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Direct extraction of path weak values from interferograms without auxiliary qubits

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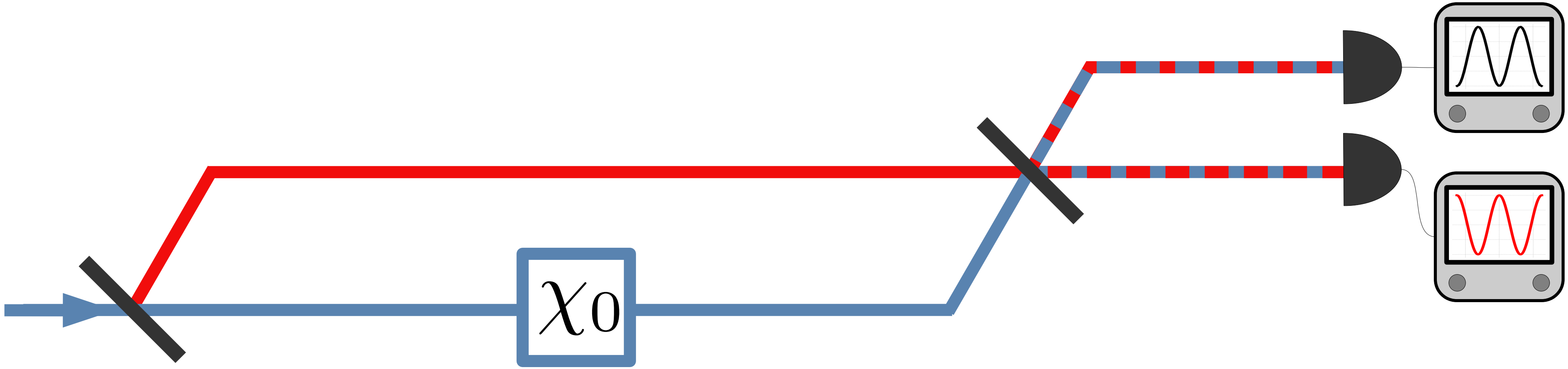

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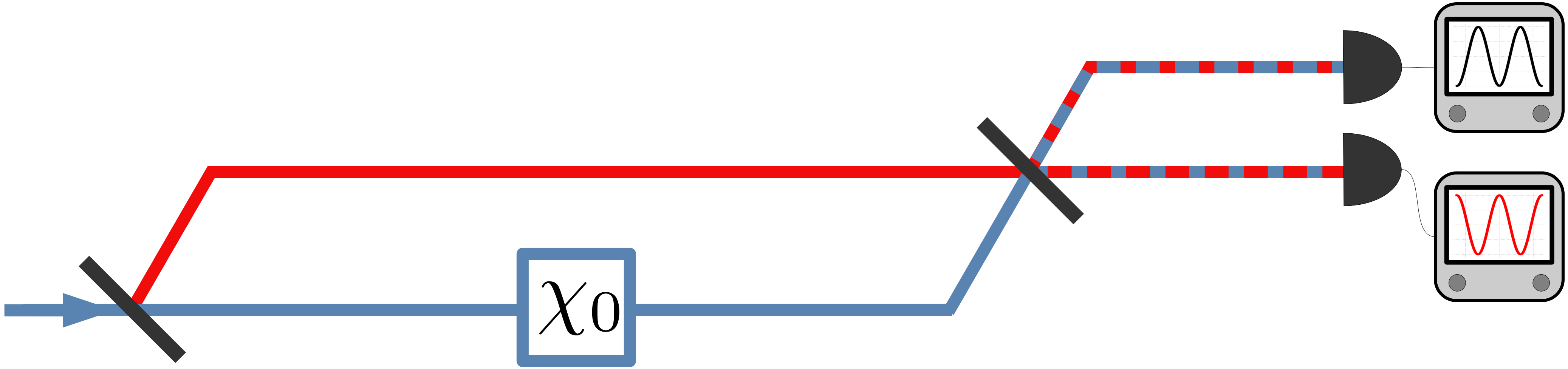

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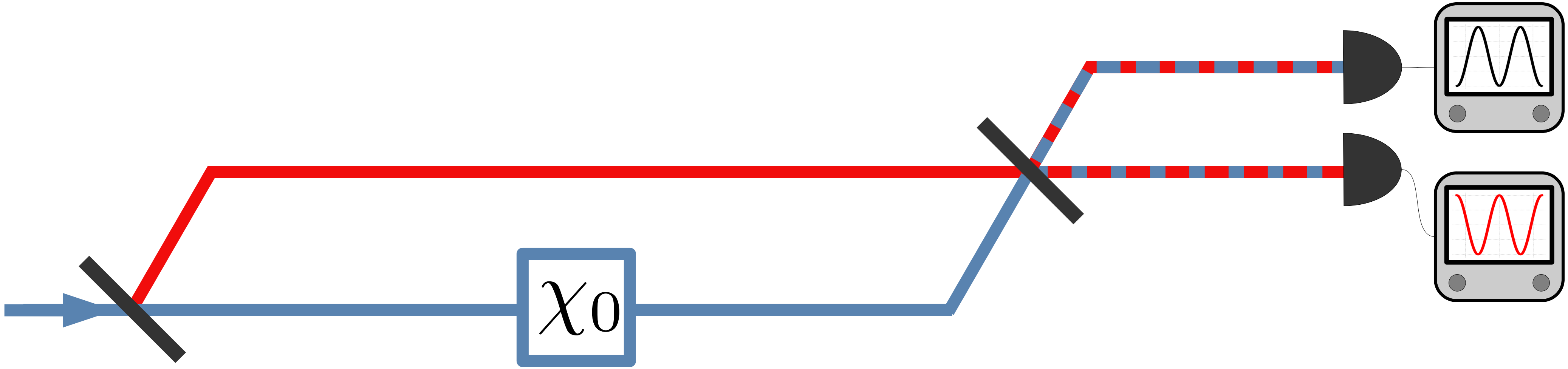

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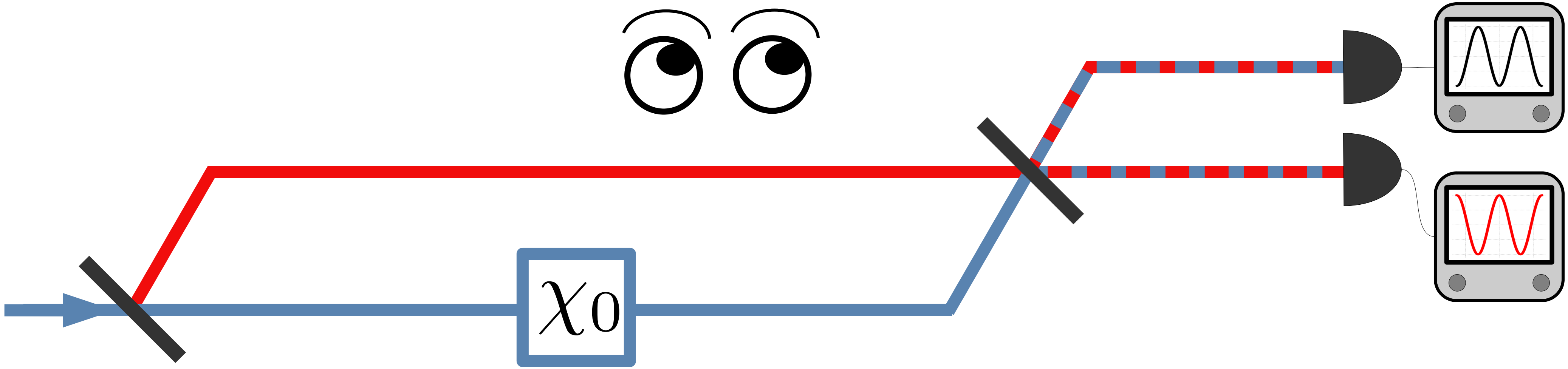

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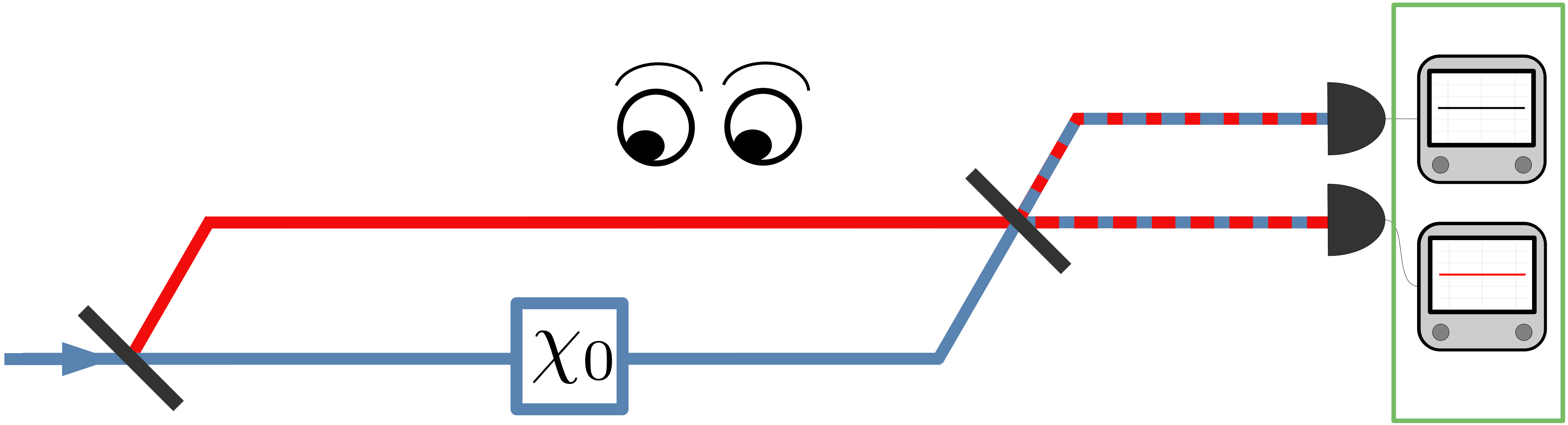

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Use weak values for a new perspective on interferometry, and hopefully some new insight!

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Stern-Gerlach

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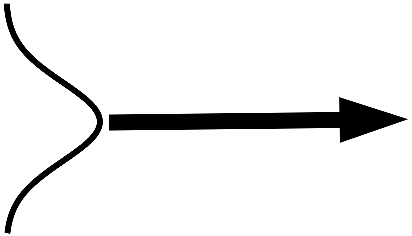

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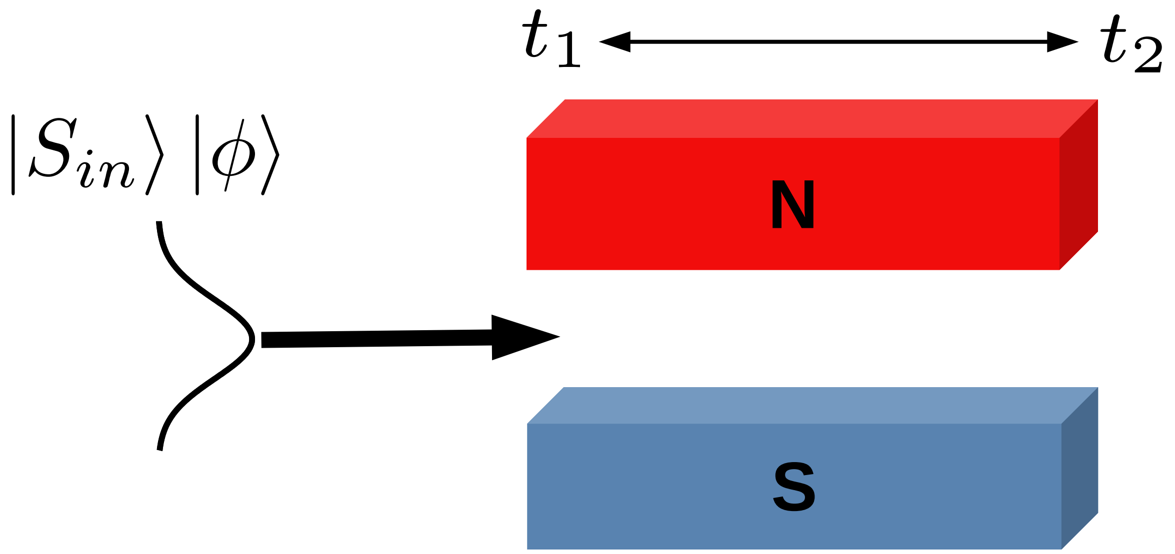

