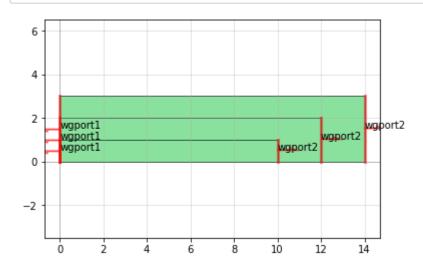
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In [1]: from __future__ import division, print_function, absolute_import
import numpy as np

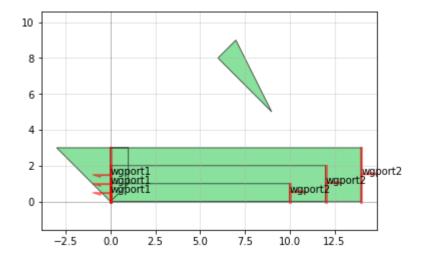
from phidl import Device, Layer, LayerSet, make_device
from phidl import quickplot as qp # Rename "quickplot()" to the easier "qp()"
import phidl.geometry as pg
import phidl.routing as pr
import phidl.utilities as pu
```

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In [2]:
       # Helpful (but not necessary) notes about plotting. (Can be skipped)
       #-----
       # Note: If you have Qt + PyQt installed, you may be able to use the much
       # faster quickplot2() function, which acts like KLayout (try zooming with
       # the mousewheel, and right-click-dragging to zoom). The F1/F2/F3 keys also
       # show/hide Ports, Subports, and Aliases respectively. The Esc key resets
       # the view
       #
       # We recommend trying the following just to see if it works:
       # >>> from phidl import quickplot2 as qp
       # >>> import phidl.geometry as pg
       # >>> qp(pg.rectangle())
       # If that doesn't work and you're using IPython, try using the command
       # >>> %qui qt
       # Uncomment this if you're using the original quickplot (not quickplot2)
       # and you'd like to see each result in a new window
       # import functools
       # qp = functools.partial(qp, new_window = True)
```

In [3]: # PHIDL TUTORIAL START # We'll start by assuming we have a function waveguide() which already exists # and makes us a simple waveguide rectangle. Many functions like this # exist in the phidl.geometry library and are ready-for-use. We write this # one out fully just so it's explicitly clear what's happening def waveguide(width = 10, height = 1): WG = Device('waveguide') WG.add\_polygon( [(0, 0), (width, 0), (width, height), (0, height)] ) WG.add\_port(name = 'wgport1', midpoint = [0,height/2], width = height, ori entation = 180)WG.add\_port(name = 'wgport2', midpoint = [width,height/2], width = height, orientation = 0) return WG

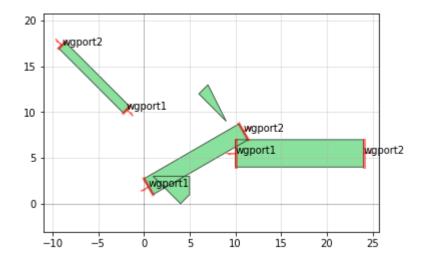
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In [4]:
        # Create a blank device
        # Let's create a new device ``D`` which will act as a blank canvas (D can be
        # thought of as a blank GDS cell with some special features). Note that when w
        # make a Device, we usually assign it a variable name with a capital letter
        D = Device('MultiWaveguide')
        # Now say we want to add a few waveguides to to our "Device" D.
        # First we create the wavequides. As you can see from the wavequide() functio
        # definition, the wavequide() function creates another Device ("WG").
        # This can be thought of as the waveguide() function creating another GDS cel
        L,
        # only this one has some geometry inside it.
        # Let's create two of these Devices by calling the waveguide() function
        WG1 = waveguide(width=10, height = 1)
        WG2 = waveguide(width=12, height = 2)
        # Now we've made two wavequides Device WG1 and WG2, and we have a blank
        # device D. We can add references from the devices WG1 and WG2 to our blank
        # device byz using the add ref() function.
        # After adding WG1, we see that the add ref() function returns a handle to our
        # reference, which we will label with lowercase letters wg1 and wg2.
        # handle will be useful later when we want to move wq1 and wq2 around in D.
        wg1 = D.add ref(WG1) # Using the function add ref()
        wg2 = D << WG2
                              # Using the << operator which is identical to add ref()
        # Alternatively, we can do this all on one line
        wg3 = D.add ref(waveguide(width=14, height = 3))
        qp(D) # quickplot it!
```





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In [6]:
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# Manipulating geometry 1 - Basic movement and rotation
# There are several actions we can take to move and rotate the geometry.
# actions include movement, rotation, and reflection.
wg1.move([10,4]) # Shift the second waveguide we created over by dx = 10, dy = 10
wg2.move(origin = [1,1], destination = [2,2]) # Shift the second waveguide ove
r by dx = 1, dy = 1
wg3.move([1,1], [5,5], axis = 'y') # Shift the third waveguide over by dx = 0,
dy = 4 (motion only along y-axis)
poly1.movey(4) # Same as specifying axis='y' in the move() command
poly2.movex(4) # Same as specifying axis='x'' in the move() command
wg3.movex(30,40) # Moves "from" x=30 "to" x=40 (e.g. shifts wg3 by +10 in the
x-direction)
wg1.rotate(45) # Rotate the first wavequide by 45 degrees around (0,0)
wg2.rotate(30, center = [1,1]) # Rotate the second waveguide by 30 degrees aro
und (1,1)
wg1.reflect(p1 = [1,1], p2 = [1,3]) # Reflects wg3 across the line formed by p
1 and p2
qp(D) # quickplot it!
```



