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# From imaginary experiments to quantum information

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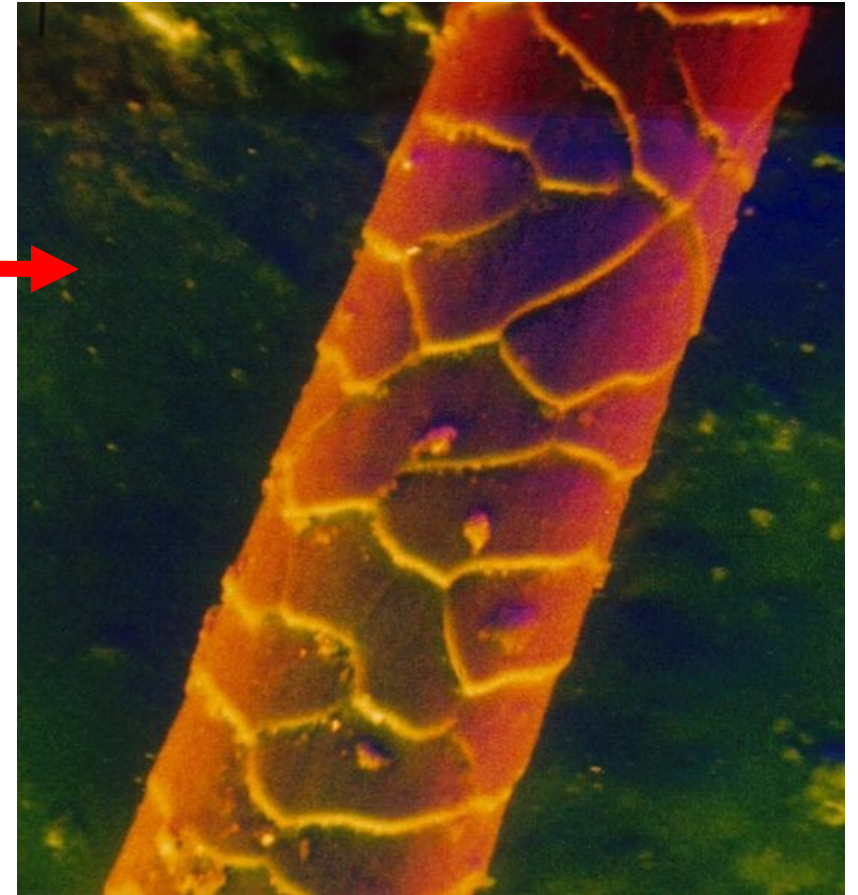
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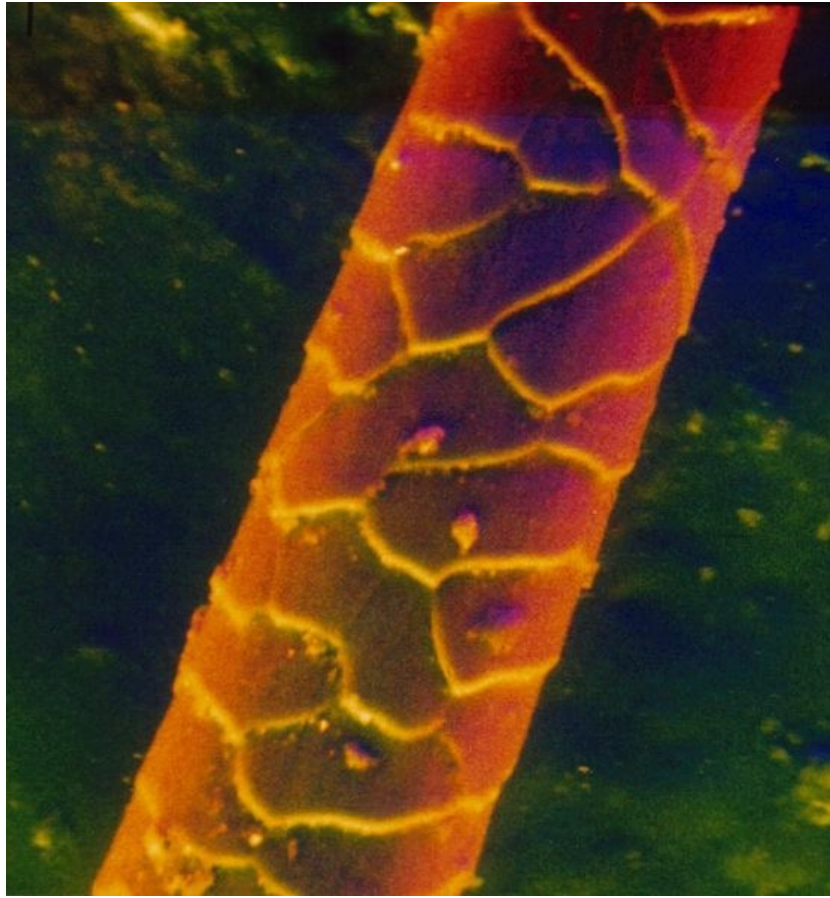
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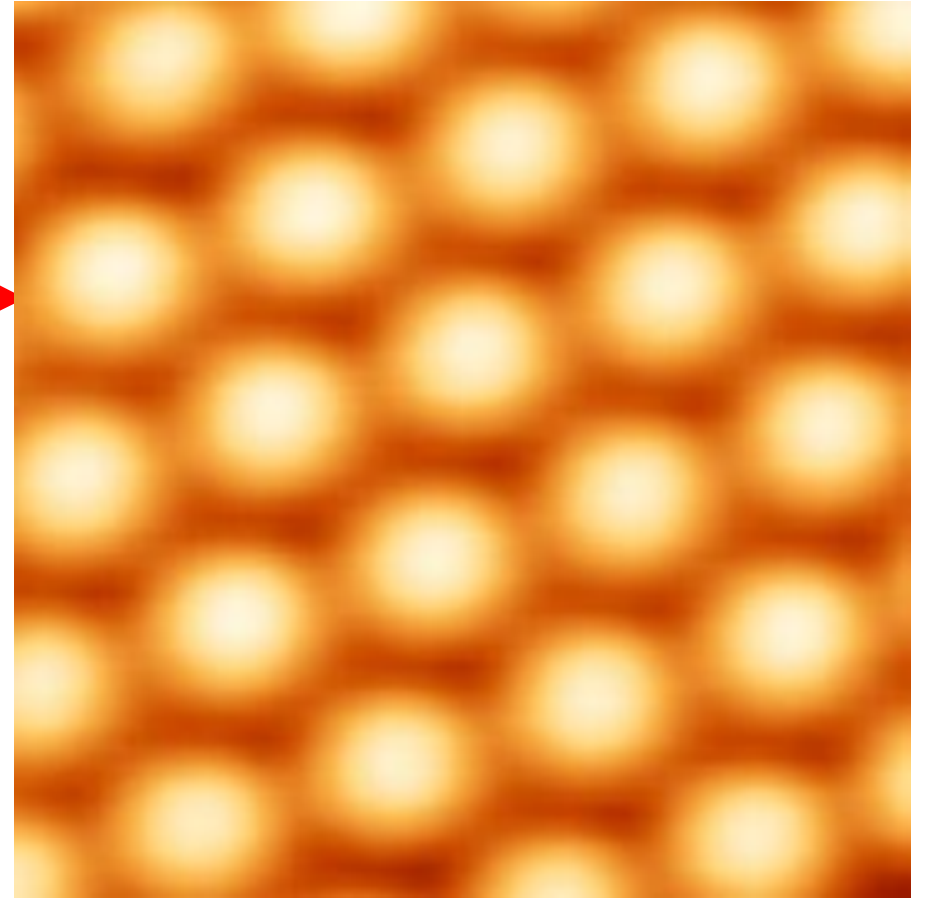
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*50 micrometers*



*50,000X*



*50 micrometers*



*1 nanometer*

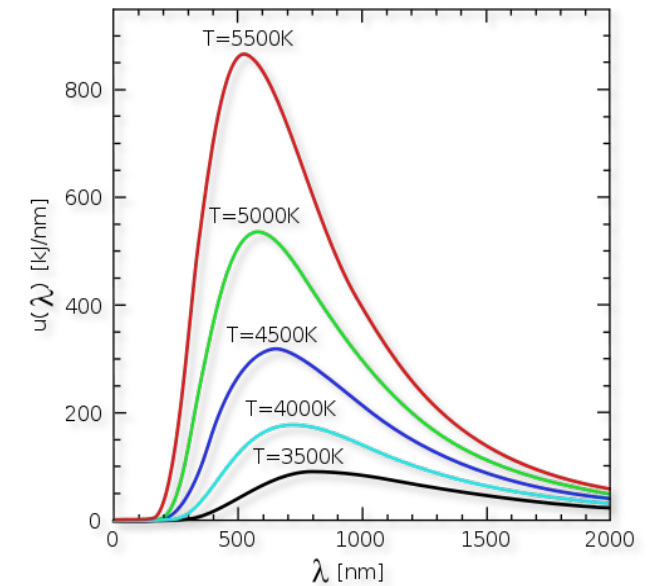
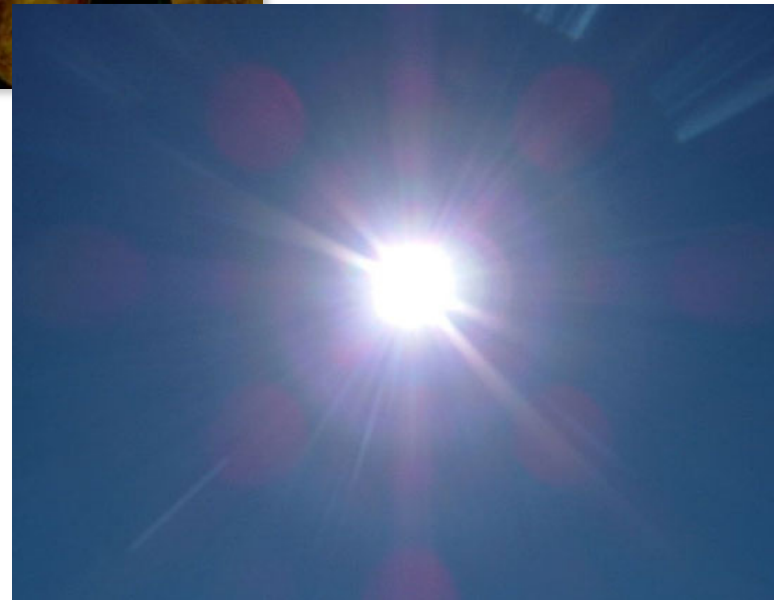
*Nature is discretized, it comes in quanta.  
There are no half electrons!*

Everything is made of parts,  
and

there is a minimum size where our intuition fails.

