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Vacancy-like dressed states in Topological Waveguide QED

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Outline

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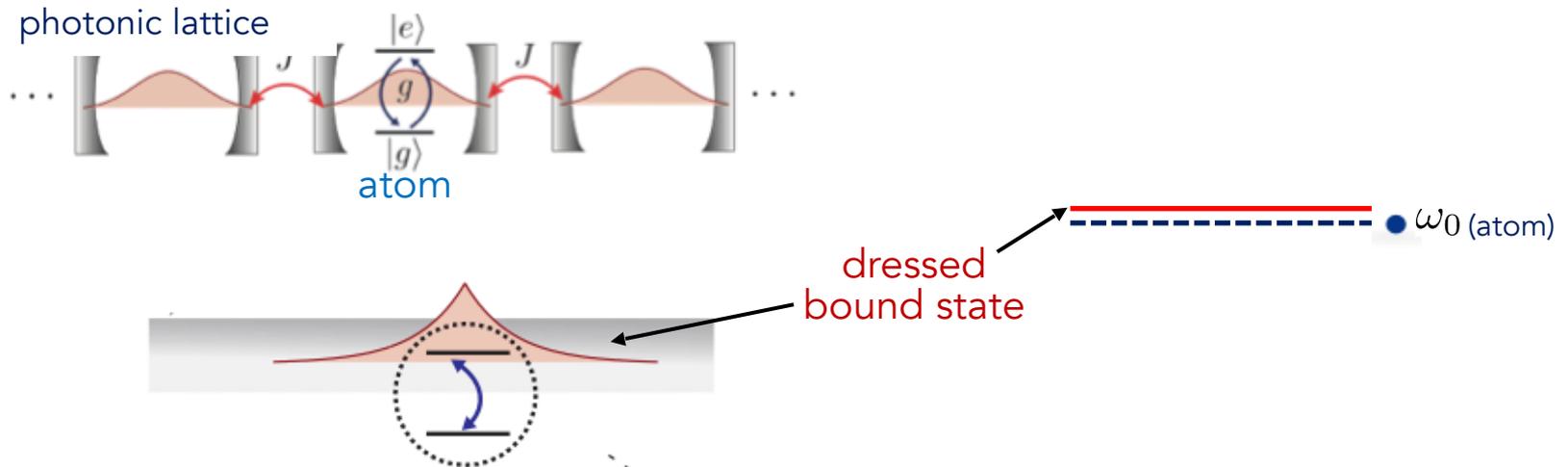
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Part I: Topological protected Photon-atom bound state

introduction &
motivations

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«waveguide QED» in structured photonic baths



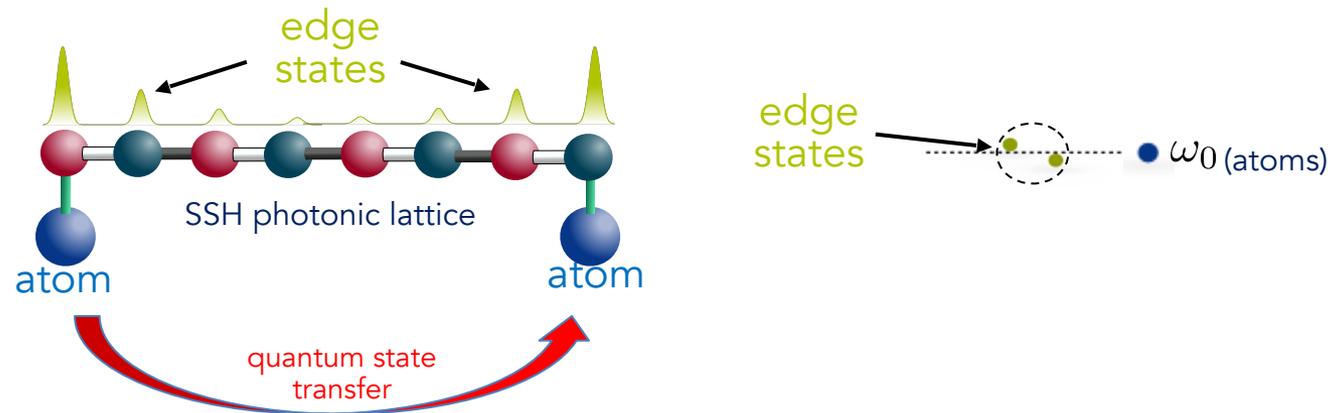
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Topological photonic lattices

1D



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2D

state transfer, chiral emission,...

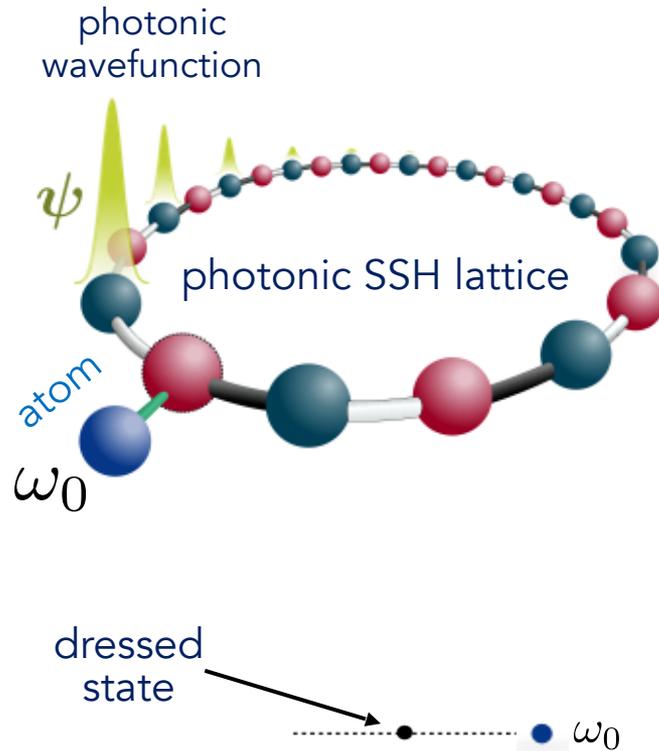
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Topologically-protected dressed states



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Unconventional quantum optics in topological waveguide QED

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dressed bound state

$$|\Psi\rangle \propto \varepsilon|e\rangle|\text{vac}\rangle + |g\rangle|\psi\rangle$$

topologically protected

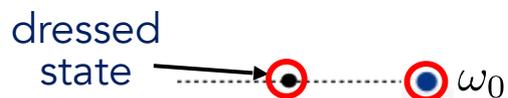
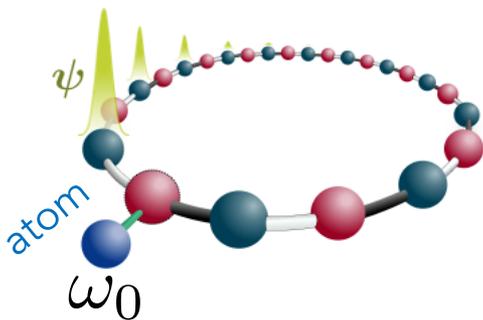
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basic questions

- **general** criteria for occurrence of topologically-protected atom-photon dressed states
- **general** properties of topologically-protected atom-photon dressed states

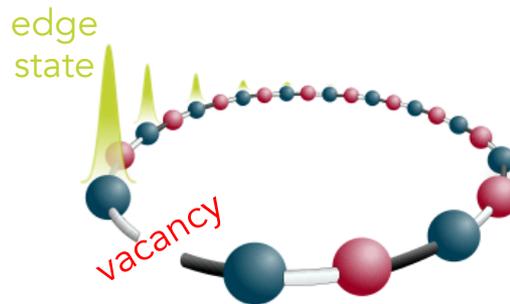
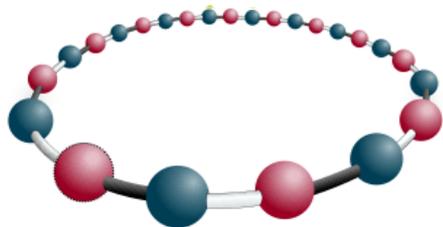
clues from SSH

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energy of Ψ pinned to the atomic frequency

2



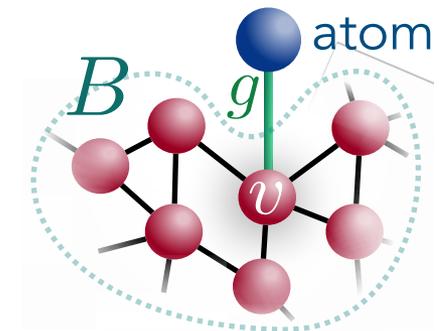
Vacancy-like Dressed States (VDS)

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RWA coupling

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photonic bath



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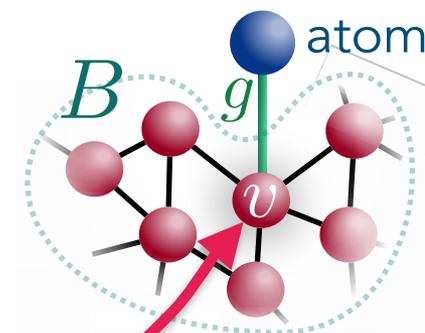
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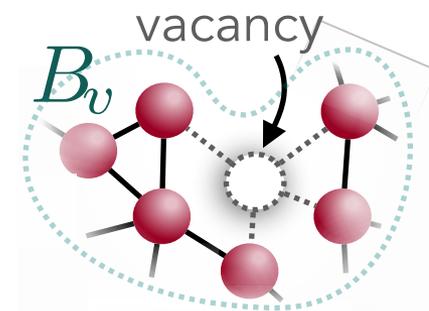


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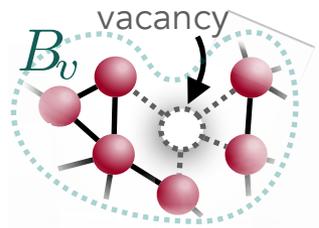
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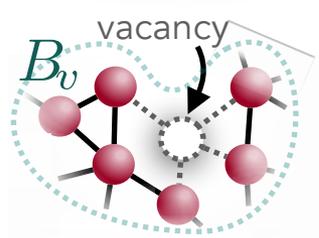
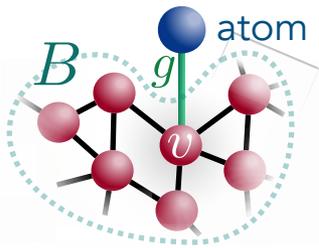
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$$|\psi\rangle \in B_v$$