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In [7]:
        # Manipulating geometry 2 - Properties
        # Each Device and DeviceReference object has several properties which can be u
        sed to learn
        # information about the object (for instance where it's center coordinate is).
          Several
        # of these properties can actually be used to move the geometry by assigning t
        hem
        # new values
        print(wg1.bbox) # Will print the bounding box of wq1 in terms of \lceil (xmin, ymi) \rceil
        n), (xmax, ymax)]
        print(wg1.xsize) # Will print the width of wg1 in the x dimension
        print(wg1.ysize) # Will print the height of wg1 in the y dimension
        print(wg1.center) # Gives you the center coordinate of its bounding box
        wg1.center = [4,4] # Shift wg1 such that the center coordinate of its bounding
         box is at (4,4)
        print(wg2.xmax) # Gives you the rightmost (+x) edge of the wg2 bounding box
        wg2.xmax = 25 \# Moves wg2 such that it's rightmost edge is at <math>x = 25
        wg2.y = 5 # Sets the y-coordingate of the center of the shape's bounding box
        wg3.ymin # Gives you the bottommost (-y) edge of the wg3 bounding box
        wg3.ymin = -14 # Moves wq3 such that it's bottommost edge is at y = -14
        qp(D) # quickplot it!
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[[-9.3137085 9.89949494]

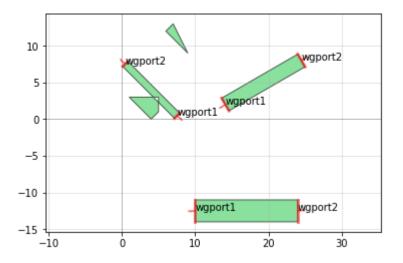
[-1.53553391 17.67766953]]

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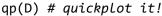
[-5.4246212 13.78858223]

