



# Quantum information processing with atoms coupled to waveguides and cavities

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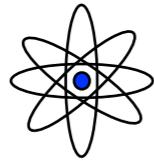
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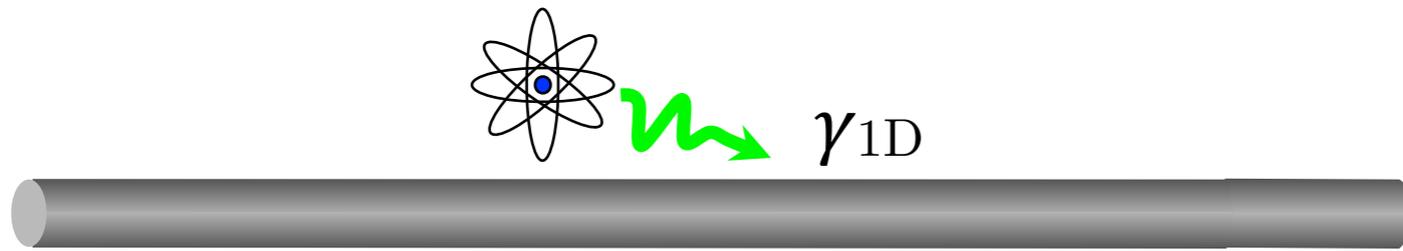
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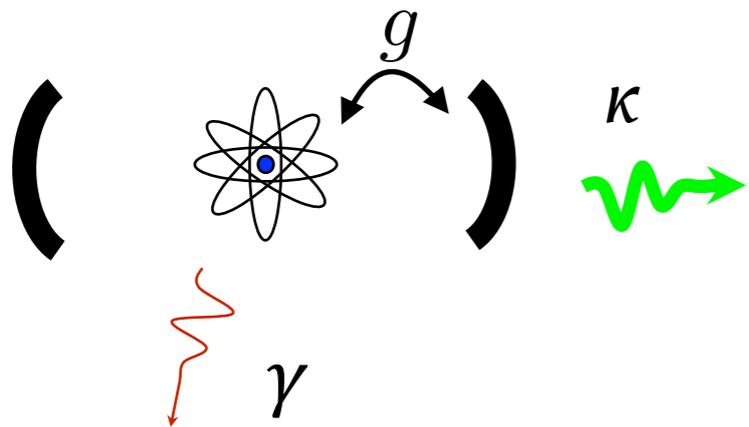
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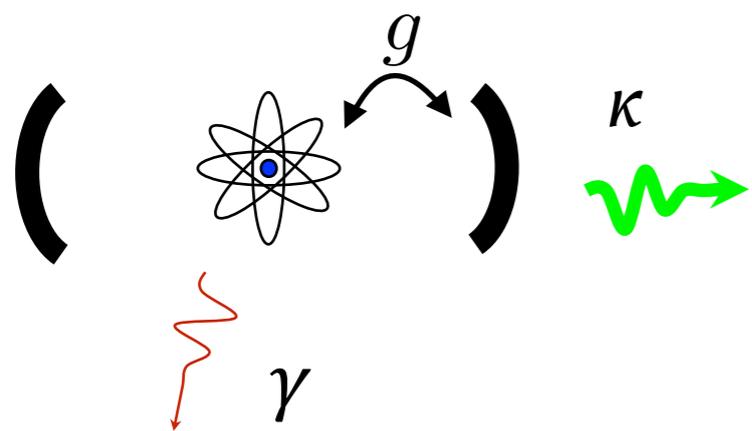
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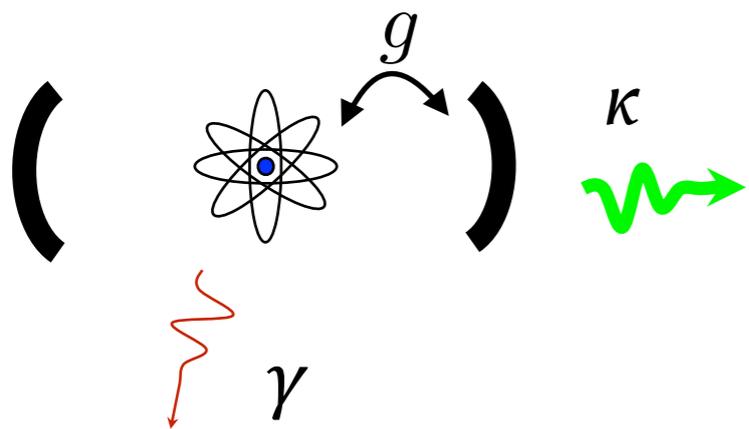
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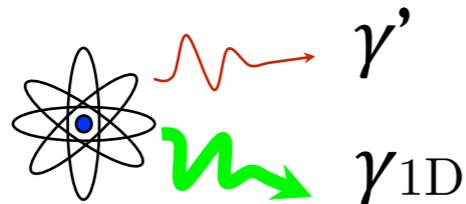


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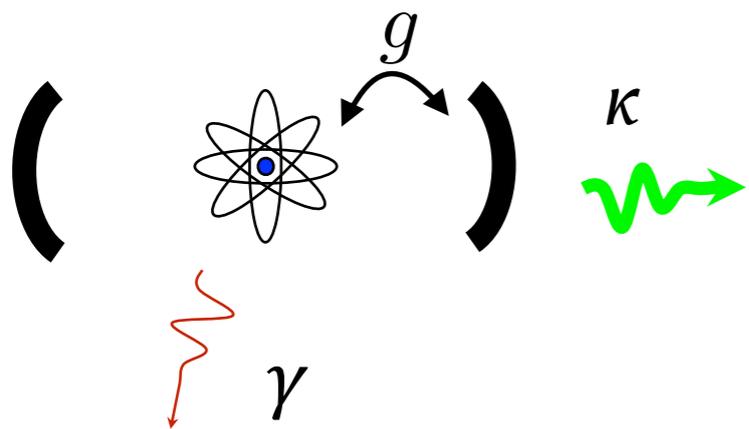
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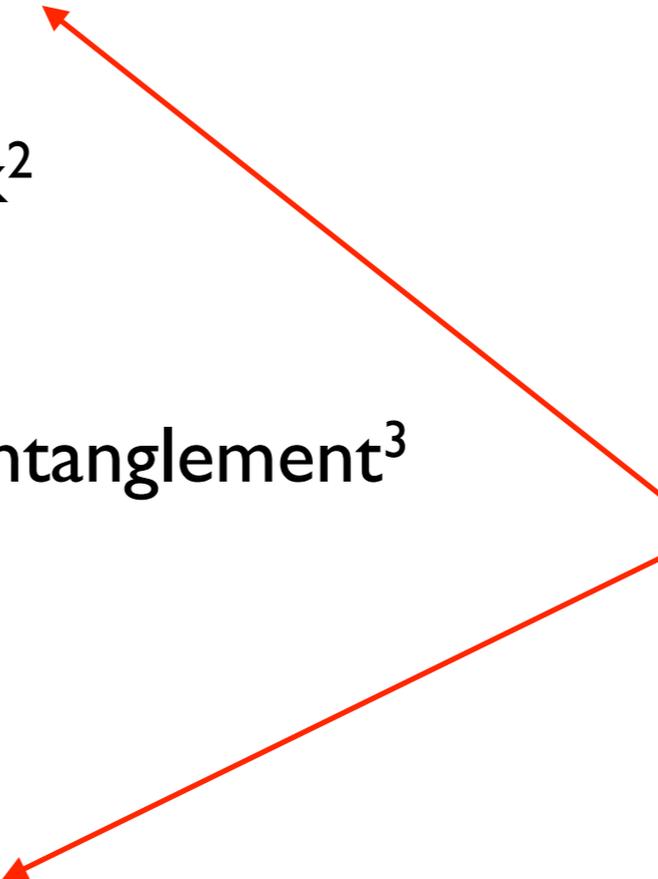
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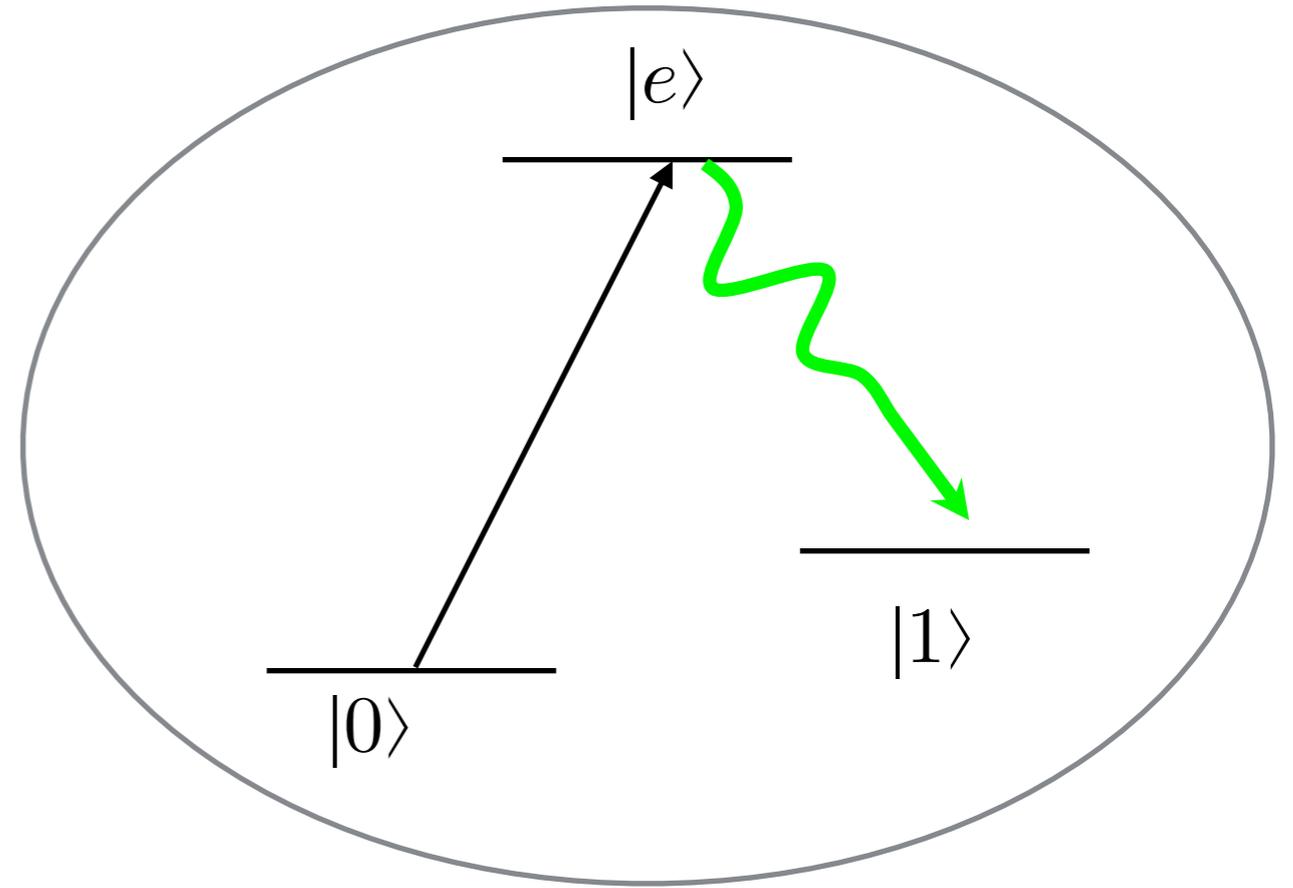
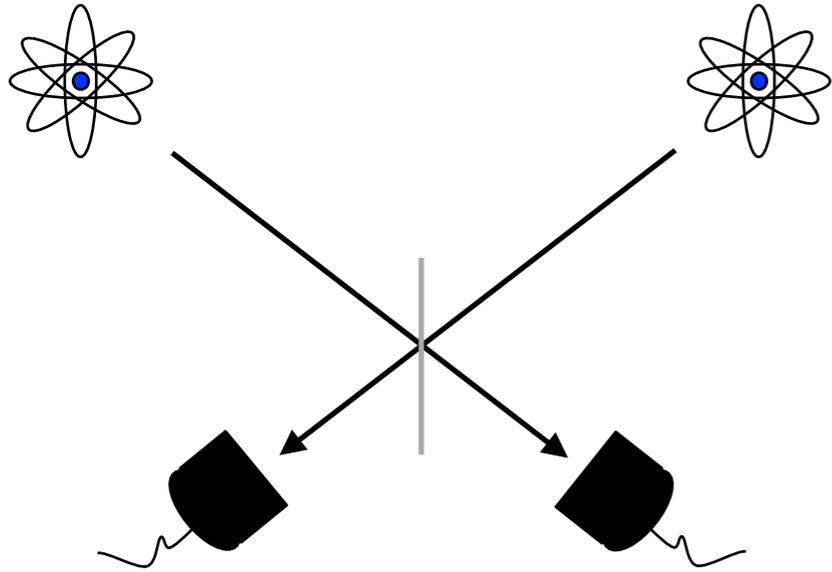
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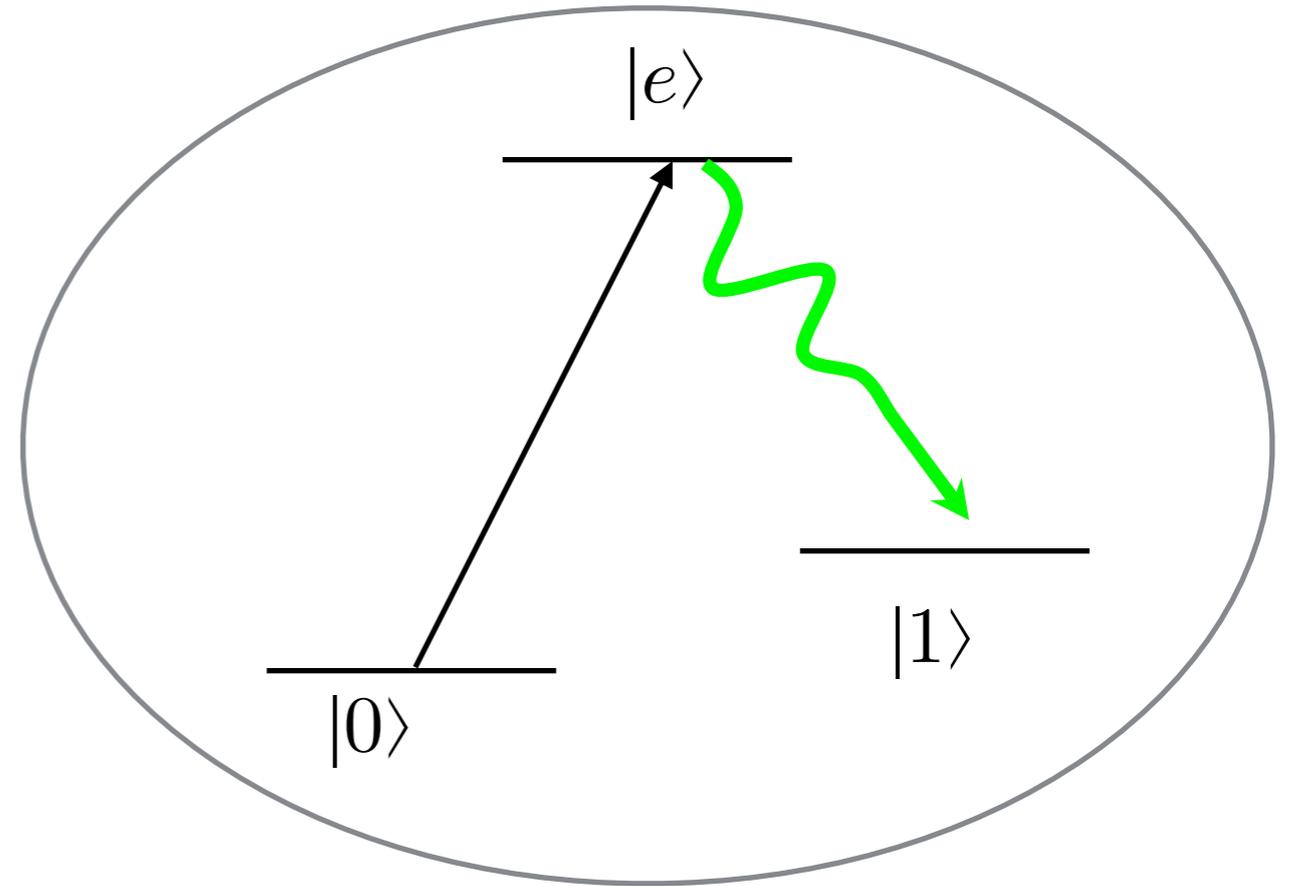
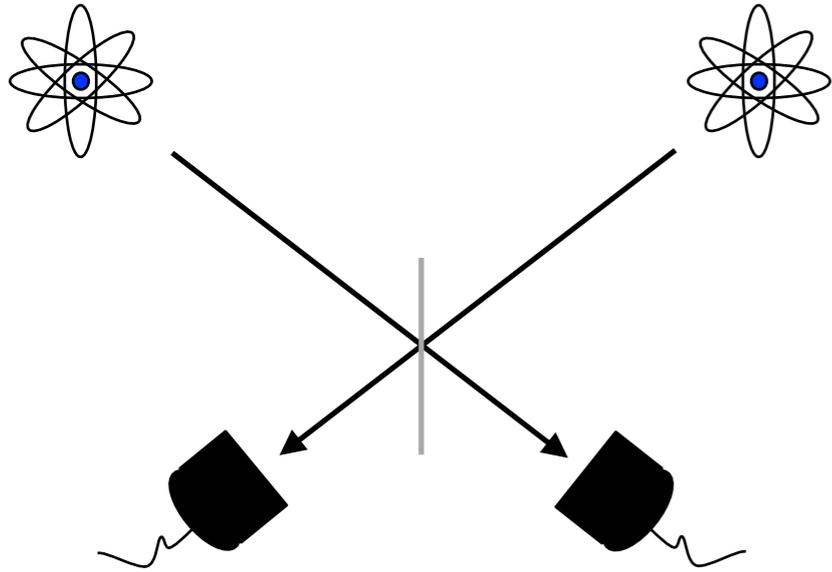
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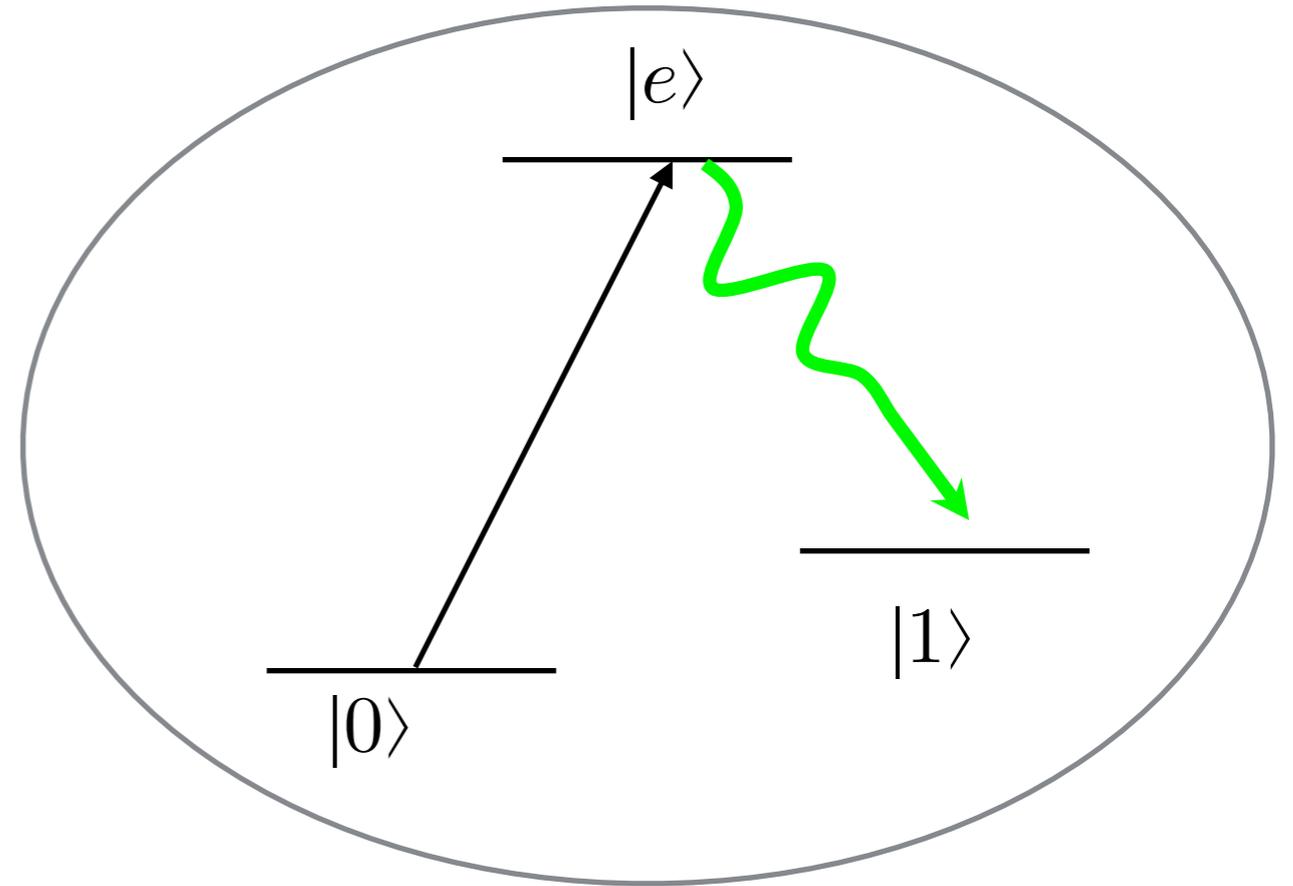
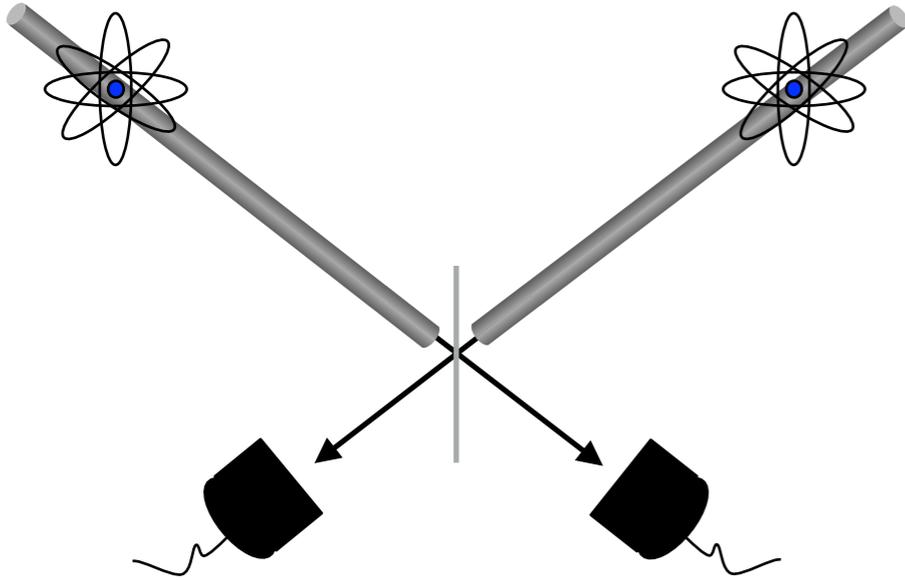
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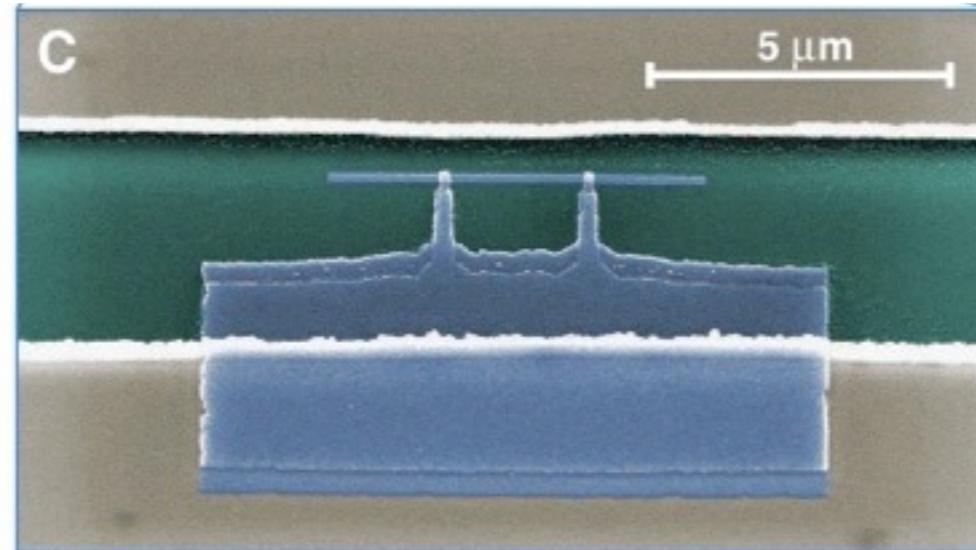
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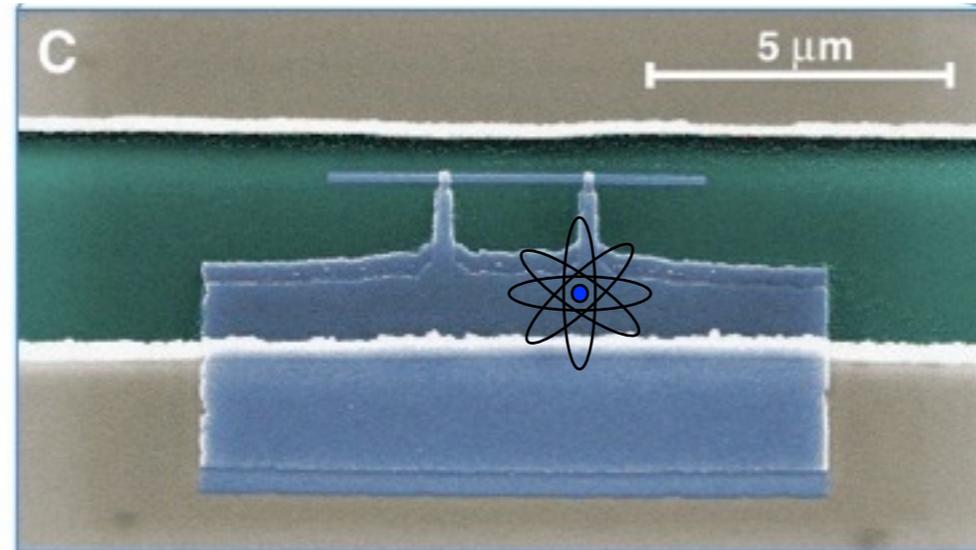