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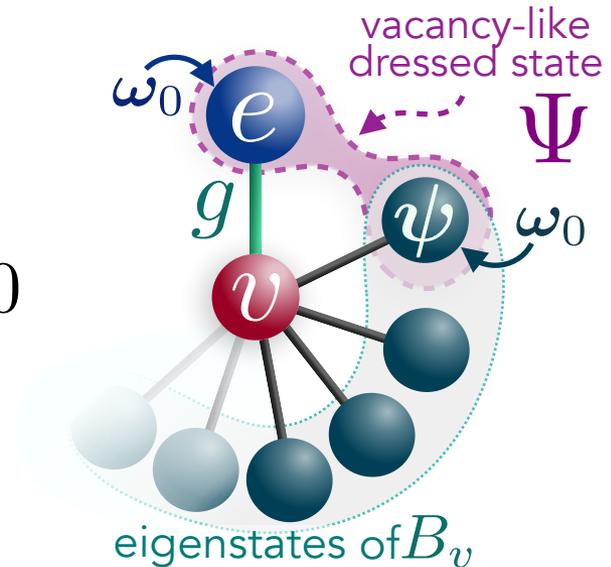
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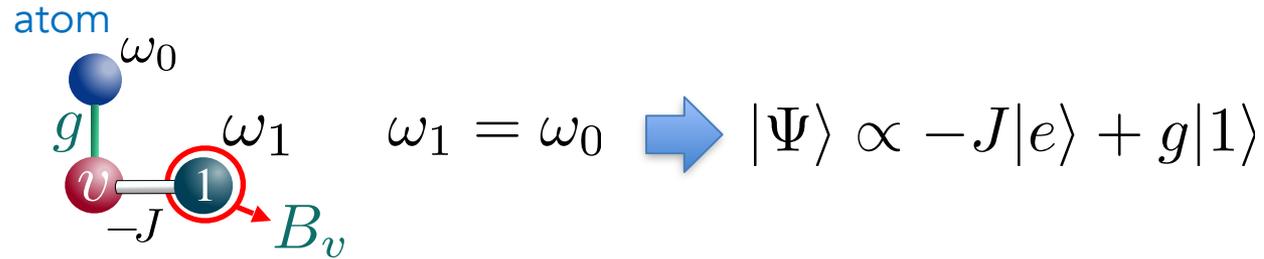
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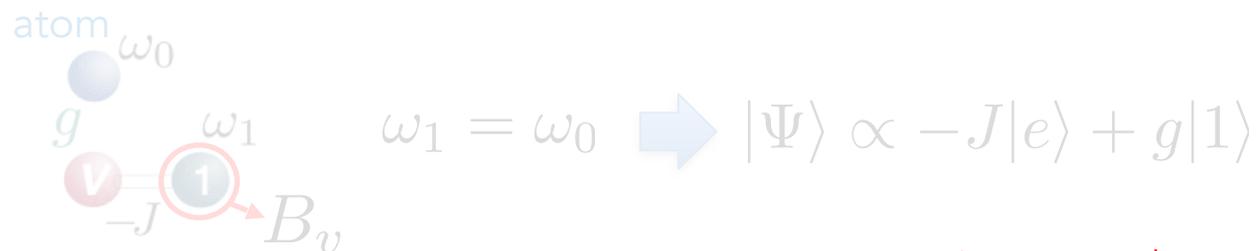
(non-topological) instances of VDS

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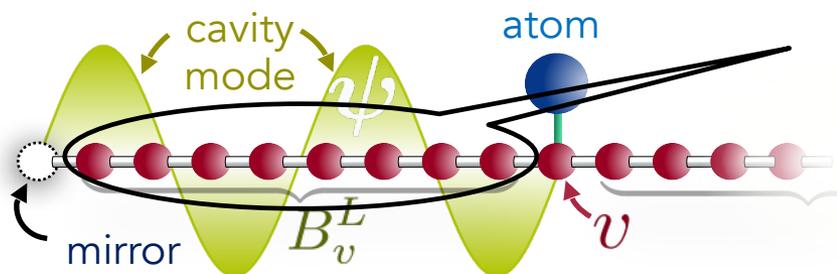


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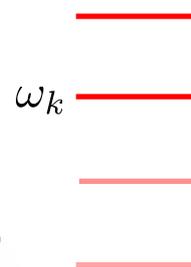
2 cavities:



semi-infinite waveguide:



cavity-protected modes:



dressed BICs:

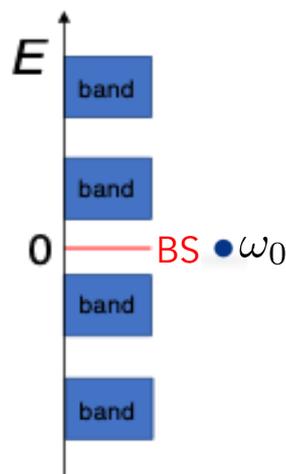
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topological VDS

photonic lattice + 0-dim defect

class	\mathcal{T}	\mathcal{C}	\mathcal{S}	topol invariant $\bar{\mathcal{I}}$
A	0	0	0	0
AIII	0	0	1	\mathbb{Z}
AI	+1	0	0	0
BDI	+1	+1	1	\mathbb{Z}
D	0	+1	0	\mathbb{Z}_2
DIII	-1	+1	1	\mathbb{Z}_2
AII	-1	0	0	0
CII	-1	-1	1	$2\mathbb{Z}$
C	0	-1	0	0
CI	+1	-1	1	0

$\mathcal{I} \neq 0$



topologically protected VDS

C.-K. Chiu, J. C. Y. Teo, A. P. Schnyder,
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theorem

topologically-protected dressed state \rightarrow VDS

many atoms & weak coupling:

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{\nu\nu'} K_{\nu'\nu} \sigma_{\nu+} \sigma_{\nu'-} + \text{H.c.}$$

atom-atom couplings:

$$K_{\nu'\nu} = -\frac{g^2}{2 \langle \nu' | H_B | \psi^\nu \rangle} \psi_{\nu'}^\nu$$

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search of vacancy-induced BS

theorem for 1D lattices

$R \cdot d$ edge states exist under open BCs  1 vacancy-induced BS always exists

R: interaction range, d: number of bands

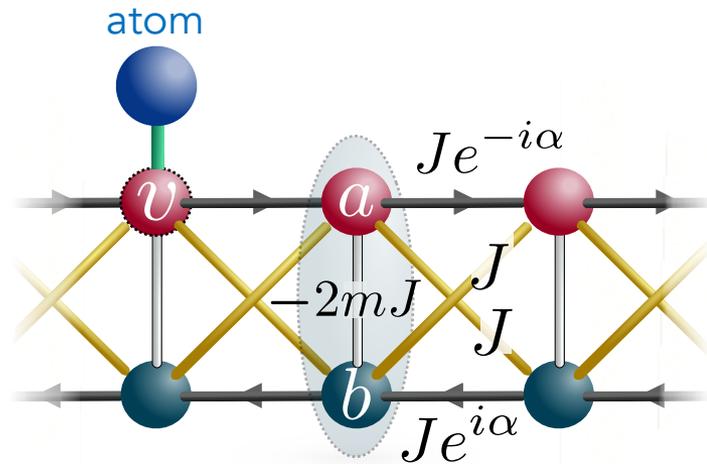
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Creutz-ladder photonic lattice



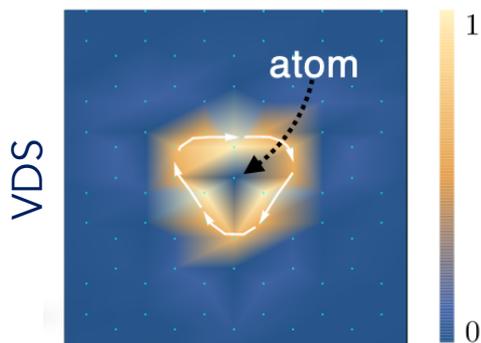
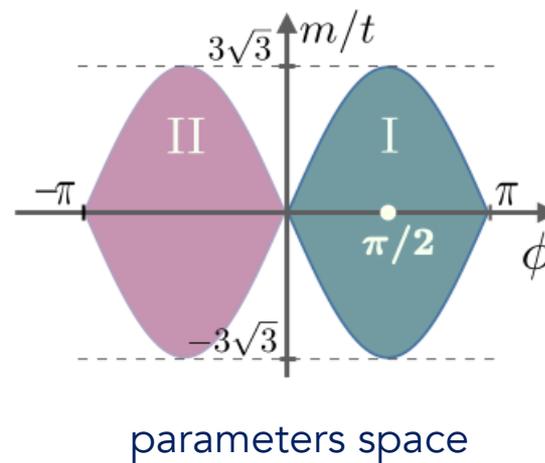
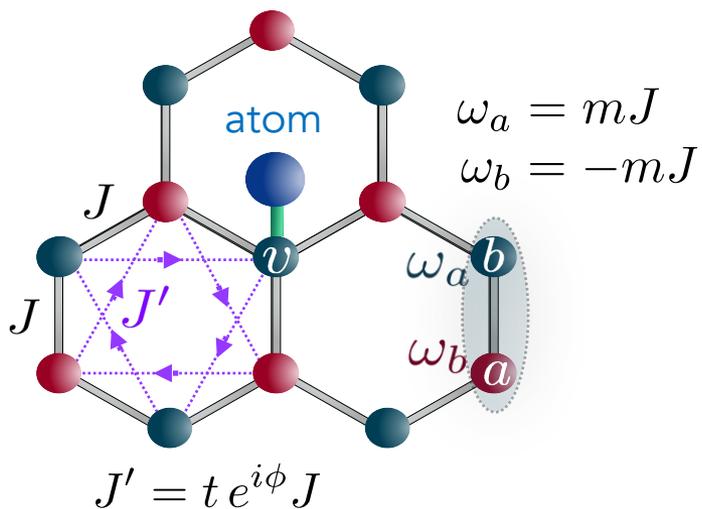
vacancy-induced BS:

$$\psi_{a_n} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1-m^2} (e^{i\alpha} m^{n-2} + e^{-i\alpha} m^{N-n})$$

atom-atom couplings:

$$K_{n,n'}^{(aa)} = \frac{g^2}{2m} e^{i\alpha} m^{n-n'}$$

Haldane photonic lattice



atom dressed by
a photon orbiting around it

Conclusions

- identified a class of dressed states (VDS)
- mirror-like behavior of atoms in waveguide QED
- VDS : key role in topological quantum optics

outlook

- many-photon VDS ?
(see arXiv:2105.08833 by Ashida, Imamoglu & Demler)

teammates



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Part II: Exotic interaction mediated by a non-Hermitian photonic bath

