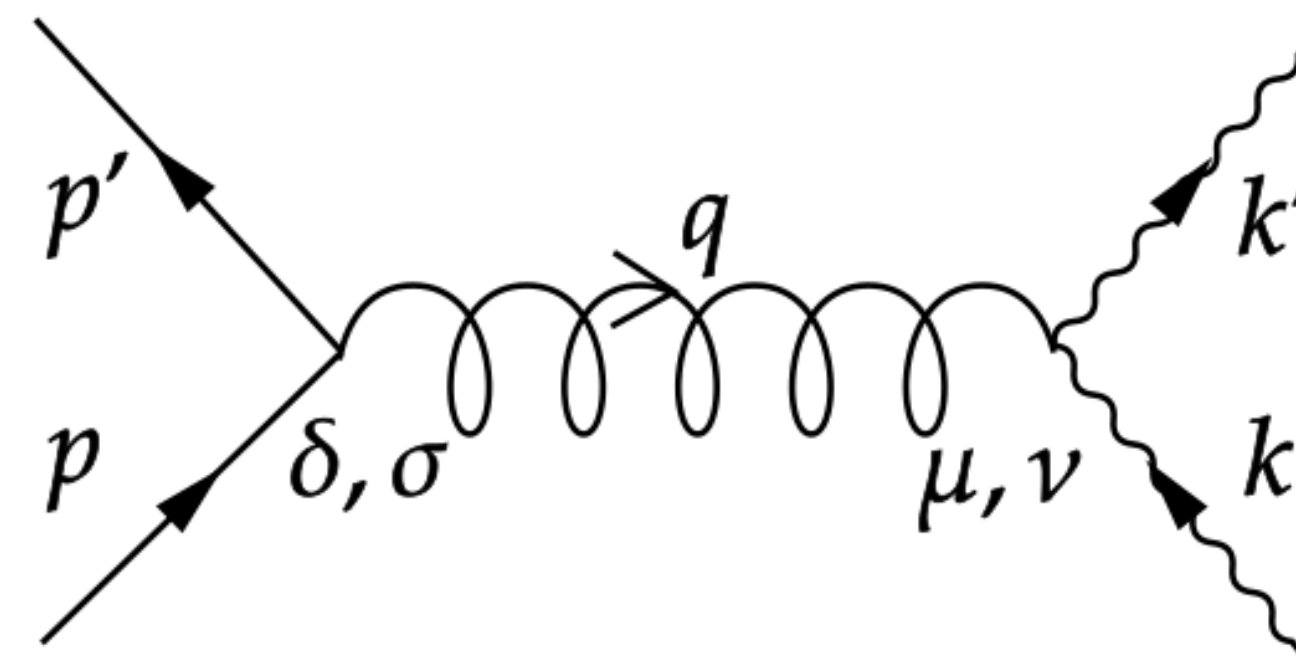
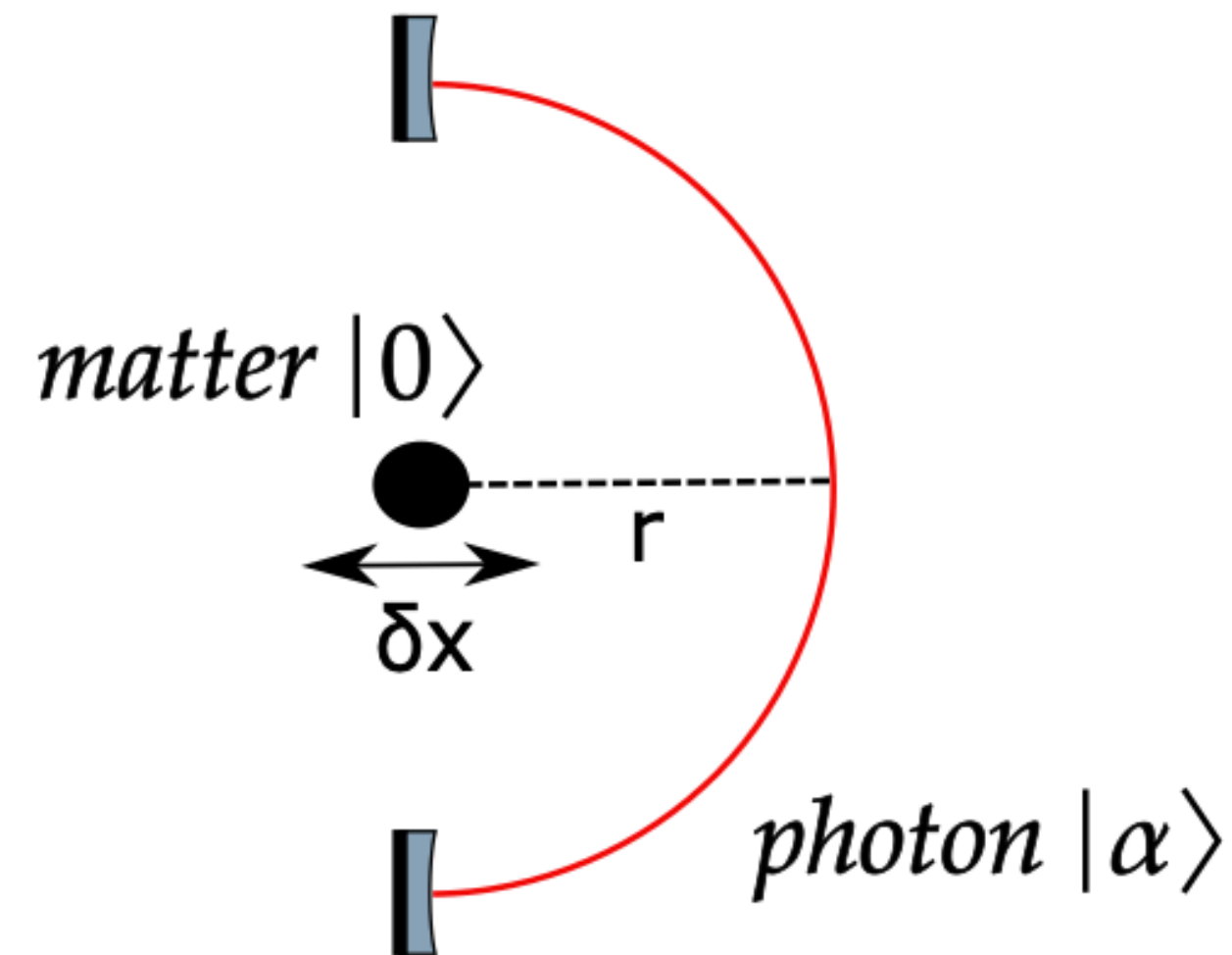


# Gravitational Optomechanics: Photon-Matter Entanglement via Graviton Exchange

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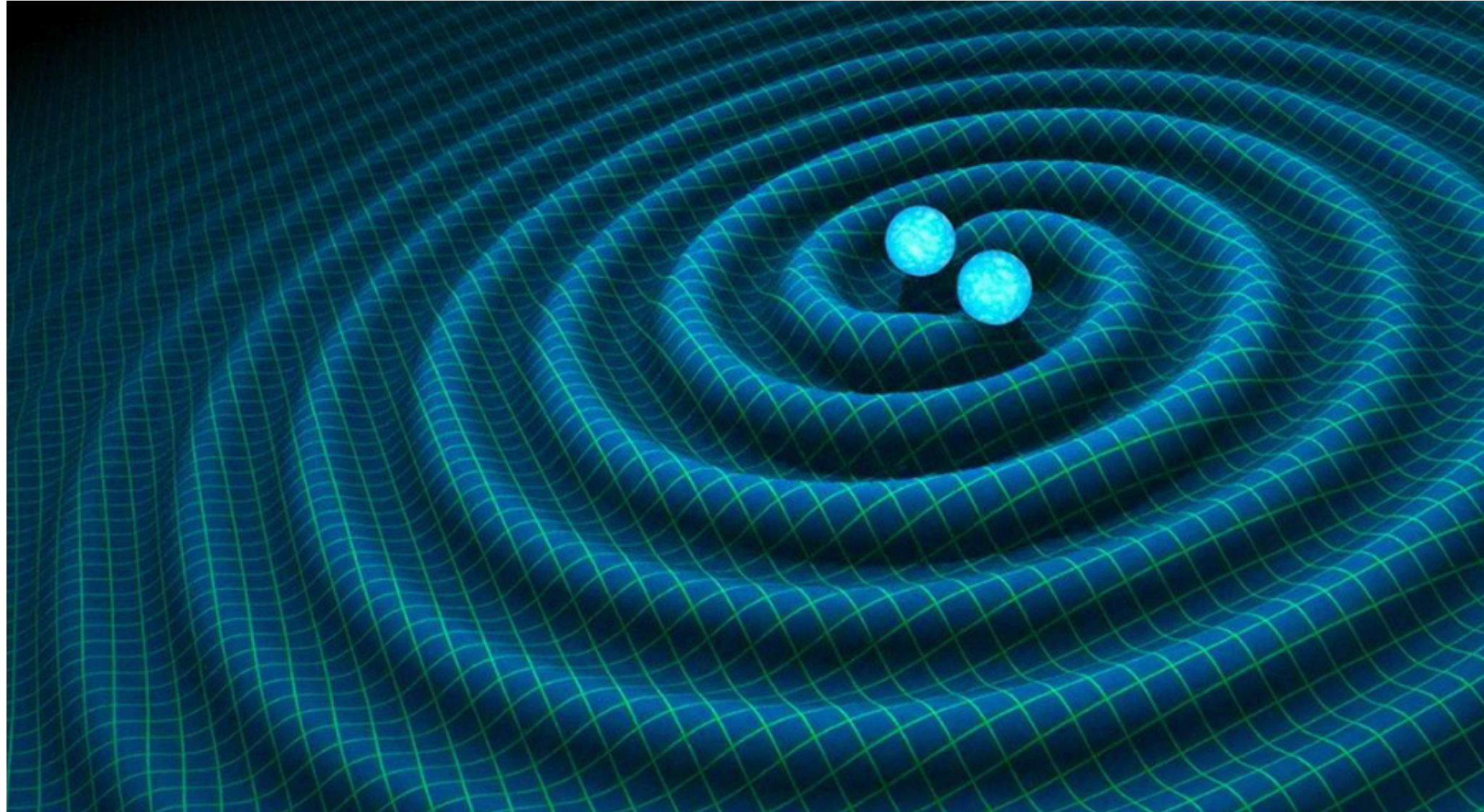


**Motivation: To Test the Quantum Nature of Gravity in a Lab**

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# Origin of Spacetime



We don't know whether spacetime/gravity is classical or quantum?