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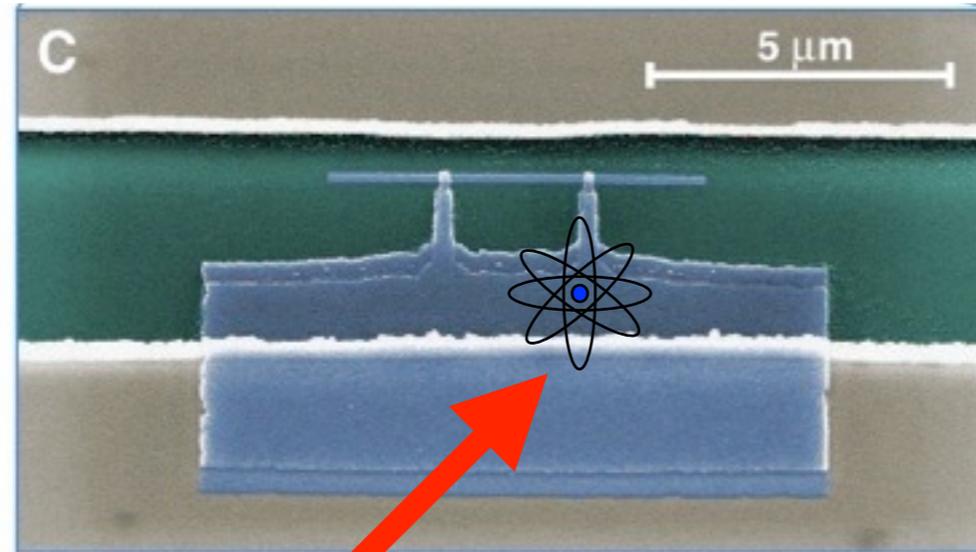
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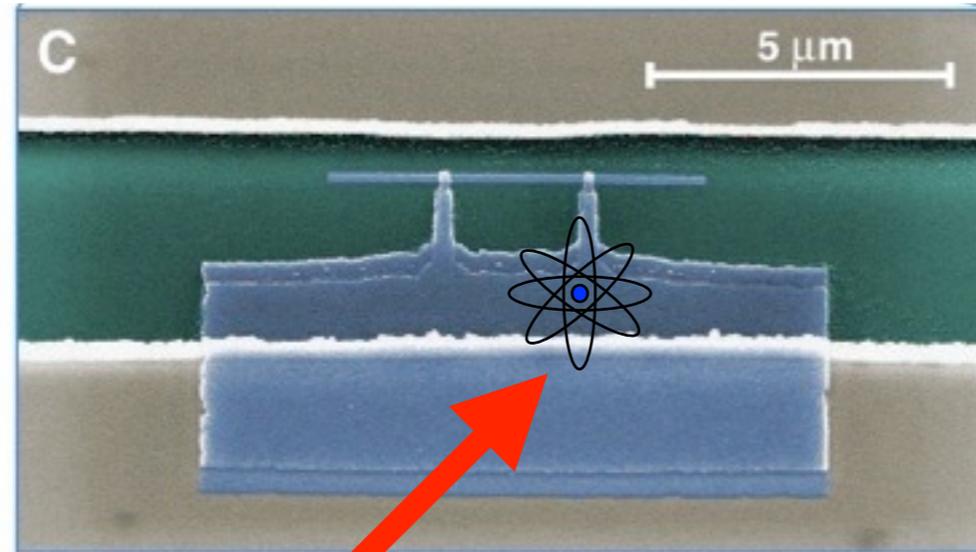
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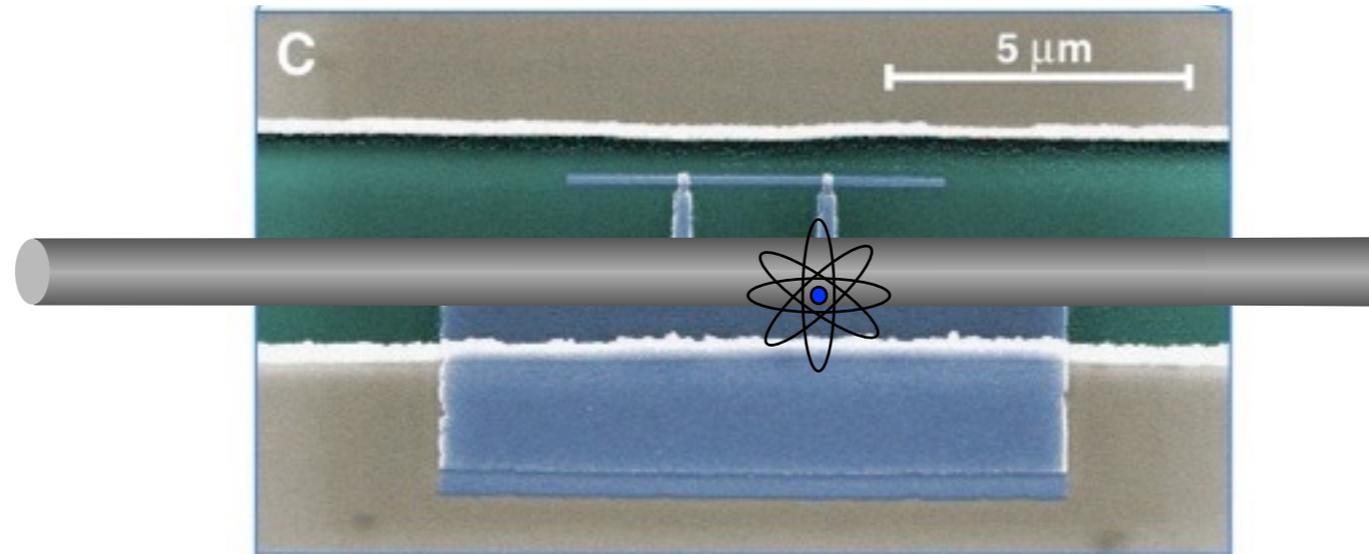
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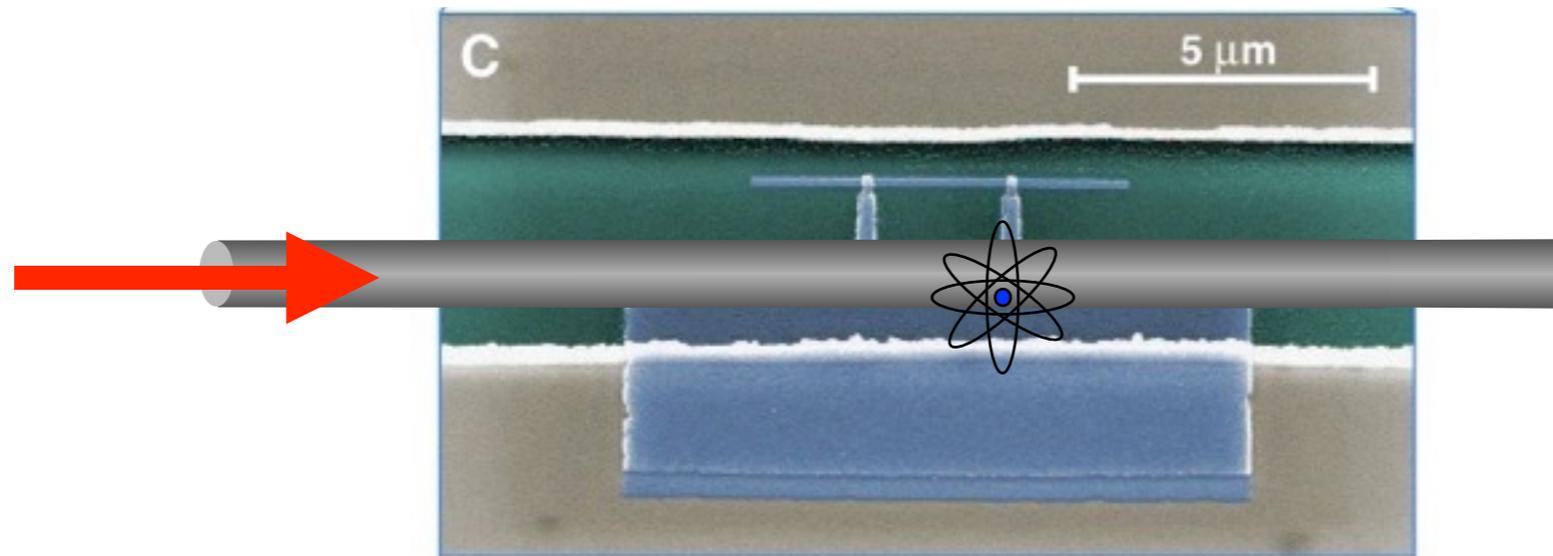
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Send in light through waveguide => need very little light (one photon)

# Molecules in waveguides

Experiments S. Faez, V. Sandoghdar: molecules in hollow core fiber



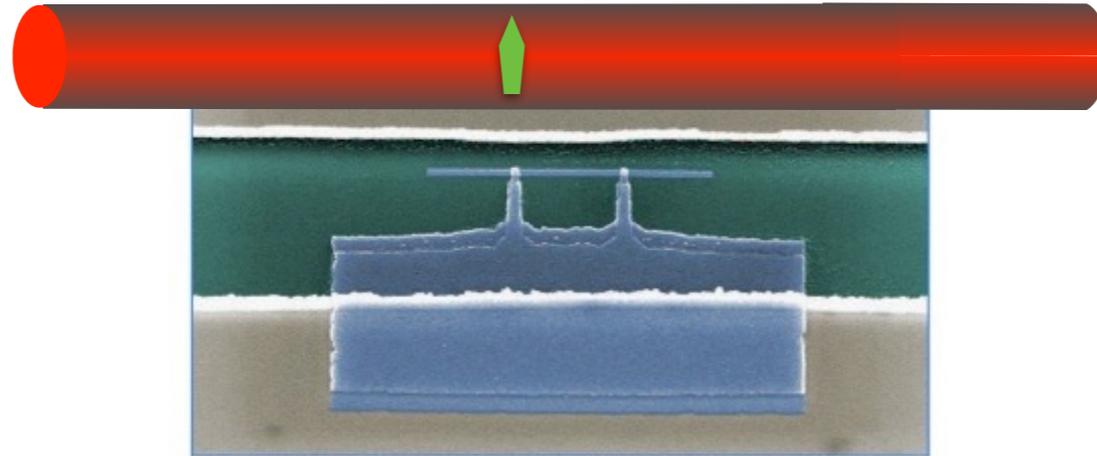
Can have good coupling\*  $\beta \approx 10\%$

Low temperatures: transitions nearly radiatively limited

Only a single ground state  $\Rightarrow$  not useful as a qubit

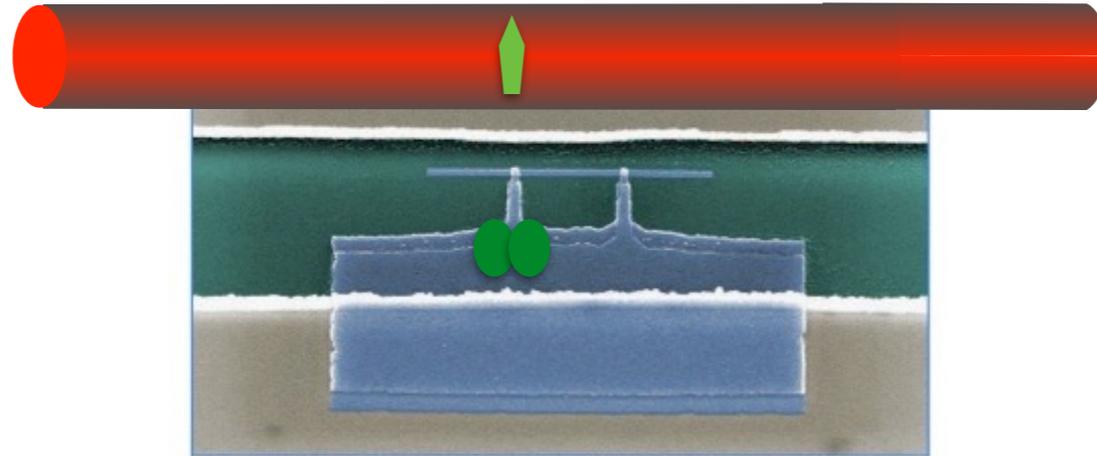
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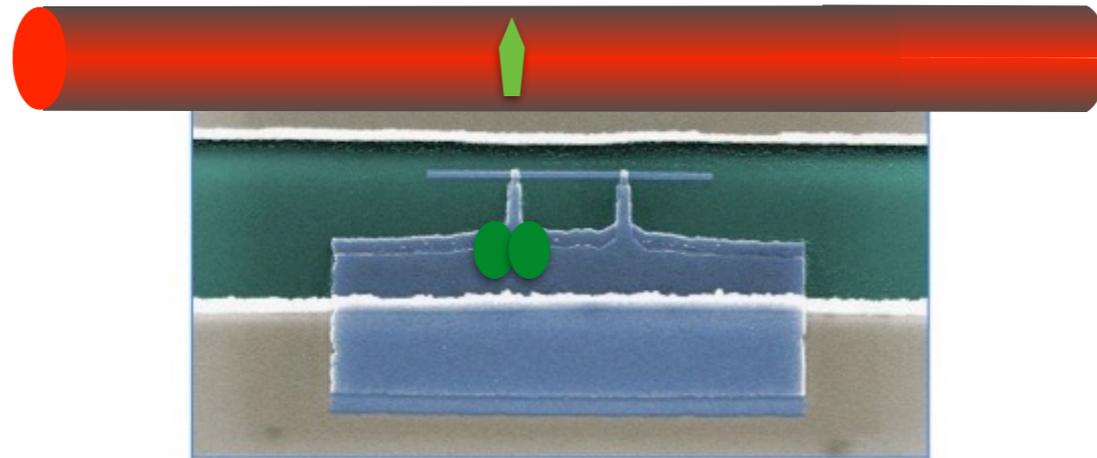
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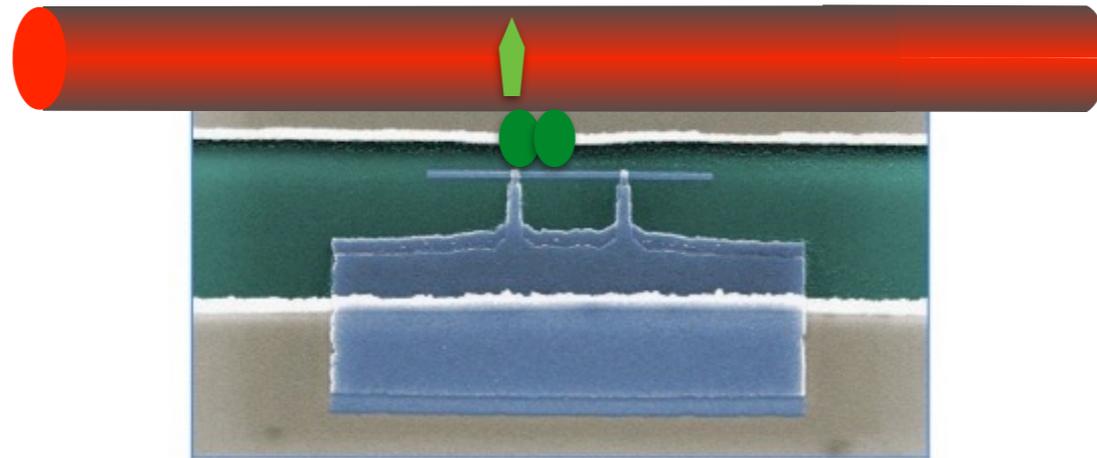


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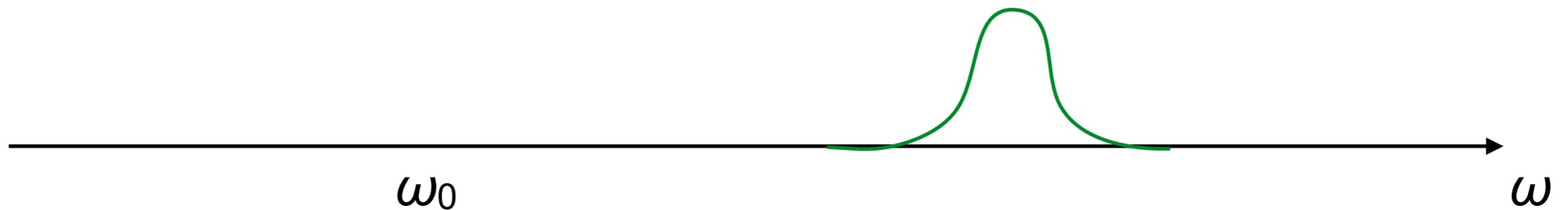


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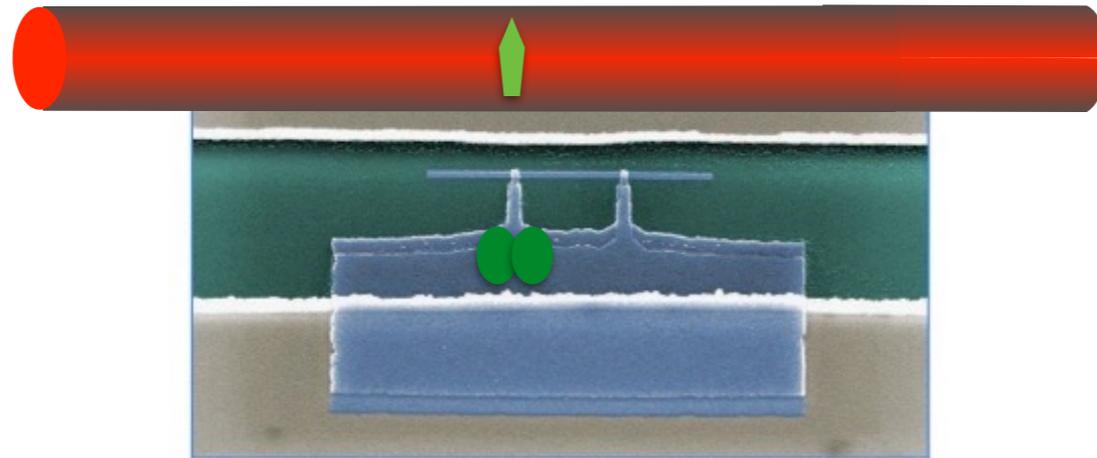


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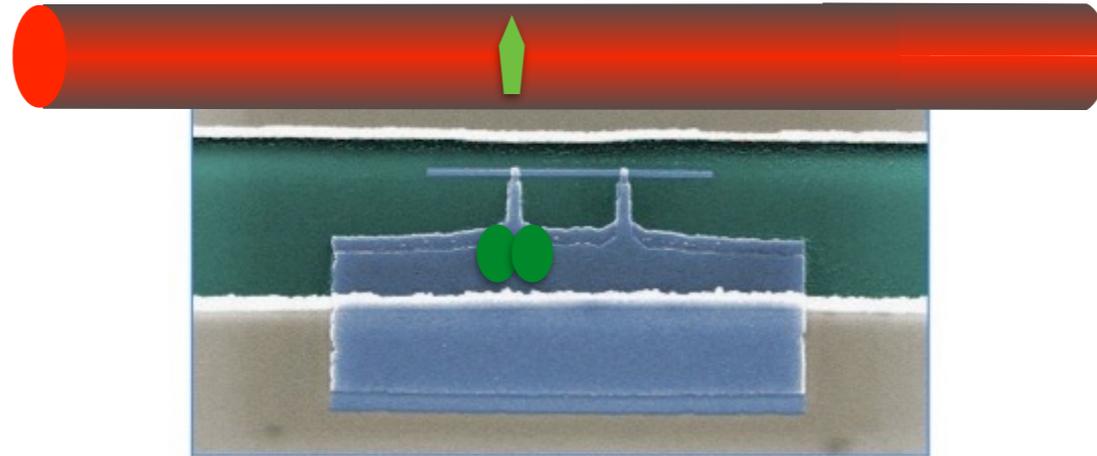


