

# Information gain and loss for a quantum Maxwell's demon

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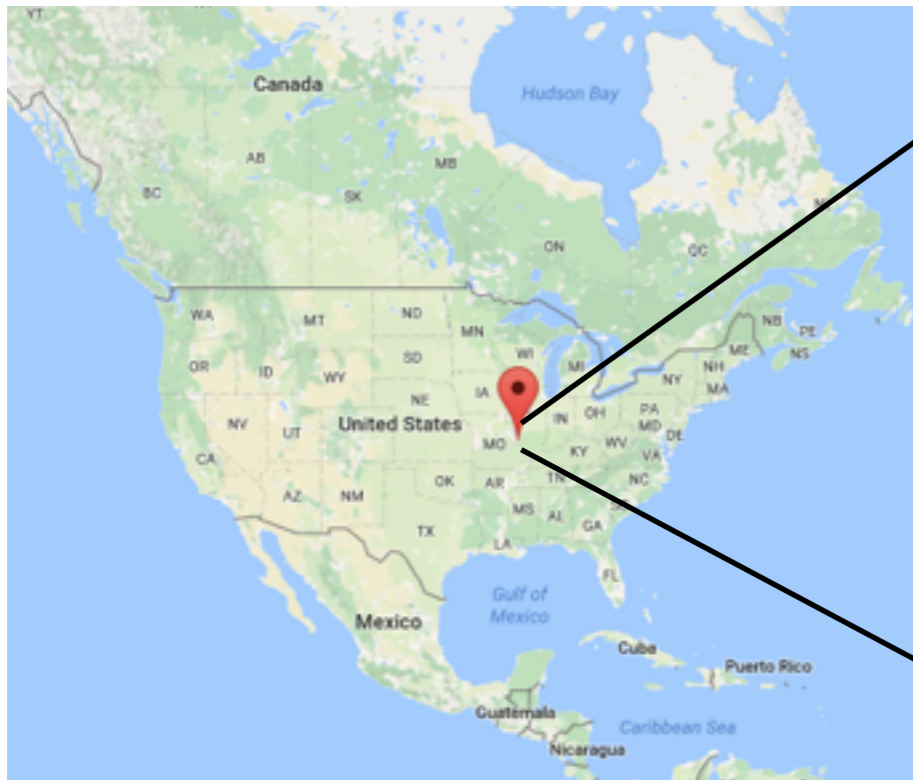


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Experimental research with superconducting qubits.

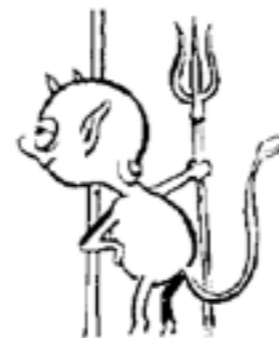
**Quantum Measurement:** Zeno effects, quantum trajectories

**State smoothing and post-selection:** weak values, retrodiction, optimal routes

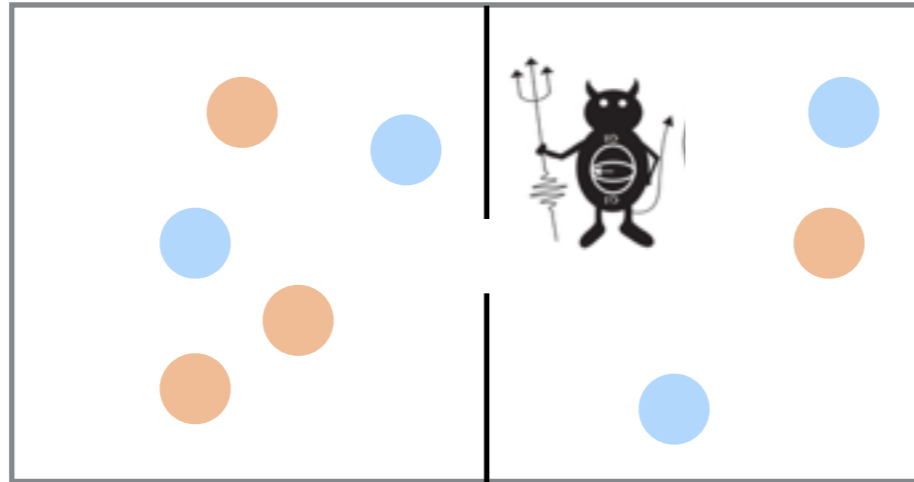
**Metrology:** frequency metrology, Axion dark matter search

**Quantum Thermodynamics:** heat, work, entropy, heat engines

# Maxwell's demon in google images

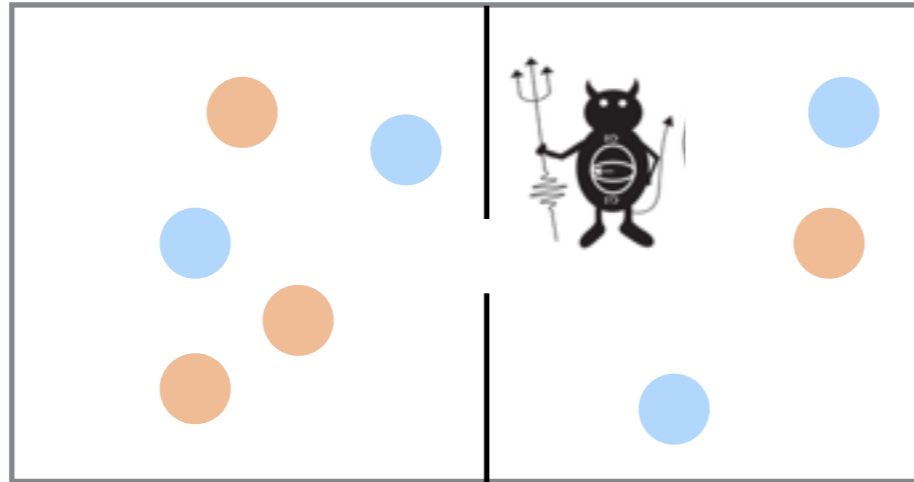


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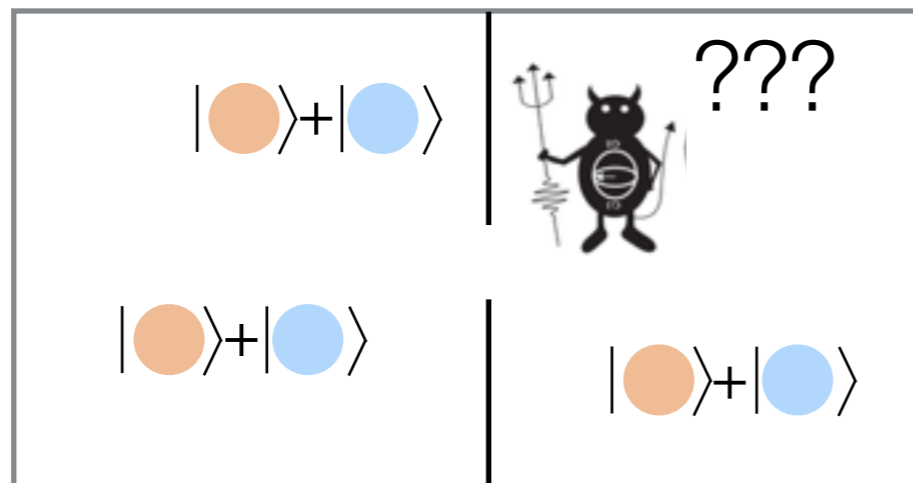


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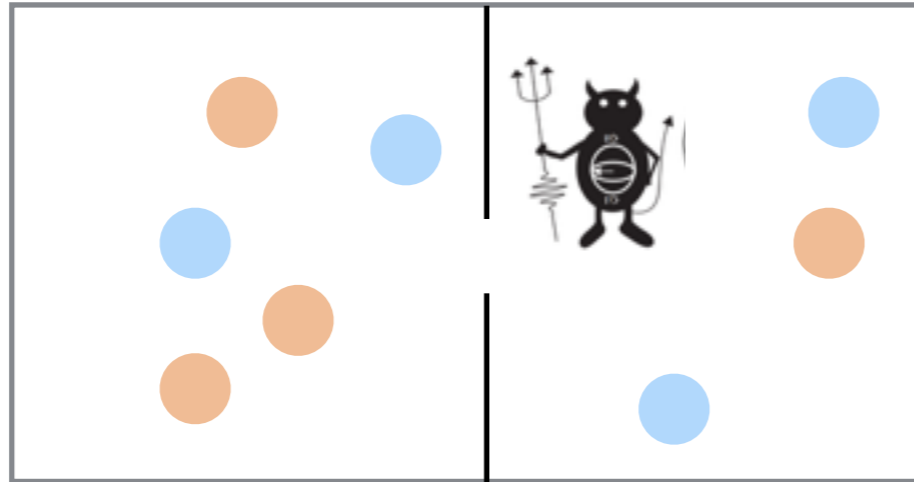


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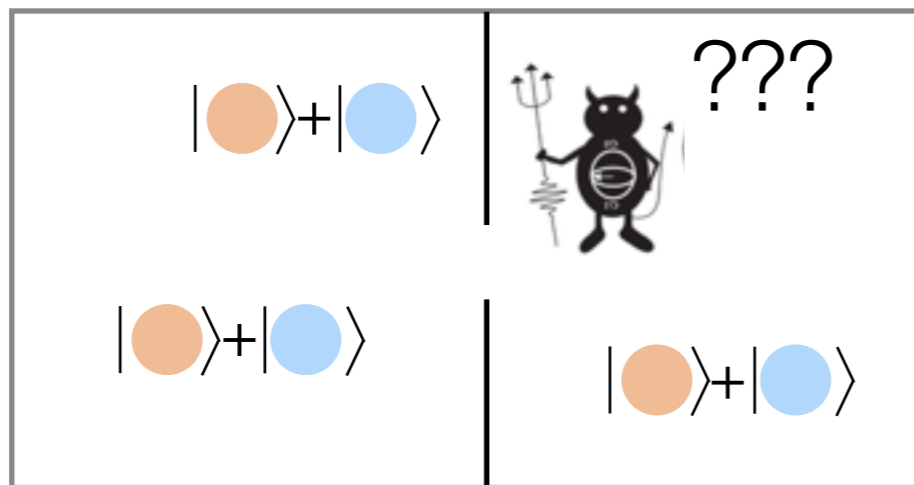


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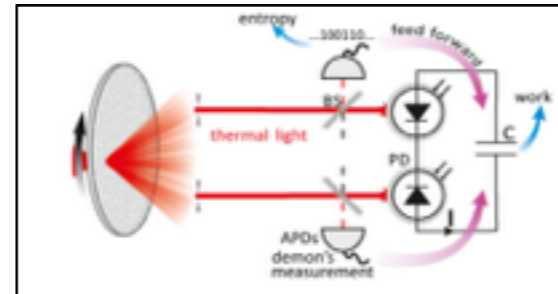
Demon uses weak  
measurements...

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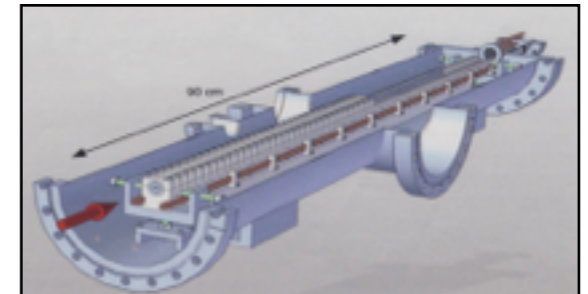


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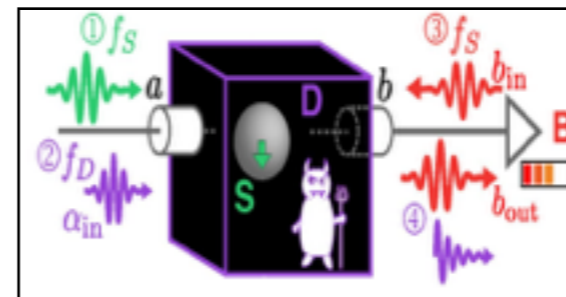
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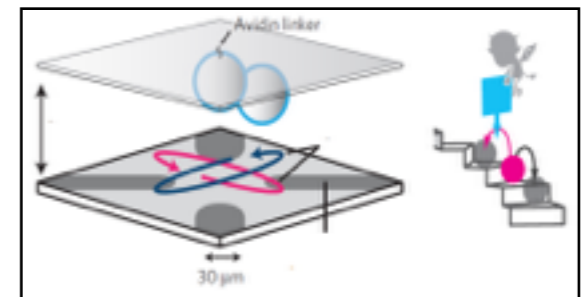
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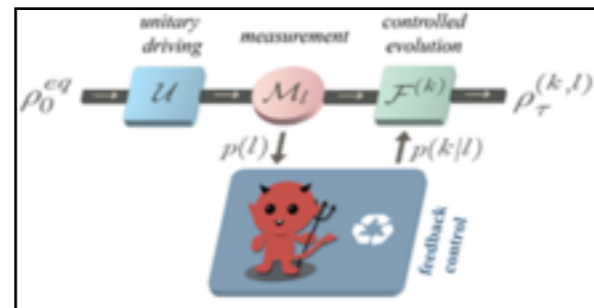
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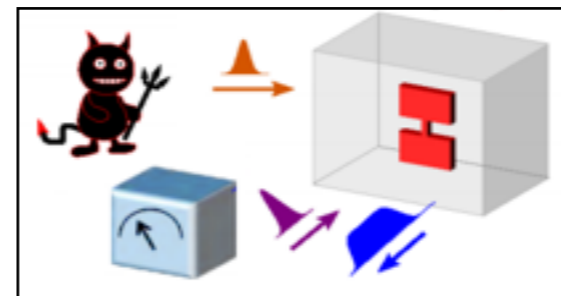
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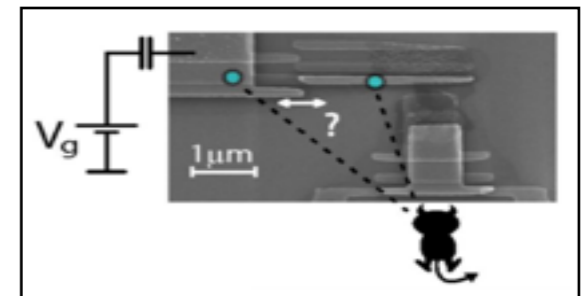
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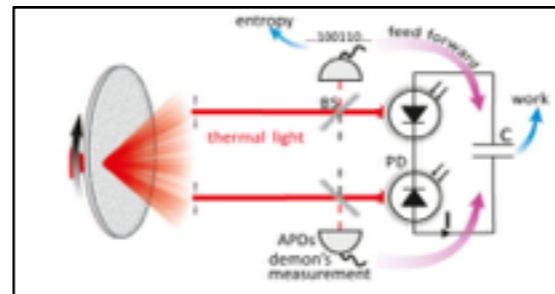
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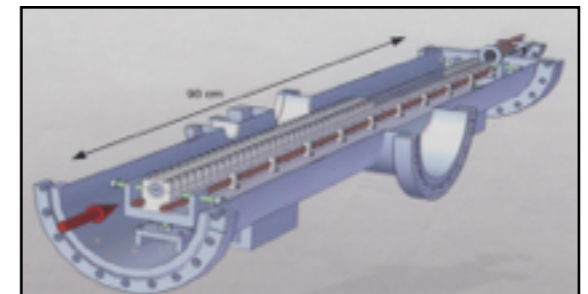
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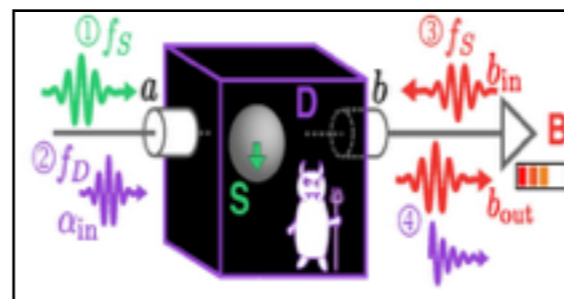
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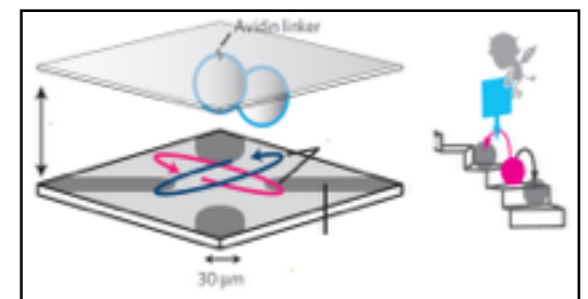
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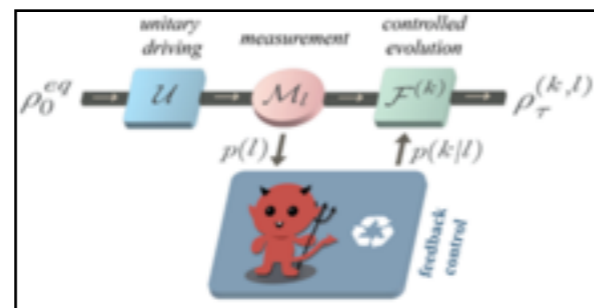
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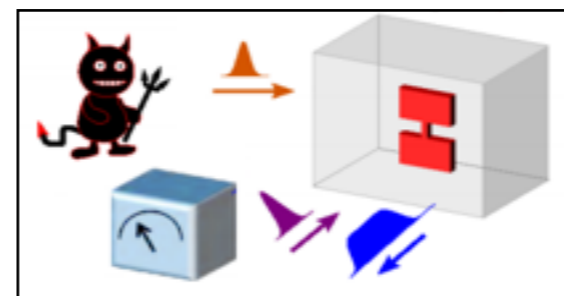
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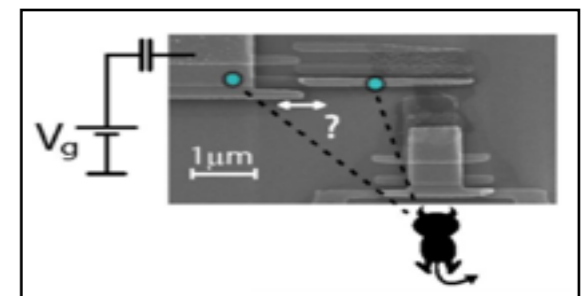
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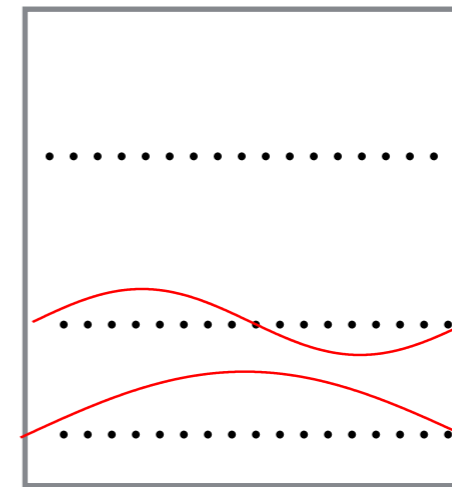
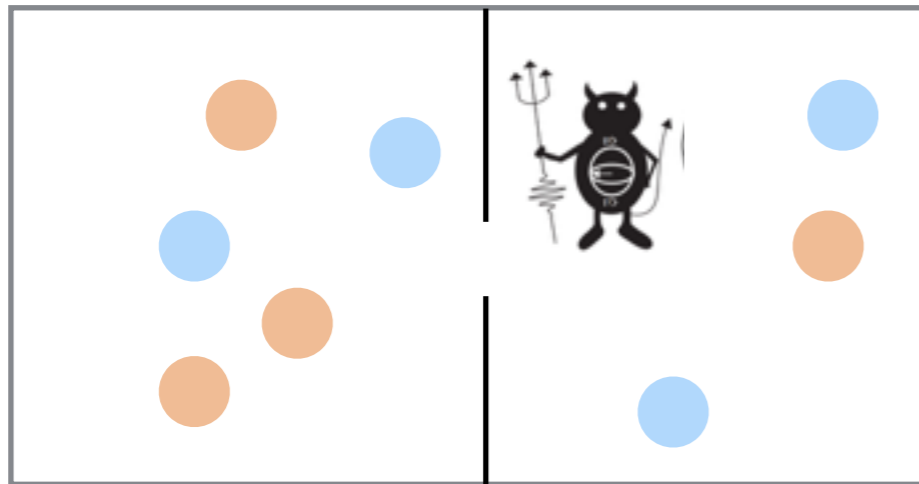
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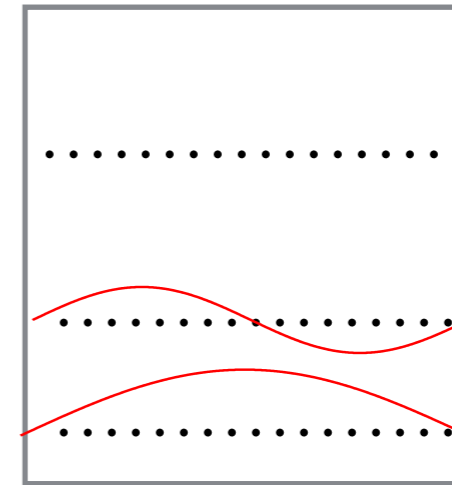
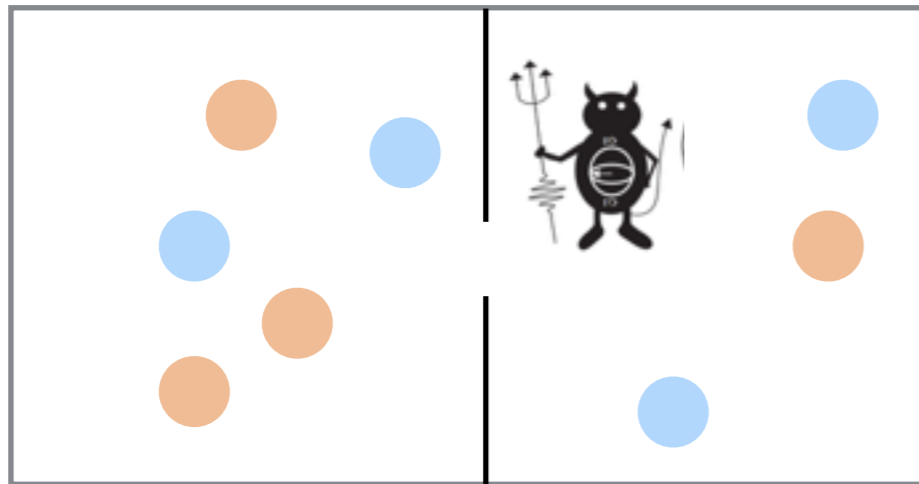
Dynamics does not include coherences or the demon destroys coherences with measurement.

