

Title: How far can you stretch classical mechanics?

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Abstract: Classical and quantum theories are very different, but the gap between them may look narrow particularly if the notion of classicality is broadened. For example, if we do not impose all the classical assumptions at the same time, hidden variable theories reproduce the results of quantum mechanics. If a quantum system is restricted to Gaussian states, evolution and measurements, then classical phase space mechanics with a finite resolution fully reproduces its behavior.

We discuss two examples of such extensions. In a version of the delayed-choice experiment we allow an otherwise classical system to exhibit two types of behavior ("P" or "W"), requiring, however, objectivity: the system is at any moment either "P" or "W", but not both. It turns out that the three conditions of objectivity, determinism, and independence of hidden variables are incompatible with any theory, not only with quantum mechanics. We then consider two harmonic oscillators with a Gaussian interaction between them. If one is treated as quantum and one is described by a classical theory with a finite phase space resolution, no consistent description of this interaction is possible. The lesson is that it is hard to be a little bit quantum: it is either pointless or quantumness takes over altogether.

OUTLINE

Part 1: Gaussian QM: nearly classical, but...

Part 2: Three classical assumptions: self-contradictory

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PART 1

A story of two oscillators

Hilbert space classical mechanics

Epirestriction

Interactions

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Price: unobservable shift generators

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CLASSICAL MECHANICS in Hilbert space

- Equivalent to the usual Hamiltonian/Liouvillian dynamics
- Heisenberg picture for the operators
- Tensor products
- Entanglement
- Measurement formalism; usharp measurements
- Useful in ergodic theory

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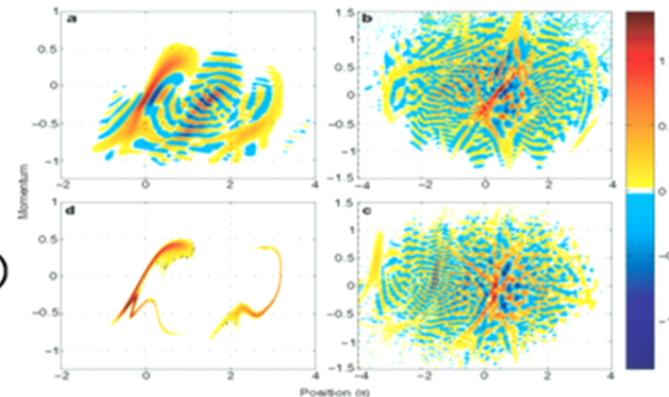
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Chaotic example
Zurek, Nature **412**, 712 (2001)



GAUSSIAN STATES

Units/conventions

For each mode

$$l = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_q}}; \quad l_p = \frac{\hbar}{l} = \sqrt{\hbar m \omega_q}, \quad q \rightarrow q/l, p \rightarrow p/l_p$$

Creation/annihilation operators

$$\hat{q}_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_k + \hat{a}_k^\dagger), \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{p}_k = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{2}} (\hat{a}_k - \hat{a}_k^\dagger)$$

Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \sum_k \frac{1}{2} \hbar \omega_k (\hat{p}_k^2 + \hat{q}_k^2) = \sum_k \hbar \omega_k (a_k^\dagger a_k + \frac{1}{2})$$

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Correlation matrix

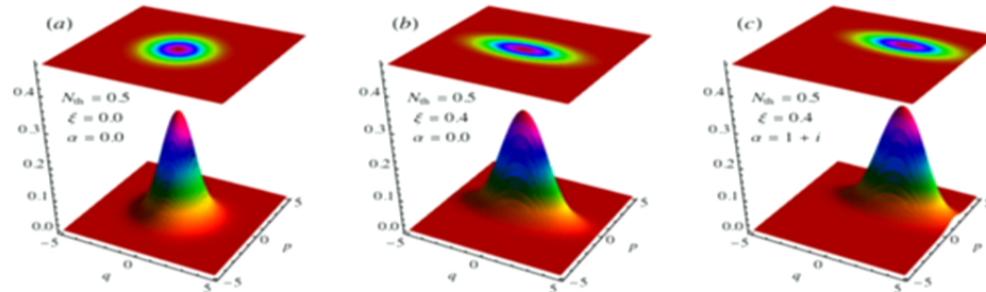
$$\sigma_{kl} := \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \{\hat{Z}_k, \hat{Z}_l\} \right\rangle - \left\langle \hat{Z}_k \right\rangle \left\langle \hat{Z}_l \right\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \{\Delta \hat{Z}_k, \Delta \hat{Z}_l\} \right\rangle$$

constraint

$$\sigma + \frac{i}{2}\Omega \geq 0$$

Definition

$$W(X) = \frac{\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(X - \langle \hat{Z} \rangle \right)^T \sigma^{-1} \left(X - \langle \hat{Z} \rangle \right) \right]}{\pi^n \sqrt{\det \sigma}}$$



Vaccum
Thermal
Coherent
Squeezed

S. Olivares, Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics **203**, 3 (2012)

MACQUARADE

Gaussian interaction

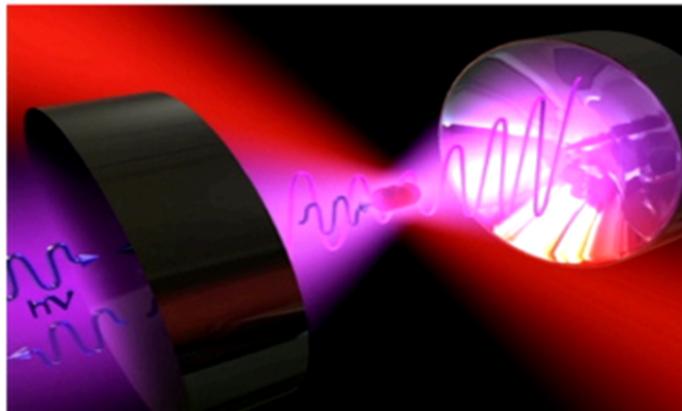
$$H = \sum_{k=1}^n g_k^{(1)} \hat{a}_k^\dagger + \sum_{k \geq l=1}^n g_{kl}^{(2)} \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_l + \sum_{k,l=1}^n g_{kl}^{(3)} \hat{a}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_l^\dagger + h.c.$$

Appearance

Gaussian states+Gaussian operators+Gaussian measurements are equivalent to the Koopmanian mechanics with finite phase space resolution [epirestricted]

Bartlett, Rudolph, Spekkens,
Phys. Rev. A, **86** 012103, (2012).

