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SCREAM & (QUANTUM) SHOUT

(or how to amplify more than a single photon)

people are **LOUD**

people *like* **LOUD**



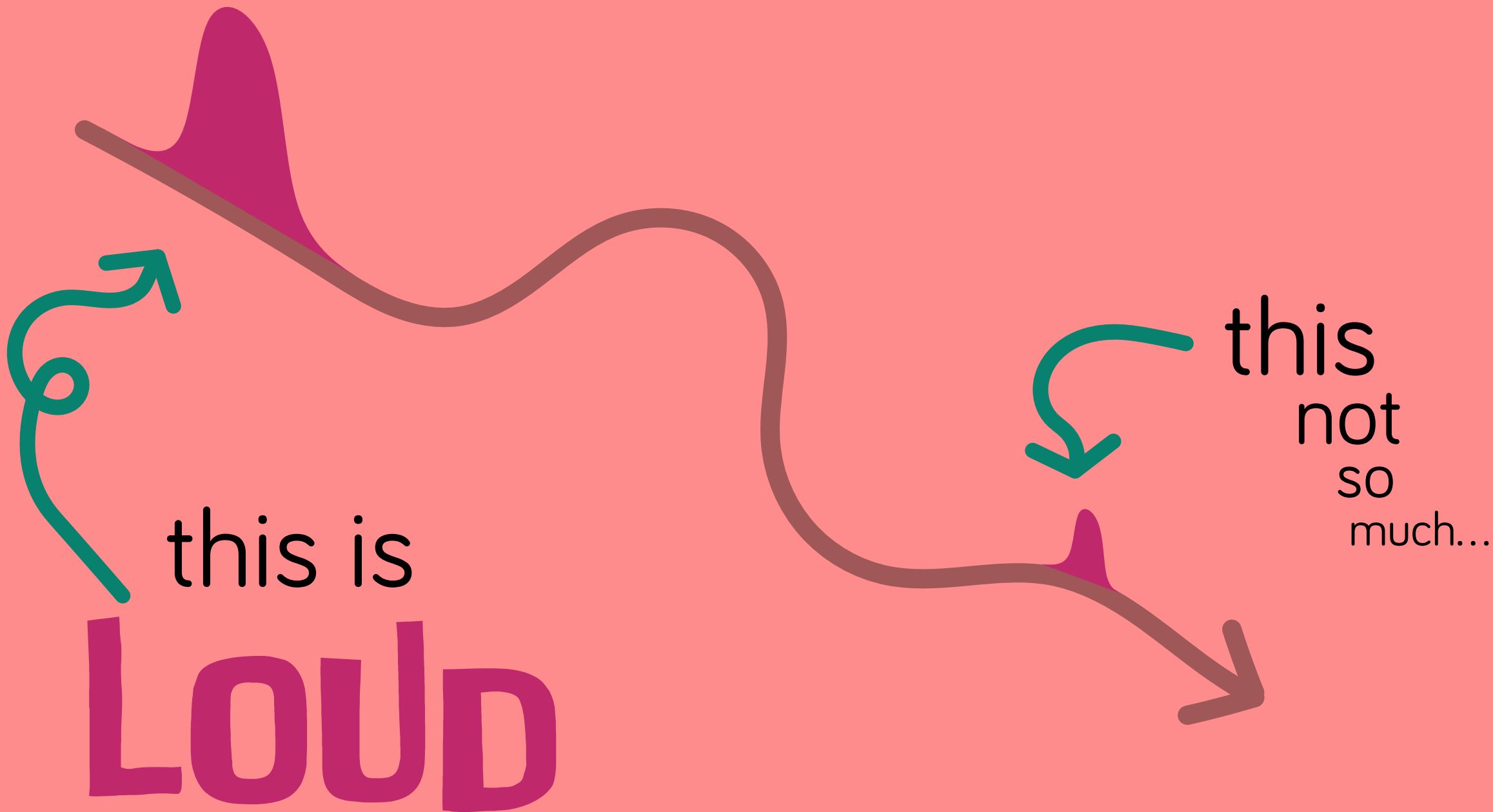
people *also* like **QUANTUM**

but
being

QUANTUM

LOUD

is hard

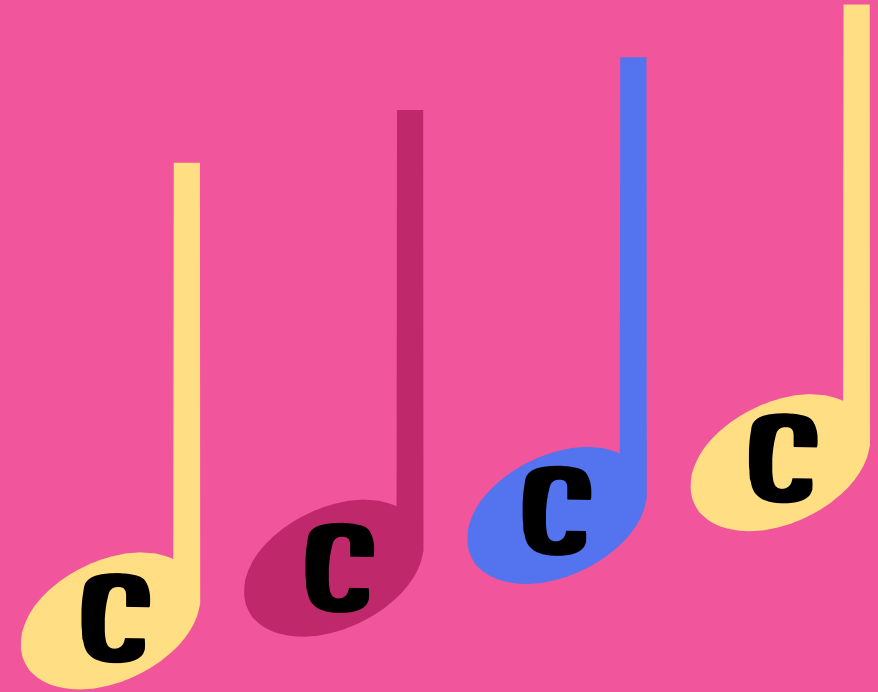


this is

LOUD

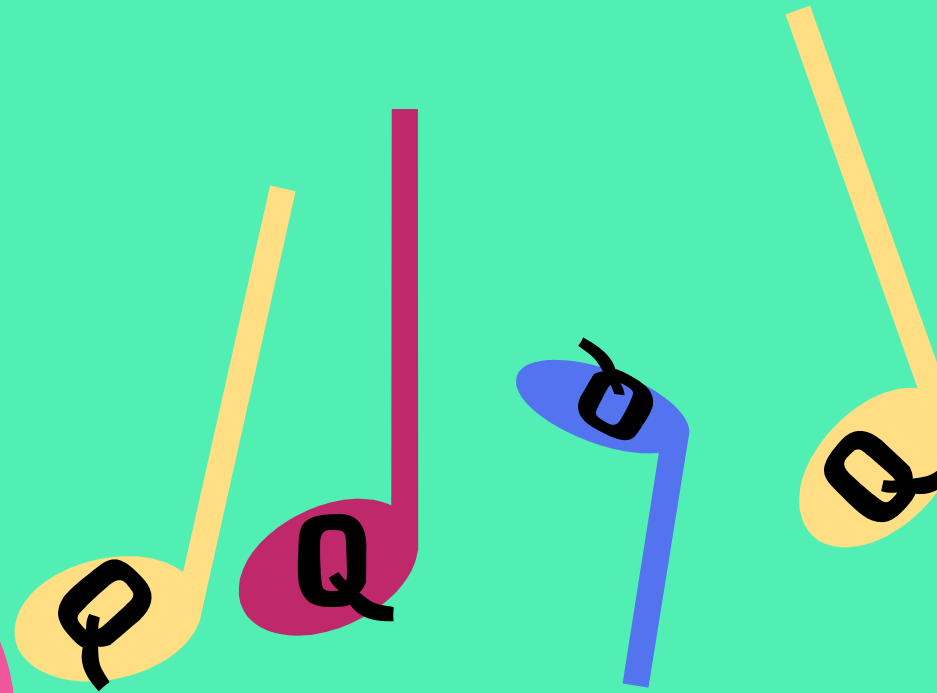
this
not
so
much...

it's easy to
be loud classically...



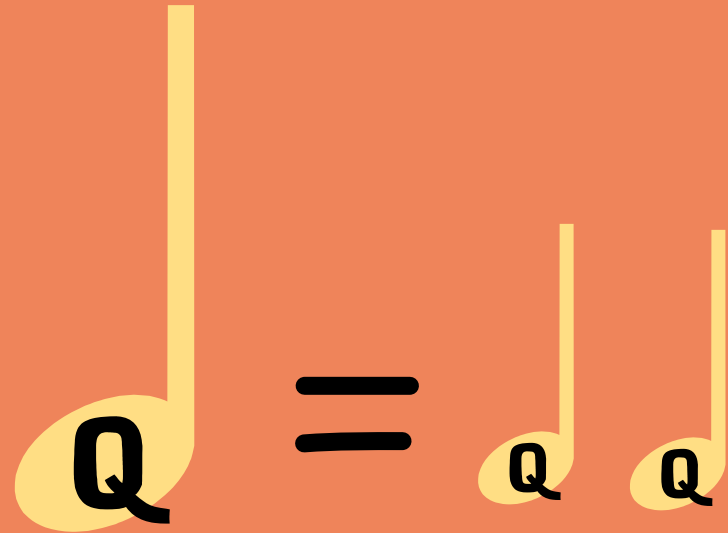
... but

QUANTUMLY?



due to a little
thing called

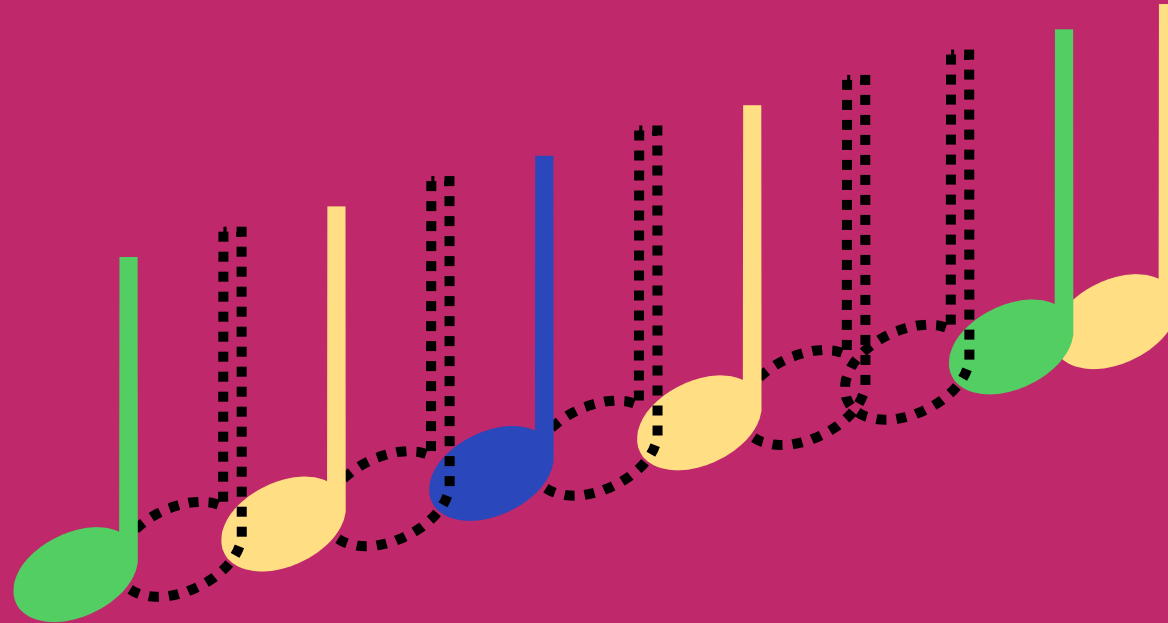
"no-cloning"



but

you *can* do it

PERFECTLY



...sometimes

Noiseless
Linear
Amplification







me

not really

me



NIA*



* only **1** note at a time

NIA*

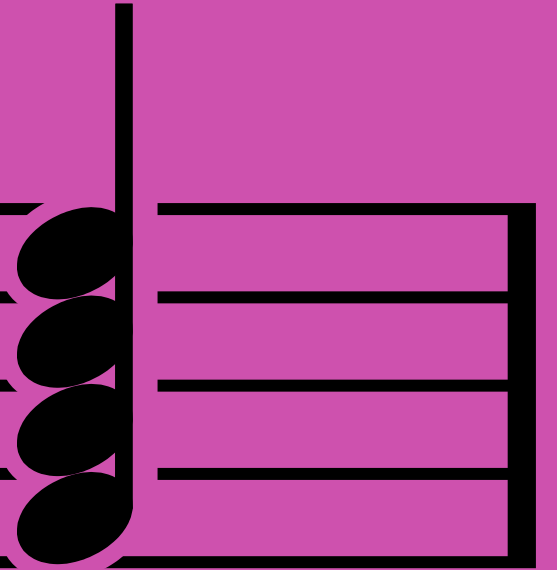
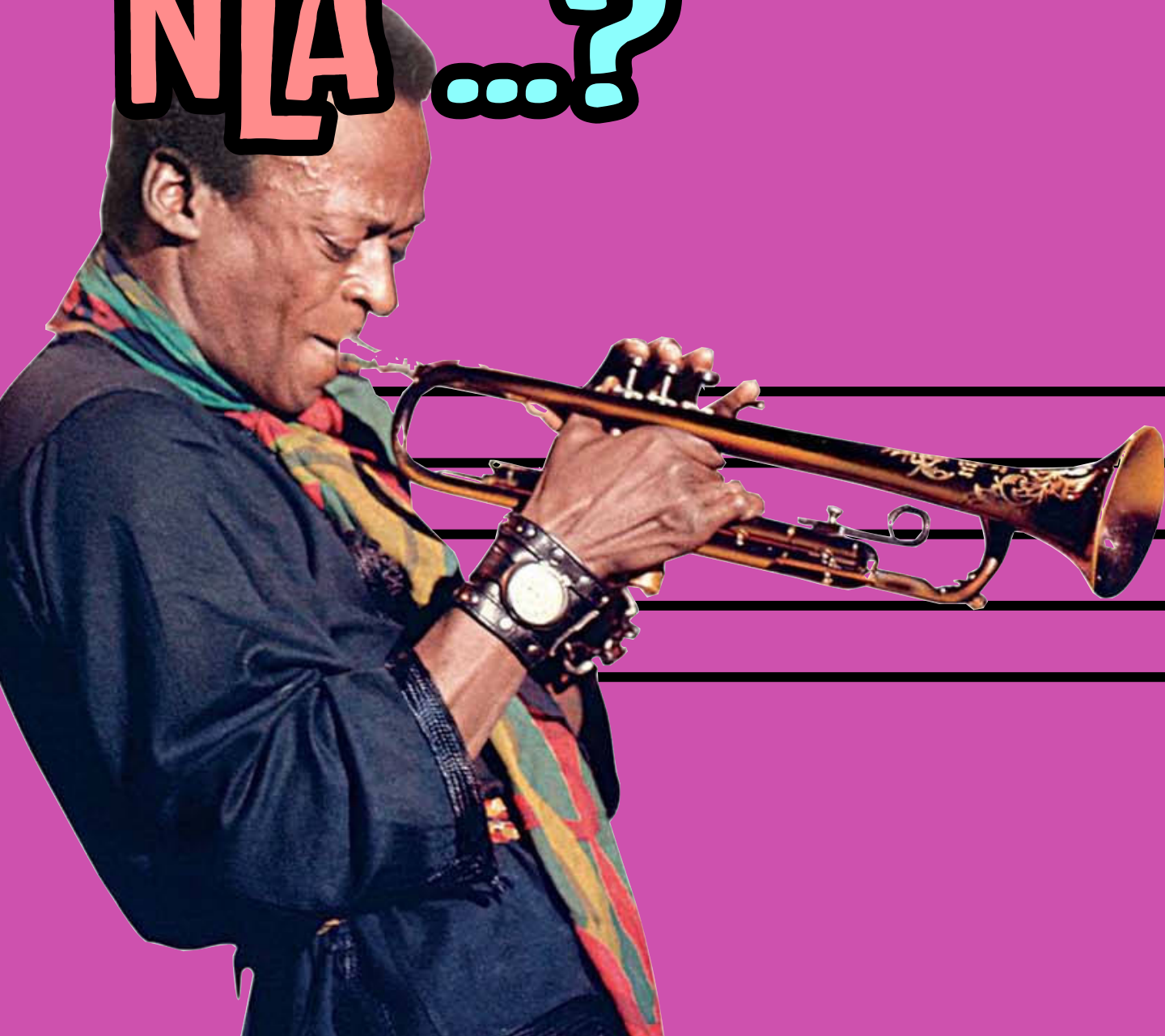


