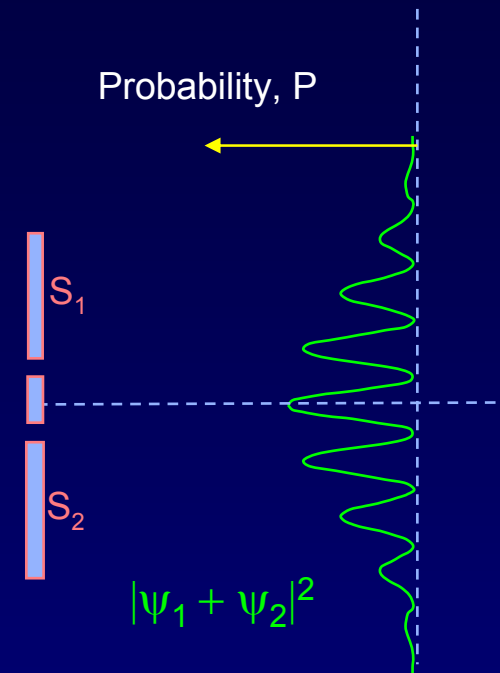


2-slits Revisited (6)

Now, open both slits. We see interference!

The probability amplitude is now $\psi_1 + \psi_2$, because you don't know which slit the photon went through.



$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{tot}} &= \text{Probability density} \\ &= |\psi_1 + \psi_2|^2 \\ &= |\psi_1|^2 + |\psi_2|^2 + \text{interference term} \end{aligned}$$

$$P \neq P_1 + P_2$$

Add amplitudes
not intensities.

The interference term will depend on phase differences, just like the wave calculations we did before.