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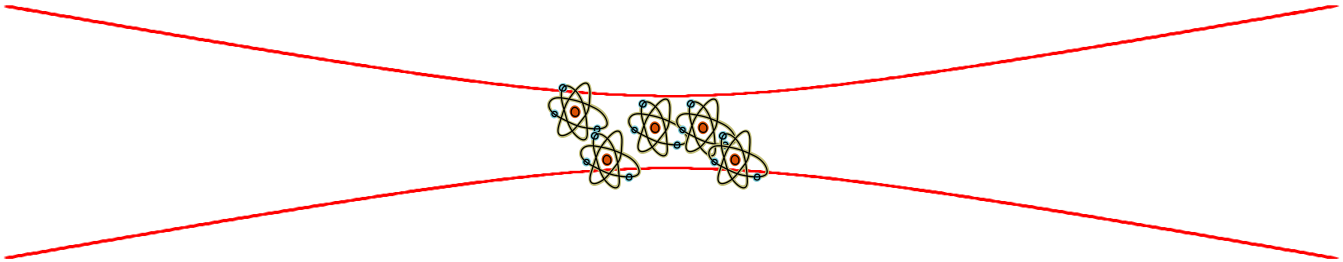

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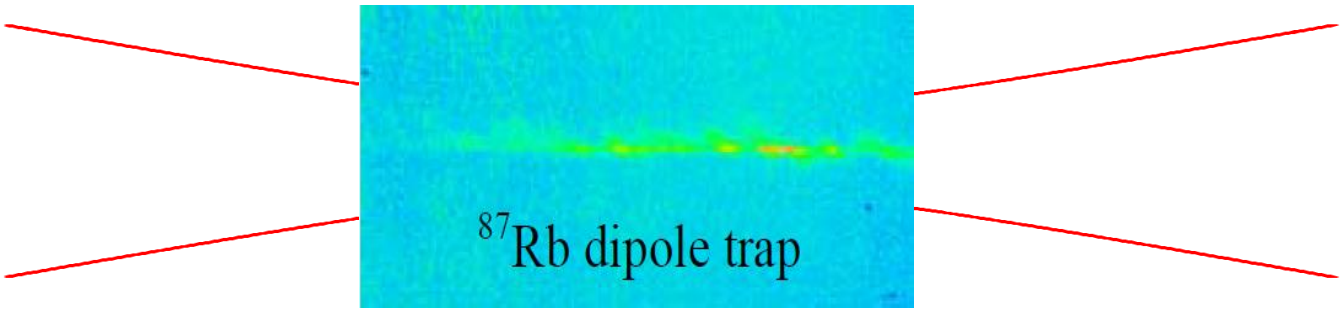

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Quasi-static Limit:

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Atom: ^{87}Rb

DC polarizability: $\alpha = h \cdot 0.08\ Hz/(\frac{V}{cm})^2$

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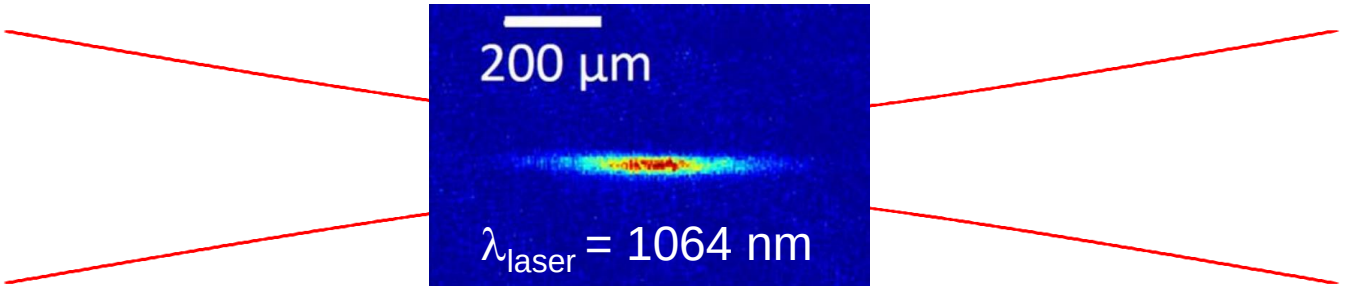

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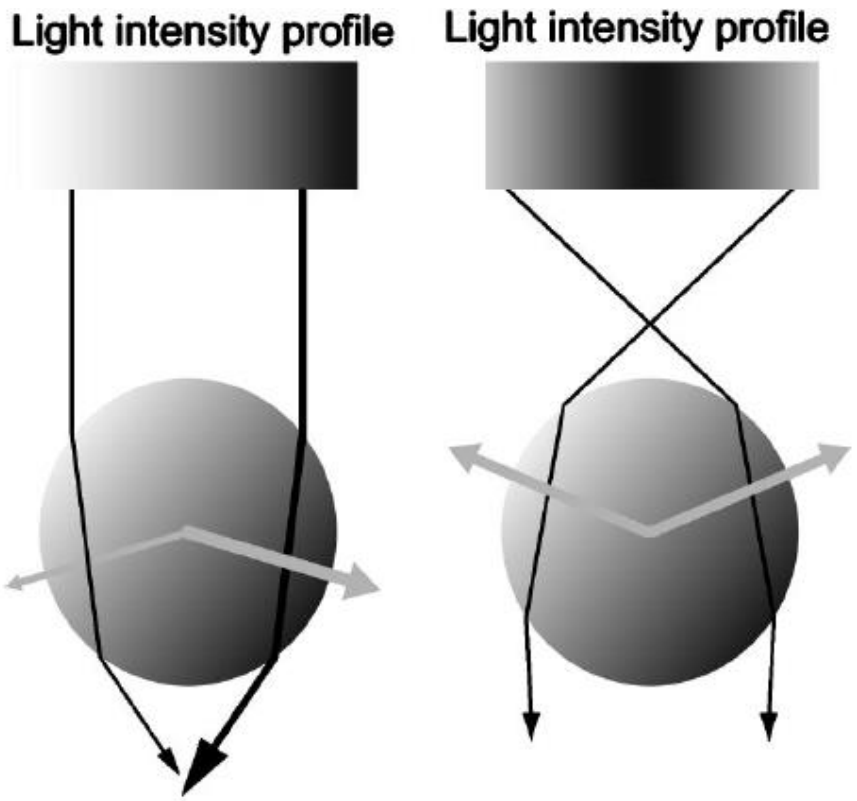