Aim: To test the nature of spacetime/gravity in a lab

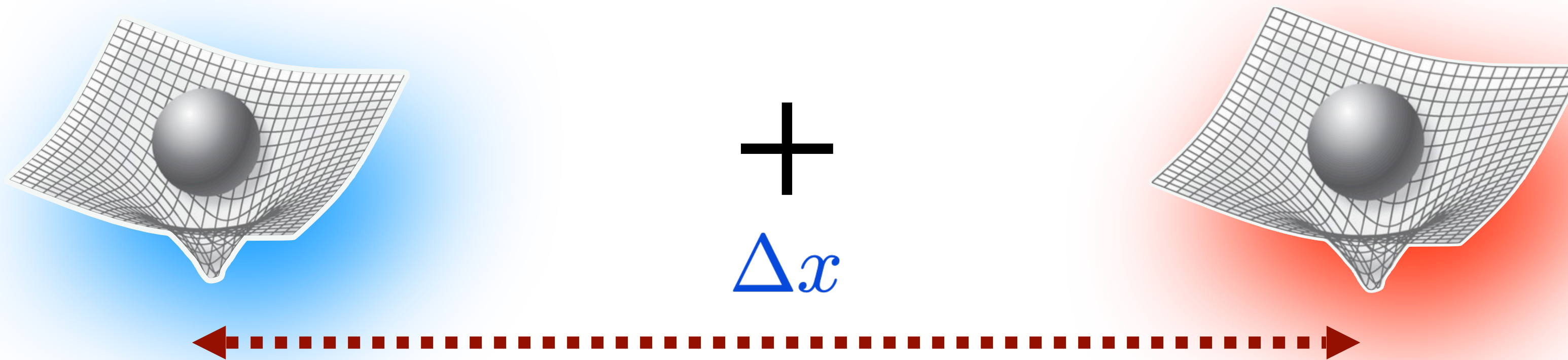


**Our quest to understand the fundamental aspects of spacetime pushes frontier technologies to extraordinary heights & brings disruptive quantum technology**



# Macroscopic Spatial Quantum Superposition

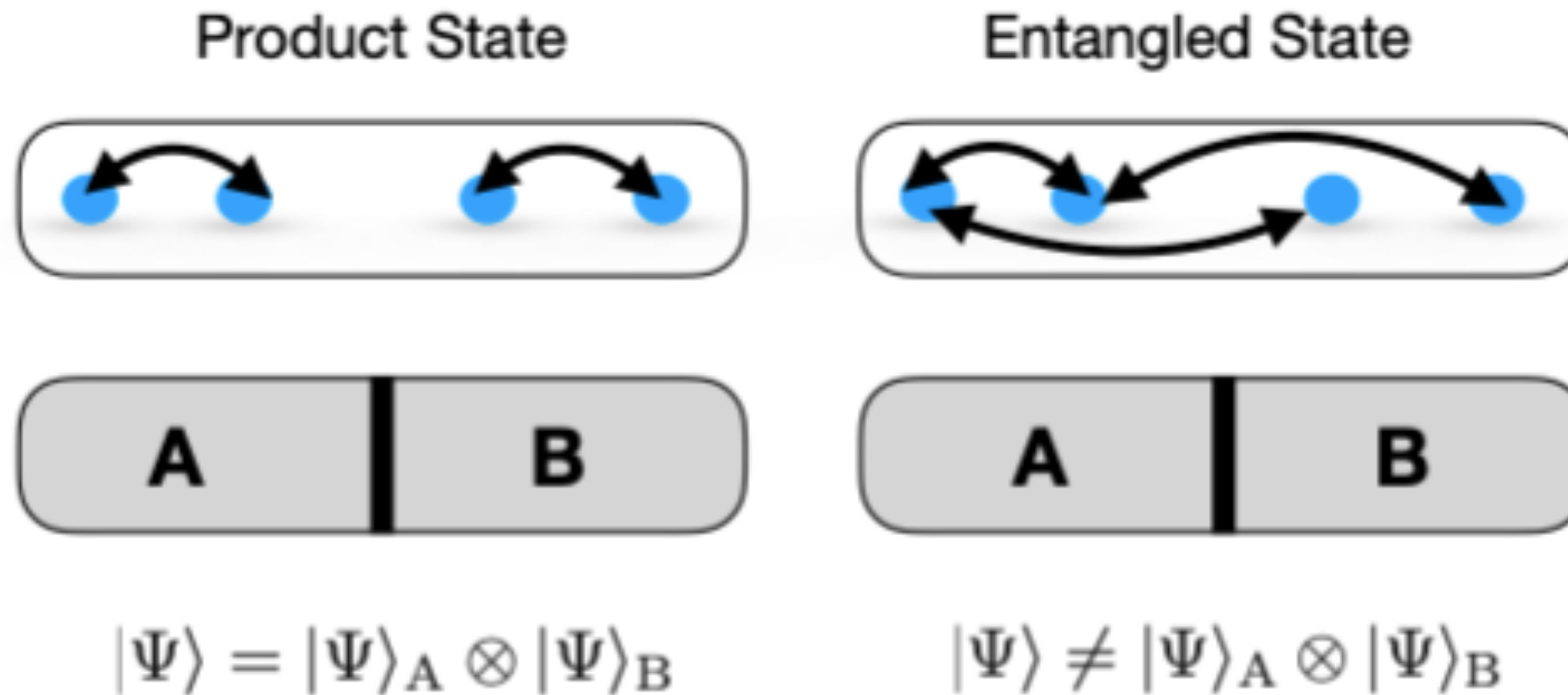
Can space-time with matter be in two places at once?



Bose, **Mazumdar**, Morley, Ulbricht, Toroš, Paternostro, Geraci, Barker, Kim & Milburn  
PRL 119, 240401 (2017)

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# Quantum Interactions, Correlations & Entanglement



Entanglement is a bonafide quantum entity which has no classical analogy



# Quantum Interactions $\rightarrow$ Entanglement

$$H = \hat{H}_A + \hat{H}_B \quad |\psi_i\rangle = |0\rangle_A |0\rangle_B$$

$$H = \hat{H}_A + \hat{H}_B + \lambda \hat{H}_{AB} \quad |\psi_f\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{N}}} \sum_{n,N} C_{nN} |n\rangle |N\rangle$$



$$|\psi_f\rangle \sim \left[ |0\rangle + \sum_{n>0} A_n |n\rangle \right] \cdot \left[ |0\rangle + \sum_{N>0} B_N |N\rangle \right] + \sum_{n,N>0} (C_{nN} - A_n B_N) |n\rangle |N\rangle$$