$$c_0 | \text{dotted note} \rangle + c_1 | \text{solid note} \rangle$$



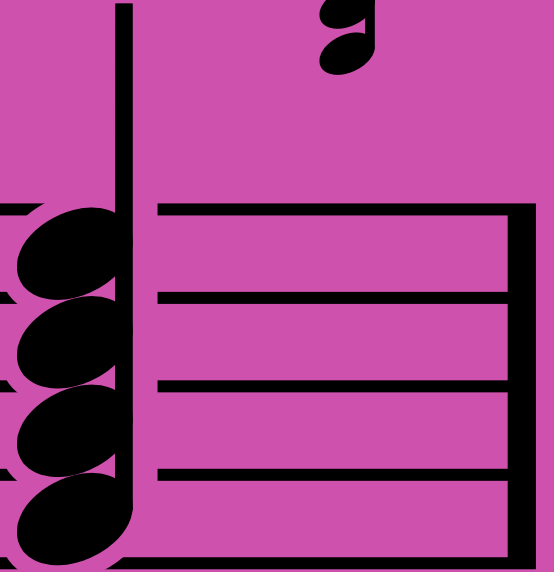
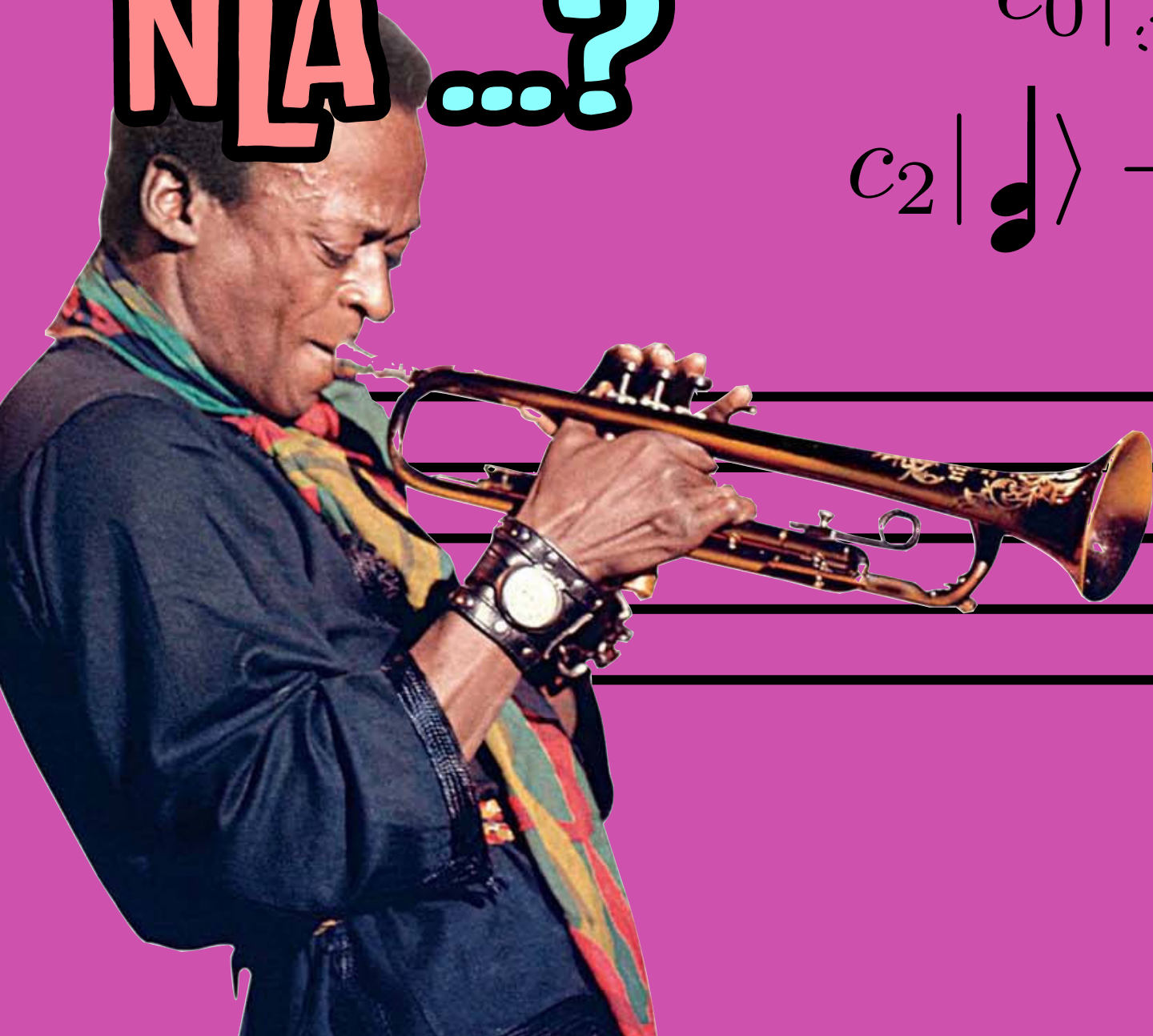
$$c_0 | \text{dotted note} \rangle + g c_1 | \text{solid note} \rangle$$

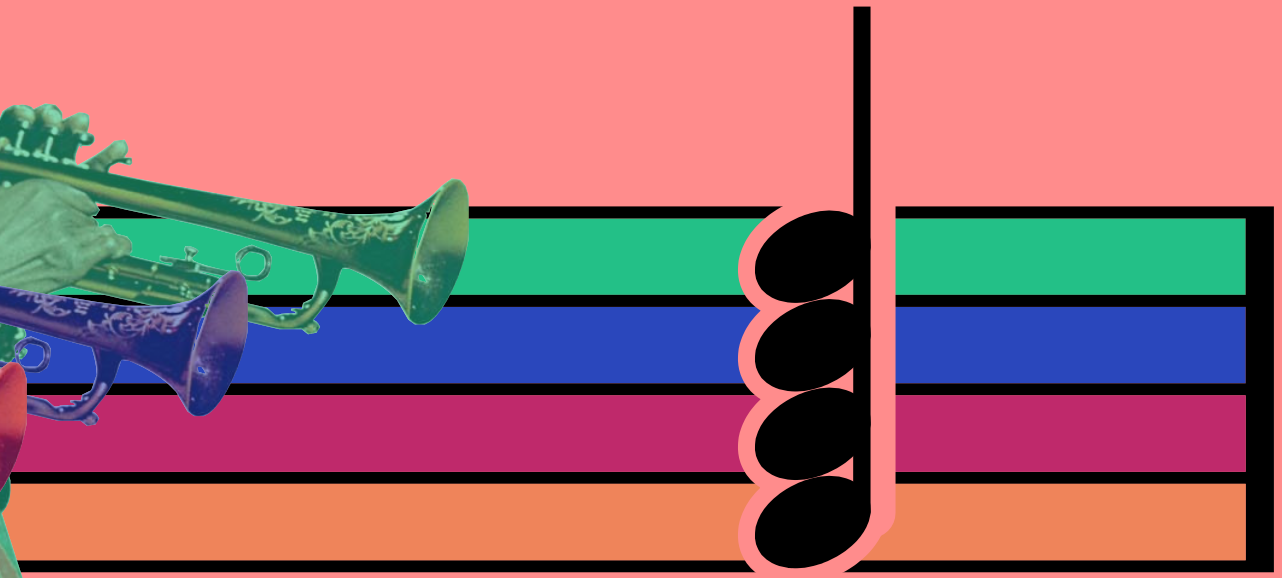
NLA...?

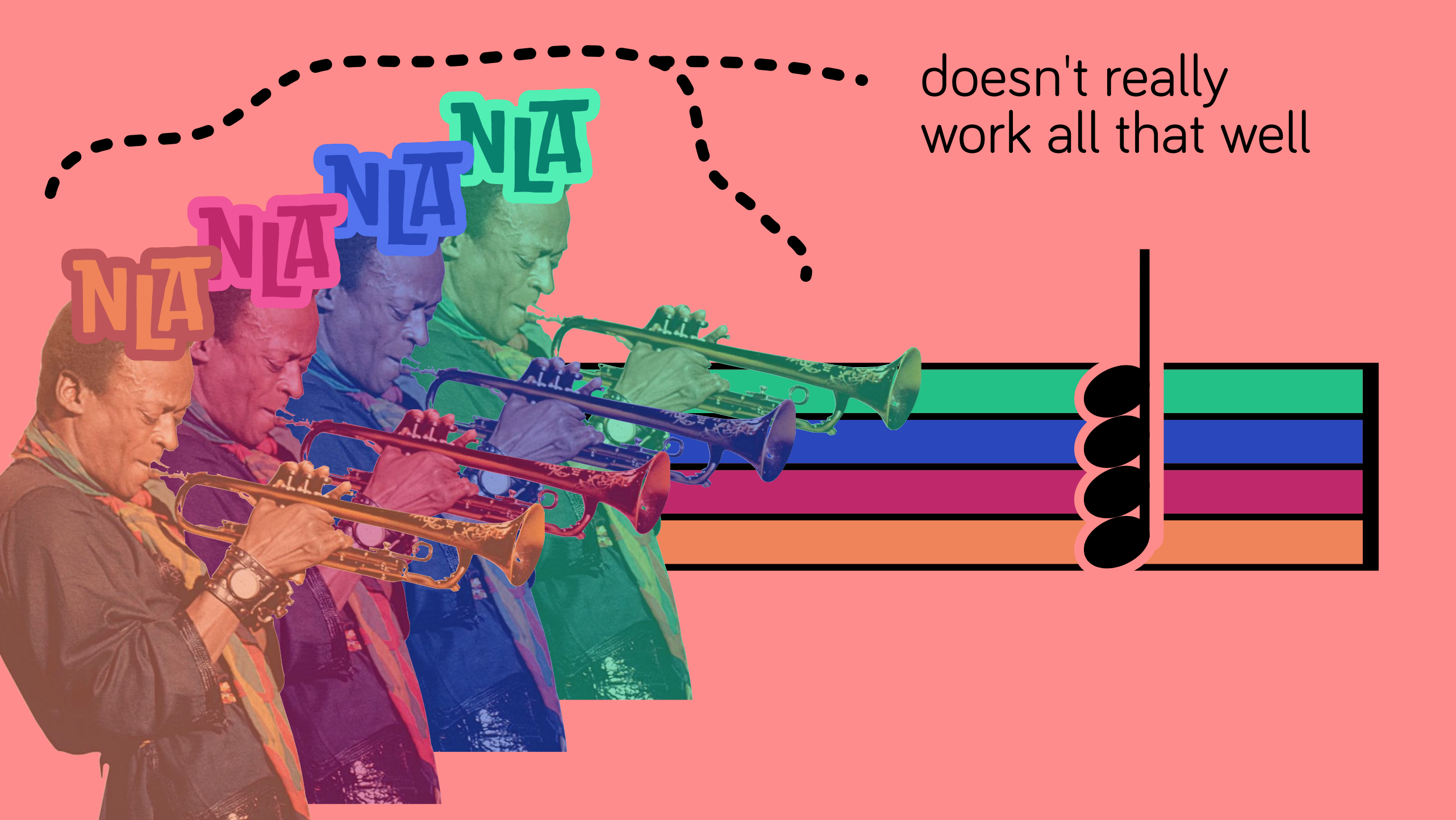


NLA...?

$$c_0 | \text{quarter note} \rangle + c_1 | \text{eighth note} \rangle + c_2 | \text{quarter note} \rangle + c_3 | \text{quarter note} \rangle + c_4 | \text{quarter note} \rangle$$







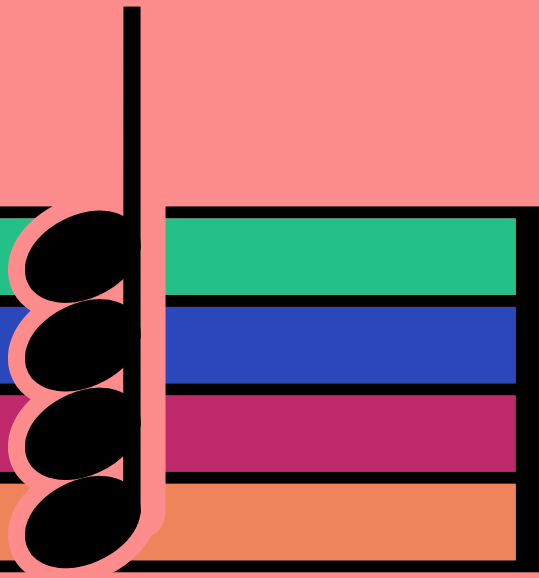
doesn't really
work all that well

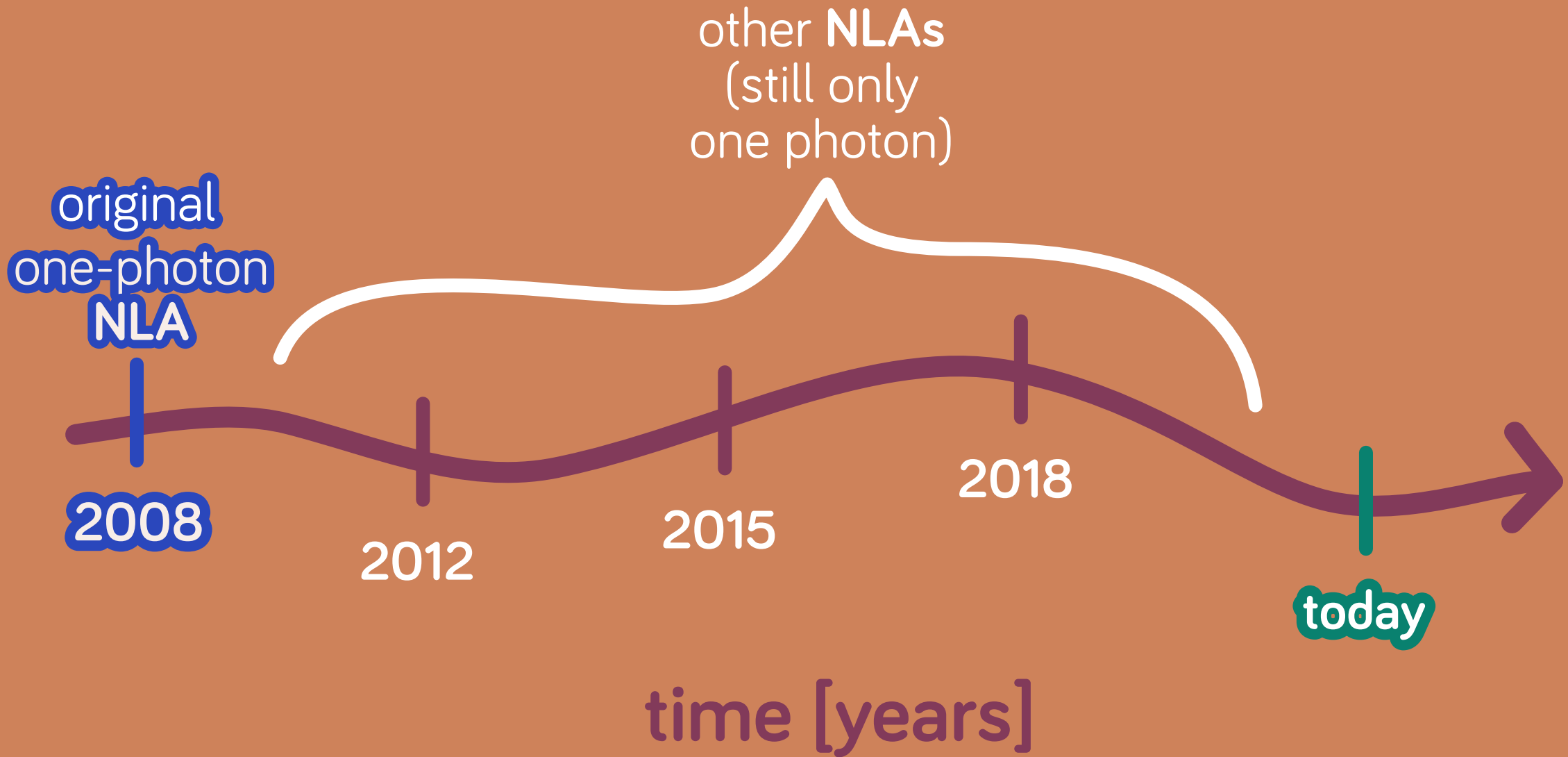
NIA

NIA

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NIA





original
one-photon
NLA

other NLAs
(still only
one photon)

2008

2012

2015

2018

today

time [years]

