

Title: Foundations and Interpretation of Quantum Theory - Lecture 16

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Abstract:

The Many-Worlds Interpretation

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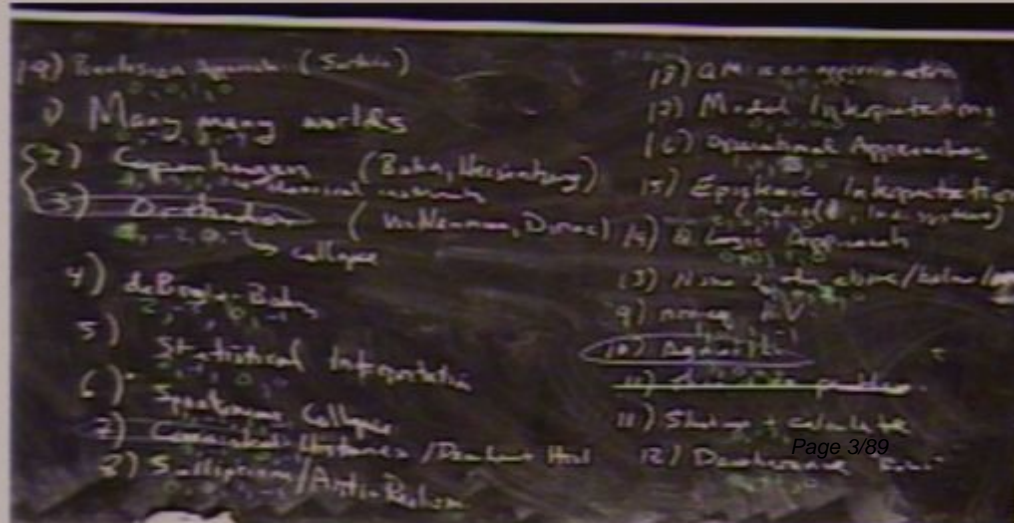
Foundations and Interpretation of Quantum Theory (Winter 2010)

Interpretation	Students For	Students Against	Student Total	Researchers For	Researchers Against	Researcher Total	Overall Total
Copenhagen and/or Orthodox	4	-5	-1	1	-1	0	-1
Broglie-Bohm (and extensions)	3	-3	0	1	-2	-1	-1
Many Worlds (and coherence)	1	-6	-5	1	-3	-2	-7 ?!
Statistical/Epistemic Interpretation	4	-1	3	1	0	1	4
Dynamical Collapse Approaches	1	-2	-1	1	0	1	0
Consistent/Decoherence Histories	3	-1	2	0	-1	-1	1
Pragmatists and Operationalists	4	0	4	3	0	3	7
Quantum Mechanics in Approximation	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
"Shut up and calculate!"	0	-3	-3	0	0	0	-3
Pluralism	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1
None of the Above (her)	1	0	1	3	0	3	4

