

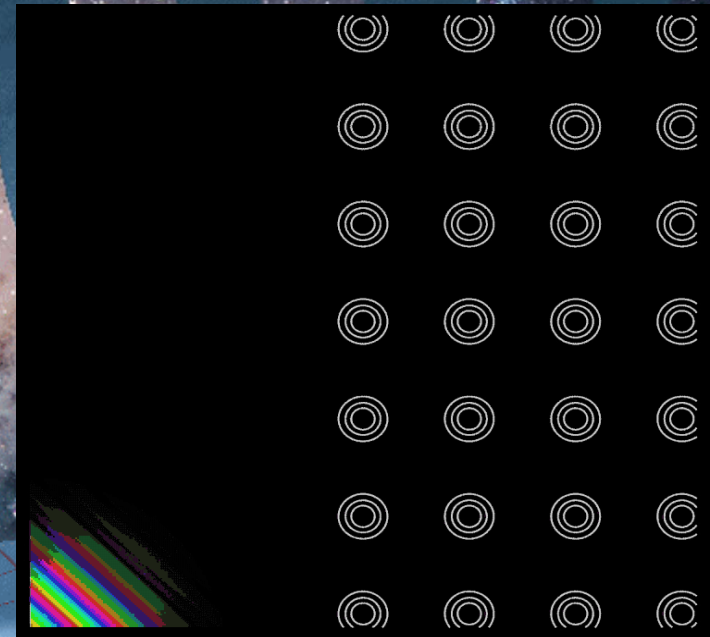
A new approach to time

Jeff Tollaksen

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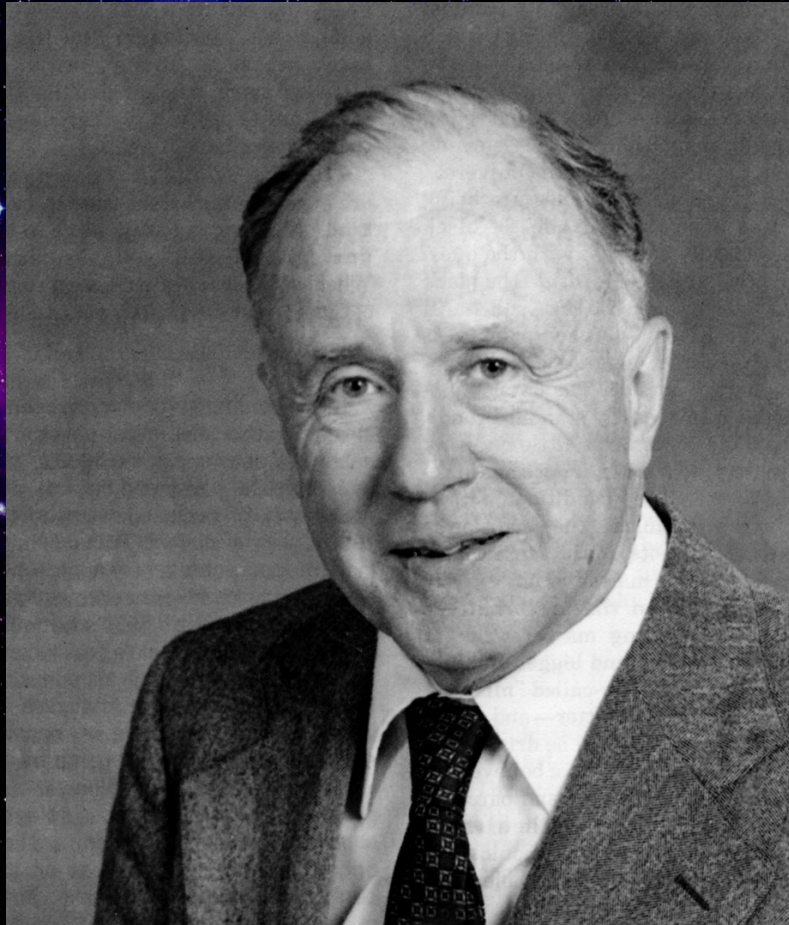
Yakir Aharonov

Directors, Institute for Quantum Studies
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FQXi conference, Tuscany, Italy July 24, 2019

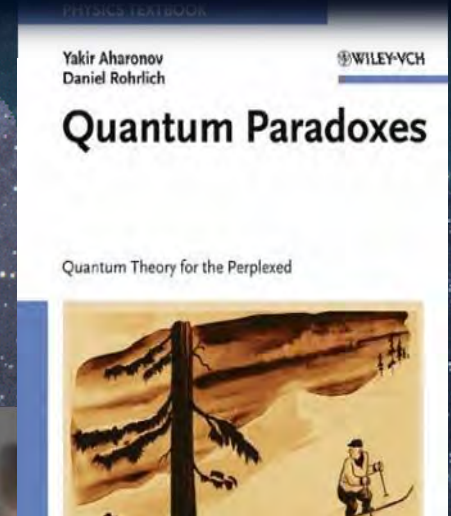
Radical Conservatism...



“Wheeler’s often unconventional vision of nature was grounded in reality through the principle of radical conservatism, which he acquired from Niels Bohr: Be conservative by sticking to well-established physical principles, but probe them by exposing their most radical conclusions.” – Kip Thorne

Gedanken-Experiment Paradigm Shift

- Emphasize aspects of a problem that are unclear: make it look as paradoxical as possible
- Develop deeper, more grounded intuition
- Experimental metaphysics: all disciplines



Aharonov et al
Gedanken-experimenting

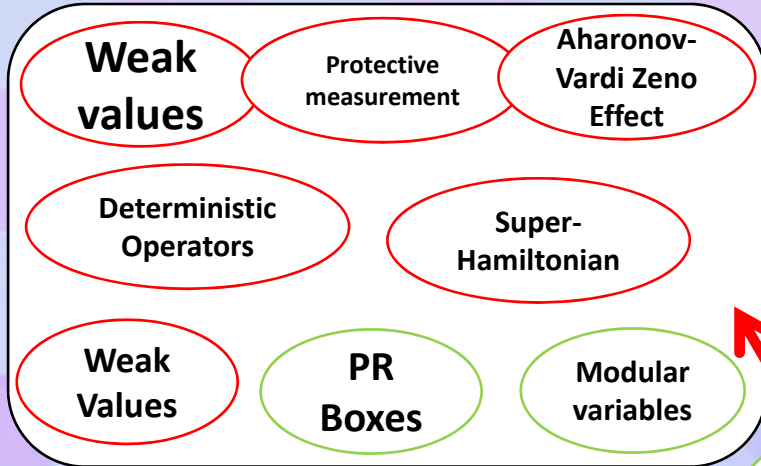


because of Gedanken-Experiment, Einstein said: 'Bohm is my intellectual son'

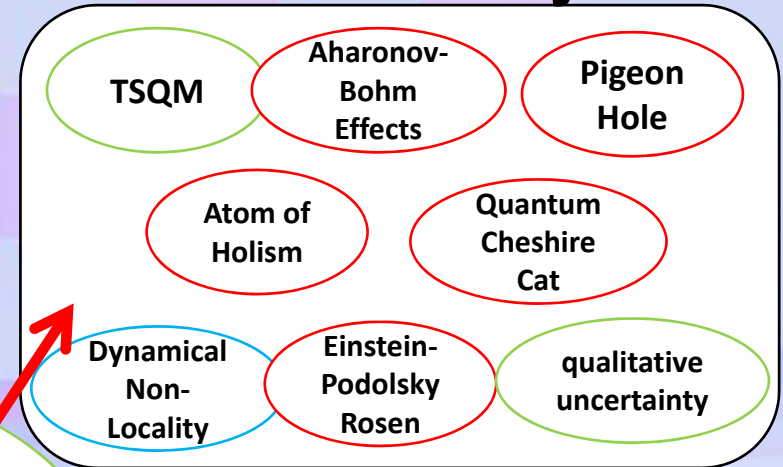
Sir Anthony Leggett characterizing Aharonov's work as among the:
"... major revolutions in the history of physics and I mean really major revolutions like Copernicus, Galileo, Einstein..."

Our group's progress since first FQXi conference

New Measurements

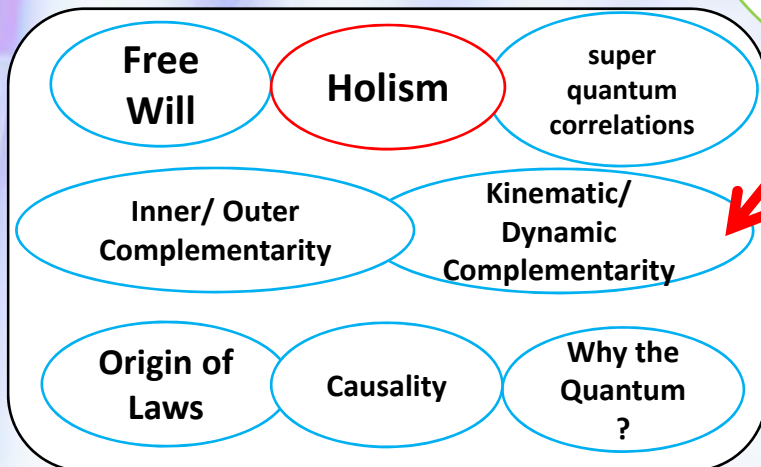


Non-Locality

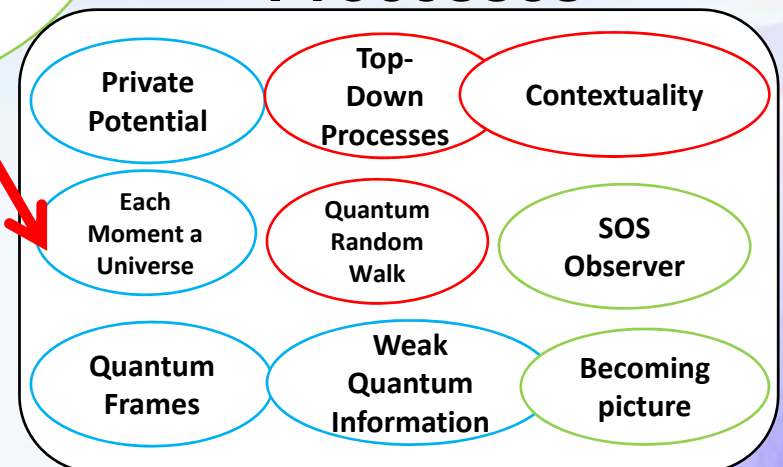


AHA
Aharonov's
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Advances

Axiomatics



New Concepts & Processes



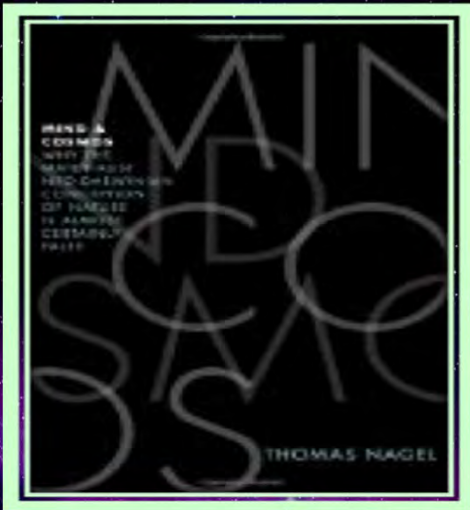
Gedanken-Experiment Paradigm Shift

Applying gedanken-experiment methodology to experimental metaphysics and inner laboratory:

1. Subjective experience of the flow of time
2. Experience of free will
3. Experience of a definite reality

the deeper the sense of puzzlement or mystery, the higher will be the peaks of enjoyment in the resolution

Thomas Nagel



“[T]he fact that an organism has conscious experience at all means, basically, that there is something it is like to be that organism.”

“What Is It Like to Be a Bat?” *The Philosophical Review* Oct. 1974

1. *“Emphasize the role of temporally extended developmental processes.”*
2. *“Search for laws of nature that relate past, present and future in a way other than via some function that relates instantaneous states through time.”*
3. *“Such organizational and developmental principles would be an irreducible part of nature.”*

Mind and Cosmos (Oxford U. Press, 2012)



Response from Sean Carroll

“Back in the Dark Ages, a person with heretical theological beliefs would occasionally be burned at the stake. Nowadays, when a more scientific worldview has triumphed and everyone knows that God doesn’t exist, the tables have turned, and any slight deviation from scientific/naturalist/atheist/Darwinian doctrine will have you literally tied to a pole and set on fire. *Fair is fair.*”



One of my personal life-goals has been to bring together neuroscientists who can collaborate with us foundations-type physicists

- **new Institute for Interdisciplinary Brain and Behavioral Sciences at Chapman University**
- **Amir Raz, Aaron Schurger, Uri Maoz, et al**
- **Thank you to Fetzer and Templeton making this possible**

“consciousness must be explained on a more abstract level than that of neural wiring.... To remain within the realm of science, consciousness must be described in terms of what it does, and not how it does it.”

"The unfolding argument: Why IIT and other causal structure theories cannot explain consciousness," A. Doeriga, A. Schurger, K. Hessf, M. Herzoga; Consciousness and Cognition 72 (2019) 49–59.

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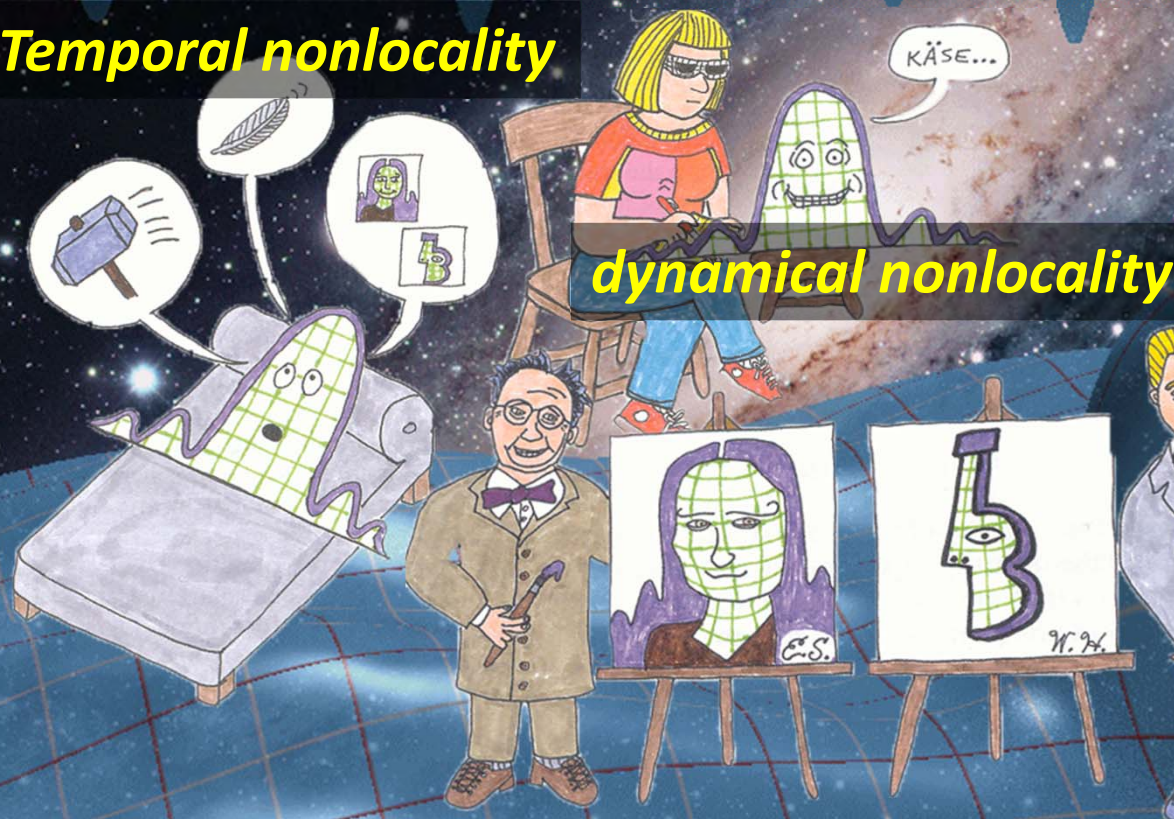
Paradigms shield themselves against falsification as part of normal science

The paradigm determines how you see the facts!

TS Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*



Temporal nonlocality



dynamical nonlocality

Quantum miracles

NewScientist

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THE PARTICLE THAT ISN'T THERE

Inside the experiment that splits reality



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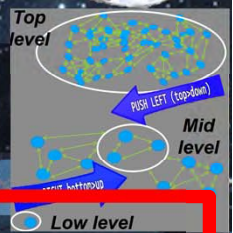


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Why uncertainty?

re-design axioms of physics so that non-locality & new aspects of cause/effect are at deepest level

Uncertainty/playing dice



Nonlocality



Causality

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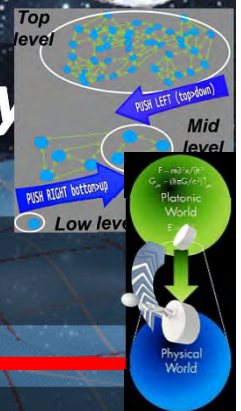
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Each moment of time is a new universe



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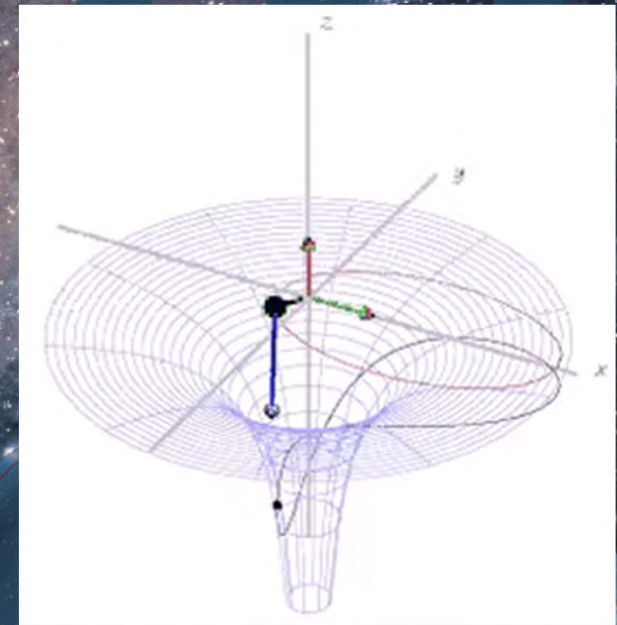
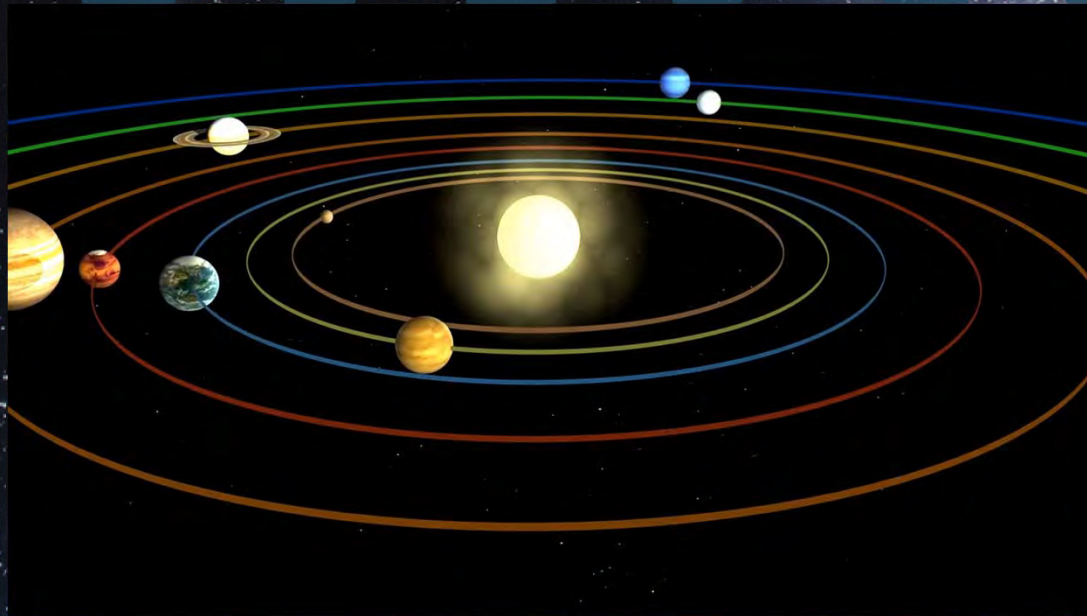
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Classical physics: local equations of motion

Forces act in same place where particle is



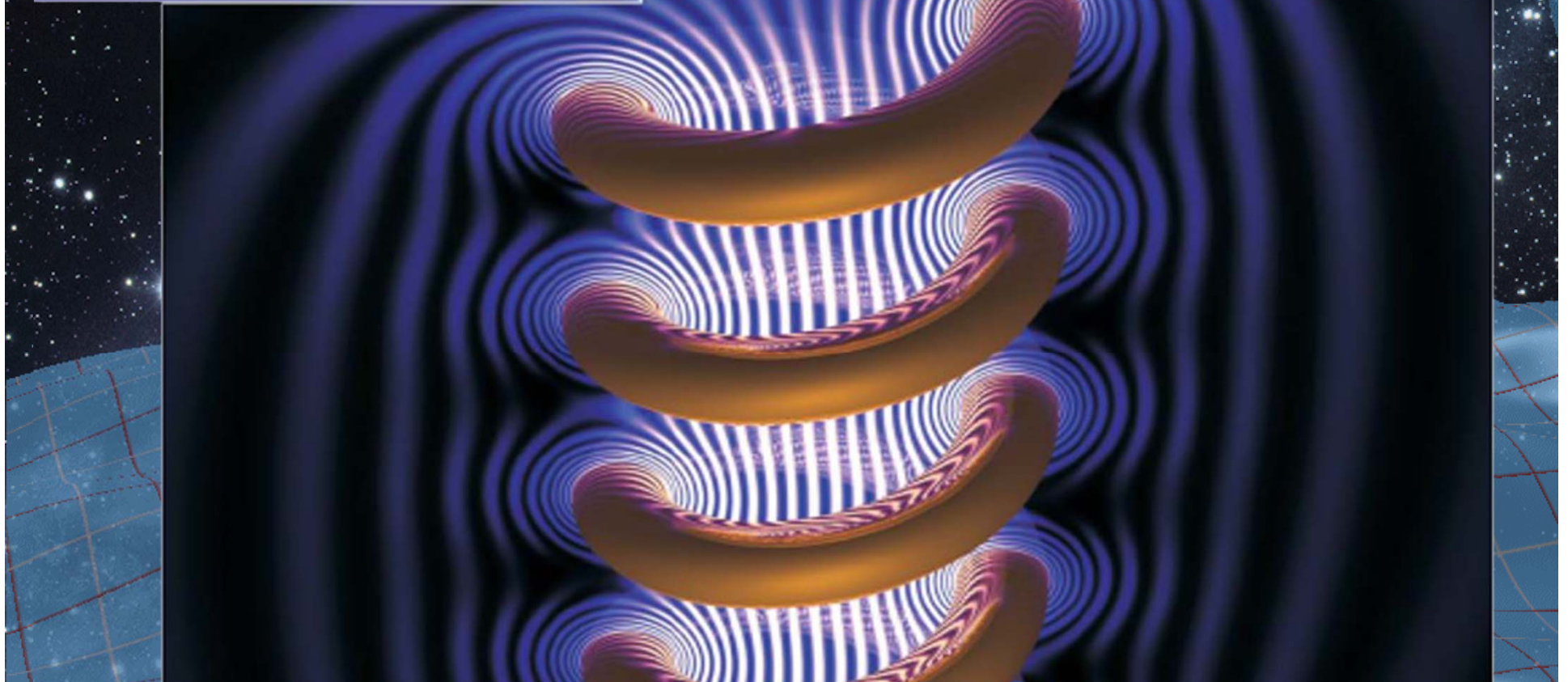
Dirac: little difference between CM equations-of-motion & QM