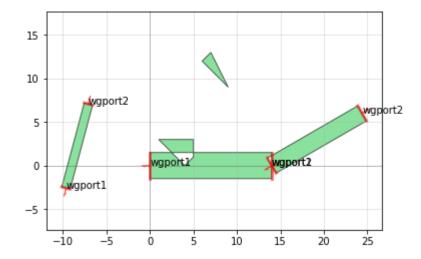
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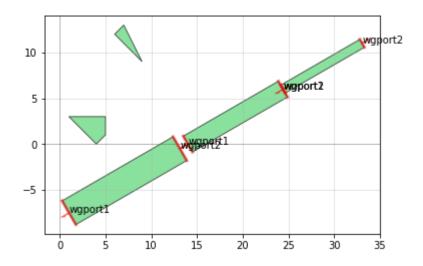
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In [8]:
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# Manipulating geometry 3 - Smarter movement with ports
# All the waveguides we made have two ports: 'wgport1' and 'wgport2' We can
# use these names in place of (x,y) pairs. For instance, if we want to move
# wq1 such that its port 'wqport1' rests on the origin, we do:
wg1.move(origin = 'wgport1', destination = [0,0])
# Alternatively, we can use the Port object itself in the same manner.
# access the Port objects for any Device (or DeviceReference) by calling devic
e.ports,
# --which returns a Python dictionary--and accessing its value with the key
wg3.move(origin = wg3.ports['wgport1'], destination = [0,0])
# We can even move one port to another
wg2.move(origin = wg2.ports['wgport1'], destination = wg3.ports['wgport2'])
# Several functions beyond just move() can take Ports as inputs
wg1.rotate(angle = -60, center = wg1.ports['wgport2'])
wg3.reflect(p1 = wg3.ports['wgport1'].midpoint, p2 = wg3.ports['wgport1'].midp
oint + np.array([1,0])
```

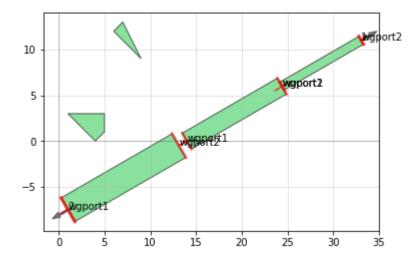


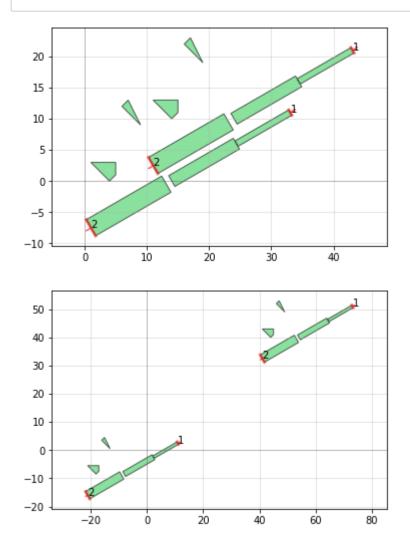


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In [9]:
        # Manipulating geometry 4 - Chaining commands
        # Many of the functions in Device return the object they manipulate. We can u
        se
        # this to chain commands in a single line. For instance these two expressions:
        wg1.rotate(angle = 15, center = [0,0])
        wg1.move([10,20])
        # ...are equivalent to this single-line expression
        wg1.rotate(angle = 15, center = [0,0]).move([10,20])
        # Connecting devices with connect()
        # The connect command allows us to connect DeviceReference ports together like
        # Lego blocks. There is an optional parameter called ``overlap`` which is
        # useful if you have shapes you want to intersect with some overlap (or with a
        # negative number, separate the ports).
        wg1.connect(port = 'wgport1', destination = wg2.ports['wgport2'])
        wg3.connect(port = 'wgport2', destination = wg2.ports['wgport1'], overlap = -1
        qp(D) # quickplot it!
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In [10]:

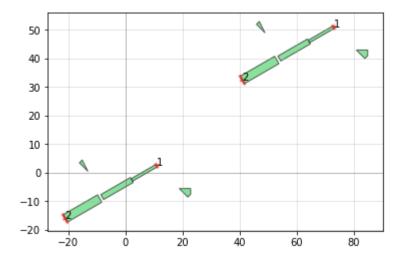


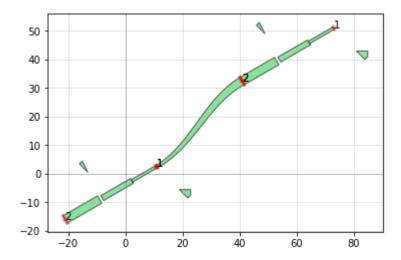


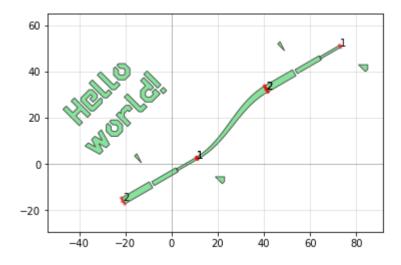
In [12]: # Since the references mwg1 and mwg2 only point to the device ``D``, any
# changes that we make to the original ``D`` will be reflected in ``D2``

poly2.x += 40

qp(D2) # quickplot it!







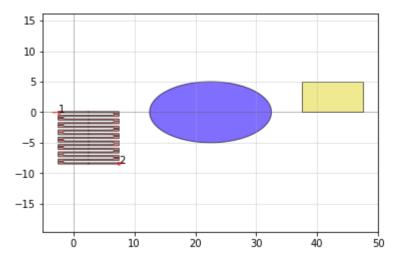
Out[15]: 'MultiMultiWaveguideWithLabels.gds'

Out[16]: 'MultiMultiWaveguideTutorialNewUnits.gds'

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In [17]:
        # Advanced: Acquiring port information
        # In some cases, you may want to gather information about the ports in your
        # Device. You can do that using the get ports(depth) function, which will
        # return ports within the device
        # This is empty as D2 does not have any ports of its own, only ports within
        # its references
        top_level_ports = D2.get_ports(depth = 0)
        # This gets the ports from the refrences we added to D2 (mwq1 and mwq2)
        first_level_ports = D2.get_ports(depth = 1)
        # This gets all the ports from every level
        all_ports = D2.get_ports(depth = None)
        # We can then filter to find the locations of all ports we defined as "usefu
        L":
        for p in all ports:
            if 'is useful' in p.info and p.info['is useful'] is True:
                print(str(p) + ' is useful')
```

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Port (name 1, midpoint [11.00961894 2.5 ], width 1, orientation 30.0) is useful
Port (name 1, midpoint [73.05255888 51. ], width 1, orientation 30.0) is useful
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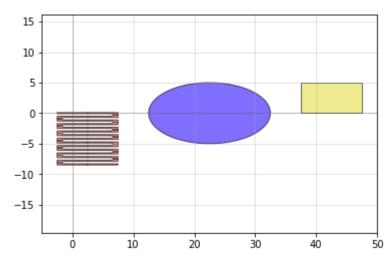
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In [18]:
         # Adding premade geometry with phidl.geometry
         # Usually at the beginning of a phidl file we import the phidl.geometry module
         # as ``pg``, like this:
         import phidl.geometry as pg
         # The ``pg`` module contains dozens of premade shapes and structures, ranging
         # from simple ones like ellipses to complex photonic structures. Let's create
         # a few simple structures and plot them
         D = Device()
         G1 = pg.ellipse(radii = (10,5), angle resolution = 2.5, layer = 1)
         G2 = pg.snspd(wire width = 0.2, wire pitch = 0.6, size = (10,8), layer = 2)
         G3 = pg.rectangle(size = (10,5), layer = 3)
         g1 = D.add ref(G1)
         g2 = D.add ref(G2)
         g3 = D.add_ref(G3)
         g1.xmin = g2.xmax + 5
         g3.xmin = g1.xmax + 5
         qp(D)
         # There are dozens of these types of structures. See the /phidl/geometry.py
         # file for a full geometry list. Note some of the more complex shapes are
         # experimental and may change with time.
         # Let's save this file so we can practice importing it in the next step
         D.write gds('MyNewGDS.gds')
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Out[18]: 'MyNewGDS.gds'

