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EPR Paradox

Let Alice and Bob have two systems of different spin and be separated 5000kms

$$\text{Alice} - |\psi_a\rangle = \alpha_a |\uparrow\rangle + \beta_a |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$\text{Bob} - |\psi_b\rangle = \alpha_b |\uparrow\rangle + \beta_b |\downarrow\rangle$$

- Alice $\rightarrow \alpha_a$ and $P_\alpha = 0.5$
- Similarly for β_a

Bob $\rightarrow \alpha_b$ and β_b

- now if Alice measures her system, she immediately knows the spin of Bob's, who is 5000kms away
- the communication between Bob and Alice is faster than speed of light, even though Bob didn't measure anything.

Schrodinger's cat

$$|\psi\rangle = |\text{dead}, X\rangle + |\text{alive}, O\rangle$$

We can represent this as spin,

- Bomb burst - 1
- Bomb not burst - 0

$$|\text{Bomb}\rangle = \alpha_1 |\uparrow\rangle + \beta_1 |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$|\text{Cat}\rangle = \alpha_2 |\uparrow\rangle + \beta_2 |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle = |\alpha| |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + |\beta| |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle$$

(Note, the other two states aren't possible i.e. Cat alive with bomb burst, cat ded without bomb burst)

the probability is $|\alpha|^2$