

Quantum Analytical Mechanics:

What is it and what is it good for?

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	Classical analytical mechanics CAM	Quantum analytical mechanics QAM
model	differentiable paths on manifolds	continuous not differentiable paths on manifolds
Nelson 1966 kinematic and dynamic laws	$dx(t) = v(t)dt$ $ma(t) = F(t)$	$dx(t) = [v(x(t),t)+u(x(t),t)]dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}}dW_f(t)$ $dx(t) = [v(x(t),t)-u(x(t),t)]dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}}dW_b(t)$ $m\bar{a} = F$
Pavon 1995 Hamilton principle	$S[x] = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} m v(t)^2 - V(x,t) \right\} dt$	$J[x] = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} m [v(x(t),t) - iu(x(t),t)]^2 - V(x(t),t) \right\}$
Schrödinger / Madelung 1926 Hamilton - Jacobi - Bellmann equations	$\partial_t \rho(x,t) + \frac{1}{m} \nabla \cdot [\rho \nabla S(x,t)] = 0$ $v(x,t) = \frac{1}{m} \nabla S(x,t)$ $\partial_t S(x,t) + \frac{1}{2} m [\nabla S(x,t)]^2 + V(x,t) = 0$	$\partial_t \rho(x,t) + \frac{1}{m} \nabla \cdot [\rho \nabla S(x,t)] = 0$ $v(x,t) = \frac{1}{m} \nabla S(x,t)$ $\partial_t S(x,t) + \frac{1}{2} m [\nabla S(x,t)]^2 + V(x,t) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\Delta \sqrt{\rho}}{\sqrt{\rho}} = 0$
Köppe, Beyer, Grecksch, Paul 2017-2024 Hamilton equations	$dx(t) = \frac{p(t)}{m} dt$ $dp(t) = -\partial_x V(x) dt$	$dx(t) = \frac{p(t)}{m} dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}} dW_f(t)$ $dp(t) = -\partial_x V(x) dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}} q(x(t)) dW_b(t)$

E. Nelson, *On the derivation of the Schrödinger equation from Newtonian mechanics*, Phys. Rev. **150**, 1079 (1966)



The double well potential (ground state)

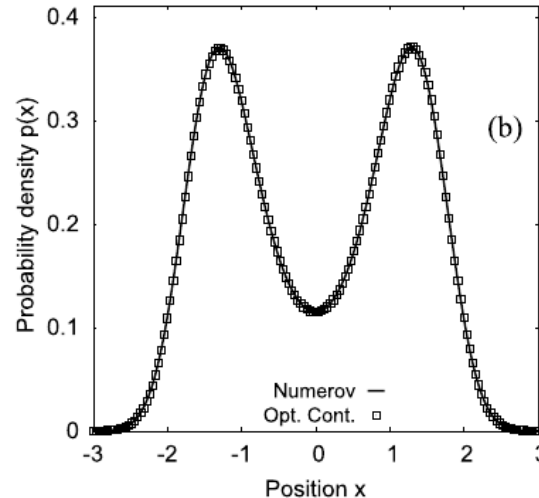
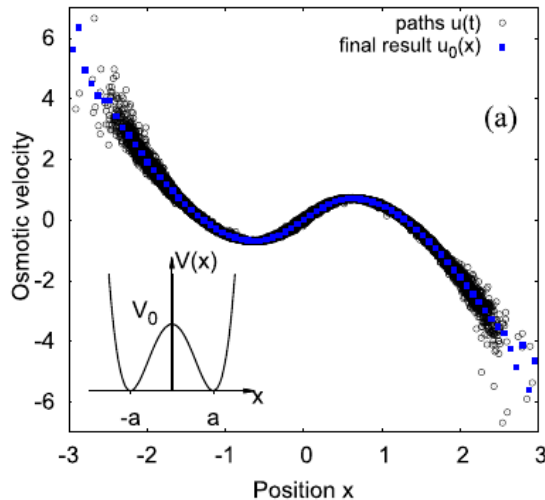
J. Köppe, M. Patzold, W. Grecksch, W. Paul, *Quantum Hamilton equations of motion for bound states of one-dimensional quantum systems*, J. Math. Phys. **59**, 062102 (2018)