TRUE
MULTI-NIA



TRUE MULTI-NIA

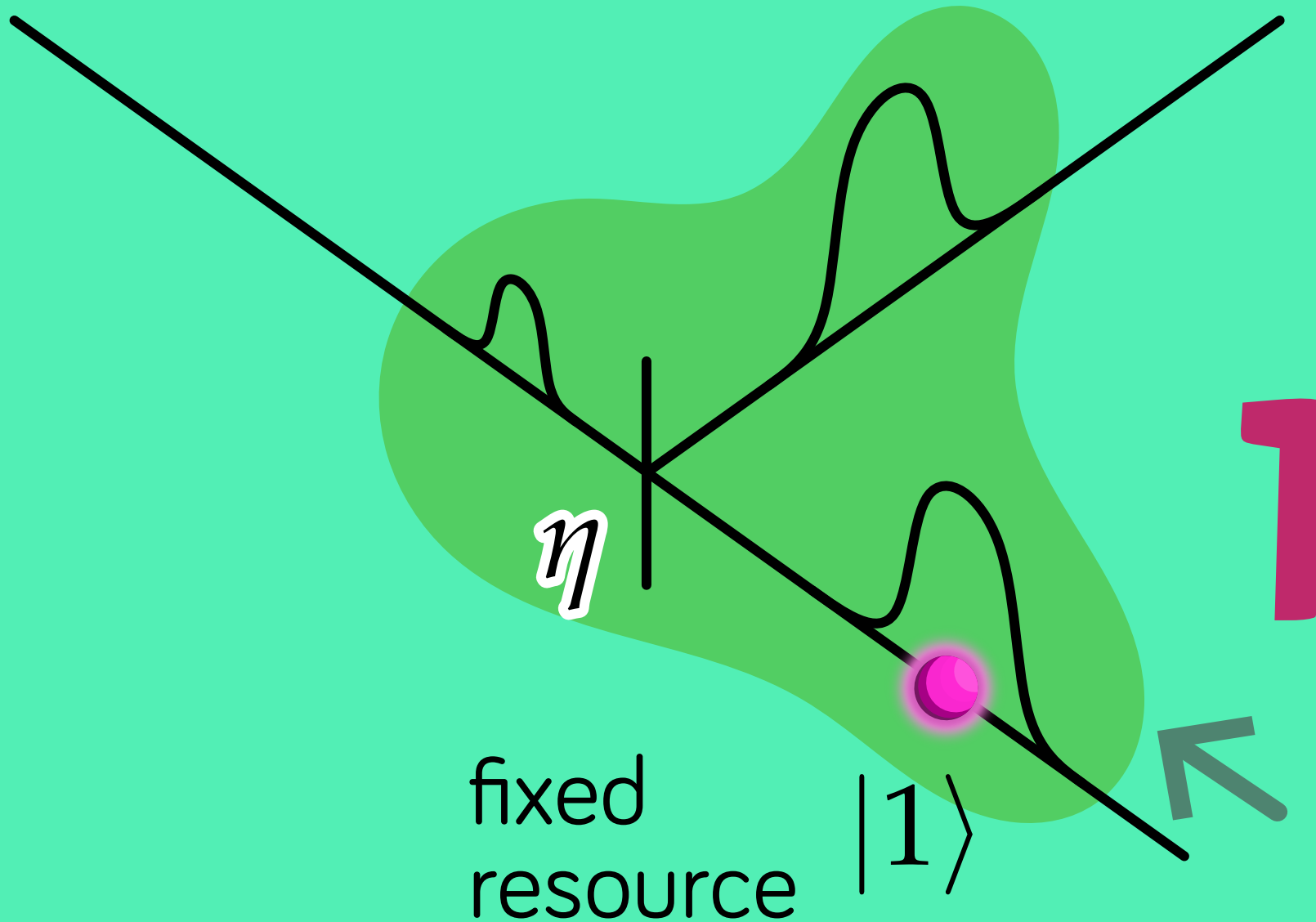
$$c_0 | \text{dotted quarter} \rangle + c_1 | \text{quarter} \rangle + \\ c_2 | \text{eighth} \rangle + c_3 | \text{beamed eighth} \rangle + c_4 | \text{beamed eighth} \rangle$$

TRUE MULTI-NIA

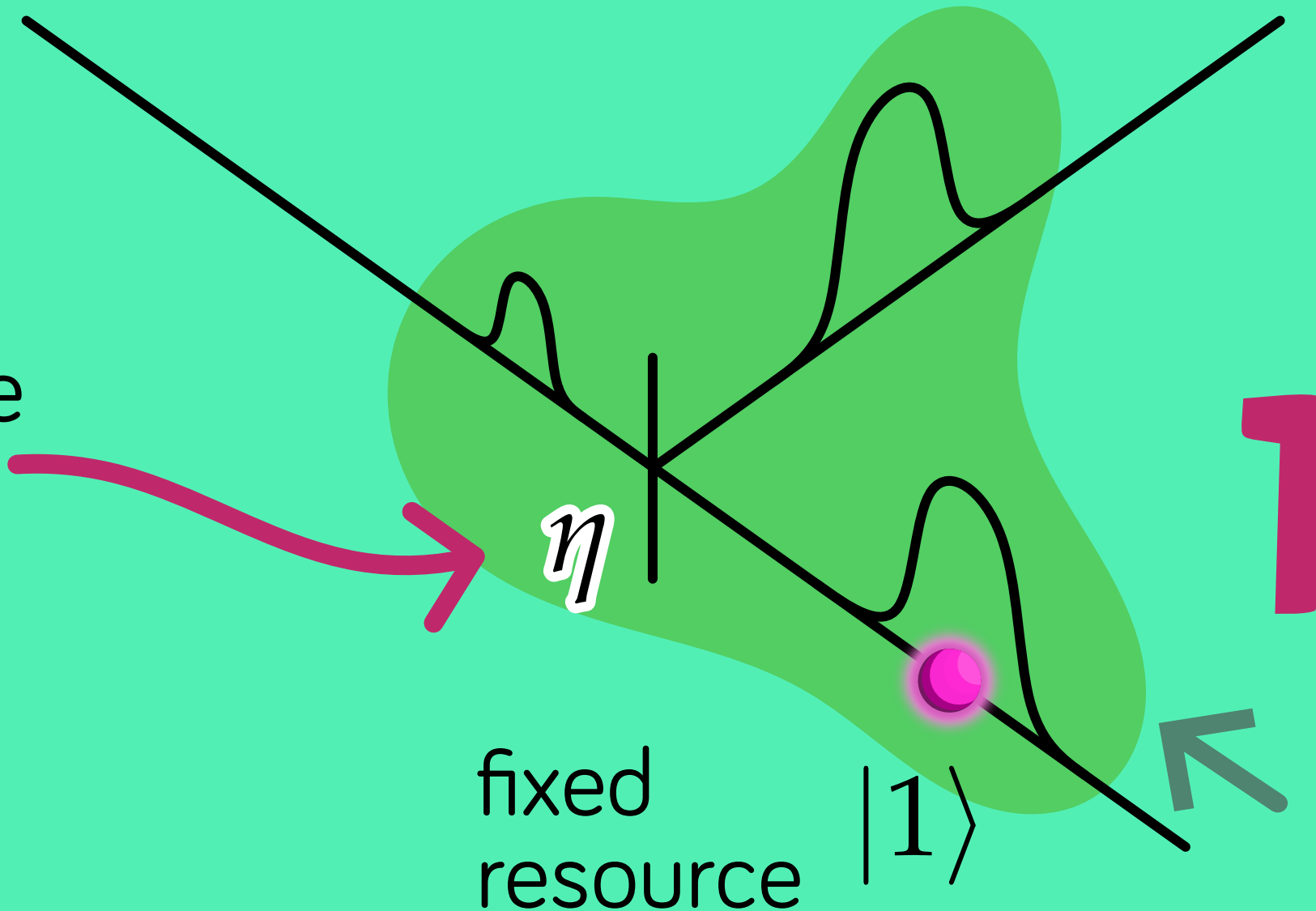
$$c_0 | \text{dotted quarter} \rangle + g c_1 | \text{quarter} \rangle + g^2 c_2 | \text{eighth} \rangle + g^3 c_3 | \text{beamed eighth} \rangle + g^4 c_4 | \text{beamed sixteenth} \rangle$$

how does it *work*?

1-NIA

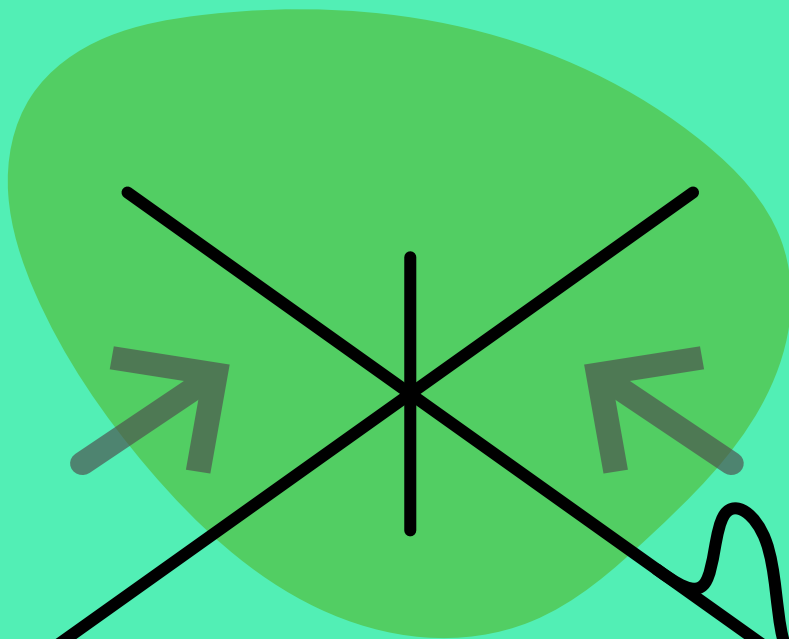


sets the
gain of the
amplifier



1-NIA

lossy
input
 $|\psi\rangle$



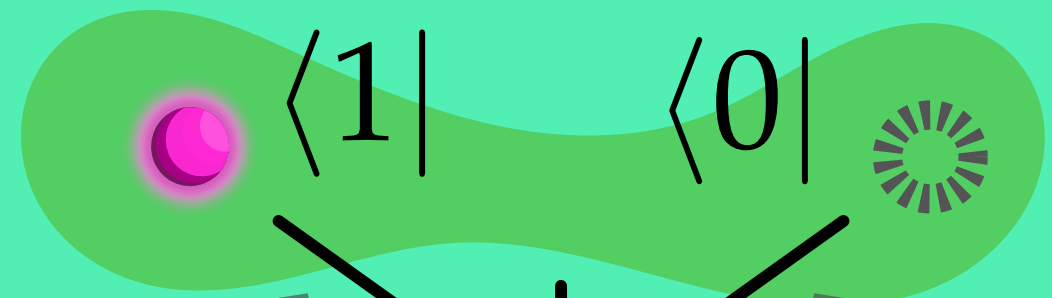
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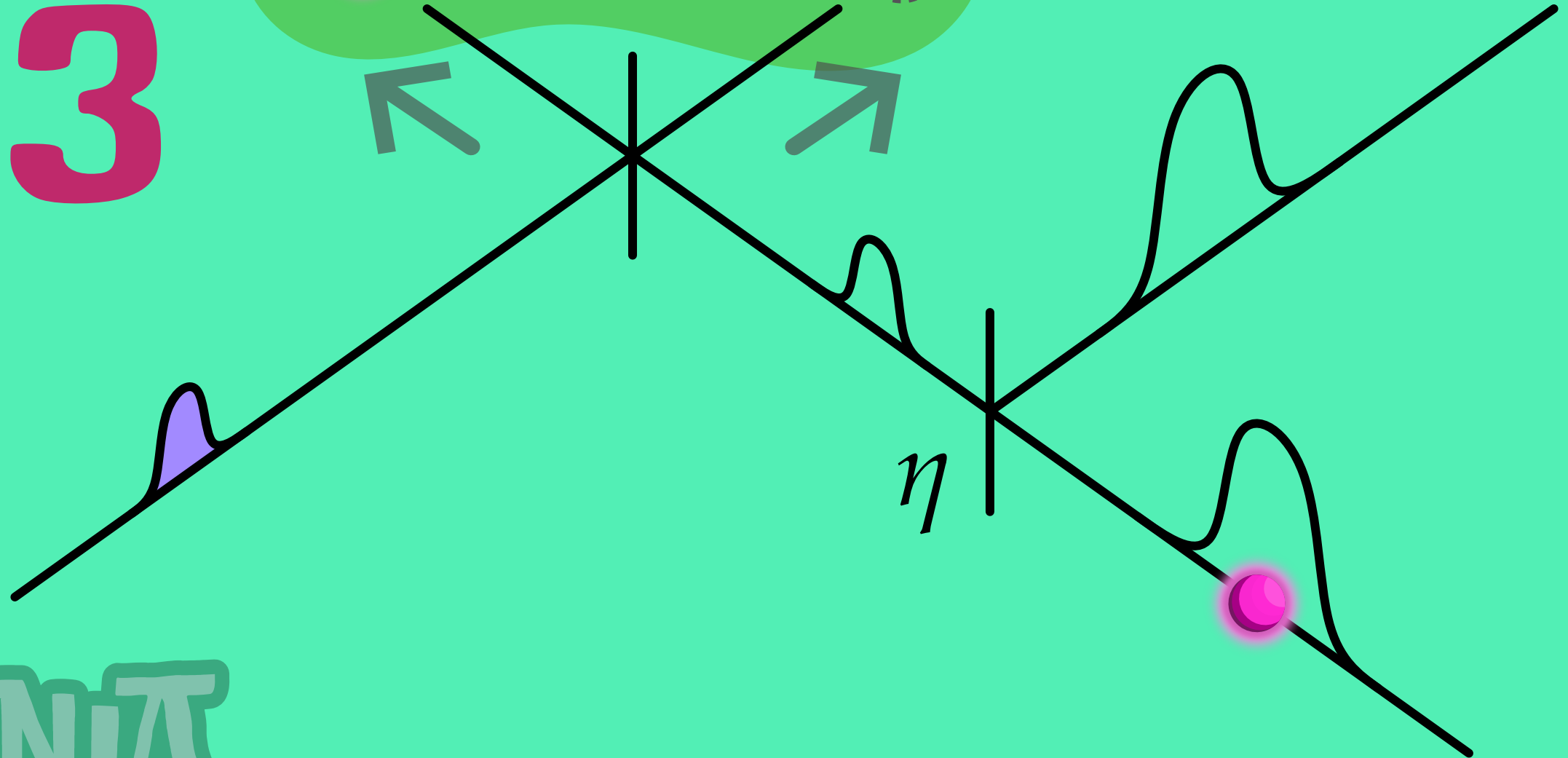


1-NIA

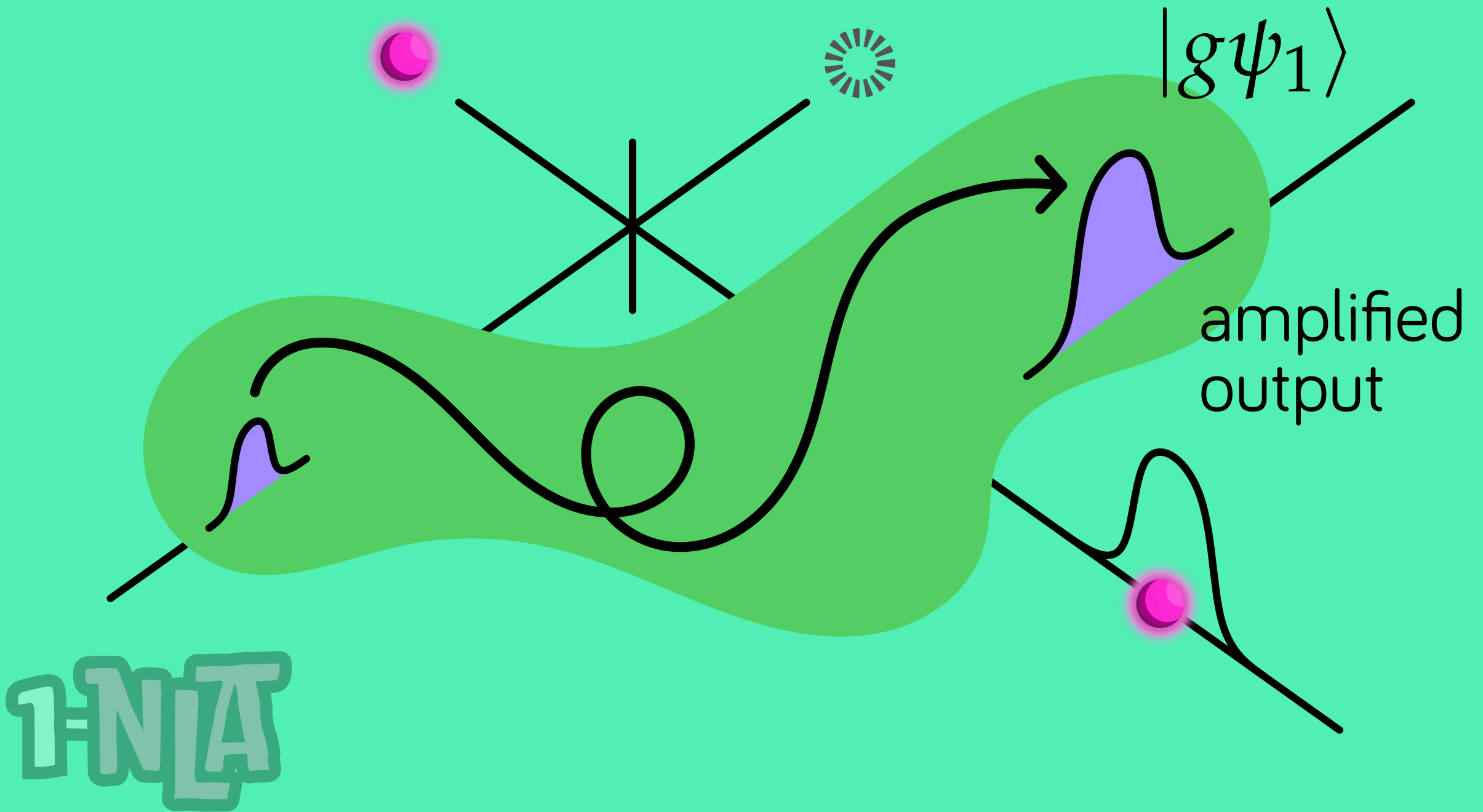
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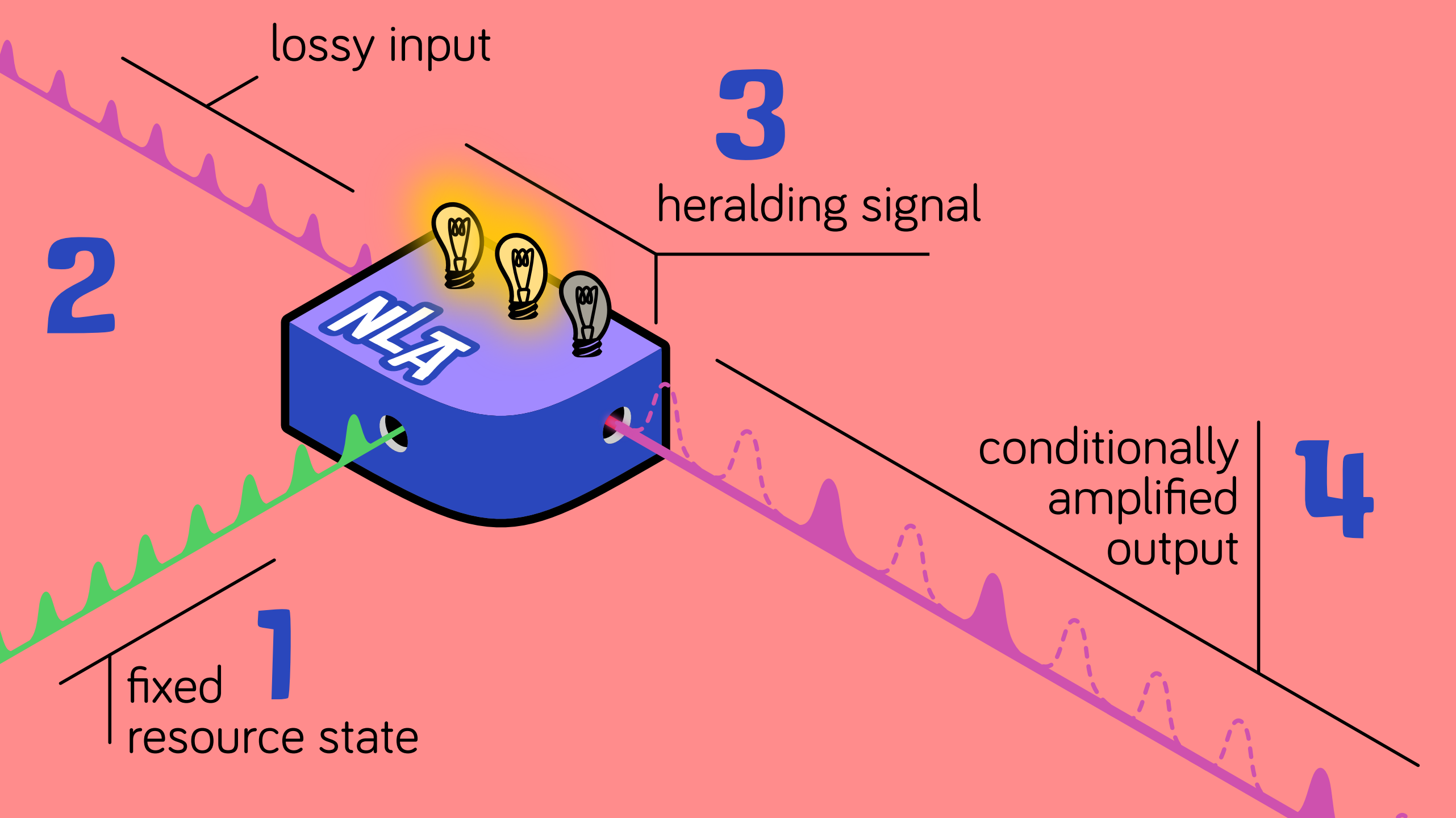