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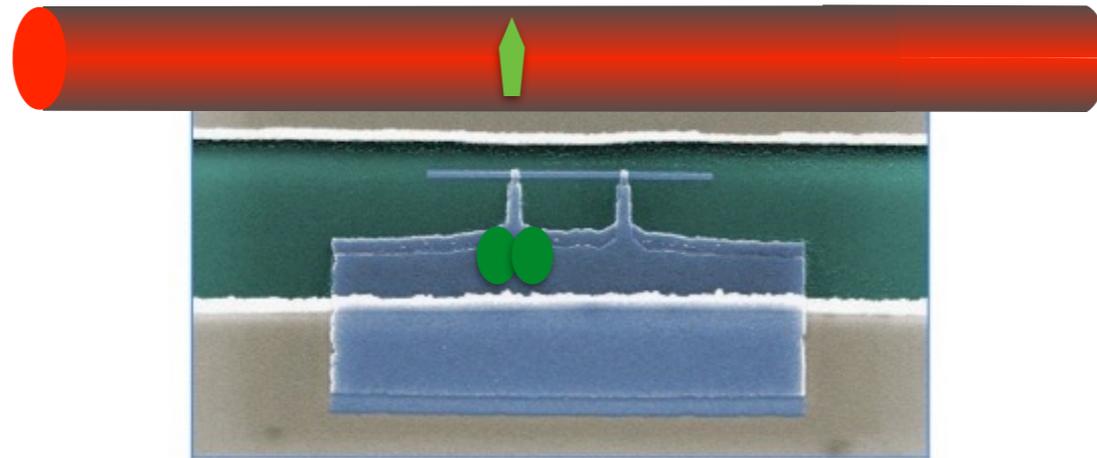
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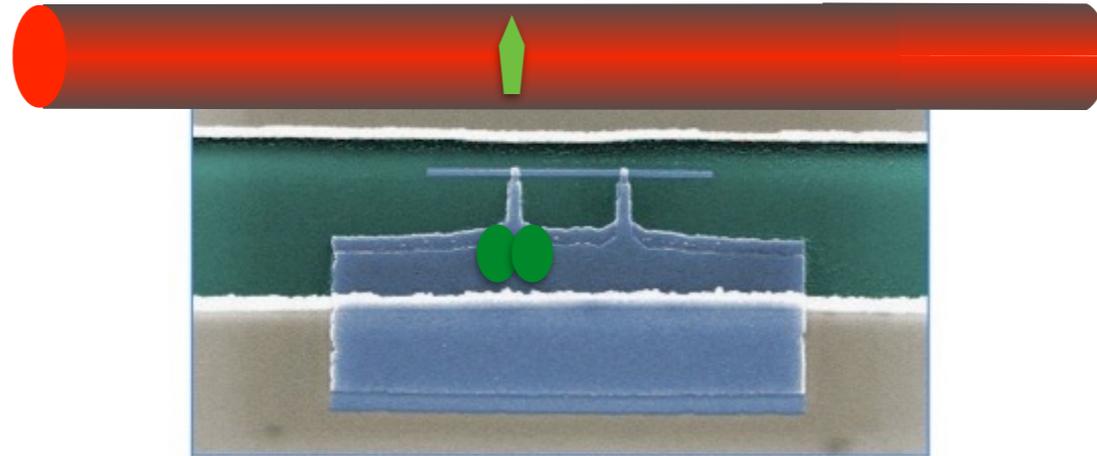
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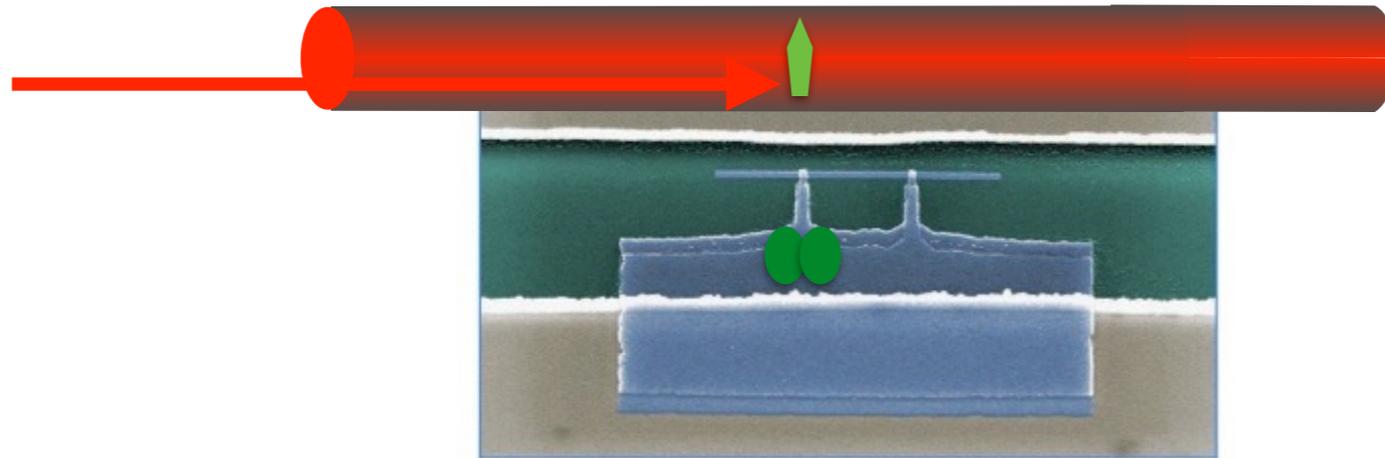
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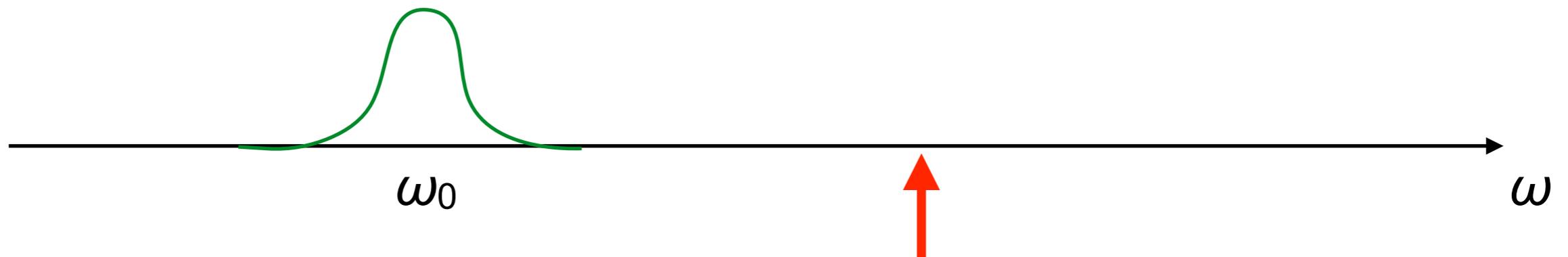
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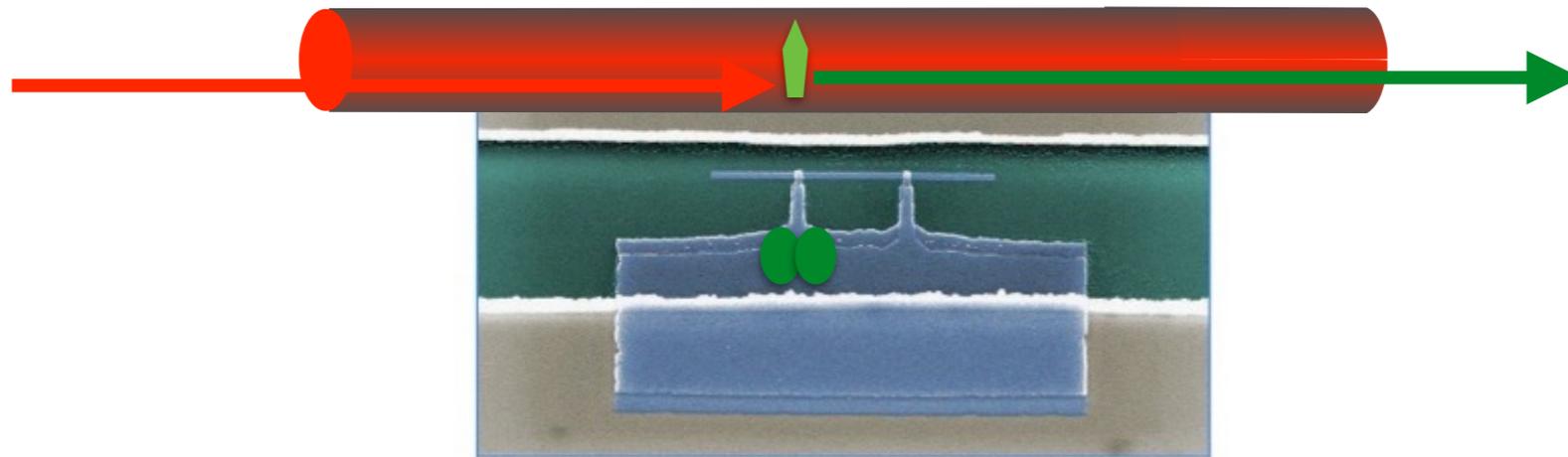
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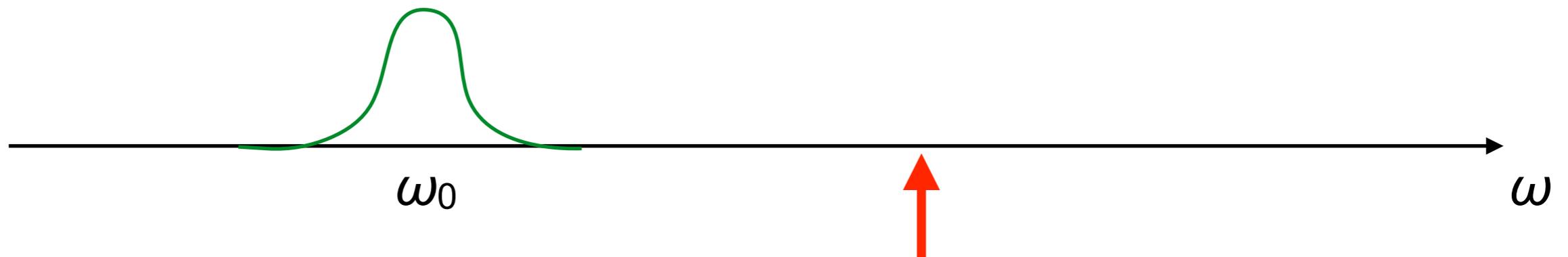
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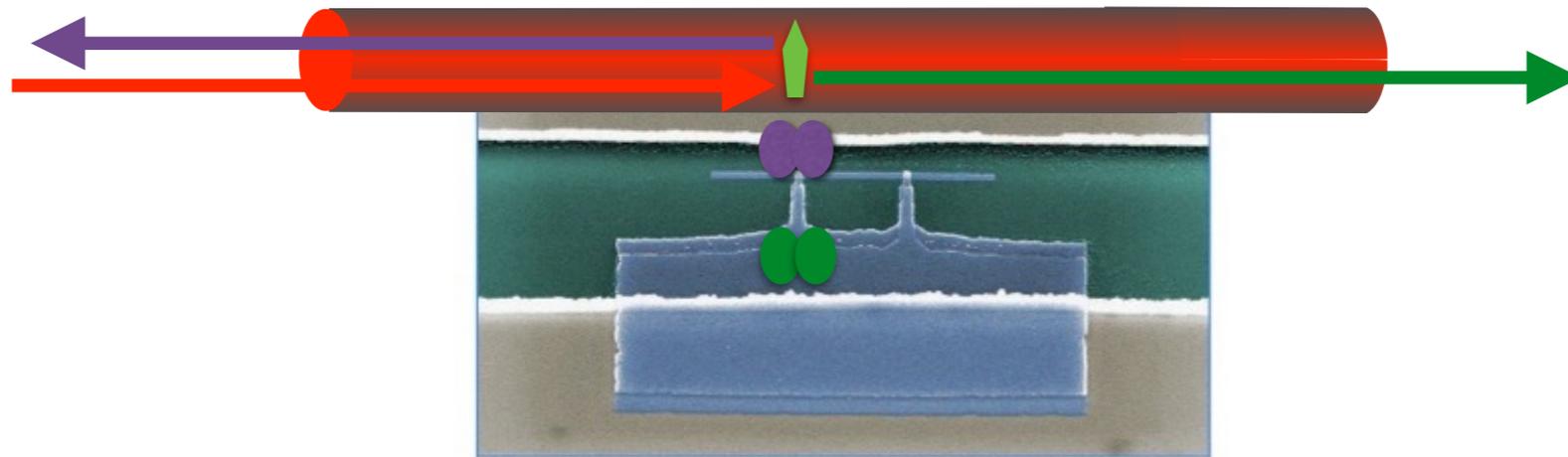
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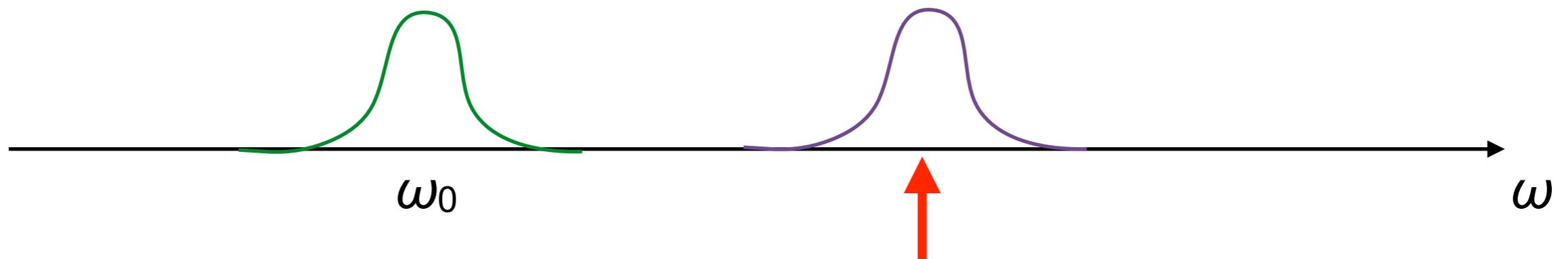
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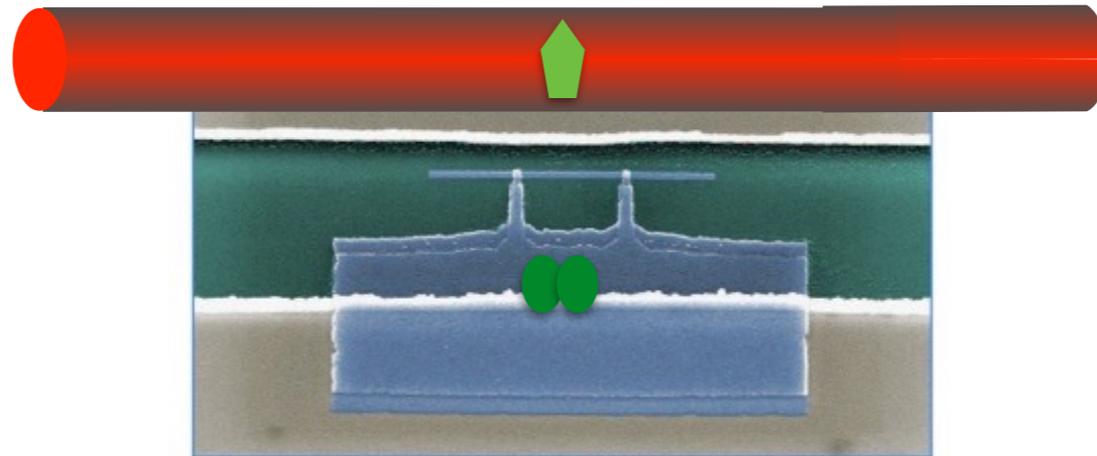
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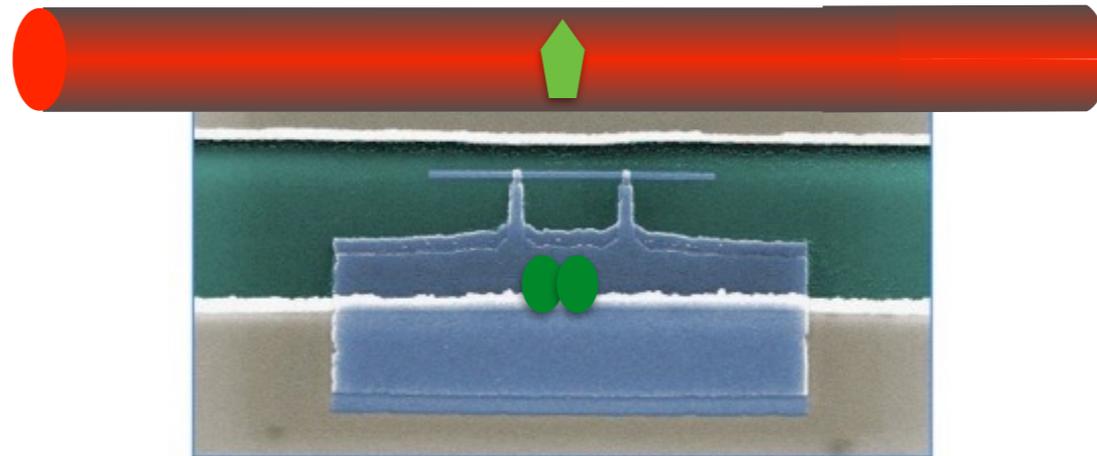


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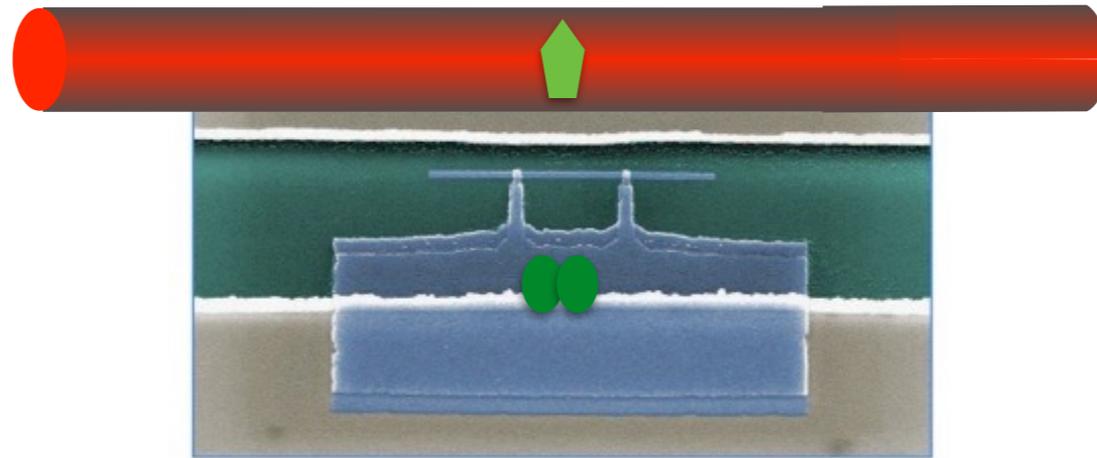
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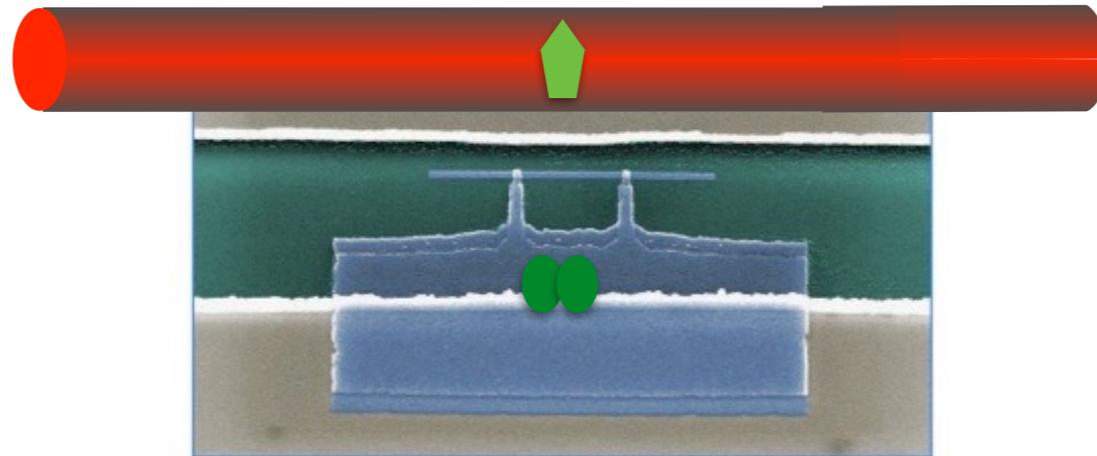
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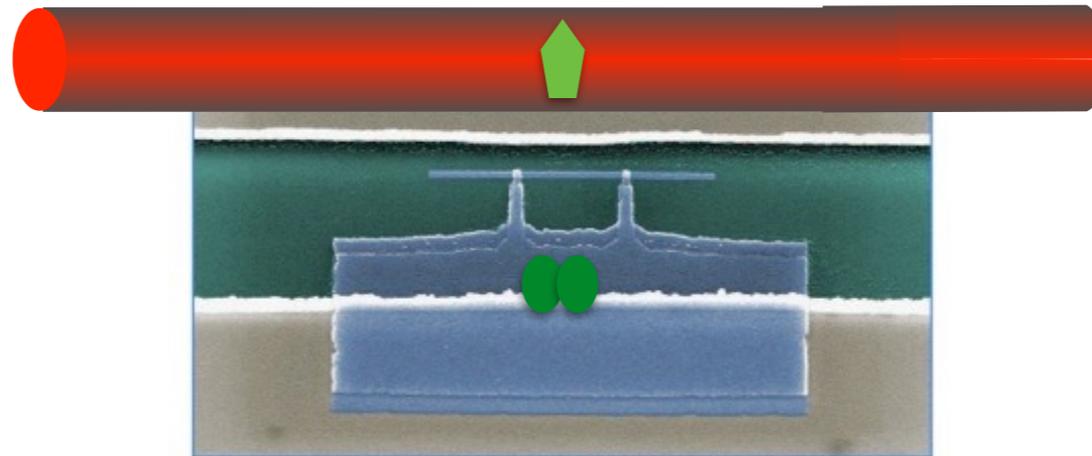
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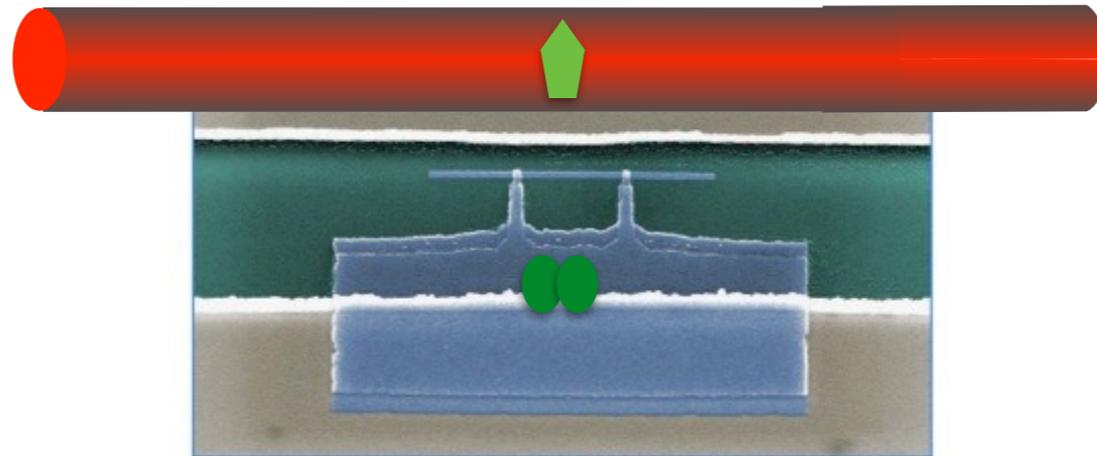


