

Discussion on Quantum Nonlinear Optics

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European settlement: 1836

Statehood: 1859

Population: 3,830,000

400 Wineries

180 Micro-breweries

University of Oregon: 1873

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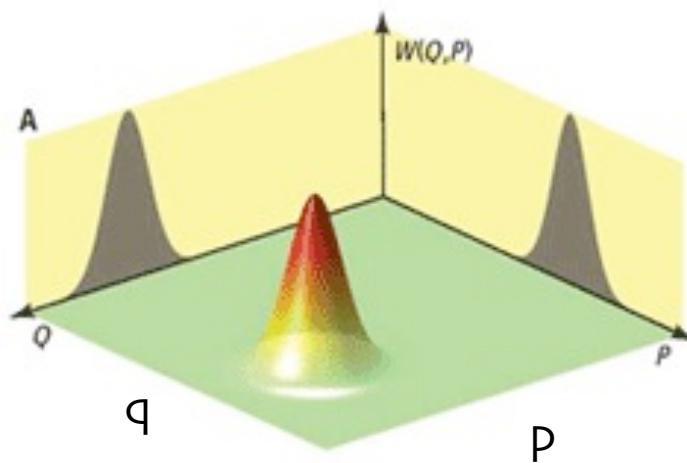
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Sketch the projected distributions $\text{Pr}(q)$ and $\text{Pr}(p)$ for:

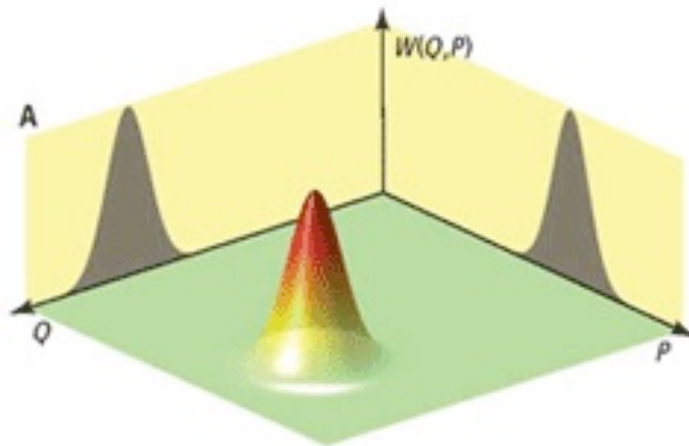
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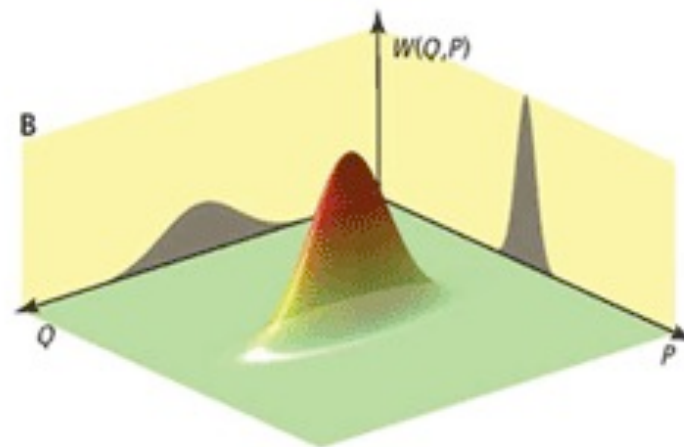


Some Wigner Distributions

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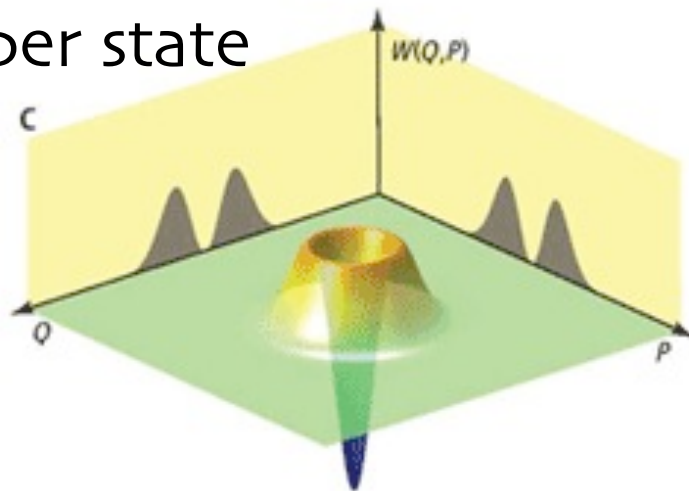


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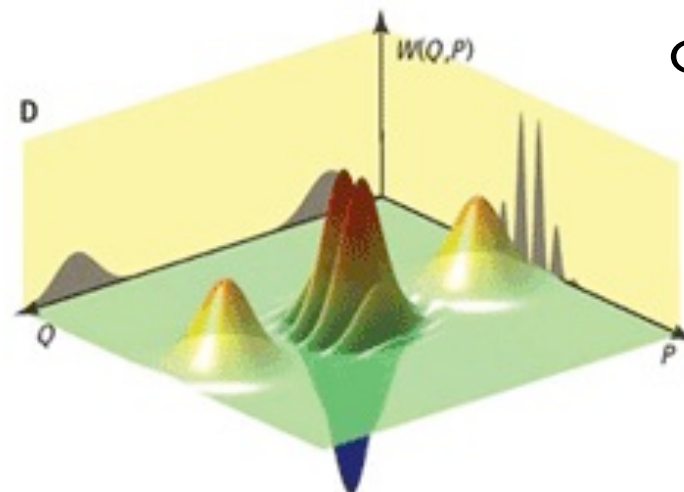


number state

$n=1$



cat state



What is a photon?

Think of a way, not described in the lecture, for creating a single-photon state.

How could you verify by a measurement the photon was created, without detecting it?

Discuss with your neighbor(s)

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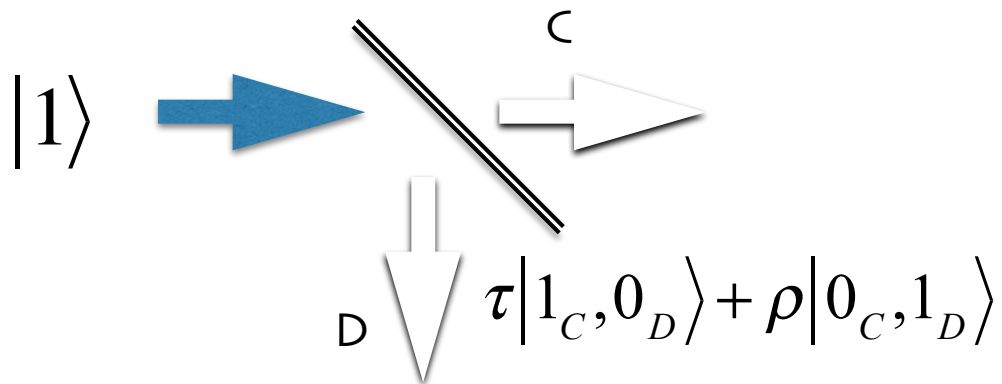
Think of an argument for YES and an argument for NO.