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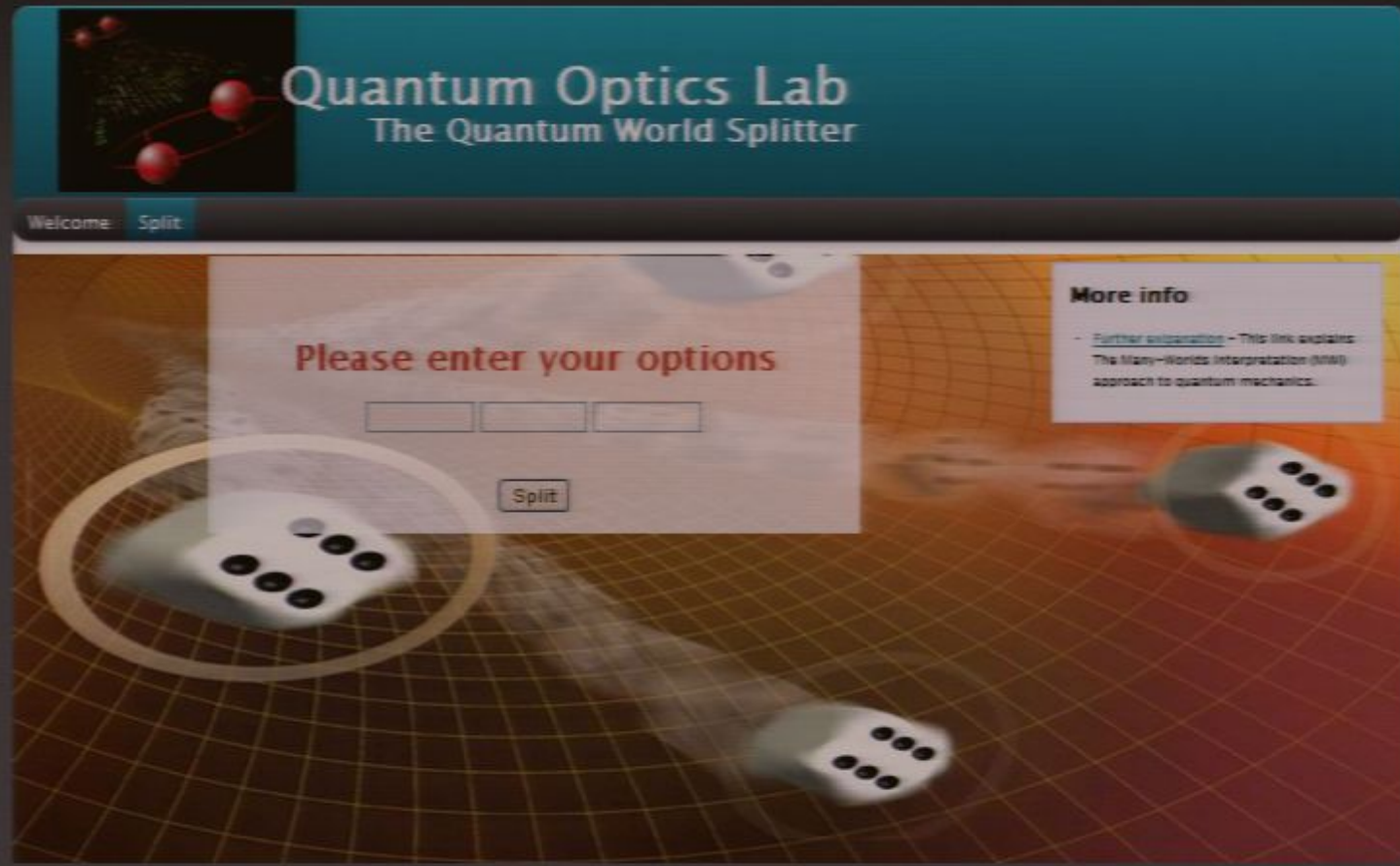
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