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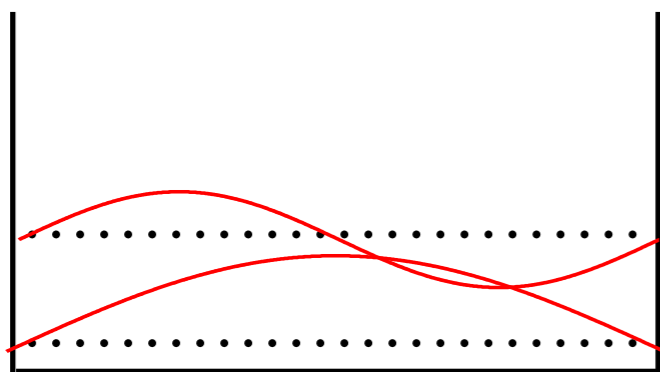
one particle in a box

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Two lowest energy levels



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Pseudo spin-1/2



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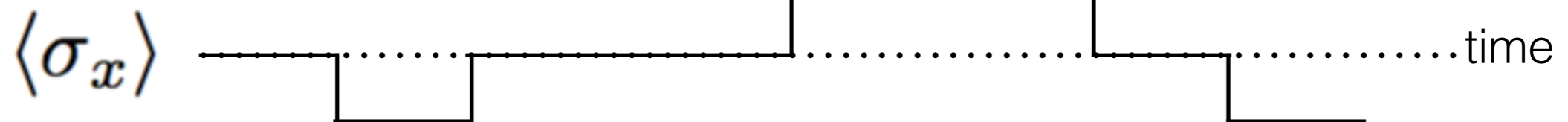
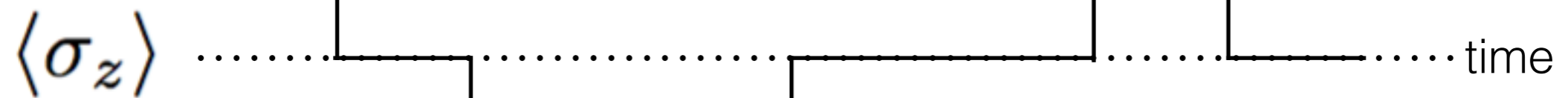
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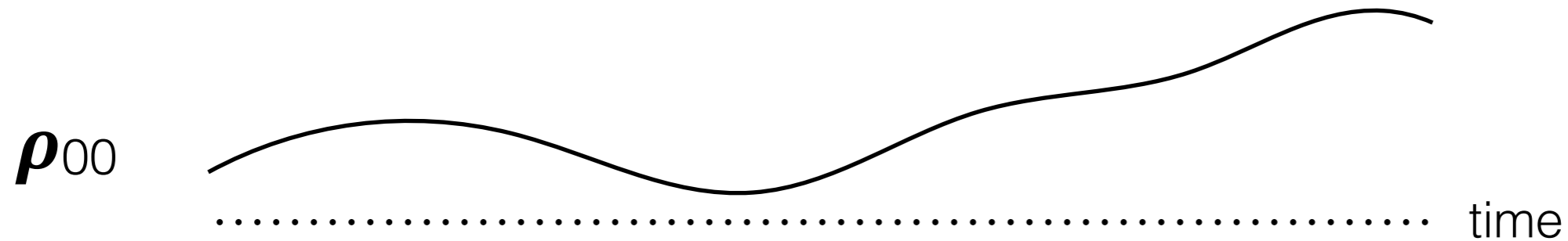
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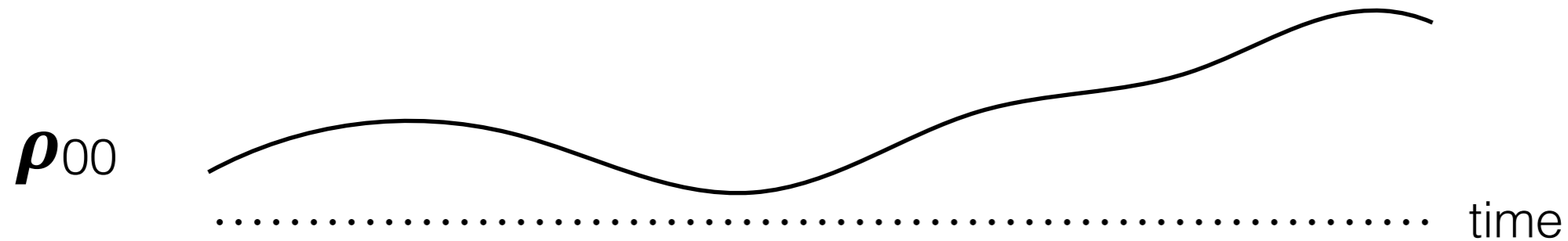


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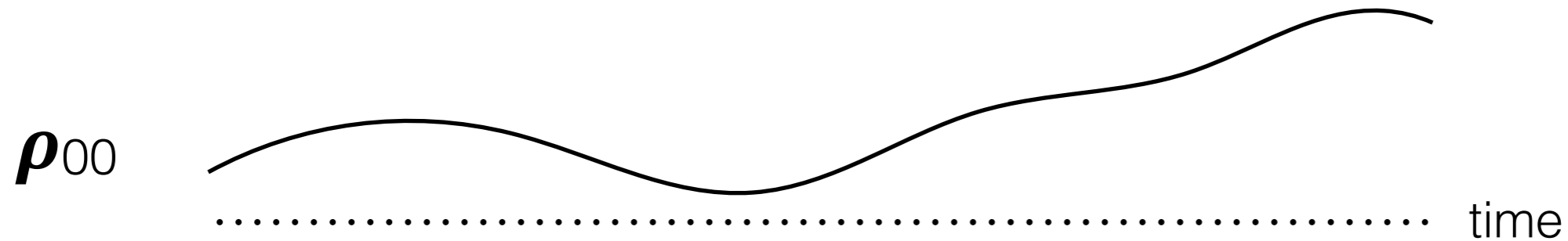
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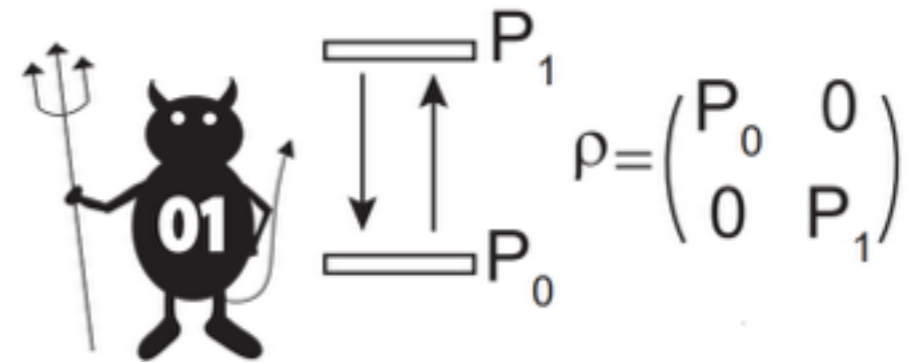
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Track quantum trajectories and do something with that information.

# A quantum Maxwell's demon

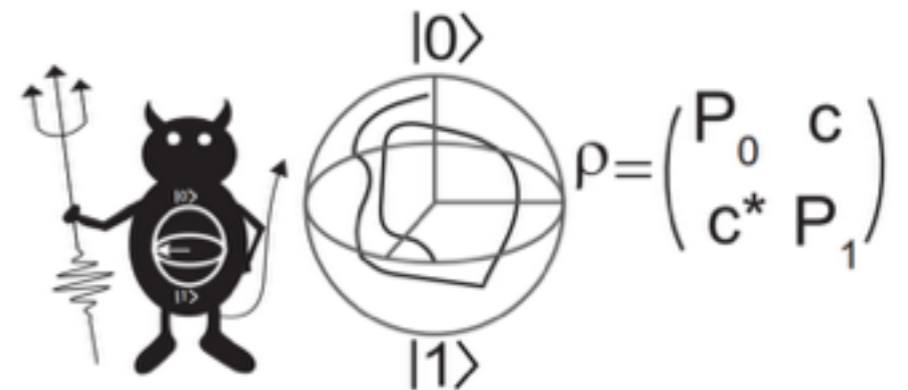
- Classical demon:

- ✓ Evolution of populations - definite states
- ✓ Measurement without disturbance



- Quantum demon:

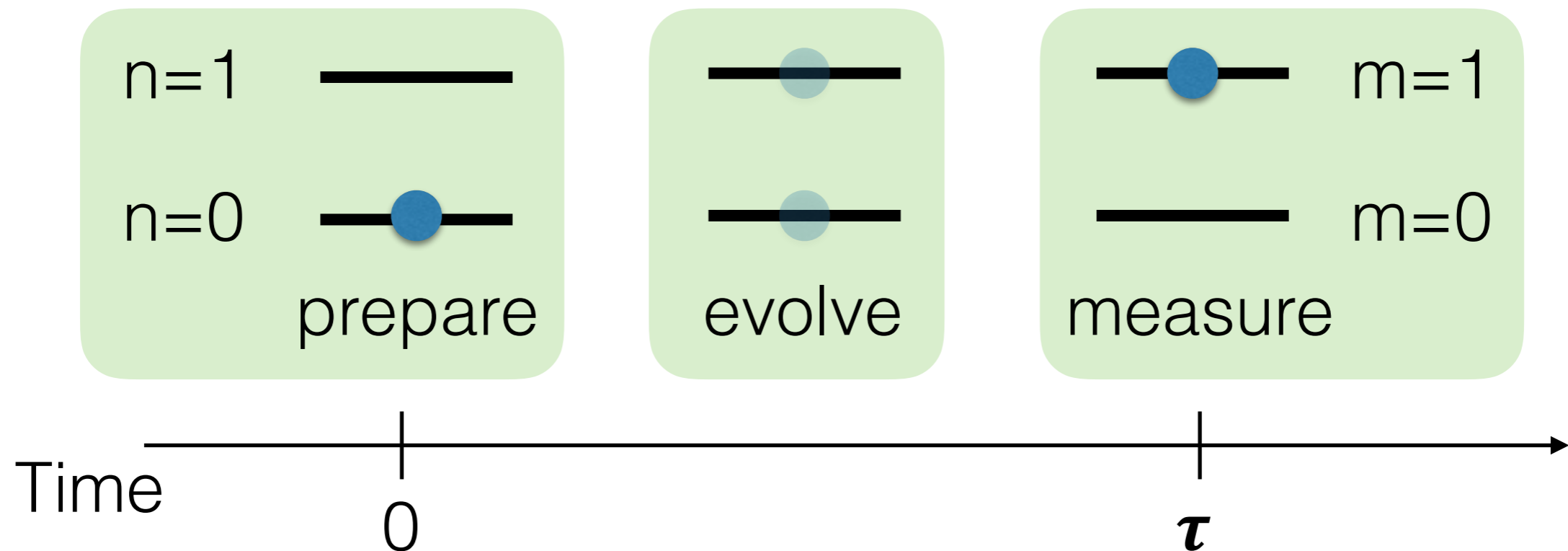
- ✓ Measurement with disturbance
- ✓ Role of coherence and entanglement
- ✓ Information can be lost



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TPM: gives the distribution of total energy change from transition probabilities



$$P(\Delta U) = \sum_{m,n} P_{m,n}^{\tau} P_n^0 \delta(\Delta U - (E_m^{\tau} - E_n^0))$$

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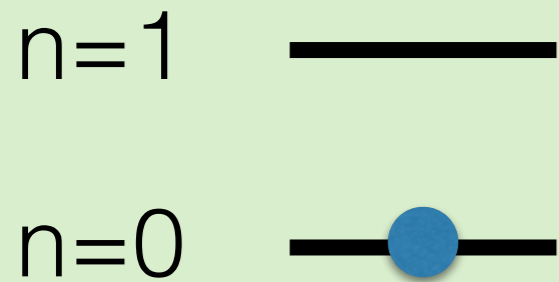
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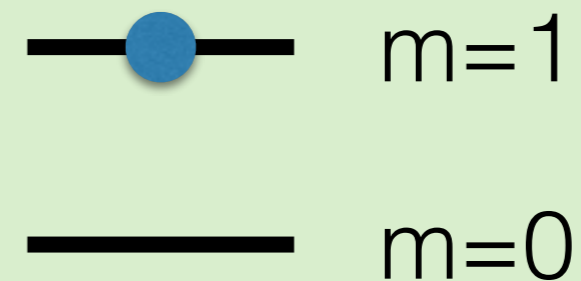
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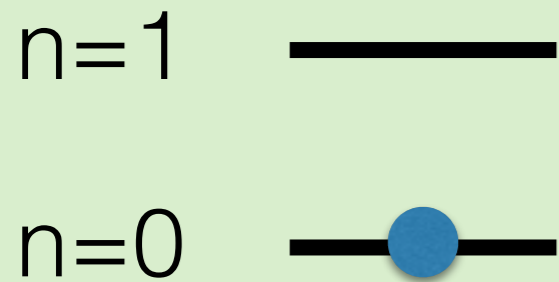
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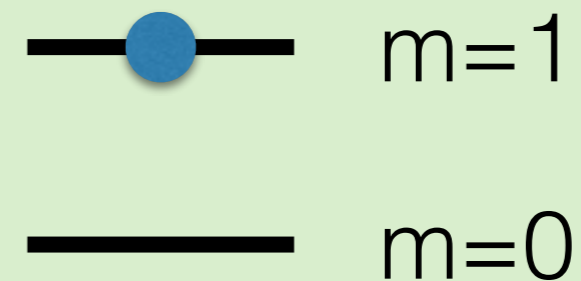
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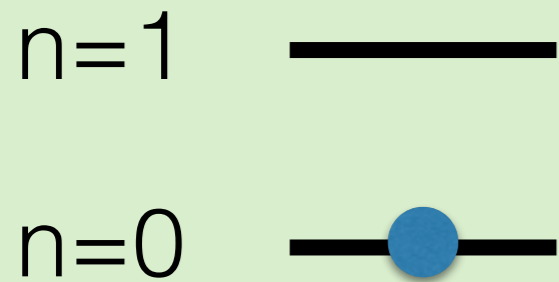
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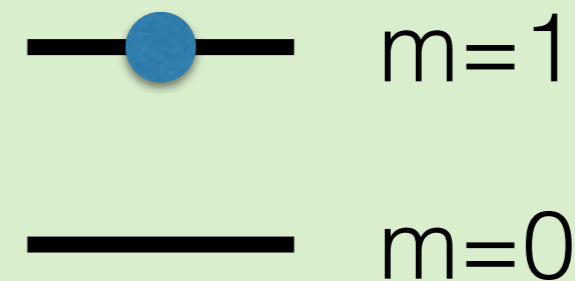
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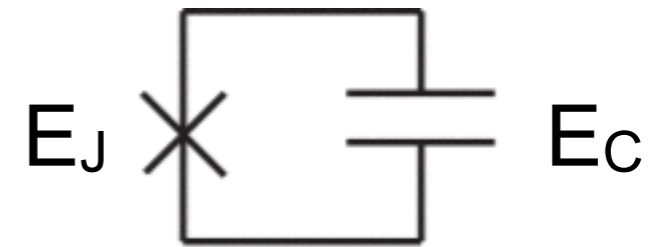
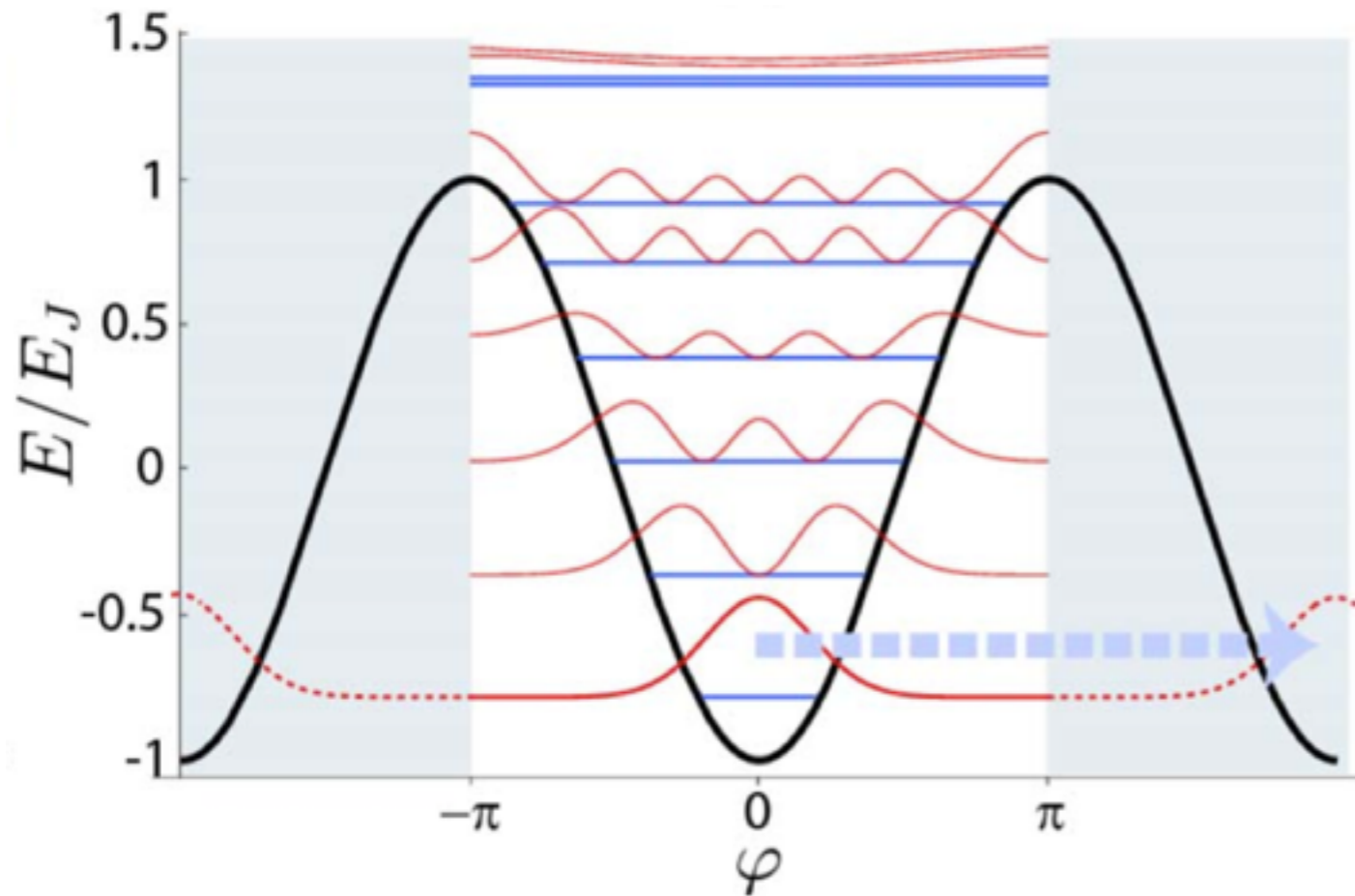
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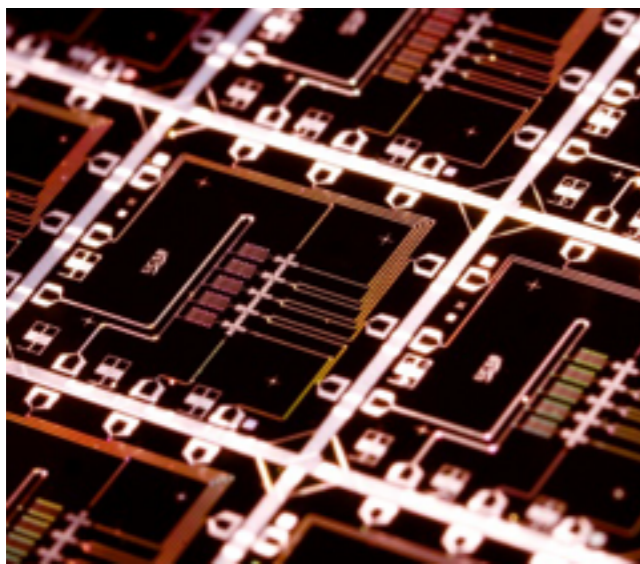