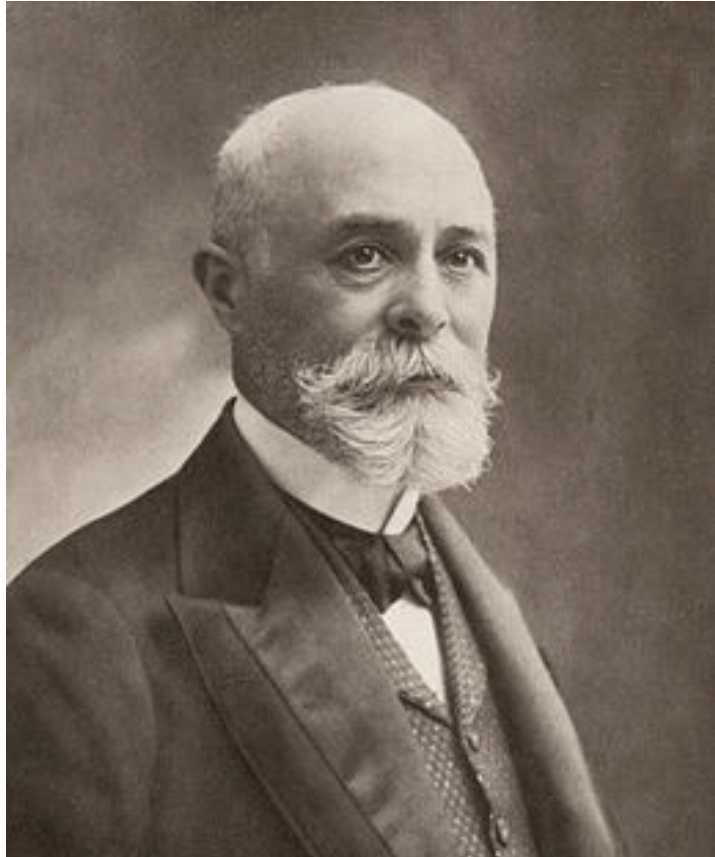


# It all started in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Black Body radiation





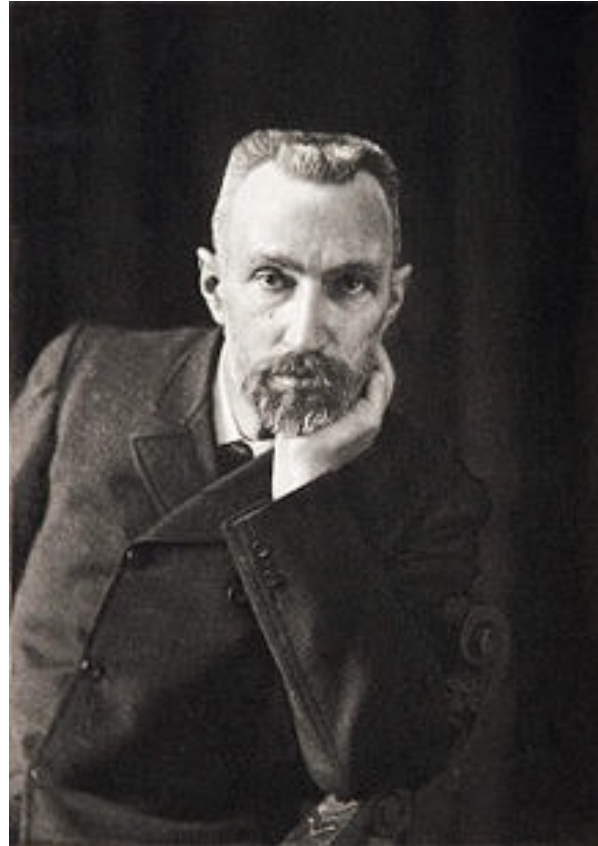
# Spontaneous Radioactivity: Something probabilistic in nature!



Henry Becquerel

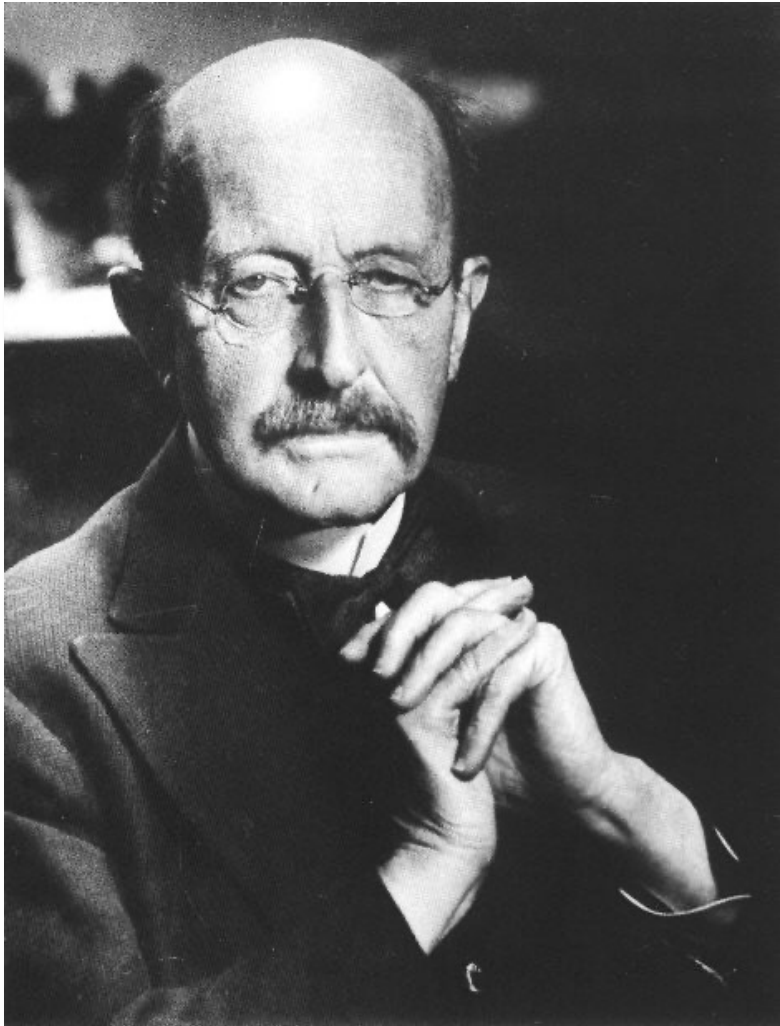
February 27, 1896

Pierre Curie



Marie Curie

# The birth of quantum theory on October 7, 1900



Max Planck

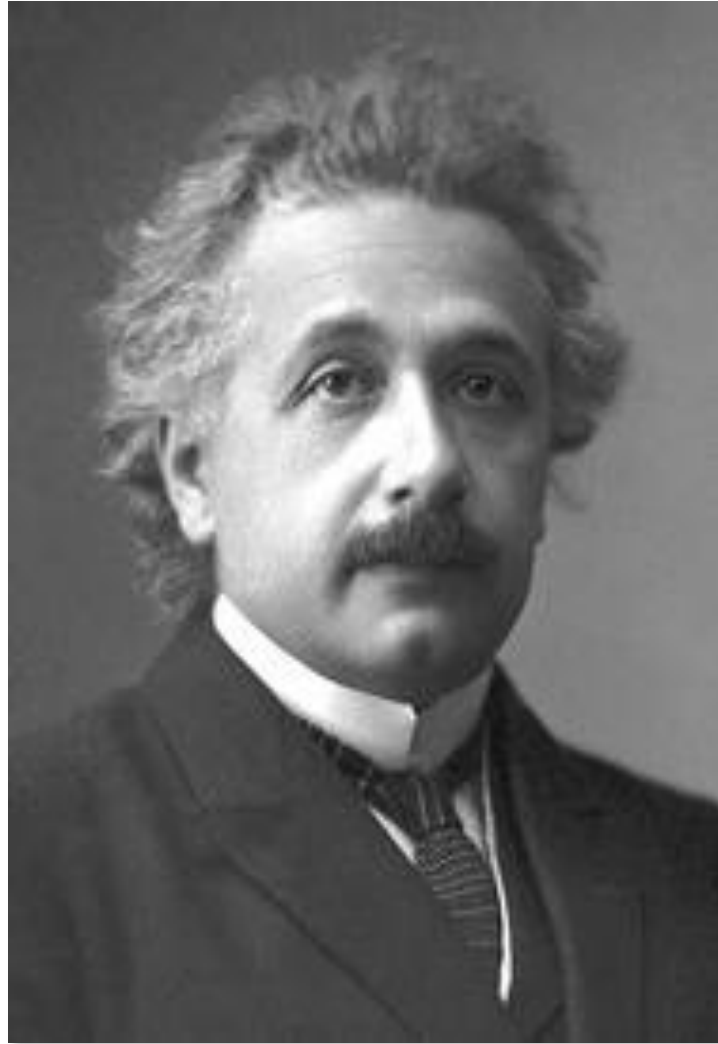
Coffee and cake with the Rubens

$$\rho(\nu, T) = \frac{8\pi h \nu^3}{c^3} \frac{1}{e^{h\nu / kT} - 1}$$

Plank says that in an act of desperation he assumed:

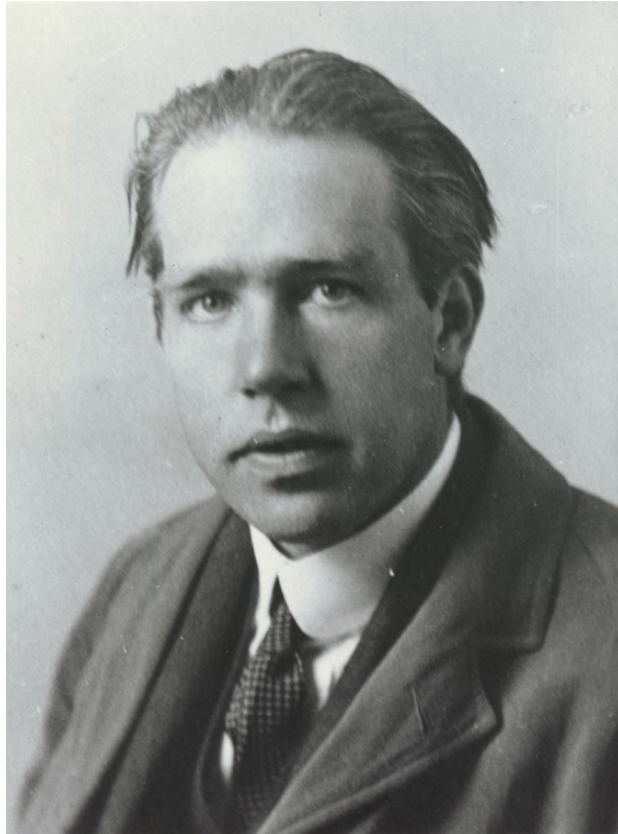
The energy is also made out of parts and there is one which is the smallest, the quantum of energy.

1905 the “photon”, is the quantum of light



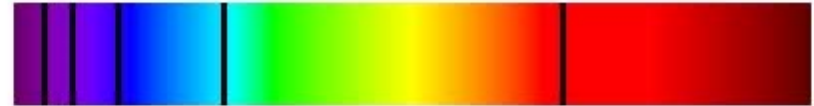
Albert Einstein

# 1913 visit to Rutherford

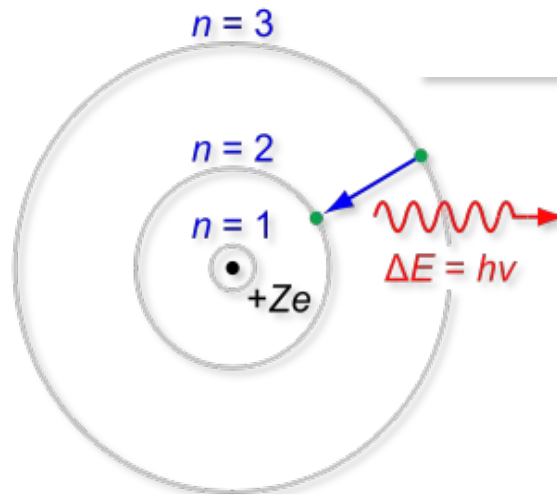
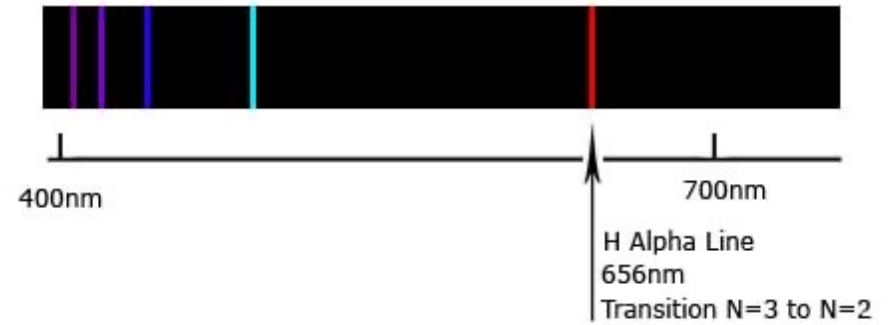


Niels Bohr

Hydrogen Absorption Spectrum

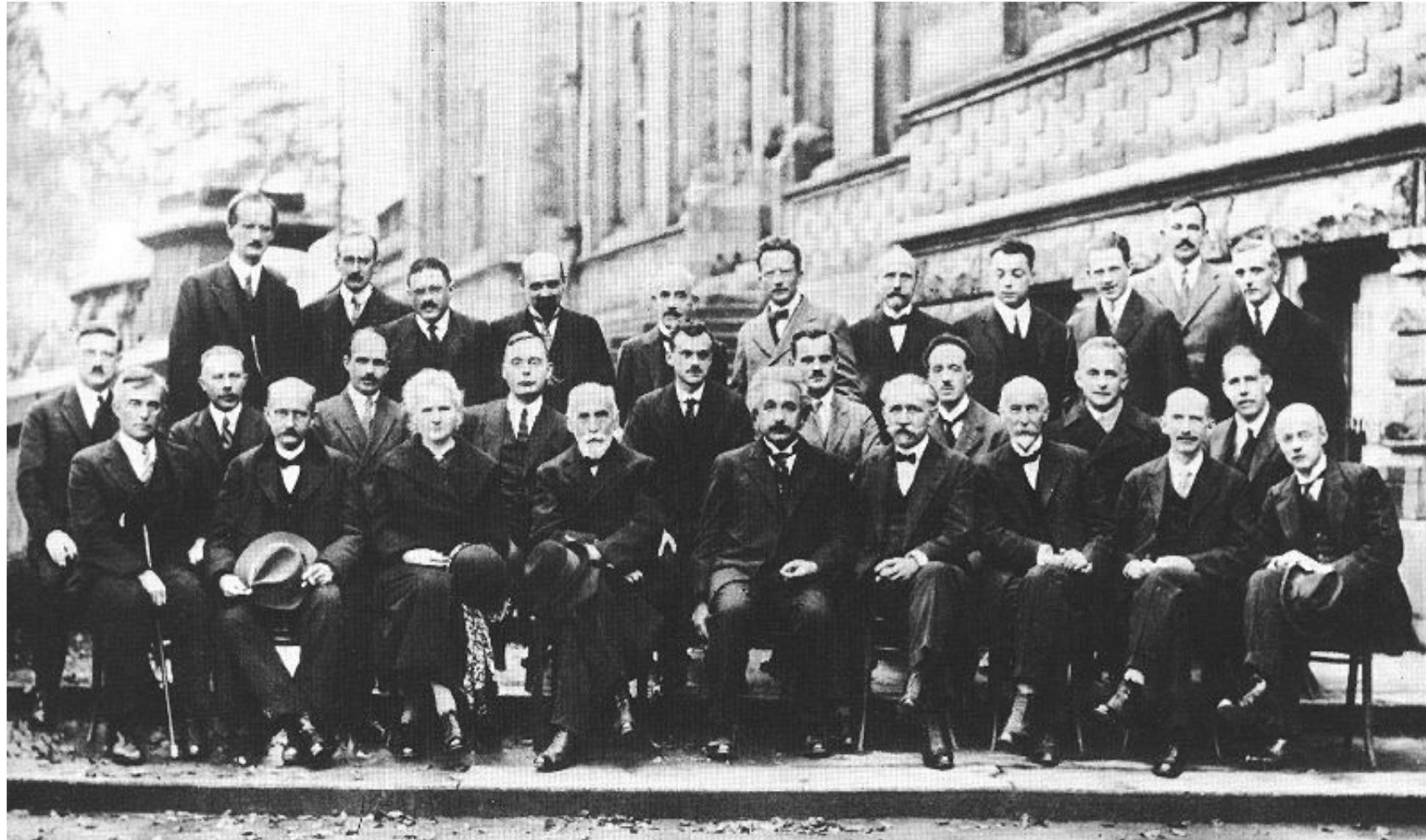


Hydrogen Emission Spectrum



Explanation of  
the spectrum of  
Hydrogen

# 1920-1930 – Development of Quantum Mechanics. (Solvay Conference). One particle QM



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I. LANGMUIR    M. PLANCK    Mme CURIE    H.A. LORENTZ    A. EINSTEIN    P. LANGEVIN    Ch.E. GUYE    C.T.R. WILSON    O.W. RICHARDSON

