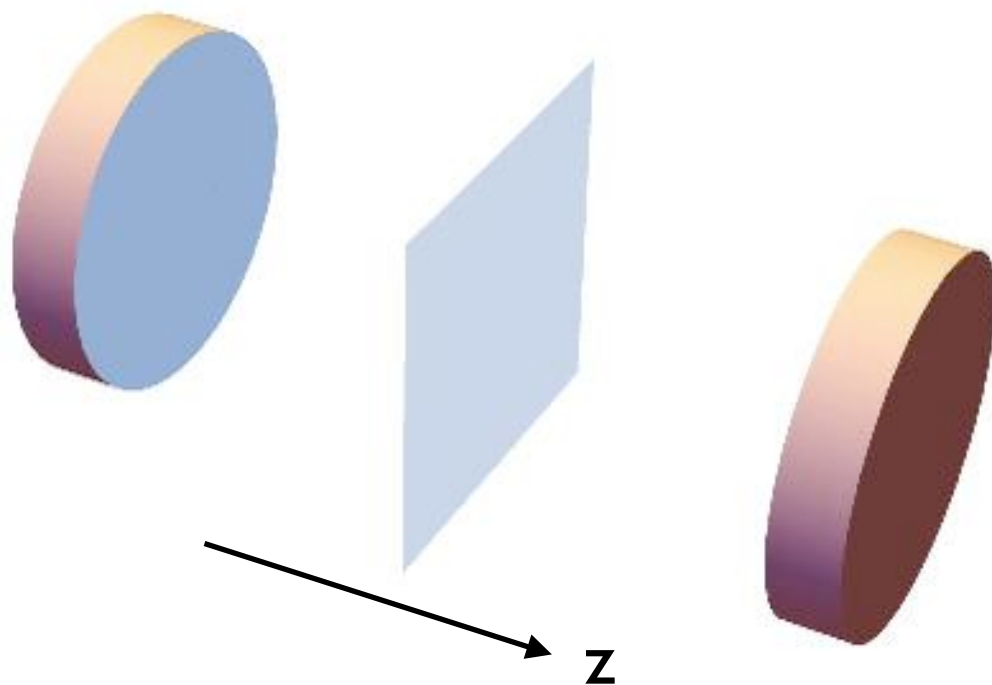
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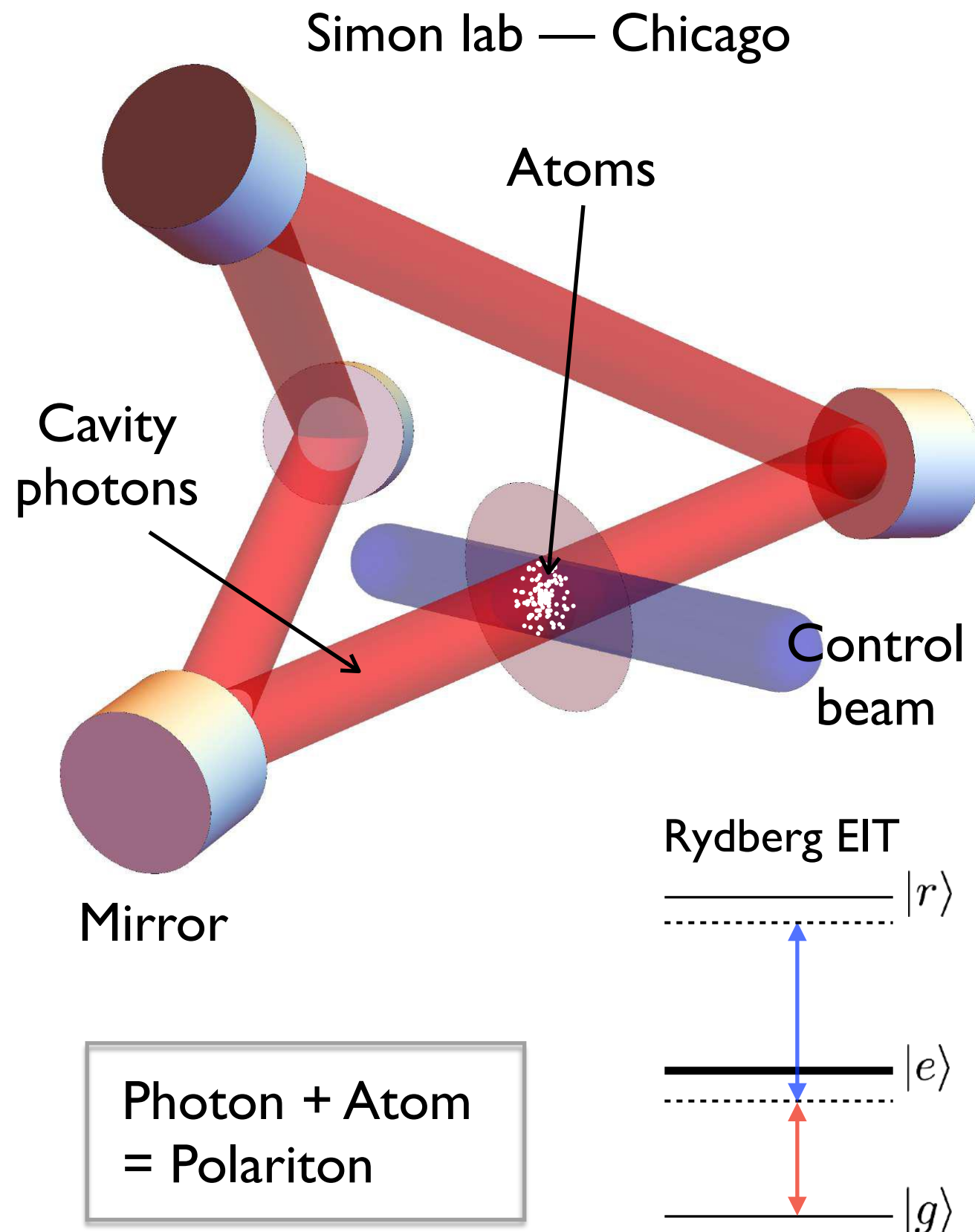
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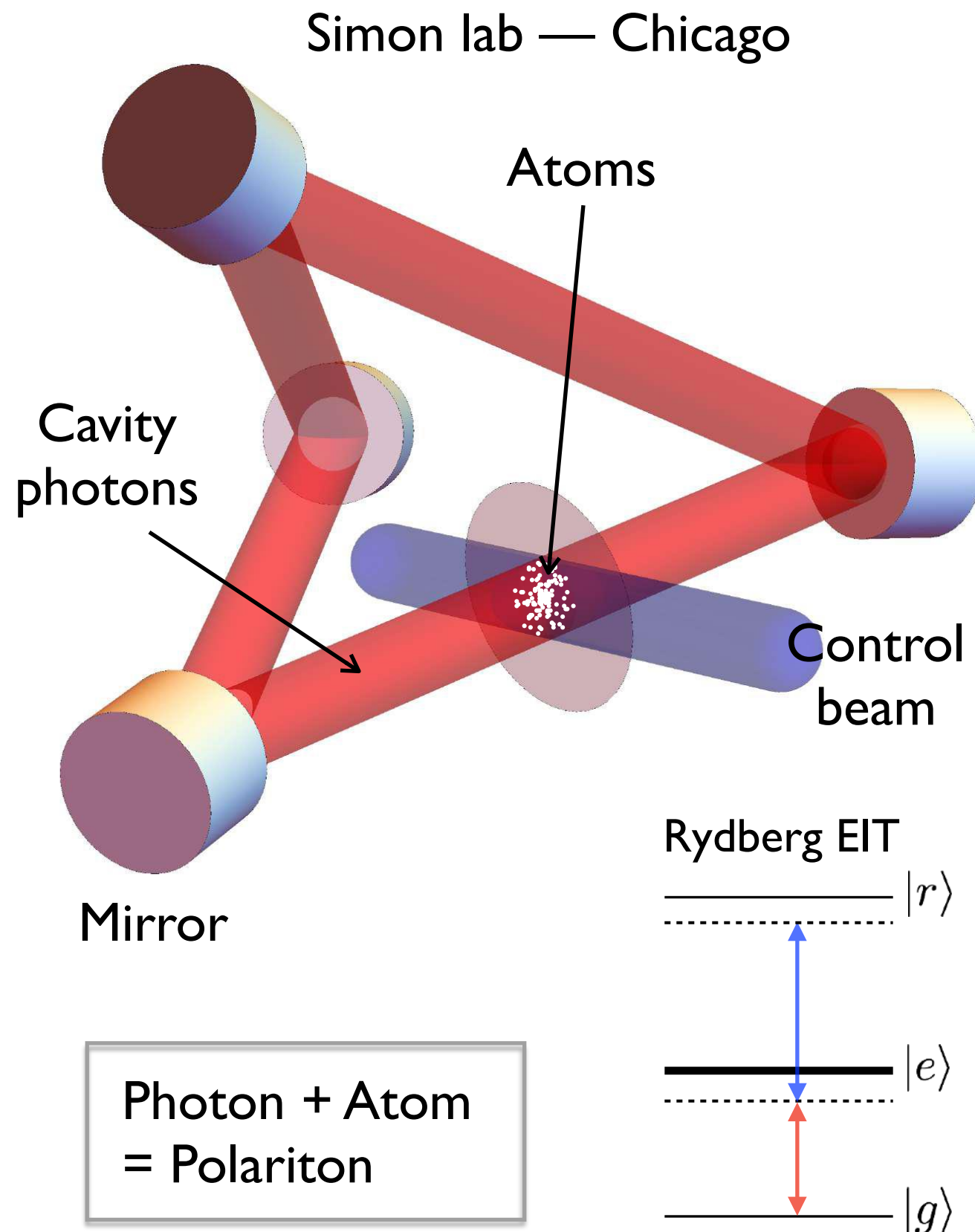
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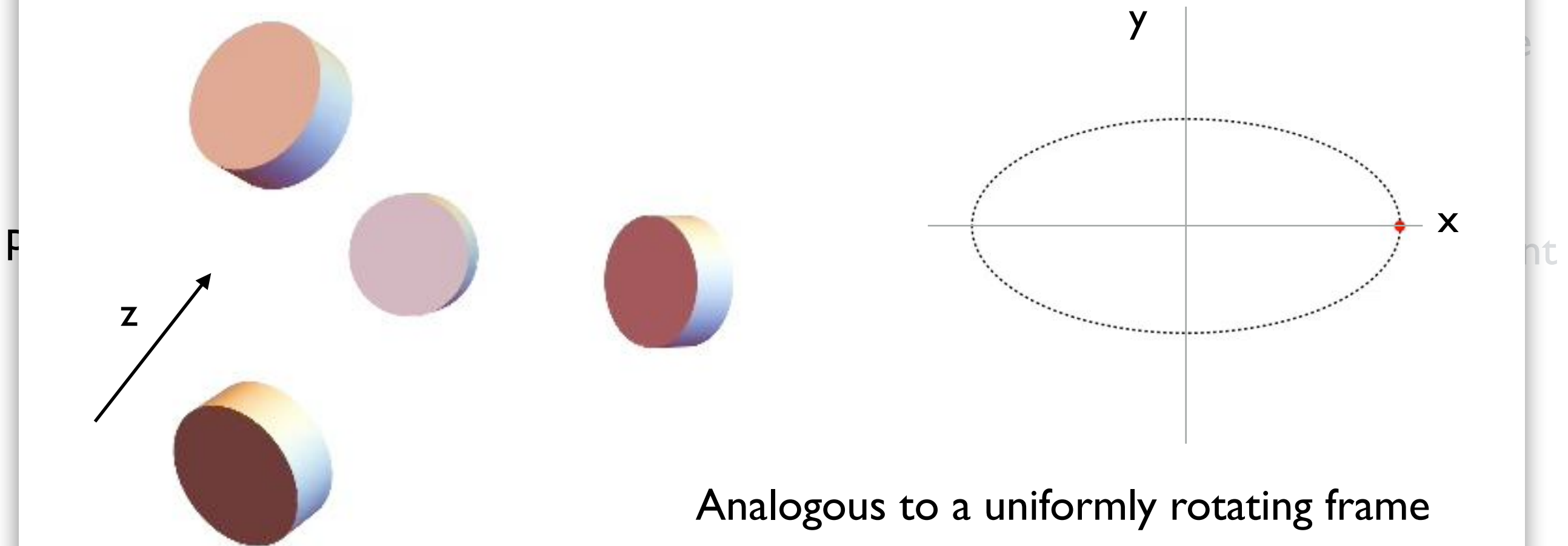
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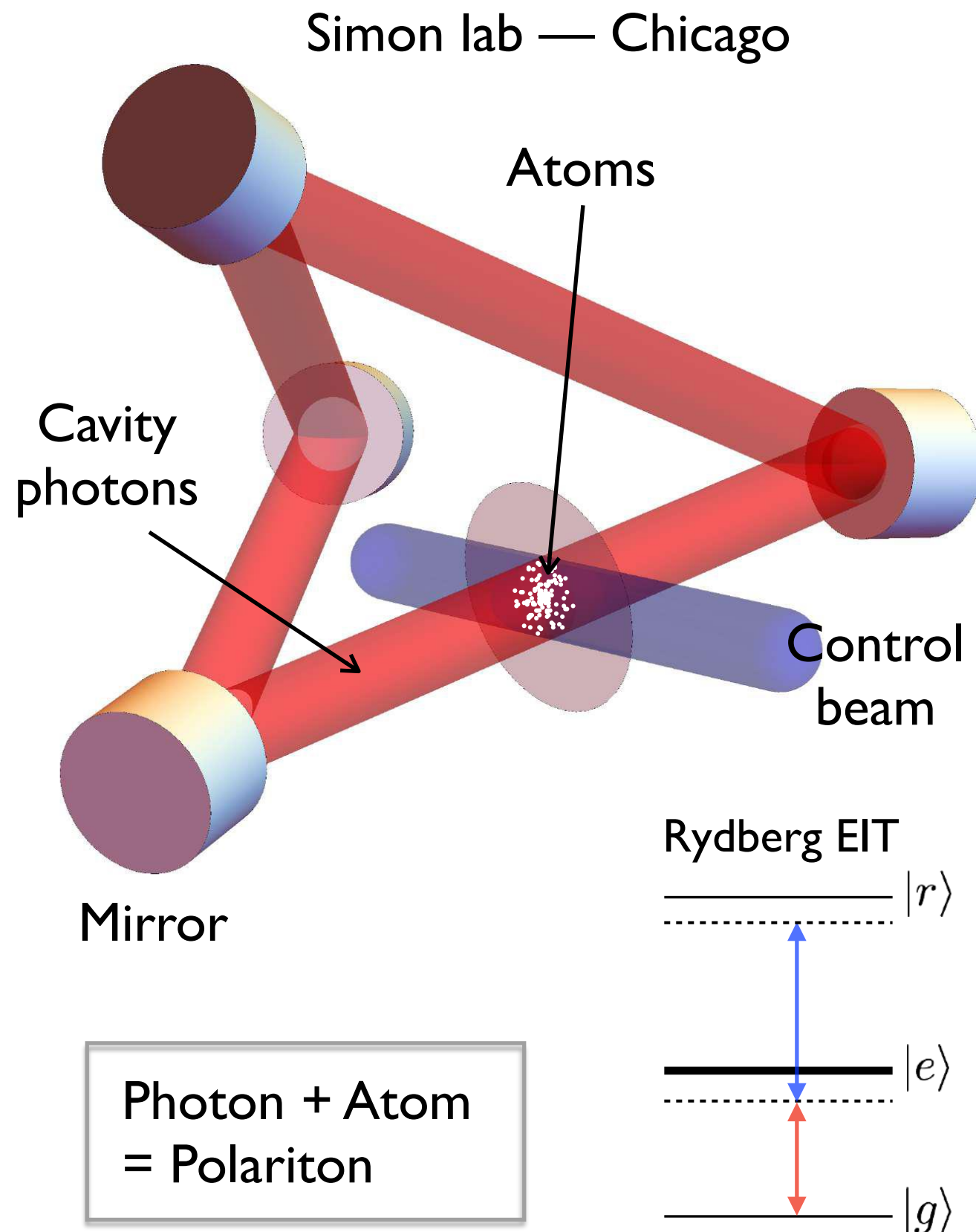