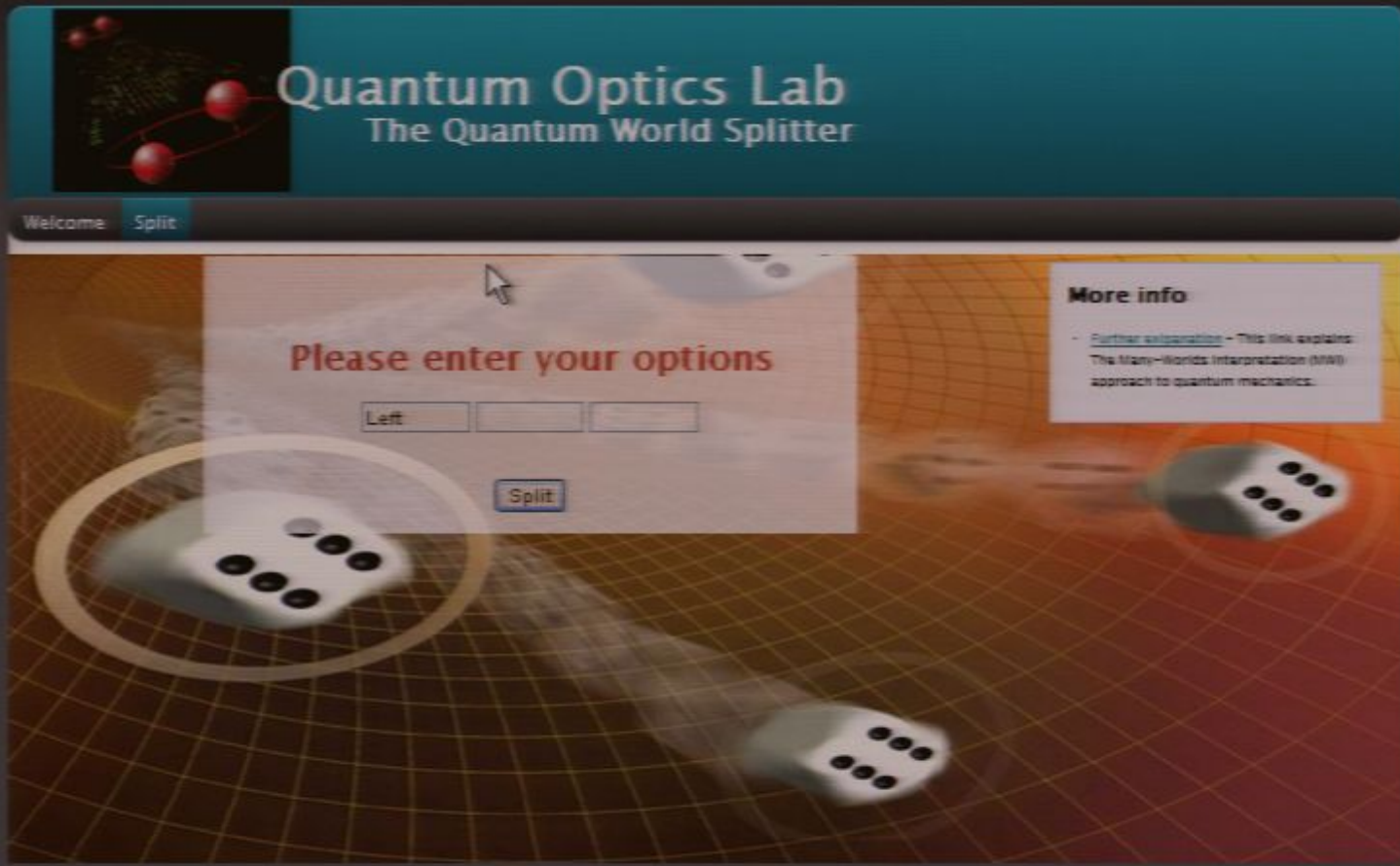
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Split