Ground state

$$dx(t) = u(x(t))dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}} dW_f(t)$$

$$du(x(t)) = -\frac{1}{m} \frac{dV}{dx} dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}} \partial_x u dW_b(t)$$

$$V(x) = V_0 \left[\left(\frac{x}{a} \right)^2 - 1 \right]^2$$



Determine $u(x)$ iteratively
and from that the probability
density $\rho(x)$

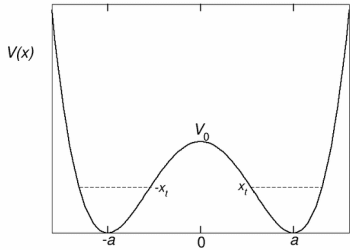
$$\rho(x) = |\psi|^2 = \exp \left\{ \frac{2m}{\hbar} \int^x u(x') dx' \right\}$$



Tunneling – a Kramers problem

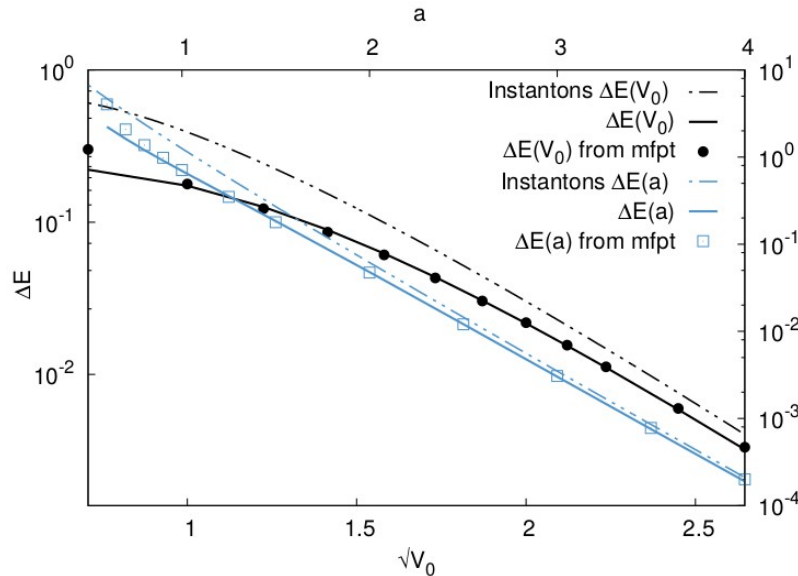
Itô SDE $dx(t) = u(x,t)dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m}}dW_f(t)$

Focker-Planck equation $\partial_t \rho(x,t) = -\partial_x(u(x,t)\rho(x,t)) + \frac{\hbar}{2m}\partial_x^2 \rho(x,t)$



$$\tau_{MFPT} = \frac{2m}{\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{-x_t} \tilde{\rho}_0(x) \int_x^{x_t} \frac{1}{\rho_0(x')} \int_{-\infty}^{x'} \rho_0(x'') dx'' dx' dx$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{2\hbar}{\tau_{MFPT}}$$



Instanton-Gas

$$\Delta E = \frac{2^{17/4} V_0^{1/4}}{\sqrt{\pi a}} \exp\left(-\frac{2^{5/2}}{3} \sqrt{V_0} a\right)$$

A. I. Vainshtein et al., *ABC of instantons*, Phys.-Usp. **25**, 195 (1982)



The Kepler problem, aka, the hydrogen atom

M. Beyer, M. Patzold, W. Grecksch, W. Paul, *Quantum Hamilton Equations for Multidimensional Systems*, J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. **52** 165301 (2019)