Analogous to a uniformly rotating frame

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Coriolis}} = \vec{v}_{\perp} \times (2M_{\perp}\vec{\omega}_{\text{rot}}) \equiv \vec{v}_{\perp} \times (q\vec{B}_{\text{eff}})$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Centrifugal}} = -\vec{\nabla}_{\perp} \left( -\frac{1}{2} M_{\perp} \omega_{\text{rot}}^2 r_{\perp}^2 \right)$$

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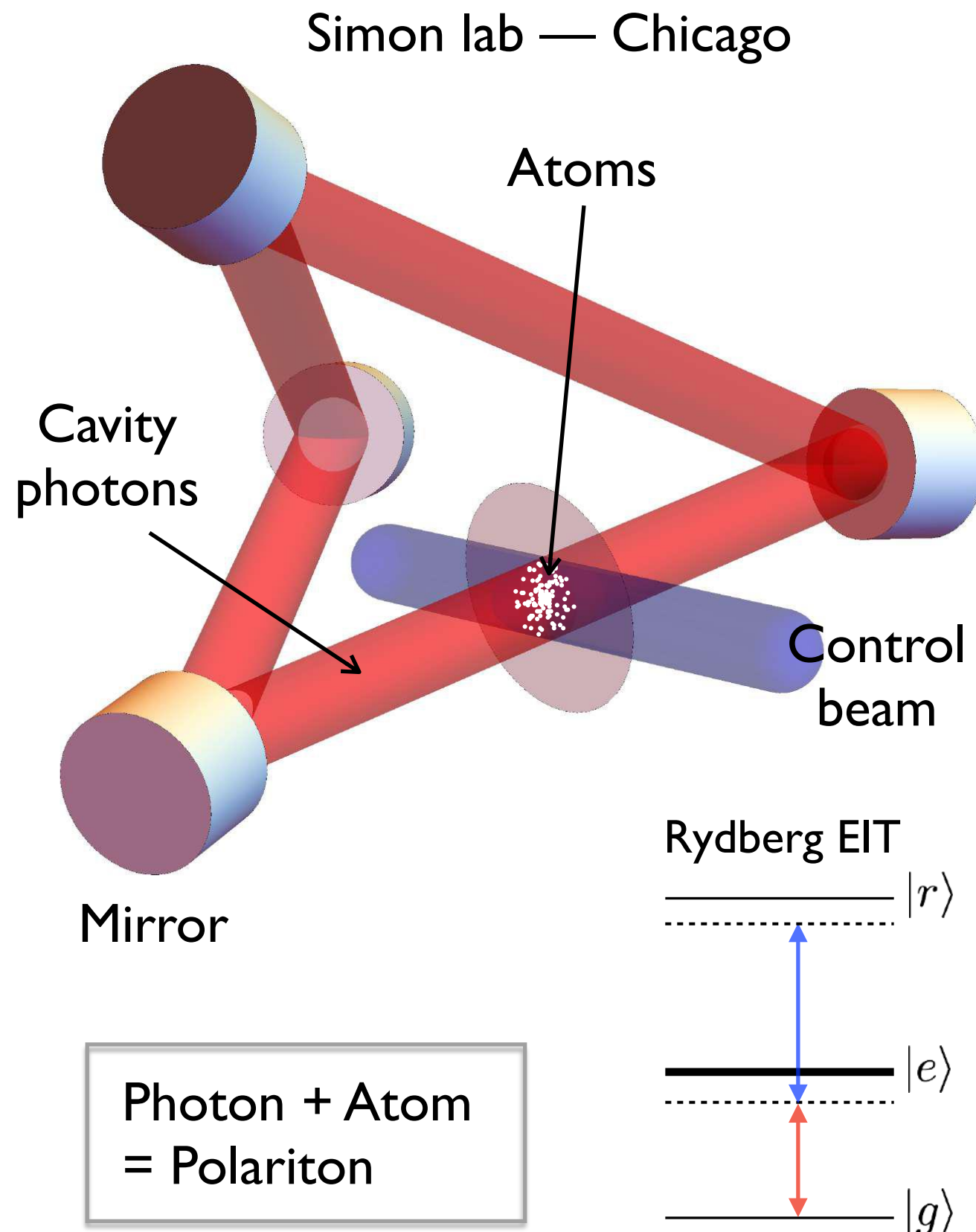
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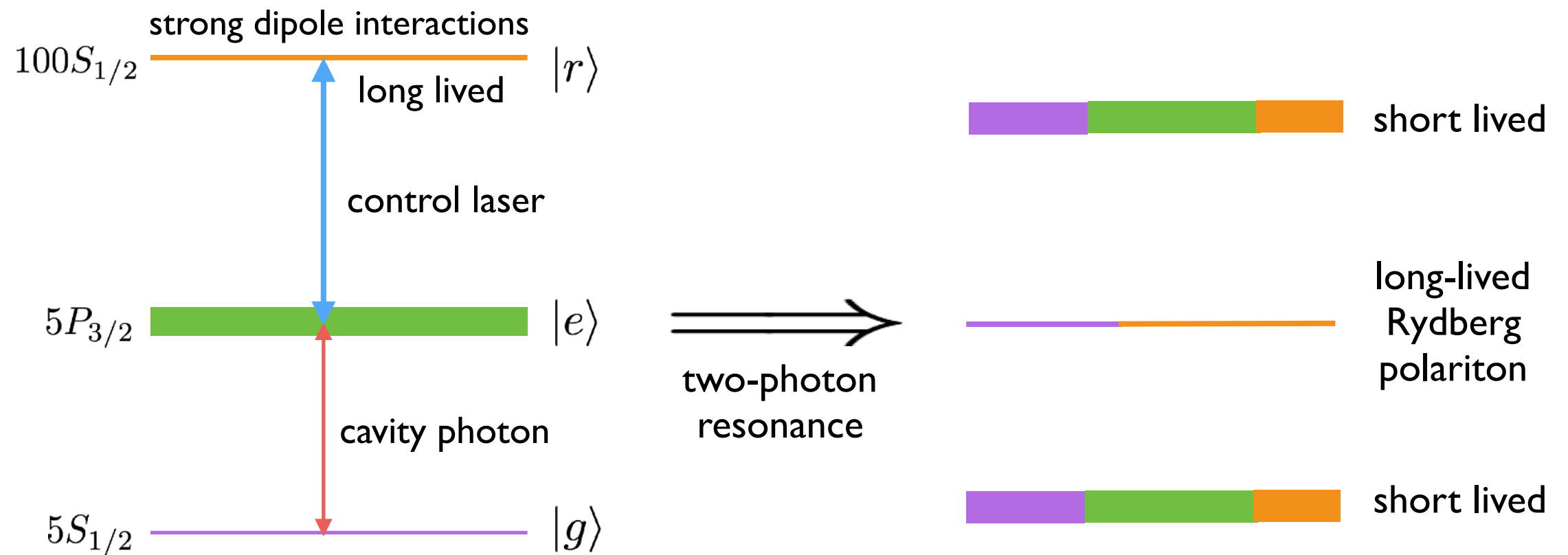
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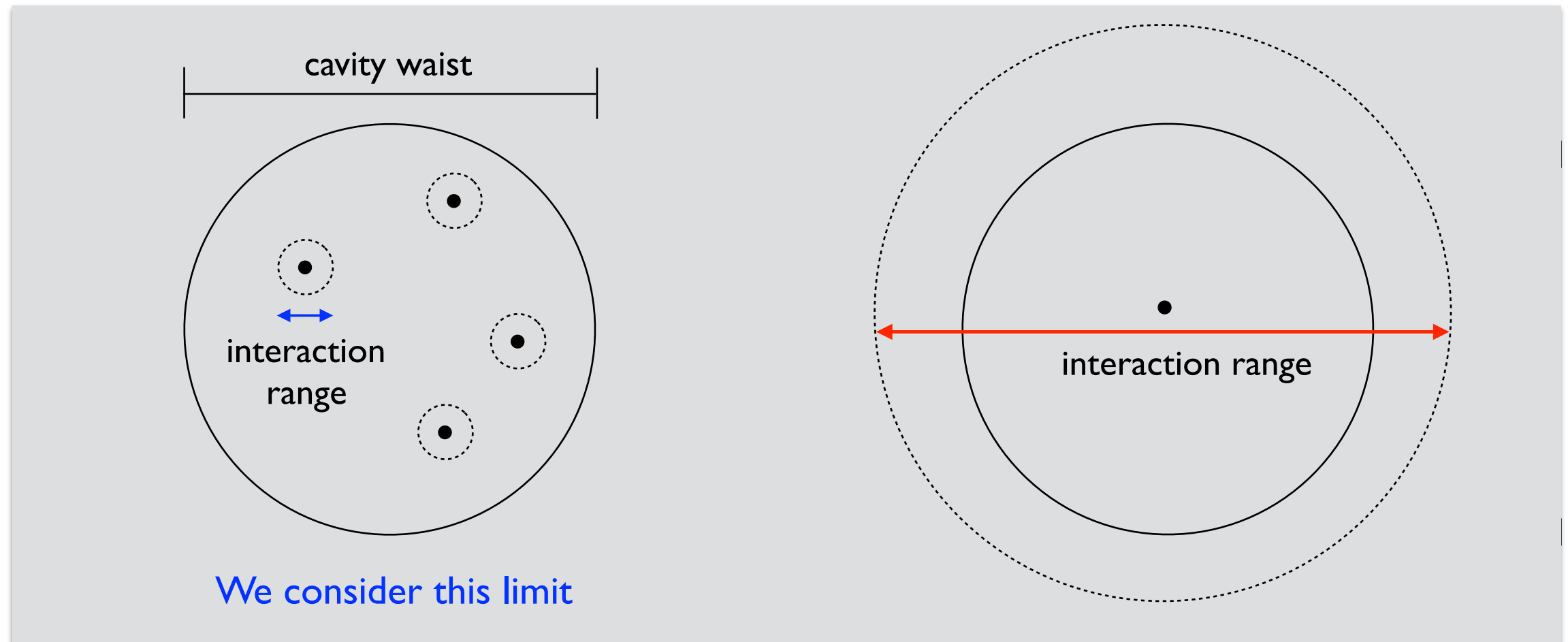