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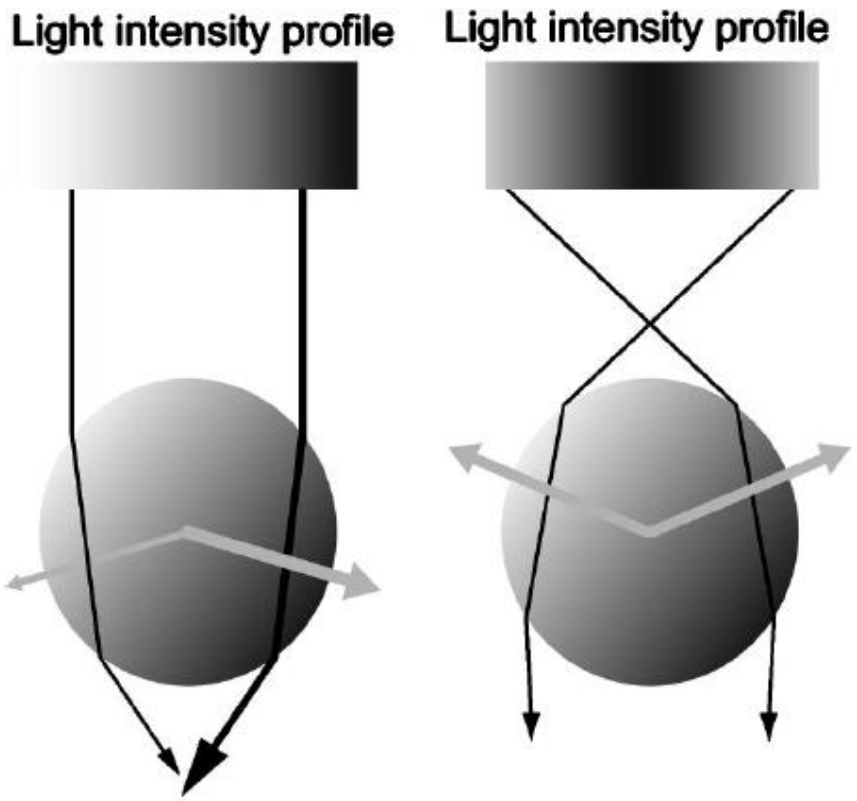

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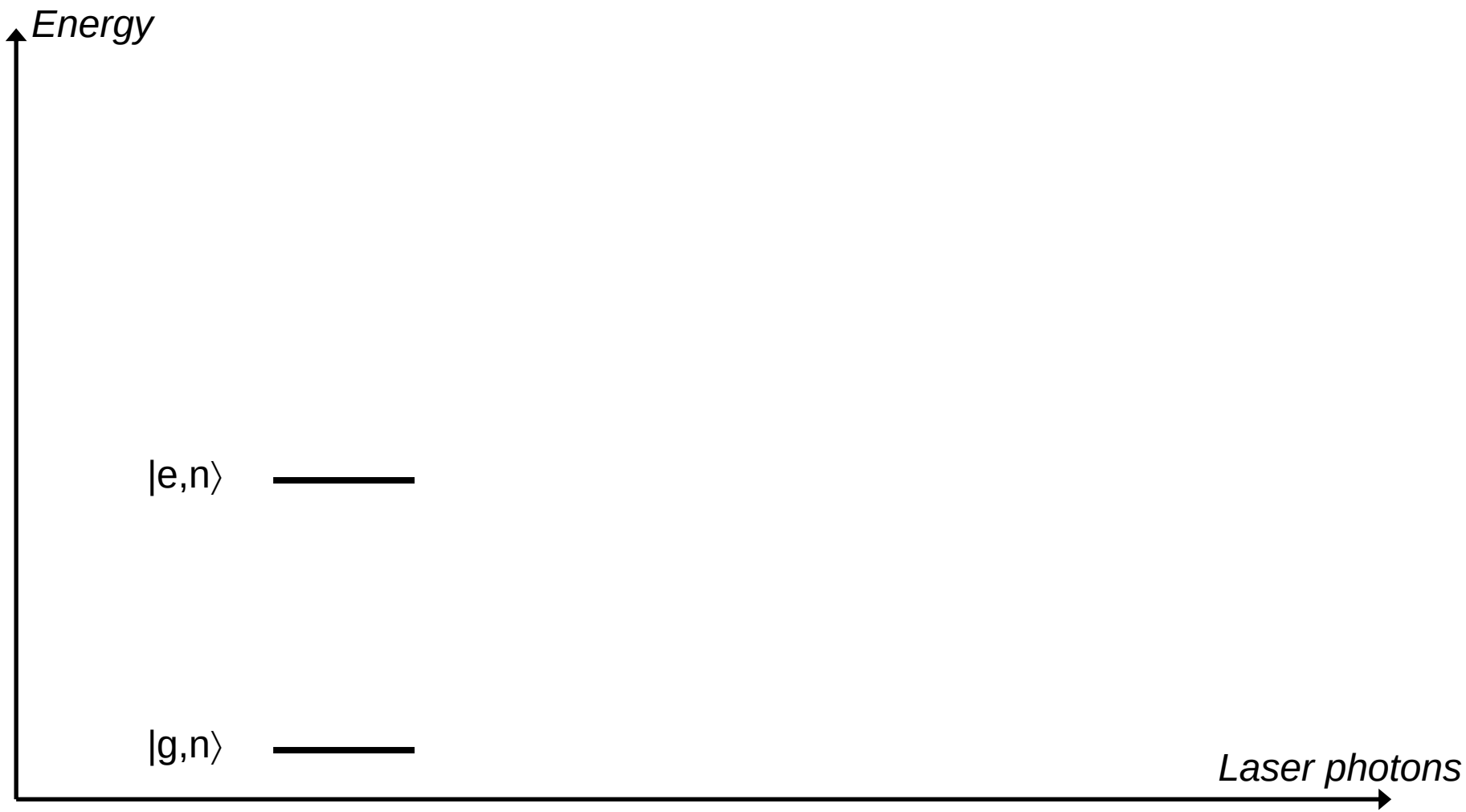