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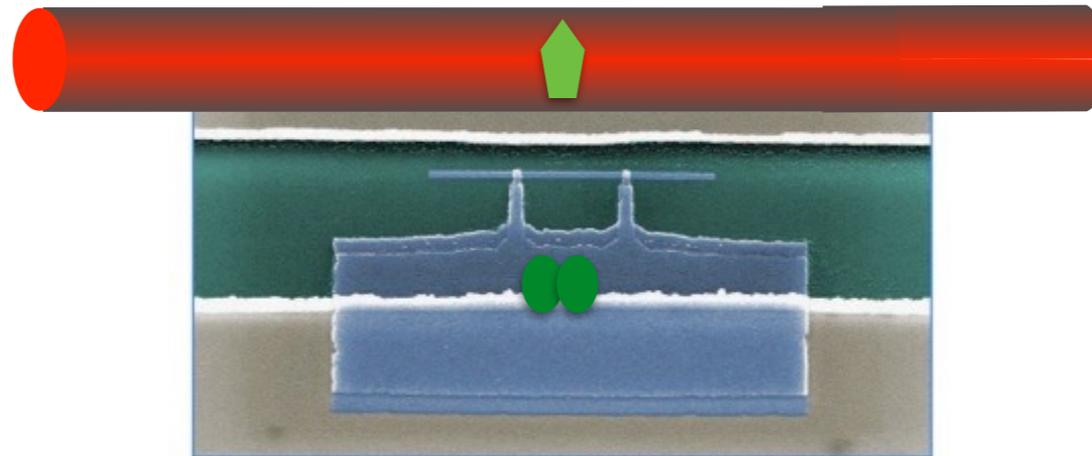
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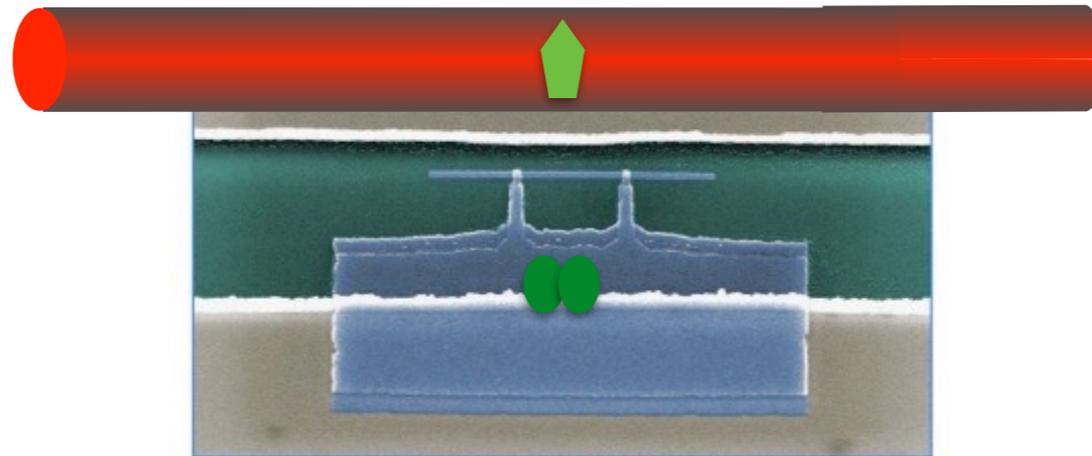
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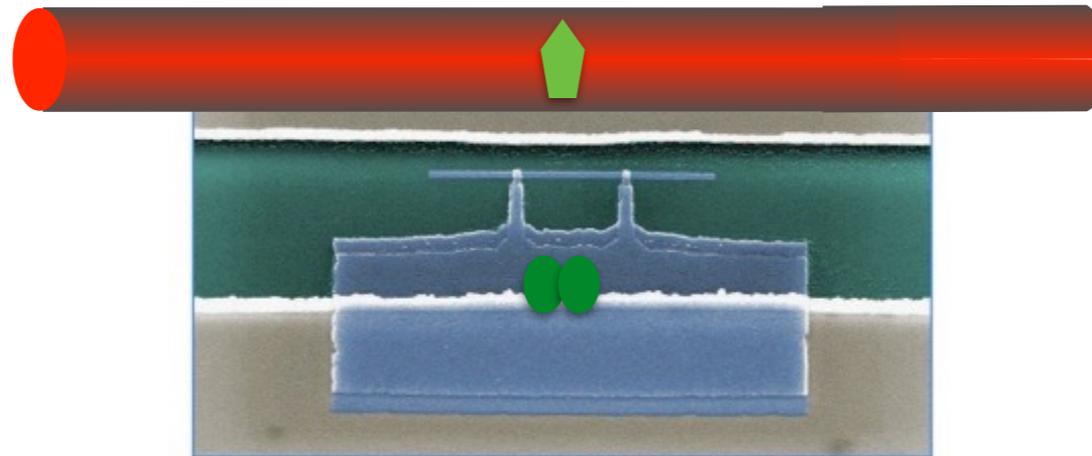
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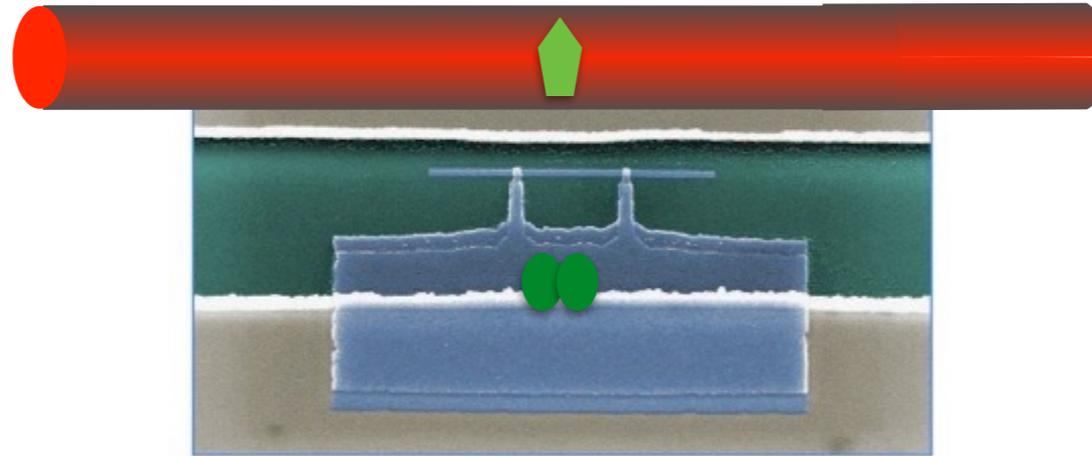
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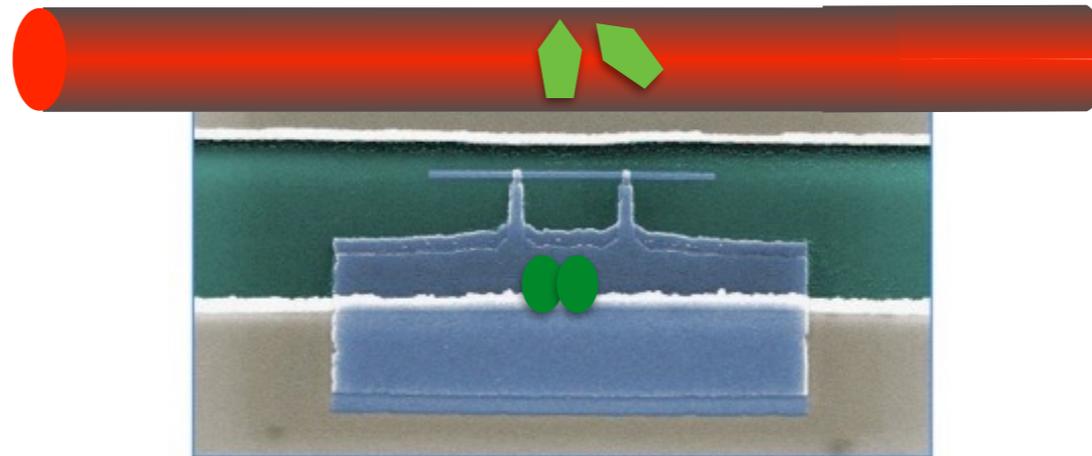
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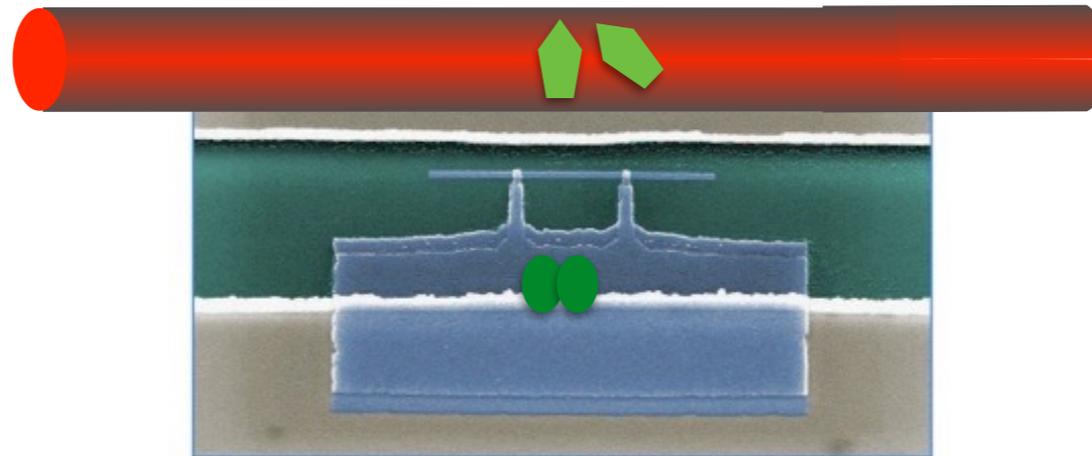


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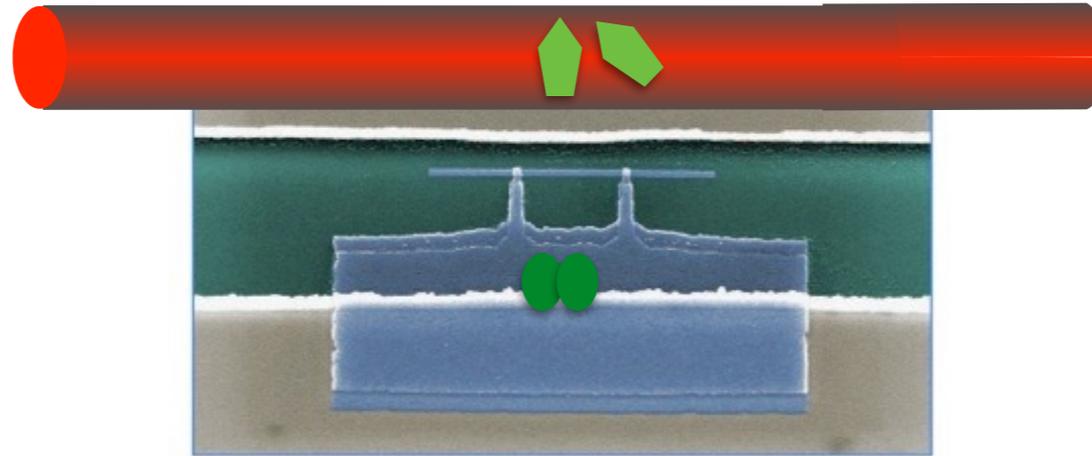


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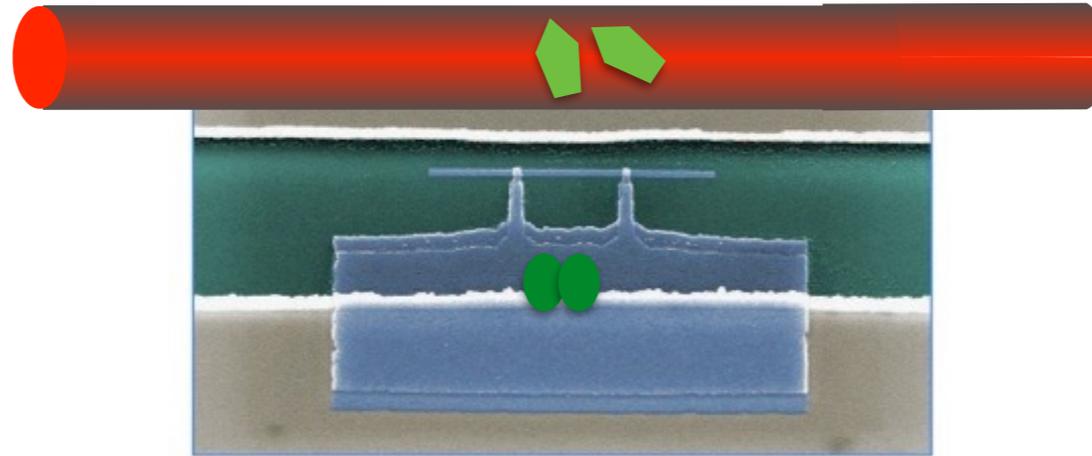
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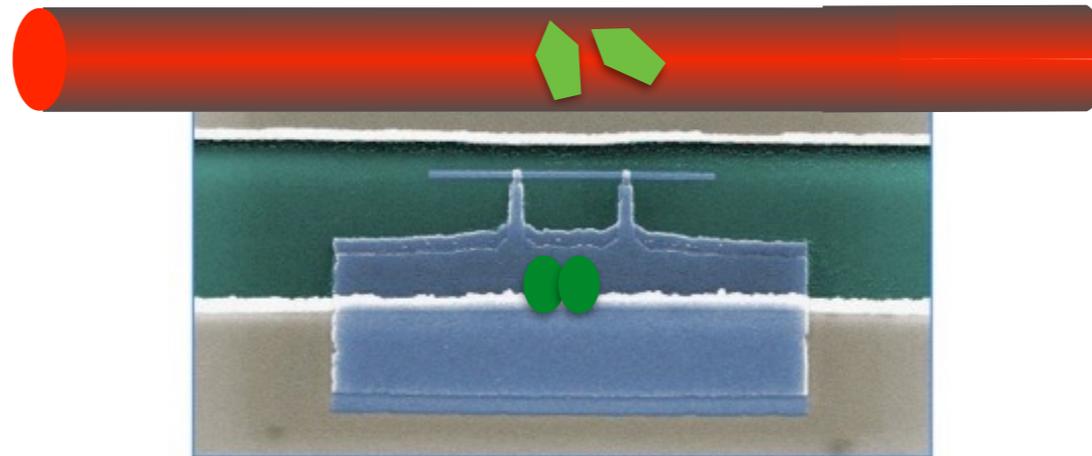
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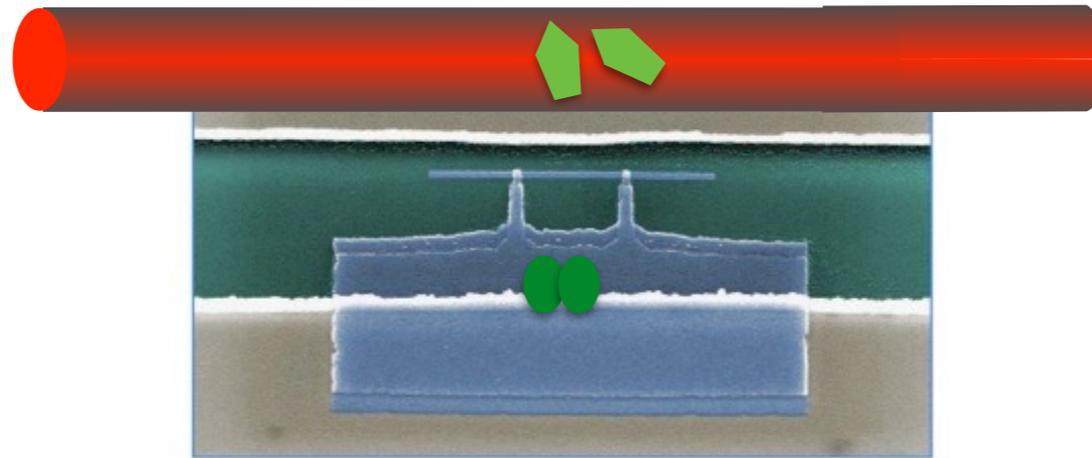
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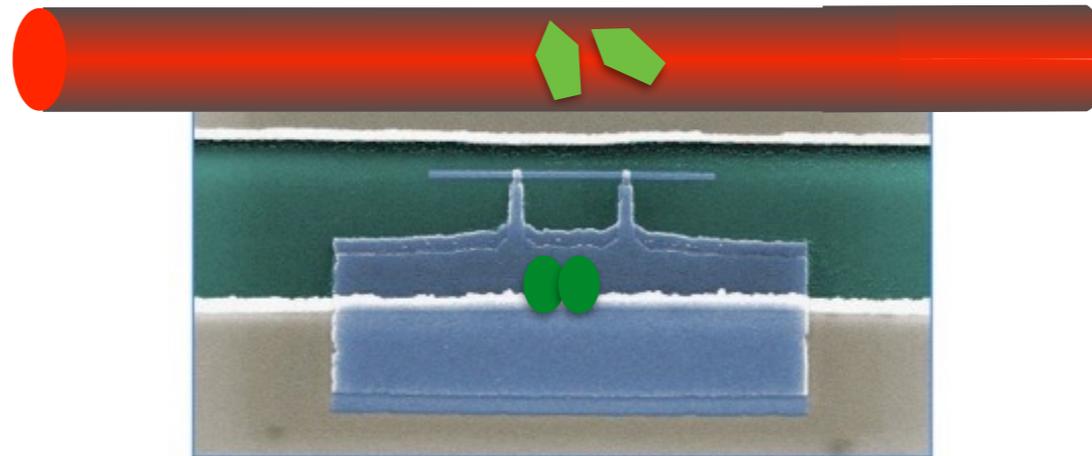
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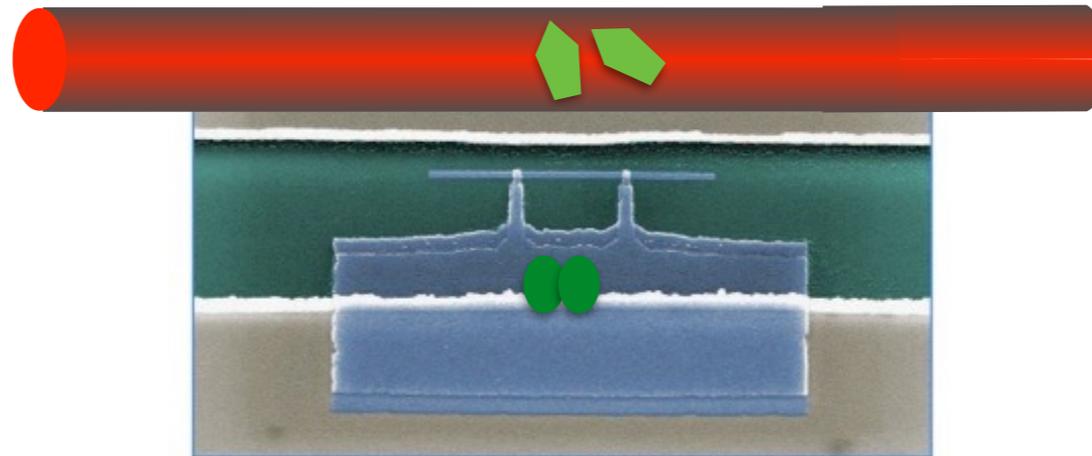
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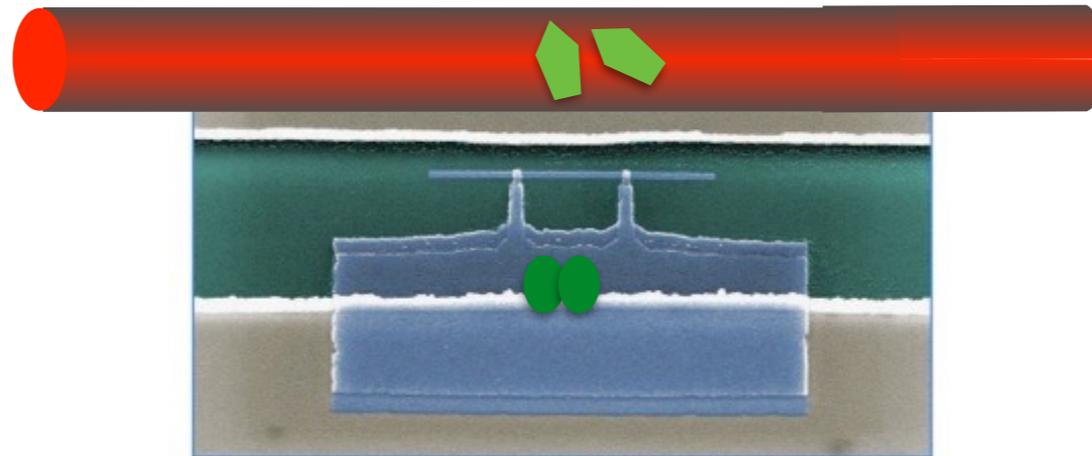
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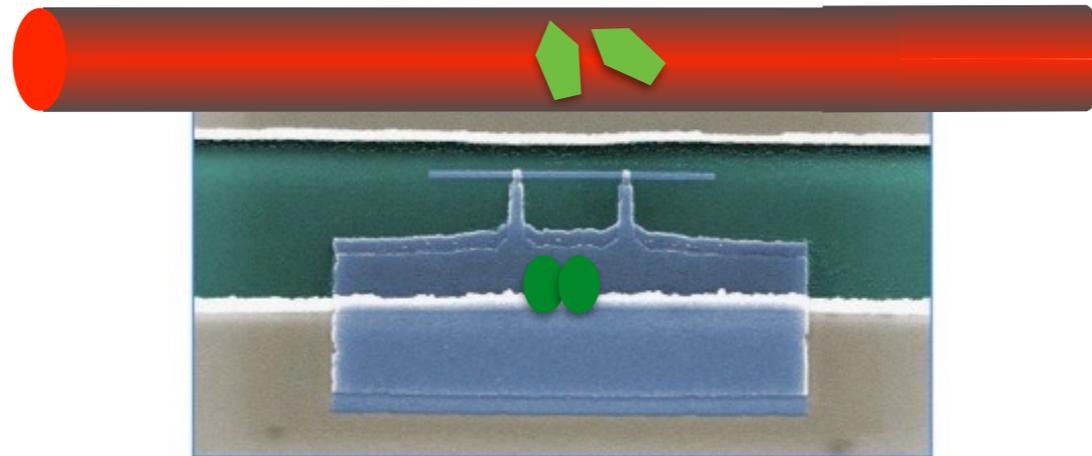
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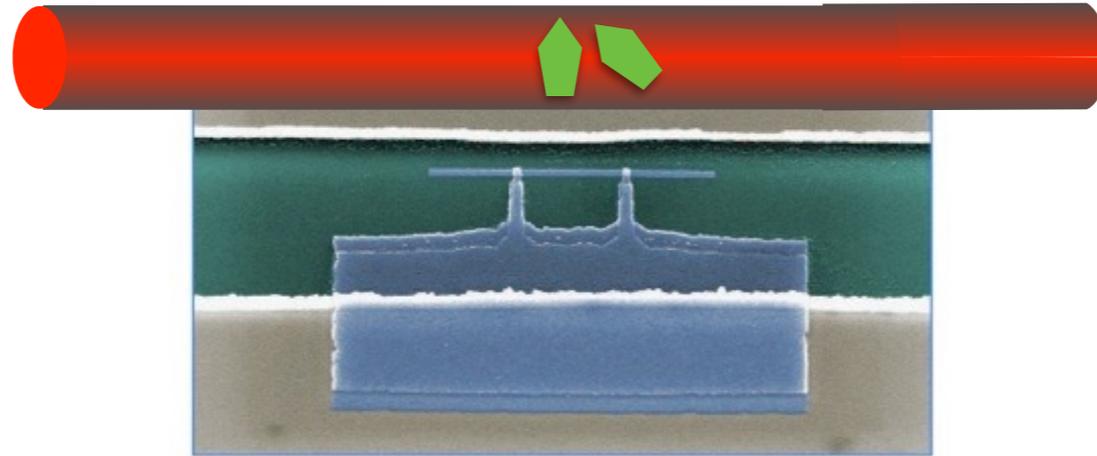
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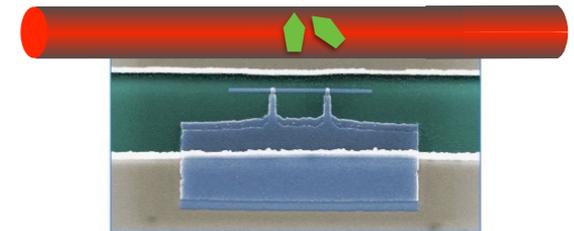
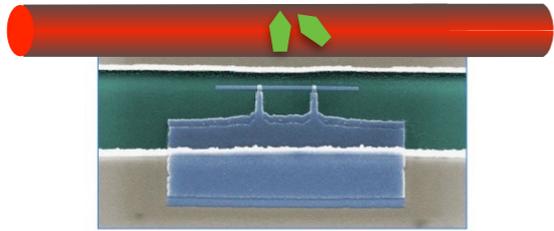


