

# Quantum communication and computation with simple ion traps

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# Motivation

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## **Historical**

Atomic clocks

## **Technological**

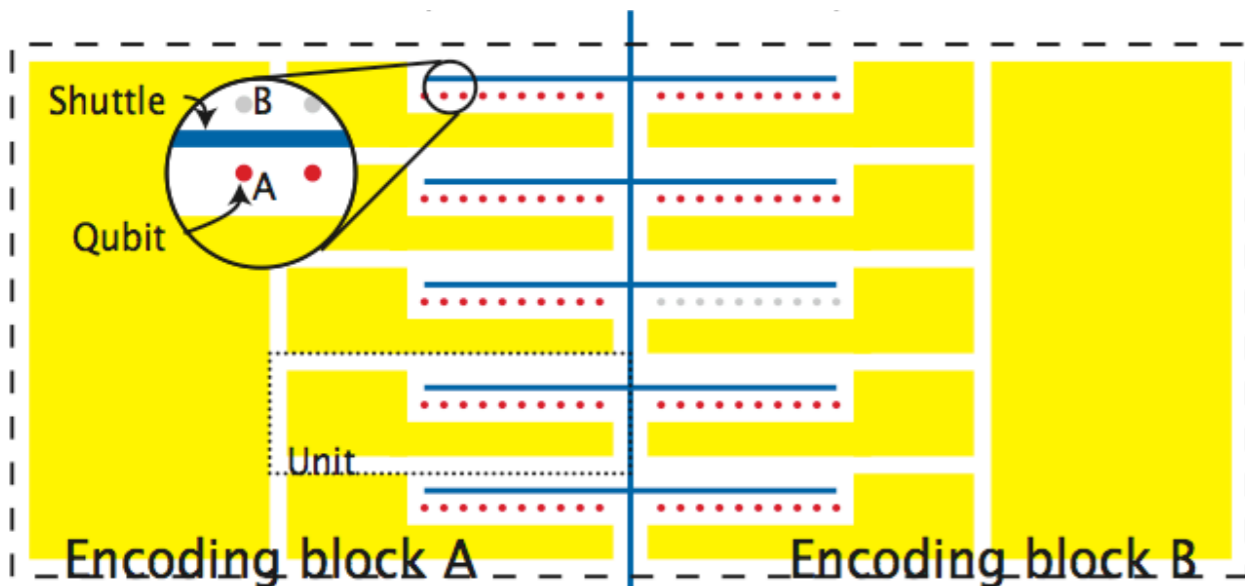
Precision measurement  
Quantum communication  
Quantum processors

## **Physical**

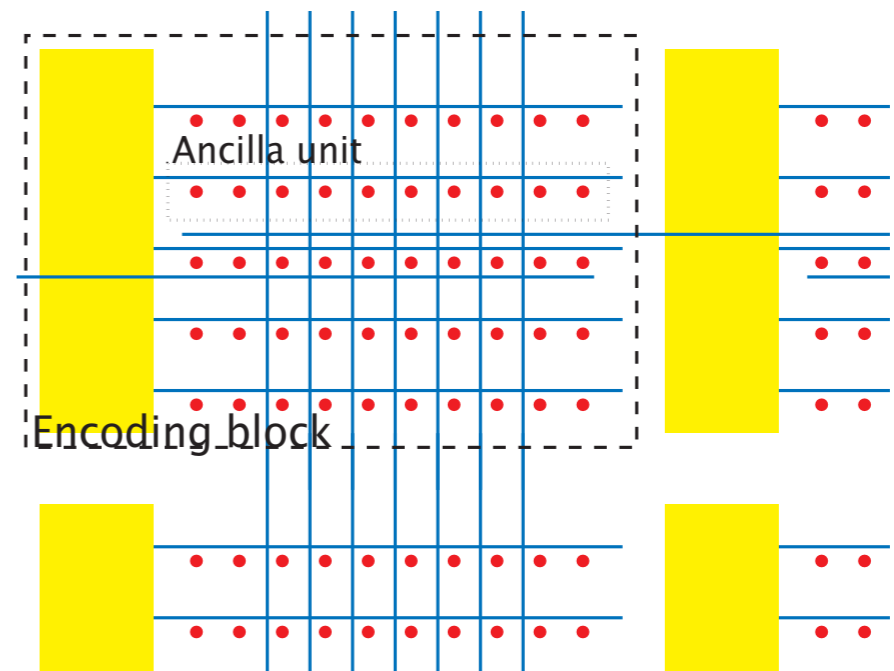
New states of matter?  
Quantum simulation?  
Nano-scale science?

# Architectures

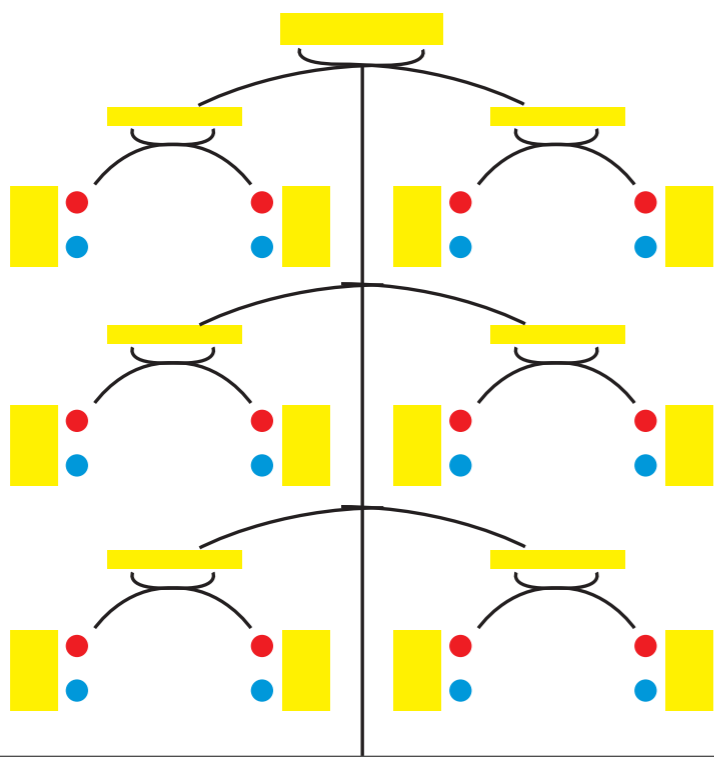
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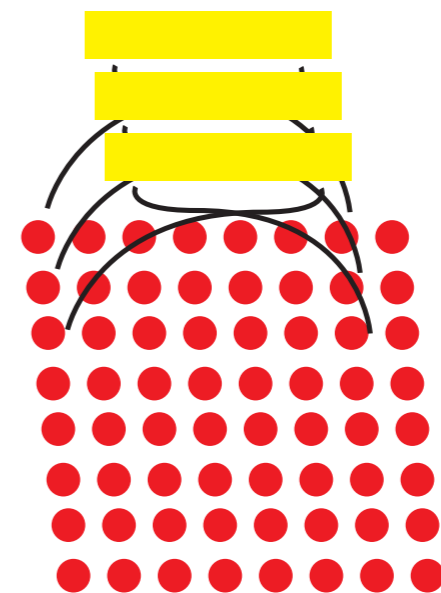
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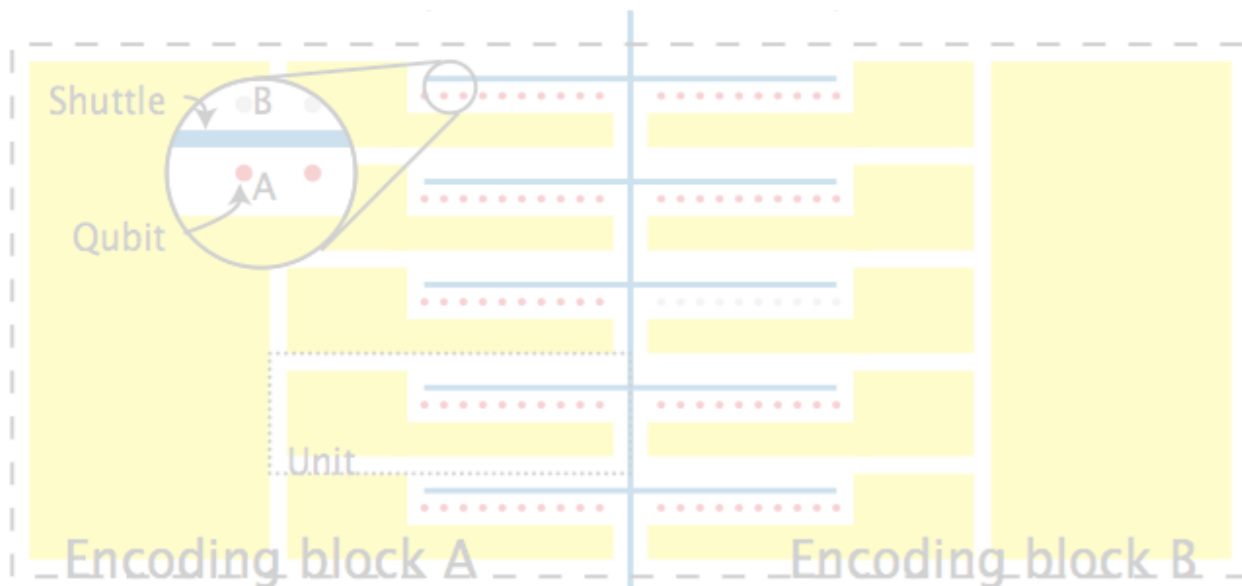


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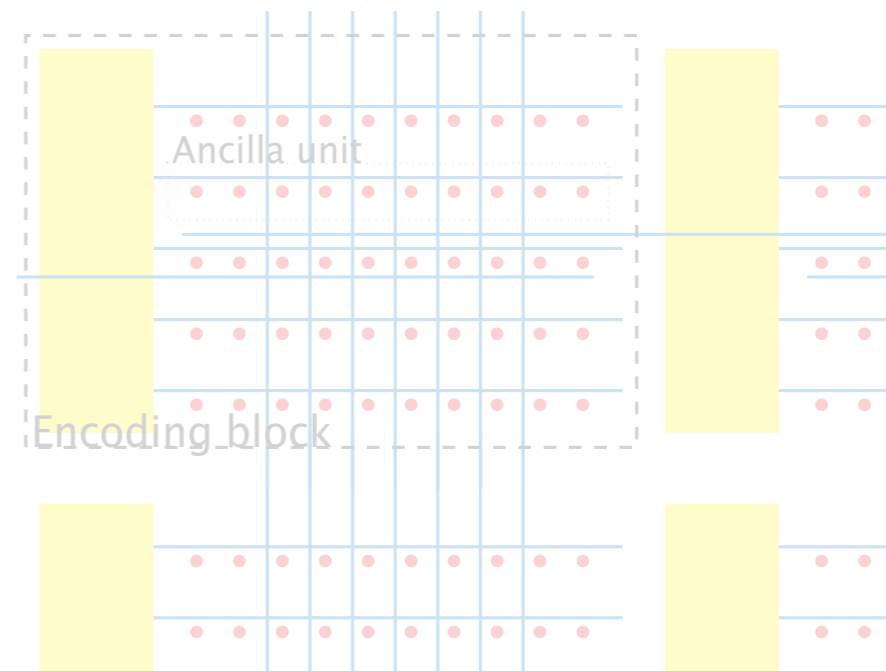


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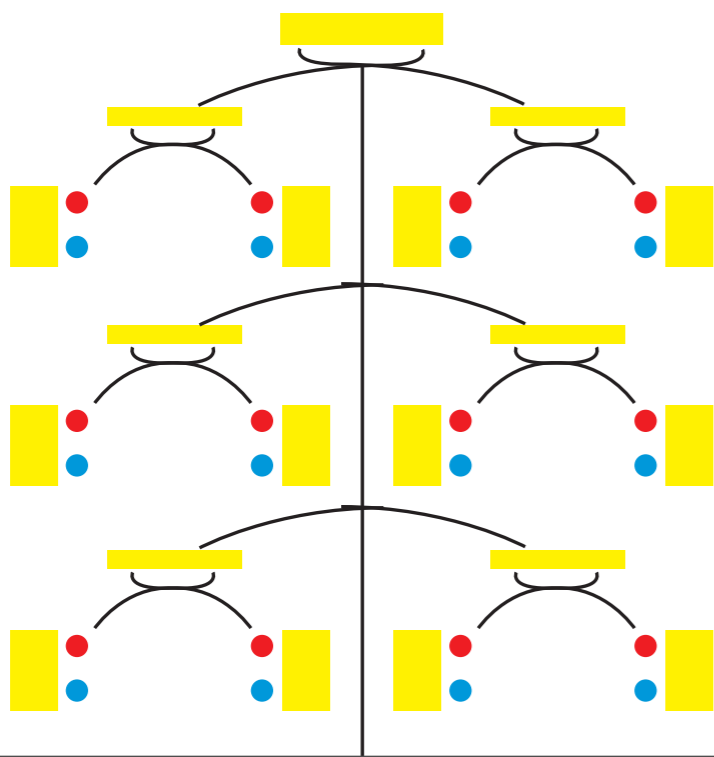
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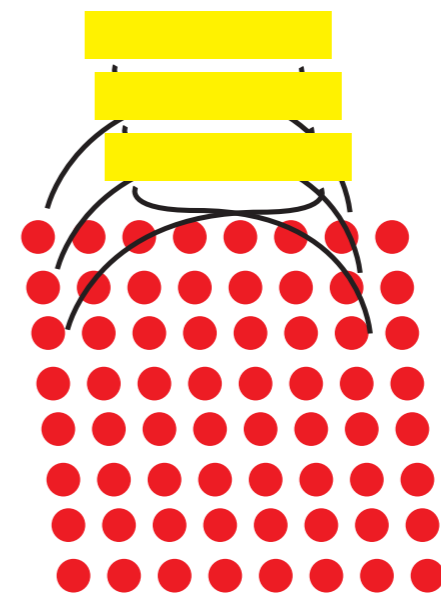
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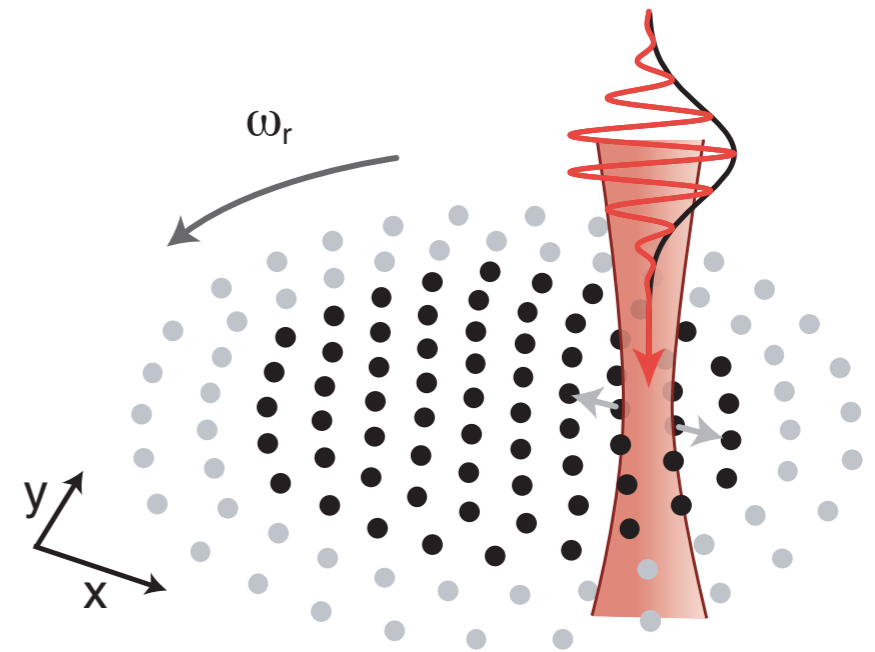
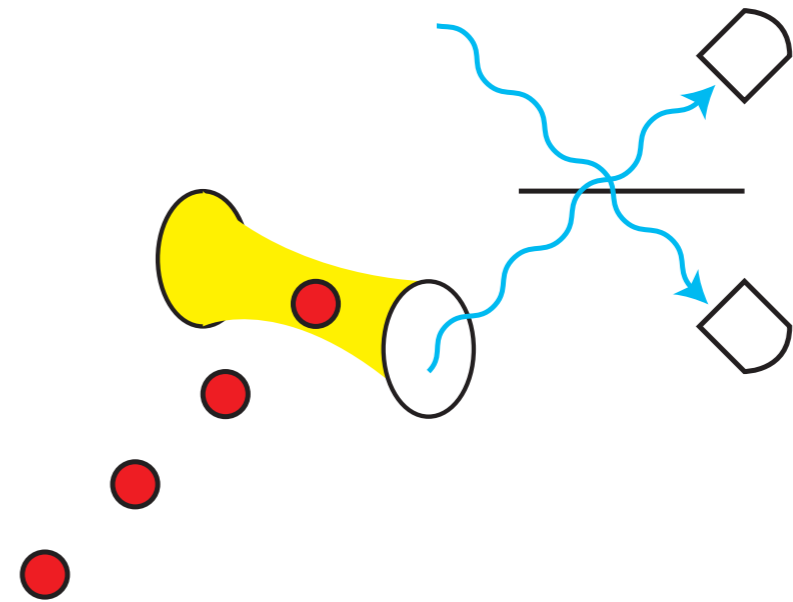
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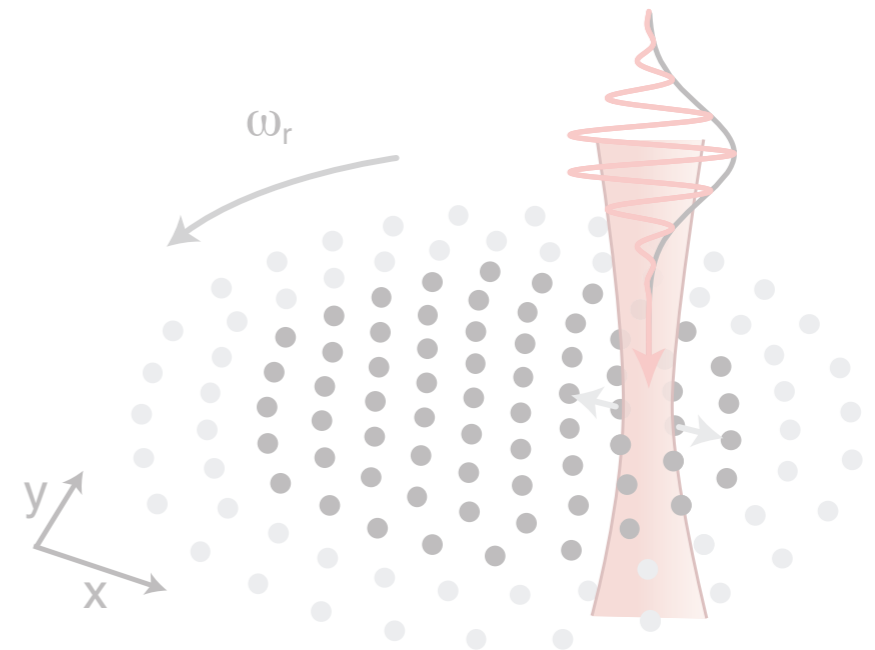
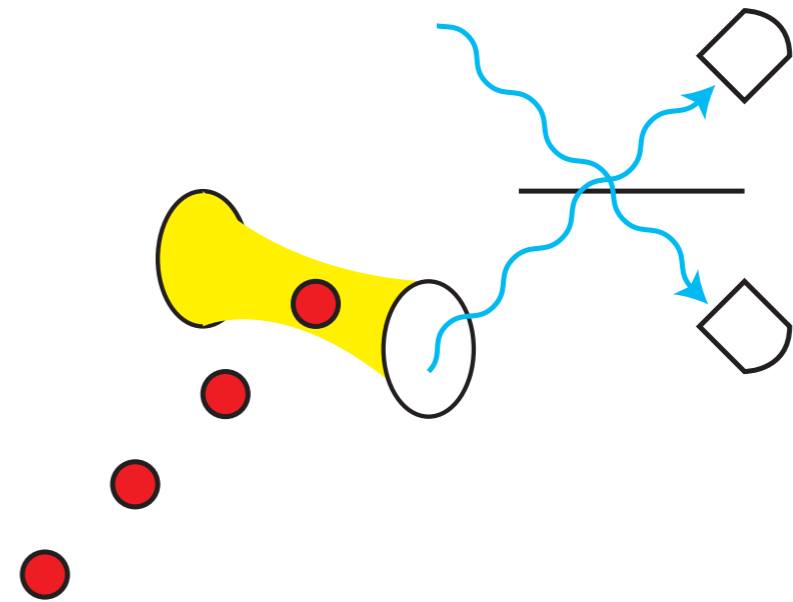
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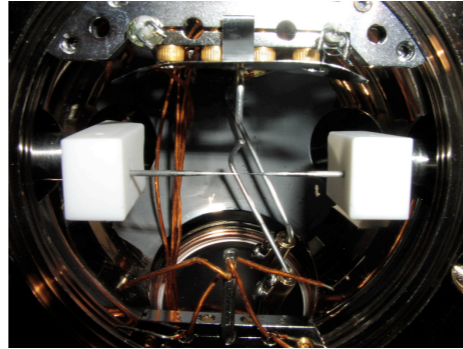
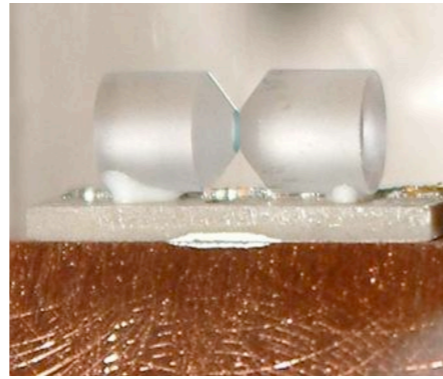
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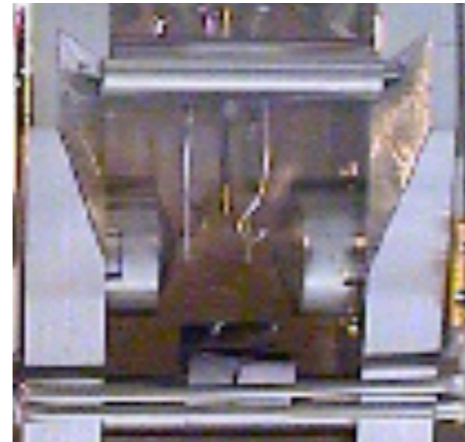


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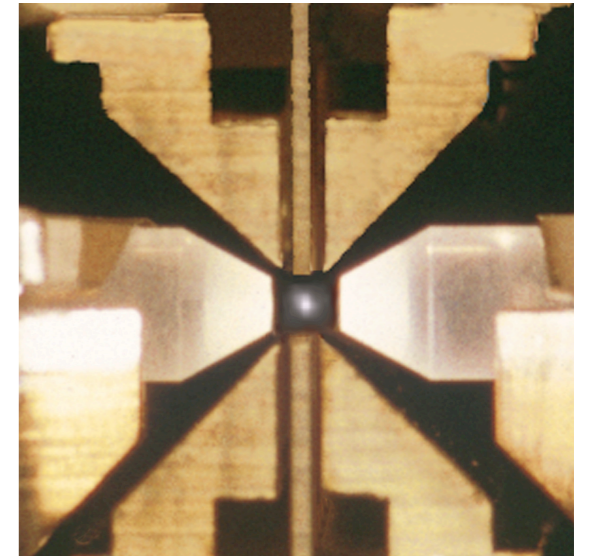
Linear Paul traps  
+  
Photons



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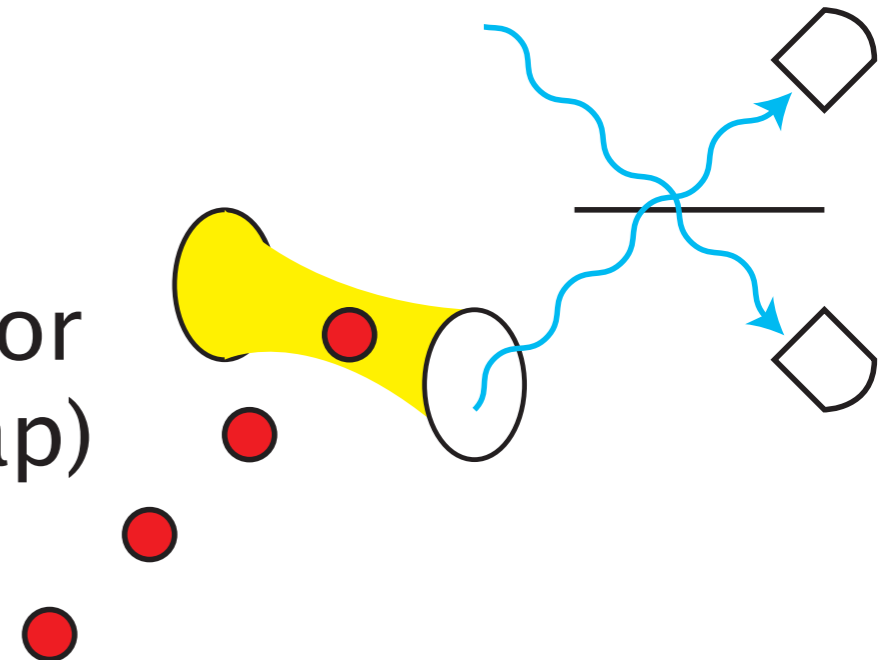
Innsbruck



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- good quantum memory
- good local operations
- photons allow quantum communication

Processor  
(Paul trap)



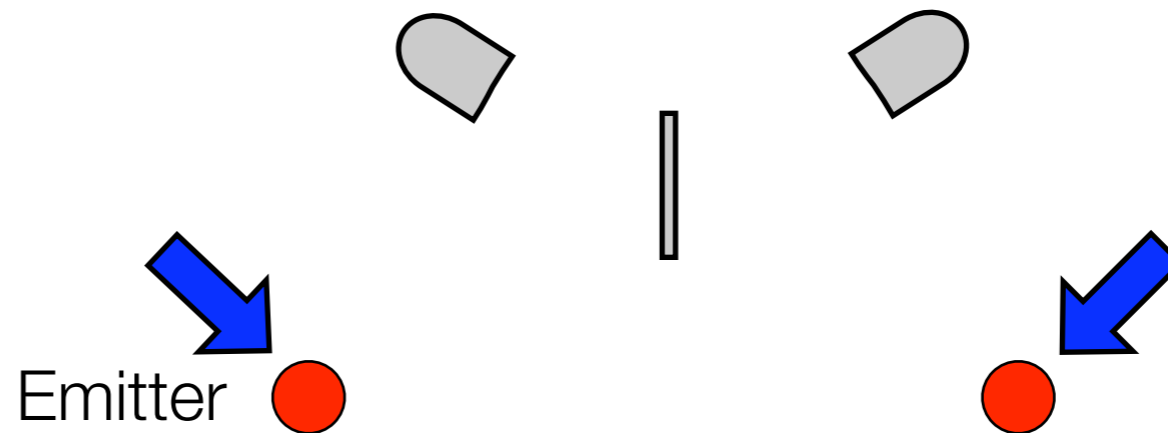
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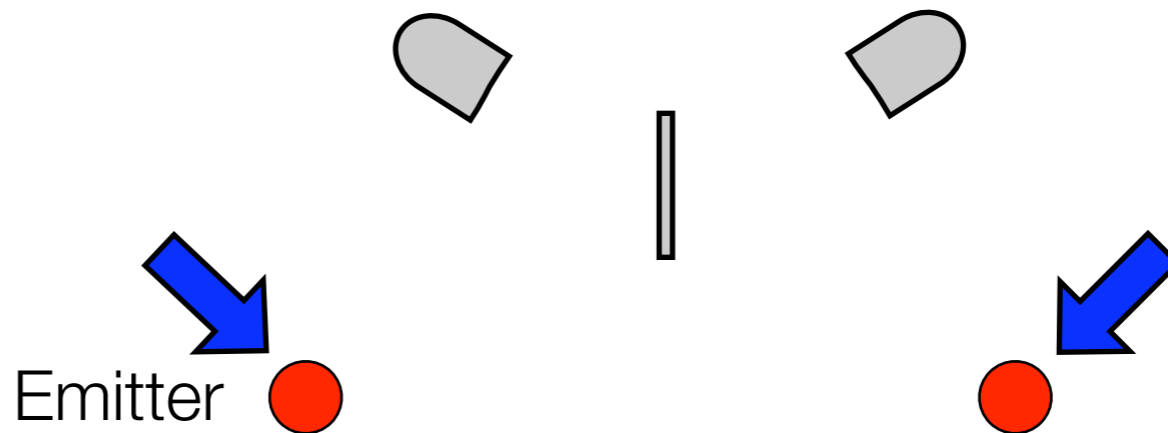
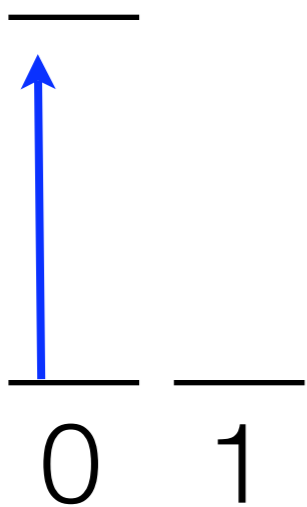
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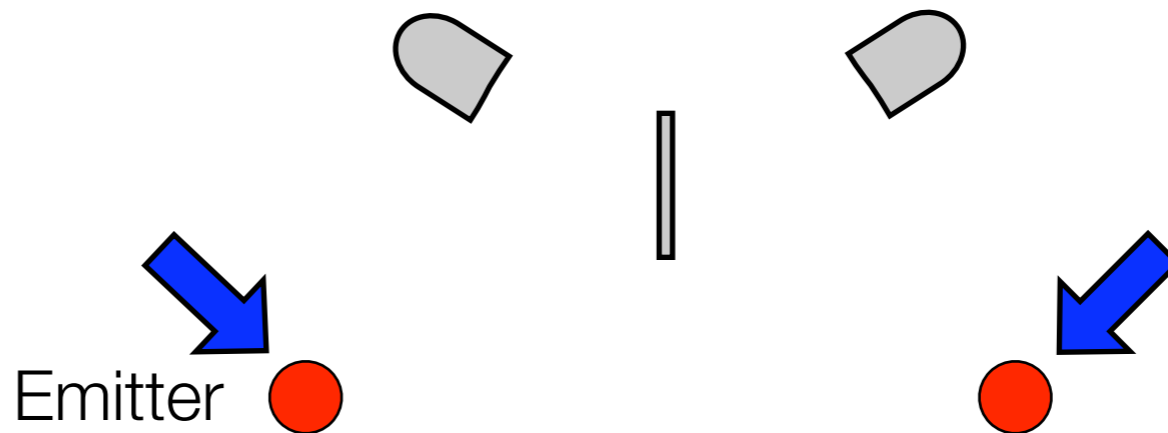
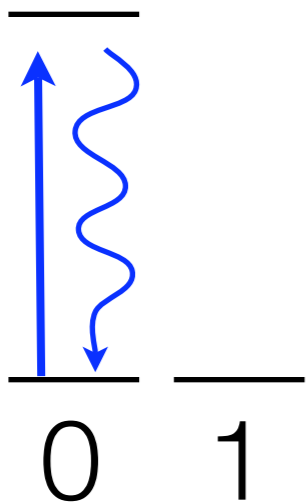
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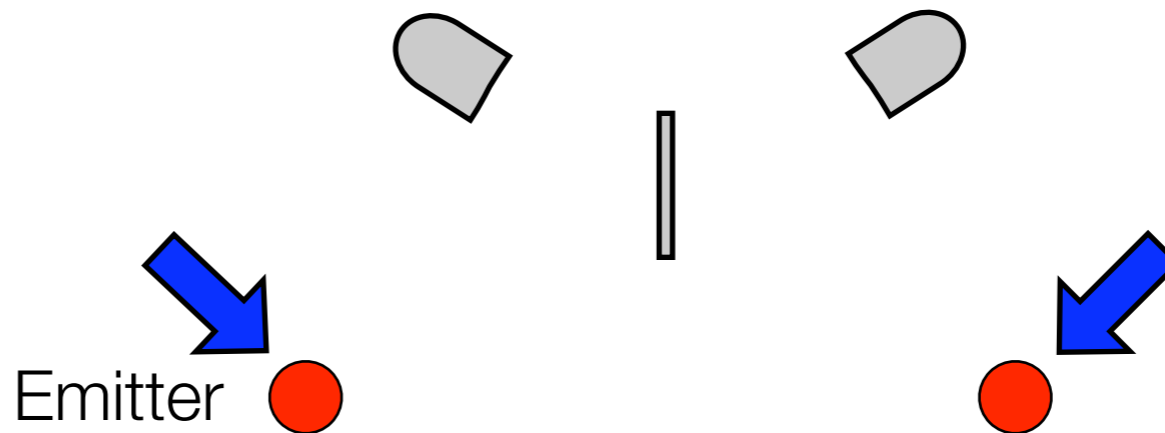
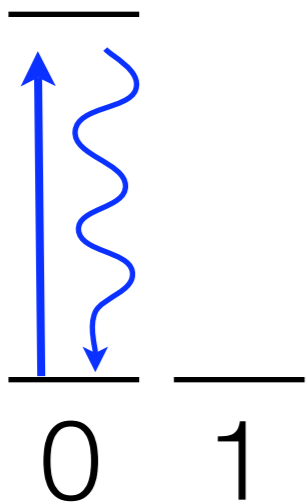


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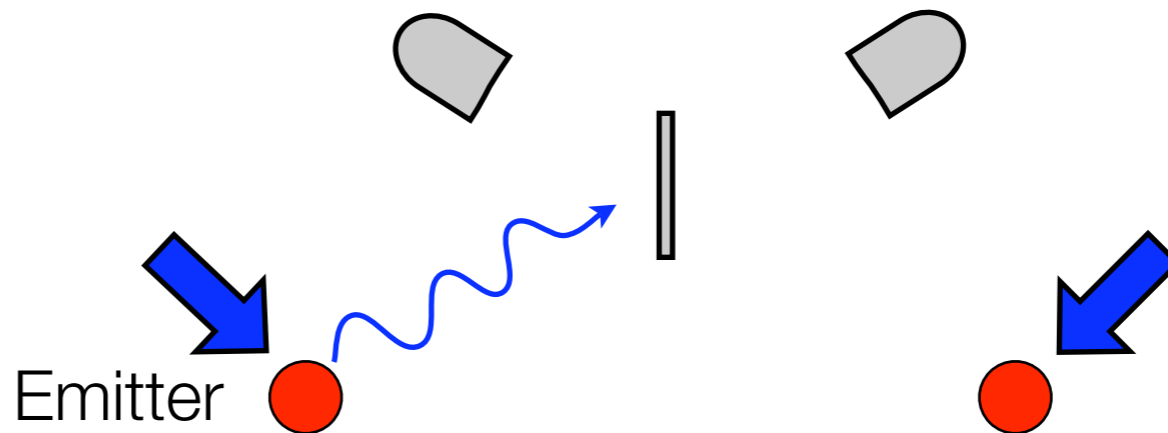
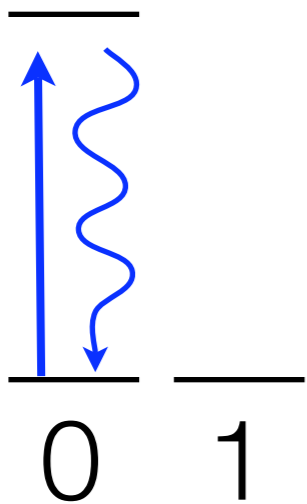