# Our spin half system: a “transmon” circuit

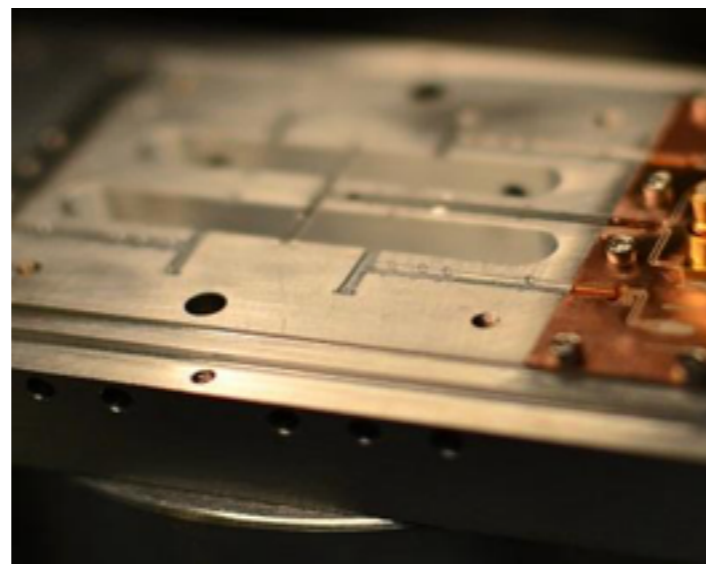


$$E_J \gg E_C$$

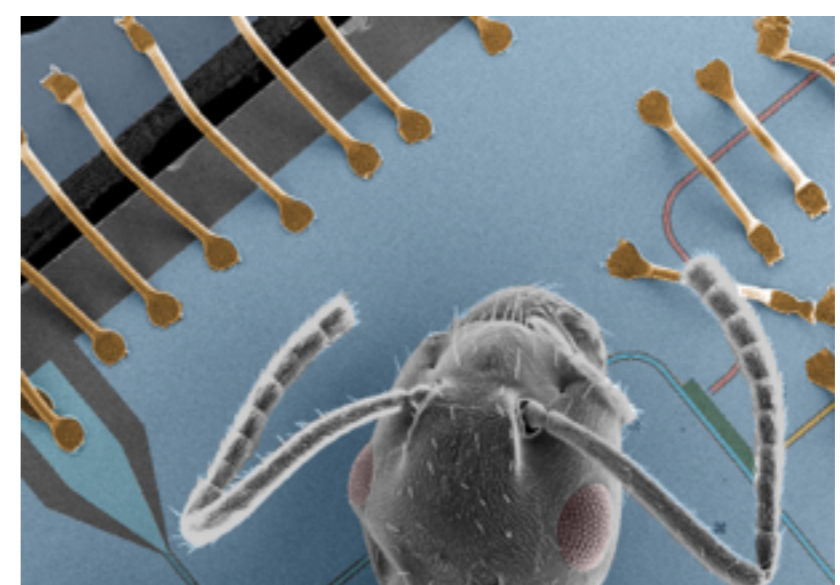
$$\hat{H} = 4E_C(\hat{n} - n_g)^2 - E_J \cos \hat{\phi}.$$



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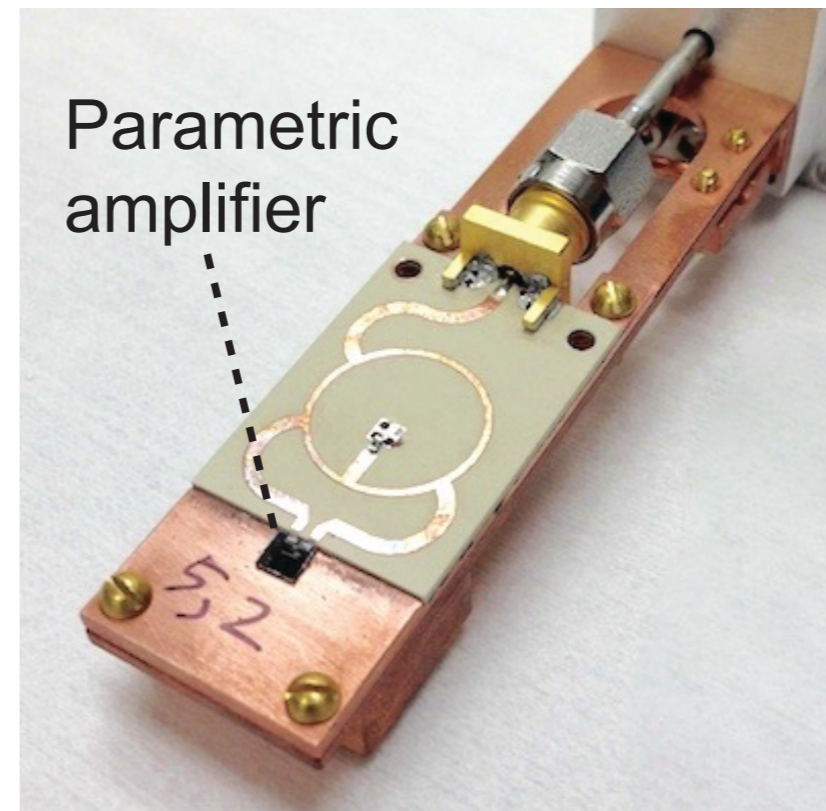
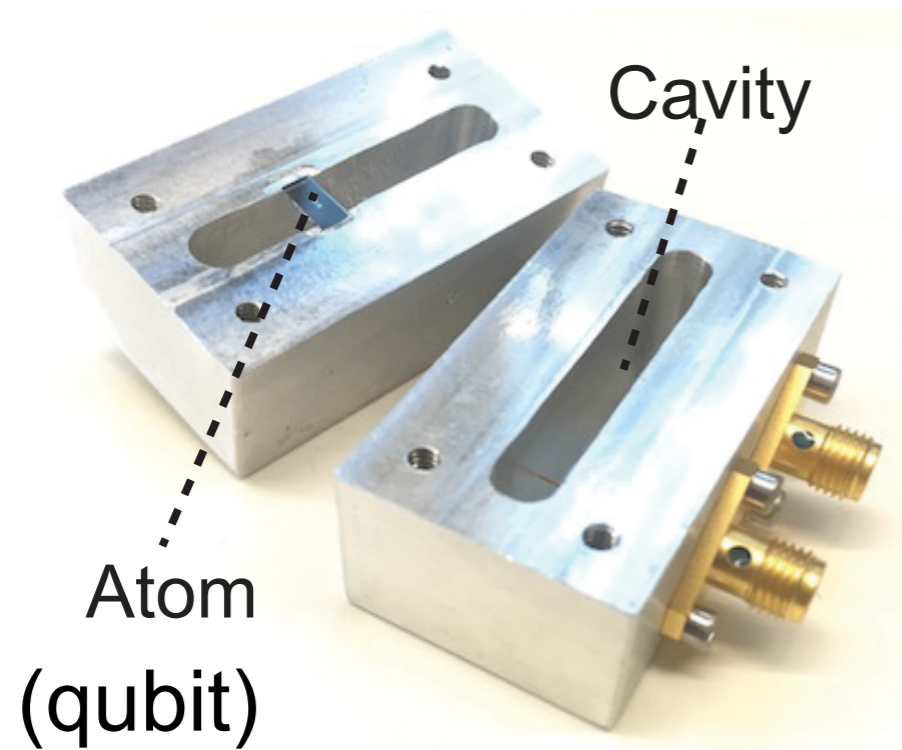
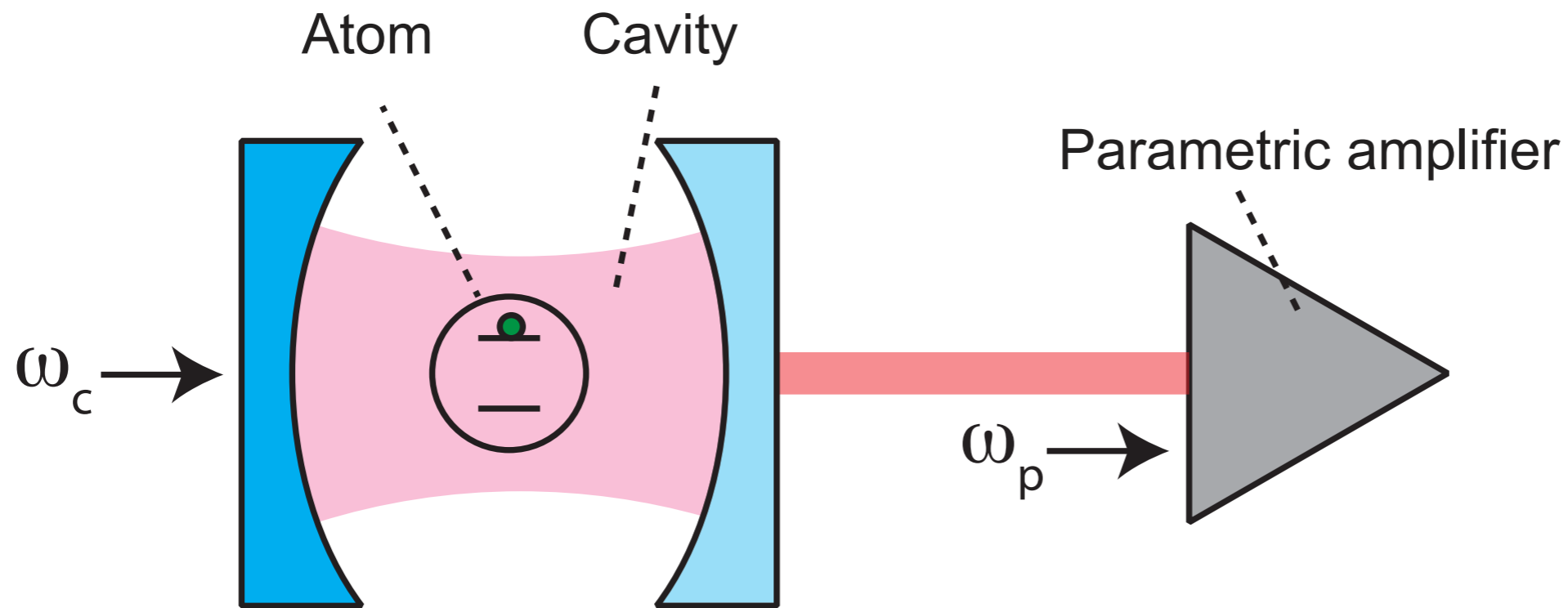
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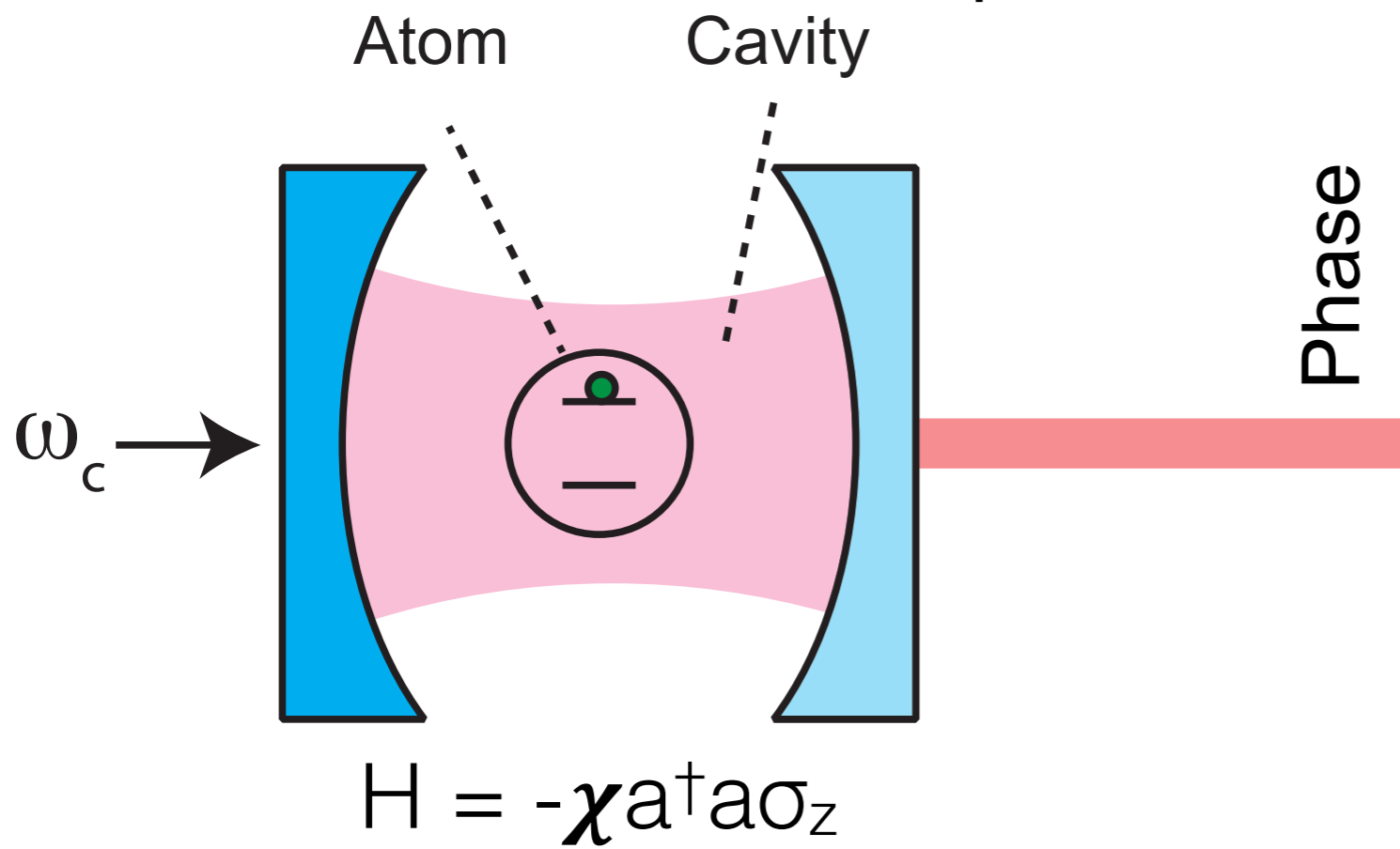
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+ many other groups

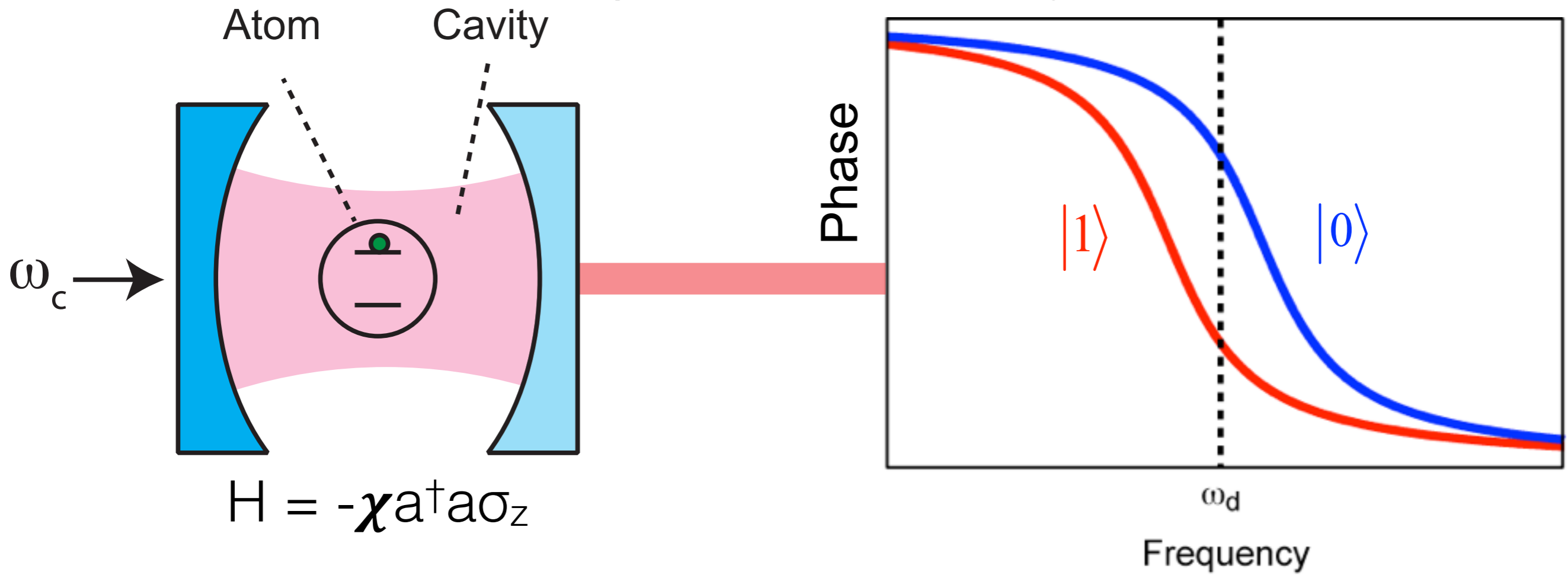
# Dispersive measurement interaction



# State dependent cavity shift

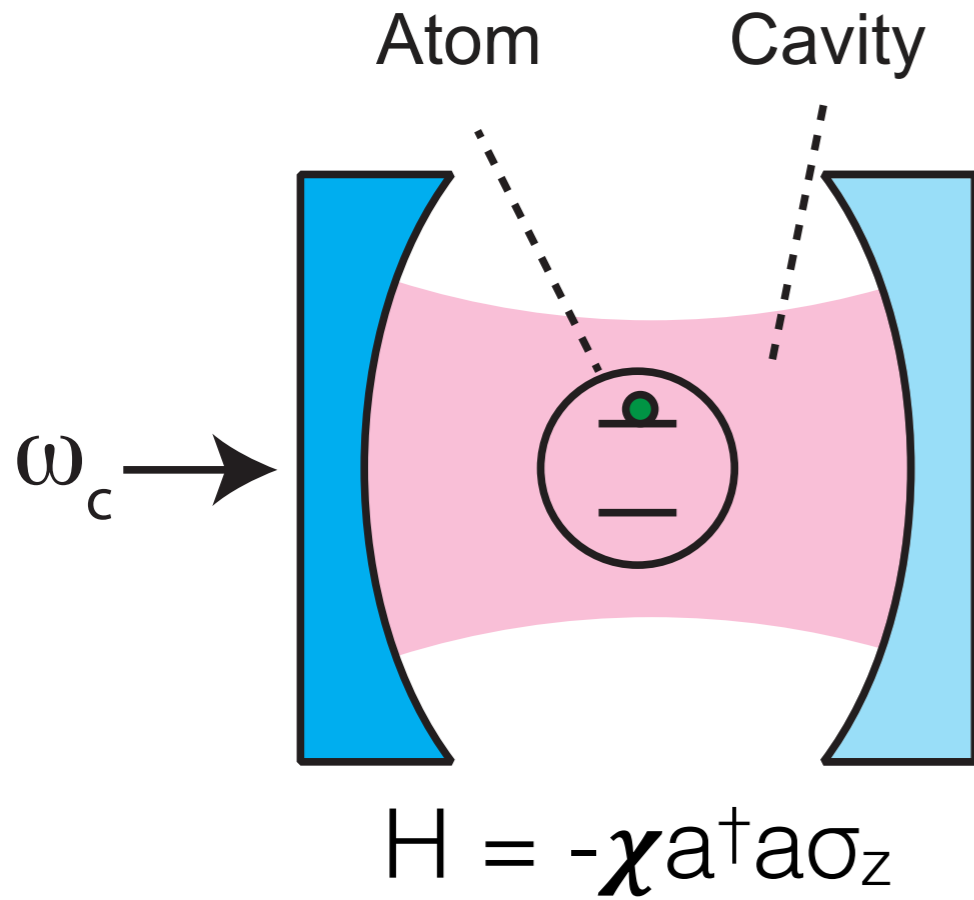


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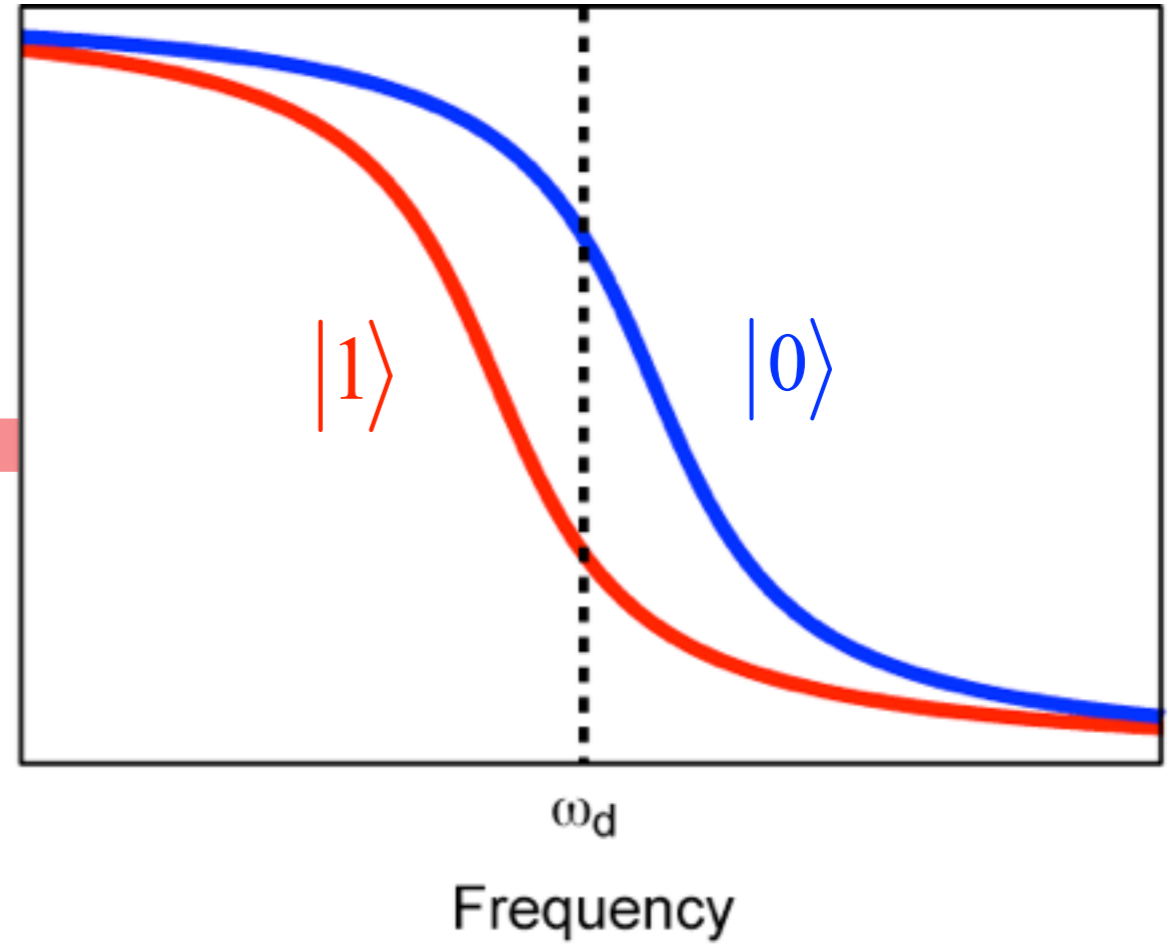