INTERACTION



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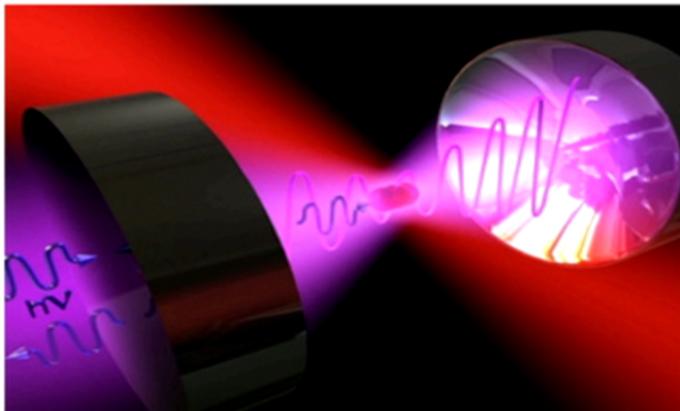
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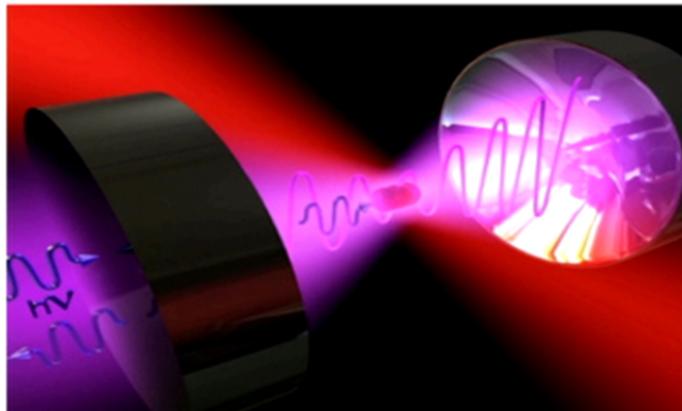
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Liouvillian

$$L = \omega_c (\hat{k}\hat{p}_x - \hat{x}\hat{p}_k)$$

$$= \frac{i\omega_c}{2} (b_k b_x^\dagger + b_x^\dagger b_k - b_k^\dagger b_x - b_x^\dagger b_k^\dagger) = i\omega_c (b_x^\dagger b_k - b_k^\dagger b_x)$$

INTERACTION

Interaction term

$$K = H_q + L + K_i$$

Interaction term: involves both classical and quantum operators

$$\begin{aligned} K_i &= i \left(\beta_{0x}^* ab_x - \beta_{0x} b_x^\dagger a^\dagger + \beta_{0k}^* ab_k - \beta_{0k} b_k^\dagger a^\dagger \right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left(\alpha_{0x} a^\dagger b_x + \alpha_{0x}^* b_x^\dagger a + \alpha_{0k} a^\dagger b_k + \alpha_{0k}^* b_k^\dagger a \right) \end{aligned}$$

EOM

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{q} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{x} \\ \dot{k} \\ \dot{p}_x \\ \dot{p}_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega_q & 2\alpha_x - \beta_x & 2\alpha_k - \beta_k & 0 & 0 \\ -\omega_q & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2\alpha_x + \beta_x & 2\alpha_k + \beta_k \\ -(2\alpha_x + \beta_x) & 0 & 0 & \omega_c & 0 & 0 \\ -(2\alpha_k + \beta_k) & 0 & -\omega_c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2\alpha_x + \beta_x & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_c \\ 0 & -2\alpha_k + \beta_k & 0 & 0 & -\omega_c & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q \\ p \\ x \\ k \\ p_x \\ p_k \end{pmatrix}$$

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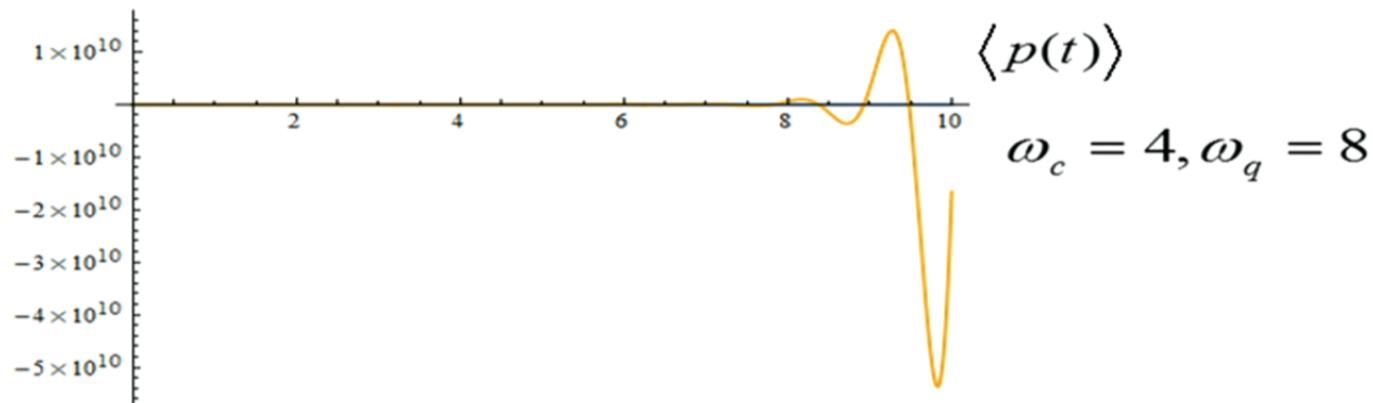
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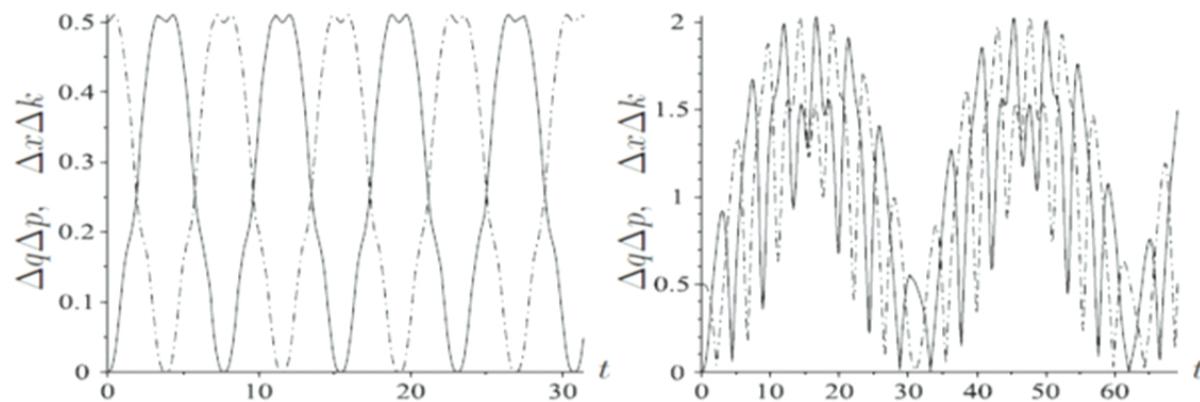
$$\dot{x} = \omega_c k$$