## The wave–particle duality.

1905 Einstein assigns a particle (photon) to a wave (light)

1924 De Broglie assigns a Wave to a particle (matter)

1925-6 Schrödinger states the wave equation for those waves

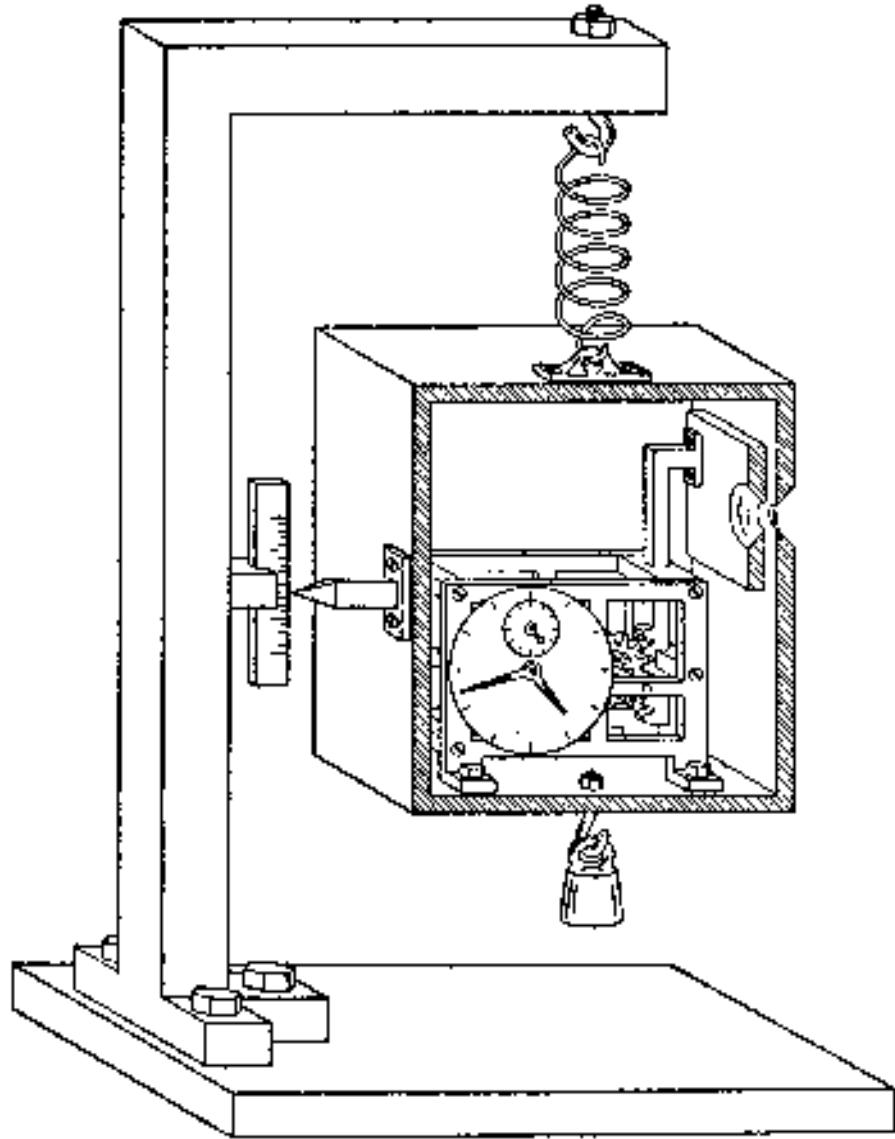


But something was strange

Something smells bad

In the imaginary experiments  
everything works well

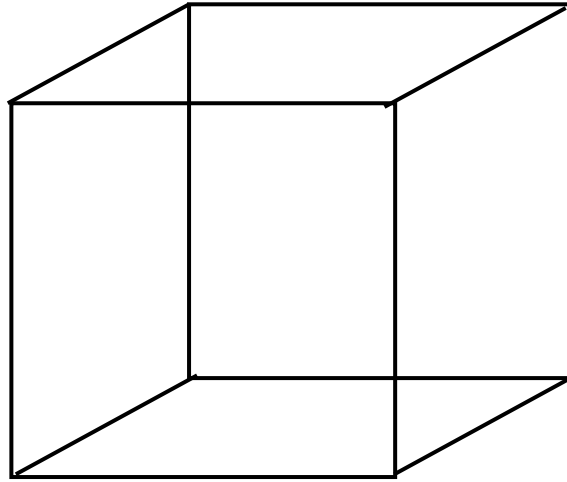




Imaginary  
experiment by  
Bohr

One particle quantum weirdness

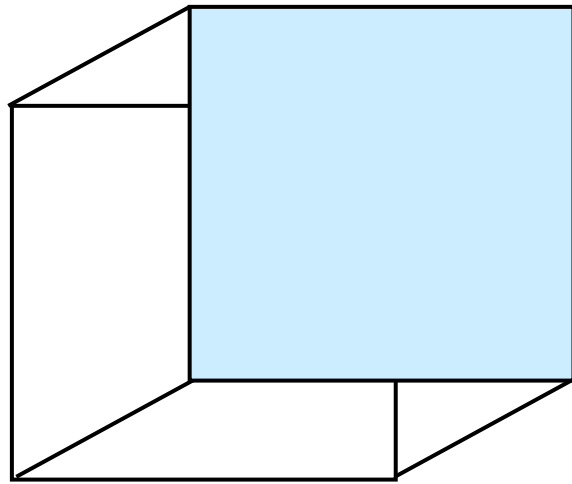
How can something be “in two positions at the same time”?



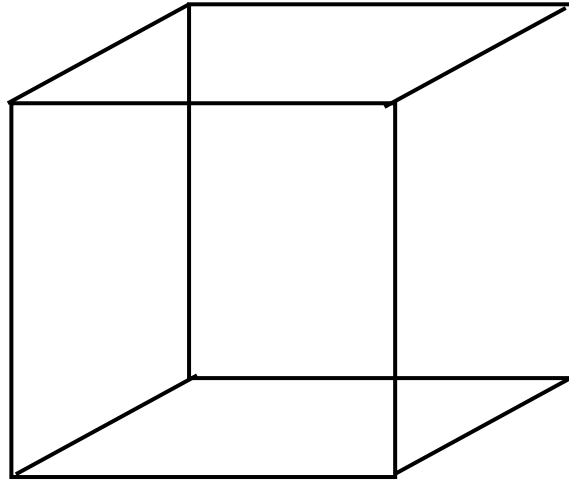
This “cube” could be

Fred Alan Wolf, "Taking the Quantum Leap"  
(Harper & Row, San Francisco, 1981)

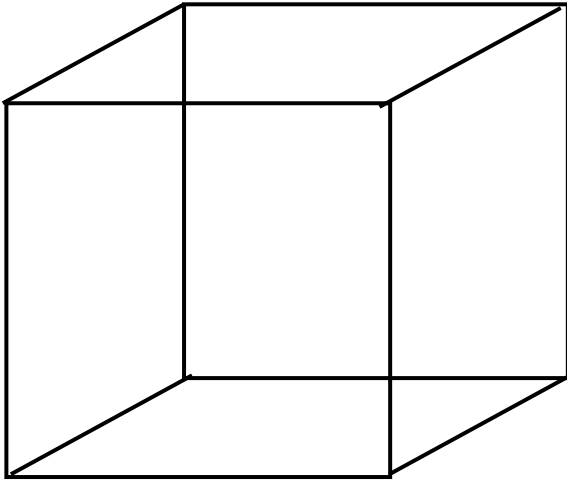
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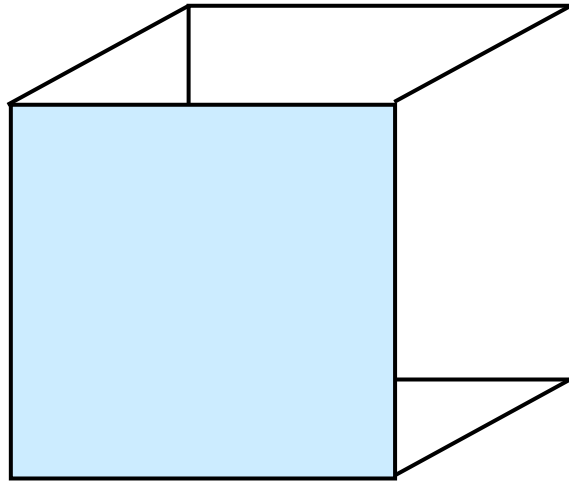
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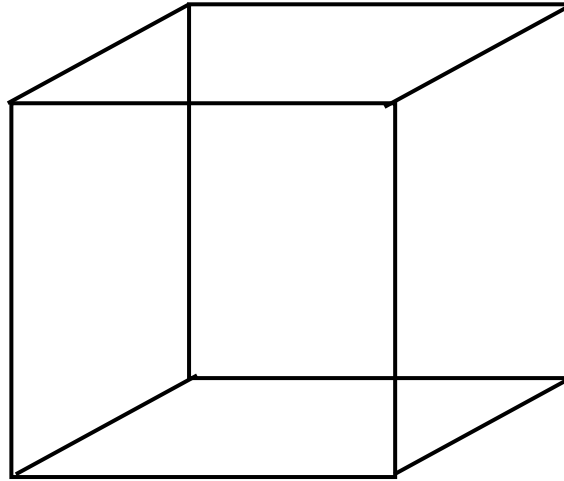
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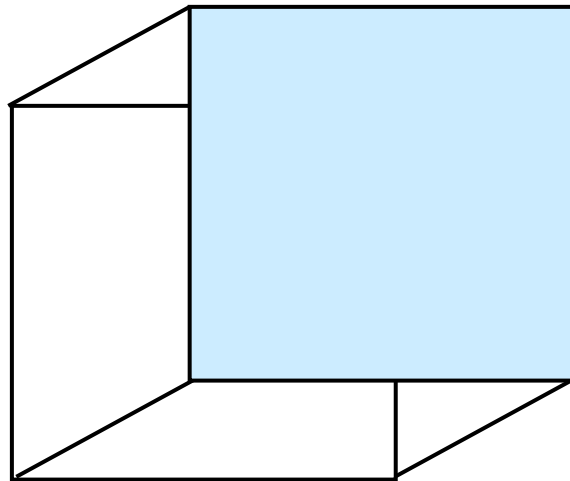
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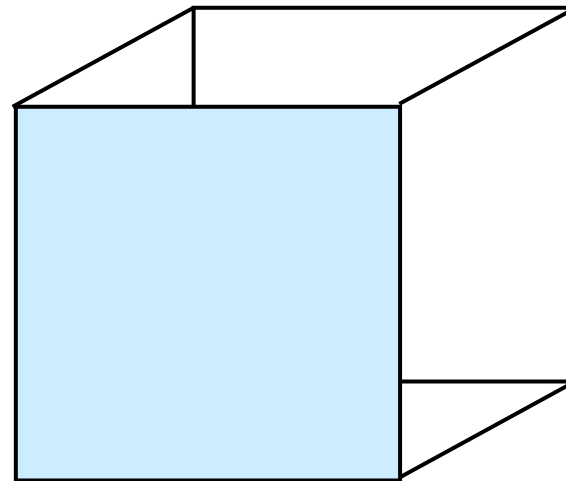
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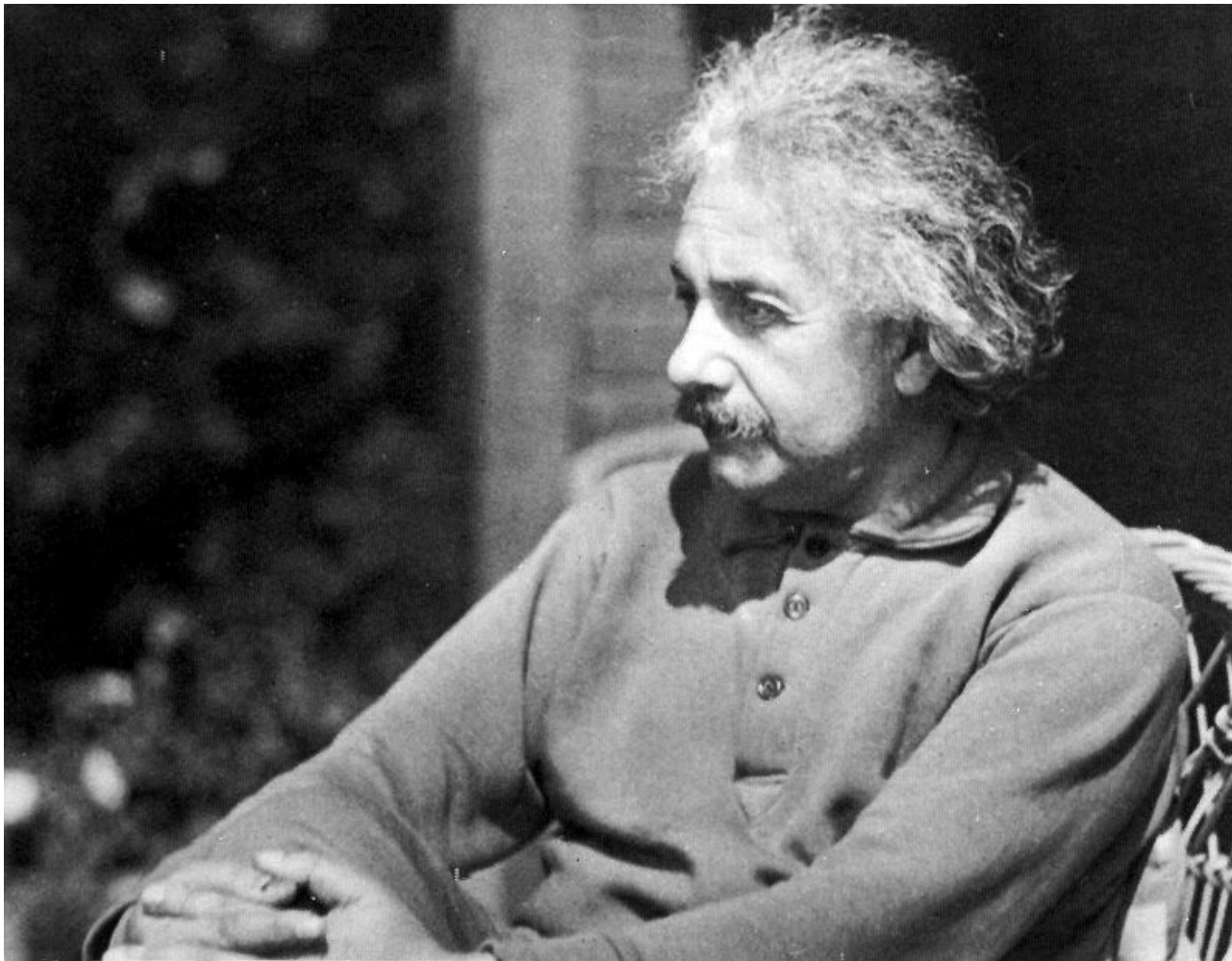
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this