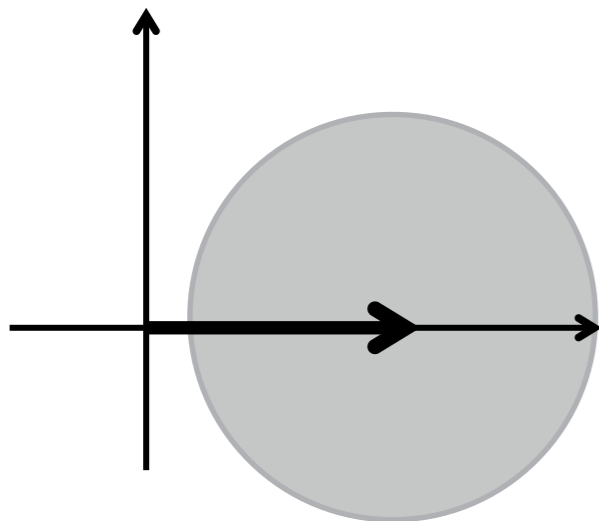
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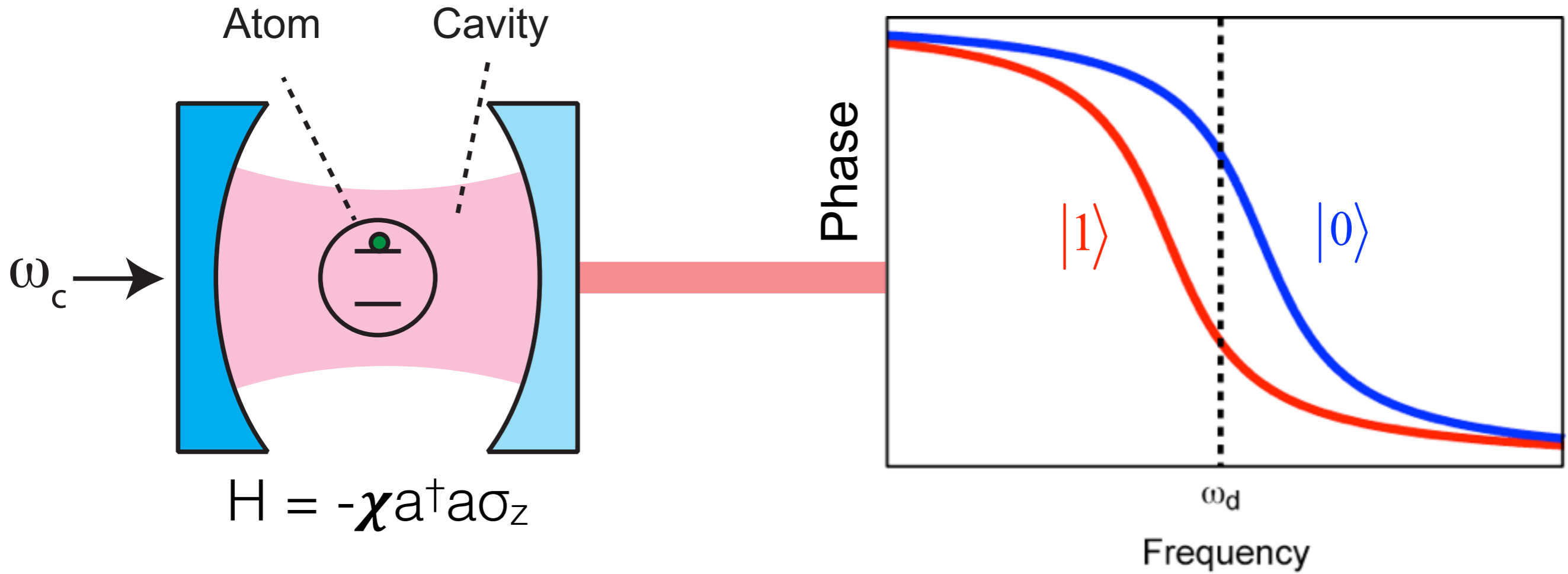
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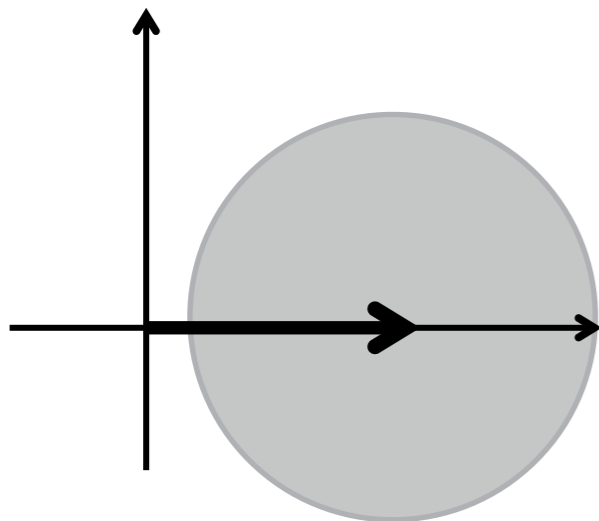
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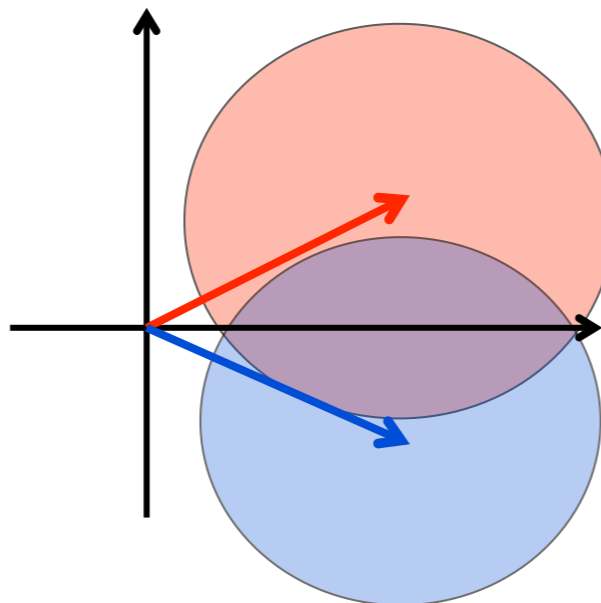
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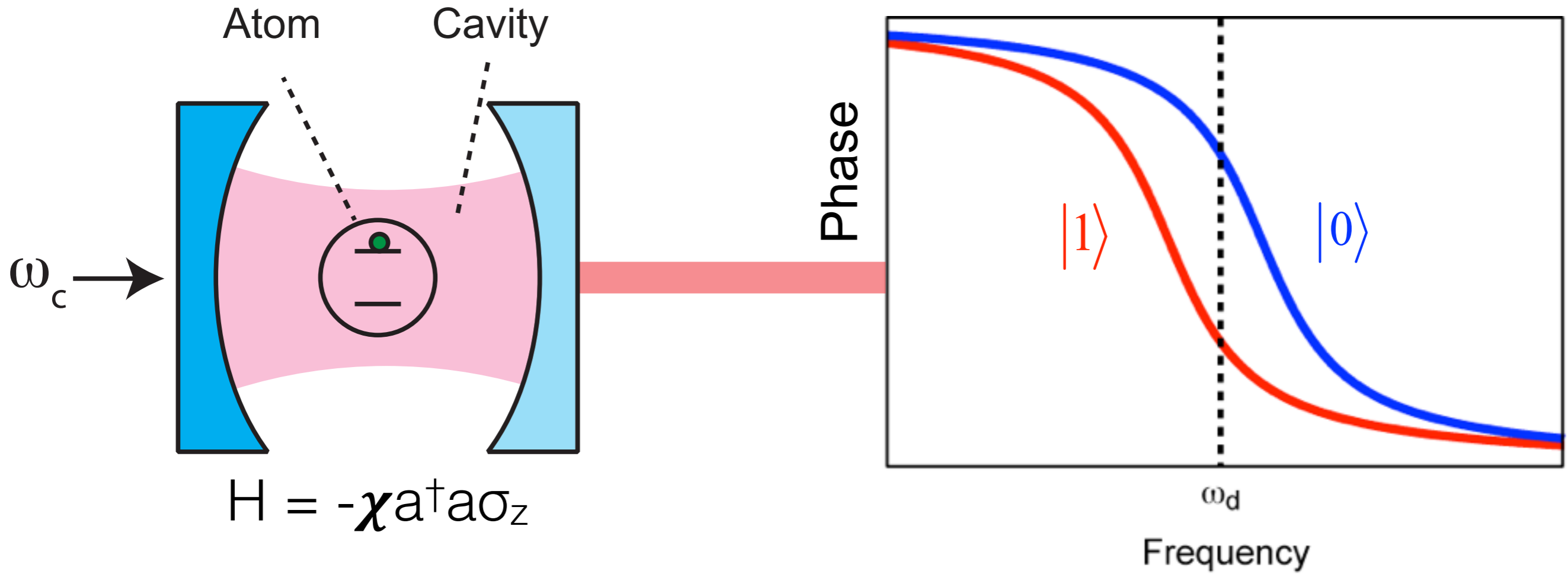
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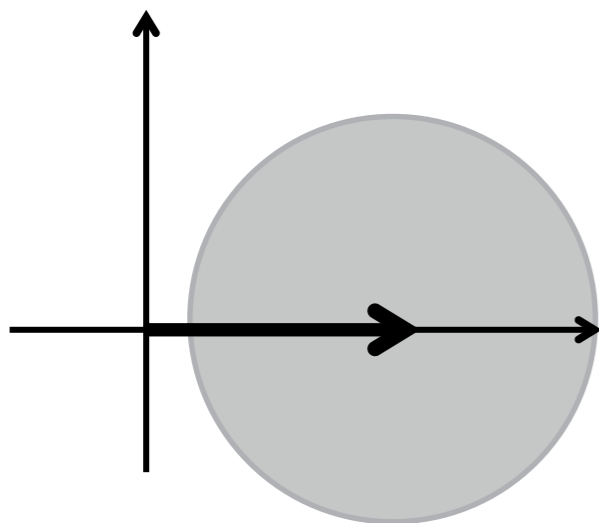
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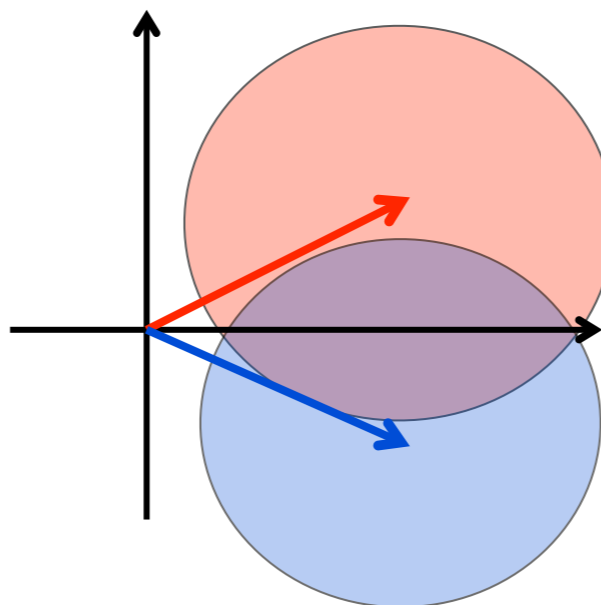
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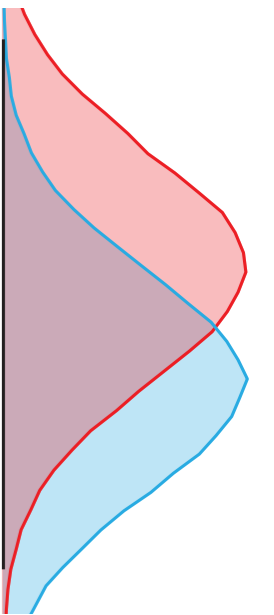
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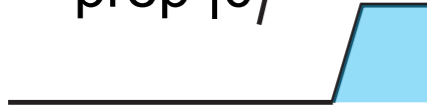


Use amplifier to measure phase

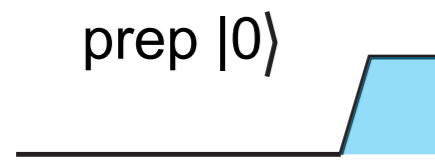


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prep  $|0\rangle$



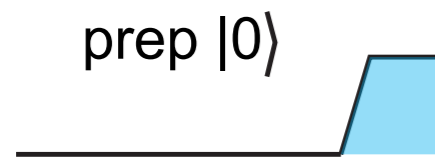
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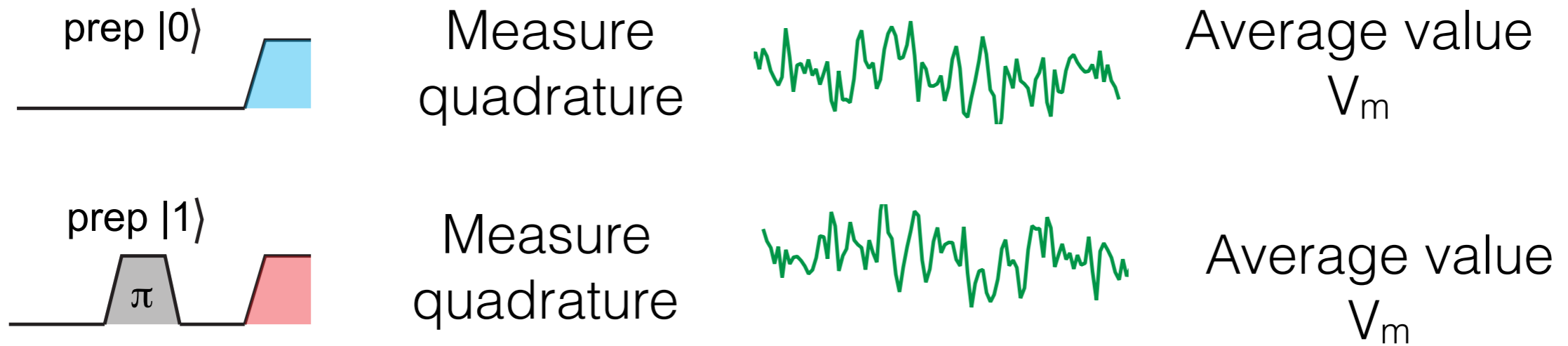


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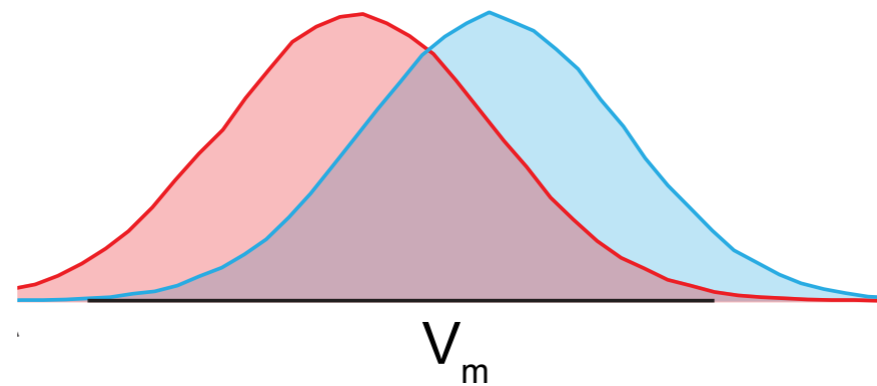
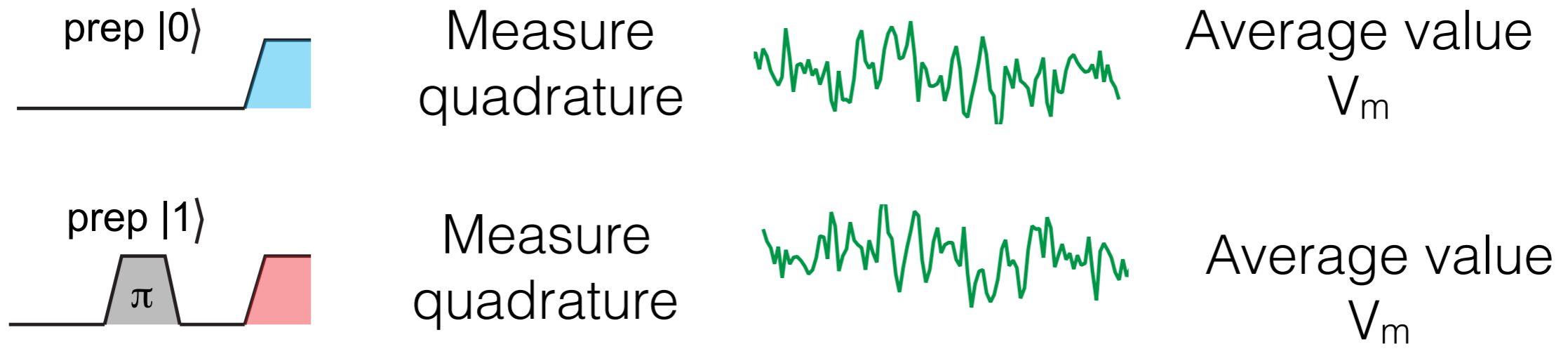


Average value  
 $V_m$

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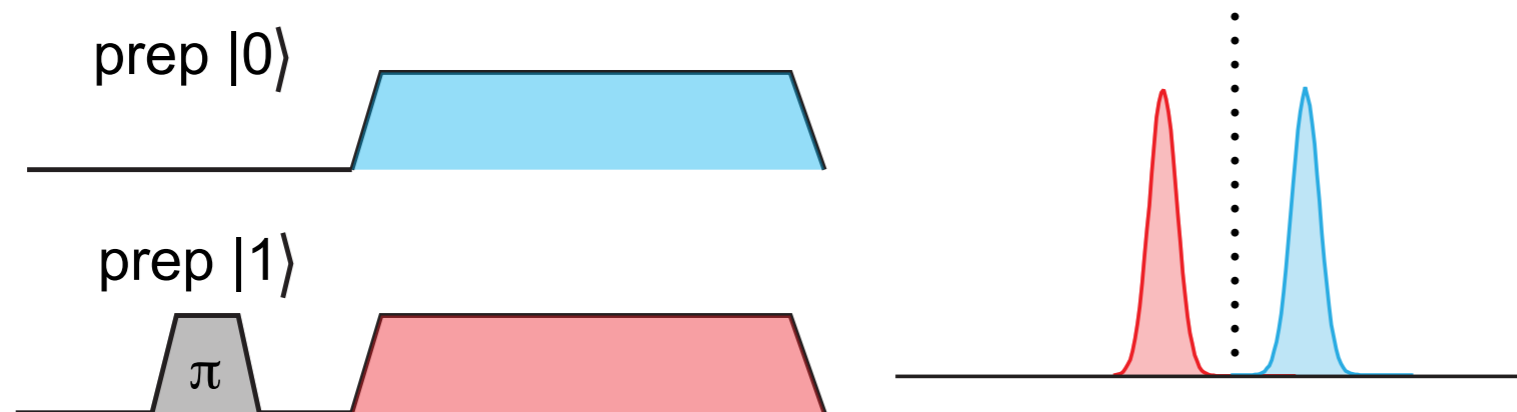
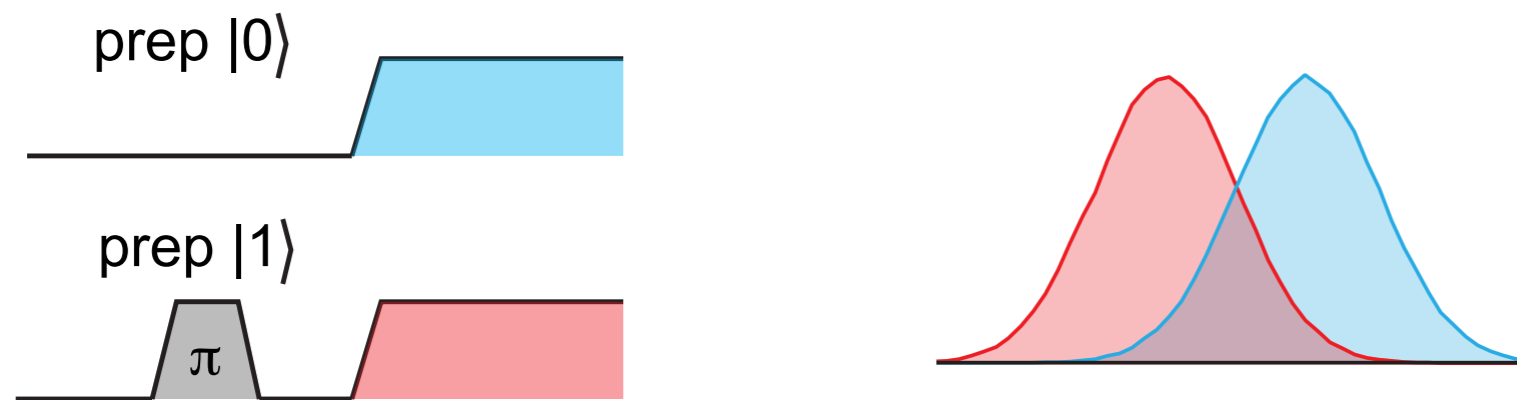
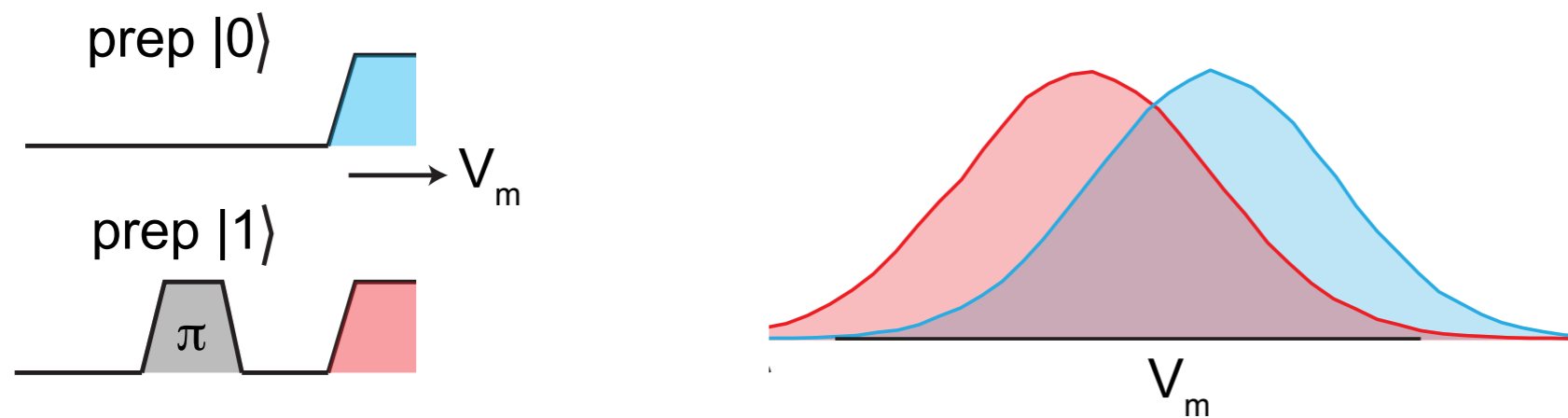


