## Particles

Double slit



## Bigger



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## Bright laser



## Dimmer




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## Photons

- Hit the screen like little paintballs


## How hard do they hit?

- With fancy detectors, can measure how much each pixel heats up when hit-how hard it was hit.


## How hard do they hit?

- Every red photon hits with the same strength (energy)
- Every green photon hits with the same strength as other green photons; and harder than red photons


## Color

- Color is related to the length of the wave (blue short, red long), and
- Color is related to how hard each photon hits (blue hard, red soft)


One photon at a time

## Which path did the photon take?



No. of photons $=0$
Vertical cross section

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## Bright laser



## Dimmer




## Even dimmer




## Block one path




## Particles move like waves and hit like particles

## Electrons



Neutron 'laser pointer’


## Neutrons



Neutron Interferometer


Neutrons


Colella, Overhauser, \& Werner

Vertical Neutron Interferometer


Can be used to measure strength of gravity

## $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{8}$ ( $\sim 3000$ particles)

## The quantum molecular movie

 The wave-particle duality of phthalocyanine

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All particles move like waves and hit like particles

- From photons, to electrons, to neutrons, to molecules, they all move like waves and hit like particles
- Color is related to both wavelength and energy

Fundamental feature of how our universe works

## But which path did the particle really take?

- Problem with the mental model

Stripes!


## Particles move like waves and hit like particles