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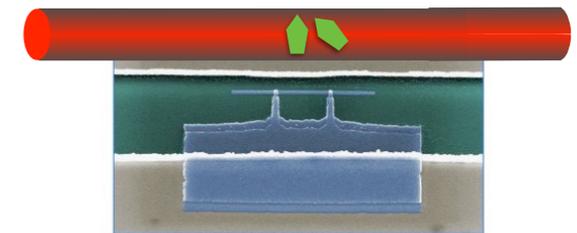
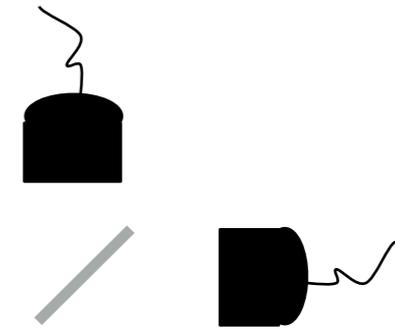
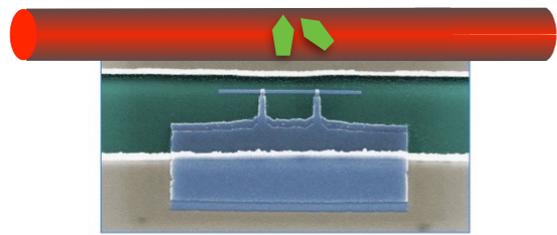
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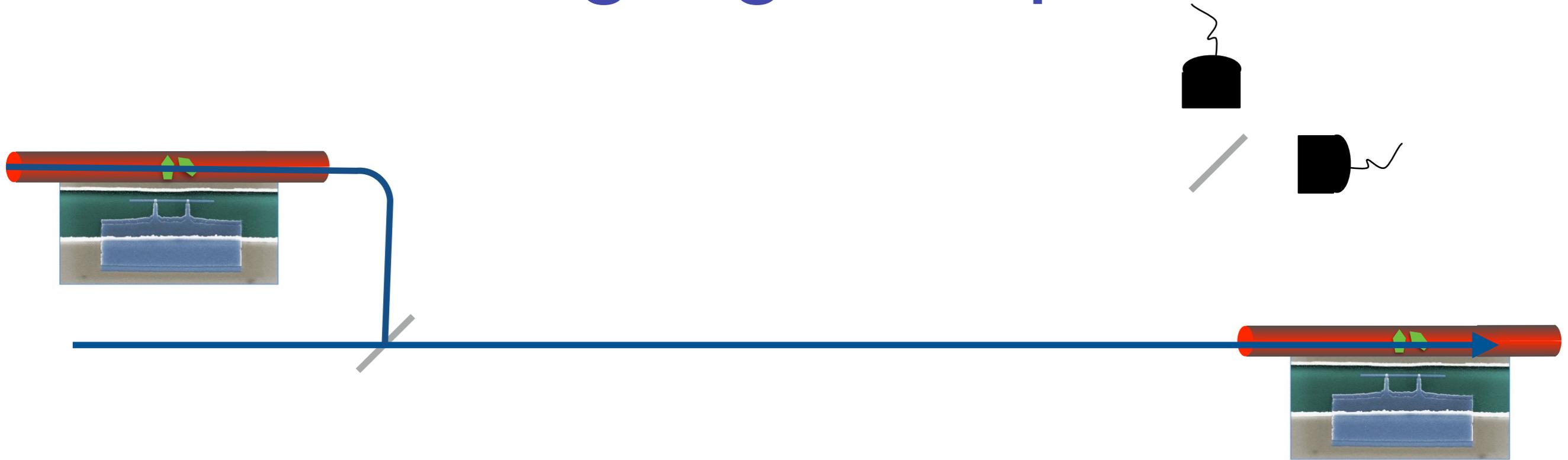
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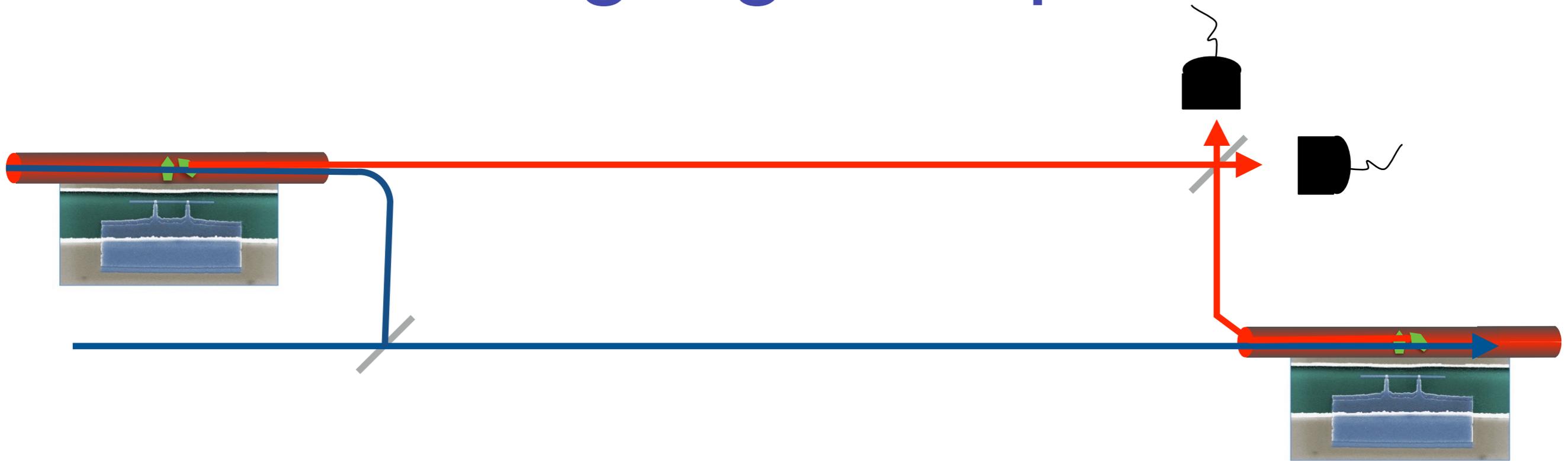


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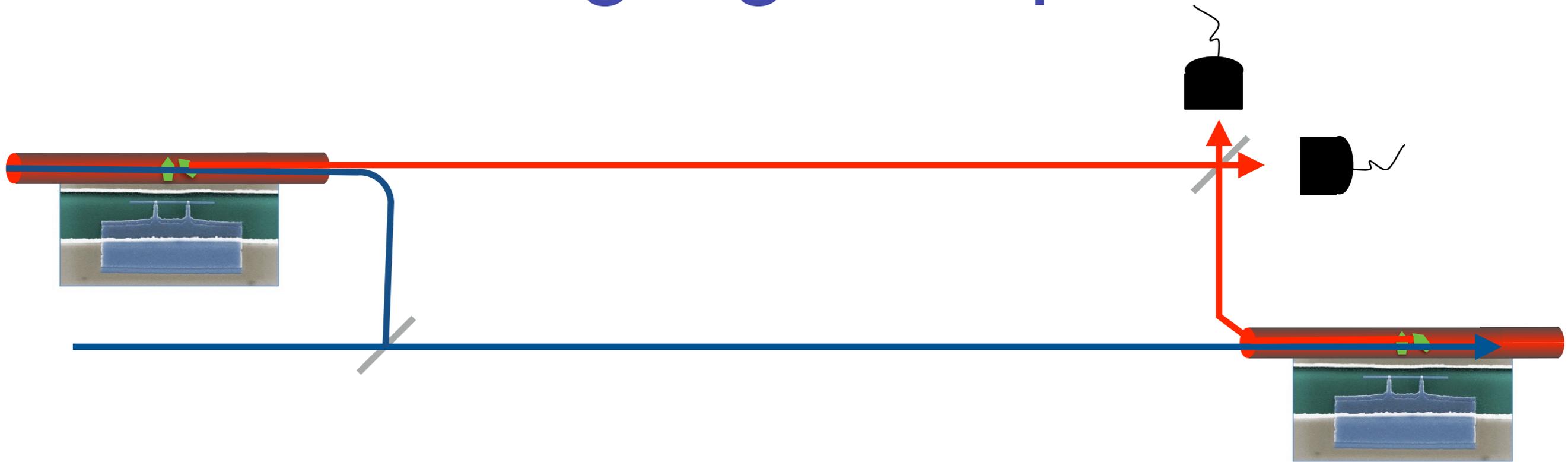
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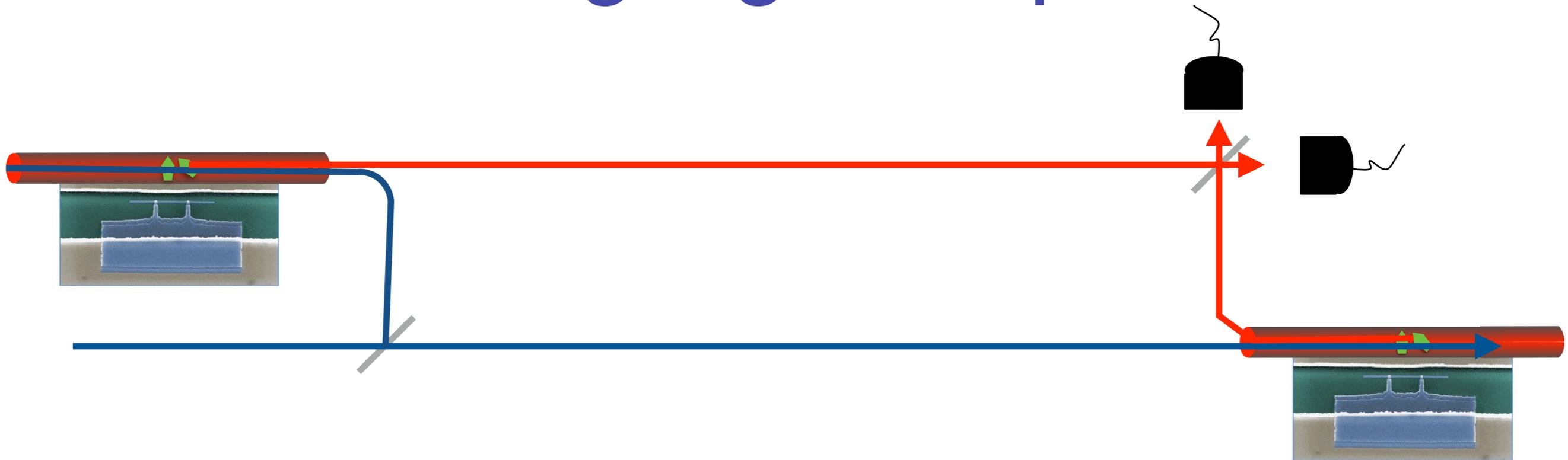
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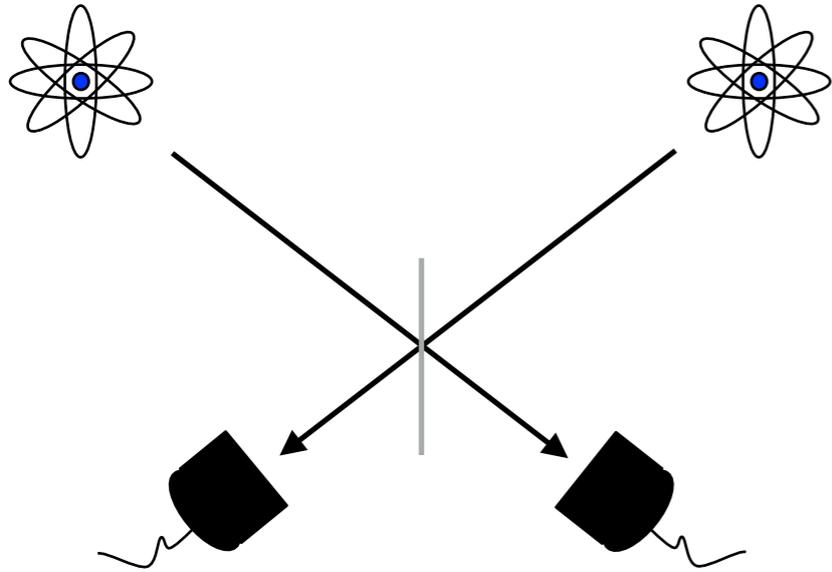
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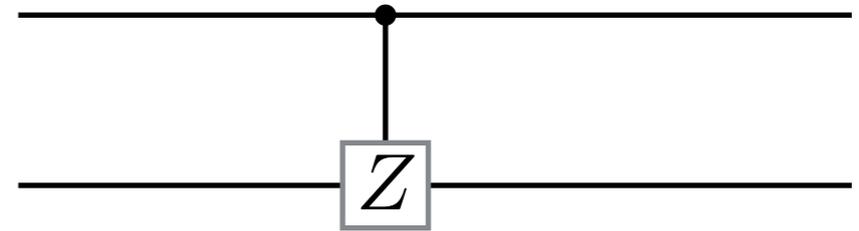
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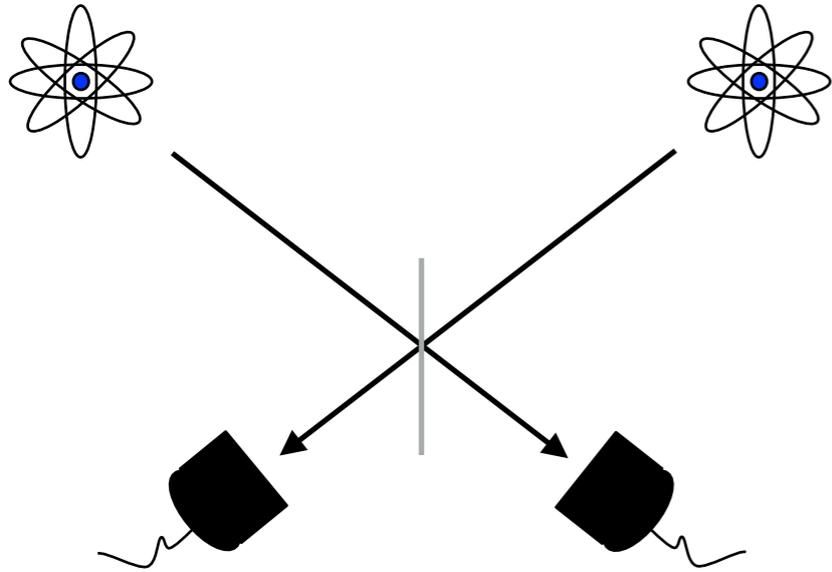
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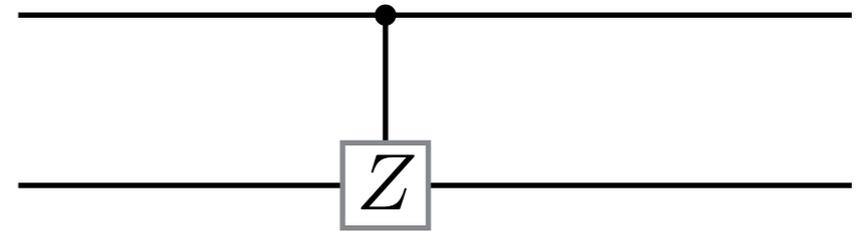
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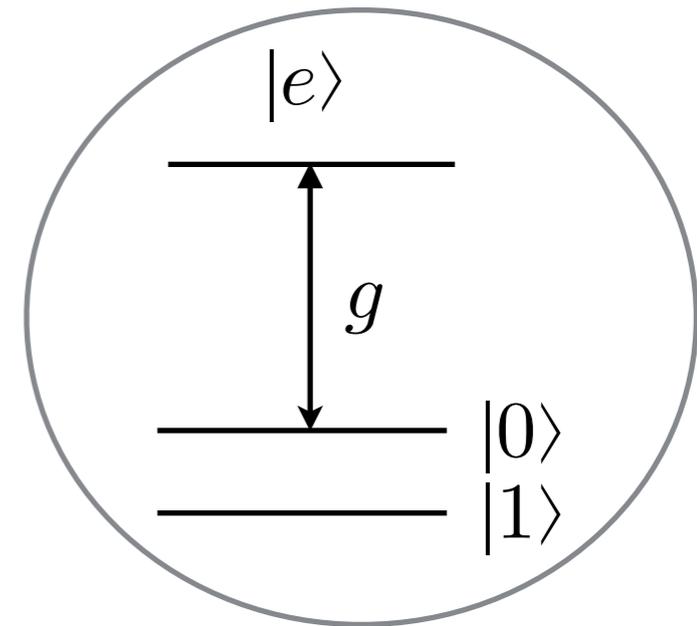
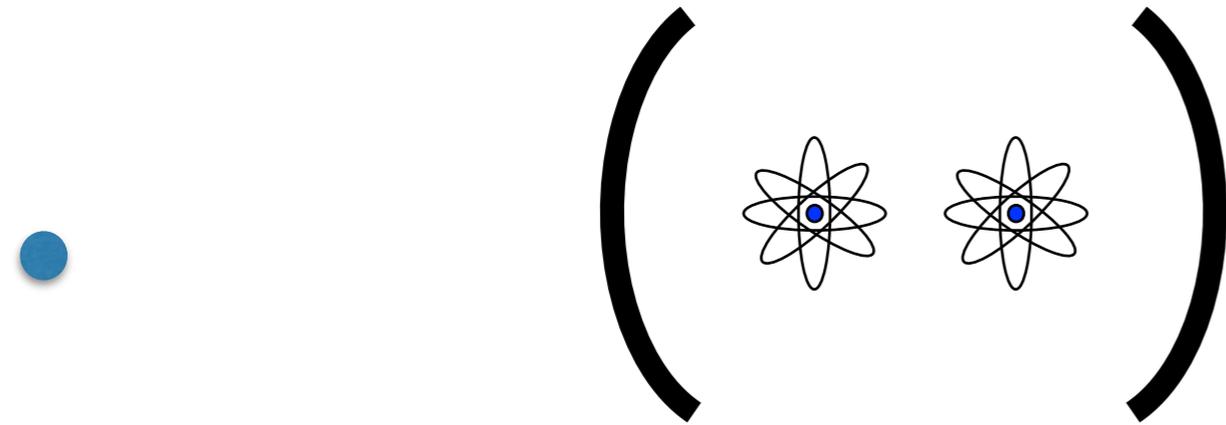
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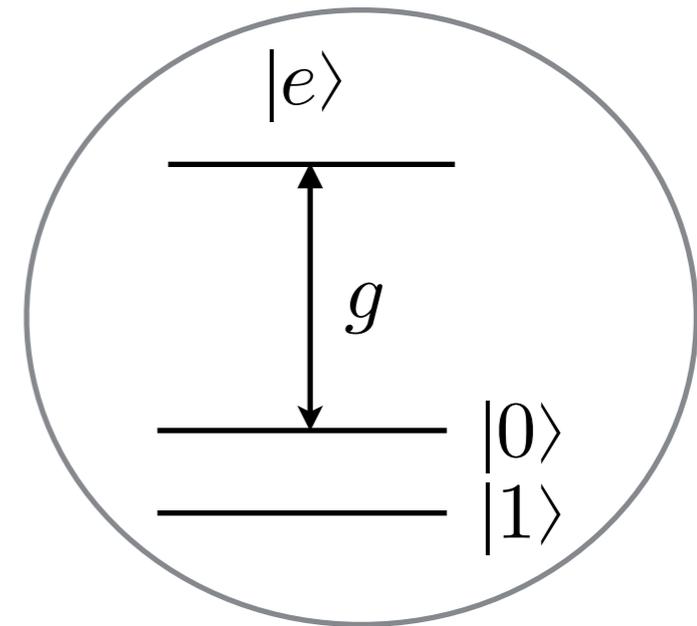
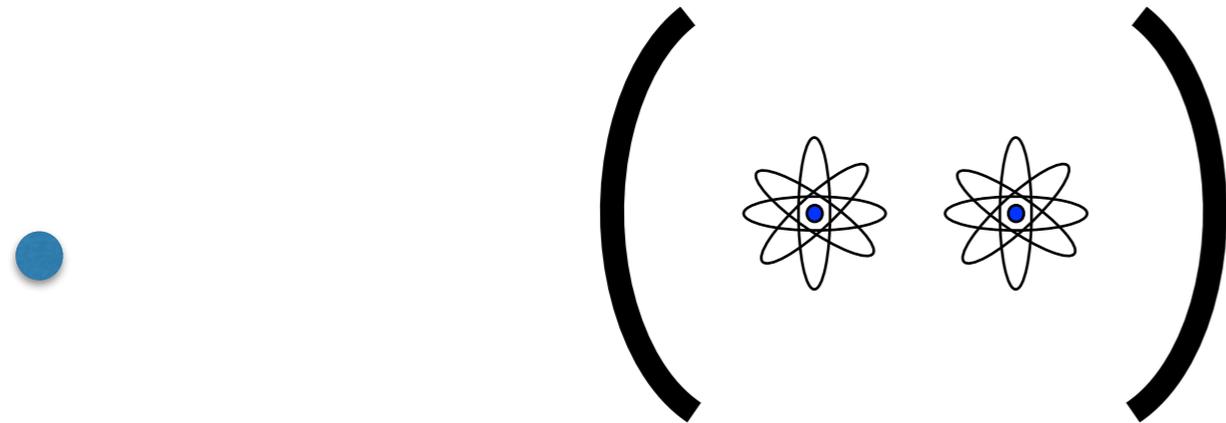
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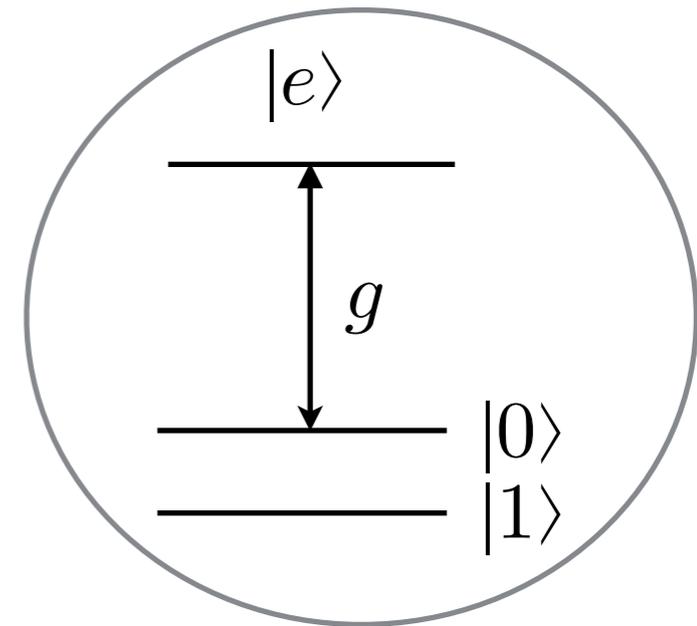
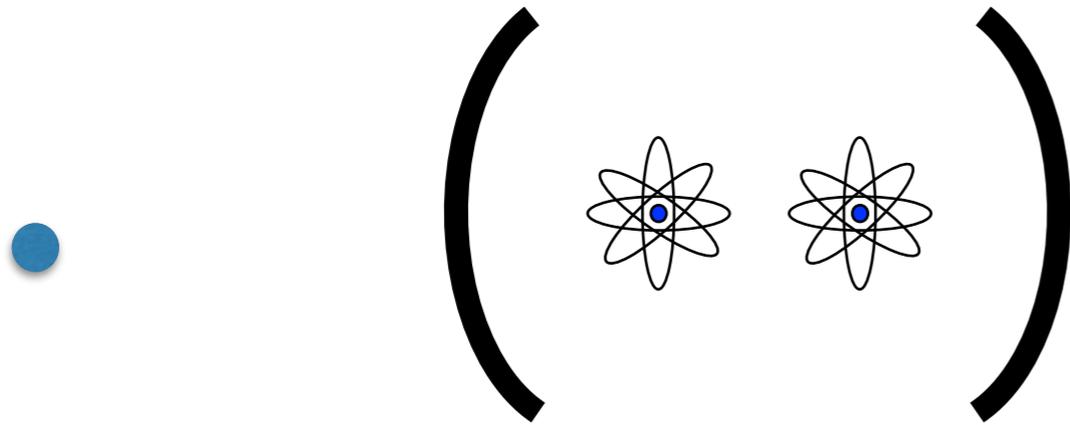
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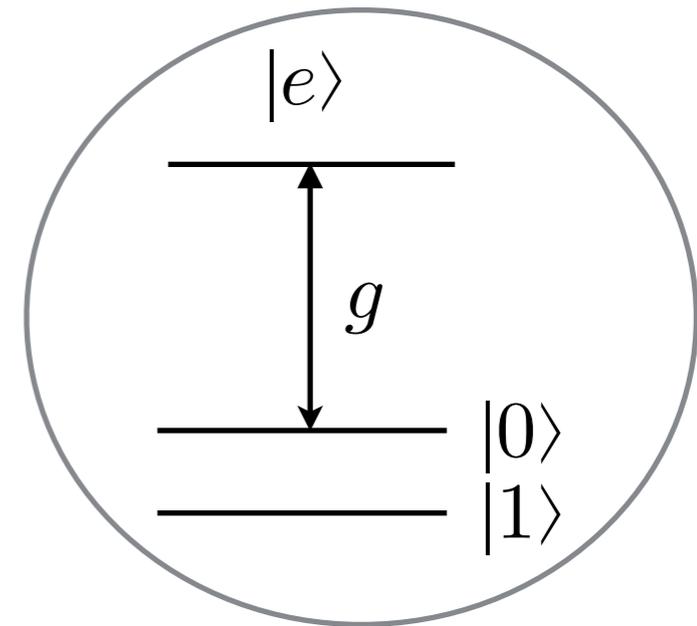
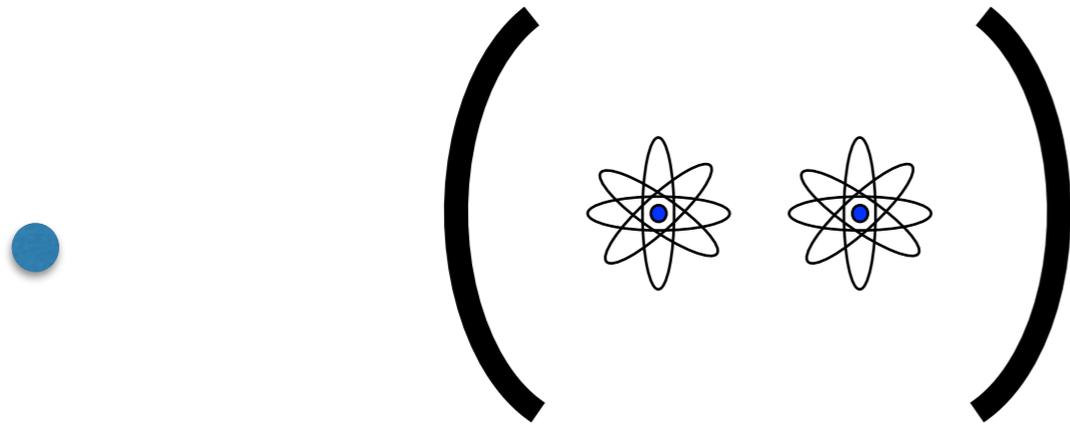
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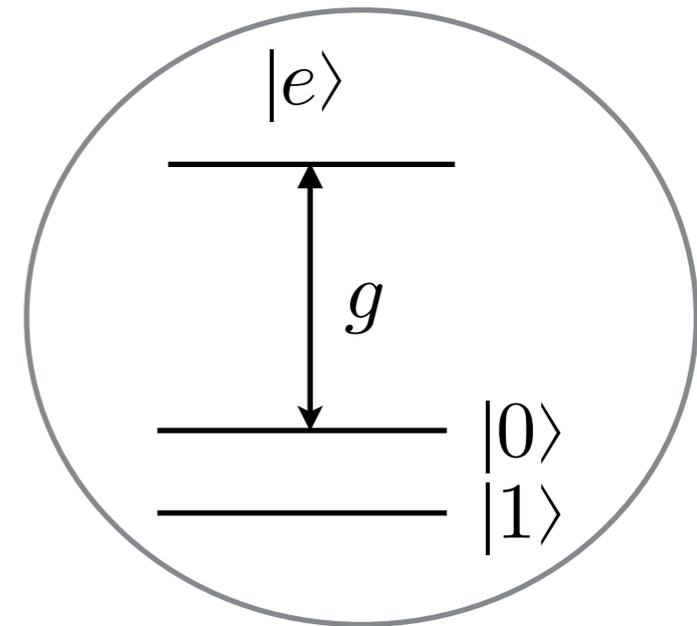
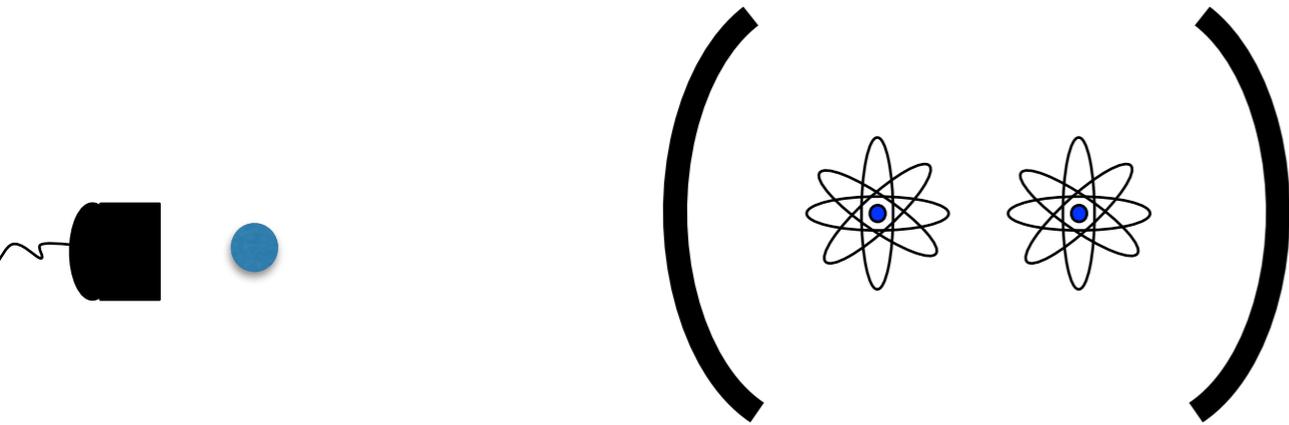
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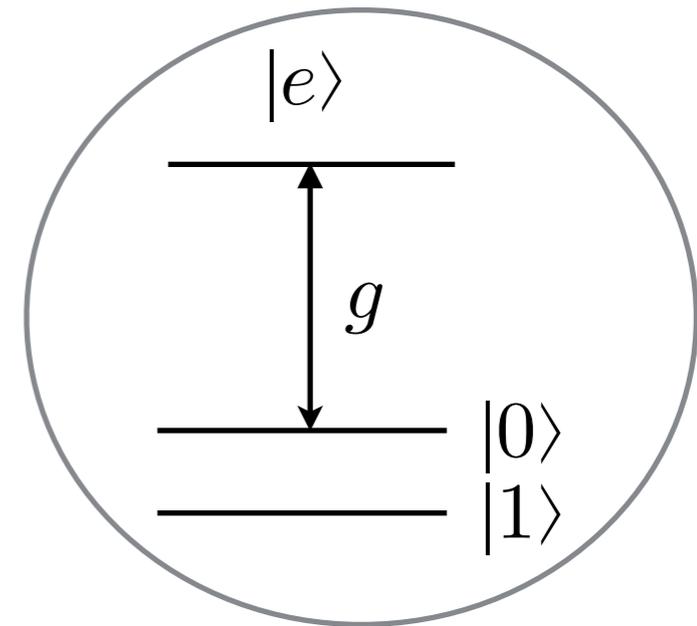
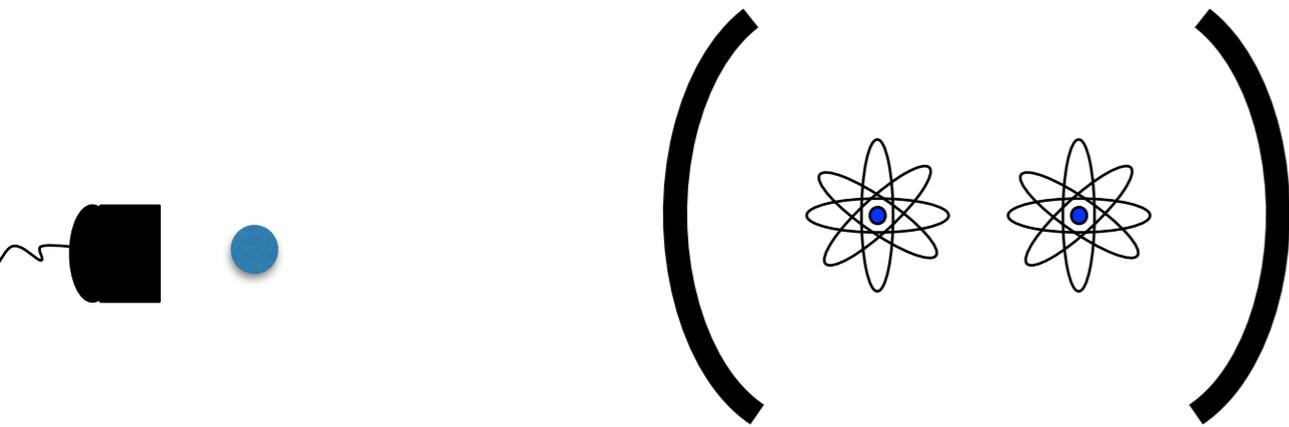
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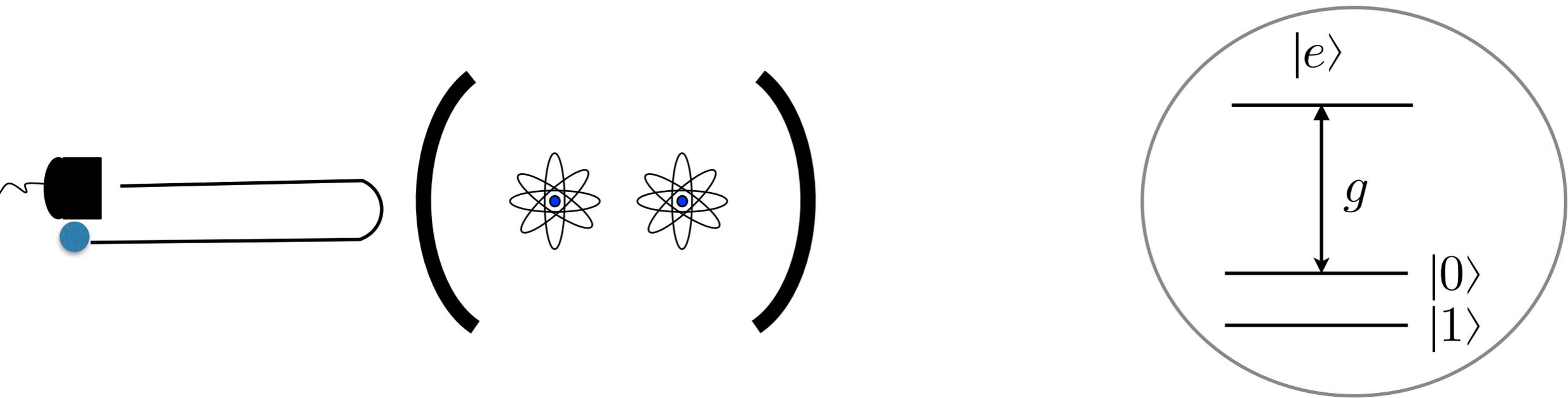
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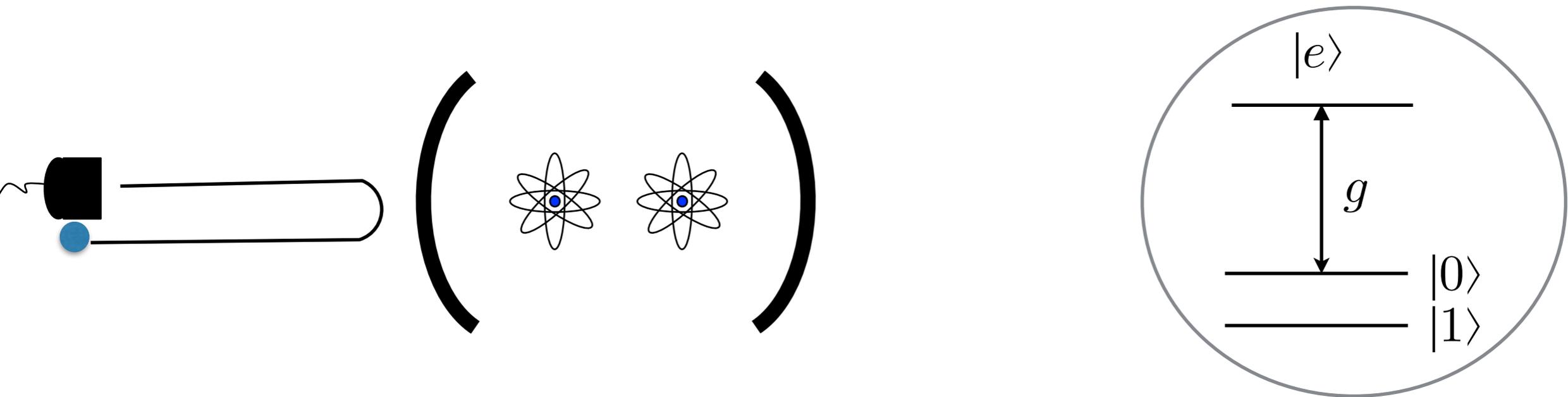
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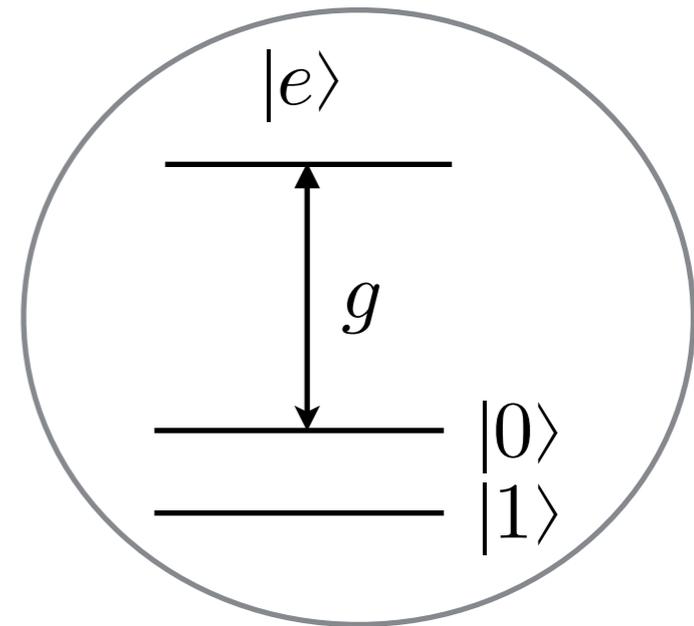
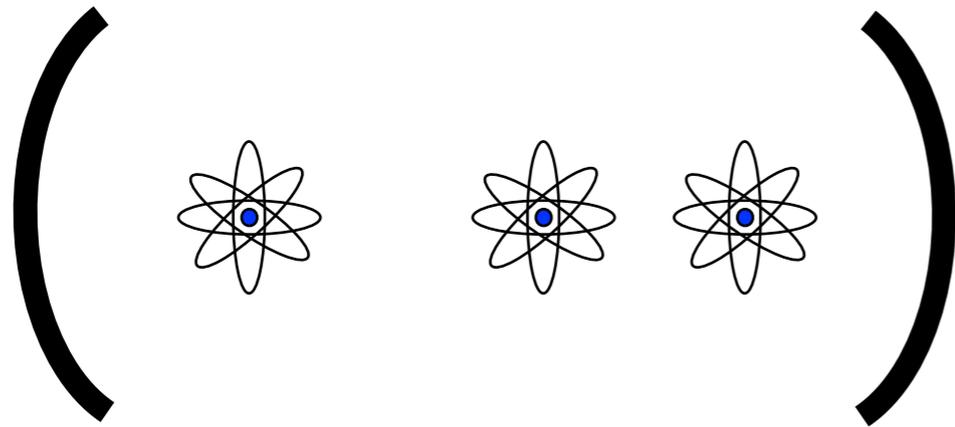
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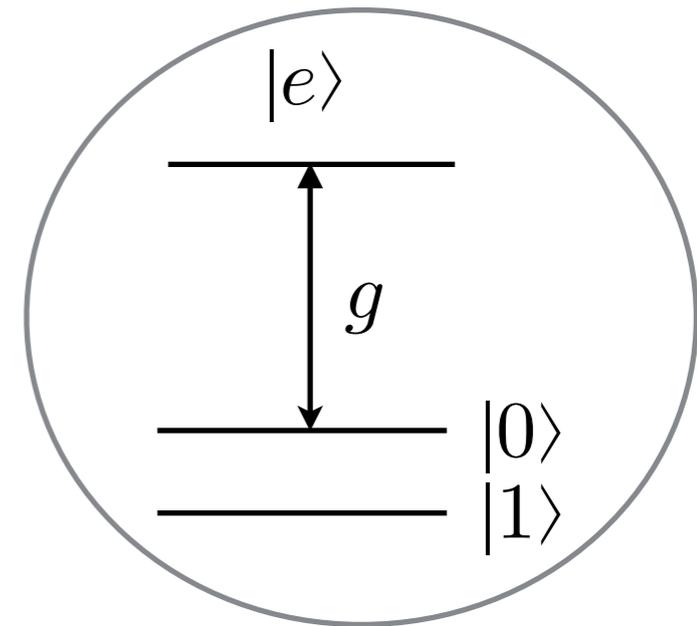
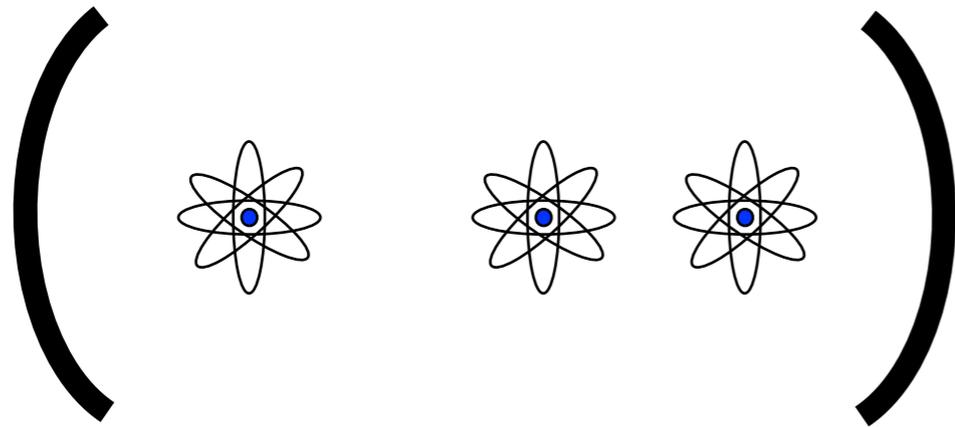
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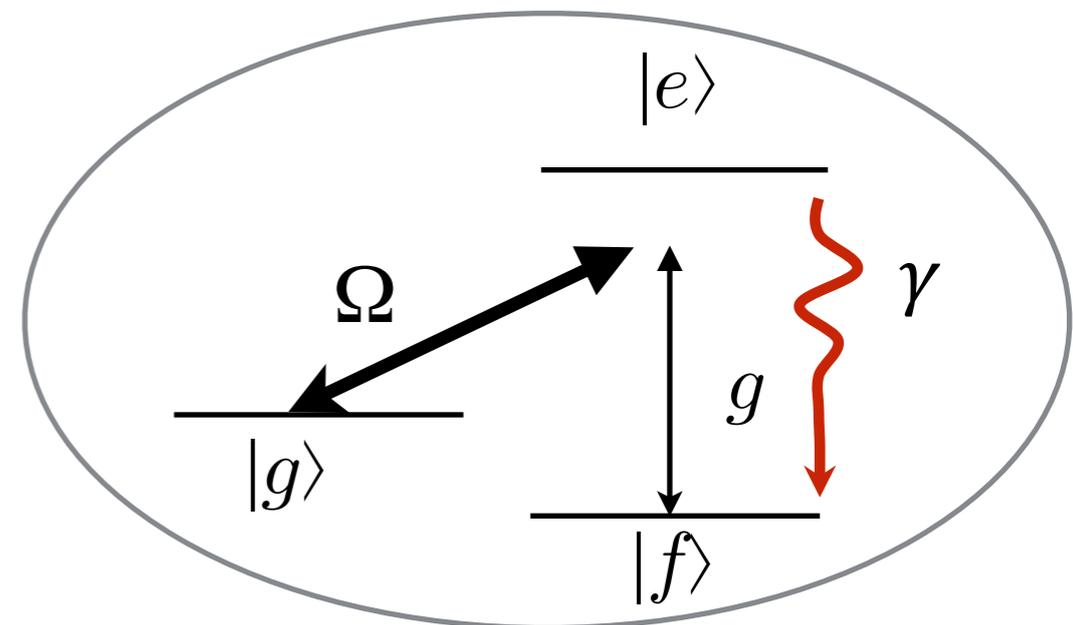
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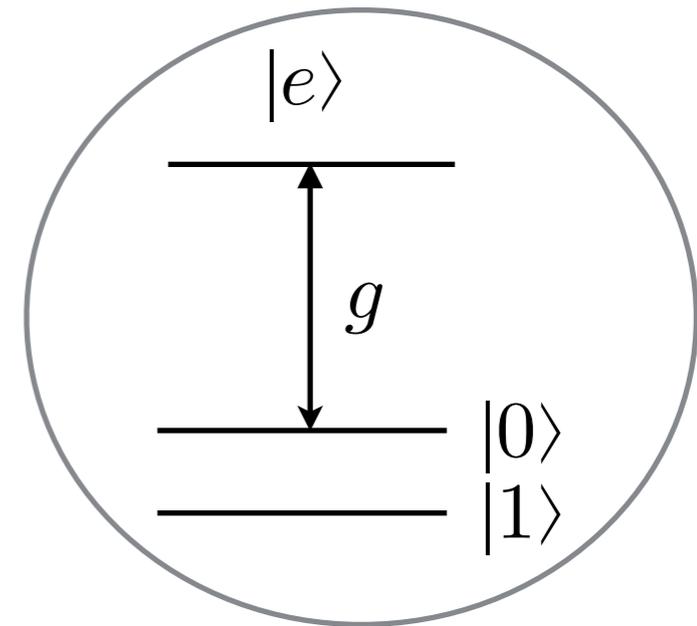
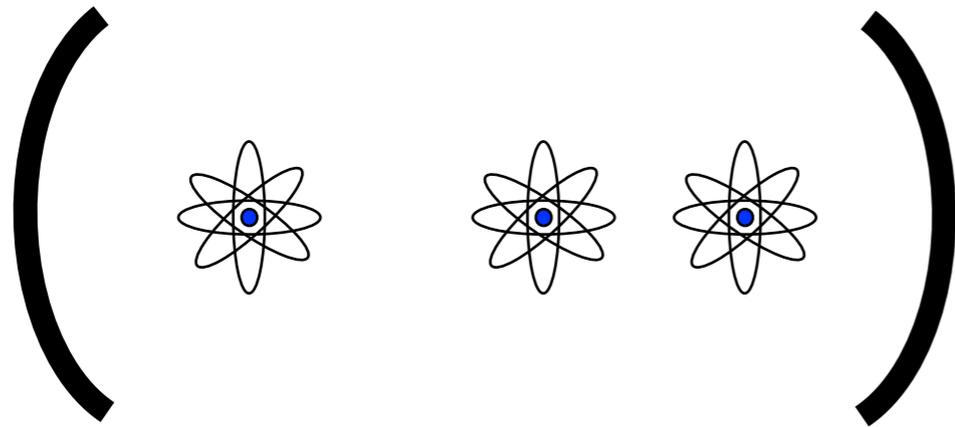