More info

- [Further exploration](#) - This link explains The Many-Worlds Interpretation (MWI) approach to quantum mechanics.

The interface features a teal header with a molecular model, a navigation bar with 'Welcome' and 'Split' tabs, a central interactive area with a grid background and dice, and a 'More info' sidebar.



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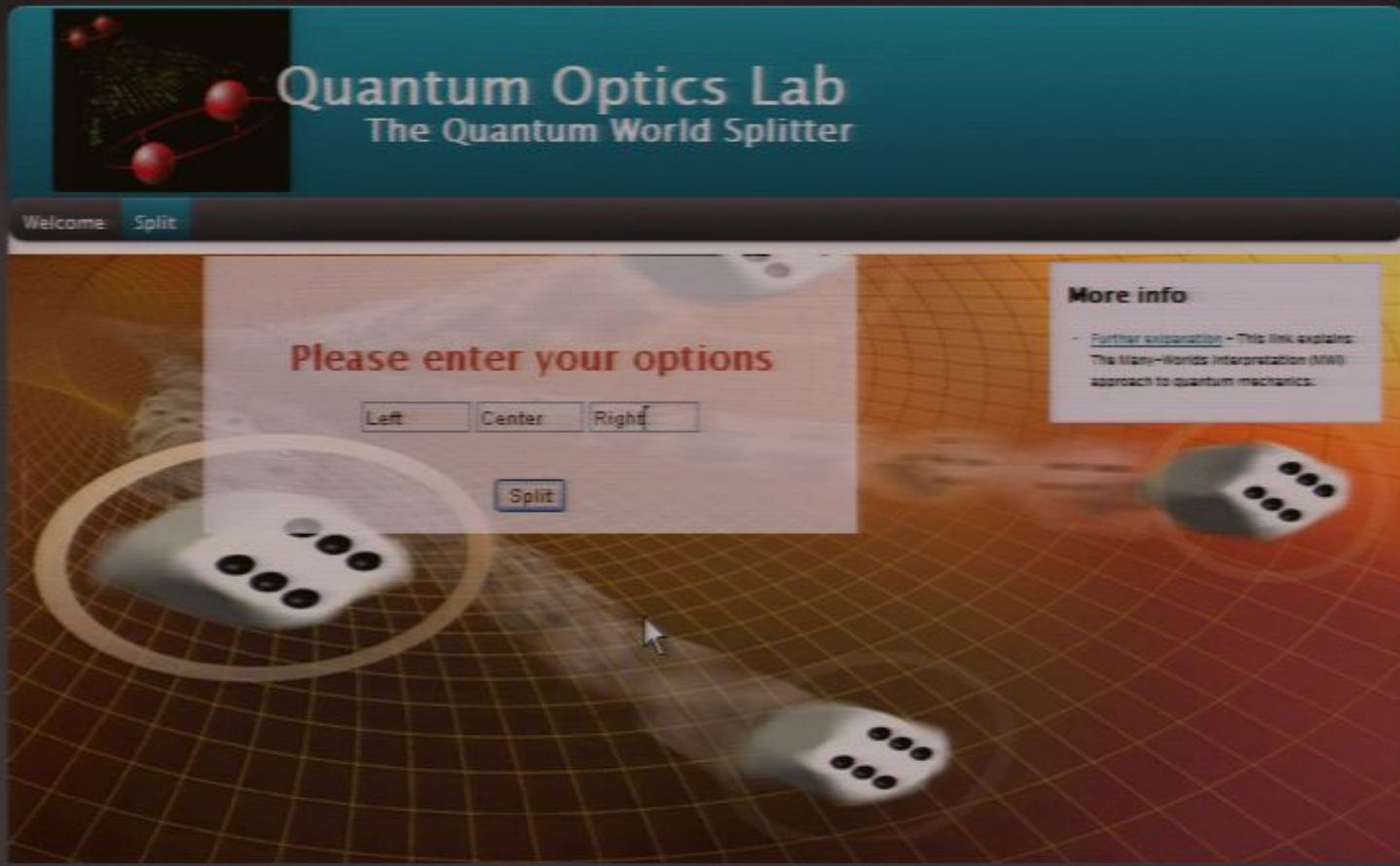
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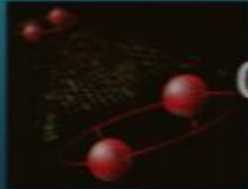
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The interface features a 3D visualization of a quantum state on a grid. A central die is highlighted with a yellow circle, and two other dice are shown in the background. A mouse cursor is positioned over the 'Split' button.



Quantum Optics Lab The Quantum World Splitter

Welcome Split



You are in Center World

[Click here to for additional splitting](#)

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Really, none!

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"Of course the main goal of science is to predict and control phenomena... But we also want to understand how Nature works."