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In [19]:
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# Importing GDS files
# The phidl.geometry module is responsible for generating premade Devices.
# This includes imported geometry from other GDS files too. When you import
# a GDS, you specify which layers you want, and it will import those layers
# as a new Device. The new device can then be manipulated like any other.
# Let's import the GDS we just saved in the previous step. Although generally
# you must specify which cell in the GDS file you want to import using the
# argument `cellname`, if the GDS file has only one top-level cell (like our
# MyLayerSetPreview.qds file does), the cellname argument can be left out and
# import qds() will import that top-level cell.
# Let's first just import the entire GDS as-is
E = pg.import_gds(filename = 'MyNewGDS.gds')
qp(E)
# Similarly, we can import the same file but flatten the entire cell
# heirarchy
E2 = pg.import_gds(filename = 'MyNewGDS.gds', flatten = True)
```



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In [20]:
         # Using Layers
         # Let's make a new blank device DL and add some text to it, but this time on
         # different layers
         DL = Device()
         # You can specify any layer in one of three ways:
         # 1) as a single number 0-255 representing the gds layer number, e.g. layer =
         # where the gds layer datatype will be automatically set to zero
         DL.add_ref( pg.text('Layer1', size = 10, layer = 1) )
         # 2) as a 2-element list [0,1] or tuple (0,1) representing the qds layer
         # number (0-255) and qds Layer datatype (0-255)
         DL.add_ref( pg.text('Layer2', size = 10, layer = [2,5]) ).movey(-20)
         # 3) as a Layer object
         my_gold_layer = Layer(gds_layer = 3, gds_datatype = 0, name = 'goldpads', desc
         ription = 'Gold pads liftoff')
         my_unused_layer = Layer(240,1) # Creates a Layer for GDS Layer 240 (dataype 1)
         DL.add_ref( pg.text('Layer3', size = 10, layer = my_gold_layer) ).movey(-40)
```

Out[20]: DeviceReference (parent Device "text000033", ports [], origin [ 0 -40], rota tion 0, x\_reflection False)

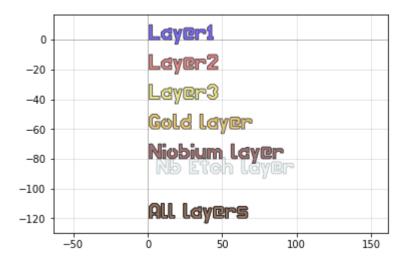
# transparently to the add\_polygon() function through the function

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[(1, 0), (7, 8), (3, 5)]
{8, 19, 4}
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print(E.layers)