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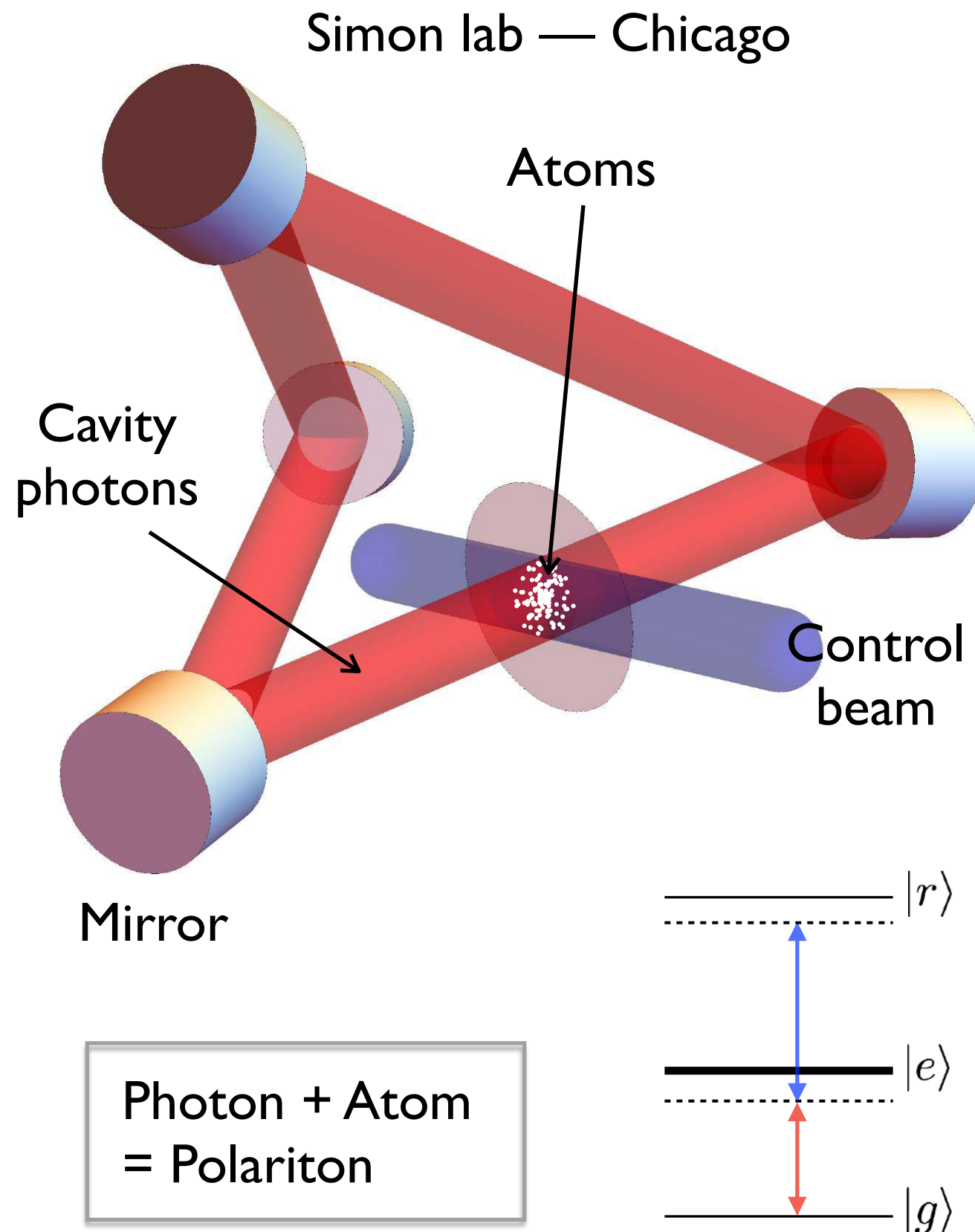
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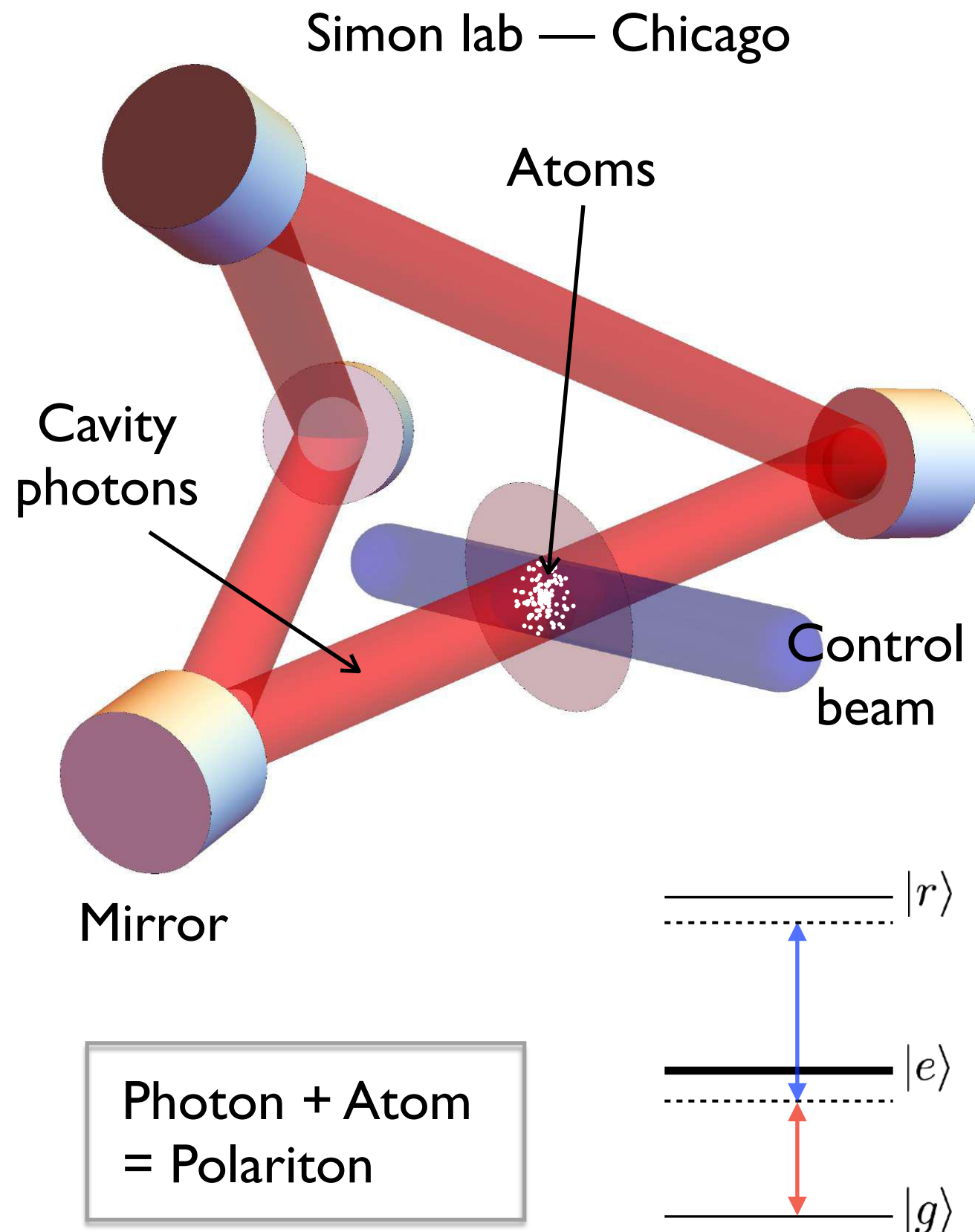
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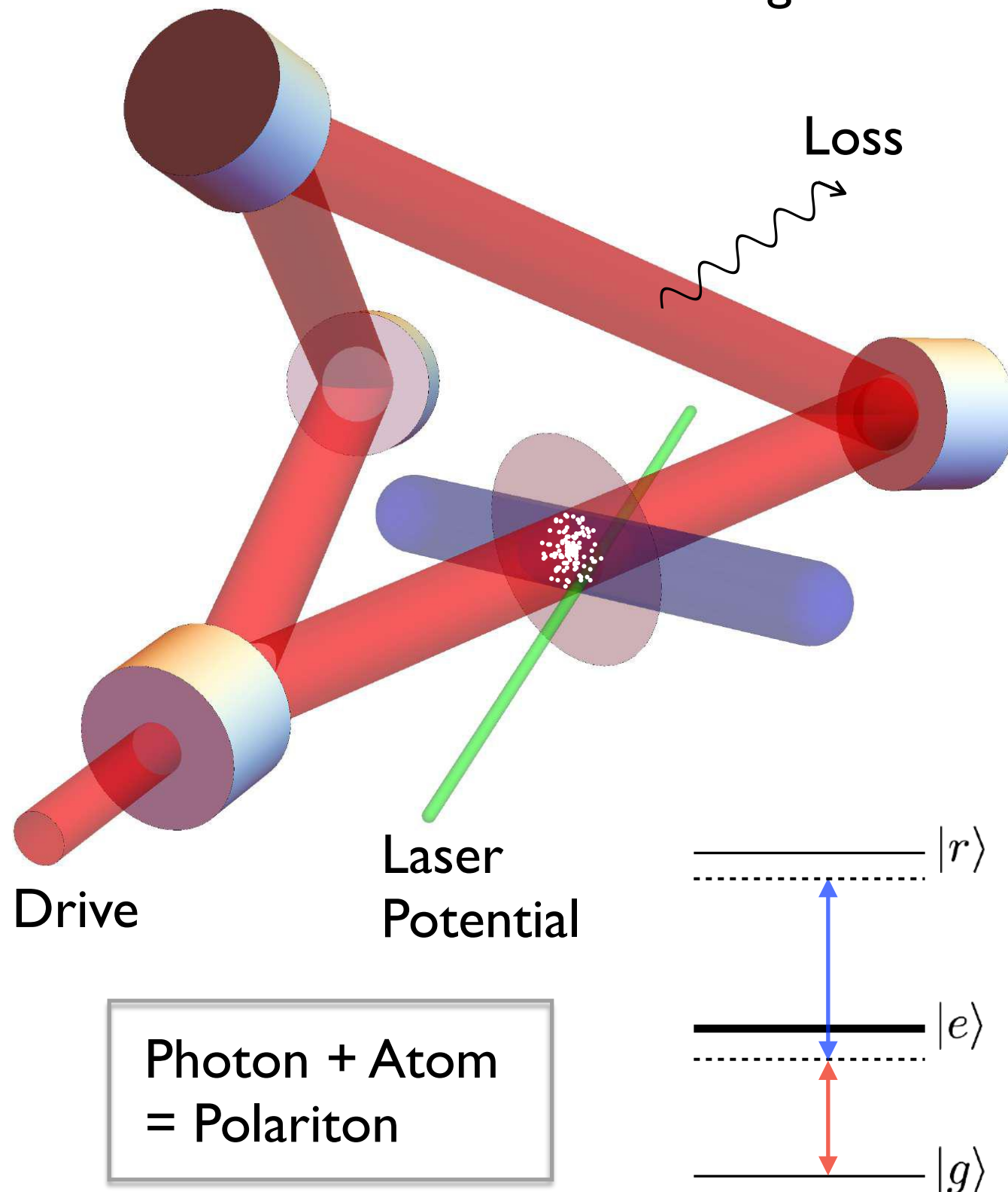
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# Experimental setup

Simon lab — Chicago



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+  
Drive, Potential, Loss

# Model

$$\hat{H} = \int d^2r \hat{\psi}^\dagger \left[ \underbrace{\frac{(-i\vec{\nabla} - M\omega_B r \hat{\phi})^2}{2M}}_{\text{kinetic}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}M\omega_T^2 r^2}_{\text{trap}} \right] \hat{\psi} + \underbrace{\pi l^2 V_0 \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}}_{\text{interaction}} \\ + \underbrace{F(\vec{r}, t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger + F^*(\vec{r}, t) \hat{\psi}}_{\text{drive}} + \underbrace{U(\vec{r}, t) \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi}}_{\text{potential}}$$

**M** — polariton mass ( $M \sim 10^{-4} m_e$ )

$2\omega_B$  — cyclotron frequency ( $\omega_B \sim 1$  GHz)

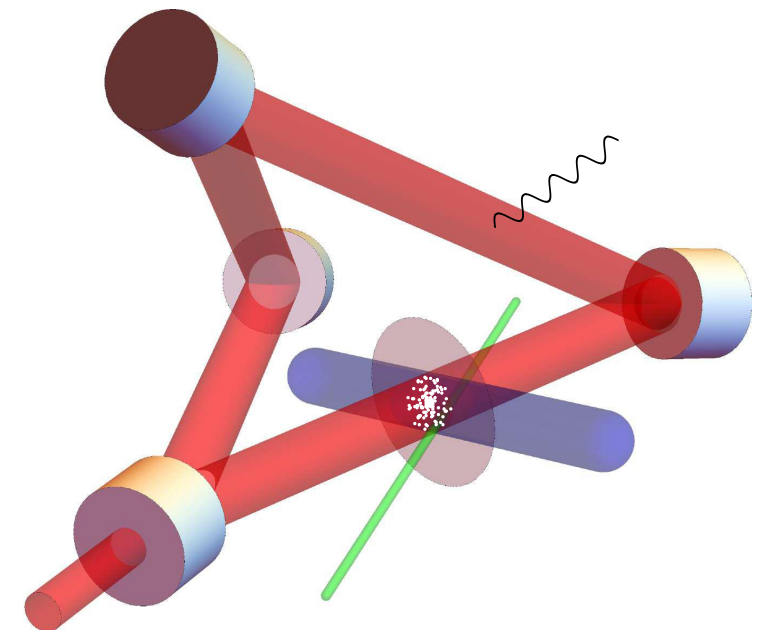
$\omega_T$  — trap frequency ( $\omega_T \sim 0 - 10$  MHz)