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non-Hermitian Hamiltonian

$$H^\dagger \neq H$$

Physical Context

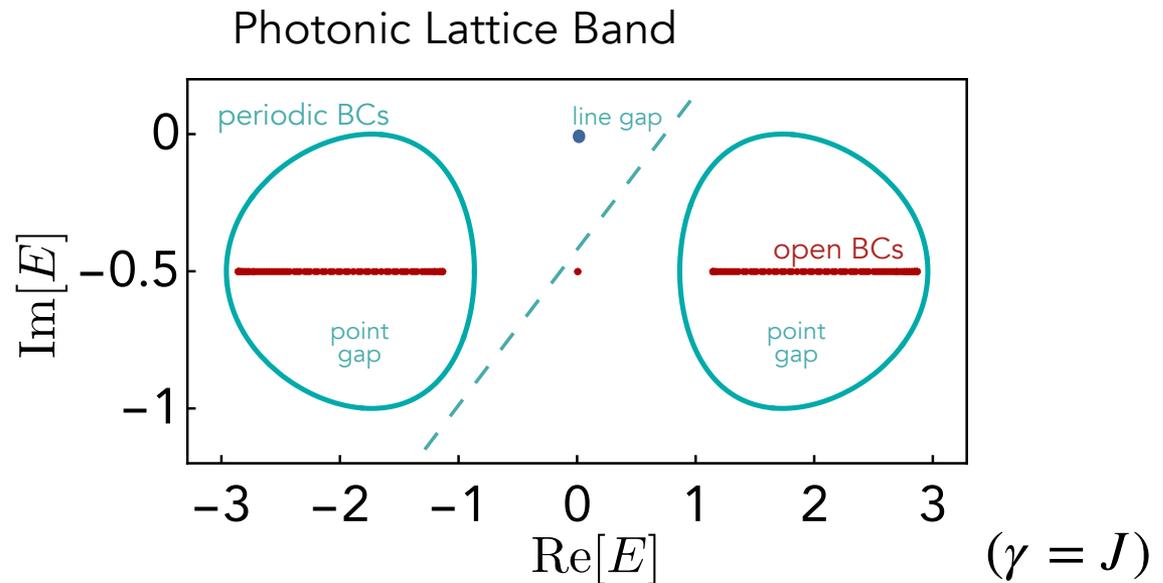
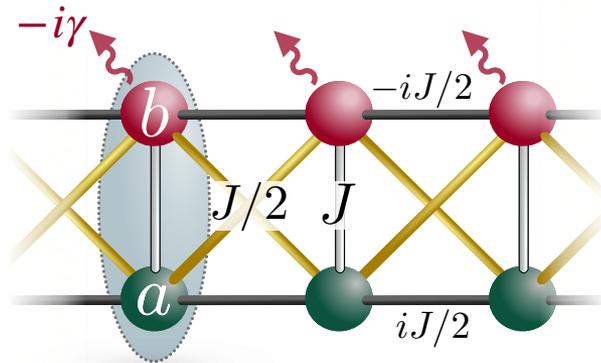
- Approximate **Dissipative**
Quantum systems
- Optical systems
- Mechanical oscillators

Exotic NH Properties

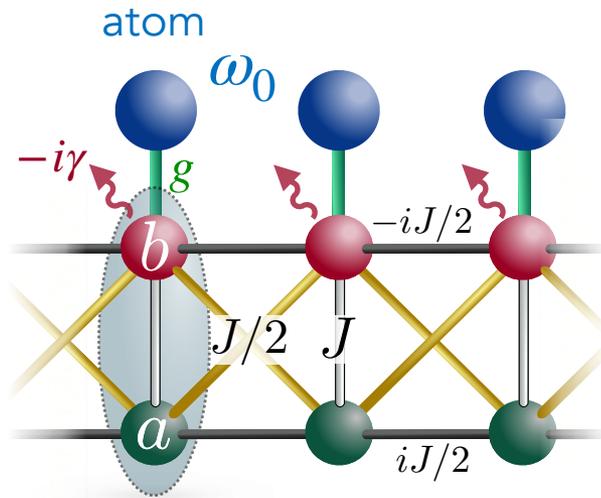
- Complex Energies
- Non-Orthogonal Eigenstates
- Coalescence of eigenstates
(Exceptional points)
- Extreme sensitivity to BC
(NH Skin effect)
- Exotic topological properties

Setup: Lee Photonics Lattice

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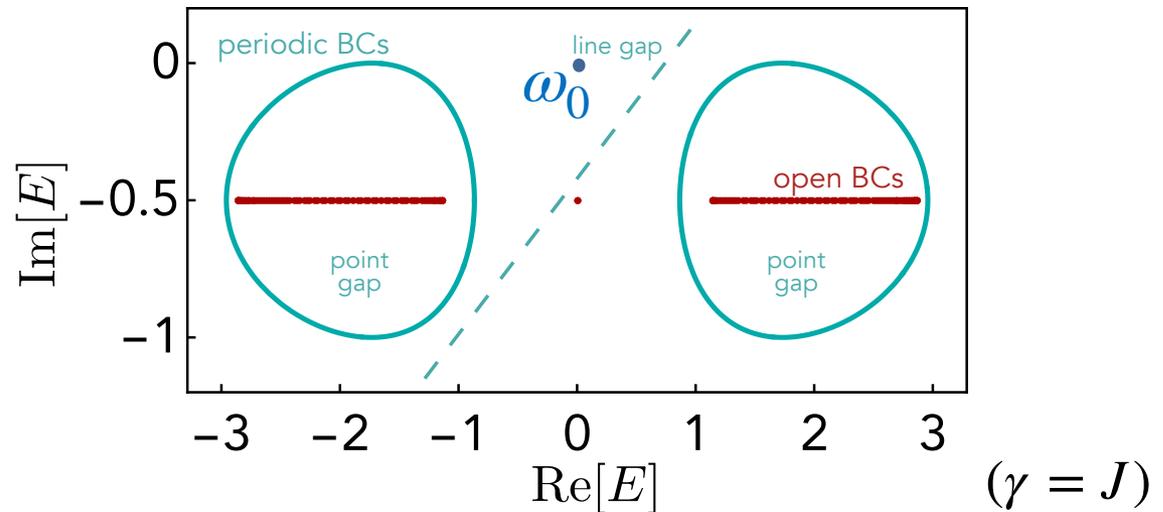


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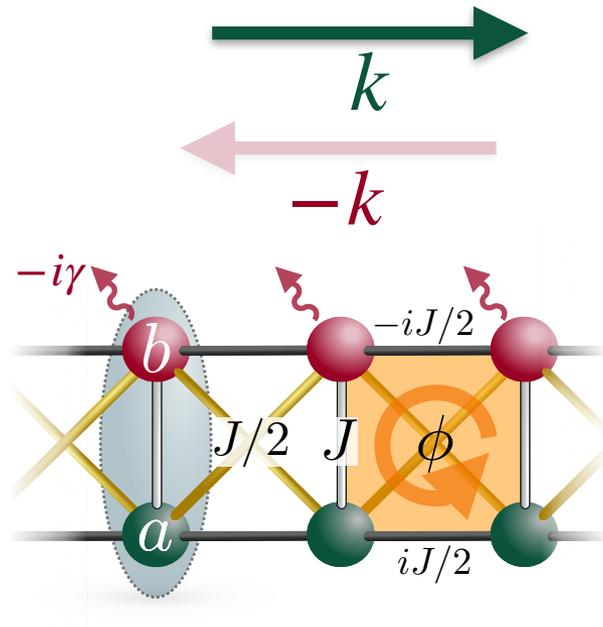
atoms RWA coupling

Photonic Lattice Band



Lattice non-reciprocity

Photon propagate preferably leftwards

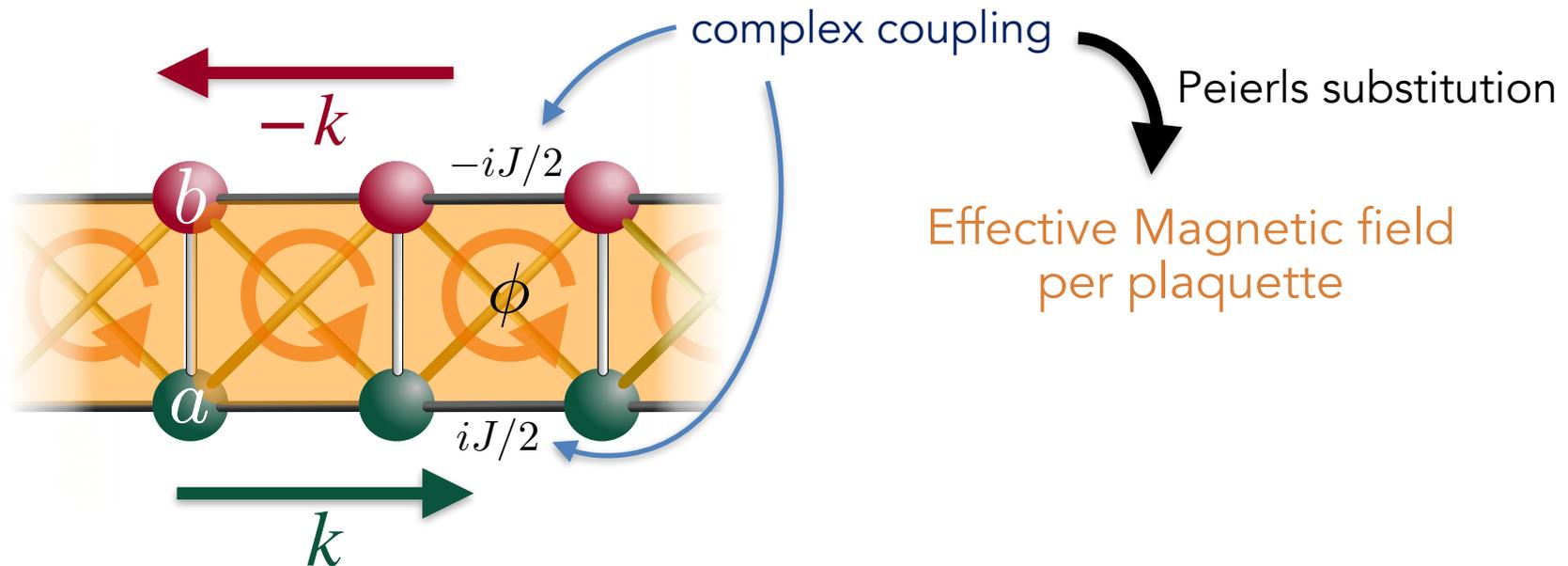


Necessary ingredients:

- (Structured) Dissipation
- Effective Magnetic field
(Complex coupling)

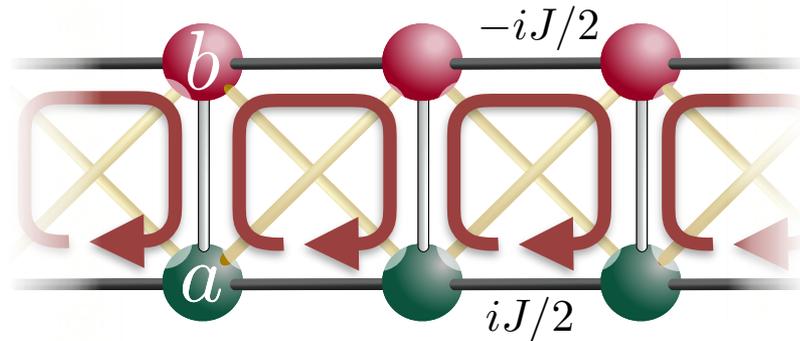
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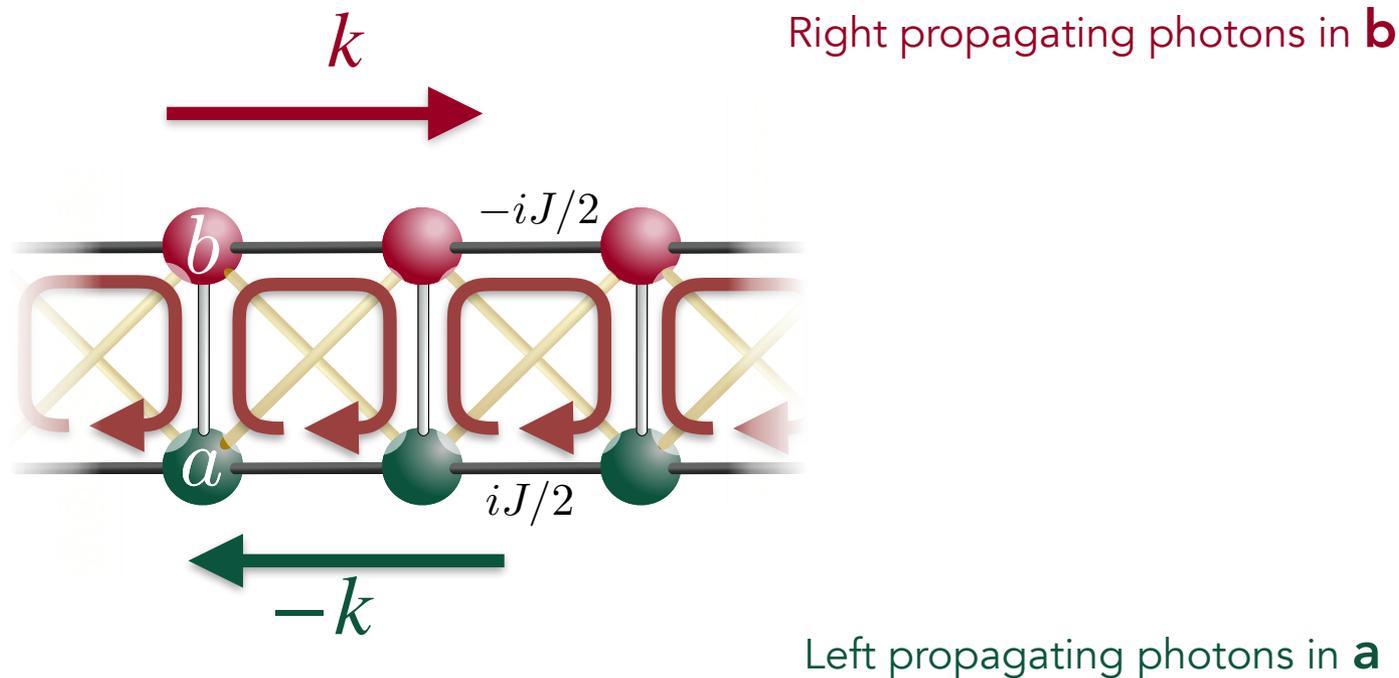
Effective Magnetic field
per plaquette