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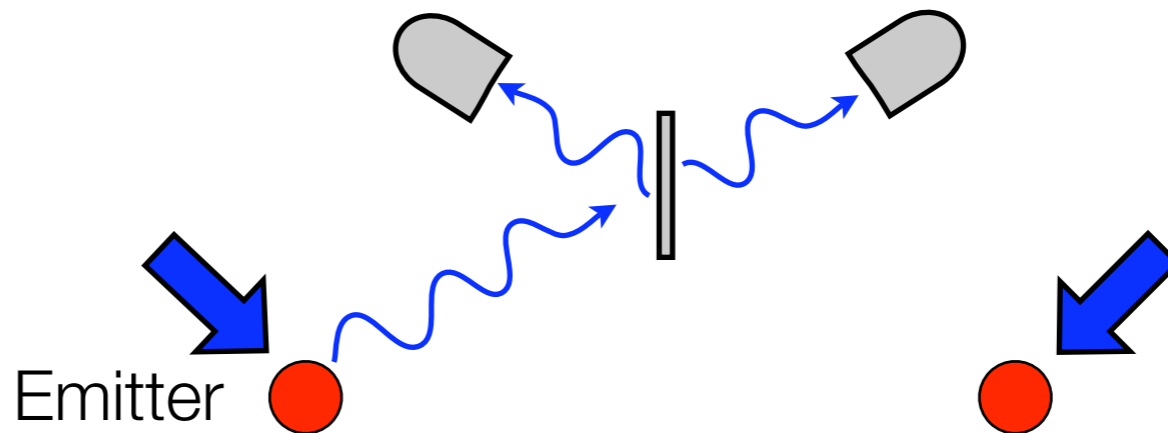
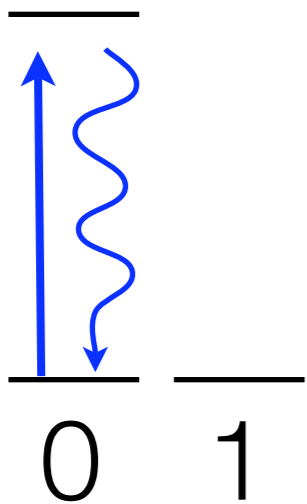
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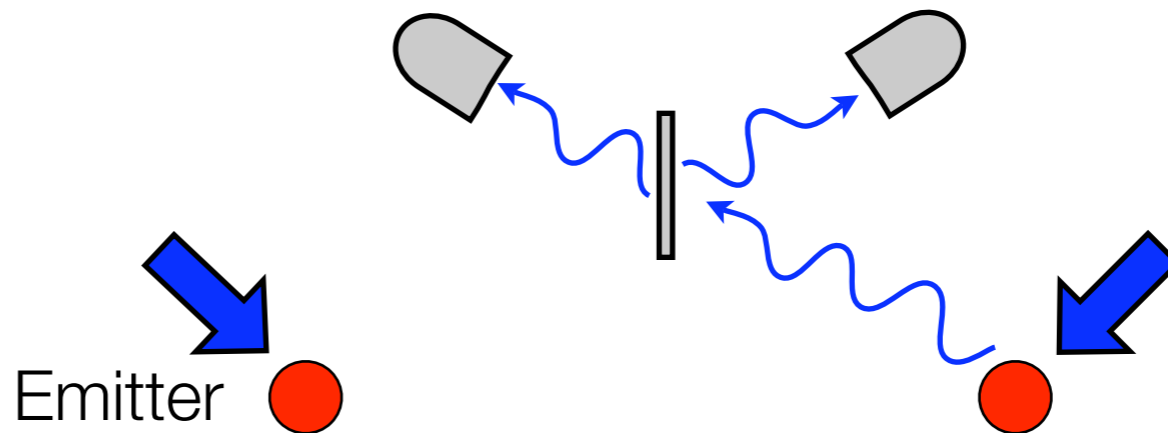
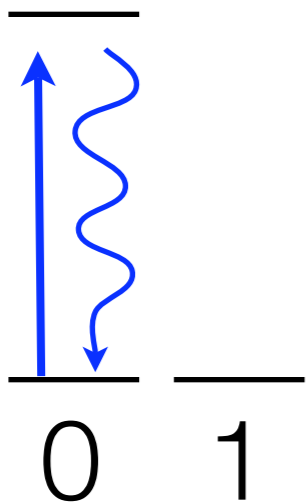


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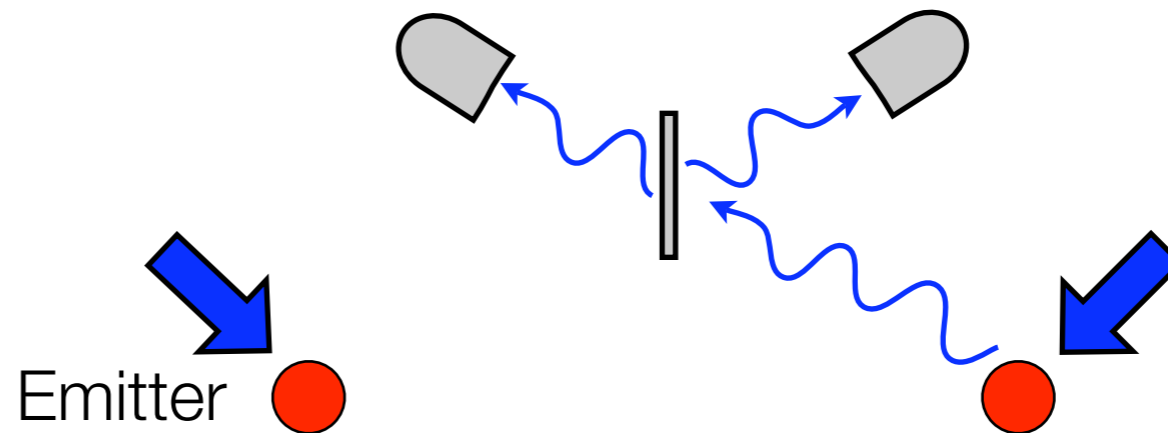
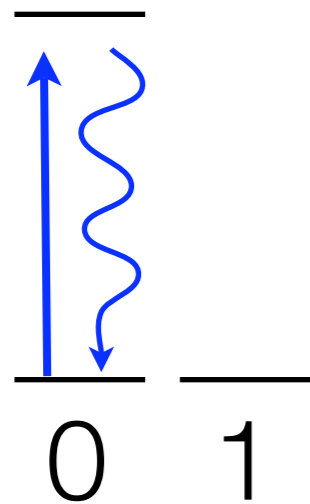


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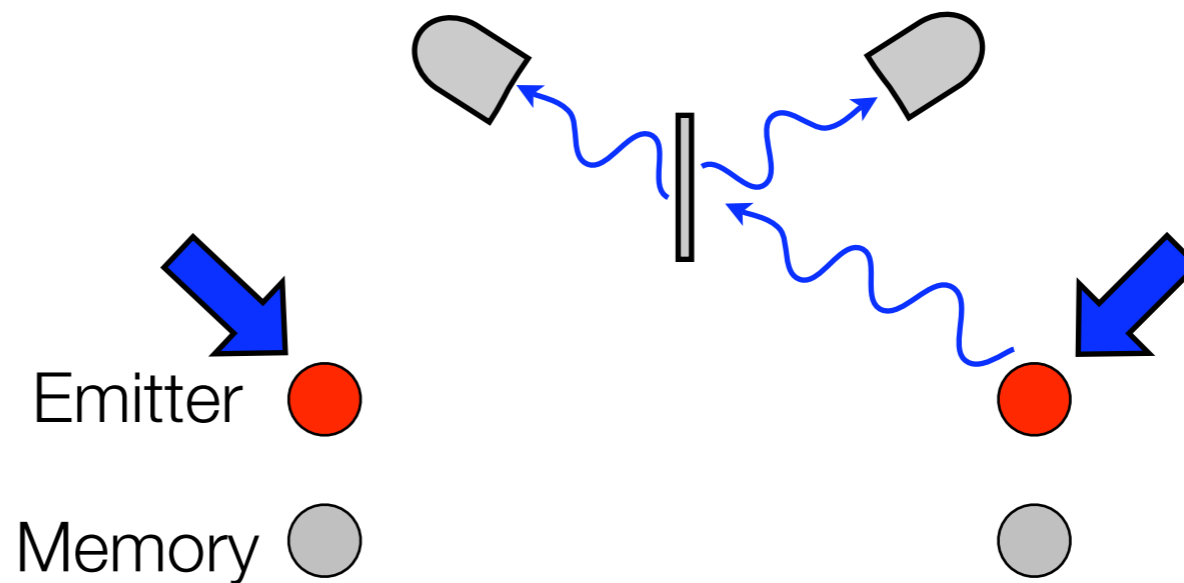
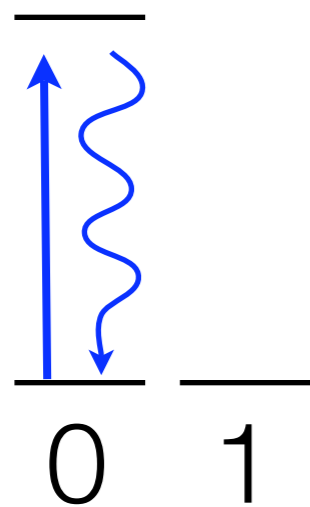


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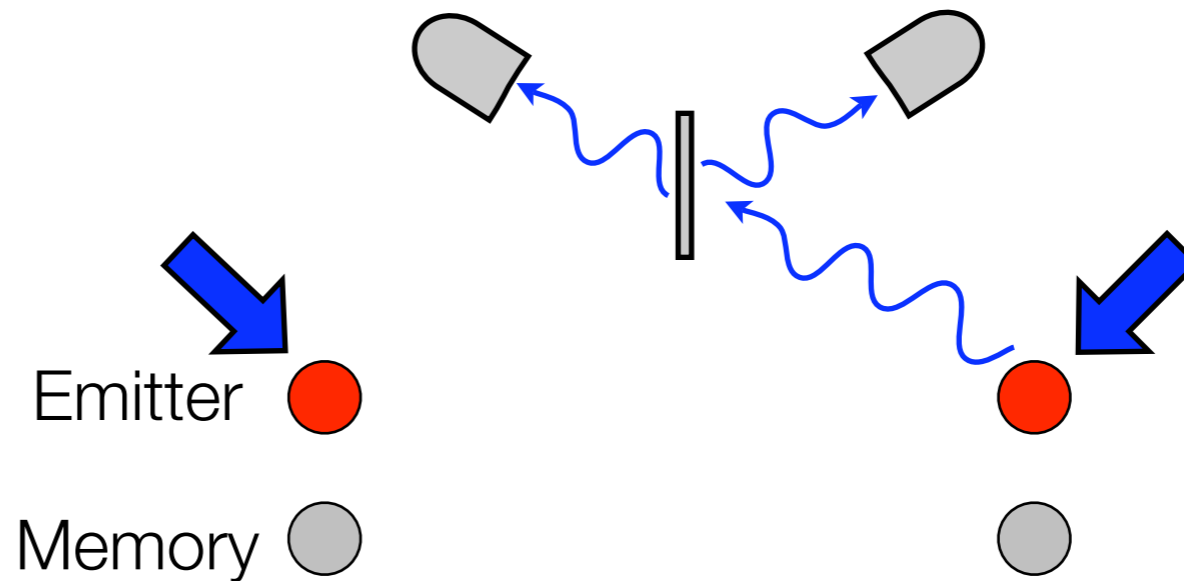
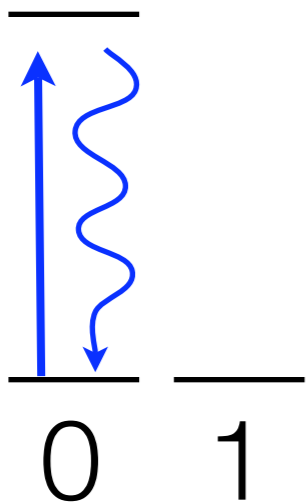
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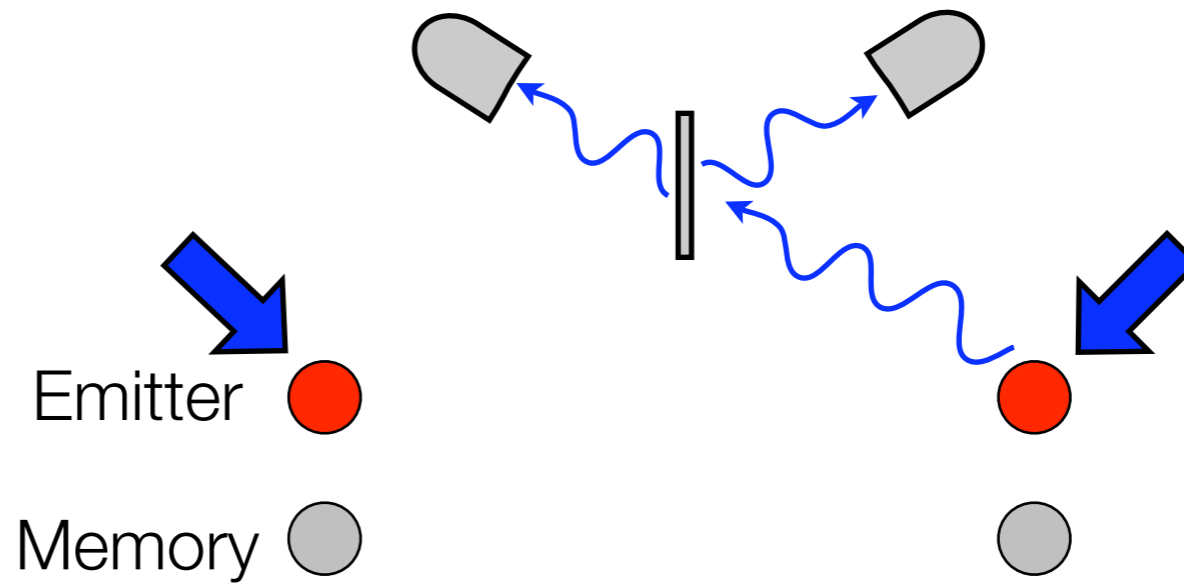
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**Q. Communication?**  
Attenuation problem  
(exponential with distance)

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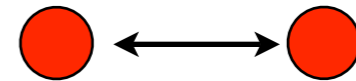
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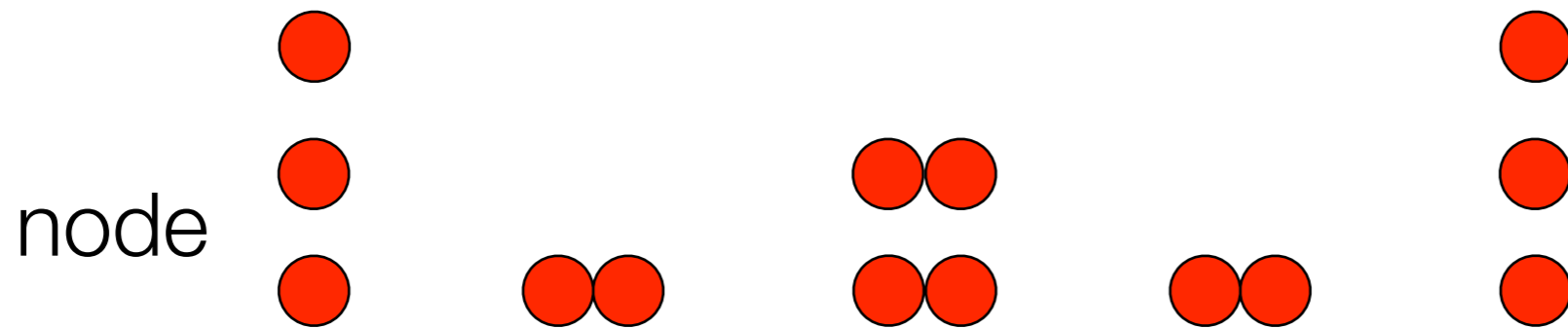


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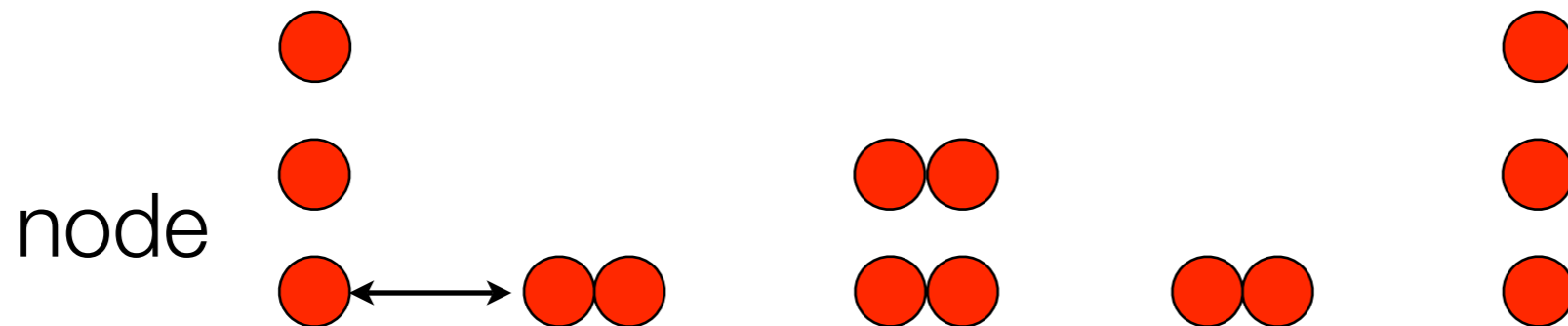
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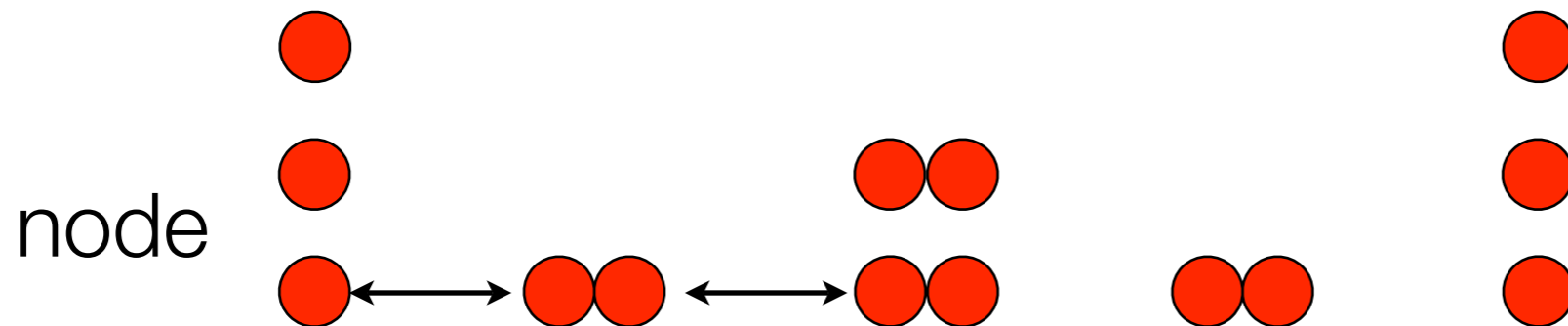
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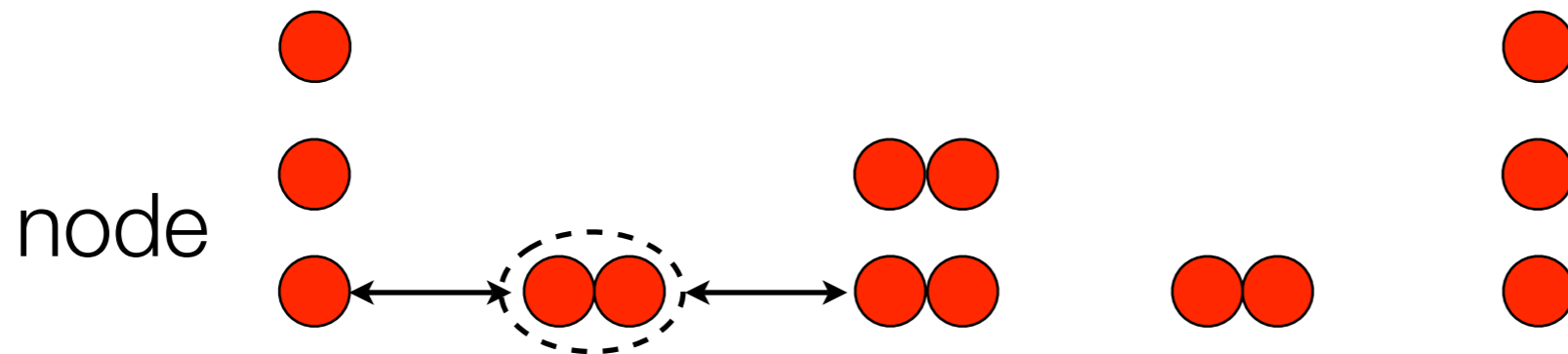
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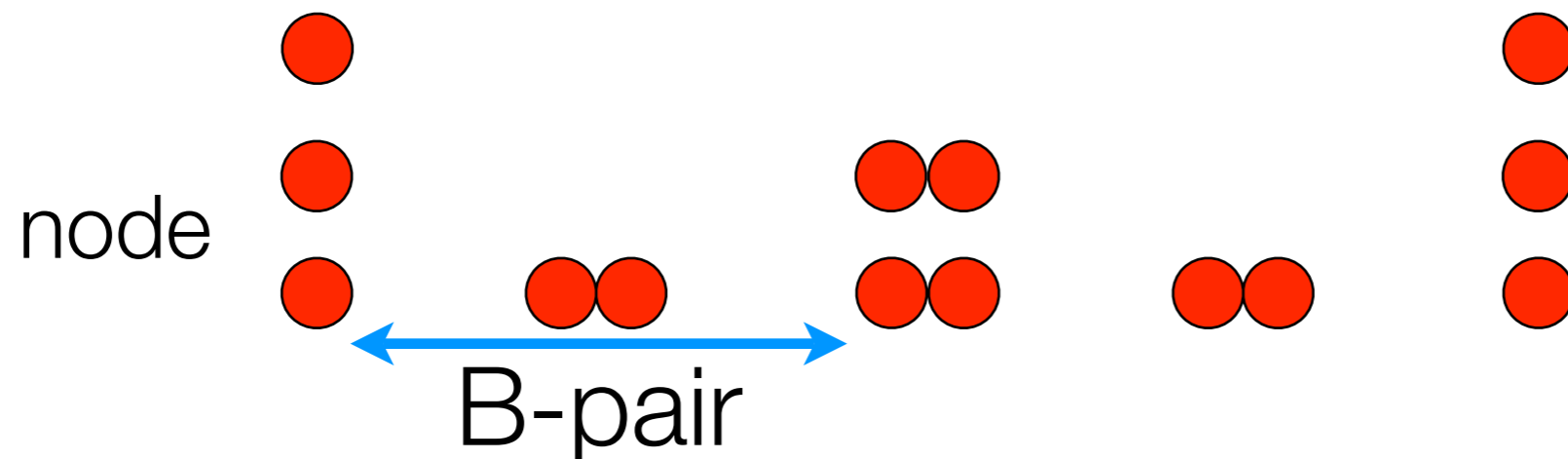
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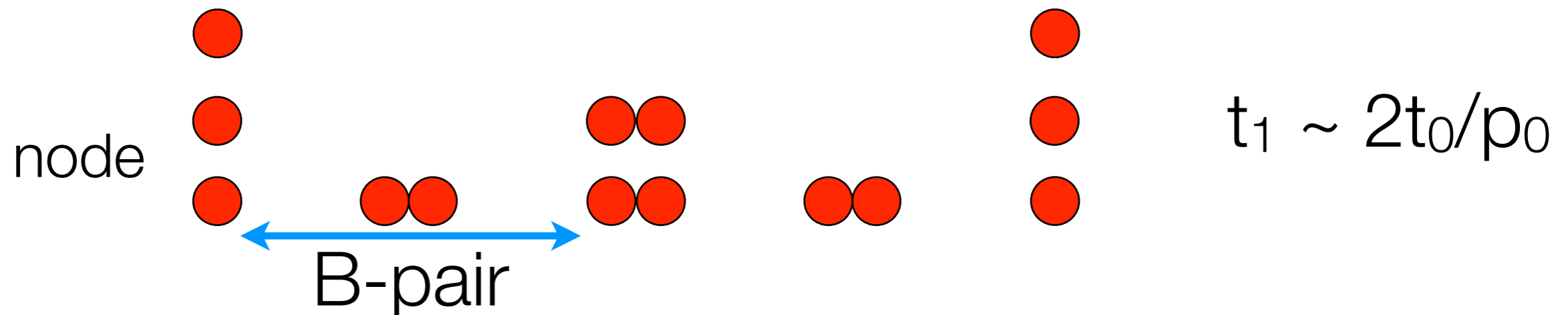
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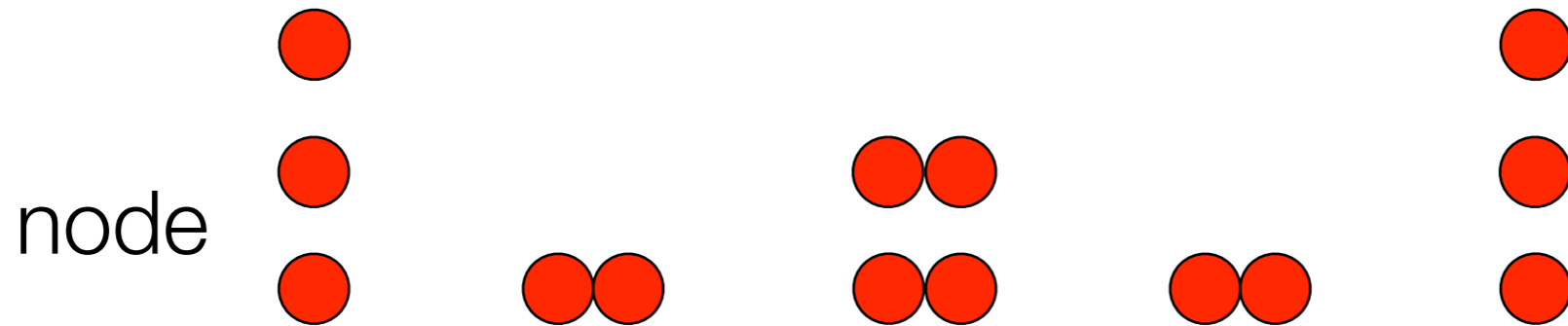
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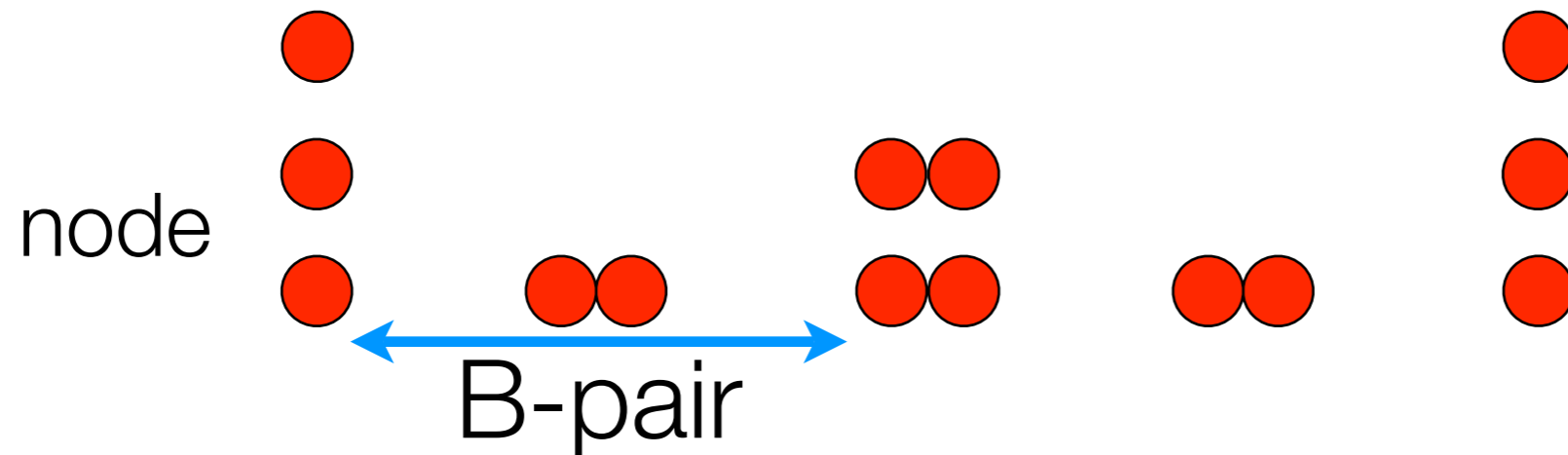
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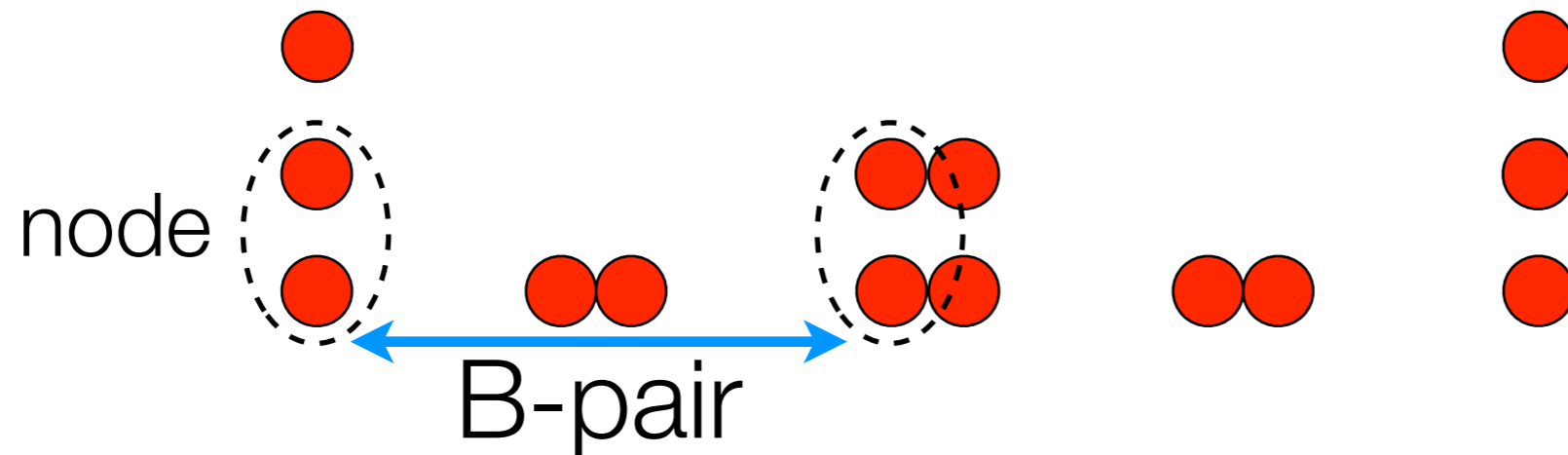
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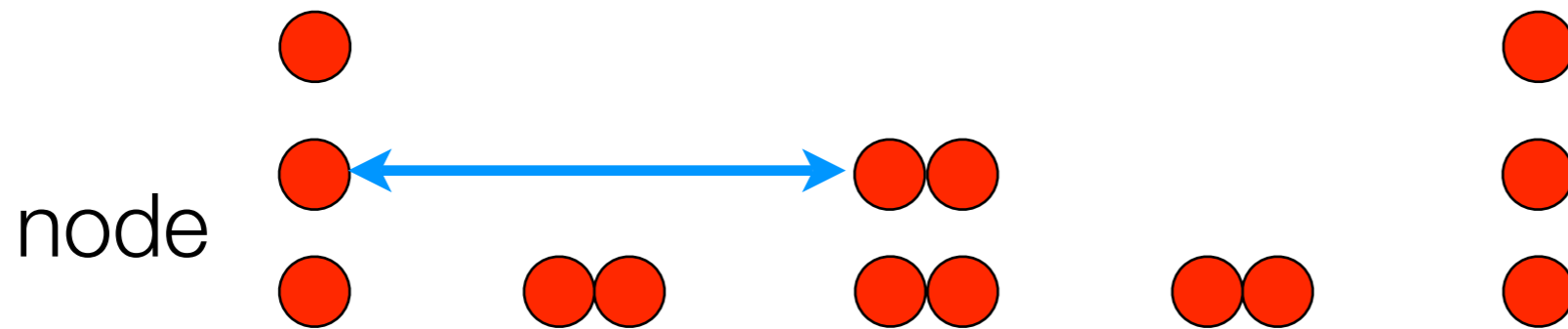
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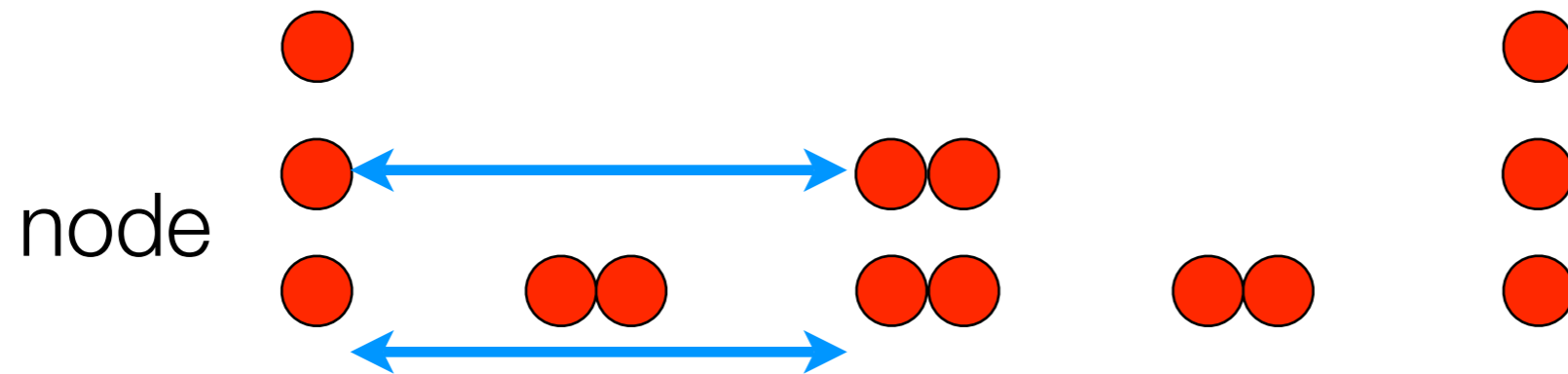
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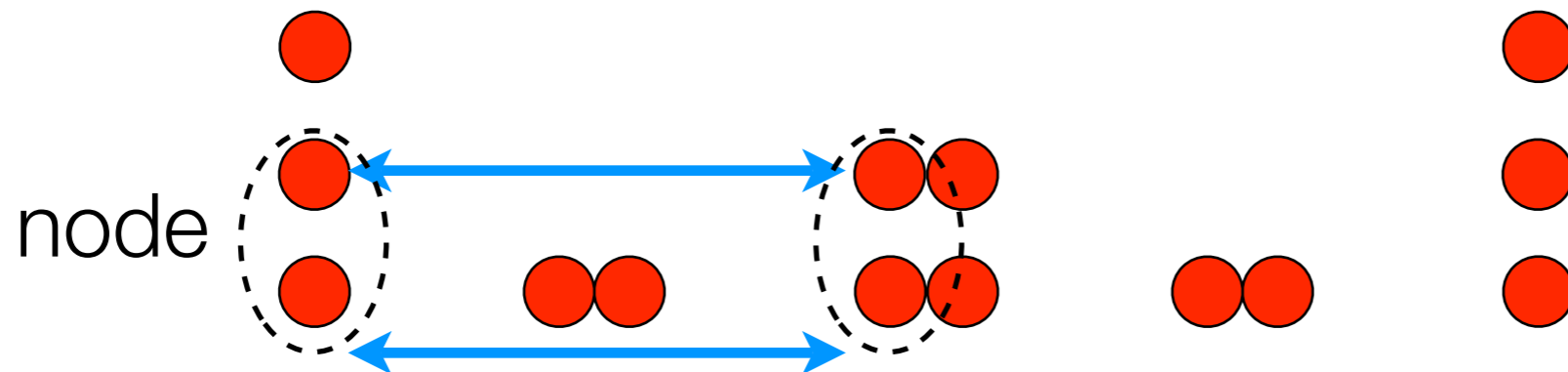
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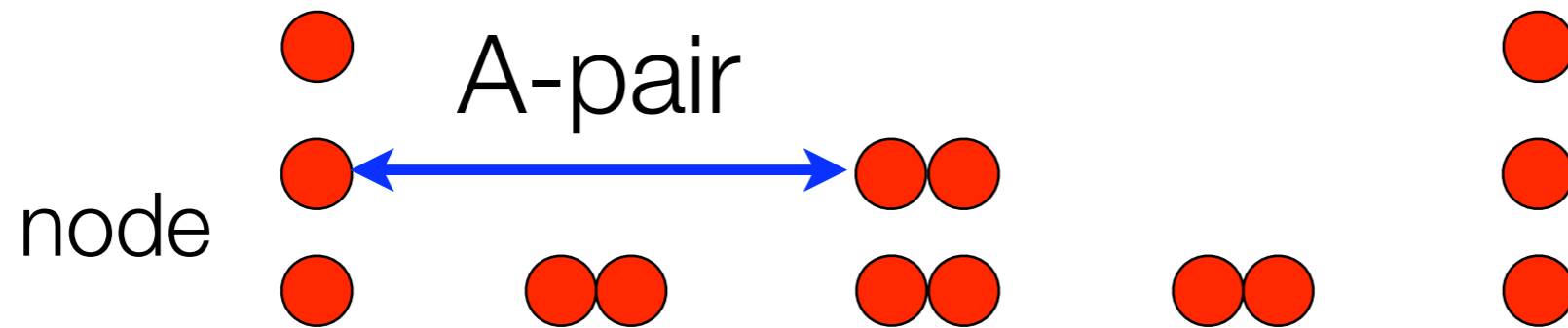
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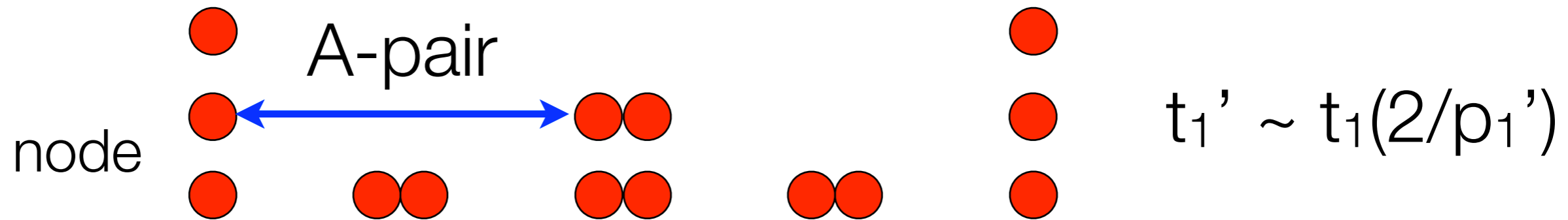