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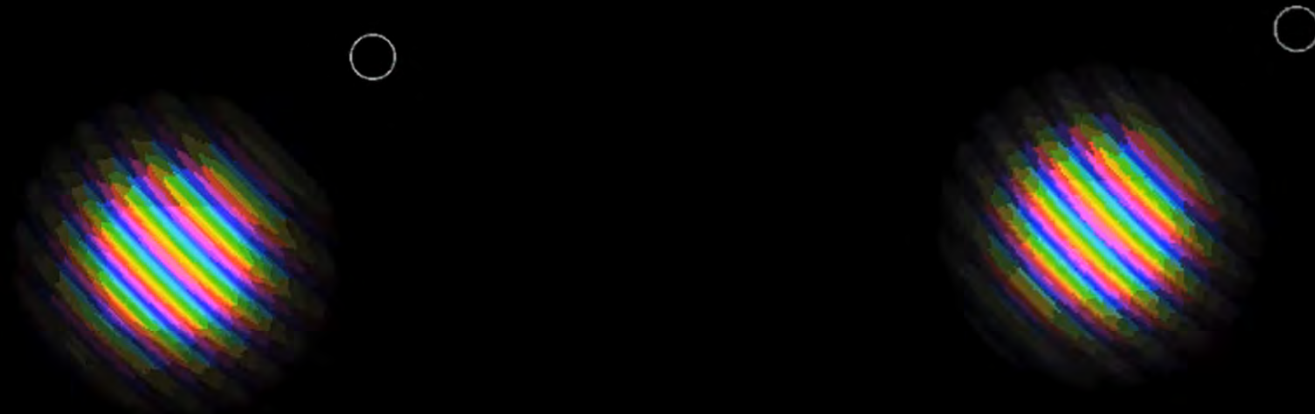
Dynamical Non-locality: Aharonov-Bohm effects

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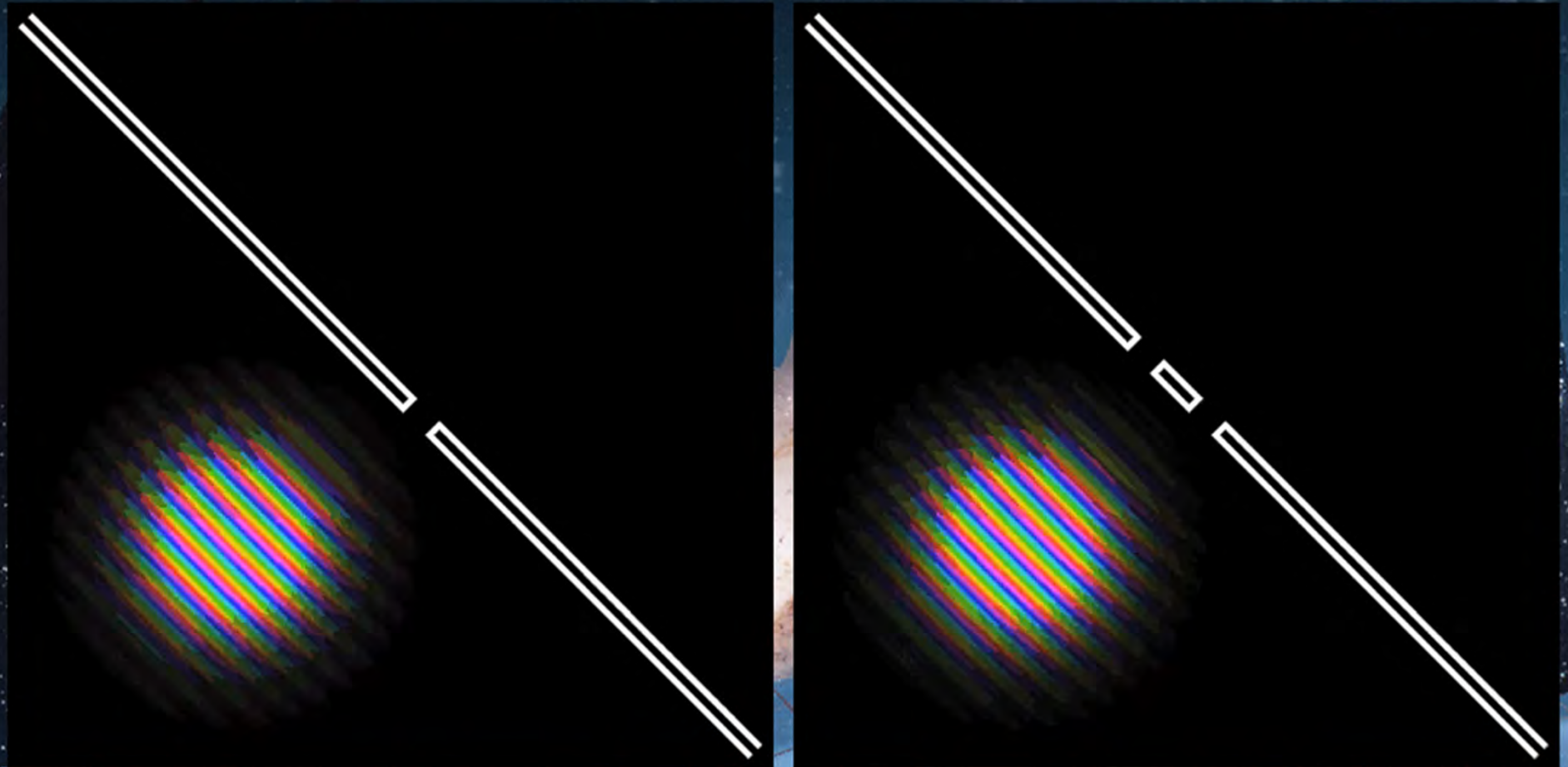
Testing Aharonov-Bohm effects



Dynamical Non-locality: Aharonov-Bohm effects



Wave-particle duality



- From perspective of a single particle, how can the opening or closing of the distant slit affect a particle that goes through the right slit?
- Feynman: "Nobody knows how it can be like that"

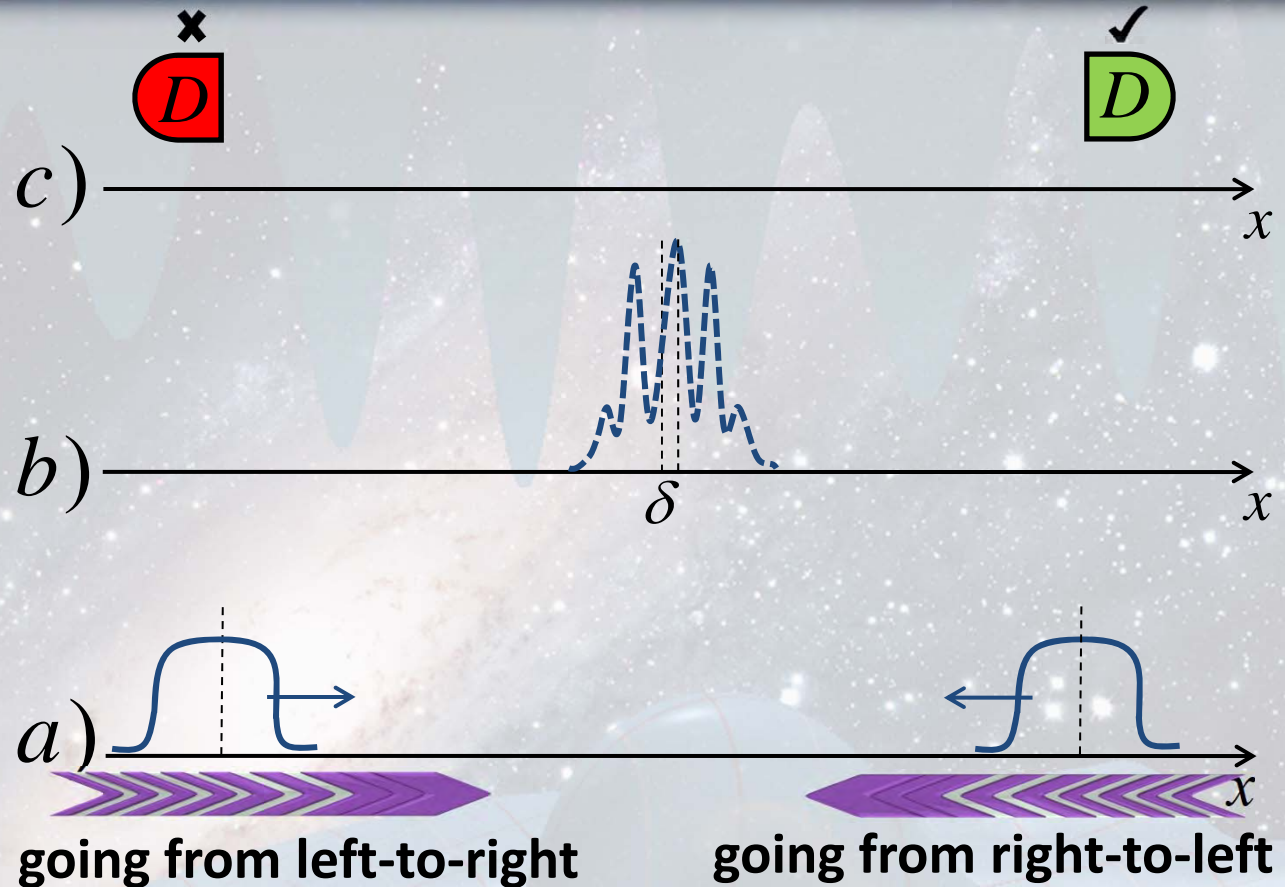
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Finally making sense of the double-slit experiment

Weak measurement of the interference pattern.

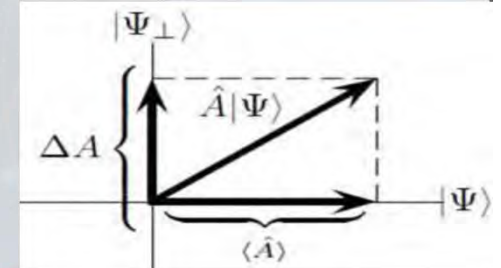
The two wave packets are preselected in 'a)' and postselected in 'c)'.

Weak measurements in 'b)' performed during intermediate time shows the usual interference pattern, despite the fact that right-hand detector D detects all particles as belonging to just 1 wave packet (moving from left-to-right)



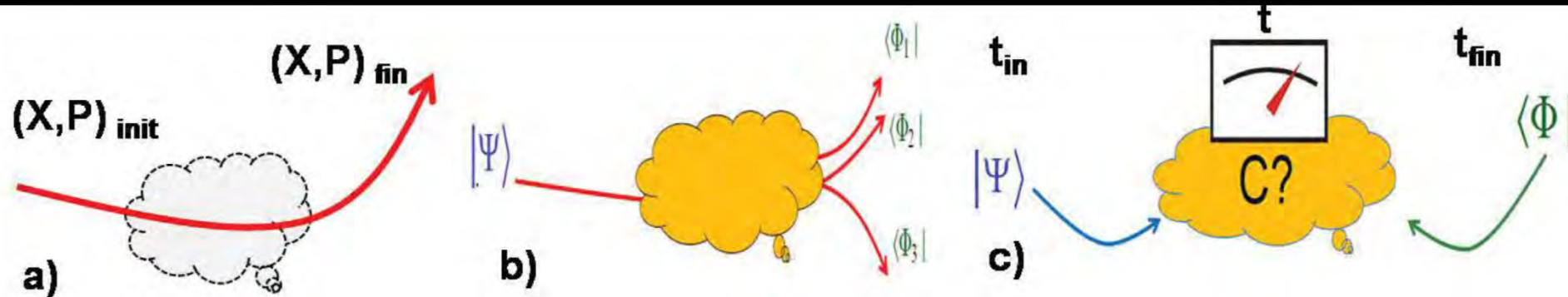
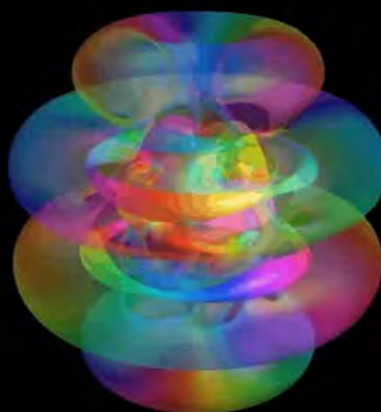
geometry of

$$\hat{A}|\Psi\rangle = \langle \hat{A} \rangle |\Psi\rangle + \Delta A |\Psi_{\perp}\rangle$$



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- 1st atom decays in 1 min



Uncertainty allows a future independent of past

Future

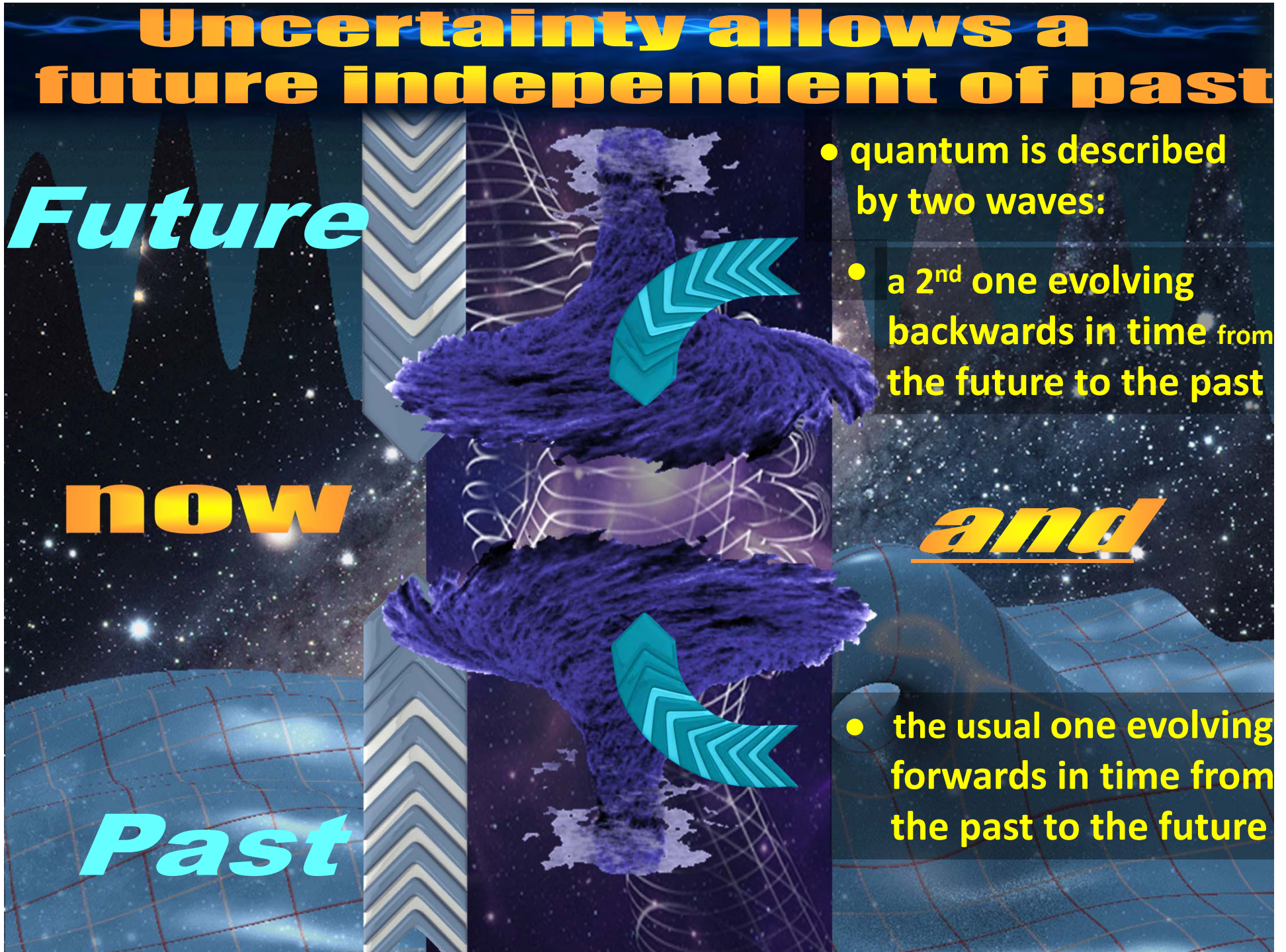
now

Past

- quantum is described by two waves:
 - a 2nd one evolving backwards in time from the future to the past

and

- the usual one evolving forwards in time from the past to the future



The future is relevant to the present? Really?

We've got
experiments, quantum
miracles, etc
This still makes my
head twist.



SKEPTICAL DOG

is SKEPTICAL



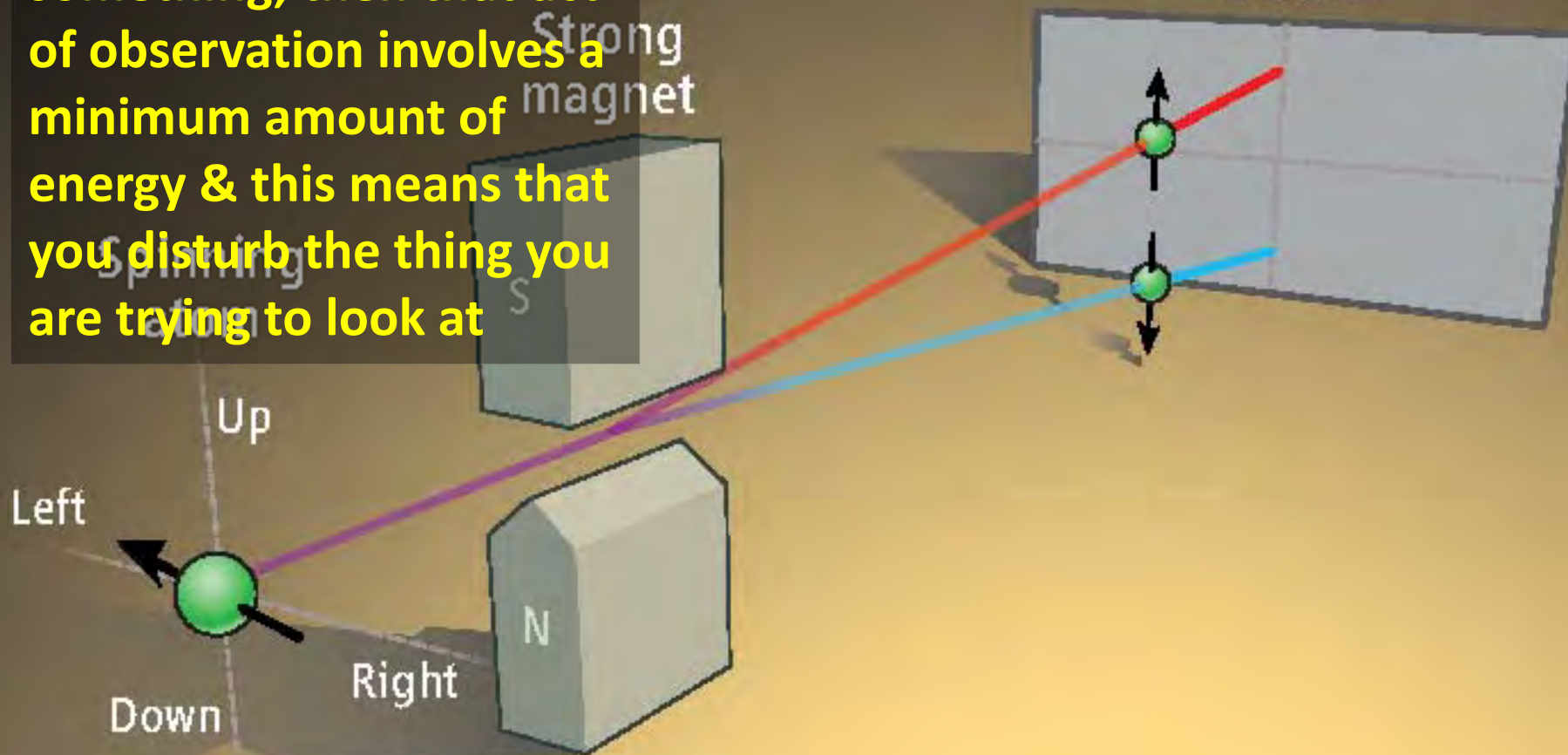
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From one of Max Tegmark's FQXi talks

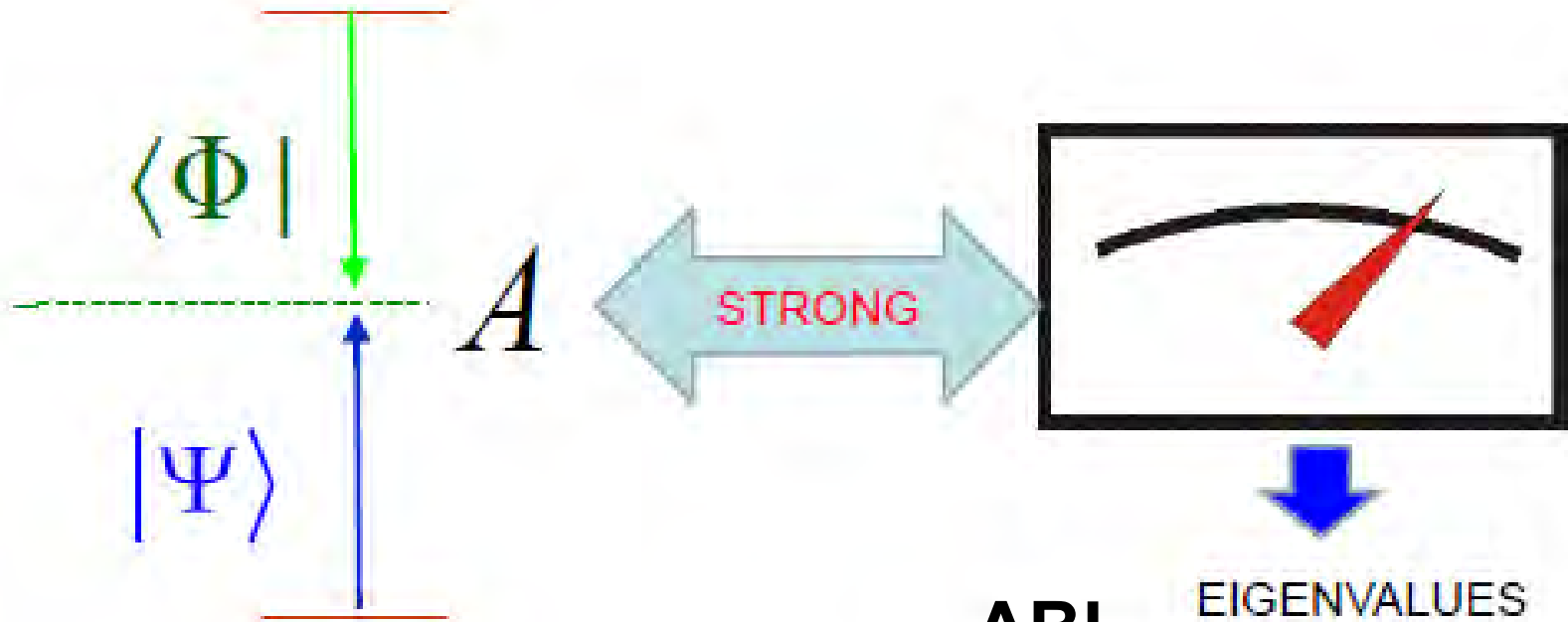
Ways of knowing: strong measurement



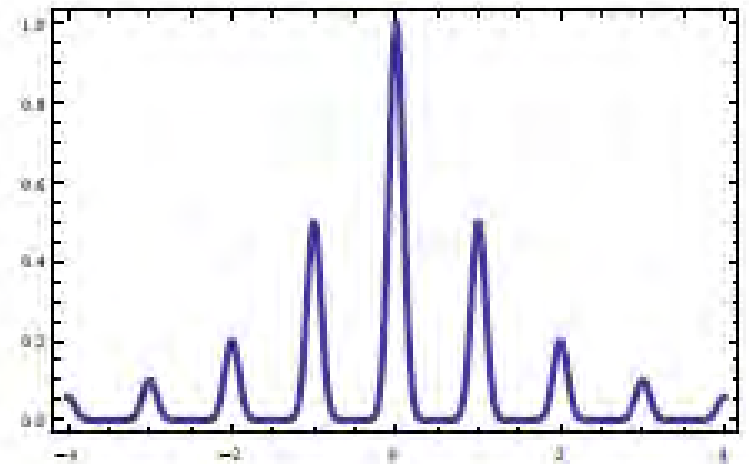
if you try to observe something, then that act of observation involves a minimum amount of energy & this means that you disturb the thing you are trying to look at