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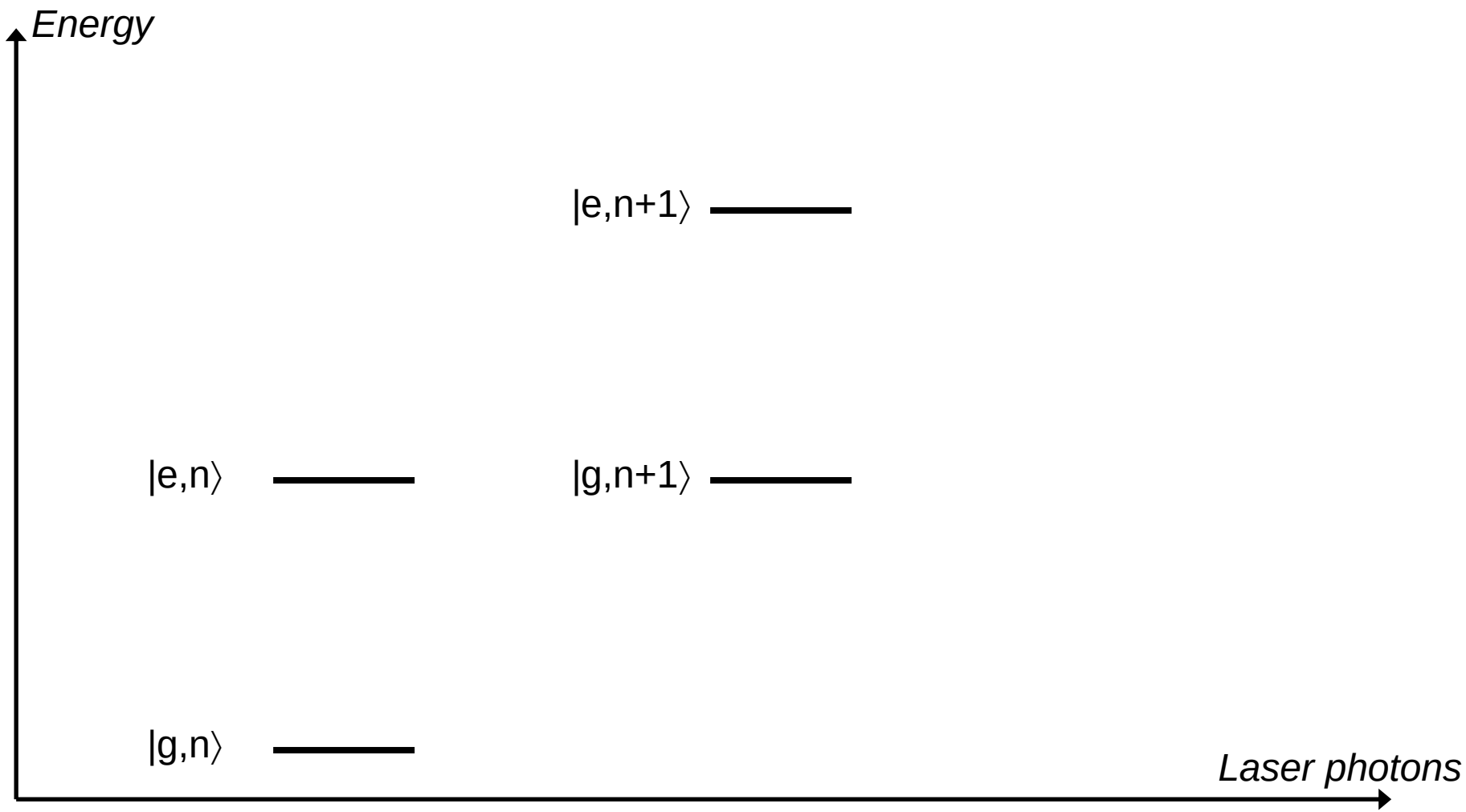

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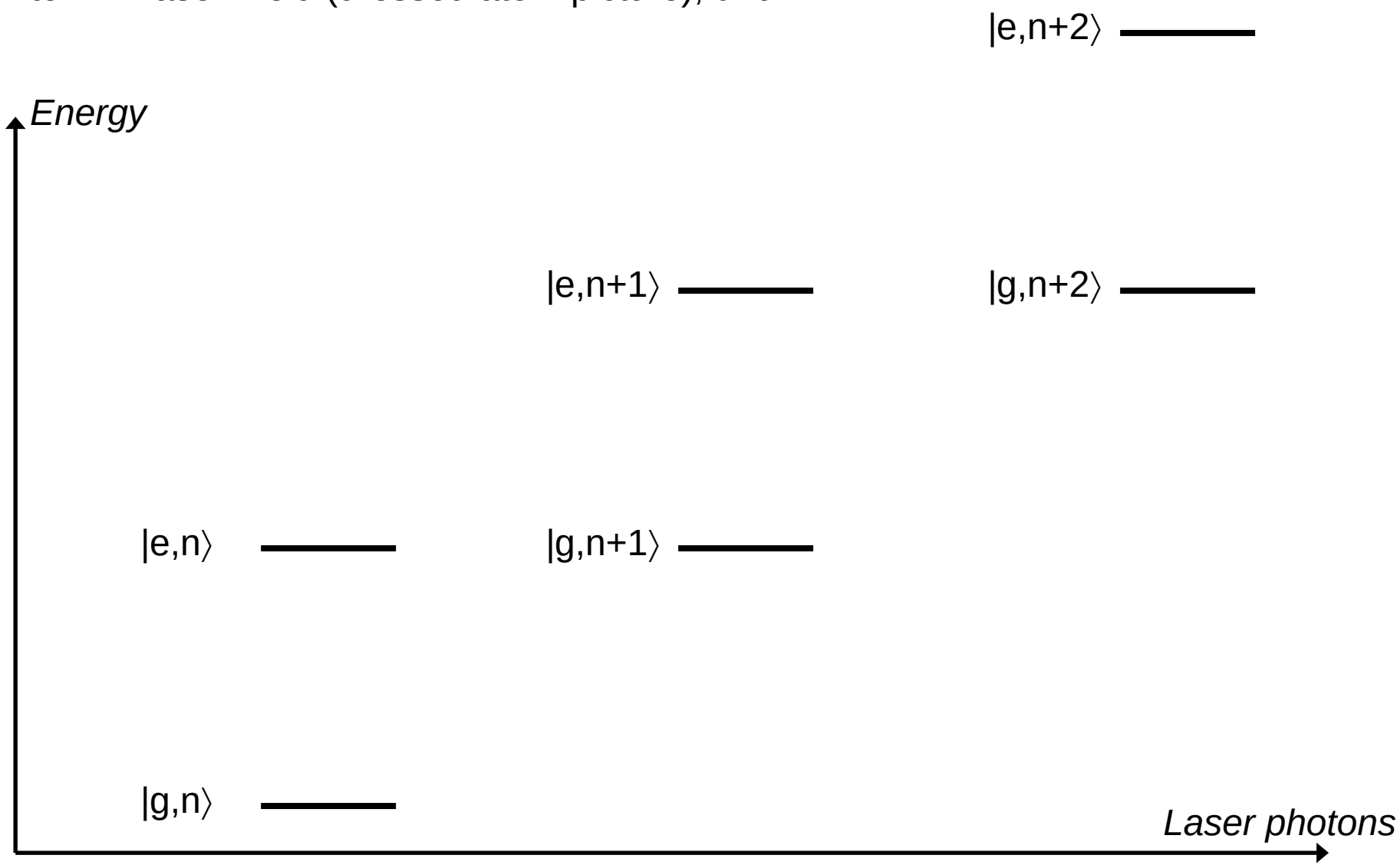