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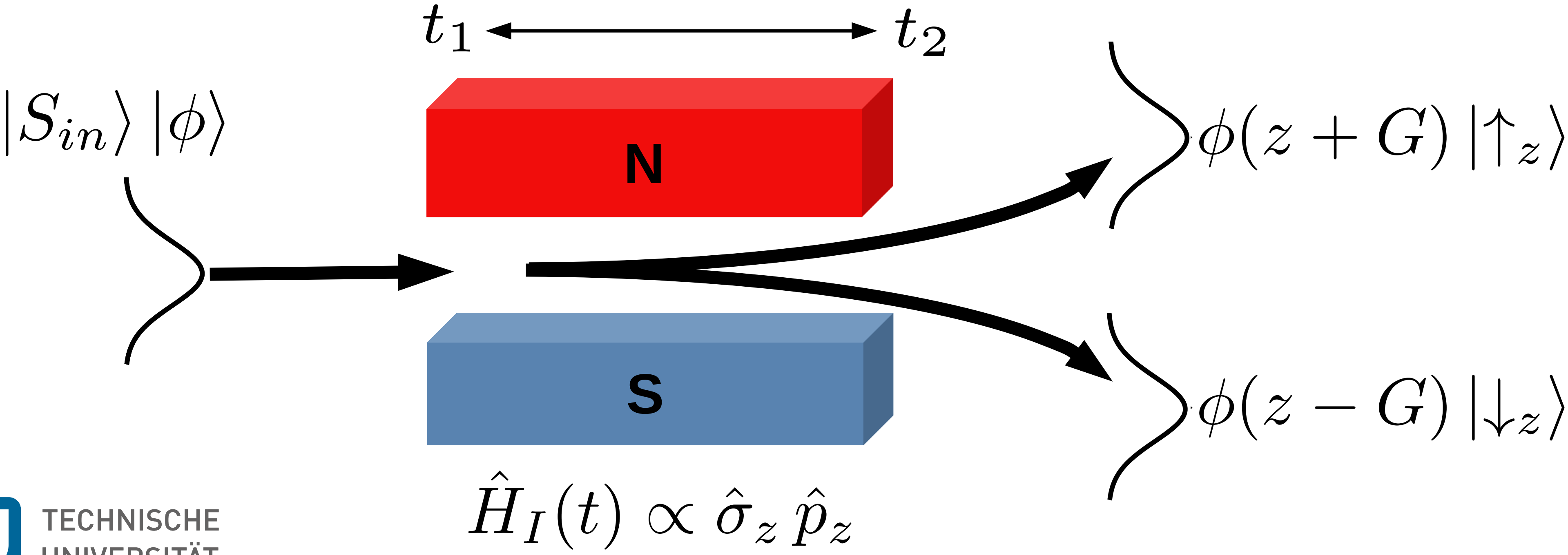

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System   Meter / Auxiliary

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Translation operator

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Eigenvalue

$$\phi_{\mathrm{m}}(x) \rightarrow \phi_{\mathrm{m}}(x + Ga)$$

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Weak measurement

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Weak value of $\hat{A}_s$

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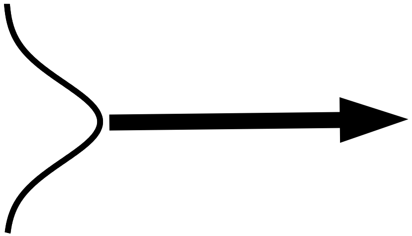

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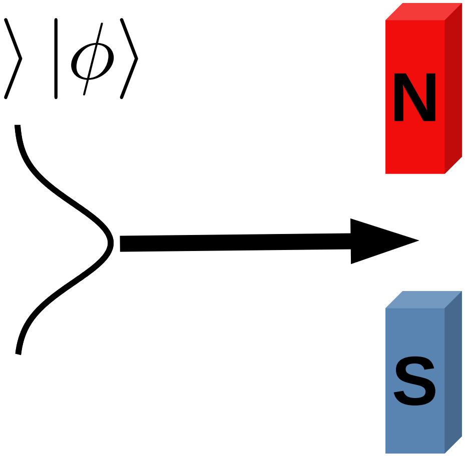

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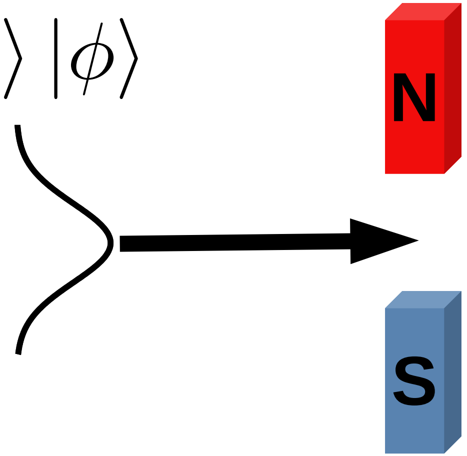

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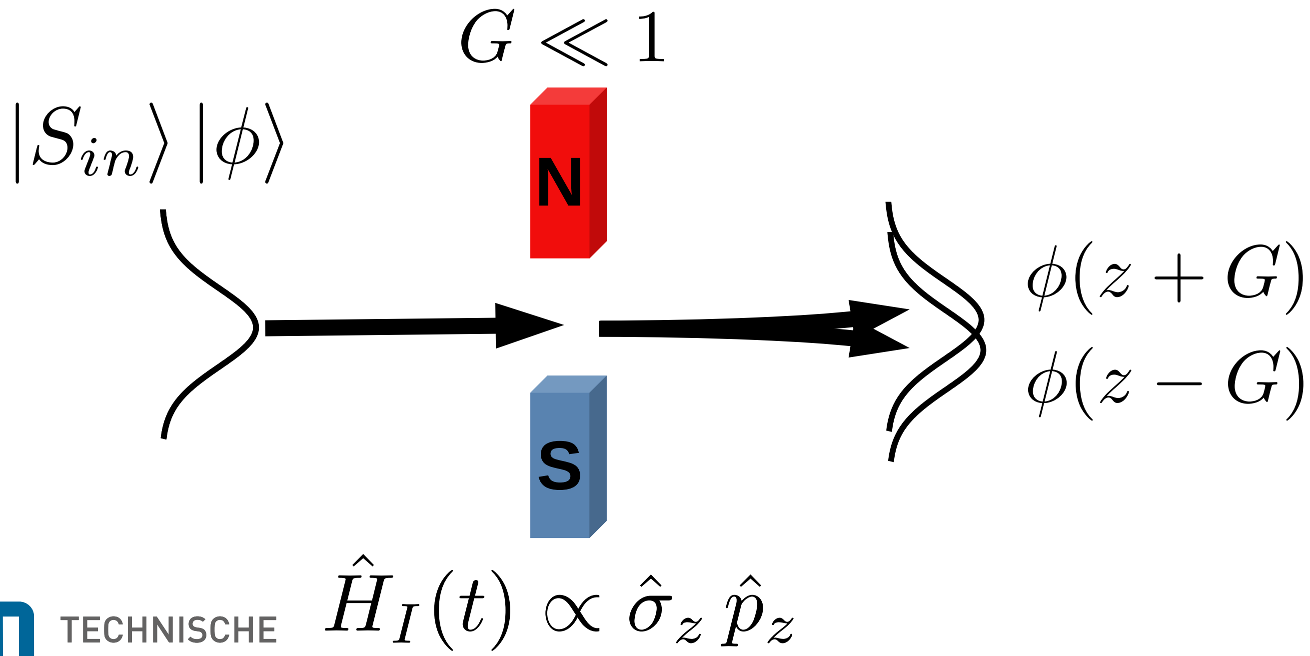

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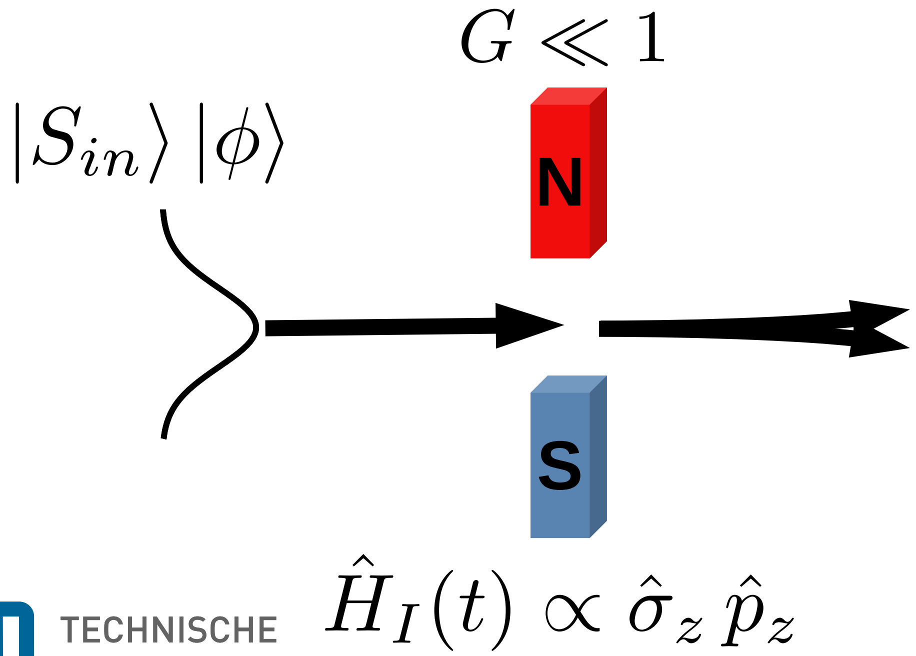

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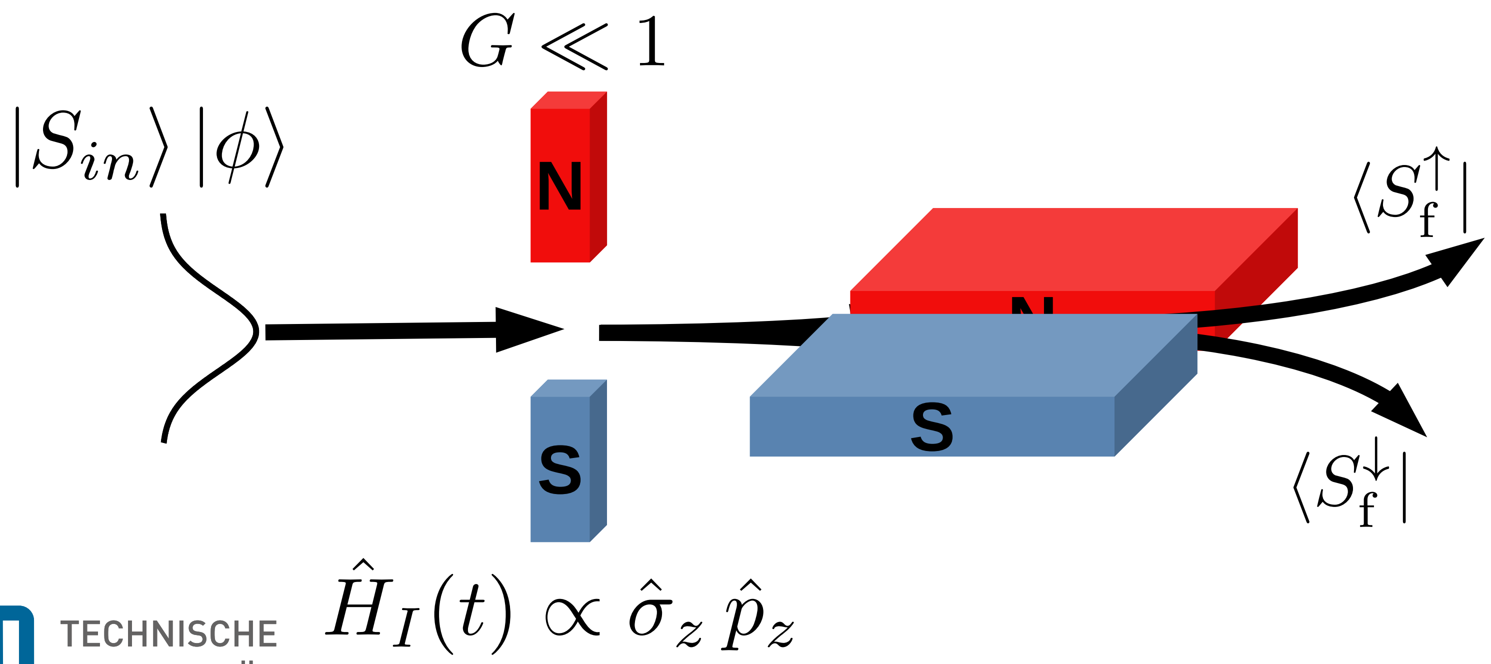

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Spin weak value:

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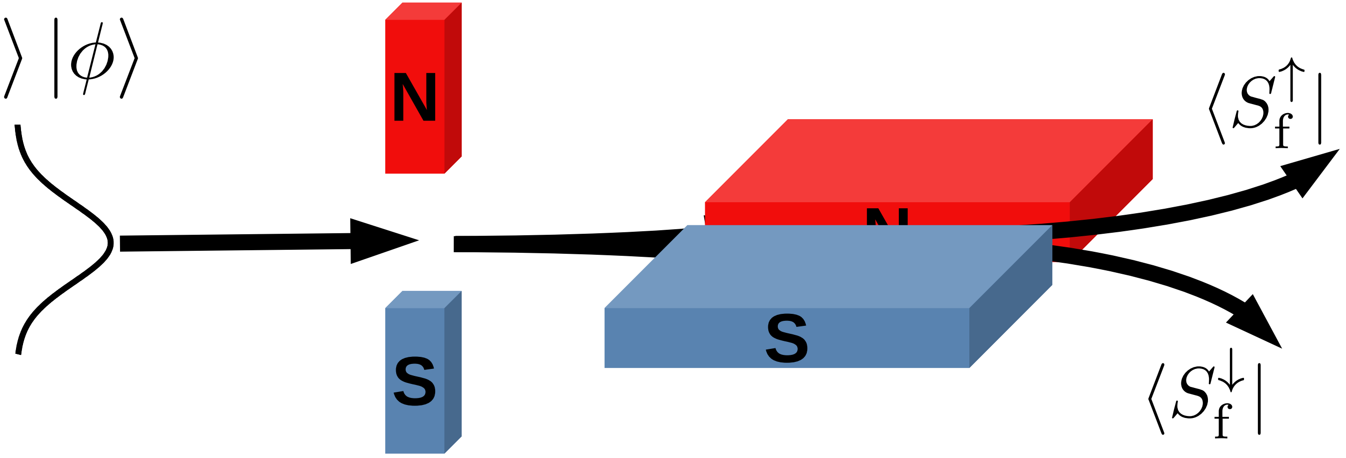