Strong measurements



ABL



Courtesy Alter

Ways of knowing: gentle measurement

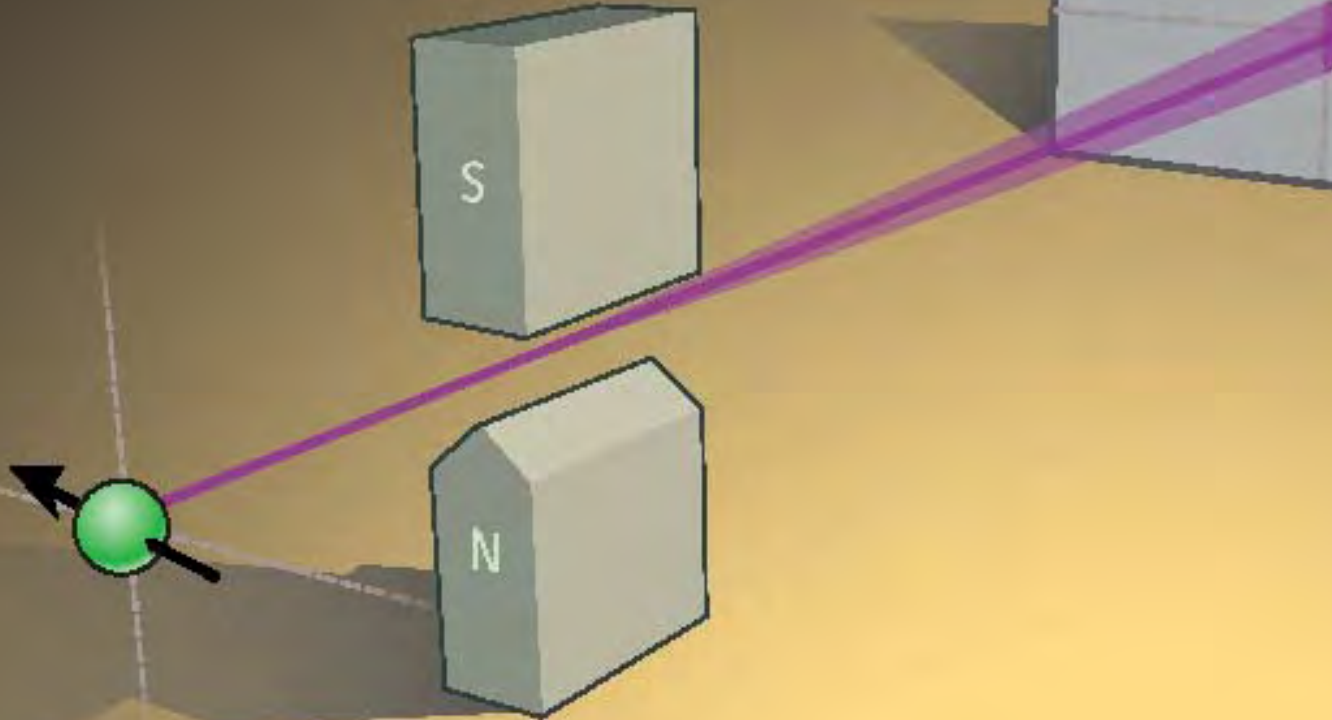


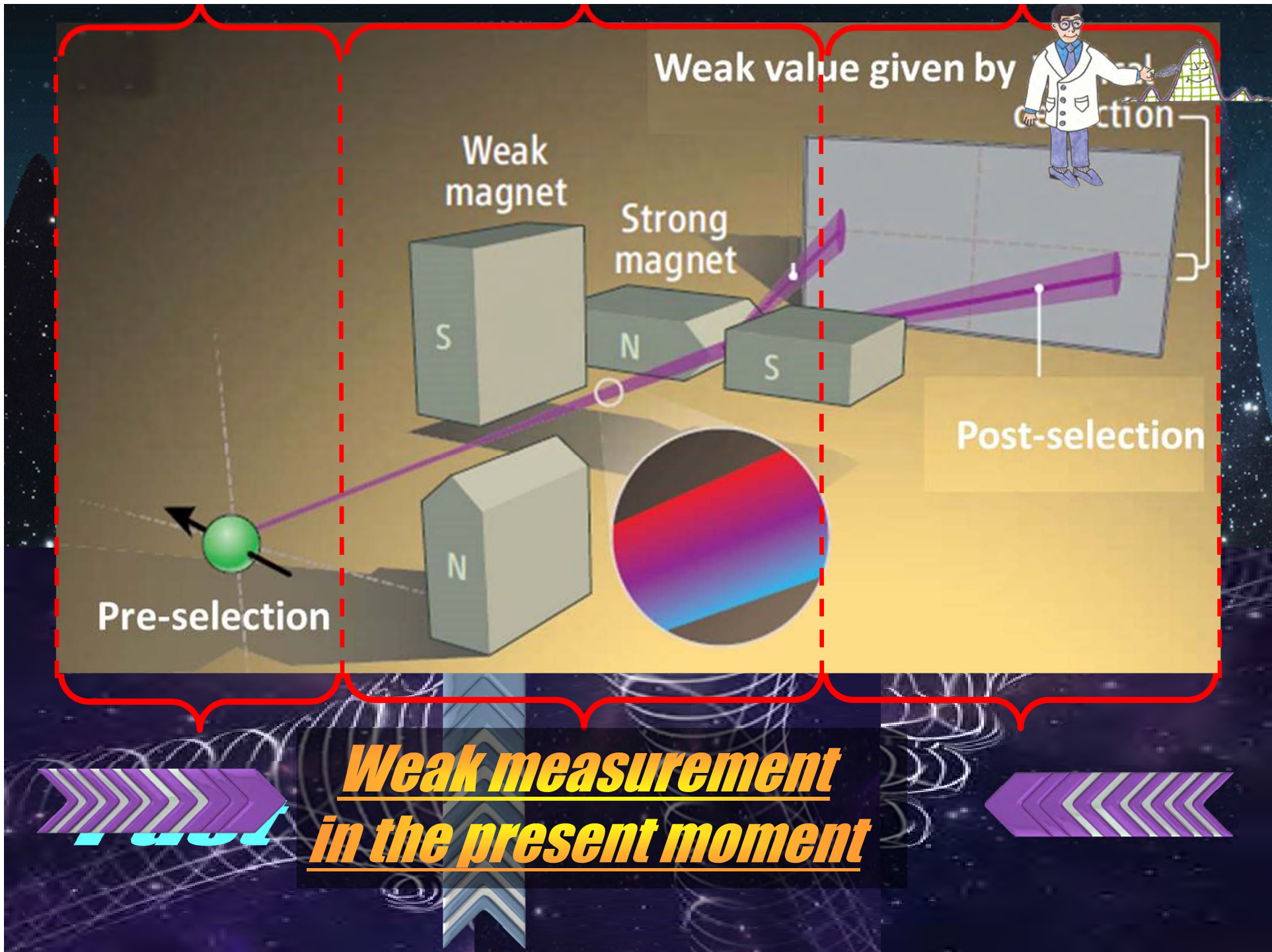
Making a weak measurement



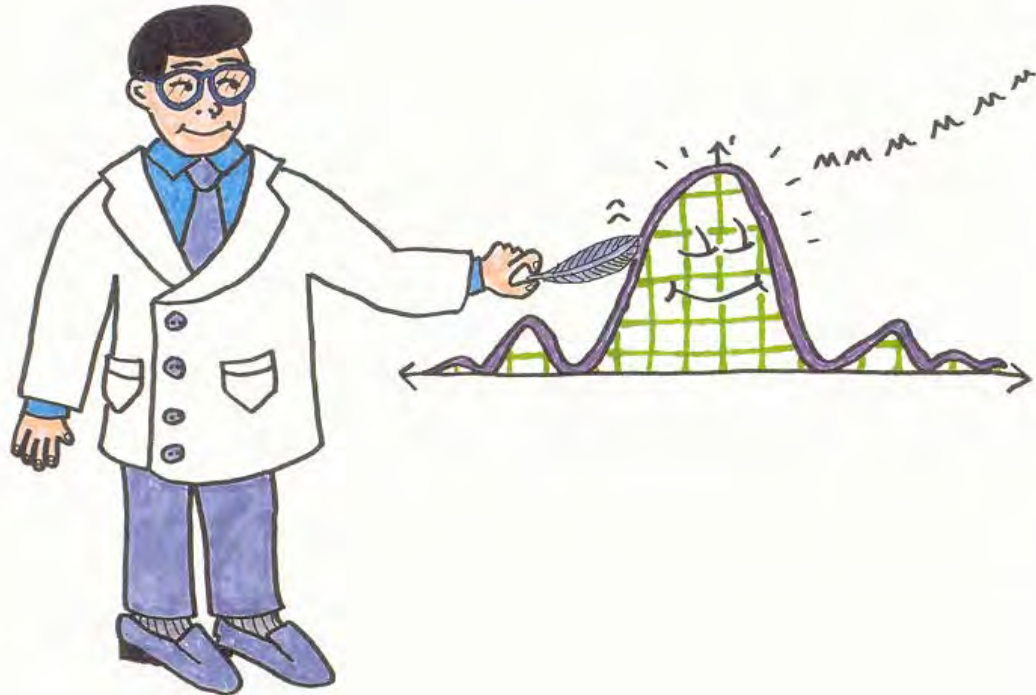
'weakly' measuring
disturbs less

Weak
magnet

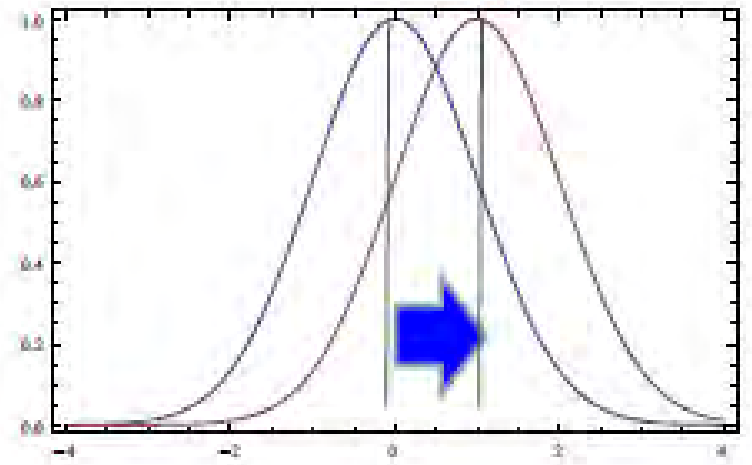




Weak measurements



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Quantum Miracle #1: Quantum Chesire Cat

'Well I've often seen a cat without a grin,' thought Alice 'but a grin without a cat! It's the most curious thing I ever saw in all my life

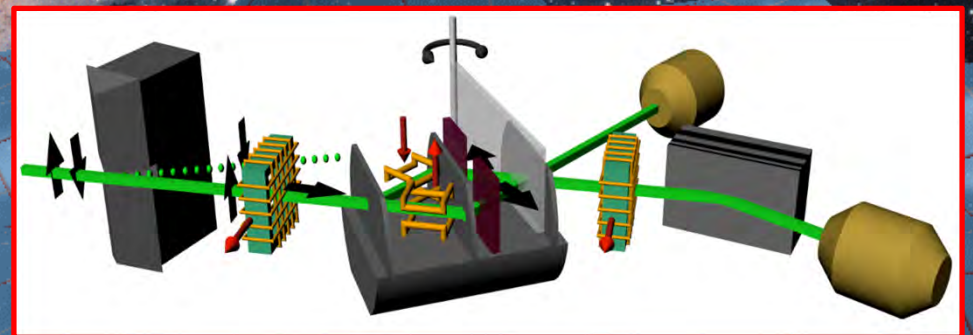


In my PhD, I introduced numerous new effects to emphasize: 'and now for something completely different'

Quantum Miracle #1: Quantum Chesire Cat



Separating a particle from its properties seems impossible if it is influenced only by its past and not its future



Experiment: Denkmayr, Geppert, Sponar, Lemmel, Matzkin, Tollaksen, Hasegawa; *Nature Communications*;
Theory: Tollaksen 2001; Aharonov & Rohrlich 2005; Aharonov et al arXiv1202.0631; arXiv1203.4215

Quantum Miracle #2: Quantum pigeonhole principle



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Quantum Miracle #2: Quantum pigeonhole cosmic connections

Quantum pigeon
complementary to
EPR

Kinematic
nonlocality EPR

‘Entangled particles have to [locally] interact, but cosmic connections make no such demands’ Ananthaswamy, *New Scientist*

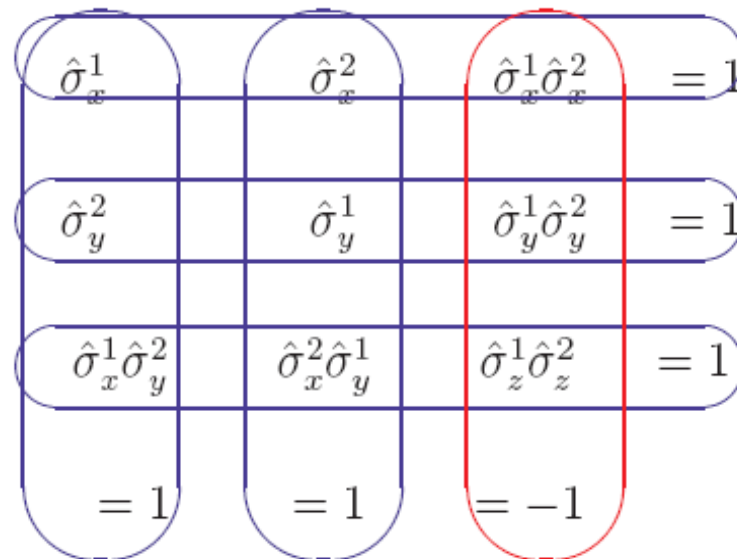
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US National Academy of Sciences votes
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Weak Values and Contextuality



- **BKS theorem posits that no noncontextual hidden variable theory (NCHVT) can explain the predictions of QM**
- **For any quantum state, an NCHVT must assign a single eigenvalue to every observable of a system, such that it has the same value regardless of which context (set of commuting observables) it is measured in.**
- **Proof: any NCHVT assignment violates predictions of QM**

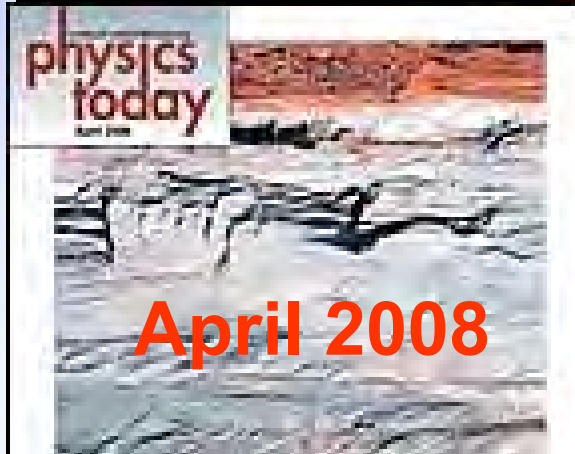
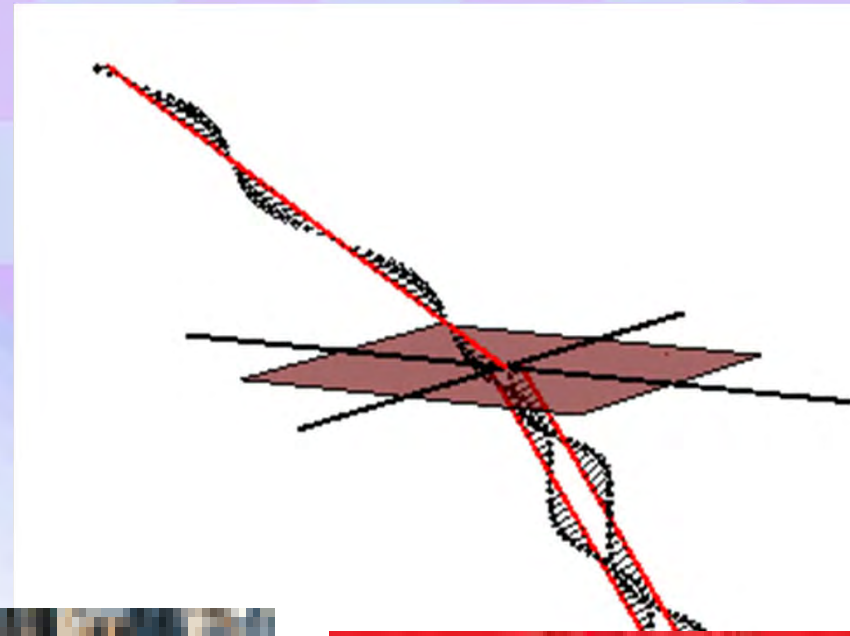
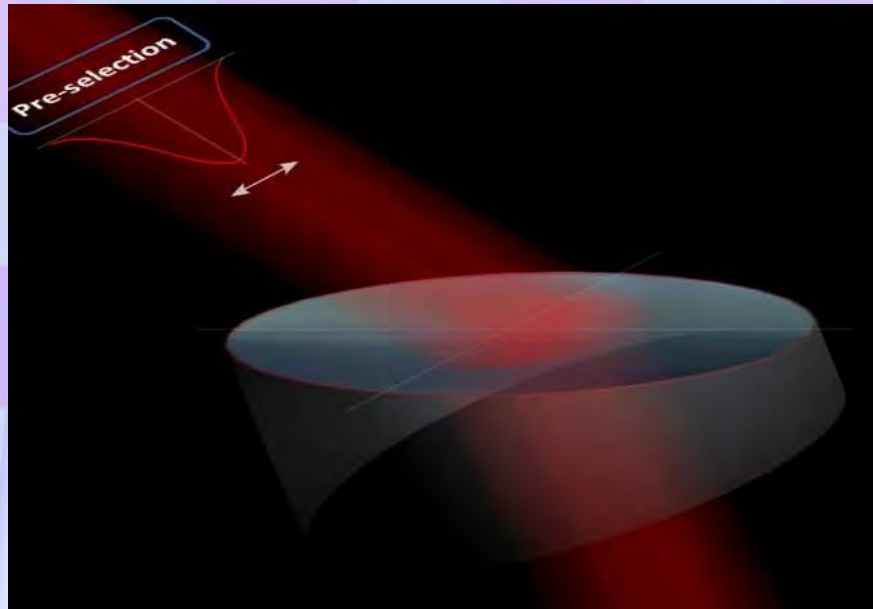
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Weak Values and Contextuality

- **Confined BKS contextuality, PPS paradoxes, and anomalous weak values, are just different aspects of the same fundamental conflict between classical and quantum reality**
- **This conflict can be witnessed by measuring anomalous weak values in PPS ensembles**
- **PPS paradoxes are resolved by considering the weak values of all observables as physical, rather than the NCHVT eigenvalue assignments**
- Tollaksen, *Journal of Physics A*, 40 (2007) 9033-9066); M Waegell, JT "Contextuality, Pigeonholes, Cheshire Cats, Mean Kings, and Weak Values," arXiv: 1505.00098; M.F. Pusey, "Anomalous weak values are proofs of contextuality," *Physical Review Letters*, 113, 200401 (2014); M.S. Leifer and M.F. Pusey, "Is a time symmetric interpretation of quantum theory possible without retrocausality?" *PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY A-MATHEMATICAL PHYSICAL AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES* Volume: 473 Issue: 2202 Article Number: 20160607 Published: JUN 1 2017

New paradigm for amplifying signals (AAV effect)

- Enhanced sensitivity by 10^4 (Hosten, Kwiat, *Science* 2/8/08)



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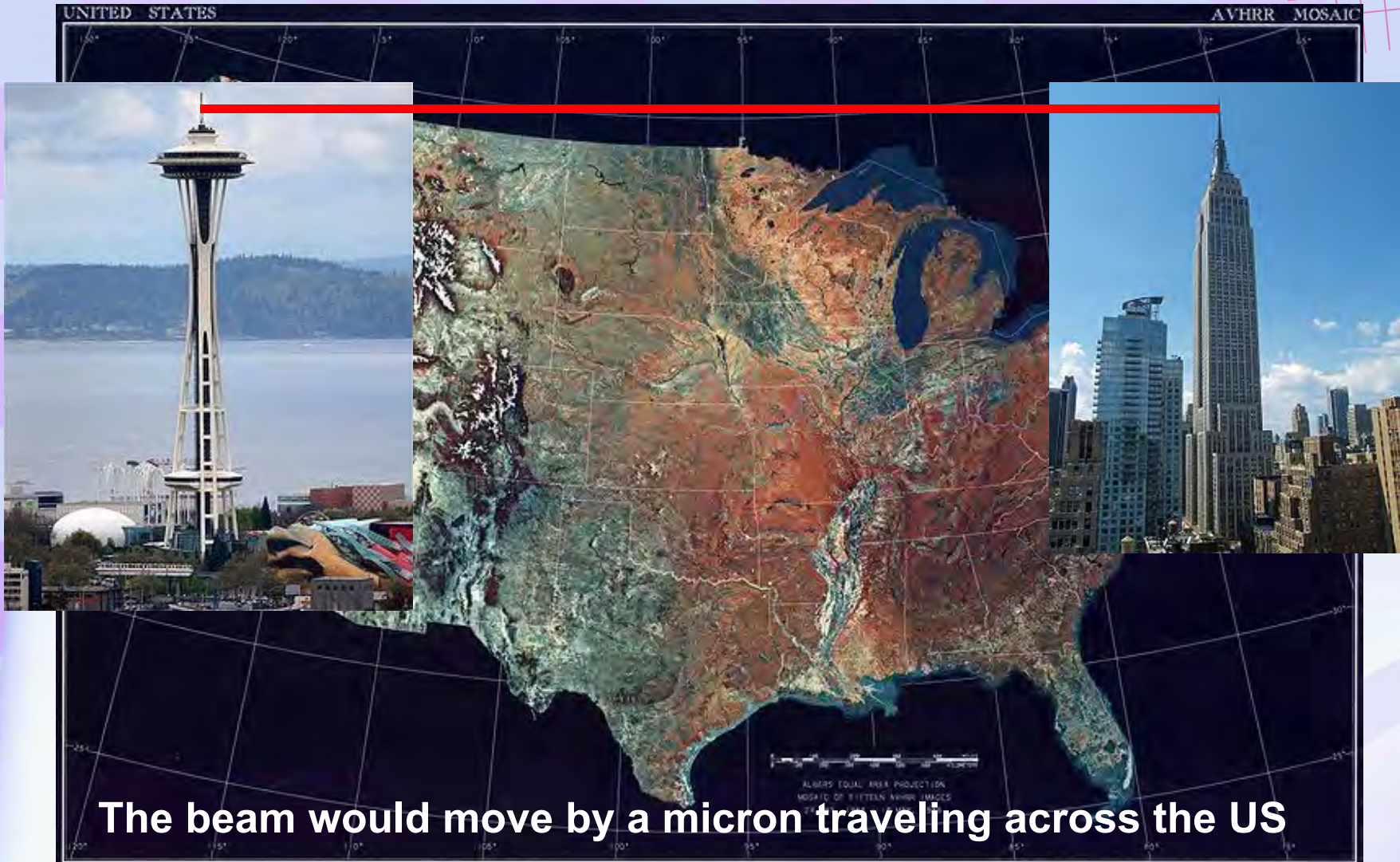