No classical analog for matter to superposition exists.

Two or more particles quantum weirdness



Einstein was not happy  
with the consequences of  
quantum mechanics

MAY 15, 1935

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## **Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?**

A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

# EINSTEIN ATTACKS QUANTUM THEORY

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Scientist and Two Colleagues  
Find It Is Not 'Complete'  
Even Though 'Correct.'

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SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

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Believe a Whole Description of  
'the Physical Reality' Can Be  
Provided Eventually.

New York Times 4 Mayo 1935



Schroedinger reacted to  
the questions of Einstein  
with the term  
Entanglement.



# A Probability Problem



If I flip a coin there is a 50% chance that it will come up heads and a 50% chance of tails

$$p_1(H)=1/2, p_1(T)=1/2. \text{ The sum is } 1$$

If I take a second coin and toss it in the air, there is a 50% chance that it will come out heads and 50% tails:

$$p_2(H)=1/2, p_2(T)=1/2. \text{ The sum is } 1$$

If I toss the two coins in the air then

The results may be:

HH    TT    HT    TH

Probabilities:

$\frac{1}{4}$      $\frac{1}{4}$      $\frac{1}{4}$      $\frac{1}{4}$     Total sum 1

$$p_1(H)p_2(H)+p_1(T)p_2(T)+p_1(H)p_2(T)+p_1(T)p_2(H)=$$

$$(p_1(H)+p_1(T)) (p_2(H)+p_2(T))$$

The result is factorizable into the probabilities of each coin.

Probability is the product of probabilities.

If the result were:

HH 50% TT 50%

$$p_1(H)p_2(H)+p_1(T)p_2(T)= 1$$

It would be weird, it is not factorizable but the sum gives 1

Missing cross-terms to factor probability

What would we think about the coins?

There is a strange correlation

We let them interact and then separate them a long way

The same results follow

It seems like there is something inside that we don't see that creates the correlation.

Think of two twins separated at birth.  
They share the DNA of their chromosomes, they are highly correlated

If the coins are separated, and I know they are highly correlated, as soon as I get H, I know that the other is also H.

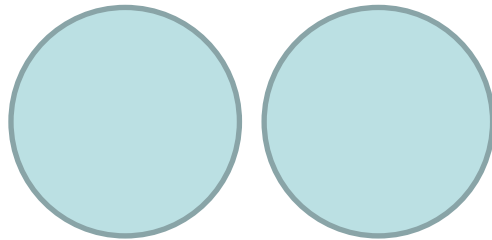
I make one prediction based on measuring the other.  
Einstein was bothered by that.

The result is random but highly correlated  
The same thing happens with twins when we ask them certain questions about preferences and tastes, we don't know the answer but it will surely be the same in both.

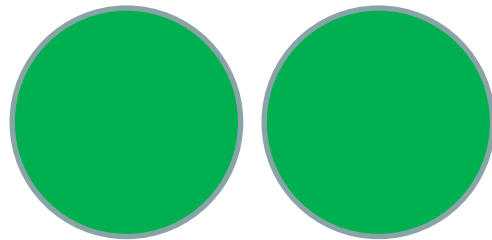
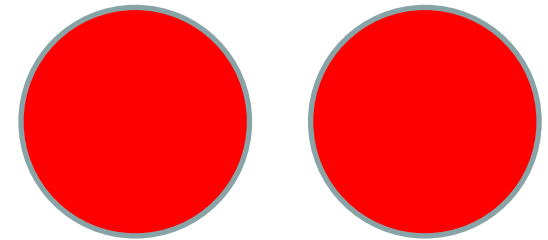
The coins are entangled.



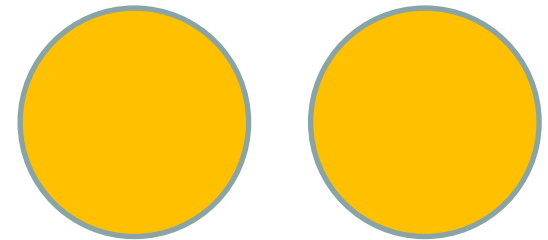
Change the heads or tails to colors, use two different pairs separable with glasses.

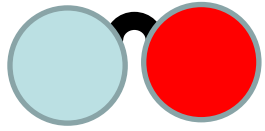


Blue and Red



Green and Orange





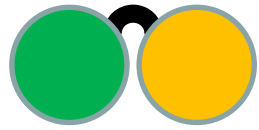
With the first pair of glasses

If I see red, the other is red.

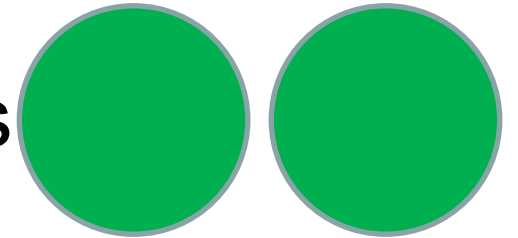
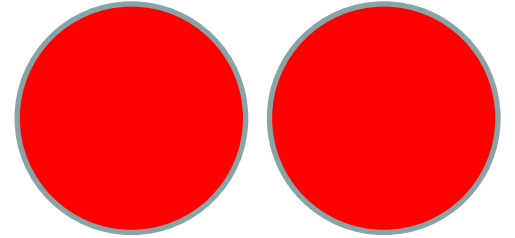
If I change glasses

If I see the first one green, the second one is

green



No matter the glasses, the correlation remains



Therein lies the objection of Einstein, red is red from the start. Not dependent on glasses used to observe them.

That does not happen with twins.

Is entanglement (two or more particles) a resource?



1964 John Bell:

Is entanglement  
measurable?

It can be a resource!