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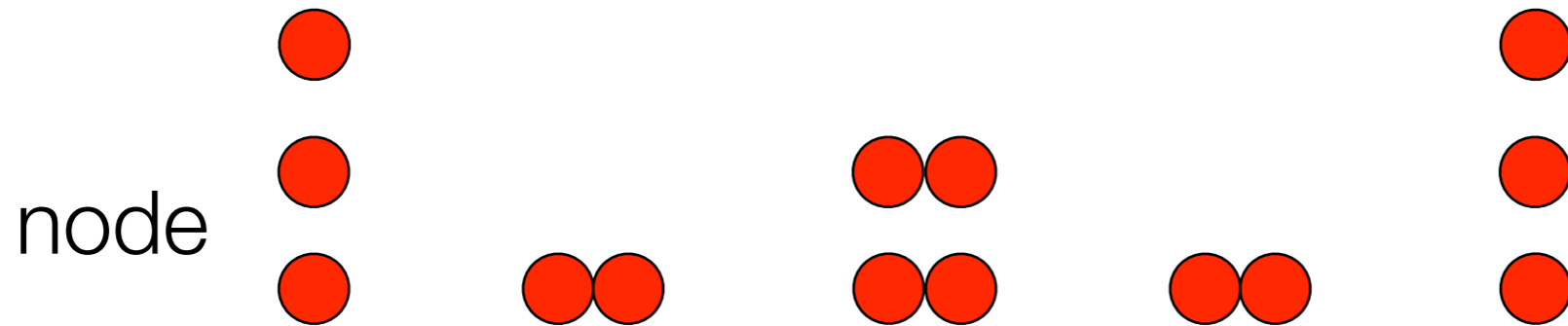
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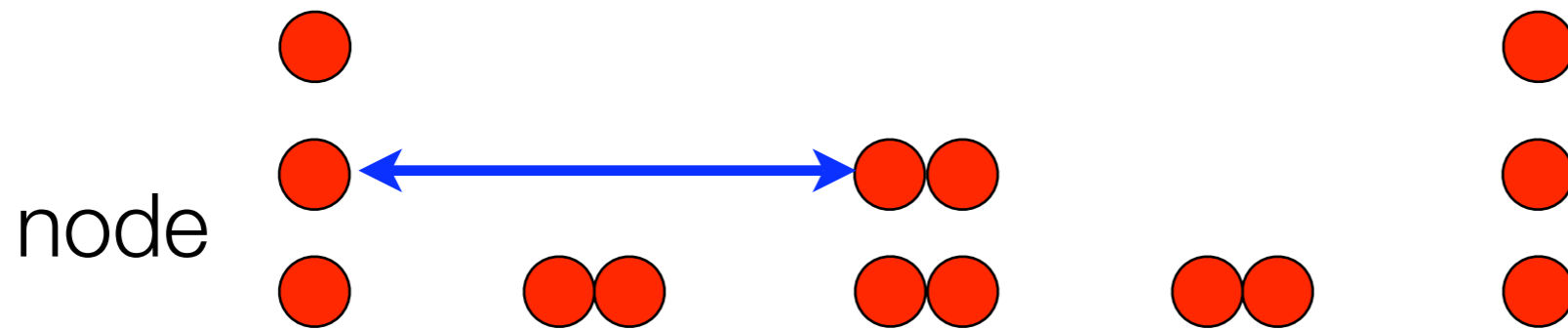
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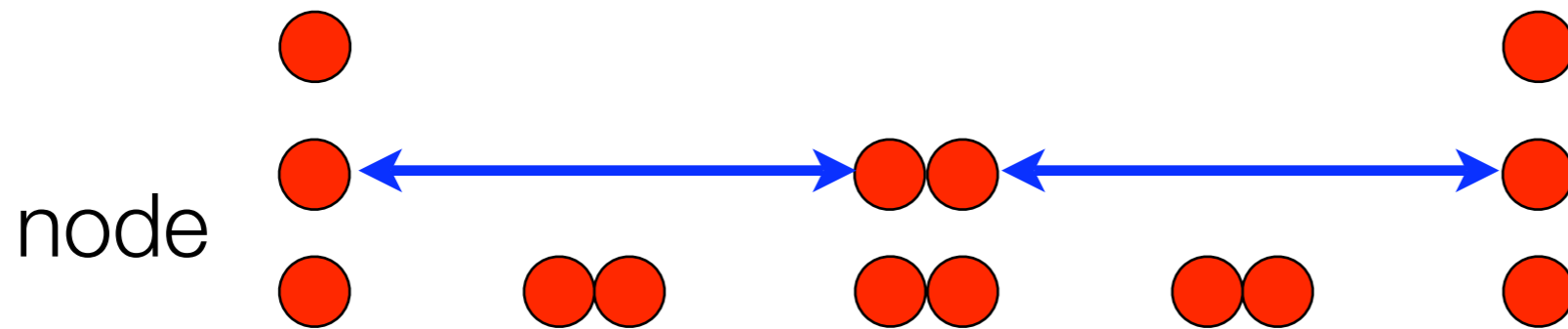
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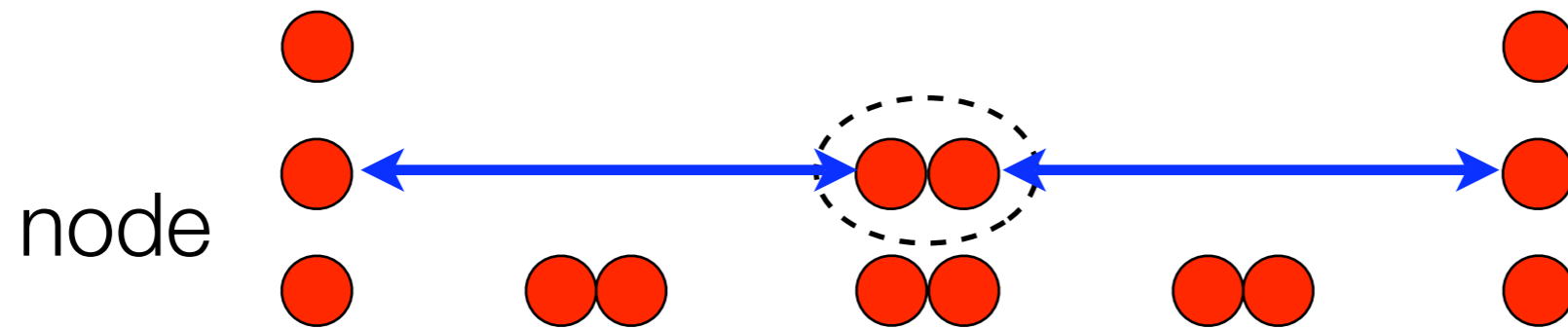
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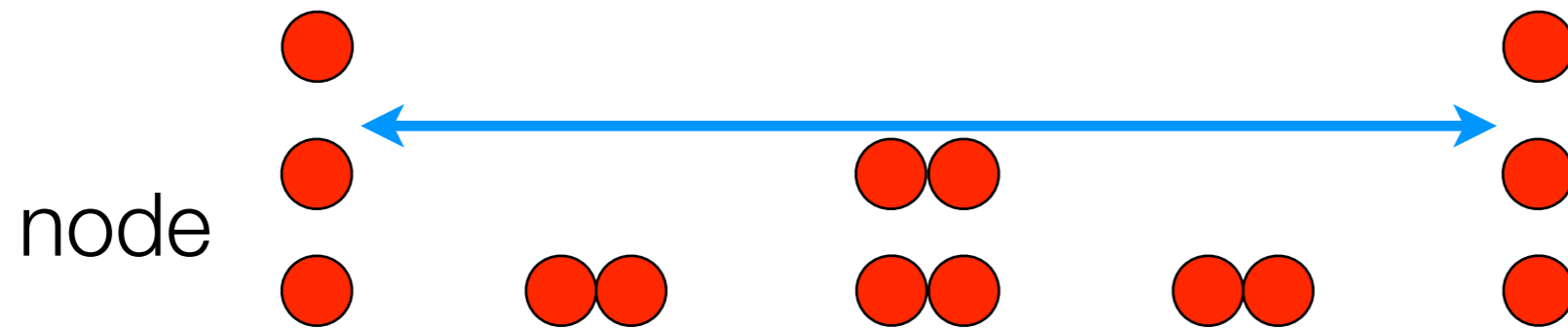
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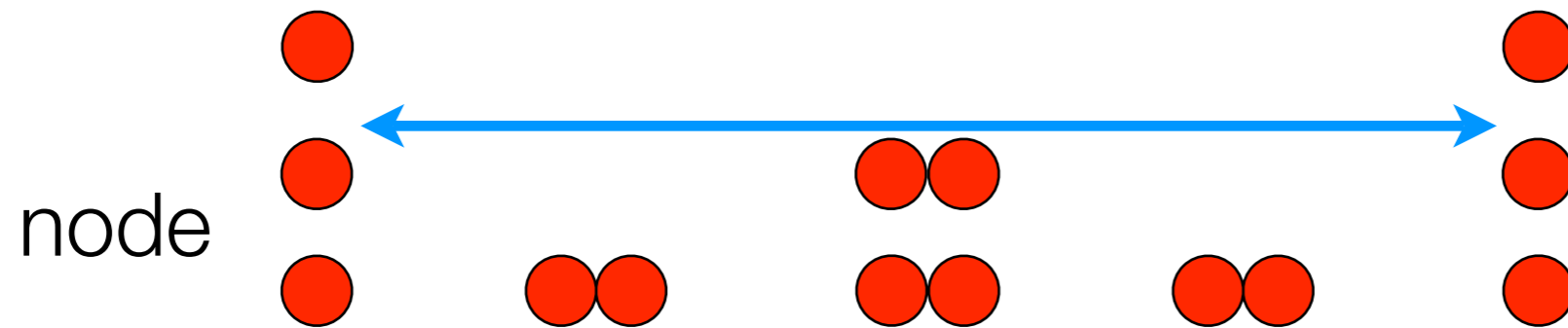
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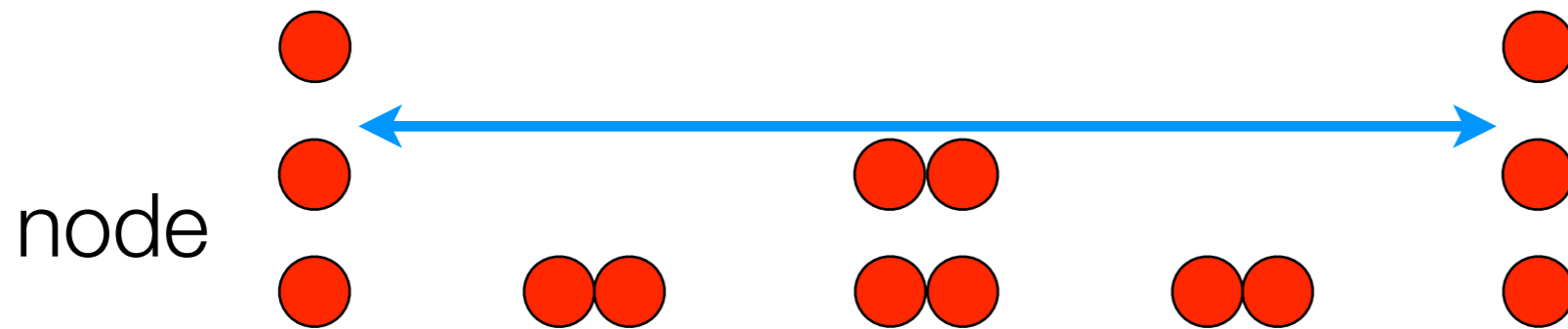
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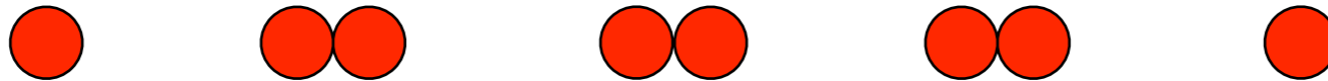
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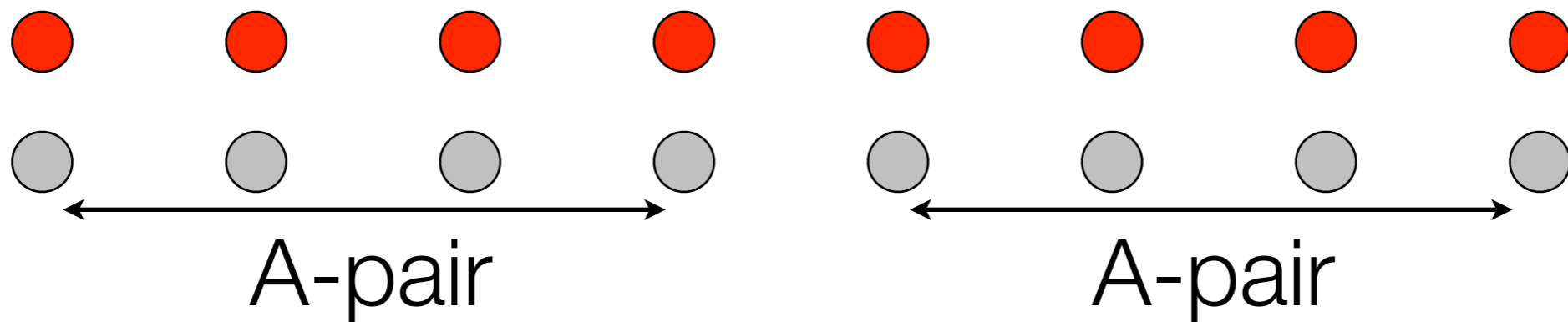
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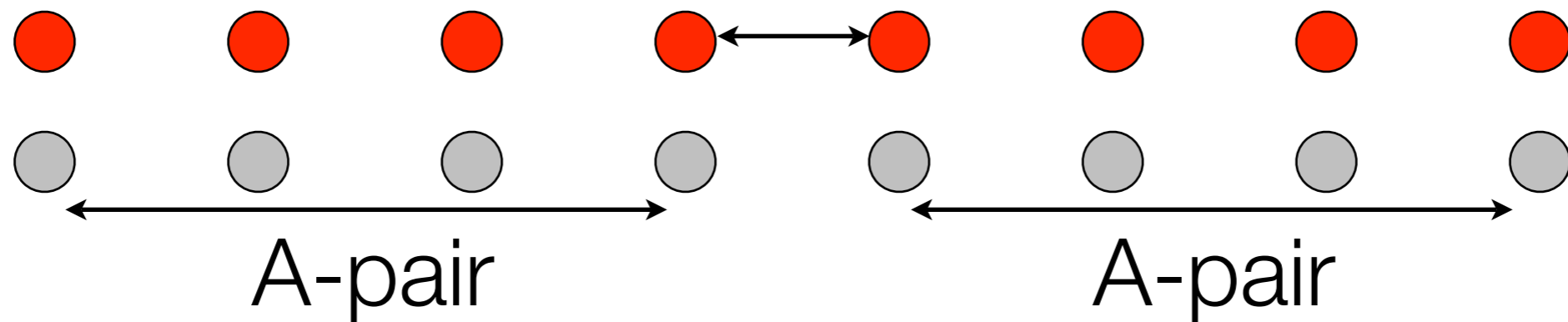
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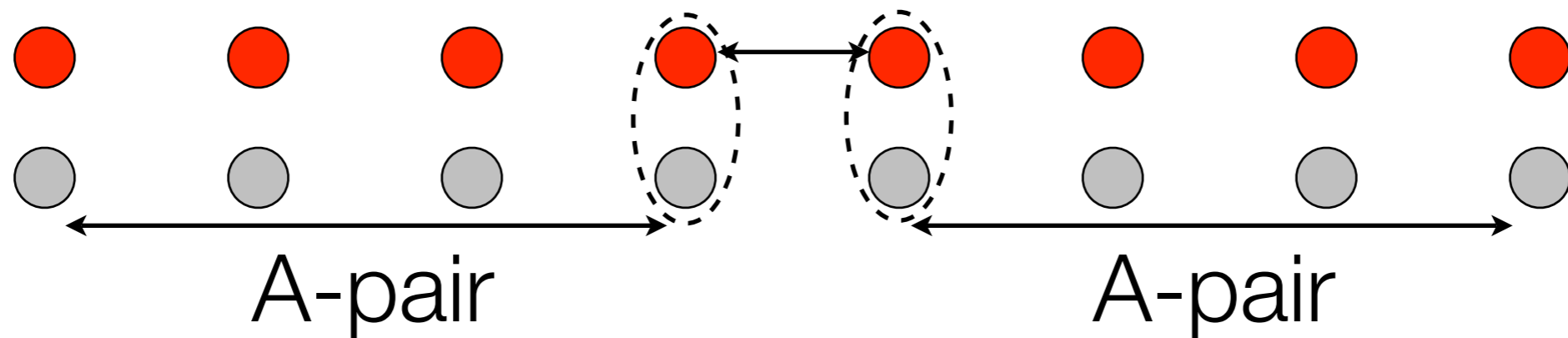
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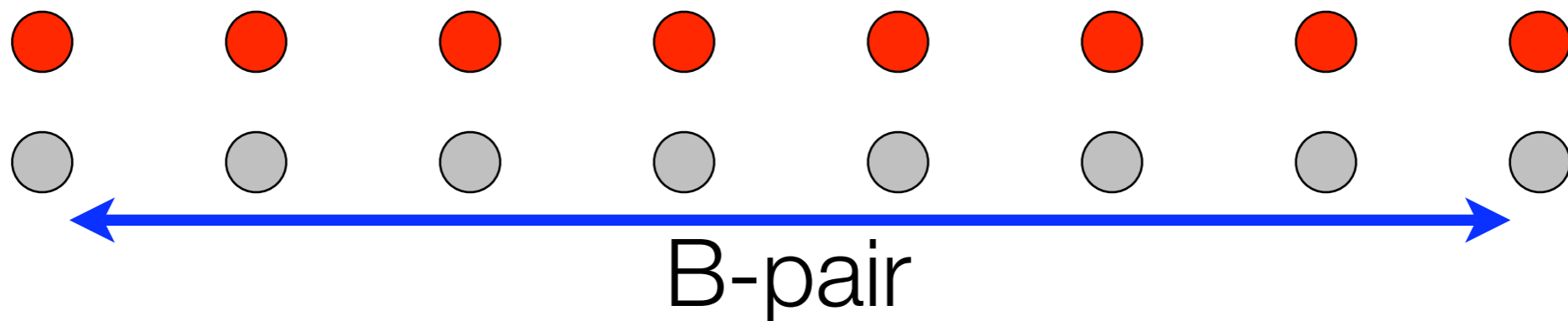
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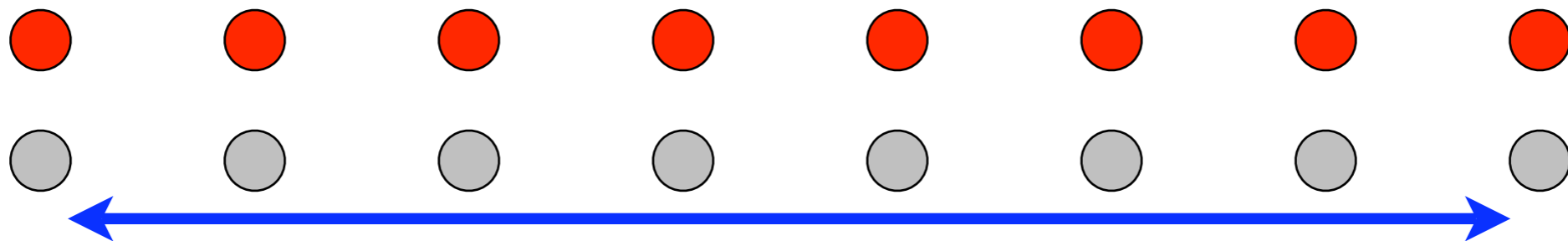
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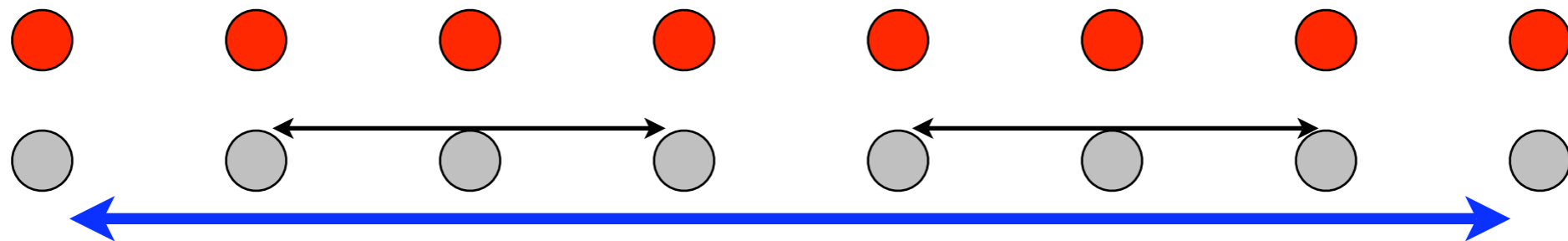
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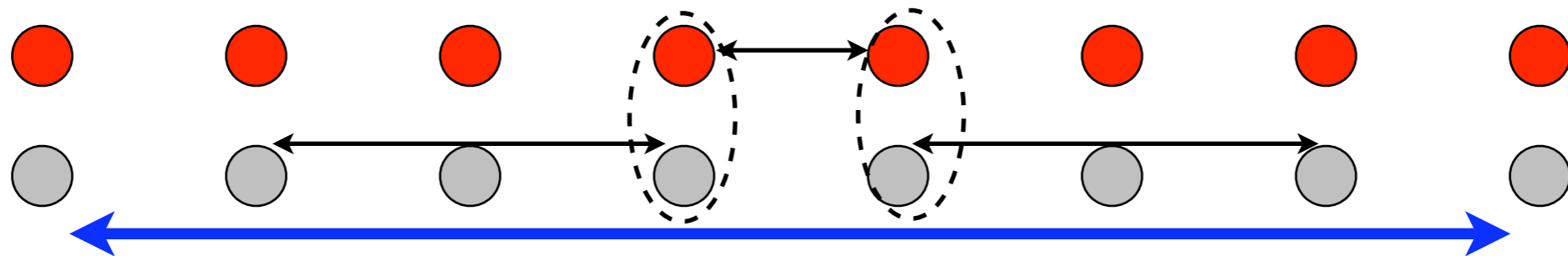