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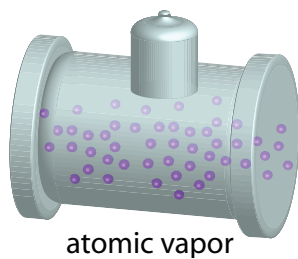
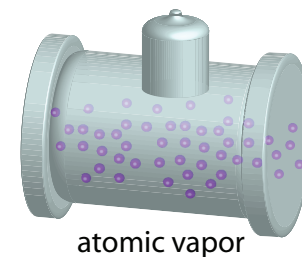
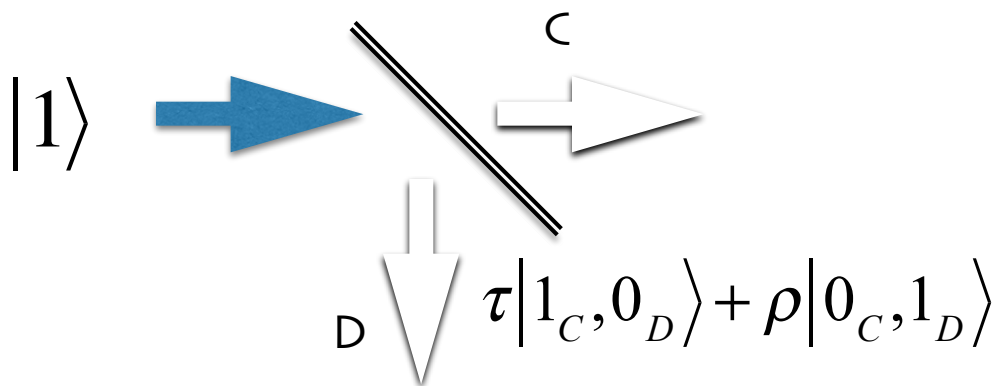
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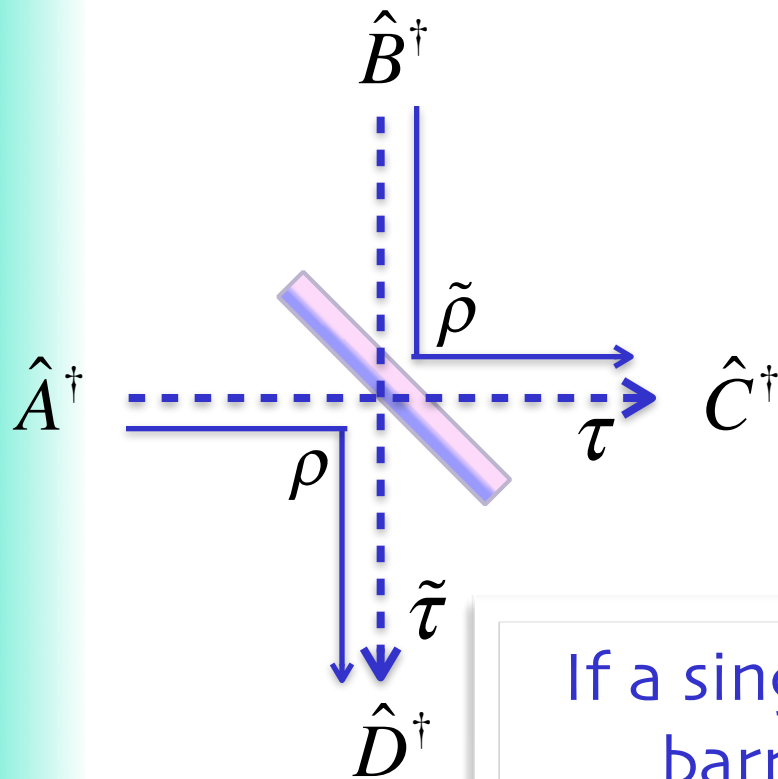
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PROOF: If a single-photon state hits a beam splitter,
it creates Mode Entanglement

creation operators obey
inverse relation:

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$$\text{input state: } \hat{A}^\dagger |vac\rangle = |1_A, 0_B\rangle$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A}^\dagger |vac\rangle &= (\tau \hat{C}^\dagger + \rho \hat{D}^\dagger) |vac\rangle \\ &= \tau |1_C, 0_D\rangle + \rho |0_C, 1_D\rangle \end{aligned}$$

There is only one photon; it is shared
between modes.

The C, D modes are in an entangled state.

The BS is a 'global' operation involving both
modes. Any subsequent local operations on
the separated modes C, D cannot increase
the entanglement.

If a single electron hits a partially reflecting
barrier, does it create entanglement?

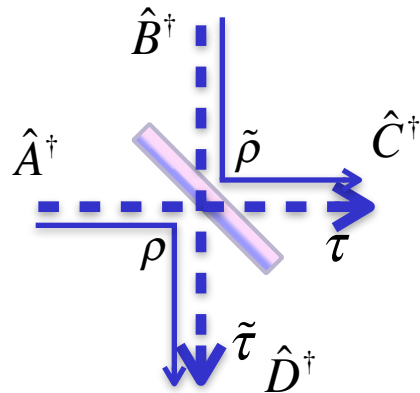
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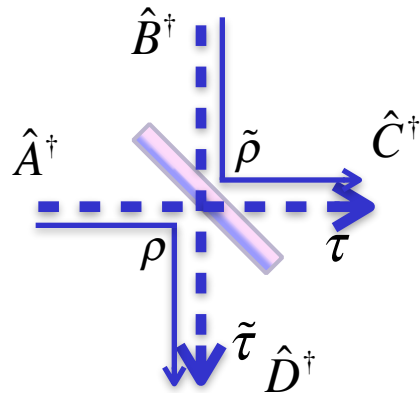
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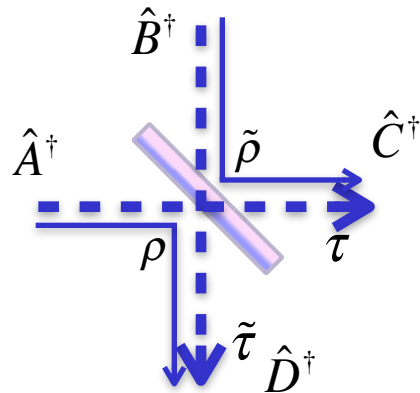
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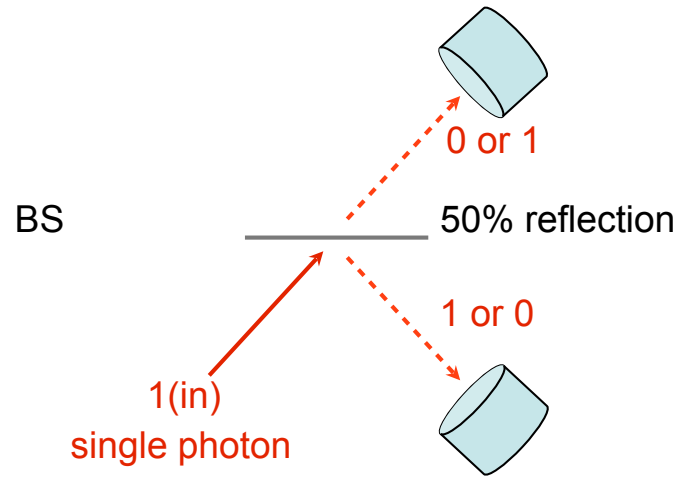
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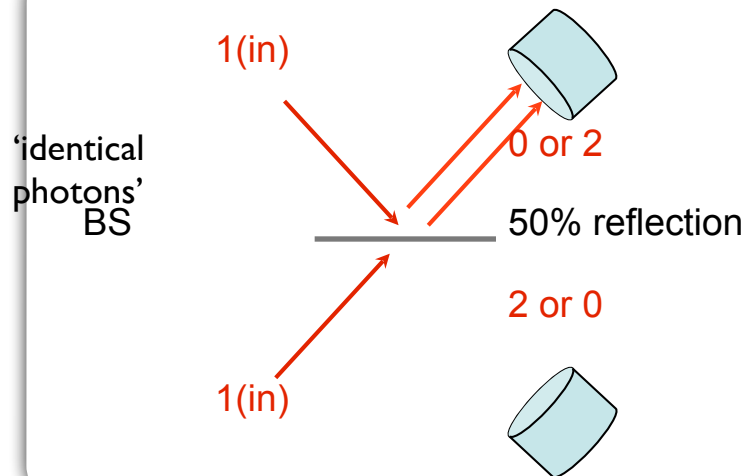
$$\hat{A}^\dagger \hat{B}^\dagger |vac\rangle = \frac{|2_C, 0_D\rangle + |0_C, 2_D\rangle}{2}$$

Each mode has 50% chance to get both photons. (Bosons stick together)