heralding signal



1-N/A





lossy input

3

heralding signal

2

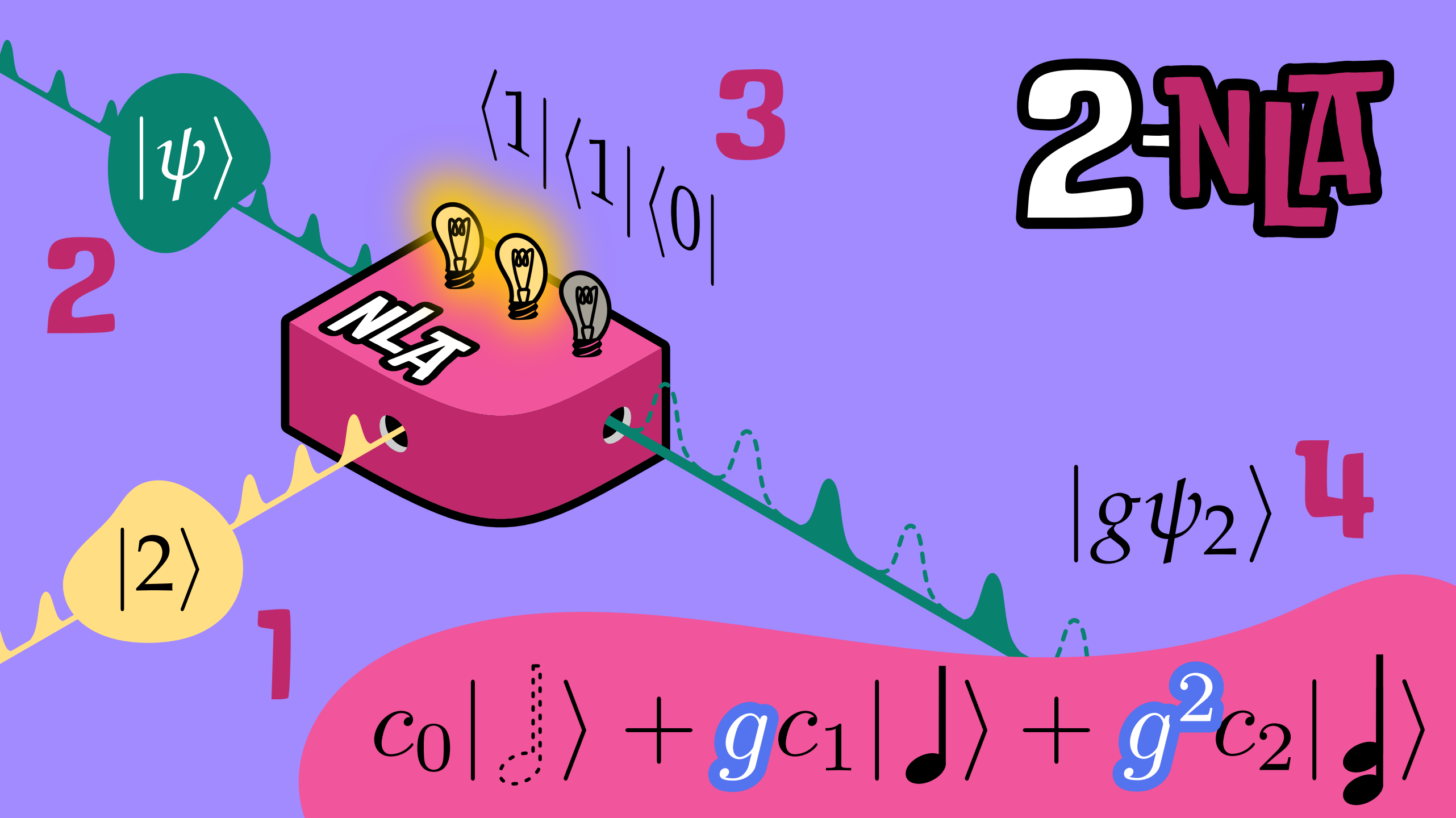
NLTA

conditionally amplified output

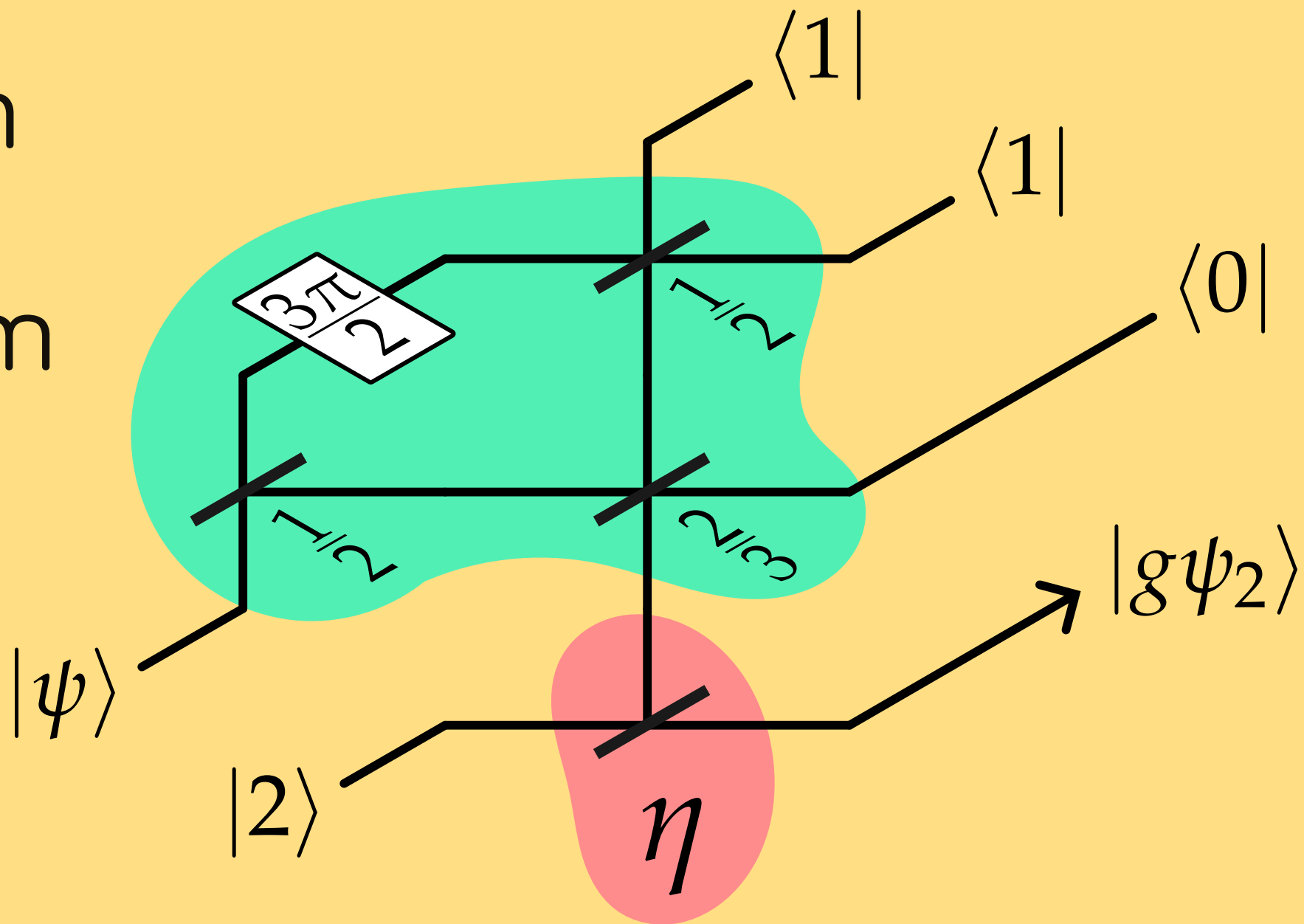
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1 fixed resource state