$l$  — magnetic length ( $l \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$ )

$V_0$  — two-particle interaction energy ( $V_0 \sim 5$  MHz)

$\gamma$  — inverse polariton lifetime ( $\gamma \sim 0.1$  MHz)

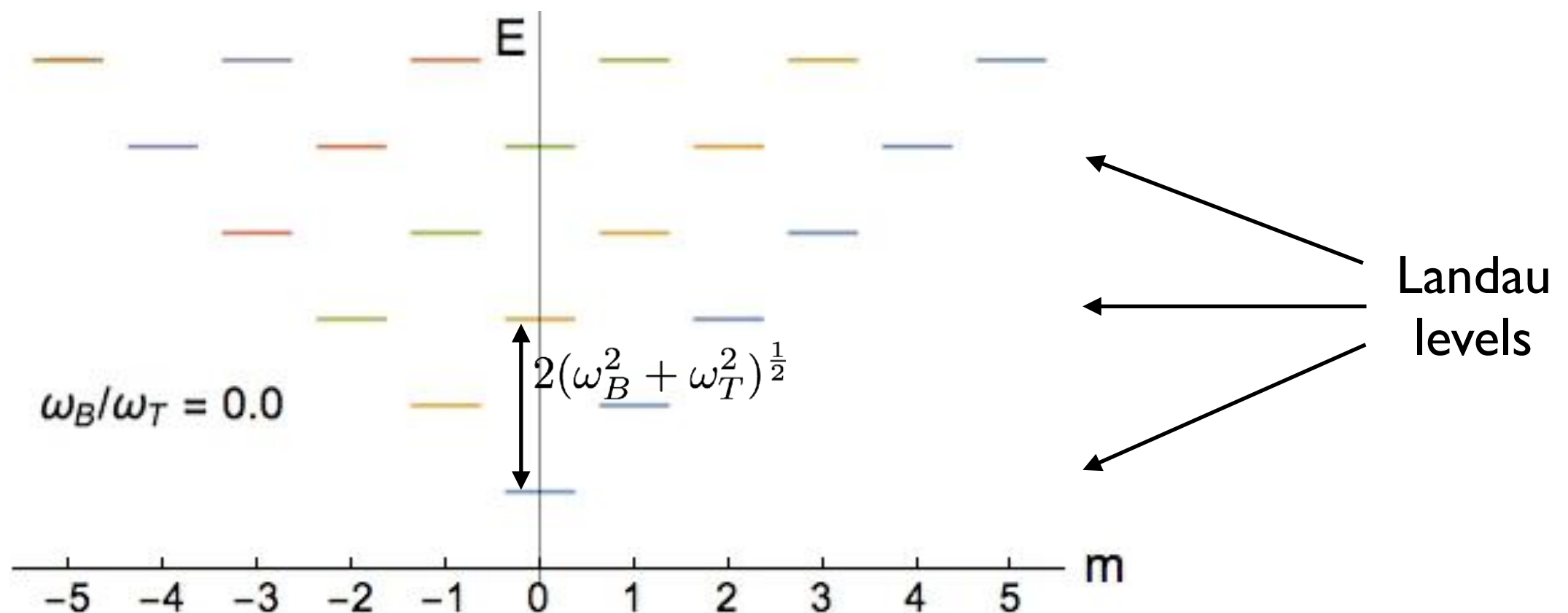
$\omega_T, V_0, \gamma \ll \omega_B \implies$  **Lowest Landau Level physics**



# Single-particle spectrum

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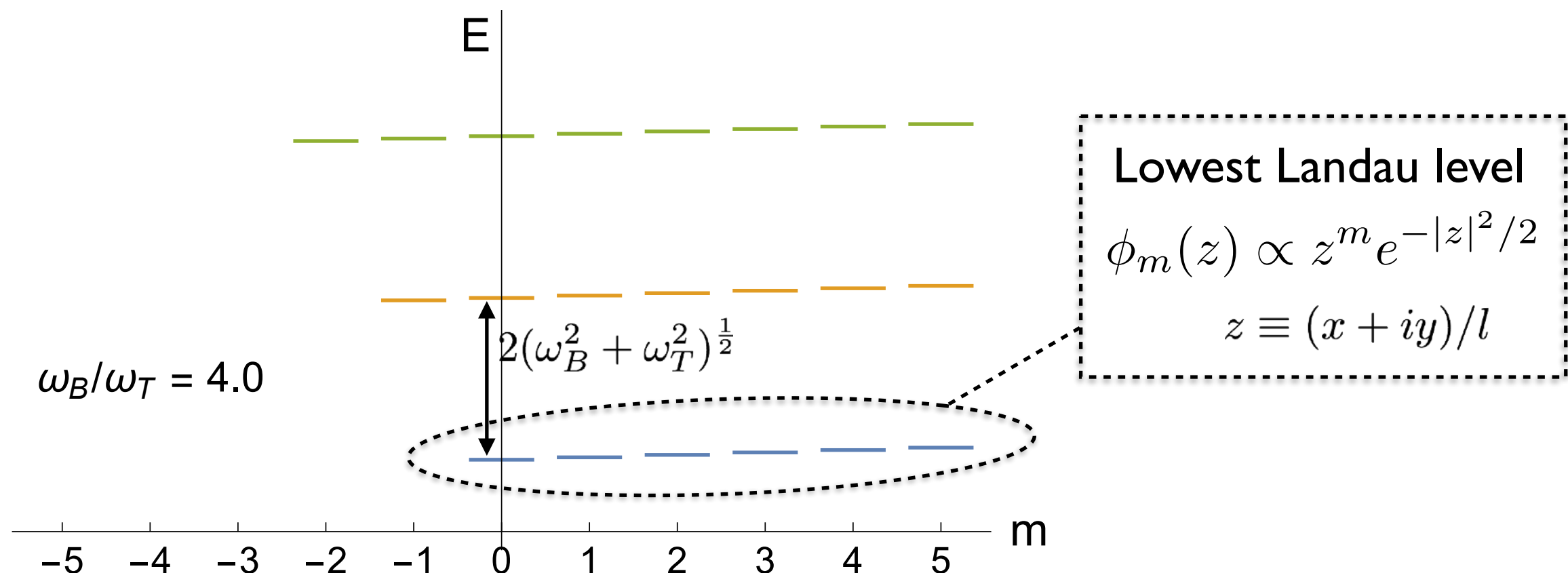
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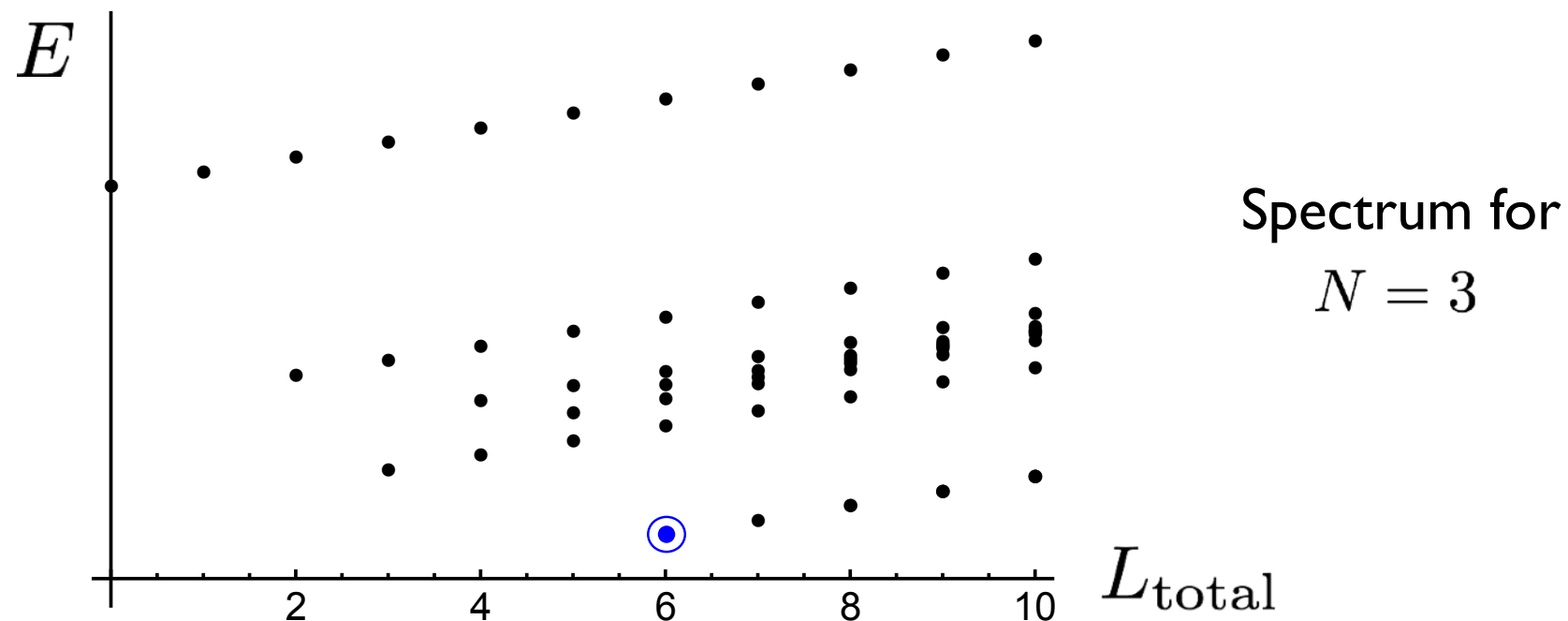
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# Laughlin states

- Many-body spectrum:



- Many-body eigenstate:  $\nu = 1/2$  Laughlin state

$$\Phi_N(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N) \propto \prod_{j < k} (z_j - z_k)^2 e^{-\sum_i |z_i|^2 / 2}$$

- has total angular momentum  $L_N = N(N - 1)$

- Drive  $|\Phi_N\rangle \rightarrow |\Phi_{N+1}\rangle$  by pumping at  $m = L_{N+1} - L_N = 2N$

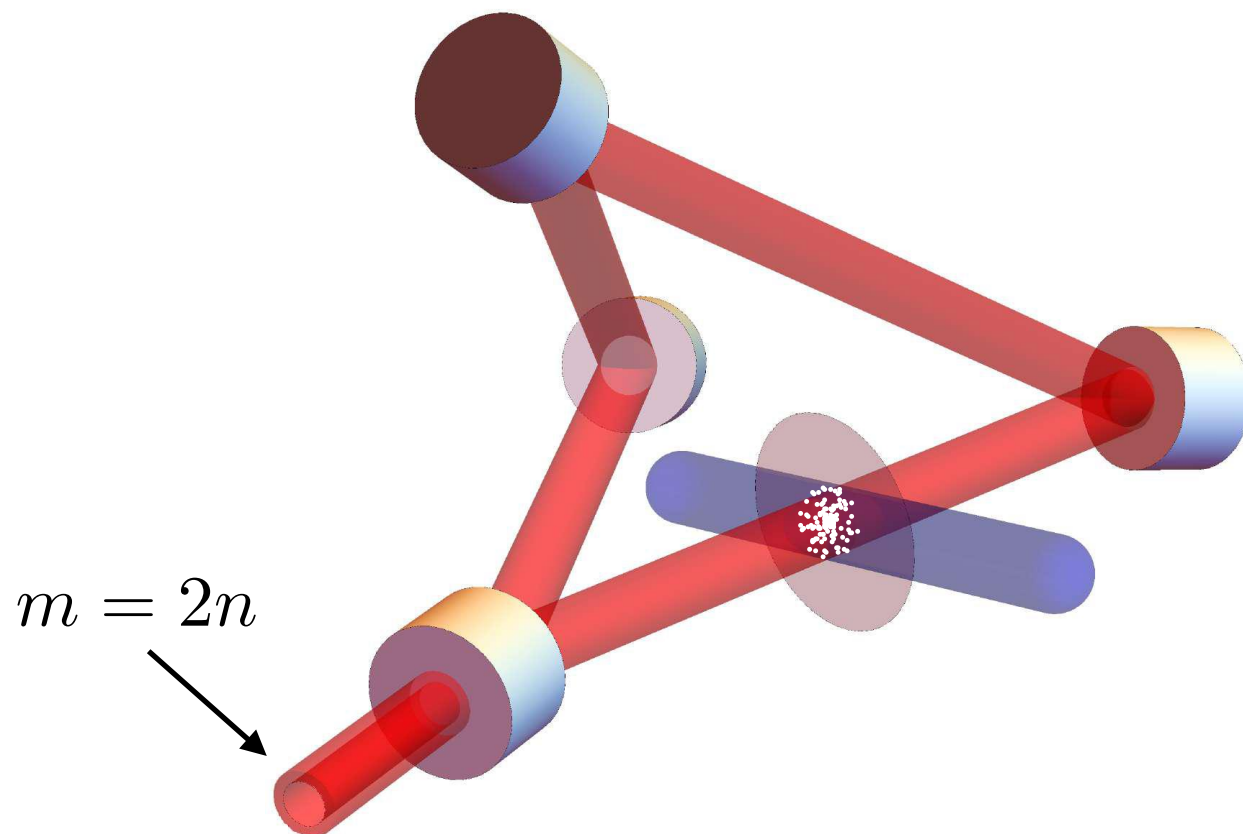


# Creating Laughlin state

Idea: inject photons one-by-one such that  $|\Phi_0\rangle \rightarrow |\Phi_1\rangle \rightarrow \dots |\Phi_N\rangle$