-Joseph Emerson, Lecture I

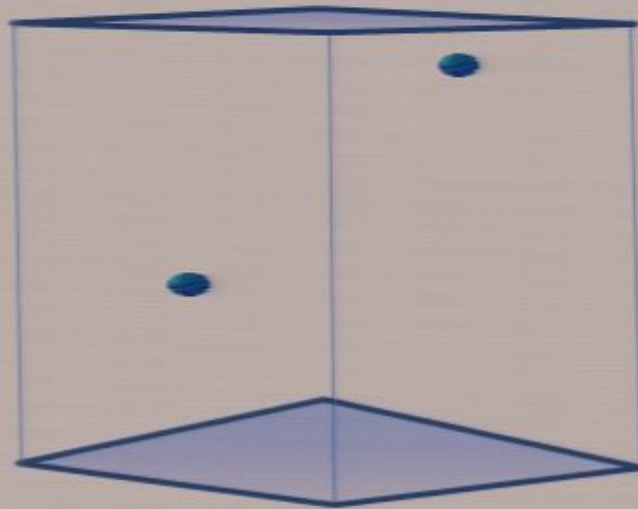
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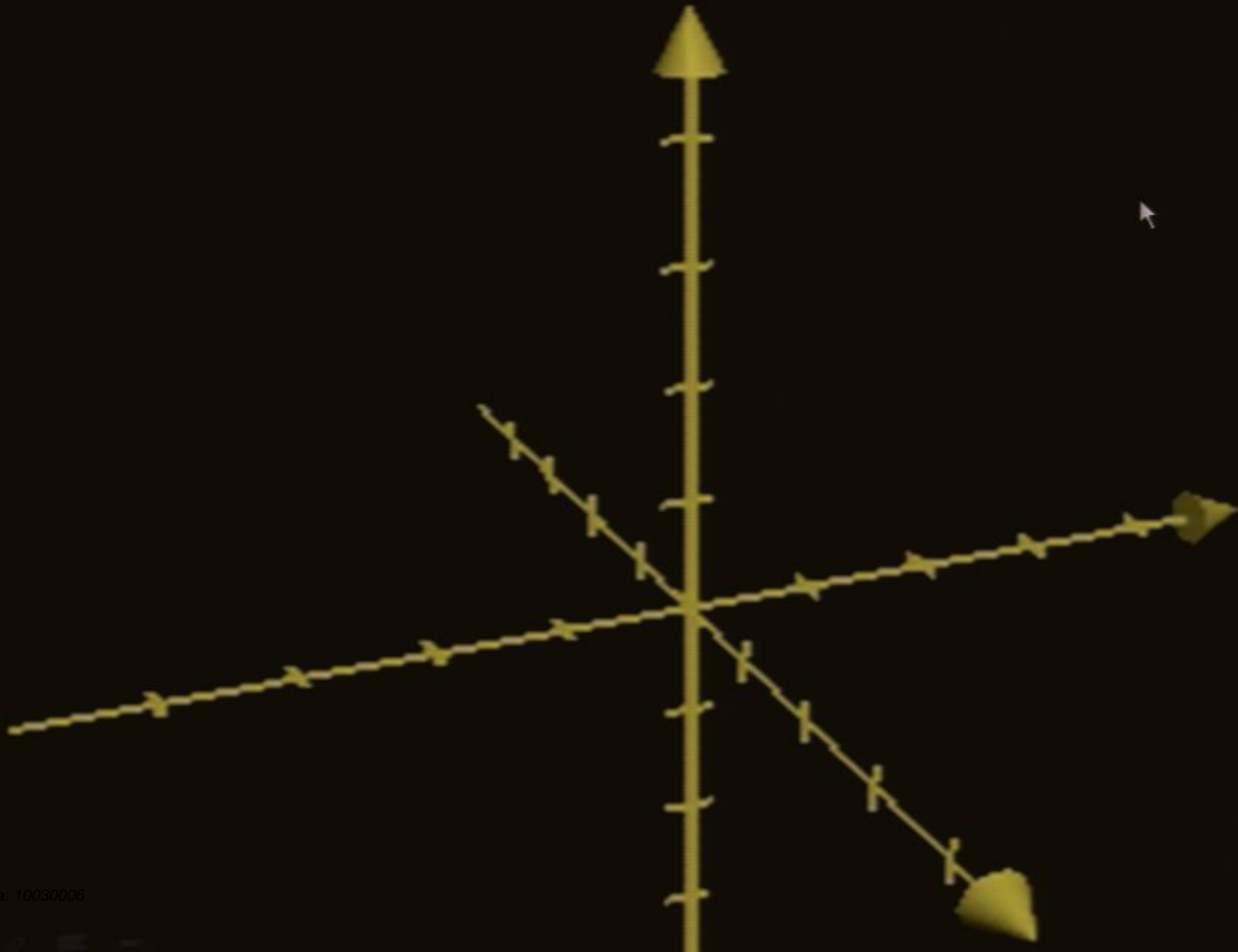
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Space is taken for granted