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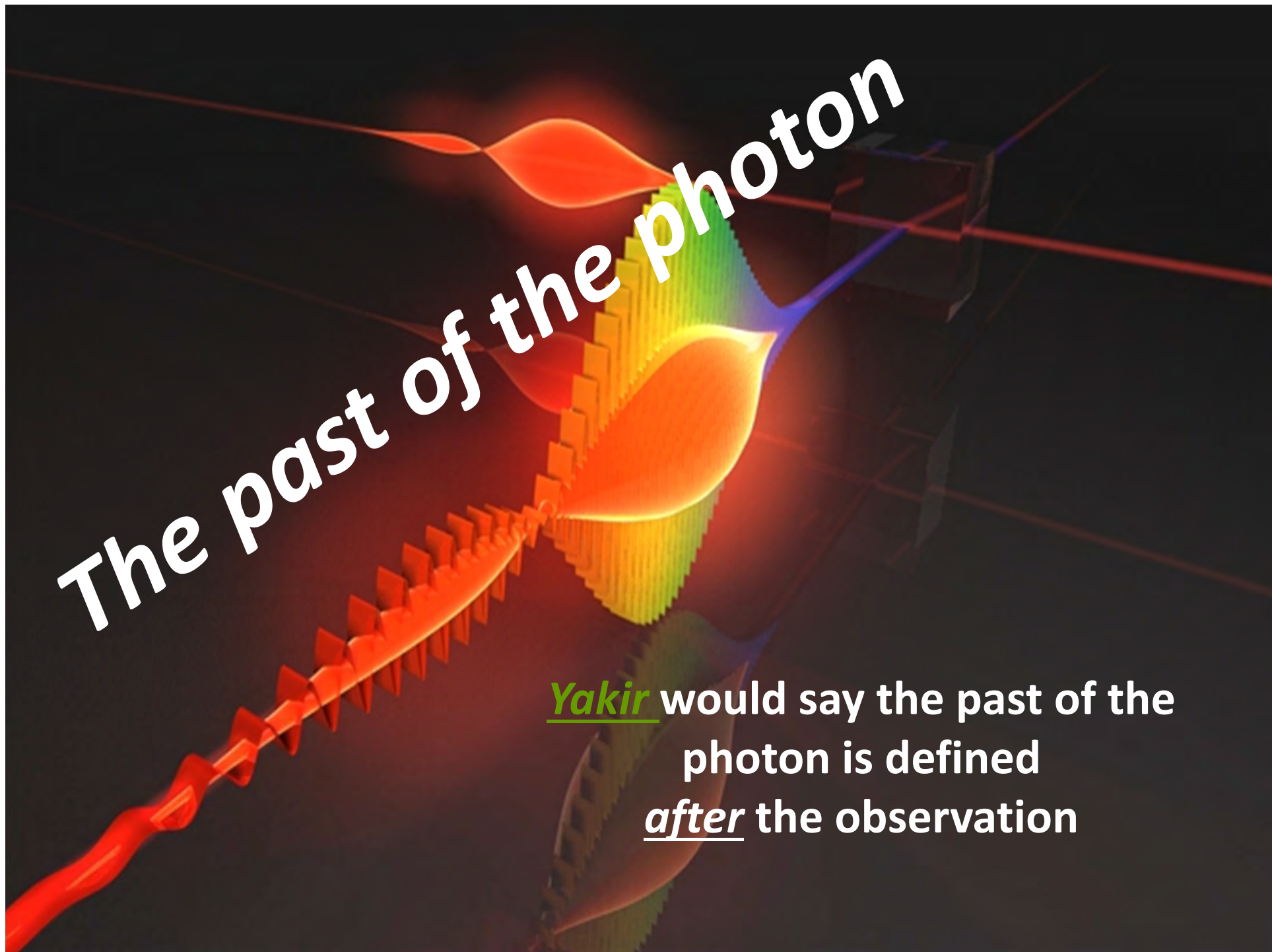
New paradigm for amplifying signals-deflection



The beam would move by a micron traveling across the US

Courtesy Jordan

See Dixon, Starling, Jordan, Howell, PRL, 102, 173601 (2009)+many other articles



The past of the photon

Yakir would say the past of the photon is defined after the observation

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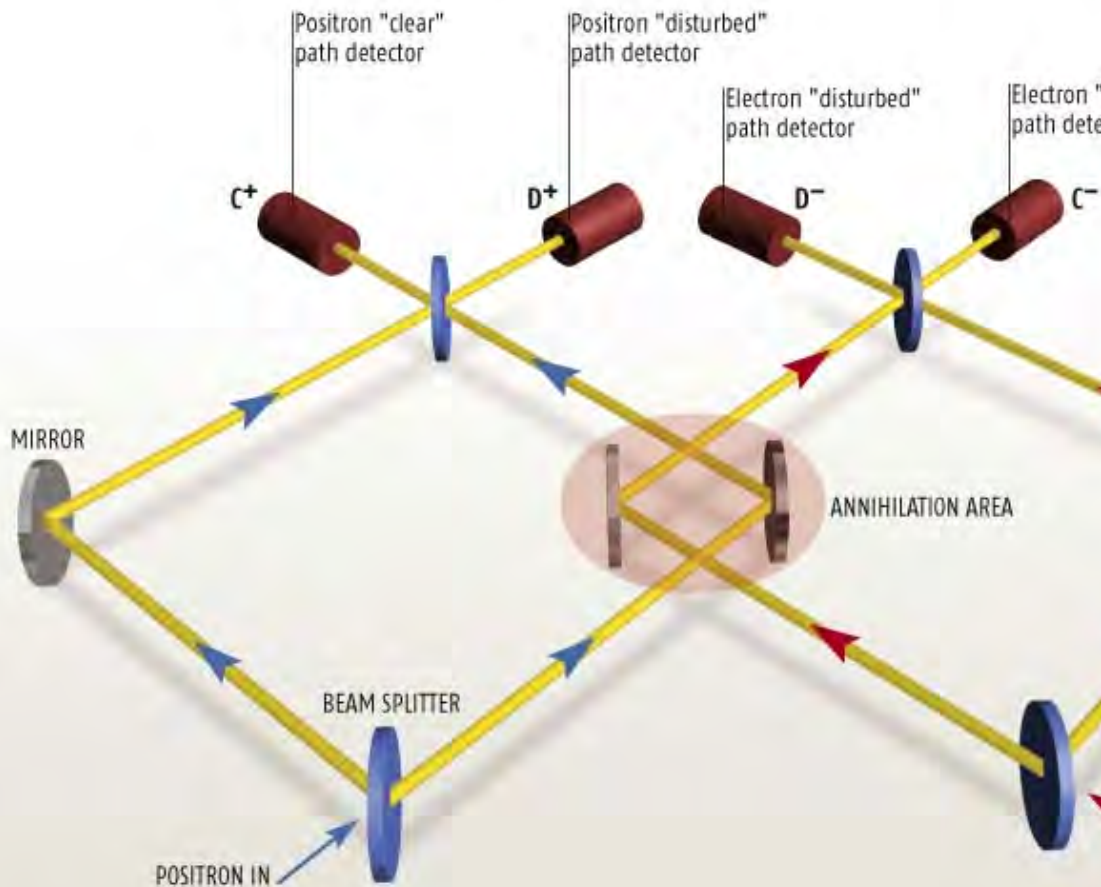
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Quantum Miracle #3: atom of Holism & top-down causation

HARDY'S PARADOX

The positron and electron go down both arms of each of their interferometers. If they meet in the overlapping area they annihilate each other. But, bizarrely, they are still registered as arriving at the D detectors



NewScientist

The global science and technology weekly | 10 May 2003

**THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE
BUT NOW WE CAN SEE INSIDE
THE QUANTUM WORLD**



Aharonov, Botero, Popescu, Reznik, Tollaksen, "Revisiting Hardy's Paradox: Counterfactual Statements, Real Measurements, Entanglement and Weak Values" *Phys Lett A*, v301, 130

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Emergent
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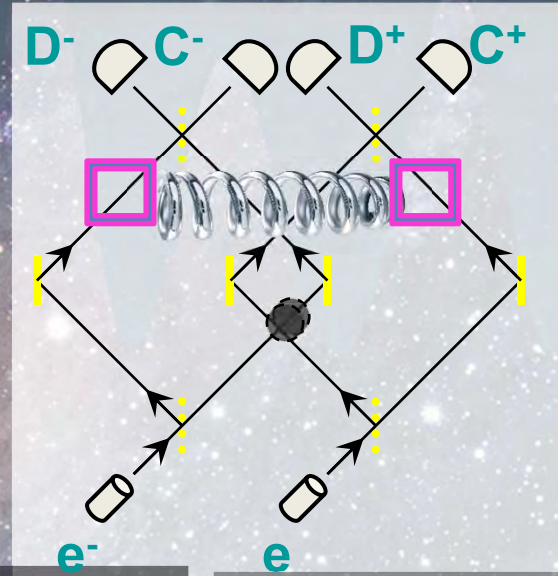
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- While there is no particle in either outer path
- Nevertheless, the interaction between the 2 paths/boxes tells us there is a particle in each box only when we look at the whole, ie both boxes



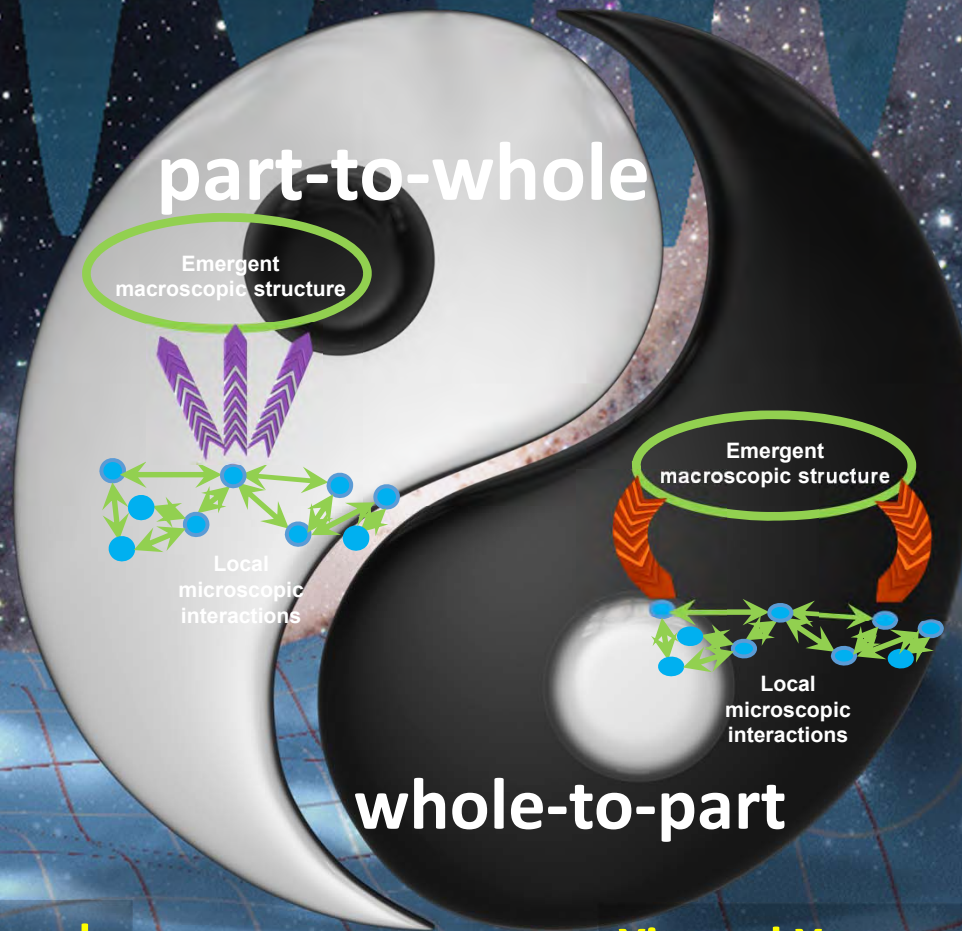
No particle here

No particle here

there are Wholes that have causal and measurable effects that are not reducible to any combination of parts

AHA also introduced complementarity between part \rightleftarrows whole & whole \rightleftarrows part

Yin & yang cannot exist separately—they embrace each other in complete harmony

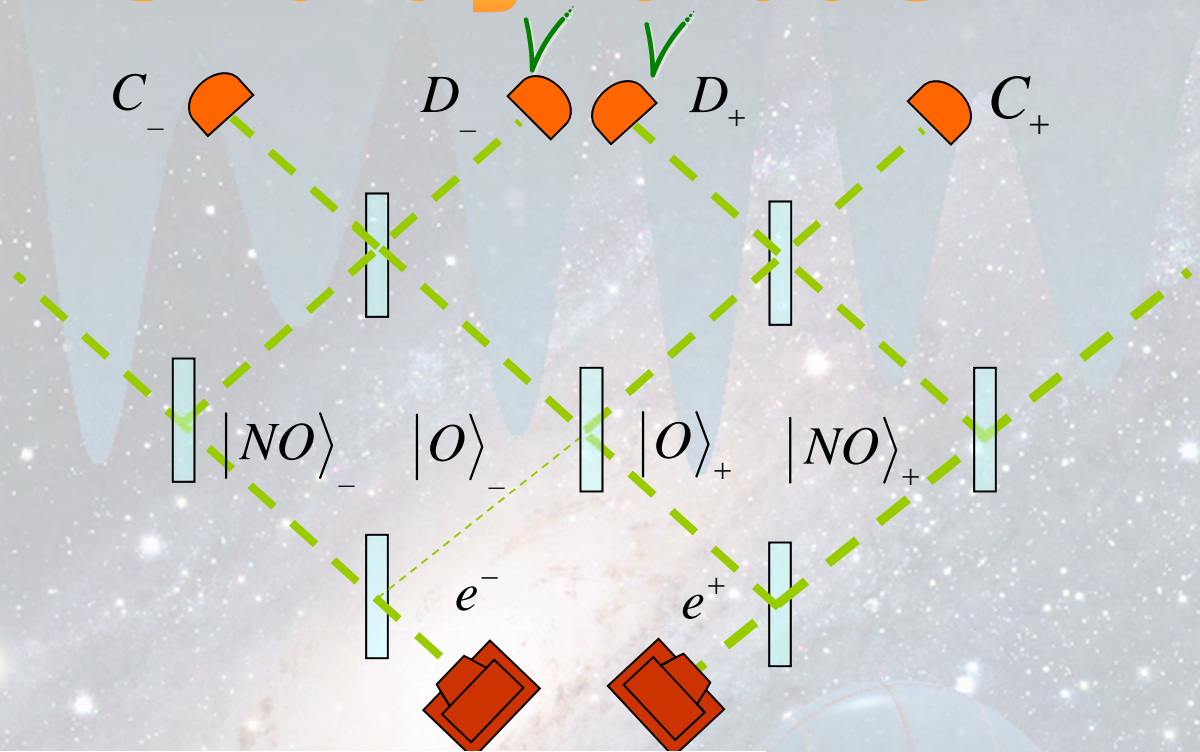


Yin and Yang are equal

Yin and Yang together form a whole

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The Hardy Paradox



$$|\psi_i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[|O\rangle_+|NO\rangle_- + |NO\rangle_+|O\rangle_- + |NO\rangle_+|NO\rangle_-]$$

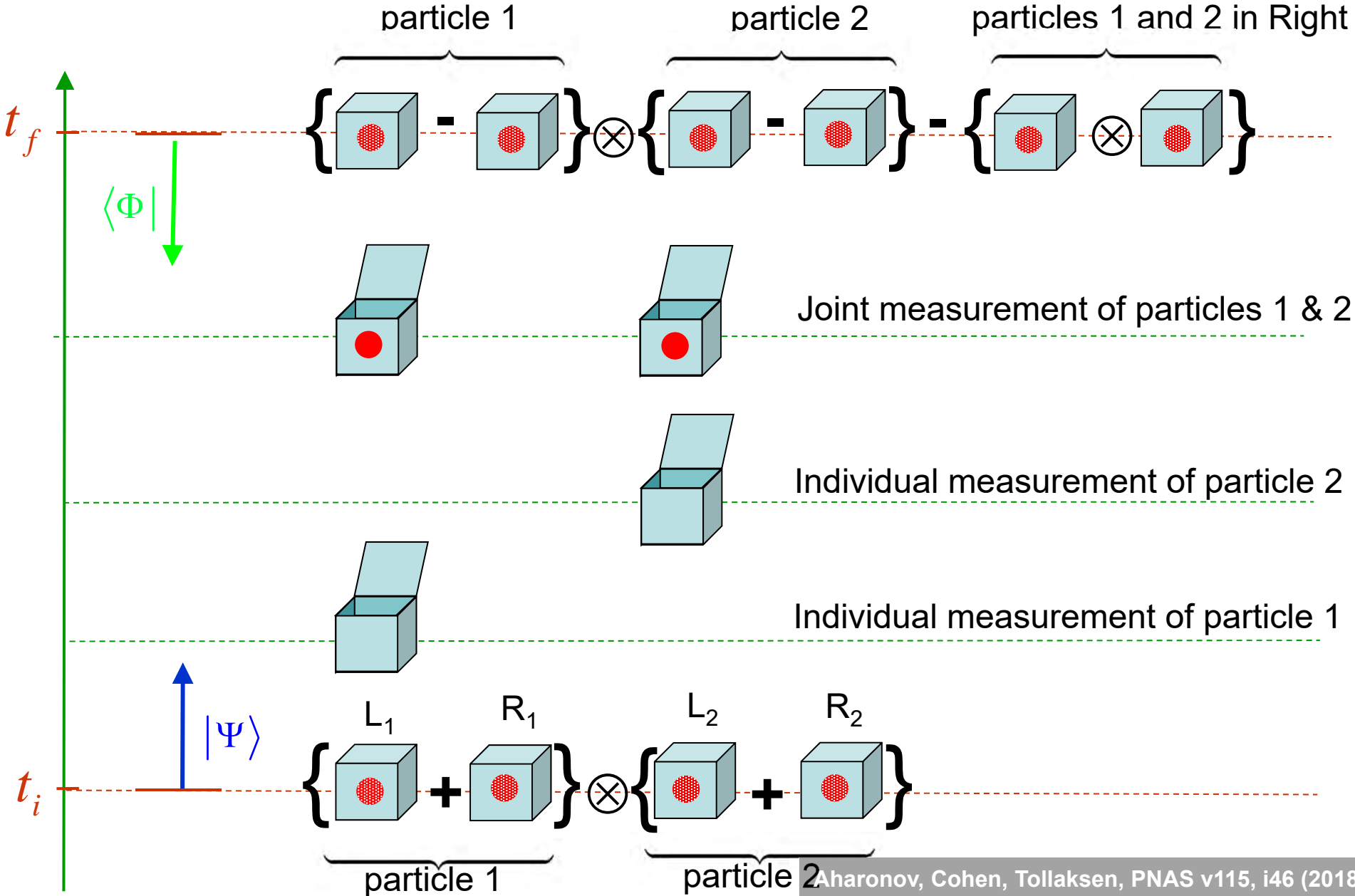
$$|\psi_f\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|O\rangle_+ - |NO\rangle_+)(|O\rangle_- - |NO\rangle_-)$$

$$\langle \Pi_O^- \Pi_O^+ \rangle_w = 0, \quad \langle \Pi_{NO}^- \Pi_{NO}^+ \rangle_w = -1, \quad \langle \Pi_{NO}^- \Pi_O^+ \rangle_w = \langle \Pi_O^- \Pi_{NO}^+ \rangle_w = +1$$