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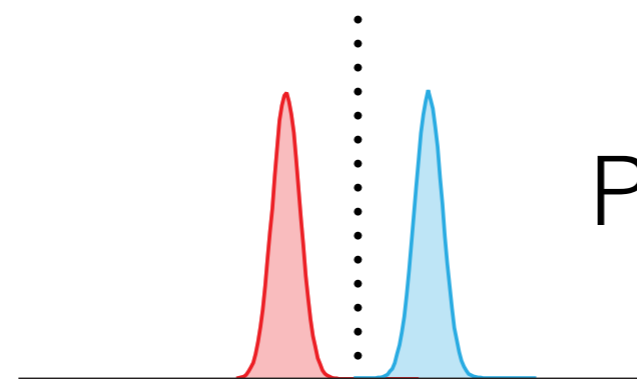
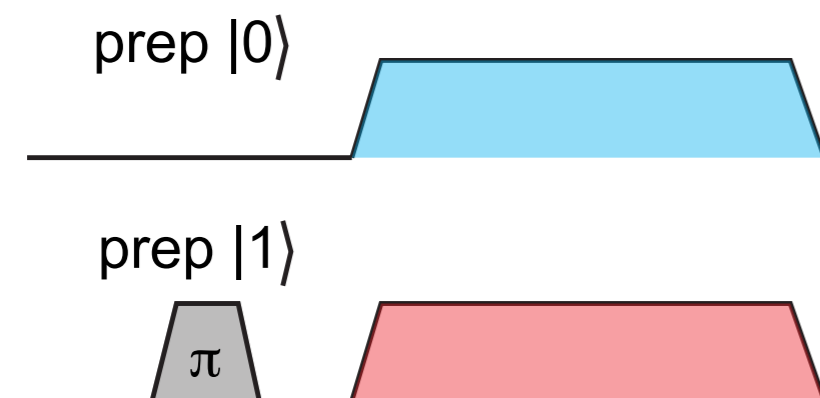
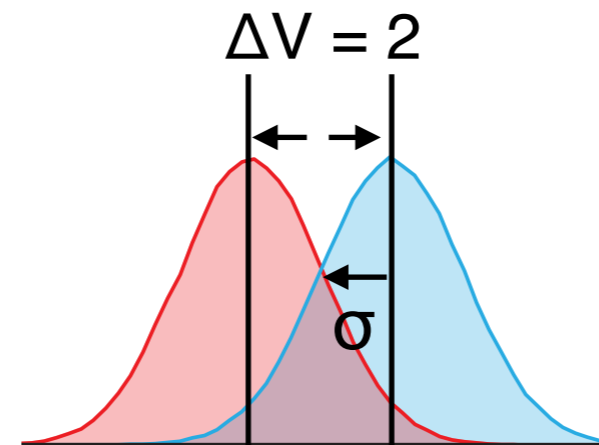
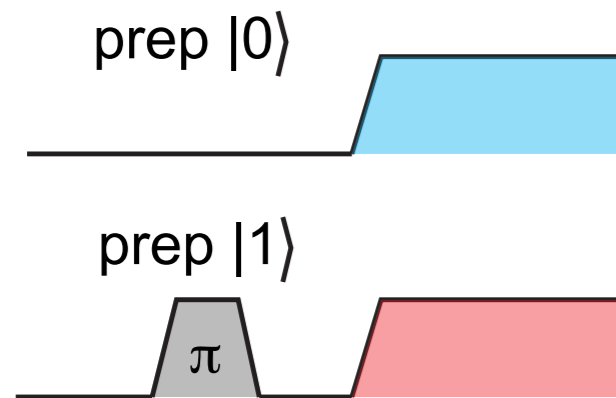
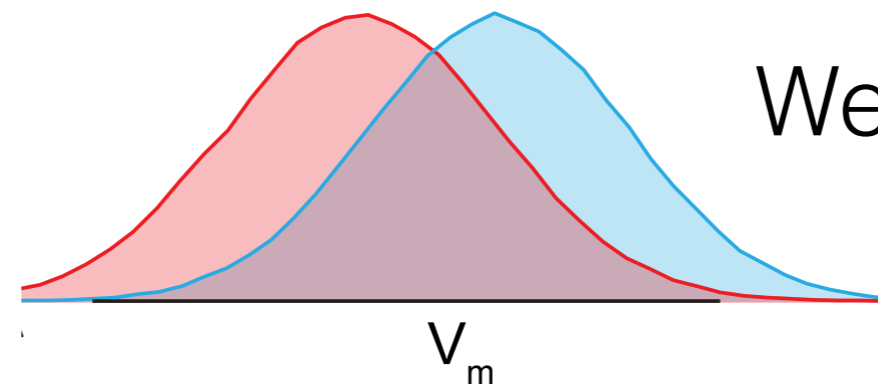
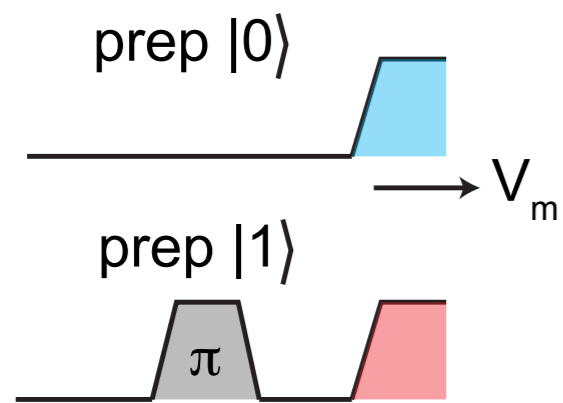




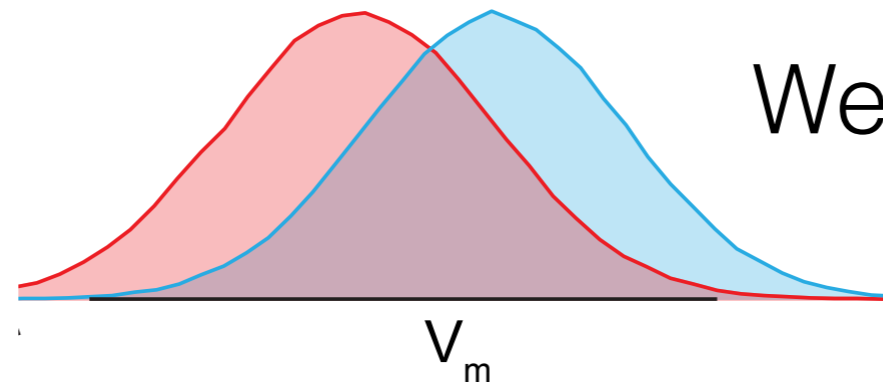
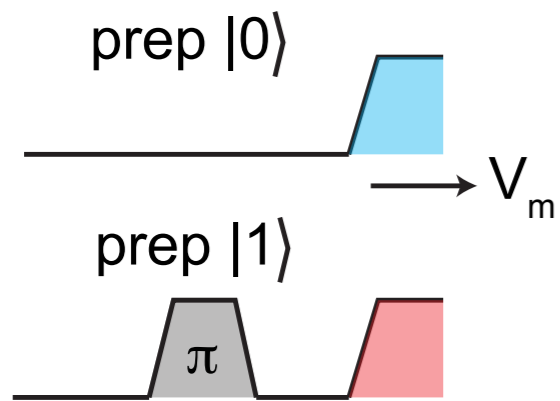
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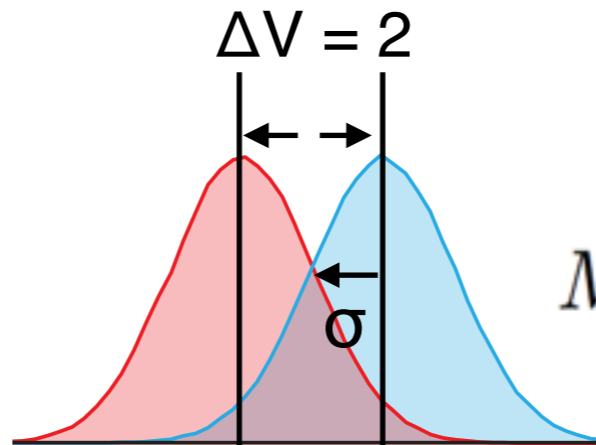
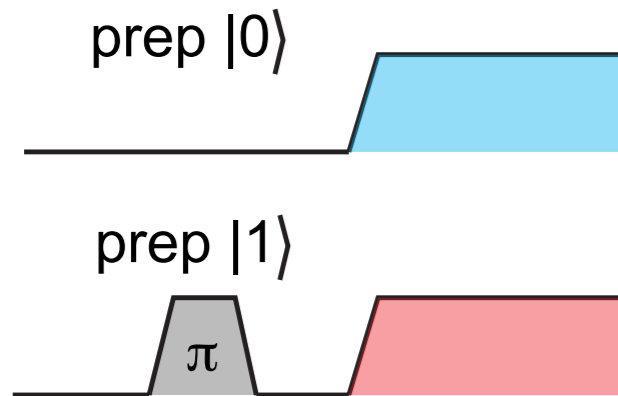
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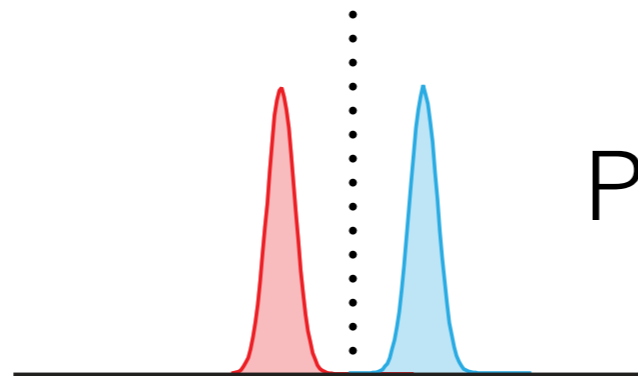
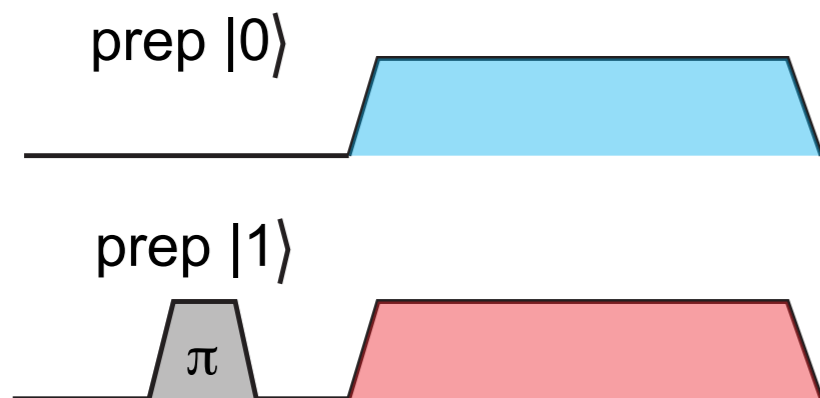


Weak measurement



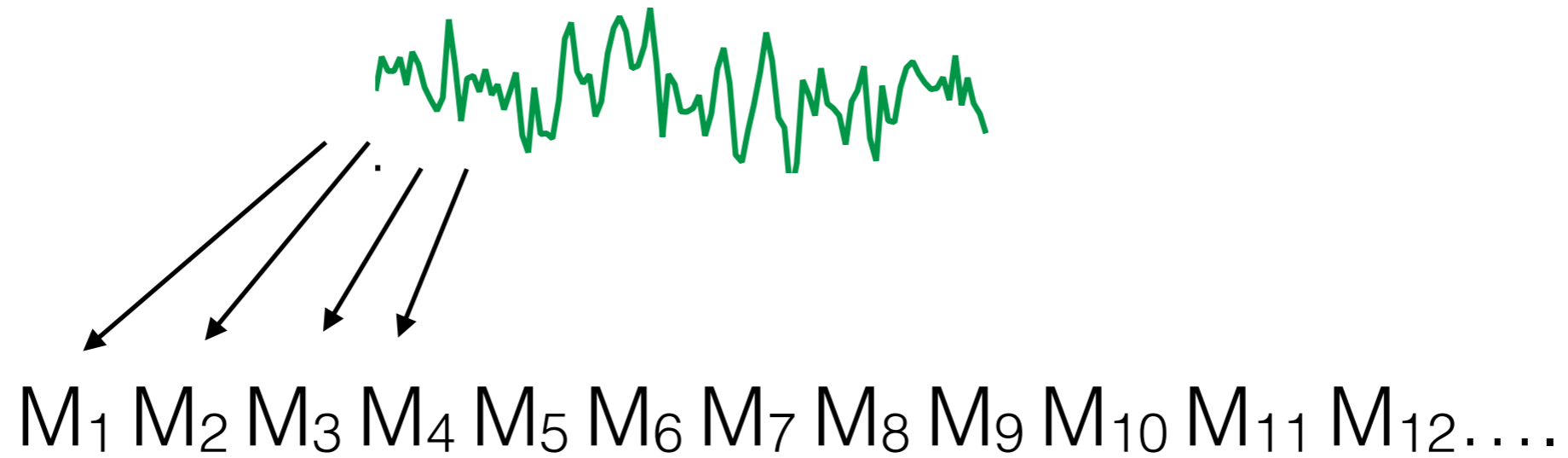
POVM:

$$M_V = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/4} e^{-(V-\sigma_z)^2/4\sigma^2}$$