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No backreaction + possible resonances

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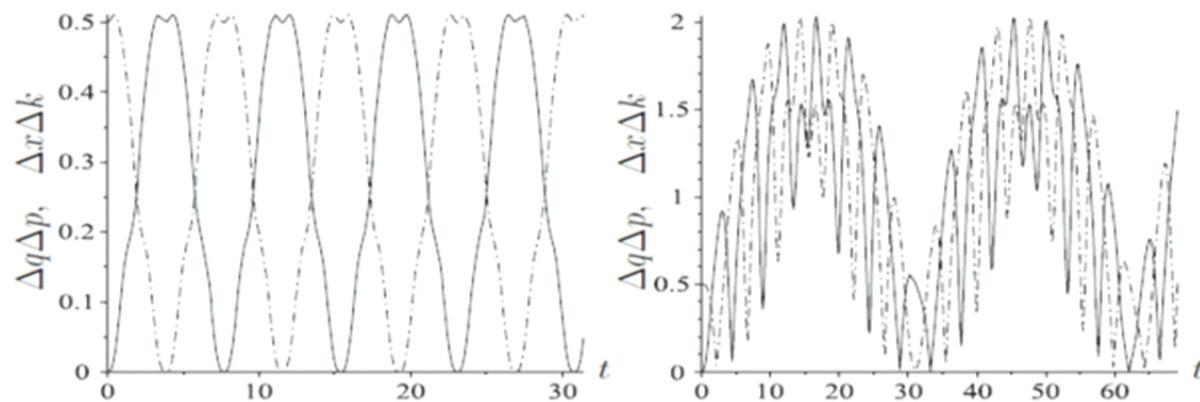
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PART 2

DELAYED CHOICE & CLASSICAL PARADOXES

A bit of history

Complementarity

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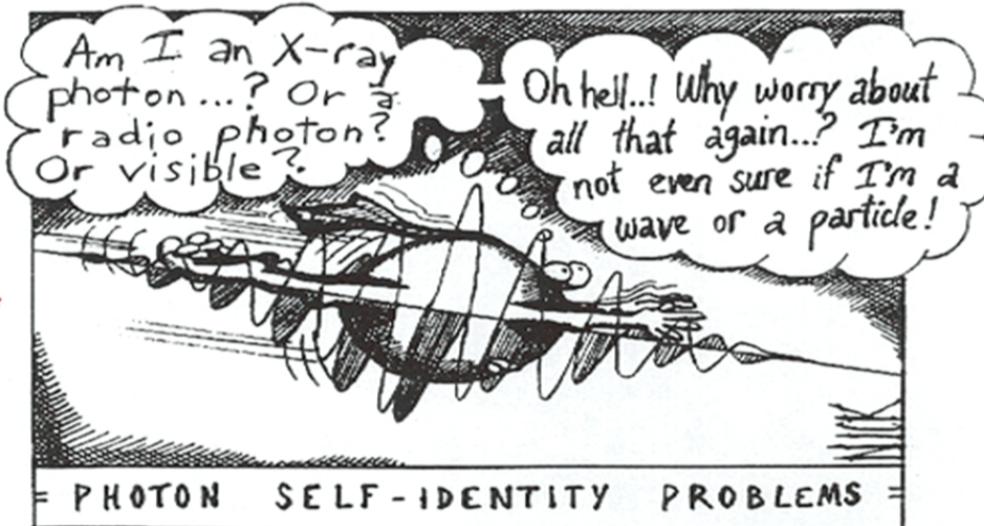
The use of HV