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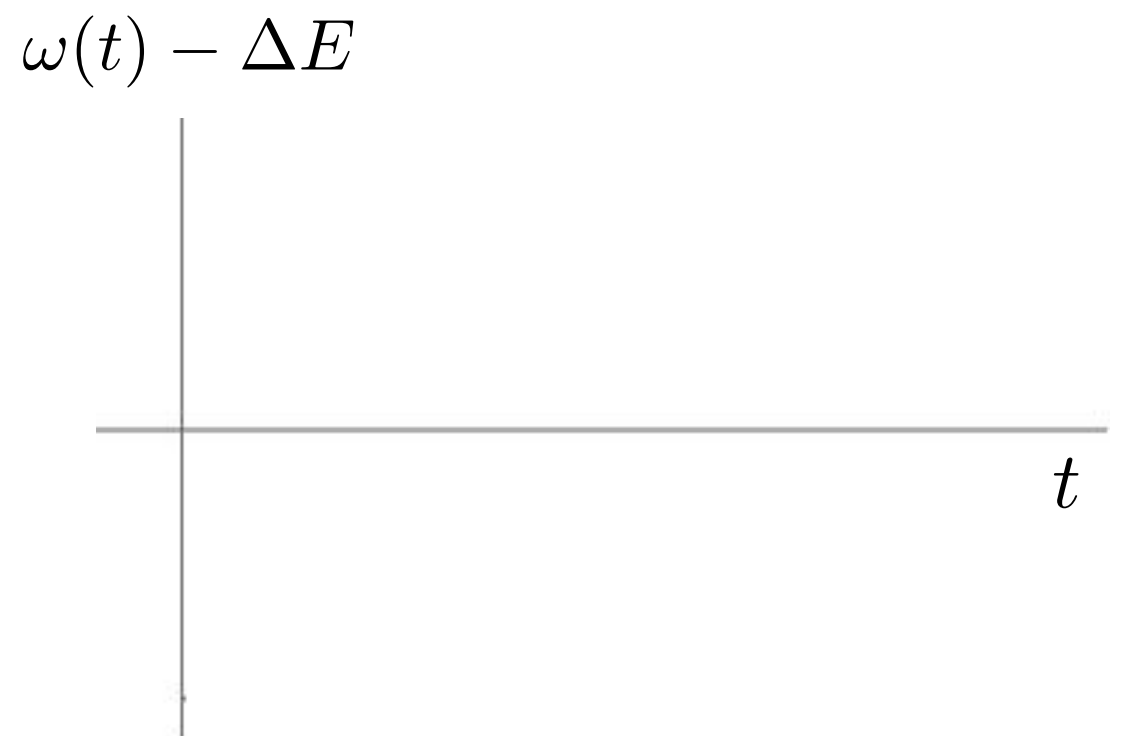
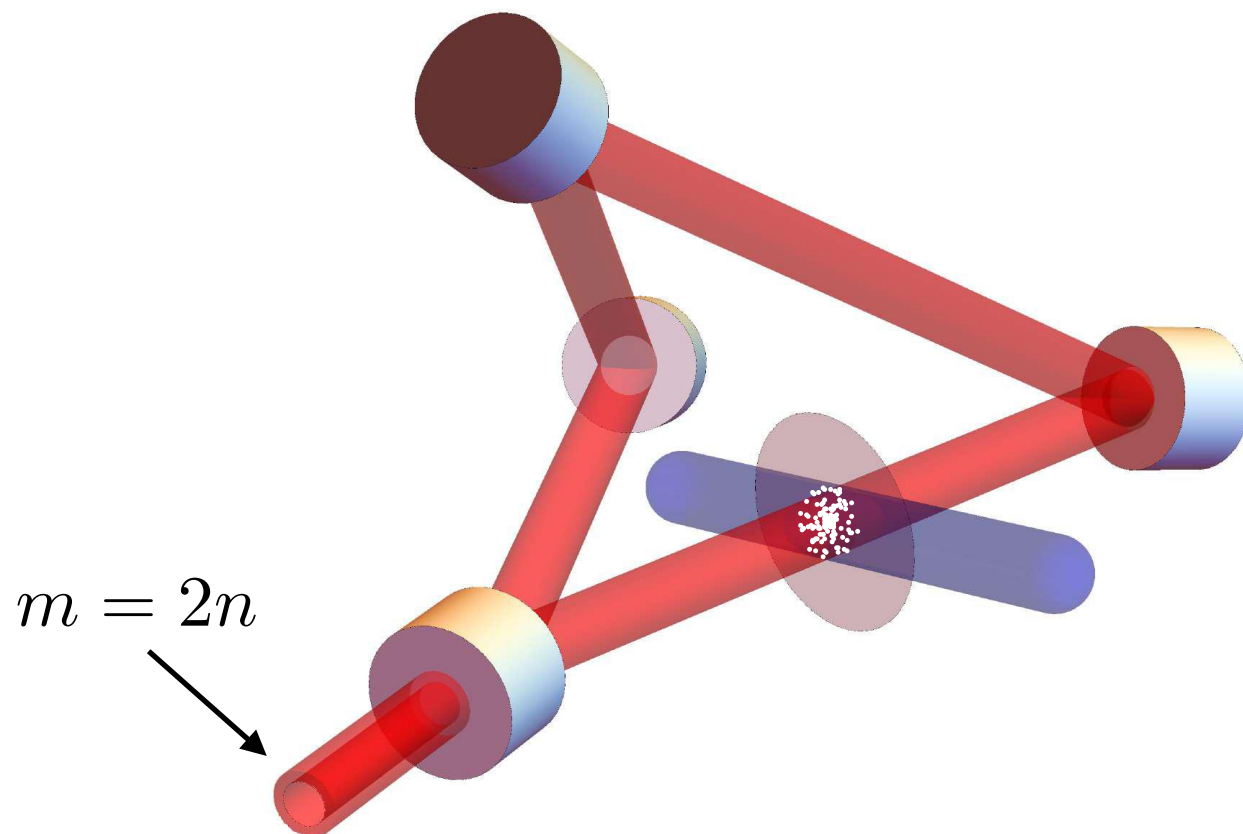


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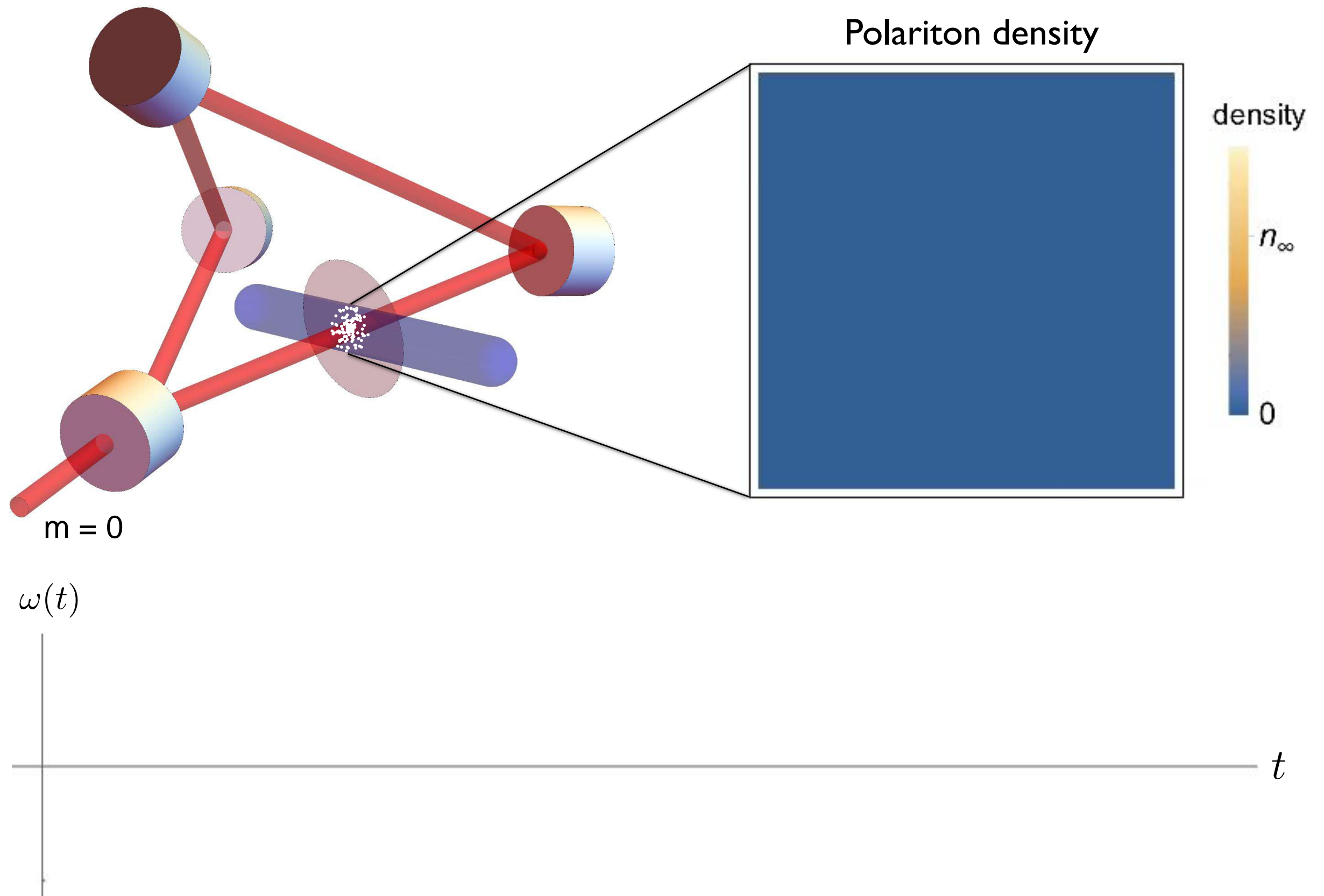
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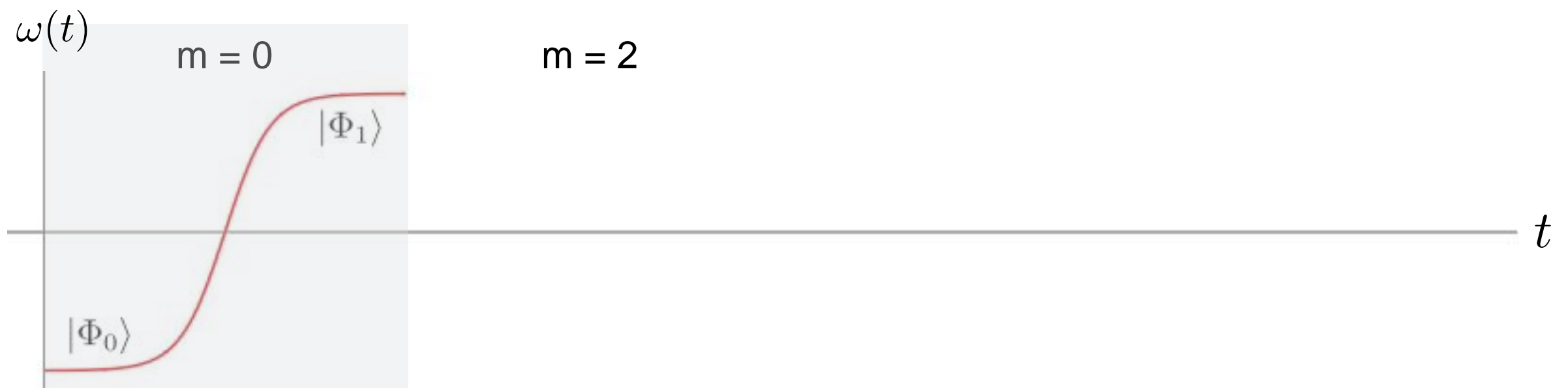
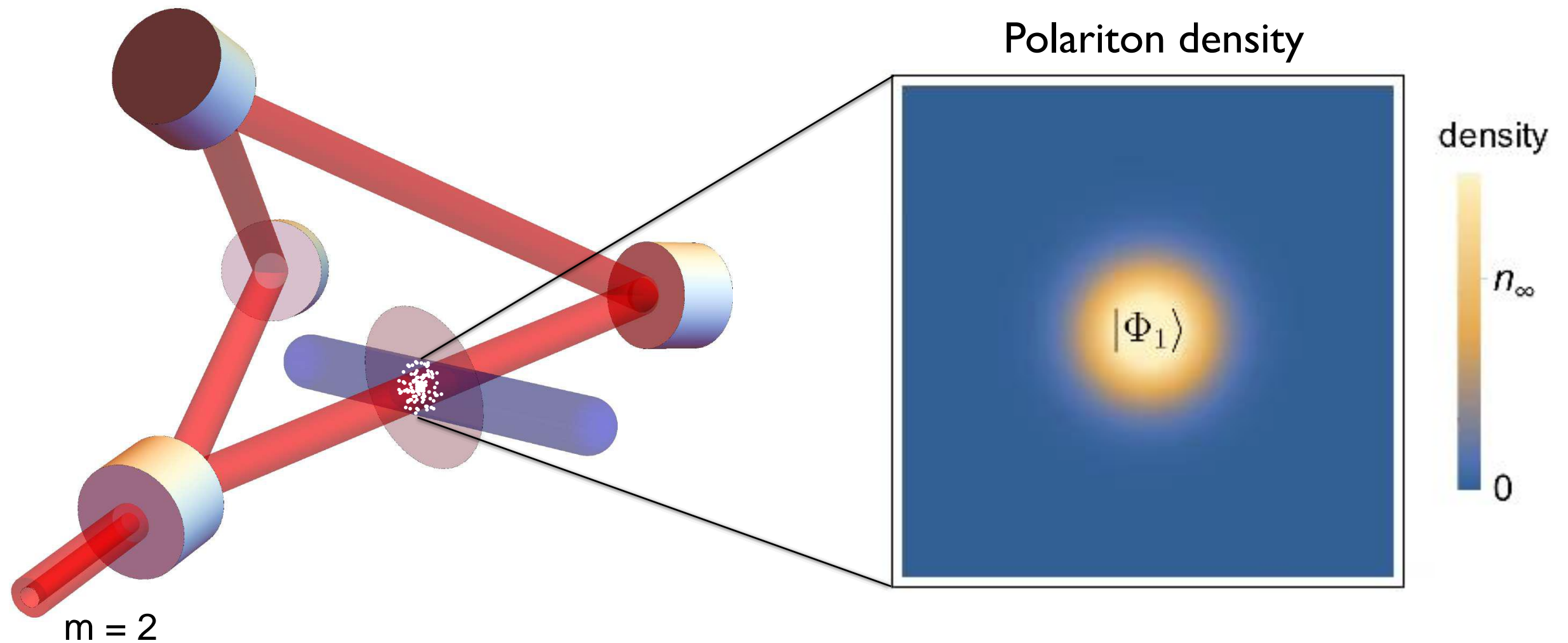
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(Rapid Adiabatic Passage)