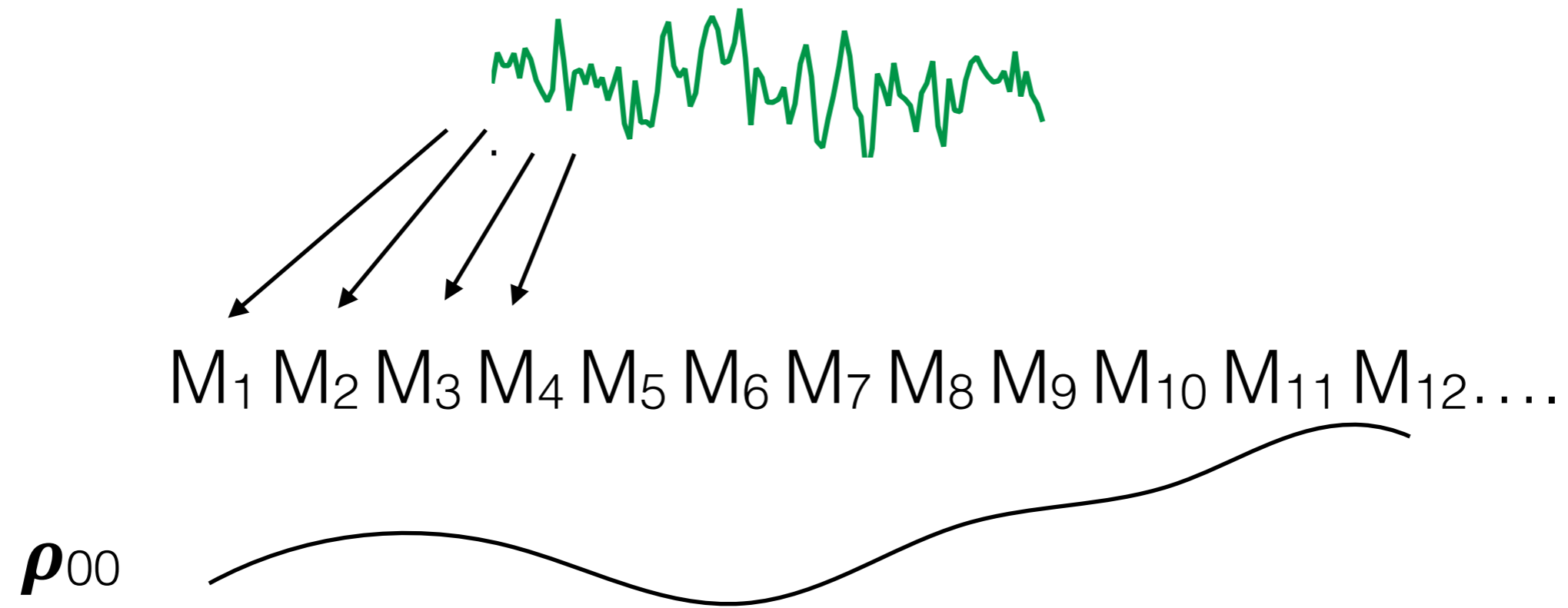


Projective measurement

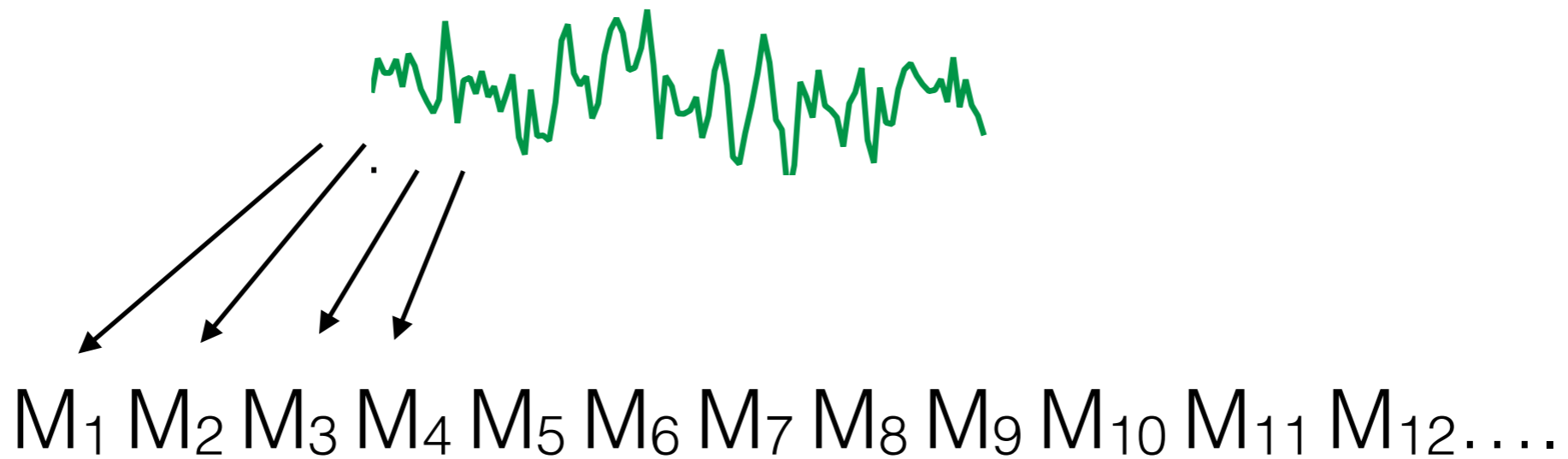
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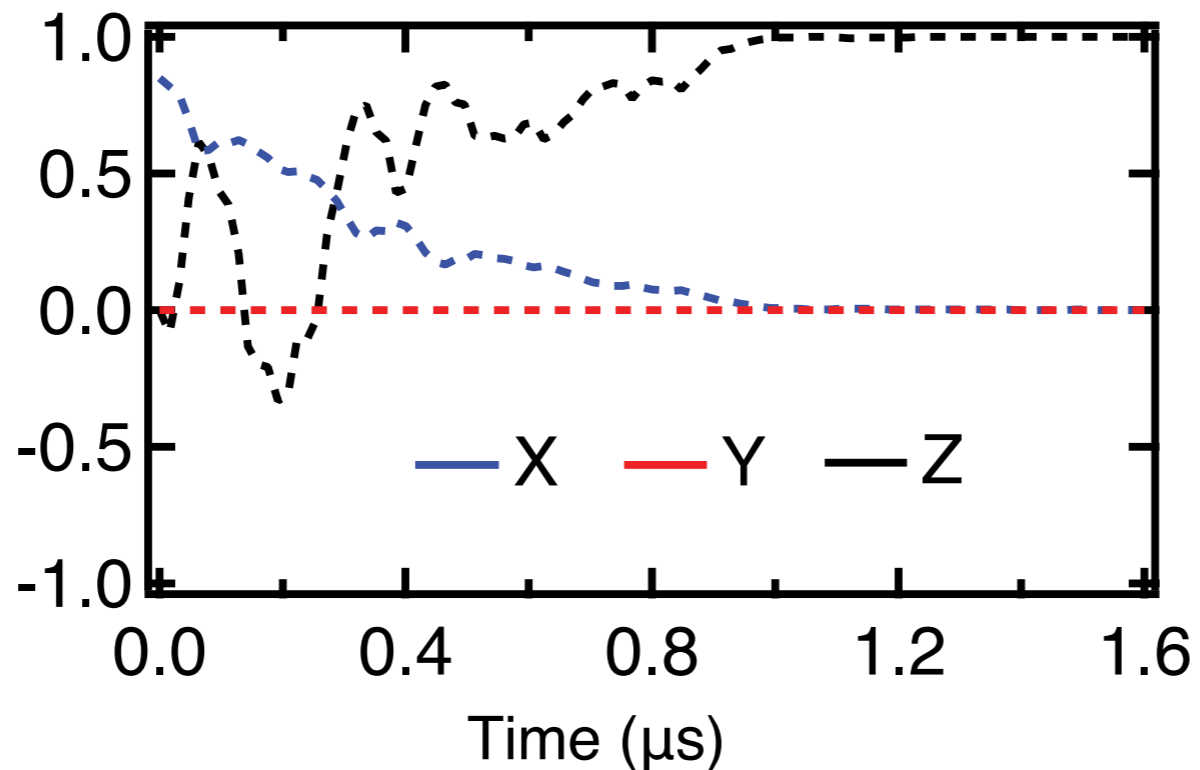
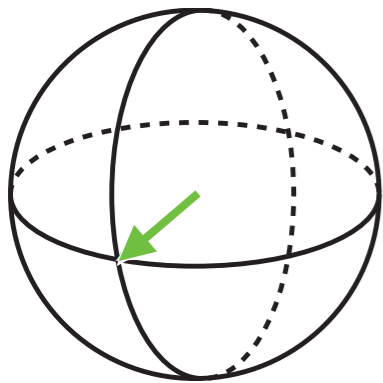
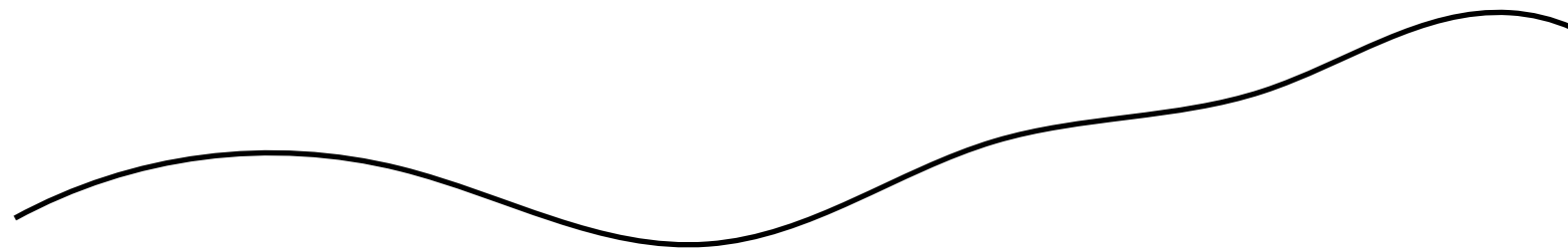
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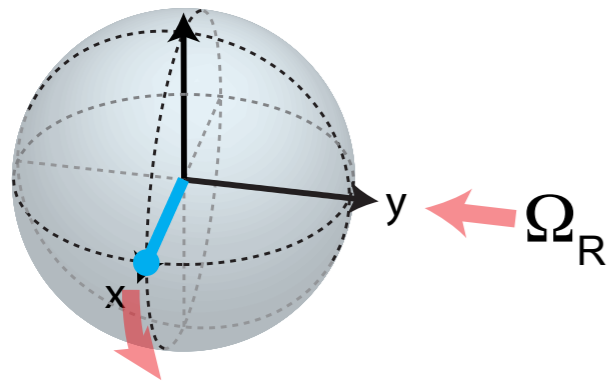
$\rho_{00}$



Single quantum trajectory based on one run of the experiment

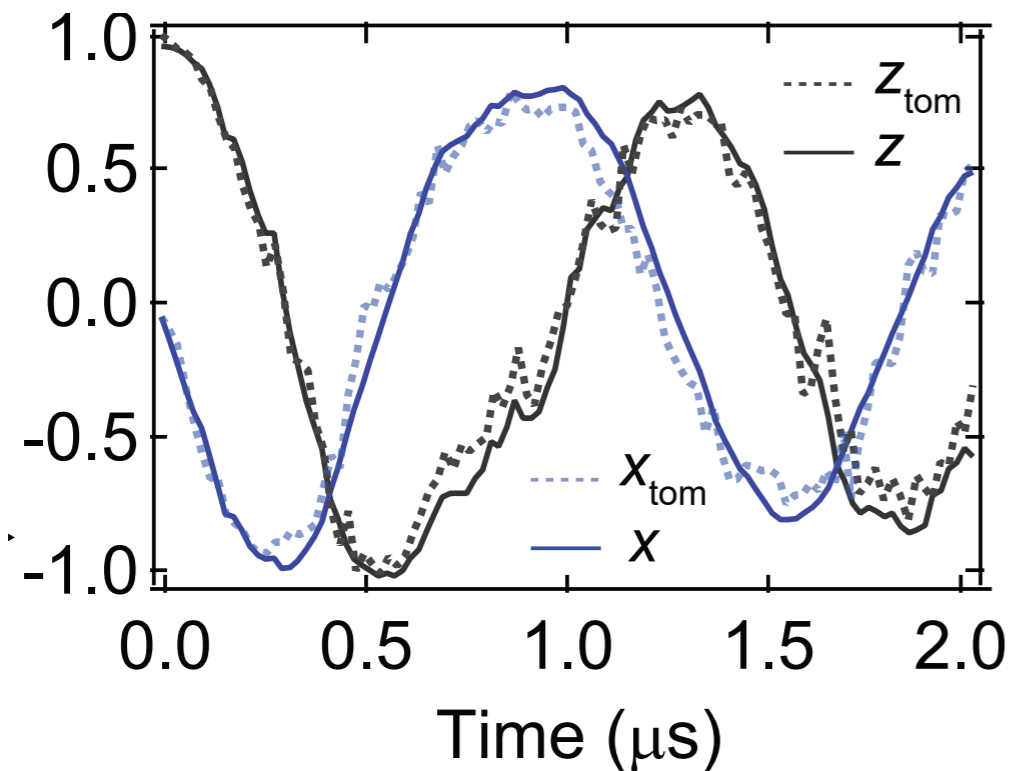
# Drive and measurement

Unitary rotation



Stochastic master equation

$$\dot{\rho} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} [H_R, \rho] + k(\sigma_z \rho \sigma_z - \rho) + 2\eta k(\sigma_z \rho + \rho \sigma_z - 2\text{Tr}(\sigma_z \rho)\rho)r(t)$$



Oscillatory trajectories acquire a coherence from drive.

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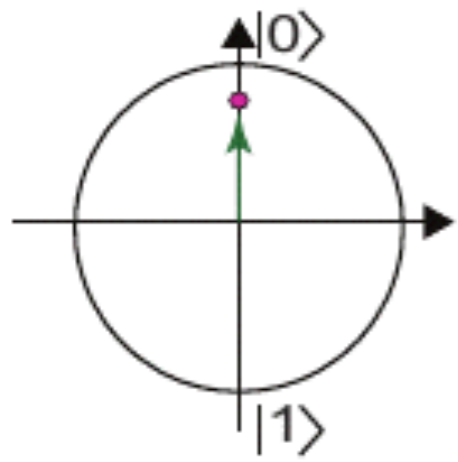


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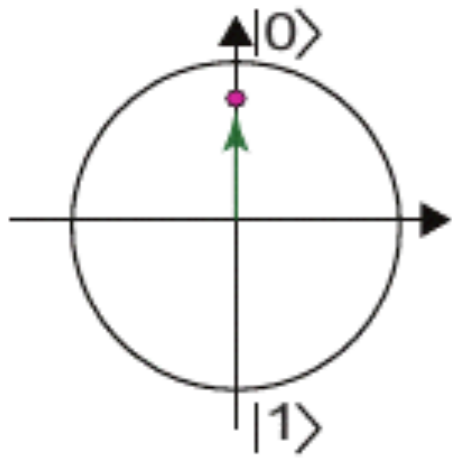
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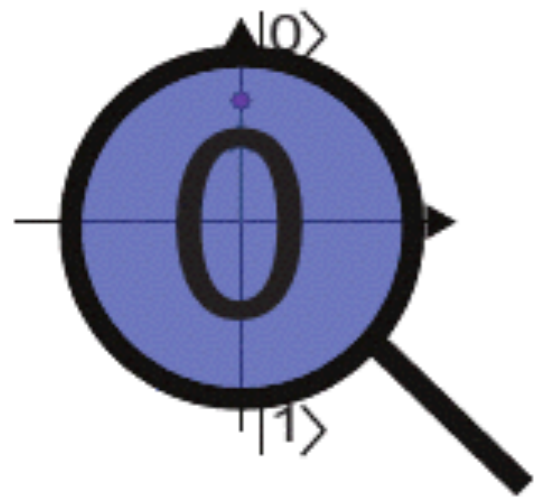
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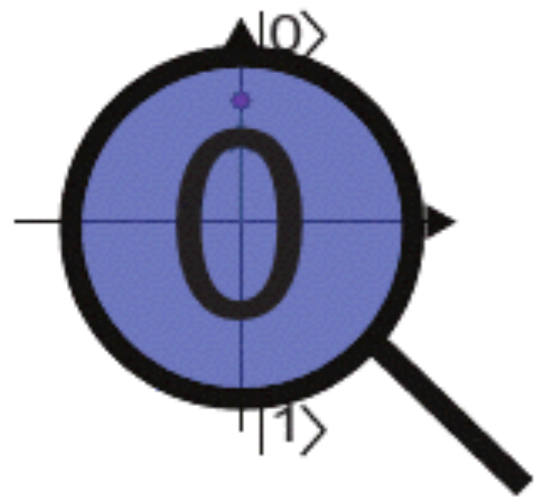
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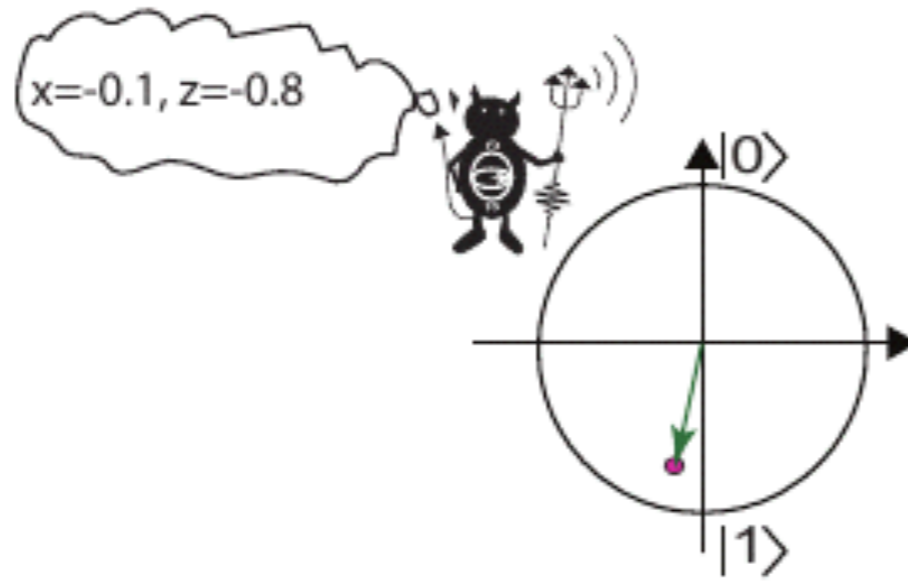


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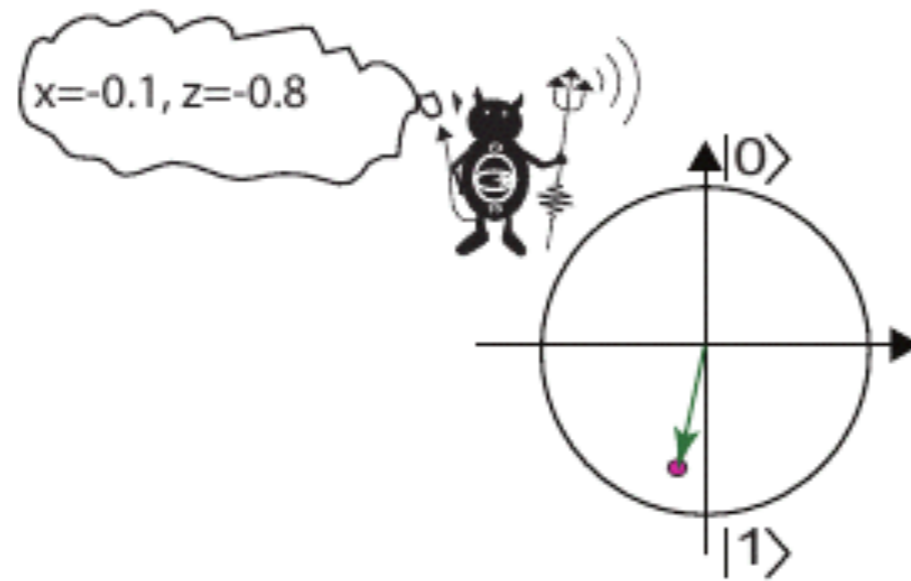
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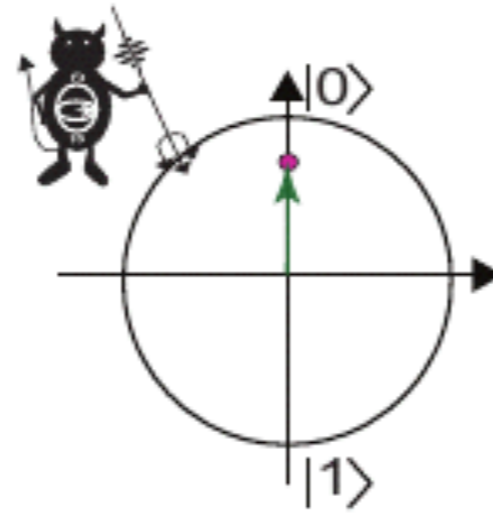
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Step 4: demon extracts work

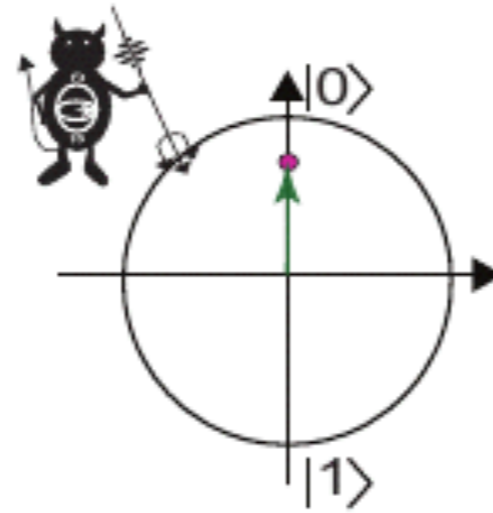


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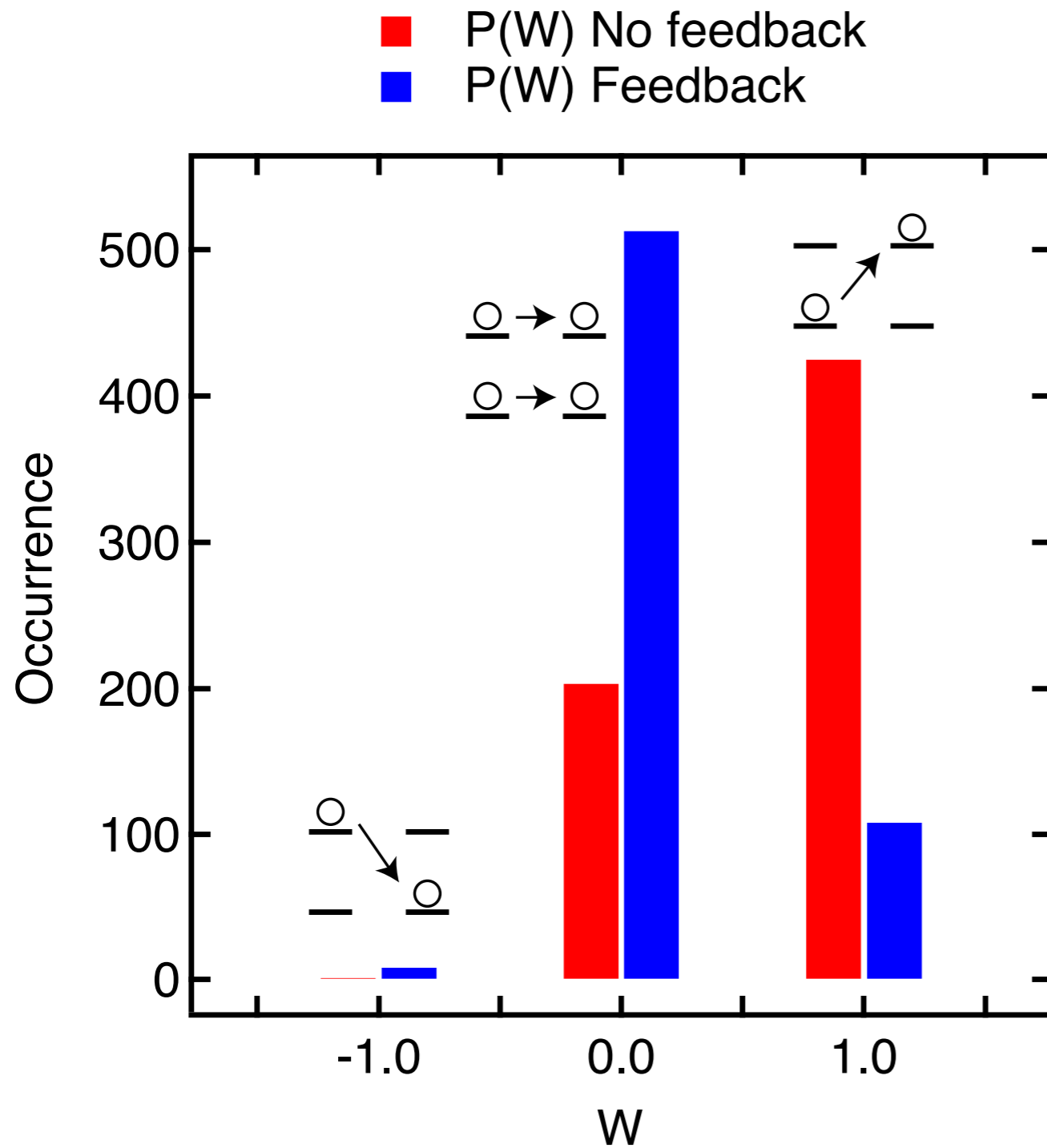
Step 2: first projective measurement (TPM)

Step 3: demon tracks state

Step 4: demon extracts work

Step 5: second projective measurement (TPM)

# “Work” distribution



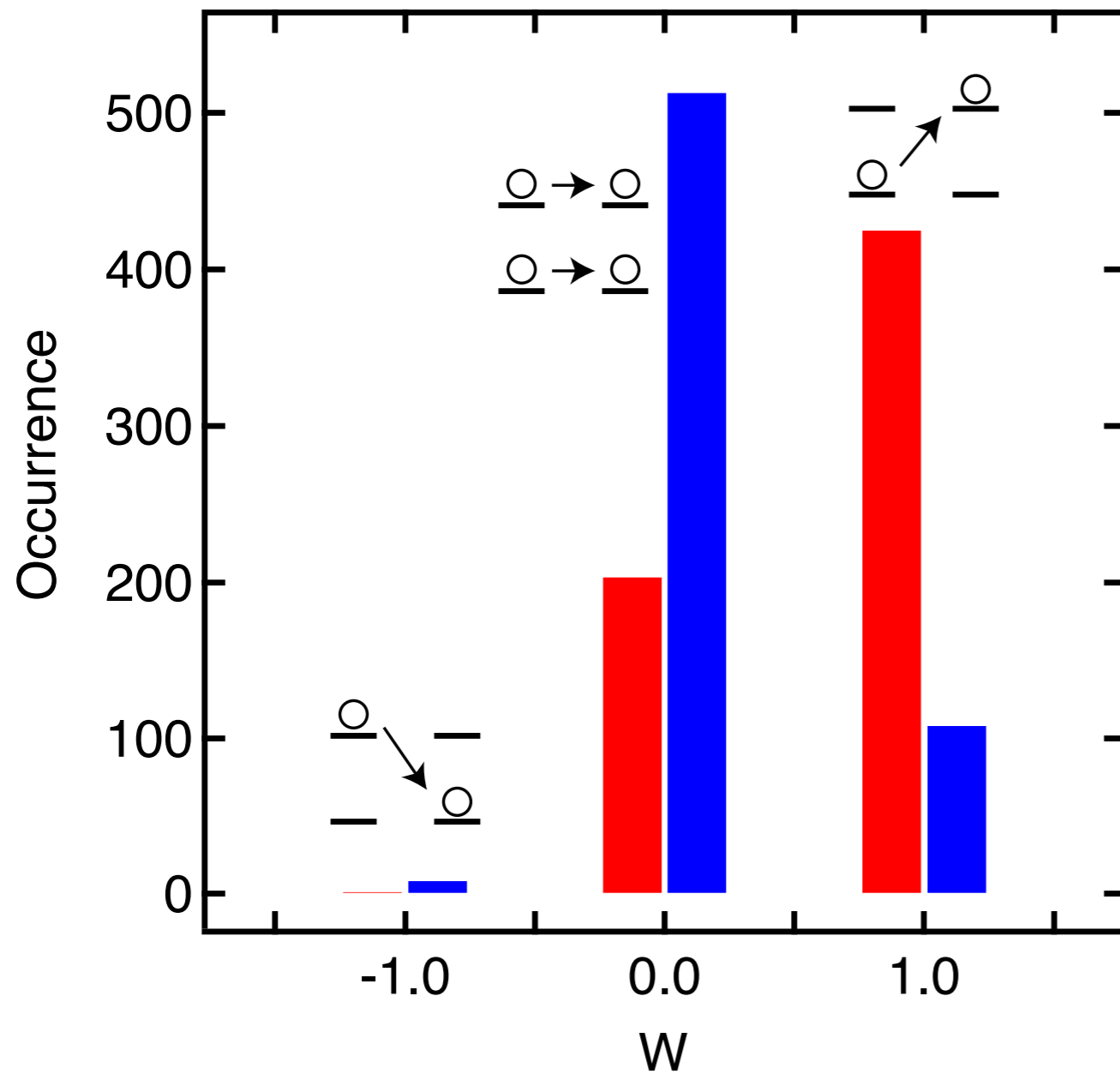
## Includes:

- work due to coherent drive
- quantum heat due to continuous measurement
- work due to feedback rotation
- quantum work due to final projective measurement.