Quantum control

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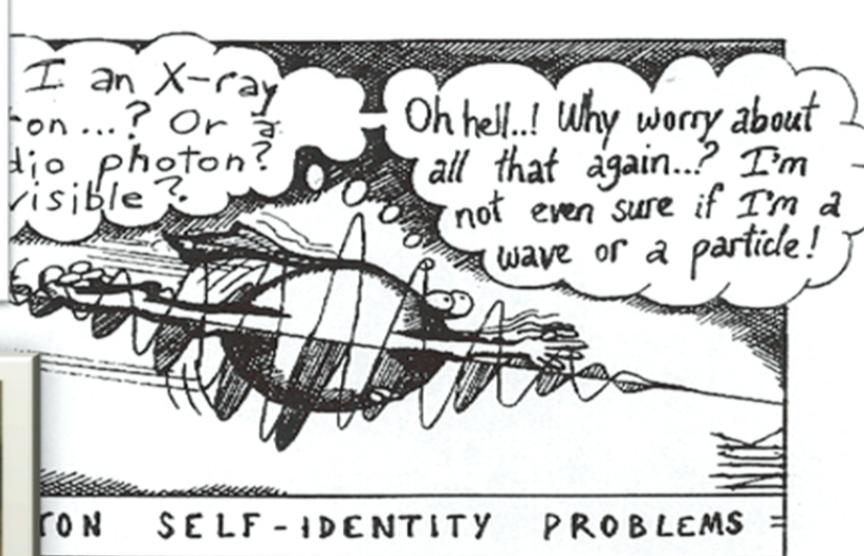
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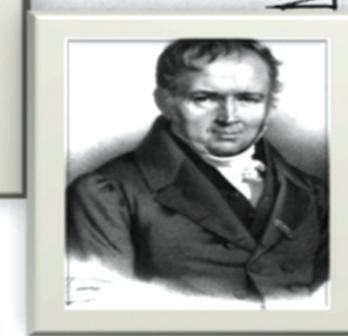
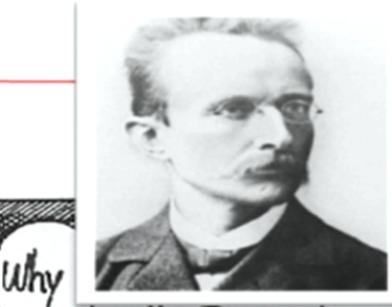
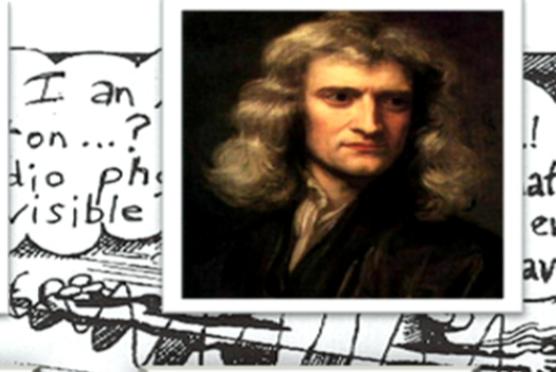
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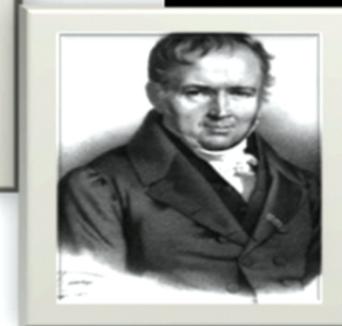
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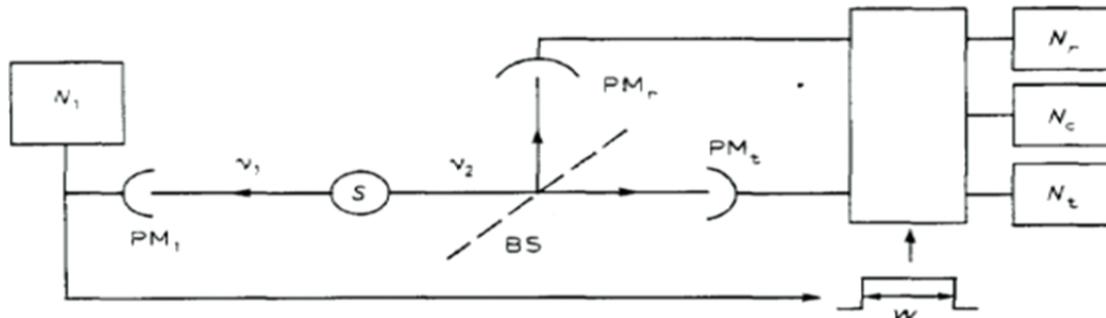
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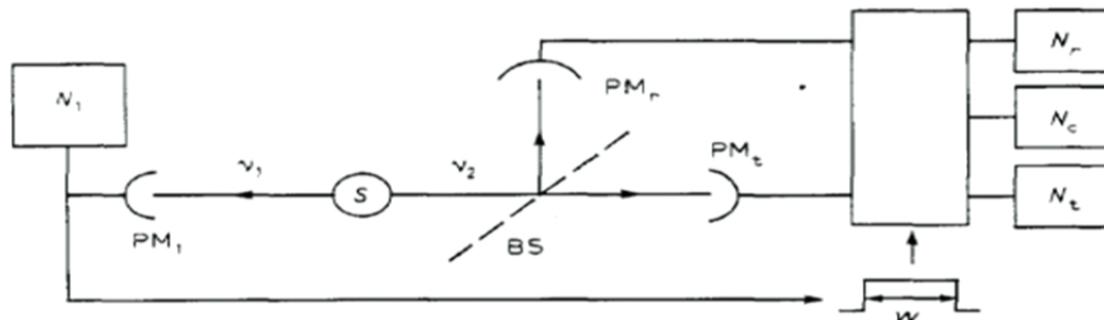


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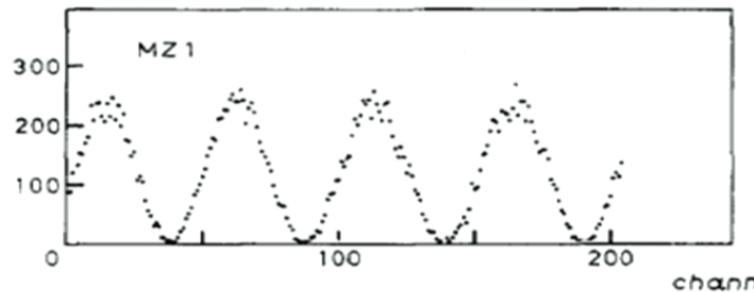
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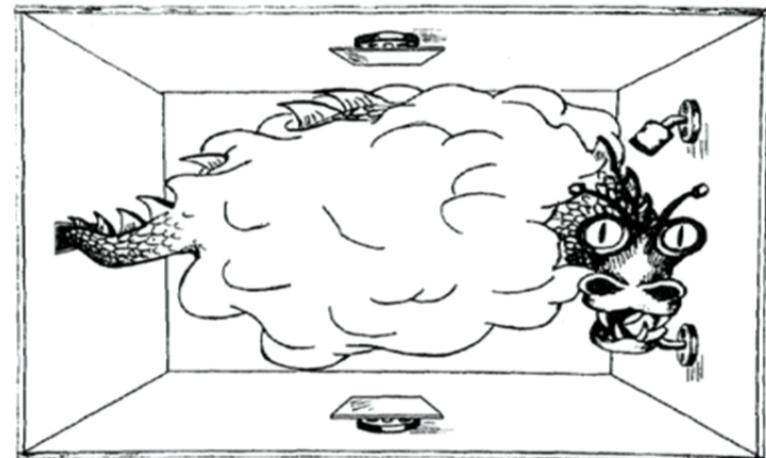
DEFINITIONS

- Particles:* no interference,
► single path
- Waves:* interference,
► both paths

COMPLEMENTARITY: *a modern version*

... the information provided by different experimental procedures that in principle cannot, because of the physical character of the needed apparatus, be performed simultaneously, cannot be represented by any mathematically allowed quantum state of the system. The elements of information obtainable from incompatible measurements are said to be *complementary*.

