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## Mach-Zehnder interferometer with quantum beamsplitters

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2012





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Prize motivation: "for ground-breaking experimental methods that enable measuring and manipulation of individual quantum systems"



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#### Recall: single-photon in a Mach-Zehnder interferometer



Single-photon pulse



Beamsplitter

Probability of click in Detector 2 = 50%

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 $U|1,0\rangle = (|1,0\rangle + i|0,1\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$ 

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### Quantum beamsplitter: two ways of getting 50-50%

$$p_{1}^{(a)} = p_{1}^{(b)} = 1/2,$$

$$u_{L}, \Delta \qquad b_{1,out}$$

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$$a_{1,in} \qquad b_{1,in}$$

$$b_{1,in}$$

$$Key parameters:$$

$$detuning \qquad \delta_{L}$$

$$linewidth \qquad \Delta$$



## Interferometers with quantum beamsplitters?

 $b_{1,in}$ 



#### Nonreciprocity Realized with Quantum Nonlinearity

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Experiment

## Results: ideal Quantum Mach-Zehnder

$$p_2^{(a)} = 1$$
 and  $p_2^{(b)} = 0$ ,  
 $p_1^{(a)} = p_1^{(b)} = 1/2$ ,





$$\delta_1/\Gamma_1 = \delta_2/\Gamma_1 = 1/2$$

## Results: non-ideal Quantum Mach-Zehnder

Identical resonant quantum beamsplitters are **unable to preserve** broadband photon interference  $p_2^{(a)} = p_2^{(b)} = 1/2$ 



Oppositely detuned quantum beamsplitters always preserve some degree of interference

# Summary

- ✓ **Quantum Mechanics with single particles**: experimental reality;
- ✓ **Waveguide QED**: interferometers with quantum beamsplitters;
- <u>**Perspectives**</u>: quantum technologies (see reviews below).



The quantum internet

REVIEWS OF MODERN PHYSICS, VOLUME 87, APRIL-JUNE 2015 Interfacing single photons and single quantum dots with photonic nanostructures

Peter Lodahl, Sahand Mahmoodian, and Søren Stobbe

Thank you for your time! valente.daniel@gmail.com