2-NLA



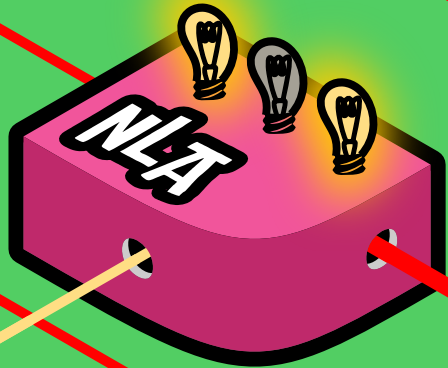
Quantum Fourier Transform



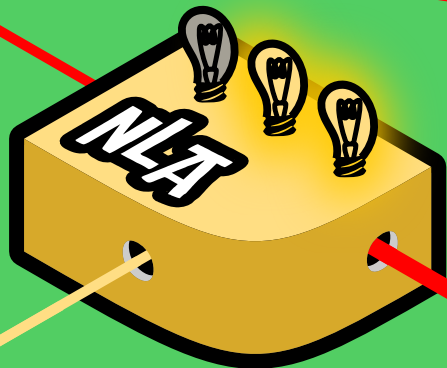
different detector clicks = extra phase



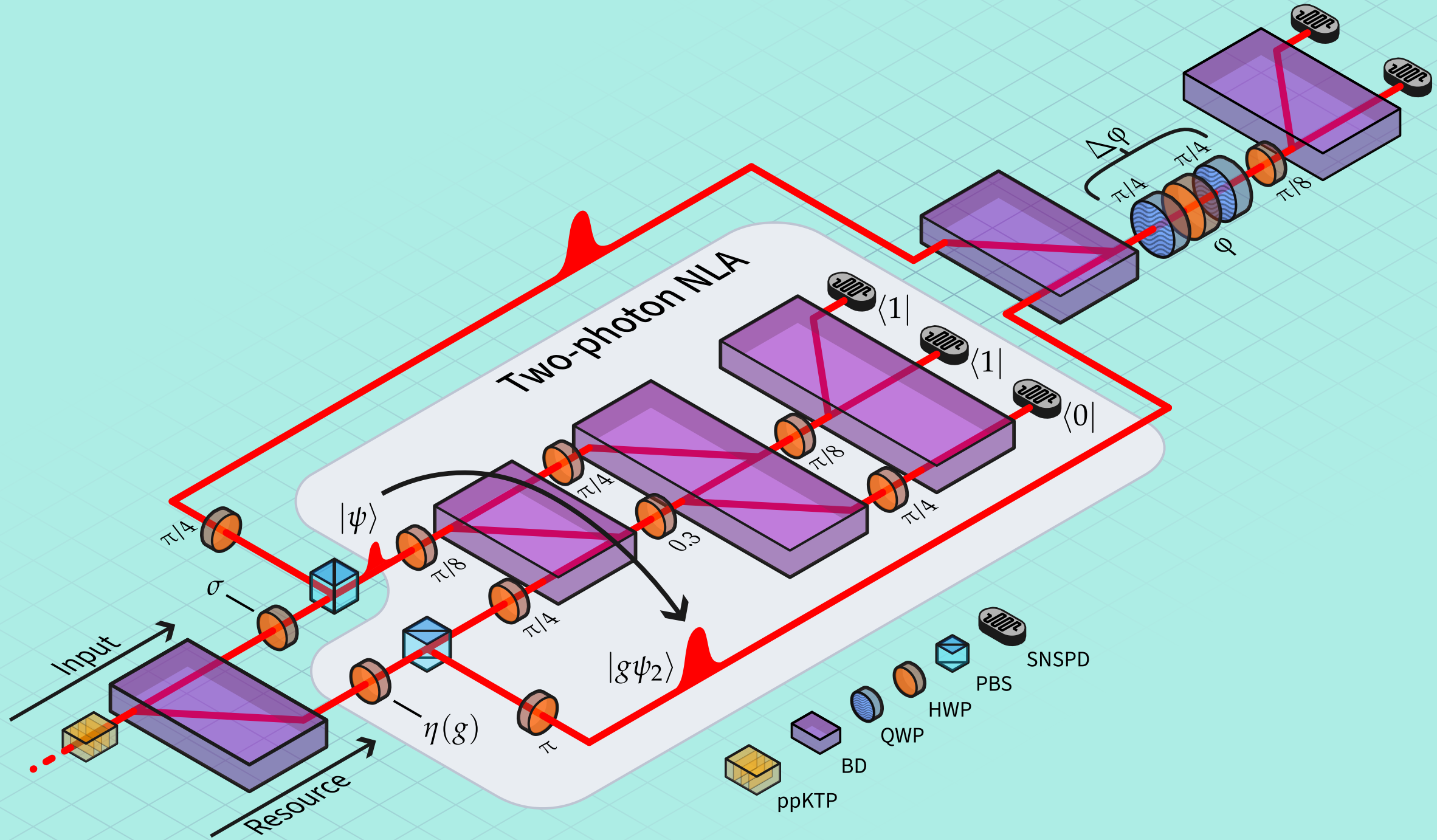
$$|g\psi_2\rangle$$

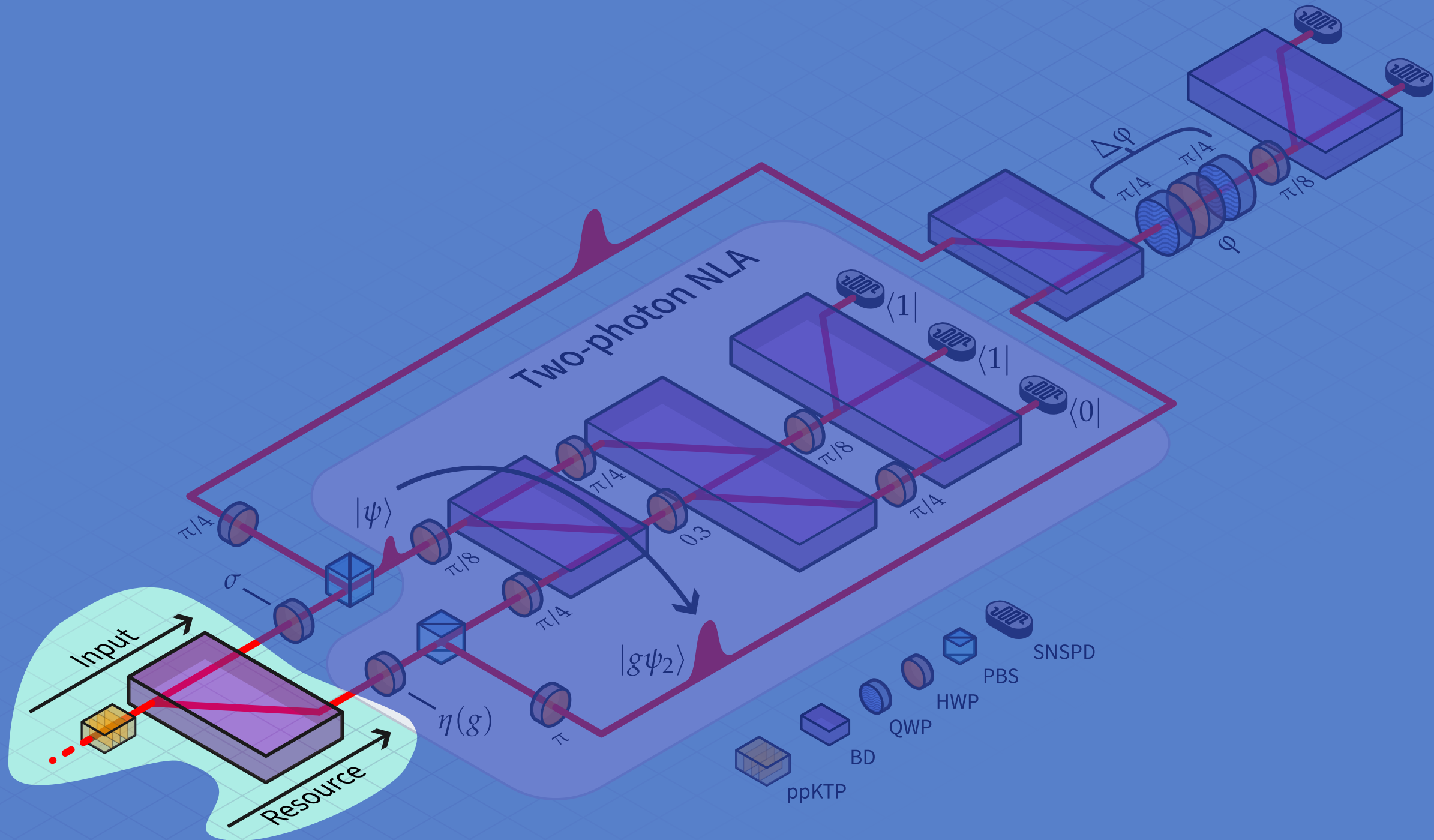


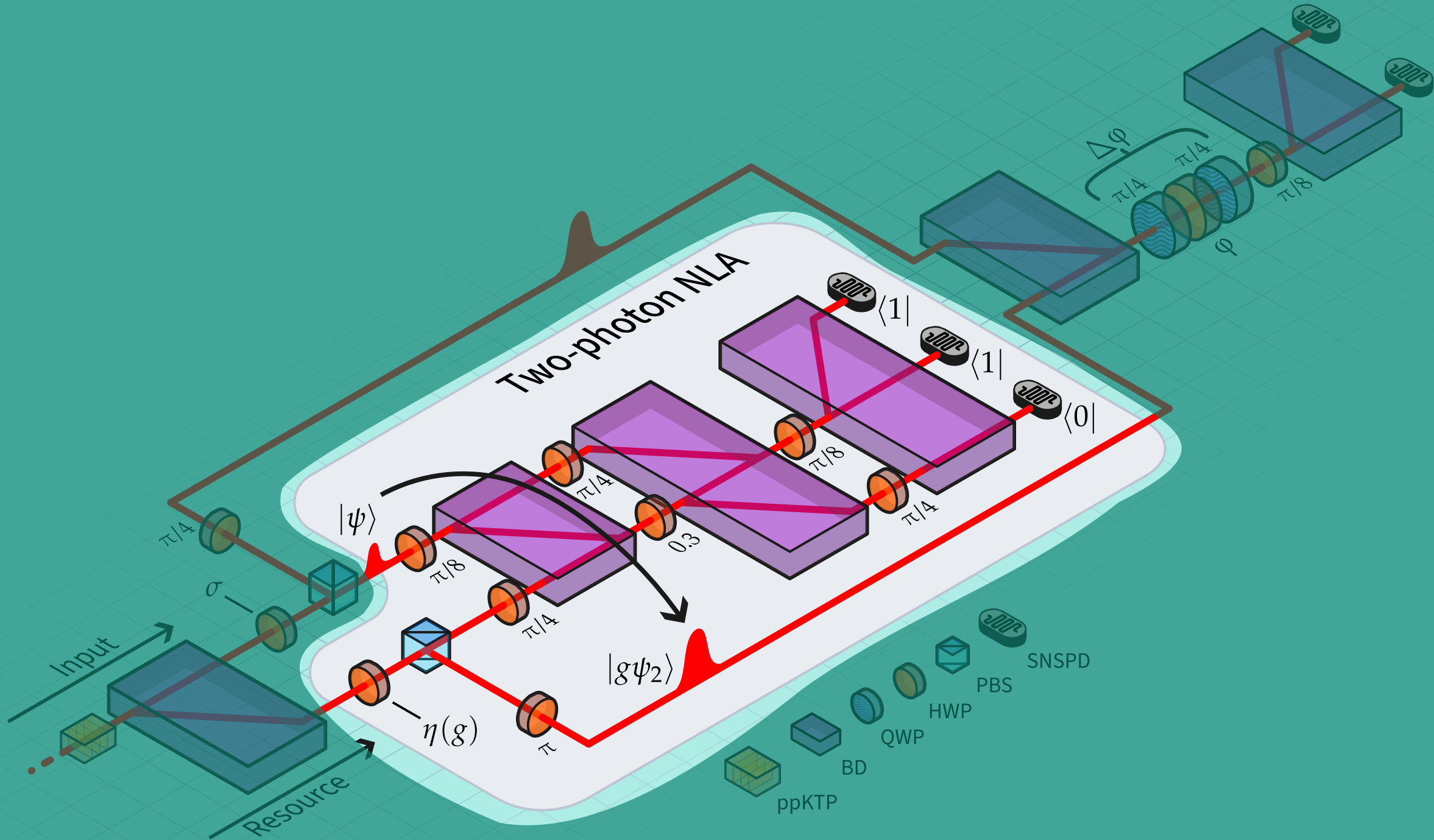
$$e^{i\pi/3} |g\psi_2\rangle$$

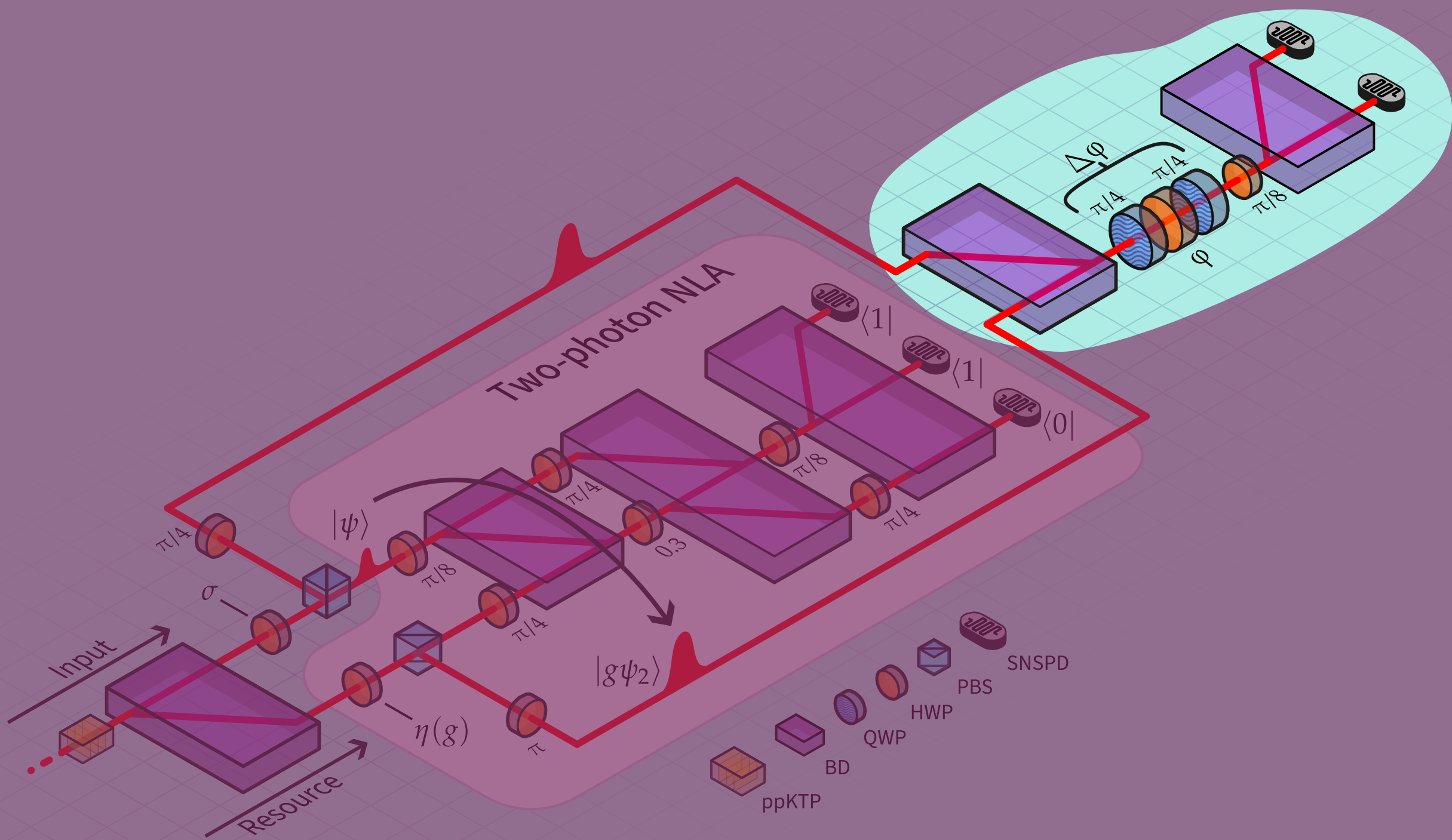


$$e^{2i\pi/3} |g\psi_2\rangle$$

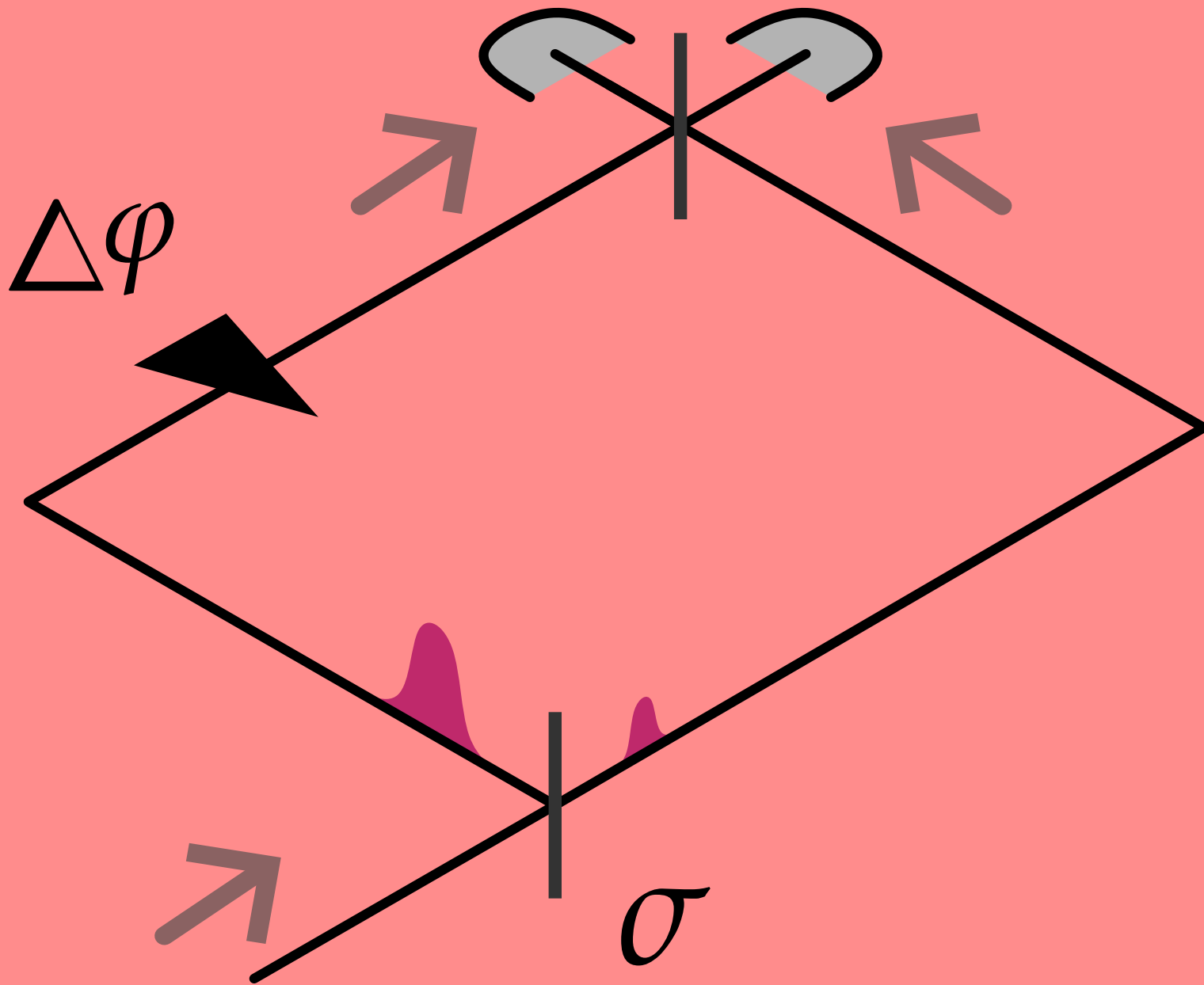




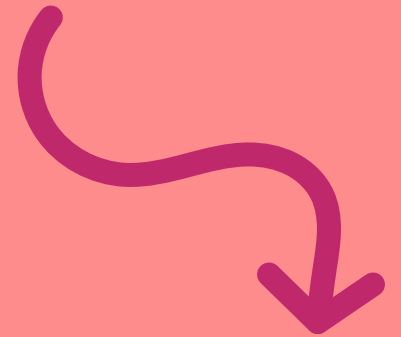




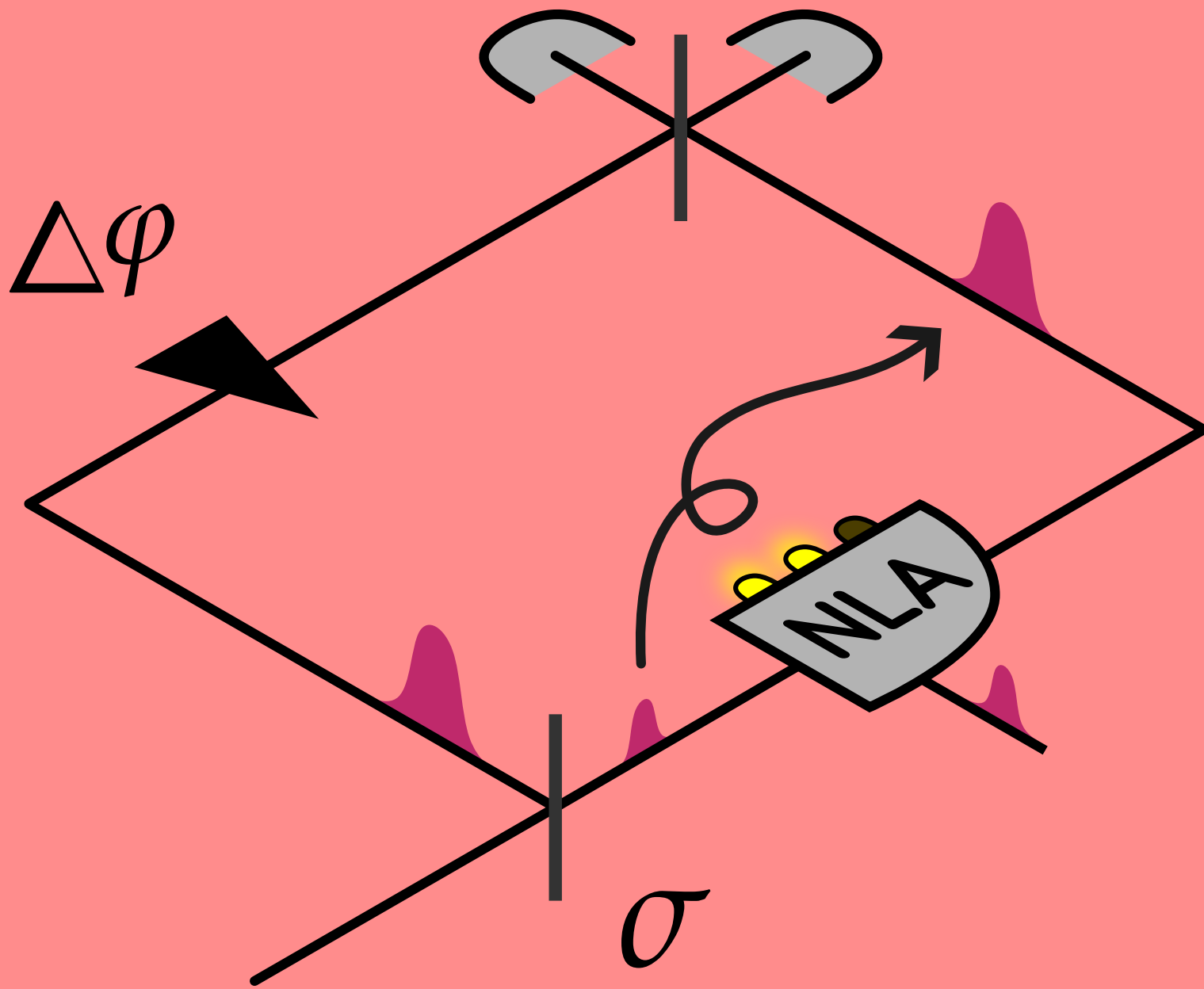
how do we test it?



imbalanced
power...