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All is $|\Psi\rangle + \text{Collapse}$



randomness



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All is $|\Psi\rangle$ + Collapse



randomness



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random event

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by definition

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randomness
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A

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because P_A was not definite before

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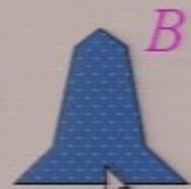


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Measurements do not have (single) outcomes

Bell:

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PROPER MIXTURE DOES NOT EXIST

All is $\Psi(r, t)$

evolving according to relativistic
generalization of the Schrodinger equation

NO COLLAPSE!

All is a single Universe

$$\Psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_N, t)$$

A CENTURY AGO:

All is particles

evolving according to Newton's equations

$$\left(\vec{r}_1(t), \vec{r}_2(t), \dots, \vec{r}_N(t) \right)$$

Laplacian determinism

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The Many Worlds Interpretation

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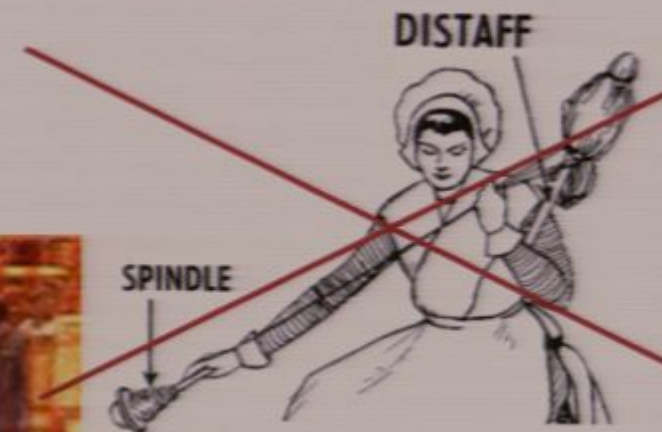
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ψ_i^{OBJECT}

is a Localized Wave Packet for a period of time

A tale of a single world universe

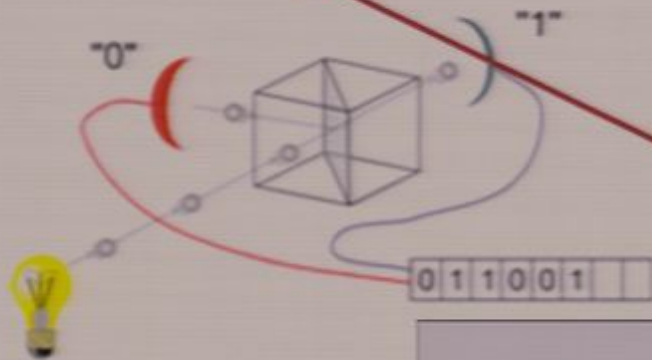
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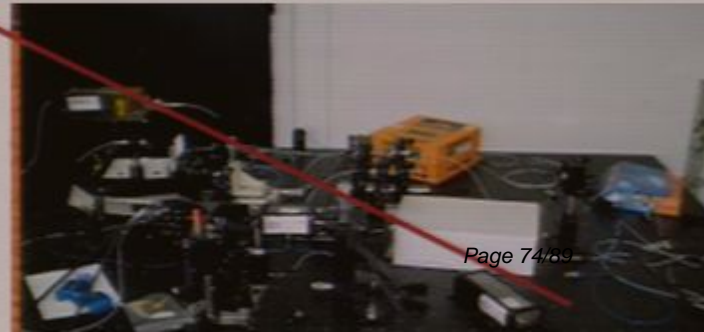
The king forbade performing quantum measurements, or the possession of quantum devices, upon pain of death, throughout the kingdom