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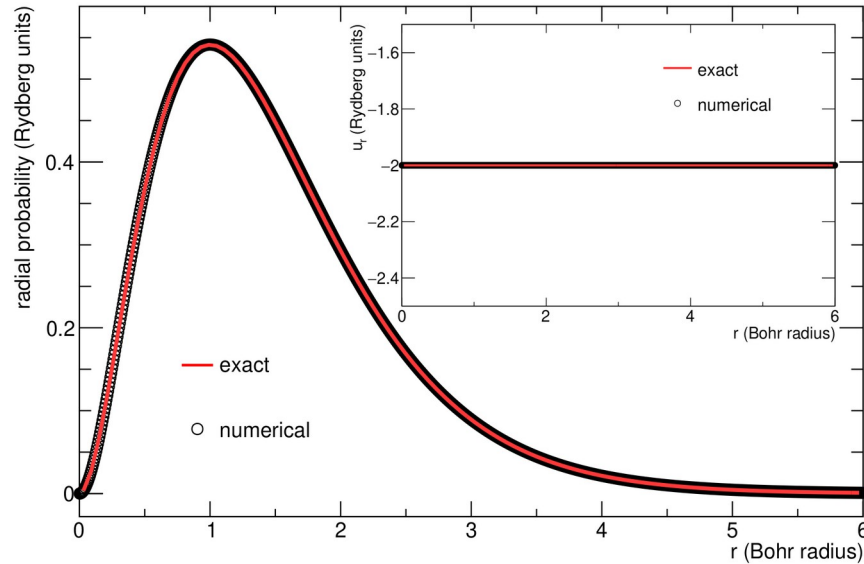
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Equations of motion for the radial coordinate in s-state:

$$dr = \left(\vec{u} \cdot \hat{r} + \frac{\hbar}{\mu r} \right) dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{\mu}} dw_r \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{The H-atom is stable!}$$
$$\mu du_r = \left[-\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} + \frac{\hbar \vec{u} \cdot \hat{r}}{\mu r^2} \right] dt + [Q \cdot d\vec{W}_b]_r$$

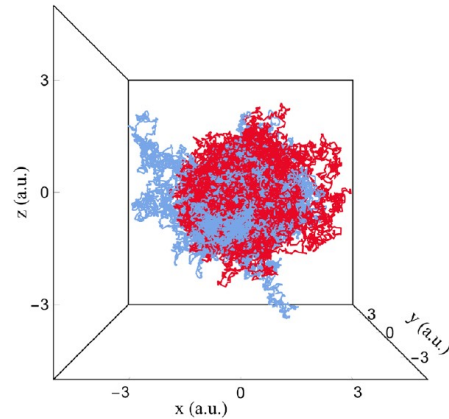


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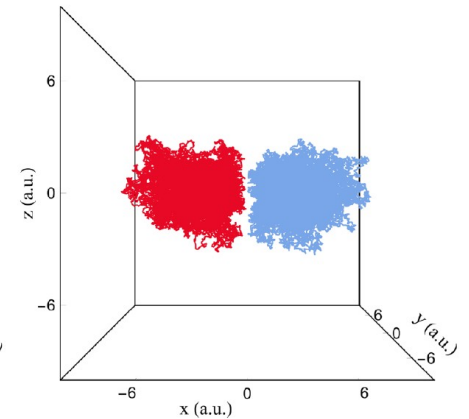


Osmotic velocity and probability density in the H ground state.

Using a SUSY factorization and Cartesian coordinates for the excited states.



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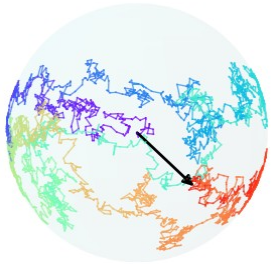


$2p_x$

Spin as an orientation degree of freedom of a particle

Configuration manifold $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \text{SO}(3)$: $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ $\vartheta \in [0, \pi]$, $\varphi \in [-\pi, \pi]$, $\chi \in [-\pi, \pi]$ Euler angles

ϑ and φ define the orientation of the magnetic moment in space, which defines the z-axis of the body reference frame, χ is the body rotation around that axis.
Riemannian metric of $\text{SO}(3)$:



$$g_{ij}(\vartheta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \cos \vartheta \\ 0 & \cos \vartheta & 0 \end{pmatrix} \implies g^{ij}(\vartheta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta} & -\frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \\ 0 & -\frac{\cos \vartheta}{\sin^2 \vartheta} & \frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta} \end{pmatrix}$$