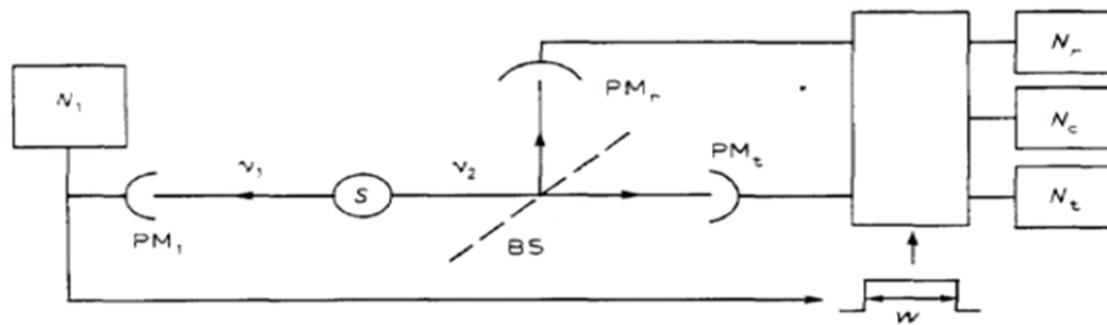
Stapp, in *Compendium of Quantum Physics*



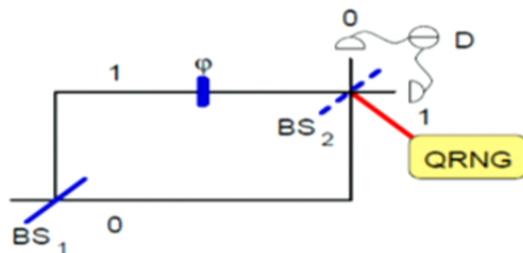
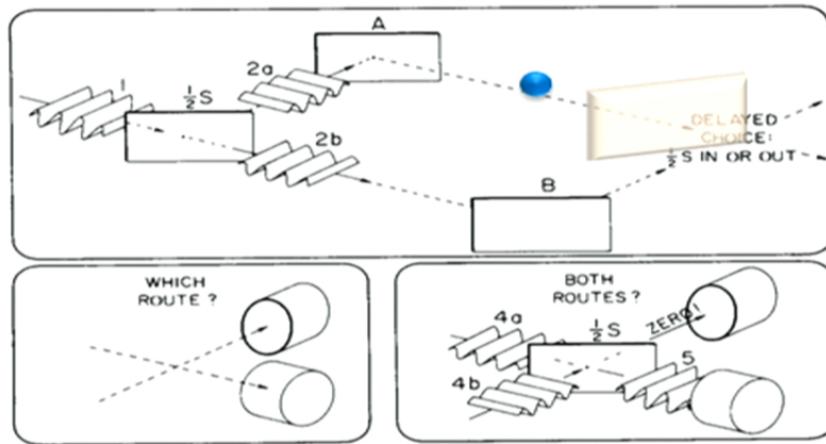
COMPLEMENTARITY: *a conspiracy*



The photon could know in advance of entering the apparatus whether the latter has been set up in the "wave" configuration with BS_2 in place or the "particle" one (BS_2 removed) and adjust accordingly.



DELAYED CHOICE



Wheeler, 1978, 1984

By making the choice to close or open the MZI when the photon is already in, it is forced not to change its mind

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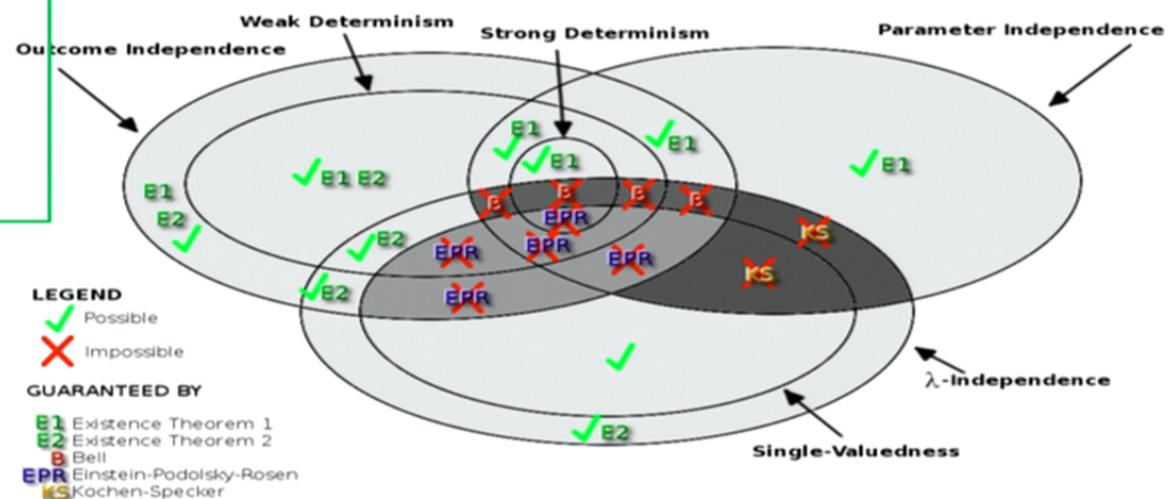
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Brandenburger & Yanofsky
JPA **41** 425302 (2008) ►

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Locality, contextuality, Bell inequalities,... are all derived from these three axioms

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Extensions & questions

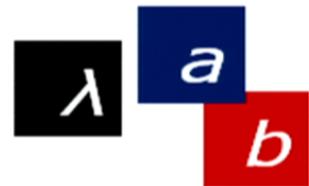
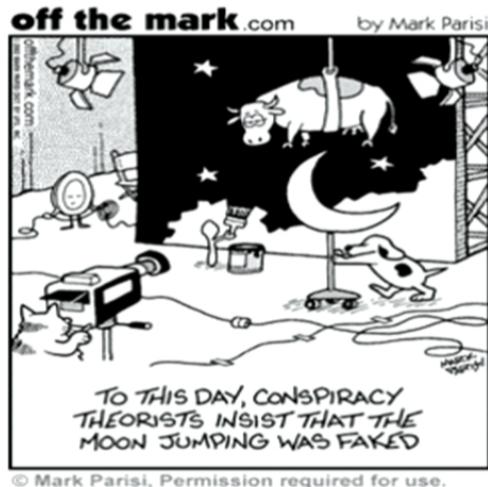
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Conspiracy & counter-conspiracy



- A hidden variable $\lambda = p, w$ set at production/before splitting
- Reproduction of the observed data for some $p(a, b, \lambda)$

OBJECTIVITY

a.k.a. DEFINITNESS

Photons are either particles $\lambda=p$ or waves $\lambda=w$



$$p(a | b = 1, \lambda = w) = (\cos^2 \frac{\phi}{2}, \sin^2 \frac{\phi}{2})$$



$$p(a | b = 0, \lambda = p) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

$$p(a | b = 0, \lambda = w) = (x, 1 - x)$$

$$p(a | b = 1, \lambda = p) = (y, 1 - y)$$



WDC Logic

data	HV theory	IC
$q(a, b)$	$\sum_{\lambda} p(a b, \lambda) \times p(\lambda b) \times n(b)$	