Photons propagate counterclockwise

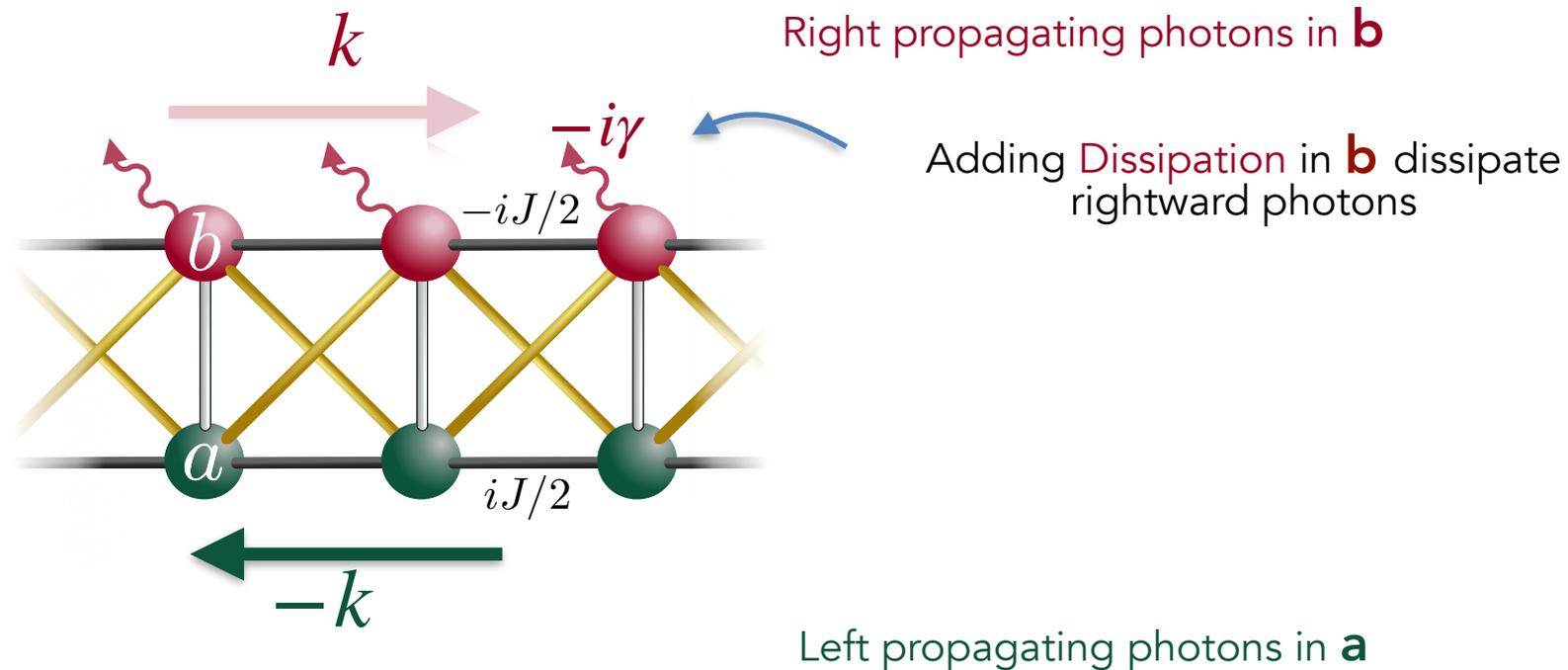
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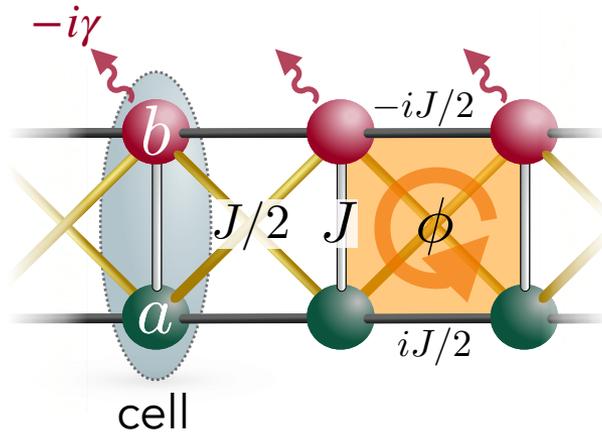


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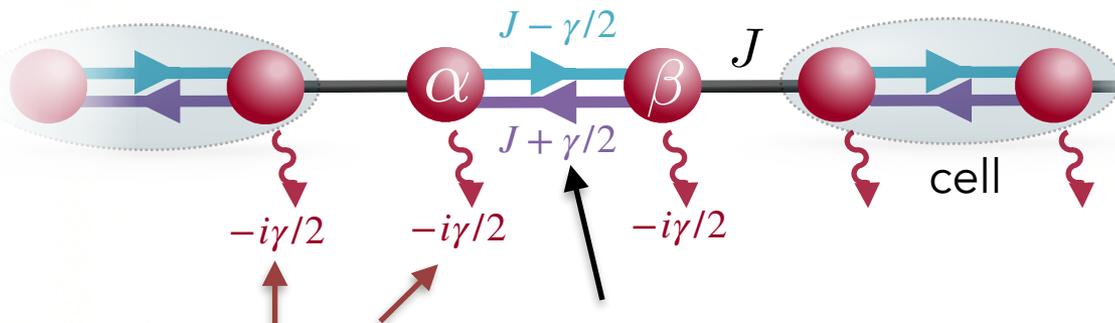


Unitary Cell Mapping



$$U : \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ b_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Non-Hermitian SSH



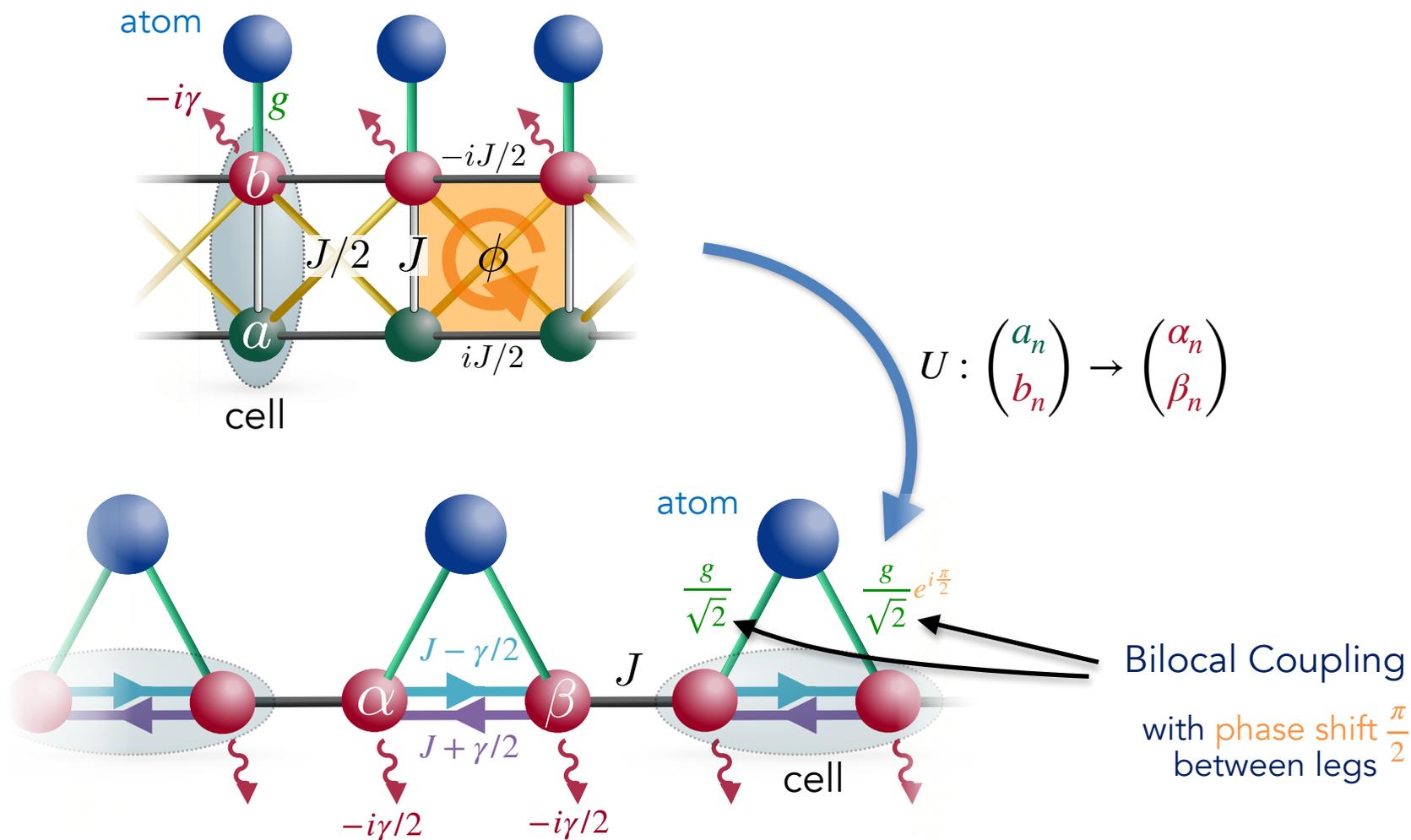
Uniform losses

Non Reciprocity (asymmetric hopping)

$$b_n = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha_n + i\beta_n)$$

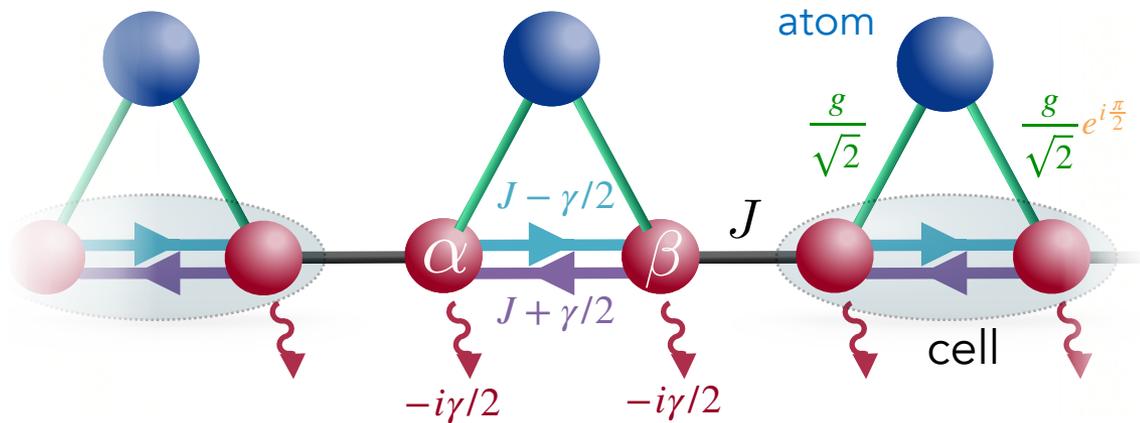
$$a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha_n - i\beta_n)$$