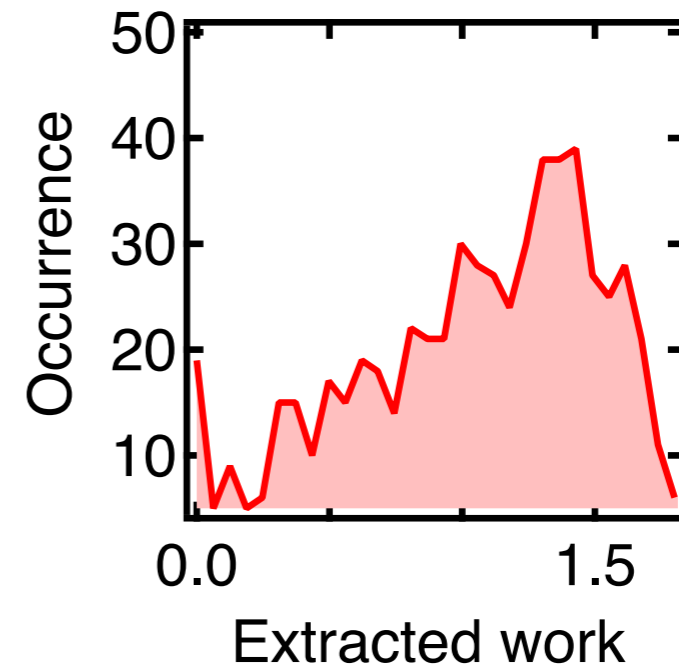
Feedback extracts work compared to no feedback

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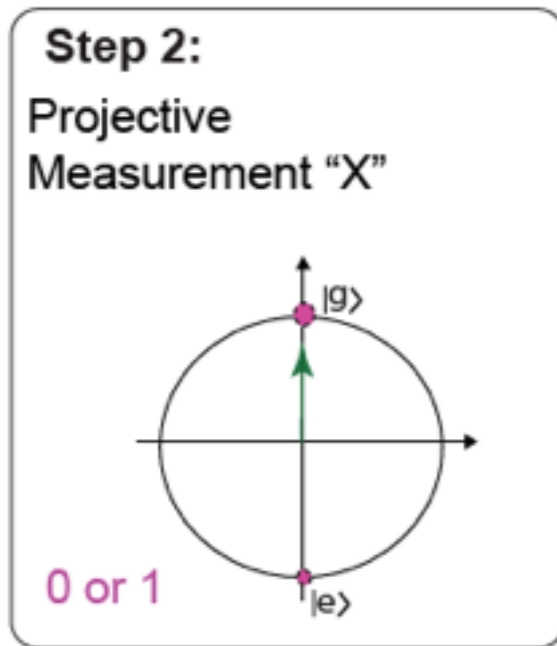
- P(W) No feedback
- P(W) Feedback



Work extracted in feedback step



# Demon violates 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

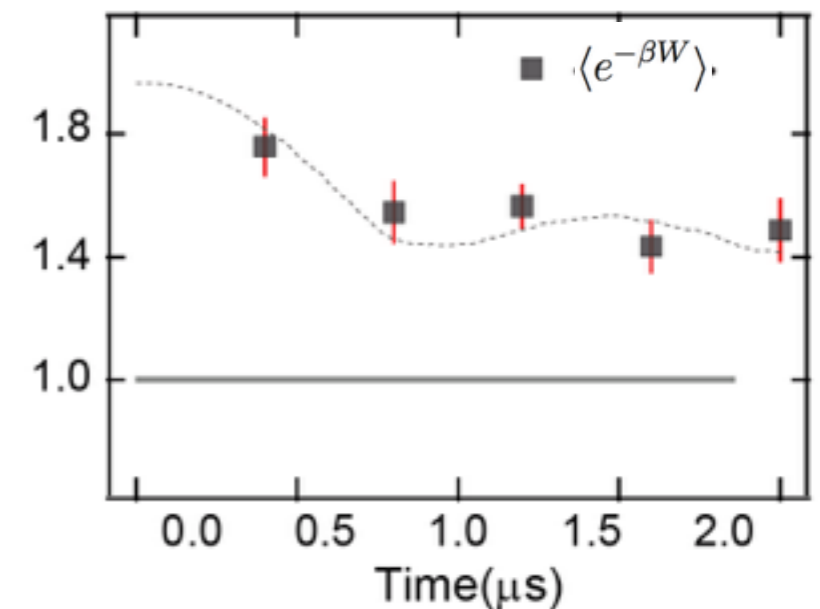
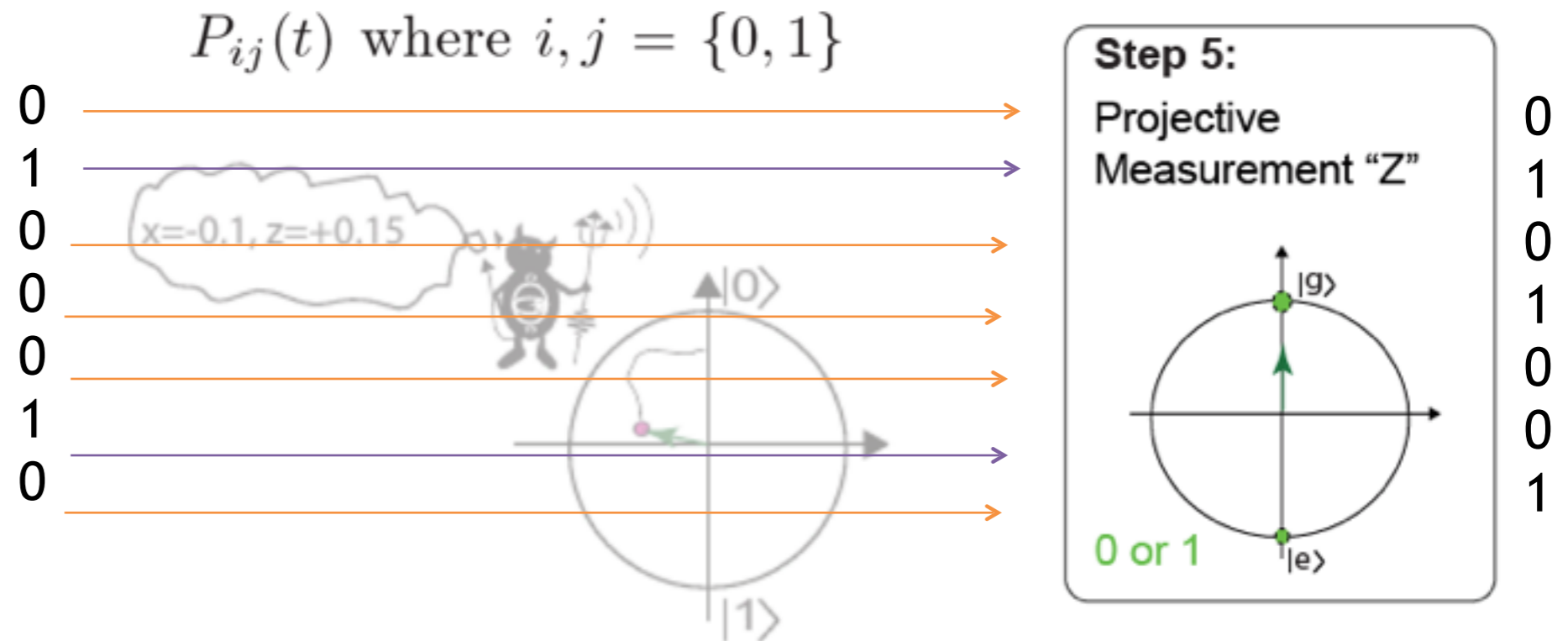


$$P_0(0) = 1/(1+e^{-\beta})$$

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Jarzynski equality:

$$\langle e^{-\beta W} \rangle = e^{-\beta \Delta F} = 1$$



# Generalized Jarzynski Equality

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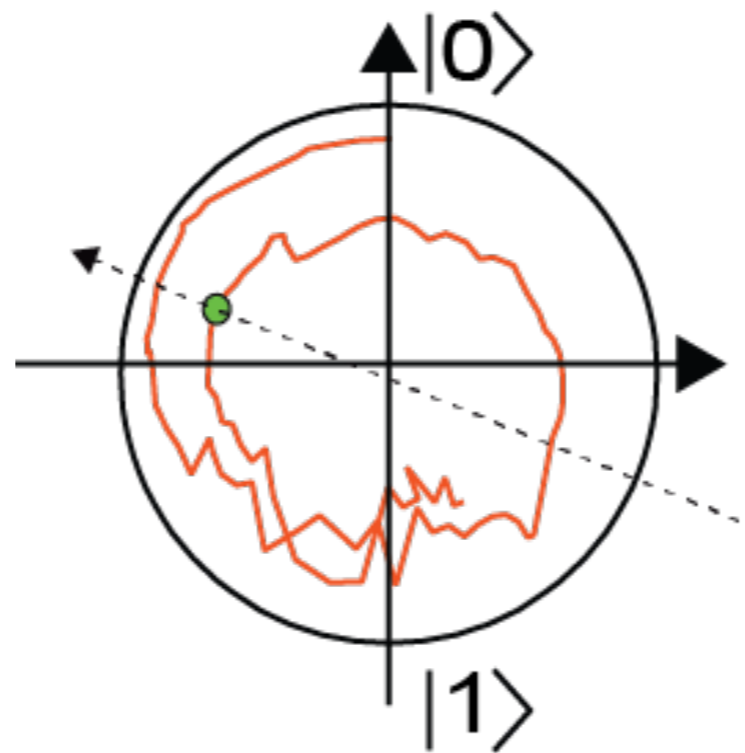
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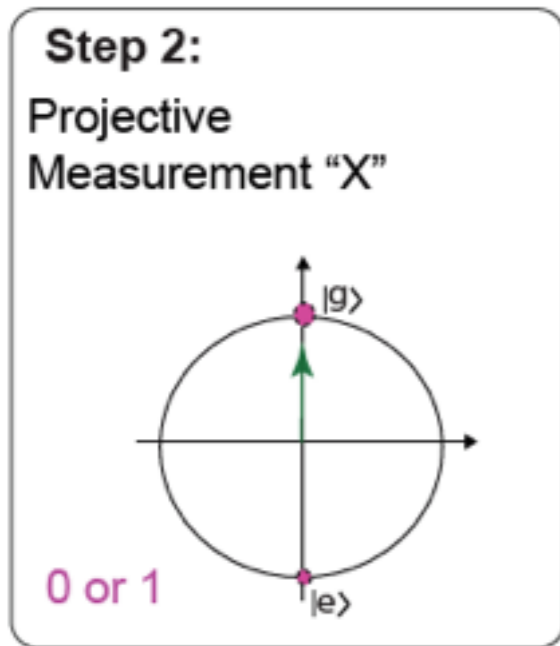
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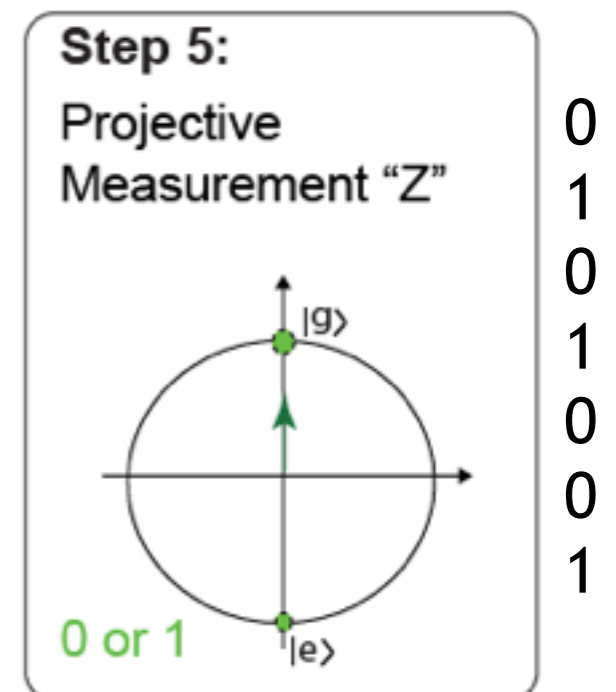
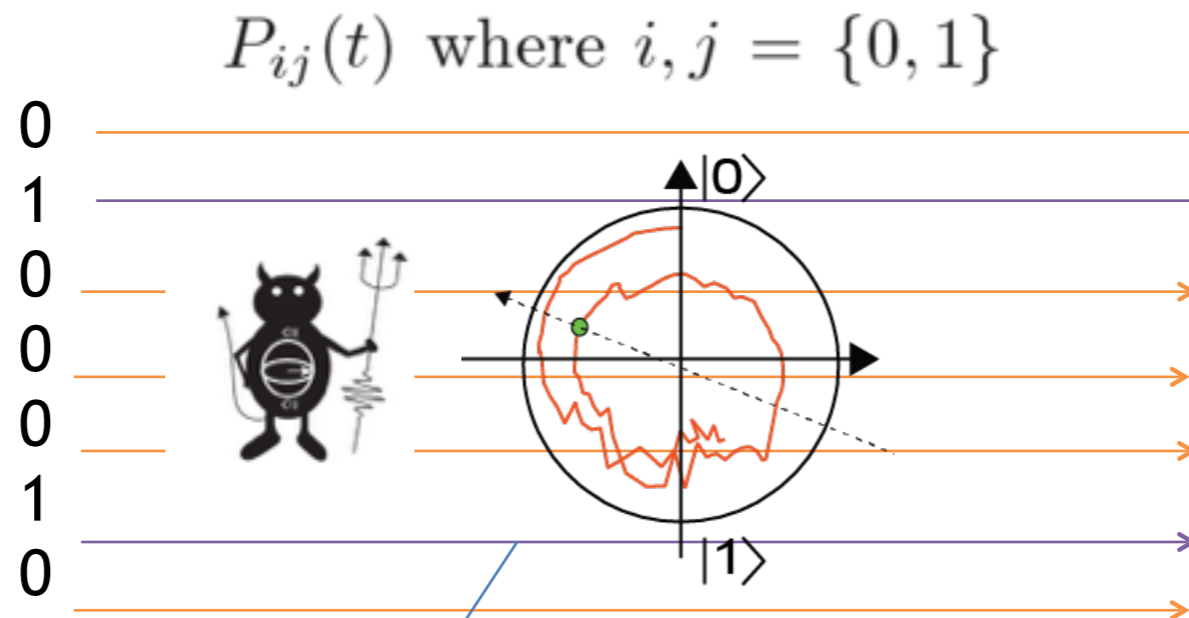


# Demon's information saves 2nd Law



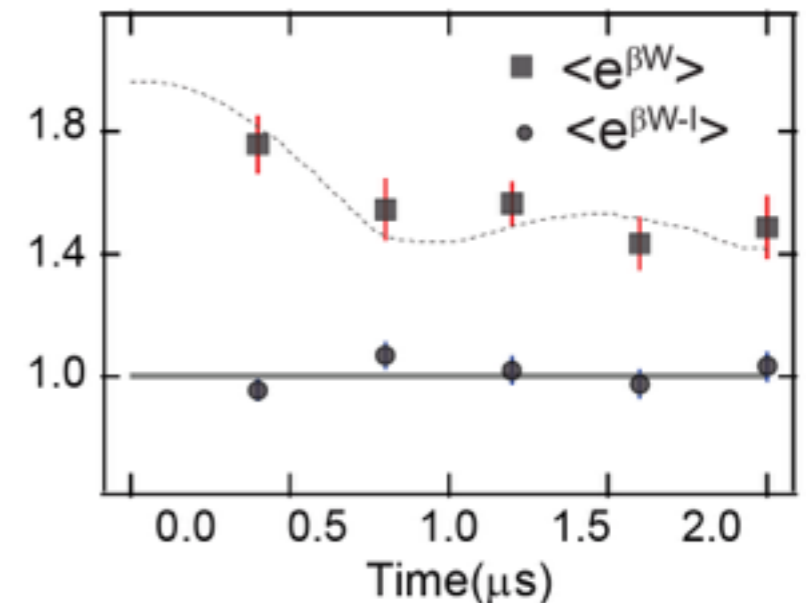
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$$\langle e^{-\beta W - I} \rangle = P_0(0)P_{00}(\tau)e^{-I_{00}} + P_1(0)P_{11}(\tau)e^{-I_{11}} + P_0(0)P_{10}(\tau)e^{+\beta - I_{10}} + P_1(0)P_{01}(\tau)e^{-\beta - I_{01}}$$