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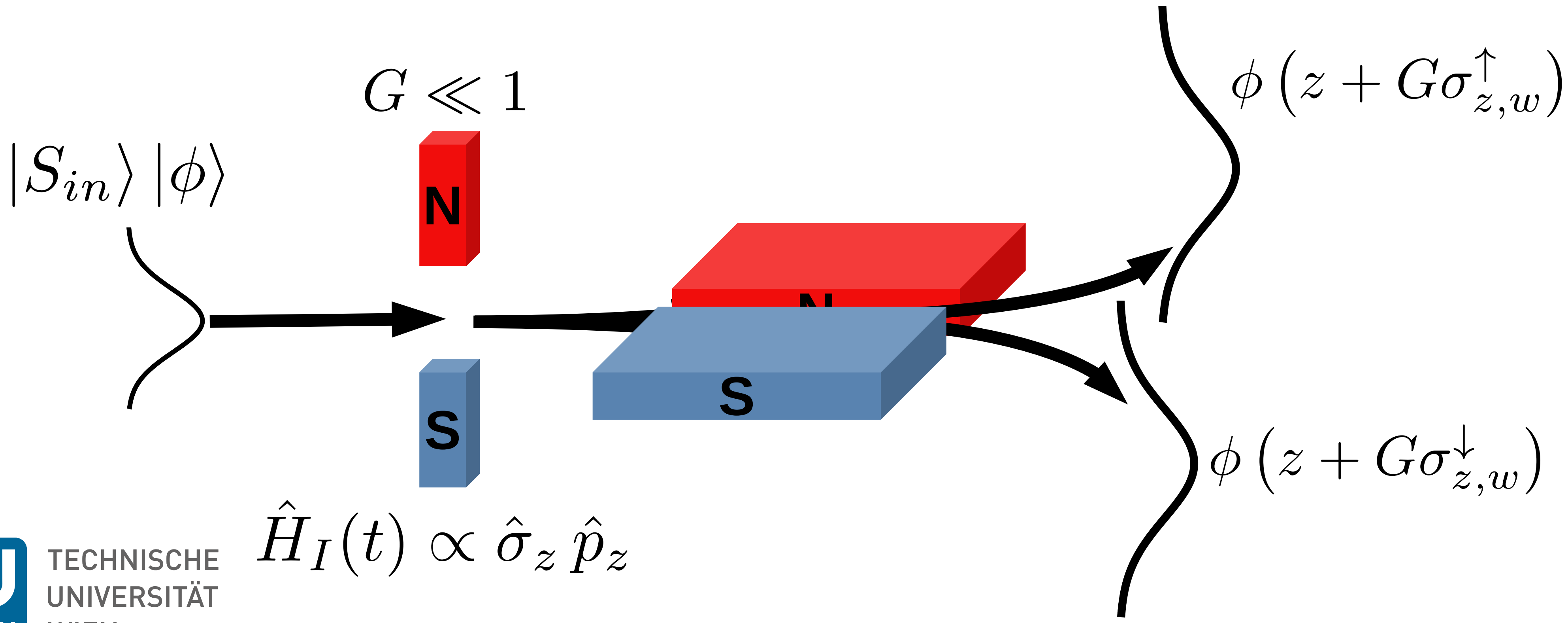

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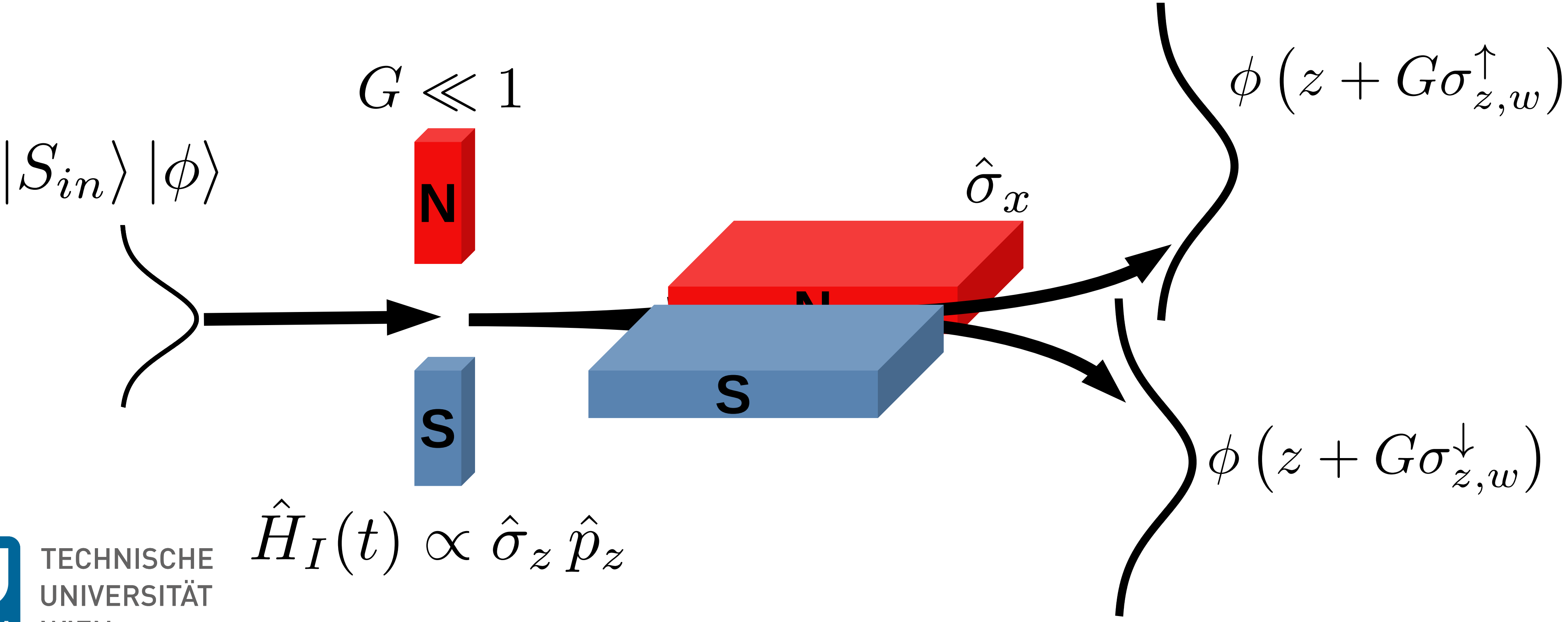

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First measurement of weak values

Measurement of a Weak Value*

R. G. Hulet, N. W. M. Ritchie, and J. G. Story

Physics Department, Rice University, Houston, TX 77251, USA

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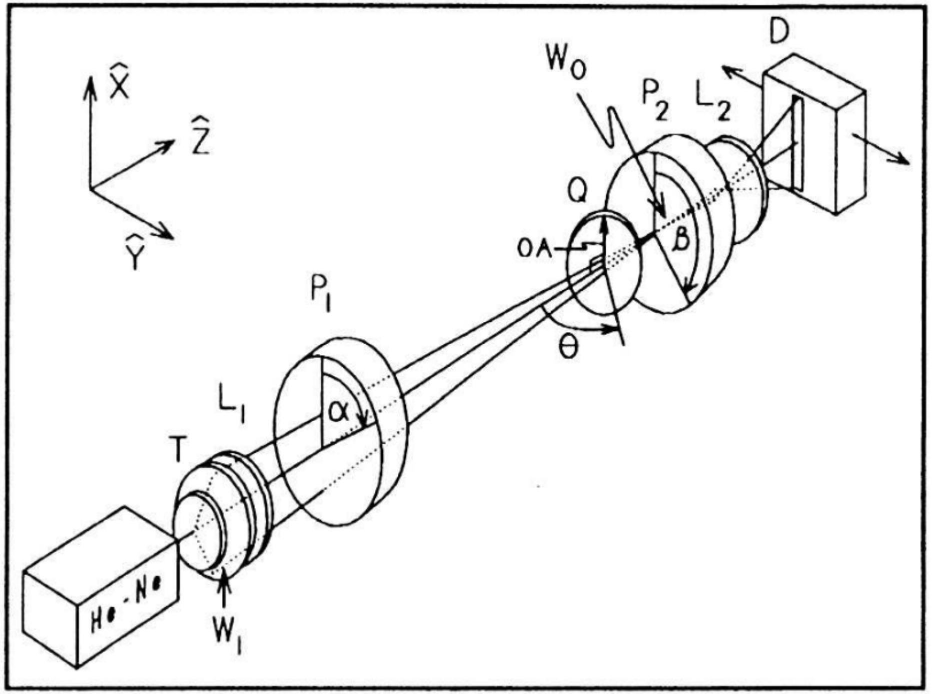

What are they good for?

Theory and experiment

- Quantum amplification
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- And more...

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“In between” evolution of a system

- Minimal disturbance
- Non-commuting observables

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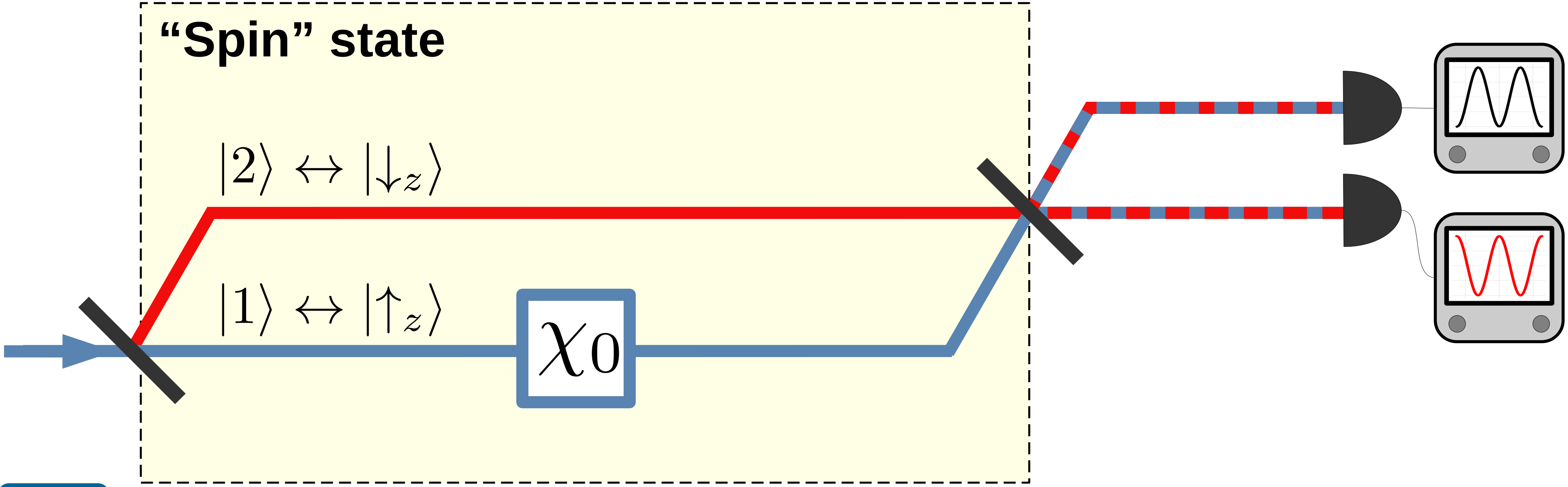

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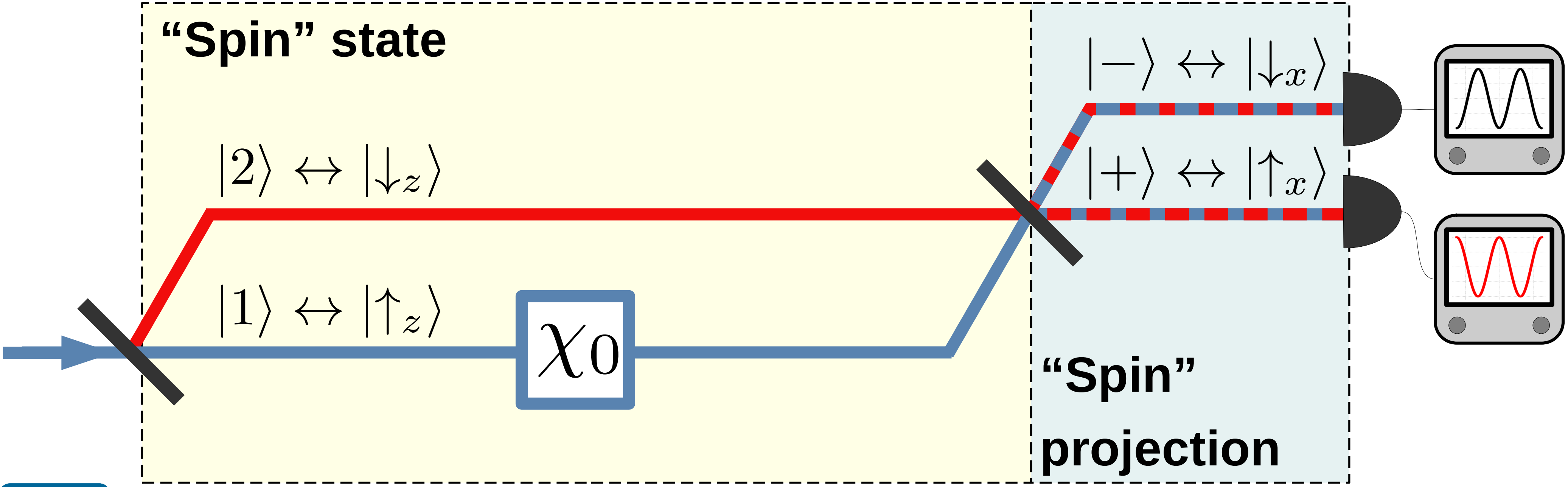

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DO WE ACTUALLY NEED A WEAK MEASUREMENT?