The SDEs for the Euler angles therefore are (including the curvature effects)

$$\begin{aligned} d\vartheta &= \left[\omega_v^\vartheta \pm \omega_u^\vartheta \mp \frac{\sigma_I^2}{2} \cot \vartheta \right] dt + h_j^\vartheta dW_\pm^j \\ d\varphi &= \left[\omega_v^\varphi \pm \omega_u^\varphi \right] dt + h_j^\varphi dW_\pm^j \\ d\chi &= \left[\omega_v^\chi \pm \omega_u^\chi \right] dt + h_j^\chi dW_\pm^j \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{with} \quad h_j^i = (h^\vartheta h^\varphi h^\chi) = \sigma_I \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\cot \vartheta \sin \varphi & \frac{\sin \varphi}{\sin \vartheta} \\ \sin \varphi & \cot \vartheta \cos \varphi & -\frac{\cos \varphi}{\cos \vartheta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\text{and} \quad \sigma_I = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{I_m}} \end{aligned}$$

G. E. Uhlenbeck, S. Goudsmit, *Nature* **117**, 264 (1926); F. Bopp, R. Haag, *Z. Naturforsch.* **5A**, 644, (1950)
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Dynamics of the spin components

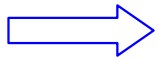
$$dS_{\vartheta} = \left[\partial_{\vartheta} V_{\text{eff}}(\vartheta, S_{\varphi}, S_{\chi}) + \frac{\gamma}{\sin^2 \vartheta} (S_{\varphi} - \cos \vartheta S_{\chi}) (B_x \cos \varphi - B_y \sin \varphi) + i \frac{\hbar S_{\vartheta}}{2 I_m \sin^2 \vartheta} \right] dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{I_m}} \tilde{\Pi}_{\vartheta j} dW_{-}^j$$

$$dS_{\varphi} = \gamma [\vec{B} \times \vec{S}]_z dt + \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{I_m}} \tilde{\Pi}_{\varphi j} dW_{-}^j$$

$$dS_{\chi} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{I_m}} \tilde{\Pi}_{\chi j} dW_{-}^j$$

With the effective rotation potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\vartheta, S_{\varphi}, S_{\chi}) = \frac{1}{2 I_m \sin^2 \vartheta} (S_{\varphi}^2 + S_{\chi}^2 - 2 \cos \vartheta S_{\varphi} S_{\chi})$$



- The expectation value of the canonical angular momentum for rotation around the body fixed axis S_{χ} is constant.
- Let the magnetic field define the z-axis: then the expectation value for the angular momentum for rotation around that axis S_{φ} (precession) is constant.
- The nutation motion S_{ϑ} is complex.



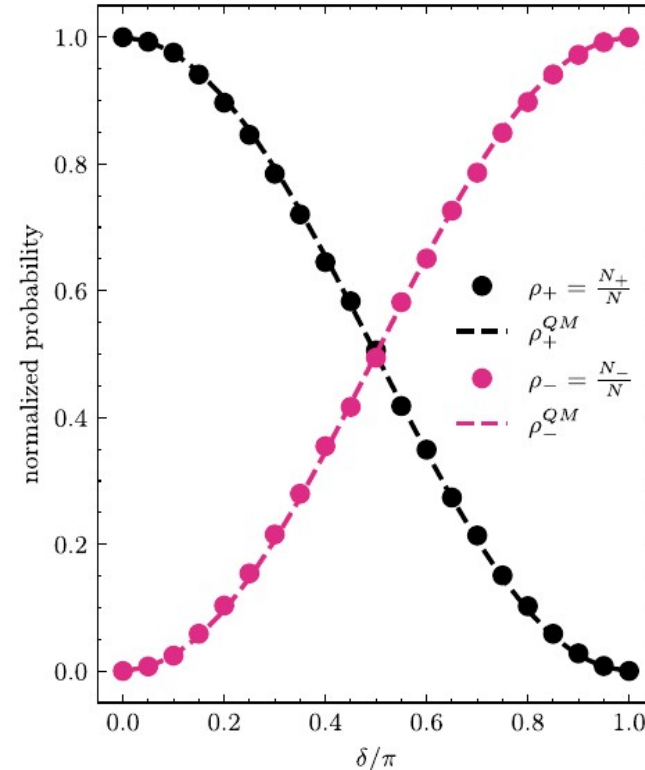
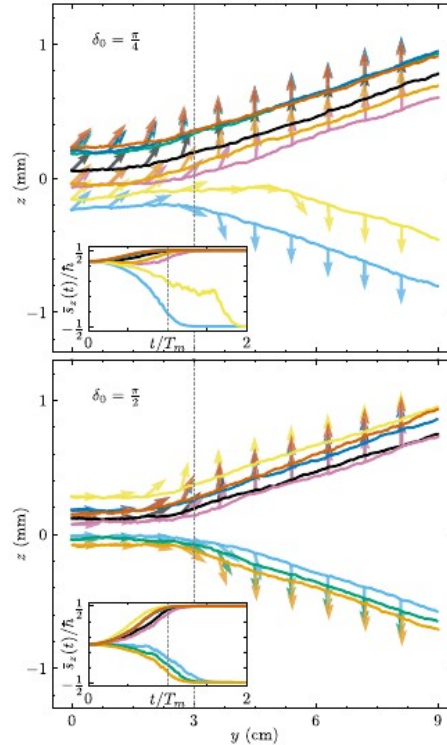
Stern-Gerlach Experiment