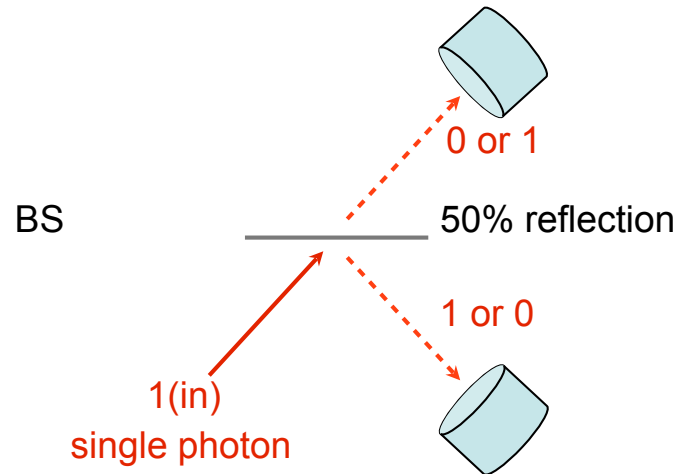
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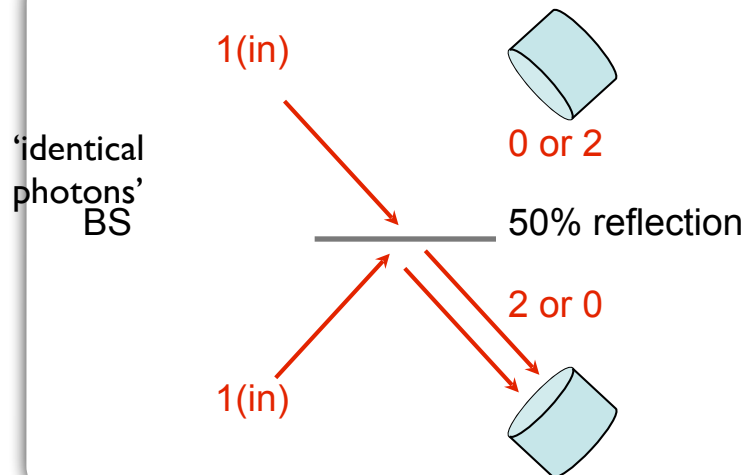
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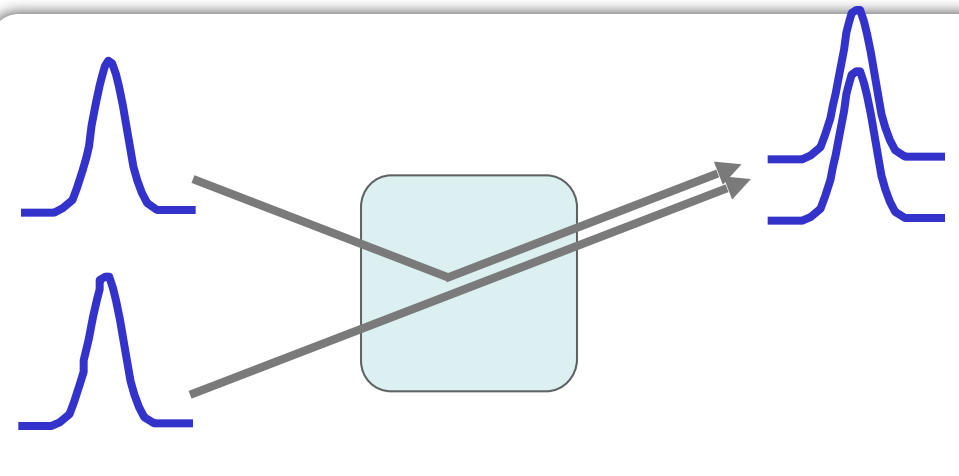
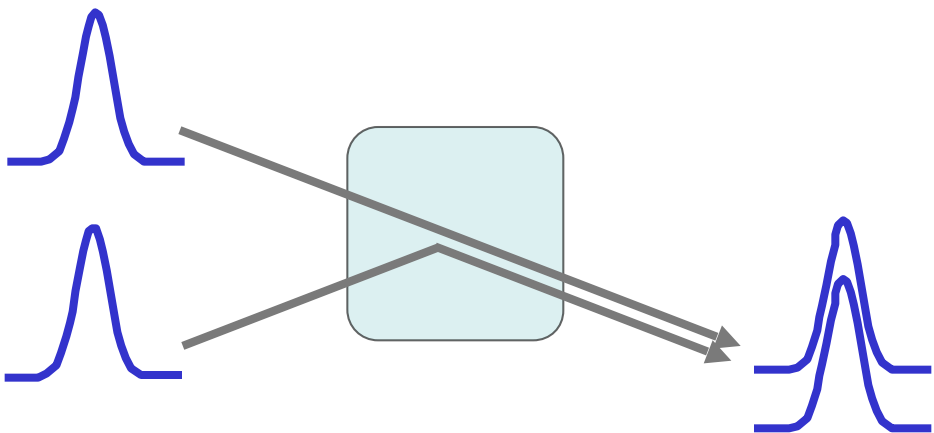
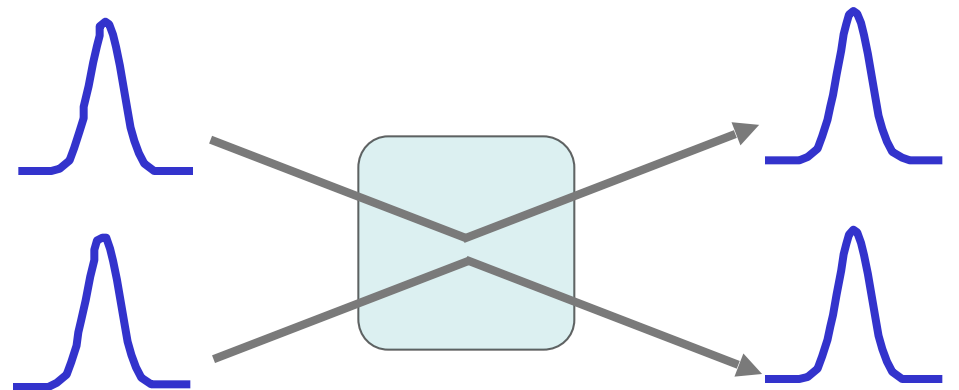
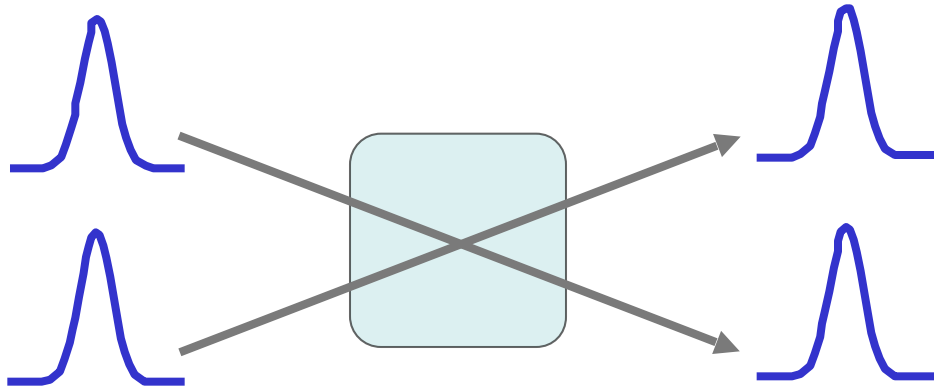
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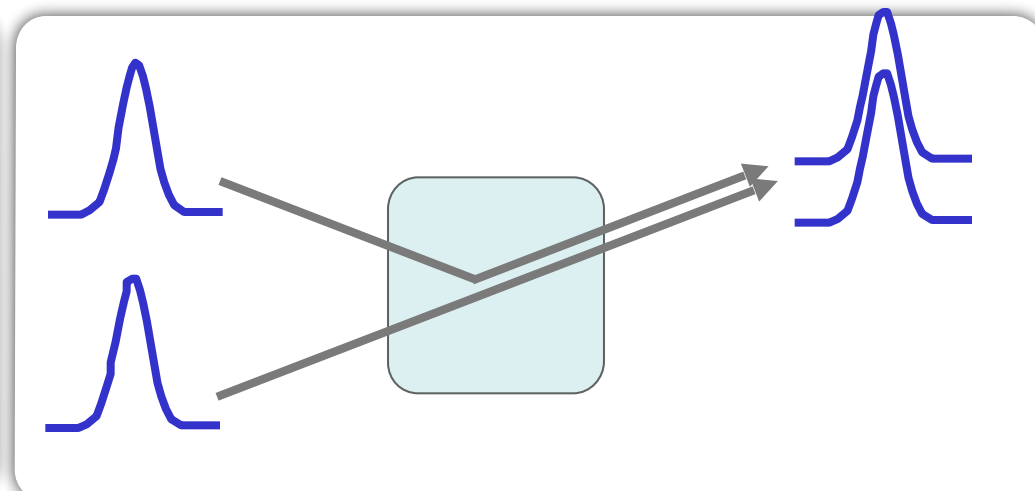
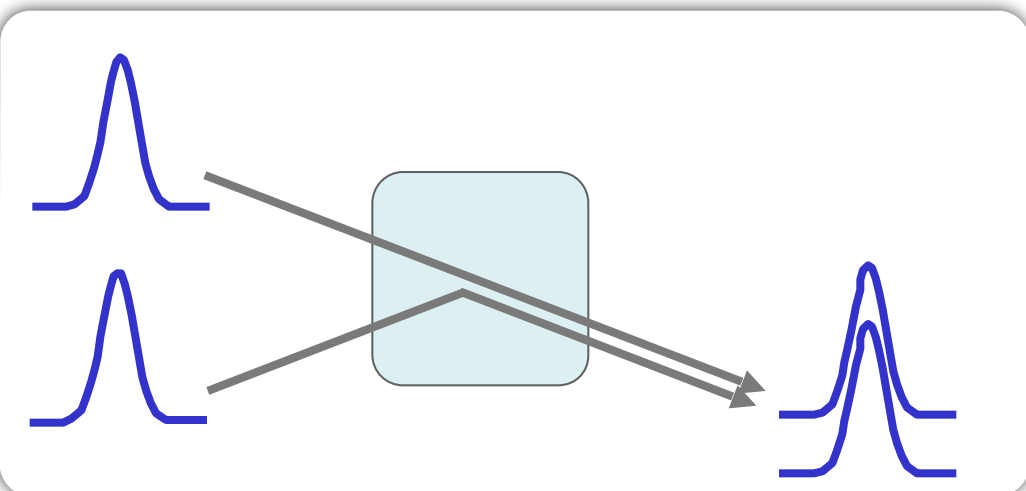
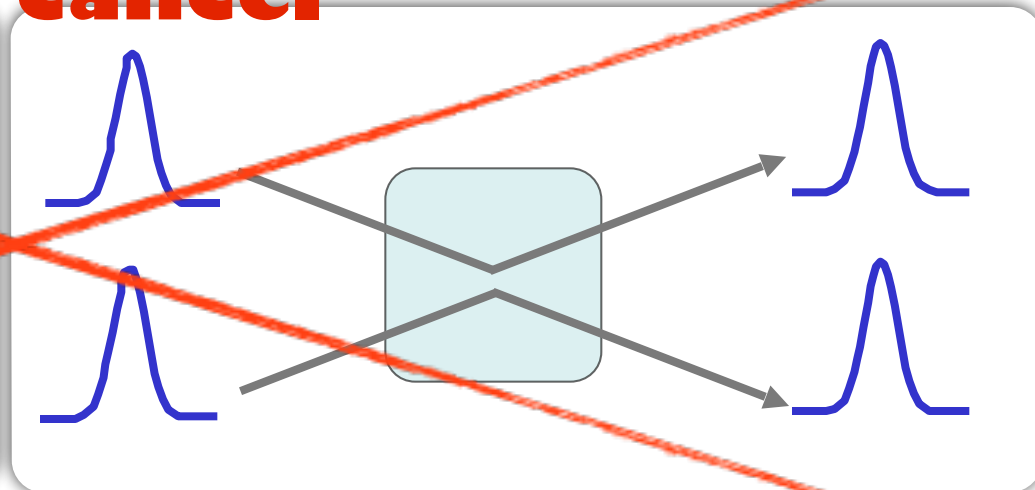
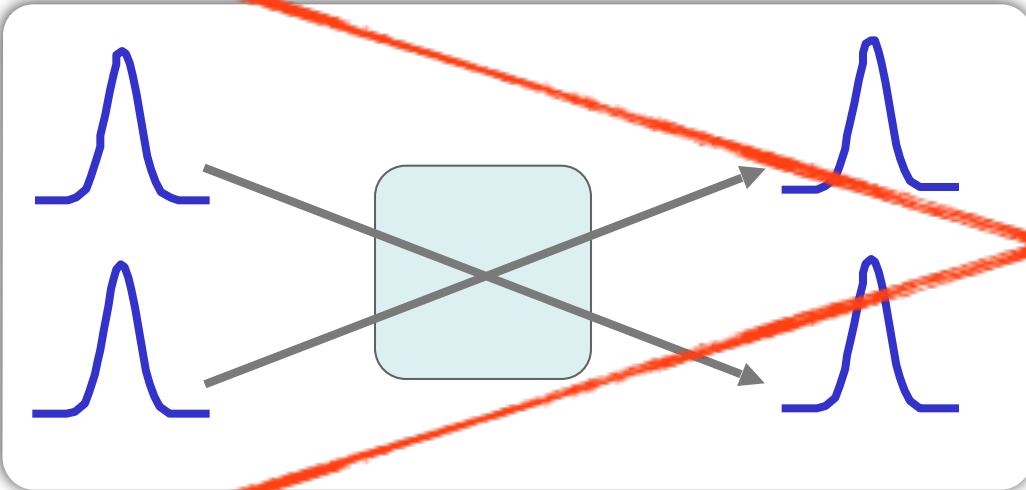