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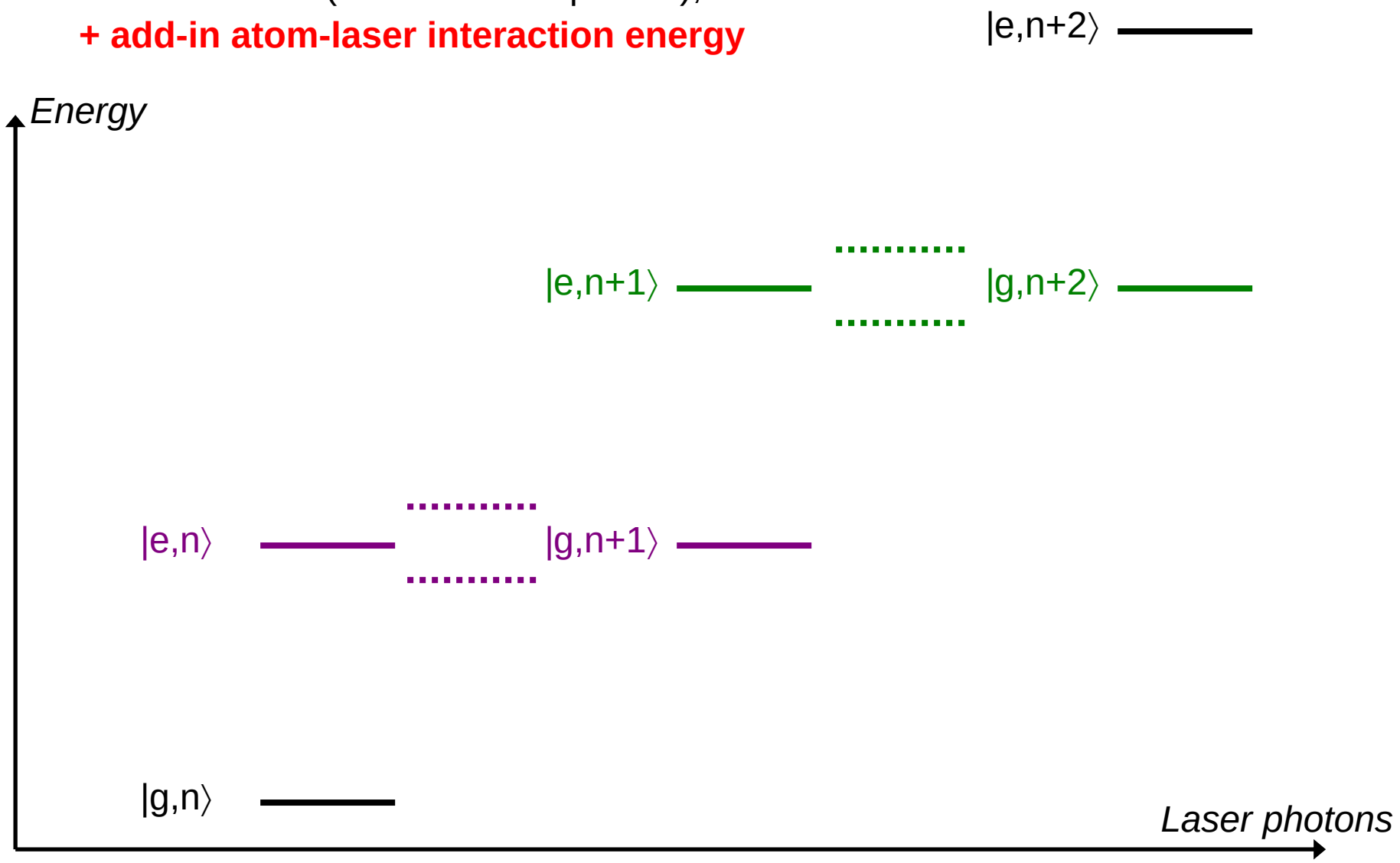