...adding interacting atoms



Features

- 1) **Uniform losses**
- 2) **Non-Reciprocity** (asymmetric hopping)
- 3) **Bilocal Coupling** with **phase shift $\frac{\pi}{2}$** between legs



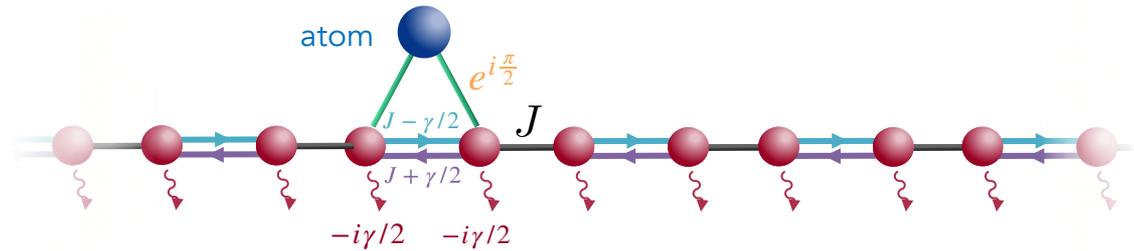
Spontaneous emission

Initial state

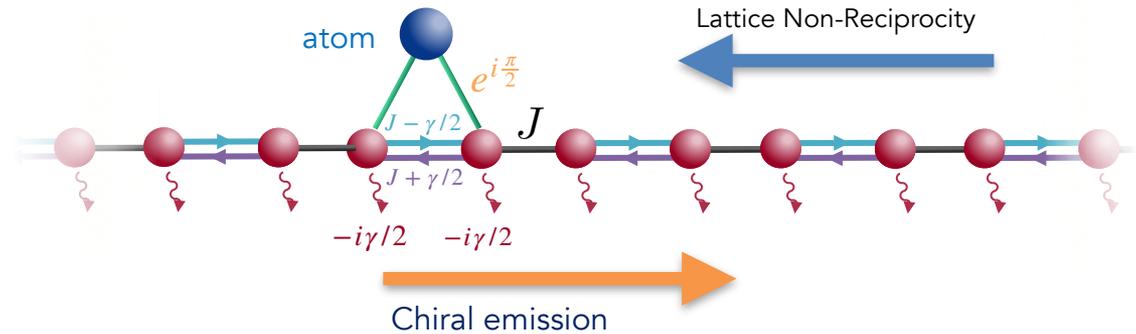
$$|\Psi_0\rangle = |e\rangle |\text{vac}\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_t\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\Psi_0\rangle$$

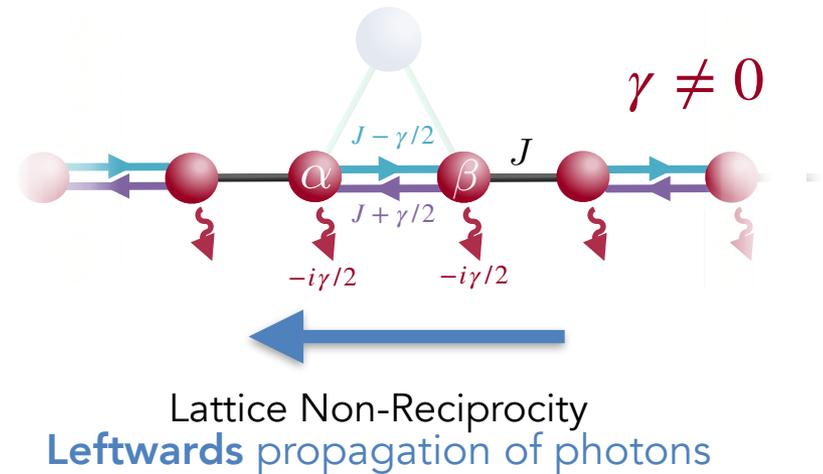
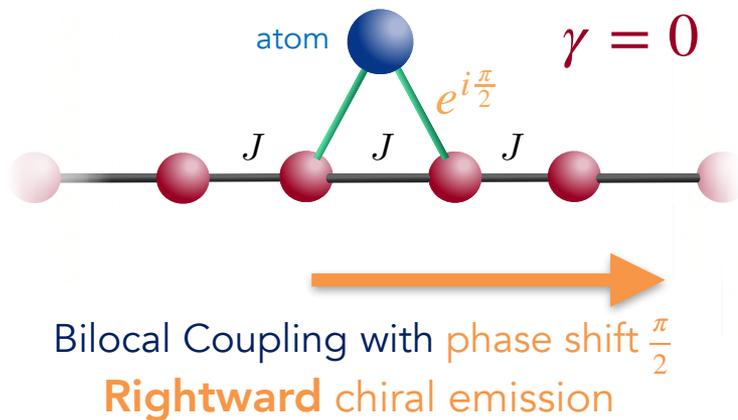
$$p_e(t) = |\langle e | \Psi_t \rangle|^2 = e^{-\Gamma t}$$



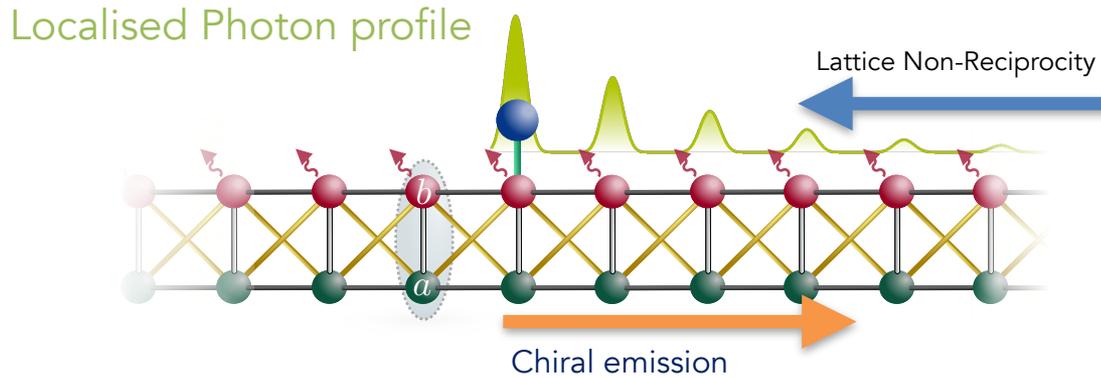
Spontaneous emission



Two competing chiralities



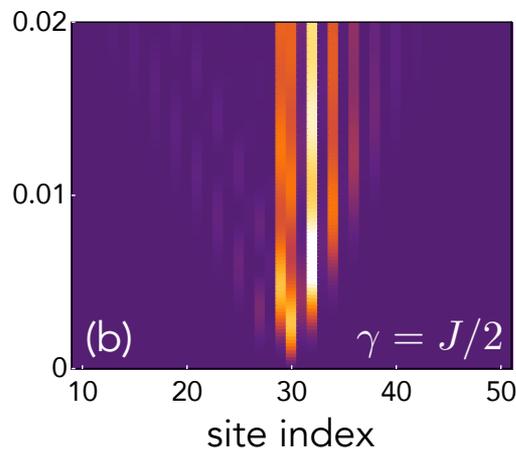
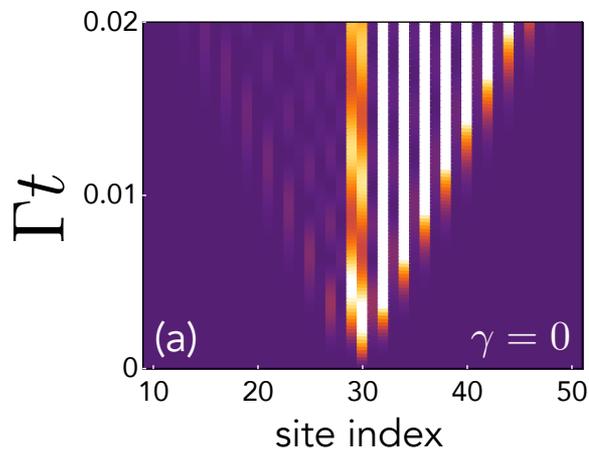
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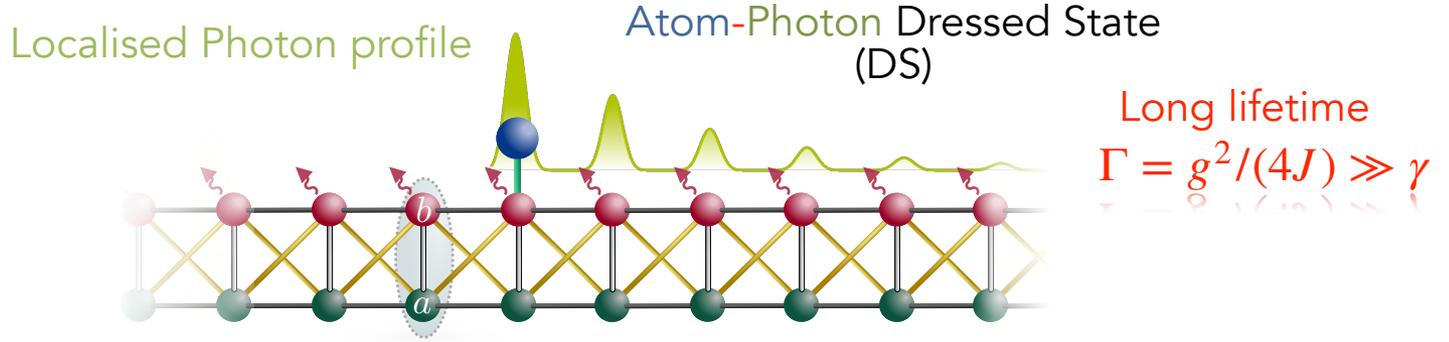
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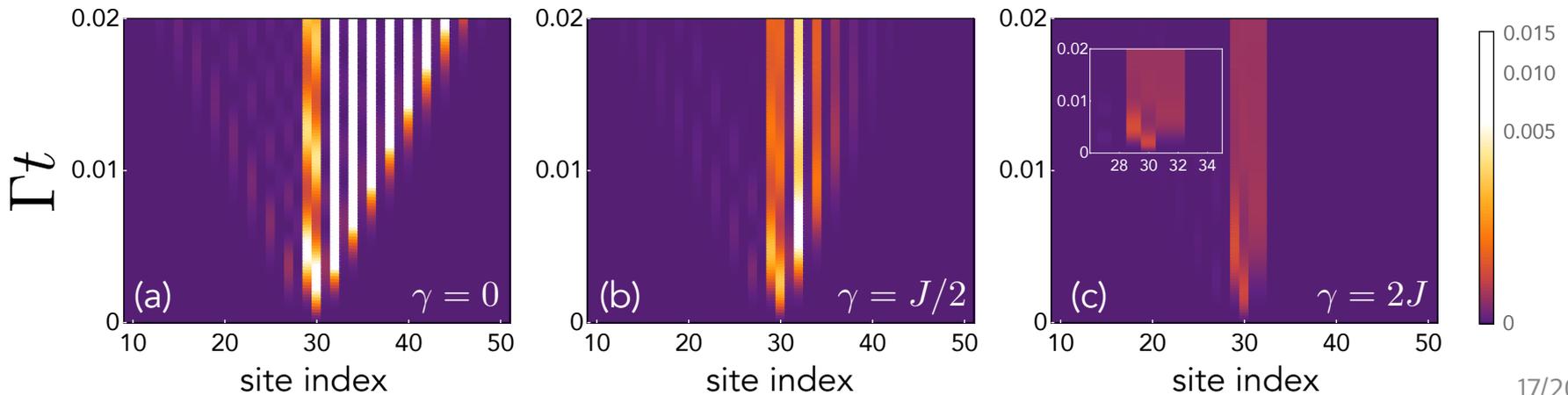