Why do two of these diagrams cancel?



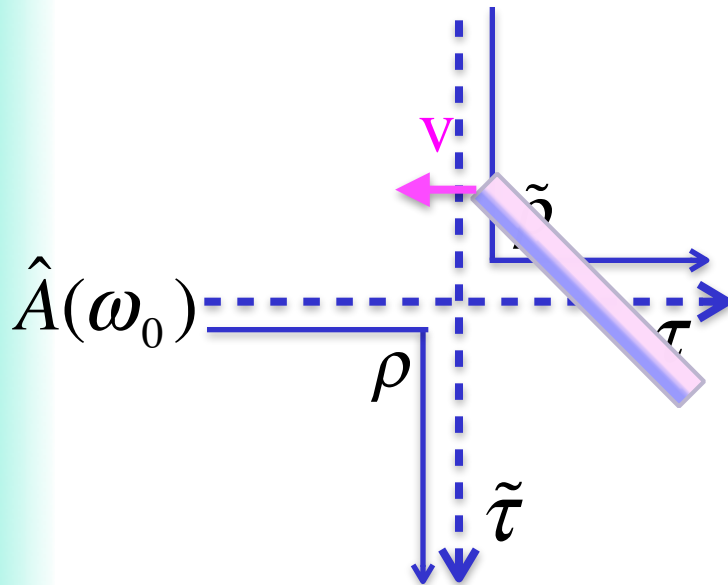
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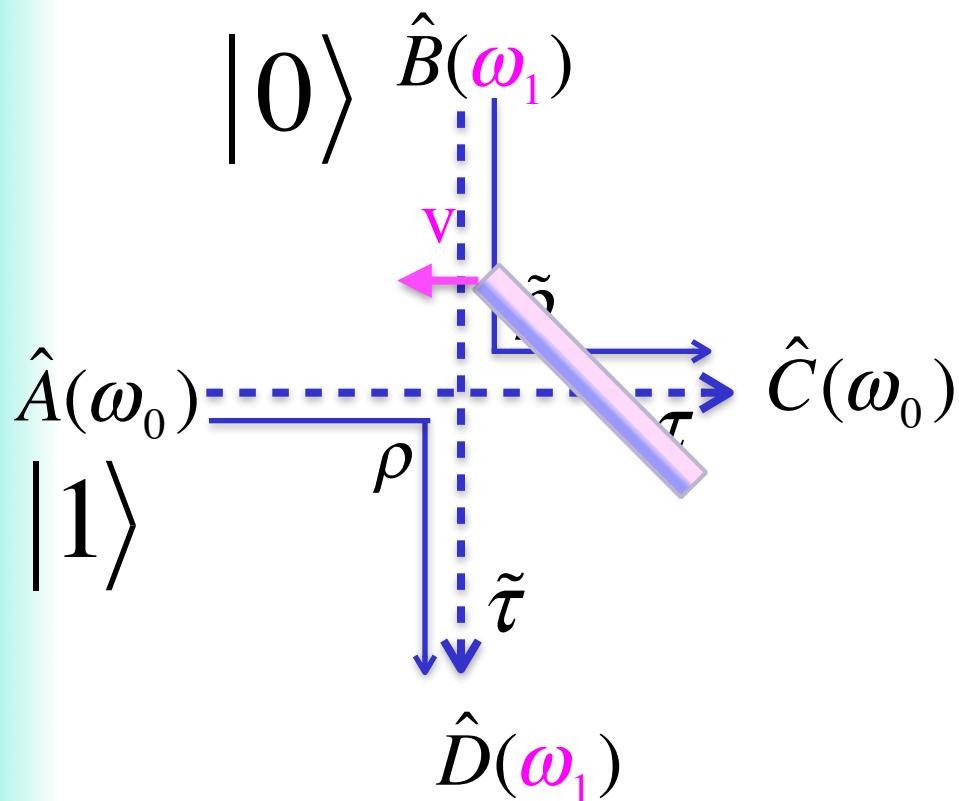


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Doppler shift happens! $\omega_0 \rightarrow \omega_1 = \omega_0(1 + v/c)$

if all four TMs are identical **except for carrier frequency**:



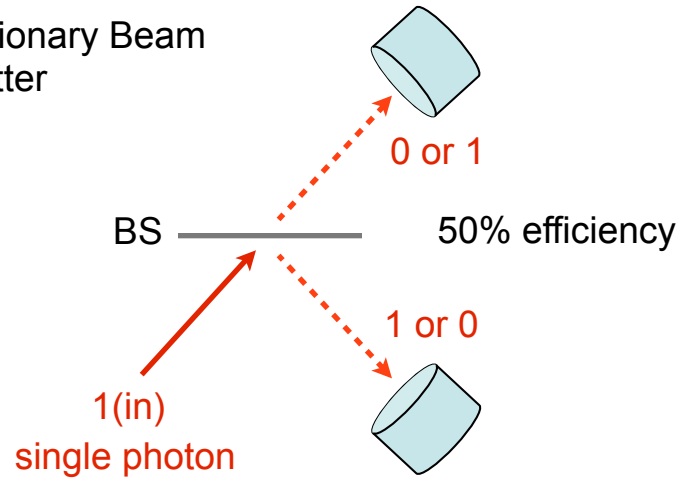
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inverse: $\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{U}^\dagger$