Quantum Random Bit Generator Service



- Photomultipliers
- Geiger counters
- Stern Gerlach devices
- Beam splitters
- Down conversion crystals
- Quantum dots
- Quantum tunneling

The Quantum World Splitter



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experience



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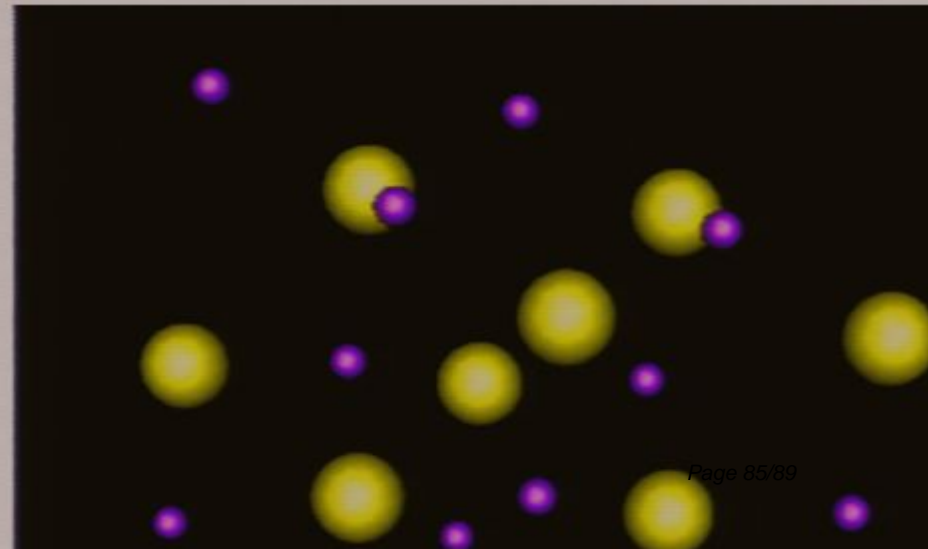
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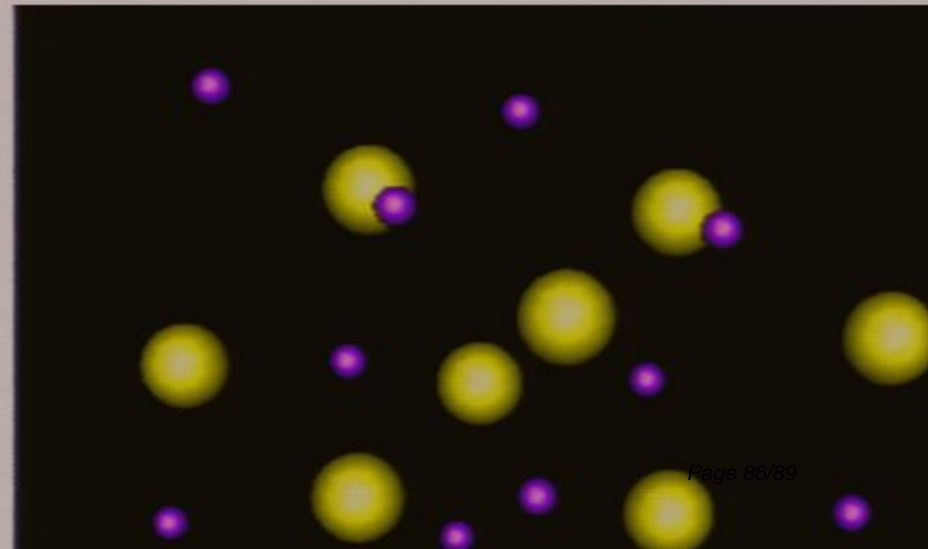
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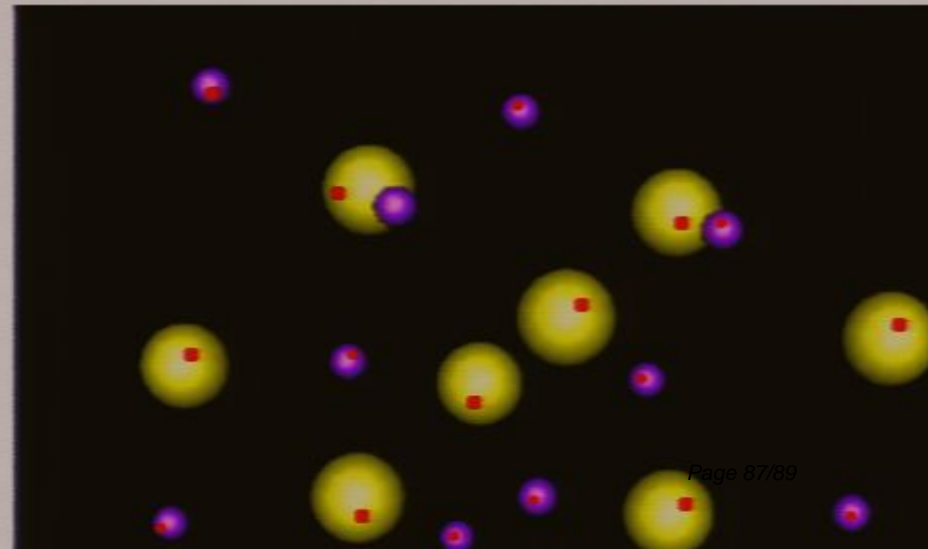