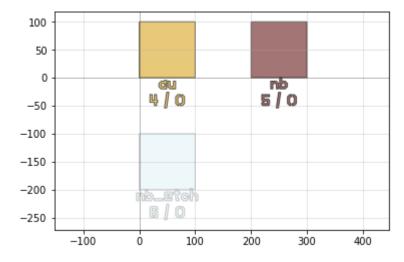
 $E = pg.ellipse(layer = \{4, 8, 19\})$ 

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In [22]:
         # Advanced layers: Containing multiple Layers in a LayerSet object
         # What you can also do is make a LayerSet, which lets you
         # conveniently call each Layer object just by its name. You can also specify
         # the layer color using an RGB triplet e.g (0.1, 0.4, 0.2), an HTML hex color
         # (e.q. #a31df4), or a CSS3 color name (e.q. 'qold' or 'lightblue'
         # see http://www.w3schools.com/colors/colors_names.asp )
         # The 'alpha' argument also lets you specify how transparent that layer should
         # look when using quickplot (has no effect on the written GDS file)
         ls = LayerSet() # Create a blank LayerSet
         ls.add layer(name = 'au', gds layer = 4, gds datatype = 0, description = 'Gol
         d wiring', color = 'goldenrod')
         ls.add layer(name = 'nb', gds layer = 5, gds datatype = 0, description = 'Nio
         bium liftoff', color = (0.4, 0.1, 0.1)
         ls.add_layer('nb_etch', 6, 0, color = 'lightblue', alpha = 0.2)
         ls['au']
         # Now that our layers are defined, we can call them from the LayerSet in the s
         # we would from a dictionary, where the name becomes the key:
         text1 = DL.add ref(pg.text('Gold layer', size = 10, layer = ls['au'])).movey
         (-60)
         text2 = DL.add ref(pg.text('Niobium layer', size = 10, layer = ls['nb'])).mo
         vev(-80)
         text3 = DL.add ref( pg.text('Nb Etch layer', size = 10, layer = ls['nb etch'])
          ).movey(-90).movex(5)
         # We can additionally use a LayerSet to add the same structure to several
         # layers at once by passing the whole layerset to the layer argument
         text4 = DL.add ref( pg.text('All layers', size = 10, layer = ls) ).movey(-120)
         ap(DL)
         DL.write_gds('MultipleLayerText.gds')
```



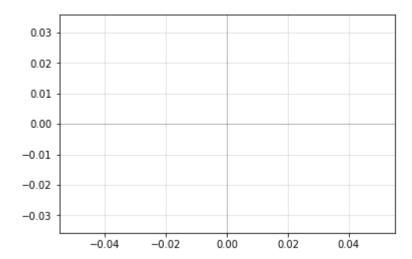
Out[22]: 'MultipleLayerText.gds'

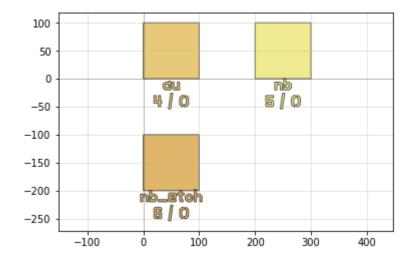
Layer (name nb, GDS layer 5, GDS datatype 0, description Niobium liftoff, col or #661919)



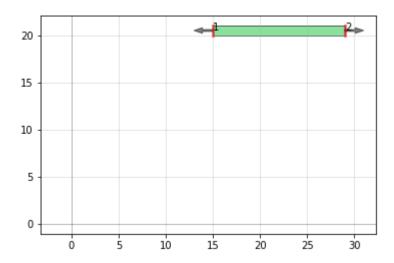
Out[23]: 'MyLayerSetPreview.gds'

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In [24]: # We can even save the LayerSet as a KLayout .lyp file ("layer properties" fil
e)
# useful for getting the color scheme in KLayout to match quickplot
import phidl.utilities as pu
pu.write_lyp('MyLayerSetPreview.lyp', layerset = ls)
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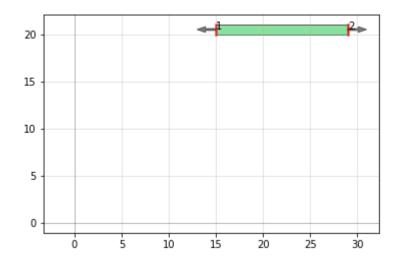




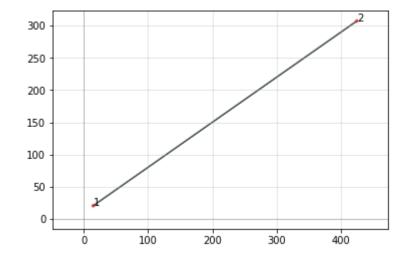
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In [27]:
         # Constructing a Device from set of parameters (dictionary or config file)
         # Say we want to make a more complicated wavequide which requires more
         # parameters. Instead of passing them individually, we can store them in a
         # dictionary (or configuration file) and pass that dictionary to the Device()
         # function.
         def complicated waveguide(width = 10, height = 1, x = 10, y = 25, rotation = 1
         5):
             C = Device('complicated_waveguide')
             C.add polygon( [(0, 0), (width, 0), (width, height), (0, height)] )
             C.add port(name = 1, midpoint = [0,height/2], width = height, orientation
         = 180)
             C.add port(name = 2, midpoint = [width,height/2], width = height, orientat
         ion = 0
             C.rotate(angle = rotation, center = (0,0))
             C.move((x,v))
             return C
         cwg_parameters = {
                      'width' : 14,
                      'height' : 1,
                      'x': 15,
                      'y' : 20,
                      'rotation' : 0
                     }
         # We can either create the complicated_waveguide() the normal way
         C1 = complicated_waveguide(width = 14, height = 1, x = 15, y = 20, rotation =
         0)
         qp(C1)
```



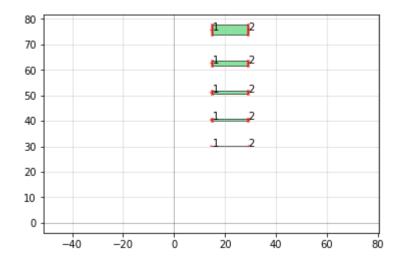
In [28]: # Or we can pass the complicated\_waveguide function and our parameter list
 # to the Device() function which will generate it for us using our config
 C2 = make\_device(complicated\_waveguide, config = cwg\_parameters)
 qp(C2)



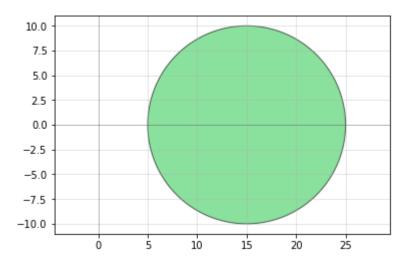
In [29]: # We can also override any parameter we like in our dictionary of parameters
# by adding keyword arguments -- the input dictionary is untouched afterwards
C3 = make\_device(complicated\_waveguide, config = cwg\_parameters, width = 500,
rotation = 35)
qp(C3)

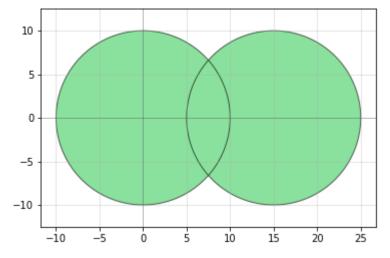


In [30]: # The most useful implementation of this is to keep a standard set of
 # parameters and then override certain parameters each iteration of the for
 # loop. Say we want to use our standard cwg\_parameters but change the height
 # each time:
 D = Device()
 for h in [0.1, 0.5, 1, 2, 4]:
 C4 = make\_device(complicated\_waveguide, config = cwg\_parameters, height =
 h)
 c4 = D.add\_ref( C4 )
 c4.ymin = D.ymax + 10
 qp(D)