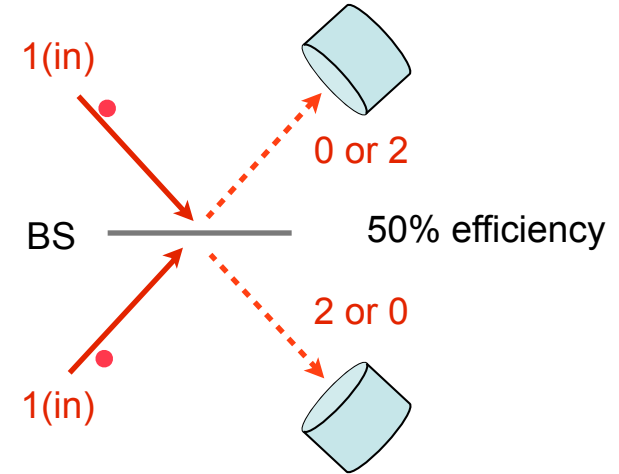
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Stationary Beam
Splitter

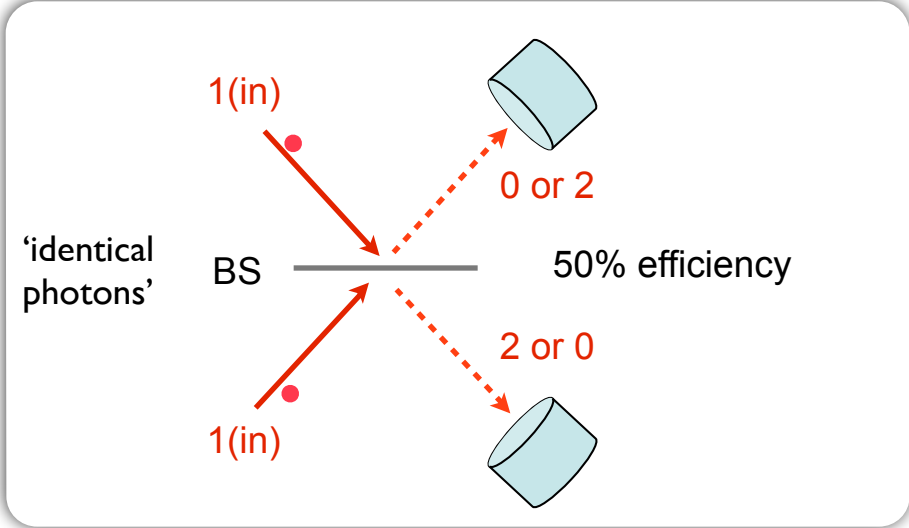
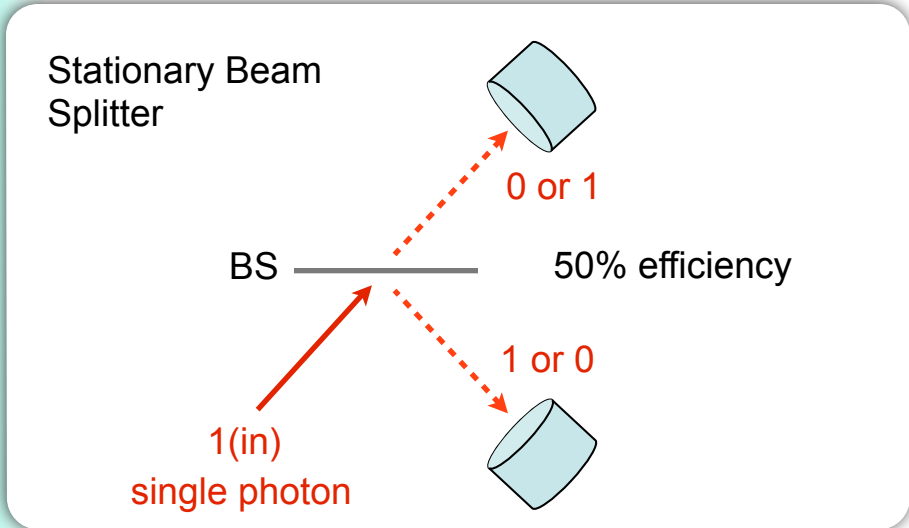


'identical
photons'

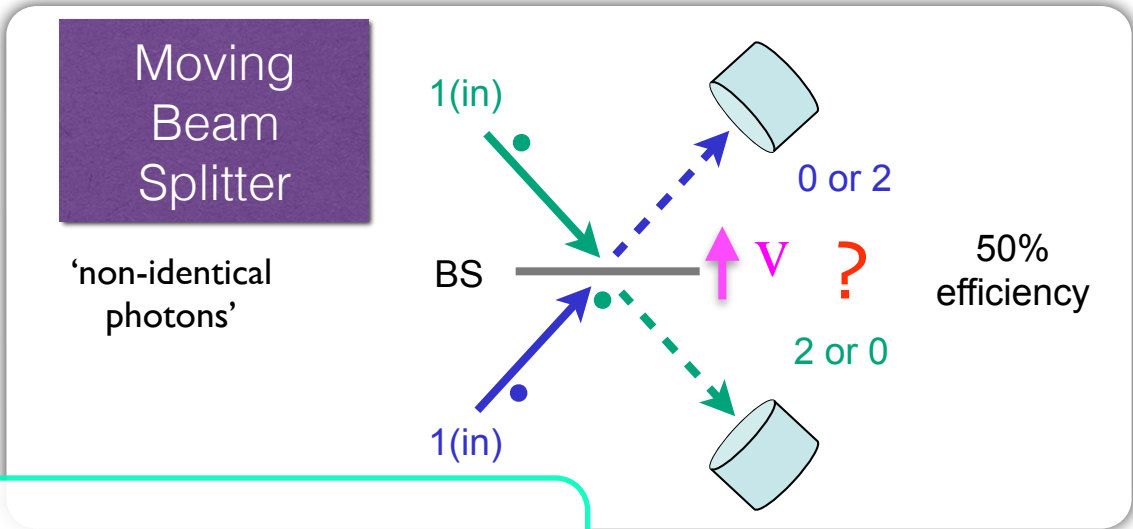


How could you create Interference of Two
Photons of Different Color?

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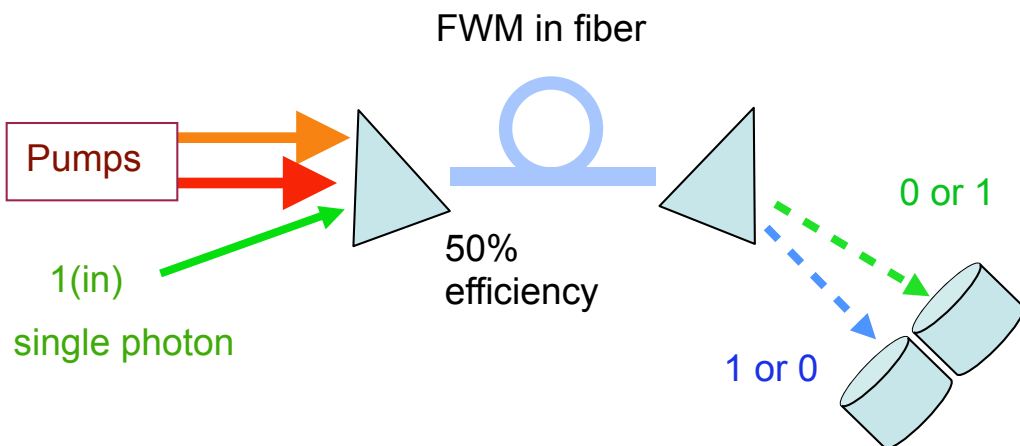
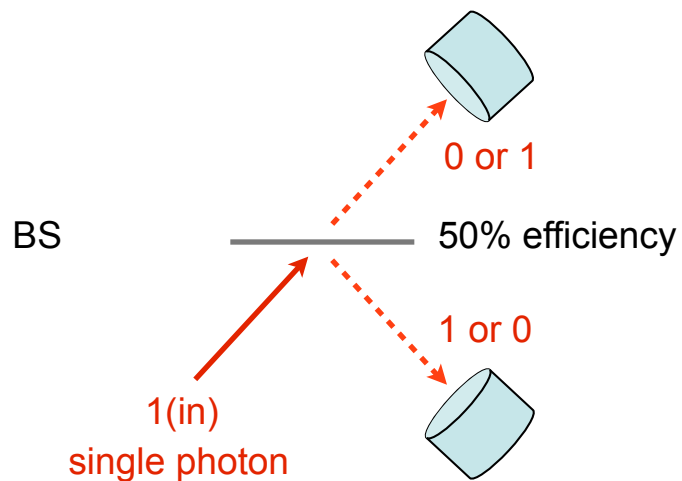