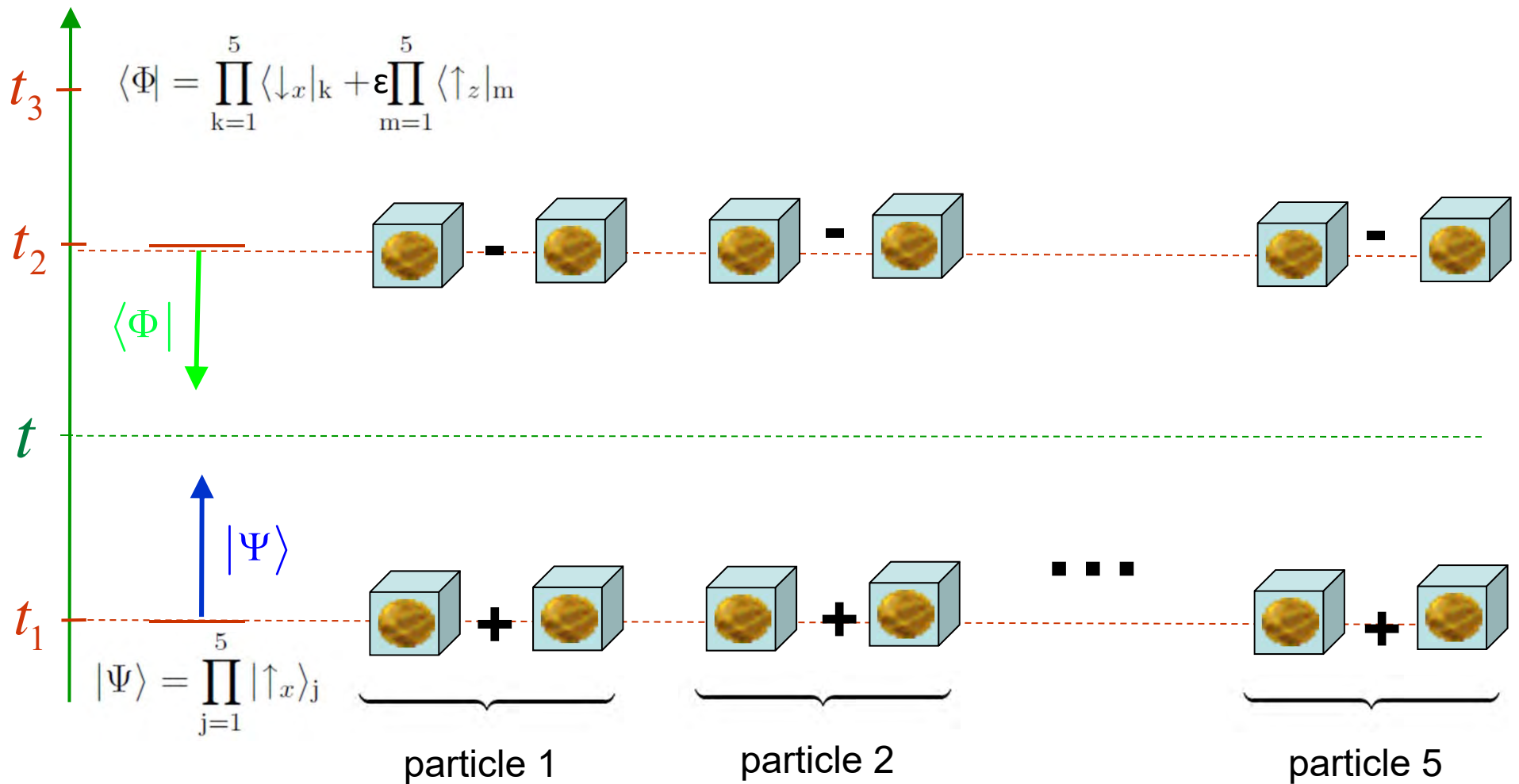
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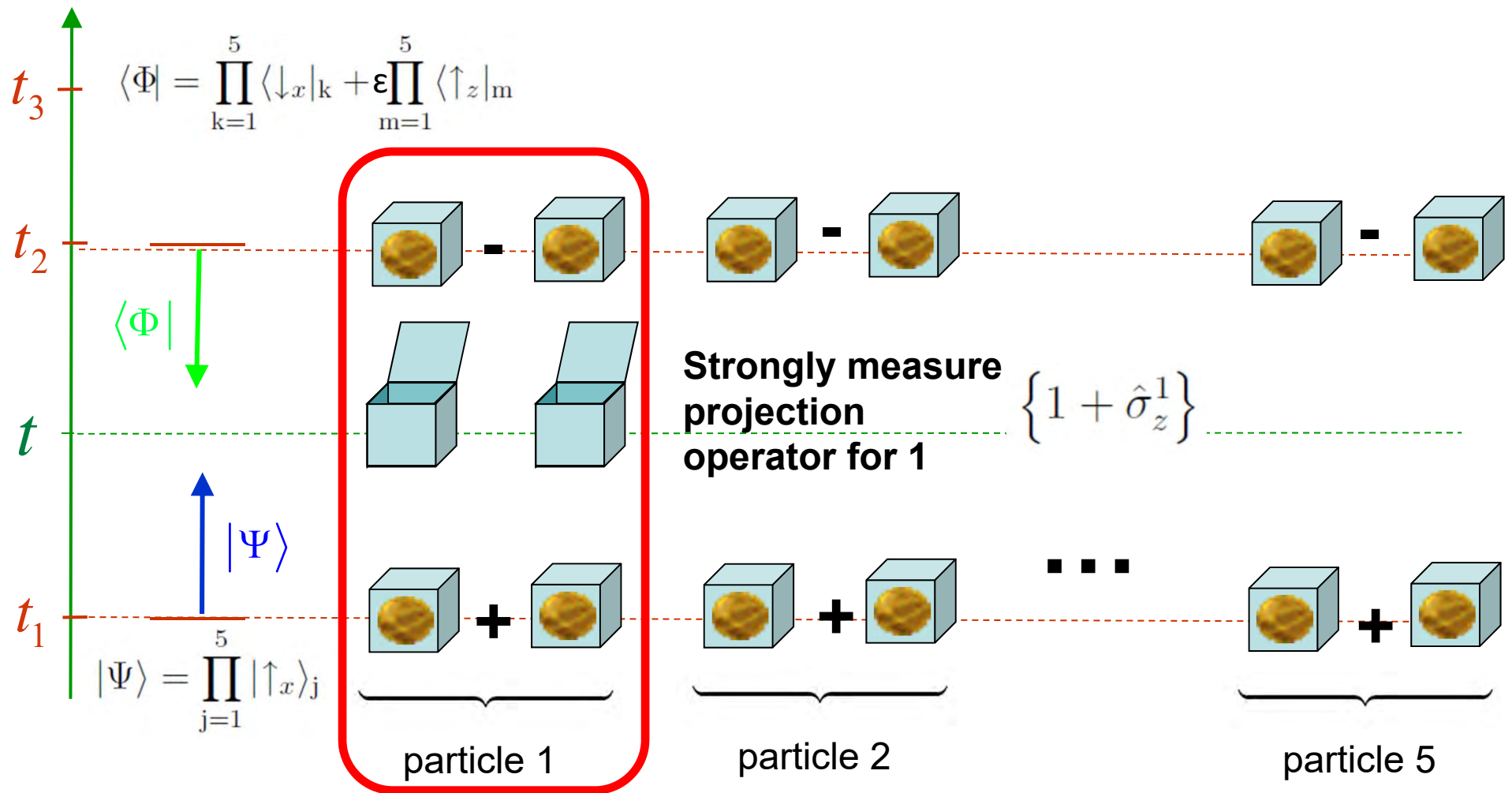
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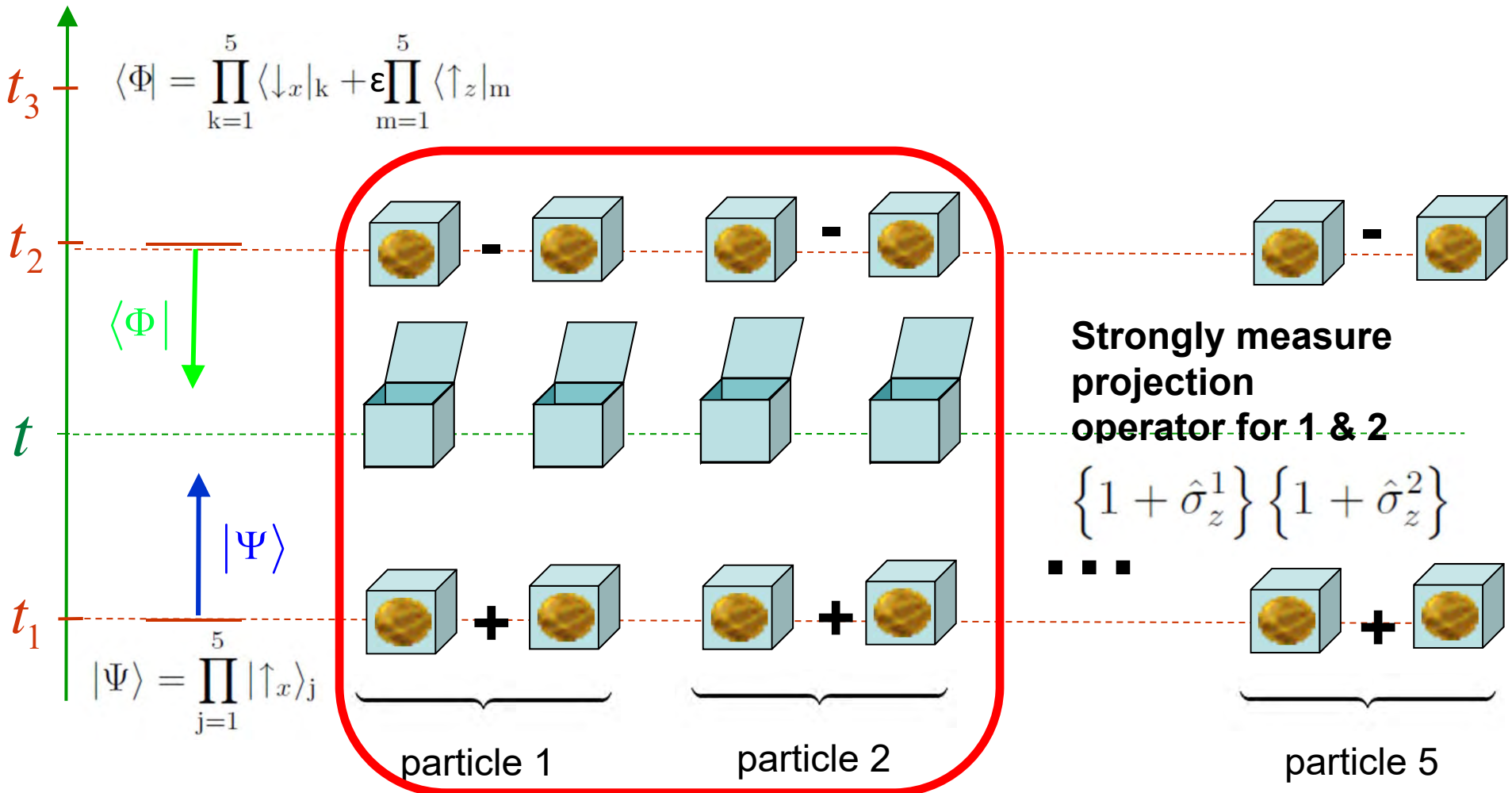
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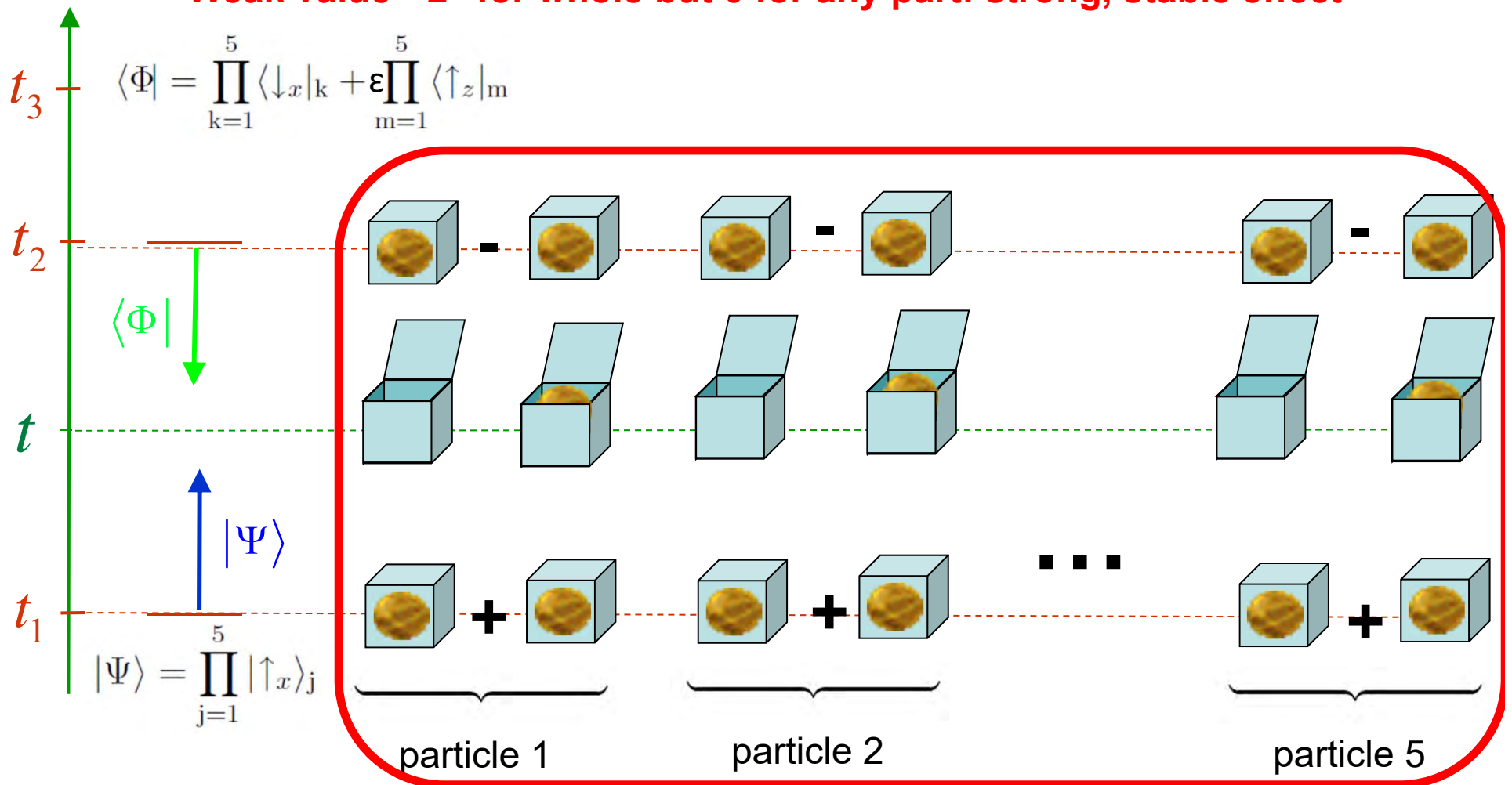


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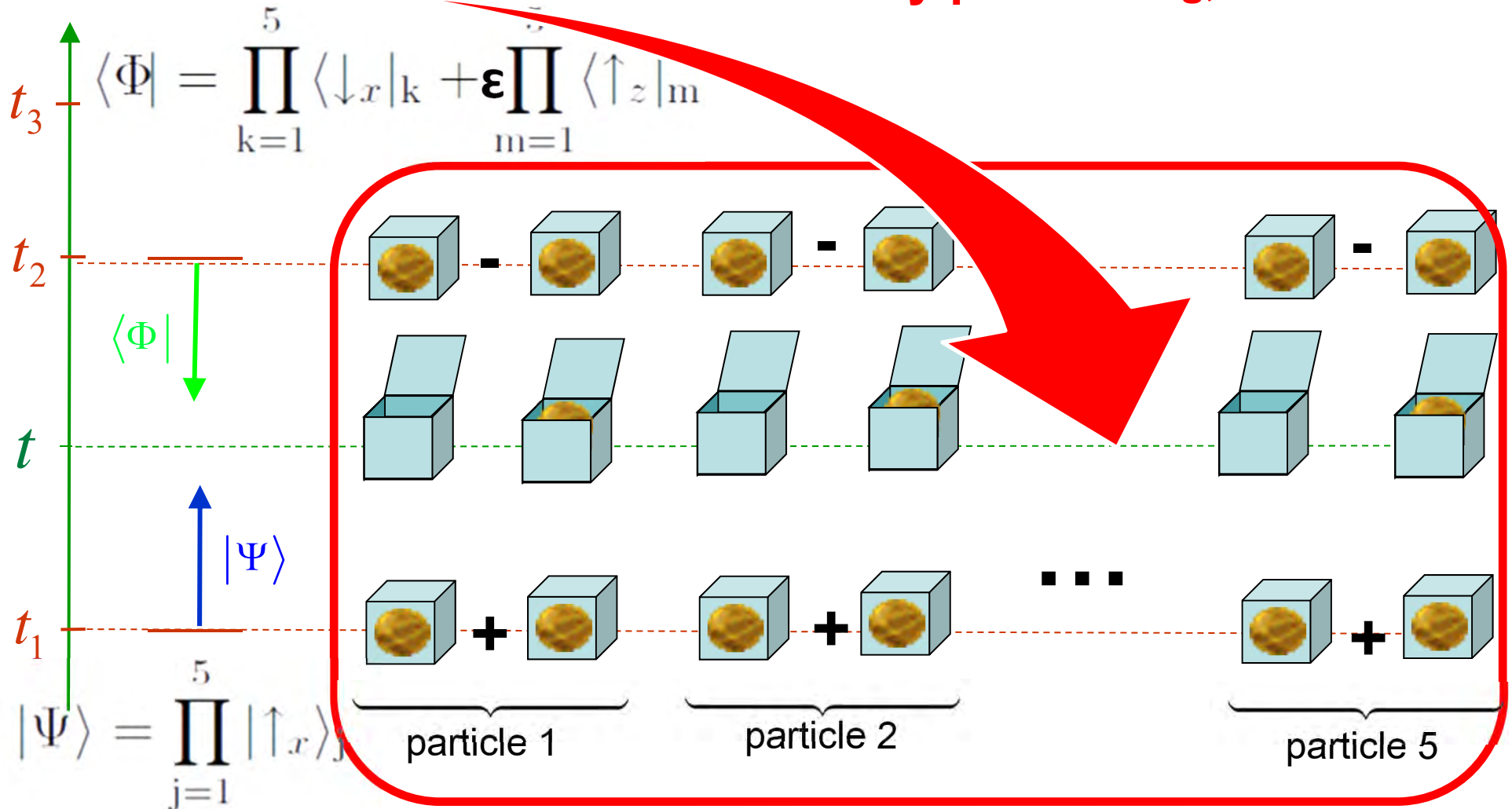


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Quantum Reasoning

Bottom-up logic

Having local information on observables A_1, \dots, A_n we can calculate correlations between them

For instance $\langle AC \rangle, \langle AB \rangle, \langle BC \rangle$ in Bell's inequality

Bell showed that local information is insufficient

He did not imagine (probably) that in some cases local information tells us *absolutely nothing!*

Top-down logic

Having nonlocal information on all correlations we can infer the local variables

This approach seems to us now like the correct one in quantum mechanics

Generalization

- N Empty boxes with emergent correlations:

$$|\psi_i\rangle = (|0\rangle + |1\rangle)^{\otimes N} - |1\rangle^{\otimes N}$$

$$|\psi_f\rangle = (|0\rangle - |1\rangle)^{\otimes N}$$

- The 1-point (auto)correlation, 2-point correlations, 3-point correlations, ..., $(N-1)$ -point correlations vanish, but the N -point correlations are not zero!

New Kind of Entanglement

Can be generalized to many particle states and/or any spin

Other kinds of entanglement can be described classically using complex variables

(e.g. $\sigma_x = +1, \sigma_y = +1, \sigma_z = i$ in the previous experiment

This one can't. It has no classical limit.

Plays an important role in the understanding of counterfactuals*

What happens when we consider the EM fields created by such charges?

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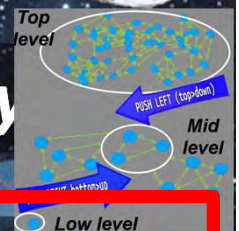


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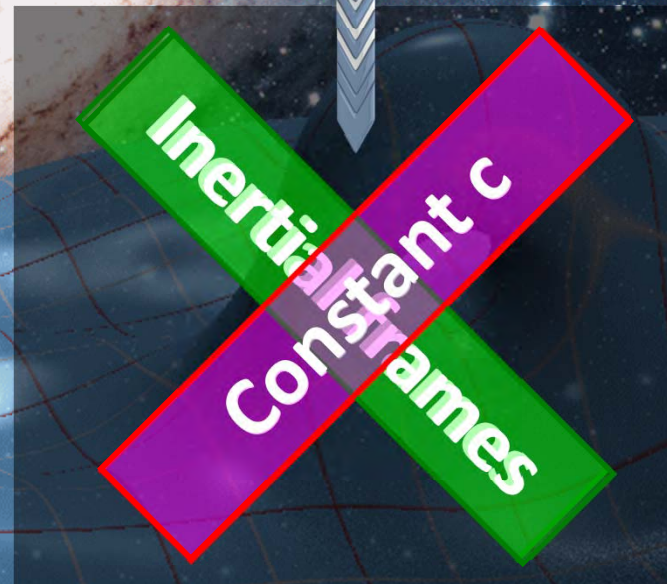
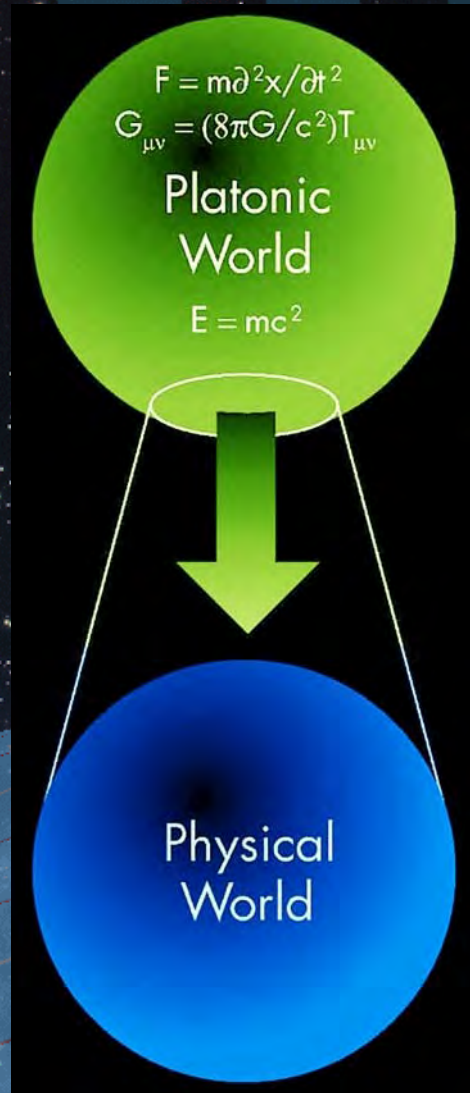


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Start with deepest, intuitive axioms

- Question: What, indeed, is so “special” about special relativity?
- Answer: SR’s two axioms nearly contradict each other & are in tension
- only 1 unique theory can reconcile nearly polar opposite axioms (i.e. special relativity)



Methodology: start with more intuitive axioms for QM

Quantum Mechanics



Nonlocality



Causality

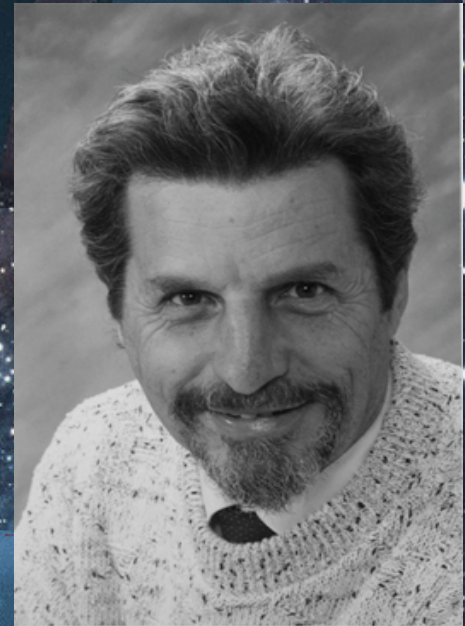
Standard non-intuitive axioms

- The states are normalized vectors $\psi(\mathbf{r}), \Psi(\mathbf{r},t), |\psi\rangle, |\Psi(t)\rangle$.
- Measurable physical quantities – “observables” – correspond to *Hermitian* or (*self-adjoint*) operators on the state vectors.
- If a system is an eigenstate $|a\rangle$ with eigenvalue a of an observable \hat{A} , then a measurement of \hat{A} on $|a\rangle$ yields a .
- Conversely, if a measurement of \hat{A} on any state yields a , the measurement leaves the system in an eigenstate $|a\rangle$.
- The probability that a system in a normalized state $|\psi\rangle$ can be found in the state $|\phi\rangle$ is $|\langle\phi|\psi\rangle|^2$.
- The time evolution of a state $|\Psi(t)\rangle$ is given by the Schrödinger equation $i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|\Psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H}|\Psi(t)\rangle$, where \hat{H} is the Hamiltonian (kinetic plus potential energy) of the system in the state $|\Psi(t)\rangle$.
- The wave function of identical fermions is antisymmetric under exchange of any pair of the particles.
- The wave function of identical bosons (spin 0 or 2, etc.) is symmetric under exchange of any pair of the particles.



Is nature capricious?