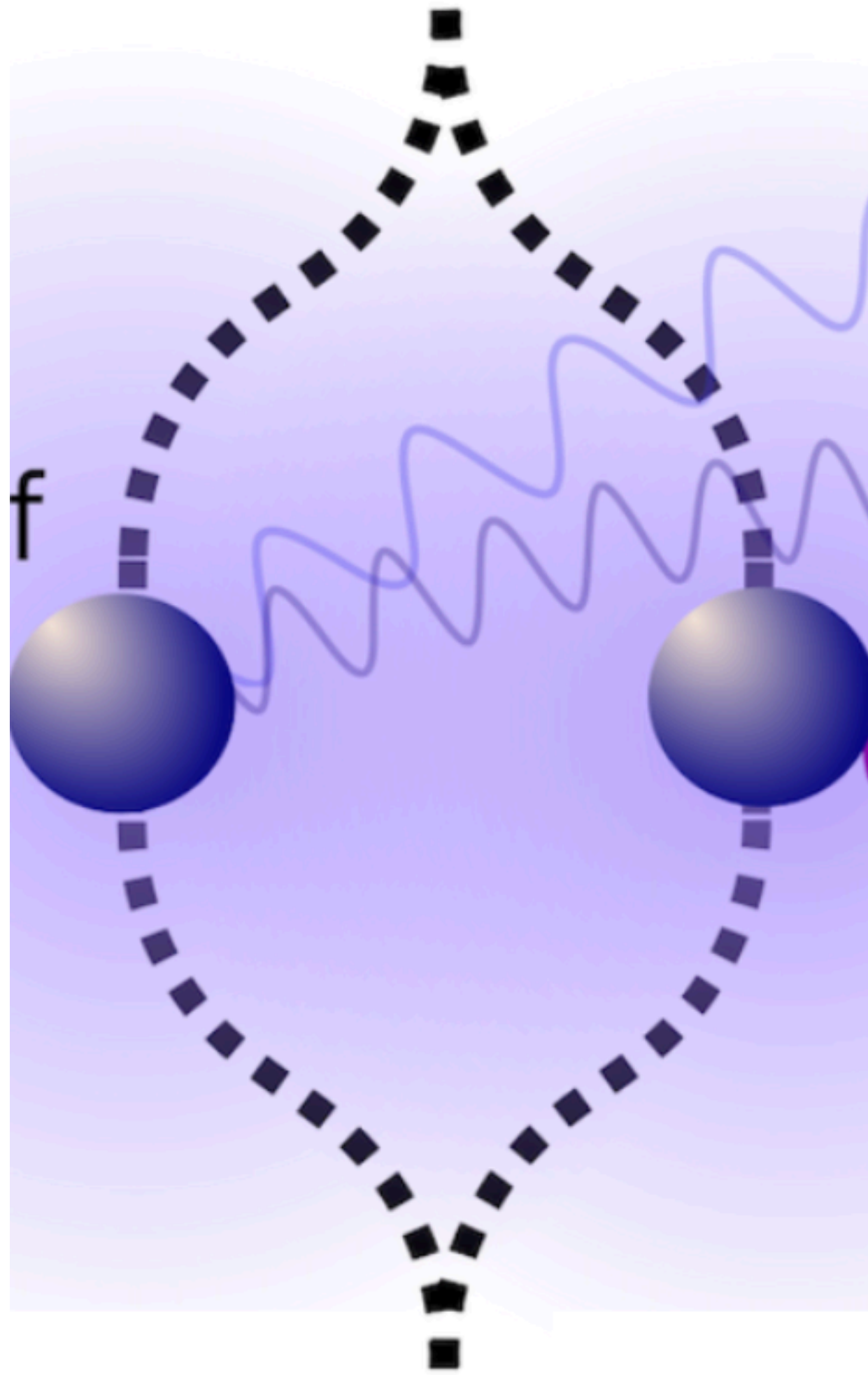
Product State Non-Product State

$$C_{nN} = \lambda \frac{\langle n | \langle N | \hat{H}_{AB} | 0 \rangle | 0 \rangle}{2E_0 - E_n - E_N} \neq 0 \quad \text{Entanglement}$$

$\hat{H}_{AB}$  : QED, QCD, Weak, phonon, gravity, or any other quantum Interaction such as  
**Axion/Axion-Like Particle**



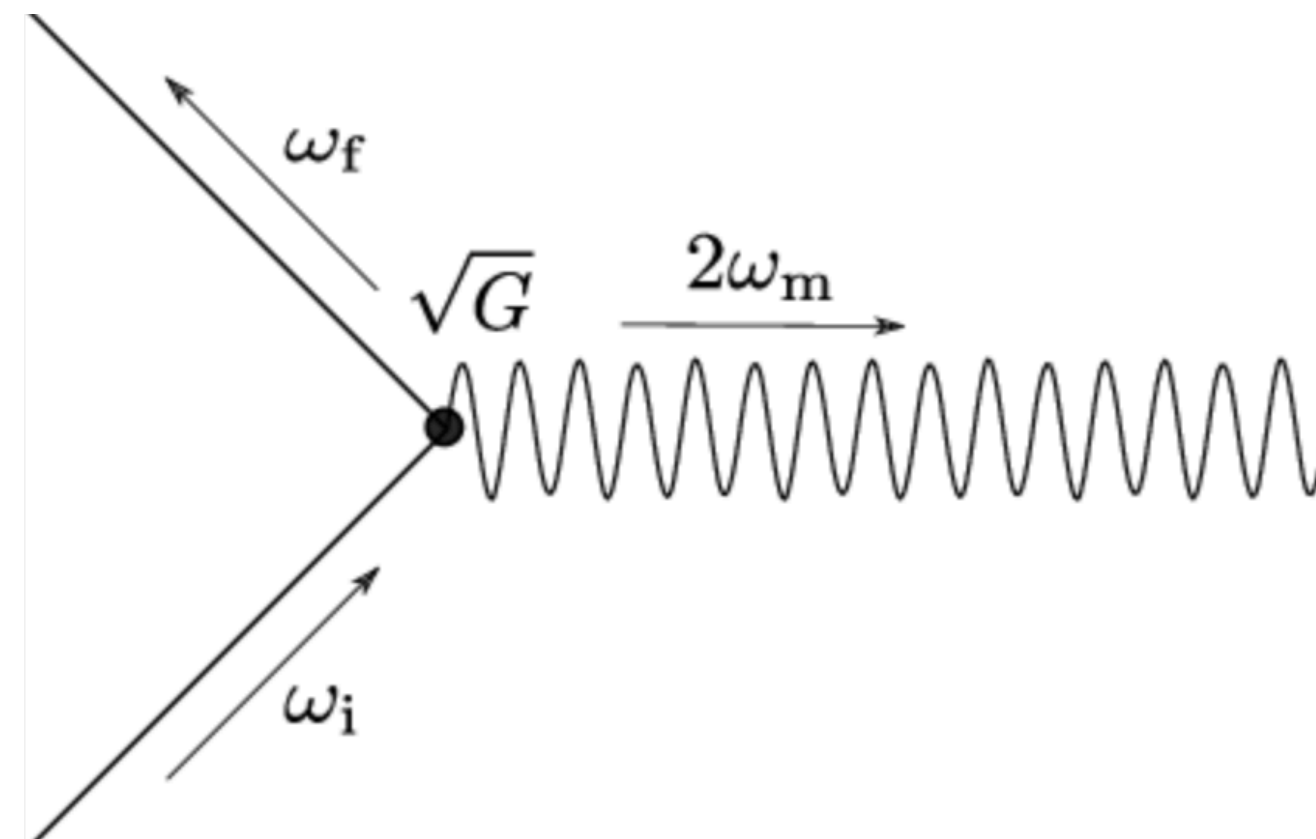
# Quantum Interaction Yields Entanglement



$$S = S_G + S_m + S_{GF}$$

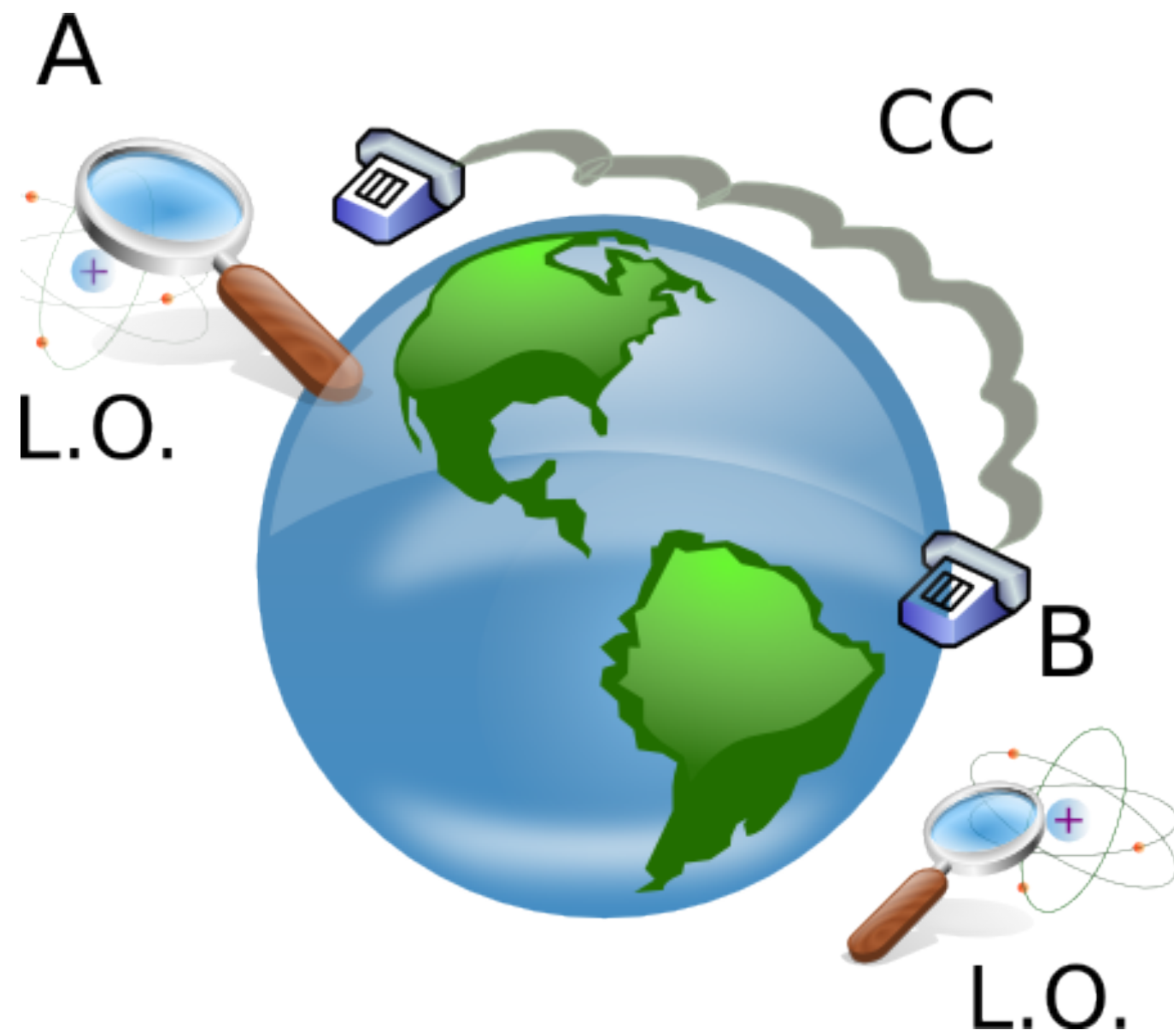
$$S_m = \frac{\sqrt{16\pi G}}{2} \int d^4x \, h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{\sqrt{16\pi G}}{2} \sum_{\lambda} \int dk C_k^{\lambda} \hat{g}_{k,\lambda} \hat{X}^2 + H.C.$$