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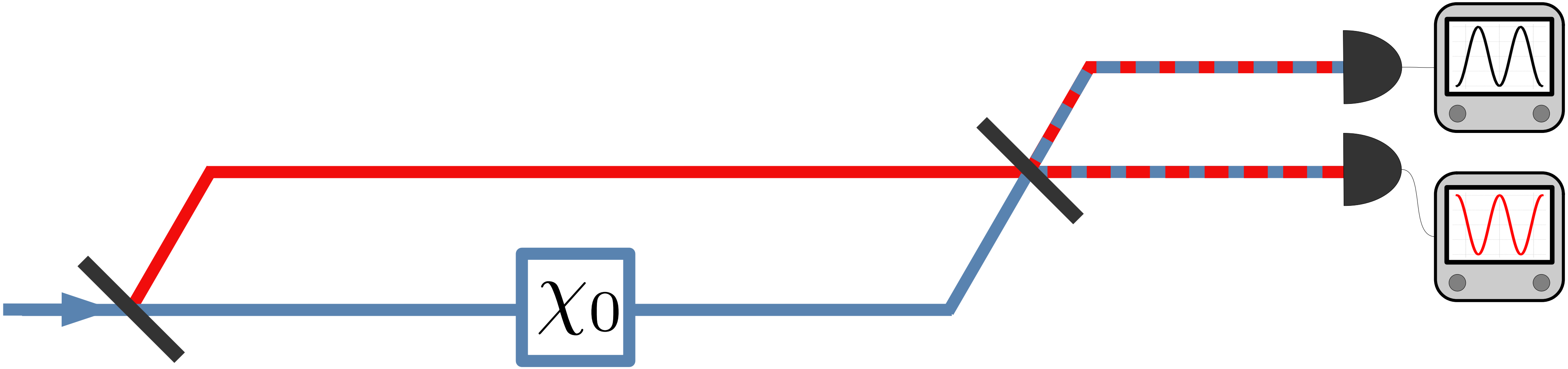
Weak values based description of interferometry

Weak values and interferometry

Standard interferometry formalism



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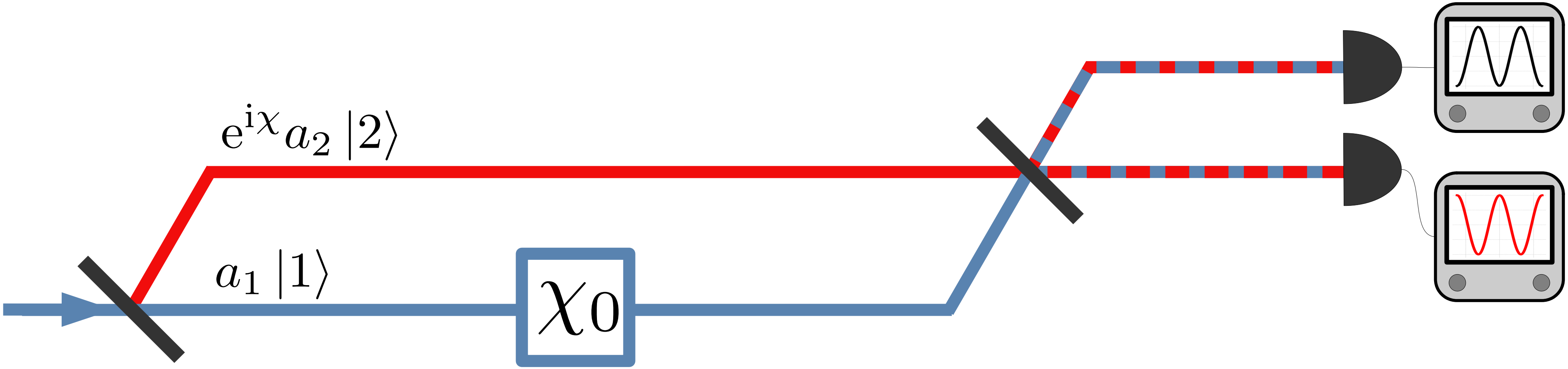

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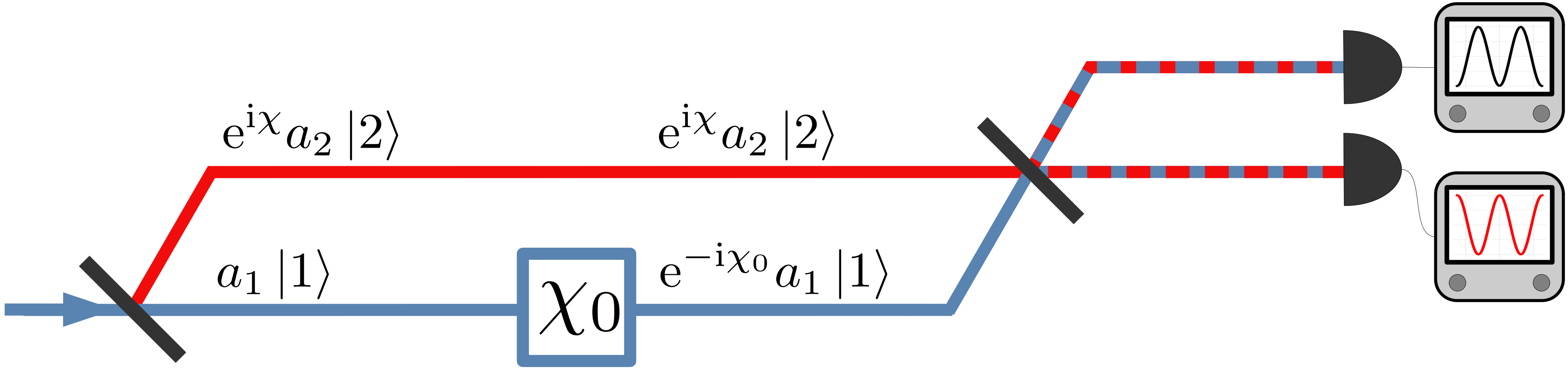

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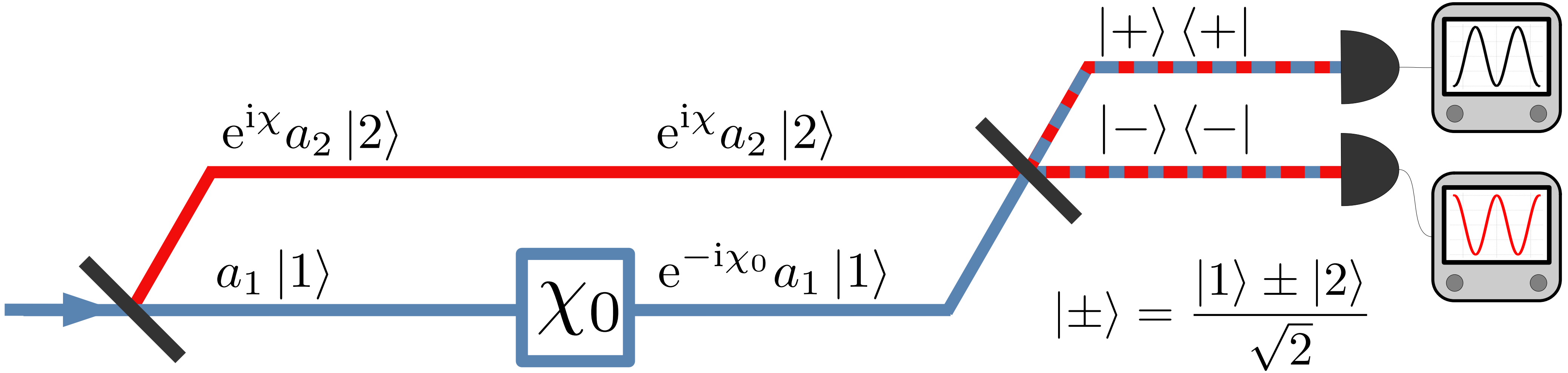

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Weak values and interferometry

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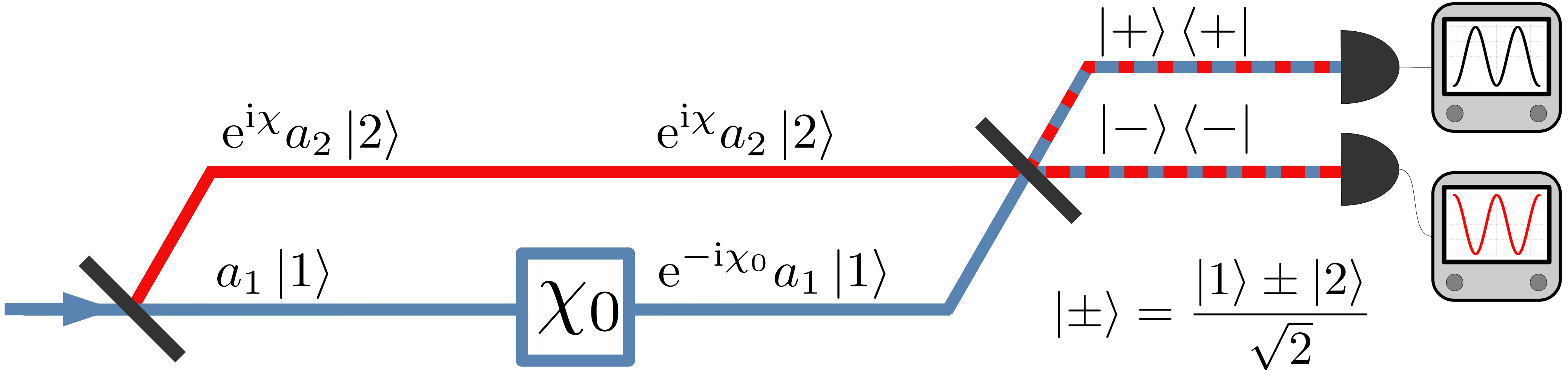

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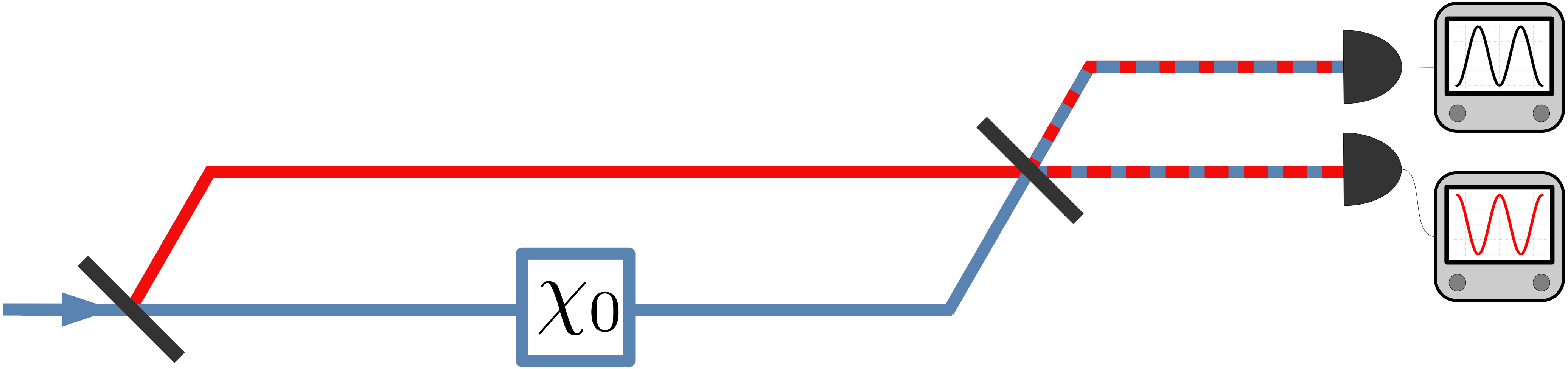

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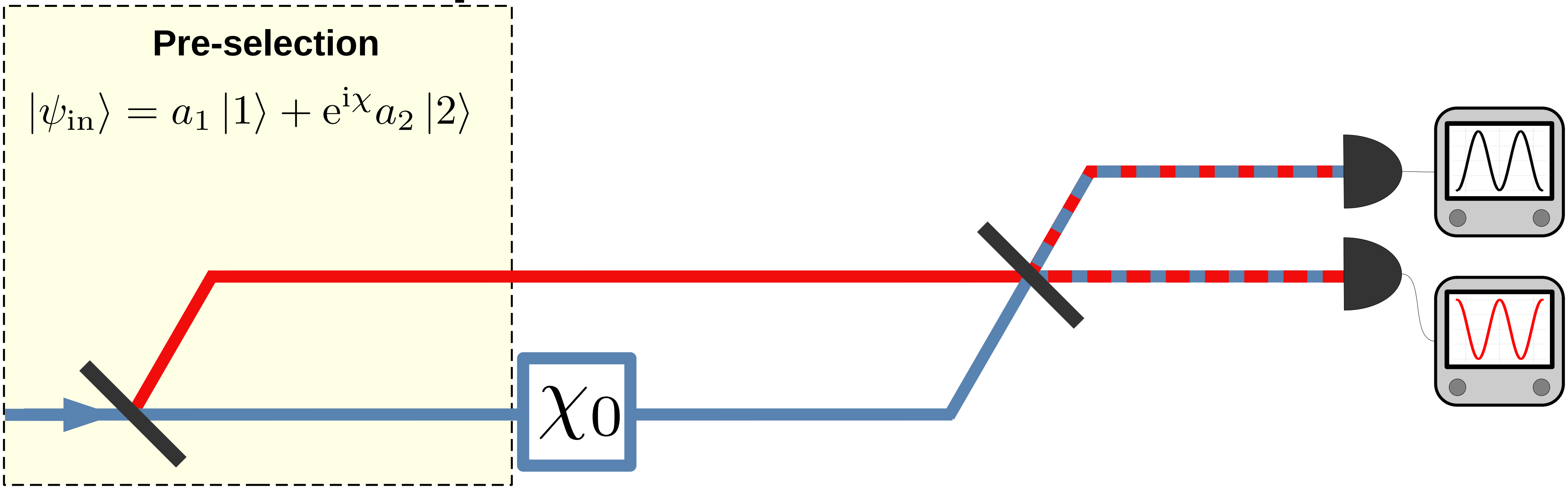