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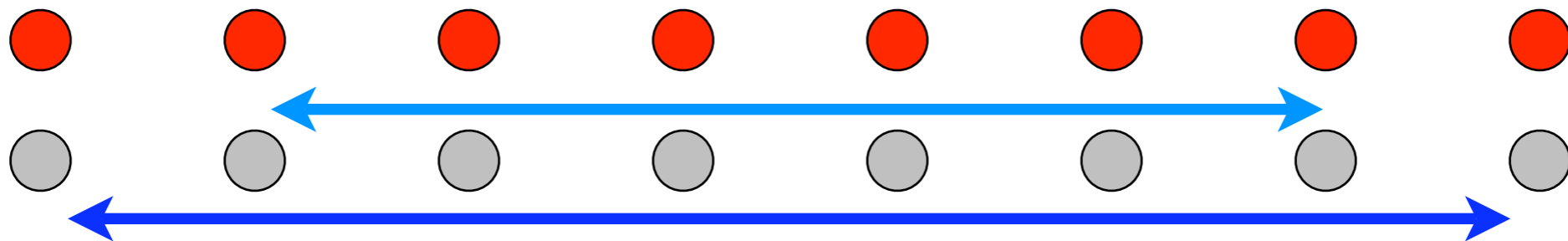
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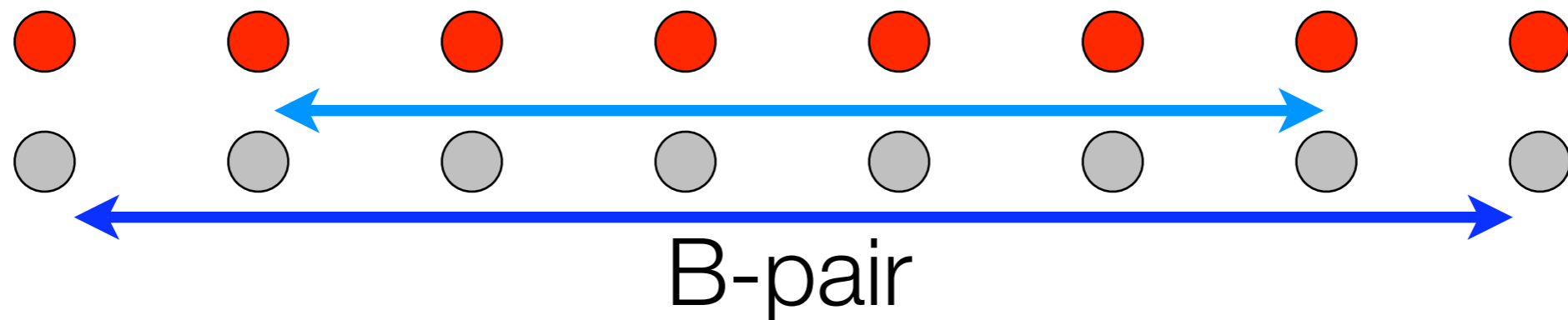
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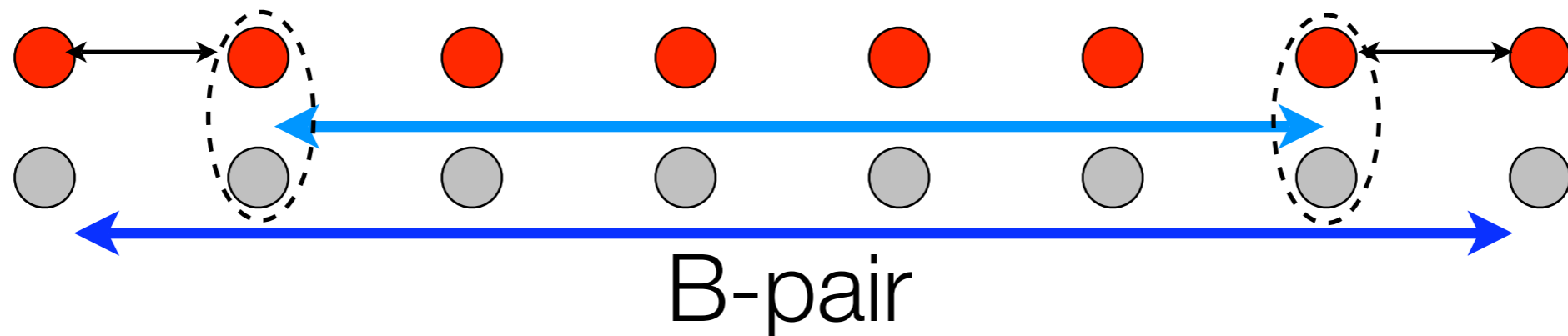
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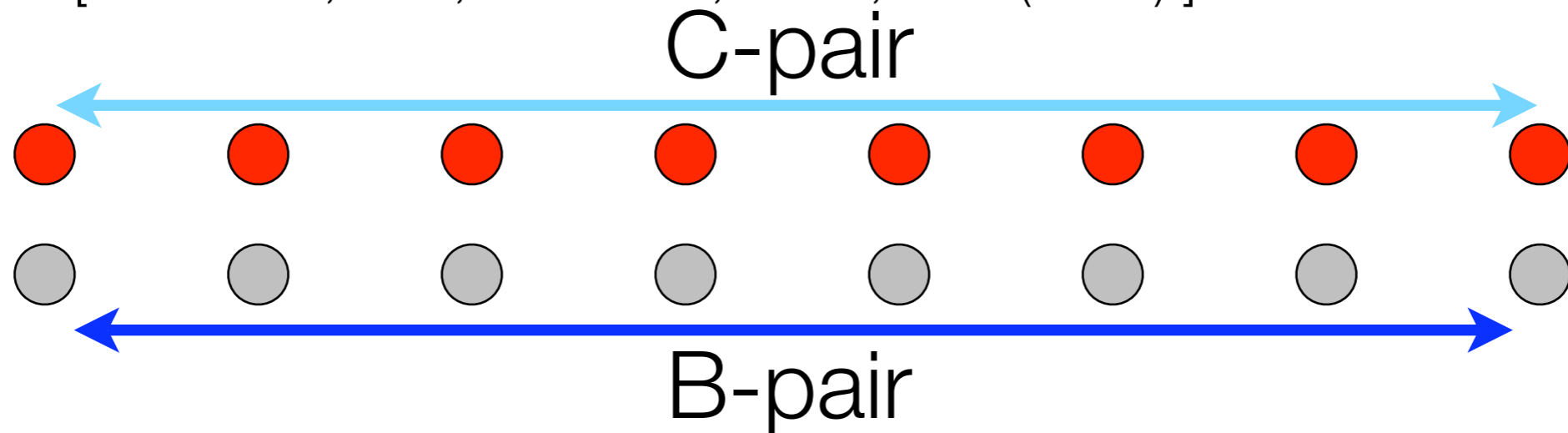
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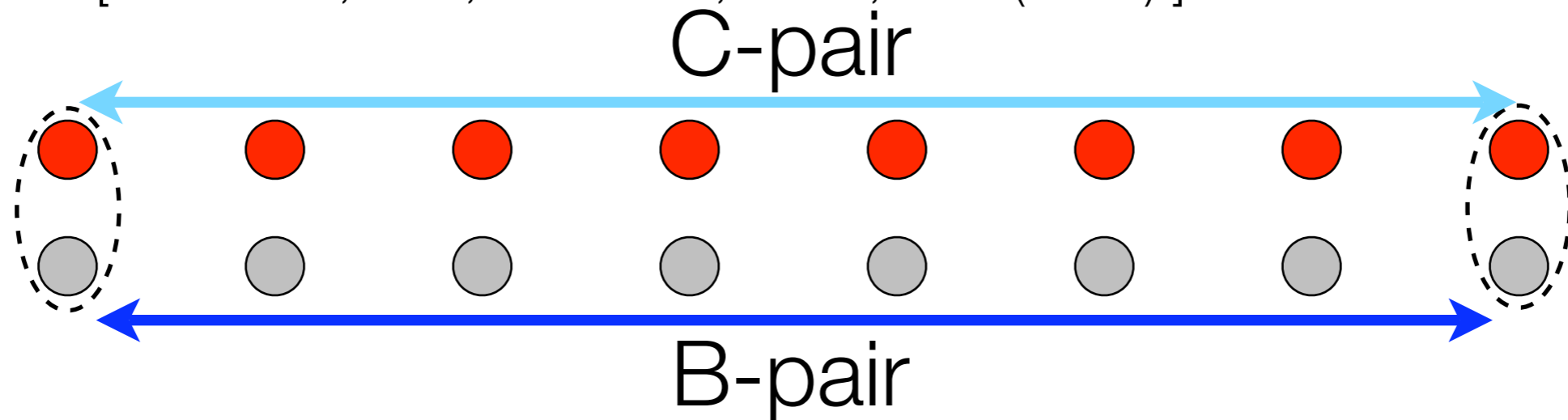
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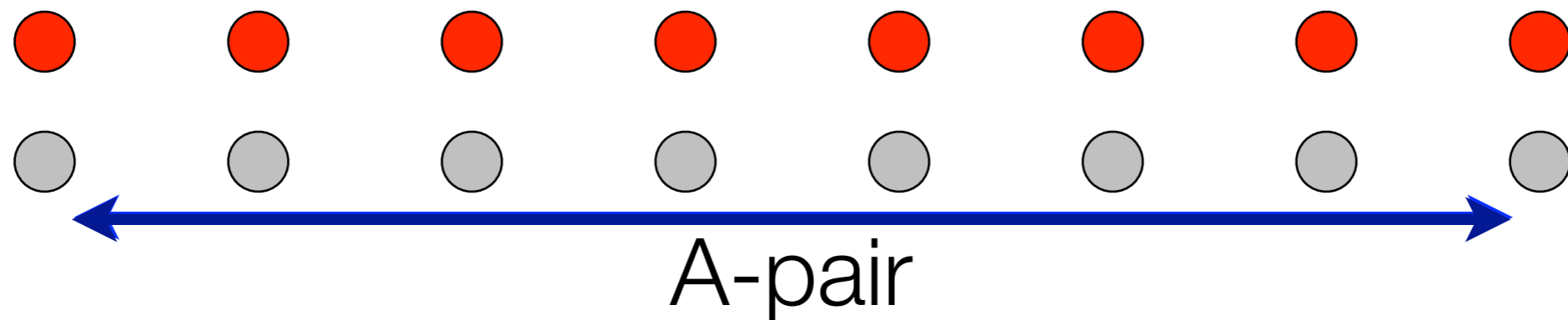
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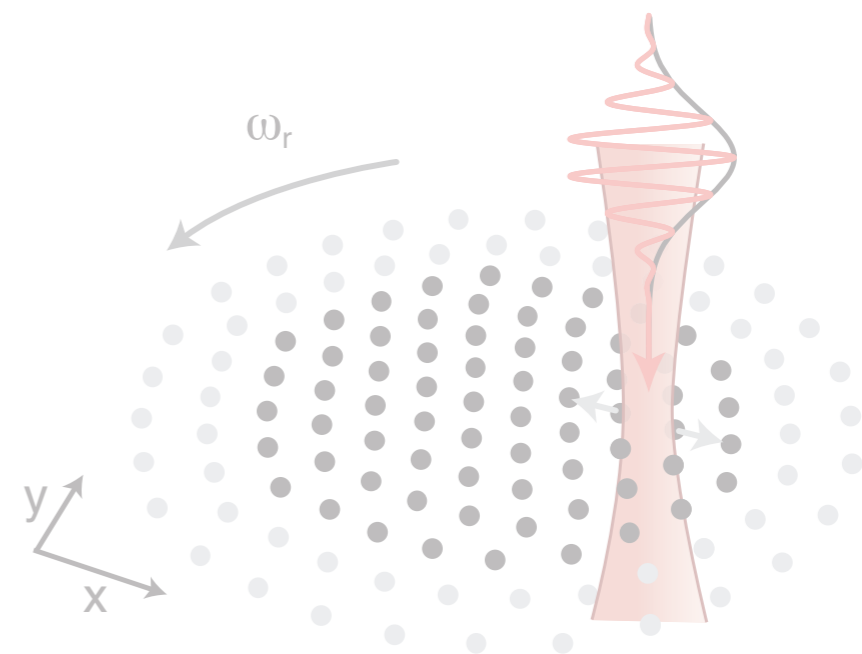
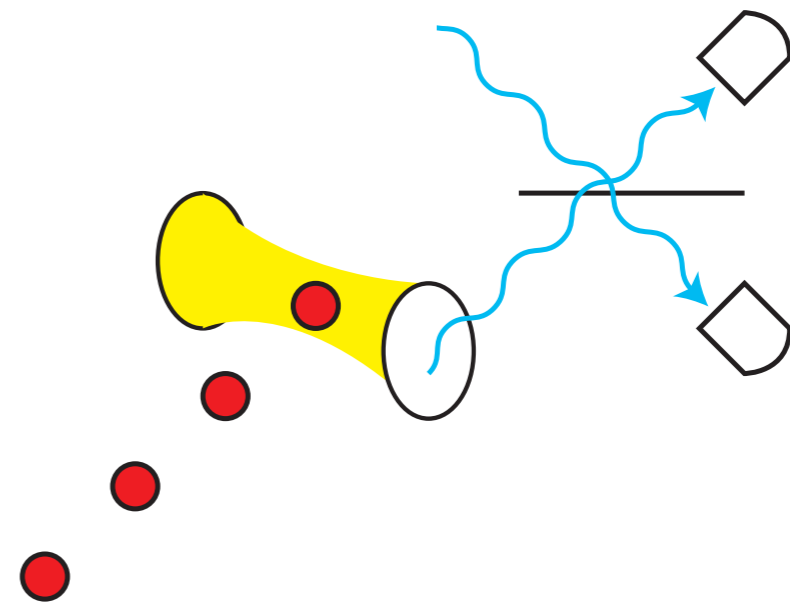
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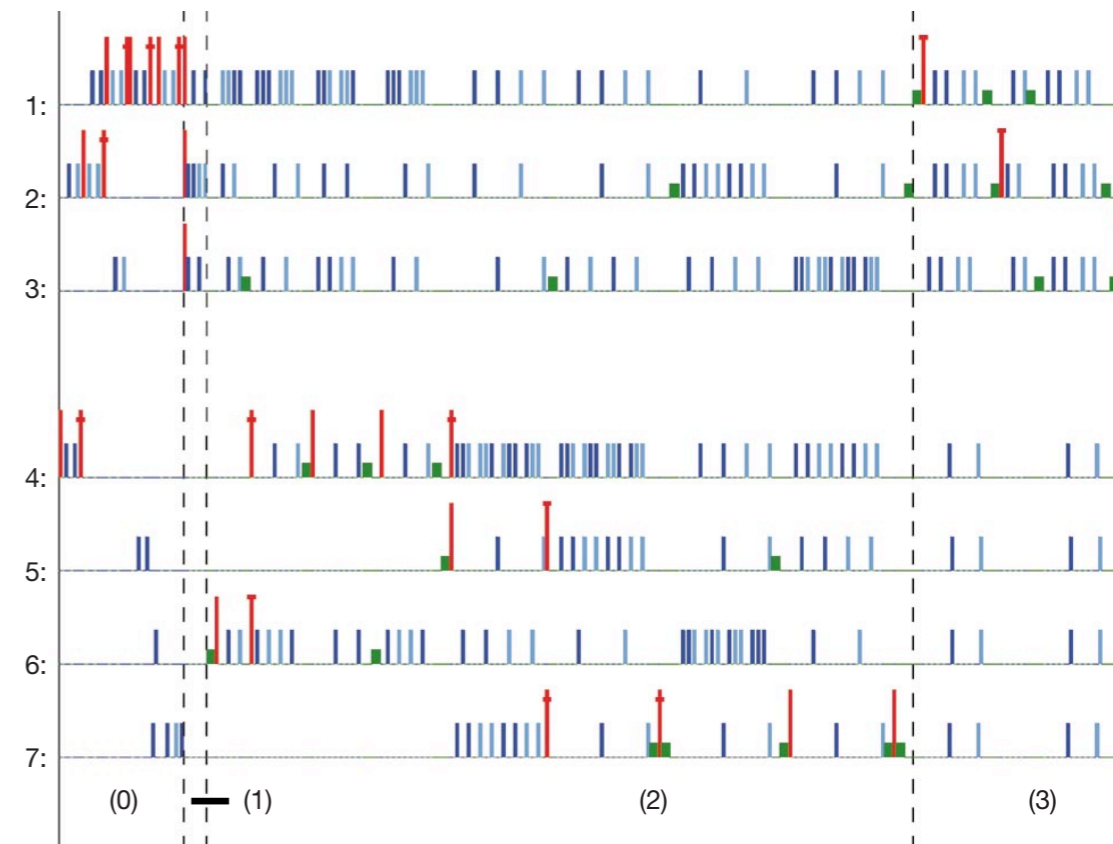
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- noisy, failure prone, still OK

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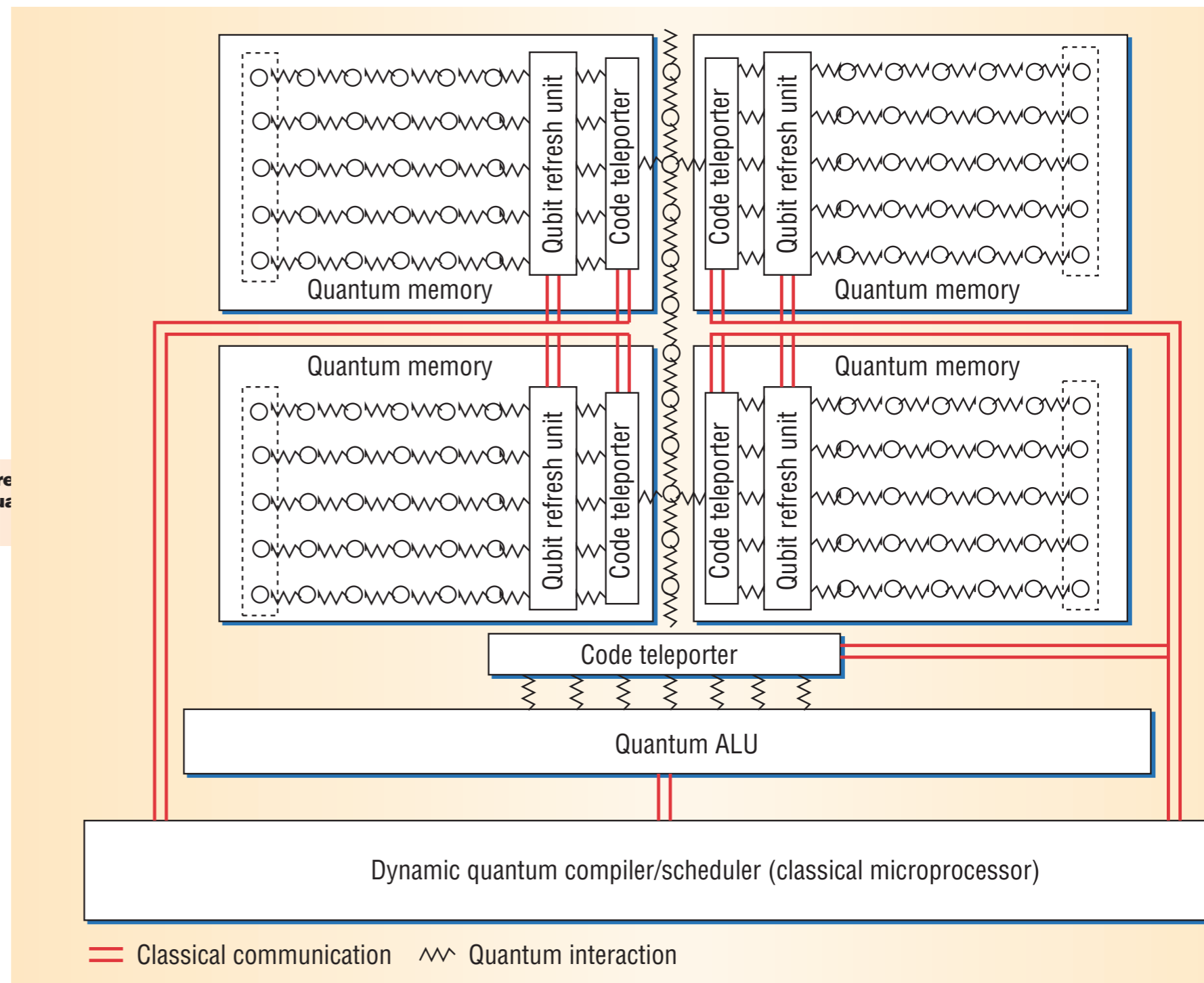
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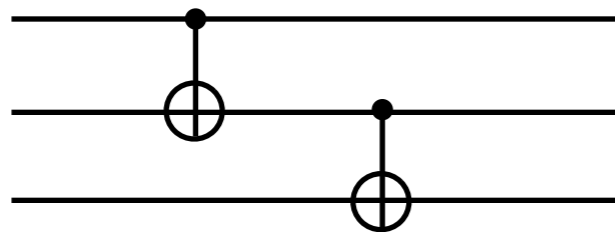
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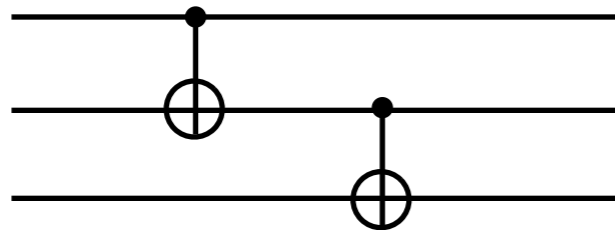
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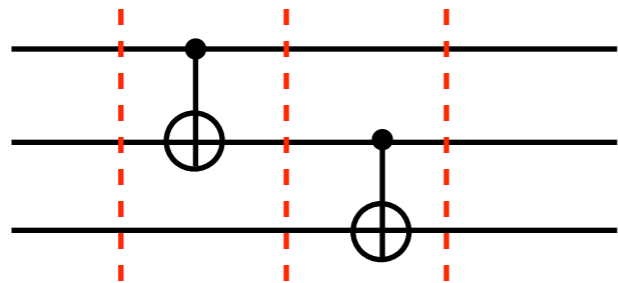
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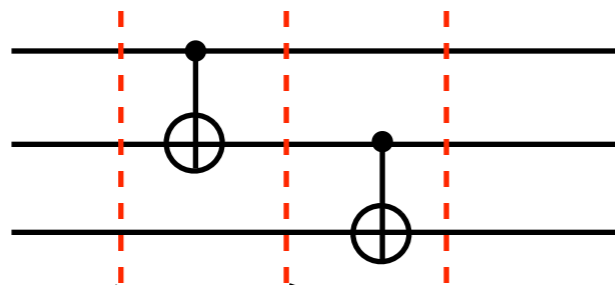
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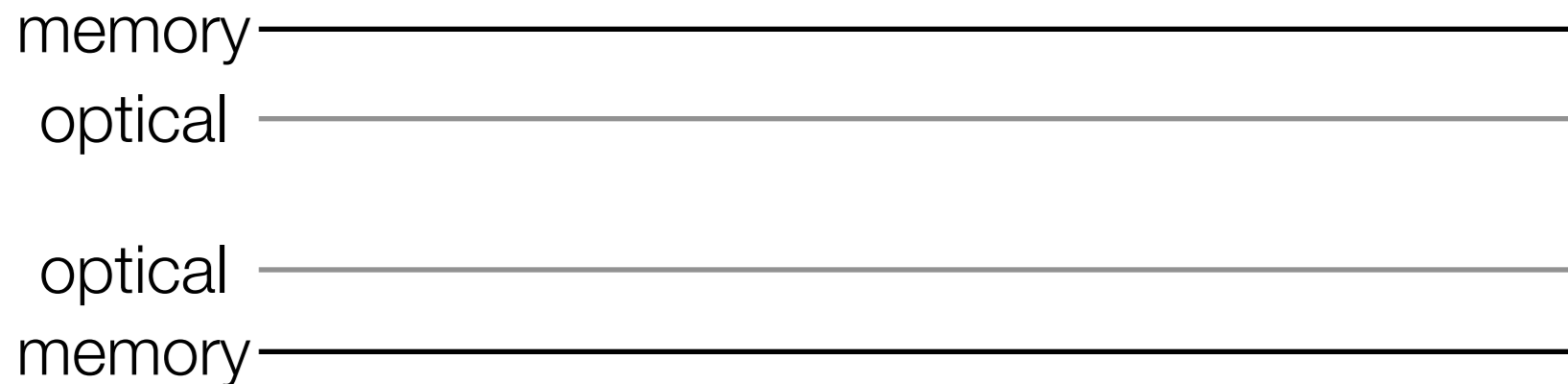
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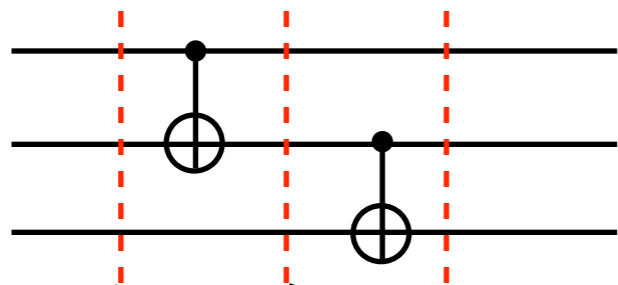
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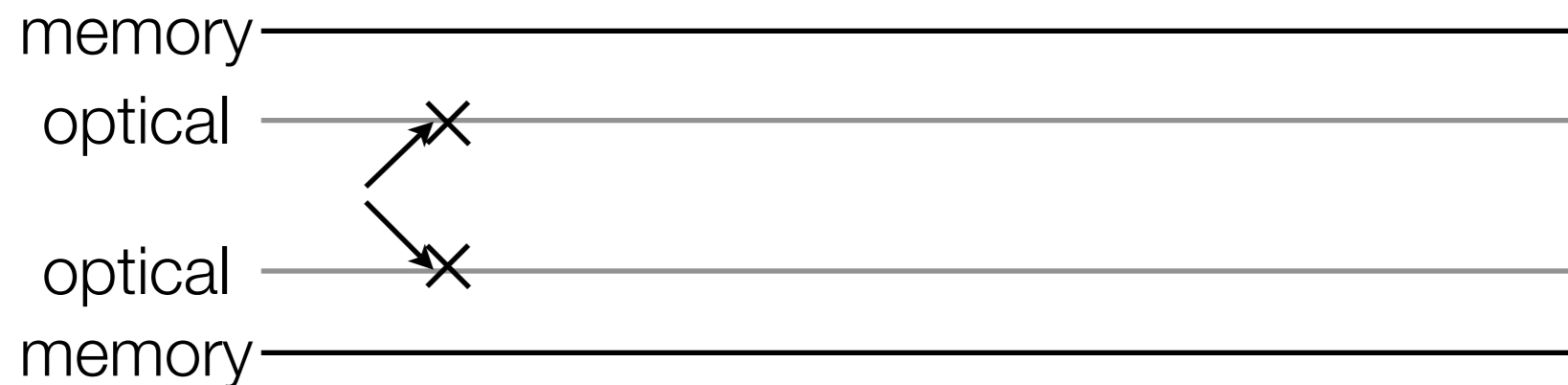
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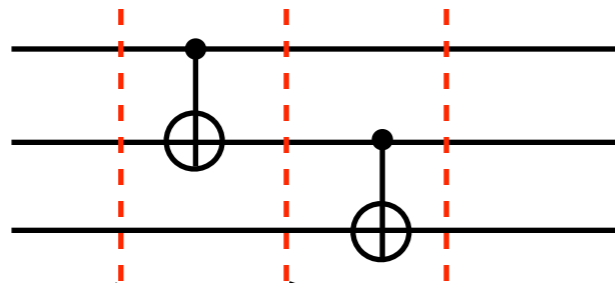
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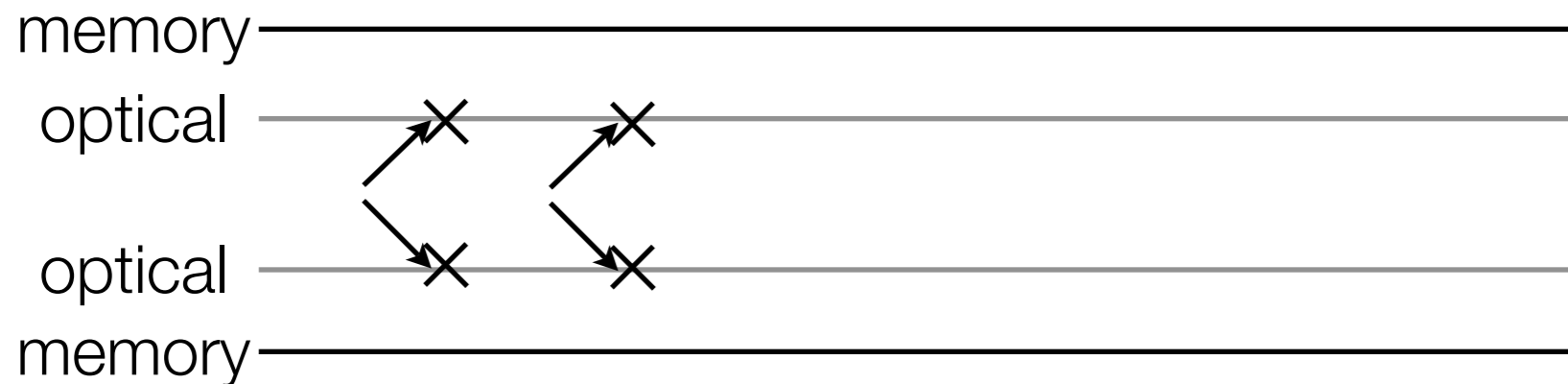
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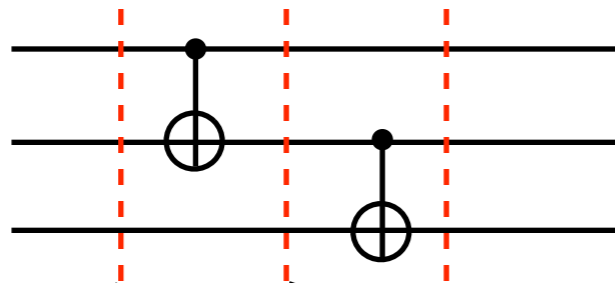
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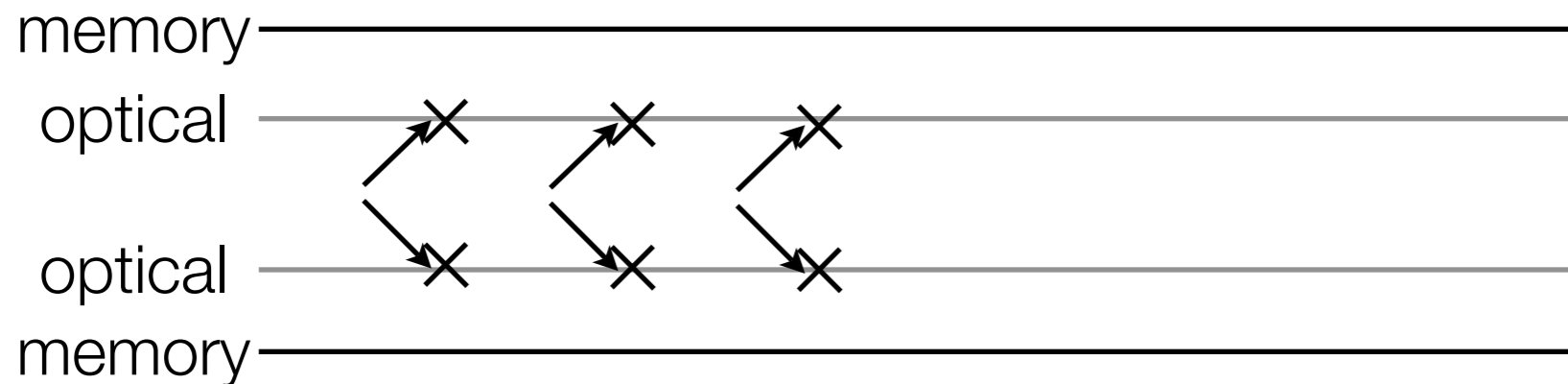
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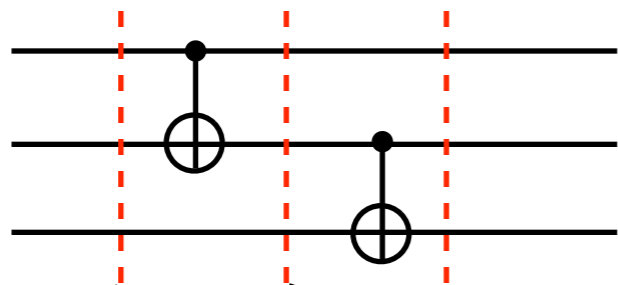
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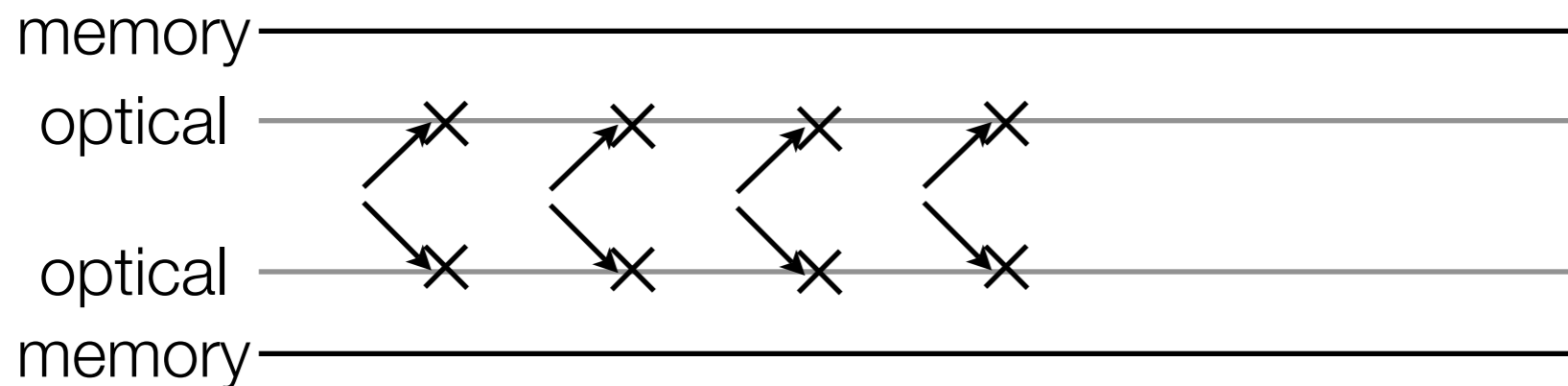
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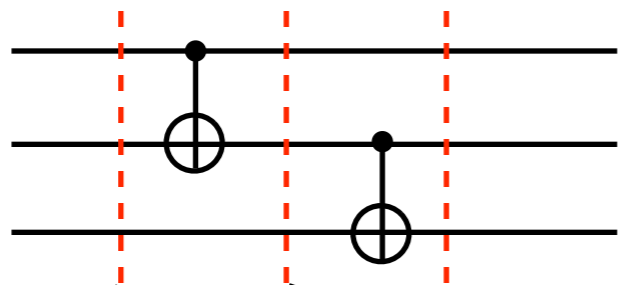
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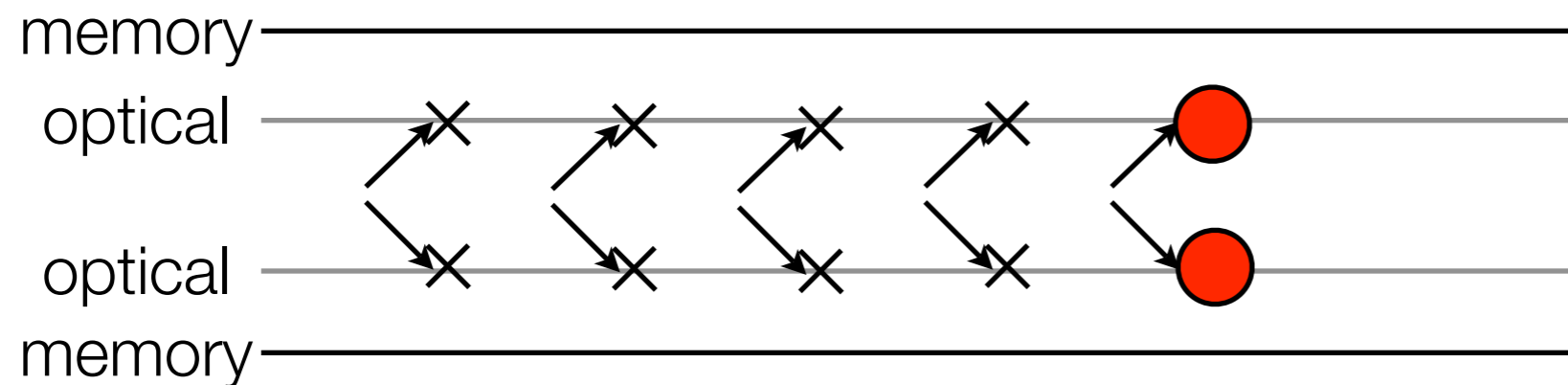
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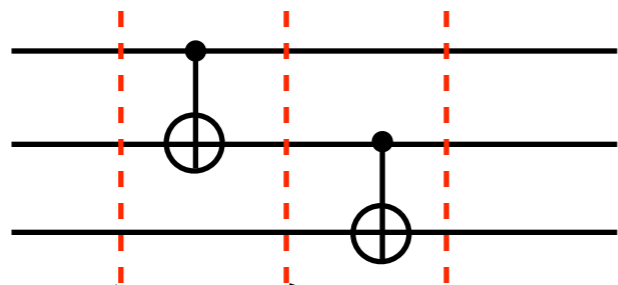
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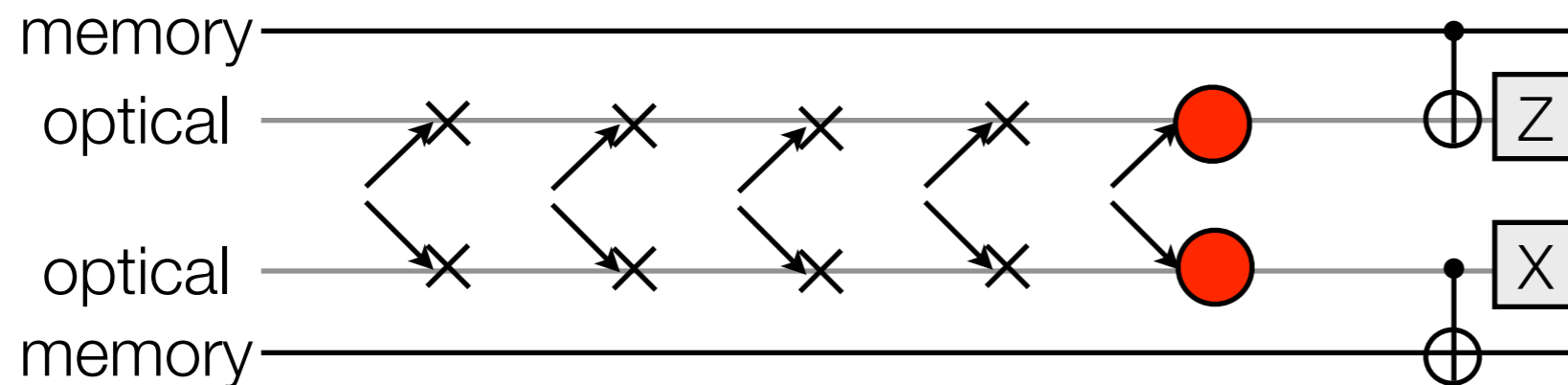
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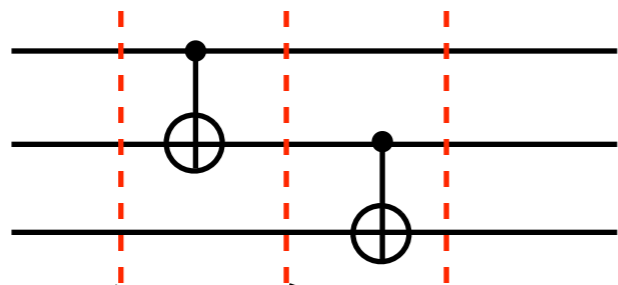
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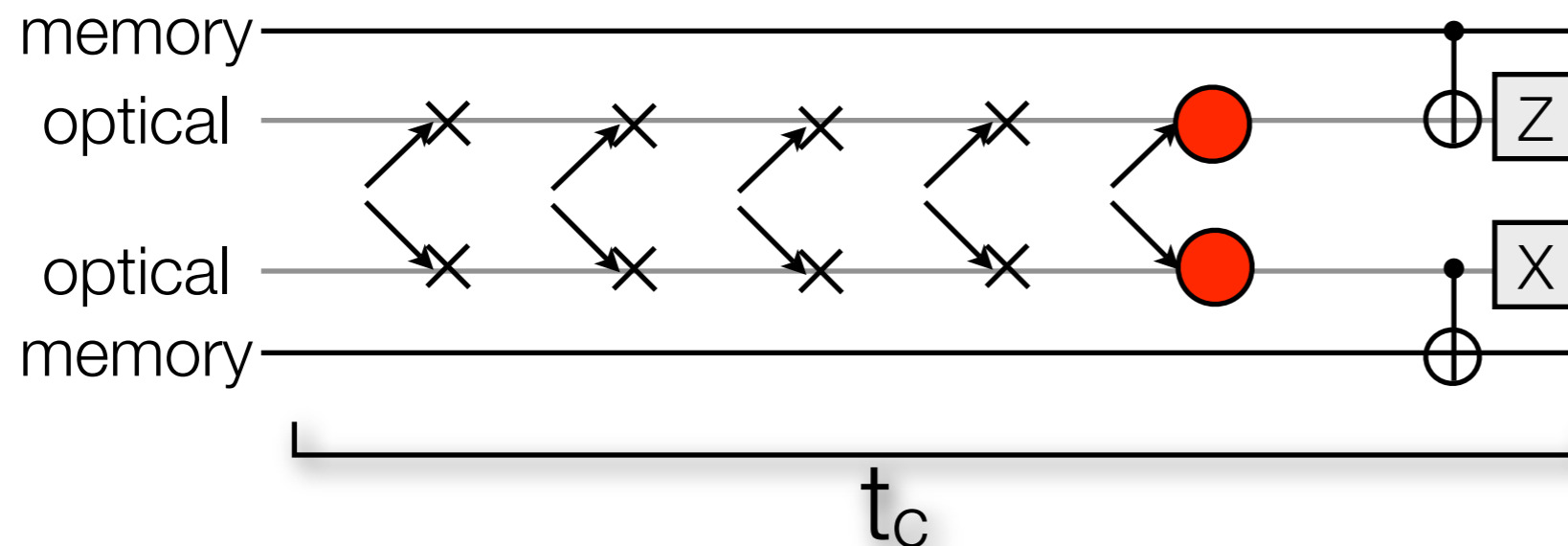
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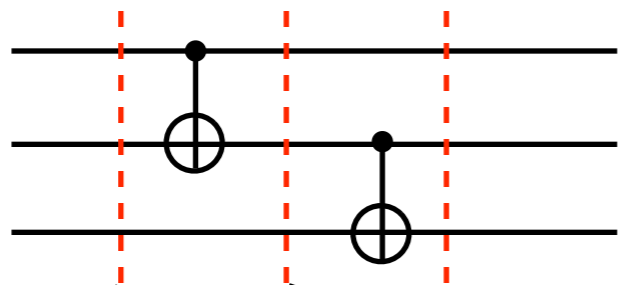
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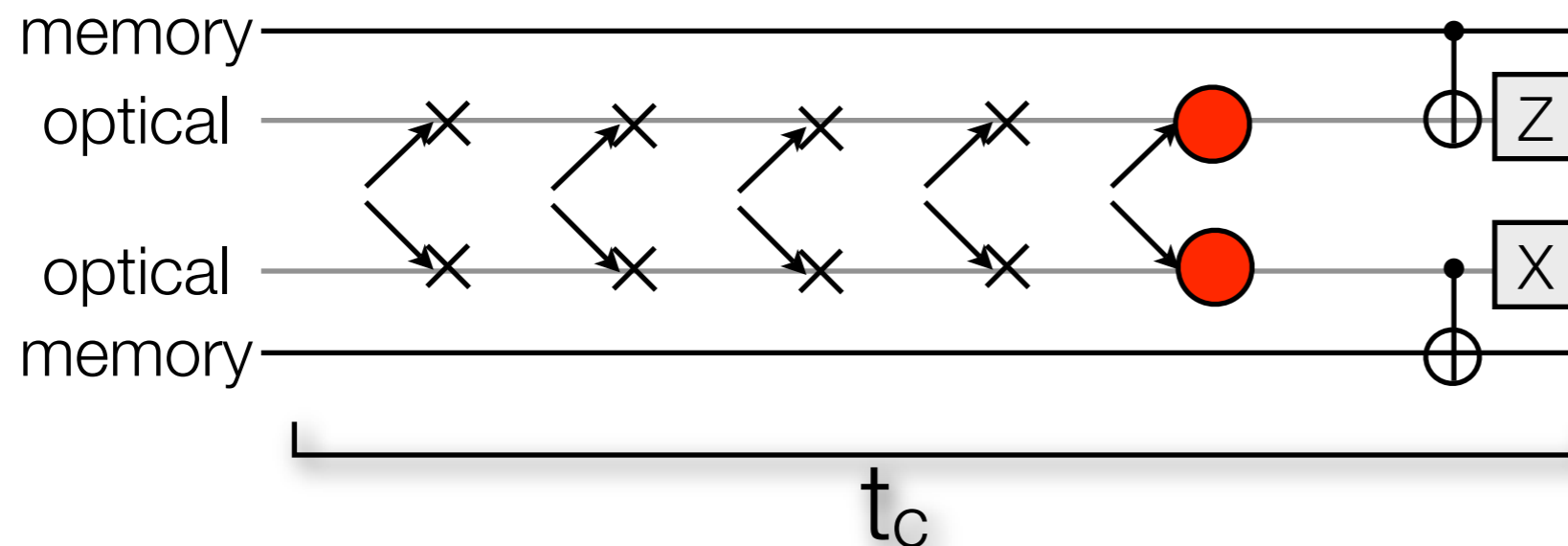
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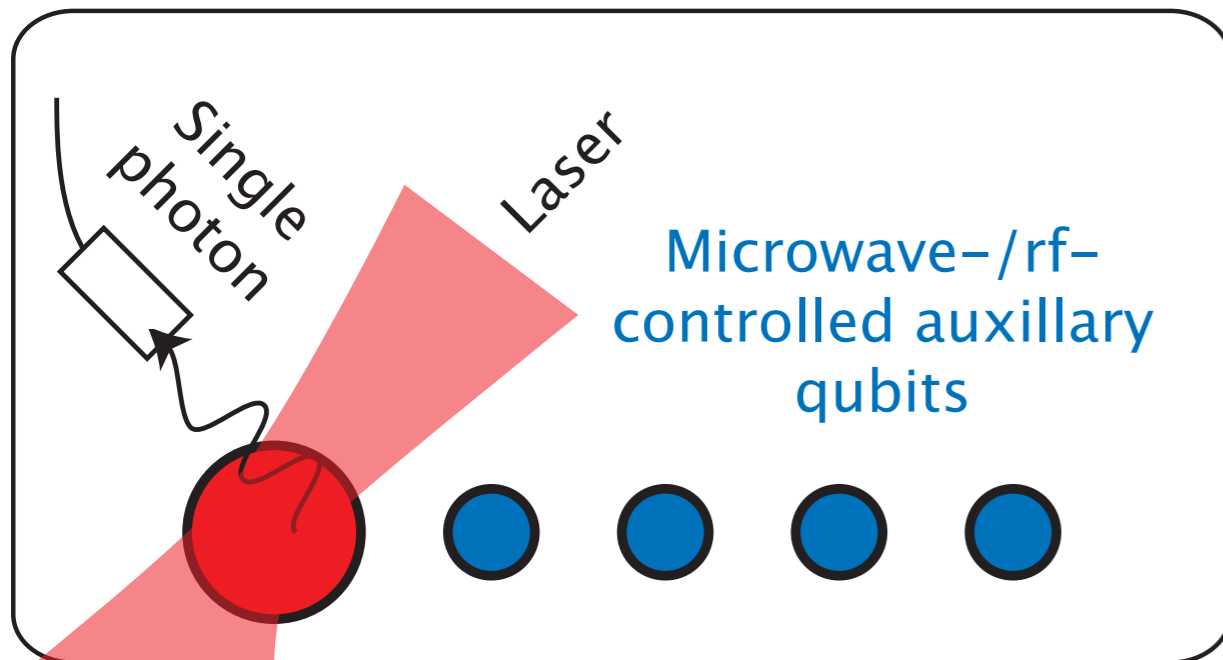
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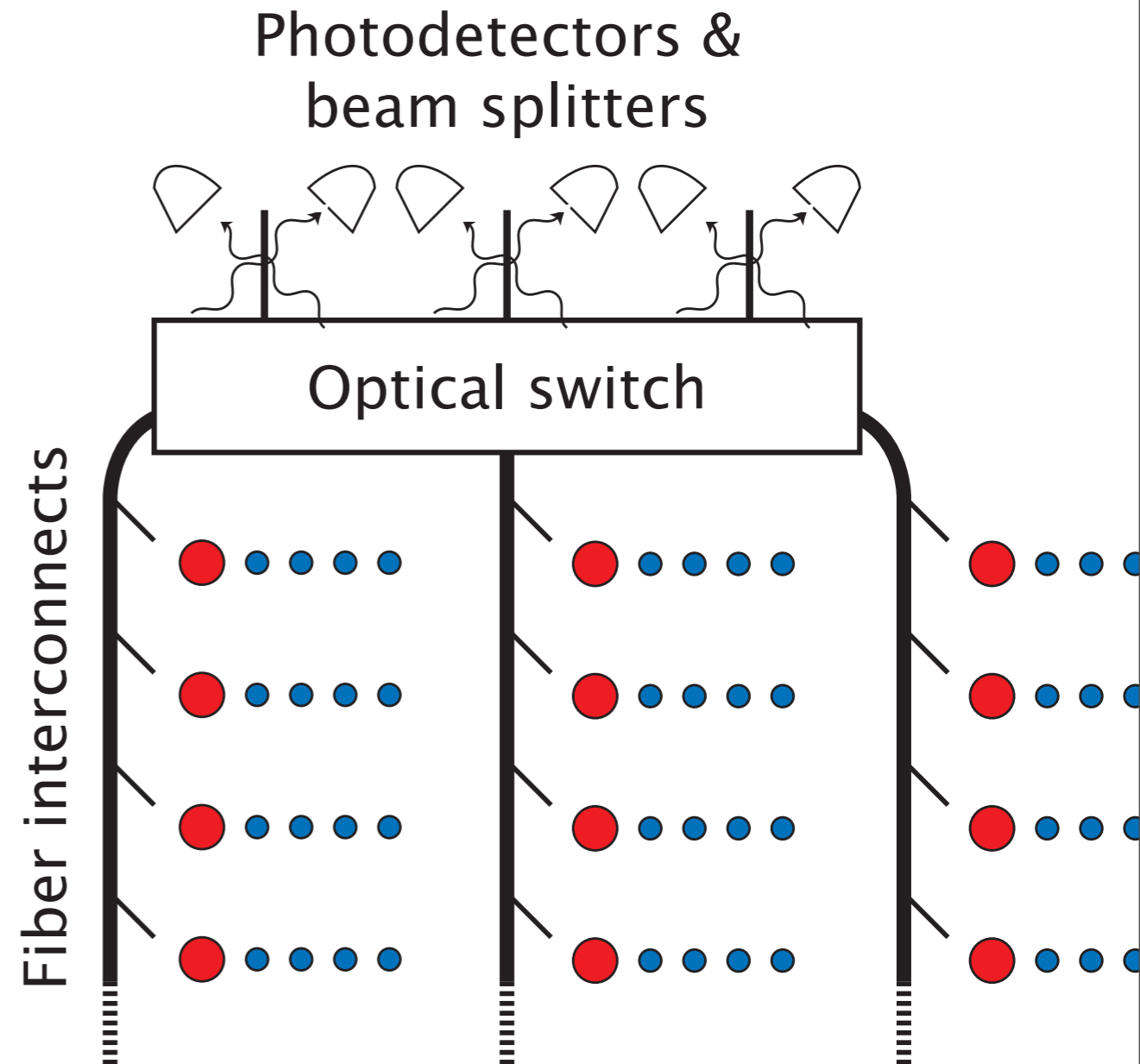
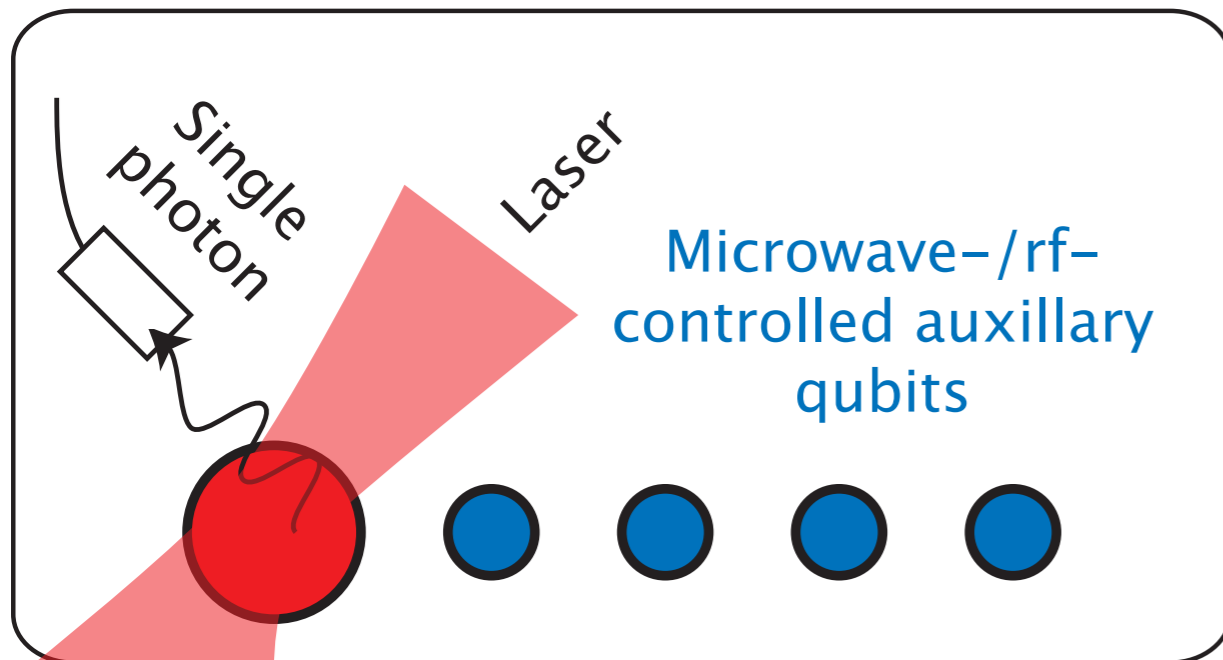


