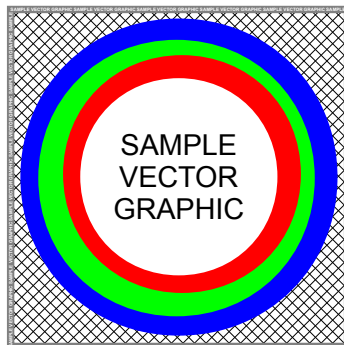


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## **PART I**

# **Background**

# 1 Stern-Gerlach Experiments

## 1.1 Stern-Gerlach Background

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## 1.2 Stern-Gerlach Measurement

We begin by comparing standard and consistent descriptions of measuring a quantum states' spin along one axis using a Stern-Gerlach apparatus. In standard quantum mechanics, the act of measurement plays a special role in assigning probabilities to measurement outcomes through the probability postulate, and in determining the evolution of the state through the projection postulate.

The probability postulate assigns probabilities to each measurement result by taking the inner product of  $|\psi\rangle$  and the eigenstate  $|n\rangle$  corresponding to measurement result  $n$ :

$$\mathcal{P}_n = |\langle n|\psi\rangle|^2 \quad (1.1)$$

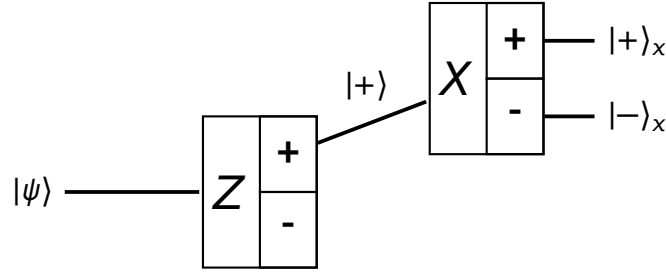
The projection postulate describes an instantaneous evolution of the input state to the eigenstate corresponding to the measurement result. If input  $|\psi\rangle$  is measured to have spin  $n$  (up or down), then the new state is

$$|\psi\rangle' = \frac{P_n |\psi\rangle}{\sqrt{\langle\psi|P_n|\psi\rangle}} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $P_n = |n\rangle\langle n|$  is the projection operator for state  $|n\rangle$ . This operation projects  $|\psi\rangle$  onto  $|n\rangle$ , then divides by the magnitude of that projection. The end result is that  $|\psi\rangle$  becomes the normalized state  $|n\rangle$  corresponding to measuring spin  $n$ , which is shown by the states exiting the each apparatus. This process is known as *state collapse* or *wavefunction collapse*.

TODO: show probability computations TODO: explain how measurement is not itself modeled as a physical process, and we are directed to use these postulates upon poorly defined "measurement"

In consistent quantum theory, measurement is modeled as a physical process. Each Stern-Gerlach apparatus has its own detector state space,



**FIGURE 1.1** Demonstrating renormalizing upon measurment in standard quantum mechanics

containing orthonormal states representing each measurement result. A detector state could represent a needle pointing up, or a particle colliding with a screen in a distinguishable region. Let the state space of the  $z$  apparatus be represented by

$$\mathcal{H}_{Dz} = \{|D_+\rangle_z, |D_-\rangle_z\} \quad (1.3)$$

where

$${}_z \langle D_+ | D_+ \rangle_z = 1 \quad (1.4)$$

$${}_z \langle D_+ | D_- \rangle_z = 0 \quad (1.5)$$

$\mathcal{H}_{Dx}$  is similarly defined. Each detector state space is a subset of a global detector state space  $\mathcal{H}_D$ , so that we can require orthogonality of states in seperate dector spaces:

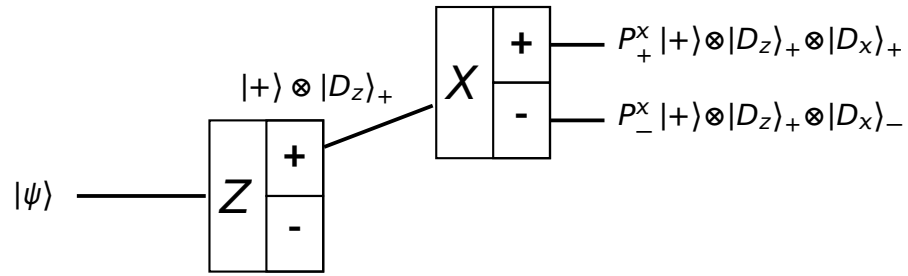
$$\begin{aligned} {}_z \langle D_n | D_m \rangle_x &= 0 \\ \forall |D_n\rangle_z &\in \mathcal{H}_{Dz} \\ \forall |D_m\rangle_x &\in \mathcal{H}_{Dx} \end{aligned}$$