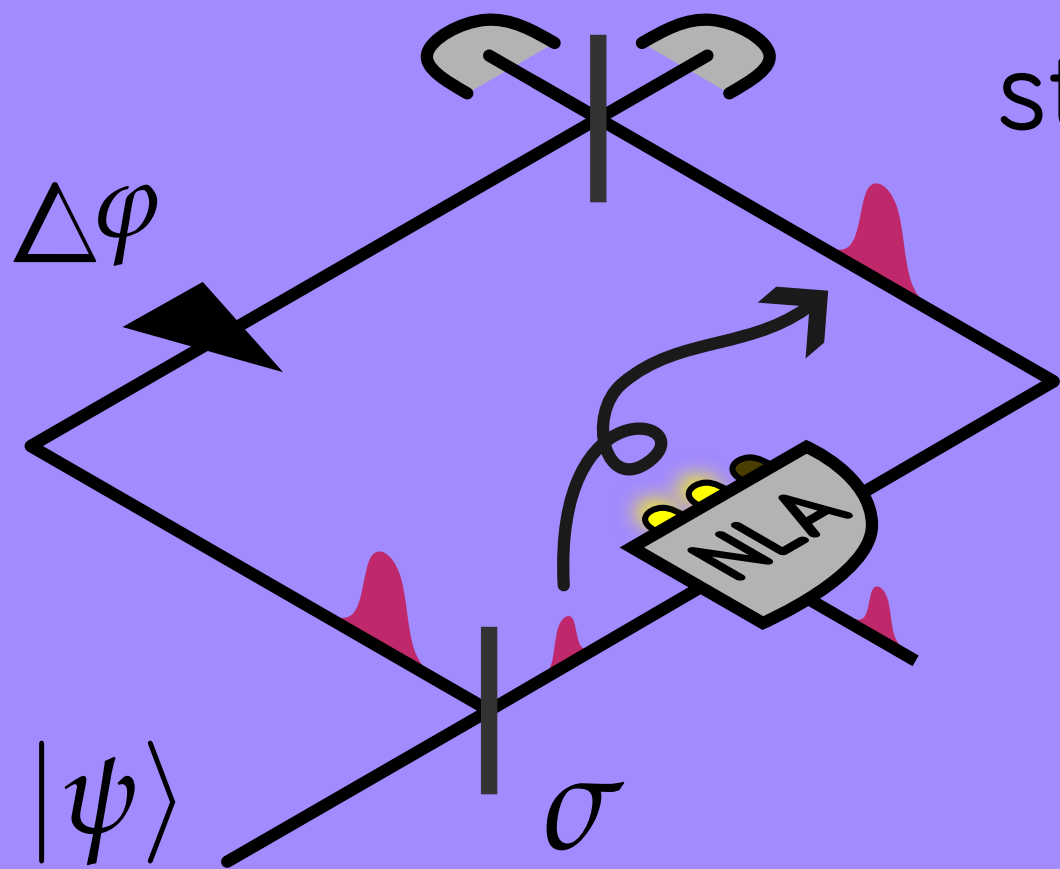
...poor
interference



and if we set
the correct
gain...

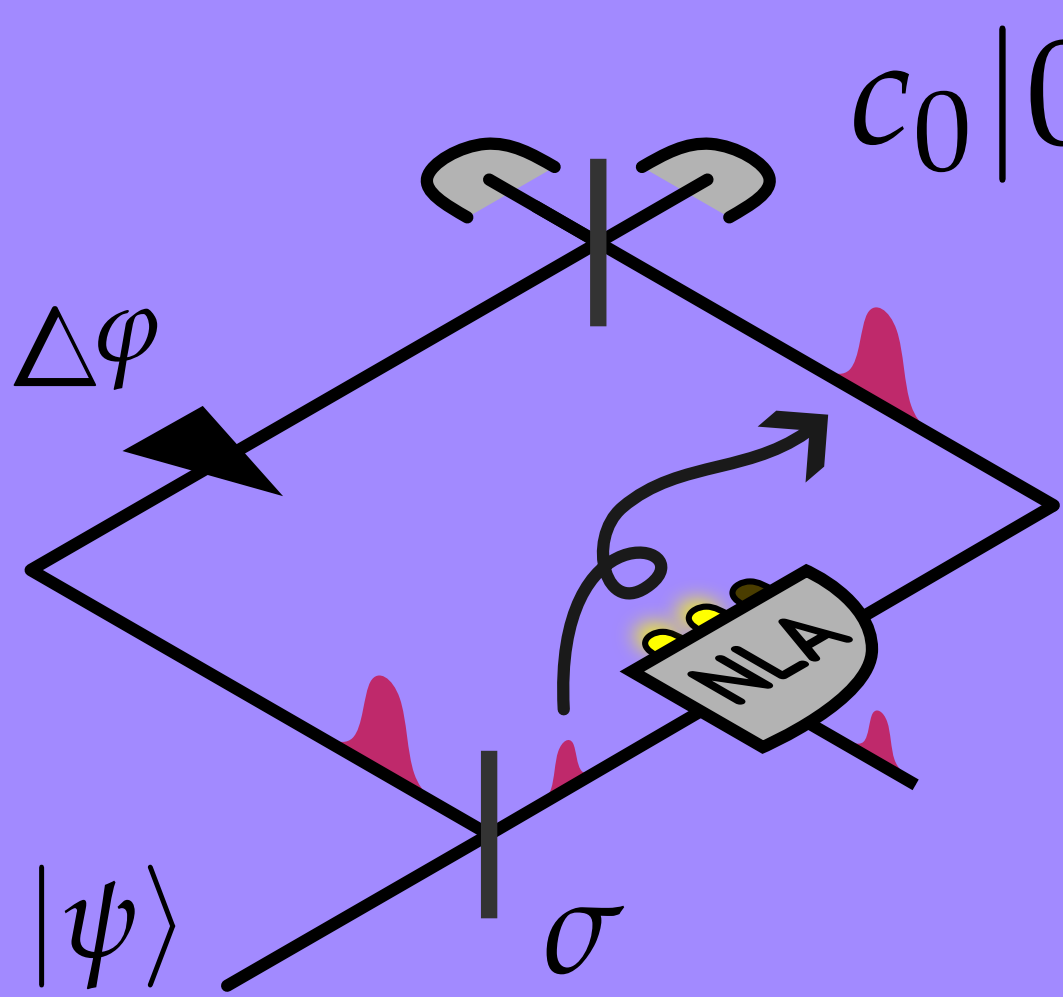
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here's some numbers:



starting from $|\psi\rangle = |2\rangle$

$\sigma = 0.1$
90:10 split



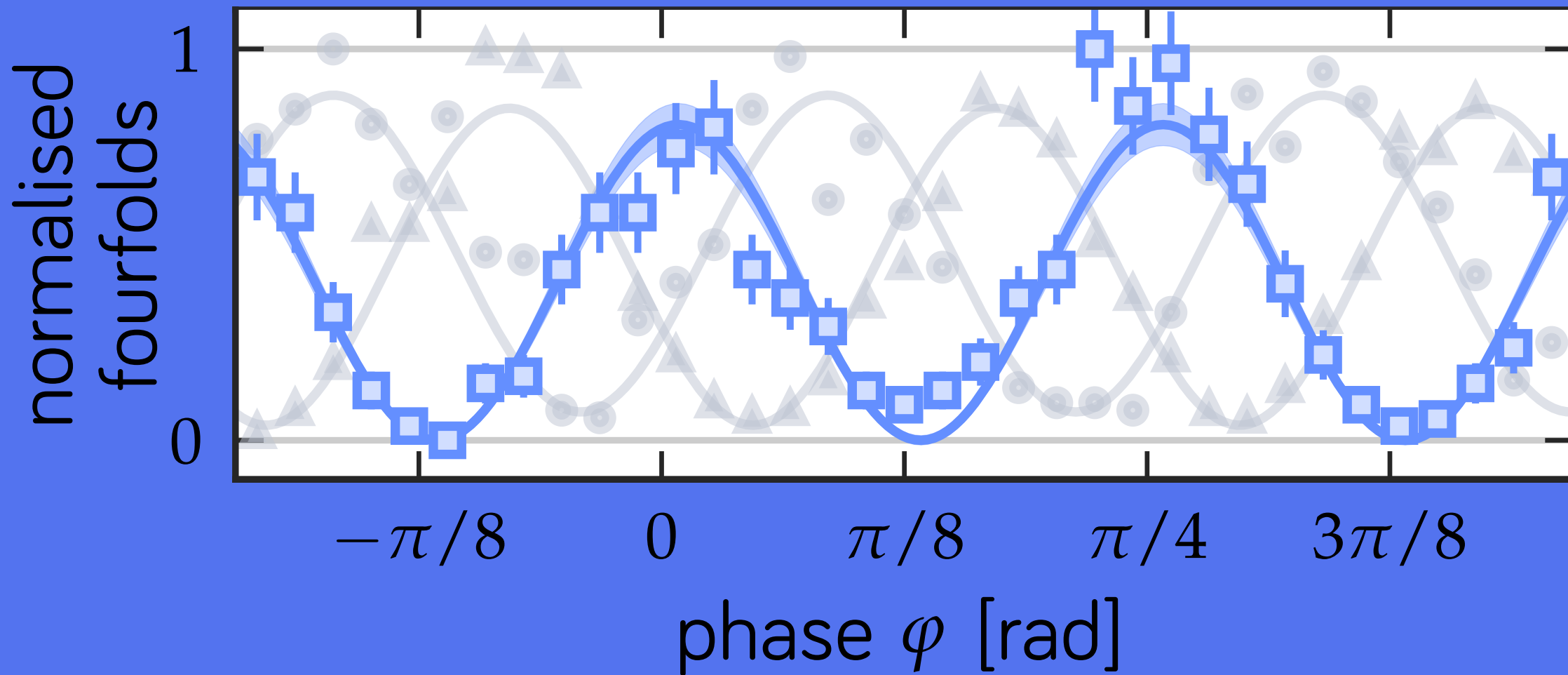
$$c_0|0\rangle + gc_1|1\rangle + g^2c_2|2\rangle$$

amplitude gain
 $g = 3$

intensity gain
 $|g^2|^2 = g^4 = 81$



$$V = 100 \begin{matrix} +0 \\ -3 \end{matrix}$$

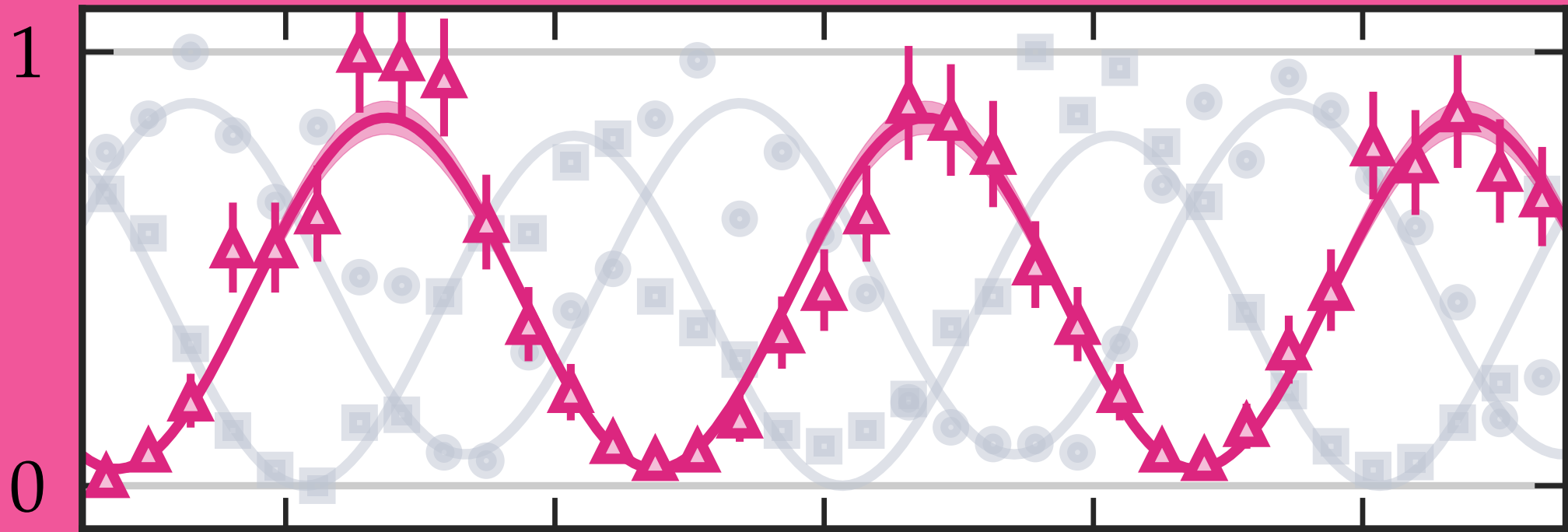
 $|g\psi_2\rangle$ 



$$V = 91 \pm 2$$

$$e^{i\pi/3} |g\psi_2\rangle$$

normalised
fourfolds



$$-\pi/8$$

$$0$$

$$\pi/8$$

$$\pi/4$$

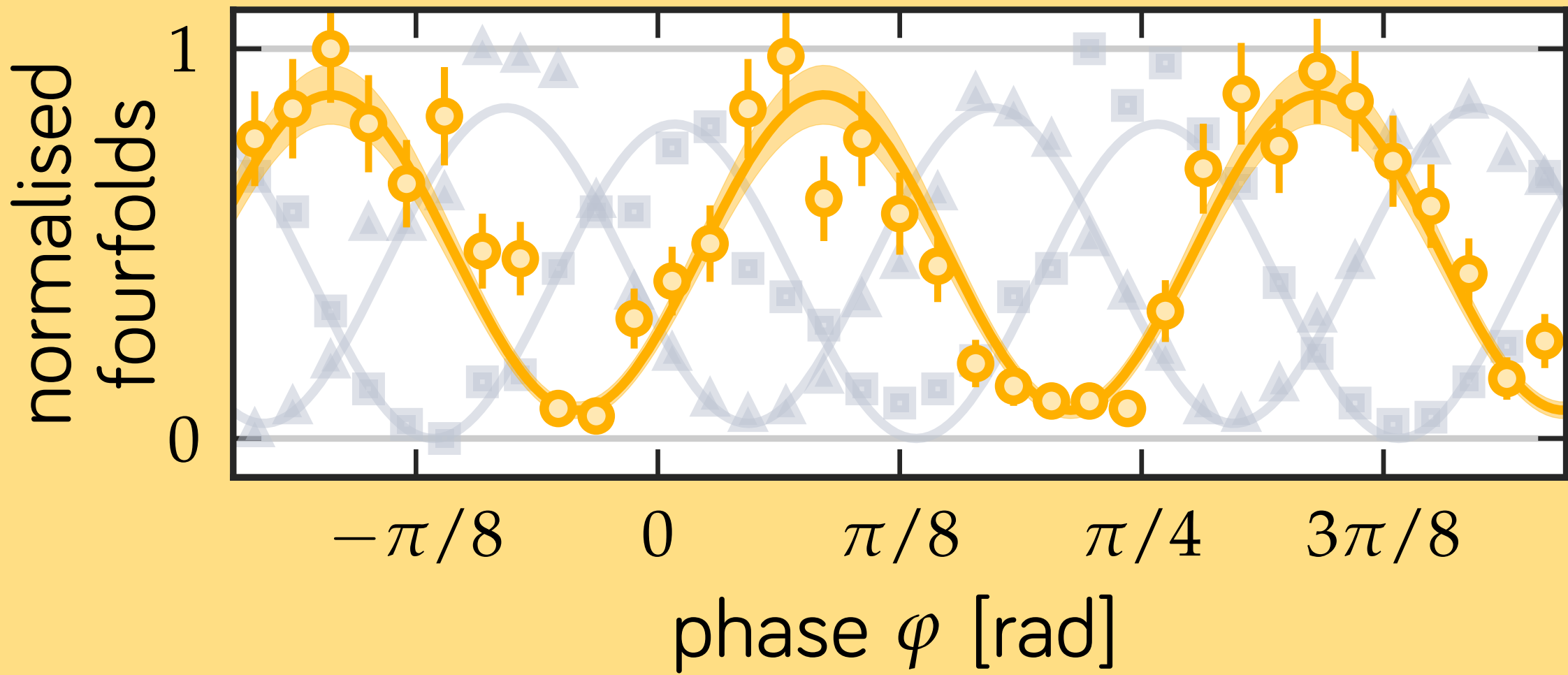
$$3\pi/8$$

phase φ [rad]