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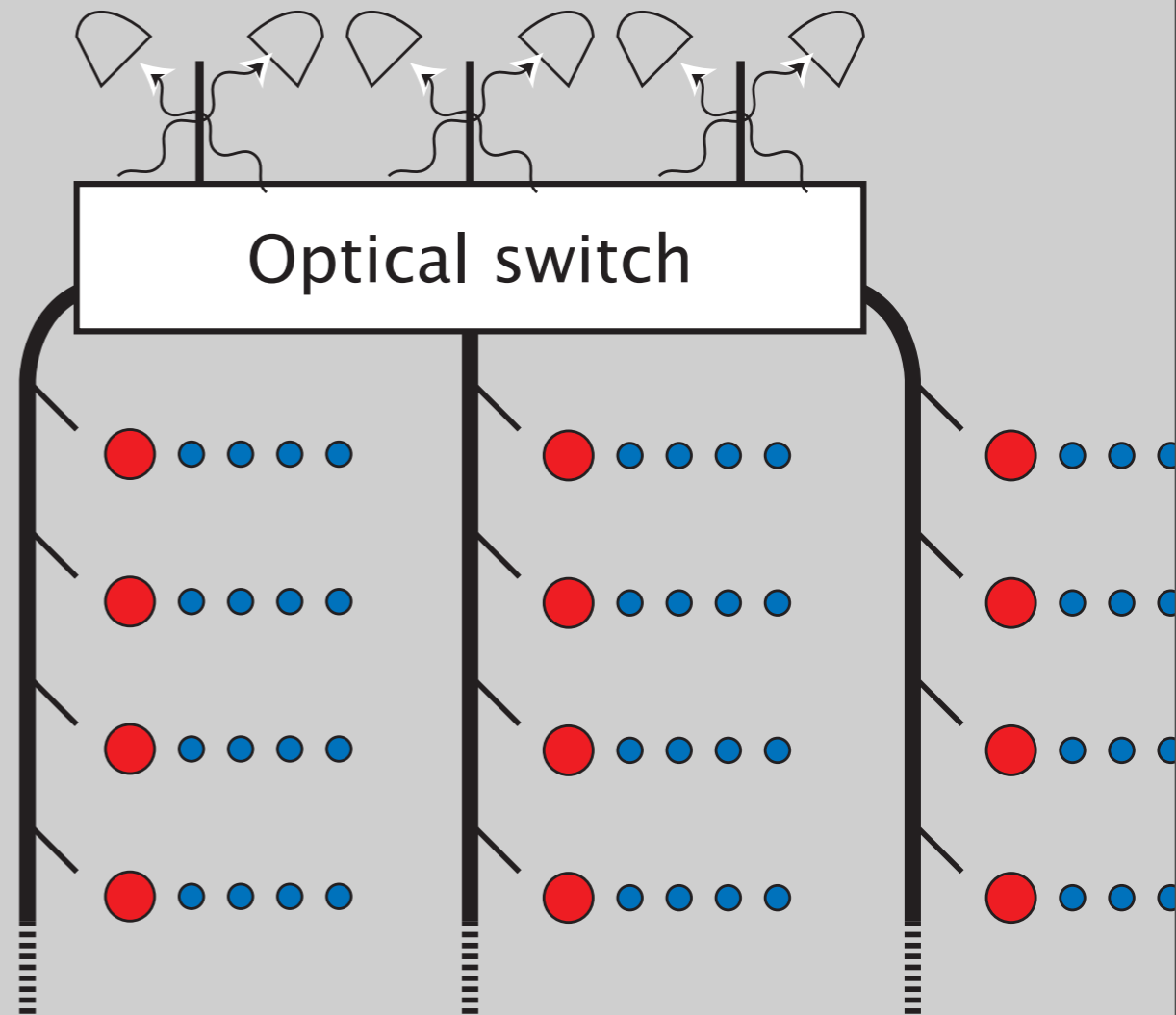
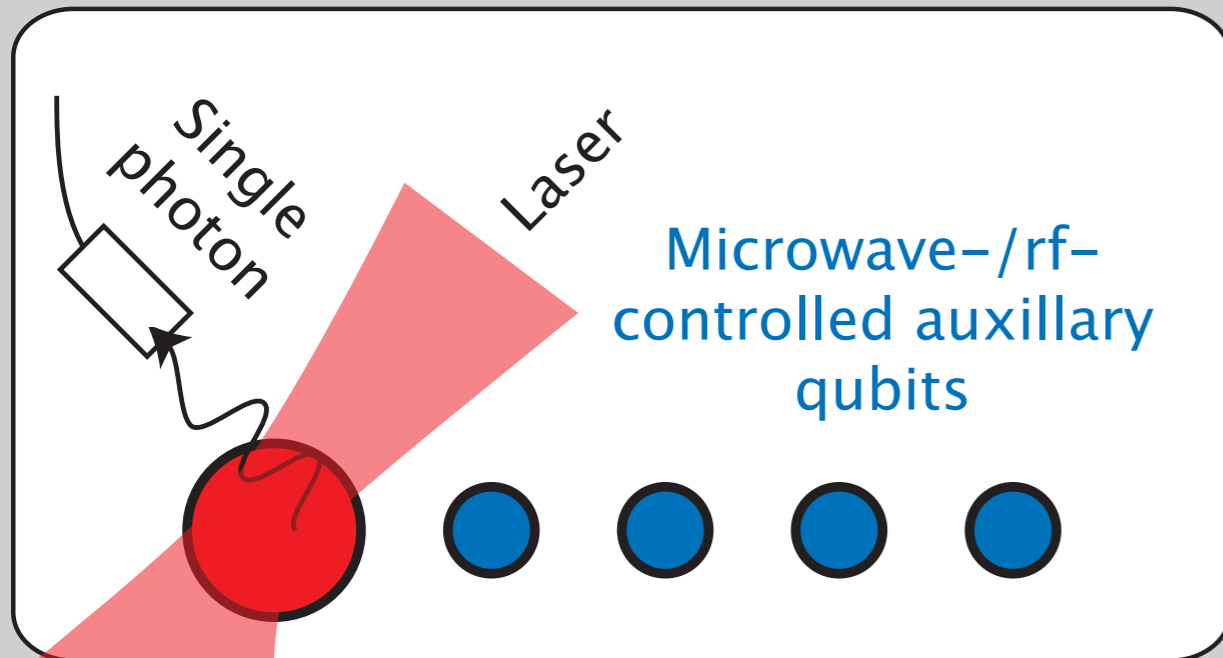
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Photodetectors &  
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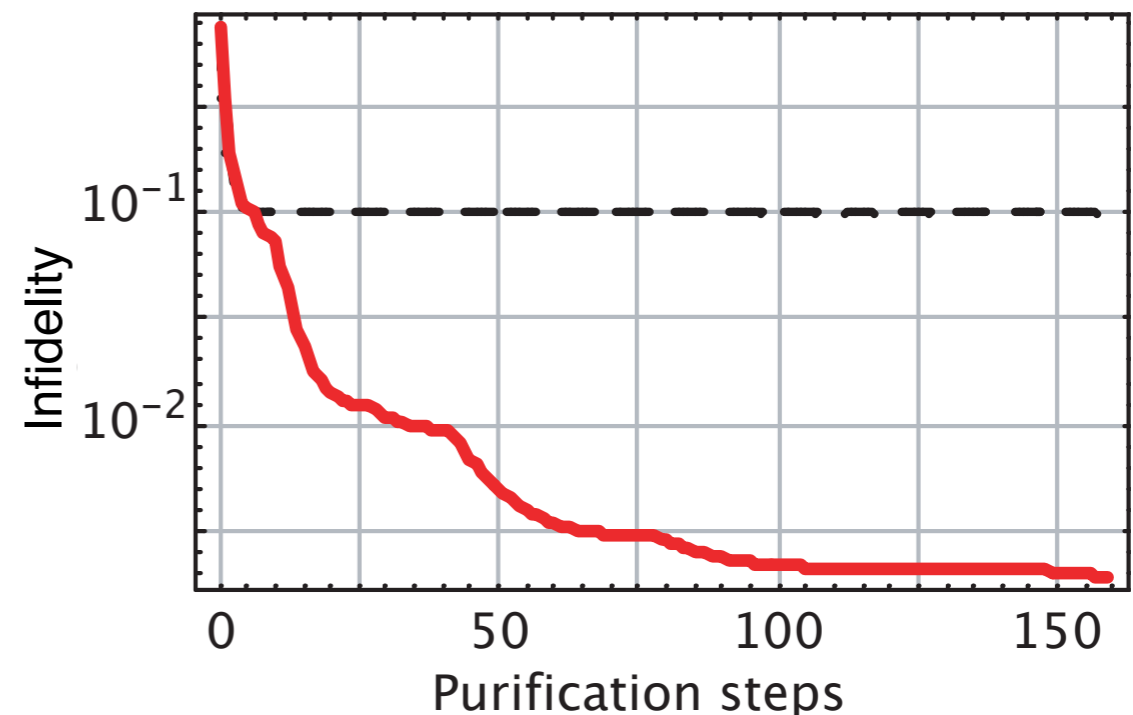
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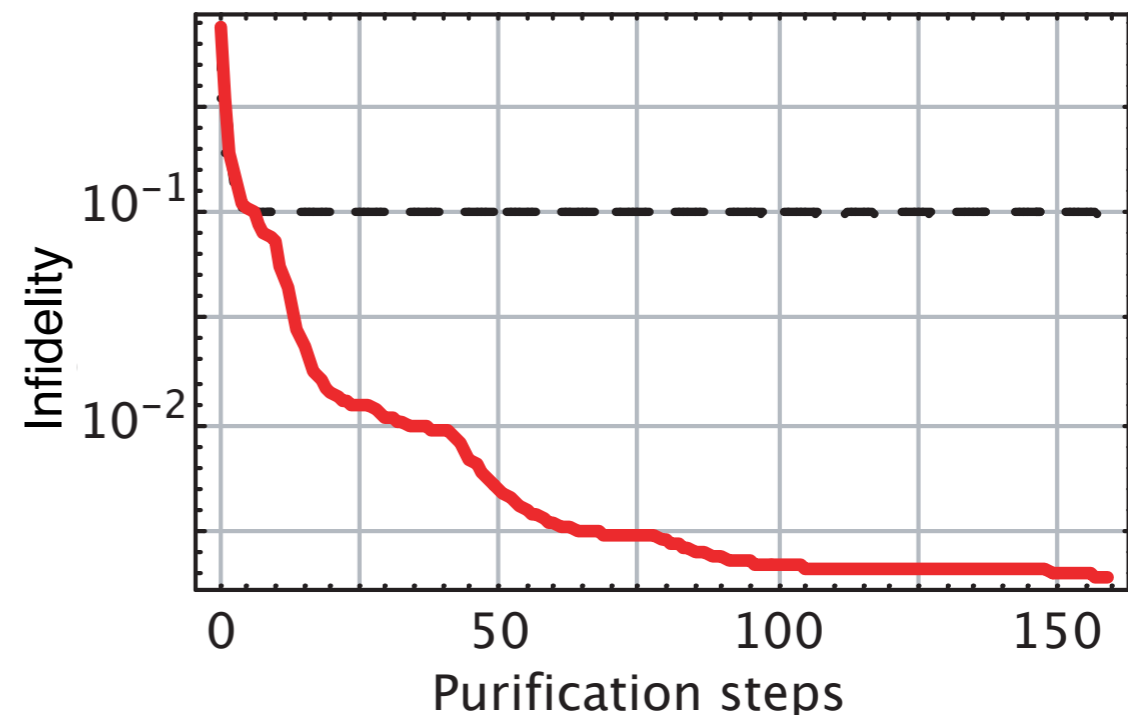
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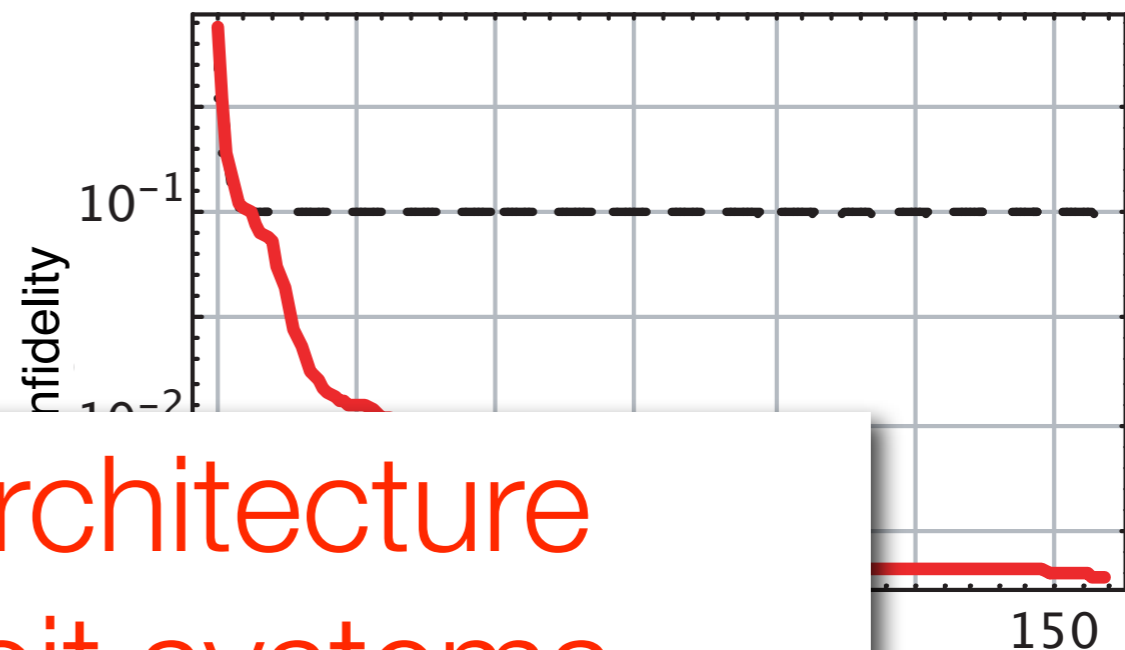
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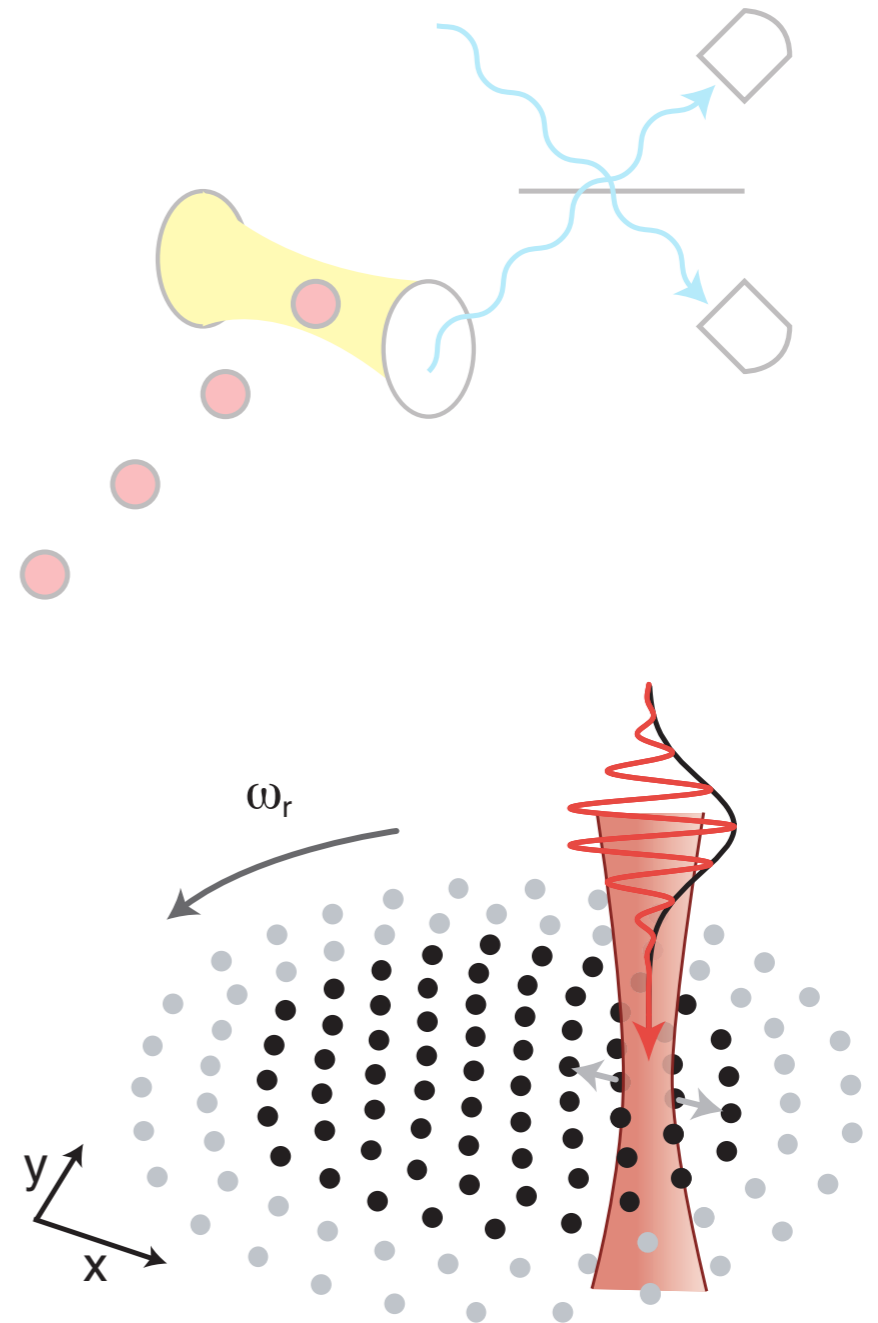
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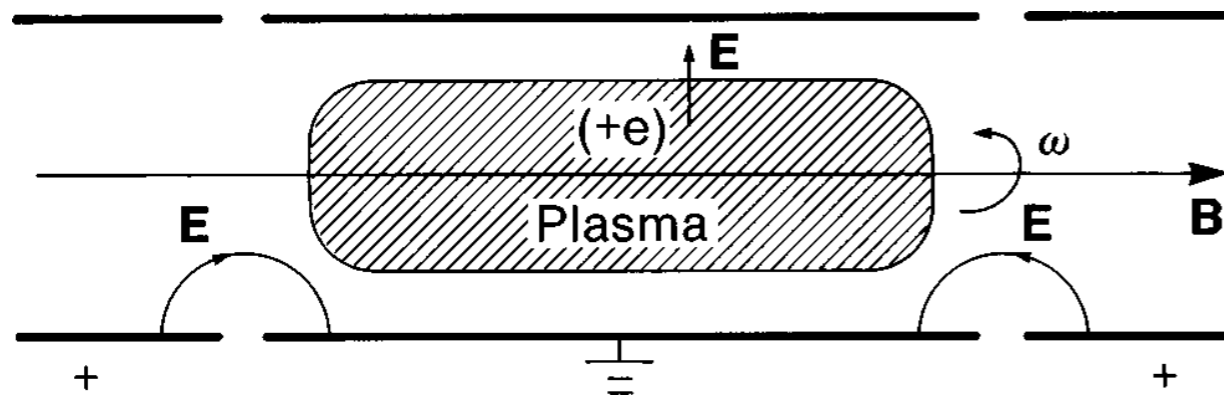
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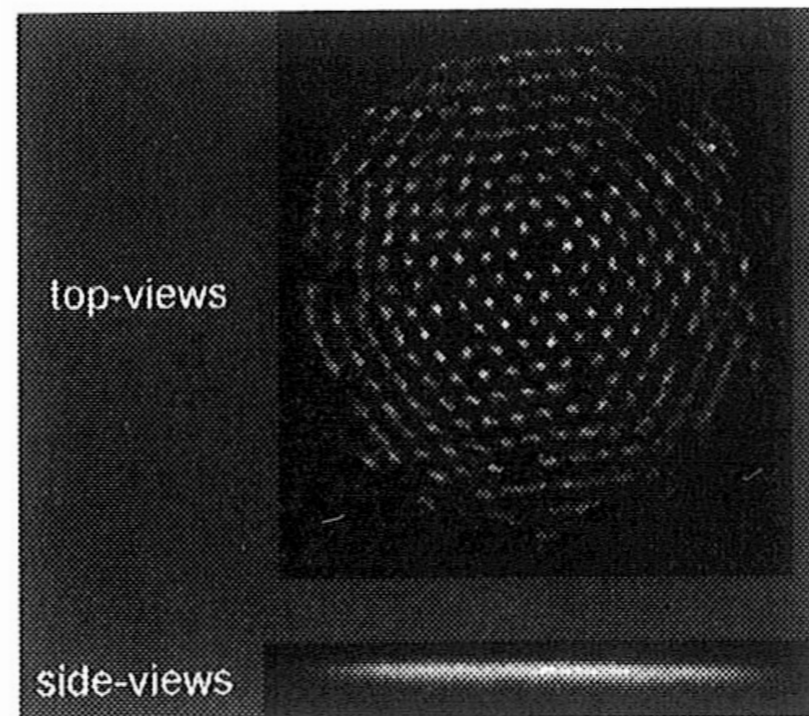
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[ Dubin & O'Neil, RMP (1999) ]



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## Advantages:

- many ions (good memory)
- self-organized, stable
- optically resolved sites

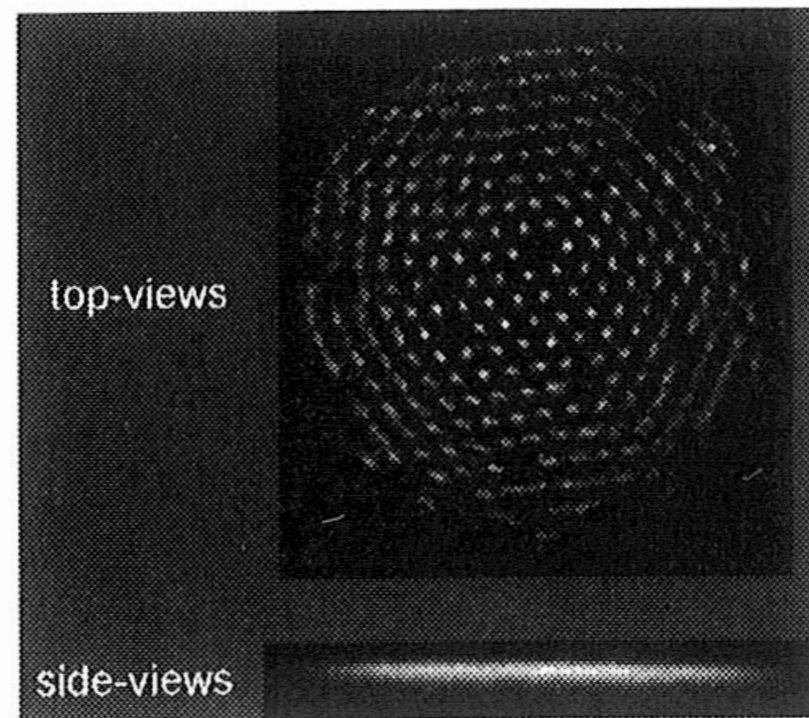
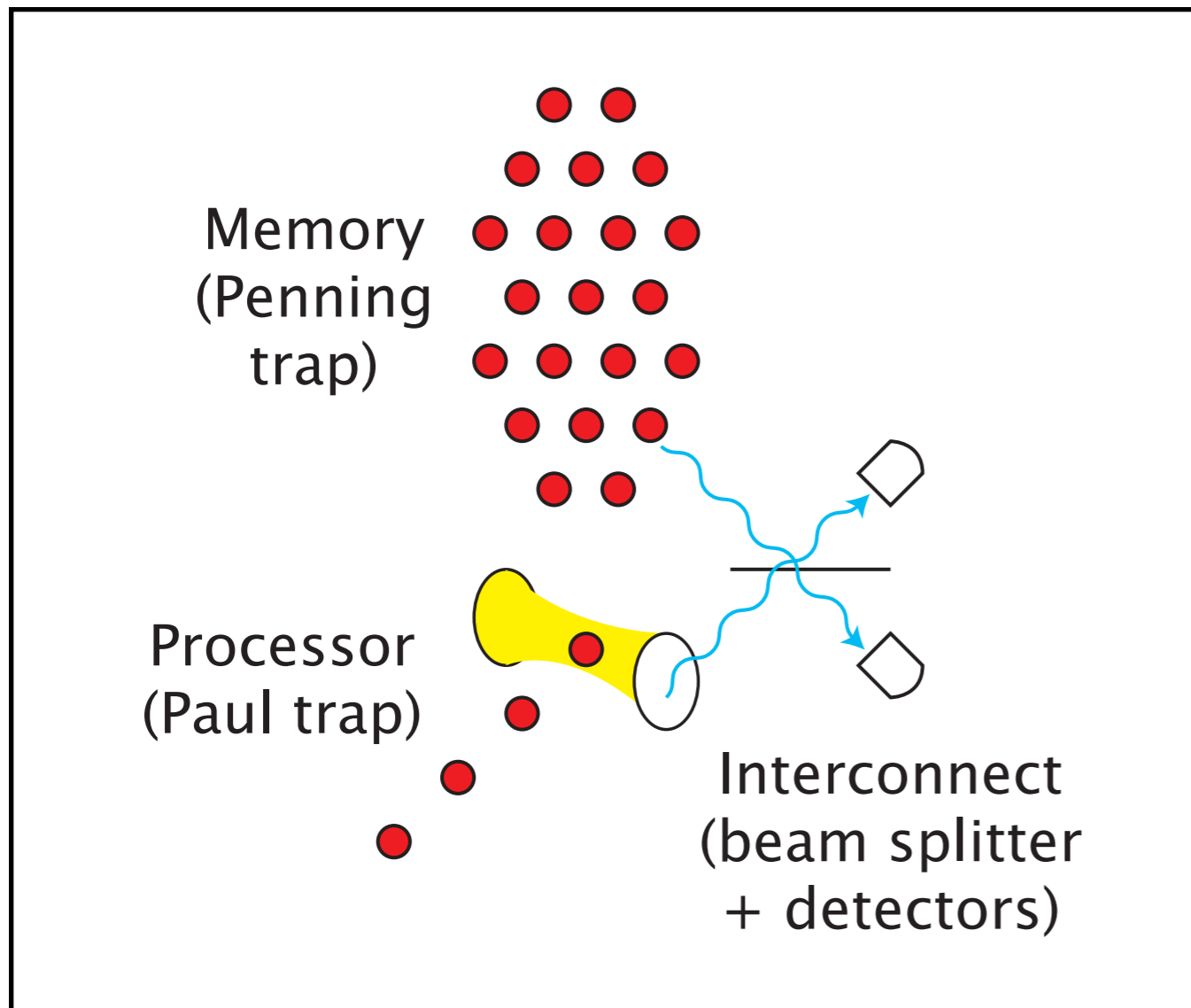
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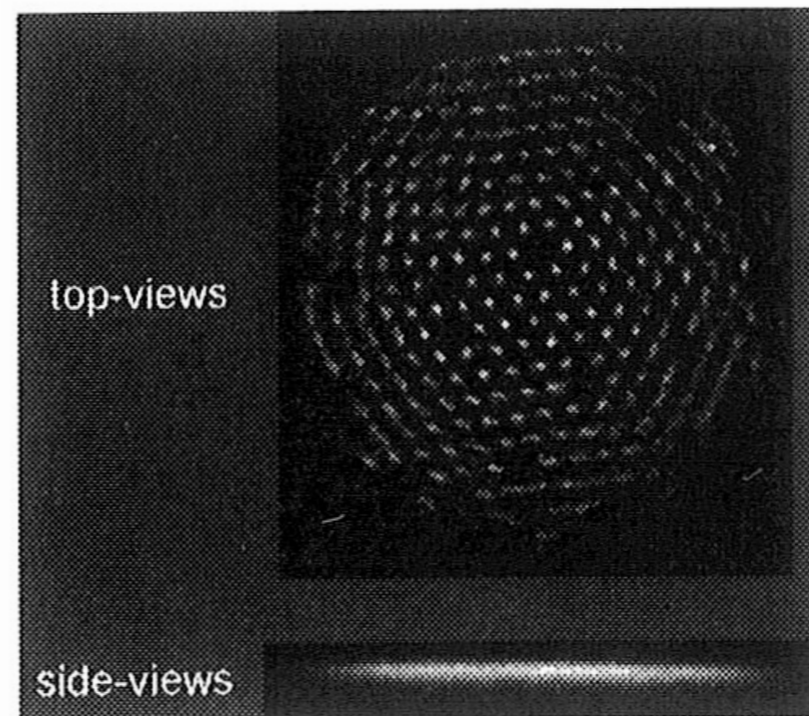
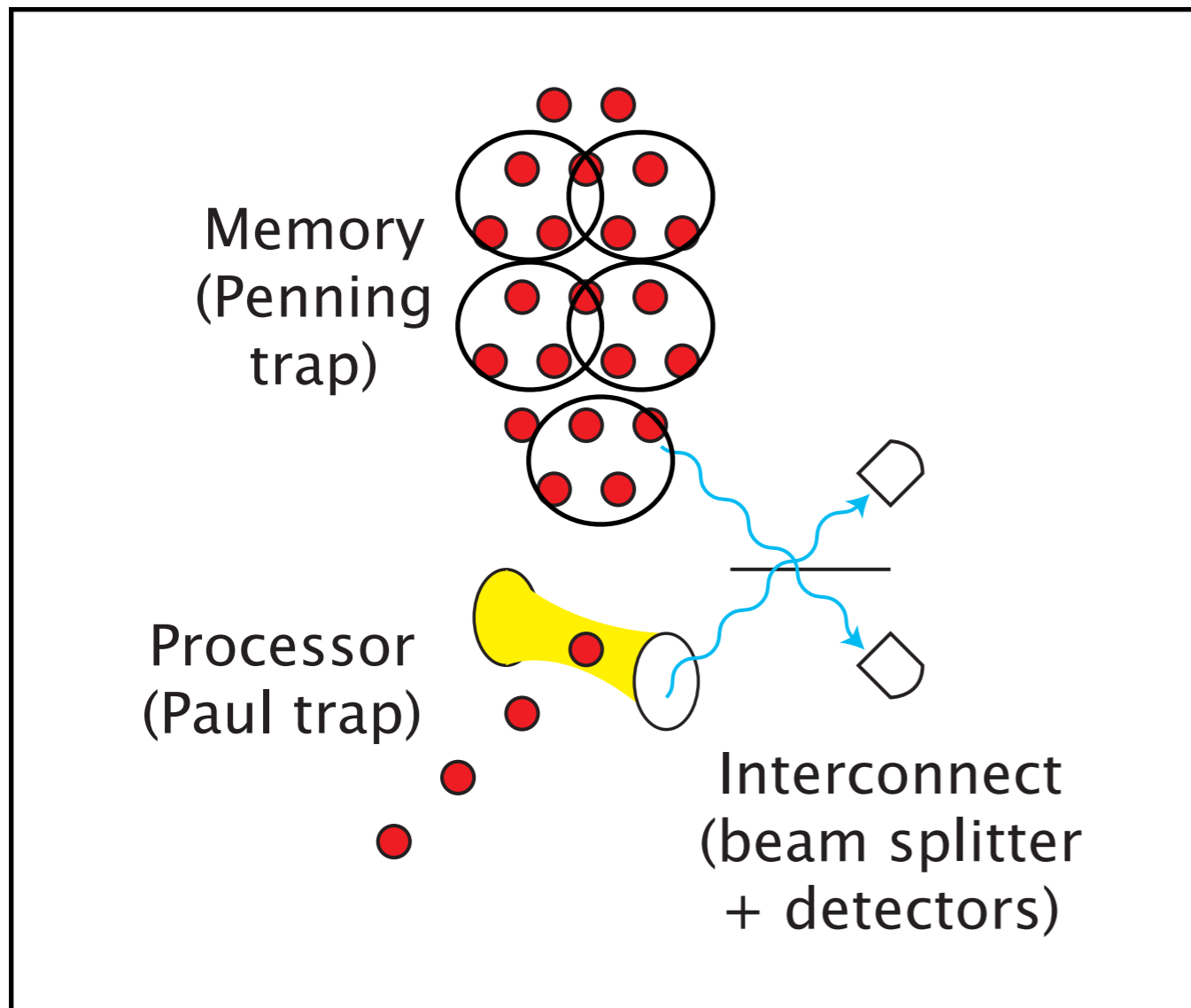
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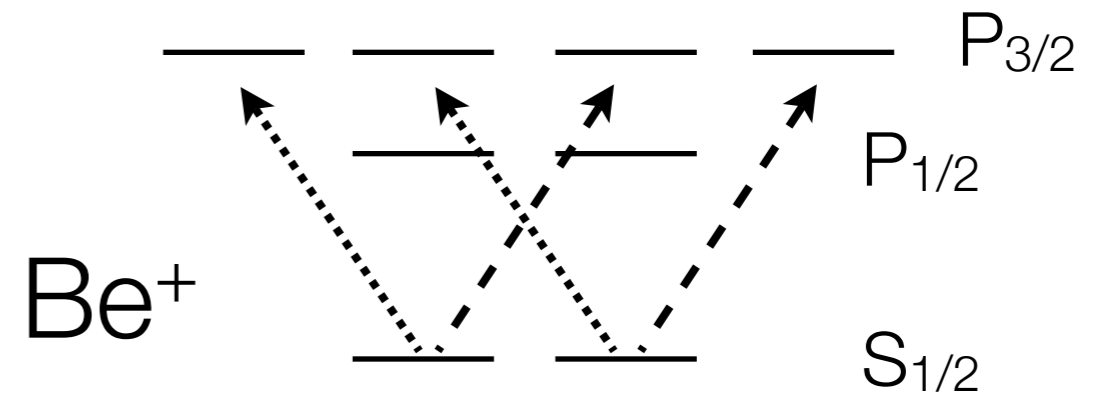
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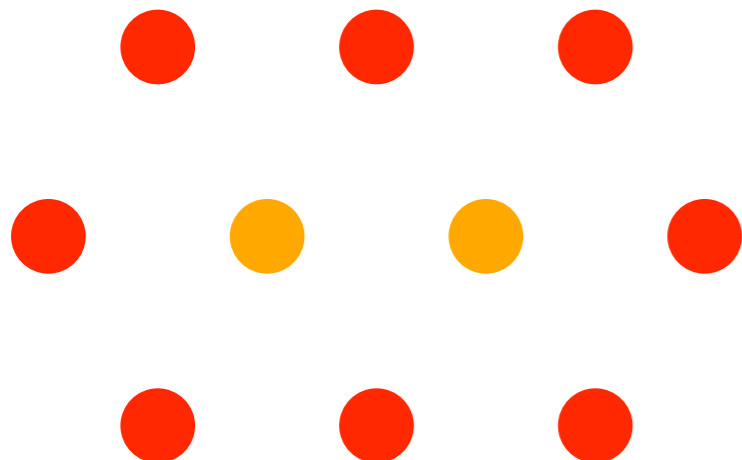
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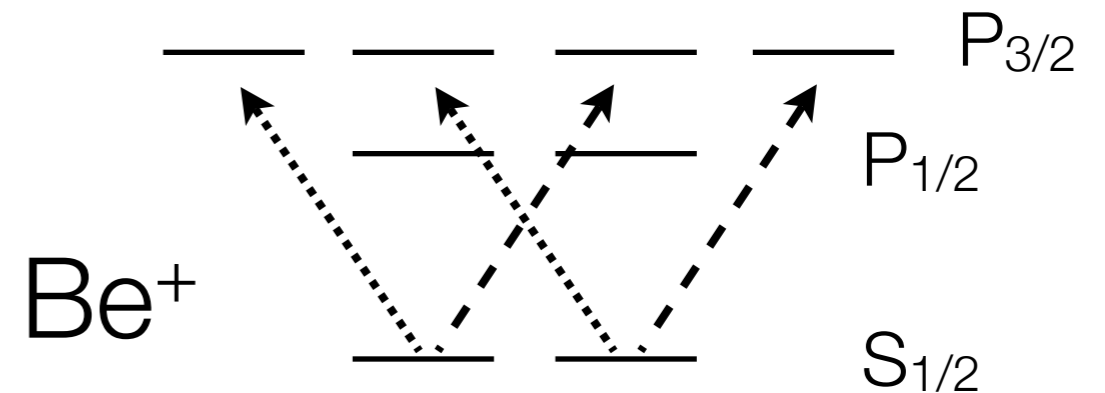
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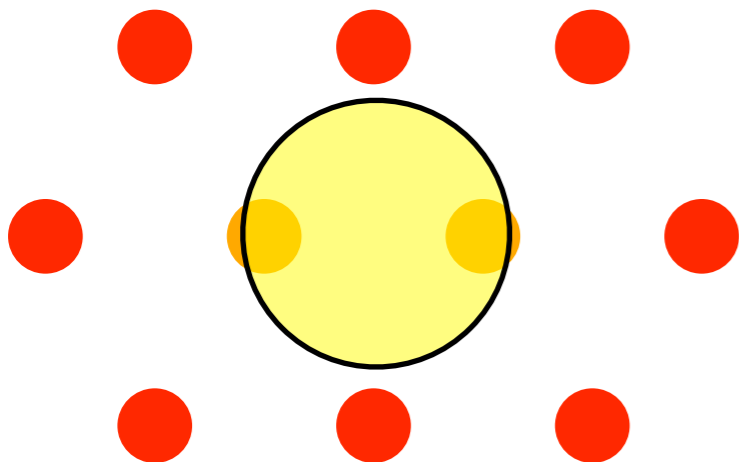
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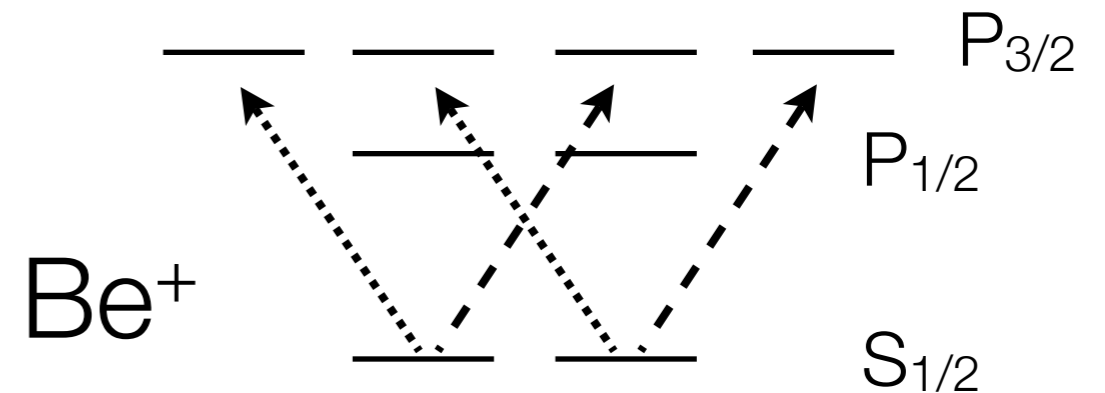
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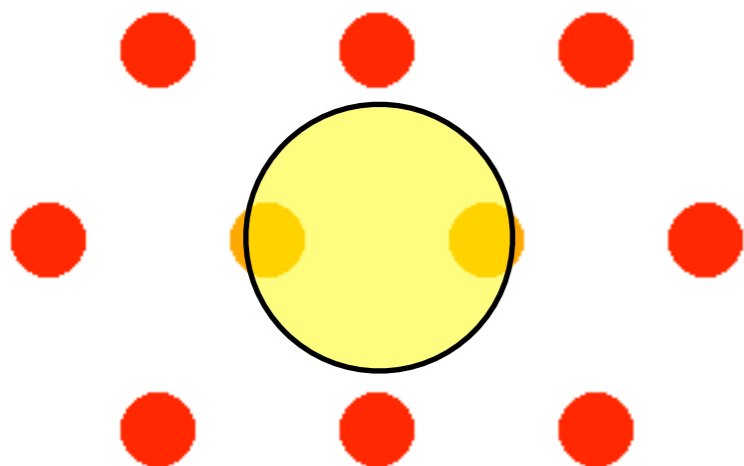
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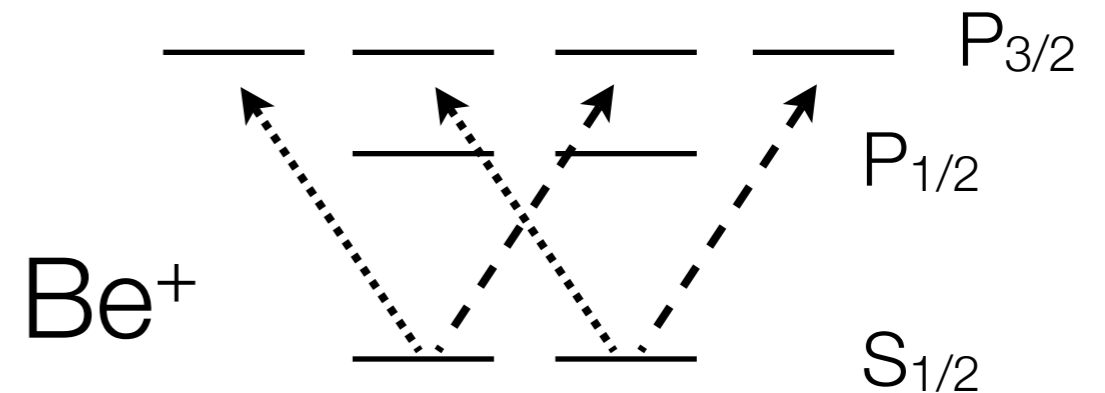
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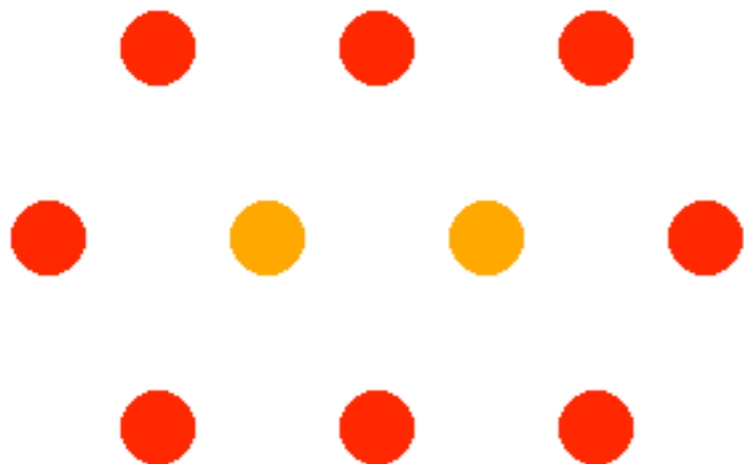
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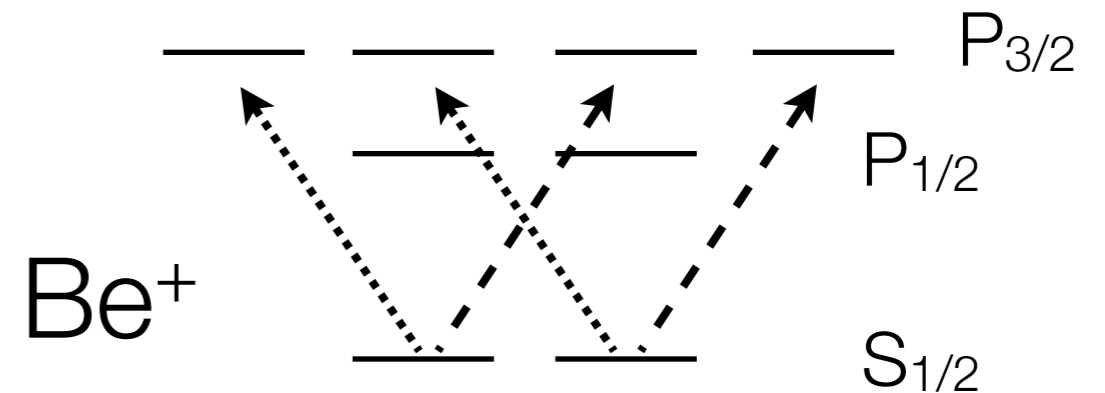