$$\hat{X} \sim \hat{b} + \hat{b}^{\dagger}$$



Genuine Tripartite Entanglement

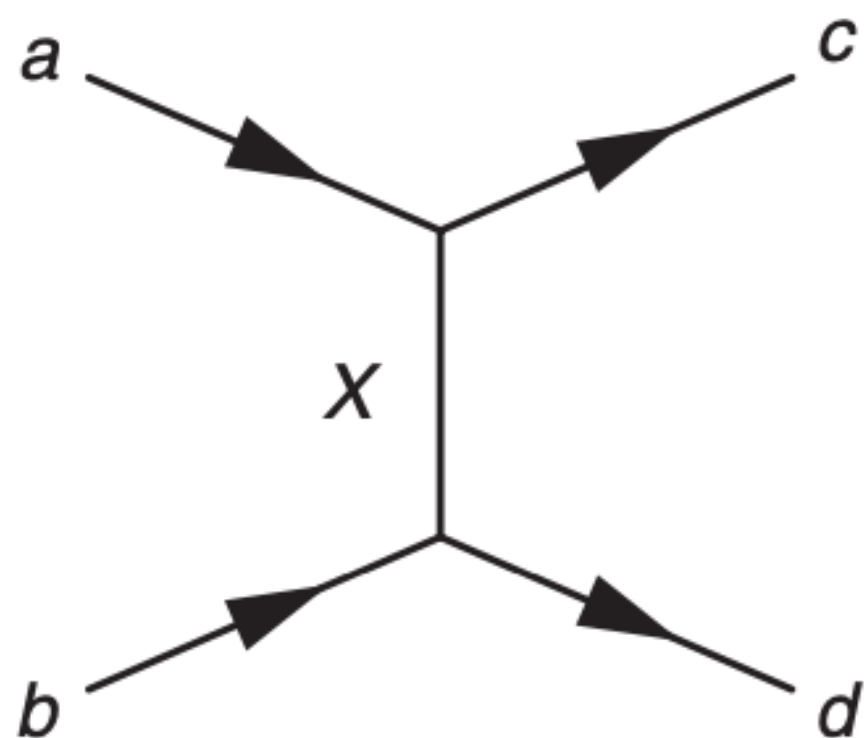
# QGEM: No Entanglement via Classical Mediator



If A and B were initially product states, local operations and classical communications (LOCC) would not be able to generate/increase entanglement between them.

Bennett, et.al, (1996)

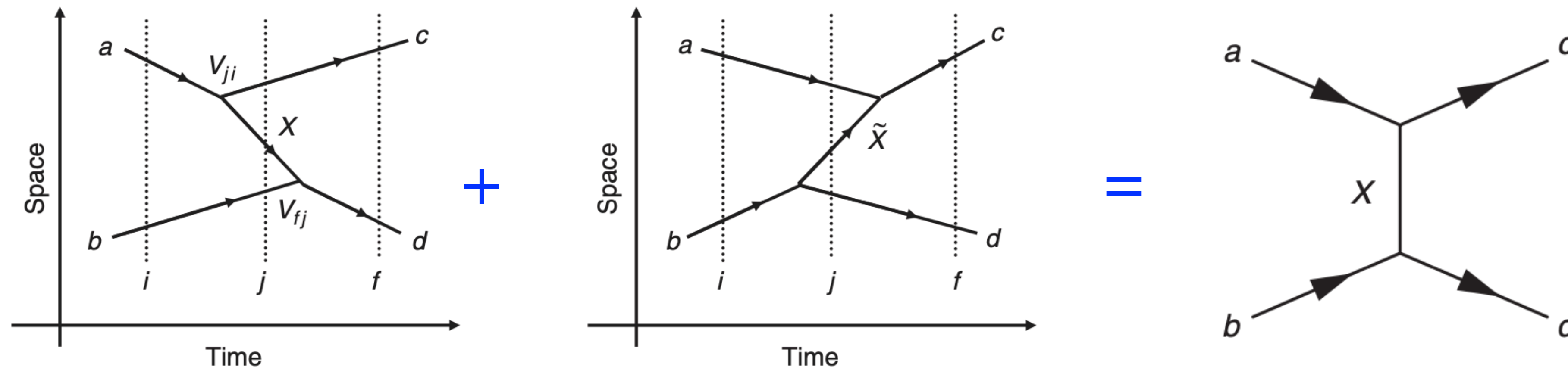
LOCC keeps separable states separable & cannot entangle states



LOQC: local operation & quantum communication can entangle



# Quantum Field Theory

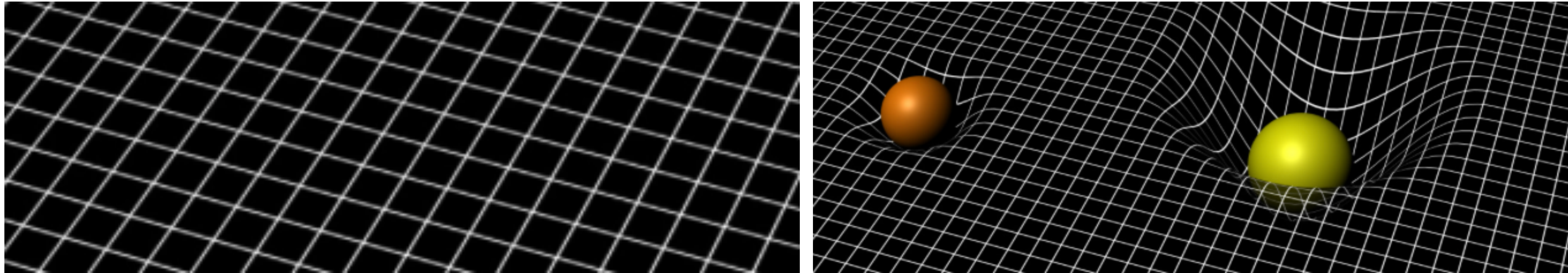


$$\langle f | S | i \rangle = \langle f | i \rangle - \frac{i\kappa^2}{4} \int d^4x d^4x' \langle f | T^{\mu\nu}(x) G_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}(x, x') T^{\alpha\beta}(x') | i \rangle$$

$$\langle f | S - 1 | i \rangle = i\mathcal{A}(2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(P_{fi})$$

$$V(\boldsymbol{r}) = -\frac{1}{4E_p E_q} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\boldsymbol{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{r}} \mathcal{A}(\boldsymbol{k})$$

# Quantum nature of Newtonian potential



If spacetime is quantum, then the change in the gravitational energy due to the two masses is also a quantum entity

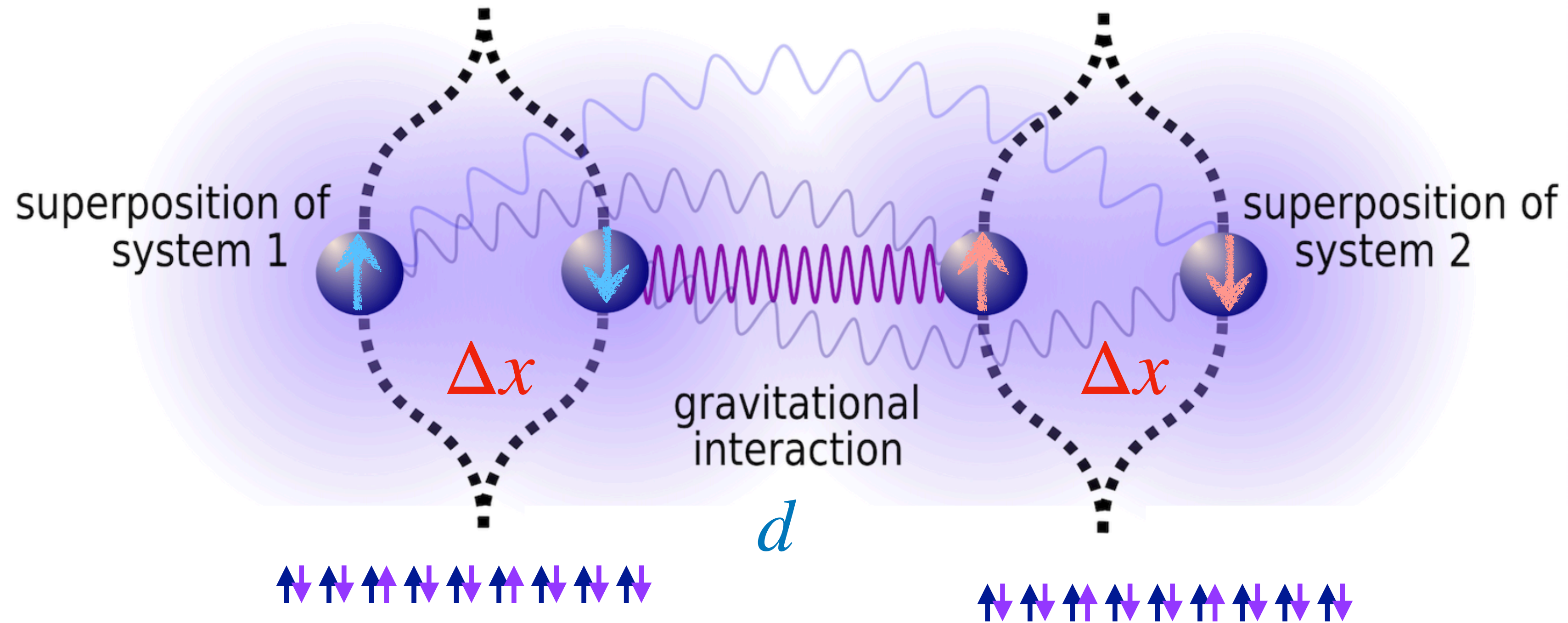
$$\hat{H}_g \sim -\frac{Gm^2}{\hat{r}} - 7\frac{G\hat{p}^2}{c^2\hat{r}} - \frac{G\hat{p}^4}{c^4m^2\hat{r}} + 2\frac{G^2m^2}{c^2\hat{r}^2} + \frac{62G^2m\hbar}{15\pi c^2\hat{r}^3} + \dots$$