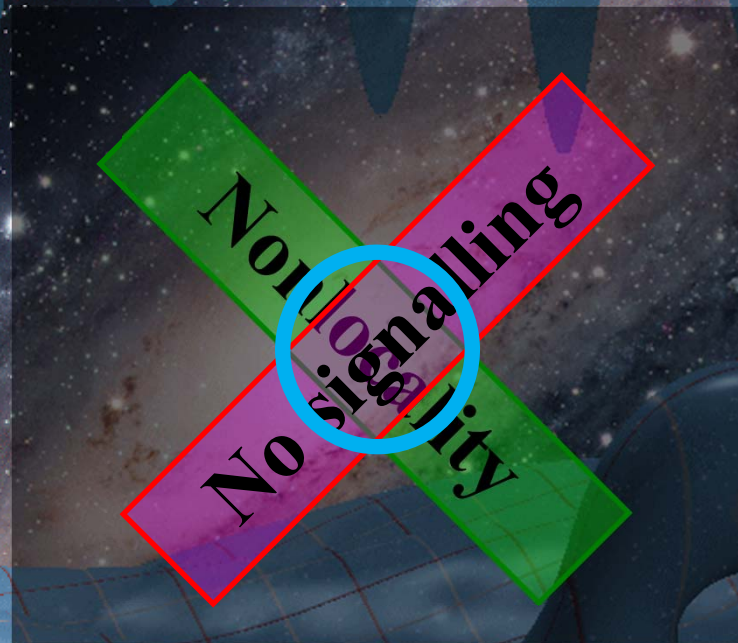
Aharonov & group asked
“Why does God play dice?”



We found that nature gains
something very beautiful & exciting
by playing dice

Why the Quantum?

Y. Aharonov & (independently) A. Shimony: Quantum mechanics, as well, reconciles two things that nearly contradict each other:



Can we derive a part of quantum mechanics from these axioms?

Aharonov: Quantum mechanics must include uncertainty.

Why uncertainty?

re-design axioms of physics so that non-locality & new aspects of cause/effect are at deepest level

Uncertainty/playing dice



Nonlocality

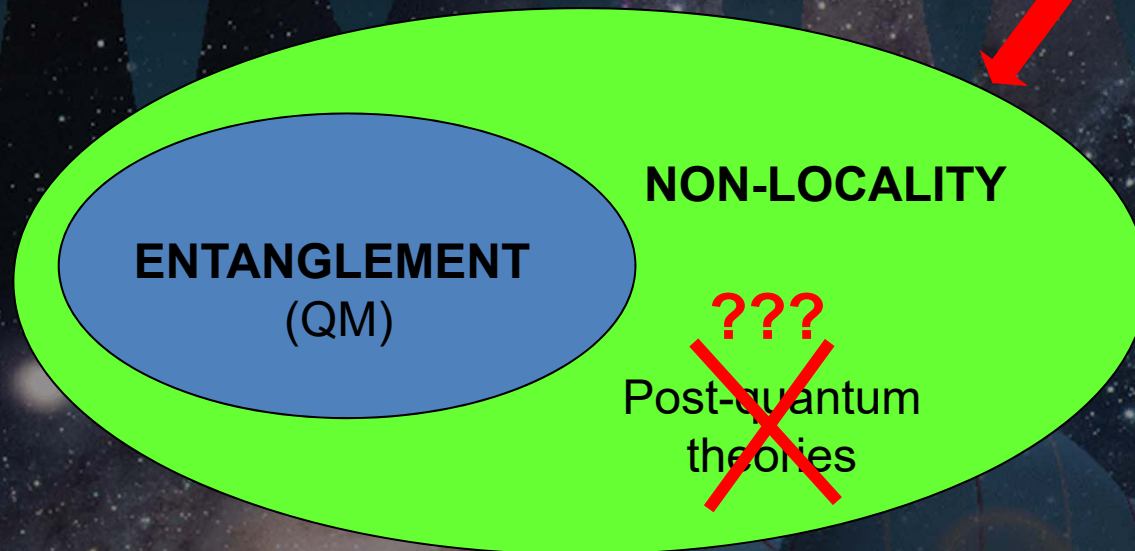


Causality

Why the Quantum?

Why is quantum non-locality limited ?

No-signalling



Much Popescu-Rohrlich-box work deals with the realm that is not reality, nevertheless, there are many new, fascinating results

Why uncertainty?

NOUMENAL
SPACE

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Platonic
World

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Physical
World

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Richer nonlocality
(eg nonlocal in time)



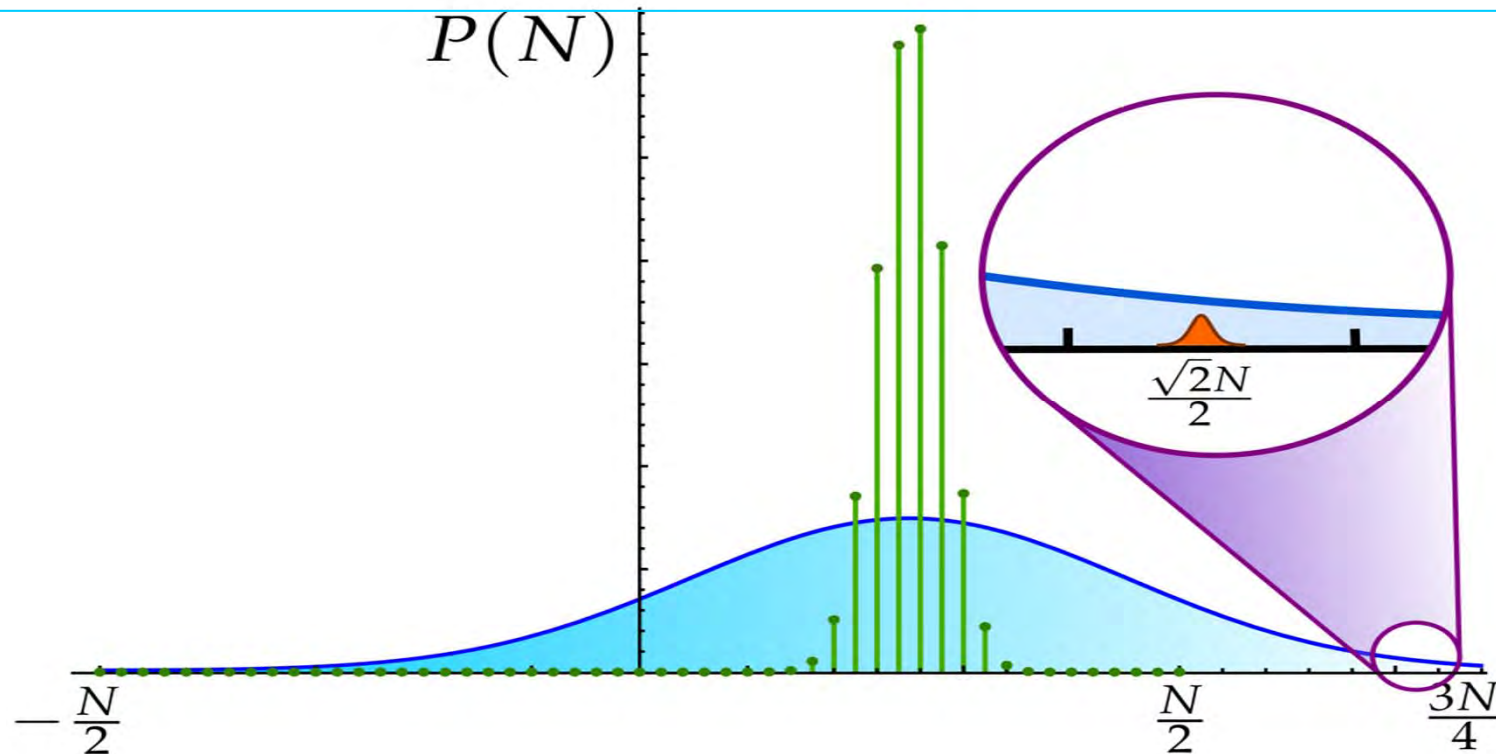
Richer causality

Deepest
axiom level

Derivative
axiom level

Uncertainty/playing dice

Weak values, causality & free will: game of errors



- Probability for different outcomes of S_{45° for a system of N spin-1/2 particles preselected in $|S_z = N/2\rangle$
- Green represents measurement outcomes for an ideal measurement without postselection
- Blue curve represents probabilities in a weak measurement
- After postselection for $|S_x = N/2\rangle$, only the red distribution way out in the tail survives
- After WM, we could perform more precise measurement of S_{45°
- Uncertainty derived from nonlocality in time, causality, and free will
- Leads to new concept of “weak information”: Bohm told us this is 1st implicate order

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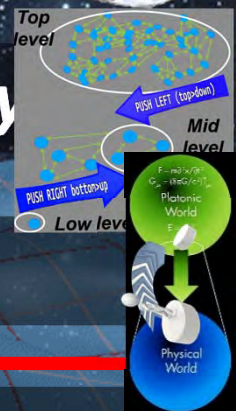


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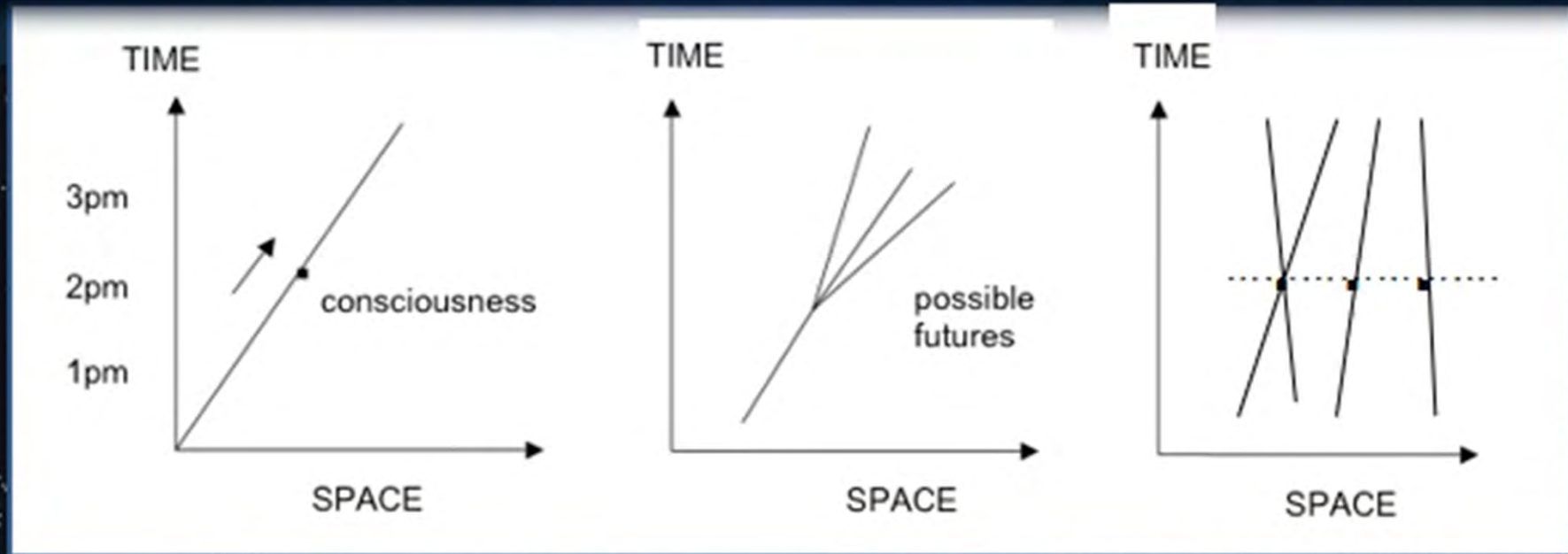
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“Everything -past, present, and future—is there at once.”



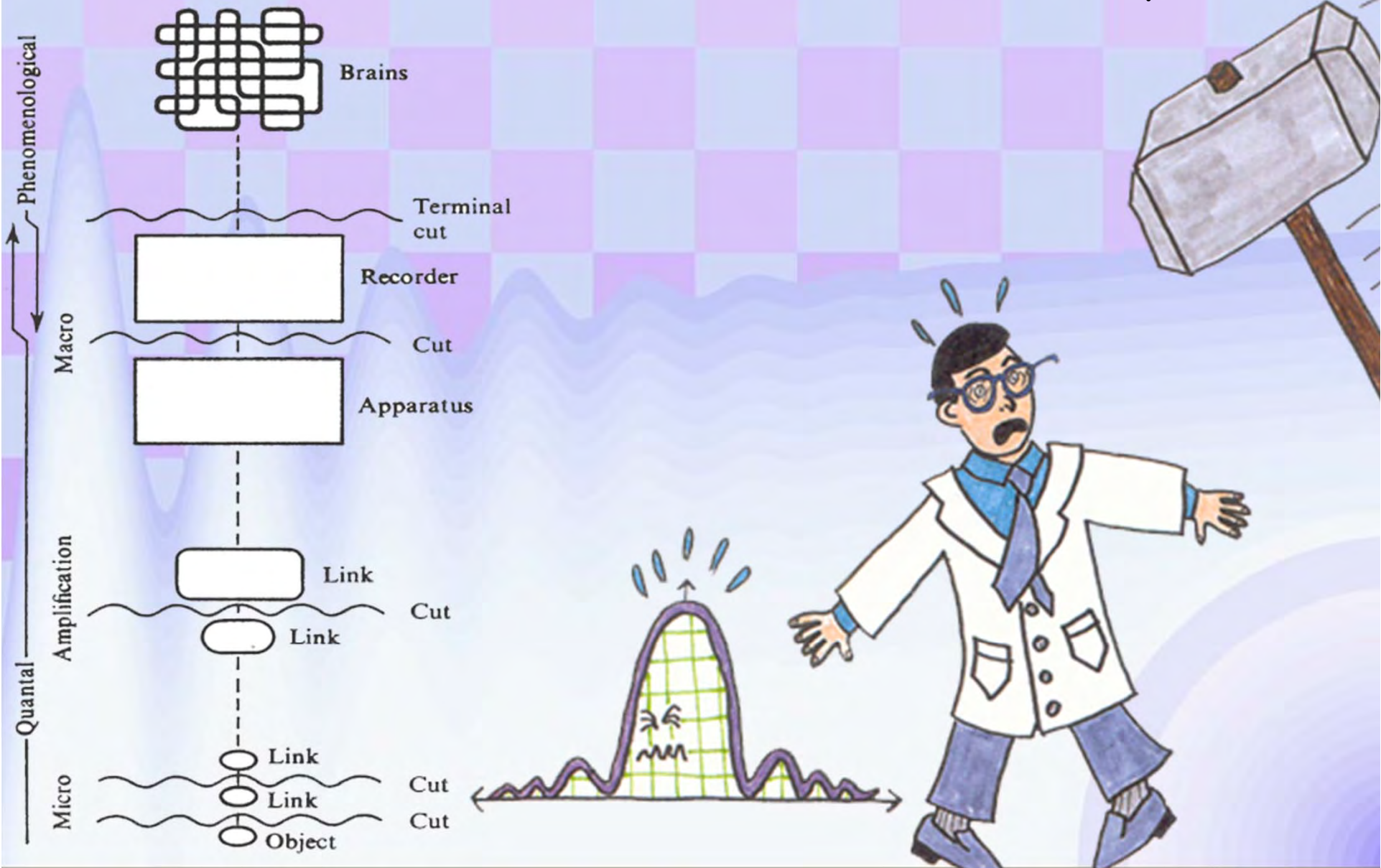
Special Relativity cannot describe:

- 1. flow of conscious time**
- 2. conscious interaction with physical world**
- 3. Uncertainty Principle**
- 4. collapse of quantum wave function**
- 5. coordination of different consciousnesses.**

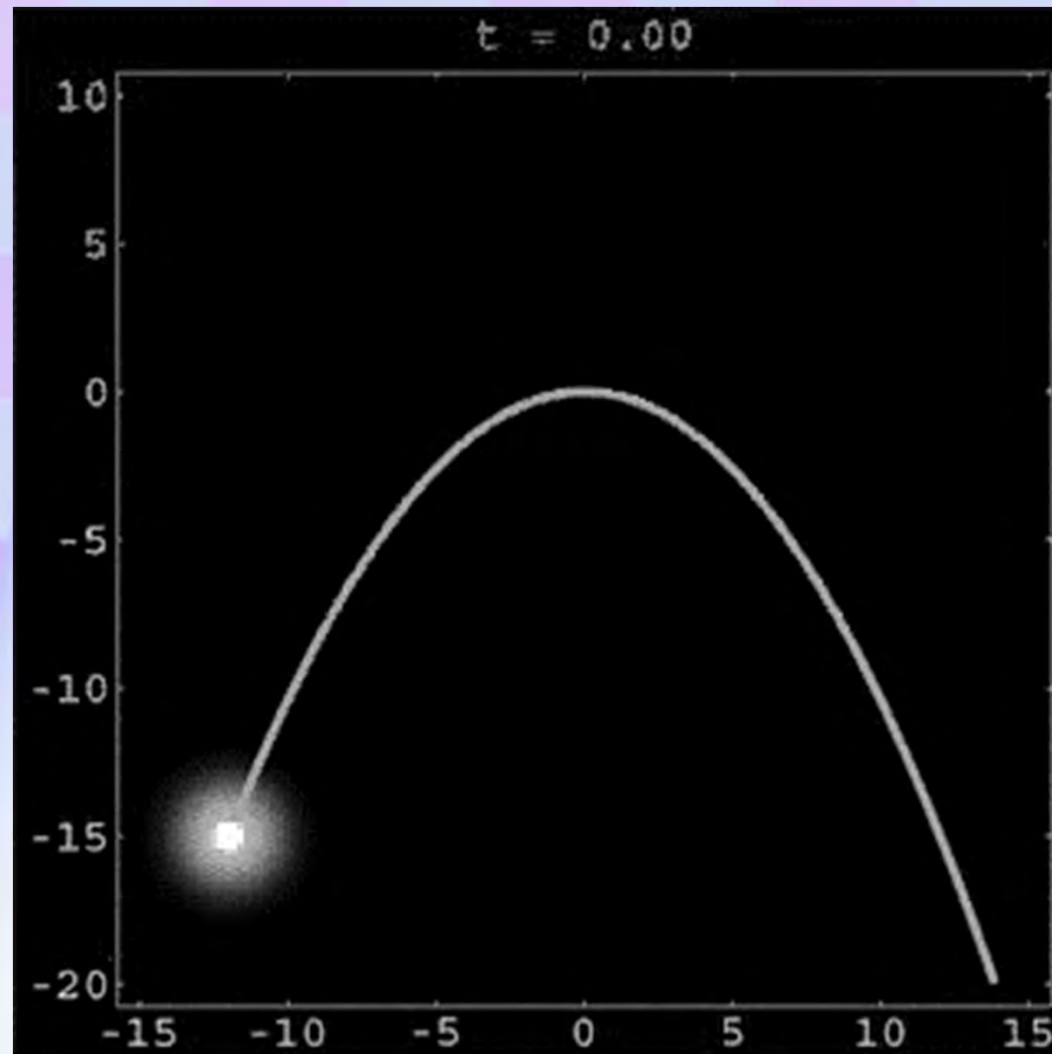
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When is a quantum measurement?

Where is the transition between classical and quantum?