The act of measurement is described by correlating detector states with corresponding quantum states. The system then evolves by

$$V : |\psi\rangle = \left( \sum_n P_n |\psi\rangle \right) \otimes \left( \sum_m P_m |D\rangle \right) \mapsto \sum_n P_n |\psi\rangle \otimes |D_n\rangle \quad (1.6)$$

where  $P_n$  is the projection operator for the  $n^{th}$  spin eigenstate and  $P_m$  is the projection operator for the  $m^{th}$  detector state.

This evolution describes a change in the eigenstates of the system. Before,



**FIGURE 1.2** Demonstrating description of measurement as an abstract physical process in consistent quantum mechanics

$|\psi\rangle$  was a superposition of the tensor products of any spin eigenstate and any detector state. Afterwards,  $|\psi\rangle$  is a superposition of the tensor products of a spin eigenstate and one specific detector state.

Measurement is now described by an abstract physical process. In this model, it is now feasible for "state collapse" to occur independent of physicists conducting clever experiments.

To compute probabilities of each outcome, we sum the magnitudes of each branch wavefunction that includes the corresponding detector state. This is accomplished by finding the trace of the projection operator of that detector state acting on the projection operator or the overall evolved state.

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \text{Tr}(P_n^D \cdot V |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| V^\dagger) \quad (1.7)$$

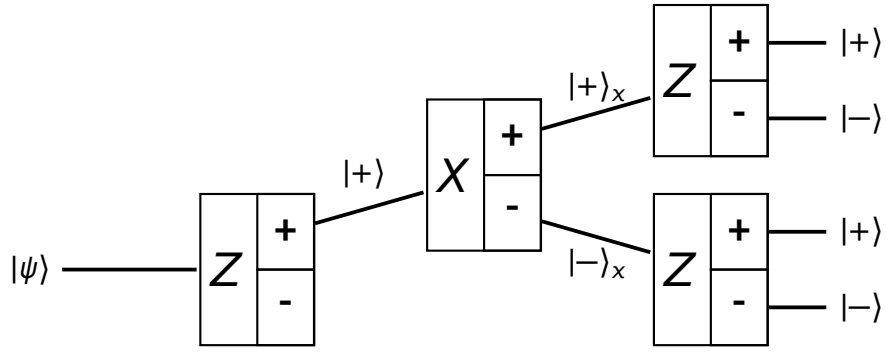
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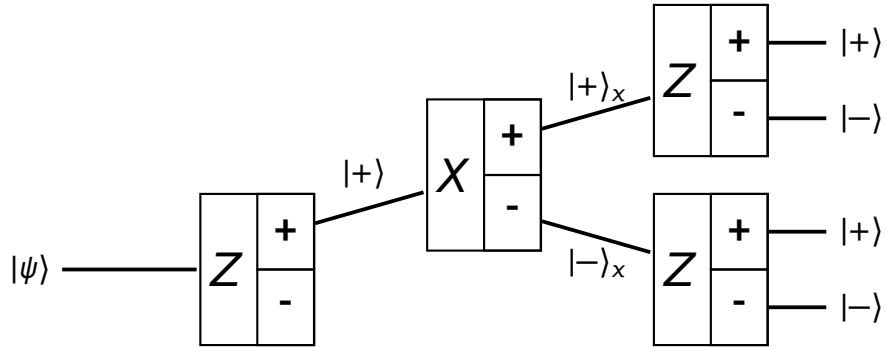
### 1.3 Complementarity

We now compare standard and consistent quantum mechanics' treatment of the principle of complementarity. Arguably the most fundamental feature of quantum mechanics, the principle of complementarity states that a quantum system has pairs of physical observables which cannot be measured simultaneously. Components of spin on orthogonal axes are complementary properties, so we examine measurements of successive Stern-Gerlach experiments.