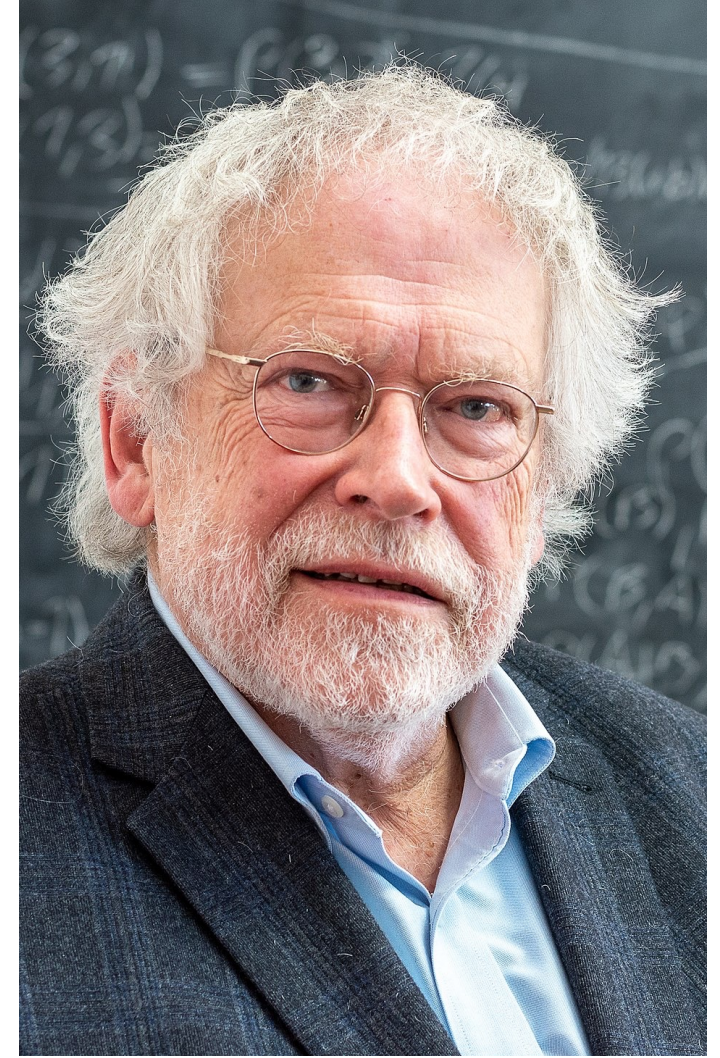
John Clauser



Alain Aspect



Anton Zeilinger



2022 Nobel Prize in Physics

# Quantum mechanics

- It is the language of microscopic nature.
- It follows a mathematical structure, Hilbert space.
- Predictions checked to more than twelve digits.
- It may not be able to describe everything and can have contradictions (it is a language).
- We do not know yet how to write the general theory of relativity with quantum mechanics.

Quantum mechanics is a language to describe our (incomplete) knowledge of nature, not of nature itself.

It is the best tool (language) we have to explain (predict) detections (outcomes) in the laboratory.

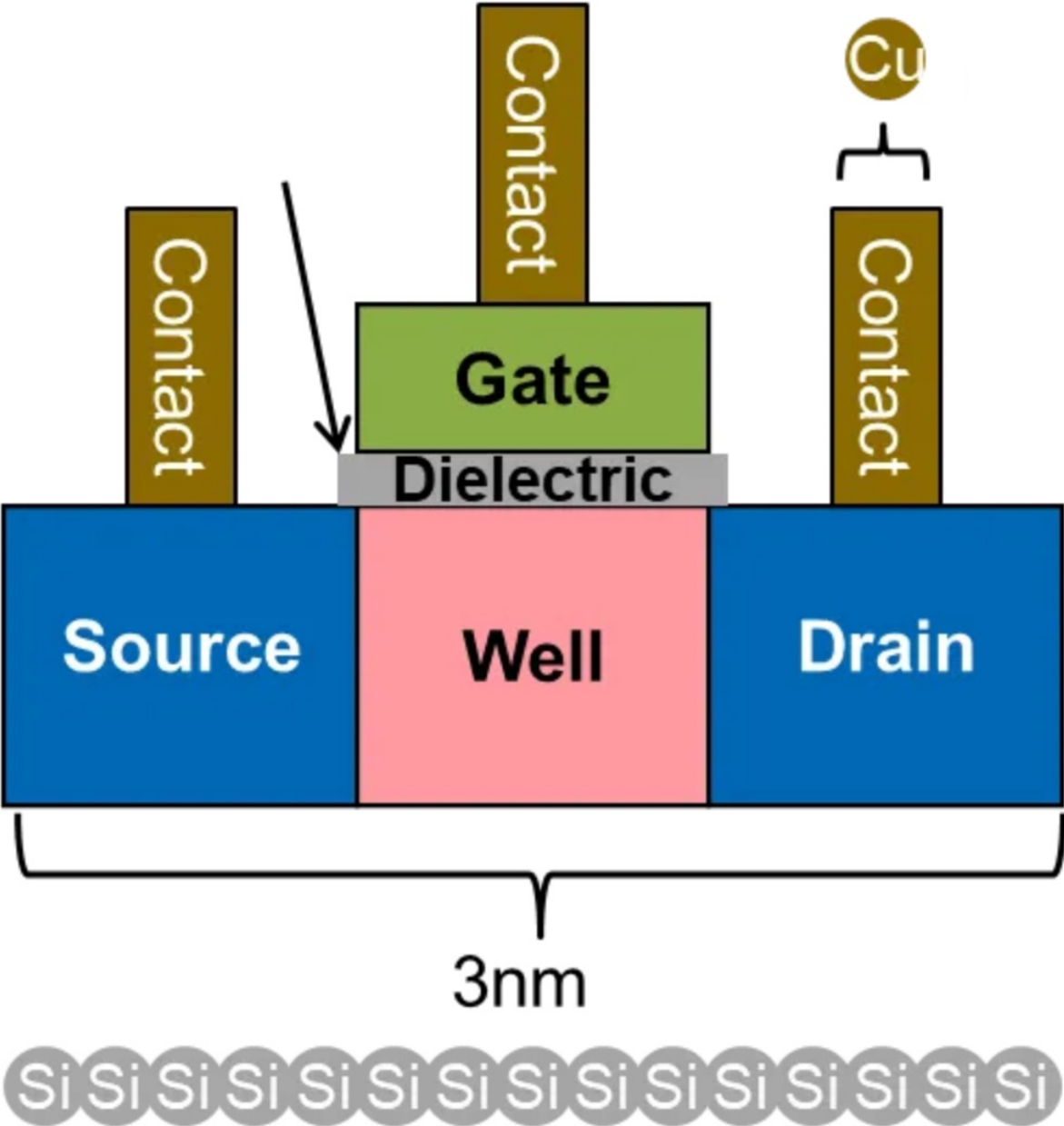
# First quantum revolution





The first transistor

# Superb understanding of chemistry and materials

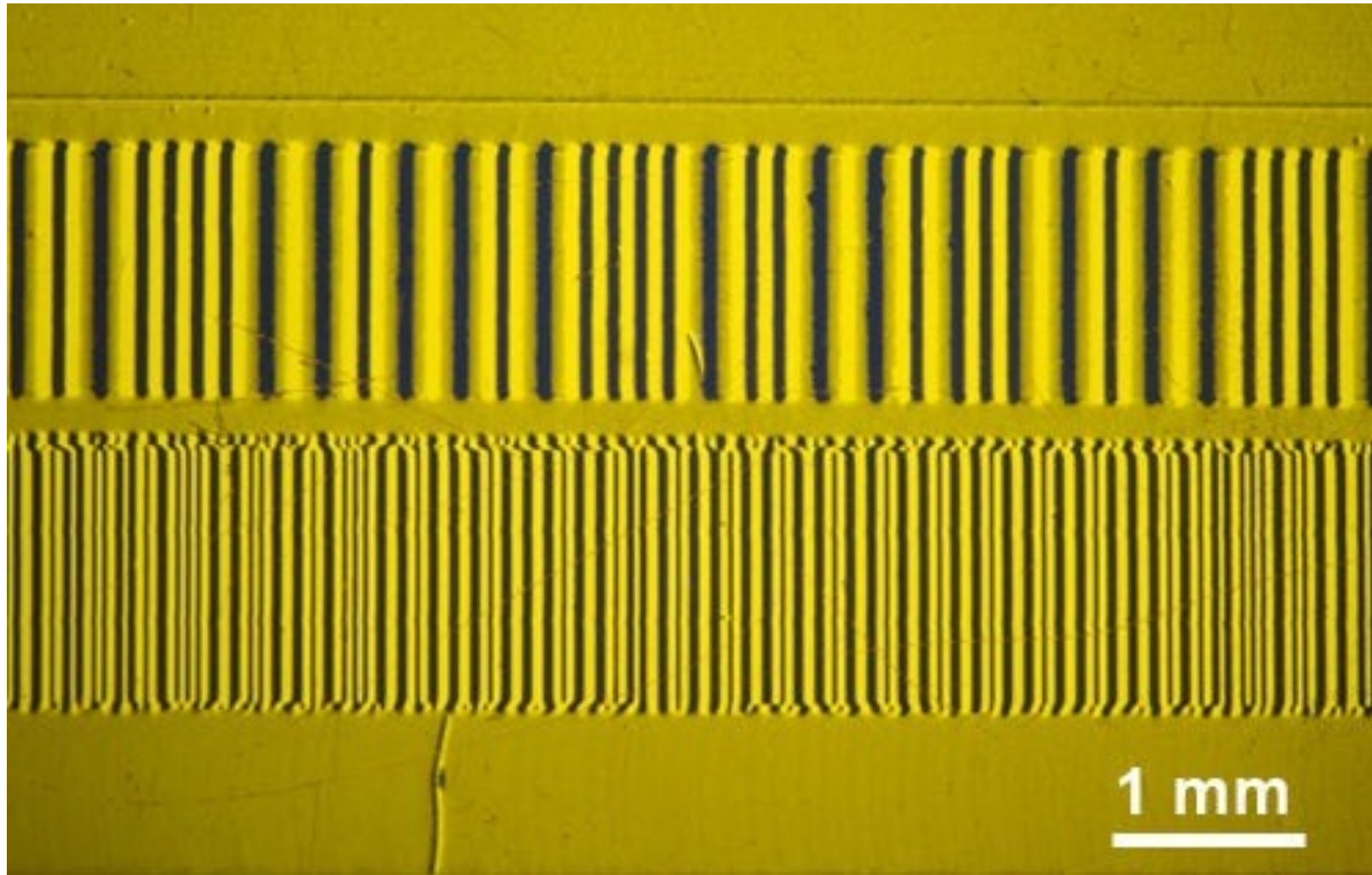


Single Particle Quantum Mechanics has made possible

- The transistor (1948)
- Microelectronics (~1950s)
- The laser (1960)
- Magnetic memories (~1960s)

Everything is made of parts,  
even information

# Codified information in 0 and 1



Information in physical

# Second quantum revolution

# Technological uses of entanglement and superposition:

QKD (Quantum Key Distribution)

Quantum Sensing

Quantum Simulation

Quantum Computing

...