All the terms have a quantum origin

This interaction between gravity and matter leads to entanglement,  
and we can witness this entanglement



# QGEM: Protocol with Massive Qubits

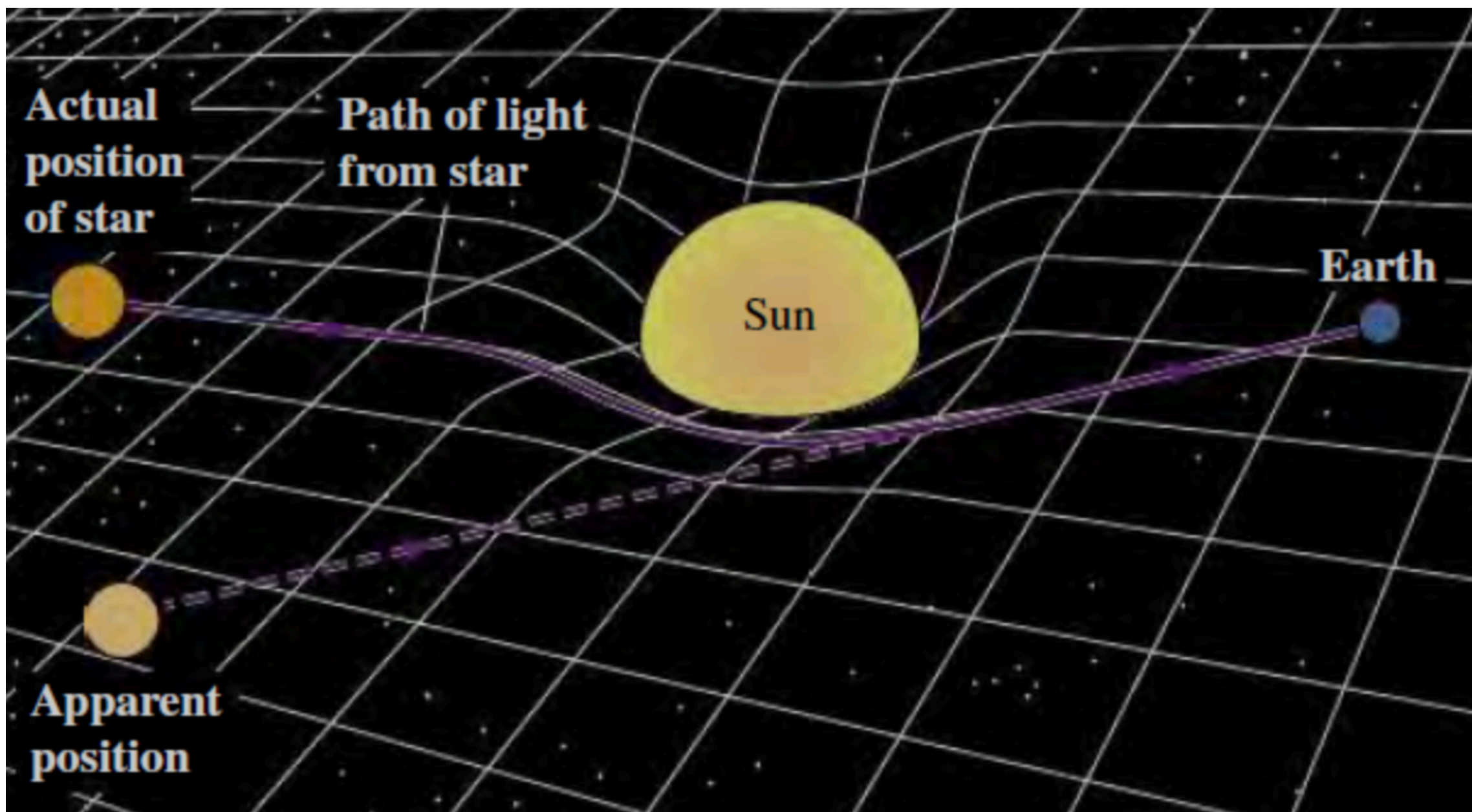


$$\psi(\tau) = \frac{e^{i\phi}}{2} \left[ |\uparrow\rangle_1 |\uparrow\rangle_2 + e^{i\phi_1} |\uparrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 + e^{i\phi_2} |\downarrow\rangle_1 |\uparrow\rangle_2 + |\downarrow\rangle_1 |\downarrow\rangle_2 \right]$$

$$\Delta\phi_{ent} = \phi_1 + \phi_2 \sim \frac{Gm^2}{\hbar d} \tau \left( \frac{\Delta x}{d} \right)^2$$

$$m \sim 10^{-14} \text{kg}, \quad \Delta x \sim 100 \mu\text{m}, \quad d \sim 500 \mu\text{m}, \quad \tau \sim 1 \text{s} \implies \Delta\phi_{ent} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

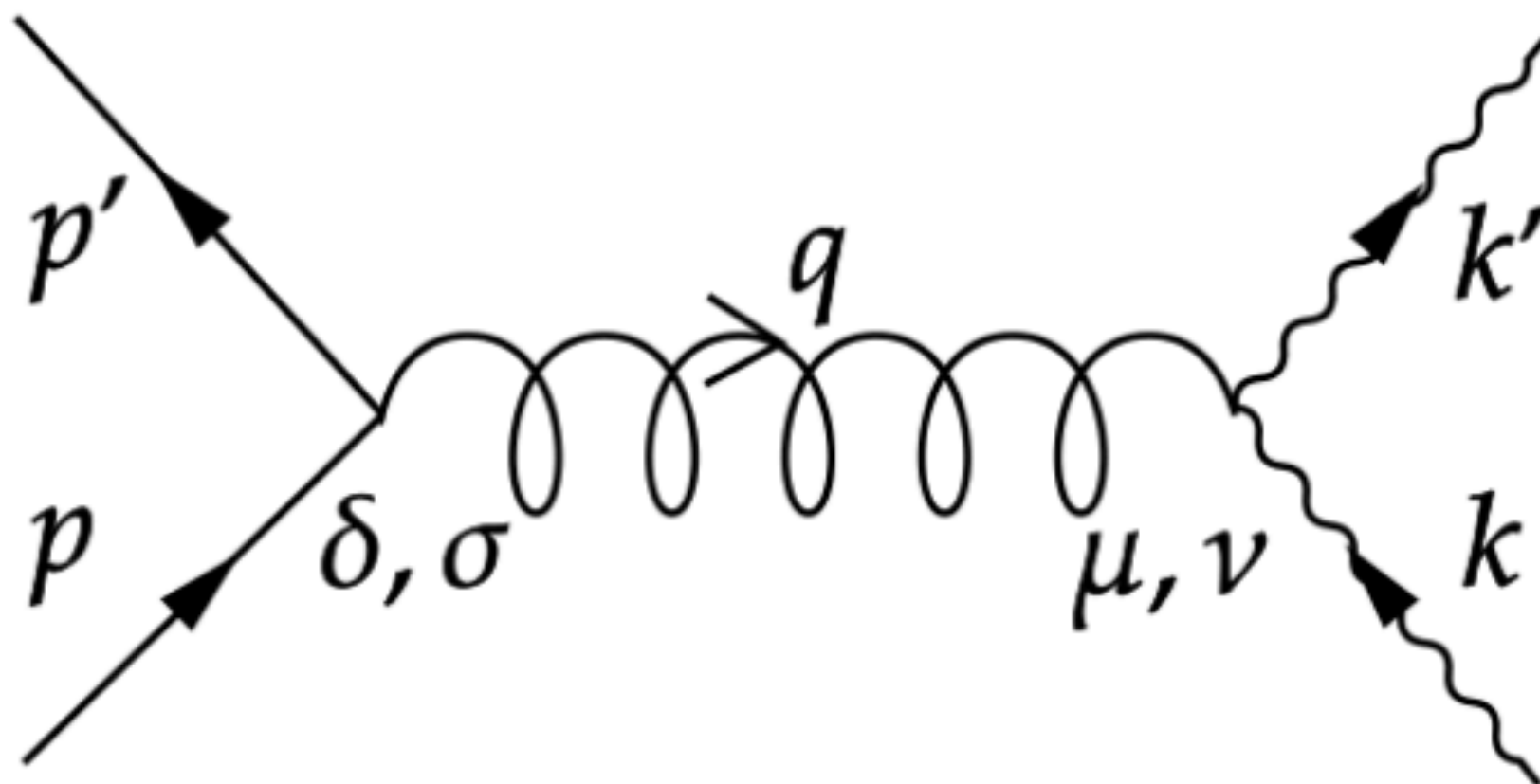
# Light bending



|                        | Newton                    | Nordström      | Einstein                   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Angle of Light Bending | $\theta_0 = \frac{2m}{r}$ | $\theta_0 = 0$ | $\theta_0 = \frac{4GM}{R}$ |