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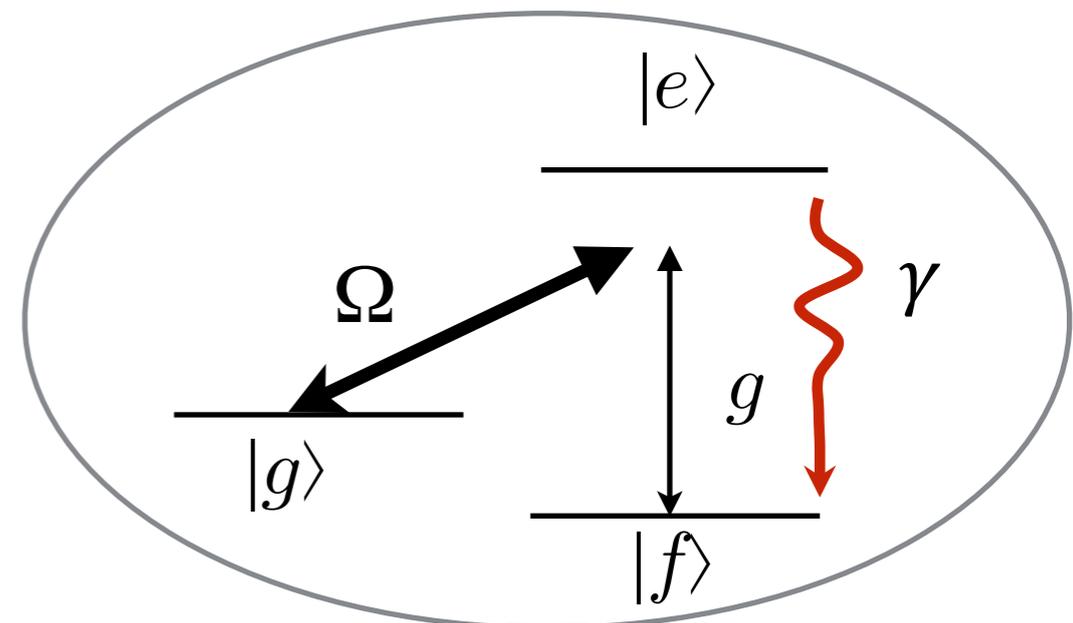
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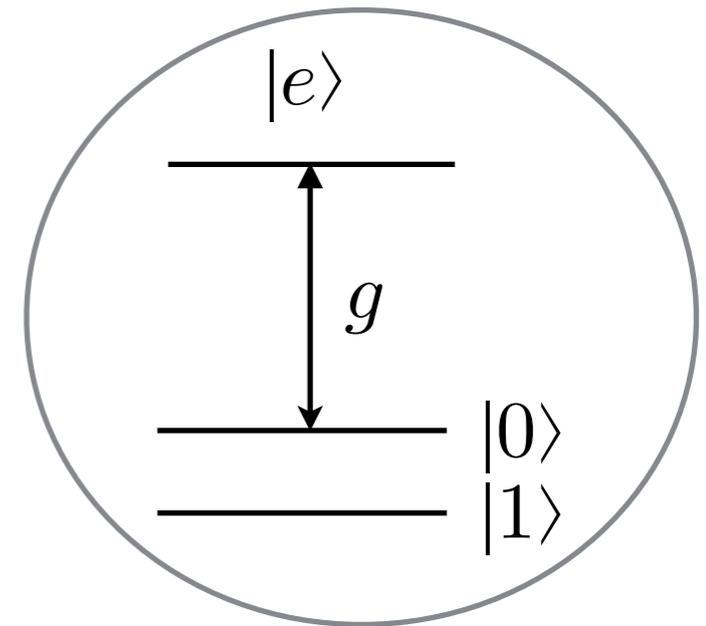
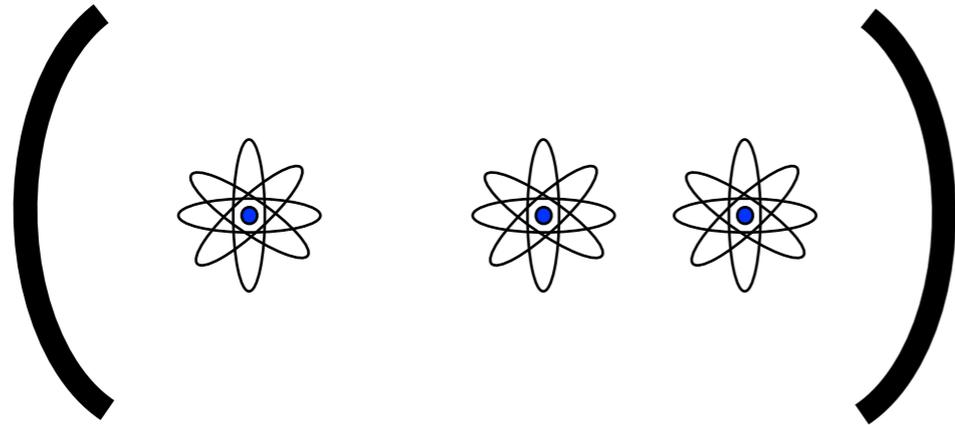
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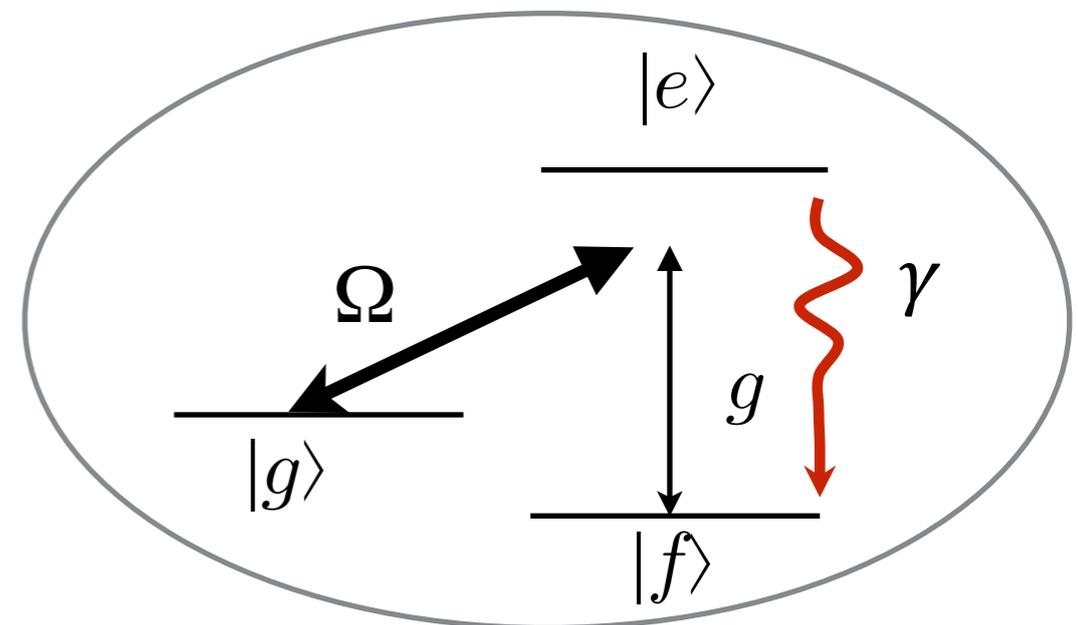