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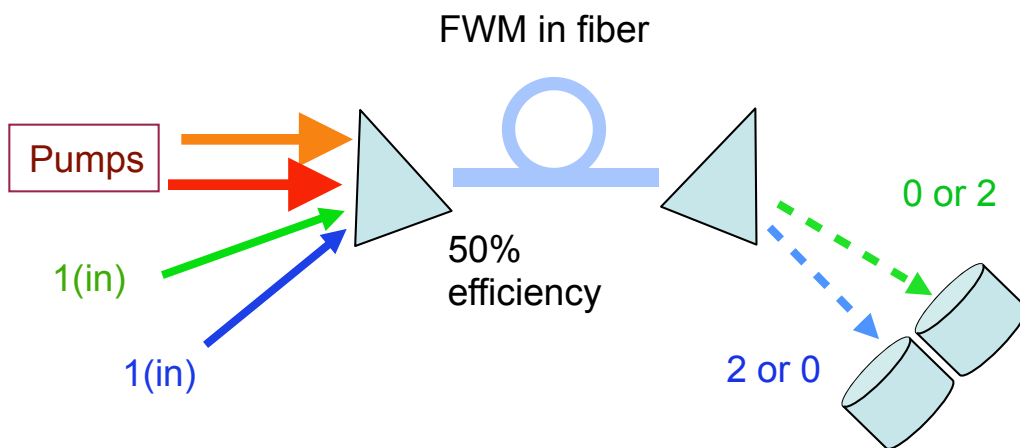
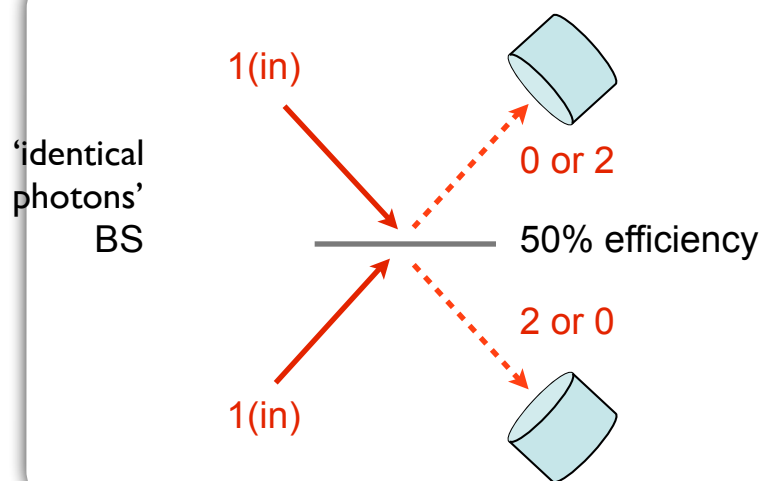


Final state
is what
matters

Quantum Frequency Conversion is mathematically analogous to Beam Splitting → Linear Optical Operations

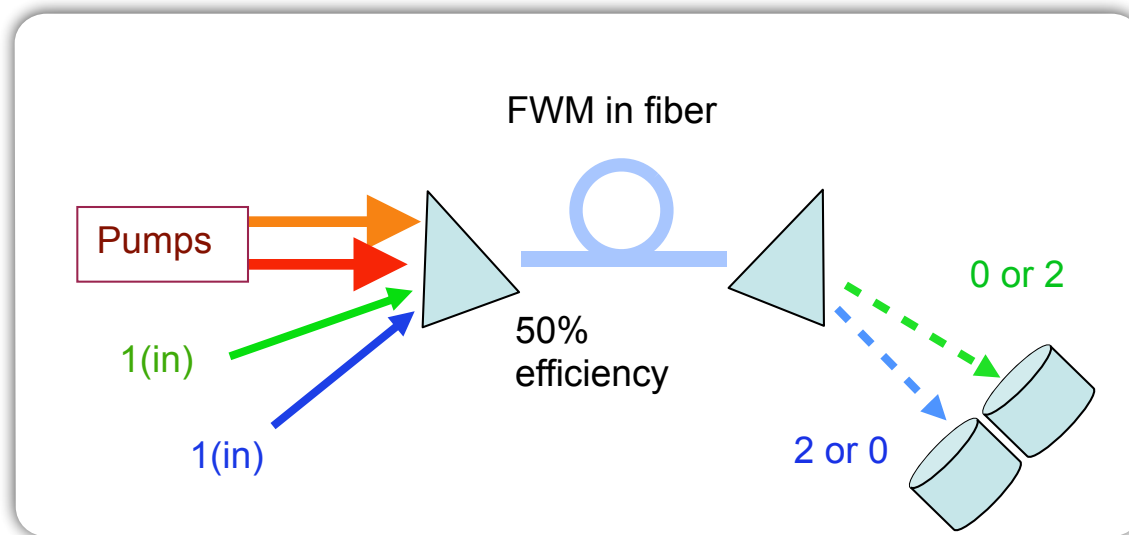


Suggests two-photon interference between photons of different color?



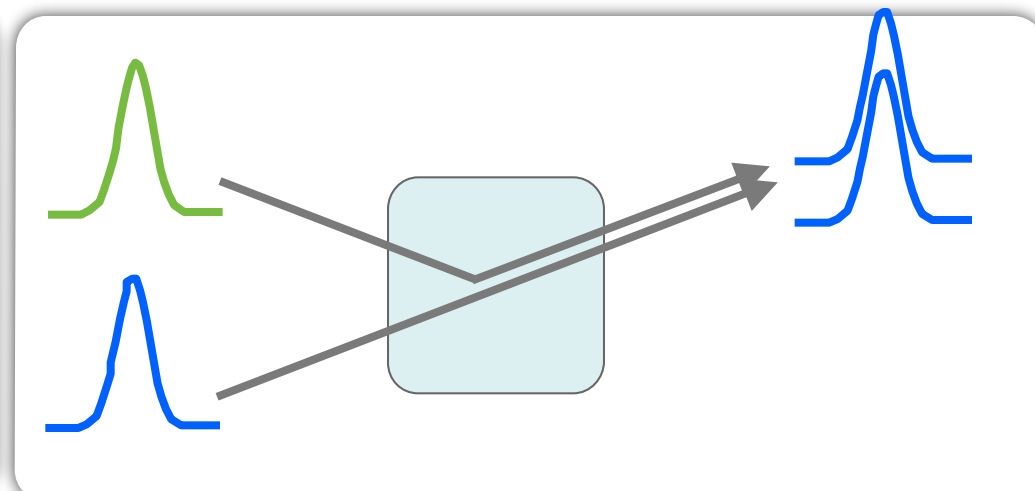
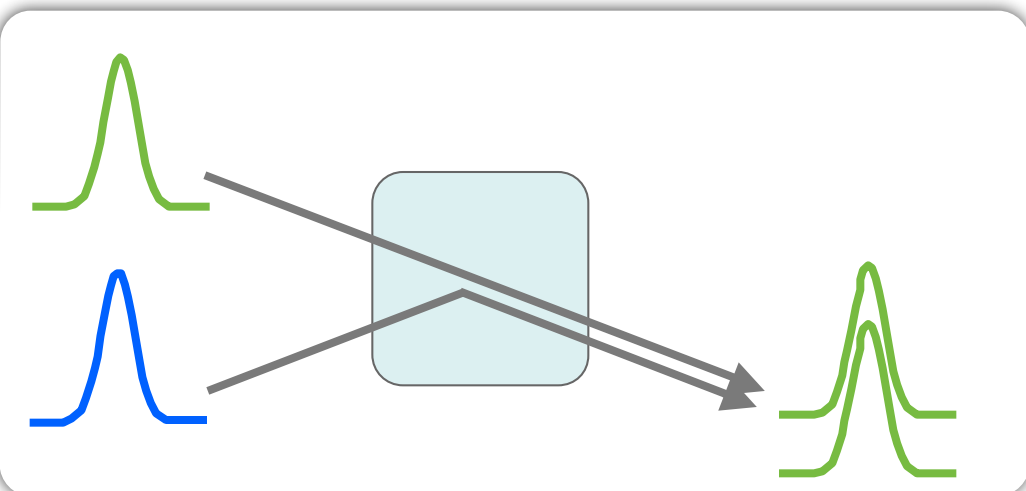
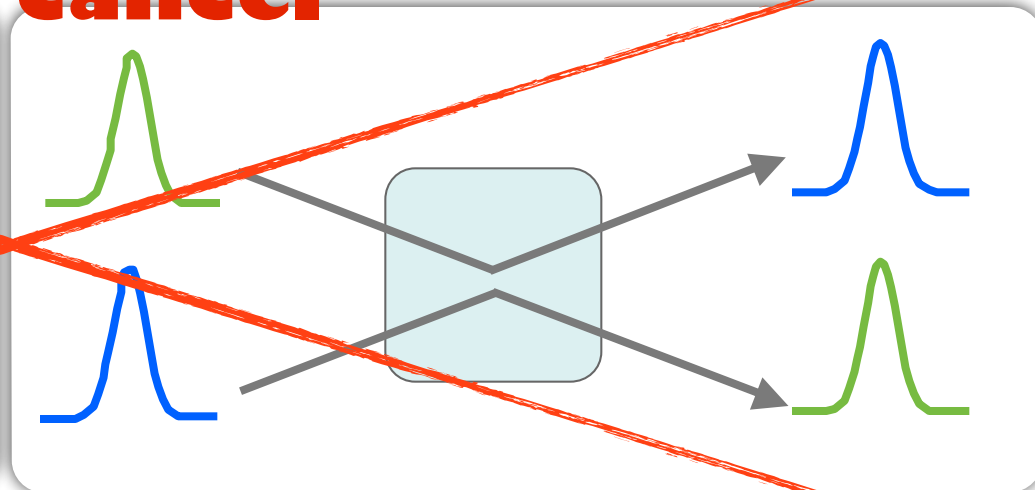
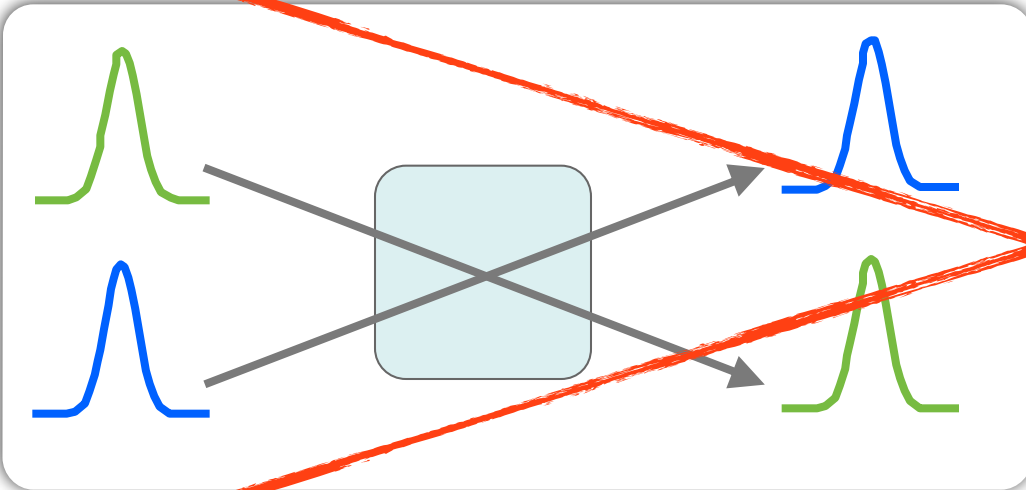
Photons are Bosons