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Maximal Localisation $\gamma = 2J$



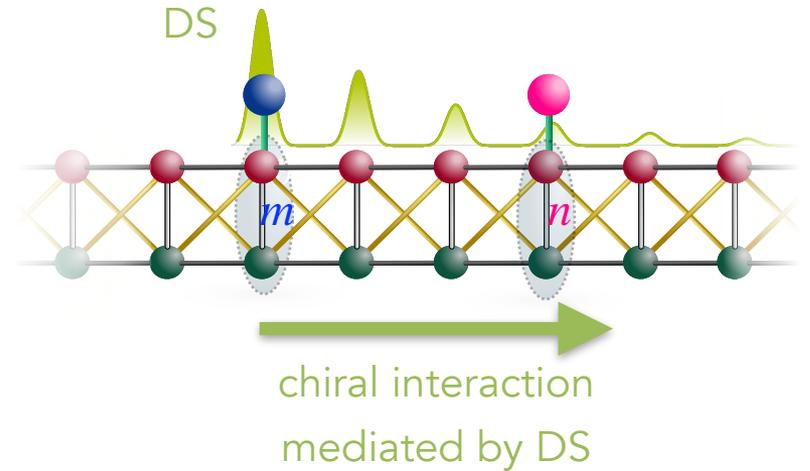
Many atoms Effective Hamiltonian

many atoms & weak coupling:

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{ij} K_{n_i n_j} \sigma_i^- \sigma_j^+$$

chiral atom-atom couplings:

$$K_{n > m} = 4g^2 J e^{-(n-m)/\lambda}$$



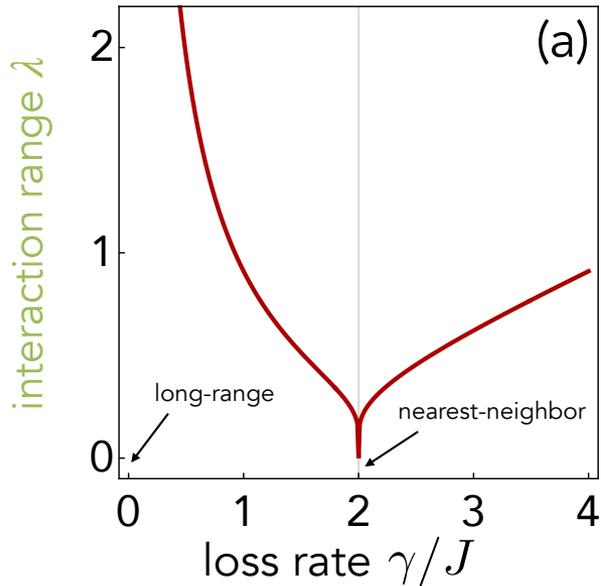
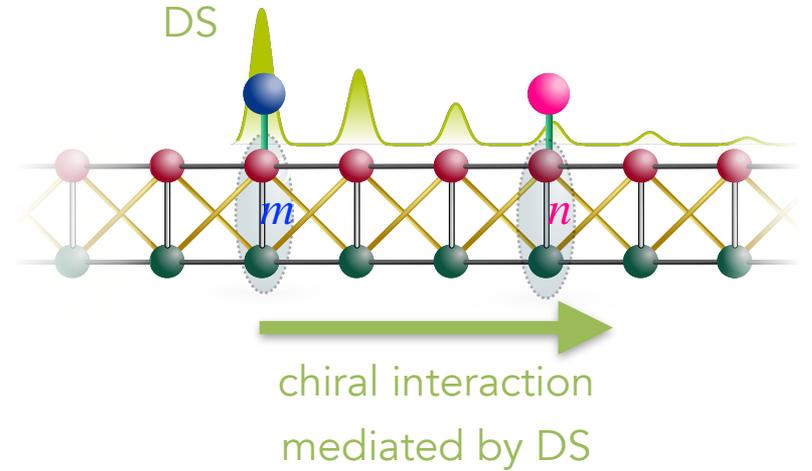
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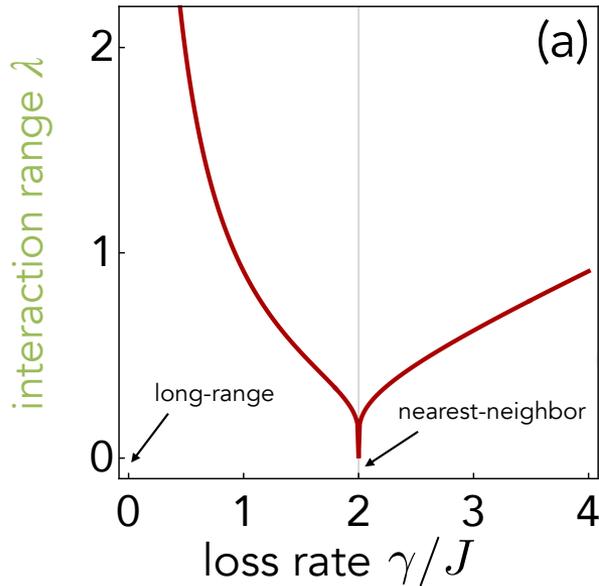
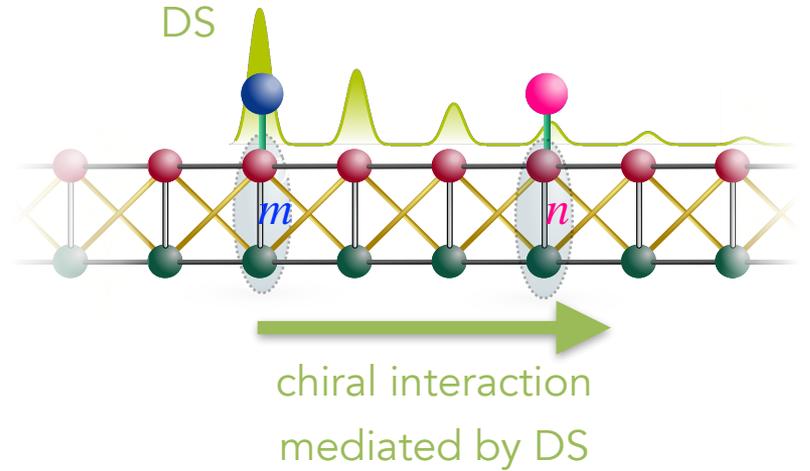
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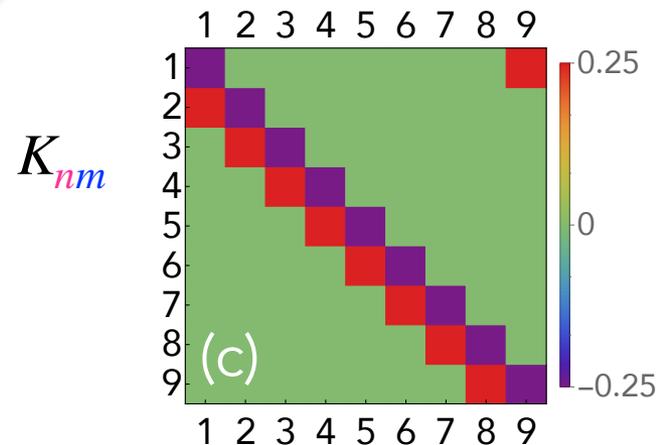
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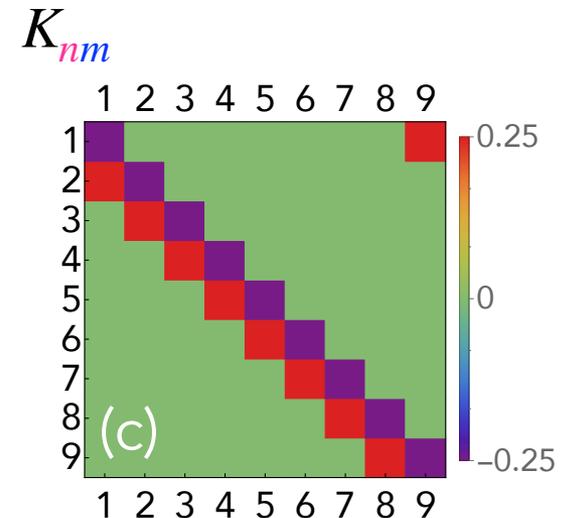
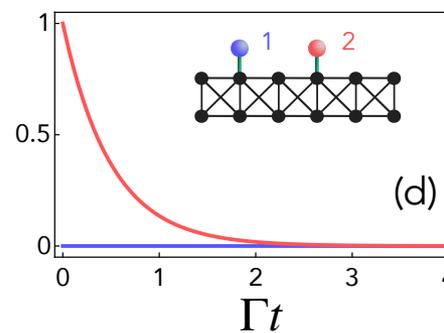
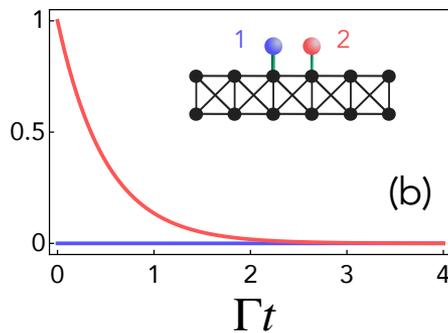
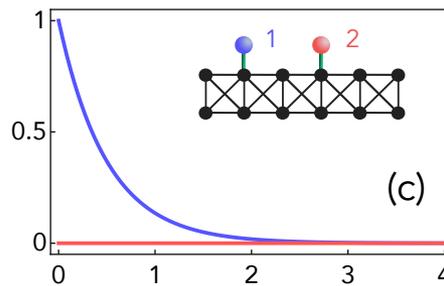
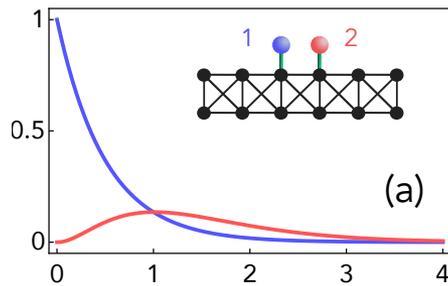
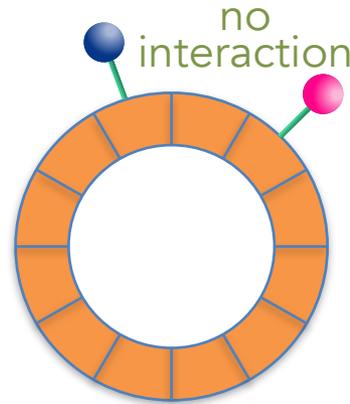
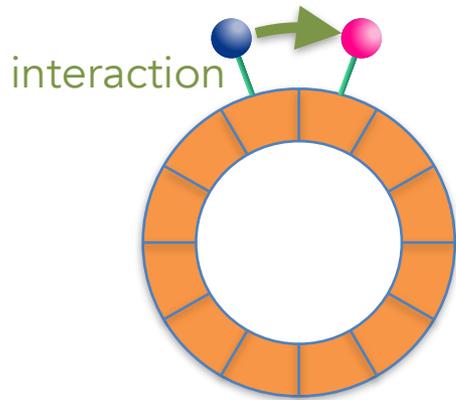
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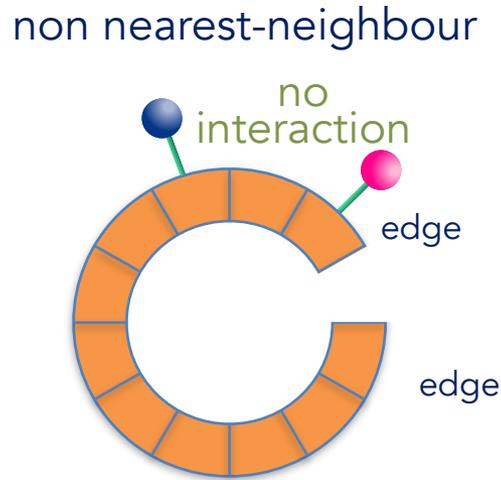
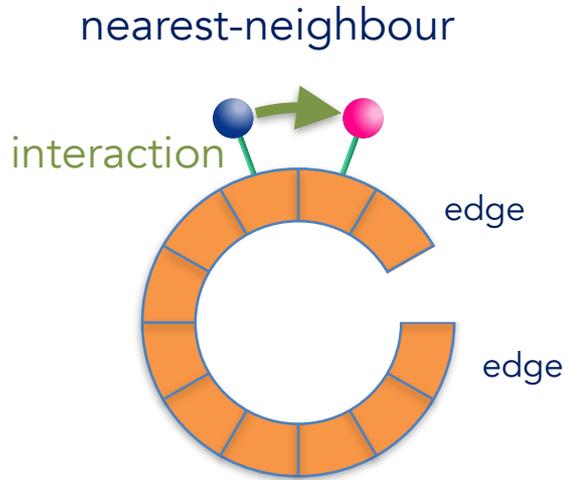
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For $\gamma = 2J$