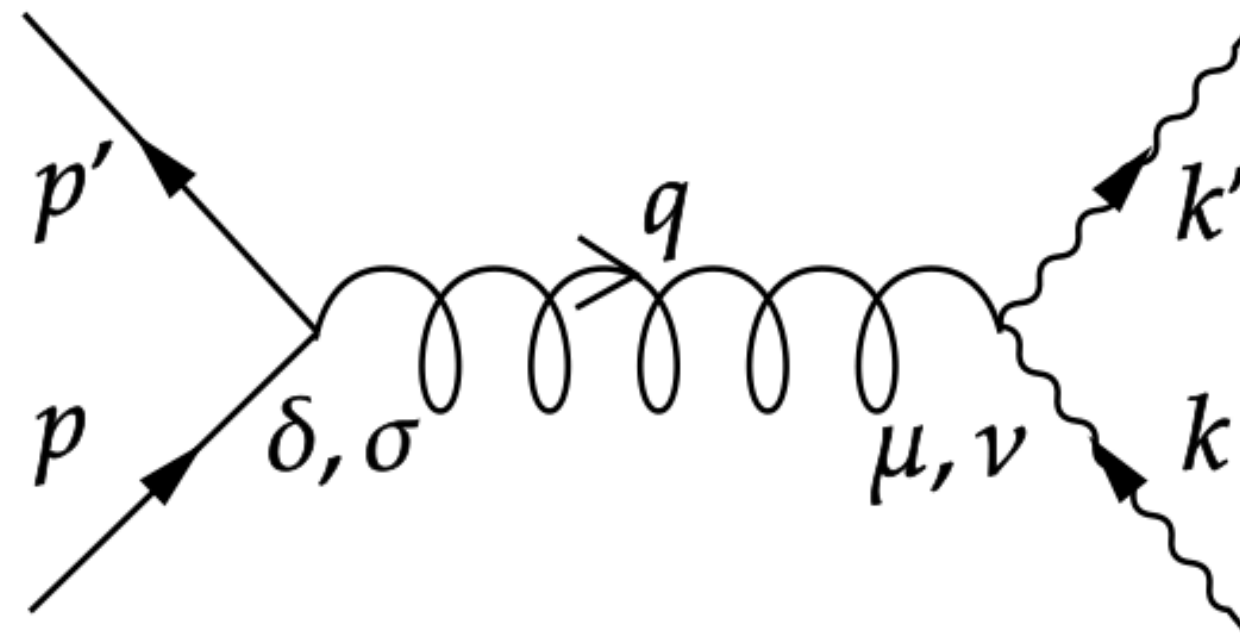
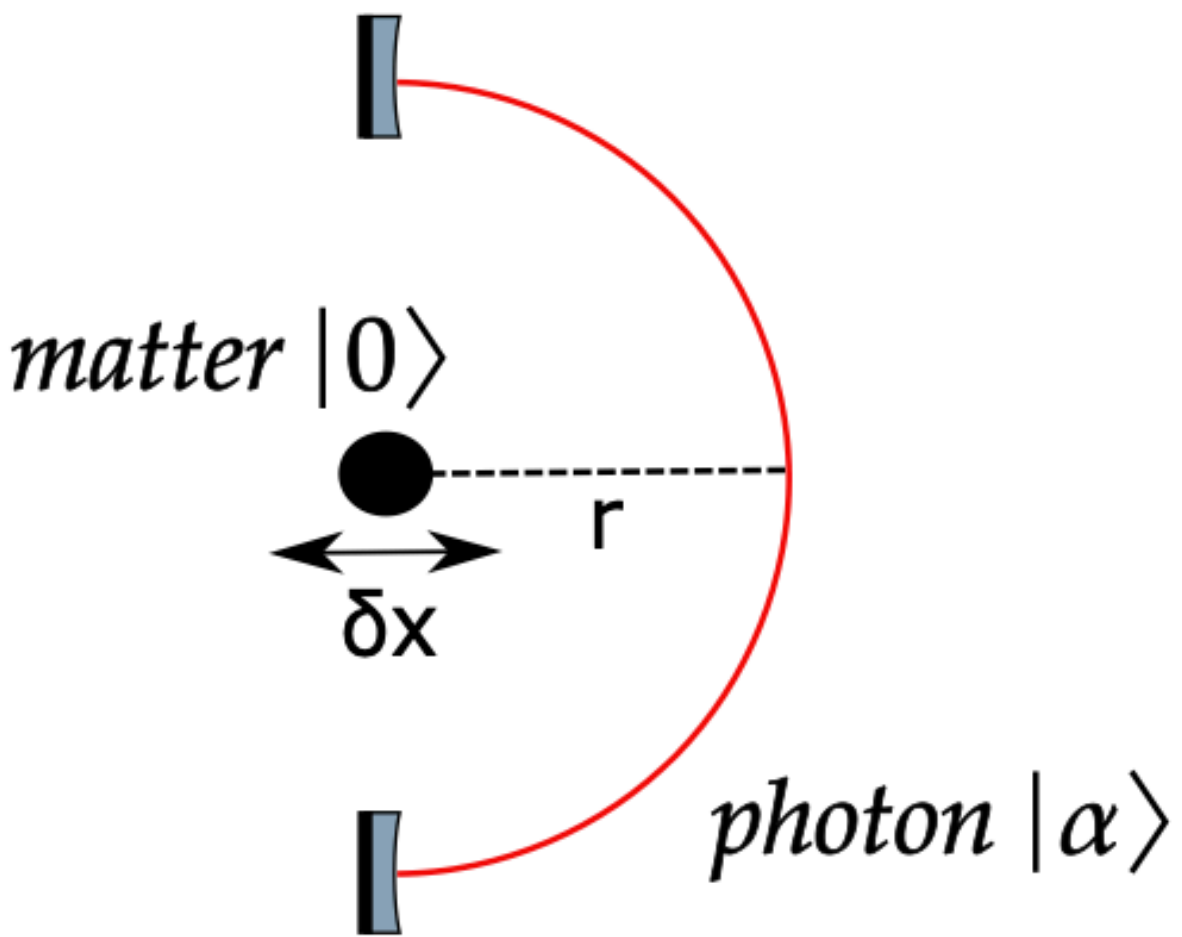
Only Spin-2 will couple to a massless photon

Spin-0 will have to couple to the trace of the EM field, but the trace is zero. Hence, no coupling at all.





# Entanglement in light bending



$$V(r) = -\frac{1}{4m\omega} \frac{8\pi G(m\omega)^2}{\pi r} \varepsilon^*(k') \cdot \varepsilon(k) \\ = -\frac{2Gm\omega}{r} \varepsilon^*(k') \cdot \varepsilon(k).$$

$$\hat{V} \approx -2Gm\omega \left[ \frac{1}{r} + \frac{2\delta\hat{x}}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta\hat{x}^2) \right] \otimes \hat{\varepsilon}^*(k') \cdot \hat{\varepsilon}(k)$$

Optomechanical interaction:

$$\hat{V} = -g_0(\hat{b} + \hat{b}^\dagger)\hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a} \quad g_0 = \frac{4Gm\omega}{r^2(2m\omega_m)^{1/2}}$$

# Linear Entanglement entropy

$$S = 1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_m^2)$$

Reduced density matrix by tracing out photon

$$S = 2g^2\tau^2 = \frac{4G^2m\omega^2|\alpha|^2\tau^2}{r^4\omega_m}$$

$$|\alpha| = \sqrt{\frac{4IV_c}{\omega}}$$

Coherent state is connected to the occupation number of photon, hence the intensity

$$S \propto (\Delta x)^2 m^{5/3}, \quad \Delta x = (\hbar/(2m\omega_m))^{1/2} e^\xi$$

