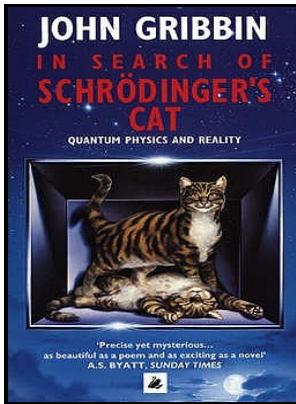


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## Poem: Schrödinger's Cat: The Straight Dope

After the one-hour period, the atom is in a state where it is both decayed and not-decayed.

## Schrödinger's Cat: Explained

There are scores of interactions along the chain of events—it is impossible to isolate the cat or the separate portions of the system so that it is truly quantum mechanical in nature. The CAT Staff is made up of psychics, mediums, clair-X practitioners and a bunch of higher-order beings who, like us, are here to help. Because the existence of a cat that is both dead and alive at the same time is absurd and does not happen in the real world, this thought experiment shows that wavefunction collapses are not just driven by conscious observers.

## Schrödinger's cat: The favorite, misunderstood pet of quantum mechanics

Indeed, that is why we proclaimed previously in this article that one could not physically conduct this experiment, even if they so desired.

## Here's How Schrodinger's Cat Works

This superposition only collapses into a single state when the system is observed, and physicists can never precisely predict what that state will be. Because no physicist questions whether a photon can be put into superposition, Maudlin feels the experiment lacks bite.

## Erwin Schrödinger and the Schrödinger's Cat Experiment

Note that the charge of gunpowder is not mentioned in Schrödinger's setup, which uses a Geiger counter as an amplifier and hydrocyanic poison instead of gunpowder.

## **Here's How Schrodinger's Cat Works**

Here's an example: consider a light that can light up either red or green. The cat is never in superposition. Philosopher of physics Tim Maudlin of New York University, who was not part of the study, agrees.

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