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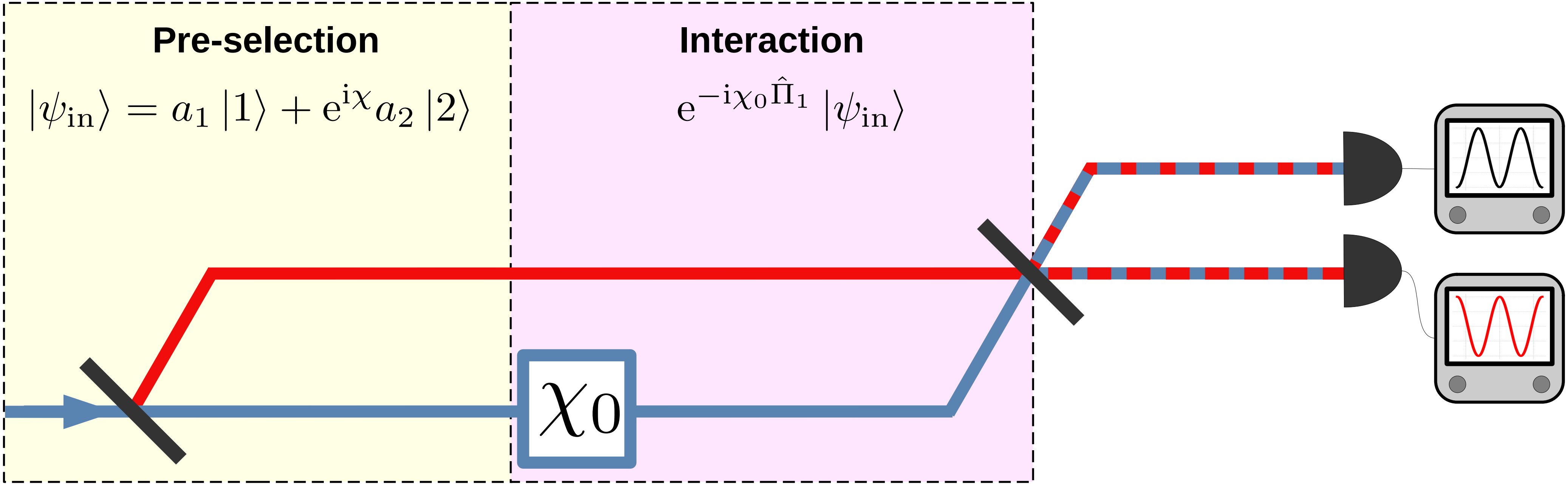

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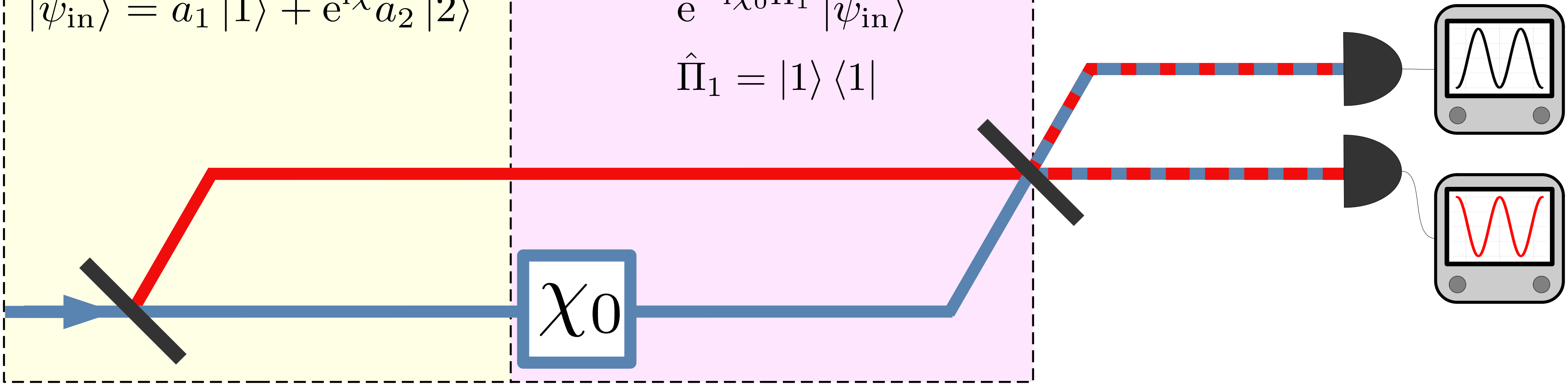
Pre-selection

$$|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle = a_1\,|1\rangle + \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}\chi} a_2\,|2\rangle$$

Interaction

$$\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\chi_0 \hat{\Pi}_1}\,|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$$

$$\hat{\Pi}_1 = |1\rangle\langle 1|$$



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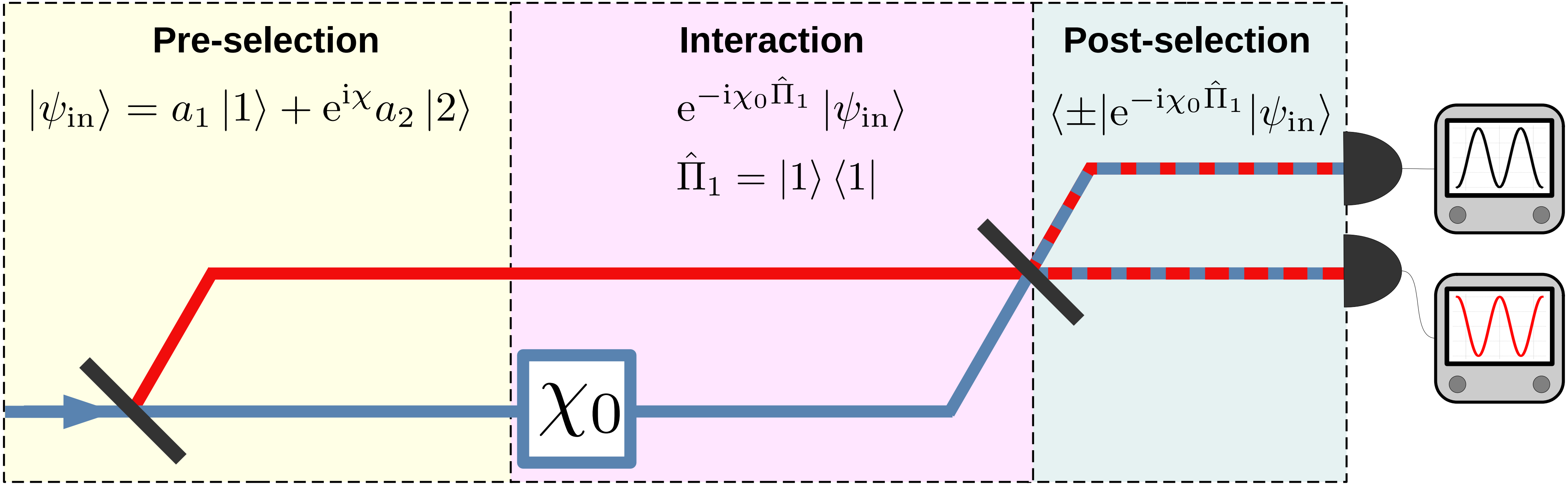

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Path weak value $w_{\pm,1}$

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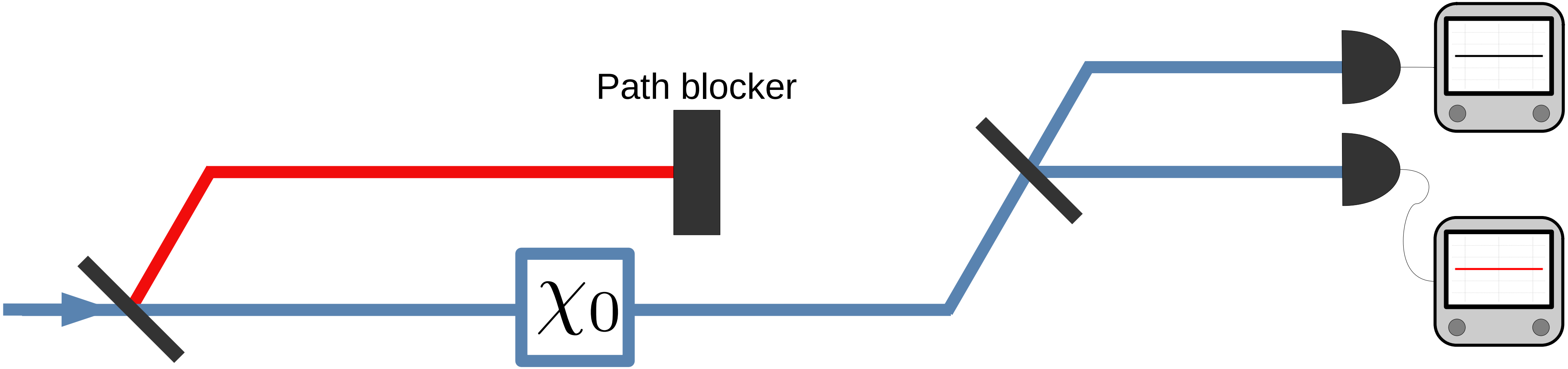

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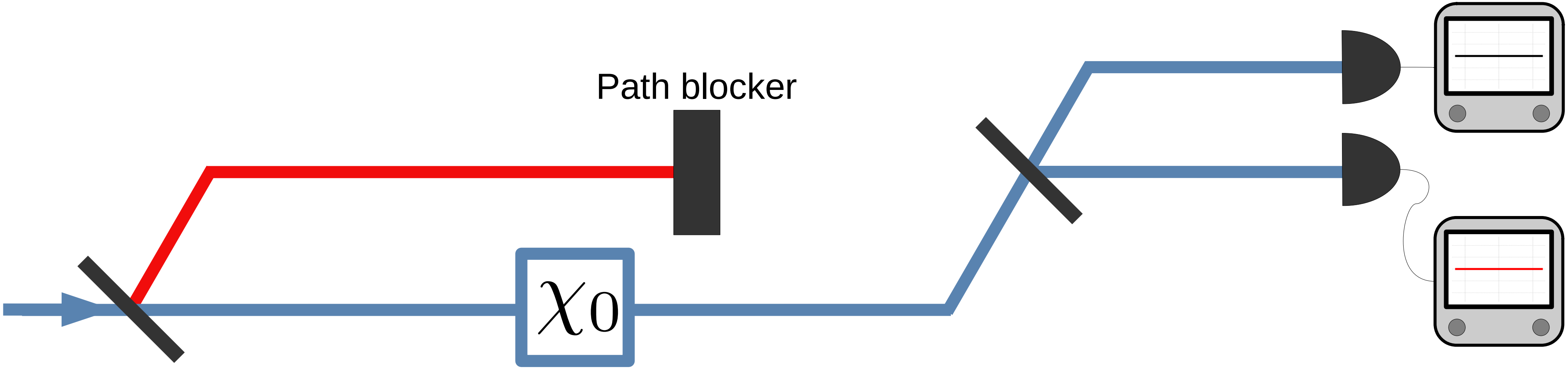

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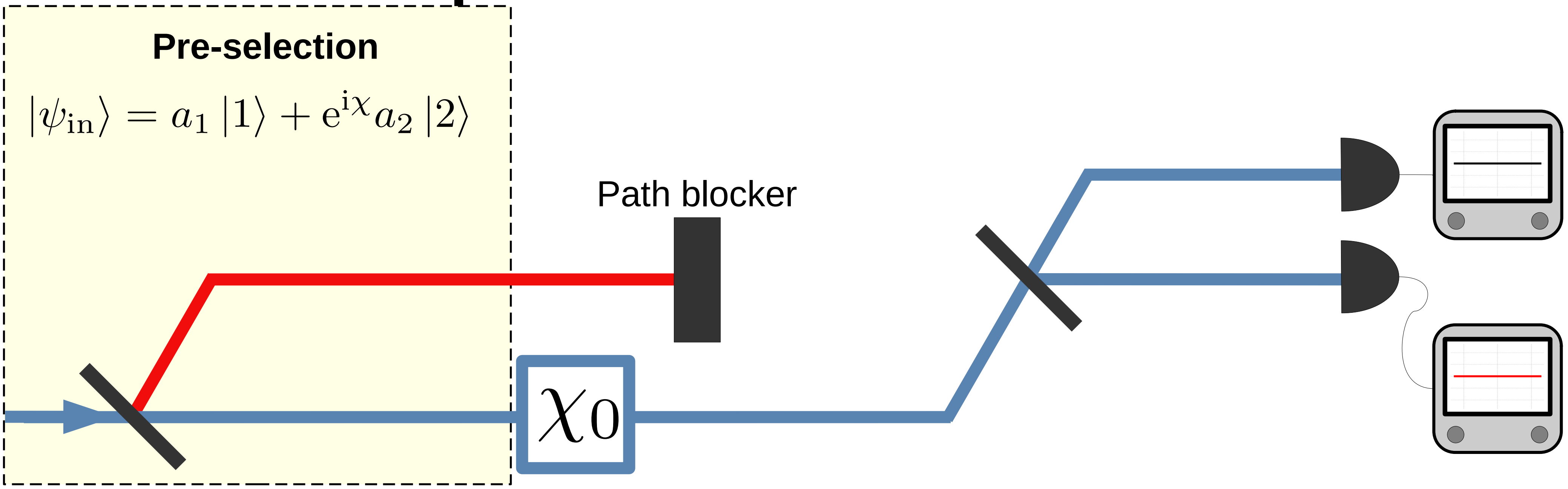