Causal:

$$p(\lambda | b) = \delta_{\lambda p} \delta_{b0} + \delta_{\lambda w} \delta_{b1}$$

This is the target of WDC experiments. Dismissed[†]

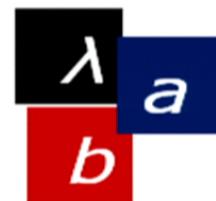
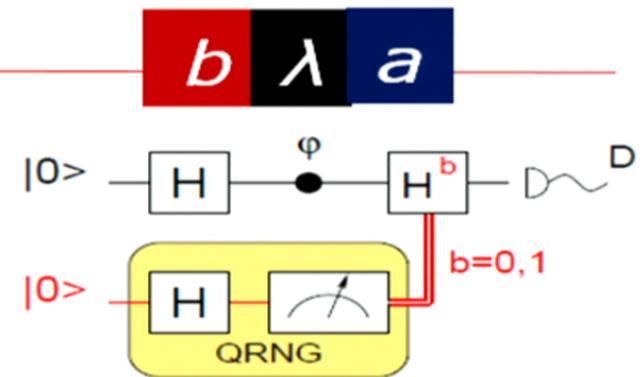
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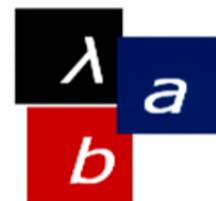
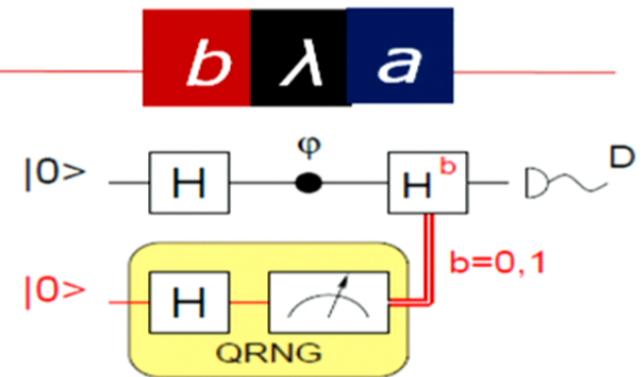
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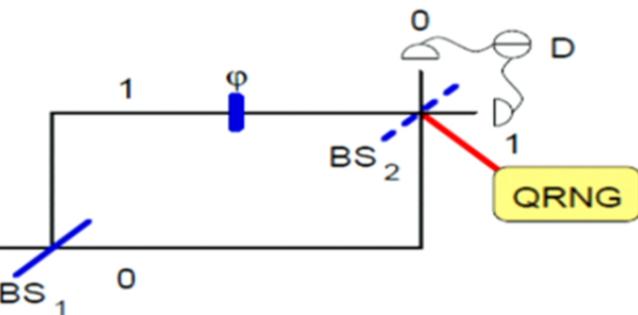
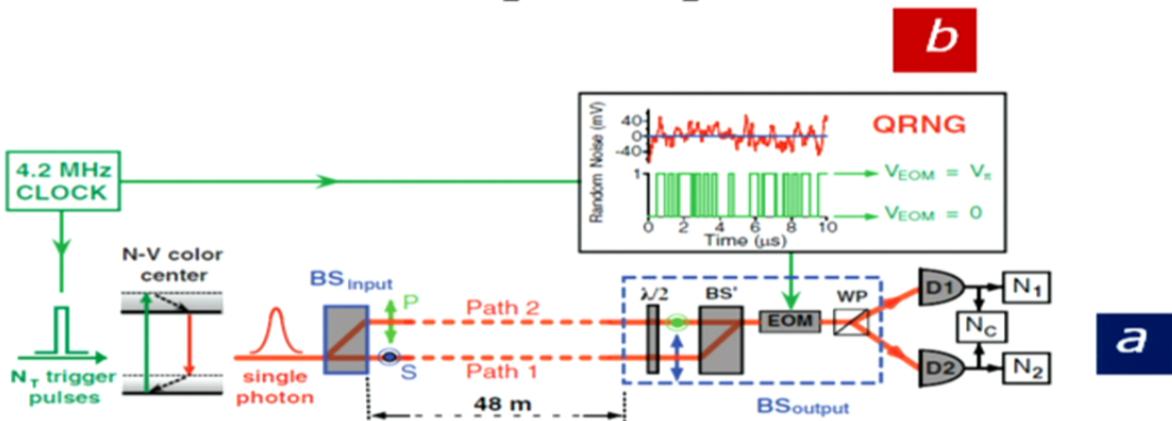
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Open interferometer [particle]

$$q(a) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Closed interferometer [wave]