# Information dynamics along a single trajectory

Information exchange

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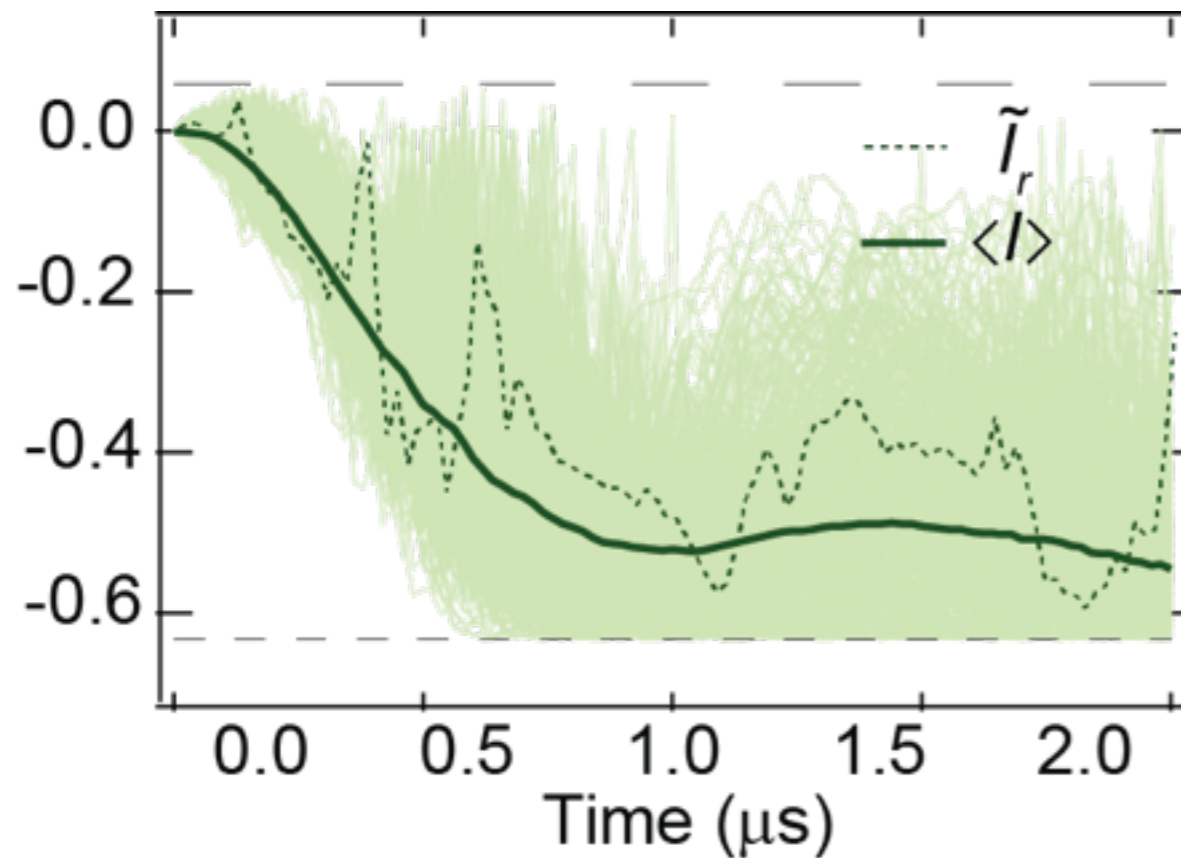
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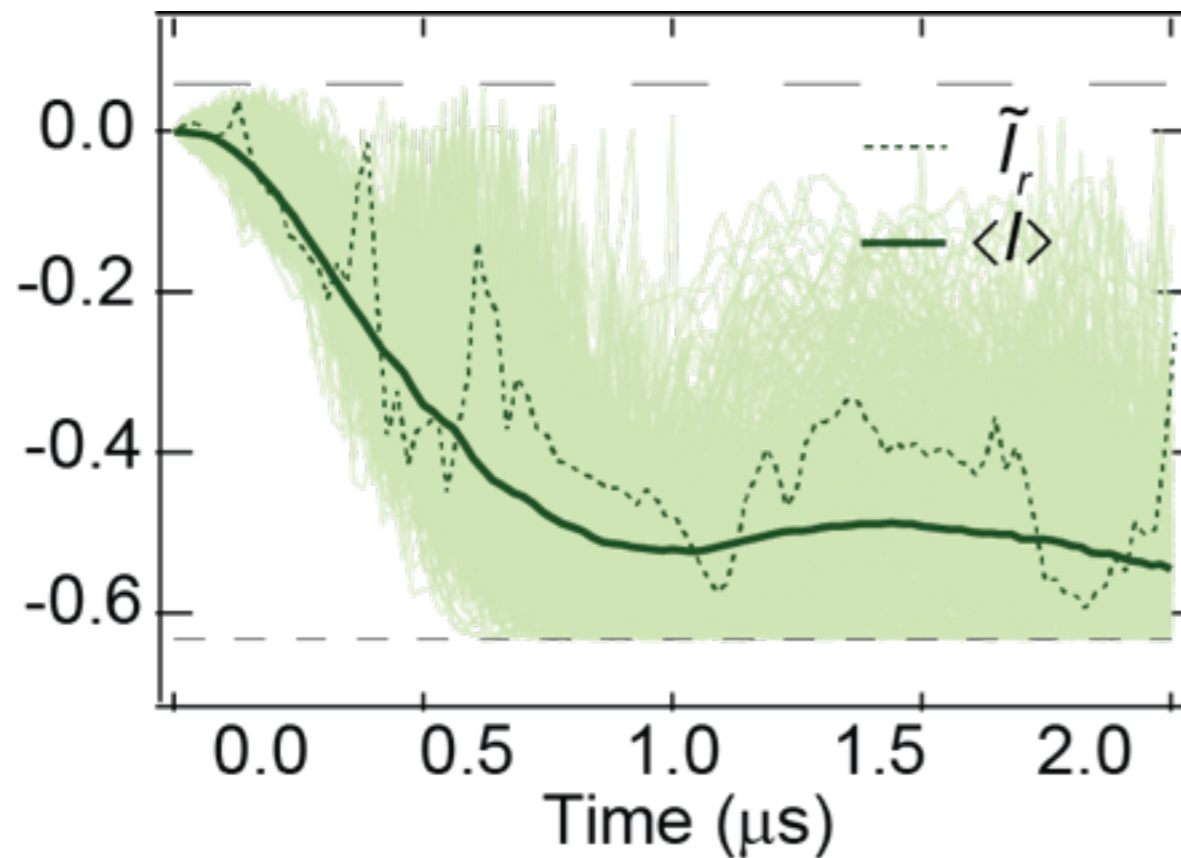


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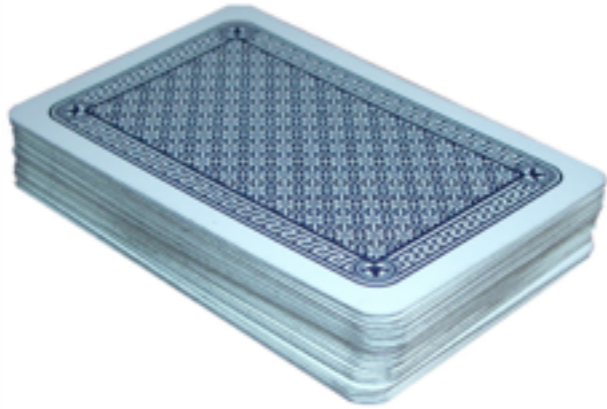
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Classical mutual information is always positive

# Information gain and loss

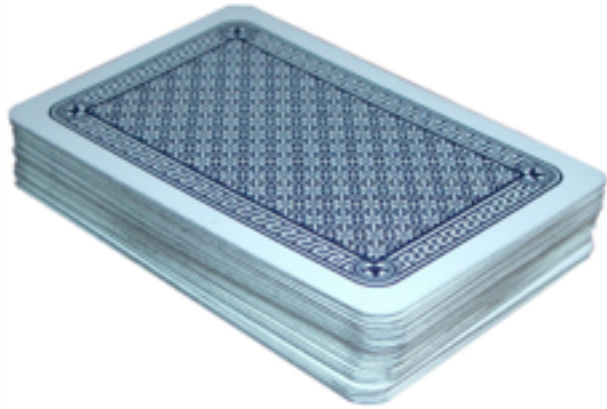
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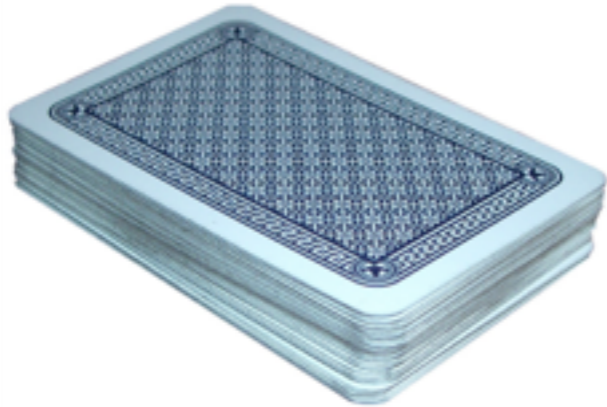


Look at the top card

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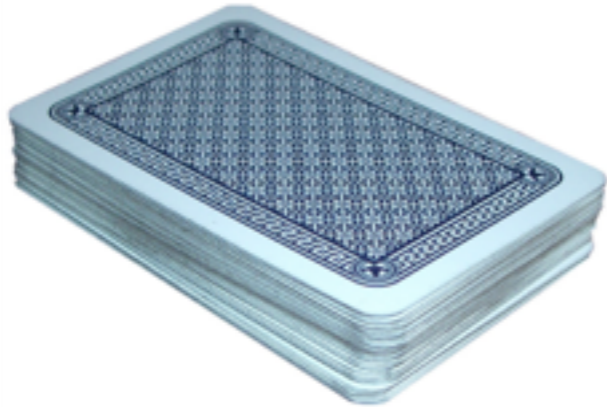
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Someone else looks at a card...  
(it doesn't matter)

# Information gain and loss



Classical case (stacked deck):

$$P(\text{bottom card} = 2\clubsuit) = 1$$



Look at the top card

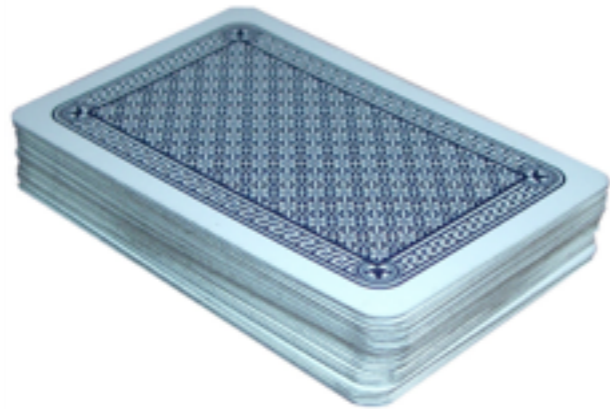
$$P(\text{bottom card} = 2\clubsuit) = 1$$



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# Information gain and loss



Quantum case (stacked deck):

Bottom card =

$$(1/\sqrt{52}) (2\clubsuit + 3\clubsuit + 4\clubsuit + \dots)$$



Someone else looks at the card...

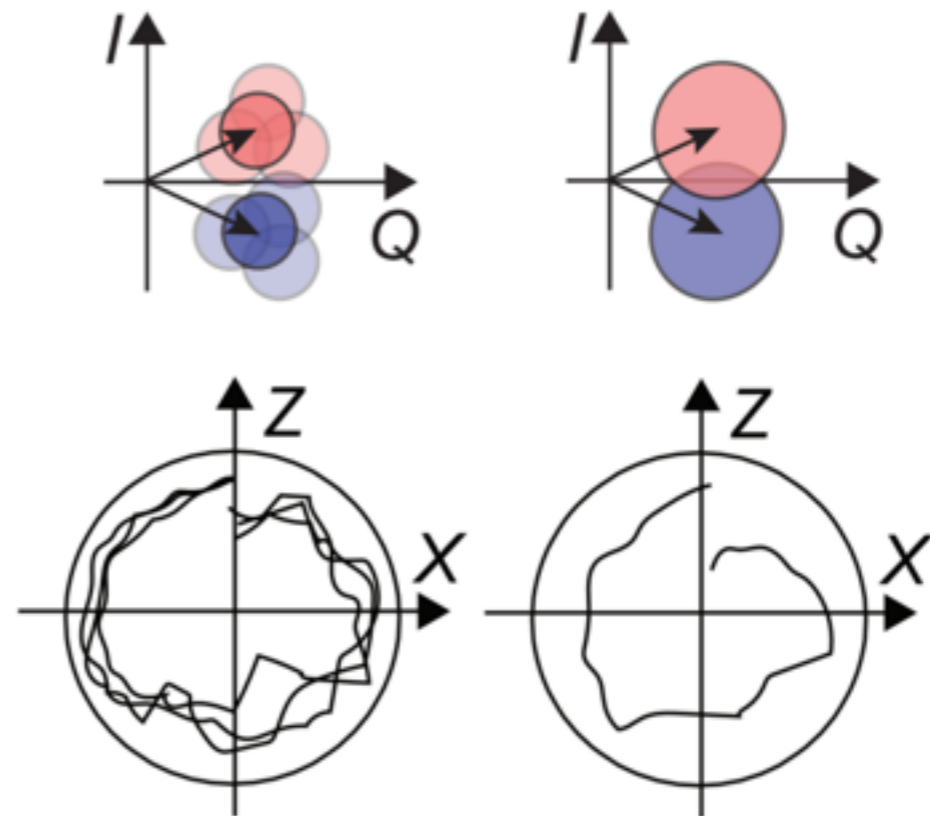
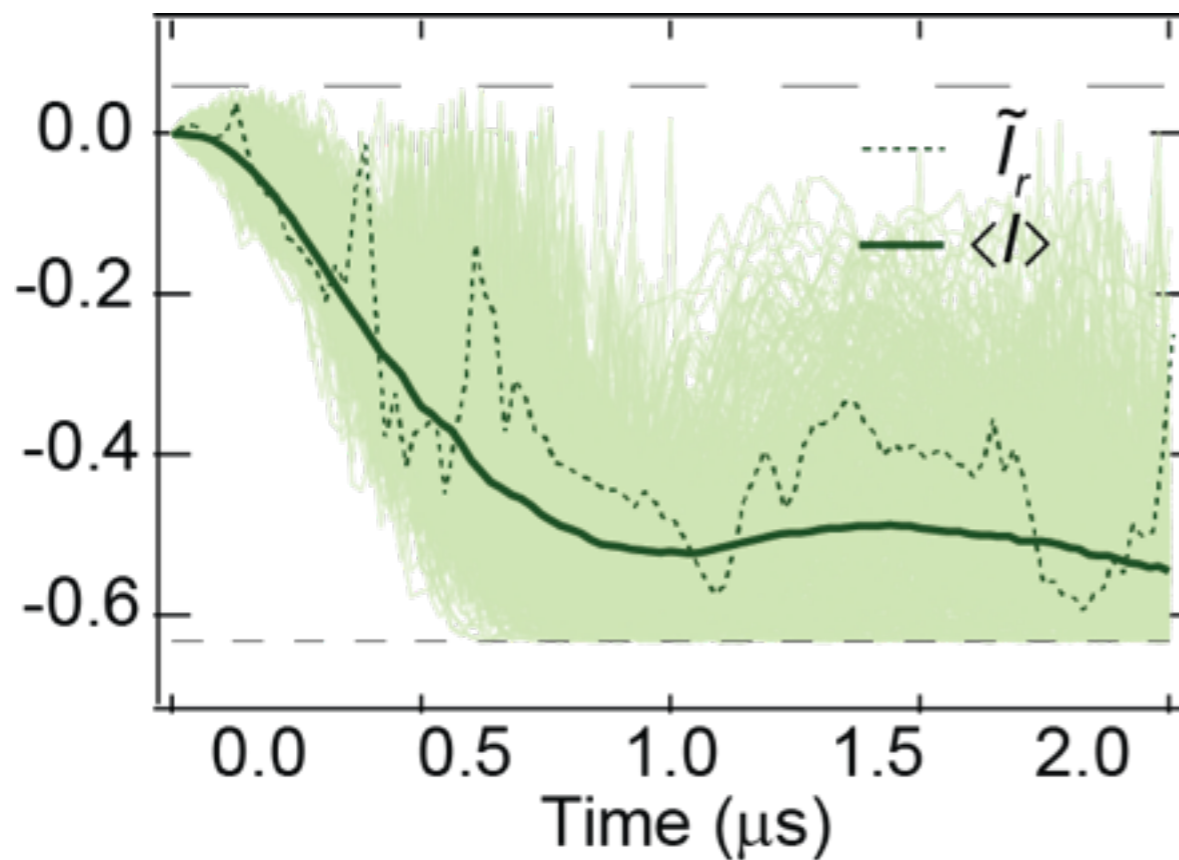
It changes the bottom card!

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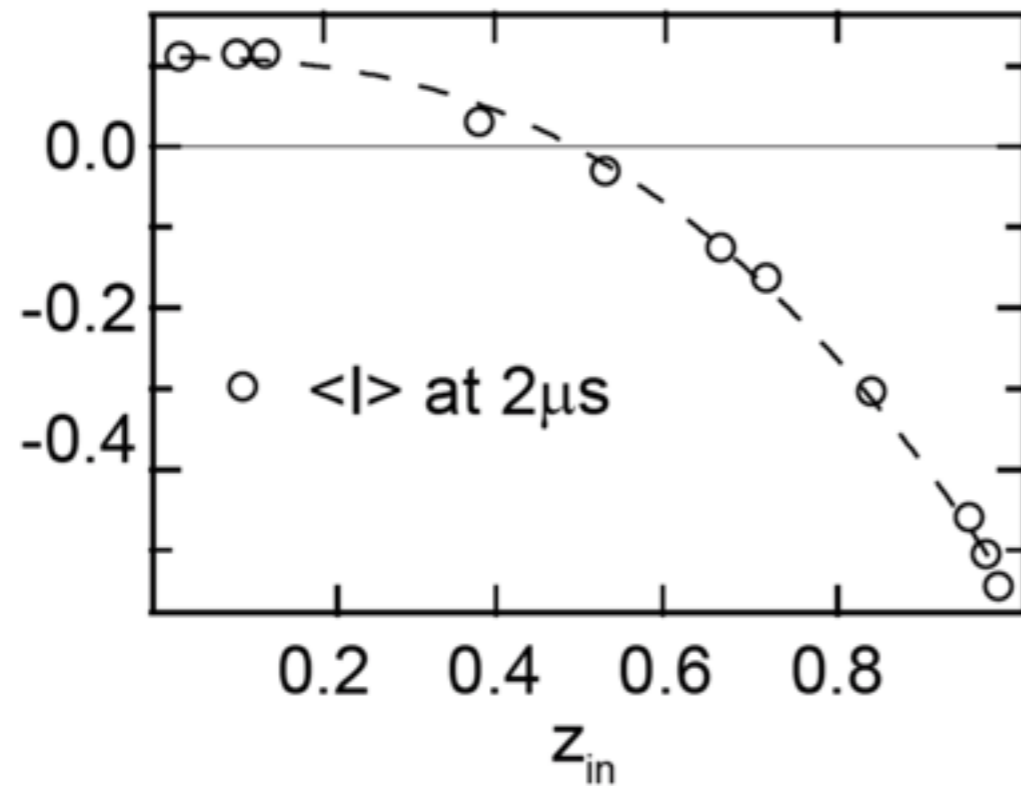
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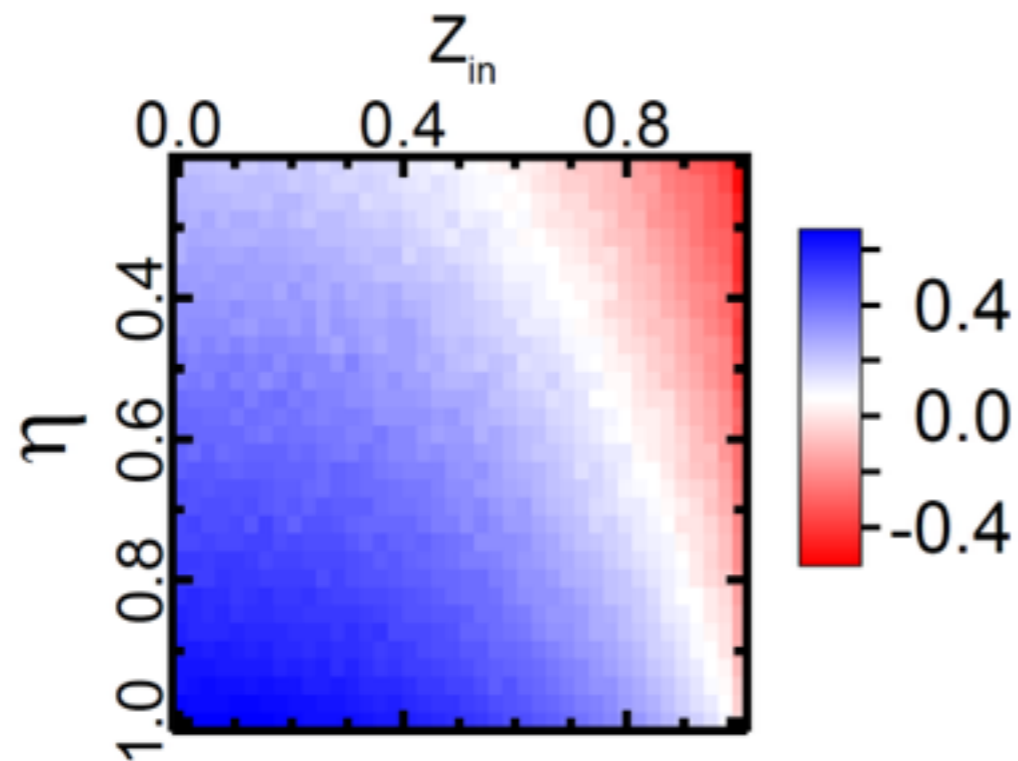
$$I_{\text{gain}} = S(\rho_0) - \sum_a p(a, r) S(\rho_{t|r, a})$$

$$I_{\text{loss}} = \sum_r S(\rho_{t|r}) - \sum_a p(a, r) S(\rho_{t|r, a})$$

# Information gain and loss



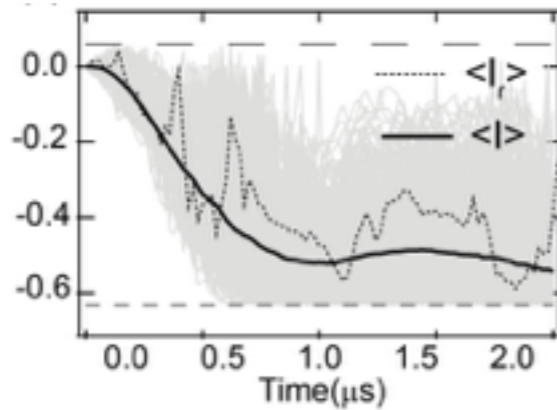
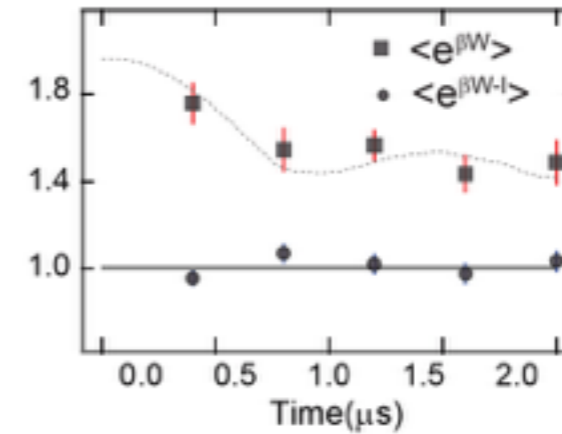
Vary the initial purity  
(effective temperature)



Good agreement with  
simulation for  $\eta=0.4$

# Summary

Generalized quantum fluctuation theorem in the weak measurement regime.



Information dynamics along a single quantum trajectories

Gain to loss transition