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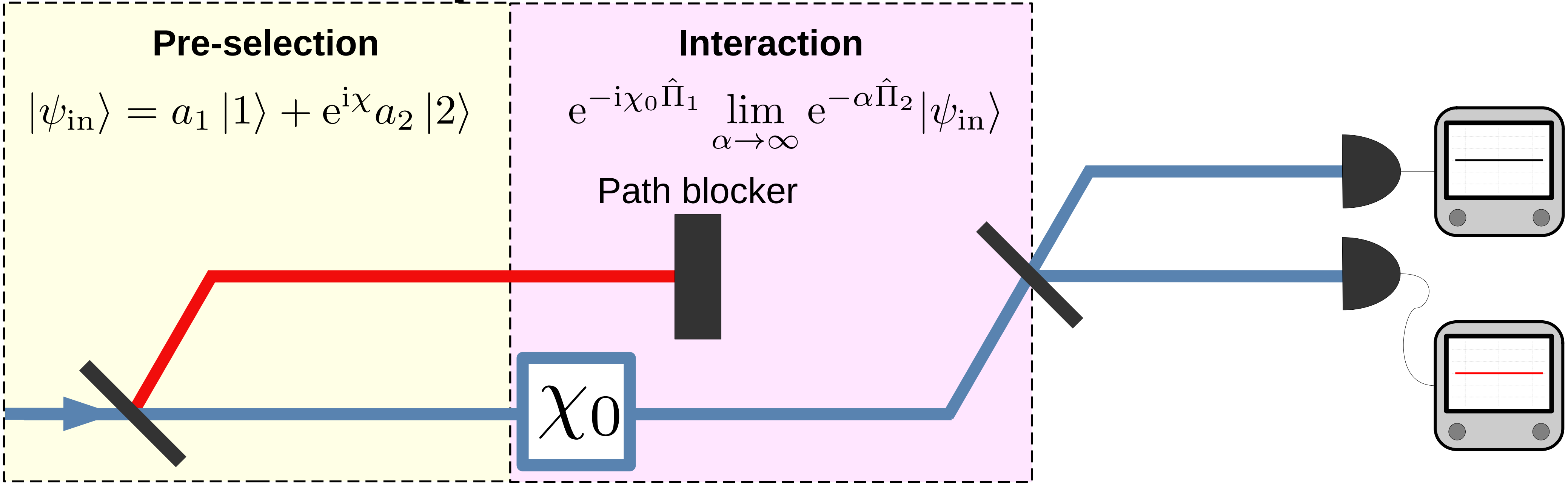

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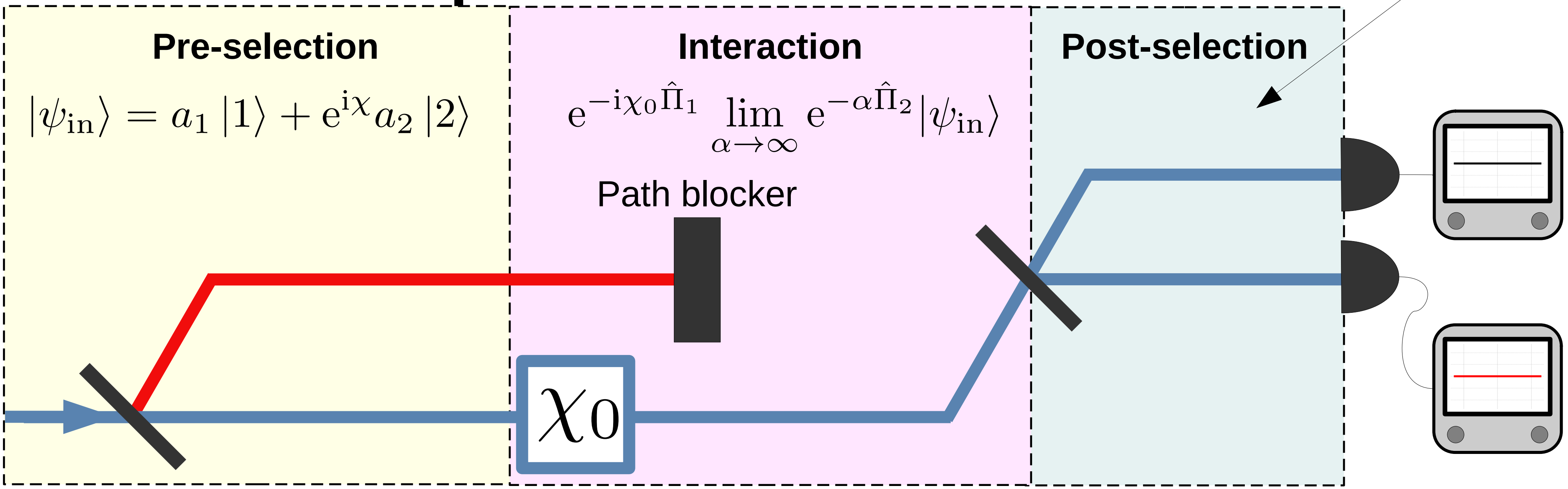

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We got there!

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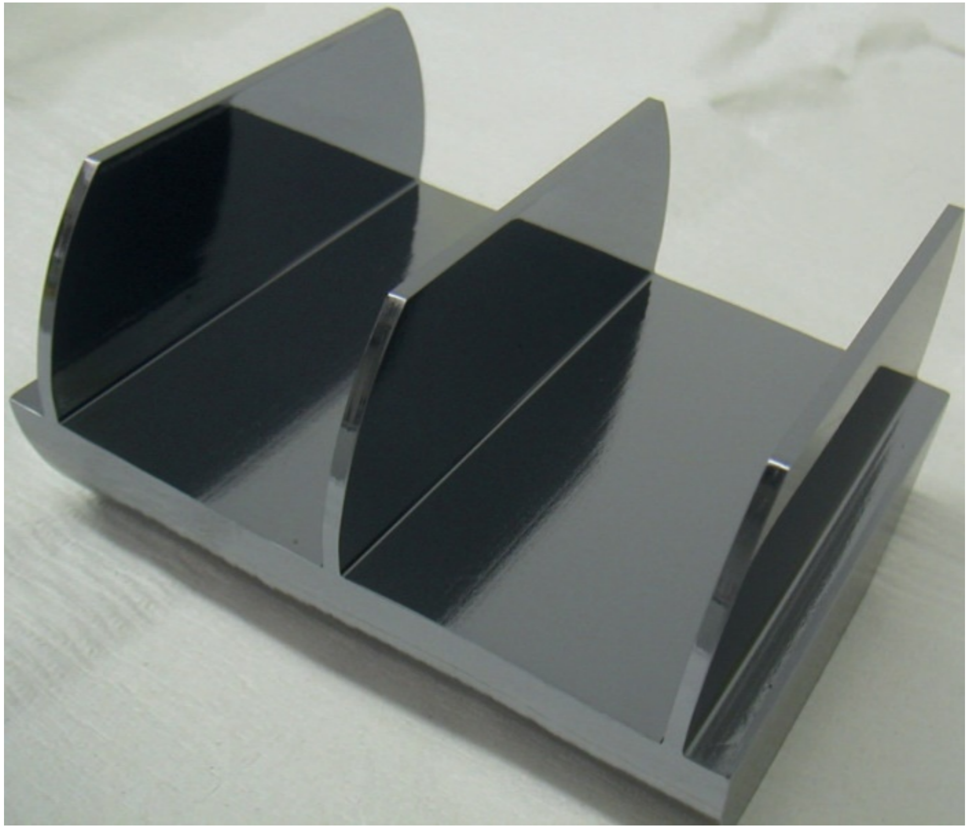
Experimental measurement of path weak value from interferograms

Neutron interferometer



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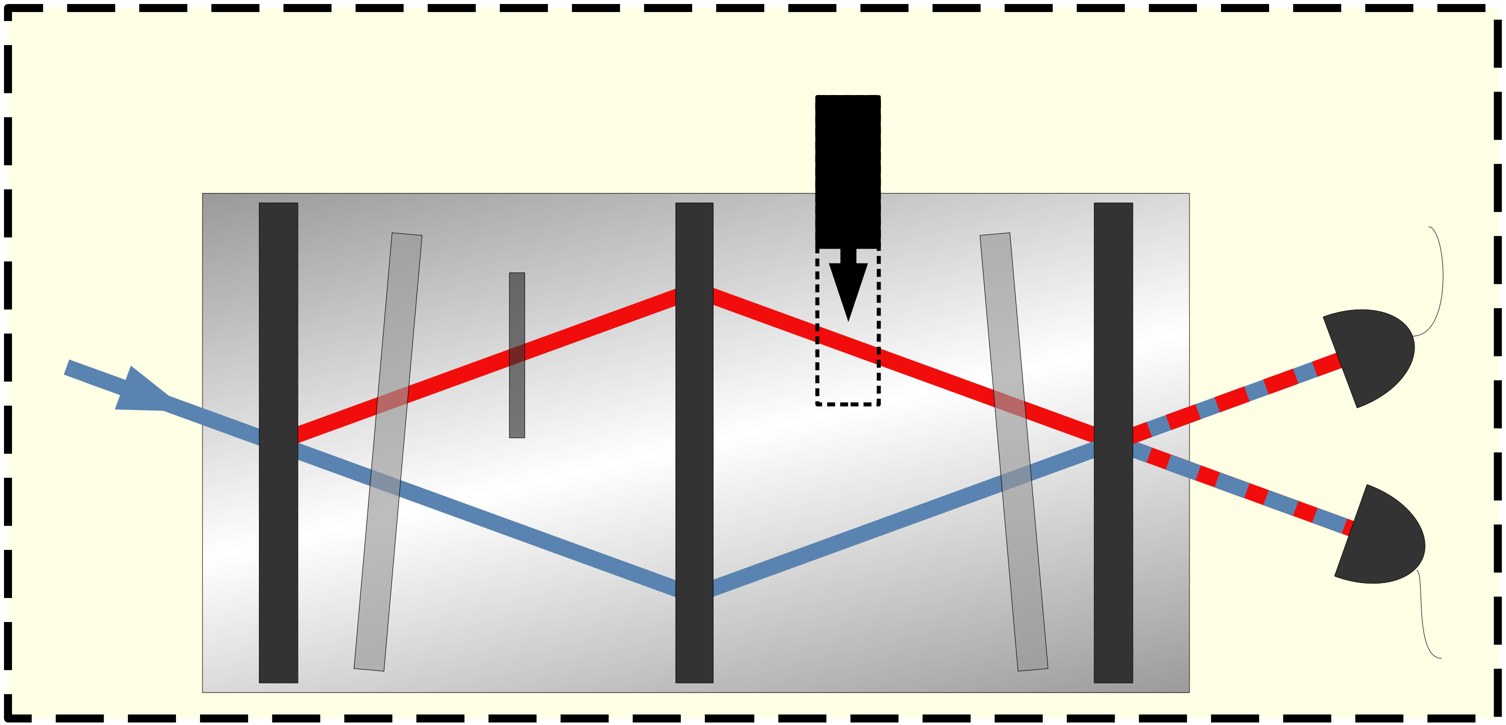