First, we compute the probabilities of each outcome using standard quantum mechanics. The first apparatus serves as a state preparation device with output  $|+\rangle$ . By the direction of the projection postulate, the



**FIGURE 1.3** Demonstrating complementary measurements in standard quantum mechanics



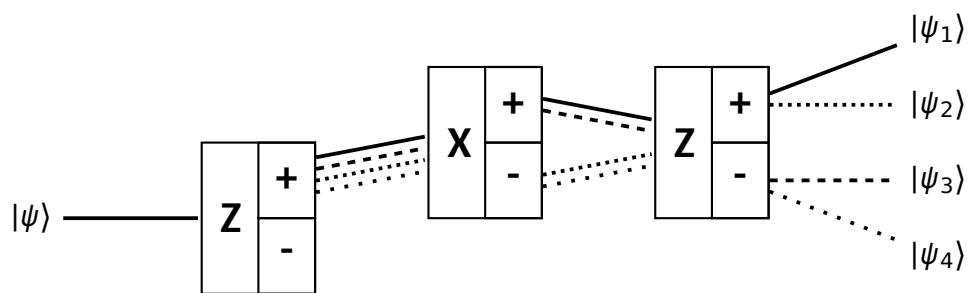
**FIGURE 1.4** Demonstrating complementary measurements in consistent quantum mechanics

state is renormalized upon each measurement. After measuring a property complementary to what is known (such as spin along  $x$ , knowing spin along  $z$ ), any information known about the input state is lost; the input state instantaneously changes to the state corresponding to the observed quantity. Consequently, there is an equal probability of observing the final state as  $|+\rangle$  or  $|-\rangle$  at either final apparatus, even though the state was initially prepared as  $|+\rangle$ , since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{P}_n &= |\langle +|+\rangle_x|^2 \\
 &= |\langle -|+\rangle_x|^2 \\
 &= |\langle +|-\rangle_x|^2 \\
 &= |\langle -|-\rangle_x|^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

This contradiction with classical intuition is a direct result of the projection postulate. TODO: describe measurement problem.

TODO: Demonstrate complementarity and single framework rule



**FIGURE 1.5** TODO: create section to discuss this example, and how it creates an inconsistent set of histories. Describe how the set can be made to be consistent

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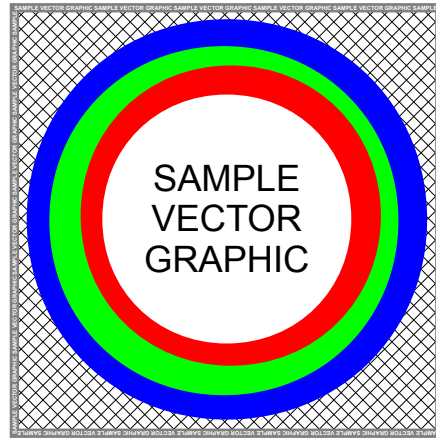
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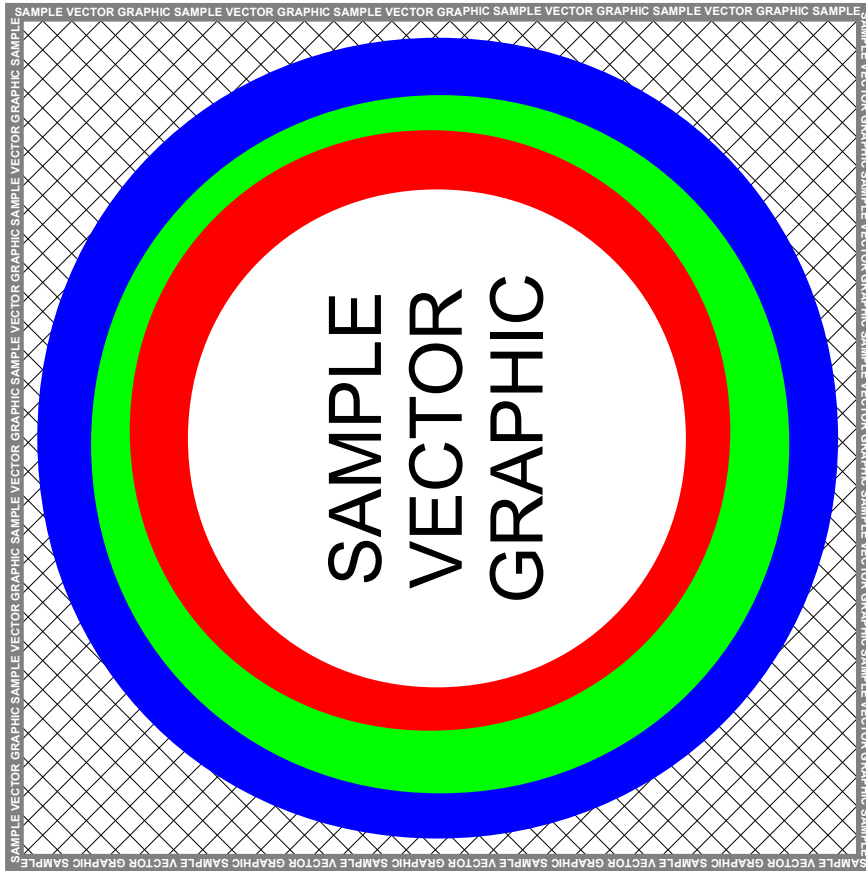
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$c$	0.012	4.446
$\delta$	0.015	3.556
$\gamma$	0.612	6.656
$h$	0.072	7.456
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### 2.2.2 Examples of Enumerated and Itemized Lists