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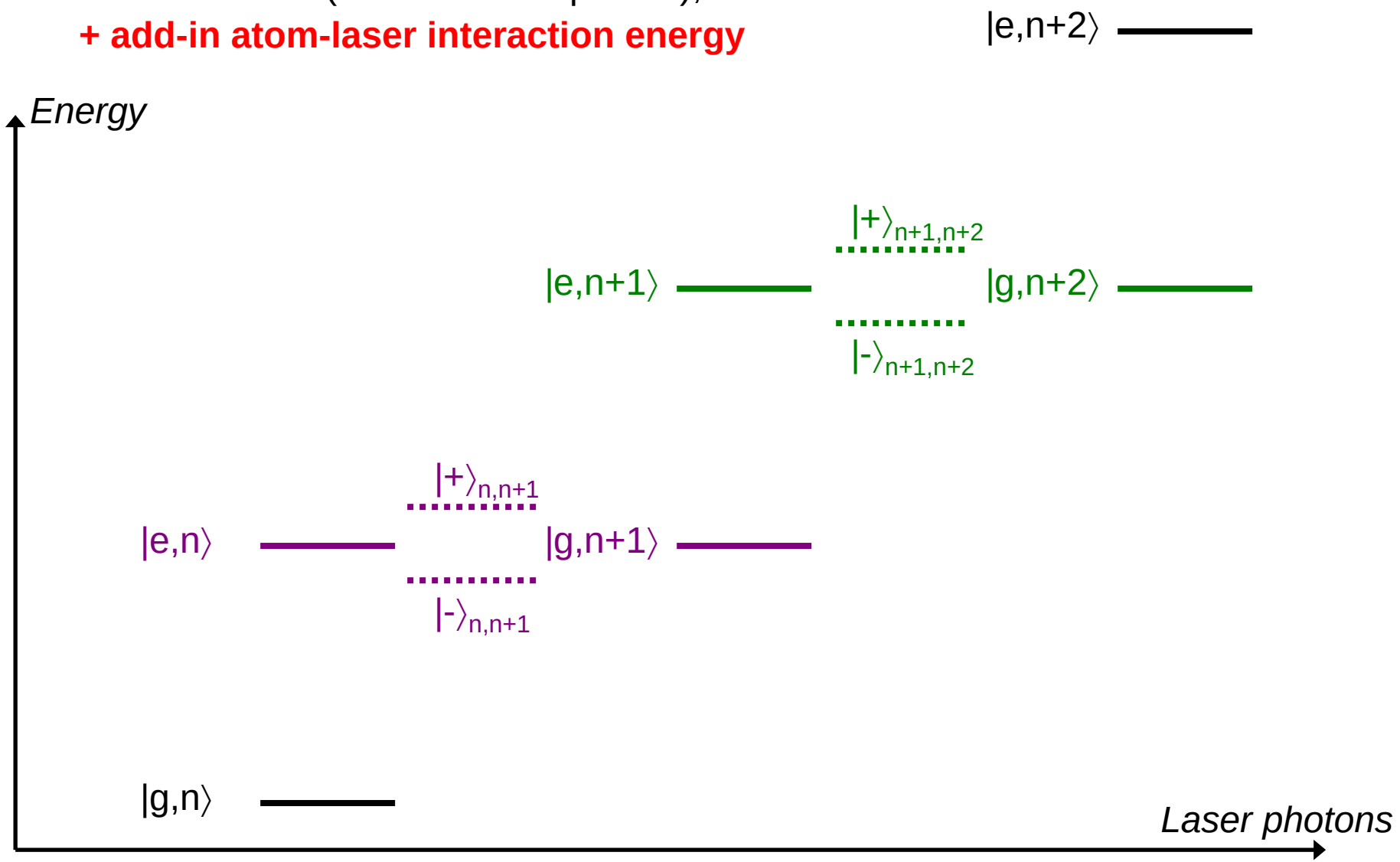

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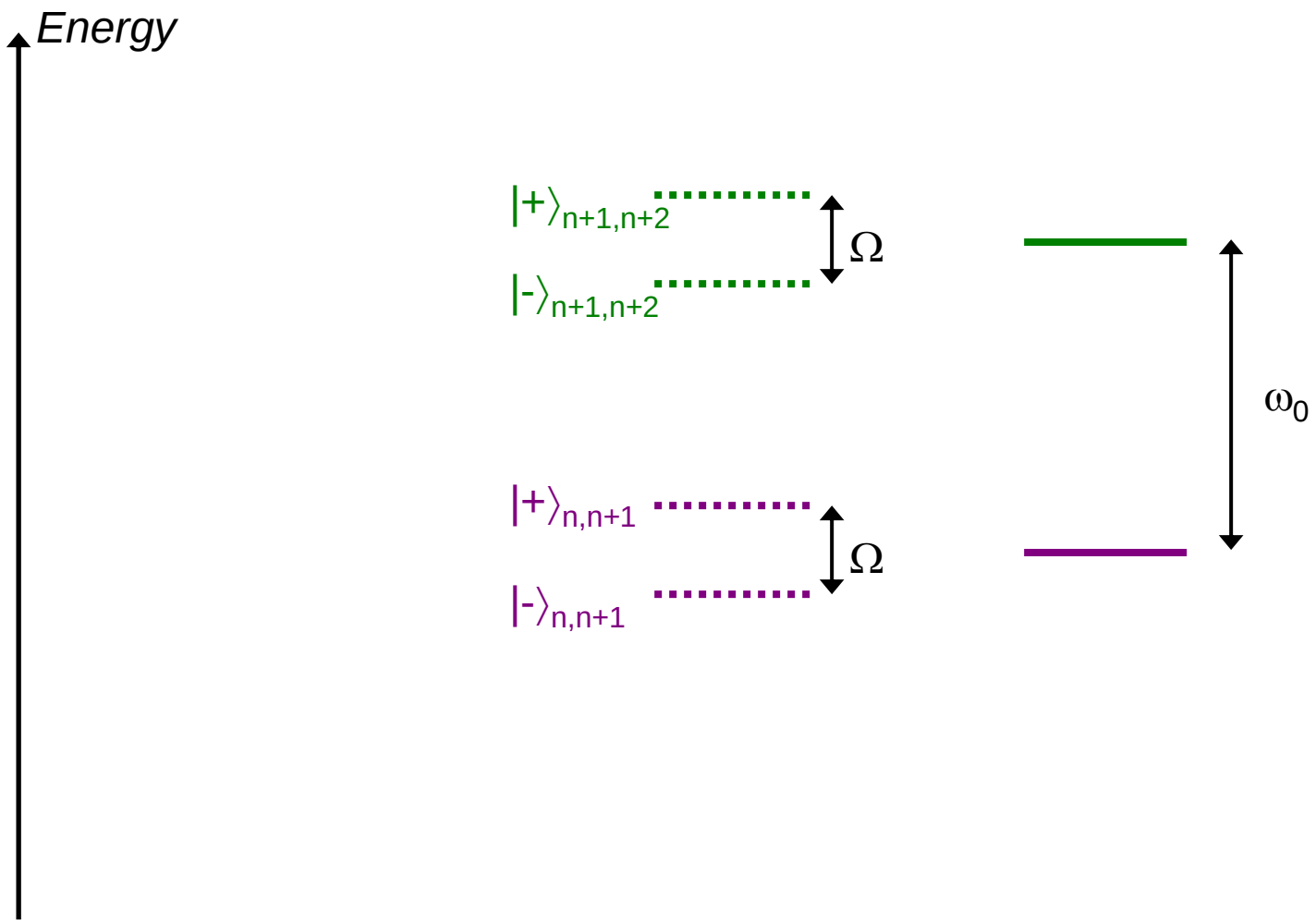