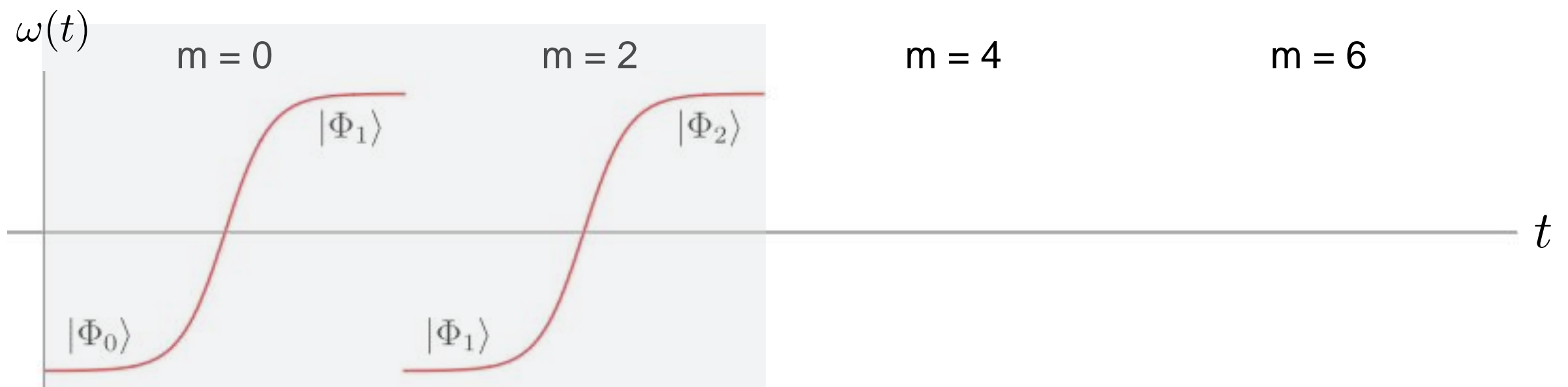
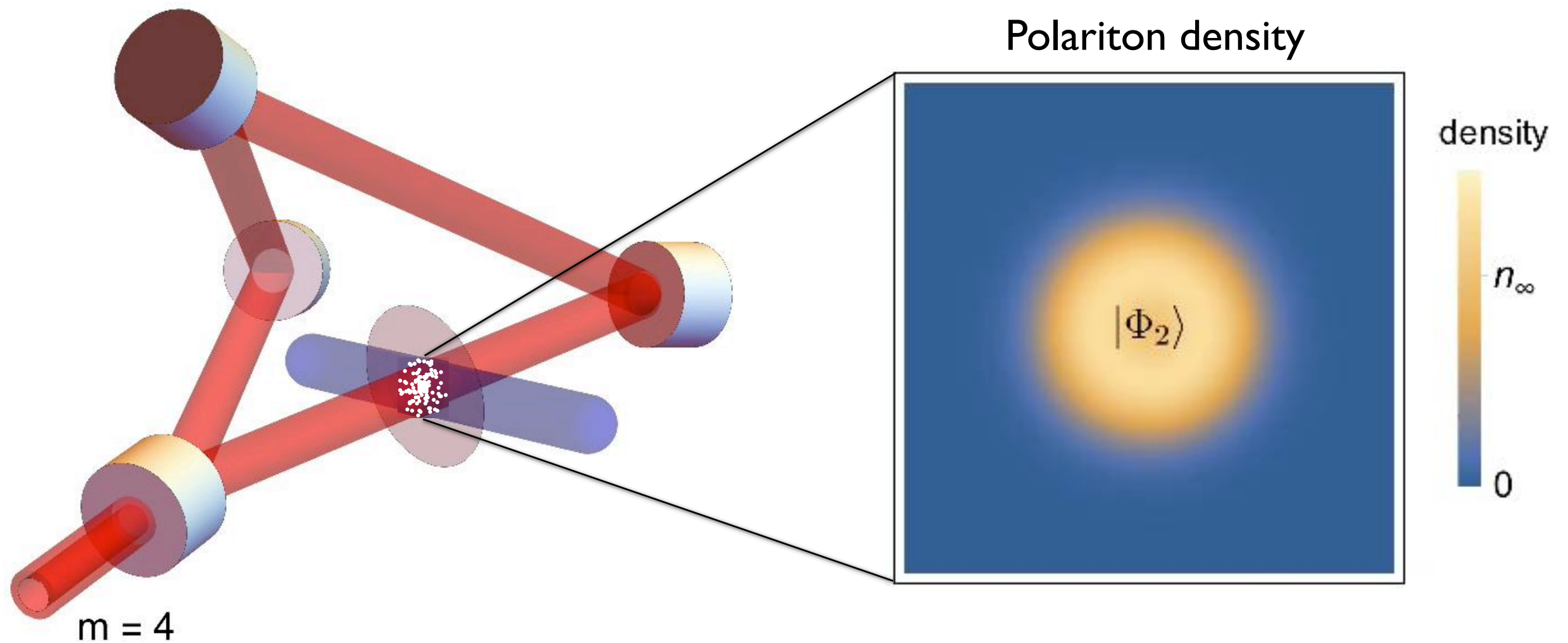
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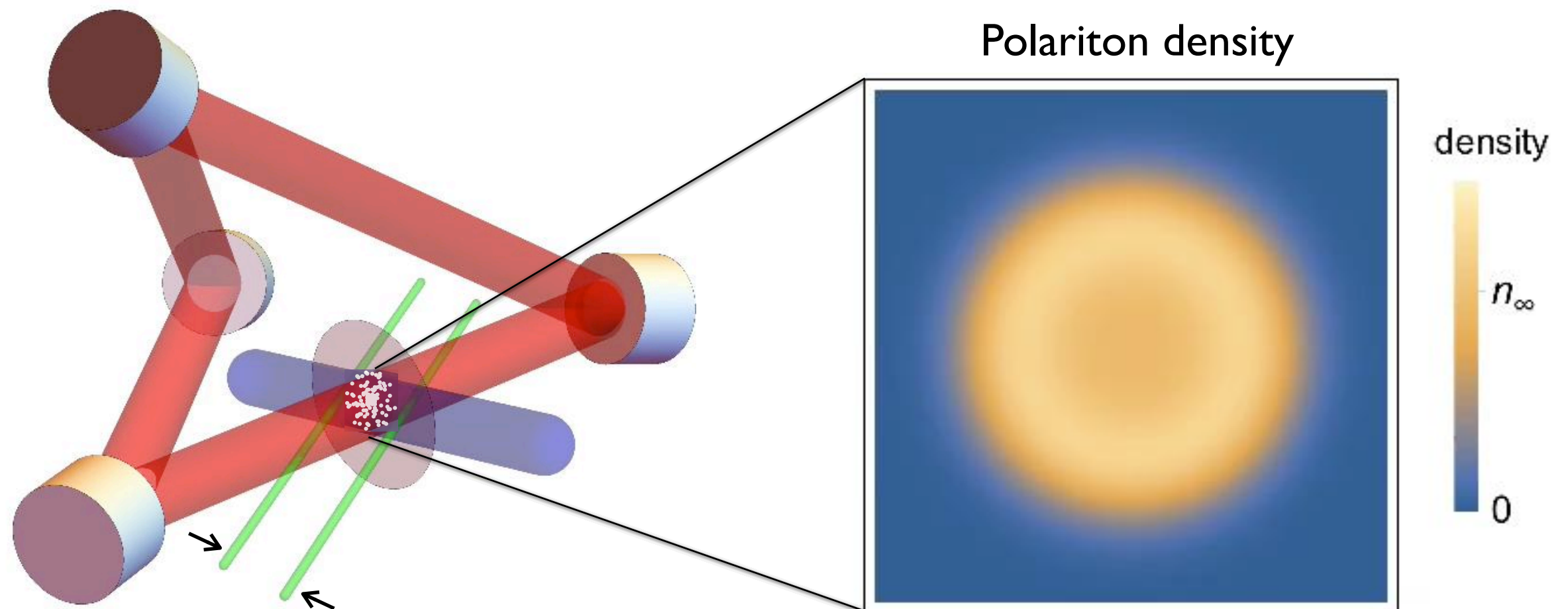


# Creating Quasiholes

Idea: insert strong localized potentials adiabatically to bind holes

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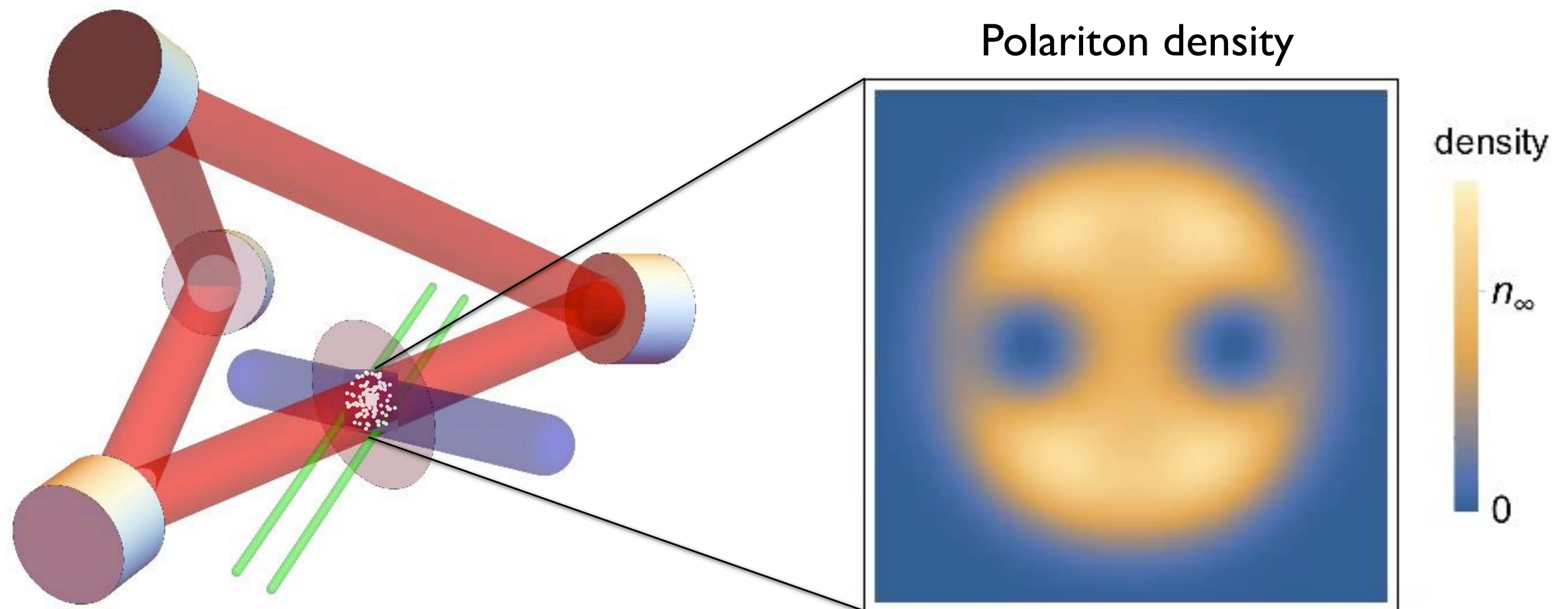