Consecutive SG experiments with angle δ between them: polarized beams

10^6 paths for each setting

$$\tau_{\text{rot}} = \frac{ma^2}{\hbar} \ll \tau_{\text{trans}} = \frac{m(\Delta x)^2}{\hbar}$$

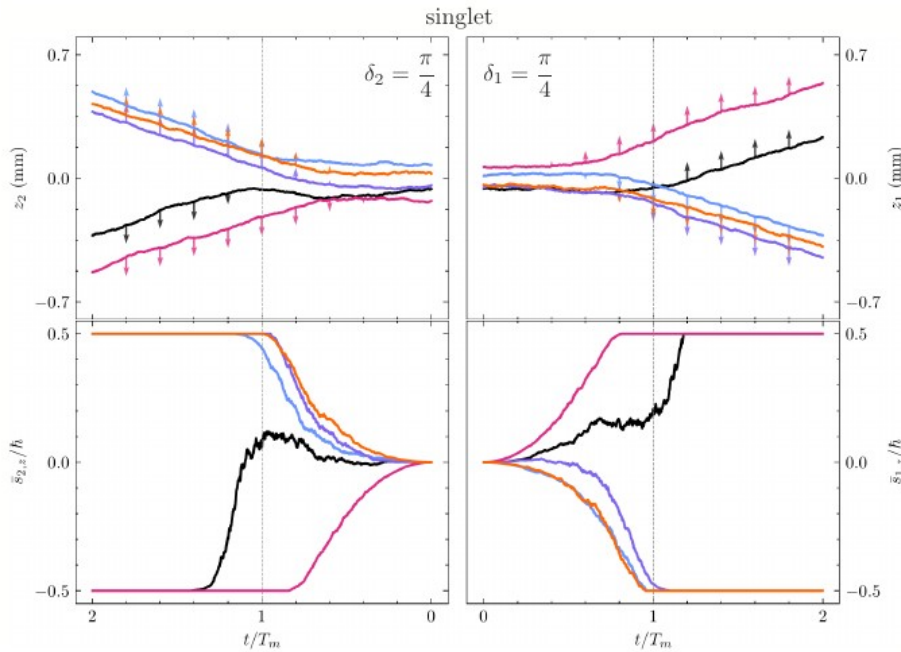
Dashed lines are predictions from the Pauli equation



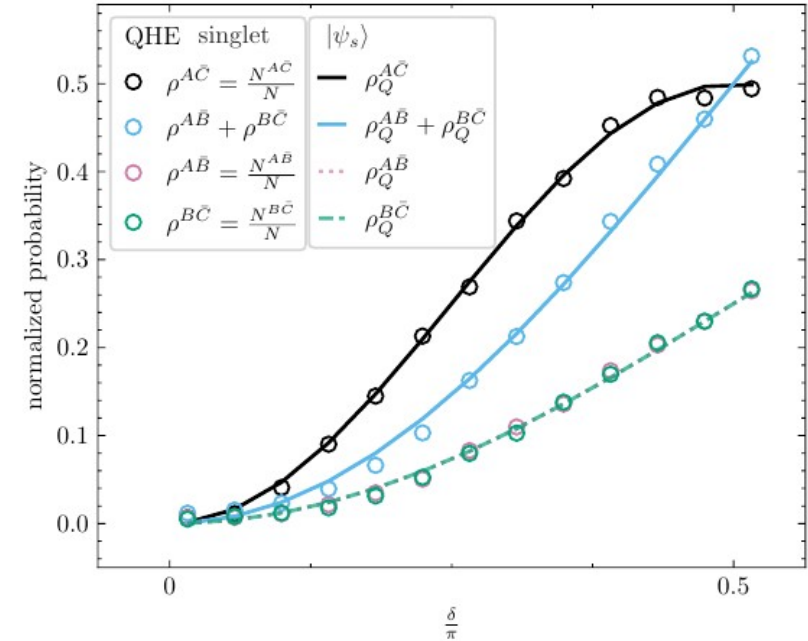
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Bell inequalities and EPRB thought experiment