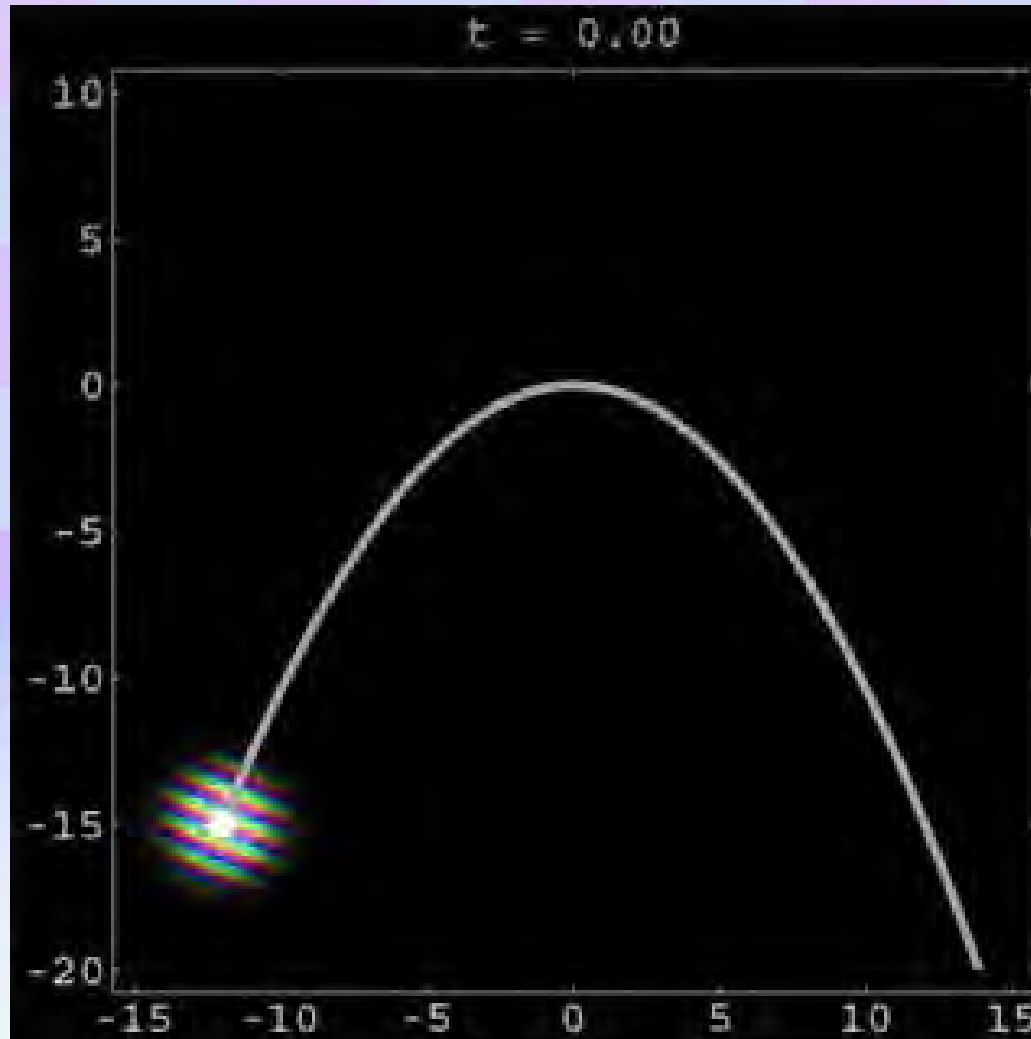
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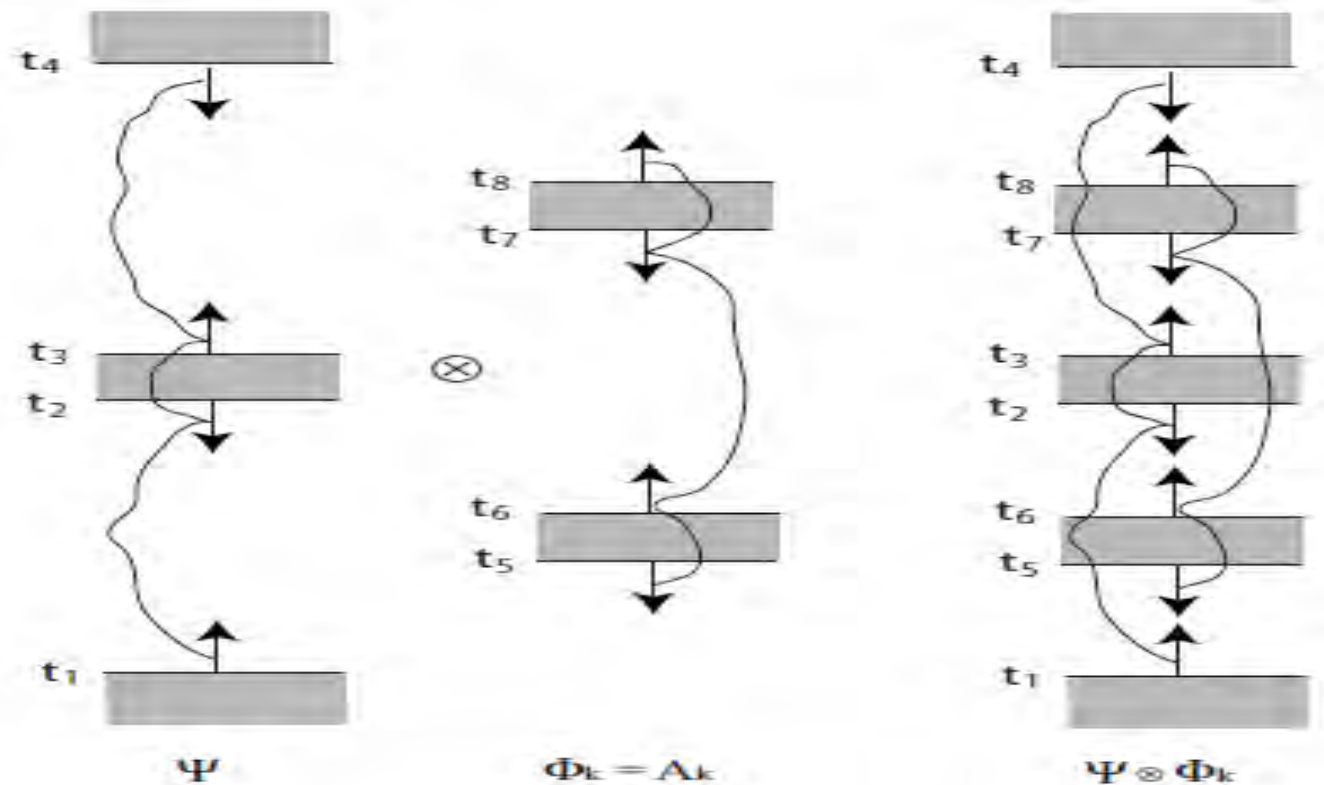
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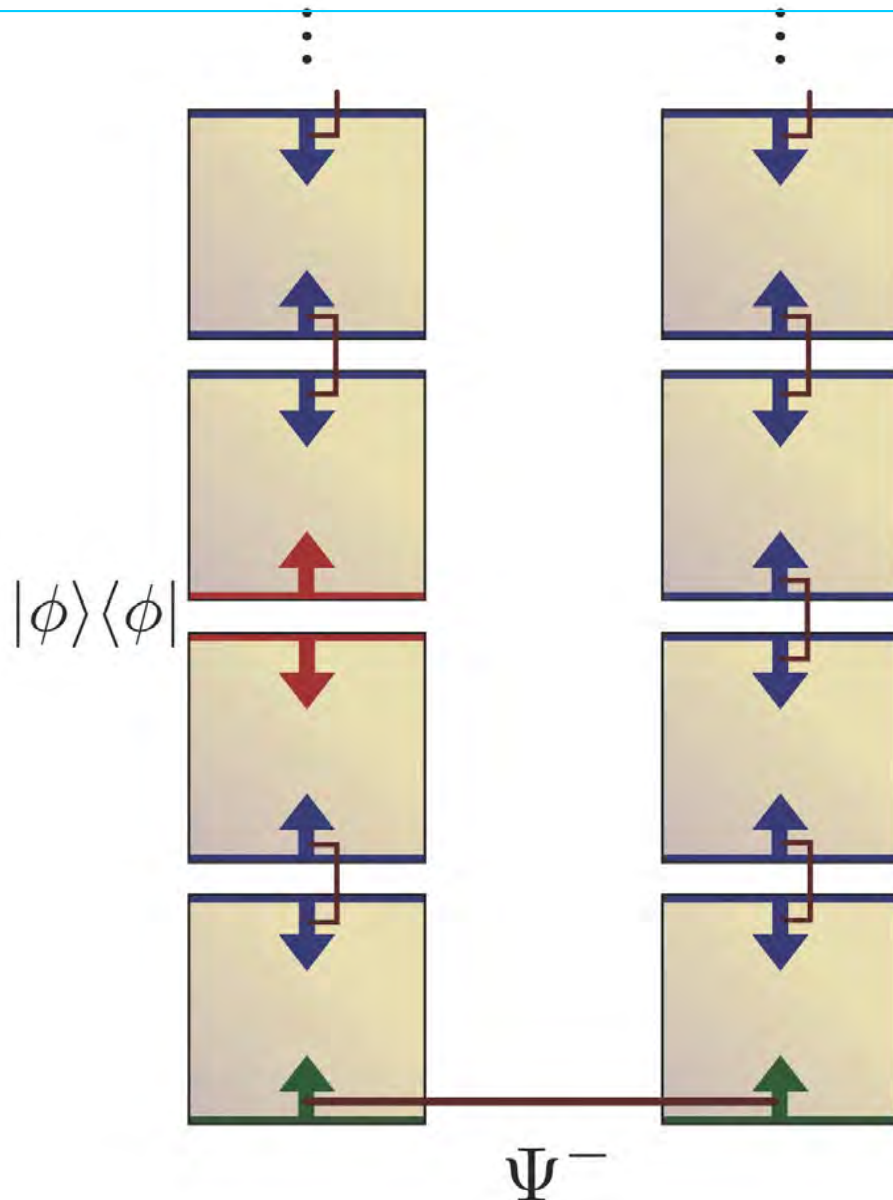
Free-will, multiple-time operators



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- **New form of complementary**

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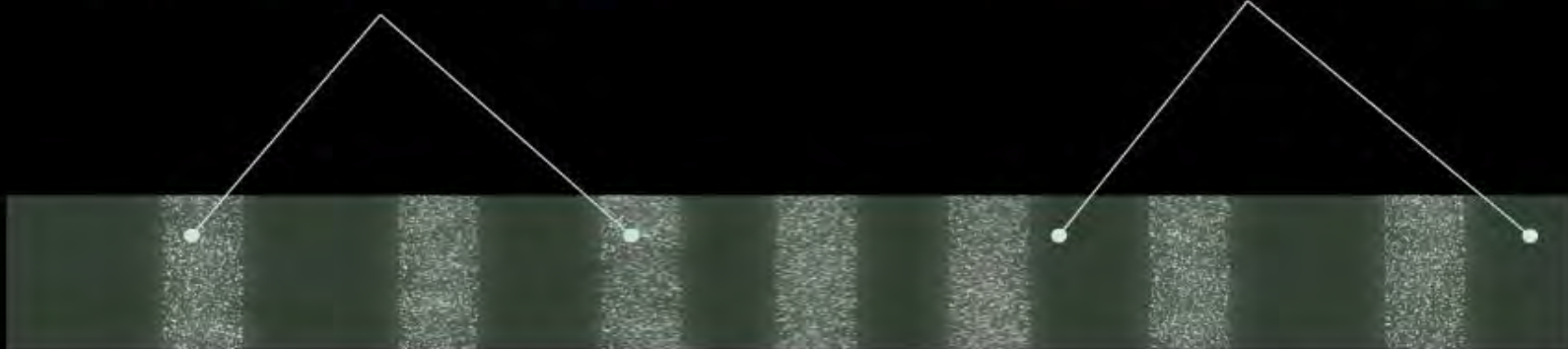
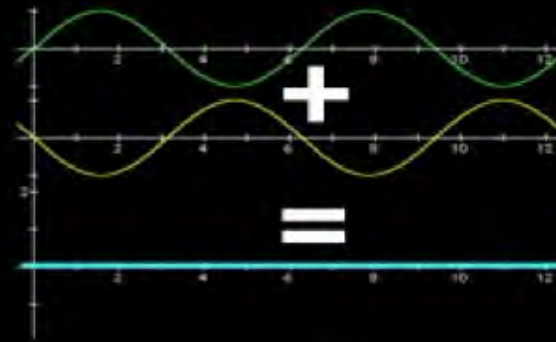
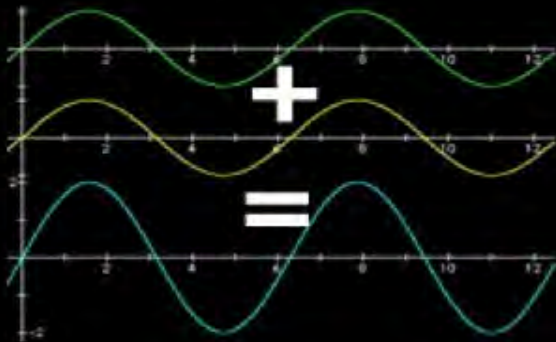
QM Generalization: Each moment of time a new universe



Two entangled spin 1/2 particles. Entanglement characterizes solely time t_0 where entanglement is produced. All other times are characterized by trivial time evolution, i.e. maximal entanglement between subsequent moments of time; there is however no entanglement between the particles associated to these times. Alice's measurement disentangles the time moments of her particle but have no effect on Bob's particle.

- **“Collapse” does not necessarily imply arrow of time at microscopic level**

Superposition of laws



Constructive
Interference
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Destructive
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new way of thinking about laws

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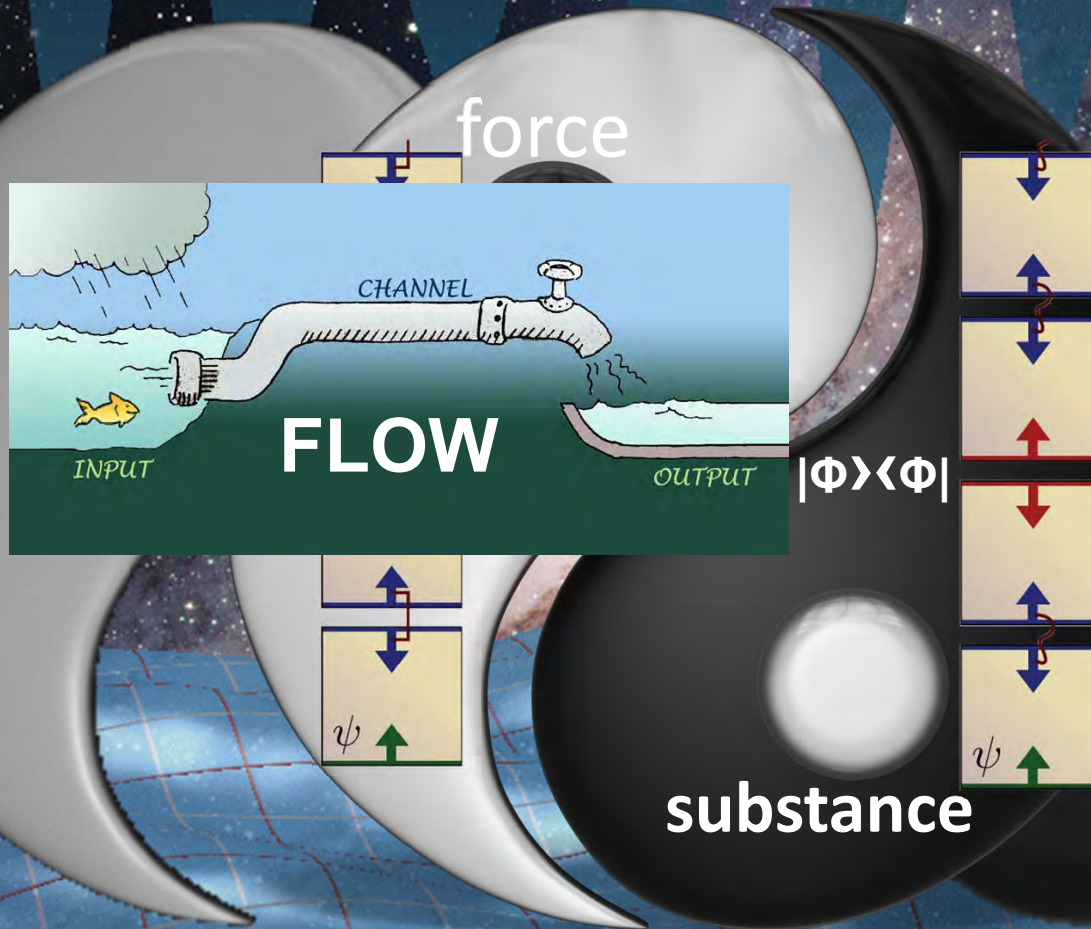
and our surprising role in shaping them



AHA also introduced complementarity Between substance and force

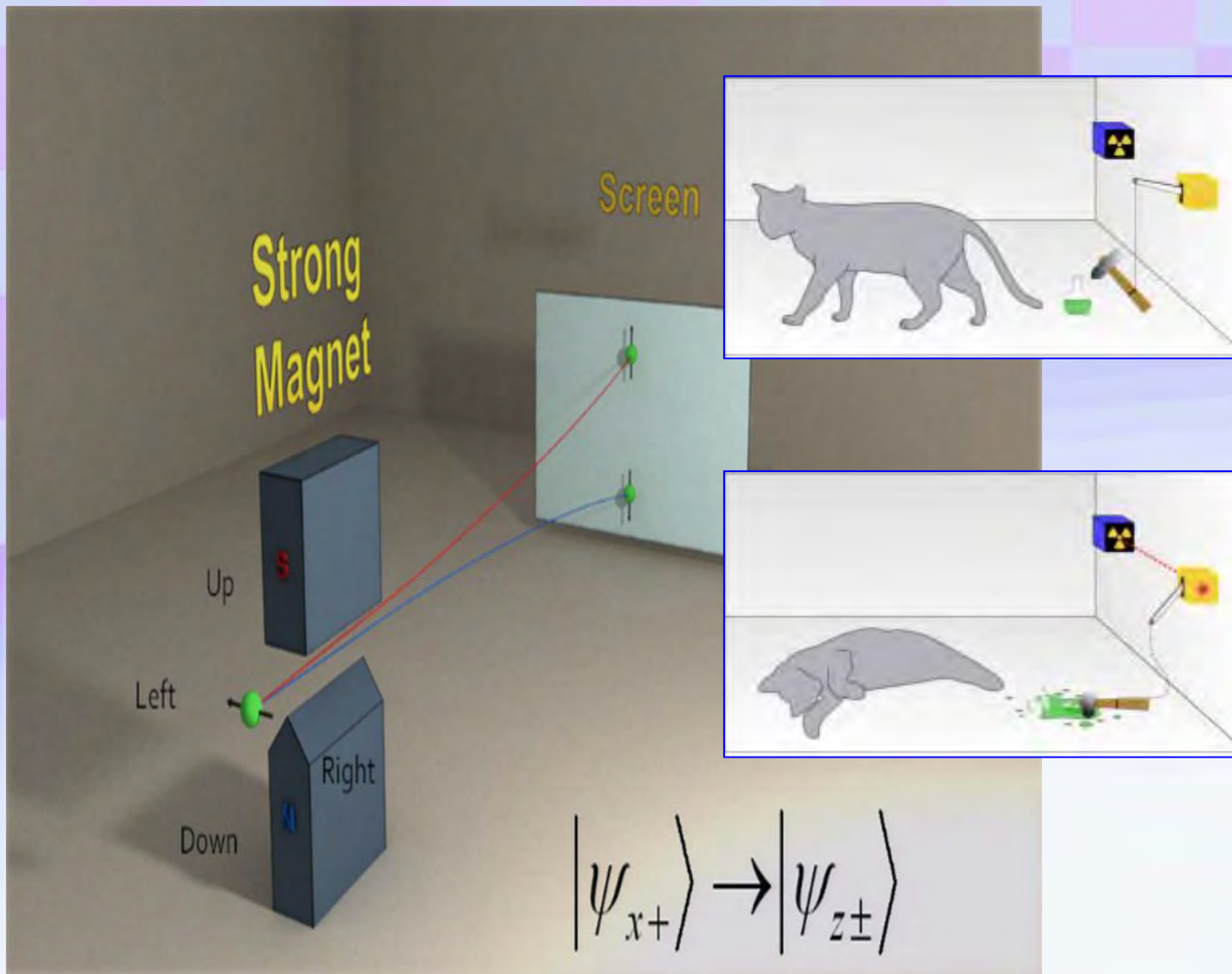
Yin is substance, Yang is force

Yin & Yang contains an aspect of the other

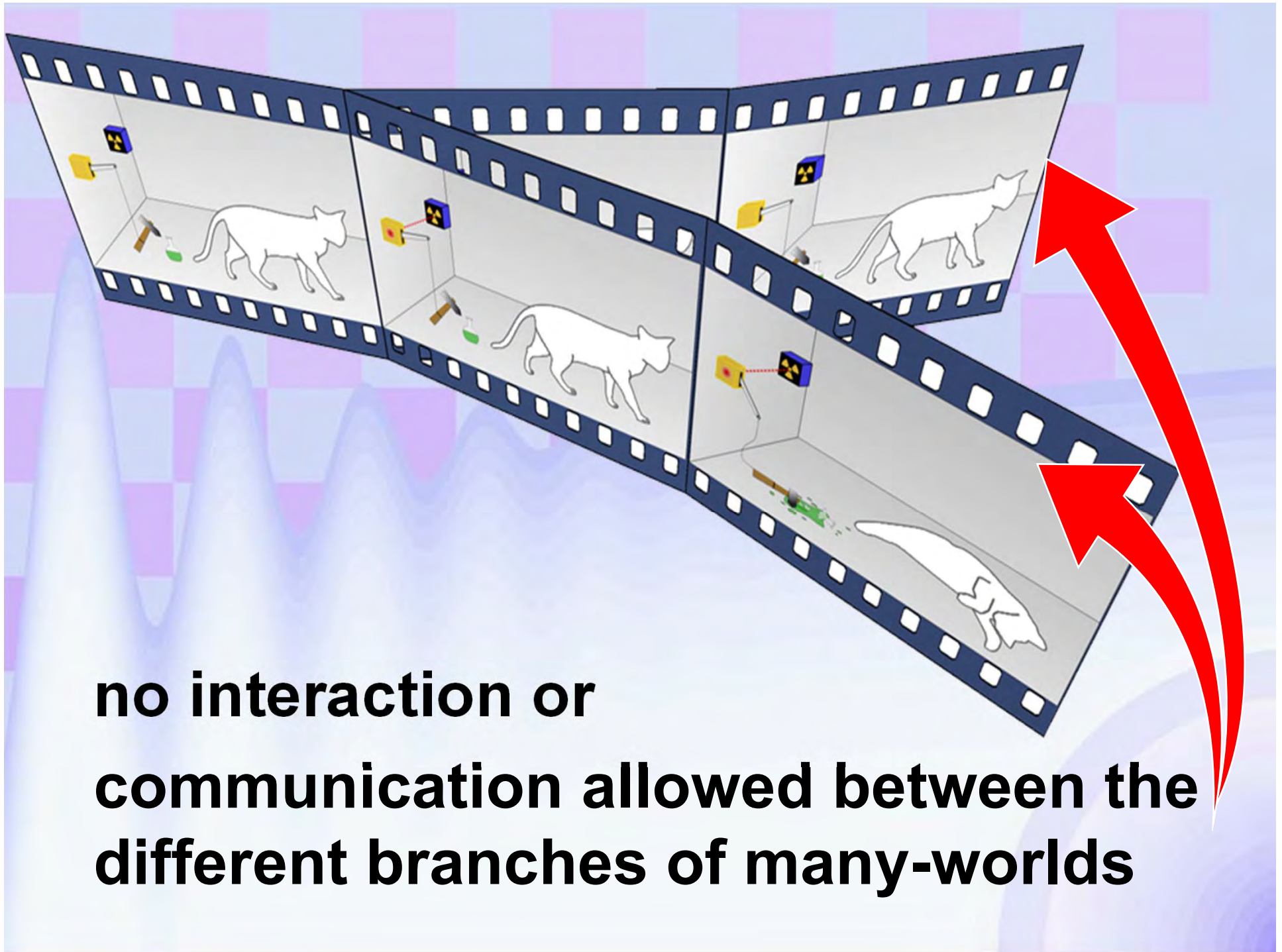


Yin & Yang responds to, and is shaped by, the other

Schrodinger's Cat

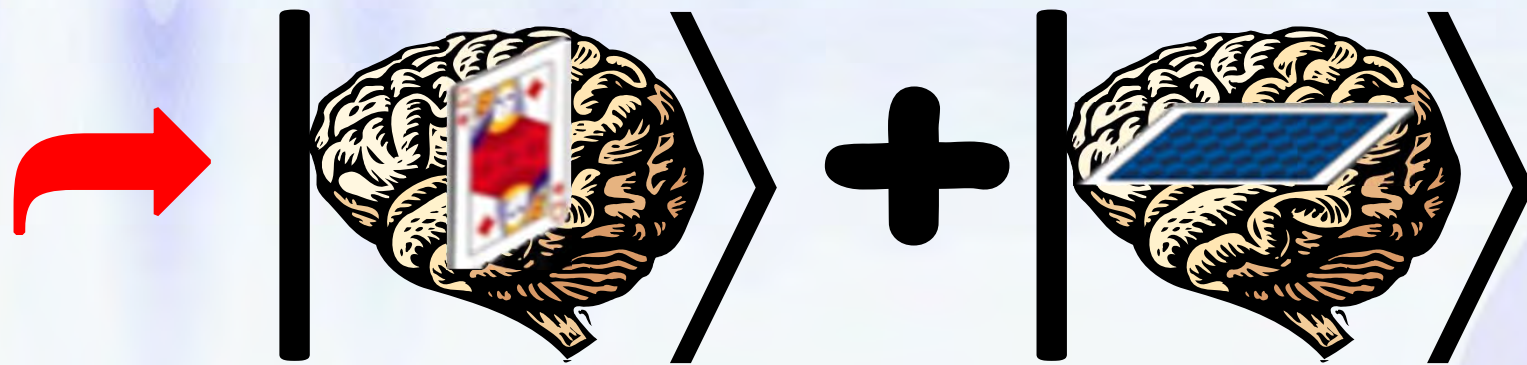
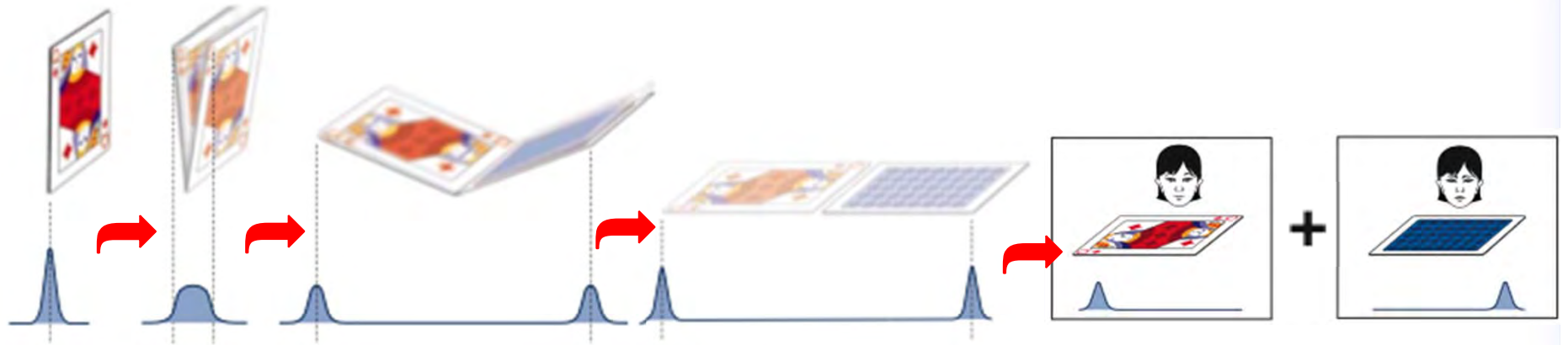


The spin-up vs. spin-down is analogous to the Schrodinger's Cat paradox, where instead a radioactive source is used: a single random quantum event has 50% probability to trigger a lever arm and break a flask containing deadly poison.