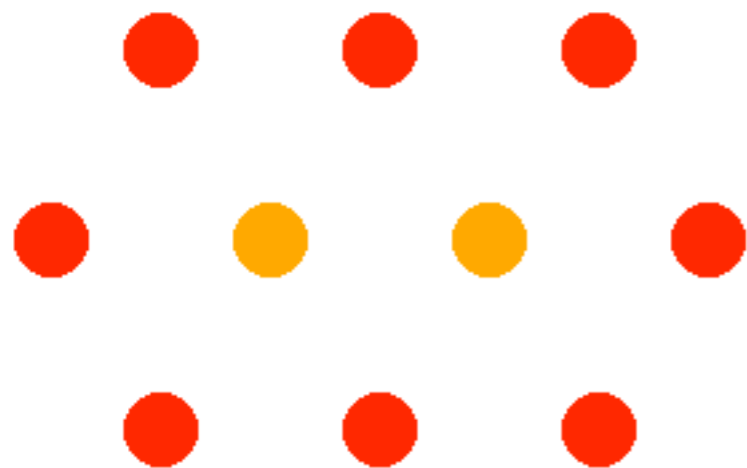
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Coulomb interaction ->  
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Requirement: *slow* w.r.t.  
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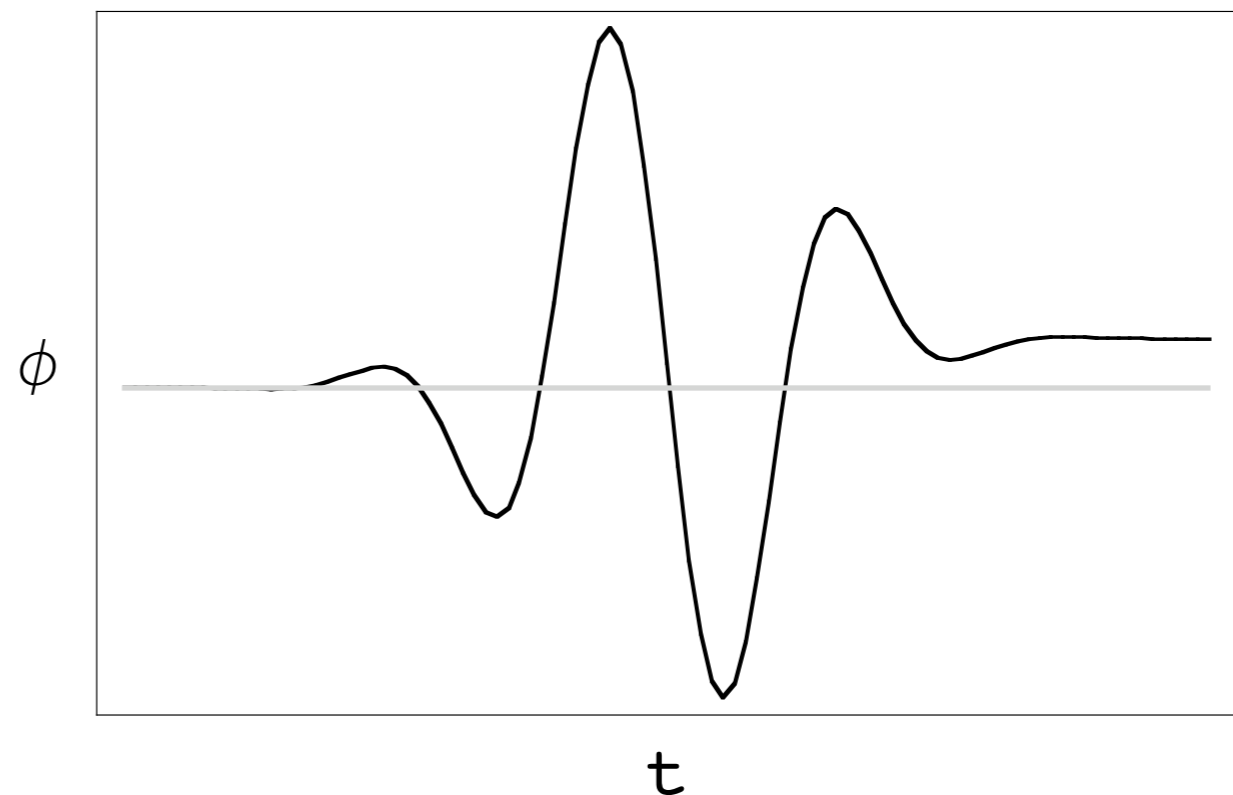
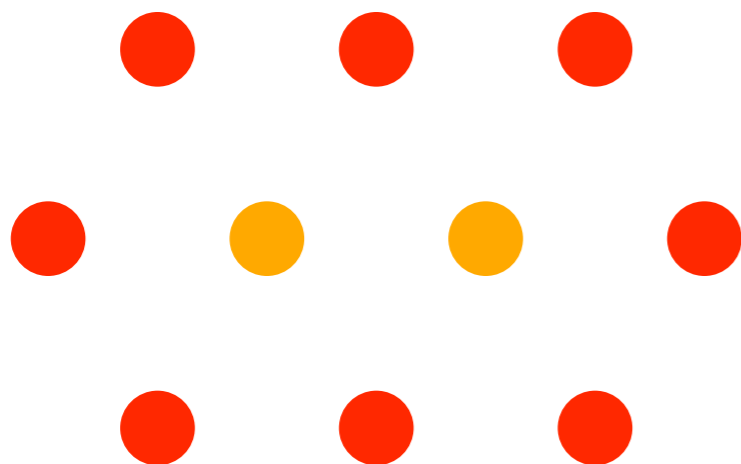
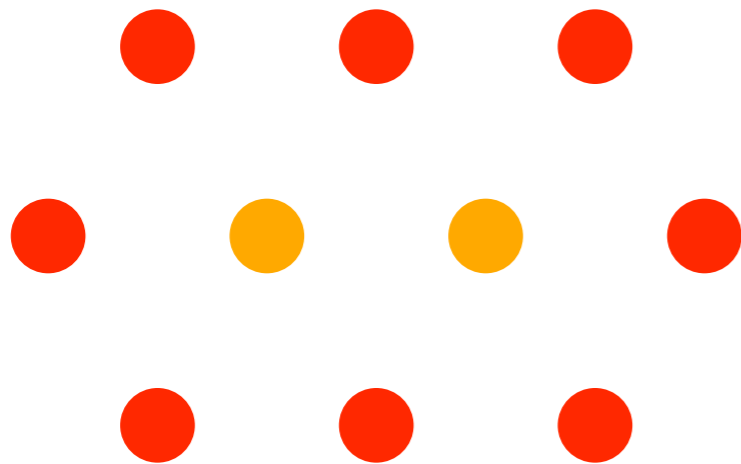
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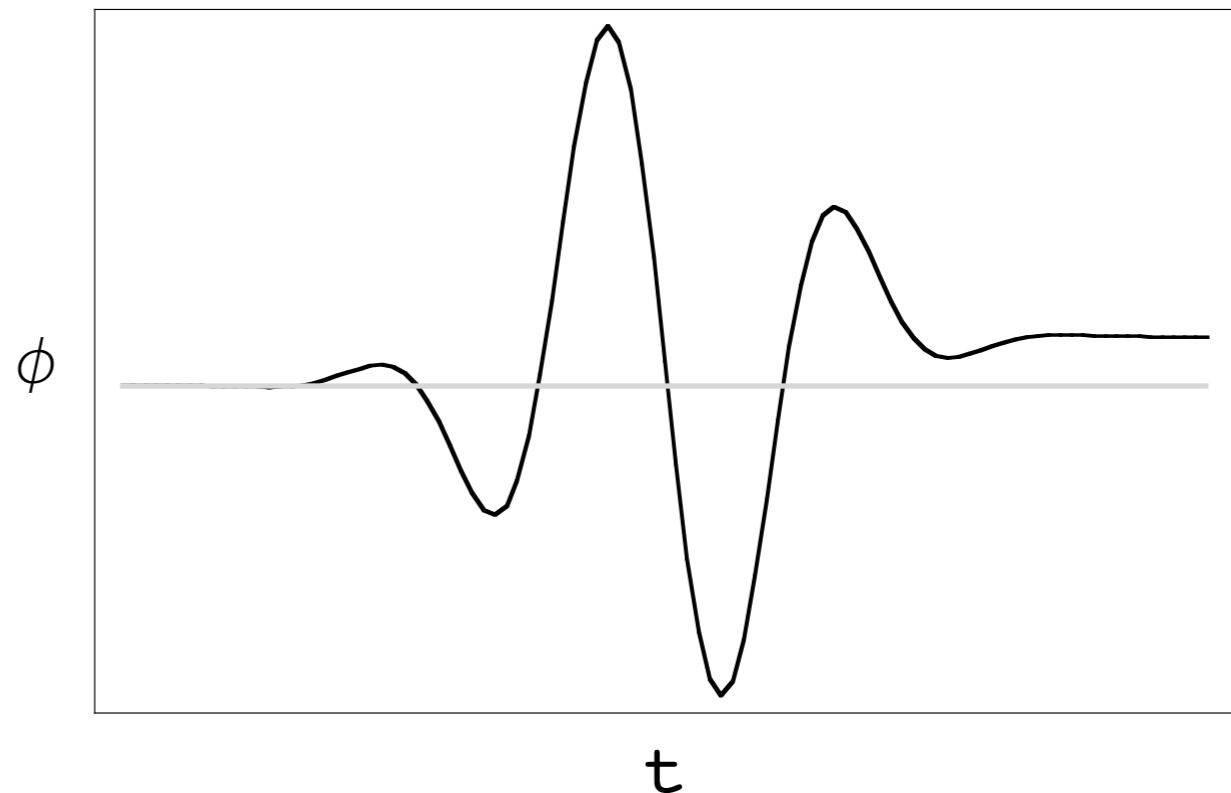
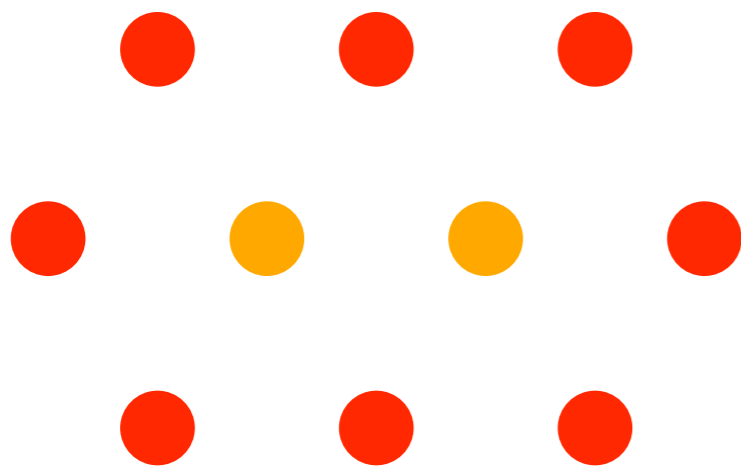
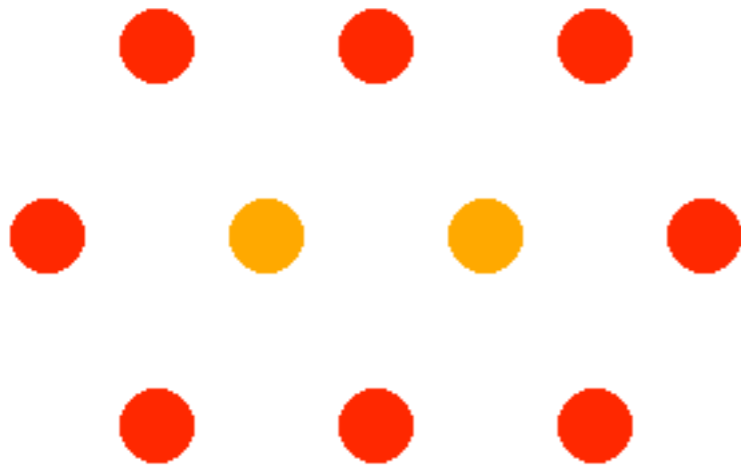
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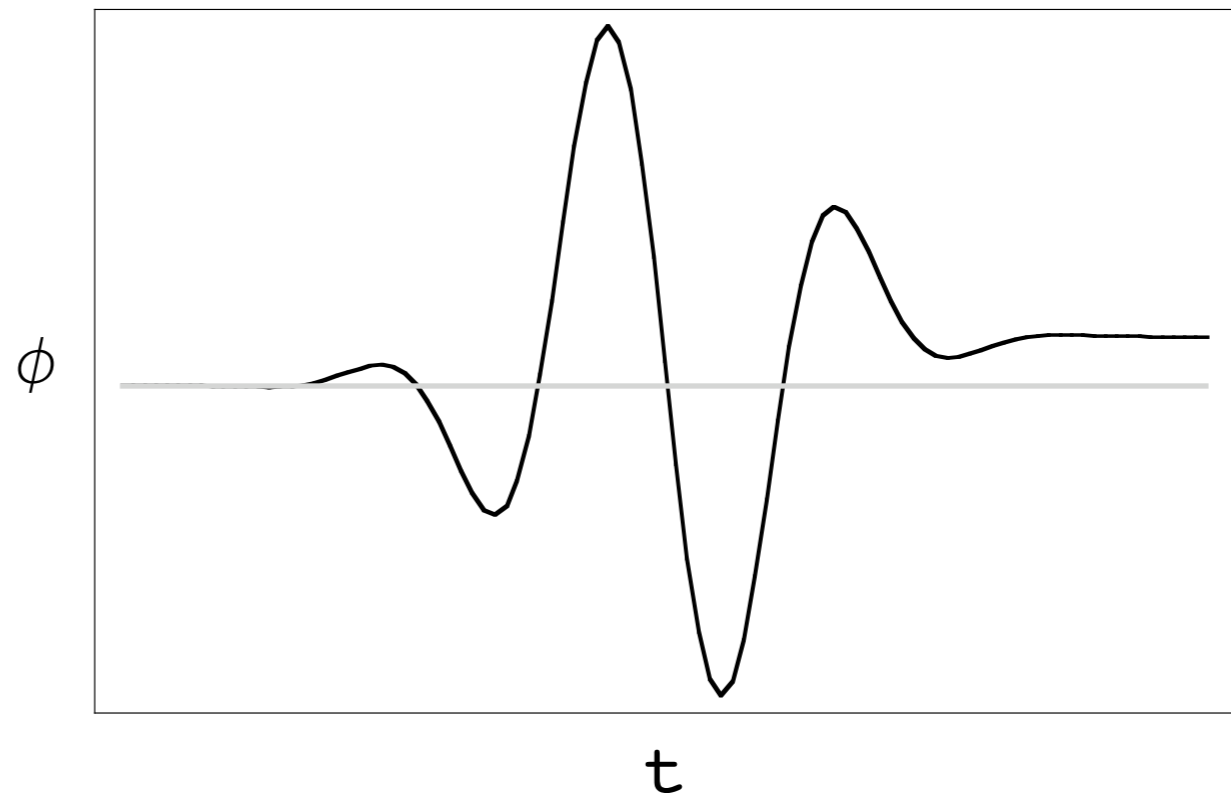
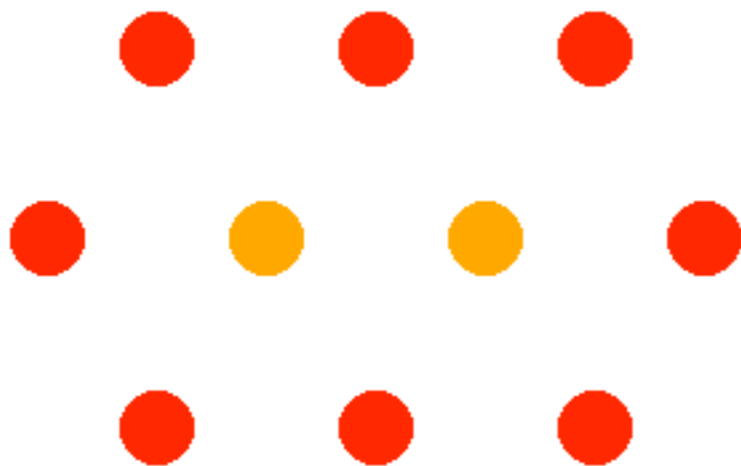
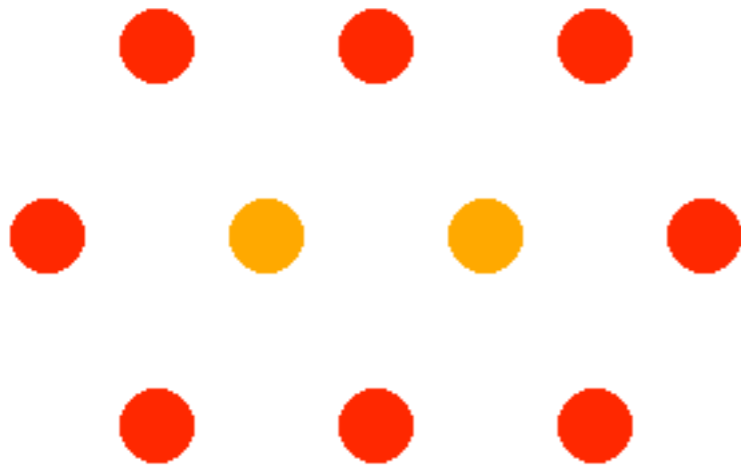
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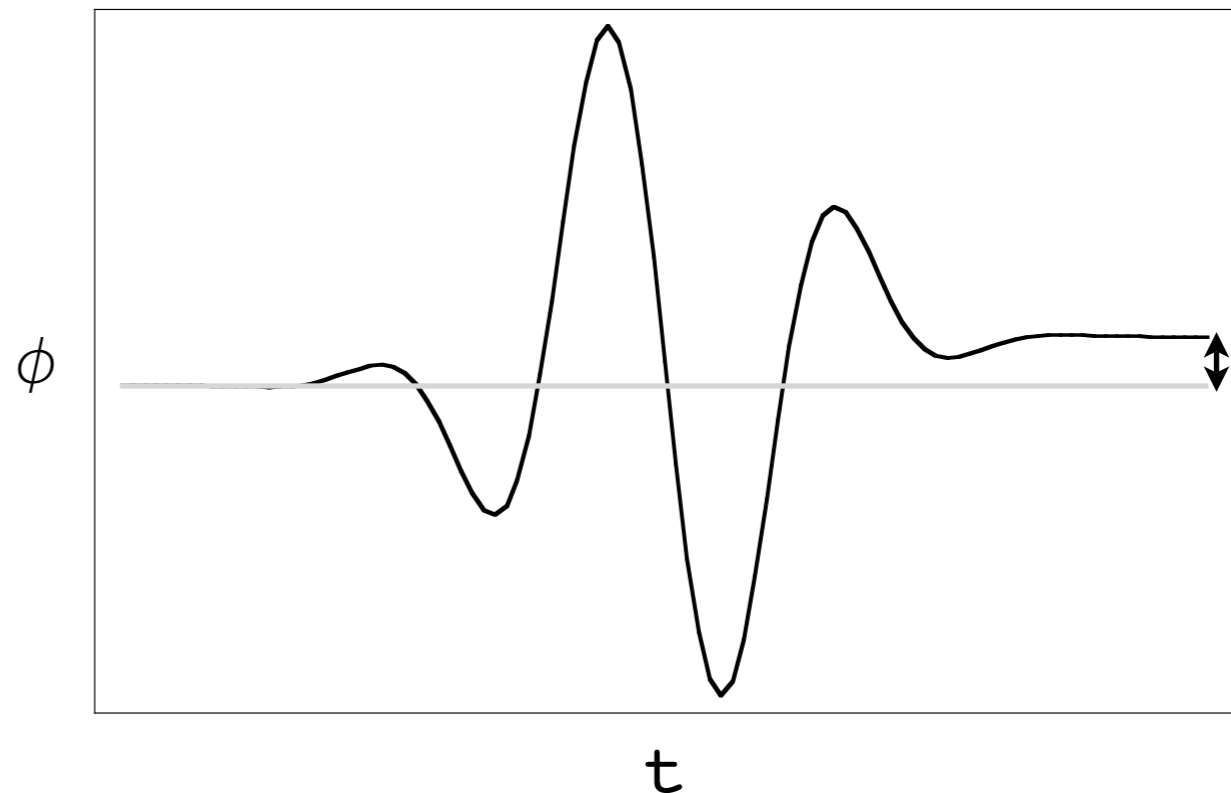
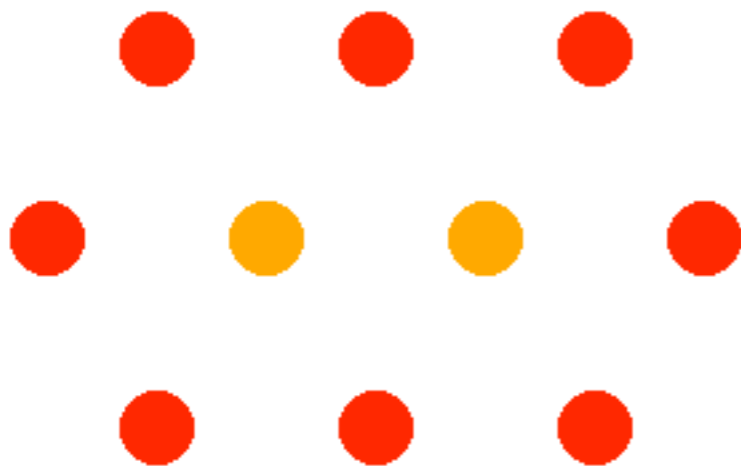
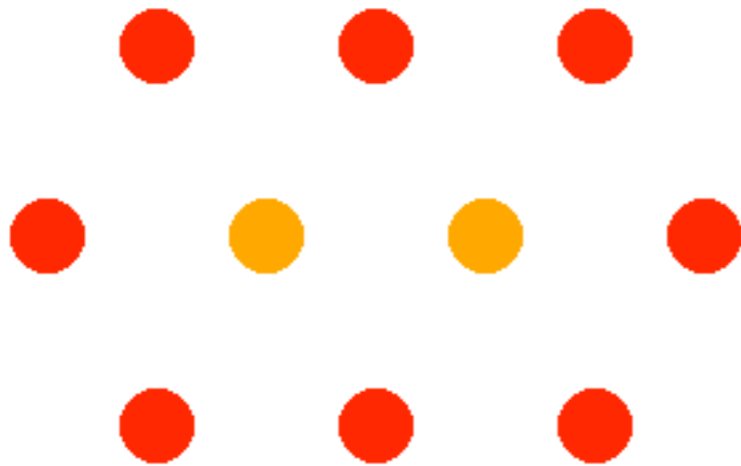
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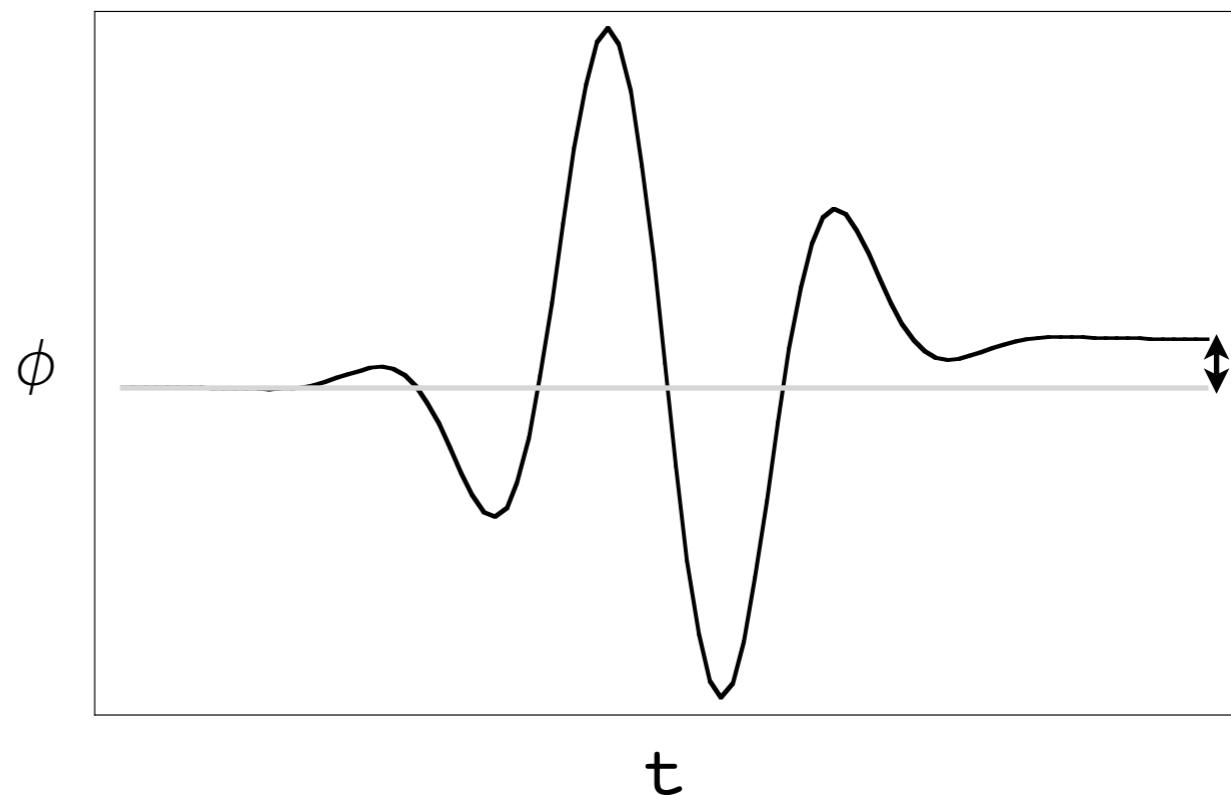
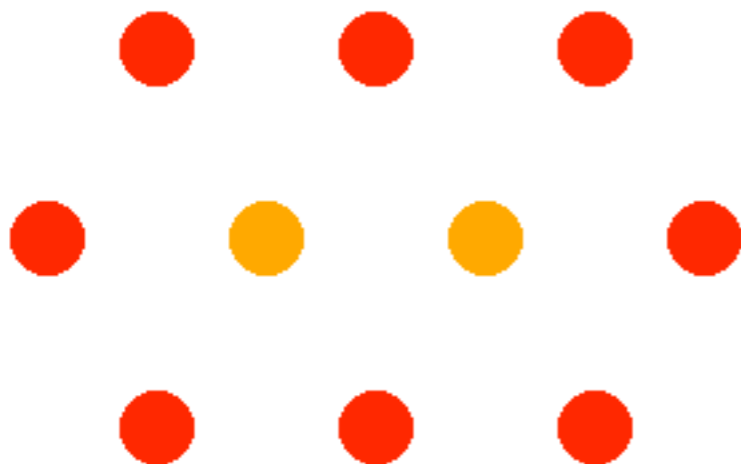
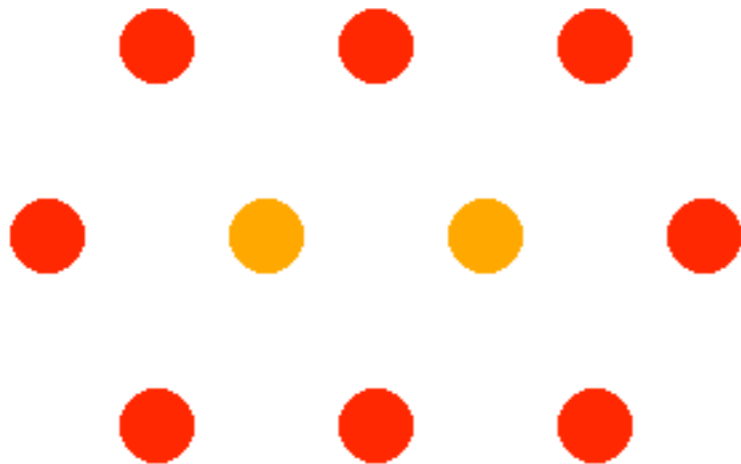
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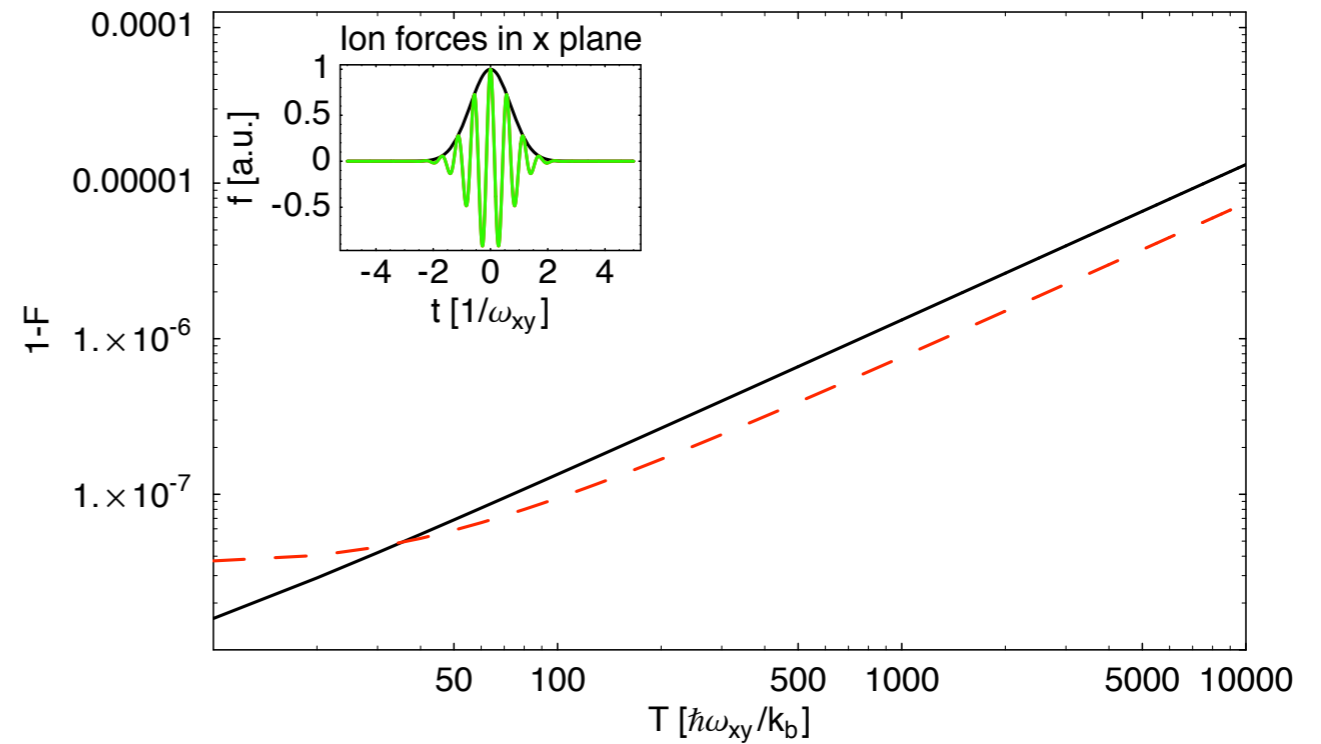
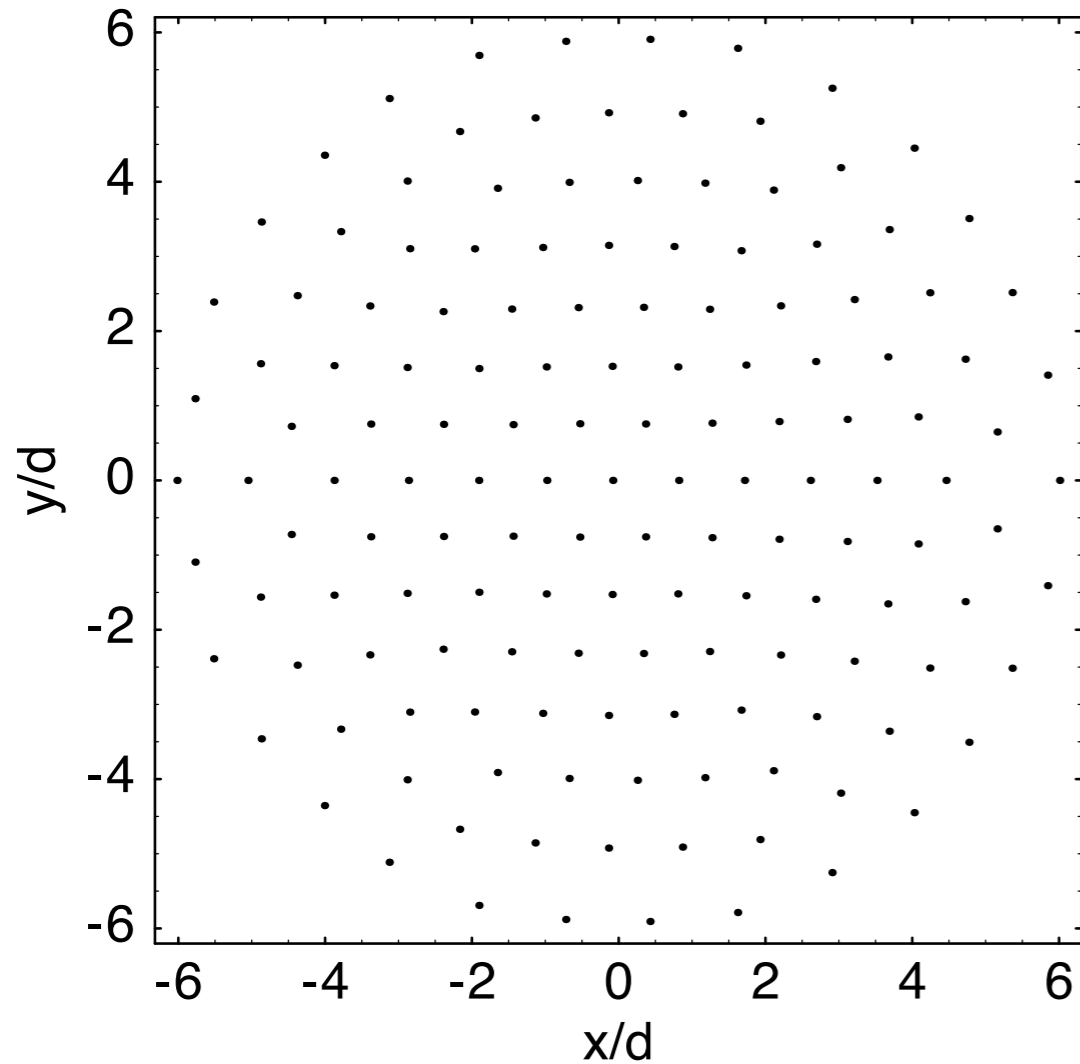
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Over an oscillation,  
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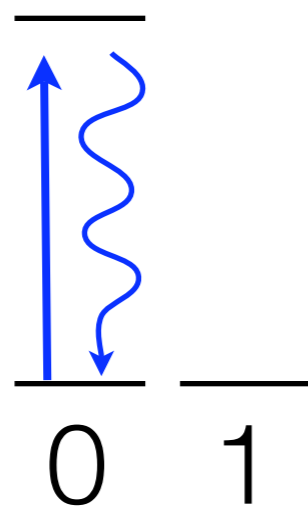


High fidelity at high temperatures  
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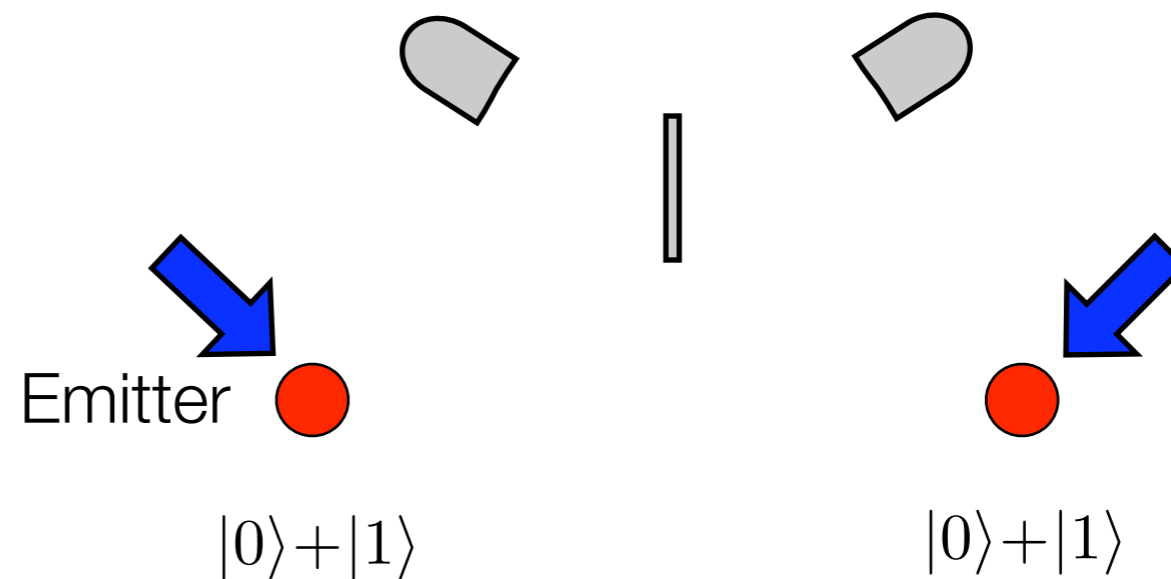
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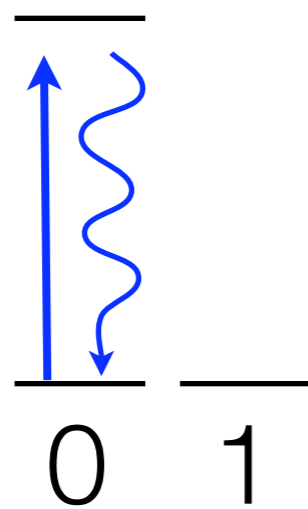




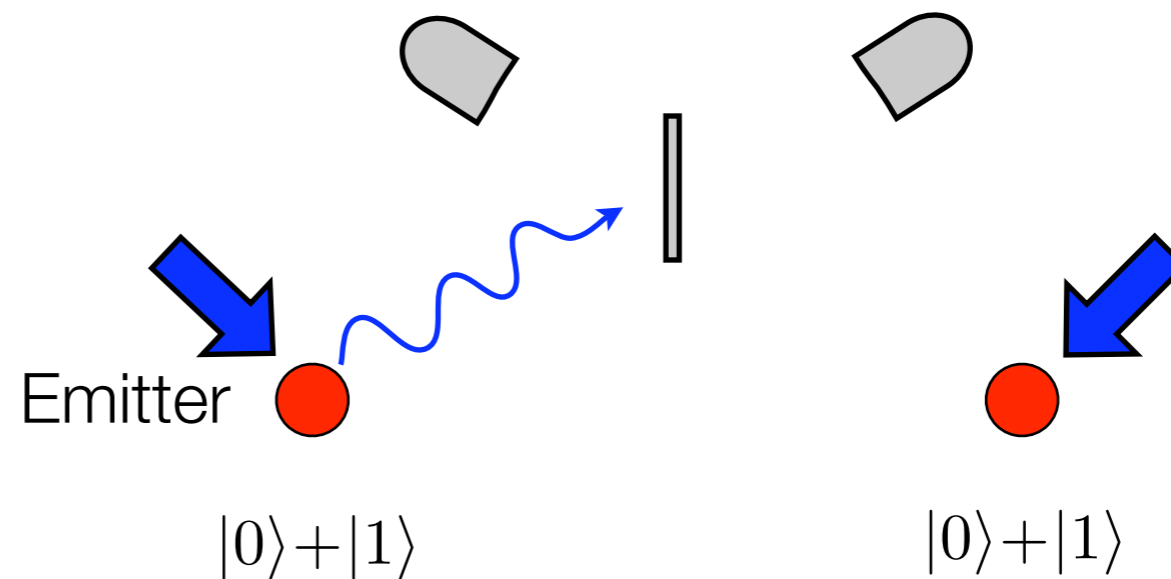
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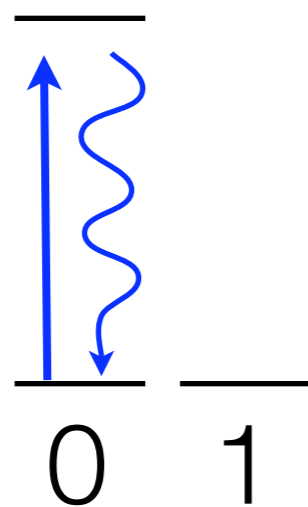
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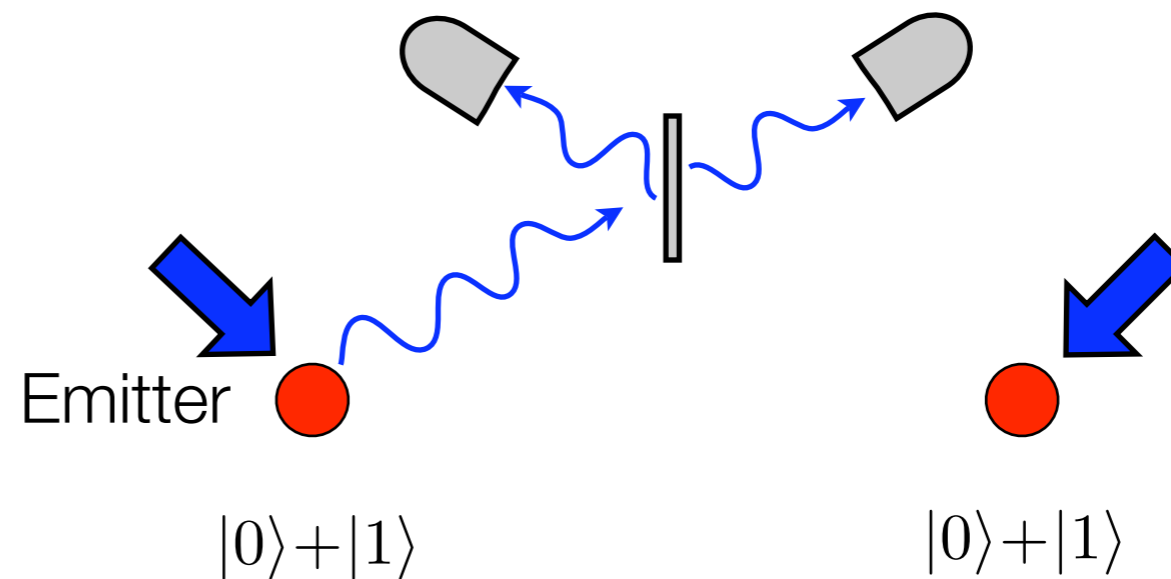
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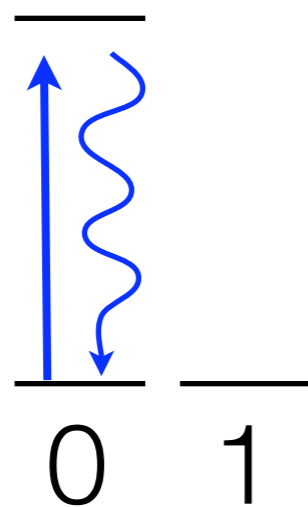
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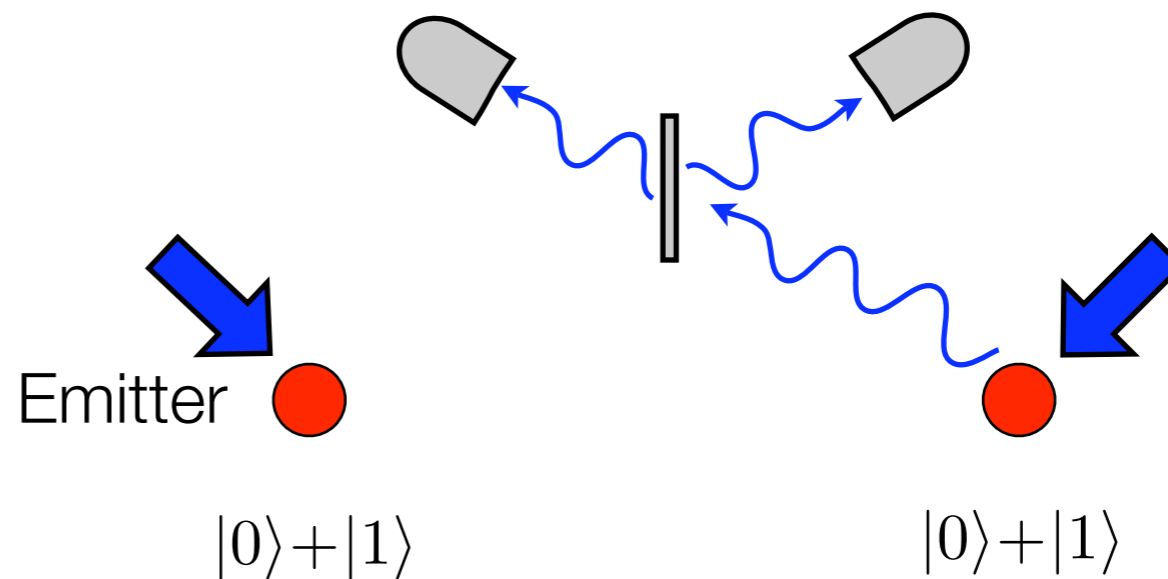
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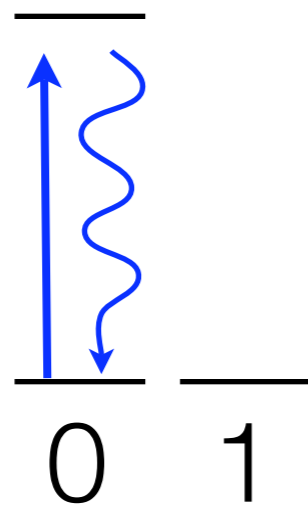
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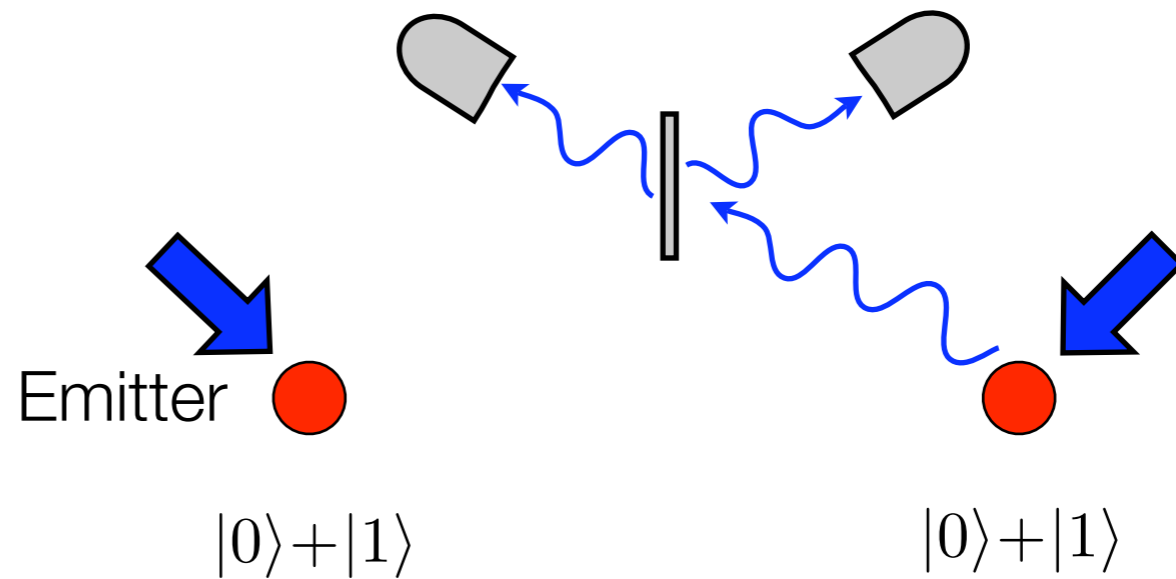
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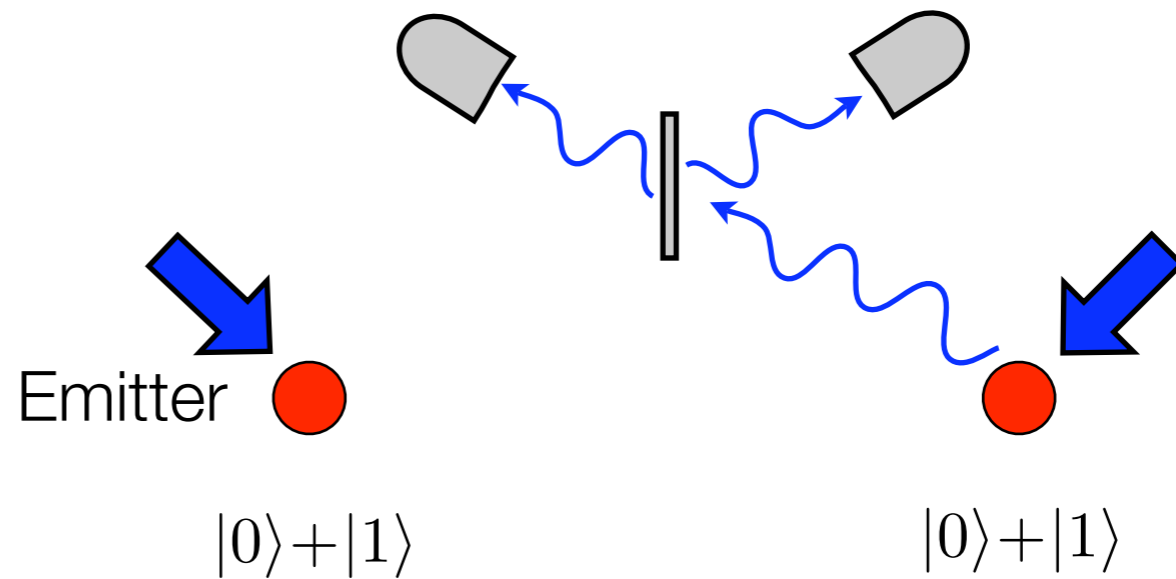
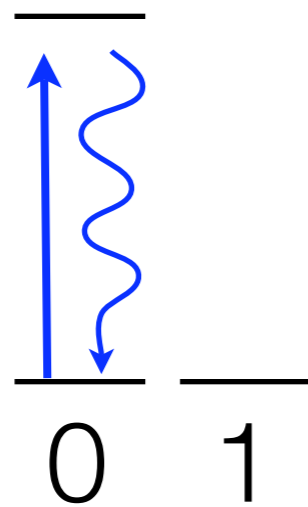