**Periodic
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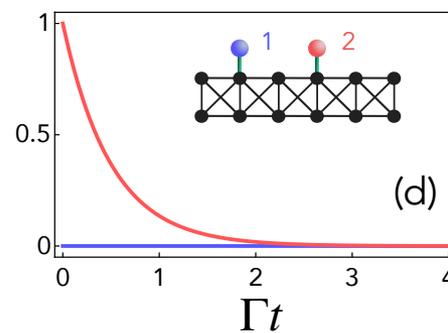
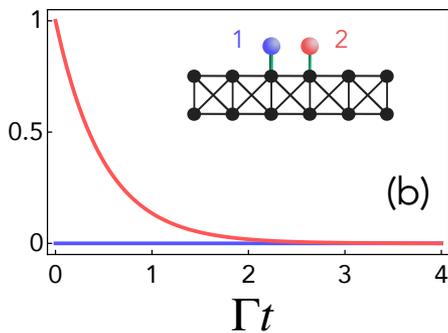
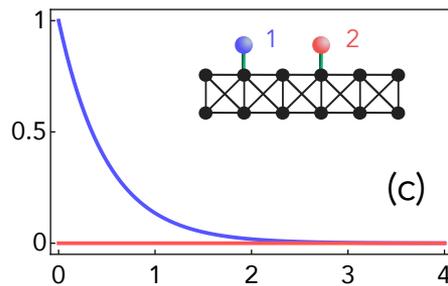
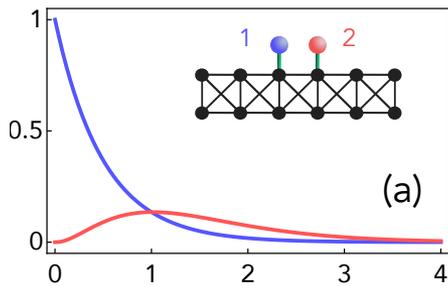


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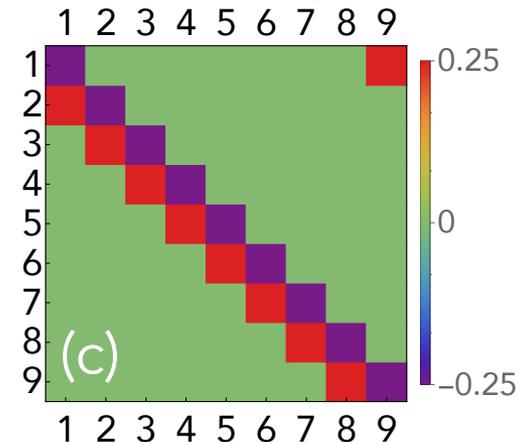
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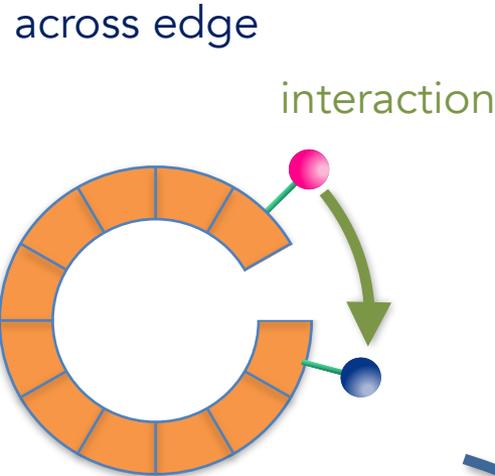
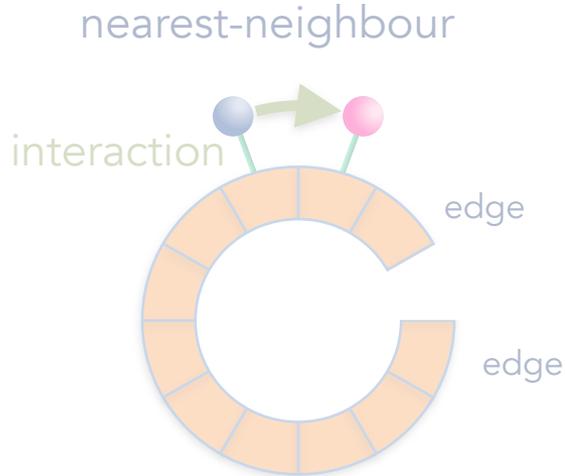
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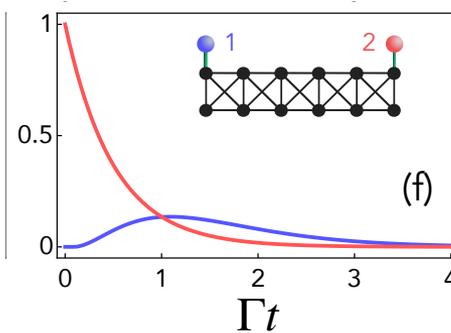
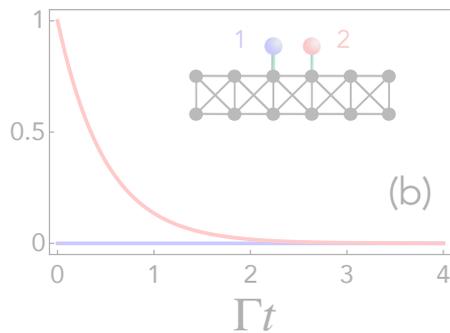
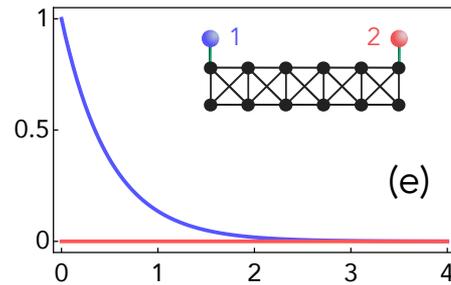
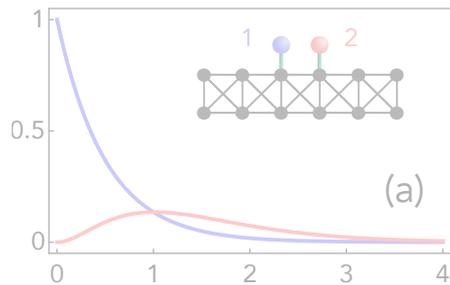