# Braiding Quasiholes

Idea: move the potentials to drag quasiholes around each other

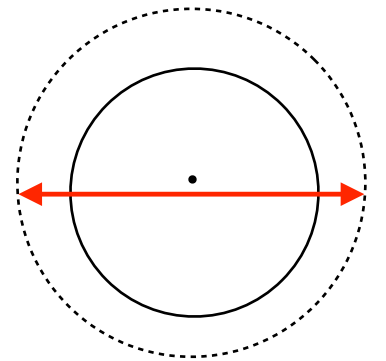
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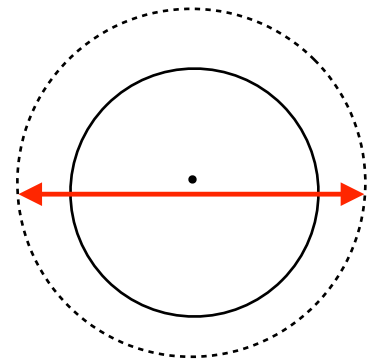


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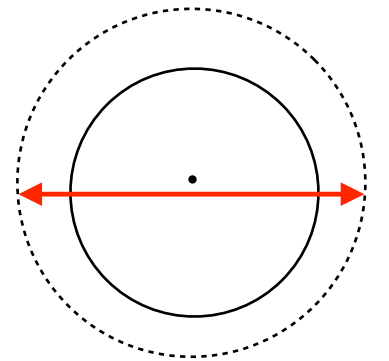
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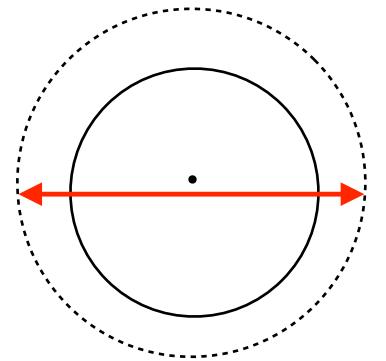
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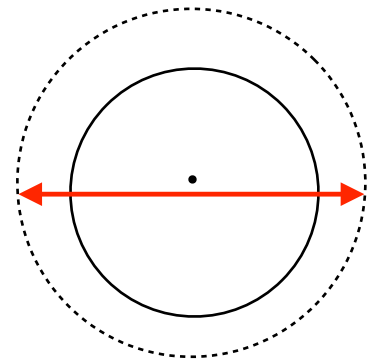
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The diagram shows a central dot with a solid circle and a dashed circle around it. A red arrow points from the right towards the dot, and a black arrow points from the dot towards the right. The label 'S' is positioned to the right of the dot.

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Repeat experiment at different rates to separate  $\phi_g$  from  $\phi_d$

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Idea: compare geometric phases from two different experiments

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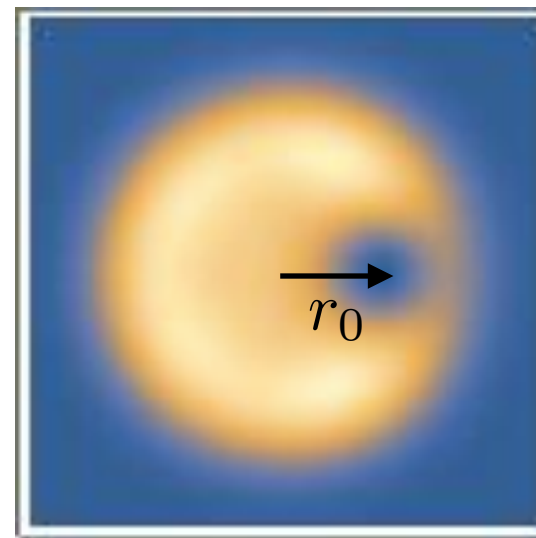
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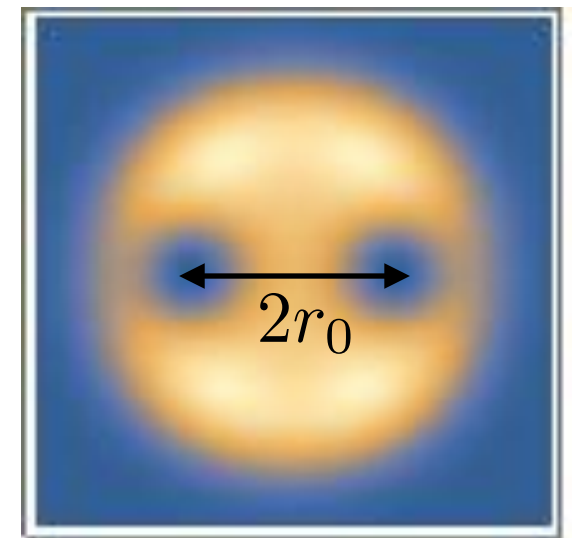
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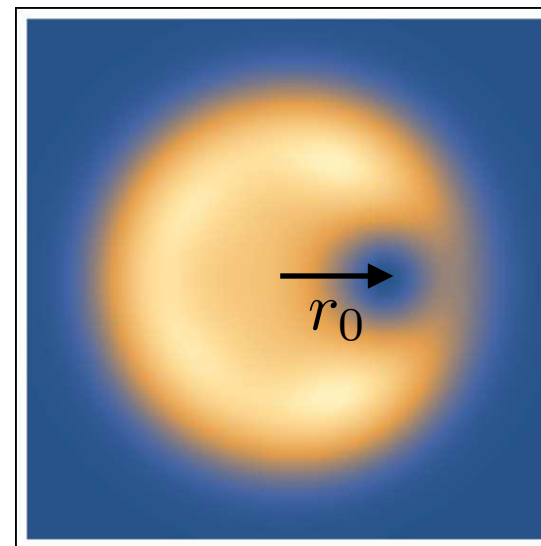
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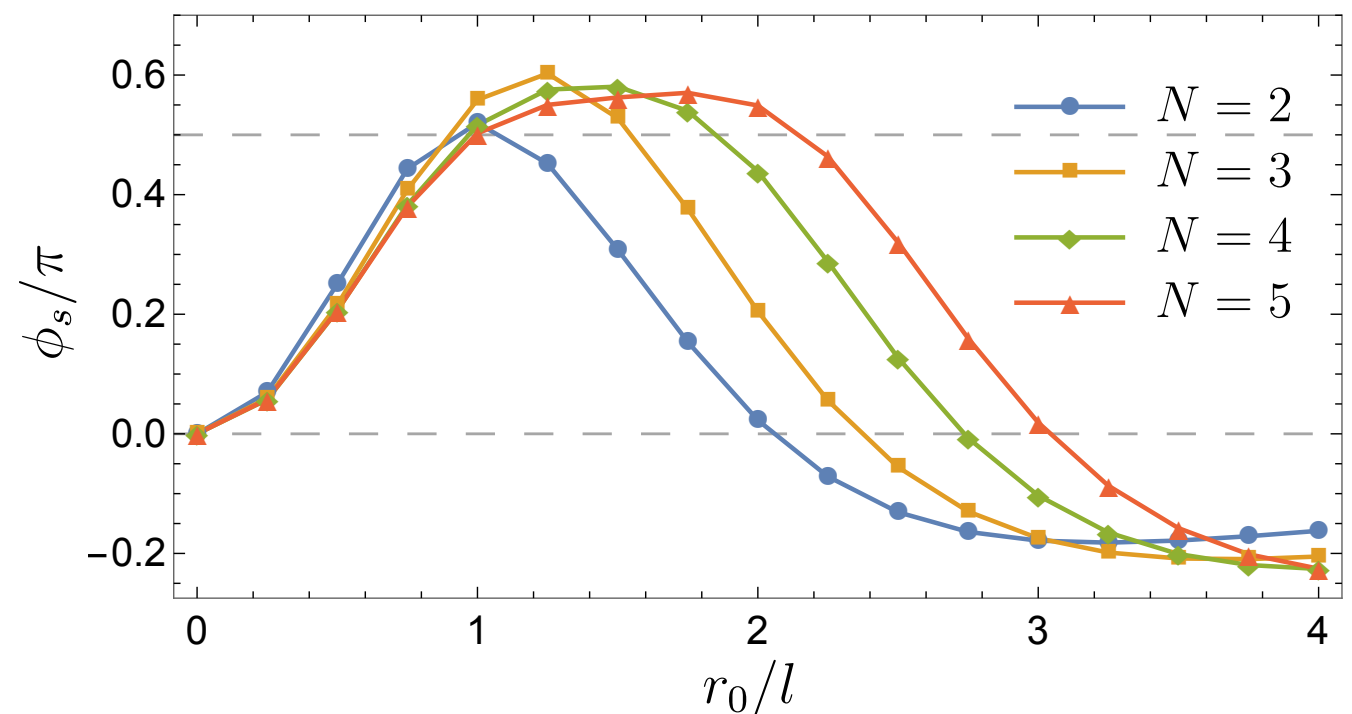
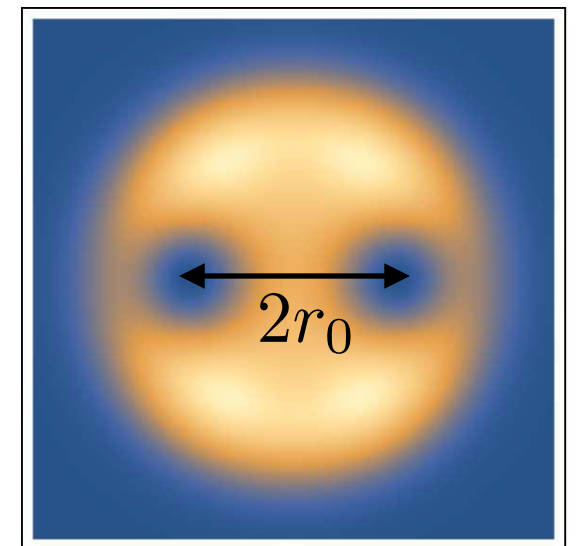
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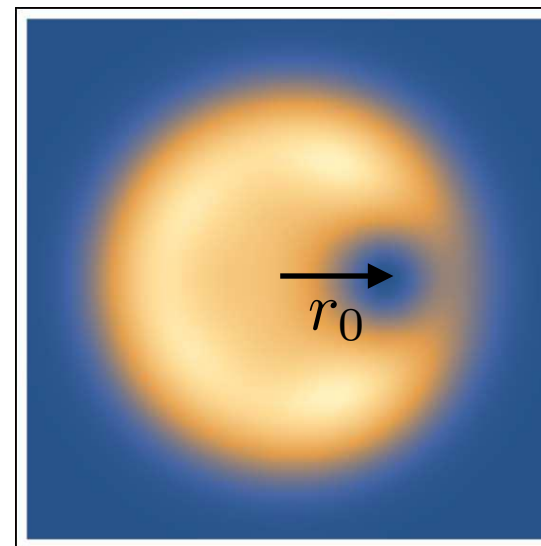
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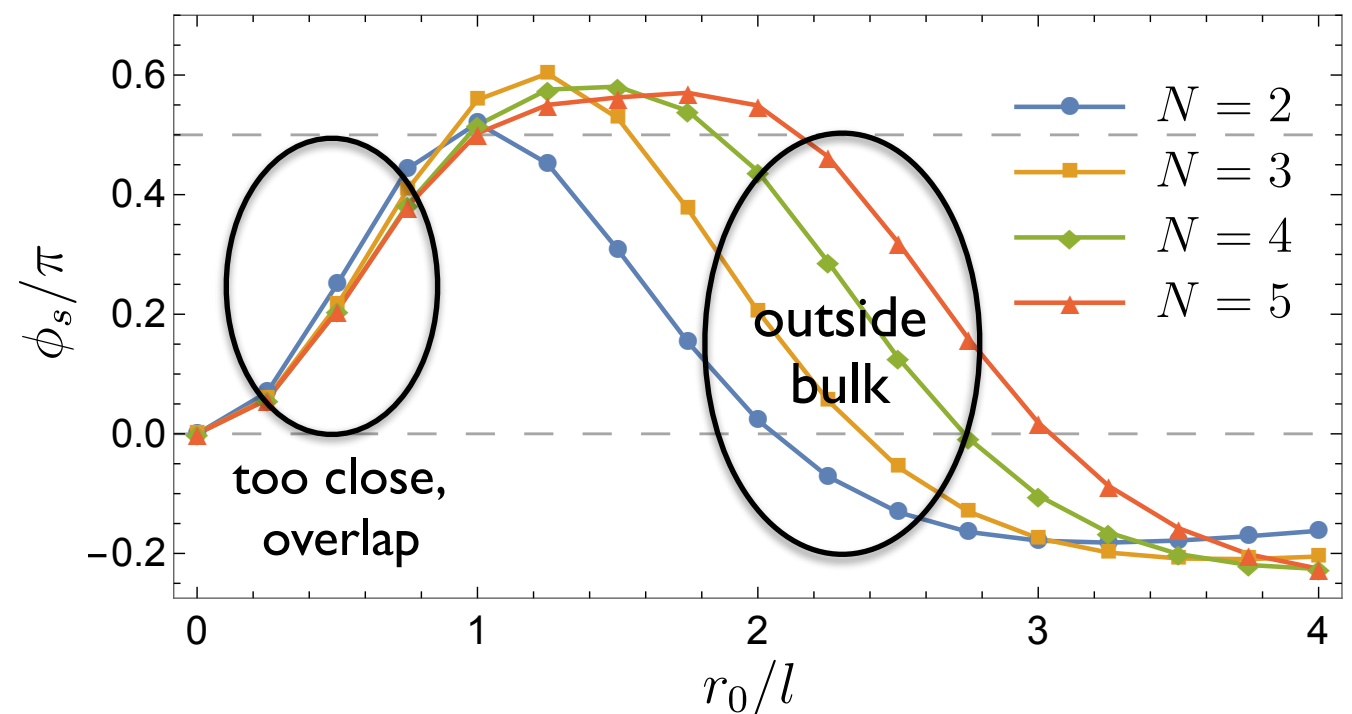
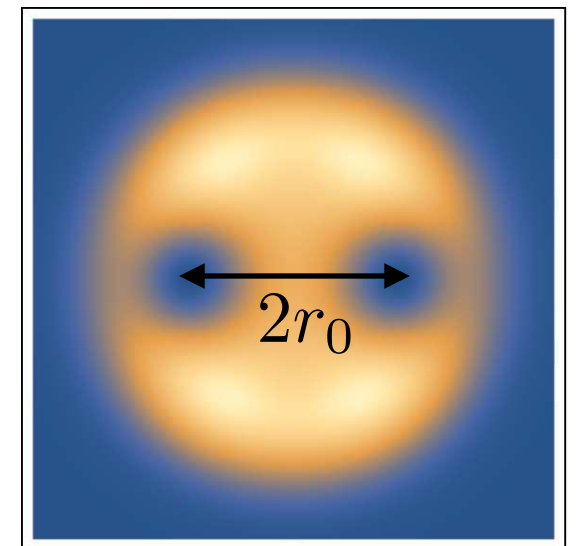
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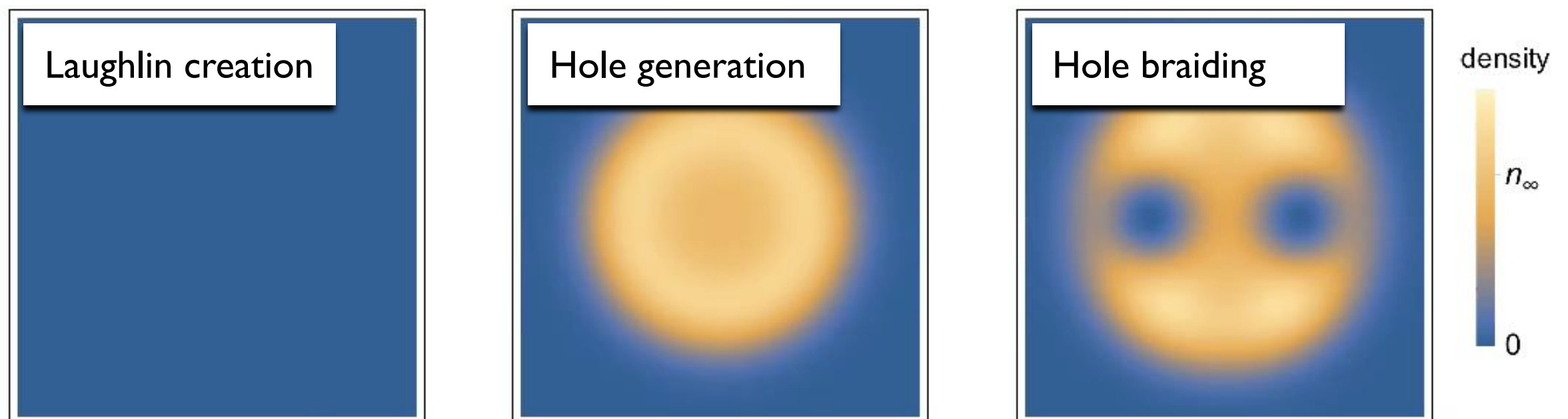
# Adiabaticity and Coherence