The two photons do not need to be in identical states at the start of the process, only in the final state in order for quantum amplitudes for those processes to add and cancel.



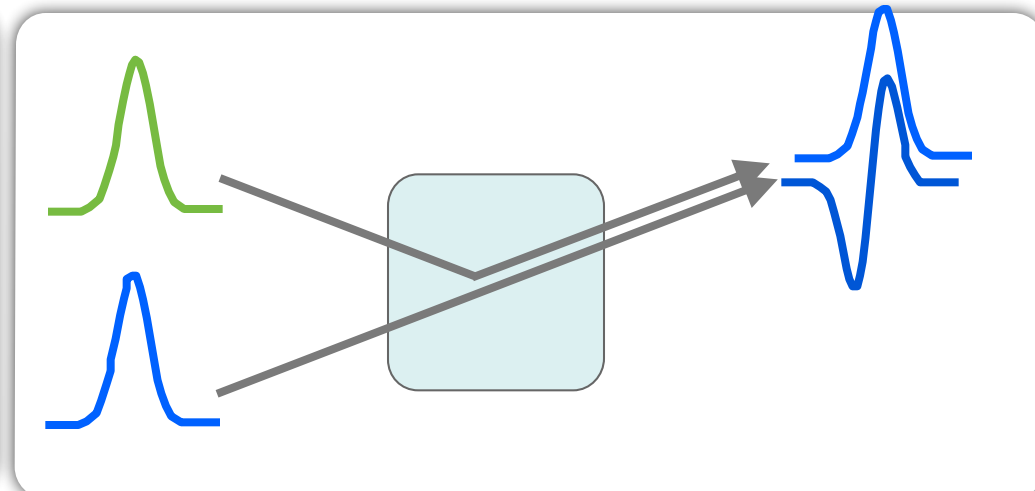
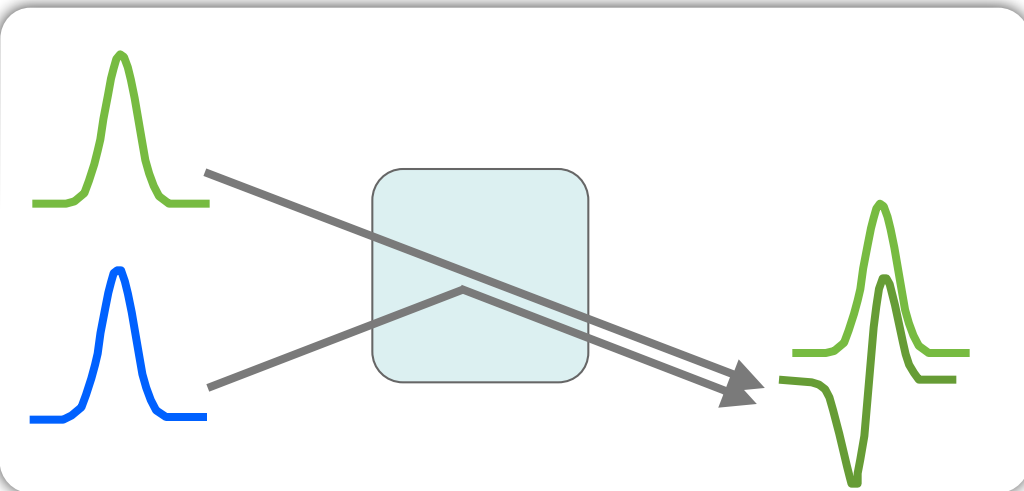
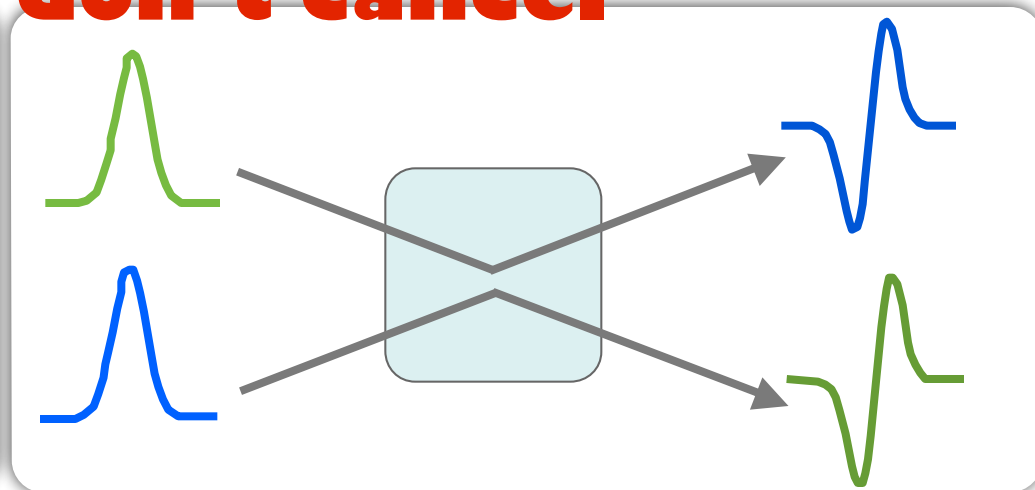
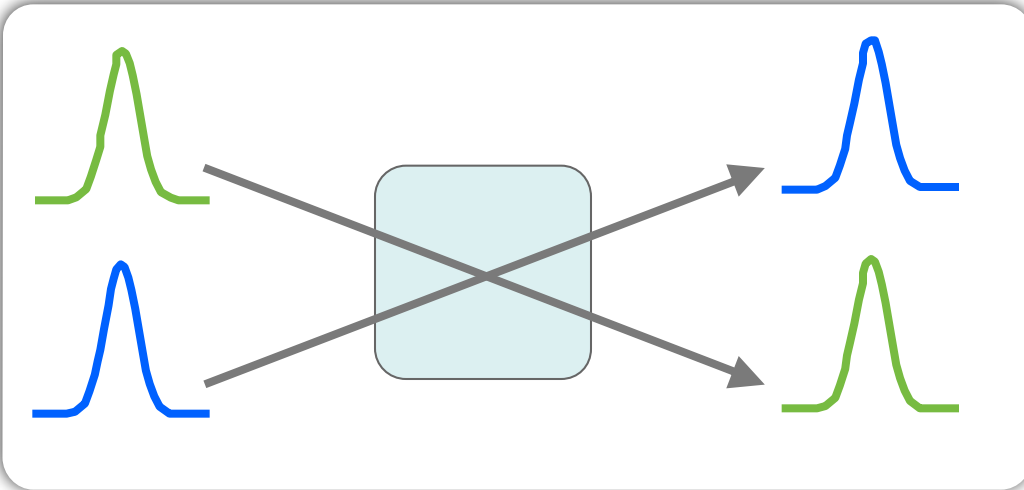
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if the final states are not identical:

don't cancel



in this example, the modes change shape on 'reflection' only

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What shape of TM would be most efficiently absorbed by a ground-state atom?