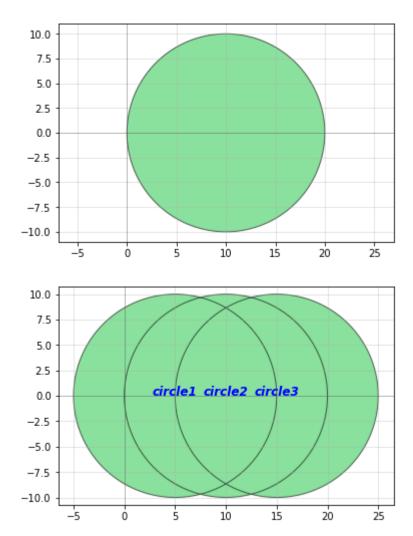


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In [31]:
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In [32]: # But rather than cluttering up the list of variables with these refernces, # we can instead create 'aliases' to each reference, and call them directly # out of D like you would with a Python dictionary. For example: D = Device() C = pg.circle() D.add\_ref(C, alias = 'circle1') # Add first reference D['circle2'] = D.add ref(C) # Add second reference in a different style D['circle3'] = D << C # Add third reference in yet another way! # Even though we created these references/aliases three different ways, # they all behave the same way: D['circle1'].x += 5 # Moving the second circle over by 5 D['circle2'].x += 10 # Moving the second circle over by 10
D['circle3'].x += 15 # Moving the second circle over by 15 # Note that at this point, D['circle2'] is equivalent to the variable c2 # we made above qp(D['circle2'], label\_aliases = True) qp(D, label aliases = True) # You can also access the list of aliases for your Device whenever you want # to by accessing Device.aliases, which is a Python dictionary. For example: print(D.aliases) print(D.aliases.keys())



{'circle1': DeviceReference (parent Device "circle000095", ports [], origin [5. 0.], rotation 0, x\_reflection False), 'circle2': DeviceReference (parent Device "circle000095", ports [], origin [10. 0.], rotation 0, x\_reflection False), 'circle3': DeviceReference (parent Device "circle000095", ports [], or igin [15. 0.], rotation 0, x\_reflection False)} dict\_keys(['circle1', 'circle2', 'circle3'])

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In [33]:
         # Flattening a Device
         # Sometimes you want to remove references from a Device while keeping all
         # of the shapes/polygons intact and in place. The D.flatten() keeps all the
         # polygons in D, but removes all the underlying references it's attached to.
         # Also, if you specify the `single_layer` argument it will move all of the
         # polyons to that single layer
         D = Device()
         E1 = pg.ellipse(layer = 1)
         E2 = pg.ellipse(layer = 2)
         D.add ref(E1)
         D.add_ref(E2).movex(15)
         D.write_gds('D_ellipses.gds')
         D.flatten()
         D.write gds('D ellipses flattened.gds')
         D.flatten(single layer = 5)
         D.write_gds('D_ellipses_flattened_singlelayer.gds')
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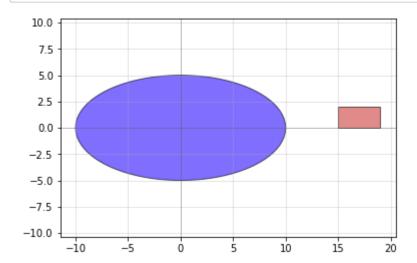
Out[33]: 'D\_ellipses\_flattened\_singlelayer.gds'

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In [34]:
        # Decluttering - Absorbing references into a main Device
        # Say you had a Device "D" which contains several references named
        # "ref1", "ref2", "ref_cluttered". Suppose the reference "ref_cluttered" is
        # cluttering up your cell hierarchy when you're viewing it in your favorite
        # GDS viewer. The D.absorb() function can eliminate the "ref_cluttered"
        # hierarchy while maintaining the geometry -- it strips out all the polygons
        # from "ref_cluttered" and adds them directly to "D", then removes
        # the reference "ref cluttered" from D entirely
        D = Device()
        E1 = pg.ellipse(layer = 1)
        E2 = pg.ellipse(layer = 2)
         # The SNSPD has a lot of underlying hierarchy
        S1 = pg.snspd(layer = 3)
        ref1 = D.add_ref(E1)
        ref2 = D.add ref(E2).movex(50)
        ref_cluttered = D.add_ref(S1).movex(100)
        D.write gds('D cluttered.gds')
        D.absorb(ref cluttered)
        D.write gds('D de cluttered.gds')
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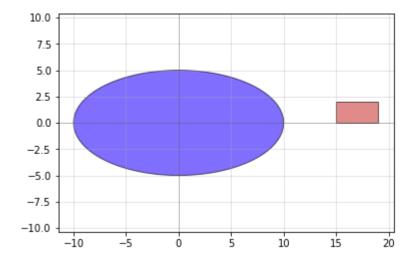
Out[34]: 'D de cluttered.gds'