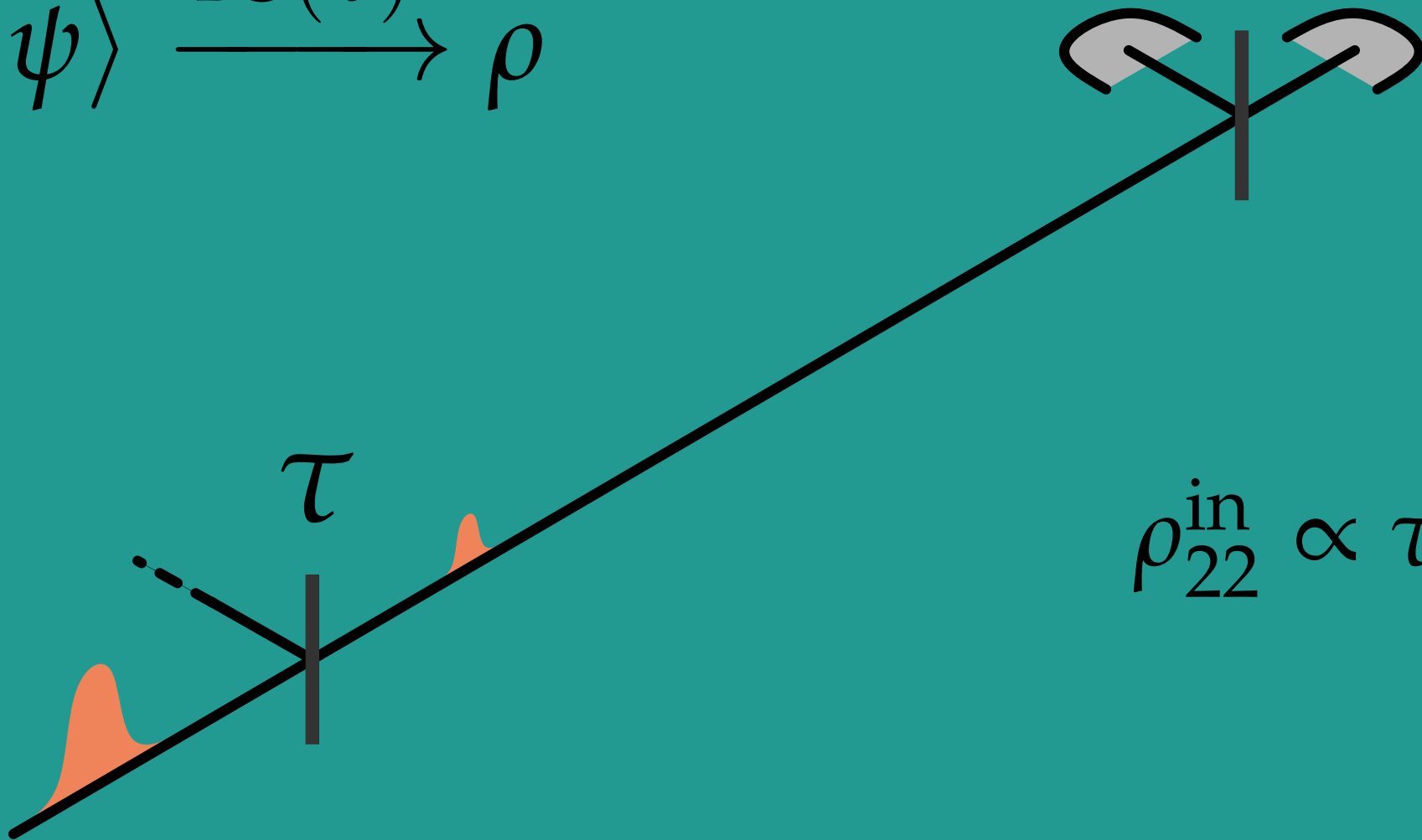
$V = 85 \pm 5$

$e^{2i\pi/3} |g\psi_2\rangle$



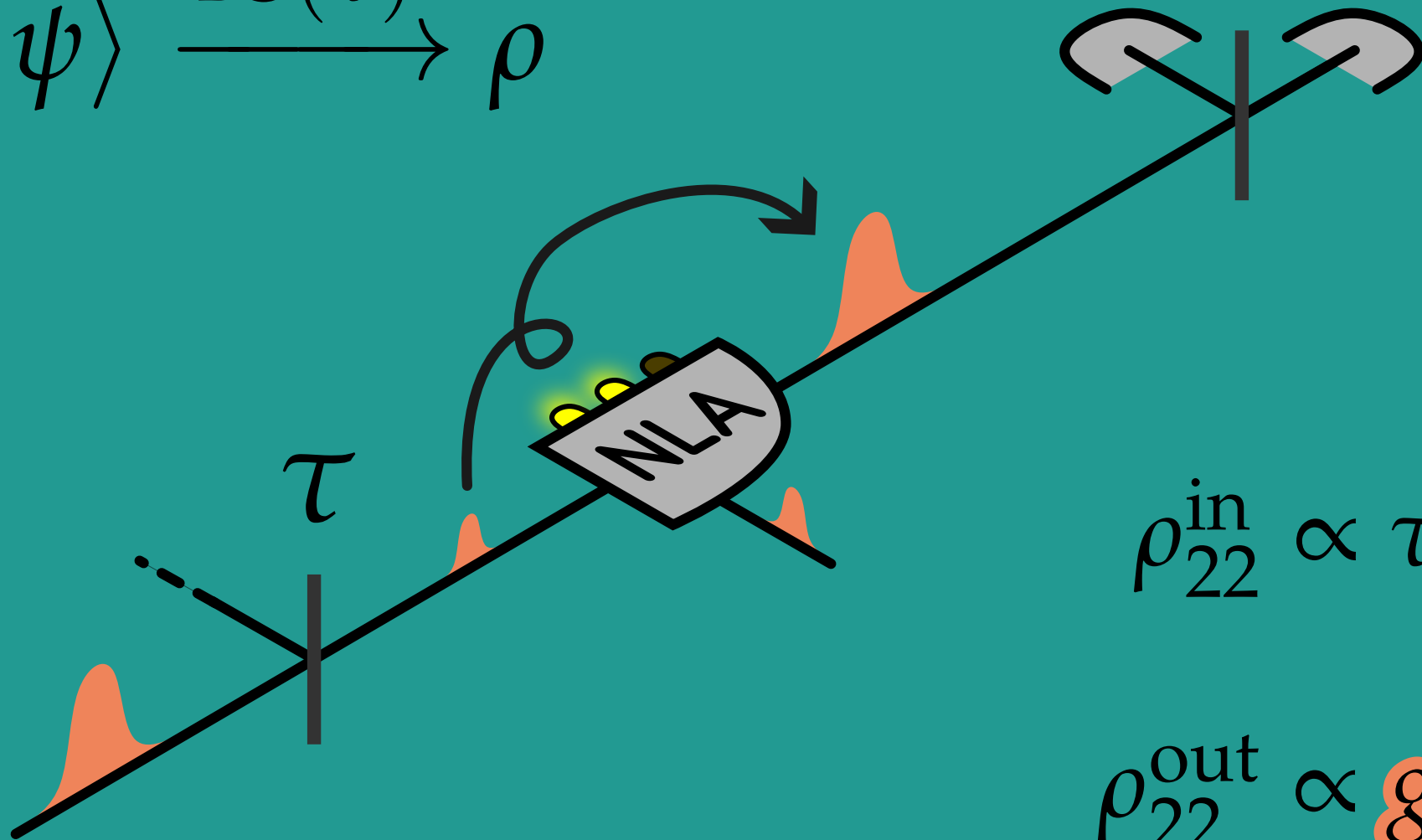
we can also measure
the gain directly

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{BS}(\tau)} \rho$$



$$\rho_{22}^{\text{in}} \propto \tau^2 |2\rangle \langle 2|$$

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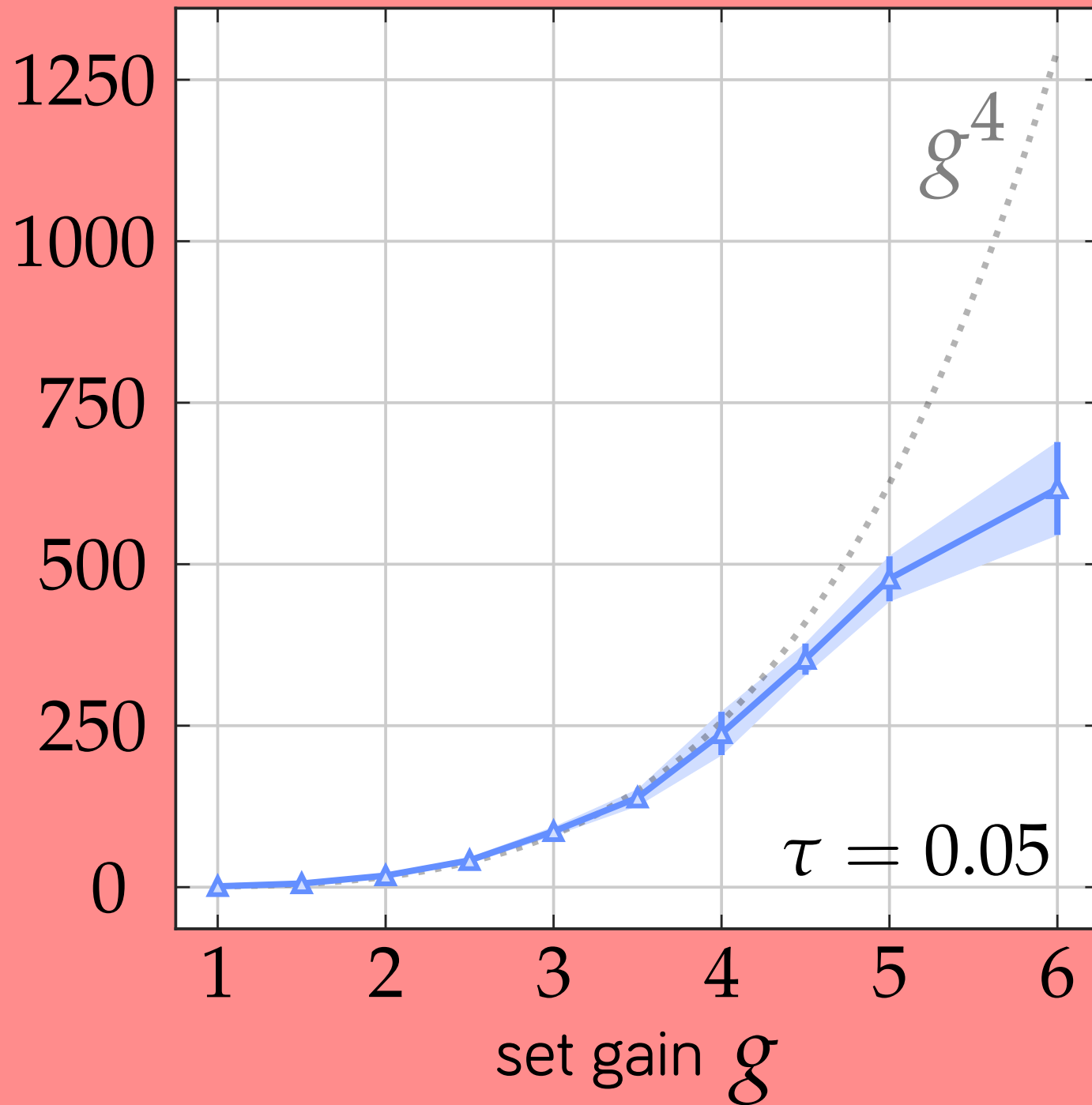
$$\rho_{22}^{\text{out}} \propto g^4 \tau^2 |2\rangle \langle 2|$$

$$\frac{\rho_{22}^{\text{out}}}{\rho_{22}^{\text{in}}} = g^4$$

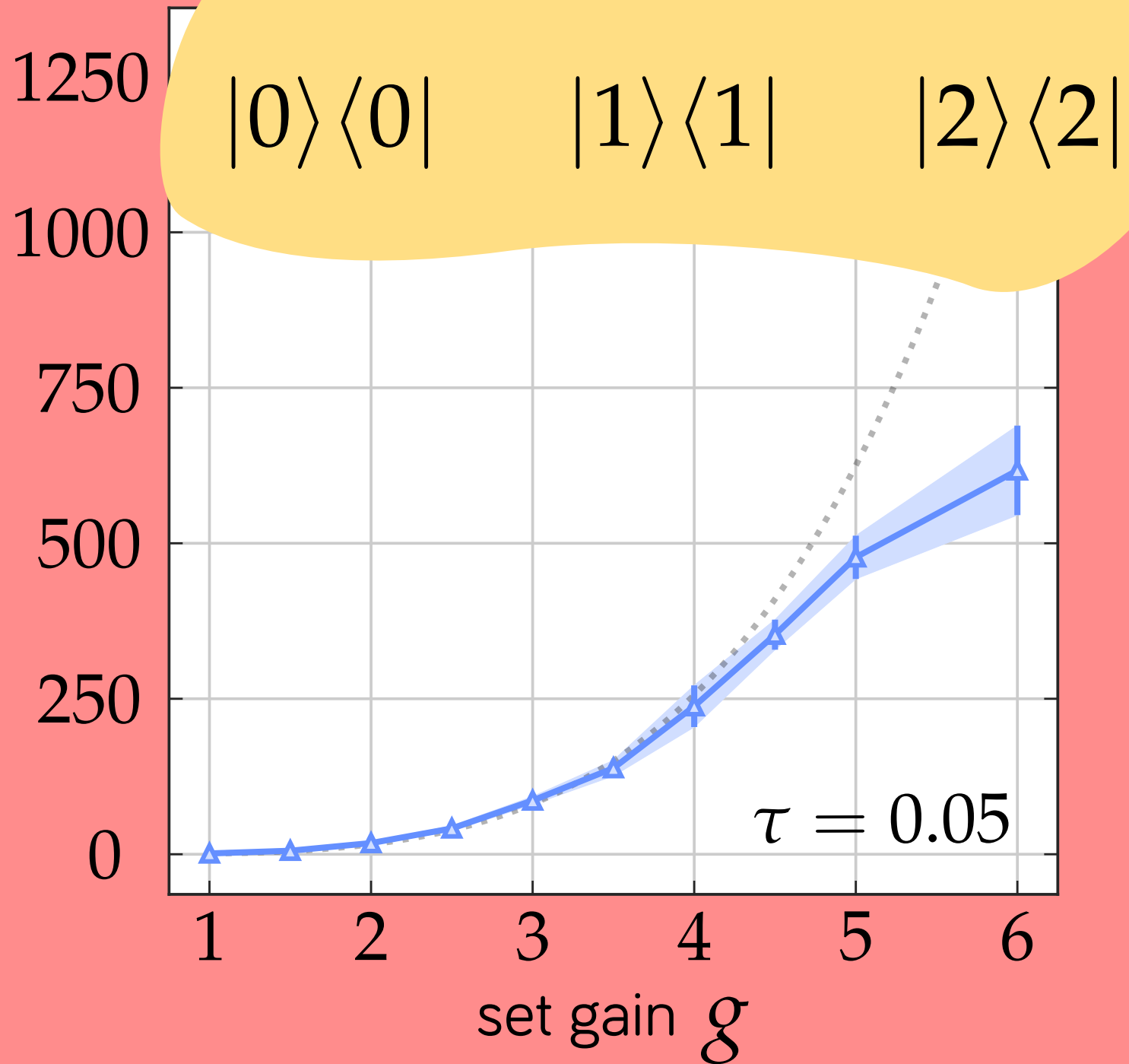
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how **LOUD**
can we get?