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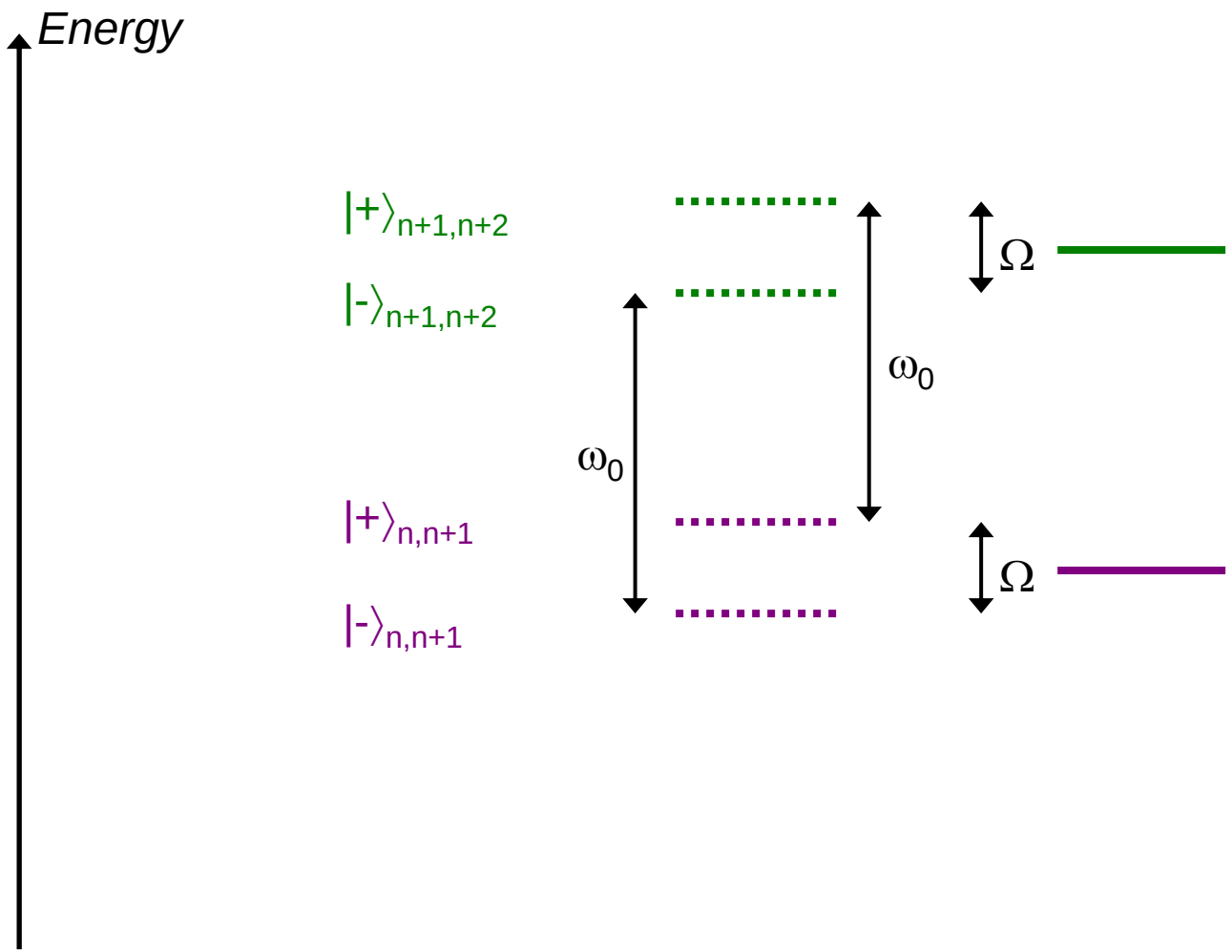

