

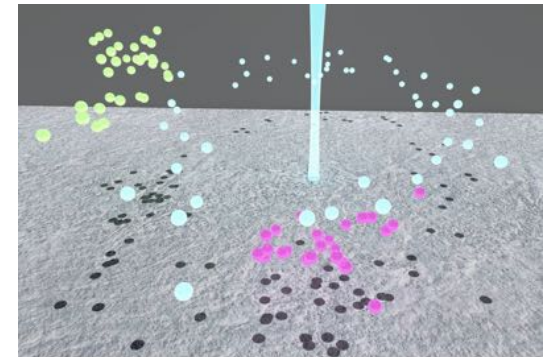
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**„A self-reflecting quantum gas  
begins to twist and turn“**



The interplay between matter and light is one of the most fundamental interactions in nature. The essence is often captured by considering a single localized dipole interacting with the field of a cavity mode. But what changes when matter is also considered as a field rather than a localized particle? Such a situation can be realized by placing a Bose-Einstein condensate inside a high-finesse optical cavity. The external degree of freedom of matter now plays an important role, leading to a wide range of phenomena, from fundamental phase transitions to dissipation induced oscillations. In particular, I will report on a self-oscillating pump realized in a dissipative atom-cavity system, merging the concepts of topological pumping and time-crystals.