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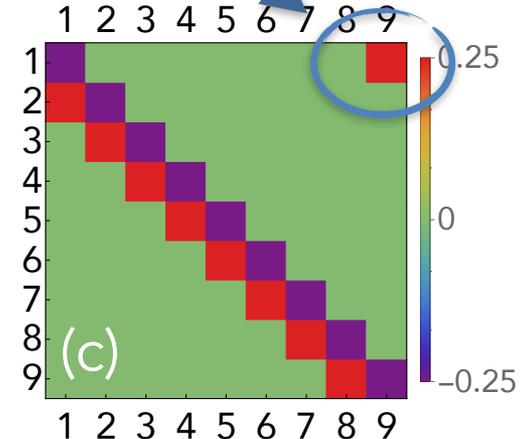
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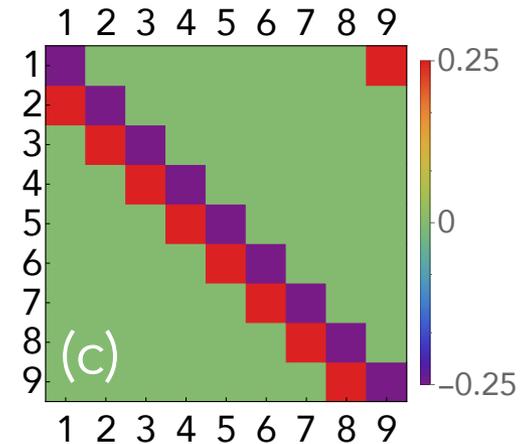
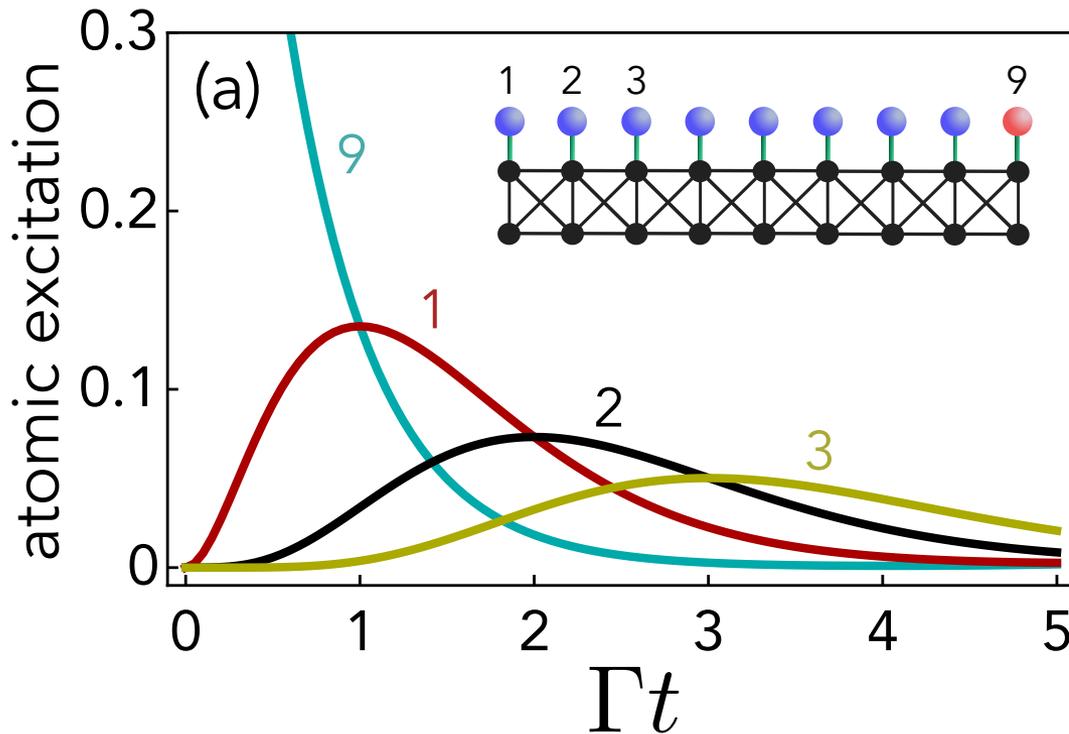
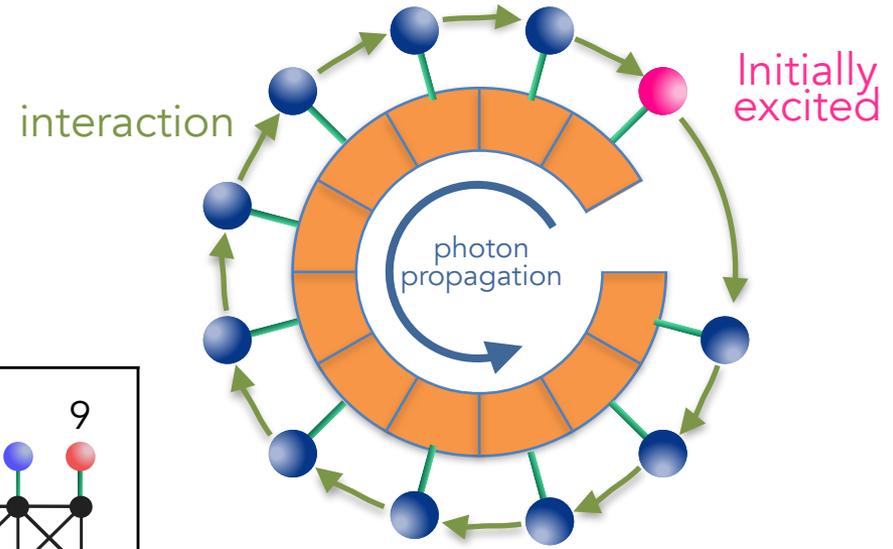
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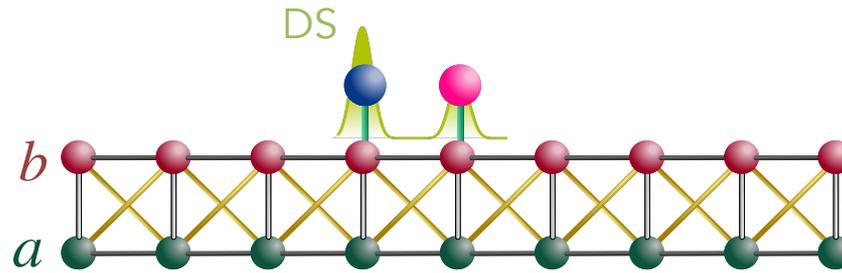
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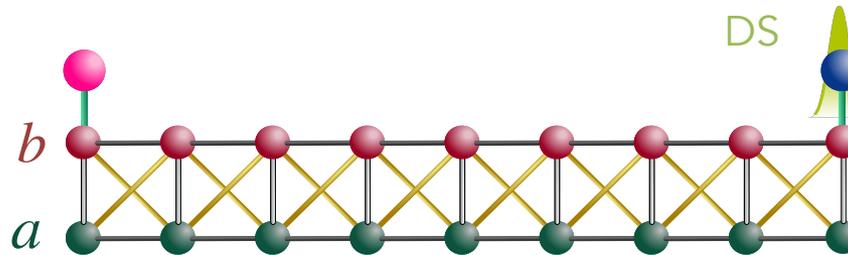
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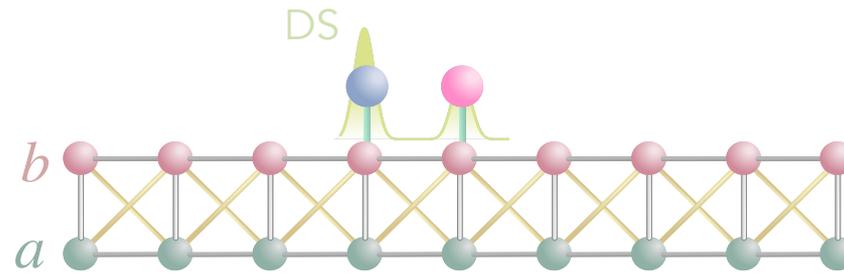
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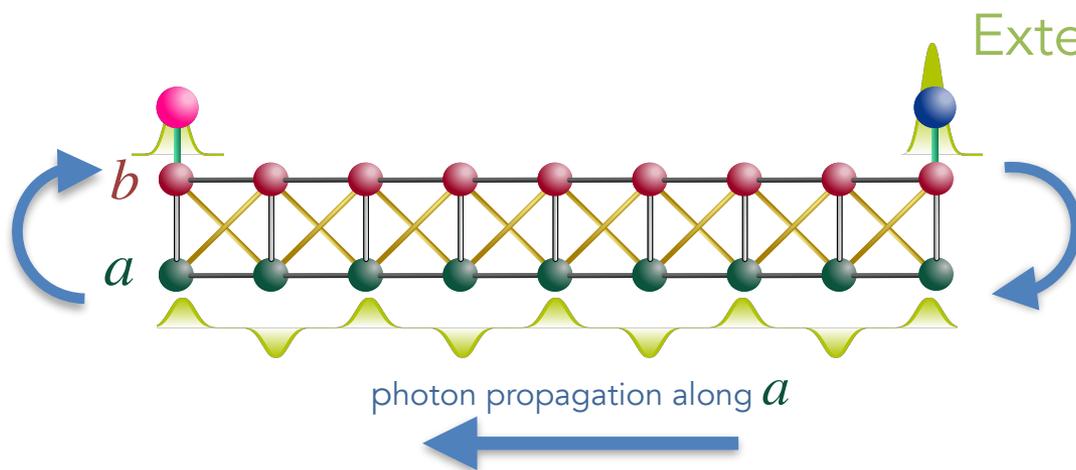
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Breaking of Translational
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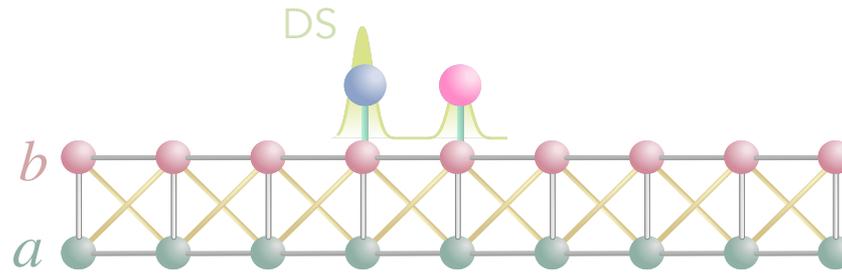
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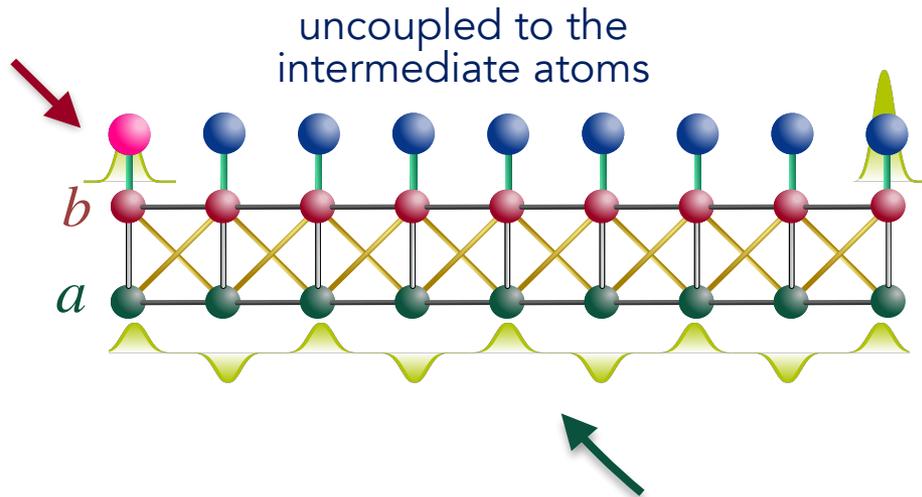
Neglect non Markovian effects (time delays...)

Explanation in terms of DS



Interaction
in the Bulk

in b peaked
on the edge



uncoupled to the
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Extended DS

interaction
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Delocalised on sublattice a

Conclusions

Novel Non-Hermitian features due two competing chiralities:

1. Non-reciprocity due to patterned leakage
2. Chiral emission due to bilocal coupling
 - Formation of Atom-Photon Dressed states
 - Effective dipole-dipole Hamiltonian:
 - Chiral
 - Neighbouring (leakage-dependent range)
 - Insensitive to Boundary Conditions

Outlook

1. Application to non-Hermitian 2D lattices
2. Atom with multiple-local coupling/"Giant atoms"

teammates



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