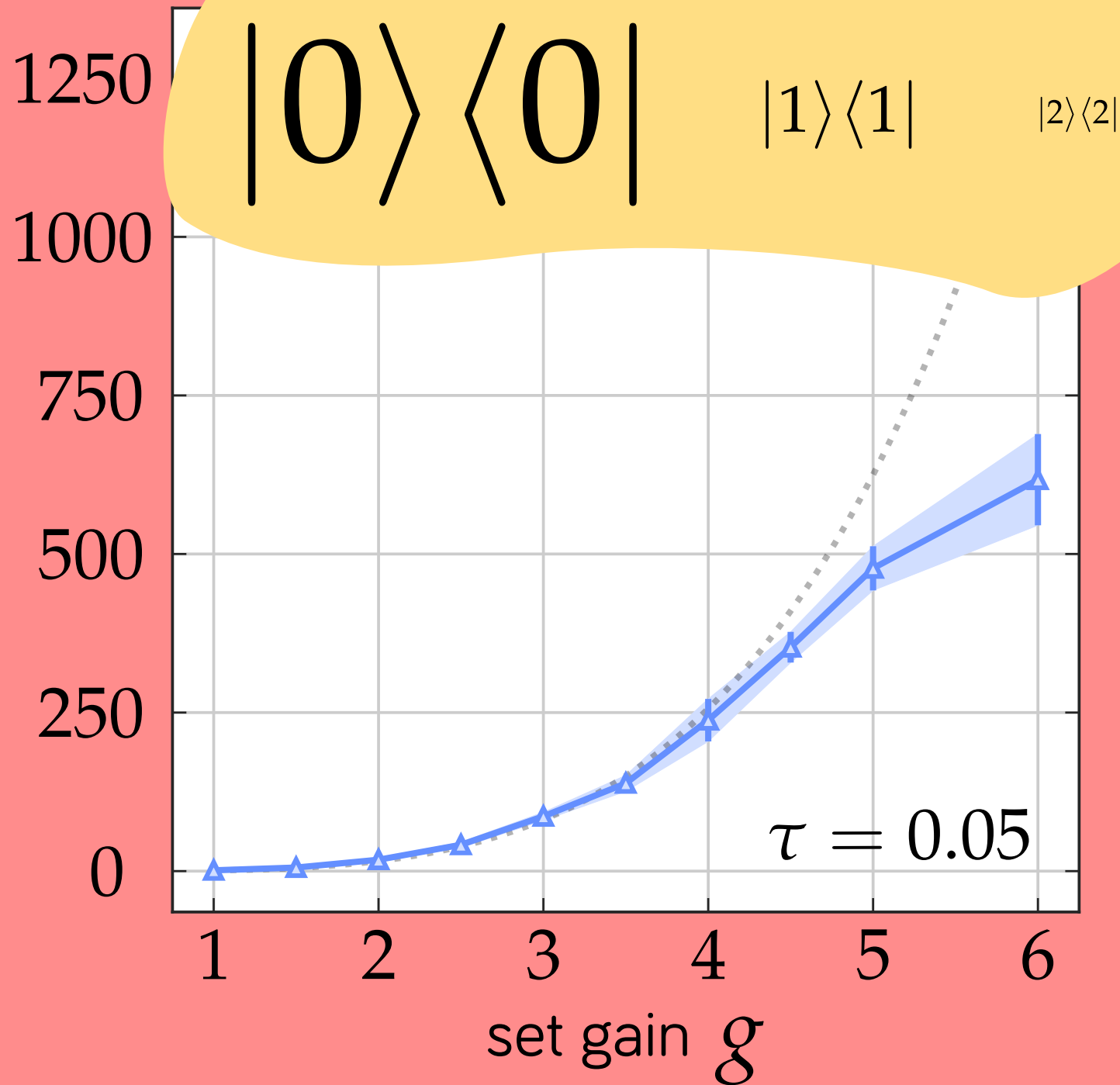
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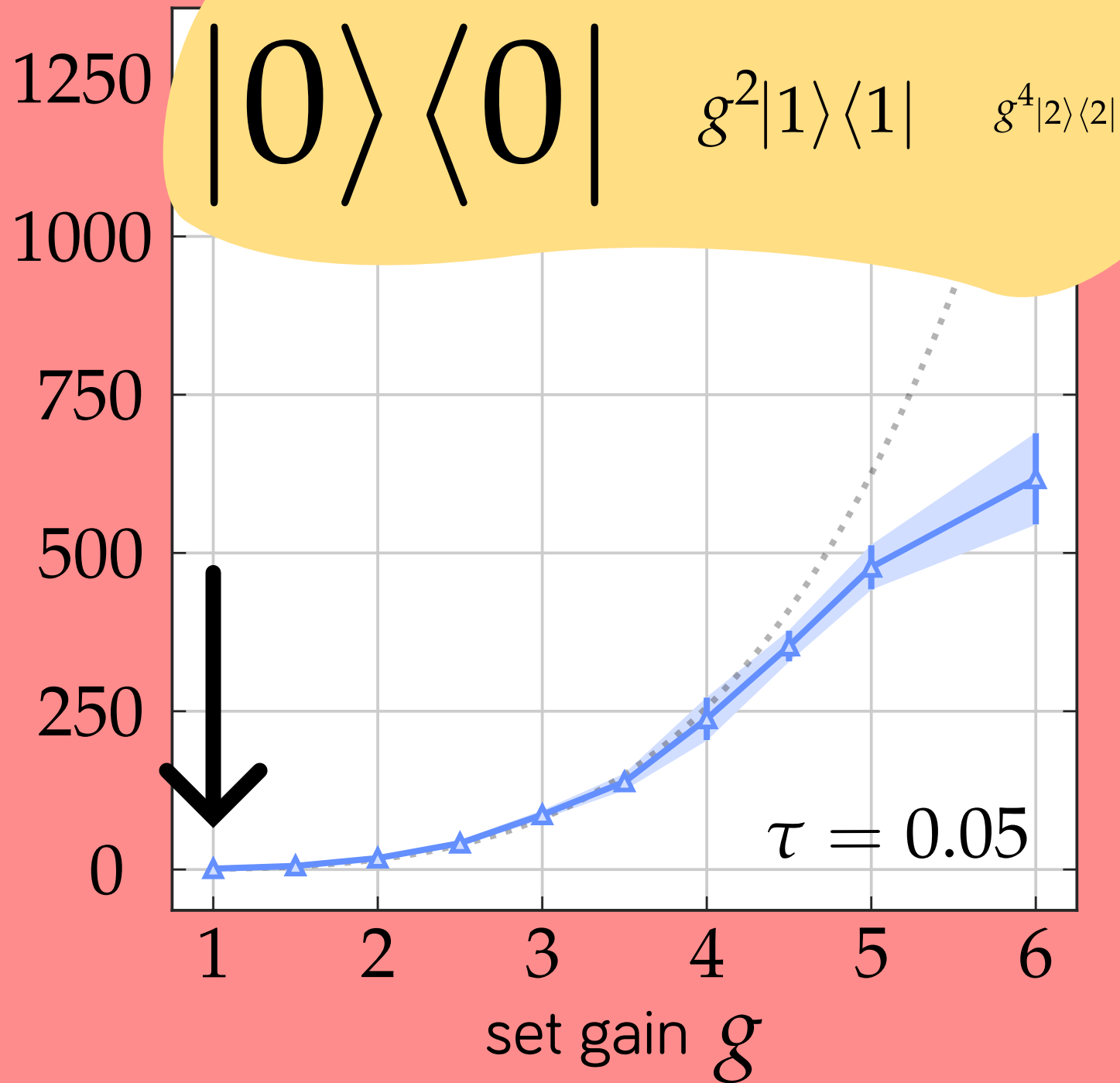
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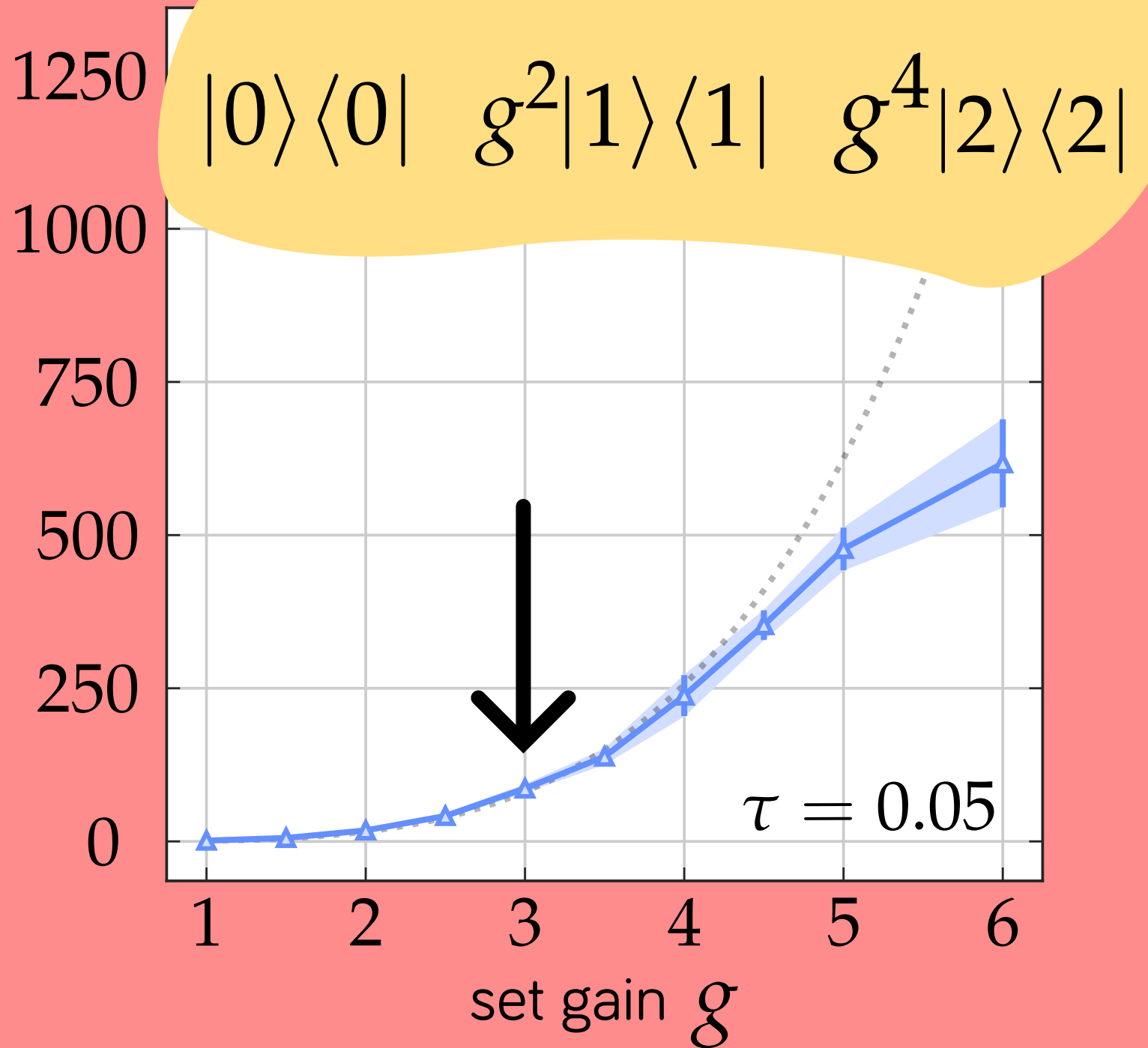
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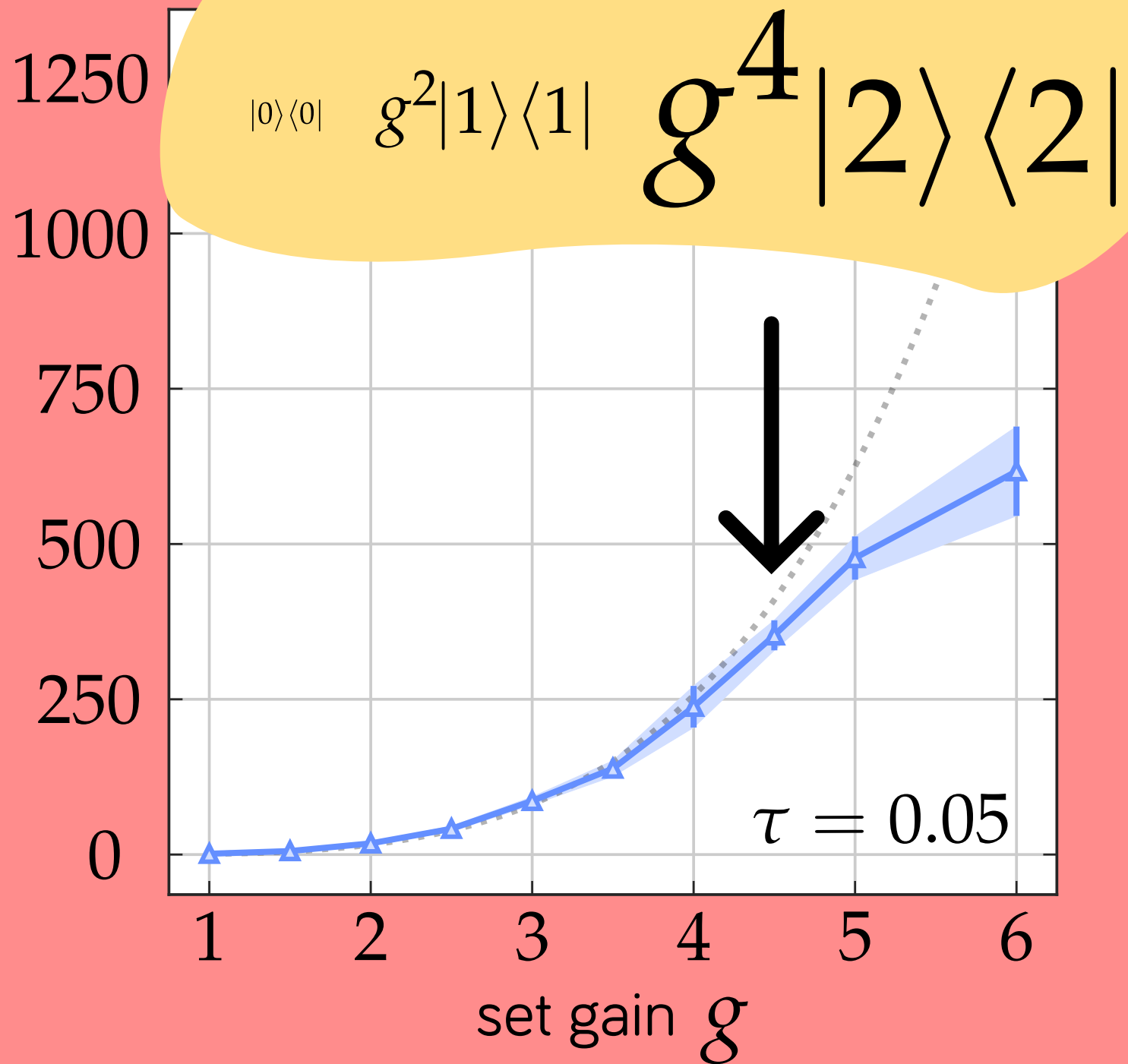
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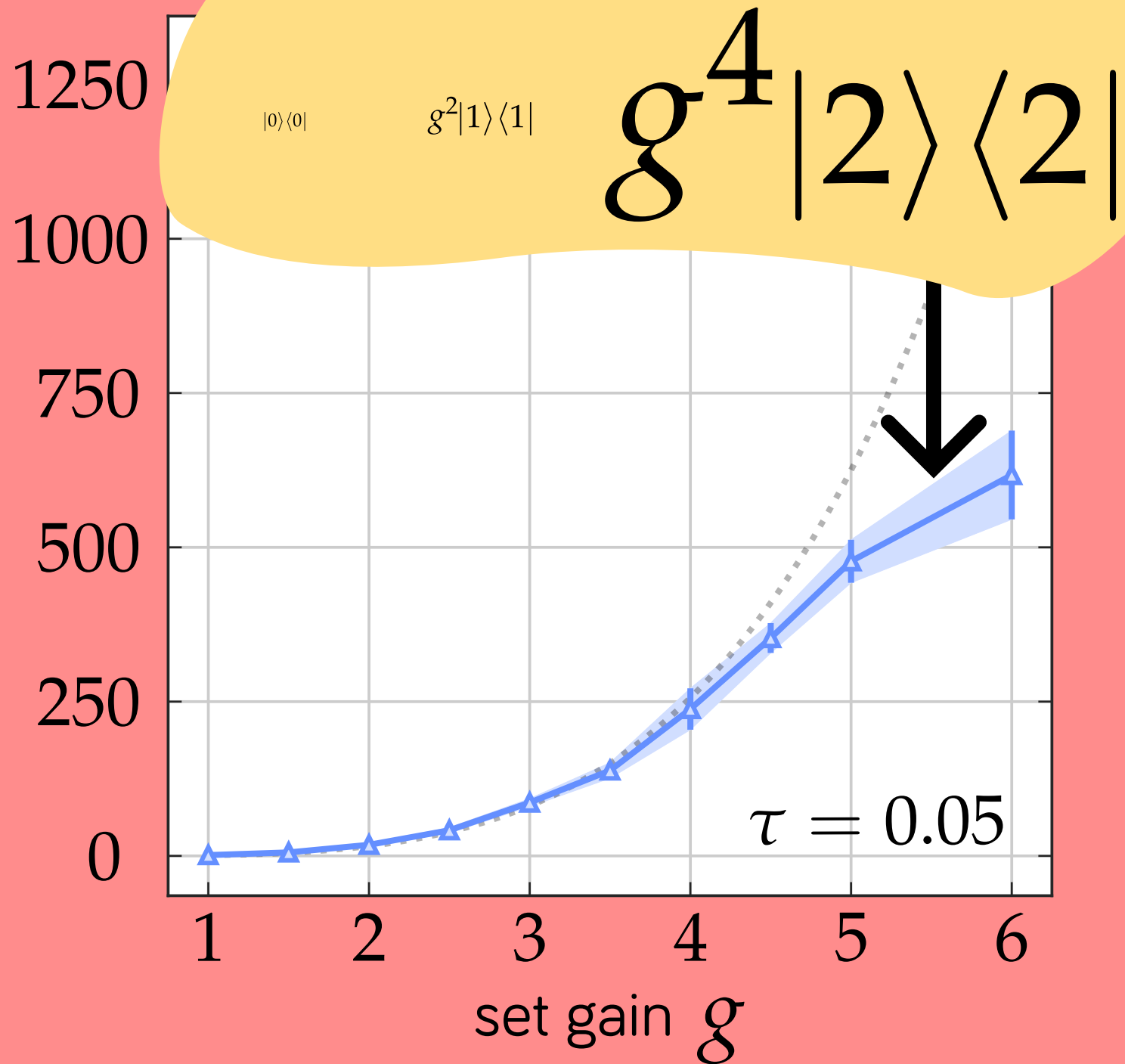
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pretty LOUD

to conclude:

communication *needs* amplification

amplifying more than one photon
has been very difficult until now

thanks