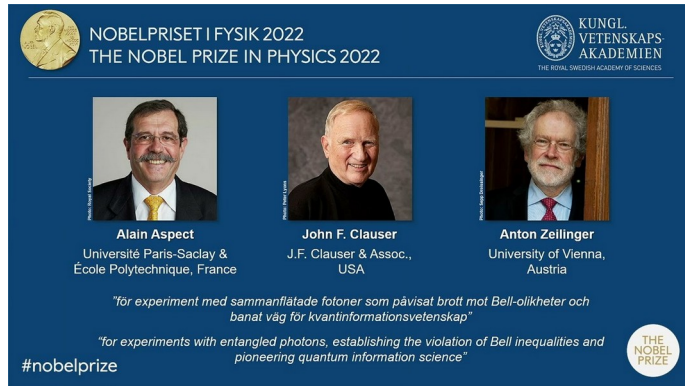
Simultaneous paths of singlet spins in two separated SG setups



Violation of Bell inequality for $\delta < \pi/2$ as predicted for the singlet state

Bell inequalities and EPRB thought experiment

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From the citation of the nobel committee

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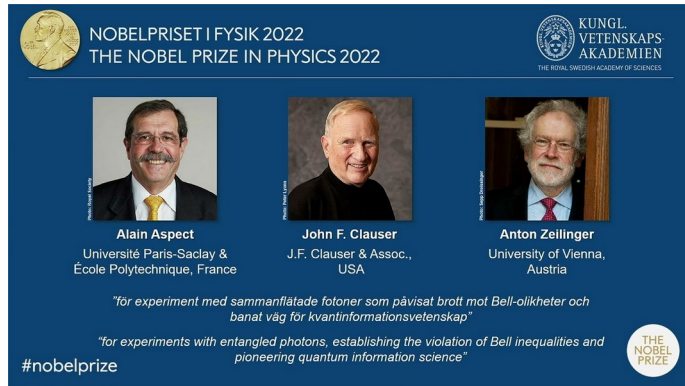
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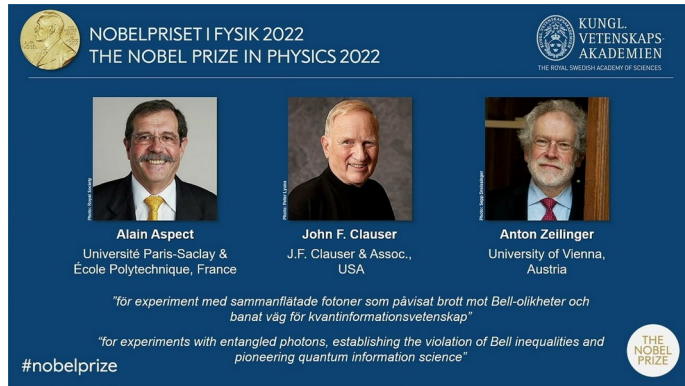
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Contrary to what the Nobel committee formulates, Bell's theorem states that QM correlations can not be reproduced by a **Bell-separable (local) hidden variable theory.**