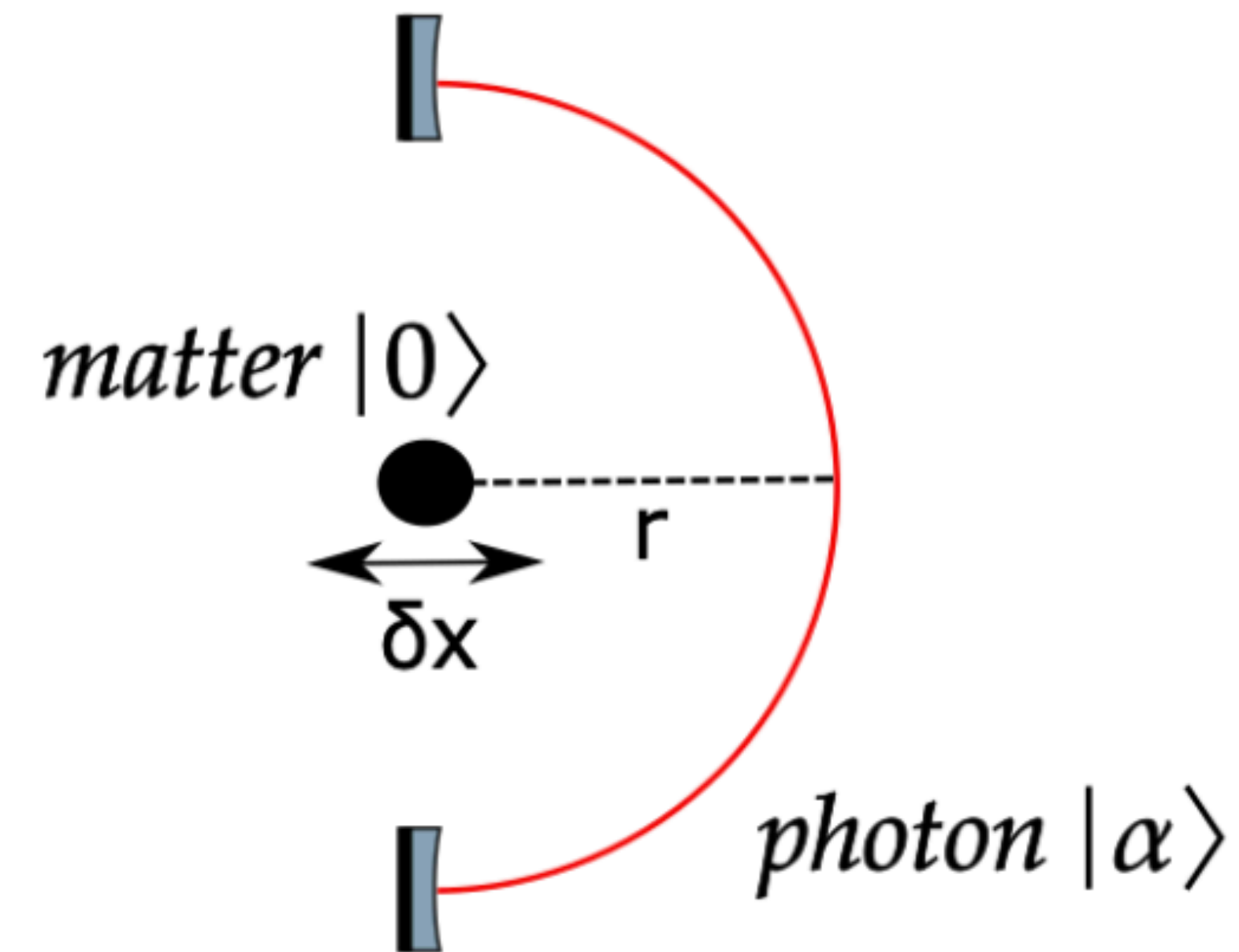
## Parameter Space

$$m \sim 10\text{kg}, \omega_m \sim 10^2\text{Hz} \quad I \sim 10^{23}\text{Wcm}^{-2}, \omega \sim 10^{16}\text{Hz}$$

$$P=1\text{ Peta Watt} \quad r \sim 10^3 - 25\text{cm}, b \sim 6\text{cm}, \alpha \sim 10^{18}\text{W/cm}^2$$

$$\tau = 1\text{ms}, \xi = 4, S \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

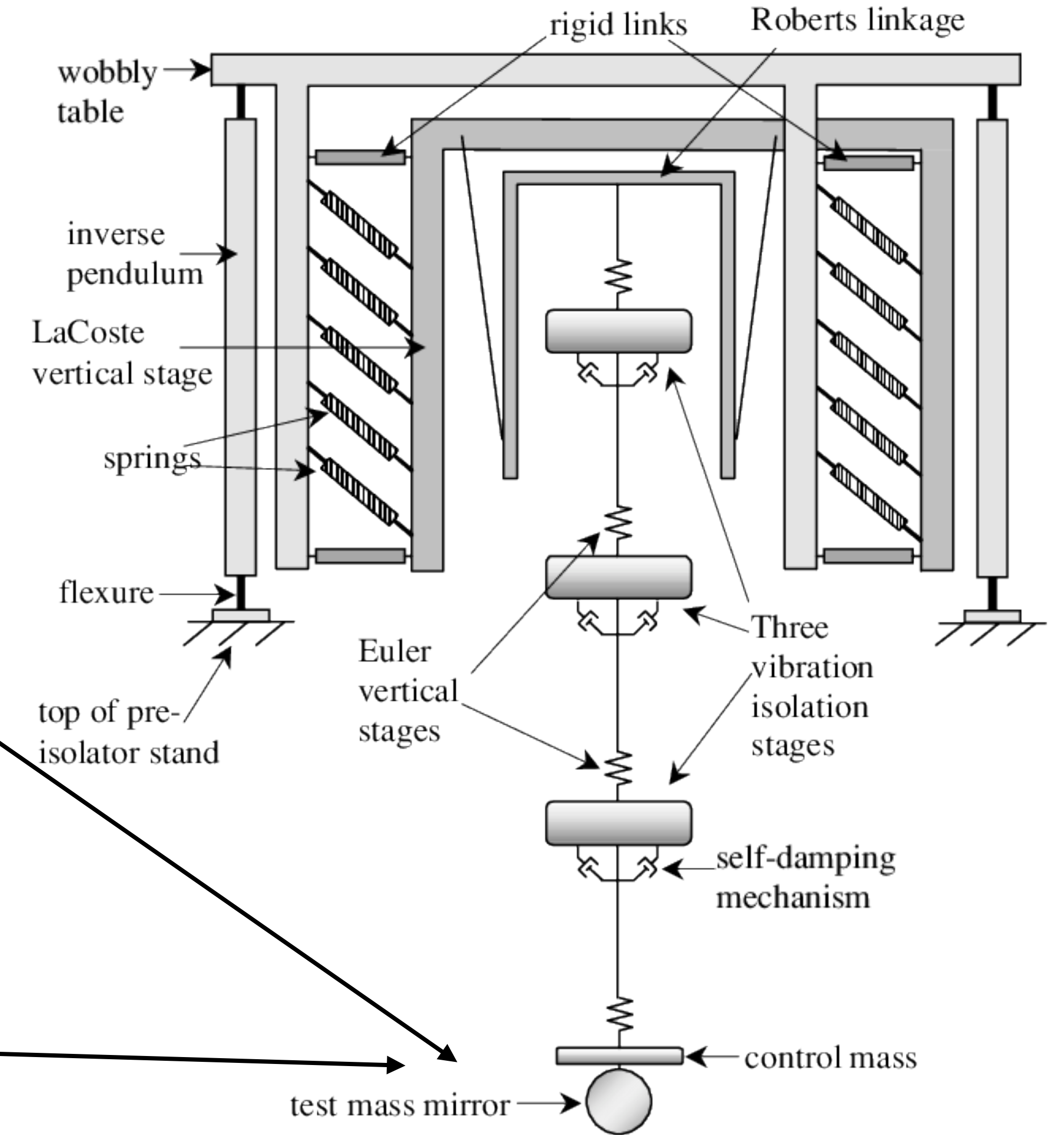
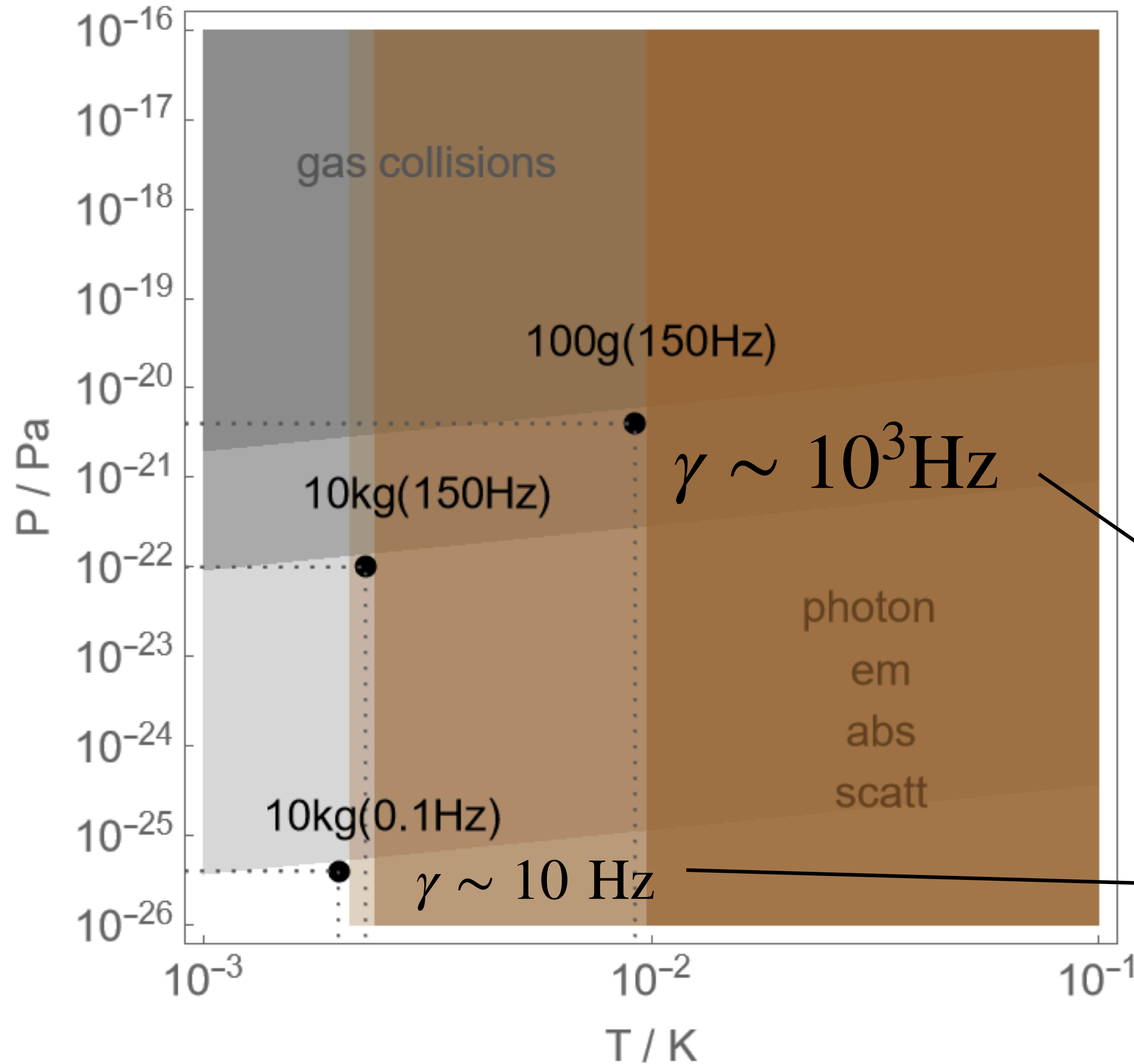
$$\omega_m = 0.1\text{Hz}, P = 1\text{GW}, \tau = 2.5\text{s}, \xi = 4, S \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$