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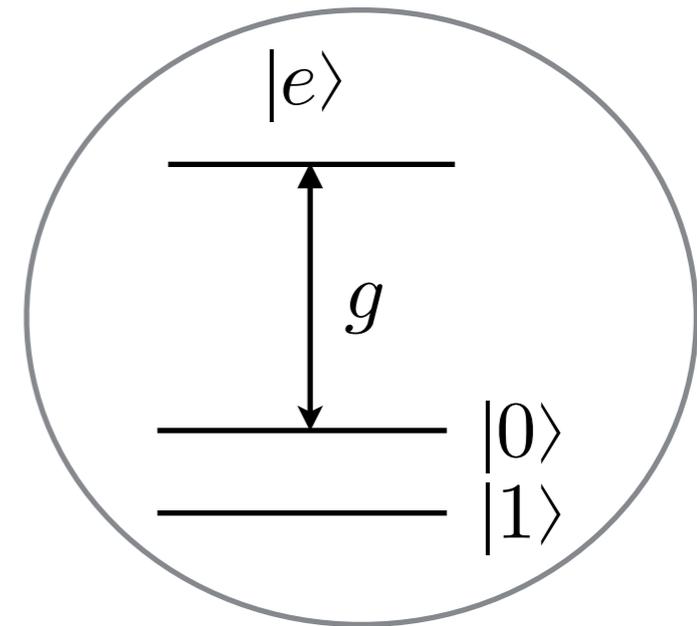
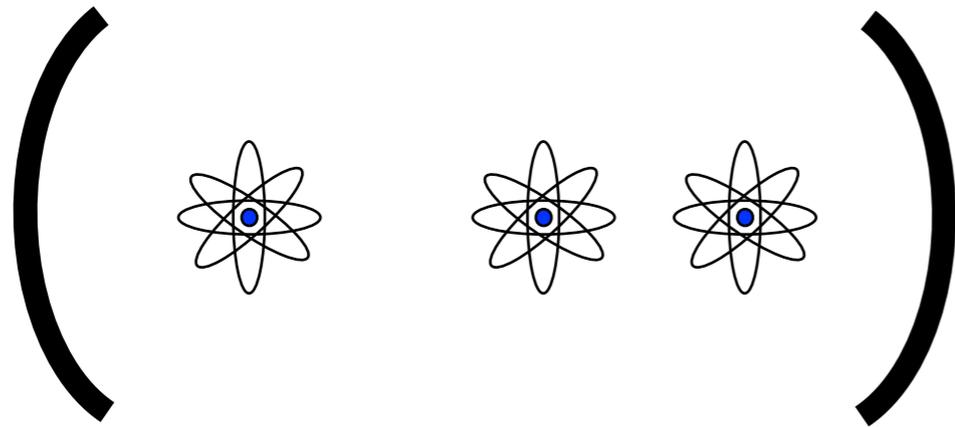
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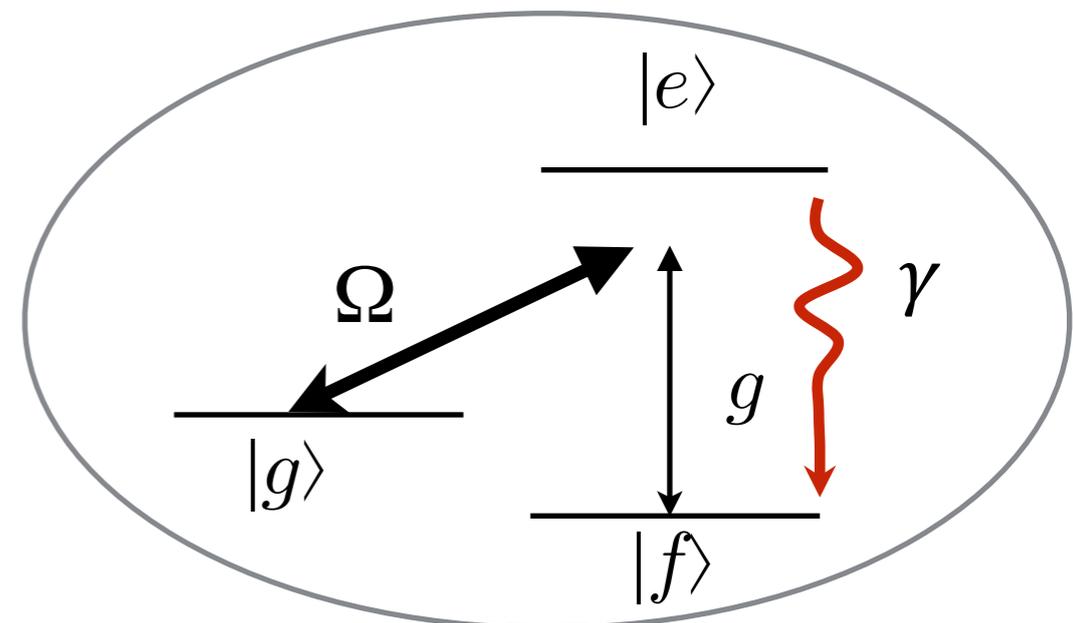
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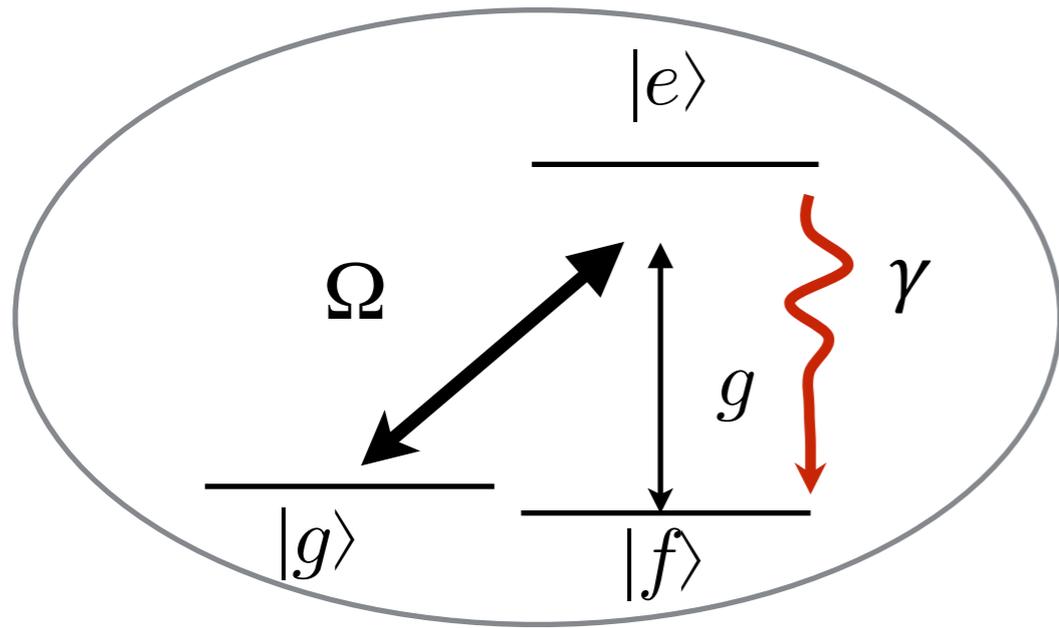
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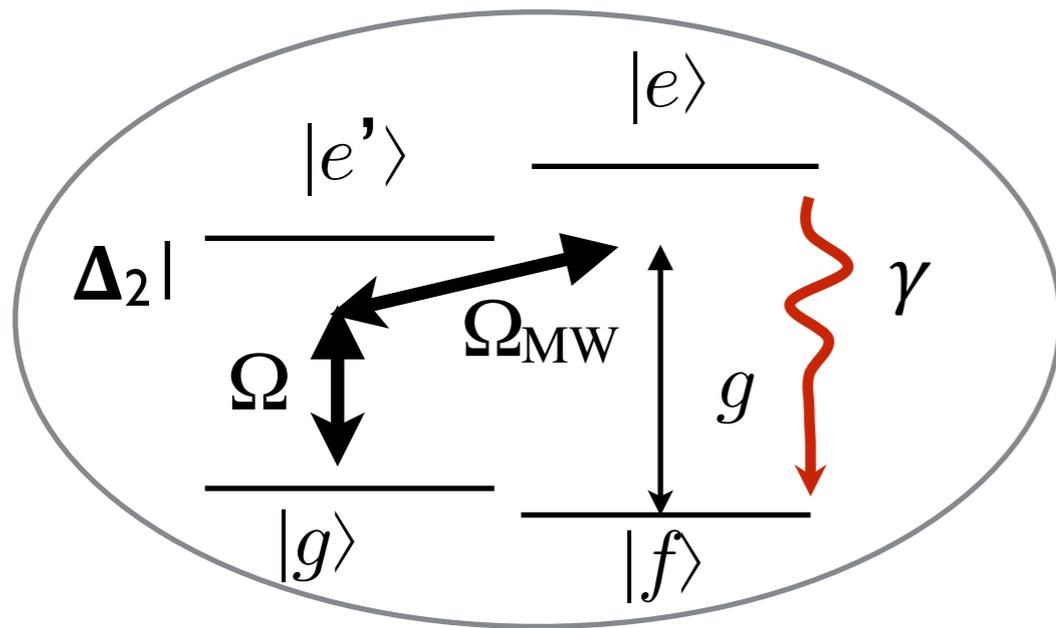
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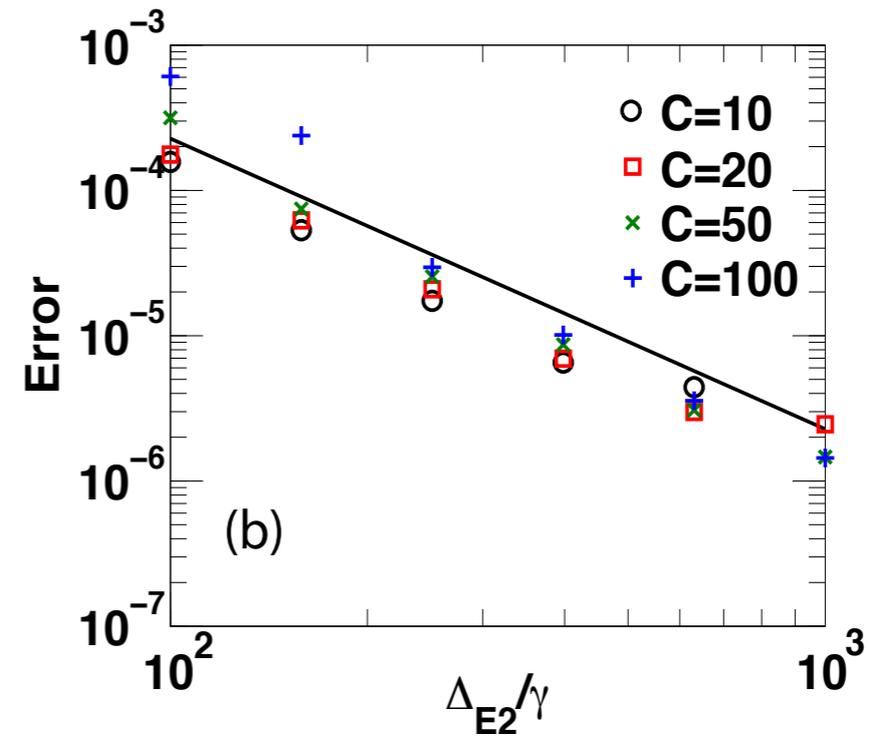
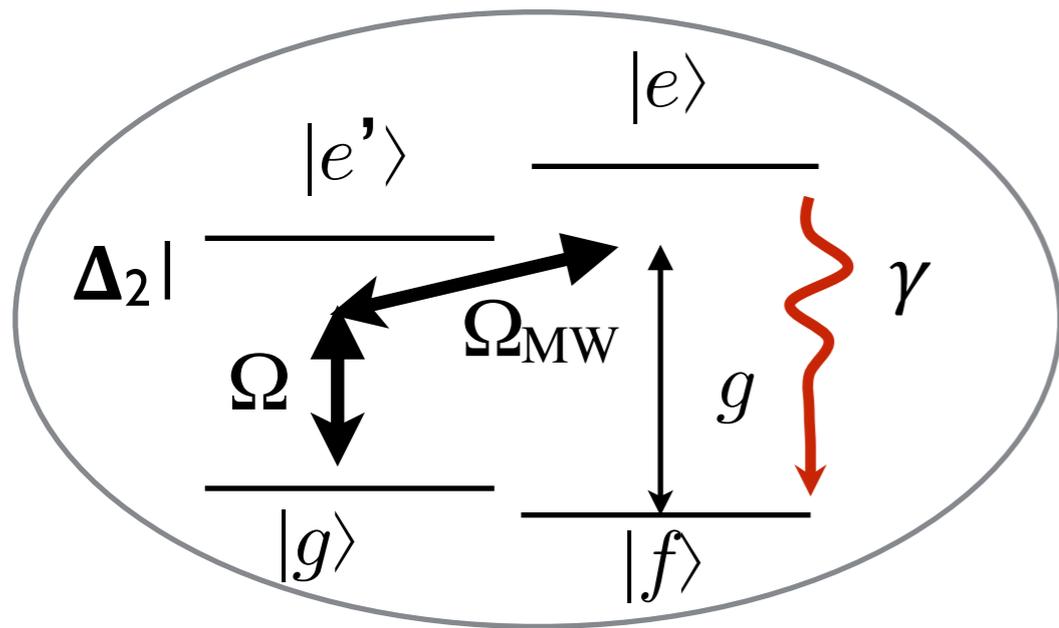


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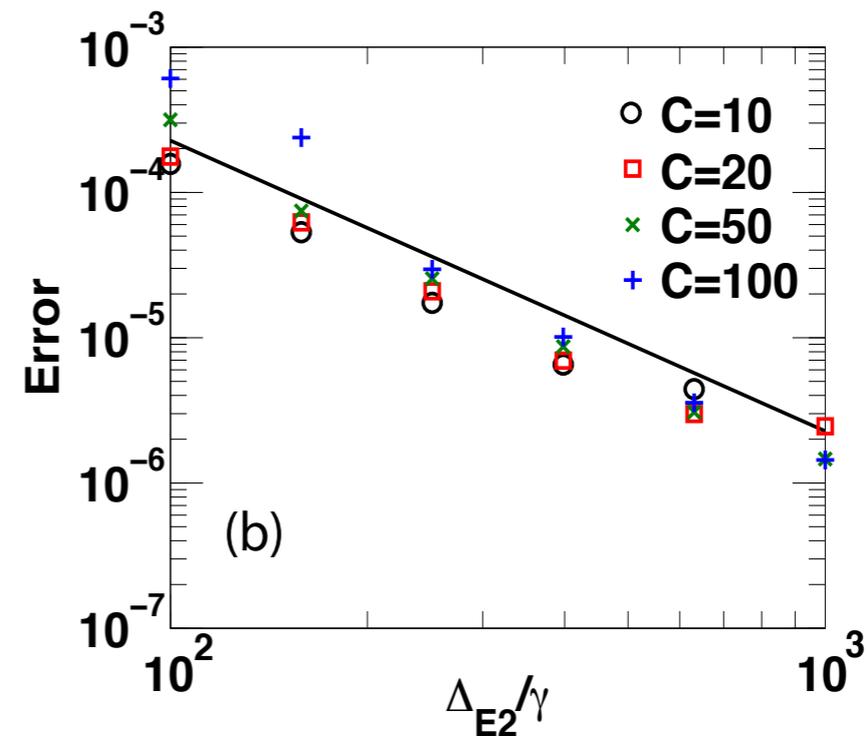
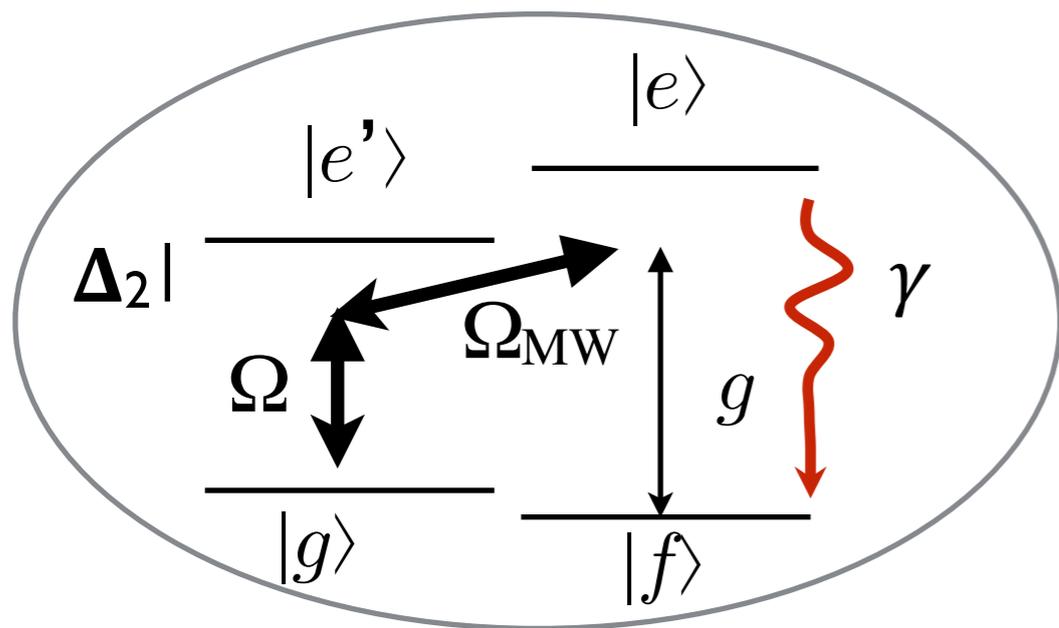
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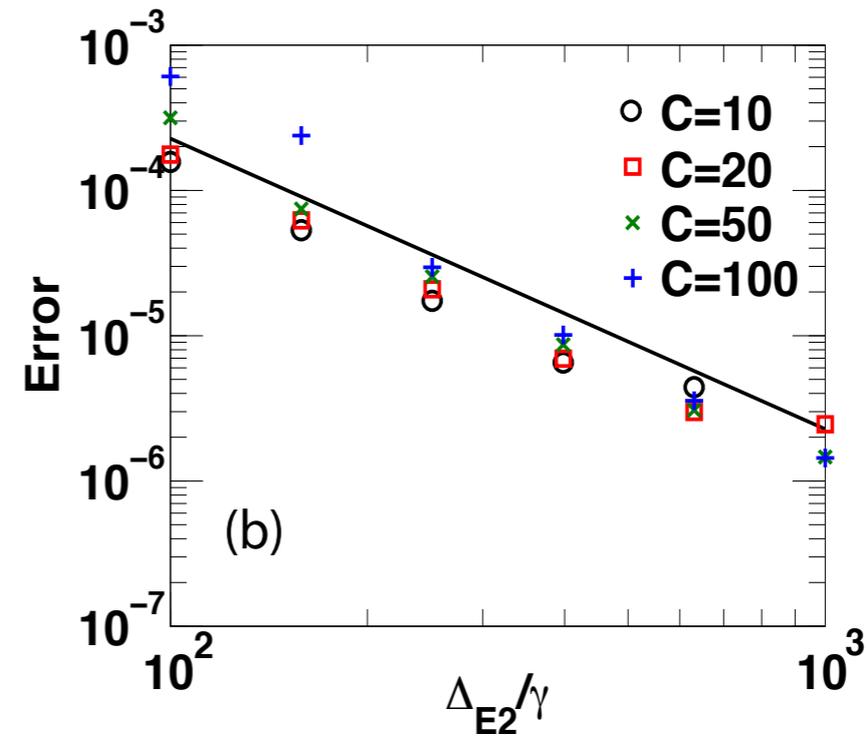
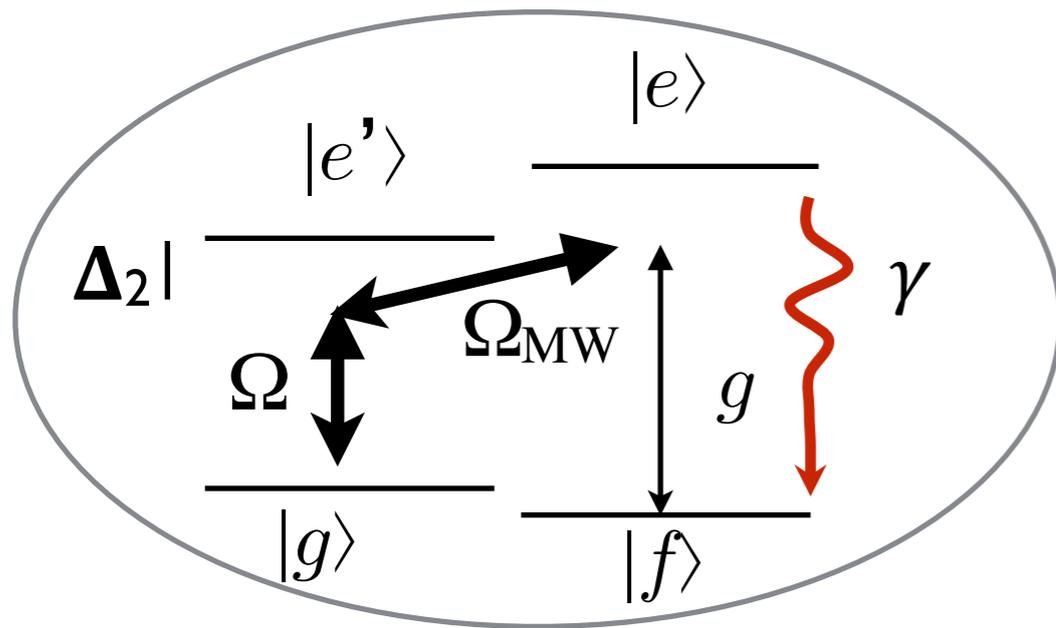
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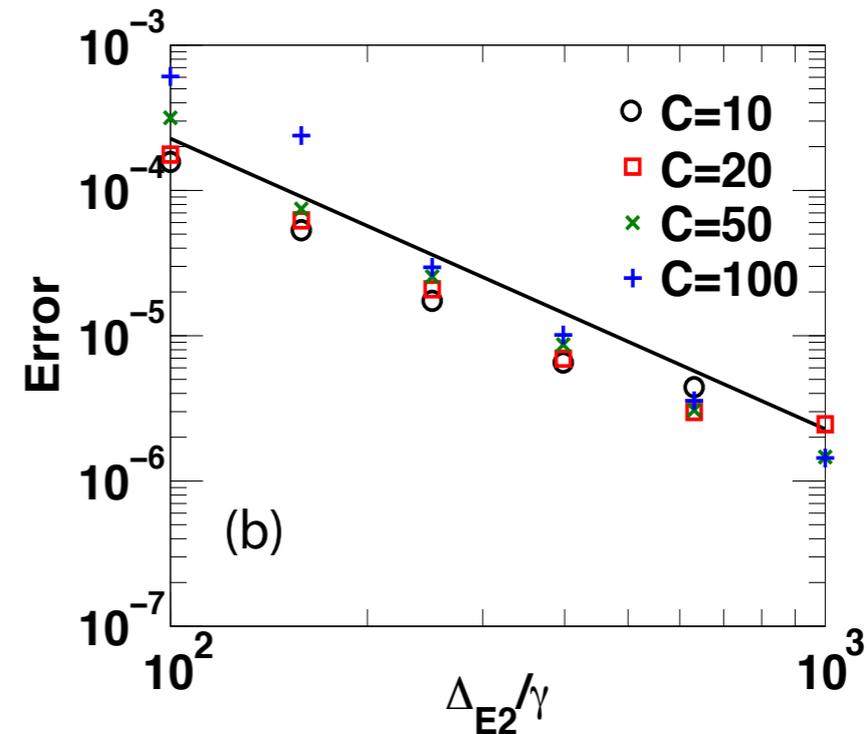
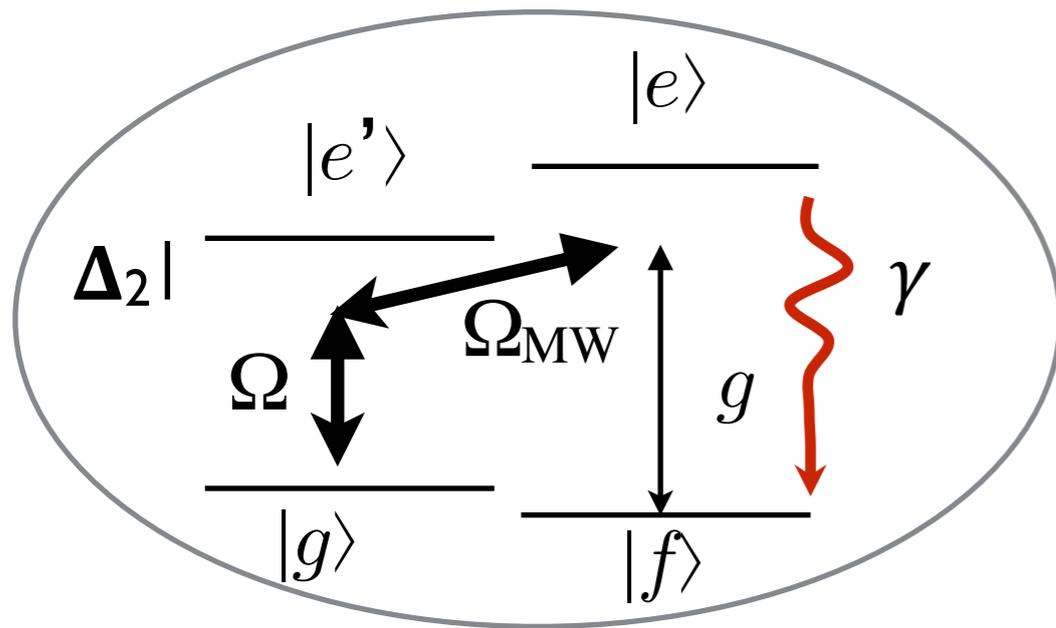