QKD

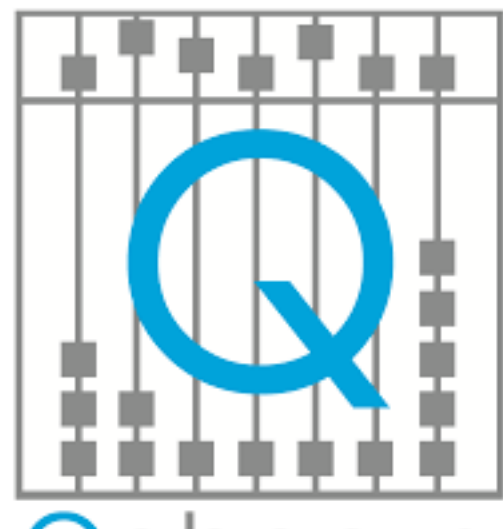
Use entanglement to ensure security



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InfiniQuant

IDQ



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# Quantum Sensors

Many companies around the world

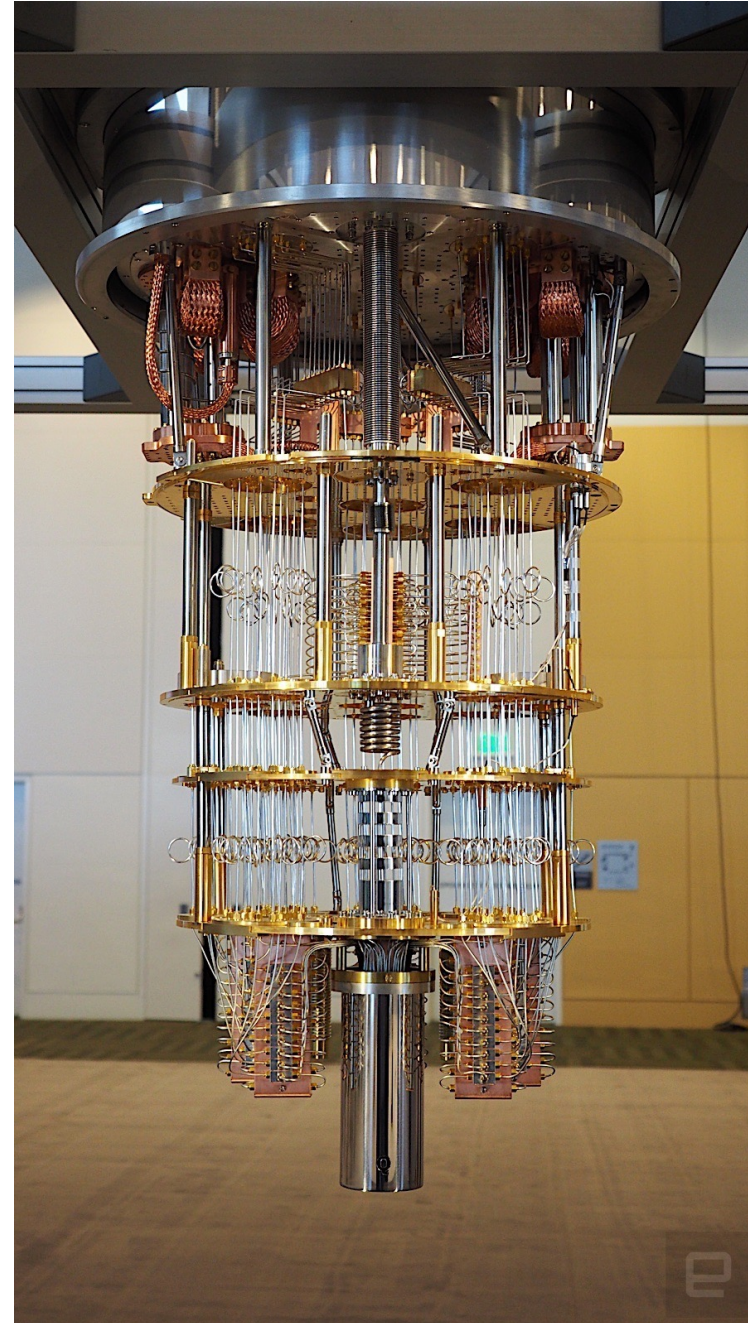
Atoms are very sensitive magnetometers,  
uses from medical, measuring the currents  
in the brain to microscopy.

# Quantum Computer

# IBM Quantum Experience (QX)

01 2018

50 Qubit



# Development Roadmap

|                   | 2016–2019 <span>✔</span>  | 2020 <span>✔</span>  | 2021 <span>✔</span>   | 2022 <span>✔</span>                                | 2023 <span>✔</span>   | 2024   | 2025   | 2026   | 2027  | 2028  | 2029  | 2033+   |
|-------------------|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
|                   | Run quantum circuits on the IBM Quantum Platform  | Release multi-dimensional roadmap publicly with initial aim focused on scaling | Enhancing quantum execution speed by 100x with Qiskit Runtime | Bring dynamic circuits to unlock more computations | Enhancing quantum execution speed by 5x with quantum serverless and Execution modes | Improving quantum circuit quality and speed to allow 5K gates with parametric circuits | Enhancing quantum execution speed and parallelization with partitioning and quantum modularity | Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 7.5K gates        | Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 10K gates        | Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 15K gates        | Improving quantum circuit quality to allow 100M gates | Beyond 2033, quantum-centric supercomputers will include 1000's of logical qubits unlocking the full power of quantum computing |
| Data Scientist    |   |  |   |  |   | Platform   |  |  |   |   |   |   |
|                   |   |  |   |  |   | Code assistant   | Functions  | Mapping Collection   | Specific Libraries  |   |   | General purpose QC libraries  |
| Researchers       |   |  |   |  |   | Middleware   |  |  |   |   |   |   |
|                   |   |  |   |  | Quantum Serverless <span>✔</span>   | Transpiler Service   | Resource Management  | Circuit Knitting x P   | Intelligent Orchestration                                   |   |   | Circuit libraries   |
| Quantum Physicist |   |  | Qiskit Runtime  |  |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |
|                   | IBM Quantum Experience <span>✔</span>   |  | QASM3 <span>✔</span>  | Dynamic circuits <span>✔</span>                    | Execution Modes <span>✔</span>  | Heron (5K)   | Flamingo (5K)  | Flamingo (7.5K)  | Flamingo (10K)  | Flamingo (15K)  | Starling (100M)                                       | Blue Jay (1B)   |
|                   | Early   | Falcon   |   | Eagle  |   | Error Mitigation   | Error Mitigation   | Error Mitigation   | Error Mitigation  | Error Mitigation  | Error correction                                      | Error correction  |
|                   | Canary 5 qubits, Albatross 16 qubits, Penguin 20 qubits, Prototype 53 qubits <span>✔</span> | Benchmarking 27 qubits <span>✔</span>  |   | Benchmarking 127 qubits <span>✔</span>             |   | 5k gates, 133 qubits, Classical modular, 133x3 = 399 qubits                            | 5k gates, 156 qubits, Quantum modular, 156x7 = 1092 qubits                                     | 7.5k gates, 156 qubits, Quantum modular, 156x7 = 1092 qubits | 10k gates, 156 qubits, Quantum modular, 156x7 = 1092 qubits | 15k gates, 156 qubits, Quantum modular, 156x7 = 1092 qubits | 100M gates, 200 qubits, Error corrected modularity    | 1B gates, 2000 qubits, Error corrected modularity   |

# Innovation Roadmap

|                     |   |   |   |  |   |  |   |   |  |   |   |  |  |
|---------------------|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Software Innovation | IBM Quantum Experience <span>✔</span>   | Qiskit <span>✔</span>   | Application modules <span>✔</span>            | Qiskit Runtime <span>✔</span>                          | Serverless <span>✔</span>                                     | AI enhanced quantum <span>✔</span>               | Resource management   | Scalable circuit knitting   | Error correction decoder                                 |   |   |  |  |
|                     | Circuit and operator API with compilation to multiple targets                               | Modules for domain specific application and algorithm workflows | Performance and abstract through Primitives   | Demonstrate concepts of quantum-centric supercomputing | Prototype demonstrations of AI enhanced circuit transpilation | System partitioning to enable parallel execution | Circuit partitioning with classical reconstruction at HPC scale | Demonstration of a quantum system with real-time error correction decoder |  |   |   |  |  |
| Hardware Innovation | Early <span>✔</span>  | Falcon <span>✔</span>   | Hummingbird <span>✔</span>                    | Eagle <span>✔</span>                                   | Osprey <span>✔</span>   | Condor <span>✔</span>                            | Flamingo  | Kookaburra  | Cockatoo   | Starling  |   |  |  |
|                     | Canary 5 qubits, Penguin 20 qubits, Albatross 16 qubits, Prototype 53 qubits <span>✔</span> | Demonstrate scaling with I/O routing with Bump bonds            | Demonstrate scaling with multiplexing readout | Demonstrate scaling with MLW and TSV                   | Enabling scaling with high density signal delivery            | Single system scaling and fridge capacity        | Demonstrate scaling with modular connectors                     | Demonstrate scaling with nonlocal c-coupler                               | Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical memory | Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical communication | Demonstrate path to improved quality with logical gates |  |  |
|                     |   |   |   |  |   |  | Heron <span>✔</span>  | Crossbill   |  |   |   |  |  |
|                     |   |   |   |  |   |  | Architecture based on tunable-couplers                          | m-coupler   |  |   |   |  |  |

✔ Executed by IBM  
 On target

Quantum Error correction is necessary

Uses entanglement thoroughly.