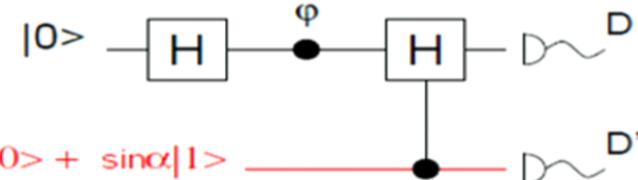
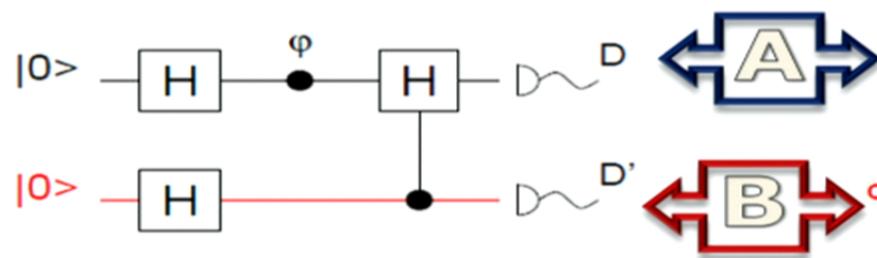
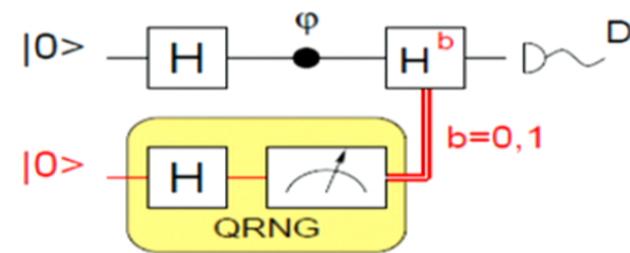
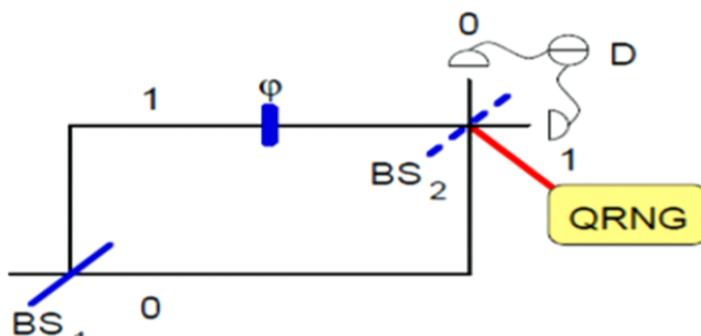
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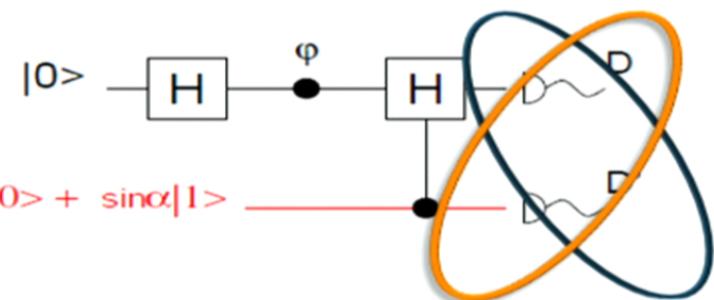
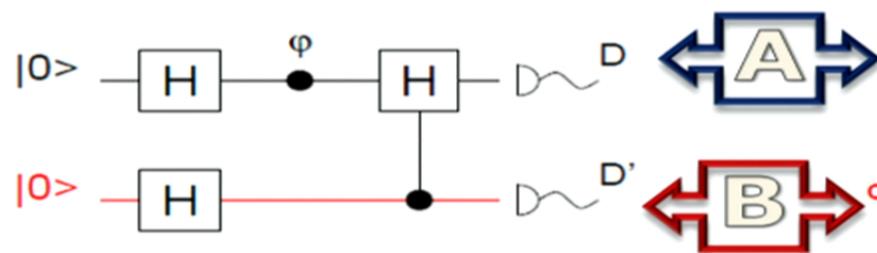
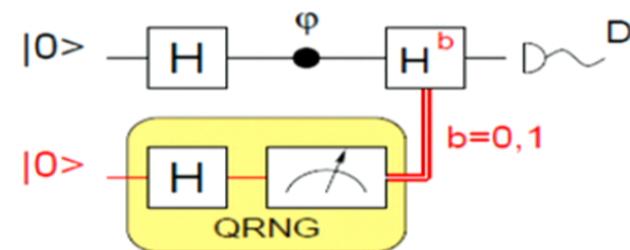
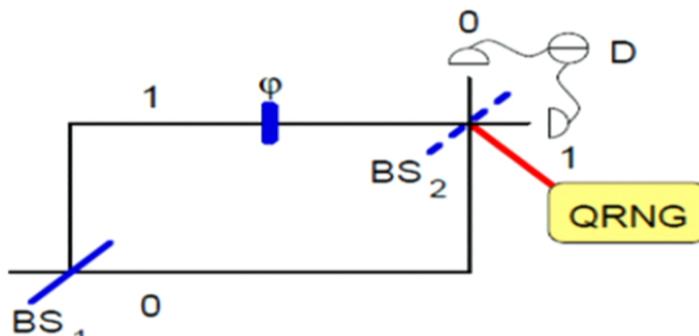
Jacques et al.,
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Spacelike separation between
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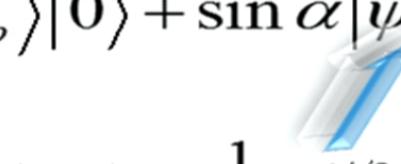
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State after the gates [before the detectors]

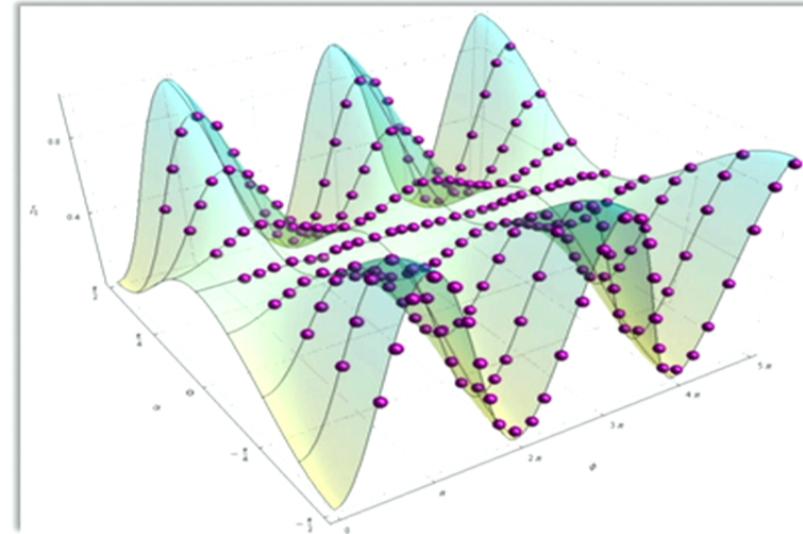
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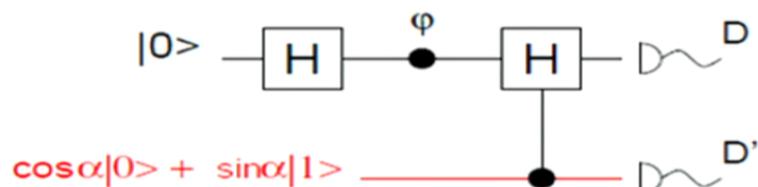
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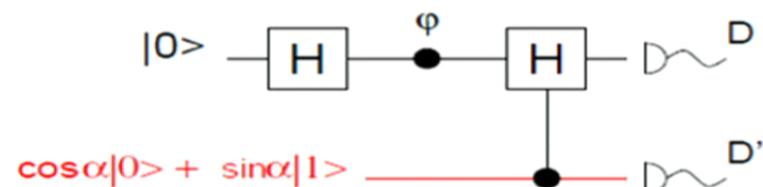
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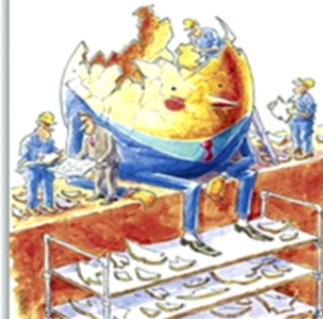
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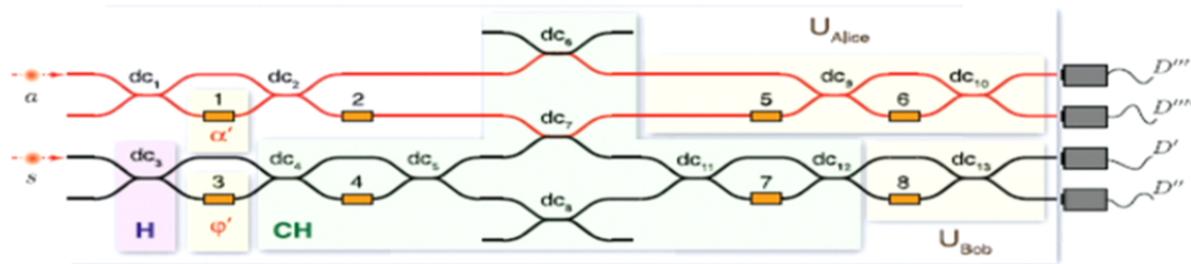
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EXPERIMENTS