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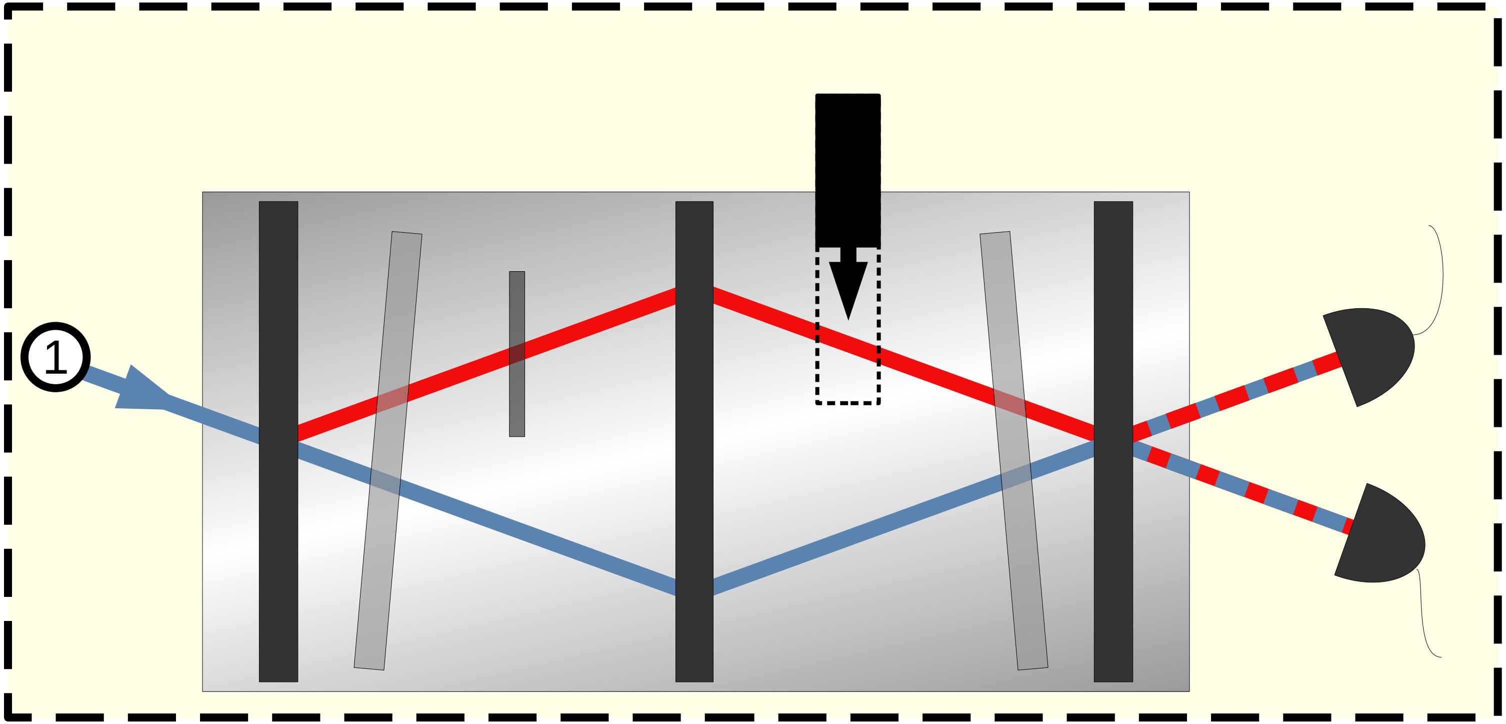

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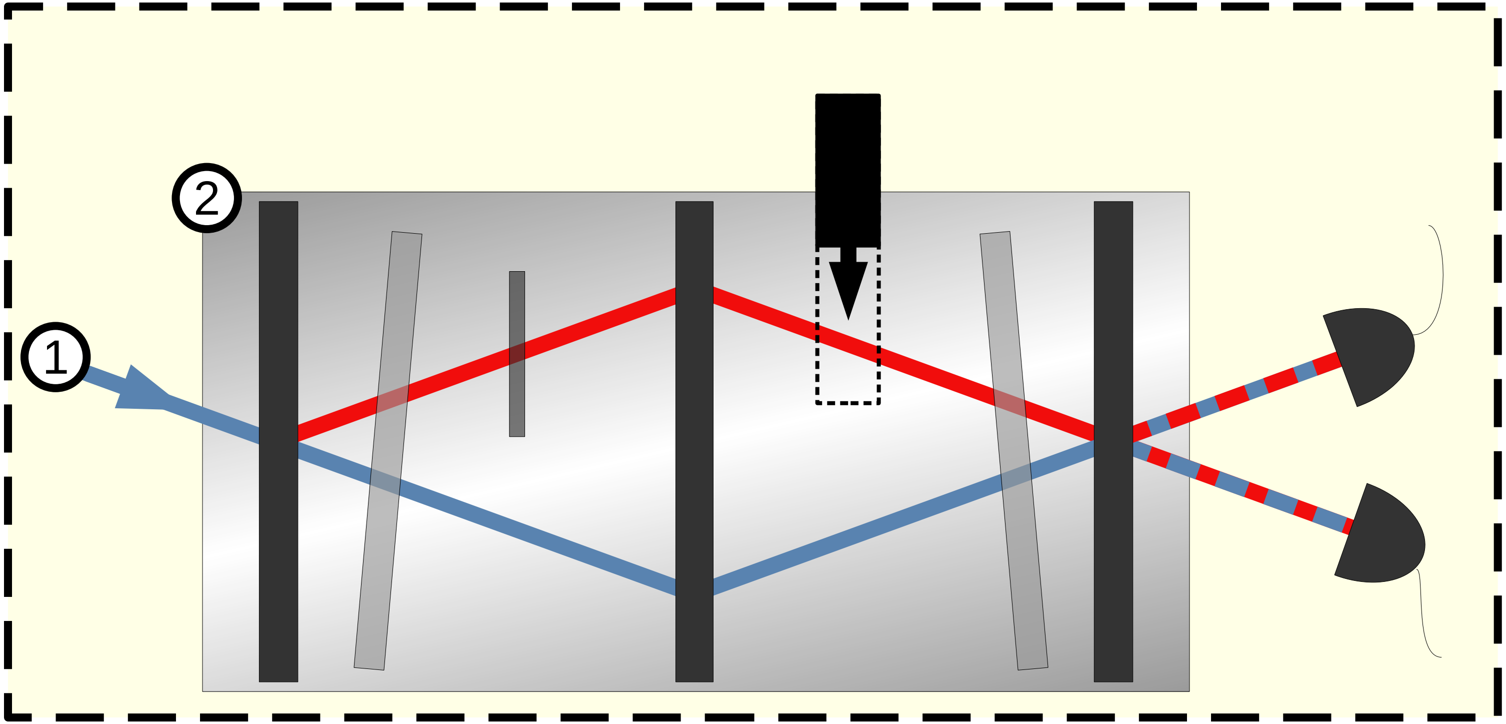

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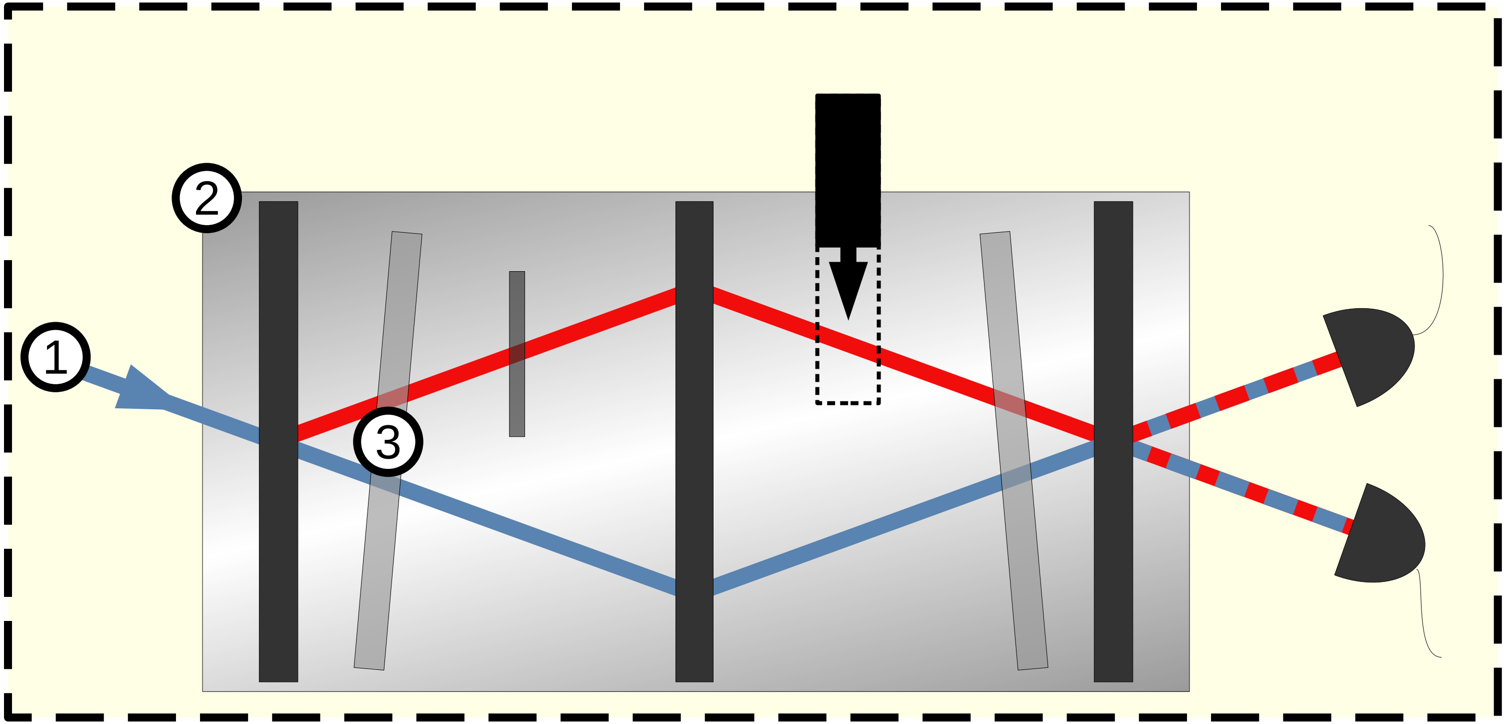

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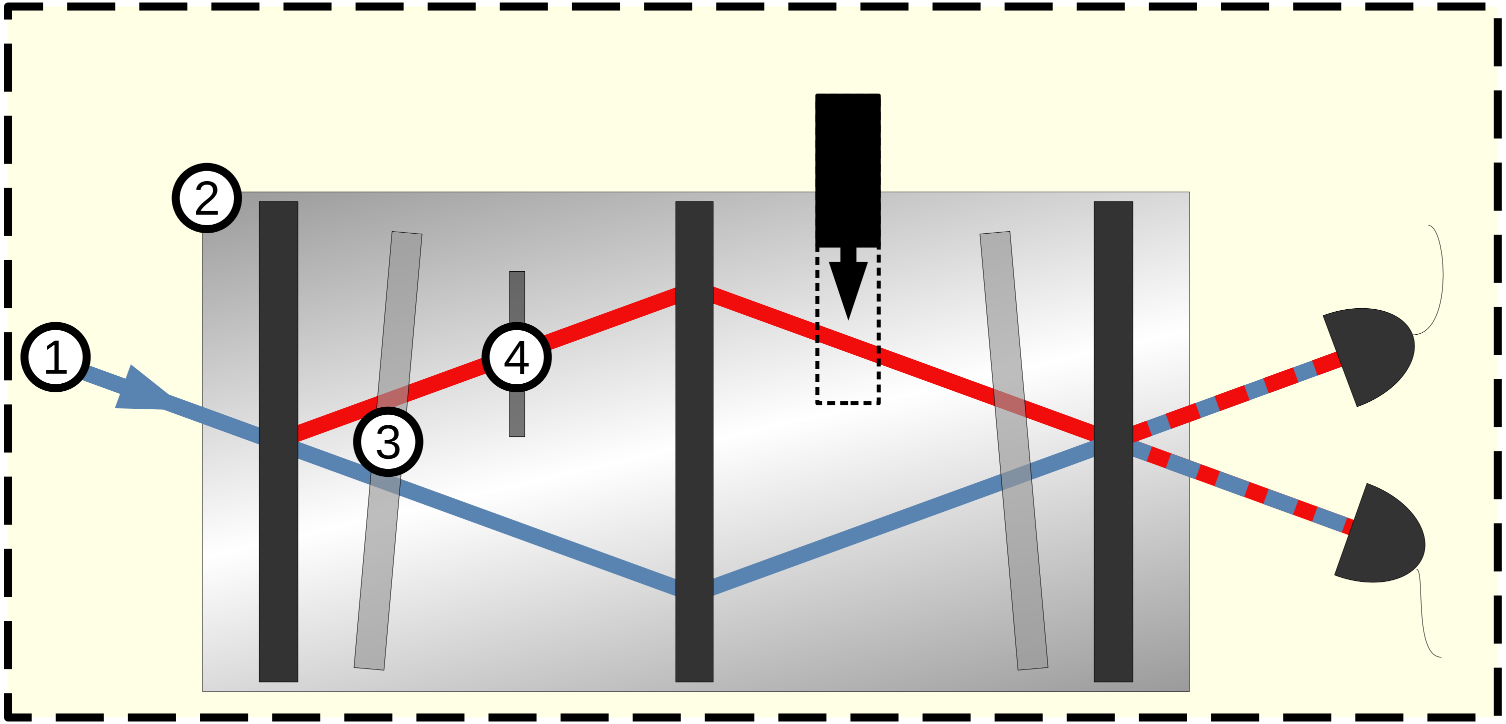