Here are some citations [5–10]. The following is an enumerated list, or numbered list, with multiple levels:

- 1) First level item
- 2) First level item
  - a) Second level item
  - b) Second level item
    - i) Third level item
      - A) Fourth level item
      - B) Fourth level item
    - ii) Third level item
  - c) Second level item
- 3) First level item

We draw your attention to items 1 and 3 in particular because they are very important in our study. The following is an itemized list, or unnumbered list, with multiple levels:

- First level item
- First level item
  - Second level item
  - Second level item
    - \* Third level item
      - Fourth level item
      - Fourth level item
    - \* Third level item
  - Second level item
- First level item

## 2.3 Some More Examples

According to [11], this behavior can be explained this way. Etiam euismod. Fusce facilisis lacinia dui. Suspendisse potenti. In mi erat, cursus id, nonummy sed, ullamcorper eget, sapien. Praesent pretium, magna in eleifend egestas, pede pede pretium lorem, quis consectetur tortor sapien facilisis magna. Mauris quis magna varius nulla scelerisque imperdiet. Aliquam non quam.

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### 2.3.1 Examples of Mathematical Expressions, Definitions, and Theorems

We have the following unnumbered mathematical equation:

$$E = mc^2.$$

On the other hand, the following is a numbered mathematical inequality:

$$x \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y^2 \cdot \mathbb{1}[y > 1]}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^3 dz \cdot \binom{\alpha}{\beta} \left[ \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} \right]}. \quad (2.1)$$

Inequality (2.1) will be applied multiple times to prove our theorems, in a manner similar to [12, 13]. We now introduce the following definition:

**DEFINITION 2.1 (Name of Term Being Defined)** This is the definition of the term, along with relevant conditions, trivial cases, exceptions, etc.

We can rewrite the result of [13, Theorem 2.5] in the following convenient form for our problem:

**PROPOSITION 2.2** *For all  $\alpha, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we have*

$$\alpha^2 + b^3 \leq c^4.$$

Based on our numerical observations, we make the following conjecture about the upper bound:

**CONJECTURE 2.3** *If  $x \geq 3$  and  $0 < y < x^2$ , then for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n \leq T_{\text{all}}.$$

Here is a lemma that will be quite useful in deriving our results:

**LEMMA 2.4 (Name of Lemma if any)** *If  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}_0^+$ , then  $f(x + y + z) = 1$ .*

Applying Lemma 2.4 to [11, Theorem 4.2] produces the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.5** (Name of Theorem if any) *If  $x + y \geq z$ , then*

$$\sum_{i=x}^y f(i) \leq z.$$

As a special case of Theorem 2.5, we have the following corollary:

**COROLLARY 2.6** *If  $x = 4$  and  $y = z$ , then  $\sum_{i=x}^y f(i) = 5$ .*

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## 2.4 Conclusion and Future Work

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## 2.5 Proofs of Theorems

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### 2.5.1 Proof of Lemma 2.4

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The following lemma will be quite useful in deriving the theorem:

**LEMMA 2.7** *If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $g(a \cdot b \cdot c) \leq -1$ .*

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Applying Lemma 2.7 yields the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A + B + C + D + E + F + \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + \Gamma \\ \leq \Omega + \Sigma + \omega + \sigma + \Theta + \theta + \epsilon + S + T + U + V + W + X + Y + Z. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Finally, the desired result is obtained by substituting  $A = b$  into (2.2).

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## 3 Summary and Future Work

### 3.1 Summary

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