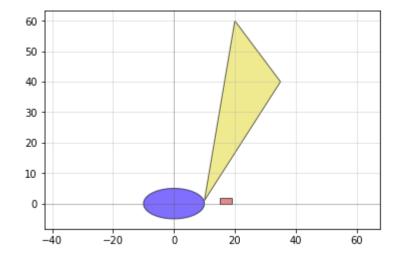
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In [35]:
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# Copying a Device
# Since copying a Device involves creating a new geometry, you can copy a
# Device D using the pg.copy(D) or pg.deepcopy(D) function. pg.copy(D)
# maintains the underlying connections to other Device, so that newly-created
# Device uses the same references as the original device. Conversely,
# pg.deepcopy() creates completely new copies of every underlying polygon and
# reference, so that the newly-created Device shares no dependencies/reference
# with the original Device. These functions are especially useful if
# you want to flatten a geometry without damaging the structure of the
# original Device.
D = Device()
E1 = pg.ellipse(layer = 1)
E2 = pg.rectangle(layer = 2)
D.add ref(E1)
D.add ref(E2).movex(15)
D copied = pg.copy(D)
qp(D_copied)
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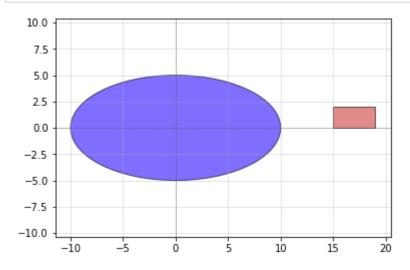


In [36]: # Observe that if we add geometry to D now, D\_copied is unaffected
 D.add\_ref(pg.circle())
 D.rotate(45)
 qp(D\_copied)

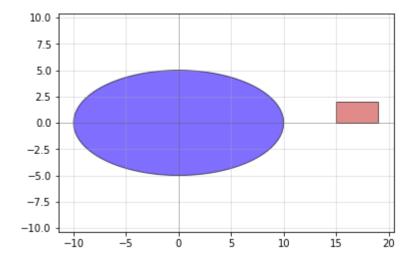




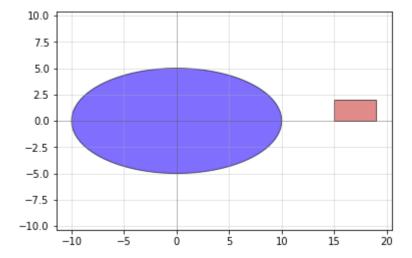
In [38]: # If instead we use pg.deepcopy(), all of the underlying references are copied
# and used in the new D\_deepcopied device. So if we change one of the old
# references, the new D\_deepcopied doesn't get affected
D = Device()
E1 = pg.ellipse(layer = 1)
E2 = pg.rectangle(layer = 2)
D.add\_ref(E1)
D.add\_ref(E2).movex(15)
D\_deepcopied = pg.deepcopy(D)
qp(D\_deepcopied)

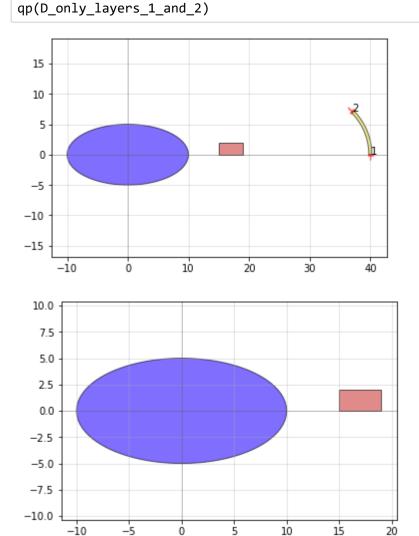


In [39]: # As before, if we add geometry to D now, D\_deepcopied is unaffected
 D.add\_ref(pg.circle())
 D.rotate(45)
 qp(D\_deepcopied)



In [40]: # However, now if we mess with the underlying Devices of D, D\_deepcopied
# is not affected like it was before.
E1.add\_polygon([[10,20,35], [1,60,40]], layer = 3)
qp(D\_deepcopied)

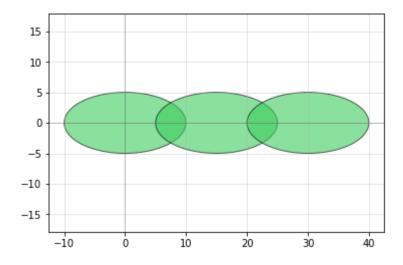


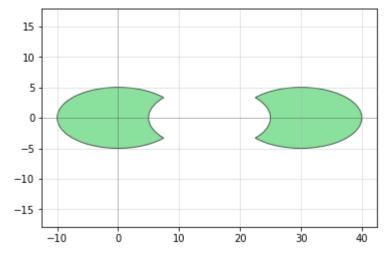


D\_only\_layers\_1\_and\_2 = pg.extract(D, layers = [1,2])

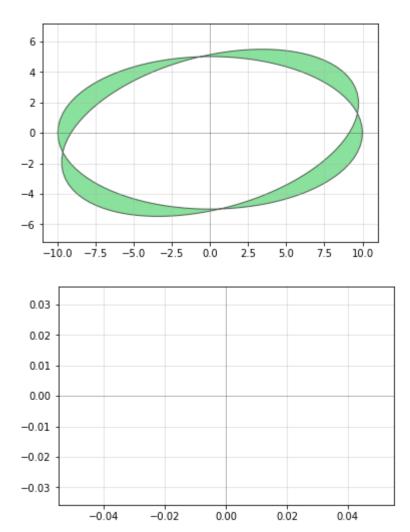
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D = Device()
E1 = pg.ellipse()
E2 = pg.ellipse().movex(15)
E3 = pg.ellipse().movex(30)
qp([E1, E2, E3])