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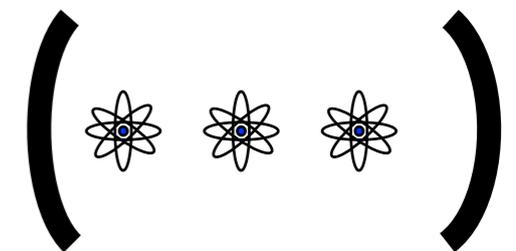
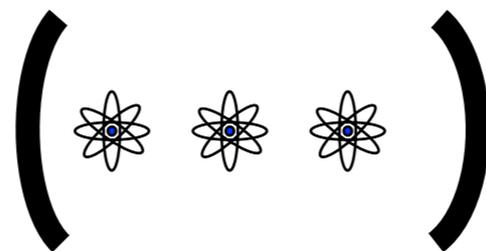
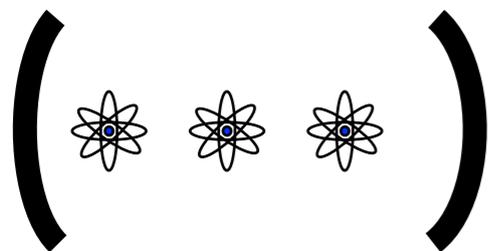
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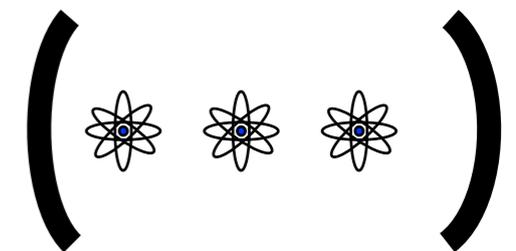
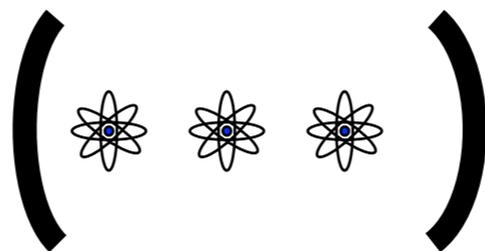
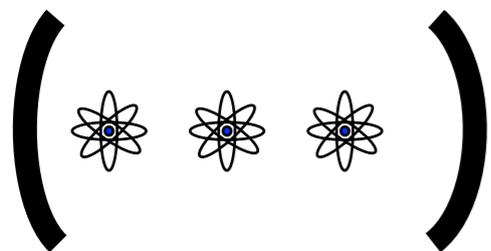
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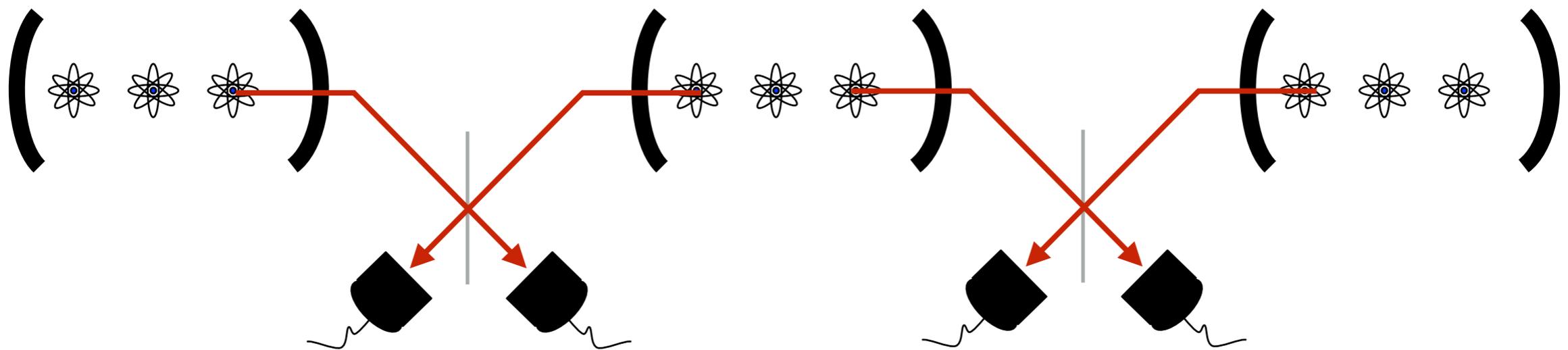


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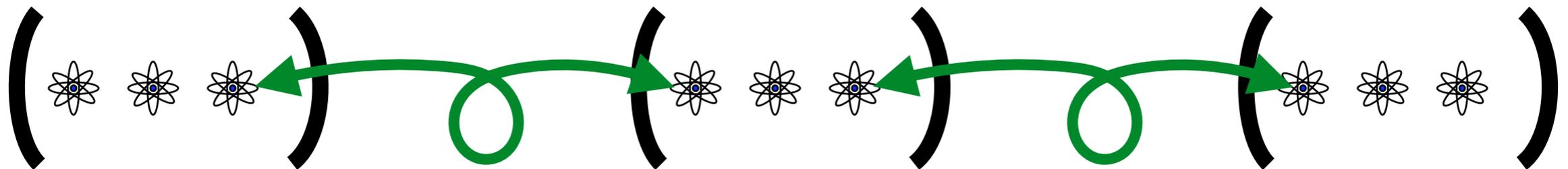


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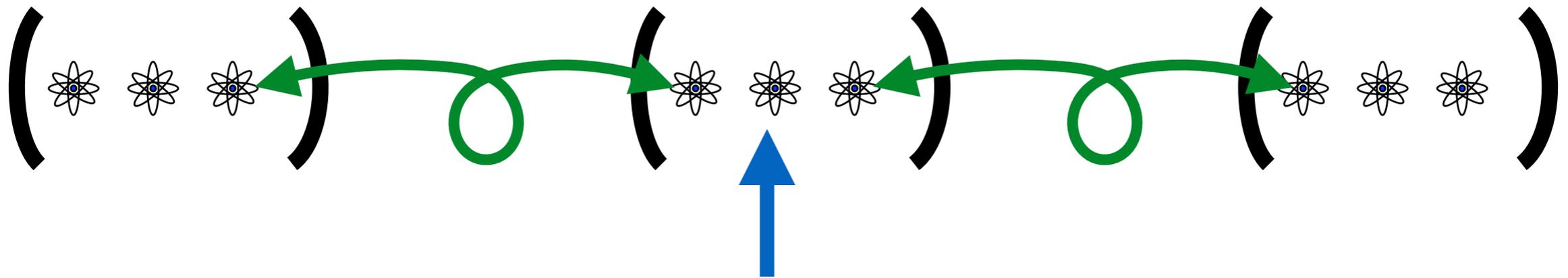


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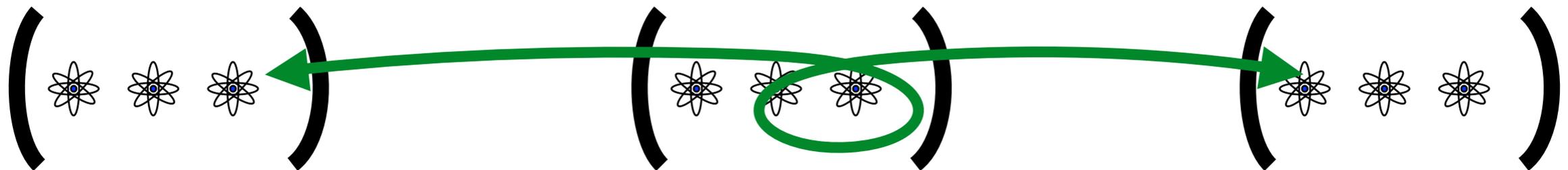
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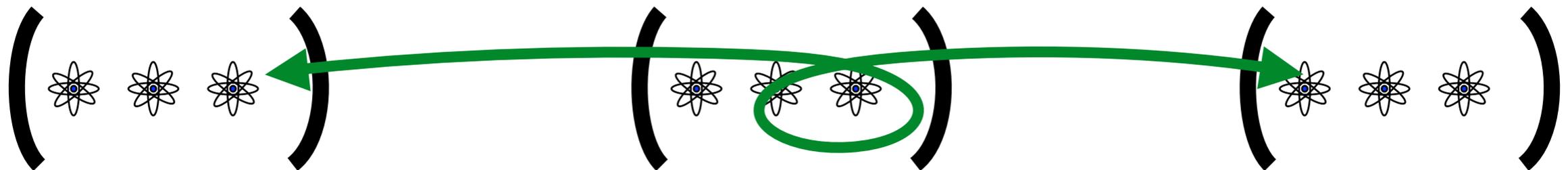
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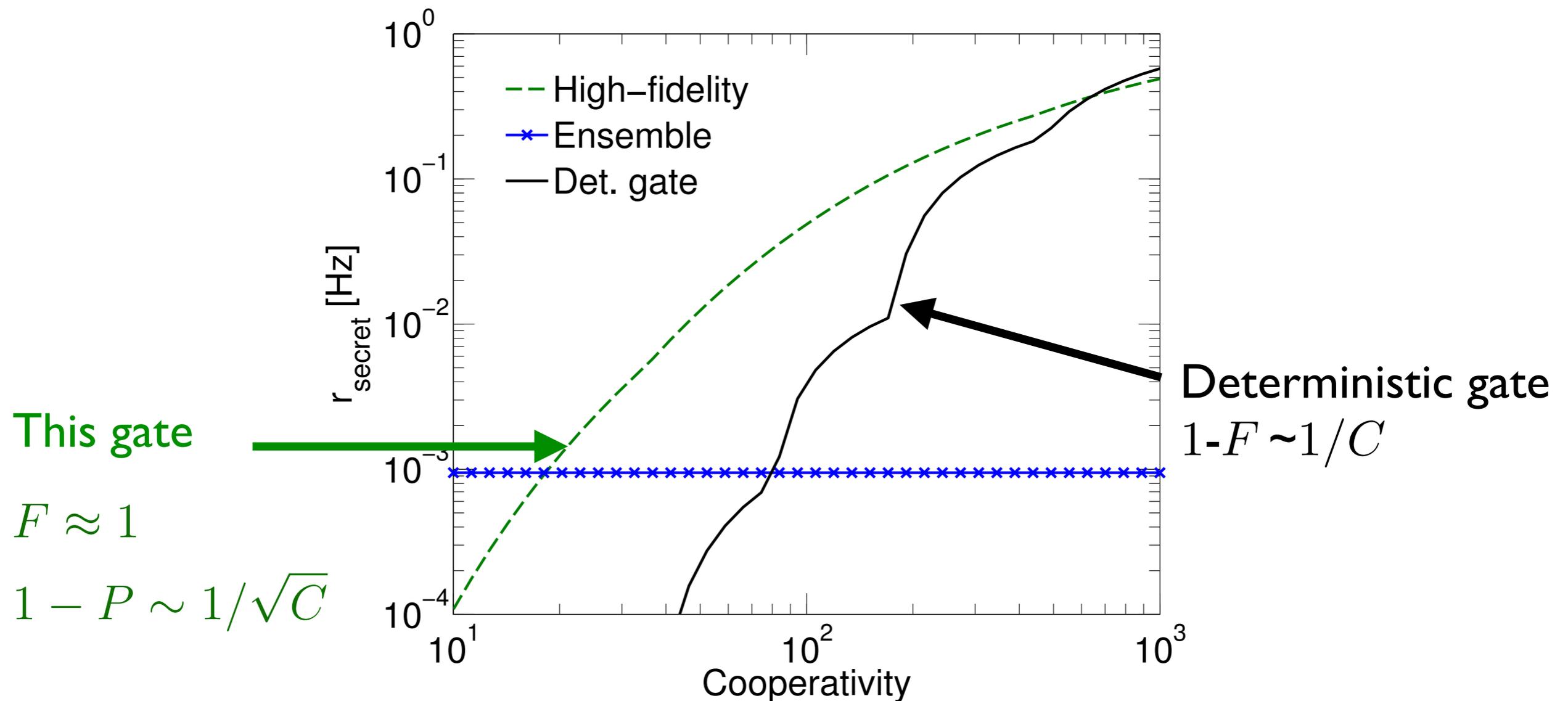
Generate entanglement over short distance

Gates=> swap entanglement get swapped to long distance

Still works for probabilistic gates (scaling polynomial, not exponential)

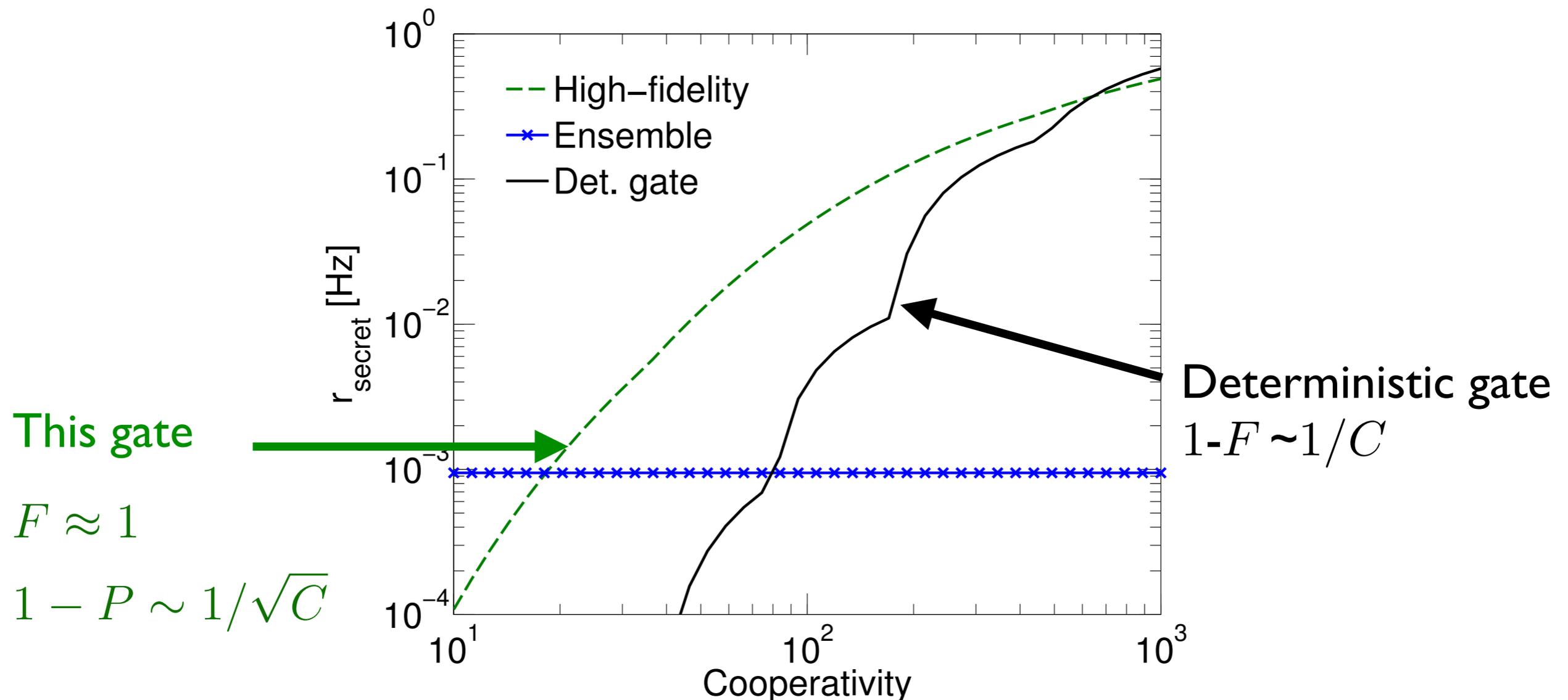
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It is better to admit you don't know what to do than to do something wrong

# Conclusion

Light matter interaction essential for quantum communication

Direct connections with light have a bad scaling

Bad scaling can be overcome

Examples:

Entangling superconducting qubits through nearby molecules in waveguides

Heralded gates in optical cavities  $F \approx 1$   
 $1 - P \sim 1/\sqrt{C}$

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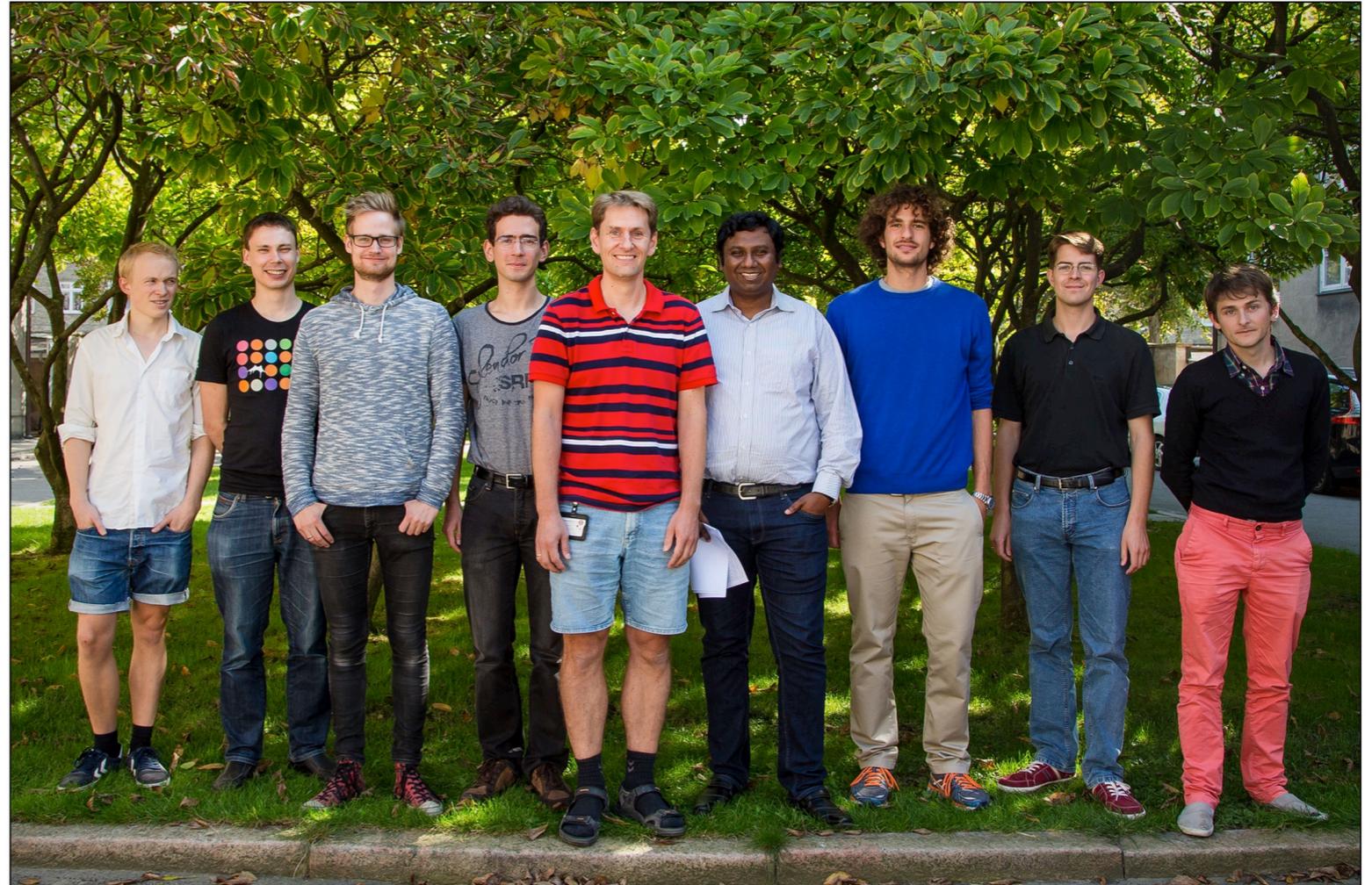
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