**Biggest Challenge: Large Squeezing**

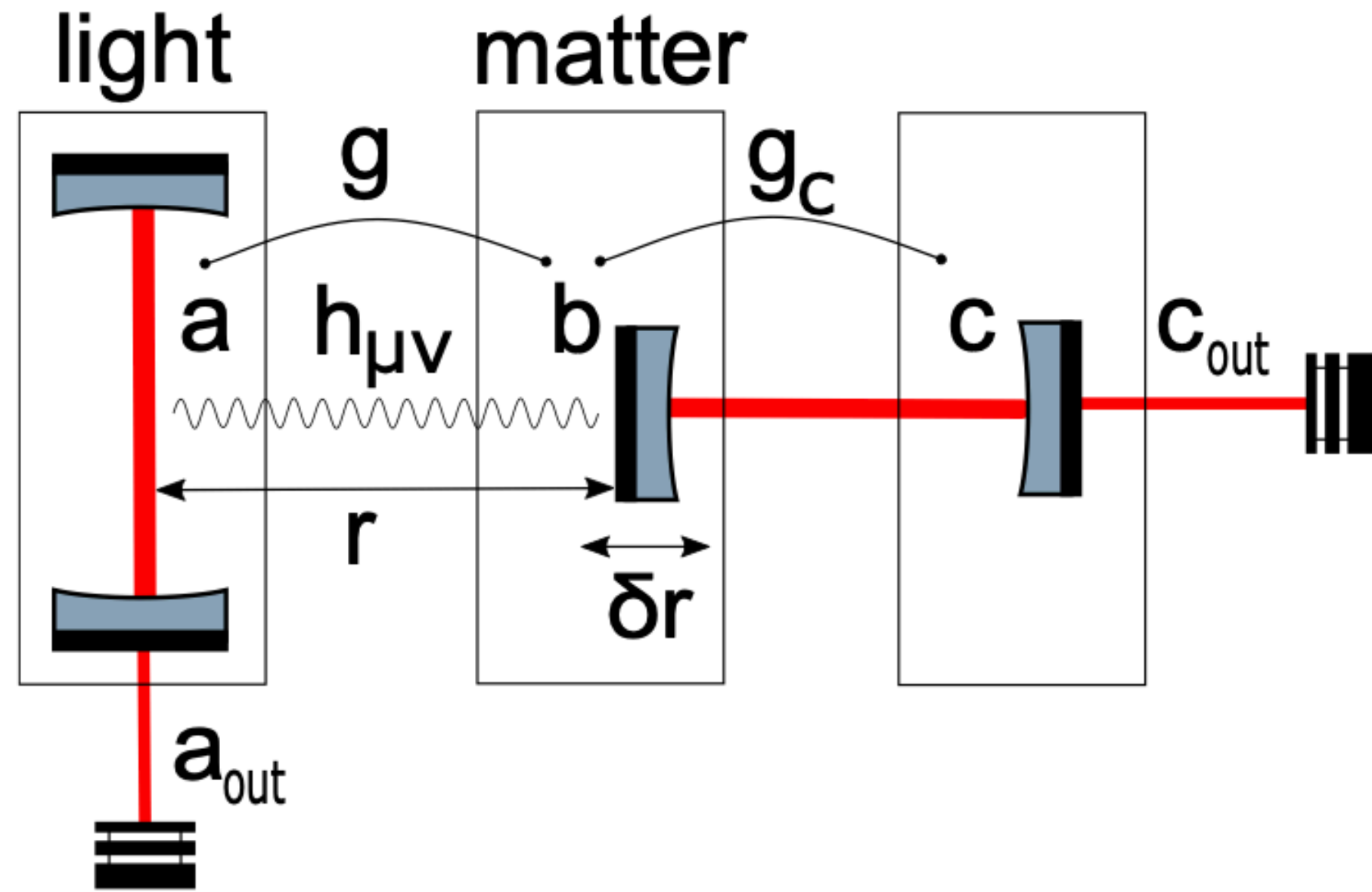


# Decoherence & Levitation



LIGO/ ET setup for seismic isolation

# Experimental Setup for Entanglement Witness



Entanglement witness provides evidence for the spin-2 nature of a massless graviton. Hence, it confirms the quantum nature of gravitational interaction with matter.

Duan-Giedke-Cirac-Zoller

Or

Simon's Entanglement

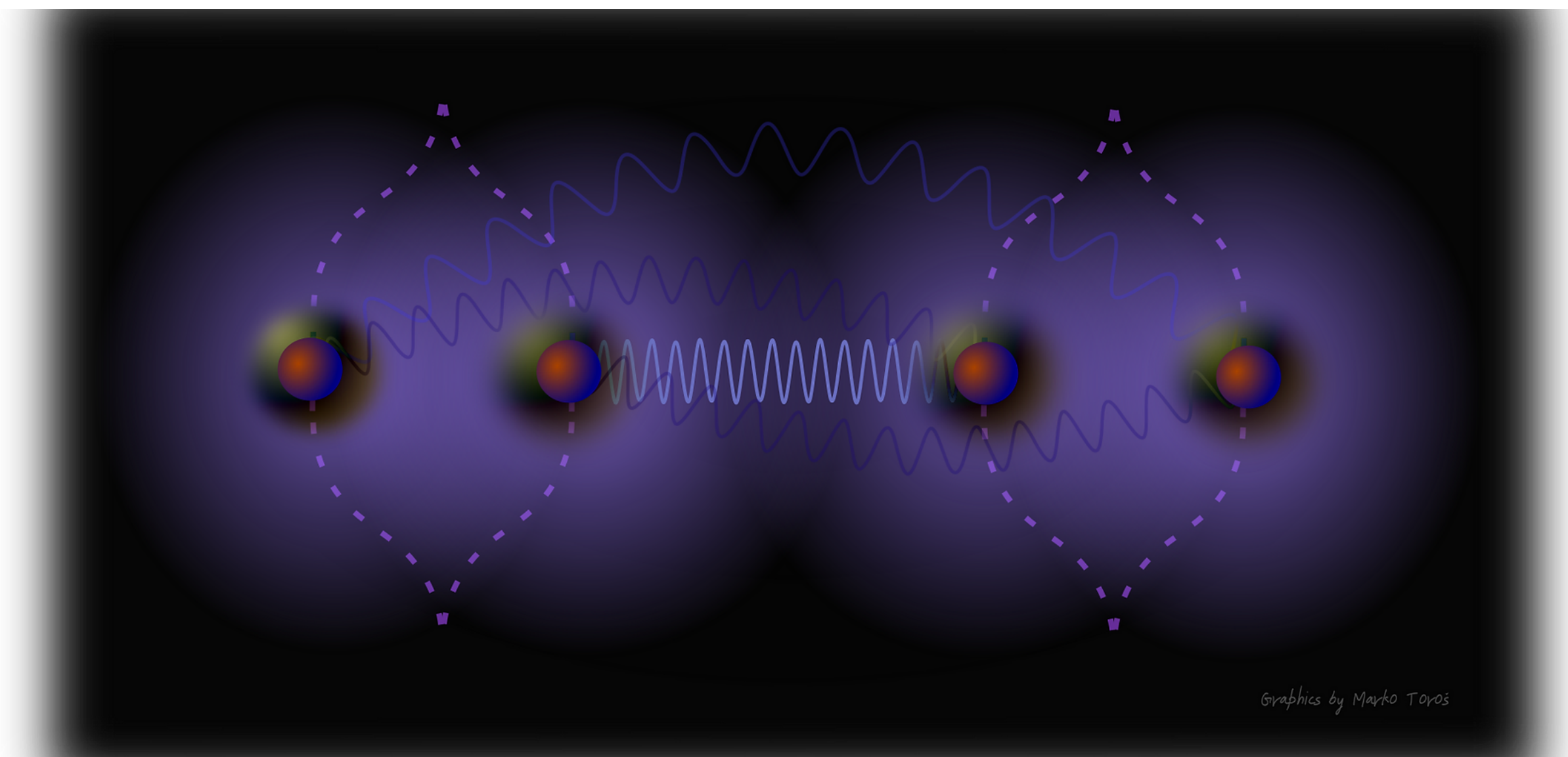
Witness for a continuous variable



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# Two places at once: superposed crystal could test whether gravity obeys quantum laws

Method could probe whether a key tenet of quantum mechanics applies to gravity, which has so far resisted quantum theory.



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