D2 = pg.boolean(A = [E1, E3], B = E2, operation = 'A-B')
qp(D2)
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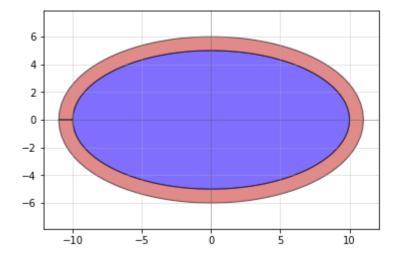




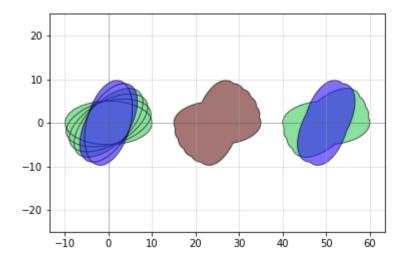
In [43]: # Comparing two Devices # Sometimes you want to be able to test whether two Devices are identical or # not (similar to the "diff" of a text file). You can perform this comparison # by using the pg.xor diff(A, B) function. It will perform a layer-by-layer # XOR difference between the Devices A and B, and returns polygons representin # the differences between A and B. D = Device() E1 = pg.ellipse() E2 = pg.ellipse().rotate(15) E3 = pg.ellipse() # Let's compare two slightly different Devices  $X1 = pg.xor_diff(A = E1, B = E2)$ # When we plot the result, we see only the differences between E1 and E2 qp(X1)# Now let's compare two identical Devices  $X2 = pg.xor_diff(A = E1, B = E3)$ qp(X2) # In this case X2 is empty -- therefore E1 and E3 are identical! # We can double-check this by computing the area of each device print('E1 != E2 because X1 is not blank: it has total polygon area %s' % X1.ar ea()) print('E1 == E3 because X2 is blank: it has total polygon area %s' % X2.area ())

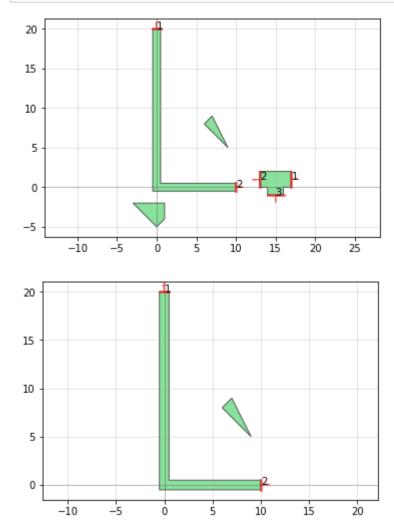


E1 != E2 because X1 is not blank: it has total polygon area 38.28322200000009
E1 == E3 because X2 is blank: it has total polygon area 0



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In [45]:
          # Joining (Unioning) shapes together
          # If you have several polygons which form a single compound shape and you want
          # to join (union) them all together, you can do it with the pq.union() comman
          d:
          # Note: Like all phidl.geometry functions, this will return NEW geometry! In
          # particular, this function will return a new *flattened* geometry
          D = Device()
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 0)</pre>
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 0).rotate(15*1)</pre>
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 0).rotate(15*2)</pre>
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 0).rotate(15*3)</pre>
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 1).rotate(15*4)</pre>
          D << pg.ellipse(layer = 1).rotate(15*5)</pre>
          # We have two options to unioning - take all polygons, regardless of
          # layer, and join them together (in this case on layer 5) like so:
          D_joined = pg.union(D, by_layer = False, layer = 5)
          # Or we can perform the union operate by-layer
          D_joined_by_layer = pg.union(D, by_layer = True)
          dj = D << D joined
          djl = D << D_joined_by_layer</pre>
          dj.xmax += 25
          djl.xmax += 50
          qp(D)
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Out[47]: 'MyGeometryFigure.svg'

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In [48]:
         # Advanced: Using the LRU Cache decorator
         # Let's assume you have a Device-making function which takes a long time,
         # for instance because it requires extensive computations to calculate polygon
         # points. PHIDL has a LRU cache decorator you can use, similar to the
         # built-in Python functools.lru cache. The cache can significantly speed up
         import time
         from phidl import device_lru_cache
         @device lru cache
         def computationally intensive device(width = 10, height = 1):
             D = Device()
             time.sleep(1.5) # Pretend we're doing computations for 1.5 seconds here
             D.add_polygon( [(width,6,7,9), (6,8,9,5)] )
             return D
         # When we first generate the Device, it takes the usual amount of time to
         # generate.
         time start = time.time()
         DC1 = computationally_intensive_device(width = 10, height = 1)
         print('Function took %s seconds to run initially' % (time.time()-time start))
         # However, if we use the same input arguments, since we already computed the
         # Device using those arguments the cache can return a copy much quicker
         time start = time.time()
         DC2 = computationally intensive device(width = 10, height = 1)
         print('Function took %s seconds to run a second time' % (time.time()-time_star
         t))
         # Note that if we change the input arguments, we still need to generate
         # the function again (even if that argument isn't used!)
         time start = time.time()
         DC2 = computationally intensive device(width = 10, height = 2.7)
         print('Function with new arguments took %s seconds to run' % (time.time()-time
         start))
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Function took 1.512892484664917 seconds to run initially Function took 0.0 seconds to run a second time Function with new arguments took 1.5018162727355957 seconds to run
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