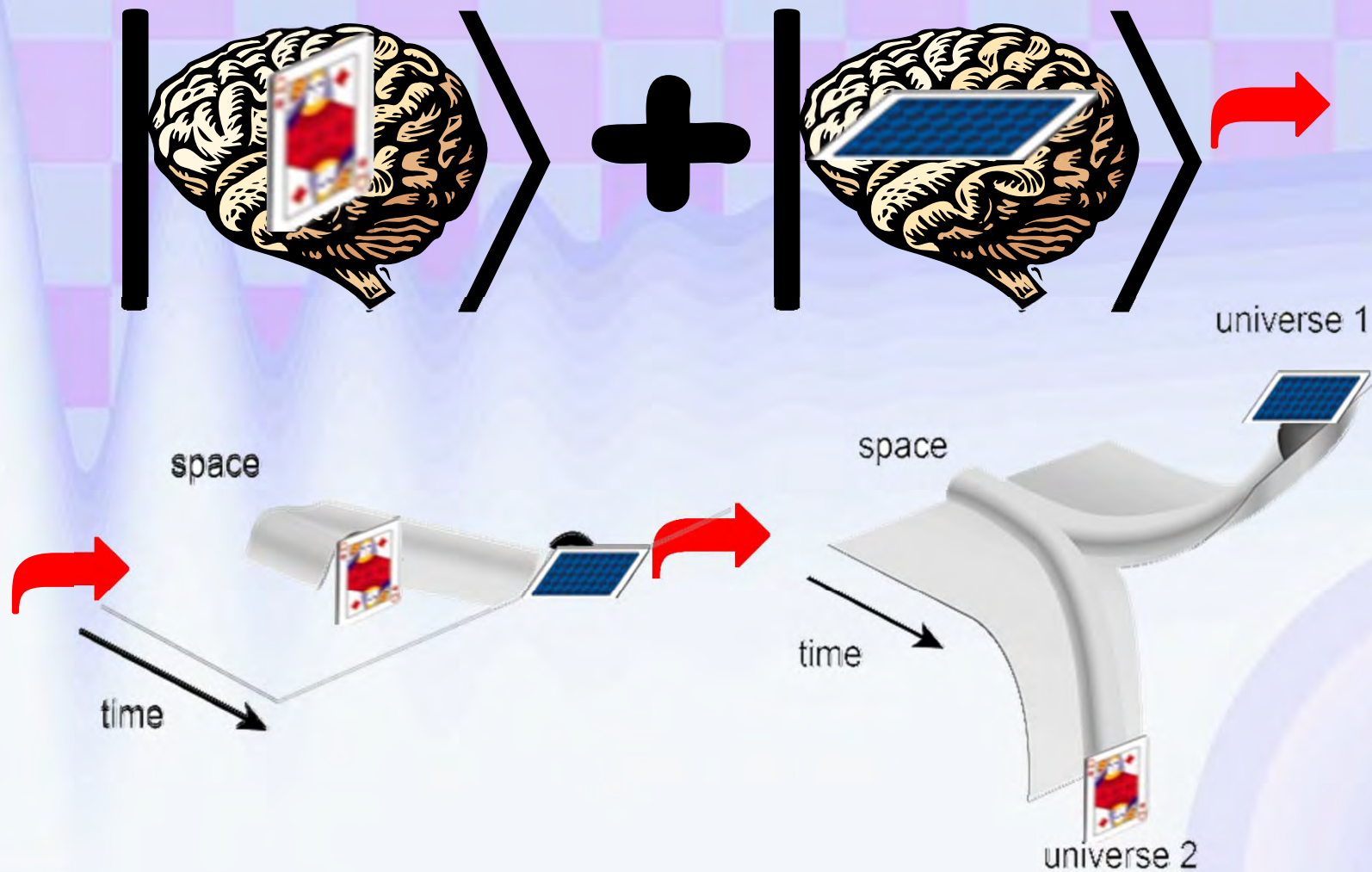


**no interaction or
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different branches of many-worlds**

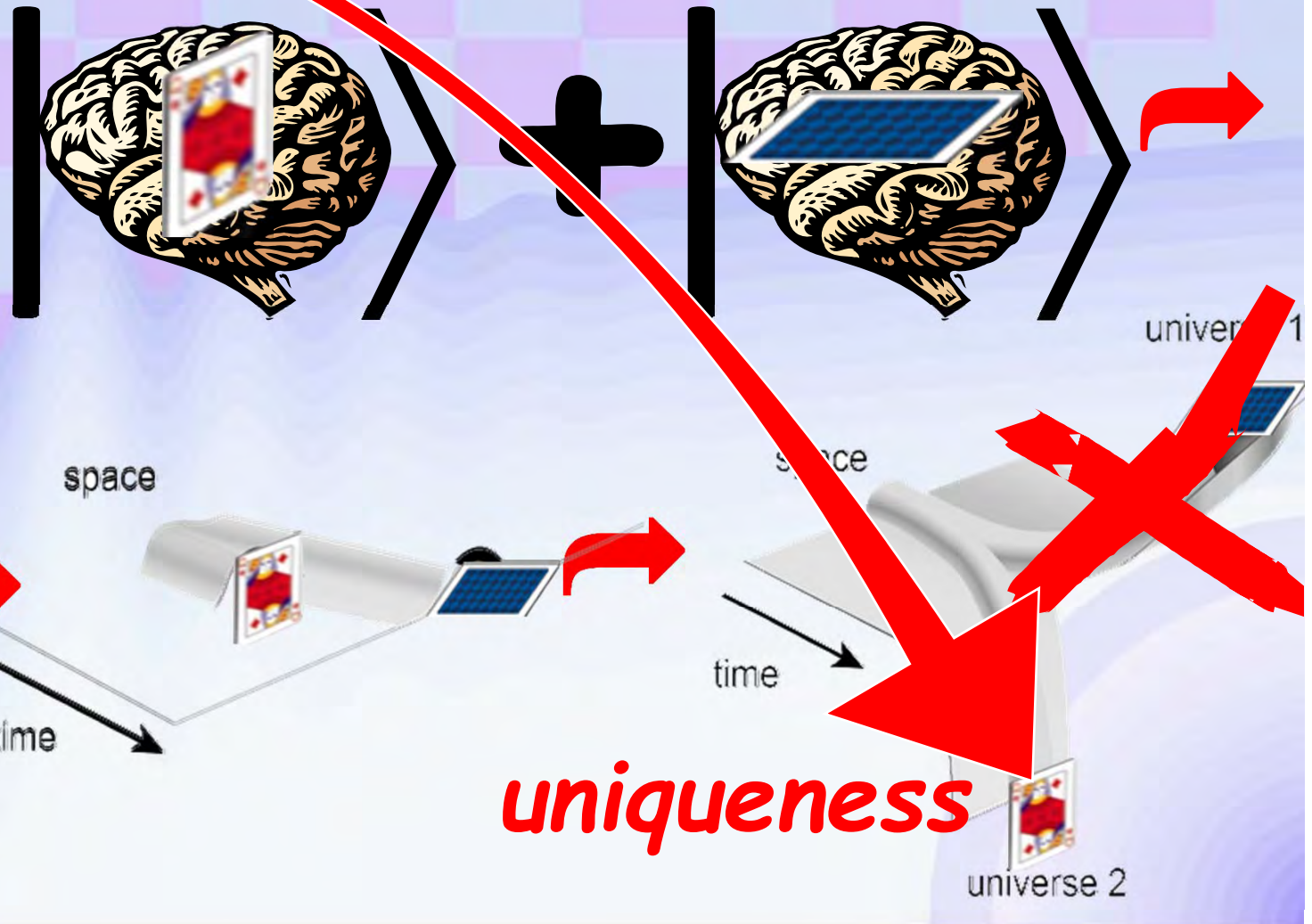
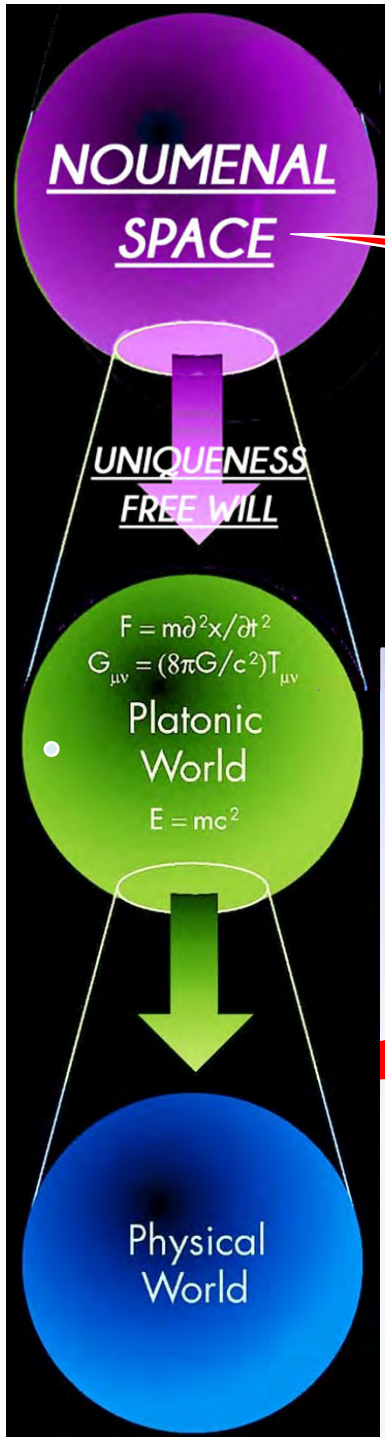
Just before the point of many-worlds

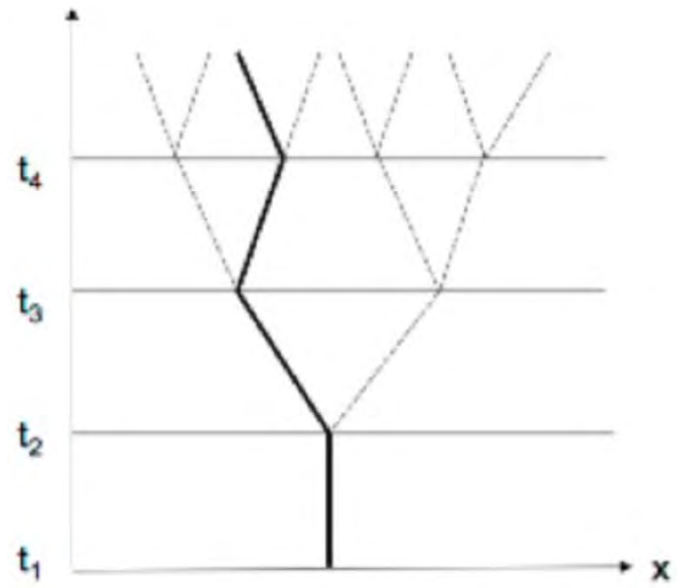
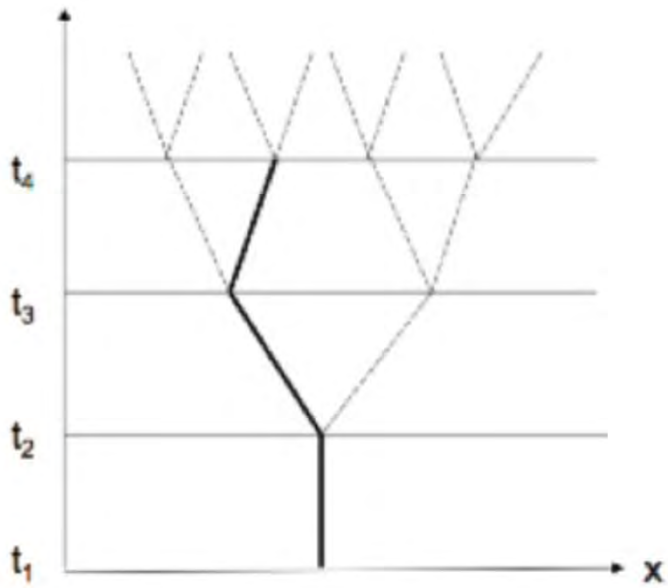
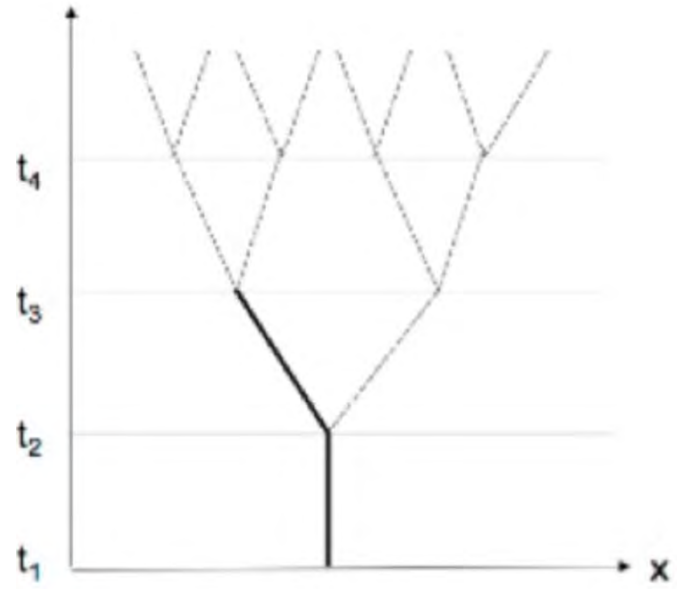
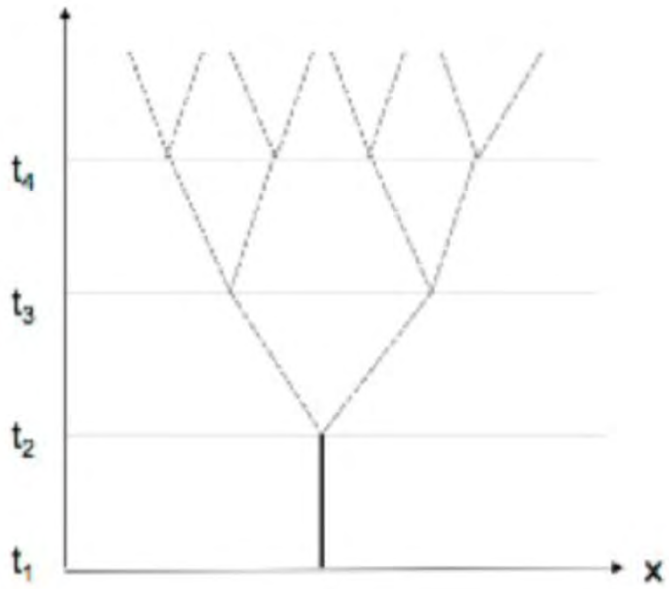


Two worlds start to split apart even while we are still attempting to have a single unitary experience. If this process is allowed to continue, then it would begin to 'fragment' our unitary experience of self



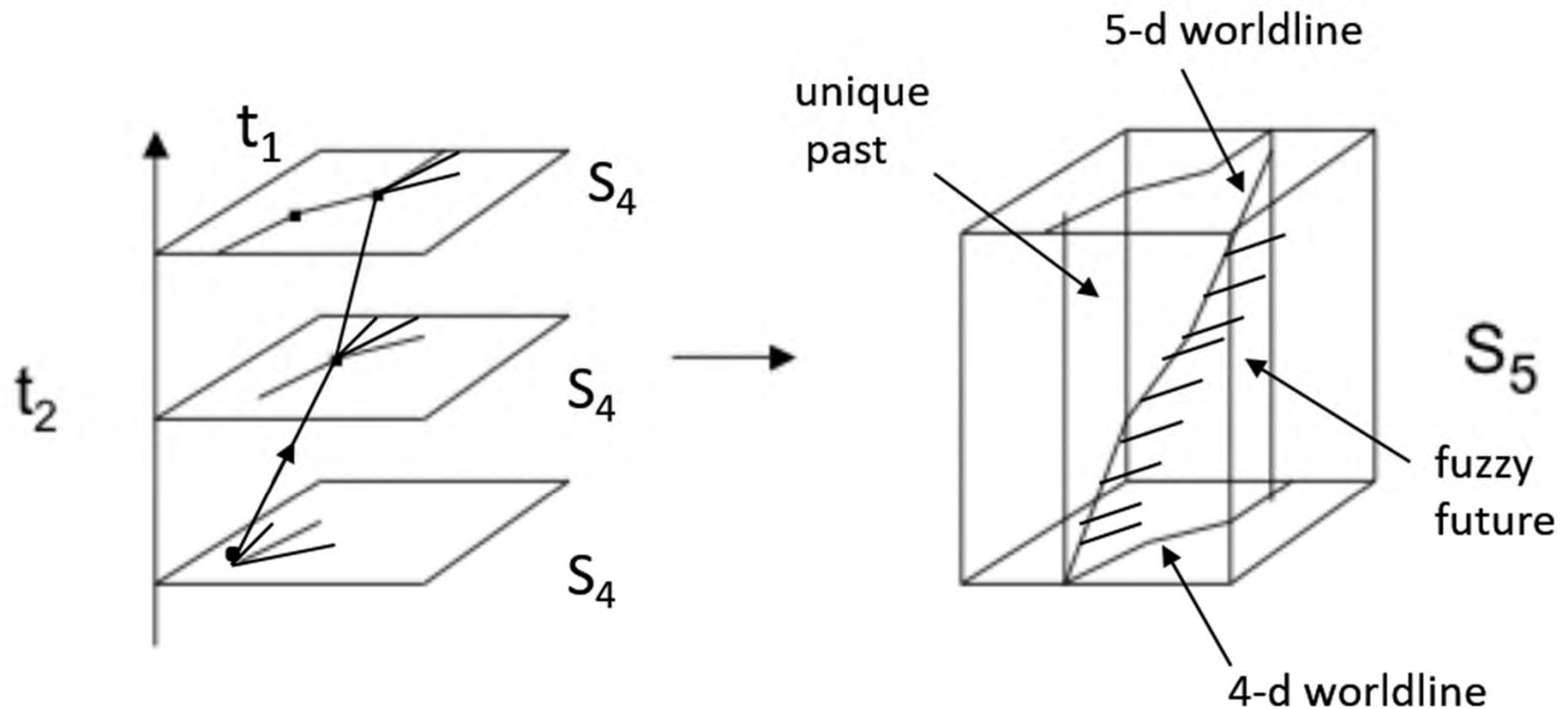
The force of a 'gestalt' or action of uniqueness projecting from a deeper 'noumenal' space





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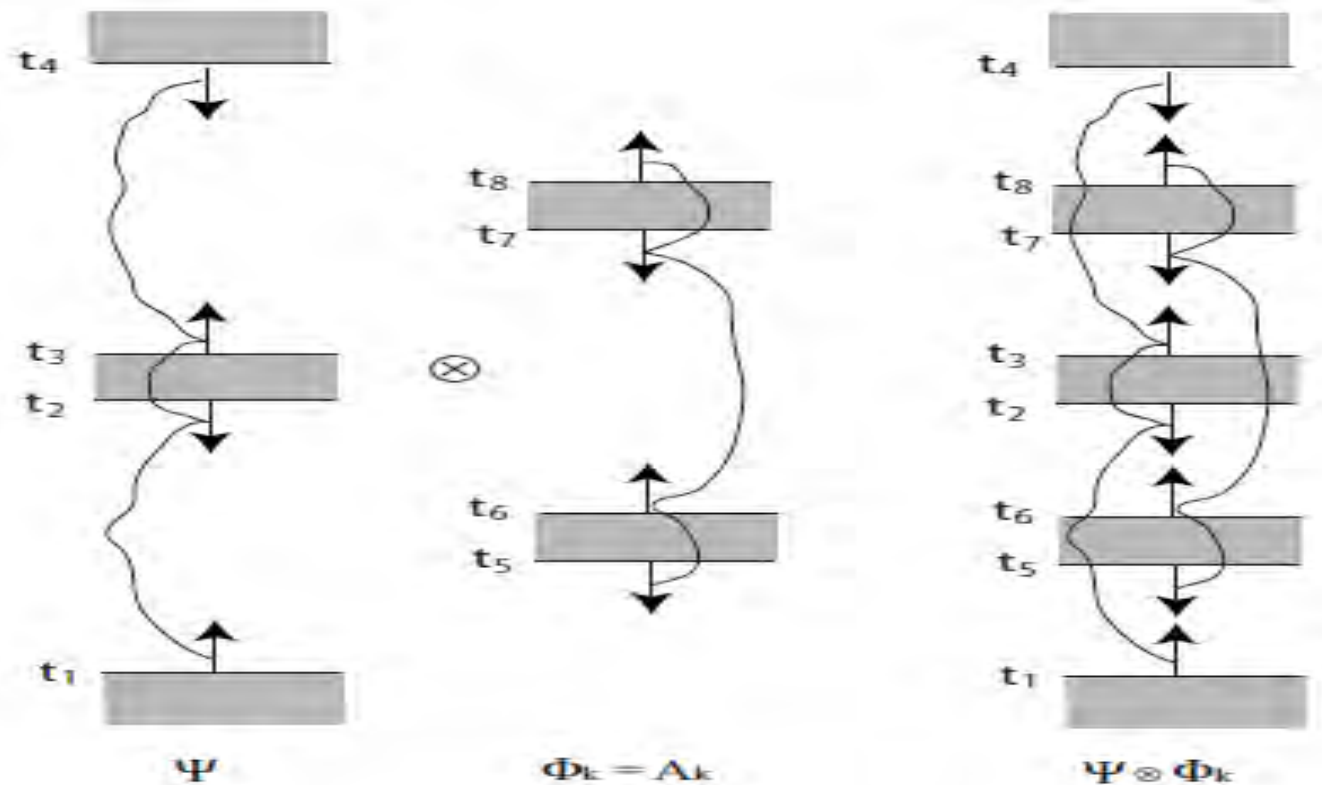
Becoming time: Kairos, 5th dimension



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Open questions: we need completely new science to understand how free-will functions in gestalt-space



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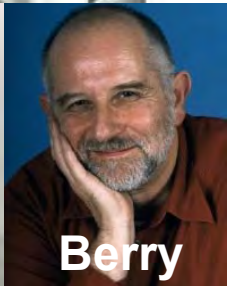
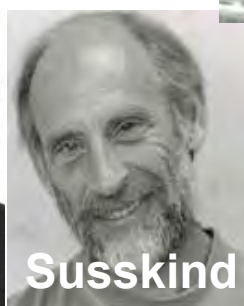
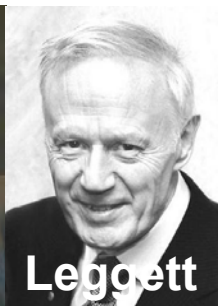
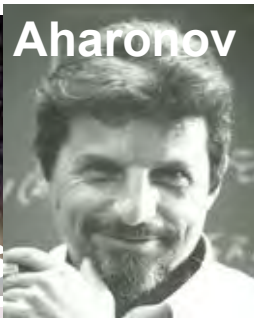


Conclusions

- if your only tool is a hammer, then you tend to treat everything as if it were a nail
- To grasp the world more fully by grasping it gently

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