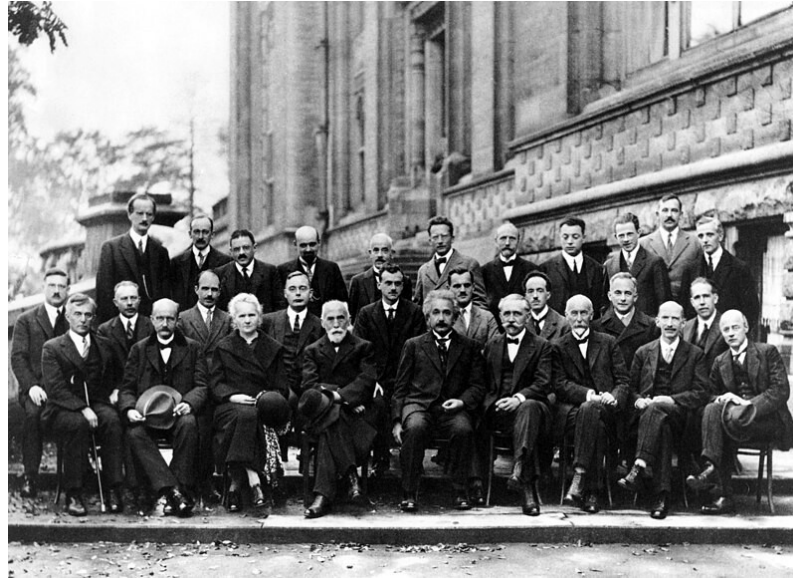
Our description contains non-separable probability distributions due to angular momentum conservation.



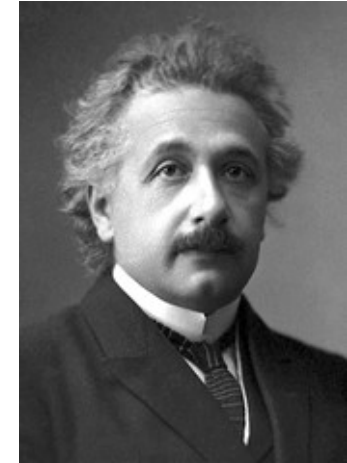
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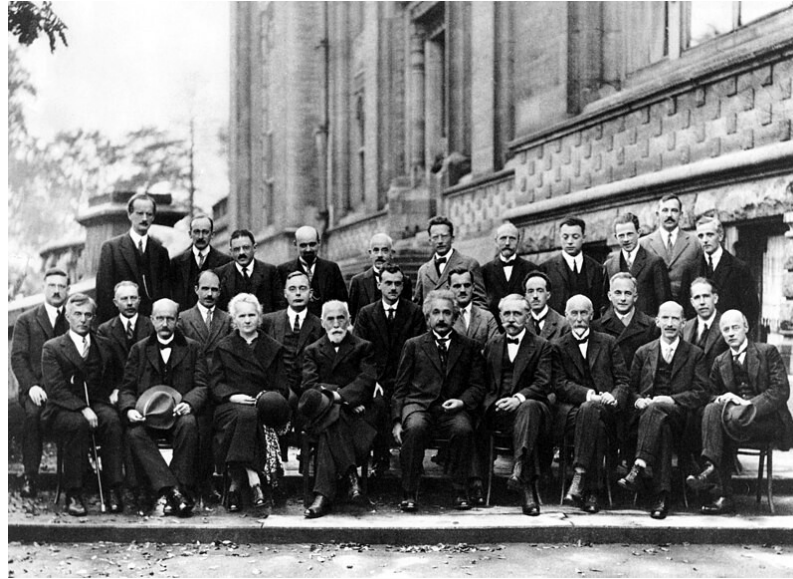
Albert Einstein



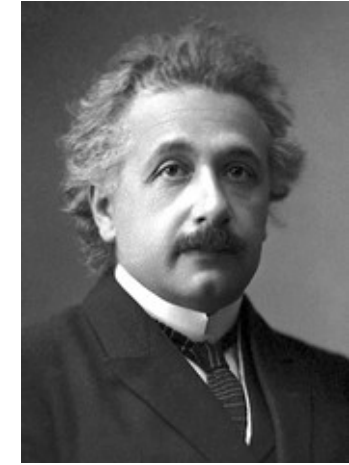
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QAM: Yes, that of an open system; individual paths are accessible; duration of a process is an observable, the use of hidden variables removes the measurement problem ...



Statement by Roger Penrose



The one thing that one can say against quantum mechanics is that it makes absolutely no sense.