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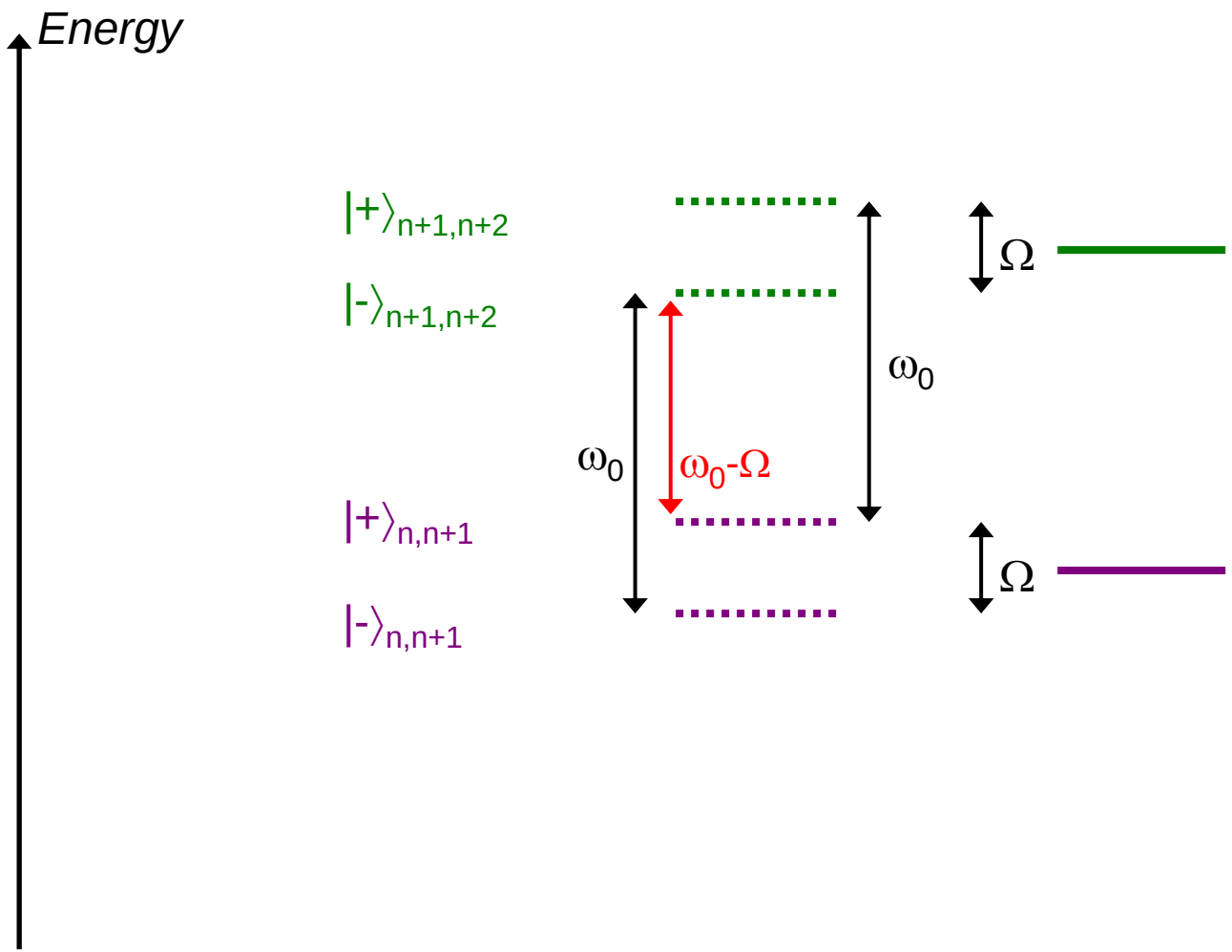

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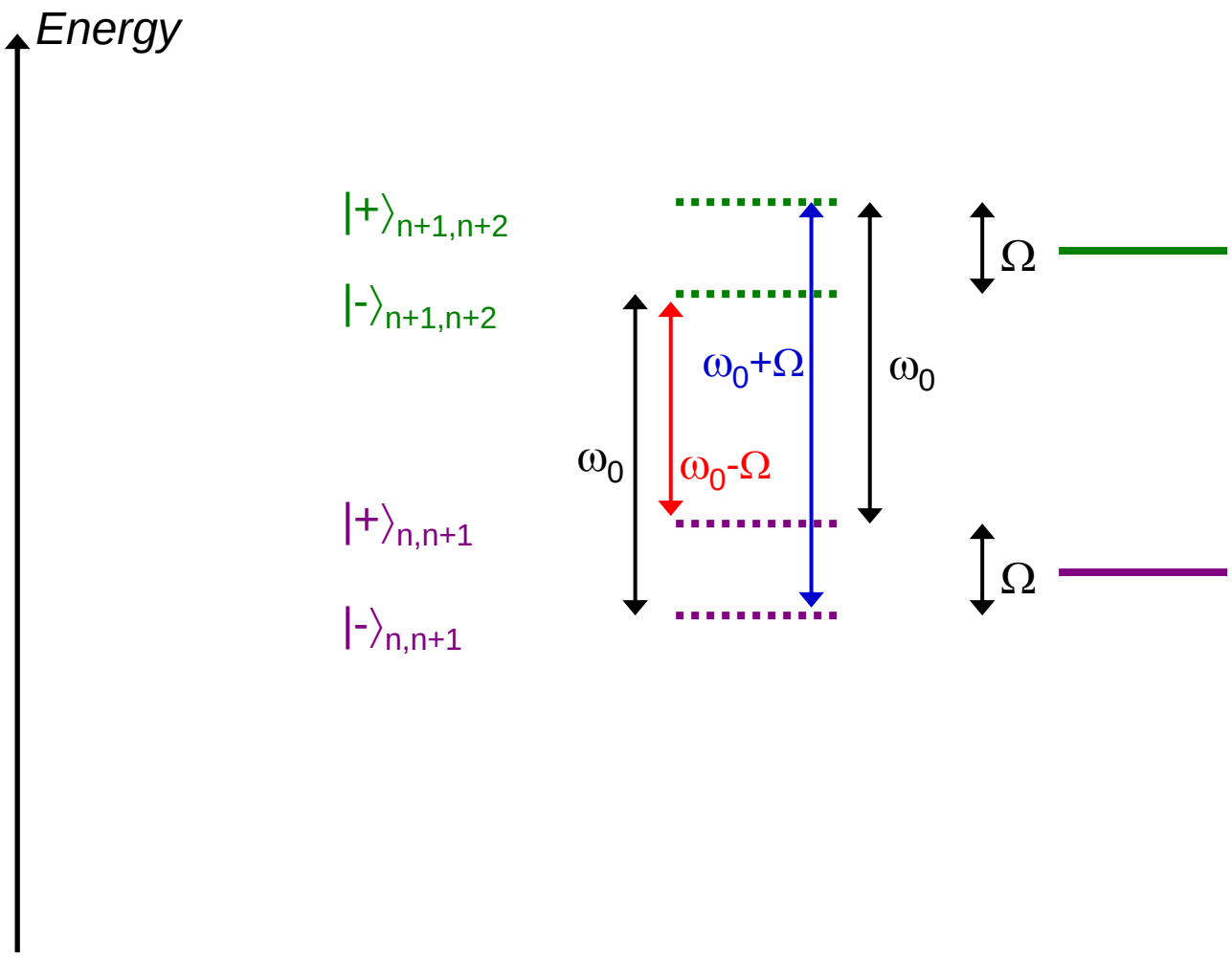