1. Sweeps must be slow enough to prevent unwanted excitations
2. Sweeps must be fast enough to prevent polariton loss

- Adiabaticity: rates limited by excitation gap  $\sim V_0$  ( $t \gg 1/V_0$ )  
(Laughlin creation most time consuming)
  - Polariton loss set by decay rate  $\gamma$  ( $t \ll 1/\gamma$ )
- } requires  $V_0$  much bigger than  $\gamma$

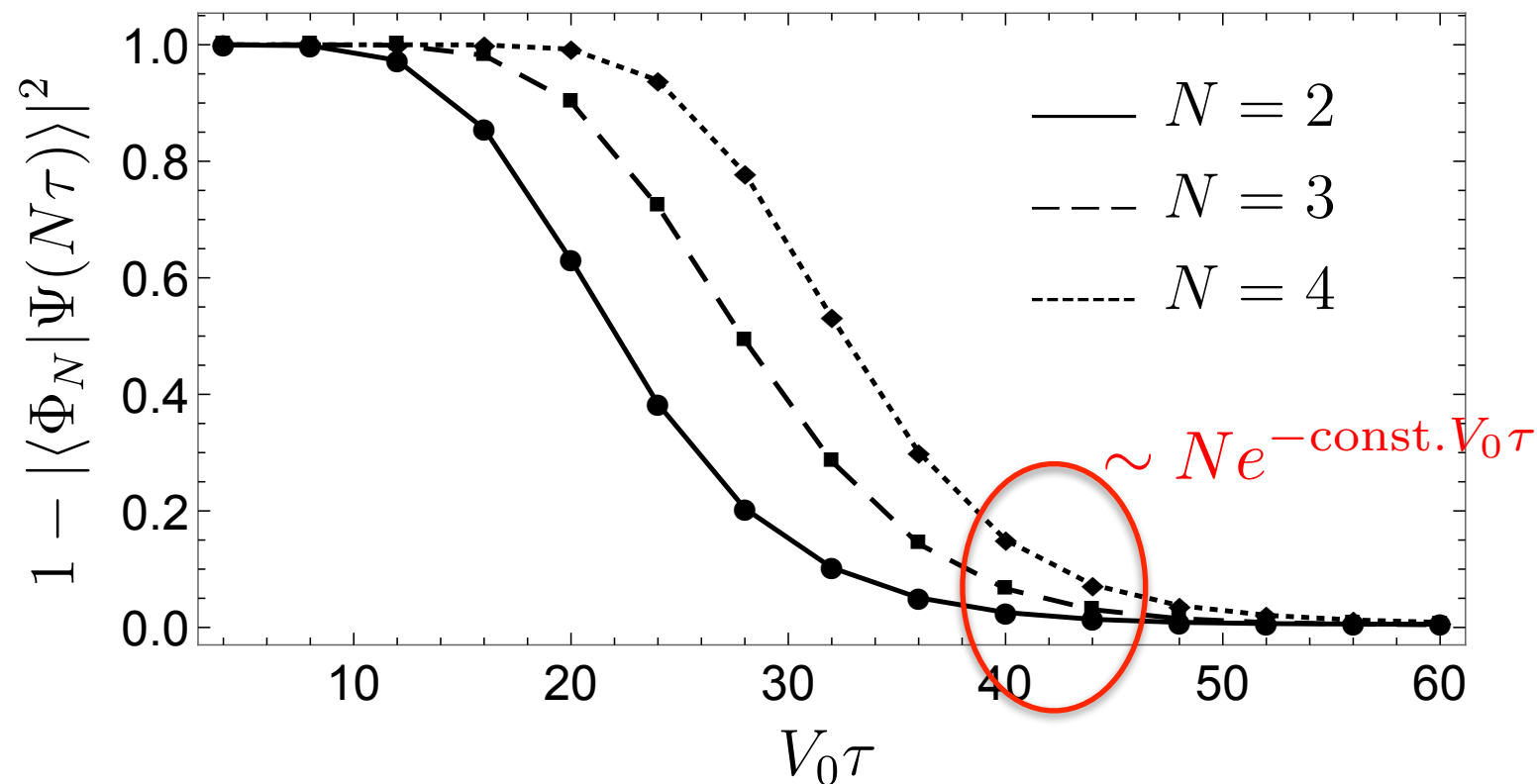
(more precise estimates on next slide)

Examples of non-adiabatic sweeps (no loss) :



# Adiabaticity and Coherence

Cumulative error during Laughlin creation:



$\tau$  — sweep duration

Error < 1% for  
 $\tau \gtrsim (40/V_0) \ln N$

Net polariton loss:  $N_{\text{loss}} \approx \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (n\gamma)(\tau) \approx N^2 \gamma \tau / 2$

$$N_{\text{loss}} \ll 1 \implies V_0/\gamma \gg 10N^2 \ln N$$

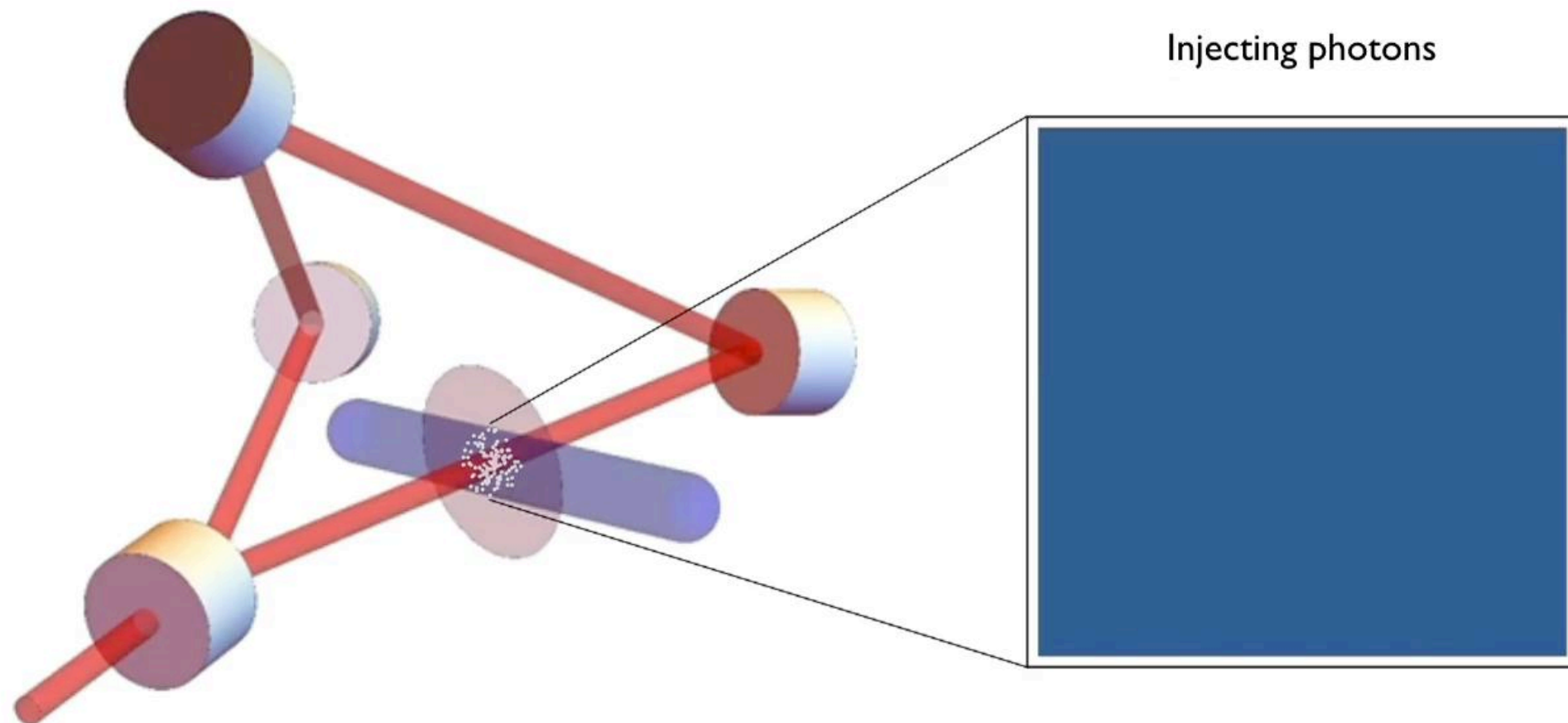
Big improvement over existing protocols (less demanding, high fidelity)

Still very hard to achieve (current experiments have  $V_0/\gamma \sim 50$ )

# Summary

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- Use rapid adiabatic passage to create Laughlin state
- Move pinning potentials to create and braid quasiholes
- Interferometrically measure fractional exchange statistics



- Adiabaticity and coherence require  $V_0/\gamma \gg 10N^2 \ln N$
- Realize few-particle Laughlin states and perform externally controlled anyon braiding



# Thank you