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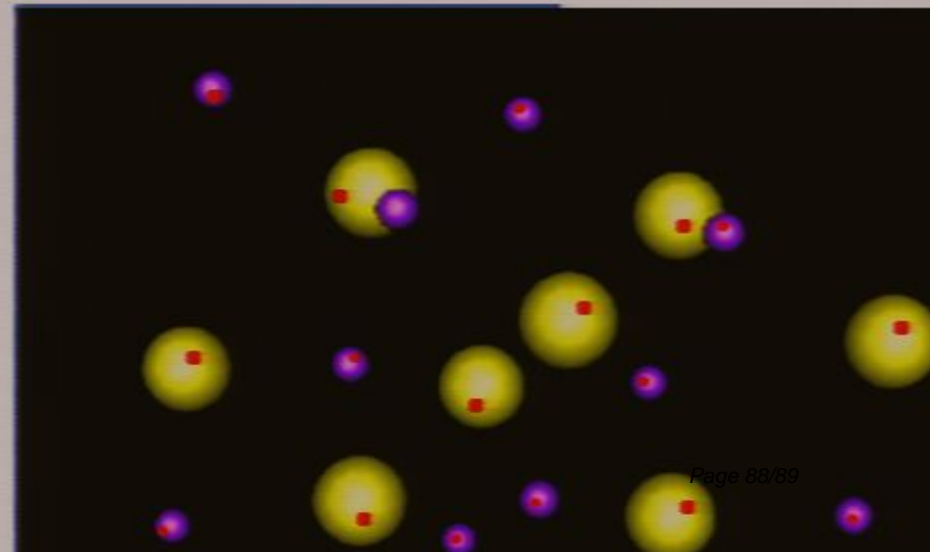
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