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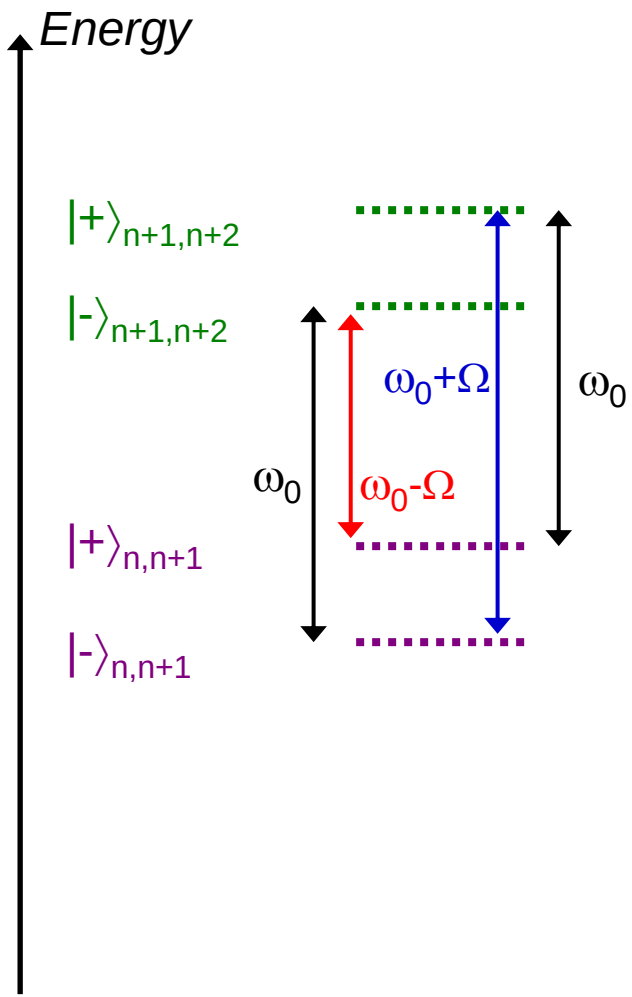

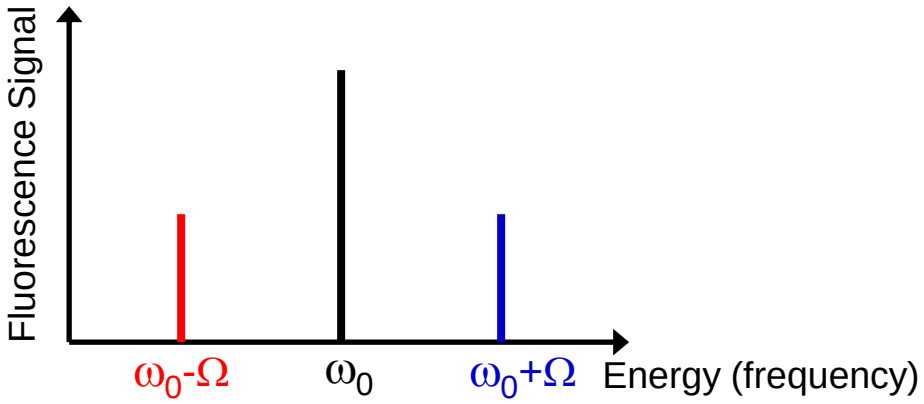

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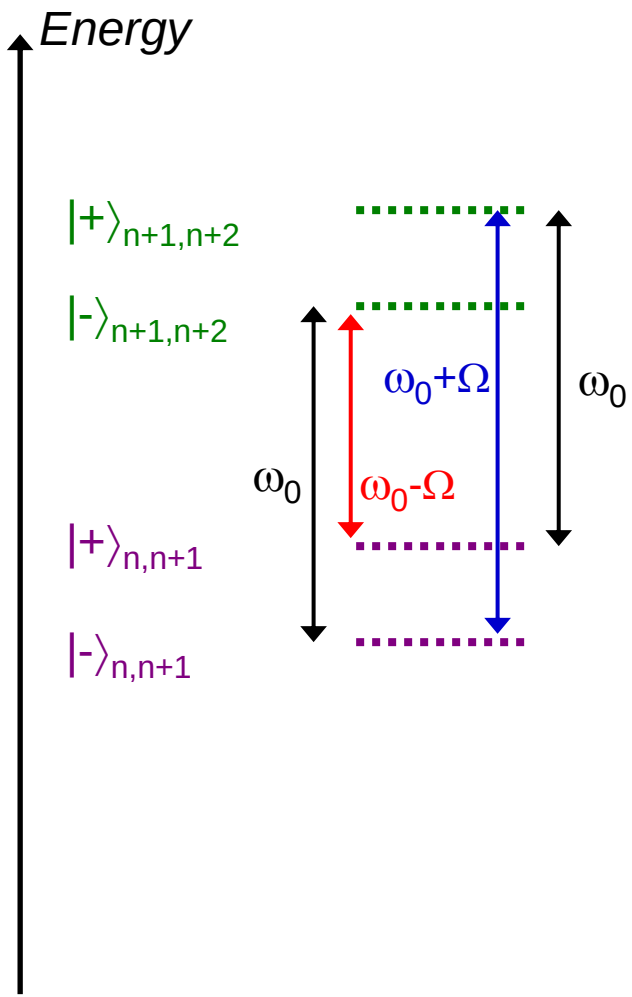

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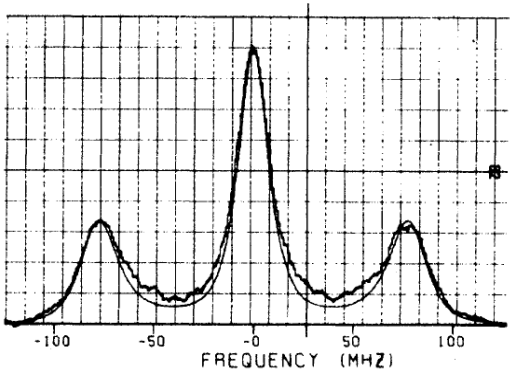

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