Recent demonstration with programmable atomic arrays  
by the group of Misha Lukin at Harvard.

- IBM offers cloud-based quantum computing services.
- Google Quantum AI focuses on integrating quantum computing with machine learning.
- Microsoft develops quantum software and hardware.
- AWS (Amazon Braket) provides a platform for accessing various quantum computers through the cloud.
- Alibaba Group has established a quantum computing laboratory.
- Atos Quantum (EVIDEN) offers the Quantum Learning Machine.
- Baidu runs the Baidu Quantum Computing Institute, developing quantum computing software and hardware.
- Intel, known for semiconductor expertise, is working on 'hot' silicon spin-qubits and other quantum technologies.



The Second Quantum Revolution is here

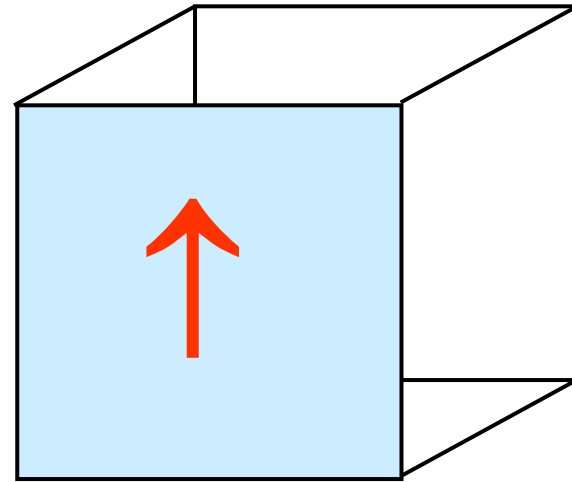
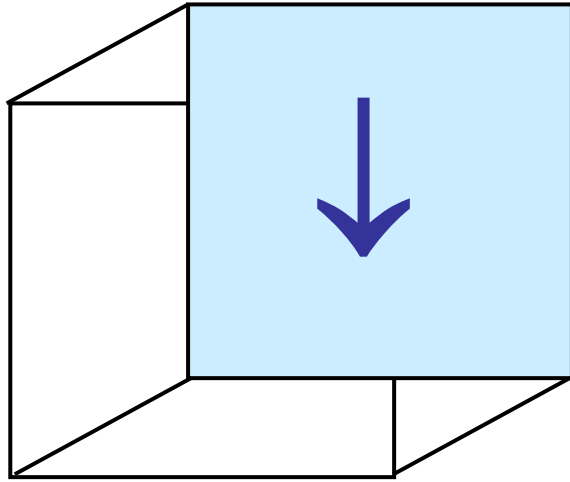
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# Classical bits vs quantum bits

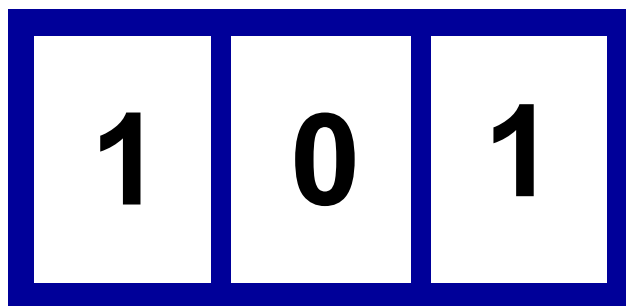
Classical bit: 0 or 1; ↓ or ↑

Quantum bit (qubit) is in a superposition:



$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{qubit}} = |\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\rangle$$

Classical: a 3-bit register can store one number from 0 to 7



one N-bit number

Quantum: a register of 3 **entangled qubits** can store numbers in superposition:

$$a|000\rangle + b|001\rangle + c|010\rangle + d|011\rangle + e|100\rangle + f|101\rangle + g|110\rangle + h|111\rangle$$

$2^N$  (all possible) N-bit numbers

## Summary of quantum mechanics:

- Describe probabilities.
- The uncertainty principle: two properties (position and velocity) can not be known simultaneously with arbitrary precision, there is always intrinsic noise.

- Superposition - systems can be in two (or more) states at the same time
- There are strong correlations: entanglement
- Wave-particle duality
- The result of a measurement changes the knowledge of the state of a system.
- Nature answers the questions we ask





# Quantum Information

From imaginary experiments  
by Niels Bohr

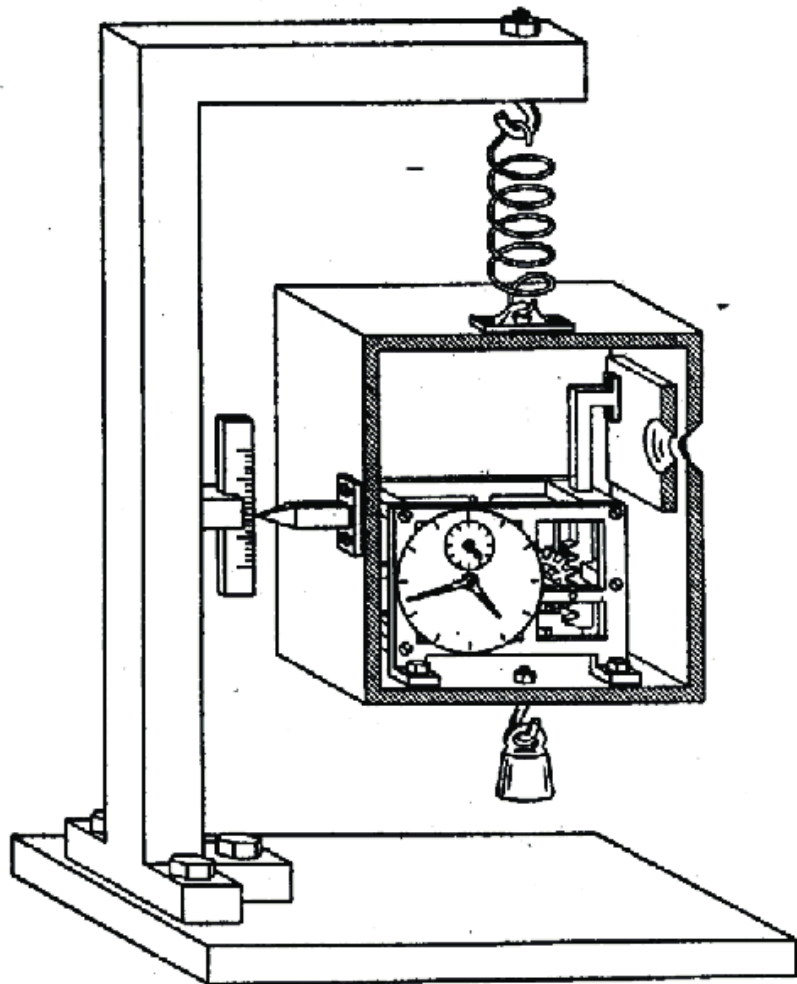
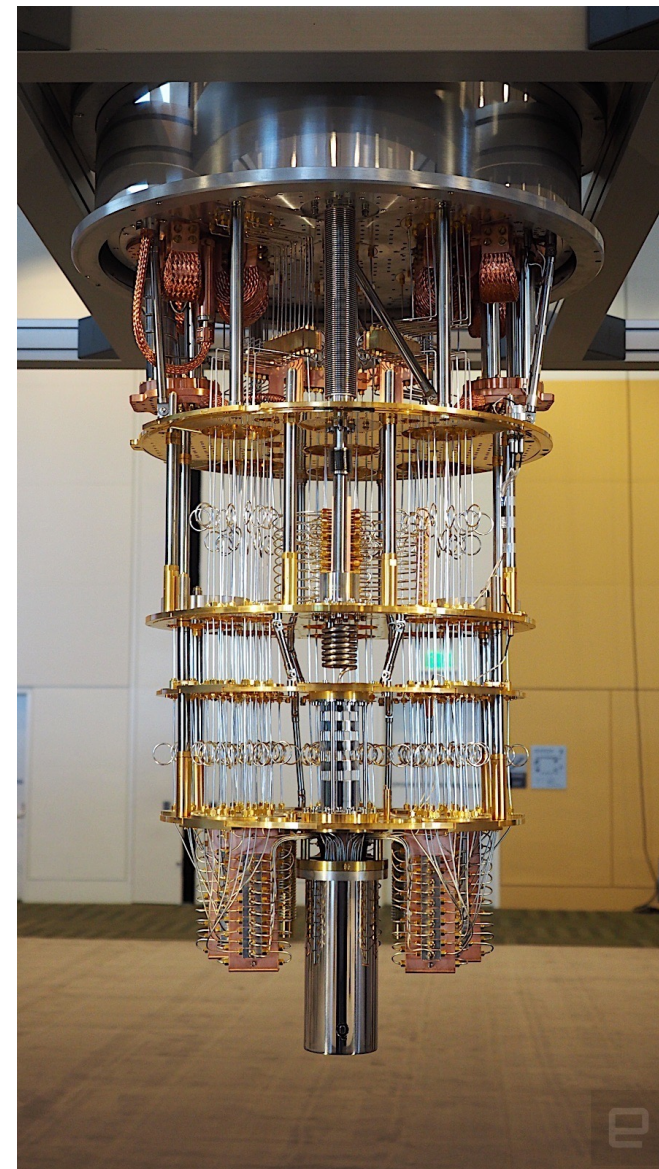


FIG. 8

To quantum information by IBM





Bennett  
(1982)



Landauer  
(1961)



Benioff  
(1982)

Reversible computing (thermodynamics)

Quantum simulations



Feynman  
(1982)

Model of a universal quantum circuit

## Quantum Information

Deutsch  
(1985)