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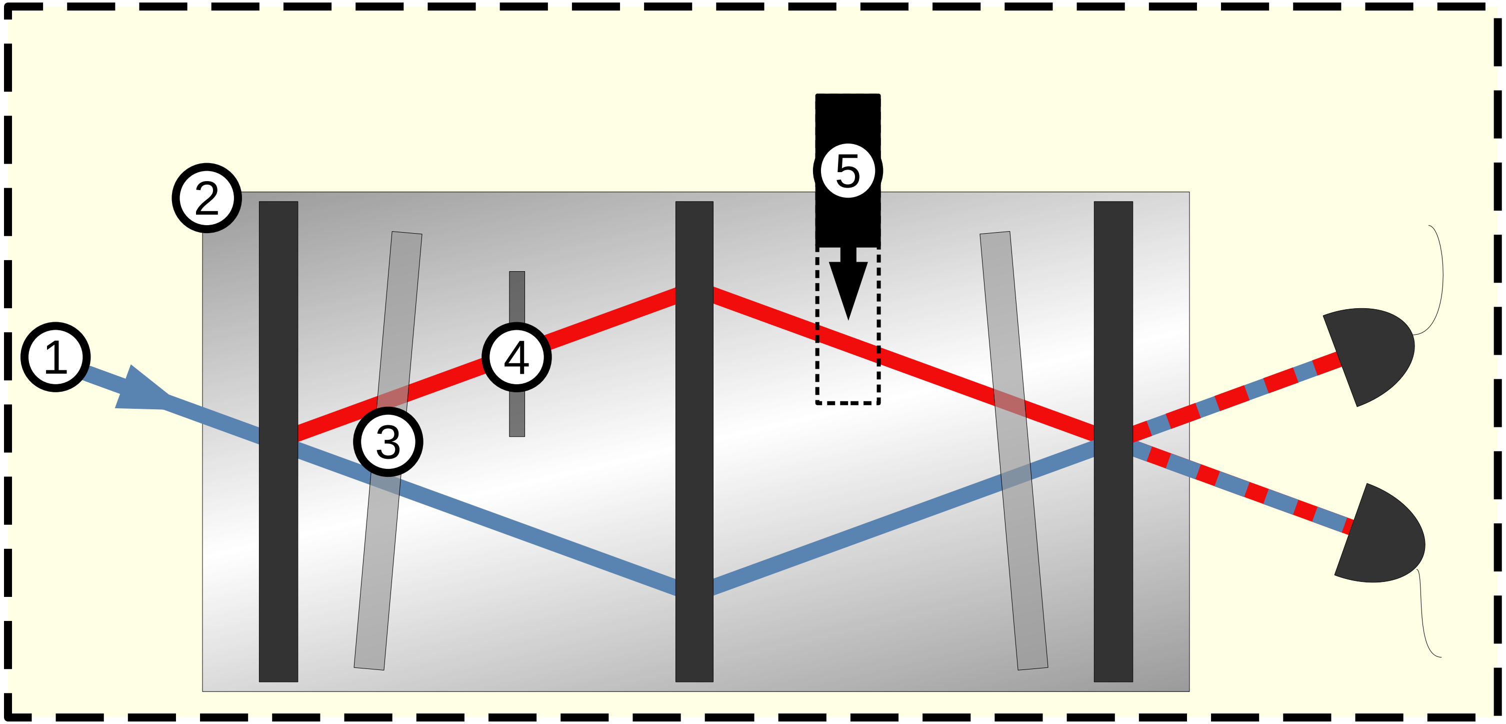

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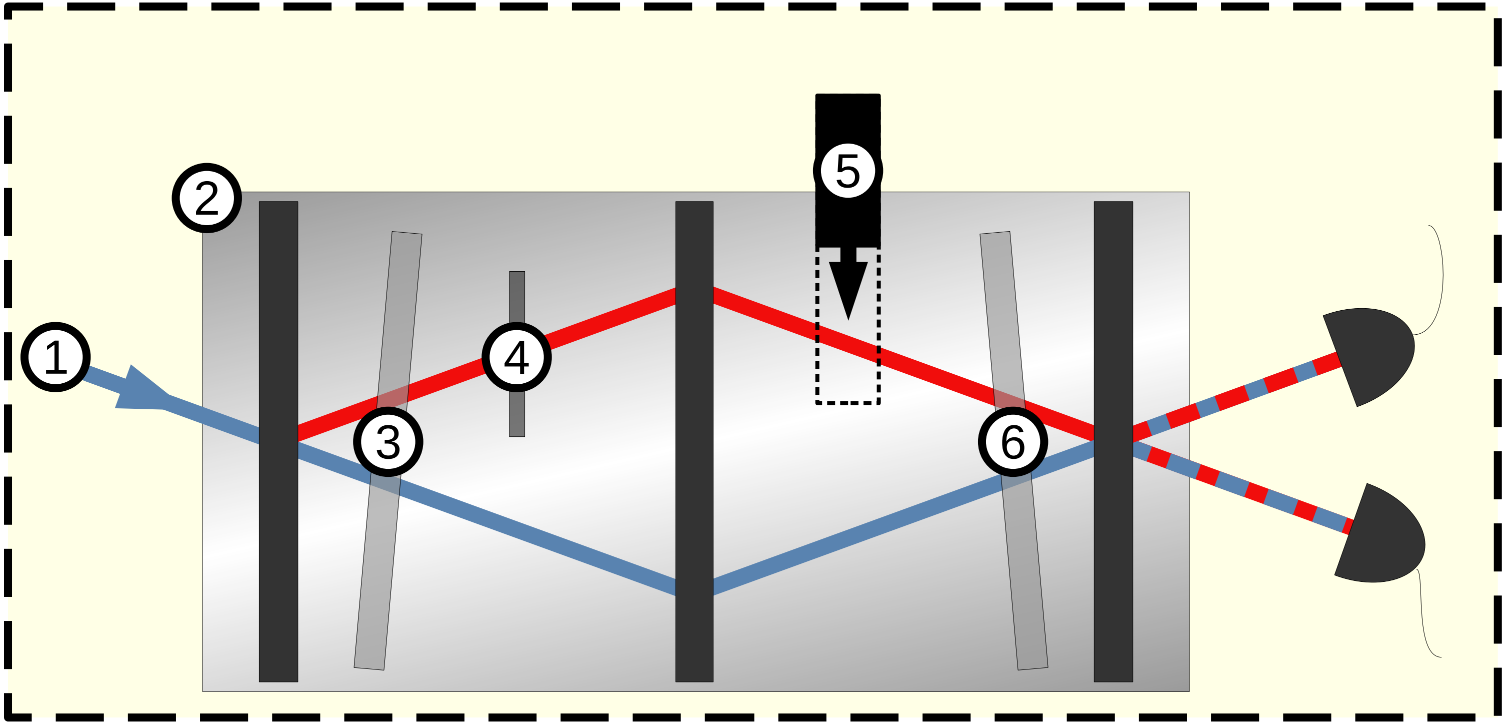

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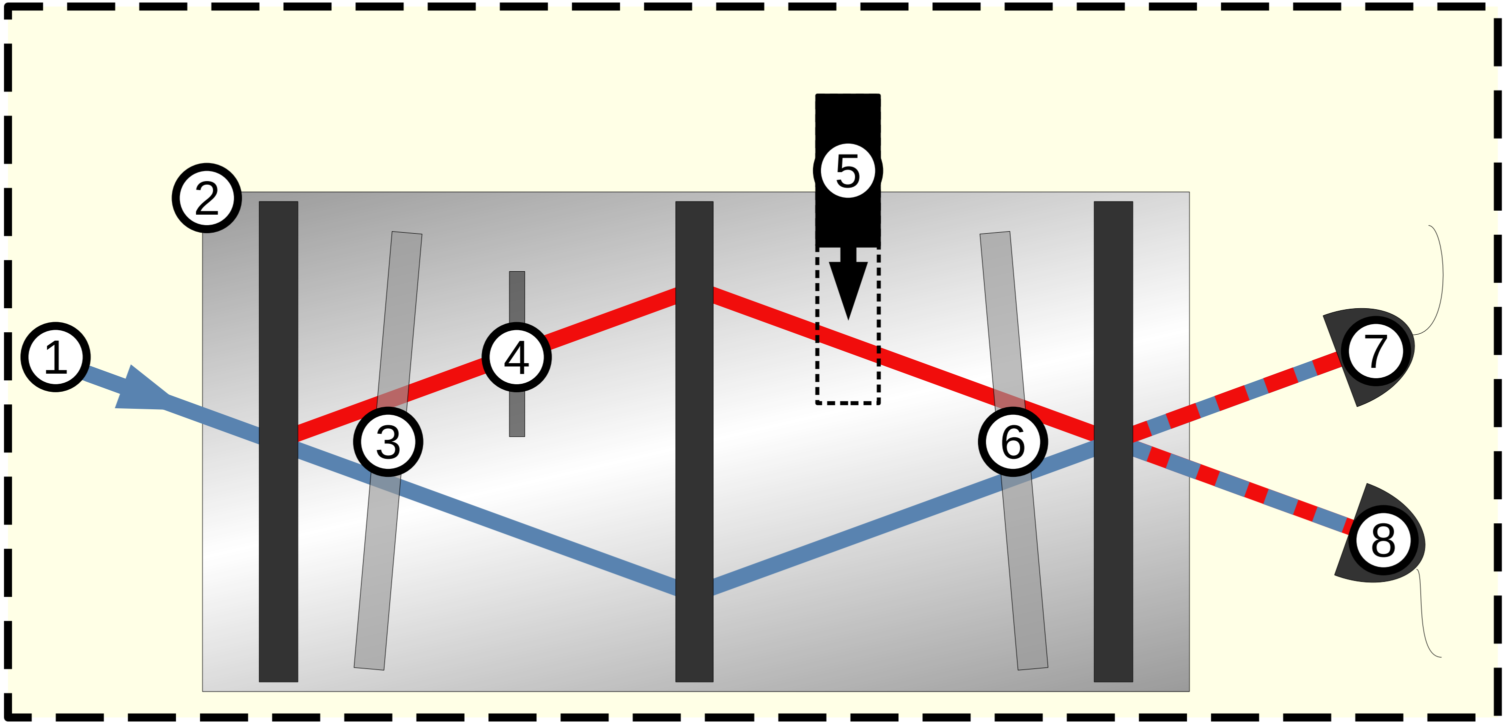

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Results

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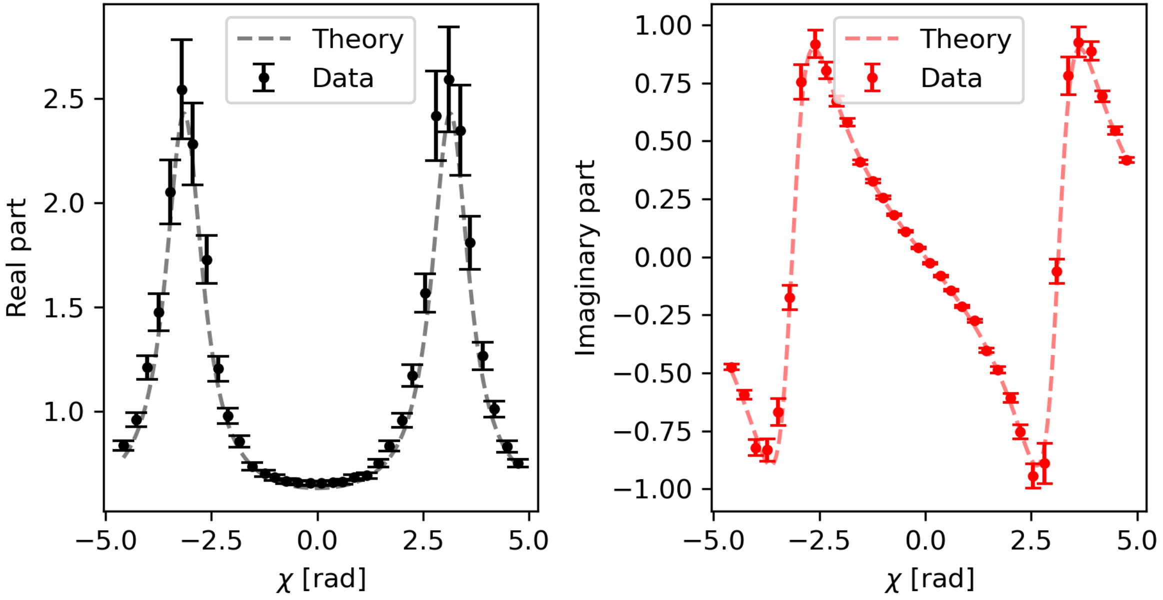

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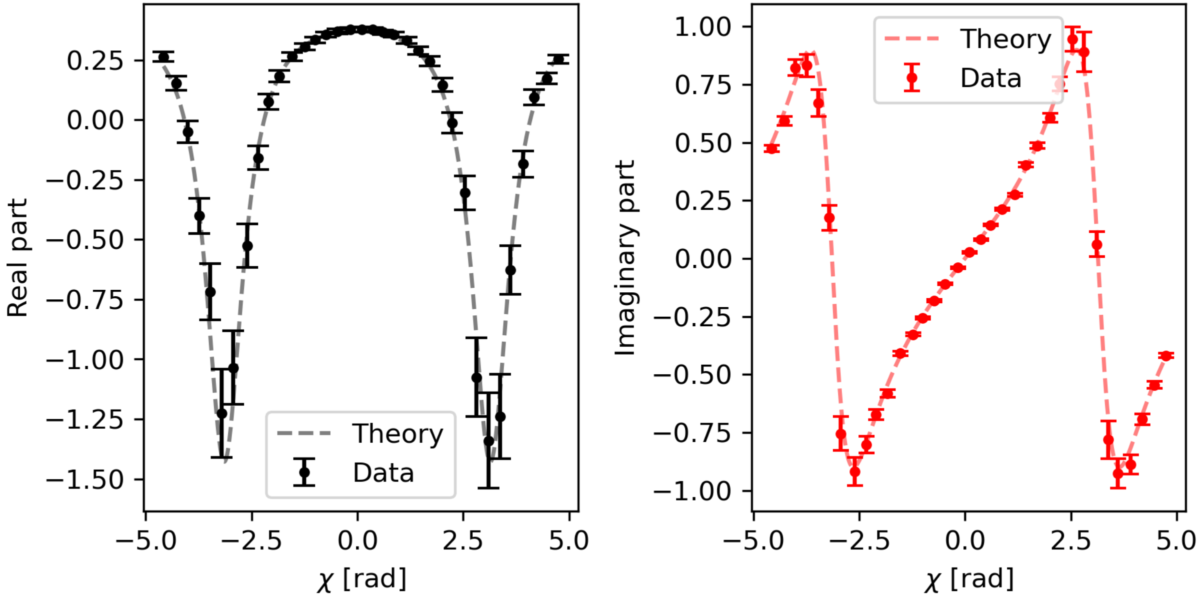
Results

Weak value path 2



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