"exotic" systems

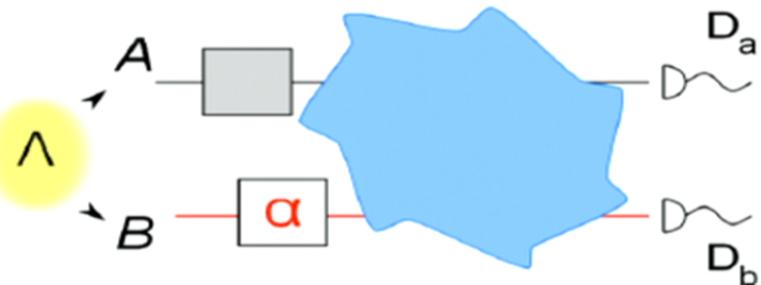
Since there is no space-like separation, it can be done on a chip



Peruzzo *et al* , Science 338, 634 (2012).

+ Bell test (quantumness of the ancilla)

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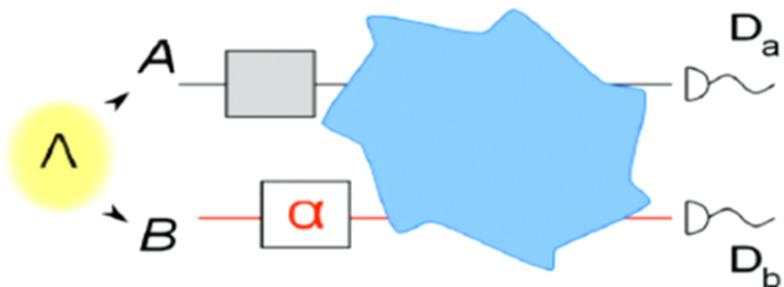
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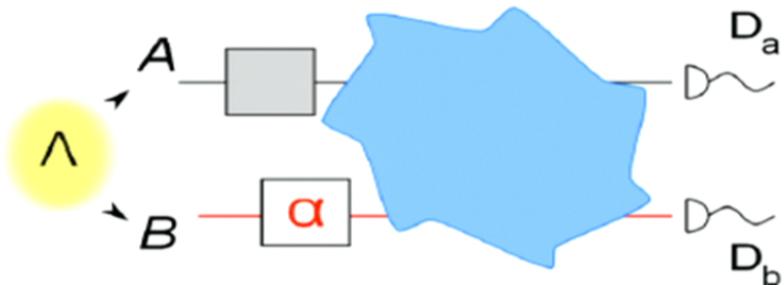
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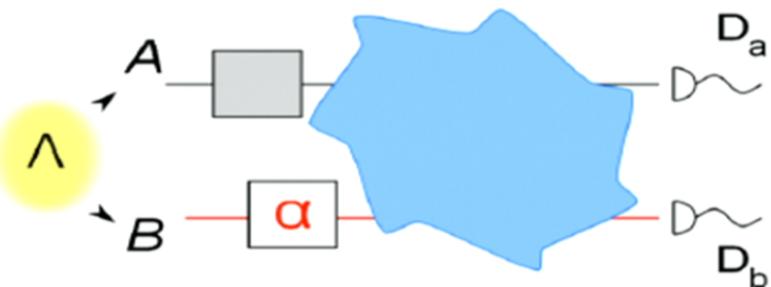
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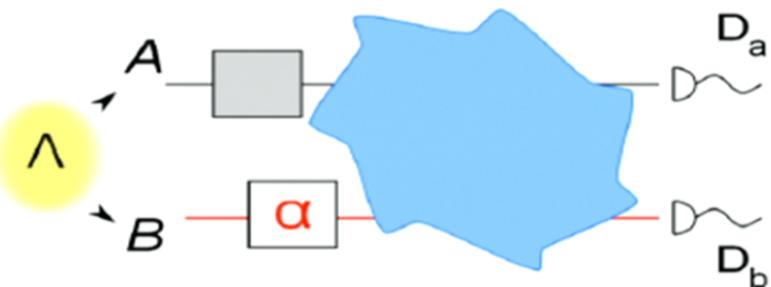
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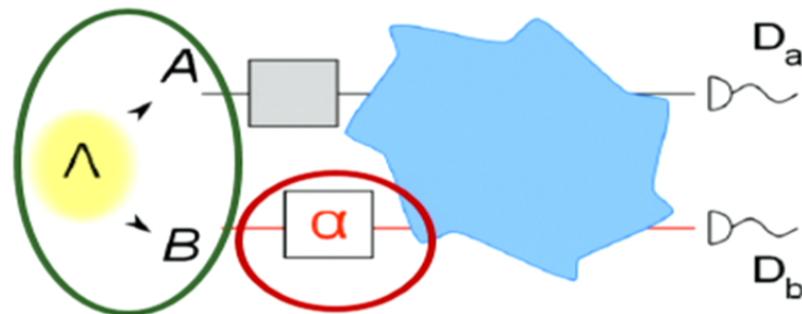
(ii) Determinism

Boundaries of the regions
depend on the settings

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Is λ -independent

(iii) Independence



$p(\Lambda)$ is independent of the settings

IMT, Phys. Rev. Lett. **114**,
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Stage 2: derive a contradiction

By checking how the boundaries shift (long) OR

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SUMMARY

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