

Fig. 1. Schematic of the second-order intensity product. Input photons 'a' and 'b' have random phases.

For the random phased input photons 'a' and 'b,'

$$E_a = E_0 e^{i(kx - \omega t)} e^{i\zeta_a}, \quad (1)$$

$$E_b = E_0 e^{i(kx - \omega t)} e^{i\zeta_b}, \quad (2)$$

where ζ_a and ζ_b are arbitrary to satisfy incoherent condition between them. Using the matrix representation of the beam splitter (BS), the output fields are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} E_c \\ E_d \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{E_0}{2} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\varphi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\zeta_a} \\ e^{i\zeta_b} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} E_c \\ E_d \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{E_0}{2} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - e^{i\varphi}) & i(1 + e^{i\varphi}) \\ i(1 + e^{i\varphi}) & -(1 - e^{i\varphi}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{i\zeta_a} \\ e^{i\zeta_b} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Thus, the output fields are as follows:

$$E_c = \frac{E_0}{2} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} [(1 - e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_a} + i(1 + e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_b}], \quad (4)$$

$$E_d = \frac{iE_0}{2} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} [(1 + e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_a} + i(1 - e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_b}]. \quad (5)$$

The corresponding intensities are:

$$\begin{aligned} I_c &= E_c E_c^* = \frac{I_0}{4} [(1 - e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_a} + i(1 + e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_b}] [(1 - e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i\zeta_a} - i(1 + e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i\zeta_b}] \\ &= \frac{I_0}{4} [(1 - e^{i\varphi})(1 - e^{-i\varphi}) + (1 + e^{i\varphi})(1 + e^{-i\varphi}) + i((1 + e^{i\varphi})(1 - e^{-i\varphi})e^{i(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)} - (1 - e^{i\varphi})(1 + e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)})] \\ &= I_0 [1 - \sin\varphi \cos(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)], \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_d &= E_d E_d^* = \frac{I_0}{4} [(1 + e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_a} + i(1 - e^{i\varphi})e^{i\zeta_b}] [(1 + e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i\zeta_a} - i(1 - e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i\zeta_b}] \\ &= \frac{I_0}{4} [(1 + e^{i\varphi})(1 + e^{-i\varphi}) + (1 - e^{i\varphi})(1 - e^{-i\varphi}) + i((1 - e^{i\varphi})(1 + e^{-i\varphi})e^{i(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)} - (1 + e^{i\varphi})(1 - e^{-i\varphi})e^{-i(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)})] \\ &= I_0 [1 + \sin\varphi \cos(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)]. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Due to $\delta\zeta = \zeta_b - \zeta_a$ is random, $\langle I_c \rangle = \langle I_d \rangle = I_0$. In other words, no interference fringe is resulted in the individual output fields.

The second-order intensity product between the outputs is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{cd} &= I_c I_d = I_0^2 [1 - \sin\varphi \cos(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)] [1 + \sin\varphi \cos(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)] \\ &= I_0^2 [1 - \sin^2\varphi \cos^2(\zeta_b - \zeta_a)]. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Thus, the mean intensity product is as follows:

$$\langle R_{cd} \rangle = I_0^2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2\varphi \right], \quad (9)$$

where $\langle \cos^2(\zeta_b - \zeta_a) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}$.

[Numerical calculations]

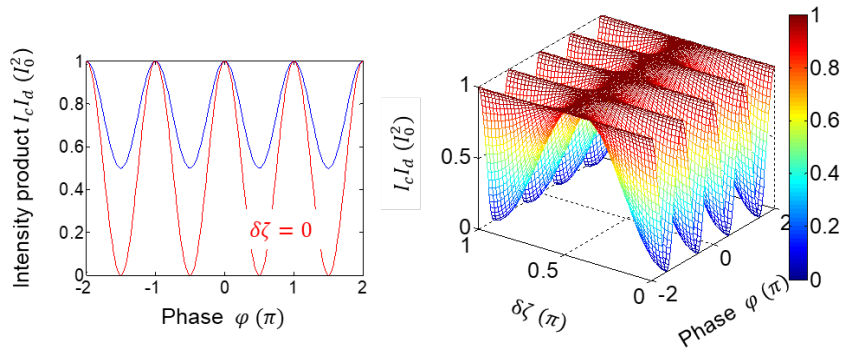


Fig. 2. Numerical calculations of $I_c I_d$. (a) Blue curve: Eq. (9). Red curve: $\delta\zeta = n\pi$. (b) $I_c I_d$ as functions of φ and $\delta\zeta$.