

# Spin measurement

$\uparrow \downarrow$   
 $\vec{x}$

Antisymm.; fermions

Evolve in time

Earth

$\uparrow \cdot - - - - \cdot \downarrow$

Moon

Non-local "correlations"/"entanglement"

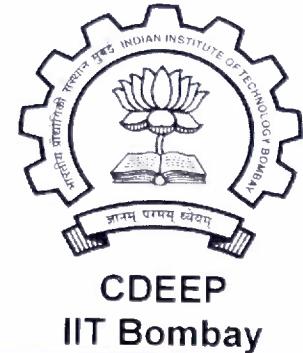
"collapse" of "wavefunction"



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"Independent particles"  
→ get "entangled"



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But the actual thing  
independent is the (linear) vector  
representing the state of the system  
.... Use of single particle states  
 $|2\text{particle}\rangle = |1\text{ particle}\rangle \otimes |1\text{ particle}\rangle$   
convenient but misleading

cross-product state ...

... correct quantum numbers

(charge, energy ... additive)

... not valid physically till you  
symmetrise or antisymmetrise.

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"Collapse"  $\rightarrow$  Schrödinger cat

General excited state

$$|45t\rangle = \sum_n e^{-iE_n t/\hbar} c_n |E_n\rangle$$



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# Path Integral formulation



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Heisenberg & Schrödinger pictures

rely on canonical formulation  
in the classical limit.

Path Int. is one ~~&~~ more ... provides  
conceptual insight.

## Feynman's postulate :

First observe :

$$A(x_f t_f; x_i t_i) = \sum_{x_1} A(x_f t_f; x_1 t_1) A(x_1 t_1; x_i t_i)$$

$t_f > t_i$   
 $t_f > t_1 > t_i$

But

$$P(x_f t_f; x_i t_i) \neq \sum_{x_1} P(x_f t_f; x_1 t_1) P(x_1 t_1; x_i t_i)$$



Feynman's Postulate

$$A(x_f t_f; x_i t_i) = \sum_{\text{paths } x(t)} e^{iS[x(t)]/\hbar}$$

where in detail,

$$S[x(t)] \equiv S[x(t); x_f t_f, x_i t_i]$$

$$= \int_{x_i t_i}^{x_f t_f} dt L(x, \dot{x}, t)$$

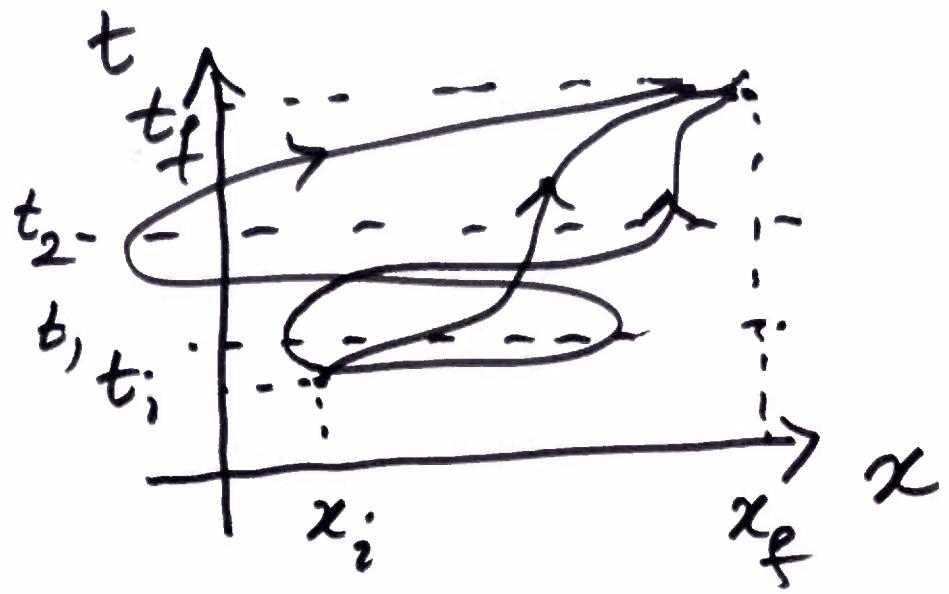
more accurately (general validity)

$$= \int_{x_i t_i}^{x_f t_f} dt (\hbar \dot{x} - H(p, x))$$



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