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**Coherent Perfect Absorption of Single Photons in a Fibre Network**

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Figure 2. Reference-based post selection technique. (a) Fibre-stretcher periodically induced length shift of one arm of the interferometer showed in photon wavelength units (λ=810 nm). (b) Total single photon counts measured at the detector APD-c. Minima corresponding to the coherent perfect absorption regime (filled dots) within each fibre-stretcher cycle are used as references. The time intervals τ\_i between these points (shaded regions) are compared with the expected value τ\_0 in the absence of noise. Time intervals τ\_i close to τ\_0 are likely to be not affected by thermal fluctuations of the interferometer and are used for further data analysis.

Figure 3. Implementation of reference-based post selection technique. Coincidence counts between detectors APD-c and APD-h without (a) and with (b) post selection. The visibility V is shown for each fitting curve (solid lines) and improved by 10% after implementation of data processing. Fitting is done according to (4)-(6). Side points in (a) are not taken into account for fitting since phase modulation has a jump around these points (Fig. 2a). Error bars are defined by Poisson distribution of photon flux and cannot be improved by data post selection.

Figure 4. Single-photon coherent absorption. (a) Measured probabilities of the heralded photons, passing through the metamaterial absorber, to take output C (triangles) and output D (rhombi) and to be detected by the detectors APD-c and APD-d, respectively, in dependence on the phase delay φ between two arms of the interferometer. (b) Total single-photon transmission probabilities (circles) in dependence on the phase delay φ. All lines are data fitting according to (4)-(6).

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