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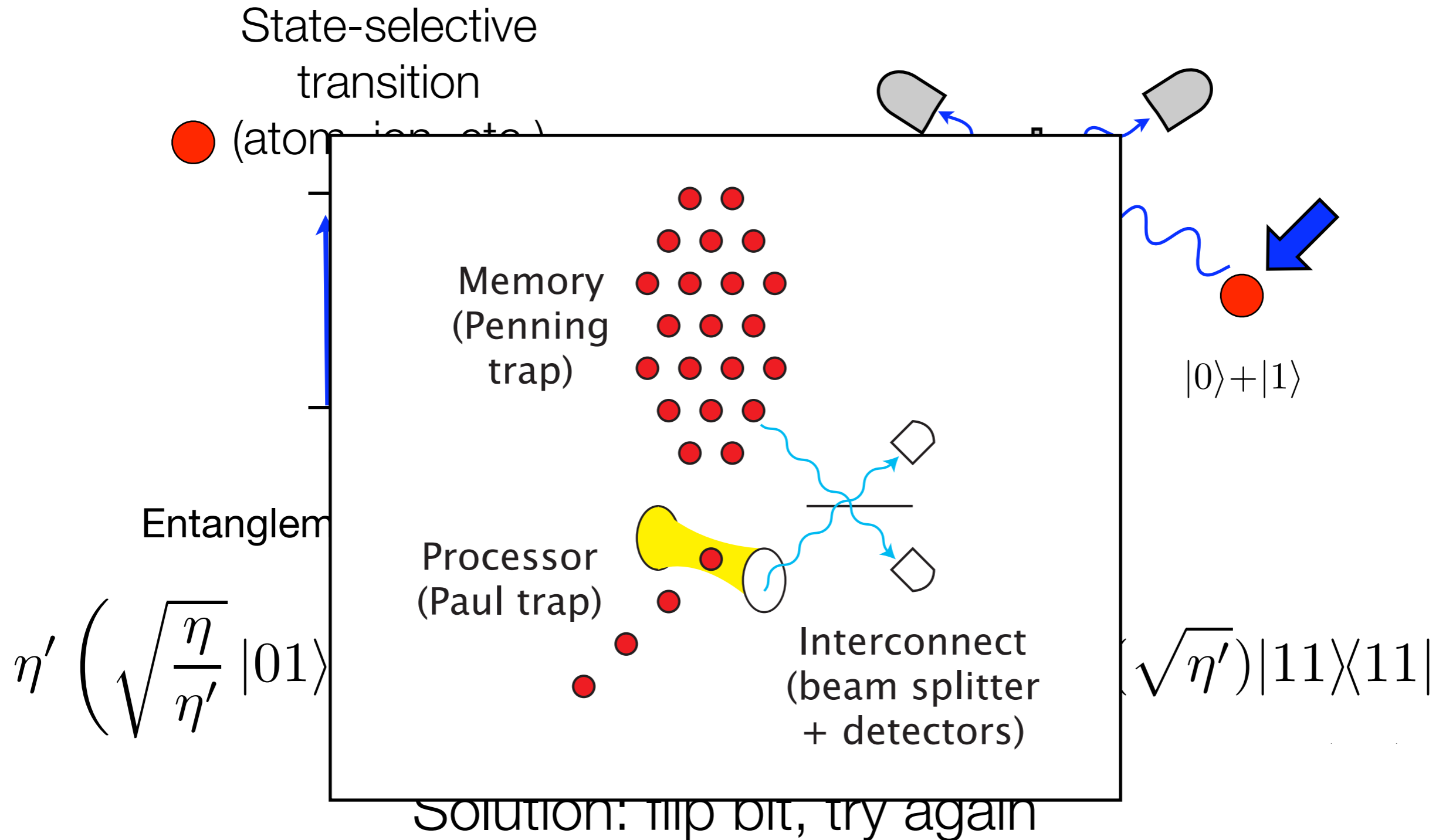


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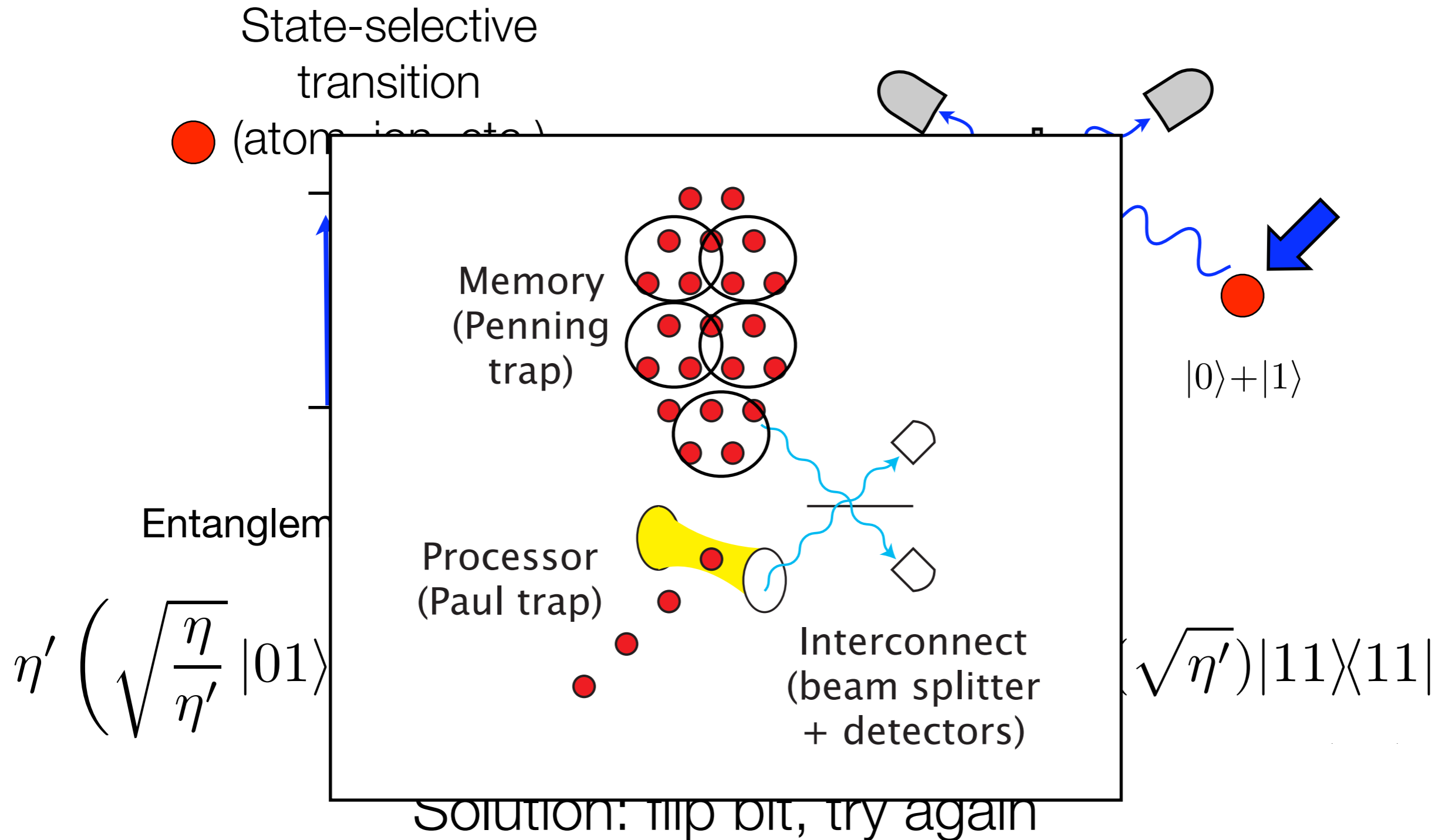
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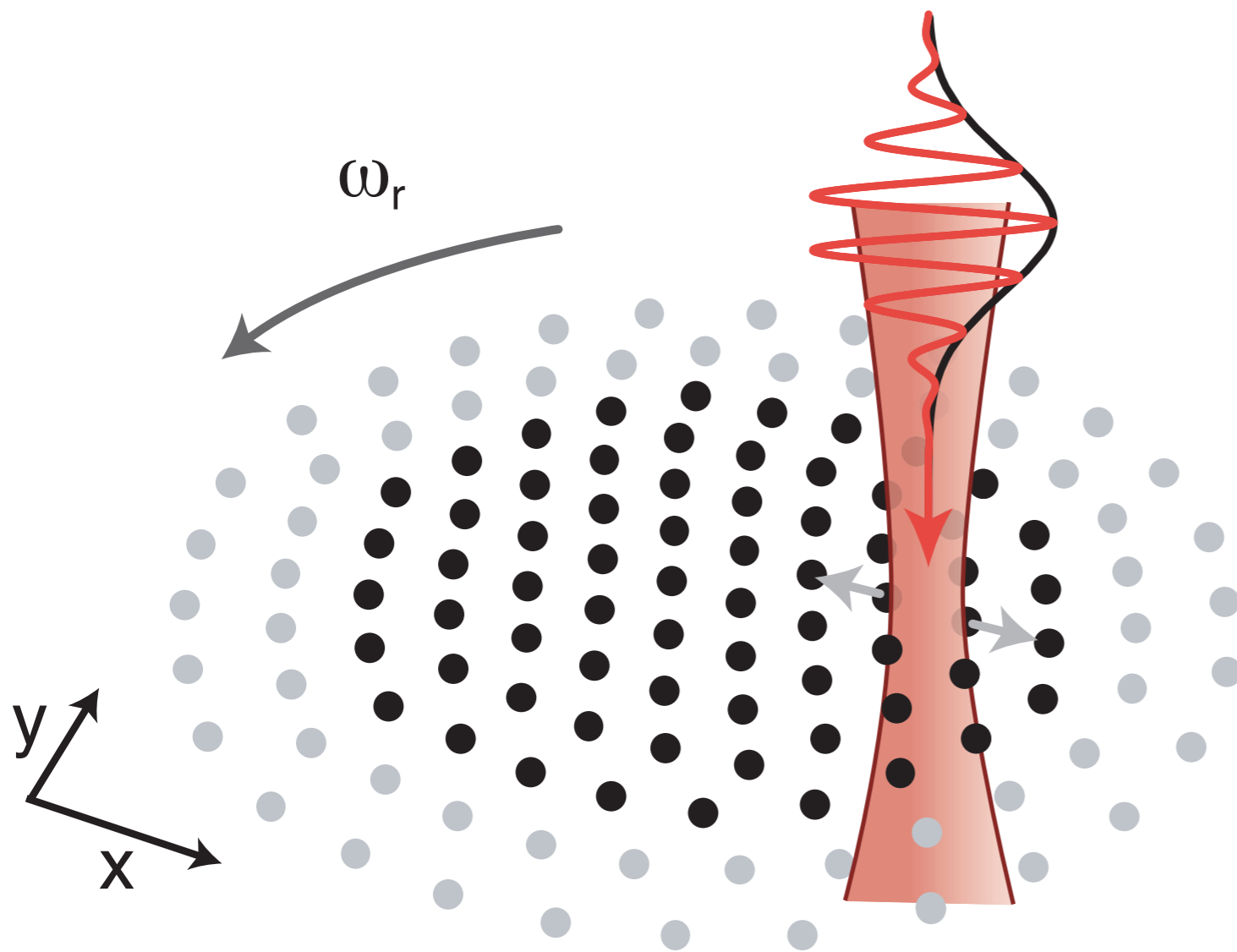


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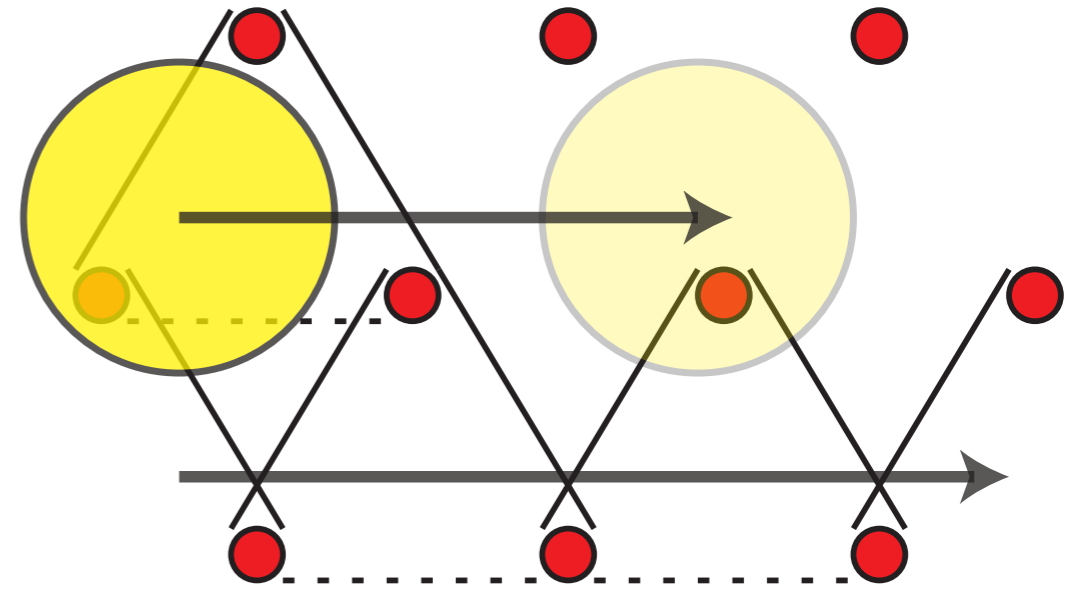
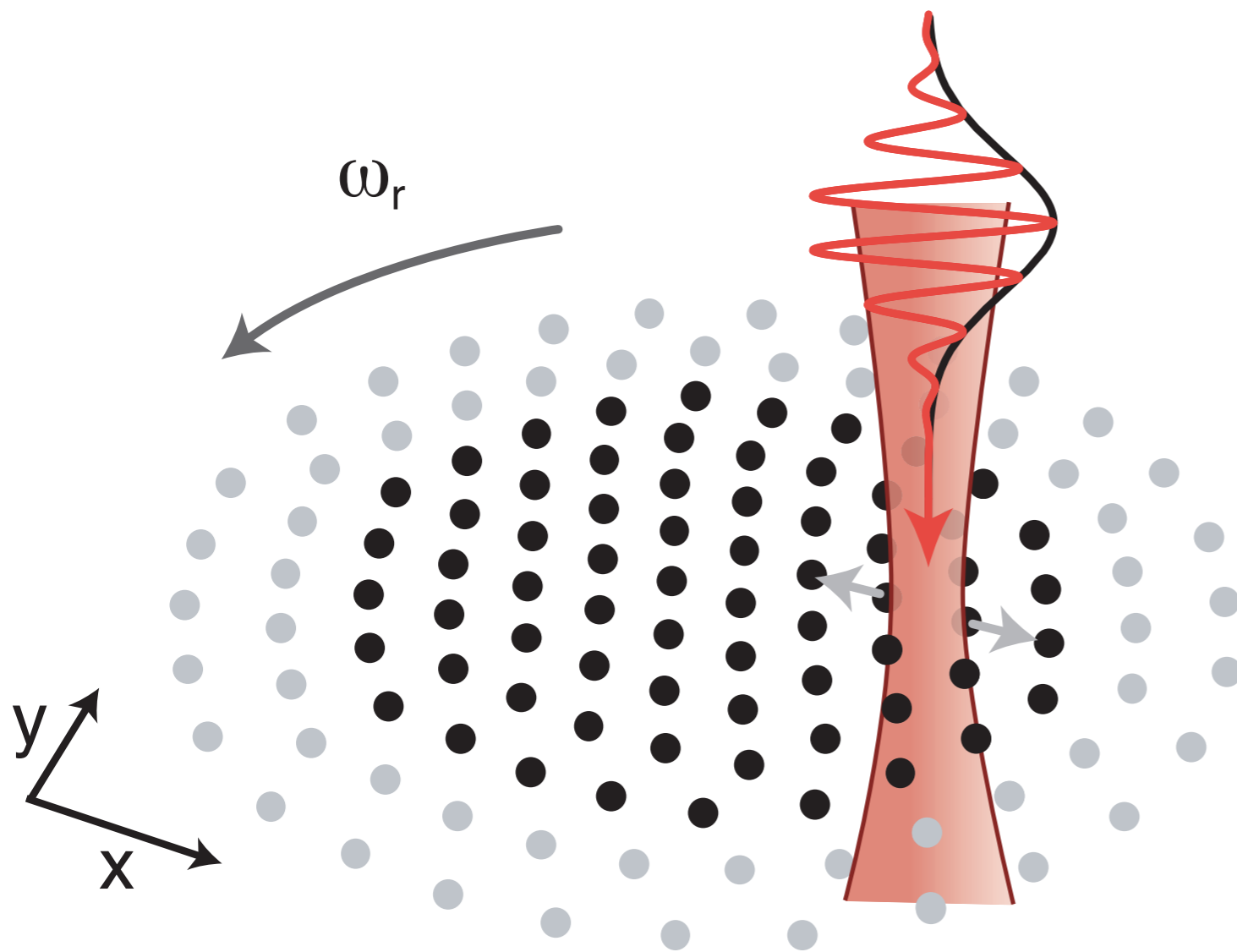
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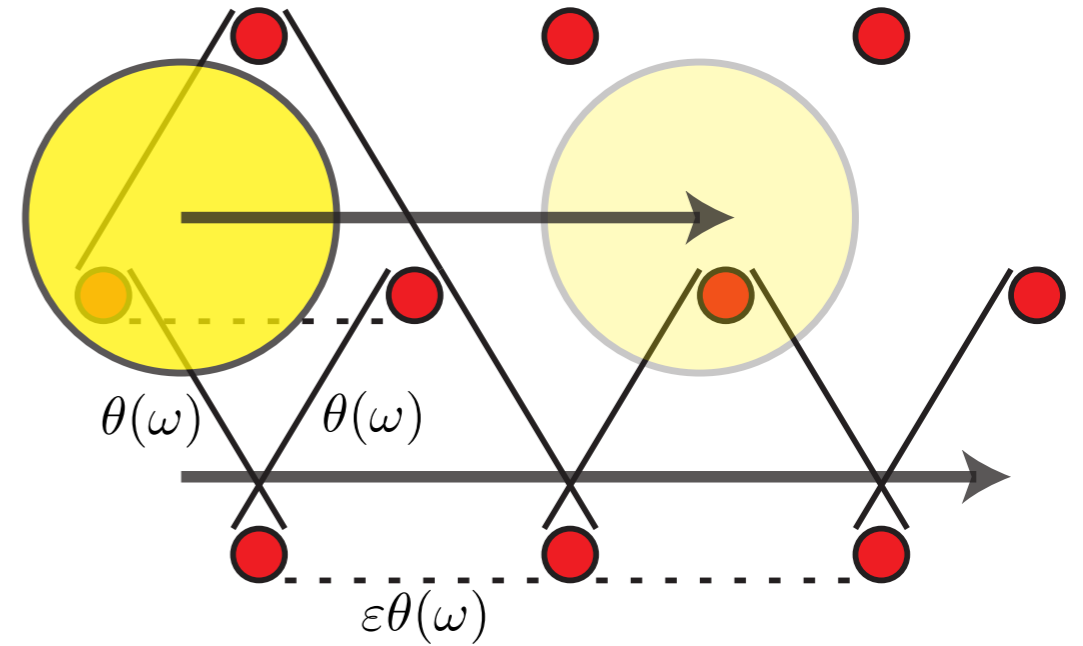
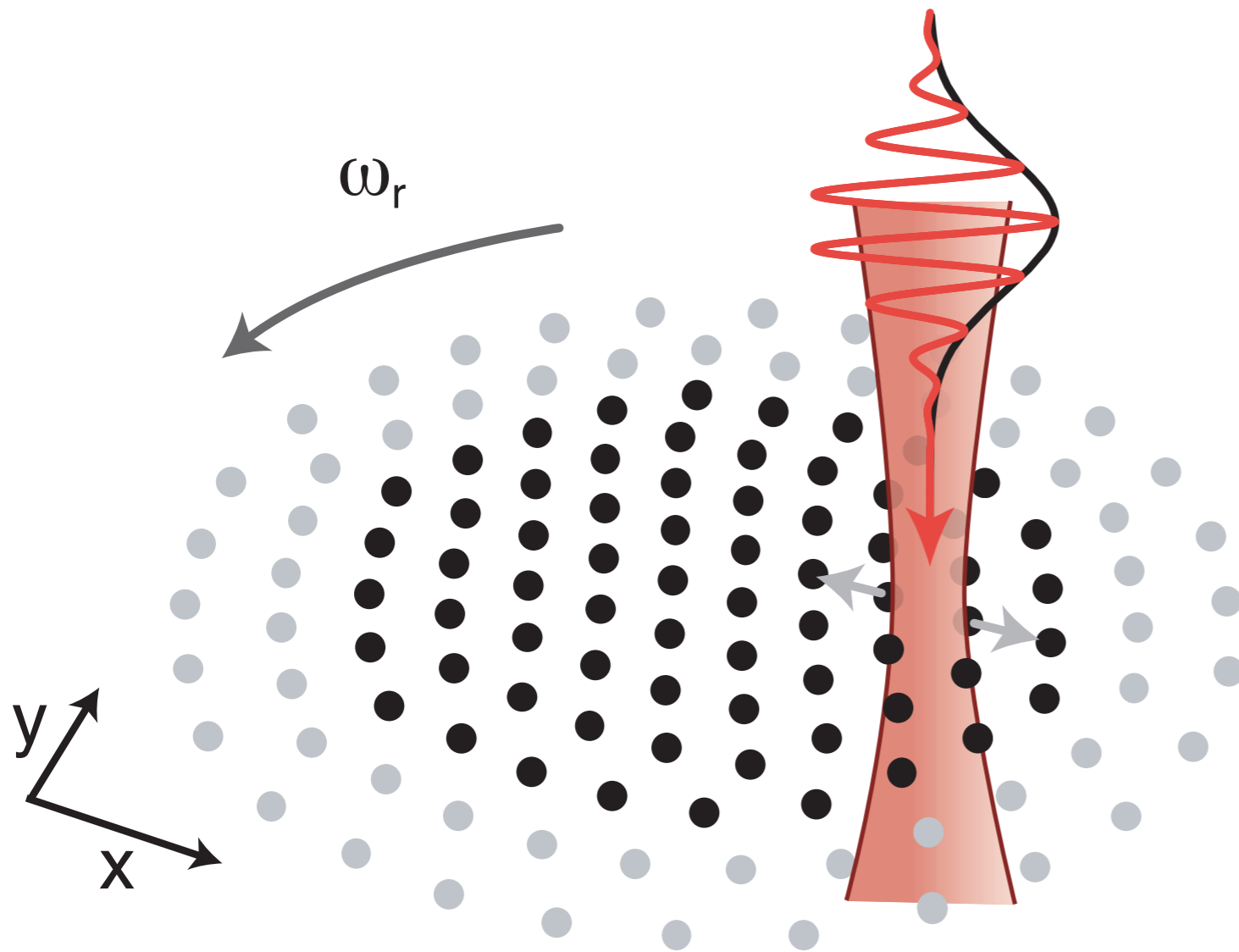


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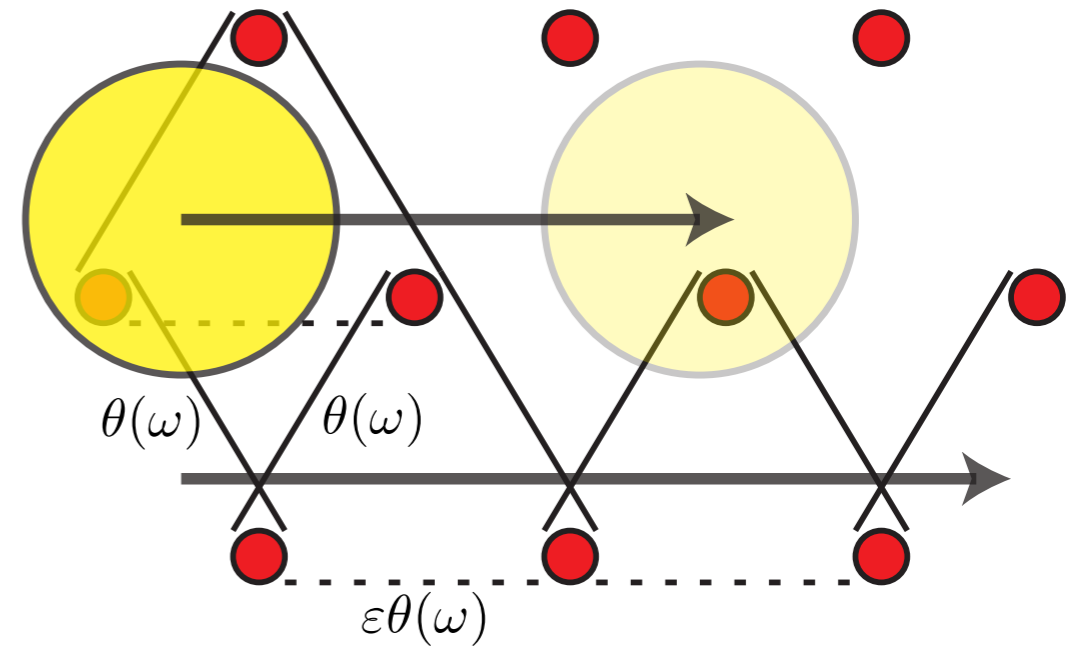
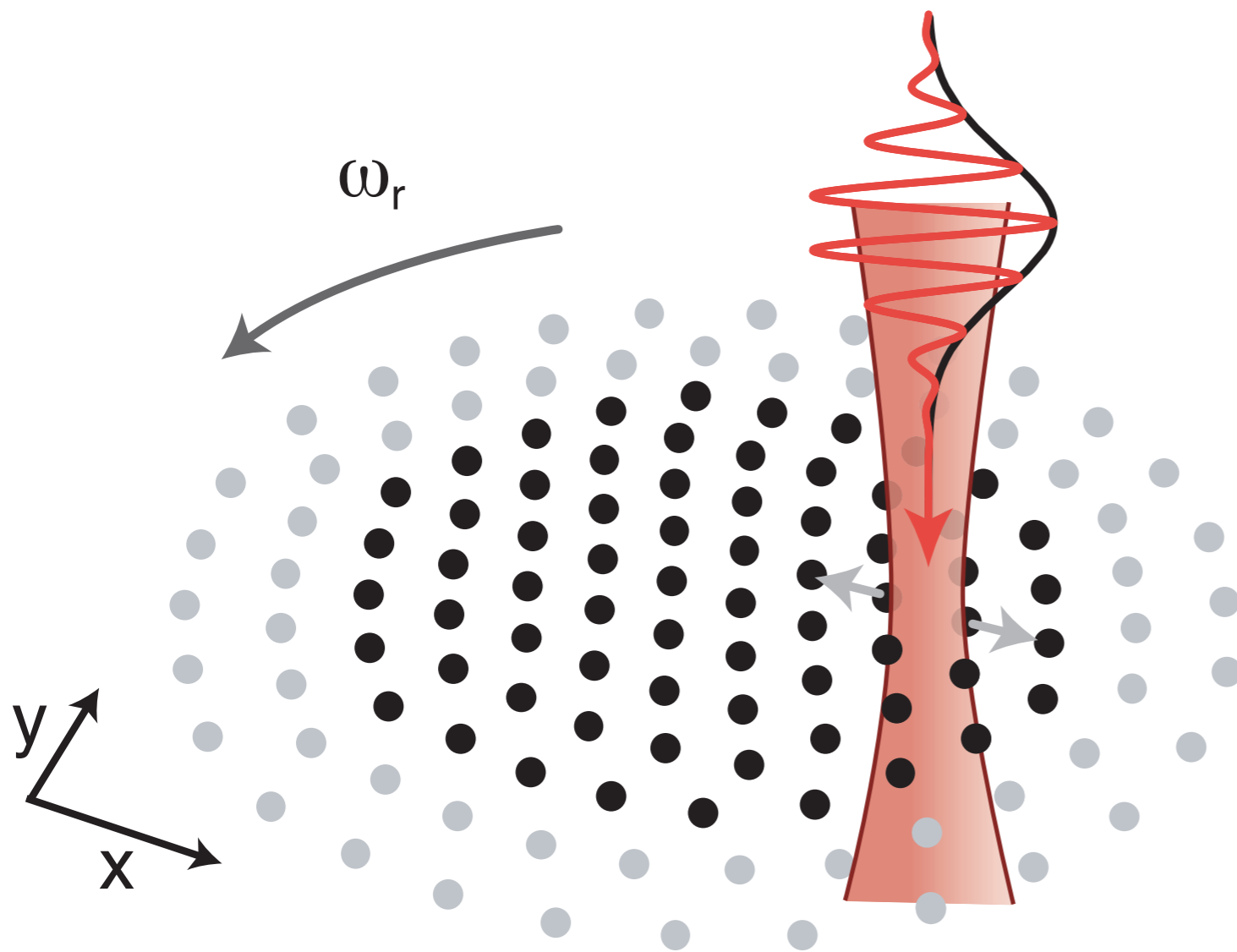


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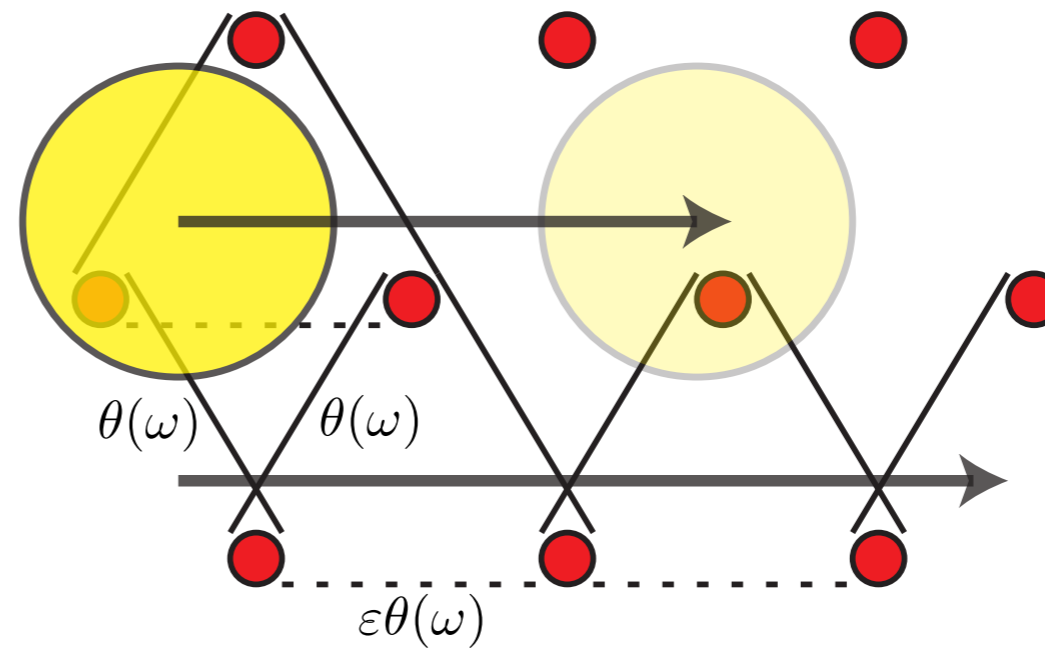


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Single laser can generate cluster in  $O(n)$  time

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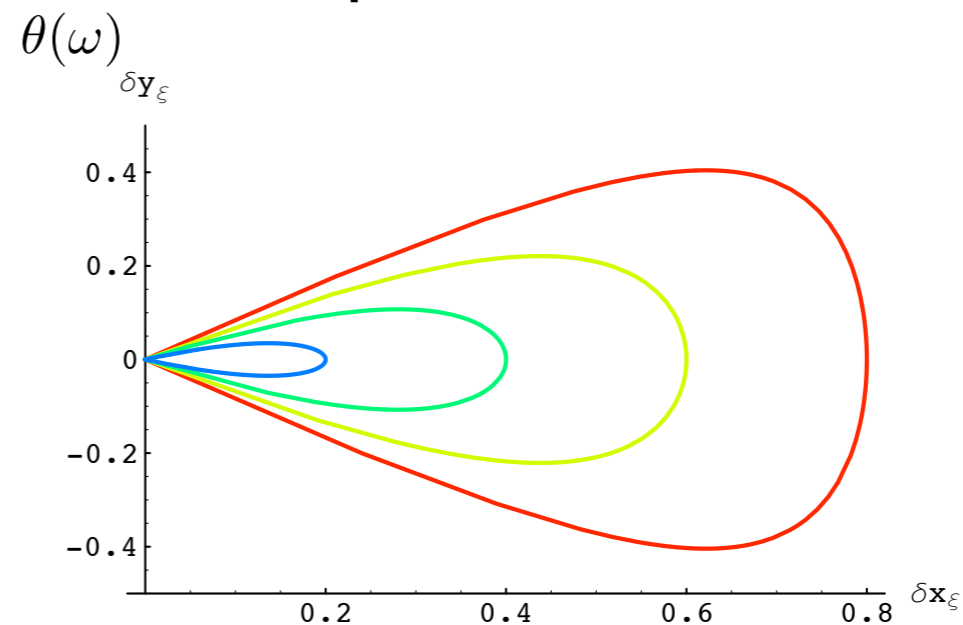
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Crystal rotation?  
use time-dependent  
displacement



# Outlook

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- Commodity good: cheap, interchangeable, ubiquitous
- Finite size control problem *per register*.
  - GRAPE pulses [ Khaneja et al. ], feedback & filtering, composite pulses, etc.
- Optical or other “distributed qubit” interconnect system can be faulty (<50% errors after post-selection sufficient; for <10%, only 5 qubits needed)
- Implementations:
  - NEED: few coupled, controllable qubits with very good quantum memory; optical (or phononic, or qubit-bus) interconnection possible
- Other aspects:
  - Wigner crystals of ions as a quantum “hard drive”? (Many qubits per device)

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