add

If the leading edge of a single-photon state of a Temporal Mode creates a count in a photodetector, can the voltage pulse be shorter in time than the TM, and what becomes of the trailing edge of the TM?

add

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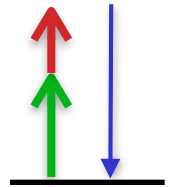
No, but a double sum always exists:

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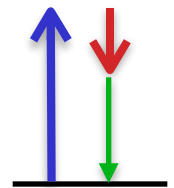
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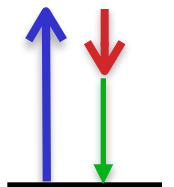
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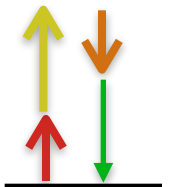
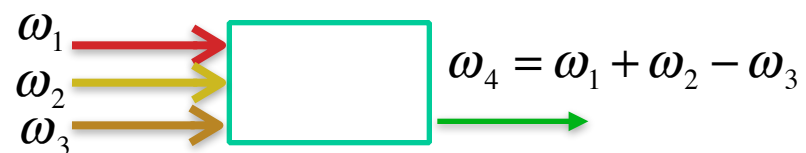
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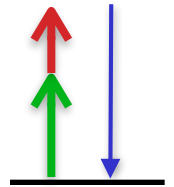


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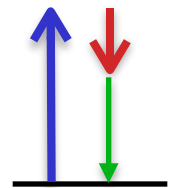
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All have $\langle P_{\text{SIGNAL FREQUENCY}} \rangle \neq 0$, where $P = \text{electronic polarization}$

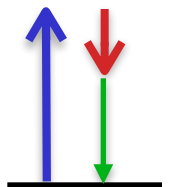
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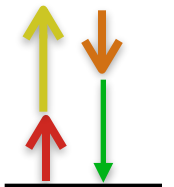
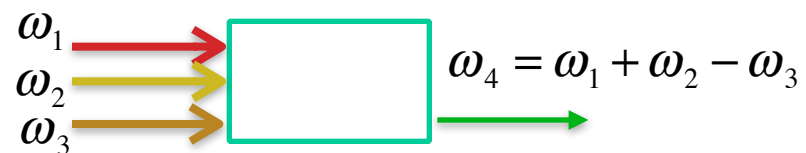
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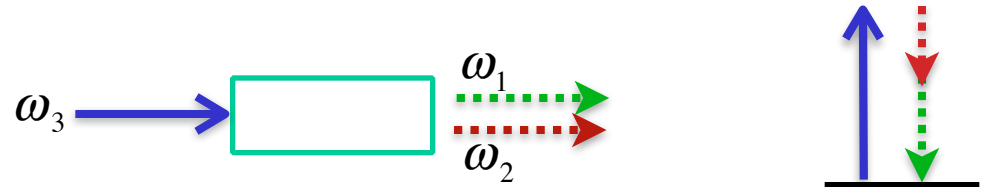
What are examples of processes that have zero mean electronic polarization at the generated signal frequency?

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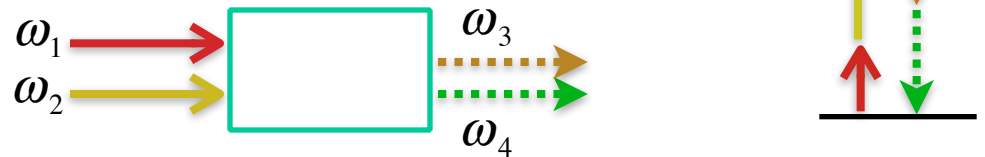
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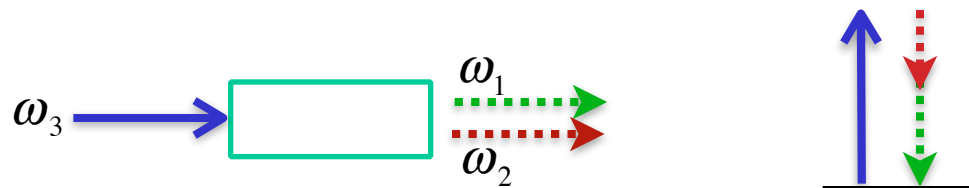
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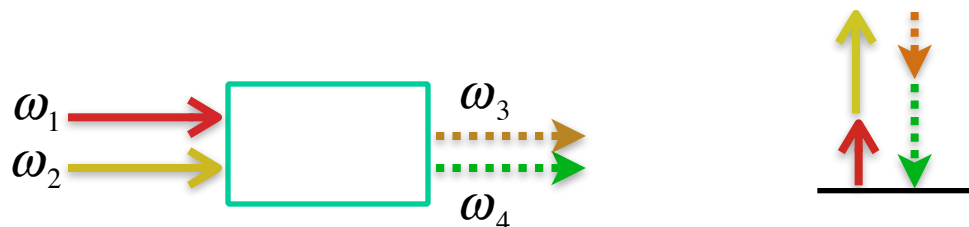
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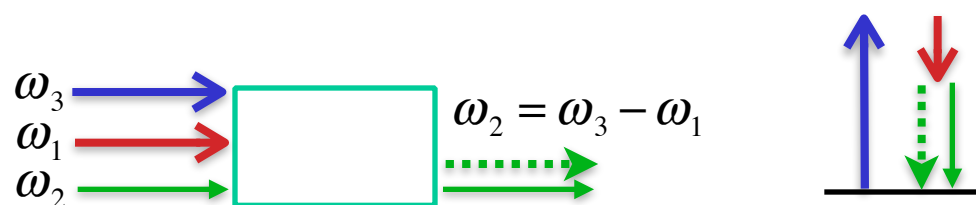


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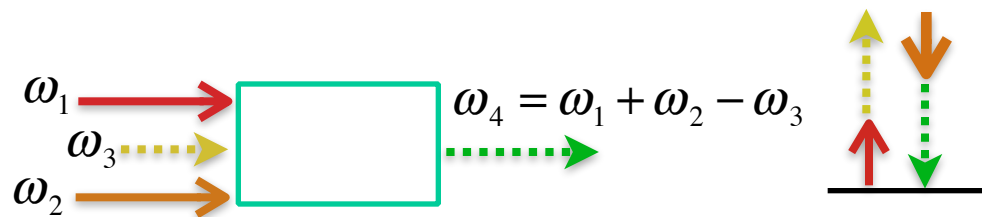


Hybrid 'Classical-Non-Classical' Nonlinear Optics

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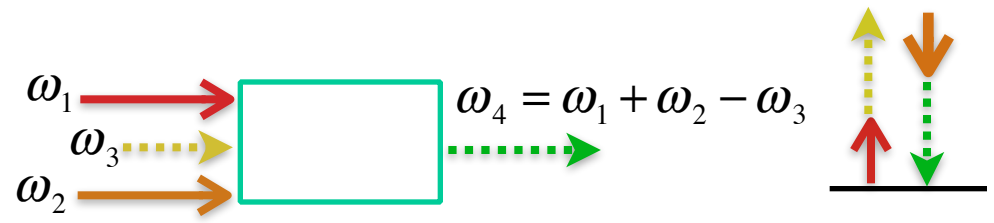


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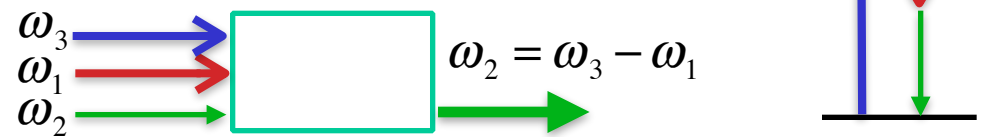


Why is frequency conversion background free while parametric amplification is not?

Quantum frequency conversion (QFC)



Optical parametric amplification (OPA)



What is the origin of second- and third-order optical nonlinear medium response?

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(or monochromatic fields):

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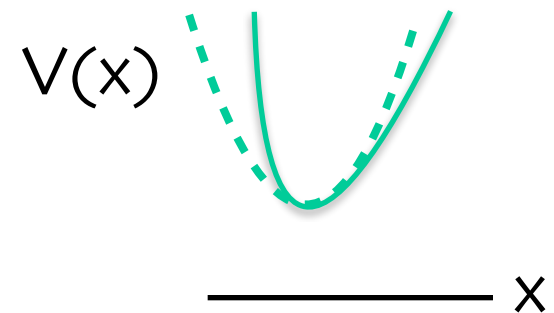
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Origin of nonlinear response

$\chi^{(2)}$ is non-zero only for non-centro-symmetric media



$\chi^{(3)}$ is non-zero for any medium

